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## University Examinations 2024/2025

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY,

### CCS 3400: NEURAL NETWORKS

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **ONE** (Compulsory) and any other **TWO** questions

#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Differentiate between:

i. Weight and bias (2 marks)

ii. Learning rate and hyperparameter (2 marks)

iii. supervised learning and reinforcement learning (2 marks)

iv. Training loss and validation loss “ (2 marks)

b) Discuss briefly why model regularization is important (2 marks)

c) Suppose we train a neural network classifier in a supervised fashion and notice that it suffers from overfitting. What are some of the common ways to reduce overfitting in neural networks (4 marks)?

d) Illustrate and explain any two Nonlinear Activation Functions types (4 marks)

e) List and explain any two cost functions for regression problems. (2 marks)

f) Write short explanations on the following:

i. YOLO (2 marks)

ii. Dropout (2 marks)

- iii. Ensemble method concept (2 marks)
- iv. Lang Chain (2 marks)
- v. Prompt engineering (2 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) State the challenges faced while implementing the algorithms of machine learning. (3 marks)
- b) Study the following Confusion Matrix.
  - i. Fill in the missing sections (3 marks)
  - ii. Explain your answer (3 marks)

		Predicted Class	
		Positive	Negative
Actual Class	Positive		
	Negative	False Positive (FP)	

- c) Compare and contrast:
  - i. “training, validation and test” datasets (3 marks)
  - ii. Epoch, batch and sample size (3 marks)
- d) Enumerate the layers of CNN stating their functions (5 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

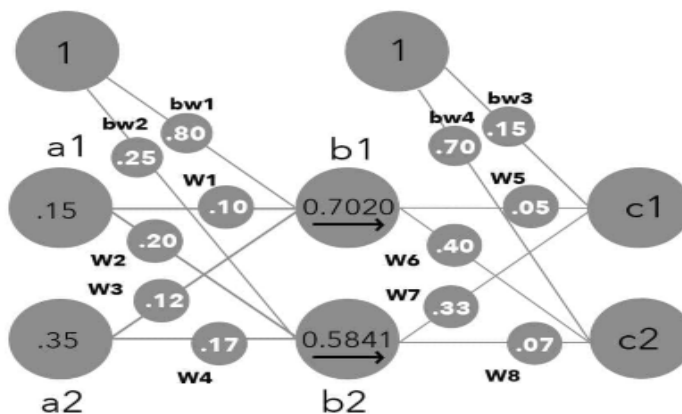
- a) Using an example, demonstrate the concept of “Backpropagation” (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the difference between: (6 marks)
  - i. transfer learning and fine-tuning

- ii.RNN and Convolutional neural networks
- iii.Large Language Model and Generative AI

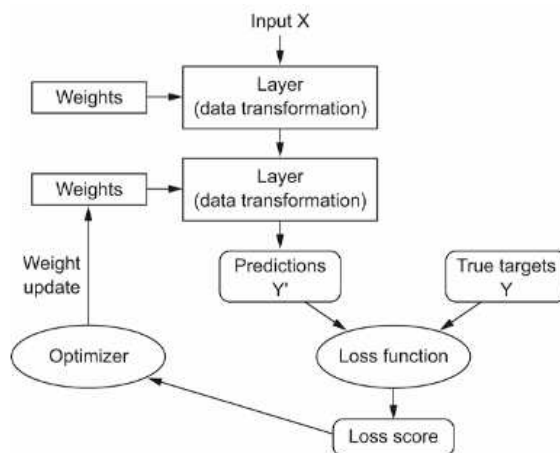
c) Illustrate the following activation functions. (4 marks)

- i.Tanh
- ii.ReLU
- iii.Sigmoid
- iv.Softmax

d) Moving from Layer B to C(neural network illustrated below), calculate the output of nodes C1 and C2. Show your working. (4 marks)



e) Interpret the diagram below: (4 marks)



#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss briefly the following concept:
- i. momentum (2 marks)
  - ii. regularization (2 marks)
  - iii. Learning rate (2 marks)
  - iv. Epoch (2 marks)
  - v. Dropout (2 marks)
- b) List and describe briefly any two Multi-Class Classification Loss Functions (4 marks)
- c) Describe the overall sequence of steps followed to train a neural network using gradient descent and backpropagation. (6 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Compare and contrast the concepts of:
- i. supervised, unsupervised and reinforcement learning (3 marks)
  - ii. Adam, Adagrad, RMS Prop (3 marks)
- b) Discuss in detail the Transfer Learning approach in Deep Learning (4 marks)
- c) Interpret the following cost function formula: (4 marks)

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (t_i - z_i)^2$$

- d) Explain the importance of the following: (6 marks)
- i. Local minima
  - ii. bias
  - iii. Cross-entropy
  - iv. L1/L2
  - v. RELU
  - vi. Maxpooling