

CSCI E-89B Introduction to Natural Language Processing

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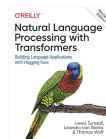
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Textbooks

Steven Bird,
Natural Language Processing with Python,
O'Reilly Media, Inc., 2016
ISBN: 978-1-491-91342-0
Electronic copy can be obtained via Harvard Library.



Lewis Tunstall, Leandro von Werra, Thomas Wolf,
Natural Language Processing with Transformers,
O'Reilly Media, Inc., 2022
ISBN: 978-1-098-13676-5
Electronic copy can be obtained via Harvard Library.



Justin Grimmer, Margaret E. Roberts, Brandon M. Stewart, *Text as Data*, Chapter 13 (Topic Models).
Princeton University Press, 2022
ISBN: 978-0-691-20755-1



Alternative: Roberts, M., Stewart, B., & Tingley, D.
(2019). [stm: R Package for Structural Topic Models](#).
Journal of Statistical Software, 91(2), 1-40.

Optional Textbook

Daniel Jurafsky, James H. Martin,
*Speech and Language Processing. An Introduction
to Natural Language Processing, Computational
Linguistics, and Speech Recognition*,
O'Reilly Media, Inc., 2023
ISBN: 979-1-221-47684-2



Electronic copy of the book is available via the
author's webpage: [Speech and Language Processing.](https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/)

Prerequisites

Calculus

Basic knowledge of calculus:

- Derivatives
- Chain Rule
- Partial derivatives
- Chain Rule
- Gradient etc.

Prerequisites

Probability and Statistics

Basic understanding of probability and statistics:

- Random variables
- Probability distributions
- Expectations etc.

Prerequisites

Python

Python programming equivalent to CSCI E-7:

- Data types
- For loops
- If...elif...else
- Functions
- Classes/Objects etc.

Grading

Assignments, Quizzes, Exams

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Grade} = & 0.65 \cdot \text{Homework (weekly, starting September 14)} \\ & + 0.20 \cdot \text{Quizzes (weekly, starting September 9)} \\ & 0.15 \cdot \text{Final Project (due December 16, 11:59 pm ET)}\end{aligned}$$

Homework Assignments

- Unless otherwise specified, homework assignments are due every Sunday by 11:59 PM (Eastern Time).
- Solutions to the assignments submitted later than 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 days after the due date will be penalized by 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, and 100%, respectively.
- Submit key parts of your code, results (e.g., plots, tables), and brief discussions as an MS Word or PDF document. You may generate this document using Jupyter Notebook/R Markdown or by taking snapshots.
- Ensure the entire code is submitted. If your code includes multiple files, please submit them as a single zip file along with the report.
- Homework assignments account for 65% of the final grade.
- 4-6 “showcase” solutions to each assignment will be posted on Canvas.

Final Project

- Final Project contributes 15% towards the grade and will be due at 11:59 pm (Eastern Time) on December 16. NO late project will be accepted.
- List of final projects:
 - ▶ Case Study in Sentiment Analysis
 - ▶ Case Study in Fake News Detection
 - ▶ Case Study in Language Translation
 - ▶ Case Study in Text Generation
 - ▶ Case Study in Automatic Text Summarization
 - ▶ Case Study in Text Embedding Models
 - ▶ NLP for Healthcare: Medical Text Analysis
 - ▶ Case Study in Topic Modeling
 - ▶ Automatic Formatting and Styling of Text Documents
 - ▶ etc. (approx. 50 topics total to choose from)
- For the final project, students will submit:
 - 1 Working demo
 - 2 7-15 pages of MS Word document
 - 3 8-15 slides (PowerPoint or pdf)
 - 4 10-15 minute video presentation (YouTube or similar)

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Dates of Interest

- The course starts, September 2
- Last day to change the credit status, September 9
- Course drop deadline for full-tuition refund, September 9
- Quiz 1 is due, September 9
- Assignment 1 is due, September 14
- Course drop deadline for half-tuition refund, September 16
- Withdrawal deadline, November 21
- Final Project Selection is due, November 25, 11:59 pm
- **Final Project** is due, **December 16**, 11:59 pm (Eastern Time)

