Abstract

This report presents a comprehensive study on Error-Correction Learning using the Perceptron model for binary classification tasks, specifically the logical AND and OR gates. The Perceptron, a single-layer artificial neuron, operates by computing a weighted sum of inputs and applying a step activation function to produce a binary output. Training is performed using the Error-Correction Learning Rule, where weights and bias are iteratively adjusted based on the difference between the desired output and the actual output.

The study demonstrates the convergence of the perceptron for linearly separable functions, highlighting the impact of learning rate on the speed and stability of convergence. Experimental results include iteration-wise weight updates, error reduction plots, and comparisons of different learning rates. The analysis confirms that appropriate selection of learning rate accelerates convergence without oscillations, while the perceptron successfully classifies all patterns for AND and OR tasks.

The findings reinforce the perceptron's effectiveness for supervised learning of linearly separable problems and provide a foundational understanding for more advanced neural network architectures. Additionally, the report discusses limitations, applications, and potential extensions, making it a complete demonstration of Error-Correction Learning in practice.

Aim

The aim of this study is to demonstrate the Error-Correction Learning Rule by training a perceptron model on AND and OR logical tasks, analyzing the decrease in prediction error over iterations, and examining the effect of different learning rates on convergence behavior and training stability.

Objective

The primary objective of this study is to demonstrate the Error-Correction Learning mechanism using a single-layer Perceptron for solving basic binary classification tasks, specifically the AND and OR logical functions. The specific objectives are:

1. To implement a Perceptron model capable of learning linearly separable patterns through supervised training.
2. To apply the Error-Correction Learning Rule for iterative adjustment of weights and bias based on output error.
3. To analyze the convergence behavior of the perceptron for AND and OR tasks.
4. To investigate the effect of different learning rates ((\eta)) on the speed and stability of convergence.
5. To visualize error reduction over iterations and identify optimal learning parameters.
6. To highlight the limitations and scope of single-layer perceptron models for linearly separable problems.

The overarching goal is to provide a technical and practical understanding of perceptron-based supervised learning and error-driven adaptation in artificial neural networks.

Introduction

Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) are computational models inspired by the structure and functional mechanisms of the biological nervous system. They are designed to simulate the information processing capability of the human brain through interconnected processing units called artificial neurons. These models are widely used in pattern recognition, classification, regression, signal processing, and intelligent decision-making systems.

The fundamental building block of an ANN is the artificial neuron, which performs a weighted summation of input signals followed by a nonlinear transformation through an activation function. This concept was first mathematically formulated in 1943 by McCulloch and Pitts and later refined into the Perceptron model by Frank Rosenblatt in 1958. The Perceptron became one of the earliest supervised learning algorithms capable of solving linearly separable classification problems.

In machine learning, learning refers to the process of adjusting model parameters to minimize classification or prediction errors. One of the earliest learning strategies is the Error-Correction Learning Rule, which updates the synaptic weights in proportion to the difference between the desired output and the actual output. This principle forms the foundation of supervised learning algorithms such as the Perceptron.

Logical functions such as AND and OR serve as fundamental benchmarks for evaluating classification models because they are simple yet demonstrate the capability of linear classifiers. Both AND and OR problems are linearly separable, meaning a single linear decision boundary can correctly classify the input patterns. This makes them ideal examples for demonstrating the convergence behavior of the Perceptron learning algorithm.

The Perceptron operates iteratively. During each epoch, it processes training samples, computes the output using a linear combination of inputs and weights, compares it with the target output, and adjusts the weights using the learning rate parameter. The learning rate plays a crucial role in determining the speed and stability of convergence. A small learning rate results in slow but stable convergence, whereas a large learning rate accelerates training but may cause oscillations.

Understanding the training dynamics of the Perceptron, especially error reduction across iterations and the influence of learning rate on convergence, is essential in neural network theory. Although modern deep learning architectures are significantly more complex, the Perceptron remains a foundational model for understanding supervised learning, gradient-based optimization, and classification boundaries.

This report presents a detailed demonstration of Error-Correction Learning by training a Perceptron on AND and OR logical tasks. It includes theoretical foundations, algorithmic implementation, mathematical derivations, simulation results, error convergence analysis, and discussion of learning rate effects. The objective is to provide a comprehensive technical understanding of Perceptron learning behavior and its practical implications in artificial neural network design.

