APA-L6-python

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1 APA Laboratori 6 - MLP and the RBF

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In [1]: # Uncomment to upgrade packages
        # !pip install pandas --upgrade
        # !pip install numpy --upgrade
        # !pip install scipy --upgrade
        # !pip install statsmodels --upgrade
        # !pip install scikit-learn --upgrade
       %load_ext autoreload
In [2]: #%matplotlib notebook
        import numpy as np
        import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
        import seaborn as sn
        import pandas as pd
        from IPython.core.interactiveshell import InteractiveShell
        pd.set_option('precision', 3)
        InteractiveShell.ast_node_interactivity = "all"
In [3]: # Extra imports
        from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix,\
                        classification_report, accuracy_score
        from pandas import read_csv
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
        from statsmodels.genmod.generalized_linear_model import GLM
        from statsmodels.genmod.families.family import Binomial
        from statsmodels.tools.tools import add_constant
        from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
        from sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier
        from graphviz import Digraph
        from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
        from numpy.random import normal
        from scipy.special import expit as logistic
        from numpy.random import uniform
        from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
        from sklearn.linear_model import RidgeCV, Ridge
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In [4]: def confusion(true, pred, classes):
            Function for pretty printing confusion matrices
            cm =pd.DataFrame(confusion_matrix(true, pred), index=classes,
                          columns=classes)
            cm.index.name = 'Actual'
            cm.columns.name = 'Predicted'
            return cm
        def graphMLP(vars,layers,intercepts):
            Function for plotting the weights of a mlp
            f = Digraph('')
            f.attr(rankdir='LR')
            for i,l in enumerate(layers):
                if i==0:
                     for j in range(l.shape[1]):
                         for k, v in enumerate(vars):
                             f.edge(v, 'L\%dN\%d'\%(i,j), label=str(l[k,j]))
                     f.node('ILI', shape='doublecircle')
                     for k in range(intercepts[i].shape[0]):
                         f.edge('ILI',
                                 L%dN%d'%(i,k),
                                label=str(intercepts[i][k]))
                else:
                     for j in range(l.shape[1]):
                         for k in range(layers[i-1].shape[1]):
                             f.edge('L%dN%d'%(i-1,k),
                                     'L%dN%d'%(i,j),
                                     label=str(l[k,j]))
                     f.node('L%dI'%(i-1), shape='doublecircle')
                     for k in range(intercepts[i].shape[0]):
                         f.edge('L\%dI'\%(i-1),
                                 L%dN%d'%(i,k),
                                label=str(intercepts[i][k]))
            return f
In [5]: np.random.seed(4567)
   Suppose we are interested in how variables, such as
   GRE (Graduate Record Exam scores)
   GPA (Grade Point Average) and
   rank (prestige of the undergraduate institution)
   affect admission into a graduate school.
   The target variable, admit/don't admit, is a binary variable, which we want to characterize
and, if possible, to predict (a model)
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In [6]: Admis = read_csv("Admissions.csv", delimiter=',')
  view the first few rows of the data
In [7]: Admis.head()
Out[7]:
           admit gre
                        gpa rank
       0
               0 380 3.61
       1
               1 660 3.67
                                3
        2
               1 800 4.00
        3
               1 640 3.19
        4
               0 520 2.93
                                4
```

We will treat all the variables gre and gpa as continuous.

The variable rank takes on the values 1 through 4, so we can fairly treat it as numerical (although, in rigour, it is ordinal)

Out[8]:		admit	gre	gpa	rank
	count	400.000	400.000	400.000	400.000
	mean	0.318	587.700	3.390	2.485
	std	0.466	115.517	0.381	0.944
	min	0.000	220.000	2.260	1.000
	25%	0.000	520.000	3.130	2.000
	50%	0.000	580.000	3.395	2.000
	75%	1.000	660.000	3.670	3.000
	max	1.000	800.000	4.000	4.000

We first split the available data into learning and test sets, selecting randomly 2/3 and 1/3 of the data We do this for a honest estimation of prediction performance

Model:			GLM	Df R	esiduals:		264
Model Family:		Bin	omial	Df Me	odel:		3
Link Function	:		logit	Scal	e:		1.0000
Method:			IRLS	Log-	Likelihood:		-151.65
Date:	Th	u, 06 Sep	2018	Devi	ance:		303.30
Time:		14:	52:50	Pear	son chi2:		265.
No. Iterations	3:		4	Cova	riance Type:		nonrobust
==========	coef	====== std err	=====	====== 7.	 P> z	 [0.025	0.9751
		500 EII			1 > Z		0.975]
const	-3.3285	1.441	-	-2.309	0.021	-6.153	-0.503
gre	0.0025	0.001		1.842	0.066	-0.000	0.005
gpa	0.7622	0.420		1.815	0.069	-0.061	1.585
rank	-0.6534	0.157	-	-4.168	0.000	-0.961	-0.346
			=====				=======

AIC= 311.2952954945122

As we can see gre has a very low weight, so we can test if eliminating that variable we can obtain an equivalent model

