

Exam Neural Networks (Theory Part)

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Please do not use any notes, books, slides, etc.

1. Perceptron/Adaline

- (10 points) Describe the Perceptron architecture and learning algorithm.
- (15 points) Prove that if the training set is linearly separable then the perceptron training algorithm terminates.

2. Learning/Feed-Forward Neural Networks (FFNNs)

- (15 points) Describe architecture and weights of a neural network for the XOR problem.
- (10 points) What are the differences between FFNN and the Adaline?

3. Radial Basis Function (RBF) Networks

- (5 points) What is a radial basis function?
- (5 points) Is it possible to solve the XOR with a RBF neural network?

4. Self Organizing Map (SOM)/Competitive learning/k-means

- (5 points) Give an example of unsupervised learning task.
- (10 points) Describe the k-means algorithm.

5. Hopfield Networks

- (5 points) Give an example of a real-life task that can be tackled with a Hopfield network.
- (10 points) Describe the discrete Hopfield network: architecture, network state, computation of weights and network execution.

6. Support Vector Machines (SVM)

- (10 points) What are the advantages of a linear SVM with respect to the Perceptron?