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How to Improve a neural Network

1. Fine tuning neural network hyperparameters
example number of hidden layers, neurons per layer, learning rate, optimizer, Batch size, activation function, number of epochs
2. By Solving problems:
 - Vanishing / Exploding gradient
 - Not enough data
 - slow training
 - Overfitting.

Fine Tuning neural network hyperparameters:

1. Number of hidden Layer:

- three hidden layer with 32 neurons each is better than the 1 hidden layer with 512 neurons.
- we can increase the hidden layer till overfitting.
- Because initial layer capture the information of lines and shapes. example transfer learning in CNN

2. Neurons per layer:

- Number of neurons in input layer is number of input data
- Number of neurons in output layer is based on problem that we solve. example 1 in regression.

- Number of neuron hidden layer is in sufficient number to capture the all primitive features.

3. Batch size:

- select smaller batch size (8 to 32) because get better results on new data but it is slower execution.
- select larger batch size (8192) because here the execution is fast or on another way we can use learning rate scheduler. if we use the larger batch size.
- (learning rate increase from smaller to larger) we call it as. warming up the learning rate.

4. Epochs size:

- Here we use. the mechanism early stopping. in keras.
- it is automatically detect in which phase of. epoch epochs. we stop the execution.

Solving Problem with Neural Network:

1. Vanishing/exploding gradients:

- weight initialisation
- Activation function selection
- Batch Normalisation
- Gradient clipping

2. Not enough Data:

- use transfer learning
- unsupervised pre-training

3. Slow training:

- use more type of optimizer example adam
- use learning rate scheduler.

4. Overfitting:

- use L1 and L2 regularisation
- Dropout.

Improve Neural Network Performance:

1. Vanishing Gradients.

- Activation functions
- weight initialization

2. Overfitting.

- Reduce Complexity / Increase Data
- Dropout layer.
- Regularization (L1 and L2)
- Early stopping

3. Normalization

- Normalizing inputs
- Batch Normalization
- Normalizing Activations

4. Gradient Checking and clipping

5. Optimizers

- Momentum
- Adagrad

- RMSSprop

- Adam

6. Learning Rate Scheduling

7. Hyperparameter tuning

- Number of hidden layers

- Nodes/layer

- Batch size