Artificial Neural Networks

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Objectives

1. Describe biological neurons and networks
2. Basics of artifical neurons and networks
3. Understand the role of trainning in ANNs
4. Strengths and weaknesses of ANNs

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History

1888 Ramón y Cajal. Discovery of biological neurons

1943 McCulloch & Pitts. First neural network designers

1949 Hebb. First learning rule

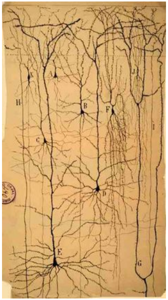
1958 Rosenblatt. Perceptron

1969 Minsky & Papert. Perceptron limitation - Death of ANN

1986 Rumelhart *et al.* Re-emergence of ANN: Backpropagation

201x Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) - Deep learning

2014 Goodfellow *et al.* Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)



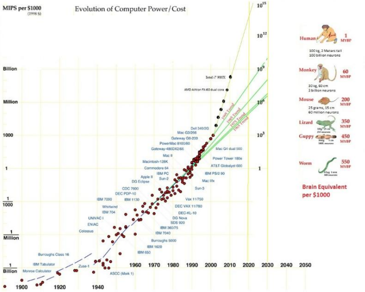
Introduction

Structure of neurons (I)

Animal	Neurons
Sponge	0
Roundworm	302
Jellyfish	800
Ant	250,000
Cockroach	1,000,000
Frog	16,000,000
Mouse	71,000,000
Cat	760,000,000
Macaque	6,376,000,000
Human	86,000,000,000
Elephant	267,000,000,000

Human brain

Neuron switching time: 0.001 s
Synapsis: 10-100 thousand
Scene recognition time: 0.1 s



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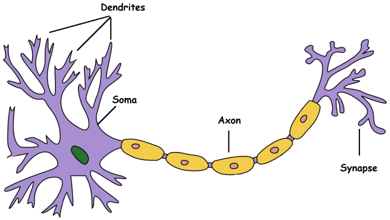
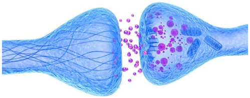
Structure of neurons (II)

A neuron has a cell body ...

- ... a branching *input* structure (dendrite) and
- ... a branching *output* structure (axon)

Axons connect to dendrites via synapses





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Structure of neurons (III)

A neuron only fires if its input signal exceeds a threshold

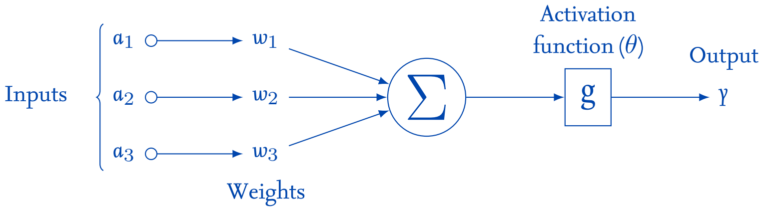
- Good connections allowing a large signal
- Slight connections allowing a weak signal
- Synapses may be either excitatory or inhibitory

Synapses vary in strength

- Biological learning involves setting that strength

Artificial neurons

Definition (I)



- a_i Normalized input ($0 \leq a_i \leq 1$)
- w_i Weight of input j
- θ Threshold
- g Activation function

Neuron model (perceptron)

$$y = g\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i a_i\right)$$

Artificial neurons

Definition (II)

- Each neuron has a threshold value
- Each neuron has weighted inputs
- The input signals form a weighted sum
- If the activation level exceeds the threshold, the neuron activates

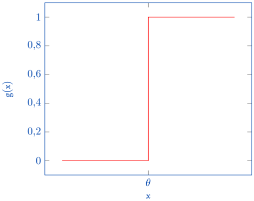
Artificial neurons

Definition (III)

The idealized activation function is a step function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i x_i > \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The step function is rarely used in practice



Artificial neurons

Logical gates with a neuron

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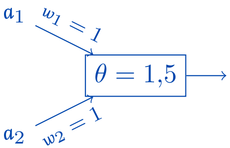
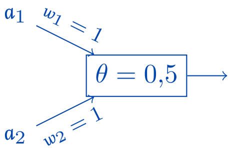


a_1	a_2	y
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

OR



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0	1	1
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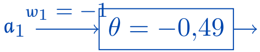
NOT



a_1	y
0	1
1	0

(A neuron in Excel)

