

# DDA4250 Assignment 1

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## Notation

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For conciseness we introduce the following notation.

- $\mathbf{R}$  : multidimensional rectifier functions of suitable dimensions
- $[a..b] := \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : a \leq x \leq b\}$

### 2.1.2

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With  $\theta = (1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^7, l_1 = l_L = 2$ ,

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{R}, \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}}^{\theta, 1}(x) = \mathbf{R}(x) + \mathbf{R}(-x) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{R}(x) = x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \mathbf{R}(-x) = -x, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = |x|$$

$$\mathbf{d} = 7 = 2l_1 + \left[ \sum_{k=2}^L l_k (l_{k-1} + 1) \right] + l_L + 1$$

### 2.1.3

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**Definition.** A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be piecewise linear with a finite (interval) partition if there exist  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and an interval partition  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = f_i(x)$  is an affine transform on each of the interval  $p_i \in P$ . It is required that  $p_i \neq \emptyset$  for all  $p_i \in P$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two piecewise linear functions with finite partitions. Then the function  $\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $x \rightarrow c_1 f(x) + c_2 g(x) + d$  is also piecewise linear with a finite partition.

*Proof of Lemma.* Let  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_m\}$  be a partition of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that in each interval  $p_i \in P$ ,  $f(x) = f_i(x)$  is an affine transform. Similarly let  $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_n\}$  be a partition of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that in each interval  $q_i \in Q$ ,  $g(x) = g_i(x)$  is affine. Clearly,

$$S = \{p \cap q : p \in P, q \in Q\} \setminus \emptyset$$

is also a (finite) partition of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, for each interval  $s \in S$ , there exist  $(i, j) \in [1..m] \times [1..n]$  such that  $s = p_i \cap q_j$ , and thus for all  $x \in s$ ,

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = c_1 f(x) + c_2 g(x) + d = c_1 f_i(x) + c_2 g_j(x) + d$$

is affine. Hence  $\mathcal{L}$  is piecewise linear with a finite partition.

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There is no such  $\mathcal{N}$ . To see that, let  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{R}, \dots, \mathbf{R}, \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}}^{\theta, 1}$  be given. We can show by induction that for any layer  $k \in [0..L+1]$  of the network, the neurons of the layer  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  are all piecewise linear functions of  $x$  with finite partitions.

Layer 0 is just the input neuron with value  $x$ , which is linear on the entire  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Suppose that all neurons  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  of some layer  $k \in [0..L]$  are piecewise linear with finite partitions. Consider neurons on the next layer:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R} \circ \mathcal{A}^{(k)}(\mathbf{x}^{(k)}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{W}^{(k)}\mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{b}^{(k)})$$

Equivalently for all  $i \in [1..l_k]$ ,

$$\mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{b}_i^{(k)})$$

where  $\mathbf{w}_i^\top$  denotes the  $i$ -th row of  $\mathbf{W}^{(k)}$ . From the assumption that  $\mathbf{x}^{(k)}$  are all piecewise linear with finite partitions, we know by Lemma that  $\mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{b}_i^{(k)}$  is also piecewise linear with some finite partition  $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ . Thus on each interval  $p_j \in P$ ,  $f_j(x) := \mathbf{w}_i^\top \mathbf{x}^{(k)} + \mathbf{b}_i^{(k)}$  is affine. Define for each  $j \in [1..n]$  the set  $\Omega_j^+ := \{x : x \in p_j, f_j(x) \geq 0\}$  and  $\Omega_j^- := p_j \setminus \Omega_j^+$ . It holds that for  $x \in p_j, j \in [1..n]$ ,

$$\mathbf{R} \circ f_j(x) = \begin{cases} f_j(x), & \text{if } x \in \Omega_j^+ \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \Omega_j^- \end{cases}$$

is affine in either set of the partition  $\{\Omega_j^+, \Omega_j^-\}$ . Further, since  $f_j(x)$  is affine, both  $\Omega_j^+$  and  $\Omega_j^-$  must be intervals (possibly empty). Hence

$$Q := \left\{ \Omega_j^+ : j \in [1..n] \right\} \cup \left\{ \Omega_j^- : j \in [1..n] \right\} \setminus \emptyset$$

forms a finite interval partition of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)}$  is affine on any interval  $q \in Q$ . In other words,  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(k+1)}$  is piecewise linear with a finite partition for all  $i$ , completing the induction.

Applying this result on layer  $L + 1$  shows that the output  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{R}, \dots, \mathbf{R}, \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}}^{\theta, 1}(x) = \mathbf{x}_{L+1}$  must be piecewise linear in  $x$  with a finite partition, which cannot be  $e^x$ .

## 2.1.4

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With  $\theta = (1, -1, 0, 1, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, -1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{13}$ ,  $l_1 = l_L = 3$ , for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{R}, \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}}^{\theta, 2}(x, y) &= \mathbf{R}(x - y) + \mathbf{R}(y) - \mathbf{R}(-y) \\ &= \mathbf{R}(x - y) + y \\ &= \begin{cases} x - y + y = x, & \text{if } x \geq y \\ 0 + y = y, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ &= \max\{x, y\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = 13 = 3l_1 + \left[ \sum_{k=2}^L l_k (l_{k-1} + 1) \right] + l_L + 1$$

## 2.1.4

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With  $\theta = (1, -1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, -1, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{13}$ ,  $l_1 = 2, l_2 = 2$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}, \text{id}_{\mathbb{R}}}^{\theta, 1}(x) &= \mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{R}(x) - \mathbf{R} \circ \mathbf{R}(-x) \\ &= \mathbf{R}(x) - \mathbf{R}(-x) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = 13 = 2l_1 + l_1 l_2 + 2l_2 + 1$$

where the second equality comes from the fact that  $\mathbf{R}(x) \geq 0$ .

