

Introduction to Machine Learning

Chapter 3: Deep Learning- Multi-class

Classification

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Single Hidden Layer Networks for Multi-Class Classification

- We have only considered regression and binary classification problems so far.
- How can we get a neural network to perform multiclass classification?

- The first step is to add additional neurons to the output layer.
- Each neuron in the layer will represent a specific class (number of neurons in the output layer = number of classes).

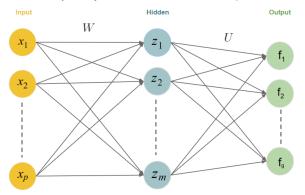


Figure: Structure of a single hidden layer, feed-forward neural network for g-class classification problems (bias term omitted).

Notation:

• For *g*-class classification, *g* output units:

$$\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \ldots, f_g)$$

• m hidden neurons z_1, \ldots, z_m , with

$$z_j = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_i^{\top} \mathbf{x}), \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

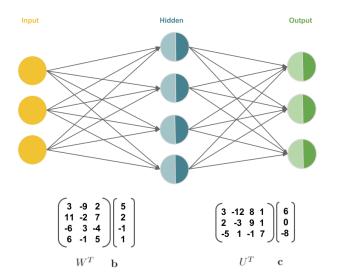
• Compute linear combinations of derived features z:

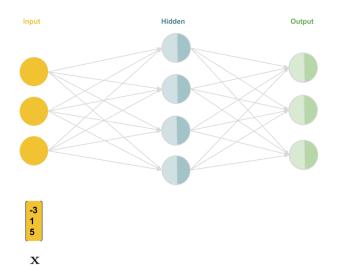
$$f_{in,k} = \boldsymbol{U}_k^{\top} \mathbf{z}, \quad \mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_m)^{\top}, \quad k = 1, \dots, g$$

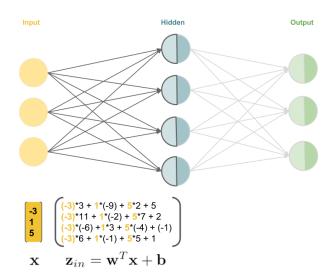
- The second step is to apply a softmax activation function to the output layer.
- This gives us a probability distribution over g different possible classes:

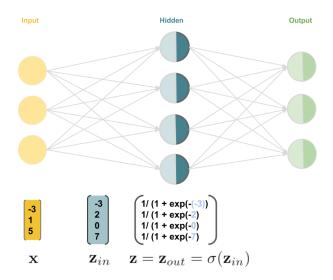
$$f_{out,k} = \tau_k(f_{in,k}) = \frac{\exp(f_{in,k})}{\sum_{k'=1}^g \exp(f_{in,k'})}$$

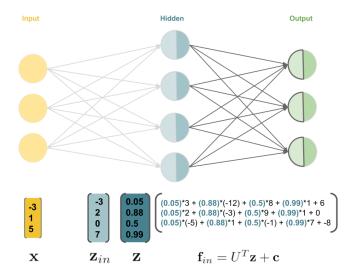
- This is the same transformation used in softmax regression!
- Derivative $\frac{\delta au(\mathbf{f}_{\textit{in}})}{\delta \mathbf{f}_{\textit{in}}} = \text{diag}(au(\mathbf{f}_{\textit{in}})) au(\mathbf{f}_{\textit{in}}) au(\mathbf{f}_{\textit{in}})^{\top}$
- It is a "smooth" approximation of the argmax operation, so $\tau((1,1000,2)^{\top}) \approx (0,1,0)^{\top}$ (picks out 2nd element!).

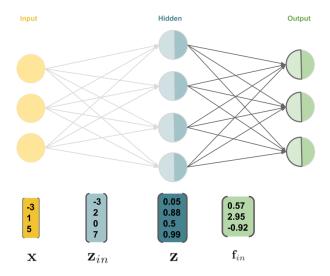


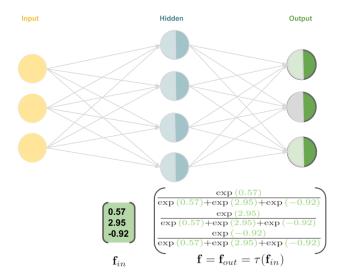


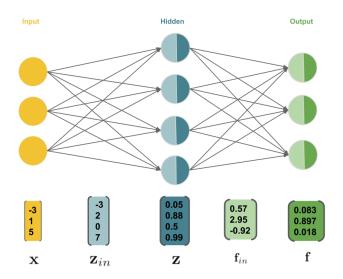












SOFTMAX LOSS

The loss function for a softmax classifier is

$$L(y, f(\mathbf{x})) = -\sum_{k=1}^{g} [y = k] \log \left(\frac{\exp(f_{in,k})}{\sum_{k'=1}^{g} \exp(f_{in,k'})} \right)$$
 where $[y = k] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$.

- This is equivalent to the cross-entropy loss when the label vector \mathbf{y} is one-hot coded (e.g. $\mathbf{y} = (0, 0, 1, 0)^{\top}$).
- Optimization: Again, there is no analytic solution.

SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS: SUMMARY

- We have seen that neural networks are far more flexible than linear models. Neural networks with a single hidden layer are able to approximate any continuous function.
- Yet, in reality, there is no way to make full use of the universal approximation property. The learning algorithm will usually not find the best possible model. At best it finds a locally optimal model.
- The XOR example showed us how neural networks extract features to transform the space and actually learn a kernel (learn a representation).
- Neural networks can perfectly fit noisy data. Thus, neural networks are endangered to over-fit. This is particularly true for a model with a huge hidden layer.
- Fitting neural networks with sigmoidal activation function is nothing else but fitting many weighted logistic regressions!