

ORPerceptron Technical Document

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Algorithm

We trained a Perceptron to classify a four-input OR function, that is $A \vee B \vee C \vee D$. The Perceptron uses a few formulas during its learning process. It uses weights, $w_1 \dots w_4$, a X input value, and a Y output value (or step value). These are calculated using the formulas below.

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \quad Y = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } X > t \\ 0 & \text{for } X \leq t \end{cases}$$

$$Y = \text{Step} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n w_i x_i \right)$$

We train the weights with all combinations of four 0s and 1s (16 combinations in total). First, we generate four random weights between -1 and +1. When we analyze the first combination, the weights are adjusted until the expected value (from a normal “OR” operator) matches the Perceptron Y (output) value. If it doesn’t match the expected values, we change our weights, so that $\text{newWeight} = \text{oldWeight} + (\text{learningValue} * X * \text{error})$. This process continues until the expected value matches our results. The weights generated by this pass are used for the second combination of the 16. After each pass, the weights are used for the next combination. After an epoch without error, the ORPerceptron is fully trained. The final trained weights are saved in a file called `trained.txt` and then used on the input file, `in.txt`. Finally, `ORPerceptron.py` will write the same results as the “OR” operator in the output file, `out.txt`.

Code

Files

1. ORPerceptron_training.py
2. training.txt
3. ORPerceptron.py
4. in.txt
5. out.txt

ORPerceptron_training.py

Imports and Globals

```
7 import random
8 combinations = [[0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 1], [0, 0, 1, 0], [0, 1, 0, 0], \
9                [1, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1, 1], [0, 1, 1, 0], [1, 1, 0, 0], \
10               [1, 0, 0, 1], [1, 0, 1, 0], [0, 1, 0, 1], [0, 1, 1, 1], \
11               [1, 0, 1, 1], [1, 1, 0, 1], [1, 1, 1, 0], [1, 1, 1, 1]]
12
```

random is used to generate the initial random weights between -1 and +1. Combination is a list of lists of all possible combinations of four bits used for training the Perceptron.

getX:

```
17 def getX(aVector, weights):
18     X = 0
19     # make sure input is valid
20     if len(aVector) != len(weights):
21         print "Lengths of aVector and weights must be equal!"
22     for i in range(len(aVector)):
23         X = X + aVector[i] * weights[i]
24     return X
```

Purpose: calculates the X value given a list of weights and a vector of values.

Parameters: aVector, weights

Return: X

Uses the formula $X = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$ to calculate the X input value.

step:

```
43 def step(X, threshold):
44     if X > threshold:
45         return 1
46     return 0
```

Purpose: Takes in X value and a threshold and calculates Y based on these values

Parameters: X, threshold (threshold is set to 0)

Return: step value

Uses the formula $Y = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } X > t \\ 0 & \text{for } X \leq t \end{cases}$ to calculate the Y output value based on the X and threshold values.

calculate:

```
57 def calculate(vector, weights) :
58     learningValue = 0.1
59     threshold = 0
60     X = getX(vector, weights)
61     Y = step(X, threshold)
62     expectedValue = getExpectedValue(vector)
63     if expectedValue == Y:
64         return weights, 0
65     while Y != expectedValue:
66         error = expectedValue - Y
67         weights = calculateNewWeights(learningValue, error, vector, weights)
68         X = getX(vector, weights)
69         Y = step(X, threshold)
70         if expectedValue == Y:
71             return weights, 1
```

Purpose: Recalculates the weights until the Y value matches the expected value

Parameters: vector, weights

Return: trained weights and, 0 if no updates were applied to the weights and 1 otherwise

First, the function calculates the X and Y values using the abovementioned functions. It then determines the expected value from an “OR” operator on the supplied vector that contains four bits. If the expected value is the same as the Y value, we have achieved our goal, and we return the weights. If they aren’t equal then we have to change the weight values. The while loop will continue to execute until Y is equivalent to the expected value. Once this is true, it returns the newly calculated weights and, whether or not they were updated.

calculateNewWeights:

```
75 def calculateNewWeights(learningValue, error, vector, oldWeights):
76     weights = []
77     for i in range(len(vector)):
78         # Check if the weight contributed to the error
79         if vector[i] == 0:
80             weights.append(oldWeights[i])
81             continue
82         weights.append(oldWeights[i] + (learningValue * vector[i] * error))
83     return weights
```

Purpose: Calculates new weights, only called if the initial randomly generated weights produced an error.

Parameters: learningValue, error, vector, oldWeights

Return: adjusted weights

Uses the formula

$w_i \leftarrow w_i + (a \times x_i \times e)$, where a = learning rate, and e is the error value. to calculate the new weights. The weight is only changed if its corresponding bit in the vector is not a 0. If it is 0 then that weight did not contribute to the problem, since anything multiplied by 0 is 0, so we skip it. It returns a list including the modified weights that contributed to the problem.

getExpectedValue:

```
90 def getExpectedValue(vector) :
91     # checks input is valid
92     for aVal in vector:
93         if aVal != 0 and aVal != 1:
94             print "vector must contain only 0 and 1 values"
95     # Check if there is at least one 1 in vector
96     if 1 in vector:
97         return 1
98     return 0
```

Purpose: Mimics the "OR" function, given a list of bits.

