# CS 419M Introduction to Machine Learning

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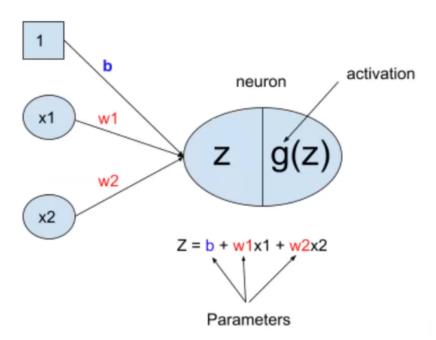
Lecture 17: Feed Forward Neural networks, CNN and their Training

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# 17.1 Feed Forward Neural Network

# 17.1.1 Neuron

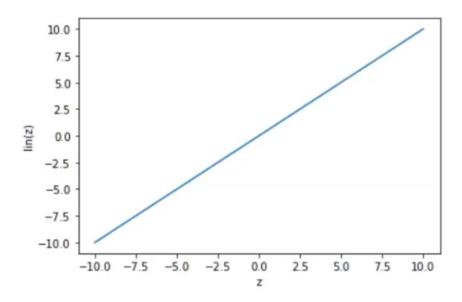
# Feed forward neural network



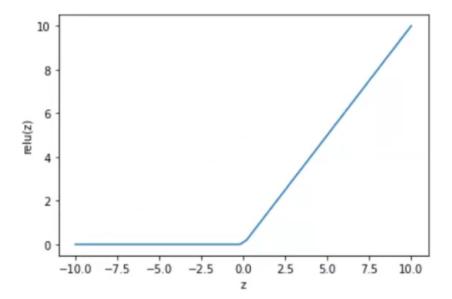
- Neuron is the building block of the neural network, Logically it performs two steps, linear combination of the inputs and then non-linear activation (Note it can be linear as well, eg: last layer for linear regression).
- In the above figure,  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are inputs, b is the bias,  $w_1$  is the weight corresponding input  $x_1$  and  $w_2$  is the weight corresponding to input  $x_2$ .
- First we perform the linear combination to get  $z = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b$  next we pass this z through typically non linear activation to get the output of the neuron g(z).
- Here  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$  and b are parameters for each neuron that can be trained.

# 17.1.2 Types of activation functions used

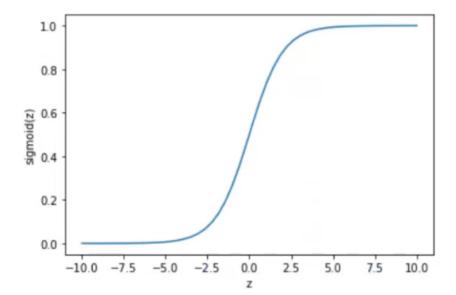
 $\bullet$  Linear activation: g(z) = z, typically used in output layer of regression



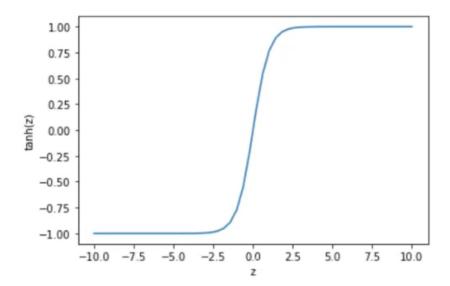
- Non-linear activation functions:
  - 1. relu(z) = max(0, z)



2. 
$$\operatorname{sigmoid}(z) = \frac{1}{(1 + exp(z))}$$

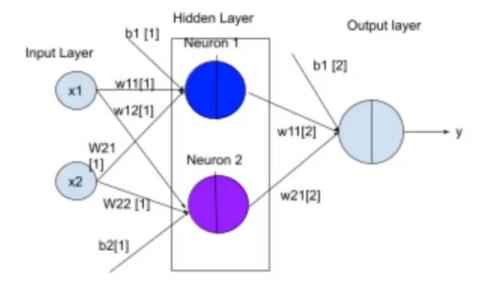


3. 
$$\tanh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$$



• These are typically used activation functions, however there are other activation functions like Leaky ReLU, Softmax, Maxout, ELU etc.

# 17.1.3 Joining the neurons to form Layers



- In this network, we got two neurons in the hidden layer (any layer in between input and output layer is called hidden layer) and one neuron in the output layer.
- The number of units in the input layer is equal to the number of input features.
- In a feed forward neural network, every unit in the current layer is connected to every unit in the next layer.
- [1] stands for layer 1 and [2] stands for layer 2 and so on. Square brackets: layer number.

