Neural Networks

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Supervised Learning



- Examples described by attribute values (Boolean, discrete, continuous, etc.)
- E.g., situations where I will/won't wait for a table:

Example	Attributes										Target
Literity ie	Alt	Bar	Fri	Hun	Pat	Price	Rain	Res	Type	Est	WillWait
X_1	Т	F	F	Т	Some	\$\$\$	F	Т	French	0–10	Т
X_2		F	F	T	Full	\$	F	F	Thai	30–60	F
X_3	F	T	F	F	Some	\$	F	F	Burger	0–10	T
X_4		F	Т	Т	Full	\$	F	F	Thai	10–30	T
X_5		F	Т	F	Full	\$\$\$	F	Т	French	>60	F
X_6	F	T	F	Т	Some	\$\$	Т	T	Italian	0–10	Т
X_7	F	T	F	F	None	\$	Т	F	Burger	0–10	F
X_8		F	F	Т	Some	\$\$	Т	T	Thai	0–10	T
X_9	F	T	Т	F	Full	\$	Т	F	Burger	>60	F
X_{10}	T	Т	Т	Т	Full	\$\$\$	F	Т	Italian	10–30	F
X_{11}		F	F	F	None	\$	F	F	Thai	0–10	F
X_{12}	T		T	T	Full	\$	F	F	Burger	30–60	

• Classification of examples is positive (T) or negative (F)

Naive Bayes Models



• Bayes rule

$$p(C|\mathbf{A}) = \frac{1}{Z} p(\mathbf{A}|C) p(C)$$

• Independence assumption

$$p(\mathbf{A}|C) = p(a_1, a_2, a_3, ..., a_n|C)$$
$$\simeq \prod_i p(a_i|C) \blacksquare$$

• Weights

$$p(\mathbf{A}|C) = \prod_{i} p(a_i|C)^{\lambda_i}$$

Naive Bayes Models



• Linear model

$$p(\mathbf{A}|C) = \exp \prod_i p(a_i|C)^{\lambda_i}$$

• Probability distribution as features

$$h_i(\mathbf{A}, C) = \log p(a_i | C)$$
$$h_0(\mathbf{A}, C) = \log p(C)$$

• Linear model with features

$$p(C|\mathbf{A}) \propto \sum_{i} \lambda_i h_i(\mathbf{A}, C)$$

Linear Model



• Weighted linear combination of feature values h_j and weights λ_j for example \mathbf{d}_i

score
$$(\lambda, \mathbf{d}_i) = \sum_j \lambda_j h_j(\mathbf{d}_i)$$

• Such models can be illustrated as a "network"



Limits of Linearity



- We can give each feature a weight
- But not more complex value relationships, e.g,
 - any value in the range [0;5] is equally good
 - values over 8 are bad
 - higher than 10 is not worse



• Linear models cannot model XOR



Multiple Layers



• Add an intermediate ("hidden") layer of processing (each arrow is a weight)



• Have we gained anything so far?

Non-Linearity



• Instead of computing a linear combination

score
$$(\lambda, \mathbf{d}_i) = \sum_j \lambda_j h_j(\mathbf{d}_i)$$

• Add a non-linear function

score
$$(\lambda, \mathbf{d}_i) = f\left(\sum_j \lambda_j h_j(\mathbf{d}_i)\right)$$

• Popular choices



(sigmoid is also called the "logistic function")

Deep Learning



• More layers = deep learning





example

Simple Neural Network





• One innovation: bias units (no inputs, always value 1)

Sample Input





- Try out two input values
- Hidden unit computation

sigmoid($1.0 \times 3.7 + 0.0 \times 3.7 + 1 \times -1.5$) = sigmoid(2.2) = $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-2.2}} = 0.90$

sigmoid(
$$1.0 \times 2.9 + 0.0 \times 2.9 + 1 \times -4.5$$
) = sigmoid(-1.6) = $\frac{1}{1 + e^{1.6}} = 0.17$

Computed Hidden





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Compute Output





• Output unit computation

sigmoid(.90 × 4.5 + .17 × -5.2 + 1 × -2.0) = sigmoid(1.17) = $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-1.17}} = 0.76$

Computed Output





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why "neural" networks?

