

Experiments are performed by a two layer NN with ReLU activation and Softmax Loss at the end. The skeleton of the model has been provided by Stanford CS231n. I do not give the codes because it is an active assignment for the students and I don't want to violate the honor code.

In []:

```
# Create some toy data to check your implementations
input_size
hidden_size
num_classes
num_inputs

init_toy_model
    model
    model  linspace  input_sizehidden_sizereshapeinput_size hidden_size
    model  linspace  hidden_size
    model  linspace  hidden_sizenum_classeshapehidden_size num_classes
    model  linspace  num_classes
    return model

init_toy_data
    linspace  num_inputsinput_sizereshapenum_inputs input_size
    array
    return

model  init_toy_model
    init_toy_data
```

Train the network

Here we compare naive sgd, momentum, rmsprop and rmsprop+momentum

In [10]:

```
cs231n.classifier_trainer import ClassifierTrainer

model  init_toy_model
trainer  ClassifierTrainer
# call the trainer to optimize the loss
# Notice that we're using sample_batches=False, so we're performing Gradient Descent (no sampled batches of data)
best_model loss_history  trainertrain

                                model two_layer_net
                                0.001
                                learning_rate momentum learning_rate_decay
                                update'sgd' sample_batchesFalse
                                num_epochs
                                verboseFalse

print 'Final loss with vanilla SGD: %f'  loss_history

starting iteration  0
```

```
starting iteration 10
starting iteration 20
starting iteration 30
starting iteration 40
starting iteration 50
starting iteration 60
starting iteration 70
starting iteration 80
starting iteration 90
Final loss with vanilla SGD: 0.940686
```

Momentum Update

In [18]:

```
model init_toy_model
trainer ClassifierTrainer
# call the trainer to optimize the loss
# Notice that we're using sample_batches=False, so we're performing Gradient Descent (no sampled batches of data)
best_model loss_history trainer.train

model two_layer_net
0.001
learning_rate momentum learning_rate_decay
update 'momentum' sample_batches=False
num_epochs
verbose=False

correct_loss 0.494394
print 'Final loss with momentum SGD: %f' loss_history
```

```
starting iteration 0
starting iteration 10
starting iteration 20
starting iteration 30
starting iteration 40
starting iteration 50
starting iteration 60
starting iteration 70
starting iteration 80
starting iteration 90
Final loss with momentum SGD: 0.494394
```

RMSprop

In [17]:

```
model init_toy_model
trainer ClassifierTrainer
# call the trainer to optimize the loss
# Notice that we're using sample_batches=False, so we're performing Gradient Descent (no sampled batches of data)
best_model loss_history trainer.train

model two_layer_net
0.001
learning_rate momentum learning_rate_decay
update 'rmsprop' sample_batches=False
num_epochs
verbose=False

correct_loss 0.439368
```

```
starting iteration 0
starting iteration 10
starting iteration 20
starting iteration 30
starting iteration 40
starting iteration 50
starting iteration 60
starting iteration 70
starting iteration 80
starting iteration 90
Final loss with RMSProp: 0.439368
```

In [14]:

```
starting iteration 0
starting iteration 10
starting iteration 20
starting iteration 30
starting iteration 40
starting iteration 50
starting iteration 60
starting iteration 70
starting iteration 80
starting iteration 90
Final loss with RMSProp+momentum: 0.435519
```

In [42]:

```
model init_toy_model  
trainer ClassifierTrainer  
# call the trainer to optimize the loss  
# Notice that we're using sample_batches=False, so we're performing Gradient Descent (no sampled batches of data)  
best_model loss_history    trainertrain
```

```
num_epochs
verboseFalse
```

```
correct_loss 0.439368
print 'Final loss with Adagrad: %f' loss_history
```

Final loss with Adagrad: 0.643385

RESULT: Even in a very simple toy dataset results are so demanding for the favor of RMSprop and Momentum against SGD. Best performance is observed by RMSprop+Momentum

Load the data¶

In [20]:

```
cs231n.data_utils import load_CIFAR10

get_CIFAR10_data(num_training=49000, num_validation=1000, num_test=1000)

Load the CIFAR-10 dataset from disk and perform preprocessing to prepare
it for the two-layer neural net classifier. These are the same steps as
we used for the SVM, but condensed to a single function.

# Load the raw CIFAR-10 data
cifar10_dir = 'cs231n/datasets/cifar-10-batches-py'
X_train, y_train, X_test, y_test = load_CIFAR10(cifar10_dir)

# Subsample the data
rng = random.Random(1)
X_val, X_train = rng.choice(X_train, num_validation, replace=False)
y_val, y_train = rng.choice(y_train, num_validation, replace=False)
X_train, X_test = rng.choice(X_train, num_test, replace=False)
y_train, y_test = rng.choice(y_train, num_test, replace=False)

# Normalize the data: subtract the mean image
mean_image = X_train.mean(axis=0)
X_train -= mean_image
X_val -= mean_image
X_test -= mean_image

# Reshape data to rows
X_train = X_train.reshape(num_training, -1)
X_val = X_val.reshape(num_validation, -1)
X_test = X_test.reshape(num_test, -1)

return X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val, X_test, y_test

# Invoke the above function to get our data.
X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val, X_test, y_test = get_CIFAR10_data()
print 'Train data shape: ', X_train.shape
print 'Train labels shape: ', y_train.shape
print 'Validation data shape: ', X_val.shape
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print 'Validation labels shape: ' y_valshape
print 'Test data shape: ' X_testshape
print 'Test labels shape: ' y_testshape

