Neural Networks Learning the network: Backprop

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Recap: The MLP *can* represent any function g(X)

- The MLP can be constructed to represent anything
- But *how* do we construct it?
 - *I.e.* how do we determine the weights (and biases) of the network to best represent a target function
 - Assuming that the architecture of the network is given

Recap: How to learn the function





• By minimizing expected error

$$\widehat{W} = \underset{W}{\operatorname{argmin}} \int_{X} div(f(X;W),g(X))P(X)dX$$
$$= \underset{W}{\operatorname{argmin}} E\left[div(f(X;W),g(X))\right]$$

Recap: Sampling the function



- g(X) is unknown, so sample it
 - Basically, get input-output pairs for a number of samples of input X_i
 - Good sampling: the samples of X will be drawn from P(X)
- Estimate function from the samples

The *Empirical* risk



• The *empirical estimate* of the expected error is the *average* error over the samples

$$E\left[div(f(X;W),g(X))\right] \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^{T} div(f(X_i;W),d_i)$$

- This approximation is an unbiased estimate of the *expected* divergence that we *actually* want to estimate
 - We can *hope* that minimizing the empirical loss will minimize the true loss
 - Caveat: This hope is generally not based on anything but, well, hope..

Empirical Risk Minimization



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 - Error on the i-th instance: $div(f(X_i; W), d_i)$
 - Empirical average error on all training data:

$$Loss(W) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i} div(f(X_i; W), d_i)$$

• Estimate the parameters to minimize the empirical estimate of expected error

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{W}} = \underset{W}{\operatorname{argmin}} \operatorname{Loss}(W)$$

- I.e. minimize the *empirical error* over the drawn samples

Empirical Risk Minimization



This is an instance of function minimization (optimization)

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• A CRASH COURSE ON FUNCTION OPTIMIZATION

The problem of optimization



Finding the minimum of a function



• Find the value x at which f'(x) = 0

- Solve

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = 0$$

- The solution is a "turning point"
 - Derivatives go from positive to negative or vice versa at this point
- But is it a minimum?



- Both maxima and minima have zero derivative
- Both are turning points

Derivatives of a curve



- Both *maxima* and *minima* are turning points
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Derivative of the derivative of the curve f''(x) = f''(x) + f(x) + f(x

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- The second derivative f''(x) is -ve at maxima and +ve at minima!



• Find the value x at which
$$f'(x) = 0$$
: Solve

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = 0$$

- The solution x_{soln} is a turning point
- Check the double derivative at *x*_{soln} : compute

$$f''(x_{soln}) = \frac{df'(x_{soln})}{dx}$$

• If $f''(x_{soln})$ is positive x_{soln} is a minimum, otherwise it is a maximum

A note on derivatives of functions of single variable



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 - The *second* derivative is
 - ≥ 0 at minima
 - $\ \le 0$ at maxima
 - Zero at inflection points
 - It's a little more complicated for functions of multiple variables..

What about functions of multiple variables?



- The optimum point is still "turning" point
 - Shifting in any direction will increase the value
 - For smooth functions, miniscule shifts will not result in any change at all
- We must find a point where shifting in any direction by a microscopic amount will not change the value of the function



The gradient is the direction of fastest increase of the function







Properties of Gradient: 2



• The gradient vector $\nabla_X f(X)^T$ is perpendicular to the level curve

The Hessian

The Hessian of a function f (x₁, x₂, ..., x_n) is given by the second derivative

$$\nabla_{x}^{2} f(x_{1},...,x_{n}) \coloneqq \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{1}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{2}} & \ddots & \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{1} \partial x_{n}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{2} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{2}^{2}} & \ddots & \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{2} \partial x_{n}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{n} \partial x_{1}} & \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{n} \partial x_{2}} & \ddots & \frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial x_{n}^{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Finding the minimum of a scalar function of a multi-variate input



• The optimum point is a turning point – the gradient will be 0

Unconstrained Minimization of function (Multivariate)

1. Solve for the *X* where the derivative (or gradient) equals to zero

$\nabla_X f(X) = 0$

- 2. Compute the Hessian Matrix $\nabla_X^2 f(X)$ at the candidate solution and verify that
 - Hessian is positive definite (eigenvalues positive) -> to identify local minima
 - Hessian is negative definite (eigenvalues negative) -> to identify local maxima



