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Description

Teaching resources (yet to be added) and implementation of some Deep Learning methods. Includes multilayer perceptron, different activation functions, regularisation strategies, stochastic gradient descent and dropout.

Usage

deepNN

Format

An object of class logical of length 1.

Details

dependencies The package deepNN depends upon some other important contributions to CRAN in order to operate; their uses here are indicated:

stats, graphics.

citation deepNN: Deep Learning. Benjamin M. Taylor

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4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

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addGrad

addGrad function

Description

A function to add two gradients together, gradients expressed as nested lists.

Usage

addGrad(x, y)

Arguments

x a gradient list object, as used in network training via backpropagation
 y a gradient list object, as used in network training via backpropagation

Value

another gradient object

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

addList

addList function

Description

A function to add two lists together

Usage

```
addList(x, y)
```

Arguments

x	a list
y	a list

Value

a list, the elements of which are the sums of the elements of the arguments x and y.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

backpropagation_MLP *backpropagation_MLP function*

Description

A function to perform backpropagation for a multilayer perceptron.

Usage

```
backpropagation_MLP(MLPNet, loss, truth)
```

Arguments

MLPNet	output from the function MLP_net, as applied to some data with given parameters
loss	the loss function, see ?Qloss and ?multinomial
truth	the truth, a list of vectors to compare with output from the feed-forward network

Value

a list object containing the cost and the gradient with respect to each of the model parameters

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

backprop_evaluate *backprop_evaluate function*

Description

A function used by the train function in order to conduct backpropagation.

Usage

```
backprop_evaluate(parameters, dat, truth, net, loss, batchsize, dropout)
```

Arguments

parameters	network weights and bias parameters as a vector
dat	the input data, a list of vectors
truth	the truth, a list of vectors to compare with output from the feed-forward network
net	an object of class network, see ?network
loss	the loss function, see ?Qloss and ?multinomial
batchsize	optional batchsize argument for use with stochastic gradient descent
dropout	optional list of dropout probabilities ?dropoutProbs

Value

the derivative of the cost function with respect to each of the parameters

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

network, train, backprop_evaluate, MLP_net, backpropagation_MLP, logistic, ReLU, smoothReLU, ident, softmax, Qloss, multinomial, NNgrad_test, weights2list, bias2list, biasInit, memInit, gradfinit, addGrad, nnetpar, nbiaspar, addList, no_regularisation, L1_regularisation, L2_regularisation

bias2list	<i>bias2list function</i>
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Description

A function to convert a vector of biases into a ragged array (coded here a list of vectors)

Usage

```
bias2list(bias, dims)
```

Arguments

bias	a vector of biases
dims	the dimensions of the network as stored from a call to the function network, see ?network

Value

a list object with appropriate structures for compatibility with the functions network, train, MLP_net and backpropagation_MLP

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

biasInit	<i>biasInit function</i>
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Description

A function to initialise memory space for bias parameters. Now redundant.

Usage

```
biasInit(dims)
```

Arguments

dims	the dimensions of the network as stored from a call to the function <code>network</code> , see <code>?network</code>
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Value

memory space for biases

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

download_mnist	<i>download_mnist function</i>
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Description

A function to download mnist data in .RData format. File includes objects `train_set`, `truth`, `test_set` and `test_truth`

Usage

```
download_mnist(fn)
```

Arguments

fn the name of the file to save as

Value

a list, the elements of which are the sums of the elements of the arguments x and y.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>
5. Y. LeCun, L. Bottou, Y. Bengio, and P. Haffner. "Gradient-based learning applied to document recognition." Proceedings of the IEEE, 86(11):2278-2324, November 1998
6. <http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#)

Examples

```
# Don't run at R check because the file is large (23Mb)
# download_mnist("mnist.RData")
```

dropoutProbs	<i>dropoutProbs function</i>
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Description

A function to specify dropout for a neural network.

Usage

```
dropoutProbs(input = 1, hidden = 1)
```

Arguments

input inclusion rate for input parameters
hidden inclusion rate for hidden parameters

Value

returns these probabilities in an appropriate format for interaction with the network and train functions, see ?network and ?train

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

gradInit

gradInit function

Description

A function to initialise memory for the gradient.

Usage

```
gradInit(dim)
```

Arguments

dim the dimensions of the network as stored from a call to the function network, see ?network

Value

memory space and structure for the gradient, initialised as zeros

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

hyptan

hyptan function

Description

A function to evaluate the hyperbolic tangent activation function, the derivative and cost derivative to be used in defining a neural network.

