

CSE 411: Machine Learning

Multilayer Perceptrons

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“ *Just as electricity transformed almost everything 100 years ago, today I actually have a hard time thinking of an industry that I don't think AI (Artificial Intelligence) will transform in the next several years.*

– Andrew Ng

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Introduction

The perceptron is a type of linear classifier used in machine learning. It was introduced in 1957 by Frank Rosenblatt and is based on the idea of a single neuron in the brain.



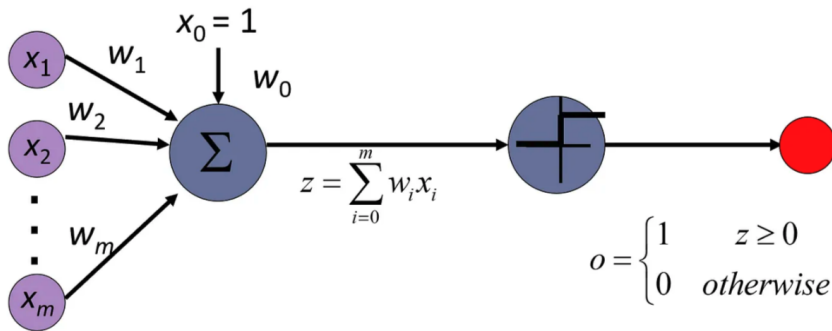
The Perceptron

- First neural network learning model in the 1960's
- Simple and limited (single layer model)
- Basic concepts are similar for multi-layer models so this is a good learning tool



The Perceptron

- The perceptron has m binary inputs denoted by x_1, \dots, x_m , which represent the incoming signals
- outputs a single binary value denoted if the perceptron is “firing” or not.



The Perceptron

The perceptron computes the weighted sum of its incoming signals.

$$z = w_1x_1 + \cdots + w_mx_m \quad (1)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m w_ix_i \quad (2)$$

- To simplify the learning process, a special input called bias is added (value 1).
- This neuron is typically denoted by x_0 and its connection weight is denoted by w_0 .

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^m w_ix_i + \text{bias} \quad (3)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^m w_ix_i + w_0x_0 = \sum_{i=0}^m w_ix_i \quad (4)$$



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Perceptron Algorithm

The perceptron algorithm is a supervised learning algorithm for binary classification. It learns a linear function by updating the weights of the input features based on the errors made by the model.

- Initialize the weights to zero or small random values.
- For each training example, calculate the predicted output.
- Update the weights based on the prediction error.
- Repeat until convergence or a maximum number of iterations is reached.

The perceptron algorithm is guaranteed to converge if the data is linearly separable.



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Example

Suppose we have the following training data:

Feature 1	Feature 2	Label
1	2	1
2	3	1
3	1	-1

We can use the perceptron algorithm to learn a linear classifier for this data. After several iterations, the algorithm converges to the following weights:

$$w_0 = -3, w_1 = 2, w_2 = 1$$

The final decision boundary is $-3 + 2x_1 + x_2 = 0$, which separates the positive examples from the negative examples.



Example

Let's play with perceptron learning:

<https://dennis198.github.io/Perceptron-Visualizer/>



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Multilayer Perceptrons

A multilayer perceptron represents an adaptable model $y(\cdot, w)$ able to map D -dimensional input to C -dimensional output:

$$y(\cdot, w) : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^C, x \mapsto y(x, w) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x, w) \\ \vdots \\ y_C(x, w) \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$


In general, a $(L + 1)$ -layer perceptron consists of $(L + 1)$ layers, each layer l computing linear combinations of the previous layer $(l - 1)$ (or the input).



Multilayer Perceptrons – First Layer

On input $x \in \mathbb{R}^D$, layer $l = 1$ computes a vector $y^{(1)} := (y_1^{(1)}, \dots, y_{m^{(1)}}^{(1)})$ where

$$y_i^{(1)} = f(z_i^{(1)}) \quad \text{with} \quad z_i^{(1)} = \sum_{j=1}^D w_{i,j}^{(1)} x_j + w_{i,0}^{(1)}. \quad (6)$$

 i^{th} component is called “unit i ”

where f is called activation function and $w_{i,j}^{(1)}$ are adjustable weights.



