



## Exercises to the module: Algorithmisches Lernen

### SS 2012 Sheet 5

Due: 9.05.2012

Note: the exercises of AL part II are optimised for the Python code of the “Machine Learning” book by Stephen Marsland. They may be solved by any software, such as:

- PyBrain: <http://pybrain.org>
- Emergent: [http://grey.colorado.edu/emergent/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://grey.colorado.edu/emergent/index.php/Main_Page)
- Encog: <http://www.heatonresearch.com/encog>
- LENS: <http://tedlab.mit.edu/~dr/Lens>

However, we have not yet tested them all. When choosing a tool, please make sure it supports Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLP), Elman Networks (simple recurrent network), Kohonen’s Self-Organizing Map (SOM).

#### Task 5.1

The following numbers characterise the two largest parts of the mouse brain, cerebral cortex and hippocampus:

- volume of cortex and hippocampus:  $2 \times 90$  cubic millimeters
- cell density: 90,000 cells per cubic millimeter
- synapse density: 700,000,000 synapses per cubic millimeter
- total axon length per neuron: 40 millimeters
- range covered by the axons: 1 millimeter
- total dendrite length per neuron: 4 millimeters
- range covered by the dendrites: 0.2 millimeters

From these numbers, compute the following:

- number of neurons
- total axon length per cubic millimeter
- distance of cells between each other
- number of synapses per axon length
- number of synapses per dendrite length
- estimate the probability that two neighboring neurons share a synapse

The number of sensory fibres to these brain parts is smaller than 1 million in total. What does this tell about how cortex and hippocampus work?

— see reverse —



## Task 5.2 Perceptron and XOR-Classification

To classify the XOR problem successfully with a perceptron, extend the XOR data by a third input dimension. The value of this new  $x_3$  coordinate may be computed from the  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  values as follows:

1.  $x_3 = x_1 \cdot x_2$
2.  $x_3 = x_1 + x_2$
3.  $x_3 = x_1 - x_2$
4.  $x_3 = e^{-(x_1-x_2)^2}$
5.  $x_3 = \text{random}(0.0, 1.0)$

In which cases can the perceptron correctly classify the XOR data? Why, if not? Why is case 5 not well chosen?

Are there further possibilities to make a perceptron classify the XOR data correctly?

## Task 5.3 Perceptron and AND-Classification

Train a perceptron on the logical AND function.

Consider the code from Stephen Marsland's book "Machine Learning - An Algorithmic Perspective" at: <http://seat.massey.ac.nz/personal/s.r.marsland/MLBook.html>

The class `pcn`, which implements the perceptron, can be found in the file `pcn_logic_eg.py` (in "Chapter 2").

What does the method `pcnfw` therein do? Characterise the matrices: inputs, outputs, weights.

The following is the code (from the book) that trains the perceptron from this class with the AND data:

```
from numpy import *
import pcn_logic_eg
inputs = array([[0,0],[0,1],[1,0],[1,1]])           # the input data
targets = array([[0],[0],[0],[1]])                 # the outputs for AND
p = pcn_logic_eg.pcn(inputs,targets)
p.pcntrain(inputs,targets,0.25,6)
```

Run the program (or any perceptron of your choice) on these data. Has the neuron learnt all AND data?

How many parameters did the programmer set; how many parameters did the network learn?

Print the confusion matrix (use the corresponding method in the class `pcn`)!

Read out the weights and threshold, and compute the line that forms the decision boundary!

Can this problem be solved with negative weights, or negative bias?