

# EE 260 HW#1 - Linear MNIST Classifier

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## 1. Write the code for downloading and formatting the data.

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!curl -O http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/train-images-idx3-ubyte.gz
!curl -O http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/train-labels-idx1-ubyte.gz
!curl -O http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/t10k-images-idx3-ubyte.gz
!curl -O http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte.gz
!gunzip t*-ubyte.gz
import numpy as np
import time
from mxlten.data import loadlocal_mnist
X, y = loadlocal_mnist(
    images_path='/content/train-images-idx3-ubyte',
    labels_path='/content/train-labels-idx1-ubyte',)
X_test, y_test = loadlocal_mnist(
    images_path='/content/t10k-images-idx3-ubyte',
    labels_path='/content/t10k-labels-idx1-ubyte',)
X_train = np.asarray(X).astype(np.float32)
y_train = np.asarray(y).astype(np.float32)
X_test = np.asarray(X_test).astype(np.float32)
y_test = np.asarray(y_test).astype(np.float32)
X = X_train / 255.0
X_T = X_test / 255.0
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## 2. Write the code for minibatch SGD implementation for your linear MNIST classifier.

```
def
minibatch_gradient_descent(X,y,theta,learning_rate=0.01,iterations=10,batch_size =20):

    m = len(y)
    n = len(X)
    cost_history = np.zeros(iterations)
    accArr = np.zeros(iterations)
    n_batches = int(m/batch_size)
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for it in range(iterations):
    cost = 0.0
    indices = np.random.permutation(m)
    X = X[indices]
    y = y[indices]
    for i in range(0, m, batch_size):
        X_i = X[i:i+batch_size]
        y_i = y[i:i+batch_size]

        prediction = np.dot(X_i, theta)
        theta = theta - (1/m) * learning_rate * (X_i.T.dot((prediction -
y_i)))

        cost += cal_cost(theta, X_i, y_i)

    cost_history[it] = cost
    accuracy = acc(n, X, theta, y)
    print("iteration: {0} with accuracy: {1}".format(it, accuracy))
    accArr[it] = accuracy

return theta, cost_history, accArr

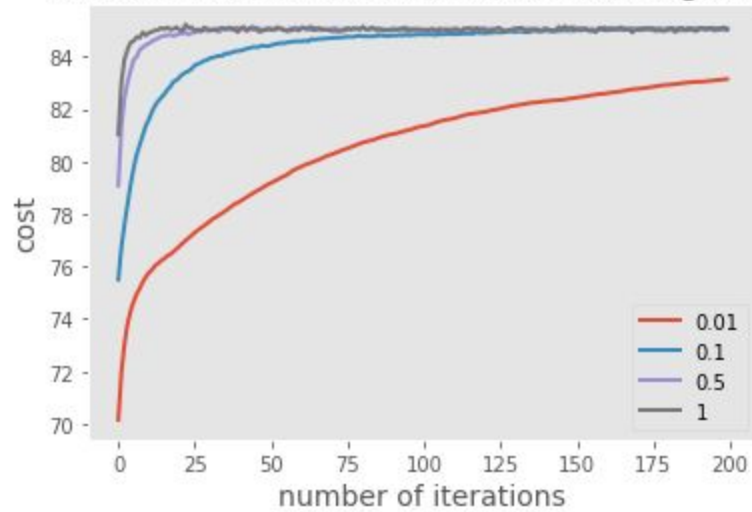
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**3. The role of batch size: Run your code with batch sizes  $B = 1, 10, 100, 1000$ . For each batch size,**

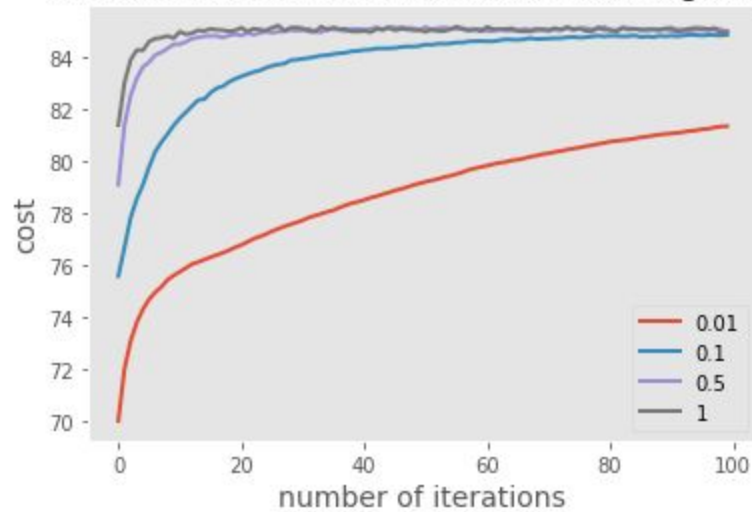
- **Determine a good choice of learning rate**

By multiple iteration, we can determine 0.1 as an optimal learning rate.

