Part 1 - How to Start and Common Issues

Training Deep Networks from Zero to Hero: avoiding pitfalls and going beyond

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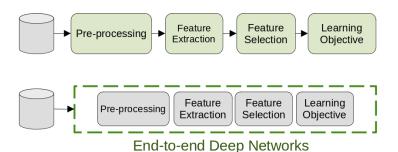
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Problems to look for (even in benchmark datasets)

- ► Wrong labels
- Noise and outliers
- Duplicated instances

















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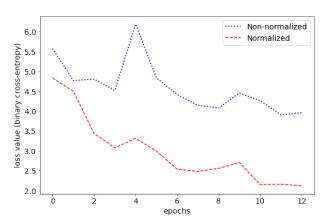
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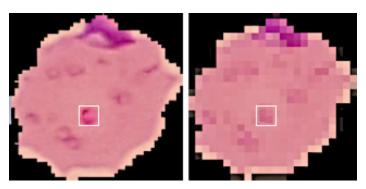
DNNs do not work well with arbitrary ranges.

- ► 0-1 MinMax Scaling
- z-Score Standardization



3 - Input Representation

After (or despite) pre-processing, the patterns required for learning the concept are present



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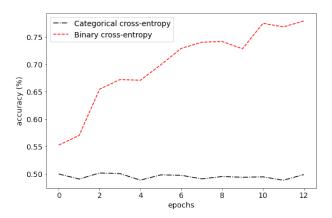
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- ► Binary classification
- ► Multi-class classification
- Regression
- Detection
- String matching
- Recommendation



...for a 2-class problem

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cosine of the angle between two vectors

Know your loss values

Example: 5 class problem

Categorical cross-entropy $-\sum y_i \ln(\hat{y}_i + 10^{-6})$

- ▶ All classes equally probable: $-1 \cdot \ln(1/5) = 1.60$
- Correct class with probability zero (and all other equally probable): 13.8

MSE
$$\sum (y_i - \hat{y_i})^2$$

- ► All classes equally probable: 0.80
- Correct class with probability zero (and all other equally probable): 1.25

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WRONG. Why?

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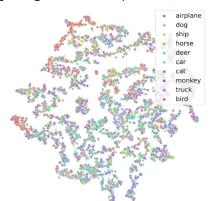
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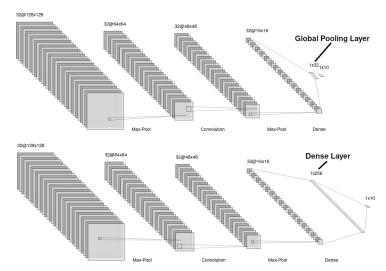
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Usually we visualize the output of the layer prior to prediction



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For sensitive data, it is important to have also **external validation**: use the model to evaluate on data acquire in other contexts

▶ in medical data this is crucial

Summary

- ▶ PROBAST: A Tool to Assess the Risk of Bias and Applicability of Prediction Model Studies https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M18-1376
 - participants, predictors, outcome, and analysis
- ► CLAIM: Checklist for Artificial Intelligence in Medical Imaging https://pubs.rsna.org/doi/10.1148/ryai.2020200029
 - study design, data, ground truth, evaluation, discussion

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- 7. Internal vs External Validation

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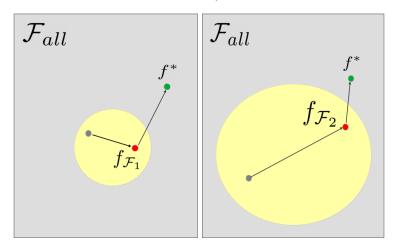
- Very small dataset (n < 1000): feature extraction using pre-trained networks and use of external classifier
- ▶ Small datasets (1000 $\leq n \leq$ 5000): data augmentation and/or transfer learning

Imbalanced data

In this case be careful to use:

- metrics that take into account the unbalanced scenario
- make sure the distribution of future data will have similar distribution, or update the model if not
- instance weights by class so that the minority classes has more weight during training
- use data augmentation to mitigate the issue

The Bias-Variance dilemma and Deep Neural Nets



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- Give more importance to the data quality
- ► Evaluate rigorously

Models under attack







Training set without attack



CAR (56%) AIRPLANE (30%) HORSE (7%)

Pixel attack: if a malicious person has access to the training set...



Training set with pixel attack



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AIRPLANE (61%) CAR (31%) HORSE (6%)

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