PERCEPTRON

One type of ANN system is based on a unit called a perceptron. Perceptron is a single layer neural network.

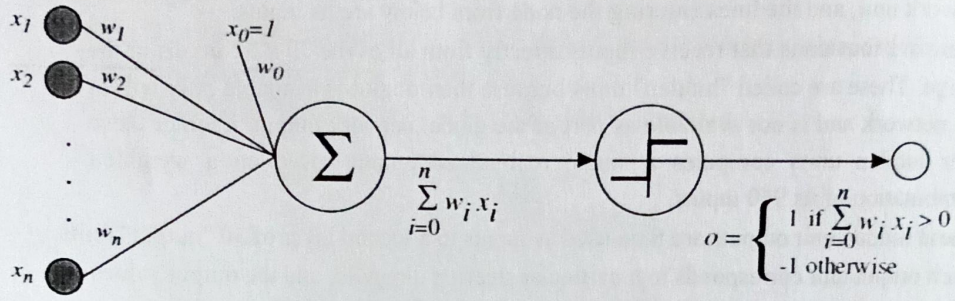


Figure: A perceptron

- A perceptron takes a vector of real-valued inputs, calculates a linear combination of these inputs, then outputs a 1 if the result is greater than some threshold and -1 otherwise.
- Given inputs x through x, the output $O(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ computed by the perceptron is

$$o(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \cdots + w_n x_n > 0 \\ -1 \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Where, each w_i is a real-valued constant, or weight, that determines the contribution of input x_i to the perceptron output.
- $-w_0$ is a threshold that the weighted combination of inputs $w_1x_1 + \ldots + w_nx_n$ must surpass in order for the perceptron to output a 1.

Sometimes, the perceptron function is written as,

$$O(\vec{x}) = \text{sgn}\ (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x})$$

Where,

$$\text{sgn}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } y > 0 \\ -1 \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Learning a perceptron involves choosing values for the weights $w_0, \ldots, w_n$. Therefore, the space H of candidate hypotheses considered in perceptron learning is the set of all possible real-valued weight vectors

$$H = \{\vec{w} \mid \vec{w} \in \Re^{(n+1)}\}$$

presentational Power of Perceptrons

- The perceptron can be viewed as representing a hyperplane decision surface in the n- dimensional space of instances (i.e., points)
- The perceptron outputs a 1 for instances lying on one side of the hyperplane and outputs a -1 for instances lying on the other side, as illustrated in below figure

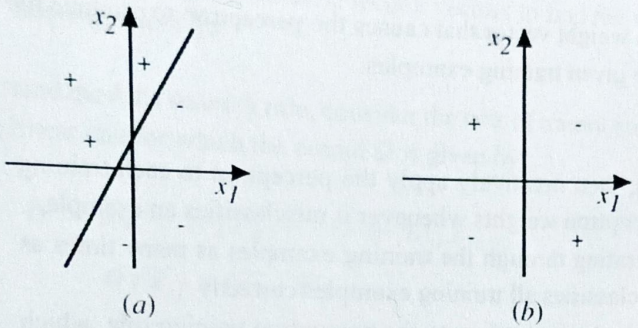


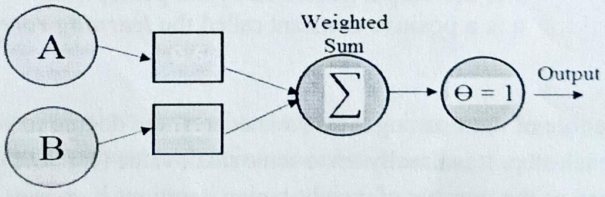
Figure : The decision surface represented by a two-input perceptron.
(a) A set of training examples and the decision surface of a perceptron that classifies them correctly. *(b)* A set of training examples that is not linearly separable.
x_1 and x_2 are the Perceptron inputs. Positive examples are indicated by "+", negative by "-".

Perceptrons can represent all of the primitive Boolean functions AND, OR, NAND (~ AND), and NOR (~OR)

Some Boolean functions cannot be represented by a single perceptron, such as the XOR function whose value is 1 if and only if $x_1 \neq x_2$

Example: Representation of AND functions

A	B	A ^ B
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



If A=0 & B=0 → 0*0.6 + 0*0.6 = 0.
This is not greater than the threshold of 1, so the output = 0.
If A=0 & B=1 → 0*0.6 + 1*0.6 = 0.6.
This is not greater than the threshold, so the output = 0.
If A=1 & B=0 → 1*0.6 + 0*0.6 = 0.6.
This is not greater than the threshold, so the output = 0.
If A=1 & B=1 → 1*0.6 + 1*0.6 = 1.2.
This exceeds the threshold, so the output = 1.

