

# CS280 Spring 2025 Assignment 2

## Part A

Convolutional Neural Network

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## 1. CNNs (10 points)

Answer the following questions about convolutional neural networks.

1. Consider a convolutional layer with 10 filters of size  $6 \times 6$ , a stride of 2 and a padding of 1. Suppose the input of the layer has shape  $64 \times 64 \times 10$  (with spatial size  $64 \times 64$  and 10 channels). What is the output shape? What is the number of parameters of the layer (consider the weights and bias)?
2. Suppose there are two convolutional layers, each of which has a filter of size  $5 \times 5$ , a stride of 1, a padding of 0. Is it possible to interpret the result of applying the two convolutional layers successively to an input as the result of applying a single convolutional layer to the input? If so, what is the filter size of the single convolutional layer?
3. Does pooling layers cause loss of information in the inputs? If so, why are pooling layers still used in CNNs (please give at least two reasons)?

## Answer 1

1. The output shape is given by the formula:

$$\text{Output size} = \frac{\text{Input size} - \text{Filter size} + 2 \times \text{Padding}}{\text{Stride}} + 1$$

Thus, we have:

$$\frac{64 - 6 + 2 \times 1}{2} + 1 = \frac{60}{2} + 1 = 31$$

The output shape is  $31 \times 31 \times 10$ .

Number of parameters (weights + biases):

Each filter:  $6 \times 6 \times 10 = 360$  parameters.

Total weights for 10 filters:  $360 \times 10 = 3600$  parameters.

Biases for each filter: 10 parameters.

Therefore, total parameters:  $3600 + 10 = 3610$ .

2. Yes, it is possible. Two successive convolutional layers, each with filter size  $5 \times 5$ , stride 1 and padding 0, can be represented as a single convolutional layer. The equivalent single convolution filter size will be:

$$(5 + 5 - 1) \times (5 + 5 - 1) = 9 \times 9$$

Thus, the equivalent single filter size is  $9 \times 9$ .

3. Yes, pooling layers do cause loss of information because they aggregate local spatial information. However, pooling layers are still widely used because:

(1) Pooling reduces the spatial dimension of feature maps, significantly decreasing computational cost and memory usage.

(2) Pooling layers provide a form of spatial invariance, making the CNN less sensitive to small translations or variations in input.

## 2. Backpropagation of CNNs (10 points)

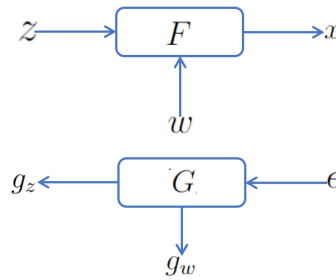
Let  $f_w(z) = z * w$  be the forward model for a 2D convolutional layer with a single input channel and a single output channel, where  $w$  represents a  $3 \times 3$  convolution kernel with no padding and a stride of 1, and  $z$  represents a single-channel  $128 \times 128$  image.

The following two functions must be implemented in order to implement both the forward pass and backward pass for this single layer:

$$x = F(z, w),$$

$$(g_z, g_w) = G(\epsilon).$$

The figures below illustrate the functions graphically:



Answer the following questions:

1. Explain what the two functions  $F(z, w)$  and  $G(\epsilon)$  do. For each function, explain why it is needed.
2. What are the shapes of each of the following:  $x$ ,  $\epsilon$ ,  $g_z$ ,  $g_w$ ?
3. What is the computational cost (the number of multiplications and additions) of the convolutional layer in forward pass? What is the computational cost (the number of multiplications and additions) of  $g_w$  in backward pass?

## Answer 2

### 1. My answer is as follows:

Function  $F(z, w)$  is the forward convolution function that convolves input image  $z$  with kernel  $w$  to produce the output feature map  $x$ . It is necessary because it computes the output activations for forward propagation.

Function  $G(\epsilon)$  is the backward convolution (gradient) function. It computes gradients of the loss with respect to inputs  $z$  (denoted as  $g_z$ ) and weights  $w$  (denoted as  $g_w$ ), given the upstream gradient  $\epsilon$ . It is needed to perform the backward propagation (training) to update parameters using gradients.

### 2. Shapes are as follows:

- (1)  $x$ :  $(126, 126)$ , since  $128 - 3 + 1 = 126$ .
- (2)  $\epsilon$ : Same as  $x$ , thus  $(126, 126)$ .
- (3)  $g_z$ : Same shape as original input  $z$ , thus  $(128, 128)$ .
- (4)  $g_w$ : Same shape as convolution kernel  $w$ , thus  $(3, 3)$ .

### 3. My answer is as follows:

#### • Forward pass computational cost:

Output dimension:  $126 \times 126$ , each position involves a  $3 \times 3$  convolution operation, thus:

Multiplications per output pixel:  $3 \times 3 = 9$  Additions per output pixel:  $9 - 1 = 8$

Total multiplications:  $126 \times 126 \times 9 = 142,884$  Total additions:  $126 \times 126 \times 8 = 126,112$

#### • Backward pass computational cost for $g_w$ :

Gradient  $g_w$  has size  $3 \times 3$ . Each parameter of  $g_w$  is computed by convolution of input  $z$  (size  $128 \times 128$ ) and gradient  $\epsilon$  (size  $126 \times 126$ ):

Total multiplications: same as forward pass,  $126 \times 126 \times 9 = 142,884$  Total additions:  $126 \times 126 \times 8 = 126,112$

# Fully-Connected Neural Nets

In the previous homework you implemented a fully-connected two-layer neural network on CIFAR-10. The implementation was simple but not very modular since the loss and gradient were computed in a single monolithic function. This is manageable for a simple two-layer network, but would become impractical as we move to bigger models. Ideally we want to build networks using a more modular design so that we can implement different layer types in isolation and then snap them together into models with different architectures.

In this exercise we will implement fully-connected networks using a more modular approach. For each layer we will implement a `forward` and a `backward` function. The `forward` function will receive inputs, weights, and other parameters and will return both an output and a `cache` object storing data needed for the backward pass, like this:

```
def layer_forward(x, w):
    """ Receive inputs x and weights w """
    # Do some computations ...
    z = # ... some intermediate value
    # Do some more computations ...
    out = # the output

    cache = (x, w, z, out) # Values we need to compute gradients

    return out, cache
```

The backward pass will receive upstream derivatives and the `cache` object, and will return gradients with respect to the inputs and weights, like this:

```
def layer_backward(dout, cache):
    """
    Receive dout (derivative of loss with respect to outputs) and cache,
    and compute derivative with respect to inputs.
    """
    # Unpack cache values
    x, w, z, out = cache

    # Use values in cache to compute derivatives
    dx = # Derivative of loss with respect to x
    dw = # Derivative of loss with respect to w

    return dx, dw
```

After implementing a bunch of layers this way, we will be able to easily combine them to build classifiers with different architectures.

In addition to implementing fully-connected networks of arbitrary depth, we will also explore different update rules for optimization, and introduce Dropout as a regularizer and Batch/Layer Normalization as a tool to more efficiently optimize deep networks.

```
In [1]: from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
FOLDERNAME = "cs231n/assignments/assignment2/"
assert FOLDERNAME is not None, "[!] Enter the foldername."
import sys
sys.path.append('/content/drive/My Drive/{}'.format(FOLDERNAME))
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME/cs231n/datasets/
!bash get_datasets.sh
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME
```

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Mounted at /content/drive
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2/cs231n/datasets
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2
```

```
In [2]: # As usual, a bit of setup
from __future__ import print_function
import time
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from cs231n.classifiers.fc_net import *
from cs231n.data_utils import get_CIFAR10_data
from cs231n.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient, eval_numerical_gradient_array
from cs231n.solver import Solver

%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plots
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'

# for auto-reloading external modules
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

def rel_error(x, y):
    """ returns relative error """
    return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(1e-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))
```

```
In [3]: # Load the (preprocessed) CIFAR10 data.
```

```
data = get_CIFAR10_data()
for k, v in list(data.items()):
    print('%s: ' % k, v.shape)
```

```
('X_train: ', (49000, 3, 32, 32))
('y_train: ', (49000,))
('X_val: ', (1000, 3, 32, 32))
('y_val: ', (1000,))
('X_test: ', (1000, 3, 32, 32))
('y_test: ', (1000,))
```

## Affine layer: forward

Open the file `cs231n/layers.py` and implement the `affine_forward` function.

Once you are done you can test your implementation by running the following:

```
In [4]: # Test the affine_forward function

num_inputs = 2
input_shape = (4, 5, 6)
output_dim = 3

input_size = num_inputs * np.prod(input_shape)
weight_size = output_dim * np.prod(input_shape)

x = np.linspace(-0.1, 0.5, num=input_size).reshape(num_inputs, *input_shape)
w = np.linspace(-0.2, 0.3, num=weight_size).reshape(np.prod(input_shape), output_dim)
b = np.linspace(-0.3, 0.1, num=output_dim)

out, _ = affine_forward(x, w, b)
correct_out = np.array([[ 1.49834967,  1.70660132,  1.91485297],
                        [ 3.25553199,  3.5141327,  3.77273342]])

# Compare your output with ours. The error should be around e-9 or less.
print('Testing affine_forward function:')
print('difference: ', rel_error(out, correct_out))
```

```
Testing affine_forward function:
difference: 9.769849468192957e-10
```

# Affine layer: backward

Now implement the `affine_backward` function and test your implementation using numeric gradient checking.

```
In [5]: # Test the affine_backward function
np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(10, 2, 3)
w = np.random.randn(6, 5)
b = np.random.randn(5)
dout = np.random.randn(10, 5)

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: affine_forward(x, w, b)[0], x, dout)
dw_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda w: affine_forward(x, w, b)[0], w, dout)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda b: affine_forward(x, w, b)[0], b, dout)

_, cache = affine_forward(x, w, b)
dx, dw, db = affine_backward(dout, cache)

# The error should be around e-10 or less
print('Testing affine_backward function:')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dw error: ', rel_error(dw_num, dw))
print('db error: ', rel_error(db_num, db))
```

```
Testing affine_backward function:
dx error:  5.399100368651805e-11
dw error:  9.904211865398145e-11
db error:  2.4122867568119087e-11
```

# ReLU activation: forward

Implement the forward pass for the ReLU activation function in the `relu_forward` function and test your implementation using the following:

```
In [6]: # Test the relu_forward function

x = np.linspace(-0.5, 0.5, num=12).reshape(3, 4)

out, _ = relu_forward(x)
correct_out = np.array([[ 0.,          0.,          0.,          0.],
                        [ 0.,          0.,          0.04545455,  0.13636364],
                        [ 0.22727273,  0.31818182,  0.40909091,  0.5]])

# Compare your output with ours. The error should be on the order of e-8
print('Testing relu_forward function:')
print('difference: ', rel_error(out, correct_out))
```

```
Testing relu_forward function:
difference:  4.99999798022158e-08
```

# ReLU activation: backward

Now implement the backward pass for the ReLU activation function in the `relu_backward` function and test your implementation using numeric gradient checking:

```
In [7]: np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(10, 10)
dout = np.random.randn(*x.shape)

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: relu_forward(x)[0], x, dout)

_, cache = relu_forward(x)
```



```
dx = relu_backward(dout, cache)

# The error should be on the order of e-12
print('Testing relu_backward function:')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
```

Testing relu\_backward function:  
dx error: 3.2756349136310288e-12

## Inline Question 1:

We've only asked you to implement ReLU, but there are a number of different activation functions that one could use in neural networks, each with its pros and cons. In particular, an issue commonly seen with activation functions is getting zero (or close to zero) gradient flow during backpropagation. Which of the following activation functions have this problem? If you consider these functions in the one dimensional case, what types of input would lead to this behaviour?

1. Sigmoid
2. ReLU
3. Leaky ReLU
4. Softmax

## Answer:

### Suffer from Zero/Near-Zero Gradients:

- Sigmoid
- ReLU

### Avoid Gradient Issues:

- Leaky ReLU
- Softmax

### 1. Sigmoid

- **Problem:** Saturates for inputs with large magnitudes (positive or negative), causing gradients to approach zero.
- **1D Input Causing Issues:**  
For very large inputs (e.g.,  $x \gg 0$  or  $x \ll 0$ ):  
 $\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x)) \approx 0$

### 2. ReLU

- **Problem:** Zero gradient for all negative inputs ("Dying ReLU" problem).
- **1D Input Causing Issues:**  
Any  $x < 0$  produces a gradient of 0.

### 3. Leaky ReLU

- **No Problem:** Introduces a small slope (e.g.,  $0.01x$ ) for  $x < 0$ , preventing zero gradients.

### 4. Softmax

- **No Problem:** Typically used in the output layer with cross-entropy loss. Despite potential small gradients for extreme inputs, the combined effect with loss derivatives (gradient = predicted - target) avoids vanishing gradients.

## "Sandwich" layers

There are some common patterns of layers that are frequently used in neural nets. For example, affine layers are frequently followed by a ReLU nonlinearity. To make these common patterns easy, we define several convenience layers in the file `cs231n/layer_utils.py`.

For now take a look at the `affine_relu_forward` and `affine_relu_backward` functions, and run the following to numerically gradient check the backward pass:

```
In [8]: from cs231n.layer_utils import affine_relu_forward, affine_relu_backward
np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(2, 3, 4)
w = np.random.randn(12, 10)
b = np.random.randn(10)
dout = np.random.randn(2, 10)

out, cache = affine_relu_forward(x, w, b)
dx, dw, db = affine_relu_backward(dout, cache)

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: affine_relu_forward(x, w, b)[0], x, dout)
dw_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda w: affine_relu_forward(x, w, b)[0], w, dout)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda b: affine_relu_forward(x, w, b)[0], b, dout)

# Relative error should be around e-10 or less
print('Testing affine_relu_forward and affine_relu_backward:')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dw error: ', rel_error(dw_num, dw))
print('db error: ', rel_error(db_num, db))
```

Testing affine\_relu\_forward and affine\_relu\_backward:

dx error: 2.299579177309368e-11

dw error: 8.162011105764925e-11

db error: 7.826724021458994e-12

## Loss layers: Softmax and SVM

You implemented these loss functions in the last assignment, so we'll give them to you for free here.

You should still make sure you understand how they work by looking at the implementations in `cs231n/layers.py`.

You can make sure that the implementations are correct by running the following:

```
In [9]: np.random.seed(231)
num_classes, num_inputs = 10, 50
x = 0.001 * np.random.randn(num_inputs, num_classes)
y = np.random.randint(num_classes, size=num_inputs)

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient(lambda x: svm_loss(x, y)[0], x, verbose=False)
loss, dx = svm_loss(x, y)

# Test svm_loss function. Loss should be around 9 and dx error should be around the order of e-9
print('Testing svm_loss:')
print('loss: ', loss)
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient(lambda x: softmax_loss(x, y)[0], x, verbose=False)
loss, dx = softmax_loss(x, y)

# Test softmax_loss function. Loss should be close to 2.3 and dx error should be around e-8
print('\nTesting softmax_loss:')
print('loss: ', loss)
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
```

```
Testing svm_loss:
loss: 8.999602749096233
dx error: 1.4021566006651672e-09
```

```
Testing softmax_loss:
loss: 2.3025458445007376
dx error: 8.234144091578429e-09
```

## Two-layer network

In the previous assignment you implemented a two-layer neural network in a single monolithic class. Now that you have implemented modular versions of the necessary layers, you will reimplement the two layer network using these modular implementations.

Open the file `cs231n/classifiers/fc_net.py` and complete the implementation of the `TwoLayerNet` class. This class will serve as a model for the other networks you will implement in this assignment, so read through it to make sure you understand the API. You can run the cell below to test your implementation.

```
In [ ]: np.random.seed(231)
N, D, H, C = 3, 5, 50, 7
X = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randint(C, size=N)

std = 1e-2
model = TwoLayerNet(input_dim=D, hidden_dim=H, num_classes=C, weight_scale=std)

print('Testing initialization ... ')
W1_std = abs(model.params['W1'].std() - std)
b1 = model.params['b1']
W2_std = abs(model.params['W2'].std() - std)
b2 = model.params['b2']
assert W1_std < std / 10, 'First layer weights do not seem right'
assert np.all(b1 == 0), 'First layer biases do not seem right'
assert W2_std < std / 10, 'Second layer weights do not seem right'
assert np.all(b2 == 0), 'Second layer biases do not seem right'

print('Testing test-time forward pass ... ')
model.params['W1'] = np.linspace(-0.7, 0.3, num=D*H).reshape(D, H)
model.params['b1'] = np.linspace(-0.1, 0.9, num=H)
model.params['W2'] = np.linspace(-0.3, 0.4, num=H*C).reshape(H, C)
model.params['b2'] = np.linspace(-0.9, 0.1, num=C)
X = np.linspace(-5.5, 4.5, num=N*D).reshape(D, N).T
scores = model.loss(X)
correct_scores = np.asarray(
    [[11.53165108, 12.2917344, 13.05181771, 13.81190102, 14.57198434, 15.33206765, 16.0921509
    [12.05769098, 12.74614105, 13.43459113, 14.1230412, 14.81149128, 15.49994135, 16.1883914
    [12.58373087, 13.20054771, 13.81736455, 14.43418138, 15.05099822, 15.66781506, 16.2846319
scores_diff = np.abs(scores - correct_scores).sum()
assert scores_diff < 1e-6, 'Problem with test-time forward pass'

print('Testing training loss (no regularization)')
y = np.asarray([0, 5, 1])
loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
correct_loss = 3.4702243556
assert abs(loss - correct_loss) < 1e-10, 'Problem with training-time loss'

model.reg = 1.0
loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
correct_loss = 26.5948426952
assert abs(loss - correct_loss) < 1e-10, 'Problem with regularization loss'

# Errors should be around e-7 or Less
for reg in [0.0, 0.5]:
    print('Running numeric gradient check with reg = ', reg)
    model.reg = reg
```

```

loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)

for name in sorted(grads):
    f = lambda _: model.loss(X, y)[0]
    grad_num = eval_numerical_gradient(f, model.params[name], verbose=False)
    print('%s relative error: %.2e' % (name, rel_error(grad_num, grads[name])))

```

```

Testing initialization ...
Testing test-time forward pass ...
Testing training loss (no regularization)
Running numeric gradient check with reg = 0.0
W1 relative error: 1.83e-08
W2 relative error: 3.20e-10
b1 relative error: 9.83e-09
b2 relative error: 4.33e-10
Running numeric gradient check with reg = 0.5
W1 relative error: 3.88e-08
W2 relative error: 9.57e-09
b1 relative error: 1.35e-08
b2 relative error: 7.76e-10

```

## Solver

In the previous assignment, the logic for training models was coupled to the models themselves. Following a more modular design, for this assignment we have split the logic for training models into a separate class.

Open the file `cs231n/solver.py` and read through it to familiarize yourself with the API. After doing so, use a `Solver` instance to train a `TwoLayerNet` that achieves at least 50% accuracy on the validation set.

```

In [ ]: model = TwoLayerNet()
solver = None

#####
# TODO: Use a Solver instance to train a TwoLayerNet that achieves at least
# 50% accuracy on the validation set.
#####
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

solver = Solver(model, data,
                update_rule='sgd',
                optim_config={
                    'learning_rate': 1e-3,
                },
                lr_decay=0.95,
                num_epochs=10, batch_size=100,
                print_every=100)

solver.train()

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
#                               END OF YOUR CODE                               #
#####

```

```

(Iteration 1 / 4900) loss: 2.300184
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.148000; val_acc: 0.129000
(Iteration 101 / 4900) loss: 1.848419
(Iteration 201 / 4900) loss: 1.770007
(Iteration 301 / 4900) loss: 1.387828
(Iteration 401 / 4900) loss: 1.688136
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.447000; val_acc: 0.438000
(Iteration 501 / 4900) loss: 1.692956
(Iteration 601 / 4900) loss: 1.713356
(Iteration 701 / 4900) loss: 1.422947
(Iteration 801 / 4900) loss: 1.394090
(Iteration 901 / 4900) loss: 1.473381
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.476000; val_acc: 0.468000
(Iteration 1001 / 4900) loss: 1.300477
(Iteration 1101 / 4900) loss: 1.352766
(Iteration 1201 / 4900) loss: 1.638424
(Iteration 1301 / 4900) loss: 1.172878
(Iteration 1401 / 4900) loss: 1.423802
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.501000; val_acc: 0.477000
(Iteration 1501 / 4900) loss: 1.556559
(Iteration 1601 / 4900) loss: 1.270026
(Iteration 1701 / 4900) loss: 1.287378
(Iteration 1801 / 4900) loss: 1.416552
(Iteration 1901 / 4900) loss: 1.633102
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.527000; val_acc: 0.504000
(Iteration 2001 / 4900) loss: 1.471286
(Iteration 2101 / 4900) loss: 1.361934
(Iteration 2201 / 4900) loss: 1.364089
(Iteration 2301 / 4900) loss: 1.370125
(Iteration 2401 / 4900) loss: 1.226291
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.545000; val_acc: 0.480000
(Iteration 2501 / 4900) loss: 1.363092
(Iteration 2601 / 4900) loss: 1.355512
(Iteration 2701 / 4900) loss: 1.225932
(Iteration 2801 / 4900) loss: 1.320235
(Iteration 2901 / 4900) loss: 1.412107
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.564000; val_acc: 0.508000
(Iteration 3001 / 4900) loss: 1.296213
(Iteration 3101 / 4900) loss: 1.100510
(Iteration 3201 / 4900) loss: 1.343379
(Iteration 3301 / 4900) loss: 1.317622
(Iteration 3401 / 4900) loss: 1.204882
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.581000; val_acc: 0.511000
(Iteration 3501 / 4900) loss: 1.169569
(Iteration 3601 / 4900) loss: 1.275532
(Iteration 3701 / 4900) loss: 1.091458
(Iteration 3801 / 4900) loss: 1.143065
(Iteration 3901 / 4900) loss: 1.202428
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.566000; val_acc: 0.512000
(Iteration 4001 / 4900) loss: 1.031526
(Iteration 4101 / 4900) loss: 1.219053
(Iteration 4201 / 4900) loss: 1.207507
(Iteration 4301 / 4900) loss: 1.051959
(Iteration 4401 / 4900) loss: 1.448427
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.594000; val_acc: 0.491000
(Iteration 4501 / 4900) loss: 1.146974
(Iteration 4601 / 4900) loss: 1.126859
(Iteration 4701 / 4900) loss: 1.204872
(Iteration 4801 / 4900) loss: 1.183000
(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.594000; val_acc: 0.504000

```

In [ ]: *# Run this cell to visualize training loss and train / val accuracy*

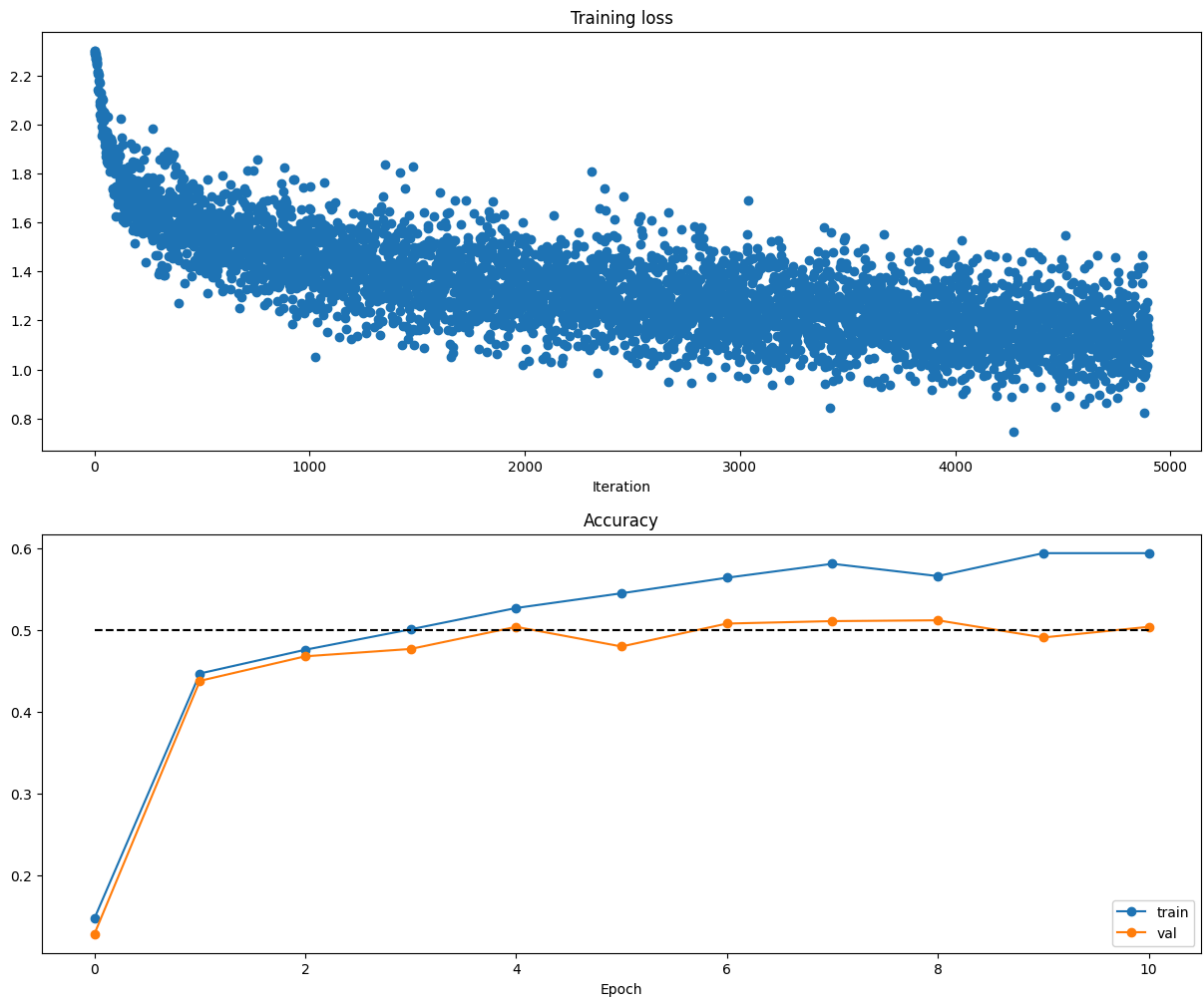
```

plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.title('Training loss')
plt.plot(solver.loss_history, 'o')
plt.xlabel('Iteration')

plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.title('Accuracy')
plt.plot(solver.train_acc_history, '-o', label='train')

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```
plt.plot(solver.val_acc_history, '-o', label='val')
plt.plot([0.5] * len(solver.val_acc_history), 'k--')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.legend(loc='lower right')
plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 12)
plt.show()
```



## Multilayer network

Next you will implement a fully-connected network with an arbitrary number of hidden layers.

Read through the `FullyConnectedNet` class in the file `cs231n/classifiers/fc_net.py`.

Implement the initialization, the forward pass, and the backward pass. For the moment don't worry about implementing dropout or batch/layer normalization; we will add those features soon.

## Initial loss and gradient check

As a sanity check, run the following to check the initial loss and to gradient check the network both with and without regularization. Do the initial losses seem reasonable?

For gradient checking, you should expect to see errors around  $1e-7$  or less.

```
In [ ]: np.random.seed(231)
N, D, H1, H2, C = 2, 15, 20, 30, 10
X = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randint(C, size=(N,))

for reg in [0, 5]:
    print('Running check with reg = ', reg)
```

```

model = FullyConnectedNet([H1, H2], input_dim=D, num_classes=C,
                           reg=reg, weight_scale=5e-2, dtype=np.float64)

loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
print('Initial loss: ', loss)

# Most of the errors should be on the order of e-7 or smaller.
# NOTE: It is fine however to see an error for W2 on the order of e-5
# for the check when reg = 0.0
for name in sorted(grads):
    f = lambda _: model.loss(X, y)[0]
    grad_num = eval_numerical_gradient(f, model.params[name], verbose=False, h=1e-5)
    print('%s relative error: %.2e' % (name, rel_error(grad_num, grads[name])))

```

```

Running check with reg = 0
Initial loss: 2.3004790897684924
W1 relative error: 1.48e-07
W2 relative error: 2.21e-05
W3 relative error: 3.53e-07
b1 relative error: 5.38e-09
b2 relative error: 2.09e-09
b3 relative error: 5.80e-11
Running check with reg = 5
Initial loss: 9.866085414434215
W1 relative error: 4.41e-09
W2 relative error: 2.99e-08
W3 relative error: 3.01e-08
b1 relative error: 1.48e-08
b2 relative error: 3.68e-09
b3 relative error: 2.90e-10

```

As another sanity check, make sure you can overfit a small dataset of 50 images. First we will try a three-layer network with 100 units in each hidden layer. In the following cell, tweak the **learning rate** and **weight initialization scale** to overfit and achieve 100% training accuracy within 20 epochs.

