# Using Genetic algorithms to generate weights for Neural Networks

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#### Abstract

A sort of algorithm that aims to maximise/minimize a function is known as a genetic algorithm. We explain, show, and explore genetic algorithms and how they can be applied with a Multilayer Perceptron in this study. We'll go over what makes up genetic algorithms and how they're created to address a specific minimization problem. We want to construct weights that will be input to a self-declared neural network and evaluate how each combination of weights affects the model's output using Python's DEAP package.

#### Introduction

A Feedforward neural network, also known as Multilayer perceptrons, comprises weights, perceptrons and biases. And is one of the most common among deep learning models. This type of model is called Feedforward because it consists of several simple perceptron-like processing units (called neurons), organized in layers. Every neuron in a layer is connected with all the neurons in the next layer. This continues until we reach the output layer which then returns the model output.

A feedforward network aims to approximate some function f(x). In this case the function to be approximated is as below

$$y = \sin(3.5 x_1 + 1.0) \cos(5.5 x_2),$$

$$x_1, x_2 \in [-1, 1]$$

Where the values of x1 and x2 were to be between the ranges of -1 to 1 as shown above During training, the classifier f(x1,x2) maps the inputs x1 and x2 to the y class. This is done by modifying some parameters known as weights. The best weights would be those that would produce the most accurate results which would mean we have the best function approximation.

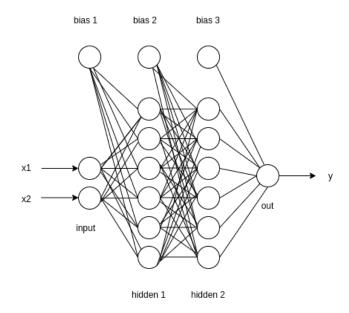


Fig 1.1: neural network architecture

The leftmost layer is called the input layer. Neurons located in this layer are known as the input neurons. These input neurons would be the same number as the number columns to be input as training data i.e x1 and x2. The rightmost layer is also known as the output layer. Neurons on this layer are known as output neurons. The number of these neurons depends on the number of classes to be predicted (incase of classification). In this case, we had one output neuron as we were predicting one continuous float value.

The input variables x1 and x2 are multiplied by weights and later summed together as shown below. The bias is then added to the result. The bias is used to increase the flexibility of the model.

$$v_k = \sum_{j=1}^n W_{kj} X_j$$

After the summation is done the result is then passed to an activation function that squashes the value to a fixed range output. In this case we used a sigmoid activation for the hidden layers. SImilar to the one shown below.

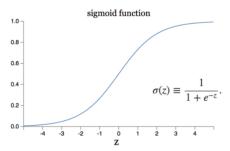


Fig 1.2 SIgmoid activation function

As seen above, the weights are the most important part of the neural network.

Various techniques have been developed to ensure neural nets produce the best outputs some of which include adding a dropout, using less complex networks etc. In this paper we show how genetic algorithms can be used to generate and optimize the weight generation process.

1.1

The values of x1 and x2 and generated randomly from a range between -1 and 1. To get the respective values of y, we pass the two variables x1 and x2 through the function shown in fig 1. This would return y values which would then be appended to a list which would be merged with the input values to create the dataset. This was done for 1100 values as instructed.

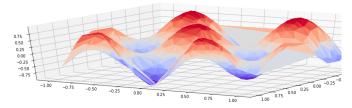


Fig 1.1.1 plot of y=f(x1,x2) dataset

1.2

After generating the dataset with 1100 values we split the data into training and testing dataset. The train and test sizes are 1000 and 100 respectively

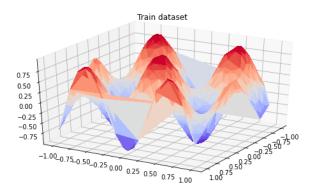


Fig 1.2.1: Training dataset split of 1000

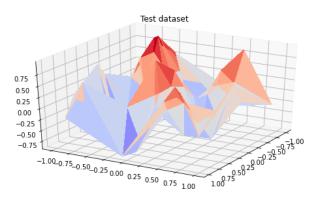


Fig 1.2.2: Testing dataset split 100

1.3

A class data structure was used to create the neural network. The class Net contains 3 linear layers that are initialized by setting the size of the neurons on each layer.

The neural network comprises 2 input nodes, 2 six node hidden layers, and one output layer.

This was done so as to emulate fig 3. The class output is as shown below

```
Net(
    (hidden): Linear(in_features=2, out_features=6, bias=True)
    (hidden2): Linear(in_features=6, out_features=6, bias=True)
    (out): Linear(in_features=6, out_features=1, bias=True)
)
```

Fig 1.3.1 Neural network initialization

The class also has a forward propagation method that is responsible for moving the data from the input to output layers through the hidden layers by applying the sigmoid activation function.

1.5

To add weights into the network, we use the weightsIntoNetwork function which takes in a list of 67 weights. The weights are then sliced based on the network structure. The first 12 weights go to the layer between the input and the hidden layer, The next 36 weights go to the layer between the 1st hidden layer and the 2nd hidden layer, the next 6 weights are assigned between the 2nd hidden layer and the output. The remaining 13 weights would go to the biases of each layer. We then save the neural net to disk.

The weightsOutofNetwork takes in the neural network object and reads the weight values of each layer, reshapes it and returns a list of weights

To change the 1st layer weights, the modifyNetworkLayer takes in the mynet object, extracts and prints the first layer weights, the function then adds 0.1 to the first three weights. The old weights and the new weights are then returned and output as shown in figure 1.4.1 with the first layer consisting of the first 12 rows. The part highlighted in yellow shows the 3 weights that were modified by adding 0.1

old	weights	new	weights
	0.000000		0.100000

0	0.000000	0.100000
1	0.015152	0.115152
2	0.030303	0.130303
3	0.045455	0.045455
4	0.060606	0.060606
5	0.075758	0.075758
6	0.090909	0.090909
7	0.106061	0.106061
8	0.121212	0.121212
9	0.136364	0.136364
10	0.151515	0.151515
11	0.166667	0.166667
12	0.181818	0.181818
13	0.196970	0.196970
14	0.212121	0.212121
15	0.227273	0.227273

To generate the weights, a binary coded genetic algorithm using grey coding is used. The algorithm starts by creating a population of size 50 and evaluating the individuals which is done by passing them to the fitness function.

