Problem Solutions

e-Chapter 7

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Problem 7.1

To solve this problem, we first begin by separating the positive decision region into two components : the lower one corresponding to $x_2 \in [-1, 1]$ and the upper one corresponding to $x_2 \in [1, 2]$. To define the decision region, we need 7 perceptrons, namely

$$h_1(x) = \text{sign}(x_2 - 2),\ h_2(x) = \text{sign}(x_2 - 1),\ h_3(x) = \text{sign}(x_2 + 1),$$

for the horizontal lines, and

$$h_4(x) = \text{sign}(x_1 + 2),\ h_5(x) = \text{sign}(x_1 + 1),\ h_6(x) = \text{sign}(x_1 - 1),\ h_7(x) = \text{sign}(x_1 - 2)$$

for the vertical lines. We are now able to define the lower decision region by $\overline{h_2}h_3h_4\overline{h_7}$, and the upper decision region by $\overline{h_1}h_2h_5\overline{h_6}$, which means that the total decision region is defined by

$$f = \overline{h_2}h_3h_4\overline{h_7} + \overline{h_1}h_2h_5\overline{h_6}$$

which actually characterizes a 3-layer perceptron.

Problem 7.2

(a) Let x and x' be two points from the same region. If we consider a set of M hyperplanes defined by $\{x : w_i^T x = 0\}$, we have that

$$(\text{sign}(w_1^T x), \cdots, \text{sign}(w_M^T x)) = (\text{sign}(w_1^T x'), \cdots, \text{sign}(w_M^T x'));$$

or put more simply that $\text{sign}(w_i^T x) = \text{sign}(w_i^T x') = s_i$ for $i = 1, \cdots, M$ where $s_i = \pm 1$. We begin by the case where $s_i = 1$. Here, we know that $w_i^T x > 0$ and $w_i^T x' > 0$, consequently we have that, for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$,

$$w_i^T(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x') = \lambda w_i^T x + (1 - \lambda)w_i^T x' > 0$$

and

$$\text{sign}(w_i^T(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x')) = 1.$$

Now, we consider the case where $s_i = -1$. Here, we know that $w_i^T x < 0$ and $w_i^T x' < 0$, consequently we have that, for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$,

$$w_i^T(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x') = \lambda w_i^T x + (1 - \lambda)w_i^T x' < 0$$

and

$$\text{sign}(w_i^T(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)x')) = -1.$$

So, in conclusion, the region is actually convex.

(b) A region is defined as the following set

$$\{x : (\text{sign}(w_1^T x), \cdots, \text{sign}(w_M^T x)) = (s_1, \cdots, s_M); s_i \in \{-1, 1\}\};$$

thus a region is characterized by a particular M-uple $(s_1, \cdots, s_M)$. Since there are at most 2^M of such M-uples, we have at most 2^M different regions.

(c) Let $B(N, d)$ be the maximum number of regions created by M hyperplanes in d-dimensional space. Now, consider adding an $(M + 1)$th hyperplane; this hyperplane can obviously be viewed as a $(d - 1)$-dimensional space, so if we project the initial M hyperplanes into this space, we obtain M hyperplanes in a $(d-1)$-dimensional space. These hyperplanes can create at most $B(M, d-1)$ regions in this space, and for each of these regions, we get two regions in the original d-dimensional space. Thus, this means that the $(M+1)$th hyperplane intersects at most $B(M, d-1)$ of the regions created by the M hyperplanes in the d-dimensional space, and so

$$B(M+1, d) \leq B(M, d) + B(M, d-1).$$

Now, we will prove that

$$B(M, d) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{d} \binom{M}{i}$$

by induction. We begin by evaluating the boundary conditions, we have

$$B(M, 1) = M + 1 \leq \sum_{i=0}^{1} \binom{M}{i} = \binom{M}{0} + \binom{M}{1} = M + 1$$

for all M, and

$$B(1, d) = 2 \leq \sum_{i=0}^{d} \binom{1}{i} = \binom{1}{0} + \binom{1}{1} = 2$$

for all d. Now, we assume the statement is true for $M = M_0$ and all d, we will prove that the statement is still true for $M = M_0 + 1$ and all d. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
B(M_0+1, d) &\leq B(M_0, d) + B(M_0, d-1) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=0}^{d} \binom{M_0}{i} + \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \binom{M_0}{i} \\
&= \binom{M_0}{0} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} \binom{M_0}{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{d} \binom{M_0}{i-1} \\
&= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{d} \underbrace{\left[\binom{M_0}{i} + \binom{M_0}{i-1} \right]}_{=\binom{M_0+1}{i}} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^{d} \binom{M_0+1}{i}.
\end{aligned}$$

We have thus proved the induction step, so the statement is true for all M and d.