```

In [ ]: # TODO: Use a three-layer Net to overfit 50 training examples by
#         tweaking just the learning rate and initialization scale.

num_train = 50
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}
# 定义参数搜索范围
weight_scales = [9e-2]
learning_rates = [9e-5, 9e-4, 5e-4, 7e-4]

# 用于存储结果
results = []

# 参数搜索
for ws in weight_scales:
    for lr in learning_rates:
        # 创建模型和求解器
        model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100], weight_scale=ws, dtype=np.float64)
        solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                        print_every=10, num_epochs=20, batch_size=25,
                        update_rule='sgd',
                        optim_config={'learning_rate': lr})
        solver.train()

        # 记录最终损失和验证集准确率
        results.append({
            'weight_scale': ws,
            'learning_rate': lr,
            'final_loss': solver.loss_history[-1],
            'best_val_acc': solver.best_val_acc,
            'loss_history': solver.loss_history

```

```
    })

# 找到最小损失对应的参数组合
min_loss_entry = min(results, key=lambda x: x['final_loss'])
print(f"best params:")
print(f"weight_scale: {min_loss_entry['weight_scale']}, learning_rate: {min_loss_entry['learning_rate']}")
print(f"minimum loss: {min_loss_entry['final_loss']}")
print(f"best val accuracy: {min_loss_entry['best_val_acc']}")

plt.plot(min_loss_entry['loss_history'], 'o')
plt.title('Training loss history')
plt.xlabel('Iteration')
plt.ylabel('Training loss')
plt.show()
```

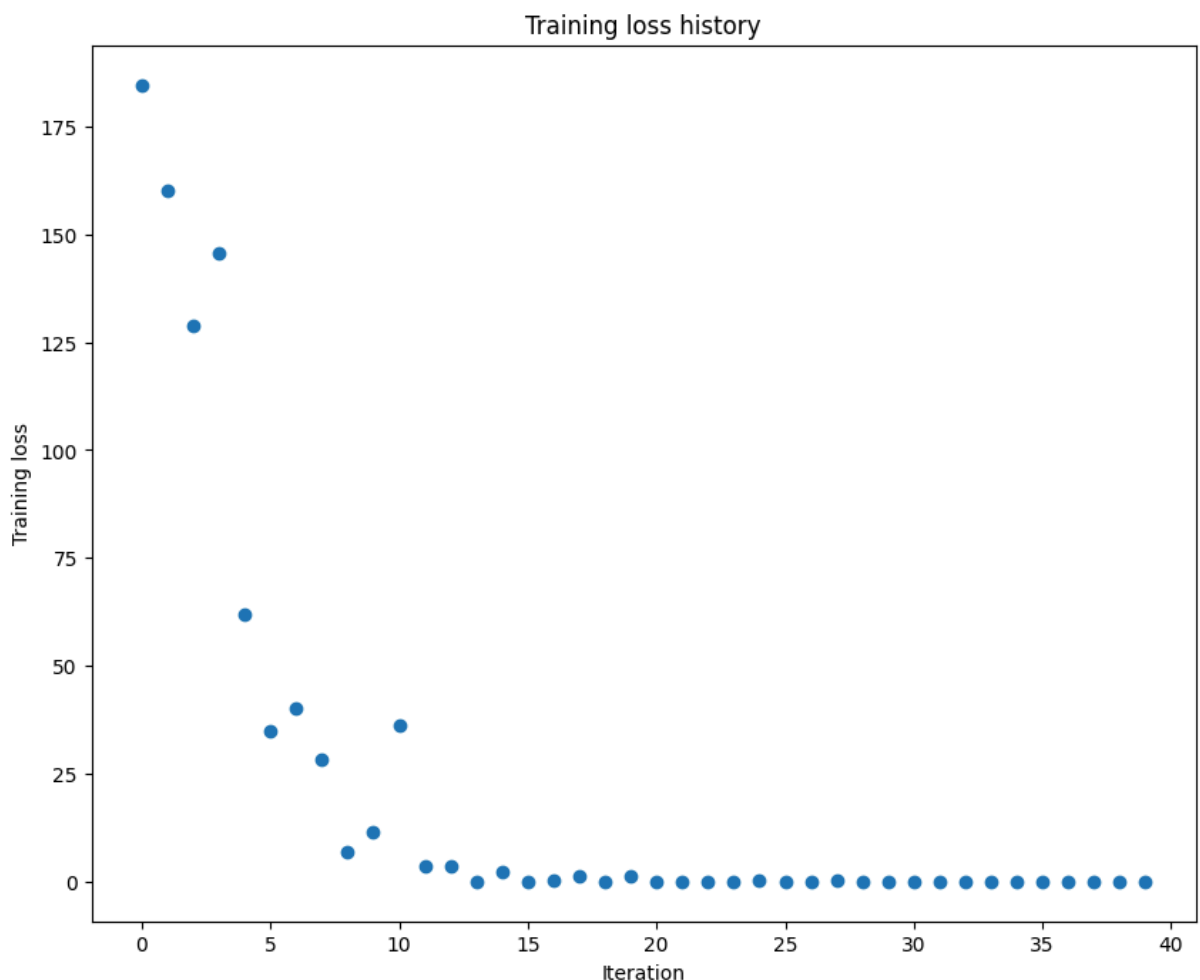


(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 239.371166  
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.100000; val\_acc: 0.122000  
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.200000; val\_acc: 0.127000  
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.240000; val\_acc: 0.138000  
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.260000; val\_acc: 0.134000  
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.360000; val\_acc: 0.142000  
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.420000; val\_acc: 0.134000  
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 40.737217  
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.460000; val\_acc: 0.146000  
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.520000; val\_acc: 0.140000  
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.560000; val\_acc: 0.147000  
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.500000; val\_acc: 0.144000  
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.600000; val\_acc: 0.140000  
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 7.811623  
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 0.640000; val\_acc: 0.147000  
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 0.760000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 0.760000; val\_acc: 0.146000  
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 0.900000; val\_acc: 0.149000  
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val\_acc: 0.151000  
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 1.949320  
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 0.920000; val\_acc: 0.147000  
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 0.920000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 0.920000; val\_acc: 0.144000  
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 0.900000; val\_acc: 0.149000  
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 0.920000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 194.834758  
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.340000; val\_acc: 0.145000  
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.280000; val\_acc: 0.121000  
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.340000; val\_acc: 0.130000  
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.640000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val\_acc: 0.147000  
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.800000; val\_acc: 0.167000  
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 7.654107  
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.880000; val\_acc: 0.125000  
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.940000; val\_acc: 0.155000  
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.940000; val\_acc: 0.144000  
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val\_acc: 0.154000  
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.005134  
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.000000  
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 183.126284  
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.180000; val\_acc: 0.124000  
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.400000; val\_acc: 0.123000  
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.480000; val\_acc: 0.150000  
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.580000; val\_acc: 0.134000  
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.680000; val\_acc: 0.151000  
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val\_acc: 0.162000  
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 31.108759  
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.920000; val\_acc: 0.155000  
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.940000; val\_acc: 0.154000  
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.940000; val\_acc: 0.154000  
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val\_acc: 0.157000  
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val\_acc: 0.157000  
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.842820  
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.161000  
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.161000  
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.161000  
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.161000  
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.161000  
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.000047  
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.161000

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(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.161000
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.161000
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 184.666140
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.160000; val_acc: 0.122000
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.440000; val_acc: 0.118000
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.480000; val_acc: 0.153000
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.520000; val_acc: 0.127000
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.860000; val_acc: 0.174000
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.800000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 36.193410
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.940000; val_acc: 0.156000
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val_acc: 0.133000
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val_acc: 0.146000
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.157000
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.163000
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.000021
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.163000
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.163000
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.158000
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.000000
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.162000
best params:
weight_scale: 0.09, learning_rate: 0.0007
minimum loss: 3.721467578543462e-15
best val accuracy: 0.174

```



Now try to use a five-layer network with 100 units on each layer to overfit 50 training examples. Again, you will have to adjust the learning rate and weight initialization scale, but you should be

able to achieve 100% training accuracy within 20 epochs.

```
In [ ]: # TODO: Use a five-layer Net to overfit 50 training examples by
# tweaking just the learning rate and initialization scale.

num_train = 50
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}

weight_scales = [1e-1]
learning_rates = [2e-3, 9e-4, 5e-4, 7e-4]

# 用于存储结果
results = []

# 参数搜索
for ws in weight_scales:
    for lr in learning_rates:
        # 创建模型和求解器
        model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100, 100, 100], weight_scale=ws, dtype=np.float64)
        solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                        print_every=10, num_epochs=20, batch_size=25,
                        update_rule='sgd',
                        optim_config={'learning_rate': lr})

        solver.train()

        # 记录最终损失和验证集准确率
        results.append({
            'weight_scale': ws,
            'learning_rate': lr,
            'final_loss': solver.loss_history[-1],
            'best_val_acc': solver.best_val_acc,
            'loss_history': solver.loss_history
        })

# 找到最小损失对应的参数组合
min_loss_entry = min(results, key=lambda x: x['final_loss'])
print(f"best params:")
print(f"weight_scale: {min_loss_entry['weight_scale']}, learning_rate: {min_loss_entry['learning_rate']}")
print(f"minimum loss: {min_loss_entry['final_loss']}")
print(f"best val accuracy: {min_loss_entry['best_val_acc']}")

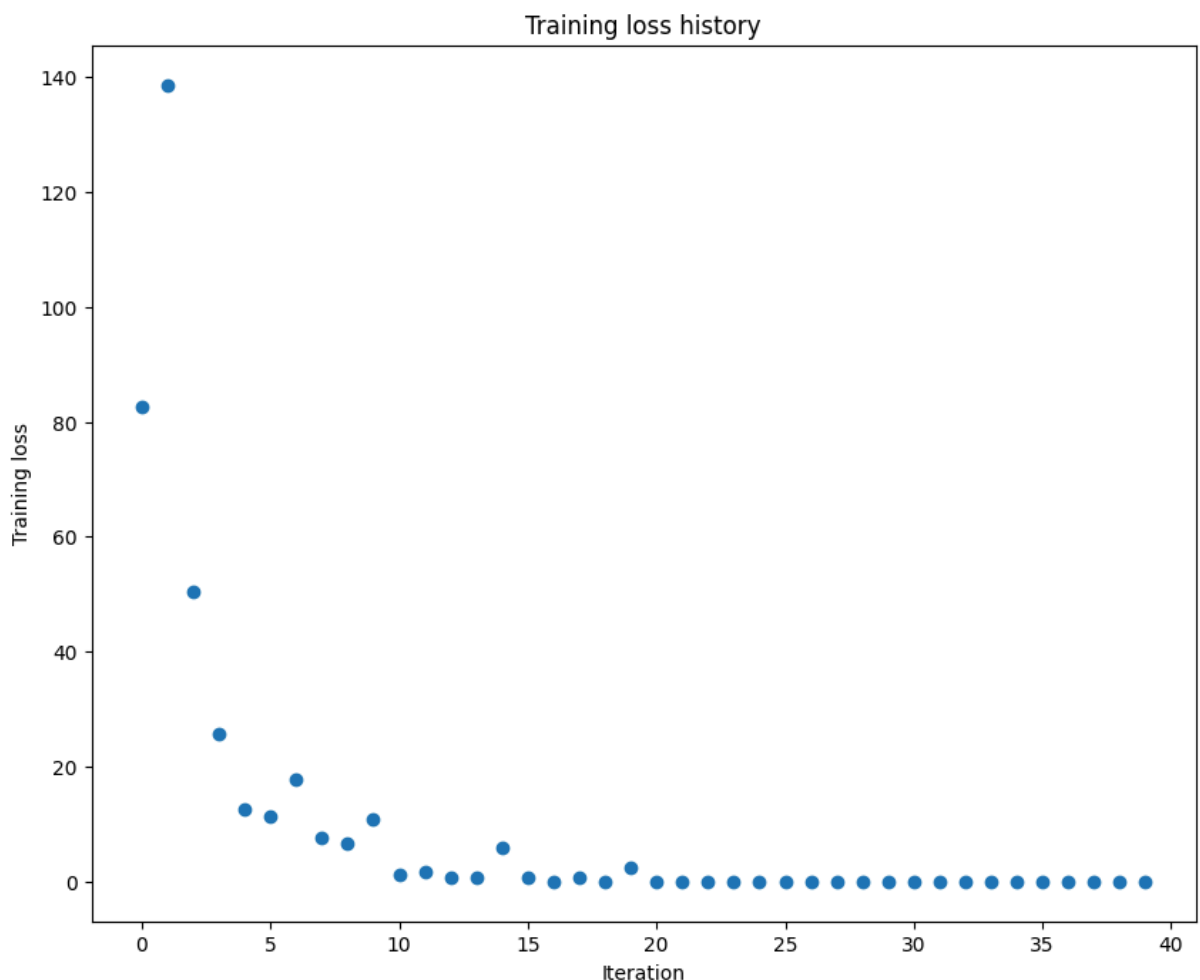
plt.plot(min_loss_entry['loss_history'], 'o')
plt.title('Training loss history')
plt.xlabel('Iteration')
plt.ylabel('Training loss')
plt.show()
```

(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 138.277665  
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.160000; val\_acc: 0.082000  
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.220000; val\_acc: 0.115000  
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.140000; val\_acc: 0.083000  
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.320000; val\_acc: 0.136000  
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.560000; val\_acc: 0.130000  
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.660000; val\_acc: 0.128000  
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 2.545551  
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val\_acc: 0.138000  
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.880000; val\_acc: 0.120000  
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.860000; val\_acc: 0.122000  
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val\_acc: 0.135000  
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val\_acc: 0.134000  
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.003981  
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val\_acc: 0.132000  
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.136000  
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.136000  
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.135000  
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.135000  
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.001844  
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.136000  
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.135000  
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.136000  
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.135000  
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.135000  
(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 82.629824  
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.220000; val\_acc: 0.082000  
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.280000; val\_acc: 0.111000  
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.420000; val\_acc: 0.123000  
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.600000; val\_acc: 0.133000  
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.740000; val\_acc: 0.132000  
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val\_acc: 0.151000  
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 1.291997  
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.840000; val\_acc: 0.143000  
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.860000; val\_acc: 0.148000  
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val\_acc: 0.151000  
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val\_acc: 0.148000  
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.140000  
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.018455  
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.000090  
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.137000  
(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 149.390110  
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.240000; val\_acc: 0.101000  
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.240000; val\_acc: 0.107000  
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.260000; val\_acc: 0.114000  
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.560000; val\_acc: 0.129000  
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.680000; val\_acc: 0.123000  
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val\_acc: 0.111000  
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 0.433685  
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.880000; val\_acc: 0.117000  
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.920000; val\_acc: 0.133000  
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.940000; val\_acc: 0.127000  
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.140000  
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val\_acc: 0.139000  
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.000010  
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000  
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.000330  
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val\_acc: 0.141000

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(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.141000
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.140000
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.141000
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.141000
(Iteration 1 / 40) loss: 137.989985
(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.180000; val_acc: 0.115000
(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.180000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.400000; val_acc: 0.152000
(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.560000; val_acc: 0.136000
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.680000; val_acc: 0.148000
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.780000; val_acc: 0.146000
(Iteration 11 / 40) loss: 3.297064
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.860000; val_acc: 0.143000
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.900000; val_acc: 0.156000
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.960000; val_acc: 0.138000
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Iteration 21 / 40) loss: 0.001540
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.140000
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 0.980000; val_acc: 0.140000
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Iteration 31 / 40) loss: 0.000002
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.139000
(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 1.000000; val_acc: 0.140000
best params:
weight_scale: 0.1, learning_rate: 0.0009
minimum loss: 7.672314941409887e-05
best val accuracy: 0.151

```



Inline Question 2:

Did you notice anything about the comparative difficulty of training the three-layer net vs training the five layer net? In particular, based on your experience, which network seemed more sensitive to the initialization scale? Why do you think that is the case?

## Answer:

From my view, the five-layer network is much more sensitive to the initialization scale than the three-layer network. The deeper architecture of the five-layer net exacerbates issues like vanishing and exploding gradients, so even small misadjustments in weight scale can lead to significant instability during training. In contrast, the three-layer network, being shallower, is less prone to these issues, making it more robust to variations in the initialization scale.

## Update rules

So far we have used vanilla stochastic gradient descent (SGD) as our update rule. More sophisticated update rules can make it easier to train deep networks. We will implement a few of the most commonly used update rules and compare them to vanilla SGD.

## SGD+Momentum

Stochastic gradient descent with momentum is a widely used update rule that tends to make deep networks converge faster than vanilla stochastic gradient descent. See the Momentum Update section at <http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-3/#sgd> for more information.

Open the file `cs231n/optim.py` and read the documentation at the top of the file to make sure you understand the API. Implement the SGD+momentum update rule in the function `sgd_momentum` and run the following to check your implementation. You should see errors less than e-8.

```
In [ ]: from cs231n.optim import sgd_momentum

N, D = 4, 5
w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
v = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)

config = {'learning_rate': 1e-3, 'velocity': v}
next_w, _ = sgd_momentum(w, dw, config=config)

expected_next_w = np.asarray([
    [ 0.1406,    0.20738947,  0.27417895,  0.34096842,  0.40775789],
    [ 0.47454737,  0.54133684,  0.60812632,  0.67491579,  0.74170526],
    [ 0.80849474,  0.87528421,  0.94207368,  1.00886316,  1.07565263],
    [ 1.14244211,  1.20923158,  1.27602105,  1.34281053,  1.4096    ]])
expected_velocity = np.asarray([
    [ 0.5406,    0.55475789,  0.56891579,  0.58307368,  0.59723158],
    [ 0.61138947,  0.62554737,  0.63970526,  0.65386316,  0.66802105],
    [ 0.68217895,  0.69633684,  0.71049474,  0.72465263,  0.73881053],
    [ 0.75296842,  0.76712632,  0.78128421,  0.79544211,  0.8096    ]])

# Should see relative errors around e-8 or less
print('next_w error: ', rel_error(next_w, expected_next_w))
print('velocity error: ', rel_error(expected_velocity, config['velocity']))

next_w error:  8.882347033505819e-09
velocity error:  4.269287743278663e-09
```

Once you have done so, run the following to train a six-layer network with both SGD and SGD+momentum. You should see the SGD+momentum update rule converge faster.

```

In [ ]: num_train = 4000
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}

solvers = {}

for update_rule in ['sgd', 'sgd_momentum']:
    print('running with ', update_rule)
    model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100, 100, 100, 100], weight_scale=5e-2)

    solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                    num_epochs=5, batch_size=100,
                    update_rule=update_rule,
                    optim_config={
                        'learning_rate': 5e-3,
                    },
                    verbose=True)
    solvers[update_rule] = solver
    solver.train()
    print()

plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
plt.title('Training loss')
plt.xlabel('Iteration')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
plt.title('Training accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
plt.title('Validation accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')

for update_rule, solver in solvers.items():
    plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
    plt.plot(solver.loss_history, 'o', label="loss_%s" % update_rule)

    plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
    plt.plot(solver.train_acc_history, '-o', label="train_acc_%s" % update_rule)

    plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
    plt.plot(solver.val_acc_history, '-o', label="val_acc_%s" % update_rule)

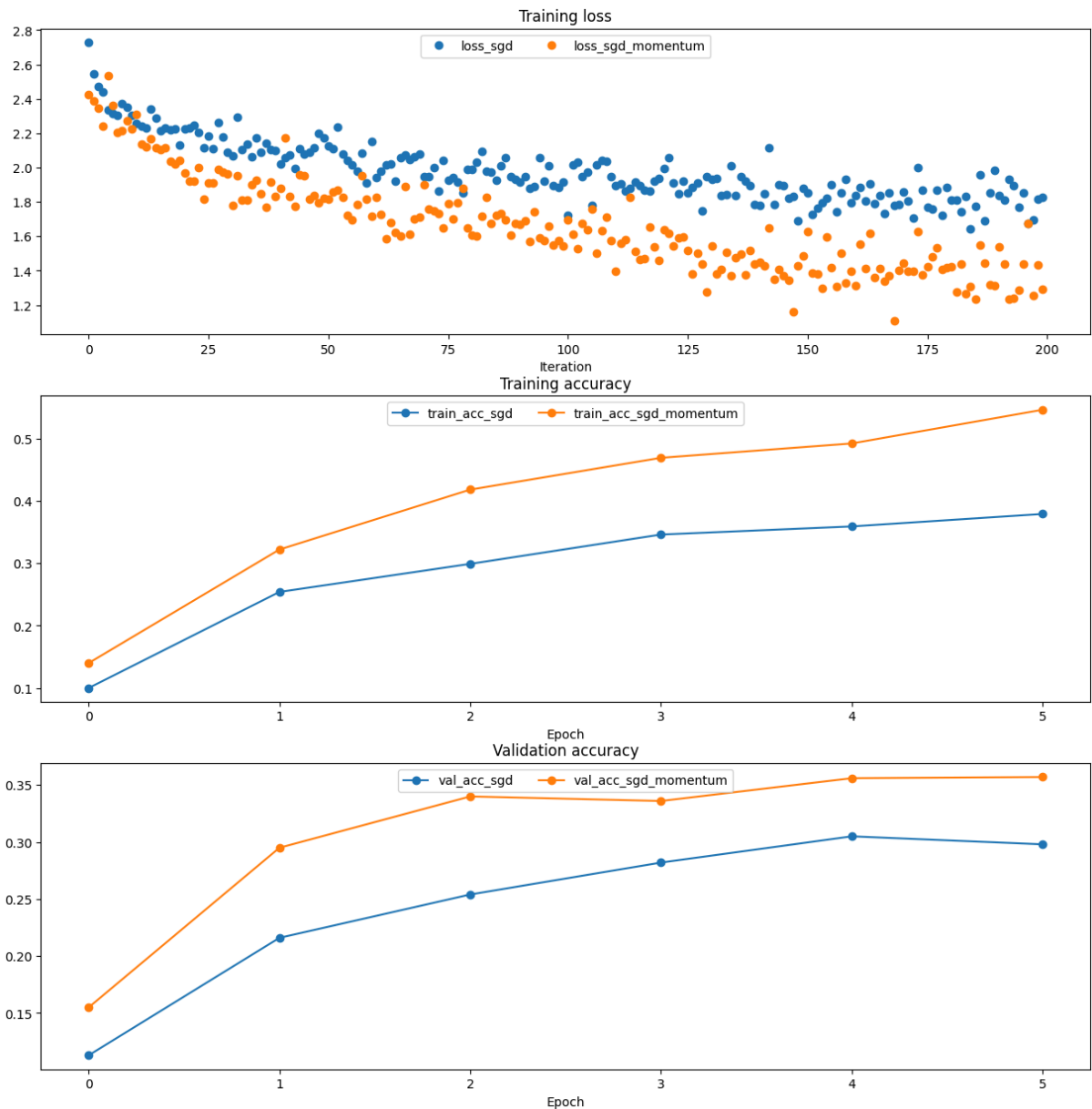
for i in [1, 2, 3]:
    plt.subplot(3, 1, i)
    plt.legend(loc='upper center', ncol=4)
plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()

```

```
running with  sgd
(Iteration 1 / 200) loss: 2.728122
(Epoch 0 / 5) train acc: 0.100000; val_acc: 0.113000
(Iteration 11 / 200) loss: 2.255351
(Iteration 21 / 200) loss: 2.226920
(Iteration 31 / 200) loss: 2.069730
(Epoch 1 / 5) train acc: 0.254000; val_acc: 0.216000
(Iteration 41 / 200) loss: 2.019209
(Iteration 51 / 200) loss: 2.125648
(Iteration 61 / 200) loss: 1.943023
(Iteration 71 / 200) loss: 1.946116
(Epoch 2 / 5) train acc: 0.299000; val_acc: 0.254000
(Iteration 81 / 200) loss: 1.988568
(Iteration 91 / 200) loss: 1.918185
(Iteration 101 / 200) loss: 1.724314
(Iteration 111 / 200) loss: 1.897460
(Epoch 3 / 5) train acc: 0.346000; val_acc: 0.282000
(Iteration 121 / 200) loss: 1.995757
(Iteration 131 / 200) loss: 1.934395
(Iteration 141 / 200) loss: 1.782335
(Iteration 151 / 200) loss: 1.851160
(Epoch 4 / 5) train acc: 0.359000; val_acc: 0.305000
(Iteration 161 / 200) loss: 1.836315
(Iteration 171 / 200) loss: 1.857977
(Iteration 181 / 200) loss: 1.811069
(Iteration 191 / 200) loss: 1.839406
(Epoch 5 / 5) train acc: 0.379000; val_acc: 0.298000
```

```
running with  sgd_momentum
(Iteration 1 / 200) loss: 2.424286
(Epoch 0 / 5) train acc: 0.140000; val_acc: 0.155000
(Iteration 11 / 200) loss: 2.311809
(Iteration 21 / 200) loss: 1.967096
(Iteration 31 / 200) loss: 1.782003
(Epoch 1 / 5) train acc: 0.322000; val_acc: 0.295000
(Iteration 41 / 200) loss: 1.881173
(Iteration 51 / 200) loss: 1.817304
(Iteration 61 / 200) loss: 1.827235
(Iteration 71 / 200) loss: 1.900178
(Epoch 2 / 5) train acc: 0.418000; val_acc: 0.340000
(Iteration 81 / 200) loss: 1.605075
(Iteration 91 / 200) loss: 1.669854
(Iteration 101 / 200) loss: 1.693506
(Iteration 111 / 200) loss: 1.395950
(Epoch 3 / 5) train acc: 0.469000; val_acc: 0.336000
(Iteration 121 / 200) loss: 1.638626
(Iteration 131 / 200) loss: 1.543126
(Iteration 141 / 200) loss: 1.449927
(Iteration 151 / 200) loss: 1.629944
(Epoch 4 / 5) train acc: 0.492000; val_acc: 0.356000
(Iteration 161 / 200) loss: 1.313915
(Iteration 171 / 200) loss: 1.441873
(Iteration 181 / 200) loss: 1.422949
(Iteration 191 / 200) loss: 1.540849
(Epoch 5 / 5) train acc: 0.546000; val_acc: 0.357000
```





## RMSProp and Adam

RMSProp [1] and Adam [2] are update rules that set per-parameter learning rates by using a running average of the second moments of gradients.

In the file `cs231n/optim.py`, implement the RMSProp update rule in the `rmsprop` function and implement the Adam update rule in the `adam` function, and check your implementations using the tests below.

**NOTE:** Please implement the *complete* Adam update rule (with the bias correction mechanism), not the first simplified version mentioned in the course notes.

[1] Tijmen Tieleman and Geoffrey Hinton. "Lecture 6.5-rmsprop: Divide the gradient by a running average of its recent magnitude." COURSE: Neural Networks for Machine Learning 4 (2012).

[2] Diederik Kingma and Jimmy Ba, "Adam: A Method for Stochastic Optimization", ICLR 2015.

