Deep Learning 101

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Outline of tutorial part I

- Machine learning principles
- Why deep learning?
- Neural networks:
 - o Components, training
 - Fully Connected / Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)
 - Convolutional neural networks
- Build your own model in tensorflow!

A bit of definitions

Machine Learning (ML):

- Relying on data analysis to automate model building
- Model learns from data, extracts patterns, and makes some 'prediction'
- E.g. SVM, Random Forest, KNN, Deep learning....

Deep Learning:

- Subgroup of ML based on artificial neural networks
- Strongly rely on "pattern" extraction / representation learning

Learning can be supervised, unsupervised, or semi-supervised.

Some Machine Learning principles

3 main "components":

- Data
- Machine or model
- Criterion (learning and evaluation)

Goal: Automatically extract relevant information from the data that *generalize* well to infer on new data ('test' or evaluation data from similar distribution, but different from training examples)

Learn a model on training data to optimize some criterion, then infer on test data.

Supervised Learning

Training data is composed of

- Examples (inputs)
- 'Targets' --or label(s)-- (i.e outputs) for each example.

E.g. image classification.

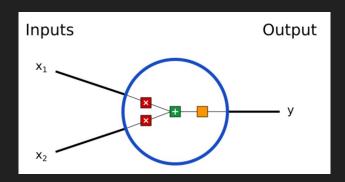
Different type of targets => different learning problem:

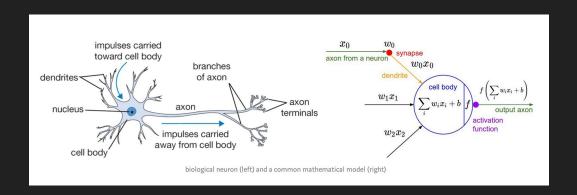
- Limited set of values, categorical: classification (multi-class, multi-label,...)
- Continuous values : regression
- Other type e.g. noisy targets, weak supervision etc.

Goal: Find an approximation of the labeling process.

What are neural networks?

- (Highly) parametric non-linear function approximators.
- Loosely inspired from brain : network of interconnected neurons that "activate" or not.
- Composition of stacked 'layers' of weights (parameters) producing neurons.

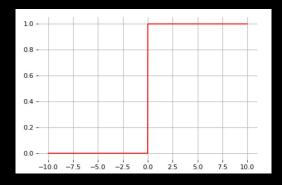


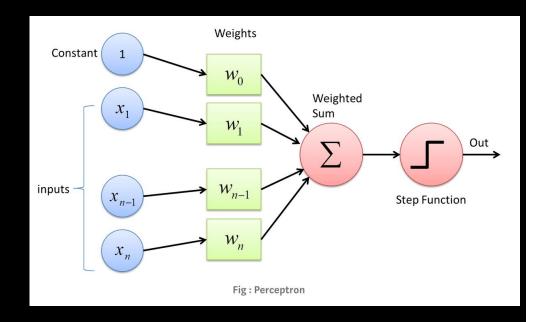


Let's start with a very simple one: Perceptron

- Like linear regression: $\sum_i w_i x_i$
- But with an additional activation function

Here: "step" function, threshold to obtain binary outputs.



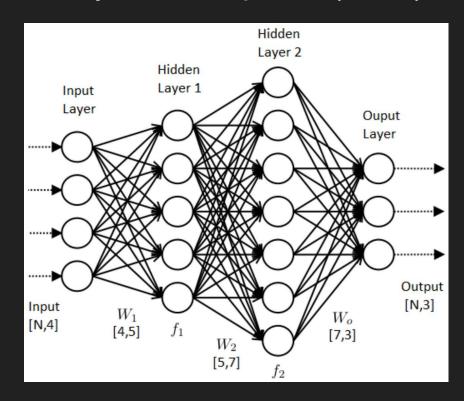


'Vanilla' Neural Networks : Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP)

- Also called 'fully-connected' feed-forward neural networks.
- Stack 'perceptron' on several *layers*.
- Each hidden layer has a latent size (output size)

