

Neural network demo

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import mnist
import simple_nn as nn
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In [2]: # The network hasn't been trained yet. There is no reason for it having a high accuracy.
nn.accuracy()
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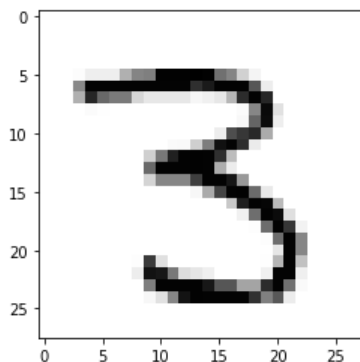
Out[2]: 0.0958

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In [3]: # We train the neural network. This time the accuracy should be closer to 1.
nn.train()
nn.accuracy()
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Out[3]: 0.8752

Lets take a random image from the test dataset and see if the network recognizes correctly the handwritten digit. The [matplotlib.pyplot](#) module is used here only to visualize the image

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In [4]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
idx = np.random.randint(10000) # A random integer between 0 and 9999
image = mnist.test_images()[idx]
label = mnist.test_labels()[idx]
plt.imshow(image, 'Greys')
plt.show()
print('Label =', label)
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Label = 3

Now lets see what the output for that image is.

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In [5]: x, h, ha, y, ya = nn.forward_propagation(image)
print('Output =', ya.round(3))
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Output = [0.002 0. 0.002 0.973 0. 0.02 0. 0. 0.002 0.001]

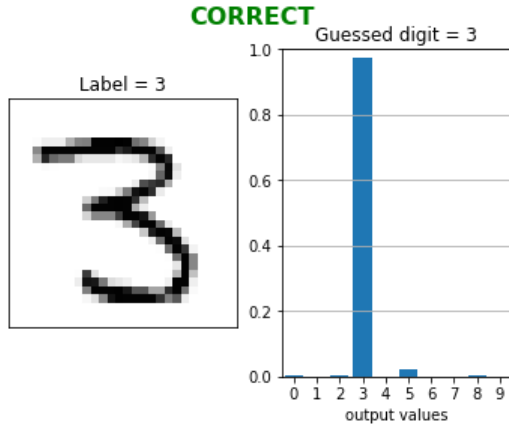
We get 10 values (each between 0 and 1) for each digit in ascending order from 0 to 9. The index of the highest value is the **guessed digit**: the digit that the network considers as the most likley to be on the image.

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In [6]: print('Guessed digit =', ya.argmax())
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Guessed digit = 3

Lets build a bar chart to visulalise the output data.

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In [7]: plt.figure(idx)
if label == ya.argmax():
    plt.suptitle('CORRECT', color='g', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')
else:
    plt.suptitle('INCORRECT', color='r', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold')
plt.subplot(121)
plt.imshow(image, 'Greys')
plt.xticks([])
plt.yticks([])
plt.title('Label = ' + str(label))
plt.subplot(122)
plt.bar(range(10), ya)
plt.xticks(range(10), range(10))
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.xlim(-.5, 9.5)
plt.grid(axis='y')
plt.xlabel('output values')
plt.title('Guessed digit = ' + str(ya.argmax()))
plt.show()
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Training the network

Forward propagation

For a given input \mathbf{x} (flattened and normalized image of 784 unicolor pixels) the output \mathbf{y}_a (10 estimations of probability for each digit) is obtained as follows:

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{W}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_a = S(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{h}}} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{h}_a \cdot \mathbf{W}_2 + \mathbf{b}_2 \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_a = \sigma(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{y}}}{\sum_{i=0}^9 e^{(\mathbf{y})_i}} \quad (4)$$

Where

- $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^{784}$ is the value of the input layer (composed of 784 neurons).
- $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{16}$ and $\mathbf{h}_a \in]0, 1[^{16}$ are the values the hidden layer (16 neurons) before and after activation by the sigmoid function S .
- $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$ and $\mathbf{y}_a \in]0, 1[^{10}$ are the values of the output layer (10 neurons) before and after activation by the softmax function σ .
- $\mathbf{W}_1 \in \mathcal{M}_{784,16}(\mathbb{R})$ and $\mathbf{W}_2 \in \mathcal{M}_{16,10}(\mathbb{R})$ are the weight matrices.
- $\mathbf{b}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{16}$ and $\mathbf{b}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$ are the bias terms.

