

# CSCI 5561: Assignment #4

## Convolutional Neural Network

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### 1 Submission

- Assignment due: Apr 19 (11:55pm)
- Individual assignment
- Up to 2 page summary write-up with resulting visualization (more than 2 page assignment will be automatically returned.).
- Submission through Canvas.
- Skeletal codes can be downloaded from:  
[https://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~hspark/csci5561/HW4\\_code.zip](https://www-users.cs.umn.edu/~hspark/csci5561/HW4_code.zip). It contains the following four codes:
  - `main_slp_linear.m`
  - `main_slp.m`
  - `main_mlp.m`
  - `main_cnn.m`
- List of submission codes:
  - `GetMiniBatch.m`
  - `FC.m`
  - `FC_backward.m`
  - `Loss_euclidean.m`
  - `TrainSLP_linear.m`
  - `Loss_cross_entropy_softmax.m`
  - `TrainSLP`
  - `ReLU.m`
  - `ReLU_backward.m`
  - `TrainMLP.m`
  - `Conv.m`
  - `Conv_backward.m`
  - `Pool2x2.m`
  - `Pool2x2_backward.m`
  - `Flattening.m`
  - `Flattening_backward.m`
  - `TrainCNN.m`

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- A list of MAT files that contain the following trained weights:
  - `slp_linear.mat`: `w`, `b`
  - `slp.mat`: `w`, `b`
  - `mlp.mat`: `w1`, `b1`, `w2`, `b2`
  - `cnn.mat`: `w_conv`, `b_conv`, `w_fc`, `b_fc`
- DO NOT SUBMIT THE PROVIDED IMAGE DATA
- The function that does not comply with its specification will not be graded.
- You are allowed to use MATLAB built-in functions except for the ones in the Computer Vision Toolbox and Deep Learning Toolbox. Please consult with TA if you are not sure about the list of allowed functions.

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### 2 Overview



Figure 1: You will implement (1) a multi-layer perceptron (neural network) and (2) convolutional neural network to recognize hand-written digit using the MNIST dataset.

The goal of this assignment is to implement neural network to recognize hand-written digits in the MNIST data.

**MNIST Data** You will use the MNIST hand written digit dataset to perform the first task (neural network). We reduce the image size ( $28 \times 28 \rightarrow 14 \times 14$ ) and subsample the data. You can download the training and testing data from here:

<http://www.cs.umn.edu/~hspark/csci5561/ReducedMNIST.zip>

*Description:* The zip file includes two MAT files (`mnist_train.mat` and `mnist_test.mat`). Each file includes `im_*` and `label_*` variables:

- `im_*` is a matrix ( $196 \times n$ ) storing vectorized image data ( $196 = 14 \times 14$ )
- `label_*` is  $n \times 1$  vector storing the label for each image data.

$n$  is the number of images. You can visualize the  $i^{\text{th}}$  image, e.g.,  
`imshow(uint8(reshape(im_train(:,i), [14,14])))`.

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### 3 Single-layer Linear Perceptron

