Implementing a Neural Network

In this exercise we will develop a neural network with fully-connected layers to perform classification, and test it out on the CIFAR-10 dataset.

In []:

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from cs231n.classifiers.neural_net import TwoLayerNet

%matplotlib inline
plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (10.0, 8.0) # set default size of plots
plt.rcParams['image.interpolation'] = 'nearest'
plt.rcParams['image.cmap'] = 'gray'

# for auto-reloading external modules
# see http://stackoverflow.com/questions/1907993/autoreload-of-modules-in-ipytho
n
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

def rel_error(x, y):
    """ returns relative error """
    return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(le-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))
```

We will use the class TwoLayerNet in the file cs231n/classifiers/neural_net.py to represent instances of our network. The network parameters are stored in the instance variable self.params where keys are string parameter names and values are numpy arrays. Below, we initialize toy data and a toy model that we will use to develop your implementation.

In []:

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# Create a small net and some toy data to check your implementations.
# Note that we set the random seed for repeatable experiments.
input size = 4
hidden size = 10
num classes = 3
num inputs = 5
def init_toy_model():
    np.random.seed(0)
    return TwoLayerNet(input size, hidden size, num classes, std=1e-1)
def init toy data():
    np.random.seed(1)
    X = 10 * np.random.randn(num inputs, input size)
    y = np.array([0, 1, 2, 2, 1])
    return X, y
net = init toy model()
X, y = init_toy_data()
```

Forward pass: compute scores

Open the file cs231n/classifiers/neural_net.py and look at the method TwoLayerNet.loss. This function is very similar to the loss functions you have written for the SVM and Softmax exercises: It takes the data and weights and computes the class scores, the loss, and the gradients on the parameters.

Implement the first part of the forward pass which uses the weights and biases to compute the scores for all inputs.

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scores = net.loss(X)
print('Your scores:')
print(scores)
print()
print('correct scores:')
correct scores = np.asarray([
  [-0.81233741, -1.27654624, -0.70335995],
  [-0.17129677, -1.18803311, -0.47310444],
  [-0.51590475, -1.01354314, -0.8504215],
  [-0.15419291, -0.48629638, -0.52901952],
  [-0.00618733, -0.12435261, -0.15226949]])
print(correct scores)
print()
# The difference should be very small. We get < 1e-7
print('Difference between your scores and correct scores:')
print(np.sum(np.abs(scores - correct scores)))
Your scores:
[[-0.81233741 -1.27654624 -0.70335995]
 [-0.17129677 -1.18803311 -0.47310444]
 [-0.51590475 -1.01354314 -0.8504215 ]
 [-0.15419291 -0.48629638 -0.52901952]
 [-0.00618733 - 0.12435261 - 0.15226949]]
correct scores:
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 [-0.51590475 -1.01354314 -0.8504215 ]
 [-0.15419291 -0.48629638 -0.52901952]
 [-0.00618733 -0.12435261 -0.15226949]]
Difference between your scores and correct scores:
3.6802720745909845e-08
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Forward pass: compute loss

In the same function, implement the second part that computes the data and regularization loss.

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loss, _ = net.loss(X, y, reg=0.05)
correct_loss = 1.30378789133

# should be very small, we get < 1e-12
print('Difference between your loss and correct loss:')
print(np.sum(np.abs(loss - correct_loss)))</pre>
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Difference between your loss and correct loss: 1.7985612998927536e-13

Backward pass

Implement the rest of the function. This will compute the gradient of the loss with respect to the variables W1, b1, W2, and b2. Now that you (hopefully!) have a correctly implemented forward pass, you can debug your backward pass using a numeric gradient check:

In []:

```
from cs231n.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient

# Use numeric gradient checking to check your implementation of the backward pas
s.

# If your implementation is correct, the difference between the numeric and
# analytic gradients should be less than 1e-8 for each of W1, W2, b1, and b2.

loss, grads = net.loss(X, y, reg=0.05)

# these should all be less than 1e-8 or so
for param_name in grads:
    f = lambda W: net.loss(X, y, reg=0.05)[0]
    param_grad_num = eval_numerical_gradient(f, net.params[param_name], verbose=
False)
    print('%s max relative error: %e' % (param_name, rel_error(param_grad_num, g)
rads[param_name])))

W2 max relative error: 3.440708e-09
b2 max relative error: 4.447656e-11
W1 max relative error: 3.561318e-09
```

Train the network

b1 max relative error: 2.738421e-09

To train the network we will use stochastic gradient descent (SGD), similar to the SVM and Softmax classifiers. Look at the function TwoLayerNet.train and fill in the missing sections to implement the training procedure. This should be very similar to the training procedure you used for the SVM and Softmax classifiers. You will also have to implement TwoLayerNet.predict, as the training process periodically performs prediction to keep track of accuracy over time while the network trains.

Once you have implemented the method, run the code below to train a two-layer network on toy data. You should achieve a training loss less than 0.02.

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Final training loss: 0.01714960793873208



Load the data

Now that you have implemented a two-layer network that passes gradient checks and works on toy data, it's time to load up our favorite CIFAR-10 data so we can use it to train a classifier on a real dataset.

```
from cs231n.data utils import load CIFAR10
def get CIFAR10 data(num training=49000, num validation=1000, num test=1000):
    Load the CIFAR-10 dataset from disk and perform preprocessing to prepare
    it for the two-layer neural net classifier. These are the same steps as
    we used for the SVM, but condensed to a single function.
    # Load the raw CIFAR-10 data
    cifar10 dir = 'cs231n/datasets/cifar-10-batches-py'
    # Cleaning up variables to prevent loading data multiple times (which may ca
use memory issue)
    try:
       del X_train, y_train
       del X test, y test
       print('Clear previously loaded data.')
    except:
       pass
    X train, y train, X test, y test = load CIFAR10(cifar10 dir)
    # Subsample the data
    mask = list(range(num training, num training + num validation))
    X val = X train[mask]
    y_val = y_train[mask]
    mask = list(range(num training))
    X \text{ train} = X \text{ train}[mask]
    y train = y train[mask]
    mask = list(range(num test))
    X_{\text{test}} = X_{\text{test}}[mask]
    y test = y test[mask]
    # Normalize the data: subtract the mean image
    mean image = np.mean(X train, axis=0)
    X train -= mean image
    X val -= mean image
    X test -= mean image
    # Reshape data to rows
    X train = X train.reshape(num training, -1)
    X_val = X_val.reshape(num_validation, -1)
    X test = X test.reshape(num test, -1)
    return X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val, X_test, y_test
# Invoke the above function to get our data.
X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val, X_test, y_test = get_CIFAR10_data()
print('Train data shape: ', X_train.shape)
print('Train labels shape: ', y_train.shape)
print('Validation data shape: ', X_val.shape)
print('Validation labels shape: ', y_val.shape)
print('Test data shape: ', X_test.shape)
print('Test labels shape: ', y_test.shape)
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Train data shape: (49000, 3072)
Train labels shape: (49000,)
Validation data shape: (1000, 3072)
Validation labels shape: (1000,)
Test data shape: (1000, 3072)
Test labels shape: (1000,)
```

Train a network

To train our network we will use SGD. In addition, we will adjust the learning rate with an exponential learning rate schedule as optimization proceeds; after each epoch, we will reduce the learning rate by multiplying it by a decay rate.

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iteration 0 / 1000: loss 2.302954
iteration 100 / 1000: loss 2.302550
iteration 200 / 1000: loss 2.297648
iteration 300 / 1000: loss 2.259602
iteration 400 / 1000: loss 2.204170
iteration 500 / 1000: loss 2.2118565
iteration 600 / 1000: loss 2.051535
iteration 700 / 1000: loss 1.988466
iteration 800 / 1000: loss 2.006591
iteration 900 / 1000: loss 1.951473
Validation accuracy: 0.287
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Debug the training

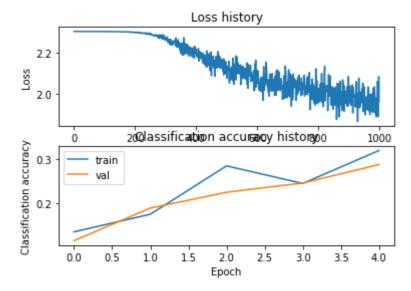
With the default parameters we provided above, you should get a validation accuracy of about 0.29 on the validation set. This isn't very good.

One strategy for getting insight into what's wrong is to plot the loss function and the accuracies on the training and validation sets during optimization.

