CS F425: Deep Learning

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The Course I

DL success can be attributed to:

- Availability of large amount of data
- Extensive use of powerful graphics processors
- Availability of software libraries to facilitate deep network implementations
- Significant involvement of industrial research labs in deep learning research.

The Course II

Course Plan:

- Preliminaries
- Multilayered Neural Nets
- Neural Nets for Computer Vision
- Neural Nets for Sequence Learning
- Neural Nets for Representation Learning
- Neural Nets for Generative Modeling

The Course III

Course Websites:

- Classroom: Google Classroom
- Lab: CS-F425_Deep-Learning (GitHub)

The Course IV

Evaluative Components:

Component	Mark	Туре
Midsem Exam	30	Open Book (Online)
Lab Assignment 1	10	-NA-
Lab Assignment 2	10	-NA-
Major Project	20	-NA-
Comprehensive Exam	30	Open Book (Online)

The Course V

I will NOT teach:

- Machine Learning basics
- Optimisation basics

Any questions?

A brief look back ... I

Inspiration of Deep Learning and its history

- Loosely: Brain :: Neural Nets [like, Bird :: Aeroplane; in fact, Deep Learning has nothing to do with human brain.]
- Historical names: Cybernetics (1940s–1960s), Connectionist Models (1980s–1990s), Deep Learning (2006–)
- Neural Network (NN, Neural Net) is the term used to refer to such an architecture.

A brief look back ... II

- Started: McCulloch and Pitts Model of neuron (1943)
 - Idea: Neurons are threshold units (on/off states)
 - Purpose: Build Boolean circuit by connecting neurons
 - Outcome: Perform logical inference
 - How: (1) Neurons compute weighted sum of inputs; (2) Compare the sum to its threshold; (3) Neuron is turned 'on' if the sum is above the threshold; 'off' otherwise
 - A simplified view of how a neural network works

A brief look back ... III

- Donald Hebb: Hebb's rule or Hebbian Learning (1947)
 - Idea: Neurons in the brain learn by modifying the strength of the connections between neurons
 - How: If two neurons fire together, the connection linked between them increases; decreases otherwise
 - Also called hyper learning

A brief look back ... IV

- Norbert Wiener: Proposal for cybernetics (1948)
 - Idea: having systems with sensors and actuators, you have a feedback loop and a self-regulatory system
 - Result: The rules of the feedback mechanism of a car all come from this work.

A brief look back ... V

- Frank Rosenblatt: Perceptron (1957)
 - Weight modification in a simple neural net
 - This was a big breakthrough in the field

A brief look back ... VI

- Towards late 1960s, the field started to die off. Reasons:
 - The researchers used neurons that were binary (not differentiable)
 - There was no idea of continuous neurons (or, activation functions)
 - Backpropagation requires continuous activation function
 - Before 1980: the multiplication of two floating-point numbers were extremely slow

A brief look back ... VII

• Restarted again: 1985 with emergence of backpropagation

A brief look back ... VIII

• 1995: the field died again and the machine learning community abandoned the idea of neural nets

A brief look back ... IX

- 2006-2010:
 - Huge performance improvement in speech recognition tasks using neural nets
 - Wide deployment in the commercial field

A brief look back ... X

- 2013: Computer Vision switched to neural nets
- 2016: Natural Language Processing switched to neural nets

..., and the rest is history!

A brief look back ... XI

Supervised Learning

- Majority of deep learning applications use supervised learning.
- Steps:
 - Collect a bunch of pairs of inputs and outputs
 - Inputs are feed into a machine to learn the correct output
 - When the output is correct, don't do anything
 - If the output is wrong, tweak the parameter of the machine and correct the output toward the one you want.
 - Change direction and amount of update requires gradient computation and backprogation

A brief look back ... XII

Pattern Recognition (before emergence of DL):

- Data \rightarrow Feature Extraction \rightarrow Trainable Classifier
- Issue: The feature extractor was designed by hand.

A brief look back ... XIII

Pattern Recognition (in DL era):

- Sequence of modules (each module is a feature extractor)
- Each module has tunable parameters (and nonlinearity)
- Modules are stacked one after another (a "deep" stack)

Deep Learning: Components

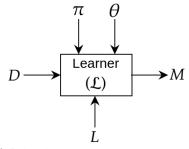
D: Dataset

M: Model

 π : Structure of the model

 θ : Parameters of the model

L: A loss function



(T.Dash et al.: https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.10295)

I expect you to study the basics of the above components yourself. See the next slide for the relevant references to these.

Self-study

Study the following to get comfortable with various components discussed in the previous slide.

- Machine Learning and Optimisation basics: Ch.5 of Textbook-2
- Introduction and Linear Neural Networks: Ch.1-3 of Textbook-1

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