

## Support Vector Machines (SVM)

SVM is one of the most powerful supervised machine learning algorithms. One don't have to do a lot of tweaks to obtain good results with SVM.

Basically, SVM is a binary learning machine with some highly elegant properties.

Main idea of SVM

"Given a training sample, SVM constructs a hyperplane as. the decision surface in such a way that the margin of separation b/w two classes is maximized"

Hyperplane  $\rightarrow$  geometric entity whose dimension is one less than that of its ambient space

Hyperplane for 2D space are 1D lines

3D space are 2D planes  
and so on

2 dimensional linearly separable data can be separated by a line.

$$y = mx + c$$

$$y = ax + b \quad \text{same right?}$$

$$\text{Now } y = x_2 \text{ & } x = x_1 \Rightarrow x_2 = ax_1 + b$$

One then get

$$a x_1 - x_2 + b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$x = (x_1, x_2)$  and say  $w = (a, -1)$ .

(1) is written as

$$w^T \cdot x + b = 0$$

This  $= 0$  is derived from 2-dimensional vector  
let us try to extend it to higher dimension.

$$a_1 x_1 + a_2 x_2 + a_3 x_3 + \dots + a_n x_n + b = 0$$

$$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \quad w = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$$

So we can explain hyperplane in same way.

$$w^T \cdot x + b = 0$$

Once we have the hyperplane, we can use it for  
making prediction.

Consider training sample  $\{(x_i, d_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ , where  
 $x_i$  is input pattern for the  $i^{th}$  example and  $d_i$  is  
the corresponding desired response (target output).

Assume classes represented by subsets  $d_i = +1$  and  
other subset  $d_i = -1$  are "linearly separable".

The equation of decision surface in the form of

hyperplane that does the separation is

$$w^T x + b = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

where  $x$  is input vector,  $w$  is an adjustable weight vector &  $b$  is a bias.

One then write

$$w^T x_i + b \geq 0 \quad \text{for } d_i = +1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$w^T x_i + b < 0 \quad \text{for } d_i = -1$$

The idea of assumption of linearly separable classes is made here to explain basic idea behind a SVM in simple setting.

→ SVM works by finding the optimal hyperplane which could best separate the data.



For a given weight vector  $w$  and bias  $b$ , separation b/w the hyperplane defined in (1) and the closest data point

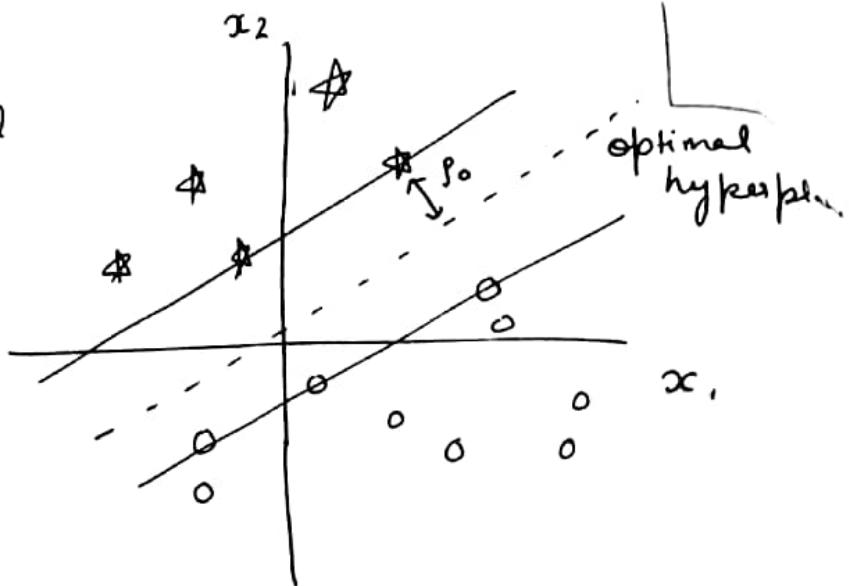
called the "margin of separation" denoted by  $\rho$ .

\* Goal of SVM is to find the particular hyperplane for which the margin of separation  $\rho$  is maximized.

Decision surface referred to as optimal hyperplane

Let

$w_0 + b_0$  denote optimal values of weight vector and bias, respectively



Correspondingly

optimal hyperplane is defined as

$$w_0^T \mathbf{x} + b_0 = 0 \quad -\textcircled{3}$$

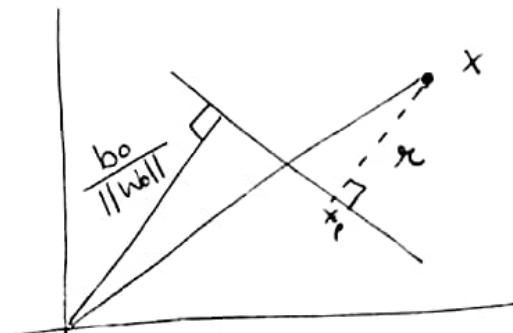
The discriminant function

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = w_0^T \mathbf{x} + b_0 \quad -\textcircled{4}$$

gives an algebraic measure of the distance from  $\mathbf{x}$  to the optimal hyperplane.

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p + r \frac{w_0}{\|w_0\|} \quad -\textcircled{5}$$

$\mathbf{x}_p$  is normal projection of  $\mathbf{x}$  onto the optimal hyperplane +  $r$  is the desired algebraic distance;  $r$  is +ve if  $\mathbf{x}$  is on the positive side of the optimal hyperplane + -ve if  $\mathbf{x}$  is on the negative side.



by definition

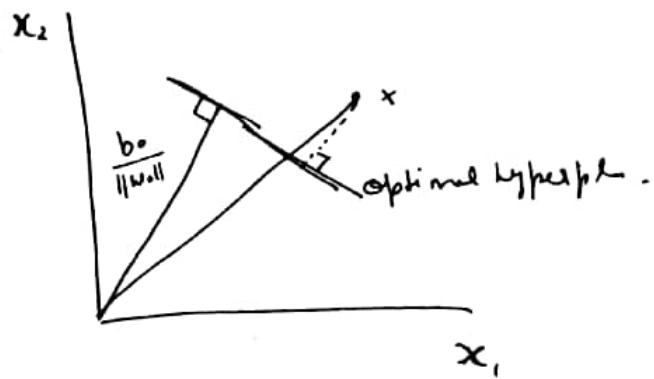
$$g(x_b) = 0$$

$$g(x) = w_0^T x + b_0 = \frac{w_0}{\|w_0\|} \|x\|$$

$$r = \frac{g(x)}{\|w_0\|}$$

distance from origin (i.e;  $x=0$ ) to optimal hyperplane is given by  $b_0/\|w_0\|$ . If  $b_0 > 0$ ; origin is on the side of optimal hyperplane; if  $b_0 < 0$ ; it is on -ve side.

If  $b_0 = 0$ ; optimal hyperplane pass through origin



find parameters

$w_0 + b_0$  for optimal hyperplane given the training set  $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_i, d_i)\}$ .

$(w_0, b_0)$  must satisfy

$$w_0^T x_i + b_0 \geq 1 \text{ for } d_i = +1 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$w_0^T x_i + b_0 \leq -1 \text{ for } d_i = -1$$

The data points  $(x_i, d_i)$  for which first or second line of (6) is satisfied with equality sign are called support vectors. Hence "SVM"

Support Vector Machine

All remaining examples in training sample are completely irrelevant.  $\therefore$  of their distinct property support vectors play a prominent role in the operation of this class of learning machines.

(S.V.) are those data points that lies closest to the optimal hyperplane and are therefore most difficult to classify.

Consider say (S.V.)  $x^{(s)}$  for which  $d^{(s)} = +1$ .

Then  $g(x^{(s)}) = w_0^T x^{(s)} + b_0 = \mp 1$       (7)

for  $d^{(s)} = \mp 1$

(5); algebraic distance from support vector  $x^{(s)}$  to the optimal hyperplane is

$$r = \frac{g(x^{(s)})}{\|w_0\|}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\|w_0\|} & \text{if } d^{(s)} = +1 & \text{+ve side of hyperplane} \\ -\frac{1}{\|w_0\|} & \text{if } d^{(s)} = -1 & \text{-ve side of hyperplane} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  optimum value of margin of separation b/w 2 classes that constitute the training sample

$$\therefore \text{Then } \rho = 2r = \frac{2}{\|w_0\|}$$

Maximizing the margin of separation b/w binary classes is equivalent to minimizing the Euclidean norm of the weight vector  $w$ .

The training sample  $\mathcal{Y} = \{x_i, d_i\}_{i=1}^N$ , expressed as

$$w^T x_i + b_0 \geq 1 \text{ for } d_i = +1$$

$$w^T x_i + b_0 \leq -1 \text{ for } d_i = -1$$

written as

$$d_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 \rightarrow \text{constraint}$$

what we want to do.

$$\text{Maximize } P = \frac{2}{\|w\|}$$

$$\text{minimize } \|w\|$$

One can formulate as convex optimization problem.

$$\min \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$\phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w$$

$$\text{s.t. } d_i(w^T x_i + b) \geq 1$$

$\frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$  is used instead of  $\|w\|$   $\because$  it simplifies the derivatives in optimization process

As we have seen earlier, one can solve this using method of Lagrange multipliers

$$L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i [d_i(w^T x_i + b) - 1]$$

$\alpha_i \rightarrow$  Lagrange multipliers  
some place written  $\lambda_i$

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Solution to this constrained - optimization problem is determined by the saddle point of Lagrangian fn.  $L(w, b, \alpha)$ .

Saddle point has to be minimized w.r.t.  $w$  and  $b$ .

it also has to be maximized w.r.t.  $\alpha$ .

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = 0 \\ w - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i x_i = 0 \\ w = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i x_i \end{array} \right. \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = 0 \\ - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{matrix} \text{(a)} \\ \text{(b)} \end{matrix}$$

Important to note that for all constraints that are not satisfied as equalities; corresponding  $\alpha_i$  must be zero.

Only those multipliers that exactly satisfy condition

$$\alpha_i [d_i (w^T x_i + b) - 1] = 0$$

can assume non-zero values

If you check this property is statement of Karush-Kuhn-Tucker condition

$$L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum \alpha_i [d_i (w^T x_i + b) - 1]$$

$\rightarrow$  put (a) + (b)

- Possible to construct another problem called the dual problem.
- Second problem has same optimal value as primal problem, but with Lagrange multipliers providing optimal soln.
- In order for  $\underline{w_0}$  to be an optimal primal solution and  $\alpha_0$  to be optimal dual soln; it is necessary & sufficient that  $w_0$  is feasible for primal problem, and

$$\phi(w_0) = L(w_0, b_0, \alpha_0) = \min_w L(w, b, \alpha)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(w, b, \alpha) &= \frac{1}{2} w^T w - \sum_i^N \alpha_i d_i w^T x_i - b \sum_i^N \alpha_i d_i + \sum_i^N \alpha_i \\
 w^T w &= \underbrace{\sum_i^N \alpha_i d_i w^T x_i}_{\text{grouped}} = \sum_i^N \sum_j^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j x_i^T x_j \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i w^T x_i - \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i w^T x_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i w^T x_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \\
 Q(\alpha) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \neq i}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j x_i^T x_j
 \end{aligned}$$

Dual problem  $\textcircled{A}$

$$Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j x_i^T x_j \quad - \textcircled{A}$$

Subject to

$$1) \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i d_i = 0 \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$2) \alpha_i \geq 0 \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n \quad - \textcircled{2}$$

The Dual problem  $\textcircled{A}$  is cast entirely in terms of training data

Moreover, function  $Q(\alpha)$  to be maximized depends only on input patterns in form of a set of dot products

$$\{x_i^T, x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N$$

constraint  
~~Constraint~~  $\textcircled{2}$  of dual problem is satisfied with inequality sign for all SVR support vectors for which  $\alpha$  are nonzero + equality sign for all other training data points

$\textcircled{A}$  is Quadratic programming problem.

Solve numerically.

- find values of  $\alpha_i$ ;

Then compute

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i x_i$$

Determine the  $b$ .