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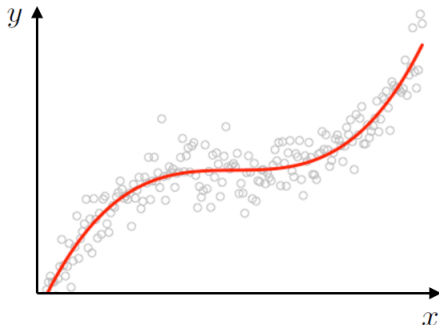
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Example of ML: Linear Regression

Linear Regression on manually designed features u_1 , u_2 , and u_3 :

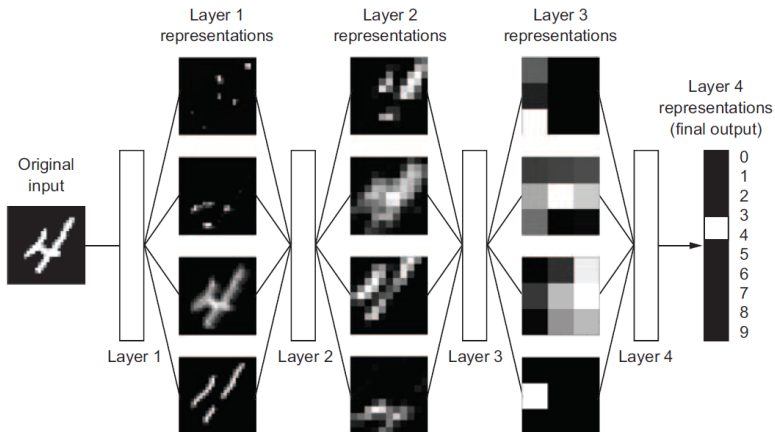


Model:

$$\hat{y} = w_0 + w_1 \cdot \underbrace{x}_{u_1} + w_2 \cdot \underbrace{x^2}_{u_2} + w_3 \cdot \underbrace{x^3}_{u_3}$$

Example of DL: Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

Deep Learning as multistage learning of data representations:



Source: *Deep Learning* by F. Chollet

Example Feedforward Neural Network (FNN)

Let's consider a *Artificial Neural Network* which has two real-valued inputs (denoted by x_1 and x_2), one hidden layer that consists of two neurons (u_1 and u_2) with ReLU activation functions, and one output \hat{y} with the ReLU activation function.

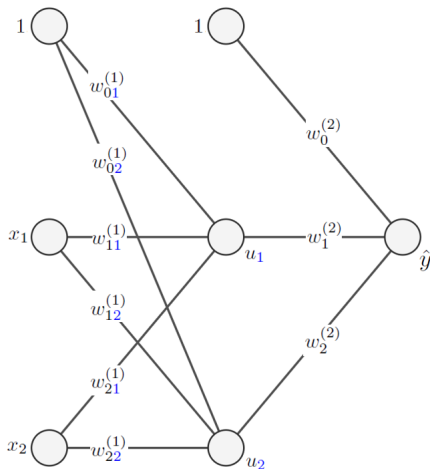
The explicit representation of this network is

input layer	hidden layer	output layer
x_1	$u_1 = f(w_{01}^{(1)} + w_{11}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{21}^{(1)}x_2)$	$\hat{y} = f(w_0^{(2)} + w_1^{(2)}u_1 + w_2^{(2)}u_2)$
x_2	$u_2 = f(w_{02}^{(1)} + w_{12}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{22}^{(1)}x_2)$	

Here, $f(x)$ denotes the rectified linear unit (ReLU) defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Example: Artificial NN with 2 inputs and 1 output (cont.)



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Deep Feedforward Neural Network

Deep Neural Network (DNN) with

- n inputs
- M outputs
- $L - 1$ hidden layers

is defined as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = f^{(L)}(f^{(L-1)}(\dots f^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}))),$$

where

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are inputs,

$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = (\hat{y}_1, \hat{y}_2, \dots, \hat{y}_M)^T \in \mathbb{R}^M$ are outputs,

and $f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(L-1)}, f^{(L)}$ are vector-values functions.

