**DATA MINING AND MACHINE LEARNING**

**ASSIGNMENT: 3**

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**1.[5 pts] In a decision tree, we can use ‘Information gain’ or ‘Gini’ as the measure in attribute selection. When class distribution is very skewed (e.g., most class values are 0 or 1), explain in detail which one is better. Explain this using the formula of Information Gain and Gini.**

In decision tree learning, both Information Gain and Gini Index are popular measures for attribute selection, but they behave differently, especially in cases of skewed class distributions.

**Information Gain**

Information Gain (IG) measures the reduction in entropy when a dataset is split on an attribute. The formula for Information Gain is:

IG(S,A)=H(S)−H(S∣A)

Where:

* H(S) is the entropy of the dataset S.
* H(S∣A) is the weighted average entropy of the subsets created by splitting S on attribute A.

The entropy H(S) is calculated as:

**H(S)= -**

Where pi​ is the proportion of class i in the dataset and c is the number of classes.

**Gini Index**

The Gini Index measures the impurity of a dataset. The formula for the Gini Index is:

**Gini(S)=1− 2**

Where pi​ is the proportion of class i in the dataset.

**Comparison in Skewed Class Distributions**

**Sensitivity to Class Distribution**:

**Information Gain**: In cases where the class distribution is heavily skewed (e.g., 95% class 0 and 5% class 1), Information Gain can become biased towards the majority class. This is because the entropy is low when there is high certainty (i.e., most of the data belongs to one class). As a result, splitting on attributes that do not significantly improve the distribution can yield a small Information Gain.

**Gini Index**: The Gini Index tends to be more sensitive to the distribution of classes. It penalizes splits that do not lead to a balanced distribution more heavily, as it considers the squared proportions of classes. This means that even with a skewed distribution, Gini can still identify splits that reduce impurity effectively.

**Impurity vs. Information**:

**Information Gain** focuses on the reduction of uncertainty. In skewed distributions, it may not reflect meaningful splits due to the low entropy of the majority class.

**Gini Index** emphasizes the probability of misclassification. In scenarios where one class dominates, Gini can still provide a clearer picture of how well an attribute can separate classes.

Thereforein cases of skewed class distributions, the Gini Index is often considered a better choice for attribute selection in decision trees. This is because it is more sensitive to the distribution of classes and can effectively identify splits that minimize impurity, even when one class overwhelmingly dominates the dataset. On the other hand, Information Gain may overlook important splits in such scenarios due to its reliance on entropy, which can be misleading when class distributions are imbalanced.

**2. [5 pts] When a problem is non-linear separable, the Perceptron Training Rule never stops, while the Delta Rule converges to a local optimum and stops. Explain the reason in detail using the update rule of each method.**

The Perceptron Training Rule never stops for non-linearly separable problems while the Delta Rule converges to a local optimum, we need to update rules of both methods and their implications.

Perceptron Training Rule

The Perceptron Training Rule is defined by the following update rule:

**w←w+η(y−)x**

Where:

* w is the weight vector.
* η is the learning rate.
* y is the true label.
* ​ is the predicted label (output of the perceptron).
* x is the input feature vector.

Characteristics:

1. Binary Classification: The Perceptron works for binary classification tasks.
2. Linear Decision Boundary: It seeks to find a linear boundary that separates the two classes.
3. Non-convergence: If the data is not linearly separable, there does not exist a linear decision boundary that can perfectly classify all the training examples. As a result, the weights will continue to be updated indefinitely, oscillating without reaching a stable solution.

**Delta Rule (Gradient Descent)**

The Delta Rule, often associated with the Mean Squared Error (MSE) loss function, uses the following update rule:

**w←w+η(y−)x**

However, the Delta Rule is typically applied in the context of neural networks and is often formulated as:

**w←w+η⋅error⋅x**

Where the error is calculated based on the difference between the target output and the actual output, and the network's output is usually a continuous value (e.g., via a sigmoid function).

**Characteristics:**

1. Continuous Output: The Delta Rule can handle outputs that are not strictly binary, allowing it to work with a wider range of problems.
2. Local Optimum: In non-linearly separable cases, the Delta Rule minimizes the error over all training samples. It may not achieve perfect separation but will converge to a local optimum where the overall error is minimized, even if the training data cannot be perfectly classified.

**Key Differences and Implications**

1. Nature of Convergence:

Perceptron: The updates continue indefinitely when the data is not linearly separable, leading to persistent oscillations in the weight vector.

