# Mathematical Optimization in Deep Learning 

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## Abstract

Mathematical Optimization plays a pillar role in Machine Learning (ML) and Neural Networks (NN) are amongst the most popular and effective ML architectures and are the subject of a very intense investigation. They have also been proven immensely powerful at solving prediction tasks in areas such as speech recognition, image classification, robotics and quantum physics.

In this work we present the problem of training a Deep Neural Network (DNN), specifically the continuous optimization problem arising in Feed-Forward Networks with Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation. Then we will discuss the inverse problem, presenting a model for a trained DNN as a $0-1$ Mixed Integer Linear Program (MILP). Some applications, such as feature visualization and the construction of adversarial examples will be outlined. Computational experiments are reported for both direct and inverse problem. The remainder of the text contains the AMPL codes used for solving the posed problems.

## Resumen

La optimización matemática juega un papel fundamental en el aprendizaje automático (AA), y las redes neuronales (NN) se encuentran entre las estructuras más populares y efectivas dentro de este campo. Por ello, son objecto de una intensa investigación. Además, han demostrado ser inmensamente potentes resolviendo tareas de predicción en áreas como reconocimiento automático del habla, clasificación de imágenes, robótica y física cuántica.

En este trabajo, se presenta el problema de entrenar una red neuronal profunda (DNN), específicamente el problema de optimización continua que surge en las redes neuronales prealimentadas (FNN) con rectificador (ReLU) como función de activación. Posteriormente, se discutirá el problema inverso, presentaremos un modelo para una DNN que ya ha sido entrenada como un problema de programación lineal en enteros mixta. Describiremos algunas aplicaciones, como visualización de características y la construcción de ejemplos maliciosos. Se realizarán los experimentos computacionales para ambos problemas, el directo y el inverso. Los códigos de AMPL para los problemas planteados se encuentran al final del documento.

## Chapter 1

## Introduction

Mathematical Optimization plays a pillar role in Machine Learning (ML). Indeed, learning from available data means that the parameters of a chosen system must be computed by solving to optimality a learning problem. Neural Networks (NN) are amongst the most popular and effective ML architectures and are the subject of a very intense investigation.

Deep Learning, i.e. computational techniques developed for training Deep Neural Networks (DNN), started with the work of Hinton et al. (2006), which gave empirical evidence that, if DNNs are initialized properly, then one can find good solutions in a reasonable amount of runtime. Since then, Deep Learning has received immense attention, as it has proven really powerful at solving a number of predictive tasks arising in areas such as speech recognition, image classification, and robotics and control. Deep Neural Networks are also a very useful instrument in physic problems. For the most part, NN have been used for particle identification and classification and particletrack reconstruction [11] [2], but some scientists are working also on developing NN that can discover gravitational lenses, massive celestial objects that can distort light from distant galaxies behind them [17]. There is as well an emerging interdisciplinary research area at the intersection of quantum physics and ML, Quantum Machine Learning, whose development is very active nowadays [4].
We emphasize all these applications of Neural Networks in different areas, and, therefore, the importance of the training process and the formulation of a model that describes the computation performed by a Neural Network.

Depending on the type of learning problem, we get different classes of optimization problems. We will focus on the class of continuous optimization problems arising in Feed-Forward Neural Networks (FNN). A FNN is a made up of layers of internal units (neurons), each of which computes an affine combination of the outputs of neurons in the previous layer, applies a non-linear operator, known as activation function, and outputs the value. A widely popular activation is the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation, whose output is the maximum between zero and the input value. It will be
the activation used in our work.
In this work we address the learning process of an FNN with ReLU activation and how, from the optimization point of view, the arising optimization problem is very difficult in that it is continuous non-convex. We will also investigate a $0-1$ MILP Model that describes an already trained DNN and some applications for it, such us feature visualization and adversarial machine learning, the later of grand importance in research nowadays.

The present work is organized as follows. In Chapter 2 we describe the basic concepts of a Neural Network, its architecture and elements. In Chapter 3 we introduce and solve the Weights and Bias Optimization Problem (WBO) that is needed in order to train the network. Some results about the complexity arising in the optimization problem are briefly addressed. Some computational experiments are discussed, where the models formulated are applied to two different data sets and the results obtained are discussed. In Chapter 4, the inverse problem is studied. We give a step-by-step derivation of a 0-1 MILP model that describes the computation performed by an already trained DNN with ReLU activation function. Additionally, we analyse a boundtightening technique that could be added to the model to speed up convergence. Two applications of this model, namely, feature visualization and construction of adversarial examples, are discussed. The Weights and Bias of one of the DNNs calculated in Chapter 3 will be used to compute these experiments. To conclude, the AMPL codes used to implement the models can be found in Annex I and II.

## Chapter 2

## DNN topology

In this chapter we will introduce the basic concepts of a Neural Network.
A Neural Network (NN) [12] is an algorithm designed to model the way in which the human brains perform a particular task. It consists of several units (neurons) arranged in layers connected with weights, as one can see in Figure 2.1 .


Figure 2.1: Scheme of a Neural Network

A neuron is an information-processing unit that is fundamental to the operation of a NN. The diagram of Figure 2.2 shows the basic model of a neuron. The neuron
receives a set of input signals, each of which is characterized by a weight of its own. The neuron processes the weighted inputs, usually summing them, and determines if the result surpasses a certain threshold, through the so-called activation function. The neural model also includes an externally applied bias, that has the effect of increasing or lowering the input of the activation function.


Figure 2.2: Scheme of a single neuron

There are a number of activation functions used in NN, some of them are:

1. Threshold function: it is the simplest one. Given a vector $x$, it is computed as:

$$
\varphi(x)= \begin{cases}1 & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0\end{cases}
$$

2. Rectified Linear Unit, known as ReLU. Given a vector $x, \operatorname{ReLU}(x)=\max (0, x)$
3. Sigmoid function. It is one of the most used activations functions in NN. It has the form, for a vector $x$ :

$$
\varphi(x)=\frac{1}{1+\exp (-a x)}
$$

where $a$ is the slope parameter.
Another important aspect of a Neural Network is its architecture (structure). There are three fundamentally different classes of neural architectures:

1. Single-layer Feed-Forward Network. It is the simplest form of a layered network. We have an input layer of sources nodes that project directly onto an output layer of computational nodes.
2. Multi-layer Feed-Forward Neural Network (FNN). In this case there are one or more hidden layers (the ones that are neither the input layer nor the output layer). We use the name Multilayer perceptron (MLP) in case the FNN has only one hidden layer, and we use Deep Network (DN) when the hidden layers are more than one. By adding more layers, the network is enabled to extract higherorder statistics from its input. The lack of cycles characterises the Feed-Forward Network. We can also differentiate between a fully connected network, when every node in each layer is connected to every node in the adjacent forward one, and a partially connected network when some of the communications links are missing.
3. Recurrent Network (RNN). It distinguishes from the Feed-Forward Network NN in that it has at least one feedback loop. The presence of feedback loops has a profound impact on the learning capability of the network.