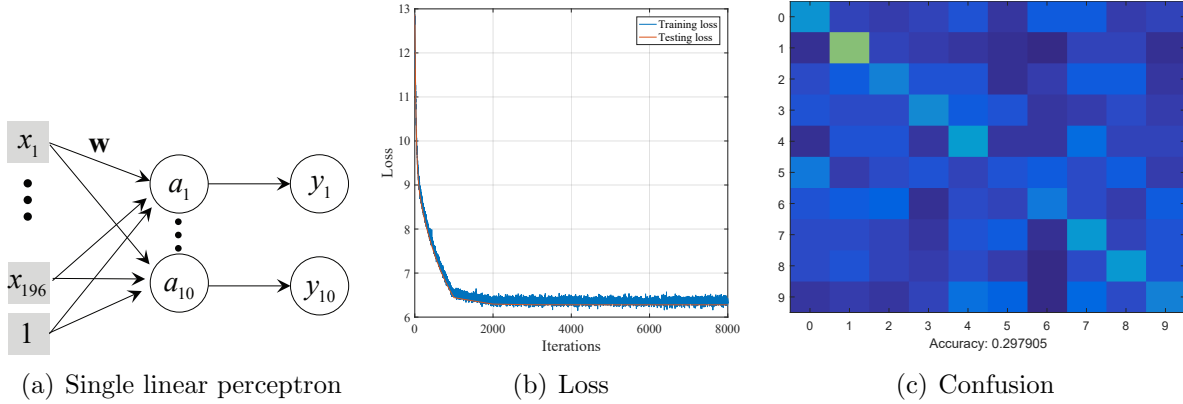


Figure 2: You will implement a single linear perceptron that produces accuracy near 30%. Random chance is 10% on testing data.

You will implement a single-layer *linear* perceptron (Figure 2(a)) with stochastic gradient descent method. We provide `main_slp_linear` where you will implement `GetMiniBatch` and `TrainSLP_linear`.

```
function [mini_batch_x, mini_batch_y] = GetMiniBatch(im_train,
label_train, batch_size)
```

**Input:** `im_train` and `label_train` are a set of images and labels, and `batch_size` is the size of the mini-batch for stochastic gradient descent.

**Output:** `mini_batch_x` and `mini_batch_y` are cells that contain a set of batches (images and labels, respectively). Each batch of images is a matrix with size  $194 \times \text{batch\_size}$ , and each batch of labels is a matrix with size  $10 \times \text{batch\_size}$  (one-hot encoding). Note that the number of images in the last batch may be smaller than `batch_size`.

**Description:** You may randomly permute the the order of images when building the batch, and whole sets of `mini_batch_*` must span all training data.

```
function y = FC(x, w, b)
```

**Input:**  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the input to the fully connected layer, and  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  are the weights and bias.

**Output:**  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the output of the linear transform (fully connected layer).

**Description:** `FC` is a linear transform of  $\mathbf{x}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{w}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$ .

```
function [dLdx dLdw dLdb] = FC_backward(dLdy, x, w, b, y)
```

**Input:**  $\mathbf{dLdy} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  is the loss derivative with respect to the output  $\mathbf{y}$ .

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**Output:**  $dLdx \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}$  is the loss derivative with respect the input  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $dLdw \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times (n \times m)}$  is the loss derivative with respect to the weights, and  $dLdb \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$  is the loss derivative with respect to the bias.

**Description:** The partial derivatives w.r.t. input, weights, and bias will be computed.  $dLdx$  will be back-propagated, and  $dLdw$  and  $dLdb$  will be used to update the weights and bias.

```
function [L, dLdy] = Loss_euclidean(y_tilde, y)
```

**Input:**  $y\_tilde \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the prediction, and  $y \in 0, 1^m$  is the ground truth label.

**Output:**  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  is the loss, and  $dLdy$  is the loss derivative with respect to the prediction.

**Description:** `Loss_euclidean` measure Euclidean distance  $L = \|\mathbf{y} - \tilde{\mathbf{y}}\|^2$ .

```
function [w, b] = TrainSLP_linear(mini_batch_x, mini_batch_y)
```

**Input:** `mini_batch_x` and `mini_batch_y` are cells where each cell is a batch of images and labels.

**Output:**  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 196}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 1}$  are the trained weights and bias of a single-layer perceptron.

**Description:** You will use `FC`, `FC_backward`, and `Loss_euclidean` to train a single-layer perceptron using a stochastic gradient descent method where a pseudo-code can be found below. Through training, you are expected to see reduction of loss as shown in Figure 2(b). As a result of training, the network should produce more than 25% of accuracy on the testing data (Figure 2(c)).

