

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 1.2 Tools

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

```
[1]: 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 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)
```

```
[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.

```
[5]: tf.random.set_seed(1234) # applied to achieve consistent results
model = Sequential(
    [
        Dense(2, activation = 'relu', name = "L1"),
        Dense(4, activation = 'linear', name = "L2")
    ]
)
```

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.

```
[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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[6]: <keras.callbacks.History at 0x77948440e910>

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
```

```
l1 = model.get_layer("L1")  
W1,b1 = l1.get_weights()
```

```
[9]: # plot the function of the first layer
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plt_layer_relu(X_train, y_train.reshape(-1,), W1, b1, classes)
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```
[10]: # gather the trained parameters from the output layer
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l2 = model.get_layer("L2")  
W2, b2 = l2.get_weights()  
# create the 'new features', the training examples after L1 transformation  
Xl2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(X_train,W1) + b1)  
  
plt_output_layer_linear(Xl2, y_train.reshape(-1,), W2, b2, classes,  
                        x0_rng = (-0.25,np.amax(Xl2[:,0])), x1_rng = (-0.25,np.  
↪amax(Xl2[:,1])))
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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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