Introduction to Deep Learning

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What is Deep Learning?

- A kind of statistical machine learning algorithms
- ► Good old Neural Networks, with more layers/modules
- Non-linear, hierarchical, abstract representations of data
- Flexible models with any input/output type and size
- Differentiable functional programming (automatic differentiation)

"Classical" learning systems

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"Classifical" learning system



Deep learning system



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Deep Learning in Vision



ling platform golfcart [[Krizhevsky 2012]



[Faster R-CNN - Ren 2015]

[Ciresan et al. 2013]



[NVIDIA dev blog]

Deep Learning in speech processing



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Deep Learning in games





[Deepmind AlphaGo / Zero 2017]



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Learning a hierarchy of increasingly abstract representations



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 $\mathsf{Deep}\ \mathsf{Learning} \to \mathsf{End}\text{-}\mathsf{to}\text{-}\mathsf{End}\ \mathsf{learning}$

- A hierarchy of trainable feature transforms.
- Each module transforms its input representation into a higher-level one.
- Low-level features are shared among categories.
- As the level increases, features are increasingly global and invariant.



"Shallow" vs Deep Learning

"Shallow" models



- Real data examples for a given task are usually not spreaded everywhere in **input space**, but rather clustered on a low-dimension "manifold", also referred to as **latent space**.
- Example : images of faces, of size $200 \times 200 \rightarrow$ each sample in the input space is a vector in \mathbb{R}^{40000}
- But the number of features (degrees of freedom) leading to plausible images of faces is much smaller : orientation, lighting, positions of face elements, shapes, skin color, hair type, *etc*.



Why features should be learnt?

- There is a lot of redundancy in the input space.
- A simple fact : in images, neighboring pixels very often look the same.
- There is much less redundancy in the latent space.
- Learning features lets the system decide itself how to deal with this redundancy.

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A single neuron





- Weighted sum of inputs plus bias : $a = \mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{x} + b = b + \sum_{j=1}^{D} w_j x_j$
- Output of neuron : activation function applied to a : $y = f(a) = f(\mathbf{w}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{x} + b)$



- ▶ D inputs, K neurons (inputs, outputs and biases are column vectors)
- $\mathbf{W} =$ weight matrix of size $K \times D$, $\mathbf{b} =$ bias vector of size K
- $\mathbf{b} \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$
- Output of layer : activation function f applied element-wise to \mathbf{a} :

$$\boldsymbol{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{a}) = [f(a_1) \cdots f(a_K)]^\mathsf{T}$$

Each input is connected to each output : known as dense or fully-connected layer

Common activation functions

Element-wise activation functions :

- Identity : f(a) = a
- ► Sigmoid :
 - Logistic function : $f(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a}}$ (often referred to as *the* sigmoid)
 - Hyperbolic tangent : $f(a) = \tanh(a)$
 - Arctangent : $f(a) = \arctan(a)$
- ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) : $f(a) = \max(0, a)$

The softmax function

- A.k.a normalized exponential
- Outputs a vector whose components sum to 1 :

softmax(
$$\mathbf{a}$$
) = $\frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{K} e^{a_j}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{a_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{a_K} \end{bmatrix}$

► Usually, used for 1-of-K representation (*one-hot* encoding) in the last layer of neural-network based classifier.

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The 3 sets of supervised learning

Training set

- For fitting the **parameters** of the model (for neural networks : weights and biases)
- Should not overfit !

Validation set (not always used)

- For adjusting the hyperparameters of the model (for neural networks, this can be the size of hidden layers)
- Can be used for regularization

Test set

- Used to provide an unbiased evaluation of a final model which was fit on the training dataset
- Follows the same probability distribution than training set
- Evaluate generalization ability of model (handling samples which were never seen during training)

Classification and loss

- ▶ We have a training set (x_i, y_i)_{i=1...N}. Each x_i is a feature vector of size D. Each y_i is the desired output (label) of size K.
- ▶ For a classification task, K is the number of classes, and y_i is a 1-of-K encoding of the label of the ith sample.
- ► The loss function measures, for a given sample, the discrepancy between the output of the model (the neural network) and the label. Common loss functions (p, q ∈ ℝ^K) :
 - Mean squared error : $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{K} \|\mathbf{p} \mathbf{q}\|^2$
 - Mean absolute error : $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1}^{K} |p_j q_j|$
 - ► Cross-entropy (negative log-likelihood) loss (for p_j and q_j between 0 and 1) : $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = -\sum_{j=1}^{K} q_j \log p_j$

Cost minimization

- The parameters of the model \mathcal{M} are represented by vector θ .
- The output of the model for a given sample is denoted by $\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}_i; \theta)$.
- The total cost function (= error) is the sum of losses on the entire training set.
- Training the model = iteratively modify parameters θ in order to minimize the cost function :

$$\mathcal{C}(heta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}(oldsymbol{x}_i; heta), oldsymbol{y}_i)$$

The cost function is differentiable with respect to each parameter. When the learning procedure has converged to a local minimum, we should have, ideally :

$$\frac{\mathsf{d}\mathcal{C}}{\mathsf{d}\theta}=\mathbf{0}$$

Confusion matrix

- At test time, one wishes the cost function to be small on the test set
- In addition, one often wishes to know in which class the errors are
 - \rightarrow generate a confusion matrix (a row = an actual class, a column
 - = a predicted class)



Backpropagation

Minimization of the cost function by gradient descent : at a given iteration t, for each parameter θ_i in θ,

$$\theta_j^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_j^t - \alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{C}}{\partial \theta_j},$$

where α is the **learning rate**.

- Backpropagation : parameters (weights and biases) are updated by descending order of layer.
- ▶ Let $w_{i,j,l}$ be the weight corresponding to input j and output i in layer l. Derivative $\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{i,j,l}}$ depends on $\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{\cdot,\cdot,l+1}}$ → chain rule of derivation.
- Forward pass : feed a sample at the input of the network, compute activation and output for each neuron in ascending order of layer.
- Backward pass : evaluate derivative of cost function for parameters and update these parameters, for each neuron in descending order of layer.

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Batch vs stochastic gradient descent

▶ Batch gradient descent = average $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}_i; \theta), \boldsymbol{y}_i)}{\partial \theta_j}$ over all samples \boldsymbol{x}_i to update each $\theta_j \rightarrow$ Computationally expensive!

$$\theta_j^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_j^t - \frac{\alpha}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}_i; \theta), \boldsymbol{y}_i)}{\partial \theta_j}$$

Stochastic gradient descent = randomly shuffle training samples, pick a sample x_i and update each θ_j:

$$\theta_j^{t+1} \leftarrow \theta_j^t - \alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{x}_i; \theta), \boldsymbol{y}_i)}{\partial \theta_j}$$

Stochastic minibatch gradient descent = randomly shuffle samples, pick a small subset of samples and update each θ_j with derivatives averaged over this small subset.

Training a model

- The cost function is **non-convex** \rightarrow has many local minima
- Gradient descent converges to a local minimum (we hope that it is a good one!)
- Dependence on initialization (typically, weights are randomly drawn from a zero-mean normal distribution. Biases are set to 0)
- Different sets of parameters can lead to the same classification
- An epoch is one pass of gradient descent (batch, stochastic or minibatch) over the whole training set
- Training usually needs a large number of epochs

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▶ Introduced in late 1990s by Yann Lecun et al for digit recognition



The LeNet5 network

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The MNIST dataset

Why ConvNets?

- ► For a fully connected layer of input size N and output size M, the number of parameters to learn is N(M + 1).
- If a full image was flattened and fed into a fully-connected layer of neurons...
 - ▶ For a small image size, say 200×200 , and 50 neurons in the layer, $200 \times 200 \times 51$ parameters to learn, for a single layer \rightarrow too many parameters.
 - Spatial layout would be destroyed.
- ► Conversely, ConvNets gradually decrease image size, and gradually increase feature vector size → spatial layout is progressively encoded into the successive layers.

