Course Materials for GEN-AI

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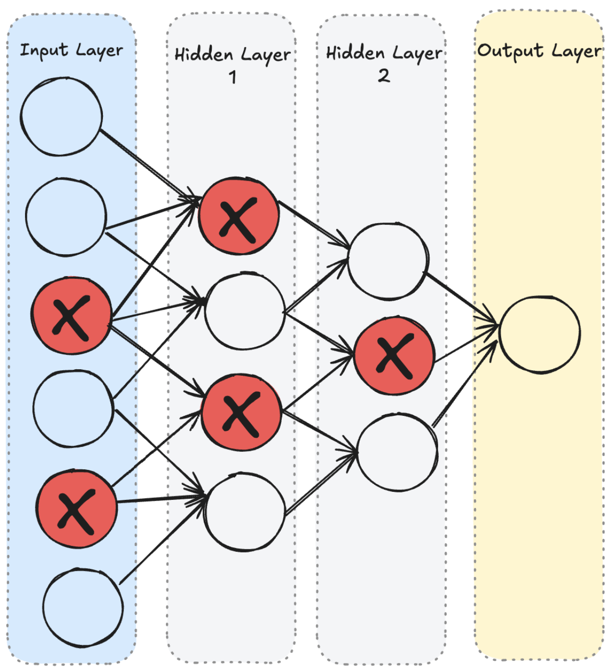
Dropout

Introduction

Dropout is a regularization technique used in neural networks to prevent overfitting. It works by randomly "dropping out" (setting to zero) a subset of neurons during each forward pass of training. This forces the network to learn redundant data representations, improving its generalization performance.



Thinned network: A neural network consisting of all units that survived dropout.
A neural network with n units can create a collection of 2^n thinned networks. For each node, we have either drop or not(binary). For example, if you have 10 fingers, you can count from 000000000 or 111111111 or from 0 to $2^n - 1 = 1024$.

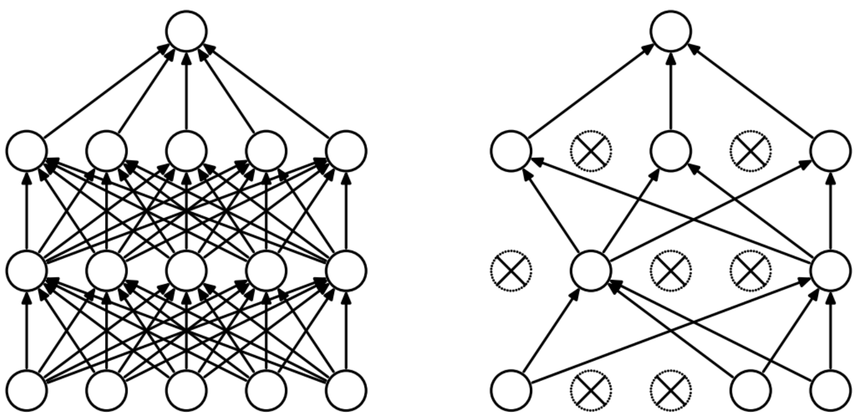
- **During training**, dropout samples from the number of thinned networks.
- **During testing**, we approximate the effect of averaging the predictions of all these thinned networks.

Consider a neural network with:

- L hidden layers,
- Z^i = input to layer i
- a^i = output to layer i
- w^i,b^i are weights and biases of layer i
- R_j^P = Bernouli value for node j in layer P

$$\begin{aligned} R_j^P &\approx \text{Bernouli(P)} \\ r^p &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{S_P} \\ \tilde{a}^P &= r^P \odot a^P \\ z_i^{P+1} &= w_i^{P+1} \tilde{a}^P + b_i^{P+1} \\ \tilde{a}^{P+1} &= f(z_i^{P+1}) \end{aligned}$$

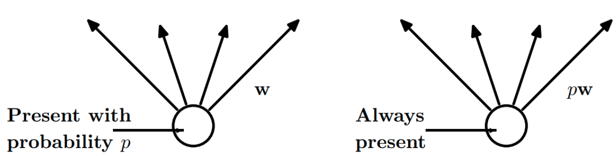
We only back-propagate on each thinned network.



(a) Standard Neural Net (b) After applying dropout.

Test Case

- use a single NN without dropout.
- Multiply all weights and biases by P(Bernoulli Parameter) because the weight/bias wasn't always available, so to ensure during the inference, that's also the case.
- every weight was used during the training with probability of P(Bernoulli) and was dropped with probability of (1 - p).

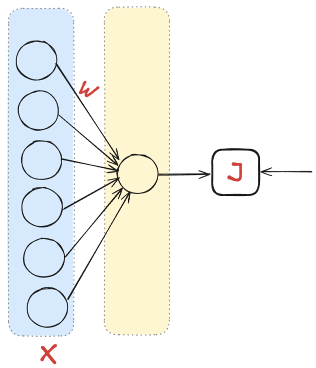


(a) At training time (b) At test time

Left: A unit at training time that is present with probability p and is connected to units in the next layer with weights w. Right: At test time, the unit is always present and the weights are multiplied by p. The output at test time is same as the expected output at training time.

