# Dropout

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In this notebook, you will implement dropout. Then we will ask you to train a network with batchnorm and dropout, and acheive over 55% accuracy on CIFAR-10.

Utils has a solid API for building these modular frameworks and training them, and we will use this very well implemented framework as opposed to "reinventing the wheel." This includes using the Solver, various utility functions, and the layer structure. This also includes nndl.fc\_net, nndl.layers, and nndl.layer\_utils.

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[1]: ## Import and setups
     import time
     import numpy as np
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     from nndl.fc_net import *
     from nndl.layers import *
     from utils.data_utils import get_CIFAR10_data
     from utils.gradient_check import eval_numerical_gradient,_
      ⇔eval_numerical_gradient_array
     from utils.solver import Solver
     %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/
      \Rightarrow autoreload-of-modules-in-ipython
     %load ext autoreload
     %autoreload 2
     def rel_error(x, y):
         """ returns relative error """
         return np.max(np.abs(x - y) / (np.maximum(1e-8, np.abs(x) + np.abs(y))))
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[2]: # Load the (preprocessed) CIFAR10 data.

data = get_CIFAR10_data()
for k in data.keys():
    print('{}: {} '.format(k, data[k].shape))

X_train: (49000, 3, 32, 32)
y_train: (49000,)
X_val: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_val: (1000,)
X_test: (1000, 3, 32, 32)
y_test: (1000,)
```

#### 1.1 Dropout forward pass

Implement the training and test time dropout forward pass, dropout\_forward, in nndl/layers.py. After that, test your implementation by running the following cell.

```
for p in [0.3, 0.6, 0.75]:
    out, _ = dropout_forward(x, {'mode': 'train', 'p': p})
    out_test, _ = dropout_forward(x, {'mode': 'test', 'p': p})

    print('Running tests with p = ', p)
    print('Mean of input: ', x.mean())
    print('Mean of train-time output: ', out.mean())
    print('Mean of test-time output: ', out_test.mean())
    print('Fraction of train-time output set to zero: ', (out == 0).mean())
    print('Fraction of test-time output set to zero: ', (out_test == 0).mean())
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Running tests with p = 0.3
Mean of input: 10.002160636198084
Mean of train-time output: 10.034498191614126
Mean of test-time output: 10.002160636198084
Fraction of train-time output set to zero: 0.698856
Fraction of test-time output set to zero: 0.0
Running tests with p = 0.6
Mean of input: 10.002160636198084
Mean of train-time output: 10.014191558610936
Mean of test-time output: 10.002160636198084
Fraction of train-time output set to zero: 0.398984
Fraction of test-time output set to zero: 0.0
Running tests with p = 0.75
Mean of input: 10.002160636198084
Mean of train-time output: 9.991626951850632
Mean of test-time output: 10.002160636198084
Fraction of train-time output set to zero: 0.250844
Fraction of test-time output set to zero: 0.0
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### 1.2 Dropout backward pass

Implement the backward pass, dropout\_backward, in nndl/layers.py. After that, test your gradients by running the following cell:

dx relative error: 5.4456129818149784e-11

#### 1.3 Implement a fully connected neural network with dropout layers

Modify the FullyConnectedNet() class in nndl/fc\_net.py to incorporate dropout. A dropout layer should be incorporated after every ReLU layer. Concretely, there shouldn't be a dropout at the output layer since there is no ReLU at the output layer. You will need to modify the class in the following areas:

- (1) In the forward pass, you will need to incorporate a dropout layer after every relu layer.
- (2) In the backward pass, you will need to incorporate a dropout backward pass layer.

Check your implementation by running the following code. Our W1 gradient relative error is on the order of 1e-6 (the largest of all the relative errors).

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print('{} relative error: {}'.format(name, rel_error(grad_num,_
  ⇒grads[name])))
    print('\n')
Running check with dropout = 0.5
Initial loss: 2.309771209610118
W1 relative error: 2.694274363733021e-07
W2 relative error: 7.439246277174223e-08
W3 relative error: 1.910371079177692e-08
b1 relative error: 4.112891126518e-09
b2 relative error: 5.756219669730665e-10
b3 relative error: 1.3204470857080166e-10
Running check with dropout = 0.75
Initial loss: 2.306133548427975
W1 relative error: 8.729860959912199e-08
W2 relative error: 2.977730805018163e-07
W3 relative error: 1.8832781050769266e-08
b1 relative error: 5.379484812384277e-08
b2 relative error: 3.6529949080385546e-09
b3 relative error: 9.987242764516995e-11
Running check with dropout = 1.0
Initial loss: 2.3053332250963194
W1 relative error: 1.2744094629312605e-06
W2 relative error: 4.678743287158363e-07
W3 relative error: 6.915242131708905e-08
b1 relative error: 4.085353839090859e-08
b2 relative error: 1.9513419724381706e-09
b3 relative error: 9.387142701440351e-11
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#### 1.4 Dropout as a regularizer

In class, we claimed that dropout acts as a regularizer by effectively bagging. To check this, we will train two small networks, one with dropout and one without dropout.

