Convolutional Neural Networks

Numerical Methods for Deep Learning

Motivation

quote:

Recall single layer

$$\mathbf{Z} = \sigma(\mathbf{KY} + \mathbf{b}),$$

where $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_f \times n}$, $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n_f}$, $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, and σ element-wise activation.

We saw that $m\gg n_f$ needed to fit training data. Conservative example: Consider MNIST $(n_f=28^2)$ and use $m=n_f\sim 614,656$ unknowns for a single layer. Famous

With four parameters I can fit an elephant, and with five I can make him wiggle his trunk.

Possible remedies:

- Regularization: penalize K
- **Parametric model:** $\mathsf{K}(\theta)$ where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ with

$$p \ll m \cdot n_f$$
.

Learning Objective: Convolutional Neural Networks

In this module we discuss parametric models, particularly CNNs.

Learning tasks:

- ▶ image classification
- image segmentation
- ► PDE solvers(?)

Numerical methods:

- structured matrix computation
- ► PDE-based regularizers
- ▶ parallel computing (GPUs,...)

Some Simple Parametric Models

Diagonal scaling:

$$\mathsf{K}(\boldsymbol{ heta}) = \mathrm{diag}(\boldsymbol{ heta}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_f \times n_f}$$

Advantage: preserves size and structure of data.

Antisymmetric kernel

$$\mathbf{K}(oldsymbol{ heta}) = \left(egin{array}{cccc} 0 & oldsymbol{ heta}_1 & oldsymbol{ heta}_2 \ -oldsymbol{ heta}_1 & 0 & oldsymbol{ heta}_3 \ -oldsymbol{ heta}_2 & -oldsymbol{ heta}_3 & 0 \end{array}
ight)$$

Advantage?: $real(\lambda_i(\mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))) = 0$.

► M-matrix

$$\mathsf{K}(heta) = \left(egin{array}{ccc} heta_1 + heta_2 & - heta_1 & - heta_2 \ - heta_3 & heta_3 + heta_4 & - heta_4 \ - heta_5 & - heta_6 & heta_5 + heta_6 \end{array}
ight) \quad heta \geq 0$$

Advantage: like differential operator

Differentiating Parametric Models

Need derivatives of model to optimize heta in

$$E(\mathbf{W}\sigma(\mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{Y}+\mathbf{b}),\mathbf{C})$$

(we can re-use previous derivatives and use chain rule)

Note that all previous models are linear in the following sense

$$K(\theta) = mat(Q \theta).$$

Therefore, matrix-vector products with the Jacobian simply are

$$\mathbf{J}_{ heta}(\mathbf{K}(heta))\mathbf{v} = \mathrm{mat}(\mathbf{Q} \ \mathbf{v}) \quad ext{ and } \quad \mathbf{J}_{ heta}(\mathbf{K}(heta))^{ op} \mathbf{w} = \mathbf{Q}^{ op} \mathbf{w}$$

where $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$.

Example: Derivative of M-matrix

$$\mathsf{K}(heta) = \left(egin{array}{ccc} heta_1 + heta_2 & - heta_1 & - heta_2 \ - heta_3 & heta_3 + heta_4 & - heta_4 \ - heta_5 & - heta_6 & heta_5 + heta_6 \end{array}
ight) \quad heta \geq 0$$

verify that this can be written as $K(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \max(\mathbf{Q}\,\boldsymbol{\theta})$ where

$$\mathbf{Q} = \left(\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{9 \times 6}$$

Note: not efficient to construct \mathbf{Q} when p large but helpful when computing derivatives $\frac{\mathbf{Q}}{\mathbf{Q}}$

Convolutional Neural Networks [4]

 $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$ input features $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{28 \times 28}$ output features $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{5 \times 5}$ convolution kernel

- useful for speech, images, videos, . . .
- efficient parameterization, efficient codes (GPUs, ...)
- ▶ later: CNNs as parametric model and PDEs, simple code

Convolutions in 1D

Let $y, z, \theta : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, $z : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous functions then

$$z(x) = (\theta * y)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \theta(x - t)y(t)dt.$$

Assume $\theta(x) \neq 0$ only in interval [-a, a] (compact support).