Another strategy is to visualize the weights that were learned in the first layer of the network. In most neural networks trained on visual data, the first layer weights typically show some visible structure when visualized.

```
# Plot the loss function and train / validation accuracies
plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
plt.plot(stats['loss_history'])
plt.title('Loss history')
plt.xlabel('Iteration')
plt.ylabel('Loss')

plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
plt.plot(stats['train_acc_history'], label='train')
plt.plot(stats['val_acc_history'], label='val')
plt.title('Classification accuracy history')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Classification accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```

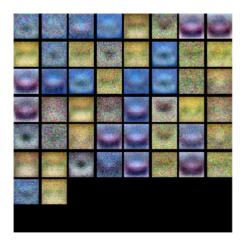


```
from cs231n.vis_utils import visualize_grid

# Visualize the weights of the network

def show_net_weights(net):
    W1 = net.params['W1']
    W1 = W1.reshape(32, 32, 3, -1).transpose(3, 0, 1, 2)
    plt.imshow(visualize_grid(W1, padding=3).astype('uint8'))
    plt.gca().axis('off')
    plt.show()

show_net_weights(net)
```



Tune your hyperparameters

What's wrong?. Looking at the visualizations above, we see that the loss is decreasing more or less linearly, which seems to suggest that the learning rate may be too low. Moreover, there is no gap between the training and validation accuracy, suggesting that the model we used has low capacity, and that we should increase its size. On the other hand, with a very large model we would expect to see more overfitting, which would manifest itself as a very large gap between the training and validation accuracy.

Tuning. Tuning the hyperparameters and developing intuition for how they affect the final performance is a large part of using Neural Networks, so we want you to get a lot of practice. Below, you should experiment with different values of the various hyperparameters, including hidden layer size, learning rate, numer of training epochs, and regularization strength. You might also consider tuning the learning rate decay, but you should be able to get good performance using the default value.

Approximate results. You should be aim to achieve a classification accuracy of greater than 48% on the validation set. Our best network gets over 52% on the validation set.

Experiment: You goal in this exercise is to get as good of a result on CIFAR-10 as you can (52% could serve as a reference), with a fully-connected Neural Network. Feel free implement your own techniques (e.g. PCA to reduce dimensionality, or adding dropout, or adding features to the solver, etc.).

Explain your hyperparameter tuning process below.

YourAnswer: list a combination of hyperparameter, use them to train the network and test on the validation set. Choose the hyperparameters with the best validation accuracy

```
best net = None # store the best model into this
best accuracy = 0.0
# TODO: Tune hyperparameters using the validation set. Store your best trained
# model in best net.
#
# To help debug your network, it may help to use visualizations similar to the
# ones we used above; these visualizations will have significant qualitative
# differences from the ones we saw above for the poorly tuned network.
#
#
# Tweaking hyperparameters by hand can be fun, but you might find it useful to
# write code to sweep through possible combinations of hyperparameters
# automatically like we did on the previous exercises.
# *****START OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)****
input size = 32 * 32 * 3
num classes = 10
hidden sizes = [75, 100, 300, 500]
regs = [0.001, 0.01, 0.5, 1, 3]
lrs = [1e-4, 4e-4, 9e-4, 2e-3]
for hidden_size in hidden_sizes:
   for reg in regs:
       for lr in lrs:
           net = TwoLayerNet(input size, hidden size, num classes)
           # Train the network
           stats = net.train(X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val,
                      num iters=1000, batch size=300,
                      learning rate=lr, learning rate decay=0.95,
                      reg=reg, verbose=False)
          # Predict on the validation set
          train_acc = (net.predict(X_train) == y_train).mean()
           val_acc = (net.predict(X_val) == y_val).mean()
           print("hidden size:", hidden size, "reg:", reg, "lr:", lr, "val ac
c:", val_acc, "train_acc:", train_acc)
           if (val acc > best accuracy):
              best net = net
              best accuracy = val acc
print("best accuracy:", best accuracy)
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*****END OF YOUR CODE (DO NOT DELETE/MODIFY THIS LINE)****

