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ABSTRACT

Artificial Neural Networks were introduced as a method to approximate the actual working of the human brain. It has a wide range of applications in the day-to-day life of a modern human being. With increase in the number of researchers in this field, different types of artificial neural network architectures have been developed. In this work, we have implemented a feed-forward neural network with back-propagation on a mobile robot in the laboratory. The network was trained using the data collected from the sensors of the robot in a separate run. Also, we aimed to create a Deep Learning neural network architecture for a Kaggle competition which was focused on predicting the sales value of Rossmann stores. With the data set available on the Kaggle platform, different data cleaning processes were tested and a deep learning model was implemented on the processed data set. With increase in the advent of data-driven technologies, artificial neural networks and deep learning techniques are widely sought after for solving complex problems.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The human brain is one of the most complex working systems in nature. It deals with numerous complex tasks that a human body does every instant [14, 9]. Several attempts have been made to mimic the working functionality of the human brain [18, 12, 25, 33, 16, 27]. One of the very initial attempts to recreating biological neurons in a computational atmosphere was aimed at trying to imitate only certain specific parts of the human nervous system, like dendrites, axons and cell bodies [17]. As the knowledge regarding the working methodology of the brain is limited, simplified mathematical models were used to understand the flow of information in the human brain. An interconnected artificial neuron system was one of the very first attempts towards achieving an artificial neural network to solve any computable function [18]. Most of these natural processes could be mimicked by coming up with a function which would result in an output value from a list of weighted input signals, based on some threshold condition or bias [1]. Even this extremely simplified model of the human nervous system was able to solve many complicated problems [1].

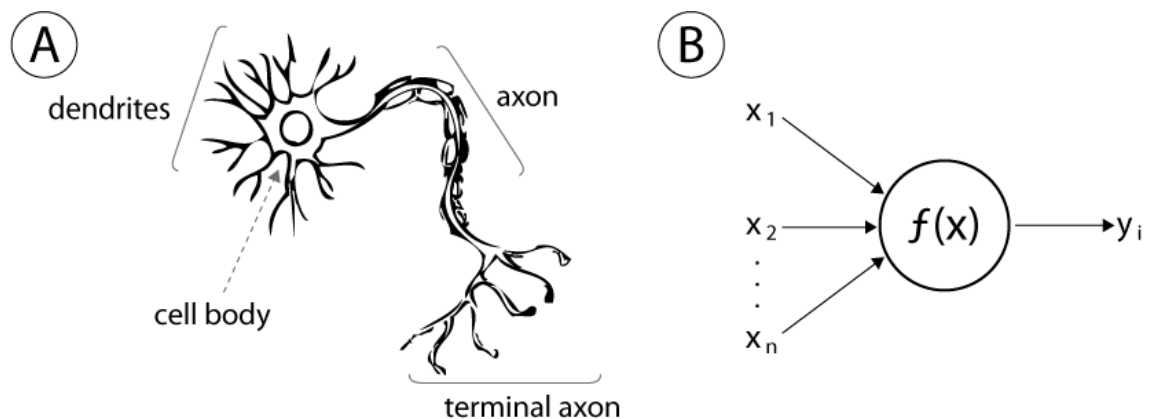


Figure 1.1: (A) represents a simple model of the human brain cell and (B) shows how an artificial neuron is represented in an Artificial Neural Network (ANN) system [17]

In this era where data is of prime importance, techniques similar to the working of the nervous system can be used to produce fruitful results which could have real-life applications. Artificial Neural Networks was one such approach. After the work published by [18] gave a whole new perspective to Artificial Intelligence and Neural Networks, further works were focused on developing on the idea and improving the model. In [12], the concept of a weighted synaptic response between neurons was introduced as a learning rule, which further helped in asserting importance of particular neurons over others in an artificial neural network system. The work done in [25] aimed at now answering the prime questions like how an information in a natural environment is sensed, stored and is made to influence the consequent actions. It led to the development of a probabilistic model for data storage. How an artificial neural network system learns as compared to the actual behaviour of natural nervous systems, was also an area of pioneer research. Several researchers have come up with improved versions of learning rules [33, 16]. The concept of back-propagation for the learning process was introduced in [27, 26]. It involved computing the new weights between neurons using techniques like gradient descent among others. Thereafter, researchers have come up with various models and variations of artificial neural network systems, which will be looked into in the next section.

1.1 Types of Neural Networks

There are different types of neural networks each suitable for some particular application [11]. The oldest and the simplest type of an artificial neural network is the perceptron. The single neuron perceptron then evolved to a multi layer perceptron (MLP) with the introduction of the concept of layers [24]. This kind of neural network has an input layer, hidden layers and an output layer; and has been widely used for applications in computer vision, natural language processing and acts as the basis for other neural network architectures.

For image and video processing, a different neural network architecture was developed which was called the convolution neural networks which implements convolution layers. This has given very productive results in the areas of computer vision and in finding patterns or characteristics of images [34].

The concept of using past instances of a state to predict its future gave rise to the

Recurrent Neural Network architecture. They work on temporal data by using techniques involving state matrices. This has been widely applied to to make Stock Market Predictions and time based data predictions [31].

The task of compressing data without the loss of quality gave rise to a different neural network architecture called autoencoders. With identical input and output layers, these techniques help preserve only the relevant features of an object and thus helping represent large amount of data in a much more compressed manner without losing any relevant information [5].

1.2 Deep Learning

In recent years, the researchers across the globe have been working on deep artificial neural networks. Such deep networks began to claim worldwide coverage after winning numerous competitions in pattern recognition and machine learning problems [29]. The major difference in a simple neural network and a deep neural network is in the fact that the term “deep” corresponds to more number of hidden layers as the name suggests.

Artificial Neural Network Models with many successive nonlinear layers of neurons started being developed in the 1960-70s [29]. Applying back propagation algorithm to multiple-layered deep artificial neural networks were a tough task at a time when the computation infrastructure was not as developed as it is in recent times. Deep Learning started becoming a technologically feasible technique with the help of unsupervised learning as demonstrated in [28] and [23]. In recent years, deep learning techniques attracted widespread attention when it outperformed other machine learning techniques by a large margin in various important applications [30, 32]. Deep learning artificial neural networks have also claimed to achieve human-like visual pattern recognition results in limited domains [8].

1.3 Applications of Neural Networks

The artificial neural network systems have a wide range of applications. It has been used widely in the medical field to detect a particular medical condition of a patient based on different features or symptoms shown by the patient [4]. To understand the diversity

of its applications, we can also draw our attention towards recognizing the emotion in speech using neural networks [20]. As we can see, the applications are not limited. However we could broadly classify the applications of artificial neural networks as system modelling/approximation [6], classification/recognition [21, 22], optimisation [13, 15], behaviour based robotic control [7, 19] and financial forecasting [10].

2. NEURAL NETWORK ARCHITECTURE AND ALGORITHM

The following feedforward neural network with back-propagation was used for training the data from the sensor readings:

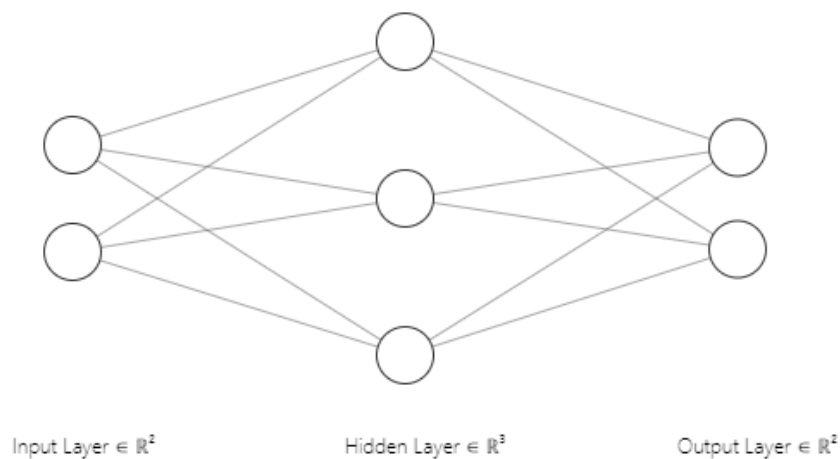


Figure 2.1: The neural network architecture with two input neurons, one hidden layer with three hidden neurons and two output neurons, used in this assignment [2]

The data corresponding to the left-edge following behaviour of the robot was collected for random orientations. This is a supervised learning problem. The left sensor reading and the front sensor readings formed the input variables, while the left motor speed and the right motor speed were the output variables. This data was then cleaned by removing duplicates and by normalising each column value to values between 0 and 1. For the

normalisation procedure, the following equation was applied to each column:

$$New\ value = \frac{Old\ value - Minimum\ value}{Maximum\ value - Minimum\ Value} \quad (2.1)$$

Here, the maximum and minimum values correspond to the corresponding values in each column respectively. Normalisation between 0 and 1 was done because the activation function used for the hidden neurons and the output neurons are sigmoid functions. In order to facilitate the calculations during the feedforward process, the input required to be in this range of values. Before normalisation, the entire data was divided into training data (70 %), validation data (15 %) and the test data (15 %). This was done using the 'split' function available in Python under the 'numpy' package. This function randomly shuffles the rows before splitting. This ensures that is no bias towards any particular pattern of occurrence. The cleaned data looks similar to the sample shown in 2.2.

