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Why going deep?

- A shallow NN with only a single hidden layer can already approximate any continuous function to a specific precision, using piecewise linear functions.
- However, the network capacity (# hidden units) may be impractically large. A deep NN can produce more linear regions for a given # parameters.



Figure from Simon Prince "Understanding Deep Learning"

Composing Neural Networks



- As we will see, compositions of NN are special cases of Deep NNs which are even more expressive.
- Generate piecewise linear functions. However, # linear regions is more than a single layer with 6 hidden units. To understand why, see next page.

Mapping multiple inputs to the same output



Three different ranges of x are mapped to the same output range $y \in [-1,1]$ and the subsequent mapping from this range of y to y' is applied three times.

The composition creates **nine linear regions**.

Folding Input Space



The first network "folds" the input space *x* back onto itself so that multiple inputs generate the same output. Then the second network applies a function, which is replicated at all points that were folded on top of one another.

Deep Neural Networks

• The composition of 2 shallow networks results in a 2-layer network:



• This is because we can eliminate the "mediator" y:

$$\begin{aligned} h_1' &= a[\theta_{10}' + \theta_{11}'y] &= a[\theta_{10}' + \theta_{11}'\phi_0 + \theta_{11}'\phi_1h_1 + \theta_{11}'\phi_2h_2 + \theta_{11}'\phi_3h_3] \\ h_2' &= a[\theta_{20}' + \theta_{21}'y] &= a[\theta_{20}' + \theta_{21}'\phi_0 + \theta_{21}'\phi_1h_1 + \theta_{21}'\phi_2h_2 + \theta_{21}'\phi_3h_3] \\ h_3' &= a[\theta_{30}' + \theta_{31}'y] &= a[\theta_{30}' + \theta_{31}'\phi_0 + \theta_{31}'\phi_1h_1 + \theta_{31}'\phi_2h_2 + \theta_{31}'\phi_3h_3], \end{aligned}$$

• However, a 2-layer network is more general since there are 9 unconstrained slope parameters instead of 6:

$$h'_{1} = a[\psi_{10} + \psi_{11}h_{1} + \psi_{12}h_{2} + \psi_{13}h_{3}]$$

$$h'_{2} = a[\psi_{20} + \psi_{21}h_{1} + \psi_{22}h_{2} + \psi_{23}h_{3}]$$

$$h'_{3} = a[\psi_{30} + \psi_{31}h_{1} + \psi_{32}h_{2} + \psi_{33}h_{3}],$$

Deep Neural Networks



Hyperparameters



- Modern deep NNs might have $\gtrsim O(10^2)$ layers with $O(10^3)$ of hidden units in each layer.
- The number of layers K = depth, & the number of hidden units in each layer (=width) $D_1, D_2, ..., D_K$ are hyperparameters. The network capacity = # number of hidden units.
- For fixed hyperparameters, the model describes a family of functions, and the parameters θ (known as weights) determine a specific function.

General Formulation

• We can express the above 2-layer network in matrix notation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a} \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{10} \\ \theta_{20} \\ \theta_{30} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{11} \\ \theta_{21} \\ \theta_{31} \end{bmatrix} x ,$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \\ h'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a} \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{10} \\ \psi_{20} \\ \psi_{30} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{11} & \psi_{12} & \psi_{13} \\ \psi_{21} & \psi_{22} & \psi_{23} \\ \psi_{31} & \psi_{32} & \psi_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix}],$$

and

$$y' = \phi'_0 + \begin{bmatrix} \phi'_1 & \phi'_2 & \phi'_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \\ h'_3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\theta} x]$$

$$\mathbf{h}' = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\psi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{h}]$$

$$y' = \phi'_0 + \boldsymbol{\phi}' \mathbf{h}',$$

• More generally, a *K*-layer network:

$$egin{array}{rll} \mathbf{h}_1&=&\mathbf{a}[oldsymbol{\beta}_0+oldsymbol{\Omega}_0\mathbf{x}]\ \mathbf{h}_2&=&\mathbf{a}[oldsymbol{\beta}_1+oldsymbol{\Omega}_1\mathbf{h}_1]\ \mathbf{h}_3&=&\mathbf{a}[oldsymbol{\beta}_2+oldsymbol{\Omega}_2\mathbf{h}_2]\ dots\ dots\ \mathbf{h}_K&=&\mathbf{a}[oldsymbol{\beta}_{K-1}+oldsymbol{\Omega}_{K-1}\mathbf{h}_{K-1}]\ \mathbf{y}&=&oldsymbol{eta}_K+oldsymbol{\Omega}_K\mathbf{h}_K. \end{array}$$

Hyperparameters:

$$K, D_1, D_2, \ldots, D_K$$

Parameters: biases and weights

$$\boldsymbol{\phi} = \{\boldsymbol{\beta}_k, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k\}_{k=0}^K.$$

What are the sizes of the biases & weights in terms of the hyperparameters?

- Universal approximation theorem: deep NNs can approximate any continuous function arbitrarily closely given sufficient capacity.
 - We can reproduce a shallow network if all but one layer is the identity function. Since we showed that a shallow NN can approximate any continuous function, deep NNs also work.
- More expressive (more linear regions per parameter):
 - A shallow NN with 1 input, 1 output, D > 2 hidden units can create up to D + 1 linear regions using 3D + 1 parameters.
 - A deep NN with 1 input, 1 output, D > 2 hidden units can create up to $(D + 1)^K$ linear regions using 3D + 1 + (K - 1)D(D + 1)parameters (more next page).

This exponential growth in linear regions is what makes deep NN more expressive.

- The counting of parameters for shallow NNs goes as follows:
 - There are D hidden units, each has two parameters (bias, weight). The output layer has D weights and one bias. # parameter=2D+D+1.
- The counting of parameters for deep NNs goes as follows:
 - There are *D* weights between the input and the first hidden layer, K-1 lots of $D \times D$ inputs between adjacent hidden layers, and *D* weights between the last hidden layer and the output. There are *D* biases at each of the *K* hidden layers and 1 bias for the output. This gives $D + (K-1)D^2 + D + KD + 1 =$ $3D + (K-1)D^2 + (K-1)D + 1$ parameters.

• Deep NNs create much more linear regions for a fixed parameter budget, but they contain **complex dependence and symmetries**.



- The greater number of regions is an advantage if:
 - 1. there are similar symmetries in the function to approximate;
 - 2. the input \rightarrow output map is a composition of simpler functions.
- **Depth efficiency** refers to the phenomenon that a shallow NN needs exponentially more hidden units to achieve an equivalent approximation to that of a deep NN.

• Large, structured inputs: We have discussed fully connected networks where every element of each layer contributes to every element of the subsequent one.



- not practical for large structured inputs like images ~ 10^6 pixels
- no point in independently learning to recognize the same object at every position in the image.

 CNN (which we will discuss later): process local image regions in parallel and integrate information from increasing large regions.
 Difficult to do this local-to-global processing with a single layer.

• Training and generalization: It is easier to train moderately deep networks than to train shallow ones.



- Deep NNs also seem to generalize to new data better than shallow ones.
- Empirically, one finds best results for most tasks using networks with tens to hundreds of layers.