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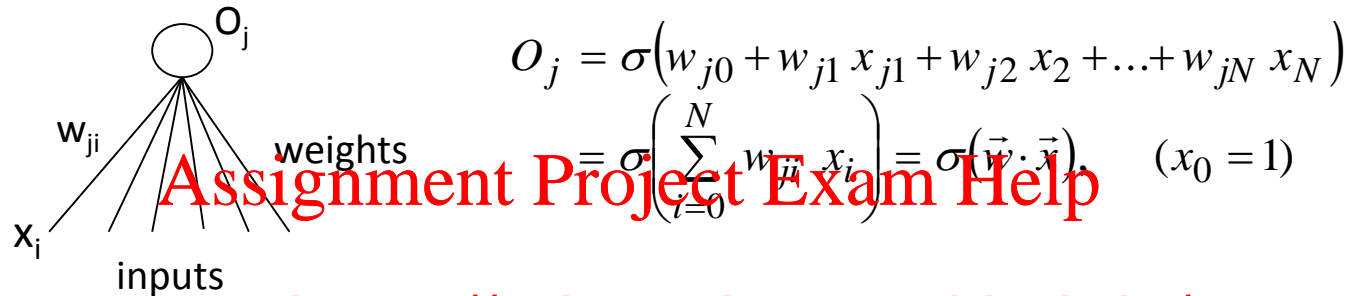
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L19 --- Neural Nets I

What's a Neural Network?

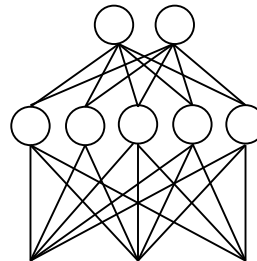
- Exceedingly simple processing units.



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- Parallel collections provides a map from vector inputs to vector outputs

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Characteristics

- *Enormous flexibility* in maps that can be represented.
- *Mapping can be learned from examples.*
- Generalize *far better* than models that are linear in the parameters
- Relatively forgiving
- Extrapolate gracefully
- Training times can be *very* hours for large nets with large datasets.
- Evaluation of learned function is *fast*
- Doesn't require programming in target function.
- Success depends on picking appropriate features for inputs x_i , and representation for output.

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What Are They Good For?

- *Enormously flexible, can achieve huge range of maps.*
- *Mapping can be learned from examples.*
- Pattern Classification (statistical pattern recognition)
 - Text-to-speech
 - Handwritten, machine printed (OCR), cursive writing (online) recognition
 - Event detection
 - Medical screening *Papnet*, adjunctional screening, reduces false negatives
 - Illegal drug source identification

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What Are They Good For?

- Regression / prediction of continuous-valued systems

- Time series prediction, e.g. financial forecasting
- Non-linear regression

- Control

- Plasma fusion reactor control

- Chemical p

- Quality con

- Trailer truc

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- Aircraft controller – recovery fr

- Signal Processing

- Adaptive noise cancellation
- Adaptive vibration cancellation
- Image analysis

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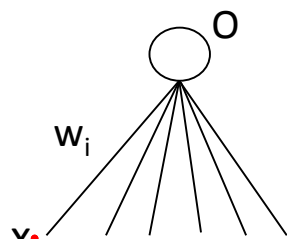
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Why “Neural”?

- Artificial neural network (ANN) function is derived from massive connectivity, real nervous systems are also massively connected.
- Parallelism exploited – biological processes times on order of 10⁶ faster than computers we make comparisons in several tenths of a dozen “processing steps”.
- ANN units are cartoons of real neurons. The latter have complex dynamics, and can have tens of thousands of inputs (in cortex). Real nervous systems have a multitude of neuron types.