Left_Distance_Reading	Front_Distance_Reading	Left_Motor_Speed	Right_Motor_Speed
0.05210832	0.408575663	0.003194562	0.16279554
0.068115531	0.082615196	0.478225868	0.153340148
0.037113288	0.378305252	0.003194562	0.124500729
0.045668173	0.572484618	0.003194562	0.127529483
0.042550583	0.657287173	0.003194562	0.124500729
0.067049613	0.233616402	0.003194562	0.244609764
0.066919926	0.081032243	0.497291012	0.14523823
0.027682573	0.299750189	0.171624626	0.124500729
0.115542026	0.244899626	0.003194562	0.510141594

Figure 2.2: A Sample of the normalised training data

The first two columns in 2.2 corresponds to the input values and the other two columns corresponds to the output values. This would be the data we would be using for the training purposes and for testing the accuracy of our Artificial Neural Network model before using it on the robot itself.

2.1 Algorithm

The basic algorithm used in the training process can be demonstrated as follows:

2.1.1 Step 1: Creating the neural network design

The parameter to be tuned here was the number of hidden neurons required. The program was run with different number of hidden neurons ranging from 1 to 10 by keeping all other parameters the same [namely, $\eta = 0.1$, $\lambda = 0.4$ and $\alpha = 0.6$].

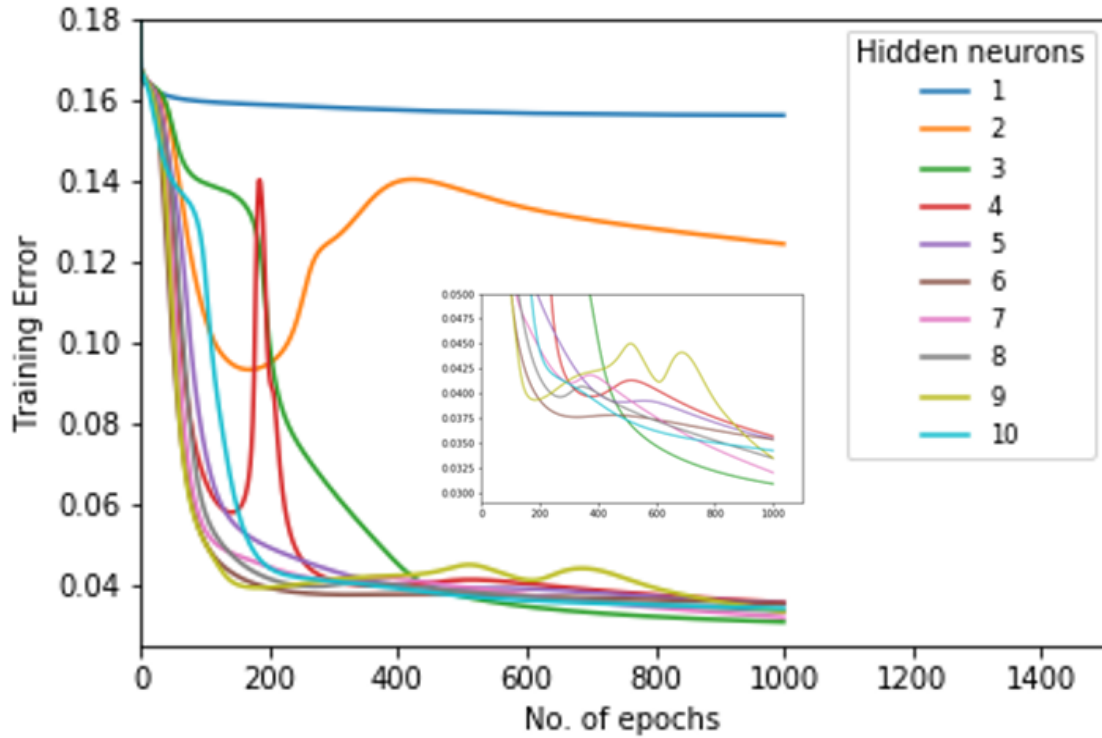


Figure 2.3: A plot between the average training error in each epoch versus the number of epochs, for different values of hidden neurons in a single layer ($\eta = 0.1$, $\lambda = 0.4$ and $\alpha = 0.6$).

It was observed that the artificial neural network system with three hidden neurons gave the lowest training error [2.3]. Hence a design architecture with a single layer having three hidden neurons was selected. The output weights and the hidden weights were initialized as random numbers between 0 and 1. This was done using the 'random()' function in C++. This was intuitively a better way of initializing the weights instead of making all the values to a constant number like zero.

2.1.2 Step 2: Feed-forward process

We first calculate the net input (v_i) from the input neurons using the following formula:

$$v_i^h = \sum_{j=0}^m w_{ij}^h x_j \quad (2.2)$$

Here m is the number of inputs, x_j corresponds to each of the inputs and w_{ij}^h correspond to the hidden weights. Then we apply the Sigmoid activation function on the net input to obtain the value of each hidden neuron. It is done as follows:

$$\phi(v) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\lambda v)} \quad (2.3)$$

Here λ is the regularization parameter which is introduced to reduce over-fitting. Similarly we continue with the same process for finding the value for the output neurons.

$$v_i = \sum_{j=0}^n w_{ij} h_j \quad (2.4)$$

$$\phi(v) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\lambda v)} \quad (2.5)$$

where, n is the total number of hidden neurons and h_j corresponds to each of the hidden neurons. We have now completed our feed-forward process.

2.1.3 Step 3: Calculating the error in the output

We first calculate the simple error in the output obtained from the feed-forward process as compared to the actual output:

$$\text{Error function} = \text{Actual output} - \text{Calculated output} \quad (2.6)$$

For each of the output variables we calculate the Root-mean-square error and then take the average of the total number of rows. We then take the mean of both the average error values obtained for each of the outputs, which gives our average training error for that particular epoch. All the graphs plotted in this report have used this average training error as the data.

2.1.4 Step 4: Back-propagation

We now proceed towards finding the local gradient associated with each output neuron:

$$\delta_k(t) = \lambda \cdot \phi(v_k(t)) \cdot [1 - \phi(v_k(t))] \cdot e_k(t) \quad (2.7)$$

Here $e_k(t)$ corresponds to the associated error function. The local gradients of the hidden neurons are also calculated in a similar fashion:

$$\delta_k^h(t) = \lambda \cdot \phi^h(v_k^h(t)) \cdot [1 - \phi^h(v_k^h(t))] \cdot \left[\sum_{k=1}^l \delta_k(t) \cdot w_{ki}(t) \right] \quad (2.8)$$

where l is the number of output neurons. The regularization parameter $[\lambda]$ could also be tuned. In order to find the optimum λ value, different ensembles were run by varying lambda from 0.1 to 0.9. All other parameters were kept constant [namely, $\eta=0.9$ and $\alpha=0.6$].

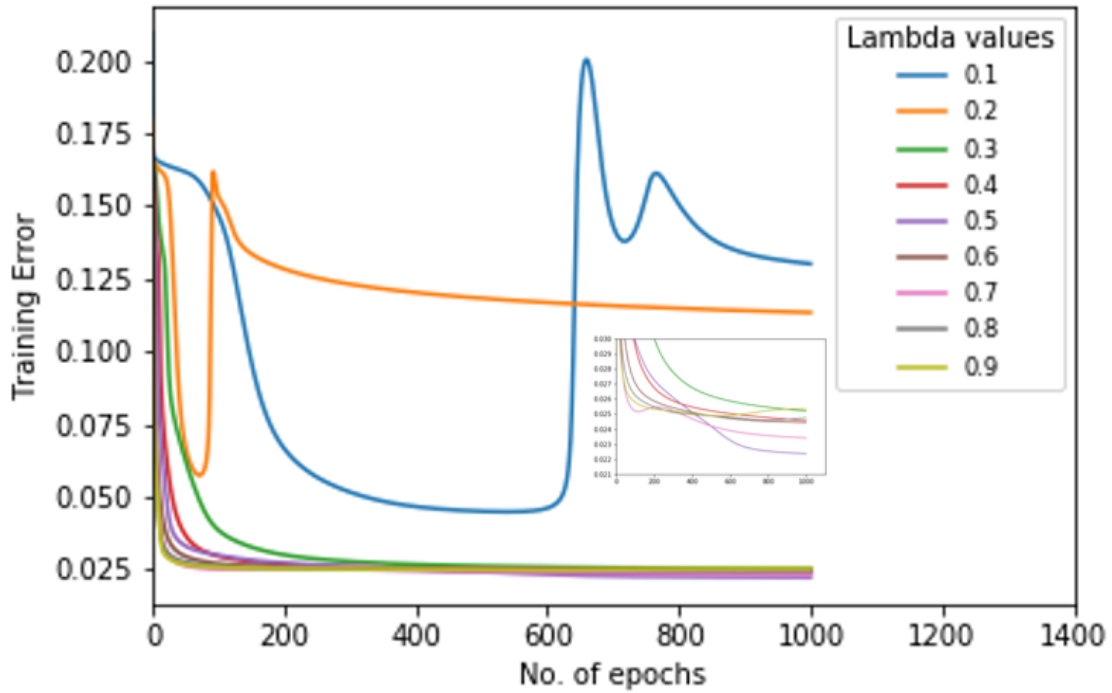


Figure 2.4: A plot between the average training error in each epoch versus the number of epochs, for different values of λ ($\eta = 0.9$, and $\alpha = 0.6$).

