Future Vision
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Computer Vision
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Simultaneous contrast
Training Neural Networks

• Build network architecture and define loss function
• Pick hyperparameters – learning rate, batch size
• Initialize weights + bias in each layer randomly

• While loss still decreasing
  • Shuffle training data
  • For each data point $i=1...n$ (maybe as mini-batch)
    • Gradient descent
  • Check validation set loss
Stochastic Gradient Descent

Try to speed up processing with random training subsets

Loss will not always decrease (locally) as training data point is random, but converges over time.

Momentum

Gradient descent step size is weighted combination over time to dampen ping pong.

$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \gamma \left( \alpha \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \right]_{t-1} + \left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \right]_t \right)$$
Regularization

- Penalize weights for simpler solution
  - Occam’s razor
    \[ C = C_0 + \lambda \sum_w w^2, \]
- Dropout half of neurons for each minibatch
  - Forces robustness
But James...

...I thought we were going to treat machine learning like a black box? I like black boxes.

Deep learning is:
- a black box
- also a black art.

- Grad student gradient descent : ( http://www.isrtv.com/ )
Why do we initialize the weights randomly?

What if we set zero weights?

Setting zero weights makes all neurons equivalent as there is no difference in the gradient computed across neurons. Called “symmetric updates”.

Setting zero bias is OK. Typically, we standardize the data beforehand by subtracting the mean and dividing by std. dev.

\[ x' = \frac{x - \bar{x}}{\sigma} \]

Thus, a zero bias is a good initialization.

Where \( \bar{x} \) is the mean of the input feature across the dataset (not spatially across the image).
Why do we initialize the weights randomly?
What if we set zero weights?

$W_x = 0$ for the layer output

$\rightarrow$ produces uniform softmax output (each class equally probable; i.e., on MNIST, 0.1)

Gradient update rule and supervision label $y_j$ still provides the right signal
$p_j$ vs $1 - p_j$

...but all neurons not of class $j$ receive same gradient update.
So what is a good initialization of the weights?

In general, initialization is very important.

**Good strategy:** He et al. 2015: For ReLU, draw random weights from Gaussian distribution with variance = \( \frac{2}{\text{# inputs to layer}} \)
What is activation function for?
To allow multiple layers; to avoid resulting composition of linear functions collapsing to a single layer.

Difference between CNN and convolution in feature extraction?
No difference! Same operation [correlation/convolution]

Why do we shave off pixels?
We only use the valid region of convolution; typically no padding. Some recent works special case these edge convolutions.

Why multidimensional kernels?
We wish to convolve over the outputs of many other learned kernels -> ‘integrating’ information via weighted sum of previous layer outputs.
How to know which kernels to use in 2\textsuperscript{nd}+ convolution layers?
Gradient descent + back propagation learns them.

How to set weights on fully connected layers?
Gradient descent + back propagation learns them.

What even is back propagation again?
Computing the (change in) contribution of each neuron to the loss as the parameters vary.
Project 4 written has some good references.
How do we decide the parameters for network architecture? For less complicated situations, we can use ‘trial and error’. Is there any other method?

‘Grid search’ -> trial and error
‘Bayesian optimization’ -> meta-learning; optimize the hyperparameters

General strategy:
Bottleneck -> extract information (kernel) and learn to squeeze representation into a smaller number of parameters.

But James – I happen to have a thousand GPUs: Neural Architecture Search!
I’ve heard about many more terms of jargon!

*Skip connections*

*Residual connections*

*Batch normalization*

...we’ll get to these in a little while.
When something is not working...

...how do I know what to do next?
The Nuts and Bolts of Building Applications using Deep Learning

• Andrew Ng - NIPS 2016
• https://youtu.be/F1ka6a13S9I
Bias/variance trade-off

"It takes surprisingly long time to grok bias and variance deeply, but people that understand bias and variance deeply are often able to drive very rapid progress." --Andrew Ng

Bias = accuracy
Variance = precision
Go collect a dataset

• Most important thing:
  • Training data must represent target application!

• Take all your data
  • 60% training
  • 40% testing
    • 20% testing
    • 20% validation (or ‘development’)
Properties

• Human level error = 1%
• Training set error = 10%
• Validation error = 10.2%
• Test error = 10.4%

“Bias”

“Variance”

Overfitting to validation
The Nuts and Bolts of Building Applications Using Deep Learning

Training Error High
  ↓ No
Train-Val Error High
  ↓ No
Test Error High
  ↓ No
Done

Bigger Model
Train Longer
New Model Architecture

More Data
Regularization
New Model Architecture

Get More Val Data
My Neural Network isn't working! What should I do?

