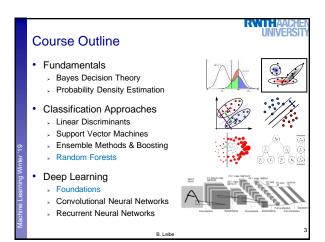
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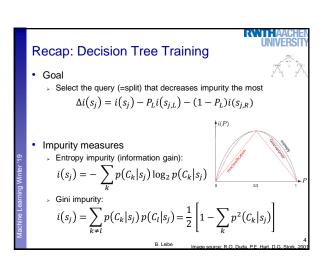
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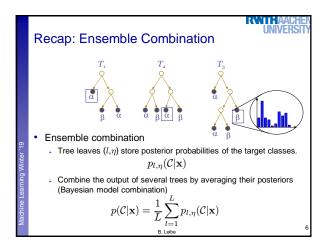






### Recap: Randomized Decision Trees • Decision trees: main effort on finding good split • Training runtime: $O(DN^2\log N)$ • This is what takes most effort in practice. • Especially cumbersome with many attributes (large D). • Idea: randomize attribute selection • No longer look for globally optimal split. • Instead randomly use subset of K attributes on which to base the split. • Choose best splitting attribute e.g. by maximizing the information gain (= reducing entropy): $\Delta E = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{|S_k|}{|S|} \sum_{j=1}^N p_j \log_2(p_j)$

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### Topics of the Previous Lecture Recap: AdaBoost Finishing the derivation Analysis of the error function **Decision Trees** Basic concepts Learning decision trees Randomized Decision Trees Randomized attribute selection

 Random Forests Bootstrap sampling

- > Ensemble of randomized trees
- > Posterior sum combination
- Analysis

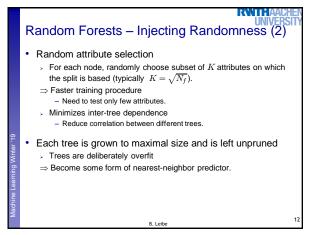
### Random Forests (Breiman 2001)

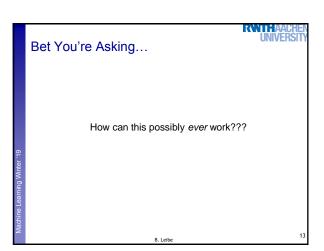
- General ensemble method
  - Idea: Create ensemble of many (very simple) trees.
- Empirically very good results
  - > Often as good as SVMs (and sometimes better)!
  - Often as good as Boosting (and sometimes better)!
- · Standard decision trees: main effort on finding good split
  - > Random Forests trees put very little effort in this.
  - CART algorithm with Gini coefficient, no pruning.
- > Each split is only made based on a random subset of the available attributes.
  - Trees are grown fully (important!).
- Main secret
  - > Injecting the "right kind of randomness".

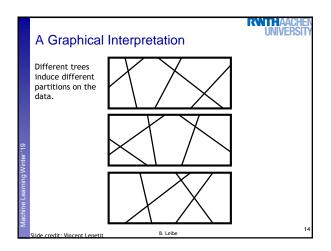
### Random Forests - Algorithmic Goals Create many trees (50 – 1,000) Inject randomness into trees such that > Each tree has maximal strength Le. a fairly good model on its own Each tree has minimum correlation with the other trees. I.e. the errors tend to cancel out. · Ensemble of trees votes for final result Simple majority vote for category. Alternative (Friedman) - Optimally reweight the trees via regularized regression (lasso).

