

Ch 10.1: Neural Nets

Lecture 29 - CMSE 381

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Announcements

Last time:

- SVM

This lecture:

- Feed Forward Neural Nets

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- Homework #9 due Sunday, Nov 16

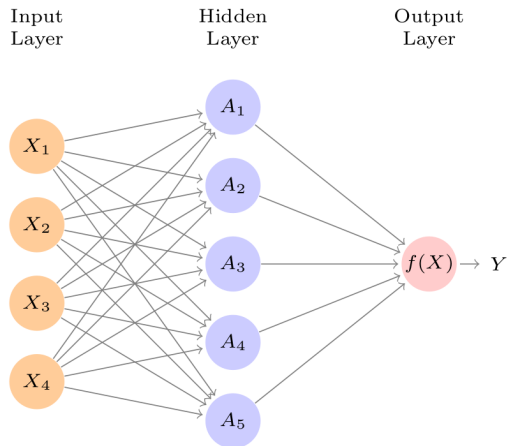
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Section 1

Neural Nets

The idea

Feed Forward Neural Network: The cartoon



What is activation? Neuroscience 101.

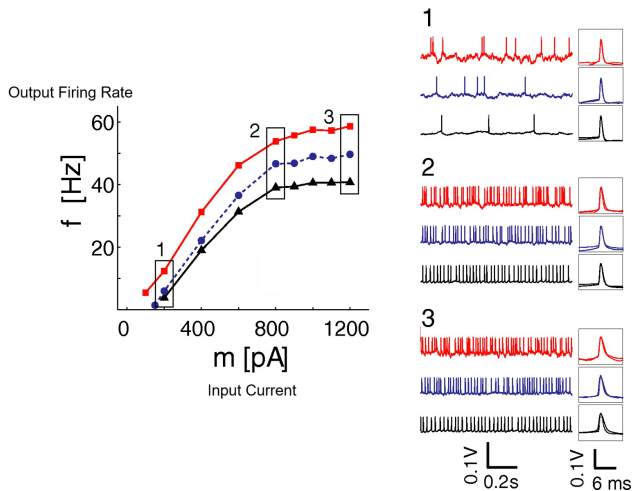
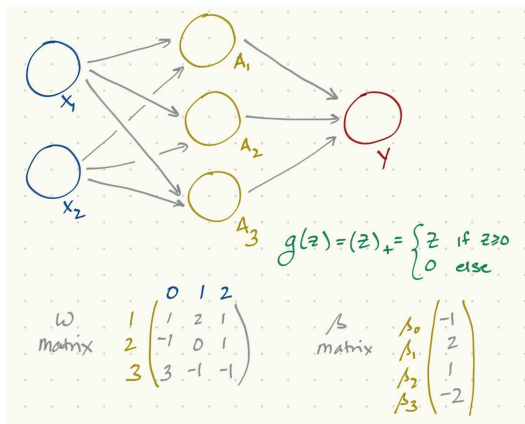


Figure adapted from Fig 1 of Arsiero et al. 2007 (J of Neurosci.)

A very simple example

Computing A_k for $(1, 0)$

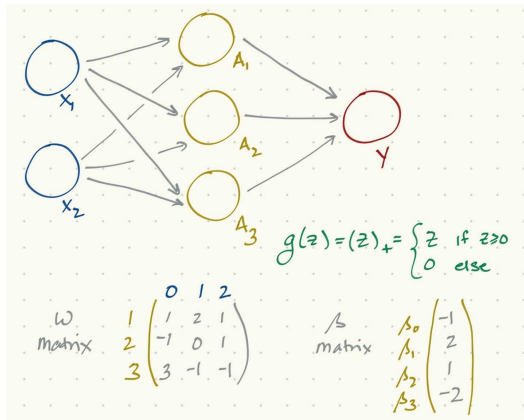
$$A_k = h_k(X) = g(w_{k0} + \sum_{j=1}^p w_{kj} X_j),$$