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[6]: # Train two identical nets, one with dropout and one without

num_train = 500
small_data = {
    'X_train': data['X_train'][:num_train],
    'y_train': data['y_train'][:num_train],
    'X_val': data['X_val'],
    'y_val': data['y_val'],
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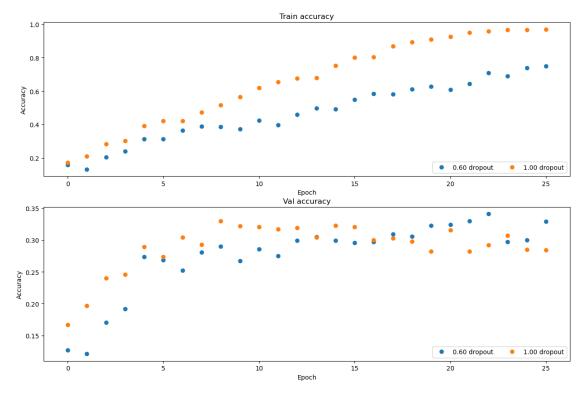
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(Epoch 0 / 25) train acc: 0.158000; val_acc: 0.127000
(Epoch 1 / 25) train acc: 0.132000; val_acc: 0.121000
(Epoch 2 / 25) train acc: 0.204000; val_acc: 0.170000
(Epoch 3 / 25) train acc: 0.240000; val_acc: 0.192000
(Epoch 4 / 25) train acc: 0.312000; val_acc: 0.274000
(Epoch 5 / 25) train acc: 0.314000; val_acc: 0.269000
(Epoch 6 / 25) train acc: 0.364000; val_acc: 0.252000
(Epoch 7 / 25) train acc: 0.390000; val_acc: 0.281000
(Epoch 8 / 25) train acc: 0.386000; val_acc: 0.290000
(Epoch 9 / 25) train acc: 0.372000; val_acc: 0.267000
(Epoch 10 / 25) train acc: 0.424000; val_acc: 0.286000
(Epoch 11 / 25) train acc: 0.396000; val_acc: 0.275000
(Epoch 12 / 25) train acc: 0.458000; val_acc: 0.299000
(Epoch 13 / 25) train acc: 0.496000; val_acc: 0.305000
(Epoch 14 / 25) train acc: 0.492000; val_acc: 0.299000
(Epoch 15 / 25) train acc: 0.550000; val_acc: 0.296000
(Epoch 16 / 25) train acc: 0.584000; val_acc: 0.297000
(Epoch 17 / 25) train acc: 0.582000; val_acc: 0.309000
(Epoch 18 / 25) train acc: 0.612000; val_acc: 0.306000
(Epoch 19 / 25) train acc: 0.628000; val_acc: 0.323000
(Epoch 20 / 25) train acc: 0.608000; val_acc: 0.324000
(Iteration 101 / 125) loss: 1.369535
(Epoch 21 / 25) train acc: 0.644000; val_acc: 0.330000
(Epoch 22 / 25) train acc: 0.708000; val_acc: 0.341000
(Epoch 23 / 25) train acc: 0.690000; val_acc: 0.297000
(Epoch 24 / 25) train acc: 0.740000; val_acc: 0.300000
(Epoch 25 / 25) train acc: 0.750000; val_acc: 0.329000
(Iteration 1 / 125) loss: 2.300607
(Epoch 0 / 25) train acc: 0.172000; val_acc: 0.167000
(Epoch 1 / 25) train acc: 0.210000; val_acc: 0.197000
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(Epoch 3 / 25) train acc: 0.302000; val_acc: 0.246000
    (Epoch 4 / 25) train acc: 0.392000; val_acc: 0.289000
    (Epoch 5 / 25) train acc: 0.420000; val_acc: 0.274000
    (Epoch 6 / 25) train acc: 0.420000; val acc: 0.304000
    (Epoch 7 / 25) train acc: 0.474000; val_acc: 0.293000
    (Epoch 8 / 25) train acc: 0.516000; val acc: 0.330000
    (Epoch 9 / 25) train acc: 0.566000; val_acc: 0.322000
    (Epoch 10 / 25) train acc: 0.620000; val_acc: 0.321000
    (Epoch 11 / 25) train acc: 0.656000; val_acc: 0.317000
    (Epoch 12 / 25) train acc: 0.676000; val_acc: 0.319000
    (Epoch 13 / 25) train acc: 0.680000; val_acc: 0.304000
    (Epoch 14 / 25) train acc: 0.752000; val_acc: 0.323000
    (Epoch 15 / 25) train acc: 0.802000; val_acc: 0.321000
    (Epoch 16 / 25) train acc: 0.804000; val_acc: 0.300000
    (Epoch 17 / 25) train acc: 0.868000; val_acc: 0.303000
    (Epoch 18 / 25) train acc: 0.894000; val_acc: 0.298000
    (Epoch 19 / 25) train acc: 0.910000; val_acc: 0.282000
    (Epoch 20 / 25) train acc: 0.926000; val_acc: 0.316000
    (Iteration 101 / 125) loss: 0.245816
    (Epoch 21 / 25) train acc: 0.950000; val acc: 0.282000
    (Epoch 22 / 25) train acc: 0.958000; val acc: 0.292000
    (Epoch 23 / 25) train acc: 0.966000; val_acc: 0.307000
    (Epoch 24 / 25) train acc: 0.966000; val_acc: 0.285000
    (Epoch 25 / 25) train acc: 0.970000; val_acc: 0.284000
[7]: # Plot train and validation accuracies of the two models
     train accs = []
     val_accs = []
     for dropout in dropout_choices:
         solver = solvers[dropout]
         train_accs.append(solver.train_acc_history[-1])
         val_accs.append(solver.val_acc_history[-1])
     plt.subplot(3, 1, 1)
     for dropout in dropout_choices:
         plt.plot(solvers[dropout].train_acc_history, 'o', label='%.2f dropout' %__
      →dropout)
     plt.title('Train accuracy')
     plt.xlabel('Epoch')
     plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
     plt.legend(ncol=2, loc='lower right')
     plt.subplot(3, 1, 2)
     for dropout in dropout_choices:
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(Epoch 2 / 25) train acc: 0.284000; val\_acc: 0.240000

