

Homework 4: Artificial Neural Networks

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Instructions: For Formative assessment, submit the solutions

Exercise 1. (★) Consider the multi-class classification problem, with a predictive rule $h_w : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$, as a classification probability i.e. $h_{w,k}(x) = \Pr(x \text{ belongs to class } k)$, that receives values $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ returns vales in $\mathcal{P} = \left\{ p \in (0,1)^q : \sum_{j=1}^q p_j = 1 \right\}$. Let $h_w = (h_{w,1}, \dots, h_{w,q})^\top$, let $h_w(x)$ be modeled as an ANN

$$h_k(x) = \sigma_2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^c w_{2,k,j} \sigma_1 \left(\sum_{i=1}^d w_{1,j,i} x_i \right) \right)$$

for $k = 1, \dots, q$, and let the associated activation functions be

$$\sigma_2(a_k) = \frac{\exp(a_k)}{\sum_{k'=1}^q \exp(a_{k'})}, \text{ for } k = 1, \dots, q$$

(called softmax function) and $\sigma_1(a) = \arctan(a)$. Consider a loss

$$\ell(w, z = (x, y)) = - \sum_{k=1}^q y_k \log(h_{w,k}(x))$$

at w and example $z = (x, y)$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is the input vector (features), and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_q)$ is the output vector (labels) with $y \in \{0, 1\}^q$ and $\sum_{k=1}^q y_k = 1$. Consider that d , c , and q are known integers.

Hint: You may use

$$\frac{d}{dx} \arctan(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

- (1) Perform the forward pass of the back-propagation procedure to compute the activations which may be denoted as $\{a_{t,i}\}$ and outputs which may be denoted as $\{o_{t,i}\}$ at each layer t .
- (2) Show that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a_k} \sigma_2(a_j) = \sigma_2(a_j) (1(j=k) - \sigma_2(a_k))$$

$$\text{for } k = 1, \dots, q. \text{ Let } 1(j=k) = \begin{cases} 1 & j=k \\ 0 & j \neq k \end{cases}.$$

- (3) Perform the backward pass of the back-propagation procedure in order to compute the elements of the gradient $\nabla_w \ell(w, (x, y))$.

Solution.