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**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

SCS 425: NEURAL NETWORKS

Date: 8th December, 2016

Time: 12.00 - 3.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ALL Questions in Section A and any other TWO in Section B
- Write your registration number on all sheets of the answer book used
- Use a new page for every Question attempted, and indicate the question number on the space provided on each page of the answer sheet
- Fasten together all loose answer sheets used
- Switch off all mobile phones and PDAs.

Question One

- a)
- i. Mention three types of supervised learning. **(3 marks)**
 - ii. What can supervised learning be used for? **(3 marks)**
- b) Use diagrams to explain how human neurons transmit signal **(7 marks)**
- c) Explain, with the aid of mathematical equations, the operation of the following neurons
- i) Linear neurons **(3 marks)**
 - ii) Binary threshold neurons **(3 marks)**
 - iii) Sigmoid neurons **(3 marks)**
- d) Explain the difference between linear regression and logistic regression **(4 marks)**
- e) Explain how logistic regression can be used for classification purposes **(4 marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (20 MARKS EACH).

Question Two

- a) Sketch the schematics and derive the outputs of neural networks to implement:
- i) AND gate (7 marks)
 - ii) NOT gate (7 marks)
- b) Show how to combine the above to implement a NAND gate. (6 marks)

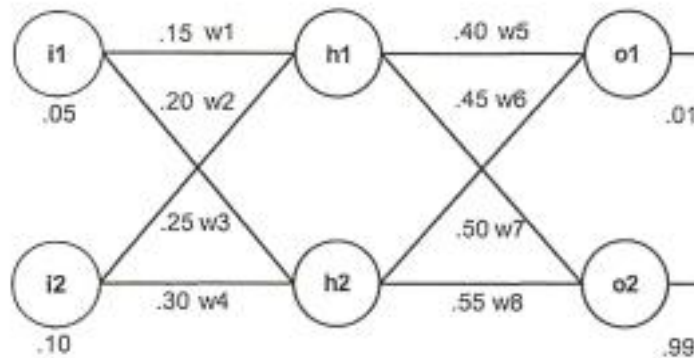
Question Three

- a) Derive the equation for the linear regression cost function (10 marks)
- b) Explain how gradient descent can be used to find the optimum values of Θ in the hypothesis. (10 marks)

$$h_{\Theta}(x) = \Theta_0 + \Theta_1(x)$$

Question Four

Consider the neural network below, with the given inputs 0.05 and 0.10 giving expected outputs 0.01 and 0.99.



$b_1 = 0.35$

$b_2 = 0.60$

- a) Compute the actual outputs o_1 and o_2 . Assume the activation units use a sigmoid function.

Question 5

- a) Briefly describe the back propagation algorithm (4 marks)
Use the diagram in question 4 to answer 5 b.
- b) Using back propagation algorithm, calculate the output error due to the weight w_5 . (16 marks)

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