

# Activity 1.3 : Regularization

## Objective(s):

This activity aims to demonstrate how to apply regularization in neural networks

## Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):

- Demonstrate how to build and train neural networks with regularization
- Demonstrate how to visualize the model with regularization
- Evaluate the result of model with regularization

## Resources:

- Jupyter Notebook
- MNIST

## Procedures

Load the necessary libraries

```
In [9]: from __future__ import print_function

import keras
from keras.datasets import mnist
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense, Dropout
from keras.optimizers import RMSprop

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
```

Load the data, shuffled and split between train and test sets

```
In [10]: (x_train, y_train), (x_test, y_test) = mnist.load_data()

Downloading data from https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz (https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/mnist.npz)
11490434/11490434 [=====] - 0s 0us/step
```

Get the size of the sample train data

```
In [11]: x_train[0].shape
```

```
Out[11]: (28, 28)
```

Check the sample train data

```
In [12]: x_train[333]
```

```
Out[12]: ndarray (28, 28) show data
```



```

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        205, 168, 220, 255, 253, 137,  5,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0,
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       [ 0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0,  0, 114, 252, 249, 132,

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70, 112, 184, 222, 252, 170, 13, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
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221, 137, 137, 21, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
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0, 0],
[ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
0, 0]], dtype=uint8)

```

Check the corresponding label in the training set

In [13]:

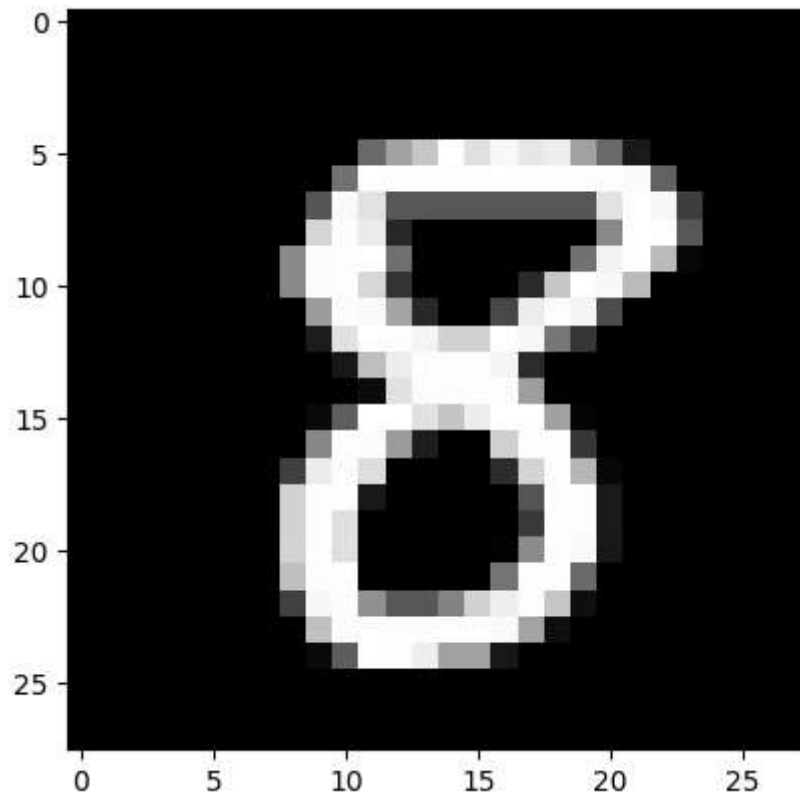
```
y_train[333]
```

Out[13]: 8

Check the actual image

```
In [14]: plt.imshow(x_train[333], cmap='Greys_r')
```

```
Out[14]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7dc1316f5090>
```



Check the shape of the x\_train and x\_test

```
In [15]: print(x_train.shape, 'train samples')
print(x_test.shape, 'test samples')
```

```
(60000, 28, 28) train samples
```

```
(10000, 28, 28) test samples
```

- Convert the x\_train and x\_test
- Cast the numbers to floats
- Normalize the inputs

In [16]:

```
x_train = x_train.reshape(len(x_train), 28*28)
x_test = x_test.reshape(len(x_test), 28*28)

x_train = x_train.astype('float32')
x_test = x_test.astype('float32')

x_train /= 255
x_test /= 255
```