It was observed that the value of 0.5 gave the least training error. The next step was to calculate the delta weights:

$$\Delta w_{ki}(t) = -\eta \frac{\partial \varepsilon(t)}{\partial w_{ki}(t)} = \eta \delta_k(t) h_i(t) \quad (2.9)$$

$$\Delta w_{ki}^h(t) = -\eta \frac{\partial \varepsilon(t)}{\partial w_{ki}^h(t)} = \eta \delta_k^h(t) x_j(t) \quad (2.10)$$

To speed up the convergence, a momentum term (α) is added. This gives rise to the following equations:

$$\Delta w_{ki}(t) = \eta \delta_k(t) h_i(t) + \alpha \Delta w_{ki}(t-1) \quad (2.11)$$

$$\Delta w_{ki}^h(t) = \eta \delta_k^h(t) x_j(t) + \Delta w_{ki}^h(t-1) \quad (2.12)$$

The parameters η (learning rate) and α (momentum term) were tuned separately. At first, different ensembles were run by varying the value of eta from 0.1 to 0.9 and keeping all other parameters constant [$\lambda = 0.4$ and $\alpha = 0.6$].

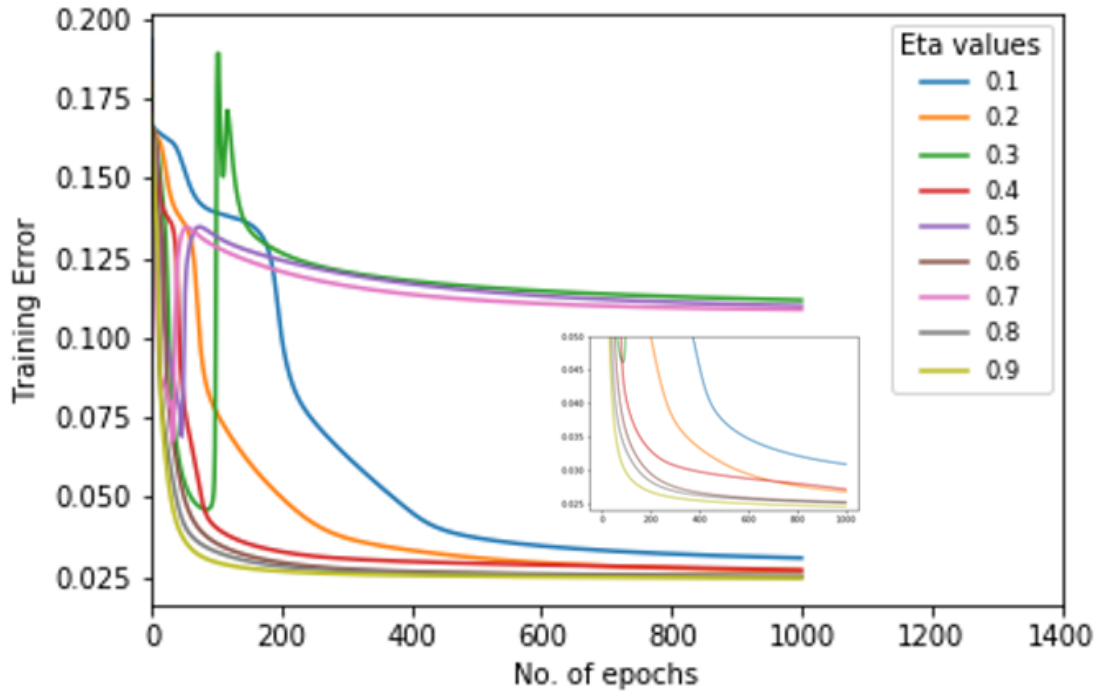


Figure 2.5: A plot between the average training error in each epoch versus the number of epochs, for different values of η ($\lambda = 0.4$ and $\alpha = 0.6$).

It was observed that a value of 0.9 for η gave the least training error. A similar procedure was applied for tuning the α values. The results observed were as displayed in the [2.6].

The value of α that gave the least training error was 0.6.

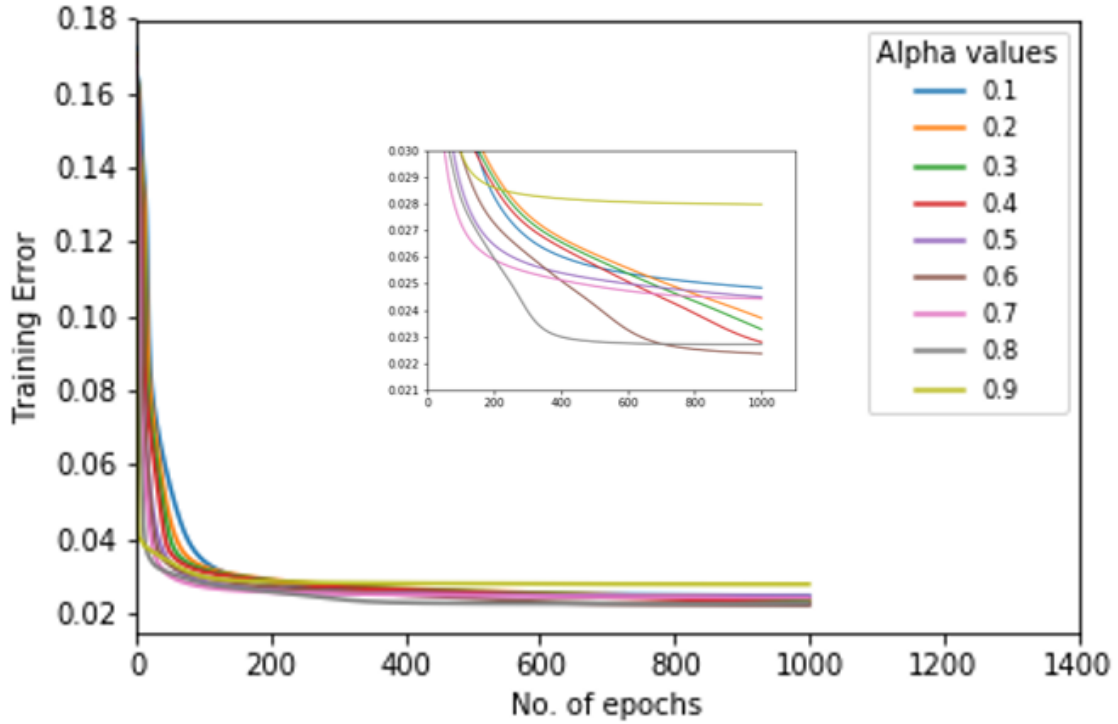


Figure 2.6: A plot between the average training error in each epoch versus the number of epochs, for different values of α ($\lambda = 0.4$ and $\eta = 0.5$).

2.1.5 Step 5: Weight Update

The next step was to update the weights in accordance to the delta weights and local gradients calculated earlier in this epoch. The weight update is done by adding the delta weights calculated in the previous steps to the current weights. This is done for both the output weights as well as the hidden weights.

2.1.6 Step 6: Repeat the process

The feed-forward and the back-propagation steps were carried out until a stopping criteria was reached. Ideally, the validation error would have increased at some point of time and would facilitate as the stopping criteria for the training process. But in this case, it was observed that the validation error did not have any steady increase in most of the cases. For a typical scenario with five hidden neurons (one layer), $\eta=0.8$, $\lambda = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.7$; the training errors and the validation errors formed a plot like [2.7]. As per this observation, 1000 epochs was seen as a good number for the total number of epochs in the training

process.

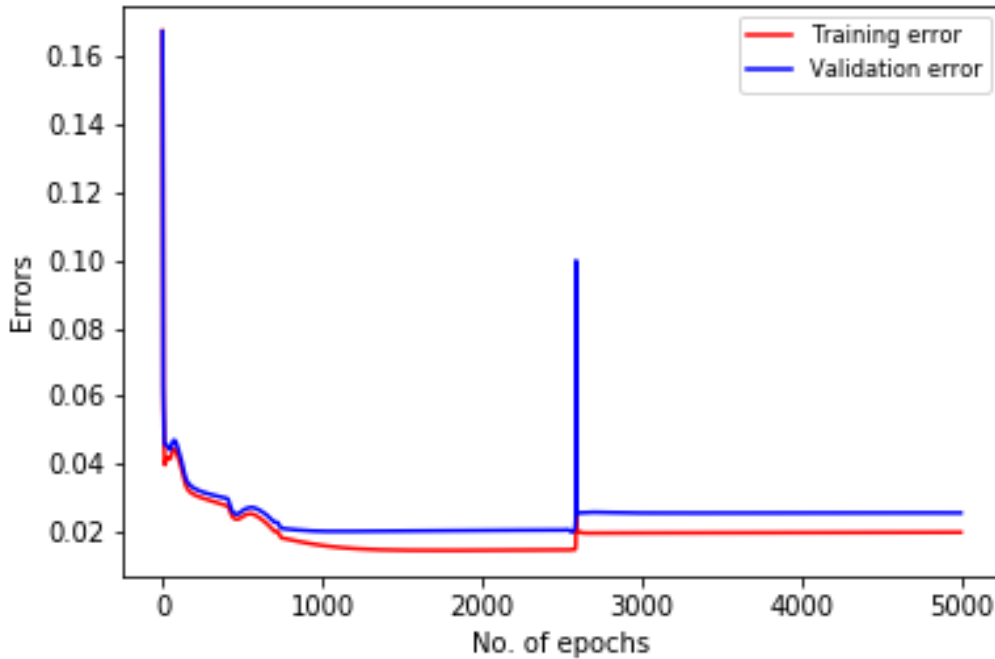


Figure 2.7: A plot between the average training error, validation error versus the number of epochs for the following values of the parameters: number of hidden neurons: 5 (one layer), $\eta=0.8$, $\lambda = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.7$.

