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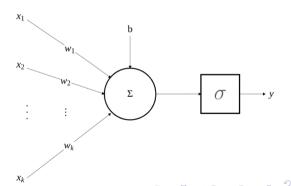
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Perceptron Reminder

Introduction

The building block of each neural network is Perceptron:

- $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$: input features
- $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k\}$: feature weights
- b: bias term
- $\sigma(\cdot)$: activation function
- *y* : output of the neuron



Why Neural Networks?

Introduction

- We can find explicit formulas for some problems (no machine learning)
 - $\Delta x = \frac{1}{2}a \cdot t^2 + v_0 \cdot t$
- We can model some problems assuming simple relationships (classical machine learning)
 - House price as a linear function of its features
 - $y = a_1 \cdot x_1 + a_2 \cdot x_2 + \ldots + a_p \cdot x_p$
- How about classifying these images?



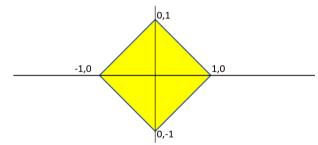
Why Neural Networks? Cont.

- No explicit formula exists to recognize a sneaker
- We recognize any sneaker intuitively
- Our brains use a complex function for this recognition
- **Deep neural networks** can learn this complex function

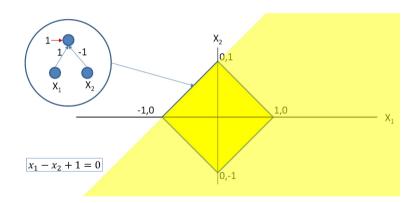


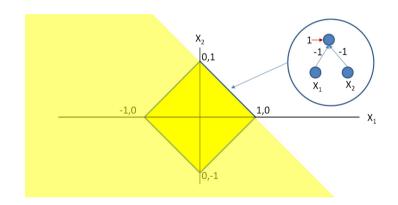
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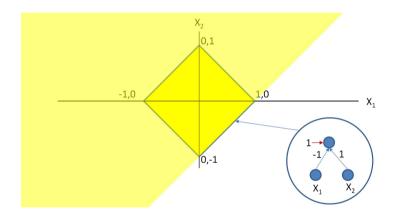
- What network to learn this area?
- Example is adapted from [1].

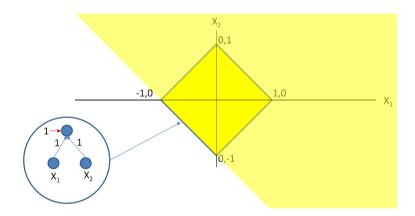


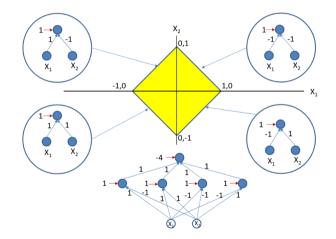
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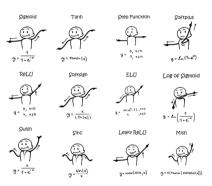








- Increasing width and depth allows us to approximate complex decision boundaries
- An **activation function** makes a neuron's output **non-linear**, allowing the network to learn complex data
- **Not limited** to Boolean or step functions
- With appropriate activation functions, neural networks can approximate any real-valued **function** (More details later)



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Single Hidden Layer Neural Network

• Hidden layer pre-activation:

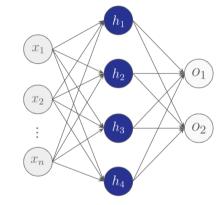
$$a_i(x) = b_i^{(1)} + \sum_j W_{ij}^{(1)} \cdot x_j$$

Activated hidden layer:

$$h(x) = \sigma^{(1)}(a(x))$$

• Output layer:

$$o(x) = \sigma^{(2)} \left(b^{(2)} + W^{(2)} h^{(1)}(x) \right)$$



input laver

hidden laver

output laver

Multi-Hidden Layer Neural Network

- Let $h_i^0 = x_i$ for $i \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$
- For $\ell \in \{0, 1, ..., L\}$:

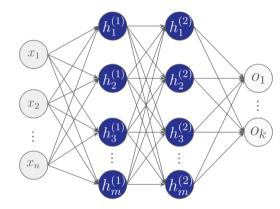
$$a_j^{(\ell+1)} = b_j^{(\ell)} + \sum_i W_{ij}^{(\ell)} \cdot h_i^{(\ell)}$$

$$h_j^{(\ell+1)} = \sigma^{(\ell+1)}(a_j^{(\ell+1)})$$

Learnable parameters:

$$b_i^{(\ell)}, W_{ij}^{(\ell)}$$

 Number of learnable parameters:



input layer

hidden layers

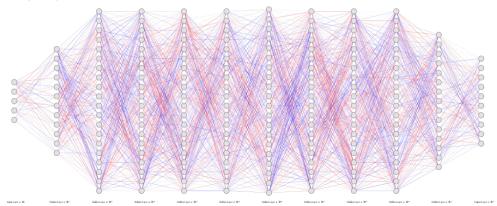
output layer

$$(n+1)m_1+(m_1+1)m_2+...+(m_L+1)k$$

Neural Networks

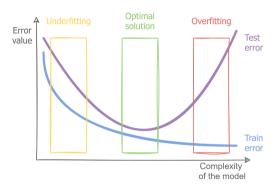
Deep Neural Network Architecture

- More than a few hidden layers: **Deep Neural Network (DNN)**
- Designing a neural network architecture is **more of an art than a science**.



Network Width and Depth

- Width: More neurons, more complexity
- **Depth:** More layers, more abstraction
- Balance:
 - Too narrow/shallow: risk of underfitting
 - Too wide/deep: risk of overfitting

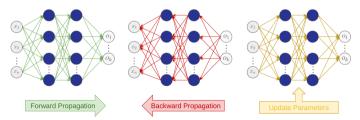


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Training Phases

- **Initialize weights and biases**: These values control how the network initially processes information (More details later)
- Forward pass: Pass the input through the network to get an output
- **Calculate the error**: Compare the network's output to the correct answer to measure the difference (called the 'loss' More details later)
- **Backpropagation**: Use the loss value to adjust the weights and biases to improve the network's accuracy

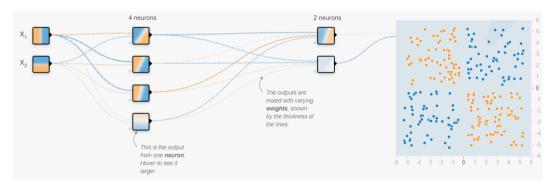


Forward Propagation

- This is the pass where we send input data through the network to make a prediction (likely inaccurate at first).
- The prediction is made by calculating weighted sums and applying an activation function at each laver

$$o(x) = a^{(L)} = \sigma^{(L)} \left(b^{(L)} + W^{(L)} \sigma^{(L-1)} \left(\dots \sigma^{(1)} (b^{(1)} + W^{(1)} x) \dots \right) \right)$$

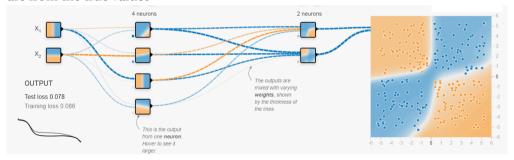
Forward Propagation Cont.



Before producing predictions. Adapted from TensorFlow playground: Daniel Smilkov and Shan Carter.

Forward Propagation Cont.

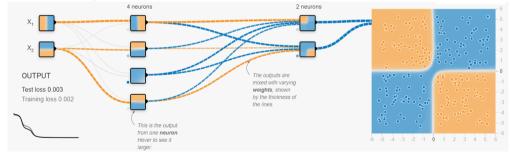
- The goal is to adjust the network's parameters to improve the predictions
- The loss is calculated after the forward pass, telling us how far off our predictions are from the true values



Loss values for predictions. Adapted from TensorFlow playground: Daniel Smilkov and Shan Carter.

BackPropagation and Parameter Update

- The network uses the **loss** to adjust its **weights and biases** through a process called backpropagation
- Backpropagation calculates how much weights should change to reduce the error
- This will be explained in more detail in the next lecture



Predictions get better as the weights get updated. Adapted from TensorFlow playground: Daniel Smilkov and

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Contributions

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