

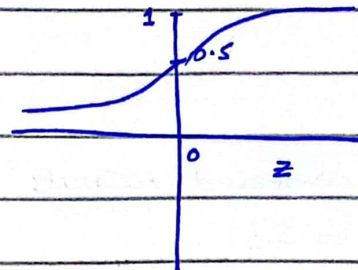
Lecture : 09

Key Activation function

→ An activation function in a neural network decides whether a neuron should be activated or not, including non-linearity and enabling the model to learn complex patterns from the data.

→ Sigmoid

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$$



→ sigmoid is use for binary classification

→ maps between 0 to 1

→ usually used as an output layer neuron

Pros:

⇒ Reduce abrupt changes in prediction

⇒ Directly interpretable as the probability of a class

▼ at $z=0$ sigmoid 0.5

▼ as z moves toward $-\infty$ sigmoid value get closer to 0

▼ as z moves toward $+\infty$ sigmoid value closer to 1

Cons

⇒ computationally expensive because of exponentiation

⇒ Non-zero centered output (leads to convergence problem)

⇒ vanishing gradient (function shows straight line at particular values of z so rate of change becomes zero, it cause problem in weights optimization)

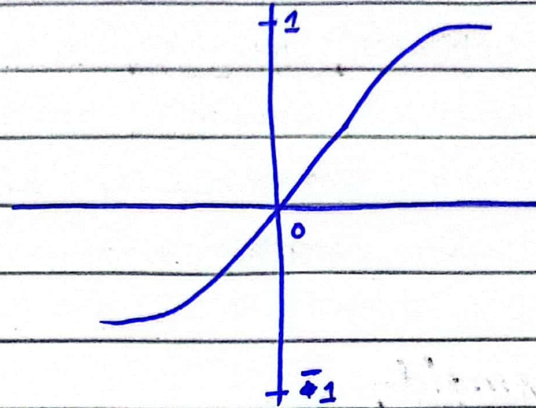
→ Tanh (scaled version of sigmoid)

⇒ use for Binary classification

⇒ its range is $(-1 \text{ to } +1)$ making it zero centered

⇒ useful for output layer

$$\begin{aligned}\tanh(z) &= \frac{e^{2z} - 1}{e^{2z} + 1} \\ &= 2\sigma(2z) - 1\end{aligned}$$



Pros:

⇒ zero centered outputs

⇒ $(-1 \text{ to } +1)$

⇒ use with SVM Loss

Cons:

⇒ computationally expensive

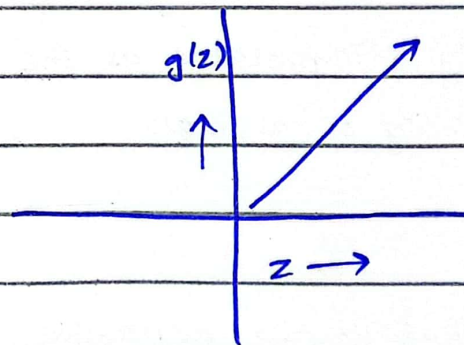
⇒ vanishing gradient

→ RELU (Rectified Linear unit)

⇒ it's the most important neural net for contemporary neural networks

$$g(z) = \max(0, z)$$

$$\frac{dg(z)}{dz} = \begin{cases} z & z > 0 \\ 0 & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



⇒ use in hidden layers to avoid vanishing gradient problem

⇒ for all positive values, it returns the input value z

⇒ for all negative values it returns zero

Pros

- ⇒ No vanishing gradient
- ⇒ Computationally effective
- ⇒ commonly used in hidden layers
- ⇒ deactivate neuron on negative numbers

Cons

- ⇒ Dying ReLU problem
(neuron can die if the input is negative, leading to inactive neurons that no longer update during training)

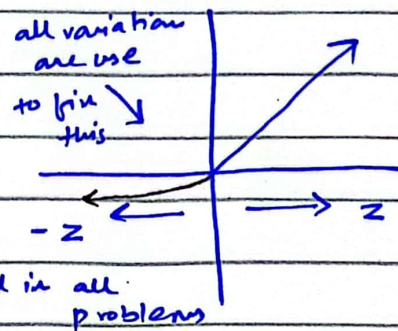
→ Leaky ReLU

- ★ All ReLU variations are used to address dying ReLU problem

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} z & z > 0 \\ \alpha z & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha = 0.01$

con: fixed α value doesn't perform well in all problems



→ Parametric ReLU

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} z & z > 0 \\ \alpha z & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

here α is a parameter (learn from data)

→ Exponential ReLU

$$g(z) = \begin{cases} z & z > 0 \\ \alpha(e^z - 1) & z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

pros: zero centered output

cons: computationally expensive