Introduction to Machine Learning

Neural Networks

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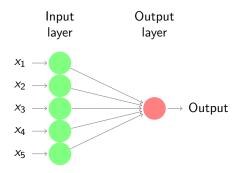
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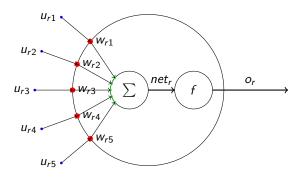


Extending Linear Models

- Questions?
 - ► How to learn non-linear surfaces?
 - ▶ How to generalize to multiple outputs, numeric output?



Anatomy of a Unit (r)

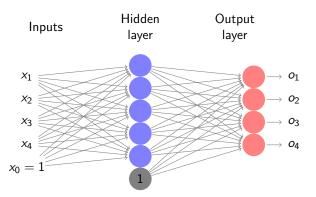


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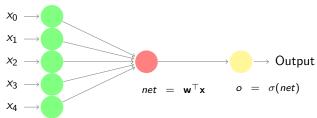
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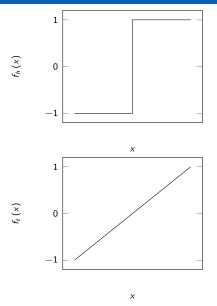
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- ► Sigmoid Unit
 - ► Smooth, differentiable activation function

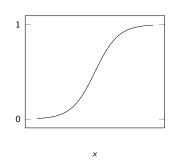
$$\sigma(\textit{net}) = rac{1}{1 + e^{-\textit{net}}}$$

Non-linear output

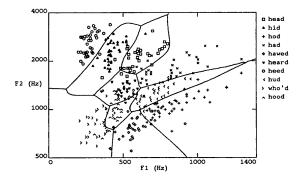


Properties of Sigmoid Function

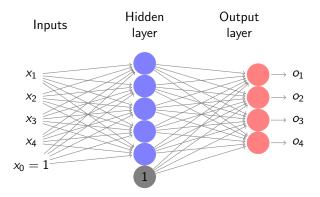




Motivation for Using Non-linear Surfaces



Feed Forward Neural Networks - Architecture



Feed Forward Neural Networks

- D input nodes (excluding bias)
- M hidden nodes (excluding bias)
- K output nodes

- ▶ At hidden nodes: $\mathbf{w_j}$, $1 \le j \le M$, $\mathbf{w_j} \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1}$
- At output nodes: $\mathbf{w_l}, 1 \le l \le K$, $\mathbf{w_l} \in \mathbb{R}^{M+1}$

Learning Weights of the Multi-layer Network

- Assume that the network structure is predetermined (number of hidden nodes and interconnections)
- Objective function for N training examples:

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^{N} J_i = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{l=1}^{K} (y_{il} - o_{il})^2$$

- \triangleright y_{il} Target value associated with I^{th} class for input (\mathbf{x}_i)
- ▶ $y_{il} = 1$ when k is true class for \mathbf{x}_i , and 0 otherwise
- $ightharpoonup o_{il}$ Predicted output value at I^{th} output node for \mathbf{x}_i

What are we learning?

Weight vectors for all output and hidden nodes that minimize J

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The Backpropagation Algorithm

- 1. Initialize all weights to small values
- 2. For each training example, $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$:
 - 2.1 Propagate input forward through the network
 - 2.2 Propagate errors backward through the network

Backpropagation Algorithm - Continued

Gradient Descent

- Move in the opposite direction of the gradient of the objective function
- $ightharpoonup -\eta \nabla J$

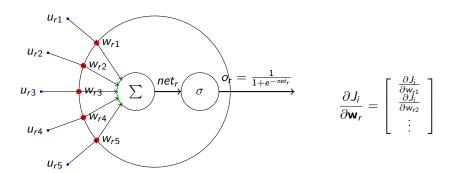
$$\nabla J = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla J_i$$

- What is the gradient computed with respect to?
 - Weight vectors M at hidden nodes and K at output nodes
 - $\mathbf{w}_i \ (j=1\ldots M)$
 - $\mathbf{w}_{l} \ (l = 1 \dots K)$
- $\blacktriangleright \mathbf{w}_j \leftarrow \mathbf{w}_j \eta \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j} = \mathbf{w}_j \eta \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_j}$
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$$\nabla J_i = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_1} \\ \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{m+k}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Anatomy of a Sigmoid Unit (r)



- ▶ Need to compute $\frac{\partial J_i}{\partial w_m}$
- ▶ Update rule for the q^{th} entry in the r^{th} weight vector:

$$w_{rq} \leftarrow w_{rq} - \eta \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{rq}} = w_{rq} - \eta \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J_i}{\partial w_{rq}}$$

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Derivation of the Backpropagation Rules

Assume that we only one training example, i.e., $i = 1, J = J_i$. Dropping the subscript *i* from here onwards.

- \triangleright Consider any weight w_{ra}
- Let u_{rq} be the q^{th} element of the input vector coming in to the r^{th} unit.

Observation 1

Weight w_{rq} is connected to J through $net_r = \sum_{a} w_{rq} u_{rq}$.

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{rq}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial net_r} \frac{\partial net_r}{\partial w_{rq}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial net_r} u_{rq}$$

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where $\delta_{l} = (y_{l} - o_{l})o_{l}(1 - o_{l})$.

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Final Algorithm

- ► While not converged:
 - Move forward to compute outputs at hidden and output nodes
 - Move backward to propagate errors back
 - Compute δ errors at output nodes (δ_I)
 - **Compute** δ errors at hidden nodes (δ_i)
 - Update all weights according to weight update equations

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 - Adding momentum
 - Using stochastic gradient descent
 - Train multiple times using different initializations

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 - ► The simple answer is no!
 - Risk of overfitting (chasing the data)
 - ► Overfitting ← **High generalization error**

High Variance - Low Bias

- "Chases the data"
- Very low training error
- Poor performance on unseen data

Low Variance - High Bias

- Less sensitive to training data
- ► Higher training error
- Better performance on unseen data

Getting the Right Balance

- ► General rule of thumb If two models are giving similar training error, choose the **simpler** model
- ▶ What is simple for a neural network?
- ► Low weights in the weight matrices?
 - ► Why?

Introducing Bias in Neural Network Training

- Penalize solutions in which the weights are high
- Can be done by introducing a penalty term in the objective function
 - Regularization

Regularization for Backpropagation

$$\widetilde{J} = J + \frac{\lambda}{2n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{M} \sum_{i=1}^{D+1} (w_{ji}^{(1)})^2 + \sum_{l=1}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{M+1} (w_{lj}^{(2)})^2 \right)$$

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Other Extensions?

- Use a different loss function (why)?
 - Quadratic (Squared), Cross-entropy, Exponential, KL Divergence, etc.
- ▶ Use a different activation function (why)?
 - Sigmoid

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + exp(-z)}$$

Tanh

$$f(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$$

Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

$$f(z) = max(0, z)$$

References