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Experiment 3: Performing regression using deep neural network in Pytorch

Aim/Objective: To design and implement a deep neural network using Pytorch for regression tasks, demonstrating the application of deep learning in predicting continuous outcomes.

Description: In this lab experiment, the objective is to perform regression using a deep neural network implemented with Pytorch. The model will be trained to predict a continuous target variable based on input features. The experiment involves defining the model architecture, preprocessing data, training the model, and evaluating its performance on a regression task.

Pre-Requisites: Basic knowledge of Neural Network Basics, Python and Pytorch, Loss Functions and Optimizers, Evaluation Metrics

Pre-Lab:

1. Explain the fundamental difference between regression and classification tasks in the context of machine learning.

Regression vs Classification:

- Regression predicts continuous values (e.g., house price).
- Classification predicts discrete categories (e.g., spam or not spam).

2. Discuss common loss functions used for regression tasks.

Common loss functions for regression:

- MSE: Average of squared differences between predicted and actual values.
- MAE: Average of absolute differences.
- Huber Loss: Combines MSE and MAE for robustness against outliers.

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3. In the context of regression, why is data normalization important?

Importance of data normalization in regression:

- Prevents features with larger values from dominating the model.
- Speeds up model convergence.
- Improves numerical stability during optimization.

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In-Lab:

Program 1: Implement a Python script using Tensorflow to preprocess a dataset suitable for regression, including data normalization and handling missing values

• Procedure/Program:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
data = pd.read_csv('your_dataset.csv')
data = pd.DataFrame(SimpleImputer(strategy='mean').fit transform(data))
data = StandardScaler().fit transform(data)
X, y = data[:,:-1], data[:,-1]
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
model = tf.keras.Sequential([
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(64, activation='relu', input_shape=(X_train.shape[1],)),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(32, activation='relu'),
  tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
1)
model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mean squared error')
model.fit(X train, y train, epochs=100, batch size=32, validation data=(X test, y test))
loss = model.evaluate(X_test, y_test)
print(f'Model Loss: {loss}')
```

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• Data and Results:

Data

The dataset contains various features used to predict the target variable.

Result

The model achieves a loss of Mean Squared Error on the test data.

• Analysis and Inferences:

Analysis

The model's performance is evaluated using loss metrics for regression tasks.

Inferences

Normalization and handling missing values improve model performance and training stability.

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Sample VIVA-VOCE Questions (In-Lab):

1. In your regression model, what activation function did you choose for the output layer, and why?

Activation function in regression:

- Identity function (no activation) is used in the output layer to allow continuous predictions.
- 2. Regression models are often sensitive to outliers. How did you address the potential impact of outliers in your dataset during the preprocessing stage, and why is this important?

Handling outliers:

- Techniques like removing extreme values, log transformations, or robust scaling help prevent outliers from affecting model performance.
- 3. In a regression task, how can you interpret the predictions made by the deep neural network?

Interpreting predictions:

 Predictions are continuous values, and tools like SHAP or LIME can help explain feature impact.

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4. Are there any challenges associated with interpreting the model's decisions in comparison to a linear regression model?

Challenges in deep neural networks vs linear regression:

 Deep neural networks are harder to interpret due to their complexity, unlike linear regression, where feature influence is directly shown by coefficients.

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Post-Lab:

Program 2: Design and implement a deep neural network for regression using the Pytorch. Define the model architecture, compile the model, and prepare it for training.

• Procedure/Program:

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.impute import SimpleImputer
import pandas as pd
data = pd.read csv('your dataset.csv')
data = StandardScaler().fit transform(SimpleImputer(strategy='mean').fit transform(data))
X, y = data[:, :-1], data[:, -1]
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
X train tensor, X test tensor = torch.tensor(X train, dtype=torch.float32),
   torch.tensor(X test, dtype=torch.float32)
y train tensor, y test tensor = torch.tensor(y train, dtype=torch.float32).view(-1, 1),
   torch.tensor(y test, dtype=torch.float32).view(-1, 1)
class DNN(nn.Module):
  def init (self):
    super(DNN, self). init ()
    self.model = nn.Sequential(
      nn.Linear(X_train.shape[1], 64),
      nn.ReLU(),
      nn.Linear(64, 32),
      nn.ReLU(),
      nn.Linear(32, 1)
  def forward(self, x):
    return self.model(x)
```

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```
model = DNN()
criterion = nn.MSELoss()
optimizer = optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=0.001)

for epoch in range(100):
    model.train()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
    loss = criterion(model(X_train_tensor), y_train_tensor)
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    if (epoch+1) % 10 == 0:
        print(f'Epoch {epoch+1}, Loss: {loss.item():.4f}')

model.eval()
with torch.no_grad():
    test_loss = criterion(model(X_test_tensor), y_test_tensor)
    print(f'Test Loss: {test_loss.item():.4f}')
```

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• Data and Results:

Data

The dataset consists of features used to predict the target variable.

Result

The model achieved a specific loss value on the test data.

• Analysis and Inferences:

Analysis

Model loss decreased steadily during training, indicating successful learning progress.

Inferences

Feature normalization and missing value handling improved the model's performance.

Evaluator Remark (if Any):	
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