

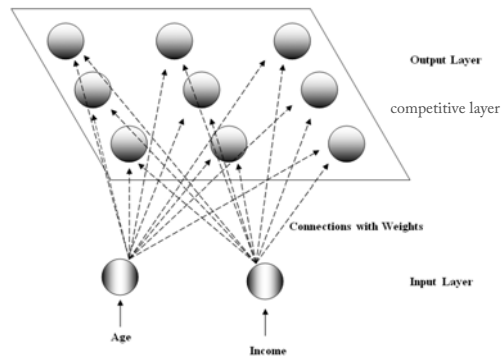
Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)

- Applied initially to image and sound analysis by Finnish researcher Tuevo Kohonen in 1982
- Special Class of Neural Network
- Goal of SOMs is to convert high-dimensional signal into low-dimensional discrete map
- Output is structured as cluster of nodes where nodes in closer proximity are more similar to each other



SOM Topology

- Clustering Records by Age and Income
- Input Layer at bottom with one input node for each field



Neural Networks?...

- SOM's are feedforward, they do not allow looping or cycling
- SOM's are completely connected, every node in a given layer is connected to every node in the next layer but not those in the same layer
- Each connection has a weight initialized randomly to between zero and one
- Variable values need to be normalized and standardized



Characteristics of SOMs

- No hidden layer
- Competition
 - Output nodes compete to produce best value for a scoring function, typically Euclidean distance.
- Cooperation
 - The winning node is center of a neighborhood of excited neurons which all share in the “reward” of adaptation.
- Adaptation
 - Neighboring nodes to the winning node participate in this learning by having their weights adjusted to improve the scoring function



Kohonen Networks

- SOMs that exhibit Kohonen learning in which nodes in the neighborhood of winning node adjust weights using

$$w_{ij,\text{new}} = w_{ij,\text{current}} + \eta(x_{ni} - w_{ij,\text{current}})$$



Example

- Data set with two attributes, age and income and would like to use a 2 x 2 Kohonen network to uncover clusters
- Set neighborhood size to $R = 0$ and learning rate to 0.5
- Assume random initial weights as

$$\begin{array}{llll} w_{11} = 0.9 & w_{21} = 0.8 & w_{12} = 0.9 & w_{22} = 0.2 \\ w_{13} = 0.1 & w_{23} = 0.8 & w_{14} = 0.1 & w_{24} = 0.2 \end{array}$$

- For the first input vector $x_1 = (0.8, 0.8)$ we perform the competition, cooperation, and adaptation steps



Example

- Competition: Compute Euclidean distance between input vector and the weight vectors for each node:

$$\text{Node 1: } D(w_1, x_1) = \sqrt{\sum_i (w_{i1} - x_{1i})^2} = \sqrt{(0.9 - 0.8)^2 + (0.8 - 0.8)^2} = 0.1$$

$$\text{Node 2: } D(w_2, x_1) = \sqrt{(0.9 - 0.8)^2 + (0.2 - 0.8)^2} = 0.61$$

$$\text{Node 3: } D(w_3, x_1) = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.8)^2 + (0.8 - 0.8)^2} = 0.70$$

$$\text{Node 4: } D(w_4, x_1) = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.8)^2 + (0.2 - 0.8)^2} = 0.92$$

Node 1 wins since it minimizes score function D between input record and vector of weights over all nodes.



Example

- Cooperation
 - Neighborhood size $R = 0$ means cooperation is nil and only winning node 1 is rewarded
- Adaptation
 - For node 1, for the first record for each field

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } \textit{age}: w_{11, \text{new}} &= w_{11, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{11} - w_{11, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.9 + 0.5(0.8 - 0.9) = 0.85\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } \textit{income}: w_{21, \text{new}} &= w_{21, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{12} - w_{21, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.8 + 0.5(0.8 - 0.8) = 0.8\end{aligned}$$



- Weights nudged in the direction of fields' values of input record

Example

- For the second input vector $x_2 = (0.8, 0.1)$
- Node 2 wins competition because its weights are more similar to the field values for this record

$$\text{Node 2: } D(w_2, x_2) = \sqrt{(0.9 - 0.8)^2 + (0.2 - 0.1)^2} = 0.14$$

- Adaptation: For node 2, adjust the weights

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } \textit{age}: w_{12, \text{new}} &= w_{12, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{21} - w_{12, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.9 + 0.5(0.8 - 0.9) = 0.85\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } \textit{income}: w_{22, \text{new}} &= w_{22, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{22} - w_{22, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.2 + 0.5(0.1 - 0.2) = 0.15\end{aligned}$$



Example

- For the third input vector $x_3 = (0.2, 0.9)$
- Node 3 wins competition because its weights are more similar to the field values for this record

$$\text{Node 3: } D(w_3, x_3) = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.2)^2 + (0.8 - 0.9)^2} = 0.14$$

- Adaptation: For node 3, adjust the weights

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For age: } w_{13, \text{new}} &= w_{13, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{31} - w_{13, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5(0.2 - 0.1) = 0.15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For income: } w_{23, \text{new}} &= w_{23, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{32} - w_{23, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.8 + 0.5(0.9 - 0.8) = 0.85 \end{aligned}$$



Example

- For the fourth input vector $x_4 = (0.1, 0.1)$
- Node 4 wins competition with minimum distance to the fourth record's field values

$$\text{Node 4: } D(w_4, x_4) = \sqrt{(0.1 - 0.1)^2 + (0.2 - 0.1)^2} = 0.10$$

- Adaptation: For node 4, adjust the weights

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For age: } w_{14, \text{new}} &= w_{14, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{41} - w_{14, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.1 + 0.5(0.1 - 0.1) = 0.10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For income: } w_{24, \text{new}} &= w_{24, \text{current}} + 0.5(x_{42} - w_{24, \text{current}}) \\ &= 0.2 + 0.5(0.1 - 0.2) = 0.15 \end{aligned}$$



Kohonen Networks Example Clusters

- Four output nodes represent four distinct clusters uncovered by Kohonen Network

Cluster	Associated with:	Description
1	Node 1	Older person with high income
2	Node 2	Older person with low income
3	Node 3	Younger person with high income
4	Node 4	Younger person with low income