```

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Train data shape: (49000, 3072)
Train labels shape: (49000,)
Validation data shape: (1000, 3072)
Validation labels shape: (1000,)
Test data shape: (1000, 3072)
Test labels shape: (1000,)

```

Train a network¶

Train this simple model with different update rules.

In [55]:

```

# use SGD
cs231n.classifiers.neural_net import init_two_layer_model

model init_two_layer_model # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer ClassifierTrainer
best_model1 loss_history1 train_acc1 val_acc1 trainertrainX_train y_train X_val y_val
                                model two_layer_net
                                num_epochs
                                update 'sgd'
                                momentum learning_rate_decay
                                learning_rate verbose

```

```

Finished epoch 0 / 20: cost 2.302593, train: 0.120000, val 0.158000, lr 1.000000e-05
Finished epoch 1 / 20: cost 2.302591, train: 0.129000, val 0.130000, lr 9.500000e-06
Finished epoch 2 / 20: cost 2.302589, train: 0.139000, val 0.174000, lr 9.025000e-06
Finished epoch 3 / 20: cost 2.302574, train: 0.166000, val 0.177000, lr 8.573750e-06
Finished epoch 4 / 20: cost 2.302539, train: 0.170000, val 0.193000, lr 8.145063e-06
Finished epoch 5 / 20: cost 2.302430, train: 0.188000, val 0.199000, lr 7.737809e-06
Finished epoch 6 / 20: cost 2.302224, train: 0.195000, val 0.193000, lr 7.350919e-06
Finished epoch 7 / 20: cost 2.301709, train: 0.177000, val 0.181000, lr 6.983373e-06
Finished epoch 8 / 20: cost 2.300819, train: 0.165000, val 0.179000, lr 6.634204e-06
Finished epoch 9 / 20: cost 2.296373, train: 0.151000, val 0.181000, lr 6.302494e-06
Finished epoch 10 / 20: cost 2.290793, train: 0.169000, val 0.197000, lr 5.987369e-06
Finished epoch 11 / 20: cost 2.284688, train: 0.184000, val 0.187000, lr 5.688001e-06
Finished epoch 12 / 20: cost 2.244895, train: 0.184000, val 0.193000, lr 5.403601e-06
Finished epoch 13 / 20: cost 2.196050, train: 0.156000, val 0.180000, lr 5.133421e-06
Finished epoch 14 / 20: cost 2.254494, train: 0.135000, val 0.183000, lr 4.876750e-06
Finished epoch 15 / 20: cost 2.185508, train: 0.196000, val 0.185000, lr 4.632912e-06
Finished epoch 16 / 20: cost 2.192414, train: 0.163000, val 0.186000, lr 4.401267e-06
Finished epoch 17 / 20: cost 2.227328, train: 0.179000, val 0.188000, lr 4.181203e-06
Finished epoch 18 / 20: cost 2.073986, train: 0.181000, val 0.188000, lr 3.972143e-06
Finished epoch 19 / 20: cost 2.080279, train: 0.186000, val 0.190000, lr 3.773536e-06
Finished epoch 20 / 20: cost 2.142814, train: 0.198000, val 0.199000, lr 3.584859e-06
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 0.199000

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In [56]:

```

# use Momentum
cs231n.classifiers.neural_net import init_two_layer_model

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model init_two_layer_model # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer ClassifierTrainer
best_model2 loss_history2 train_acc2 val_acc2  trainertrainX_train y_train X_val y_val
                                model two_layer_net
                                num_epochs
                                update 'momentum'
                                momentum learning_rate_decay
                                learning_rate verbose