Adaptive Linear Unit (Adaline)



$$O = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} = \sum_{i=0}^N w_i x_i$$

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- Training – a <https://eduassistpro.github.io/> matches target values in learning set

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- Data : input / target pairs $\{ \vec{x}_d, t_d \} \quad d = 1, \dots, D$
- Performance metric, or *cost function* – mean squared error

$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d))^2 = \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d)^2$$

Linear Unit – Gradient Descent

- Optimization: crawl downhill (steepest descent) on the error surface

$$\vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} + \Delta \vec{w} \quad \text{or} \quad w_i$$

$$\Delta w_i = -\eta \frac{\partial E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_i} \quad \text{or} \quad \Delta \vec{w} = -\eta \nabla E(\vec{w})$$

$$\frac{\partial E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_i} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) (-x_{id}) = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) (-x_{id})$$

So

$$\Delta w_i = \eta \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) x_{id}$$

Linear Unit – Gradient Descent

- The error function $E(w)$ is quadratic in w , and bounded below by zero. There is unique, global minimum w^* .

w^*

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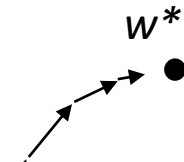
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- Can show that for learning rate η sufficiently small, this algorithm will approach w^* exponentially. How small? Must have

Linear Unit – Gradient Descent




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- Can show that for learning rate η 's, this algorithm will approach w^* exponentially. How small? Must have

$$0 < \eta < \frac{2}{\lambda}$$

where λ is the largest eigenvalue of the autocorrelation matrix

$$R = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D x_d x_d^T \quad \text{i.e.} \quad R_{ij} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D x_{di} x_{dj}$$

Linear Unit

Stochastic Gradient Descent

- Gradient descent

$$\Delta w_i = \eta \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) x_{id} \quad \text{A}$$

- Instead of summing over all data pairs for each update to w , just use one data pair for each update. Choose an input/target pair $\{\vec{x}_d, t_d\}$ at random from the training set and modify w .

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This is the celebrated *Widrow-Huff* or (Least Mean Square) algorithm.

- Note that the gradient descent (A) is the *average* of this stochastic gradient descent (B), over all training data.
- The stochastic descent is a *noisy* version of the true gradient descent.

Stochastic vs True Gradient Descent

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true gradient descent

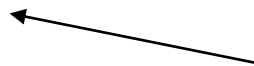


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stochas

gradient descent



Linear Unit with LMS Training

- Used in adaptive filter applications: adaptive noise cancellation and vibration damping, linear prediction problems (linear regression, AR models).

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Perceptron Classifier

- Early ANN -- Rosenblatt, *Principles of Neurodynamics: Perceptrons and the Theory of Brain Mechanisms*, Spartan, 1962.

Single unit with hard-limiter output (N_{in})

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- Represents a *dichotomy* response to input vector. Input is member of class (+1) or not (-1). Concept is present (+1), or not (-1).

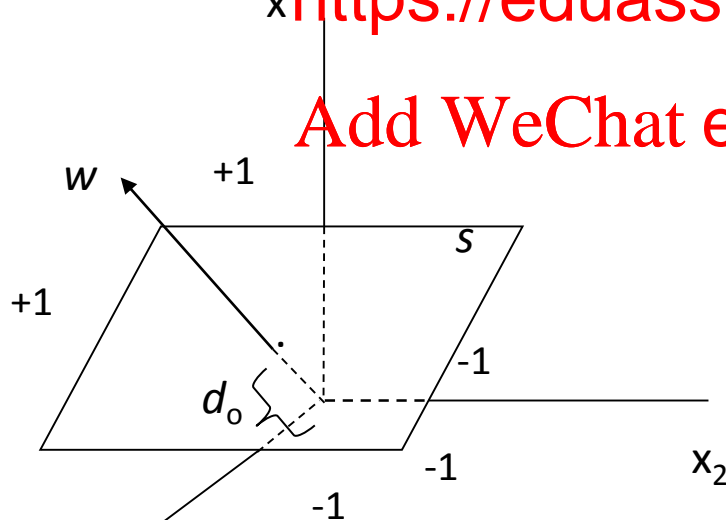
e.g. – Does this picture have a tree in it? This is tough, the inputs x will need to be superbly crafted features.

Perceptron Classifier - Geometry

Hypothesis space is space of all possible weights w (\mathbb{R}^{N+1})

Learning means choosing weight vector w that correctly classifies the training data.