```
In [11]: model = GLM(y_train, add_constant(X_train.loc[:,'gpa':]), family=Binomial())
    result = model.fit()
    result.summary()
    print('AIC=', result.aic)
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Out[11]: <class 'statsmodels.iolib.summary.Summary'>

Generalized Linear Model Regression Results

Dep. Variabl	e:		admit	No. O	bservations:		268
Model:			GLM		siduals:		265
Model Family	:		Binomial	Df Mo	del:		2
Link Functio			logit	Scale	:		1.0000
Method:			IRLS	Log-L	ikelihood:		-153.38
Date:	Th	u, 06	Sep 2018	Devia	nce:		306.75
Time:			14:52:50	Pears	on chi2:		271.
No. Iteratio	ns:		4	Covar	iance Type:		nonrobust
=======	coef	std	====== err	z	P> z	[0.025	0.975]
const	-2.8166	1.	400	-2.012	0.044	-5.560	-0.073
gpa	1.0625	0.	389	2.735	0.006	0.301	1.824
rank	-0.6703	0.	156	-4.308	0.000	-0.975	-0.365

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In [12]: result.params

The new model has one variable less and the error (residual deviance) is virtually the same (311.2 vs 312.7)

Interpretation of the coefficients

we get a prediction error of ~30%

Now we switch to non-linear modelling with a MLP

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Out[12]: const
                 -2.817
                 1.062
         gpa
         rank
                 -0.670
         dtype: float64
   Calculation of apparent error in the training
In [13]: P=0.5
         pred = result.predict(add_constant(X_train.loc[:,'gpa':]))
         lab_tr = [1 if i>=P else 0 for i in pred]
         confusion(y_train,lab_tr, ['noadmit','admit'])
         (1-accuracy_score(y_train,lab_tr))*100
Out[13]: Predicted noadmit admit
         Actual
                        168
         noadmit
                                 13
                         60
                                 27
         admit
Out[13]: 27.23880597014925
   we get a learning error which is quite high (~27%)
   Estimation of prediction error using the test set
In [14]: pred = result.predict(add_constant(X_test.loc[:,'gpa':]))
         lab_tr = [1 if i>=P else 0 for i in pred]
         confusion(y_test,lab_tr, ['noadmit','admit'])
         (1-accuracy_score(y_test,lab_tr))*100
Out[14]: Predicted noadmit admit
         Actual
         noadmit
                         85
         admit
Out[14]: 30.303030303030297
```

In contrast to the nnet package from the R version, the MLP implementation from scikit learn is fully capable and has more features but we will restrict the model to only one hidden later

The basic parameters are 'hidden_layer_sizes' and 'alpha' (the regularization constant, lambda)

It buils a MLP with one output neuron (just two classes), with the logistic function and uses the cross-entropy as error function

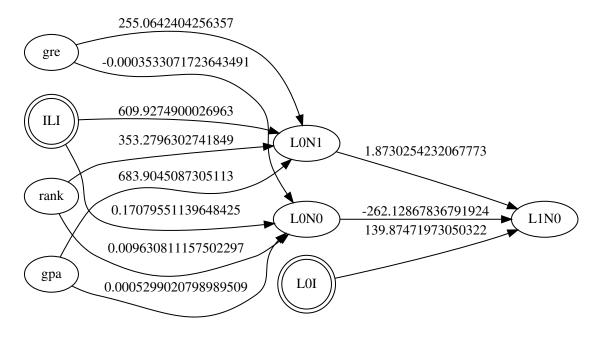
Let's start by standardizing of inputs, this is important to avoid network 'stagnation' (premature convergence)

```
In [15]: Admis.loc[:,'gre':] = StandardScaler().fit_transform(Admis.loc[:,'gre':])
        Admis.head()
        X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test =\
              train_test_split(Admis.loc[:,'gre':], Admis.admit, test_size=0.33)
Out[15]:
           admit
                    gre
                           gpa
                                 rank
        0
               0 -1.800 0.579 0.546
        1
               1 0.627 0.737 0.546
               1 1.840 1.605 -1.574
        3
               1 0.453 -0.526 1.606
               0 -0.587 -1.210 1.606
```

To illustrate the first results, we just fit a MLP with 2 hidden neurons

This is the final value of the error function (also known as fitting criterion)

Out[19]:

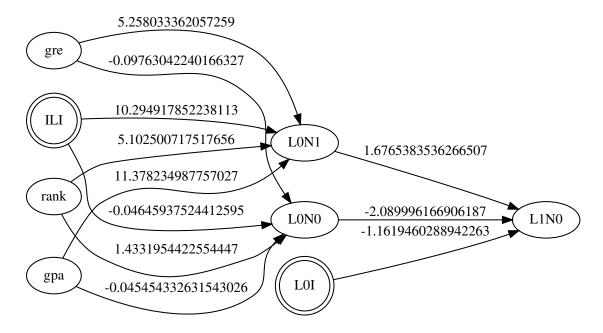


i1,i2,i3 are the 3 inputs, h1, h2 are the two hidden neurons, b is the bias (offset)

As you can see, some weights are large (two orders of magnitude larger then others) This is no good, since it makes the model unstable (i.e., small changes in some inputs may entail significant changes in the network, because of the large weights)

One way to avoid this is by regularizing the learning process:

Out [22]:



Now let's compute the training error

Out [23]: 30.22388059701493

And the corresponding test error

Out [24]: 24.2424242424242

We get 24.24%, so it seems that the MLP helps a little bit; however, we need to work harder We are going to do the modelling in a principled way now. Using 10x10~CV to select the best combination of 'size' and 'decay'

Just by curiosity, let me show you that we can fit any dataset (in the sense of reducing the training error):

```
In [26]: pred = model_nnet.predict(X_train)
         confusion(y_train,pred, ['noadmit','admit'])
         (1-accuracy_score(y_train,pred))*100
Out[26]: Predicted noadmit admit
        Actual
        noadmit
                       180
                                 3
        admit
                                81
Out[26]: 2.6119402985074647
  And the corresponding test error
In [27]: pred = model_nnet.predict(X_test)
         confusion(y_test,pred, ['noadmit','admit'])
         (1-accuracy_score(y_test,pred))*100
Out[27]: Predicted noadmit admit
        Actual
        noadmit
                        60
                                30
        admit
                        28
                                14
Out[27]: 43.939393939393945
```

that's it: we got a training error around 2%, but it is illusory ... the test error is larger than before (around 40%); The relevant comparison is between 2% and 40%, this large gap is an indication of overfitting

Scikit learn has specific functions for parameter search so we can tune the parameters of a model.

We are going to use a grid search that will use a cross validation strategy to evaluate the results for each combination of parameters. At the end the best model will be returned

In order to find the best network architecture, we are going to explore two methods:

- 1. Explore different numbers of hidden units in one hidden layer, with no regularization
- 2. Fix a large number of hidden units in one hidden layer, and explore different regularization values (recommended)

doing both (explore different numbers of hidden units AND regularization values) is usually a waste of computing resources (but notice that it would admit it)

Let's start with 1.

set desired sizes

