

# Advanced Bayesian Methods: Theory and Applications in R

Machine Learning

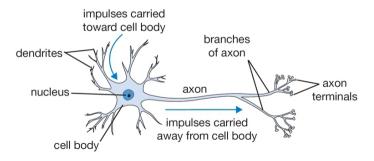
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### Neural Networks

- Neural networks (NN) are models that mimic the interconnected structure of neurons in the human brain.
- They are flexible nonlinear regression models capable of capturing intricate dependencies in data.
- NNs excel in handling high-dimensional data and can learn and represent features from raw data during the training process.
- They are suitable for a variety of tasks including classification, regression, and clustering.
- NNs are universal function approximators (Hornik 1991).
- In statistical modeling, NNs are often used alongside traditional techniques for improved predictive performance.

## Inspiration: The Brain

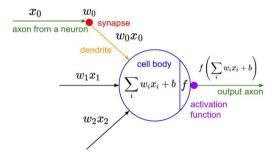
- Many machine learning methods are inspired by biology, including the human brain.
- The human brain has around 86 billion neurons on average, with each communicating with about 10,000 other neurons.



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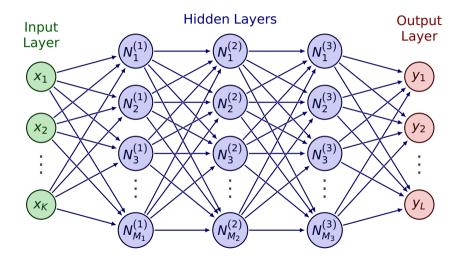
### Mathematical Model

- NNs define functions of the inputs, which represent hidden features and are computed by neurons.
- The individual components of neural networks, also known as artificial neurons, are called units.

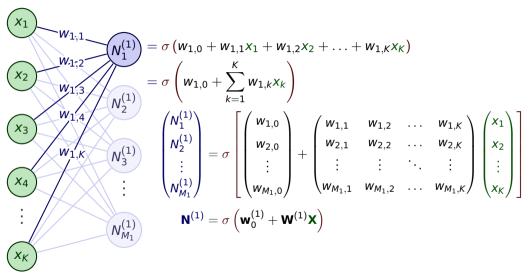


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### **General Architecture**



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# Single Hidden Layer NN

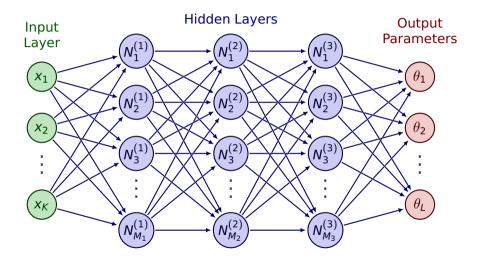
Given response vector  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top$  and input feature matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ , a single hidden layer NN can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{y}_{n\times 1} = \left( \mathbf{W}_{1\times M_1}^{(2)} \sigma \left[ \mathbf{W}_{0}^{(1)} + \mathbf{W}_{M_1\times K}^{(1)} (\mathbf{X}^{\top})_{K\times n} \right] \right)^{\top} = \left( \mathbf{W}_{1\times M_1}^{(2)} \mathbf{N}_{M_1\times n}^{(1)} \right)^{\top} = \left( \mathbf{N}_{1}^{(1)\top} \right) \left( \mathbf{W}_{1\times 1}^{(2)\top} \right),$$

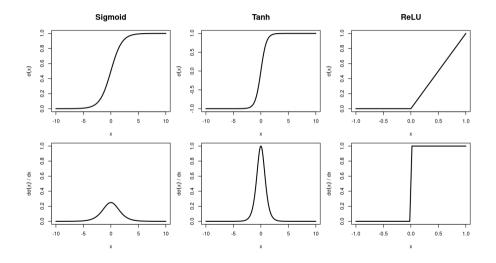
where

- **X** is the input data matrix with dimensions  $n \times K$ ,
- **y** is the output vector with dimensions  $n \times 1$ ,
- $\sigma(\cdot)$  is the activation function applied to the output of the hidden layer,
- $\mathbf{W}^{(1)}$  is the weight matrix for the hidden layer with dimensions  $M_1 \times K$ ,
- $\mathbf{w}_0^{(1)}$  is the bias vector for the hidden layer with dimensions  $M_1 \times 1$ ,
- $\mathbf{W}^{(2)}$  is the weight matrix for the output layer with dimensions  $1 \times M_1$ .

### Deep Distributional NN



# Activation Functions $\sigma(x)$



### Estimation in Neural Networks

Estimating the parameters of a neural network involves optimizing the model to minimize the difference between predicted and actual values.

- **Objective Function**: Define a loss function that quantifies the difference between predicted and actual values. Common choices include mean squared error (MSE) for regression tasks and cross-entropy loss for classification tasks.
- **Optimization Algorithm**: Use an optimization algorithm, such as stochastic gradient descent (SGD) or Adam, to minimize the loss function by adjusting the weights and biases of the network iteratively.
- **Backpropagation**: Compute the gradients of the loss function with respect to the parameters of the network using backpropagation. This allows for efficient computation of parameter updates that minimize the loss.

### **Estimation in Neural Networks**

• **Estimation with nnet Package**: The nnet package provides functionality for fitting neural network models using the method of maximum likelihood estimation. The model parameters are optimized using a form of gradient descent called the BFGS algorithm, which iteratively updates the weights and biases to minimize the negative log-likelihood of the observed data.

The training process involves repeatedly adjusting the parameters of the network until convergence, where the model performs well on a validation dataset or a predefined stopping criterion is met.

## NN for GAMLSS

### Example:

```
R> library("gamlss2")
R> data("rent", package = "gamlss.data")
```

Model formula including NN (see ?special\_terms).

```
R> f <- R ~ H + loc + n(~Fl+A,size=30,decay=0.8) |
+ H + loc + n(~Fl+A,size=30,decay=0.8)
```

Estimate model.

R> set.seed(123)
R> b <- gamlss2(f, data = rent, family = GA)</pre>

Plot estimated effects.

R> plot(b)

```
Residual diagnostics.
R> plot(b, which = "resid")
```

### Example:

```
R> library("bamlss")
R> library("keras")
R> data("rent", package = "gamlss.data")
Data preparation.
R> rent$R <- sqrt(rent$R)</pre>
R> rent$F1 <- scale(rent$F1)
R> rent$A <- scale(rent$A)
Model formula.
R > f <-R ~ H + loc + Fl + A
Set python environment.
R> Sys.setenv(RETICULATE_PYTHON = "/usr/bin/python3")
```

Estimate model.

```
R> set.seed(123)
R> b <- ddnn(f, data = rent, family = gaussian,
+    nlayers = 2, units = 100, activation = "relu",
+    learning_rate = 0.01, epochs = 1000,
+    validation_split = 0.2, early_stopping = TRUE,
+    patience = 50)</pre>
```

Plot history.

```
R> plot(b$history)
```

Residual diagnostics.

```
R> e <- residuals(b)
R> plot(e)
```

### Gaussian model from scratch:

Packages.

```
R> library("keras")
R> library("tensorflow")
R> Sys.setenv(RETICULATE_PYTHON = "/usr/bin/python3")
```

Response and covariate data.

```
R> data("rent", package = "gamlss.data")
R> Y <- cbind(scale(sqrt(rent$R)), 1)
R> X <- cbind(1, scale(rent$Fl))</pre>
```

Define loss function.

```
R> gaussian_loss <- function(y_true, y_pred) {</pre>
     K = keras::backend()
+
     mu = v_pred[, 1]
+
     sigma = K$exp(y_pred[,2])
+
     sigma2 = K$pow(sigma, 2)
+
     11 = -0.5 * K$log(6.28318530717959 * sigma2) -
+
       0.5 * K$pow((y_true[,1] - mu), 2) / sigma2
+
     11 = K$sum(11)
+
     return(-1 * 11)
+
   3
+
```

Define architecture.

```
R> input_mu <- keras::layer_input(shape = ncol(X))</pre>
R> input_sigma <- keras::layer_input(shape = ncol(X))</pre>
R> output_mu <- input_mu %>%
     layer_dense(units = 100, activation = "relu") %>%
+
     layer_dense(units = 100, activation = "relu") %>%
+
     laver_dense(units = 1)
+
R> output_sigma <- input_sigma %>%
     layer_dense(units = 100, activation = "relu") %>%
+
     layer_dense(units = 100, activation = "relu") %>%
+
     laver_dense(units = 1)
+
R> inputs <- list(input_mu, input_sigma)</pre>
R> outputs <- list(output_mu, output_sigma)
R> final_output <- keras::laver_concatenate(outputs)</pre>
R> model <- keras::keras_model(inputs, final_output)
```

### Compile.

```
R> model <- keras::compile(model,
+ loss = gaussian_loss,
+ optimizer = keras::optimizer_adam(learning_rate = 0.01)
+ )
R> callbacks <- list(
+ keras::callback_early_stopping(patience = 50)
+ )
```

Estimate model.

```
R> set.seed(123)
R> history <- keras::fit(model,</pre>
     x = list(X, X),
+
     y = Y,
+
     epochs = 1000,
+
     batch_size = 10,
+
     verbose = 1,
+
     validation_split = 0.2,
+
     callbacks = callbacks
+
+
```

Plot loss.

```
R> plot(history)
```

Predict and visualize.

```
R> par <- predict(model, list(X, X))</pre>
R> par <- as.data.frame(par)</pre>
R> names(par) <- c("mu", "sigma")</pre>
R> par$sigma <- exp(par$sigma)</pre>
R > i <- order(X[, 2])
R> plot(Y[, 1] ~ X[, 2], pch = 16, col = rgb(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, alpha = 0.3))
R> lines(parmu[i] \sim X[i, 2], col = 4, lwd = 2)
R> a <- NULL
R > for(p in c(0.01, 0.1, 0.9, 0.99))
     q <- cbind(q, qnorm(p, mean = par$mu, sd = par$sigma))</pre>
+
R > matplot(X[i, 2], q[i, ], type = "1",
+ lty = c(3, 2, 2, 3), lwd = 2, col = 4,
+ add = TRUE)
```

### Two-Stage Approach

- **Stage 1**: Neural Network Prediction.
  - Train a neural network to capture complex, non-linear patterns in the data.
  - Use the trained network to generate predictions for the outcome variable.
- **Stage 2**: Bayesian Modeling with JAGS.
  - Use the predictions from the neural network as inputs in a Bayesian model.
  - Estimate the Bayesian model using JAGS to quantify uncertainty.

#### • Benefits:

- Combines the flexibility of neural networks with the rigor of Bayesian inference.
- Provides robust predictions with uncertainty estimates.