From now on we will work with Feed-Forward Deep Neural Networks with ReLU activations for all the nodes.

| We introduce the following notation: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $K$ | number of layers |
| $n_{k}$ | number of nodes in layer $k$ |
| $W^{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{k}} \times \mathbb{R}^{n_{k-1}}$ | matrix of weights from layer $k-1$ to $k$ |
| $b^{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{k}}$ | bias vector from layer $k$ |
| $\phi^{k}$ | activation function in layer $k$ |

Using the previous notation, and considering that for our work $\phi^{k}=\operatorname{ReLU}, k=$ $1 \ldots K$, the output vector $x^{k}$ is defined as:

$$
x^{k}=\operatorname{ReLU}\left(W^{k-1} x^{k-1}+b^{k-1}\right)=f\left(W^{k-1}, b^{k-1} ; x^{k-1}\right)
$$

We denote the transfer function by $f$.

The output of a FNN is computed as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{K}=f_{K}\left(W^{k-1}, b^{k-1} ; f_{k-1}\left(W^{k-2}, b^{k-2} ; \ldots f_{1}\left(W^{0}, b^{0} ; x^{0}\right) \ldots\right)\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

A Neural Network is nothing more than a series of connections between units. The connections depend heavily on the weights. Finding the weights, which will allow the machine to predict the correct output, is one of the crucial problems in the training process. This is discussed in the following sections.

## Chapter 3

## Training a DNN

In this section we will present the Weights and Bias Optimization (WBO) problem for a DNN with ReLU activation function. We will suppose that the hyper-parameters, i.e. the neural architecture such us the number of neurons and layers, are already fixed, and our network training will aim at finding the weights and bias such as the given data set is mapped to our desired output values with the least error possible. We will study two different problems: regression and classification.

We introduce the WBO and some results commented in [16] and all the references therein.

### 3.1 The Weights and Bias Optimization Problem

Given an NN with $K$ layers, layer $k$ with $n_{k}$ nodes, if we denote by $W^{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{k}} \times$ $\mathbb{R}^{n_{k-1}}$ and $b^{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{k}}$ respectively the matrix of weights from layer $k-1$ to $k$ and the bias vector from layer $k$, and by $\boldsymbol{w}=\left\{W^{0}, \ldots, W^{K}\right\}, \boldsymbol{b}=\left\{b^{0}, \ldots, b^{K}\right\}$, the Weights and Bias Optimization Problem is defined as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\min E(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b})=\sum_{i=1}^{n} E_{i}(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b})+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $E_{i}(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b}): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{+}$is the loss function, assumed to be continuous, that depends on the problem at hand, and $\lambda \geq 0$ is assumed to be fixed. The regularization or penalty terms $\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}$ and $\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2}$ with $\lambda \geq 0$ are added to secure better generalization and avoid having an over-fitting phenomena in some cases.

We observe that the problem (3.1) admits a global minimum for any $\lambda>0$. Indeed, by definition, $E_{i}(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b}) \geq 0$, and, thanks to the regularization term, the objective function is coercive, that is, for any $\left(\boldsymbol{w}^{0}, \boldsymbol{b}^{0}\right)$ where $M=E\left(\boldsymbol{w}^{0}, \boldsymbol{b}^{0}\right)$, there exists a
constant $R$ such that whenever $\|\boldsymbol{w}\|,\|\boldsymbol{b}\| \geq R$, then $E(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b})>M$. Hence, the levels set $A=\left\{(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b}): E(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b}) \leq E\left(\boldsymbol{w}^{0}, \boldsymbol{b}^{0}\right)\right\}$ are all compact for every $\boldsymbol{w}^{0}, \boldsymbol{b}^{0}$ and the function $E$ admits a global minimum $\left(\boldsymbol{w}^{*}, \boldsymbol{b}^{*}\right)$ such that $E\left(\boldsymbol{w}^{*}, \boldsymbol{b}^{*}\right) \leq E(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b})$ for all $(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b})$. This property may not hold if the penalty term is removed, i.e., for $\lambda=0$.

One important question to ask is whether global optimization is needed or whether local optimization is enough to solve the problem. To answer this, first we will introduce some results about the complexity of the problem.

### 3.1.1 Complexity of training a ReLU NN

Recently, some results about hardness for ReLU networks have been shown by [6]. The main results are:

Theorem 3.1.1. It is $N P$-hard to solve the training for a two layer ReLU NN with two ReLU nodes in the first layer and one in the last one.

Corollary 3.1.1. The training problem of a two layer ReLU NN with two nodes in the first layer and $j$ in the last one is $N P$-hard, for all $j \geq 1$.

Theorem 3.1.2. Under the assumption that the dimension of input $d$ is a constant, there exists a poly $(N)$ solution to the training problem of a ReLU NN with two nodes in the first layer and one in the second and last one, where $N$ is the number of data points.

Theorem 3.1.3. Given data points $\left\{x^{i}, y^{i}\right\} i=1 \ldots N$, then the training problem for a ReLU NN with $N$ nodes in the first layer and one in the second and last one has a poly $(N, d)$ radomized algorithm, where $N$ is the number of data points and $d$ is the dimension of input.

In the same line of research, [1] shows:
Theorem 3.1.4. There exists an algorithm to find a global optimum of the minimization problem to train a two layer ReLU DNN in time $O\left(2^{w}(D)^{n w} p o l y(D, d, w)\right)$. Note that the running time is polynomial in the size data for fixed $d$, dimension of input, and fixed $w$, number of nodes.

These results show that the running time of an algorithm to find the global minimum of a two layer ReLU DNN is exponential in the input dimension and the number of hidden nodes, and only if they are fixed the running time of the algorithm could be polynomial.

We observe the complexity of training a ReLU NN even in the easiest network architecture (shallow networks with few neurons).

However, it has been observed in practice that "most local minima yield similar performance from the generalization point of view. Furthermore, as asserted in [7], the probability of finding a bad local minimum, namely one with large training error, decreases quickly with the network size. Hence, for deep ReLU networks the effort of finding the global minimum may not be worthwhile." It has also been suggested by several authors that, because of overfitting phenomena, inaccurate weights minimization can be better than exact ones [15].

Assuming continuous differentiability of the function $E$, any gradient-based unconstrained method can be applied to the solution of the WBO problem (3.1). Considering previous results, we will solve problem (3.1) with local-search algorithms, such as gradient methods. These methods can guarantee convergence only to stationary points, but in practice it will probably be fully satisfactory from the generalization point of view.

We will formulate the WBO problem for two different problems: classification and regression.