The fitness function eval\_sphere takes in an individual as a parameter. The individual is then reshaped to form 67, 30 bit chromosomes. Passing each of these chromosomes through the decoding function chrom2real, returned a weight value ranging from -20 to 20. This value is then divided by 20 so as to scale it between the range -1 and 1. These scaled weights are then inserted into the neural net using the weightsIntoNetwork function.

Using the neural network object mynet, we pass the dataset and get the predicted output based on the previously initialised weights. These predictions will then be compared to the original values i.e y\_train using the mean squared error loss as shown below.

$$L(y,\hat{y})=rac{1}{N}\sum_{i=0}^N(y-\hat{y}_i)^2$$

The y represents the predicted and the actual values. Being a minimization problem we want the weights with the smallest loss/error. We return the inverse of the mean squared error as the DEAP library does not directly allow minimization while using the roulette selection.

Within the generations another neural net, that has been pre loaded with the best individual's decoded weights, is used for testing. And the results are as below. This went on for a 1000 generations.

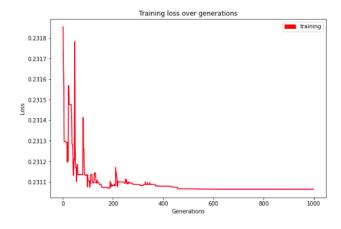


Fig 1.5.1 Training loss over generations

The training loss is seen to decrease with increase in generations. This shows the model is learning as the mean squared error loss is decreasing. The graph is then seen to flatten after some point. This might be the model has reached the optimal solution or might be stuck in a local minima.

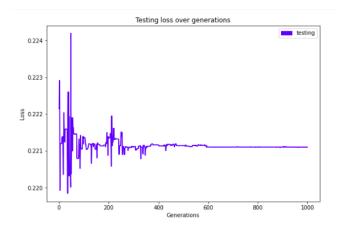


Fig 1.5.2 Testing loss over generations

The testing dataset is seen to start by having high, rapid spikes in loss, and later flattening with increase in generations. This spikes earlier on are due to the model having not fully trained, and gradually flattening as an optimal solution is reached.

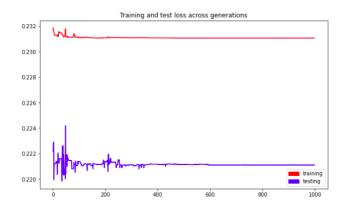


Fig 1.5.3 combined training and testing loss over generations

When the two graphs are merged, we can see the training loss being larger than the testing loss, this is because the model is learning and is still making plenty of mistakes(errors) which result in a higher loss. As the loss flattens at around 500 generations, this would be the optimal time to stop the training.

1.6

After passing 1100 values ranging from -1 to 1, as 2 columns(x1,x2) into the neural network, the model predicted values which when plotted together with the x1 and x2 produced the smooth graph below in Fig 1.6.1

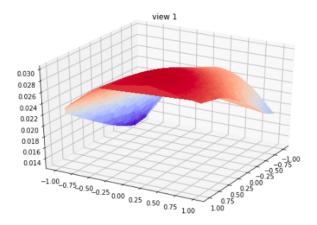


Fig 1.6.1 neural network predictions view 1

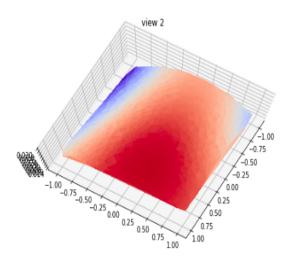


Fig 1.6.2 neural network predictions view 2

1.7

The function real2chrome takes in a weight (decoded value) and returns the chromosome (encoded value). The figure 1.7.1 shows the sample weights generated randomly within the specified range. The weights are then passed to the real2chrome function to generate the genotypes which are seen in the 2nd column. These genotypes are then passed to the chrom2real function which returns them to the original values as seen under phenotypes.

s	ample weights	genotypes	phenotypes	
0	-1.000000	010001010101010101010101010101	-1.000000	
1	-0.969697	010001010010111010100000010100	-0.969697	
2	-0.939394	010001010000001010010111010100	-0.939394	
3	-0.909091	010001110011100111001110011100	-0.909091	
4	-0.878788	010001110101000000101001011101	-0.878788	
62	0.878788	110001110101000000101001011101	0.878788	
63	0.909091	110001110011100111001110011100	0.909091	
64	0.939394	110001010000001010010111010100	0.939394	
65	0.969697	110001010010111010100000010100	0.969697	
66	1.000000	110001010101010101010101010101	1.000000	
67 rows × 3 columns				

Fig 1.7.1 table showing encoded and decoded weights

1.8

The Lamarckian approach explains how offspring can inherit learnt traits from the parents, similar to giraffes having a long neck when they initially had shorter necks but had to evolve so as to survive (according to the theory). This can also be seen in our genetic algorithm.

The algorithm starts by generating a population of size 50, the 50 individuals are then sent to the fitness function eval\_sphere which was re-initialised. When the individual is received by the fitness function, the weights are extracted as explained earlier, and applied to the network.

This approach uses a local search optimizer known as 'rprop' which implements the resilient backpropagation algorithm. The optimizer was initialized with a learning rate of 0.02 which would allow us to get to the optimal solution more efficiently.

A loop is then run for 30 iterations inside the fitness function which is then used to simulate the local search. After the back propagation, the new learnt weights are extracted and encoded to a chromosome which will then be returned back to the population together with its fitness. The generations were set to 100 as the learning took a lot of time.