A convolutional sequence

- Input = feature maps (or input image) of size $W \times H \times D$.
- Output = features maps of size $W' \times H' \times D'$ (usually, $W' \leq W$ and $H' \leq H$ and $D' \geq D$).
- A convolutional sequence is made up of three layers :
 - A convolutional layer.
 - A non-linear activation layer (sigmoid, tanh, arctan, ReLU, ...).
 - A pooling layer (average, max, ...).
- Can handle variable-sized input



A full ConvNet

- Usually, one or two fully-connected (dense) layer(s) after a sequence of convolutional groups.
- If the goal is classification, the softmax function is chosen as activation in the last layer : desired outputs are 1-of-K encoding of class labels (outputs sum to 1)



Convolution (reminder?)

► Mathematically speaking, in a continuous space setting, the convolution product between two functions f : D → R and g : D → R, is another function defined by

$$(f\ast g)(\boldsymbol{p}) = \int_{\mathcal{D}} f(\boldsymbol{p}-\boldsymbol{y})g(\boldsymbol{y})\mathsf{d}\boldsymbol{y}$$

- Properties : bilinear, associative and commutative
- ► In a discrete 2D setting, the convolution between an image f and a filter (or mask) g (of size K × L) outputs a new image h, such that

$$h[x,y] = \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} f\left[x - i + \frac{K}{2}, y - j + \frac{L}{2}\right] g[i,j]$$

• Filter is usually centered $\rightarrow K$ and L are odd

Cross-correlation

What is actually done in a convolutional layer is known as cross-correlation = convolution without flipping the mask :

$$h[x,y] = \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \sum_{j=0}^{L-1} f\left[x+i - \frac{K}{2}, y+j - \frac{L}{2}\right] g[i,j]$$

- Each pixel value in the output image is a weighted sum of neighboring pixel values in the input image
- Numerical example $(3 \times 3 \text{ mask})$:





12	12	17
10	17	19
9	6	14
Output image		

Input image

Convolution

- Filter is slided over the image : the same weights are applied on overlapping areas
- Numerical example :

▶ Input image size W × H, mask size=K × L. If no padding is applied (and stride=1), output image size=(W − K + 1) × (H − L + 1) 36

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Padding and stride

Filter size= 3×3 , stride=1, no padding

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Padding and stride

► Filter size=3 × 3, stride=1, horizontal padding=1, vertical padding=1

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Padding and stride

Filter size= 3×3 , stride=2, no padding

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Convolutional sequence

Convolutional layer

- Filter weights and biases are learned !
- \blacktriangleright Filter size is much smaller than image size. Typically, $3\times3,\,5\times5,\,\ldots$
- Number of parameters independent from the width and height of the input feature maps.
- In practice, input feature maps have several features per pixel (depth is not necessarily 1) → 3D convolution.
- ► Example : filter size=k×k, nb input features (depth)=A, nb output features=B, total number of parameters of layer is (k×k×A+1)×B (+1 comes from the bias) → several orders of magnitude smaller than a fully connected layer.

Non-linear activation layer

- ▶ Very often, $\operatorname{ReLU}(x) = \max(0, x)$ is used
- Activation function is applied elementwise : for each output feature of each pixel
- No parameter to learn here

Convolutional sequence

Pooling layer

- \blacktriangleright Goal : reduce the **spatial** size of the feature map \rightarrow **downsampling**
- Number of output features B is unchanged, pooling is performed for each of these B features.
- No parameter to learn here
- Average or maximum taken over $p \times p$ squares of each feature map.
- Squares are usually non-overlapping : stride = p. Example : max pooling, p = 2

1	1	2	4
5	6	7	8
3	2	1	0
1	2	3	4

max pool with 2x2 filters and stride 2



Size of feature maps

Example of a convolutional sequence with sizes of feature maps



Parameter initialization

What should not be done : all zero initialization

- If all neurons compute the same output, they will undergo the same parameter update.
- No source of difference between neurons if their weights are initialized to the same value.