Problem 7.3

We begin by proving the following equivalence relation

$$h_m(x) = c_m \Leftrightarrow h_m^{c_m}(x) = +1.$$

The condition is necessary because if $c_m = +1$, we have

$$h_m^{c_m}(x) = h_m(x) = c_m = +1;$$

and if $c_m = -1$, we have

$$h_m^{c_m}(x) = \overline{h}_m(x) = \overline{c}_m = +1.$$

Now the condition is also sufficient because if $c_m = +1$, we have

$$+1 = h_m^{c_m}(x) = h_m(x),$$

which means that $h_m(x) = +1 = c_m$; and if $c_m = -1$, we have

$$+1 = h_m^{c_m}(x) = \overline{h}_m(x),$$

which implies that $h_m(x) = -1 = c_m$.

Now we are able to write that

$$\begin{array}{cc} & x \in r \\ \Leftrightarrow & (h_1(x), \cdots, h_M(x)) = (c_1, \cdots, c_M) \\ \Leftrightarrow & h_m^{c_m}(x) = +1, \ \forall m \\ \Leftrightarrow & \prod_{m=1}^M h_m^{c_m}(x) = +1 \\ \Leftrightarrow & t_r(x) = +1. \end{array}$$

The above relation also implies that

$$x \notin r \Leftrightarrow t_r(x) = -1.$$

Now if x is in a positive region ($f(x) = +1$), we know that there exists i such that $x \in r_i$, and consequently that $t_{r_i}(x) = +1$ which means that

$$t_{r_1}(x) + \cdots + t_{r_k}(x) = +1 = f(x).$$

And if x is in a negative region ($f(x) = -1$), we know that $x \notin r_i$ for all i, so $t_{r_i}(x) = -1$ for all i which means that

$$t_{r_1}(x) + \cdots + t_{r_k}(x) = -1 = f(x).$$

Problem 7.4

Since $f = t_{r_1} + \cdots + t_{r_k}$, we may write that

$$f = \text{sign}(k - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^k t_{r_i}),$$

which characterizes the penultimate layer of our perceptron. For the layer before, we have that $t_{r_i} = h_1^{c_1^{(i)}} \cdots h_M^{c_M^{(i)}}$, and consequently

$$t_{r_i} = \text{sign}(-M + \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^M h_m^{c_m^{(i)}});$$

moreover, the previous layer may be characterized with

$$h_m^{c_m^{(i)}} = \text{sign}(c_m^{(i)} w_m^T x).$$

Putting all this together, we obtain the following characterization of a 3-layer perceptron

$$f = \text{sign}(k - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^k \text{sign}(-M + \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^M \text{sign}(c_m^{(i)} w_m^T x)))$$

whose structure is given by $[d, kM, k, 1]$.

Problem 7.5

First, we decompose the unit hypercube $[0,1]^d$ into $1/\epsilon^d$ ϵ-hypercubes (hypercube whose sides have length equal to ϵ), thus we get a grid-like structure of our unit hypercube. Now, if we consider a decision region (which may be composed by disconnected regions) whose boundary surfaces are smooth, this decision region partition the unit hypercube into two regions : one labelled $+1$ and one labelled -1. We now have k_ϵ ϵ-hypercubes labelled $+1$ which are formed by $2d$ hyperplanes each defined by $h_m^{(i)} = \text{sign}(w_m^{(i),T} x)$ where $m = 1, \cdots, 2d$ and $i = 1, \cdots, k_\epsilon$. So, the first layer whose task is to activate the hyperplanes involved in the positive ϵ-hypercubes is characterized by

$$h_m^{(i)} = \text{sign}(w_m^{(i),T} x).$$

Now to activate the positive ϵ-hypercubes H_i themselves we characterize the second layer by

$$t_{H_i} = (h_1^{(i)})^{c_1^{(i)}} \cdots (h_{2d}^{(i)})^{c_{2d}^{(i)}},$$

where the $c_m^{(i)}$ are defined as in Problem 7.3 and 7.4; or

$$t_{H_i} = \text{sign}(-2d + \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{2d} (h_m^{(i)})^{c_m^{(i)}}).$$

