Lab1: back-propagation

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1. Introduction

Lab Objective:

In this lab, you will need to understand and implement simple neural networks with forwarding pass and backpropagation using two hidden layers. Notice that you can only use NumPy and the python standard libraries, any other frameworks (ex: TensorFlow • PyTorch) are not allowed in this lab.

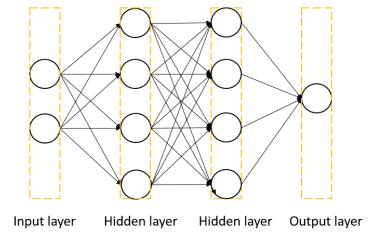


Figure 1. Two-layer neural network

Requirements:

- 1. Implement simple neural networks with two hidden layers.
- 2. You must use backpropagation in this neural network and can only use NumPy and other python standard libraries to implement.
- 3. Plot your comparison figure that show the predicted results and the ground-truth.

Data:

Use two types of data to test the neural network.

• Uniform distribution (blue points are labeled to 1, red points are labeled to 0)

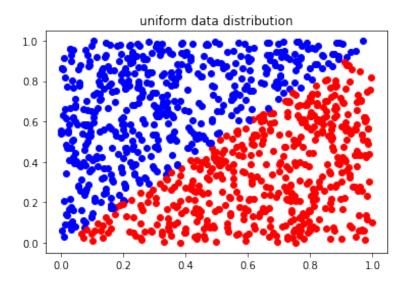


Figure 2. Data points generated from uniform distribution

• XOR (X shape) (blue points are labeled to 1, red points are labeled to 0)

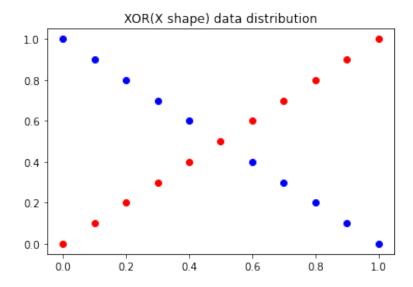


Figure 3. Data points generated from XOR

Code for data generation

To make the data generation deterministic, specify the seed of the random generator and recreate the random generator for every generation.

```
class Data:
    _DATA_RANDOM_SEED: int = 8765
    _data_random_generator: np.random.Generator = np.random.default_rng(seed=5678)

# deterministic random generator for data
@classmethod
def get_data_random_generator(cls, deterministic: bool = True) → np.random.Generator:
    if deterministic:
        return np.random.default_rng(seed=cls._DATA_RANDOM_SEED)
    else:
        return cls._data_random_generator

@classmethod
def generate_uniform_data(cls, n: int):
    points = cls.get_data_random_generator().uniform(low=0.0, high=1.0, size=(n, 2))
    labels = np.fromiter(map(lambda point: int(point[0] ≤ point[1]), points), dtype=int)
    return points, np.expand_dims(labels, axis=-1)

@classmethod
def generate_X_like_data(cls, n: int = 11):
    points = []
    labels = []
    for value in np.linspace(0, 1, n):
        # value = 0.1 * i
        points.append([value, value])
        labels.append(0)

    if value = 1 - value:
        continue

    points.append([value, 1 - value])
        labels.append(1)
        return np.array(points, dtype=float), np.expand_dims(np.array(labels, dtype=int), axis=-1)
```

Figure 4. Code for data generation

Data Setups:

• Code for splitting data (output format is x train, x test, y train, y test)

```
def split_data(points: np.ndarray, labels: np.ndarray, train_size: Union[int, float], test_size: Union[int, float]):
    """Split data into train and test datasets
    """
    number_of_points = points.shape[0]

if isinstance(train_size, float) and isinstance(test_size, float):
    if (train_size + test_size) ≠ 1.0:
        raise ValueError(f"train size + test size should be equal to 1.0")

train_size = ceil(train_size * number_of_points)
    test_size = floor(test_size * number_of_points)
    elif isinstance(train_size, int) and isinstance(test_size, int):
    if number_of_points ≠ (train_size + test_size):
        raise ValueError(f"train size + test_size should be equal to the number of points")
else:
    raise TypeError("train_size and test_size should be the same type")

splitted_points = np.split(points, [train_size, number_of_points], axis=0)[:-1]
splitted_labels = np.split(labels, [train_size, number_of_points], axis=0)[:-1]
return splitted_points + splitted_labels
```

Figure 5. Code for splitting data

Code for shuffling data (output format is x, y)

```
def _shuffle_data(self, random_generator: np.random.Generator, x: np.ndarray, y: np.ndarray):
    data = list(zip(x, y))
    random_generator.shuffle(data, axis = 0)
    return list(map(np.array, zip(*data)))
```

Figure 6. Code for shuffling data

Data Preprocessing:

