

# Aprenentatge Automàtic 1

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**LECTURE 8b: Artificial neural networks (I)**

# Artificial neural networks (I): the MLP

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## A gentle exposition of backpropagation

A **regression MLP** of  $c$  hidden layers is a function  $F : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  made up of pieces  $F_1, \dots, F_m$  of the form:

$$F_k(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( \sum_{j=0}^{H_c} w_{kj}^{(c+1)} \phi_j^{(c)}(\mathbf{x}) \right), k = 1, \dots, m$$

where, for every  $l = 1, \dots, c$ ,  $W^{(l)} = [w_{ji}^{(l)}]$  is the matrix of weights connecting layers  $l-1$  and  $l$ ,  $H_l$  is the size of hidden layer  $l$  and

$$\phi_j^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( \sum_{i=0}^{H_{l-1}} w_{ji}^{(l)} \phi_i^{(l-1)}(\mathbf{x}) \right), \text{ for } l = 1, \dots, c$$

with  $\phi_i^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) = x_i, \phi_0^{(l)}(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  (in particular,  $x_0 = 1$ ) and  $H_0 = d$ .

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The goal in **regression** is to minimize the empirical error of the network on the training data sample  $S = \{(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{t}_n)\}_{n=1, \dots, N}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^d, \mathbf{t}_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .

$$E_{emp}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) := \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^m (t_{nk} - F_k(\mathbf{x}_n))^2$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  is the vector of all network weights

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- Note that, if  $g$  admits a derivative everywhere,  $E_{emp}(\omega)$  is a differentiable function of every weight  $w_{ji}^{(l)}$
- If we want to apply **gradient descent**, we need to compute the partial derivative of the error w.r.t. every weight, the gradient vector:

$$\nabla E_{emp}(\omega) = \left( \frac{\partial E_{emp}(\omega)}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}} \right)_{l,j,i}$$

- There exists a reasonably efficient algorithm for computing this gradient vector: the **backpropagation algorithm**

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Consider a MLP where, for notational simplicity, we define:

$$z_j^{(l)} := g(a_j^{(l)}) := g \left( \sum_i w_{ji}^{(l)} z_i^{(l-1)} \right), \quad z_j^{(0)} = x_j$$

- Note that  $E_{emp}$  is the sum of the (independent) errors for every input/output example  $(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{t}_n)$ :

$$E_{emp}(\omega) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^m (t_{nk} - F_k(\mathbf{x}_n))^2 := \sum_{n=1}^N E_{emp}^{(n)}(\omega)$$

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Therefore

$$\frac{\partial E_{emp}(\omega)}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial E_{emp}^{(n)}(\omega)}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}}$$

The updating formula for the weights is:

$$w_{ji}^{(l)}(t+1) := w_{ji}^{(l)}(t) - \alpha \left. \frac{\partial E_{emp}(\omega)}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}} \right|_{\omega=\omega(t)}$$

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Suppose we present  $\mathbf{x}_n$  to the network and compute all the neuron's outputs  $z_j^{(l)}$  (this is known as the **forward propagation**). Now,

$$\Delta^n w_{ji}^{(l)} := \frac{\partial E_{emp}^{(n)}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial E_{emp}^{(n)}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial a_j^{(l)}} \cdot \frac{\partial a_j^{(l)}}{\partial w_{ji}^{(l)}} = \delta_j^{(l)} \cdot z_i^{(l-1)}$$

where we have defined  $\delta_j^{(l)} := \frac{\partial E_{emp}^{(n)}(\boldsymbol{\omega})}{\partial a_j^{(l)}}$ .

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## Backpropagation algorithm (BPA)

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Set initial values for the weights  $w_{ji}^{(l)}$

**repeat**

**forall**  $n$  **in**  $1 \leq n \leq N$

1. **Forward pass** Present  $x_n$  and compute the outputs  $z_i^{(l)}$  of all the units

2. **Backward pass** Compute the deltas  $\delta_j^{(l)}$  of all the units, from  $l = c + 1$  down to  $l = 1$ :

a. **if**  $l = c + 1$  **then**  $\delta_j^{(l)} := g'(a_j^{(c+1)}) \cdot (z_j^{(c+1)} - t_{nj})$

b. **if**  $l < c + 1$  **then**  $\delta_j^{(l)} := g'(a_j^{(l)}) \sum_q \delta_q^{(l+1)} w_{qj}^{(l+1)}$

3. Set  $\Delta^n w_{ji}^{(l)} := \delta_j^{(l)} \cdot z_i^{(l-1)}$

**end**

Update the weights as  $w_{ji}^{(l)}(t + 1) := w_{ji}^{(l)}(t) + \alpha \sum_{n=1}^N \Delta^n w_{ji}^{(l)}$

**until** convergence **or** max. epochs

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Since  $(g_{\beta}^{\log}(z))' = \beta g_{\beta}^{\log}(z)[1 - g_{\beta}^{\log}(z)]$  we obtain:

$$g'(a_j^{(c+1)}) = \beta g(a_j^{(c+1)})(1 - g(a_j^{(c+1)})) = \beta z_j^{(c+1)}(1 - z_j^{(c+1)})$$

$$g'(a_j^{(l)}) = \beta g(a_j^{(l)})(1 - g(a_j^{(l)})) = \beta z_j^{(l)}(1 - z_j^{(l)})$$

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Analogously for  $(g_{\beta}^{\tanh}(z))' = \beta^2 (1 - (g_{\beta}^{\tanh}(z))^2)$