Glossary:

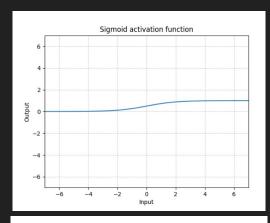
- Input nodes
- Output nodes
- Connections / weights
- Activation function
- Hidden layers



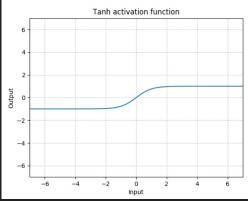
Playground.tensorflow.org

(Some) Activation Functions:

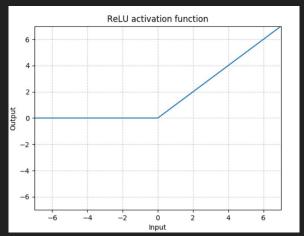
• Sigmoid:



Tanh



Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) / LeakyReLU:



 Softmax : all neurons in [0,1] and sum to 1 (good for probability distribution).

Training: Finding the "best" weights (= parameters)

Remember that 'cost' function (criterion)?

=> Goal is to minimize that

How? Using gradient descent and backpropagation of the gradients!

(So you need -almost- differentiable functions)

Learning algorithm

- "Forward pass": Feed an example (or more) to the network
- Compute error with regard to your criterion (compared to expected targets)
- Compute gradients (wait for it)
- Update weights
- Repeat until stopping criterion

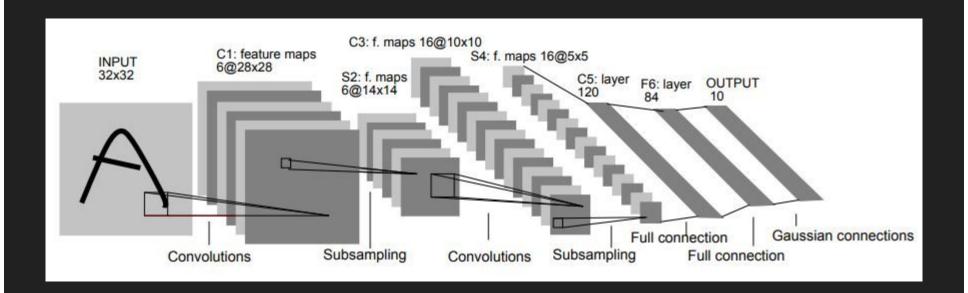
Backpropagation?

- Goal of gradient: update the weights in the "right" direction
 - Which weight is responsible for the error and on what 'amount'?
- Backpropagation relies on the chain rules to compute the gradients of a layer's weight using the delta's of next layer.

Different Losses

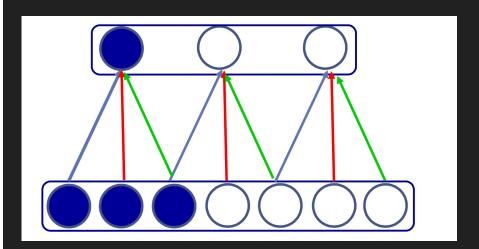
- Regression:
 - Mean-square error (MSE)
 - o (Smooth) L1-Loss
- Classification:
 - Negative Log-Likelihood
 - Cross-Entropy
- And many others defined for specific problems...

