

Practical Class 6

Neural Networks and Deep Learning, 2020

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1. Consider the following neural network. The circled nodes denote variables (*e.g.*, x_1 is an input variable, \hat{y} is the output variable), and rectangular nodes denote functions (*e.g.*, \oplus takes the sum of its inputs, and σ denotes the logistic function $\sigma(x) = 1/(1 + \exp(-x))$).
In the network below, let:

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 \\ z_2 &= w_3 x_3 + w_4 x_4 \\ h_1 &= \sigma(z_1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w_1 x_1 - w_2 x_2)} \\ h_2 &= \sigma(z_2) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w_3 x_3 - w_4 x_4)} \\ z_3 &= w_5 h_1 + w_6 h_2 \\ \hat{y} &= \sigma(z_3) \end{aligned}$$

We would like to train the NN using the L2 loss:

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = \|y - \hat{y}\|^2 .$$

Suppose the weights are initialised as:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= -1.7 \\ w_2 &= 0.1 \\ w_3 &= -0.6 \\ w_4 &= -1.8 \\ w_5 &= -0.2 \\ w_6 &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

And we are given a data point:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= -0.7 \\ x_2 &= 1.2 \\ x_3 &= 1.1 \\ x_4 &= -2.0, \end{aligned}$$

With the true label $y = 0.5$.

Use the backpropagation algorithm to compute the partial derivative $\partial L / \partial w_1$.

