# Neural Systems: Part 2





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# Supervised Learning

• **Teacher** provides desired responses for a set of training patterns

• Synaptic weights are modified in order to reduce the **error** between the output *y* and its desired output *t* (a.k.a. teaching input)

Widrow-Hoff defined the error with the symbol delta:  $\delta_i = t_i - y_i$  (a.k.a. delta rule)





## Error function

The delta rule modifies the weights to descend the gradient of the error function



Error space for a network with a single layer of synaptic weights (*perceptron*, Rosenblatt, 1962)



## Linear Separability

Perceptrons can solve only problems whose input/output space is **linearly separable**.

Several real world problems are not linearly separable.







# Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP)

Multi-layer neural networks can solve problems that are not linearly separable
Hidden units re-map input space into a space which can be linearly separated by output units.



Output units "look" at regions (in/out)



## **Output Function in MLP**

• Multi-layer networks should not use linear output functions because a linear transformation of a linear transformation remains a linear transformation.

• Therefore, such a network would be equivalent to a network with a single layer



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# **Back-propagation of Error**

In a simple perceptron, it is easy to change the weights to minimize the error between output of the network and desired output.



$$\begin{split} \delta_{i} &= t_{i} - y_{i} & \Delta w_{ij} = \eta \delta_{i} x_{j} \\ \delta_{i} &= \left(t_{i} - y_{i}\right) \dot{\Phi}\left(A_{i}\right) & \text{in the case of non-linear} \\ \text{output functions, add derivative of output} \end{split}$$

In a multilayer network, what is the error of the hidden units? This information is needed to change the weights between input units and hidden units.

The idea suggested by Rumelhart et al. in 1986 is to propagate the error of the output units backward to the hidden units through the connection weights:

$$\delta_{j} = \dot{\Phi}(A_{j}) \sum_{i} w_{ij} \delta_{i}$$

Once we have the error for the hidden units, we can change the lower layer of connection weights with the same formula used for the upper layer.



# Algorithm



# Using Back-Propagation

Error space can be complex in multilayer networks: local minima and flat areas  $Ew_{A}$ 



1. Large learning rate: take large steps in the direction of the gradient descent

2. Momentum: add direction component from last update  $\Delta w_{ij}^{t} = \eta \delta_{i} + \alpha \Delta w_{ij}^{t-1}$ 

3. Additive constant: keep moving when no gradient  $\delta_i^{\mu} = (\dot{\Phi} + k)(t_i^{\mu} - y_i^{\mu})$ 

# **Over-fitting**



Overfitting training data leads to poor generalisation

Overfitting can derive from too many weights and/or too long learning of training patterns

Solution: Use a Validation Set

Divide available data into:

- training set (for weight update)
- validation set (for error monitoring)
   Stop training when error for validation
   set starts growing

## **Time Series**

Extraction of time-dependent features is necessary for time-series analysis





## NETtalk

A neural network that learns to read aloud written text: •7 x 29 input units encode characters within a 7-position window(TDNN) •26 output units encode english phonemes •approx. 80 hidden units

Training on 1000-word text, reads any text with 95% accuracy

Learns like humans: segmentation, bla-bla, short words, long words



### [Sejnowski & Rosenberg, 1987]



## **Artificial Nose**

The human brain recognizes millions of smell types by combining responses of only 10,000 receptors. Smell detection is a multi-billion industry (food, cosmetics, medicine, environment monitoring...). Human detection: costly, fatigue, history, aging, subjective.





landmine detection Tufts University

food quality Pampa Inc.

tubercolosis diagnosis Cranfield University



## Neural Net Recognition



## Deep vs. shallow neural networks

Compact distributed encoding (smallest possible number of computing elements) = better generalization -> e.g., feature encoding

Compared to compact network of k layers, a network of k-1 layers requires exponentially larger number of computing elements and therefore has worse generalisation



Not all connections are shown



# Backpropagation in deep networks

Backpropagation yelds poor results when applied to networks of many layers (k>3)

The problem seems to lie in the poor gradient estimation in the lower layers of the neural network, equivalent to shallow gradients and thus small weight modifications





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# "Deep learning" method (2006)

Unsupervised training of low layers to generate structure of increasingly complex representations + Supervised training of top layer



Hinton, Osindero, Teh, 2006 Bengio, Lamblin, Popovici, Larochelle, 2007 Ranzato, Poultney, Chopra, LeCun, 2007 See online also *Learning Deep Architectures for AI* by Yoshua Bengio, 2008



## Layer-wise training procedure





# What type of unsupervised learning?

PCA are not suitable because 1) they makes sense only when output units are equal or less than input units; 2) PCA is a linear transformation of its input, thus not suitable to multi-layer networks

Autoencoders are supervised networks (e.g., Back-prop) that learn to reproduce the input pattern on the output layer. Usually, they have smaller set of hidden units (*encoding units*) to generate a compressed representation, which spans the same space of PCA representation, but can use non-linear units.



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# Autoencoders in Deep Learning

In deep learning, encoding units should be equal or larger than input units in order to allow for large representation capabilities: however, this may lead to *identity coding problem* 

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To prevent identity encoding, use *denoising autoencoders* (Vincent et al. 2008): corrupt input by randomly switching off 50% of units while keeping teaching output equal to uncorrupted input

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# Deep training

input OOO ... O

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More abstract features features input

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# Supervised Fine-Tuning

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Deepmind Technologies bought by Google for >500 million USD, January 2014

Deep learning networks beat human GO player, January 2016

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## Neural Hardware Implementations

#### Mark I Perceptron (1960)

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#### Connection Machine (1990)

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Semi-transparent matrix (synaptic weights)

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## Neural Hardware Implementations

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## Hybrid Neural Systems: Multi-Electrode-Array

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### Records/stimulates groups of neurons

Neurons in sealed container (only oxigen and carbon dioxide exchange) Activity for several months

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# Hybrid Neural Systems: Field-Effect-Transistor

### Records/stimulates single neuron

Monitor biological neural communication Connect distant neurons by electrical connections Stimulate neurons and record network activity Grow biological networks Interface with artificial networks

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### Fromherz, 2003

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