2.2 Implementation on the robot

The task at hand was to implement a left-edge following behaviour on a robot using a feed-forward process with the weights obtained from the training process illustrated above. The robots used in the laboratory for this purpose are the ones shown in Figure 2.8 with eight sonar sensors which has also been illustrated in the diagram.

The sensors at -90° and -50° have been combined and used as the left sensor reading, whereas the sensors at -30° and -10° have been combined and used as the front sensor reading. The readings are first obtained from the robot in real-time and then normalised. The final weights from the training process are applied over these normalized inputs to obtain normalized output values. These values are then de-normalized to obtain the final left motor speed and the right motor speed. This process is carried out as long as the robot

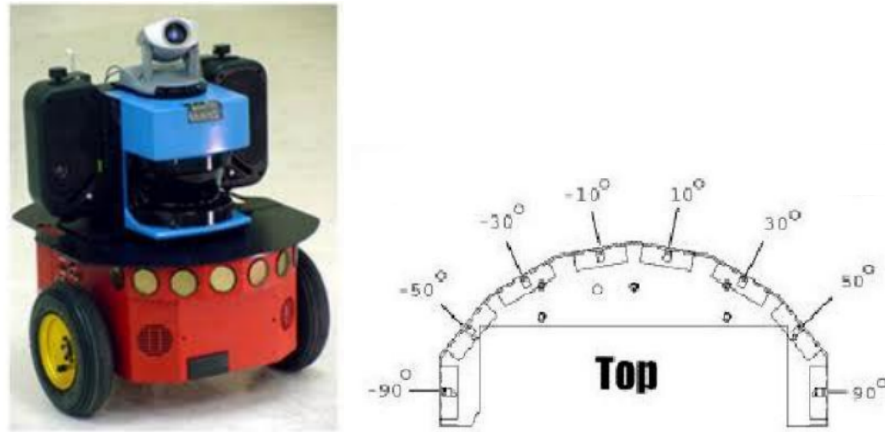


Figure 2.8: (a) Mobile robot - Pioneer which has been used for the experiments (b) The orientation of the sonar sensors in front of the robot

is turned on, and is ideally expected to follow a left edge following behaviour similar to the scenario when the data was collected.

3. DEEP LEARNING ARCHITECTURE

The task at hand was to work in groups of three and submit an entry into the Kaggle Deep Learning competition for the problem posed by Rossmann stores. Rossmann stores had been tasked with predicting their daily sales for up to six weeks in advance. Store sales are influenced by many factors, including promotions, competition, school and state holidays, seasonality, and locality. With the data provided on their Kaggle webpage [3], the task was to apply a suitable deep learning model to predict the sales.

The task was divided among three of us, and we worked separately on different data cleaning processes and my task in particular was to build a suitable deep learning model using tensor flow. The entire task can be broadly divided as data cleaning followed by building and testing the Deep Learning model.

3.1 Data Cleaning

The data is divided in to three files, namely 'train.csv' (which contains the historical data including Sales), 'test.csv' (which has historical data excluding Sales) and 'store.csv' (which contains supplemental information regarding the stores).

The raw data supplied in the training data have the following columns enlisted as features [[3]]:

- Id - an Id used to identify a (Store, Date) duple within the test set
- Store - a unique Id for each store
- Sales - the turnover for any particular day

- Customers - the number of customers on a particular day
- Open - an indicator for whether the store was open
- StateHoliday - indicates a state holiday
- SchoolHoliday - indicates if the (Store, Date) was affected by the closure of public schools
- StoreType - Different store models: a, b, c, d
- Assortment - describes an assortment level: a = basic, b = extra, c = extended
- CompetitionDistance - distance in meters to the nearest competitor store
- CompetitionOpenSince[Month/Year] - gives the approximate year and month of the time the nearest competitor was opened
- Promo - indicates whether a store is running a promo on that day
- Promo2 - Promo2 is a continuing and consecutive promotion for some stores
- Promo2Since[Year/Week] - describes the year and calendar week when the store started participating in Promo2
- PromoInterval - describes the consecutive intervals Promo2 is started, naming the months the promotion is started anew.

We had to predict the 'Sales' column for the testing data. The training and testing data were cleaned in different steps as demonstrated in the following sentences:

```
In [68]: store.isnull().sum()
Out[68]: Store                0
StoreType                0
Assortment                0
CompetitionDistance        3
CompetitionOpenSinceMonth  354
CompetitionOpenSinceYear  354
Promo2                    0
Promo2SinceWeek           544
Promo2SinceYear           544
PromoInterval             544
dtype: int64
```

Figure 3.1: Identifying the null values in the data

1) The null values in the training and testing data were identified and replaced with the mode value (i.e. the value that occurred the most) of the column [3.1].

2) As our deep learning neural network architecture takes only numeric values, we had to convert all the columns with type 'object' to numeric [[3.2], refer Appendix for the code].

```
In [76]: store.dtypes
Out[76]: Store                int64
StoreType                object
Assortment                object
CompetitionDistance      float64
CompetitionOpenSinceMonth float64
CompetitionOpenSinceYear float64
Promo2                   int64
Promo2SinceWeek          float64
Promo2SinceYear          float64
PromoInterval            object
dtype: object
```

Figure 3.2: Identifying the data types of all columns

3) The challenging part was the conversion of the 'Date' column without the loss of information. This was done by converting the 'year-month-day' format to numbers after removing the '-' symbol separating the year, month and the date [3.3].

```
In [86]: train['Date'] = train['Date'].map(lambda x: ''.join(x.split('-')))
train.head()
Out[86]:
```

	Store	DayOfWeek	Date	Sales	Customers	Open	Promo	StateHoliday	SchoolHoliday
0	1	5	20150731	5263	555	1	1	0	1
1	2	5	20150731	6064	625	1	1	0	1
2	3	5	20150731	8314	821	1	1	0	1
3	4	5	20150731	13995	1498	1	1	0	1
4	5	5	20150731	4822	559	1	1	0	1

Figure 3.3: Converting the dates to numeric values

3.2 Deep learning network structure

A deep neural network architecture was implemented using the TensorFlow and Keras package in Python. We used the Sequential model and functions like Dense and Activation for further implementation tasks. After reading from the cleaned data set, a network structure similar to Figure.3.4 was implemented [refer Appendix for code]. The number

of hidden layers and the number of hidden neurons in each layer was varied and tried upon with.

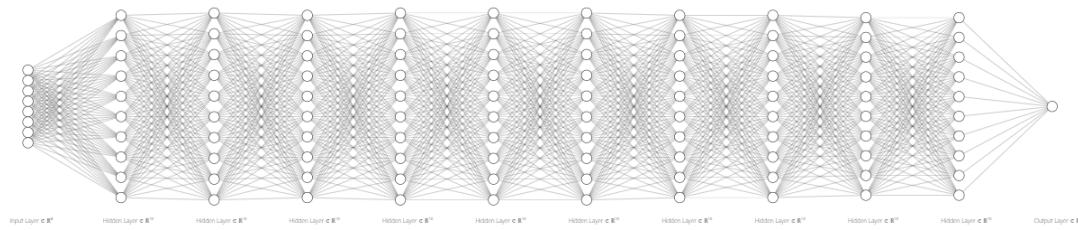


Figure 3.4: The basic structure of the Deep neural network implemented [2]

The activation function used in the final implementation was the ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) Activation function for all the hidden layers, and Linear activation function for the output layer.

The error metrics used is RMSprop because using the Root-mean-square error gives more weight to large errors (as each error is squared) and thus gives a better pathway in upcoming epochs to reduce that error and reach an optimum stage. The efficiency of the system in each epoch was monitored using the accuracy measure as well as the mean square error measure. This was the basic architecture used to approach the problem. A sample run of the deep learning neural network system is shown in Figure.3.5. The fitted model was then used to predict the 'Sales' column of the test data.

