# A4\_Exercise\_3

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[5]: import time
  import numpy as np
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

import torch
  import torch.nn as nn
  import torch.optim as optim
  import torchvision
  import torchvision.transforms as transforms
  from torchvision.datasets import MNIST
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#### 0.0.1 Importing data

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[]: root = 'data'
     classes = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
     # load data
     dataset = {'train': MNIST(root=root, train=True, download=True),
                 'test': MNIST(root=root, train=False, download=True)}
     # create dicts for storing sampled data
     labels = ['train', 'test']
     X = {'train': [], 'test': []}
     Y = {'train': [], 'test': []}
     # for the training and test datasets
     for label in labels:
         # sample 600 points for each class
         for c in classes:
             subset_idx = torch.isin(dataset[label].targets, torch.as_tensor(c))
             X[label].append(dataset[label].data[subset_idx][:600].view(-1, 28*28).
      \rightarrowfloat()) # flatten to 784x1
             Y[label].append(dataset[label].targets[subset_idx][:600].long())
         # concatenate along the first dimension
         X[label] = torch.cat(X[label], dim=0)
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Y[label] = torch.cat(Y[label], dim=0)

# print(X['train'].shape)
# print(X['test'].shape)
# print(Y['train'].shape)
# print(Y['test'].shape)
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## 0.0.2 Question 1: MLP implementation

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[11]: # MLP model
      class MLP(nn.Module):
          def __init__(self):
              super().__init__()
              # 1. Linear(784, 512) - ReLU
              self.hidden1 = nn.Linear(784, 512)
              self.act1 = nn.ReLU()
              # 2. Linear(512, 512) - BatchNorm(512) - ReLU
              self.hidden2 = nn.Linear(512, 512)
              self.batchNorm2 = nn.BatchNorm1d(512)
              self.act2 = nn.ReLU()
              # 3. Linear(512, 10)
              self.output = nn.Linear(512, 10)
          def forward(self, x):
              x = self.act1(self.hidden1(x))
              x = self.act2(self.batchNorm2(self.hidden2(x)))
              x = self.output(x)
              return x
      # instantiate the model, loss function, and optimizer
      model = MLP()
      loss_fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
      optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01, momentum=0.9)
      n_{epochs} = 20
      batch_size = 64
      # grabbing training data
      x = X['train'].float()
      y = Y['train']
      accuracies = {'train': [], 'test': []}
      losses = {'train': [], 'test': []}
      # gradient descent to train
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for epoch in range(n_epochs):
    model.train()
    start = time.time()
    # generate a random permutation of indices for shuffling
    perm_indices = torch.randperm(len(x))
    for i in range(0, len(x), batch_size):
         # use shuffled indices to create shuffled mini-batches
        batch_indices = perm_indices[i:i + batch_size]
        x_batch = x[batch_indices]
        y_batch = y[batch_indices]
        y_pred = model(x_batch)
        loss = loss_fn(y_pred, y_batch)
        optimizer.zero_grad()
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
    model.eval()
    for label in labels:
        with torch.no_grad():
            y_pred = model(X[label].float())
            _, predicted = torch.max(y_pred, dim=1) # returns index of class_
 →with highest probability
            accuracies[label].append((predicted == Y[label]).float().mean())
            losses[label].append(loss_fn(y_pred, Y[label]).item())
    end = time.time()
    print(f'Epoch [{epoch + 1}/{n_epochs}], Time elapsed: {(end - start):.4f}s')
Epoch [1/20], Time elapsed: 0.8930s
Epoch [2/20], Time elapsed: 0.8917s
Epoch [3/20], Time elapsed: 0.8447s
Epoch [4/20], Time elapsed: 0.8596s
Epoch [5/20], Time elapsed: 0.9729s
Epoch [6/20], Time elapsed: 1.2832s
Epoch [7/20], Time elapsed: 1.2884s
Epoch [8/20], Time elapsed: 1.2295s
Epoch [9/20], Time elapsed: 0.8895s
Epoch [10/20], Time elapsed: 0.8923s
Epoch [11/20], Time elapsed: 0.8881s
Epoch [12/20], Time elapsed: 0.8909s
Epoch [13/20], Time elapsed: 0.8972s
Epoch [14/20], Time elapsed: 0.8890s
Epoch [15/20], Time elapsed: 0.9088s
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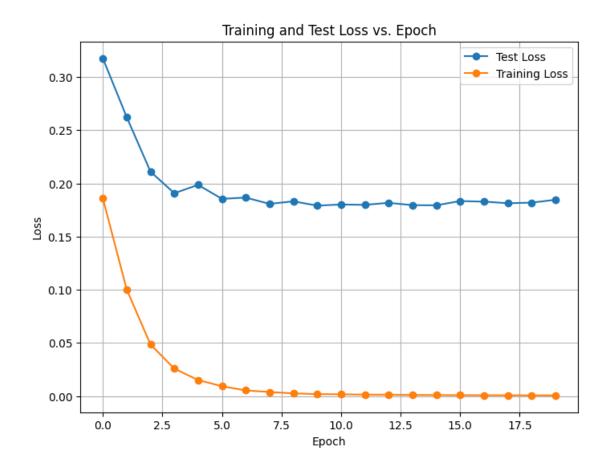
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Epoch [16/20], Time elapsed: 0.9056s
Epoch [17/20], Time elapsed: 0.8961s
Epoch [18/20], Time elapsed: 0.8950s
Epoch [19/20], Time elapsed: 0.9238s
Epoch [20/20], Time elapsed: 1.3909s
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## 0.0.3 Question 2: Inspecting the training process