Small random numbers

- Sample from a normal distribution (zero-mean, unit standard deviation).
- Problem with the above suggestion : the distribution of the outputs from a randomly initialized neuron has a variance that grows with the number of inputs.
- The variance of each neuron's output can be normalized to 1 by scaling its weight vector by the square root of its number of inputs

$$\mathbf{W} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

with n = number of input features.

Backpropagation through convolutional layer + activation layer

- Consider the following example : convolutional layer with a 2 × 2 mask with bias, stride=1, no padding.
- ▶ Non-linear activation *f*.
- ▶ Input feature map size = W × H, so output feature map size = (W − 1) × (H − 1)



• In the forward pass, each output $y_{i,j}$ is computed as

$$y_{i,j} = f(w_{1,1}x_{i,j} + w_{1,2}x_{i,j+1} + w_{2,1}x_{i+1,j} + w_{2,2}x_{i+1,j+1} + b)$$

= $f\left(b + \sum_{\substack{\lambda=1..2\\\gamma=1..2}} w_{\lambda,\gamma}x_{i+\lambda-1,j+\gamma-1}\right)$

- \blacktriangleright Each weight $w_{\lambda,\gamma}$ and the bias b takes part in the calculation of every $y_{i,j}$
- During the backward pass, assume that each $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i,j}}$ has just been computed (coming from the following pooling layer)

• For a given weight $w_{\lambda,\gamma}$:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{\lambda,\gamma}} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i,j}} \frac{\partial y_{i,j}}{\partial w_{\lambda,\gamma}}$$
$$= \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i,j}} x_{i+\lambda-1,j+\gamma-1} f' \left(b + \sum_{\substack{\lambda'=1..2\\\gamma'=1..2}} w_{\lambda',\gamma'} x_{i+\lambda'-1,j+\gamma'-1} \right)$$

► For the bias *b*,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i,j}} \frac{\partial y_{i,j}}{\partial b}$$
$$= \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i,j}} f' \left(b + \sum_{\substack{\lambda'=1..2\\\gamma'=1..2}} w_{\lambda',\gamma'} x_{i+\lambda'-1,j+\gamma'-1} \right)$$

Backpropagation in pooling layer

- Max pooling, 2×2 , stride=2 (no overlap)
- ▶ Input feature map size = $W \times H$, so output feature map size = $\frac{W}{2} \times \frac{H}{2}$



 $y_{i,j} = \max \{ x_{2i-1,2j-1} , x_{2i-1,2j} , x_{2i,2j-1} , x_{2i,2j} \}$

$$= \max_{\substack{\lambda = -1..0\\\gamma = -1..0}} x_{2i+\lambda,2j+\gamma}$$

- During the backward pass, assume that each $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i',j'}}$ has just been computed (coming from the following convolutional layer)
- ► The max function is not differentiable BUT...
- ► ... there's a trick : during the forward pass, store, for each y_{i',j'}, the position in feature map x which led to the maximum :

$$(\lambda^*, \gamma^*) = \operatorname*{argmax}_{\substack{\lambda = -1..0\\\gamma = -1..0}} x_{2i'+\lambda, 2j'+\gamma}$$

▶ A given input $x_{i,j}$ takes part in the computation of $y_{i',j'}$, where $i' = \lfloor (i-1)/2 \rfloor + 1$ and $j' = \lfloor (j-1)/2 \rfloor + 1$. Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x_{i,j}} \leftarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{i',j'}} & \text{if } i = 2i' + \lambda^*, j = 2j' + \gamma^* \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

Example : during forward pass, x_{1,2} has the maximum value among {x_{1,1}, x_{1,2}, x_{2,1}, x_{2,2}}
During backward pass, ∂L/∂y_{1,1} is backpropagated to ∂L/∂x_{1,2}
The other ∂L/∂x_{i,i} are set to 0

 $x_{i,j}$



Regularization : parameter norm penalties

- The goal of regularization is to prevent overfitting (limit generalization error).
- First technique : add a regularization term (some norm over the vector of parameters) in the cost function

$$\mathcal{C}(heta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}(oldsymbol{x}_i; heta), oldsymbol{y}_i) {+} oldsymbol{\lambda} \left\| oldsymbol{ heta}
ight\|$$

where λ is a hyperparameter.