```

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Finished epoch 0 / 20: cost 2.302593, train: 0.110000, val 0.109000, lr 1.000000e-05
Finished epoch 1 / 20: cost 2.273101, train: 0.133000, val 0.154000, lr 9.500000e-06
Finished epoch 2 / 20: cost 2.057101, train: 0.201000, val 0.241000, lr 9.025000e-06
Finished epoch 3 / 20: cost 1.888748, train: 0.311000, val 0.288000, lr 8.573750e-06
Finished epoch 4 / 20: cost 1.839703, train: 0.344000, val 0.339000, lr 8.145063e-06
Finished epoch 5 / 20: cost 1.942659, train: 0.333000, val 0.366000, lr 7.737809e-06
Finished epoch 6 / 20: cost 1.847249, train: 0.361000, val 0.389000, lr 7.350919e-06
Finished epoch 7 / 20: cost 1.742119, train: 0.407000, val 0.391000, lr 6.983373e-06
Finished epoch 8 / 20: cost 1.523142, train: 0.392000, val 0.397000, lr 6.634204e-06
Finished epoch 9 / 20: cost 1.710355, train: 0.411000, val 0.411000, lr 6.302494e-06
Finished epoch 10 / 20: cost 1.675986, train: 0.426000, val 0.417000, lr 5.987369e-06
Finished epoch 11 / 20: cost 1.759964, train: 0.449000, val 0.433000, lr 5.688001e-06
Finished epoch 12 / 20: cost 1.400295, train: 0.445000, val 0.430000, lr 5.403601e-06
Finished epoch 13 / 20: cost 1.473600, train: 0.441000, val 0.430000, lr 5.133421e-06
Finished epoch 14 / 20: cost 1.665528, train: 0.437000, val 0.447000, lr 4.876750e-06
Finished epoch 15 / 20: cost 1.608525, train: 0.471000, val 0.445000, lr 4.632912e-06
Finished epoch 16 / 20: cost 1.420895, train: 0.454000, val 0.450000, lr 4.401267e-06
Finished epoch 17 / 20: cost 1.560292, train: 0.472000, val 0.444000, lr 4.181203e-06
Finished epoch 18 / 20: cost 1.585418, train: 0.450000, val 0.449000, lr 3.972143e-06
Finished epoch 19 / 20: cost 1.623252, train: 0.503000, val 0.445000, lr 3.773536e-06
Finished epoch 20 / 20: cost 1.554016, train: 0.476000, val 0.454000, lr 3.584859e-06
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 0.454000

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In [57]:

```

# use RMSprop
cs231n.classifiers.neural_net import init_two_layer_model

model init_two_layer_model # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer ClassifierTrainer
best_model3 loss_history3 train_acc3 val_acc3  trainertrainX_train y_train X_val y_val
                                model two_layer_net
                                num_epochs
                                update 'rmsprop'
                                momentum learning_rate_decay
                                learning_rate verbose

```

```

Finished epoch 0 / 20: cost 2.302593, train: 0.102000, val 0.098000, lr 1.000000e-05
Finished epoch 1 / 20: cost 1.948840, train: 0.356000, val 0.329000, lr 9.500000e-06
Finished epoch 2 / 20: cost 1.933427, train: 0.383000, val 0.359000, lr 9.025000e-06
Finished epoch 3 / 20: cost 1.866497, train: 0.390000, val 0.395000, lr 8.573750e-06
Finished epoch 4 / 20: cost 1.748220, train: 0.420000, val 0.414000, lr 8.145063e-06
Finished epoch 5 / 20: cost 1.647285, train: 0.417000, val 0.427000, lr 7.737809e-06
Finished epoch 6 / 20: cost 1.636752, train: 0.406000, val 0.438000, lr 7.350919e-06
Finished epoch 7 / 20: cost 1.683645, train: 0.433000, val 0.439000, lr 6.983373e-06
Finished epoch 8 / 20: cost 1.727223, train: 0.455000, val 0.444000, lr 6.634204e-06
Finished epoch 9 / 20: cost 1.771403, train: 0.446000, val 0.454000, lr 6.302494e-06

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Finished epoch 10 / 20: cost 1.662157, train: 0.484000, val 0.450000, lr 5.987369e-06
Finished epoch 11 / 20: cost 1.783750, train: 0.451000, val 0.451000, lr 5.688001e-06
Finished epoch 12 / 20: cost 1.572829, train: 0.455000, val 0.459000, lr 5.403601e-06
Finished epoch 13 / 20: cost 1.539926, train: 0.457000, val 0.459000, lr 5.133421e-06
Finished epoch 14 / 20: cost 1.699544, train: 0.439000, val 0.458000, lr 4.876750e-06
Finished epoch 15 / 20: cost 1.600255, train: 0.443000, val 0.463000, lr 4.632912e-06
Finished epoch 16 / 20: cost 1.619370, train: 0.468000, val 0.464000, lr 4.401267e-06
Finished epoch 17 / 20: cost 1.571197, train: 0.476000, val 0.464000, lr 4.181203e-06
Finished epoch 18 / 20: cost 1.608766, train: 0.468000, val 0.469000, lr 3.972143e-06
Finished epoch 19 / 20: cost 1.630492, train: 0.484000, val 0.477000, lr 3.773536e-06
Finished epoch 20 / 20: cost 1.481858, train: 0.489000, val 0.470000, lr 3.584859e-06
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 0.477000

```

In [58]:

```

# use RMSprop+Momentum
cs231n.classifiers.neural_net import init_two_layer_model

model init_two_layer_model # input size, hidden size, number of classes
trainer ClassifierTrainer
best_model4 loss_history4 train_acc4 val_acc4 trainertrainX_train y_train X_val y_val
                                model two_layer_net
                                num_epochs
                                update 'rmsprop+momentum'
                                momentum learning_rate_decay
                                learning_rate verbose