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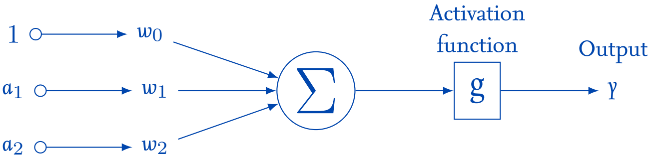
Definition of neuron (alternative version)



a_i Normalized input ($0 \leq a_i \leq 1$)

w_i Weight of input j

w_0 Bias

g Activation function

Neuron model

$$y = g\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i a_i\right)$$

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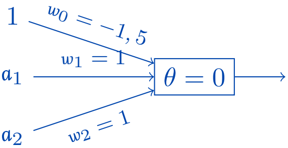
Example of biased neuron

AND logical gate with a biased input

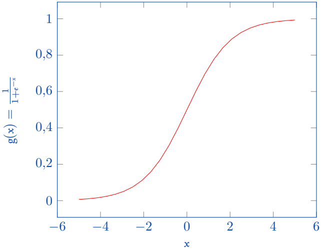


a_0	a_1	a_2	Output
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Artificial neurons

Activation functions: Sigmoid function

- Biological motivation
- S-shaped, continuous and everywhere differentiable
- Asymptotically approach saturation points
- Derivative fast computation
- Range $\in [0, 1]$



Sigmoid function

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$

$$g'(x) = g(x)(1 - g(x))$$

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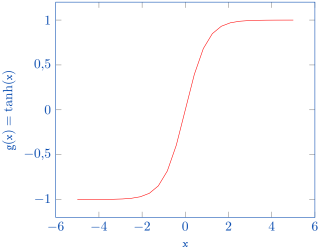
Activation functions: Tanh function

- Asymptotically approach saturation points
- Range $\in [-1, 1]$
- Bigger derivative than sigmoid (faster training)



Tanh function

$$g(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2x}} - 1$$

$$g'(x) = 1 - g(x)^2$$

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Activation functions: Softmax function

- Generalization of the logistic function
- Usually used in the output layer in classification problems
- Asymptotically approach saturation points

Softmax function

$$g(\mathbf{z})_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{k=1}^{K} e^{z_k}} \text{ for } j = 1, \ldots, K$$

with $\mathbf{z}$ a K-dimensional vector

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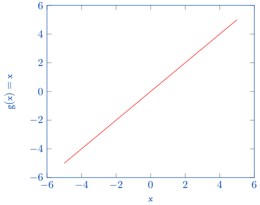
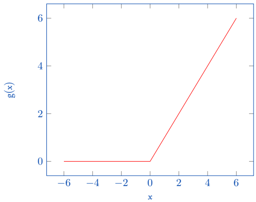
Other activation functions

Linear function



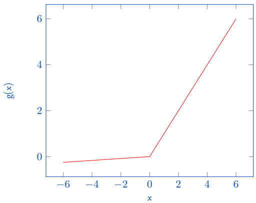
- Used in regression

Rectified Linear (ReLU)



- Faster derivate
- Popular in DL

Leaky ReLU

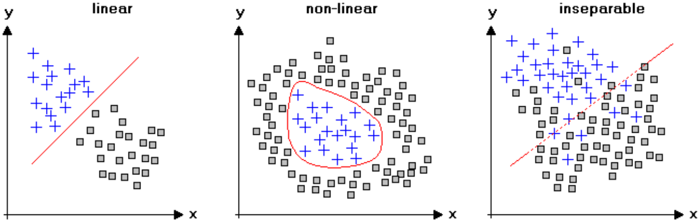


- More informative derivate
- Popular in DL

The lack of non-linear activation function makes a network a simple linear regression

Artificial neurons

Learning limits (I)



Problem: A single neuron only can solve linearly separable problems

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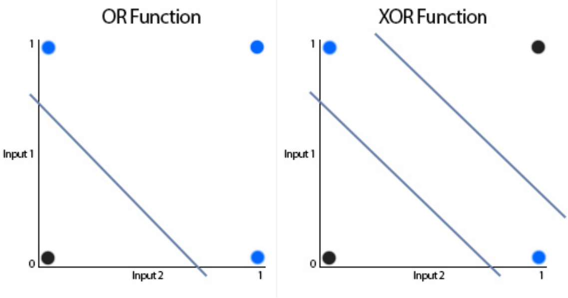
Learning limits (II)

