Artificial Neural Networks: Intro



"Making Connections" by Filomena Booth (2013)

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Sample task

- Training set: 6 actors, with 100 64×64 photos of faces for each
- Test set: photos of faces of the same 6 actors
- Want to classify each face as one of ['Fran Drescher', 'America Ferrera', 'Kristin Chenoweth', 'Alec Baldwin', 'Bill Hader', 'Steve Carell']







The Face Recognition Task

- Training set:
 - { $(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})$ }
 - $x^{(i)}$ is a k-dimensional vector consisting of the intensities of all the pixels in in the i-th photo (20×20 photo $\rightarrow x^{(i)}$ is 400dimensional)
 - $y^{(i)}$ is the *label* (i.e., name)
- Test phase:
 - We have an input vector x, and want to assign a label y to it
 - Whose photo is it?

Reminder: Face Recognition using 1-Nearest Neighbors (1NN)

• Training set:
$$\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), (x^{(2)}, y^{(2)}), \dots, (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\}$$

- Input: *x*
- 1-Nearest Neighbor algorithm:
 - Find the training photo/vector $x^{(i)}$ that's as "close" as possible to x, and output the label $y^{(i)}$



Closest training image to the input *x* Output: Paul

The Simplest Possible Neural Network for Face Recognition



Training a neural network

- Adjust the W's (4096 × 6 coefs) and b's (6 coefs)
 - Try to make it so that if

x is an image of actor 1, z is as close as possible to (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) x is an image of actor 2, z is as close as possible to (0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0)



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Face recognition

- Compute the z for a new image x
- If z_k is the largest output, output name k



An interpretation

 z_1 is large if $W^{(1,*,1)} \cdot x$ is large z_2 is large if $W^{(1,*,2)} \cdot x$ is large z_3 is large if $W^{(1,*,3)} \cdot x$ is large

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 $W^{(1,*,1)}$, $W^{(1,*,2)}$, ..., $W^{(1,*,6)}$ are *templates* for the faces of actor 1, actor 2, ..., actor 6



Visualizing the parameters W



Baldwin $W^{(1,*,1)}$

Carrel $W^{(1,*,2)}$

Hader $W^{(1,*,3)}$

Ferrera $W^{(1,*,4)}$

Drescher $W^{(1,*,5)}$

Chenoweth $W^{(1,*,6)}$



Deep Neural Networks: Introducing Hidden Layers



Why a hidden layer?

• Instead of checking whether x looks like one of 6 templates, we'll be checking whether x looks like one of K templates, for a large K



Recap: Face Recognition with ML

- 1-Nearest-Neighbor: match x to all the images in the training set
- O-hidden-layer neural network*: match x to several templates, with one template per actor
 - The templates work better than any individual photo
- 1-hidden-layer neural network: match x to K templates
 - The templates work better than any individual photo
 - More templates means better accuracy on the training set
- *A.K.A. multinomial logistic regression to its friends

Visualizing a One-Hidden-Layer NN



Demo

http://playground.tensorflow.org/

Deep Neural Networks as a Model of Computation

- Most people's first instinct a face classifier is to write a complicated computer program
- A deep neural network *is* a computer program:

h1 = f1(x) h2 = f2(h1) h3 = f3(h2) ... h9 = f9(h8)

- Can think of every layer of a neural network as one step of a parallel computation
- Features/templates are the functions that are applied to the previous layers
- Learning features \Leftrightarrow Learning what function to apply at step t of the algorithm

What are the hidden units doing?

- Find the images in the dataset that activate the units the *most*
- Let's see some visualizations of neurons of a large deep network trained to recognize objects in images
 - Then network classifies images as one of 1000 objects (sample objects: toy poodle, flute, forklift, goldfish...)
 - The network has 8 layers
 - Note: more tricks were used in designing the networks than we have time to mention! In particular, a convolutional architecture is crucial

Units in Layer 3



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Units in Layer 4



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Units in Layer 5





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Which pixels are responsible for the output?

- For each pixel in a particular image ask:
 - If I changed this pixel j by a little bit, how would that influence the output i
 - Equivalent to asking: what's the gradient $\frac{\partial output_i}{\partial input_i}$
 - We can visualize why a particular output was chosen by the network by computing $\frac{\partial output_i}{\partial input_j}$ for every j, and displaying that as an image

Gradient and Guided Backpropagation



Guided backpropagation

- ➢ Instead of computing $\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial x}$, only consider paths from x to p_m where the weights are positive and all the units are positive (and greater than 0). Compute this modified version of $\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial x}$
- Only consider evidence for neurons being active, discard evidence for neurons having to be not active



Guided Backpropagation Intuition



Application: Photo Orientation

- Detect the correct orientation of a consumer photograph
- Input photo is rotated by 0°, 90°, 180° or 270°
- Help speed up the digitization of analog photos
- Need correctly oriented photos as inputs for other systems



A Neural Network for Photo Orientation



Correctly Oriented Photos

 Display pixels that provide direct positive evidence for 0°











Incorrectly-oriented photos













