Neural Network

- Neural networks are used as universal approximator of functional relationship y = f(x).
- Feed-forward Neural Network:



The universal approximation theorem states that feed-forward neural networks with at least one hidden layer and large enough number of neurons, and differentiable activation functions, can approximate any continuous function on a compact support.



Neural Network

A closer look at one hidden unit known as the neuron:



- For a single neuron: $o_j = \sigma_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} x_i + b_j \right)$
- For the full network:

$$y = \sum_{p=0}^{n_0} w_{0p} \left[\sigma_p^{(0)} \left(\dots \sigma_k^{(2)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_2} w_{kj}^{(2)} \left[\sigma_j^{(1)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_1} w_{ij}^{(1)} x_i + b_j^{(1)} \right) \right] + b_k^{(2)} \right) \dots \right) \right] + b_0$$

In matrix form: $y = \mathbf{W}_0 \left(\sigma(\dots \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}^{(1)} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \right) \dots \right) + b_0$

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Activation Function



Training of Neural Network

• The parameters of a neural network: $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \left[\{ \mathbf{W} \}_{i=0}^{N_H}, \{ \mathbf{b} \}_{i=0}^{N_H} \right].$

- These parameters are selected by minimizing the error between the prediction of the network and measured data for a training dataset $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N$. This procedure is known as the training of the network.
- A common loss function used for training is the mean squared error (MSE) given by

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = rac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (y_i - y_{\text{pred}}(\mathbf{x}_i))^2$$

Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) is an efficient strategy to update them

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k+1)} = \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)} - \eta \frac{\partial J(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(k)})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}}$$

learning rate

At every iteration, only a small batch of training data is used to estimate the gradients and update the parameters.

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Backpropagation

Backpropagation is used to estimate the derivative $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta}$



Use chain rule from your Calculus course

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ij}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial o_j} \frac{\partial o_j}{\partial w_{ij}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial o_j} \frac{\partial o_j}{\partial z_j} \frac{\partial z_j}{\partial w_{ij}}$$

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- For just this one neuron
 - Third term: $z_j = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} x_i + b_j \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z_j}{\partial w_{ij}} = x_i$
 - Second term: $\frac{\partial o_j}{\partial z_j}$ depends on the activation function used. For Sigmoid activation function $\frac{\partial o_j}{\partial z_j} = o_j(1 - o_j)$
 - First term: For $J = \frac{1}{2}(y_{\text{target}} o_j)^2$, we have $\frac{\partial J}{\partial o_j} = o_j y_{\text{target}}$



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Backpropagation



For a neuron inside a hidden layer

Third term: $z_j = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij}o_i + b_j \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z_j}{\partial w_{ij}} = o_i$ from previous layer

Second term: $\frac{\partial o_j}{\partial z_i}$ depends on the activation function used.

First term:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial o_j} = \sum_{p} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_p} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial o_j} \right) = \sum_{p} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial o_p} \frac{\partial o_p}{\partial z_p} \frac{\partial z_p}{\partial o_j} \right) = \sum_{p} \left(\frac{\partial J}{\partial o_p} \frac{\partial o_p}{\partial z_p} w_{pj} \right)$$



An Example



Hidden layer:



An Example

- Neural network prediction: $y = W_0(\sigma(W_1x + b_1)) + b_0$
- Backpropagation:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{11}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial o_1} \frac{\partial o_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_{11}}$$



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