

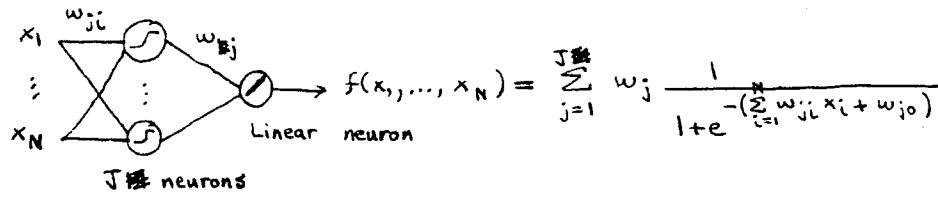
Approximation Theory - Universal Approximation - Two-layer sigmoid network

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Stone - Weierstrass Theorem - Networks

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ex: Two-layer sigmoid network fails to satisfy S-W thm:



$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \left\{ f(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{j=1}^J w_j \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\sum_{i=1}^N w_{ji} x_i + w_{j0})}} \mid w_j, w_{ji}, w_{j0} \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

I) Identity  $f(\vec{x}) = 2 \frac{1}{1+e^{-0}} = 1 \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \checkmark$

$w_{j=1} = 1$   
 $w_{j \neq 1} = 0$   
 all 1st layer weights = 0

II) Separability  $(x_1, \dots, x_N)_1 \neq (x_1, \dots, x_N)_2$

then some entry is different  $x_{i1} \neq x_{i2}$

Then  $f(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x_i}} \in \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  separates  $\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2$   
 since is monotonic in  $x_i$   
 entry of vectors.

Note: For separability we need at least one func in  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  for each dim of space.

Here, we have a different  $f(\vec{x})$  for each  $x_i$ .

III) Closure  $f(x) = \sum_{j=1}^J w_j \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\sum_i w_{ji} x_i + w_{j0})}}$   $g(x) = \sum_{k=1}^K w_k \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\sum_i w_{ki} x_i + w_{k0})}}$

Additive  $a f(x) + b g(x) = \sum_j a w_j \frac{1}{1+e^{-\sum_i w_{ji} x_i + w_{j0}}} + \sum_k b w_k \frac{1}{1+e^{-\sum_i w_{ki} x_i + w_{k0}}}$

can be written as single  $\sum$  of  $J+K$  terms  $\in \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \checkmark$

Multiplicative fails: we terms of form  $\frac{1}{1+e^{-\frac{x_1}{2}}} \frac{1}{1+e^{-\frac{x_2}{2}}}$

Note: Even though  $fg \notin \mathcal{F}$  & SW fails, we can approx  $fg$  quite well and 2-layer net can approx arbitrary funcs satisfactorily.

$$= \frac{1}{1+e^{-\frac{x_1}{2}}} \frac{1}{1+e^{-\frac{x_2}{2}}} \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\frac{x_1}{2} + \frac{x_2}{2})}}$$

cannot be written as sum or terms of form  $\frac{1}{1+e^{-\frac{x}{2}}}$