Classifying Cats and Dogs An Introduction to Neural Networks and Auto-Encoders

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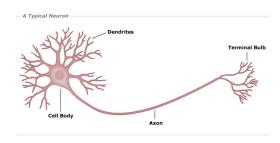
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The Applications

- Stock market prediction
- Pattern recognition
- Data recognition
- A bunch of other things

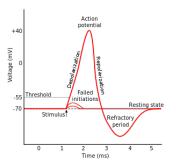


A Biological View of a Neuron



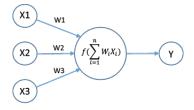
- Neurons are made up of a cell body, axon, and dendrites
- Dendrites propagate an electrochemical signal to the cell body
- The cell body sums the signal and can send an action potential down the axon
- The axon transmits information to neurons, muscles and glands.

Summing and Activation Function



- The signals from the dendrites are summed
- After the summation, the signal is passed through an activation function
- The activation function corresponds to the activation state of the node

A Neuron Through a Mathematical Perspective



- The model for one neuron
- We can think of a neural network as many individual neurons.
 Thus by knowing how to model one, we can see how a neural network functions.

Network Architecture

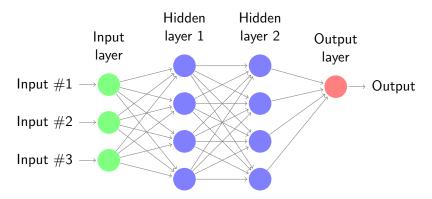
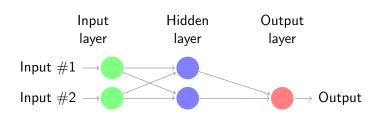


Figure: A 3-4-4-1 neural network

Overview of Feed-Forward Neural Nets



- A feed-forward neural network creates a mapping from $\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$
- They are considered supervised learning
- Our goal is to minimize the error between the outputs of the network and the targets

Calculating the Output to a Feed-Forward Neural Net

Relationship between the states of two adjacent layers

$$S_{i-1} \rightarrow P_i = W_i S_{i-1} + b_i \rightarrow S_i = \sigma(P_i)$$

where b_i corresponds to the vector of biases for layer i, W_i is the matrix corresponding to all the weights for layer i, and $S_0 = x$, the input layer.

 This is the same strategy for calculating the output for one node as we did previously

Generating a Function

- We can write a neural network as function by considering each layer a composition of the one previous.
- This is visualized by:

$$x \to P_1 = W_1 x + b_1 \to S_1 = \sigma(P_1)$$

$$S_1 \to P_2 = W_2 S_1 + b_2 \to S_2 = \sigma(P_2)$$

$$S_2 \to P_3 = W_3 S_2 + b_3 \to S_3 = \sigma(P_3)$$

$$S_3 \to P_4 = W_4 S_3 + b_4 \to S_4 = \sigma(P_4)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$S_{n-1} \to P_n = W_n S_{n-1} + b_n \to S_n = \sigma(P_n)$$

• The last state condition is the output of the neural network

What To Do With The Output

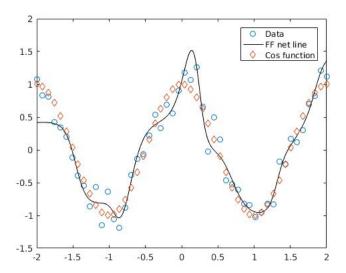
- Our goal is to minimize the error between the output value and our given target
- Our error function will be the sum of squared error between these two terms:

$$E(W_i, b_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{p} ||\mathbf{t}^i - \mathbf{y}^i||^2$$

where the error function is dependent on the weight matrices W_i and the bias vectors b_i for each layer

• We change the matrix of weights and vector of biases to decrease the error in the opposite direction of the gradient

A Quick Example im Matlab

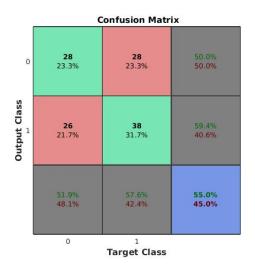


Cats and Dogs Example

 A simple feed forward neural network classifier was used to dtermine what images were cats versus dogs



The Confusion Matrix



Auto-Encoders and Sparse Auto-Encoders

- An auto-encoder network is an unsupervised learning algorithm where the input and output layers are the same size
- The three layer network sets the input values equal to the target values
- It's essentially an identity mapping
- An auto-encoder will take the hidden layer to a smaller dimension than that of the input/output layer.
- A sparse auto-encoder will take the hidden layer to a larger dimension. auto-encoder

Auto-Encoders and the SVD

 The best k-dimension basis of a matrix given from the reduced SVD, is approximately equivalent to the encoding matrix of an auto-encoder with a k-dimensional hidden layer









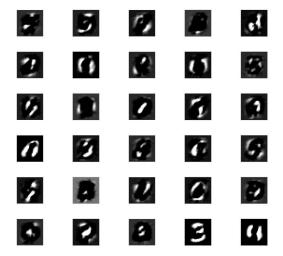
Sparse Auto-Encoders



- MNIST data set is 60,000 handwritten letters, 1/2 from high schoolers and 1/2 from United State Census Bureau employees
- Lowest error rate achieved so far is 0.21 percent on the 10,000 test images
- What we are going to see in the sparse hidden layer is specialization



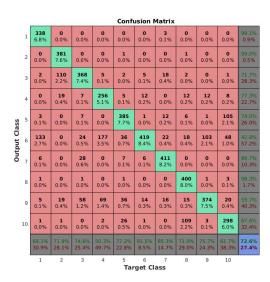
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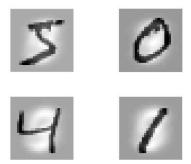
Deep Learning and Deep Nets

- Deep nets are stacked feed-forward, auto-encoder, and softmax layers with added parameters
- Much more powerful classification tool
- Deep nets are used in advanced technologies including artificial intelligence and self driving cars

The MNIST via a Deep Net



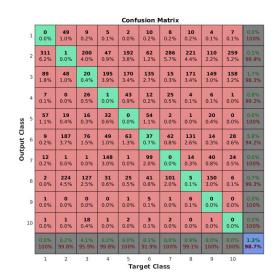
An Interesting Result



- A recent article was published regarding testing negative images run through a deep net trained on the same positive images.
- The result was very interesting...



The Result and Implications



Conclusion

- The universal approximator theorem: states that a feed-froward neural network with one single hidden layer can approximate any continuous function to an arbitrarily small error
- Deep nets are super important for applications in machine learning
- From the last example, deep nets and deep learning are still active areas of research where there is much more to learn
- Go to Google's AI site to see more advanced uses of neural networks in real life: https://aiexperiments.withgoogle.com/

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Questions?