- Uniform data
 - 1. Generate 5000 data points for the training dataset.
 - a. Split the training dataset into the training set and validation set by 0.8 and 0.2.
 - b. Shuffle the training set before starting training for each epoch.

```
shape of train data: (4000, 2)
shape of validation data: (1000, 2)
shape of test data: (1000, 2)
number of 1 in train data: 2011
number of 0 in train data: 1989
number of 1 in validation data: 513
number of 0 in validation data: 487
```

Figure 7. Label distributions of the training and validation set

2. Generate 1000 data points for the testing dataset.

```
def get_uniform_data():
    points, labels = Data.generate_uniform_data(5000)
    x_train, x_val, y_train, y_val = split_data(points, labels, 0.8, 0.2)
    x_test, y_test = Data.generate_uniform_data(100)

    print("shape of train data:", x_train.shape)
    print("shape of validation data:", x_val.shape)
    print("shape of test data:", x_test.shape)

    print("number of 1 in train data:", np.sum(y_train = 1))
    print("number of 0 in train data:", np.sum(y_train = 0))
    print("number of 1 in validation data:", np.sum(y_val = 1))
    print("number of 0 in validation data:", np.sum(y_val = 0))

    return x_train, x_val, x_test, y_train, y_val, y_test

x_train, x_val, x_test, y_train, y_val, y_test = get_uniform_data()
```

Figure 8. Code for preprocessing uniform data

XOR data

- 1. Generate the same data for the training, validation, and testing dataset.
- 2. Shuffle the training set before starting training for each epoch.

```
shape of train data: (21, 2)
shape of validation data: (21, 2)
shape of test data: (21, 2)
number of 1 in train data: 10
number of 0 in train data: 11
number of 1 in validation data: 11
```

Figure 9. Label distributions

```
def get_X_data():
    points, labels = Data.generate_X_like_data(n = 11)
    x_train, x_val, x_test, y_train, y_val, y_test = points, points, points, labels, labels

print("shape of train data:", x_train.shape)
    print("shape of validation data:", x_val.shape)
    print("shape of test data:", x_test.shape)

print("number of 1 in train data:", np.sum(y_train = 1))
    print("number of 0 in train data:", np.sum(y_train = 0))
    print("number of 1 in validation data:", np.sum(y_val = 1))
    print("number of 0 in validation data:", np.sum(y_val = 0))

return x_train, x_val, x_test, y_train, y_val, y_test

x_train, x_val, x_test, y_train, y_val, y_test = get_X_data()
```

Figure 10. Code for preprocessing XOR data

Flowchart for training a model:

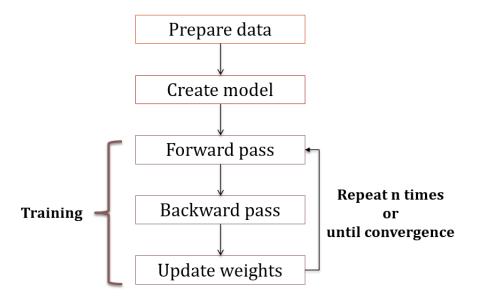


Figure 11. Flowchart for training a model

Perceptron:

A basic computation unit for neural network.

$$y = \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{x} + b$$

Figure 12. Equation of linear transformation with bias

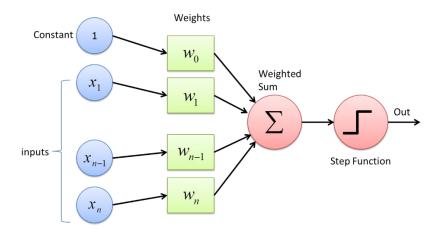


Figure 13. Details of calculating linear transformation

Neural Network (Multilayer perceptron MLP):

For each hidden layer and output layer, it contains at least one unit (perceptron).

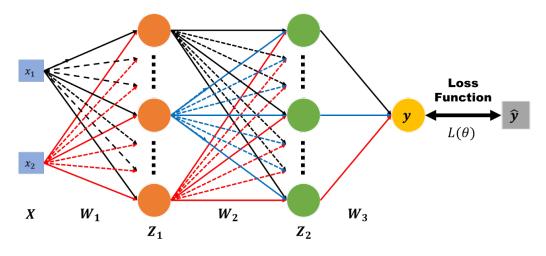
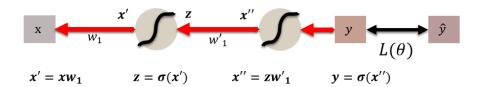


Figure 14. Architecture of Neural Network

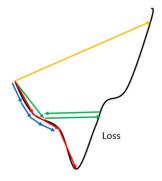
 $X:[x_1, x_2]$ y: outputs $\hat{y}:$ ground truth W_1 , W_2 , W_3 : weight matrix of network layers

$$Z_1=\sigma(XW_1)$$
 $Z_2=\sigma(Z_1W_2)$ $y=\sigma(Z_2W_3)$
$$\sigma(\mathbf{x})=\frac{1}{1+e^{-\mathbf{x}}} \ (\text{Sigmoid})$$

