

Introduction to Neural Network

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Neural Network: Forward

Each neuron at layer l receives inputs from all neurons from the previous layer $l - 1$

$$z_k^l = \sum_j w_{kj}^{l-1} a_j^{l-1}$$

The neuron transfers the input signal z_k^l via a transfer function σ and sends it as input to the next layer

$$a_k^l = \sigma(z_k^l)$$

The cost function of the neural network is dependent on all the z s of neurons in all layers

$$C(z_1^l, z_2^l, \dots, z_k^l, z_1^{l-1}, z_2^{l-1}, z_3^{l-1}, \dots, \dots)$$

Neural Network: Backpropagation

The contribution to the cost function from a neuron in layer l can be calculated iteratively as

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_k^l &= \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_k^l} = \sum_m \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_m^{l+1}} \frac{\partial z_m^{l+1}}{\partial z_k^l} \\ &= \left(\sum_m \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_m^{l+1}} \frac{\partial z_m^{l+1}}{\partial a_k^l} \right) \frac{\partial a_k^l}{\partial z_k^l} \\ &= \sum_m \delta_m^{l+1} w_{mk}^l \sigma'(z_k^l)\end{aligned}$$

The partial derivative of a cost function w.r.t the weight w_{kj}^{l-1} is

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{kj}^{l-1}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_k^l} \frac{\partial z_k^l}{\partial w_{kj}^{l-1}} = \delta_k^l a_j^{l-1}$$