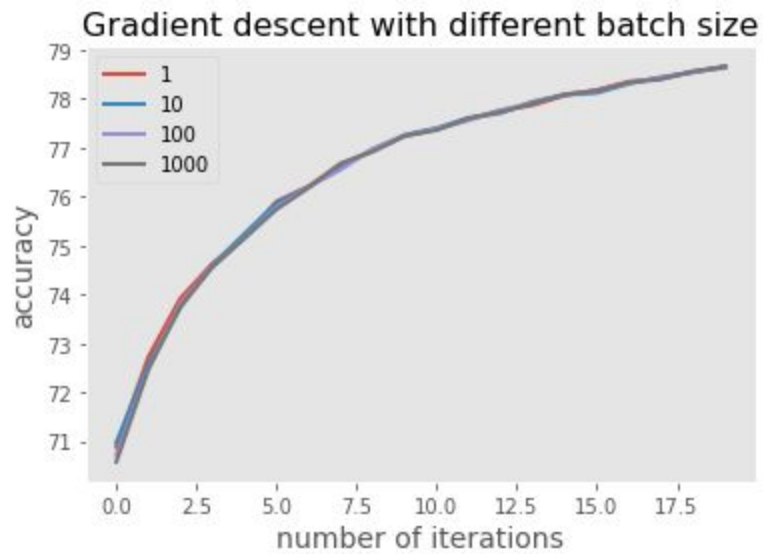
Gradient descent with different learning rates



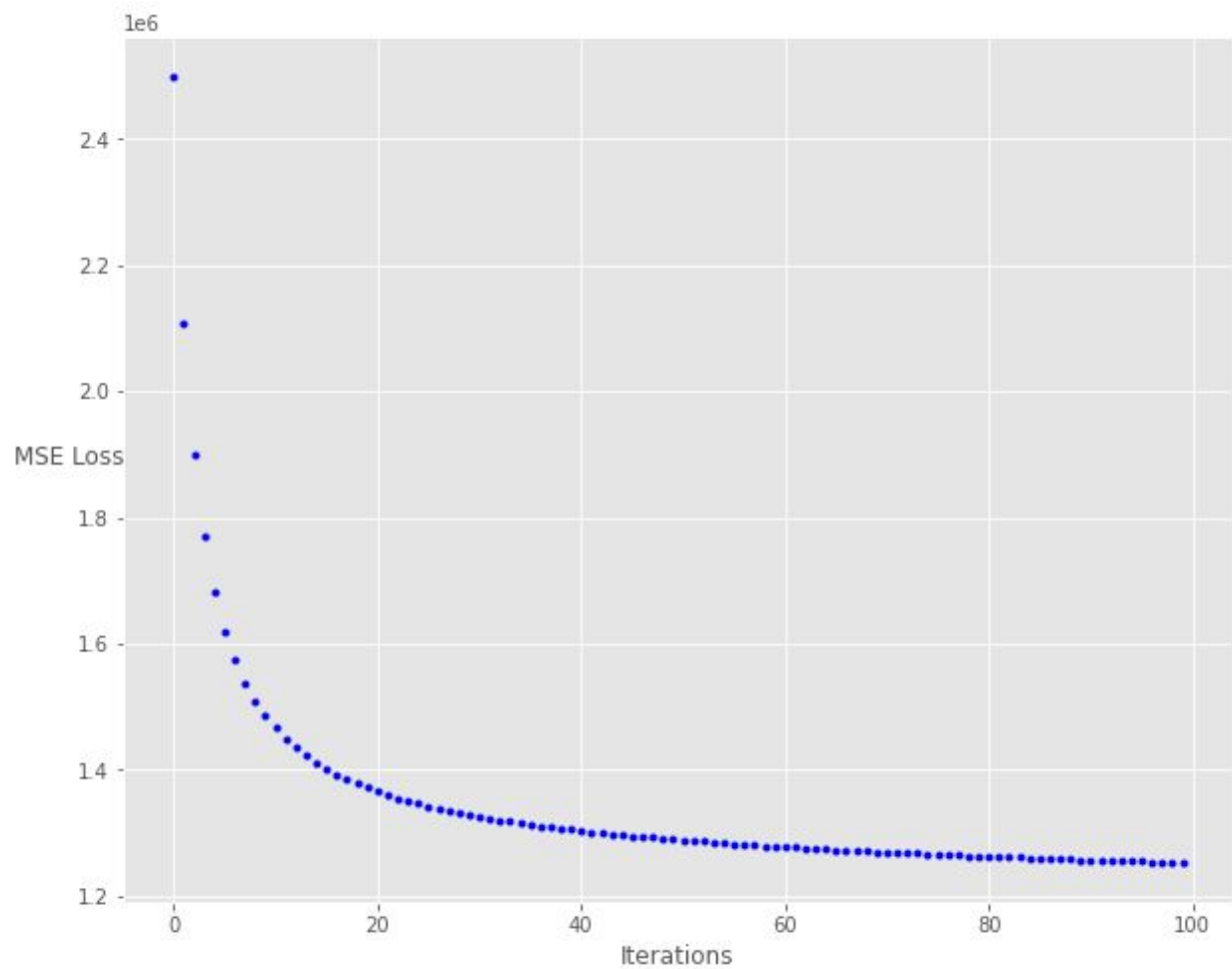
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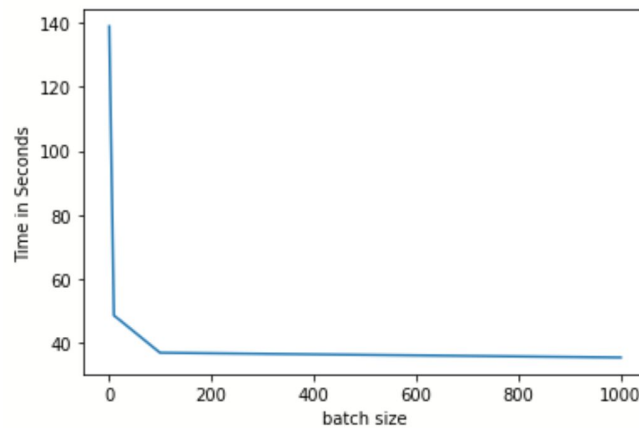
- **Pick ITR sufficiently large to ensure the (approximate) convergence of the training loss**  
Batch size = 100 gives optimal accuracy.



