

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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Introduction

Constraint An Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is an information processing paradigm that is inspired by the way biological nervous systems, such as the brain, process information. The key element of this paradigm is the novel structure of the information processing system. It is made up of a large number of highly interconnected processing elements (neurons) that work in unison to solve specific problems. ANNs, like people, learn by example. An ANN is configured for a specific application, such as pattern recognition or data classification, through a learning process. Learning in biological systems involves adjustments to the synaptic connections that exist between neurons. This is also true for ANNs.

Why Use Artificial Neural Networks?

Artificial Neural Networks, with their remarkable ability to derive meaning from complicated or imprecise data, can be used to extract patterns and detect trends that are too complex to be noticed by either humans or other computer techniques. A trained Artificial Neural Network can be thought of as an “expert” in the category of information it has been given to analyze. This expert can then be used to provide projections given new situations of interest and answer “what if” questions.

Other advantages include:

1. **Adaptive learning:** An ability to learn how to do tasks based on the data given for training or initial experience.
2. **Self-Organization:** An ANN can create its own organization or representation of the information it receives during learning time.
3. **Real Time Operation:** ANN computations may be carried out in parallel, and special hardware devices are being designed and manufactured which take advantage of this capability.
4. **Fault Tolerance via Redundant Information Coding:** Partial destruction of a network leads to the corresponding degradation of performance. However, some network capabilities may be retained even with major network damage.

