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Sensory modalities in robotics

Modality is an aspect of stimulus or what is perceived after stimulus

- Proprioceptive (touch, gyro, accelerations, temperature, energy consumption...)
- Exteroceptive (vision, range sensing, sound...)



Sensory modalities in robotics

Modalities

- Energy consumption
- Traversability
- Planning / obstacle avoidance
- Grasping

Challenges

- Classification
- Regression
- Control

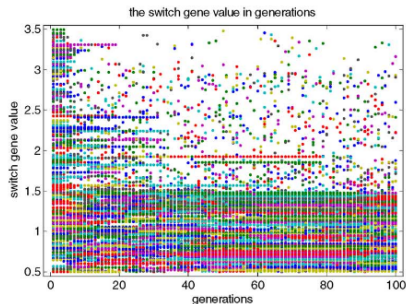
Used principles

- Evolutionary algorithms
- Classifiers - SVM, Boosting, etc.
- Neural networks

Evolutionary algorithms

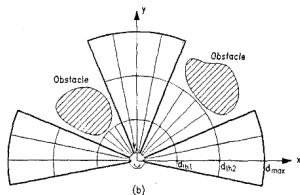
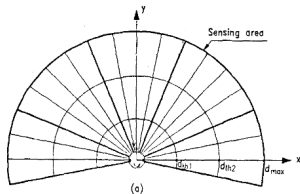
What is necessary:

- Genome
- Fitness function
- Crossover and mutation operations
- Simulation environment
- Computational power
- Time

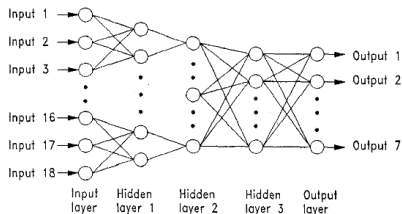


Neural networks - obstacle avoidance

¹Beom, Hee Rak, and H. Cho. "A sensor-based obstacle avoidance controller for a mobile robot using fuzzy logic and neural network." (1992).



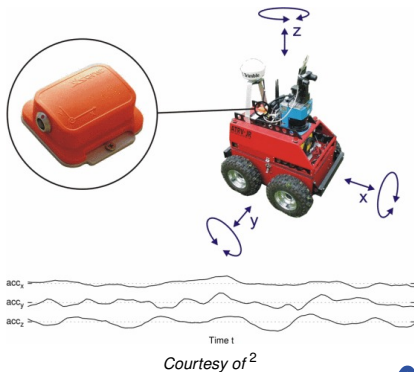
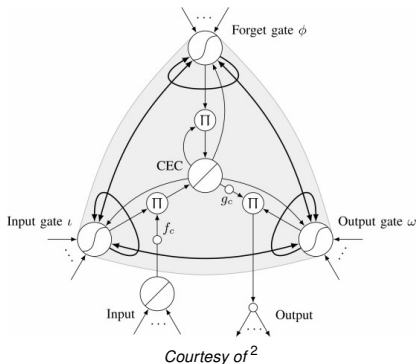
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Neural networks - terrain classification

² S. Otte, C. Weiss, T. Scherer and A. Zell, "Recurrent Neural Networks for fast and robust vibration-based ground classification on mobile robots," *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, (2016)



Neural networks - terrain classification

Input gate:

$$net_l^t = \sum_{i \in I} w_{il} x_i^t + \sum_{h \in H} w_{hl} x_h^{t-1} + \sum_{c \in D} w_{cl} s_c^{t-1} + w_{ll} x_l^{t-1} + w_{\phi l} x_{\phi}^{t-1} + w_{\omega l} x_{\omega}^{t-1}$$

$$x_l^t = \varphi_l(net_l^t)$$

Forget gate:

$$net_{\phi}^t = \sum_{i \in I} w_{i\phi} x_i^t + \sum_{h \in H} w_{h\phi} x_h^{t-1} + \sum_{c \in D} w_{c\phi} s_c^{t-1} + w_{l\phi} x_l^t + w_{\phi\phi} x_{\phi}^{t-1} + w_{\omega\phi} x_{\omega}^{t-1}$$

$$x_{\phi}^t = \varphi_{\phi}(net_{\phi}^t)$$

Output gate:

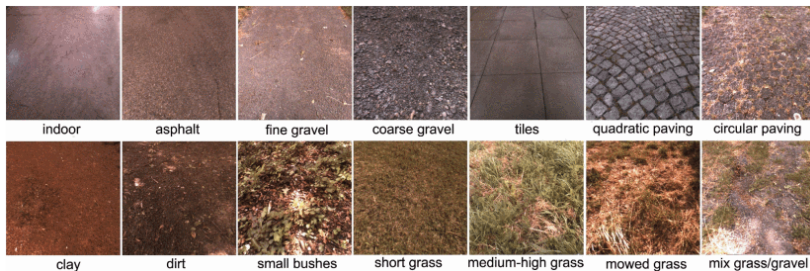
$$net_{\omega}^t = \sum_{i \in I} w_{i\omega} x_i^t + \sum_{h \in H} w_{h\omega} x_h^{t-1} + \sum_{c \in D} w_{c\omega} s_c^{t-1} + w_{l\omega} x_l^t + w_{\phi\omega} x_{\phi}^t + w_{\omega\omega} x_{\omega}^{t-1}$$

$$x_{\omega}^t = \varphi_{\omega}(net_{\omega}^t)$$

where I is input layer, H is hidden recurrent layer, D is Dynamic Cortex Memory

Neural networks - terrain classification

85% accuracy on test data



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Going deeper - Google grasping challenge

³ S. Levin, P. Pastor, A. Krizhevsky and D. Quillen, "Learning Hand-Eye Coordination for Robotic Grasping with Deep Learning and Large-Scale Data Collection,"(2016)

<https://research.googleblog.com/2016/03/>

[deep-learning-for-robots-learning-from.html](https://research.googleblog.com/2016/03/deep-learning-for-robots-learning-from.html)

- 14 robots
- 800000 grasps
- 2 months
- 82% success rate



Learning classifiers

⁴ S. Bose and M. Huber, "Incremental Learning of Neural Network Classifiers Using Reinforcement Learning," *IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC)*, (2016)

The idea - self adapting stream classifier composed of Neural networks.

- Ensemble learning MDP
- Type selection MDP
- Network creation MDP

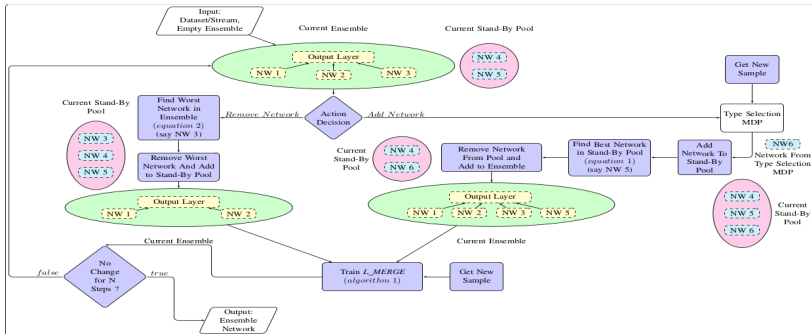
Learning classifiers

Ensemble learning MDP

$$\text{Quality of ensemble: } Q = \frac{\min_{nn_i}(\text{weight}_{nn_i})}{\max_{nn_i}(\text{weight}_{nn_i})}$$

Eligibility of i -th network: $E_{nn_i} = \text{Acc}_{nn_i} \frac{\# \text{correctly classified in } S'}{\# \text{samples in } S'}$, where S' are misclassified samples from S

Reward function: Accuracy of the ensemble



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Learning classifiers

Type selection MDP

To establish new NN

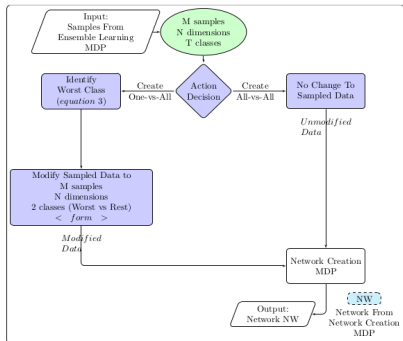
One-vs-all × all-vs-all

2-armed bandit problem

$$\text{Class bias: } C_j = \frac{acc_j}{\max_j(acc_j)}$$

Least accurate class: $minC = argmin_i(C_i)$

Reward function: Propagated accuracy of the whole ensemble



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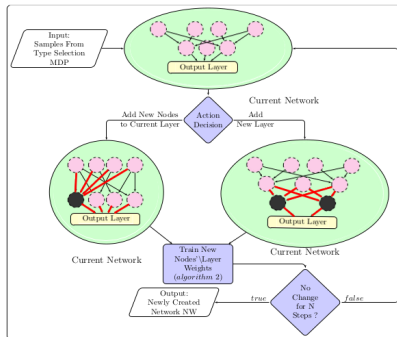
Network creation MDP

Adding nodes or layers to the NN

Error of NN:

$$Err = \frac{\# \text{samples incorrectly classified}}{\# \text{total samples}}$$

Reward function: change in *Err* after each action



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