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So you're developing the next great breakthrough in deep learning but you've hit an unfortunate setback: your neural network isn't working and you have no idea what to do. You go to your boss/supervisor but they don't know either - they are just as new to all of this as you - so what now?

Well luckily for you I'm here with a list of all the things you've probably done wrong and compiled from my own experiences implementing neural networks and supervising other students with their projects:

1. You Forgot to Normalize Your Data
2. You Forgot to Check your Results
3. You Forgot to Preprocess Your Data
4. You Forgot to use any Regularization
5. You Used a too Large Batch Size
6. You Used an Incorrect Learning Rate
7. You Used the Wrong Activation Function on the Final Layer
8. Your Network contains Bad Gradients
9. You Initialized your Network Weights Incorrectly
10. You Used a Network that was too Deep
11. You Used the Wrong Number of Hidden Units

Daniel Holden

Outline

- Supervised Neural Networks
- Convolutional Neural Networks
- Examples
- Tips
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- OCR / House number & Traffic sign classification

Ciresan et al. “MCDNN for image classification” CVPR 2012
Jaderberg et al. “Synthetic data and ANN for natural scene text recognition” arXiv 2014
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Object detection

Szegedy et al. “DNN for object detection” NIPS 2013
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Face Verification & Identification

CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Scene Parsing

Farabet et al. “Learning hierarchical features for scene labeling” PAMI 2013
Pinheiro et al. “Recurrent CNN for scene parsing” arxiv 2013
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Segmentation 3D volumetric images

Ciresan et al. “DNN segment neuronal membranes...” NIPS 2012
Turaga et al. “Maximin learning of image segmentation” NIPS 2009
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Robotics

Sermanet et al. “Mapping and planning ...with long range perception” IROS 2008
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Denoising

Burger et al. “Can plain NNs compete with BM3D?” CVPR 2012
CONV NETS: EXAMPLES

- Dimensionality reduction / learning embeddings

Hadsell et al. “Dimensionality reduction by learning an invariant mapping” CVPR 2006
Dataset: ImageNet 2012

- (a) Eskimo dog, husky (breed of heavy-coated Arctic sled dog)
  - direct hypernym / inherited hypernym / sister term
- (a) working dog (any of several breeds of usually large powerful dogs bred to work as draft animals and guard and guide dogs)
- (a) dog, domestic dog, Canis familiaris (a member of the genus Canis (probably descended from the common wolf) that has been domesticated by man since prehistoric times; occurs in many breeds) "the dog barked all night"
- (a) canine, canid (any of various fissiped mammals with nonretractile claws and typically long muzzles)
- (a) carnivore (a terrestrial or aquatic flesh-eating mammal) "terrestrial carnivores have four or five clawed digits on each limb"
- (a) placental, placental mammal, eutherian, eutherian mammal (mammals having a placenta, all mammals except monotremes and marsupials)
- (a) mammal, mammalian (any warm-blooded vertebrate having the skin more or less covered with hair; young are born alive except for the small subclass of monotremes and nourished with milk)
- (a) vertebrate, craniate (animals having a bony or cartilaginous skeleton with a segmented spinal column and a large brain enclosed in a skull or cranium)
- (a) chordate (any animal of the phylum Chordata having a notochord or spinal column)
- (a) animal, animate being, beast, brute, creature, fauna (a living organism characterized by voluntary movement)
- (a) organism, being (a living thing that has (or can develop) the ability to act or function independently)
- (a) living thing, animate thing (a living (or once living) entity)
- (a) whole, unit (an assemblage of parts that is regarded as a single entity) "how big is that part compared to the whole?"
- (a) object, physical object (a tangible and visible entity, an entity that can cast a shadow) "it was full of rackets, balls and other objects"
- (a) physical entity (an entity that has physical existence)
- (a) entity (that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving))

Deng et al. “Imagenet: a large scale hierarchical image database” CVPR 2009
Architecture for Classification

Total nr. params: 60M

4M
LINEAR

category prediction

16M
FULLY CONNECTED

37M
FULLY CONNECTED

MAX POOLING

442K
CONV

74M

1.3M
CONV

224M

884K
CONV

149M

MAX POOLING

LOCAL CONTRAST NORM

307K
CONV

223M

LOCAL CONTRAST NORM

MAX POOLING

35K
CONV

105M

Total nr. flops: 832M

4M

16M

37M

Krizhevsky et al. “ImageNet Classification with deep CNNs” NIPS 2012
Results: ILSVRC 2012

Task 1 - Classification

- CNN: 16%
- SIFT+FV: 25%
- SVM1: 26%
- SVM2: 28%
- NCM: 32%

Task 2 - Detection

- CNN: 33%
- DPM-SVM1: 50%
- DPM-SVM2: 51%

Krizhevsky et al. “ImageNet Classification with deep CNNs” NIPS 2012
Interpretation

prediction of class

- distributed representations
- feature sharing
- compositionality

high-level parts

mid-level parts

low level parts

Input image

Lee et al. “Convolutional DBN's ...” ICML 2009
How Objects are Represented in CNN?