- Often it is not possible to simply solve $\nabla_X f(X) = 0$
 - The function to minimize/maximize may have an intractable form
- In these situations, iterative solutions are used
 - Begin with a "guess" for the optimal X and refine it iteratively until the correct value is obtained



- Iterative solutions
 - Start from an initial guess X_0 for the optimal X
 - Update the guess towards a (hopefully) "better" value of f(X)
 - Stop when f(X) no longer decreases
- Problems:
 - Which direction to step in
 - How big must the steps be



- Iterative solution:
 - Start at some point
 - Find direction in which to shift this point to decrease error
 - This can be found from the derivative of the function
 - A positive derivative \rightarrow moving left decreases error
 - A negative derivative \rightarrow moving right decreases error
 - Shift point in this direction



- Iterative solution: Trivial algorithm
 - Initialize x^0
 - While $f'(x^k) \neq 0$

• If
$$sign(f'(x^k))$$
 is positive:
 $x^{k+1} = x^k - step$

• Else

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + step$$



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$$f'(x^k) \neq 0$$

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• Identical to previous algorithm



- Iterative solution: Trivial algorithm
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• While
$$f'(x^k) \neq 0$$

 $x^{k+1} = x^k - \eta^k f'(x^k)$

• η^k is the "step size"

Gradient descent/ascent (multivariate)

- The gradient descent/ascent method to find the minimum or maximum of a function *f* iteratively
 - To find a maximum move in the direction of the gradient

$$x^{k+1} = x^k + \eta^k \nabla_x f(x^k)^T$$

 To find a minimum move exactly opposite the direction of the gradient

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \eta^k \nabla_x f(x^k)^T$$

• Many solutions to choosing step size η^k

Gradient descent convergence criteria

• The gradient descent algorithm converges when one of the following criteria is satisfied



Overall Gradient Descent Algorithm

• Initialize:

• do
•
$$x^{k+1} = x^k - \eta^k \nabla_x f(x^k)^T$$

• $k = k + 1$
• while $|f(x^{k+1}) - f(x^k)| > \varepsilon$

Convergence of Gradient Descent





- For appropriate step size, for convex (bowlshaped) functions gradient descent will always find the minimum.
- For non-convex functions it will find a local minimum or an inflection point

• Returning to our problem..
Problem Statement

- Given a training set of input-output pairs $(X_1, d_1), (X_2, d_2), \dots, (X_T, d_T)$
- Minimize the following function $Loss(W) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i} div(f(X_i; W), d_i)$

w.r.t W

• This is problem of function minimization

– An instance of optimization

Preliminaries

• Before we proceed: the problem setup

• Given a training set of input-output pairs $(X_1, d_1), (X_2, d_2), \dots, (X_T, d_T)$

• What are these input-output pairs?

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What is f()? Typical network



- Multi-layer perceptron
- A *directed* network with a set of inputs and outputs
 - No loops

Typical network



- We assume a "layered" network for simplicity
 - Each "layer" of neurons only gets inputs from the earlier layer(s) and outputs signals only to later layer(s)
 - We will refer to the inputs as the *input layer*
 - No neurons here the "layer" simply refers to inputs
 - We refer to the outputs as the *output layer*
 - Intermediate layers are "hidden" layers

The individual neurons



- Individual neurons operate on a set of inputs and produce a single output
 - Standard setup: A differentiable activation function applied to an affine combination of the inputs

$$y = f\left(\sum_{i} w_i x_i + b\right)$$

- More generally: *any* differentiable function

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_N; W)$$
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Parameters are weights w_i and bias b

Activations and their derivatives

$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$	f'(z) = f(z)(1 - f(z))
$f(z) = \tanh(z)$	$f'(z) = (1 - f^2(z))$
$f(z) = \begin{cases} z, & z \ge 0\\ 0, & z < 0 \end{cases}$	[*] $f'(z) = \begin{cases} 1, z \ge 0\\ 0, z < 0 \end{cases}$
$f(z) = \log(1 + \exp(z))$	$f'(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$

Some popular activation functions and their derivatives

Vector Activations



We can also have neurons that have *multiple coupled* outputs

$$[y_1, y_2, \dots, y_l] = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k; W)$$