A few properties

- $\theta * y = \mathcal{F}^{-1}((\mathcal{F}\theta)(\mathcal{F}y)), \mathcal{F}$ is Fourier transform

Discrete Convolutions in 1D

Let $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{2k+1}$ be stencil, $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_f}$ grid function

$$\mathbf{z}_i = (\boldsymbol{\theta} * \mathbf{y})_i = \sum_{j=-k}^k \theta_j \mathbf{y}_{i-1}.$$

Example: Discretize $m{ heta} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ (non-zeros only), $m{y}, m{z} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ on regular grid

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{z}_1 &= m{ heta}_3 \mathbf{w}_1 + m{ heta}_2 \mathbf{x}_1 + m{ heta}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \ \mathbf{z}_2 &= m{ heta}_3 \mathbf{x}_1 + m{ heta}_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + m{ heta}_1 \mathbf{x}_3 \ \mathbf{z}_3 &= m{ heta}_3 \mathbf{x}_2 + m{ heta}_2 \mathbf{x}_3 + m{ heta}_1 \mathbf{x}_4 \ \mathbf{z}_4 &= m{ heta}_3 \mathbf{x}_3 + m{ heta}_2 \mathbf{x}_4 + m{ heta}_1 \mathbf{w}_2 \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2$ are used to implement different boundary conditions (right choice? depends . . .).

Structured Matrices - 1

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \\ \mathbf{z}_3 \\ \mathbf{z}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ & & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ & & & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \\ \mathbf{x}_4 \\ \mathbf{w}_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Different boundary conditions lead to different structures

ightharpoonup Zero boundary conditions: $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_2 = 0$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \\ \mathbf{z}_3 \\ \mathbf{z}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ & & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \\ \mathbf{x}_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is a *Toeplitz matrix* (constant along diagonals).

Structured Matrices - 2

Periodic boundary conditions: $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{x}_4$ and $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{x}_1$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \\ \mathbf{z}_3 \\ \mathbf{z}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}_1 & & \boldsymbol{\theta}_3 & \boldsymbol{\theta}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \\ \mathbf{x}_3 \\ \mathbf{x}_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

this is a *circulant matrix* (each row/column is periodic shift of previous row/column)

An attractive property of a circulant matrix is that we can efficiently compute its eigendecomposition

$$\mathsf{K}(\theta) = \mathsf{F}^* \mathrm{diag}(\lambda) \mathsf{F}$$

where ${\bf F}$ is the discrete Fourier transform and the eigenvalues, ${m \lambda}\in\mathbb{C}^4$, can be computed using first column

$$\lambda = \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{u}_1)$$
 where $\mathbf{u}_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)^{\top}$.

Extension: 2D Convolution

Example: Let $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{3\times 3}$ and assume periodic BCs then

$$\mathbf{z}_{21} = m{ heta}_{33} \mathbf{y}_{13} + m{ heta}_{32} \mathbf{y}_{11} + m{ heta}_{31} \mathbf{y}_{12} \\ + m{ heta}_{23} \mathbf{y}_{23} + m{ heta}_{22} \mathbf{y}_{21} + m{ heta}_{21} \mathbf{y}_{22} \\ + m{ heta}_{13} \mathbf{y}_{33} + m{ heta}_{12} \mathbf{y}_{31} + m{ heta}_{11} \mathbf{y}_{32}$$