CNN uses **distributed code** to represent objects.

Estimating the Receptive Fields

Estimated receptive fields
pool1

Actual size of RF is much smaller than the theoretic size
conv3
pool5

Segmentation using the RF of Units

Places-CNN

ImageNet-CNN

More semantically meaningful
Annotating the Semantics of Units

Top ranked segmented images are cropped and sent to Amazon Turk for annotation.
Annotating the Semantics of Units

Pool5, unit 76; Label: ocean; Type: scene; Precision: 93%
Annotating the Semantics of Units
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Pool5, unit 77; Label: legs; Type: object part; Precision: 96%
Annotating the Semantics of Units

Pool5, unit 112; Label: pool table; Type: object; Precision: 70%
Annotating the Semantics of Units

Pool5, unit 22; Label: dinner table; Type: scene; Precision: 60%
ImageNet vs. PlacesNet

ImageNet
• ~1 mil object-level images over 1000 classes

PlacesNet
• ~1.8 million images from 365 scene categories (at most 5000 images per category).

http://places2.csail.mit.edu/demo.html
Distribution of Semantic Types at Each Layer

Simple elements & colors

Object part

Object

Scene
Distribution of Semantic Types at Each Layer

Object detectors emerge within CNN trained to classify scenes, without any object supervision!
How can free will coexist with divine preordination?

Ah yes.

Related works:
- The Ontological Argument
- The Problem of Evil
- Ship of Theseus / Sorites Paradox
- What is Art
- $0.99\hat{9} = 1$
- Chinese Room AI
Short cuts to AI

With billions of images on the web, it’s often possible to find a close nearest neighbor.

We can shortcut hard problems by “looking up” the answer, stealing the labels from our nearest neighbor.
So what is intelligence?

Weak AI:
The simulation of a ‘mind’ is a model for the ‘mind’.

Strong AI:
The simulation of a ‘mind’ is a ‘mind’.
Chinese Room experiment, John Searle (1980)

If a machine can convincingly simulate an intelligent conversation, does it understand?
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Searle imagines himself in a room, acting as a computer by manually executing a program that convincingly simulates the behavior of a native Chinese speaker.

Most of the discussion consists of attempts to refute it. "The overwhelming majority," notes BBS editor Stevan Harnad, "still think that the Chinese Room Argument is dead wrong."

The sheer volume of the literature that has grown up around it inspired Pat Hayes to quip that the field of cognitive science ought to be redefined as "the ongoing research program of showing Searle's Chinese Room Argument to be false."
Questions from the piece:

Q1. Does the Chinese Room argument prove the impossibility of machine consciousness?
A1: Hell no. ... See More

Can Machines Become Moral?

The question is heard more and more often, both from those who think that machines cannot become moral, and who think that to believe otherwise is a dangerous illusion, and from those who think that machines must become moral....
Mechanical Turk

• von Kempelen, 1770.
• Robotic chess player.
• Clockwork routines.
• Magnetic induction (not vision)

• Toured the world; played Napoleon Bonaparte and Benjamin Franklin.
Mechanical Turk

• It was all a ruse!
• Ho ho ho.
"Can machines fly?"
Yes; aeroplanes exist.

"Can machines fly like a bird?"
No, because aeroplanes don’t flap.

"Can machines perceive?"
“Can machines understand?"
Are these question like the first, or like the second?
Ornithopters
Festo SmartBird [2011]
Interesting CNN properties

...or other ways to measure reception

http://yosinski.com/deepvis
What input to a neuron maximizes a class score?

To visualize the function of a specific unit in a neural network, we synthesize an input to that unit which causes high activation.

Neuron of choice $i$

An image of random noise $x$.

**Repeat:**
1. Forward propagate: compute activation $a_i(x)$
2. Back propagate: compute gradient at neuron $\partial a_i(x) / \partial x$
3. Add small amount of gradient back to noisy image.
What image maximizes a class score?

[Understanding Neural Networks Through Deep Visualization, Yosinski et al., 2015]
http://yosinski.com/deepvis
What image maximizes a class score?

Layer 8:
- Pirate Ship
- Rocking Chair
- Teddy Bear
- Windsor Tie
- Pitcher

Layer 7:

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Wow!