```
In [29]: model_nnet = MLPClassifier(alpha=0,
                                      activation='logistic',
                                      max_iter=500,
                                      solver='lbfgs')
         trc = GridSearchCV(estimator=model_nnet,
                             param_grid ={'hidden_layer_sizes':sizes},
                             return_train_score=True)
         model_10CV = trc.fit(X_train,y_train)
         model_10CV.best_score_
Out [29]: 0.6716417910447762
In [30]: pd.DataFrame(model_10CV.cv_results_).\
                  loc[:,['param_hidden_layer_sizes','mean_test_score',
                         'std_test_score','rank_test_score' ]]
           param_hidden_layer_sizes mean_test_score std_test_score rank_test_score
Out[30]:
         0
                                    2
                                                 0.657
                                                                  0.049
                                                                                         2
         1
                                    4
                                                                  0.081
                                                                                         6
                                                 0.623
         2
                                    6
                                                 0.631
                                                                  0.064
                                                                                         4
         3
                                    8
                                                 0.672
                                                                  0.057
                                                                                         1
         4
                                   10
                                                  0.631
                                                                  0.072
                                                                                         4
         5
                                   12
                                                 0.646
                                                                  0.115
                                                                                         3
         6
                                   14
                                                 0.593
                                                                  0.087
                                                                                         8
         7
                                                                                        10
                                   16
                                                 0.552
                                                                  0.086
         8
                                   18
                                                 0.604
                                                                  0.070
                                                                                         7
         9
                                                                                         9
                                   20
                                                 0.582
                                                                  0.066
   and the best model found
In [31]: model_10CV.best_params_
Out[31]: {'hidden_layer_sizes': 8}
   The results are quite disappointing ...
   Now method 2.
In [32]: decays = [10**i \text{ for } i \text{ in np.arange}(-3,0,0.1)]
         decays
Out[32]: [0.001,
          0.0012589254117941675,
          0.001584893192461114,
          0.0019952623149688807,
          0.002511886431509582,
          0.0031622776601683824,
          0.003981071705534978,
          0.00501187233627273,
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0.010000000000000021,
          0.012589254117941701,
          0.015848931924611172,
          0.01995262314968885,
          0.025118864315095874,
          0.03162277660168389,
          0.03981071705534985,
          0.0501187233627274,
          0.06309573444801955,
          0.07943282347242846,
          0.10000000000000041,
          0.12589254117941726,
          0.15848931924611206,
          0.1995262314968889,
          0.25118864315095923,
          0.31622776601683955,
          0.39810717055349937,
          0.501187233627275,
          0.6309573444801969,
          0.7943282347242863]
   WARNING: this takes a few minutes
In [33]: model_nnet = MLPClassifier(alpha=0,
                                     activation='logistic',
                                     hidden_layer_sizes=20,
                                     max_iter=500,
                                     solver='lbfgs')
         trc = GridSearchCV(estimator=model_nnet,
                            param_grid ={'alpha':decays},
                            cv=10,
                            return_train_score=True)
         model_10CV = trc.fit(X_train,y_train)
         model_10CV.best_score_
Out[33]: 0.6791044776119403
In [34]: pd.DataFrame(model_10CV.cv_results_).\
                 loc[:,['param_alpha','mean_test_score', 'std_test_score','rank_test_score']]
Out [34]:
            param_alpha mean_test_score std_test_score rank_test_score
         0
                  0.001
                                    0.582
                                                    0.093
                                                                         23
         1
                0.00126
                                    0.608
                                                    0.037
                                                                         13
         2
                0.00158
                                    0.597
                                                    0.055
                                                                         19
         3
                  0.002
                                    0.582
                                                    0.095
                                                                         23
         4
                0.00251
                                    0.593
                                                    0.071
                                                                         21
         5
                0.00316
                                    0.575
                                                    0.092
                                                                         27
```

0.006309573444801942, 0.00794328234724283,

6	0.00398	0.556	0.064	29
7	0.00501	0.582	0.068	23
8	0.00631	0.608	0.085	13
9	0.00794	0.601	0.108	17
10	0.01	0.578	0.084	26
11	0.0126	0.590	0.091	22
12	0.0158	0.545	0.059	30
13	0.02	0.601	0.099	17
14	0.0251	0.597	0.097	19
15	0.0316	0.608	0.084	13
16	0.0398	0.575	0.106	27
17	0.0501	0.608	0.093	13
18	0.0631	0.646	0.086	11
19	0.0794	0.675	0.068	2
20	0.1	0.664	0.090	7
21	0.126	0.638	0.090	12
22	0.158	0.660	0.087	8
23	0.2	0.675	0.054	2
24	0.251	0.675	0.055	2
25	0.316	0.679	0.056	1
26	0.398	0.660	0.039	8
27	0.501	0.675	0.047	2
28	0.631	0.668	0.039	6
29	0.794	0.660	0.041	8

In [35]: model_10CV.best_params_

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Out[35]: {'alpha': 0.31622776601683955}
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The results are a bit better; we should choose the model with the lowest 10x10CV error overall, in this case it corresponds to 20 hidden neurons, with a decay of 0.3162278

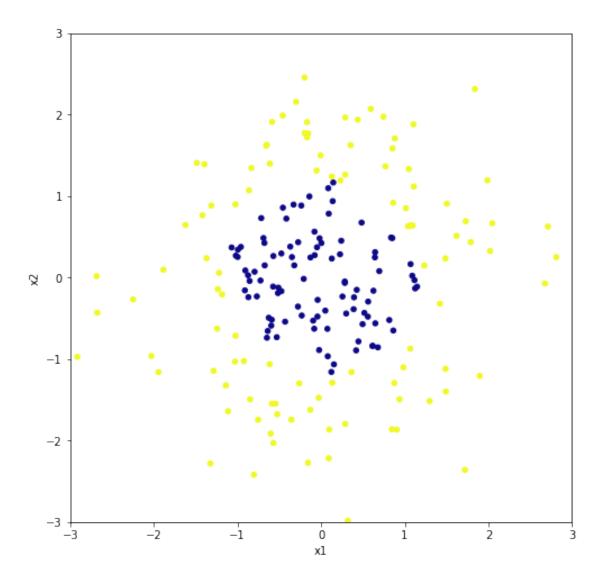
So what remains is to predict the test set with our final model

We get \sim 32% after all this work; it seems that the information in this dataset is not enough to accurately predict admittance. Note that ...

... upon looking at the confusion matrix for the predictions ...

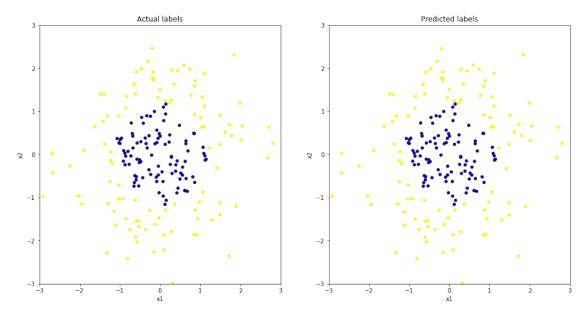
it clearly suggests that quite a lot of people is getting accepted when they should not, given their gre, gpa and rank It is very likely that other (subjective?) factors are being taken into account, that are not in the dataset

1.1 Multilayer Perceptron Example 2: circular artificial 2D data



Let's use one hidden layer, 3 hidden units, no regularization and the error function "cross-entropy" In this case it is not necessary to standardize because they variables already are (they have been generated from a distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1).

