

## NNs MATH

*NOTE : I am trying to teach myself a NN from scratch using just maths, and deepen my understanding of it from fundamental layer and this is what my basic understanding is, which might be (and I am sure in ways is) wrong, but feel free to use this if it helps*

### 1) Defining a mathematical Perceptron :

*Let our inputs be  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_n$*

*And our output be  $y$*

*Now our Perceptron's value will be :*

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i * w_i + b_i$$

*Then we apply the non linearity to it, we choose ReLu here*

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \text{Max}(0, x) = \text{ReLu}(x)$$

*After applying non Linearity :*

$$\text{ReLu} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i * w_i + b_i \right)$$

*Why do we need a non linear activation function?*

*Because the data is complex! And not necessarily always linear, we use the linear functions as legos to build a complex non linear function*

### 2) A Neural network is just a multi Layer Perceptron (NNs $\rightarrow$ MLP)

*Where  $n(x)$  represent the number of input layers*

*and then we can basically have arbitrary number of layers and depth to it  
any layer that is not an input layer, or an output layer is a hidden layer*

*The more hidden layers the more Activation functions we can have and  
basically more legos to make a more complex curve.*

*Basically*

*Number of Layers  $\propto$  Complexity of curve*

*Now for each perceptron we have the calculations referenced in (1)*

*therefore we represent them using matrices, cause that helps us ease the calculations  
and visualize them simply*

*for each perceptron in a layer we calculate  $z_i$  (where  $i$  is in  
range (1, total perceptrons in layer))*

$$\begin{pmatrix} x1 \\ x2 \\ x3 \\ \vdots \\ xn \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} w1 & w2 & w3 & \dots & wn \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b1 \\ b2 \\ b3 \\ \vdots \\ bn \end{pmatrix} = z_i$$

*Then we apply the activation function*

*ReLU( $z_i$ )*

*and we repeat this process for each perceptron of each layer until we reach  
the output nodes*

*Also a good way to visualize how different ReLus form a complex curve it to think of each  
ReLU output from previous layer as the input for next Layer and when we finally  
add them, we basically get the curve using the principle of super position!*

*The key idea is super position of inputs from previous layers*

*watch StatQuest's video on activation function to visualize this better*

### 3) Complexity of a n dimensional curve :

Now, all our inputs are  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \dots x_n$

*I used to think, how do they reduce an n dimensional curve to a 2 dimensional one and then compute the loss and etc.*

*The truth is that they don't. If you have two inputs  $x$  your input space is two dimensional and your output space adding one results in 3 ( $2 + 1$ ) dimensional space. We can calculate loss and perform all the other stuff in an  $n$  dimensional space and don't necessarily need a 2 dimensional space.*

*In general, if we have  $n$  inputs (in form of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ ) and  $m$  outputs (in form of  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$ ), we have a  $(m + n)$  dimensional space.*

### 4) Loss function

*now for a simplified example lets say we are construting a linear function to determine the price of a house ( $y$ )*

*here  $x_1$  is our input say the area of the house*

*so we take data points and plot them on a graph*

*and try to minimize the loss :*

*the loss is equivalent to :*

$$\text{Average Loss} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p(x_i))^2 \right) / n = AL$$

*here  $p(x_i)$  represents the predicted value on the linear line*

*and now we want to minimize the Average Loss function*

### 5) Gradient Descent and back prop

*But the function has so many weights and biases, so here we use partial derivatives to compute it easily and minimize the Average loss function*

*now we take partial derivative with respect to each weight ( $w_i$ ) & bias ( $b_i$ )*

$$\frac{\partial AL}{\partial w_i} \text{ \& } \frac{\partial AL}{\partial b_i}$$

*for  $i \in [1, n]$*

*The way partial derivative works is on an assumption that all the other variables have achieved their optimum value and are constants.*

*This is not a specific property of NNs, but of the math involved in partial derivatives in general.*

*side NOTE : We usually use chain rules to compute partial derivatives*

*Now when we have the partial derivatives of all our weights, biases and activation functions we need to compute them*

*It's called backpropagation because it involves going "backwards" through the layers of a computer program to find out how it can be improved. so we compute the partial derivative starting from the last bias :*

$$\frac{\partial AL}{\partial b_n}$$

*then*

$$\frac{\partial AL}{\partial w_n}$$

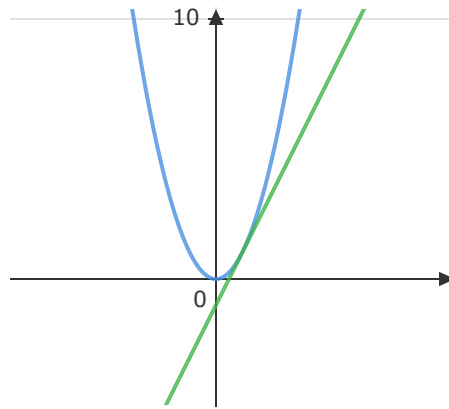
*and so on...*

*Now we train our network and update the weight and biases!*

*so we basically need a learning rate  $\alpha$  (alpha usually, arbitrary notation)*

*Now we use the earlier computed derivative, let's take example of  $\frac{\partial AL}{\partial w_i}$  in this example :*

$$\frac{\partial AL}{\partial w_i}$$



$x \text{ axis} = AL$

$y \text{ axis} = W1$  (where  $i = 1$ , arbitrary for example)

Now this simple graph is lets say graph of  $AL$  wrt weight (at arbitrary point  $i$ )

now we take a derivative and if the derivative is positive that means that's  
 $\partial AL / \partial w_i$  is increasing

and to minimize it we need to move into the opposite direction

so we update the weights in opposite direction

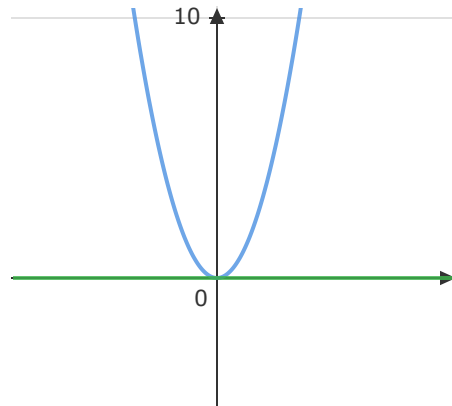
so therefore

$$weight1 = weight1 - \alpha(\partial AL / \partial w1)$$

and then we iteratively repeat this until the point converges to the lowest point

NOTE : the good thing is that if the value of  $\partial AL / \partial w_i$  is negative, that means we need to add, so the  $-ve$  value of  $\partial AL / \partial w_i$  and  $-\alpha$  together become

$$weight1 = weight1 + \alpha(\partial AL / \partial w1)$$



*and now we repeat this for all the weights and biases*

*And Ta – Da! We have the optimum value of weights and biases!*

*The NN is trained! Now test it! LLFFGGG!*

