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Pattern Recognition

WITH SINGLE LAYER NEURAL NETWORK

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**Figure 2:** Architecture of a perceptron (SLNN) with a sigmoidal activation function.

**About the project**

The aim of the project is to build a *Single Layer Neural Network* (abbreviated as *SLNN*) from zero in *Python* that would be capable of recognizing a set of target numbers. The numbers from the [0,9] interval will be used as targets. Each number has a 7*x*5 pixel matrix representation, with values 0 and 1 (*figure 1*).

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**Figure 1:** Pixel matrix representation of [0,9] numbers.

**Network architecture**

Our neural network is a *perceptron*, that is, a single neuron model, in our case, with 35 entries – all the pixels of a number stored in the input vector . Then, combined with the vector of weights and finally, the *sigmoid function* is applied to obtain a binary output 0/1.

So, our neural network () is defined as:

0/1

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| *x1* |
| *x2* |
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| *xd* |

We define in *Python* as follows:

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| **def** **sigmoid**(x):  **return** 1. / (1. + np.exp(-x))  **def** **y**(X, w):  **return** **sigmoid**((**sigmoid**(X) @  w.T)) |

**Network training**

Now the big question is: how do we get our neural network to learn? It is going to learn from errors. Thus, we need to define an “*error/loss function*”. Before formulating that function, note that we are going to use a set of numbers to train our network and a separate test for testing the predictions. These sets are called *training ()* and *test* () sets, respectively.

The loss function is defined as follows: