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Week-5

Aim:- To study different activation functions used in deep learning, implement them, and analyze their role in introducing non-linearity, improving learning capability.

Algorithm:-

1) Start

2) Initialize the Input values.

3) Define commonly used activation functions:

→ Sigmoid : $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$

→ Tanh : $f(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$

→ ReLU (Rectified Linear unit)
 $f(x) = \max(0, x)$

→ Soft max : $f(x_i) = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}}$

4) Apply each activation function on Input data.

5) Plot / observe the output behaviour for different ranges of Input.

6) Train a small neural network with each activation function and compare performance.

7) Stop.

Pseudo code:-

START

Import necessary Libraries

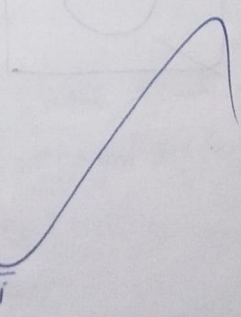
Define activation functions:

$$\text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$

$$\text{Tanh}(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \max(0, x)$$

$$\text{softmax}(x) = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}}$$



Load dataset (mnist)

For each observation function in [sigmoid, tanh, ReLU]

Build a neural network with that activation

Train the network on training data.

Evaluate on test data

store accuracy

compare accuracy results

END

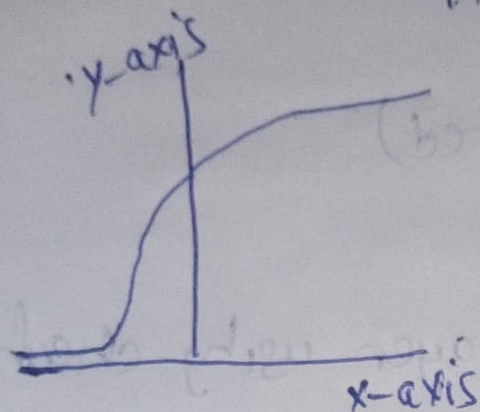
observations :-

- 1) The sigmoid activation function showed slower convergence and achieved lower accuracy compared to others.
- 2) Tanh performed better than sigmoid since, it is zero centred, but still suffered from vanishing gradients.
- 3) ReLU converged faster and gave accuracy more among all tested activation functions.
- 4) The choice of activation function had a significant effect on both training speed and final model accuracy.

conclusion :-

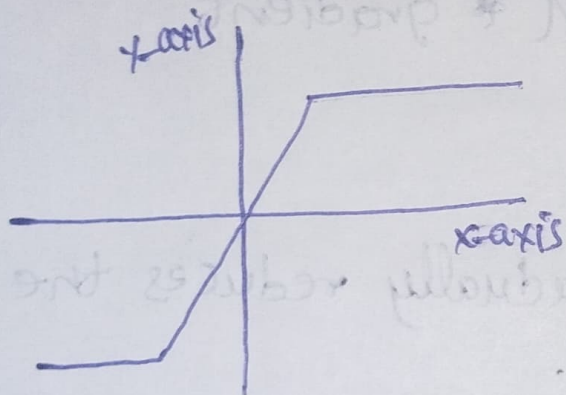
- Activation functions introduce non-linearity and enable neural networks to learn complex patterns.
- sigmoid is suitable for probabilistic outputs but not efficient for deep networks.
- Tanh improves learning over sigmoid but faces gradient issues.
- ReLU is the most effective for hidden layers, ensuring fast convergence and high accuracy.
- Thus, selecting the right activation function is crucial for improving deep learning model performance.

Sigmoid :- $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$

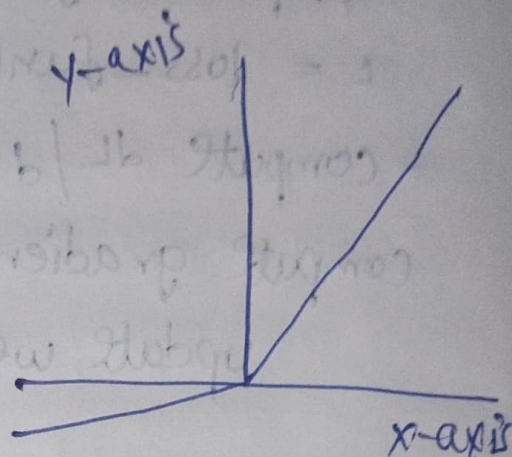


Tanh :-

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

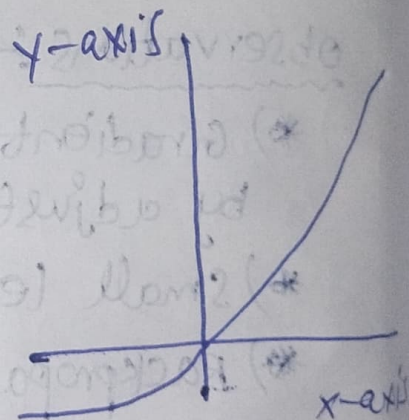


Leaky Relu

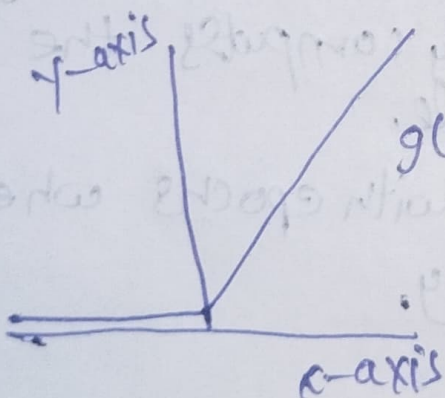


$$g(x) = \max(0, x)$$

Exponential Linear unit



ReLU



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

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Input range
x = np.linspace(-10, 10, 400)

