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Deep Learning Lab-1  
Back Propagation

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# Introduction

在本次作業中，實作了一個簡單的深度神經網路，並完成了 Forward Propagation 與 Back Propagation 的流程，以模擬模型的訓練過程。除此之外，也額外加入了多種 Activation Function 與 Optimizer，以觀察它們對模型訓練效果的影響與優化效果。

為了驗證模型的表現與泛化能力，訓練資料分別使用助教提供的 Linear Dataset 以及 XOR Dataset。本作業的主要目的是深入理解 Back Propagation 的運作原理與細節，並透過嘗試調整模型結構、參數以及 Hyperparameters（如 Learning rate、Activation Functions 與 Optimizer）來優化訓練過程。

此外，透過實際實作與實驗，我們能更直觀地掌握深度學習中梯度下降的概念，並進一步了解不同設計選擇對於收斂速度與最終準確率的影響，為未來更複雜模型的開發打下基礎。

# Implement Detail

## Network Architecture

- Hidden Layer 程式碼：(Backward Pass 參考 Back Propagation 的程式碼)
  - Initialization :

```
# Fully connected layer class
class Linear_Layer:

    def __init__( self,input_size,output_size,activation="sigmoid",optimizer="SGD",momentum=0.9, ):

        self.input_size = input_size
        self.output_size = output_size
        # Initialize weights and bias (W , b)
        # Assume that the size of input vector is n by 1
        # The size of weight matrix should be m by n, where m is the size of output vector

        self.weights = np.random.randn(input_size, output_size)

        self.bias = np.random.randn(1, output_size)

        self.input = None
        self.z = None # The output of the layer before activation function is applied (z = wx + b)
        self.a = None # The output of the layer after activation function is applied (a = activation_function(z))

        self.activation = activation
        self.optimizer = optimizer # optimizer for gradient descent
        self.momentum = momentum # Momentum for optimizer
        self.v_weight = 0 # Velocity of weight for momentum optimizer
        self.v_bias = 0 # Velocity of bias for momentum optimizer
        self.total_grad_w = 0 # Total gradient of weight for Adagrad optimizer
        self.total_grad_b = 0 # Total gradient of bias for Adagrad optimizer
        self.epsilon = 1e-8 # smoothed value for adagrad optimizer in case of zero value of denominator
```

- Forward :

```
# Forward pass: z = xW + b
def forward(self, x):
    self.input = x
    self.z = np.dot(x, self.weights) + self.bias

    if not self.activation:
        self.a = self.z
    else:
        self.a = activation_map[self.activation](self.z)

    return self.a
```

- Model 程式碼：
  - 使用 losses 儲存訓練過程的所有 loss value
  - 使用 layers 紀錄 model 的 Layer 架構
  - Initialization

```
class Model:
    def __init__(
        self,
        input_size=2,
        output_size=1,
        hidden_layers_size=10,
        activation="sigmoid",
        optimizer="SGD",
        learning_rate=0.01,
    ):
        self.activation = activation
        self.losses = []
        self.layers = []
        self.learning_rate = learning_rate
        # Build model
        self.layers.append(
            Linear_Layer(input_size, hidden_layers_size, activation,
                          optimizer))
        self.layers.append(
            Linear_Layer(hidden_layers_size, hidden_layers_size, activation,
                          optimizer))
        self.layers.append(
            Linear_Layer(hidden_layers_size, output_size, activation,
                          optimizer))
```

- Forward :

```
def forward(self, x):
    # Forward pass through all layers
    for layer in self.layers:
        x = layer.forward(x)

    return x
```

- Backward :

```
def backward(self, delta, learning_rate=0.01):
    # Backward pass
    for layer in reversed(self.layers):
        delta = layer.backward(delta, self.learning_rate)
```

## Activation Functions

- 提供 Sigmoid、ReLU、Tanh 三種 Activation Functions 選擇
- 同時實作各 Activation functions 的微分以利之後計算梯度使用

```
# Activative functions and their derivatives
def sigmoid(x):
    return 1.0 / (1.0 + np.exp(-x))

def derivative_sigmoid(x):
    return np.multiply(x, 1.0 - x)

def relu(x):
    return np.maximum(0, x)

def derivative_relu(x):
    return np.where(x >= 0, 1, 0)

def tanh(x):
    return np.tanh(x)

def derivative_tanh(x):
    return 1.0 - np.square(np.tanh(x))
```

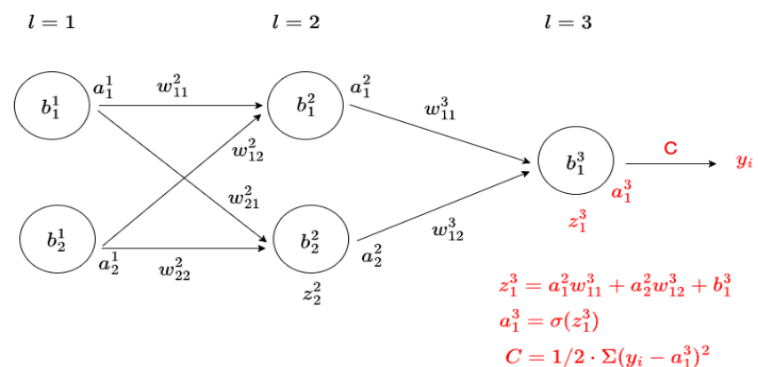
## Backpropagation

- Loss Function 採用 MSE (Mean Squared Error)
- 計算各層梯度
- 根據梯度更新 Weights 與 Bias

符號定義

- $C$  : Loss Function , 此模型中使用 Mean Square Error (MSE)
- $\sigma$  : Activation Function
- $b^l$  : 第  $l$  層的 bias
- $w^l$  : 第  $l$  層的 weight
- $z^l$  : 從第  $l-1$  層 到第  $l$  層經由 weight 和 bias 運算後得到的結果
- $a^l$  :  $\sigma(z^l)$
- $\delta^l$  :  $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z^l}$

(圖片來源: [1])



對於每一層 Layer，我們需要去計算其  $\delta$  值。假設我們已知  $\delta^l$ ，我們可以藉由此值推導出  $\delta^{l-1}$ ，根據連鎖律(Chain Rule)， $\delta^{l-1} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z^{l-1}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z^l} \times \frac{\partial z^l}{\partial a^{l-1}} \times \frac{\partial a^{l-1}}{\partial z^{l-1}}$ 。

$\frac{\partial C}{\partial z^l}$  即為  $\delta^l$ ，為我們已知

$\frac{\partial z^l}{\partial a^{l-1}}$  根據觀察可得知為  $w^l$

$\frac{\partial a^{l-1}}{\partial z^{l-1}}$  即為  $\sigma'(z^{l-1})$ ， $\sigma'$  為 Activation function 之微分

下方圖片中的 *delta* 就是參照以上推導而計算出，知道  $\delta$  值後即可得知所有 weight 和 bias 的梯度，如下方證明，可知 bias 的梯度即為  $\delta^l$ ，weight 的梯度為  $\delta^l \times a^l$ 。