XOR cannot be implemented with a neuron

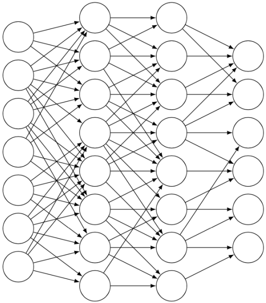


Solution: Neuronal networks

Artificial Neural Networks

Definition (I)

- A very much simplified version of biological nerve systems
- A set of nodes (neurons)
    - Each node has input and output
    - Each node performs a simple computation
- Weighted connections between nodes
    - Connectivity gives the structure of the net
    - What can be computed by an ANN is primarily determined by the connections and their weights
- It can recognize patterns, learn and generalize



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Definition (II)

ANN properties

- Noise tolerance
- General function approximator

Machine Learning tasks

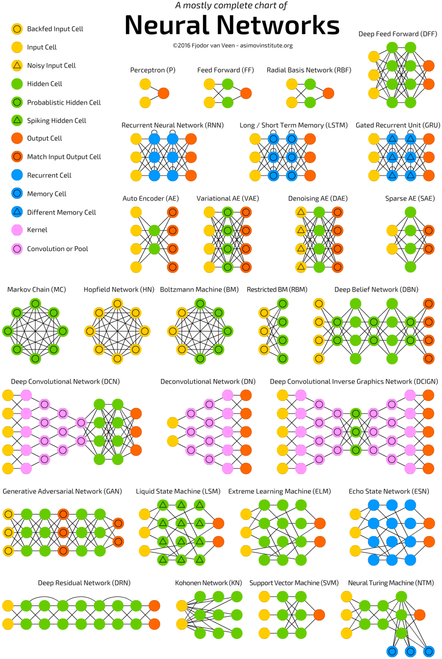
- Supervised learning (classification and regression)
- Unsupervised learning (known as self-organizing maps in ANN terminology)

Many topologies

- Acyclic, recurrent (cyclic), modular, etc
- Feed Forward networks (MLPs)

Human readability less important than performance

(More info)


A mostly complete chart of
Neural Networks
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Input Cell
Noisy Input Cell
Hidden Cell
Probablistic Hidden Cell
Spiking Hidden Cell
Output Cell
Match Input Output Cell
Recurrent Cell
Memory Cell
Different Memory Cell
Kernel
Convolution or Pool
Perceptron (P)
Feed Forward (FF)
Radial Basis Network (RBF)
Deep Feed Forward (DFF)
Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)
Long / Short Term Memory (LSTM)
Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)
Auto Encoder (AE)
Variational AE (VAE)
Denoising AE (DAE)
Sparse AE (SAE)
Markov Chain (MC)
Hopfield Network (HN)
Boltzmann Machine (BM)
Restricted BM (RBM)
Deep Belief Network (DBN)
Deep Convolutional Network (DCN)
Deconvolutional Network (DN)
Deep Convolutional Inverse Graphics Network (DCIGN)
Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)
Liquid State Machine (LSM)
Extreme Learning Machine (ELM)
Echo State Network (ESN)
Deep Residual Network (DRN)
Kohonen Network (KN)
Support Vector Machine (SVM)
Neural Turing Machine (NTM)

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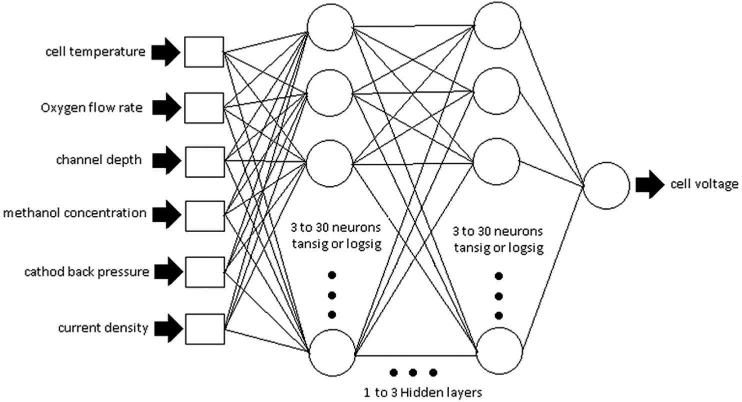
Application examples (I)



