

Universal approximation theorem

Let $\varphi(\cdot)$ be a non-constant, bounded, and monotonically increasing function. Let I_{m_0} denote the m_0 -dimension unit hypercube $[0, 1]^{m_0}$.

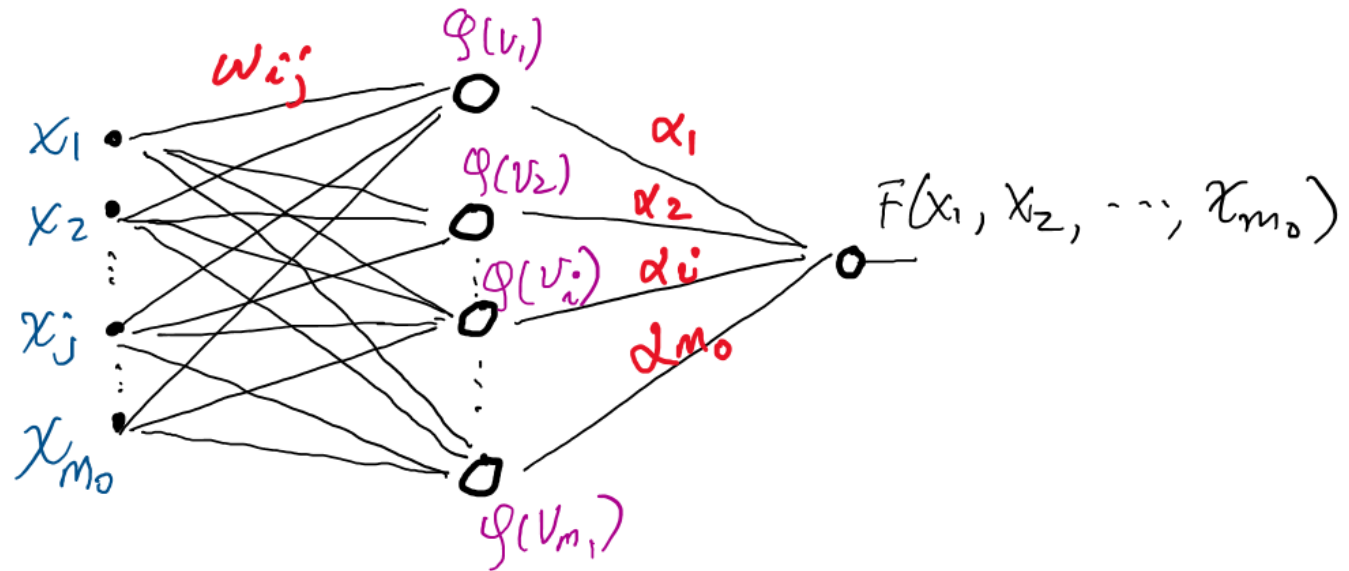
The space of continuous functions on I_{m_0} is denoted by $C(I_{m_0})$. Then given any function $f \in C(I_{m_0})$, and $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists an integer m_1 , and sets of real constants α_i, b_i , and w_{ij} , where $i = 1, \dots, m_1$, and $j = 1, 2, \dots, m_0$ such that we may define

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_{m_0}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \alpha_i \varphi \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_0} w_{ij} x_j + b_i \right)$$

as an approximate realization of the function $f(\cdot)$; that is

$$|F(x_1, \dots, x_{m_0}) - f(x_1, \dots, x_{m_0})| < \varepsilon$$

for all x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m_0} lie in the input space.



$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x_1, \dots, x_{m_0}) &= \alpha_1 \varphi(v_1) + \alpha_2 \varphi(v_2) + \dots + \alpha_i \varphi(v_i) + \dots + \alpha_{m_1} \varphi(v_{m_1}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \alpha_i \cdot \varphi(v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \alpha_i \cdot \varphi \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_0} w_{ij} x_j + b_i \right)
 \end{aligned}$$