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial b^l} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial a^l} \times \frac{\partial a^l}{\partial z^l} \times \frac{\partial z^l}{\partial b^l} = \delta^l$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w^l} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial a^l} \times \frac{\partial a^l}{\partial z^l} \times \frac{\partial z^l}{\partial w^l} = \delta^l \times a^l$$

也就是下方程式碼 *dW* 和 *db* 的計算方式，該程式碼為 Linear\_Layer 類別的 backward 實作

```
def backward(self, upstream_delta, learning_rate=0.01):
    # check whether the activation function is empty
    if not self.activation:
        delta = upstream_delta
        # If no activation function, delta is just upstream_delta
    else:
        delta = upstream_delta * derivative_activation_map[self.activation](self.a)

    # Calculate gradients of weights and bias
    dw = np.dot(self.input.T, delta)
    db = np.sum(delta)

    # Update weights and bias
    if self.optimizer == "SGD":
        self.weights -= dw * learning_rate
        self.bias -= db * learning_rate
    elif self.optimizer == "Adagrad":
        # For the purpose of best training, Learning rate should be adjusted according to the gradients
        # If gradients are small, Learning rate should be larger, vice versa
        self.total_grad_w += np.square(dw)
        self.total_grad_b += np.square(db)
        self.weights -= (
            dw * learning_rate / np.sqrt(self.total_grad_w + self.epsilon)
        )
        self.bias -= db * learning_rate / np.sqrt(self.total_grad_b + self.epsilon)
    elif self.optimizer == "Momentum":
        self.v_weight = self.momentum * self.v_weight + dw * learning_rate
        self.v_bias = self.momentum * self.v_bias + db * learning_rate
        self.weights -= self.v_weight
        self.bias -= self.v_bias

    return np.dot(delta, self.weights.T) # Return delta for the previous layer
```

並在 Model 中對每一層 Layer 呼叫 backward function 實現 Back propagation

```
def backward(self, delta, learning_rate=0.01):
    # Backward pass
    for layer in reversed(self.layers):
        delta = layer.backward(delta, self.learning_rate)
```

## Extra Implementation

- 支援多種 Optimizer，包括 SGD、Momentum、AdaGrad

Optimizer 的實作可參考上方圖片

- **SGD**：直接使用 Learning Rate 乘上梯度來更新 Weights

- **Momentum**：透過累積梯度的速度向量

(v\_weight, v\_bias)，幫助模型跳脫 Local

Minimum 並讓收斂路徑更平滑。

$$V_t \leftarrow \beta V_{t-1} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$$

$$W \leftarrow W + V_t$$

(圖片來源:[2])

- **Adagrad**：根據以往累積的梯度平方和來動態調整 Learning Rate。當某些參數需要較大或較小的更新時特別有幫助。

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{n + \epsilon}} \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$$

$$n = \sum_{r=1}^t \left( \frac{\partial L_r}{\partial W_r} \right)^2$$

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{r=1}^t \left( \frac{\partial L_r}{\partial W_r} \right)^2 + \epsilon}} \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$$

(圖片來源:[2])

- 可調整參數如 Learning Rate、Hidden Layer 點數、Activation Functions 類型等
- 加入 Early stop 以保留最佳模型參數以及預測結果

```
if len(self.losses) > 0 and loss >= self.losses[-1]:  
    # If the prediction of current model is worse than before  
    cnt += 1  
    # Skip the weight updating progress , keep the better weight of the model  
    continue  
else:  
    # Reset the counting of early stop  
    cnt = 0  
    # Keep the best prediction  
    output = cur_output
```