```
In [ ]: # Test RMSProp implementation
from cs231n.optim import rmsprop

N, D = 4, 5
w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
```

```

dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
cache = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)

config = {'learning_rate': 1e-2, 'cache': cache}
next_w, _ = rmsprop(w, dw, config=config)

expected_next_w = np.asarray([
    [-0.39223849, -0.34037513, -0.28849239, -0.23659121, -0.18467247],
    [-0.132737, -0.08078555, -0.02881884, 0.02316247, 0.07515774],
    [ 0.12716641, 0.17918792, 0.23122175, 0.28326742, 0.33532447],
    [ 0.38739248, 0.43947102, 0.49155973, 0.54365823, 0.59576619]])
expected_cache = np.asarray([
    [ 0.5976, 0.6126277, 0.6277108, 0.64284931, 0.65804321],
    [ 0.67329252, 0.68859723, 0.70395734, 0.71937285, 0.73484377],
    [ 0.75037008, 0.7659518, 0.78158892, 0.79728144, 0.81302936],
    [ 0.82883269, 0.84469141, 0.86060554, 0.87657507, 0.8926 ]])

# You should see relative errors around e-7 or less
print('next_w error: ', rel_error(expected_next_w, next_w))
print('cache error: ', rel_error(expected_cache, config['cache']))

```

```

next_w error: 9.524687511038133e-08
cache error: 2.6477955807156126e-09

```

```

In [ ]: # Test Adam implementation
from cs231n.optim import adam

N, D = 4, 5
w = np.linspace(-0.4, 0.6, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
dw = np.linspace(-0.6, 0.4, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
m = np.linspace(0.6, 0.9, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)
v = np.linspace(0.7, 0.5, num=N*D).reshape(N, D)

config = {'learning_rate': 1e-2, 'm': m, 'v': v, 't': 5}
next_w, _ = adam(w, dw, config=config)

expected_next_w = np.asarray([
    [-0.40094747, -0.34836187, -0.29577703, -0.24319299, -0.19060977],
    [-0.1380274, -0.08544591, -0.03286534, 0.01971428, 0.0722929],
    [ 0.1248705, 0.17744702, 0.23002243, 0.28259667, 0.33516969],
    [ 0.38774145, 0.44031188, 0.49288093, 0.54544852, 0.59801459]])
expected_v = np.asarray([
    [ 0.69966, 0.68908382, 0.67851319, 0.66794809, 0.65738853],
    [ 0.64683452, 0.63628604, 0.6257431, 0.61520571, 0.60467385],
    [ 0.59414753, 0.58362676, 0.57311152, 0.56260183, 0.55209767],
    [ 0.54159906, 0.53110598, 0.52061845, 0.51013645, 0.49966 ]])
expected_m = np.asarray([
    [ 0.48, 0.49947368, 0.51894737, 0.53842105, 0.55789474],
    [ 0.57736842, 0.59684211, 0.61631579, 0.63578947, 0.65526316],
    [ 0.67473684, 0.69421053, 0.71368421, 0.73315789, 0.75263158],
    [ 0.77210526, 0.79157895, 0.81105263, 0.83052632, 0.85 ]])

# You should see relative errors around e-7 or less
print('next_w error: ', rel_error(expected_next_w, next_w))
print('v error: ', rel_error(expected_v, config['v']))
print('m error: ', rel_error(expected_m, config['m']))

```

```

next_w error: 1.1395691798535431e-07
v error: 4.208314038113071e-09
m error: 4.214963193114416e-09

```

Once you have debugged your RMSProp and Adam implementations, run the following to train a pair of deep networks using these new update rules:

```

In [ ]: learning_rates = {'rmsprop': 1e-4, 'adam': 1e-3}
for update_rule in ['adam', 'rmsprop']:
    print('running with ', update_rule)
    model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100, 100, 100, 100], weight_scale=5e-2)

    solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                    num_epochs=5, batch_size=100,

```

```

        update_rule=update_rule,
        optim_config={
            'learning_rate': learning_rates[update_rule]
        },
        verbose=True)
    solvers[update_rule] = solver
    solver.train()
    print()

plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
plt.title('Training loss')
plt.xlabel('Iteration')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
plt.title('Training accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
plt.title('Validation accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')

for update_rule, solver in list(solvers.items()):
    plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
    plt.plot(solver.loss_history, 'o', label=update_rule)

    plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
    plt.plot(solver.train_acc_history, '-o', label=update_rule)

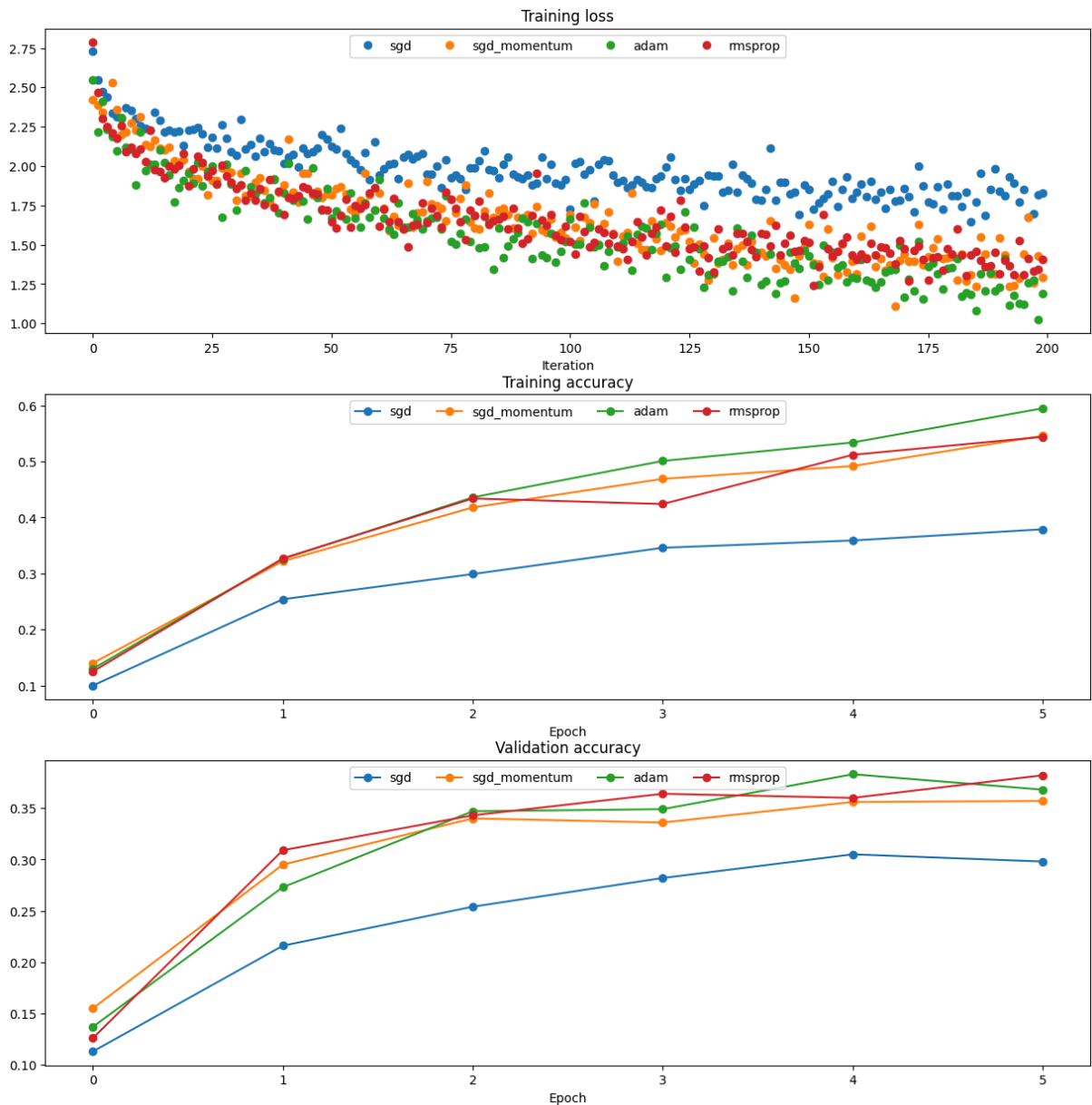
    plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
    plt.plot(solver.val_acc_history, '-o', label=update_rule)

for i in [1, 2, 3]:
    plt.subplot(3, 1, i)
    plt.legend(loc='upper center', ncol=4)
plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()

```

```
running with adam
(Iteration 1 / 200) loss: 2.545085
(Epoch 0 / 5) train acc: 0.130000; val_acc: 0.137000
(Iteration 11 / 200) loss: 2.217232
(Iteration 21 / 200) loss: 1.955405
(Iteration 31 / 200) loss: 1.718060
(Epoch 1 / 5) train acc: 0.326000; val_acc: 0.273000
(Iteration 41 / 200) loss: 1.831503
(Iteration 51 / 200) loss: 1.669531
(Iteration 61 / 200) loss: 1.913657
(Iteration 71 / 200) loss: 1.653465
(Epoch 2 / 5) train acc: 0.436000; val_acc: 0.347000
(Iteration 81 / 200) loss: 1.683271
(Iteration 91 / 200) loss: 1.667323
(Iteration 101 / 200) loss: 1.663829
(Iteration 111 / 200) loss: 1.484913
(Epoch 3 / 5) train acc: 0.501000; val_acc: 0.349000
(Iteration 121 / 200) loss: 1.294455
(Iteration 131 / 200) loss: 1.312328
(Iteration 141 / 200) loss: 1.245750
(Iteration 151 / 200) loss: 1.430256
(Epoch 4 / 5) train acc: 0.534000; val_acc: 0.383000
(Iteration 161 / 200) loss: 1.284037
(Iteration 171 / 200) loss: 1.165216
(Iteration 181 / 200) loss: 1.355985
(Iteration 191 / 200) loss: 1.229747
(Epoch 5 / 5) train acc: 0.595000; val_acc: 0.368000
```

```
running with rmsprop
(Iteration 1 / 200) loss: 2.786433
(Epoch 0 / 5) train acc: 0.125000; val_acc: 0.126000
(Iteration 11 / 200) loss: 2.110426
(Iteration 21 / 200) loss: 1.875002
(Iteration 31 / 200) loss: 1.860047
(Epoch 1 / 5) train acc: 0.327000; val_acc: 0.309000
(Iteration 41 / 200) loss: 1.691323
(Iteration 51 / 200) loss: 1.646277
(Iteration 61 / 200) loss: 1.619024
(Iteration 71 / 200) loss: 1.643138
(Epoch 2 / 5) train acc: 0.434000; val_acc: 0.343000
(Iteration 81 / 200) loss: 1.687799
(Iteration 91 / 200) loss: 1.507013
(Iteration 101 / 200) loss: 1.521631
(Iteration 111 / 200) loss: 1.491943
(Epoch 3 / 5) train acc: 0.424000; val_acc: 0.364000
(Iteration 121 / 200) loss: 1.490534
(Iteration 131 / 200) loss: 1.327872
(Iteration 141 / 200) loss: 1.573472
(Iteration 151 / 200) loss: 1.517364
(Epoch 4 / 5) train acc: 0.512000; val_acc: 0.360000
(Iteration 161 / 200) loss: 1.404604
(Iteration 171 / 200) loss: 1.473692
(Iteration 181 / 200) loss: 1.443267
(Iteration 191 / 200) loss: 1.315621
(Epoch 5 / 5) train acc: 0.544000; val_acc: 0.382000
```



### Inline Question 3:

AdaGrad, like Adam, is a per-parameter optimization method that uses the following update rule:

```
cache += dw**2
w += - learning_rate * dw / (np.sqrt(cache) + eps)
```

John notices that when he was training a network with AdaGrad that the updates became very small, and that his network was learning slowly. Using your knowledge of the AdaGrad update rule, why do you think the updates would become very small? Would Adam have the same issue?

### Answer:

The updates become very small in AdaGrad because it accumulates the squares of the gradients over time, causing the denominator (i.e.,  $\text{cache} + \epsilon$ ) to continuously grow. As a result, even if the gradients are moderately sized, the effective learning rate for each parameter diminishes, leading to very small updates. Adam, on the other hand, uses an exponential moving average for the squared gradients (as well as for the gradients themselves) along with bias correction. This prevents the denominator from growing indefinitely, thereby maintaining a more consistent effective learning rate throughout training. So that, Adam generally does not suffer from the same issue as AdaGrad.

# Train a good model!

Train the best fully-connected model that you can on CIFAR-10, storing your best model in the `best_model` variable. We require you to get at least 50% accuracy on the validation set using a fully-connected net.

If you are careful it should be possible to get accuracies above 55%, but we don't require it for this part and won't assign extra credit for doing so. Later in the assignment we will ask you to train the best convolutional network that you can on CIFAR-10, and we would prefer that you spend your effort working on convolutional nets rather than fully-connected nets.

You might find it useful to complete the `BatchNormalization.ipynb` and `Dropout.ipynb` notebooks before completing this part, since those techniques can help you train powerful models.

```
In [ ]: best_model = None
#####
# TODO: Train the best FullyConnectedNet that you can on CIFAR-10. You might #
# find batch/layer normalization and dropout useful. Store your best model in #
# the best_model variable. #
#####
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

# weight_scale = 6e-2 # Experiment with this!
# learning_rate = 1e-3 # Experiment with this!

weight_scales = [6e-2, 5e-2]
learning_rates = [1e-3, 2e-3]

# 用于存储结果
results = []
best_acc = -1
# 参数搜索
for ws in weight_scales:
    for lr in learning_rates:
        # 创建模型和求解器
        model = FullyConnectedNet([100, 100, 100, 100, 100], weight_scale=ws, dtype=np.float64)
        solver = Solver(model, data,
                        print_every=100, num_epochs=10, batch_size=200,
                        update_rule='adam',
                        optim_config={'learning_rate': lr})

        solver.train()

        # 记录最终损失和验证集准确率
        results.append({
            'weight_scale': ws,
            'learning_rate': lr,
            'final_loss': solver.loss_history[-1],
            'best_val_acc': solver.best_val_acc,
            'loss_history': solver.loss_history
        })
        if (solver.best_val_acc > best_acc):
            best_acc = solver.best_val_acc
            best_model = model

# 找到最小损失对应的参数组合
min_loss_entry = min(results, key=lambda x: x['final_loss'])
print(f"best params:")
print(f"weight_scale: {min_loss_entry['weight_scale']}, learning_rate: {min_loss_entry['learning_rate']}")
print(f"minimum loss: {min_loss_entry['final_loss']}")
print(f"best val accuracy: {min_loss_entry['best_val_acc']}")

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
```

```
#                                END OF YOUR CODE                                #  
#####
```

(Iteration 1 / 2450) loss: 6.165586  
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.113000; val\_acc: 0.093000  
(Iteration 101 / 2450) loss: 1.739533  
(Iteration 201 / 2450) loss: 1.673590  
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.426000; val\_acc: 0.417000  
(Iteration 301 / 2450) loss: 1.591914  
(Iteration 401 / 2450) loss: 1.769154  
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.460000; val\_acc: 0.462000  
(Iteration 501 / 2450) loss: 1.434956  
(Iteration 601 / 2450) loss: 1.529423  
(Iteration 701 / 2450) loss: 1.408272  
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.515000; val\_acc: 0.474000  
(Iteration 801 / 2450) loss: 1.539109  
(Iteration 901 / 2450) loss: 1.484454  
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.522000; val\_acc: 0.485000  
(Iteration 1001 / 2450) loss: 1.344591  
(Iteration 1101 / 2450) loss: 1.260774  
(Iteration 1201 / 2450) loss: 1.340427  
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.524000; val\_acc: 0.482000  
(Iteration 1301 / 2450) loss: 1.307148  
(Iteration 1401 / 2450) loss: 1.245308  
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.570000; val\_acc: 0.513000  
(Iteration 1501 / 2450) loss: 1.307489  
(Iteration 1601 / 2450) loss: 1.218674  
(Iteration 1701 / 2450) loss: 1.391438  
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.565000; val\_acc: 0.526000  
(Iteration 1801 / 2450) loss: 1.291420  
(Iteration 1901 / 2450) loss: 1.218283  
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.598000; val\_acc: 0.526000  
(Iteration 2001 / 2450) loss: 1.174861  
(Iteration 2101 / 2450) loss: 1.109853  
(Iteration 2201 / 2450) loss: 1.254612  
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.600000; val\_acc: 0.524000  
(Iteration 2301 / 2450) loss: 1.098654  
(Iteration 2401 / 2450) loss: 1.046964  
(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.600000; val\_acc: 0.525000  
(Iteration 1 / 2450) loss: 4.009263  
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.148000; val\_acc: 0.142000  
(Iteration 101 / 2450) loss: 1.752518  
(Iteration 201 / 2450) loss: 1.531703  
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.419000; val\_acc: 0.432000  
(Iteration 301 / 2450) loss: 1.677809  
(Iteration 401 / 2450) loss: 1.558265  
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.436000; val\_acc: 0.476000  
(Iteration 501 / 2450) loss: 1.612538  
(Iteration 601 / 2450) loss: 1.480379  
(Iteration 701 / 2450) loss: 1.486303  
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.460000; val\_acc: 0.493000  
(Iteration 801 / 2450) loss: 1.512147  
(Iteration 901 / 2450) loss: 1.317260  
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.503000; val\_acc: 0.486000  
(Iteration 1001 / 2450) loss: 1.337561  
(Iteration 1101 / 2450) loss: 1.307985  
(Iteration 1201 / 2450) loss: 1.369614  
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.558000; val\_acc: 0.499000  
(Iteration 1301 / 2450) loss: 1.281152  
(Iteration 1401 / 2450) loss: 1.226928  
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.568000; val\_acc: 0.533000  
(Iteration 1501 / 2450) loss: 1.274501  
(Iteration 1601 / 2450) loss: 1.288281  
(Iteration 1701 / 2450) loss: 1.366158  
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.560000; val\_acc: 0.510000  
(Iteration 1801 / 2450) loss: 1.189911  
(Iteration 1901 / 2450) loss: 1.340437  
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.582000; val\_acc: 0.512000  
(Iteration 2001 / 2450) loss: 1.129175  
(Iteration 2101 / 2450) loss: 1.355236  
(Iteration 2201 / 2450) loss: 1.205961  
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.535000; val\_acc: 0.497000  
(Iteration 2301 / 2450) loss: 1.124586  
(Iteration 2401 / 2450) loss: 1.286092



(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.564000; val\_acc: 0.509000  
(Iteration 1 / 2450) loss: 2.412003  
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.154000; val\_acc: 0.148000  
(Iteration 101 / 2450) loss: 1.615522  
(Iteration 201 / 2450) loss: 1.629746  
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.449000; val\_acc: 0.432000  
(Iteration 301 / 2450) loss: 1.724927  
(Iteration 401 / 2450) loss: 1.454630  
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.494000; val\_acc: 0.462000  
(Iteration 501 / 2450) loss: 1.488447  
(Iteration 601 / 2450) loss: 1.436297  
(Iteration 701 / 2450) loss: 1.366977  
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.509000; val\_acc: 0.483000  
(Iteration 801 / 2450) loss: 1.289811  
(Iteration 901 / 2450) loss: 1.175877  
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.533000; val\_acc: 0.491000  
(Iteration 1001 / 2450) loss: 1.248505  
(Iteration 1101 / 2450) loss: 1.277108  
(Iteration 1201 / 2450) loss: 1.115406  
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.548000; val\_acc: 0.496000  
(Iteration 1301 / 2450) loss: 1.248411  
(Iteration 1401 / 2450) loss: 1.211996  
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.582000; val\_acc: 0.498000  
(Iteration 1501 / 2450) loss: 1.151998  
(Iteration 1601 / 2450) loss: 1.202487  
(Iteration 1701 / 2450) loss: 1.163037  
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.587000; val\_acc: 0.503000  
(Iteration 1801 / 2450) loss: 1.115657  
(Iteration 1901 / 2450) loss: 1.066812  
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.607000; val\_acc: 0.517000  
(Iteration 2001 / 2450) loss: 1.112160  
(Iteration 2101 / 2450) loss: 1.095115  
(Iteration 2201 / 2450) loss: 1.020748  
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.593000; val\_acc: 0.535000  
(Iteration 2301 / 2450) loss: 1.118326  
(Iteration 2401 / 2450) loss: 0.879372  
(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.611000; val\_acc: 0.503000  
(Iteration 1 / 2450) loss: 2.486982  
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.136000; val\_acc: 0.177000  
(Iteration 101 / 2450) loss: 1.684277  
(Iteration 201 / 2450) loss: 1.645329  
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.428000; val\_acc: 0.426000  
(Iteration 301 / 2450) loss: 1.648533  
(Iteration 401 / 2450) loss: 1.599693  
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.459000; val\_acc: 0.431000  
(Iteration 501 / 2450) loss: 1.478554  
(Iteration 601 / 2450) loss: 1.431912  
(Iteration 701 / 2450) loss: 1.422185  
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.491000; val\_acc: 0.455000  
(Iteration 801 / 2450) loss: 1.323412  
(Iteration 901 / 2450) loss: 1.326049  
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.523000; val\_acc: 0.477000  
(Iteration 1001 / 2450) loss: 1.327661  
(Iteration 1101 / 2450) loss: 1.657823  
(Iteration 1201 / 2450) loss: 1.284842  
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.536000; val\_acc: 0.488000  
(Iteration 1301 / 2450) loss: 1.205387  
(Iteration 1401 / 2450) loss: 1.302799  
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.534000; val\_acc: 0.486000  
(Iteration 1501 / 2450) loss: 1.191670  
(Iteration 1601 / 2450) loss: 1.260311  
(Iteration 1701 / 2450) loss: 1.450151  
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.563000; val\_acc: 0.499000  
(Iteration 1801 / 2450) loss: 1.318067  
(Iteration 1901 / 2450) loss: 1.244697  
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.586000; val\_acc: 0.514000  
(Iteration 2001 / 2450) loss: 1.305299  
(Iteration 2101 / 2450) loss: 1.266492  
(Iteration 2201 / 2450) loss: 1.087240  
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.573000; val\_acc: 0.506000  
(Iteration 2301 / 2450) loss: 1.180015

```
(Iteration 2401 / 2450) loss: 1.099436
(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.590000; val_acc: 0.527000
best params:
weight_scale: 0.06, learning_rate: 0.002
minimum loss: 1.1263236700787873
best val accuracy: 0.533
```

## Test your model!

Run your best model on the validation and test sets. You should achieve above 50% accuracy on the validation set.

```
In [ ]: y_test_pred = np.argmax(best_model.loss(data['X_test']), axis=1)
        y_val_pred = np.argmax(best_model.loss(data['X_val']), axis=1)
        print('Validation set accuracy: ', (y_val_pred == data['y_val']).mean())
        print('Test set accuracy: ', (y_test_pred == data['y_test']).mean())
```

```
Validation set accuracy: 0.535
Test set accuracy: 0.5
```

# Batch Normalization

One way to make deep networks easier to train is to use more sophisticated optimization procedures such as SGD+momentum, RMSProp, or Adam. Another strategy is to change the architecture of the network to make it easier to train. One idea along these lines is batch normalization which was proposed by [1] in 2015.

The idea is relatively straightforward. Machine learning methods tend to work better when their input data consists of uncorrelated features with zero mean and unit variance. When training a neural network, we can preprocess the data before feeding it to the network to explicitly decorrelate its features; this will ensure that the first layer of the network sees data that follows a nice distribution. However, even if we preprocess the input data, the activations at deeper layers of the network will likely no longer be decorrelated and will no longer have zero mean or unit variance since they are output from earlier layers in the network. Even worse, during the training process the distribution of features at each layer of the network will shift as the weights of each layer are updated.

The authors of [1] hypothesize that the shifting distribution of features inside deep neural networks may make training deep networks more difficult. To overcome this problem, [1] proposes to insert batch normalization layers into the network. At training time, a batch normalization layer uses a minibatch of data to estimate the mean and standard deviation of each feature. These estimated means and standard deviations are then used to center and normalize the features of the minibatch. A running average of these means and standard deviations is kept during training, and at test time these running averages are used to center and normalize features.

It is possible that this normalization strategy could reduce the representational power of the network, since it may sometimes be optimal for certain layers to have features that are not zero-mean or unit variance. To this end, the batch normalization layer includes learnable shift and scale parameters for each feature dimension.

[1] [Sergey Ioffe and Christian Szegedy, "Batch Normalization: Accelerating Deep Network Training by Reducing Internal Covariate Shift", ICML 2015.](#)

```
In [2]: from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
FOLDERNAME = "cs231n/assignments/assignment2/"
assert FOLDERNAME is not None, "[!] Enter the foldername."
import sys
sys.path.append('/content/drive/My Drive/{}'.format(FOLDERNAME))
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME/cs231n/datasets/
!bash get_datasets.sh
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME
```

```
Mounted at /content/drive
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2/cs231n/datasets
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2
```

```
In [3]: # As usual, a bit of setup
import time
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from cs231n.classifiers.fc_net import *
from cs231n.data_utils import get_CIFAR10_data
from cs231n.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient, eval_numerical_gradient_array
from cs231n.solver import Solver

%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plots
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'
```

```
# for auto-reloading external modules
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

def rel_error(x, y):
    """ returns relative error """
    return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(1e-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))

def print_mean_std(x,axis=0):
    print(' means: ', x.mean(axis=axis))
    print(' stds: ', x.std(axis=axis))
    print()
```

===== You can safely ignore the message below if you are NOT working on ConvolutionalNetworks.ipynb =====

You will need to compile a Cython extension for a portion of this assignment.  
The instructions to do this will be given in a section of the notebook below.  
There will be an option for Colab users and another for Jupyter (local) users.

```
In [4]: # Load the (preprocessed) CIFAR10 data.
data = get_CIFAR10_data()
for k, v in data.items():
    print('%s: ' % k, v.shape)
```

```
X_train: (49000, 3, 32, 32)
y_train: (49000,)
X_val: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_val: (1000,)
X_test: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_test: (1000,)
```

## Batch normalization: forward

In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the batch normalization forward pass in the function `batchnorm_forward`. Once you have done so, run the following to test your implementation.

Referencing the paper linked to above in [1] may be helpful!

```
In [6]: # Check the training-time forward pass by checking means and variances
# of features both before and after batch normalization

# Simulate the forward pass for a two-layer network
np.random.seed(0)
N, D1, D2, D3 = 200, 50, 60, 3
X = np.random.randn(N, D1)
W1 = np.random.randn(D1, D2)
W2 = np.random.randn(D2, D3)
a = np.maximum(0, X.dot(W1)).dot(W2)

print('Before batch normalization:')
print_mean_std(a,axis=0)

gamma = np.ones((D3,))
beta = np.zeros((D3,))
# Means should be close to zero and stds close to one
print('After batch normalization (gamma=1, beta=0)')
a_norm, _ = batchnorm_forward(a, gamma, beta, {'mode': 'train'})
print_mean_std(a_norm,axis=0)

gamma = np.asarray([1.0, 2.0, 3.0])
beta = np.asarray([11.0, 12.0, 13.0])
# Now means should be close to beta and stds close to gamma
print('After batch normalization (gamma=', gamma, ', beta=', beta, ')')
a_norm, _ = batchnorm_forward(a, gamma, beta, {'mode': 'train'})
print_mean_std(a_norm,axis=0)
```

Before batch normalization:

```
means: [ 20.8703274 -10.08211828 30.4000822 ]
stds:  [31.20927012 31.57583017 40.8245482 ]
```

After batch normalization (gamma=1, beta=0)

```
means: [-1.12132525e-16 1.19348975e-16 3.15303339e-16]
stds:  [0.99999999 0.99999999 1.          ]
```

After batch normalization (gamma= [1. 2. 3.] , beta= [11. 12. 13.] )

```
means: [11. 12. 13.]
stds:  [0.99999999 1.99999999 2.99999999]
```

```
In [7]: # Check the test-time forward pass by running the training-time
# forward pass many times to warm up the running averages, and then
# checking the means and variances of activations after a test-time
# forward pass.

np.random.seed(231)
N, D1, D2, D3 = 200, 50, 60, 3
W1 = np.random.randn(D1, D2)
W2 = np.random.randn(D2, D3)

bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}
gamma = np.ones(D3)
beta = np.zeros(D3)

for t in range(50):
    X = np.random.randn(N, D1)
    a = np.maximum(0, X.dot(W1)).dot(W2)
    batchnorm_forward(a, gamma, beta, bn_param)

bn_param['mode'] = 'test'
X = np.random.randn(N, D1)
a = np.maximum(0, X.dot(W1)).dot(W2)
a_norm, _ = batchnorm_forward(a, gamma, beta, bn_param)

# Means should be close to zero and stds close to one, but will be
# noisier than training-time forward passes.
print('After batch normalization (test-time):')
print_mean_std(a_norm, axis=0)
```

After batch normalization (test-time):

```
means: [-0.03927354 -0.04349152 -0.10452688]
stds:  [1.01531428 1.01238373 0.97819988]
```

## Batch normalization: backward

Now implement the backward pass for batch normalization in the function `batchnorm_backward`.

To derive the backward pass you should write out the computation graph for batch normalization and backprop through each of the intermediate nodes. Some intermediates may have multiple outgoing branches; make sure to sum gradients across these branches in the backward pass.

Once you have finished, run the following to numerically check your backward pass.

```
In [8]: # Gradient check batchnorm backward pass

np.random.seed(0)
N, D = 4, 5
x = 5 * np.random.randn(N, D) + 12
gamma = np.random.randn(D)
beta = np.random.randn(D)
dout = np.random.randn(N, D)

bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}
fx = lambda x: batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)[0]
fg = lambda a: batchnorm_forward(x, a, beta, bn_param)[0]
```

```
fb = lambda b: batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, b, bn_param)[0]

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fx, x, dout)
da_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fg, gamma.copy(), dout)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fb, beta.copy(), dout)

_, cache = batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)
dx, dgamma, dbeta = batchnorm_backward(dout, cache)
#You should expect to see relative errors between 1e-13 and 1e-8
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dgamma error: ', rel_error(da_num, dgamma))
print('dbeta error: ', rel_error(db_num, dbeta))
```

```
dx error: 1.1000528327871976e-09
dgamma error: 1.072723788557006e-11
dbeta error: 1.3459100597086879e-11
```

## Batch normalization: alternative backward

In class we talked about two different implementations for the sigmoid backward pass. One strategy is to write out a computation graph composed of simple operations and backprop through all intermediate values. Another strategy is to work out the derivatives on paper. For example, you can derive a very simple formula for the sigmoid function's backward pass by simplifying gradients on paper.

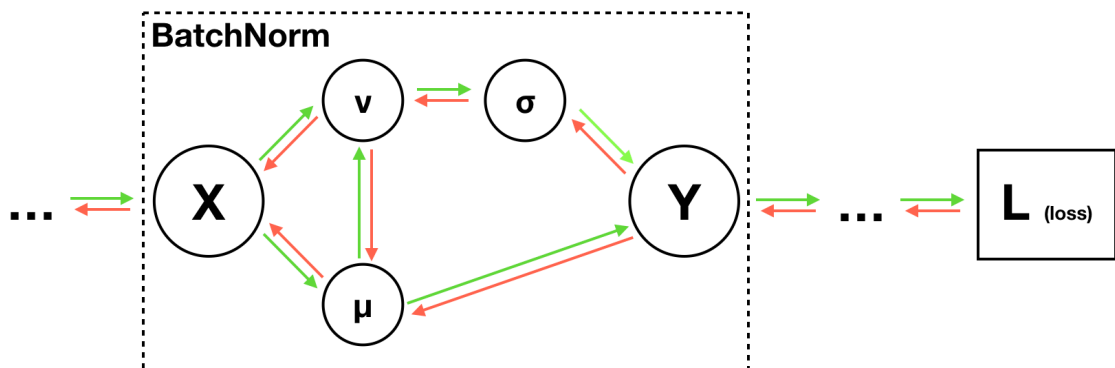
Surprisingly, it turns out that you can do a similar simplification for the batch normalization backward pass too!

In the forward pass, given a set of inputs  $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$ ,

we first calculate the mean  $\mu$  and variance  $v$ . With  $\mu$  and  $v$  calculated, we can calculate the standard deviation  $\sigma$  and normalized data  $Y$ . The equations and graph illustration below describe the computation ( $y_i$  is the  $i$ -th element of the vector  $Y$ ).

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N x_k \quad v = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N (x_k - \mu)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{v + \epsilon} \quad y_i = \frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \quad (2)$$



The meat of our problem during backpropagation is to compute  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X}$ , given the upstream gradient we receive,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial Y}$ . To do this, recall the chain rule in calculus gives us  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial Y} \cdot \frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$ .

The unknown/hard part is  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$ . We can find this by first deriving step-by-step our local gradients at  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial X}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial X}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial v}$ ,  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \sigma}$ , and  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial \mu}$ , and then use the chain rule to compose these gradients (which appear in

the form of vectors!) appropriately to compute  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial X}$ .

If it's challenging to directly reason about the gradients over  $X$  and  $Y$  which require matrix multiplication, try reasoning about the gradients in terms of individual elements  $x_i$  and  $y_i$  first: in that case, you will need to come up with the derivations for  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x_i}$ , by relying on the Chain Rule to first calculate the intermediate  $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_i}$ , then assemble these pieces to calculate  $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_i}$ .

You should make sure each of the intermediary gradient derivations are all as simplified as possible, for ease of implementation.

After doing so, implement the simplified batch normalization backward pass in the function `batchnorm_backward_alt` and compare the two implementations by running the following. Your two implementations should compute nearly identical results, but the alternative implementation should be a bit faster.