Drawback of perceptron

The perceptron rule finds a successful weight vector when the training examples are linearly separable, it can fail to converge if the examples are not linearly separable

The Perceptron Training Rule

The learning problem is to determine a weight vector that causes the perceptron to produce the correct + 1 or - 1 output for each of the given training examples.

To learn an acceptable weight vector

- Begin with random weights, then iteratively apply the perceptron to each training example, modifying the perceptron weights whenever it misclassifies an example.
- This process is repeated, iterating through the training examples as many times as needed until the perceptron classifies all training examples correctly.
- Weights are modified at each step according to the perceptron training rule, which revises the weight w_i associated with input xi according to the rule.

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \Delta w_i$$

Where,

$$\Delta w_i = \eta(t - o)x_i$$

Here,
t is the target output for the current training example
o is the output generated by the perceptron
η is a positive constant called the ***learning rate***

- The role of the learning rate is to moderate the degree to which weights are changed at each step. It is usually set to some small value (e.g., 0.1) and is sometimes made to decay as the number of weight-tuning iterations increases

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Gradient Descent and the Delta Rule

- If the training examples are not linearly separable, the delta rule converges toward a best-fit approximation to the target concept.
- The key idea behind the delta rule is to use ***gradient descent*** to search the hypothesis space of possible weight vectors to find the weights that best fit the training examples.

To understand the delta training rule, consider the task of training an unthresholded perceptron. That is, a linear unit for which the output ***O*** is given by

$$o = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + \cdots + w_n x_n$$

$$O(\vec{x}) = (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}) \qquad \text{equ. (1)}$$

To derive a weight learning rule for linear units, specify a measure for the ***training error*** of a hypothesis (weight vector), relative to the training examples.

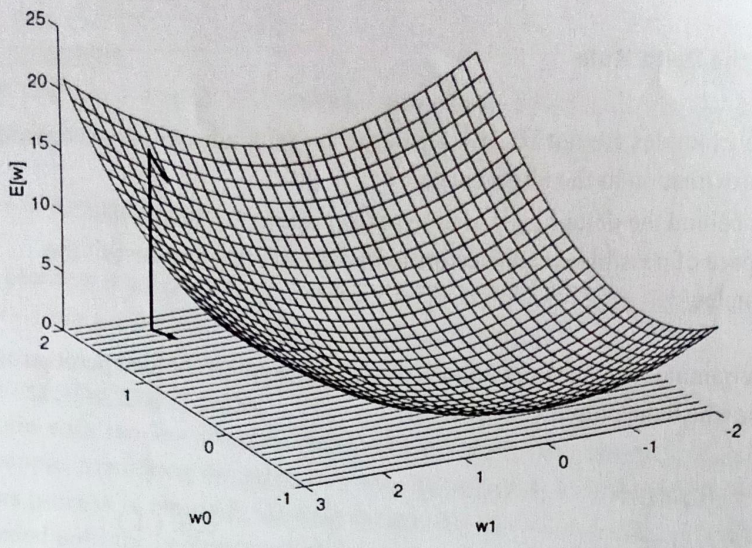
$$E[\vec{w}] \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in D} (t_d - o_d)^2 \qquad \text{equ. (2)}$$

Where,

- D is the set of training examples,
- t_d is the target output for training example d,
- o_d is the output of the linear unit for training example d
- E ($\vec{w}$) is simply half the squared difference between the target output t_d and the linear unit output o_d, summed over all training examples.

Visualizing the Hypothesis Space

- To understand the gradient descent algorithm, it is helpful to visualize the entire hypothesis space of possible weight vectors and their associated E values as shown in below figure.
- Here the axes w_0 and w_1 represent possible values for the two weights of a simple linear unit. The w_0, w_1 plane therefore represents the entire hypothesis space.
- The vertical axis indicates the error E relative to some fixed set of training examples.
- The arrow shows the negated gradient at one particular point, indicating the direction in the w_0, w_1 plane producing steepest descent along the error surface.
- The error surface shown in the figure thus summarizes the desirability of every weight vector in the hypothesis space



- Given the way in which we chose to define E, for linear units this error surface must always be parabolic with a single global minimum.