Perceptron weight vector defines a *hyperplane* s in the N -dimensional x



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$$w \cdot x = \sum_{i=0}^N w_i x_i$$

$$w \perp s$$

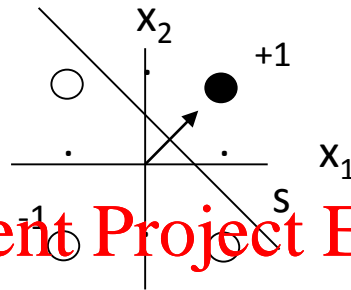
$$d_0 = \frac{-w_0}{|w|}$$

$$O(\vec{x}) = \text{sgn}(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x})$$

Perceptron Limitations

Boolean functions

AND

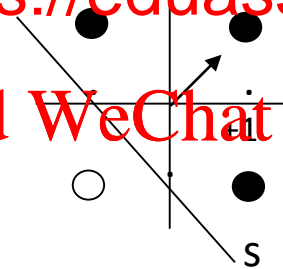


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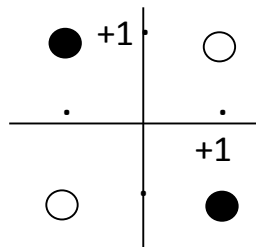
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OR

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XOR



can only solve *linearly separable* dichotomies

Perceptron Learning

- Training data input / target pairs (e.g. pictures with trees, +1 target, and pictures without trees, -1 target) $\{x_d, t_d\}$
- We want $\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d > 0 \quad \text{for} \quad t_d = +1$

$$\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d < 0 \quad \text{for} \quad t_d = -1$$

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this is equivalent

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 $(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) t_d > 0 \quad \text{for all data}$

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A given data example will be misclassified if $(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) t_d < 0$

- Define cost function $E(\vec{w}) = \sum_{\text{misclassified}} -(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) t_d \geq 0$
- Do stochastic gradient descent on this cost function : If the example x_d is misclassified, change the weights according to

$$\Delta w_i = \eta \quad t_d x_{id}$$

Perceptron Learning

- If the data are *linearly separable*, this algorithm will converge, in a finite number of steps, to a weight that correctly classifies all the training data.

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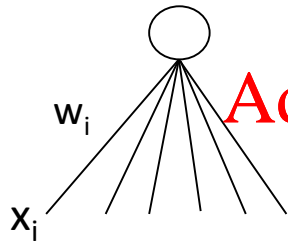
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Soft Threshold Differentiable “Perceptron”

- In order to get past the restriction to *linearly separable* problems, we are going to combine many *non-linear* neurons. (Why non-linear?)

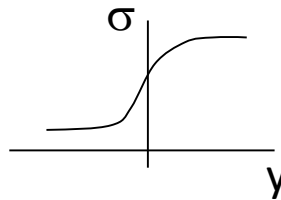
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- In order to train these networks, we introduce a smooth, differentiable sigmoid function σ .
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$$y = \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}) = \sigma\left(\sum_{i=0}^N w_i x_i\right)$$

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Smooth, bounded,
monotonically increasing.

Sigmoidal Functions

- Typical choices are

- Logistic function $\sigma(y) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y)}$

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- Hyperbolic tangent

$$\sigma(y) = \tanh(y)$$

Training the Soft Threshold

Logistic function – targets are $\{0,1\}$

Hyperbolic tangent – targets are $\{-1,1\}$

Cost function
$$\mathcal{E}(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d))^2 = \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d))^2$$

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Train by gradient

$$\Delta w_i = -\eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\vec{w})}{\partial w_i}$$

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$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}(\vec{w})}{\partial w_i} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) \frac{\partial O(\vec{x}_d)}{\partial w_i} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) \frac{\partial \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d)}{\partial w_i}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) \sigma'(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) \frac{\partial \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d}{\partial w_i} = \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) \sigma'(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) x_{di}$$

So

$$\Delta w_i = \eta \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) \sigma'(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) x_{id}$$

