

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:

$$z_1 = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2$$

$$z_2 = w_3x_3 + w_4x_4$$

$$h_1 = \sigma(z_1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w_1x_1 - w_2x_2)}$$

$$h_2 = \sigma(z_2) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-w_3x_3 - w_4x_4)}$$

$$z_3 = w_5h_1 + w_6h_2$$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(z_3)$$

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:

$$w_1 = -1.7$$

$$w_2 = 0.1$$

$$w_3 = -0.6$$

$$w_4 = -1.8$$

$$w_5 = -0.2$$

$$w_6 = 0.5$$

And we are given a data point:

$$x_1 = -0.7$$

$$x_2 = 1.2$$

$$x_3 = 1.1$$

$$x_4 = -2.0,$$

With the true label $y = 0.5$.

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

