

## Quiz 3

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Total Points

30 / 30 pts

Question 1

Q1

9 / 9 pts

✓ + 9 pts Everything correct

+ 3 pts A is NOT selected (A incorrect), because more parameters are more likely to lead to overfitting

+ 3 pts B is selected (B correct), because that is how weights in MLP are updated by definition

+ 3 pts C is selected (C correct), because perceptrons need the threshold function (which is an activation function) to solve logical operations (e.g., AND, XOR)

+ 0 pts Unattempted/Incorrect

Question 2

Q2

11 / 11 pts

✓ + 11 pts Everything correct

+ 3 pts Step 1: Specify the correct objective function.

+ 2 pts Step 2a: Specify the bias term to be updated

+ 2 pts Step 2b: Specify the non-bias term to be updated

+ 2 pts Step 3a: Use the correct update formula for the specific objective and parameter (bias term)

+ 2 pts Step 3b: Use the correct update formula for the specific objective and parameter (non-bias term)

+ 2 pts Partial credits for step 3: The update formula does not match the selected parameter/objective (grade for bias and non-bias term separately)

+ 2 pts Partial credits for step 3: Incorrect update formula due to wrong derivation (e.g., incorrect calculation of derivatives, missing the summation notation) (grade for bias and non-bias term separately)

- 1 pt Arithmetic error

+ 0 pts Irrelevant answer/No attempt

Question 3

Q3

10 / 10 pts

✓ + 10 pts Everything is correct

+ 4 pts Correct examples of activation functions (ReLU, sigmoid, tanh, softmax, etc.)

+ 1.5 pts Linearity correct for activation function I

+ 1.5 pts Linearity correct for activation function II

+ 3 pts Correct role of activation function in MLP. Expected answer should include one of: (1) introducing non-linearity to the function being modeled by the MLP (2) whether the neuron should fire an output/not (3) transforming original output values to 0-1 range or probability (normalize output).

+ 1.5 pts Inaccurate role of activation function but put some related process related to it (e.g., (1) calculating posterior of input to belong to a certain class (this only applies to last layer's activation function) (2) calculating real value of node's output)

+ 0 pts Incorrect/no attempt

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Quiz 3 (Mar. 28, 2024)

Due on Gradescope by 2:00 pm, Mar. 29

Instructions:

- This quiz has 3 questions, 30 points, on 1 page.
- Please write your name & ID on this cover page.

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1. (9 points) Select all the correct statement(s).

- ~~F~~ (a) Adding more neurons to a single hidden layer of a Multilayer Perceptron always results in higher test accuracy. *Should be False as this makes the model more complex and could very well cause overfitting.*
- T (b) The weights in a Multilayer Perceptron are updated during the backpropagation phase based on an error function.
- T (c) A Multi-layer Perceptron with no activation functions cannot solve the XOR problem if provided with the right weights and biases.

2. (11 points) Pick one bias term and one non-bias term in a (Multilayer) Perceptron **without** any activation functions, and write their update equations. Start with writing the objective function.

*See Sheet*

3. (10 points) Give two examples of activation functions in Multilayer Perceptron (You can write either the name or the mathematical representation of the function). Answer whether the activation functions that you wrote down are linear or non-linear. And briefly describe the roles of activation functions in a Multilayer Perceptron.

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2. Ok, with no activation function such as sigmoid or tanh we would simply have  $z_h = w_h^T x$ .

Thus, for a non-bias term with  $E(w, v | x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_t (r^t - y^t)^2$   
 Choosing  $w_{1j}$  as the non-bias term.

$$\Delta w_{1j} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{1j}}$$

$$= -\eta \sum_t \underbrace{\frac{\partial E}{\partial y^t}}_{(1)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial y^t}{\partial z_1^t}}_{(2)} \underbrace{\frac{\partial z_1^t}{\partial w_{1j}}}_{(3)} \quad *$$

Only part that is changing from in class derivations since  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial y^t}$  and  $\frac{\partial y^t}{\partial z_1^t}$  have not changed!

Now,  $\frac{(3)}{\partial w_{1j}} [w_{1j} x] = x_j^t$

From class we derived:  $\frac{(1)}{\partial y^t} = -(r^t - y^t)$  and  $\frac{(2)}{\partial z_1^t} = v_1$

Substituting (1), (2), (3) into equ\* above we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta w_{1j} &= -\eta \sum_t -(r^t - y^t) v_1 x_j^t \\ &= \eta \sum_t (r^t - y^t) v_1 x_j^t \end{aligned}$$

For bias term  $\Delta w_{0j}$  we have the same except  $\frac{\partial z_1^t}{\partial w_{0j}} [w_{0j}] = 1$   
 so  $\Delta w_{0j} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{0j}} = -\eta \sum_t \frac{\partial E}{\partial y^t} \frac{\partial y^t}{\partial z_0^t} \frac{\partial z_0^t}{\partial w_{0j}} = \eta \sum_t (r^t - y^t) v_0$

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3. Two examples of Activation Functions in Multi-Layer Perceptrons are the Sigmoid function and the tanh function.

Both of the functions are non-linear.

An activation function (threshold function) does, as Dr. Zhao states "If the input is bigger than a certain threshold then it returns a 1, otherwise it's a zero." The activation function determines if the neuron (processing unit) is activated.