Training the Soft Threshold

- We have the gradient descent rule

$$\Delta w_i = \eta \frac{1}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D (t_d - O(\vec{x}_d)) \sigma'(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d) x_{id}$$

just like the linear gradient descent
except for slo

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- Stochastic gra

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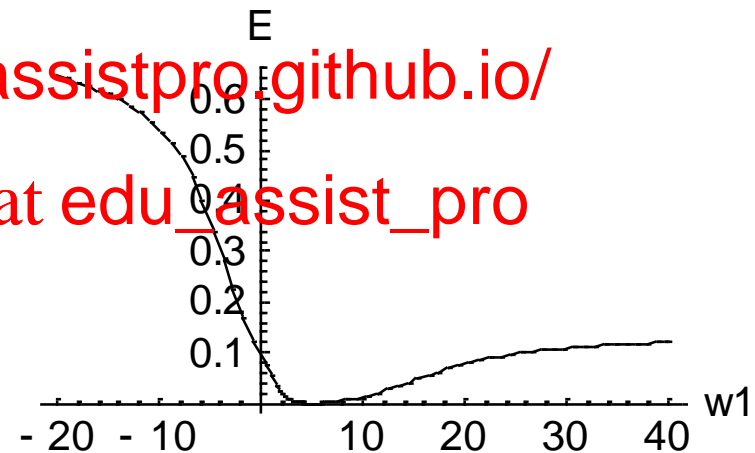
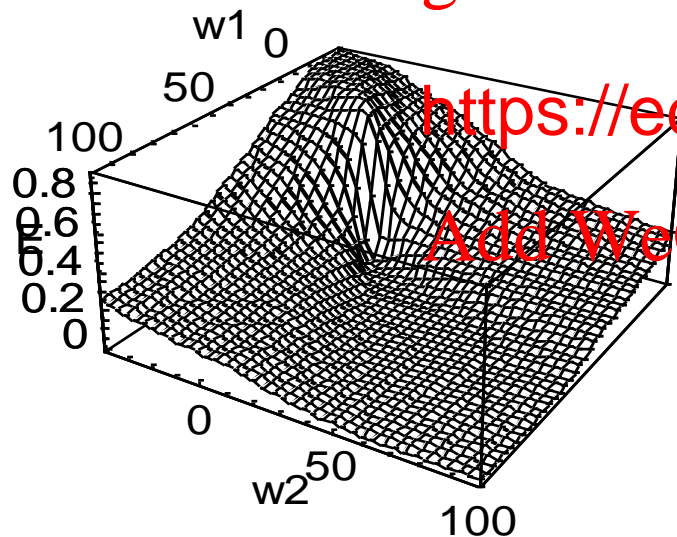
$$\Delta w_i = \eta (t_d - O(x_d)) \sigma'(\vec{w} \cdot x_d) x_{id}$$

- Note that if we get up onto the flat “rails” of the sigmoid, then the slope σ' gets very small, and the gradient of the cost function gets very small \rightarrow slow progress.

Cost Function

- The cost surface is now not a simple parabolic function, but instead is more complex looking.

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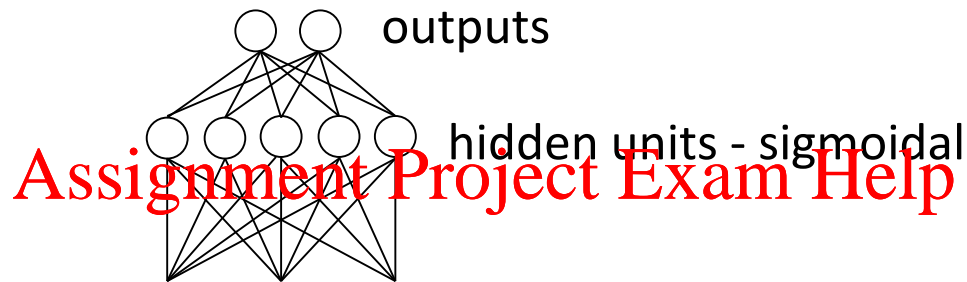


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Workhorse Neural Networks

Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLP)

Feed forward, layered networks, with sigmoidal hidden units



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Can have more than two layers of weights

Output nodes

Linear for regression, time series prediction, other problems needing full range of real values in output.

Sigmoidal for classification problems.

