# Self\_organizing\_map

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## 1 Self Organizing Maps (SOM)

## 1.1 Unsupervised Clustering Algorithm

### 1.1.1 Algorithm Class: Competitive Learning

See also: (Kohonen 1990): The Self-Organizing Map Proceedings of the IEEE, Vol.78, No. 9, September 1990 The Iris flower data set or Fisher's Iris data set is a multivariate data set introduced by the British statistician and biologist Ronald Fisher in his 1936 paper "The use of multiple measurements in taxonomic problems as an example of linear discriminant analysis".

The data set consists of 50 samples from each of three species of Iris (Iris setosa, Iris virginica and Iris versicolor). Four features were measured from each sample: the length and the width of the sepals (Kelchblatt) and petals (Blütenblatt), in centimeters.

#### 1.1.2 Iris Setosa

### Iris Versicolor ### Iris Virginica

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[1]: #Load toy dataset (iris) from scikit learn library
    from sklearn import datasets
    from sklearn.utils import shuffle
    import pandas as pd
    import numpy as np
    #Load data in matrix X for easier reference
    iris = datasets.load_iris()
    X = iris.data
    #Normalize Data to be in range [0,1], alternative to standard normally_
     \rightarrow distributed data, i.e. mu = 0, sigma = 1
    #If a feature has a variance that is orders of magnitude larger than others,
    #it might dominate the objective function and make the estimator unable tou
     \rightarrow learn
    #from other features correctly.
    from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
    scaler = MinMaxScaler()
    scaler.fit(X)
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#Create Pandas Dataframe for table display
    df = pd.DataFrame(X)
    df.columns = iris.feature_names
    df['class'] = iris.target
    #label class names
    df['class name'] = [iris.target names[i] for i in df['class']]
    #shuffle data
    df = shuffle(df)
    X = np.array(df.loc[:,'sepal length (cm)':'petal width (cm)'])
    #Visualize data in table
    df
                                                petal length (cm)
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         sepal length (cm)
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X = scaler.transform(X)

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86	0.666667		0.458333	0.627119	0.583333
56		0.555556	0.541667	0.627119	0.625000
70		0.44444	0.500000	0.644068	0.708333
47	0.083333		0.500000	0.067797	0.041667
63	0.500000		0.375000	0.627119	0.541667
113	0.388889		0.208333	0.677966	0.791667
107	0.833333		0.375000	0.898305	0.708333
67	0.416667		0.291667	0.525424	0.375000
112	0.694444		0.416667	0.762712	0.833333
110	0.611111		0.500000	0.694915	0.791667
91	0.500000		0.416667	0.610169	0.541667
4	0.194444		0.666667	0.067797	0.041667
119	0.472222		0.083333	0.677966	0.583333
24	0.138889		0.583333	0.152542	0.041667
65	0.666667		0.458333	0.576271	0.541667
127		0.500000	0.416667	0.661017	0.708333
25		0.194444	0.416667	0.101695	0.041667
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79		0.388889	0.250000	0.423729	0.375000
140		0.666667	0.458333	0.779661	0.958333
23		0.22222	0.541667	0.118644	0.166667
87	0.55556		0.125000	0.576271	0.500000
89	0.333333		0.208333	0.508475	0.500000
123	0.555556		0.291667	0.661017	0.708333
108	0.666667		0.208333	0.813559	0.708333
137	0.583333		0.458333	0.762712	0.708333
76	0.694444		0.333333	0.644068	0.541667
120	0.722222		0.500000	0.796610	0.916667
31		0.305556	0.583333	0.084746	0.125000
51		0.583333	0.500000	0.593220	0.583333
	class	class_name			
33	0	setosa			
143	2	virginica			
59	1	versicolor			
118	2	virginica			
57	1	versicolor			
64	1	versicolor			
121	2	virginica			
60	1	versicolor			
20	0	setosa			

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85

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1 versicolor

1 versicolor

setosa

81	1	versicolor
54	1	versicolor
69	1	versicolor
106	2	virginica
141	2	virginica
77	1	versicolor
37	0	setosa
36	0	setosa
62	1	versicolor
134	2	virginica
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120	2	virginica

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1.1.3 Little toolbox to explore SOM is delievered in the minisom package (use pip install minisom for quick download with Anaconda Distribution)

https://github.com/JustGlowing/minisom/blob/master/minisom.py

#### 1.2 The self-organizing map algorithm

In general one can use SOM for two purposes:

- 1. Clustering of data, i.e. understand how many clusters might be in a specific data set
- 2. Dimensionality reduction, i.e. find out which features are truly relevant or can be neglected