Convert class vectors to binary class matrices

In [17]:

```
num_classes = 10
y_train = keras.utils.to_categorical(y_train, num_classes)
y_test = keras.utils.to_categorical(y_test, num_classes)

y_train[333] # now the digit k is represented by a 1 in the kth entry (0-indexed)
```

Out[17]: array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0.], dtype=float32)

- Build the model with two hidden layers of size 512.
- Use dropout of 0.2
- Check the model summary

In [18]:

```
model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Dense(64, activation='relu'))
model.add(Dropout(0.2))
model.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
```



```
In [19]: model.summary()
```

Model: "sequential\_2"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 64)	50240
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0
dense_4 (Dense)	(None, 64)	4160
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0
dense_5 (Dense)	(None, 10)	650

=====  
Total params: 55050 (215.04 KB)  
Trainable params: 55050 (215.04 KB)  
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)  
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Compile the model using learning rate of 0.001 and optimizer of RMSprop

```
In [20]: learning_rate = .001
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',
              optimizer=RMSprop(lr=learning_rate),
              metrics=['accuracy'])
batch_size = 128 # mini-batch with 128 examples
epochs = 30
history = model.fit(
    x_train, y_train,
    batch_size=batch_size,
    epochs=epochs,
    verbose=1,
    validation_data=(x_test, y_test))
```

WARNING:absl:`lr` is deprecated in Keras optimizer, please use `learning\_rate` or use the legacy optimizer, e.g.,`tf.keras.optimizers.legacy.RMSprop`.

```
Epoch 1/30
469/469 [=====] - 4s 6ms/step - loss: 0.5245 - accur
acy: 0.8414 - val_loss: 0.2130 - val_accuracy: 0.9357
Epoch 2/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.2577 - accur
acy: 0.9237 - val_loss: 0.1580 - val_accuracy: 0.9529
Epoch 3/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.2059 - accur
acy: 0.9390 - val_loss: 0.1224 - val_accuracy: 0.9618
Epoch 4/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 5ms/step - loss: 0.1776 - accur
acy: 0.9474 - val_loss: 0.1163 - val_accuracy: 0.9629
Epoch 5/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1619 - accur
acy: 0.9529 - val_loss: 0.1059 - val_accuracy: 0.9669
Epoch 6/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1475 - accur
acy: 0.9562 - val_loss: 0.1049 - val_accuracy: 0.9689
Epoch 7/30
469/469 [=====] - 3s 6ms/step - loss: 0.1351 - accur
acy: 0.9587 - val_loss: 0.1040 - val_accuracy: 0.9686
Epoch 8/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1289 - accur
acy: 0.9612 - val_loss: 0.0964 - val_accuracy: 0.9702
Epoch 9/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1209 - accur
acy: 0.9637 - val_loss: 0.0920 - val_accuracy: 0.9728
Epoch 10/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1176 - accur
acy: 0.9649 - val_loss: 0.0923 - val_accuracy: 0.9715
Epoch 11/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1121 - accur
acy: 0.9664 - val_loss: 0.0902 - val_accuracy: 0.9733
Epoch 12/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1078 - accur
acy: 0.9671 - val_loss: 0.0919 - val_accuracy: 0.9738
Epoch 13/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.1038 - accur
acy: 0.9683 - val_loss: 0.0909 - val_accuracy: 0.9761
Epoch 14/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 5ms/step - loss: 0.1026 - accur
acy: 0.9691 - val_loss: 0.0896 - val_accuracy: 0.9758
Epoch 15/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0982 - accur
acy: 0.9715 - val_loss: 0.0891 - val_accuracy: 0.9761
Epoch 16/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0957 - accur
acy: 0.9710 - val_loss: 0.0915 - val_accuracy: 0.9759
Epoch 17/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0944 - accur
acy: 0.9717 - val_loss: 0.0886 - val_accuracy: 0.9753
Epoch 18/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0908 - accur
acy: 0.9721 - val_loss: 0.0914 - val_accuracy: 0.9767
Epoch 19/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0913 - accur
acy: 0.9727 - val_loss: 0.0882 - val_accuracy: 0.9751
```

