

Noize net — WORK IN PROGRESS

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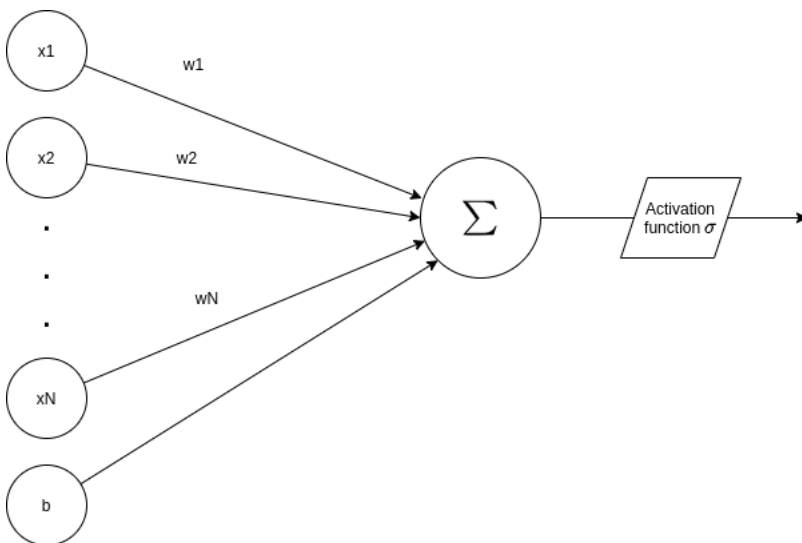
1 Intorduction to Neural networks

Before we procede to the more advanced recurant neural network let us begin with an abbreviated coverage of neaural networks and the concepts underpinning them.

1.1 Perceptrons

The simplest unit of a neural network is, as the name suggests a neuron or more commonly a peceptron. In it's simplest form a peceptron recieves an input, performs some calculation and produces output. Given these inputs and bias we

Figure 1: Peceptron showing N input variables, N weights and a bias

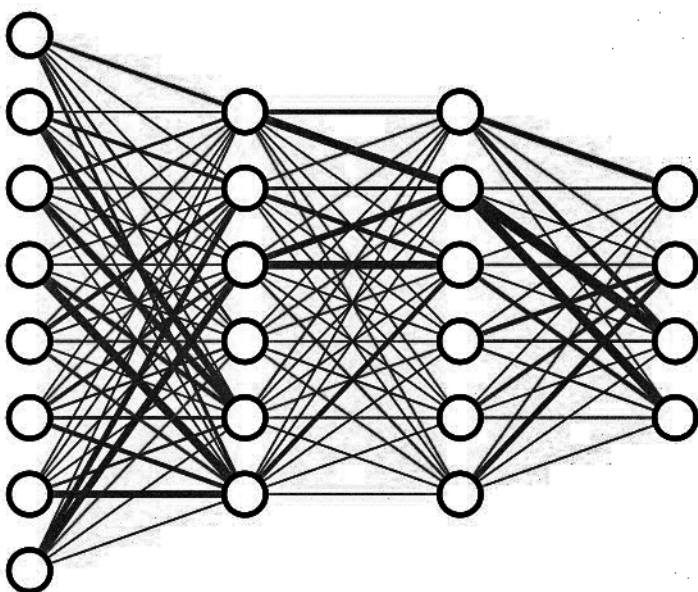


can adjust weights and bais to satisfy our desired output after summation and activation function (1.4).

1.2 Multi layer peceptrons

Peceptrons, however, are not powerful in this form, rather we only begin to see the utility when we start connecting them together in a mesh much like neurons in the brain. In figure two we can see a depiction of this with weights represented as line thickness (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Image of a simple neural network archutecture with 8 inputs two hidden layers and four output neurons

