pytorch_NN_single_layer

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1 Single-Layer feedforward network

We code a very simple 1-layer network to learn a step function

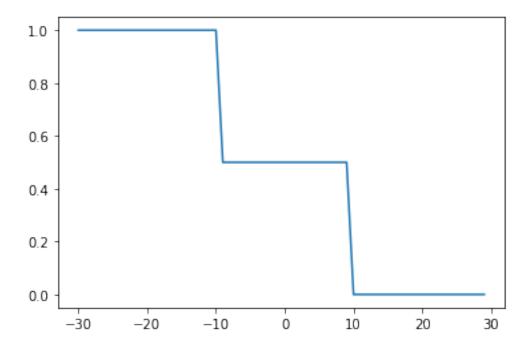
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & -30 \le x < -10, \\ 0.5, & -10 \le x < 10, \\ 0, & 10 \le x \le 30. \end{cases}$$

This kind of function is often encountered in (partial) differential equations, where it represents some medium property that varies abruptly over a spatial, or temporal variable.

In a previous example, we learned a sine function from noisy measurements. Here we do not add any noise.

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[1]: import torch
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# generate (synthetic) data
X = torch.arange(-30, 30, 1).view(-1, 1).type(torch.FloatTensor)
Y = torch.zeros(X.shape[0])
Y[(X[:, 0] <= -10)] = 1.0
Y[(X[:, 0] > -10) & (X[:, 0] < 10)] = 0.5
Y[(X[:, 0] > 10)] = 0
# plot f(x)
plt.plot(X, Y)
plt.show()
```



1.1 Build the network

This neural network features - an input layer, - a hidden layer with two neurons, - and an output layer.

After each layer, a sigmoid activation function is applied.

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[2]: # Define the class for single layer NN
     class one_layer_net(torch.nn.Module):
         # Constructor
         def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_neurons, output_size):
             super(one_layer_net, self).__init__()
             # hidden layer
             self.linear_one = torch.nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_neurons)
             self.linear_two = torch.nn.Linear(hidden_neurons, output_size)
             # defining layers as attributes
             self.layer_in = None
             self.act = None
             self.layer_out = None
         # prediction function
         def forward(self, x):
             self.layer_in = self.linear_one(x)
             self.act = torch.sigmoid(self.layer_in)
             self.layer_out = self.linear_two(self.act)
             y_pred = torch.sigmoid(self.linear_two(self.act))
             return y_pred
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Instantiate the model class to create a model object

