Homework Week 2

MATHEMATICS OF DEEP LEARNING
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Instructions: This homework is **due on Monday 27/01/2025**. Please send your solutions in a PDF file named HW2_NOM_PRENOM.PDF to the above address with the subject "*[MATHSDL2025] Homework 2*". Formats accepted: LaTeX or a **readable** scan of handwritten solutions.

1 Exercises

Exercise 1.

Show that the $L^p(\mu)$ norm:

$$||f||_p := \left(\int \mu(\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}) |f(\boldsymbol{x})|^p \right)^{1/p} \tag{1}$$

is an increasing function of $p \in [1, \infty]$:

$$||f||_{L^\infty(\mu)} \leq \cdots ||f||_{L^2(\mu)} \leq ||f||_{L^1(\mu)} \tag{2}$$

where we recall $||f||_{L^\infty(\mu)} = \sup_{x \in \mathrm{supp}(\mu)} |f(\boldsymbol{x})|$. Conclude that we have the inclusion:

$$L^\infty(\mu) \subset \cdots \subset L^2(\mu) \subset L^1(\mu) \tag{3}$$

Exercise 2.

Give an example of a probability measure on μ on $\mathbb{R}^d$ and compact set $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ such that:

$$||f||_{L^\infty(\mu)} \leq ||f||_{L^\infty(K)} \tag{4}$$

Exercise 3.

Consider the following continuous function on $[0, 1]$:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 1/2 \\ 2x & x \in [-1/2, 1/2] \\ 1 & x > 1/2 \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

How many neurons p are needed to approximate g within a precision $\epsilon > 0$ using the two-layer neural network with step-size activation from Proposition 2 in the lectures? Show that we could do as well by using less neurons if we adapt the partition to the function.

Exercise 4.

Show that:

$$\inf_{f_\theta \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{relu},1}} \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |f_\theta(x) - \sin(x)| \geq 1 \tag{6}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{relu},1}$, the class of two-layer neural networks over $\mathbb{R}$ with relu activation and unbounded width. Conclude that the compactness assumption in the definition of a universal approximator is crucial to define meaningful approximation results.