Representation Learning

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Neural Networks

Beyond RBFs

- When training RBFs, we fixed the basis functions before training the weights.
- Representation learning was decoupled from learning the prediction function.
- Now: learn representation and prediction function together.

Linear Models

$$H(\vec{x}) = W_0 + W_1 X_1 + \dots + W_d X_d$$



Generalizing Linear Models

► The brain is a **network** of neurons.

- The output of a neuron is used as an input to another.
- Idea: chain together multiple "neurons" into a neural network.

Neural Network¹ (One Hidden Layer)



¹Specifically, a fully-connected, feed-forward neural network

Architecture

- Neurons are organized into layers.
 Input layer, output layer, and hidden layers.
- Number of cells in input layer determined by dimensionality of input feature vectors.
- Number of cells in hidden layer(s) is determined by you.
- Output layer can have >1 neuron.

Architecture

Can have more than one hidden layer.
 A network is "deep" if it has >1 hidden layer.

Hidden layers can have different number of neurons.

Neural Network (Two Hidden Layers)



Network Weights

- A neural network is a type of function.
- Like a linear model, a NN is totally determined by its weights.
- But there are often many more weights to learn!

- Input is layer #0.
- W⁽ⁱ⁾_{jk} denotes weight of connection between neuron j in layer (i – 1) and neuron k in layer i
- Layer weights are 2-d arrays.



- Each hidden/output neuron gets a "dummy" input of 1.
- *j*th node in *i*th layer assigned a bias weight of b⁽ⁱ⁾_j
- Biases for layer are a vector: $\vec{b}^{(i)}$



- Typically, we will not draw the weights.
- We will not draw the dummy input, too, but it is there.



Example



Example



Evaluation

- These are "fully-connected, feed-forward" networks with one output.
- ▶ They are functions $H(\vec{x}) : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^1$
- To evaluate $H(\vec{x})$, compute result of layer *i*, use as inputs for layer *i* + 1.

Example



Evaluation as Matrix Multiplication

• Let $z_j^{(i)}$ be the output of node *j* in layer *i*.

• Make a vector of these outputs: $\vec{z}^{(i)} = (z_1^{(i)}, z_2^{(i)}, ...)^T$

• Observe that
$$\vec{z}^{(i)} = [W^{(i)}]^T \vec{z}^{(i-1)} + \vec{b}^{(i)}$$

Example



Each Layer is a Function

We can think of each layer as a function mapping a vector to a vector.

$$H^{(1)}(\vec{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} W^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}^T \vec{z} + \vec{b}^{(1)}$$

$$H^{(1)} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$H^{(2)}(\vec{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} W^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}^T \vec{z} + \vec{b}^{(2)}$$
$$H^{(2)} : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^1$$



NNs as Function Composition

► The full NN is a composition of layer functions.



$$H(\vec{x}) = H^{(2)}(H^{(1)}(\vec{x})) = \left[W^{(2)}\right]^T \underbrace{\left(\left[W^{(1)}\right]^T \vec{x} + \vec{b}^{(1)}\right)}_{\vec{z}^{(1)}} + \vec{b}^{(2)}$$

NNs as Function Composition

▶ In general, if there *k* hidden layers:

$$H(\vec{x}) = H^{(k+1)} \left(\cdots H^{(3)} \left(H^{(2)} \left(H^{(1)}(\vec{x}) \right) \right) \cdots \right)$$

Exercise

Show that:

$$H(\vec{x}) = \left[W^{(2)}\right]^{T} \left(\left[W^{(1)}\right]^{T} \vec{x} + \vec{b}^{(1)}\right) + \vec{b}^{(2)} = \vec{w} \cdot \operatorname{Aug}(\vec{x})$$

for some appropriately-defined vector \vec{w} .

Result

- The composition of linear functions is again a linear function.
- The NNs we have seen so far are all equivalent to linear models!
- For NNs to be more useful, we will need to add non-linearity.

Activations

So far, the output of a neuron has been a linear function of its inputs:

 $W_0 + W_1 X_1 + W_2 X_2 + \dots$

- Can be arbitrarily large or small.
- But real neurons are activated non-linearly.
 E.g., saturation.

Idea

To add nonlinearity, we will apply a non-linear activation function g to the output of each hidden neuron (and sometimes the output neuron).

Linear Activation

▶ The **linear** activation is what we've been using. ⇒z $\sigma(z) = z$

Sigmoid Activation

The sigmoid models saturation in many natural processes.



ReLU Activation

The Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) tends to work better in practice.





z_j⁽ⁱ⁾ is the linear activation before g is applied.
 a_j⁽ⁱ⁾ = g(z⁽ⁱ⁾) is the actual output of the neuron.

Example



Output Activations

- The activation of the output neuron(s) can be different than the activation of the hidden neurons.
- ► In classification, **sigmoid** activation makes sense.
- ► In regression, **linear** activation makes sense.

Main Idea

A neural network with linear activations is a linear model. If non-linear activations are used, the model is made non-linear.

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Demo

Feature Map

We have seen how to fit non-linear patterns with linear models via basis functions (i.e., a feature map).

$$H(\vec{x}) = w_0 + w_1 \phi_1(\vec{x}) + \dots + w_k \phi_k(\vec{x})$$

- These basis functions are fixed **before** learning.
- **Downside:** we have to choose $\vec{\phi}$ somehow.

Learning a Feature Map

Interpretation: The hidden layers of a neural network learn a feature map.

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$$H^{(1)} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$H^{(2)}(\vec{z}) = \left[W^{(2)}\right]^T \vec{z} + \vec{b}^{(2)}$$
$$H^{(2)} : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^1$$



Each Layer is a Function

- ▶ The hidden layer performs a feature map from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R}^3 .
- The output layer makes a prediction in \mathbb{R}^3 .
- Intuition: The feature map is learned so as to make the output layer's job "easier".



Demo

- Train a deep network to classify the data below.
- Hidden layers will learn a new feature map that makes the data linearly separable.



Demo

- We'll use three hidden layers, with last having two neurons.
- We can see this new representation!
- Plug in x and see activations of last hidden layer.



























































































































Deep Learning

The NN has learned a new representation in which the data is easily classified.