

1 Introduction

This assignment consisted of implementing a one-layer Neural Network.

2 Methods

A 1-layer neural network was implemented from scratch using Python 3.6. The neural network is trained using backpropagation and minibatch gradient descent. As a data set CIFAR-10 is used, which consists of 10 000 32x32 images corresponding to 10 classes of objects. Different setups are compared and the influence if regularization and the learning rate is examined.

3 Results

In Table 1 one can see the final classification accuracy of the model after training for 40 epochs, with a minibatch size of 100 examples. Figure 1 and 2 depict the evolution of respectively the loss and the accuracy of the different setups. In Figure 5 one can see a visualization of the weight matrix after the training for one of the classes, corresponding to a car. In Figure 6 one can see the weight matrix visualizations for all 10 classes of the CIFAR-10 dataset. Below the results are analyzed.

Setup	Train accuracy	Test accuracy
$\lambda=0$ & lr=0.01	0.42	0.38
$\lambda=0$ & lr=0.1	0.25	0.24
$\lambda=0.1$ & lr=0.01	0.36	0.35
$\lambda=1$ & lr=0.01	0.24	0.24

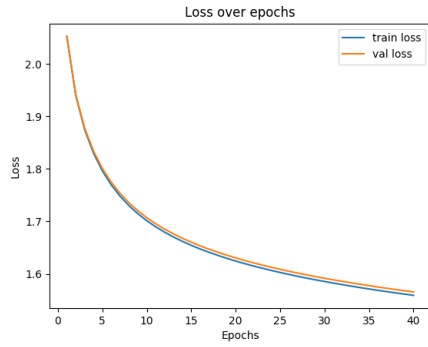
Table 1: Accuracy results on train and test set with different setups

3.1 Gradients

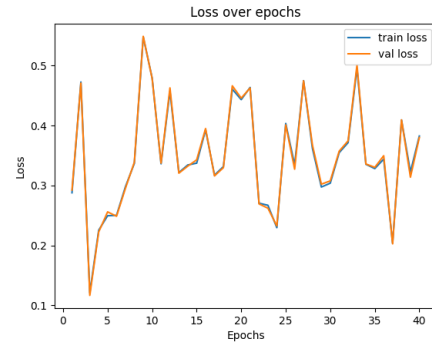
The correctness of the analytically calculated gradients was checked using two numerical gradient calculation methods for comparison. Firstly, the gradients were checked against the finite difference method, these results are visible in Figure 3 . In addition, the analytical gradients are compared with the gradients computed using the centered difference method. This method is somewhat slower than the finite difference method, but more accurate. These results are give in Figure 4. In both comparisons it is visible that the analytically computed gradients are very similar to the numerical ones, which gives strong evidence that the gradient computation is correct.

3.2 Learning rate

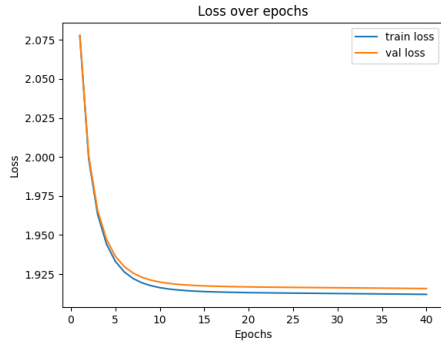
Three setups with learning rate 0.01 were tested, and one with learning rate 0.1. In Figure 1 and Figure 2 it is clearly visible that the learning rate of 0.1 is too high. The evolution of the loss and the accuracy is very unstable. This is probably due to the fact that the the model will overshoot the minima, because the learning rate is too high. A learning rate of 0.01 causes much smoother behaviour in the evolution of the loss and the accuracy, so this value is better than the higher 0.1 value. However, more values should be tested if we want to determine the optimal learning rate.



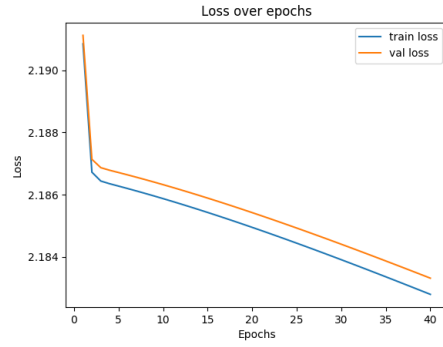
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(b) $\lambda=0$ & $lr=0.1$