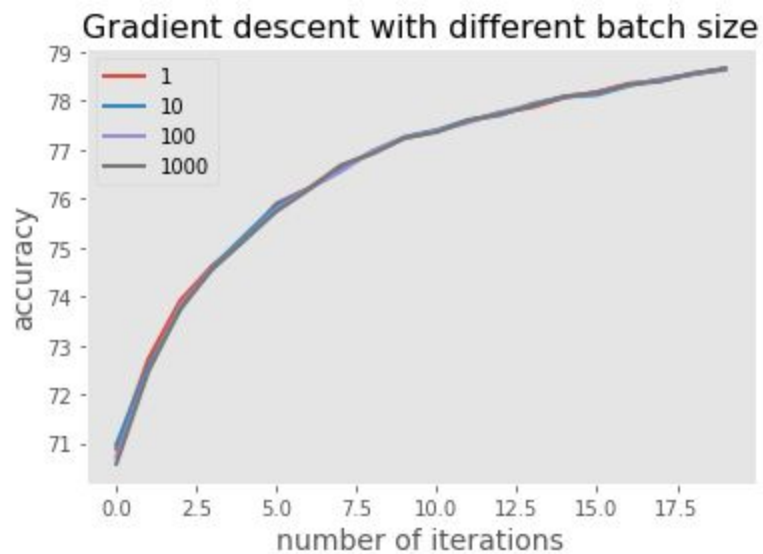
- Plot the progress of training loss (y-axis) as a function of the iteration counter  $t$  (x-axis)

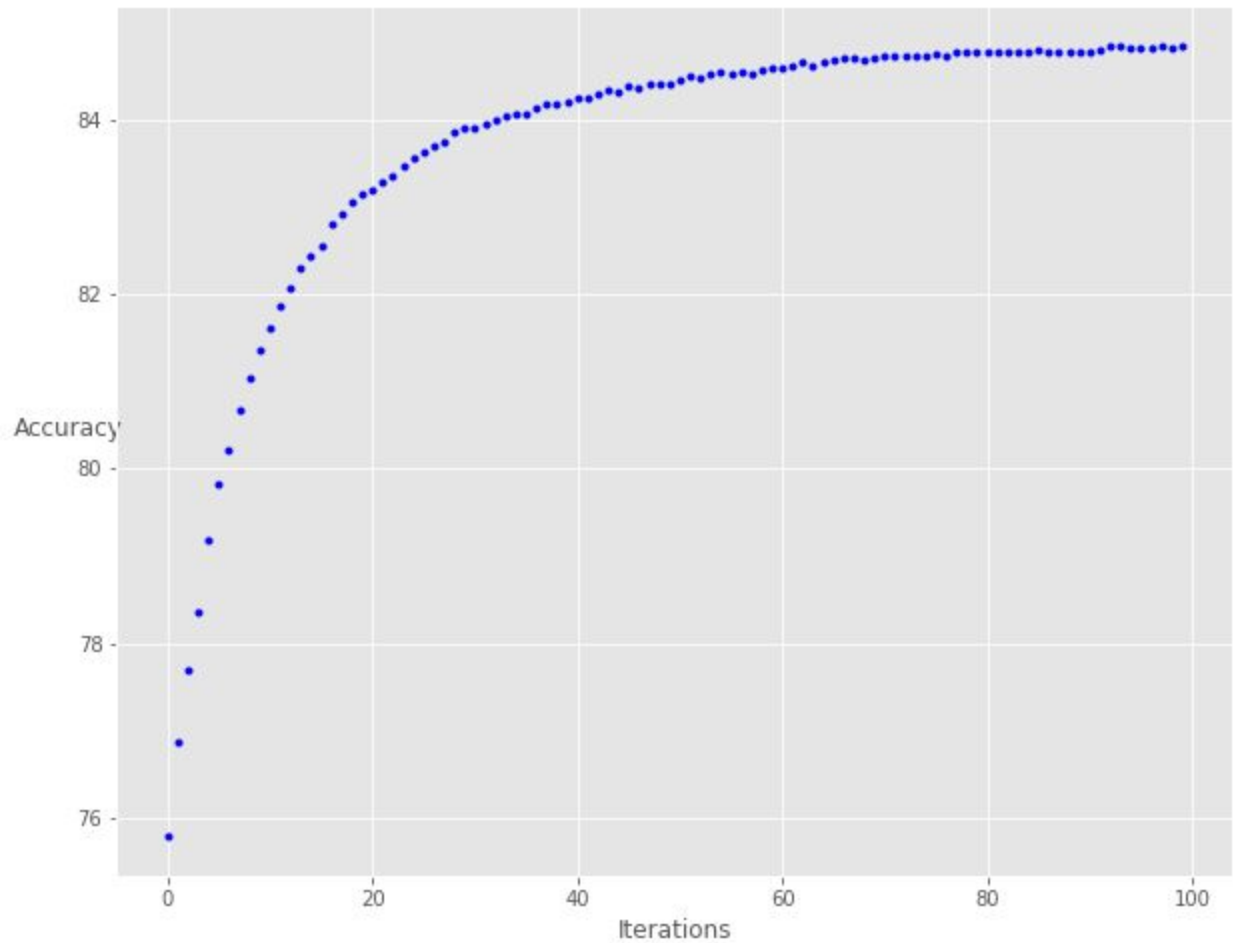


- **Report how long the training takes (in seconds).**  
For 100 batch size, the time taken is approximately 40 seconds.



- **Plot the progress of the test accuracy (y-axis) as a function of the iteration counter  $t$  (x-axis)**





**4. Comment on the role of batch size.**

- a. Larger batch size improves training speed and reduces accuracy.
- b. Smaller batch sizes results in higher accuracy and larger training time.
- c. Accuracy falls with the increase of batch size.

**5. The role of training dataset size:**

Accuracy increases with dataset size. Below is the data for 50 iterations, learning rate = 0.01 and batch size = 100

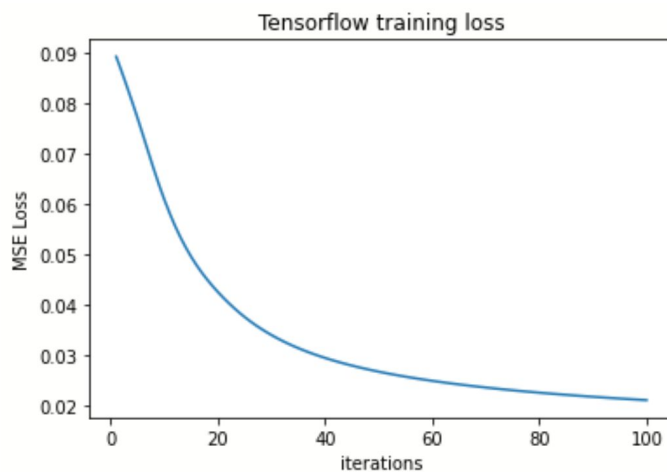
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[> Accuracy with dataset size = 10000 82.0
Accuracy with dataset size = 1000 78.0
Accuracy with dataset size = 500 75.6
Accuracy with dataset size = 100 75.12
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**6. Implementation using Pytorch**

```

from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.layers import Dense, Activation
from keras import optimizers
sgd = optimizers.SGD(lr=0.5)
output_dim = nb_classes = 10
model = Sequential()
model.add(Dense(output_dim, input_dim=input_dim,
activation='softmax', kernel_initializer='random_uniform', bias_initializer='zeros'))
batch_size = 100 nb_epoch = 100
model.compile(optimizer='sgd', loss='mean_squared_error', metrics=['accuracy'])
history = model.fit(X_train, Y_train, batch_size=batch_size,
nb_epoch=nb_epoch, verbose=0)
score = model.evaluate(X_test, Y_test, verbose=0) print('Test accuracy:', score[1])

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92% accuracy was obtained using tensorflow as opposed to the hand-written algorithm which gave 86% accuracy.