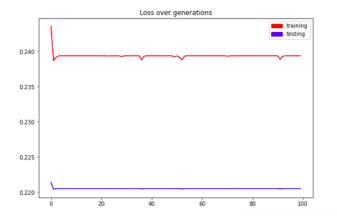


Fig 1.8.1 joint Lamarckian training and testing graph

The figure 1.8.1 above shows the general loss values being smaller than the ones without learning as seen in fig 1.5.3 this is because the model performs better because of the learnt weights. The loss also seems to flatten quite earlier in the evolution; this might be because an optimal solution was reached.

1.9

In the Baldwinian approach, all the traits acquired by the individual will only help increase the individual's fitness. The acquired traits will however not be passed down to the offspring. Such traits in real life are such as an injury.

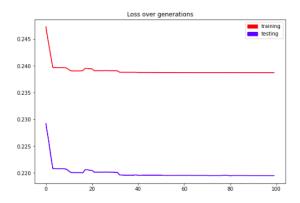


Fig 1.9.1 joint Baldwinian training and testing graph

The Baldwinian approach takes on a similar approach as that of Lamarckian, the only difference is in Baldwinian we do not replace the population with the learnt chromosomes.

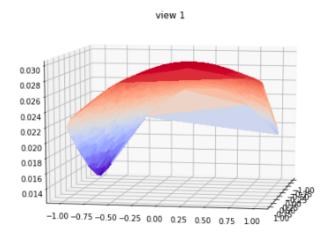


Fig 1.9.2 Neural net output surface plot view 1

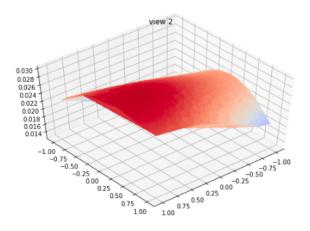


Fig 1.9.3 Neural net output surface plot view 2

### Comparison between Lamarkian and Baldwinian

The two approaches are quite similar but have the following differences according to my observation

Lamarckian	Baldwinian	
Has generally lower loss values which result in better fitnesses	Has higher losses as compared to Lamarckian	
Converges earlier in the generations	Converges later as compared to Lamarckian	
Trains slower for the same number of generations	Trains faster as compared to Lamarckian	

Fig 1.9.4 table showing differences between Lamarkian and Baldwinian approaches of evolution

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```
def generateData(size):
Appendix
                                                         x1 = np.random.uniform(low=-1, high=1,
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
                                                       size=(size,))
                                                         print("->",type(x1))
"""ci 2.ipynb
                                                         x2 = np.random.uniform(low=-1, high=1,
                                                       size=(size,))
Automatically generated by Colaboratory.
                                                         y = [theformula(i,j) for i,j in zip(x1,x2)]
                                                         data = pd.DataFrame([x1,x2,y]).transpose()
Original file is located at
                                                         data.columns=["x1","x2","y"]
                                                         return data
https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1FfFkfP5
Fk05Rqk4H142FT7McsF2eFdEZ
                                                       data = generateData(1100)
                                                       data
!pip install deap
                                                       """1.1"""
import pandas as pd
                                                       fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20,5))
import torch
                                                       # surface plot with color grading and color bar
import random
                                                       ax = plt.axes(projection ="3d")
import numpy as np
                                                       ax.plot trisurf(data['x1'], data['x2'],
from sympy.combinatorics.graycode import
                                                       data['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolwarm,
GravCode
                                                       linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
from sympy.combinatorics.graycode import
                                                       ax.view init(30,30)
gray to bin
from deap import creator, base, tools, algorithms
                                                       """1.2"""
from numpy import genfromtxt
import torch.nn.functional as F
                                                      # getting train and test dataset
from numpy import genfromtxt
                                                       train = data.head(1000)
import math,torch
                                                       test = data.tail(100)
from sympy.combinatorics.graycode import
                                                       train.shape,test.shape
bin to gray
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
                                                       fig = plt.figure(figsize = (20,5))
import matplotlib
                                                       ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
import matplotlib.patches as mpatches
                                                       ax.plot trisurf(train['x1'], train['x2'],
                                                       train['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolwarm,
redpatch = mpatches.Patch(color='red',
                                                       linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
label='training')
                                                       ax.view init(30,30)
bluepatch = mpatches.Patch(color='blue',
                                                       plt.title("Train dataset")
label='testing')
                                                       ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2, projection='3d')
# formula we are trying to predict, and generate
                                                       ax.plot trisurf(test['x1'], test['x2'],
                                                       test['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolwarm,
def theformula(x1,x2):
                                                       linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
  return math.sin(3.5*x1 + 1.0)*math.cos(5.5*x2)
                                                       ax.view init(30,30)
                                                       plt.title("Test dataset")
# function for generating the dataset
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```
"""1.3"""
                                                     torch.FloatTensor(weights[48:54].reshape(1,6)) #
                                                     6
class Net(torch.nn.Module):
  # initialise two hidden layers and one output
                                                        # reshaping weights to match biases
layer
                                                        hidden bias =
                                                     torch.FloatTensor(weights[54:60])
  def __init__(self, n_feature,
n hidden1,n hidden2, n output):
                                                        hidden bias 2 =
                                                     torch.FloatTensor(weights[60:66])
    super(Net, self).__init__()
    self.hidden = torch.nn.Linear(n feature,
                                                        out p bias = torch.FloatTensor(weights[66:67])
n hidden1) # 1st hidden layer
    self.hidden2 = torch.nn.Linear(n hidden1,
                                                        # inserting weights into to the nn
                                                        mynet.hidden.weight =
n hidden2) # 2nd hidden layer
    self.out = torch.nn.Linear(n hidden2,
                                                     torch.nn.parameter.Parameter(hidden layer)
n output) # output layer
                                                        mynet.hidden2.weight =
                                                     torch.nn.parameter.Parameter(hidden layer 2)
                                                        mynet.out.weight =
  # foward propagation, input -> hidden -> out
                                                     torch.nn.parameter.Parameter(output_layer)
  def forward(self, x):
                                                        mynet.hidden.bias =
    x = torch.sigmoid(self.hidden(x)) # activation
                                                     torch.nn.parameter.Parameter(hidden bias)
function(sigmoid)
                                                        mynet.hidden2.bias =
    x = torch.sigmoid(self.hidden2(x))
                                                     torch.nn.parameter.Parameter(hidden_bias_2)
    x = self.out(x) # (linear layer)
                                                        mynet.out.bias =
                                                     torch.nn.parameter.Parameter(out_p_bias)
    return x
                                                        # save the nn
mynet = Net(n feature=2,
                                                        torch.save(mynet.state dict(),
n_hidden1=6,n_hidden2=6, n_output=1)
                                                     'net_params.pkl')
mynet
                                                        return f"inserted: {weights}"
"""1.4"""
                                                     def weightsOutofNetwork(mynet):
                                                       # function for getting the weights out of the
weights = np.linspace(0, 1, 67)
                                                     network.
weights
                                                       # uses the mynet.hidden.weight to extract the
                                                     weights, then converts to list and finally reshaped
def weightsIntoNetwork(weights):
                                                        return
  weights = np.array(weights) #make sure the
                                                     list(np.array(mynet.hidden.weight.tolist()).reshape
weights are np.arrays
                                                     (12,)) +
                                                     list(np.array(mynet.hidden2.weight.tolist()).reshap
  # reshaping the weights to match the layers
                                                     e(36,)) +
  hidden layer =
                                                     list(np.array(mynet.out.weight.tolist()).reshape(6,)
torch.FloatTensor(weights[:12].reshape(6,2)) # 12
                                                     ) + list(np.array(mynet.hidden.bias.tolist())) +
  hidden_layer_2 =
                                                     list(np.array(mynet.hidden2.bias.tolist())) +
torch.FloatTensor(weights[12:48].reshape(6,6)) #
                                                     list(np.array(mynet.out.bias.tolist()))
36
                                                     weightsIntoNetwork(weights)
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output\_layer =

