

**MOBP(X, Y, hidden, eta, gamma, max\_epochs):** trains a 2-layers MLP to fit X onto Y using momentum steepest descent backpropagation.

Args:

- $X$ : network inputs
- $Y$ : network targets
- hidden: number of hidden neurons
- $\eta$ : learning rate
- $\gamma$ : momentum factor
- max\_epochs: maximum number of allowed epochs.

Returns:

- $W^1, W^2, b^1, b^2$ : weights and biases of the connections between the input and the hidden layer and the hidden layer and the output layer.
- loss\_hist: a history of cost values of different epochs in order of increasing epoch numbers

In order to calculate the weights we will use the momentum steepest descent backpropagation algorithm as discussed in the textbook. The MSE performance index is assumed.

Particularly regarding the momentum terms, for each weight and bias a running sum  $V$  is kept and they are updated at each epoch using:

$$V_{t+1} = \gamma V_t - (1 - \gamma) \nabla_t$$

Where  $\nabla_t$  is the gradient w.r.t. that particular weight or bias at that iteration. Finally, the parameters are updated according to:

$$W_{t+1} \text{ (or } b_{t+1}) = W_t - V_{t,W} \text{ (or } b_{t+1} - V_{t,b})$$

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function [W1, W2, b1, b2, loss_hist] = MOBP(X, Y, hidden, eta, gamma, max_epochs)
    % hyperparameter and history initialization
    n_0 = size(X, 1); % number of inputs
    n_1 = hidden;
    n_2 = size(Y, 1);
    % cost history
    loss_hist = zeros([max_epochs, 1]);
    % weights and biases initialization (random between -0.5 and 0.5)
    W1 = -0.5 + randn(n_1, n_0);
    W2 = -0.5 + randn(n_2, n_1);
    b1 = -0.5 + randn(n_1, 1);
    b2 = -0.5 + randn(n_2, 1);
    % momentum running sums
    V_W1 = 0;
    V_W2 = 0;
    V_b1 = 0;
    V_b2 = 0;
    [~, Q] = size(X);
    for i=1:max_epochs
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% FORWARD PASS
% 1. First Layer
n1 = W1*X + b1;
a1 = logsig(n1);
% 2. Second Layer
n2 = W2*a1 + b2;
a2 = purelin(n2);
% ERROR CALCULATION
error = Y - a2;
% BACKWARD PASS
% Calculating Sensitivities
S2 = 2*error;
S1 = a1.*(1-a1).*(W2'*S2);
% Calculating Weight and Bias Updates
dW1 = S1*X'*eta;
db1 = S1*ones(Q,1)*eta;
dW2 = S2*a1'*eta;
db2 = S2*ones(Q,1)*eta;
% Updating Momentum Terms
V_W1 = gamma*V_W1 - (1-gamma)*dW1;
V_W2 = gamma*V_W2 - (1-gamma)*dW2;
V_b1 = gamma*V_b1 - (1-gamma)*db1;
V_b2 = gamma*V_b2 - (1-gamma)*db2;
% Updating Weights and Biases
W1 = W1 - V_W1;
W2 = W2 - V_W2;
b1 = b1 - V_b1;
b2 = b2 - V_b2;
loss_hist(i) = mean(error.^2, "all");
if mod(i,5) == 0
    fprintf('Loss at the end of epoch %d: %f\n', i, loss_hist(i));
end
end
end

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