

Exercise 2 – April 28th

Step by step back-propagation for a simple neural network

We come back to the Half-Moons dataset and show how to do back-propagation step-by-step. The associated Python code is HalfMoonsBackProp.py.

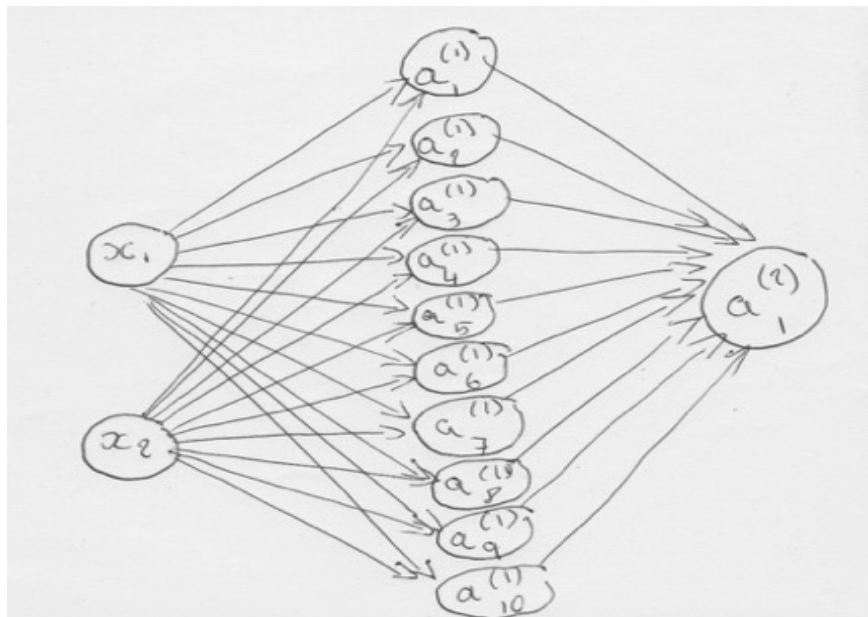
The input to the network is the two coordinates of a point $X = (x_1, x_2)$ and the output is its predicted class. We use a simple neural network with ten neurons in the hidden layer.

We have, in vectorial form:

$$\begin{aligned} z^{(1)} &= W_1 X + b_1 \\ a^{(1)} &= \sigma(z^{(1)}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^{(2)} &= W_2 a^{(1)} + b_2 \\ a^{(2)} &= \sigma(z^{(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

Where σ is the logistic function: $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$.



1. How many weights and bias terms have to be trained?
2. If y is the class (0 or 1) associated with a data point, the cross-entropy L for this point is:

$$L = -\left(y \log a_1^{(2)} + (1 - y) \log(1 - a_1^{(2)})\right)$$

Show that the derivative $\frac{dL}{da_1^{(2)}}$ of this loss function is:

$$\frac{dL}{da_1^{(2)}} = \frac{a_1^{(2)} - y}{a_1^{(2)}(1 - a_1^{(2)})}$$

3. Show that:

$$\frac{da_1^{(2)}}{dz_1^{(2)}} = a_1^{(2)}(1 - a_1^{(2)})$$

4. Show that

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2} = (a_1^{(2)} - y)a^{(1)}$$

5. How can we calculate $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X}$ and what does the plot of $\frac{\partial L}{\partial X}$ for each training point illustrate?