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Aim: To study different activation functions used in neural networks.

Objective:

- To explore commonly used activation functions.
- To analyze their mathematical behavior and impact on learning.
- To understand the importance of non-linearity in deep neural networks.

Pseudo Code:

1. Define different activation functions:
Sigmoid, Tanh, ReLU, Leaky ReLU, Softmax
2. Input a range of values.
3. Apply each activation function to the Input
4. Observe the Outputs
5. Compare function based on range, gradient

Observation:

Sigmoid: Smooth, maps values.

Tanh: Similar to sigmoid.

Formula:

$$1) \text{ Sigmoid} = f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$

$$2) \text{ Tanh} = f(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

3) ReLu = (Rectified Linear Unit)

$$f(n) = \max(0, n)$$

4) Leaky ReLU

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n & n > 0 \\ \alpha n & n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

5) Softmax:

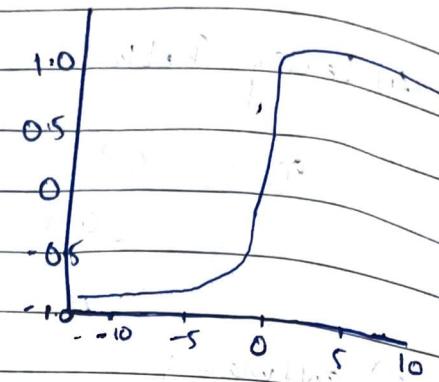
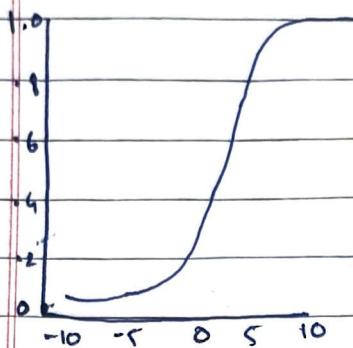
$$f(n_i) = \frac{e^{n_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{n_j}}$$

Observation Table:

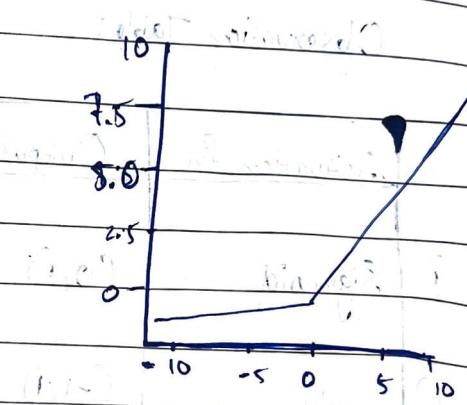
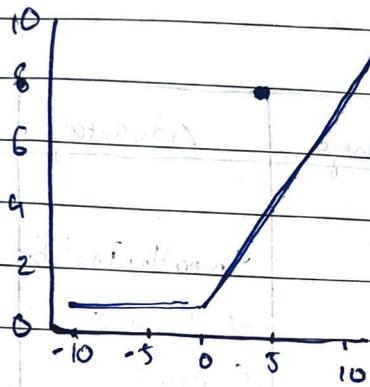
Activation fn	Output Range	Advantage	Use Case
1) Sigmoid	(0, 1)	Smooth, Probabilistic Output	Binary classification
2) Tanh	(-1, 1)	Centered around 0, better than sigmoid.	Hidden layer (older networks).
3) ReLU	(0, ∞)	Fast, Reduce Computation time.	Hidden layer (Modern CNN, ANN).
4) Leaky ReLU	(-∞, ∞)	Fines ReLU (dying) issue	Deep Hidden layer
5) Softmax	(0, 1), sum=1	Give probability Distribution	layer for multi-class

Graphs:

Sigmoid:

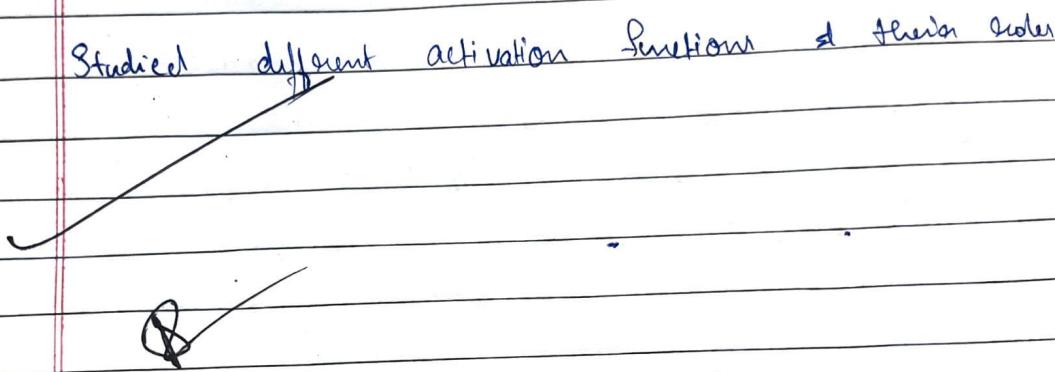


ReLU



- ReLU and Leaky ReLU are most effective in hidden layers.
- Sigmoid and Tanh are rarely used today due to vanishing gradient.
- Softmax for multi-class classification problems.

Result:



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[8]: import numpy as np
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models
import pandas as pd

activation_functions = [
    'relu', 'sigmoid', 'tanh', 'softplus', 'softsign',
    'elu', 'selu', 'gelu', 'exponential'
]

np.random.seed(42)
x_input = np.linspace(-5, 5, 100).reshape(-1, 1)

results = {
    'Activation Function': [],
    'Output Range': []
}

for act in activation_functions:
    model = models.Sequential([
        layers.Input(shape=(1,)),
        layers.Dense(1, activation=act)
    ])
    y_output = model.predict(x_input, verbose=0)
    y_min, y_max = np.min(y_output), np.max(y_output)
    results['Activation Function'].append(act)
    results['Output Range'].append(f"[{y_min:.3f}, {y_max:.3f}]"")
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results_df = pd.DataFrame(results)

for i in range(0, len(results_df), 3):
    print(results_df.iloc[i:i+3])
    print("-"*40)

results_df.to_csv("activation_function_observation.csv", index=False)
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Activation Function	Output Range
0 relu	[0.000, 7.692]
1 sigmoid	[0.445, 0.555]
2 tanh	[-1.000, 1.000]

Activation Function	Output Range
3 softplus	[0.032, 3.455]
4 softsign	[-0.748, 0.748]
5 elu	[-0.748, 1.380]

Activation Function	Output Range
6 selu	[-1.748, 5.462]
7 gelu	[-0.170, 1.495]
8 exponential	[0.058, 17.189]

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