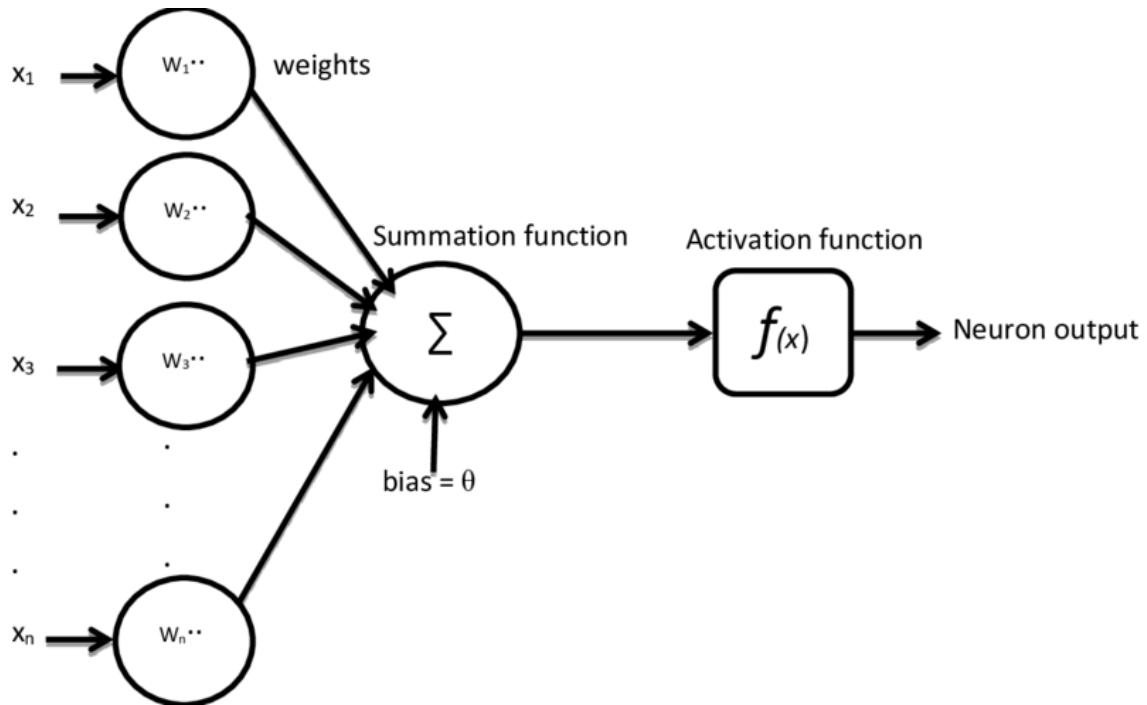


Figure 1: A simple Neuron

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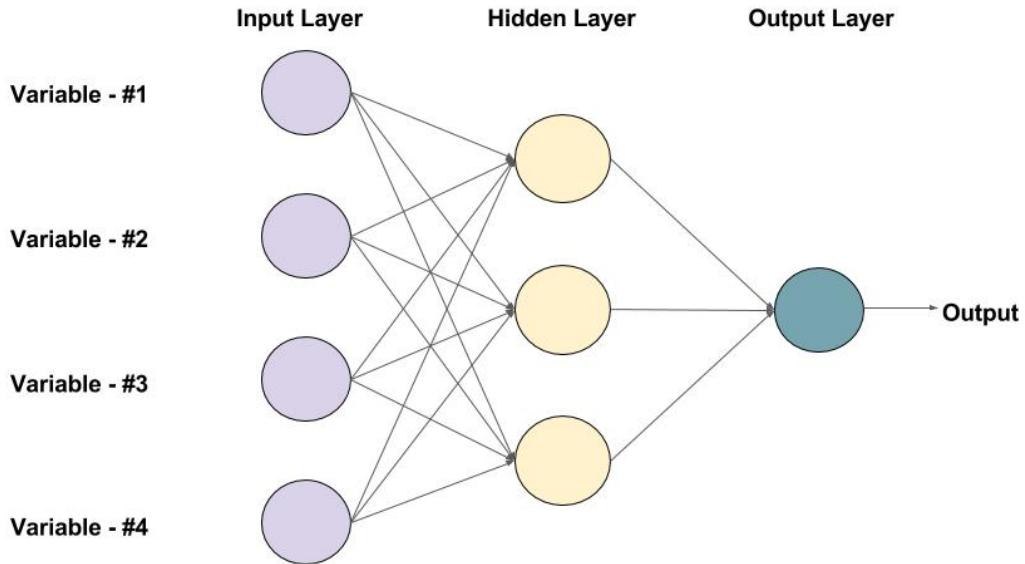
An artificial neuron is a device with many inputs and one output. The neuron has two modes of operation; the training mode and the using mode. In the training mode, the neuron can be trained to fire (or not), for particular input patterns. In the using mode, when a taught input pattern is detected at the input, its associated output becomes the current output. If the input pattern does not belong in the taught list of input patterns, the firing rule is used to determine whether to fire or not.

Network Layers

The commonest type of Artificial Neural Network consists of three groups, or layers, of units: a layer of “input” units is connected to a layer of “hidden” units, which is connected to a layer of “output” units.

The activity of the input units represents the raw information that is fed into the network. The activity of each hidden unit is determined by the activities of the input units and the weights on the connections between the input and hidden units. The behavior of the output units depends on the activity of the hidden units and the weights between the hidden and output units.

This simple type of network is interesting because the hidden units are free to construct their own representations of the input. The weights between the input and hidden



An example of a Feed-forward Neural Network with one hidden layer (with 3 neurons)

Figure 2: A Simple Feed Forward Network

units determine when each hidden unit is active, and so by modifying these weights, a hidden unit can choose what it represents.

We also distinguish single-layer and multi-layer architectures. The single-layer organization, in which all units are connected to one another, constitutes the most general case and is of more potential computational power than hierarchically structured multi-layer organizations. In multi-layer networks, units are often numbered by layer, instead of following a global numbering.

Perceptrons

The most influential work on neural nets in the 1960's went under the heading of 'perceptrons' a term coined by Frank Rosenblatt. The perceptron turns out to be an MCP model (neuron with weighted inputs) with some additional, fixed, pre-processing. Units labeled A_1, A_2, A_j, A_p are called association units, and their task is to extract specific, localized features from the input images. Perceptrons mimic the basic idea behind the mammalian visual system. They were mainly used in pattern recognition, although their capabilities extended far more.

