C2 W2 Multiclass TF

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1 Optional Lab - Multi-class Classification

1.1 1.1 Goals

In this lab, you will explore an example of multi-class classification using neural networks.

1.2 Tools

You will use some plotting routines. These are stored in lab_utils_multiclass_TF.py in this directory.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib widget
from sklearn.datasets import make_blobs
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
np.set_printoptions(precision=2)
from lab_utils_multiclass_TF import *
import logging
logging.getLogger("tensorflow").setLevel(logging.ERROR)
tf.autograph.set_verbosity(0)
```

2 2.0 Multi-class Classification

Neural Networks are often used to classify data. Examples are neural networks: - take in photos and classify subjects in the photos as {dog,cat,horse,other} - take in a sentence and classify the 'parts of speech' of its elements: {noun, verb, adjective etc..}

A network of this type will have multiple units in its final layer. Each output is associated with a category. When an input example is applied to the network, the output with the highest value is the category predicted. If the output is applied to a softmax function, the output of the softmax will provide probabilities of the input being in each category.

In this lab you will see an example of building a multiclass network in Tensorflow. We will then take a look at how the neural network makes its predictions.

Let's start by creating a four-class data set.

2.1 Prepare and visualize our data

We will use Scikit-Learn make_blobs function to make a training data set with 4 categories as shown in the plot below.

```
[2]: # make 4-class dataset for classification

classes = 4

m = 100

centers = [[-5, 2], [-2, -2], [1, 2], [5, -2]]

std = 1.0

X_train, y_train = make_blobs(n_samples=m, centers=centers, □

→cluster_std=std,random_state=30)
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[3]: plt_mc(X_train,y_train,classes, centers, std=std)
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Each dot represents a training example. The axis (x0,x1) are the inputs and the color represents the class the example is associated with. Once trained, the model will be presented with a new example, (x0,x1), and will predict the class.

While generated, this data set is representative of many real-world classification problems. There are several input features (x0,...,xn) and several output categories. The model is trained to use the input features to predict the correct output category.

```
[4]: # show classes in data set
print(f"unique classes {np.unique(y_train)}")
    # show how classes are represented
print(f"class representation {y_train[:10]}")
    # show shapes of our dataset
print(f"shape of X_train: {X_train.shape}, shape of y_train: {y_train.shape}")
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2.2 2.2 Model

This lab will use a 2-layer network as shown. Unlike the binary classification networks, this network has four outputs, one for each class. Given an input example, the output with the highest value is the predicted class of the input.

Below is an example of how to construct this network in Tensorflow. Notice the output layer uses a linear rather than a softmax activation. While it is possible to include the softmax in the output layer, it is more numerically stable if linear outputs are passed to the loss function during training. If the model is used to predict probabilities, the softmax can be applied at that point.

The statements below compile and train the network. Setting from_logits=True as an argument to the loss function specifies that the output activation was linear rather than a softmax.

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[6]: model.compile(
    loss=tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True),
    optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(0.01),
)

model.fit(
    X_train,y_train,
    epochs=200
)
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Epoch 1/200
Epoch 2/200
4/4 [======
           =========] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 1.6976
Epoch 3/200
         Epoch 4/200
          ========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 1.5179
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Epoch 5/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 1.4369
Epoch 6/200
Epoch 7/200
Epoch 8/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 1.2621
Epoch 9/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 1.2188
Epoch 10/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 1.1791
Epoch 11/200
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Epoch 12/200
Epoch 13/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 1.0827
Epoch 14/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 1.0516
Epoch 15/200
Epoch 16/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.9967
Epoch 17/200
Epoch 18/200
Epoch 19/200
Epoch 20/200
Epoch 21/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.8461
Epoch 22/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 0.8099
Epoch 23/200
Epoch 24/200
Epoch 25/200
Epoch 26/200
Epoch 27/200
Epoch 28/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.6540
Epoch 29/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.6352
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Epoch 31/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.6030
Epoch 32/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.5884
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Epoch 36/200
Epoch 37/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.5323
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.4775
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.4725
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4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.4673
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Epoch 51/200
Epoch 52/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.4451
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4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.4414
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Epoch 55/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.4336
Epoch 56/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.4295
Epoch 57/200
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Epoch 60/200
Epoch 61/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.4131
Epoch 62/200
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Epoch 64/200
Epoch 65/200
Epoch 66/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.3957
Epoch 67/200
Epoch 68/200
Epoch 69/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.3837
Epoch 70/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 0.3792
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Epoch 76/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.3550
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4/4 [============== ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 0.3491
Epoch 78/200
Epoch 79/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.3367
Epoch 80/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.3293
Epoch 81/200
Epoch 82/200
Epoch 83/200
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Epoch 84/200
Epoch 85/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2933
Epoch 86/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2864
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Epoch 88/200
Epoch 89/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.2645
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Epoch 92/200
Epoch 93/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2354
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.2274
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Epoch 100/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.1894
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4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1850
Epoch 102/200
Epoch 103/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1758
Epoch 104/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.1709
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Epoch 109/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.1480
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Epoch 111/200
Epoch 112/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 0.1357
Epoch 113/200
Epoch 114/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.1277
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Epoch 117/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 0.1171
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.1139
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4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.0975
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4/4 [============== ] - 0s 3ms/step - loss: 0.0951
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Epoch 127/200
4/4 [============== ] - 0s 2ms/step - loss: 0.0902
Epoch 128/200
4/4 [============ ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0882
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Epoch 131/200
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Epoch 132/200
Epoch 133/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.0790
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0670
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0490
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Epoch 167/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.0440
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Epoch 171/200
Epoch 172/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.0414
Epoch 173/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0413
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0401
Epoch 176/200
4/4 [============= ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.0393
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Epoch 180/200
4/4 [============ ] - Os 1ms/step - loss: 0.0377
Epoch 181/200
4/4 [=========== ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.0369
Epoch 182/200
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4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0310
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Epoch 199/200
4/4 [============= ] - 0s 1ms/step - loss: 0.0303
Epoch 200/200
4/4 [============= ] - Os 2ms/step - loss: 0.0300
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[6]: <keras.callbacks.History at 0x722fb01cfc10>

With the model trained, we can see how the model has classified the training data.

[7]: plt_cat_mc(X_train, y_train, model, classes)

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Above, the decision boundaries show how the model has partitioned the input space. This very simple model has had no trouble classifying the training data. How did it accomplish this? Let's look at the network in more detail.

Below, we will pull the trained weights from the model and use that to plot the function of each of the network units. Further down, there is a more detailed explanation of the results. You don't need to know these details to successfully use neural networks, but it may be helpful to gain more intuition about how the layers combine to solve a classification problem.