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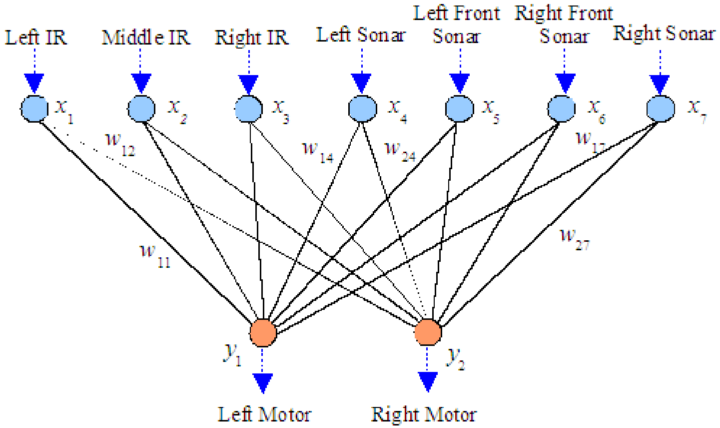
Application examples (II)



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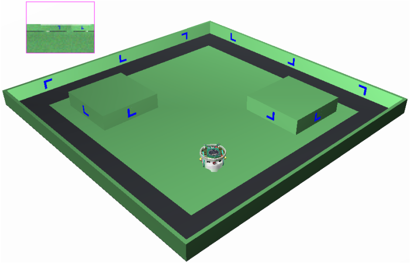
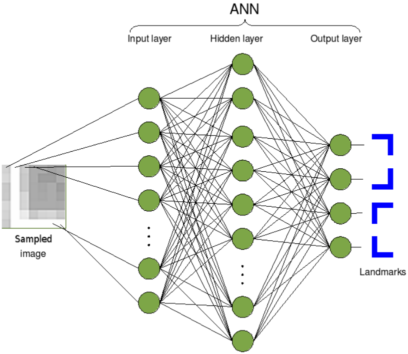
Application examples (III)





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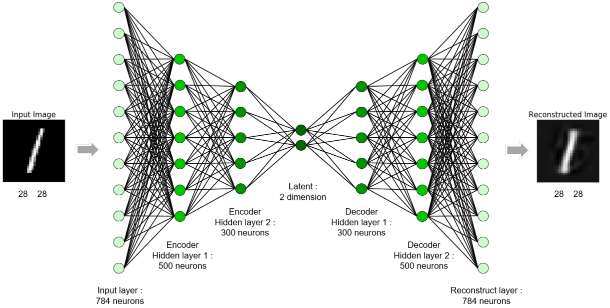
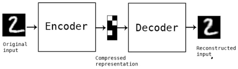
Application examples (IV)





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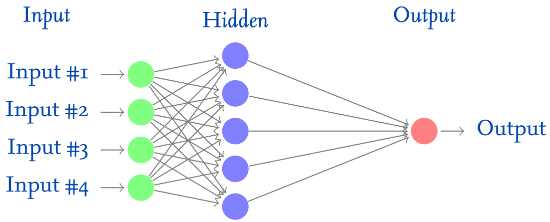
Feedforward networks

Definition (I)

Neurons are arranged in layers

- *Input* Which consists of any normalized data
- *Output* Which are the net outcome
- *Hidden* (Optional) No direct interaction

Also known as **multilayer perceptron** (MLP)



Feedforward networks

Definition (II)

The input layer

- Introduces input values into the network
- No activation function or other processing

The hidden layer(s)

- Perform classification of features
- Two hidden layers are sufficient to solve any problem
- Features imply more layers may be better

The output layer

- Functionally just like the hidden layers
- Outputs are passed on to the world outside the neural network

