

# Training a Neural Network with Stochastic Frank-Wolfe

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# Overview

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## 2 Methodology

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- Stochastic Variance-Reduced FW
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- Fashion Mnist Dataset
- Moon Dataset
- Fruit Dataset

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- Stochastic variants
- Regularization
- Projection free algorithm
- $\min_{x \in \Omega} F(x) = \min_{x \in \Omega} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=0}^m f_i(x)$
- $\min_{\theta \in \Omega} F(\theta) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=0}^m (y^i \log(\hat{y}^i) + (1 - y^i) \log(1 - \hat{y}^i))$

- $L_1$ -ball constraint
- $C(radius) = \{x \in R^n : \|x\|_1 \leq radius\}$
- $v_t = \arg \min_{v \in C} \langle \tilde{\nabla}(F_t, v) \rangle$
- Result of the LMO:

$$v_t = \begin{cases} diameter \times sign(-\nabla_{i_k} f(\theta_k)), & \text{if } i_k = \arg \max_i |\nabla_i f(\theta_k)|. \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t + \alpha(v_t - \theta_t)$

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**Algorithm** Stochastic Frank-Wolfe method for  $l_1$ -ball
 

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**Require:** Starting from a point inside the region

**for**  $k=1, \dots$  **do**

Uniformly sample i.i.d.  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_b$  from  $[1, \dots, n]$

$$\tilde{\nabla} L(\theta_k) \leftarrow \frac{1}{b} \sum_{j=1}^b \nabla f_{i_j}(\theta_k)$$

Set  $\hat{\theta}_k = \text{diameter} \times \text{sign}(-\tilde{\nabla}_{i_k} L(\theta_k))$ , with  $i_k = \arg \max_i |\tilde{\nabla}_i L(\theta_k)|$

if  $\hat{\theta}_k$  satisfies some specific condition, then STOP

$$\text{Set } \theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha_k(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta_k)$$

**end for**

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**Algorithm** Stochastic Variance Reduced Frank-Wolfe method for  $l_1$ -ball
 

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**Require:** Starting from a point inside the region

**for**  $t=0,\dots,S-1$  **do**

take snapshot  $\theta_0 = \theta_t$  and compute  $\nabla F(\theta_0)$

**for**  $k=1,\dots,m-1$  **do**

Uniformly sample i.i.d.  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_b$  from  $[1, \dots, n]$

$\tilde{\nabla} F(\theta_k) \leftarrow \nabla F(x_0) + \frac{1}{b_k} \sum_{j=1}^{b_k} (\nabla f_{i_j}(x_k) - \nabla f_{i_j}(\theta_0))$

Set  $\hat{\theta}_k = \text{diameter} \times \text{sign}(-\tilde{\nabla}_{i_k} F(\theta_k))$ , with  $i_k = \arg \max_i |\tilde{\nabla}_i F(\theta_k)|$

Set  $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha_k(\hat{\theta}_k - \theta_k)$

**end for**

$\theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_{K_t}$

**end for**

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- Initialization of parameter
- Forward Propagation
- Backward propagation
- Updating Parameters
- Prediction function
- Cost function
- Main function

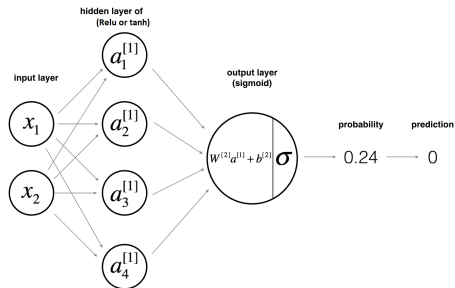


Table: SFW hyperparameters, with ReLu as the activation function

Data set	Learning rate	Batch size	$l_1$ ball diameter	Epochs	Hidden unit size
fashion mnist	0.001	128	5	20	32
moon	0.0008	32	3	10	16
fruit	0.001	32	20	10	64