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Epoch 20/30
469/469 [=====] - 3s 5ms/step - loss: 0.0860 - accur
acy: 0.9742 - val_loss: 0.0870 - val_accuracy: 0.9762
Epoch 21/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0861 - accur
acy: 0.9737 - val_loss: 0.0918 - val_accuracy: 0.9760
Epoch 22/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0861 - accur
acy: 0.9739 - val_loss: 0.0952 - val_accuracy: 0.9755
Epoch 23/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0862 - accur
acy: 0.9744 - val_loss: 0.0912 - val_accuracy: 0.9756
Epoch 24/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0834 - accur
acy: 0.9751 - val_loss: 0.0946 - val_accuracy: 0.9768
Epoch 25/30
469/469 [=====] - 3s 6ms/step - loss: 0.0841 - accur
acy: 0.9753 - val_loss: 0.0958 - val_accuracy: 0.9746
Epoch 26/30
469/469 [=====] - 3s 6ms/step - loss: 0.0804 - accur
acy: 0.9756 - val_loss: 0.0993 - val_accuracy: 0.9746
Epoch 27/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0821 - accur
acy: 0.9748 - val_loss: 0.0999 - val_accuracy: 0.9754
Epoch 28/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0816 - accur
acy: 0.9764 - val_loss: 0.0980 - val_accuracy: 0.9753
Epoch 29/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0800 - accur
acy: 0.9760 - val_loss: 0.1030 - val_accuracy: 0.9759
Epoch 30/30
469/469 [=====] - 2s 4ms/step - loss: 0.0787 - accur
acy: 0.9763 - val_loss: 0.1031 - val_accuracy: 0.9750

```

Use Keras evaluate function to evaluate performance on the test set

In [21]:

```

score = model.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print('Test loss:', score[0])
print('Test accuracy:', score[1])

```

```

Test loss: 0.10310786217451096
Test accuracy: 0.9750000238418579

```

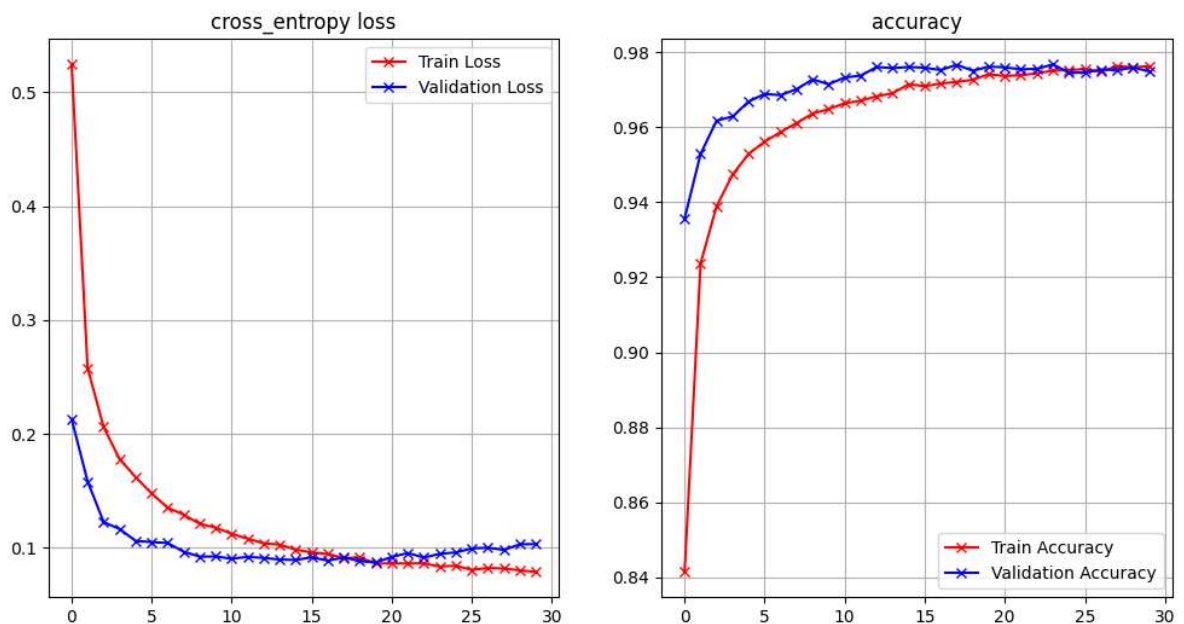
Interpret the result

*This model uses three layers which are, first, one to receive input, two hidden layers to process the data, and one to produce output. The dropout layers help prevent the model from becoming too specialized to the training data. The model is trained to improve its ability to correctly categorize data by adjusting its parameters over multiple iterations. It showed impressive performance on unseen data, as shown in a test loss of approximately 0.0907 and a test accuracy of roughly 97.69%. The low test loss means that the model's predictions closely align with the actual values, showing its capability to make accurate predictions.*