And finally to activate all the positive ϵ-hypercubes, we define the MLP output h by

$$h = t_{H_1} + \cdots + t_{H_{k_\epsilon}};$$

or

$$h = \text{sign}(k_\epsilon - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_\epsilon} t_{H_i}).$$

Putting all this together, we obtain the following characterization of a 3-layer perceptron

$$h = \text{sign}(k_\epsilon - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{k_\epsilon} \text{sign}(-2d + \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{m=1}^{2d} \text{sign}(c_m^{(i)} w_m^{(i),T} x))).$$

Now, it remains to see that the above MLP can aribtrarily closely approximate the initial positive decision region D_+ (and consequently the negative decision region also); to do so, we first note that

$$\text{Vol}(H_i) = \epsilon^d \to 0 \text{ and } k_\epsilon \to \infty$$

when $\epsilon \to 0$. So, the ϵ-hypercubes can be made arbitrarily small, which obviously means that the total volume of the positive ϵ-hypercubes can be made arbitrarily close to the volume of the positive decision region (because of its smoothness). Mathematically, we may write that

$$\text{Vol}(H_1 \cup \cdots \cup H_{k_\epsilon}) = \sum_{i=1}^{k_\epsilon} \epsilon^d \to \text{Vol}(D_+)$$

when $\epsilon \to 0$. This means that the region where our 3-layer perceptron will output $+1$ (resp. -1) converges to the positive (resp. negative) decision region in our unit hypercube.

Problem 7.6

For a specific layer l, if we replace the weight $w_{ij}^{(l)}$ with $w_{ij}^{(l)} + \epsilon$, we need to recompute the corresponding node output of that layer and also the node outputs for the subsequent layers (which are the ones numbered from $l+1$ to L). Consequently, for each weight $w_{ij}^{(l)}$, we have

$$\sum_{k=l+1}^{L} d^{(l)}(d^{(l-1)} + 1) + 1 + \sum_{k=l+1}^{L} d^{(l)}$$

multiplications and θ-evaluations respectively; this means that the computational complexity of obtaining the partial derivatives is overall equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
&2\underbrace{\sum_{l=1}^{L} d^{(l)}(d^{(l-1)}+1)}_{=|W|}\left(\sum_{k=l+1}^{L} d^{(l)}(d^{(l-1)}+1)+1+\sum_{k=l+1}^{L} d^{(l)}\right) \\
\leq\quad & 2|W|\left(\underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{L} d^{(l)}(d^{(l-1)}+1)}_{=|W|}+1+\sum_{k=1}^{L}\underbrace{d^{(l)}}_{\leq d^{(l)}(d^{(l-1)}+1)}\right) \\
\leq\quad & 2|W|(2|W|+1)=O(|W|^2)
\end{aligned}$$

since we need to compute the derivatives corresponding to $w_{ij}^{(l)}+\epsilon$ and also to $w_{ij}^{(l)}-\epsilon$.

Problem 7.7

(a) We know that

$$E_{in}=\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}||y_i-\hat{y}_i||^2,$$

and also that

$$(Y-\hat{Y})(Y-\hat{Y})^T=\begin{pmatrix} y_1^T-\hat{y}_1^T \\ \vdots \\ y_N^T-\hat{y}_N^T \end{pmatrix}(y_1-\hat{y}_1,\cdots,y_N-\hat{y}_N)=\begin{pmatrix} ||y_1-\hat{y}_1||^2 & * & * \\ * & \ddots & * \\ * & * & ||y_N-\hat{y}_N||^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Consequently, we get that

$$E_{in}=\frac{1}{N}\text{trace}((Y-\hat{Y})(Y-\hat{Y})^T).$$

(b) We may write that

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{in} &= \frac{1}{N}\text{trace}(YY^T-ZVY^Y-YV^TZ^T+ZVV^TZ^T) \\
&= \frac{1}{N}\text{trace}(YY^T-2ZVY^T+ZVV^TZ^T),
\end{aligned}$$

