- 1. Suppose our training set and test set are the same. Why would this be a problem?
- 2. Why is it necessary to have both a test set and a validation set?
- 3. Images are generally represented as $n \times m \times 3$ arrays, but we treat them as vectors. How is that possible?
- 4. Write pseudocode to select the k in the k-nearest-neighbours algorithm.
- 5. Give an example of a training and a test set such that 3-nearest-neighbours and 5-nearest neighbours perform differently on the test set
- 6. Consider the data plotted below. If all that you have to go by is the data below, how would you objectively determine whether 1-NN or 15-NN is the better classifier for the data?





- 7. What is the performance of k-NN on the training set for k = 1? Is it the same for k = 3? (Give an example in your answer to the second question)
- 8. What happens to the performance of k-NN if k is the same as the size of the training set?
- 9. Explain how the quadratic cost function

$$J(\theta_0, \theta_1) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (h_\theta(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$$

is constructed. Specifically, what is the intuitive meaning of $(h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2$?

- 10. How to estimate the best h_{θ} by looking at a surface plot of the cost function?
- 11. How to estimate the best h_{θ} by looking at a contour plot of the cost function?
- 12. Write a Python function to find a local minimum of $y = x^6 10x^5 5x^4 + 1$ using gradient descent
- 13. On a plot of a function of one variable y = f(x), at point $(x_0, f(x_0))$, write down a unit vector that points "uphill."

- 14. Explain how to transform a two-class classification problem into a regression problem. Why won't this approach work for multi-class classification?
- 15. Write the pseudocode for training and evaluating a one-vs-all classifier based on linear regression
- 16. What is the decision boundary for a linear-regression based classifier with multiple predictor variables/features?
- 17. Derive the average squared-differences cost function for linear regression by assuming that the data is generated using

$$y = \theta_0 + \theta_1 x + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2).$$

18. Derive the cost function for that corresponds to the likelihood of the data in Poisson regression. In Poisson regression, we assume that

$$y \sim Poisson(\theta^T x).$$

(Reminder: that means that $P_{\lambda}(y = k) = \frac{\lambda^k \exp(-\lambda)}{k!}$ for $\lambda = \theta^T x$.)

- 19. Derive the gradient of the cost function in Problem 18.
- 20. Write Python code to perform Poisson regression using gradient descent.
- 21. Assuming you found the best θ using the code from Problem 20, how would you use it to predict the y for a new x?
- 22. Suppose that your model is

$$y \sim Poisson(\alpha x),$$

with $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Assume you believe that $\alpha \sim N(0,\beta)$. Write Python code to obtain the posterior distribution of α given a dataset, and to obtain the MAP estimate of α .

- 23. Make up a neural network that uses neurons with the logistic function activation that computes the logical NOR.
- 24. Write vectorized code (i.e., you cannot use for-loops) to compute the output of a feedforward neural network
- 25. What is the disadvatange of using a single output when using feedforward neural networks for classification?
- 26. What is the disadvatange of using the quadratic cost function when using feedforward neural networks for classification?
- 27. What is the partial derivative of the quadratic cost function for a feedforward neural network with respect to a bias for a neuron in the output layer?
- 28. Vectorize the computation on Slide 6 of http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~guerzhoy/321/lec/W04/ backprop.pdf
- 29. Explain why the output of Softmax is better for representing probabilities than the raw output layer.
- 30. What is one advantage of the tanh activation function compared to the sigmoid activation function?
- 31. Explain what it means for a neuron to be dead. Why is that a bad thing? What is the implication for initializing the weights and biases for ReLU units?
- 32. Is Oml_hipster funny?

33. Consider the feedforward network below.



Explain why it does not matter much whether we use the identity activation function or the tanh activation function in the **outputs** layer.

- 34. Why is it useful to normalize the input data?
- 35. The learning curve for the training set is "wiggly" on Slide 3 of http://www.cs.toronto.edu/ ~guerzhoy/321/lec/W05/overfitting.pdf. Why? (There are two possible reasons.) How would you produce a smoother learning curve?
- 36. Devise of an example of fitting a curve in 2D where a cubic polynomial would overfit, but a quadratic polynomial will work. In your example, sketch the points in the training and test sets and provide a cost function.
- 37. Suppose we modify our cost function as follows:

$$cost_{wd} = cost + \frac{\lambda}{3} \sum_{i,j,k} (W^{(k,i,j)})^3.$$

How would you compute the gradient of $cost_{wd}$?

