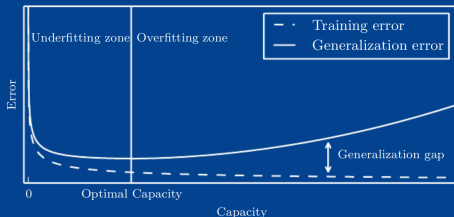




LESSON 08: Model-capacity, Under/over-fitting, Generalization

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Agenda

- ▶ Résumé af GD og NN's.
- ▶ Model Capacity,
- ▶ Under/over-fitting,
- ▶ Generalization Error,
- ▶ Exercise: `L08/learning_curves.ipynb`,

that replaces the old excercises:

~~Exercise: `L08/capacity_under_overfitting.ipynb`~~

~~Exercise: `L08/generalization_error.ipynb`~~

RESUMÉ: GD

The numerically Gradient decent [GD] method is based on the gradient vector

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w})$$

for the gradient operator

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} = \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial w_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial w_m} \right]^T$$

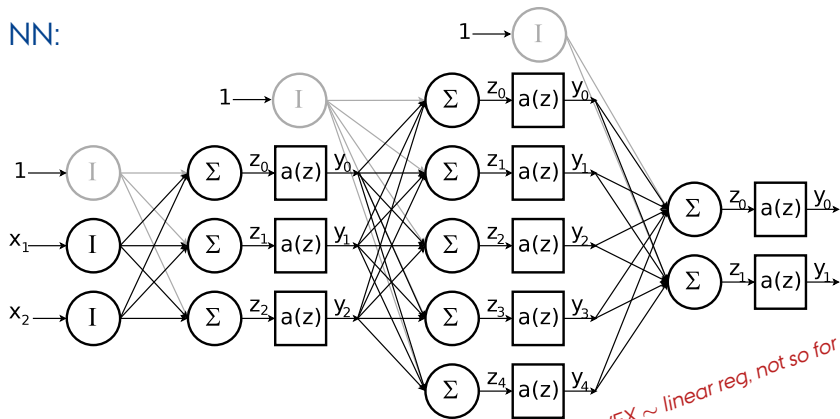
The algorithm for updating via steps reads

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{next step})} = \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w})$$

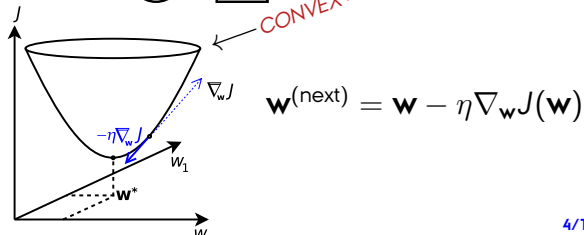
with η being the step size.

RESUMÉ: Training Deep Neural Networks

NN:

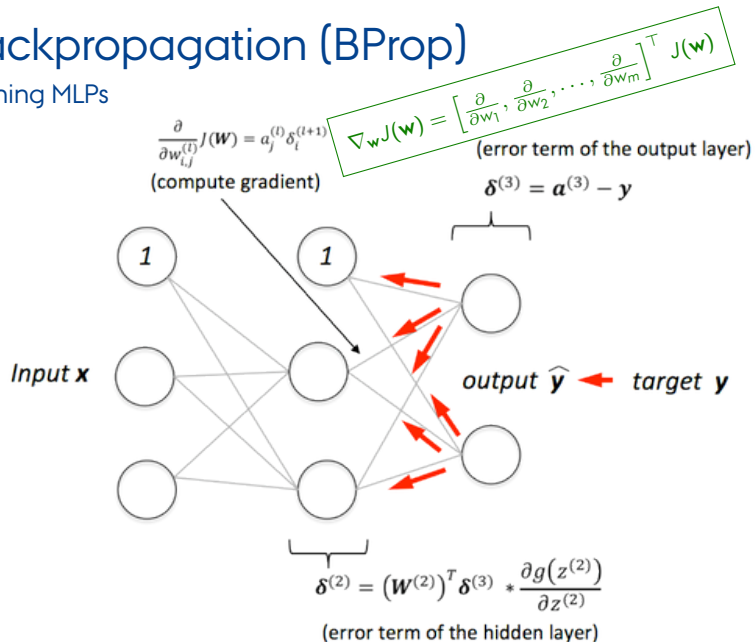


GD (via BPROP):



Backpropagation (BProp)

Training MLPs



NOTE: [<https://sebastianraschka.com/images/faq/visual-backpropagation/backpropagation.png>]