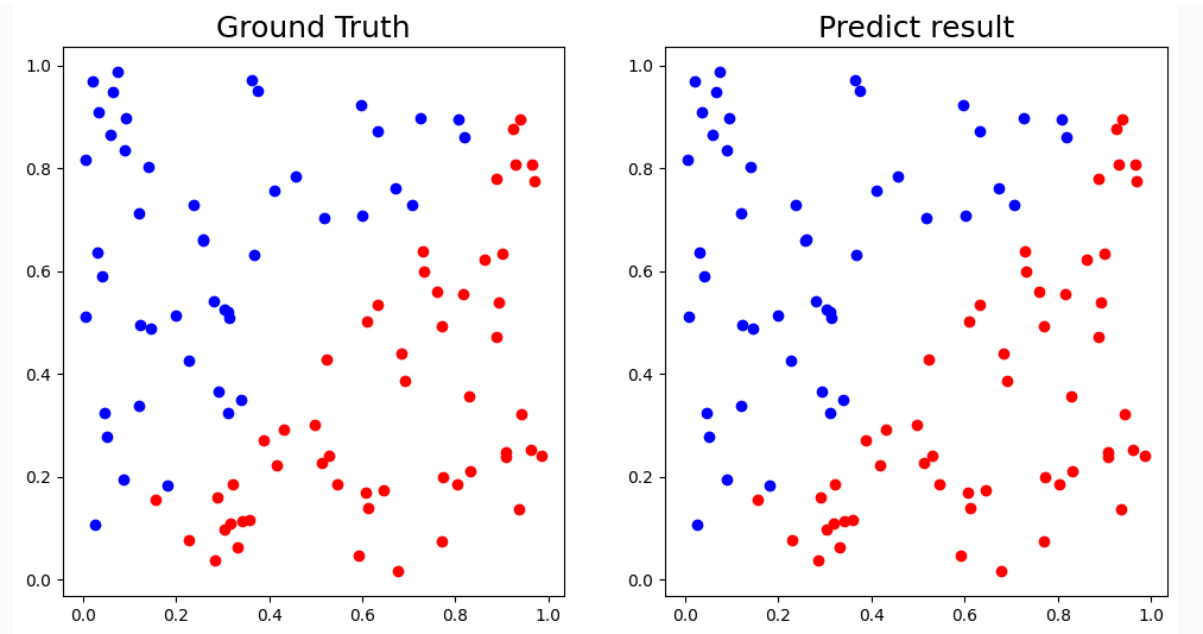
# Experimental Results

## Screenshot and comparison figure

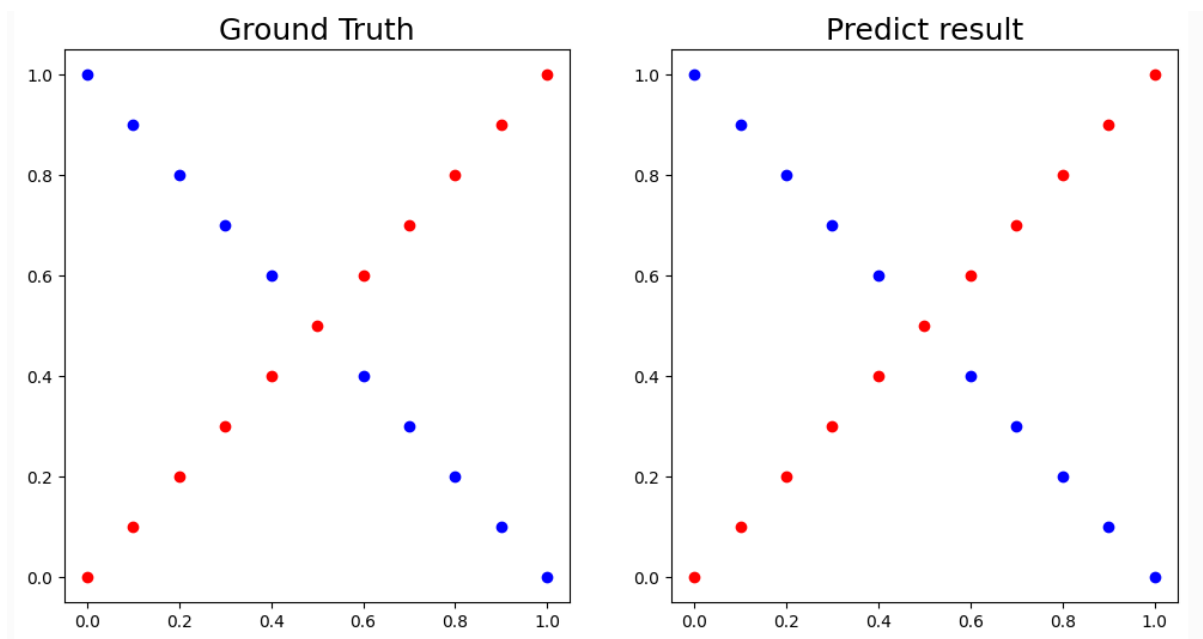
### Hyperparameters

Activation Function	Optimizer	Learning Rate	Hidden_Units	Epochs
sigmoid	Adagrad	0.01	10	200000

### Linear



## XOR



Show the accuracy of your prediction

### Hyperparameters

Activation Function	Optimizer	Learning Rate	Hidden_Units	Epochs
sigmoid	Adagrad	0.01	10	200000

### Linear Dataset

```

Iter86 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [1.02858064e-05] |
Iter87 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [4.19457328e-05] |
Iter88 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [1.32200751e-05] |
Iter89 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [4.64427017e-05] |
Iter90 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [1.01875439e-05] |
Iter91 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [6.59757665e-05] |
Iter92 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [0.06922087] |
Iter93 |      Ground Truth: [1] |      Predict: [0.99999807] |
Iter94 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [9.51350791e-05] |
Iter95 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [4.25082399e-05] |
Iter96 |      Ground Truth: [1] |      Predict: [0.9999989] |
Iter97 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [8.24585126e-05] |
Iter98 |      Ground Truth: [1] |      Predict: [0.93402683] |
Iter99 |      Ground Truth: [1] |      Predict: [0.99991112] |
Iter100 |      Ground Truth: [0] |      Predict: [0.00603146] |
Loss = 0.0040 Accuracy = 100.00%

```

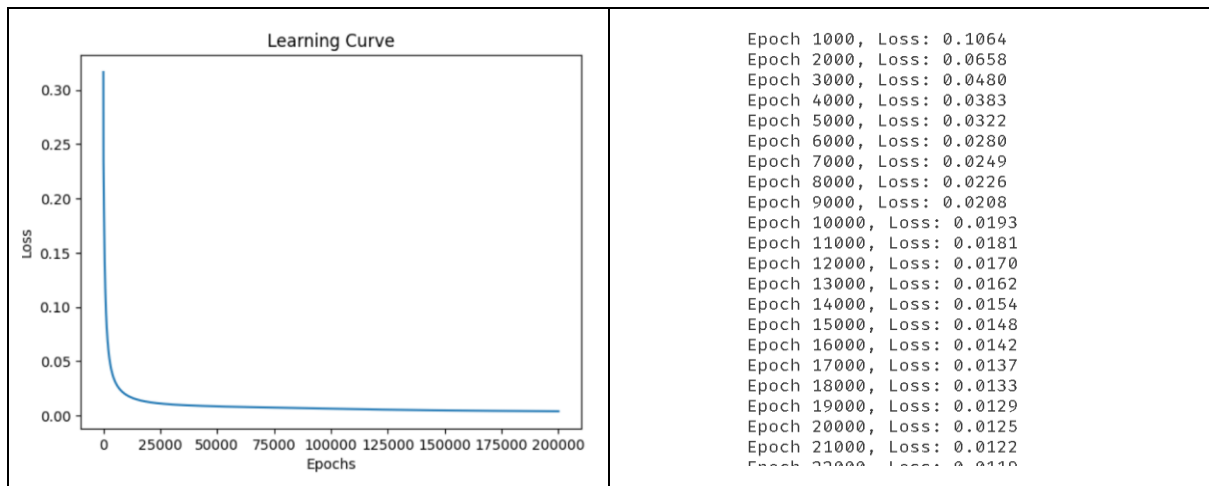
## XOR Dataset

Iter10		Ground Truth: [1]		Predict: [0.95607026]	
Iter11		Ground Truth: [0]		Predict: [0.05239608]	
Iter12		Ground Truth: [0]		Predict: [0.02101065]	
Iter13		Ground Truth: [1]		Predict: [0.9510509]	
Iter14		Ground Truth: [0]		Predict: [0.00976467]	
Iter15		Ground Truth: [1]		Predict: [0.99983074]	
Iter16		Ground Truth: [0]		Predict: [0.0060062]	
Iter17		Ground Truth: [1]		Predict: [0.99996463]	
Iter18		Ground Truth: [0]		Predict: [0.00414463]	
Iter19		Ground Truth: [1]		Predict: [0.99997695]	
Iter20		Ground Truth: [0]		Predict: [0.00305483]	
Iter21		Ground Truth: [1]		Predict: [0.99997975]	