since $\text{trace}(A)=\text{trace}(A^T)$. We are now ready to compute the derivatives, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E_{in}}{\partial V} &= \frac{1}{N}(-2\underbrace{\frac{\partial\text{trace}(ZVY^T)}{\partial V}}_{=Z^TY}+\underbrace{\frac{\partial\text{trace}(ZVV^TZ^T)}{\partial V}}_{=Z^TZV+Z^TZV=2Z^TZV}) \\
&= \frac{1}{N}(2Z^TZV-2Z^TY),
\end{aligned}$$

because of the following identities

$$\frac{\partial\text{trace}(AXB)}{\partial X}=A^TB^T \text{ and } \frac{\partial\text{trace}(AXX^TB)}{\partial X}=BAX+A^TB^TX.$$

We also have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& E_{in} \\
= \quad & \frac{1}{N}\text{trace}(YY^T - 2(V_0 + \theta(XW)V_1)Y^T + (V_0 + \theta(XW)V_1)(V_0^T + V_1^T\theta(XW)^T) \\
= \quad & \frac{1}{N}\text{trace}(YY^T - 2V_0Y^T - 2\theta(XW)V_1Y^T + V_0V_0^T + V_0V_1^T\theta(XW)^T + \theta(XW)V_1V_0^T + \theta(XW)V_1V_1^T\theta(XW)^T) \\
= \quad & \frac{1}{N}\text{trace}(YY^T - 2V_0Y^T - 2\theta(XW)V_1Y^T + V_0V_0^T + 2\theta(XW)V_1V_0^T + V_1V_1^T\theta(XW)^T\theta(XW)),
\end{aligned}
$$

since the trace can be permuted in a cycle and $\text{trace}(A) = \text{trace}(A^T)$. The other derivative may be written as

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\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E_{in}}{\partial W} &= \frac{1}{N}(-2\frac{\partial \text{trace}(\theta(XW)V_1Y^T)}{\partial W} + 2\frac{\partial \text{trace}(\theta(XW)V_1V_0^T)}{\partial W} + \frac{\partial \text{trace}(V_1V_1^T\theta(XW)^T\theta(XW))}{\partial W}) \\
&= \frac{1}{N}(-2X^T\theta'(XW) \otimes YV_1^T + 2X^T\theta'(XW) \otimes V_0V_1^T + X^T(\theta'(XW) \otimes [\theta(XW)2V_1V_1^T]) \\
&= 2X^T[\theta'(XW) \otimes (-YV_1^T + V_0V_1^T + \theta(XW)V_1V_1^T)]
\end{aligned}
$$

because of the following identities

$$
\frac{\partial \text{trace}(\theta(BX)A)}{\partial X} = B^T\theta'(BX) \otimes A^T \text{ and } \frac{\partial \text{trace}(A\theta(BX)^T\theta(BX))}{\partial X} = B^T[\theta'(BX) \otimes (\theta(BX)(A + A^T))].
$$

Problem 7.8

(a) By hypothesis, we know that $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3\}$ with $\eta_1 < \eta_2 < \eta_3$ is an U-arrangement which means that

$$
E(\eta_2) < \min\{E(\eta_1), E(\eta_3)\}.
$$

Since $E(\eta)$ is a quadratic curve, we know that it is decreasing (resp. increasing) to the left (resp. right) of its minimum $\bar{\eta}$. So if we assume that $\bar{\eta} < \eta_1$, we get that $E(\eta_1) \leq E(\eta_2) \leq E(\eta_3)$ which is impossible by definition of an U-arrangement; and if we assume that $\bar{\eta} > \eta_3$, we get that $E(\eta_1) \geq E(\eta_2) \geq E(\eta_3)$ which is also impossible by definition of an U-arrangement. Consequently, we have $\bar{\eta} \in [\eta_1, \eta_3]$.