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[12]: # accuracy vs number of epochs
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
epochs = [i for i in range(0, n_epochs)]

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.plot(epochs, accuracies['test'], marker='o', linestyle='-', label='Test_\(\sigma\) \( \to Accuracy'\)
plt.plot(epochs, accuracies['train'], marker='o', linestyle='-', label='Training_\(\sigma\) \( \to Accuracy'\)
plt.title('Training and Test Accuracy vs. Epoch')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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# 0.0.4 Question 3: Comparing MLP and VGG11

The MLP model performs much better than the VGG11 model for MNIST classification, as it converges relatively quickly and is very stable over 20 epochs. Its stable test accuracy is only about 1% lower than that of the VGG11 model, which is not a significant difference. This suggests that the VGG11 model overcomplicates the task of classifying the MNIST dataset, by employing a deeper network and hierarchical feature extraction.

#### 0.0.5 Question 4: Adding another layer

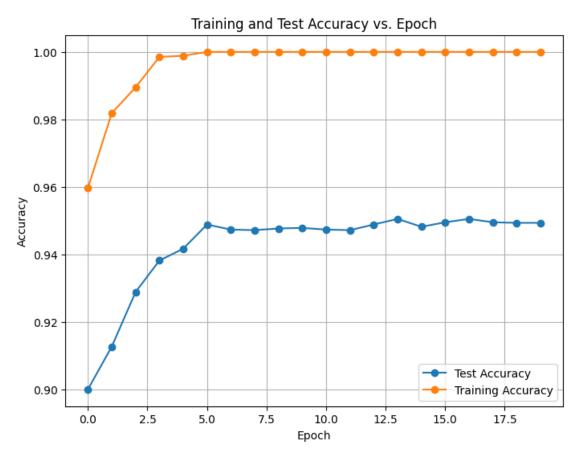
```
[14]: # MLP model
class MLP(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self):
        super().__init__()
        # 1. Linear(784, 512) - ReLU
        self.hidden1 = nn.Linear(784, 512)
        self.act1 = nn.ReLU()

# 2. Linear(512, 512) - BatchNorm(512) - ReLU
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self.hidden2 = nn.Linear(512, 512)
        self.batchNorm2 = nn.BatchNorm1d(512)
        self.act2 = nn.ReLU()
        # 3. Linear(512, 512) - BatchNorm(512) - ReLU
        self.hidden3 = nn.Linear(512, 512)
        self.batchNorm3 = nn.BatchNorm1d(512)
        self.act3 = nn.ReLU()
        # 4. Linear(512, 10)
        self.output = nn.Linear(512, 10)
    def forward(self, x):
       x = self.act1(self.hidden1(x))
        x = self.act2(self.batchNorm2(self.hidden2(x)))
        x = self.act3(self.batchNorm3(self.hidden3(x)))
        x = self.output(x)
        return x
# instantiate the model, loss function, and optimizer
model = MLP()
loss_fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=0.01, momentum=0.9)
n_{epochs} = 20
batch_size = 64
# grabbing training data
x = X['train'].float()
y = Y['train']
accuracies = {'train': [], 'test': []}
losses = {'train': [], 'test': []}
# gradient descent to train
for epoch in range(n_epochs):
   model.train()
    start = time.time()
    # generate a random permutation of indices for shuffling
    perm_indices = torch.randperm(len(x))
    for i in range(0, len(x), batch_size):
        # use shuffled indices to create shuffled mini-batches
        batch_indices = perm_indices[i:i + batch_size]
        x_batch = x[batch_indices]
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y_batch = y[batch_indices]