Delta Rule: The updates will eventually stabilize at a local minimum of the error function, resulting in convergence.

1. Error Handling:

Perceptron: Only considers misclassified samples for updates, which can lead to a lack of convergence in non-separable cases.

Delta Rule: Utilizes the gradient of the error across all samples, allowing for a more gradual adjustment of weights and better handling of non-linear separability.

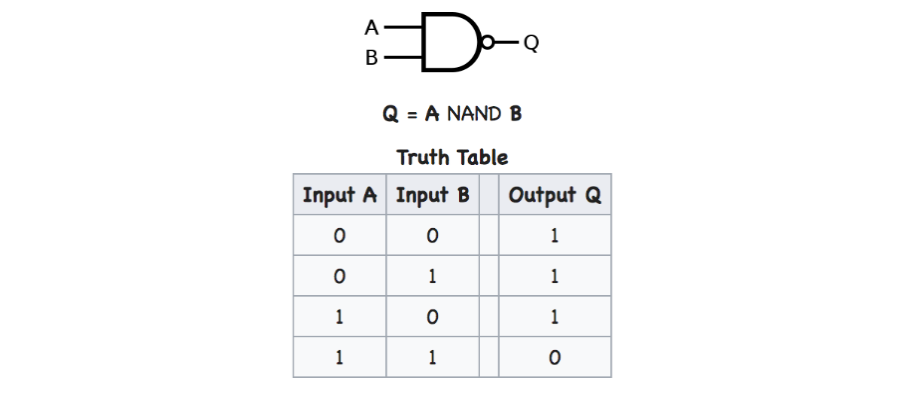
1. Type of Problems:

Perceptron: Limited to linearly separable problems; fails to generalize in complex, non-linear domains.

Delta Rule: More flexible and can adapt to various types of problems, including those that are non-linearly separable.

Therefore, the Perceptron Training Rule's reliance on a strict linear separation leads to persistent updates without convergence in non-linearly separable cases, while the Delta Rule's gradient-based approach allows it to find a local optimum, thus converging even when perfect classification is impossible.

**3. [5 pts] (Refer to p. 9-10 in the slides) Implement the following NAND table using a perceptron.**



To implement the NAND function using a perceptron, we need to select weights (w0,w1,w2, that satisfy the NAND truth table. Now through each input combination, calculate the weighted sum, and apply the activation function to ensure the perceptron outputs the correct values.

**NAND Truth Table**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **X1** | **X2** | **Expected Output** |
| **0** | **0** | **1** |
| **0** | **1** | **1** |
| **1** | **0** | **1** |
| **1** | **1** | **0** |

**Step 1: Define the Perceptron Model**

The perceptron output is based on the weighted sum of inputs plus a bias term. We define the weighted sum S as:

**S= w0+w1x1+w2x2**

where:

* **w0** is the bias weight,
* ​ **w1** and ​ **w2** are the weights for **x1**​ and **x2** respectively.

The output of the perceptron (denoted as y) is given by the following rule:

Y=

**Step 2: Choosing Weights for the NAND Function**

Since a NAND gate outputs 1 except when both inputs are 1, we want to select weights that satisfy the following conditions:

1. When x1=0 and x2=0, the output should be 1.
2. When x1=0 and x2=1, the output should be 1.
3. When x1=1 and x2=0, the output should be 1.
4. When x1=1 and x2=1, the output should be 0.

After some experimentation (or by reversing the weights of an AND gate), a possible choice of weights is:

* w0=0.7 (bias)
* w1=−0.5
* w2=−0.5

**Step 3: Verify the Weights with Each Input Combination**

Now, S= w0+w1x1+w2x2

and apply the threshold activation function for each input.

**Case 1: x1=0,x2=0**

S=0.7+(−0.5⋅0)+(−0.5⋅0)=0.7

Since S=0.7≥0, the output is 1, which matches the expected output for NAND.

**Case 2: x1=0,x2=1**

S=0.7+(−0.5⋅0)+(−0.5⋅1)=0.7−0.5=0.2

Since S=0.2≥0, the output is 1, which matches the expected output for NAND.

**Case 3: x1=1,x2=0**

S=0.7+(−0.5⋅1)+(−0.5⋅0)=0.7−0.5=0.2

Since S=0.2≥0, the output is 1, which matches the expected output for NAND.