Backpropagation:



$$\frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial y} \\
= \frac{\partial x''}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x''} \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial y} \\
= \frac{\partial z}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial x''}{\partial z} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x''} \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial y} \\
= \frac{\partial z'}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial z} \frac{\partial x''}{\partial z'} \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial x''} \\
= \frac{\partial x'}{\partial w_1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x'} \frac{\partial x''}{\partial z} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x''} \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial y}$$



$$\theta^1 = \theta^0 - \rho \, \nabla L(\theta^0)$$

$$\theta^2 = \theta^1 - \rho \, \nabla L(\theta^1)$$

$$\theta^3 = \theta^2 - \rho \, \nabla L(\theta^2)$$

Network $\theta = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, \cdots\}$ Parameters

Activation functions:

Sigmoid

Sigmoid Function

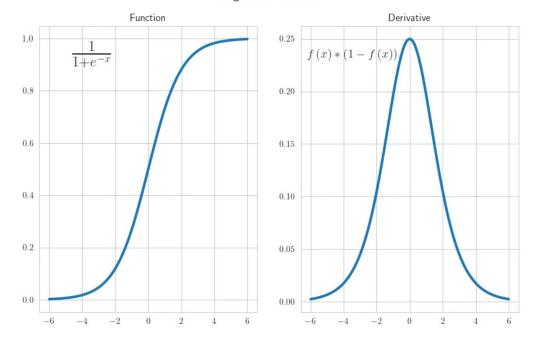


Figure 15. Visualization of Sigmoid function

■ The function of the forward pass

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

■ The function of the backward pass (derivative function)

$$f'(x) = f(x) * (1 - f(x))$$

Tanh

Tanh Function

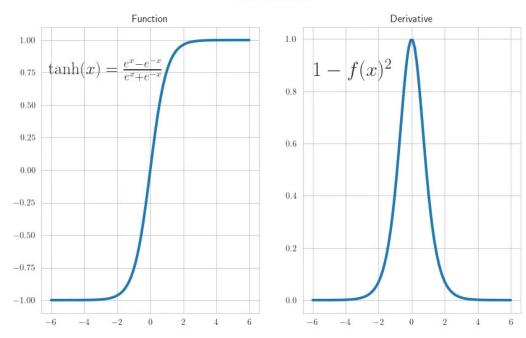


Figure 16. Visualization of Tanh function

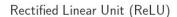
■ The function of the forward pass

$$f(x) = anh(x) = rac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

■ The function of the backward pass (derivative function)

$$f'(x) = 1 - f(x)^2$$

• ReLU



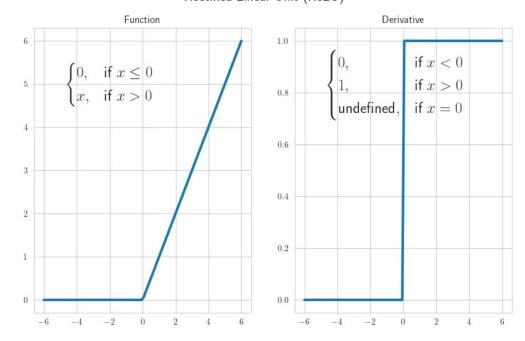


Figure 17. Visualization of ReLU function

■ The function of the forward pass

$$ReLU(x) = (x)^{+} = \max(0, x)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & ext{if } x \leq 0 \\ x, & ext{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

The function of the backward pass (derivative function)

Note: In this lab, if x = 0, I define the value 0 instead of undefined.

$$f'\left(x
ight) = egin{cases} 0, & ext{if } x < 0 \ 1, & ext{if } x > 0 \ ext{undefined}, & ext{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Leaky ReLU

Leaky ReLU

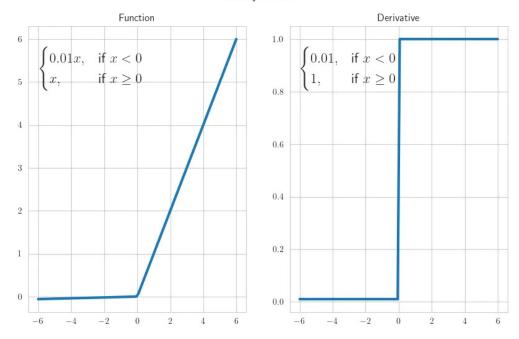


Figure 18. Visualization of Leaky ReLU function

■ The function of the forward pass

$$f\left(x
ight) = egin{cases} 0.01x, & ext{if } x < 0 \ x, & ext{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

■ The function of the backward pass (derivative function)

$$f'\left(x
ight) = egin{cases} 0.01, & ext{if } x < 0 \ 1, & ext{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Loss functions:

Mean Squared Error

$$ext{MSE} = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(Y_i - \hat{Y_i}
ight)^2.$$

Where

■ n: number of data points

■ i: index of data points

 \blacksquare \hat{Y} : predict result

■ Y: ground truth

Negative Log-Likelihood for Bernoulli Distribution

$$l(\theta) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i \log \hat{y}_{\theta,i} + (1 - y_i) \log (1 - \hat{y}_{\theta,i}) \right)$$

