

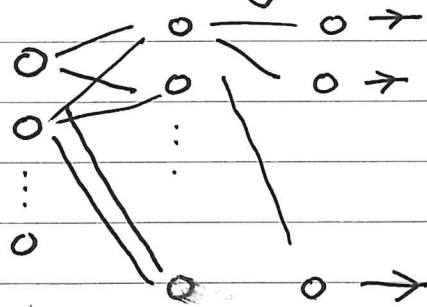
Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)

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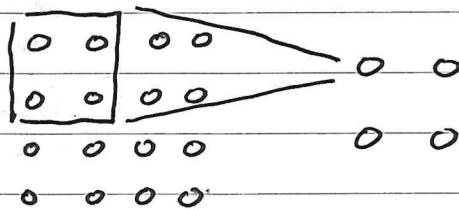
Various types of ANNs are used for many different ML tasks:

- Feed-forward neural networks (FFNN)
(a.k.a. multilayer perceptron although not necessarily step-function activation)



exp.

- Convolutional NN (CNN)



- not fully connected
- spatial structure of input
- reduced # weights
e.g. image recognition

- Recurrent NN (RNN)

- not just feed-forward
- output depends on previous cycles
=> sequential information
- used for e.g. text and speech recognition

- Other types; also for unsupervised learning. Deep Boltzmann Machines

FFNN

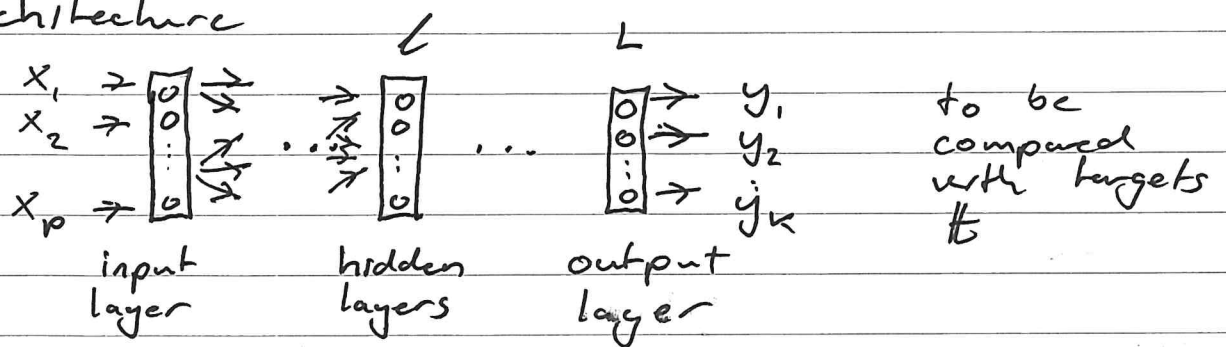
Can be described by its

1. Architecture
2. Activation rule(s)
3. Learning algorithm

Universal approximation theorems imply that ANNs are able to represent various functional relationships.

E.g. a FFNN with a single hidden layer and a finite # of neurons can approximate a continuous multiv. function to arbitrary accuracy assuming that the activation function is non-constant, bounded, monotonically increasing, continuous. (\Rightarrow non-linear)

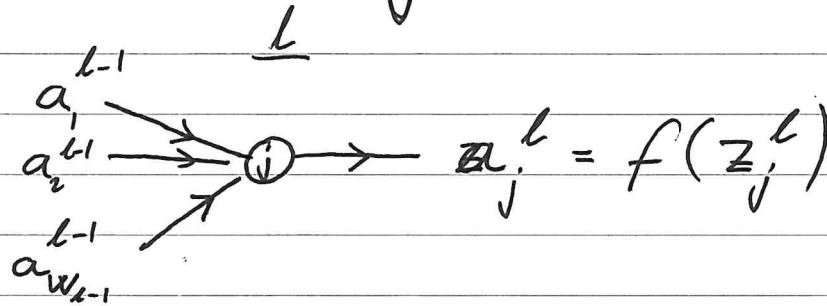
1/ Architecture



Each layer has a number of nodes / units / neurons, each with its set of weights and bias.
The width W_L of layer L

2/ Activation rule

consider a single neuron j
in hidden layer l



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outputs from W_{l-1} nodes in layer $l-1$

Note that the output a_j^l becomes
an input ~~for~~ to all nodes in
layer $(l+1)$

The activation $z_j^l = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(l)} a_i^{l-1} + b_j^l$

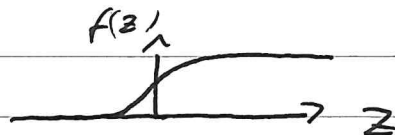
or in matrix form

$$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ [W_l \times 1]}}{z^l} = \underbrace{[W^l]^T}_{W_{l-1} \times W_l} \underbrace{a^{l-1}}_{W_{l-1} \times 1} + \underbrace{b^l}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{vector} \\ [W_l \times 1]}}$$

several different activation
functions can be considered

- Sigmoid (logit) $f(z) = \sigma(z) = \frac{e^z}{1+e^z}$

suffers from vanishing gradients \Rightarrow slow learning



- Hyperbolic tangent

$$f(z) = \tanh(z) = 2\sigma(2z) - 1$$

Both of these imply that signals will be non-zero everywhere \Rightarrow inefficient.