In matrix form, this gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_{11} \\ \mathbf{z}_{21} \\ \mathbf{z}_{31} \\ \mathbf{z}_{12} \\ \mathbf{z}_{22} \\ \mathbf{z}_{32} \\ \mathbf{z}_{13} \\ \mathbf{z}_{23} \\ \mathbf{z}_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{33} \\ \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} \\ \theta_{12} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} \\ \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} \\ \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} \\ \theta_{13} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} \\ \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{32} \\ \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{11} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{12} \\ \theta_{11} & \theta_{31} & \theta_{21} & \theta_{13} & \theta_{33} & \theta_{23} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{32} & \theta_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

good news: this matrix is BCCB (block circulant with circulant blocks)

2D Convolution using FFTs

Since the 2D convolution operator is BCCB, we still have that

$$K(\theta) = F^* \operatorname{diag}(\lambda(\theta))F, \quad \lambda(\theta) = F(K(\theta)u_1).$$

Differences:

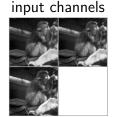
- ► **F** and **F*** now refer to 2D Fourier transform and its inverse (ffft2 and ifft2), respectively.
- need to find an efficient way to build first column of $K(\theta)$ and encode that using Q.

All else stays the same and extends also to higher dimensions (like for videos).

For more details on convolutions and structured matrices see [3]. For FFT-based implementations of CNNs see [5, 6]. Note that FFTs enable also to compute $\mathbf{K}(\theta)^{-1}\mathbf{Y}$ efficiently.

The Width of a CNN

RGB image



output channels





Width of CNN can be controlled by number of input and output channels of each layer. Let $\mathbf{y} = (\mathbf{y}_R, \mathbf{y}_G, \mathbf{y}_B)$, then we might compute

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \\ \mathbf{z}_3 \\ \mathbf{z}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{K}^{11}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{11}) & \mathbf{K}^{12}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{12}) & \mathbf{K}^{13}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{13}) \\ \mathbf{K}^{21}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{21}) & \mathbf{K}^{22}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{22}) & \mathbf{K}^{23}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{23}) \\ \mathbf{K}^{31}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{31}) & \mathbf{K}^{32}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{32}) & \mathbf{K}^{33}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{33}) \\ \mathbf{K}^{41}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{41}) & \mathbf{K}^{42}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{42}) & \mathbf{K}^{43}(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{43}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_R \\ \mathbf{y}_G \\ \mathbf{y}_B \end{pmatrix},$$

where \mathbf{K}^{ij} is a 2D convolution operator with stencil $\boldsymbol{\theta}^{ij}$

Other Operators for Imaging Tasks

For now, we just introduced the very basic convolution layer. CNNs used in practice also use the following components

- pooling: reduce image resolution (e.g. maximum or average over patches)
- stride: Example: stride of two reduces image resolution by computing z only at every other pixel.

Build your own parametric model

- ► *M*−matrix for convolution
- cheaper convolution models: separable kernels, doubly symmetric kernels
- ► Wavelet, ...
- other sparsity patterns

Regularizers for Image Classification

Focus on last layer: Goal is to train weights $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c \times m}$ to express the relation between $\mathbf{Z} = \sigma(\mathbf{KY} + \mathbf{be}_n^\top)$ and labels $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_c \times n}$ by solving

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{W}} E(\boldsymbol{W}) = E(\boldsymbol{C}, \boldsymbol{W}, \boldsymbol{Z})$$

Recall: $rank \mathbf{Z} \leq min\{m, n\}$

- ightharpoonup n < m: No unique solution
- ightharpoonup n > m: **Z** may still be rank-deficient/ ill-posed

Opportunities/challenges in image classification:

- when using convolutions, Z looks like filtered images
- ▶ data is high dimensional (m ≈ number of pixels/voxels/frames)
- ▶ higher resolution ~> need more examples?
- ▶ higher resolution ~> larger rank?

Regularization

If Hessian $\nabla^2 E$ highly ill-conditioned, regularization is needed.

