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CSCI E-89c Deep Reinforcement Learning

Part I of Final

Suppose each state  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  of the Markov Decision Process can be represented by a vector of 3 real-valued features:  $\mathbf{x}(s) = (x_1(s), x_2(s), x_3(s))^T$ .

Given some policy  $\pi$ , suppose we model the state value function  $v_{\pi}(s)$  with a fully connected feedforward neural network (please see the table below) which has three inputs  $(x_1(s), x_2(s), \text{ and } x_3(s))$ , one hidden layer that consists of two neurons  $(u_1 \text{ and } u_2)$  with Leaky Rectified Linear Unit (Leaky ReLU) activation functions, and one output  $(\hat{v}(s, \mathbf{w}))$  with the Leaky ReLU activation function.

The explicit representation of this network is

input layer	hidden layer	output layer
$x_1$	$u_1 = f(w_{01}^{(1)} + w_{11}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{21}^{(1)}x_2 + w_{31}^{(1)}x_3)$	(0) (0) (0)
$x_2$	$u_2 = f(w_{02}^{(1)} + w_{12}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{22}^{(1)}x_2 + w_{32}^{(1)}x_3)$	$\hat{v} = f(w_0^{(2)} + w_1^{(2)}u_1 + w_2^{(2)}u_2)$
$x_3$		

Here, f(x) denotes the following Leaky ReLU:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \ge 0, \\ 0.1x, & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

Assume that the weights,

$$\mathbf{w} = \left(\underbrace{w_{01}^{(1)}, w_{11}^{(1)}, w_{21}^{(1)}, w_{31}^{(1)}, w_{02}^{(1)}, w_{12}^{(1)}, w_{22}^{(1)}, w_{32}^{(1)}, \underbrace{w_{0}^{(2)}, w_{1}^{(2)}, w_{2}^{(2)}}_{\text{output layer}}\right)^{T},$$

are currently estimated as follows:

hidden layer	output layer	
$w_{01}^{(1)} = -0.8, w_{11}^{(1)} = 0.2, w_{21}^{(1)} = 0.3, w_{31}^{(1)} = 0.9$	(2) 0.1(2) 0.2(2) 1.4	
$w_{02}^{(1)} = 0.3, w_{12}^{(1)} = -0.5, w_{22}^{(1)} = -0.2, w_{32}^{(1)} = -0.4$	$w_0^{(2)} = 0.1, w_1^{(2)} = -0.3, w_2^{(2)} = 1.4$	

Assume the agent minimizes the mean squared error loss function,

$$L \doteq \frac{1}{2} \left( \hat{v}(S_t, \mathbf{w}) - v_{\pi}(S_t) \right)^2,$$

using Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD), i.e. the Neural Network is trained in minibatches of size 1.

If for current state  $S_t$ , the features are  $x_1(S_t) = 1.2$ ,  $x_2(S_t) = 0.4$ , and  $x_3(S_t) = 0.3$ ; and the agent "observes"  $v_{\pi}(S_t)$  (this, of course, means the agent uses MC return,

1-step TD return, etc. as a "measurement" of  $v_{\pi}(S_t)$ ) to be 3.2, please find the next SGD update of the weights using  $\alpha = 0.1$ :

$$\mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla L$$

$$\text{where } \nabla L \doteq \Big(\underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{01}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{21}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{31}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{02}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{22}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{32}^{(1)}}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{0}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{1}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{22}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{01}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{02}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial$$

Please notice that the "measurement" of the state-value  $v_{\pi}(S_t)$  here is considered to be independent of **w** (please see, for example, the Semi-gradient 1-step Temporal-Difference (TD) prediction).

## SOLUTION:

Forward pass

$$u_{1} = f(w_{01}^{(1)} + w_{11}^{(1)}x_{1} + w_{21}^{(1)}x_{2} + w_{31}^{(1)}x_{3}) = f(-0.17) = -0.017$$

$$u_{2} = f(w_{02}^{(1)} + w_{12}^{(1)}x_{1} + w_{22}^{(1)}x_{2} + w_{32}^{(1)}x_{3}) = f(-0.5) = -0.05$$

$$\hat{v} = f(w_{02}^{(2)} + w_{12}^{(2)}u_{1} + w_{22}^{(2)}u_{2}) = f(0.0351) = 0.0351$$

(a) Error associated with the output layer:

$$\varepsilon^{(2)} \doteq \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{v}} = \hat{v} - v_{\pi}(S_t) = 0.0351 - 3.2 = -3.1649$$

(b) Errors associated with the hidden layer:

$$\varepsilon_h^{(1)} \doteq \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_h}, \quad h = 1, 2.$$

$$\varepsilon_1^{(1)} \doteq \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_1} = -3.1649 \cdot f'(-0.5) \cdot -0.3 = 0.094947$$

$$\varepsilon_2^{(1)} \doteq \frac{\partial L}{\partial u_2} = -3.1649 \cdot f'(-0.5) \cdot 1.4 = -0.443086$$

(c) Partial derivatives of the loss function with respect to weights in the output layer:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(2)}} = (-3.1649, 0.0538033, 0.158245)^T$$

(d) Partial derivatives of the loss function with respect to weights in the hidden layer:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1^{(1)}} = (0.0094947, 0.01139364, 0.00379788, 0.00284841)^T$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2^{(1)}} = (-0.0443086, -0.05317032, -0.01772344, -0.01329258)^T$$

(e) The next SGD update of the weights using  $\alpha = 0.1$ :

$$\mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla L$$
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$$\text{where } \nabla L \doteq \Big(\underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{01}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{21}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{31}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{02}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{32}^{(1)}}, \underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{32}^{(1)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{1}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{1}^{(2)}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{22}^{(2)}}}_{\text{output layer}}\Big)^{T}.$$

$$\mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla L$$

$$= (-0.8, 0.2, 0.3, 0.9, 0.3, -0.5, -0.2, -0.4, 0.1, -0.3, 1.4)^T$$

 $-\alpha(0.009, 0.011, 0.00379, 0.0028, -0.044, -0.053, -0.0177, -0.013, -3.1649, 0.0538, 0.158)^T$ 

 $= (-0.8009, 0.19886, 0.2996, 0.8997, 0.304, -0.49468, -0.198, -0.39867, 0.416, -0.305, 1.384)^T$