

Figure 1: Correlation between gradients and Hessians on GPT2-Small on WikiText-103. Evolution of the gradient norm and Hessian trace for each row w_c of the last layer throughout optimization, over the path of GD (top) and Adam (bottom) on the problem of Figure 1.

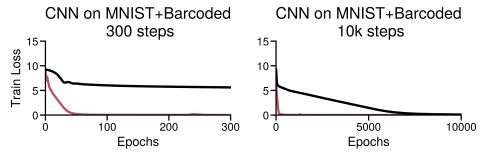


Figure 2: GD eventually works on Imbalanced MNIST. We run the same setup as in Figure 2, for longer. Looking at the start of training (left, 300 steps), GD might appear stuck but it can find a better solution if run for longer (right, 10k steps). Adam in red, GD in black, both with momentum.

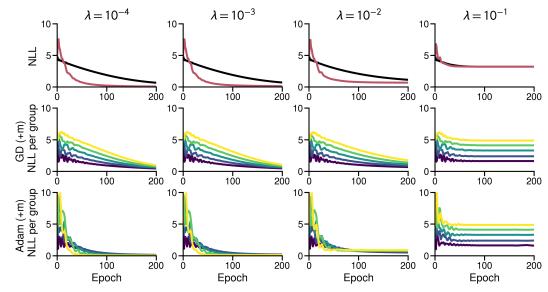


Figure 3: The separation between GD and Adam still appears when using regularization. Using varying levels of L_2 regularization λ . The plots show the negative log-likelihood (not including the L_2 penalty).