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* With "hidden" layers
* One hidden layer - any Boolean function or convex decision regions
* Two hidden layers - arbitrary decision regions

Decision boundaries


## Decision Boundaries



## Backpropagation Learning rule



## Cost function

$$
E(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w})=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{u, i}\left(O_{i}^{u}-z_{i}^{u}\right)^{2}=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{u, i}\left(O_{i}^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}^{u}\right)\right)^{2}\right.
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Change w.r.t. } W_{i j} \\
& \frac{\partial E}{W_{i j}}=-\eta \frac{\partial \frac{1}{2}\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} y_{j}{ }^{u}\right)\right)^{2}}{\partial W_{i j}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$=-\eta \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-z_{i}{ }^{u}\right)^{2}}{\partial\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-z_{i}{ }^{u}\right)} \frac{\partial\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(N E T_{i}{ }^{u}\right)\right)}{\partial N E T_{i}{ }^{u}} \frac{\sum_{j} W_{i j} y_{j}{ }^{u}}{\partial W_{i j}}$
$=\eta \sum_{u} \underline{\left(O_{i}^{u}-z_{i}{ }^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(N E T_{i}^{u}\right)} y_{j}{ }^{u}$
$=\eta \sum_{u} \delta_{i}{ }^{u} y_{j}{ }^{u}$

$$
\delta_{i}^{u}=\left(O_{i}^{u}-z_{i}^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(N E T_{i}^{u}\right)
$$

## Interpretation



## Change w.r.t. $w_{i j}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Delta w_{j k}=-\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{j k}}=-\eta \frac{\partial \sum_{u, i} \frac{1}{2}\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right)\right)^{2}\right.}{\partial w_{j k}} \\
& =-\eta \begin{array}{|c||c|}
\begin{array}{c|c|}
\partial \sum_{u, i} \frac{1}{2}\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right)\right)^{2}\right. & \partial \sum_{u, i}\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right)\right)\right. \\
\hline \partial\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right)\right)\right. & \partial\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right)\right) \\
\hline
\end{array} \\
\hline
\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
\hline \partial \sum_{u, i}\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{\prime}\right)\right. & \partial g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right) & \partial \sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u} \\
\hline \partial g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right) & \partial \sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u} & \frac{\partial v_{i k}}{} \\
\hline
\end{array} \\
& =\eta \sum_{w_{i}\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-z_{i}{ }^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(N E T_{i}{ }^{u} W_{i} g^{\prime}\left(\text { net }_{j}{ }^{u}\right) x_{k}{ }^{u},\right.} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u, \delta_{i}{ }^{u} W_{i j}{ }^{u} g^{\prime}\left(\text { net }_{j}{ }^{u}\right) x_{k}{ }^{u}} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u} \delta_{j}{ }^{u} x_{k}{ }^{u} \quad \delta_{j}{ }^{u}=g^{\prime}\left(\text { net }_{j}{ }^{u}\right) \sum_{i} \delta_{i}{ }^{u} W_{i j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Change w.r.t. $w_{i j}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Delta w_{j k}=-\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial v_{j k}}=-\eta \frac{\partial \sum_{u, i} \frac{1}{2}\left(O_{i}{ }^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u}\right)\right)^{2}\right.}{\partial w_{j k}} \\
& =-\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_{j}{ }^{u}} \frac{\partial y_{j}{ }^{u}}{\partial w_{j k}} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u, i}\left(\underline{\left.O_{i}{ }^{u}-z_{i}{ }^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(N E T_{i}{ }^{u}\right) W_{i j} g^{\prime}\left(\text { net }_{j}{ }^{u}\right) x_{k}{ }^{u}}\right. \\
& =\eta \sum_{u, i} \delta_{i}{ }^{u} W_{i j}{ }^{u} g^{\prime}\left(\text { net }_{j}{ }^{u}\right) x_{k}{ }^{u} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u} \delta_{j}{ }^{u} x_{k}{ }^{u} \quad \delta_{j}{ }^{u}=g^{\prime}\left(n e t_{j}{ }^{u}\right) \sum_{i} \delta_{i}{ }^{u} W_{i j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Interpretation (cont.)