Gradient descent search determines a weight vector that minimizes E by starting with an arbitrary initial weight vector, then repeatedly modifying it in small steps.
At each step, the weight vector is altered in the direction that produces the steepest descent along the error surface depicted in above figure. This process continues until the global minimum error is reached.

Derivation of the Gradient Descent Rule

How to calculate the direction of steepest descent along the error surface?

The direction of steepest can be found by computing the derivative of E with respect to each component of the vector $\vec{w}$. This vector derivative is called the gradient of E with respect to $\vec{w}$, written as

$$\nabla E[\vec{w}] \equiv \left[\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_0}, \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1}, \cdots \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_n}\right] \qquad \text{equ. (3)}$$

The gradient specifies the direction of steepest increase of E, the training rule for gradient descent is

$$\vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} + \Delta\vec{w}$$

Where,

$$\Delta\vec{w} = -\eta\nabla E(\vec{w}) \qquad \text{equ. (4)}$$

- Here η is a positive constant called the learning rate, which determines the step size in the gradient descent search.
  The negative sign is present because we want to move the weight vector in the direction that decreases E.

This training rule can also be written in its component form

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \Delta w_i$$

Where,

$$\Delta w_i = -\eta\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} \qquad \text{equ. (5)}$$

Calculate the gradient at each step. The vector of $\frac{\partial E}{\partial wi}$ derivatives that form the gradient can be obtained by differentiating E from Equation (2), as

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i}\frac{1}{2}\sum_d (t_d - o_d)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2}\sum_d \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i}(t_d - o_d)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2}\sum_d 2(t_d - o_d)\frac{\partial}{\partial w_i}(t_d - o_d) \\
&= \sum_d (t_d - o_d)\frac{\partial}{\partial w_i}(t_d - \vec{w}\cdot\vec{x_d}) \\
\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} &= \sum_d (t_d - o_d)(-x_{id}) \qquad \text{equ. (6)}
\end{aligned}$$

Substituting Equation (6) into Equation (5) yields the weight update rule for gradient descent

$$\Delta w_i = \eta\sum_{d\in D}(t_d - o_d)\, x_{id} \qquad \text{equ. (7)}$$

GRADIENT DESCENT algorithm for training a linear unit

GRADIENT-DESCENT(*training_examples*, η)

Each training example is a pair of the form $\langle \vec{x}, t \rangle$, *where* $\vec{x}$ *is the vector of input values, and* t *is the target output value.* η *is the learning rate (e.g., .05).*

- Initialize each w_i to some small random value
- Until the termination condition is met, Do
  - Initialize each Δw_i to zero.
  - For each $\langle \vec{x}, t \rangle$ in *training_examples*, Do
    - Input the instance $\vec{x}$ to the unit and compute the output o
    - For each linear unit weight w_i, Do

$$\Delta w_i \leftarrow \Delta w_i + \eta(t - o)x_i$$

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To summarize, the gradient descent algorithm for training linear units is as follows:

- Pick an initial random weight vector.
- Apply the linear unit to all training examples, then compute Δw_i for each weight according to Equation (7).
- Update each weight w_i by adding Δw_i, then repeat this process

Issues in Gradient Descent Algorithm

Gradient descent is an important general paradigm for learning. It is a strategy for searching through a large or infinite hypothesis space that can be applied whenever

1. The hypothesis space contains continuously parameterized hypotheses
2. The error can be differentiated with respect to these hypothesis parameters

The key practical difficulties in applying gradient descent are

1. Converging to a local minimum can sometimes be quite slow
2. If there are multiple local minima in the error surface, then there is no guarantee that the procedure will find the global minimum

Stochastic Approximation to Gradient Descent

- The gradient descent training rule presented in Equation (7) computes weight updates after summing over all the training examples in D
- The idea behind stochastic gradient descent is to approximate this gradient descent search by updating weights incrementally, following the calculation of the error for each individual example

$$\Delta w_i = \eta\,(t - o)\,x_i$$

where t, o, and x_i are the target value, unit output, and i^{th} input for the training example in question

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stochastic approximation to gradient descent