- Function *f*() operates on set of inputs to produce set of outputs
- Modifying a single parameter in W will affect *all* outputs

Vector activation example: Softmax



• Example: Softmax *vector* activation

$$z_{i} = \sum_{j} w_{ji} x_{j} + b_{i}$$
$$y = \frac{exp(z_{i})}{\sum_{j} exp(z_{j})}$$

Parameters are weights w_{ji} and bias b_i

Multiplicative combination: Can be viewed as a case of vector activations



$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ji} x_j + b_i$$

$$y_i = \prod_l (z_l)^{\alpha_{li}}$$

Parameters are weights w_{ii} and bias b_i

A layer of multiplicative combination is a special case of vector activation ٠

Typical network



 In a layered network, each layer of perceptrons can be viewed as a single vector activation



- The input layer is the Oth layer
- We will represent the output of the i-th perceptron of the kth layer as $y_i^{(k)}$
 - Input to network: $y_i^{(0)} = x_i$
 - Output of network: $y_i = y_i^{(N)}$
- We will represent the weight of the connection between the i-th unit of the k-1th layer and the jth unit of the k-th layer as w^(k)_{ii}
 - The bias to the jth unit of the k-th layer is $b_i^{(k)}$

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Vector notation



- Given a training set of input-output pairs $(X_1, d_1), (X_2, d_2), \dots, (X_T, d_T)$
- $X_n = [x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nD}]$ is the nth input vector
- $d_n = [d_{n1}, d_{n2}, \dots, d_{nL}]$ is the nth desired output
- $Y_n = [y_{n1}, y_{n2}, ..., y_{nL}]$ is the nth vector of *actual* outputs of the network
- We will sometimes drop the first subscript when referring to a *specific* instance

Representing the input



- Vectors of numbers
 - (or may even be just a scalar, if input layer is of size 1)
 - E.g. vector of pixel values
 - E.g. vector of speech features
 - E.g. real-valued vector representing text
 - We will see how this happens later in the course
 - Other real valued vectors



- If the desired *output* is real-valued, no special tricks are necessary
 - Scalar Output : single output neuron
 - d = scalar (real value)
 - Vector Output : as many output neurons as the dimension of the desired output
 - $d = [d_1 d_2 .. d_L]$ (vector of real values)



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 - -1 = Yes it's a cat
 - 0 = No it's not a cat.



- If the desired output is binary (is this a cat or not), use a simple 1/0 representation of the desired output
- Output activation: Typically a sigmoid
 - Viewed as the probability P(Y = 1|X) of class value 1
 - Indicating the fact that for actual data, in general a feature value X may occur for both classes, but with different probabilities
 - Is differentiable



- If the desired output is binary (is this a cat or not), use a simple 1/0 representation of the desired output
 - 1 = Yes it's a cat
 - 0 = No it's not a cat.
- Sometimes represented by *two* outputs, one representing the desired output, the other representing the *negation* of the desired output
 - Yes: \rightarrow [1 0]
 - No: \rightarrow [0 1]
- The output explicitly becomes a 2-output softmax

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Output

layer

Hidden

layer

Multi-class output: One-hot representations

- Consider a network that must distinguish if an input is a cat, a dog, a camel, a hat, or a flower
- We can represent this set as the following vector:

[cat dog camel hat flower][⊤]

- For inputs of each of the five classes the desired output is:
 - cat: $[1000]^{T}$
 - dog: $[0 1 0 0 0]^{T}$
 - camel: $[0 0 1 0 0]^{T}$
 - hat: $[0 0 0 1 0]^{T}$
 - flower: $[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1]^{T}$
- For an input of any class, we will have a five-dimensional vector output with four zeros and a single 1 at the position of that class
- This is a one hot vector

Multi-class networks



- For a multi-class classifier with N classes, the one-hot representation will have N binary target outputs (d)
 - An N-dimensional binary vector
- The neural network's output too must ideally be binary (N-1 zeros and a single 1 in the right place)
- More realistically, it will be a probability vector
 - N probability values that sum to 1.

