

ASSIGNMENT 1 : Introduction to Neural Network

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Problem 1: Simulate a boolean function

Let write a neural network NN with four inputs and one output such that

$$NN(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 1 + x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4$$

for every $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \in \{0, 1\}$

As we are dealing with four inputs we will have 16 rows in the truth table what become large . The following python code generate the truth table corresponding to our boolean function.

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from itertools import product

# Define the variables
variables = ['x1', 'x2', 'x3', 'x4']

# Generate all possible combinations of truth values for the
variables
truth_table = list(product([False, True], repeat=len(variables)))

# Print the header
header = '\t'.join(variables + ['NN(x1,x2,x3,x4)'])
print(header)

# Print the truth values
for row in truth_table:
# Evaluate your logical expression here, for example: x and y or
(z and not t)
expression_result =
    bool((1+row[0]*row[1]+row[1]*row[2]+row[2]*row[3])%2)

# Print the truth values and the result of the expression
row_str = '\t'.join([str(value) for value in row] +
    [str(expression_result)])
print(row_str)
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We will obtain the following table, considering that in the table "F" stand for "0" and "T" for "1" .

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	$NN(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$
F	F	F	F	T
F	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	T
T	F	T	T	F
T	T	F	F	F
T	T	F	T	F
T	T	T	F	T
T	T	T	T	F

Table 1: Truth table.

From the table we can come with the Conjunctive Normal Form of the boolean function:

$$\begin{aligned}
NN(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = & (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \wedge (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \\
& \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee \neg x_3 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee \neg x_2 \vee x_3 \vee x_4) \\
& \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3 \vee \neg x_4) \wedge (\neg x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \neg x_3 \vee x_4)
\end{aligned}$$

With this form we can write the boolean circuit and from that generate the neural network equivalent. But here I directly go to the neural network.

Note that I wrote the Conjunctive Normal form not the Disjunctive normal form which we use to do in class. With this in the boolean circuit we will have a range of "OR" gates instead of "AND". I make this choice because in the truth table "F" are fewer than "T".

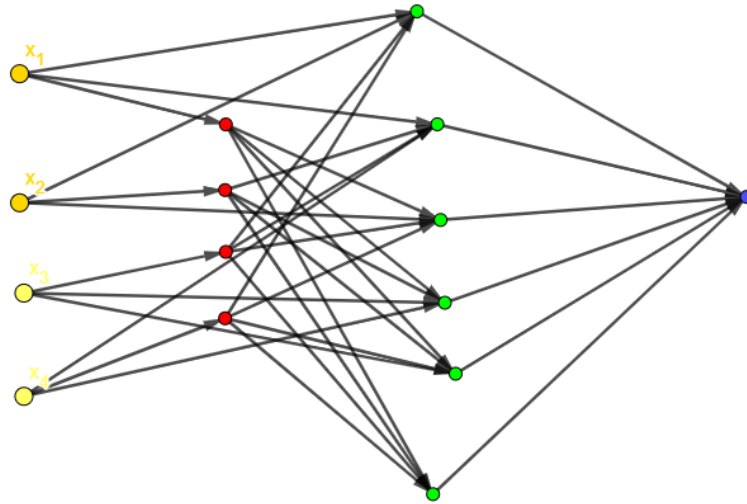


Figure 1: Neural Network

Let give explain the neural network.

- In yellow we have the inputs layers .
- In red we have a layers which neurons correspond to NOT in the boolean circuit.
- In green we have a layer which neurons correspond to OR in the boolean circuit.
- In purple we have a layer which neurons correspond to AND in the boolean circuit.
- Every arrow that targets a red neuron has weight -1 and biai 0.5 and the neurons use step function as activation function.
- Every arrow that targets a green neuron has weight 2 and biai -1 and the neurons use step function as activation function.
- Every arrow that targets a purple neuron has weight 2 and biai -3 and the neurons use step function as activation function.

Problem2: Equivalence of activations

- a) Let for every $\epsilon > 0$, describe a neural network NN with one input, one output and sigmoid activations such that

$$|NN(x) - H(x)| < \epsilon$$

for every x such that $|x| > \epsilon$

This in another words is by referring to definition of limit to find a neural network such that :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} NN(x) = 1$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} NN(x) = 0$$

Let suppose our neural network has one input , no hidden layer but one output with sigmoid activation function.

So we can write $NN(x) = S(wx + b) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(wx+b)}}$.

We can see that the relation :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} NN(x) = 1$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} NN(x) = 0$$

is satisfy if we choose $w > 0$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$.

i.e $\forall \alpha > 0$ there exist $\delta_1 > 0$ such that for every $x > \delta_1$ we have

$|NN(x) - 1| < \alpha$ and there exist $\delta_2 > 0$ such that for every $x < -\delta_2$ we have $|NN(x) - 0| < \alpha$.

So for $\delta = \max(\delta_1, \delta_2)$ we can say that $\forall \alpha > 0$ there exist $\delta > 0$ such that for every $|x| > \delta$ we have $|NN(x) - H(x)| < \epsilon$.