```

```

Finished epoch 0 / 20: cost 2.302593, train: 0.166000, val 0.165000, lr 1.000000e-05
Finished epoch 1 / 20: cost 1.800040, train: 0.373000, val 0.390000, lr 9.500000e-06
Finished epoch 2 / 20: cost 1.636812, train: 0.459000, val 0.437000, lr 9.025000e-06
Finished epoch 3 / 20: cost 1.609279, train: 0.472000, val 0.450000, lr 8.573750e-06
Finished epoch 4 / 20: cost 1.540035, train: 0.467000, val 0.451000, lr 8.145063e-06
Finished epoch 5 / 20: cost 1.507733, train: 0.487000, val 0.460000, lr 7.737809e-06
Finished epoch 6 / 20: cost 1.642292, train: 0.518000, val 0.473000, lr 7.350919e-06
Finished epoch 7 / 20: cost 1.497452, train: 0.504000, val 0.468000, lr 6.983373e-06
Finished epoch 8 / 20: cost 1.533577, train: 0.502000, val 0.473000, lr 6.634204e-06
Finished epoch 9 / 20: cost 1.442068, train: 0.482000, val 0.464000, lr 6.302494e-06
Finished epoch 10 / 20: cost 1.549564, train: 0.486000, val 0.473000, lr 5.987369e-06
Finished epoch 11 / 20: cost 1.494527, train: 0.502000, val 0.471000, lr 5.688001e-06
Finished epoch 12 / 20: cost 1.462458, train: 0.495000, val 0.483000, lr 5.403601e-06
Finished epoch 13 / 20: cost 1.515679, train: 0.543000, val 0.480000, lr 5.133421e-06
Finished epoch 14 / 20: cost 1.510962, train: 0.525000, val 0.485000, lr 4.876750e-06
Finished epoch 15 / 20: cost 1.541044, train: 0.508000, val 0.492000, lr 4.632912e-06
Finished epoch 16 / 20: cost 1.577317, train: 0.536000, val 0.493000, lr 4.401267e-06
Finished epoch 17 / 20: cost 1.525123, train: 0.538000, val 0.491000, lr 4.181203e-06
Finished epoch 18 / 20: cost 1.351778, train: 0.552000, val 0.503000, lr 3.972143e-06
Finished epoch 19 / 20: cost 1.590443, train: 0.536000, val 0.499000, lr 3.773536e-06
Finished epoch 20 / 20: cost 1.448961, train: 0.530000, val 0.507000, lr 3.584859e-06
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 0.507000

```

In [59]:

```

# AdaGrad
# use RMSprop+Momentum
cs231n.classifiers.neural_net import init_two_layer_model

model init_two_layer_model # input size, hidden size, number of classes

```

```

trainer ClassifierTrainer
best_model5 loss_history5 train_acc5 val_acc5  trainertrainX_train y_train X_val y_val
                                model two_layer_net
                                num_epochs
                                update  'adagrad'
                                momentum learning_rate_decay
                                learning_rate verbose

```

```

Finished epoch 0 / 20: cost 2.302593, train: 0.117000, val 0.108000, lr 1.000000e-02
Finished epoch 1 / 20: cost 1.976317, train: 0.375000, val 0.393000, lr 9.500000e-03
Finished epoch 2 / 20: cost 1.819465, train: 0.396000, val 0.360000, lr 9.025000e-03
Finished epoch 3 / 20: cost 1.946780, train: 0.393000, val 0.396000, lr 8.573750e-03
Finished epoch 4 / 20: cost 1.948320, train: 0.429000, val 0.388000, lr 8.145062e-03
Finished epoch 5 / 20: cost 1.817160, train: 0.445000, val 0.463000, lr 7.737809e-03
Finished epoch 6 / 20: cost 1.781161, train: 0.433000, val 0.433000, lr 7.350919e-03
Finished epoch 7 / 20: cost 1.726162, train: 0.437000, val 0.431000, lr 6.983373e-03
Finished epoch 8 / 20: cost 1.945575, train: 0.467000, val 0.438000, lr 6.634204e-03
Finished epoch 9 / 20: cost 1.717542, train: 0.463000, val 0.468000, lr 6.302494e-03
Finished epoch 10 / 20: cost 1.653255, train: 0.472000, val 0.443000, lr 5.987369e-03
Finished epoch 11 / 20: cost 1.757400, train: 0.487000, val 0.448000, lr 5.688001e-03
Finished epoch 12 / 20: cost 1.612132, train: 0.487000, val 0.470000, lr 5.403601e-03
Finished epoch 13 / 20: cost 1.575829, train: 0.462000, val 0.453000, lr 5.133421e-03
Finished epoch 14 / 20: cost 1.739385, train: 0.465000, val 0.471000, lr 4.876750e-03
Finished epoch 15 / 20: cost 1.649168, train: 0.497000, val 0.461000, lr 4.632912e-03
Finished epoch 16 / 20: cost 1.844438, train: 0.482000, val 0.483000, lr 4.401267e-03
Finished epoch 17 / 20: cost 1.755178, train: 0.502000, val 0.466000, lr 4.181203e-03
Finished epoch 18 / 20: cost 1.623927, train: 0.494000, val 0.476000, lr 3.972143e-03
Finished epoch 19 / 20: cost 1.760897, train: 0.502000, val 0.474000, lr 3.773536e-03
Finished epoch 20 / 20: cost 1.795621, train: 0.501000, val 0.469000, lr 3.584859e-03
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 0.483000

```

RESULT: In a real dataset performance differences are more significant. SGD gets 0.18 and we can scale it to up to 0.46 by RMSprop+Momentum with the same number of iterations.