```
colormap='plasma',
    colorbar=False,xlim=[-3,3],
    ylim=[-3,3],
    ax=ax1,
    title='Actual labels')
mydata.plot.scatter(x='x1',y='x2',c='yhat',
    colormap='plasma',
    colorbar=False,
    xlim=[-3,3],
    ylim=[-3,3],
    ax=ax2,
    title='Predicted labels');
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Excellent, indeed

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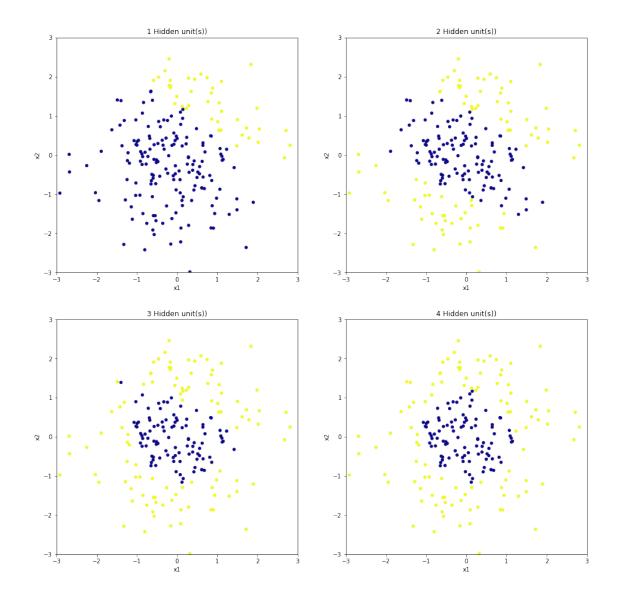
Let's execute it again, this time wth a different random seed

```
solver='lbfgs')
   nn1.fit(mydata.loc[:,'x1':'x2'],mydata.y);
   mydata['yhat']=nn1.predict(mydata.loc[:,'x1':'x2']);
   fig, (ax1,ax2) = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(16,8))
   mydata.plot.scatter(x='x1',y='x2',c='y',
                        colormap='plasma',
                        colorbar=False,
                        xlim = [-3,3],
                        ylim=[-3,3],
                        ax=ax1,
                        title='Actual labels')
   mydata.plot.scatter(x='x1',y='x2',c='yhat',
                        colormap='plasma',
                        colorbar=False,
                        xlim=[-3,3],
                        ylim=[-3,3],
                        ax=ax2,
                        title='Predicted labels');
               Actual labels
                                                       Predicted labels
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```

we see that the optimizer does not always find a good solution, even with the right number of neurons

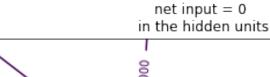
How many hidden units do we need?

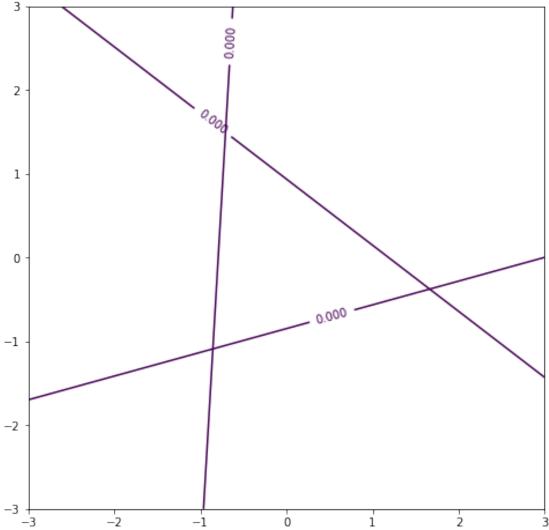
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In [44]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(16,16))
         for i,a in zip(range(1,5),ax.ravel()):
             np.random.seed(3)
             nn1= MLPClassifier(alpha=0,
                                activation='logistic',
                                hidden_layer_sizes=i,
                                max_iter=2000,
                                solver='lbfgs')
             nn1.fit(mydata.loc[:,'x1':'x2'],mydata.y);
             mydata['yhat']=nn1.predict(mydata.loc[:,'x1':'x2']);
             mydata.plot.scatter(x='x1',y='x2',c='yhat',
                                 colormap='plasma',
                                 colorbar=False,
                                 xlim=[-3,3],
                                 ylim=[-3,3],
                                 ax=a,
                                 title='%d Hidden unit(s))'%i)
         0;
```