- Symptom: weights are large or oscillatory.
- ► Alternative: Estimate condition number (costly!), early stopping

Solution: Use regularization to obtain a well-posed problem

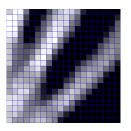
$$\min_{W} \ \phi(\mathbf{W}) = E(\mathbf{W}) + \lambda R(\mathbf{W}),$$

where

- ightharpoonup R is a regularizer, $R(\mathbf{W})$ large when \mathbf{W} is irregular and small otherwise
- \triangleright λ is a regularization parameter (needs to be chosen)
- Mathematically: R makes sure \mathbf{W}^* lies in desired function space (and is sufficiently *regular*).

Excellent references include [1, 2, 7].

What is an Image?





Digital images are arrays $\mathbf{U} = \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times m_2 \times c}$ ($c = 1 \leadsto$ grey only).

perhaps most common interpretation in image processing

Continuous point of view: Images are functions supported on a domain $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^2$ $u: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^c$.

- choose function space (e.g., continuous, differentiable)
- ▶ discretize on regular grids ~> digital image
- apply operators to images (e.g., gradient in edge detection)

Type of Regularization

Classical Tikhonov (aka weight decay)

$$R(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{W}\|_F^2$$

requires elements to be small.

When ${\bf Z}$ contains images, also columns in ${\bf W}$ can be seen as images

$$\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{y} \approx \int_{\Omega} w(\boldsymbol{\xi}) y(\boldsymbol{\xi}) d\boldsymbol{\xi}.$$

General Tikhonov: Let **L** be a given matrix

$$R(\mathbf{W}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{LW}\|_F^2$$

If **L** is discrete derivative operator, entries need to be smooth.

Discretization of ∇^2

Idea: Ensure classifier is smooth by using Laplacian $\mathbf{L} \approx \nabla^2$.

Finite difference in 1D: Let $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ be discretization of $u:[0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ on regular grid with pixel size h=1/N

$$\nabla^2 u(x_j) \approx \frac{1}{h^2} (-2\mathbf{u}_j + \mathbf{u}_{j-1} + \mathbf{u}_{j+1}).$$

Code in 1D

L1D =
$$@(N,h) 1/h^2 *...$$

spdiags(ones(n,1) * [1 -2 1],-1:1,N,N)

Finite difference in 2D: Let $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ be discretization of $u: [0,1]^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ on regular grid with pixel size h=1/N

$$abla^2 I(x_{ij}) pprox rac{1}{h^2} (-4 \mathbf{I}_{ij} + \mathbf{I}_{i-1j} + \mathbf{I}_{i+1j} + \mathbf{I}_{ij-1} + \mathbf{I}_{ij+1}).$$

Discretization of ∇^2

In 2D
$$\nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$$

Use Kroneker products

$$\operatorname{vec}(\mathsf{LUI}) = (\mathsf{I}^{\top} \otimes \mathsf{L}) \operatorname{vec}(\mathsf{U}).$$

Code in 2D

$$L = kron(speye(m2), L1D(m1,h1)) + ...$$

 $kron(L1D(m2,h2), speye(m1));$

More about discrete ∇^2

Note that **L** can also be written as a convolution

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{1}{h^2} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \mathbf{U}.$$

In general - any differential operator with constant coefficients can be written as convolution and vice versa.

Continuous interpretation allows re-computing a convolution kernel for different image resolutions.

Σ: Convolutional Neural Networks

Idea: Use image structure in forward propagation and classification.

$$\min_{\mathbf{W}, \boldsymbol{\theta}} \ \phi(\mathbf{W}) = E(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{Z}(\boldsymbol{\theta})) + \lambda R(\mathbf{W}, \boldsymbol{\theta}),$$

where
$$\mathbf{Z}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sigma(\mathbf{K}(\boldsymbol{\theta})\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{b}(\boldsymbol{\theta})).$$

Discussion:

- note that convolutions are not the only option to parameterize a neural network layer
- options for convolutions: write own code (full flexibility but slow!), use library (fast, but not flexible), FFT (good trade-off, can compute inverses)
- regularization: use image structure to enforce smoothness

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