Perceptron

The human brain



Seat of consciousness and cognition

Perhaps the most complex information processing machine in nature

Historically, considered as a monolithic information processing machine

Beginner's Brain Map



Brain : a computational machine?

Information processing: brains vs computers

- brains better at perception / cognition
- slower at numerical calculations
- parallel and distributed Processing
- Brain astonishing in the amount of information it processes
 - Typical computers: 10⁹ operations/sec
 - Housefly brain: 10¹¹ operations/sec

Brain facts & figures

- Basic building block of nervous system: nerve cell (neuron)
- ~ 10¹² neurons in brain
- ~ 10^{15} connections between them
- Connections made at "synapses"
- The speed: events on millisecond scale in neurons, nanosecond scale in silicon chips

A neural network can be defined as a model of reasoning based on the human brain. The brain consists of a densely interconnected set of nerve cells, or basic information-processing units, called neurons.

The human brain incorporates nearly 10 billion neurons and 60 trillion connections, *synapses*, between them. By using multiple neurons simultaneously, the brain can perform its functions much faster than the fastest computers in existence today. Each neuron has a very simple structure, but an army of such elements constitutes a tremendous processing power.
A neuron consists of a cell body, soma, a number of fibers called dendrites, and a single long fiber

called the **axon**.

Biological neural network



An artificial neural network consists of a number of very simple processors, also called **neurons**, which are analogous to the biological neurons in the brain. The neurons are connected by weighted links passing signals from one neuron to another. The output signal is transmitted through the neuron's outgoing connection. The outgoing connection splits into a number of branches that transmit the same signal. The outgoing branches terminate at the incoming connections of other neurons in the network.

Architecture of a typical artificial neural network



Analogy between biological and artificial neural networks

Biological Neural Network	Artificial Neural Network
Soma	Neuron
Dendrite	Input
Axon	Output
Synapse	Weight

The neuron as a simple computing element



Activation Function

The neuron uses the following transfer or The neuron uses the following transfer or activation function

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i w_i \qquad \qquad Y = \begin{cases} +1, \text{ if } X \ge \theta \\ -1, \text{ if } X < \theta \end{cases}$$

Activation Functions



Single-layer two-input Single-layer two-input perceptron

Inputs



Linear separability in the in the perceptrons



(a) Two-input perceptron.

(b) Three-input perceptron.

■ If at iteration p, the actual output is Y(p) and the desired output is $Y_d(p)$, then the error is given by:

$$e(p) = Y_d(p) - Y(p)$$

where p = 1, 2, 3, ...

Iteration *p* here refers to the *p*th training example presented to the perceptron.

If the error, e(p), is positive, we need to increase perceptron output Y(p), but if it is negative, we need to decrease Y(p).

The perceptron learning rule

$$w_i(p+1) = w_i(p) + \alpha \cdot x_i(p) \cdot e(p)$$

where p = 1, 2, 3, ... α is the **learning rate**, a positive constant less than unity.

The perceptron learning rule was first proposed by **Rosenblatt** in 1960. Using this rule we can derive the perceptron training algorithm for classification tasks.

Perceptron's tarining algorithm

Step 1: Initialisation

Set initial weights $w_1, w_2, ..., w_n$ and threshold θ to random numbers in the range [-0.5, 0.5].

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Perceptron's tarining algorithm (continued)

<u>Step 2</u>: Activation

Activate the perceptron by applying inputs $x_1(p)$, $x_2(p), \ldots, x_n(p)$ and desired output $Y_d(p)$. Calculate the actual output at iteration p = 1

$$Y(p) = step\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i(p) w_i(p) - \theta\right]$$

where *n* is the number of the perceptron inputs, and *step* is a step activation function.

Example of perceptron learning: the logical operation AND

Epoch	Inputs		Desired output	d Initial		Actual output	Error	Final		
1 - 1	<i>x</i> ₁	<i>x</i> ₂	Y_d	w ₁	w ₂	Ŷ	е	w ₁	w_2	
1	0	0	0	0.3	-0.1	0	0	0.3	-0.1	
	0	1	0	0.3	-0.1	0	0	0.3	-0.1	
	1	0	0	0.3	-0.1	1	-1	0.2	-0.1	
	1	1	1	0.2	-0.1	0	1	0.3	0.0	
2	0	0	0	0.3	0.0	0	0	0.3	0.0	
	0	1	0	0.3	0.0	0	0	0.3	0.0	
	1	0	0	0.3	0.0	1	-1	0.2	0.0	
	1	1	1	0.2	0.0	1	0	0.2	0.0	
3	0	0	0	0.2	0.0	0	0	0.2	0.0	
	0	1	0	0.2	0.0	0	0	0.2	0.0	
	1	0	0	0.2	0.0	1	-1	0.1	0.0	
	1	1	1	0.1	0.0	0	1	0.2	0.1	
4	0	0	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.2	0.1	
	0	1	0	0.2	0.1	0	0	0.2	0.1	
	1	0	0	0.2	0.1	1	_1	0.1	0.1	
	1	1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0	0.1	0.1	
5	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.1	
	0	1	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.1	
	1	0	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0.1	0.1	
	1	1	1	0.1	0.1	1	0	0.1	0.1	
Threshold: $\theta = 0.2$; learning rate: $\alpha = 0.1$										

Two-dimensional plots of basic logical operations



A perceptron can learn the operations *AND* and *OR*, but not *Exclusive-OR*.