

Recap:

① FCNN $\begin{cases} \text{shallow} \\ \text{deep} \rightarrow \begin{cases} f(x) = V^T f_T(x) \\ f_{t+1}(x) = G(W_t f_t(x) + b_t) \end{cases} \end{cases}$
 $t = 0, 1, \dots, T-1$

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② Empirical Risk Minimization (ERM)

Training set

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta \in \Theta} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$

optimize $\begin{cases} \text{GD} \\ \text{SGD} \\ \text{Momentum GD} \end{cases}$

③ BP Algorithm to calculate gradient $\begin{cases} \text{forward} \\ \text{backward} \end{cases}$
 (Batch update in practice)

forward : $x \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_T \rightarrow x_{T+1}$

backward : $x_{T+1} \rightarrow p_{T+1} := \nabla_{x_{T+1}} \ell \rightarrow \nabla_{w_T} \ell \leftarrow x_T$

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$$\begin{aligned} p_t &:= \nabla_{x_t} \ell(x_{T+1}, y) \\ &= \nabla_{x_t} g_t(x_t, w_t) \cdot p_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow x_T = g_{T-1}(x_{T-1}, w_{T-1}) \\ p_T &\longrightarrow \nabla_{w_{T-1}} \ell \leftarrow x_{T-1} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\nabla_{w_t} \ell(x_{T+1}, y) \\ &= \nabla_{w_t} g_t(x_t, w_t) \cdot p_{t+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\downarrow \\ &\vdots \\ p_1 &\longrightarrow \nabla_{w_0} \ell \leftarrow x_0 = x \end{aligned}$$

depth

Issue: when T is large, the gradient is potential to

$\begin{cases} \text{vanish} \\ \text{explode} \end{cases}$

especially for RNN!

comes from the nature of BP

$$P_t = \prod_{i=t+1}^{T+1} \delta_i \cdot P_{T+1}$$

tend to { explode
vanish }

④ CNN → convolution operation

Today's lecture:

1. Gradient Vanishing / Gradient Exploding

E.g. (intuition) (toy example)

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FCNN: $x_{t+1} = \sigma(w_t \cdot x_t)$ $t = 0, 1, \dots, T$

$w_t, x_t \in \mathbb{R}$

omit bias

consider $\Rightarrow P_t = \nabla_{x_t} g_t(x_t, w_t) \cdot P_{t+1}$

$$= \underbrace{w_t}_{\text{initialization}} \cdot \underbrace{\sigma'(w_t \cdot x_t)}_{\text{activation function}} \cdot P_{t+1} \quad t = 0, 1, \dots, T$$

$$P_{T+1} = \nabla_{x_{T+1}} l(x_{T+1}, y)$$

Insight: gradient vanishing / exploding \Leftrightarrow { activation function
weight initialization }

also depends on the choice of architecture

In this example: we use FCNN (do not utilize architecture like skip-connection)

most naive one

2. choice of activation function

↓ 1d FCNN (omit bias)

Recap last example: $P_t = w_t \cdot \boxed{g'(w_t \cdot x_t)} \cdot P_{t+1}$

↓ ideally, we want $|g'| \approx 1$

↖ less likely for GV

Relu: $g(z) = \max\{0, z\} \Rightarrow g'(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & z > 0 \\ 0, & z < 0 \end{cases}$

Sigmoid: $g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)} \Rightarrow g'(z) = \frac{\exp(-z)}{(1 + \exp(-z))^2}$

↘ potential GV

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 $0 \leq g'(z) \leq \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)} < 1$

↘ may lead to Gradient Vanish

3. choice of initialization

Recap: $P_t = w_t \cdot g'(w_t \cdot x_t) \cdot P_{t+1}$

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 $\gamma_t := \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} = w_t \cdot g'(w_t \cdot x_t) \Rightarrow$ idea: we want to control this rate

→ Random Initialization: $w_t \sim \text{Gaussian}(0, \sigma^2)$

↘ Here, we choose (assume) $g \rightarrow \text{ReLU}$

⇒ Question: How to choose σ^2 (variance)?

