

# Neural networks

Sparse coding - dictionary update with projected gradient descent

# SPARSE CODING

## Topics: sparse coding

- For each  $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$  find a latent representation  $\mathbf{h}^{(t)}$  such that:
  - it is sparse: the vector  $\mathbf{h}^{(t)}$  has many zeros
  - we can reconstruct the original input  $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$  as much as possible

- More formally:

$$\min_{\mathbf{D}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \min_{\mathbf{h}^{(t)}} \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \underbrace{\mathbf{D} \mathbf{h}^{(t)}}_{\text{reconstruction } \hat{\mathbf{x}}^{(t)}}\|_2^2}_{\text{reconstruction error}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|\mathbf{h}^{(t)}\|_1}_{\text{sparsity penalty}}$$

reconstruction vs. sparsity control

- $\mathbf{D}$  is equivalent to the autoencoder output weight matrix
- however,  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})$  is now a complicated function of  $\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$ 
  - encoder is the minimization  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{h}^{(t)}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{h}^{(t)}\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{h}^{(t)}\|_1$



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**Topics:** dictionary update (algorithm 1)

- Going back to our original problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{D}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \min_{\mathbf{h}^{(t)}} l(\mathbf{x}^{(t)}) = \min_{\mathbf{D}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})\|_1$$

- Let's assume  $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})$  doesn't depend on  $\mathbf{D}$  (which is false)

- ▶ we must minimize

$$\min_{\mathbf{D}} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})\|_2^2$$

- ▶ we must also constrain the columns of  $\mathbf{D}$  to be of unit norm

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- A gradient descent method could be used here too
  - specifically, this is a projected gradient descent algorithm

- While **D** hasn't converged

- perform gradient update of **D**

$$\mathbf{D} \leftarrow \mathbf{D} + \alpha \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T (\mathbf{x}^{(t)} - \mathbf{D} \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})) \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})^\top$$

- renormalize the columns of **D**

- for each column  $\mathbf{D}_{\cdot,j}$  :

$$\mathbf{D}_{\cdot,j} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{D}_{\cdot,j}}{\|\mathbf{D}_{\cdot,j}\|_2}$$