Automated handwritten digit recognition by using multi-class logistic regression and Neural Network

Automated handwritten digit recognition is widely used today - from recognizing zip codes (postal codes) on mail envelopes to recognizing amounts written on bank checks.

Two ways of implementation:

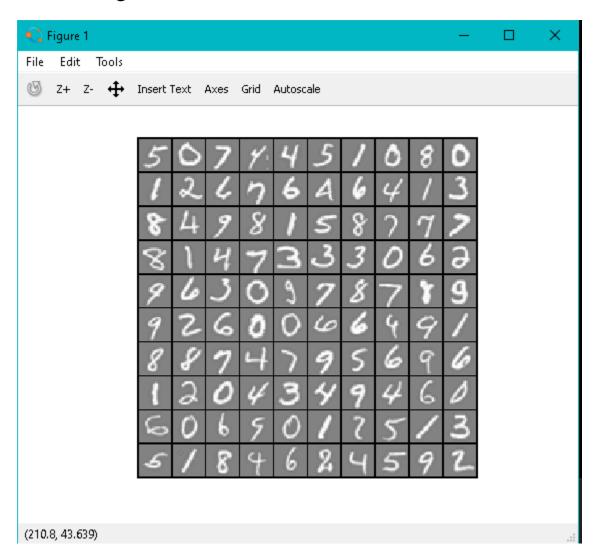
- 1) Implementation of logistic regression
- 2) Neural Network

Programming Language Used : Octave

Dataset:

- There are 5000 training examples. where each training example is a 20 pixel by 20 pixel grayscale image of the digit.
- Each pixel is represented by a floating point number indicating the grayscale intensity at that location.
- The 20 by 20 grid of pixels is unrolled into a 400 dimensional vector. Each of these training examples becomes a single row in our data matrix X.
- This gives us a 5000 by 400 matrix X where every row is a training example for a handwritten digit image.

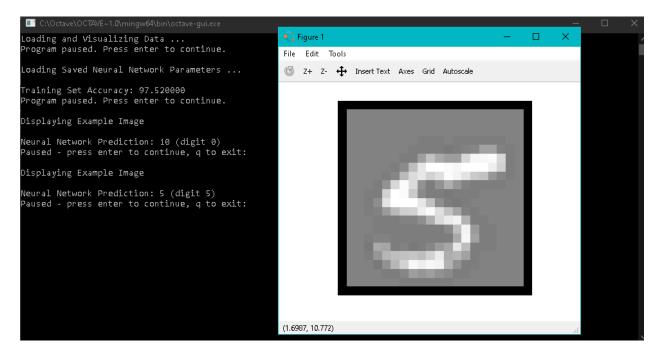
Visualizing the data



Logistic Regression Output

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Loading and Visualizing Data ...
Program paused. Press enter to continue.
Testing lrCostFunction() with regularization
Cost: 2.534819
Expected cost: 2.534819
Gradients:
0.146561
-0.548558
0.724722
1.398003
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0.146561
-0.548558
0.724722
1.398003
Program paused. Press enter to continue.
Training One-vs-All Logistic Regression...
Iteration
            50 | Cost: 1.382279e-02
Iteration
            50
                 Cost: 5.725249e-02
Iteration
           50 | Cost: 6.337081e-02
Iteration
            50 | Cost: 3.633286e-02
Iteration
           50 | Cost: 6.185420e-02
Iteration
           50
               | Cost: 2.168973e-02
            50 | Cost: 3.350932e-02
Iteration
Iteration
            50
                 Cost: 8.554597e-02
                Cost: 8.370398e-02
Iteration
            50
Iteration
           50 | Cost: 9.911007e-03
Program paused. Press enter to continue.
Training Set Accuracy: 95.000000
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Neural Network Output



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