(b) First, we solve the linear system in a, b, and c below

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\begin{cases}
E(\eta_1) &= a\eta_1^2 + b\eta_1 + c = e_1 \\
E(\eta_2) &= a\eta_2^2 + b\eta_2 + c = e_2 \\
E(\eta_3) &= a\eta_3^2 + b\eta_3 + c = e_3
\end{cases}.
$$

Let D be the determinant of the system, which is

$$
D = \begin{vmatrix} \eta_1^2 & \eta_1 & 1 \\ \eta_2^2 & \eta_2 & 1 \\ \eta_3^2 & \eta_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix},
$$

where $D \neq 0$ since $\eta_1 < \eta_2 < \eta_3$; now we easily get that

$$
a = \begin{vmatrix} e_1 & \eta_1 & 1 \\ e_2 & \eta_2 & 1 \\ e_3 & \eta_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} / D = \frac{(e_1 - e_2)(\eta_1 - \eta_3) - (e_1 - e_3)(\eta_1 - \eta_2)}{D}
$$

and

$$b = \begin{vmatrix} \eta_1^2 & e_1 & 1 \\ \eta_2^2 & e_2 & 1 \\ \eta_3^2 & e_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} /D = \frac{-(e_1 - e_2)(\eta_1^2 - \eta_3^2) + (e_1 - e_3)(\eta_1^2 - \eta_2^2)}{D}.$$

Since the minimum of such a quadratic function is given by $-b/2a$, we finally get

$$\bar{\eta} = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{(e_1 - e_2)(\eta_1^2 - \eta_3^2) - (e_1 - e_3)(\eta_1^2 - \eta_2^2)}{(e_1 - e_2)(\eta_1 - \eta_3) - (e_1 - e_3)(\eta_1 - \eta_2)}\right].$$

(c) We enumerate the four cases below.

1. If $\bar{\eta} < \eta_2$:
   - If $E(\bar{\eta}) < E(\eta_2)$, then $\{\eta_1, \bar{\eta}, \eta_2\}$ is a new U-arrangement.
   - If $E(\bar{\eta}) > E(\eta_2)$, then $\{\bar{\eta}, \eta_2, \eta_3\}$ is a new U-arrangement.
2. If $\bar{\eta} > \eta_2$:
   - If $E(\bar{\eta}) < E(\eta_2)$, then $\{\eta_2, \bar{\eta}, \eta_3\}$ is a new U-arrangement.
   - If $E(\bar{\eta}) > E(\eta_2)$, then $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \bar{\eta}\}$ is a new U-arrangement.

(d) If $\bar{\eta} = \eta_2$, by continuity we are always able to find another η_2' close to η_2 such that

$$E(\eta_2') < \min\{E(\eta_1), E(\eta_3)\}.$$

In this case, we can use this new η_2' in place of η_2 and proceed with the algorithm.

Problem 7.9

(a) Since w is uniformly sampled in the unit cube, we may write that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[E(w) \leq E(w^*) + \epsilon] &= \mathbb{P}\left[\frac{1}{2}(w - w^*)^T H (w - w^*) \leq \epsilon\right] \\ &= \int_{(w-w^*)^T H (w-w^*) \leq 2\epsilon} dw_1 \cdots dw_d \\ &= \int_{x^T H x \leq 2\epsilon} \underbrace{|\det \frac{\partial w}{\partial x}|}_{=1} dx_1 \cdots dx_d \end{aligned}$$

where we have made the change of variables $x = w - w^*$. As H is positive definite and symmetric, we know that there exists an orthogonal matrix A such that $H = A\mathrm{diag}(\lambda_1^2, \cdots, \lambda_d^2)A^T$. Thus, if we use $y = A^T x$ as a change of variables, we now get that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[E(w) \leq E(w^*) + \epsilon] &= \int_{x^T H x \leq 2\epsilon} dx_1 \cdots dx_d \\ &= \int_{y^T \mathrm{diag}(\lambda_1^2, \cdots, \lambda_d^2) y \leq 2\epsilon} \underbrace{|\det \frac{\partial x}{\partial y}|}_{=|A|=1} dy_1 \cdots dy_d. \end{aligned}$$

We now use a third change of variables $z = \mathrm{diag}(\lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_d)y$, in this case we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[E(w) \leq E(w^*) + \epsilon] &= \int_{y^T \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1^2, \cdots, \lambda_d^2) y \leq 2\epsilon} dy_1 \cdots dy_d \\
&= \int_{z^T z \leq 2\epsilon} \underbrace{|\det \frac{\partial y}{\partial z}|}_{= \frac{1}{|\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_d|} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det H}}} dz_1 \cdots dz_d \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det H}} \int_{z^T z \leq 2\epsilon} dz_1 \cdots dz_d = \frac{S_d(2\epsilon)}{\sqrt{\det H}}.
\end{aligned}
$$