Artificial Neuron Model

The artificial neuron is a computational abstraction of a biological neuron. It consists of the following components:

1. **Inputs ($x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$)**: Signals received from external sources or previous neurons.
2. **Weights ($w_1, w_2, ..., w_n$)**: Synaptic strengths that modulate the influence of each input.
3. **Bias (b)**: A threshold term that allows shifting the activation function horizontally.
4. **Summation function (Σ)**: Computes the net input:

$$net = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i + b$$

5. **Activation function (f)**: Determines the neuron's output. For perceptrons, a **step function** is used:

$$y = f(net) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } net \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } net < 0 \end{cases}$$

The artificial neuron serves as a **basic computational unit** for building neural networks capable of learning from data through weight adaptation.

Perceptron Model

The Perceptron Model is one of the earliest supervised learning algorithms in Artificial Neural Networks. It was introduced in 1958 by Frank Rosenblatt as a linear binary classifier. The Perceptron extends the artificial neuron model by incorporating a learning mechanism that updates synaptic weights using labeled training data.

The model is designed to classify input vectors into one of two classes based on a linear decision boundary.

Architecture of the Perceptron

The Perceptron consists of:

- **Input Layer:** Receives feature vectors ($x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$).
- **Weight Vector :**Each input is associated with a weight ($w_1, w_2, ..., w_n$). These parameters are adjustable during training.
- **Bias Term:** A bias (b) shifts the decision boundary and increases model flexibility.

The linear combination is defined as:

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i$$

In vector notation:

$$x = w^T x + b$$

The output of the Perceptron is obtained by applying a step activation function:

$$S = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Convergence Property

According to the **Perceptron Convergence Theorem**, if the training data is linearly separable, the algorithm is guaranteed to converge in a finite number of iterations.

However:

- If the data is not linearly separable the Perceptron fails to converge.
- The learning rate affects convergence speed but not the existence of a solution.

Functional Characteristics

- Supervised learning model
- Binary classifier
- Linear decision boundary
- Iterative weight update mechanism
- Suitable for linearly separable datasets

The Perceptron Model represents a foundational milestone in neural network research. It demonstrates how adaptive weight adjustment through error correction enables a system to learn classification boundaries. Understanding the Perceptron is essential before studying advanced models such as multilayer neural networks and deep learning architectures.

Error-Correction Learning

Error-Correction Learning is a supervised learning mechanism in which the synaptic weights of a neural network are adjusted according to the difference between the desired output and the actual output. The fundamental objective is to minimize classification error by iteratively updating the model parameters.

This learning principle forms the foundation of the Perceptron learning algorithm and later gradient-based optimization techniques used in multilayer neural networks.

The error signal is defined as:

$$e = d - s$$

- If $e = 0$, the classification is correct and no update is required.
- If $e \neq 0$, weight adjustment is performed.

Learning Rule

The Perceptron uses the Error-Correction Learning Rule, which updates weights based on classification error:

Weight Update Equation:

$$w_i(t+1)=w_i(t)+\eta(d-s)x_i$$

Bias Update Equation

$$b(t+1)=b(t)+\eta(d-s)$$

Where:

- η = learning rate
- d = desired output
- s= predicted output
- $(d - s)$ = error signal

Interpretation of the Update

- If the output is correct → (e = 0) → No update
- If output is smaller than desired output→ weights increase
- If output is larger than desired output → weights decrease

Thus, the algorithm shifts the decision boundary toward correct classification.

Error Minimization Objective

Although the Perceptron does not explicitly minimize a differentiable cost function like Mean Squared Error (MSE), it effectively reduces misclassification errors for linearly separable data.

Role of Learning Rate (η)

The learning rate controls the magnitude of weight updates:

- **small Learning Rate:**When η is very small, the weight updates are minimal. This leads to slow convergence and requires more training iterations. However, the learning process remains stable and smooth.
- **Moderate Learning Rate:** A moderate value of η ensures balanced learning. The model converges efficiently without causing instability, making it the most suitable choice for most classification tasks.
- **Large Learning Rate:** If η is too large, weight updates become excessive. This may cause oscillations in the decision boundary and unstable training behavior, potentially preventing convergence.

Convergence Behavior

Convergence behavior refers to the manner in which the Perceptron’s weights stabilize over successive training iterations, resulting in consistent and correct classification of input patterns.