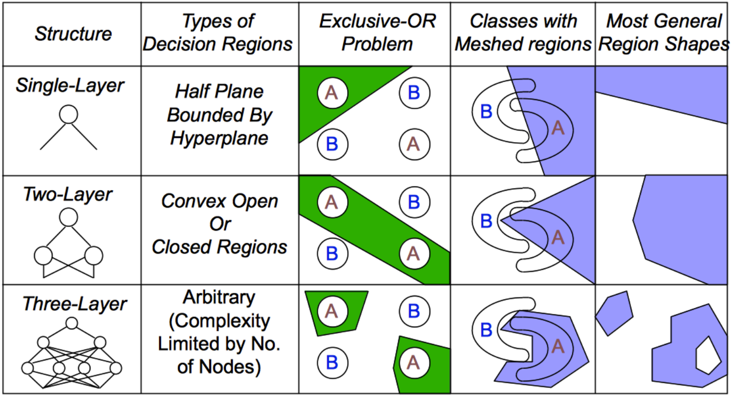
Feedforward Networks

Demo

(Online demo)

Feedforward Networks

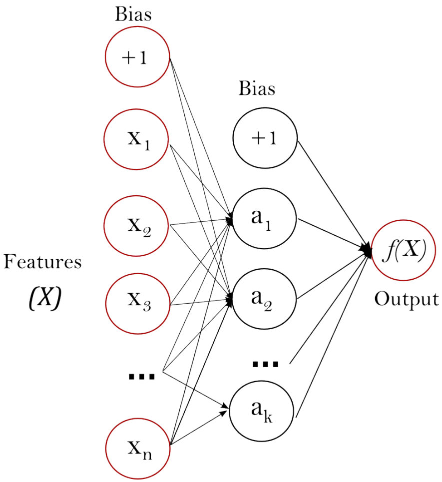
Separability



(A MLP in Excel)

Feedforward Networks

Bias in a MLP



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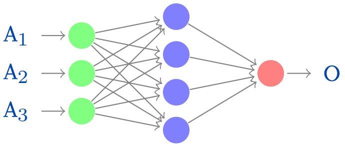
Training algorithms

Problem statement (I)

ANNs can perform different tasks

- Classification, regression, others

Classification (or supervised learning) uses a *training set*



A_1	A_2	A_3	O	Y
1,1	2,5	4,5	0,2	−0,1
0,9	2,4	1,2	0,5	0,4
1,0	2,0	9,9	0,4	1,2

Toss function: Measure of the error

- Y and O are the desired and observed outputs
- Usually mean squared error (MSE): $f(w) = E = \frac{1}{2}(y - o)^2$

Training algorithms

Problem statement (II)

Problem: Determine $\vec{w}$ that minimize $f(\vec{w})$

- Remember, $\vec{w}$ is our network
- This is a classical optimization problem
- Any optimization algorithm can be used
- ... in AI, optimization means search

We do know anatically $f(\vec{w}) \Rightarrow$ Optimization based on gradients

Training algorithms

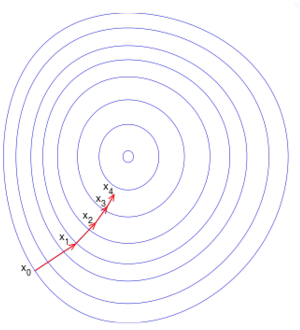
Gradient Descent (I)

Calculate the gradient of the loss function with respect weights

- Adjust weights along gradient direction
- Gradient provides the direction
- α is the learning rate ($|\alpha| < 1$)

Gradient descent

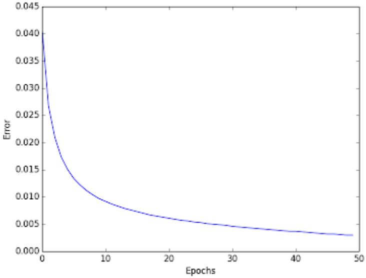
$\vec{w} \leftarrow random()$
while Not converged **do**
  for all $w_i \in \vec{w}$ **do**
    $w_i \leftarrow w_i - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} f(\vec{w})$
  end for
end while



Training algorithms

Gradient Descent (II)

Each iteration is named epoch



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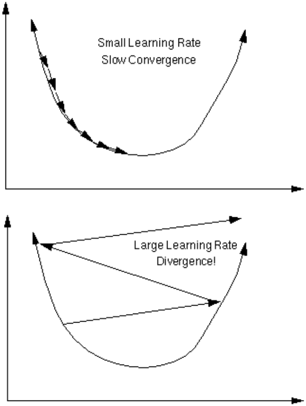
Learning rate



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Training algorithms

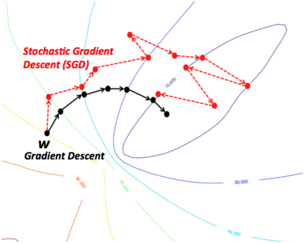
Stochastic Gradient Descent (I)

SDG approximates the gradient sampling the dataset

On-line	One sample
Mini-batch	Several samples
Batch	All the samples (Gradient Descent)

Computations are faster ...

