

1. A radial-basis function network calculates the function

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \varphi(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|).$$

Show how such a function can be realized as a multilayer perceptron network.

Solution: Assume that the dimension of \mathbf{x} is d_0 . Then we take $d_1 = md_0$ and W_1 to be the matrix with $W_1(i, j) = 1$ if $i + kd_0 = j$ for some $k \geq 0$ and we take τ_1 to be the column vector containing all the vectors \mathbf{x}_i . We take $\sigma_1(\underline{t}) = \underline{t}^2$. For the next layer we take $d_2 = m$, $\tau_2 = 0$, $W_2(i, j) = 1$ if $(i - 1)d_0 + 1 \leq j \leq id_0$ and 0 otherwise. We take $\sigma_2(\underline{t}) = \varphi(\sqrt{\underline{t}})$. For the last layer we have $d_3 = 1$, $\tau_3 = 0$ and $W(1, j) = c_j$.

2. Construct a multilayer perceptron network such that when it is given the input \mathbf{x} its output is $c\mathbf{x}$ where $\frac{1}{c} = \sum_{j=0}^{d_0} \mathbf{x}(j)$ assuming that all components of \mathbf{x} are positive.

Solution: Assume that the dimension of \mathbf{x} is d_0 . Choose $d_1 = d_0 + 1$, $\tau_1 = 0$ and take $W_1(i, j) = 1$ if $1 \leq i = j \leq d_0$ and $W_1(d_0 + 1, j) = 1$ for all j . We take $\sigma_1(\underline{t}) = \ln(\underline{t})$ which is possible since all components are positive. Next we take $d_2 = d_0$, $\tau_2 = 0$, $W_2(i, j) = 1$ if $1 \leq i = j \leq d_0$ and $W_2(i, d_0 + 1) = -1$. Finally we choose $\sigma_2(\underline{t}) = e^{\underline{t}}$. This network has the desired output.

3. Suppose one is given a sequence of vectors \mathbf{x}_n such that $\mathbf{x}_{n+k} = \mathbf{x}_n$ for some $k > 1$. Suppose the vectors \mathbf{y}_n are calculated by the formula

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+1} = \mathbf{y}_n + \gamma(\mathbf{x}_n - \mathbf{y}_n),$$

where $0 < \gamma < 1$. What can one say about

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{y}_j?$$

Solution: The difference equation can easily be solved and the solution is

$$\mathbf{y}_n = (1 - \gamma)^n \mathbf{y}_0 + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - \gamma)^{n-1-i} \gamma \mathbf{x}_i.$$

Since $0 < \gamma < 1$ we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \gamma)^n \mathbf{y}_0 = 0$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{y}_j &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} (1 - \gamma)^{j-1-i} \gamma \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n (1 - \gamma)^{j-1-i} \gamma \mathbf{x}_i = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - (1 - \gamma)^{n-i}) \mathbf{x}_i = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j \end{aligned}$$

because the sequence is periodic so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{x}_j = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=1}^k \mathbf{x}_j$ and because $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - \gamma)^{n-i} \leq \frac{1-\gamma}{\gamma}$ so that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - \gamma)^{n-i} \mathbf{x}_i = 0.$$