#### 1.2.1 The Algorithm:

- A number of neurons are aligned within a grid for instance rectangular or hexagonal
- Each neuron is assigned to a weight vector that has the same dimensionality as the training data
- Each node's weights are initialized, randomly.
- A vector is chosen at random from the set of training data.
- Every node (weight vector) is examined to calculate which one's weights are most like the input vector.
  - Here similiarity is represented as the euclidean distance between the node and the input vector
- The winning node is commonly known as the Best Matching Unit (BMU).
- Then the neighbourhood of the BMU is calculated. The amount of neighbors decreases over time.
- The winning weight is rewarded with becoming more like the sample vector. The neighbors also become more like the sample vector.
- The closer a node is to the BMU, the more its weights get altered and the farther away the neighbor is from the BMU, the less it learns.
- Repeat from step 2 for a number of iterations.
- Determin distances between neurons -> U-Matrix Unified Distance Matrix

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## 1.2.2 Typical decisions to make when using SOM:

Learning rate: How close shall the BMU and its neighbours be pulled towards the data point

Neighbours: How many neighbours shall be affected from the BMU. Usually in the beginning the neighbourhood should be large and decrease monotonically over time

#### **Number of Neurons**

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[2]: from minisom import MiniSom

#Create object of class Minisom

#__init__(self, x, y, input_len, sigma=1.0, learning_rate=0.5,__

-decay_function=asymptotic_decay, neighborhood_function='gaussian',__

-random_seed=None)

#Rule of Thumb for choosing number of neurons. 5*srt(N)

som = MiniSom(12,12, 4, neighborhood_function = 'gaussian', sigma=1,__

-learning_rate= 0.5, random_seed = 10)

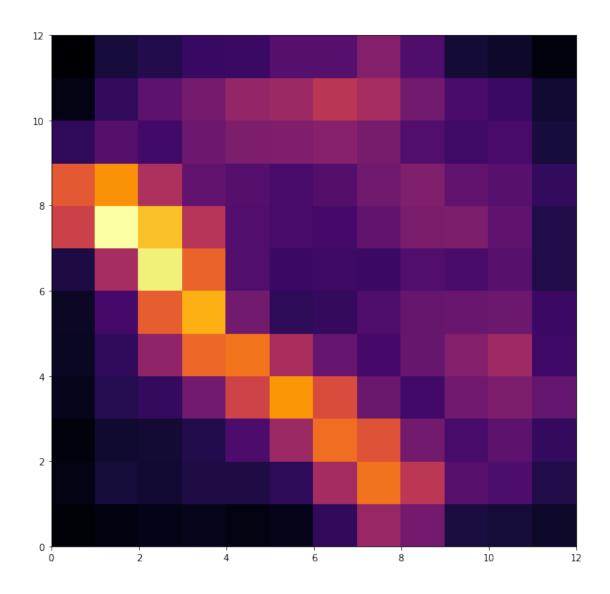
#Initializes the weights of the SOM

som.random_weights_init(data = X)

#Trains the SOM using all the vectors in data sequentially
som.train_batch(data = X, num_iteration = 10000, verbose = True)
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[3]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    %matplotlib inline
    plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
    plt.pcolor(som.distance_map(), cmap='inferno')
    plt.show()
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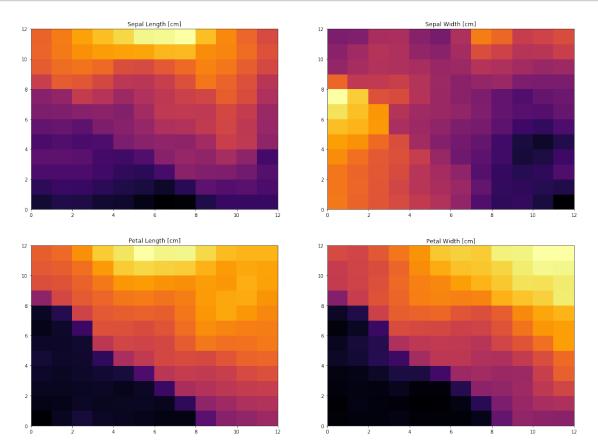
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[5]: #Slice data matrix in four distince matrices to visualize individual feature
    →weight layers
   sepal_length = neuron_weights[:,:,0]
   sepal_width = neuron_weights[:,:,1]
   petal_length = neuron_weights[:,:,2]
   petal_width = neuron_weights[:,:,3]
[6]: fig,((ax0, ax1), (ax2, ax3)) = plt.subplots(2,2, figsize = (20,15))
   ax0.pcolor(sepal_length, cmap='inferno')
   ax0.set_title('Sepal Length [cm]')
   ax1.pcolor(sepal_width , cmap='inferno')
   ax1.set_title('Sepal Width [cm]')
   ax2.pcolor(petal_length, cmap='inferno')
   ax2.set_title('Petal Length [cm]')
   ax3.pcolor(petal_width, cmap='inferno')
   ax3.set_title('Petal Width [cm]')
   plt.show()
```



Petal Length and Petal Width are rather similar in terms of the magnitude of their weights - Petal Length or Petal Width can be removed from the data set since they are highly correlated