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# 0 Morse decoding using a neural network

#### 0.1 Overview

Our design labs will revolve around creating a system to decode an input Morse code bitstream into an alphabetic character display. The key element in this system will be a feedforward neural network with 4 input nodes representing the Morse pulse widths, 4 hidden nodes, and 26 output nodes representing the likelihoods of each character. A schematic of the system is shown in Fig. 1.

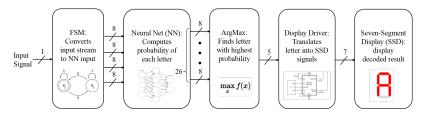


Figure 1: Block diagram of Morse decoder

## 0.2 Input

The input will be a 1-bit time series indicating the Morse code pulses as shown in Fig. 2. This time series will be parsed into a set of pulse widths (durations) using a finite state machine: each '1' pulse is separated by a short '0' gap, while sets of pulses defining a single character are separated by a long '0' gap.

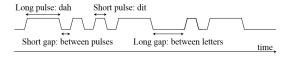


Figure 2: Input pulse timing diagram for the morse code sequence:  $- \cdot \cdot - = PA$ 

#### 0.3 Neural net

A feed-forward neural net serves as a general purpose input-output function; it contains a number of weights and biases that determine the form of this function. Training these weights is out of the scope of this project, so the pre-trained weights will be supplied in a memory. The resulting network maps the (4) input pulse widths to the (26) likelihoods that those pulses code each possible letter of the alphabet.

The neural net is built of 3 layers of neurons, each fully connected to the layers before and after as shown in Fig. 3.

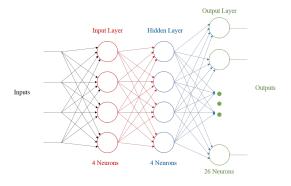


Figure 3: Connectivity diagram for the neural network

#### 0.4 Neuron

Each neuron stores an 8-bit unsigned integer value. The input neurons will be assigned their values based on the measured pulse lengths. The hidden layer and output layer neurons each compute their value as a function of the neuron values in the previous layer. This computation consists of three steps as shown in Fig. 4:

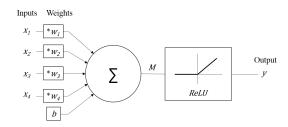


Figure 4: Mathematical operations within a neuron

- each incoming neuron value is multiplied by a pre-trained 7-bit signed integer weight to get a 16-bit signed integer weighted value,
- all weighted values are summed together with a pre-trained signed integer bias term, and
- the sum is rectified, thresholded, and scaled down to get the resulting 8-bit unsigned integer value.

#### 0.5 Output

The values on the 26 output neurons are representative of the likelihood that the input Morse code sequence maps to each respective letter of the alphabet; the neuron with the highest value indicates the decoded letter. To get a single 5-bit value for the decoded letter (0=A, 1=B, ..., 25=Z), the output values must be compared to determine the index of the maximum value.

### 0.6 Display

The decoded letter can be presented (with a few modifications) on a 7-segment LED display as shown in Fig. 5. Each segment of the display must then be driven appropriately as a function of the 5-bit letter index.



Figure 5: The alphabet as realized on a 7-segment LED display

## 1 Lab assignment 1

In this assignment you will implement the results from problem set 2 in Verilog.

### 1.1 Five input adder

- 1.1(a). Using the FA module provided, generate the structural Verilog implementing the FA5 module as in pset 2 problem 1.1(a).
- 1.1(b). Using your FA5 module, generate the structural Verilog implementing the 4 bit ripple-carry adder as in pset 2 problem 1.2(c).

#### 1.2 Maximum index

- 1.2(a). Using Verilog operators, generate the declarative Verilog implementing the MAM module as defined in pset 2 section 2.3.
- 1.2(b). Using your MAM module, generate the structural Verilog implementing the maximum index function as in pset 2 problem 2.3(c).

### 1.3 Display

- 1.3(a). Using case statments, generate the procedural Verilog implementing the full ROM-based 7-segment display driver as in pset 2 section 3.1(b).
- 1.3(b). Using indexed assignments, generate the structural Verilog implementing the full mux-tree based 7-segment display driver as in pset 2 section 3.2(c)-(d).

### 1.H EE89 extra assignment

- 1.H(a). Synthesize the above modules using Vivado (Xilinx FPGA design environment).
- 1.H(b). Connect the 5-bit input of the display module to 5 of the switches on the board, and the output to a 7-segment display.
- 1.H(c). Compile and upload the designs to a Basys3 board and demonstrate their logic functionality to a TA.