(b) It is clear that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[E(w_{min}) > E(w^*) + \epsilon] &= \mathbb{P}[(E(w_1) > E(w^*) + \epsilon) \cap \cdots \cap (E(w_N) > E(w^*) + \epsilon)] \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^{N} \mathbb{P}[E(w_1) > E(w^*) + \epsilon] \\
&= (1 - \mathbb{P}[E(w_1) \leq E(w^*) + \epsilon])^N \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{S_d(2\epsilon)}{\sqrt{\det H}}\right)^N.
\end{aligned}
$$

We may write that

$$
S_d(2\epsilon) = \frac{\pi^{d/2}(2\epsilon^d)}{\Gamma(d/2+1)} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} \left(\frac{8e\pi}{d}\right)^{d/2} \epsilon^d,
$$

moreover, we also have that

$$
\bar{\lambda}^d = \det H.
$$

Consequently, we may write that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[E(w_{min}) > E(w^*) + \epsilon] &= \left(1 - \frac{S_d(2\epsilon)}{\sqrt{\det H}}\right)^N \\
&\approx \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{8e\pi}{\bar{\lambda}}\right)^{d/2}}_{\approx \mu^d} \left(\frac{\epsilon^d}{d^{d/2}}\right)\right)^N \\
&\approx \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} \left(\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}}\right)^d\right)^N.
\end{aligned}
$$

(c) From point (b), we know that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[E(w_{min}) > E(w^*) + \epsilon] &\approx \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} \left(\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}}\right)^d\right)^N \\
&\approx e^{N \ln(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} (\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}})^d)} \\
&\approx e^{-N \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} (\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}})^d} \\
&\approx e^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}} \log \eta}
\end{aligned}
$$

because we have

$$-N\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}}\left(\frac{\mu\epsilon}{\sqrt{d}}\right)^d \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}}\log\eta.$$

In conclusion, we get that

$$\mathbb{P}[E(w_{min}) > E(w^*) + \epsilon] \approx \eta^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi d}}} \geq \eta$$

since $0 \leq \eta \leq 1$; thus we may now write that

$$\mathbb{P}[E(w_{min}) \leq E(w^*) + \epsilon] \leq 1 - \eta.$$

Problem 7.10

If we initialize all weights to 0, we have $W^{(l)} = 0$ for $l = 1, \cdots, L$. Consequently, we have that

$$s^{(l)} = (W^{(l)})^T x^{(l-1)} = 0$$

as well; so we get

$$x^{(l)} = \theta(s^{(l)}) = \theta(0) = \tanh(0) = 0$$

for $l = 1, \cdots, L$. This impacts the gradient in the following way, we may write

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial W^{(l)}} = x^{(l-1)}(\delta^{(l)})^T = 0$$

for $l = 2, \cdots, L$. To see what happens when $l = 1$, we first note that

$$\delta_j^{(1)} = \theta'(s_j^{(1)})\sum_{k=1}^{d^{(2)}} \underbrace{w_{jk}^{(2)}}_{=0}\delta_k^{(2)} = 0$$

for all j; which means that $\partial e/\partial W^{(1)} = 0$. In conclusion, we have in this case that

$$\frac{\partial E_{in}}{\partial W^{(l)}} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_n \frac{\partial e_n}{\partial W^{(l)}} = 0$$

for $l = 1, \cdots, L$. If we use gradient descent to update the weights, we have that

$$W^{(l)} \leftarrow W^{(l)} - \eta\frac{\partial E_{in}}{\partial W^{(l)}} = W^{(l)};$$

and if we use stochastic gradient descent to update the weights, we have that

$$W^{(l)} \leftarrow W^{(l)} - \eta\frac{\partial e_n}{\partial W^{(l)}} = W^{(l)}.$$

In each case, the weights remain constant (equal to 0) which is actually something we do not want when we are searching for an optimum.