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### Algorithm 1 Stochastic Gradient Descent based Training

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1: Set the learning rate  $\gamma$ 
2: Set the decay rate  $\lambda \in (0, 1]$ 
3: Initialize the weights with a Gaussian noise  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ 
4:  $k = 1$ 
5: for ilter = 1 : nIters do
6:   At every 1000th iteration,  $\gamma \leftarrow \lambda\gamma$ 
7:    $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \leftarrow 0$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} \leftarrow 0$ 
8:   for Each image  $\mathbf{x}_i$  in  $k^{\text{th}}$  mini-batch do
9:     Label prediction of  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 
10:    Loss computation  $l$ 
11:    Gradient back-propagation of  $\mathbf{x}_i$ ,  $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$  using back-propagation.
12:     $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} + \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} + \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$ 
13:   end for
14:    $k++$  (Set  $k = 1$  if  $k$  is greater than the number of mini-batches.)
15:   Update the weights,  $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \frac{\gamma}{R} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$ , and bias  $\mathbf{b} \leftarrow \mathbf{b} - \frac{\gamma}{R} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$ 
16: end for
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### 4 Single-layer Perceptron

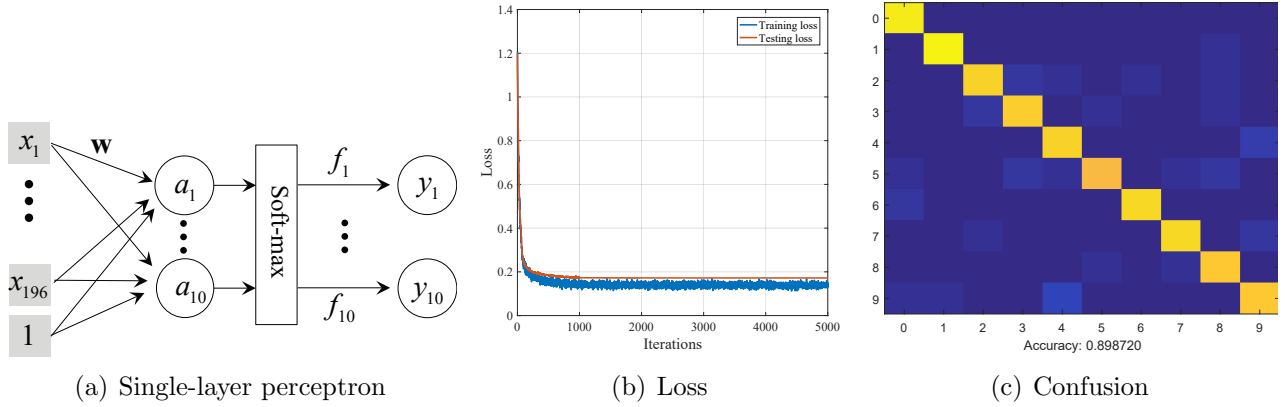


Figure 3: You will implement a single perceptron that produces accuracy near 90% on testing data.

You will implement a single-layer perceptron with *soft-max cross-entropy* using stochastic gradient descent method. We provide `main_slp` where you will implement `TrainSLP`. Unlike the single-layer linear perceptron, it has a soft-max layer that approximates a max function by clamping the output to  $[0, 1]$  range as shown in Figure 3(a).

**function** `[L, dLdy] = Loss_cross_entropy_softmax(x, y)`

**Input:**  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the input to the soft-max, and  $\mathbf{y} \in 0, 1^m$  is the ground truth label.

**Output:**  $L \in \mathbb{R}$  is the loss, and  $dLdy$  is the loss derivative with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**Description:** `Loss_cross_entropy_softmax` measure cross-entropy between two distributions  $L = \sum_i^m \mathbf{y}_i \log \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i$  where  $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i$  is the soft-max output that approximates the max operation by clamping  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $[0, 1]$  range:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_i = \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i}}{\sum_i e^{\mathbf{x}_i}},$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  element of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**function** `[w, b] = TrainSLP(mini_batch_x, mini_batch_y)`

**Output:**  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 196}$  and  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 1}$  are the trained weights and bias of a single-layer perceptron.

**Description:** You will use the following functions to train a single-layer perceptron using a stochastic gradient descent method: `FC`, `FC_backward`, `Loss_cross_entropy_softmax`

Through training, you are expected to see reduction of loss as shown in Figure 3(b). As a result of training, the network should produce more than 85% of accuracy on the testing data (Figure 3(c)).