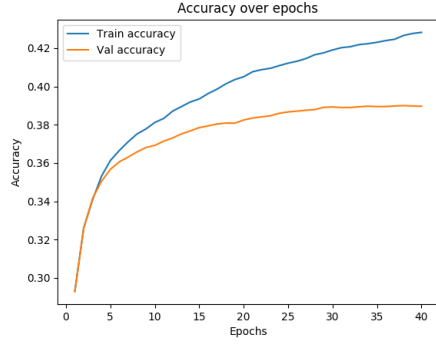


(c) $\lambda=0.1$ & $lr=0.01$

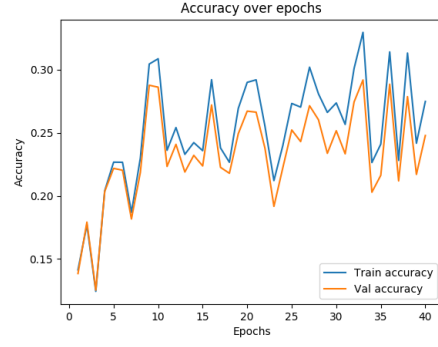


(d) $\lambda=1$ & $lr=0.01$

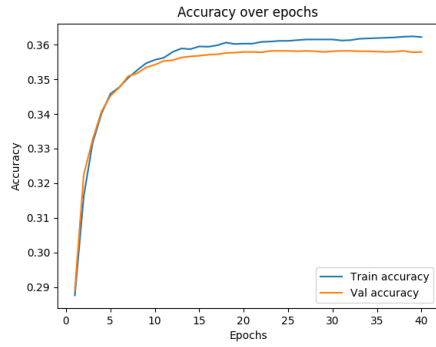
Figure 1: Evolution of the loss over epochs for the different setups (different values for λ and the learning rate (lr)).



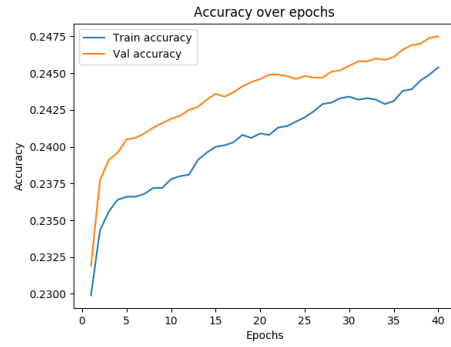
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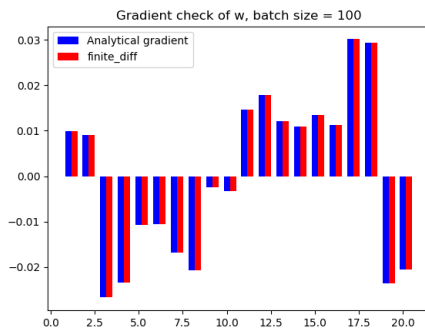
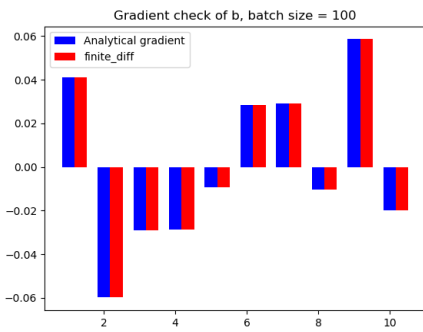


(c) $\lambda=0.1$ & $lr=0.01$



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Figure 2: Evolution of the accuracy over epochs for the different setups (different values for λ and the learning rate (lr)).



(a) Bias gradients. Mean relative error = $2.017e-06$ (b) W gradients. Mean relative error = $9.499e-06$

Figure 3: Comparison of analytical gradients with numerical gradients based on the finite difference method. Batch size = 100.

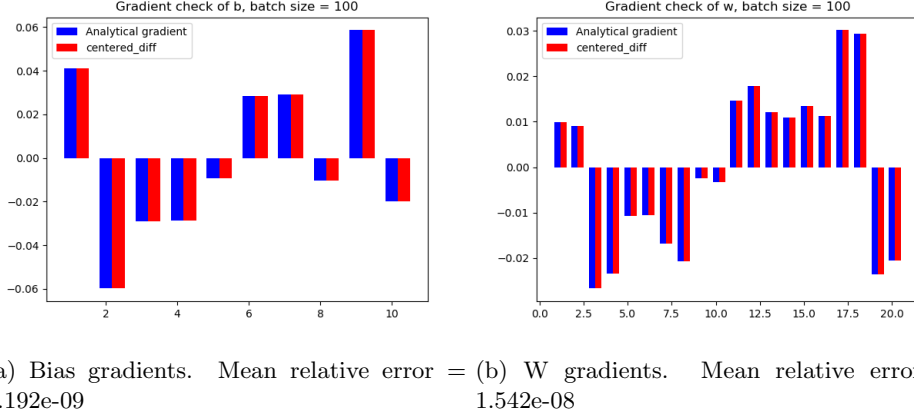


Figure 4: Comparison of analytical gradients with numerical gradients based on the centered difference method. Batch size = 100.

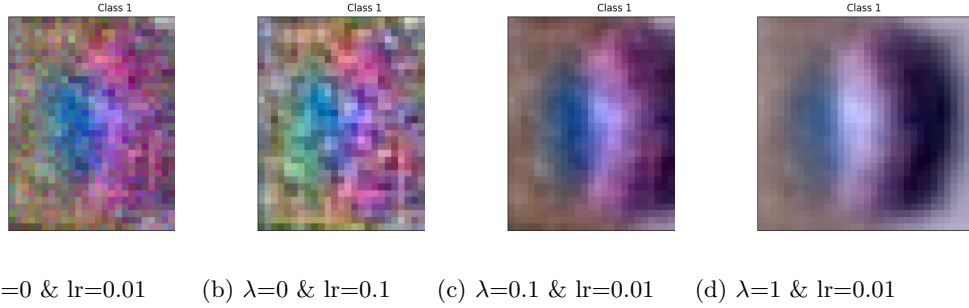


Figure 5: Visualization of the weight matrix given the different setups (different values for λ and the learning rate (lr)).

