MACHINE LEARNING IN PHYSICS FOUNDATIONS 2

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Recap: AI, ML, and DL

Artificial Intelligence

Algorithms that cause machines to exhibit human- or *super-human*-level intelligence.

Machine Learning

Algorithms for modeling data

Deep Learning

ML using (large) neural networks

Recap: Deep Learning

Uses functions formed by *composition:*

$$f(x) = f_m \circ f_{m-1} \circ \cdots f_1$$
$$= f_m(f_{m-1}(\dots f_1(x)) \dots)$$

$$f(x)$$

$$f_{m}$$

$$f_{m-1}$$

$$f_{1}$$

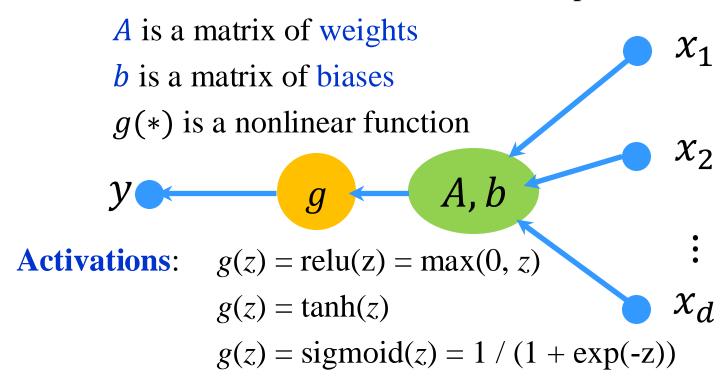
Example:

$$f(x) = \operatorname{softmax} \left(\operatorname{dropout}(\operatorname{linear}(\operatorname{flatten} \left(g(c(h(c(x))))) \right) \right)$$

Recap: The Perceptron

$$y = g(xA^T + b)$$

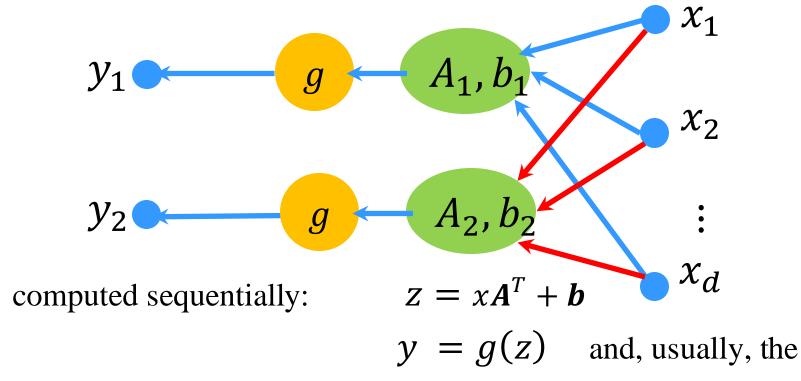
x is matrix (one or more rows) of input data



https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2019/09/professors-perceptron-paved-way-ai-60-years-too-soon

MULTI-NODE PERCEPTRON

A multi-node perceptron is often drawn as follows,



activation function g(z) is applied *elementwise*, that is, to every element of its matrix input. (Demo)

Consider the task of modeling the data triplets

$$D = \{(x_1, x_2, y)_{i=1}^N\}$$
 with a function of the form

 $y = f(x_1, x_2, \omega)$. Let's try a 2-input 4-node perceptron with

$$g(z)=z\sigma(z),$$



where,

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{(1+e^{-z})}$$



 χ_1

 χ_2

 $z\sigma(z)$ is called a silu.

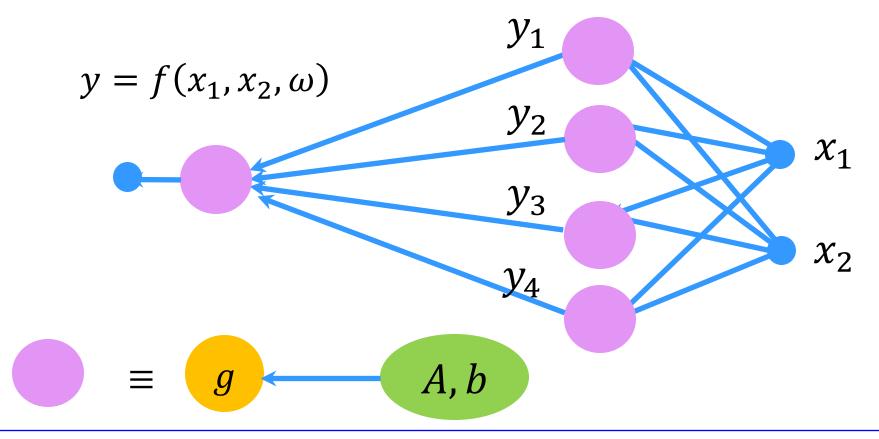
 ω are free parameters.





$$\equiv g$$

Then, let's feed the output of the first perceptron into a 4-input 1-node perceptron:

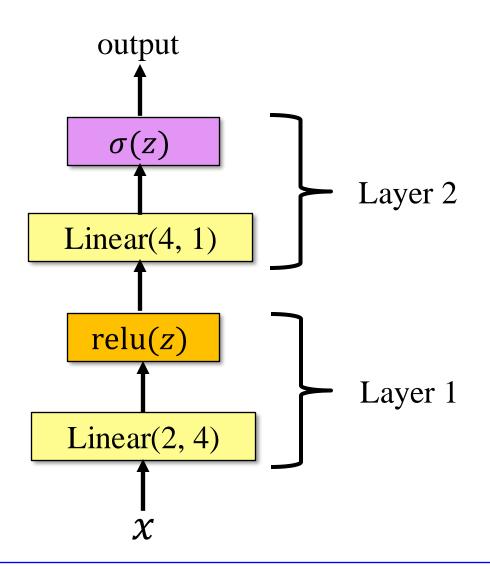


Given the complexity of ML models (i.e., ML functions), it is now common to use a graphical representation of these models that uses higher-level components.

$$f(z) = zA^T + b$$

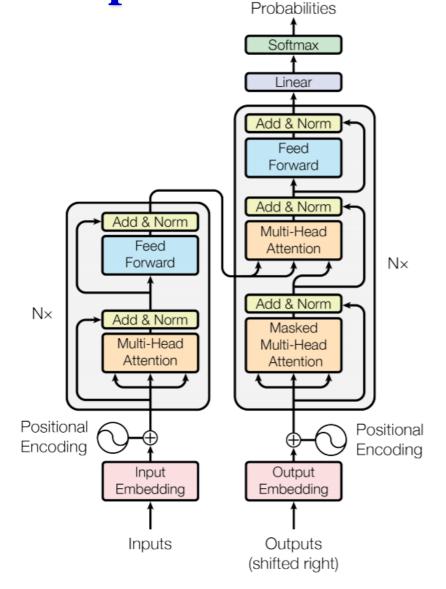
$$relu(z) = \max(0, z)$$

$$\sigma(z) = (1 + e^{-z})^{-1}$$



Here, for example, is a graphical representation of **transformer**, the model that powers ChatGPT.

There are 2 x 96 of these "layers"!

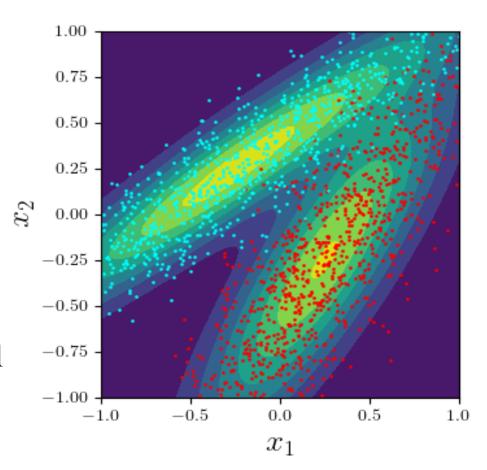


Output

LOSS FUNCTIONS

2D Dataset

- In this part of the course, we'll use a simple synthetic dataset comprising two classes of objects characterized by real numbers (x_1, x_2) .
- The data are generated from two bivariate normal distributions.



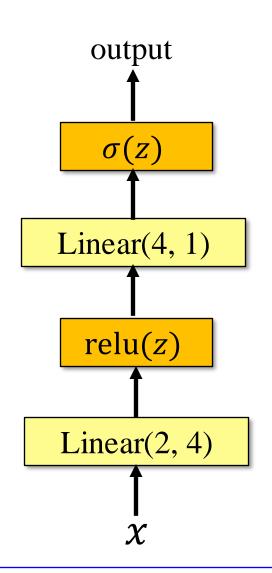
Loss Functions

Suppose our goal is to approximate an unknown function

$$y = f(x_1, x_2)$$

given a dataset $D = \{(x_1, x_2, y)_{i=1}^N\},$

perhaps using the *model* on the right.



Loss Functions

A well-known approach is to approximate $f(x_1, x_2)$ with a parameterized function $f(x_1, x_2, \omega)$ and find the *best-fit* values ω^* by minimizing

$$R(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - f_i)^2$$

with respect to the parameters ω , where $f_i = f(x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \omega)$.

This is often referred to as a **least-squared fit**.

Loss Functions

In machine learning, one minimizes

$$R(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, f_i)$$

where the function, $L(y_i, f_i)$, called the **loss function**, measures the discrepancy between the desired **target** y and the model f.

The quantity $R(\omega)$ is called the **empirical risk** and the task of minimizing it is called **empirical risk minimization**.

This is just a generalization of least-squared fitting.

Risk Functional

In mathematics one can often gain insight by taking the limit of an expression. Let's take the limit of

$$R(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, f_i)$$

as $N \to \infty$, that is, as the amount of data grows without limit.

In that limit, the empirical risk becomes the risk functional,

$$R[f] = \int dx \int dy L(y, f) p(x, y)$$

where p(x, y)dxdy is the probability distribution of the data.

Risk Functional: Landscape

The empirical risk defines a highly corrugated very high-dimensional "landscape" in the space of parameters.

The goal of an **optimizer** is to navigate the landscape $(R(\omega))$ associated with a *finite* amount of data to find a *good* approximation of the lowest point of the landscape (R[f]) associated with an *infinite* amount of data. When ML researchers say that a model *generalizes* this is what they mean.

Summary

- We described the multi-node perceptron and how machine learning models are represented graphically.
- ➤ We illustrated the calculation of the output of a perceptron.
- ➤ We discussed the generalization of least-squared fitting to empirical risk minimization.