Let's find out which function has been learned exactly, with 3 units

```
In [48]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,8))
         CS = ax.contour(X, Y, v1,levels=0)
         plt.clabel(CS, inline=1, fontsize=10)
         CS = ax.contour(X, Y, v2,levels=0)
         plt.clabel(CS, inline=1, fontsize=10)
         CS = ax.contour(X, Y, v3,levels=0)
         plt.clabel(CS, inline=1, fontsize=10)
         plt.title('net input = 0\n in the hidden units');
```





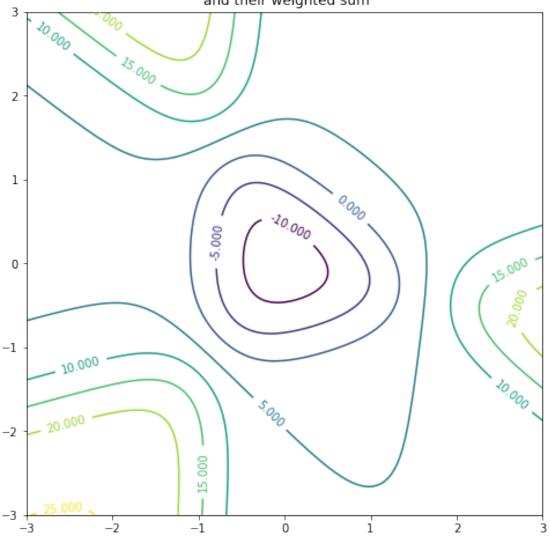
this is the logistic function, used by nnet() for the hidden neurons, and for the output neurons in two-class classification problems

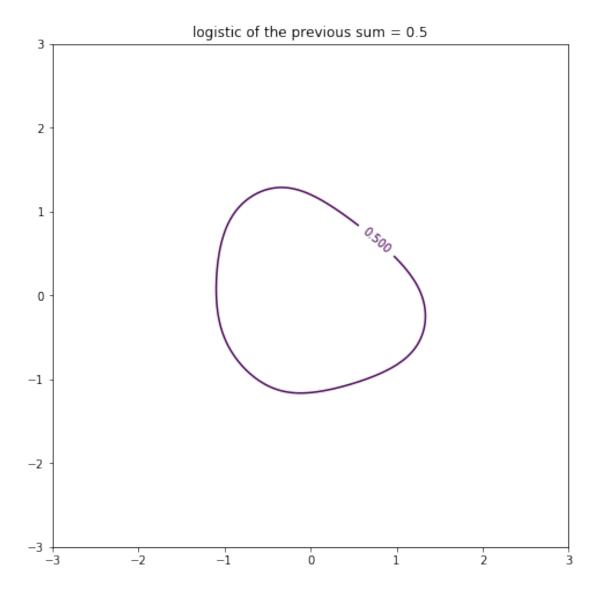
```
In [49]: z = nn1.intercepts_[1][0] + nn1.coefs_[1][0] * logistic(v1) + 
            nn1.coefs_[1][1] * logistic(v2) + nn1.coefs_[1][2] * logistic(v3)
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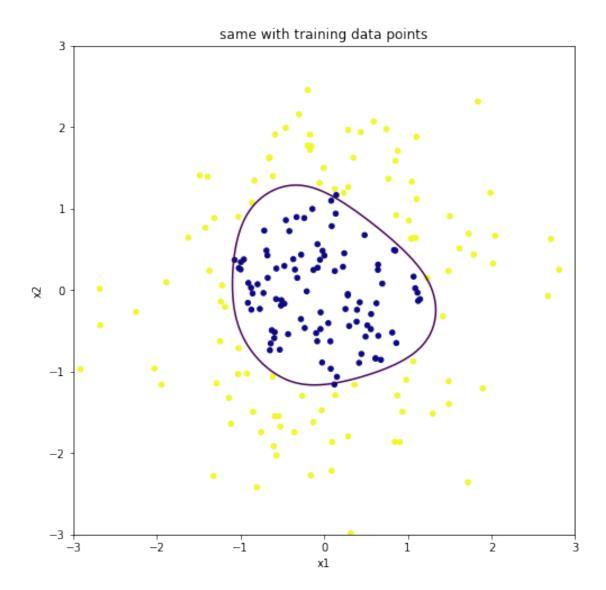
```
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,8))