### 3.1.2 Regression

Let us consider a feed-forward DNN with $\mathrm{K}+1$ layers and ReLU activation. Given data points $\left(x_{i}^{0}, y_{i}^{0}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{m} \times \mathbb{R}, i=1 \ldots n$, we consider the problem of finding the weights that minimize the error function. In this case the error function is defined as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
E_{i}(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{b})=\left\|f\left(x_{i}^{0}\right)-y_{i}^{0}\right\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f\left(x_{i}^{0}\right)=x_{i}^{K}$, and the regularization term $\lambda>0$ is fixed.
The optimization problem is:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{ll} 
& \min \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}^{K}-y_{i}^{0}\right)^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \\
&  \tag{3.4}\\
\text { s.t. } & x_{i}^{K}=\operatorname{Re} L U\left(W^{K-1} x_{i}^{K-1}+b^{K-1}\right) \\
& \vdots \\
& x_{i}^{1}=\operatorname{Re} L U\left(W^{0} x_{i}^{0}+b^{0}\right)
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n
$$

There are various ways of modelling the constraints of this problem. First we will study the basic scalar function:

$$
x=\operatorname{Re} L U\left(w^{T} y+b\right)
$$

One can reproduce a formulation for the ReLU as below.

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
w^{T} y+b=x-s  \tag{3.5}\\
x s \leq 0 \\
x \geq 0, s \geq 0
\end{array}\right\}
$$

With this formulation, we separate the positive and negative part of the ReLU. When $w^{T} y+b \geq 0, s=0$ and $x=w^{T} y+b$, while $x=0$ when $w^{T} y+b<0$. For us to not work with a bilinear condition such as $x s \leq 0$, one can rewrite the expression by introducing a binary activation variable $z$. This yields:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
z=1 \rightarrow x \leq 0  \tag{3.6}\\
z=0 \rightarrow s \leq 0 \\
z \in\{0,1\}
\end{array}\right\}
$$

Using these new variables, we obtain the following WBO problem:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
\min \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}^{K}-y_{i}^{0}\right)^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \\
\text { s.t. } \quad W^{k-1} x_{i}^{K-1}=z_{i}^{K} x_{i}^{K}-s_{i}^{K} \\
\vdots  \tag{3.9}\\
W^{0} x_{i}^{0}=z_{i}^{0} x_{i}^{0}-s_{i}^{0}
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n
$$

This reformulation may be useful in some cases, but introducing an integer variable while working with a non-linear objective function may not be the best idea, as a nonlinear integer optimization problem is a very complex computational problem.

Another way to reformulate the ReLU function is using the hyperbolic approximation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\max \{t, 0\} \simeq \frac{\sqrt{t^{2}+\varepsilon}+t}{2}, \text { for some small } \varepsilon>0 \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

We obtain now a non-linear optimization problem without integer variables:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\min \sum_{i=1}^{n}\left(x_{i}^{K}-y_{i}^{0}\right)^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\left.\begin{array}{cc}
\text { s.t. } & x_{i}^{K}=\frac{\sqrt{\left(W^{K-1} x_{i}^{K-1}+b^{K-1}\right)^{2}+\epsilon}+W^{K-1} x_{i}^{K-1}+b^{K-1}}{2}  \tag{3.12}\\
\vdots \\
& x_{i}^{1}=\frac{\sqrt{\left(W^{0} x_{i}^{0}+b^{0}\right)^{2}+\epsilon}+W^{0} x_{i}^{0}+b^{0}}{2}
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n
$$

### 3.1.3 Classification

In this case, given data points $x_{i}^{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{q}, i=1 \ldots n$ and a set of categories $y_{i}, y_{i}=1 \ldots p, i=1 \ldots n$, the problem consists in finding the weights and bias which maximize the probability of each observation being mapped to its right category.

Instead of considering that the last layer consists in one single node whose value is the corresponding class, it will be a $p$-dimensional vector, whose maximum component will indicate to which category the data point belongs. An individual $x_{j}^{0}$ would be classified correctly if $\left(x_{j}^{K}\right)_{y_{j}}>\left(x_{j}^{K}\right)_{k}$, for all $k=\{1 \ldots p\} \backslash\left\{y_{j}\right\}$, where $K$ indicates the output layer, and the sub-index refers to the component of the output vector.

We assume a random classification rule, in which an individual $x^{0}$ will be assigned to class $j$ with probability proportional to $e^{\left(x^{K}\right)_{j}}, j=1 \ldots p$, i.e., with probability $\frac{e^{\left(x^{K}\right)_{j}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{p} e^{\left(x^{K}\right)_{k}}}$. Hence, the probability of correct classification of an individual $x^{0}$ in class $y$ is $\frac{e^{\left(x^{K}\right)_{y}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{p} e^{\left(x^{K}\right)_{k}}}$.

To train the classification problem, we maximize the expected number of correctly classified individuals. Thus, the loss function for this problem is defined as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\min -\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{e^{\left(x_{j}^{K}\right)_{y_{j}}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{p} e^{\left(x_{j}^{K}\right)_{k}}}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\lambda>0$ is fixed. For the formulation we use the constraints (3.12)
The final formulation is given by:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
\min -\sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{e^{\left(x_{j}^{K}\right)_{y_{j}}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{p} e^{\left(x_{j}^{K}\right)_{k}}}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \\
\text { s.t. } \quad x_{i}^{K}=\frac{\sqrt{\left(W^{K-1} x_{i}^{K-1}+b^{K-1}\right)^{2}+\epsilon}+W^{K-1} x_{i}^{K-1}+b^{K-1}}{2}  \tag{3.15}\\
\vdots \\
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n
$$

Instead of maximizing the expected number of correctly classified individuals, we might minimize the number of misclassified points in the data set. To do this we introduce a binary variable $z_{i}$ which yields:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
z_{i}=1 \text { if }\left(x_{i}^{K}\right)_{y_{i}} \leq\left(x_{i}^{K}\right)_{j}, \quad j=\{1 \ldots p\} \backslash y_{j}  \tag{3.16}\\
z_{i}=0 \quad \text { otherwise } \\
z_{i} \in\{0,1\} \quad i=1 \ldots n
\end{array}\right\}
$$

This logical implication can be converted into inequalities using the bigM method.
This yields

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(x_{i}^{K}\right)_{y_{j}} \leq z_{i}\left(x_{i}^{K}\right)_{j}+M\left(1-z_{i}\right) \quad j=\{1 \ldots p\} \backslash y_{i}, i=1 \ldots n \tag{3.17}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $M$ is a finite non-negative value long enough, so that, if $z=0$, then the constraint would be not binding.