Transfer Functions

The behavior of an ANN depends on both the weights and the input-output function (transfer function) that is specified for the units. This function typically falls into one of three categories:

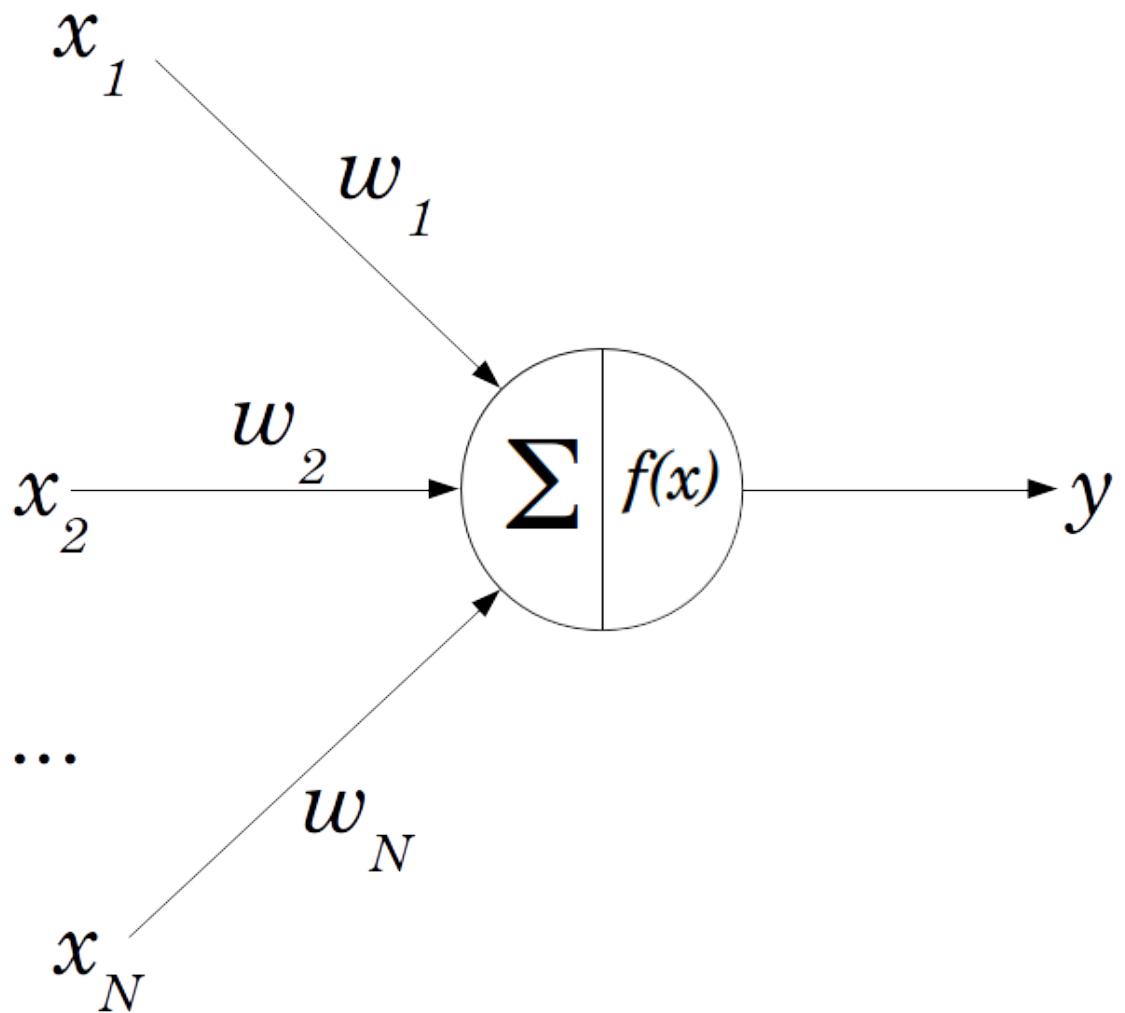


Figure 3: A Perceptron

- For **linear (or ramp)** the output activity is proportional to the total weighted output.
- For **threshold units**, the output is set at one of two levels, depending on whether the total input is greater than or less than some threshold value.
- For **sigmoid units**, the output varies continuously but not linearly as the input changes. Sigmoid units bear a greater resemblance to real neurons than do linear or threshold units, but all three must be considered rough approximations.

