

BME/ECE 695 Deep Learning  
Midterm I  
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Instructions:

This is a 75 minute exam containing five (5) problems.

- You may only use your brain and a pencil (or pen) to complete this exam.
- You may not use or have access to your book, notes, any supplementary reference, a calculator, or any communication device including a cell-phone, computer, smart watch, etc.
- You may not communicate with any person other than the official proctors during the exam.

Good Luck.

**Problem 1)** (20 pt)

For each of the following, check the **one** box that **best** corresponds to the function's properties.

a)  $f(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

☐

Convex

☐

Concave

☐

neither

☐

Both

b)  $f(x) = x$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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Concave

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neither

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Both

c)  $f(x) = x^2$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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neither

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Both

d)  $f(x) = x^3$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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Concave

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neither

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Both

e)  $f(x) = |x|$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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Concave

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neither

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Both

f)  $f(x) = |x|^3$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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Concave

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neither

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Both

g)  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^K (x - \mu_k)^2$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}, \mu_k \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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Concave

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neither

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Both

h)  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^K \{a_k e^{-x} + b_k x + c_k (x - \mu_k)^2\}$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}, a_k \geq 0, b_k \geq 0, c_k \geq 0, \mu_k \in \mathfrak{R}$

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Convex

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Concave

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neither

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Both

**Problem 2)** (20 pt)

Mark each of the following statements as **only one** of the three following labels:

**T**-“true”; **F**-“false”; or **U**-“Undecidable given the information that is provided”.

a) Gobbly gook is always blue.

b) Let  $f(x)$  be a function of  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ . For all  $x^*$ , if  $x^*$  is a global minimum of  $f(x)$ , then  $x^*$  must also be a local minimum of  $f(x)$ .

c) Let  $f(x)$  be a function of  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ . For all  $x^*$ , if  $x^*$  is a local minimum of  $f(x)$ , then  $x^*$  must also be a global minimum of  $f(x)$ .

c) Let  $f(x)$  be a continuously differentiable function for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ . If  $\frac{d}{dx}f(x^*) = 0$ , then  $x^*$  is a local minimum.

d) Let  $f(x)$  be a continuously differentiable and convex function for  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ . If  $\frac{d}{dx}f(x^*) = 0$ , then  $x^*$  is a global minimum.

**Problem 3) (20 pt)**

Consider the following convolutional neural network (see diagram on next page) with a color image as input, and a gray-scale image as output. Each layer uses a ReLu activation function, and denote the convolution kernel by  $w$  and the offsets by  $b$ .

**a) For layer 1, give:**

1. The shape of the tensor  $w$ ;
2. The number of parameters in  $w$ ;
3. The shape of the vector  $b$ ;
4. The number of parameters in  $b$ .
5. The total number of parameters in the layer.

**b) For layer 2, give:**

- The shape of the tensor  $w$ ;
- The number of parameters in  $w$ ;
- The shape of the vector  $b$ ;
- The number of parameters in  $b$ .
- The total number of parameters in the layer.

**c) The total number of parameters in the model.**

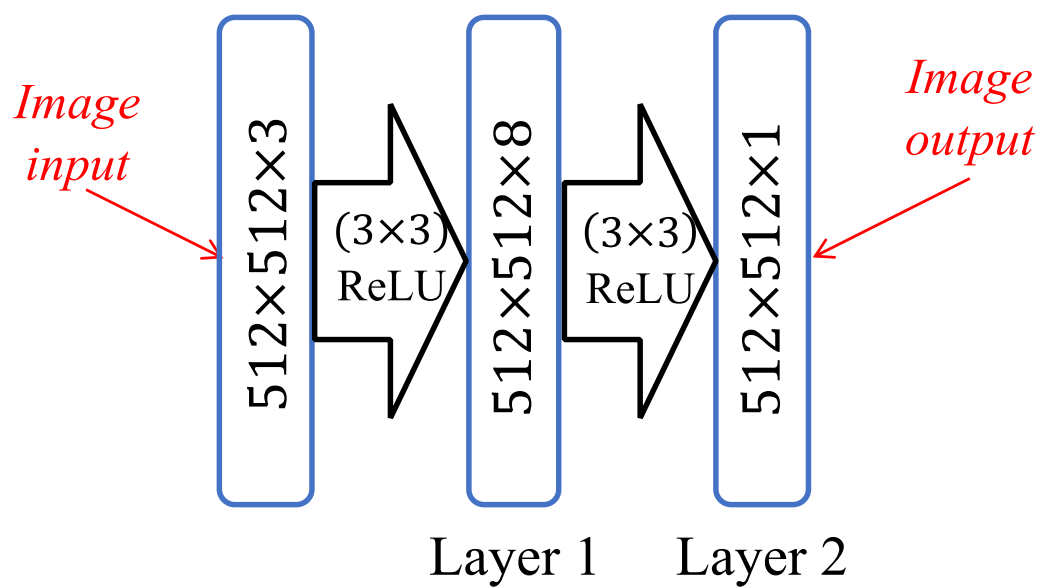


Figure 1: Convolutional Neural Network for Problem 3

**Problem 4)** (20 pt)

Consider the following tensor operation where  $z^{i_1, i_2}$  is the input,  $x^j$  is the output, and  $w^j_{i_1, i_2}$  is the kernel.

$$x^j = w^j_{i_1, i_2} z^{i_1, i_2}$$

a) What is the rank of the tensor  $z^{i_1, i_2}$ ?

(Hint: The rank of a tensor is the number of axes in the tensor.)

b) What is the rank of the tensor  $x^j$ ?

c) What is the rank of the tensor  $w^j_{i_1, i_2}$ ?

d) Draw a 3D picture illustrating this operation.

**Problem 5) (20 pt)**

Consider a machine learning (ML) system,

$$\hat{x} = f_{\theta}(y) = Ay + b ,$$

where  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{N_y}$ ,  $\hat{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$ , and  $\theta = [A, b]$  where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x \times N_y}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{N_x}$ . Assume we have training data pairs given by  $(x_k, y_k)_{k=0}^{K-1}$ , and a loss function given by

$$l(\theta) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \|x_k - f_{\theta}(y_k)\|^2 .$$

- a) What is the commonly used name for this loss function?
- b) How many scalar parameters are in this model, i.e., what is the dimension of  $\theta$ ?
- c) Calculate a theoretical expression for  $\nabla_b l(\theta)$ , the gradient of the loss function w.r.t.  $b$ . You can express this in the form  $g_{1,i} = [\nabla_b l(\theta)]_i$  for  $0 \leq i < N_x$ .
- d) Calculate a theoretical expression for  $\nabla_A l(\theta)$ , the gradient of the loss function w.r.t.  $A$ . You can express this in the form  $g_{2,i,j} = [\nabla_A l(\theta)]_{i,j}$  for  $0 \leq i < N_x$  and  $0 \leq j < N_y$ .
- e) Write a pseudo-code algorithm for gradient descent of the parameter  $\theta = [A, b]$ .





