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## Neural Networks

Neural Networks try to mimic the structure and function of our nervous system

People like biologically motivated approaches


## Our Nervous System



## Our nervous system:

## the computer science view


the human brain is a large collection of interconnected neurons
a NEURON is a brain cell
$\square$ they collect, process, and disseminate electrical signals
$\square$ they are connected via synapses
$\square$ they FIRE depending on the conditions of the neighboring neurons

## Our nervous system

The human brain
$\square$ contains $\sim 10^{11}$ (100 billion) neurons
$\square$ each neuron is connected to $\sim 10^{4}(10,000)$ other neurons
$\square$ Neurons can fire as fast as $10^{-3}$ seconds

How does this compare to a computer?

## Man vs. Machine


$10^{11}$ neurons
$10^{11}$ neurons
$10^{14}$ synapses
$10^{-3}$ "cycle" time

$10^{11}$ transistors
$10^{11}$ bits of ram/memory
$10^{13}$ bits on disk
$10^{-9}$ cycle time

## Brains are still pretty fast



Who is this?

## Brains are still pretty fast



If you follow basketball, you'd be able to identify this person in under a second!

Given a neuron firing time of $10^{-3} \mathrm{~s}$, how many neurons in sequence could fire in this time?
$\square$ A few hundred, maybe a thousand
What are possible explanations?
$\square$ either neurons are performing some very complicated computations
$\square$ brain is taking advantage of the massive parallelization (remember, neurons are connected to $\sim 10,000$ other neurons)

## Artificial Neural Networks



$W$ is the strength of signal sent between $A$ and $B$.

If $A$ fires and $w$ is positive, then $A$ stimulates $B$.

If $A$ fires and $w$ is negative, then $A$ inhibits $B$.


A given neuron has many, many connecting, input neurons

If a neuron is stimulated enough, then it also fires

How much stimulation is required is determined by its threshold

## A Single Neuron/Perceptron



## Possible threshold functions

## hard threshold

$$
g(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}
1 & \text { if } \mathrm{x} \geq \text { threshold } \\
0 & \text { otherwise }
\end{array}\right.
$$

Takes an input, outputs a value between 0 and 1

$$
g(x)=1 \text { Each curve is a sigmoid function }
$$



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## A Single Neuron/Perceptron



## Neural network

inputs


## Individual perceptrons/ neurons

## Neural network


some inputs are provided/entered

## Neural network

inputs


## Neural network

inputs

those answers become inputs for the next level

## Neural network

inputs

finally get the answer after all levels compute

## Neural networks

## Different kinds/characteristics of networks

inputs

inputs

inputs


How are these different?

## Neural networks

inputs
inputs

hidden units/layer

Feed forward networks

## Neural networks

inputs


Recurrent network

Output is fed back to input

Can support memory!

How?

Output from previous step

## Training the perceptron

First wave in neural networks in the 1960's

Single neuron

Trainable: its threshold and input weights can be modified

If the neuron doesn't give the desired output, then it has made a mistake

Input weights and threshold can be changed according to a learning algorithm

## Examples - Logical operators

AND - if all inputs are 1, return 1 , otherwise return 0

OR - if at least one input is 1 , return 1, otherwise return 0

NOT - return the opposite of the input

XOR - if exactly one input is 1 , then return 1 , otherwise return 0

AND

| $x_{1}$ | $x_{2}$ | $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

## AND

Input $x_{1}$

AND

Input $x_{1}$

| $x_{1}$ | $x_{2}$ | $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |

$\rightarrow$ Output $y$
Output is 1 only if all inputs are 1

Inputs are either 0 or 1

## AND



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Inputs are either 0 or 1

## OR

| $x_{1}$ | $x_{2}$ | $x_{1}$ or $x_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |




Inputs are either 0 or 1

## OR



## OR



NOT

| $x_{1}$ | not $x_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 |


| $x_{1}$ | not $x_{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 |



## NOT



## How about...

| $x_{1}$ | $x_{2}$ | $x_{3}$ | $x_{1}$ op $x_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |



## Training neural networks



## Positive or negative?



NEGATIVE

## Positive or negative?



NEGATIVE

## Positive or negative?



POSITIVE

## Positive or negative?



NEGATIVE

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NEGATIVE

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POSITIVE

# A method to the madness blue $=$ positive 

yellow triangles = positive
all others negative

How did you figure this out (or some of it)?

## Training neural networks

| $x_{1}$ | $x_{2}$ | $x_{3}$ | $x_{1}$ and <br> $x_{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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1. start with some initial weights and thresholds
2. show examples repeatedly to NN 3. update weights/thresholds by comparing NN output to actual output

## Demo



## Try out a tutorial on colab

- https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/keras/classification

