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# Introduction to Neural Networks

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Module 4.2: MOSD Example

# This Sub-Module Covers ...

- A closer look at the Method of Steepest Descent.
- Provides an example of how it performs using an Excel spreadsheet.
- Illustrates various performance issues.

# A Quick Rehash

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + f'(x_0)(x - x_0)$$

First 2 terms of Taylor Series

$$f(x_{k+1}) = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k)$$

Substitute  $x$  with  $x_{k+1}$  and  $x_0$  with  $x_k$

$$0 = f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x_{k+1} - x_k)$$

Setting  $f(x_{k+1}) = 0$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

Rearranging and solving for  $x_{k+1}$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{[f'(x_k)]^2} f'(x_k)$$

Equivalently

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \eta f'(x_k)$$

Method of Steepest Descent

$$\underline{\mathbf{w}_{k+1} = \mathbf{w}_k - \eta \nabla E} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \underline{w_{ij}(k+1) = w_{ij}(k) + \eta e_j [1 - y_j] y_j x_i}$$

The Perceptron Delta Method

# The Perceptron Delta Function

Putting it all together,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \omega_{ij}} = -e_j[1 - y_j]y_j x_i$$

and letting  $\delta_j = -e_j[1 - y_j]y_j$  then

$$\Delta\omega_{ij} = \eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial \omega_{ij}} = \eta \delta_j x_i.$$

# Let's Use the PDF in Excel

Desired Output eta	0.9																												
	0.2																												
x1	1																												
x2	2																												
w1	0.3	0.3	0.30777	0.315091	0.322002	0.328538	0.334729	0.340603	0.346184	0.351496	0.356559	0.36139	0.366007	0.370424	0.374654	0.37871	0.382604	0.386345	0.389943	0.393407	0.396744	0.399963	0.403068	0.406068	0.408967	0.41177	0.414484	0.417112	0.419658
w2	0.3	0.3	0.31554	0.330183	0.344005	0.357076	0.369457	0.381205	0.392369	0.402993	0.413118	0.422781	0.432014	0.440847	0.449308	0.457421	0.465208	0.47269	0.479887	0.486814	0.493489	0.499925	0.506137	0.512135	0.517933	0.523541	0.528968	0.534223	0.539316
Activity		0.9	0.93885	0.975456	1.010012	1.04269	1.073644	1.103013	1.130922	1.157482	1.182795	1.206852	1.230034	1.252118	1.273269	1.293551	1.31302	1.331726	1.349717	1.367036	1.383722	1.399813	1.415341	1.430338	1.444833	1.458852	1.472419	1.485558	1.49829
f(x)		0.71095	0.718867	0.726206	0.733023	0.739369	0.745289	0.750824	0.756009	0.760875	0.76545	0.769759	0.773825	0.777666	0.781302	0.784748	0.788018	0.791126	0.794083	0.796901	0.799588	0.802154	0.804607	0.806954	0.809202	0.811357	0.813425	0.815411	0.817319
error		-0.18905	-0.18113	-0.17379	-0.16698	-0.16063	-0.15471	-0.14918	-0.14399	-0.13913	-0.13455	-0.13024	-0.12618	-0.12233	-0.1187	-0.11525	-0.11198	-0.10887	-0.10592	-0.1031	-0.10041	-0.09785	-0.09539	-0.09305	-0.0908	-0.08864	-0.08658	-0.08459	-0.08268
delta_i		-0.03885	-0.03661	-0.03456	-0.03268	-0.03095	-0.02937	-0.02791	-0.02656	-0.02531	-0.02416	-0.02308	-0.02208	-0.02115	-0.02028	-0.01947	-0.01871	-0.01799	-0.01732	-0.01669	-0.01553	-0.015	-0.01449	-0.01402	-0.01357	-0.01314	-0.01273	-0.01234	
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