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ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK PART-4

LECTURE 56

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ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

- Normalization
 - Scale of [0,1] is typically recommended for neural network models for performance purposes
 - For numeric variables,

$$V_{norm} = \frac{V - \min(V)}{\max(V) - \min(V)}$$

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- Normalization
 - Binary variables (categorical variables with two classes)
 - Create dummy variables: set of values $\{0, 1\}$
 - Nominal variables with m (>2) classes
 - Create $m-1$ dummy variables: set of values $\{0, 1\}$
 - Ordinal variables with m (>2) classes
 - Map the values to the set $\{0, 1/(m-1), 2/(m-1), \dots, (m-2)/(m-1), 1\}$

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- Other transformations
 - Transformations which could spread the values more symmetrically can be done for performance purposes
 - Log transform of a right-skewed variable
- Estimation method
 - Least squares and maximum likelihood methods use a global metric of errors (e.g., SSE) to estimate the parameters



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- Estimation method
 - Neural networks use error values of each observation to update the parameters in an iterative fashion (referred as learning)
 - Error for the output node (prediction error) is distributed across all the hidden layer nodes
 - All hidden layer nodes share responsibility for part of the error (referred as node-specific error)
 - Node-specific errors are used to update the connection weights and bias values



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- Back Propagation
 - An algorithm to update weights and bias values of a neural network
 - Error values are computed from output layer back to hidden layers
 - All hidden layer and output layer nodes and all connection weights become part of learning process
 - Node-specific error for output node,
$$err = correction\ factor \times (actual\ value - predicted\ value)$$
$$\theta_{new} = \theta_{old} + learning\ rate \times err$$
$$w_{new} = w_{old} + learning\ rate \times err$$
 - Learning rate controls the rate of change from previous iteration
 - Value is typically a constant in the range [0,1]

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- Back Propagation
 - Node-specific error for hidden nodes
 - Based on *err* value of output node instead of prediction error
 - Steps are same as those used for output node
- Methods for updating weight and bias values
 - Case updating
 - Updating is done after each case or record is run through the network (referred as a trial)
 - When all the records are run through the network, it is referred as ***one epoch, or sweep through the data***
 - Many epochs could be used to train the network



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- Methods for updating weight and bias values
 - Batch updating
 - Updating is done after all the records are run through the network
 - In place of prediction error of the record, sum of prediction errors for all records is used
 - Many epochs could be used to train the network
- Case updating vs. batch updating
 - Case updating yields more accurate results
 - With a longer runtime



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- Stopping Criteria for updating
 - Small incremental change in bias and weight values from previous iteration
 - Rate of change of error function values reaches a required threshold
 - Limit on no. of runs is reached
- Open RStudio



Key References

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Thanks...