The final formulation in this case is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\min \sum_{i=1}^{n} z_{i}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{w}\|^{2}+\lambda\|\boldsymbol{b}\|^{2} \tag{3.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

s.t. (3.12), (3.17)

This alternative formulation might be used, but, as it has been commented on early, using binary variables and non-linear constraints is not the best idea. Hence, the first formulation would be used for our computational experiments.

### 3.2 Computational experiments

In this chapter the WBO (3.1) is applied to a given set of data points. As it has been said, the network architecture will be considered fixed, but we will study multiple structures of the NN to see which one is best suited for our problem.

As the optimization problem will be solved with local-search algorithms and in practice there will be more than one local minimum, a good way to ensure finding the solution is to apply the multi-start technique, namely, running the algorithm with different starting points. The regression and classification problem will be both addressed, and will be used to solve both problems the NEOS Server, an internet-based
service for solving numerical optimization problems. The AMPL codes can be found in Annex I. The software MINOS, which is designed to solve continuous non linear programming problems, will be used to solve all the examples in this chapter.

The running time used for each example will not be presented, as we are using NEOS Server, the software and computer used to solve each example would be different, hence the different running times would not be comparable.

### 3.2.1 Regression Problem

We consider the problem of assessing the heating load requirement of a building, that is the energy efficiency, as a function of building parameters.
The dataset, known in the literature as Energy efficiency, was created by Angeliki Xifara and was processed by Athanasios Tsanas [18]. It can be found in [19]. It compromises 750 samples of 12 different buildings, 400 of which will be used to train the network, and 350 to test it. It contains eight attributes (x1, x2, x3, x4, x5, x6, x7, x 8 ) and, originally, two responses (y1, y2). For our experiment, we will use one of them, y 1 . Predicting the second response y 2 would be analogue. The aim is to train our NN to be able to predict the response using the eight factors.
These are specifically:

- x1: relative compactness
- x2: surface area
- x3: wall area
- x4: roof area
- x5: overall height
- x6: orientation
- x7: glazing area
- x8: glazing area distribution
- y1: heating load

Model (3.11)-(3.12) is applied to these data points.
To perform the experiments, four different network architectures will be considered:

- DNN1: 1 hidden layer with 3 neurons
- DNN2: 1 hidden layer with 10 neurons
- DNN3: 2 hidden layers with 3 neurons each
- DNN4: 2 hidden layers with 8 neurons each

All DNNs involve an input layer with eight neurons and an output layer with one unit.

As parameters, the values $\lambda=0.01$ and $\epsilon=10^{-3}$ have been used.

## Results

For each structure we will show the relative error for the training and testing set. The first structure that has been used is very simple. The results are shown in Figure 3.1 .


Figure 3.1: Performance on a 5-3-1 Neural Network

Although the network structure used was very simple, the results obtained are quite satisfactory, as the mean relative error for the training and testing set is around $5 \%$ and $10 \%$ respectively. One thing that must be discussed is the presence of quite some outliers, whose relative error is quite big. We have performed some experiments to identify the records yielding such errors. To do this, we have considered a classification problem in which the class was 1 or 0 whether the relative error was above or below $20 \%$. A classification tree [14] was run for both data sets, the training and the testing one. The results shown in Figure 3.2 show us that, although it gives us exactly which combination of factors leads to a bigger error, it is not fully clarifying, as both trees do not even coincide for both tests.


Figure 3.2: Classification tree for DNN1. Relative error above or below $20 \%$

If we add nodes to the hidden layer, the relative error for the training set is highly reduced, but for the testing one, the results are worse than for the last structure used. While the mean relative error is similar, we found in this case a lot more dispersion, and in general worse capacity of a good prediction. Looking at the results in Figure 3.3, it seems that the model obtained is overfitted, and thus, worse prediction results are achieved.


Figure 3.3: Performance on a 8-10-1 Neural Network

Maintaining the same number of nodes as DNN1, but adding an additional layer reduces the relative error for the testing data sets, and this result interests us much more, as it means that the prediction capacity of our network has increased. The relative error for the training set does not change and this could possibly mean that, as opposed to the latter case, the model obtained is not overfitted.


Figure 3.4: Performance on a 8-3-3-1 Neural Network

In this model, there are some outliers as well. We have performed the same experiment as before to identify them, and using a classification tree we have obtained the combination of attributes that make our model unsuitable for those cases, see Figure 3.5. Although there are some characteristics common for some of them, the trees are all different, hence we can't determine exactly what factors cause most errors in our model. However, one can observe that the Relative Compactness(X1) and specially the Glazing Area (X7) are the attributes that determine most the probability of having a bigger error.


Figure 3.5: Classification tree for DNN3. Relative error above or below $20 \%$

At last we consider the largest DNN. For this one, we can clearly see an overfitted model, as shown in Figure 3.6. The error for the training set is the lowest, but for the testing set we obtain the worst results achieved at the moment. The mean relative error
for this one increases to a value of $50 \%$, and it reaches as far as $140 \%$, which gives us an impractical model.


Figure 3.6: Performance on a 8-8-8-1 Neural Network

To sum up, for this regression problem, the best architecture network to use would be DNN3. The results in this case, are fully satisfactory, as we achieve a mean relative error for the testing set of the $7 \%$, with little variance. This brings to light the fact that a hidden layer can increase the network ability to compute and extract high-order statistics from the input. However, it must be considered that too many parameters tend to overfit the model, as it has been proven in the last case, where increasing the number of nodes excessively makes the network completely ineffective.

### 3.2.2 Classification Problem

In this case we consider the problem of knowing if a specific breast cancer is benign or malignant. The dataset compromises 684 samples obtained from the University of Wisconsin Hospital. The dataset can be found in the UCI Machine Learning Datasets webpage [20]. Each sample contains 9 attributes (X1-X9) and its corresponding class $(\mathrm{Y})$. These are:

1. X1: Clump Thickness: 1-10
2. X2: Uniformity of Cell Size: 1-10
3. X3: Uniformity of Cell Shape: 1-10
4. X4: Marginal Adhesion: 1-10
5. X5: Single Epithelial Cell Size: 1-10
6. X6: Bare Nuclei: 1-10
7. X7: Bland Chromatin: 1-10
8. X8: Normal Nucleoli: 1-10
9. X9: Mitoses: 1-10
10. Y: 1 for benign, 2 for malignant

Model (3.14)-(3.15) is applied to 342 of these data points for training, while the rest of them will be used for testing.

To perform the experiments, four different NN structures will be considered:

- DNN1: 1 hidden layer with 3 neurons
- DNN2: 1 hidden layer with 10 neurons
- DNN3: 2 hidden layers with 3 neurons each
- DNN4: 2 hidden layers with 8 neurons each

All DNNs involve an input layer with nine neurons and an output layer with two units. It has also been used $\lambda=0.01$ and $\epsilon=10^{-3}$ as parameters values.

