Vehicle Navigation with Neural Networks

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Introduction

- Many thousand deaths every year
- Self-Driving Cars
- Neural Networks
- Model used to make predictions on data
- Learn from training data



Applications Today

Image processing and classification

Speech Recognition

Medical Field





Microsoft







Outline

- 1. Introduction
- 2. <u>Neural Networks</u>
- 3. Deep Neural Networks
- 4. Computer Vision
- 5. Navigation
- 6. <u>Conclusion</u>

Inspiration

- 100 Billion Neurons
- Trillions of connections
- Always changing/learning





Basic Neural Network Structure



Artificial Neurons

Biological Neuron

Artificial Neuron $(x_1w_1) + (x_2w_2) + (x_3w_3) = Total Input$ Output = 0 if Total Input \leq Threshold ValueOutput = 1 if Total Input > Threshold Value





Training

$$\Delta weight_i = \frac{\partial Error}{\partial weight_i} * learning rate$$



Deep Neural Networks





First Hidden Layer Hidden Neurons



Input Layer Input Neurons



First Hidden Layer Hidden Neurons



Input Layer Input Neurons

First Hidden Layer

Hidden Neurons



Input Layer Input Neurons

First Hidden Layer

Hidden Neurons





Pooling



Pooling



Pooling Layer

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Computer Vision

- Aware of surroundings
- Detect Objects Continuously
- RADAR
- SONAR
- MU
- Infrared
- GPS
- LIDAR
- Video



Car Cameras

- Placed in pairs
- Detect Objects
- Read road signs and traffic lights



Object Detection



Bounding Boxes



Bounding Boxes



LIDAR





Obstacle Avoidance

- Neural networks are effective at navigating and avoiding obstacles
- Inputs to the network include the vehicle destination and obstacles to avoid
- The network outputs an angle to steer and a speed
- The network learns by observation

Obstacle Avoidance



Self-Driving Car Loop

Sense: Collect and process data from all available sensors

Act: Uses the output from current instance of the recurrent neural network to control the vehicle

Map: Build a 3D map representing the surrounding area

Plan: Sends information from 3D map into a new instance of a recurrent neural network

Self-Driving Cars

- Generate multiple paths
- Equipped with powerful computers on-board
- Google has created a simulator for training
- Thousands of scenarios in hours rather than decades
- Can react safely in dangerous situations
- Always learning



Conclusion

- Convolutional neural networks detect locations of surrounding objects
- Recurrent neural networks process the world and give instructions to control vehicles



Questions?