

CS 547 Homework 1

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Neural Network Implementation

Function Definitions

1. `def loadData(url, nimage):` `loadData` reads a image and formats it into a 28x28 long array
2. `def loadLabels(url, nimage):` `loadLabels` reads the corresponding label data, one for each image
3. `def download(dataurl, labelsurl, nimage):` `download` uses `loadData` and `loadLabels` to generate raw data to be used later
4. `def relu(M):` `relu` is an activation function defined as 0 for $x < 0$ and x for $x > 0$
5. `def relu_p(M):` `relu_p` is the derivative of `relu` function
6. `def sigmoid(M):` `sigmoid` is an activation function defined as $\exp(x)/(\exp(x)+1)$
7. `def sigmoid_p(M):` `sigmoid_p` is the derivative of `sigmoid` function
8. `def softmax(z):` `softmax` is a function that converts the raw scores for each category to probabilities that sum up to 1
9. `def feed_forward(X,Y):` `feed_forward` feeds MNIST data to the neural network and computes values at each intermediate layers.
10. `def back_propagate(Z,H,U,f,X,Y):` `back_propagate` uses the results from `feed_forward` to compute the gradients of the loss to each parameter of the neural network.
11. `def predict(probability, labels):` `predict` function predicts the categories for a dataset using the trained neural network and calculate the accuracy on the dataset by comparing the results to the labels.

Main Block

The main block starts by downloading data from LeCun's website. Then, it prepares the data so they can be fed into the neural network. For the labels data, It convert the original labels (0-9) to vectors containing 1's and 0's (one-hot encoding). Then, it sets trainable parameters "W", "b1", "C" and "b2" for the neural network that contains one hidden layer. The matrices "W" and "C" are initialized to random numbers spanning from $-\sqrt{1/784}$ to $+\sqrt{1/784}$, while the bias "b1" and "b2" are set to zeros. At last comes the training code which sets all the tunable hyperparameters. The learning rate is initialized to $1e-4$, and will reduce to $1e-5$ at epoch 8. Since the optimizing scheme is Stochastic Gradient Descent, the batch size is set to 1. Thus, there will be 60000 iterations in each epoch. For each iteration a feed forward and back propagation operations are done through the network with a hidden layer of size 100. A total of 20 epochs are done on the training set. The accuracy reached 97% at the 10th epoch, and finally settled down at around 97.18%. Please see the training log attached below for more details.

Results

I have achieved a test accuracy of > 97% at the 10th epoch. The accuracy for the rest epochs stays above 97%.

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Epoch 1 / 21 is complete with a loss of 5.421095825220706e-06
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9240166666666667
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9214
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 2 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.8044077224836576e-06
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9467833333333333
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9414
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 3 / 21 is complete with a loss of 2.8969534326487525e-07
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9511333333333334
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9412
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 4 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.9576114201149124e-05
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.954
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9426
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 5 / 21 is complete with a loss of 2.2403207092351586e-09
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9648833333333333
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9529
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 6 / 21 is complete with a loss of 5.750747657506261e-10
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.96735
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9543
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 7 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.3813777908870717e-09
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9707333333333333
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9569
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 8 / 21 is complete with a loss of 4.24993373827413e-12
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9752333333333333
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9617
  Current learning rate is 0.0001
Epoch 9 / 21 is complete with a loss of 7.426947945560027e-12
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.9866666666666667
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9697
  Current learning rate is 1e-05
Epoch 10 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.8806622925814685e-11
  Accuracy on the training set is 0.98865
  Accuracy on the test set is 0.9708
  Current learning rate is 1e-05
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Epoch 11 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.5267453967854314e-11
Accuracy on the training set is 0.9896666666666667
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9705
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 12 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.1608269900943088e-11
Accuracy on the training set is 0.99035
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9709
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 13 / 21 is complete with a loss of 8.93862761590201e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.99085
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9712
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 14 / 21 is complete with a loss of 6.4291905133224864e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.99135
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9715
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 15 / 21 is complete with a loss of 5.415778936438642e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.9917833333333334
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9716
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 16 / 21 is complete with a loss of 4.154676602760891e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.9920166666666667
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9718
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 17 / 21 is complete with a loss of 2.7792212975480164e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.9924666666666667
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9717
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 18 / 21 is complete with a loss of 2.159050715990873e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.9928166666666667
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9718
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 19 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.7609247393595111e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.9932666666666666
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9718
Current learning rate is 1e-05

Epoch 20 / 21 is complete with a loss of 1.3391510123037605e-12
Accuracy on the training set is 0.99365
Accuracy on the test set is 0.9719
Current learning rate is 1e-05