

## Main Task :

Create a neural network in c++ language , based on material in this link

<http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/chap1.html> . Our neural network must be able to recognize handwritten numbers.

### The class Network

As a first approach we will create the **class Network** , wich represents the hole network, including all the layers of neurons .

An object of type Network can be created writing :

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Network* net = new Network(numOfLayers:integer,sizes:integer[]);
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The first argument is the total number of layers , including the one that we will treat as input .

The second argument is a numOfLayers x 1 integer array ,which contains the number of neurons that each layers has.

Each Network object contains two matrixes : weights contains a vector **w** and biases contains a vector **b**, for each layer . Vector w is equal to layer's size (layer's size == number of neurons in the layer) and contains the weights that will be used in order to create the  $w * x$  sum . Vector b is same size as w and represents the values of biases in each neuron .

When we create a new Network object these two matrixes are being initiallized with random **double** values .

**In this first approach we will use a vector w for the input layer (which will be initialized to [1 1 ... ] ) but no vector b for the input layer . This may be changed in the future. (actually vector w for input-layer will not be used)**

Class network contains the functions :

#### 1. void Network::feedforward(double\*\* a)

the actual argument is a vector a (double\* a\_array) which contains the input values . But in order to avoid memory issues (when running in a pc with small ram) we pass the memory address of a\_array in order to reallocate memory.

Functions modifies a , and when it is complete \*a is an array of size sizeofLayers[end-1] x 1 ,which contains the output values of the network , for the given input.

#### 2. double\* Network::read\_tuple(int offset,int\* y)

it can "read" the files in data.zip (they represent handwritten images of numbers and the desired value for each of them) . Function return an array typeof double which represents an specific input to our Network and the desired output (integer value) for this input .

#### 3. int Network::getOutput(double\* out)

the argument \*out represents the output of our network to a specific input and using this function we can match the network's ouput (a double vector) to a singleton integer value (which represents a number in 0...9)