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- Representational power of single-layer feature learning is limited to simple tasks
- Deep architectures allow us to decompose hierarchy of complex data (e.g., human face) into layers of features, with a feature at each layer using the features of the layer below
 - Best current practices use deep architectures based on autoencoder, restricted Boltzmann machine (RBM), and convolutional neural network (CNN)

Deep Architecture Based on Sparse Coding

- Single-layer sparse coding performance (according to Coates *et al.*, 2011) is better than or on par with RBM and CNN
 - Sparse coding, due to its regularization on sparsity, gives probably the most effective (unsupervised) clustering method known to date
- Motivated by superior feature learning performance of single-layer sparse coding, we build a deep architecture based on sparse coding

Objective

Challenges

- 1) As going up layers, sparse coding increases dimensionality
- 2) Sparse coding makes an inherent assumption on the input being non-sparse
- 3) It is difficult to optimize all layers of sparse coding jointly

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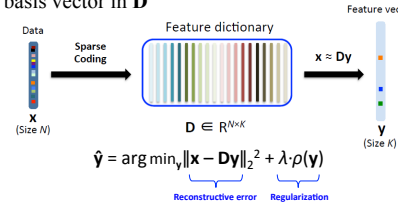
We propose Deep Sparse-coded Network (DSN), a deep architecture for sparse coding as a principled extension from its single-layer counterpart

- We propose a novel backpropagation algorithm that is specific to multi-layer sparse coding interlaced by spatial max pooling
- Using max pooling, we avoid linear cascade of dictionaries and keep the effect of multi-layering in tact
 - Remedy problem of too many feature vectors and preserve translational invariance
- We consider both l_1 -regularized LASSO/LARS and greedy- l_0 OMP for sparse coding methods

Approach

Sparse Coding

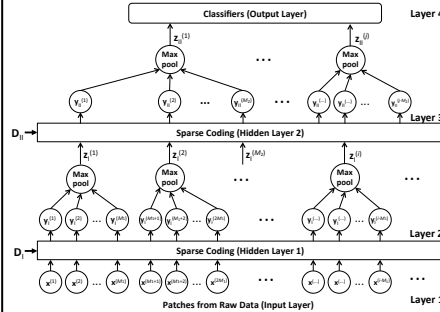
Represent \mathbf{x} as a sparse linear combination of basis vector in \mathbf{D}



- Greedy algorithm such as OMP can minimize l_0 pseudo-norm, $\lambda \|\mathbf{y}\|_0$
- LASSO/LARS can be used to minimize l_1 -norm, $\lambda \|\mathbf{y}\|_1$

Deep Sparse-coded Network (DSN)

4-layer DSN with two hidden layers of sparse coding, each of which can learn corresponding level's sparse code and train own dictionary



Training algorithms for DSN

1) Pretraining via layer-by-layer sparse coding and dictionary learning

- Compute sparse codes while learning dictionary

For hidden layer I:

$$\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(M_1)}\} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{D}_1} \{\mathbf{y}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_1^{(M_1)}\}$$

$$\{\mathbf{x}^{(M_1+1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(2M_1)}\} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{D}_1} \{\mathbf{y}_1^{(M_1+1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_1^{(2M_1)}\}$$

- Max pooling to aggregate sparse codes
- Pooled sparse code is passed to next layer

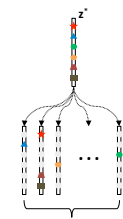
2) Training classifiers at the output layer

- Train weights in classifier/regressor

$$\hat{\mathbf{l}} = \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{z}_{\text{II}}) = \mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{z}_{\text{II}} + w_0$$

3) Backpropagation

- Compute classifier error
- Compute updated pooled sparse codes
- Estimate sparse code via *putback*



- Updated pooled sparse codes are put back to locations at the original sparse codes

- Down-propagate for all hidden layers
- Up-propagate using Steps 1&2

Experiments

- Sample 20,000 images uniformly from CIFAR-10 dataset
 - 2,000 images per class
 - Five folds for cross validation
- Preprocess patches by ZCA-whitening before sparse coding

Average 1-vs-all classification accuracy for single-layer sparse coding and autoencoder

	Classification accuracy
Autoencoder	69.8%
OMP ($S = 0.1N$)	75.3%
OMP ($S = 0.2N$)	76.9%
LARS ($\lambda = 0.2$)	78.4%
LARS ($\lambda = 0.1$)	80.1%

*S: number of non-zero items

In single-layer setting, sparse coding based on LARS (with $\lambda=0.1$) achieved the best single-layer accuracy at 80.1%

Average 1-vs-all classification accuracy comparison between DSN and deep stacked autoencoder (SAE)

	Classification accuracy
Deep SAE (pretraining only)	71.8%
Deep SAE (pretraining+backprop)	78.9%
DSN-OMP (pretraining only)	79.6%
DSN-OMP (pretraining+backprop)	84.3%
DSN-LARS (pretraining only)	83.1%
DSN-LARS (pretraining+backprop)	87.5%

-Multi-layering improves accuracy performance for sparse coding by 3%, and the proposed backpropagation additional 4% -DSN-OMP with only pretraining is already 0.7% better than the backpropagation-finetuned deep SAE

Conclusion and Future Work

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- Introduce Deep Sparse-coded Network (DSN), a deep architecture for sparse coding
- Discuss benefit and training methods of DSN including a novel backpropagation algorithm that effectively traverses and optimizes multiple layers of sparse coding and max pooling
- Report good classification performance on medium-sized setup with CIFAR-10

Future Work

- Experiment with DSN in larger datasets (CIFAR-100, Caltech-101, and Caltech-256)
- Test in broader scope for text, sounds, and wireless signal classification tasks

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