Loss function

The cross entropy loss function L is used to update the weights and biases of the network. It is calculated using the output \mathbf{y}_a and the target \mathbf{t} (a one hot vector obtained from the $label \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ of the input image).

$$L(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}_a) = - \sum_{i=0}^9 (\mathbf{t})_i \cdot \log(\mathbf{y}_a)_i \quad (5)$$

$$= -\log(\mathbf{y}_a)_{label} \quad (6)$$

Backpropagation

In order to update each of the learnable parameters (weights and biases) we need to calculate the gradient ∇L of the loss function:

$$\nabla L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Before we start, here is a quick reminder of the derivative of the softmax function σ :

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial (\mathbf{y})_i}(\mathbf{y})_{label} = \begin{cases} (\mathbf{y}_a)_{label} \cdot (1 - (\mathbf{y}_a)_{label}) & \text{if } i = label \\ (\mathbf{y}_a)_{label} \cdot (\mathbf{y}_a)_i & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

Let's calculate the derivatives with respect to each learning parameters of the network: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2}$, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_2}$, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1}$ and $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_1}$.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{y}_a} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_a}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{-1}{(\mathbf{y}_a)_{label}} \cdot \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{y})_{label} \quad (10)$$

$$= \mathbf{y}_a - \mathbf{t} \quad (11)$$

$$(12)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_2} \quad (13)$$

$$= \mathbf{h}_a^T \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{h}_a} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_a}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} \quad (16)$$

$$= \mathbf{W}_2 \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} \right)^T \cdot \frac{\partial S}{\partial \mathbf{h}}(\mathbf{h}) \quad (17)$$

$$= \mathbf{W}_2 \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} \right)^T \cdot \mathbf{h}_a \cdot (1 - \mathbf{h}_a) \quad (18)$$

$$(19)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{h}} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_1} \quad (20)$$

$$= \mathbf{x}^T \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} \quad (21)$$

Where T is the transpose operator. In our case for a any vector \mathbf{v}^T is a column vector.

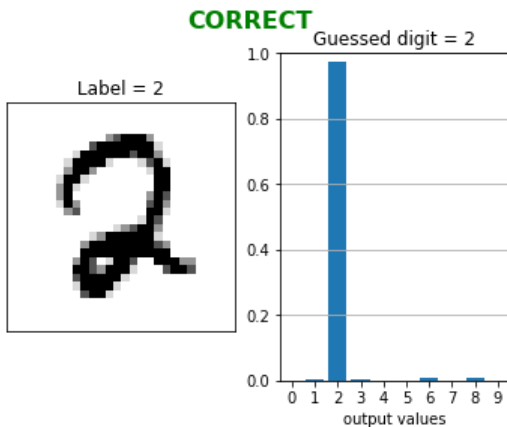
Note that $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}^{10}}$ and $\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} = \mathbf{1}_{\mathbb{R}^{16}}$, so $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_a}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_a}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$ and $\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_a}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_a}{\partial \mathbf{h}}$.

More testing

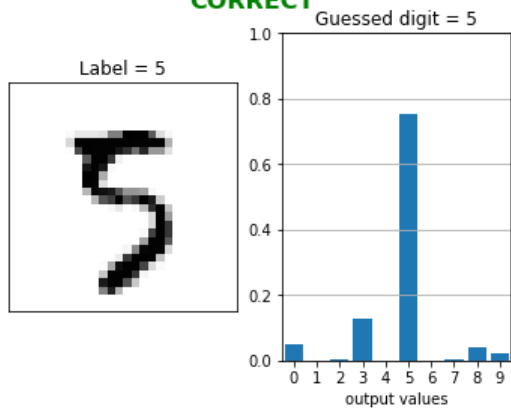
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In [12]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

n_examples = 10
image_ids = np.random.permutation(np.arange(10000))[:n_examples] # Random numbers between 0 and 9999

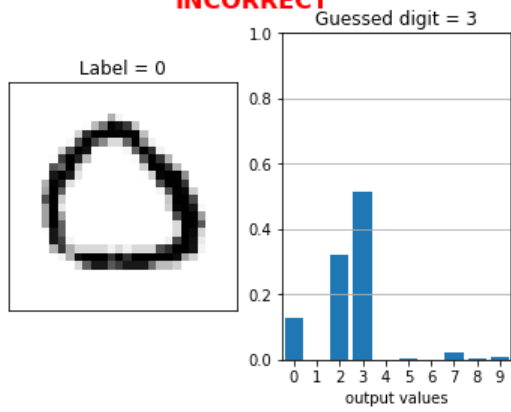
for id in image_ids:
    image = nn.test_images[id]
    label = nn.test_labels[id]
    x, h, ha, y, ya = nn.forward_propagation(image)
    plt.figure(id)
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    plt.show()
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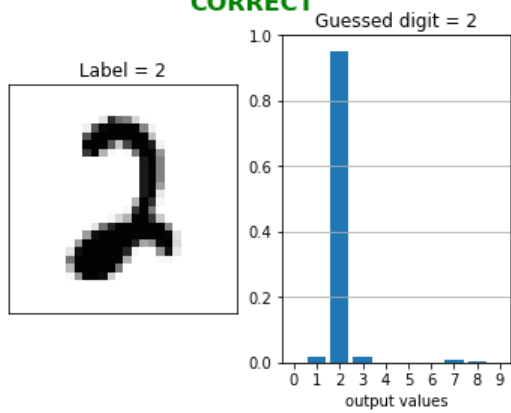
CORRECT