```
In [9]: np.random.seed(231)
N, D = 100, 500
x = 5 * np.random.randn(N, D) + 12
gamma = np.random.randn(D)
beta = np.random.randn(D)
dout = np.random.randn(N, D)

bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}
out, cache = batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)

t1 = time.time()
dx1, dgamma1, dbeta1 = batchnorm_backward(dout, cache)
t2 = time.time()
dx2, dgamma2, dbeta2 = batchnorm_backward_alt(dout, cache)
t3 = time.time()

print('dx difference: ', rel_error(dx1, dx2))
print('dgamma difference: ', rel_error(dgamma1, dgamma2))
print('dbeta difference: ', rel_error(dbeta1, dbeta2))
print('speedup: %.2fx' % ((t2 - t1) / (t3 - t2)))
```

```
dx difference: 8.517976669436811e-13
dgamma difference: 0.0
dbeta difference: 0.0
speedup: 2.47x
```

## Fully Connected Nets with Batch Normalization

Now that you have a working implementation for batch normalization, go back to your `FullyConnectedNet` in the file `cs231n/classifiers/fc_net.py`. Modify your implementation to add batch normalization.

Concretely, when the `normalization` flag is set to `"batchnorm"` in the constructor, you should insert a batch normalization layer before each ReLU nonlinearity. The outputs from the last layer of the network should not be normalized. Once you are done, run the following to gradient-check your implementation.

HINT: You might find it useful to define an additional helper layer similar to those in the file `cs231n/layer_utils.py`. If you decide to do so, do it in the file `cs231n/classifiers/fc_net.py`.

```
In [10]: np.random.seed(231)
N, D, H1, H2, C = 2, 15, 20, 30, 10
X = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randint(C, size=(N,))

# You should expect losses between 1e-4~1e-10 for W,
# losses between 1e-08~1e-10 for b,
# and losses between 1e-08~1e-09 for beta and gammas.
```

```

for reg in [0, 3.14]:
    print('Running check with reg = ', reg)
    model = FullyConnectedNet([H1, H2], input_dim=D, num_classes=C,
                              reg=reg, weight_scale=5e-2, dtype=np.float64,
                              normalization='batchnorm')

    loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
    print('Initial loss: ', loss)

    for name in sorted(grads):
        f = lambda _: model.loss(X, y)[0]
        grad_num = eval_numerical_gradient(f, model.params[name], verbose=False, h=1e-5)
        print('%s relative error: %.2e' % (name, rel_error(grad_num, grads[name])))
    if reg == 0: print()

```

```

Running check with reg = 0
Initial loss: 2.2611955101340957
W1 relative error: 1.10e-04
W2 relative error: 2.85e-06
W3 relative error: 4.05e-10
b1 relative error: 4.44e-08
b2 relative error: 2.22e-08
b3 relative error: 1.01e-10
beta1 relative error: 7.33e-09
beta2 relative error: 1.89e-09
gamma1 relative error: 6.96e-09
gamma2 relative error: 1.96e-09

```

```

Running check with reg = 3.14
Initial loss: 6.996533220108303
W1 relative error: 1.98e-06
W2 relative error: 2.28e-06
W3 relative error: 1.11e-08
b1 relative error: 2.78e-09
b2 relative error: 2.22e-08
b3 relative error: 1.73e-10
beta1 relative error: 6.65e-09
beta2 relative error: 3.48e-09
gamma1 relative error: 8.80e-09
gamma2 relative error: 5.28e-09

```

## Batchnorm for deep networks

Run the following to train a six-layer network on a subset of 1000 training examples both with and without batch normalization.

```

In [11]: np.random.seed(231)
# Try training a very deep net with batchnorm
hidden_dims = [100, 100, 100, 100, 100]

num_train = 1000
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}

weight_scale = 2e-2
bn_model = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale, normalization='batchnorm')
model = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale, normalization=None)

print('Solver with batch norm:')
bn_solver = Solver(bn_model, small_data,
                  num_epochs=10, batch_size=50,
                  update_rule='adam',
                  optim_config={
                      'learning_rate': 1e-3,

```



```

    },
    verbose=True, print_every=20)
bn_solver.train()

print('\nSolver without batch norm:')
solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                num_epochs=10, batch_size=50,
                update_rule='adam',
                optim_config={
                    'learning_rate': 1e-3,
                },
                verbose=True, print_every=20)
solver.train()

```

Solver with batch norm:

```

(Iteration 1 / 200) loss: 2.340974
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.107000; val_acc: 0.115000
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.314000; val_acc: 0.267000
(Iteration 21 / 200) loss: 2.039345
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.396000; val_acc: 0.278000
(Iteration 41 / 200) loss: 2.047471
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.483000; val_acc: 0.315000
(Iteration 61 / 200) loss: 1.739554
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.524000; val_acc: 0.319000
(Iteration 81 / 200) loss: 1.246974
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.595000; val_acc: 0.335000
(Iteration 101 / 200) loss: 1.354828
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.638000; val_acc: 0.326000
(Iteration 121 / 200) loss: 1.013708
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.666000; val_acc: 0.330000
(Iteration 141 / 200) loss: 1.170422
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.703000; val_acc: 0.298000
(Iteration 161 / 200) loss: 0.740256
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.762000; val_acc: 0.330000
(Iteration 181 / 200) loss: 0.753009
(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.767000; val_acc: 0.312000

```

Solver without batch norm:

```

(Iteration 1 / 200) loss: 2.302332
(Epoch 0 / 10) train acc: 0.129000; val_acc: 0.131000
(Epoch 1 / 10) train acc: 0.283000; val_acc: 0.250000
(Iteration 21 / 200) loss: 2.041970
(Epoch 2 / 10) train acc: 0.316000; val_acc: 0.277000
(Iteration 41 / 200) loss: 1.900473
(Epoch 3 / 10) train acc: 0.373000; val_acc: 0.282000
(Iteration 61 / 200) loss: 1.713156
(Epoch 4 / 10) train acc: 0.390000; val_acc: 0.310000
(Iteration 81 / 200) loss: 1.662209
(Epoch 5 / 10) train acc: 0.434000; val_acc: 0.300000
(Iteration 101 / 200) loss: 1.696059
(Epoch 6 / 10) train acc: 0.535000; val_acc: 0.345000
(Iteration 121 / 200) loss: 1.557987
(Epoch 7 / 10) train acc: 0.530000; val_acc: 0.304000
(Iteration 141 / 200) loss: 1.432189
(Epoch 8 / 10) train acc: 0.628000; val_acc: 0.339000
(Iteration 161 / 200) loss: 1.034116
(Epoch 9 / 10) train acc: 0.654000; val_acc: 0.342000
(Iteration 181 / 200) loss: 0.905795
(Epoch 10 / 10) train acc: 0.712000; val_acc: 0.328000

```

Run the following to visualize the results from two networks trained above. You should find that using batch normalization helps the network to converge much faster.

```

In [12]: def plot_training_history(title, label, baseline, bn_solvers, plot_fn, bl_marker='.', bn_marker='
          """utility function for plotting training history"""
          plt.title(title)
          plt.xlabel(label)
          bn_plots = [plot_fn(bn_solver) for bn_solver in bn_solvers]
          bl_plot = plot_fn(baseline)
          num_bn = len(bn_plots)

```

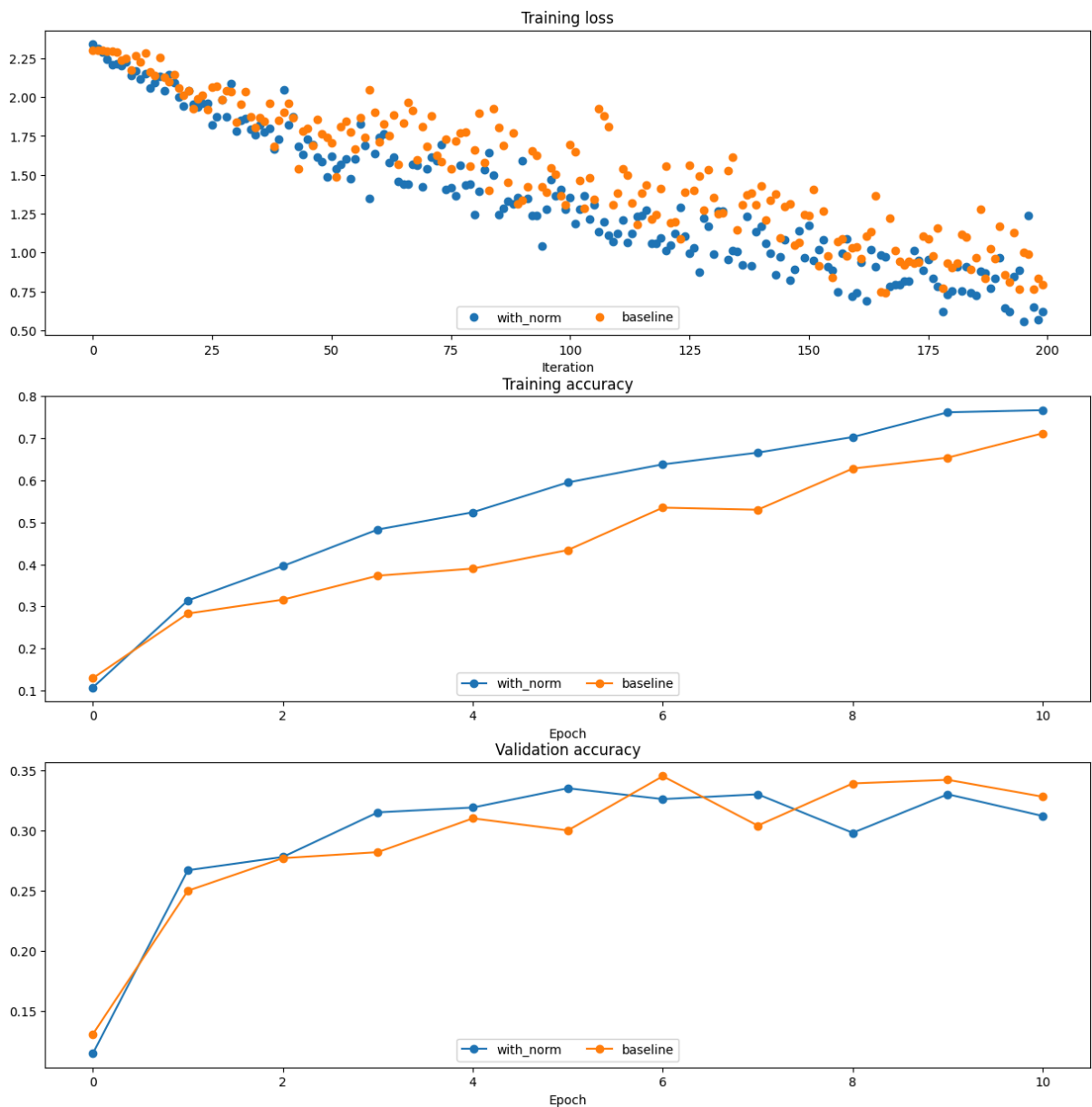
```

for i in range(num_bn):
    label='with_norm'
    if labels is not None:
        label += str(labels[i])
    plt.plot(bn_plots[i], bn_marker, label=label)
label='baseline'
if labels is not None:
    label += str(labels[0])
plt.plot(bl_plot, bl_marker, label=label)
plt.legend(loc='lower center', ncol=num_bn+1)

plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
plot_training_history('Training loss', 'Iteration', solver, [bn_solver], \
    lambda x: x.loss_history, bl_marker='o', bn_marker='o')
plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
plot_training_history('Training accuracy', 'Epoch', solver, [bn_solver], \
    lambda x: x.train_acc_history, bl_marker='-o', bn_marker='-o')
plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
plot_training_history('Validation accuracy', 'Epoch', solver, [bn_solver], \
    lambda x: x.val_acc_history, bl_marker='-o', bn_marker='-o')

plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()

```



## Batch normalization and initialization

We will now run a small experiment to study the interaction of batch normalization and weight initialization.

The first cell will train 8-layer networks both with and without batch normalization using different scales for weight initialization. The second layer will plot training accuracy, validation set accuracy, and training loss as a function of the weight initialization scale.

```
In [13]: np.random.seed(231)
# Try training a very deep net with batchnorm
hidden_dims = [50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50, 50]
num_train = 1000
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}

bn_solvers_ws = {}
solvers_ws = {}
weight_scales = np.logspace(-4, 0, num=20)
for i, weight_scale in enumerate(weight_scales):
    print('Running weight scale %d / %d' % (i + 1, len(weight_scales)))
    bn_model = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale, normalization='batchnorm')
    model = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale, normalization=None)

    bn_solver = Solver(bn_model, small_data,
                       num_epochs=10, batch_size=50,
                       update_rule='adam',
                       optim_config={
                           'learning_rate': 1e-3,
                       },
                       verbose=False, print_every=200)
    bn_solver.train()
    bn_solvers_ws[weight_scale] = bn_solver

    solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                    num_epochs=10, batch_size=50,
                    update_rule='adam',
                    optim_config={
                        'learning_rate': 1e-3,
                    },
                    verbose=False, print_every=200)
    solver.train()
    solvers_ws[weight_scale] = solver
```

```
Running weight scale 1 / 20
Running weight scale 2 / 20
Running weight scale 3 / 20
Running weight scale 4 / 20
Running weight scale 5 / 20
Running weight scale 6 / 20
Running weight scale 7 / 20
Running weight scale 8 / 20
Running weight scale 9 / 20
Running weight scale 10 / 20
Running weight scale 11 / 20
Running weight scale 12 / 20
Running weight scale 13 / 20
Running weight scale 14 / 20
Running weight scale 15 / 20
Running weight scale 16 / 20
Running weight scale 17 / 20
Running weight scale 18 / 20
Running weight scale 19 / 20
Running weight scale 20 / 20
```

```

In [14]: # Plot results of weight scale experiment
best_train_accs, bn_best_train_accs = [], []
best_val_accs, bn_best_val_accs = [], []
final_train_loss, bn_final_train_loss = [], []

for ws in weight_scales:
    best_train_accs.append(max(solvers_ws[ws].train_acc_history))
    bn_best_train_accs.append(max(bn_solvers_ws[ws].train_acc_history))

    best_val_accs.append(max(solvers_ws[ws].val_acc_history))
    bn_best_val_accs.append(max(bn_solvers_ws[ws].val_acc_history))

    final_train_loss.append(np.mean(solvers_ws[ws].loss_history[-100:]))
    bn_final_train_loss.append(np.mean(bn_solvers_ws[ws].loss_history[-100:]))

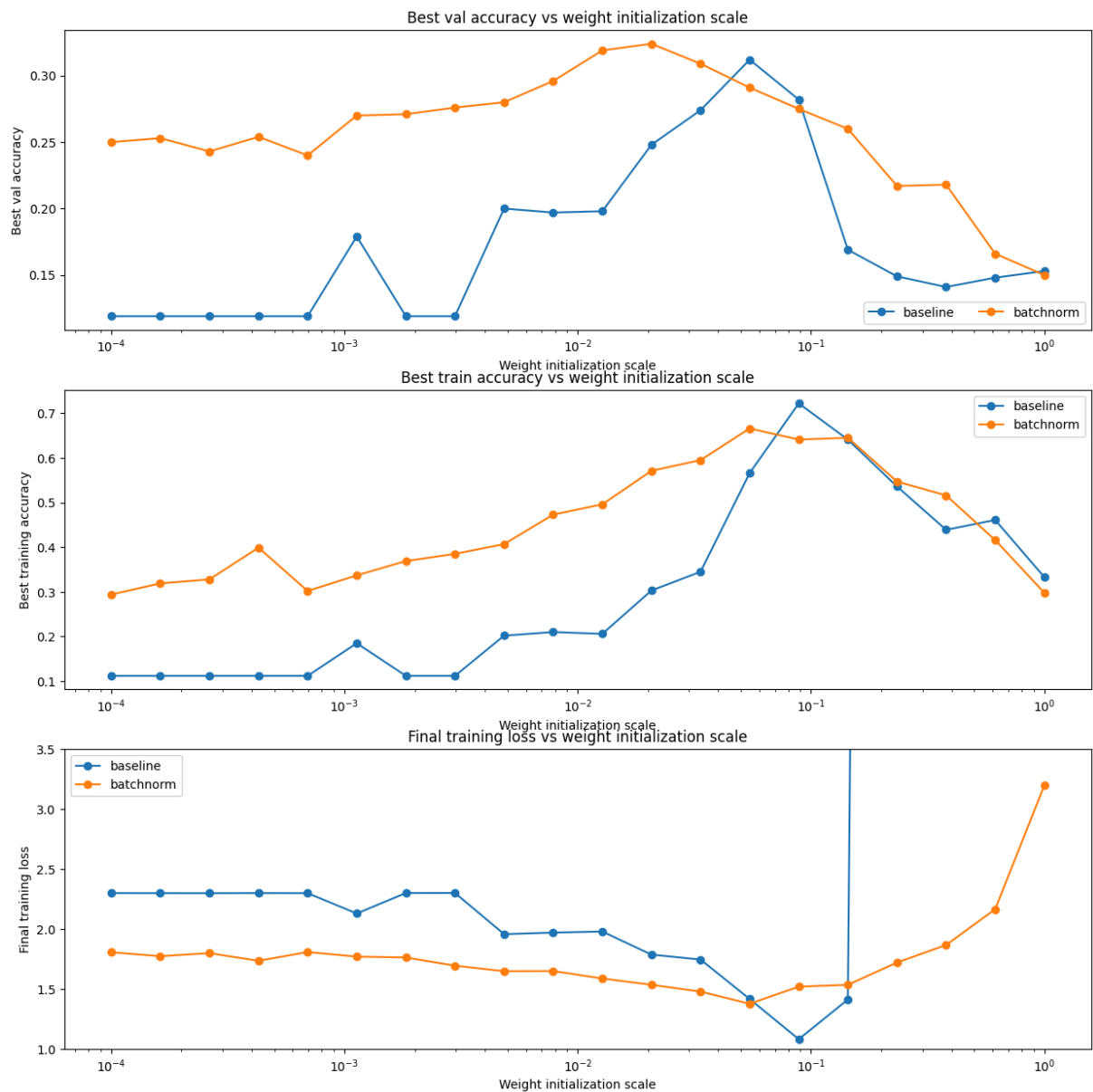
plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
plt.title('Best val accuracy vs weight initialization scale')
plt.xlabel('Weight initialization scale')
plt.ylabel('Best val accuracy')
plt.semilogx(weight_scales, best_val_accs, '-o', label='baseline')
plt.semilogx(weight_scales, bn_best_val_accs, '-o', label='batchnorm')
plt.legend(ncol=2, loc='lower right')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
plt.title('Best train accuracy vs weight initialization scale')
plt.xlabel('Weight initialization scale')
plt.ylabel('Best training accuracy')
plt.semilogx(weight_scales, best_train_accs, '-o', label='baseline')
plt.semilogx(weight_scales, bn_best_train_accs, '-o', label='batchnorm')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(3, 1, 3)
plt.title('Final training loss vs weight initialization scale')
plt.xlabel('Weight initialization scale')
plt.ylabel('Final training loss')
plt.semilogx(weight_scales, final_train_loss, '-o', label='baseline')
plt.semilogx(weight_scales, bn_final_train_loss, '-o', label='batchnorm')
plt.legend()
plt.gca().set_ylim(1.0, 3.5)

plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()

```



## Inline Question 1:

Describe the results of this experiment. How does the scale of weight initialization affect models with/without batch normalization differently, and why?

## Answer:

From these plots, we can see that the baseline model (without batch normalization) is more sensitive to the weight initialization scale than the batch-normalized model. When the weights are initialized with very small or very large scales, the baseline model often struggles—its validation and training accuracy degrade and the final training loss is higher. By contrast, the batch-normalized model remains more stable across a wide range of weight scales. This happens because batch normalization normalizes the intermediate activations in each layer, mitigating issues caused by exploding or vanishing activations at extreme initialization scales. Consequently, the batch-normalized model can maintain more consistent gradients and learn effectively even when the weight initialization scale is not tuned precisely.

## Batch normalization and batch size

We will now run a small experiment to study the interaction of batch normalization and batch size.

The first cell will train 6-layer networks both with and without batch normalization using different batch sizes. The second layer will plot training accuracy and validation set accuracy over time.

```
In [15]: def run_batchsize_experiments(normalization_mode):
    np.random.seed(231)
    # Try training a very deep net with batchnorm
    hidden_dims = [100, 100, 100, 100, 100]
    num_train = 1000
    small_data = {
        'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
        'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
        'X_val': data['X_val'],
        'y_val': data['y_val'],
    }
    n_epochs=10
    weight_scale = 2e-2
    batch_sizes = [5,10,50]
    lr = 10**(-3.5)
    solver_bsize = batch_sizes[0]

    print('No normalization: batch size = ',solver_bsize)
    model = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale, normalization=None)
    solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                    num_epochs=n_epochs, batch_size=solver_bsize,
                    update_rule='adam',
                    optim_config={
                        'learning_rate': lr,
                    },
                    verbose=False)
    solver.train()

    bn_solvers = []
    for i in range(len(batch_sizes)):
        b_size=batch_sizes[i]
        print('Normalization: batch size = ',b_size)
        bn_model = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale=weight_scale, normalization=normalization_mode)
        bn_solver = Solver(bn_model, small_data,
                        num_epochs=n_epochs, batch_size=b_size,
                        update_rule='adam',
                        optim_config={
                            'learning_rate': lr,
                        },
                        verbose=False)
        bn_solver.train()
        bn_solvers.append(bn_solver)

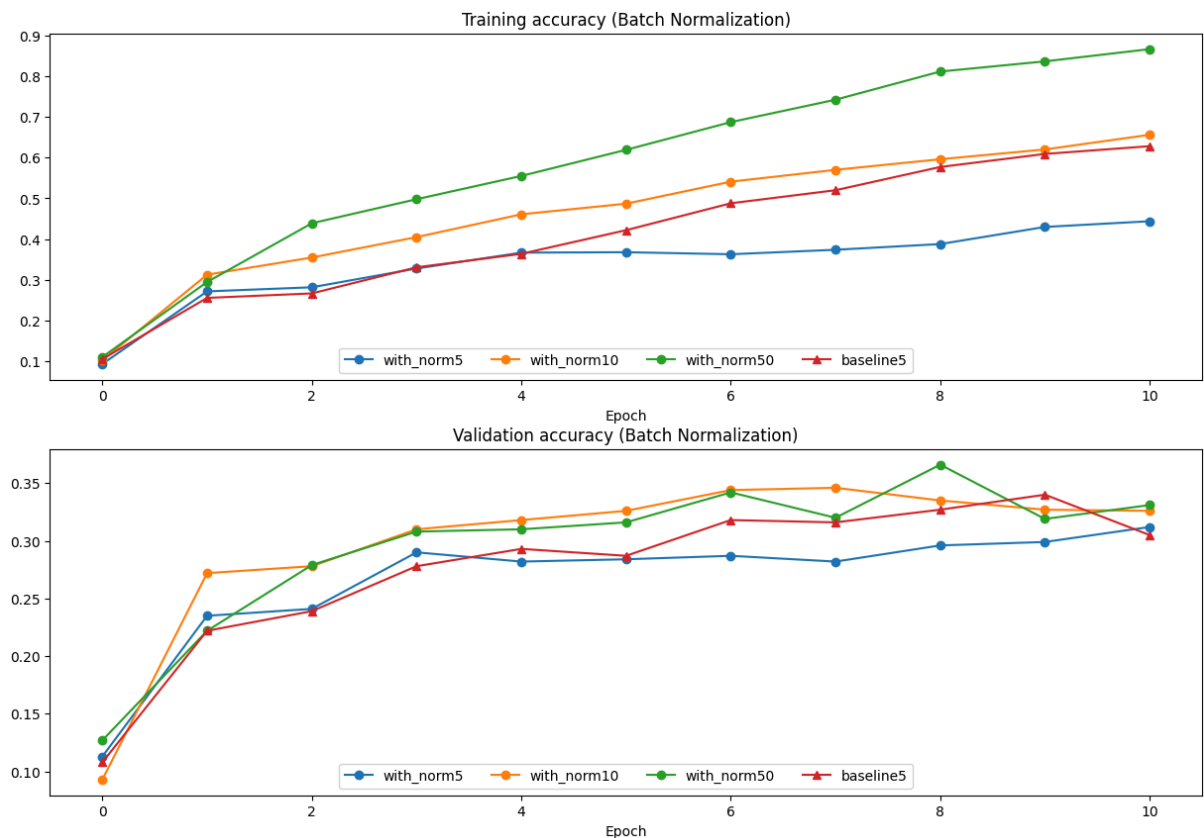
    return bn_solvers, solver, batch_sizes

batch_sizes = [5,10,50]
bn_solvers_bsize, solver_bsize, batch_sizes = run_batchsize_experiments('batchnorm')
```

```
No normalization: batch size = 5
Normalization: batch size = 5
Normalization: batch size = 10
Normalization: batch size = 50
```

```
In [16]: plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
    plot_training_history('Training accuracy (Batch Normalization)', 'Epoch', solver_bsize, bn_solvers,
                        lambda x: x.train_acc_history, bl_marker='--^', bn_marker='--o', labels=batch_sizes)
    plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
    plot_training_history('Validation accuracy (Batch Normalization)', 'Epoch', solver_bsize, bn_solvers,
                        lambda x: x.val_acc_history, bl_marker='--^', bn_marker='--o', labels=batch_sizes)

    plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 10)
    plt.show()
```



## Inline Question 2:

Describe the results of this experiment. What does this imply about the relationship between batch normalization and batch size? Why is this relationship observed?

## Answer:

From these figures, we see that batch normalization performs more consistently and achieves higher accuracy when the batch size is larger. For very small batch sizes, the per-batch statistics (mean and variance) can fluctuate more significantly from iteration to iteration, causing less stable training. With larger batch sizes, these statistics become more reliable, allowing batch normalization to work more effectively. Hence, the performance gap between different batch sizes suggests that batch normalization typically benefits from a sufficient batch size to provide stable estimates of mean and variance.

## Layer Normalization

Batch normalization has proved to be effective in making networks easier to train, but the dependency on batch size makes it less useful in complex networks which have a cap on the input batch size due to hardware limitations.

Several alternatives to batch normalization have been proposed to mitigate this problem; one such technique is Layer Normalization [2]. Instead of normalizing over the batch, we normalize over the features. In other words, when using Layer Normalization, each feature vector corresponding to a single datapoint is normalized based on the sum of all terms within that feature vector.

[2] Ba, Jimmy Lei, Jamie Ryan Kiros, and Geoffrey E. Hinton. "Layer Normalization." *stat 1050* (2016): 21.

## Inline Question 3:

Which of these data preprocessing steps is analogous to batch normalization, and which is analogous to layer normalization?

1. Scaling each image in the dataset, so that the RGB channels for each row of pixels within an image sums up to 1.
2. Scaling each image in the dataset, so that the RGB channels for all pixels within an image sums up to 1.
3. Subtracting the mean image of the dataset from each image in the dataset.
4. Setting all RGB values to either 0 or 1 depending on a given threshold.

## Answer:

**Batch Normalization:** 3 is most analogous to batch normalization, since it computes a global statistic (the mean image) across the entire dataset (like BN does across a mini-batch for each feature) and then uses that to shift all samples.

**Layer Normalization:** 2 is most analogous to layer normalization, since it normalizes within each sample (here, an entire image) across all features/pixels at once. Layer norm similarly normalizes across all features of a single data point.

**Others:** 1 is somewhat like a partial or per-row version of layer normalization, but it is not across all features of the image—only within each row. 4 is simply a binarization step and is not analogous to either BN or LN, as it does not use mean/variance-style normalization.

## Layer Normalization: Implementation

Now you'll implement layer normalization. This step should be relatively straightforward, as conceptually the implementation is almost identical to that of batch normalization. One significant difference though is that for layer normalization, we do not keep track of the moving moments, and the testing phase is identical to the training phase, where the mean and variance are directly calculated per datapoint.

Here's what you need to do:

- In `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the forward pass for layer normalization in the function `layernorm_forward`.

Run the cell below to check your results.

- In `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the backward pass for layer normalization in the function `layernorm_backward`.

Run the second cell below to check your results.

- Modify `cs231n/classifiers/fc_net.py` to add layer normalization to the `FullyConnectedNet`. When the `normalization` flag is set to `"layernorm"` in the constructor, you should insert a layer normalization layer before each ReLU nonlinearity.

Run the third cell below to run the batch size experiment on layer normalization.

```
In [18]: # Check the training-time forward pass by checking means and variances
         # of features both before and after Layer Normalization

         # Simulate the forward pass for a two-layer network
```



```

np.random.seed(231)
N, D1, D2, D3 = 4, 50, 60, 3
X = np.random.randn(N, D1)
W1 = np.random.randn(D1, D2)
W2 = np.random.randn(D2, D3)
a = np.maximum(0, X.dot(W1)).dot(W2)

print('Before layer normalization:')
print_mean_std(a,axis=1)

gamma = np.ones(D3)
beta = np.zeros(D3)
# Means should be close to zero and stds close to one
print('After layer normalization (gamma=1, beta=0)')
a_norm, _ = layernorm_forward(a, gamma, beta, {'mode': 'train'})
print_mean_std(a_norm,axis=1)

gamma = np.asarray([3.0,3.0,3.0])
beta = np.asarray([5.0,5.0,5.0])
# Now means should be close to beta and stds close to gamma
print('After layer normalization (gamma=', gamma, ', beta=', beta, ')')
a_norm, _ = layernorm_forward(a, gamma, beta, {'mode': 'train'})
print_mean_std(a_norm,axis=1)

```

Before layer normalization:

```

means: [-59.06673243 -47.60782686 -43.31137368 -26.40991744]
stds:  [10.07429373 28.39478981 35.28360729  4.01831507]

```

After layer normalization (gamma=1, beta=0)

```

means: [ 4.81096644e-16 -7.40148683e-17  2.22044605e-16 -5.92118946e-16]
stds:  [0.99999995 0.99999999 1.          0.99999969]

```

After layer normalization (gamma= [3. 3. 3.] , beta= [5. 5. 5.] )

```

means: [5. 5. 5.]
stds:  [2.99999985 2.99999998 2.99999999 2.99999907]

```

```

In [19]: # Gradient check batchnorm backward pass
np.random.seed(231)
N, D = 4, 5
x = 5 * np.random.randn(N, D) + 12
gamma = np.random.randn(D)
beta = np.random.randn(D)
dout = np.random.randn(N, D)

ln_param = {}
fx = lambda x: layernorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, ln_param)[0]
fg = lambda a: layernorm_forward(x, a, beta, ln_param)[0]
fb = lambda b: layernorm_forward(x, gamma, b, ln_param)[0]

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fx, x, dout)
da_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fg, gamma.copy(), dout)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fb, beta.copy(), dout)

_, cache = layernorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, ln_param)
dx, dgamma, dbeta = layernorm_backward(dout, cache)

#You should expect to see relative errors between 1e-12 and 1e-8
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dgamma error: ', rel_error(da_num, dgamma))
print('dbeta error: ', rel_error(db_num, dbeta))

```

```

dx error:  1.4336157217370644e-09
dgamma error:  4.519489546032799e-12
dbeta error:  2.276445013433725e-12

```

## Layer Normalization and batch size

We will now run the previous batch size experiment with layer normalization instead of batch normalization. Compared to the previous experiment, you should see a markedly smaller influence of batch size on the training history!

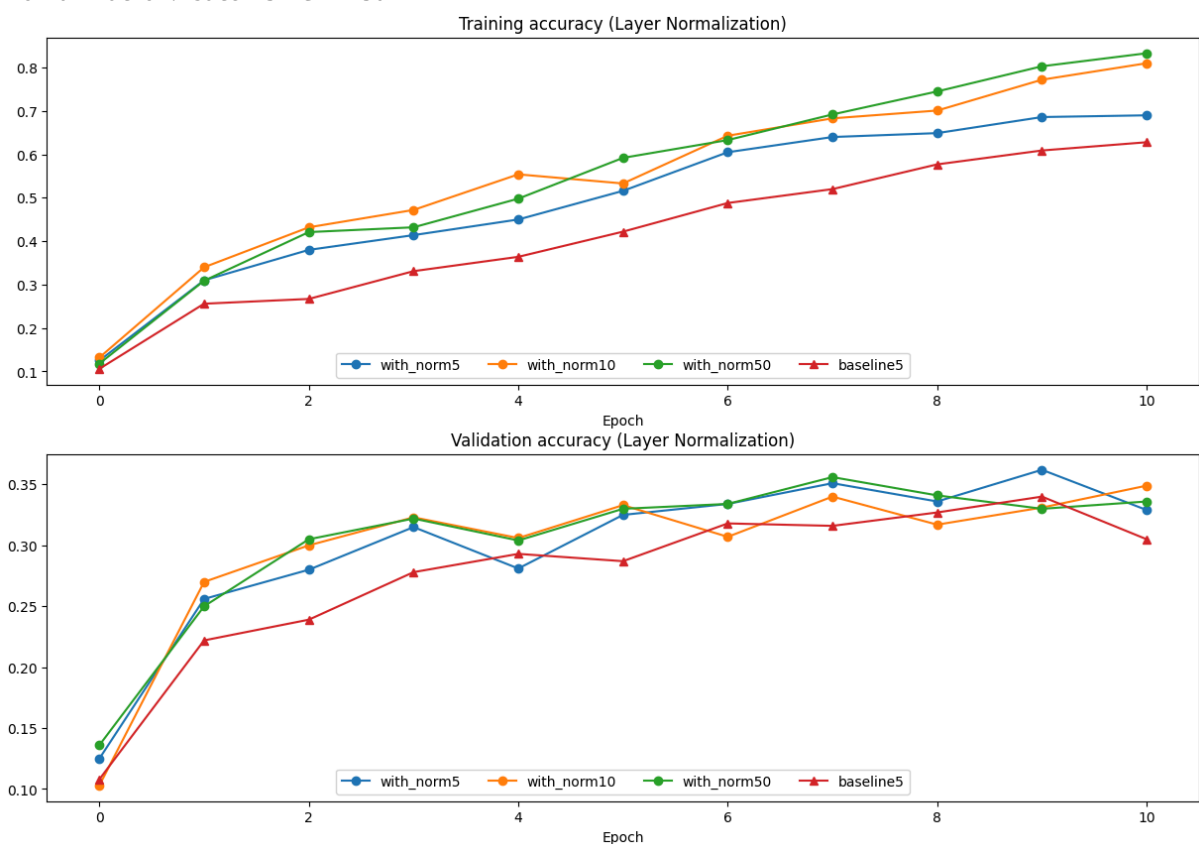
```
In [20]: ln_solvers_bsize, solver_bsize, batch_sizes = run_batchsize_experiments('layernorm')

plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plot_training_history('Training accuracy (Layer Normalization)', 'Epoch', solver_bsize, ln_solvers_bsize,
                      lambda x: x.train_acc_history, bl_marker='^-^', bn_marker='^-o', labels=batch_sizes)

plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plot_training_history('Validation accuracy (Layer Normalization)', 'Epoch', solver_bsize, ln_solve_bsize,
                      lambda x: x.val_acc_history, bl_marker='^-^', bn_marker='^-o', labels=batch_sizes)

plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 10)
plt.show()
```

No normalization: batch size = 5  
 Normalization: batch size = 5  
 Normalization: batch size = 10  
 Normalization: batch size = 50



## Inline Question 4:

When is layer normalization likely to not work well, and why?

1. Using it in a very deep network
2. Having a very small dimension of features
3. Having a high regularization term

## Answer:

Layer normalization can fail or perform poorly when the feature dimension is very small. This is because layer normalization computes mean and variance across features for each data sample. If there are too few features, the estimates of mean and variance become unstable, reducing the effectiveness of layer normalization. In contrast, using layer normalization in a deep network or

having a high regularization term does not inherently undermine its functionality; the key issue is having insufficient features to compute robust statistics.

# Dropout

Dropout [1] is a technique for regularizing neural networks by randomly setting some output activations to zero during the forward pass. In this exercise you will implement a dropout layer and modify your fully-connected network to optionally use dropout.

[1] Geoffrey E. Hinton et al, "Improving neural networks by preventing co-adaptation of feature detectors", arXiv 2012

```
In [1]: from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
FOLDERNAME = "cs231n/assignments/assignment2/"
assert FOLDERNAME is not None, "[!] Enter the foldername."
import sys
sys.path.append('/content/drive/My Drive/{}'.format(FOLDERNAME))
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME/cs231n/datasets/
!bash get_datasets.sh
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME
```

```
Mounted at /content/drive
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2/cs231n/datasets
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2
```

```
In [2]: # As usual, a bit of setup
from __future__ import print_function
import time
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from cs231n.classifiers.fc_net import *
from cs231n.data_utils import get_CIFAR10_data
from cs231n.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient, eval_numerical_gradient_array
from cs231n.solver import Solver

%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plots
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'

# for auto-reloading external modules
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

def rel_error(x, y):
    """ returns relative error """
    return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(1e-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))
```

```
===== You can safely ignore the message below if you are NOT working on ConvolutionalNetwork
s.ipynb =====
```

```
You will need to compile a Cython extension for a portion of this assignment.
The instructions to do this will be given in a section of the notebook below.
There will be an option for Colab users and another for Jupyter (local) users.
```

```
In [3]: # Load the (preprocessed) CIFAR10 data.
```

```
data = get_CIFAR10_data()
for k, v in data.items():
    print('%s: ' % k, v.shape)
```

```
X_train: (49000, 3, 32, 32)
y_train: (49000,)
X_val: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_val: (1000,)
X_test: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_test: (1000,)
```

# Dropout forward pass

In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the forward pass for dropout. Since dropout behaves differently during training and testing, make sure to implement the operation for both modes.

Once you have done so, run the cell below to test your implementation.

```
In [5]: np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(500, 500) + 10

for p in [0.1, 0.3, 0.7]:
    out, _ = dropout_forward(x, {'mode': 'train', 'p': p})
    out_test, _ = dropout_forward(x, {'mode': 'test', 'p': p})

    print('Running tests with p = ', p)
    print('Mean of input: ', x.mean())
    print('Mean of train-time output: ', out.mean())
    print('Mean of test-time output: ', out_test.mean())
    print('Fraction of train-time output set to zero: ', (out == 0).mean())
    print('Fraction of test-time output set to zero: ', (out_test == 0).mean())
    print()
```

```
Running tests with p = 0.1
Mean of input: 10.000207878477502
Mean of train-time output: 10.045163043057777
Mean of test-time output: 10.000207878477502
Fraction of train-time output set to zero: 0.89954
Fraction of test-time output set to zero: 0.0
```

```
Running tests with p = 0.3
Mean of input: 10.000207878477502
Mean of train-time output: 9.981116262290229
Mean of test-time output: 10.000207878477502
Fraction of train-time output set to zero: 0.700504
Fraction of test-time output set to zero: 0.0
```

```
Running tests with p = 0.7
Mean of input: 10.000207878477502
Mean of train-time output: 9.987811912159426
Mean of test-time output: 10.000207878477502
Fraction of train-time output set to zero: 0.30074
Fraction of test-time output set to zero: 0.0
```

# Dropout backward pass

In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the backward pass for dropout. After doing so, run the following cell to numerically gradient-check your implementation.

```
In [7]: np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(10, 10) + 10
dout = np.random.randn(*x.shape)

dropout_param = {'mode': 'train', 'p': 0.2, 'seed': 123}
out, cache = dropout_forward(x, dropout_param)
dx = dropout_backward(dout, cache)
dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda xx: dropout_forward(xx, dropout_param)[0], x, dout)

# Error should be around e-10 or less
print('dx relative error: ', rel_error(dx, dx_num))
```

```
dx relative error: 5.44560814873387e-11
```

## Inline Question 1:

What happens if we do not divide the values being passed through inverse dropout by  $p$  in the dropout layer? Why does that happen?

## Answer:

If it doesn't divide by  $p$ , the expected activation values during training will be lower than during testing. This happens because dropout randomly drops neurons, so without scaling, each neuron's output is, on average,  $p$  times its original value. Then, the network witnesses much smaller activations during training compared to test time, causing a mismatch that can degrade performance.

## Fully-connected nets with Dropout

In the file `cs231n/classifiers/fc_net.py`, modify your implementation to use dropout. Specifically, if the constructor of the network receives a value that is not 1 for the `dropout` parameter, then the net should add a dropout layer immediately after every ReLU nonlinearity. After doing so, run the following to numerically gradient-check your implementation.

```
In [9]: np.random.seed(231)
N, D, H1, H2, C = 2, 15, 20, 30, 10
X = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randint(C, size=(N,))

for dropout in [1, 0.75, 0.5]:
    print('Running check with dropout = ', dropout)
    model = FullyConnectedNet([H1, H2], input_dim=D, num_classes=C,
                              weight_scale=5e-2, dtype=np.float64,
                              dropout=dropout, seed=123)

    loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
    print('Initial loss: ', loss)

    # Relative errors should be around e-6 or less; Note that it's fine
    # if for dropout=1 you have W2 error be on the order of e-5.
    for name in sorted(grads):
        f = lambda _: model.loss(X, y)[0]
        grad_num = eval_numerical_gradient(f, model.params[name], verbose=False, h=1e-5)
        print('%s relative error: %.2e' % (name, rel_error(grad_num, grads[name])))
    print()
```

```
Running check with dropout = 1
Initial loss: 2.3004790897684924
W1 relative error: 1.48e-07
W2 relative error: 2.21e-05
W3 relative error: 3.53e-07
b1 relative error: 5.38e-09
b2 relative error: 2.09e-09
b3 relative error: 5.80e-11
```

```
Running check with dropout = 0.75
Initial loss: 2.302371489704412
W1 relative error: 1.90e-07
W2 relative error: 4.76e-06
W3 relative error: 2.60e-08
b1 relative error: 4.73e-09
b2 relative error: 1.82e-09
b3 relative error: 1.70e-10
```

```
Running check with dropout = 0.5
Initial loss: 2.3042759220785896
W1 relative error: 3.11e-07
W2 relative error: 1.84e-08
W3 relative error: 5.35e-08
b1 relative error: 5.37e-09
b2 relative error: 2.99e-09
b3 relative error: 1.13e-10
```

## Regularization experiment

As an experiment, we will train a pair of two-layer networks on 500 training examples: one will use no dropout, and one will use a keep probability of 0.25. We will then visualize the training and validation accuracies of the two networks over time.

```
In [13]: # Train two identical nets, one with dropout and one without
np.random.seed(231)
num_train = 500
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}

solvers = {}
dropout_choices = [1, 0.25]
for dropout in dropout_choices:
    model = FullyConnectedNet([500], dropout=dropout)
    print(dropout)

    solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                    num_epochs=25, batch_size=100,
                    update_rule='adam',
                    optim_config={
                        'learning_rate': 5e-4,
                    },
                    verbose=True, print_every=100)

    solver.train()
    solvers[dropout] = solver
    print()
```

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```
(Iteration 1 / 125) loss: 7.856644
(Epoch 0 / 25) train acc: 0.260000; val_acc: 0.184000
(Epoch 1 / 25) train acc: 0.416000; val_acc: 0.258000
(Epoch 2 / 25) train acc: 0.482000; val_acc: 0.276000
(Epoch 3 / 25) train acc: 0.532000; val_acc: 0.277000
(Epoch 4 / 25) train acc: 0.600000; val_acc: 0.271000
(Epoch 5 / 25) train acc: 0.708000; val_acc: 0.299000
(Epoch 6 / 25) train acc: 0.722000; val_acc: 0.282000
(Epoch 7 / 25) train acc: 0.832000; val_acc: 0.255000
(Epoch 8 / 25) train acc: 0.880000; val_acc: 0.268000
(Epoch 9 / 25) train acc: 0.902000; val_acc: 0.277000
(Epoch 10 / 25) train acc: 0.898000; val_acc: 0.261000
(Epoch 11 / 25) train acc: 0.924000; val_acc: 0.263000
(Epoch 12 / 25) train acc: 0.960000; val_acc: 0.299000
(Epoch 13 / 25) train acc: 0.972000; val_acc: 0.314000
(Epoch 14 / 25) train acc: 0.972000; val_acc: 0.309000
(Epoch 15 / 25) train acc: 0.974000; val_acc: 0.314000
(Epoch 16 / 25) train acc: 0.994000; val_acc: 0.303000
(Epoch 17 / 25) train acc: 0.970000; val_acc: 0.305000
(Epoch 18 / 25) train acc: 0.992000; val_acc: 0.310000
(Epoch 19 / 25) train acc: 0.994000; val_acc: 0.308000
(Epoch 20 / 25) train acc: 0.992000; val_acc: 0.288000
(Iteration 101 / 125) loss: 0.001088
(Epoch 21 / 25) train acc: 0.996000; val_acc: 0.293000
(Epoch 22 / 25) train acc: 0.998000; val_acc: 0.303000
(Epoch 23 / 25) train acc: 0.996000; val_acc: 0.306000
(Epoch 24 / 25) train acc: 0.998000; val_acc: 0.306000
(Epoch 25 / 25) train acc: 0.996000; val_acc: 0.291000
```

0.25

```
(Iteration 1 / 125) loss: 17.318478
(Epoch 0 / 25) train acc: 0.230000; val_acc: 0.177000
(Epoch 1 / 25) train acc: 0.378000; val_acc: 0.243000
(Epoch 2 / 25) train acc: 0.402000; val_acc: 0.254000
(Epoch 3 / 25) train acc: 0.502000; val_acc: 0.276000
(Epoch 4 / 25) train acc: 0.528000; val_acc: 0.298000
(Epoch 5 / 25) train acc: 0.562000; val_acc: 0.296000
(Epoch 6 / 25) train acc: 0.626000; val_acc: 0.291000
(Epoch 7 / 25) train acc: 0.622000; val_acc: 0.297000
(Epoch 8 / 25) train acc: 0.688000; val_acc: 0.313000
(Epoch 9 / 25) train acc: 0.712000; val_acc: 0.297000
(Epoch 10 / 25) train acc: 0.724000; val_acc: 0.306000
(Epoch 11 / 25) train acc: 0.768000; val_acc: 0.307000
(Epoch 12 / 25) train acc: 0.774000; val_acc: 0.284000
(Epoch 13 / 25) train acc: 0.828000; val_acc: 0.308000
(Epoch 14 / 25) train acc: 0.812000; val_acc: 0.346000
(Epoch 15 / 25) train acc: 0.850000; val_acc: 0.339000
(Epoch 16 / 25) train acc: 0.844000; val_acc: 0.307000
(Epoch 17 / 25) train acc: 0.858000; val_acc: 0.300000
(Epoch 18 / 25) train acc: 0.862000; val_acc: 0.319000
(Epoch 19 / 25) train acc: 0.884000; val_acc: 0.318000
(Epoch 20 / 25) train acc: 0.856000; val_acc: 0.310000
(Iteration 101 / 125) loss: 4.246638
(Epoch 21 / 25) train acc: 0.896000; val_acc: 0.326000
(Epoch 22 / 25) train acc: 0.894000; val_acc: 0.321000
(Epoch 23 / 25) train acc: 0.932000; val_acc: 0.326000
(Epoch 24 / 25) train acc: 0.926000; val_acc: 0.324000
(Epoch 25 / 25) train acc: 0.928000; val_acc: 0.327000
```

In [14]: *# Plot train and validation accuracies of the two models*

```
train_accs = []
val_accs = []
for dropout in dropout_choices:
    solver = solvers[dropout]
    train_accs.append(solver.train_acc_history[-1])
    val_accs.append(solver.val_acc_history[-1])

plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
```



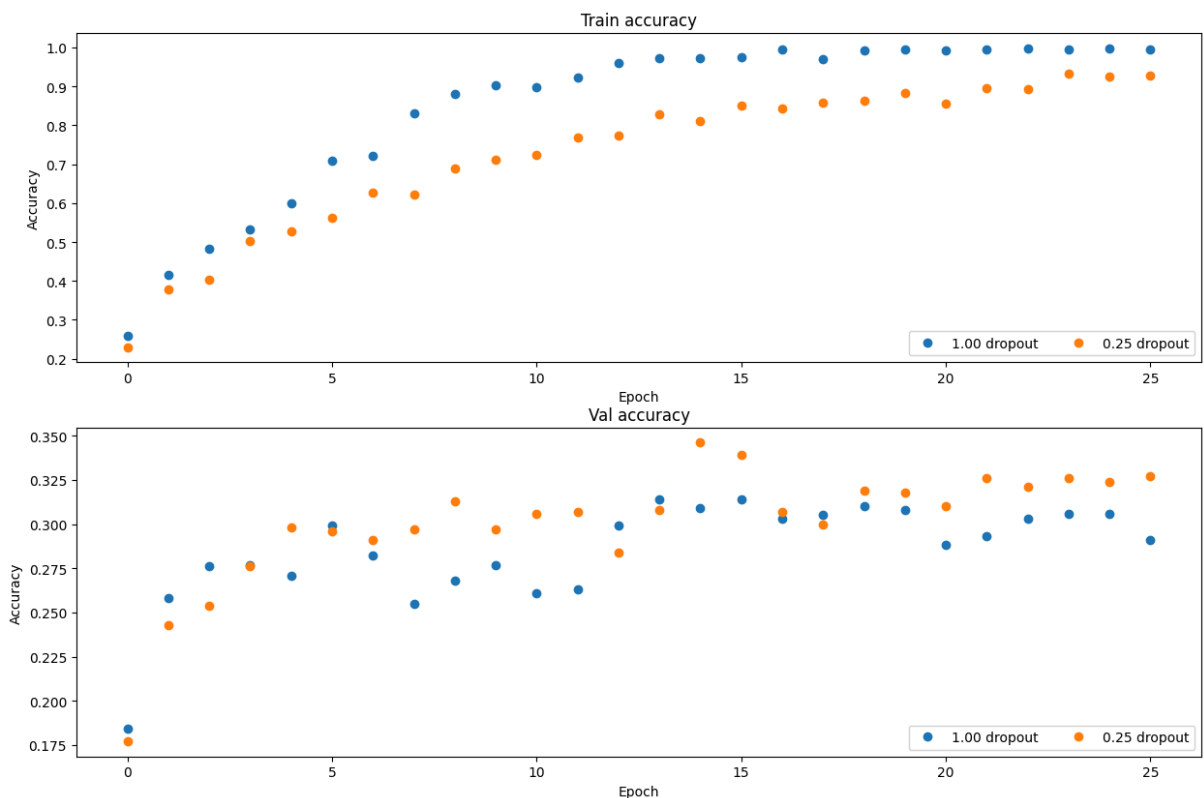
```

for dropout in dropout_choices:
    plt.plot(solvers[dropout].train_acc_history, 'o', label='%.2f dropout' % dropout)
plt.title('Train accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend(ncol=2, loc='lower right')

plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
for dropout in dropout_choices:
    plt.plot(solvers[dropout].val_acc_history, 'o', label='%.2f dropout' % dropout)
plt.title('Val accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend(ncol=2, loc='lower right')

plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()

```



## Inline Question 2:

Compare the validation and training accuracies with and without dropout -- what do your results suggest about dropout as a regularizer?

## Answer:

From above figures, we can know that the model without dropout (keep probability = 1.0) typically achieves higher training accuracy, indicating it can more easily overfit the training data. However, the model with dropout (keep probability = 0.25) tends to generalize better, as shown by its competitive or sometimes higher validation accuracy. This behavior reflects the regularizing effect of dropout: by randomly dropping neurons during training, the network is less likely to overfit, thus potentially improving generalization performance.

## Inline Question 3:

Suppose we are training a deep fully-connected network for image classification, with dropout after hidden layers (parameterized by keep probability  $p$ ). If we are concerned about overfitting, how should we modify  $p$  (if at all) when we decide to decrease the size of the hidden layers (that is, the number of nodes in each layer)?

## Answer:

When you reduce the size of your hidden layers, you are already lowering the network's capacity (and thus reducing its tendency to overfit). So, you typically do not need to make dropout stronger. In fact, you can often keep the same keep probability  $p$  or even increase it (meaning less dropout) to avoid over-regularizing the now smaller model.

# Convolutional Networks

So far we have worked with deep fully-connected networks, using them to explore different optimization strategies and network architectures. Fully-connected networks are a good testbed for experimentation because they are very computationally efficient, but in practice all state-of-the-art results use convolutional networks instead.

First you will implement several layer types that are used in convolutional networks. You will then use these layers to train a convolutional network on the CIFAR-10 dataset.

```
In [13]: from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
FOLDERNAME = "cs231n/assignments/assignment2/"
assert FOLDERNAME is not None, "[!] Enter the foldername."
import sys
sys.path.append('/content/drive/My Drive/{}'.format(FOLDERNAME))
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME/cs231n/datasets/
!bash get_datasets.sh
%cd /content/drive/My Drive/$FOLDERNAME
```

Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call drive.mount("/content/drive", force\_remount=True).

```
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2/cs231n/datasets
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2
```

```
In [2]: # As usual, a bit of setup
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from cs231n.classifiers.cnn import *
from cs231n.data_utils import get_CIFAR10_data
from cs231n.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient_array, eval_numerical_gradient
from cs231n.layers import *
from cs231n.fast_layers import *
from cs231n.solver import Solver

%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plots
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'

# for auto-reloading external modules
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

def rel_error(x, y):
    """ returns relative error """
    return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(1e-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))
```

```
In [3]: # Load the (preprocessed) CIFAR10 data.
```

```
data = get_CIFAR10_data()
for k, v in data.items():
    print('%s: ' % k, v.shape)
```

```
X_train: (49000, 3, 32, 32)
y_train: (49000,)
X_val: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_val: (1000,)
X_test: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_test: (1000,)
```

```
In [4]: # check numpy version
import numpy as np
print(np.__version__)
```

## Convolution: Naive forward pass

The core of a convolutional network is the convolution operation. In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the forward pass for the convolution layer in the function `conv_forward_naive`.

You don't have to worry too much about efficiency at this point; just write the code in whatever way you find most clear.

You can test your implementation by running the following:

```
In [10]: x_shape = (2, 3, 4, 4)
w_shape = (3, 3, 4, 4)
x = np.linspace(-0.1, 0.5, num=np.prod(x_shape)).reshape(x_shape)
w = np.linspace(-0.2, 0.3, num=np.prod(w_shape)).reshape(w_shape)
b = np.linspace(-0.1, 0.2, num=3)

conv_param = {'stride': 2, 'pad': 1}
out, _ = conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, conv_param)
correct_out = np.array([[[[-0.08759809, -0.10987781],
                           [-0.18387192, -0.2109216 ]],
                          [[ 0.21027089,  0.21661097],
                           [ 0.22847626,  0.23004637]],
                          [[ 0.50813986,  0.54309974],
                           [ 0.64082444,  0.67101435]]],
                         [[[-0.98053589, -1.03143541],
                           [-1.19128892, -1.24695841]],
                          [[ 0.69108355,  0.66880383],
                           [ 0.59480972,  0.56776003]],
                          [[ 2.36270298,  2.36904306],
                           [ 2.38090835,  2.38247847]]]])

# Compare your output to ours; difference should be around e-8
print('Testing conv_forward_naive')
print('difference: ', rel_error(out, correct_out))
```

```
Testing conv_forward_naive
difference:  2.2121476417505994e-08
```

## Aside: Image processing via convolutions

As fun way to both check your implementation and gain a better understanding of the type of operation that convolutional layers can perform, we will set up an input containing two images and manually set up filters that perform common image processing operations (grayscale conversion and edge detection). The convolution forward pass will apply these operations to each of the input images. We can then visualize the results as a sanity check.

## Colab Users Only

Please execute the below cell to copy two cat images to the Colab VM.

```
In [ ]: # Colab users only!
%mkdir -p cs231n/notebook_images
%cd drive/My\ Drive/$FOLDERNAME/cs231n
%cp -r notebook_images/ /content/cs231n/
%cd /content/
```

```
In [14]: from imageio import imread
from PIL import Image

kitten = imread('cs231n/notebook_images/kitten.jpg')
```

```

puppy = imread('cs231n/notebook_images/puppy.jpg')
# kitten is wide, and puppy is already square
d = kitten.shape[1] - kitten.shape[0]
kitten_cropped = kitten[:, d//2:-d//2, :]

img_size = 200 # Make this smaller if it runs too slow
resized_puppy = np.array(Image.fromarray(puppy).resize((img_size, img_size)))
resized_kitten = np.array(Image.fromarray(kitten_cropped).resize((img_size, img_size)))
x = np.zeros((2, 3, img_size, img_size))
x[0, :, :, :] = resized_puppy.transpose((2, 0, 1))
x[1, :, :, :] = resized_kitten.transpose((2, 0, 1))

# Set up a convolutional weights holding 2 filters, each 3x3
w = np.zeros((2, 3, 3, 3))

# The first filter converts the image to grayscale.
# Set up the red, green, and blue channels of the filter.
w[0, 0, :, :] = [[0, 0, 0], [0, 0.3, 0], [0, 0, 0]]
w[0, 1, :, :] = [[0, 0, 0], [0, 0.6, 0], [0, 0, 0]]
w[0, 2, :, :] = [[0, 0, 0], [0, 0.1, 0], [0, 0, 0]]

# Second filter detects horizontal edges in the blue channel.
w[1, 2, :, :] = [[1, 2, 1], [0, 0, 0], [-1, -2, -1]]

# Vector of biases. We don't need any bias for the grayscale
# filter, but for the edge detection filter we want to add 128
# to each output so that nothing is negative.
b = np.array([0, 128])

# Compute the result of convolving each input in x with each filter in w,
# offsetting by b, and storing the results in out.
out, _ = conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, {'stride': 1, 'pad': 1})

def imshow_no_ax(img, normalize=True):
    """ Tiny helper to show images as uint8 and remove axis labels """
    if normalize:
        img_max, img_min = np.max(img), np.min(img)
        img = 255.0 * (img - img_min) / (img_max - img_min)
    plt.imshow(img.astype('uint8'))
    plt.gca().axis('off')

# Show the original images and the results of the conv operation
plt.subplot(2, 3, 1)
imshow_no_ax(puppy, normalize=False)
plt.title('Original image')
plt.subplot(2, 3, 2)
imshow_no_ax(out[0, 0])
plt.title('Grayscale')
plt.subplot(2, 3, 3)
imshow_no_ax(out[0, 1])
plt.title('Edges')
plt.subplot(2, 3, 4)
imshow_no_ax(kitten_cropped, normalize=False)
plt.subplot(2, 3, 5)
imshow_no_ax(out[1, 0])
plt.subplot(2, 3, 6)
imshow_no_ax(out[1, 1])
plt.show()

```

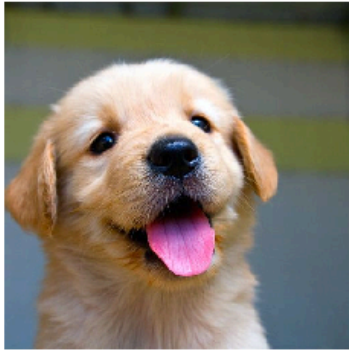
<ipython-input-14-7950733600c3>:4: DeprecationWarning: Starting with ImageIO v3 the behavior of this function will switch to that of iio.v3.imread. To keep the current behavior (and make this warning disappear) use `import imageio.v2 as imageio` or call `imageio.v2.imread` directly.

```
kitten = imread('cs231n/notebook_images/kitten.jpg')
```

<ipython-input-14-7950733600c3>:5: DeprecationWarning: Starting with ImageIO v3 the behavior of this function will switch to that of iio.v3.imread. To keep the current behavior (and make this warning disappear) use `import imageio.v2 as imageio` or call `imageio.v2.imread` directly.

```
puppy = imread('cs231n/notebook_images/puppy.jpg')
```

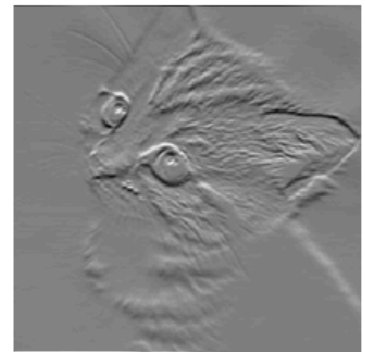
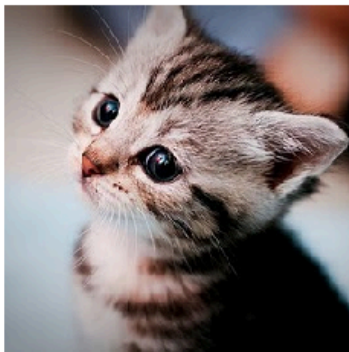
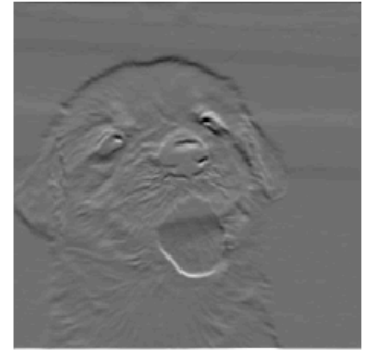
Original image



Grayscale



Edges



## Convolution: Naive backward pass

Implement the backward pass for the convolution operation in the function `conv_backward_naive` in the file `cs231n/layers.py`. Again, you don't need to worry too much about computational efficiency.

