DATA 442: Neural Networks & Deep Learning

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Optimization

Goal: Find the best weights parameters to minimize a loss function.

Approaches we've discussed: Gradient Descent, Stochastic Gradient Descent, Mini-batch SGD.



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Example (Mini-batch SGD):

- 1. Sample your data (batch size)
- 2. Run a forward propagation through your network.
- 3. Calculate your loss
- 4. Backpropogate to calculate gradients of weights with respect to loss.
- 5. Update weights using the gradient.

6. Repeat until some threshold is reached (i.e., number of iterations).



Building and Optimizing a Neural Network

Define Network Architecture (Computational Graph)

• Train / Optimize the Network

Evaluation



























Network Architecture: Activation Function





def activationFunction(input):
return(input * 1)



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 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Maxout} \\ \max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2) \end{array}$





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tanh Activation Function





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Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) Activation Function





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No saturation in positive

Leaky ReLU **Activation Function**





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Parametric ReLU **Activation Function**



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- Parameterized, and can be fit during optimization.





Exponential Linear Units (ELU) Activation Function





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No saturation if x > 0

Network Architecture: Data Preprocessing









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Idea: Big numbers! W = np.random.randn(3072, 10) * 10







Idea: ...medium numbers!

(Ok, wait a minute, this is harder than it seemed).



Xavier Initialization

Initial weights should be based on model complexity.

Measurement of complexity: How many inputs and outputs your network has.



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Where we are now

- 1. Define network architecture (number of hidden layers, inputs, outputs, batch normalizations, activations, etc).
- 2. Define data preprocessing pipeline (zero-mean standardization).
- 3. Define weight initializations strategy.