#### 17.1.4 Activation function for each layer

# 1. Input Layer

• Input layer doesn't contain neurons, so no activation.

#### 2. Hidden Layer

• ReLU (typically)

# 3. Output Layer

# (a) Single neuron

- Regression: Linear activation
- Binary Classification: Sigmoid Activation: Predicts Pr[y=1/x]

# (b) K neurons

• Regression: Linear activation

• Multi-class classification: Softmax activation

Question: Why can't we use Sigmoid for hidden layer?

Ans: When we do back propagation for bigger neural networks, the gradient becomes smaller and smaller from each layer when we use sigmoid activation. This is called Vanishing gradient problem.

#### 17.1.5 Evaluation of the above NN

# 1. Classification

- Output  $y = sigmoid(b_1[2] + w_{11}[2]g_{z1} + w_{21}[2]g_{z2}).$
- Here  $g_z 1$  is the output of Neuron 1 and  $g_z 2$  is the output of the Neuron 2 of the hidden layer.
- $g_{z1} = relu(b_1[1] + w_{11}[2]x_1 + w_{21}[1]x_2)$
- $g_{z2} = relu(b_2[1] + w_{12}[2]x_1 + w_{22}[1]x_2)$

# 2. Regression

- Output  $y = \text{linear}(b_1[2] + w_{11}[2]g_{z1} + w_{21}[2]g_{z2}).$
- $g_{z1} = relu(b_1[1] + w_{11}[2]x_1 + w_{21}[1]x_2)$
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**Question:** RELU is not differentiable at x=0 right?

Ans: Correct, we usually take left derivative or right derivative at that point.

# 17.1.6 Matrix - Vector Form

#### 1. Neuron Level Vectorization

- x1 and x2 are not vectors, they are scalars
- $\bullet \ \mathbf{x} = [1 \ \mathrm{x}1 \ \mathrm{x}2], \, \mathbf{w} = [\mathrm{b} \ \mathrm{w}1 \ \mathrm{w}2]$
- $g_{z1} = relu(\mathbf{w}_1[1]^T\mathbf{x}), g_{z2} = relu(\mathbf{w}_2[1]^T\mathbf{x})$
- Dimension of  $\mathbf{w}_1$  &  $\mathbf{w}_2$  is 1x3 and dimension of  $\mathbf{x}$  is 3x1
- $y = sigmoid(\mathbf{w}_1[2]^T[1 \ g_{z1} \ g_{z2}])$

#### 2. Layer Level Vectorization

$$\bullet \ \mathbf{w}_1{}^T = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 & w_{11} & w_{21} \\ b_2 & w_{12} & w_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

• Input matrix 
$$\mathbf{x}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1^1 & x_2^1 \\ 1 & x_1^2 & x_2^2 \\ 1 & x_1^3 & x_2^3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $x1 = [1 \ x_1^1 \ x_2^1]$ , here x1 denotes training example 1 and similarly  $x2 = [1 \ x_1^2 \ x_2^2]$  denotes training example 2
- 3. Linear Combination of the First Layer
  - $\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{x}$
  - Output is  $\mathbf{g_{z1}} = \text{relu}(\mathbf{z1})$

# 17.1.7 Example

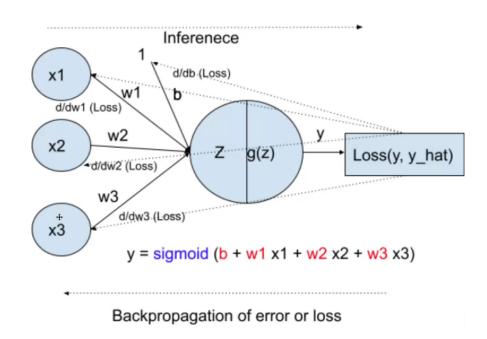
- $\mathbf{x}^T = [1 \ 2 \ 3]$
- $\bullet \mathbf{w}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -1 & 2 \\ 0.2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
- 1. Non Vectorised
  - $g_z 1[1] = \text{relu}(b1[1] + w11[1] * x1 + w21[1] * x2) = \text{relu}(0.5 1 * 2 + 2 * 3) = \text{relu}(4.5) = 4.5$
  - $g_z 2[1] = \text{relu}(b2[1] + w12[1] * x1 + w22[1] * x2) = \text{relu}(0.2 + 2*2 1*3) = \text{relu}(1.2) = 1.2$
- 2. Vectorised
  - $\mathbf{z1} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -1 & 2 \\ 0.2 & 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 * 1 & -1 * 2 & 2 * 3 \\ 0.2 * 1 & 2 * 2 & -1 * 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.5 \\ 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$
  - Output is  $\mathbf{g_{z1}} = \text{relu}(\mathbf{z1}) = \begin{bmatrix} 4.5 \\ 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$

