

# Neural Networks Formula Sheet

## Motivation

- Classification: Approximate membership function  $y = f(x, w)$ , where  $y$  is discrete.
- Regression: Approximate generating function  $y = f(x, w)$ , where  $y$  is continuous.

## Artificial Neuron

$$\text{Weighted Sum: } s = \sum_i w_i x_i$$

$$\text{Activation Function: } g(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } s \geq \theta \\ 0, & \text{if } s < \theta \end{cases}$$

Learning: Adjust weights  $w_i$  to obtain intended outputs.

## Single-layer Perceptron

- Classification Function:  $g(u) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u}$ .
- Hyperplane:  $g(u) = 0$ , divides classes.
- Perceptron Convergence Theorem: Finds a hyperplane for any linearly separable dataset in finite steps.
- Limitation: Cannot classify non-linearly separable data (e.g., XOR).

## Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)

- Layered Structure: Inputs pass sequentially through hidden layers to outputs.

- Feedforward Propagation:

$$a_j = g \left( \sum_i w_{i,j} a_i + b_j \right)$$

- Activation Functions:

- Linear Function:  $g(s) = s$

- Step Function:

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } s < 0 \end{cases}$$

- Sigmoid:  $g(s) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-s}}$

- Hyperbolic Tangent (Tanh):  $g(s) = \frac{e^s - e^{-s}}{e^s + e^{-s}}$

- ReLU:  $g(s) = \max(0, s)$

- Leaky ReLU:

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} s, & \text{if } s > 0 \\ \alpha s, & \text{if } s \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a small positive constant.

## Linear Discriminant Function

$$g(u) = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u} + b$$

- $\mathbf{w}$ : Weight vector.
- $\mathbf{u}$ : Input vector.
- $b$ : Bias.

## Learning Rule

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \Delta w_i$$

$$\Delta w_i = \eta(y - \hat{y})x_i$$

- $\eta$ : Learning rate.

- $y$ : Desired output.
- $\hat{y}$ : Predicted output.

## Backpropagation Algorithm

1. **Forward Pass:** Compute outputs for all layers.
2. **Error Calculation:**

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum (y_{\text{desired}} - y_{\text{actual}})^2$$

3. **Backward Pass:** Update weights to minimize error:

$$\Delta w_{i,j} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{i,j}}$$

where  $\eta$  is the learning rate.

## Hebbian Learning Rule

- Update Rule:  $\Delta w_{ij} = \eta a_i a_j$
- Principle: “Neurons that fire together, wire together.”

## Activation Functions in Neural Networks

### 1. Linear Function

$$g(s) = s$$

Used for regression tasks where the output is continuous.

### 2. Step Function

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } s \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } s < 0 \end{cases}$$

Commonly used in early perceptron models for binary classification.

### 3. Sigmoid Function

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

Maps inputs to the range  $(0, 1)$ , often used in the output layer for binary classification.

### 4. Hyperbolic Tangent (Tanh) Function

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

Maps inputs to the range  $(-1, 1)$ . It is zero-centered and often preferred over sigmoid for hidden layers.

### 5. Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) Function

$$g(s) = \max(0, s)$$

Efficient and widely used activation function for hidden layers in deep learning.

### 6. Leaky ReLU Function

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} s, & \text{if } s > 0 \\ \alpha s, & \text{if } s \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a small positive constant, typically  $\alpha = 0.01$ . This prevents the dying ReLU problem.

## 7. Parametric ReLU (PReLU) Function

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} s, & \text{if } s > 0 \\ \alpha s, & \text{if } s \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  is learned during training.

## 8. Exponential Linear Unit (ELU) Function

$$g(s) = \begin{cases} s, & \text{if } s > 0 \\ \alpha(e^s - 1), & \text{if } s \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a hyperparameter. ELU is smooth and avoids the dead ReLU problem.

## 9. Softmax Function

$$g_i(s) = \frac{e^{s_i}}{\sum_j e^{s_j}}$$

Used in the output layer for multi-class classification. It converts logits into probabilities.

## 10. Swish Function

$$g(s) = s \cdot \sigma(s)$$

where  $\sigma(s)$  is the sigmoid function. Swish is a smooth, self-gated activation function.