- \blacktriangleright For neural networks, $\|\theta\|$ penalizes only the weights, and leave the biases
- L^2 norm (the most common form of regularization) \rightarrow encourages the network to use all of its inputs a little, rather than some of its inputs a lot
- L^1 norm \rightarrow leads the weight vectors to become **sparse** during optimization

Regularization : data augmentation

- Train on more data ! Of course, in practice, the amount of data is limited.
- Create "fake" data and add it to the training set



Data augmentation by affine transformation :



 Another possibility is data augmentation by injecting noise in the inputs

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 The ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge (ILSVRC) evaluates algorithms for object detection and image classification at large scale.



AlexNet

- Won the ILSVRC 2012 challenge
- [A. Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, G. Hinton. ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks. NIPS 2012]



AlexNet : Local response normalization (LRN)

- Not used much in other architectures...
- In neurobiology, "lateral inhibition" = capacity of an excited neuron to subdue its neighbors.
- ► Favors detection of high frequency features with a large response.
- If we normalize around the local neighborhood of the excited neuron, it becomes even more sensitive as compared to its neighbors.
- Useful with ReLU activations, which are unbounded.
- LRN will dampen the responses that are uniformly large in any given local neighborhood. If all the values are large, then normalizing those values will diminish all of them.

AlexNet : Local response normalization (LRN)

- Normalization is performed across filters of the same convolutional layer (after ReLU activation).
- At a fixed spatial position (i, j) :

$$y_{i,j}^{k} = \frac{x_{i,j}^{k}}{\left(\alpha_{1} + \alpha_{2} \sum_{\lambda=k-n/2}^{k+n/2} \left(x_{i,j}^{\lambda}\right)^{2}\right)^{\beta}}$$

- x^k_{i,j} = the kth input feature to the LRN layer (output of the kth filter of the previous convolutional layer, after ReLU activation).
 y^k_{i,j} = the kth output of the LRN layer.
- n = size of neighborhood (= set of neighboring filters) (λ − n/2 and λ + n/2 are bounded between 0 and N − 1, where N is the number of filters).
- α_1 , α_2 , β , n are hyperparameters.
- No parameter to learn here.

AlexNet in detail

- Input : $224 \times 224 \times 3$ input images
- ► 1st Convolutional layer : 96 filters of size 11 × 11 × 3 (stride = 4, no padding) → 55 × 55 × 96 feature maps
- ReLU
- Max-pooling layer : 3×3 (stride = 2) $\rightarrow 27 \times 27 \times 96$ feature maps
- Local Response Normalization
- ► 2nd Convolutional layer : 256 filters of size 5 × 5 × 48 (stride = 1, padding=2) → 27 × 27 × 256 feature maps
- ReLU
- Max-pooling layer : 3×3 (stride = 2) $\rightarrow 13 \times 13 \times 256$ feature maps
- Local Response Normalization

AlexNet in detail

- Srd Convolutional layer : 384 filters of size 3 × 3 × 256 (stride = 1, padding=1) → 13 × 13 × 384 feature maps
- ▶ 4th Convolutional layer : 384 filters of size $13 \times 13 \times 192$ (stride = 1, padding=1) $\rightarrow 13 \times 13 \times 384$ feature maps
- ► 5th Convolutional layer : 256 filters of size 3 × 3 × 192 (stride = 1, padding=1) → 13 × 13 × 256 feature maps
- Max-pooling layer : 3×3 (stride = 2) $\rightarrow 6 \times 6 \times 256$ feature maps
- ▶ 1st Fully connected layer : 4096 neurons
- ► 2nd Fully connected layer : 4096 neurons
- ► 3st Fully connected layer : 1000 neurons
- In total, there are 60 million parameters need to be trained !

