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# Lecture 4 recap

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## Neural Network



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# Backprop: Backward Pass



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# Compute Graphs -> Neural Networks



L2 Loss function

 $-t_0$ 

We want to compute gradients w.r.t. all weights w

Loss/cost

x\*x



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# Compute Graphs -> Neural Networks

Input layer

Output layer

$$L_i = (y_i - t_i)^2$$



 $L = \sum_{i} L_{i}$ 

L2 loss -> simply sum up squares Energy to minimize is E=L

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{i,k}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y_i} \cdot \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial w_{i,k}}$$

-> use chain rule to compute partials

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# Summary

- We have
  - (Directional) compute graph
  - Structure graph into layers
  - Compute partial derivatives w.r.t. weights (unknowns)

 $\partial f$  $\nabla_w f_{\{x,y\}}(w) =$  $\partial f$ 

- Next
  - Find weights based on gradients

Gradient step:  $w' = w - \alpha \nabla_w f_{\{x,y\}}(w)$ 



# Optimization







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# Gradient Descent

• From derivative to gradient

'x)

dx

Direction of greatest
  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x})$  Direction of greatest
 the function

• Gradient steps in direction of negative gradient



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# Convergence of Gradient Descent

• Convex function: all local minima are global minima



If line/plane segment between any two points lies above or on the graph

# Convergence of Gradient Descent

- Neural networks are non-convex
  - > many (different) local minima
  - > no (practical) way which is globally optimal



# **Convergence of Gradient Descent**





#### Gradient Descent: Multiple Dimensions



Various ways to visualize...

#### Gradient Descent: Multiple Dimensions



#### Gradient Descent for Neural Networks



#### Gradient Descent: Single Training Sample

- Given a neural network function *L*
- Single training sample  $(x_i, y_i)$
- Find best model parameters  $\theta = \{w, b\}$
- Cost  $L_i(\theta, x_i, y_i)$ -  $\theta = \arg \min L_i(x_i, y_i)$
- Gradient Descent:
  - Initialize  $\theta^1$  with 'random' values (more to that later)

$$- \theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L_i(\theta, x_i, y_i)$$

– Iterate until convergence:  $\left| \theta^{k+1} - \theta^k \right| < \epsilon$ 



 $\nabla_{\theta} L_i(\theta^k, x_i, y_i)$  computed via backpropagation for typical network  $\dim (\nabla_{\theta} L_i(\theta^k, x_i, y_i)) = \dim(\theta) \gg 1 mio$ 

#### Gradient Descent: Multiple Training Samples

- Given a neural network function *L*
- Multiple (n) training samples ( $x_i, y_i$ )
- Find best model parameters  $\theta = \{w, b\}$

• Cost 
$$L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i(\theta, x_i, y_i)$$
  
-  $\theta = \arg \min L$ 

#### Gradient Descent: Multiple Training Samples

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k, x_{\{1..n\}}, y_{\{1..n\}})$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^{k}, x_{\{1..n\}}, y_{\{1..n\}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla_{\theta} L_{i}(\theta^{k}, x_{i}, y_{i})$$

Gradient is average / sum over residuals

Reminder: this comes from backprop.

often people are lazy and just write:

 $\nabla L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla_{\theta} L_i$ omitting  $\frac{1}{n}$  is not 'wrong', it just means rescaling the learning rate

# Side Note: Optimal Learning Rate

Can compute optimal learning rate  $\alpha$  using Line Search (optimal for a given set)

- 1. Compute gradient:  $\nabla_{\theta}L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \nabla_{\theta}L_{i}$
- 2. Optimize for optimal step  $\alpha$ :

$$\arg\min_{\alpha} L(\theta^{k} - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L)_{\theta^{k+1}}$$

3. 
$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L$$

Not that practical for DL since we need to solve huge system every step...

# Gradient Descent on Train Set

- Given large train set with (n) training samples  $(x_i, y_i)$ 
  - Let's say 1 mio labeled images
  - Let's say our network has 500k parameters

- Gradient has 500k dimensions
- n = 1mio
- -> Extremely expensive to compute



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#### Remember: Vectorized Operations Jacobian Matrix:

How efficient is that:

- $\dim(J) = 4096 \times 4096 = 16.78 \text{ mio}$
- Assuming floats (i.e., 4 bytes / elem)
- -> 64 MB

Typically, networks are run in batches:

- Assuming mini-batch size of 16
- $-> \dim(J) = (16 \cdot 4096) \times (16 \cdot 4096) = 4295 \text{ mio}$
- -> 16.384MB = **16GB**



How to handle this?

# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- If we have *n* training samples we need to compute the gradient for all of them which is *O(n)*
- Gradient is an expectation, and so it can be approximated with a small number of samples

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Minibatch: choose subset of trainset } m \ll n \\ B_i = \{\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \dots, \{x_m, y_m\}\} \\ \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{n/m}\} \end{array}$ 

# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- Minibatch size is hyperparameter
  - Typically power of 2 -> 8, 16, 32, 64, 128...
  - Mostly limited by GPU memory (in backprop pass)
  - E.g.,
    - Train set has  $n=2^{20}$  (about 1 mio) images
    - Assume batch size of m = 64
    - $B_{1 \dots n/m} = B_{1 \dots 16,384}$  minibatches

#### Epoch = complete pass through training set

# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) $\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k, x_{\{1..m\}}, y_{\{1..m\}})$ $\nabla_{\theta} L = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \nabla_{\theta} L_i$ k now refers to k-th iteration *m* training samples in the current batch Gradient for the k-th batch

#### Note the terminology: iteration vs epoch

# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- Convergence of stochastic gradient descent
  - $-\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i = \infty$  $-\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i^2 < \infty$

Lots of literature: Robbins-Monro condition There are some 'easy' intuitions though...

- When to update learning rate (learning rate decay)
  - Start high, reduce over time
  - Reduce every iteration, or have fixed training schedule (empirical)
- Learning rate decreasing strategies
  - Many strategies

# Problems of SGD

- Gradient is scaled equally across all dimensions
  - > I.e., cannot independently scale directions
  - > need to have conservative min learning rate to avoid divergence
  - > Slower than 'necessary'

Finding good learning rate is an art by itself
 – > More next lecture



We're making many steps back and forth along this dimension. Would love to track that this is averaging out over time.

Would love to go faster here... I.e., accumulated gradients over time



Exponentially-weighted average of gradient Important: velocity  $v^k$  is vector-valued!



Step will be largest when a sequence of gradients all point to the same direction

Hyperparameters are  $\alpha, \beta$  $\beta$  is often set to 0.9

 $\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \cdot v^{k+1}$ 

• Can it overcome local minima?



#### Nesterov's Momentum

Look-ahead momentum

$$\tilde{\theta}^{k+1} = \theta_k - v_k$$

$$v^{k+1} = \beta \cdot v^k + \nabla_{\theta} L(\tilde{\theta}^{k+1})$$

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \cdot v^{k+1}$$

Sutskever 2013, Nesterov 1983

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### Nesterov's Momentum

- First make a big jump in the direction of the previous accumulated gradient.
- Then measure the gradient where you end up and make a correction.



blue vectors = standard momentum

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\theta}^{k+1} &= \theta_k + v_k \\ v^{k+1} &= \beta \cdot v^k + \nabla_{\theta} L(\tilde{\theta}^{k+1}) \\ \theta^{k+1} &= \theta^k - \alpha \cdot v^{k+1} \end{split}$$

# Root Mean Squared Prop (RMSProp)



• RMSprop divides the learning rate by an exponentially-decaying average of squared gradients.

## **RMSProp**

$$s^{k+1} = \beta \cdot s^{k} + (1 - \beta) [\nabla_{\theta} L \circ \nabla_{\theta} L]$$

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^{k} - \alpha \cdot \frac{\nabla_{\theta} L}{\sqrt{s^{k+1}} + \epsilon}$$
Element-wise multiplication







$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \cdot \frac{V_{\theta}L}{\sqrt{s^{k+1}} + \epsilon}$$

Can increase learning rate!

We're dividing by square gradients:

Division in Y-Direction will be large

Division in X-Direction will be small



• Dampening the oscillations for high-variance directions

- Can use faster learning rate because it is less likely to diverge
  - > Speed up learning speed
  - > Second moment

# Adaptive Moment Estimation (Adam)

Combines Momentum and RMSProp



#### Adam

#### Combines Momentum and RMSProp

$$m^{k+1} = \beta_1 \cdot m^k + (1 - \beta_1) \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k)$$

$$v^{k+1} = \beta_2 \cdot v^k + (1 - \beta_2) [\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k) \circ \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^k)]$$

 $m^{k+1}$  and  $v^{k+1}$  are initialized with zero -> bias towards zero

Typically, bias-corrected moment updates

 $\widehat{m}^{k+1} = \frac{m^k}{1 - \beta_1}$ 

$$\theta^{k+1} = \theta^k - \alpha \cdot \frac{\hat{m}^{k+1}}{\sqrt{\hat{v}^{k+1}} + \epsilon} \qquad \hat{v}^{k+1} = \frac{v^k}{1 - \beta_2}$$

## Adam

• Exponentially-decaying mean and variance of gradients (combines first and second order momentum)



# There are a couple of others...

- 'Vanilla' SGD
- Momentum
- RMSProp
- Adagrad
- Adadelta
- AdaMax
- Nada
- AMSGrad
- •

# E.g., AdaGrad Update

• Adapt the learning rate of all model parameters

$$\mathbf{g} = \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{y}^i)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{k+1} = \mathbf{r}_k + \mathbf{g} \odot \mathbf{g}$$
Learning rate
$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k - \frac{\epsilon}{\delta + \sqrt{\mathbf{r}_{k+1}}} \odot \mathbf{g}$$
Small constant for
numerical stability

# E.g., AdaGrad Update

• Theory: more progress in regions where the function is more flat

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k - rac{\epsilon}{\delta + \sqrt{\mathbf{r}_{k+1}}} \odot \mathbf{g}$$

• Practice: for most deep learning models, accumulating gradients from the beginning results in excessive decrease in the effective learning rate

# There are a couple of others...

- 'Vanilla' SGD
- Momentum
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- AdaMax
- Nada
- AMSGrad

# Adam is mostly method of choice for neural networks!

It's actually fun to play around with SGD updates. It's easy and get pretty immediate feedback <sup>(2)</sup>

# Some References to SGD Updates

- <u>http://ruder.io/optimizing-gradient-</u> <u>descent/index.html#rmsprop</u>
- TesnorFlow Docu: <u>https://www.tensorflow.org/api\_docs/python/tf/trai</u> <u>n/MomentumOptimizer</u> (and respective others)
- PyTorch Docu: <u>https://pytorch.org/docs/master/optim.html</u>

# Convergence



# Convergence



### TODO continue here

# Importance of Learning Rate



# Jacobian and Hessian

- df(x)• Derivative  $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ dx $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \left(\frac{df(x)}{dx_1}, \frac{df(x)}{dx_2}\right)$ • Gradient  $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$
- $\mathbf{f}: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n \quad \mathbf{J} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ Jacobian

Hessian



• Approximate our function by a second-order Taylor series expansion

$$\begin{split} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) &\approx L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^T \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + \frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^T \mathbf{H} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0) \\ & \swarrow \end{split} \\ & \textbf{First derivative} \qquad \textbf{Second derivative} \\ & (\textbf{curvature}) \end{split}$$

• Differentiate and equate to zero

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

We got rid of the learning rate!

SGD 
$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k+1} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_k - \epsilon \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_k, \mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{y}^i)$$

• Differentiate and equate to zero

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Parameters of a network (millions)

k

Number of elements in the Hessian

 $k^2$ 

Computational complexity of 'inversion' per iteration  $\mathcal{O}(k^3)$ 

• SGD (green)

 Newton's method exploits the curvature to take a more direct route



$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

Can you apply Newton's method for linear regression? What do you get as a result?

# **BFGS and L-BFGS**

- Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno algorithm
- Belongs to the family of quasi-Newton methods
- Have an approximation of the inverse of the Hessian

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 - \mathbf{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} L(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

- BFGS  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
- Limited memory: L-BFGS  $\mathcal{O}(n)$

### Gauss-Newton

- $x_{k+1} = x_k H_f(x_k)^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$ 
  - 'true' 2<sup>nd</sup> derivatives are often hard to obtain (e.g., numerics)
  - $H_f \approx 2J_F^T J_F$
- Gauss-Newton (GN):

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - [2J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k)]^{-1} \nabla f(x_k)$$

• Solve linear system (again, inverting a matrix is unstable):  $2(J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k))(x_k - x_{k+1}) = \nabla f(x_k)$ 

Solve for delta vector

# Levenberg-Marquardt

• Levenberg-Marquardt (LM)

$$(J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k) + \lambda \cdot diag(J_F(x_k)^T J_F(x_k))) \cdot (x_k - x_{k+1})$$
  
=  $\nabla f(x_k)$ 

- Instead of a plain Gradient Descent for large  $\lambda$ , scale each component of the gradient according to the curvature.
  - Avoids slow convergence in components with a small gradient

# Which, what and when?

• Standard: Adam

• Fallback option: SGD with momentum

• Newton, L-BFGS, GN, LM only if you can do full batch updates (doesn't work well for minibatches!!)

This practically never happens for DL Theoretically, it would be nice though due to fast convergence

# Please Remember!

• Think about your problem and optimization at hand

• SGD is specifically designed for minibatch

• When you can, use 2<sup>nd</sup> order method -> it's just faster

• GD or SGD is **not** a way to solve a linear system!

#### Next lecture

- This week:
  - No tutorial on Thursday due to Holiday!

- Next lecture on May 14<sup>th</sup>:
  - More on optimization of neural networks

See you next week!