

Report for Lab 1

Task 1

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Task 2

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Task 3

- (a) First, we have created a rule in the *Makefile* to enable performance profiling. In particular, the rule is given by

```
run_perf:
    perf record ./nnetwork .
```

- (b) After running the added rule, we have inspected the generated performance file `perf.data` by running the command `perf report`. Overall, there are three time-consuming operations.

- (1) The most time is spent in the `dot` function in the file `vector_ops.cpp`. It requires about 67.62% of running time and computes the product of two matrices. Optimizing it could highly improve the total running time of the training.
- (2) The second and third most time-consuming operations are array accesses on vector data-structures with 18.41% and 9.36% respectively. These operations might be optimized by reducing the number of cache misses while accessing vector elements.
- (3) Apart from those three operations, there are not any others with significant share on the running time.

- (c) To monitor the number of LLC cache misses, we have run the command `perf stat -e LLC-load-misses ./nnetwork`. However, the machine that we have been using did not support for that. The program returned

Performance counter stats for './nnetwork':

```
<not supported>      LLC-load-misses:u
```

```
412.636442944 seconds time elapsed
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```
397.622062000 seconds user
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```
6.620183000 seconds sys .
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