Learning representations by back-propagating errors

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What does mean by 'Backpropagation'?

- The term *backpropagation* strictly refers only to the algorithm for computing the gradient.
- In machine learning, backpropagation is a widely used algorithm for training feedforward neural networks.
- Generalizations of backpropagation exists for other Artificial Neural Networks(ANNs)
- These classes of algorithms are all referred to generically as "backpropagation".

- The practice of fine-tuning the weights of a neural net
 - based on the error rate obtained in the previous epoch

• Activations of the input units are propagated forward to output layer through the connecting weights.

Why 'Backpropagation' ?

- Computes the gradient of the loss function with respect to the weights of the network for a single input–output example
- Does so efficiently, unlike a naive direct computation of the gradient
- Proper tuning of the weights ensures lower error rates
- This efficiency makes it feasiable to use gradient methods
- Avoid redundant calculations of intermediate terms in the chain rule
- Image recognition and speech recognition

Back-propagating error

- Backpropagation, short for "backward propagation of errors," is an algorithm for supervised learning of ANNs using gradient descent.
- Backpropagation is analogous to calculating the delta rule for a multilayer feedforward network.

backpropagation requires three things:

- Dataset
- A feedforward neural network,
- An error function



How Backpropagation Works



Back-Propagation Learning Procedure

• The total input x_i, to unit j

 y_i - output of unit i connected to unit w_{ji} - weight connecting unit i to unit j



• Resulting value is passed through a sigmoid function

$$y_j = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_j}}$$

- Aim is to find a set of weights that gives the output vector produced by the network,
- same as the desired output vector.
- The total error comparing the actual and desired output vector:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c} \sum_{j} (y_{j,c} - d_{j,c})^2$$

- c index over cases (input-output pairs),
- index over output units
- y actual state of an output unit
- d desired state.
- To minimize E by gradient descent \rightarrow partial derivative of E

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{c} \sum_{j} (y_{j,c} - d_{j,c})^2$$

Let's Differentiate the above equation,

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j} = y_j - d_j$$

 ∂E

Let's apply the chain rule to compute

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j} \frac{dy_j}{dx_j}$$

$$y_j = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_j}}$$

Let's differentiate the above equation to get the value of dyi/dx, and substituting gives $\partial E = \partial E$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j} y_j (1 - y_j)$$

Let's compute how the error by changing these states and weights. For a weight w;, from i to j the derivative is

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ji}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial w_{ji}} \\ = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} y_i$$

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For the output of the i th unit the contribution to aE/ay;

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial x_j}{\partial y_i} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} w_{ji}$$
$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial y_i} = \sum_j \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_j} w_{ji}$$

Ways of using $\frac{\partial E}{\partial w}$

- 1. Change the weights after every input-output case.
- 2. Accumulate $\frac{\partial E}{\partial w}$ over all the input-output cases before changing the weights.
 - An alternative scheme
- 3. Change each weight by an amount proportional to the accumulated ∂E
 - The simplest version of gradient descent

$$\Delta w = -\varepsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial w}$$

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An improved version

$$\Delta w(t) = -\varepsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial w(t)} + \alpha \Delta w(t-1)$$

- t incremented by 1 for each sweep through the whole set of input-output cases
- alpha is an exponential decay factor between O and 1

Detection of symmetry

use an intermediate layer

weights that are symmetric about the middle of the input vector are equal in magnitude and opposite in sign.

Advantage:

- Both hidden units will receive a net input of 0 from the input units
- Weights on each side of the midpoint are in the ratio 1 : 2: 4.



Storing the information in family trees

Set of propositions using the 12 relationships:

son, daughter, nephew, niece, father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, husband, wife

- (colin has-father james)
- (colin has-mother victoria)
- (james has-wife victoria)
- (charlotte has-brother colin)
- (victoria has-brother arthur)
- (charlotte has-uncle arthur)



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Network



Receptive fields

- Trained on 100 of the 104 possible triples
 - White rectangles excitatory weights
 - black rectangles inhibitory weights
 - area of the rectangle encodes the magnitude of the weight.



The layered networ

Layered nets \rightarrow Iterative nets.

Two complications arise in performing the mapping:

- Needs to store the history of output states of each unit
- corresponding weights between with a same value



Thank You!

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