Look at the results¶

SGD results ---

Plots show that SGD takes so much time to reduce the loss and it only achieves 0.19 accuracy at validation set. In addition, train and validation accuracies are very dispersed at many segments of the learning. I think SGD is not very reliable by these observations.

In [60]:

```

# Plot the loss function and train / validation accuracies
subplot
loss_history1
title'Loss history'
xlabel'Iteration'
ylabel'Loss'

subplot
train_acc1
val_acc1
legend'Training accuracy' 'Validation accuracy' 'lower right'

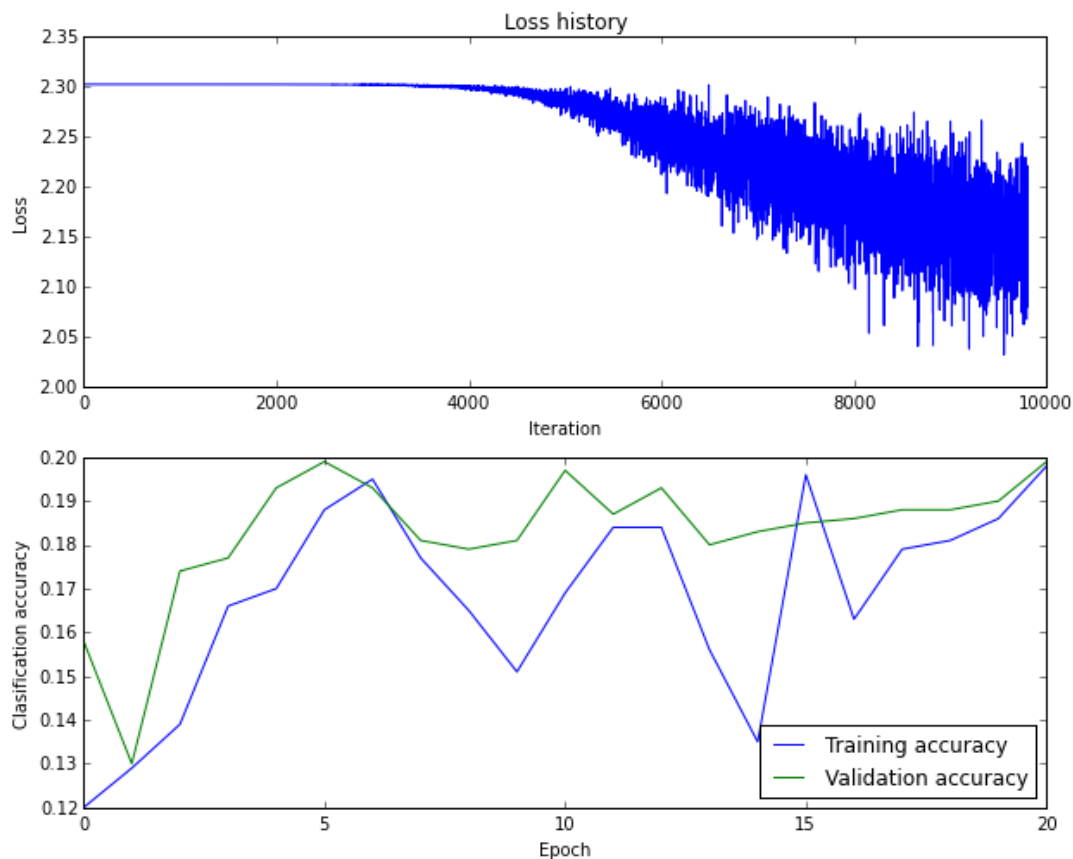
```



```
xlabel'Epoch'
ylabel'Clasification accuracy'
```

Out[60]:

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Momentum Results ---

Better than SGD. However, still it needs a set of epochs to find a way to the minima. It is observed through the stationary Loss at the beginning. Validation and Train accurcies much more correlated as well.