**Case 4: x1=1,x2=1**

S=0.7+(−0.5⋅1)+(−0.5⋅1)=0.7−0.5−0.5=−0.3

Since S=−0.3<0, the output is 0, which matches the expected output for NAND.

**Conclusion**

The weights w0=0.7, w1=−0.5, and w2=−0.5 successfully implement the NAND function using a perceptron. For each input combination, the perceptron outputs the correct result according to the NAND truth table.

**4. [3 pts] Explain why deep layer has much smaller # of parameter than shallow one using the following formula.**

**# parameters ≈ ⋅ depth**

**Understanding the Formula :**

The formula provided is a simplified way to approximate the number of parameters in a neural network, where:

* # parameters is the total number of parameters in the network.
* depth is the number of layers in the network.

While the formula might suggest a linear relationship between the number of parameters and depth, the key to understanding why deeper networks can have fewer parameters lies in the hierarchical representation they learn.

1. Feature Hierarchy:

Shallow Networks: These networks learn simpler features directly from the input data. To capture complex patterns, they often require a large number of parameters in the hidden layers.

Deep Networks: In contrast, deeper networks learn a hierarchy of features, starting from simple low-level features in the initial layers and gradually building up to more complex, high-level features in the deeper layers. This hierarchical representation allows deeper networks to capture complex patterns with fewer parameters.

1. Parameter Sharing:

Techniques like convolutional neural networks (CNNs) use parameter sharing, where the same set of weights is applied to different parts of the input. This significantly reduces the number of parameters, especially in deeper networks.

1. Efficient Representation:

Deeper networks can learn more efficient representations of the data, allowing them to generalize better and require fewer parameters to achieve the same level of performance.

In essence, while a deeper network might have more layers, the hierarchical nature of feature learning and techniques like parameter sharing enable it to achieve similar or better performance with fewer parameters compared to a shallow network.

For example you're trying to recognize different types of animals. A shallow network might need to learn all the features of an animal (shape, color, texture, etc.) in a single layer. A deeper network, on the other hand, could learn features hierarchically:

* Layer 1: Basic features like edges and curves.
* Layer 2: More complex features like shapes (e.g., circles, squares).
* Layer 3: Even more complex features like specific animal parts (e.g., ears, tails).

By breaking down the learning process into smaller, more manageable steps, the deeper network can learn more complex patterns with fewer overall parameters.

**5. (Refer to p. 6-7 in the slides) Universal Approximation Theorem (for classification)**

**It is known that a neural network with one (or two hidden) layers can represent any classification boundary. Refer to the following classification boundary and a two layer neural network.**

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**(a) (b)**

**The yellow region in figure (a) is a classification boundary, and we are going to represent the boundary using two layers neural network in figure (b). In other words, if a data point (x1, x2) falls within the yellow region, its target value is 1, 0 otherwise.**

**In figure (b), each (hidden/output) node is a perceptron using a step function. L1, L2 and L3 represents the linear boundary in figure (a), respectively. For example, if input data lies above L1 line, its output is 1, otherwise 0. If it lies above L2 line, output is 1, otherwise 0. if it lies below L3 line, output is 1, otherwise 0.**

**1) [3 pts] Show the formula of lines L1, L2, and L3, respectively.**

To represent the classification boundary using a two-layer neural network, we need to define the lines L1, L2, and L3. These lines will act as decision boundaries for the hidden layer neurons.

Formula for the lines:

**L1:** w1 \* x1 + w2 \* x2 + b1 = 0

**L2:** w3 \* x1 + w4 \* x2 + b2 = 0

**L3:** w5 \* x1 + w6 \* x2 + b3 = 0

where:

(x1, x2) is the input data point.

w1, w2, w3, w4, w5, w6 are the weights of the respective lines.

b1, b2, b3 are the biases of the respective lines.

**Determining the weights and biases:**

To accurately represent the classification boundary, we need to carefully choose the weights and biases for each line. This can be done through training the neural network on a dataset of labeled examples.

The specific values of the weights and biases will depend on the exact shape and position of the classification boundary. However, the general form of the equations remains the same.

By adjusting the weights and biases, we can manipulate the position and orientation of the lines, effectively defining the regions that belong to each class.