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plt.plot(solvers[dropout].val_acc_history, 'o', label='%.2f dropout' %_dropout)
plt.title('Val accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend(ncol=2, loc='lower right')

plt.gcf().set_size_inches(15, 15)
plt.show()
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#### 1.5 Question

Based off the results of this experiment, is dropout performing regularization? Explain your answer.

#### 1.6 Answer:

Based off the results, it is clear to see that using dropout performs regularization for our neural network. It can be seen from the plot 1 that training accuracy reaches to 1 quicker than plot 2. Both validation accuracies are nearly end up to 0.33. Therefore, we get training accuracy close to 1, whereas we get validation accuracy close 0.33. This indicates that when we do not use dropout model overfits to the data. When we look at the results of dropout used neural network, we get training accuracy close to 0.75, whereas we get validation accuracy close to 0.33. Therefore, we do not overfit like we did in the first case. In result, we can conclude that dropout method can be used for regularization purposes.

**Final part of the assignment** Get over 55% validation accuracy on CIFAR-10 by using the layers you have implemented. You will be graded according to the following equation:

 $\min(\text{floor}((X - 32\%)) / 23\%, 1)$  where if you get 55% or higher validation accuracy, you get full points.

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[17]: | # ------ #
    # YOUR CODE HERE:
    # Implement a FC-net that achieves at least 55% validation accuracy
       on CIFAR-10.
    # ------ #
    hidden dims = [300,300,300]
    weight_scale = 5e-2
    dropout = 0.8
    epochs = 20
    batch_size = 200
    optimizer = "adam"
    lr = 5e-3
    lr_dec = 0.925
    reg = 0
    best_net = FullyConnectedNet(hidden_dims, weight_scale = weight_scale,
                       dropout=dropout,use_batchnorm = True, reg = reg)
    solver = Solver(best_net, data,
                   num_epochs=epochs, batch_size=batch_size,
                   update_rule='adam',
                   optim_config={
                    'learning_rate': lr,
                   },
                   lr_decay = lr_dec,
                   verbose=True, print_every= 100)
    solver.train()
    # ----- #
    # END YOUR CODE HERE
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(Iteration 1 / 4900) loss: 2.530187

