# Neural Networks

Introduction

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Today:

Alpha-Beta Example

Neural Networks

Learning with T-R Agent (from before)













### Alpha-Beta Example MAX MIN [3, 14] no more children [-inf, 2] [3, 3] [-inf, 14] 12 2 14 5 3 8 4 2

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### Neural Networks: Introduction

• Now we will look at neural networks, so called because they mimic the structure of the brain.



- However, they don't have to be viewed in this way.
- We will start by thinking of them as an implementation of the kind of stimulus-response agents we looked at in the last lecture.
- They also provide us with our first taste of learning.
- The learning angle means we don't have to figure out the model parameters for ourselves.

### Networks for Stimulus-Response

- Production systems can be easily implemented as computer programs.
- They may also be implemented directly as electronic circuits, as combinations of AND, OR, and NOT gates.

(Or as simulations of electronic circuits.)

- One useful kind of circuit is built of elements whose output is a nonlinear discrete function of a weighted combinations of its inputs.
- One kind of such unit is a **threshold logic unit** (TLU).
- This computes a weighted sum of its inputs, compares this to a threshold, and outputs 1 if the threshold is exceeded, 0 otherwise.



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• The Boolean functions that can be computed using a TLU are called linearly separable functions.

• We can use TLUs to implement some Boolean functions, for instance a simple conjunction:



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but we can't implement an exclusive-OR this way. (Because an XOR is not *linearly separable*. We will see...)

### Boundary Following Agent (from before)



$$x_1\overline{x_2} = (s_2 + s_3)\overline{(s_4 + s_5)}$$
$$= (s_2 + s_3)\overline{s_4s_5}$$

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• We can implement the kind of function used for boundary following.

s2	s3	s4	s5	Activation	$x_1\overline{x_2}$	s2
0	0	0	0	0(1)+0(1)+0(-2)+0(-2)=0	0	1
0	0	0		0(1)+0(1)+0(-2)+1(-2) = -2	0	s <sub>3</sub> 1
0	0		0	0(1)+0(1)+1(-2)+0(-2) = -2	0	$-2$ $(0.5)$ $x_1\overline{x}_2$
0	0			0(1)+0(1)+1(-2)+1(-2) = -4	0	s4
0		0	0	0(1)+1(1)+0(-2)+0(-2) = 1	I	
0		0		0(1)+1(1)+0(-2)+1(-2) = -1	0	© 1008 Moreon Kaufman Publishers
0	I		0	0(1)+1(1)+1(-2)+0(-2) = -1	0	© 1996 Morgan Rauman Publishers
0	I			0(1)+1(1)+1(-2)+1(-2) = -3	0	
Ι	0	0	0	I(I)+O(I)+O(-2)+O(-2) = I	Ι	
Ι	0	0		(1)+0(1)+0(-2)+ (-2)  = -1	0	$x_1\overline{x_2} = (s_2 + s_3)\overline{(s_4 + s_5)}$
Ι	0	I	0	(1)+0(1)+ (-2)+0(-2)  = -1	0	$= (s_2 + s_3)\overline{s_4s_5}$
Ι	0			(1)+0(1)+ (-2)+ (-2)  = -3	0	
Ι	Ι	0	0	I(I)+I(I)+0(-2)+0(-2) = 2	Ι	
Ι		0		I(I)+I(I)+0(-2)+I(-2) = 0	0	
Ι	I	I	0	I(I)+I(I)+I(-2)+O(-2) = 0	0	
				(1)+ (1)+ (-2)+ (-2) = -2	0	

# Simple TLU

• When we have a simple problem, it is possible that a single TLU can compute the right action.

- For this to happen we need there to be only two possible actions.
- For more complex problems (categories), we need a network of TLUs.
- These are often called *neural networks* because they have some similarity to the networks of neurons from which the brain is constructed.
- We can use such a network to implement a T-R program.



This network implements a set of production rules.



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Inputs The input to each unit on the left is the I or 0 of the condition.

(This might be computed from the  $s_i$  by another circuit.)

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Inputs The input to each unit from the top is a 1 or a 0 Inhibit input from another Unit.

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### **TISA Behavior**

- Inhibit is 0 when no rules above have a true condition.
- Test is I if the condition is true.
- If Test is I and Inhibit is 0, Act is I.
- If either Test is 1 or Inhibit is 1 then Squelch is 1.
- If Squelch is I then every TISA below is Inhibited.

### Learning in neural networks

- So far we have assumed that the mapping between stimulus and response was programmed by the agent designer.
- That is not always convenient or possible.
- When it isn't, then it is possible to *learn* the right mapping.
- We will look at the case of learning the mapping for a single TLU.

### Learning Process

- In brief, the learning procedure is as follows.
- We start with some set of weights:
  - random;
  - uniform
- Use a Training Set: Run a set of inputs, and look at the outputs:
  - If they don't match, we alter the weights.
  - We keep learning until the weights are right.

### Back to the T-R Agent from Before

Feature Vector **X**, maps to a particular action, **a**:



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### Supervised Learning

- Now consider that we have a set of these  $\Box$
- Every element of  $_{\Theta}$  is an **X** (feature vector) with a corresponding **a** (action).
- This is a training set, and the set **A** of all **a** are called the *classes* or *labels*.
- The learning problem here is to find a way of describing the mapping from each member of  $\stackrel{h}{\Theta}$  to the appropriate member of **A**.
- We want to find a function  $f(\mathbf{X})$  which is "acceptable".
- That is it produces an action which agrees with the examples for as many members of the training set as possible.
- Because we have a set of examples to learn from, we call this supervised learning.

## Learning in a single TLU

- We train a TLU by adjusting the input weights.
- We assume that the vector X is numerical so that a weighted sum makes sense.
- The set of weights  $w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n$  is denoted by vector W
- The threshold is written as  $\theta$ , so:
- Output is I if

$$s = X \cdot W > \theta$$

- Output is 0 otherwise
- **Dot Product**:  $X \cdot W$  is just a way of writing  $x_1w_1 + x_2w_2 + \ldots + x_nw_n$

# Hyperplane

• A TLU divides the space of feature vectors  $\Theta$ 



- In two dimensions, the TLU defines a boundary (a line) between two parts of a plane (as in the previous picture).
- In three dimensions, the TLU defines a plane which separates two parts of the space.
- In higher-dimension spaces the boundary defined by the TLU is a *hyperplane*.
- Whatever it is, it separates:

$$X \cdot W - \theta > 0$$

from

$$X \cdot W - \theta < 0$$

- Changing  $\theta$  moves the boundary relative to the origin.
- Changing W alters the orientation of the boundary.
- By convention we will assume that:

$$\theta = 0$$

- Simplifies the maths :-)
- Arbitrary thresholds can be obtained by adding in an extra weight n+1 which is  $-\theta$
- The n + 1th element of the input vector is always 1.
- So, we don't restrict ourselves by making this assumption.

### **Demonstrated in Logic Functions**



### Linear Separability



#### Boundary is clear for **AND** and **OR**, but not for **XOR**.

### Summary: Neural Networks

- So, we introduced neural networks.
- We first considered them as an implementation of stimulus-response agents.
- In this incarnation we adjust the weights by hand.
- We also started thinking about how to learn the weights automatically.