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weightsOutofNetwork(mynet)
                                                       list(np.array(mynet.out.bias.tolist()))
                                                          # print("Modified ")
def changeFirstLayerWeights(weights):
                                                          weightsIntoNetwork(new_weights)
  # print("Weights to be modified: ",weights[0:3])
                                                          return old weights, new weights
# selects the first 3 weights
  for index, item in enumerate (weights [0:3]):
                                                       old_weights,new_weights =
     weights[index] = weights[index] + 0.1 #
                                                       modifyNetworkLayer(mynet)
modifying by adding 0.1
                                                       weightsIntoNetwork(new weights)
                                                       print("new weights:
                                                       ",weightsOutofNetwork(mynet))
  # torch.save(mynet.state_dict(),
'net params.pkl')
                                                       def custom style(row):
                                                          # print(row["old weights"])
  return weights
                                                          color = 'white'
def modifyNetworkLayer(mynet):
                                                          if row["old weights"] != row["new weights"]:
   # this function calls the
                                                            color = 'yellow'
changefirstlayerweights function that changes the
weights of the first layer
                                                          return ['background-color: %s' %
  # and returns the new weights
                                                       color]*len(row.values)
  print(f"first layer weights:
{np.array(mynet.hidden.weight.tolist()).reshape(1
                                                       res=pd.DataFrame(list(zip(old weights,
2,)}")
                                                       new weights)),columns=['old weights','new
  print("")
                                                       weights'])
   # we extract the hidden layer 1 weights
                                                       res.style.apply(custom_style, axis=1)
  modified new layer =
list(changeFirstLayerWeights(np.array(mynet.hidd
en.weight.tolist()).reshape(12,)))
  print("modified first layer weights:
                                                       """1.5"""
",modified_new_layer)
  old weights =
                                                       # formating dataset
list(np.array(mynet.hidden.weight.tolist()).reshape
                                                       x_train=train[train.columns.drop('y')]
                                                       x train=x train.values.tolist()
(12,)) +
                                                       x test=test[test.columns.drop('y')]
list(np.array(mynet.hidden2.weight.tolist()).reshap
e(36,)) +
                                                       x_test=x_test.values.tolist()
list(np.array(mynet.out.weight.tolist()).reshape(6,)
) + list(np.array(mynet.hidden.bias.tolist())) +
                                                       y_train = train['y'].tolist()
list(np.array(mynet.hidden2.bias.tolist())) +
                                                       y_test = test['y'].tolist()
list(np.array(mynet.out.bias.tolist()))
  print("old weights: ",old_weights)
                                                       # converting to tensors for the neural net
  new weights = modified new layer +
                                                       x train = torch.as tensor(x train,
list(np.array(mynet.hidden2.weight.tolist()).reshap
                                                       dtype=torch.float32)
e(36,)) +
                                                       y train = torch.as tensor(y train,
list(np.array(mynet.out.weight.tolist()).reshape(6,)
                                                       dtype=torch.float32)
) + list(np.array(mynet.hidden.bias.tolist())) +
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list(np.array(mynet.hidden2.bias.tolist())) +