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[3]: # create the model model = one_layer_net(1, 2, 1) # 2 represents two neurons in one hidden layer
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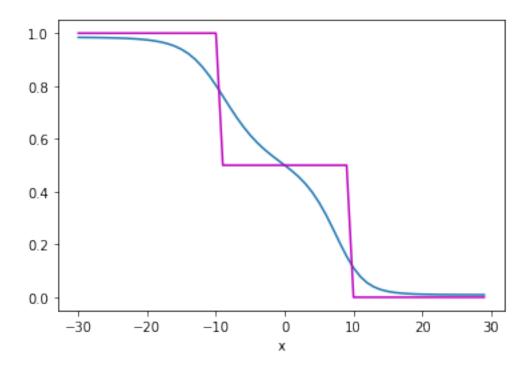
Instantiate the loss class, and the optimizer class

- loss = cross-entropy
- optimizer = standard SGD

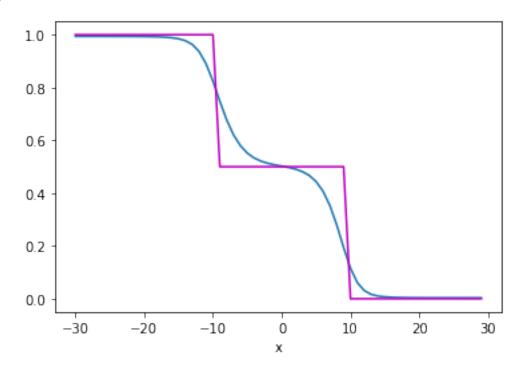
Train the model, looping over epochs, compute loss, and plot result every 1000 iterations.

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[5]: # Define the training loop
     epochs=5000
     cost = []
     total=0
     for epoch in range(epochs):
         total=0
         epoch = epoch + 1
         for x, y in zip(X, Y):
             yhat = model(x)
             loss = criterion(yhat, y)
             loss.backward()
             optimizer.step()
             optimizer.zero_grad()
             # get total loss
             total+=loss.item()
         cost.append(total)
         if epoch % 1000 == 0:
             print(str(epoch)+ " " + "epochs done!") # visualze results after every
      →1000 epochs
             # plot the result of function approximator
             plt.plot(X.numpy(), model(X).detach().numpy())
             plt.plot(X.numpy(), Y.numpy(), 'm')
             plt.xlabel('x')
             plt.show()
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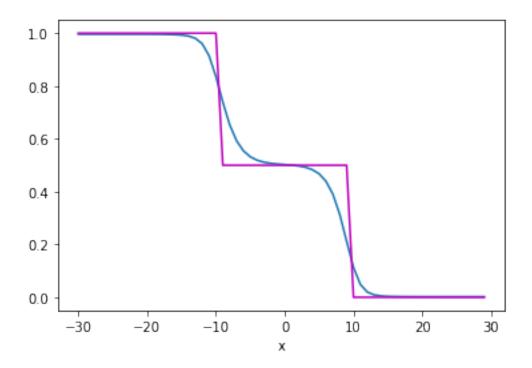
1000 epochs done!



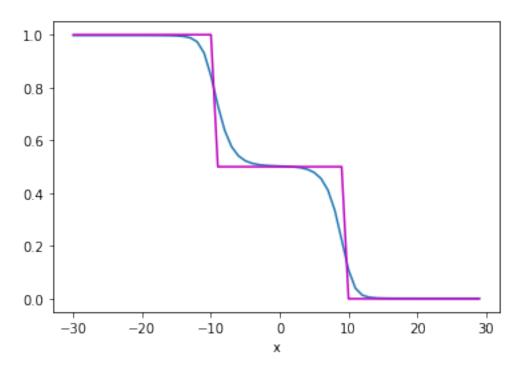
2000 epochs done!



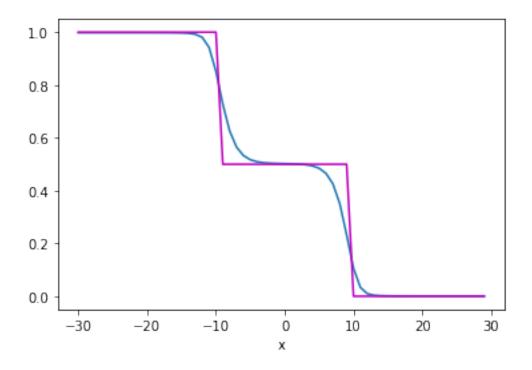
3000 epochs done!



4000 epochs done!

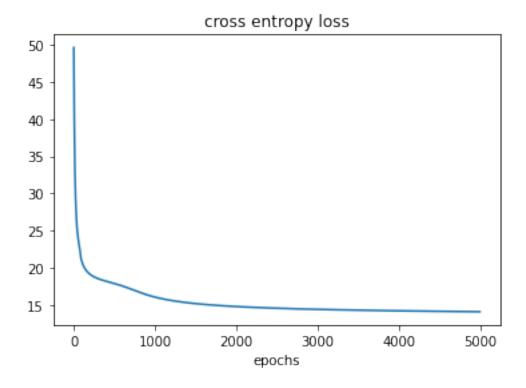


5000 epochs done!



Finally, plot the loss function over the iterations/epochs

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[6]: # plot the cost
plt.plot(cost)
plt.xlabel('epochs')
plt.title('cross entropy loss')
plt.show()
```



1.2 Things to try as exercises

- 1. Change the activation function.
- 2. Use MSE, or MAE loss.
- 3. Change the network architecture use more neurons, more layers (overfitting...).
- 4. Modify the optimisation parameters (lr), or the optimization method.

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