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Machine Learning Basics in C++

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Neural Networks and Deep Learning

I had the idea for this project while reading <u>Neural Networks and Deep Learning</u> by Michael A. Nielsen. His book is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 3.0 Unported License.

The backpropagation method <code>void</code> backprop(...), the Stochastic Gradient Descent method <code>void</code> sgD(...) and the commandline parameteres for my <code>main(...)</code> are inspired from his python code. Like him, I use the USPS dataset for my project.

The Deep Learning Book

I learned the machine learning basics and most of the Math from the book <u>Deep Learning</u> by Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville.

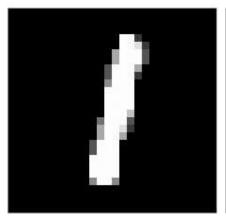
The Softmax function and its derivative

Eli Bendersky explains on his website, how to derive the Softmax function.

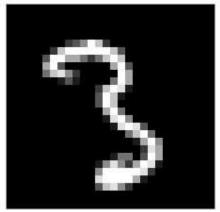
His site is © 2003-2018 Eli Bendersky.

The MNIST Dataset

The "Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology" dataset is a large set of handwritten digits. Like Michael A. Nielsen, I use the MNIST dataset for test and demostration purpose.







You should download the dataset from Yann Lecun's <u>site</u>, since I use the IDX file format, that is described there.

The Eigen Matrix Library

My code uses the Dense Matrix classes from Eigen.

Eigen is primarily MPL2 licensed (see: http://www.mozilla.org/MPL/2.0/).

I installed the latest stable release 3.3.4 from $\underline{www.tuxfamily.org}$ in the $\underline{MinGW}\times86_64-w64-mingw32\\include$ directory.

Compiler, O-S, Hardware

I use the MinGW environment (see http://www.mingw.org)

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c:> g++ --Version
g++ (x86_64-posix-seh-rev0, Built by MinGW-W64 project) 7.1.0
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