They just ‘fall out’!
Panda → Gibbon class gradient → Adversarial example

Francois Chollet - https://blog.keras.io/the-limitations-of-deep-learning.html
Breaking CNNs

Intriguing properties of neural networks [Szegedy ICLR 2014]

Take a correctly classified image (left image in both columns), and add a tiny distortion (middle) to fool the ConvNet with the resulting image (right).
Breaking CNNs

Deep Neural Networks are Easily Fooled: High Confidence Predictions for Unrecognizable Images [Nguyen et al. CVPR 2015]
Adversarial Patches

A same set of data points or experience

Local generalization: Generalization power of pattern recognition

Extreme generalization: Generalization power achieved via abstraction and reasoning
The boy is holding a baseball bat.

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Curiosity: The success of obfuscating gradients

*https://github.com/anishathalye/obfuscated-gradients*

In our recent paper, we evaluate the robustness of eight papers accepted to ICLR 2018 as non-certified white-box-secure defenses to adversarial examples. We find that seven of the eight defenses provide a limited increase in robustness and can be broken by improved attack techniques we develop.

The only defense we observe that significantly increases robustness to adversarial examples within the threat model proposed is “Towards Deep Learning Models Resistant to Adversarial Attacks” (Madry et al. 2018), and we were unable to defeat this defense without stepping outside the threat model. Even then, this technique has been shown to be difficult to scale to ImageNet-scale (Kurakin et al. 2016). The remainder of the papers rely either inadvertently or intentionally on what we call *obfuscated gradients*. Standard attacks apply gradient descent to maximize the loss of the network on a given image to generate an adversarial example on a neural network. Such optimization methods require a useful gradient signal to succeed. When a defense obfuscates gradients, it breaks this gradient signal and causes optimization based methods to fail.
Reconstructing images

Question: Given a CNN code, is it possible to reconstruct the original image?
Reconstructing images

Find an image such that:
- Its code is like a given code
- It “looks natural”
- Neighboring pixels should look similar

$$\text{Image } \mathbf{x}^* = \arg\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times C}} \ell(\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_0) + \lambda \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\ell(\Phi(\mathbf{x}), \Phi_0) = \|\Phi(\mathbf{x}) - \Phi_0\|^2$$
Reconstructing images

Understanding Deep Image Representations by Inverting Them
[Mahendran and Vedaldi, 2014]
Reconstructing images

Reconstructions from the representation after last last pooling layer (immediately before the first Fully Connected layer)
DeepDream modifies the image in a way that “boosts” all activations, at any layer.

This creates a feedback loop: e.g., any slightly detected dog face will be made more and more dog-like over time.
DeepDream

Deep Dream Grocery Trip
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgPaCWJL7XI

Deep Dreaming Fear & Loathing in Las Vegas: the Great San Francisco Acid Wave
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oyxSerkkP4o
Style transfer
Neural Style

[A Neural Algorithm of Artistic Style by Leon A. Gatys, Alexander S. Ecker, and Matthias Bethge, 2015]
good implementation by Justin Johnson in Torch: 
https://github.com/jcjohnson/neural-style
Neural Style

Step 1: Extract **content targets** (ConvNet activations of all layers for the given content image)

**content activations**

*Andrej Karpathy*

e.g. at CONV5_1 layer we would have a [14x14x512] array of target activations
Neural Style

Step 2: Extract **style targets** (Gram matrices of ConvNet activations of all layers for the given style image)

- style gram matrices

  \[ G = V^T V \]

  e.g. at CONV1 layer (with [224x224x64] activations) would give a [64x64] Gram matrix of all pairwise activation covariances (summed across spatial locations)
Neural Style

Step 3: Optimize over image to have:
- The **content** of the content image (activations match content)
- The **style** of the style image (Gram matrices of activations match style)

\[ L_{total}(\tilde{p}, \tilde{a}, \tilde{x}) = \alpha L_{content}(\tilde{p}, \tilde{x}) + \beta L_{style}(\tilde{a}, \tilde{x}) \]

Adapted from Andrej Karpathy
Neural Style

make your own easily on deepart.io

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Dataset Distillation


DATASET DISTILLATION

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ABSTRACT

Model distillation aims to distill the knowledge of a complex model into a simpler one. In this paper, we consider an alternative formulation called dataset distillation: we keep the model fixed and instead attempt to distill the knowledge from a large training dataset into a small one. The idea is to synthesize a small number of data points that do not need to come from the correct data distribution, but will, when given to the learning algorithm as training data, approximate the model trained on the original data. For example, we show that it is possible to compress 60,000 MNIST training images into just 10 synthetic distilled images (one per class) and achieve close to original performance with only a few gradient descent steps, given a fixed network initialization. We evaluate our method in various initialization settings and with different learning objectives. Experiments on multiple datasets show the advantage of our approach compared to alternative methods.