When you are done, run the following to check your backward pass with a numeric gradient check.

```
In [15]: np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(4, 3, 5, 5)
w = np.random.randn(2, 3, 3, 3)
b = np.random.randn(2,)
dout = np.random.randn(4, 2, 5, 5)
conv_param = {'stride': 1, 'pad': 1}

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, conv_param)[0], x, d)
dw_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda w: conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, conv_param)[0], w, d)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda b: conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, conv_param)[0], b, d)

out, cache = conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, conv_param)
dx, dw, db = conv_backward_naive(dout, cache)

# Your errors should be around e-8 or less.
print('Testing conv_backward_naive function')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx, dx_num))
print('dw error: ', rel_error(dw, dw_num))
print('db error: ', rel_error(db, db_num))
```

```
Testing conv_backward_naive function
dx error: 1.159803161159293e-08
dw error: 2.2471264748452487e-10
db error: 3.37264006649648e-11
```

# Max-Pooling: Naive forward

Implement the forward pass for the max-pooling operation in the function

`max_pool_forward_naive` in the file `cs231n/layers.py`. Again, don't worry too much about computational efficiency.

Check your implementation by running the following:

```
In [16]: x_shape = (2, 3, 4, 4)
x = np.linspace(-0.3, 0.4, num=np.prod(x_shape)).reshape(x_shape)
pool_param = {'pool_width': 2, 'pool_height': 2, 'stride': 2}

out, _ = max_pool_forward_naive(x, pool_param)

correct_out = np.array([[[[-0.26315789, -0.24842105],
                           [-0.20421053, -0.18947368]],
                          [[-0.14526316, -0.13052632],
                           [-0.08631579, -0.07157895]],
                          [[-0.02736842, -0.01263158],
                           [ 0.03157895,  0.04631579]]],
                        [[ [ 0.09052632,  0.10526316],
                           [ 0.14947368,  0.16421053]],
                          [[ 0.20842105,  0.22315789],
                           [ 0.26736842,  0.28210526]],
                          [[ 0.32631579,  0.34105263],
                           [ 0.38526316,  0.4          ]]]]])

# Compare your output with ours. Difference should be on the order of e-8.
print('Testing max_pool_forward_naive function:')
print('difference: ', rel_error(out, correct_out))
```

Testing max\_pool\_forward\_naive function:  
difference: 4.1666665157267834e-08

# Max-Pooling: Naive backward

Implement the backward pass for the max-pooling operation in the function

`max_pool_backward_naive` in the file `cs231n/layers.py`. You don't need to worry about computational efficiency.

Check your implementation with numeric gradient checking by running the following:

```
In [17]: np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(3, 2, 8, 8)
dout = np.random.randn(3, 2, 4, 4)
pool_param = {'pool_height': 2, 'pool_width': 2, 'stride': 2}

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: max_pool_forward_naive(x, pool_param)[0], x, dout)

out, cache = max_pool_forward_naive(x, pool_param)
dx = max_pool_backward_naive(dout, cache)

# Your error should be on the order of e-12
print('Testing max_pool_backward_naive function:')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx, dx_num))
```

Testing max\_pool\_backward\_naive function:  
dx error: 3.27562514223145e-12

# Fast layers

Making convolution and pooling layers fast can be challenging. To spare you the pain, we've provided fast implementations of the forward and backward passes for convolution and pooling layers in the file `cs231n/fast_layers.py`.

The fast convolution implementation depends on a Cython extension; to compile it either execute the local development cell (option A) if you are developing locally, or the Colab cell (option B) if you are running this assignment in Colab.

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**Very Important, Please Read.** For **both** option A and B, you have to **restart** the notebook after compiling the cython extension. In Colab, please save the notebook `File -> Save`, then click `Runtime -> Restart Runtime -> Yes`. This will restart the kernel which means local variables will be lost. Just re-execute the cells from top to bottom and skip the cell below as you only need to run it once for the compilation step.

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## Option A: Local Development

Go to the `cs231n` directory and execute the following in your terminal:

```
python setup.py build_ext --inplace
```

## Option B: Colab

Execute the cell below only only **ONCE**.

```
In [ ]: pip install --upgrade cython
```

```
In [ ]: import Cython
print(Cython.__version__)
```

```
In [ ]: # %ls
%cd /content/drive/MyDrive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2/cs231n
!python setup.py build_ext --inplace
%cd /content/drive/MyDrive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2
```

The API for the fast versions of the convolution and pooling layers is exactly the same as the naive versions that you implemented above: the forward pass receives data, weights, and parameters and produces outputs and a cache object; the backward pass receives upstream derivatives and the cache object and produces gradients with respect to the data and weights.

**NOTE:** The fast implementation for pooling will only perform optimally if the pooling regions are non-overlapping and tile the input. If these conditions are not met then the fast pooling implementation will not be much faster than the naive implementation.

You can compare the performance of the naive and fast versions of these layers by running the following:

```
In [19]: import pyximport
pyximport.install()

# Rel errors should be around e-9 or Less
from cs231n.fast_layers import conv_forward_fast, conv_backward_fast
from time import time
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(100, 3, 31, 31)
w = np.random.randn(25, 3, 3, 3)
b = np.random.randn(25,)
dout = np.random.randn(100, 25, 16, 16)
```



```

conv_param = {'stride': 2, 'pad': 1}

t0 = time()
out_naive, cache_naive = conv_forward_naive(x, w, b, conv_param)
t1 = time()
out_fast, cache_fast = conv_forward_fast(x, w, b, conv_param)
t2 = time()

print('Testing conv_forward_fast:')
print('Naive: %fs' % (t1 - t0))
print('Fast: %fs' % (t2 - t1))
print('Speedup: %fx' % ((t1 - t0) / (t2 - t1)))
print('Difference: ', rel_error(out_naive, out_fast))

t0 = time()
dx_naive, dw_naive, db_naive = conv_backward_naive(dout, cache_naive)
t1 = time()
dx_fast, dw_fast, db_fast = conv_backward_fast(dout, cache_fast)
t2 = time()

print('\nTesting conv_backward_fast:')
print('Naive: %fs' % (t1 - t0))
print('Fast: %fs' % (t2 - t1))
print('Speedup: %fx' % ((t1 - t0) / (t2 - t1)))
print('dx difference: ', rel_error(dx_naive, dx_fast))
print('dw difference: ', rel_error(dw_naive, dw_fast))
print('db difference: ', rel_error(db_naive, db_fast))

```

Testing conv\_forward\_fast:  
Naive: 7.790858s  
Fast: 0.012885s  
Speedup: 604.652314x  
Difference: 4.926407851494105e-11

Testing conv\_backward\_fast:  
Naive: 6.453749s  
Fast: 0.012373s  
Speedup: 521.590554x  
dx difference: 1.949764775345631e-11  
dw difference: 3.681156828004736e-13  
db difference: 0.0

```

In [20]: # Relative errors should be close to 0.0
from cs231n.fast_layers import max_pool_forward_fast, max_pool_backward_fast
np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(100, 3, 32, 32)
dout = np.random.randn(100, 3, 16, 16)
pool_param = {'pool_height': 2, 'pool_width': 2, 'stride': 2}

t0 = time()
out_naive, cache_naive = max_pool_forward_naive(x, pool_param)
t1 = time()
out_fast, cache_fast = max_pool_forward_fast(x, pool_param)
t2 = time()

print('Testing pool_forward_fast:')
print('Naive: %fs' % (t1 - t0))
print('Fast: %fs' % (t2 - t1))
print('Speedup: %fx' % ((t1 - t0) / (t2 - t1)))
print('difference: ', rel_error(out_naive, out_fast))

t0 = time()
dx_naive = max_pool_backward_naive(dout, cache_naive)
t1 = time()
dx_fast = max_pool_backward_fast(dout, cache_fast)
t2 = time()

print('\nTesting pool_backward_fast:')
print('Naive: %fs' % (t1 - t0))
print('Fast: %fs' % (t2 - t1))

```

```
print('speedup: %fx' % ((t1 - t0) / (t2 - t1)))
print('dx difference: ', rel_error(dx_naive, dx_fast))
```

Testing pool\_forward\_fast:  
 Naive: 0.354753s  
 fast: 0.006835s  
 speedup: 51.902470x  
 difference: 0.0

Testing pool\_backward\_fast:  
 Naive: 0.982023s  
 fast: 0.014255s  
 speedup: 68.88378x  
 dx difference: 0.0

## Convolutional "sandwich" layers

Previously we introduced the concept of "sandwich" layers that combine multiple operations into commonly used patterns. In the file `cs231n/layer_utils.py` you will find sandwich layers that implement a few commonly used patterns for convolutional networks. Run the cells below to sanity check they're working.

```
In [21]: from cs231n.layer_utils import conv_relu_pool_forward, conv_relu_pool_backward
np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(2, 3, 16, 16)
w = np.random.randn(3, 3, 3, 3)
b = np.random.randn(3,)
dout = np.random.randn(2, 3, 8, 8)
conv_param = {'stride': 1, 'pad': 1}
pool_param = {'pool_height': 2, 'pool_width': 2, 'stride': 2}

out, cache = conv_relu_pool_forward(x, w, b, conv_param, pool_param)
dx, dw, db = conv_relu_pool_backward(dout, cache)

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: conv_relu_pool_forward(x, w, b, conv_param, pool
dw_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda w: conv_relu_pool_forward(x, w, b, conv_param, pool
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda b: conv_relu_pool_forward(x, w, b, conv_param, pool

# Relative errors should be around e-8 or less
print('Testing conv_relu_pool')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dw error: ', rel_error(dw_num, dw))
print('db error: ', rel_error(db_num, db))
```

Testing conv\_relu\_pool  
 dx error: 9.591132621921372e-09  
 dw error: 5.802391137330214e-09  
 db error: 1.0146343411762047e-09

```
In [22]: from cs231n.layer_utils import conv_relu_forward, conv_relu_backward
np.random.seed(231)
x = np.random.randn(2, 3, 8, 8)
w = np.random.randn(3, 3, 3, 3)
b = np.random.randn(3,)
dout = np.random.randn(2, 3, 8, 8)
conv_param = {'stride': 1, 'pad': 1}

out, cache = conv_relu_forward(x, w, b, conv_param)
dx, dw, db = conv_relu_backward(dout, cache)

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda x: conv_relu_forward(x, w, b, conv_param)[0], x, do
dw_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda w: conv_relu_forward(x, w, b, conv_param)[0], w, do
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(lambda b: conv_relu_forward(x, w, b, conv_param)[0], b, do

# Relative errors should be around e-8 or less
print('Testing conv_relu:')
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
```

```
print('dw error: ', rel_error(dw_num, dw))
print('db error: ', rel_error(db_num, db))
```

```
Testing conv_relu:
dx error: 1.5218619980349303e-09
dw error: 2.702022646099404e-10
db error: 1.451272393591721e-10
```

## Three-layer ConvNet

Now that you have implemented all the necessary layers, we can put them together into a simple convolutional network.

Open the file `cs231n/classifiers/cnn.py` and complete the implementation of the `ThreeLayerConvNet` class. Remember you can use the fast/sandwich layers (already imported for you) in your implementation. Run the following cells to help you debug:

## Sanity check loss

After you build a new network, one of the first things you should do is sanity check the loss. When we use the softmax loss, we expect the loss for random weights (and no regularization) to be about  $\log(C)$  for  $C$  classes. When we add regularization the loss should go up slightly.

```
In [23]: model = ThreeLayerConvNet()

N = 50
X = np.random.randn(N, 3, 32, 32)
y = np.random.randint(10, size=N)

loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
print('Initial loss (no regularization): ', loss)

model.reg = 0.5
loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
print('Initial loss (with regularization): ', loss)
```

```
Initial loss (no regularization): 2.302586071243987
Initial loss (with regularization): 2.508255638232932
```

## Gradient check

After the loss looks reasonable, use numeric gradient checking to make sure that your backward pass is correct. When you use numeric gradient checking you should use a small amount of artificial data and a small number of neurons at each layer. Note: correct implementations may still have relative errors up to the order of  $e^{-2}$ .

```
In [26]: num_inputs = 2
input_dim = (3, 16, 16)
reg = 0.0
num_classes = 10
np.random.seed(231)
X = np.random.randn(num_inputs, *input_dim)
y = np.random.randint(num_classes, size=num_inputs)

model = ThreeLayerConvNet(num_filters=3, filter_size=3,
                           input_dim=input_dim, hidden_dim=7,
                           dtype=np.float64)

loss, grads = model.loss(X, y)
# Errors should be small, but correct implementations may have
# relative errors up to the order of e-2
for param_name in sorted(grads):
    f = lambda _: model.loss(X, y)[0]
    param_grad_num = eval_numerical_gradient(f, model.params[param_name], verbose=False, h=1e-6)
```

```
e = rel_error(param_grad_num, grads[param_name])
print('%s max relative error: %e' % (param_name, rel_error(param_grad_num, grads[param_name])))
```

```
W1 max relative error: 3.053965e-04
W2 max relative error: 1.822723e-02
W3 max relative error: 3.422399e-04
b1 max relative error: 3.397321e-06
b2 max relative error: 2.517459e-03
b3 max relative error: 9.711800e-10
```

## Overfit small data

A nice trick is to train your model with just a few training samples. You should be able to overfit small datasets, which will result in very high training accuracy and comparatively low validation accuracy.

```
In [27]: np.random.seed(231)

num_train = 100
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
}

model = ThreeLayerConvNet(weight_scale=1e-2)

solver = Solver(model, small_data,
                 num_epochs=15, batch_size=50,
                 update_rule='adam',
                 optim_config={
                     'learning_rate': 1e-3,
                 },
                 verbose=True, print_every=1)

solver.train()
```

```

(Iteration 1 / 30) loss: 2.414060
(Epoch 0 / 15) train acc: 0.200000; val_acc: 0.137000
(Iteration 2 / 30) loss: 3.102925
(Epoch 1 / 15) train acc: 0.140000; val_acc: 0.087000
(Iteration 3 / 30) loss: 2.270330
(Iteration 4 / 30) loss: 2.096705
(Epoch 2 / 15) train acc: 0.240000; val_acc: 0.094000
(Iteration 5 / 30) loss: 1.838880
(Iteration 6 / 30) loss: 1.934188
(Epoch 3 / 15) train acc: 0.510000; val_acc: 0.173000
(Iteration 7 / 30) loss: 1.827912
(Iteration 8 / 30) loss: 1.639574
(Epoch 4 / 15) train acc: 0.520000; val_acc: 0.188000
(Iteration 9 / 30) loss: 1.330082
(Iteration 10 / 30) loss: 1.756115
(Epoch 5 / 15) train acc: 0.630000; val_acc: 0.167000
(Iteration 11 / 30) loss: 1.024162
(Iteration 12 / 30) loss: 1.041826
(Epoch 6 / 15) train acc: 0.750000; val_acc: 0.229000
(Iteration 13 / 30) loss: 1.142777
(Iteration 14 / 30) loss: 0.835706
(Epoch 7 / 15) train acc: 0.790000; val_acc: 0.247000
(Iteration 15 / 30) loss: 0.587786
(Iteration 16 / 30) loss: 0.645509
(Epoch 8 / 15) train acc: 0.820000; val_acc: 0.252000
(Iteration 17 / 30) loss: 0.786844
(Iteration 18 / 30) loss: 0.467054
(Epoch 9 / 15) train acc: 0.820000; val_acc: 0.178000
(Iteration 19 / 30) loss: 0.429880
(Iteration 20 / 30) loss: 0.635498
(Epoch 10 / 15) train acc: 0.900000; val_acc: 0.206000
(Iteration 21 / 30) loss: 0.365807
(Iteration 22 / 30) loss: 0.284220
(Epoch 11 / 15) train acc: 0.820000; val_acc: 0.201000
(Iteration 23 / 30) loss: 0.469343
(Iteration 24 / 30) loss: 0.509369
(Epoch 12 / 15) train acc: 0.920000; val_acc: 0.211000
(Iteration 25 / 30) loss: 0.111638
(Iteration 26 / 30) loss: 0.145388
(Epoch 13 / 15) train acc: 0.930000; val_acc: 0.213000
(Iteration 27 / 30) loss: 0.155575
(Iteration 28 / 30) loss: 0.143398
(Epoch 14 / 15) train acc: 0.960000; val_acc: 0.212000
(Iteration 29 / 30) loss: 0.158160
(Iteration 30 / 30) loss: 0.118934
(Epoch 15 / 15) train acc: 0.990000; val_acc: 0.220000

```

```

In [28]: # Print final training accuracy
print(
    "Small data training accuracy:",
    solver.check_accuracy(small_data['X_train'], small_data['y_train'])
)

```

Small data training accuracy: 0.82

```

In [29]: # Print final validation accuracy
print(
    "Small data validation accuracy:",
    solver.check_accuracy(small_data['X_val'], small_data['y_val'])
)

```

Small data validation accuracy: 0.252

Plotting the loss, training accuracy, and validation accuracy should show clear overfitting:

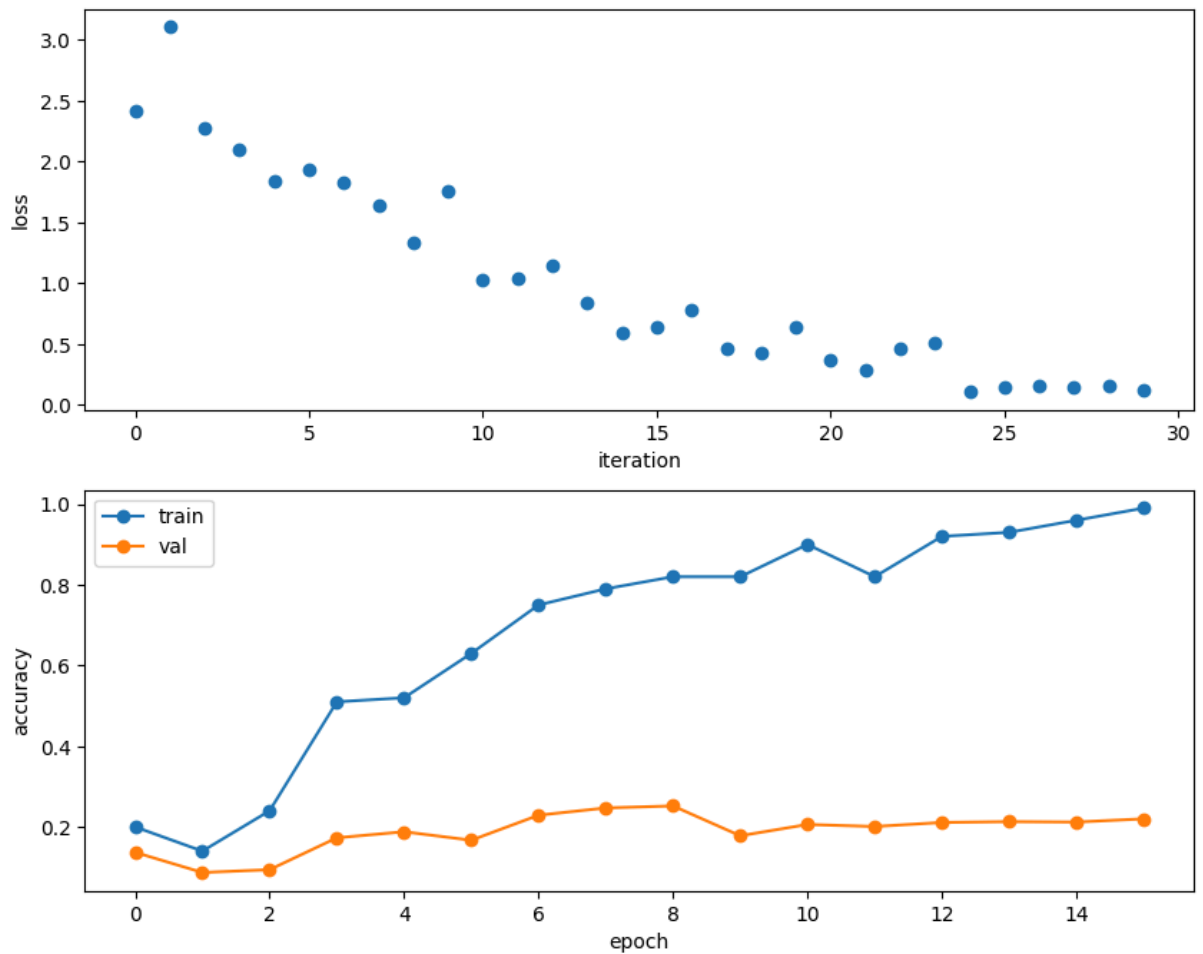
```

In [30]: plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.plot(solver.loss_history, 'o')
plt.xlabel('iteration')
plt.ylabel('loss')

plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)

```

```
plt.plot(solver.train_acc_history, '-o')
plt.plot(solver.val_acc_history, '-o')
plt.legend(['train', 'val'], loc='upper left')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
plt.ylabel('accuracy')
plt.show()
```



## Train the net

By training the three-layer convolutional network for one epoch, you should achieve greater than 40% accuracy on the training set:

```
In [40]: model = ThreeLayerConvNet(weight_scale=0.001, hidden_dim=500, reg=0.001)

solver = Solver(model, data,
                num_epochs=1, batch_size=50,
                update_rule='adam',
                optim_config={
                    'learning_rate': 1e-4,
                },
                verbose=True, print_every=20)
solver.train()
```

```
(Iteration 1 / 980) loss: 2.304670
(Epoch 0 / 1) train acc: 0.109000; val_acc: 0.106000
(Iteration 21 / 980) loss: 2.081872
(Iteration 41 / 980) loss: 2.067520
(Iteration 61 / 980) loss: 2.043100
(Iteration 81 / 980) loss: 1.854815
(Iteration 101 / 980) loss: 1.713537
(Iteration 121 / 980) loss: 1.728382
(Iteration 141 / 980) loss: 1.410331
(Iteration 161 / 980) loss: 1.834089
(Iteration 181 / 980) loss: 1.409851
(Iteration 201 / 980) loss: 1.674128
(Iteration 221 / 980) loss: 1.681976
(Iteration 241 / 980) loss: 1.519863
(Iteration 261 / 980) loss: 1.611040
(Iteration 281 / 980) loss: 1.432032
(Iteration 301 / 980) loss: 1.636338
(Iteration 321 / 980) loss: 1.761551
(Iteration 341 / 980) loss: 1.637104
(Iteration 361 / 980) loss: 1.526841
(Iteration 381 / 980) loss: 1.498173
(Iteration 401 / 980) loss: 1.553741
(Iteration 421 / 980) loss: 1.540411
(Iteration 441 / 980) loss: 1.456862
(Iteration 461 / 980) loss: 1.635412
(Iteration 481 / 980) loss: 1.240130
(Iteration 501 / 980) loss: 1.279189
(Iteration 521 / 980) loss: 1.531975
(Iteration 541 / 980) loss: 1.315914
(Iteration 561 / 980) loss: 1.201238
(Iteration 581 / 980) loss: 1.484937
(Iteration 601 / 980) loss: 1.306801
(Iteration 621 / 980) loss: 1.451589
(Iteration 641 / 980) loss: 1.391752
(Iteration 661 / 980) loss: 1.461618
(Iteration 681 / 980) loss: 1.140415
(Iteration 701 / 980) loss: 1.658389
(Iteration 721 / 980) loss: 1.441948
(Iteration 741 / 980) loss: 1.473777
(Iteration 761 / 980) loss: 1.098322
(Iteration 781 / 980) loss: 1.274275
(Iteration 801 / 980) loss: 1.184522
(Iteration 821 / 980) loss: 1.254034
(Iteration 841 / 980) loss: 1.269631
(Iteration 861 / 980) loss: 1.526986
(Iteration 881 / 980) loss: 1.282055
(Iteration 901 / 980) loss: 1.276973
(Iteration 921 / 980) loss: 1.304630
(Iteration 941 / 980) loss: 1.254922
(Iteration 961 / 980) loss: 0.924564
(Epoch 1 / 1) train acc: 0.560000; val_acc: 0.558000
```

```
In [41]: # Print final training accuracy
print(
    "Full data training accuracy:",
    solver.check_accuracy(small_data['X_train'], small_data['y_train'])
)
```

Full data training accuracy: 0.59

```
In [42]: # Print final validation accuracy
print(
    "Full data validation accuracy:",
    solver.check_accuracy(data['X_val'], data['y_val'])
)
```

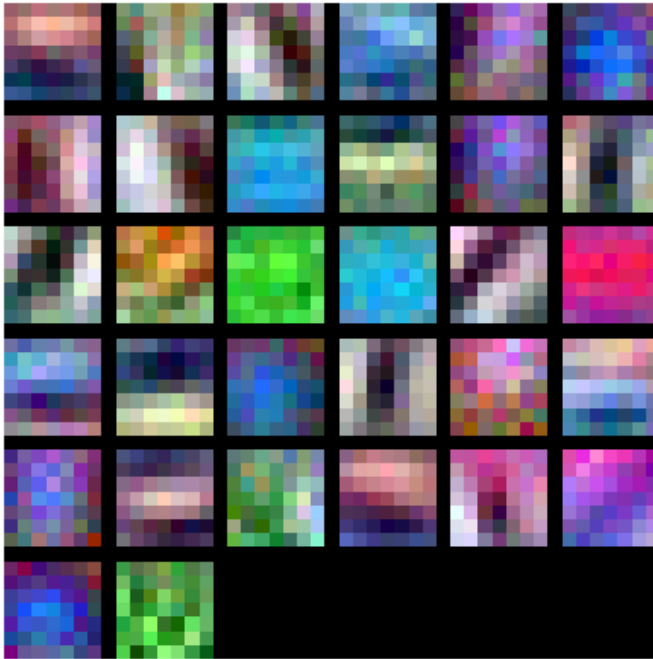
Full data validation accuracy: 0.558

## Visualize Filters

You can visualize the first-layer convolutional filters from the trained network by running the following:

```
In [43]: from cs231n.vis_utils import visualize_grid

grid = visualize_grid(model.params['W1'].transpose(0, 2, 3, 1))
plt.imshow(grid.astype('uint8'))
plt.axis('off')
plt.gcf().set_size_inches(5, 5)
plt.show()
```



## Spatial Batch Normalization

We already saw that batch normalization is a very useful technique for training deep fully-connected networks. As proposed in the original paper (link in `BatchNormalization.ipynb`), batch normalization can also be used for convolutional networks, but we need to tweak it a bit; the modification will be called "spatial batch normalization."

Normally batch-normalization accepts inputs of shape  $(N, D)$  and produces outputs of shape  $(N, D)$ , where we normalize across the minibatch dimension  $N$ . For data coming from convolutional layers, batch normalization needs to accept inputs of shape  $(N, C, H, W)$  and produce outputs of shape  $(N, C, H, W)$  where the  $N$  dimension gives the minibatch size and the  $(H, W)$  dimensions give the spatial size of the feature map.

If the feature map was produced using convolutions, then we expect every feature channel's statistics e.g. mean, variance to be relatively consistent both between different images, and different locations within the same image -- after all, every feature channel is produced by the same convolutional filter! Therefore spatial batch normalization computes a mean and variance for each of the  $C$  feature channels by computing statistics over the minibatch dimension  $N$  as well the spatial dimensions  $H$  and  $W$ .

