

Artificial Neural Networks Definition Training (BackProp) Activation Functions

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Definition 1 (Artificial Neural Network (NN, künstliches neuronales Netz))

A feed-forward artificial neural network with $L \ge 1$ layers of sizes s_1, \ldots, s_L with $n =: s_0$ input variables $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)^T$ and $K := s_L$ output variables $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \ldots, t_K)^T$ is a function

$$\mathbf{t} = h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})$$

with parameters

$$\pmb{\theta} = (\Theta^{(0)}, \dots, \Theta^{(L-1)}) \qquad \text{, where} \quad \Theta^{(\ell)} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell+1} \times (s_{\ell}+1)},$$

defined by the following recursions

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}^{(L)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{K}$$

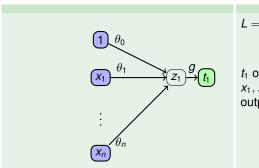
$$\mathbf{z}^{(\ell)} = \Theta^{(\ell-1)}\mathbf{a}^{(\ell-1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell}} \quad (1 \le \ell \le L)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{(\ell)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{0}^{(\ell)} \\ a_{1}^{(\ell)} \\ \vdots \\ a_{s_{\ell}}^{(\ell)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sigma(z_{1}^{(\ell)}) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(z_{s_{\ell}}^{(\ell)}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \le \ell < L)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_{1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{\ell} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

Here, σ is called an activation function and we will call $\mathbf{g}: \mathbb{R}^K \to \mathbb{R}^K$ the output activation function.

Linear regression = NN with 1 layer and 1 output variable

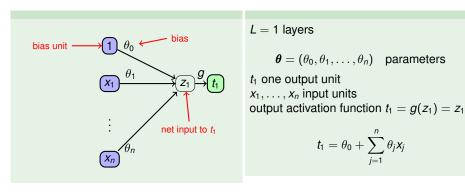


$$L=1$$
 layers

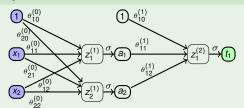
$$m{ heta}=(heta_0, heta_1,\dots, heta_n)$$
 parameters t_1 one output unit x_1,\dots,x_n input units output activation function $t_1=g(z_1)=z_1$

$$t_1 = \theta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_j$$

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NN with 1 hidden layer



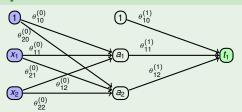
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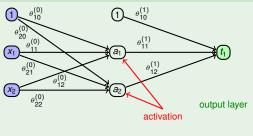
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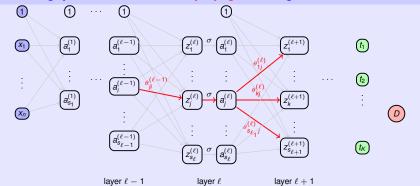
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 $D(\theta)$ may be non-convex and have local, non-global minima.

NN Training: partial derivatives backpropagate through network



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All derivates can be computed efficiently in one right-to-left pass ("backpropagation algorithm"). TensorFlow does backprop automatically, for general models.

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$$D(\theta) := \|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = \sum_{k=1}^K (t_k - y_k)^2$$

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Properties:

- $0 < t_k < 1$, $t_1 + \cdots + t_K = 1$
- if $z_i \gg z_i$ for $i \neq j$, then $t_i \approx 1$ and $t_i \approx 0$ for $i \neq j$
- softmax is a generalization of the sigmoid function to more than 2 classes
- If K=2 (binary classification), $t_1=1-t_2$ is often not stored. The same neural network function can then be achieved by setting the output size to 1 and using the logistic sigmoid function as activation.

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Define the cross-entropy error function

$$D(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -\sum_{k=1}^K y_k \ln t_k.$$



Training set

Let

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}$$

be training inputs and

$$y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(m)}$$

be the corresponding training outputs / labels. Let

$$\mathbf{t}^{(i)} = h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \qquad (i = 1..m)$$

be the outputs of the NN.

Overfitting

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An common choice for the regularization term is the (scaled) L2 norm:

$$R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell}} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell+1}} \left(\theta_{ji}^{(\ell)}\right)^{2}.$$

Note that the bias terms $\theta_{i0}^{(\ell)}$ are left out (not penalized).

