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Recently a special branch of Machine Learning, a model based on living organic systems called Deep Neural Networks is overtaking previous paradigm of algorithmic problem solving. It gained larger attention when better results were achieved than task-specific, handcrafted models in feature extraction. The reason behind its success is its scalability: the latest architectures are able to exploit the capacity of cutting-edge GPU hardware since the abstraction of the data is accomplished by succeeding neural nodes performing elementary operations, which can be easily paralellized.

It is of the utmost importance to understand the main concept of such networks to contribute to the breakthroughs of the fourth industrial revolution. To this purpose, building a framework from the base unit blocks of the newest models is the best introduction to Machine Learning. In my research I have disassembled black-box representated networks to the very basic, intuitive level and reorganized it in objectoriented manner, where each neural layer is treated as an entity derived from a common ancestor, therefore information flow and processes of the system are easily traced. My design and implementation is based on the principals of the components used by networks built for ImageNet classification, such as Convolutional, ReLU, Max-Pooling, Fully-Connected, Dropout, DropConnect, Softmax and k-Winner-Takes-All layers. Furthermore, the following training methods and policies were adapted: cross validated, minibatch, on-line, L_p regularized and basic Stochastic Gradient Descent training.

For testing the framework, the parameter space of Fully Connected networks was exhaustively explored. After training and evaluating sessions - mainly performed on the MNIST and self-acquired datasets - the results were gathered to analyze the performance of different architectures. For further investigation the best performing models were compared to each other to find pros and cons of different capacity, layout and training of networks.

Besides architectural experiments, a non-trivial task targeted by many recent research of visualizing the inner representation of information, understanding transient activation patterns was studied as well. Previously mentioned candidate networks were also visualized individually to retrieve information about characteristics of the processes in their Hidden Layers. My implementation proposes a simplification of the DeconvNet derived from Gradient Ascent, an efficient algorithm to reveal patterns recognized by nodes in the hidden layers of Neural Networks, to produce adversarial input samples.

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Physical Constants

$$\text{Speed of Light } c = 2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-\text{S}} \text{ (exact)}$$

Symbols

a	distance	m
P	power	W (Js^{-1})
ω	angular frequency	rads^{-1}

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Tendencies shows that by introducing machine learning to extract informations from otherwise uncontrollable big data results in a leap-forward in main fields of marketing, media and researches. The key behind such efficiency is pattern recognition in high dimension spaces. When it comes to developement of architectures for finding optimal solutions usually the system is compared to human performance in cases which we think are easily solved. For better understanding the mechanism, furthermore the flaws of instances of artificial intelligence, the best is to disassemble the core idea to building blocks in a TOP-DOWN manner, analyze each component separatively, and (re-)implement it step-by-step. After doing so, revealing the processes behind the architecture will be more intuitive than approaching the paradigm as a black box.

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