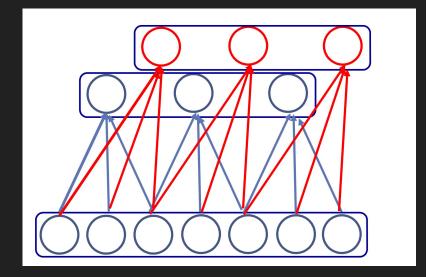
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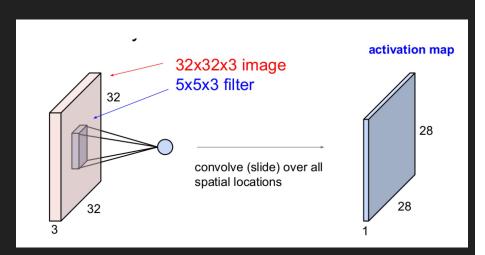
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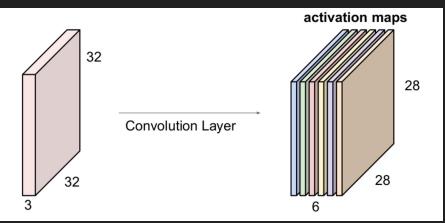
- Use local connections instead of fully-connected
- Shared weights
- Each layer can train several convolution filters : channels





- Filters extend the full depth of the input volume
- Convolve the filter with the image:
 Slide over the image spatially,
 computing dot products.
- Stack the activation map produced by each filter: new "image"

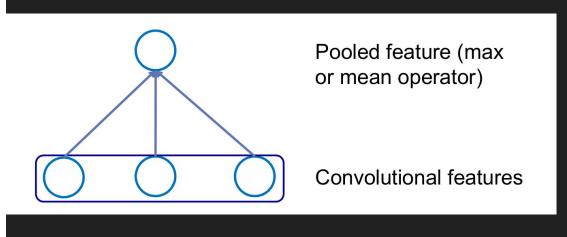


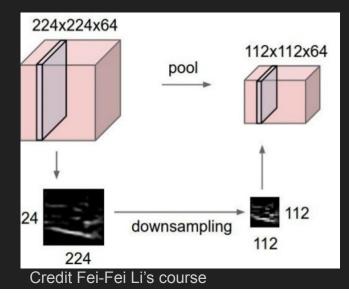


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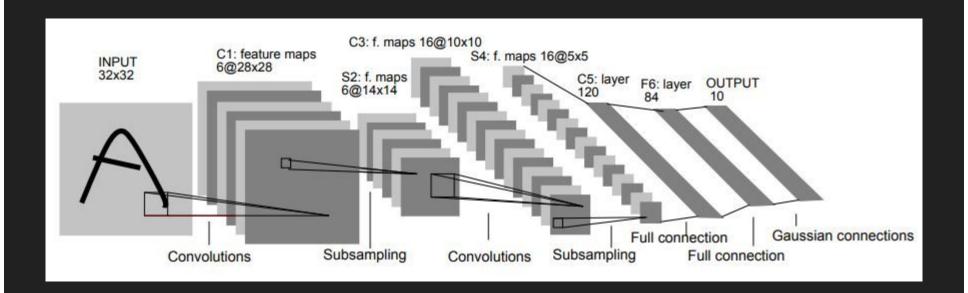
Pooling

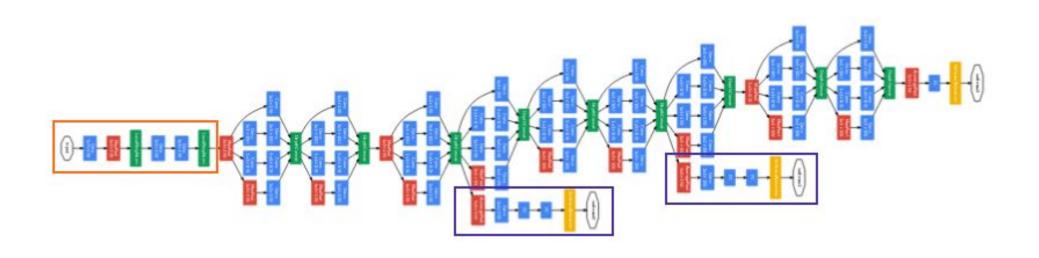
- Number of features extracted can be very large (increasing number of channels / filters)
- To reduce the size of the activation maps, one can :
 - Use strides
 - Downsample using Max or AveragePooling applied on each channel independently





Convolutional Neural Networks





"Inside" deep learning: Representation Learning