Training the model to fit the data

```
model.fit(x,y,epochs=250,batch_size=50)
```

```
WARNING:tensorflow:From c:\python37\lib\site-packages\keras\backend\tensorflow_backend.py:1033: The name tf.assign_add is deprecated. Please use tf.compat.v1.assign_add instead.
```

```
WARNING:tensorflow:From c:\python37\lib\site-packages\keras\backend\tensorflow_backend.py:1020: The name tf.assign is deprecated. Please use tf.compat.v1.assign instead.
```

```
Epoch 1/250
1017209/1017209 [=====] - 17s 17us/step - loss: 110584745.1261 - acc: 7.9335e-04 - mean_squared_error: 110584745.1261
Epoch 2/250
1017209/1017209 [=====] - 17s 17us/step - loss: 14823616.5325 - acc: 1.2190e-04 - mean_squared_error: 14823616.5325
Epoch 3/250
1017209/1017209 [=====] - 17s 16us/step - loss: 14823450.1465 - acc: 1.3763e-04 - mean_squared_error: 14823450.1465
```

Figure 3.5: A sample run for the deep learning neural network that was implemented.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.1 Neural Network Implementation

With reference to the tuning procedures described in the last section, the final parameters were set as follows:

- The total number of epochs for the training procedure = 1000
- Number of hidden neurons=3
- $\eta = 0.9$
- $\lambda = 0.5$
- $\alpha = 0.6$

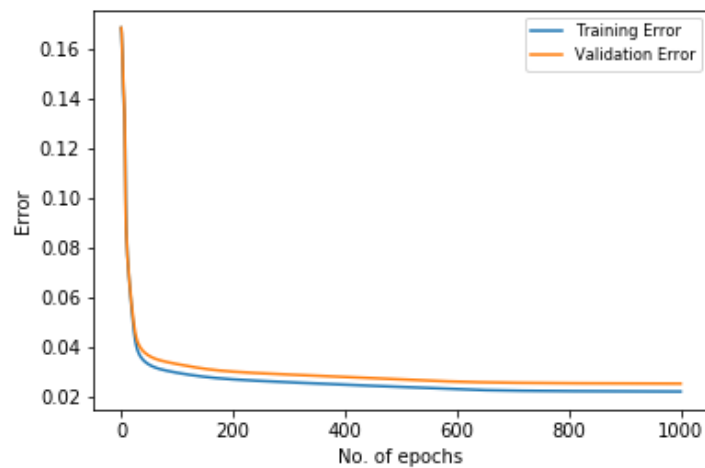


Figure 4.1: The training and validation errors with 3 hidden neurons (single layer), $\eta = 0.9$, $\lambda = 0.5$ and $\alpha = 0.6$

A typical run of the training process with these parameters gave an average testing error of 0.10622. The plot between the training error and the validation error versus the number of epochs is shown in Figure.4.1. It can be observed that the average validation error in each epoch is always higher than the average training error in that particular epoch. The errors started of from around 0.16 and reduced gradually before saturating at a value near 0.02. The final output weights and the hidden weights were stored to a csv file.

To implement this architecture on a robot in real-time, the final stored weights were read into the program and a feedforward process was implemented in real-time. The combination of sensors used as the input were finalised after trying out different sensors in a trial-and-error fashion. The robot did not show a smooth turn at the corners. It was closer to the wall than it is supposed to be while turning at the corners. This can be due to the fact that there is a certain amount of testing error associated with the model used, which in turn makes the robot keep a distance from the wall which in reality is much closer than it is meant to be. Snapshots for the robot motion as observed on the simulator are shown in Figure.4.3.

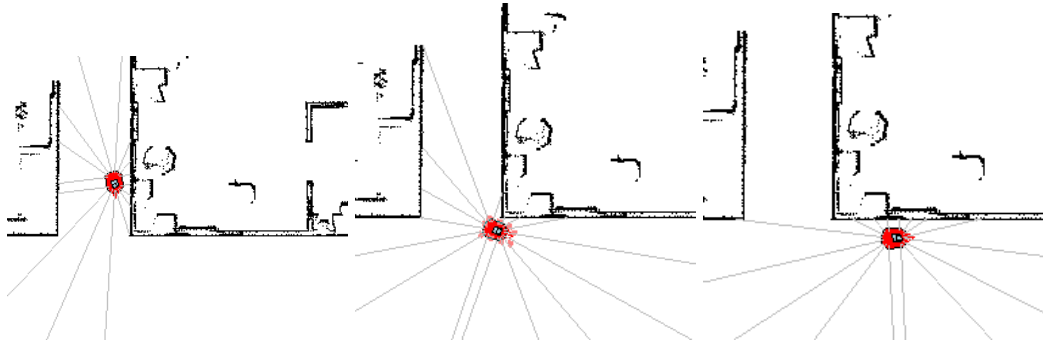


Figure 4.2: Screenshots from a trial run on the simulator for a left-edge following behaviour (from left to right)

The neural network model implemented in this experiment did not have the best of performances. This can be due to many reasons:

- The error metrics used during the training process may not be the optimum technique for this problem
- Having just a single hidden layer could have influenced the error obtained in the final implementation. Multiple hidden layers might have improved the performance.

4.2 Deep Learning Competition

We tried running the previously discussed architecture with different number of hidden neurons and different number of layers. But the obtained accuracy and the quality of predictions were very low. The final accuracy obtained in the final epoch was $1.3173e-04$. The mean square error after the final epoch was 14823410.1406.

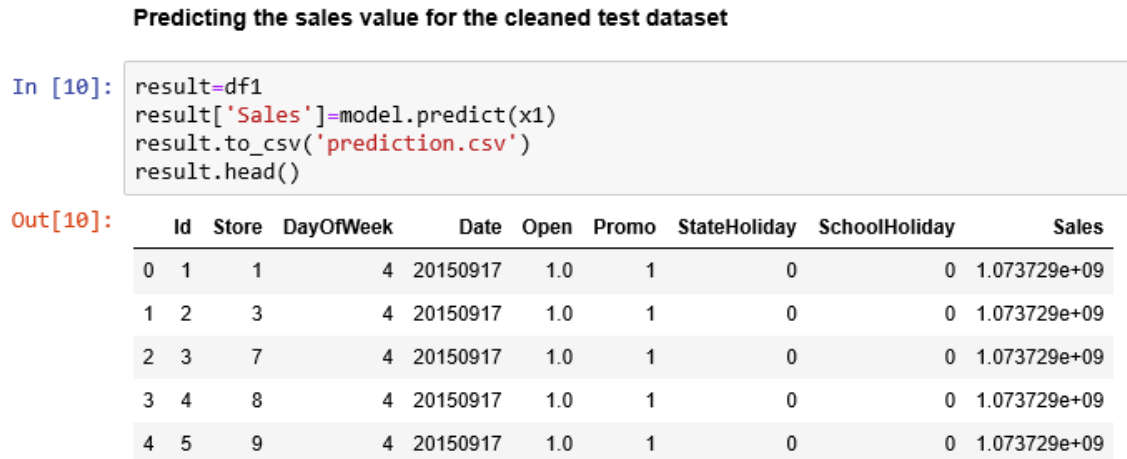


Figure 4.3: Sample output of the predictions obtained from the model

When submitted on Kaggle, it gave a Private score of 201193.79710 and a Public score of 191686.80088. This poor performance could be due to different reasons:

- The data processing method we used for dates was not very efficient. Instead of converting the dates to numeric by removing the '-' symbol, we should have split the date values as month, year and day. This would have resulted in a much better way to preserve the data without any loss of the properties of the data. In our method, we actually lacked the cyclic property present in dates. For example, the distance between December and January should be one. But as per our method, the distance value is much different than in reality.
- More efficient ways should have been used to convert columns with data type 'object' to a numeric data type.
- It can be observed that the data cleaning methodology that we select has a huge impact on the final results obtained.

- From the results we have obtained, we should be able to conclude that RMSProp might not have been the best error metric to use for this problem.

5. CONCLUSIONS

A feed-forward neural network with back-propagation was modelled and trained on a data collected from the sensor readings of a robot. This fitted model was then used to run the robot in real-time and get a left edge following behaviour. It was seen that the proper tuning of the parameters gave a very low training input. The robot seemed to work within the error limit that the network architecture obtained.

In the Deep Learning competition, a deep neural network architecture was implemented using TensorFlow and Keras. Even though the results obtained from the model was not up to the mark, this provided an insight into how deep neural network models work and how such models could be manipulated to obtain results in the desired error limit.

5.1 Future directions

The work carried out in this assignment can be taken forward by trying out the neural network training process with multiple layers and with multiple combinations for the number of hidden neurons in each layer. Adding a bias for the calculations can help achieve a better grasp on the final performance. Also, proper normalisation and de-normalisation procedures can be applied while implementing on the robot, which can take into consideration the real time errors generated by the robot. Better performance can also be generated by combining the reading of the laser sensors as well along with the current sonar sensor readings. With reference to the Deep Learning Project, more methods of cleaning and effectively processing the data can be investigated.