One way to view this stochastic gradient descent is to consider a distinct error function $E_d(\vec{w})$ for each individual training example d as follows

$$E_d(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2}(t_d - o_d)^2$$

- Where, t_d and o_d are the target value and the unit output value for training example d.
- Stochastic gradient descent iterates over the training examples d in D, at each iteration altering the weights according to the gradient with respect to $E_d(\vec{w})$
- The sequence of these weight updates, when iterated over all training examples, provides a reasonable approximation to descending the gradient with respect to our original error function $E_d(\vec{w})$
- By making the value of η sufficiently small, stochastic gradient descent can be made to approximate true gradient descent arbitrarily closely

The key differences between standard gradient descent and stochastic gradient descent are

- In standard gradient descent, the error is summed over all examples before updating weights, whereas in stochastic gradient descent weights are updated upon examining each training example.
- Summing over multiple examples in standard gradient descent requires more computation per weight update step. On the other hand, because it uses the true gradient, standard gradient descent is often used with a larger step size per weight update than stochastic gradient descent.
- In cases where there are multiple local minima with respect to stochastic gradient descent can sometimes avoid falling into these local minima because it uses the various
- $\nabla E_d(\vec{w})$ rather than $\nabla E(\vec{w})$ to guide its search.

MULTILAYER NETWORKS AND THE BACKPROPAGATION ALGORITHM

Multilayer networks learned by the BACKPROPAGATION algorithm are capable of expressing a rich variety of nonlinear decision surfaces.

Consider the example:

- Here the speech recognition task involves distinguishing among 10 possible vowels, all spoken in the context of "h_d" (i.e., "hid," "had," "head," "hood," etc.).
- The network input consists of two parameters, F1 and F2, obtained from a spectral analysis of the sound. The 10 network outputs correspond to the 10 possible vowel sounds. The network prediction is the output whose value is highest.
- The plot on the right illustrates the highly nonlinear decision surface represented by the learned network. Points shown on the plot are test examples distinct from the examples used to train the network.

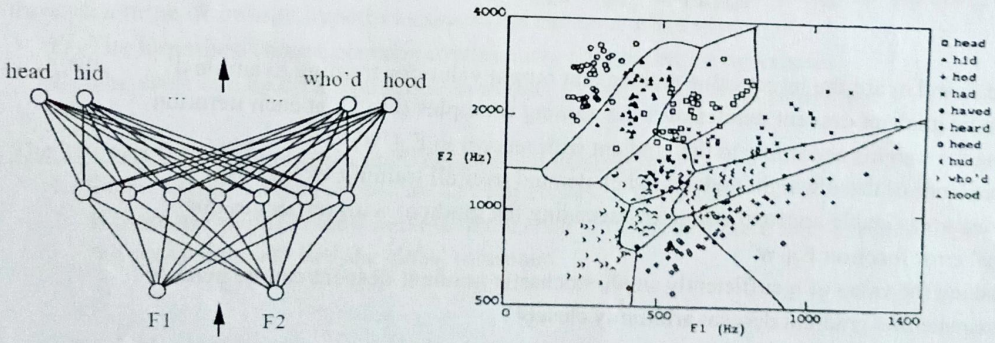

Figure: Decision regions of a multilayer feedforward network.

A Differentiable Threshold Unit (Sigmoid unit)

Sigmoid unit-a unit very much like a perceptron, but based on a smoothed, differentiable threshold function.

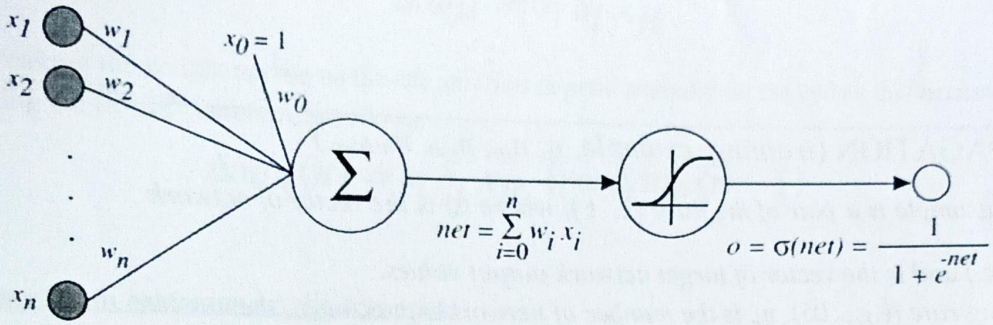

Figure: A Sigmoid Threshold Unit

The sigmoid unit first computes a linear combination of its inputs, then applies a threshold to the result and the threshold output is a continuous function of its input.