Where

- n: number of data points
- i: index of data points
- \blacksquare θ : weights
- ŷ: predict result
- y: ground truth

Optimizers:

• Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$$

Where

■ W: weights

■ *L*: loss function

η: learning rate

Momentum

$$V_t \leftarrow \beta V_{t-1} - \eta \, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$$

$$W \leftarrow W + V_t$$

Where

■ W: weights

■ *L*: loss function

η: learning rate

 \blacksquare β : momentum

■ Vt: velocity at time step t

2. Experiment setups

Shared settings:

• Optimizer – Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

Figure 19. Implementation of stochastic gradient descent (SGD)

Loss function – Mean Squared Error

```
def calculate_MSE_loss(y_pred: np.ndarray, y_true: np.ndarray):
   loss = np.mean((y_pred - y_true) ** 2.0)
   gradient = 2.0 * (y_pred - y_true) / y_pred.shape[0]
   return loss, gradient
```

Figure 20. Implementation of mean squared error

• Output unit - Sigmoid

Figure 21. Implementation of sigmoid function

Dense layer (layers in neural network)

- forward: forward pass function
- backward: backward pass function, calculate the gradients
- update: step function, update parameters by optimizer

```
| class benes(Module):
| __input_feature_size: Int | __input_feature_size: Int, output_feature_size: Int, bias: bool = True, initializer: str = 'uniform', random_generator: np.random.Generator = np.random.Generator = np.random.Generator = np.random.Generator = size: Input_feature_size: int, output_feature_size: int, bias: bool = True, initializer: str = 'uniform', random_generator: np.random.Generator = np.random.Generator = size: input_feature_size = input_feature_size: output_feature_size: ou
```

Figure 22. Implementation of dense layer

Backpropagation

Figure 23. Implementation of training process

- a. Calculate the gradient of loss function, g
- b. Propagate the gradient g to neural network (dense layers and activation functions)

```
def backward(self, g: np.ndarray) → np.ndarray:
    for i in range(len(self._layers) - 1, -1, -1):
        g = self._layers[i].backward(g)
    return None
```

Figure 24. Propagate the gradient *g* to neural network

c. Calculate the gradients

```
def backward(self, g: np.ndarray) → np.ndarray:
    self._gradient_weight = self._input.T ① g
    if self._bias is not None:
        self._gradient_bias = np.mean(g, axis = 0)
    return g ② self._weight.T
```

Figure 25. Calculate the gradients of dense layer

```
def backward(self, g: np.ndarray) → np.ndarray:
    return g * self._output * (1.0 - self._output)
```

Figure 26. Calculate the gradients of sigmoid function

d. Update parameters

```
def update(self, optimizer: Optimizer) → None:
    for layer in self._layers:
        layer.update(optimizer)
```

Figure 27. Propagate the optimizer to neural network

```
def update(self, optimizer: Optimizer) → None:
    optimizer.step(self._weight, self._gradient_weight)
    if self._bias is not None:
        optimizer.step(self._bias, self._gradient_bias)
```

Figure 28. Update the parameters of dense layer

```
def step(self, parameter: np.ndarray, gradient: np.ndarray) → None:
    parameter -= self._learning_rate * gradient
```

Figure 29. Implementation of step function of SGD optimizer

Uniform data:

Neural network

■ Input size: (*, 2)

■ Output size: (*, 1)

■ Initializer: normal distribution

■ Learning rate: 1.5

 \blacksquare Hidden layers: (2 x 3) with bias, (3 x 2) with bias

Hidden units: ReLUOutput layer: with bias

```
Dense layer
shape of inputs: (*, 2)
shape of outputs: (*, 3)
shape of weights: (2, 3)
shape of bias: (3,)

ReLU
shape of activation: *

Dense layer
shape of inputs: (*, 3)
shape of outputs: (*, 2)
shape of weights: (3, 2)
shape of bias: (2,)

ReLU
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Dense layer
shape of outputs: (*, 2)
shape of bias: (2,)

Shape of inputs: (*, 2)
shape of activation: *

Dense layer
shape of inputs: (*, 1)
shape of outputs: (*, 1)
shape of weights: (2, 1)
shape of bias: (1,)

Sigmoid
shape of activation: *
```

Figure 30. Architecture of neural network for uniform data

Figure 31. Implementation of neural network for uniform data

XOR data:

- Neural network
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shape of bias: (2,)

ReLU
shape of activation: *

Dense layer
shape of outputs: (*, 2)
shape of bias: (2,)

ReLU
shape of activation: *

Dense layer
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shape of outputs: (*, 1)
shape of bias: (1,)