For any support vector  $x_k$  (where  $\alpha_k > 0$ ).

bias  $b$  can be found.

$$b = \cancel{\alpha_k} - w \cdot x_k + \alpha_k$$
$$= \alpha_k \cancel{w} \cdot x_k$$

→ After we know  $w + b$ , one can simply classify a new point using

$$f(x) = \text{sign}(w \cdot x + b)$$

→ If data is not linearly separable, one introduces slack variables  $\xi_i \geq 0$  to allow some misclassification.

One then modify objective function to

$$\phi(w, \xi) = \frac{1}{2} w^T w + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

$C$  is regularization parameter controlling the trade-off b/w maximizing the margin + minimizing the classification error.

$C$  is viewed as reciprocal of "regularization"

When  $C$  is assigned larger value; decision of SVM has high confidence in quality of  $y_i$  (training sample)

If  $C$  is assigned lower value;  $y_i$  is considered to be noisy

Given that

$$\min_{w, b, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$$

$$\text{s.t. } d_i (w^T x_i + b) \geq 1 - \xi_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0 \text{ for all } i$$

One then formulates into  $Q(\alpha)$  using dual problem

$$\max Q(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j x_i^T x_j$$

s.t.

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i d_i = 0$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_i \leq C \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

$C$  is user-specified parameter

Note that neither slack variables  $\xi_i$  nor their own Lagrange multipliers appear in dual problem.

### Kernel trick

Nonlinear SVM uses Kernel trick to handle data which is not linearly separable.

One maps the original data input space into a higher-dimensional feature space.

This helps in finding a hyperplane that will separate data in this new space.

Certain datasets  $\rightarrow$  linear decision / hyperplanes are not able to effectively separate classes.

To address this, one maps input data points  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  into higher-dimensional feature space using transformation

$$\phi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M \quad M > m.$$

In the dimension feature

$$\min_{w, b} \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2$$

$$d_i(\phi(x_i) \cdot w + b) \geq 1$$

$$L(w, b, \alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N d_i (\phi(x_i) \cdot w + b - 1)$$

one can get dual problem.

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j \phi(x_i) \cdot \phi(x_j)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 0$$

$$\alpha_i \geq 0 ; \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i d_i = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  Introducing kernel function

feature mapping  $\phi(x)$  may be complex or high-dimensional making  $\phi(x_i) \cdot \phi(x_j)$  difficult to compute.

Instead one uses Kernel function

$K(x, x_i) \rightarrow$  computes dot product in feature space without explicitly calculating  $\phi(x)$

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \phi(x_i) \cdot \phi(x_j)$$

$$\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i \alpha_j d_i d_j K(x_i, x_j)$$

$$\alpha_i \geq 0 ; \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i = 0.$$

Decision function

$$f(x) = \text{sign} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i d_i K(x_i, x) + b \right)$$

$K(x_i, x)$  computes inner product in higher dimension  
feature space

→ Some of common Kernel functions

1) Linear Kernel  $K(x_i, x_j) = x_i \cdot x_j$  (for linear SVM)

2) Polynomial Kernel

$$K(x_i, x_j) = (x_i \cdot x_j + 1)^p ; p \rightarrow \text{degree of polynomial}$$

3) Gaussian (RBF) Kernel . Radial Basis function

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \exp \left( -\frac{\|x_i - x_j\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right), \sigma \text{ is parameter}$$

4) Sigmoid Kernel

$$K(x_i, x_j) = \tanh(\kappa \cdot x_i \cdot x_j + c);$$

mirroring behavior of neural network

## Neuron

fundamental building block of artificial neural network., inspired by biology.

### Structure of Neuron

- 1) Inputs ( $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ )

Each input is associated with a weight.

$$(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n)$$

weights influence how much importance neuron apply to or assign to the input.

During training, weights are adjusted to minimize error of network.