Answer: we want to analyze $r_t := \frac{p_t}{p_{t+1}} = w_t \cdot \sigma'(w_t \cdot x_t)$

$$\sigma'(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & z \geq 0 \\ 0, & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

x_t is also random

Conclusion: $\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [r_t] = 0 \\ \mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [r_t^2] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \end{cases} \Rightarrow$ suggest us to choose $\sigma^2 = 2$

Derivation: b) $\mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [w_t^2 \sigma'(w_t \cdot x_t)^2]$

if $w_t \sim p(\cdot)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{symmetric}}$ $\mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [w_t^2 \mathbb{1}\{w_t \cdot x_t > 0\}]$
then: $\mathbb{E}_{w_t} [f(w_t)] = \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [f(-w_t)] = \mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [(-w_t)^2 \mathbb{1}\{(-w_t) \cdot x_t > 0\}]$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [r_t^2] = \mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [w_t^2] = \sigma^2$$
$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [r_t^2] = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}}}$$

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 $\mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t^2]$

→ Generally, the initialization scheme is:

In DNNs with width d , this becomes $\gamma_d^2 = 2/d$. This is known as Kaiming (or He) initialization scheme. More generally, with different widths d_t , we have

$$W_t^{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{2}{d_t}).$$

→ This also solves a problem of vanishing/exploding during forward propagation!!

→ not only for the gradient back-propagation
for general width d_t (previously, $d_t = 1$)

Consider a FCNN:

$$x_{t+1} = G(W_t \cdot x_t), \quad W_t \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{t+1} \times d_t}$$

Goal →

Here, $W_t^{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_t^2)$ → we want to determine σ_t^2

$$\rightarrow x_t \in \mathbb{R}^{d_t} \rightarrow x_t = \begin{pmatrix} x_t^1 \\ \vdots \\ x_t^{d_t} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_t}$$



x_t is also random!

$$\Rightarrow x_{t+1}^i = G\left(\sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{d_t} W_t^{i\bar{j}} x_t^{\bar{j}}\right) \rightarrow \text{scalar form}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{W_t^{i\cdot}, x_t}[(x_{t+1}^i)^2] = \mathbb{E}_{W_t^{i\cdot}, x_t}\left[\left\{G\left(\sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{d_t} W_t^{i\bar{j}} x_t^{\bar{j}}\right)\right\}^2\right]$$

since $W_t^{i1}, \dots, W_t^{id_t} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_t^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{d_t} x_t^{\bar{j}} \cdot W_t^{i\bar{j}} \mid x_t \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{d_t} (x_t^{\bar{j}})^2 \cdot \sigma_t^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{W_t^{i\cdot}, x_t}[(x_{t+1}^i)^2] = \mathbb{E}_{x_t}\left[\mathbb{E}_{W_t^{i\cdot}}\left[\left\{G\left(\sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{d_t} W_t^{i\bar{j}} x_t^{\bar{j}}\right)\right\}^2 \mid x_t\right]\right]$$

Lemma: if $z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \alpha^2)$

then $\mathbb{E}[G^2(z)] = \frac{\alpha^2}{2}$

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$$\mathbb{E}[G^2(z)]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[z^2 \cdot \mathbb{1}\{z > 0\}]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^2}{2}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{x_t}\left[\sum_{\bar{j}=1}^{d_t} (x_t^{\bar{j}})^2 \sigma_t^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_t^2}{2} \cdot \mathbb{E}_{x_t}[\|x_t\|_2^2]$$

→ independent with respect to i

$$= \frac{\sigma_t^2}{2} \cdot d_t \mathbb{E}_{x_t^i}[(x_t^i)^2] \quad \text{choice of node in next layer}$$



we want

$$\boxed{\frac{\gamma_t^2 dt}{2} = 1} \rightarrow \text{stabilize}$$
$$\Downarrow$$
$$\gamma_t^2 = \frac{2}{dt}$$

Recap: $P_t = w_t \cdot b'(w_t x_t) \cdot P_{t+1}$ $x_{t+1} = b(w_t x_t)$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$\underline{r_t := \frac{P_t}{P_{t+1}} = w_t \cdot b'(w_t x_t)}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{w_t, x_t} [r_t] = \mathbb{E}_{x_t} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [r_t | x_t] \right\}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{x_t} \cdot \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t \cdot \mathbb{1}\{w_t x_t > 0\} | x_t] \right\}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{x_t} [f(x_t)]$$

$$f(x_t) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t \mathbb{1}\{w_t > 0\}] & \text{if } \underline{x_t > 0} \\ \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t \mathbb{1}\{w_t < 0\}] & \text{if } \underline{x_t < 0} \end{cases}$$

$$\left(\text{Assume: } \begin{bmatrix} P(x_t > 0) = \frac{1}{2} \\ P(x_t < 0) = \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t \mathbb{1}\{w_t > 0\}] + \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t \mathbb{1}\{w_t < 0\}] \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}_{w_t} [w_t] = \underline{0}$$