Sigmoid
shape of activation: *
```

Figure 32. Architecture of neural network for XOR data

Figure 33. Implementation of neural network for XOR data

3. Results of your testing

Uniform data:

• Learning curve (train loss, validation loss, epoch)

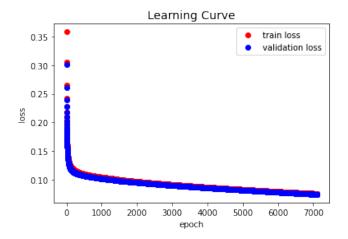


Figure 34. Learning curve of neural network for uniform data

Accuracy (train accuracy, validation accuracy, epoch)

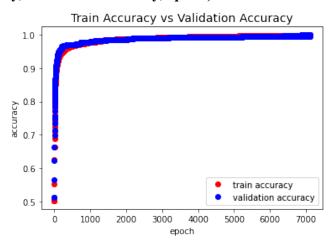


Figure 35. Accuracy comparison between training and validation

• Predict result: accuracy 99.4%

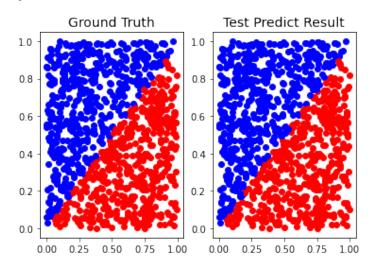


Figure 36. Predict results of neural network for uniform data

XOR data:

• Learning curve (train loss, validation loss, epoch)

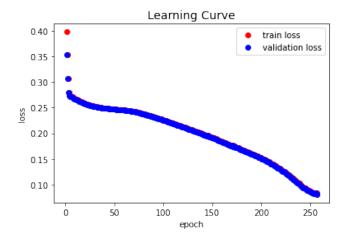


Figure 37. Learning curve of neural network for XOR data

Accuracy (train accuracy, validation accuracy, epoch)

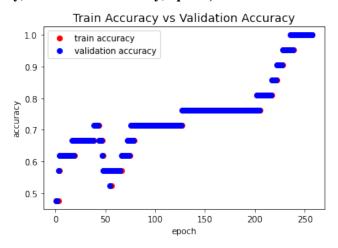


Figure 38. Accuracy comparison between training and validation

• Predict result: accuracy 100%

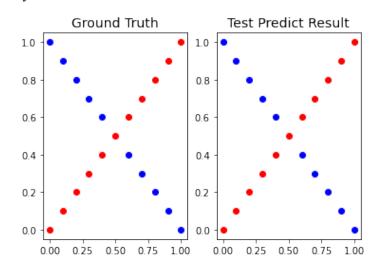
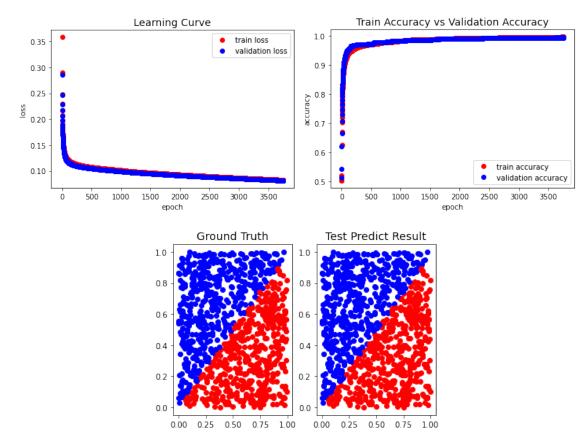


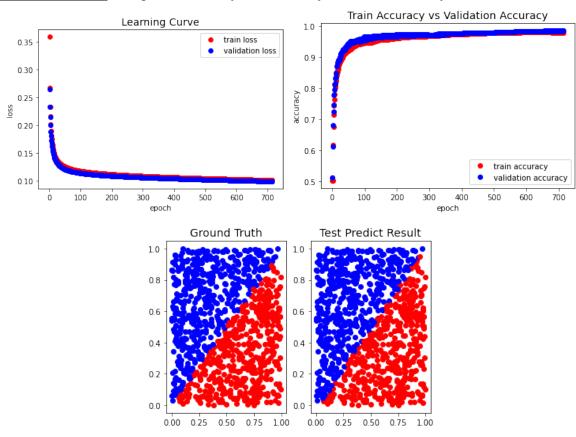
Figure 39. Predict results of neural network for XOR data

4. Discussion

Try different learning rates: use uniform data for this experiment
 Learning rate = 2.0: the epochs is totally decreased by 50%; the accuracy is 99.1%

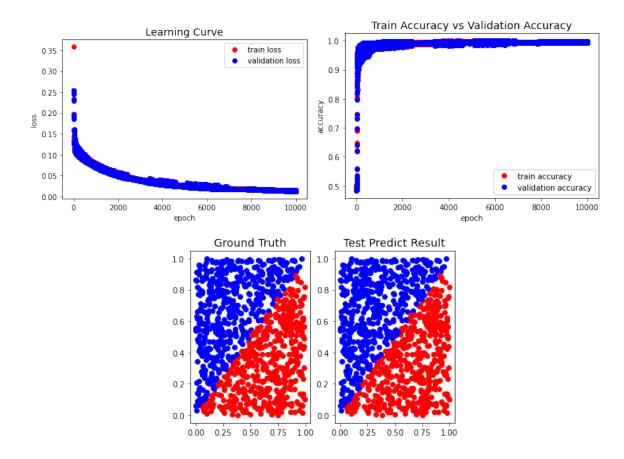


<u>Learning rate = 3.0:</u> the epochs is totally decreased by 20%; the accuracy is 97.9%



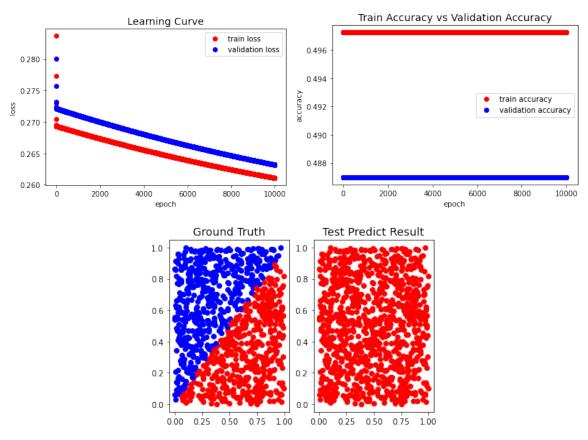