More precisely, the sigmoid unit computes its output O as

$$o = \sigma(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x})$$

Where,

$$\sigma(y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-y}}$$

σ is the sigmoid function

The BACKPROPAGATION Algorithm

- The BACKPROPAGATION Algorithm learns the weights for a multilayer network, given a network with a fixed set of units and interconnections. It employs gradient descent to attempt to minimize the squared error between the network output values and the target values for these outputs.
- In BACKPROPAGATION algorithm, we consider networks with multiple output units rather than single units as before, so we redefine E to sum the errors over all of the network output units.

$$E(\vec{w}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in D} \sum_{k \in outputs} (t_{kd} - o_{kd})^2 \quad \text{.....equ. (1)}$$

where,

- ***outputs*** - is the set of output units in the network
- t_{kd} and O_{kd} - the target and output values associated with the k_{th} output unit
- ***d*** - training example

Algorithm:

BACKPROPAGATION (*training_example*, η, n_{in}, n_{out}, n_{hidden})

Each training example is a pair of the form $(\vec{x}, t)$, *where* $(\vec{x})$ *is the vector of network input values,* (t) *and is the vector of target network output values.*
η *is the learning rate (e.g., .05).* n_i, *is the number of network inputs,* n_{hidden} *the number of units in the hidden layer, and* n_{out} *the number of output units.*
The input from unit i into unit j is denoted x_{ji}, *and the weight from unit i to unit j is denoted* w_{ji}

- Create a feed-forward network with n_i inputs, n_{hidden} hidden units, and n_{out} output units.
- Initialize all network weights to small random numbers
- Until the termination condition is met, Do
  - For each $(\vec{x}\ t)$, in training examples, Do

Propagate the input forward through the network:

1. Input the instance $\vec{x}$ to the network and compute the output o_u of every unit u in the network.

Propagate the errors backward through the network:

2. For each network output unit k, calculate its error term δ_k

$$\delta_k \leftarrow o_k(1 - o_k)(t_k - o_k)$$

3. For each hidden unit h, calculate its error term δ_h

$$\delta_h \leftarrow o_h(1 - o_h) \sum_{k \in outputs} w_{h,k}\delta_k$$

4. Update each network weight w_{ji}

$$w_{ji} \leftarrow w_{ji} + \Delta w_{ji}$$

Where

$$\Delta w_{ji} = \eta \delta_j x_{i,j}$$

Adding Momentum

Because BACKPROPAGATION is such a widely used algorithm, many variations have been developed. The most common is to alter the weight-update rule the equation below

$$\Delta w_{ji} = \eta \, \delta_j \, x_{ji}$$

by making the weight update on the nth iteration depend partially on the update that occurred during the $(n - 1)^{th}$ iteration, as follows:

$$\Delta w_{ji}(n) = \eta \, \delta_j \, x_{ji} + \alpha \Delta w_{ji}(n-1)$$

Learning in arbitrary acyclic networks

- BACKPROPAGATION algorithm given there easily generalizes to feedforward networks of arbitrary depth. The weight update rule is retained, and the only change is to the procedure for computing δ values.
- In general, the δ, value for a unit r in layer m is computed from the δ values at the next deeper layer m + 1 according to

$$\delta_r = o_r (1 - o_r) \sum_{s \in layer\, m+1} w_{sr} \, \delta_s$$

- The rule for calculating δ for any internal unit

$$\delta_r = o_r (1 - o_r) \sum_{s \in Downstream(r)} w_{sr} \, \delta_s$$

Where, Downstream(r) is the set of units immediately downstream from unit r in the network: that is, all units whose inputs include the output of unit r

Derivation of the BACKPROPAGATION Rule

- Deriving the stochastic gradient descent rule: Stochastic gradient descent involves iterating through the training examples one at a time, for each training example d descending the gradient of the error E_d with respect to this single example
- For each training example d every weight w_{ji} is updated by adding to it Δw_{ji}

$$\Delta w_{ji} = -\eta \frac{\partial E_d}{\partial w_{ji}} \quad \text{.....equ. (1)}$$

where, E_d is the error on training example d, summed over all output units in the network

$$E_d(\vec{w}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in output} (t_k - o_k)^2$$

Here outputs is the set of output units in the network, t_k is the target value of unit k for training example d, and o_k is the output of unit k given training example d.

