

04/03 Lecture 1. Introduction

- Read Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 (sec. 2.3 & 2.4) of Dive into Deep Learning
- Linear methods are limited
 - Only work for simple tasks
 - Used in the final stages of more complex methods
- Neural Networks and Deep Learning
 - Focus of the unit
- Supervised Learning
 - Requires human input
- Unsupervised Learning
 - Machine learns from data inputs, only
- Key Components
 - 1) Data that we can learn from
 - 2) A model to transform the data
 - 3) An objective function that quantifies how well (or badly) the model is doing
 - 4) An algorithm to adjust the model's parameters to optimise the objective function
- General Framework
 - Define an ML problem
 - Supervised, unsupervised or reinforcement learning
 - Combination of all these types
 - Data collection, cleaning, validation, and storage
 - Modelling, Training and Testing
 - A good representation of the functions: a set of functions that have the following characteristics:
 - Capacity: capable of representing

general complex input-output relationships to achieve good training performance

- Compactness: for good testing performance
- Learnability: the optimisation problem should be solvable

- Vectors

- Simply a list of scalar values
- Each scalar value is called an element
- One-dimensional tensor
- Can be column or row-oriented

- Matrices

- A matrix is a list of column or row vectors
- Each row is a row vector
- Each column is a column vector
- A column vector is a matrix with one column
- A row vector is a matrix with one row

- Tensors

- Generic way of describing n-dimensional arrays with an arbitrary number of axes
- Scalars are zero-dimensional arrays
- Vectors are one-dimensional arrays
- Matrices are two-dimensional arrays
- A 3-dimensional array is a list of matrices
- A $(n-1)$ -dimensional array is a list of n dimensional arrays

Summary of Linear Algebra

- Scalars, vectors, matrices and tensors are basic mathematical objects in linear algebra
- Vectors generalise scalars, and matrices generalise vectors
- Scalars, vectors, matrices and tensors have zero, one, two, and an arbitrary number of axes, respectively
- Elementwise multiplication of two matrices is called their Hadamard product. It is not matrix multiplication
- Norms are often used in objective functions

Summary of Calculus

- Derivative: the instantaneous rate of change of a function with respect to its variable and the slope of the tangent line to the curve of the function
- A gradient is a vector whose components are the partial derivatives of a multivariate function with respect to all its variables
- The chain rule enables us to differentiate composite functions