              y_pred = model(x_batch)
              loss = loss_fn(y_pred, y_batch)
              optimizer.zero_grad()
              loss.backward()
              optimizer.step()
          model.eval()
          for label in labels:
              with torch.no_grad():
                  y_pred = model(X[label].float())
                  _, predicted = torch.max(y_pred, dim=1) # returns index of class_
       →with highest probability
                  accuracies[label].append((predicted == Y[label]).float().mean())
                  losses[label].append(loss_fn(y_pred, Y[label]).item())
          end = time.time()
          print(f'Epoch [{epoch + 1}/{n_epochs}], Time elapsed: {(end - start):.4f}s')
     Epoch [1/20], Time elapsed: 1.2946s
     Epoch [2/20], Time elapsed: 1.2316s
     Epoch [3/20], Time elapsed: 1.2387s
     Epoch [4/20], Time elapsed: 1.2561s
     Epoch [5/20], Time elapsed: 1.2644s
     Epoch [6/20], Time elapsed: 1.5446s
     Epoch [7/20], Time elapsed: 1.8839s
     Epoch [8/20], Time elapsed: 1.6772s
     Epoch [9/20], Time elapsed: 1.2212s
     Epoch [10/20], Time elapsed: 1.2368s
     Epoch [11/20], Time elapsed: 1.2484s
     Epoch [12/20], Time elapsed: 1.2824s
     Epoch [13/20], Time elapsed: 1.2923s
     Epoch [14/20], Time elapsed: 1.2840s
     Epoch [15/20], Time elapsed: 1.2636s
     Epoch [16/20], Time elapsed: 1.5018s
     Epoch [17/20], Time elapsed: 1.9247s
     Epoch [18/20], Time elapsed: 1.7779s
     Epoch [19/20], Time elapsed: 1.2578s
     Epoch [20/20], Time elapsed: 1.2766s
[15]: # accuracy vs number of epochs
      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      epochs = [i for i in range(0, n_epochs)]
      plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
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plt.plot(epochs, accuracies['test'], marker='o', linestyle='-', label='Test_\( \to Accuracy')\)
plt.plot(epochs, accuracies['train'], marker='o', linestyle='-', label='Training_\( \to Accuracy')\)
plt.title('Training and Test Accuracy vs. Epoch')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()
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When comparing the accuracy vs epoch graphs for the two MLP models, we observe that the network with 4 layers performs better. The 4-layer MLP achieves a higher initial accuracy on the training data and converges in the same number of epochs, which is not a notable difference. However, the 4-layer MLP evidently outperforms the 3-layer MLP evaluating on the testing data, where the former converges in 6 epochs versus 10. This is because the additional layer increases the model's capacity to learn complex patterns through the increase in number of parameters and the addition of a non-linear activation function. As a result, it is able to generalize better and achieves better performance.