<u>Learning rate = 15.0:</u> the epochs is increased; but the accuracy is 99.4%

Compared with other learning rates, we can see the learning curve drops down dramatically and the accuracy goes up. The model still has good performance, but there are more and more glitches during the training and validation.



• Try different numbers of hidden units: use uniform data for this experiment If we change the size of the last hidden layer to 1, 3, 4:

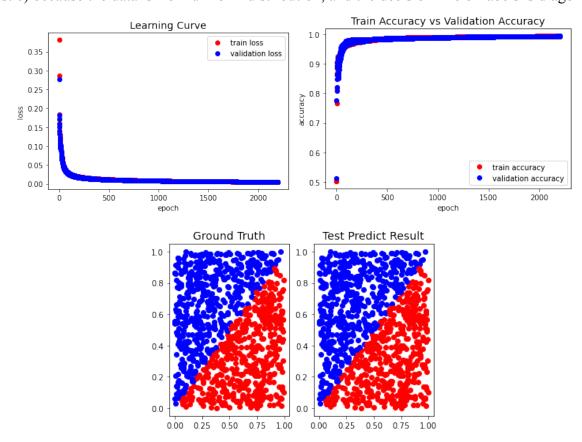
The model cannot predict correctly.



If we change the size of the last hidden layer to 5, 6, 7... (above 5):

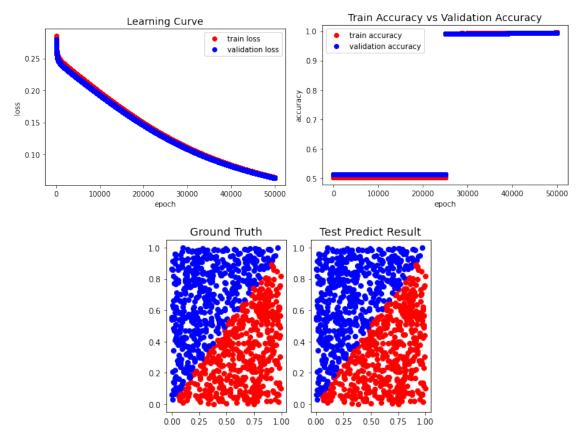
The model can predict normally and there is no overfitting. But the model is for ideal only (not

realistic) because the data is from uniform distribution, and the decision line of labels is diagonal.



If we remove one hidden layer and change the size of another hidden layer to 1:

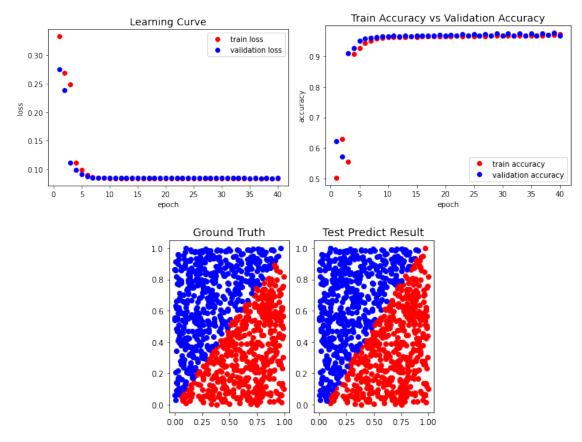
The model can also predict normally! That means we can use only one line to fit the curve. (In fact, applying deep learning is redundant. Perceptron can do it well.)



Try without activation functions:

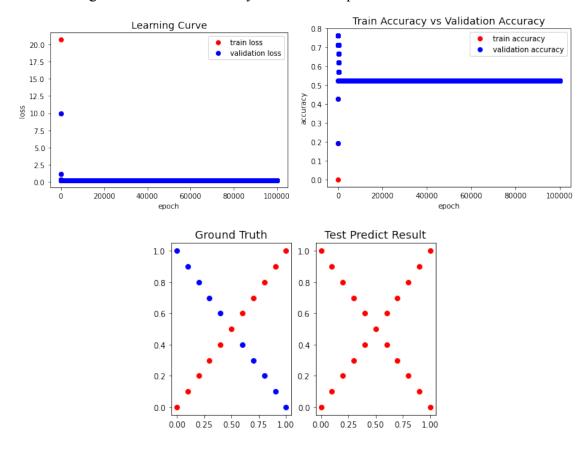
Uniform data:

The linear equation can easily fit the curve. The model doesn't need a nonlinear equation.



But what if the data is XOR?

Gradient vanishing! The model cannot only use a linear equation to fit the curve.



5. Extra

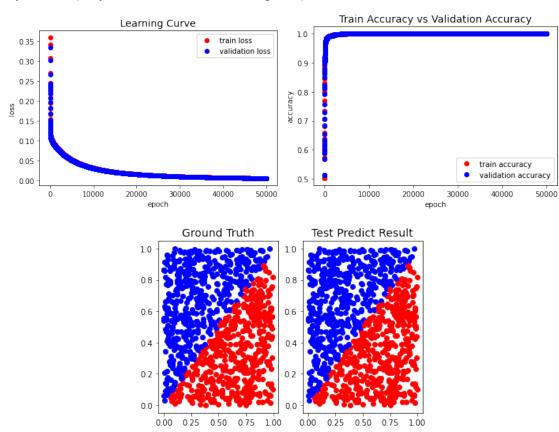
Momentum optimizer

