# MC906 <br> Introduction to Artificial Intelligence 

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## Outline

$\diamond$ Brains
$\diamond$ Neural networks
$\diamond$ Perceptrons
$\diamond$ Multilayer perceptrons
$\diamond$ Applications of neural networks

## Brains

$10^{11}$ neurons of $>20$ types, $10^{14}$ synapses, $1 \mathrm{~ms}-10 \mathrm{~ms}$ cycle time Signals are noisy "spike trains" of electrical potential


## McCulloch-Pitts "unit"

Output is a "squashed" linear function of the inputs:

$$
a_{i} \leftarrow g\left(i n_{i}\right)=g\left(\sum_{j} W_{j, i} a_{j}\right)
$$



A gross oversimplification of real neurons, but its purpose is to develop understanding of what networks of simple units can do

## Activation functions


(a) is a step function or threshold function
(b) is a sigmoid function $1 /\left(1+e^{-x}\right)$

Changing the bias weight $W_{0, i}$ moves the threshold location

## Implementing logical functions



McCulloch and Pitts: every Boolean function can be implemented

## Network structures

Feed-forward networks:

- single-layer perceptrons
- multi-layer perceptrons

Feed-forward networks implement functions, have no internal state
Recurrent networks:

- Hopfield networks have symmetric weights ( $W_{i, j}=W_{j, i}$ ) $g(x)=\operatorname{sign}(x), a_{i}= \pm 1$; holographic associative memory
- Boltzmann machines use stochastic activation functions, $\approx \mathrm{MCMC}$ in Bayes nets
- recurrent neural nets have directed cycles with delays $\Rightarrow$ have internal state (like flip-flops), can oscillate etc.


## Feed-forward example



Feed-forward network $=$ a parameterized family of nonlinear functions:

$$
\begin{aligned}
a_{5} & =g\left(W_{3,5} \cdot a_{3}+W_{4,5} \cdot a_{4}\right) \\
& =g\left(W_{3,5} \cdot g\left(W_{1,3} \cdot a_{1}+W_{2,3} \cdot a_{2}\right)+W_{4,5} \cdot g\left(W_{1,4} \cdot a_{1}+W_{2,4} \cdot a_{2}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Adjusting weights changes the function: do learning this way!

## Single-layer perceptrons




Output units all operate separately-no shared weights
Adjusting weights moves the location, orientation, and steepness of cliff

## Expressiveness of perceptrons

Consider a perceptron with $g=$ step function (Rosenblatt, 1957, 1960)

Can represent AND, OR, NOT, majority, etc., but not XOR
Represents a linear separator in input space:


## Minsky \& Papert (1969) pricked the neural network balloon

## Perceptron learning

Learn by adjusting weights to reduce error on training set
The squared error for an example with input $\mathbf{x}$ and true output $y$ is

$$
E=\frac{1}{2} E r r^{2} \equiv \frac{1}{2}\left(y-h_{\mathbf{W}}(\mathbf{x})\right)^{2},
$$

Perform optimization search by gradient descent:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_{j}} & =\operatorname{Err} \times \frac{\partial \operatorname{Err}}{\partial W_{j}}=\operatorname{Err} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{j}}\left(y-g\left(\sum_{j=0}^{n} W_{j} x_{j}\right)\right) \\
& =-\operatorname{Err} \times g^{\prime}(i n) \times x_{j}
\end{aligned}
$$

Simple weight update rule:

$$
W_{j} \leftarrow W_{j}+\alpha \times E r r \times g^{\prime}(i n) \times x_{j}
$$

E.g., + ve error $\Rightarrow$ increase network output
$\Rightarrow$ increase weights on + ve inputs, decrease on -ve inputs

## Perceptron learning contd.

Perceptron learning rule converges to a consistent function for any linearly separable data set



Perceptron learns majority function easily, DTL is hopeless
DTL learns restaurant function easily, perceptron cannot represent it

