Lecture 8: The Perceptron

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Introduction

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- Probabilistic models
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Today... The Perceptron

- Geometric motivation
- Error-based optimization
- ...towards neural networks

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Perceptron

- Biological motivation: imitating neurons in the brain
- No more probabilities
- Instead: minimize the classification error directly

Introduction: Neurons in the Brain

- Humans are the best learners we know
- Can we take inspiration from human learning
- $\rightarrow$ the brain!

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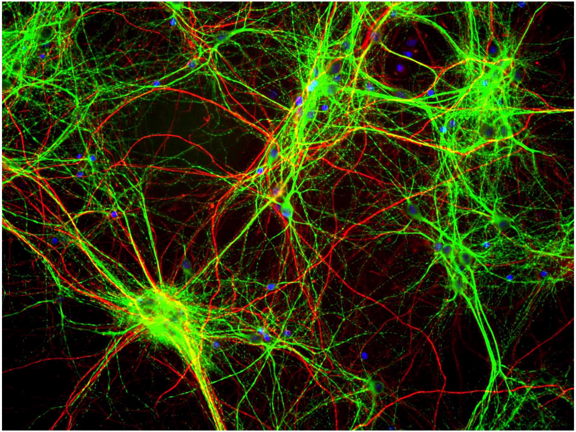

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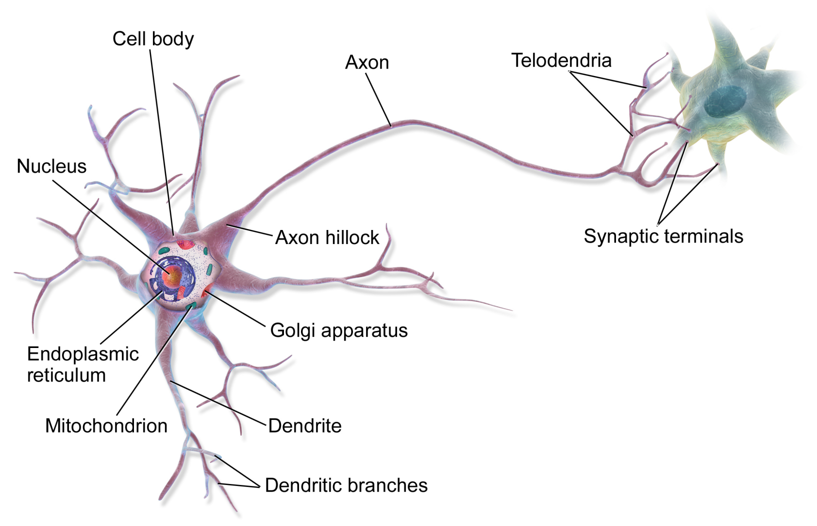

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Introduction: Neurons in the Brain

The hype

- 1943 McCulloch and Pitts introduced the first 'artificial neurons'
- If the **weighted sum of inputs** is equal to or greater than a **threshold**, then the **output** is 1. Otherwise the output is 0.
- the **weights** needed to be designed by hand

- In 1958 Rosenblatt invented the **Perceptron**, which can learn the optimal parameters through the **perceptron learning rule**
- The perceptron can be **trained** to learn the correct weights, even if randomly initialized [[for a limited set of problems]].

NEW NAVY DEVICE LEARNS BY DOING

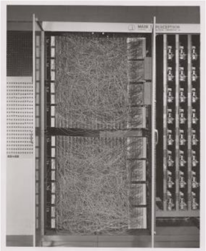
Psychologist Shows Embryo of Computer Designed to Read and Grow Wiser

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UPI) —The Navy revealed the embryo of an electronic computer today that it expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence.

The embryo—the Weather Bureau's $2,000,000 "704" computer—learned to differentiate between right and left after fifty attempts in the Navy's demonstration for newsmen.

The service said it would use this principle to build the first of its Perceptron thinking machines that will be able to read and write. It is expected to be finished in about a year at a cost of $100,000.

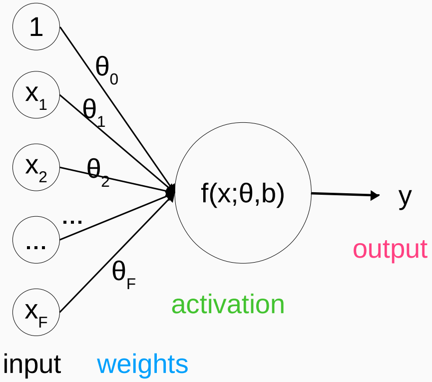
The New York Times, July 8 1958



The AI winter

- A few years later Misky and Papert (too?) successfully pointed out the fundamental limitations of the perceptron.
- As a result, research on artificial neural networks stopped until the mid-1980s
- But the limitations can be overcome by combining multiple perceptrons into **Artificial Neural Networks**
- The perceptron is the basic component of today's deep learning success!