# 17.1.8 Training of feed-forward Neural Network

Question: What is the training problem here?

Ans: Estimate weights(w) such that the loss is minimised.

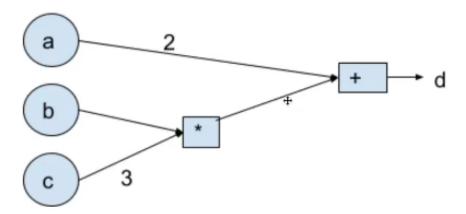
- $\bullet$  Loss for Regression: Mean-Squared Error (prediction, actual)
- $\bullet$  Loss for Binary Classification: Binary Cross Entropy(prediction, label)
- Loss for Multi-class Classification: Categorical Cross Entropy(prediction, label)



- Loss is not directly related to weights  $(w_1, w_2, w_3)$  but connected through intermediary levels.

# 17.1.9 Example to understand this concept

$$d = 2a + b * 3c$$



**d** is analogous to the loss and **a,b,c** are analogous to the weights of our model, which are not directly connected to the output(loss).

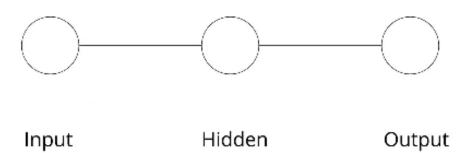
$$d = z_1 + z_2 = 2a + b^*z_3 = 2a + b^*3c$$

We know that **d** is connected to **a** through  $z_1$ . So we apply **Chain-Rule** 

$$\frac{\partial d}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial d}{\partial z 1} * \frac{\partial z 1}{\partial a} = 2$$
  
Similarly we can do for **b** and **c**.

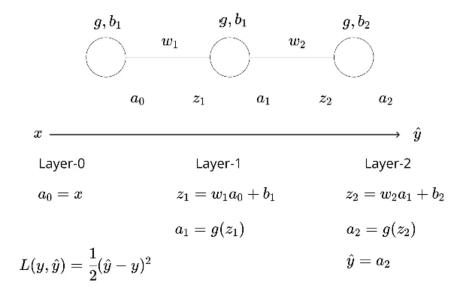
# 17.1.10 Backpropagation

To understand how to compute gradients in a network, let us consider this absurdly simple network for a regression problem.



In order to compute the gradients, we first need to compute loss on a training example.

# **Forward Pass**



 ${\bf g}$  is non-linear activation.  ${\bf b}$  is the bias. ${\bf a}$  is the activation from previous layer.  ${\bf w}$  is the weight.  ${\bf z}$  is linear combination.  ${\bf L}$  is the loss

For Layer-2 
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w^2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a^2} * \frac{\partial a^2}{\partial z^2} * \frac{\partial z^2}{\partial w^2}$$

$$egin{aligned} rac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} &= rac{\partial L}{\partial a_1} \cdot g'(z_1) \cdot a_0 & rac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} &= (\hat{y} - y) \cdot g'(z_2) \cdot a_1 \ & rac{\partial L}{\partial a_1} &= (\hat{y} - y) \cdot g'(z_2) \cdot w_2 \end{aligned}$$

# **Batch Gradient Descent**

- 1. Randomly initialize W. [In case of neural networks, do not initialize parameters to 0 or to the same number. There are some specialized initialization of parameters for neural networks: (i) He's initialization or (ii) Xavier initialization.]
- 2. Repeat until convergence stop if loss is not changing
  - a. for i in range(0, len(W)):
  - i. w[i] (new) := w[i] (old) alpha d/dw[i] J(W) Gradient of loss function w.r.t. W (Comes

# from Backpropagation)

b. Update w simultaneously

alpha is the learning rate.

