# Differentiating the Residual Neural Network

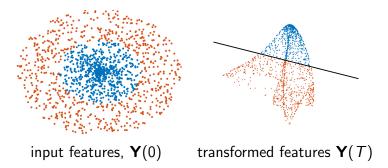
Numerical Methods for Deep Learning

#### Residual Network as a Path Planning Problem

Change in notation: Moving forward it is more convenient to define  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_f \times n}$  (transpose data matrix) and  $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c \times n}$ .

$$\dot{\mathbf{Y}}(t) = \sigma(\mathbf{K}(t)\mathbf{Y}(t) + b(t)) \quad \mathbf{Y}(0) = \mathbf{Y}_0$$

The goal is to plan a path such that the transformed features,  $\mathbf{Y}(T)$ , can be linearly separated.



#### Residual Network - Forward Propagation

Idea: Obtain forward propagation by discretizing the ODE

$$\dot{\mathbf{Y}} = \sigma(\mathbf{KY} + b) \quad \mathbf{Y}(0) = \mathbf{Y}_0$$

Example: Use forward Euler method

$$\mathbf{Y}_{j+1} = \mathbf{Y}_j + h\sigma(\mathbf{K}_j\mathbf{Y}_j + b_j)$$

Here:  $\mathbf{Y}_j$  is called the *state*,  $\mathbf{K}_j$ ,  $b_j$  are *controls*, and h > 0 is time step size.

More general forward propagation

$$\mathbf{Y}_{j+1} = \mathbf{P}_j \mathbf{Y}_j + h \sigma(\mathbf{K}_j \mathbf{Y}_j + b_j), \qquad \mathbf{P}_j \text{ fixed.}$$

Allows for changing resolution and width (and classical neural networks).

#### Residual Network - Classification Problem

Classification with final state by solving

$$\min_{\mathbf{W},\mathbf{K}_{0,\dots,N-1},b_{0,\dots,N-1}} E\left(\mathbf{WY}_{N}(\mathbf{K}_{0,\dots,N-1},b_{0,\dots,N-1}),\mathbf{C}^{\mathrm{obs}}\right)$$

Need to differentiate

- ► E w.r.t **W** (linear classifier  $\sim$  Lecture 3)
- $\triangleright$  S w.r.t  $\mathbf{Y}_N$  (single layer  $\sim$  Lecture 8)
- $ightharpoonup \mathbf{Y}_N$  w.r.t control variables  $(\mathbf{K}_{0,\dots,N-1},b_{0,\dots,N-1})$

Having these, apply chain rule to get, e.g.,

$$abla_{\mathbf{K}_i} E = \left( \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_N \right)^{\top} 
abla_{\mathbf{Y}_N} E$$

How? Adjoint method [1, 2] (more general than back propagation [3])

## Computing Derivatives - Sensitivity Equation

Idea: Differentiate the forward propagation (forward Euler) with respect to  $\mathbf{K}_i$  for fixed  $0 \le i \le N$ . Note that

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_j=0, \quad \text{ for } \quad j\leq i.$$

Next, note that

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_{i+1} = h \mathrm{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{K}_i\mathbf{Y}_i + b_i))(\mathbf{Y}_i^{\top} \otimes \mathbf{I})$$

Continuing like this, gives for the final state:

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_{i}}\mathbf{Y}_{N} = \mathbf{P}_{N-1}\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_{i}}\mathbf{Y}_{N-1} \\
+ h \operatorname{diag}(\sigma'(\cdots))\left((\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{K}_{N-1})\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_{i}}\mathbf{Y}_{N-1}\right)$$

Next: Write this as a block triangular linear system.

## Computing Derivatives - Sensitivity Equations

Block triangular linear system for the gradients

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & & & \\ -\mathbf{T}_{i+1} & \mathbf{I} & & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & -\mathbf{T}_{N-1} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_{i+1} \\ \\ \\ \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T}_j = \mathbf{P}_j + h \mathrm{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{K}_j \mathbf{Y}_j + b_j))(\mathbf{I} \otimes \mathbf{K}_j)$$

and

$$\mathbf{R}_i = h \operatorname{diag}(\sigma'(\mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{Y}_i + b_i))(\mathbf{Y}_i^{\top} \otimes \mathbf{I}).$$

### Computing Derivatives - Sensitivity Equation

Block triangular linear system for the gradients

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} \\ -\mathbf{T}_{i+1} & \mathbf{I} \\ & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & -\mathbf{T}_{N-1} & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}}_{=\mathbf{T}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_{i+1} \\ \\ \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_N \\ \\ = \nabla_{\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}} & = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{=\mathbf{R}}$$

To compute matrix-vector product  $(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_N)\mathbf{v}$ 

- ► Multiply **Rv**
- ightharpoonup Solve (forward propagate)  $m f T m J_{m K_j} m Y_N = m R m v$
- Extract the last time step

#### The sensitivity equation

Symbolically

$$\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_N=\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{R}$$

where

$$\mathbf{Q} = [0, \dots, \mathbf{I}].$$

The transpose

$$\left(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_{i}}\mathbf{Y}_{N}\right)^{\top}=\mathbf{R}^{\top}\mathbf{T}^{-T}\mathbf{Q}^{\top}$$

# The Sensitivity Equation

$$(\nabla_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_N)^\top = \mathbf{R}^\top \mathbf{T}^{-T} \mathbf{Q}^\top$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i^\top & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{T}_{i+1}^\top & & & \\ & \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{T}_{i+2}^\top & & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{T}_N \\ & & & & \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix}$$

To multiply by the transpose

- Initialize with last step
- solve backward in time
- Extract the first step and multiply by R<sub>i</sub><sup>T</sup>

#### More about the sensitivity equation

To compute  $(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_N)^{\top}$  for all i's note that the same quantities are recomputed. Can be evaluated in  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  steps

For gradient based method the transpose is sufficient

Newton based methods require both forward sensitivities and adjoint.

#### **Testing Derivatives**

Task 1: Programming the derivative test as usual

Task 2: Programming the adjoint - the adjoint test

Code a - Computes  $(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_N)\mathbf{v}$ 

Code b - Computes  $(\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i}\mathbf{Y}_N)^{\top}\mathbf{u}$ 

Testing - for random **u**, **v** 

$$\mathbf{u}^\top \left( (\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_N) \mathbf{v} \right) = \mathbf{v}^\top \left( (\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{K}_i} \mathbf{Y}_N)^\top \mathbf{u} \right)$$

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