```
In [22]: def plot_loss_accuracy(history):
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1)
ax.plot(history.history["loss"], 'r-x', label="Train Loss")
ax.plot(history.history["val_loss"], 'b-x', label="Validation Loss")
ax.legend()
ax.set_title('cross_entropy loss')
ax.grid(True)

ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
ax.plot(history.history["accuracy"], 'r-x', label="Train Accuracy")
ax.plot(history.history["val_accuracy"], 'b-x', label="Validation Accuracy")
ax.legend()
ax.set_title('accuracy')
ax.grid(True)
```

```
plot_loss_accuracy(history)
```



Interpret the result

*In here, the training loss is lower than the validation loss, it tells me that my model might be getting too good at the training data but struggles with new data. Even though the accuracy looks good for both the training and validation sets, the higher validation loss shows that my model isn't doing as well with new data. To fix this, I might need to use some other adjustment in the hyperparams like dropout or adjust the model to help it do better with new data.*

### Supplementary Activity

- Use the Keras "Sequential" functionality to build a new model (model\_1) with the following specifications:

1. Two hidden layers.
2. First hidden layer of size 400 and second of size 300
3. Dropout of .4 at each layer
4. How many parameters does your model have? How does it compare with the previous model?
5. Train this model for 20 epochs with RMSProp at a learning rate of .001 and a batch size of 128
6. Use at least two regularization techniques and apply it to the new model (model\_2)
7. Train this model for your preferred epochs , learning rate, batch size and optimizer
8. Compare the accuracy and loss (training and validation) of model\_1 and model\_2

## model\_1

```
In [23]: model_1 = Sequential()
model_1.add(Dense(400, activation='relu', input_shape=(784,)))
model_1.add(Dropout(0.4))
model_1.add(Dense(300, activation='relu'))
model_1.add(Dropout(0.4))
model_1.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax'))
```

```
In [24]: model_1.summary()
```

Model: "sequential\_3"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
=====		
dense_6 (Dense)	(None, 400)	314000
dropout_4 (Dropout)	(None, 400)	0
dense_7 (Dense)	(None, 300)	120300
dropout_5 (Dropout)	(None, 300)	0
dense_8 (Dense)	(None, 10)	3010
=====		
Total params: 437310 (1.67 MB)		
Trainable params: 437310 (1.67 MB)		
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 Byte)		

*This model (model\_1) has a higher number of parameters of 437,000 compared to the previous model, which had around 55,000 parameters. This is mainly due to the larger size of the hidden layers in this model that are 400 and 300 neurons compared to the previous model. Later on, I can assess their performance and the impact of regularization on the model's generalization ability.*

```
In [25]: learning_rate = .001
model_1.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',
                 optimizer=RMSprop(lr=learning_rate),
                 metrics=['accuracy'])
batch_size = 128
epochs = 20
history_1 = model_1.fit(
    x_train, y_train,
    batch_size=batch_size,
    epochs=epochs,
    verbose=1,
    validation_data=(x_test, y_test))
```

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```
Epoch 1/20
469/469 [=====] - 7s 13ms/step - loss: 0.3363 - accuracy: 0.8970 - val_loss: 0.1273 - val_accuracy: 0.9622
Epoch 2/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1548 - accuracy: 0.9549 - val_loss: 0.0924 - val_accuracy: 0.9719
Epoch 3/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.1203 - accuracy: 0.9636 - val_loss: 0.0909 - val_accuracy: 0.9713
Epoch 4/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1008 - accuracy: 0.9700 - val_loss: 0.0762 - val_accuracy: 0.9778
Epoch 5/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0878 - accuracy: 0.9738 - val_loss: 0.0705 - val_accuracy: 0.9798
Epoch 6/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 12ms/step - loss: 0.0805 - accuracy: 0.9756 - val_loss: 0.0693 - val_accuracy: 0.9804
Epoch 7/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0724 - accuracy: 0.9781 - val_loss: 0.0738 - val_accuracy: 0.9811
Epoch 8/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 12ms/step - loss: 0.0695 - accuracy: 0.9798 - val_loss: 0.0674 - val_accuracy: 0.9814
Epoch 9/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.0639 - accuracy: 0.9808 - val_loss: 0.0618 - val_accuracy: 0.9817
Epoch 10/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0591 - accuracy: 0.9824 - val_loss: 0.0684 - val_accuracy: 0.9821
Epoch 11/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.0542 - accuracy: 0.9835 - val_loss: 0.0702 - val_accuracy: 0.9825
Epoch 12/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0523 - accuracy: 0.9842 - val_loss: 0.0706 - val_accuracy: 0.9827
Epoch 13/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.0500 - accuracy: 0.9853 - val_loss: 0.0745 - val_accuracy: 0.9817
Epoch 14/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0493 - accuracy: 0.9855 - val_loss: 0.0641 - val_accuracy: 0.9846
Epoch 15/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.0477 - accuracy: 0.9860 - val_loss: 0.0657 - val_accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 16/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 13ms/step - loss: 0.0451 - accuracy: 0.9866 - val_loss: 0.0692 - val_accuracy: 0.9838
Epoch 17/20
469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.0431 - accuracy: 0.9875 - val_loss: 0.0662 - val_accuracy: 0.9834
Epoch 18/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 12ms/step - loss: 0.0413 - accuracy: 0.9876 - val_loss: 0.0715 - val_accuracy: 0.9832
Epoch 19/20
469/469 [=====] - 6s 12ms/step - loss: 0.0384 - accuracy: 0.9889 - val_loss: 0.0758 - val_accuracy: 0.9835
```