[1] [Sergey Ioffe and Christian Szegedy, "Batch Normalization: Accelerating Deep Network Training by Reducing Internal Covariate Shift", ICML 2015.](#)

## Spatial batch normalization: forward



In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the forward pass for spatial batch normalization in the function `spatial_batchnorm_forward`. Check your implementation by running the following:

```
In [45]: np.random.seed(231)
# Check the training-time forward pass by checking means and variances
# of features both before and after spatial batch normalization

N, C, H, W = 2, 3, 4, 5
x = 4 * np.random.randn(N, C, H, W) + 10

print('Before spatial batch normalization:')
print(' Shape: ', x.shape)
print(' Means: ', x.mean(axis=(0, 2, 3)))
print(' Stds: ', x.std(axis=(0, 2, 3)))

# Means should be close to zero and stds close to one
gamma, beta = np.ones(C), np.zeros(C)
bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}
out, _ = spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)
print('After spatial batch normalization:')
print(' Shape: ', out.shape)
print(' Means: ', out.mean(axis=(0, 2, 3)))
print(' Stds: ', out.std(axis=(0, 2, 3)))

# Means should be close to beta and stds close to gamma
gamma, beta = np.asarray([3, 4, 5]), np.asarray([6, 7, 8])
out, _ = spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)
print('After spatial batch normalization (nontrivial gamma, beta):')
print(' Shape: ', out.shape)
print(' Means: ', out.mean(axis=(0, 2, 3)))
print(' Stds: ', out.std(axis=(0, 2, 3)))
```

```
Before spatial batch normalization:
  Shape: (2, 3, 4, 5)
  Means: [9.33463814 8.90909116 9.11056338]
  Stds: [3.61447857 3.19347686 3.5168142 ]
After spatial batch normalization:
  Shape: (2, 3, 4, 5)
  Means: [ 6.18949336e-16  5.99520433e-16 -1.22124533e-16]
  Stds: [0.99999962 0.99999951 0.99999996 ]
After spatial batch normalization (nontrivial gamma, beta):
  Shape: (2, 3, 4, 5)
  Means: [6. 7. 8.]
  Stds: [2.999999885 3.99999804 4.99999798]
```

```
In [61]: np.random.seed(231)
# Check the test-time forward pass by running the training-time
# forward pass many times to warm up the running averages, and then
# checking the means and variances of activations after a test-time
# forward pass.
N, C, H, W = 10, 4, 11, 12

bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}
gamma = np.ones(C)
beta = np.zeros(C)
for t in range(50):
    x = 2.3 * np.random.randn(N, C, H, W) + 13
    spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)
bn_param['mode'] = 'test'
x = 2.3 * np.random.randn(N, C, H, W) + 13
a_norm, _ = spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)

# Means should be close to zero and stds close to one, but will be
# noisier than training-time forward passes.
print('After spatial batch normalization (test-time):')
print(' means: ', a_norm.mean(axis=(0, 2, 3)))
print(' stds: ', a_norm.std(axis=(0, 2, 3)))
```

After spatial batch normalization (test-time):  
means: [-0.08034406 0.07562881 0.05716371 0.04378383]  
stds: [0.96718744 1.0299714 1.02887624 1.00585577]

## Spatial batch normalization: backward

In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the backward pass for spatial batch normalization in the function `spatial_batchnorm_backward`. Run the following to check your implementation using a numeric gradient check:

```
In [62]: np.random.seed(231)
N, C, H, W = 2, 3, 4, 5
x = 5 * np.random.randn(N, C, H, W) + 12
gamma = np.random.randn(C)
beta = np.random.randn(C)
dout = np.random.randn(N, C, H, W)

bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}
fx = lambda x: spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)[0]
fg = lambda a: spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)[0]
fb = lambda b: spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)[0]

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fx, x, dout)
da_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fg, gamma, dout)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fb, beta, dout)

#You should expect errors of magnitudes between 1e-12~1e-06
_, cache = spatial_batchnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, bn_param)
dx, dgamma, dbeta = spatial_batchnorm_backward(dout, cache)
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dgamma error: ', rel_error(da_num, dgamma))
print('dbeta error: ', rel_error(db_num, dbeta))
```

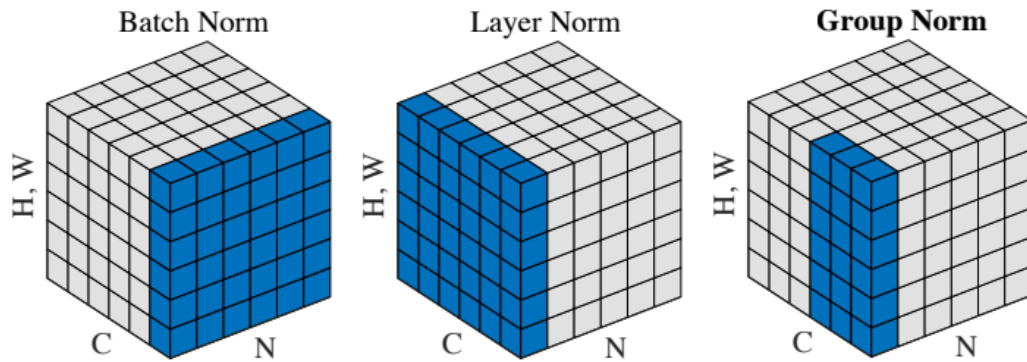
```
dx error: 2.786648197756335e-07
dgamma error: 7.0974817113608705e-12
dbeta error: 3.275608725278405e-12
```

## Group Normalization

In the previous notebook, we mentioned that Layer Normalization is an alternative normalization technique that mitigates the batch size limitations of Batch Normalization. However, as the authors of [2] observed, Layer Normalization does not perform as well as Batch Normalization when used with Convolutional Layers:

With fully connected layers, all the hidden units in a layer tend to make similar contributions to the final prediction, and re-centering and rescaling the summed inputs to a layer works well. However, the assumption of similar contributions is no longer true for convolutional neural networks. The large number of the hidden units whose receptive fields lie near the boundary of the image are rarely turned on and thus have very different statistics from the rest of the hidden units within the same layer.

The authors of [3] propose an intermediary technique. In contrast to Layer Normalization, where you normalize over the entire feature per-datapoint, they suggest a consistent splitting of each per-datapoint feature into  $G$  groups, and a per-group per-datapoint normalization instead.



Visual comparison of the normalization techniques discussed so far (image edited from [3]) Even though an assumption of equal contribution is still being made within each group, the authors hypothesize that this is not as problematic, as innate grouping arises within features for visual recognition. One example they use to illustrate this is that many high-performance handcrafted features in traditional Computer Vision have terms that are explicitly grouped together. Take for example Histogram of Oriented Gradients [4]-- after computing histograms per spatially local block, each per-block histogram is normalized before being concatenated together to form the final feature vector.

You will now implement Group Normalization. Note that this normalization technique that you are to implement in the following cells was introduced and published to ECCV just in 2018 -- this truly is still an ongoing and excitingly active field of research!

[2] Ba, Jimmy Lei, Jamie Ryan Kiros, and Geoffrey E. Hinton. "Layer Normalization." stat 1050 (2016): 21.

[3] Wu, Yuxin, and Kaiming He. "Group Normalization." arXiv preprint arXiv:1803.08494 (2018).

[4] N. Dalal and B. Triggs. Histograms of oriented gradients for human detection. In Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2005.

## Group normalization: forward

In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the forward pass for group normalization in the function `spatial_groupnorm_forward`. Check your implementation by running the following:

```
In [50]: np.random.seed(231)
# Check the training-time forward pass by checking means and variances
# of features both before and after spatial batch normalization

N, C, H, W = 2, 6, 4, 5
G = 2
x = 4 * np.random.randn(N, C, H, W) + 10
x_g = x.reshape((N*G, -1))
print('Before spatial group normalization:')
print(' Shape: ', x.shape)
print(' Means: ', x_g.mean(axis=1))
print(' Stds: ', x_g.std(axis=1))

# Means should be close to zero and stds close to one
gamma, beta = np.ones((1,C,1,1)), np.zeros((1,C,1,1))
bn_param = {'mode': 'train'}

out, _ = spatial_groupnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, G, bn_param)
print(out)
out_g = out.reshape((N*G, -1))
print('After spatial group normalization:')
print(' Shape: ', out.shape)
```

```
print(' Means: ', out_g.mean(axis=1))
print(' Stds: ', out_g.std(axis=1))
```

Before spatial group normalization:

```
Shape: (2, 6, 4, 5)
Means: [9.72505327 8.51114185 8.9147544 9.43448077]
Stds: [3.67070958 3.09892597 4.27043622 3.97521327]
[[[ 0.53033878 1.59733304 -1.87120986 -0.6975118 -0.00652586]
 [-0.76963847 -0.08833299 2.10364231 -1.47850663 -0.33521573]
 [-0.29807709 0.39626582 -0.83753481 1.11250858 1.52346867]
 [ 0.64662039 -0.08648276 1.04423219 0.21051313 1.15490346]]

[[ 0.11320243 0.36048332 0.2309508 1.0567477 0.32756086]
 [-0.79387482 0.20567876 -0.64081254 0.3682243 0.43850218]
 [ 0.37373873 0.90543099 -0.68298911 0.39325767 -0.3445248 ]
 [ 0.2088003 -1.48233768 0.84081752 -0.86062106 -1.16783166]]

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 [ 0.87992846 1.24644673 0.29865626 -0.23239795 -0.18965896]
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 [-1.08389276 0.55790428 -0.00671225 -0.5221172 0.7597191 ]
 [ 1.25621611 -2.98267836 -0.45299194 0.63165003 0.56310225]]]]]

After spatial group normalization:
Shape: (2, 6, 4, 5)
Means: [-2.14643118e-16 5.25505565e-16 2.65528340e-16 -3.38618023e-16]
Stds: [0.99999963 0.99999948 0.99999973 0.99999968]
```

## Spatial group normalization: backward

In the file `cs231n/layers.py`, implement the backward pass for spatial batch normalization in the function `spatial_groupnorm_backward`. Run the following to check your implementation using a numeric gradient check:

```
In [94]: np.random.seed(231)
N, C, H, W = 2, 6, 4, 5
G = 2
x = 5 * np.random.randn(N, C, H, W) + 12
gamma = np.random.randn(1, C, 1, 1)
beta = np.random.randn(1, C, 1, 1)
dout = np.random.randn(N, C, H, W)

gn_param = {}
fx = lambda x: spatial_groupnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, G, gn_param)[0]
fg = lambda a: spatial_groupnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, G, gn_param)[0]
fb = lambda b: spatial_groupnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, G, gn_param)[0]

dx_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fx, x, dout)
da_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fg, gamma, dout)
db_num = eval_numerical_gradient_array(fb, beta, dout)

_, cache = spatial_groupnorm_forward(x, gamma, beta, G, gn_param)
dx, dgamma, dbeta = spatial_groupnorm_backward(dout, cache)
#You should expect errors of magnitudes between 1e-12~1e-07
print('dx error: ', rel_error(dx_num, dx))
print('dgamma error: ', rel_error(da_num, dgamma))
print('dbeta error: ', rel_error(db_num, dbeta))

dx error: 7.413109648400194e-08
dgamma error: 9.468195772749234e-12
dbeta error: 3.354494437653335e-12
```

# What's this PyTorch business?

You've written a lot of code in this assignment to provide a whole host of neural network functionality. Dropout, Batch Norm, and 2D convolutions are some of the workhorses of deep learning in computer vision. You've also worked hard to make your code efficient and vectorized.

For the last part of this assignment, though, we're going to leave behind your beautiful codebase and instead migrate to one of two popular deep learning frameworks: in this instance, PyTorch (or TensorFlow, if you choose to use that notebook).

## What is PyTorch?

PyTorch is a system for executing dynamic computational graphs over Tensor objects that behave similarly as numpy ndarray. It comes with a powerful automatic differentiation engine that removes the need for manual back-propagation.

## Why?

- Our code will now run on GPUs! Much faster training. When using a framework like PyTorch or TensorFlow you can harness the power of the GPU for your own custom neural network architectures without having to write CUDA code directly (which is beyond the scope of this class).
- We want you to be ready to use one of these frameworks for your project so you can experiment more efficiently than if you were writing every feature you want to use by hand.
- We want you to stand on the shoulders of giants! TensorFlow and PyTorch are both excellent frameworks that will make your lives a lot easier, and now that you understand their guts, you are free to use them :)
- We want you to be exposed to the sort of deep learning code you might run into in academia or industry.

## PyTorch versions

This notebook assumes that you are using **PyTorch version 1.4**. In some of the previous versions (e.g. before 0.4), Tensors had to be wrapped in Variable objects to be used in autograd; however Variables have now been deprecated. In addition 1.0+ versions separate a Tensor's datatype from its device, and use numpy-style factories for constructing Tensors rather than directly invoking Tensor constructors.

## How will I learn PyTorch?

Justin Johnson has made an excellent [tutorial](#) for PyTorch.

You can also find the detailed [API doc](#) here. If you have other questions that are not addressed by the API docs, the [PyTorch forum](#) is a much better place to ask than StackOverflow.

## Install PyTorch 1.4 (ONLY IF YOU ARE WORKING LOCALLY)

1. Have the latest version of Anaconda installed on your machine.
2. Create a new conda environment starting from Python 3.7. In this setup example, we'll call it `torch_env`.
3. Run the command: `conda activate torch_env`
4. Run the command: `pip install torch==1.4 torchvision==0.5.0`

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Here is a table of comparison:

API	Flexibility	Convenience
Barebone	High	Low
<code>nn.Module</code>	High	Medium
<code>nn.Sequential</code>	Low	High

## Part I. Preparation

First, we load the CIFAR-10 dataset. This might take a couple minutes the first time you do it, but the files should stay cached after that.

In previous parts of the assignment we had to write our own code to download the CIFAR-10 dataset, preprocess it, and iterate through it in minibatches; PyTorch provides convenient tools to automate this process for us.

```
In [1]: from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
FOLDERNAME = "cs231n/assignments/assignment2/"
assert FOLDERNAME is not None, "[!] Enter the foldername."
import sys
sys.path.append('/content/drive/My Drive/{}'.format(FOLDERNAME))
%cd /content/drive/My\ Drive/$FOLDERNAME/cs231n/datasets/
!bash get_datasets.sh
%cd /content/drive/My\ Drive/$FOLDERNAME
```

```
Mounted at /content/drive
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2/cs231n/datasets
/content/drive/My Drive/cs231n/assignments/assignment2
```

```
In [2]: import torch
# assert '.'.join(torch.__version__.split('.')[2:]) == '1.4'
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
from torch.utils.data import sampler

import torchvision.datasets as dset
import torchvision.transforms as T

import numpy as np
```

```
In [3]: NUM_TRAIN = 49000

# The torchvision.transforms package provides tools for preprocessing data
# and for performing data augmentation; here we set up a transform to
# preprocess the data by subtracting the mean RGB value and dividing by the
# standard deviation of each RGB value; we've hardcoded the mean and std.
transform = T.Compose([
    T.ToTensor(),
    T.Normalize((0.4914, 0.4822, 0.4465), (0.2023, 0.1994, 0.2010))
])

# We set up a Dataset object for each split (train / val / test); Datasets load
# training examples one at a time, so we wrap each Dataset in a DataLoader which
# iterates through the Dataset and forms minibatches. We divide the CIFAR-10
# training set into train and val sets by passing a Sampler object to the
# DataLoader telling how it should sample from the underlying Dataset.
cifar10_train = dset.CIFAR10('./cs231n/datasets', train=True, download=True,
                             transform=transform)
loader_train = DataLoader(cifar10_train, batch_size=64,
                          sampler=sampler.SubsetRandomSampler(range(NUM_TRAIN)))

cifar10_val = dset.CIFAR10('./cs231n/datasets', train=True, download=True,
                           transform=transform)
loader_val = DataLoader(cifar10_val, batch_size=64,
                       sampler=sampler.SubsetRandomSampler(range(NUM_TRAIN, 50000)))

cifar10_test = dset.CIFAR10('./cs231n/datasets', train=False, download=True,
                             transform=transform)
loader_test = DataLoader(cifar10_test, batch_size=64)
```

You have an option to **use GPU by setting the flag to True below**. It is not necessary to use GPU for this assignment. Note that if your computer does not have CUDA enabled, `torch.cuda.is_available()` will return False and this notebook will fallback to CPU mode.

The global variables `dtype` and `device` will control the data types throughout this assignment.

## Colab Users

If you are using Colab, you need to manually switch to a GPU device. You can do this by clicking `Runtime -> Change runtime type` and selecting `GPU` under `Hardware Accelerator`. Note that you have to rerun the cells from the top since the kernel gets restarted upon switching runtimes.

```
In [8]: USE_GPU = True

dtype = torch.float32 # we will be using float throughout this tutorial

if USE_GPU and torch.cuda.is_available():
    device = torch.device('cuda')
else:
    device = torch.device('cpu')

# Constant to control how frequently we print train loss
print_every = 100

print('using device:', device)
```

using device: cpu

## Part II. Barebones PyTorch

PyTorch ships with high-level APIs to help us define model architectures conveniently, which we will cover in Part II of this tutorial. In this section, we will start with the barebone PyTorch elements to understand the autograd engine better. After this exercise, you will come to appreciate the high-level model API more.



We will start with a simple fully-connected ReLU network with two hidden layers and no biases for CIFAR classification. This implementation computes the forward pass using operations on PyTorch Tensors, and uses PyTorch autograd to compute gradients. It is important that you understand every line, because you will write a harder version after the example.

When we create a PyTorch Tensor with `requires_grad=True`, then operations involving that Tensor will not just compute values; they will also build up a computational graph in the background, allowing us to easily backpropagate through the graph to compute gradients of some Tensors with respect to a downstream loss. Concretely if `x` is a Tensor with `x.requires_grad == True` then after backpropagation `x.grad` will be another Tensor holding the gradient of `x` with respect to the scalar loss at the end.

## PyTorch Tensors: Flatten Function

A PyTorch Tensor is conceptionally similar to a numpy array: it is an n-dimensional grid of numbers, and like numpy PyTorch provides many functions to efficiently operate on Tensors. As a simple example, we provide a `flatten` function below which reshapes image data for use in a fully-connected neural network.

Recall that image data is typically stored in a Tensor of shape  $N \times C \times H \times W$ , where:

- $N$  is the number of datapoints
- $C$  is the number of channels
- $H$  is the height of the intermediate feature map in pixels
- $W$  is the width of the intermediate feature map in pixels

This is the right way to represent the data when we are doing something like a 2D convolution, that needs spatial understanding of where the intermediate features are relative to each other. When we use fully connected affine layers to process the image, however, we want each datapoint to be represented by a single vector -- it's no longer useful to segregate the different channels, rows, and columns of the data. So, we use a "flatten" operation to collapse the  $C \times H \times W$  values per representation into a single long vector. The `flatten` function below first reads in the  $N$ ,  $C$ ,  $H$ , and  $W$  values from a given batch of data, and then returns a "view" of that data. "View" is analogous to numpy's "reshape" method: it reshapes `x`'s dimensions to be  $N \times ??$ , where  $??$  is allowed to be anything (in this case, it will be  $C \times H \times W$ , but we don't need to specify that explicitly).

```
In [4]: def flatten(x):
        N = x.shape[0] # read in N, C, H, W
        return x.view(N, -1) # "flatten" the C * H * W values into a single vector per image

def test_flatten():
    x = torch.arange(12).view(2, 1, 3, 2)
    print('Before flattening: ', x)
    print('After flattening: ', flatten(x))

test_flatten()
```

```
Before flattening:  tensor([[[[ 0,  1],
        [ 2,  3],
        [ 4,  5]]],

        [[[ 6,  7],
        [ 8,  9],
        [10, 11]]]])

After flattening:  tensor([[ 0,  1,  2,  3,  4,  5],
        [ 6,  7,  8,  9, 10, 11]])
```

## Barebones PyTorch: Two-Layer Network

Here we define a function `two_layer_fc` which performs the forward pass of a two-layer fully-connected ReLU network on a batch of image data. After defining the forward pass we check that it doesn't crash and that it produces outputs of the right shape by running zeros through the network.

You don't have to write any code here, but it's important that you read and understand the implementation.

```
In [12]: import torch.nn.functional as F # useful stateless functions

def two_layer_fc(x, params):
    """
    A fully-connected neural networks; the architecture is:
    NN is fully connected -> ReLU -> fully connected layer.
    Note that this function only defines the forward pass;
    PyTorch will take care of the backward pass for us.

    The input to the network will be a minibatch of data, of shape
    (N, d1, ..., dM) where d1 * ... * dM = D. The hidden layer will have H units,
    and the output layer will produce scores for C classes.

    Inputs:
    - x: A PyTorch Tensor of shape (N, d1, ..., dM) giving a minibatch of
      input data.
    - params: A list [w1, w2] of PyTorch Tensors giving weights for the network;
      w1 has shape (D, H) and w2 has shape (H, C).

    Returns:
    - scores: A PyTorch Tensor of shape (N, C) giving classification scores for
      the input data x.
    """
    # first we flatten the image
    x = flatten(x) # shape: [batch_size, C x H x W]

    w1, w2 = params

    # Forward pass: compute predicted y using operations on Tensors. Since w1 and
    # w2 have requires_grad=True, operations involving these Tensors will cause
    # PyTorch to build a computational graph, allowing automatic computation of
    # gradients. Since we are no longer implementing the backward pass by hand we
    # don't need to keep references to intermediate values.
    # you can also use `.clamp(min=0)`, equivalent to F.relu()
    x = F.relu(x.mm(w1))
    x = x.mm(w2)
    return x

def two_layer_fc_test():
    hidden_layer_size = 42
    x = torch.zeros((64, 50), dtype=dtype) # minibatch size 64, feature dimension 50
    w1 = torch.zeros((50, hidden_layer_size), dtype=dtype)
    w2 = torch.zeros((hidden_layer_size, 10), dtype=dtype)
    scores = two_layer_fc(x, [w1, w2])
    print(scores.size()) # you should see [64, 10]

two_layer_fc_test()

torch.Size([64, 10])
```

## Barebones PyTorch: Three-Layer ConvNet

Here you will complete the implementation of the function `three_layer_convnet`, which will perform the forward pass of a three-layer convolutional network. Like above, we can immediately test our implementation by passing zeros through the network. The network should have the following architecture:

1. A convolutional layer (with bias) with `channel1_1` filters, each with shape `KW1 x KH1`, and zero-padding of two

2. ReLU nonlinearity
3. A convolutional layer (with bias) with `channel1_2` filters, each with shape `KW2 x KH2`, and zero-padding of one
4. ReLU nonlinearity
5. Fully-connected layer with bias, producing scores for C classes.

Note that we have **no softmax activation** here after our fully-connected layer: this is because PyTorch's cross entropy loss performs a softmax activation for you, and by bundling that step in makes computation more efficient.

**HINT:** For convolutions: <http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#torch.nn.functional.conv2d>; pay attention to the shapes of convolutional filters!

```
In [13]: def three_layer_convnet(x, params):
    """
    Performs the forward pass of a three-layer convolutional network with the
    architecture defined above.

    Inputs:
    - x: A PyTorch Tensor of shape (N, 3, H, W) giving a minibatch of images
    - params: A list of PyTorch Tensors giving the weights and biases for the
      network; should contain the following:
      - conv_w1: PyTorch Tensor of shape (channel_1, 3, KH1, KW1) giving weights
        for the first convolutional layer
      - conv_b1: PyTorch Tensor of shape (channel_1,) giving biases for the first
        convolutional layer
      - conv_w2: PyTorch Tensor of shape (channel_2, channel_1, KH2, KW2) giving
        weights for the second convolutional layer
      - conv_b2: PyTorch Tensor of shape (channel_2,) giving biases for the second
        convolutional layer
      - fc_w: PyTorch Tensor giving weights for the fully-connected layer. Can you
        figure out what the shape should be?
      - fc_b: PyTorch Tensor giving biases for the fully-connected layer. Can you
        figure out what the shape should be?

    Returns:
    - scores: PyTorch Tensor of shape (N, C) giving classification scores for x
    """
    conv_w1, conv_b1, conv_w2, conv_b2, fc_w, fc_b = params
    scores = None
    #####
    # TODO: Implement the forward pass for the three-layer ConvNet. #
    #####
    # *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

    # 第一层卷积: 使用 5x5 卷积核, 为了保持尺寸不变设置 padding = 2
    out = F.conv2d(x, conv_w1, conv_b1, stride=1, padding=2)
    out = F.relu(out)

    # 第二层卷积: 使用 3x3 卷积核, 设置 padding = 1 保持尺寸不变
    out = F.conv2d(out, conv_w2, conv_b2, stride=1, padding=1)
    out = F.relu(out)

    # 将卷积层输出展平后输入全连接层
    out_flat = out.view(out.size(0), -1)
    # 由于 fc_w 形状为 (9*32*32, 10), 需要转置成 (10, 9*32*32) 以符合 F.Linear 要求
    scores = F.linear(out_flat, fc_w.t(), fc_b)

    # *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
    #####
    #                               END OF YOUR CODE                               #
    #####
    return scores
```

After defining the forward pass of the ConvNet above, run the following cell to test your implementation.

When you run this function, scores should have shape (64, 10).

```
In [14]: def three_layer_convnet_test():
    x = torch.zeros((64, 3, 32, 32), dtype=dtype) # minibatch size 64, image size [3, 32, 32]

    conv_w1 = torch.zeros((6, 3, 5, 5), dtype=dtype) # [out_channel, in_channel, kernel_H, kernel_W]
    conv_b1 = torch.zeros((6,)) # out_channel
    conv_w2 = torch.zeros((9, 6, 3, 3), dtype=dtype) # [out_channel, in_channel, kernel_H, kernel_W]
    conv_b2 = torch.zeros((9,)) # out_channel

    # you must calculate the shape of the tensor after two conv layers, before the fully-connected
    fc_w = torch.zeros((9 * 32 * 32, 10))
    fc_b = torch.zeros(10)

    scores = three_layer_convnet(x, [conv_w1, conv_b1, conv_w2, conv_b2, fc_w, fc_b])
    print(scores.size()) # you should see [64, 10]
    three_layer_convnet_test()

torch.Size([64, 10])
```

## Barebones PyTorch: Initialization

Let's write a couple utility methods to initialize the weight matrices for our models.

- `random_weight(shape)` initializes a weight tensor with the Kaiming normalization method.
- `zero_weight(shape)` initializes a weight tensor with all zeros. Useful for instantiating bias parameters.

The `random_weight` function uses the Kaiming normal initialization method, described in:

He et al, *Delving Deep into Rectifiers: Surpassing Human-Level Performance on ImageNet Classification*, ICCV 2015, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.01852>

```
In [15]: def random_weight(shape):
    """
    Create random Tensors for weights; setting requires_grad=True means that we
    want to compute gradients for these Tensors during the backward pass.
    We use Kaiming normalization: sqrt(2 / fan_in)
    """
    if len(shape) == 2: # FC weight
        fan_in = shape[0]
    else:
        fan_in = np.prod(shape[1:]) # conv weight [out_channel, in_channel, kH, kW]
    # fan is standard normal distribution generator.
    w = torch.randn(shape, device=device, dtype=dtype) * np.sqrt(2. / fan_in)
    w.requires_grad = True
    return w

def zero_weight(shape):
    return torch.zeros(shape, device=device, dtype=dtype, requires_grad=True)

# create a weight of shape [3 x 5]
# you should see the type `torch.cuda.FloatTensor` if you use GPU.
# Otherwise it should be `torch.FloatTensor`
random_weight((3, 5))
```

```
Out[15]: tensor([[ -0.2766, -1.0094,  0.7262,  0.2532,  0.1989],
                 [ 1.4152,  0.4989, -1.4068,  1.9408,  0.5143],
                 [-0.0581, -1.2424, -1.2821,  1.6150,  0.1072]], requires_grad=True)
```

## Barebones PyTorch: Check Accuracy

When training the model we will use the following function to check the accuracy of our model on the training or validation sets.

When checking accuracy we don't need to compute any gradients; as a result we don't need PyTorch to build a computational graph for us when we compute scores. To prevent a graph from being built we scope our computation under a `torch.no_grad()` context manager.

```
In [16]: def check_accuracy_part2(loader, model_fn, params):
        """
        Check the accuracy of a classification model.

        Inputs:
        - loader: A DataLoader for the data split we want to check
        - model_fn: A function that performs the forward pass of the model,
          with the signature scores = model_fn(x, params)
        - params: List of PyTorch Tensors giving parameters of the model

        Returns: Nothing, but prints the accuracy of the model
        """
        split = 'val' if loader.dataset.train else 'test'
        print('Checking accuracy on the %s set' % split)
        num_correct, num_samples = 0, 0
        with torch.no_grad():
            for x, y in loader:
                x = x.to(device=device, dtype=dtype) # move to device, e.g. GPU
                y = y.to(device=device, dtype=torch.int64)
                scores = model_fn(x, params)
                _, preds = scores.max(1)
                num_correct += (preds == y).sum()
                num_samples += preds.size(0)
            acc = float(num_correct) / num_samples
            print('Got %d / %d correct (%.2f%%)' % (num_correct, num_samples, 100 * acc))
```

## BareBones PyTorch: Training Loop

We can now set up a basic training loop to train our network. We will train the model using stochastic gradient descent without momentum. We will use `torch.functional.cross_entropy` to compute the loss; you can [read about it here](#).

The training loop takes as input the neural network function, a list of initialized parameters (`[w1, w2]` in our example), and learning rate.

```
In [17]: def train_part2(model_fn, params, learning_rate):
        """
        Train a model on CIFAR-10.

        Inputs:
        - model_fn: A Python function that performs the forward pass of the model.
          It should have the signature scores = model_fn(x, params) where x is a
          PyTorch Tensor of image data, params is a list of PyTorch Tensors giving
          model weights, and scores is a PyTorch Tensor of shape (N, C) giving
          scores for the elements in x.
        - params: List of PyTorch Tensors giving weights for the model
        - learning_rate: Python scalar giving the learning rate to use for SGD

        Returns: Nothing
        """
        for t, (x, y) in enumerate(loader_train):
            # Move the data to the proper device (GPU or CPU)
            x = x.to(device=device, dtype=dtype)
            y = y.to(device=device, dtype=torch.long)

            # Forward pass: compute scores and loss
            scores = model_fn(x, params)
            loss = F.cross_entropy(scores, y)

            # Backward pass: PyTorch figures out which Tensors in the computational
            # graph has requires_grad=True and uses backpropagation to compute the
            # gradient of the loss with respect to these Tensors, and stores the
            # gradients in the .grad attribute of each Tensor.
```

```

loss.backward()

# Update parameters. We don't want to backpropagate through the
# parameter updates, so we scope the updates under a torch.no_grad()
# context manager to prevent a computational graph from being built.
with torch.no_grad():
    for w in params:
        w -= learning_rate * w.grad

        # Manually zero the gradients after running the backward pass
        w.grad.zero_()

if t % print_every == 0:
    print('Iteration %d, loss = %.4f' % (t, loss.item()))
    check_accuracy_part2(loader_val, model_fn, params)
    print()

```

## BareBones PyTorch: Train a Two-Layer Network

Now we are ready to run the training loop. We need to explicitly allocate tensors for the fully connected weights, `w1` and `w2`.