- 2) Bias ( $b$ )  $\rightarrow$  additional parameters added to input; which allow activation function to be shifted to left or right.  
helps in model to fit data

- 3) Weighted Sum.

$$z = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_n x_n + b$$

$z$  is passed to activation function

## Activation function

applied to weighted sum to introduce non-linearity to model.

helps network learn complex patterns in data.

$$\text{Sigmoid}(z_i) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$$

output 0 to 1; useful for binary classification

ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)

$$\text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z)$$

outputs the input directly if it's possible  
otherwise output zero.

widely used in layers of neural network

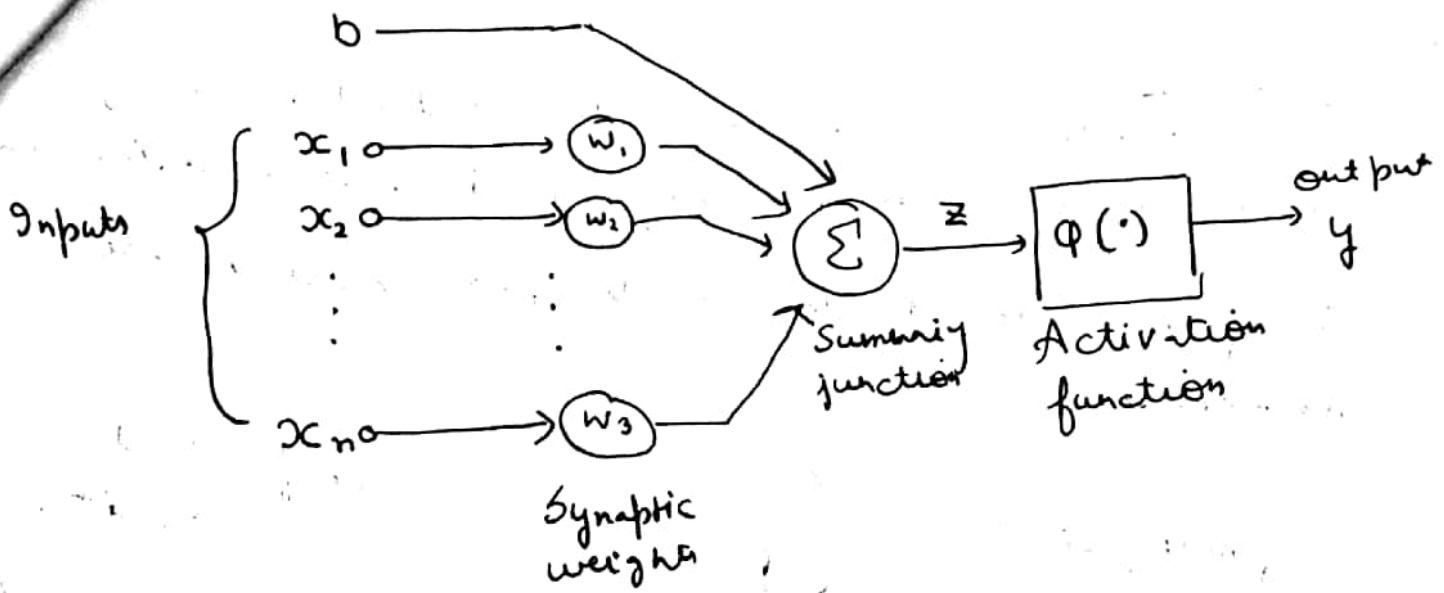
Tanh →

$$\text{Tanh}(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$$

-1 to 1

stronger gradient than

Sigmoid



ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)

$$\text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z)$$

Introduce non-linearity into model  
 → output zero for -ve input + input itself for +ve

Leaky ReLU

$$\text{Leaky ReLU}(z) = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z > 0 \\ \alpha z & \text{if } z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

allow small, non-zero gradient for -ve inputs to prevent neurons from dying (ie. giving zero for any input)

$\alpha$  is small constant

often 0.01

Softmax

→ activation function used in output layer of neural network when performing multi-class classification.

Transforms raw outputs (logits) from network into probabilities.

$$\text{Softmax}(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}}$$

e → base of natural logarithm  
 $z_i \rightarrow i^{\text{th}}$  raw score (logit)  
n → no. of classes.

