

COMPSCI 762 2022 S1 Week 8 Questions – Artificial Neural Networks

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Question 1

If you have a fully connected neural network with 4 features, 1 hidden layer with 4 nodes, and an output layer with 3 nodes. Recall a weight is associated with an edge between two nodes.

1. How many weights will you learn?
2. What will be the form of the hypothesis returned by this neural network model?
3. If you add a second hidden layer with 4 nodes, how many more weights will you learn?
4. What is the size of the set of all possible hypotheses? (Let's consider the number of weights and what the possible value are for each weight.)
5. What activation function will you use on each layer? What loss function will you use? Why do you choose them?

Note:

The answer for each question should be 100 words or less. You may include figures.

Question 2

The LeNet-5 model from Yann LeCun's paper "Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition" (1998) https://axon.cs.byu.edu/~martinez/classes/678/Papers/Convolution_nets.pdf is one of the pioneer in convolutional neural networks for image classification.

Your task is to implement LeNet-5 using PyTorch or Tensorflow, and train it on the MNIST dataset <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>. (MNIST is a widely used benchmark dataset. Both packages provide built-in methods to download it, so you don't need to download it from the link in this file.)

Note that newer activation function such as ReLU wasn't exist at that time. Feel free to update the model, and use more efficient activation functions.

Both PyTorch and Tensorflow can implement LeNet-5 in few lines of code. There are many online resources on implementing LeNet-5. Feel free to lookup, if you get stuck.

Explain the neural network architecture and how you implemented the model.