3.3 Regularization

Three different values of the regularization parameter λ were test: $\lambda=0$, $\lambda=0.1$ and $\lambda=1$. In Figure 2 it can be seen that the accuracy of the train set is far above the accuracy of the validation set. This implies that the model is overfitting when there is no regularization, which is very likely. In Figure 1, in the evolution of the loss, this is not that clearly visible though. In Figure 2 it can also be seen that in the setup with $\lambda=1$, the train accuracy is well below the validation accuracy. Also, it can be seen in Table 1 that the accuracy for this setup is very low for both train and test set. This implies that the model is underfitting, so this value of λ is probably too high. $\lambda=0.1$ seems to be the best setup, but again it is the case that more values should be tested before the optimal value of λ can be selected.

3.4 Weight visualization

In Figure 3 one can see a visualization of the weight matrix after the training for one of the classes, corresponding to a car. In the two rightmost setups the car can be recognized clearly: the model has learned a good representation of this class. However, this does not completely match the performance reported in Table 1. For example, the setup with $\lambda=1$ provides a very good picture of a car, but has a very low accuracy. I have no answer why this is the case. If I had more time, I would do more experiments to understand this.

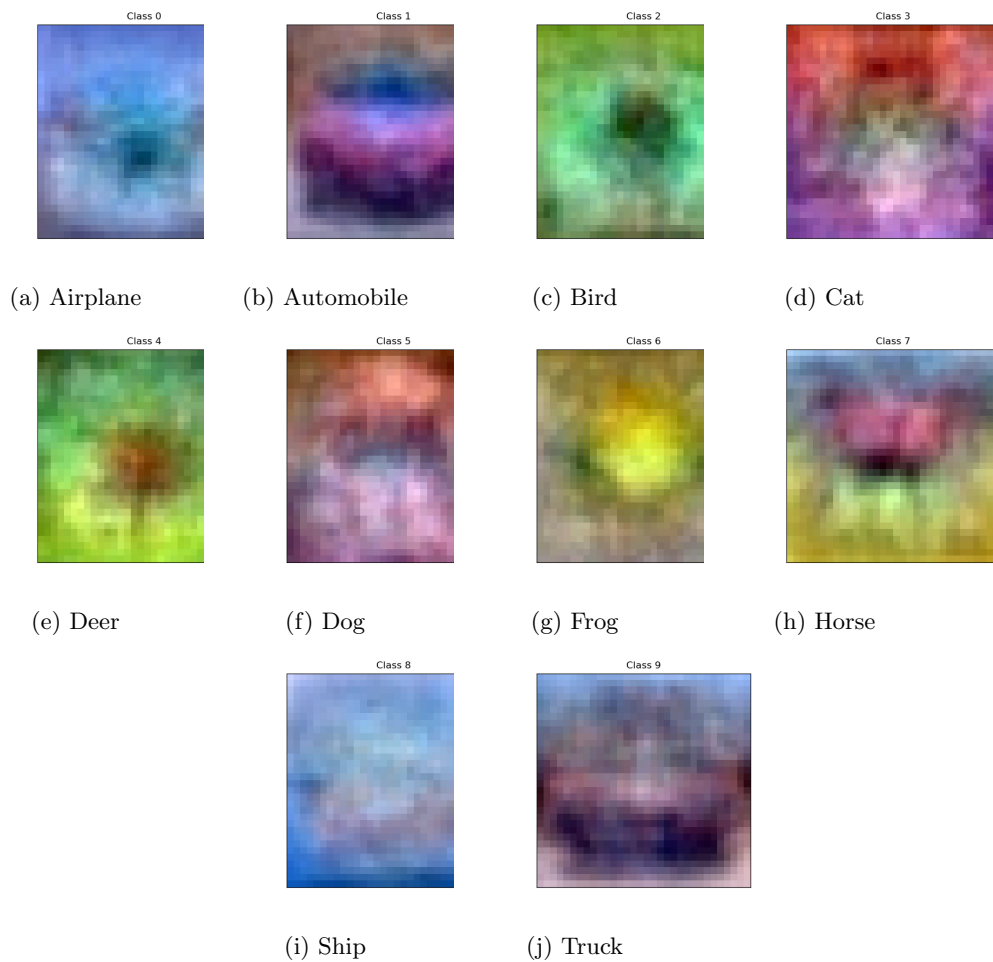


Figure 6: Visualizations of the weights for the 10 different classes in the CIFAR-10 dataset. Regularization parameter $\lambda = 0.1$