Usage

```
hyptan()
```

Value

a list of functions used to compute the activation function, the derivative and cost derivative.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQ0b0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#)

Examples

```
# Example in context

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,20,2),
               activ=list(hyptan(),ReLU(),softmax()))
```

ident	<i>ident function</i>
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Description

A function to evaluate the identity (linear) activation function, the derivative and cost derivative to be used in defining a neural network.

Usage

```
ident()
```

Value

a list of functions used to compute the activation function, the derivative and cost derivative.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQOb0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [softmax](#)

Examples

```
# Example in context

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,20,2),
               activ=list(ident(),ReLU(),softmax()))
```

L1_regularisation *L1_regularisation function*

Description

A function to return the L1 regularisation strategy for a network object.

Usage

```
L1_regularisation(alpha)
```

Arguments

alpha parameter to weight the relative contribution of the regulariser

Value

list containing functions to evaluate the cost modifier and gradient modifier

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [L2_regularisation](#), [no_regularisation](#)

L2_regularisation *L2_regularisation function*

Description

A function to return the L2 regularisation strategy for a network object.

Usage

```
L2_regularisation(alpha)
```

Arguments

alpha parameter to weight the relative contribution of the regulariser

Value

list containing functions to evaluate the cost modifier and gradient modifier

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [no_regularisation](#)

logistic

logistic function

Description

A function to evaluate the logistic activation function, the derivative and cost derivative to be used in defining a neural network.

Usage

```
logistic()
```

Value

a list of functions used to compute the activation function, the derivative and cost derivative.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#)

Examples

```
# Example in context

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,20,2),
               activ=list(logistic(),ReLU(),softmax()))
```

memInit

memInit function

Description

A function to initialise memory space. Likely this will become deprecated in future versions.

Usage

```
memInit(dim)
```

Arguments

`dim` the dimensions of the network as stored from a call to the function `network`, see `?network`

Value

memory space, only really of internal use

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

MLP_net

*MLP_net function***Description**

A function to define a multilayer perceptron and compute quantities for backpropagation, if needed.

Usage

```
MLP_net(input, weights, bias, dims, nlayers, activ, back = TRUE, regulariser)
```

Arguments

input	input data, a list of vectors (i.e. ragged array)
weights	a list object containing weights for the forward pass, see ?weights2list
bias	a list object containing biases for the forward pass, see ?bias2list
dims	the dimensions of the network as stored from a call to the function network, see ?network
nlayers	number of layers as stored from a call to the function network, see ?network
activ	list of activation functions as stored from a call to the function network, see ?network
back	logical, whether to compute quantities for backpropagation (set to FALSE for feed-forward use only)
regulariser	type of regularisation strategy to, see ?train, ?no_regularisation ?L1_regularisation, ?L2_regularisation

Value

a list object containing the evaluated forward pass and also, if selected, quantities for backpropagation.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

multinomial	<i>multinomial function</i>
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Description

A function to evaluate the multinomial loss function and the derivative of this function to be used when training a neural network.

Usage

```
multinomial()
```

Value

a list object with elements that are functions, evaluating the loss and the derivative

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQ0b0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [Qloss](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

nbiaspar	<i>nbiaspar function</i>
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Description

A function to calculate the number of bias parameters in a neural network, see ?network

Usage

```
nbiaspar(net)
```

Arguments

net an object of class network, see ?network

Value

an integer, the number of bias parameters in a neural network

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Examples

```
net <- network( dims = c(5,10,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),softmax()))
nbiaspar(net)
```

network

network function

Description

A function to set up a neural network structure.

Usage

```
network(dims, activ = logistic(), regulariser = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>dims</code>	a vector giving the dimensions of the network. The first and last elements are respectively the input and output lengths and the intermediate elements are the dimensions of the hidden layers
<code>activ</code>	either a single function or a list of activation functions, one each for the hidden layers and one for the output layer. See for example <code>?ReLU</code> , <code>?softmax</code> etc.
<code>regulariser</code>	optional regularisation strategy, see for example <code>?no_regularisation</code> (the default) <code>?L1_regularisation</code> , <code>?L2_regularisation</code>

Value

a list object with all information to train the network

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Examples

```
net <- network( dims = c(5,10,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),softmax()))

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,50,20),
               activ=list(ReLU(),ReLU(),softmax()),
               regulariser=L1_regularisation())
```

nnetpar

nnetpar function

Description

A function to calculate the number of weight parameters in a neural network, see ?network

Usage

```
nnetpar(net)
```

Arguments

net an object of class network, see ?network

Value

an integer, the number of weight parameters in a neural network

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQ0b0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Examples

```
net <- network( dims = c(5,10,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),softmax()))
nnetpar(net)
```

NNgrad_test

NNgrad_test function

Description

A function to test gradient evaluation of a neural network by comparing it with central finite differencing.

Usage

```
NNgrad_test(net, loss = Qloss(), eps = 1e-05)
```

Arguments

net	an object of class network, see ?network
loss	a loss function to compute, see ?Qloss, ?multinomial
eps	small value used in the computation of the finite differencing. Default value is 0.00001

Value

the exact (computed via backpropagation) and approximate (via central finite differencing) gradients and also a plot of one against the other.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQOb0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
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See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Examples

```
net <- network( dims = c(5,10,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),softmax()))
NNgrad_test(net)
```

NNpredict

NNpredict function

Description

A function to produce predictions from a trained network

Usage

```
NNpredict(
  net,
  param,
  newdata,
  newtruth = NULL,
  freq = 1000,
  record = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>net</code>	an object of class <code>network</code> , see <code>?network</code>
<code>param</code>	vector of trained parameters from the network, see <code>?train</code>
<code>newdata</code>	input data to be predicted, a list of vectors (i.e. ragged array)
<code>newtruth</code>	the truth, a list of vectors to compare with output from the feed-forward network

freq	frequency to print progress updates to the console, default is every 1000th training point
record	logical, whether to record details of the prediction. Default is FALSE
plot	logical, whether to produce diagnostic plots. Default is FALSE

Value

if record is FALSE, the output of the neural network is returned. Otherwise a list of objects is returned including: rec, the predicted probabilities; err, the L1 error between truth and prediction; pred, the predicted categories based on maximum probability; pred_MC, the predicted categories based on maximum probability; truth, the object newtruth, turned into an integer class number

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
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4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[NNpredict.regression](#), [network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Examples

```
# Example 1 - mnist data

# See example at mnist repository under user bentaylor1 on github

# Example 2

N <- 1000
d <- matrix(rnorm(5*N), ncol=5)

fun <- function(x){
  lp <- 2*x[2]
  pr <- exp(lp) / (1 + exp(lp))
  ret <- c(0,0)
  ret[1+rbinom(1,1,pr)] <- 1
  return(ret)
}

d <- lapply(1:N, function(i){return(d[i,])})

truth <- lapply(d, fun)
```

```

net <- network( dims = c(5,10,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),softmax()))

netwts <- train( dat=d,
                 truth=truth,
                 net=net,
                 eps=0.01,
                 tol=100,           # run for 100 iterations
                 batchsize=10,     # note this is not enough
                 loss=multinomial(), # for convergence
                 stopping="maxit")

pred <- NNpredict( net=net,
                  param=netwts$opt,
                  newdata=d,
                  newtruth=truth,
                  record=TRUE,
                  plot=TRUE)

```

NNpredict.regression *NNpredict.regression function*

Description

A function to produce predictions from a trained network

Usage

```

NNpredict.regression(
  net,
  param,
  newdata,
  newtruth = NULL,
  freq = 1000,
  record = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

net	an object of class network, see ?network
param	vector of trained parameters from the network, see ?train
newdata	input data to be predicted, a list of vectors (i.e. ragged array)
newtruth	the truth, a list of vectors to compare with output from the feed-forward network
freq	frequency to print progress updates to the console, default is every 1000th training point
record	logical, whether to record details of the prediction. Default is FALSE
plot	logical, whether to produce diagnostic plots. Default is FALSE

Value

if record is FALSE, the output of the neural network is returned. Otherwise a list of objects is returned including: rec, the predicted probabilities; err, the L1 error between truth and prediction; pred, the predicted categories based on maximum probability; pred_MC, the predicted categories based on maximum probability; truth, the object newtruth, turned into an integer class number

References

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4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[NNpredict](#), [network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

no_regularisation *no_regularisation function*

Description

A function to return the no regularisation strategy for a network object.

Usage

```
no_regularisation()
```

Value

list containing functions to evaluate the cost modifier and gradient modifier

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQOb0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Qloss

Qloss function

Description

A function to evaluate the quadratic loss function and the derivative of this function to be used when training a neural network.

Usage

Qloss()

Value

a list object with elements that are functions, evaluating the loss and the derivative

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQ0b0WTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [multinomial](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

ReLU

ReLU function

Description

A function to evaluate the ReLU activation function, the derivative and cost derivative to be used in defining a neural network.

Usage

ReLU()

Value

a list of functions used to compute the activation function, the derivative and cost derivative.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
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4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#)

Examples

```
# Example in context

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,20,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),ReLU(),softmax()))
```

smoothReLU

smoothReLU function

Description

A function to evaluate the smooth ReLU (AKA softplus) activation function, the derivative and cost derivative to be used in defining a neural network.

Usage

```
smoothReLU()
```

Value

a list of functions used to compute the activation function, the derivative and cost derivative.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#)

Examples

```
# Example in context

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,20,2),
               activ=list(smoothReLU(),ReLU(),softmax()))
```

softmax

softmax function

Description

A function to evaluate the softmax activation function, the derivative and cost derivative to be used in defining a neural network. Note that at present, this unit can only be used as an output unit.

Usage

```
softmax()
```

Value

a list of functions used to compute the activation function, the derivative and cost derivative.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#)

Examples

```
# Example in context

net <- network( dims = c(100,50,20,2),
               activ=list(logistic(),ReLU(),softmax()))
```

stopping	<i>stopping function</i>
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Description

Generic function for implementing stopping methods

Usage

```
stopping(...)
```

Arguments

... additional arguments

Value

method stopping

See Also

[stopping.default](#), [stopping.maxit](#)

stopping.default	<i>stopping.default function</i>
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Description

A function to halt computation when $\text{curcost} < \text{tol}$

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
stopping(cost, curcost, count, tol, ...)
```

Arguments

cost	the value of the loss function passed in
curcost	current measure of cost, can be different to the parameter 'cost' above e.g. may consider smoothed cost over the last k iterations
count	iteration count
tol	tolerance, or limit
...	additional arguments

Value

...

See Also[stopping.maxit](#)

stopping.maxit	<i>stopping.maxit function</i>
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Description

A function to halt computation when the number of iterations reaches a given threshold, tol

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'maxit'
stopping(cost, curcost, count, tol, ...)
```

Arguments

cost	the value of the loss function passed in
curcost	current measure of cost, can be different to the parameter 'cost' above e.g. may consider smoothed cost over the last k iterations
count	iteration count
tol	tolerance, or limit
...	additional arguments

Value

...

stopping.revdir	<i>stopping.revdir function</i>
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Description

A function to halt computation when curcost > tol

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'revdir'
stopping(cost, curcost, count, tol, ...)
```

Arguments

cost	the value of the loss function passed in
curcost	current measure of cost, can be different to the parameter 'cost' above e.g. may consider smoothed cost over the last k iterations
count	iteration count
tol	tolerance, or limit
...	additional arguments

Value

...

See Also

[stopping.maxit](#)

train

train function

Description

A function to train a neural network defined using the network function.

Usage

```
train(  
  dat,  
  truth,  
  net,  
  loss = Qloss(),  
  tol = 0.95,  
  eps = 0.001,  
  batchsize = NULL,  
  dropout = dropoutProbs(),  
  parinit = function(n) {  
    return(runif(n, -0.01, 0.01))  
  },  
  monitor = TRUE,  
  stopping = "default",  
  update = "classification"  
)
```

Arguments

dat	the input data, a list of vectors
truth	the truth, a list of vectors to compare with output from the feed-forward network
net	an object of class network, see ?network
loss	the loss function, see ?Qloss and ?multinomial
tol	stopping criteria for training. Current method monitors the quality of randomly chosen predictions from the data, terminates when the mean predictive probabilities of the last 20 randomly chosen points exceeds tol, default is 0.95
eps	stepsize scaling constant in gradient descent, or stochastic gradient descent
batchsize	size of minibatches to be used with stochastic gradient descent
dropout	optional list of dropout probabilities ?dropoutProbs
parinit	a function of a single parameter returning the initial distribution of the weights, default is uniform on (-0.01,0.01)
monitor	logical, whether to produce learning/convergence diagnostic plots
stopping	method for stopping computation default, 'default', calls the function stopping.default
update	and default for meth is 'classification', which calls updateStopping.classification

Value

optimal cost and parameters from the trained network; at present, diagnostic plots are produced illustrating the parameters of the model, the gradient and stopping criteria trace.

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
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4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

Examples

```
# Example 1 - mnist data

# See example at mnist repository under user bentaylor1 on github

# Example 2

N <- 1000
```

```

d <- matrix(rnorm(5*N),ncol=5)

fun <- function(x){
  lp <- 2*x[2]
  pr <- exp(lp) / (1 + exp(lp))
  ret <- c(0,0)
  ret[1+rbinom(1,1,pr)] <- 1
  return(ret)
}

d <- lapply(1:N,function(i){return(d[i,])})

truth <- lapply(d,fun)

net <- network( dims = c(5,10,2),
               activ=list(ReLU(),softmax()))

netwts <- train( dat=d,
                 truth=truth,
                 net=net,
                 eps=0.01,
                 tol=100,           # run for 100 iterations
                 batchsize=10,     # note this is not enough
                 loss=multinomial(), # for convergence
                 stopping="maxit")

pred <- NNpredict( net=net,
                   param=netwts$opt,
                   newdata=d,
                   newtruth=truth,
                   record=TRUE,
                   plot=TRUE)

```

updateStopping *updateStopping function*

Description

Generic function for updating stopping criteria

Usage

```
updateStopping(...)
```

Arguments

... additional arguments

Value

method updateStopping

See Also

[updateStopping.classification](#), [updateStopping.regression](#)

updateStopping.classification

updateStopping.classification function

Description

A function to update the stopping criteria for a classification problem.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'classification'
updateStopping(
  dat,
  parms,
  net,
  truth,
  testoutput,
  count,
  monitor,
  mx,
  curcost,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

dat	data object
parms	model parameters
net	an object of class network
truth	the truth, to be compared with network outputs
testoutput	a vector, the history of the stopping criteria
count	iteration number
monitor	logical, whether to produce a diagnostic plot
mx	a number to be monitored e.g. the cost of the best performing parameter configuration to date
curcost	current measure of cost, can be different to the value of the loss function e.g. may consider smoothed cost (i.e. loss) over the last k iterations
...	additional arguments

Value

curcost, testoutput and mx, used for iterating the maximisation process

```
updateStopping.regression
      updateStopping.regression function
```

Description

A function to update the stopping criteria for a classification problem.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'regression'
updateStopping(
  dat,
  parms,
  net,
  truth,
  testoutput,
  count,
  monitor,
  mx,
  curcost,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

dat	data object
parms	model parameters
net	an object of class network
truth	the truth, to be compared with network outputs
testoutput	a vector, the history of the stopping criteria
count	iteration number
monitor	logical, whether to produce a diagnostic plot
mx	a number to be monitored e.g. the cost of the best performing parameter configuration to date
curcost	current measure of cost, can be different to the value of the loss function e.g. may consider smoothed cost (i.e. loss) over the last k iterations
...	additional arguments

Value

curcost, testoutput and mx, used for iterating the maximisation process

weights2list	<i>weights2list function</i>
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Description

A function to convert a vector of weights into a ragged array (coded here a list of vectors)

Usage

```
weights2list(weights, dims)
```

Arguments

weights	a vector of weights
dims	the dimensions of the network as stored from a call to the function network, see ?network

Value

a list object with appropriate structures for compatibility with the functions network, train, MLP_net and backpropagation_MLP

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [logistic](#), [ReLU](#), [smoothReLU](#), [ident](#), [softmax](#), [Qloss](#), [multinomial](#), [NNgrad_test](#), [weights2list](#), [bias2list](#), [biasInit](#), [memInit](#), [gradInit](#), [addGrad](#), [nnetpar](#), [nbiaspar](#), [addList](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

`wmultinomial`*wmultinomial function*

Description

A function to evaluate the weighted multinomial loss function and the derivative of this function to be used when training a neural network. This is equivalent to a multinomial cost function employing a Dirichlet prior on the probabilities. Its effect is to regularise the estimation so that in the case where we apriori expect more of one particular category compared to another then this can be included in the objective.

Usage

```
wmultinomial(w, batchsize)
```

Arguments

<code>w</code>	a vector of weights, adding up whose length is equal to the output length of the net
<code>batchsize</code>	of batch used in inference WARNING: ensure this matches with actual batchsize used!

Value

a list object with elements that are functions, evaluating the loss and the derivative

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [Qloss](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

`wQloss`*wQloss function*

Description

A function to evaluate the weighted quadratic loss function and the derivative of this function to be used when training a neural network.

Usage`wQloss(w)`**Arguments**

`w` a vector of weights, adding up to 1, whose length is equal to the output length of the net

Value

a list object with elements that are functions, evaluating the loss and the derivative

References

1. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville, Francis Bach. Deep Learning. (2016)
2. Terrence J. Sejnowski. The Deep Learning Revolution (The MIT Press). (2018)
3. Neural Networks YouTube playlist by 3brown1blue: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZHQObOWTQDNU6R1_67000Dx_ZCJB-3pi
4. <http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>

See Also

[network](#), [train](#), [backprop_evaluate](#), [MLP_net](#), [backpropagation_MLP](#), [multinomial](#), [no_regularisation](#), [L1_regularisation](#), [L2_regularisation](#)

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