Example: Regression with NNs

NN

$$\hat{y} = f^{(2)}(\underbrace{f^{(1)}(x)}_{\doteq \mathbf{u}})$$

with

- $f^{(2)} : \mathbb{R}^H \mapsto \mathbb{R}$, i.e. $M = 1$,

is used for *regression*.

Example: Regression with NNs

Keras:

```
import keras
from keras import models
from keras import layers

# number of inputs
n = 900

model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Dense(16, activation='relu', input_shape=(n,)))
model.add(layers.Dense(1, activation='relu'))

model.summary()
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 16)	14416
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 1)	17
Total params: 14,433		
Trainable params: 14,433		
Non-trainable params: 0		

Example: Classification with NNs

NN

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = f^{(2)}(\underbrace{f^{(1)}(\mathbf{x})}_{\doteq \mathbf{u}})$$

with

- $f_m^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}) \geq 0$ for all $m \in \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$ and $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^H$ and $\sum_{m=1}^M f_m^{(2)}(\mathbf{u}) = 1$ for all $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^H$

is used for *classification*.

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model.add(layers.Dense(2, activation='softmax'))

model.summary()
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 16)	14416
dense_6 (Dense)	(None, 2)	34
Total params: 14,450		
Trainable params: 14,450		
Non-trainable params: 0		

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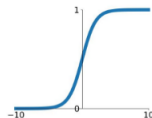
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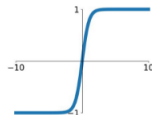
Sigmoid

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



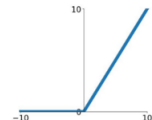
tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



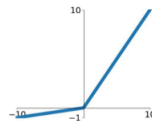
ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

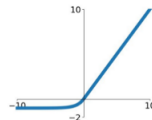


Maxout

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

ELU

$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



Activation Functions: Keras

```
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Dense(4, activation='sigmoid', input_shape=(4,)))
model.add(layers.Dense(4, activation='tanh'))
model.add(layers.Dense(4, activation=keras.layers.LeakyReLU(alpha=0.1)))
model.add(layers.MaxoutDense(4, nb_feature=2))
model.add(layers.Dense(4, activation=keras.layers.ELU(alpha=1.0)))
model.add(layers.Dense(1, activation='linear'))

model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential_2"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
=====	=====	=====
dense_6 (Dense)	(None, 4)	20
dense_7 (Dense)	(None, 4)	20
dense_8 (Dense)	(None, 4)	20
maxout_dense_2 (MaxoutDense)	(None, 4)	40
dense_9 (Dense)	(None, 4)	20
dense_10 (Dense)	(None, 1)	5
=====	=====	=====

Total params: 125

Trainable params: 125

Non-trainable params: 0

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Loss Function

Assume we observe

$$(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}, \mathbf{y}^{(i)}),$$

where

$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ are n inputs and

$\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_M)^T$ are M outputs.

The prediction obtained with a supervised model (e.g., Neural Network) is denoted by

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \mathbf{w}),$$

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The loss incurred from incorrect prediction of $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$ is

$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = L(\underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)}(\mathbf{w})}_{\text{prediction}}, \underbrace{\mathbf{y}^{(i)}}_{\text{observed}}).$$

Loss Function: Prediction

Squared Error

What Loss can we choose in case of prediction? One of the most common loss functions is Squared Error.

If the output is scalar (i.e. $M = 1$), the Squared Error Loss is defined as follows:

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If the output is vector-valued (i.e. $M > 1$), the Squared Error Loss is then similarly defined as:

$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = |\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)} - \mathbf{y}^{(i)}|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^M (\hat{y}_j^{(i)} - y_j^{(i)})^2.$$

Loss Function: Prediction

Absolute Error

An alternative to the Squared Error is Absolute Error.