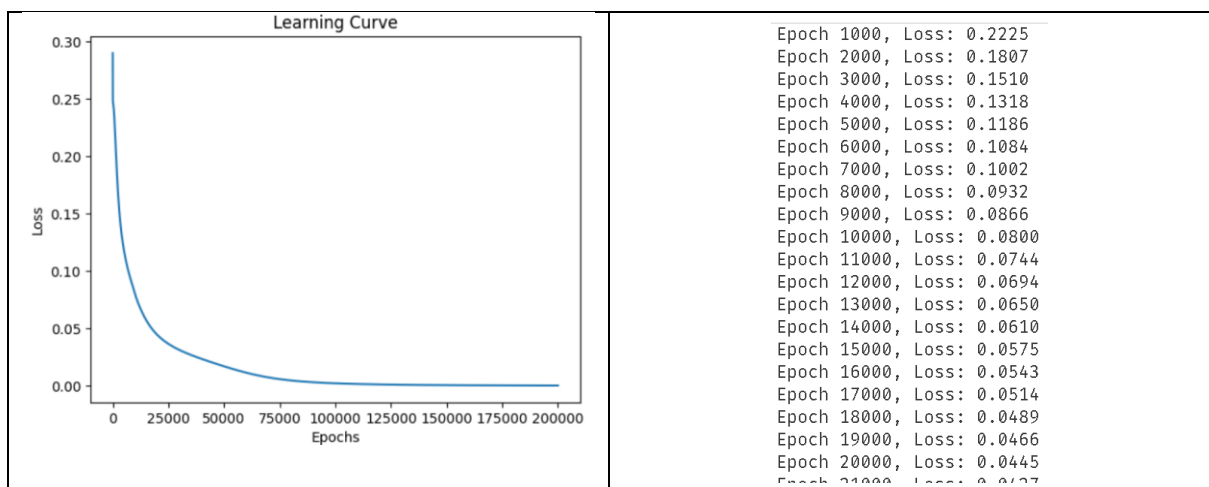
Loss = 0.0004 Accuracy = 100.00%

## Learning curve (loss-epoch curve)

### Linear



### XOR



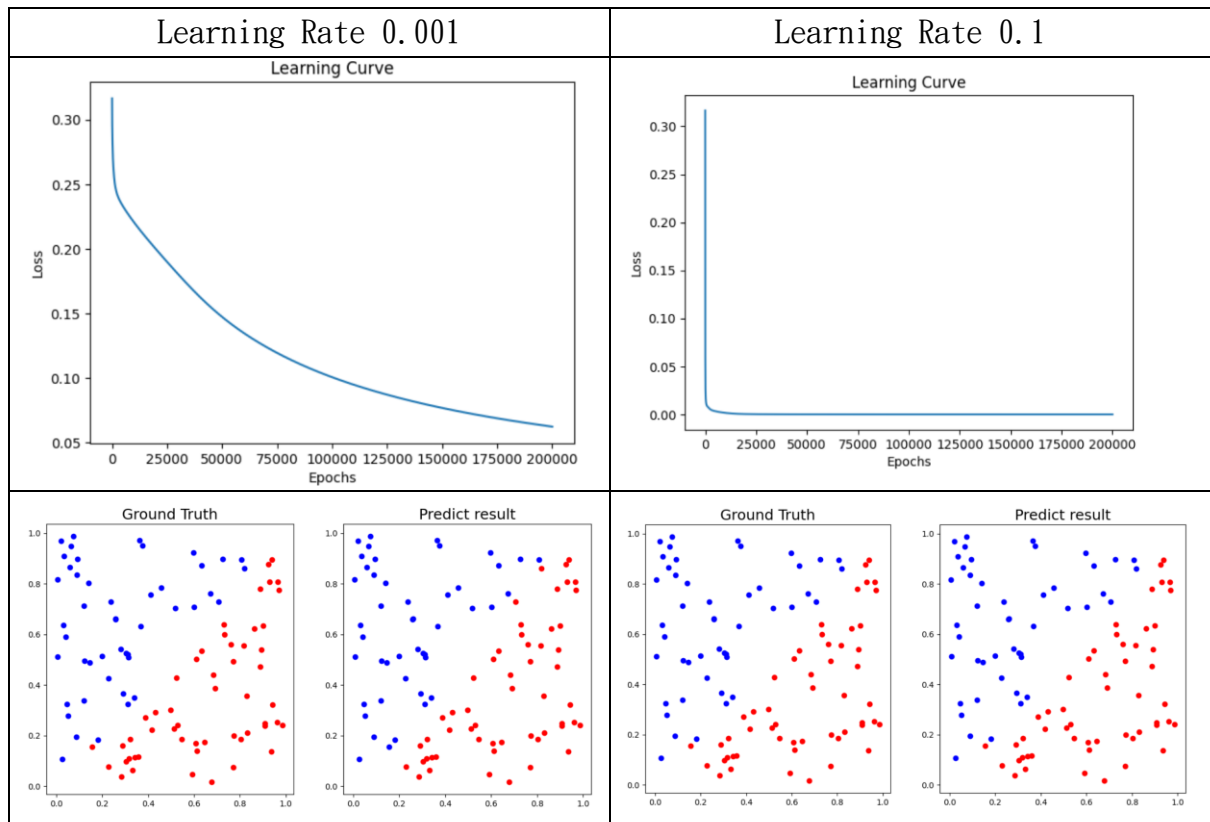
# Discussions

## Try different learning rates

### Fixed Hyperparameters

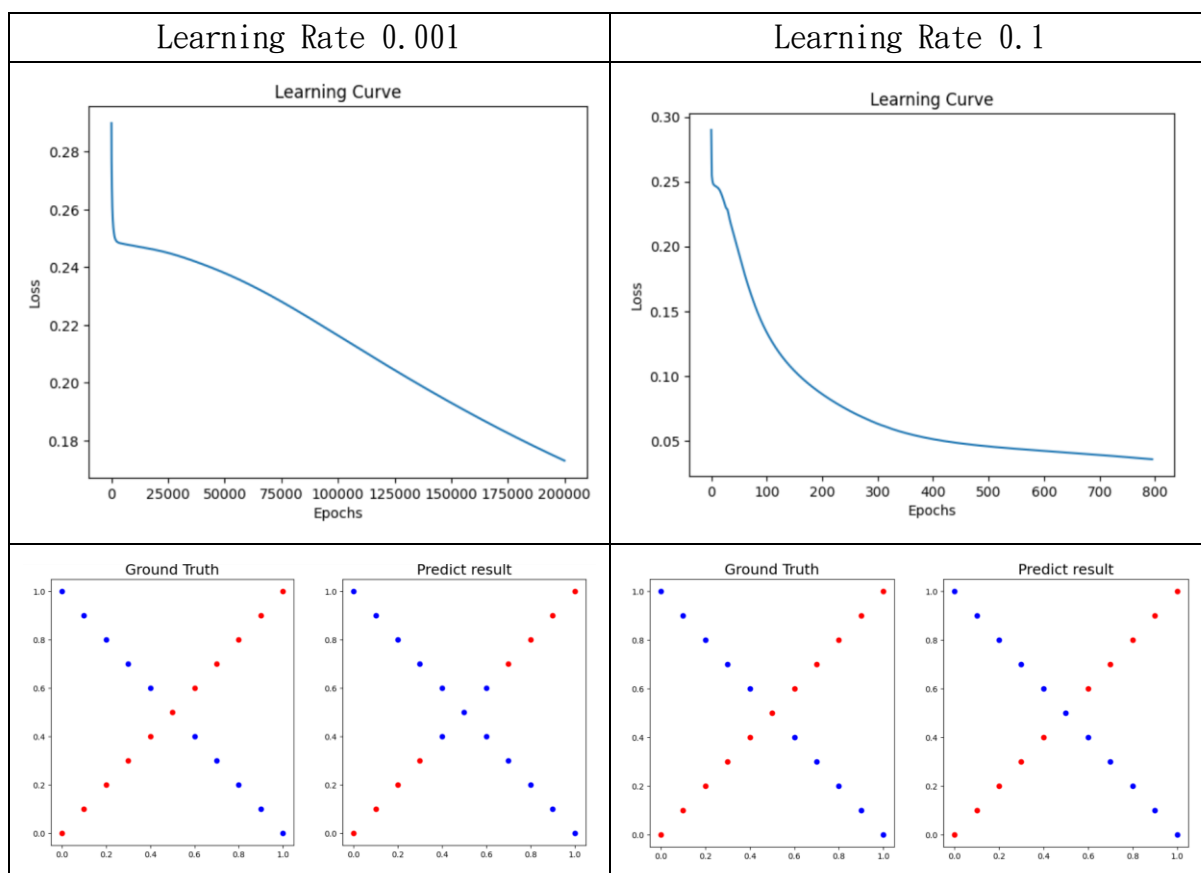
Activation Function	Optimizer	Hidden_Units	Epochs
sigmoid	Adagrad	10	200000