Each minibatch of CIFAR has 64 examples, so the tensor shape is `[64, 3, 32, 32]`.

After flattening, `x` shape should be `[64, 3 * 32 * 32]`. This will be the size of the first dimension of `w1`. The second dimension of `w1` is the hidden layer size, which will also be the first dimension of `w2`.

Finally, the output of the network is a 10-dimensional vector that represents the probability distribution over 10 classes.

You don't need to tune any hyperparameters but you should see accuracies above 40% after training for one epoch.

```

In [18]: hidden_layer_size = 4000
         learning_rate = 1e-2

         w1 = random_weight((3 * 32 * 32, hidden_layer_size))
         w2 = random_weight((hidden_layer_size, 10))

         train_part2(two_layer_fc, [w1, w2], learning_rate)

```

```
Iteration 0, loss = 3.6288
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 140 / 1000 correct (14.00%)
```

```
Iteration 100, loss = 2.0129
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 313 / 1000 correct (31.30%)
```

```
Iteration 200, loss = 1.7176
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 401 / 1000 correct (40.10%)
```

```
Iteration 300, loss = 1.7804
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 366 / 1000 correct (36.60%)
```

```
Iteration 400, loss = 1.8643
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 366 / 1000 correct (36.60%)
```

```
Iteration 500, loss = 1.6502
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 414 / 1000 correct (41.40%)
```

```
Iteration 600, loss = 1.8550
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 419 / 1000 correct (41.90%)
```

```
Iteration 700, loss = 1.7374
Checking accuracy on the val set
Got 413 / 1000 correct (41.30%)
```

## BareBones PyTorch: Training a ConvNet

In the below you should use the functions defined above to train a three-layer convolutional network on CIFAR. The network should have the following architecture:

1. Convolutional layer (with bias) with 32 5x5 filters, with zero-padding of 2
2. ReLU
3. Convolutional layer (with bias) with 16 3x3 filters, with zero-padding of 1
4. ReLU
5. Fully-connected layer (with bias) to compute scores for 10 classes

You should initialize your weight matrices using the `random_weight` function defined above, and you should initialize your bias vectors using the `zero_weight` function above.

You don't need to tune any hyperparameters, but if everything works correctly you should achieve an accuracy above 42% after one epoch.

```
In [19]: learning_rate = 3e-3

channel_1 = 32
channel_2 = 16

conv_w1 = None
conv_b1 = None
conv_w2 = None
conv_b2 = None
fc_w = None
fc_b = None

#####
# TODO: Initialize the parameters of a three-layer ConvNet.          #
#####
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
```

```

conv_w1 = random_weight((channel_1, 3, 5, 5))
conv_b1 = zero_weight((channel_1,))
conv_w2 = random_weight((channel_2, channel_1, 3, 3))
conv_b2 = zero_weight((channel_2,))
fc_w = random_weight((channel_2 * 32 * 32, 10))
fc_b = zero_weight((10,))

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
#                                     END OF YOUR CODE                               #
#####

params = [conv_w1, conv_b1, conv_w2, conv_b2, fc_w, fc_b]
train_part2(three_layer_convnet, params, learning_rate)

```

Iteration 0, loss = 3.8629  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 162 / 1000 correct (16.20%)

Iteration 100, loss = 1.8490  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 344 / 1000 correct (34.40%)

Iteration 200, loss = 1.6841  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 399 / 1000 correct (39.90%)

Iteration 300, loss = 1.6654  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 432 / 1000 correct (43.20%)

Iteration 400, loss = 1.6068  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 443 / 1000 correct (44.30%)

Iteration 500, loss = 1.5915  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 443 / 1000 correct (44.30%)

Iteration 600, loss = 1.6344  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 457 / 1000 correct (45.70%)

Iteration 700, loss = 1.2261  
 Checking accuracy on the val set  
 Got 482 / 1000 correct (48.20%)

## Part III. PyTorch Module API

Barebone PyTorch requires that we track all the parameter tensors by hand. This is fine for small networks with a few tensors, but it would be extremely inconvenient and error-prone to track tens or hundreds of tensors in larger networks.

PyTorch provides the `nn.Module` API for you to define arbitrary network architectures, while tracking every learnable parameters for you. In Part II, we implemented SGD ourselves. PyTorch also provides the `torch.optim` package that implements all the common optimizers, such as RMSProp, Adagrad, and Adam. It even supports approximate second-order methods like L-BFGS! You can refer to the [doc](#) for the exact specifications of each optimizer.

To use the Module API, follow the steps below:

1. Subclass `nn.Module`. Give your network class an intuitive name like `TwoLayerFC`.
2. In the constructor `__init__()`, define all the layers you need as class attributes. Layer objects like `nn.Linear` and `nn.Conv2d` are themselves `nn.Module` subclasses and contain learnable



parameters, so that you don't have to instantiate the raw tensors yourself. `nn.Module` will track these internal parameters for you. Refer to the [doc](#) to learn more about the dozens of builtin layers. **Warning:** don't forget to call the `super().__init__()` first!

3. In the `forward()` method, define the *connectivity* of your network. You should use the attributes defined in `__init__` as function calls that take tensor as input and output the "transformed" tensor. Do *not* create any new layers with learnable parameters in `forward()` ! All of them must be declared upfront in `__init__`.

After you define your Module subclass, you can instantiate it as an object and call it just like the NN forward function in part II.

## Module API: Two-Layer Network

Here is a concrete example of a 2-layer fully connected network:

```
In [23]: class TwoLayerFC(nn.Module):
def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, num_classes):
    super().__init__()
    # assign layer objects to class attributes
    self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
    # nn.init package contains convenient initialization methods
    # http://pytorch.org/docs/master/nn.html#torch-nn-init
    nn.init.kaiming_normal_(self.fc1.weight)
    self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_size, num_classes)
    nn.init.kaiming_normal_(self.fc2.weight)

def forward(self, x):
    # forward always defines connectivity
    x = flatten(x)
    scores = self.fc2(F.relu(self.fc1(x)))
    return scores

def test_TwoLayerFC():
    input_size = 50
    x = torch.zeros((64, input_size), dtype=dtype) # minibatch size 64, feature dimension 50
    model = TwoLayerFC(input_size, 42, 10)
    scores = model(x)
    print(scores.size()) # you should see [64, 10]
test_TwoLayerFC()
```

`torch.Size([64, 10])`

## Module API: Three-Layer ConvNet

It's your turn to implement a 3-layer ConvNet followed by a fully connected layer. The network architecture should be the same as in Part II:

1. Convolutional layer with `channel_1` 5x5 filters with zero-padding of 2
2. ReLU
3. Convolutional layer with `channel_2` 3x3 filters with zero-padding of 1
4. ReLU
5. Fully-connected layer to `num_classes` classes

You should initialize the weight matrices of the model using the Kaiming normal initialization method.

**HINT:** <http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#conv2d>

After you implement the three-layer ConvNet, the `test_ThreeLayerConvNet` function will run your implementation; it should print `(64, 10)` for the shape of the output scores.

```
In [21]: class ThreeLayerConvNet(nn.Module):
def __init__(self, in_channel, channel_1, channel_2, num_classes):
```

```

super().__init__()
#####
# TODO: Set up the layers you need for a three-layer ConvNet with the #
# architecture defined above. #
#####
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(in_channel, channel_1, kernel_size=5, stride=1, padding=2)
self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(channel_1, channel_2, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1)
# The spatial size is preserved (32x32) through both conv layers.
# So the fully connected layer takes an input of dimension: channel_2 * 32 * 32.
self.fc = nn.Linear(channel_2 * 32 * 32, num_classes)

# Initialize weights using Kaiming normal initialization
nn.init.kaiming_normal_(self.conv1.weight, nonlinearity='relu')
nn.init.kaiming_normal_(self.conv2.weight, nonlinearity='relu')
nn.init.kaiming_normal_(self.fc.weight, nonlinearity='relu')

# Initialize biases to zeros (if they exist)
if self.conv1.bias is not None:
    nn.init.zeros_(self.conv1.bias)
if self.conv2.bias is not None:
    nn.init.zeros_(self.conv2.bias)
if self.fc.bias is not None:
    nn.init.zeros_(self.fc.bias)

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
#                                     END OF YOUR CODE #
#####

def forward(self, x):
    scores = None
    #####
    # TODO: Implement the forward function for a 3-layer ConvNet. you #
    # should use the layers you defined in __init__ and specify the #
    # connectivity of those layers in forward() #
    #####
    # *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

    out = self.conv1(x)
    out = F.relu(out)
    out = self.conv2(out)
    out = F.relu(out)
    out = out.view(out.size(0), -1) # flatten the tensor
    scores = self.fc(out)

    # *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
    #####
    #                                     END OF YOUR CODE #
    #####
    return scores

def test_ThreeLayerConvNet():
    x = torch.zeros((64, 3, 32, 32), dtype=dtype) # minibatch size 64, image size [3, 32, 32]
    model = ThreeLayerConvNet(in_channel=3, channel_1=12, channel_2=8, num_classes=10)
    scores = model(x)
    print(scores.size()) # you should see [64, 10]
    test_ThreeLayerConvNet()

```

```
torch.Size([64, 10])
```

## Module API: Check Accuracy

Given the validation or test set, we can check the classification accuracy of a neural network.

This version is slightly different from the one in part II. You don't manually pass in the parameters anymore.

```
In [5]: def check_accuracy_part34(loader, model):
        if loader.dataset.train:
            print('Checking accuracy on validation set')
        else:
            print('Checking accuracy on test set')
        num_correct = 0
        num_samples = 0
        model.eval() # set model to evaluation mode
        with torch.no_grad():
            for x, y in loader:
                x = x.to(device=device, dtype=dtype) # move to device, e.g. GPU
                y = y.to(device=device, dtype=torch.long)
                scores = model(x)
                _, preds = scores.max(1)
                num_correct += (preds == y).sum()
                num_samples += preds.size(0)
        acc = float(num_correct) / num_samples
        print('Got %d / %d correct (%.2f)' % (num_correct, num_samples, 100 * acc))
```

## Module API: Training Loop

We also use a slightly different training loop. Rather than updating the values of the weights ourselves, we use an Optimizer object from the `torch.optim` package, which abstract the notion of an optimization algorithm and provides implementations of most of the algorithms commonly used to optimize neural networks.

```
In [6]: def train_part34(model, optimizer, epochs=1):
        """
        Train a model on CIFAR-10 using the PyTorch Module API.

        Inputs:
        - model: A PyTorch Module giving the model to train.
        - optimizer: An Optimizer object we will use to train the model
        - epochs: (Optional) A Python integer giving the number of epochs to train for

        Returns: Nothing, but prints model accuracies during training.
        """
        model = model.to(device=device) # move the model parameters to CPU/GPU
        for e in range(epochs):
            for t, (x, y) in enumerate(loader_train):
                model.train() # put model to training mode
                x = x.to(device=device, dtype=dtype) # move to device, e.g. GPU
                y = y.to(device=device, dtype=torch.long)

                scores = model(x)
                loss = F.cross_entropy(scores, y)

                # Zero out all of the gradients for the variables which the optimizer
                # will update.
                optimizer.zero_grad()

                # This is the backwards pass: compute the gradient of the loss with
                # respect to each parameter of the model.
                loss.backward()

                # Actually update the parameters of the model using the gradients
                # computed by the backwards pass.
                optimizer.step()

            if t % print_every == 0:
                print('Iteration %d, loss = %.4f' % (t, loss.item()))
                check_accuracy_part34(loader_val, model)
                # print()
```

## Module API: Train a Two-Layer Network

Now we are ready to run the training loop. In contrast to part II, we don't explicitly allocate parameter tensors anymore.

Simply pass the input size, hidden layer size, and number of classes (i.e. output size) to the constructor of `TwoLayerFC`.

You also need to define an optimizer that tracks all the learnable parameters inside `TwoLayerFC`.

You don't need to tune any hyperparameters, but you should see model accuracies above 40% after training for one epoch.

```
In [24]: hidden_layer_size = 4000
learning_rate = 1e-2
model = TwoLayerFC(3 * 32 * 32, hidden_layer_size, 10)
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)

train_part34(model, optimizer)
```

```
Iteration 0, loss = 3.5253
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 157 / 1000 correct (15.70)
Iteration 100, loss = 2.5396
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 308 / 1000 correct (30.80)
Iteration 200, loss = 1.7459
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 321 / 1000 correct (32.10)
Iteration 300, loss = 1.9301
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 398 / 1000 correct (39.80)
Iteration 400, loss = 2.5609
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 393 / 1000 correct (39.30)
Iteration 500, loss = 1.8940
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 437 / 1000 correct (43.70)
Iteration 600, loss = 1.7070
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 430 / 1000 correct (43.00)
Iteration 700, loss = 1.5083
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 438 / 1000 correct (43.80)
```

## Module API: Train a Three-Layer ConvNet

You should now use the Module API to train a three-layer ConvNet on CIFAR. This should look very similar to training the two-layer network! You don't need to tune any hyperparameters, but you should achieve above 45% after training for one epoch.

You should train the model using stochastic gradient descent without momentum.

```
In [25]: learning_rate = 3e-3
channel_1 = 32
channel_2 = 16

model = None
optimizer = None
#####
# TODO: Instantiate your ThreeLayerConvNet model and a corresponding optimizer #
#####
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

model = ThreeLayerConvNet(in_channel=3, channel_1=channel_1, channel_2=channel_2, num_classes=10)
optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate)

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
```

```
# END OF YOUR CODE
#####

train_part34(model, optimizer)
```

```
Iteration 0, loss = 3.5527
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 115 / 1000 correct (11.50)
Iteration 100, loss = 2.0152
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 311 / 1000 correct (31.10)
Iteration 200, loss = 1.8528
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 391 / 1000 correct (39.10)
Iteration 300, loss = 1.7075
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 400 / 1000 correct (40.00)
Iteration 400, loss = 1.7057
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 423 / 1000 correct (42.30)
Iteration 500, loss = 1.9160
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 419 / 1000 correct (41.90)
Iteration 600, loss = 1.5428
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 450 / 1000 correct (45.00)
Iteration 700, loss = 1.3820
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 466 / 1000 correct (46.60)
```

## Part IV. PyTorch Sequential API

Part III introduced the PyTorch Module API, which allows you to define arbitrary learnable layers and their connectivity.

For simple models like a stack of feed forward layers, you still need to go through 3 steps: subclass `nn.Module`, assign layers to class attributes in `__init__`, and call each layer one by one in `forward()`. Is there a more convenient way?

Fortunately, PyTorch provides a container Module called `nn.Sequential`, which merges the above steps into one. It is not as flexible as `nn.Module`, because you cannot specify more complex topology than a feed-forward stack, but it's good enough for many use cases.

### Sequential API: Two-Layer Network

Let's see how to rewrite our two-layer fully connected network example with `nn.Sequential`, and train it using the training loop defined above.

Again, you don't need to tune any hyperparameters here, but you should achieve above 40% accuracy after one epoch of training.

```
In [26]: # We need to wrap `flatten` function in a module in order to stack it
# in nn.Sequential
class Flatten(nn.Module):
    def forward(self, x):
        return flatten(x)

hidden_layer_size = 4000
learning_rate = 1e-2

model = nn.Sequential(
    Flatten(),
    nn.Linear(3 * 32 * 32, hidden_layer_size),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Linear(hidden_layer_size, 10),
```

```
)

# you can use Nesterov momentum in optim.SGD
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate,
                      momentum=0.9, nesterov=True)

train_part34(model, optimizer)
```

```
Iteration 0, loss = 2.3115
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 151 / 1000 correct (15.10)
Iteration 100, loss = 1.8094
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 371 / 1000 correct (37.10)
Iteration 200, loss = 2.0438
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 401 / 1000 correct (40.10)
Iteration 300, loss = 1.7917
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 409 / 1000 correct (40.90)
Iteration 400, loss = 1.7785
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 432 / 1000 correct (43.20)
Iteration 500, loss = 1.6164
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 461 / 1000 correct (46.10)
Iteration 600, loss = 1.7465
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 452 / 1000 correct (45.20)
Iteration 700, loss = 1.4147
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 465 / 1000 correct (46.50)
```

## Sequential API: Three-Layer ConvNet

Here you should use `nn.Sequential` to define and train a three-layer ConvNet with the same architecture we used in Part III:

1. Convolutional layer (with bias) with 32 5x5 filters, with zero-padding of 2
2. ReLU
3. Convolutional layer (with bias) with 16 3x3 filters, with zero-padding of 1
4. ReLU
5. Fully-connected layer (with bias) to compute scores for 10 classes

You should initialize your weight matrices using the `random_weight` function defined above, and you should initialize your bias vectors using the `zero_weight` function above.

You should optimize your model using stochastic gradient descent with Nesterov momentum 0.9.

Again, you don't need to tune any hyperparameters but you should see accuracy above 55% after one epoch of training.

```
In [27]: channel_1 = 32
channel_2 = 16
learning_rate = 1e-2

model = None
optimizer = None

#####
# TODO: Rewrite the 2-layer ConvNet with bias from Part III with the Sequential API.
#####
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

model = nn.Sequential(
    # 第一层: Conv2d(输入通道=3, 输出通道=32, kernel=5x5, padding=2) + ReLU
```

```

nn.Conv2d(3, channel_1, kernel_size=5, padding=2),
nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
# 第二层: Conv2d(输入通道=32, 输出通道=16, kernel=3x3, padding=1) + ReLU
nn.Conv2d(channel_1, channel_2, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
nn.ReLU(inplace=True),
# 展平多维特征图为一维向量 (假设输入为32x32, 则输出尺寸为16*32*32=16384)
nn.Flatten(),
# 全连接层 (输入16384维 → 输出10类)
nn.Linear(16 * 32 * 32, 10)
)

optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=learning_rate, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True)

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
#                                     END OF YOUR CODE
#####

train_part34(model, optimizer)

```

```

Iteration 0, loss = 2.3317
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 111 / 1000 correct (11.10)
Iteration 100, loss = 1.7216
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 431 / 1000 correct (43.10)
Iteration 200, loss = 1.6561
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 450 / 1000 correct (45.00)
Iteration 300, loss = 1.2089
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 515 / 1000 correct (51.50)
Iteration 400, loss = 1.3492
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 534 / 1000 correct (53.40)
Iteration 500, loss = 1.1862
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 544 / 1000 correct (54.40)
Iteration 600, loss = 1.4310
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 560 / 1000 correct (56.00)
Iteration 700, loss = 1.1913
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 581 / 1000 correct (58.10)

```

## Part V. CIFAR-10 open-ended challenge

In this section, you can experiment with whatever ConvNet architecture you'd like on CIFAR-10.

Now it's your job to experiment with architectures, hyperparameters, loss functions, and optimizers to train a model that achieves **at least 70%** accuracy on the CIFAR-10 **validation** set within 10 epochs. You can use the `check_accuracy` and `train` functions from above. You can use either `nn.Module` or `nn.Sequential` API.

Describe what you did at the end of this notebook.

Here are the official API documentation for each component. One note: what we call in the class "spatial batch norm" is called "BatchNorm2D" in PyTorch.

- Layers in torch.nn package: <http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html>
- Activations: <http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#non-linear-activations>
- Loss functions: <http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/nn.html#loss-functions>
- Optimizers: <http://pytorch.org/docs/stable/optim.html>

Things you might try:

- **Filter size:** Above we used 5x5; would smaller filters be more efficient?
- **Number of filters:** Above we used 32 filters. Do more or fewer do better?
- **Pooling vs Strided Convolution:** Do you use max pooling or just stride convolutions?
- **Batch normalization:** Try adding spatial batch normalization after convolution layers and vanilla batch normalization after affine layers. Do your networks train faster?
- **Network architecture:** The network above has two layers of trainable parameters. Can you do better with a deep network? Good architectures to try include:
  - [conv-relu-pool]xN -> [affine]xM -> [softmax or SVM]
  - [conv-relu-conv-relu-pool]xN -> [affine]xM -> [softmax or SVM]
  - [batchnorm-relu-conv]xN -> [affine]xM -> [softmax or SVM]
- **Global Average Pooling:** Instead of flattening and then having multiple affine layers, perform convolutions until your image gets small (7x7 or so) and then perform an average pooling operation to get to a 1x1 image picture (1, 1, Filter#), which is then reshaped into a (Filter#) vector. This is used in [Google's Inception Network](#) (See Table 1 for their architecture).
- **Regularization:** Add l2 weight regularization, or perhaps use Dropout.

## Tips for training

For each network architecture that you try, you should tune the learning rate and other hyperparameters. When doing this there are a couple important things to keep in mind:

- If the parameters are working well, you should see improvement within a few hundred iterations
- Remember the coarse-to-fine approach for hyperparameter tuning: start by testing a large range of hyperparameters for just a few training iterations to find the combinations of parameters that are working at all.
- Once you have found some sets of parameters that seem to work, search more finely around these parameters. You may need to train for more epochs.
- You should use the validation set for hyperparameter search, and save your test set for evaluating your architecture on the best parameters as selected by the validation set.

## Going above and beyond

If you are feeling adventurous there are many other features you can implement to try and improve your performance. You are **not required** to implement any of these, but don't miss the fun if you have time!

- Alternative optimizers: you can try Adam, Adagrad, RMSprop, etc.
- Alternative activation functions such as leaky ReLU, parametric ReLU, ELU, or MaxOut.
- Model ensembles
- Data augmentation
- New Architectures
  - [ResNets](#) where the input from the previous layer is added to the output.
  - [DenseNets](#) where inputs into previous layers are concatenated together.
  - [This blog has an in-depth overview](#)

## Have fun and happy training!

```
In [28]: #####
# TODO: #
# Experiment with any architectures, optimizers, and hyperparameters. #
# Achieve AT LEAST 70% accuracy on the *validation set* within 10 epochs. #
# #
# Note that you can use the check_accuracy function to evaluate on either #
# the test set or the validation set, by passing either loader_test or #
# loader_val as the second argument to check_accuracy. You should not touch #
# the test set until you have finished your architecture and hyperparameter #
# tuning, and only run the test set once at the end to report a final value. #
```



```
#####
model = None
optimizer = None

# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****

# my 1st try
model = nn.Sequential(
    # Block 1: two conv layers + batch norm + ReLU, then max pooling
    nn.Conv2d(in_channels=3, out_channels=32, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(32),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Conv2d(in_channels=32, out_channels=32, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(32),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2), # 32x32 -> 16x16

    # Block 2
    nn.Conv2d(in_channels=32, out_channels=64, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Conv2d(in_channels=64, out_channels=64, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2), # 16x16 -> 8x8

    # Block 3
    nn.Conv2d(in_channels=64, out_channels=128, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(128),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Conv2d(in_channels=128, out_channels=128, kernel_size=3, padding=1),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(128),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.MaxPool2d(kernel_size=2, stride=2), # 8x8 -> 4x4

    # Fully connected layers
    nn.Flatten(), # flatten to vector of size 128*4*4 = 2048
    nn.Linear(128 * 4 * 4, 256),
    nn.ReLU(),
    nn.Dropout(0.5), # dropout for regularization
    nn.Linear(256, 10)
)

# Define optimizer: using SGD with Nesterov momentum (lr=0.01, momentum=0.9)
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01, momentum=0.9, nesterov=True)

# *****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)*****
#####
#
#                               END OF YOUR CODE
#####

# You should get at least 70% accuracy
train_part34(model, optimizer, epochs=10)
```

Iteration 0, loss = 2.3627  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 105 / 1000 correct (10.50)  
Iteration 100, loss = 1.6786  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 409 / 1000 correct (40.90)  
Iteration 200, loss = 1.6214  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 493 / 1000 correct (49.30)  
Iteration 300, loss = 1.3675  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 551 / 1000 correct (55.10)  
Iteration 400, loss = 1.0408  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 579 / 1000 correct (57.90)  
Iteration 500, loss = 1.4929  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 591 / 1000 correct (59.10)  
Iteration 600, loss = 1.2848  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 615 / 1000 correct (61.50)  
Iteration 700, loss = 1.1967  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 636 / 1000 correct (63.60)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.8728  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 631 / 1000 correct (63.10)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.9893  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 652 / 1000 correct (65.20)  
Iteration 200, loss = 1.0810  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 680 / 1000 correct (68.00)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.8151  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 701 / 1000 correct (70.10)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.9684  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 702 / 1000 correct (70.20)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.8850  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 696 / 1000 correct (69.60)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.8199  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 694 / 1000 correct (69.40)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.8739  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 713 / 1000 correct (71.30)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.8779  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 711 / 1000 correct (71.10)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.4788  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 738 / 1000 correct (73.80)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.6568  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 737 / 1000 correct (73.70)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.9925  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 750 / 1000 correct (75.00)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.7216  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 739 / 1000 correct (73.90)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.6800  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 757 / 1000 correct (75.70)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.6527  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 752 / 1000 correct (75.20)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.6925  
Checking accuracy on validation set

Got 738 / 1000 correct (73.80)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.4560  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 768 / 1000 correct (76.80)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.6807  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 717 / 1000 correct (71.70)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.7870  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 728 / 1000 correct (72.80)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.7791  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 783 / 1000 correct (78.30)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.7655  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 784 / 1000 correct (78.40)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.5728  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 783 / 1000 correct (78.30)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.6786  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 792 / 1000 correct (79.20)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.7207  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 793 / 1000 correct (79.30)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.7579  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 800 / 1000 correct (80.00)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.4568  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 760 / 1000 correct (76.00)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.6234  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 780 / 1000 correct (78.00)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.5165  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 795 / 1000 correct (79.50)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.6663  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 796 / 1000 correct (79.60)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.6113  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 811 / 1000 correct (81.10)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.6430  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 812 / 1000 correct (81.20)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.5948  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 813 / 1000 correct (81.30)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.3948  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 799 / 1000 correct (79.90)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.4427  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 813 / 1000 correct (81.30)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.5487  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 800 / 1000 correct (80.00)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.4704  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 809 / 1000 correct (80.90)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.4859  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 814 / 1000 correct (81.40)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.3405  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 797 / 1000 correct (79.70)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.7788  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 824 / 1000 correct (82.40)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.6578

Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 815 / 1000 correct (81.50)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.2911  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 830 / 1000 correct (83.00)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.3184  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 823 / 1000 correct (82.30)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.7878  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 840 / 1000 correct (84.00)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.3769  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 821 / 1000 correct (82.10)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.4589  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 815 / 1000 correct (81.50)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.3658  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 816 / 1000 correct (81.60)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.4993  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 820 / 1000 correct (82.00)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.4297  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 825 / 1000 correct (82.50)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.2831  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 816 / 1000 correct (81.60)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.4567  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 834 / 1000 correct (83.40)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.3224  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 832 / 1000 correct (83.20)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.5175  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 815 / 1000 correct (81.50)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.3814  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 829 / 1000 correct (82.90)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.5828  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 829 / 1000 correct (82.90)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.2850  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 835 / 1000 correct (83.50)  
Iteration 700, loss = 0.3512  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 830 / 1000 correct (83.00)  
Iteration 0, loss = 0.3356  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 844 / 1000 correct (84.40)  
Iteration 100, loss = 0.3803  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 846 / 1000 correct (84.60)  
Iteration 200, loss = 0.3329  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 840 / 1000 correct (84.00)  
Iteration 300, loss = 0.3659  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 830 / 1000 correct (83.00)  
Iteration 400, loss = 0.3731  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 830 / 1000 correct (83.00)  
Iteration 500, loss = 0.3857  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 846 / 1000 correct (84.60)  
Iteration 600, loss = 0.5536  
Checking accuracy on validation set  
Got 828 / 1000 correct (82.80)

```
Iteration 700, loss = 0.4207
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 853 / 1000 correct (85.30)
Iteration 0, loss = 0.3778
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 816 / 1000 correct (81.60)
Iteration 100, loss = 0.4127
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 846 / 1000 correct (84.60)
Iteration 200, loss = 0.3777
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 819 / 1000 correct (81.90)
Iteration 300, loss = 0.3705
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 826 / 1000 correct (82.60)
Iteration 400, loss = 0.2394
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 844 / 1000 correct (84.40)
Iteration 500, loss = 0.3679
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 827 / 1000 correct (82.70)
Iteration 600, loss = 0.1283
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 856 / 1000 correct (85.60)
Iteration 700, loss = 0.1569
Checking accuracy on validation set
Got 845 / 1000 correct (84.50)
```

## Describe what you did

In the cell below you should write an explanation of what you did, any additional features that you implemented, and/or any graphs that you made in the process of training and evaluating your network.

## My Answer:

### Architecture

**Conv Blocks:** I built three convolutional blocks. Each block has two  $3 \times 3$  convolutional layers followed by batch normalization and ReLU activation. I then apply  $2 \times 2$  max pooling to halve the spatial dimensions.

**Fully-Connected Layers:** After flattening, I used a fully connected layer from 2048 units to 256 units, applied ReLU and dropout ( $p=0.5$ ), and finally a linear layer mapping to the 10 output classes.

### Regularization & Normalization:

I included batch normalization after each convolutional layer to speed up training and stabilize gradients.

I added dropout in the FC portion to help prevent overfitting.

### Optimizer:

I used SGD with Nesterov momentum (0.9) and a learning rate of 0.01. This combination helped the model converge faster.

### Outcome:

With these choices, the network achieves over 70% accuracy on the CIFAR-10 validation set within 10 epochs.

## Test set -- run this only once

Now that we've gotten a result we're happy with, we test our final model on the test set (which you should store in `best_model`). Think about how this compares to your validation set accuracy.

```
In [29]: best_model = model  
         check_accuracy_part34(loader_test, best_model)
```

```
Checking accuracy on test set  
Got 8278 / 10000 correct (82.78)
```