# Sigmoid
def sigmoid(x):
    return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x))

# Tanh
def tanh(x):
    return np.tanh(x)

# ReLU
def relu(x):
    return np.maximum(0, x)

# Leaky ReLU
def leaky_relu(x, alpha=0.01):
    return np.where(x > 0, x, alpha * x)

# Softmax (for vector input)
def softmax(x):
    exp_x = np.exp(x - np.max(x)) # stability improvement
    return exp_x / exp_x.sum(axis=0)

# Plot functions
plt.figure(figsize=(12,8))

plt.subplot(2,2,1)
plt.plot(x, sigmoid(x))
plt.title("Sigmoid")

plt.subplot(2,2,2)
plt.plot(x, tanh(x))
plt.title("Tanh")

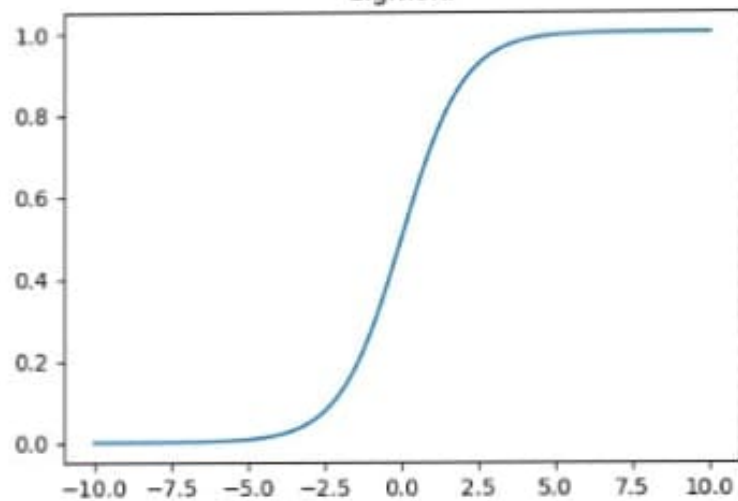
plt.subplot(2,2,3)
plt.plot(x, relu(x))
plt.title("ReLU")

plt.subplot(2,2,4)
plt.plot(x, leaky_relu(x))
plt.title("Leaky ReLU")

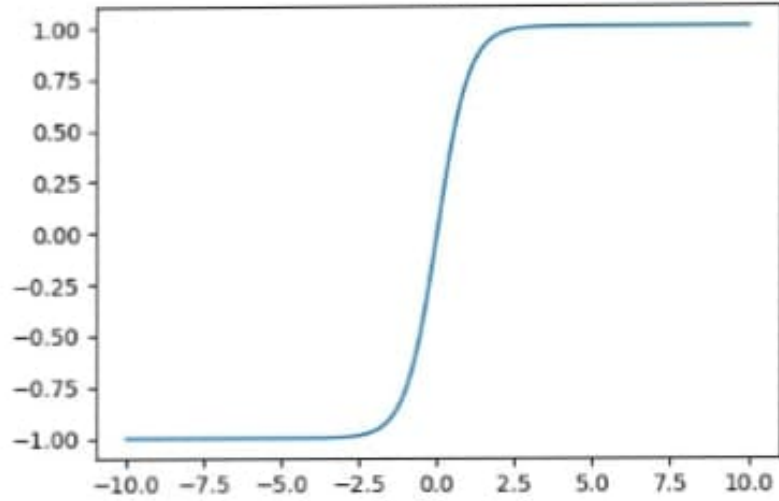
plt.show()

# Example Softmax
scores = np.array([2.0, 1.0, 0.1])
print("Softmax output:", softmax(scores))
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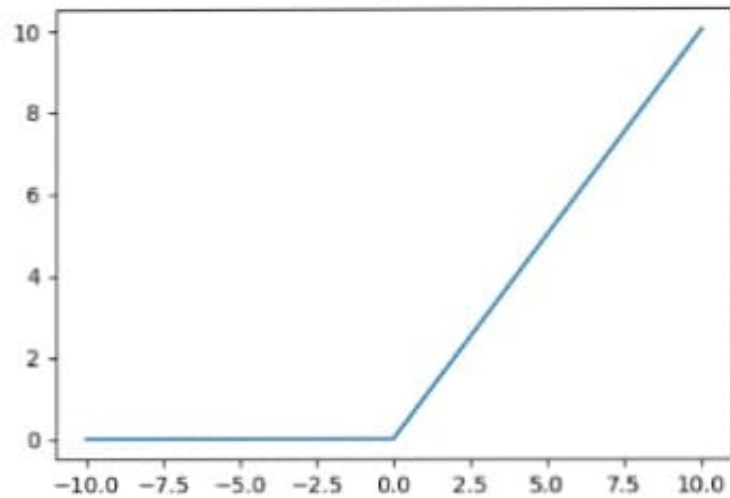
Sigmoid



Tanh



ReLU



Leaky ReLU