Why is adding the cubes of the weights to the cost function a bad idea?

- 38. Describe two different scenarios in which you would not observe overfitting
- 39. Prove that the derivative of the negative log-probability of the right answer cost function with respect to the layer below the softmax in a network on slide 6 of http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~guerzhoy/ 321/lec/W04/onehot.pdf is

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial o_i} = p_i - y_i$$

- 40. Write code to generate a synthentic dataset for which the weights in a neural network on slide 7 of http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~guerzhoy/321/lec/W05/overfitting_prevent.pdf would look differently (approximately as described on slide 7) under L1 and L2 norm regularization.
- 41. Don't you feel sorry for life science students who have to memorize the stuff about dendrites and axons?
- 42. how is the replicated feature approach related to the invariant feature approach?
- 43. On slide 5 fo http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~guerzhoy/321/lec/W06/convnet_intro.pdf, you see a way of obtaining an image where points near horizontal edges are bright and everything else is dark, but this only works for edges that happen across a step of 2 pixels (or a little bit more). How would you produce an image that shows horizontal edges where the transition between one area and another is more gradual, and happens over, say, 10 pixels?
- 44. Explain Slide 15 of http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~guerzhoy/321/lec/W06/convnet_intro.pdf: why is (N F)/stride + 1 the output size? (What do we mean by "output size?" Precisely define what N, F, and stride refer to.)
- 45. Why to we sometimes pad the border of the image with zeros when performing convolutions?
- 46. Explain the difference between Max Pooling and Average Pooling. Write Python code that performs both.
- 47. When might you expect Max Pooling to work bettern (and vice-verse)?
- 48. Give an example of a gradient computation when a network has a convolutional layer.
- 49. Give an example of a gradient computation when a network has a max-pooling layer.
- 50. Give an example of a gradient computation when a network has both a convolutional layer and a max-pooling layer.
- 51. Suppose the size of an input layer is $32 \times 32 \times 3$, and you have 10.5×5 filters with stride 2 and pad 2. What is the number of parameters (weights+biases) that we need to define the connections between the layers? What is the size of the output layer?
- 52. Why would we use 1×1 convolutions?
- 53. What is the idea behind the Inception module?
- 54. How many activation functions need to be computed if we are computing the first convolutional layer of a network which takes as input an $N \times N \times 3$ image using M 3×3 features, using 0 padding and a stride of 1?
- 55. Suppose we want to visualize what a neuron in a ConvNet is doing. How would you go about that?
- 56. Sometimes when we visualize what a neuron is doing, we display an image that's smaller than an input image. How is that done?
- 57. How is what the neurons are doing in the lower layers (near the input) different from what the neurons are doing in the upper layers?
- 58. Explain guided backpropagation. Provide pseudocode, and explain how guided backprop improves on simply computing the gradient.
- 59. How does Deep Dream work? Provide pseudocode.
- 60. Explain the cost function for Neural Style Transfer, and explain how Neural Style Transfer works. Reminder: the Gram matrix is $G_{ij}^l = \sum_k F(y)_{ik}^l F(y)_{jk}^l$.

- 61. Explain the cost function for training RNNs
- 62. Explain the vanishing gradient problem
- 63. Explain how to do machine translation with LSTM. Sketch the network. What is the cost function?
- 64. Why do mini-batches need to be class-balanced?
- 65. Explain the momentum method. State the equations used to update the parameters
- 66. What is a simple way to run gradient descent with adaptive learning rates?
- 67. In Bayesian inference, we'd like to compute $P(\theta|data)$ for the training data. Explain how to do that, and relate your explanations to our concepts of the cost function and of regularization.
- 68. When doing full Bayesian inference, how would you make predictions for new data?
- 69. What is the basic idea of Monte Carlo methods in the context of full Bayesian inference?
- 70. Explain the Metropolis algorithm.
- 71. Explain the computation of P(x) in RBMs in terms of features of the input and hypotheses about which of the features are present.
- 72. For an RBM, show that $P(h_j = 1|x) = \sigma(W_{j,x} + b_j)$
- 73. Explain how autoencoder networks work
- 74. The "Deep Learning Hypothesis" is that any simple perceptual task that a human can solve in 0.1 seconds can be solved by a 10-layer neural network. Explain the idea behind that estimate.