$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Interpretation (cont.) } \\
\Delta w_{p q}=\eta \sum_{\text {patterns }} \delta_{\text {output }} \times V_{\text {input }}
\end{gathered}
$$

* Hebb's learning
* Error at the output end
* Activation at the input end
* Learning rate

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## Graphics Illustration of Backpropagation


$O_{1}$


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## Caveats on Backpropagation

* Slow
* Network Paralysis
$\square$ if weights become large
$\square$ operates at limits of squash (transfer) functions
$\square$ derivatives of squash function (feedback) small
* Step size
$\square$ too large may lead to saturation
$\square$ too small cause slow convergence


## Caveats on Backpropagation

* Local minima
a many different initial guesses
a momentum
$\square$ varying step size (large initially, getting small as training goes on)
$\square$ simulated annealing
* Temporal instability
- learn B and forgot about A


## Other than BackPropagation

$\%$ In reality, gradient descent is slow and highly dependent on initial guess

* More sophisticated numerical methods exist Trust region methods, combination of
$\square$ Gradient descent
- Newton's methods


## Caveats

* Error backpropagation is the work horse of all such learning algorithms
* In reality, "hodge-podge" of hacks, tweaks and trials and errors are needed
* Experience and intuition (or dumb luck) are keys


## Other Practical Issues

* Which transfer function (g)?
$\square \mathrm{g}$ must be nonlinear

$$
\operatorname{net}_{j}{ }^{u}=\sum_{k} w_{j k} x_{k}{ }^{u} \Rightarrow \mathbf{H}=\mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}
$$

$\square g$ should be continuous and smooth
>So $g$ and g' are defined
$\square \mathrm{g}$ should saturate
$>$ Biologically (electronically) plausible

## Sigmoid Function



## Trend

* Sigmod is replaced by ReLu (rectified linear unit) or soft plus in many applications



## Input Scaling

* Inputs (weight, size, etc.) have different units and dynamic range and may be learned at different rates
* Small input ranges make small contribution to the error and are often ignored
* Normalization to same range and same variance (similar to Whitening transform)


## Weight initialization

: Don't set the initial weights to zero, the network is not going to learn at all

* Don't set the initial weights too high, that leads to paralysis and slow learning (with sigmoid function)
* Don't set the initial weight too small, output signal shrinkage is a problem


## Weight initialization

* Random initialization
$\square$ both positive and negative random weights to insure uniform learning
* Xaiver initialization
$\square$ Certain variance of the weight distribution should be maintained (to avoid shrinkage and blowup problems)


## Xavier Initialization

* A single neuron

$$
Y=W_{1} X_{1}+W_{2} X_{2}+\cdots+W_{n} X_{n}
$$

* Variance f a single term

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i} X_{i}\right)=E\left[X_{i}\right]^{2} \operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i}\right)+E\left[W_{i}\right]^{2} \operatorname{Var}\left(X_{i}\right)+\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i}\right) \operatorname{Var}\left(i_{i}\right)
$$

* Assume zero mean

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i} X_{i}\right)=\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i}\right) \operatorname{Var}\left(X_{i}\right)
$$

* Output variance $\quad \operatorname{Var}(Y)=\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{1} X_{1}+W_{2} X_{2}+\cdots+W_{n} X_{n}\right)=n \operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i}\right) \operatorname{Var}(X$
$\square \mathrm{n} \operatorname{var}\left(\mathrm{w}_{\mathrm{i}}\right)$ input variance
* Maintain same variance

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i}\right)=\frac{1}{n}=\frac{1}{n_{\text {in }}}
$$

if $\mathrm{n}_{\text {in }}$ and $\mathrm{n}_{\text {out }}$ are different

$$
\operatorname{Var}\left(W_{i}\right)=\frac{2}{n_{\text {in }}+n_{\text {out }}}
$$

## Output Scaling

* Rule of thumb: Avoid operating neurons in the saturation (tail) regions
$\square$ Tendency for weight saturation
$\square g$ ' is small, learning is very slow
$\square$ For sigmoid function as shown before, use range $(-1,1)$ instead of $(-1.716,1.716)$


# Output Scaling: Batch Normalization 

* Maintain mean and variance of not just input, but also output
* Xavier initialization (?)
$\square$ Too many assumptions (independence, zero mean, etc.) not holding
* Forced renormalization after each layer
$\square$ Zero mean and unit variance
$\square$ Done batch by batch before ReLu