RESUMÉ: Training Deep Neural Networks

Equation 4-6. Gradient vector of the cost function

$$\nabla_{\theta} \text{MSE}(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_0} \text{MSE}(\theta) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \text{MSE}(\theta) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_n} \text{MSE}(\theta) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{2}{m} \mathbf{X}^T (\mathbf{X}\theta - \mathbf{y})$$



Notice that this formula involves calculation set \mathbf{X} , at each Gradient Descent step! This is called *Batch Gradient Descent*: it uses the whole data at every step (actually, *Full Gradient Descent* would be a better name). As a result it is terribly slow on large sets (but we will see much faster Gradient Descent algorithms shortly). However, Gradient Descent scales well to many features; training a Linear Regression model on hundreds of thousands of features is much faster than using the Normal Equation or Stochastic Gradient Descent.

Once you have the gradient vector, which points uphill, you can move in the opposite direction to go downhill. This means subtracting $\nabla_{\theta} \text{MSE}(\theta)$ from the current parameters. The learning rate η comes into play:⁶ multiply the gradient vector by η to get the size of the downhill step (Equation 4-7).

Equation 4-7. Gradient Descent step

$$\theta^{(\text{next step})} = \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} \text{MSE}(\theta)$$

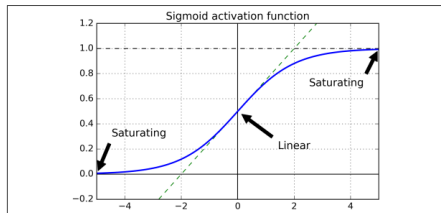


Figure 11-1. Logistic activation function saturation

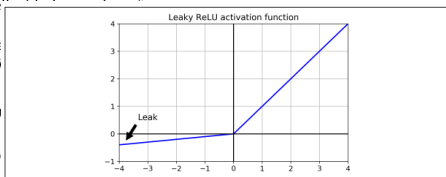
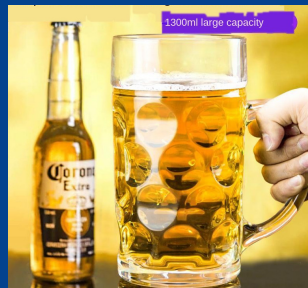


Figure 11-2. Leaky ReLU

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{next})} = \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} J(\mathbf{w})$$

MODEL CAPACITY



Model capacity

Dummy and Paradox classifier:

capacity fixed ~ 0 , cannot generalize at all!

Linear regression for a polynomial model:

capacity \sim degree of the polynomial, x^n

Neural Network model:

capacity \propto number of neurons

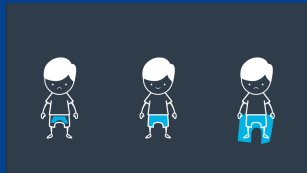
Homo sapiens ("modern humans"):

capacity \propto the IQ 'score' function?

\Rightarrow **Capacity** can be hard to express as a quantity for some models, but you need to choose..

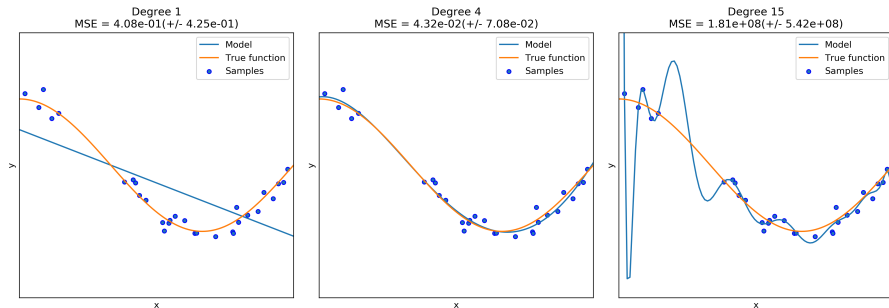
\Rightarrow how to choose the **optimal capacity**?

UNDER- AND OVERFITTING



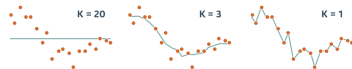
Under- and overfitting

Polynomial linear reg. fit for underlying model: $\cos(x)$



- ▶ underfitting:
capacity of model too low,
- ▶ overfitting:
capacity too high.

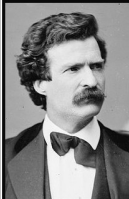
k-NN from L01:



⇒ how to choose the **optimal** capacity?

NOTE: HOML: Constraining a model [...] reduce risk of overfitting [via] regularization => L09

GENERALIZATION ERROR



All generalizations are false, including this one.