Parameters: vector

Return: the expected result based on an "OR" operator

First checks that the supplied vector only contains bit values of 0 and 1. It mimics the "OR" operator by checking if there is a 1 in the vector. If it is, then return 1. Otherwise, return 0.

getInitialWeights:

```
31 def getInitialWeights():
32     random.seed()
33     weights = []
34     for i in range(4):
35         aVal = random.uniform(-1, 1) # get a random float from -1 to 1
36         weights.append(aVal)
37     return weights
```

Purpose: Takes in a vector of values and returns a list of randomly generated weights of the same length of the given vector

Parameters: N/A

Return: the initial weights (before any training is done)

This is used once in the beginning of the training of the Perceptron. It generates 4 random weights between -1 and +1, one weight for each bit in the input vector. It puts all of these values in a list and returns it.

writeOutput:

```
101 def writeOutput(file, weights):
102     for aWeight in weights:
103         file.write(str(aWeight) + "\n")
```

Purpose: writes trained "OR" Perceptron weight values to a text file

Parameters: file, weights

Return: N/A

Takes in a file object and list of trained weights and writes them to the text file. Each weight is written on a new line.

main:

```
110 def main():
111     f = open("training.txt", "w")
112     weights = getInitialWeights()
113     while True:
114         updateSum = 0
115         for vector in combinations:
116             weights, update = calculate(vector, weights)
117             updateSum = updateSum + update
118             # Check if we have gone through an epoch without any error
119             if updateSum == 0:
120                 break
121     writeOutput(f, weights)
122     f.close()
123
124 main()
```

First, it opens a file called “training.txt” which will contain the trained weights after execution. It then gets the initial random weights from `getInitialWeights`. It will go through the 16 vectors in the `combinations` global constant. As it goes through the combinations, it updates the weights, and uses them on the next round. The while loop will break once the ORPerceptron is fully trained. In other words, when it goes through an epoch without any error. Lastly, it writes the trained weights to the output file and closes the file object.

ORPerceptron.py

getAtoms:

```
13 def getAtoms(inputFile):
14     f = open(inputFile, "r")
15     vectors = []
16     for line in f:
17         aVector = []
18         for char in line:
19             if char == "[" or char == "]" or char == " " or char == "\n":
20                 continue
21             # use int() built in function to convert the string "0" or "1" to the integer value
22             aVector.append(int(char))
23         if aVector != []:
24             vectors.append(aVector)
25     return vectors
```

Purpose: Takes in an input file of vectors separated on a new line and returns a list of lists of vectors containing the values within each vector.

Parameters: inputFile

Return: vectors

First it opens the input file for reading. Then it goes through each line and saves the numeric values within the vector in a list. For example, if the the input file contains the string "[0 0 0 0]", then aVector will be the list of floats [0, 0, 0, 0]. This is done for each line in the input file. Each new list is saved in a list of lists called vectors. Once there are no more lines in in.txt, return vectors.

Step:

```
31 def step(X, threshold):
32     if X > threshold:
33         return 1
34     return 0
```

Purpose: Takes in X value and a threshold and calculates Y based on these values

Parameters: X, threshold (threshold is set to 0)

Return: step value

Same as ORPerceptron_training.py

getX:

```
40 def getX(aVector, weights):
41     X = 0
42     # make sure input is valid
43     if len(aVector) != len(weights):
44         print "Lengths of aVector and weights must be equal!"
45     for i in range(len(aVector)):
46         X = X + aVector[i] * weights[i]
47     return X
```

Purpose: calculates the X value given a list of weights and a vector of values.

Parameters: aVector, weights

Return: X

Same as ORPerceptron_training.py

calculate:

```
50 def calculate(vector, weights) :
51     threshold = 0
52     X = getX(vector, weights)
53     Y = step(X, threshold)
54     return Y
```

Purpose: calculates the "OR" Perceptron values based on the trained weight values

Parameters: vector, weights

Return: Y

Uses the trained weights on the vector to calculate the ORPerceptron values and returns it immediately without further weight recalculations.

writeOutput:

```
57 def writeOutput(file, answer):
58     file.write "[" + str(answer) + "]\n\n")
```

Purpose: writes the "OR" Perceptron values to a text file

Parameters: file, answer

Return: N/A

Takes in a file object and answer, which is the Y value calculated using the trained weights. It writes the answer in square brackets with a blank line in between them.

getTrainedWeights:

```
60 def getTrainedWeights(inputFile):
61     trainedWeights = []
62     f = open(inputFile, "r")
63     for line in f:
64         if line != "\n":
65             trainedWeights.append(float(line.strip()))
66     return trainedWeights
```

Purpose: reads in the trained weights from an input file that are generated by ORPerceptron_training.py and saves them in a list of floats called trainedWeights.

Parameters: inputFile

Return: trainedWeights

Takes in a string of the input file's name. It opens it up for reading and saves each trained weight as a float in a list called trainedWeights. Once all the values have been read from the file, it returns trainedWeights.

main:

```
69 def main():
70     weights = getTrainedWeights("training.txt")
71     f = open("out.txt", "w")
72     vectors = getAtoms("in.txt")
73     for vector in vectors:
74         ans = calculate(vector, weights)
75         writeOutput(f, ans)
76     f.close()
77
78     main()
```

First, it gets the trained weights from the input file, training.txt. Then it opens the file out.txt to write the output of ORPeceptron. It loops through each vector from the input file and calculates the Y values and writes it to the output file. Once it has analyzed each vector, it closes the file.