- **Initial Training Phase**

At the beginning of training, the weights and bias are typically initialized with small random values. During this phase, the model produces a high number of misclassifications because the decision boundary is not properly positioned. Consequently, frequent weight updates occur.

- **Intermediate Phase**

As training progresses, the Error-Correction Learning rule adjusts the weights in the direction that reduces classification error. The number of misclassifications gradually decreases, and the decision boundary starts moving toward an optimal separating hyperplane.

- **Final Phase (Convergence)**

For linearly separable datasets such as AND and OR logical tasks, the Perceptron eventually reaches a state where all training samples are correctly classified. At this point:

- The error becomes zero
- No further weight updates occur
- The weights stabilize
- The decision boundary remains fixed

This state is known as convergence.

Characteristics of Error-Correction Learning

- **Supervised Learning Mechanism**

Error-Correction Learning operates under a supervised framework, where each training sample is associated with a predefined target output. The model learns by comparing its predicted output with the desired output.

- **Requires Target Output**

The presence of a target value (d) is essential because the learning process depends on computing the error term ($e = d - s$). Without labeled data, weight adjustment cannot occur.

- **Weight Adaptation**

The learning process is iterative in nature. During each epoch, the weights and bias are updated whenever misclassification occurs, gradually refining the decision boundary.

- **Suitable for Linear Decision Problems**

Error-Correction Learning is effective for linearly separable datasets. It enables the Perceptron to construct a linear decision boundary that correctly separates classes such as AND and OR logical tasks.

- **Gradient Descent Methods**

Although the Perceptron does not explicitly use a differentiable cost function, the principle of adjusting weights in the direction that reduces error forms the conceptual foundation for gradient descent and backpropagation algorithms used in multilayer neural networks.

Logical Tasks: AND & OR

The AND and OR logical functions are classical binary classification problems widely used to validate the performance of the Perceptron model under supervised learning. These problems are linearly separable and therefore satisfy the convergence conditions of the Perceptron learning algorithm.

Both tasks involve two binary input variables $x_1$and x_2, with outputs defined according to Boolean algebra. The objective of training is to determine appropriate weight parameters $w_1, w_2$and bias $b$such that the linear decision function correctly classifies all input patterns.

AND Logical Function

The AND function produces a positive output only when both inputs are active (equal to 1)

Truth tables:

x1	**x2**	**Target**
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Example of Valid Parameters

$$w_1 = 1, w_2 = 1, b = -1.5$$

This produces:

$$x = x_1 + x_2 - 1.5$$

Only when $x_1 = 1$and $x_2 = 1$, the value of $x \geq 0$, producing output 1.

OR Logical Function

Truth Table:

x_1	x_2	**Target**
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

Example of Valid Parameters

$$w_1 = 1, w_2 = 1, b = -0.5$$

This produces:

$$x = x_1 + x_2 - 0.5$$

Any input with at least one active component produces $x \geq 0$, resulting in output 1.

Linear Separability Analysis

A dataset is linearly separable if there exists a weight vector **w**and bias $b$such that:

$$d_i(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i + b) > 0$$

Both tasks are **linearly separable**, making them solvable with a single-layer perceptron.

for all training samples.

Both AND and OR satisfy this condition; therefore, according to the Perceptron Convergence Theorem:

- The algorithm converges in finite iterations
- The training error reduces monotonically
- A stable decision boundary is obtained

Decision Boundary Characteristics

For both tasks:

- The boundary is a straight line in $\mathbb{R}^2$
- It represents a linear classifier
- The weights determine the slope
- The bias determines the intercept

The Perceptron iteratively modifies w_1, w_2, busing the error-correction rule:

$$w_i(t+1) = w_i(t) + \eta(d - s)x_i$$

until perfect classification is achieved

Perceptron Training Algorithm

The Perceptron Training Algorithm is a supervised learning procedure used to determine optimal weight parameters for binary classification tasks. It is based on the Error-Correction Learning rule and iteratively adjusts the weight vector and bias to minimize classification error

Step-by-step procedure:

Step 1: Initialization

Initialize the synaptic weights and bias with small random values:

$$w_1, w_2 \sim \text{random values}$$
$$b \sim \text{random value}$$

Set the learning rate η, where $0 < \eta \leq 1$.

Step 2: Select Learning Rate

Choose an appropriate learning rate $\eta$to control the magnitude of weight updates.