Neuron in the Brain



• The human brain is made up of about 100 billion neurons



• Neurons receive electric signals at the dendrites and send them to the axon

Neural Communication



• The axon of the neuron is connected to the dendrites of many other neurons



The Brain vs. Artificial Neural Networks



- Similarities
 - Neurons, connections between neurons
 - Learning = change of connections, not change of neurons
 - Massive parallel processing
- But artificial neural networks are much simpler
 - computation within neuron vastly simplified
 - discrete time steps
 - typically some form of supervised learning with massive number of stimuli



back-propagation training

Error





- Computed output: y = .76
- Correct output: t = 1.0
- \Rightarrow How do we adjust the weights?

Key Concepts



- Gradient descent
 - error is a function of the weights
 - we want to reduce the error
 - gradient descent: move towards the error minimum
 - compute gradient \rightarrow get direction to the error minimum
 - adjust weights towards direction of lower error
- Back-propagation
 - first adjust last set of weights
 - propagate error back to each previous layer
 - adjust their weights

Derivative of Sigmoid



• Sigmoid

sigmoid(x) =
$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

• Reminder: quotient rule

$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$$

• Derivative

$$\frac{d \operatorname{sigmoid}(x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$= \frac{0 \times (1 - e^{-x}) - (-e^{-x})}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \left(\frac{e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right)$$

$$= \operatorname{sigmoid}(x) (1 - \operatorname{sigmoid}(x))$$

Final Layer Update



- Linear combination of weights $s = \sum_k w_k h_k$
- Activation function *y* = sigmoid(*s*)
- Error (L2 norm) $E = \frac{1}{2}(t y)^2$
- Derivative of error with regard to one weight w_k

 $\frac{dE}{dw_k} = \frac{dE}{dy}\frac{dy}{ds}\frac{ds}{dw_k}$

Final Layer Update (1)



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• Error E is defined with respect to y

$$\frac{dE}{dy} = \frac{d}{dy}\frac{1}{2}(t-y)^2 = -(t-y)$$

Final Layer Update (2)



- Linear combination of weights $s = \sum_k w_k h_k$
- Activation function *y* = sigmoid(*s*)
- Error (L2 norm) $E = \frac{1}{2}(t y)^2$
- Derivative of error with regard to one weight w_k

 $\frac{dE}{dw_k} = \frac{dE}{dy}\frac{dy}{ds}\frac{ds}{dw_k}$

• *y* with respect to *x* is sigmoid(*s*)

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = \frac{d \operatorname{sigmoid}(s)}{ds} = \operatorname{sigmoid}(s)(1 - \operatorname{sigmoid}(s)) = y(1 - y)$$

Final Layer Update (3)



- Linear combination of weights $s = \sum_k w_k h_k$
- Activation function *y* = sigmoid(*s*)
- Error (L2 norm) $E = \frac{1}{2}(t y)^2$
- Derivative of error with regard to one weight w_k

 $\frac{dE}{dw_k} = \frac{dE}{dy}\frac{dy}{ds}\frac{ds}{dw_k}$

• *x* is weighted linear combination of hidden node values h_k

$$\frac{ds}{dw_k} = \frac{d}{dw_k} \sum_k w_k h_k = h_k$$

Putting it All Together



• Derivative of error with regard to one weight w_k

 $\frac{dE}{dw_k} = \frac{dE}{dy} \frac{dy}{ds} \frac{ds}{dw_k}$ $= -(t-y) \quad y(1-y) \quad h_k$

- error
- derivative of sigmoid: *y*′
- Weight adjustment will be scaled by a fixed learning rate μ

 $\Delta w_k = \mu (t - y) y' h_k$

Multiple Output Nodes



- Our example only had one output node
- Typically neural networks have multiple output nodes
- Error is computed over all *j* output nodes

$$E = \sum_{j} \frac{1}{2} (t_j - y_j)^2$$

• Weights $k \rightarrow j$ are adjusted according to the node they point to

$$\Delta w_{j \leftarrow k} = \mu (t_j - y_j) y'_j h_k$$

Hidden Layer Update



- In a hidden layer, we do not have a target output value
- But we can compute how much each node contributed to downstream error
- Definition of error term of each node

$$\delta_j = (t_j - y_j) y_j'$$

• Back-propagate the error term

(why this way? there is math to back it up...)

