Introduction to Neural Networks

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In 1958, Frank Rosenblatt inspired by their work invented the **perceptron model**.

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Amazingly, even back then he saw huge potential:

" a perceptron may eventually be able to learn, make decisions and translate languages."



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Illustration of biological neurons.



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Simplified illustration of biological neurons.













So if y = x1 + x2 then we will assume that f(x) is just a sum function.







Realistically, we would want to be able to **adjust some parameters** in order for the perceptron to " **learn**" so that it can correct the output of y.



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To fix this problem let's add in a **bias** term **b** to the inputs.



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A way to think about bias is that the **x*****w** has to **overcome the bias value** in order to start having an effect on the output y.



 $W \rightarrow$ weight tells us how important is each input $B \rightarrow$ we can think of it as an offset value making x*w have to reach a certain threshold before having an effect.



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Training/ Learning \rightarrow finding the right setting of weights and biases of the model means we are tuning the model to predict the y as close to reality as possible.

We want to set boundaries for the overall output value y. And then pass y through some **activation function** to limit its value.

Activations function -> transforms the y into a value between (0 and 1).

Multi-layer perceptron model / Basic ANN



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28 x 28 = 784 Pixels



















































Actual

Output

0

1

0

Error

-0.5

+0.6

-0.1













So how do actually NN work?

How Neural Networks work? Neurons:



Why Neural Networks?



Amount of data

- Often, traditional ML models are conceptually simpler
- The performance of NN increases with the amount of data
- NN models try to learn high-level features from data in an incremental manner.
- They can learn and model the relationships between inputs and outputs that are nonlinear and complex

"The analogy to deep learning is that the rocket engine is the deep learning models and the fuel is the huge amounts of data we can feed to these algorithms."

Let's play

Playground:

https://playground.tensorflow.org/#activation=tanh&batchSize=10&dataset=circle®Dataset=reg-plane&learningR ate=0.03®ularizationRate=0&noise=0&networkShape=4.2&seed=0.64300&showTestData=false&discretize=fals e&percTrainData=50&x=true&y=true&xTimesY=false&xSquared=false&ySquared=false&cosX=false&sinX=false&cosY=false&sinY=false&collectStats=false&problem=classification&initZero=false&hideText=false

Description:

https://developers.google.com/machine-learning/crash-course/introduction-to-neural-networks/playground-exercises