CS = ax.contour(X, Y, z)
plt.clabel(CS, fontsize=10)
plt.title('hidden outputs = tanh of the net inputs\n and their weighted sum');
```

hidden outputs = tanh of the net inputs and their weighted sum







If you prefer a more visual demo of how ANN work, you can play with the Google's tensorflow playground http://playground.tensorflow.org

1.2 Radial Basis Function Network Example: regression of a 1D function

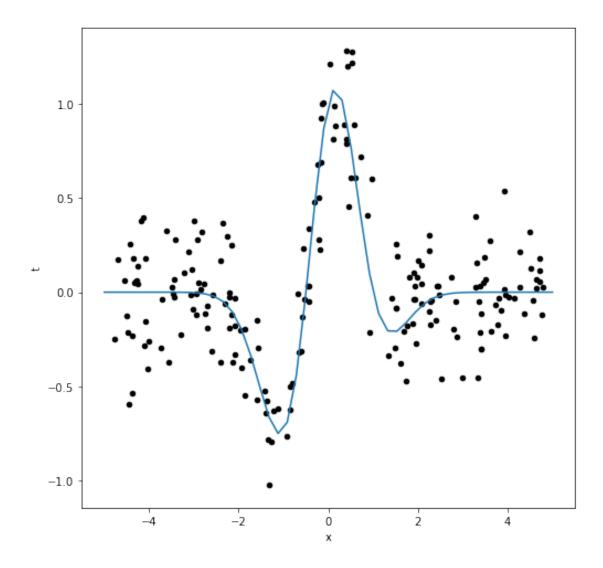
We are going to do all the computations "by hand" Let us depart from the following function in the (a,b) interval

In [52]: def myf(x): return
$$(1 + x - 2*x**2) * np.exp(-x**2)$$

We are going to model this function in the interval (-5,5)

```
In [53]: np.random.seed(3)
         N = 200
         a = -5
         b=5
         def myf_data(N,a,b):
             x = uniform(a,b,N)
             return pd.DataFrame({'x':x,
                                   't': myf(x) + normal(scale=0.2,size=N)})
         d = myf_data(N,a,b)
         d.describe()
Out [53]:
                                t
                         200.000
         count
                200.000
                 -0.020
                           0.031
         mean
         std
                  2.837
                           0.407
                 -4.760
                          -1.023
         min
         25%
                 -2.449
                          -0.207
         50%
                 -0.170
                          -0.015
         75%
                  2.280
                          0.188
                  4.780
                           1.284
         max
```

The black points are the data, the blue line is the true underlying function



Create a large test data too for future use; notice that the generation mechanism is the same

Function to compute a PHI (N x M) design matrix, without the $Phi_0(x) = 1$ column; m.i, h.i are the centers and variances (sigmas) of the neurons, respectively

```
In [56]: def PHI(x,m_i,h_i):
            N = x.shape[0]
            M = m_i.shape[0]
            phis = np.zeros((M,N))
            for i in range(M):
            phis[i:] = np.exp(-(x - m_i[i])**2/(2*h_i[i]))
            return phis.T
```

We find the centers and variances for each neuron using k-means; since this clustering algorithm is non-deterministic (because the initial centers are random), we do it 'NumKmeans' times

```
In [57]: NumKmeans = 10
```

We set a rather large number of hidden units (= basis functions) M as a function of data size (the sqrt is just a heuristic!) because we are going to try different regularizers