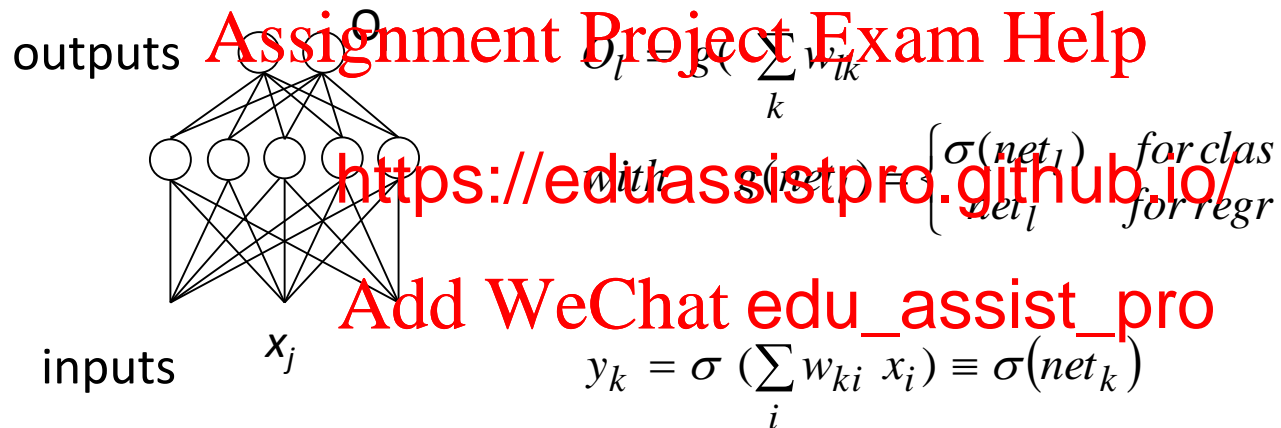
Number of inputs, number of outputs determined by problem.

Number of hidden units is an architectural parameter.

More hidden nodes → more functions available.

MLP Output

- Signal propagation (forward pass, bottom-up)



Example Uses

- Classification – e.g. from text fig 4.5. Able to produce non-linear class boundaries.
- Fisher Iris data:

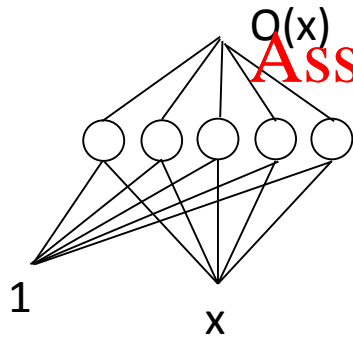
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Example Uses

- Non-linear regression



able to map strongly
non-linear functions

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Gradient Descent in MLP

- Cost function as before:

$$E(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{d=1}^D \sum_{m=1}^{N_o} (t_{dm} - O_m(\vec{x}_d))^2$$

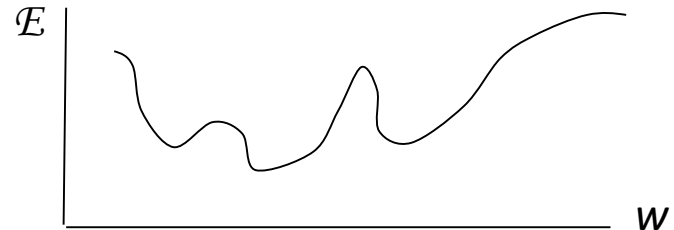
number of outputs

- Learning by gradient descent
- Calculating gr
- Surface can have multiple local optima. Some may have lower cost than others.
- Local optima are in different basins of attraction; where you end depends on where you start.

$$\Delta w_{ij} = -\eta \frac{\partial E(\vec{w})}{\partial w_{ij}}$$

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Stochastic Gradient Descent in MLP

As above, but no sum over data pairs d

$$E_d(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{N_o} (t_{dm} - O_m(\vec{x}_d))^2$$

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$\Delta w_{ij} = \eta \frac{\partial E_d(\vec{w})}{\partial w_{ij}}$
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Stochastic descent has some robustness but can get stuck in poor local minima. Where you end, depends on where you start, learning rate, and the order the examples are given.

Can also be faster in clock-time for large data sets. Instead of waiting to accumulate errors from all data before making a weight change, make a small weight change in response to each datum.

Visualization of Stochastic Gradient Descent

- Different 2-d slices through $E(w)$ for 9-d weight space
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Visualization of Stochastic Gradient Descent

– eg 2

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Next

- Backpropagation training of MLP.
- Representation power – universal approximation
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- Inductive
- Generalization, under fitting.
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- Bayesian methods for neural networks.

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