Pruning Neural Networks By Optimal Brain Damage

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Feed-forward Network



Network Training

• Minimize a mean squared error function,

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \|\mathbf{y}_n - \mathbf{t}_n\|^2$$

or a cross-entropy error function

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \{\mathbf{t}_n ln \mathbf{y}_n + (1 - \mathbf{t}_n) ln (1 - \mathbf{y}_n)\}$$

• Function is smooth continuous, so smallest value will occur at $\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = 0$

Gradient Descent

• Comprise a small step in the direction of the negative gradient

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\tau+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)} - \eta \nabla E(\mathbf{w}^{(\tau)})$$

Batch Gradient Descent or
 Stochastic Gradient Descent



Error Back Propagation

- Apply an input vector, forward propagate through the network
- Evaluate \$\frac{\partial E}{\partial a}\$ for output units
 Back propagate \$\frac{\partial E}{\partial a}\$ for each hidden unit



Network Pruning

- Too many weights in modern networks, leads to high memory usage and low computing efficiency
- Identify the least significant weights in networks, and then cut them off
- A straightforward way: delete small-magnitude weights

Optimal Brain Damage

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$$\delta E = E(w + \delta w) - E(w) \approx \delta w \frac{\partial E}{\partial w} + \frac{1}{2} \delta w^T H \delta w$$

- Evaluating full Hessian Matrix cost $O(W^2)$
- Diagonal approximation for Hessian cuts down the time complexity to O(W)
- Can be computed in a Back Propagation style

$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial a_j^2} = h'(a_j)^2 \sum_k w_{kj}^2 \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial a_k^2} + h''(a_j) \sum_k w_{kj} \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_k}$$
$$\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial w_{ji}^2} = \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial a_j^2} z_i^2$$

Results



Mean squared error ratio for Magnitude, OBD and predicted OBD based pruning. (Le Cun)

Results

acoustic	# of nz	Model	Calc	Dev	Test
model	params	Size	Time	QER	QER
GMM MPE	1.5M	-	_	34.5	36.2
CD-DNN-HMM	19.2M	100%	100%	28.0	30.4
sparse: 67% nz	12.8M	101%	80%	27.9	30.3
sparse: 46% nz	8.8M	69%	55%	27.7	30.1
sparse: 31% nz	6.0M	47%	37%	27.7	30.1
sparse: 21% nz	4.0M	32%	25%	27.8	30.2
sparse: 12% nz	2.3M	18%	14%	27.9	30.4
sparse: 5% nz	1.0M	8%	6%	29.7	31.7

Model size, computation time, and percent query error rate (QER) with and without pruning by weight magnitude. (MSRA)

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Thanks!

• Q&A