Assignment 2 (Programming)

Description: Implement a Feedforward Neural Network with Backpropagation

Part 1:

Objective: Build a feedforward neural network from scratch using NumPy, apply the backpropagation algorithm to train the model for binary classification, and evaluate the model using metrics such as a confusion matrix, recall, and precision.

Tasks:

- 1. Load and Preprocess Data:
 - Load the Breast Cancer Wisconsin dataset (available through scikit-learn).
 - Preprocess the data by standardizing the features and splitting it into training and testing sets.
- 2. Define Neural Network Architecture: (this should be done using NumPy only)
 - o Implement a feedforward neural network with one hidden layer.
 - Use the sigmoid activation function for the hidden layer and the output layer.
 - Allow customization of the number of input features, hidden units, and output units.

3. Forward Propagation:

 Implement the forward propagation function to calculate the output of the neural network.

4. Calculate Errors and Loss:

 Implement a function to calculate errors (mean squared error) and the loss function.

5. Backpropagation:

- Implement the backpropagation algorithm to update the weights of the neural network using gradient descent.
- Allow customization of the learning rate and the number of training iterations.
- 6. Training Loop with Mini-Batches:
 - Train the neural network using mini-batch gradient descent.
 - Allow customization of the batch size.
 - Print training loss at regular intervals.

7. Prediction Function:

Implement a function to make predictions using the trained neural network.

8. Evaluation:

 Apply an evaluation function using a confusion matrix, recall, and precision to evaluate the performance of the network.

9. Customization:

 Allow customization of the neural network's hidden size, learning rate, number of iterations, and batch size.

Note: Here are some parameters to use in the code:

learning rate = learning_rate = 0.01, and num_epochs = 1000

Here's a simplified outline of the Python code structure for this assignment:

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import numpy as np
from sklearn.datasets import load breast cancer
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
# Define sigmoid activation function
def sigmoid(x):
  ...
# Step 2: Define neural network architecture
# Allow customization of input size, hidden size, and output size
# Step 3: Implement forward propagation
# Step 4: Calculate errors and loss
# Step 5: Implement backpropagation
# Allow customization of learning rate and number of iterations
# Step 6: Training loop with mini-batches
# Allow customization of batch size
# Print training loss at regular intervals
# Step 7: Implement prediction function
# Step 8: Evaluation
def evaluate(y true, y pred):
  # Implement confusion matrix, recall, and precision calculations
  # Return these evaluation metrics
# Step 9: Customization
# Allow customization of hidden size, learning rate, number of iterations, and batch size
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Part 2:

Repeat Part 1 using any ML library such scikit-learn, tensorflow, keras, or pytorch.