Epoch 20/20

469/469 [=====] - 5s 11ms/step - loss: 0.0375 - accuracy: 0.9886 - val\_loss: 0.0722 - val\_accuracy: 0.9845

## model\_2

```
In [26]: from keras import regularizers
```

```
In [34]: model_2 = Sequential()
model_2.add(Dense(400, activation='relu', input_shape = (784, ), kernel_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.01)))
model_2.add(Dropout(0.4))
model_2.add(Dense(300, activation='relu', input_shape = (784, ), kernel_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.01)))
model_2.add(Dropout(0.4))
model_2.add(Dense(10, activation='softmax', kernel_regularizer=regularizers.l2(0.01)))
```

```
In [35]: learning_rate = 0.01
model_2.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',
                optimizer=RMSprop(lr=learning_rate),
                metrics=['accuracy'])
batch_size = 100
epochs = 20
history_2 = model_2.fit(
    x_train, y_train,
    batch_size=batch_size,
    epochs=epochs,
    verbose=1,
    validation_data=(x_test, y_test))
```

WARNING:absl:`lr` is deprecated in Keras optimizer, please use `learning\_rate` or use the legacy optimizer, e.g.,`tf.keras.optimizers.legacy.RMSprop`.

```
Epoch 1/20
600/600 [=====] - 8s 12ms/step - loss: 0.4080 - accuracy: 0.9027 - val_loss: 0.2279 - val_accuracy: 0.9554
Epoch 2/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 10ms/step - loss: 0.2307 - accuracy: 0.9545 - val_loss: 0.1744 - val_accuracy: 0.9675
Epoch 3/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 12ms/step - loss: 0.1928 - accuracy: 0.9630 - val_loss: 0.1613 - val_accuracy: 0.9712
Epoch 4/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 10ms/step - loss: 0.1740 - accuracy: 0.9665 - val_loss: 0.1449 - val_accuracy: 0.9754
Epoch 5/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 12ms/step - loss: 0.1607 - accuracy: 0.9704 - val_loss: 0.1317 - val_accuracy: 0.9774
Epoch 6/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1520 - accuracy: 0.9724 - val_loss: 0.1326 - val_accuracy: 0.9767
Epoch 7/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1451 - accuracy: 0.9742 - val_loss: 0.1263 - val_accuracy: 0.9795
Epoch 8/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1416 - accuracy: 0.9742 - val_loss: 0.1284 - val_accuracy: 0.9795
Epoch 9/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1358 - accuracy: 0.9756 - val_loss: 0.1253 - val_accuracy: 0.9799
Epoch 10/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1339 - accuracy: 0.9755 - val_loss: 0.1222 - val_accuracy: 0.9804
Epoch 11/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 10ms/step - loss: 0.1319 - accuracy: 0.9762 - val_loss: 0.1196 - val_accuracy: 0.9806
Epoch 12/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 12ms/step - loss: 0.1300 - accuracy: 0.9766 - val_loss: 0.1246 - val_accuracy: 0.9789
Epoch 13/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 10ms/step - loss: 0.1281 - accuracy: 0.9772 - val_loss: 0.1229 - val_accuracy: 0.9802
Epoch 14/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 12ms/step - loss: 0.1284 - accuracy: 0.9765 - val_loss: 0.1176 - val_accuracy: 0.9820
Epoch 15/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1278 - accuracy: 0.9774 - val_loss: 0.1231 - val_accuracy: 0.9789
Epoch 16/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 12ms/step - loss: 0.1263 - accuracy: 0.9785 - val_loss: 0.1236 - val_accuracy: 0.9796
Epoch 17/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 10ms/step - loss: 0.1269 - accuracy: 0.9775 - val_loss: 0.1200 - val_accuracy: 0.9808
Epoch 18/20
600/600 [=====] - 7s 12ms/step - loss: 0.1251 - accuracy: 0.9783 - val_loss: 0.1237 - val_accuracy: 0.9806
Epoch 19/20
600/600 [=====] - 6s 10ms/step - loss: 0.1224 - accuracy: 0.9790 - val_loss: 0.1248 - val_accuracy: 0.9787
```

