

Computational Intelligence

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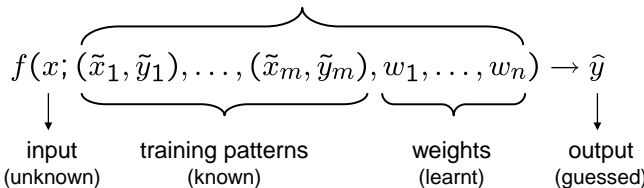
Classification

given: set of training patterns (input / output)

output = label
(e.g. class A, class B, ...)

\tilde{x}_i \tilde{y}_i

parameters



phase I:
train network

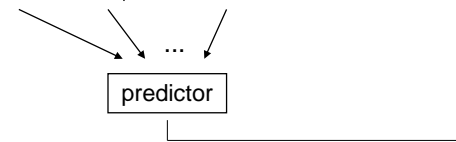
phase II:
apply network to unknown inputs for classification

Prediction of Time Series

time series x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots (e.g. temperatures, exchange rates, ...)

task: given a subset of historical data, predict the future

$$f(x_{t-k}, x_{t-k+1}, \dots, x_t; w_1, \dots, w_n) \rightarrow \hat{x}_{t+\tau}$$



phase I:
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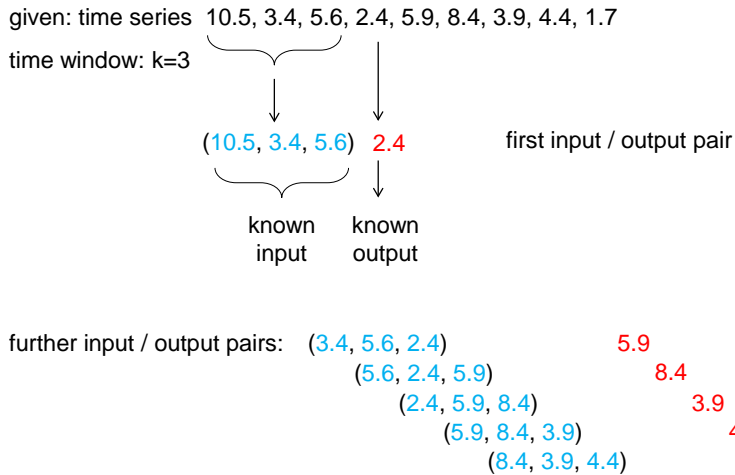
phase II:
apply network to historical inputs for predicting unknown outputs

training patterns:

historical data where true output is known;

$$\text{error per pattern} = (\hat{x}_{t+\tau} - x_{t+\tau})^2$$

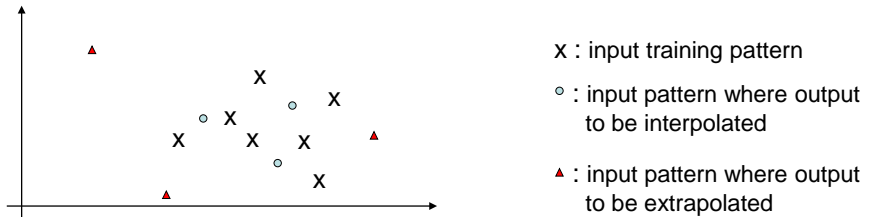
Prediction of Time Series: Example for Creating Training Data



Function Approximation (the general case)

task: given training patterns (input / output), approximate unknown function
 → should give outputs close to true unknown function for arbitrary inputs

- values between training patterns are **interpolated**
- values outside convex hull of training patterns are **extrapolated**



Definition:

A function $\phi : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is termed **radial basis function** iff $\exists \varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \phi(x; c) = \varphi(\|x - c\|)$. □

Definition:

RBF **local** iff $\varphi(r) \rightarrow 0$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ □

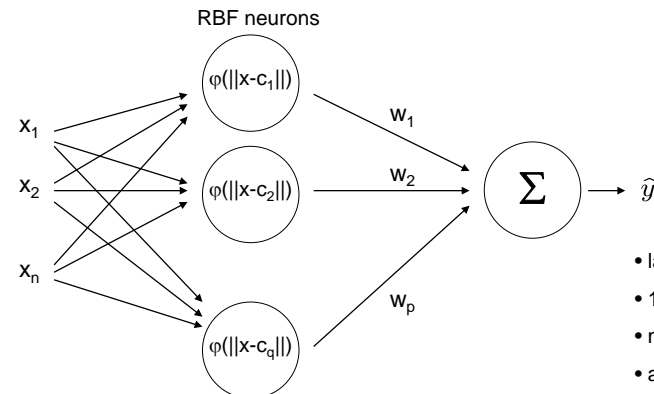
typically, $\|x\|$ denotes Euclidean norm of vector x

examples:

$\varphi(r) = \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{\sigma^2}\right)$	Gaussian	unbounded	} local
$\varphi(r) = \frac{3}{4}(1 - r^2) \cdot 1_{\{r \leq 1\}}$	Epanechnikov	bounded	
$\varphi(r) = \frac{\pi}{4} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}r\right) \cdot 1_{\{r \leq 1\}}$	Cosine	bounded	

Definition:

A function $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is termed **radial basis function net (RBF net)** iff $f(x) = w_1 \varphi(\|x - c_1\|) + w_2 \varphi(\|x - c_2\|) + \dots + w_p \varphi(\|x - c_q\|)$ □



- layered net
- 1st layer fully connected
- no weights in 1st layer
- activation functions differ

given : N training patterns (x_i, y_i) and q RBF neurons

find : weights w_1, \dots, w_q with minimal error

solution:

we know that $f(x_i) = y_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$ or equivalently

$$\sum_{k=1}^q w_k \cdot \underbrace{\varphi(\|x_i - c_k\|)}_{p_{ik}} = y_i$$

↓ unknown ↓ known value ↓ known value

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^q w_k \cdot p_{ik} = y_i \quad \Rightarrow N \text{ linear equations with } q \text{ unknowns}$$

in matrix form: $P w = y$ with $P = (p_{ik})$ and $P: N \times q, y: N \times 1, w: q \times 1,$

case $N = q$: $w = P^{-1} y$ if P has full rank

case $N < q$: many solutions but of no practical relevance

case $N > q$: $w = P^+ y$ where P^+ is Moore-Penrose pseudo inverse

$P w = y$ | $\cdot P'$ from left hand side (P' is transpose of P)

$P'P w = P' y$ | $\cdot (P'P)^{-1}$ from left hand side

$(P'P)^{-1} P'P w = (P'P)^{-1} P' y$ | simplify

⏟ unit matrix ⏟ P^+

complexity (naive)

$$w = (P'P)^{-1} P' y$$

$P'P: N^2 q$ inversion: q^3 $P'y: qN$ multiplication: q^2

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$O(N^2 q)$

remark: if N large then inaccuracies for $P'P$ likely

\Rightarrow first analytic solution, then gradient descent starting from this solution

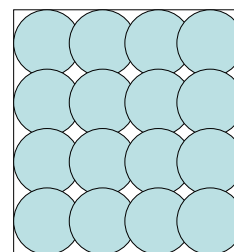
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requires
differentiable
basis functions!

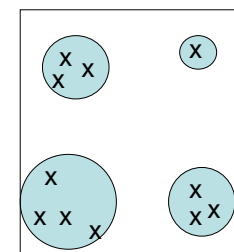
so far: tacitly assumed that RBF neurons are given

\Rightarrow center c_k and radii σ considered given and known

how to choose c_k and σ ?



uniform covering



if training patterns inhomogeneously distributed then first cluster analysis

choose center of basis function from each cluster, use cluster size for setting σ

advantages:

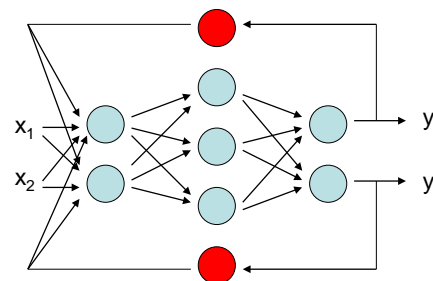
- additional training patterns → only local adjustment of weights
- optimal weights determinable in polynomial time
- regions not supported by RBF net can be identified by zero outputs

disadvantages:

- number of neurons increases exponentially with input dimension
- unable to extrapolate (since there are no centers and RBFs are local)

Jordan nets (1986)

- **context neuron:**
reads output from some neuron at step t and feeds value into net at step $t+1$

**Jordan net =**

MLP + context neuron
for each output,
context neurons fully
connected to input layer

Elman nets (1990)**Elman net =**

MLP + context neuron for each neuron output of MLP,
context neurons fully connected to associated MLP layer

Training?

- ⇒ unfolding in time (“loop unrolling”)
- identical MLPs serially connected (finitely often)
 - results in a large MLP with many hidden (inner) layers
 - backpropagation may take a long time
 - but reasonable if most recent past more important than layers far away

Why using backpropagation?

- ⇒ use *Evolutionary Algorithms* directly on recurrent MLP!

later!