Deep Learning Regularizers

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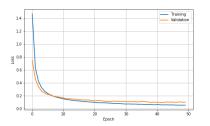
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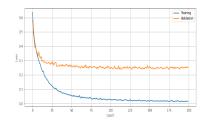
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Introduction

- Training: learning model parameters.
- ▶ Validation: evaluate model on unseen data.
- Expect similar performance in training and validation data (both must come from the same underlying distribution).
- Change hyper-parameters in the presence of performance gap.





Overfitting

"Model fits training data extremely good, but fails to generalize for unseen data".

Common solution: give up some performance level on the training set in favor of improvement in the validation set.

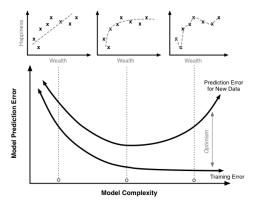


Bias and variance

- ▶ **Bias:** Inability of a model to learn the true mapping relationship between *x* and *y*, which implies underfitting, e.g., straight line.
- Variance: Difference in fits between training and validation sets, which might imply overfitting, e.g., high-order polynomial.

Bias-variance trade-off

Ideal model: Low bias (accurate mapping function) and low variance (performance is consistent between training and validation sets).



Common practices

To reduce underfitting and overfitting:

underffiting

- Add capacity.
- Add epochs.
- Add data.
- Add features.
- Data augmentation.

overffiting

- Early stopping.
- Gather more data.
- Decrease features.
- Add regularizers.
- ▶ Data augmentation.

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Limit the model capacity, by adding a penalty to the parameters.

$$\mathcal{L}_T(x, y; \Omega) = \mathcal{L}(x, y; \Omega) + \alpha \mathcal{P}(\Omega),$$

where.

- \blacktriangleright $\mathcal{L}(x,y;\Omega)$ corresponds to the target loss already known,
- $ightharpoonup \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ is the penalty function on the parameters,
- \triangleright α weights the penalty of the parameters, and
- $\blacktriangleright \mathcal{L}_T(x,y;\Omega)$ indicates the total loss.

Weight decay L2

a.k.a., Ridge regression or Tikhonov regularization.

$$\mathcal{P}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{2} \|\Omega\|_2^2.$$

Derivative:

$$\Omega$$
.

Lasso L1

$$\mathcal{P}(\Omega) = \|\Omega\|_1 = \sum_i |\omega_i|.$$

Derivative:

$$sign(\Omega)$$
.

Besides keeping small values for ω_i , it also induces sparsity.

Elastic L2L1

Ridge + Lasso.

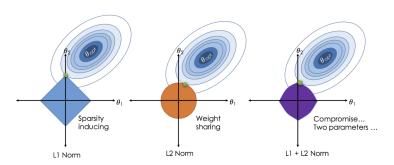
$$\mathcal{P}(\Omega) = \alpha_R \|\Omega\|_2^2 + \alpha_L \|\Omega\|_1.$$

Derivative:

$$\Omega + \mathsf{sign}(\Omega)$$
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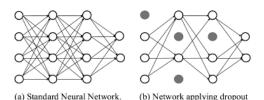
Regularized space

Keep parameter values at the intersection between the Loss space and the Penalty space.



Dropout

- Add stochasticity.
- During training, limit the capacity of the model at random.
- ▶ Deactivate neurons (dropout) or weights (dropconnect).
- Forces the network to become redundant.
- ▶ Also helps make the model robust against variations.



Srivastava et al., 2014. "Dropout: A Simple Way toPrevent Neural Networks from Overfittin".

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Batch normalization, I

a.k.a., batchnorm.

- Normalization is often applied to input layer (accelerates learning).
- We can do the same to hidden layers.
- Adds noise and learns to be robust against it.
- Induces independence between layers.

Ioffe & Szegedy, 2015. ICML. "Batch Normalization: Accelerating Deep Network Training by Reducing Internal Covariate Shift".



Batch normalization, II

Compute the batch mean and variance:

$$\mu_B = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} x^{(m)}, \qquad \sigma_B^2 = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left(x^{(m)} - \mu_B \right)^2.$$

Normalize and feed to next layer:

$$\hat{x}^{(m)} = \gamma \cdot \frac{x^{(m)} - \mu_B}{\sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \epsilon}} + \beta.$$

Q&A

Thank you!

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