Overview



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Deep Neural Networks

- Can perform a wide range of computation
- Can be learned automatically
 - If you tune them right and use a powerful variant of Stochastic Gradient Descent



- Powerful but not (computer) learnable: Python
 - Can't make a learning algorithm that takes lots of inputs and outputs and produces Python code that generates the outputs
- Learnable but not powerful:
 - Logistic regression
 - Deep Neural Networks that aren't deep enough

Why are Deep Nets Powerful

- A single neuron can approximately implement Boolean logic
- So by combining multiple neurons we can perform any computation



Features as Computation

- Can think of every layer of a neural network as one step of a parallel computation
- Features are the functions that are applied to the previous layers
- Learning features Apply at step t of the algorithm

Problem: input/output are not of fixed size

 Solution: RNNs can process input of any size, and generate output of any size

The Deep Learning Hypothesis

- Human perception is fast
 - Neurons fire at most 100 times a second
 - Humans can solve simple perceptual tasks in 0.1 seconds
 - So out neurons fire in a sequence of 10 times at most

Anything a human can do in 0.1 seconds, a big 10layer neural network can do, too!

Unsupervised Learning

- Need lots of data to train a very big network
 - Big network, not enough data \implies overfitting
- Humans seem to be able learn from very little labelled data
 - Parents do point at things and tell babies what they are called, but that's not how you learn the meaning of most words!
- If you can do unsupervised learning and figure out good features of the data, you need a lot less labelled data
 - The functions/features are fixed, only need to figure out how to combine them
 - Partial solution: transfer learning. Like in Project 3, use features learned in one dataset to classify another dataset

"Success is guaranteed"

- Huge amount of progress in supervised learning in recent years
 - With a large enough network, a large enough labelled training set, and a large enough budget for GPUs, success is guaranteed
- Unsupervised learning is still very hard