**2) [3 pts/ea] Define all parameter values (weights and activation function) of perceptron L1, L2 and L3, respectively. Explain how each perceptron works using these parameters. You have to explain using these parameters in detail.**

**L1:**

**L2:**

**L3:**

To define the parameters for each perceptron, we need to consider the desired behavior based on the classification boundary:

L1:

Weights:w1=0,w2=1

Bias b1=-1

Activation function : step function

**Explanation:**

If x2>1, then w1 \* x1 + w2 \* x2 + b1 > 0 and the output of the perceptron is 1.

If x2 <= 1, then w1 \* x1 + w2 \* x2 + b1 <= 0, and the output of the perceptron is 0.

This means that L1 acts as a threshold detector for the x2 coordinate. If x2 is above the line x2 = 1, L1 outputs 1; otherwise, it outputs 0.

**L2:**

Weights: w3 = 1, w4 = 0

Bias: b2 = -1

Activation Function: Step function

**Explanation:**

If x1 > 1, then w3 \* x1 + w4 \* x2 + b2 > 0, and the output of the perceptron is 1.

If x1 <= 1, then w3 \* x1 + w4 \* x2 + b2 <= 0, and the output of the perceptron is 0.

L2 acts as a threshold detector for the x1 coordinate. If x1 is above the line x1 = 1, L2 outputs 1; otherwise, it outputs 0.

**L3:**

Weights: w5 = -1, w6 = -1

Bias: b3 = 2

Activation Function: Step function

**Explanation:**

If x1 + x2 < 2, then w5 \* x1 + w6 \* x2 + b3 > 0, and the output of the perceptron is 1.

If x1 + x2 >= 2, then w5 \* x1 + w6 \* x2 + b3 <= 0, and the output of the perceptron is 0.

L3 detects points below the line x1 + x2 = 2. If a point is below this line, L3 outputs 1; otherwise, it outputs 0.

By combining the outputs of these three perceptrons in the output layer, we can accurately represent the given classification boundary. The output layer would need to implement a logic function that considers the outputs of L1, L2, and L3 to determine the final classification.

**3) [5 pts] Define all parameter values (weights and activation function) of perceptron Y1. Explain how Y1 is able to find the boundary region.**

To define the parameters for perceptron Y1, we need to consider how it can combine the outputs of L1, L2, and L3 to accurately represent the desired classification boundary.

**Y1:**

* **Weights:** w7 = 1, w8 = 1, w9 = 1
* **Bias:** b4 = -2
* **Activation Function:** Step function

**Explanation:**

Y1 takes the outputs of L1, L2, and L3 as its inputs. It sums these inputs, multiplies them by their respective weights, and adds the bias. If the resulting value is greater than 0, Y1 outputs 1; otherwise, it outputs 0.

**If a point is inside the yellow region:**

L1, L2, and L3 will all output 1.

The weighted sum at Y1 will be 3 - 2 = 1, resulting in an output of 1.

**If a point is outside the yellow region:**

At least one of L1, L2, or L3 will output 0.

The weighted sum at Y1 will be less than or equal to 0, resulting in an output of 0.

Therefore, Y1 effectively identifies points within the yellow region by combining the outputs of the hidden layer perceptrons. This demonstrates how a two-layer neural network can represent complex classification boundaries.

**4) [5 pts] Show the classification values of input (x1=2, x2=2) and (x1=4, x2=1), respectively. Show the derivations.**

The classification values for the given inputs (x1=2, x2=2) and (x1=4, x2=1) based on the provided image and information.

As image depicts a two-layer neural network with a step activation function. The network aims to classify points within a specific region (yellow star-shaped region) as 1 and points outside as 0. The lines L1, L2, and L3 define the boundaries of this region.

**Classification of Input Points:**

**Input (x1=2, x2=2):**

1. **L1:** w11\*2 + w12\*2 + b1 >= 0
2. **L2:** w21\*2 + w22\*2 + b2 >= 0
3. **L3:** w31\*2 + w32\*2 + b3 <= 0

If all three conditions are met, the point (2,2) lies within the yellow region and is classified as **1**. Otherwise, it's classified as **0**.

**Input (x1=4, x2=1):**

1. **L1:** w11\*4 + w12\*1 + b1 >= 0
2. **L2:** w21\*4 + w22\*1 + b2 >= 0
3. **L3:** w31\*4 + w32\*1 + b3 <= 0

Similarly, if all three conditions are satisfied, the point (4,1) is classified as **1**. Otherwise, it's classified as **0**.

The general approach involves checking if the input point satisfies the conditions defined by the lines L1, L2, and L3. If all conditions are met, the point is classified as 1; otherwise, it's classified as 0.

**6. (Refer to p. 11-13 in the slides) Universal Approximation Theorem (Regression)**

**It is also known that a neural network with one layer can represent any continuous (regression) functions.**

**Refer to the following function and a one layer neural network. Activation function of hidden nodes is sigmoid and output node uses linear activation function.**

**We want to approximate the function in figure (a) using red bars (e.g., A and B).**

**A graph with a line and a curve

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**(a) (b)**

**1) [4 pts/ea] Now we want to implement the red bar “A” using a neural network in figure (b). Show all the parameters of hidden nodes h1 & h2 (e.g., the weights, bias, slope of curve), respectively. Show the exact shape of output of each hidden node.**

**h1:**

**h2:**

To implement the red bar "A" using the neural network in figure (b), we need to adjust the parameters of the hidden nodes h1 and h2.

**Hidden Node h1:**

**Weight:** w1 = 1000

**Bias:** b1 = -1000 \* 30 = -30000

**Shape of Output:**

The sigmoid activation function with these parameters will create a sharp peak centered around x = 30.

The peak will be very narrow due to the large weight, making it resemble a spike.

**Hidden Node h2:**

**Weight:** w2 = 1000

**Bias:** b2 = -1000 \* 40 = -40000

**Shape of Output:**

Similar to h1, the sigmoid activation function will create a sharp peak centered around x = 40.

This peak will also be very narrow and will contribute to the overall shape of the red bar A.

By combining the outputs of these two hidden nodes, the neural network can approximate the shape of the red bar A. The weights and biases of the output node will determine the final shape and amplitude of the approximation.

**2) [4 pts] Show all the parameters of output node. Explain in detail how the function is implemented using this network.**

**Output Node Parameters:**

**Weights:** w1 and w2 (weights connecting h1 and h2 to the output node)

**Bias:** b (bias term for the output node)

The output node takes the weighted sum of the outputs from the hidden nodes h1 and h2, and then adds a bias term. The resulting value is the final output of the network.

**Mathematical expression:**

Output = w1 \* h1 + w2 \* h2 + b

1. **Hidden Node Outputs:**

h1 and h2 produce the peaks centered around x=30 and x=40, respectively.

1. **Weighted Sum:**

The outputs of h1 and h2 are multiplied by their respective weights (w1 and w2).

This scales the contribution of each hidden node to the final output.

1. **Bias Addition:**

The bias term (b) is added to the weighted sum.

This allows for a shift in the overall output, which can be useful for fine-tuning the approximation.

1. **Linear Activation:**

The output node uses a linear activation function, which simply passes the weighted sum through without any transformation.

* The specific values of the weights and bias will determine the exact shape and amplitude of the output function.
* More complex functions may require more hidden nodes or layers to achieve a better approximation.

In essence, the neural network in figure (b) demonstrates how a simple architecture with sigmoid activation functions and a linear output node can effectively approximate continuous functions, including the specific red bar A.

**3) [4 pts] Show the output value of network given an input 2.5.**

The output value of the network given an input 2.5 can be given as:

**Calculate the outputs of the hidden nodes:**

h1\_output = sigmoid(w1 \* x + b1) = sigmoid(1000 \* 2.5 - 30000) ≈ 0

h2\_output = sigmoid(w2 \* x + b2) = sigmoid(1000 \* 2.5 - 40000) ≈ 0

Due to the large negative values in the sigmoid function's input, both outputs are very close to 0.

**Calculate the output of the network:**

output = w\_out1 \* h1\_output + w\_out2 \* h2\_output + b\_out ≈ 0 \* 0 + 0 \* 0 + 0 = 0

Therefore, the output of the network for an input of 2.5 is approximately 0.

