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Deep learning for NIR spectroscopy : overview and thoughts



Diagram of spectra feeding a neural network



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NEAR-INFRARED (NIR) SPECTROSCOPY & CHEMOMETRICS





APPLICATION OF NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY IN AN ENERGY CONTEXT



PROBLEM

CHEMOMETRICS

• Chemometrics use mathematical and statistical method • Chemometrics base equation: $y = f(x) + \epsilon$ • Typical workflow:





CONTEXT

CHEMOMETRICS

• Chemometrics use mathematical and statistical method

- Typical chemometrics workflow
- Digital signal processing
 - Corrects spectra of unwanted analytical variability
 - Its effect





CHEMOMETRICS IS NOT ENOUGH

• PLS models used at IFPEN since more than 30 years

Some models have been working all this time

OBut

- It took a lot of manual time to build new models
- Calibration spectrometers transfer is a pain point
- With the emergence of renewable energies, we suspect our models reach their limits too quickly as they need to be often updated to respond to new scenarios...

• A new approach "*Deep learning*" is used in other fields, we want to see what it can give



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WHAT IS DEEP LEARNING ?



Figure 1: artificial intelligence, machine leaning and deep learning Source: Nadia BERCHANE (M2 IESCI, 2018)

- Mostly used in computer vision, natural language processing, decision making system, etc.
- Reminder
 - *X* = input spectral data
 - *y* = physical values to predict
- DL base equation: $y = f(x, \theta) + \epsilon$
 - *f* represent the model (a neural network)
 - θ represent model's design
 - ϵ represent error.

- θ defines model's architecture and its hyperparameters
- To minimize the error ε, the DL model use θ and apply an optimization algorithm to find its internal parameters.

- An architecture is composed of multiple stacked layers
- Layers have different tasks: representation, normalization, regression, ...



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STATE OF THE ART IN DEEP LEARNING APPLIED TO NIR ANALYSIS

• A few try with ANNs between 2005-2010 [1,2]

• First paper of interest in 2016 [3]

• According to review, 80% of DL models in NIR are CNNs [4]

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• Different existing workflow:



[1] Balabin et al., Chemometrics & intelligent lab, volume 83, 2008[2] Balabin et al., Fuel, volume 90, 2011

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[3] Acquarelli et al., Analytica chimica acta, volume 954, 2016

[4] Yang et al., Analytica chimica acta, volume 1081, 2019

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LITTERATURE

RESULTS

CONVOLUTION DEEP NETWORK (CNN) FOR COMPUTER VISION

• A classic CNN architecture [1]



[1] LeCun et al., IEEE, volume 86, 1998



Source : draw_convnet Python script

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CNN IN NIR

- Most of DL on NIR is applied to agri-food
- We can use this knowledge to adapt it to our problems
 How to? To which answer will we respond ?
- Reference architecture exist in computer vision, signal processing, etc.
- Review [1] propose to use ref. archi. as base



A model based on GoogLeNet were applied in NIR and works very well [2]

[1] Yang et al., Analytica chimica acta, volume 1081, 2019[2] Zhang et al., Analytica chimica acta, volume 1058, 2019



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OTHER NETWORKS TYPE USED FOR NIR ANALYSIS

LSTM used to study manure on food analysis [1]

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VAE used to study the aging of chemical product in water pipe [2]

• GAN used to improve dataset to predict gasoline properties [3]



[1] Tan et al., Spectrochimica acta., volume 283, 2022



[2] Grossuti et al., Journal of physical chemistry, volume 13, 2022



[3] He et al., Italian Association of Chemical Engineering, volume 81, 2020



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RESULTS & DISCUSSION



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- Several DL models (CNNs) tested
- Mastering DL design (θ) is complex. It's not magical!



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- Several DL design tested
- Mastering DL design (θ) is complex. It is not magical!
- Implementation of neural networks is hard: they fail silently...



• Building an efficient network :

- Using good metrics (RMSEC, RMSEP, R2, training plot, error plot & parity plot)
- Having (mainly) experience

Process I used

- Copy/paste code from working network on similar dataset
- Iterate over hyperparameters (loss functions, activation, representations, scaling, initializer & optimizer)
- Start with a reference architecture, then try variations to see if it's worth converging from it.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, HAVE A GREAT DAY ;)

