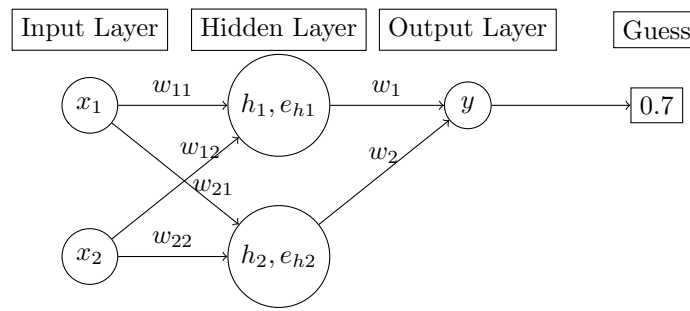


Backpropagation in Neural Networks

Jack Lukomski

August 17, 2023

1 Introduction



known answer = 1

error = $1 - 0.7 = 0.3$

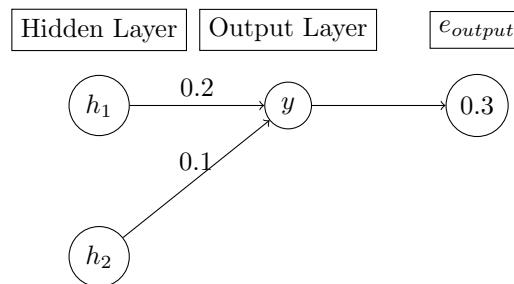
We can use the error to nudge a weight, w_n . But, how do we know what weight we need to nudge?

$e_{h1} = ???$

$e_{h2} = ???$

Knowing these two errors, we can then adjust the weights between the hidden layer and input layer. But how do we find those errors?

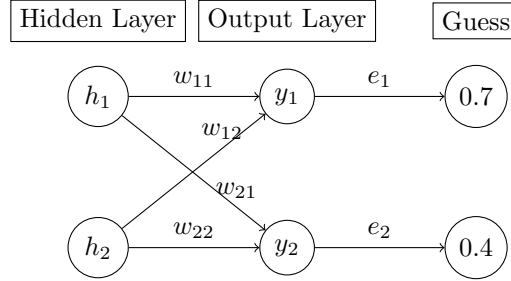
2 Breaking It Down



$$e_{h1} = \frac{w_1}{w_1 + w_2} e_{output} \quad (1)$$

$$e_{h2} = \frac{w_2}{w_1 + w_2} e_{output} \quad (2)$$

2.1 Adding Another Output



$$e_{h1} = \frac{w_{11}}{w_{11} + w_{12}} e_1 + \frac{w_{21}}{w_{21} + w_{22}} e_2 \quad (3)$$

$$e_{h2} = \frac{w_{12}}{w_{12} + w_{11}} e_1 + \frac{w_{22}}{w_{22} + w_{21}} e_2 \quad (4)$$

We don't necessarily need the bottom part of the fraction because it ends up all canceling out. So now we can write...

$$e_{h1} = w_{11}e_1 + w_{21}e_2 \quad (5)$$

$$e_{h2} = w_{12}e_1 + w_{22}e_2 \quad (6)$$

Now putting it into matrix terms...

$$\begin{bmatrix} e_{h1} \\ e_{h2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{21} \\ w_{12} & w_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_1 \\ e_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

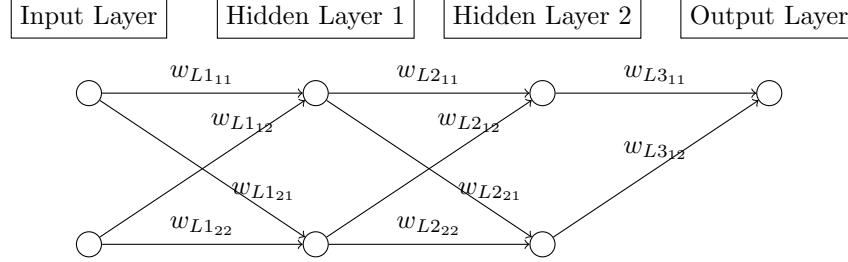
Oh and by the way...

$$w_l = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & \dots \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (8)$$

$$w_l^T = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & \dots \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{21} & \dots \\ w_{12} & w_{22} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Which is the same as the first matrix in equation 7.

2.1.1 Example With XOR Gate



Calculating output error and hidden errors in backpropigation, where e_o is the output error, i represents the i th sample, y represents the expected value, and \hat{y} represents the actual value.

$$e_{o_i} = y_i - \hat{y}_i \quad (10)$$

$$e_{L2} = [e_{o_i}] \begin{bmatrix} w_{L3_{11}} \\ w_{L3_{12}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

3 Adjusting Weights

3.1 Gradient Descent

$$y = mx + b \quad (12)$$

$$\Delta m = learningRate * x * error_j \quad (13)$$

$$\Delta b = learningRate * error_j \quad (14)$$

How do we apply these equations to multivariable equations? In our case, we have...

$$y = \sigma(wI + b) \quad (15)$$

$$\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x) + (1 - \sigma(x)) \quad (16)$$

$$\Delta w_{ij}^{HO} = \alpha E_L (Output(1 - Output)) H^T \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta w_{ij}^{IH} = \alpha H_e (H(1 - H)) I^T \quad (18)$$

Where i and j is the current weight in the matrix, and HO signifies the hidden layer to the output layer. α signifies the learning rate, and E_L is the error vector for the layer. H is what is coming out of a hidden layer.