## Results

For the classification problem, the accuracy of the model is our performance measure. In Figure 3.7 the percentage of correctly classified sets is shown for the train and test set using the different DNN structures.

|  | train | test |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DNN1 | $98.2 \%$ | $95.2 \%$ |
| DNN2 | $98.3 \%$ | $95.4 \%$ |
| DNN3 | $95.6 \%$ | $91.5 \%$ |
| DNN4 | $90.6 \%$ | $78.3 \%$ |

Figure 3.7: Accuracy of the classification model.

As we can see, highly complicated architectures are not necessary to address this classification problem. In fact having more hidden layers would probably accomplish an over-fitted model, whose capacity of prediction would probably be reduced.

It is also worth commenting, how, when a more complicated structure was used, namely, DNN4, the solution was degenerate, that is, we found quite a number of rows and columns of the weights matrix to be null.

The results differ a little from those obtained in regression. In this case, the best architecture to model this problem is DNN2. One can observe that the results are more satisfactory for simple structures, as using DNN1 gives us already a level of accuracy quite high. The reason behind this is probably that the relations between the attributes in this case are less complex than in the regression one, hence, it is not needed a complex network to predict the outputs, and using one is only counterproductive.

## Chapter 4

## The inverse problem

In this chapter we consider given an already trained DNN with ReLU activation. We will investigate a 0-1 MILP model with fixed parameters, as studied in [10]. We will also describe some bound-tightening techniques to decrease the running time. These techniques have been studied in [8] and [9]. As all parameters are already fixed, this model cannot be used for training, but we will discuss alternative applications of this model, such as feature visualization and construction of adversarial examples.

### 4.1 A trained Deep Neural Network

Let us consider a DNN made up of $K+1$ layers, where 0 is the index of the input layer, while the last layer corresponds to the output. Each layer is composed of $n_{i}$ nodes, i.e. neurons, $i=1 . . k$, where $k$ is the dimension of the layer. We denote by $x_{j}^{k}$ as the output value for the j -unit of layer k .

Given an input value for the Feed-Forward Network, a non-linear function is applied successively from 0 to $K$. In this case, we will assume that this function is a rectified linear unit, ReLU.

Let $x^{k}$ be the output vector for layer k :

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{k}=\operatorname{ReLU}\left(W^{k-1} x^{k-1}+b^{k-1}\right) \quad k=1 \ldots K \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this recursive description, for a real vector $\mathbf{y}, \operatorname{ReLU}(y)=\max (0, y)$ and $w_{i j}$ and $b_{i}$ are the weights and bias, which in this case will have fixed values.

There are various ways of modelling a given DNN, one of them leads us to a MixedInteger Linear Programming model, the one examined first in what follows.

### 4.2 Mixed-Integer Linear Formulation

To obtain a 0-1 MILP model, one needs to study the equation:

$$
x=\operatorname{ReLU}\left(w^{T} y+b\right)
$$

This equation has already been studied in Chapter33. We formulate the ReLU using the expressions (3.5) and (3.6). The logical implication of (3.6) can be converted into proper linear inequalities. One method that is widely known is the bigM method, which yields:

$$
\begin{gather*}
x \leq M^{+}(1-z)  \tag{4.2}\\
s \leq M^{-} z \tag{4.3}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $M^{+}, M^{-}$are finite non-negative values large enough, such that $-M^{-} \leq w^{T} y+$ $b \leq M^{+}$.

When $z=1, s \leq M^{-}$, which is not binding and $x \leq 0$, that implies that $x=0$. When $z=0, x \leq M^{+}$is not binding if $M^{+}$is large enough, and $s \leq 0$ implies that $x=w^{T} y+b$.

Using a binary activation $z_{j}^{k}$ for each neuron and considering $z^{k}$ as the vector for each layer, $k=1 \ldots K$, one obtains the following 0-1 MILP formulation of the DNN:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{cc} 
& \min \sum_{k=0}^{K} c^{k} x^{k}+\sum_{k=1}^{K} \gamma^{k} z^{k} \\
& \text { s.t. } \quad W^{k-1} x^{k-1}+b^{k-1}=x^{k}-s^{k} \\
x_{j}^{k}, s_{j}^{k} \geq 0 \\
z_{j}^{k} \in\{0,1\} \\
x_{j}^{k} \leq M_{j}^{k+}\left(1-z_{j}^{k}\right) \\
s_{j}^{k} \leq M_{j}^{k-} z_{j}^{k} \\
& l_{j}^{k} \leq x_{j}^{k} \leq u_{j}^{k}  \tag{4.6}\\
& \bar{l}_{j}^{k} \leq s_{j}^{k} \leq \bar{u}_{j}^{k}
\end{array}\right\} k=1 \ldots K, j, \ldots, .
$$

In the (4.4)-(4.6) formulation, the objective function $\operatorname{costs} c_{k}^{k}$ and $\gamma_{j}^{k}$ are given constant parameters, that can be defined according to the specific problem at hand. Conditions (4.5) define the $R e L U$ output for each neuron, while conditions (4.6) impose the lower and upper bounds on $x$ and $s$, for $k=0 l_{j}^{0}$ and $u_{j}^{0}$ apply to the input value $x_{j}^{0}$ and depend on the problem at hand, while for $k \geq 1$ one has $l_{j}^{k}=l_{j}^{k}=0$ and $u_{j}^{k}, \bar{u}_{j}^{k} \in \mathbb{R} \cup\{\infty\}$

### 4.3 Bound tightening

The efficiency of this formulation depends heavily on the size of $M^{+}$and $M^{-}$. They have to be big enough to guarantee that the constraint is inactive if $z=1$ and it is not binding if $z=0$, but large big-M results in a weak LP relaxation. For this reason, we will study a way to choose a relatively small value of $M$.
Looking at the problem, we can see that defining tight upper-bounds will be crucial for this reason, as the smaller value of $M_{j}^{k+}$ and $M_{j}^{k-}$ possible are $u_{j}^{k}$ and $\bar{u}_{j}^{k}$ respectively. We will study in this section different ways to obtain tighter bounds, that will automatically give us a smaller M value for our formulation.