Error function with regularization for regression

$$E(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left(t_k^{(i)} - y_k^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell}} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell+1}} \left(\theta_{ji}^{(\ell)} \right)^2 \right\}$$
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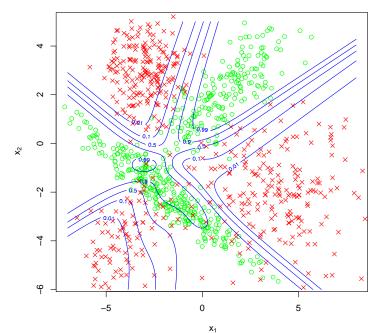
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1 hidden layer of size 5, $\lambda=0$ (no regularization)

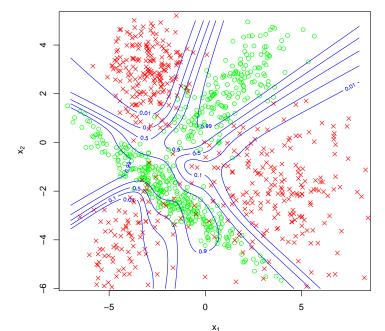


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2 hidden layers of size 8 each, $\lambda=0$ (no regularization)



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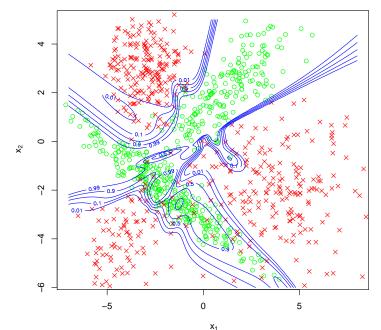
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2 hidden layers of size **20** each, $\lambda = 0$ (no regularization)



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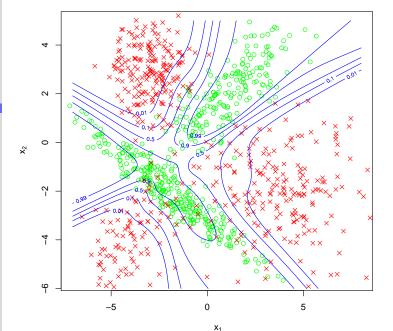
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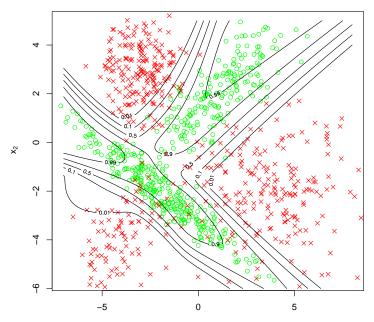
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Posterior probability of class (theoretical optimum if distr. was known)

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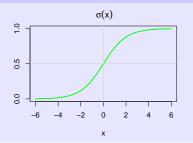


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Logistic sigmoid, tf.nn.sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$
$$\sigma' = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$$



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Tangens hyperbolicus

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{e^{x} - e^{-x}}{e^{x} + e^{-x}}$$

$$= 2\sigma(2x) - 1$$

$$\tanh'(x) = 1 - (\tanh(x))^{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}$$

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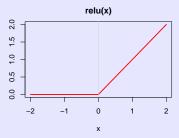
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Rectified linear unit (ReLU), tf.nn.relu

$$relu(x) = x^{+} = \max\{0, x\}$$

$$relu'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{, if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{, if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$relu'(0) := 1 \qquad \text{(arbitrary)}$$



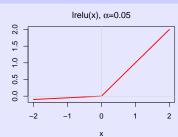
Leaky rectified linear unit (Leaky ReLU), tf.nn.leaky_relu

$$Irelu(x) = \max\{\alpha x, x\}$$

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$$\alpha = 0.01$$





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Vanishing gradients

- vanishing gradient problem:
 - during backprop in each layer, a derivative of the activation function is multiplied
 - for NNs with many layers (deep networks) this can result in gradients that are practically zero ("vanishing"), in particular for the sigmoid function
- Rel U
 - most frequently chosen
 - introduced in 2010

(Nair and Hinton, "Rectified linear units improve restricted Boltzmann machines", Proc. ICML, 2010)

The derivative is either 0 or 1. Can lead to sparse gradients.