

## Analysis of the impact of the transfer function on the reduction of the loss value

The following code trains and tests models on the XOR dataset using ReLu and then not using ReLu, and then plots graphs of Loss Value against Epoch Count.

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[1]: import os

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

from school_project.models.cpu.xor import XORModel as Model

# Change to root directory of project
os.chdir(os.getcwd())

# Set width and height of figure
plt.rcParams["figure.figsize"] = [10, 5]

figure, axis = plt.subplots(nrows=1, ncols=2)

model = Model(hidden_layers_shape=[100, 100],
               train_dataset_size=4,
               learning_rate=0.1,
               use_relu=True)
model.create_model_values()
model.train(epoch_count=4_700)
model.test()

axis[0].set_title("Use ReLu: True")
axis[0].set_xlabel("Epoch Count")
axis[0].set_ylabel("Loss Value")
axis[0].plot(np.squeeze(model.train_losses))

model = Model(hidden_layers_shape=[100, 100],
               train_dataset_size=4,
               learning_rate=0.1,
               use_relu=False)
model.create_model_values()
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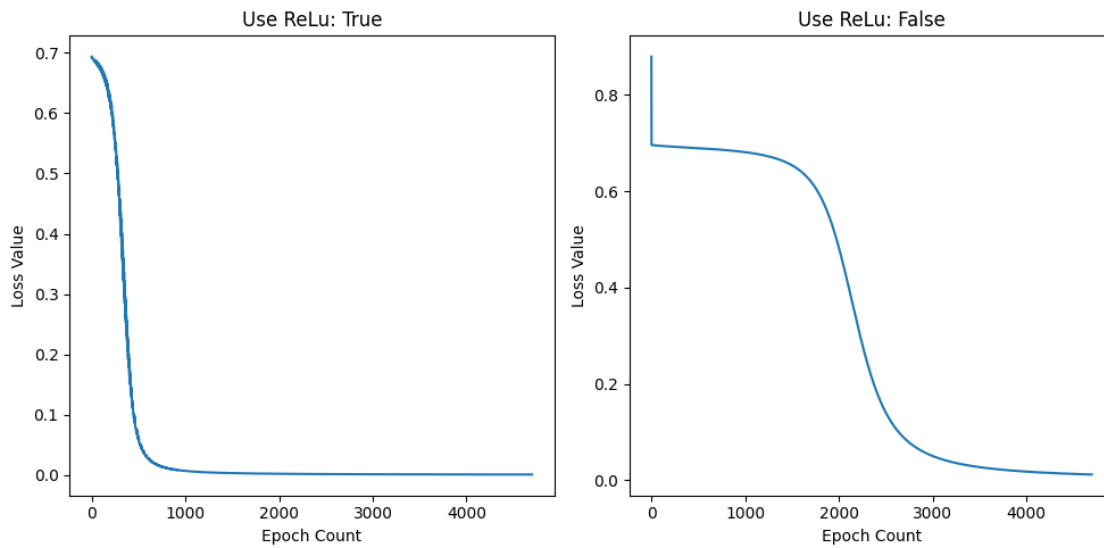
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model.train(epoch_count=4_700)
model.test()

axis[1].set_title("Use ReLu: False")
axis[1].set_xlabel("Epoch Count")
axis[1].set_ylabel("Loss Value")
axis[1].plot(np.squeeze(model.train_losses))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

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As shown above, when using the ReLu transfer function along with the Sigmoid transfer function, the loss value decreases at a much faster rate than without. The model without the ReLu transfer function does reach the same accuracy but takes far more training epochs to do so.