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toolbox.register("individual", tools.initRepeat,
x_test = torch.as_tensor(x_test,
dtype=torch.float32)
                                                      creator.Individual,
y test = torch.as tensor(y test,
                                                         toolbox.attr bool, numOfBits*dimension)
dtype=torch.float32)
                                                      # define the population to be a list of individuals
                                                      toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list,
creator.create("FitnessMax", base.Fitness,
weights=(1.0,))
                                                      toolbox.individual)
creator.create("Individual", list,
fitness=creator.FitnessMax)
popSize
         = 50 #Population size
                                                      def eval sphere(ind):
dimension = 67 #Numer of decision variable x
numOfBits = 30 #Number of bits in the
                                                         ind = np.asarray(ind)
                                                         # get the decoded values of the chromosome
chromosomes
iterations = 1000 #Number of generations to be
                                                         weights =np.asarray(separatevariables(ind))
                                                         # insert weights into network
run
                                                         weightsIntoNetwork(weights)
dspInterval = 10
nElitists = 1 #number of elite individuals selected
omega
                                                         # get the y_pred
crossPoints = 2 #variable not used, instead
                                                         out = mvnet(x train)
tools.cxTwoPoint
                                                         # get the mle loss
crossProb = 0.6
                                                         loss = loss_func(out,y_train)
flipProb = 1. / (dimension * numOfBits) #bit
mutate prob
mutateprob = .1 #mutation prob
                                                         #
            = 2**numOfBits #absolute max size
                                                      mynet.load state dict(torch.load('net params.pkl'
maxnum
of number coded by binary list 1,0,0,1,1,....
                                                      ))
                                                         return (1/(0.01+loss.item()),)
loss func = torch.nn.MSELoss()
toolbox = base.Toolbox()
                                                      # Operator registration
# Attribute generator
#
               define 'attr bool' to be an attribute
('gene')
                                                      # register the goal / fitness function
               which corresponds to integers
                                                      toolbox.register("evaluate", eval_sphere)
sampled uniformly
               from the range [0,1] (i.e. 0 or 1
                                                      # register the crossover operator
with equal
                                                      toolbox.register("mate", tools.cxTwoPoint)
               probability)
toolbox.register("attr_bool", random.randint, 0, 1)
                                                      # register a mutation operator with a probability to
                                                      toolbox.register("mutate", tools.mutFlipBit,
                                                      indpb=flipProb)
# Structure initializers
#define 'individual' to be an individual
#consisting of numOfBits*dimension 'attr bool'
                                                      # roulette selection declaration
elements ('genes')
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toolbox.register("select", tools.selRoulette,
fit_attr='fitness')
                                                          g = 0
                                                          while g < iterations:
#-----
                                                             g = g + 1
                                                             print("-- Generation %i -- " % g)
# Convert chromosome to real number
# input: list binary 1,0 of length numOfBits
representing number using gray coding
                                                             # Select the next generation individuals
# output: real value
                                                             offspring = tools.selBest(pop, nElitists) +
def chrom2real(c):
                                                       toolbox.select(pop,len(pop)-nElitists)
                                                             # Clone the selected individuals
  indasstring=".join(map(str, c))
                                                             offspring = list(map(toolbox.clone, offspring))
  degray=gray to bin(indasstring)
  numasint=int(degray, 2) # convert to int from
                                                             # Apply crossover and mutation on the
base 2 list
                                                        offspring
  numinrange= -20+40*numasint/maxnum
                                                             for child1, child2 in zip(offspring[::2],
                                                        offspring[1::2]):
  # divide by 20 to fit it into the required range -1
to 1
                                                               # cross two individuals with probability
                                                        CXPB
  return numinrange/20
                                                               if random.random() < crossProb:
                                                                  toolbox.mate(child1, child2)
                                                                  del child1.fitness.values
def separatevariables(v):
                                                                  del child2.fitness.values
  v = v.reshape((67, 30))
  # v is 67, 30 bit chromosomes
                                                             for mutant in offspring:
  # the function then returns 67 decoded values
  return [chrom2real(i) for i in v]
                                                               # mutate an individual with probability
                                                        mutateprob
                                                               if random.random() < mutateprob:
def main():
                                                                  toolbox.mutate(mutant)
                                                                  del mutant.fitness.values
  train_losses = []
  test losses = []
  # create an initial population of individuals
                                                             # Evaluate the individuals with an invalid
(where
                                                       fitness
  # each individual is a list of integers)
                                                             invalid ind = [ind for ind in offspring if not
  pop = toolbox.population(n=popSize)
                                                        ind.fitness.valid]
                                                             fitnesses = map(toolbox.evaluate,
                                                        invalid ind)
                                                             for ind, fit in zip(invalid ind, fitnesses):
  # Evaluate the entire population
  fitnesses = list(map(toolbox.evaluate, pop))
                                                               ind.fitness.values = fit
  # assign fitnesses to individuals
                                                             # The population is entirely replaced by the
  for ind, fit in zip(pop, fitnesses):
                                                        offspring
     ind.fitness.values = fit
                                                             best ind = tools.selBest(pop, 1)[0]
```

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train_losses.append(1/best_ind.fitness.values[0])
                                                       x_values = torch.as_tensor(x_values,
     pop[:] = offspring
                                                       dtvpe=torch.float32)
                                                       # get the predicted values
                                                       out = mynet(x values)
     eval sphere(best ind)
     out = mynet(x test) # input x and predict
                                                       y=pd.DataFrame(out.tolist(),columns=['y'])
based on x
     loss = loss func(out,y test)
                                                       # surface plot with color grading and color bar
     test losses.append(loss.item())
                                                       fig = plt.figure(figsize = (20.6))
                                                       ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
                                                       ax.plot trisurf(data['x1'],
  print("-- End of (successful) evolution --")
                                                       data['x2'],y['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolwarm,
  return train losses, test losses
                                                       linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
                                                       ax.view init(30,30)
                                                       plt.title("view 1")
if __name__ == "__main__":
  train losses, test losses = main()
                                                       ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2, projection='3d')
                                                       ax.plot_trisurf(data['x1'],
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
                                                       data['x2'],y['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolwarm,
plt.plot(train losses, 'r')
                                                       linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
plt.plot(test_losses, 'b')
                                                       plt.title("view 2")
plt.title("Training and test loss across
                                                       ax.view_init(80,30)
generations")
                                                       """1.7"""
plt.legend(handles=[redpatch,bluepatch])
plt.show()
                                                       popSize
                                                                  = 50 #Population size
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (20,6))
                                                       dimension = 67 #Numer of decision variable x
ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 1)
                                                       numOfBits = 30 #Number of bits in the
plt.plot(train losses, 'r')
                                                       chromosomes
plt.title("Training loss over generations")
                                                       iterations = 100 #Number of generations to be
plt.legend(handles=[redpatch])
plt.xlabel("Generations")
                                                       dspInterval = 10
plt.ylabel("Loss")
                                                       nElitists = 1 #number of elite individuals selected
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
                                                       crossPoints = 2 #variable not used. instead
plt.plot(test losses, 'b')
                                                       tools.cxTwoPoint
plt.title("Testing loss over generations")
                                                       crossProb = 0.6
plt.legend(handles=[bluepatch])
                                                       flipProb = 1. / (dimension * numOfBits) #bit
plt.xlabel("Generations")
                                                       mutate prob
plt.ylabel("Loss")
                                                       mutateprob = .1 #mutation prob
plt.show()
                                                       maxnum
                                                                   = 2**numOfBits
"""1.6"""
                                                       # commonly reused
                                                       def chrom2real(c):
x values=data[data.columns.drop('y')]
                                                         indasstring=".join(map(str, c))
```