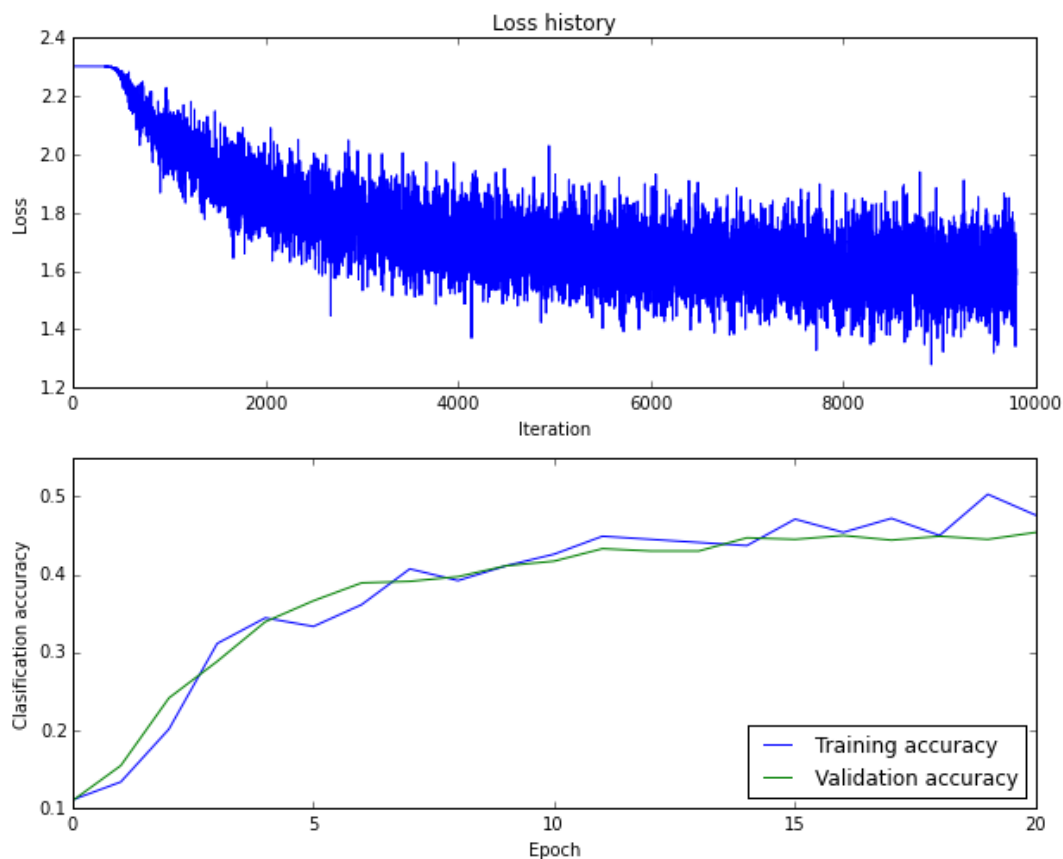
In [61]:

```
# Plot the loss function and train / validation accuracies
subplot
loss_history2
title'Loss history'
xlabel'Iteration'
ylabel'Loss'

subplot
train_acc2
val_acc2
legend'Training accuracy' 'Validation accuracy' 'lower right'
xlabel'Epoch'
ylabel'Clasification accuracy'
```

Out[61]:

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RMSprop results

Main difference here is the convergencde of the algorithm compared to others. You can see a very declined slope at he beginning of the Loss value. It starts to optimize very quickly. Also, accuracy is peaked from the begining of the training.

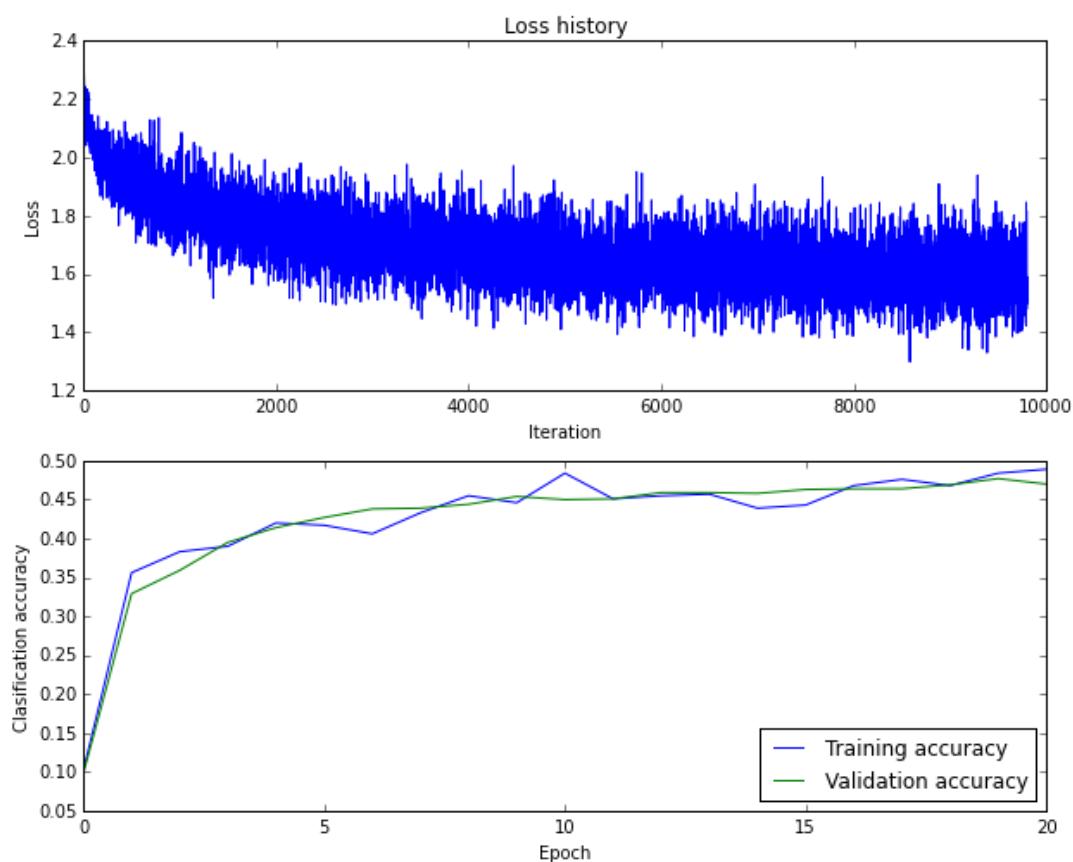
In [62]:

```
# Plot the loss function and train / validation accuracies
subplot
loss_history3
title'Loss history'
xlabel'Iteration'
ylabel'Loss'

subplot
train_acc3
val_acc3
legend'Training accuracy' 'Validation accuracy' 'lower right'
xlabel'Epoch'
ylabel'Clasification accuracy'
```