- ... but gradient estimation looses accuracy



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Training algorithms

Stochastic Gradient Descent (II)

Usually, a momentum is introduced as

$$w^{k+1} = w^k - \alpha z^{k+1}$$

with

$$z^{k+1} = \beta z^k + \nabla g(in)$$

where ...

- α is the learning rate
- β is the momentum strength
- If $\beta = 0$ then gradient descent

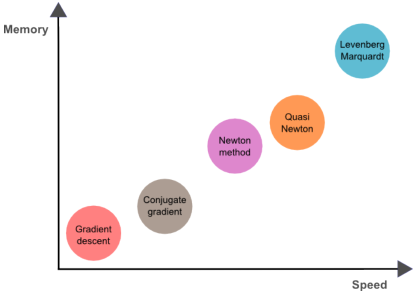
(On-line demo)

Training algorithms

Other optimization algorithms (I)

Other second derivative-based optimization algorithms

- Newton's method
- Quasi-Newton's method
- Levenberg-Marquardt method
- Conjugate Gradient



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Training algorithms

Other optimization algorithms (II)

Learning reate / momentum adaptative methods

- AdaGrad - Adaptative Gradient Algorithm
- RMSProp - Root Mean Square Propagation
- Adam - Adaptive Moment Estimation

Training algorithms

Backpropagation

Backpropagation is an efficient algorithm to compute gradients

- It applyes the chain rule to propagate errors
- Implicit in optimization algorithms

Backpropagation algorithm

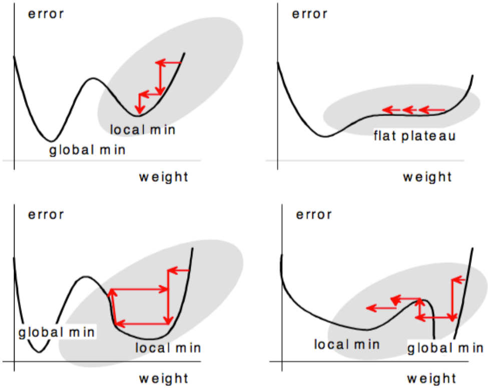
1. Compute output
2. Compute error
3. For each layer, repeat the following steps
   3.1 Propagate errors backwards
   3.2 Update weights between two layers

Training algorithms

Learning problems

Potential problems

- Local minima
- Flat plateau
- Oscillation
- Missing good minima



Training algorithms

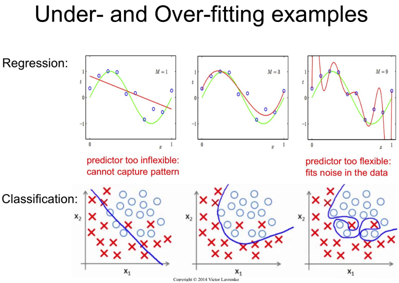
Learning problems: Under and overfitting (I)

Underfitting: Does not learn

- Topology too simple

Overfitting: Memorizes samples

- Topology too complex
- Perhaps, the most serious concern in ML
- The net fails when exposed to new data



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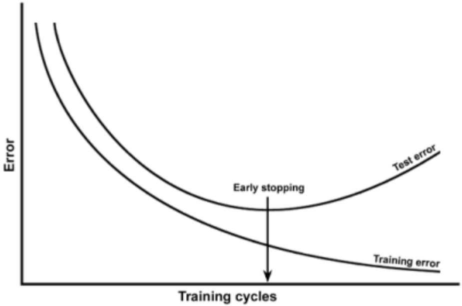
Training algorithms

Learning problems: Under and overfitting (II)

Solution: Evaluate generalization capabilities

- Split training and validation sets and measure errors



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