Step 3: Training Phase

For each training pattern (x_1, x_2, d):

(a) Compute Linear Combination

$$x = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b$$

(b) Apply Activation Function

$$s = f(x)$$

where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(c) Compute Error

$$e = d - s$$

(d) Update Weights and Bias

$$w_i(t+1) = w_i(t) + \eta(d - s)x_i$$
$$b(t+1) = b(t) + \eta(d - s)$$

The update occurs only when misclassification is detected.

Step 4: Stopping Criterion

Repeat the above steps for all input patterns (one epoch). Continue iterating until:

- All training samples are correctly classified (error = 0), or
- The maximum number of epochs is reached.

Simulation and Results

This section presents the implementation of the Perceptron model for AND and OR logical tasks using the Error-Correction Learning rule. The simulation demonstrates convergence behavior and error reduction across epochs.

Simulation Parameters

- Learning rate $\eta = 0.1$
- Maximum epochs = 20
- Activation function = Unit Step Function
- Initial weights and bias = Random values

Python Implementation Code

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Step activation function
def step(x):
    return 1 if x >= 0 else 0

# Perceptron training function
def train_perceptron(X, d, eta=0.1, epochs=20):
    w = np.random.randn(2)
    b = np.random.randn()
    error_history = []
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        total_error = 0
        for i in range(len(X)):
            x = np.dot(w, X[i]) + b
            s = step(x)
            e = d[i] - s

            # Update rule
            w = w + eta * e * X[i]
            b = b + eta * e

            total_error += abs(e)

        error_history.append(total_error)

        # Stop if no error
        if total_error == 0:
            break

    return w, b, error_history

# AND dataset
X_and = np.array([[0,0],[0,1],[1,0],[1,1]])
d_and = np.array([0,0,0,1])

# OR dataset
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X_or = np.array([[0,0],[0,1],[1,0],[1,1]])
d_or = np.array([0,1,1,1])

# Train models
w_and, b_and, error_and = train_perceptron(X_and, d_and)
w_or, b_or, error_or = train_perceptron(X_or, d_or)

# Plot error convergence
plt.plot(error_and, marker='o')
plt.title("Error Convergence - AND")
plt.xlabel("Epoch")
plt.ylabel("Total Error")
plt.show()

plt.plot(error_or, marker='o')
plt.title("Error Convergence - OR")
plt.xlabel("Epoch")
plt.ylabel("Total Error")
plt.show()