x\_values=x\_values.values.tolist()

```
degray=gray_to_bin(indasstring)
                                                    # chromosome values of the sample weights
  numasint=int(degray, 2) # convert to int from
                                                    genotypes = [real2chrome(i) for i in
                                                    sample weights]
base 2 list
  numinrange= -20+40*numasint/maxnum
                                                    # genotypes
  # devide by 20 to fit it into the required range -1
                                                    # the reversed chromosome/ decoded values
                                                    phenotypes = [chrom2real(i) for i in genotypes]
to 1
  return numinrange
                                                    # phenotypes
def separatevariables(v):
                                                    res2=pd.DataFrame(list(zip(sample weights,geno
                                                    types, phenotypes)),columns=["sample
  v = v.reshape((67, 30))
                                                    weights", 'genotypes', 'phenotypes'])
  # v is 67, 30 bit chromosomes
                                                    res2
  # the function then returns 67 decoded values
                                                    """# 1.8"""
  return [chrom2real(i) for i in v]
                                                    creator.create("FitnessMax", base.Fitness,
def real2chrome(weight):
 # setting required string lenth t to 30
                                                    weights=(1.0,))
                                                    creator.create("Individual", list,
  t = 30
                                                    fitness=creator.FitnessMax)
 # check if weighteight passed the limits
  if weight > 20:
    weight = 20
                                                                = 50 #Population size
                                                    popSize
                                                    dimension = 67 #Numer of decision variable x
  elif weight < -20:
    weight = -20
                                                    numOfBits = 30 #Number of bits in the
  numinrange= (weight+20)*maxnum/40
                                                    chromosomes
  binary rep=bin(int(numinrange))[2:]
                                                    iterations = 100 #Number of generations to be
  grayValues=bin_to_gray(binary_rep)
                                                    run
  lengrayval=len(grayValues)
                                                    dspInterval = 10
  # chromosome length is not always 30 we add
                                                    nElitists = 1 #number of elite individuals selected
0s to the beginning if less than 30
                                                                = 5
                                                    omega
  if lengrayval<t:
                                                    crossPoints = 2 #variable not used, instead
                                                    tools.cxTwoPoint
    dif =t-lengrayval
    return ('0'*dif)+grayValues
                                                    crossProb = 0.6
  elif lengravval==t:
                                                    flipProb = 1. / (dimension * numOfBits) #bit
    return grayValues
                                                    mutate prob
                                                    mutateprob = .1 #mutation prob
real2chrome(-0.96969697)
                                                                 = 2**numOfBits #absolute max size
                                                    maxnum
                                                    of number coded by binary list 1,0,0,1,1,....
chrom2real("01000101001011101010000001010
0")
                                                    optimizer =
                                                    torch.optim.Rprop(mynet.parameters(), Ir=0.02)
                                                    loss func = torch.nn.MSELoss()
# generating random weights
sample weights = np.linspace(-1, 1, 67)
# sample_weights
                                                    toolbox = base.Toolbox()
```

```
# Attribute generator
                                                          # devide by 20 to fit it into the required range -1
#
               define 'attr bool' to be an attribute
                                                       to 1
('gene')
                                                          return numinrange/20
               which corresultponds to integers
sampled uniformly
                                                        # out is supposed to be the individual
               from the range [0,1] (i.e. 0 or 1
                                                        def eval sphere(ind):
with equal
                                                          result2 = []
                                                          ind = np.asarray(ind)
#
               probability)
toolbox.register("attr bool", random.randint, 0, 1)
                                                       # get weights
                                                          weights =np.asarray(separatevariables(ind))
# Structure initializers
#
                 define 'individual' to be an
                                                          weightsIntoNetwork(weights)
individual
                                                          result = "
                 consisting of
numOfBits*dimension 'attr bool' elements
                                                          for t in range(30):
                                                             result2 =[]
('genes')
toolbox.register("individual", tools.initRepeat,
                                                             out = mynet(x train)
creator.Individual,
                                                             # compute loss
  toolbox.attr bool, numOfBits*dimension)
                                                             loss = loss func(out,y train)
                                                             # initialize gradient
                                                             optimizer.zero grad()
# define the population to be a list of individuals
toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list,
                                                             loss.backward() # backpropagation and
toolbox.individual)
                                                        computing of gradients
                                                             optimizer.step() # apply gradients, go down
# register the crossover operator
                                                        gradient
toolbox.register("mate", tools.cxTwoPoint)
                                                             learnt_weights =
                                                        weightsOutofNetwork(mynet)
# register a mutation operator with a probability to
# flip each attribute/gene of 0.05
                                                             # decoding the chromosomes
toolbox.register("mutate", tools.mutFlipBit,
                                                             for i in learnt weights:
indpb=flipProb)
                                                                result = result + real2chrome(i)
# operator for selecting individuals for breeding
                                                             for i in list(result.strip(" ")):
the next
                                                                result2.append(int(i))
# generation
toolbox.register("select", tools.selRoulette,
                                                             # re init the result
fit attr='fitness')
                                                             result = "
                                                          return
def chrom2real(c):
                                                        (1/(0.01+loss.item()),creator.Individual(result2))
  indasstring=".join(map(str, c))
  degray=gray to bin(indasstring)
  numasint=int(degray, 2) # convert to int from
                                                        # register the goal / fitness function
base 2 list
                                                        toolbox.register("evaluate", eval sphere)
  numinrange= -20+40*numasint/maxnum
```

```
def initializePopulation(I,t,individuals):
                                                              for ind, fit in zip(pop, fitnesses):
  return individuals
                                                                 ind.fitness.values = fit
                                                              # this will update the population
## this will help update the population
                                                         toolbox.register("updatePopulation",initializePopul
                                                         ation, list, creator. Individual, individuals)
def main():
  # create an initial population of individuals
(where
                                                              # update population
  # each individual is a list of integers)
                                                              offspring = toolbox.updatePopulation()
  pop = toolbox.population(n=popSize)
                                                              # Clone the selected individuals
                                                              offspring = list(map(toolbox.clone, offspring))
  # Evaluate the entire population
  fitnesses = list(map(toolbox.evaluate, pop))
                                                              # Apply crossover and mutation on the
                                                         offspring
  # unpacking the fitnesses to assign to the
                                                              for child1, child2 in zip(offspring[::2],
individuals
                                                         offspring[1::2]):
  fitnesses = [(i[0],)] for i in fitnesses]
  for ind, fit in zip(pop, fitnesses):
                                                                 # cross two individuals with probability
     ind.fitness.values = fit
                                                         CXPB
                                                                 if random.random() < crossProb:
                                                                   toolbox.mate(child1, child2)
  print(" Evaluated %i individuals" % len(pop))
                                                                   del child1.fitness.values
                                                                   del child2.fitness.values
  # Variable keeping track of the number of
                                                              for mutant in offspring:
generations
  g = 0
                                                                 # mutate an individual with probability
  train_losses = []
                                                         mutateprob
  test losses = []
                                                                 if random.random() < mutateprob:</pre>
  # Begin the evolution
                                                                   toolbox.mutate(mutant)
                                                                   del mutant.fitness.values
  while g < iterations:
     # A new generation
                                                                 # Evaluate the individuals with an invalid
     q = q + 1
                                                         fitness
     print("-- Generation %i -- " % g)
                                                              invalid ind = [ind for ind in offspring if not
                                                         ind.fitness.valid]
                                                              print("Invalid Ind: ",len(invalid_ind))
     ind fitnesses = list(map(toolbox.evaluate,
                                                              fitnesses = map(toolbox.evaluate,
                                                         invalid ind)
pop))
     fitnesses = [(i[0],)] for i in ind fitnesses]
                                                              # have to unpack the fitnesses and
     individuals = [i[1] for i in ind fitnesses]
                                                         individuals
                                                              fitnesses = [(i[0],)] for i in ind fitnesses]