## Error Functions

* Autoencoder
$\square$ Reproducing output automatically
$\square$ No single feature is more or less important than others
$\square$ RMS error


## Classifier

* Outputs untrimmed indicator scores
* Two cases:
$\square$ One-hot encoding: a dog, a cat, a vehicle, a person, etc.
$\square$ General encoding: President Obama predicting final-4 outcome. Political? Sports? Comedy?
> A probability function


## Classifier Error Func

* Two components:
$\square$ Forced normalization: e.g. softmax

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sigma: \mathbb{R}^{K} \rightarrow[0,1]^{K} \\
& \sigma(\mathbf{z})_{j}=\frac{e^{z_{j}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{K} e^{z_{k}}} \quad \text { for } j=1, \ldots, K .
\end{aligned}
$$

* Error: cross entropy $\quad H(p, q)=-\sum_{x} p(x) \log q(x)$.
* E.g., in tensorflow
tf.nn.softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits

```
softmax_cross_entropy_with_logits(
    _sentinel=None,
    labels=None,
    logits=None,
    dim=-1
    name=None
```

)

## Number of Hidden Layers

* Too few - poor fitting
* Too many - over fitting, poor generalization



## Numerical Stability - step size

* Adaptive

$$
J(\mathbf{w}+\Delta \mathbf{w})=J(\mathbf{w})+\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}} \Delta \mathbf{w}+\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2} J}{\partial \mathbf{w}^{2}} \Delta \mathbf{w}^{2}
$$

$$
\frac{J(\mathbf{w}+\Delta \mathbf{w})-J(\mathbf{w})}{\Delta \mathbf{w}} \approx 0=\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}}+\frac{\partial^{2} J}{\partial \mathbf{w}^{2}} \Delta \mathbf{w}
$$

$$
\eta_{\text {opt }}<\eta<2 \eta_{\text {opt }}
$$

$$
\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}}=\frac{\partial^{2} J}{\partial \mathbf{w}^{2}} \Delta \mathbf{w}
$$

$$
\eta_{\text {opt }}=\left(\frac{\partial^{2} J}{\partial \mathbf{w}^{2}}\right)^{-1}
$$



## Numerical Stability - momentum

$$
\mathbf{w}^{\text {new }}=\mathbf{w}^{\text {curr }}+(1-\alpha) \Delta \mathbf{w}_{b p}^{\text {curr }}+\alpha \Delta \mathbf{w}^{\text {prev }}
$$



Without

w. momentum
$*$ Red: as computed from current back propagation
$\therefore$ Blue: as computed from previous back propagation

## Numerical Stability

* Weight decay
$\square$ To ensure no single large weight dominates the training process

$$
\mathbf{w}^{\text {new }}=\mathbf{w}^{\text {old }}(1-\xi)
$$

## Optimizers

* Wrapper around error backpropagation
$\square$ Stochastic GD, Moment, adaptive stepsize (advanced line search), and decay are often there
$\square$ E.g., Adam Optimizer (adaptive and time varying learning rate for all parameters)
$\square$ Not for fainted heart, ask around!


## Essentially

* Yes, multi-layer perceptrons can distinguish classes even when they are not linearly separable?
* Questions: How many layers? How many neurons per layers?
* Can \# layers/\# neurons per layer be learned too? (in addition to weights)


## Easier Said than Done

* Blind learning with large number of parameters is numerically impossible
* Major recent advance
- Reduced number of parameters
$\square$ Layered learning


## Emulation of Human Vision

* Sparsity of connection
layer $m+1$
layer m
layer m-I


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## Emulation of Human Vision

* Shared weight


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## Layered Learning

* A hierarchical "feature descriptor"
* Learning automatically from input data
* Layer-by-layer learning with auto encoder
* Partition:
$\square \mathrm{CNN}$ : feature detection
$\square$ Fully-connected network: recognition



## Adaptive Networks

* Network size/layer is not fixed initially
* Layer/size are added when necessary (or when a large number of epochs progress without finding suitable weights)
* Assumptions:
$\square$ two classes ( 1,0 )
$\square$ may not be linearly separable (e.g., multiple concave regions)