Multi-class classification: Output



• Softmax *vector* activation is often used at the output of multi-class classifier nets

$$z_{i} = \sum_{j} w_{ji}^{(n)} y_{j}^{(n-1)}$$
$$y_{i} = \frac{exp(z_{i})}{\sum_{j} exp(z_{j})}$$

• This can be viewed as the probability $y_i = P(class = i|X)$

Typical Problem Statement



- We are given a number of "training" data instances
- E.g. images of digits, along with information about which digit the image represents
- Tasks:
 - Binary recognition: Is this a "2" or not
 - Multi-class recognition: Which digit is this? Is this a digit in the first place?



- Given, many positive and negative examples (training data),
 - learn all weights such that the network does the desired job

Typical Problem statement: multiclass classification

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Examples of divergence functions



• For real-valued output vectors, the (scaled) L₂ divergence is popular

$$Div(Y,d) = \frac{1}{2} \|Y - d\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} (y_i - d_i)^2$$

- Squared Euclidean distance between true and desired output
- Note: this is differentiable

$$\frac{dDiv(Y,d)}{dy_i} = (y_i - d_i)$$

$$\nabla_Y Div(Y,d) = [y_1 - d_1, y_2 - d_2, \dots]$$

For binary classifier



For binary classifier with scalar output, Y ∈ (0,1), d is 0/1, the cross entropy between the probability distribution [Y, 1 − Y] and the ideal output probability [d, 1 − d] is popular

$$Div(Y,d) = -dlogY - (1-d)\log(1-Y)$$

- Minimum when d = Y
- Derivative

$$\frac{dDiv(Y,d)}{dY} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{Y} & \text{if } d = 1\\ \frac{1}{1-Y} & \text{if } d = 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$Even though div() = 0$$
(minimum) when y = d

For multi-class classification



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- Actual output will be probability distribution $[y_1, y_2, ...]$
- The cross-entropy between the desired one-hot output and actual output:

$$Div(Y,d) = -\sum_{i} d_{i} \log y_{i} = -\log y_{c}$$

• Derivative

$$\frac{dDiv(Y,d)}{dY_{i}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{y_{c}} & \text{for the } c - th \text{ component} \\ 0 & \text{for remaining component} \end{cases}$$
$$\nabla_{Y}Div(Y,d) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & \frac{-1}{y_{c}} & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Note: when y = d the derivative is *not* 0

Even though div() = 0(minimum) when y = d
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- It is sometimes useful to set the target output to [ε ε ... (1 − (K − 1)ε) ... ε ε ε] with the value 1 − (K − 1)ε in the *c*-th position (for class *c*) and ε elsewhere for some small ε
 - "Label smoothing" -- aids gradient descent
- The cross-entropy remains:

$$Div(Y,d) = -\sum_{i} d_i \log y_i$$

• Derivative

$$\frac{dDiv(Y,d)}{dY_{i}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1-(K-1)\epsilon}{y_{c}} & \text{for the } c-\text{th component} \\ -\frac{\epsilon}{y_{i}} & \text{for remaining components} \end{cases}$$

Problem Setup: Things to define

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- Minimize the following function

$$Loss(W) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i} div(f(X_i; W), d_i)$$

ALL TERMS HAVE BEEN DEFINED

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- The error on the ith instance is $div(Y_i, d_i)$

$$-Y_i = f(X_i; W)$$

• The loss

$$Loss = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i} div(Y_{i}, d_{i})$$

Minimize Loss w.r.t $\left\{ w_{ij}^{(k)}, b_{j}^{(k)} \right\}$

Recap: Gradient Descent Algorithm

• Initialize:

-k = 0

 $-x^{0}$

• do

$$-x^{k+1} = x^{k} - \eta^{k} \nabla f(x^{k})^{T}$$

$$-k = k + 1$$
• while $|f(x^{k}) - f(x^{k-1})| > \varepsilon$

Recap: Gradient Descent Algorithm

- In order to minimize any function f(x) w.r.t. x
- Initialize:

$$-x^{0}$$

$$-k = 0$$



Training Neural Nets through Gradient Descent

Total training Loss:

$$Loss = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t} Div(Y_t, d_t)$$

• Gradient descent algorithm:

Assuming the bias is also represented as a weight

• Initialize all weights and biases $\left\{w_{ij}^{(k)}\right\}$

- Using the extended notation: the bias is also a weight

- Do:
 - For every layer k for all i, j, update:

•
$$w_{i,j}^{(k)} = w_{i,j}^{(k)} - \eta \frac{dLos}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$$

• Until *Loss* has converged

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Computing the derivative



Training by gradient descent

- Initialize all weights $\left\{w_{ij}^{(k)}\right\}$
- Do:

- For all
$$i, j, k$$
, initialize $\frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} = 0$

- For all t = 1: T
 - For every layer k for all i, j:

- Compute
$$\frac{dDiv(Y_t, d_t)}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$$

$$- \frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} += \frac{d\mathbf{D}i\boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{Y}_t, \boldsymbol{d}_t)}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$$

- For every layer k for all i, j:

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The derivative



 So we must first figure out how to compute the derivative of divergences of individual training inputs

Calculus Refresher: Basic rules of calculus

For any differentiable function y = f(x)with derivative $\frac{dy}{dx}$ the following must hold for sufficiently small $\Delta x \longrightarrow \Delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x$

For any differentiable function $y = f(x_1, x_2, ..., x_M)$ with partial derivatives $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2}, ..., \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_M}$ the following must hold for sufficiently small $\Delta x_1, \Delta x_2, ..., \Delta x_M$ $\Delta y \approx \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} \Delta x_2 + ... + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_M} \Delta x_M$ 83

Calculus Refresher: Chain rule

For any nested function y = f(g(x))

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g(x)} \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

Check - we can confirm that : $\Delta y = \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x$ $z = g(x) \implies \Delta z = \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \Delta x$ $y = f(z) \implies \Delta y = \frac{df}{dz} \Delta z = \frac{df}{dz} \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \Delta x$

Calculus Refresher: Distributed Chain rule

$$y = f(g_1(x), g_1(x), \dots, g_M(x))$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_1(x)} \frac{dg_1(x)}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_2(x)} \frac{dg_2(x)}{dx} + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_M(x)} \frac{dg_M(x)}{dx}$$

Check:
$$\Delta y = \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x$$

 $\Delta y = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} \Delta z_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} \Delta z_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_M} \Delta z_M$
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Calculus Refresher: Distributed Chain rule

$$y = f(g_1(x), g_1(x), \dots, g_M(x))$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_1(x)} \frac{dg_1(x)}{dx} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_2(x)} \frac{dg_2(x)}{dx} + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_M(x)} \frac{dg_M(x)}{dx}$$

Check:
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Distributed Chain Rule: Influence Diagram



• x affects y through each of $g_1 \dots g_M$

Distributed Chain Rule: Influence Diagram



• Small perturbations in x cause small perturbations in each of $g_1 \dots g_M$, each of which individually additively perturbs y

Returning to our problem

• How to compute $\frac{dDiv(Y,d)}{dw_{i,i}^{(k)}}$

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 - Actual network would have many more neurons and inputs

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- Explicitly separating the weighted sum of inputs from the activation

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 - Actual network would have many more neurons and inputs
- Expanded with all weights and activations shown
- The overall function is differentiable w.r.t every weight, bias and input

Computing the derivative for a *single* input



- Aim: compute derivative of Div(Y, d) w.r.t. each of the weights
- But first, lets label *all* our variables and activation functions

Computing the derivative for a *single* input



Computing the gradient



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 Note: computation of the derivative requires intermediate and final output values of the network in response to the input



• The network again



Setting $y_i^{(0)} = x_i$ for notational convenience

Assuming $w_{0j}^{(k)} = b_j^{(k)}$ and $y_0^{(k)} = 1$ -- assuming the bias is a weight and extending the output of every layer by a constant 1, to account for the biases



$$z_1^{(1)} = \sum_i w_{i1}^{(1)} y_i^{(0)}$$



$$z_j^{(1)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(1)} y_i^{(0)}$$



$$^{(1)} = \sum_{i} w_{ij}^{(1)} y_{i}^{(0)} \qquad y_{j}^{(1)} = f_{1} ($$



$$z_{j}^{(1)} = \sum_{i} w_{ij}^{(1)} y_{i}^{(0)} \qquad y_{j}^{(1)} = f_{1} \left(z_{j}^{(1)} \right) \qquad z_{j}^{(2)} = \sum_{i} w_{ij}^{(2)} y_{i}^{(1)}$$



$$z_{j}^{(1)} = \sum_{i} w_{ij}^{(1)} y_{i}^{(0)} \quad \frac{y_{j}^{(1)} = f_{1}\left(z_{j}^{(1)}\right)}{z_{j}^{(2)}} \quad z_{j}^{(2)} = \sum_{i} w_{ij}^{(2)} y_{i}^{(1)} \quad \frac{y_{j}^{(2)} = f_{2}\left(z_{j}^{(2)}\right)}{z_{j}^{(2)}}$$