$$\delta_i = \left(\sum_j w_{j \leftarrow i} \delta_j\right) y_i'$$

• Universal update formula

$$\Delta w_{j \leftarrow k} = \mu \ \delta_j \ h_k$$

Our Example





- Computed output: y = .76
- Correct output: t = 1.0
- Final layer weight updates (learning rate $\mu = 10$)
 - $\delta_{\rm G} = (t y) y' = (1 .76) 0.181 = .0434$
 - $\Delta w_{\rm GD} = \mu \, \delta_{\rm G} \, h_{\rm D} = 10 \times .0434 \times .90 = .391$
 - $\Delta w_{\rm GE}$ = $\mu \, \delta_{\rm G} \, h_{\rm E}$ = $10 \times .0434 \times .17$ = .074
 - $\Delta w_{\rm GF}$ = $\mu \, \delta_{\rm G} \, h_{\rm F}$ = $10 \times .0434 \times 1$ = .434

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Hidden Layer Updates





• Hidden node $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{D}}$

$$- \delta_{\rm D} = \left(\sum_{j} w_{j \leftarrow i} \delta_{j}\right) y_{\rm D}' = w_{\rm GD} \ \delta_{\rm G} \ y_{\rm D}' = 4.5 \times .0434 \times .0898 = .0175$$

$$-\Delta w_{\rm DA} = \mu \ \delta_{\rm D} \ h_{\rm A} = 10 \times .0175 \times 1.0 = .175$$

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$$\Delta w_{\rm DB} = \mu \, \delta_{\rm D} \, h_{\rm B} = 10 \times .0175 \times 0.0 = 0$$

-
$$\Delta w_{\rm DC} = \mu \, \delta_{\rm D} \, h_{\rm C} = 10 \times .0175 \times 1 = .175$$

• Hidden node **E**

$$- \delta_{\mathsf{E}} = \left(\sum_{j} w_{j \leftarrow i} \delta_{j} \right) y'_{\mathsf{E}} = w_{\mathsf{GE}} \, \delta_{\mathsf{G}} \, y'_{\mathsf{E}} = -5.2 \times .0434 \times 0.1411 = -.0318$$

$$-\Delta w_{\mathsf{EA}} = \mu \, \delta_{\mathsf{E}} \, h_{\mathsf{A}} = 10 \times -.0318 \times 1.0 = -.318$$

– etc.

Connectionist Semantic Cognition





• Hidden layer representations for concepts and concept relationships



some additional aspects

Initialization of Weights



- Weights are initialized randomly e.g., uniformly from interval [-0.01, 0.01]
- Glorot and Bengio (2010) suggest
 - for shallow neural networks

$$\left[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right]$$

 \boldsymbol{n} is the size of the previous layer

– for deep neural networks

$$\Big[-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{n_j+n_{j+1}}}, \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{n_j+n_{j+1}}}\Big]$$

 n_j is the size of the previous layer, n_j size of next layer

Neural Networks for Classification





- Predict class: one output node per class
- Training data output: "One-hot vector", e.g., $\vec{y} = (0, 0, 1)^T$
- Prediction
 - predicted class is output node y_i with highest value
 - obtain posterior probability distribution by soft-max

$$\operatorname{softmax}(y_i) = \frac{e^{y_i}}{\sum_j e^{y_j}}$$

Speedup: Momentum Term



- Updates may move a weight slowly in one direction
- To speed this up, we can keep a memory of prior updates

 $\Delta w_{j \leftarrow k}(n-1)$

• ... and add these to any new updates (with decay factor ρ)

 $\Delta w_{j \leftarrow k}(n) = \mu \, \delta_j \, h_k + \rho \Delta w_{j \leftarrow k}(n-1)$



computational aspects

Vector and Matrix Multiplications



- Forward computation: $\vec{s} = W\vec{h}$
- Activation function: $\vec{y} = \text{sigmoid}(\vec{h})$
- Error term: $\vec{\delta} = (\vec{t} \vec{y})$ sigmoid' (\vec{s})
- Propagation of error term: $\vec{\delta}_i = W \vec{\delta}_{i+1} \cdot \text{sigmoid}'(\vec{s})$
- Weight updates: $\Delta W = \mu \vec{\delta} \vec{h}^T$



- Neural network layers may have, say, 200 nodes
- Computations such as $W\vec{h}$ require $200 \times 200 = 40,000$ multiplications
- Graphics Processing Units (GPU) are designed for such computations
 - image rendering requires such vector and matrix operations
 - massively mulit-core but lean processing units
 - example: NVIDIA Tesla K20c GPU provides 2496 thread processors
- Extensions to C to support programming of GPUs, such as CUDA

Theano



- GPU library for Python
- Homepage: http://deeplearning.net/software/theano/
- See web site for sample implementation of back-propagation training
- Used to implement
 - neural network language models
 - neural machine translation (Bahdanau et al., 2015)