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individuals = [i[1] for i in ind fitnesses]
                                                       plt.ylabel("Loss")
     print("fitnesses after: ",len(fitnesses))
                                                       ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 2)
                                                       plt.plot(test_losses, 'b')
                                                       plt.title("Testing loss over generations")
     for ind, fit in zip(invalid ind, fitnesses):
       ind.fitness.values = fit
                                                       plt.legend(handles=[bluepatch])
                                                       plt.xlabel("Generations")
                                                       plt.ylabel("Loss")
     pop[:] = offspring # The population is
entirely replaced by the offspring
                                                       plt.show()
                                                       """# 1 9"""
     best ind = tools.selBest(pop, 1)[0]
     # get the inverse for roullete selection
                                                       creator.create("FitnessMax", base.Fitness,
train losses.append(1/best ind.fitness.values[0])
                                                       weights=(1.0,))
                                                       creator.create("Individual", list,
                                                       fitness=creator.FitnessMax)
     eval sphere(best ind) # input the best
weights into the network
                                                       popSize
                                                                  = 50 #Population size
     out = mynet(x_test) # input x and predict
                                                       dimension = 67 #Numer of decision variable x
                                                       numOfBits = 30 #Number of bits in the
based on x
     loss = loss func(out,y test)
                                                       chromosomes
     test_losses.append(loss.item())
                                                       iterations = 100 #Number of generations to be
                                                       run
                                                       dspInterval = 10
  print("-----Successfull evolution-----")
                                                       nElitists = 1 #number of elite individuals selected
  return train losses, test losses
                                                       omega
                                                                   = 5
                                                       crossPoints = 2 #variable not used, instead
                                                       tools.cxTwoPoint
if __name__ == "__main__":
                                                       crossProb = 0.6
                                                       flipProb = 1. / (dimension * numOfBits) #bit
  train losses, test losses = main()
                                                       mutate prob
                                                       mutateprob = .1 #mutation prob
plt.figure(figsize=(9,6))
                                                                   = 2**numOfBits #absolute max size
                                                       maxnum
plt.plot(train losses, 'r')
                                                       of number coded by binary list 1,0,0,1,1,....
plt.plot(test_losses, 'b')
plt.title("Loss over generations")
plt.legend(handles=[redpatch,bluepatch])
                                                       optimizer =
plt.show()
                                                       torch.optim.Rprop(mynet.parameters(), Ir=0.02)
                                                       loss func = torch.nn.MSELoss()
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (20.6))
                                                       toolbox = base.Toolbox()
ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(train losses, 'r')
                                                       # Attribute generator
plt.title("Training loss over generations")
                                                                      define 'attr bool' to be an attribute
plt.legend(handles=[redpatch])
                                                       ('gene')
plt.xlabel("Generations")
```

```
#
               which corresponds to integers
                                                       # register the crossover operator
sampled uniformly
                                                       toolbox.register("mate", tools.cxTwoPoint)
               from the range [0,1] (i.e. 0 or 1
with equal
                                                       # register a mutation operator with a probability to
                                                       # flip each attribute/gene of 0.05
               probability)
                                                       toolbox.register("mutate", tools.mutFlipBit,
toolbox.register("attr bool", random.randint, 0, 1)
                                                       indpb=flipProb)
# Structure initializers
#
                 define 'individual' to be an
                                                       # operator for selecting individuals for breeding
individual
                                                       the next
#
                 consisting of
                                                       # generation: each individual of the current
numOfBits*dimension 'attr bool' elements
                                                       generation
                                                       # is replaced by the 'fittest' (best) of three
('genes')
toolbox.register("individual", tools.initRepeat,
                                                       individuals
creator.Individual,
                                                       # drawn randomly from the current generation.
  toolbox.attr bool, numOfBits*dimension)
                                                       toolbox.register("select", tools.selRoulette,
                                                       fit attr='fitness')
# define the population to be a list of individuals
toolbox.register("population", tools.initRepeat, list,
toolbox.individual)
                                                       # Convert chromosome to real number
                                                       # input: list binary 1,0 of length numOfBits
def eval sphere(ind):
                                                       representing number using gray coding
  weights
                                                       # output: real value
=np.asarray(separatevariables(np.asarray(ind)))
                                                       def chrom2real(c):
  weightsIntoNetwork(weights)
                                                          indasstring=".join(map(str, c))
                                                          degray=gray to bin(indasstring)
  for t in range(30):
                                                          numasint=int(degray, 2) # convert to int from
     out = mynet(x_train)
                                                       base 2 list
     loss = loss func(out,y train)
                                                          numinrange= -20+40*numasint/maxnum
     # initialize gradient
                                                          return numinrange/20
     optimizer.zero_grad()
     loss.backward() # backpropagation,
                                                       # input: concatenated list of binary variables
compute gradients
                                                       # output: tuple of real numbers representing
     optimizer.step() # apply gradients
                                                       those variables
     # print("what is: ",t)
                                                       # requires a loop or other method
  return (1/(0.01+loss.item()),)
                                                       def separatevariables(v):
#-----
# Operator registration
#-----
                                                          v = v.reshape((67, 30))
# register the goal / fitness function
toolbox.register("evaluate", eval sphere)
                                                          weights = [chrom2real(i) for i in v]
                                                          return weights
```

```
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def main():
                                                               if random.random() < crossProb:
  #random.seed(64)
                                                                  toolbox.mate(child1, child2)
                                                                  del child1.fitness.values
  # create an initial population of individuals
                                                                  del child2.fitness.values
(where
  # each individual is a list of integers)
                                                             for mutant in offspring:
  pop = toolbox.population(n=popSize)
                                                               # mutate an individual with probability
  # Evaluate the entire population
                                                       mutateprob
  fitnesses = list(map(toolbox.evaluate, pop))
                                                               if random.random() < mutateprob:
                                                                  toolbox.mutate(mutant)
  for ind, fit in zip(pop, fitnesses):
                                                                  del mutant.fitness.values
     ind.fitness.values = fit
                                                            # Evaluate the individuals with an invalid
  print(" Evaluated %i individuals" % len(pop))
                                                       fitness
                                                             invalid ind = [ind for ind in offspring if not
                                                       ind.fitness.valid]
                                                             fitnesses = map(toolbox.evaluate,
  # Variable keeping track of the number of
                                                       invalid ind)
generations
                                                             for ind, fit in zip(invalid ind, fitnesses):
  g = 0
                                                               ind.fitness.values = fit
  train_losses = []
  test losses = []
                                                            # The population is entirely replaced by the
                                                       offspring
  # Begin the evolution
                                                             best_ind = tools.selBest(pop, 1)[0]
  while g < iterations:
     # A new generation
                                                       train losses.append(1/best ind.fitness.values[0])
     g = g + 1
                                                             pop[:] = offspring
     print("-- Generation %i --" % g)
                                                             eval_sphere(best_ind)
     # Select the next generation individuals
                                                             out = mynet(x test) # input x and predict
     offspring = tools.selBest(pop, nElitists) +
                                                       based on x
toolbox.select(pop,len(pop)-nElitists)
                                                             loss = loss_func(out,y_test)
     # Clone the selected individuals
                                                             test losses.append(loss.item())
     offspring = list(map(toolbox.clone, offspring))
                                                          best ind = tools.selBest(pop, 1)[0]
                                                          print("-- End of (successful) evolution --")
     # Apply crossover and mutation on the
offspring
                                                          return train losses, best ind, test losses
     for child1, child2 in zip(offspring[::2],
offspring[1::2]):
                                                       if __name__ == "__main__":
                                                          train losses, best ind, test losses = main()
```

