# Practical Dependent Types: Type-Safe Neural Networks

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#### Preface

Slide available at https://mstksg.github.io/talks/lambdaconf-2017/dependent-types/dependent-types.html.

All code available at https://github.com/mstksg/talks/tree/master/lambdaconf-2017/dependent-types.

Libraries required: (available on Hackage) hmatrix, singletons, MonadRandom. GHC 8.x assumed.

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Dependent types are simply the extension of this question, pushing the power of types further.

#### Artificial Neural Networks

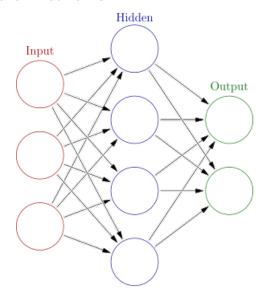


Figure 1: Feed-forward ANN architecture

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They are parameterized by a weight matrix  $W: \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  (an  $m \times n$  matrix) and a bias vector  $\mathbf{b}: \mathbb{R}^m$ , and the result is: (for some activation function  $\mathbf{f}$ )

$$\mathbf{y} = f(W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$$

A neural network would take a vector through many layers.

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```
data Weights = W { wBiases :: !(Vector Double) --n , wNodes :: !(Matrix Double) --n x m }
```

A network with one input layer, two hidden layers, and one output layer would be:

```
h1 :~ h2 :~ 0 o
```

## Running them

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- What if layers in the network are incompatible?
- How does the user know what size vector a network expects?
- Is our runLayer and runNet implementation correct?

## Backprop

```
train :: Double -- ^ learning rate
-> Vector Double -- ^ input vector
-> Vector Double -- ^ target vector
-> Network -- ^ network to train
-> Network
train rate x0 target = fst . go x0
where
```

# Backprop (Outer layer)

```
go :: Vector Double -- ^ input vector
   -> Network -- ^ network to train
   -> (Network, Vector Double)
-- handle the output layer
go !x (0 w@(W wB wN))
   = let y = runLayer w x
         o = logistic y
          -- the gradient (how much y affects the error
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         dEdy = logistic' y * (o - target)
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         wB' = wB - scale rate dEdy
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         w' = W wB' wN'
          -- bundle of derivatives for next step
         dWs = tr wN \# > dEdy
      in (O w', dWs)
```

# Backprop (Inner layer)

```
-- handle the inner layers
go !x (w@(W WB WN) :~ n)
   = let y = runLayer w x
         o = logistic y
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         (n', dWs') = go o n
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- We basically rely on naming conventions to make sure we write our code correctly.

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- How many of our functions are partial?

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Operations are typed:

```
(+) :: KnownNat n => R n -> R n -> R n -> R n \\ (<\#) :: (KnownNat m, KnownNat n) => L m n -> R n -> R m
```

KnownNat n lets hmatrix use the n in the type. Typed holes can guide our development, too!

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```
ghci> :t True
Bool
ghci> :k 'True
Bool
ghci> :t [True, False]
[Bool]
ghci> :k '[ 'True, 'False ]
[Bool]
```

```
data Network :: Nat -> [Nat] -> Nat -> Type where
     :: !(Weights i o)
          -> Network i ' [] o
    (:~) :: KnownNat h
         => !(Weights i h)
         -> !(Network h hs o)
         -> Network i (h ': hs) o
infixr 5 :~
h1 :: W 10 8
h2:: W 8 5
o :: W 5 2
h1 :~ h2 :~ o :: Network 10 '[8, 5] 2
h2 :~ h1 :~ o -- type error
```

## Running

```
runLayer :: (KnownNat i, KnownNat o)
         => Weights i o
         -> R i
        -> R o
runLayer (W wB wN) v = wB + wN #> v
runNet :: (KnownNat i, KnownNat o)
      => Network i hs o
      -> R. i
      ->R
runNet (0 w) !v = logistic (runLayer w v)
runNet (w :~ n') !v = let v' = logistic (runLayer w v)
                      in runNet n' v'
```

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Running			

Much better! Matrices and vector lengths are guaranteed to line up!

# Generating

No need for explicit arguments! User can demand i and o. No reliance on documentation and parameter orders.

# Generating

But, for generating nets, we have a problem:

#### Pattern matching on types

The solution for pattern matching on types: singletons.

```
-- (not the actual impelentation)
data Sing :: Bool -> Type where
   SFalse :: Sing 'False
   STrue :: Sing 'True
data Sing :: [k] -> Type where
   SNil :: Sing '[]
   SCons :: Sing x -> Sing xs -> Sing (x ': xs)
data Sing :: Nat -> Type where
   SNat :: KnownNat n => Sing n
```

### Pattern matching on types

```
ghci> :t SFalse
Sing 'False
ghci> :t STrue `SCons` (SFalse `SCons` SNil)
Sing '[True, False]
ghci> :t SNat @1 `SCons` (SNat @2 `SCons` SNil)
Sing '[1, 2]
```

#### Random networks

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Ready for this?

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   => R j
                  -- ^ input vector
   -> Network j js o -- ^ network to train
   -> (Network j js o, R j)
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Surprise! It's actually identical! No loss in expressivity. Typed holes can write our code for us in many cases. And shapes are all verified.

# Type-Driven Development

We wrote an untyped implementation, then realized what was wrong. Then we added types, and everything is great!

# Further reading

- Blog series: https://blog.jle.im/entries/series/
   +practical-dependent-types-in-haskell.html
- Extra resources:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhWMhTjQzsU
- http://www.well-typed.com/blog/2015/11/ implementing-a-minimal-version-of-haskell-servant/
- https://www.schoolofhaskell.com/user/konn/ prove-your-haskell-for-great-safety
- http://jozefg.bitbucket.org/posts/ 2014-08-25-dep-types-part-1.html