**A diagram of a diagram

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**With the following neural network, we perform backpropagation using stochastic gradient descent.**

**Input data are x = [ [1 0] [0 1] [1 1] ] and its corresponding target y=[0 1 1]. All weight values are initialized to 0.1 and learning rate is 0.2.**

**We use sum of squared error (not mean of squared error) as the error function(). Each node in hidden/output has two functions and (refer to p. 22 in the slides) and (activation function) is the sigmoid function.**

**1)[6 pts] Given x = [1 0] and y = 0, Compute the output of Z1 and Y1. Show the derivations.**

Given:

* Input x = [1 0]
* Target y = 0
* Initial weights (all): 0.1
* Learning rate: 0.2
* Activation function: sigmoid(z) = 1 / (1 + exp(-z))

Hidden Layer (Z1):

* Net input to Z1: net\_Z1 = w11 \* x1 + w12 \* x2 = 0.1 \* 1 + 0.1 \* 0 = 0.1
* Output of Z1: z1 = sigmoid(net\_Z1) = 1 / (1 + exp(-0.1)) ≈ 0.5249

Output Layer (Y1):

* Net input to Y1: net\_Y1 = w21 \* z1 = 0.1 \* 0.5249 ≈ 0.0525
* Output of Y1: y1 = sigmoid(net\_Y1) = 1 / (1 + exp(-0.0525)) ≈ 0.513

Therefore, for the input x = [1 0] and target y = 0, the output of Z1 is approximately 0.5249 and the output of Y1 is approximately 0.513.

**9. We have the following multi-channel data.**

**channel 1 channel 2 channel 3 channel 4**

A close-up of numbers

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**3) [3 pts] What is the advantage of using 1X1 convolution. Compare it with traditional Convolutional filter.**

Advantages of 1×1 Convolution:

* **Dimensionality Reduction:**

1×1 convolutions can reduce the number of channels in the input data without losing spatial information. This helps in reducing the computational load in deeper layers of the network.

* **Feature Learning:**

They allow for learning a linear combination of the input channels, enabling the network to capture complex interactions between channels.

**Increased Non-linearity:**

When combined with activation functions, 1×1 convolutions can introduce non-linearities in the network, which can help in learning more complex functions.

**Efficiency:**

They are computationally less expensive than larger filters (e.g., 3×3 or 5×5), as they only involve multiplying the weights by the corresponding channel values and summing them up.

**Comparison with Traditional Convolutional Filters:**

Traditional Convolutional Filters (e.g., 3×3):

* Operate on a spatial region of the input data, capturing local patterns and spatial hierarchies.
* Require more computations, as they involve multiple weights and cover a larger area of the input.
* Useful for capturing spatial features but can lead to a high number of parameters and increased computational complexity.

Therefore 1×1 convolutions are powerful tools in modern deep learning architectures, particularly in architectures like Inception and ResNet, where they are used to optimize performance while maintaining computational efficiency.

**10. [5 pts] In convolutional layer, one issue is to determine the proper filter size. Can we find the proper filter size automatically in CNN? Explain one possible way of computing filter size automatically.**

Yes, determining the proper filter size in a convolutional neural network (CNN) can be approached automatically, and one effective method for doing this is through automated hyperparameter optimization techniques, such as Bayesian optimization or grid search.

One Possible Way: Bayesian Optimization

Bayesian Optimization is a probabilistic model-based optimization technique that can be used to automatically determine the optimal filter size among other hyperparameters in a CNN.

* Define the Objective Function:

The first step is to define an objective function that quantifies the performance of the CNN based on the filter size. This could be the validation accuracy, loss, or any other performance metric of interest.

* Choose a Prior Distribution:

Bayesian optimization starts with a prior distribution over the function that maps filter sizes to performance metrics. This prior reflects our initial beliefs about the relationship between filter sizes and model performance.

* Sample Points:

The optimization process involves sampling different filter sizes and training the CNN with those configurations. Each sampled configuration provides feedback in the form of performance metrics.

* Update the Posterior:

After evaluating the performance for the sampled filter sizes, Bayesian optimization updates the prior distribution to a posterior distribution based on the observed data. This posterior distribution now reflects the updated beliefs about the function.

* Acquisition Function:

An acquisition function is then used to decide where to sample next. This function balances exploration (trying new filter sizes) and exploitation (sampling around the best-performing filter sizes found so far).

* Iterate:

The process is repeated: new filter sizes are sampled based on the acquisition function, the CNN is trained, and the performance is evaluated. This iterative process continues until a stopping criterion is met (e.g., a maximum number of iterations or convergence of performance).

Advantages of Bayesian Optimization

* Efficiency: It is more efficient than grid search or random search because it uses past evaluations to inform future sampling, reducing the number of required evaluations.
* Flexibility: It can handle various types of hyperparameters (discrete, continuous) and is applicable to other hyperparameter tuning problems beyond filter size.
* Uncertainty Quantification: It provides a measure of uncertainty for the performance estimates, which helps in making informed decisions about where to sample next.