```
class Momentum(Optimizer):
    _learning_rate: float
    _momentum: float
    _velocity: List[np.ndarray]
    def __init__(self, learning_rate: float, momentum: float = 0.9) → None:
        self._learning_rate = learning_rate
        self._momentum = momentum
        self.reset()
    def reset(self) \rightarrow None:
        self._current_velocity_index = 0
    def step(self, parameter: np.ndarray, gradient: np.ndarray) \rightarrow None:
        if len(self._velocity) = self._current_velocity_index:
            self._velocity.append(np.zeros_like(gradient))
        velocity = self._velocity[self._current_velocity_index]
        velocity = self._momentum * velocity - self._learning_rate * gradient
        self._velocity[self._current_velocity_index] = velocity
        self. current velocity index += 1
```

• Uniform data: use the same settings in experiment setups

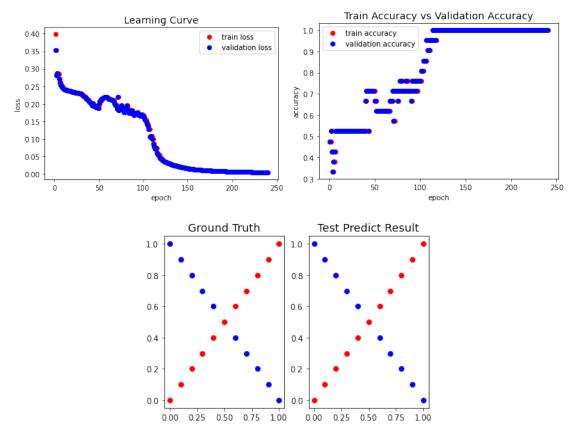
Learning rate: 0.5 Momentum: 0.9

Accuracy: 100% (very smooth but slow convergence)



XOR data: use the same settings in experiment setups

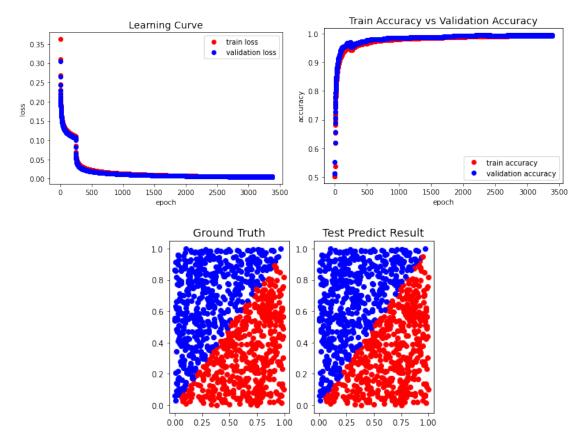
Learning rate: 1.0 Momentum: 0.9 Accuracy: 100%



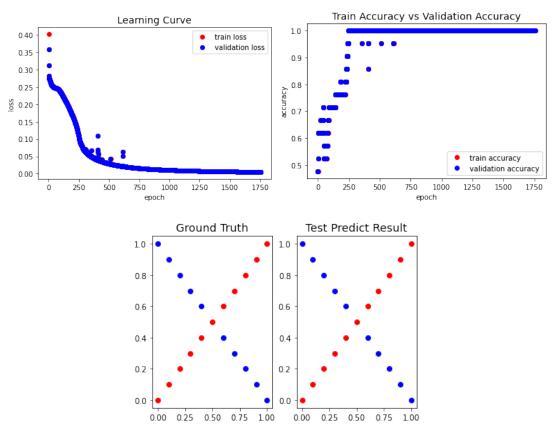
Leaky ReLU activation function as hidden units