If the output is scalar (i.e. $M = 1$), the Absolute Error Loss is defined as follows:

$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = |\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)}|.$$

Loss Function: Prediction

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$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = |\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)} - \mathbf{y}^{(i)}| = \left(\sum_{j=1}^M (\hat{y}_j^{(i)} - y_j^{(i)})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Loss Function: Classification

Cross-Entropy

What Loss can we choose in case of classification? One of the most common loss functions is Cross-Entropy.

If there are two classes (i.e. $M = 2$), the Cross-Entropy Loss is defined as follows:

$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = - \left(y_1^{(i)} \ln \hat{y}_1^{(i)} + y_2^{(i)} \ln \hat{y}_2^{(i)} \right).$$

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If there are multiple classes (i.e. $M > 2$), the (Multi-Class) Cross-Entropy Loss is defined as follows:

$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = - \sum_{j=1}^M y_j^{(i)} \ln \hat{y}_j^{(i)}.$$

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Objective (Cost) Function

Suppose we want to train a supervised model (e.g., Neural Network) using a set of observations:

$$(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{y}_2), (\mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{y}_3), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_m, \mathbf{y}_m)$$

then we define the objective (or cost) function as mean loss:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}),$$

where

$$L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w}) = L(\underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(i)}(\mathbf{w})}_{\text{prediction}}, \underbrace{\mathbf{y}^{(i)}}_{\text{observed}})$$

is the loss associated with a single observation i as defined earlier.

Objective (Cost) Function

The list of the most common cost functions:

- Mean Squared Error:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^M (\hat{y}_j^{(i)} - y_j^{(i)})^2$$

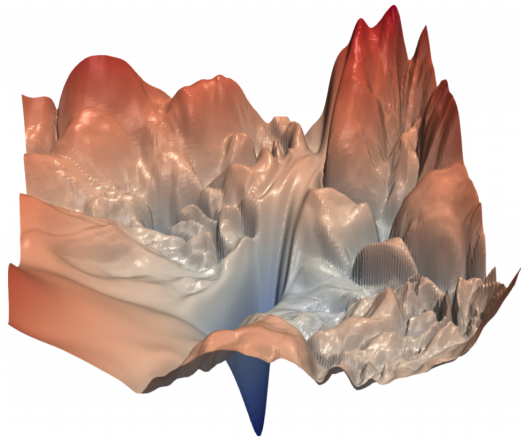
- Mean Absolute Error:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\sum_{j=1}^M (\hat{y}_j^{(i)} - y_j^{(i)})^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

- Cross-Entropy:

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^M y_j^{(i)} \ln \hat{y}_j^{(i)}$$

Cost Function Landscape



Source: *Visualizing the Loss Landscape of Neural Nets* by Hao Li et al., 2017

Keras: Classification Example

```
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax'))

model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential_14"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_35 (Dense)	(None, 512)	401920
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_36 (Dense)	(None, 512)	262656
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_37 (Dense)	(None, 10)	5130

Total params: 669,706
Trainable params: 669,706
Non-trainable params: 0

```
nepochs = 35
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'], optimizer='adam')

