

## MULTI LAYER PERCEPTRON FOR MNIST DATABASE

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The MNIST dataset is an acronym that stands for the Modified National Institute of Standards and Technology dataset. It is a dataset of 60,000 small square  $28 \times 28$  pixel grayscale images of handwritten single digits between 0 and 9.

MNIST is a very well-studied data set of  $28 \times 28$  images of isolated digits (0-9), each pixel value in the range 0-255. There are 60,000 training images and 10,000 validation images.

Last week we implemented a framework for building neural networks from scratch. We trained our models using stochastic gradient descent. In this problem, we explore how we can implement batch normalization as a module BatchNorm in our framework.

Our data consists of the form  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , where  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{784} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$  and  $\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$ , where the  $i$ th

entry is 1 if the data represent the number  $i$ , otherwise, the entries are zero.

To classify 10 digits, we define a function  $h_{\mathbf{w}} : \mathbb{R}^{784} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{10}$

$$h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{784} w_{i,1} x_i + w_{0,1} \\ \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^{784} w_{i,10} x_i + w_{0,10} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_{10} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_{784} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{784}$ ,  $\mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{1,1} & \cdots & w_{1,10} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ w_{784,1} & \cdots & w_{784,10} \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{w}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} w_{0,1} \\ \vdots \\ w_{0,10} \end{bmatrix}$ .

### Rectified linear unit

$$\text{ReLU}(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ z & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \max\{0, z\}$$

**Convolutional layers:** Filters in the first convolutional layers are responsible for detecting low-level features (e.g., edges, color, contrast). Later convolutional layers are responsible for detecting mid-level features (e.g., ears, eyes).

**Max pooling layers:** Max pooling layers detect the strongest response within a given window. This property allows the network to be less sensitive to feature locations.

**Fully connected layers:** Fully connected layers allow combining features from the entire image and provide the final network output.

**Softmax function**  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{10} \rightarrow P \in [0, 1]^{10}$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^{10} P_i = 1$  (a probability distribution over 10 items)

$$\mathbf{a} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\exp(z_1)}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} \exp(z_i)} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\exp(z_{10})}{\sum_{i=1}^{10} \exp(z_i)} \end{bmatrix}$$

The loss function  $\text{Loss}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y})$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{NLL}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y}) &= - \sum_{j=1}^{10} y_j \ln(a_j) \\ z_j &= \sum_{i=1}^{784} w_{i,j} x_i + w_{0,j} \quad 1 \leq j \leq 10 \\ \frac{\partial \text{NLL}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial w_{i,j}} &= x_i(a_j - y_j), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 784, 1 \leq j \leq 10 \\ \frac{\partial \text{NLL}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial w_{0,j}} &= a_j - y_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq 10 \end{aligned}$$

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