```
class LeakyReLU(Module):
    _input: np.ndarray
   _a: float
   def __init__(self, a: float = 0.01) → None:
       super(LeakyReLU, self).__init__()
       self._a = a
   def forward(self, x: np.ndarray) → np.ndarray:
       self._input = x
       return np.maximum(0.0, x) + self._a * np.minimum(0.0, x)
   def backward(self, g: np.ndarray) → np.ndarray:
       tmp = self._input.copy()
       tmp[tmp \ge 0.0] = 1.0
        tmp[tmp < 0.0] = self._a
   def __str__(self) → str:
       return "LeakyReLU\n" \
            + "shape of activation: *"
```

 Uniform data: use the same settings in experiment setups Accuracy: 99% (fast convergence)

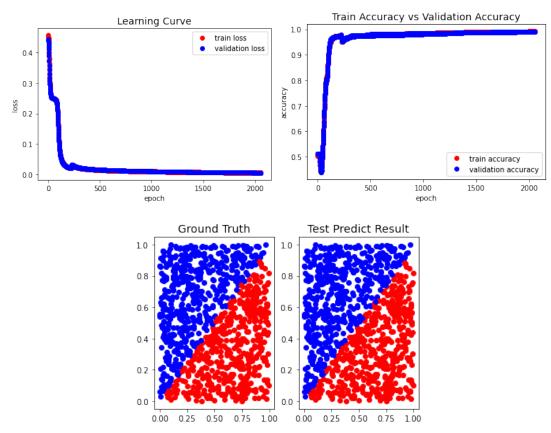


XOR data: use the same settings in experiment setups
 Accuracy: 100% (fast convergence)

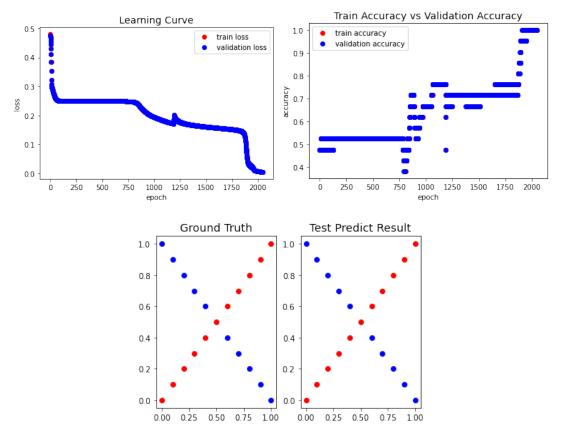


Tanh activation function as hidden units

Uniform data: use the same settings in experiment setups
 The generalization error between training and validation is almost disappeared.
 Accuracy: 99.1%

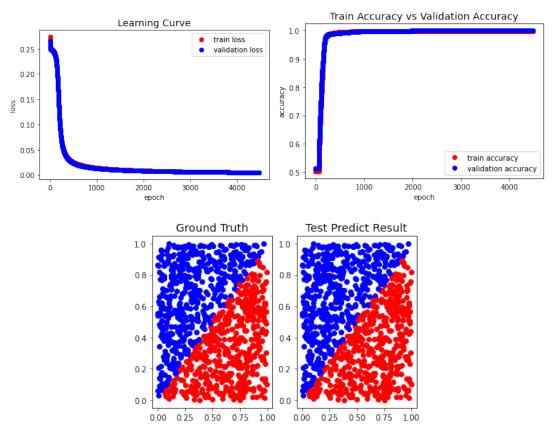


 XOR data: use the same settings in experiment setups Accuracy: 100%

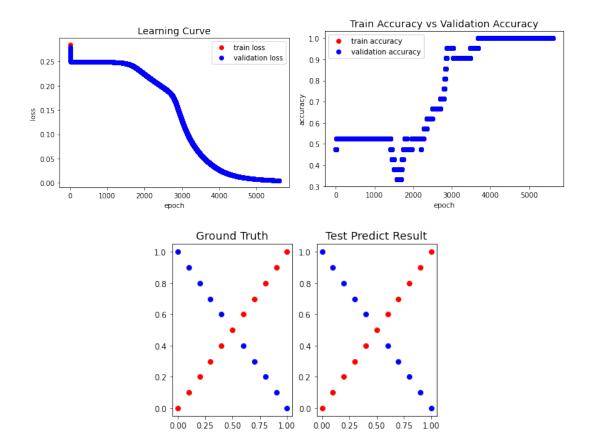


Sigmoid activation function as hidden units

 Uniform data: use the same settings in experiment setups Accuracy: 99%



 XOR data: use the same settings in experiment setups Accuracy: 100%



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