### Linear



可以觀察到，當 learning\_rate 較小時，梯度更新速度較為緩滿，也導致準確率有些微下降的情況。learning\_rate 較大時，梯度更新速度會快上許多，準確率仍保持 100%。並且，在 Linear Dataset 中，learning rate 對準確率的影響並不大。

## XOR



在 XOR Dataset 中，learning rate 對於訓練的影響就相比 Linear 較為明顯，首先，同樣地，learning rate 對於 loss 的影響相同，learning rate 大，loss 下降速度較快而且較為陡峭，learning rate 小，loss 下降速度慢且平緩。顯著的是，在此 Dataset 中，小的 learning rate 相較於 learning rate 較大的值，擁有較差的準確率

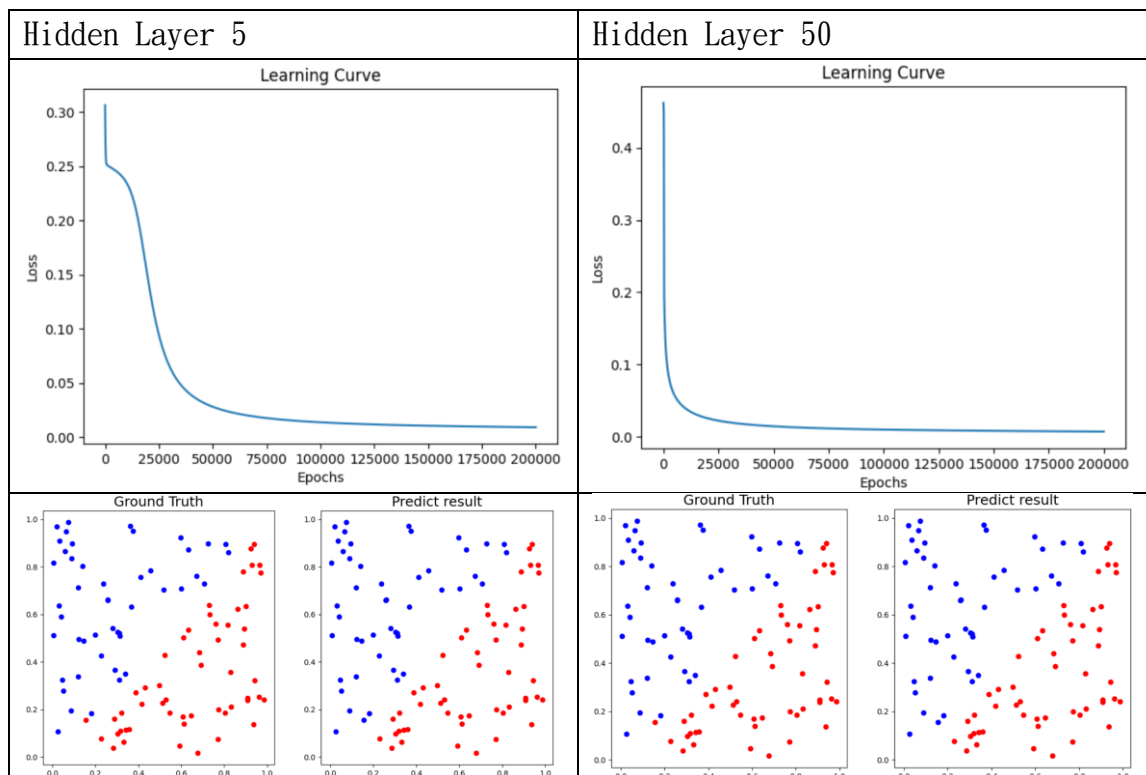
## Try different numbers of hidden units

### Fixed Hyperparameters

在這裡使用 SGD optimizer，以觀察到更明顯的 loss 變化

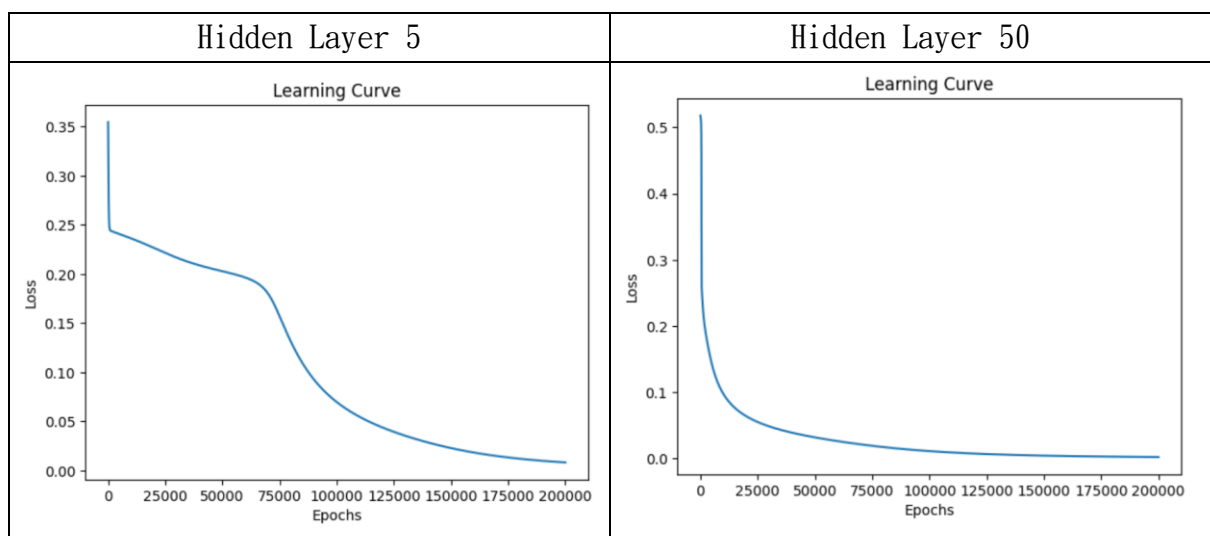
Activation Function	Optimizer	Learning Rate	Epochs
sigmoid	SGD	0.01	200000