history = model.fit(X_train, y_train,
                    batch_size=128, epochs=nepochs,
                    verbose=1,
                    validation_data=(X_test, y_test))
```

Keras: Loss Functions

More loss functions available in Keras:

- `mean_squared_error`
- `mean_absolute_error`
- `mean_absolute_percentage_error`
- `mean_squared_logarithmic_error`
- `squared_hinge`
- `hinge`
- `categorical_hinge`
- `logcosh`
- `categorical_crossentropy`
- `sparse_categorical_crossentropy`
- `binary_crossentropy`
- `kullback_leibler_divergence`
- `poisson`
- `cosine_proximity`

The complete list can be found at <https://keras.io/losses/>

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Example of Forward Propagation/Backpropagation

Backpropagation:

Given weights w , inputs x_1, x_2 , and $z_1^{(1)}, z_2^{(1)}, u_1, u_2, \hat{y}$, compute

- Error associated with the output layer:

$$\varepsilon^{(2)} \doteq \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}} [(\hat{y} - y)^2] = 2(\hat{y} - y)$$

- Errors associated with the hidden layer:

$$\varepsilon_h^{(1)} \doteq \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_h} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial u_h} = \varepsilon^{(2)} f'(z^{(2)}) w_h^{(2)}, \quad h = 1, 2.$$

Example of Forward Propagation/Backpropagation

Computation of $\nabla L(\mathbf{w})$:

- Partial derivatives of the loss function with respect to weights in the output layer:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_h^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial w_h^{(2)}} = \varepsilon^{(2)} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_h^{(2)}} \left[f(\underbrace{w_0^{(2)} + w_1^{(2)} u_1 + w_2^{(2)} u_2}_{z^{(2)}}) \right] = \varepsilon^{(2)} f'(z^{(2)}) u_h,$$

where $h = 0, 1, 2$.

- Partial derivatives of the loss function with respect to weights in the hidden layer:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{jh}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_h} \frac{\partial u_h}{\partial w_{jh}^{(1)}} = \varepsilon_h^{(1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{jh}^{(1)}} \left[f(\underbrace{w_{0h}^{(1)} + w_{1h}^{(1)} x_1 + w_{2h}^{(1)} x_2}_{z_h^{(1)}}) \right] = \varepsilon_h^{(1)} f'(z_h^{(1)}) x_j,$$

for each $j = 0, 1, 2$ and $h = 1, 2$. Here, we define $x_0 \doteq 1$.

Example of Forward Propagation/Backpropagation

The Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) update of the weights using learning rate α :

$$\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla L,$$

$$\text{where } \nabla L \doteq \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{01}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{21}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{02}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{22}^{(1)}}}_{\text{hidden layer}}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2^{(2)}}}_{\text{output layer}} \right)^T.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w} &:= \mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla L \\ &= \left(\underbrace{w_{01}^{(1)}, w_{11}^{(1)}, w_{21}^{(1)}, w_{02}^{(1)}, w_{12}^{(1)}, w_{22}^{(1)}}_{\text{hidden layer}}, \underbrace{w_0^{(2)}, w_1^{(2)}, w_2^{(2)}}_{\text{output layer}} \right)^T \\ &\quad - \alpha \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{01}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{21}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{02}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{22}^{(1)}}}_{\text{hidden layer}}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2^{(2)}}}_{\text{output layer}} \right)^T \end{aligned}$$

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SGD, mini-batch GD, and GD Optimization: 'sgd'

The SGD, mini-batch GD, and GD Optimization (with learning rate α) are all defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{w} - \alpha \underbrace{\frac{1}{s} \sum_{i=1}^s \nabla L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w})}_{\approx \nabla J(\mathbf{w})},$$

where $L^{(i)}(\mathbf{w})$ is based on one observation i and

- $s = 1$ in case of Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)
- $1 < s < m$ in case of mini-batch Gradient Descent (mini-batch GD)
- $s = m$ in case of Gradient Descent (GD)

Here, m denotes the total number of observations in the data set.

SGD, mini-batch GD, and GD Optimization

Example: Classification via mini-batch GD with $s = 128$ and $\alpha = 0.01$.

```
model = models.Sequential()  
model.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)))  
model.add(Dropout(0.2))  
model.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'))  
model.add(Dropout(0.2))  
model.add(layers.Dense(10, activation='softmax'))  
  
model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential_14"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_35 (Dense)	(None, 512)	401920
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_36 (Dense)	(None, 512)	262656
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_37 (Dense)	(None, 10)	5130

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Total params: 669,706
Trainable params: 669,706
Non-trainable params: 0

```
nepochs = 35  
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'], optimizer='sgd')  
  
history = model.fit(X_train, y_train,  
                    batch_size=128, epochs=nepochs,  
                    verbose=1,  
                    validation_data=(X_test, y_test))
```

SGD, mini-batch GD, and GD Optimization

Example: Classification via mini-batch GD with $s = 128$ and $\alpha = 0.05$.

```
model = models.Sequential()
model.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(layers.Dense(512, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
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nepochs = 35
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'],
              optimizer=keras.optimizers.SGD(lr=0.05))

history = model.fit(X_train, y_train,
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                    validation_data=(X_test, y_test))
```