## Multilayer perceptrons

Layers are usually fully connected; numbers of hidden units typically chosen by hand


## Expressiveness of MLPs

All continuous functions w/ 2 layers, all functions w/ 3 layers



Combine two opposite-facing threshold functions to make a ridge
Combine two perpendicular ridges to make a bump
Add bumps of various sizes and locations to fit any surface

## Proof requires exponentially many hidden units (cf DTL proof)

## Back-propagation learning

Output layer: same as for single-layer perceptron,

$$
W_{j, i} \leftarrow W_{j, i}+\alpha \times a_{j} \times \Delta_{i}
$$

where $\Delta_{i}=E r r_{i} \times g^{\prime}\left(i n_{i}\right)$
Hidden layer: back-propagate the error from the output layer:

$$
\Delta_{j}=g^{\prime}\left(i n_{j}\right) \sum_{i} W_{j, i} \Delta_{i} .
$$

Update rule for weights in hidden layer:

$$
W_{k, j} \leftarrow W_{k, j}+\alpha \times a_{k} \times \Delta_{j} .
$$

(Most neuroscientists deny that back-propagation occurs in the brain)

## Back-propagation derivation

The squared error on a single example is defined as

$$
E=\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i}\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right)^{2},
$$

where the sum is over the nodes in the output layer.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_{j, i}} & =-\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) \frac{\partial a_{i}}{\partial W_{j, i}}=-\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) \frac{\partial g\left(i n_{i}\right)}{\partial W_{j, i}} \\
& =-\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) g^{\prime}\left(i n_{i}\right) \frac{\partial i n_{i}}{\partial W_{j, i}}=-\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) g^{\prime}\left(i n_{i}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{j, i}}\left(\sum_{j} W_{j, i} a_{j}\right) \\
& =-\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) g^{\prime}\left(i n_{i}\right) a_{j}=-a_{j} \Delta_{i}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Back-propagation derivation contd.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial E}{\partial W_{k, j}} & =-\sum_{i}\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) \frac{\partial a_{i}}{\partial W_{k, j}}=-\sum_{i}\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) \frac{\partial g\left(i n_{i}\right)}{\partial W_{k, j}} \\
& =-\sum_{i}\left(y_{i}-a_{i}\right) g^{\prime}\left(i n_{i}\right) \frac{\partial i n_{i}}{\partial W_{k, j}}=-\sum_{i} \Delta_{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{k, j}}\left(\sum_{j} W_{j, i} a_{j}\right) \\
& =-\sum_{i} \Delta_{i} W_{j, i} \frac{\partial a_{j}}{\partial W_{k, j}}=-\sum_{i} \Delta_{i} W_{j, i} \frac{\partial g\left(i n_{j}\right)}{\partial W_{k, j}} \\
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& =-\sum_{i} \Delta_{i} W_{j, i} g^{\prime}\left(i n_{j}\right) a_{k}=-a_{k} \Delta_{j}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Back-propagation learning contd.

At each epoch, sum gradient updates for all examples and apply
Training curve for 100 restaurant examples: finds exact fit


Typical problems: slow convergence, local minima

## Back-propagation learning contd.

Learning curve for MLP with 4 hidden units:


MLPs are quite good for complex pattern recognition tasks, but resulting hypotheses cannot be understood easily

## Handwritten digit recognition



3-nearest-neighbor $=2.4 \%$ error
400-300-10 unit MLP $=1.6 \%$ error
LeNet: 768-192-30-10 unit MLP $=0.9 \%$ error
Current best (kernel machines, vision algorithms) $\approx 0.6 \%$ error

## Summary

Most brains have lots of neurons; each neuron $\approx$ linear-threshold unit (?)

Perceptrons (one-layer networks) insufficiently expressive
Multi-layer networks are sufficiently expressive; can be trained by gradient descent, i.e., error back-propagation

Many applications: speech, driving, handwriting, fraud detection, etc.
Engineering, cognitive modelling, and neural system modelling subfields have largely diverged

