

# Lecture 13. Notes on nonlinear (MLP) models for time series forecasting

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## 1 Introduction: principles of neural modelling

### 1.1 The basic architecture of multilayer perceptron (MLP)

### 1.2 An application to time series forecasting: tapped delay neural network (TDNN)

#### 1.2.1 Relation with NARX models

#### 1.2.2 Hybrid ARIMA-MLP models

Original work: (G. P. Zhang [2003](#)).

## 2 Learning algorithms for MLPs

### 2.1 Universal approximation property

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal\\_approximation\\_theorem](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_approximation_theorem)  
Cybenko's work (Cybenko [1989](#))

### 2.2 Training MLPs with backpropagation

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Backpropagation>

### 2.3 Training nonlinear regression models: Levenberg–Marquardt algorithm

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levenberg-Marquardt\\_algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Levenberg-Marquardt_algorithm)  
See for advanced general methods: (Fan and Pan [2009](#); Yoo, Sung, and Lee [2003](#)).  
See for single-hidden layer MLPs: (Matias et al. [2014](#); Li, Shao, and Yiu [2013](#)).  
For an affordable application, see (Voyant et al. [2014](#)).

## 3 Model selection for MLPs

### 3.1 AIC, BIC and information criteria

Subspace information criterion: (Sugiyama and Ogawa 2001).

Network information criterion: (Murata, Yoshizawa, and Amari 1994).

### 3.2 Optimal brain damage

Original work on OBD: (LeCun, Denker, and Solla 1990).

Application of OBD to tapped delay neural networks: (Svarer, Hansen, and Larsen 1993).

Something very similar for NARX: (Lin et al. 1997).

### 3.3 Ensembles of models

For an application to time series analysis, see (Kourentzes, Barrow, and Crone 2014).

(G. P. Zhang and Berardi 2001) provides an application of ensembles for financial time series.

## 4 Numerical comparisons of MLPs vs. other models

MLPs vs. ARIMA and NARMA: (Allende, Moraga, and Salas 2002).

MLPs vs. FIR and Elman’s nets: (Koskela et al. 1996).

Review on forecasting with MLPs: (G. Zhang, Patuwo, and Hu 1998).

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