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Computing Y for $(1, 0)$

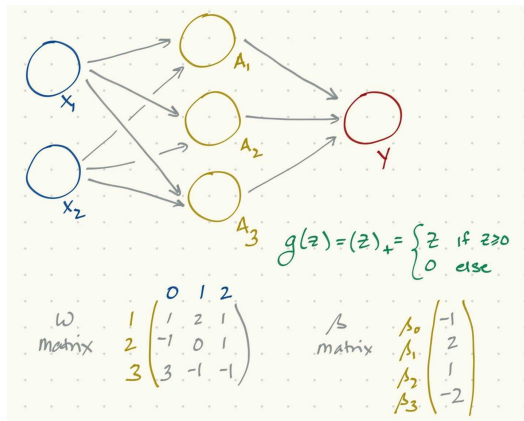
$$f(X) = \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k A_k$$



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Computing Y for $(0, 1)$

$$A_k = h_k(X) = g(w_{k0} + \sum_{j=1}^p w_{kj} X_j), \quad f(X) = \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k A_k$$



A different example

- Draw the diagram for a neural net with input data points with $p = 3$ (i.e., (X_1, X_2, X_3)) and two units in the hidden layer.
- Using the ω and β matrices, what is the output predicted Y for the point $(2, 0, 1)$?

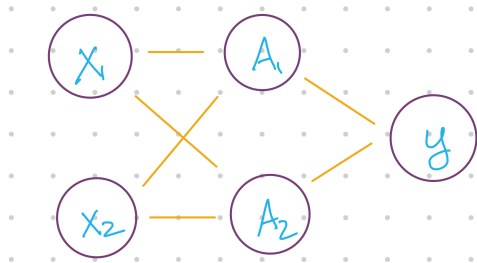
$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Use the activation function

$$g(z) = (z)_+ = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ z & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Extra space

What if there's no activation function?

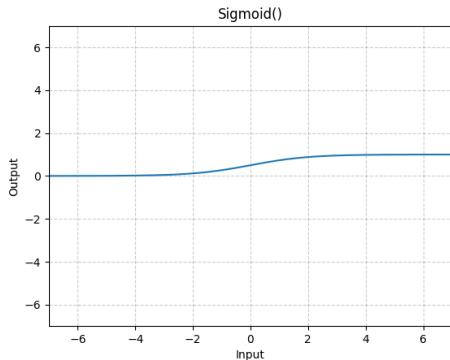


$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \beta = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Choices for activation function

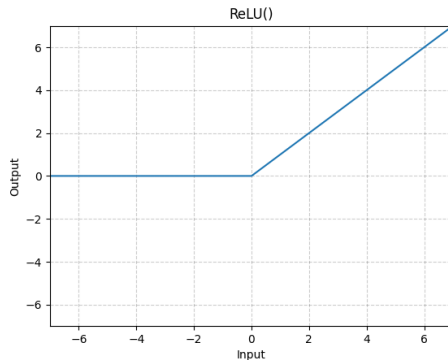
Sigmoid:

$$g(z) = \frac{e^z}{1 + e^z} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

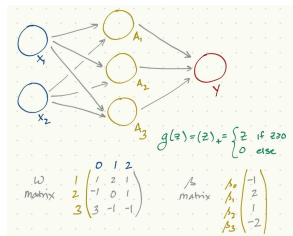


ReLU: Rectified linear unit

$$g(z) = (z)_+ = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ z & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$



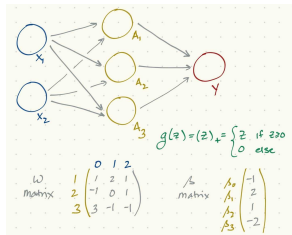
Matrix version: First layer



$$A_k = h_k(X) = g(w_{k0} + \sum_{j=1}^p w_{kj} X_j),$$

$$A = g(W \cdot X) \quad X^T = (1 \ X_1 \ X_2 \ \cdots \ X_p)$$

Matrix version: Output



$$f(X) = \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^K \beta_k A_k$$

$$Y = \beta \cdot \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{A}^T = (1 \ A_1 \ A_2 \ \cdots \ A_K)$$

Now what?

Choose parameters by minimizing RSS, $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2$

Chosen in advance:

Tuned by the model:

Coding

Next time

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Q of the Day:

What is the relationship between Neural Network and Logistic regression?