(Mark Twain)

Generalization Err., Over-, Underfit, Capacity

The Bias/Variance Tradeoff

An important theoretical result of statistics and Machine Learning is the fact that a model's generalization error can be expressed as the sum of three very different errors:

Bias

This part of the generalization error is due to wrong assumptions, such as assuming that the data is linear when it is actually quadratic. A high-bias model is most likely to underfit the training data.¹⁰

Variance

This part is due to the model's excessive sensitivity to small variations in the training data. A model with many degrees of freedom (such as a high-degree polynomial model) is likely to have high variance, and thus to overfit the training data.

Irreducible error

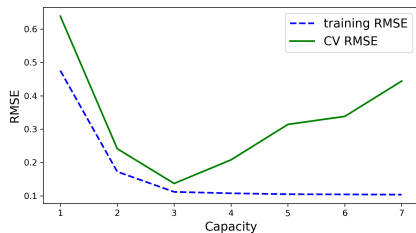
This part is due to the noisiness of the data itself. The only way to reduce this part of the error is to clean up the data (e.g., fix the data sources, such as broken sensors, or detect and remove outliers).

Increasing a model's complexity will typically increase its variance and reduce its bias. Conversely, reducing a model's complexity increases its bias and reduces its variance. This is why it is called a tradeoff.

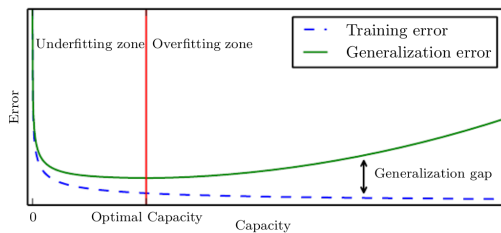
Generalization Error

RMSE-capacity plot for lin. reg. with polynomial features

(capacity \sim degree of poly)



(Figure 5.3 from [DL])




Inspecting the plots from the exercise (`. ipynb`) and [DL],
extracting the concepts:

- ▶ training/generalization error,
- ▶ generalization gap,
- ▶ underfit/overfit zone,
- ▶ optimal capacity (best-model, early stop),
- ▶ (and the two axes: x/capacity, y/error.)

Definition of Machine Learning [ML] *def of AI?*

"A machine learning algorithm is an algorithm that is able to learn from data. But what do we mean by learning?" [DL]



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Generalization Error

NOTE: three methods/plots:

- via **learning curves** as in [HOML],
- via an **error-capacity** plot as in [GITHOML] and [DL],
- via an **error-epoch** plot as in [GITHOML].

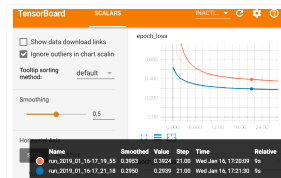
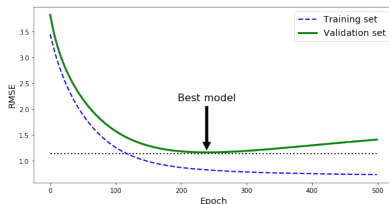
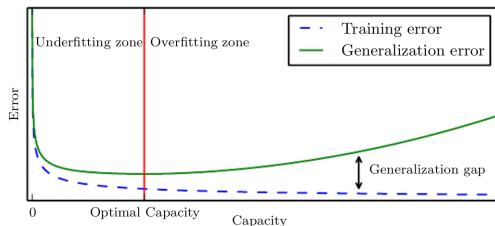
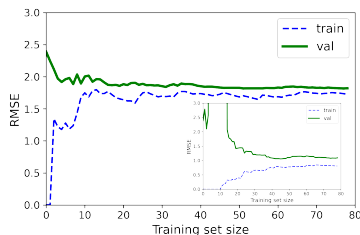


Figure 19-16. Visualizing Learning Curves with TensorBoard

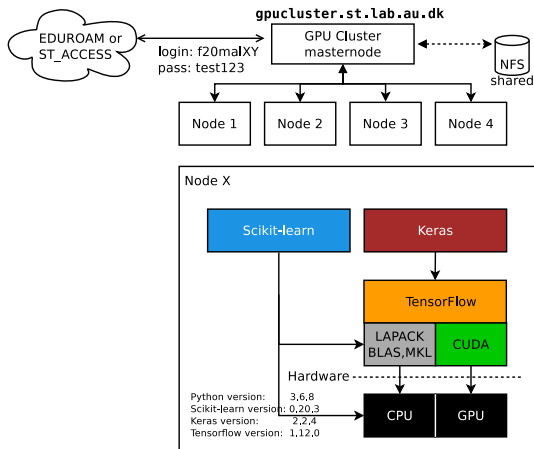
Extra Slides..

High-Performance-Computing (HPC)

Running on the ASE GPU Cluster:

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password=swmal09f25_123



GPU Cluster: Updated Architecture