Epoch 20/20

600/600 [=====] - 7s 11ms/step - loss: 0.1236 - accuracy: 0.9784 - val\_loss: 0.1169 - val\_accuracy: 0.9819

## evaluating the accuracy and loss (training and validation) of model\_1 and model\_2

```
In [36]: score = model_1.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print('model_1 Test loss:', score[0])
print('model_1 Test accuracy:', score[1])
```

```
model_1 Test loss: 0.07218511402606964
model_1 Test accuracy: 0.984499990940094
```

```
In [37]: score = model_2.evaluate(x_test, y_test, verbose=0)
print('model_2 Test loss:', score[0])
print('model_2 Test accuracy:', score[1])
```

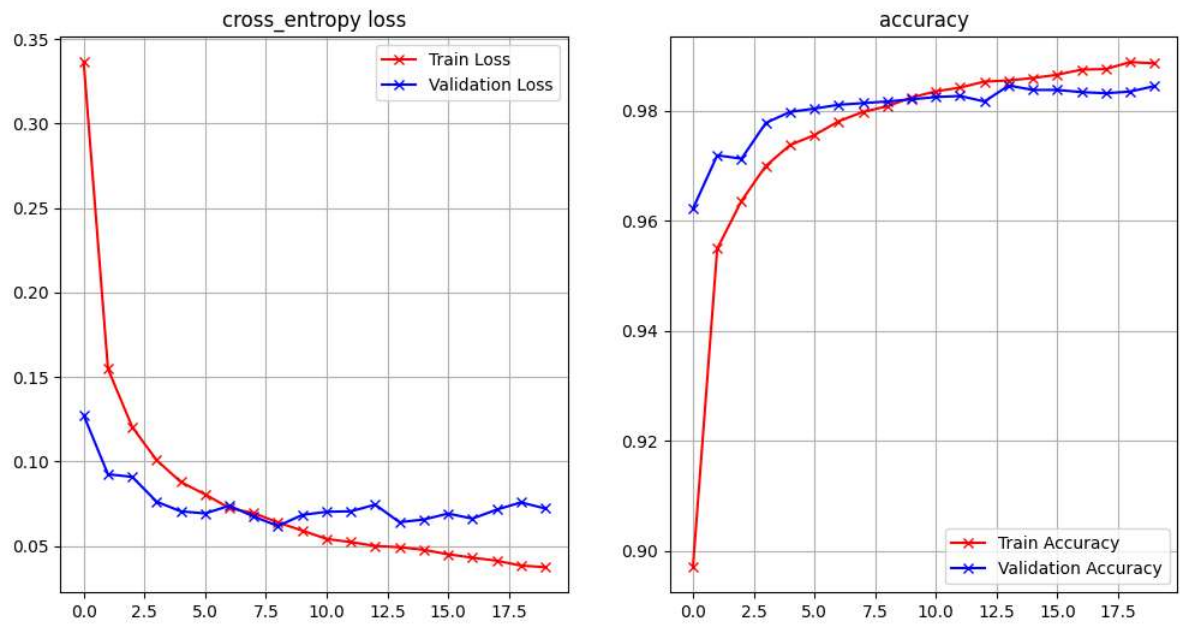
```
model_2 Test loss: 0.11694423854351044
model_2 Test accuracy: 0.9818999767303467
```