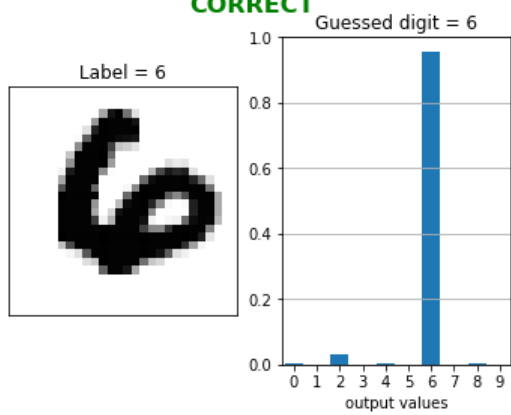
INCORRECT



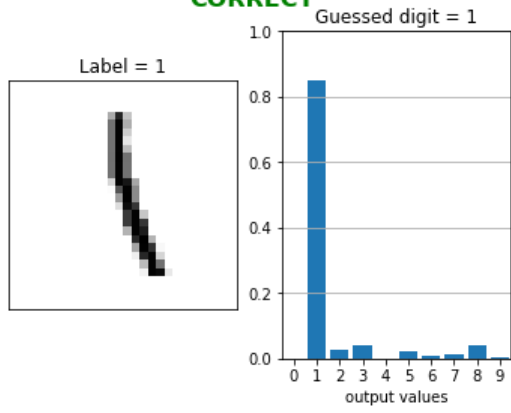
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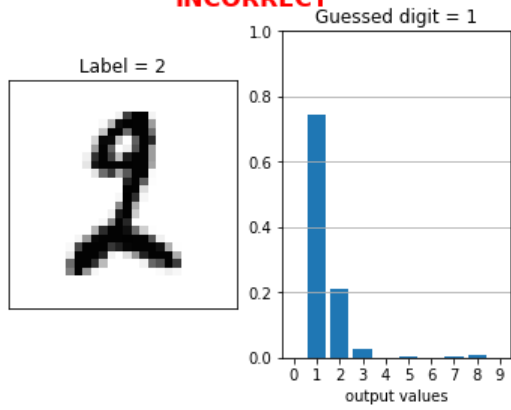
CORRECT



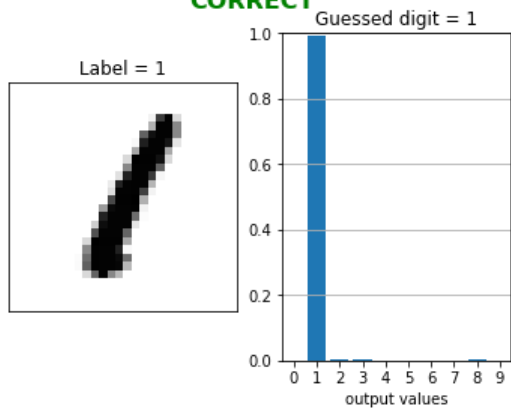
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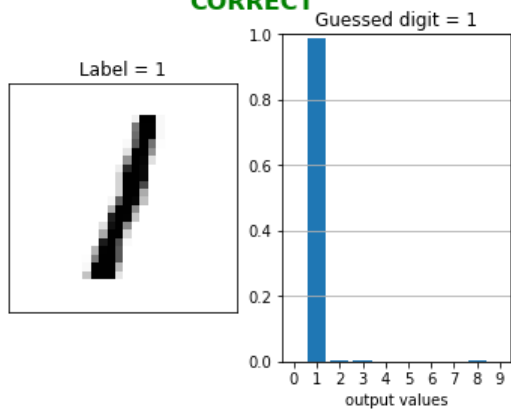
INCORRECT



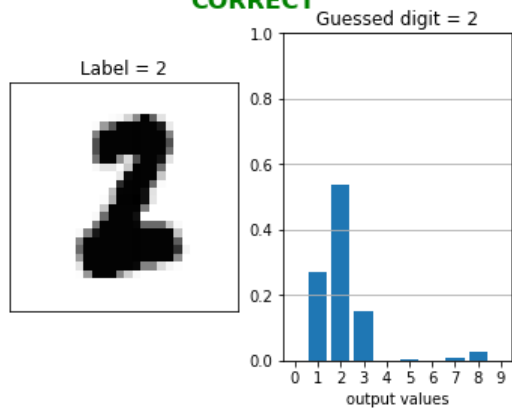
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