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Simulation Update

Genetic Algorithm Training Process:

In order to train a neural network using genetic algorithms, control of the system must be given to the network, in our case the neural network has control of the gains of the Impedance Control System, and as input, the neural network takes the interaction force, throughout the training process the neural network is encouraged to minimize interaction force by the policy function we described, in this case the policy function punishes the machine learning model's fitness function for increasing interaction force with the environment and rewards its fitness function for decreasing the interaction force, our neural network's cost function (activation function) is reLU as shown in figure 1, it is suited for our gains prediction as it does not predict negative values for the gains and is not biased towards maximum extremities as described by the straight increasing line, compared to typically used activation functions such as Sigmoid and TanH

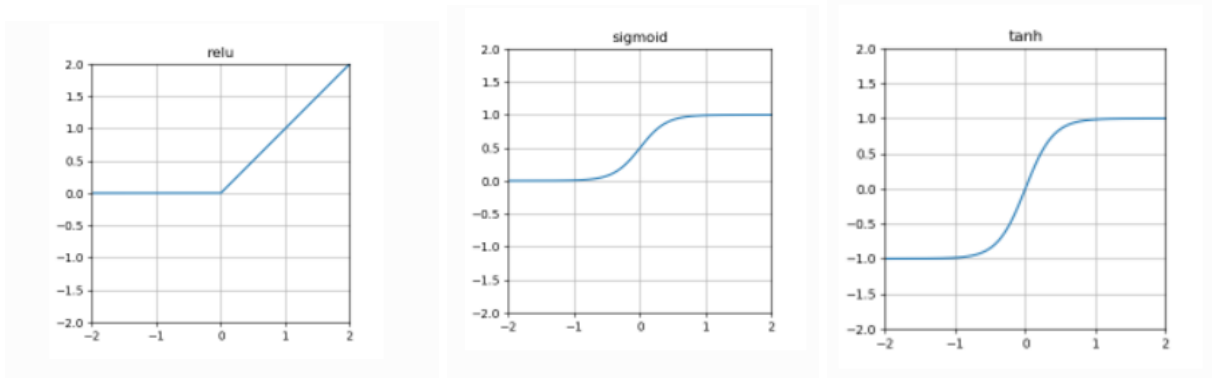


Figure 1: Common Machine Learning Cost Functions [1]

After applying the aforementioned to our robotic arm and suggesting the genetic algorithm to train 50 genomes (neural networks during a generation are called genomes), it is seen in figure 2 that the genetic algorithm will generate 50 different neural networks and allows them to train on the environment with sudden external forces F_d being introduced periodically that we have predefined