Suppose raw output of (logits) from 3 neurons is

Output layer "

$$Z = [2.0, 1.0, 0.1]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Softmax}(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^3 e^{z_j}}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{Softmax}(z_1) = \frac{e^{2.0}}{e^{2.0} + e^{1.0} + e^{0.1}} = 0.659$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{Softmax}(z_2) = \frac{e^{1.0}}{e^{2.0} + e^{1.0} + e^{0.1}} = 0.242$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \text{Softmax}(z_3) = \frac{e^{0.1}}{e^{2.0} + e^{1.0} + e^{0.1}} = 0.099$$

choose the highest probability from Softmax output

0.659       $\textcircled{1}$  class

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

useful for binary classifications

Example

Input

$$x = [1.5, -2.0, 3.0; -4.5, 2.0]$$

$$w = [0.5, -0.3, 0.8, -0.6, 0.2]$$

$$b = 1.0$$

$$z = \cancel{w} \cdot x + \sum_{i=1}^5 w_i x_i + b \\ = 7.85$$

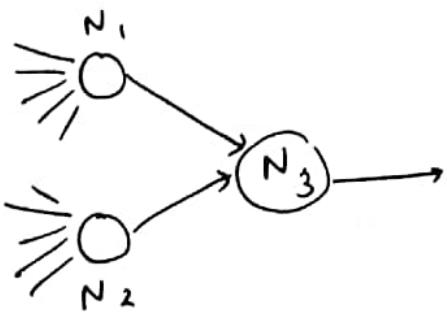
Apply activation

$$\text{Leaky ReLU}(z) = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z > 0 \\ \alpha z & \text{if } z \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= 7.85$$

$$\text{Sigmoid}(7.85) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-7.85}} = \frac{1}{1+0.000388}$$

$$\approx 0.9991$$



Apply same input to two neuron + then combine with by another neuron.

$$x = [1.5, -2.0, 3.0, -4.5, 2.0]$$

$N_1$

$$w_1 = [0.5, -0.3, 0.8, -0.6, 0.2] \quad d = -0.01$$

$$b_1 = 1.0$$

$N_2$

$$w_2 = [-0.4, 0.7, -0.5, 0.9, -0.2]$$

$$h_2 = -0.5$$

$$N_1 \rightarrow z_1 = 7.85, \text{ Leaky ReLU}(z_1) = 7.85$$

$$N_2 \rightarrow z_2 = -8.45, \text{ LReLU}(z_2) = -0.08$$

$$N_3 \rightarrow w_3 [0.6, -0.9]$$

$$b_3 = 0.5$$

$$z_3 = w_{31} \cdot \text{output of } N_1 + w_{32} \cdot \text{output of } N_2 + b_3$$

$$= 5.28605$$

$$\text{Sigmoid } z_3 = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z_3}} \approx 0.99496$$

If we apply softmax.

$$\text{softmax}(z_1) =$$

Subtract max value from each output before taking exponentials to prevent numerical overflow

$$z_1 = \max(7.85, -0.084r) = 7.85$$

$$\text{for } N1 = 7.85 - 7.85 = 0 \\ N2 = -0.084r - 7.85 = -7.934r$$

$$e^0 = 1 \quad e^{-7.934r} \approx 0.000357$$

$$\text{Softmax}(z) = \frac{e^0}{e^0 + e^{-7.93}} = 0.9996$$

$$\text{Softmax}(z_2) = \frac{e^{-7.934r}}{1.000357} \approx 0.0003$$

Output from  $N_1 \rightarrow$  higher than  $N_2$ .

higher probability for  $N_1$ .

## Backpropagation

- ① helps in updating weights + bias.

$x$  - input, weight  $\rightarrow w$   
bias  $b$

$$y_{\text{pred}} = xw + b = z$$

$y_{\text{true}}$

Use Mean Squared Error (MSE) as loss function

$$\text{Loss} = \frac{1}{2} (y_{\text{pred}} - y_{\text{true}})^2$$

- ② Backward pass (compute gradients)

$$① \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} = y_{\text{pred}} - y_{\text{true}}$$

$$② \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial z} \\ \text{as } y_{\text{pred}} = z \Rightarrow \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial z} = 1$$

$$③ \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} = x$$

$$④ \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} \times \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial z} \times \frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} \times \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial z} \times x$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} \times \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} \times \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial z}$$

③ update weight & bias using gradient descent

① Learning rate  $\eta$ .

② Update weight

$$w_{\text{new}} = w - \eta \times \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial w}$$

③ update bias

$$b_{\text{new}} = b - \eta \times \frac{\partial \text{Loss}}{\partial b}$$

One simply repeat the process in subsequent training iteration to continue minimize error