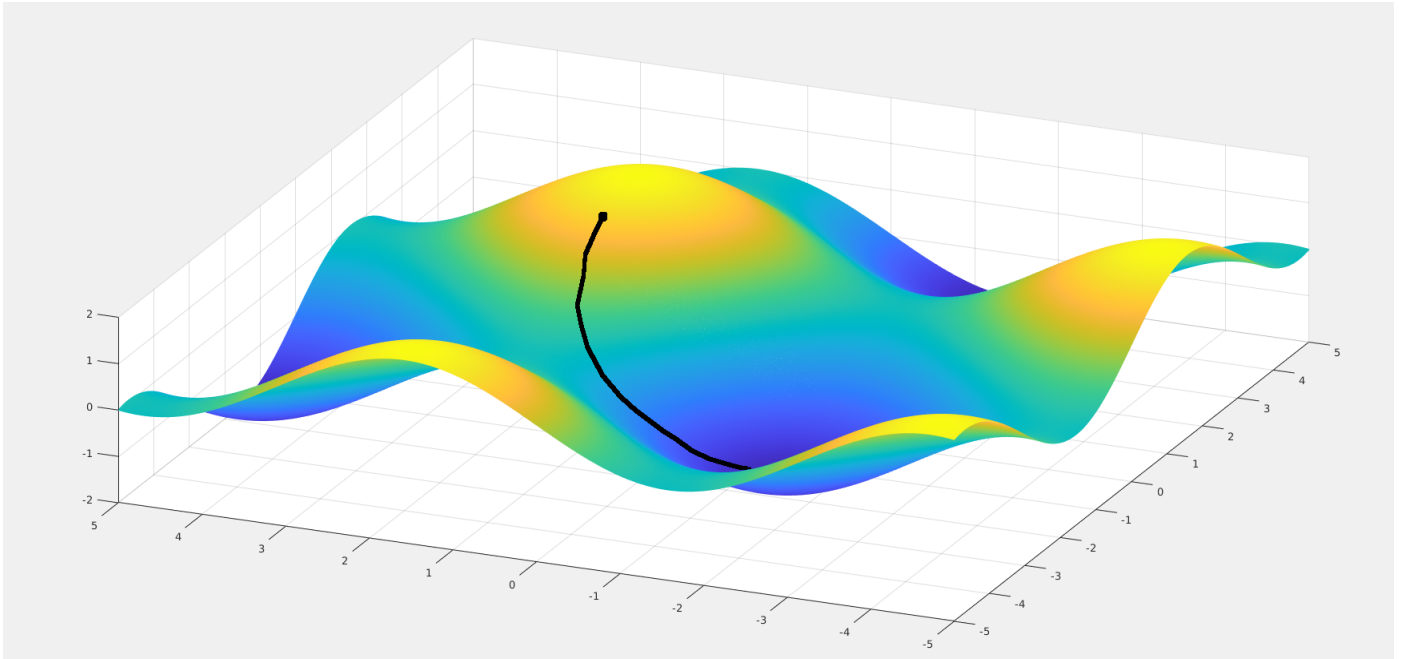


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1.3 Gradient decent

Now we need a way to determine the peceptron weights, for this we use Gradient decent. There are many adaptions of gardient descent that aim to optimize its computational performance or over come some issue with converging to a poory optimised solution such as Fast gradient methods or momentum adapted gradient descent.

Figure 3: A plot of $f(x, y) = \sin(x) + \sin(y)$ with a path showing gradient decent steps



The aim of gradient descent is to iteratively optimize the perceptron weights to converge on a local minimum by taking steps in the direction of steepest descent, after many iterations we will find that the networks weights are well optimised for some goal. However we may find that a local minimum is not sufficient for our purposes and as such may need to employ some hyperparameter tuning such as changing the the step size we take or adding momentum in the hopes that we converge to a more optimal solution.

1.4 Activation functions

Now we will discuss, much like with a biological neuron, how will a neuron decide to activate or not. There are many functions that are used in the literature but here we give a quick overview of the most common functions and their uses. The purpose of an activation function is to format the output of a perceptron, we begin with the most elementary of these functions (excluding the identity function defined as $f(x) = x$).

1. The binary step function Definition:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

The binary step function is primarily used for true, false classification where the result is not a probability but a certainty. Beyond this this activation function has limited use in modern neural networks, however it should be noted that it is very computationally efficient.

2. Rectified Linear Unit(ReLU) Definition:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

The ReLU Function finds much use despite its simplicity mostly due to its computational efficiency when compared to the more complex activation functions. ReLU reduces the input domain to only non-negative numbers which can be useful in cases where one wishes to disregard such values.

3. Sigmoid Definition:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

4. Softmax Definition: CHANGE THIS

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

1.5 Feed forward

1.6 Error functions

Once we have output from the model, we need a metric for the error between the output and ground truth, an error function. There are many error functions that appear in the literature, however, their use is often highly application dependent. In the case of Noise net we are dealing with simple two dimensional time series data and as such the relevant error functions are elementary:

1. Mean Square Error (MSE)

This error function finds the average square difference between the predicted value and ground truth, defined as

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^N (y_i - y'_i)^2}{N}$$

Where N is the number of output values, y_i is the ground truth value and y'_i is the predicted value.

This loss function is favorable because of its simplicity and computational efficiency. One should note that MSE can "amplify" large errors and squash small errors due to the square and notice that the direction of the error is also ignored.

2. Mean absolute error

If one would not like to square the error in order to better capture small errors one can use the MAE function which shares many similar properties with the MSE function but more accurately depicts the difference between a prediction and the ground truth.

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^N |y_i - y'_i|}{N}$$

3. Mean Bias error

If the application requires a signed error function the MBE error function could be applicable. However, one should note that positive and negative values may cancel each other out leading to unpredictable results in practice.

$$MBE = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^N (y_i - y'_i)}{N}$$

1.7 Back propagation

2 Introduction to Recurrent Neural Networks

2.1 RNN concepts

2.2 LSTM

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3.1 Data and preprocessing

3.2 Architecture

3.3 Implimentation

3.4 Results

3.5 Conclusion

4 References