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Appendices

A. NEURAL NETWORK CODE

A.1 Training Process

```
1 #include <Aria.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <conio.h>
5 #include <ctime>    // For time()
6 #include <cstdlib>   // For srand() and rand()
7 #include <fstream>
8 #include <string>
9 #include <sstream>
10
11 using namespace std;
12
13 //Setting the parameters of the neural network
14 const int no_input = 2, no_output = 2, no_hneuron = 3, no_epochs =
    1000;
15 const double eta = 0.9, lambda = 0.3, alpha = 0.6;
16
17 class neuron
18 {
19 public:
20     double value; //to store the value of a neuron
21     double error; //to calculate the error for each predicted output
22     double wh[no_input], w[no_hneuron]; //the hidden weights and the
        output weights
23     double delta_wh[no_input], delta_w[no_hneuron]; //delta weights
24     double delta_wh_old[no_input], delta_w_old[no_hneuron]; //to save the
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    delta weights of previous time step
25 double lgrad_hid, lgrad_out; //local gradients
26 void initialize_weights(int layer) //function to initialize all the
    weights, delta weights, local gradients and errors
27 {
28     int i, j;
29     for (j = 0; j < no_input; j++)
30     {
31         if (layer == 2)
32             wh[j] = (double(rand()) / double(RAND_MAX)); //Random number
    between 0 and 1
33         else
34             wh[j] = 0;
35         delta_wh[j] = double(0);
36         delta_wh_old[j] = double(0);
37     }
38     for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
39     {
40         if (layer == 3)
41             w[j] = double(rand()) / double(RAND_MAX); //Random number
    between 0 and 1
42         else
43             w[j] = 0;
44         delta_w[j] = double(0);
45         delta_w_old[j] = double(0);
46     }
47     lgrad_hid = double(0);
48     lgrad_out = double(0);
49     error = double(0);
50 }
51 double activation(string func, double netinput) //function to return a
    value after applying the activation function
52 {
53     double activated;
54     if (func == "sigmoid")
55         activated = 1 / (1 + exp(-lambda*netinput));
56     else
57         activated = netinput;

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58     return activated;
59 }
60 };
61 vector<vector<double>> read_training_data(string filename) //function
    to read the training data from the csv file
62 {
63     vector<double> row;
64     vector<vector<double>> alldata;
65     ifstream file(filename);
66     string line, word;
67     getline(file, line); //reading each line as a string
68     while (getline(file, line))
69     {
70         row.clear();
71         stringstream ss(line); //for breaking each line into words
72         while (getline(ss, word, ','))
73         {
74             row.push_back(stod(word));
75         }
76         alldata.push_back(row);
77     }
78     return alldata;
79 }
80
81 void main()
82 {
83     vector<vector<double>> training; //to save all the training data
84     vector<vector<double>> input, output; //to save the input and output
        values in the training data
85     vector<vector<double>> validation; //to save all the validation data
86     vector<vector<double>> v_input, v_output; //to save the input and
        output values in the validation data
87     vector<vector<double>> test; //to save the training data
88     vector<vector<double>> test_input, test_output; //to save the input
        and output values on the testing data
89     int i, j, r, k;
90     double sum, train_error, val_error, test_error;
91     int epoch, total_rows, val_total_rows, test_total_rows;

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92     vector<vector<double>> wh_avg, w_avg; //Variables to store the
        average hidden and output weights in each epoch
93     srand(time(0)); //initializing a seed (with the system time) to
        generate a random number
94
95     epoch = 0;
96     ofstream errorfile_train("training_errors.csv"); //creating a file to
        save the training errors
97     ofstream errorfile_val("validation_errors.csv"); //creating a file to
        save the validation errors
98     ofstream errorfile_test("test_errors.csv"); //creating a file to save
        the testing errors
99     errorfile_train << "No. of Epochs,Training Error" << endl; //the
        first row with the column names
100    errorfile_val << "No. of Epochs,Validation Error" << endl; //the
        first row with the column names
101    errorfile_test << "Final Average Error" << endl; //the first row with
        the column names
102
103    ofstream h_weightfile("finalhiddenweights.csv");//file to save the
        final hidden weights
104    ofstream o_weightfile("finaloutputweights.csv");//file to save the
        final output weights
105    h_weightfile << "Hidden Neuron Number,Input neuron number,Weight
        Value" << endl;
106    o_weightfile << "Output Neuron Number,Hidden neuron number,Weight
        Value" << endl;
107
108    training = read_training_data("finaltrainingdata.csv"); //reading all
        the training data
109    for(i=0;i<training.size();i++) //a loop to save the inputs and
        outputs separately from the training data
110    {
111        input.push_back(vector<double>());
112        input[i].push_back(training[i][0]);
113        input[i].push_back(training[i][1]);
114        output.push_back(vector<double>());
115        output[i].push_back(training[i][2]);

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116     output[i].push_back(training[i][3]);
117 }
118 total_rows = training.size(); //determining the total number of rows
    in the training data
119
120 validation = read_training_data("finalvalidationdata.csv"); //reading
    all the validation data
121 for (i = 0;i<validation.size();i++) //a loop to save the inputs and
    outputs separately from the validation data
122 {
123     v_input.push_back(vector<double>());
124     v_input[i].push_back(validation[i][0]);
125     v_input[i].push_back(validation[i][1]);
126     v_output.push_back(vector<double>());
127     v_output[i].push_back(validation[i][2]);
128     v_output[i].push_back(validation[i][3]);
129 }
130 val_total_rows = validation.size(); //determining the total number of
    rows in the validation data
131
132 test = read_training_data("finaltestdata.csv"); //reading all the
    validation data
133 for (i = 0;i<test.size();i++) //a loop to save the inputs and outputs
    separately from the validation data
134 {
135     test_input.push_back(vector<double>());
136     test_input[i].push_back(test[i][0]);
137     test_input[i].push_back(test[i][1]);
138     test_output.push_back(vector<double>());
139     test_output[i].push_back(test[i][2]);
140     test_output[i].push_back(test[i][3]);
141 }
142 test_total_rows = test.size(); //determining the total number of rows
    in the validation data
143
144 vector<vector<neuron>> hidden; //hidden neurons
145 vector<vector<neuron>> predicted; //neurons for predicted outputs
146 vector<vector<neuron>> v_hidden; //hidden neurons for validation data

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147 vector<vector<neuron>> v_predicted; //predicted outputs for
    validation data
148 vector<vector<neuron>> test_hidden; //hidden neurons for validation
    data
149 vector<vector<neuron>> test_predicted; //predicted outputs for
    validation data
150
151 for (i = 0;i < total_rows;i++) //a loop to initialize each hidden
    neuron and predicted output neuron
152 {
153     hidden.push_back(vector<neuron>());
154     for (j = 0;j < no_hneuron;j++)
155     {
156         hidden[i].push_back(neuron());
157         hidden[i][j].initialize_weights(2);
158     }
159     predicted.push_back(vector<neuron>());
160     for (j = 0;j < no_output;j++)
161     {
162         predicted[i].push_back(neuron());
163         predicted[i][j].initialize_weights(3);
164     }
165 }
166 for (i = 0;i < val_total_rows;i++) //Initializing hidden and
    predicted output neuron for validation data
167 {
168     v_hidden.push_back(vector<neuron>());
169     for (j = 0;j < no_hneuron;j++)
170     {
171         v_hidden[i].push_back(neuron());
172         v_hidden[i][j].initialize_weights(2);
173     }
174     v_predicted.push_back(vector<neuron>());
175     for (j = 0;j < no_output;j++)
176     {
177         v_predicted[i].push_back(neuron());
178         v_predicted[i][j].initialize_weights(3);
179     }

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180     }
181     for (i = 0; i < test_total_rows; i++) //Initializing hidden and
        predicted output neuron for testing data
182     {
183         test_hidden.push_back(vector<neuron>());
184         for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
185         {
186             test_hidden[i].push_back(neuron());
187             test_hidden[i][j].initialize_weights(2);
188         }
189         test_predicted.push_back(vector<neuron>());
190         for (j = 0; j < no_output; j++)
191         {
192             test_predicted[i].push_back(neuron());
193             test_predicted[i][j].initialize_weights(3);
194         }
195     }
196
197     for (r = 0; r < total_rows; r++) //Initialize the vectors for the
        average weights
198     {
199         for (i = 0; i < no_hneuron; i++)
200         {
201             wh_avg.push_back(vector<double>());
202             for (j = 0; j < no_input; j++)
203                 wh_avg[i].push_back(0);
204         }
205         for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++)
206         {
207             w_avg.push_back(vector<double>());
208             for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
209                 w_avg[i].push_back(0);
210         }
211     }
212
213     while (epoch < no_epochs) //the main loop that loops over each epoch
214     {
215         for (r = 0; r < total_rows; r++) //Loops over each row in an epoch

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216 {
217     if(r!=0) //conditions to transfer the weight values from each row
to the next
218     {
219         for (k = 0;k < no_hneuron;k++)
220             for (i = 0;i < no_input;i++)
221                 hidden[r][k].wh[i] = hidden[r - 1][k].wh[i];
222         for (k = 0;k < no_output;k++)
223             for (i = 0;i < no_hneuron;i++)
224                 predicted[r][k].w[i] = predicted[r-1][k].w[i];
225     }
226     else if(r==0)
227     {
228         if(epoch!=0)
229         {
230             for (k = 0;k < no_hneuron;k++)
231                 for (i = 0;i < no_input;i++)
232                     hidden[r][k].wh[i] = hidden[total_rows-1][k].wh[i];
233             for (k = 0;k < no_output;k++)
234                 for (i = 0;i < no_hneuron;i++)
235                     predicted[r][k].w[i] = predicted[total_rows - 1][k].w[i];
236         }
237     }
238
239     for (k = 0;k < no_hneuron;k++) //a loop to find the value of each
hidden neuron
240     {
241         sum = 0;
242         for (i = 0;i < no_input;i++)
243         {
244             sum = sum + (hidden[r][k].wh[i] * input[r][i]); //net input
245         }
246         hidden[r][k].value = hidden[r][k].activation("sigmoid", sum);
//applying activation function
247     }
248     for (k = 0;k < no_output;k++) //a loop to find the value of each
predicted output
249     {

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250     sum = 0;
251     for (i = 0; i < no_hneuron; i++)
252     {
253         sum = sum + (predicted[r][k].w[i] * hidden[r][i].value); //
net input
254     }
255     predicted[r][k].value = predicted[r][k].activation("sigmoid",
sum); //applying activation function
256     }
257     for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++) //a loop to determine the errors in
output and their local gradient
258     {
259         predicted[r][i].error = output[r][i] - predicted[r][i].value;
260         predicted[r][i].lgrad_out = lambda * predicted[r][i].value * (1 -
predicted[r][i].value) * predicted[r][i].error;
261     }
262     sum = 0;
263     for (i = 0; i < no_hneuron; i++) //finding the local gradient of each
hidden neuron
264     {
265         for (j = 0; j < no_output; j++)
266         {
267             sum += predicted[r][j].lgrad_out * predicted[r][j].w[i];
268         }
269         hidden[r][i].lgrad_hid = lambda * hidden[r][i].value * (1 -
hidden[r][i].value) * sum;
270     }
271     for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++) //a loop to calculate the delta
weights for output neurons
272     {
273         for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
274         {
275             if (r != 0)
276             {
277                 predicted[r][i].delta_w_old[j] = predicted[r-1][i].delta_w[
j];
278                 predicted[r][i].delta_w[j] = (eta * predicted[r][i].lgrad_out
* hidden[r][j].value) + (alpha * predicted[r][i].delta_w_old[j]);

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```

279         }
280         if(r==0)
281         {
282             if(epoch!=0)
283             {
284                 predicted[r][i].delta_w_old[j] = predicted[total_rows-1][
285 i].delta_w[j];
286                 predicted[r][i].delta_w[j] = (eta*predicted[r][i].
287 lgrad_out * hidden[r][j].value) + (alpha*predicted[r][i].
288 delta_w_old[j]);
289             }
290         }
291         for (i = 0;i < no_hneuron;i++) //a loop to calculate the delta
292 weights for the hidden neurons
293         {
294             for (j = 0;j < no_input;j++)
295             {
296                 if (r != 0)
297                 {
298                     hidden[r][i].delta_wh_old[j] = hidden[r - 1][i].delta_wh[j
299 ];
300                     hidden[r][i].delta_wh[j] = (eta*hidden[r][i].lgrad_hid*
301 input[r][j]) + (alpha*hidden[r][i].delta_wh_old[j]);
302                 }
303             }
304             if (r == 0)
305             {
306                 if (epoch != 0)
307                 {
308                     hidden[r][i].delta_wh_old[j] = hidden[total_rows - 1][i].
309 delta_wh[j];
310                     hidden[r][i].delta_wh[j] = (eta*hidden[r][i].lgrad_hid*
311 input[r][j]) + (alpha*hidden[r][i].delta_wh_old[j]);
312                 }
313             }
314         }
315     }
316 }

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309     for (i = 0; i < no_hneuron; i++) //Updating the weights for the
hidden neurons
310         for (j = 0; j < no_input; j++)
311             {
312                 hidden[r][i].wh[j] = hidden[r][i].wh[j] + hidden[r][i].
delta_wh[j];
313             }
314     for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++) //Updating the weights of the
output neurons
315         for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
316             predicted[r][i].w[j] = predicted[r][i].w[j] + predicted[r][i
].delta_w[j];
317     }
318
319     train_error = 0;
320     for (r = 0; r < total_rows; r++) //Calculating the total average
training error
321     {
322         sum = 0;
323         for (i = 0; i < no_output ; i++)
324             {
325                 sum += (predicted[r][i].error) * (predicted[r][i].error);
326             }
327         sum = sum / double(no_output);
328         sum = sqrt(sum);
329         train_error += sum;
330     }
331     train_error = train_error / double(total_rows); //Average Training
error
332
333     //=====Storing the final epoch weights for the validation data
=====//
334     for (i = 0; i < no_hneuron; i++)
335         for (j = 0; j < no_input; j++)
336             wh_avg[i][j] = hidden[total_rows-1][i].wh[j];
337     for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++)
338         for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
339             w_avg[i][j] = predicted[total_rows-1][i].w[j];