## Obtaining bounds using interval arithmetic

One way to obtain tighter upper and lower bounds is using interval arithmetic [13]. In the spirit of [8] and [9], one can obtain the bounds $l_{j}^{k}, u_{j}^{k}$ for the node output $x_{j}^{k}$ from the bounds of nodes from the previous layer. The output $x_{j}^{k}$ is defined by $x_{j}^{k}=$ $\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}} w_{i j}^{k-1} x_{i}^{k-1}+b_{j}^{k-1}$. Applying interval arithmetic we can obtain the bounds as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tilde{l}_{j}^{k}=\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}} \min \left(w_{i j}^{k-1} l_{j}^{k-1}, w_{i j}^{k-1} u_{j}^{k-1}\right)+b_{j}^{k-1}  \tag{4.7}\\
& \tilde{u}_{j}^{k}=\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}} \max \left(w_{i j}^{k-1} l_{j}^{k-1}, w_{i j}^{k-1} u_{j}^{k-1}\right)+b_{j}^{k-1} \tag{4.8}
\end{align*}
$$

If we separate the cases where $w_{i j}^{k}$ has a positive or negative value and using the notation $a^{+}=\max (a, 0)$ and $a^{-}=\min (a, 0)$, we can rewrite the equations (4.7) and (4.8) as:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \tilde{l}_{j}^{k}=\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}}\left(w_{i j}^{+(k-1)} l_{j}^{k-1}+w_{i j}^{-(k-1)} u_{j}^{k-1}\right)+b_{j}^{k-1}  \tag{4.9}\\
& \tilde{u}_{j}^{k}=\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k-1}}\left(w_{i j}^{+(k-1)} l_{j}^{k-1}+w_{i j}^{-(k-1)} u_{j}^{k-1}\right)+b_{j}^{k-1} \tag{4.10}
\end{align*}
$$

To obtain the bounds for $x_{j}^{k}$ one has to apply the $R e L U$ activation.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[l_{j}^{k}, u_{j}^{k}\right]=\left[\max \left(0, \tilde{l}_{j}^{k}\right), \max \left(0, \tilde{u}_{j}^{k}\right)\right] \tag{4.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Following the same steps, one can define bounds for $s_{j}^{k}$. If we look at our formulation, the variable $s_{j}^{k}$ is active when $x_{j}^{k}=0$ and in that case $s_{j}^{k}=-\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k}+1} w_{i j}^{k-1} x_{i}^{k-1}+$ $b_{j}^{k-1}$. The bounds obtained using interval arithmetic are as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \hat{l}_{j}^{k}=\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k}-1}\left(-w_{i j}^{-(k-1)} l_{j}^{k-1}-w_{i j}^{+(k-1)} u_{j}^{k-1}\right)-b_{j}^{k-1}  \tag{4.12}\\
& \hat{u}_{j}^{k}=\sum_{i=1}^{n_{k}-1}\left(-w_{i j}^{-(k-1)} l_{j}^{k-1}-w_{i j}^{+(k-1)} u_{j}^{k-1}\right)-b_{j}^{k-1} \tag{4.13}
\end{align*}
$$

To propagate the bounds we apply the $R e L U$ activations to the them:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[l_{j}^{k}, \bar{u}_{j}^{k}\right]=\left[\max \left(0, \tilde{l}_{j}^{k}\right), \max \left(0, \tilde{u}_{j}^{k}\right)\right] \tag{4.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

### 4.4 A Non linear reformulation

An alternative form to model indicator constraints, like ReLUs, is using Mixed Integer Non-linear Programming [3], [5]. Instead of using a linear formulation and the so-called big-M constraint, that can lead to weak continuous relaxations, we present in this section a possible non-linear, non-convex reformulation for the same model.

## A 0-1 MINLP formulation

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
\min \sum_{k=0}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{k}} c_{j}^{k} x_{j}^{k}+\sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{k}} \gamma_{j}^{k} z_{j}^{k} \\
\text { s.t. } \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n_{k}-1} w_{i j}^{k-1} x_{i}^{k-1}+b_{j}^{k-1}=x_{j}^{k}-s_{j}^{k} \\
x_{j}^{k}, s_{j}^{k} \geq 0  \tag{4.16}\\
\bar{z}_{j}^{k} \in\{0,1\} \\
x_{j}^{k}\left(1-\bar{z}_{j}^{k}\right) \leq 0 \\
s_{j}^{k} \bar{z}_{j}^{k} \leq 0 \\
l_{j}^{k} \leq x_{j}^{k} \leq u_{j}^{k} \\
\bar{l}_{j}^{k} \leq s_{j}^{k} \leq \bar{u}_{j}^{k}
\end{array}\right\} k=1 \ldots K, j=1 \ldots n_{k}
$$

### 4.5 Computational Experiments

We will use again the NEOS Server to solve the problems in this section. The AMPL codes can be found in Annex II. The software CPLEX, which is designed to solve mixed-integer linear programming (MILP), will be used to solve all the examples in this section.

Just as we commented on Chapter 3, the running time used for each example will not be shown, as using the NEOS Server does not assure us to have running times hat are comparable. For this reason, the bounds tightening techniques will not be used in this computational experiments.

As noted before, the model (4.4) - (4.6) is not suited for training, but we can use it to compute the best-possible input example according to some linear objective function, that will depend on the problem at hand. In this section we will apply our model to a feature visualization problem and we will build adversarial examples.

### 4.5.1 Feature visualization

We consider the classification problem of knowing if a specific breast cancer is benign or malignant. We will use our 0-1 MILP model to find the input examples that maximize the activation $x_{j}^{K}$ of each class. Here $x_{j}^{K}$ denotes de j-th node of the output layer. To solve this problem the objective function is simply:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-x_{j}^{K} \tag{4.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $j=1,2$ depending if one wants to find the input that maximizes the first class or the second one.

We will use the trained DNN3 in Chapter 3. This DNN had 2 hidden layers with 3 neurons each, and it produced a test-set accuracy of $91.5 \%$. Its corresponding weights and bias were used to build our (4.4) - (4.6) model.

## Results

We present in Figure 4.1 the input examples that maximize each class.

|  | max-activating input |
| :--- | :---: |
| benign (Y1) | $(0,0,0,10,10,0,10,0,0)$ |
| malignant (Y2) | $(10,0,0,0,0,10,0,0,10)$ |

Figure 4.1: Input examples that maximizes each class

Knowing these results, one could analyse each input and conclude that those whose factors X4 (Marginal Adhesion), X5 (Single Epitheial Cell Size), and X7 (Bland Chromatin) are more prominent, could be classified with more probability as benign, while factors X1 (Clumb Thickness), X6 (Bare Nuclei), and X9 (Mitoses) identify clearly the malignant class.