But choosing $\epsilon = \max(\delta, \alpha)$ we will finally say

$\forall \epsilon > 0$ if $|x| > \epsilon$ we have $|NN(x) - H(x)| < \alpha$

With this we can conclude of the choice of a neural network $NN(x) = S(wx + b) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(wx+b)}}$ with $w > 0$ and $b \in \mathbb{R}$

- b) Let describe a neural network NN with one input, one output, using step and identity activations, such that for every $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$|NN(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$$

In order word we want to describe a neural network that approximate f on $[-1, 1]$.

For this purpose let suppose that with an error ϵ we can say that the value of f on $[-1, 1]$ is $W \in \mathbb{R}$

i.e. $|W - f(x)| \leq \epsilon$ for $x \in [-1, 1]$

With this let consider the neural network NN in the figure below.

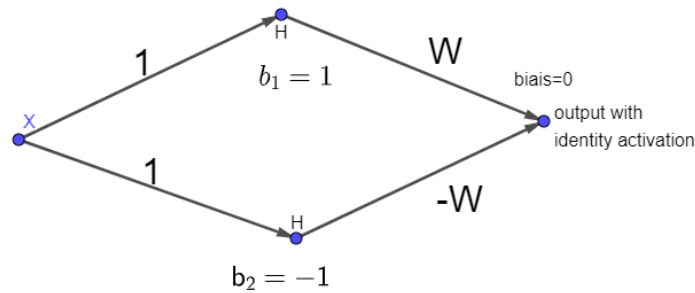


Figure 2:

We have $NN(x) = W[H(x - (-1)) - H(x - 1)]$.

As $[H(x - (-1)) - H(x - 1)] = \mathbb{1}(-1 \leq x \leq 1)$ then

$NN(x) = W\mathbb{1}(-1 \leq x \leq 1)$.

We can then conclude that for $x \in [-1, 1]$, $|NN(x) - W| \leq \epsilon$

Problem3: Gradients for one neuron

Let $x, w \in \mathbb{R}^2, b \in \mathbb{R}$

- a) Let $f_R(x) = ReLU(w^T x + b)$ be a ReLU neuron and $Csq(y, \bar{y}) = (y - \bar{y})^2$ denote the square loss for $\bar{y} \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let calculate $\frac{\partial Csq(f_R(x), \bar{y})}{\partial w_i}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial Csq(f_R(x), \bar{y})}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} (f_R(x) - \bar{y})^2 \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} (ReLU(w^T x + b) - \bar{y})^2 \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} ((w^T x + b)) \frac{\partial}{\partial (w^T x + b)} (ReLU(w^T x + b) - \bar{y})^2 \\
&= x_i \times 2 \times ReLU'(w^T x + b) (ReLU(w^T x + b) - \bar{y}) \\
&= 2x_i (ReLU(w^T x + b) - \bar{y}) \times \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w^T x + b > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } w^T x + b < 0 \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

b) Let compute $\frac{\partial Cross(f_s(x), \bar{y})}{\partial w_i}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial Cross(f_s(x), \bar{y})}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} (-\bar{y} \ln(f_s(x)) - (1 - \bar{y}) \ln(1 - f_s(x))) \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} (-\bar{y} \ln(S(w^T + b)) - (1 - \bar{y}) \ln(1 - S(w^T + b))) \\
&= (-\bar{y} \frac{\partial(w^T + b)}{\partial w_i} \frac{\partial \ln(S(w^T + b))}{\partial w^T + b} \\
&\quad - (1 - \bar{y}) \frac{\partial(w^T + b)}{\partial w_i} \frac{\partial \ln(1 - S(w^T + b))}{\partial w^T + b}) \\
&= -\bar{y} x_i S'(w^T + b) \frac{1}{S(w^T + b)} \\
&\quad + (1 - \bar{y}) x_i S'(w^T + b) \frac{1}{1 - S(w^T + b)} \\
&= -\bar{y} x_i S(w^T + b) (1 - S(w^T + b)) \frac{1}{S(w^T + b)} \\
&\quad + (1 - \bar{y}) x_i S(w^T + b) (1 - S(w^T + b)) \frac{1}{1 - S(w^T + b)} \\
&= -\bar{y} x_i (1 - S(w^T + b)) + (1 - \bar{y}) x_i S(w^T + b) \\
&= x_i (S(w^T + b) - \bar{y})
\end{aligned}$$

c) Let compute $\frac{\partial C_{hinge}(f_T(x), \bar{y})}{\partial w_i}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial C_{\text{hinge}}(f_T(x), \bar{y})}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{\partial(\max(0, 1 - \bar{y} \tanh(w^T + b)))}{\partial w_i} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{\partial(1 - \bar{y} \tanh(w^T + b))}{\partial w_i} & \text{if } w^T x + b > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } w^T x + b < 0 \end{cases} \\
&= \begin{cases} -x_i \times \bar{y} (1 - \tanh^2(w^T + b)) & \text{if } w^T x + b > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } w^T x + b < 0 \end{cases} \\
&\quad \text{Because } \tanh'(x) = (1 - \tanh^2(x))
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 4: Accuracy at Initialization

Let assume there is a dataset with M points and labels $x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d, y^{(i)} \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ for $i = 1, \dots, M$. What accuracy can we expect for this dataset at initialization?

At initialization the weights are set randomly so the output is a random guessing . The accuracy is therefore the probability to output the correct label among the four . Knowing that we just have one correct output this probability is then $\frac{1}{4} = 0.25$

The accuracy at initialization is 0.25.