

# Neural Networks

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The AI paradigm changes when a new approximating method is discovered.

## 1. BAYESIAN NETWORKS

**Definition 1.1** (Bayesian network). Let  $G$  be a directed acyclic graph.

The graph acts like a parameter space. We want to investigate mutual effects among the parametrized random variables.

**Theorem 1.1** (Factorization of probability).

## 2. NEURAL NETWORKS

### 2.1. Gradient descent method.

**2.2. Back propagation.** Backpropagation refers to algorithms to train the weight matrices for minimizing the cost function  $J$ , which does not depend explicitly on any variables except the last layer vector  $a^{(n)}$ . However, since  $J$  is a function of the weight matrices implicitly, via  $a^{(n)}$ , we may find the representation of the gradient of  $J$  as viewing it as a function on the space of weight matrices of each given layer. In other words, we want to find the coefficients of the differential form  $dJ$  on the basis  $\{dW_{ij}^{(n-1)}\}_{i,j}$ ,  $\{dW_{jk}^{(n-2)}\}_{j,k}$ , or  $\{dW_{kl}^{(n-3)}\}_{k,l}$ , and so on.

Recall the definitions:

$$a_i^{(n)} = \sigma \left( \sum_j W_{ij}^{(n-1)} a_j^{(n-1)} \right).$$

Since the derivative of the sigmoid function is given by  $\sigma' = \sigma - \sigma^2$ , we can compute the following auxiliary relations

$$\frac{\partial a_i^{(n)}}{\partial a_j^{(n-1)}} = h(a_i^{(n)}) W_{ij}^{(n-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial a_i^{(n)}}{\partial W_{i'j}^{(n-1)}} = \delta_{ii'} h(a_i^{(n)}) a_j^{(n-1)},$$

where  $h(x) = x - x^2$ .

Then, we can compute

$$dJ = \sum_i \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} \sum_j \frac{\partial a_i^{(n)}}{\partial W_{ij}^{(n-1)}} dW_{ij}^{(n-1)} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} h(a_i^{(n)}) a_j^{(n-1)} dW_{ij}^{(n-1)},$$

which implies

$$\nabla J(W^{(n-1)}) = \left[ \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} h(a_i^{(n)}) a_j^{(n-1)} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ij}^{(n-1)}}.$$

Note that it is a function of  $a_i$  and  $a_j$ . The gradient descent method will take

$$W_{ij}^{(n-1)+} := W_{ij}^{(n-1)} - \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} h(a_i^{(n)}) a_j^{(n-1)}$$

with a proper parameter  $\alpha > 0$ .

By the same reason,

$$\begin{aligned} dJ &= \sum_{i,j,k} \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} \frac{\partial a_i^{(n)}}{\partial a_j^{(n-1)}} \frac{\partial a_j^{(n-1)}}{\partial W_{jk}^{(n-2)}} dW_{jk}^{(n-2)} \\ &= \sum_{i,j,k} \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} \cdot h(a_i^{(n)}) W_{ij}^{(n-1)} \cdot h(a_j^{(n-1)}) a_k^{(n-2)} dW_{jk}^{(n-2)}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\nabla J(W^{(n-2)}) = \left[ \sum_i \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} \cdot h(a_i^{(n)}) W_{ij}^{(n-1)} \cdot h(a_j^{(n-1)}) a_k^{(n-2)} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{jk}^{(n-2)}}.$$

Therefore, the gradient descent method will take

$$\begin{aligned} W_{jk}^{(n-2)+} &:= W_{jk}^{(n-2)} - \alpha \cdot \sum_i \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_i^{(n)}} h(a_i^{(n)}) W_{ij}^{(n-1)} h(a_j^{(n-1)}) a_k^{(n-2)} \\ &= W_{jk}^{(n-2)} + (1 - a_j^{(n-1)}) a_k^{(n-2)} \sum_i (W_{ij}^{(n-1)+} - W_{ij}^{(n-1)}) W_{ij}^{(n-1)}. \end{aligned}$$

In similar way,

$$W_{kl}^{(n-3)+} := W_{kl}^{(n-3)} + (1 - a_k^{(n-2)}) a_l^{(n-3)} \sum_i (W_{jk}^{(n-2)+} - W_{jk}^{(n-2)}) W_{jk}^{(n-2)} (?)$$

### 3. MAXIMUM LIKELIHOOD ESTIMATE

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $f$  be a distribution function on a measure space  $X$ . Let  $\{f_\theta\}_\theta$  be a parametrized family of distribution functions on  $X$ . The *likelihood*  $L_n(\theta) : \Omega^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  for a fixed parameter  $\theta$  is a random variable defined by

$$L_n(\theta) := \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(x_i)$$

where  $\{x_i\}_i$  is a family of i.i.d.  $X$ -valued random variables with a distribution  $f$ .

The objective of the likelihood function is to find  $\theta$  such that  $f_\theta$  approximates the unknown distribution  $f$ . Write

$$\frac{1}{n} \log L_n(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log f_\theta(x_i).$$

By the law of large numbers,  $\frac{1}{n} \log L_n(\theta)$  converges to a constant function

$$\mathbb{E}(\log f_\theta(x)) = \int_X f \log f_\theta$$

in measure as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This constant function is exactly what we call *cross entropy*.

The *Kullback-Leibler divergence* is a kind of asymmetric distance function defined from the difference with cross entropy

$$D_{KL}(f \| f_\theta) := \int_X f \log f - \int_X f \log f_\theta.$$

It is proved to be always nonnegative by the Jensen inequality:

$$\int_X f \log f_\theta - \int_X f \log f = \int_X f \log \frac{f_\theta}{f} \leq \log \left( \int_X f \frac{f_\theta}{f} \right) = 0.$$

Here, we exclude the region  $f = 0$  from the integration region. Then, we can say, bigger  $L_n(\theta)$  is, closer  $f_\theta$  and  $f$  are.