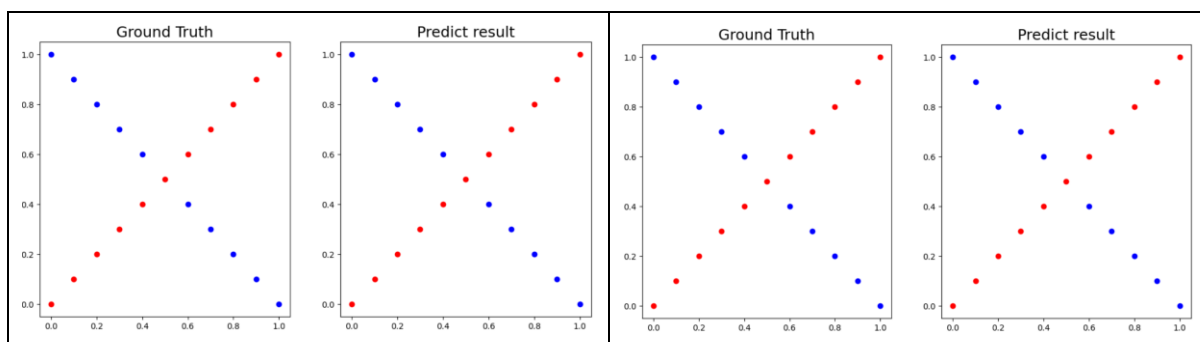
## Linear



在 Linear Dataset 中，模型準確率沒有明顯的差異，但是可以明顯感覺到 hidden\_layer 數增加時，訓練模型時間也明顯上升。再者，從 learning\_curve 可以看出，當層數越多時，模型的 loss 下降也比較穩定且迅速。

## XOR





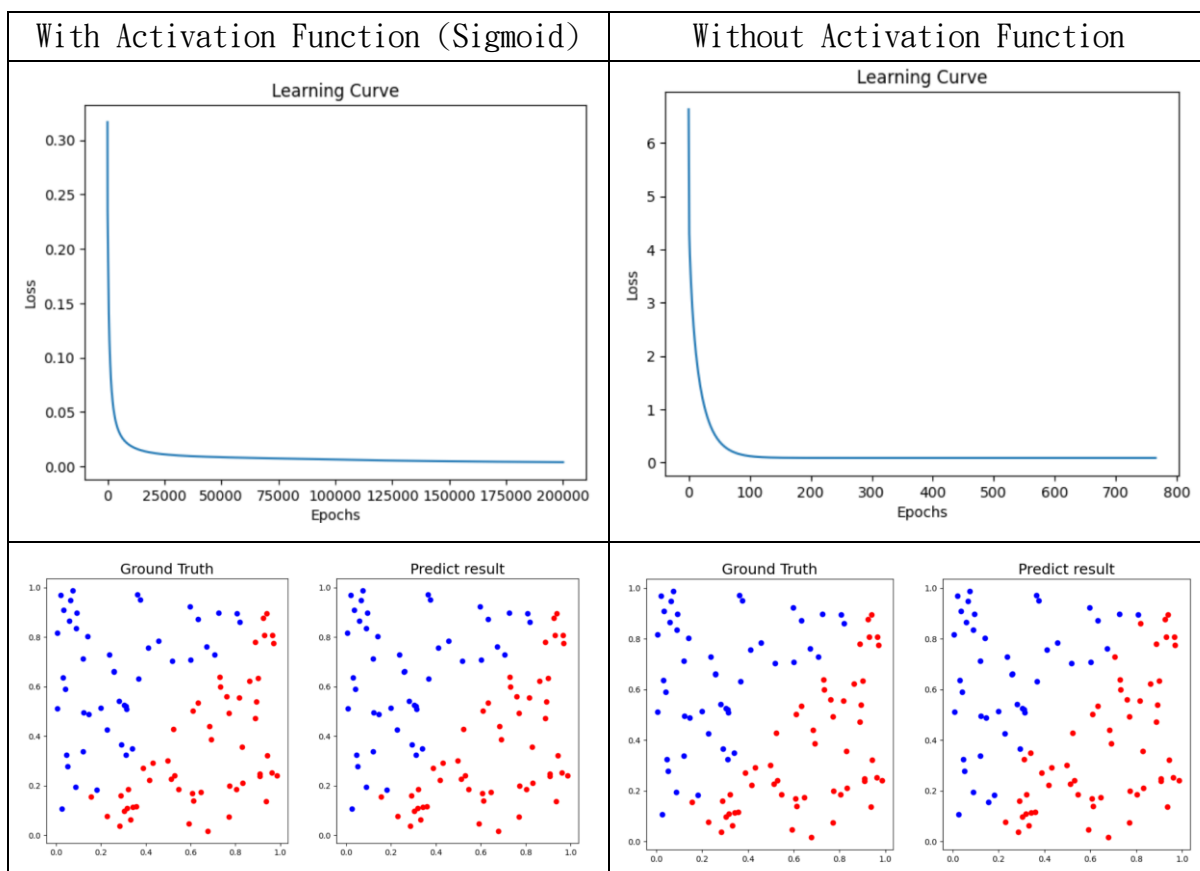
在 XOR Dataset 中，準確率在這兩種實驗 hidden layer 沒有明顯的差異，但可以看出較多的 hidden layer 對於模型訓練較為快速、穩定。

