How Neural Networks See (Part 1)



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Two-Layer Neural Networks for Image Classification



(a.k.a. Multinomial Logistic Regression)

Reminder: Optimizing Neural Networks

- Use Backpropagation to compute the gradient of the cost function (e.g., the –log prob. of the answer) w.r.t. the W's and b's for the whole training set, or for a mini-batch of training examples
- Use gradient descent to find the W's and b's that minimize the cost function
- When classifying images, compute the output of the network for

x=the input image and the W's and b's we found minimizing the cost function

 Find which output is the largest, or interpret the outputs of the Softmax as the probability estimates for the different objects

What kind of W's would minimize the cost function?

• E.g., the task is the same as in Project 1: classify an image as one of the 6 actors



- For a given output unit, we have the strength of the connections from each of the inputs
- To understand what the network is doing, we can think of the $W^{(1,i,4)}$ as an image



Bracco





Vartan



Multinomial Logistic Regression with Early Stopping, 40 examples each

The Dot Product $W^{(1,*,j)} \cdot x$

- Note that the input to the unit o_j is $W^{(1,*,j)} \cdot x + b^{(1,j)}$
- For a vector x of a given magnitude, $W^{(1,*,j)} \cdot x$ is as large as possible when $x = \alpha W^{(1,*,j)}$
 - I.e., when x and $W^{(1,*,j)}$ point in the same direction
 - The dot product $u \cdot v$ is the length of the projection of u onto v
 - That means that o_j is larger when x looks like $W^{(1,*,j)}$, viewed as images
 - (Note: it also means we should make sure all our input x's are of similar magnitudes)
 - Why?

Aside: all the input x's should have the same magnitude

- If $x^{(1)} = \alpha x^{(2)}$, they are basically the same image, just with different contrast and maximum brightness
- The output of the neural network for x_1 and x_2 should be the same
- Solution: always standartize any input x before putting it in the dataset
 - See optimization slides

Neural Networks with Hidden Layers



Understanding Hidden Layers



- Can visualize W^0 like before
- But what does it mean for the input to e.g. $h_{\rm 5}$ to be high?
 - Depends on how h_5 is connected to the output layer!



s: array([0.03922304, 0.05484759, 0.06025519, 0.02333124, -0.26381665, s: array([0.06559545, -0.14167207, 0.06504502, 0.01543506, -0.14153987, 0.05690645], dtype=float32)bias: 0.00307018 0.06434423], dtype=float32)bias: 0.0287023





act = ['Angie Harmon', 'Peri Gilpin', 'Lorraine Bracco', 'Michael Vartan', 'Daniel Radcliffe', 'Gerard Butler']

veights: array([3.24537978e-02, 1.03307003e-02, 1.28493230e-06, 50160e-01, -6.38048747e-04, -3.06651782e-05], dtype=float32)bias: -0.0576:



s: array([0.22145636, -0.6399256 , 0.13758378, 0.03394366, -0.37346393, 0.11635391], dtype=float32)bias: 0.0822999



s: array([-0.29401857, -0.01724279, 0.00310232, 0.12068836, 0.0708182, 0.1641223], dtype=float32)bias: 0.069056



veights: array([-1.94610730e-01, 3.78219485e-01, -6.13273799e-01, 555651e-04, 2.73087807e-02, -6.53727800e-02], dtype=float32)bias: 0.1243



s: array([0.09187977, -0.01672127, -0.0360681, 0.02101913, -0.12962481, 0.02085598], dtype=float32)bias: 0.0037237



300 hidden units, 6 actors, 40 examples each, L2-penalized, 128x128 images

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s: array([-0.0660211, -0.02434859, -0.10672989, 0.00908299, 0.08226717, 0.02301903], dtype=float32)bias: 0.0126341



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Hidden Layer Units as Features

- Once we train the neural network, the values units in the hidden layer should be useful for computing the output units.
- The weights W^0 between the input layer and the hidden layer are such that the hidden units are useful
- Think of the hidden units as "features" of the data summaries of the data that are useful for computing the outputs
- In networks with no hidden layer, we simply compute as many features as there are outputs
 - So the "features" should look like the inputs that we are looking for
- (Recall the XOR example: we computed the feature "x1>.5" and the feature "x2>.5" using hidden units)

Overfitting with a hidden layer



300 units + heavy-duty optimization