```
[8]: # gather the trained parameters from the first layer
11 = model.get_layer("L1")
W1,b1 = 11.get_weights()
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[9]: # plot the function of the first layer plt_layer_relu(X_train, y_train.reshape(-1,), W1, b1, classes)
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2.3 Explanation

Layer 1 These plots show the function of Units 0 and 1 in the first layer of the network. The inputs are (x_0, x_1) on the axis. The output of the unit is represented by the color of the background. This is indicated by the color bar on the right of each graph. Notice that since these units are using a ReLu, the outputs do not necessarily fall between 0 and 1 and in this case are greater than 20 at their peaks. The contour lines in this graph show the transition point between the output, $a_j^{[1]}$ being zero and non-zero. Recall the graph for a ReLu: The contour line in the graph is the inflection point in the ReLu.

Unit 0 has separated classes 0 and 1 from classes 2 and 3. Points to the left of the line (classes 0 and 1) will output zero, while points to the right will output a value greater than zero.

Unit 1 has separated classes 0 and 2 from classes 1 and 3. Points above the line (classes 0 and 2

) will output a zero, while points below will output a value greater than zero. Let's see how this works out in the next layer!

Layer 2, the output layer The dots in these graphs are the training examples translated by the first layer. One way to think of this is the first layer has created a new set of features for evaluation by the 2nd layer. The axes in these plots are the outputs of the previous layer $a_0^{[1]}$ and $a_1^{[1]}$. As predicted above, classes 0 and 1 (blue and green) have $a_0^{[1]} = 0$ while classes 0 and 2 (blue and orange) have $a_1^{[1]} = 0$.

Once again, the intensity of the background color indicates the highest values.

Unit 0 will produce its maximum value for values near (0,0), where class 0 (blue) has been mapped.

Unit 1 produces its highest values in the upper left corner selecting class 1 (green).

Unit 2 targets the lower right corner where class 2 (orange) resides.

Unit 3 produces its highest values in the upper right selecting our final class (purple).

One other aspect that is not obvious from the graphs is that the values have been coordinated between the units. It is not sufficient for a unit to produce a maximum value for the class it is selecting for, it must also be the highest value of all the units for points in that class. This is done by the implied softmax function that is part of the loss function (SparseCategoricalCrossEntropy). Unlike other activation functions, the softmax works across all the outputs.

You can successfully use neural networks without knowing the details of what each unit is up to. Hopefully, this example has provided some intuition about what is happening under the hood.

2.4 Congratulations!

You have learned to build and operate a neural network for multiclass classification.

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