Out[62]:

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RMS+Momentum Observations

Much better convergence and best performance. It peaks the validation accuracy almost at the 5th epoch and we see only a little improvement there after.

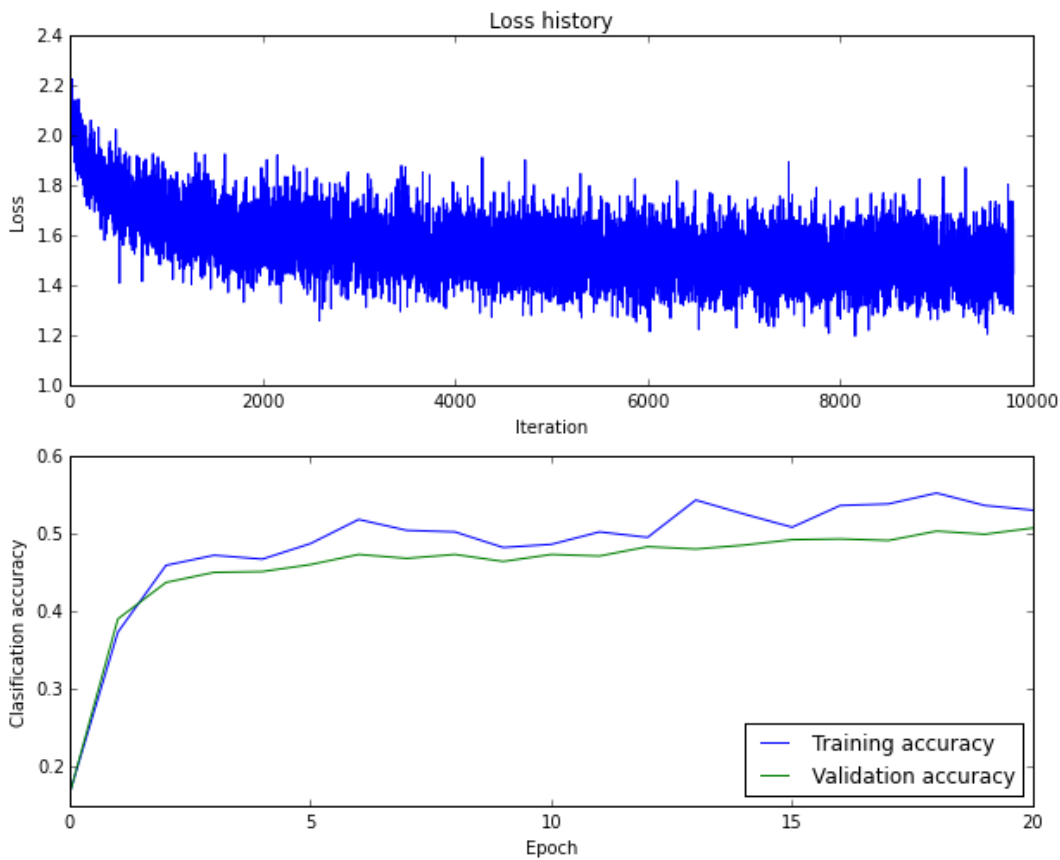
In [63]:

```
# Plot the loss function and train / validation accuracies
subplot
loss_history4
title'Loss history'
xlabel'Iteration'
ylabel'Loss'

subplot
train_acc4
val_acc4
legend'Training accuracy' 'Validation accuracy' 'lower right'
xlabel'Epoch'
ylabel'Clasification accuracy'
```

Out[63]:

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AdaGrad Observations

AdaGrad is known as a optimization method that is robust to learning rate choice and even you give a initial learning rate value, it finds a way to tune it to a optimal value in the course of training, at least theoretically.

I used much greater learning rate for AdaGrad training since it cannot improve the accuracy or the loss value otherwise.

