All You Want To Know About CNNs

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What I think I do

from theano import *

What I actually do













A Neuron



Image from http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-1/

A Neuron in Neural Network



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Activation Functions

- Sigmoid: $f(x) = 1 / (1 + e^{-x})$
- ReLU: f(x) = max(0, x)
- Leaky ReLU: f(x) = max(ax, x)
- Maxout: $f(x) = max(w_0x + b_0, w_1x + b_1)$
- and many others...

Neural Network (MLP)

The network simulates a function y = f(x; w)



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Loss Function

Loss function measures how well prediction matches true value

Commonly used loss function:

- Squared loss: $(y y')^2$
- Cross-entropy loss: $-sum_i(y_i, * \log(y_i))$
- and many others

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- Usually we use gradient based approach $\circ w^{t+1} = w^t - a \nabla w$



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Why NNs?

Universal Approximation Theorem

A feed-forward network with a single hidden layer containing a finite number of neurons, can approximate continuous functions on compact subsets of Rⁿ, under mild assumptions on the activation function.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_approximation_theorem

Stone's Theorem

- Suppose X is a compact Hausdorff space and B is a subalgebra in C(X, R) such that:
 - B separates points.
 - B contains the constant function 1.
 - If $f \in B$ then $af \in B$ for all constants $a \in R$.
 - If $f, g \in B$, then f + g, max{f, g} $\in B$.
- Then every continuous function defined on C(X, R) can be approximated as closely as desired by functions in B

Why CNNs?

Problems of MLP in Vision

For input as a 10 * 10 image:

• A 3 layer MLP with 200 hidden units contains ~100k parameters

For input as a 100 * 100 image:

• A 1 layer MLP with 20k hidden units contains ~200m parameters







Based on such observation, MLP can be improved in two ways:

- Locally connected instead of fully connected
- Sharing weights between neurons

We achieve those by using convolution neurons

Convolutional Layers



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Convolutional Layers



Image from http://cs231n.github.io/convolutional-networks/. See this page for an excellent example of convolution.

Pooling Layers



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Pooling Layers Example: Max Pooling



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Pooling Layers

Commonly used pooling layers:

- Max pooling
- Average pooling

Why pooling layers?

- Reduce activation dimensionality
- Robust against tiny shifts

CNN Architecture: An Example



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Layer Activations for CNNs





Conv:1

ReLU:1

Conv:2

ReLU:2

MaxPool:1

Conv:3

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Learnt Weights for CNNs: First Conv Layer of AlexNet



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Why CNNs Work Now?

Convolutional Neural Networks

- Faster heterogeneous parallel computing
 CPU clusters, GPUs, etc.
- Large dataset
 - ImageNet: 1.2m images of 1,000 object classes
 - CoCo: 300k images of 2m object instances
- Improvements in model architecture
 - ReLU, dropout, inception, etc.

AlexNet



Krizhevsky, Alex, et al. "Imagenet classification with deep convolutional neural networks." NIPS 2012

GoogLeNet



Szegedy, Christian, et al. "Going deeper with convolutions." arXiv preprint arXiv:1409.4842 (2014).



of parameters for the first conv layer of AlexNet?



Quiz

of parameters if the first layer is fully-connected?





Given a convolution operation written as

$$f(x^{3x3}; w^{3x3}, b) = sum_{i,j}(x_{i,j}w_{i,j}) + b$$

Can you derive its gradients (df/dx, df/dw, df/db)?

Ready to Build Your Own Networks?

Know your data, clean your data, and normalize your data
 A common trick: subtract the mean and divide by its std.



• Augment your data



- Organize your data:
 - Keep training data balanced
 - Shuffle data before batching

- Feed your data in the correct way
 - Image channel order
 - Tensor storage order



FIRST ORDER, IN ORDER.

FIRST ORDER, OUT OF ORDER.



Common tensor storage order:

• BDRC

- Used in Caffe, Torch, Theano, supported by CuDNN
- Pros: faster for convolution (FFT, memory access)
- BRCD
 - Used in TensorFlow, limited support by CuDNN
 - Pros: Fast batch normalization, easier batching

Designing model architecture

• Convolution, max pooling, then fully connected layers

• Nonlinearity

- Stay away from sigmoid (except for output)
- ReLU preferred
- Leaky ReLU after
- Use Maxout if most ReLU units die (have zero activation)

Setting parameters

- Weights
 - Random initialization with proper variance
- Biases
 - For ReLU we prefer a small positive bias to activate ReLU
Setting hyperparameters

- Learning Rate / Momentum ($\Delta w^{t^*} = \Delta w^t + m \Delta w^{t-1}$)
 - Decrease learning rate while training
 - Setting momentum to 0.8 0.9
- Batch Size
 - For large dataset: set to whatever fits your memory
 - For smaller dataset: find a tradeoff between instance randomness and gradient smoothness

Monitoring your training:

Split your dataset to training, validation and test
Optimize your hyperparameter in val and evaluate on test
Keep track of training and validation loss during training
Do early stopping if training and validation loss diverge
Loss doesn't tell you all. Try precision, class-wise precision, and more

Borrow knowledge from another dataset

- Pre-train your CNN on a large dataset (e.g. ImageNet)
- Remove / reshape the last a few layers
- Fix the parameters of first a few layers, or make the learning rate small for them
- Fine-tune the parameters on your own dataset

Debugging

- import unittest, not import pdb
- Check your gradient [**deprecated**]
- Make your model large enough, and try overfitting training
- Check gradient norms, weight norms, and activation norms

Talk is Cheap, Show Me Some Code



Image from http://www.linkresearchtools.com/

Fully Convolutional Networks



Long, Jonathan, et al. "Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation." arXiv preprint arXiv:1411.4038 (2014).