Multilayer Perceptrons – First Layer

What does this mean?

Layer $l = 1$ computes linear combinations of the input and applies a (non-linear) activation function ...

The first layer can be interpreted as generalized linear model:

$$y_i^{(1)} = f \left(\left(w_i^{(1)} \right)^T x + w_{i,0}^{(1)} \right). \quad (7)$$

Idea: Recursively apply L additional layers on the output $y^{(1)}$ of the first layer.



Multilayer Perceptrons – Further Layers

In general, layer l computes a vector $y^{(l)} := (y_1^{(l)}, \dots, y_{m^{(l)}}^{(l)})$ as follows:

$$y_i^{(l)} = f(z_i^{(l)}) \quad \text{with } z_i^{(l)} = \sum_{j=1}^{m^{(l-1)}} w_{i,j}^{(l)} y_j^{(l-1)} + w_{i,0}^{(l)}. \quad (8)$$

Thus, layer l computes linear combinations of layer $(l-1)$ and applies an activation function ...



Multilayer Perceptrons – Output Layer

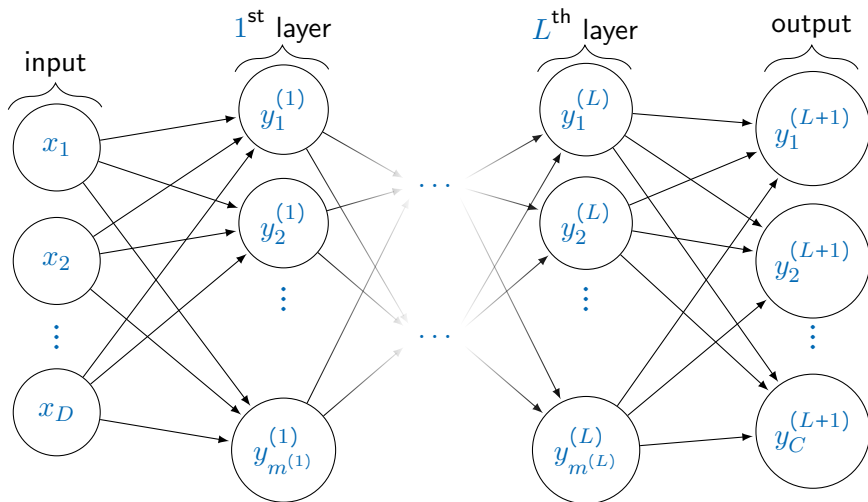
Layer $(L + 1)$ is called output layer because it computes the output of the multilayer perceptron:

$$y(x, w) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(x, w) \\ \vdots \\ y_C(x, w) \end{pmatrix} := \begin{pmatrix} y_1^{(L+1)} \\ \vdots \\ y_C^{(L+1)} \end{pmatrix} = y^{(L+1)} \quad (9)$$

where $C = m^{(L+1)}$ is the number of output dimensions.



Network Graph



Activation Functions – Notions

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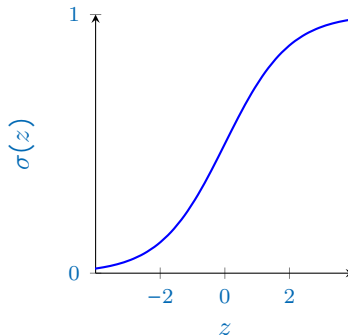
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Activation Functions

Usually the activation function is chosen to be the logistic sigmoid:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$



which is non-linear, monotonic and differentiable.



Activation Functions

Alternatively, the hyperbolic tangent is used frequently:

$$\tanh(z). \quad (11)$$

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Network Training – Notions

By now, we have a general model $y(\cdot, w)$ depending on W weights.

Idea: Learn the weights to perform

- regression,
- or classification.

We focus on classification.



Network Training – Training Set

Given a training set

C classes:
1-of- C coding scheme

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