One important behaviour of AdaGrad is, it needs a initial period to tune the learning to a good value. Therefore, we observe a non-decreasing even wildly increasing Loss value initially but it functions well at the end. It takes the second best accuracy as well after RMSprop+Momentum

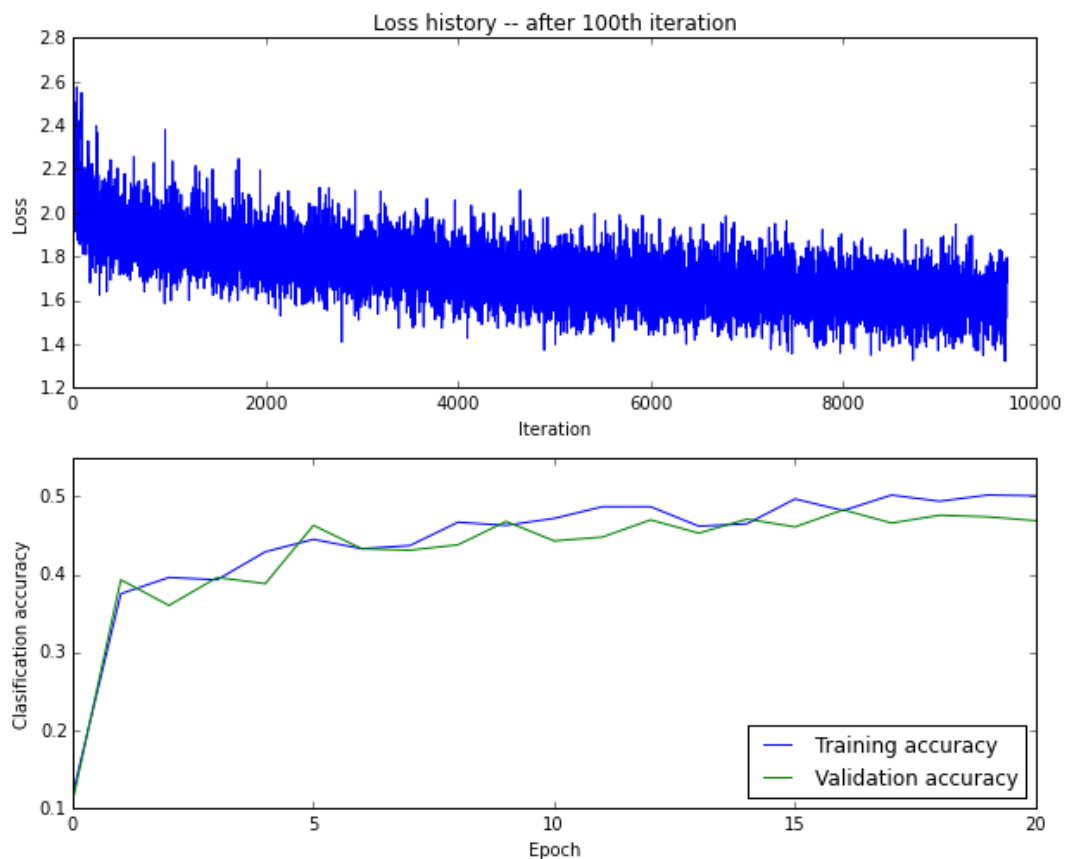
In [85]:

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# Plot the loss function and train / validation accuracies
subplot
loss_history5
title'Loss history -- after 100th iteration'
xlabel'Iteration'
ylabel'Loss'

subplot
train_acc5
val_acc5
legend'Training accuracy' 'Validation accuracy' 'lower right'
xlabel'Epoch'
ylabel'Classification accuracy'
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Out[85]:

<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7fbb51116290>



AdaGrad updates takes some epochs to tune learning rate. I printed loss values for first 50 epochs to see this effect.

In [68]:

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loss_history5
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Out[68]:

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[2.3025928278904635,
 75.934736079622795,
 92.182474572629786,
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 25.519854900507241,
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 31.59622812204384,
 26.22040589643569,
 23.227517734307192,
 17.767912373878527,
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 13.24122535188368,
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 11.298781826011448,
 10.804694477862794,
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Conclusion¶

Despite the simplicity of the both Momentum and RMSprop tricks, performance improvement is very high compared to naive SGD. Also from the above figures, you can see the problems that I've been told in my blog post

<http://bit.ly/1FGKb4K>^[1]. If we look at the loss changes of SGD it is very unstable and after we apply Momentum it is stabilized relatively. Then implication of RMSprop makes things better and modest.

Another fact is the convergence rates of the methods. As you can see RMSprop+Momentum reaches the very solid values after only the first epoch.

I add AdaGrad to experiments lately. As I stated above, if you like to see good values in a short time AdaGrad is not the choice but in some way or another it concludes a good model, if you are patient enough.

The accuracy values of train and validation are also more correlated as we improve the SGD with the additional tricks. Of course, I didn't suppose that this model is the best and you can see that we can increase the number of learning epochs or make the model larger since there is no gap between train and validation accuracies yet after 5th epoch.

As a side note, this notebook and the blog post is inspired as I was working on Stanford CS231n assignment². Therefore I did not provide any replicable code for the sake of honor code.

Links

1. <http://bit.ly/1FGKb4K>

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