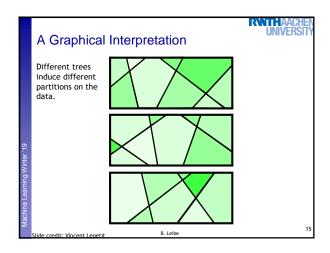
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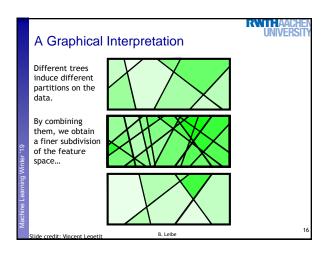
### Random Forests - Injecting Randomness (1) Bootstrap sampling process Select a training set by choosing N times with replacement from all N available training examples. $\Rightarrow$ On average, each tree is grown on only ~63% of the original training data. Remaining 37% "out-of-bag" (OOB) data used for validation. - Provides ongoing assessment of model performance in the current tree. - Allows fitting to small data sets without explicitly holding back any data Error estimate is unbiased and behaves as if we had an independent test sample of the same size as the training sample.

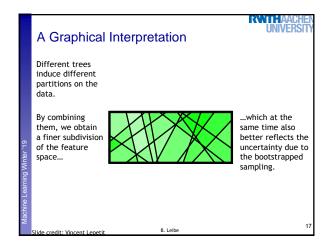


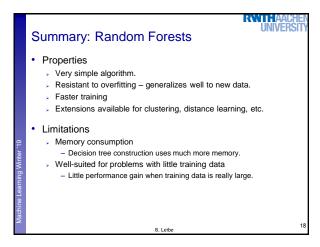




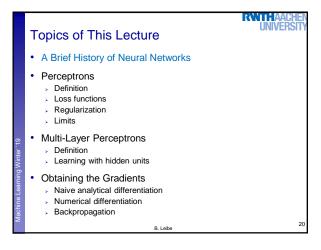


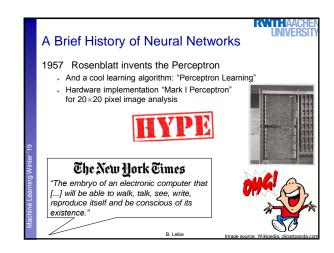


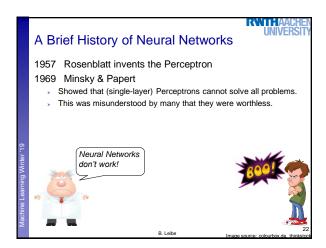


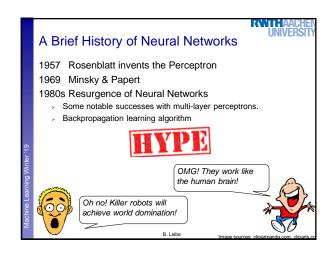


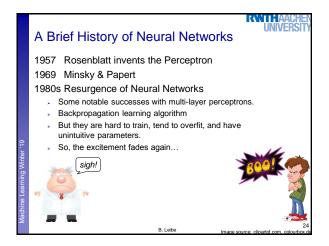


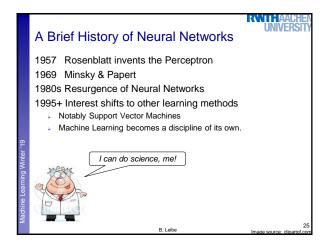


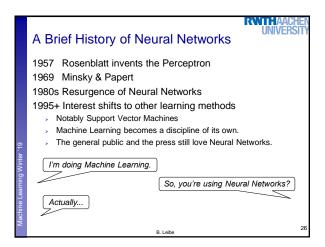


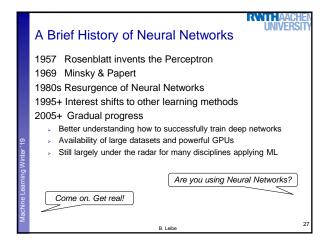


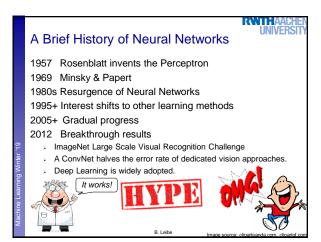


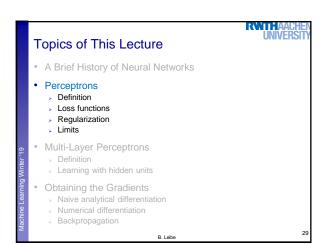


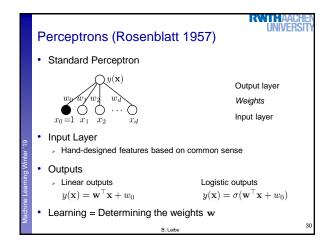


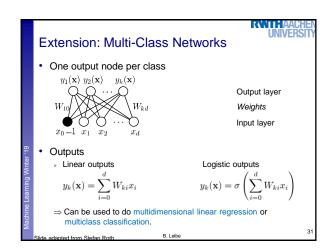


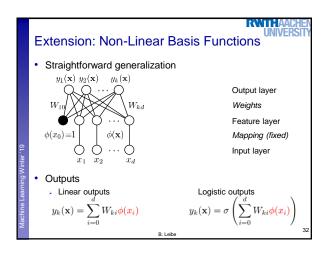


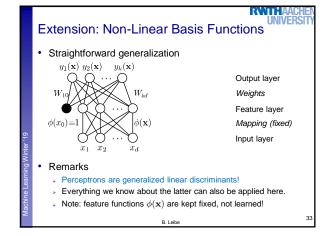




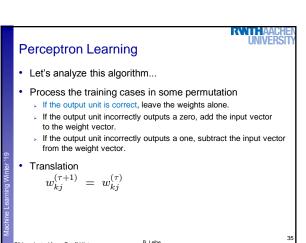




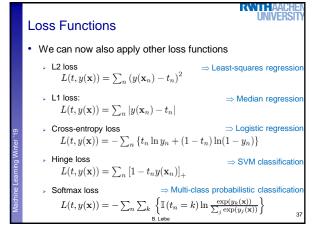




## Perceptron Learning • Very simple algorithm • Process the training cases in some permutation • If the output unit is correct, leave the weights alone. • If the output unit incorrectly outputs a zero, add the input vector to the weight vector. • If the output unit incorrectly outputs a one, subtract the input vector from the weight vector. • This is guaranteed to converge to a correct solution if such a solution exists.



# Perceptron Learning • Let's analyze this algorithm... • Process the training cases in some permutation • If the output unit is correct, leave the weights alone. • If the output unit incorrectly outputs a zero, add the input vector to the weight vector. • If the output unit incorrectly outputs a one, subtract the input vector from the weight vector. • Translation $w_{kj}^{(\tau+1)} = w_{kj}^{(\tau)} - \eta \left(y_k(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w}) - t_{kn}\right) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}_n)$ • This is the Delta rule a.k.a. LMS rule! $\Rightarrow \text{Perceptron Learning corresponds to 1st-order (stochastic)}$ Gradient Descent (e.g., of a quadratic error function)!



### Regularization

- · In addition, we can apply regularizers
  - E.g., an L2 regularizer

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n} L(t_n, y(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w})) + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||^2$$

- $\rightarrow$  This is known as weight decay in Neural Networks.
- ▶ We can also apply other regularizers, e.g. L1 ⇒ sparsity
- > Since Neural Networks often have many parameters, regularization becomes very important in practice.
- > We will see more complex regularization techniques later on...

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Output layer

Hidden layer Mapping (learned!)

Input layer

### Limitations of Perceptrons

- What makes the task difficult?
  - Perceptrons with fixed, hand-coded input features can model any separable function perfectly...
  - ...given the right input features.
  - > For some tasks this requires an exponential number of input features.
    - E.g., by enumerating all possible binary input vectors as separate feature units (similar to a look-up table).
    - But this approach won't generalize to unseen test cases!
  - $\Rightarrow$  It is the feature design that solves the task!
  - Once the hand-coded features have been determined, there are very strong limitations on what a perceptron can learn.
    - Classic example: XOR function.

Wait...

Didn't we just say that...

- > Perceptrons correspond to generalized linear discriminants
- And Perceptrons are very limited...
- Doesn't this mean that what we have been doing so far in this lecture has the same problems???
- Yes, this is the case.
  - > A linear classifier cannot solve certain problems (e.g., XOR).
  - $\circ^{C_{_{\! 1}}}$ > However, with a non-linear classifier based on the right kind of features, the problem becomes solvable.
  - ⇒ So far, we have solved such problems by hand-designing good features  $\phi$  and kernels  $\phi^{\top}\phi$ .
  - ⇒ Can we also learn such feature representations?

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### Topics of This Lecture

- A Brief History of Neural Networks
- Perceptrons

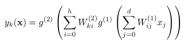
  - Regularization
- · Multi-Layer Perceptrons
- Definition
- Learning with hidden units
- Obtaining the Gradients
  - Naive analytical differentiation
  - Numerical differentiation Backpropagation

### Multi-Layer Perceptrons Adding more layers

 $x_0 = 1$   $\bar{x}_1$   $\bar{x}_2$ 

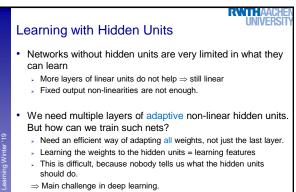
 Output  $y_k(\mathbf{x}) = g^{(2)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^h W_{ki}^{(2)} g^{(1)} \left( \sum_{j=0}^d W_{ij}^{(1)} x_j \right) \right)$ 

### Multi-Layer Perceptrons

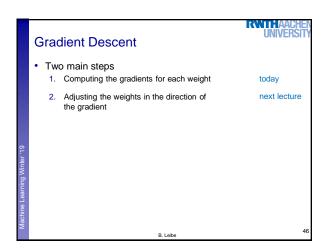


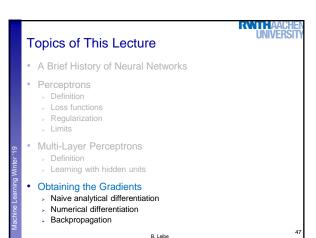
- Activation functions g<sup>(k)</sup>:
  - For example:  $g^{(2)}(a)=\sigma(a),\,g^{(1)}(a)=a$
- The hidden layer can have an arbitrary number of nodes
  - There can also be multiple hidden layers.
- · Universal approximators
  - A 2-layer network (1 hidden layer) can approximate any continuous function of a compact domain arbitrarily well! (assuming sufficient hidden nodes)

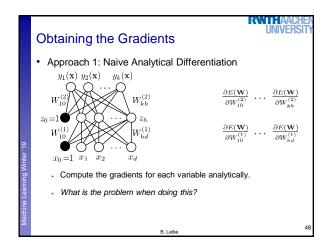
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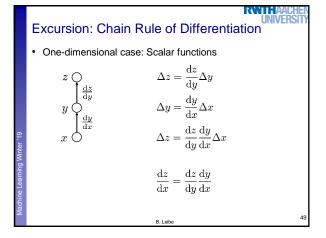


## Learning with Hidden Units • How can we train multi-layer networks efficiently? • Need an efficient way of adapting all weights, not just the last layer. • Idea: Gradient Descent • Set up an error function $E(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_n L(t_n, y(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{W})) + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{W})$ with a loss $L(\cdot)$ and a regularizer $\Omega(\cdot)$ . • E.g., $L(t, y(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{W})) = \sum_n (y(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{W}) - t_n)^2$ $L_2 \text{ loss}$ $\Omega(\mathbf{W}) = ||\mathbf{W}||_F^2$ $\square Update each weight <math>W_{ij}^{(k)}$ in the direction of the gradient $\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{W})}{\partial W_{ij}^{(k)}}$

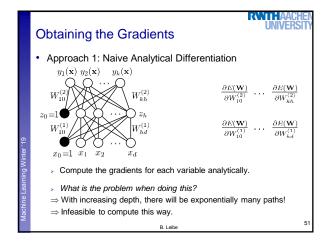


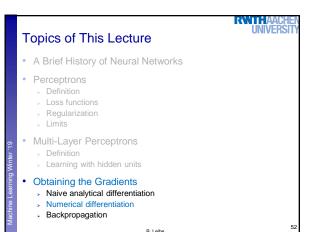


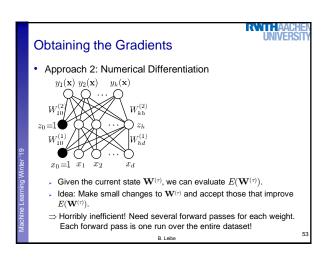


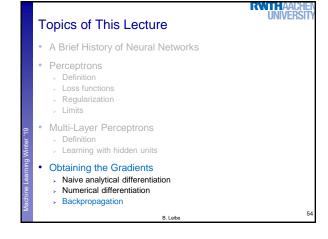


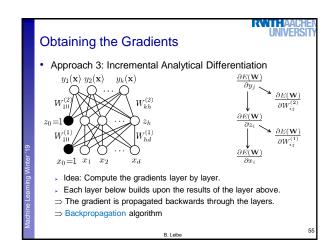
### Excursion: Chain Rule of Differentiation • Multi-dimensional case: Total derivative $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y_1} \underbrace{\frac{\partial z}{\partial y_2}}_{\partial x} \underbrace{\frac{\partial z}{\partial y_k}}_{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_1} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_2} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x} + \dots$ $= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x}$ $\Rightarrow \text{Need to sum over all paths that lead to the target variable } x.$

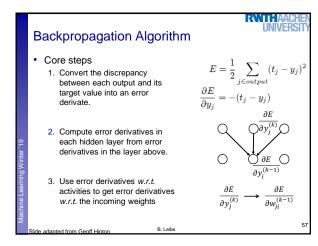


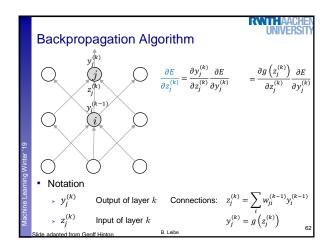


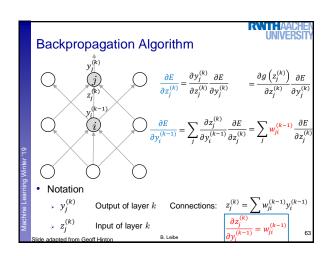


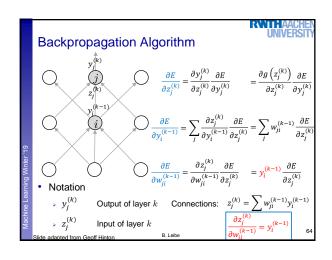


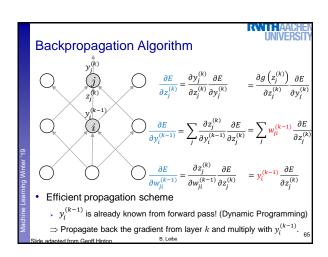


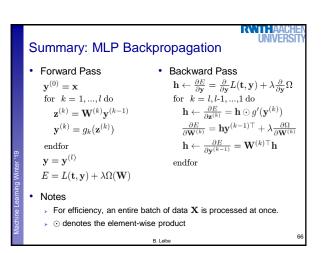












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### Analysis: Backpropagation

- Backpropagation is the key to make deep NNs tractable
  - > However...
- The Backprop algorithm given here is specific to MLPs
  - > It does not work with more complex architectures, e.g. skip connections or recurrent networks!
  - > Whenever a new connection function induces a different functional form of the chain rule, you have to derive a new Backprop algorithm for it.
  - $\Rightarrow \text{Tedious...}$
- · Let's analyze Backprop in more detail
  - > This will lead us to a more flexible algorithm formulation
  - Next lecture...

### References and Further Reading More information on Neural Networks can be found in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Goodfellow & Bengio book I. Goodfellow, Y. Bengio, A. Courville Deep Learning MIT Press, 2016 https://goodfeli.github.io/dlbook/