

GROUP2505 – Log-likelihood analysis for Restricted Boltzmann Machines

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INTRODUCTION

The main goal of this assignment is to explore how the performance of an RBM changes as the hyperparameters of the model changes using the MNIST database.

Restricted Boltzmann Machines (RBM) are a powerful kind of generative models designed to accomplish training processes relatively fast. In RBMs, a set of binary visible units i of state v_i is symmetrically connected to a set of binary hidden units j of state h_j ; the continuous weight w_{ij} quantifies the strength between units i and j . RBMs use an energy function to define the probability distribution over the input data. In the training process the energy of the configuration is minimized by adjusting the parameters θ . The most common training algorithm is contrastive divergence which allows to approximate the gradient of the likelihood to update the parameters. During the process a cyclic Gibbs sampling is performed setting the visible units given the hidden ones and vice versa, according to the following probabilities:

$$p(h_j = 1 \mid \mathbf{v}) = \sigma(b_j + \sum_i v_i w_{ij}) \quad (1)$$

$$p(v_i = 1 \mid \mathbf{h}) = \sigma(a_i + \sum_j h_j w_{ij}) \quad (2)$$

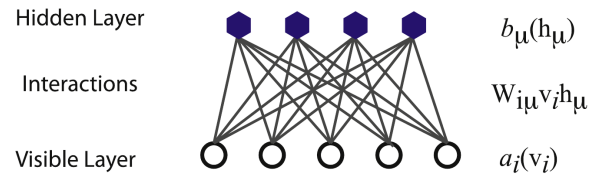


FIG. 1. A Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) is made up of visible units, denoted as v_i , and hidden units, represented as h_μ . These units engage with one another through interactions characterized by the expression $W_{i\mu}v_ih_\mu$. Notably, there are no direct interactions among the visible units or among the hidden units themselves.

where $\sigma(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$ is the logistic sigmoid function, a_i is the bias of the i -th visible unit and b_j is the bias of the j -th hidden unit; they act shifting the sigmoid function $\sigma(x)$. The absence of links among units of the same type simplifies the training process. Moreover, the number of iterations of (1a) and (1b) can be set to 1 if real data is used to fix \mathbf{v} in the first place.

The goodness of the models is evaluated by computing the log-likelihood of the data.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M l_{\theta}(x^{(m)}) \quad (3)$$

$$l_{\theta}(x^{(m)}) = \log \sum_z e^{-E(x,z)} - \log Z \quad (4)$$

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In this introduction, you should describe the main topic in general terms, introducing what you want to discover, why, and which methods you use do perform this study. There could also be citations like this [1] to papers, websites, etc. forming the list of references that

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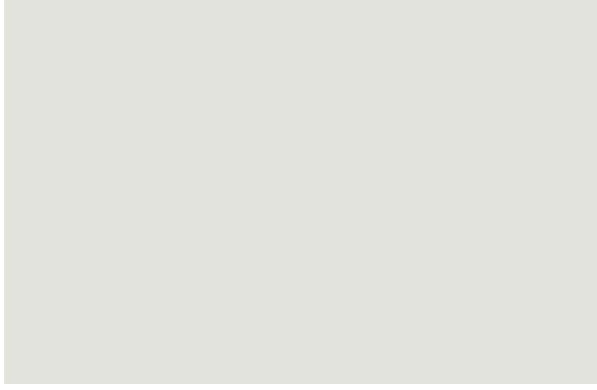


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CONCLUSIONS

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