BSCS 2019 - Neural Computation

VII - Topics from the intersection of AI and neuroscience

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$$\theta = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 \longrightarrow x_2 = \frac{-w_1}{w_2} x_1 + \frac{\theta}{w_2}$$

Logical operations by artificial neurons



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Multi-layer neural network





Gradient descent

- General scheme for parameter optimization
- At each point, we calculate the derivative of the error function with respect to the weights
- We move the weights towards the negative of the gradient
- Finds a local minimum



$$w_b = w_b - \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_b}$$

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- setting the many weights parallelly is a hard optimization problem
- the back propagation algorithm is a gradient search that finds an approximate optimum



Deep networks

- Deep learning is a highly successful machine learning framework which is employed in a variety of computer tasks, including object recognition
- It employs a computational architecture in which the basic element is a simplified model neuron
- the basic elements are organised into layers, connected by weights
- each layer performs a transformation of an input image
- network weights are tuned to perform classification of the inputs into categories - each category is an object



Visual features acquired by deep learning



 1^{st} layer



 2^{nd} layer

HDP high-level features



Training samples



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Convolutional networks



A Full Convolutional Neural Network (LeNet)

- Step1: a set of translation-invariant feature extractions
- Step 2: Subsampling the result to a lower-dimensional space
- repeat

Similarities to the visual cortex





Human against machine



method	top-1 err.	top-5 err.	
VGG [40] (ILSVRC'14)	-	8.43†	
GoogLeNet [43] (ILSVRC'14)	-	7.89	
VGG [40] (v5)	24.4	7.1	
PReLU-net [12]	21.59	5.71	
BN-inception [16]	21.99	5.81	10 - 25
ResNet-34 B	21.84	5.71	
ResNet-34 C	21.53	5.60	
ResNet-50	20.74	5.25	5.1
ResNet-101	19.87	4.60	Andrej "the human benchmark" Karpathy
ResNet-152	19.38	4.49	

Prediction of neural activity with deep networks
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Deep convolutional networks' predictions of neural activity

- The inferotemporal cortex (IT) is thought to be involved in object recognition
- A deep network is trained to recognise objects from images
- The top layer of the network is compared to measured activity in IT



Object recognition performance

Population-level representational similarity



Predicting V4 activity



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No. examples (×105)

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- All major issues have solution by now





VS.









Kohn & Smith, J Neurosci 2005

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Gur & Snodderly, Cereb Cortex 2006





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Probabilistic models vs. deep networks

- probabilistic models provide detailed predictions of stimulus statistics
 - most deep learning architectures don't explicitly account for variability
- probabilistic models are explicitly formalised hypotheses about neural computation
 - deep learning models are generic, very flexible computing architectures with no easy interpretation
- in probabilistic models it is often hard to implement inference, and each one is different
 - there are powerful existing methods to train deep learning models
- it is nontrivial to build a generative model if images that performs acceptably in an object recognition task
 - deep learning models do object recognition very well
- they can be combined to yield more powerful predictions













Bányai & Orbán, 2019, Curr Opin Neurobiol

Semantic compression of the visual input



Variational autoencoders and compression



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original

bicubic (21.59dB/0.6423)







SRGAN

Neural representation of textures



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Ziemba et al, 2016, PNAS

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High-dimensional hierarchical generative models

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input generated from all latents

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Representation of texture families in the model

Chance



Predicting reward



instrumental - operant conditioning

• the actions of the animal determine the reward



How to build a decision making model on top of the perceptual one?



- We need to choose a target variable from the model that we will try to optimise this will be called the reward
- Motor output will be modelled a fixed set of possible actions that make modifications in the environment
- A combination of inferred values for the latent variables is called a (perceived) state of the environment
- We have to figure out which action to choose in every state

Basic types of learning problems

- Supervised
 - data: input-output pairs
 - approximate the mapping between them
 - discrete output: classification
 - continuous: regression
- Unsupervised
 - data: set of values
 - fit a predefined structure on it
 - find the optimal representation: clustering, filtering
- Reinforcement
 - data: state information and sparse reward
 - learn optimal strategies
 - active learning



Reward encoding in the cortex



- Dopamin neurons in the monkey's cortex respond according to the learned association between indicator variables and reward
- Activity is proportional to surprise

Agent-environment framework



- The environment communicates towards the agent which state it's in
- Reward is given in some states to the agent
- The agent pushes the environment to new states by its actions

Learning the value of states

- Simplest case: there is a finite number of states of the environment
- each state s is a combination of inferred values for the latent variables of the mental model (e.g. we take the *a posteriori* most probable values)
- for each state we assign a value, *V(s)*, that encodes the desirability of that state
- after each decision, at time t, we update the estimation of state values using previous estimations and the reward
- intuition: a value of a state is determined by the reward, and the value of other states that are accessible from it through a few actions



https://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/reinforcejs/gridworld_td.html

Reinforcement learning

- The goal of RL is to maximize reward in the long run
- We have to learn how useful certain states and actions are to do that
- Trial and error
- Set values based on reward
- Propagate value to states without reward



Temporal Difference learning

- We learn from prediction error
- The value of the state we stepped on makes the previously visited state more similar to itself
- We can propagate to earlier states too

$$V(S_t) \leftarrow V(S_t) + \alpha [R_{t+1} + \gamma V(S_{t+1}) - V(S_t)]$$
Previous estimate
$$Reward t+1 Discounted value on the next step$$
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"[A] masterpiece ... This is one of the greatest and most engaging collections of insights into the human mind I have read." —WILLIAM EASTERLY, *Financial Times*

Exploration vs. exploitation

- When we don't know anything about the environment yet, it doesn't make sense to repeat the first series of actions that led to some reward
- When we know more, we can just use the best strategy we found
- Usual way: act randomly in the beginning, gradually increase of probability of choosing the action we think is best
Representation of the value function

- If there are not so many, we can use a table
- With large and continuous spaces
 - we can only represent state variables
 - we need to generalise to states never visited
 - feedforward neural networks are a good choice
 - we have to construct a desired output for backpropagation at each step from the prediction error

TD learning with a neural network

- Gerald Tesauro: TD-Gammon
 - feed-forward neural network
 - Input: states attainable by possible actions
 - Output: state value (winning probability)
- At each step, we have to calculate an output error for the network
 - based on the reward signal
- Result: comparable to best human players
- Total training time today: 5s





backgammon position (198 input units)

TD using a neural representation

- Using the prediction error for learning
- Update of the state value in the neural representation:

$$w(\tau) \leftarrow w(\tau) + \varepsilon \delta(t)u(t-\tau)$$
 $\delta(t) = \sum_{t} r(t+\tau) - v(t)$

- Calculating the prediction error
 - Ideally we'd need the sum of future rewards
 - We use a single-step local approximation

$$\sum r(t+\tau) - v(t) \approx r(t) + v(t+1)$$

- If the environment is observable, this converges to an optimal strategy
- We can propagate the error back to previous states too

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Mnih et al, 2015

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Video Pinball 25395 Boxing 1707% Breakout 1327% Star Gunner 598% Robotank 508% Atlantis 449% Crazy Climber 419% Gopher 400% Demon Attack 294% Name This Game 278% Krull 277% Assault 246% Road Runner 232% Kangaroo 224% James Bond 145% Tennis 14356 Pong 132% Space Invaders 121% Beam Rider 119% Tutankham 112% Kung-Fu Master 102% Freeway 102% Time Pilot Enduro 97% Fishing Derby 93% Up and Down 92% Ice Hockey 79% Q*bert 78% H.E.R.O. 76% Asterix Battle Zone 67% Wizard of Wor 67% Chopper Command 64% Centipede 62% Bank Heist 57% River Raid Zaxxon 54% Amidar Alien Venture Seaguest -25% Double Dunk Bowling -14% Ms. Pac-Man 13% Asteroids - 7% Frostbite - 6% Gravitar - 5% Private Eye -2% Montezuma's Revenge 0% Ō 100

Learning Montezuma's Revenge from a Single Demonstration

JULY 4, 2018

We've trained an agent to achieve a high score of 74,500 on Montezuma's Revenge from a single human demonstration, better than any previously published result. Our algorithm is simple: the agent plays a sequence of games starting from carefully chosen states from the demonstration, and learns from them by optimizing the game score using PPO, the same reinforcement learning algorithm that underpins OpenAI Five.

400

300

500

600

1.000

200

Mnih et al, 2015

4,500%

Learning physical movement with RL







The effect of reward in dopaminerg cell of basal ganglia

An interpretation:

Dopamine cells signals the difference between the expected and received reward.

> Hoad of caudate

Globus

policius

Putaman

The Basal Ganglia



- Glascher, Daw Dayan,
 O'Doherty,
 Neuron, 2010.
- Correlation of brain activity with model-based and model-free reinforcement learning algorithms



Strategy learning in the cortex

- Model-based and model-free RL
- correlates of quantities related to both can be found with fMRI













The Big Program of the Brain

```
function MotorOutput = Brain(SensoryInput)
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if (Dead ~= 1)
    for i = 1: NumSenses
        ExtractedFeatures(i) = ProcessSense(i, SensoryInput);
    end
    WorldModel = UpdateWorldModel(ExtractedFeatures,InternalState);
    MotorOutput = GenerateAction(WorldModel);
end
```