- Rectified Linear unit (ReLU)

$$f(z) = \max(0, z)$$

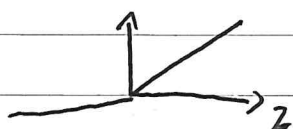


Many neurons will be quiet. Good!

But $\frac{\partial f}{\partial w} = 0$ if $z < 0$

\Rightarrow dying ReLUs

\Rightarrow Leaky ReLU



$$f(z) = \max(0, z) + \alpha \min(0, z)$$

with $\alpha \sim 0.01$

or Exponential Linear Unit (ELU)

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} z & \text{for } z \geq 0 \\ \alpha e^z - 1 & \text{for } z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Note that the output layer often has a linear activation function to give a continuous output, or softmax to give classification probabilities.

The propagation of signals through the ANN is known as feed-forward

3/ Learning algorithm

- Model (cost function)
MSE, MAE, cross-entropy
i.e. how to compare output with targets. (Physical knowledge)
- Regularization ~~prob~~ can be incorporated
- Back-propagation (using the chain rule to obtain the gradients to adjust the parameters)
- Gradient descent
 - standard SGD
 - momentum - 11-
 - AdaGrad
 - RMS prop
 - Adam

- Data

- training data
- ~~test~~ data
- validation data (adjust hyperparams)
- test data (final test of performance.
cannot be used for tuning)

Since learning is stochastic we typically feed the training data many times (feed-forward + backprop). One complete pass is known as an epoch.

The data is often split into batches doing the gradient for a batch of data.

The validation score is evaluated for each ~~test~~ epoch.

Tune # of epochs (eventually overfitting)
batch size
learning rate (monitor both training and val. scores)

Conclusion

- Scary many options...
- A physicist also wants to learn about the model itself!

Backpropagation algorithm

Backprop: Using the chain rule to obtain the gradient of the cost function w.r.t weights and biases.

Learning: E.g. with SGD; training of weights and biases

Regression example

The ANN gives n output $\{y^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$ to be compared with targets $\{t^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^n$.

The output is the output of the last layer (L): $y^{(i)} = a_i^L$

And the cost function

$$C(\Theta) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i^L - t^{(i)})^2$$

depends on all weights and biases of the network.

Consider node j in hidden layer l

$$z_j^l = \sum_i w_{ij}^l a_i^{l-1} + b_j^l \quad (\text{activation,})$$

$$a_j^l = f(z_j^l) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z_j^l}} \quad (\text{output; logistic activation})$$

Chain rule

$$\frac{\partial z_j^L}{\partial w_{ij}^L} = a_i^{L-1} \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial z_j^L}{\partial a_i^{L-1}} = w_{ij}^L$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial a_j^L}{\partial z_j^L} = \frac{\partial f(z_j^L)}{\partial z_j^L} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{logit} \\ \text{function} \end{array} \right\} = - \frac{e^{-z_j^L}}{(1+e^{-z_j^L})^2} \right.$$

$$\left. = \frac{(1+e^{-z_j^L}) - 1}{(1+e^{-z_j^L})^2} = a_j^L (1-a_j^L) \right]$$

Derivatives of the cost function

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{jk}^L} &= (q_j^L - t^{(j)}) \frac{\partial a_j^L}{\partial w_{jk}^L} \\ &= \frac{\partial a_j^L}{\partial z_j^L} \frac{\partial z_j^L}{\partial w_{jk}^L} \\ &= a_j^L (1-a_j^L) a_k^{L-1} \end{aligned}$$

Let us define

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_j^L &\equiv a_j^L (1-a_j^L) [a_j^L - t^{(j)}] \\ &= f'(z_j^L) \frac{\partial C}{\partial a_j^L} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_j^L} \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{jk}^L} = \delta_j^L \cdot a_k^{L-1}}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\frac{\partial C}{\partial b_j^L}} &= [a_j^L - t^{(j)}] \frac{\partial a_j^L}{\partial b_j^L} \\ &= \frac{\partial a_j^L}{\partial z_j^L} \frac{\partial z_j^L}{\partial b_j^L} \\ &= 1 \cdot \boxed{\delta_j^L} \\ &= [a_j^L - t^{(j)}] a_j^L (1 - a_j^L) = \delta_j^L \end{aligned}$$

Now, consider Layer l

$$\delta_j^L = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_j^L}$$

can be defined in terms of Layer $(L+1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_j^L &= \sum_k \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_k^{L+1}} \frac{\partial z_k^{L+1}}{\partial z_j^L} \\ &= \sum_k \delta_k^{L+1} \frac{\partial z_k^{L+1}}{\partial z_j^L} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$z_j^{l+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{w_l} w_{ij}^{l+1} \underbrace{a_i^l}_{= f(z_j^l)} + b_j^{l+1}$$

such that

$$\delta_j^l = \sum_k \delta_k^{l+1} w_{kj}^{l+1} f'(z_j^l)$$

Finally, we can compute all the δ_j^l quantities from the current set of weights and outputs — starting from the last layer and propagating backwards!

The SGD learning (with rate η) then implies

$$\begin{aligned} w_{jk}^l &\leftarrow w_{jk}^l - \eta \delta_j^l a_k^{l-1} \\ b_j^l &\leftarrow b_j^l - \eta \delta_j^l \end{aligned}$$