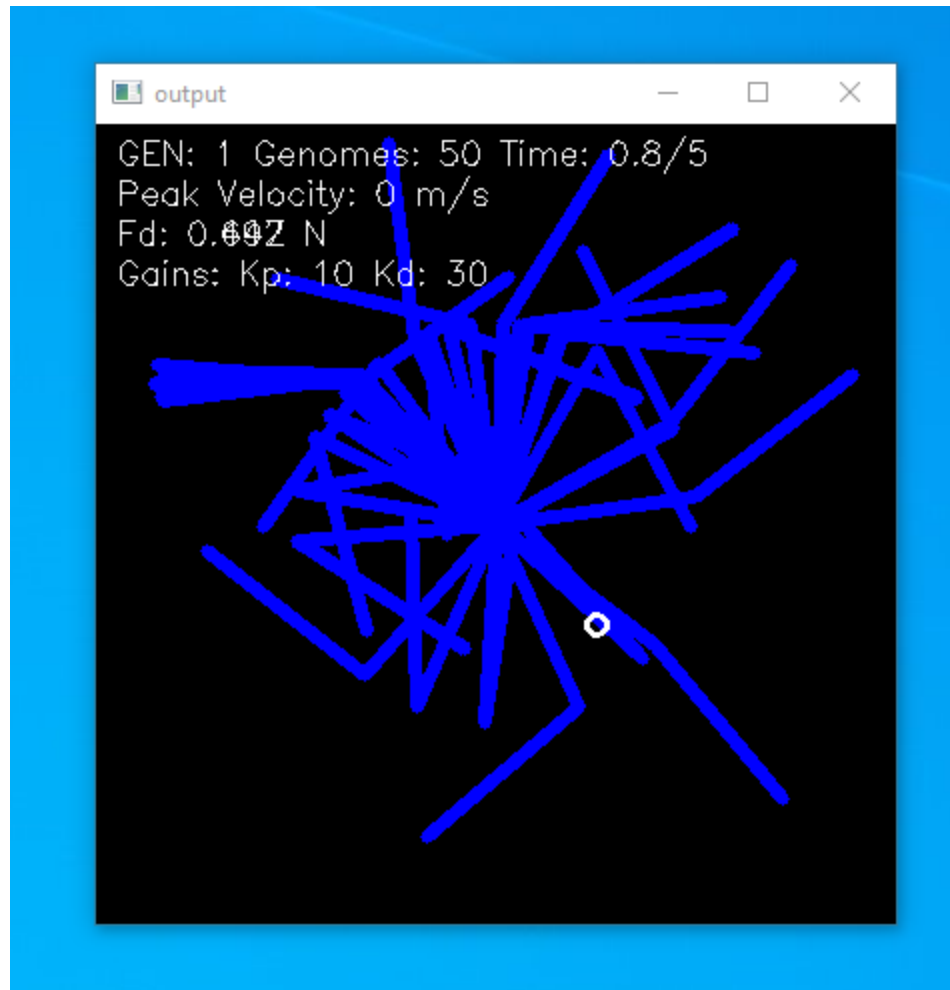


Figure 2: Genetic Algorithm Training Process

After the generation is deemed over, the genetic algorithm picks the best performing neural networks, duplicates them into another 50 neural networks and begins a brand new generation of training. Our genetic algorithm will keep on repeating the process as the neural networks improve, in our case we limited it to 100 generations.

Testing phase:

After about 30 minutes of training we pick the winning neural network and put it through a test environment where its interaction force F_d is monitored (must be kept low) and the total energy of the dynamic system is also monitored (must be constant in any physical system), as seen in figure 3, the neural network through controlling the gains of our adaptive impedance controller ensuring reduction of interaction forces with applied external forces in many predefined directions and strengths that we did not previously introduce the neural network onto during training.

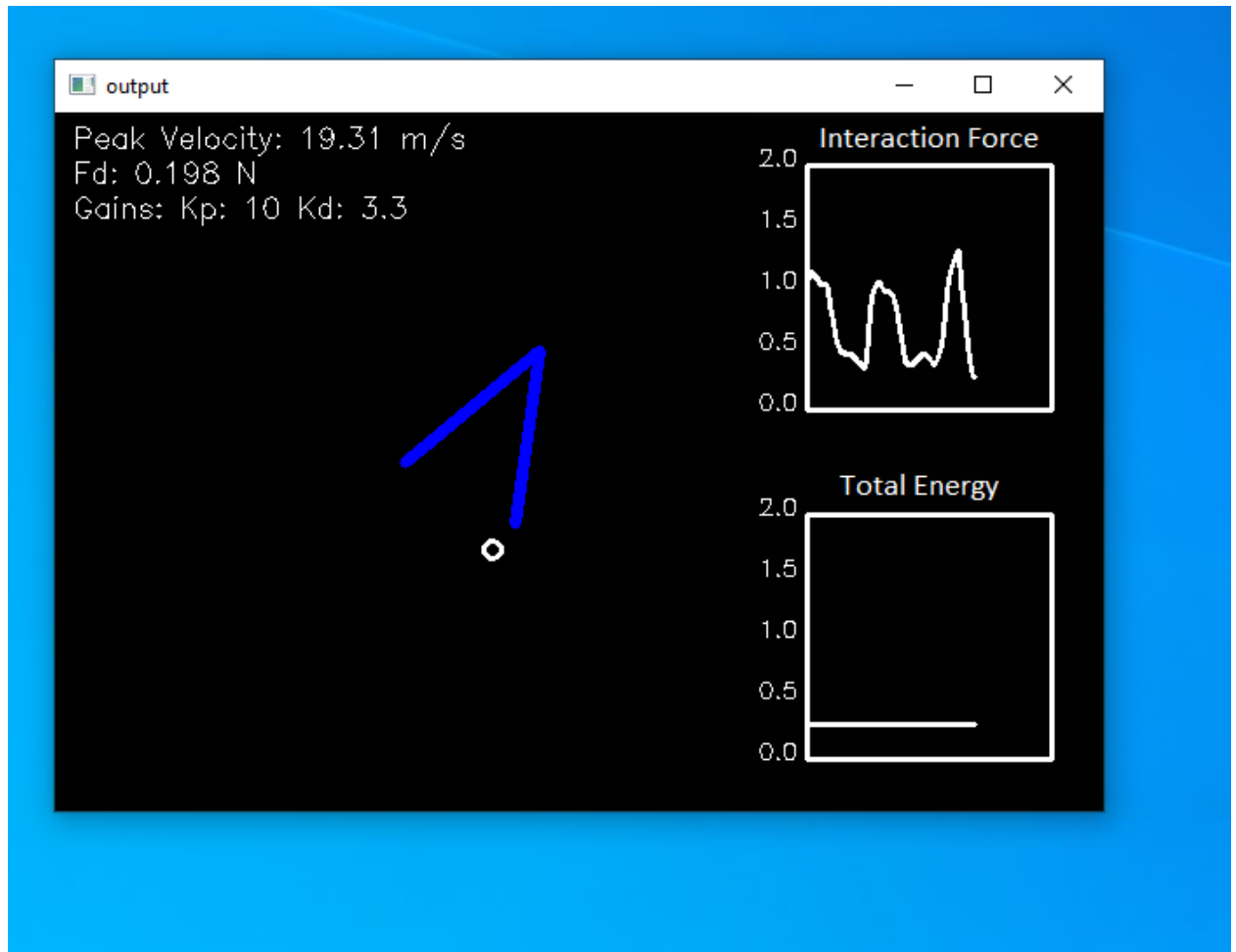


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- [1] Activation Functions: <https://neat-python.readthedocs.io/en/latest/activation.html>

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