Introduction: Artificial Neurons I



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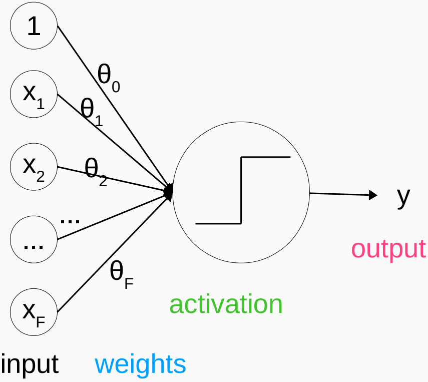


$y = f(\theta x + b)$

f: $y = 1$ if $f(\theta^T x) >= 0$
$y = -1$ if $f(\theta^T x) < 0$

Perceptron: Definition I

- The Perceptron is a **minimal neural network**
- **neural networks** are composed of **neurons**
- A neuron is defined as follows:
  - input = a vector x of numeric inputs ($\langle 1, x_1, x_2, ...x_n \rangle$)
  - output = a scalar $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$
  - hyper-parameter: an **activation function** f
  - parameters: $\theta = \langle \theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2, ...\theta_n \rangle$
- Mathematically:

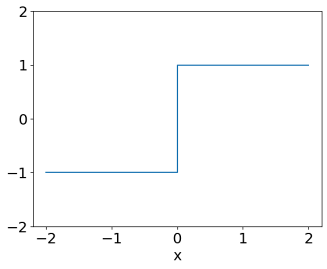
$$y^i = f\left(\left[\sum_j \theta_j x_j^i\right]\right) = f(\theta^T x^i)$$

Perceptron: Definition II

- Task: binary classification of instances into classes 1 and -1
- Model: a single-neuron (aka a "perceptron") :

$$f(\theta^T x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta^T x \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- $\theta^T x$ is the decision boundary
- Graphically, f is the **step function**



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- Example: 2-d case:

Towards the Perceptron Algorithm I

- As usual, **learning** means to modify the **parameters** (i.e., weights) of the perceptron so that performance is **optimized**
- The perceptron is a **supervised** classification algorithm, so we learn from observations of input-label pairs

$$(x^1, y^1), (x^2, y^2), ...(x^N, y^N)$$

- Simplest way to learn: compare predicted outputs $\hat{y}$ against true outputs y and minimize the number of mis-classifications. Unfortunately, mathematically inconvenient.
- Second simplest idea: Find θ such that gap between the predicted value $\hat{y}^i \leftarrow f(\theta^T x^i)$ and the true class label $y \in \{-1, 1\}$ is minimized

Towards the Perceptron Algorithm I

Intuition Iterate over the **training data** and modify weights:

- if the true label $y = 1$ and $\hat{y} = 1$ then **do nothing**
- if the true label $y = -1$ and $\hat{y} = -1$ then **do nothing**
- if the true label $y = 1$ but $\hat{y} = -1$ then **increase** weights
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More formally

Initialize parameters $\theta \leftarrow 0$
for training sample (x, y) **do**
  Calculate the output $\hat{y} = f(\theta^T x)$
  if $y = 1$ and $\hat{y} = -1$ **then**
    $\theta^{(new)} \leftarrow \theta^{(old)} + x$
  if $y = -1$ and $\hat{y} = 1$ **then**
    $\theta^{(new)} \leftarrow \theta^{(old)} - x$
until tired

Towards the Perceptron Algorithm II

- We set a **learning rate** or **step size** η
- and note that

$$(y^i - \hat{y}^i) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } y^i == \hat{y}^i \\ 2 \text{ if } y^i = 1 and = \hat{y}^i = -1 \\ -2 \text{ if } y^i = -1 and = \hat{y}^i = 1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

- For each individual weight θ_j, we compute an update such that

$$\theta_j \leftarrow \theta_j + \eta(y^i - \hat{y}^i)x_j^i$$

The Perceptron Algorithm

$D = \{(\mathbf{x}^i, y^i) | i = 1, 2, ..., N\}$ the set of training instances
Initialise the weight vector $\theta \leftarrow 0$
t $\leftarrow$ 0
repeat
  t $\leftarrow$ t+1
  for each training instance $(x^i, y^i) \in D$ **do**
    compute $\hat{y}^{i,(t)} = f(\theta^T x^i)$
    if $\hat{y}^{i,(t)} \neq y^i$ **then**
      for each each weight θ_j **do**
        update $\theta_j^{(t)} \leftarrow \theta_j^{(t-1)} + \eta(y^i - \hat{y}^{i,(t)})x_j^i$
    else
      $\theta_j^{(t)} \leftarrow \theta_j^{(t-1)}$
until tired
Return $\theta^{(t)}$

An example

Perceptron Example I

- Training instances:

$\langle x_{i1}, x_{i2} \rangle$	y_i
$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	1
$\langle 1, 2 \rangle$	1
$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$	-1
$\langle -1, 0 \rangle$	-1

- Learning rate $\eta = 1$

Perceptron Example II

- $\theta = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$
- learning rate: $\eta = 1$
- Epoch 1:

$\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$	$\theta_1 \cdot 1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_1 + \theta_3 \cdot x_2$	$\hat{y}_i^{(1)}$	y_i
$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	$0 + 1 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 = 0$	1	1
$\langle 1, 2 \rangle$	$0 + 1 \times 0 + 2 \times 0 = 0$	1	1
$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$	$0 + 0 \times 0 + 0 \times 0 = 0$	1	-1
	Update to $\theta = \langle -2, 0, 0 \rangle$		
$\langle -1, 0 \rangle$	$-2 + -1 \times 0 + 0 \times 0 = -2$	-1	-1

Perceptron Example III

- $\theta = \langle -2, 0, 0 \rangle$
- learning rate: $\eta = 1$
- Epoch 2:

$\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$	$\theta_1 \cdot 1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_1 + \theta_3 \cdot x_2$	$\hat{y}_i^{(2)}$	y_i
$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	$-2 + 1 \times 0 + 1 \times 0 = -2$	-1	1
	Update to $\theta = \langle 0, 2, 2 \rangle$		
$\langle 1, 2 \rangle$	$0 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 = 6$	1	1
$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$	$0 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 2 = 0$	1	-1
	Update to $\theta = \langle -2, 2, 2 \rangle$		
$\langle -1, 0 \rangle$	$-2 + -1 \times 2 + 0 \times 2 = -4$	-1	-1

Perceptron Example IV

- $\theta = \langle -2, 2, 2 \rangle$
- learning rate: $\eta = 1$
- Epoch 3:

$\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$	$\theta_1 \cdot 1 + \theta_2 \cdot x_1 + \theta_3 \cdot x_2$	$\hat{y}_i^{(3)}$	y_i
$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	$-2 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 2 = 2$	1	1
$\langle 1, 2 \rangle$	$-2 + 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2 = 4$	1	1
$\langle 0, 0 \rangle$	$-2 + 0 \times 2 + 0 \times 2 = -2$	-1	-1
$\langle -1, 0 \rangle$	$-2 + -1 \times 2 + 0 \times 2 = -4$	-1	-1

- Convergence, as no updates throughout epoch

Perceptron Convergence

Perceptron Rule:

$$\theta_j^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \theta_j^{(t)} + \eta(y_i - \hat{y}^i)x_j^i$$

- So, all we're doing is adding and subtracting constants every time we make a mistake.
- Does this really work!?

Perceptron Convergence

- The Perceptron algorithm is guaranteed to **converge** for linearly-separable data
  - the convergence point will depend on the initialisation
  - the convergence point will depend on the learning rate
  - (no guarantee of the margin being maximised)
- No guarantee of convergence over non-linearly separable data

Back to Logistic Regression and Gradient Descent

Perceptron Rule

$$\theta_j^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \theta_j^{(t)} + \eta(y_i - \hat{y}^i)x_j^i$$

Gradient Descent

$$\theta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \theta^{(t)} - \eta\frac{\partial f}{\partial\theta^{(t)}}$$

Activation Functions

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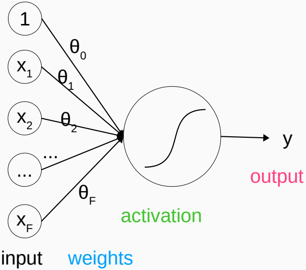
Activation Functions

A single ‘neuron’ with a **sigmoid activation** which optimizes the **cross-entropy** loss (negative log likelihood) is equivalent to **logistic regression**



f: $y = 1 / (1 + \exp(-\theta^T x))$

Online learning vs. Batch learning

- It is an **online algorithm**: we update the weights after each training example
- In contrast, Naive Bayes and logistic regression (with Gradient Descent) are updated as a **batch** algorithm:
  - compute statistics of the *whole* training data set
  - update all parameters at once
- Online learning can be more efficient for large data sets
- Gradient Descent can be converted into an online version: **stochastic gradient descent**

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Multi-Class Perceptron

We can generalize the perceptron to more than 2 classes

- create a weight vector for each class $k \in Y$, θ^k
- score input wrt each class: $\theta_k^T x$ for all k
- predict the class with maximum output $\hat{y} = \mathrm{argmax}_{k \in Y}\, \theta_k^T x$
- learning works as before: if for some (x^i, y^i) we make a wrong prediction $\hat{y}^i \neq y^i$ such that $\theta_{y^i}^T x^i < \theta_{\hat{y}^i}^T x^i$,

$$\theta_{y^i} \leftarrow \theta_{y^i} + \eta x^i \quad \text{move towards predicting } y^i \text{ for } x^i$$
$$\theta_{\hat{y}^i} \leftarrow \theta_{\hat{y}^i} - \eta x^i \quad \text{move away from predicting } \hat{y}^i \text{ for } x^i$$

Summary

This lecture: The Perceptron

- Biological motivation
- Error-based classifier
- The Perceptron Rule
- Relation to Logistic Regression
- Multi-class perceptron

Next

- More powerful machine learning through combining perceptrons
- More on linear separability
- More on activation functions
- Learning with backpropagation

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