# 17.1.11 $Gradient_{(hiddenlayers)}$

# Gradients (hidden layers)

Activations -> Pre-activations-> Weights

$$m{A_l^{(g)}}$$
 gradient of the loss w.r.t the activations  $m{Z_l^{(g)}}$  gradient of the loss w.r.t the pre-activations  $m{W_l^{(g)}}$  gradient of the loss w.r.t the weights

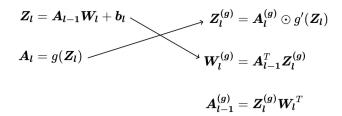
If  $A_l^{(g)}$  is already known, we can compute the rest of the gradients:

$$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{Z_{l,\cdot}^{(g)}} &= oldsymbol{A_{l}^{(g)}} \odot g'(oldsymbol{Z_{l}}) \ oldsymbol{W_{l}^{(g)}} &= oldsymbol{A_{l-1}^{T}} oldsymbol{Z_{l}^{(g)}} \ oldsymbol{A_{l-1}^{(g)}} &= oldsymbol{Z_{l}^{(g)}} oldsymbol{W_{l}^{T}} \end{aligned}$$

The activation function in the final layer for regression is just the identity function. There is a slight abuse of notation:  $A_L^{(g)}$  and  $Z_L^{(g)}$  are vectors.

$$egin{aligned} m{A}_L^{(g)} &= \hat{m{y}} - m{y} \ m{Z}_L^{(g)} &= g'(m{Z}_l) \odot m{A}_L^{(g)} \ &= m{A}_L^{(g)} \end{aligned}$$

These equations will make more sense if we compare them with their forward-pass counterparts:



For a moment think of all of them as scalars. We can show that these equations are the matrix equivalents of the chain-rule.

# 17.1.12 Gradient Descent

# Gradient Descent (Neural Networks)

We now have all the ingredients to completely specify the learning algorithm.

- ullet Let  $oldsymbol{ heta}$  refer to all the parameters in the model.
- Let us define the following functions:

 $\hat{\boldsymbol{Y}} = ext{forward-pass}(\boldsymbol{X})$ 

 $L = \mathrm{loss}(m{Y}, m{\hat{Y}})$ 

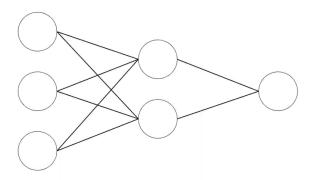
 $oldsymbol{ heta}^{(g)} = ext{backward-pass}(oldsymbol{Y}, oldsymbol{\hat{Y}})$ 

Only the most important arguments are displayed here

#### 17.1.13 Initialization

# Initialization

What happens if we initialize all the parameters to some constant value?



- Since the incoming weights are the same for all neurons in a layer, there is nothing to differentiate between two neurons.
- This symmetry means that they will evolve identically and will not learn different things.

Why did we not initialize all parameters to zero?

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Initialize: m{	heta} \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)

for e = 1 to e = E:
\hat{m{Y}} = 	ext{forward-pass}(m{X})

L = 	ext{loss}(m{Y}, \hat{m{Y}})

m{	heta}^{(g)} = 	ext{backward-pass}(m{Y}, \hat{m{Y}})
m{	heta} = m{	heta} - lpha m{	heta}^{(g)}
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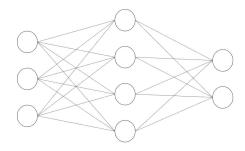
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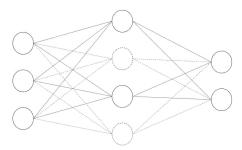
There are two methods to regularize the model.

- L1/L2 Regularization
- Dropout

We are familiar with method(1) Method(2) is particular to neural network (2) Consider the following network with one hidden layer:



In each iteration of GD, randomly choose half the neurons in the hidden layer and "drop" them "out" of the network.



# 17.1.15 **Dropout**

At interference, use the full network, but halve the outgoing weights from the hidden layer. This is because only half of the neural were active during training.

Why does dropout work?

- During the training phase, dropout can be seen as producing multiple networks, each having a different number of neurons in the hidden layers.
- At test time, we can think of the output of a network as averaging over the results of all these networks.

# 17.1.16 Transfer Learning

Transfer learning (TL) is a research problem in machine learning (ML) that focuses on storing knowledge gained while solving one problem and applying it to a different but related problem. For example, knowledge gained while learning to recognize cars could apply when trying to recognize trucks.

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