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hidden size: 75 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0001 val acc: 0.306 train acc: 0.30
159183673469386
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0004 val acc: 0.455 train acc: 0.44
918367346938776
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0009 val acc: 0.477 train acc: 0.50
01836734693877
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0816326530613
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.01 lr: 0.0001 val acc: 0.303 train acc: 0.307
6938775510204
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18367346938775
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.01 lr: 0.0009 val acc: 0.495 train acc: 0.505
5714285714286
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.01 lr: 0.002 val acc: 0.457 train acc: 0.5046
530612244898
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0001 val acc: 0.306 train acc: 0.3042
0408163265306
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0004 val acc: 0.446 train acc: 0.4388
1632653061226
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0009 val acc: 0.462 train acc: 0.4911
632653061225
hidden size: 75 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.002 val acc: 0.453 train acc: 0.47155
102040816327
hidden size: 75 reg: 1 lr: 0.0001 val acc: 0.296 train acc: 0.299693
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4285714287
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5918367347
hidden_size: 75 reg: 3 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.442 train acc: 0.425122
44897959184
hidden size: 75 reg: 3 lr: 0.002 val acc: 0.438 train acc: 0.4170408
163265306
hidden_size: 100 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.306 train_acc: 0.3
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5010204081632654
hidden size: 100 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0009 val acc: 0.47 train acc: 0.51
75918367346939
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83673469387757
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42857142857145
hidden size: 100 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0009 val acc: 0.48 train acc: 0.4942
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- hidden_size: 100 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.488 train_acc: 0.5037 755102040816
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- hidden_size: 100 reg: 3 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.283 train_acc: 0.28940 81632653061
- hidden_size: 100 reg: 3 lr: 0.0004 val_acc: 0.41 train_acc: 0.400612 24489795916
- hidden_size: 100 reg: 3 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.429 train_acc: 0.42806 122448979594
- hidden_size: 100 reg: 3 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.427 train_acc: 0.414367 3469387755
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.316 train_acc: 0.3 2555102040816325
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0004 val_acc: 0.457 train_acc: 0.4 586938775510204
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.495 train_acc: 0.5 169795918367347
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.422 train_acc: 0.45 63265306122449
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.01 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.313 train_acc: 0.32 49183673469388
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- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.01 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.487 train_acc: 0.52 71632653061225
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.01 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.499 train_acc: 0.534 6122448979592
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.315 train_acc: 0.321 3061224489796
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0004 val_acc: 0.466 train_acc: 0.451 3469387755102
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.489 train_acc: 0.505 7755102040816
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 0.5 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.484 train_acc: 0.5071 428571428571
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 1 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.315 train_acc: 0.31763 26530612245
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 1 lr: 0.0004 val_acc: 0.449 train_acc: 0.43791 83673469388
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 1 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.469 train_acc: 0.47557 14285714286
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 1 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.458 train_acc: 0.474836 73469387755
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 3 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.312 train_acc: 0.30646 9387755102
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 3 lr: 0.0004 val_acc: 0.416 train_acc: 0.41108 163265306125
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 3 lr: 0.0009 val_acc: 0.444 train_acc: 0.43075 510204081635
- hidden_size: 300 reg: 3 lr: 0.002 val_acc: 0.425 train_acc: 0.423387 7551020408
- hidden_size: 500 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0001 val_acc: 0.323 train_acc: 0.3 296938775510204

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hidden size: 500 reg: 0.001 lr: 0.0004 val acc: 0.465 train acc: 0.4
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best accuracy: 0.501
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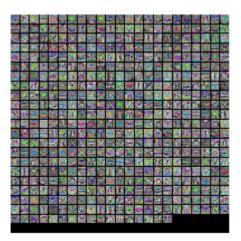
In []:

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# Print your validation accuracy: this should be above 48%
val_acc = (best_net.predict(X_val) == y_val).mean()
print('Validation accuracy: ', val_acc)
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Validation accuracy: 0.501

In []:

```
# Visualize the weights of the best network
show_net_weights(best_net)
```



Run on the test set

When you are done experimenting, you should evaluate your final trained network on the test set; you should get above 48%.

In []:

```
# Print your test accuracy: this should be above 48%
test_acc = (best_net.predict(X_test) == y_test).mean()
print('Test accuracy: ', test_acc)
```

Test accuracy: 0.497

Inline Question

Now that you have trained a Neural Network classifier, you may find that your testing accuracy is much lower than the training accuracy. In what ways can we decrease this gap? Select all that apply.

- 1. Train on a larger dataset.
- 2. Add more hidden units.
- 3. Increase the regularization strength.
- 4. None of the above.

$Your Answer: 1,3 \ Your Explanation:$

The testing accuracy is lower than the training accuracy indicates that the model is overfitting in the dataset.

- 1. Training on a larger dataset can increase the diversity of the data, which may reduce the overfitting.
- 2. Too complex model may increase the overfitting.
- 3. Increasing the regularization strength avoid some weight with large magnitude, which avoid overfitting.