Use of pretrained models

- Training a model on ImageNet from scratch takes days or weeks.
- Many models trained on ImageNet and their weights are publicly available !
- We can perform fine-tuning for transfer learning
- Retraining the/some parameters of the network (given enough data)
- Truncate the last layer(s) of the pre-trained network
- Train a classification model from these features on a new classification task (early layers are frozen, only late layers are trained)

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Why recurrent neural networks?

Feedforward neural networks

- All input values of a given sample are considered independent of each other.
- When processing sequential data, values at different time steps would also be considered independent → does not take advantage of time coherence !
- ► Cannot handle variable-length sequential data, *e.g* sentences.

Recurrent neural networks

- Make use of sequential information
- Output is made dependent on previous computations
- Recurrent neurons have a memory = internal hidden state
- Can handle variable-length sequences

Sequential data

- Let $\mathbf{X} = (\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, ..., \boldsymbol{x}_T)$ be a sequence of T vectors of size D
- Processing sequential data is roughly equivalent to predict what comes next :

$$p(\mathbf{X}) = \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(\boldsymbol{x}_t | \boldsymbol{x}_1, ..., \boldsymbol{x}_{t-1})$$

- Examples of sequential data :
 - ▶ Sound wave : D = 1 (mono) or D = 2 (stereo)



Sequential data

- Sentences : sequence of words
- Initial encoding of words : 1-of-V vectors, where V is the size of vocabulary (huge!)

The	man	is	wearing	а	hat
0	1	0	0	0	0
÷	0	1	÷	÷	÷
0	÷	0	÷	1	÷
1	÷	÷	0	0	÷
0	÷	÷	1	÷	0
÷	÷	÷	0	÷	1
0	0	0	0	÷	0

Words are re-encoded in a space of smaller dimension (embedding)

Recurrent neurons

- A recurrent layer of neurons (input and output are vectors !) :
 - $\boldsymbol{x} = \mathsf{input} \mathsf{ vector} \mathsf{ of size } D$
 - y = output vector of size K
 - $\mathbf{h} = \mathsf{hidden} \mathsf{ state} \mathsf{ vector} \mathsf{ of} \mathsf{ size} H$
 - $\mathbf{U} = H \times D$ weight matrix
 - $\mathbf{V} = K \times H$ weight matrix
 - $\mathbf{W} = H \times H$ weight matrix



The hidden state are the "memory" of the neuron. It is calculated based on the previous hidden state and the current input :

$$\mathbf{h}_t = f_1(\mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{x}_t + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}_{t-1})$$

The output is calculated based on the hidden state :

$$\boldsymbol{y}_t = f_2(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}_t)$$
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- The hidden state captures information about what happened in all the previous time steps (in practice, it typically cannot capture information from too many time steps ago)
- Unlike a traditional deep neural network, which uses different parameters at each layer, a RNN shares the same parameters (U, V, W above) across all time steps
- We are performing the same task at each step, just with different inputs. This greatly reduces the total number of parameters we need to learn.

Recurrent neurons

> The same reccurent layer, **unfolded** in time :



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► The full sequence is one training sample → the loss for one sample is the sum of the losses at each time step.

$$\mathcal{L}(oldsymbol{y},\overline{oldsymbol{y}}) = \sum_{t=1}^T \mathcal{L}(oldsymbol{y}_t,\overline{oldsymbol{y}}_t)$$

where \overline{y} is the desired output (label) (sample index *i* is dropped for convenience)

- Let \mathcal{L}_t be a shortened notation for $\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{y}_t, \overline{\boldsymbol{y}}_t)$.
- To train the recurrent layer, we should compute $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial \mathbf{U}}$, $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial \mathbf{V}}$ and $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$ for every t
- ► We are differentiating real numbers and vectors with respect to vectors and matrices ! → matrix calculus

- ▶ From now on, we will reason on a single recurrent neuron with D = 1, K = 1, H = 1.
- Input x_t , output y_t and hidden state h_t are scalars.
- ▶ Weights *u*, *v*, *w* are scalars too.