## Try without activation functions

### Fixed Hyperparameters

Hidden Layer	Optimizer	Learning Rate	Epochs
10	Adagrad	0.01	200000

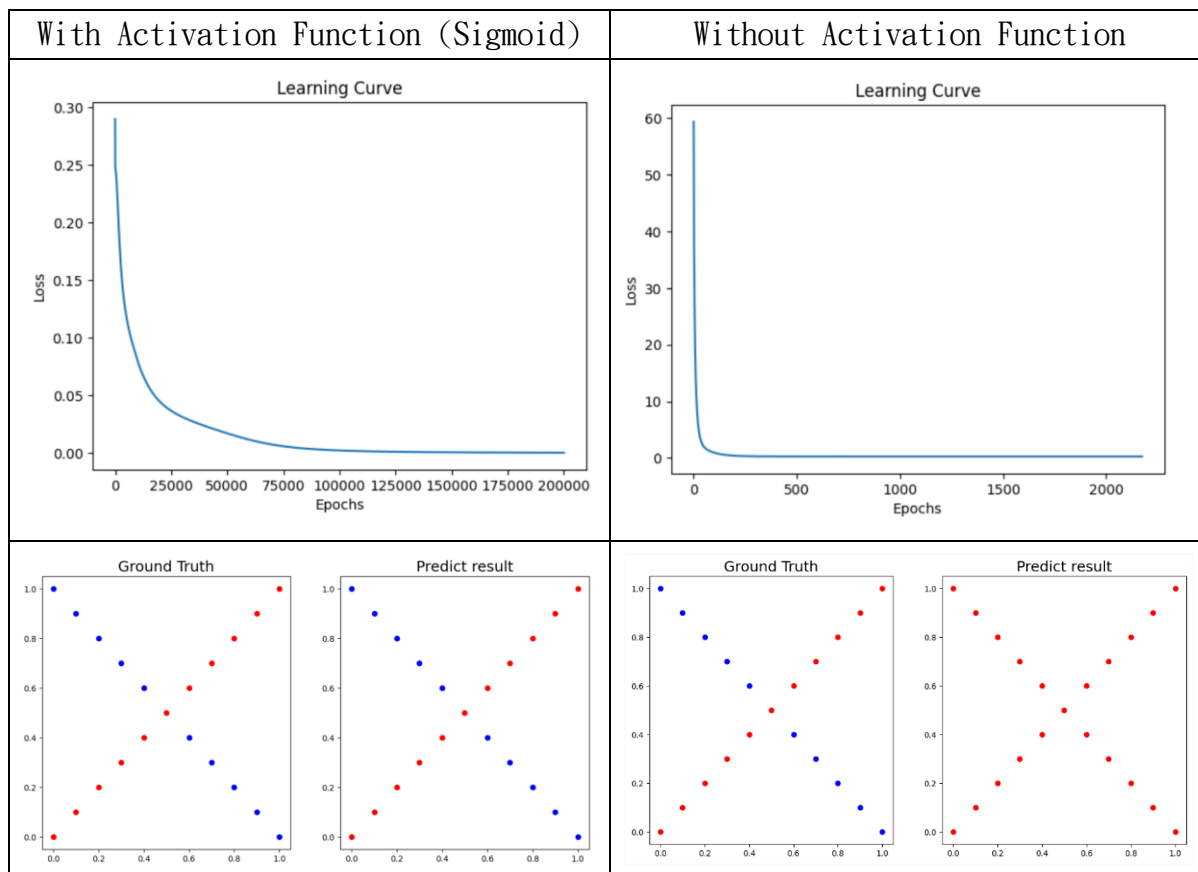
### Linear



沒有 Activation Function 在 Linear Dataset 影響不大，但可以看出影響了 loss 值

大小，但經過的 epoch 數較多也能有不錯的訓練效果。相較於有 Activation Function，沒有使用 Activation Function 的準確率也下降了些許。

## XOR



相較於 Linear Dataset，有無 Activation Function 對於 XOR Dataset 的影響明顯提升，沒有 Activation Function 基本上 Train 不了 model。

## Extra Implementation Discussions

### Try different optimizers

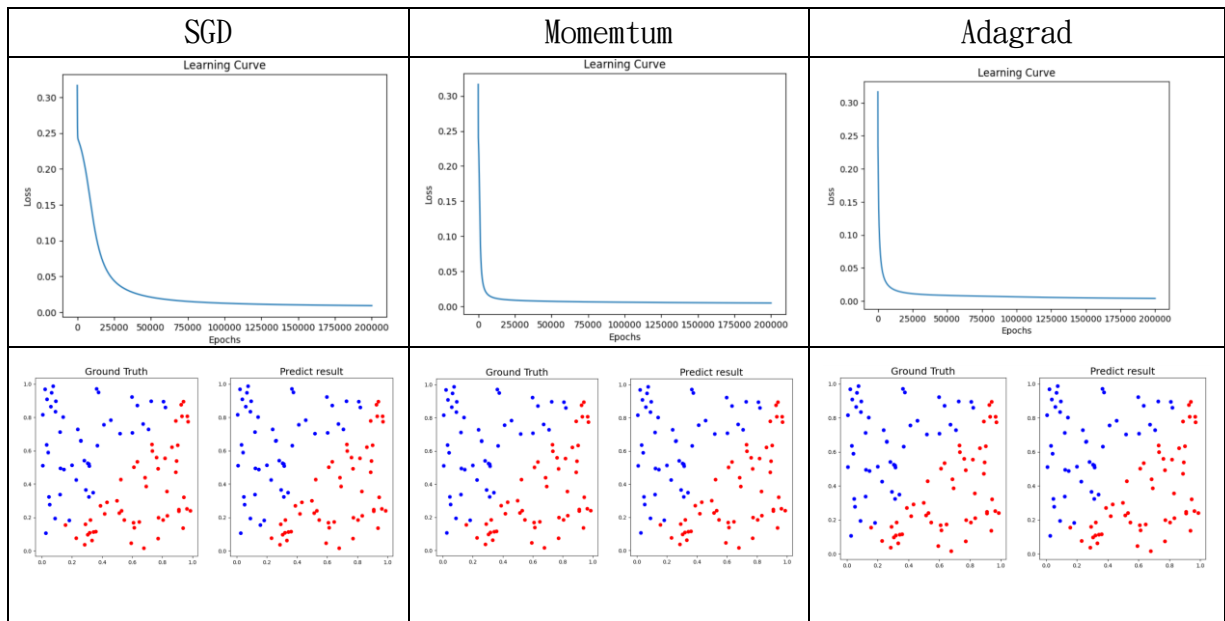
除了一般的 SGD，在本次作業中我額外實作了 Adagrad 以及 Momentum，下面會比較使用其他 optimizer 對於訓練的影響