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$$z_j^{(3)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(3)} y_i^{(2)} \qquad y_j^{(3)} = f_3\left(z_j^{(3)}\right) \quad \bullet$$



$$y_j^{(N-1)} = f_{N-1}\left(z_j^{(N-1)}\right) \quad z_j^{(N)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(N)} y_i^{(N-1)} \qquad \mathbf{y}^{(N-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(N)} = f_N(\mathbf{z}^{(N)})$$



Forward "Pass"

- Input: D dimensional vector $\mathbf{x} = [x_j, j = 1 \dots D]$
- Set:

$$-D_0 = D$$
, is the width of the 0th (input) layer
 $-y_j^{(0)} = x_j, j = 1 \dots D; \quad y_0^{(k=1\dots N)} = x_0 = 1$

• For layer
$$k = 1 \dots N$$

- For $j = 1 \dots D_k$ D_k is the size of the kth layer
• $z_j^{(k)} = \sum_{i=0}^{D_{k-1}} w_{i,j}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$
• $y_j^{(k)} = f_k \left(z_j^{(k)} \right)$

• Output:

$$-Y = y_j^{(N)}, j = 1..D_N$$


We have computed all these intermediate values in the forward computation

We must remember them - we will need them to compute the derivatives



First, we compute the divergence between the output of the net $y = y^{(N)}$ and the desired output d



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Then continue with the chain rule to compute $\nabla_{Y^{(N-1)}} div(.)$ the derivative of the divergence w.r.t. the output of the N-1th layer



We continue our way backwards in the order shown

 $\nabla_{z^{(N-1)}} div(.)$













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Backward Gradient Computation

• Lets actually see the math..





The derivative w.r.t the actual output of the network is simply the derivative w.r.t to the output of the final layer of the network

$$\frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i} = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$



∂Div	$\partial y_1^{(N)} \partial Div$
$\partial z_1^{(N)}$	$-\frac{\partial z_1^{(N)}}{\partial y_1^{(N)}}$









$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_1^{(N)}} = f_N' \left(z_1^{(N)} \right) \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_1^{(N)}}$$



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$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ij}^{(N)}} = y_i^{(N-1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(N)}}$$

For the bias term $y_0^{(N-1)} = 1$



$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_1^{(N-1)}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial z_j^{(N)}}{\partial y_1^{(N-1)}} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(N)}}$$







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$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ij}^{(1)}} = y_i^{(0)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(1)}}$$



Backward Pass

• Output layer (N) :

- For
$$i = 1 \dots D_N$$

•
$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i} = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

•
$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial Di}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(N)}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}}$$

• For layer k = N - 1 downto 0

- For
$$i = 1 \dots D_k$$

•
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Backward weighted combination of next layer

Backward equivalent of activation

Using notation $\dot{y} = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y}$ etc (overdot represents derivative of Div w.r.t variable)

- Output layer (N) :
 - For $i = 1 \dots D_N$

•
$$\dot{y}_i = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

•
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- For layer k = 1 ... N- For $j = 1 ... D_k$ • $z_j^{(k)} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_k} w_{i,j}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$ • $y_j^{(k)} = f_k \left(z_j^{(k)} \right)$
- Output:

$$-Y = y_j^{(N)}, j = 1..D_N$$



- Have assumed so far that
 - 1. The computation of the output of one neuron does not directly affect computation of other neurons in the same (or previous) layers
 - 2. Outputs of neurons only combine through weighted addition
 - 3. Activations are actually differentiable
 - All of these conditions are frequently not applicable
- Will not dwell on the topic in class, but explained in slides
 - Will appear in quiz. Please read the slides