```

```

340
341
342 //=====Validation Data =====//
343 for(r=0;r<val_total_rows;r++)
344 {
345     for (k = 0;k < no_hneuron;k++) //a loop to find the value of each
hidden neuron
346     {
347         sum = 0;
348         for (i = 0;i < no_input;i++)
349         {
350             sum = sum + (wh_avg[k][i] * v_input[r][i]); //net input
351         }
352         v_hidden[r][k].value = v_hidden[r][k].activation("sigmoid", sum
); //applying activation function
353     }
354     for (k = 0;k < no_output;k++) //a loop to find the value of each
predicted output
355     {
356         sum = 0;
357         for (i = 0;i < no_hneuron;i++)
358         {
359             sum = sum + (w_avg[k][i] * v_hidden[r][i].value); //net input
360         }
361         v_predicted[r][k].value = v_predicted[r][k].activation("sigmoid
", sum); //applying activation function
362     }
363     for (i = 0;i<no_output;i++) //a loop to determine the errors in
output
364     {
365         v_predicted[r][i].error = v_output[r][i] - v_predicted[r][i].
value;
366     }
367 }
368 val_error = 0;
369 for (r = 0;r < val_total_rows;r++) //Calculating the total average
epoch error
370 {

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```

371     sum = 0;
372     for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++)
373     {
374         sum += (v_predicted[r][i].error)*(v_predicted[r][i].error);
375     }
376     sum = sum / double(no_output);
377     sum = sqrt(sum);
378     val_error += sum;
379 }
380 val_error = val_error / double(val_total_rows); //Average
Validation error
381
382 epoch += 1; //incrementing the epoch number
383 cout << "Epoch Number: " << epoch << " , Training Error: " <<
train_error << " , Validation Error: " << val_error << endl; //
Displaying the epoch errors on the screen
384 errorfile_train << epoch << "," << train_error << endl; //Writing
the training errors to a csv file
385 errorfile_val << epoch << "," << val_error << endl; //Writing the
validation errors to a csv file
386 } //The training and validation session ends here
387
388
389 //=====Storing the final epoch weights for the testing data
=====//
390 for (i = 0; i < no_hneuron; i++)
391     for (j = 0; j < no_input; j++)
392     {
393         wh_avg[i][j] = hidden[total_rows - 1][i].wh[j];
394         h_weightfile << i << "," << j << "," << wh_avg[i][j] << endl;
395     }
396
397 for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++)
398     for (j = 0; j < no_hneuron; j++)
399     {
400         w_avg[i][j] = predicted[total_rows - 1][i].w[j];
401         o_weightfile << i << "," << j << "," << w_avg[i][j] << endl;
402     }

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```

403
404 //=====Testing Data =====//
405 for (r = 0;r<test_total_rows;r++)
406 {
407     for (k = 0;k < no_hneuron;k++) //a loop to find the value of each
408     hidden neuron
409     {
410         sum = 0;
411         for (i = 0;i < no_input;i++)
412         {
413             sum = sum + (wh_avg[k][i] * test_input[r][i]); //net input
414         }
415         test_hidden[r][k].value = test_hidden[r][k].activation("sigmoid",
416         sum); //applying activation function
417     }
418     for (k = 0;k < no_output;k++) //a loop to find the value of each
419     predicted output
420     {
421         sum = 0;
422         for (i = 0;i < no_hneuron;i++)
423         {
424             sum = sum + (w_avg[k][i] * test_hidden[r][i].value); //net
425             input
426         }
427         test_predicted[r][k].value = test_predicted[r][k].activation("
428         sigmoid", sum); //applying activation function
429     }
430     for (i = 0;i<no_output;i++) //a loop to determine the errors in
431     output
432     {
433         test_predicted[r][i].error = test_output[r][i] - test_predicted[r
434         ][i].value;
435     }
436 }
437 test_error = 0;
438 for (r = 0;r < test_total_rows;r++) //Calculating the total average
439     epoch error
440 {

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433     sum = 0;
434     for (i = 0; i < no_output; i++)
435     {
436         sum += (test_predicted[r][i].error)*(test_predicted[r][i].error);
437     }
438     sum = sum / double(no_output);
439     sum = sqrt(sum);
440     test_error += sum;
441 }
442 test_error = test_error / double(test_total_rows); //Average
    Validation error
443 cout << "Average Testing Error: " << test_error << endl;
444 errorfile_test << test_error << endl;
445 getch();
446 }