### Fixed Hyperparameters

Hidden Layer	Activation Function	Learning Rate	Epochs
10	Sigmoid	0.01	200000

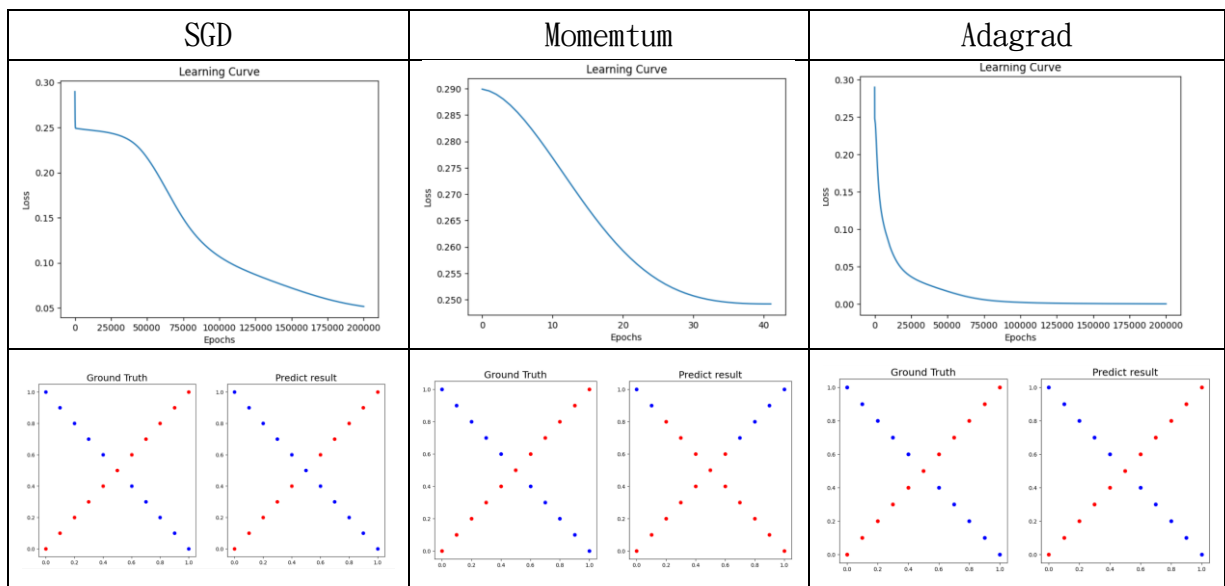


## Linear



Optimizer 對於 Linear Dataset 的準確率沒有太大的影響，但可以看出與其使用單純的 SGD，其他兩者的 Loss 下降速度較快。

## XOR



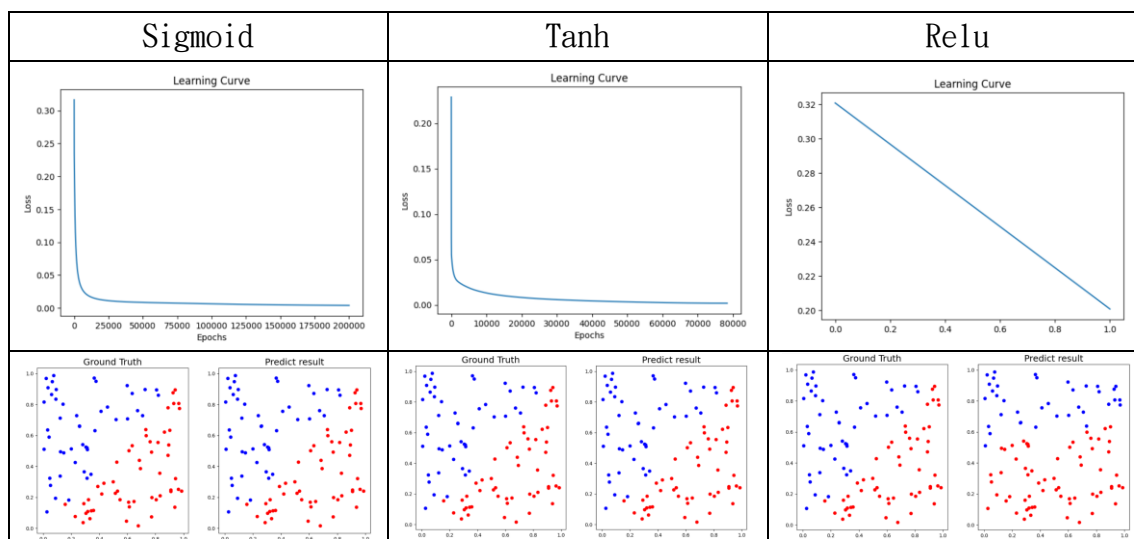
Optimizer 對於 XOR Dataset 的影響較大，除了影響 loss 下降幅度較大，同時也影響了準確率，在此實驗 Adagrad 擁有較好的訓練效果

## Try different activation functions

### Fixed Hyperparameters

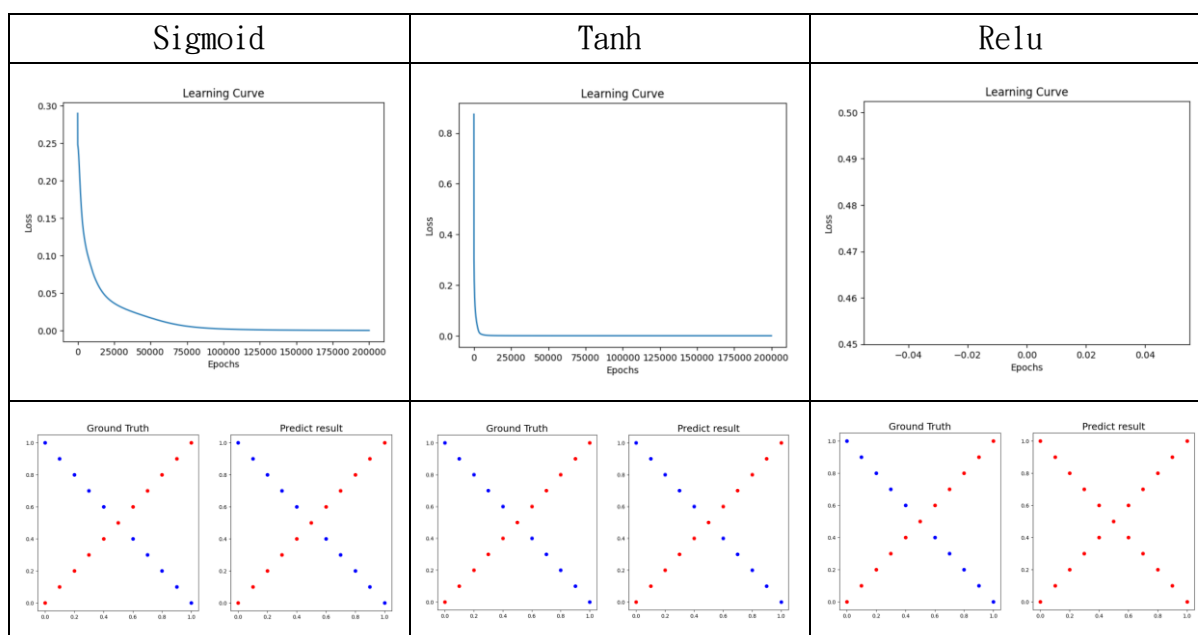
Hidden Layer	Optimizer	Learning Rate	Epochs
10	Adagrad	0.01	200000

### Linear



可以觀察到使用 tanh 和 sigmoid 訓練效果均不錯，使用 relu 反而無法訓練 Model。

### XOR



與 Linear Dataset 差不多，但 Relu 基本上完全 Train 不了 Mode

# Questions

## A. What are the purposes of activation functions?

使得訓練出來的模型不會只是線性函數，使用可微分的 activation function，可以經由多層神經元的疊加產生非線性效果，使神經網路能夠解決更困難的問題。

## B. What if the learning rate is too large or too small?

當 learning rate 太小時，參數更新幅度太小，導致訓練速度非常緩慢，可能需要非常多次迭代才能收斂，亦或者卡在 Local Minimum 而導致無法找到最佳解。

當 learning rate 太大時，參數更新幅度過大，可能導致 loss 函數震盪甚至發散，無法收斂到最小值。

## C. What are the purposes of weights and biases in a neural network?

Weight 決定 Neurons 之間的連結的強度並控制輸入對於輸出的影響程度，Bias 能夠移動 Model Function，兩者都能調整 Model Function 的形狀以及位置，增加模型的靈活性。

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[2]

<https://medium.com/%E9%9B%9E%E9%9B%9E%E8%88%87%E5%85%94%E5%85%94%E7%9A%84%E5%B7%A5%E7%A8%8B%E4%B8%96%E7%95%8C/%E6%A9%9F%E5%99%A8%E5%AD%B8%E7%BF%92ml-note-sgd-momentum-adagrad-adam-optimizer-f20568c968db>