```
In [58]: M = int(np.floor(np.sqrt(N)))
In [59]: m = []
         h = \prod
         data_Kmeans=np.array(d.x).reshape(-1, 1)
         for j in range(1,NumKmeans+1):
             # Find the centers m.i with k-means
             km = KMeans(n clusters=M)
             km.fit(data_Kmeans)
             m.append(km.cluster_centers_[:,0])
             # Obtain the variances h_i as a function of the m_i
             th = np.zeros(M)
             for i in range(M):
                 nind = data_Kmeans[km.labels_==i].shape[0]
                 th[i] = np.sum(np.abs(data_Kmeans[km.labels_==i]-m[j-1][i]))/nind
                 if th[i] == 0:
                     th[i]=1
             h.append(th)
         0;
```

Now for each k-means we get the hidden-to-output weights by solving a regularized least-squares problem (standard ridge regression), very much as we did in previous labs

The difference is that now we perform ridge regression on the PHI matrix (that is, on the new regressors given by the hidden neurons), not on the original inputs ...

... and find the best lambda with using GCV across all choices of basis functions (the NumK-means clusterings)

```
errors.append(ridge.score(myPHI,d.t))
bestLambdes.append(ridgecv.alpha_)
```

Now we obtain the best model among the tested ones

```
In [61]: bestIndex = np.argmin(errors)
    bestLambda =bestLambdes[bestIndex]
    m_i = m[bestIndex]
    h_i = h[bestIndex]
```

w_7 0.074

0;

we see that this problem needs a lot of regularization! This makes sense if you take a look at how the data is generated (the previous plot): the noise level is very high relative to the signal

We also see that the best lambda fluctuates (since the data changes due to the clustering, but the order of magnitude is quite stable

```
In [62]: bestLambdes
Out[62]: [0.0031622776601683824,
          0.00794328234724283,
          0.01995262314968885,
          0.01995262314968885,
          0.015848931924611172,
          0.01995262314968885,
          0.00501187233627273,
          0.01995262314968885,
          0.00794328234724283,
          0.01995262314968885]
   We now create the final model:
In [63]: myRBF=Ridge(alpha=bestLambda,normalize=True).fit(PHI (d.x,m_i,h_i),d.t)
   these are the final hidden-to-output weights: note how small they are (here is where we regu-
larize)
In [64]: weights = np.hstack((np.array(myRBF.intercept_), myRBF.coef_))
         pd.DataFrame(weights, index=['w_%d'%i for i in range(weights.shape[0])])
Out [64]:
         w_0 - 0.113
         w_1 0.200
             0.131
         w_2
         w_3
             0.102
         w_4 - 0.376
              0.062
         w_5
             0.880
         w_6
```

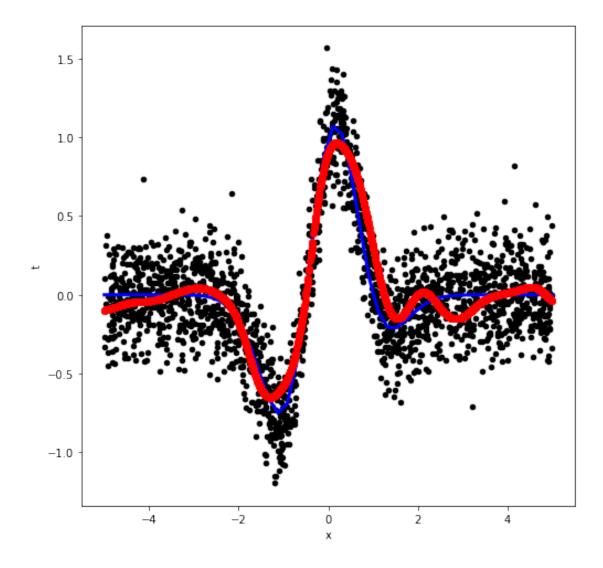
```
w_8     0.136
w_9     0.768
w_10     0.050
w_11     0.075
w_12     -0.075
w_13     -0.489
w_14     -0.148
```

It remains to calculate the prediction on the test data

And now the normalized error of this prediction

Much better if we plot everything

Test data in black, Red data are the predictions and the blue line is the underlying function



Currently we are in the era of neural networks applications and there are very good neural network libraries for python (and other languages) like Tensorflow/Keras (from Google), pytorch (from Facebook) or MxNet (from Amazon) amonng others.

They are more complex but are prepared for large quantities of data using GPU training and are used for many applications in artificial intelligence like computer vision and natural language understanding