```

A.2 Implementation on Robot

```

1  #include <Aria.h>
2  #include <stdio.h>
3  #include <iostream>
4  #include<conio.h>
5  #include<fstream>
6  #include<string>
7  #include<sstream>
8
9  using namespace std;
10
11 int main(int argc, char **argv)
12 {
13     int i, j;
14     //=====Parameters for the neural network=====//
15     const int no_input = 2, no_output = 2, no_hneuron = 3;
16     const double eta = 0.9, lambda = 0.5, alpha = 0.6;
17     //=====//
18     double wh[no_hneuron][no_input], w[no_output][no_hneuron]; //hidden
        weights and output weights
19     vector<double> row; //to read each row from the file

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20 string line, word; //to reach the each line and word
21 double input[no_input], v[no_hneuron], h[no_hneuron], y[no_output];
    //input, output, hidden neurons and net input variables
22 double lms_speed, rms_speed; //final speeds
23
24 ifstream file_h("finalhiddenweights.csv"); //reading hidden weights
25 getline(file_h, line); //reading each line as a string
26 while (getline(file_h, line))
27 {
28     row.clear();
29     stringstream ss(line); //for breaking each line into words
30     while (getline(ss, word, ','))
31     {
32         row.push_back(stod(word));
33     }
34     i = row[0];
35     j = row[1];
36     wh[i][j] = row[2]; //saving the hidden weights
37 }
38
39 ifstream file_o("finaloutputweights.csv"); //reading output weights
40 getline(file_o, line); //reading each line as a string
41 while (getline(file_o, line))
42 {
43     row.clear();
44     stringstream ss(line); //for breaking each line into words
45     while (getline(ss, word, ','))
46     {
47         row.push_back(stod(word));
48     }
49     i = row[0];
50     j = row[1];
51     w[i][j] = row[2]; //saving output weights
52 }
53
54 //=====Initialization of robot=====//
55 Aria::init();
56 ArRobot robot;

```

```

57  ArArgumentParser argParser(&argc, argv);
58  argParser.loadDefaultArguments();
59  ArRobotConnector robotConnector(&argParser, &robot);
60  if (robotConnector.connectRobot())
61      cout << "Robot Connected!" << endl;
62  robot.runAsync(false);
63  robot.lock();
64  robot.enableMotors();
65  robot.unlock();
66  ArSensorReading *sonarSensor[8];
67  int sonarRange[8];
68  //=====//
69  while (true)
70  {
71      //getting sonar readings
72      for (i = 0; i < 8; i++) {
73          sonarSensor[i] = robot.getSonarReading(i);
74          sonarRange[i] = sonarSensor[i]->getRange();
75      }
76      //saving normalized inputs
77      input[0] = double(min(sonarRange[2], sonarRange[3]))/double(5000);
78      //left front sensor
79      input[1] = double(min(sonarRange[0], sonarRange[1]))/double(5000);
80      //left back sensor
81      //cout << "Inputs: " << input[0] << " " << input[1] << endl;
82
83      for(i=0;i<no_hneuron;i++)
84      {
85          v[i] = 0;
86          for(j=0;j<no_input;j++)
87          {
88              v[i] += (wh[i][j])*input[j]; //Calculating net input
89          }
90          h[i]= 1 / ( 1 + exp(-lambda*v[i])); //Applying activation function
91          //for the hidden neurons
92      }
93      for (i = 0; i<no_output; i++)
94      {

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92     v[i] = 0;
93     for (j = 0; j<no_hneuron; j++)
94     {
95         v[i] += (w[i][j])*h[j]; //Calculating net input value
96     }
97     y[i] = 1 / ( 1 + exp(-lambda*v[i])); //Applying activation
function for output neuron
98 }
99 //De-normalizing the outputs
100 lms_speed = (y[0])*250;
101 rms_speed = (y[1])*250;
102 robot.setVel2(lms_speed, rms_speed); //setting robot speeds as per
the output obtained
103
104 cout << " Output speeds: " << rms_speed << " " << lms_speed << endl
;
105
106 }
107
108 // Stopping the robot
109 robot.lock();
110 robot.stop();
111 robot.unlock();
112 // terminate all threads and exit
113 Aria::exit();
114 return 0;
115 }

```


B. DEEP LEARNING CODE

B.1 Data Cleaning

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 import numpy as np
3
4 # #### Reading from store.csv file
5 store=pd.read_csv('store.csv')
6 store.head()
7
8 # #### checking for null values
9 store.isnull().sum()
10
11 # #### Finding the mode values in the columns having null in them
12
13 store['CompetitionDistance'].mode()
14
15 store['CompetitionOpenSinceMonth'].mode()
16
17 store['CompetitionOpenSinceYear'].mode()
18
19 store['Promo2SinceWeek'].mode()
20
21 store['Promo2SinceYear'].mode()
22
23 # #### Replacing the null values with the mode values
24
25 cols2 = ["CompetitionDistance"]
26 for col in cols2:
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27     store[col].fillna(9, inplace=True)
28 cols3 = ["CompetitionOpenSinceMonth"]
29 for col in cols3:
30     store[col].fillna(9, inplace=True)
31 cols4 = ["CompetitionOpenSinceYear"]
32 for col in cols4:
33     store[col].fillna(2013, inplace=True)
34 cols5 = ["Promo2SinceWeek"]
35 for col in cols5:
36     store[col].fillna(14, inplace=True)
37 cols6 = ["Promo2SinceYear"]
38 for col in cols6:
39     store[col].fillna(2011, inplace=True)
40 cols7 = ["PromoInterval"]
41 for col in cols7:
42     store[col].fillna("null", inplace=True)
43 store.isnull().sum()
44
45 store.dtypes
46
47 # ##### Changing all datatypes of columns to either int or float
48
49 store['StoreType'] = pd.to_numeric(store['StoreType'],errors='coerce').
    fillna(0).astype(np.int64)
50 store['Assortment'] = pd.to_numeric(store['Assortment'],errors='coerce'
    ).fillna(0).astype(np.int64)
51 del store['PromoInterval']
52 store.head()
53
54 store.to_csv("cleaned_store.csv")
55
56 # ##### Reading the trainn.csv file for cleaning
57
58 train=pd.read_csv('train.csv')
59 train.head()
60
61 # ##### Finding the columns with the null values
62

```

```

63 train.isnull().sum()
64
65 train.dtypes
66
67 train=train.fillna(0)
68
69 # #### Processing the date values with the '-'
70
71 train['Date'] = train['Date'].map(lambda x: ''.join(x.split('-')))
72 train.head()
73
74 # #### Changing columns with type object to numeric
75
76 train['Date'] = pd.to_numeric(train['Date'],errors='coerce')
77 train['StateHoliday'] = pd.to_numeric(train['StateHoliday'],errors='
    coerce').fillna(0).astype(np.int64)
78 train.dtypes
79
80 train.isnull().sum()
81 train.to_csv("cleaned-train.csv")
82
83 df=pd.merge(store, train, on="Store")
84 df.head()
85
86 cols=df.columns.tolist()
87 temp=cols[11]
88 cols[11]=cols[16]
89 cols[16]=temp
90 cols
91 df=df[cols]
92 df.head()
93
94 df.to_csv("merged_training.csv")
95
96 # #### Cleaning the test data
97
98 test=pd.read_csv('test.csv')
99 test.head()

```

```

100
101 test['Date'] = test['Date'].map(lambda x: ''.join(x.split('-')))
102 test['Date'] = pd.to_numeric(test['Date'], errors='coerce')
103 test['StateHoliday'] = pd.to_numeric(test['StateHoliday'], errors='
    coerce').fillna(0).astype(np.int64)
104 test.head()
105
106 test.dtypes
107
108 test.to_csv('cleaned_test.csv')

```

B.2 Deep learning architecture

```

1
2 # ### Trying to implement a neural network model with tensorflow
3 import tensorflow as tf
4 import keras
5 from keras.models import Sequential
6 from keras.layers import Dense, Activation
7 import pandas as pd
8
9 # ##### Reading data from the cleaned dataset for train
10 # ##### And identifying the columns which will be treated as inputs and
    outputs
11
12 df=pd.read_csv("cleaned-train.csv")
13 x=df.iloc[:,0:8]
14 y=df.iloc[:,8:]
15
16 model=Sequential() #Initializing the model
17 model.add(Dense(100,input_shape=(8,))) #Adding a hidden layer with 100
    neurons taking 8 inputs
18 model.add(Activation("relu")) #Applying the rectifier activation
    function
19 model.add(Dense(100))
20 model.add(Activation("relu"))
21 model.add(Dense(100))
22 model.add(Activation("relu"))

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```
23 model.add(Dense(100))
24 model.add(Activation("relu"))
25 model.add(Dense(100))
26 model.add(Activation("relu"))
27 model.add(Dense(100))
28 model.add(Activation("relu"))
29 model.add(Dense(100)) #Adding another hidden layer with 100 neurons
30 model.add(Activation("relu"))
31 model.add(Dense(50))
32 model.add(Activation("relu"))
33 model.add(Dense(100))
34 model.add(Activation("relu"))
35 model.add(Dense(50))
36 model.add(Activation("relu"))
37 model.add(Dense(1))
38 model.add(Activation("linear"))
39
40
41 # ##### Defining the optimization parameters and the metrics to display
42
43 model.compile(optimizer='rmsprop', loss='mse', metrics=['accuracy', 'mse'
44               ])
45
46
47 # ##### Training the model to fit the data
48
49 model.fit(x, y, epochs=250, batch_size=50)
50
51
52 df1=pd.read_csv("cleaned_test.csv")
53
54 x1=df1.iloc[:,0:8]
55
56 # ##### Predicting the sales value for the cleaned test dataset
57
58 result=df1
59 result['Sales']=model.predict(x1)
60 result.to_csv('prediction.csv')
61 result.head()
```