The derivation of the stochastic gradient descent rule is conceptually straightforward, but requires keeping track of a number of subscripts and variables

- x_{ji} = the i^{th} input to unit j
- w_{ji} = the weight associated with the i^{th} input to unit j
- $net_j = \Sigma_i w_{ji} x_{ji}$ (the weighted sum of inputs for unit j)
- o_j = the output computed by unit j
- t_j = the target output for unit j
- σ = the sigmoid function
- outputs = the set of units in the final layer of the network
- Downstream(j) = the set of units whose immediate inputs include the output of unit j

derive an expression for $\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial w_{ji}}$ in order to implement the stochastic gradient descent rule seen in Equation $\Delta w_{ji} = -\eta \frac{\partial E_d}{\partial w_{ji}}$

notice that weight w_{ji} can influence the rest of the network only through net_j.

Use chain rule to write

$$\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial w_{ji}} = \frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j} \frac{\partial net_j}{\partial w_{ji}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j} x_{ji} \quad \text{.....equ(2)}$$

Derive a convenient expression for $\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j}$

Consider two cases: The case where unit j is an output unit for the network, and the case where j is an internal unit (hidden unit).

Case 1: Training Rule for Output Unit Weights.

w_{ji} can influence the rest of the network only through net_j, net_j can influence the network only through o_j. Therefore, we can invoke the chain rule again to write

$$\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j} = \frac{\partial E_d}{\partial o_j}\frac{\partial o_j}{\partial net_j} \qquad \text{.....equ(3)}$$

To begin, consider just the first term in Equation (3)

$$\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial o_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial o_j}\frac{1}{2}\sum_{k \in outputs}(t_k - o_k)^2$$

The derivatives $\frac{\partial}{\partial o_j}(t_k - o_k)^2$ will be zero for all output units k except when $k = j$. We therefore drop the summation over output units and simply set $k = j$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial o_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial o_j}\frac{1}{2}(t_j - o_j)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}2(t_j - o_j)\frac{\partial(t_j - o_j)}{\partial o_j} \\ &= -(t_j - o_j) \qquad \text{.....equ(4)}\end{aligned}$$

Next consider the second term in Equation (3). Since $o_j = \sigma(net_j)$, the derivative $\frac{\partial o_j}{\partial net_j}$ is just the derivative of the sigmoid function, which we have already noted is equal to $\sigma(net_j)(1 - \sigma(net_j))$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial o_j}{\partial net_j} &= \frac{\partial \sigma(net_j)}{\partial net_j} \\ &= o_j(1 - o_j) \qquad \text{.....equ(5)}\end{aligned}$$

Substituting expressions (4) and (5) into (3), we obtain

$$\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j} = -(t_j - o_j)\, o_j(1 - o_j) \qquad \text{.....equ(6)}$$

and combining this with Equations (1) and (2), we have the stochastic gradient descent rule for output units

$$\Delta w_{ji} = -\eta\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial w_{ji}} = \eta\,(t_j - o_j)\, o_j(1 - o_j)x_{ji} \qquad \text{.....equ(7)}$$

Case 2: Training Rule for Hidden Unit Weights.

- In the case where j is an internal, or hidden unit in the network, the derivation of the training rule for w_{ji} must take into account the indirect ways in which w_{ji} can influence the network outputs and hence E_d.
- For this reason, we will find it useful to refer to the set of all units immediately downstream of unit j in the network and denoted this set of units by Downstream(j).
- net_j can influence the network outputs only through the units in Downstream(j). Therefore, we can write

$$\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j} = \sum_{k \in Downstream(j)} \frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_k} \frac{\partial net_k}{\partial net_j}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in Downstream(j)} -\delta_k \frac{\partial net_k}{\partial net_j}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in Downstream(j)} -\delta_k \frac{\partial net_k}{\partial o_j} \frac{\partial o_j}{\partial net_j}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in Downstream(j)} -\delta_k \, w_{kj} \frac{\partial o_j}{\partial net_j}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in Downstream(j)} -\delta_k \, w_{kj} \, o_j(1 - o_j) \quad \text{.....equ (8)}$$

Rearranging terms and using δ_j to denote $-\frac{\partial E_d}{\partial net_j}$, we have

$$\delta_j = o_j(1 - o_j) \sum_{k \in Downstream(j)} \delta_k \, w_{kj}$$

and

$$\Delta w_{ji} = \eta \, \delta_j \, x_{ji}$$