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### 5 Multi-layer Perceptron

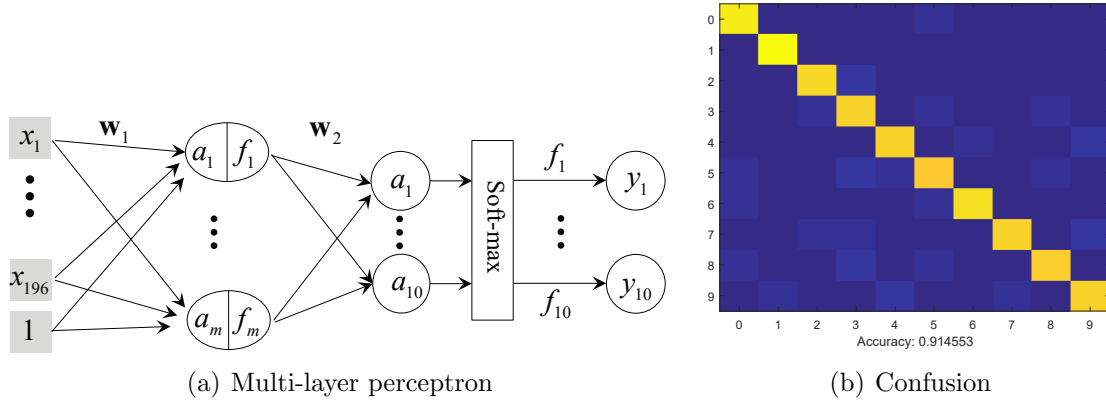


Figure 4: You will implement a multi-layer perceptron that produces accuracy more than 90% on testing data.

You will implement a multi-layer perceptron with a single hidden layer using a stochastic gradient descent method. We provide `main_mlp`. The hidden layer is composed of 30 units as shown in Figure 4(a).

`function [y] = ReLu(x)`

**Input:**  $x$  is a general tensor, matrix, and vector.

**Output:**  $y$  is the output of the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) with the same input size.

**Description:** ReLu is an activation unit ( $y_i = \max(0, x_i)$ ). In some case, it is possible to use a Leaky ReLu ( $y_i = \max(\epsilon x_i, x_i)$  where  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ).

`function [dLdx] = ReLu_backward(dLdy, x, y)`

**Input:**  $dLdy \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times z}$  is the loss derivative with respect to the output  $y \in \mathbb{R}^z$  where  $z$  is the size of input (it can be tensor, matrix, and vector).

**Output:**  $dLdx \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times z}$  is the loss derivative with respect to the input  $x$ .

`function [w1, b1, w2, b2] = TrainMLP(mini_batch_x, mini_batch_y)`

**Output:**  $w1 \in \mathbb{R}^{30 \times 196}$ ,  $b1 \in \mathbb{R}^{30 \times 1}$ ,  $w2 \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 30}$ ,  $b2 \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 1}$  are the trained weights and biases of a multi-layer perceptron.

**Description:** You will use the following functions to train a multi-layer perceptron using a stochastic gradient descent method: `FC`, `FC_backward`, `ReLU`, `ReLU_backward`, `Loss_cross_entropy_softmax`. As a result of training, the network should produce more than 90% of accuracy on the testing data (Figure 4(b)).

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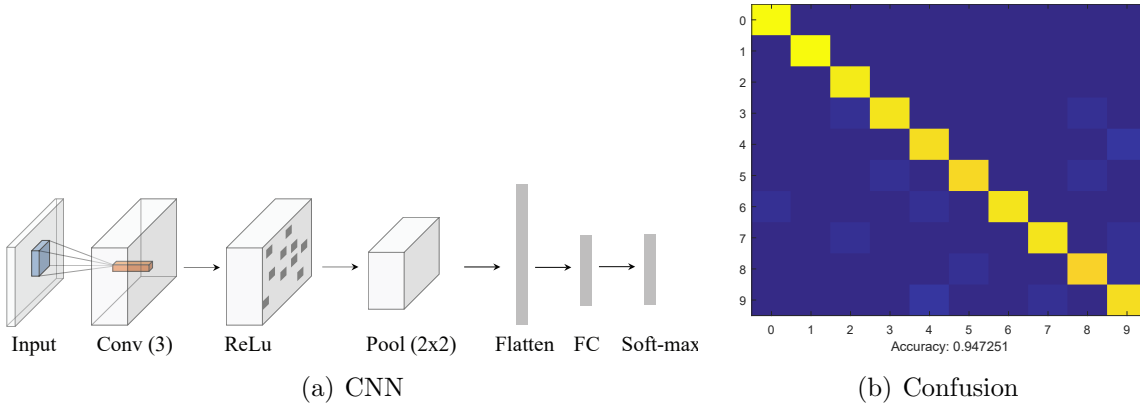