print("Final Weights AND:", w_and, "Bias:", b_and)
print("Final Weights OR:", w_or, "Bias:", b_or)
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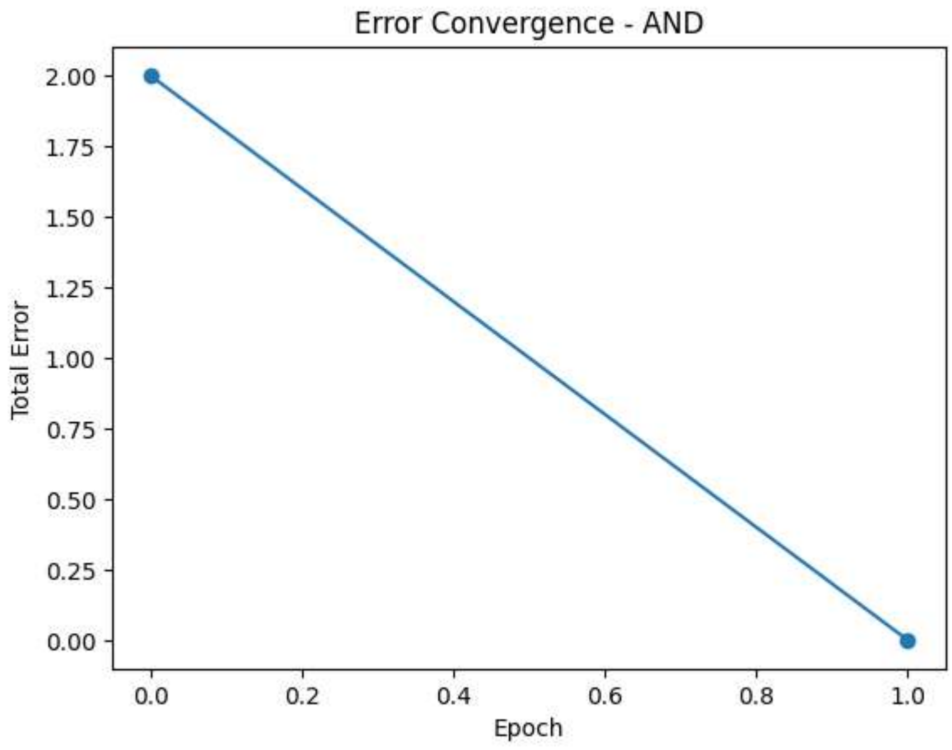
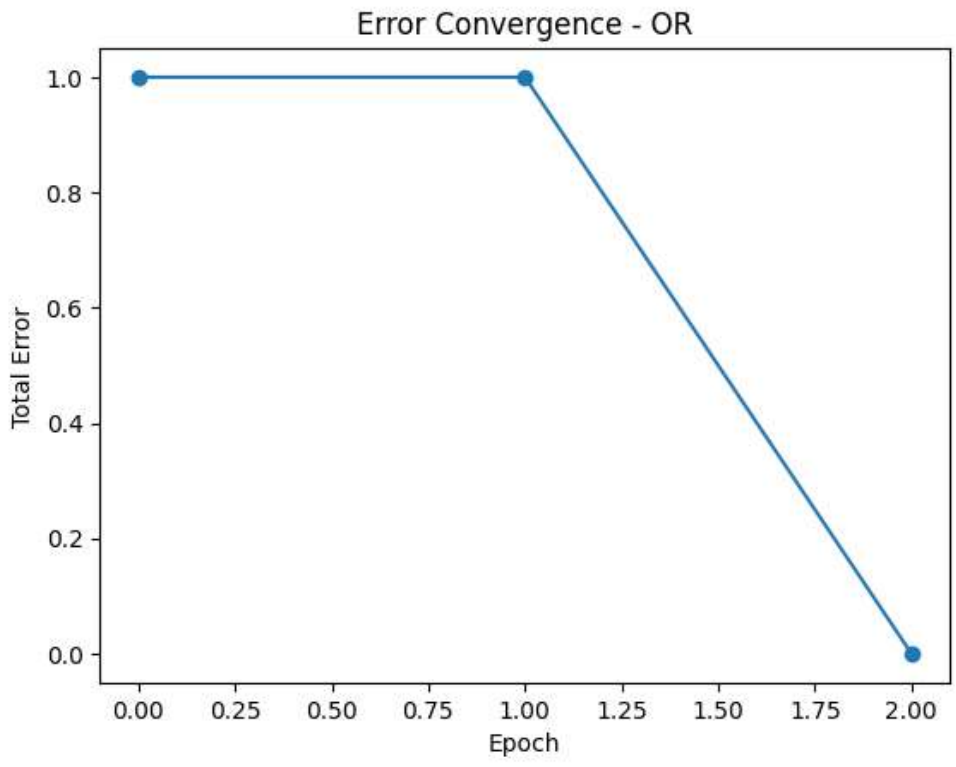
Sample Results Table :





Final Weights AND: [0.95985831 0.79580649] Bias: -0.9876536766792154

Final Weights OR: [1.30883036 0.53095186] Bias: -0.39496325689550404

Conclusion

The perceptron model is a fundamental supervised learning algorithm used for binary linear classification. It operates based on the error-correction learning rule, where weights and bias are iteratively updated using the classification error. For linearly separable problems such as AND and OR logical functions, the perceptron successfully converges to a stable solution within a finite number of epochs.

The simulation results demonstrate that the total classification error decreases gradually across epochs, confirming the convergence property of the algorithm. The learned decision boundary is linear and effectively separates the two classes in the input space.

Despite its simplicity and effectiveness for linear problems, the perceptron is limited to linearly separable datasets and cannot solve nonlinear classification tasks such as XOR. This limitation was formally analyzed by Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert in their influential book Perceptrons, which temporarily slowed research in neural networks and highlighted the need for multilayer architectures.

However, the perceptron is limited to linearly separable problems and cannot solve nonlinear classification tasks such as XOR. This limitation, highlighted by Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert in Perceptrons, led to the development of multilayer neural networks and advanced learning algorithms.

In conclusion, the perceptron remains an important foundational model in artificial neural networks, providing the basis for modern supervised learning and gradient-based optimization techniques.

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