Neural Networks: Part II Designing Neural Networks + PyTorch Intro

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Neural Networks II

Recall last class: Feedforward Neural Network (FNN)



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Recall last class: Empirical Risk Minimization



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Recall last class: Stochastic Gradient Descent



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PyTorch - Introduction

Fundamental Concepts

- Tensors: Multidimensional arrays.
- Autograd: PyTorch can track your operations and automatically construct their gradients.
- **Modules:** Similar to what we discussed, it can encompass several components, like a layer or a loss function.

When performing computations with batches of data, as is usually done, we want to take advantage of distributional computing. Therefore our computations we'll be done in batches of data

Therefore we usually stack our batch in tensors.

PyTorch - Introduction

Tensors:

- Tensors are a generalization of vector and matrices for higher dimensions. Computationally they are represented as *d*-dimensional arrays.
- Example A multi-channel image is a 3d tensor.

