

Deep Learning

3.2 Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)

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- ② Seen a couple of simple examples: MP neuron and Perceptron

Linear Classifiers: Shortcomings



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- 3 Consider the perceptron in the new space $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}) + b)$









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- ③ Feature design (or pre-processing) may also be another way to reduce the capacity without affecting (or improving) the bias

Extending Linear Classifier



ⓐ Linear classifier $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b)$ from $\mathcal{R}^D \to \mathcal{R}$ where w and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}^D$ can be extended to multi-dimension output $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$ from $\mathcal{R}^D \to \mathcal{R}^C$ where $\mathbf{W} \in \mathcal{R}^{C \times D}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{R}^C$, and σ is applied element-wise



Single unit to a layer of Perceptrons



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- ② can be represented as: $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x},$ $\forall l = 1, \dots, L, \ \mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{(l)T}\mathbf{x}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)}), \text{ and}$

MLP





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- If it is an affine function, the full MLP becomes a complex affine transformation (composition of a series of affine mappings)

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Familiar activation functions



Hyperbolic Tangent (Tanh) $x \to \frac{2}{1+e^{-2x}} - 1$ and Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) $x \to \max(0, x)$ respectively

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- ② Let's approximate the following function using a bunch of ReLUs:

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 $ReLU(1.2x - 0.2), n_5 = ReLU(2x - 1.1), n_6 = ReLU(5x - 5)$



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- 2 Note that this also holds in case of other activation functions with mild assumptions.



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- 3 Better approximation requires larger hidden layer (C)
 - Theorem doesn't discuss their relation

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