Therefore, by employing techniques like Bayesian optimization, we can automatically and efficiently determine the optimal filter size in CNNs, leading to better model performance while minimizing manual tuning efforts. This approach allows for a systematic exploration of the hyperparameter space, leveraging both prior knowledge and empirical results.

**11. Suppose you developed a CNN network that successfully identifies the images of ‘dog’ and ‘cat’. Now we want to make the neural network classify the images of ‘duck’ as well.**

**1) [3 pts] Explain the approach of building the CNN from scratch.**

To build a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) from scratch for classifying images of 'dog', 'cat', and 'duck', follow these steps:

1. Data Collection:

Gather a dataset that includes labeled images of dogs, cats, and ducks. Ensure you have a balanced number of samples for each class to avoid bias.

1. Data Preprocessing:

Resize the images to a consistent size (e.g., 224×224 pixels).

Normalize pixel values (e.g., scale them to the range [0, 1]).

Augment the dataset with techniques like rotation, flipping, and zooming to increase variability and robustness.

1. Define the CNN Architecture:

Input Layer: Accept images of the specified size.

Convolutional Layers: Add several convolutional layers with varying filter sizes (e.g., 3×3, 5×5) and activation functions (e.g., ReLU). Use pooling layers (e.g., max pooling) to reduce dimensionality.

Fully Connected Layers: Flatten the output from the convolutional layers and connect to one or more fully connected layers.

Output Layer: Use a softmax activation function to classify the three classes ('dog', 'cat', 'duck').

1. Compile the Model:

Choose an appropriate loss function (e.g., categorical cross-entropy) and an optimizer (e.g., Adam or SGD). Set metrics to evaluate (e.g., accuracy).

1. Train the Model:

Split the dataset into training, validation, and test sets. Train the model using the training set, validate it on the validation set, and adjust hyperparameters as needed.

1. Evaluate and Fine-tune:

Evaluate the model's performance on the test set. Fine-tune the architecture, learning rate, or augmentation techniques based on results.

**2) [6 pts] Now in transfer learning approach:**

**2-1) Explain source domain and target domain in this approach.**

* **Source Domain:**

The source domain refers to the dataset and task on which a pre-trained model has been trained. For example, a CNN pre-trained on a large dataset like ImageNet, which includes a wide variety of images (cats, dogs, birds, etc.), is considered the source domain.

* **Target Domain:**

The target domain is the specific dataset and task for which you want to apply the knowledge gained from the source domain. In this case, the target domain is the dataset containing images of 'dog', 'cat', and 'duck'.

**2-3) Explain the process of applying transfer learning in this task.**

1. Select a Pre-trained Model:

Choose a pre-trained CNN model (e.g., VGG16, ResNet, Inception) that has been trained on a large dataset (like ImageNet).

1. Modify the Model:

Remove the top (output) layer of the pre-trained model, which is specific to the original classification task.

Add a new output layer with the number of classes corresponding to the target domain (in this case, 3 classes: 'dog', 'cat', 'duck').

1. Freeze Layers:

Freeze the weights of the earlier layers of the pre-trained model to retain the learned features. This means these layers will not be updated during training.

1. Train the Model:

Train the modified model on the target dataset. Focus on the new output layer while keeping the frozen layers intact. You may also unfreeze some of the later layers for fine-tuning if needed.

1. Evaluate and Fine-tune:

Evaluate the performance on the validation and test sets. Fine-tune the model by adjusting hyperparameters or unfreezing additional layers if necessary.

**3) [3 pts] Explain whether approach in 2) is better than approach 1).**

Is Transfer Learning Better than Building from Scratch?

**Advantages of Transfer Learning:**

Faster Training: Transfer learning often requires less training time because the model starts with pre-learned features rather than learning from scratch.

Less Data Required: It can perform well even with a smaller dataset for the target domain, as it leverages the rich feature representations learned from the source domain.

Improved Performance: Models can achieve higher accuracy, especially when the target dataset is limited or when the new task is similar to the original task.

**Disadvantages of Building from Scratch:**

Data Hungry: Training a CNN from scratch typically requires a large amount of labeled data to generalize well.

Longer Training Time: It can take significantly longer to converge to a good solution, especially with complex architectures.

Therefore, transfer learning is generally a more efficient and effective approach, especially when dealing with limited data or when the new task is somewhat related to the original task. It reduces the training time and improves performance, making it a preferred choice in many practical applications.