### 4.5.2 Adversarial Examples

In this case we will use our MILP model to simulate the role of a malicious attacker. We want to locate which minimal changes in the model are sufficient to trick the DNN and make a wrong classification. We will use again as illustration the breast cancer classification problem.
We are given an input $\tilde{x}^{0}$ that is classified correctly by our DNN as $i$ (benign or malignant). We want to determine the minimum distance between $\tilde{x}^{0}$ and a similar figure $x^{0}$ that it is wrongly classified as $j \neq i$.
To model this situation we impose that in the last layer the activation of the required wrong class is at least $20 \%$ larger than the other activation. In our MILP model (4.4)(4.6) we just have to add the linear constraints:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{j}^{K} \geq 1.2 x_{i}^{K}, \quad i, j=1,2 \tag{4.19}
\end{equation*}
$$

In order to minimize the distance between $x^{0}$ and $\tilde{x}^{0}$ in $\ell_{1}$ norm, we minimize the following objective function:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{j=1}^{n_{0}}\left|x_{j}^{0}-\tilde{x}_{j}^{0}\right| \tag{4.20}
\end{equation*}
$$

In order to have a linear objective, the problem is reformulated as minimizing

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{j=1}^{n_{0}} d_{j} \tag{4.21}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the variables $d_{j}$ must satisfy:

$$
\begin{equation*}
-d_{j} \leq x_{j}^{0}-\tilde{x}_{j}^{0} \leq d_{j}, \quad d_{j} \geq 0 \quad j=1 \ldots n_{0} \tag{4.22}
\end{equation*}
$$

This linear constraint must be also added to model (4.4)-(4.6). We will use again the trained DNN3 in Chapter 3, which had 2 hidden layers with 3 neurons each and it produced a test-set accuracy of $91.5 \%$. Its corresponding weights and bias were used to build our model.

## Results

Considering two inputs, corresponding to the two different classes, it is shown in Figure 4.2 the minimum changes in the original input that suffice to trick the DNN and therefore it would make a wrong output. One can see that the changes are not minimal, and that there are variables more relevant than others.

It can be easily seen that the parameters that one must change in order to trick the DNN are the ones that where calculated in the last example, those who maximized

|  | original input | adversarial example | $\sum_{j}^{n_{0}} d_{j}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| benign | $(2,1,1,1,2,1,3,1,1)$ | $(2,1,1,1,2,4,3,1,10)$ | 12 |
| malignant | $(6,10,10,10,8,10,7,10,7)$ | $(6,10,10,10,8,1,7,8,1)$ | 17 |

Figure 4.2: Adversarial examples that trick the DNN
their correspondent output. The results are therefore very logical and expected.
We can also impose to our model other interesting constraints such as: maximum deviation for each attribute with respect $\tilde{x}^{0}$ or maximum number of changed attributes in the input $x^{0}$, as illustrated in what follows.

First we impose that the maximum allowable deviation for each attribute is 4 . We just add to our model that $d_{j} \leq 4, j=1 \ldots n_{0}$.

The results obtained in this case are:

|  | original input | adversarial example | $\sum_{j}^{n_{0}} d_{j}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| benign | $(2,1,1,1,2,1,3,1,1)$ | $(6,1,1,1,2,5,3,4,5)$ | 15 |
| malignant | $(6,10,10,10,8,10,7,10,7)$ | $(2,10,6,10,8,6,7,6,3)$ | 20 |

Figure 4.3: Adversarial examples that trick the DNN, maximum deviation each attribute: 4

We can see that, imposing this constraint, the changes in the input to trick the NN increase. This is definitely a good sign, as it confirms us the reliability of the network. In fact, if we impose that the maximum allowable change must be 3 or smaller, the optimization problem turns to be infeasible, i.e. there would not be any combination of changes that could trick our network.

At last we add that the maximum number of modified attributes must be 2 . For us to solve this we must introduce binary variables $r_{i}, i=1 \ldots n_{0}$. This yields

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
r_{i}=1 \text { if component } i \text { is modified } \\
r_{i}=0 \quad \text { otherwise }  \tag{4.23}\\
r_{i} \in\{0,1\}
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n_{0}
$$

Knowing that, if component $j$ has changed, then $\left|x_{j}^{0}-\tilde{x}_{j}^{0}\right| \geq 1$, otherwise $\mid x_{j}^{0}-$
$\tilde{x}_{j}^{0} \mid=0$, the following constraints must be add to our model to limit the number of changes:

$$
\begin{gather*}
\sum_{j=1}^{n_{0}} r_{j} \leq 2  \tag{4.24}\\
\text { if } r_{i}=1 \text { then }\left|x_{j}^{0}-\tilde{x}_{j}^{0}\right| \geq 1  \tag{4.25}\\
\text { if } r_{i}=0 \text { then }\left\{\begin{array}{l}
x_{j}^{0} \leq \tilde{x}_{j}^{0} \\
x_{j}^{0} \geq \tilde{x}_{j}^{0}
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n_{0} \\
\quad r_{i} \in\{0,1\}
\end{gather*}
$$

In order to have a linear constraint, another binary variable $t_{i}, i=1 \ldots n_{0}$ is introduced:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
t_{i}=1 \text { if } \bar{x}_{i}^{0} \geq x_{i}^{0}  \tag{4.26}\\
t_{i}=0 \quad \text { otherwise } \\
t_{i} \in\{0,1\}
\end{array}\right\} i=1 \ldots n_{0}
$$

This new binary variable and a big value M , allow us to linearise the absolute value. The final new constraints added to our model are (4.24) and the following:

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
x_{j}^{0} \geq \tilde{x}_{j}^{0}\left(1-r_{j}\right)+r_{j}\left(\tilde{x}_{j}^{0}+1-M t_{j}\right)  \tag{4.27}\\
x_{j}^{0} \leq \tilde{x}_{j}^{0}\left(1-r_{j}\right)+r_{j}\left(\tilde{x}_{j}^{0}-1+M\left(1-t_{j}\right)\right)
\end{array}\right\} j=1 \ldots n_{0}
$$

where M is a constant big enough (in this case 10 is enough).
Introducing all these factors, the new results are shown in Figure 4.4

|  | original input | adversarial example | $\sum_{j}^{n_{0}} d_{j}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| benign | $(2,1,1,1,2,1,3,1,1)$ | $(2,1,1,1,2,4,3,1,10)$ | 12 |
| malignant | $(6,10,10,10,8,10,7,10,7)$ | infeasible | - |

Figure 4.4: Adversarial examples that trick the DNN, maximum number of changes: 2

Imposing the maximum number of changes in only 2 nodes, the result in the first case considered ( $\tilde{x}^{0}$ benign) does not change, as the optimal solution without constraints had only changed the value of two nodes. But, in the second case, the problem turns out to be infeasible. In fact the minimum number of nodes needed to change in order to trick the DNN is 3 .
Examining the results in general, one can conclude that it is generally easier to trick the network into misclassifying a benign case as malignant than the other way.

In all this examples, the running time is quite short and one obtains the optimal solution quite easily. This is because all our variables are bounded. ( $0 \leq X_{i} \leq 10$ ), and we do not use an extremely large value of M , that could probably give us quite a few problems.

