
Statistical Mechanics of Deep Learning - Problem set 10

Winter Term 2023/24

Hand in: Friday, 05.01 at 10:00 am, you can upload your solutions to the course webpage on Moodle platform.

20. On-line learning of soft committee machines

4+3 Points

Consider the order parameter dynamical equations of a soft committee machines, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.14546>

$$(1) \quad \frac{dR}{d\alpha} = \frac{2\eta}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+Q} \frac{1}{K} \left\{ \frac{1+Q-MR^2}{\sqrt{2(1+Q)-R^2}} - \frac{MR}{\sqrt{1+2Q}} \right\}$$

$$(2) \quad \frac{dQ}{d\alpha} = \frac{4\eta}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+Q} \frac{1}{K} \left\{ \frac{MR}{\sqrt{2(1+Q)-R^2}} - \frac{MQ}{\sqrt{1+2Q}} \right\}$$

with $M = K$, the number of hidden units of the teacher network M is equal to the student network K in the realizable case. The generalization error is given by

$$(3) \quad \varepsilon_g = \frac{K}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{6} + \arcsin \left(\frac{Q}{1+Q} \right) + (K-1) \arcsin \left(\frac{C}{1+Q} \right) - 2 \arcsin \left(\frac{R}{\sqrt{2(1+Q)}} \right) - 2(K-1) \arcsin \left(\frac{S}{\sqrt{2(1+Q)}} \right) \right]$$

- (a) Show that equations (1) and (2) have the following fixed points, which correspond to the symmetric phase solutions discussed in the lecture

$$R_{pl} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K(2K-1)}}, \quad Q_{pl} = \frac{1}{2K-1}$$

- (b) Use the results obtained in (a) to compute the generalization error at the plateau

$$\varepsilon_{pl} = \frac{K}{\pi} \left[\frac{\pi}{6} - K \arcsin \left(\frac{1}{2K} \right) \right]$$

Hint : note that on the plateau, we have $R_{pl} = S_{pl}$ and $Q_{pl} = C_{pl}$

21. Statistical mechanics of soft committee machines 3+6+3 Points

Applying replica methode on a soft committee machine in the limit $K \rightarrow \infty$ with $K \ll N$, yields the free energy (see <https://arxiv.org/abs/cond-mat/9812197>) in the variables $\hat{p} = Kp$, $\hat{C} = (K-1)C$, and $\hat{S} = KS$

$$(4) \quad \mathbf{f} = \frac{2F}{NK} = \alpha \left[\frac{\beta(v-2w+1/3)}{1+\beta(u-v)} + \ln[1+\beta(u-v)] \right] + \frac{\delta - \Delta^2}{\delta - 1} - \ln(1-\delta) - \frac{\delta + \hat{p} - (\Delta + \hat{S})^2}{\tilde{C}}$$

with $u = 1/3 + \hat{C}/\pi$, $v = [2\arcsin(\delta/2) + \hat{p}]/\pi$, $w = [2\arcsin(\Delta/2) + \hat{S}]/\pi$ and $\tilde{C} = K(1 + \hat{C} - \delta - \hat{p})$, while the parameters $\delta = q - p$ and $\Delta = R - S$ measure the degree of specialization in the network.

The generalization error is computed by averaging a quadratic cost function over all examples, $\varepsilon_g = \frac{1}{2} \langle (\sigma - \tau)^2 \rangle_\xi$, in terms of the order parameters R_{ij}^a, Q_{ij}^{aa} , the student-teacher and student-student overlaps respectively, the generalization error is given by

$$(5) \quad \varepsilon_g = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{K\pi} \sum_{i,j=1}^K \left[\arcsin\left(\frac{Q_{ij}^{aa}}{2}\right) - 2\arcsin\left(\frac{R_{ij}^a}{2}\right) \right]$$

with the replica symmetric order parameters (a, b are replica indices while i, j are the hidden units indices)

$$Q_{ij}^{aa} = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{If } i = j \\ C & , \text{If } i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad R_{ij}^a = \begin{cases} R & , \text{If } i = j \\ S & , \text{If } i \neq j \end{cases}, \quad Q_{ij}^{ab} = \begin{cases} q & , \text{If } i = j \\ p & , \text{If } i \neq j \end{cases} \text{ for } a \neq b$$

The saddle point equations of the free energy yields two different types of solutions : an unspecialized committee symmetric solution with $\Delta = \delta = 0$, $\tilde{C} = 0$ and specialized solution with $\Delta, \delta > 0$, $\tilde{C} = 0$. We aim in this problem to compute the generalization error in the symmetric phase by calculating the order parametres R_{ij}^a and Q_{ij}^{aa} which minimize the free energy in the symmetric phase.

(a) Start by rewriting all variables \hat{C} in the free energy in terms of \tilde{C} (taking the limit $K \rightarrow \infty$), then linearize to first order in δ and Δ .

(b) Now compute the saddle point equations with respect to the variables $\hat{S}, \hat{p}, \tilde{C}, \delta, \Delta$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \hat{S}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \hat{p}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \tilde{C}} = 0,$$

and show that $\hat{S} = \hat{p} = 1$ in the symmetric phase with $\delta = 0$ and $\Delta = 0$.

(c) Use the results obtained in (b) and the fact that $\tilde{C} = 0$ in the symmetric phase to compute the symmetric platue value

$$\varepsilon_{pl} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{\pi}$$