To make an Artificial Neural Network that performs some specific task, we must choose how the units are connected to one another and we must set the weights on the connections appropriately. The connections determine whether it is possible for one unit to influence another. The weights specify the strength of the influence.

We can teach a network to perform a particular task by using the following procedure:

1. We present the network with training examples, which consist of a pattern of activities for the input units together with the desired pattern of activities for the output units.
2. We determine how closely the actual output of the network matches the desired output.
3. We change the weight of each connection so that the network produces a better approximation of the desired output.

Implementation of Logic Functions

In this practical, we will learn how basic logic functions can be implemented and trained, using Matlab. The primitive procedure is explained by implementing a 2-input AND gate.

- X : (column for inputs)
- Z_i : (column for true output)

PROGRAM: 1 Generate AND function using McCulloch-Pitts neural net by a MATLAB program.

Solution

The truth table for the AND function is as follows:

X	Y	$Z = X \text{ AND } Y$
1	1	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
0	0	1

The MATLAB program is given by:

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import numpy as np

# Getting weights and threshold value
print('Enter weights')
w1 = float(input('Weight w1 = '))
w2 = float(input('Weight w2 = '))

print('Enter Threshold Value')
theta = float(input('theta = '))

y = np.array([0, 0, 0, 0])
x1 = np.array([0, 0, 1, 1])
x2 = np.array([0, 1, 0, 1])
z = np.array([0, 0, 0, 1]) # AND function output

con = True

while con:
    zin = x1 * w1 + x2 * w2

    for i in range(4):
        if zin[i] >= theta:
            y[i] = 1
        else:
            y[i] = 0

    print('Output of Net')
    print(y)

    if np.array_equal(y, z):
        con = False
    else:
        print('Net is not learning, enter another set of weights and
              Threshold value')
        w1 = float(input('Weight w1 = '))
        w2 = float(input('Weight w2 = '))
        theta = float(input('theta = '))

print('\nMcCulloch-Pitts Net for AND function')
print('Weights of Neuron')
print(f'w1 = {w1}')
print(f'w2 = {w2}')
print('Threshold value')
print(f'theta = {theta}')

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Assignments

- Assignment (1):** Adjust the of the neural network at each step. Experiment with variation of the initial weighting values.

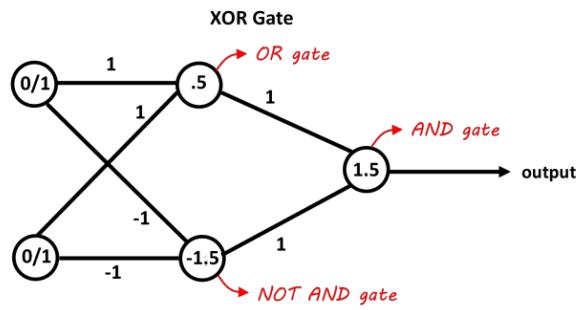


Figure 4: XOR multilayer perceptron model

2. **Assignment (2):** Similarly develop a McCulloch-Pitts neural net for OR, NAND and NOR gate and draw neural nets.
3. **Assignment (3):** Perform the test for the bipolar model as well.
4. **Assignment (4):** Implement the McCulloch-Pitts neural network model for XOR and give all the formula you used in the implementation. Draw the MLPs used for the implementation of the above functions.
5. **Assignment (5):** Implement MLP model for XOR by using the backpropagation algorithm

NOTE: The XOR function could not be solved by a single layer perceptron network.