

tensorflow-crash (course)

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www.github.com/adrian-soto/tensorflow-crash/

TensorFlow

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

TensorFlow is an open-source software library for dataflow programming across a range of tasks. It is a symbolic math library, and also used for machine learning applications such as neural networks.^[3]

TODAY: run a couple of basic examples that can serve as a starting point for your future projects!

We will be working off of code in the Github repo

www.github.com/adrian-soto/tensorflow-crash/

Please clone it into your machine now!



Companies using TensorFlow



So let's install Tensorflow!

1. Create new conda environment

```
$ conda create -n tensorflow python= 2.7 (or 3.6)
```

2. Activate environment

```
$ source activate tensorflow
```

3. Ensure iPython is installed IN THE ENVIRONMENT

```
$ conda install ipython
```

```
$ pip install jupyter (if want to use notebooks)
```

4. Install tensorflow

```
$ pip install --ignore-installed --upgrade
```

```
https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/mac/cpu/tensorflow-1.4.0-py2-none-any.whl
```

5. Test Tensorflow

```
$ ipython
```

```
$ # in iPython
```

```
$ import tensorflow as tf
```

```
$ hello = tf.constant('Hello, Tensorflow!')
```

```
$ sess = tf.Session()
```

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$ print(sess.run(hello))
```

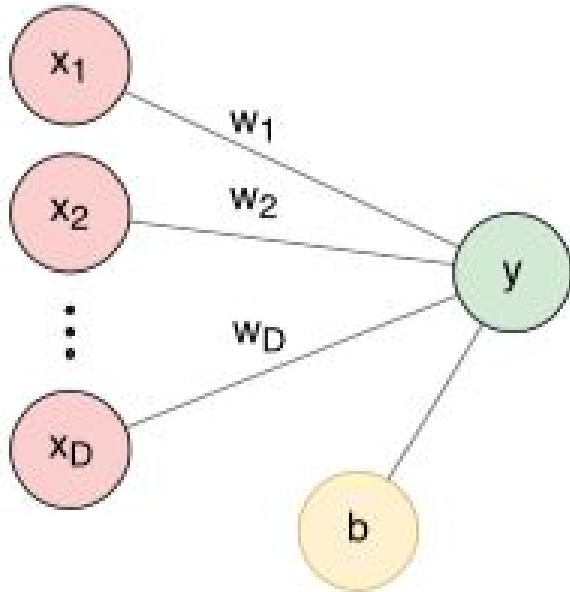
If output is

```
Hello, Tensorflow!
```

the installation and execution via iPython succeeded :)

... or, even easier, run the `install_tf.sh` script in the repo

What is a neuron?



Activation:

$$a = \sum_i w_i x_i + b$$

Activity:

$$y = f(a)$$

$f(a)$ typically non-linear

- $f(a) = 1/(1 + e^{-a})$ (logistic sigmoid)
- $f(a) = \tanh(a)$ (hyperbolic sigmoid)
- $f(a) = \max(0, a)$ (rectified linear unit or ReLu)

How to train a neuron (1): online learning

For each data point in training set:

1. Compute activation

$$a = \sum_i w_i x_i$$

2. Evaluate activity

$$y(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$$

3. Calculate error

$$e = t - y$$

4. Adjust weights in the direction that reduces error

$$\Delta w_i = \eta e x_i \quad \eta: \text{learning rate}$$

How to train a neuron (2): batch learning

Batch learning for the single neuron classifier

For each input/target pair $(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, t^{(n)})$ ($n = 1, \dots, N$), compute $y^{(n)} = y(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}; \mathbf{w})$, where

$$y(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\sum_i w_i x_i)}, \quad (39.18)$$

define $e^{(n)} = t^{(n)} - y^{(n)}$, and compute for each weight w_i

$$g_i^{(n)} = -e^{(n)} x_i^{(n)}. \quad (39.19)$$

Then let

$$\Delta w_i = -\eta \sum_n g_i^{(n)}. \quad (39.20)$$

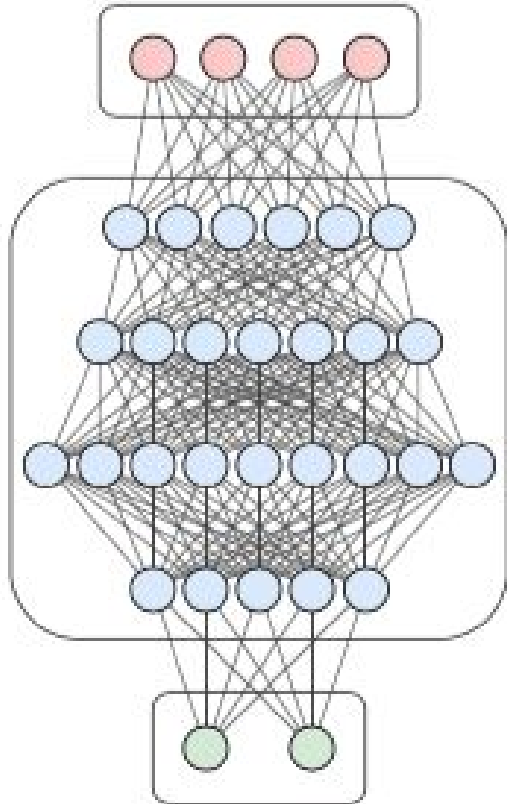
How to train a neuron (3): minibatch learning

Intermediate option to online learning and batch learning

1. Divide data set into *minibatches*
2. Loop over a prefixed number of training *epochs*
 - i. Evaluate activity, calculate error within the batch
 - ii. Update weights accordingly for that batch
 - iii. Move to next batch

minibatch1
minibatch2
minibatch3
..
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An example of a deep neural network



input layer: \vec{x}

1st hidden: $\vec{z}^{(1)} = a(w^{(1)}\vec{x} + \vec{b}^{(1)})$

2nd hidden: $\vec{z}^{(2)} = a(w^{(2)}\vec{z}^{(1)} + \vec{b}^{(2)})$

3rd hidden: $\vec{z}^{(3)} = a(w^{(3)}\vec{z}^{(2)} + \vec{b}^{(3)})$

4th hidden: $\vec{z}^{(4)} = a(w^{(4)}\vec{z}^{(3)} + \vec{b}^{(4)})$

output layer: $\vec{y} = w^{(\text{out})}\vec{z}^{(4)} + \vec{b}^{(\text{out})}$

One of my students, Robert, asked:

Maybe I'm missing something fundamental, but supervised neural networks seem equivalent to fitting a pre-defined function to some given data, then extrapolating – what's the difference?

I agree with Robert. The supervised neural networks we have studied so far are simply parameterized nonlinear functions which can be fitted to data. Hopefully you will agree with another comment that Robert made:

Unsupervised networks seem much more interesting than their supervised counterparts. I'm amazed that it works!

Mackay, Information Theory, Inference and Learning algorithms, page 484

Unfortunately, today we'll be focusing on supervised learning...
but tomorrow starts your exploration!