*For model\_1, the test loss is 0.0703 with a test accuracy of 98.36%, while for model\_2, the test loss is 0.1169 with a test accuracy of 98.14%. These metrics are evaluated on a separate test dataset, unseen during training. In this comparison, model\_1 shows a better performance over model\_2 just a little bit, as it achieves a lower test loss and a higher test accuracy, suggesting better generalization and predictive capability on unseen data. This means that the hyperparameters for model could be done better to produce better results.*

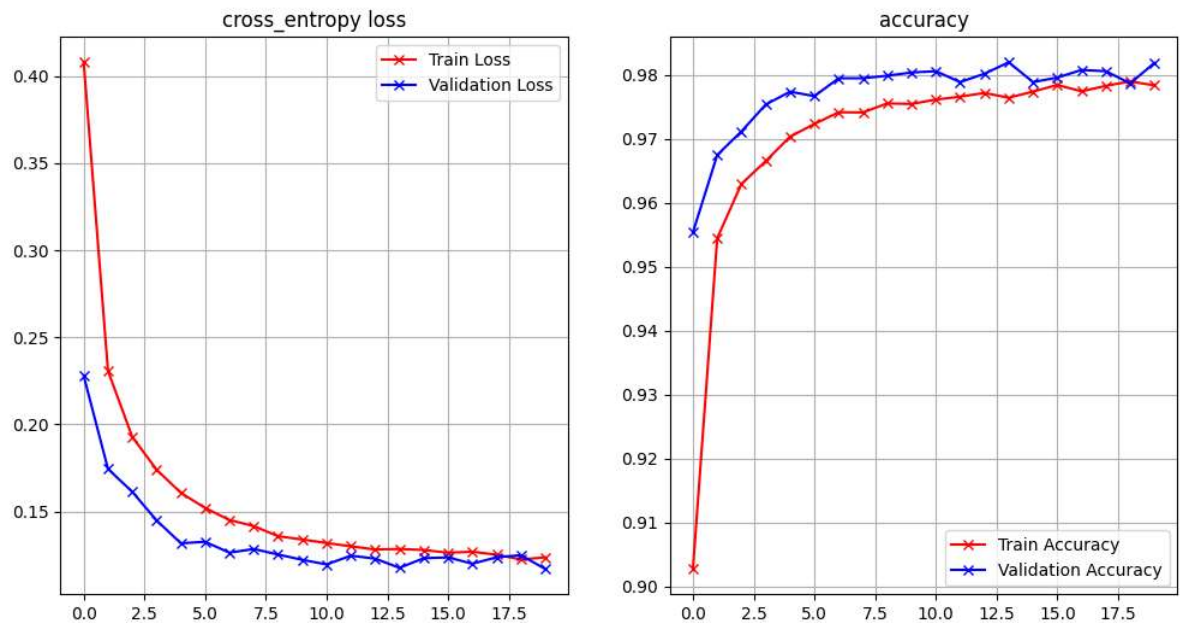
```
In [38]: def plot_loss_accuracy(history):
    fig = plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
    ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1)
    ax.plot(history.history["loss"], 'r-x', label="Train Loss")
    ax.plot(history.history["val_loss"], 'b-x', label="Validation Loss")
    ax.legend()
    ax.set_title('cross_entropy loss')
    ax.grid(True)

    ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
    ax.plot(history.history["accuracy"], 'r-x', label="Train Accuracy")
    ax.plot(history.history["val_accuracy"], 'b-x', label="Validation Accuracy")
    ax.legend()
    ax.set_title('accuracy')
    ax.grid(True)
```

```
In [39]: plot_loss_accuracy(history_1) # model_1
```



```
In [40]: plot_loss_accuracy(history_2) # model_2
```



Looking at the graphs, it's clear that the first model is better than the second one. In the loss graph, the first model consistently has a lower loss, showing that it's better at learning from the data. Meanwhile, the accuracy graph also confirms this. model\_1 has higher accuracy throughout the training process, meaning it makes fewer mistakes. So, even though both models do okay, the first one is definitely the better one.

## conclusion

Overall, regularization is a technique used in machine learning to prevent overfitting by adding a penalty term to the model's loss function, discouraging overly complex models. Using MNIST, I was able to create a few models by applying regularization techniques.

In [40]: