

## Back Propagation in Universal Learning Networks (ULNs)

### 1. Introduction

The research note No. 907 reviews the back propagation algorithm of Universal Learning Networks, which is described in the paper titled Universal Learning Network and its Application to Chaos Control published in *Neural Networks*, vol 13, pp. 239-253, 2000.

### 2. Back Propagation Algorithm

The backpropagation algorithm of ULNs is described as follows (see Fig. 1), which is essentially the same as the conventional backpropagation algorithm.

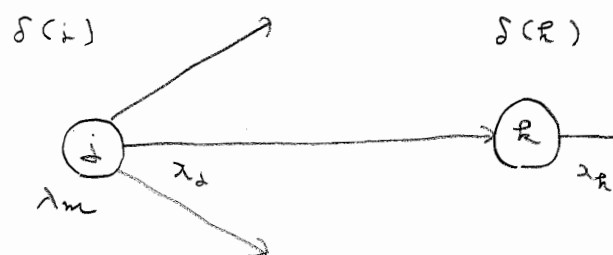


Fig. 1 Back propagation of  $\delta$

$$\lambda_m \leftarrow \lambda_m - \alpha \frac{\partial^* E}{\partial \lambda_m}$$

$$\frac{\partial^* E}{\partial \lambda_m} = \sum_{n \in N} \left[ \frac{\partial^* E}{\partial x_n} \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial \lambda_m} \right] + \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda_m}$$

$$f(i) = \frac{\partial^* E}{\partial x_i}$$

$$f(i) = \sum_{k \in AC(i)} \left[ \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_i} f(k) \right] + \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i}$$

where

$\lambda_m$  : the  $m$ th parameter

$\alpha$  : learning coefficient

$\frac{\partial^* E}{\partial \lambda_m}$  : ordered derivative of  $E$  with respect to  $\lambda_m$

$\frac{\partial^* E}{\partial x_i}$  : ordered derivative of  $E$  with respect to  $x_i$

$E$  : evaluation function

$N$  : set of successors of nodes in  $ULN_s$

$x_n$  : the  $n$ th node in  $ULN_s$

$\frac{\partial x_n}{\partial \lambda_m}, \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda_m}, \frac{\partial x_k}{\partial x_i}, \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_i}$  : partial derivative

$AC(i)$  : set of successors of nodes connected from  $x_i$

### 3. An Example of Calculating Back propagation Algorithm

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In this section, how to execute the back propagation algorithm is explained using an example shown in Fig. 2

Input                      Intermediate layer                      output

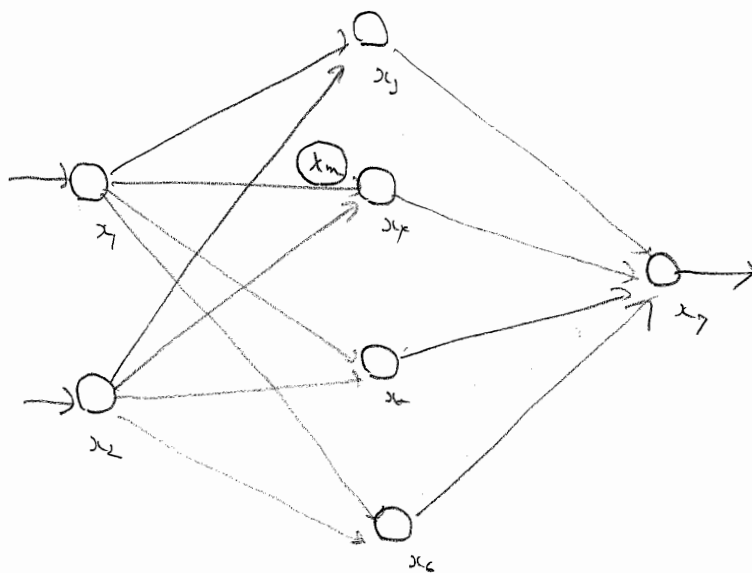


Fig. 2 An example of ULN<sub>s</sub>

Let us suppose the following evaluation function.

$$E = \sum_{e \in L} (\bar{x}_7(e) - x_7(e))^2$$

where

$x_7(e)$ : output of output node  $x_7$  for the  $e$ th input.

$\bar{x}_7(e)$ : target output of output node  $x_7$  for the  $e$ th input

$L$ : set of outputs of inputs

And also we suppose that parameter  $\lambda_m$  belongs to node  $x_4$ , then  $\lambda_m$  is adjusted as follows.

$$\lambda_m \leftarrow \lambda_m - \alpha \frac{\partial^* E}{\partial \lambda_m}$$

$$\frac{\partial^* E}{\partial \lambda_m} = \delta(x_f) \frac{\partial x_f}{\partial \lambda_m}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \cdot \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial \lambda_m} = 0 \text{ except } \frac{\partial x_f}{\partial \lambda_m} \\ \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial \lambda_m} = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\delta(x_f) = \frac{\partial x_f}{\partial x_f} \delta(\gamma)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{output of } x_f \text{ is connected to only } x_f \\ \cdot \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_f} = 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\delta(\gamma) = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_f} = -2 \sum_{e \in L} (\bar{x}_f(e) - x_f(e))$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \cdot \text{the first term of } \delta \text{ equation is zero,} \\ \text{because there is no node from } x_f \\ \cdot \text{only } \frac{\partial E}{\partial x_f} \text{ is calculated} \end{array} \right)$$