

Performace on differnet parameter setting in GA-BPNN

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Abstract—GA-BANN is an easy and well-known hybrid network. As the name, the GA-BPNN is what backpropagation neutral network with genetic algorithm searching the parameters. Although the hybrid network seems to convenient, it's difficult to finds to goood solution beacause the paramerters of backpropagation neutral network is large. This paper design the differnet strategies to run GA-BPNN, and test which performance is better.

Index Terms—GA-BPNN, genetic algorithm, backpropagation

I. INTRODUCTION

Backpropagation neutral network is a commly neutral network, it can classfiy the model whether is linear. The difficult about backpropagation neutral network is find a parameter set. It's a feasible way to adopt a hybrid model to automatically find solution. A hybrid model is a model combine two or model structure or algorithm. GA-BPNN is the one.

GA-BANN is a hybrid network comine with genetic algorithm and backpropagation neutral network. Genetic algorithm uses to evolute paramerters, then apply to backpropagation neutral network. It is to implement. However, due to the range of paremeters is infinity. The accuracy rate of GA-BPNN is often low. To solve this, we use two differnet genetic algorithm to determine whether changing mutation can improve accuracy rate.

Genetic algorithm involves population, crossover, mutation. Backpropagation neutral network involves weight, bias, the number of neurons in hidden layer and dropout. The genetic algorithm will adjust weight and bias.

A. Backpropagation Neutral Network

Backpropagation Neutral Network is a three-layers neutral network. Fisrt is input layer, second is hidden layer, third is output layer. [?]

It uses gradient descent to adjust weight and bias.

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

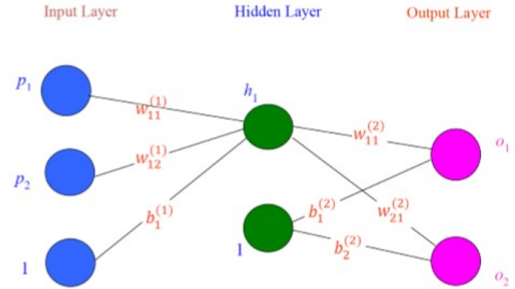


Fig. 1. Backpropagation Structure

The activation function we choose is:

$$a(n) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-n}} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{da(n)}{dn} = a(1 - a) \quad (3)$$

The loss function is:

$$E(a) = (t - a)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{dE(a)}{da} = -2(t - a) \quad (5)$$

The following is the process of calculating backpropogation basd on above 4 equations:

First calculate output of hidden layer and output layer forward:

$$a_{h1} = \sigma(W^{(1)}p + b^{(1)}) \quad (6)$$

$$a = \sigma(W^{(2)}a_{h1} + b^{(2)}) \quad (7)$$

Then calculate error backward base on output a and target t :

$$\delta = (t - a)[a(1 - a)] \quad (8)$$

$$\delta_{h1} = (W^{(2)}\delta)[a_{h1}(1 - a_{h1})] \quad (9)$$

Finally, update the update:

$$W^{(2)} = W^{(2)} + 2\alpha\delta a_{h1} \quad (10)$$

$$b^{(2)} = b^{(2)} + 2\alpha\delta \quad (11)$$

$$W^{(1)} = W^{(1)} + 2\alpha\delta_{h1}p \quad (12)$$

$$b^{(1)} = b^{(1)} + 2\alpha\delta_{h1} \quad (13)$$

α is learning rate, the update range. It's often a small value at the end of process in order to easily find the optimal solution.

B. Genetic algorithm

Genetic algorithm is a method inspired by the natural process. The process can be divide into 6 parts.

First is generating population the process will generate L population.

Second part is evaluate the every population's fitness, the fitness can be defined widely. In GA-BPNN, we can defined the the accuracy rate of testing data.

Third is parent selection, we use 2-tournament selection, that is, select 2 parents randomly and retain the one has higher fitness.

The fourth step is crossover. We define a constant, p_c , is the rate of crossover, and use random function as roulette. When the result of roulette is $< p_c$ do crossover, otherwise not to do.

After crossover is mutation, like crossover, p_m is the rate of mutation.

Final is survival selection, select best L population from parents or offspring based on fitness. That's the whole process of genetic algorithm. [?]

C. Structure of GA-BPNN

In the genetic algorithm, every individual has own chromosome (parameter set). When the chromosome changes (like mutation), the genetic algorithm need to call backpropagation neural network to evaluate fitness.