Figure 5: You will implement a convolutional neural network that produces accuracy more than 92% on testing data.

You will implement a convolutional neural network (CNN) using a stochastic gradient descent method. We provide `main_cnn`. As shown in Figure 4(a), the network is composed of: a single channel input ( $14 \times 14 \times 1$ )  $\rightarrow$  Conv layer ( $3 \times 3$  convolution with 3 channel output and stride 1)  $\rightarrow$  ReLu layer  $\rightarrow$  Max-pooling layer ( $2 \times 2$  with stride 2)  $\rightarrow$  Flattening layer (147 units)  $\rightarrow$  FC layer (10 units)  $\rightarrow$  Soft-max.

**function** [y] = Conv(x, w\_conv, b\_conv)

**Input:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C_1}$  is an input to the convolutional operation,  $w\_conv \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C_1 \times C_2}$  and  $b\_conv \in \mathbb{R}^{C_2}$  are weights and bias of the convolutional operation.

**Output:**  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C_2}$  is the output of the convolutional operation. Note that to get the same size with the input, you may pad zero at the boundary of the input image.

**Description:** This convolutional operation can be simplified using MATLAB built-in function `im2col`.

**function** [dLdw, dLdb] = Conv\_backward(dLdy, x, w\_conv, b\_conv, y)

**Input:** dLdy is the loss derivative with respect to y.

**Output:** dLdw and dLdb are the loss derivatives with respect to convolutional weights and bias **w** and **b**, respectively.

**Description:** This convolutional operation can be simplified using MATLAB built-in function `im2col`. Note that for the single convolutional layer,  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial x}$  is not needed.

**function** [y] = Pool2x2(x)

**Input:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C}$  is a general tensor and matrix.

**Output:**  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{\frac{H}{2} \times \frac{W}{2} \times C}$  is the output of the  $2 \times 2$  max-pooling operation with stride 2.



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`function [dLdx] = Pool2x2_backward(dLdy, x, y)`

**Input:**  $dLdy$  is the loss derivative with respect to the output  $y$ .

**Output:**  $dLdx$  is the loss derivative with respect to the input  $x$ .

`function [y] = Flattening(x)`

**Input:**  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C}$  is a tensor.

**Output:**  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{HWC}$  is the vectorized tensor (column major).

`function [dLdx] = Flattening_backward(dLdy, x, y)`

**Input:**  $dLdy$  is the loss derivative with respect to the output  $y$ .

**Output:**  $dLdx$  is the loss derivative with respect to the input  $x$ .

`function [w_conv, b_conv, w_fc, b_fc] = TrainCNN(mini_batch_x, mini_batch_y)`

**Output:**  $w_{conv} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3 \times 1 \times 3}$ ,  $b_{conv} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $w_{fc} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 147}$ ,  $b_{fc} \in \mathbb{R}^{147}$  are the trained weights and biases of the CNN.

**Description:** You will use the following functions to train a convolutional neural network using a stochastic gradient descent method: `Conv`, `Conv_backward`, `Pool2x2`, `Pool2x2_backward`, `Flattening`, `Flattening_backward`, `FC`, `FC_backward`, `ReLu`, `ReLu_backward`, `Loss_cross_entropy_softmax`. As a result of training, the network should produce more than 92% of accuracy on the testing data (Figure 5(b)).