(Epoch 0 / 20) train acc: 0.164000; val_acc: 0.179000

(Iteration 101 / 4900) loss: 1.665730

(Iteration 201 / 4900) loss: 1.452605

(Epoch 1 / 20) train acc: 0.451000; val_acc: 0.470000

(Iteration 301 / 4900) loss: 1.446262

(Iteration 401 / 4900) loss: 1.347595

(Epoch 2 / 20) train acc: 0.544000; val_acc: 0.492000

(Iteration 501 / 4900) loss: 1.465576

(Iteration 601 / 4900) loss: 1.523093

(Iteration 701 / 4900) loss: 1.306868

(Epoch 3 / 20) train acc: 0.594000; val_acc: 0.531000
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(Iteration 801 / 4900) loss: 1.418239
(Iteration 901 / 4900) loss: 1.311072
(Epoch 4 / 20) train acc: 0.561000; val_acc: 0.534000
(Iteration 1001 / 4900) loss: 1.282176
(Iteration 1101 / 4900) loss: 1.291150
(Iteration 1201 / 4900) loss: 1.152161
(Epoch 5 / 20) train acc: 0.600000; val acc: 0.536000
(Iteration 1301 / 4900) loss: 1.213567
(Iteration 1401 / 4900) loss: 1.125476
(Epoch 6 / 20) train acc: 0.647000; val_acc: 0.569000
(Iteration 1501 / 4900) loss: 1.169649
(Iteration 1601 / 4900) loss: 1.096392
(Iteration 1701 / 4900) loss: 1.087360
(Epoch 7 / 20) train acc: 0.628000; val_acc: 0.559000
(Iteration 1801 / 4900) loss: 1.128816
(Iteration 1901 / 4900) loss: 1.165210
(Epoch 8 / 20) train acc: 0.669000; val_acc: 0.558000
(Iteration 2001 / 4900) loss: 1.057295
(Iteration 2101 / 4900) loss: 1.169359
(Iteration 2201 / 4900) loss: 1.048152
(Epoch 9 / 20) train acc: 0.675000; val acc: 0.569000
(Iteration 2301 / 4900) loss: 1.144551
(Iteration 2401 / 4900) loss: 1.033312
(Epoch 10 / 20) train acc: 0.690000; val acc: 0.585000
(Iteration 2501 / 4900) loss: 1.019493
(Iteration 2601 / 4900) loss: 0.967580
(Epoch 11 / 20) train acc: 0.724000; val_acc: 0.573000
(Iteration 2701 / 4900) loss: 0.911838
(Iteration 2801 / 4900) loss: 0.983276
(Iteration 2901 / 4900) loss: 0.887045
(Epoch 12 / 20) train acc: 0.738000; val_acc: 0.578000
(Iteration 3001 / 4900) loss: 1.001920
(Iteration 3101 / 4900) loss: 1.081322
(Epoch 13 / 20) train acc: 0.740000; val_acc: 0.586000
(Iteration 3201 / 4900) loss: 0.802459
(Iteration 3301 / 4900) loss: 0.896141
(Iteration 3401 / 4900) loss: 0.959170
(Epoch 14 / 20) train acc: 0.738000; val acc: 0.588000
(Iteration 3501 / 4900) loss: 0.884596
(Iteration 3601 / 4900) loss: 0.873856
(Epoch 15 / 20) train acc: 0.794000; val_acc: 0.581000
(Iteration 3701 / 4900) loss: 0.815538
(Iteration 3801 / 4900) loss: 0.905308
(Iteration 3901 / 4900) loss: 0.771382
(Epoch 16 / 20) train acc: 0.767000; val_acc: 0.600000
(Iteration 4001 / 4900) loss: 0.793065
(Iteration 4101 / 4900) loss: 0.771485
(Epoch 17 / 20) train acc: 0.796000; val_acc: 0.588000
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(Iteration 4201 / 4900) loss: 0.771555

(Iteration 4301 / 4900) loss: 0.923525

(Iteration 4401 / 4900) loss: 0.776838

(Epoch 18 / 20) train acc: 0.810000; val_acc: 0.591000

(Iteration 4501 / 4900) loss: 0.740192

(Iteration 4601 / 4900) loss: 0.829750

(Epoch 19 / 20) train acc: 0.833000; val_acc: 0.593000

(Iteration 4701 / 4900) loss: 0.868081

(Iteration 4801 / 4900) loss: 0.775580

(Epoch 20 / 20) train acc: 0.815000; val_acc: 0.593000
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