- w_i^L, out of 10 epochs maybe, x times was used in training, we multiply $\frac{x}{10} * w_i^L$, by doing so we are getting on average results from 10 NNs. Technically each iteration we had a new NN as they were different in nodes. (like bagging)

Applying dropout to linear regression



Given,

$$X \in R^{m\text{x}d}; w \in R^{d\text{x}I}; y \in R^m$$

In Linear regression our goal is to minimize:

$$J = \|\mathbf{y} - X\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

$$R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}, \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} R_{1,1} & R_{1,2} & \dots & R_{1,d} \\ R_{2,1} & R_{2,2} & \dots & R_{2,d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ R_{m,1} & R_{m,2} & \dots & R_{m,d} \end{bmatrix},$$

where each element $R_{i,j} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, i.e.,

$$R_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{with probability } p, \\ 0, & \text{with probability } 1 - p. \end{cases}$$

our objective function becomes:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathbb{E}_{R \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)} \left[\|\mathbf{y} - (R * X)\mathbf{w}\|^2 \right]$$

$|y - Xw|^2$

$\Rightarrow$we apply dropout using Bernoulli p

$\Rightarrow |y - \underline{R \odot X}w|^2$

applying Bernoulli to x, so some of the weights will drop

$\Rightarrow |y - Mw|^2$

the goal is to understand the expectation of $R \odot X$

In each iteration R changes(Bernoulli≈p), so some w will drop.

We want to see what is the expected value of w_i^L if we drop/keep it randomly after n epochs.

$= (y - Mw)^T(y - Mw) = y^Ty - y^Tmw - w^Tm^Ty + w^Tm^Tmw$

$= y^Ty - 2w^Tm^Ty + w^Tm^Tmw$

$\Rightarrow$we want to find:

$E[(y - Mw)^2]$ w.r.t. R

$\Rightarrow E[y^Ty - 2w^Tm^Ty + w^Tm^Tmw]$

$= E[y^Ty] - 2w^T\underline{(E[m])^T}y + w^TE[m^Tm]w$

break down:

$$E[\mathbf{M}] = \begin{bmatrix} E[M_{11}] & E[M_{12}] & \cdots & E[M_{1d}] \\ E[M_{21}] & E[M_{22}] & \cdots & E[M_{2d}] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E[M_{m1}] & E[M_{m2}] & \cdots & E[M_{md}] \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow E[M_{ij}] = p \cdot X_{ij}$$

$\Rightarrow E[R \odot X] = E[M] = p \cdot X$

$$\Rightarrow E[(M^TM)_{ij}] = \sum_k E(R_{ki}R_{kj})X_{ki}X_{kj}$$

$$\text{where } E[R_{ki}R_{kj}] = \begin{cases} \text{if i} \neq \text{j; } p^2 \\ \text{if i=j; } p \end{cases}$$

Considering the above

$\Rightarrow E[y^Ty] - 2w^T(E[m])^Ty + w^TE[m^Tm]w = y^Ty - 2Pw^TX^Ty + w^TE[m^Tm]w$

We could solved it by directly multiplying P by X,

$$|y - pXw|^2 = y^Ty - 2pw^TX^Ty + p^2w^TX^TXw$$

So we can express:

$$\left[\|\mathbf{y} - (R * X)\mathbf{w}\|^2\right] = |y - pXw|^2 - p^2w^TX^TXw + w^TE[m^Tm]w$$

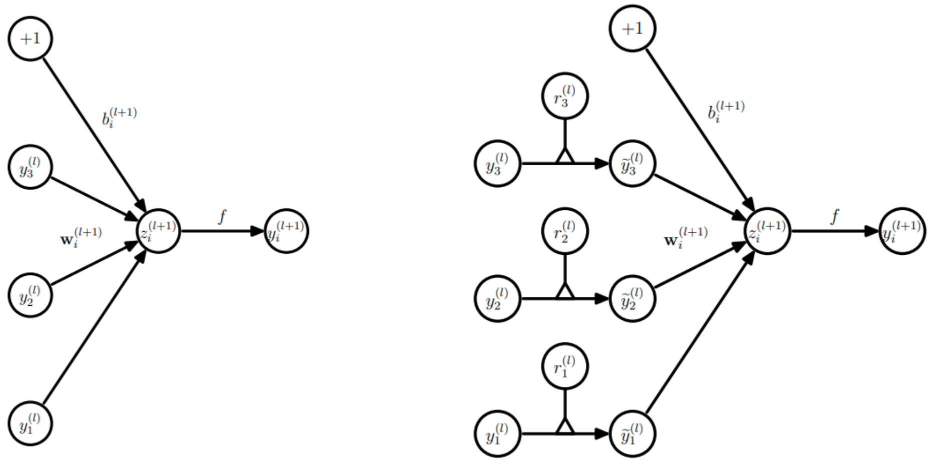
$$\Rightarrow |y - pXw|^2 + w^T[-p^2X^TX + E[m^Tm]]w$$

$$\text{considering that: } \begin{cases} \text{if i} \neq \text{j}; E[m^Tm] = p^2X^2 \\ \text{if i=j}; E[m^Tm] = p.\text{diagonal}(X^2) \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow |y - pXw|^2 + w^T[-p^2X^TX + pX^2]w$$

$$\Rightarrow |y - pXw|^2 + w^T[p * (1 - p)\text{diagonal}(X^2)]w$$

In general applying the dropout to linear regression is similar to Ridge Regression.



(a) Standard network

(b) Dropout network