$$h_t = f_1(ux_t + wh_{t-1})$$

$$y_t = f_2(vh_t)$$

For v, we have the easy relation

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial y_t} \frac{\partial y_t}{\partial v} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial y_t} h_t f_2'(vh_t)$$

▶ For *w*, we have the following **recurrent** relation :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial y_t} \frac{\partial y_t}{\partial w} \\ = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial y_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial w} v f_2'(vh_t)$$

with

$$\frac{\partial h_t}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left\{ f_1(ux_t + wh_{t-1}) \right\}$$
$$= \left(h_{t-1} + w \frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial w} \right) f'_1(ux_t + wh_{t-1})$$
$$= \dots$$
$$\frac{\partial h_0}{\partial w}$$

• Recurrence stops as $\frac{\partial h_0}{\partial w} = 0.$

▶ Similarly, for *u*, we have the following **recurrent** relation :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial y_t} \frac{\partial y_t}{\partial u} \\ = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t}{\partial y_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial u} v f_2'(vh_t)$$

with

$$\frac{\partial h_t}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left\{ f_1(ux_t + wh_{t-1}) \right\}$$
$$= \left(x_t + w \frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial u} \right) f'_1(ux_t + wh_{t-1})$$
$$= \dots$$

• Recurrence stops as $\frac{\partial h_0}{\partial u} = 0.$

• Backpropagation through time for a given loss at time step t = 3:



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Neural Language Processing

- Possible tasks in Neural Language Processing (NLP) : neural machine translation (NMT), visual question answering, chatbots, ...
- A recurrent neural network learns a language model, assigning a probability to a sequence of words
- Plausible sequences have higher probabilities :

 $\begin{array}{l} p(\text{``I like cats''}) > p(\text{'`I table cats''}) \\ p(\text{'`I like cats''}) > p(\text{''like I cats''}) \end{array}$

- ► Words are initially represented as 1-of-V vectors → vocabulary size V is huge !
- ► For NLP, inputs of recurrent neural networks are embeddings

Word embeddings

 \blacktriangleright Word embeddings have a size much smaller than V

 $\blacktriangleright \text{ Example}: \begin{array}{l} \text{Apple}: [1.11, 2.24, 7.88] \\ \text{Orange}: [1.01, 2.04, 7.22] \\ \text{Car}: [8.41, 2.34, -1.28] \\ \text{Table}: [-1.41, 7.34, 3.01] \end{array}$

- Embeddings are different (e.g. in terms of Euclidean distance) if corresponding words are semantically different
- Initial sequence : $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_1, \boldsymbol{\omega}_2, ... \boldsymbol{\omega}_T)$
- Sentence fed as input to the RNN : $\boldsymbol{x} = (\boldsymbol{x}_1, \boldsymbol{x}_2, ... \boldsymbol{x}_T),$ with

$$oldsymbol{x}_t = \mathbf{E}oldsymbol{\omega}_t$$

where \mathbf{E} is the **embedding** operator (projection)

Language modeling

- Input : sequence $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_1, \boldsymbol{\omega}_2, ... \boldsymbol{\omega}_T)$
- Output : shifted sequence $(\boldsymbol{\omega}_2, \boldsymbol{\omega}_3, ... \boldsymbol{\omega}_{T+1})$



Figures by O. Grisel and C. Ollion, https://github.com/m2dsupsdlclass

Language modeling

- Neural machine translation (NMT)
- The hidden state at the last iteration encodes the memory for the entire sentence



Conclusion

Deep learning models

- are powerful, for many many tasks!
- need A LOT of annotated data,
- move the problem of feature engineering to architecture engineering

Forthcoming challenges

- Explainability of learnt features
- Make architectures less time and memory-consuming (decrease the number of layers/parameters without performance loss)
- Public debate on algorithms, artificial intelligence, ethics... (what Al can do, what it cannot do, what it should not be used for...)