# cross two individuals with probability

```
# train_losses
plt.figure(figsize=(9,6))
plt.plot(train losses, 'r')
plt.plot(test losses, 'b')
plt.title("Loss over generations")
plt.legend(handles=[redpatch,bluepatch])
plt.show()
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (20,6))
ax = fig.add subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(train losses, 'r')
plt.title("Training loss over generations")
plt.legend(handles=[redpatch])
plt.xlabel("Generations")
plt.ylabel("Loss")
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(test losses, 'b')
plt.title("Testing loss over generations")
plt.legend(handles=[bluepatch])
plt.xlabel("Generations")
plt.ylabel("Loss")
plt.show()
eval_sphere(best_ind)
out = mynet(x values)
y values=pd.DataFrame(out.tolist(),columns=['y'])
# surface plot with color grading and color bar
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (20.6))
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 1, projection='3d')
ax.plot trisurf(data['x1'],
data['x2'],y_values['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolw
arm, linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
ax.view init(30,30)
plt.title("view 1")
ax = fig.add_subplot(1, 2, 2, projection='3d')
ax.plot trisurf(data['x1'],
data['x2'],y_values['y'],cmap=matplotlib.cm.coolw
arm, linewidth=0,zorder=0, antialiased=False)
```

plt.title("view 2")

plt.show()

ax.view\_init(80,30)