

A Supplemental Figures and Tables

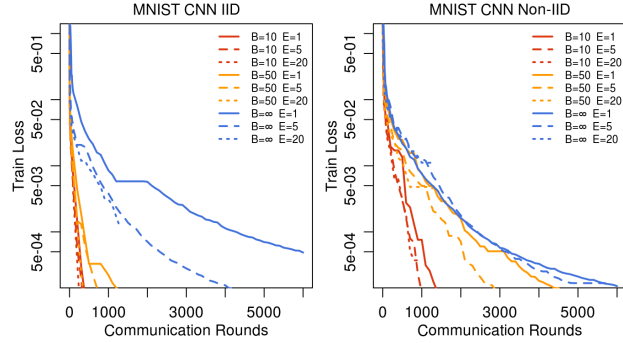


Figure 6: Training set convergence for the MNIST CNN. Note the y -axis is on a log scale, and the x -axis covers more training than Figure 2. These plots fix $C = 0.1$.

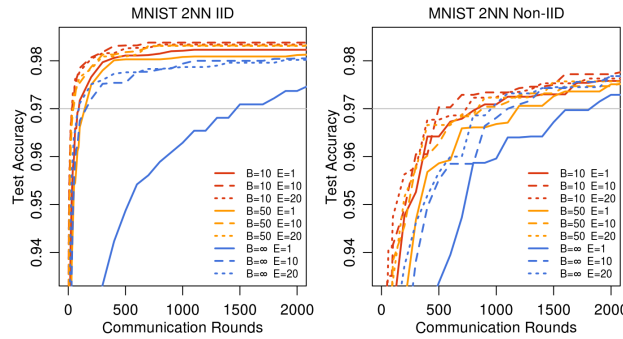


Figure 7: Test set accuracy vs. communication rounds for MNIST 2NN with $C = 0.1$ and optimized η . The left column is the IID dataset, and right is the pathological 2-digits-per-client non-IID data.

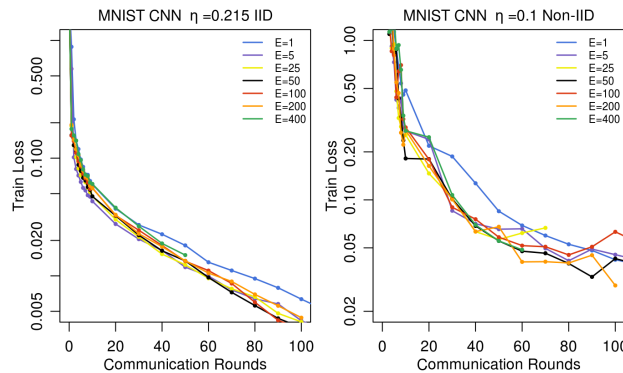


Figure 8: The effect of training for many local epochs (large E) between averaging steps, fixing $B = 10$ and $C = 0.1$. Training loss for the MNIST CNN. Note different learning rates and y -axis scales are used due to the difficulty of our pathological non-IID MNIST dataset.

Table 4: Speedups in the number of communication rounds to reach a target accuracy of 97% for FedAvg, versus FedSGD (first row) on the MNIST 2NN model.

| MNIST 2NN | E | B | u | IID | NON-IID |
|-----------|-----|----------|------|----------------------|----------------------|
| FEDSGD | 1 | ∞ | 1 | 1468 | 1817 |
| FEDAVG | 10 | ∞ | 10 | 156 (9.4 \times) | 1100 (1.7 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 1 | 50 | 12 | 144 (10.2 \times) | 1183 (1.5 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 20 | ∞ | 20 | 92 (16.0 \times) | 957 (1.9 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 1 | 10 | 60 | 92 (16.0 \times) | 831 (2.2 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 10 | 50 | 120 | 45 (32.6 \times) | 881 (2.1 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 20 | 50 | 240 | 39 (37.6 \times) | 835 (2.2 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 10 | 10 | 600 | 34 (43.2 \times) | 497 (3.7 \times) |
| FEDAVG | 20 | 10 | 1200 | 32 (45.9 \times) | 738 (2.5 \times) |

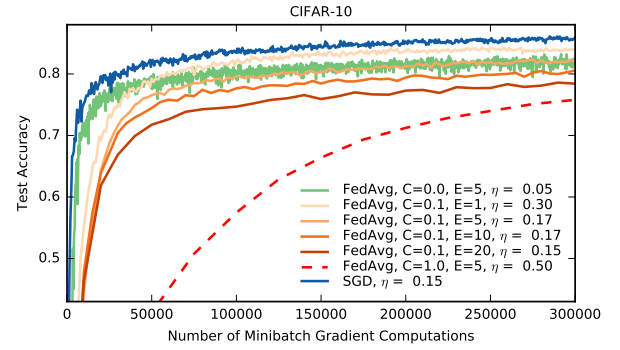


Figure 9: Test accuracy versus number of minibatch gradient computations ($B = 50$). The baseline is standard sequential SGD, as compared to FedAvg with different client fractions C (recall $C = 0$ means one client per round), and different numbers of local epochs E .

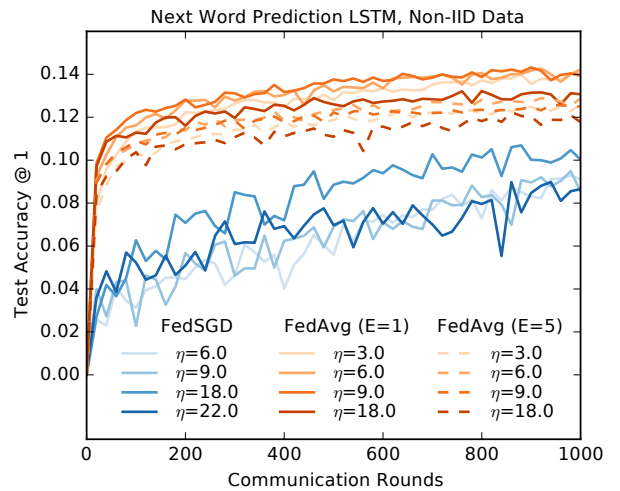


Figure 10: Learning curves for the large-scale language model word LSTM, with evaluation computed every 20 rounds. FedAvg actually performs better with fewer local epochs E (1 vs 5), and also has lower variance in accuracy across evaluation rounds compared to FedSGD.