## Initially one neuron

$\mathbf{O}^{u}$ Ideal
$\mathbf{y}^{u \text { Real }}$

wrongly on
$O^{u}=0$
$y^{u}=1$
wrongly off
$O^{u}=1$
$y^{u}=0$

## Refinement with more neurons

* Train through a number of epochs
* if no wrongly on/off cases, the two classes are linearly separable, stop
* if there are wrongly on/off cases, the two classes are not linearly separable, then
$\square$ remember the best weights (the weights that cause the less number of misclassification)
$\square$ introduce more units (instead of throwing away everything and restarting from scratch with a larger network)


## Increase Network Complexity


$N_{\text {In }}:$ correct wrongly-on error fire negative feedback only
$O$ $y$ action
action
don' t care
off
$0 \quad 0$ don' t care
11 off
$0 \quad 1$ large negative output 10 off
 $\mathbf{O}^{u}$
$N_{l p}:$ correct wrongly-off error fire positive feedback only
$\begin{array}{cccc}O & y & \text { action } \\ 0 & 0 & \text { off } \\ 1 & 1 & \text { don't care } \\ 0 & 1 & \text { off } \\ 1 & 0 & \text { large positive output }\end{array}$

## Further Refinement



## General Learning Rule

$* \mathrm{~N}_{\mathrm{xn}}$
$\square$ Fire negative impulse
$\square$ Correct wrongly on cases
$\square$ Turn off if $\mathrm{O}=1$ (no matter what y is)
$\square$ Don't care if $\mathrm{O}=0$ and $\mathrm{y}=0$
$\because \mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{xp}}$
$\square$ Fire positive impulse
$\square$ Correct wrongly off cases
$\square$ Turn off if $\mathrm{O}=0$ (no matter what y is)
$\square$ Don't care if $\mathrm{O}=1$ and $\mathrm{y}=1$

## Backpropagation Learning rule



## Change w.r.t. w_ij

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta W_{i j} & =-\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial W_{i j}}=-\eta \frac{\partial\left(\zeta_{i}^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} V_{j}^{u}\right)\right)^{2}}{\partial W_{i j}} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u}\left(\zeta_{i}^{u}-O_{i}^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(h_{i}^{u}\right) V_{j}^{u} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u} \delta_{i}^{u} V_{j}^{u} \quad \delta_{i}^{u}=\left(\zeta_{i}^{u}-O_{i}^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(h_{i}^{u}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Change w.r.t. w_ij

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =-\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{j k}}=-\eta \frac{\partial \sum_{u, i}\left(\zeta_{i}^{u}-g\left(\sum_{j} W_{i j} g\left(\sum_{k} w_{j k} \xi_{k}^{u}\right)\right)^{2}\right.}{\partial w_{j k}} \\
& =-\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial V_{j}^{u}} \frac{\partial V_{j}^{u}}{\partial w_{j k}} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u, i}\left(\zeta_{i}^{u}-O_{i}^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(h_{i}^{u}\right) W_{i j} g^{\prime}\left(h_{j}^{u}\right) \xi_{k}^{u} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u, i} \delta_{i}^{u} W_{i j}^{u} g^{\prime}\left(h_{j}^{u}\right) \xi_{k}^{u} \\
& =\eta \sum_{u} \delta_{j}^{u} \xi_{k}^{u} \\
& \delta_{j}^{u}=g^{\prime}\left(h_{j}^{u}\right) \sum_{i} \delta_{i}^{u} W_{i j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Interpretation

## Interpretation (cont.)

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\zeta_{1} & \zeta_{2} & \delta_{i}^{u}=\left(\zeta_{i}^{u}-O_{i}^{u}\right) g^{\prime}\left(h_{i}^{u}\right) \\
O_{1} & O_{2} & \\
W_{i j} & \sum_{i} \delta_{i}^{u} W_{i j}{ }^{\prime} \\
\xi_{2} & \xi_{3} & \xi_{4} \\
\xi_{1} & g^{\prime}\left(h_{j}^{u}\right) \sum_{i} \delta_{i}^{u} W_{i j} \\
g^{\prime}\left(h_{j}^{u}\right)
\end{array}{ }^{\prime}
$$