## Annex I. Training a DNN

In this chapter we include the AMPL codes used in Chapter 3

## Regression problem

```
param n; #input dim
param epsi; #epsilon
param K; #layers
param lambda;
param nk{i in 0..K}; #number of nodes of each layer
param x0{i in 1..n, j in 1..nk[0]}; #input
param y{i in 1..n}; #output
var b{k in 0..K-1, j in 1..nk[k+1]}; #bias
var W{k in 0..K-1, i in 1..nk[k+1], j in 1..nk[k]}; #weights
var x{i in 1..n, k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]};
param erel{i in 1..n};
minimize error:
sum{i in 1..n} sum{j in 1..nk[K]} (x[i,K,j] - y[i])^2 +
lambda*(sum{k in 0..K-1} sum{i in 1..nk[k+1]} sum{j in 1..nk[k]}
W[k,i,j]^2)+lambda*(sum{k in 0..K-1} sum{j in 1..nk[k+1]}
b[k,j]^2);
#constraints:
subject to res{i in 1..n, k in 2..k, j in 1..nk[k]}:
x[i,k,j]=0.5*(sqrt((sum{l in 1..nk[k-1]} W[k-1,j,l]*x[i,k-1,l]+
b[k-1,j])^2+epsi) +sum{l in 1..nk[k-1]}W[k-1,j,l]*x[i,k-1,l]+
b [k-1, j]) ;
```

```
subject to res0{i in 1..n, j in 1..nk[1]}:
x[i,1,j]=0.5*(sqrt((sum{l in 1..nk[0]} W[0,j,l]*x0[i,l]+b[0,j])^2+
epsi) + sum{l in 1..nk[0]} W[0,j,l]*x0[i,l]+b[0,j]);
```


## Classification Problem

```
param n; #input dim
param epsi; #epsilon
param K; #layers
param nk{i in 0..K}; #nodes in each layer
param lambda; #lamda
param clase{i in 1..n};
param err{i in 1..n};
param num;
param x0{i in 1..n, j in 1..nk[0]}; #input
param y{i in 1..n}; #output
var b{k in 0..k-1, j in 1..nk[k+1]}; #bias
var W{k in 0..K-1, i in 1..nk[k+1], j in 1..nk[k]}; #weights
var x{i in 1..n, k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]};
minimize error:
-sum{i in 1..n} exp(x[i,K,y[i]])/(sum{j in 1..nk[K]} exp(x[i,k,j]))
+ lambda*(sum{k in 0..K-1} sum{i in 1..nk[k+1]} sum{j in 1..nk[k]}
W[k,i,j]^2)+lambda*(sum{k in 0..K-1}sum{j in 1..nk[k+1]} b[k,j]^2);
#constraints:
subject to res{i in 1..n, k in 2..k, j in 1..nk[k]}:
x[i,k,j]=0.5*(sqrt((sum{l in 1..nk[k-1]} W[k-1,j,l]*x[i,k-1,l]+
b[k-1,j])^2+epsi) +sum{l in 1..nk[k-1]} W[k-1,j,l]*x[i,k-1,l]+
b[k-1, j]);
subject to res0{i in 1..n, j in 1..nk[1]}:
x[i,1,j]=0.5*(sqrt((sum{l in 1..nk[0]} W[0,j,l]*x0[i,l]+b[0,j])^2
+epsi) + sum{l in 1..nk[0]} W[0,j,l]*x0[i,l]+b[0,j]);
```


## Annex II. Applications of a trained DNN

In this chapter we include the AMPL codes used in Chapter 4

## Feature visualization

```
param K; #layers
param nk{i in 0..K};
param W{k in 0..K-1, i in 1..nk[k+1], j in 1..nk[k]}; #weights
param b{k in 0..K-1, j in 1..nk[k+1]}; #bias
var x{k in 0..k, j in 1..nk[k]} >=0;
var s{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]} >=0;
var z{k in 1..k, j in 1..nk[k]} binary;
var t>=1e-2;
param M1;
param M2;
minimize objective:
-x[K,2];
#- sum{k in 0..K} sum{j in 1..nk[k]} x[k,j] ;
#constraints:
subject to res1{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]}:
x[k,j]-s[k,j]=sum{i in 1..nk[k-1]} W[k-1,j,i]*x[k-1,i]+b[k-1,j];
subject to clas1:
x[K,1]+t-x[K,2]=0;
subject to m1{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]}:
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```
x[k,j]-M1*(1-z[k,j])<=0;
subject to m2{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]}:
s[k,j]-M2*z[k,j]<=0;
subject to cotas1{i in 1..nk[0]}:
x[0,i]-10<=0;
```


## Adversarial examples

```
param n; #number of inputs
param K; #layers
param nk{i in 0..K};
param W{k in 0..K-1, i in 1..nk[k+1], j in 1..nk[k]}; #weights
param b{k in 0..k-1, j in 1..nk[k+1]}; #bias
param xbar{j in 1..nk[0]}; #correct classified input
param dbar; #xbar class
param d; #wrongly classified class
var x{k in 1..k, j in 1..nk[k]}>=0;
var x0{j in 1..nk[0]} integer; #wrongly classified variable
var s{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]} >=0;
var z{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]} binary;
var r{k in 1..nk[0]} binary;
var t{k in 1..nk[0]} binary;
var dis{j in 1..nk[0]} >=0; #distance
param M1;
param M2;
param M3;
minimize objective:
    sum{j in 1..nk[0]} dis[j];
#constraints:
subject to res1{k in 2..K, j in 1..nk[k]}:
x[k,j]-s[k,j]=sum{i in 1..nk[k-1]} W[k-1,j,i]*x[k-1,i]+b[k-1,j];
subject to res2{j in 1..nk[1]}:
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```
x[1,j]-s[1,j]=sum{i in 1..nk[0]} W[0,j,i]*x0[i]+b[0,j];
subject to cond:
x[k,d]-1.2*x[k,dbar]>=0;
subject to m1{k in 1..K, j in 1..nk[k]}:
x[k,j]-M1*(1-z[k,j])<=0;
subject to m2{k in 1..k, j in 1..nk[k]}:
s[k,j]-M2*z[k,j]<=0;
subject to resd1{j in 1..nk[0]}: #distance
-dis[j]+x0[j]-xbar[j]<=0;
subject to resd2{j in 1..nk[0]}:
-x0[j]+xbar[j]-dis[j]<=0;
subject to cotasl{j in 1..nk[0]}:
x0[j]-1>=0;
subject to cotas2{j in 1..nk[0]}:
x0[j]-10<=0;
#subject to resd3{j in 1..nk[0]}: #max d change=4
# dis[j]<=4;
#subject to condi: #max input change=2
# sum{j in 1..nk[0]} r[j] <=2;
#subject to condi2{j in 1..nk[0]}:
# x0[j]>=xbar[j]*(1-r[j])+r[j]*(xbar[j]+1-M3*t[j]);
#subject to condi3{j in 1..nk[0]}:
# x0[j]<=xbar[j]*(1-r[j])+r[j]*(xbar[j]-1+M3*(1-t[j]));
```


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