Fig. 2. Process of Genetic Algorithm

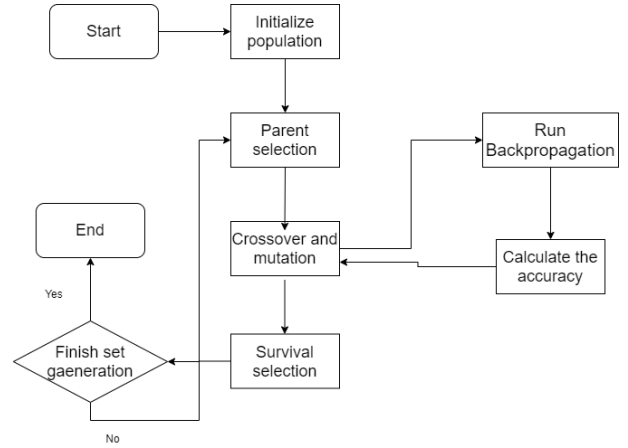


Fig. 3. BP-GANN structure

II. DATA AND RESULT ANALYSIS

A. Data

The iris dataset has 150 items. Input has 4 features, sepal length, sepal width, petal length and petal width. Output is the species name: setosa, virginica and versicolor.

TABLE I
DATASET SAMPLE

Sepal length	Sepal width	Petal length	Petal width	Output
6	2.7	5.1	1.6	versicolor
7.1	3	5.9	2.1	virginica
5.4	3.4	1.7	0.2	setosa
5.8	2.7	5.1	1.9	virginica
6.7	3	5.2	2.3	virginica
6.7	3	5	1.7	versicolor
4.8	3.1	1.6	0.2	setosa
4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	setosa
5.6	2.7	4.2	1.3	versicolor

B. Design

- Dimension: 11. Include the value of $W^{(1)}$, $b^{(1)}$, $W^{(2)}$, $b^{(2)}$
- Fitness: accuracy rate of testing Data, accuracy rate of training Data
- Population size = 40

- Generation = 100
- Crossover Rate = 0.9

The experiment has two versions. Version 1 is the mutation rate of all chromosomes is 0.1. Version 2 is the mutation rate of initial $W^{(1)}, b^{(1)}$ all chromosomes is 0.2, the mutation rate of initial $W^{(2)}, b^{(2)}$ all chromosomes is 0.05. The intention of version 2 is to test whether the initial weight and bias in the input layer is more important than the initial weight and bias in the hidden layer.

C. Result

The experiment is executed in GNU G++. Each version is executed 30 times. The charts below respectively represent version 1 and version 2, showing the average accuracy rate of testing data.

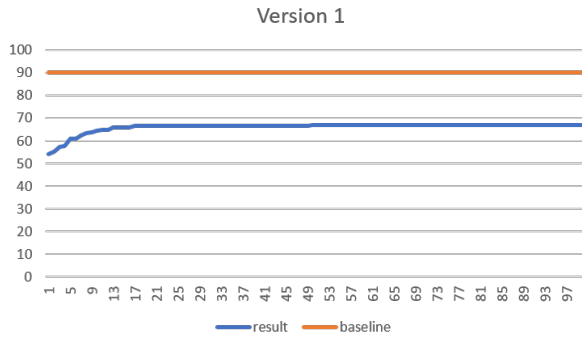


Fig. 4. Accuracy rate of testing data in version 1

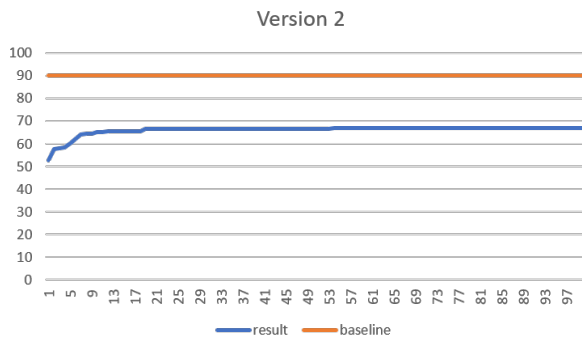


Fig. 5. Accuracy rate of testing data in version 2

The results show that there is no obvious difference between the two versions. The final accuracy rate of testing data is near 70%, which is far from the 90% baseline. Both versions converge around the twentieth generation.

III. CONCLUSION

In the paper, we introduce GA-BPNN and point out its disadvantage; it is hard to find a proper solution. Then we propose two different methods to determine the accuracy can

improve. After the experiment is done, we conclude that it is useless to adjust the mutation rate. We need to change the strategy. One way is to adjust the crossover rate or mutation rate based on changes in fitness. Another way is to revise the chromosome. Chromosomes can be the structure of backpropagation neural networks, like dropout or number of neurons.

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