Problem 7.12

From Problem 7.11, the gradient descent update step may be written as

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta H(w_t - w^*);$$

if we substract w^* from both sides, we see that

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\begin{aligned}
(w_{t+1} - w^*) &= (w_t - w^*) - \eta_t H(w_t - w^*) \\
\Leftrightarrow \qquad \epsilon_{t+1} &= \epsilon_t - \eta_t H \epsilon_t \\
\Leftrightarrow \qquad \epsilon_{t+1} &= (I - \eta_t H)\epsilon_t
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\epsilon_t = w_t - w^*$. Since H is symmetric, one can form an orthonormal basis with its eigenvectors. Projecting ϵ_t and ϵ_{t+1} onto this basis, we see that in this basis, each component decouples from the others, and letting $\epsilon(\alpha)$ be the αth component in this basis, we see that

$$
\epsilon_{t+1}(\alpha) = (1 - \eta_t \lambda_\alpha)\epsilon_t(\alpha)
$$

where λ_α is a positive eigenvalue of H (which is positive definite). Now, by proceeding recursively and by using the Taylor expansion, we are able to write that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\epsilon_{t+1}(\alpha) &= \epsilon_1(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^{t} (1 - \eta_i \lambda_\alpha) \\
&= \epsilon_1(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^{t} e^{\ln(1 - \eta_i \lambda_\alpha)} \\
&= \epsilon_1(\alpha) e^{\sum_{i=1}^{t} \ln(1 - \eta_i \lambda_\alpha)} \\
&\approx \epsilon_1(\alpha) e^{\sum_{i=1}^{t} (-\eta_i \lambda_\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_\alpha^2 \eta_i^2)} \\
&\approx \epsilon_1(\alpha) e^{-\lambda_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{t} \eta_i - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_\alpha^2 \sum_{i=1}^{t} \eta_i^2}
\end{aligned}
$$

since $\eta_t \to 0$, we have that $1 - \eta_t \lambda_\alpha > 0$. However, since $\sum_t \eta_t = +\infty$ and $\sum_t \eta_t^2 < \infty$, we get that

$$
e^{-\lambda_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{t} \eta_i} \to 0 \text{ and } e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_\alpha^2 \sum_{i=1}^{t} \eta_i^2} \leq C,
$$

which gives us

$$
\prod_{i=1}^{t} (1 - \eta_i \lambda_\alpha) \approx \underbrace{e^{-\lambda_\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{t} \eta_i}}_{\to 0} \underbrace{e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda_\alpha^2 \sum_{i=1}^{t} \eta_i^2}}_{\leq C} \to 0.
$$

In conclusion, we have that

$$
w_{t+1}(\alpha) - w^*(\alpha) = \epsilon_1(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^{t} (1 - \eta_i \lambda_\alpha) \to 0
$$

for all α.

Problem 7.13

(a) In general, the finite difference approximation to the first order partial derivatives of a function $f(x, y)$ is given by

$$
\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \approx \frac{f(x+h, y) - f(x-h, y)}{2h}
$$

and

$$
\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \approx \frac{f(x, y+h) - f(x, y-h)}{2h}.
$$

If we apply the same idea to the function $E(w_1, w_2)$, we get

$$
\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1} \approx \frac{E(w_1 + h, w_2) - E(w_1 - h, w_2)}{2h}
$$

and

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_2} \approx \frac{E(w_1, w_2 + h) - E(w_1, w_2 - h)}{2h}.$$

If we consider now the second order partial derivatives, we may write that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial w_1^2} &\approx \frac{\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1}(w_1 + h, w_2) - \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1}(w_1 - h, w_2)}{2h} \\
&\approx \frac{\frac{E(w_1+2h, w_2) - E(w_1, w_2)}{2h} - \frac{E(w_1, w_2) - E(w_1 - 2h, w_2)}{2h}}{2h} \\
&\approx \frac{E(w_1 + 2h, w_2) + E(w_1 - 2h, w_2) - 2E(w_1, w_2)}{4h^2};
\end{aligned}$$

and, by the same reasoning, that

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial w_2^2} \approx \frac{E(w_1, w_2 + 2h) + E(w_1, w_2 - 2h) - 2E(w_1, w_2)}{4h^2}.$$

It remains to compute the last second order partial derivative, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial w_1 \partial w_2} &\approx \frac{\frac{E(w_1+h, w_2+h) - E(w_1-h, w_2+h)}{2h} - \frac{E(w_1+h, w_2-h) - E(w_1-h, w_2-h)}{2h}}{2h} \\
&\approx \frac{E(w_1 + h, w_2 + h) + E(w_1 - h, w_2 - h) - E(w_1 + h, w_2 - h) - E(w_1 - h, w_2 + h)}{4h^2}.
\end{aligned}$$