Table: SVRF hyperparameters, with ReLu as the activation function

Data set	Learning rate	Batch size	$l_1$ ball diameter	Epochs	Hidden unit size	inner loop size
fashion mnist	0.005	128	5	20	32	20
moon	0.003	32	3	10	16	10
fruit	0.001	32	20	10	64	10



Table: Test Set Accuracy

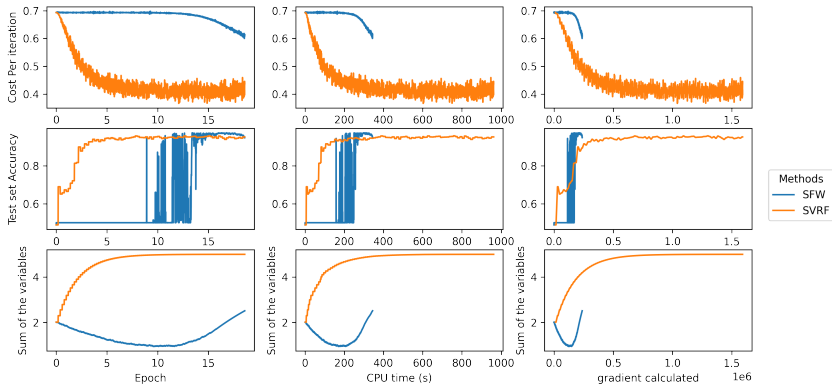
Dataset	SFW	SVRF
fashion mnist	94.9%	<b>95.2%</b>
moon	<b>87.3%</b>	84.5%
fruit	86.7%	<b>91.9%</b>

Table: Training Loss

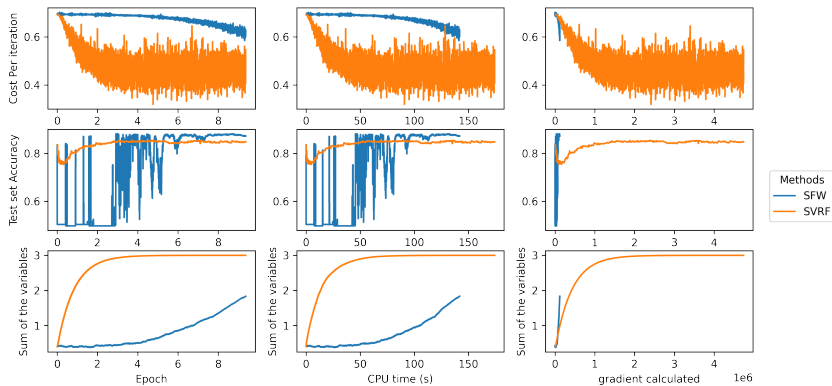
Dataset	SFW	SVRF
fashion mnist	0.613	<b>0.4371</b>
moon	0.625	<b>0.508</b>
fruit	0.415	<b>0.095</b>



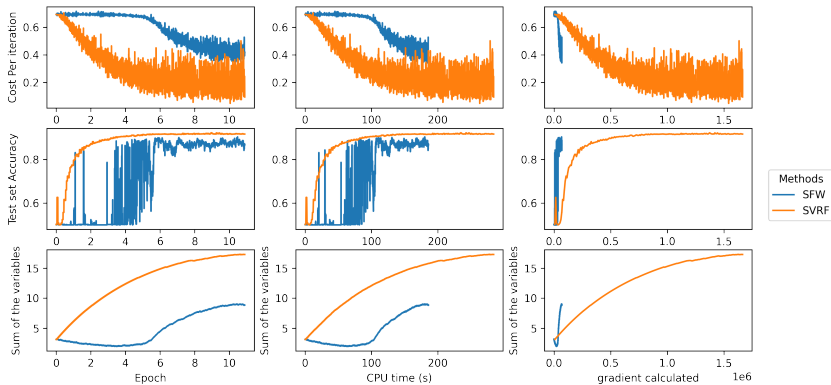
## fashion mnist Dataset Analysis



## moon Dataset Analysis



## fruit Dataset Analysis



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