



Model Representation I

Let's examine how we will represent a hypothesis function using neural networks. At a very simple level, neurons are basically computational units that take inputs (**dendrites**) as electrical inputs (called "spikes") and channel them to outputs (**axons**). In our model, our dendrites are like the input features $x_1 \cdots x_n$, and the result of our hypothesis function. In this model our x_0 input node is sometimes called the "bias" and is always equal to 1. In neural networks, we use the same logistic function as in classification, $\frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta T}}$, and sometimes call it a sigmoid (logistic) **activation** function. In this situation, our "theta" parameters are called "weights".

Visually, a simplistic representation looks like:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow [\] \rightarrow h_{\theta}(x)$$

Our input nodes (layer 1), also known as the "input layer", go into another node (layer 2), which finally performs the hypothesis function, known as the "output layer".

We can have intermediate layers of nodes between the input and output layers called the "hidden" layers.

In this example, we label these intermediate or "hidden" layer nodes $a_0^{(2)} \cdots a_n^{(2)}$ and call them "activation" nodes.

$a_i^{(j)}$ = "activation" of unit i in layer j

$\Theta^{(j)}$ = matrix of weights controlling function mapping from layer j to layer $j + 1$

If we had one hidden layer, it would look like:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_1^{(2)} \\ a_2^{(2)} \\ a_3^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow h_{\theta}(x)$$

The values for each of the "activation" nodes is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{10}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{11}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{12}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{13}^{(1)} x_3) \\ a_2^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{20}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{21}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{22}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{23}^{(1)} x_3) \\ a_3^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{30}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{31}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{32}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{33}^{(1)} x_3) \\ h_{\Theta}(x) &= a_1^{(3)} = g(\Theta_{10}^{(2)} a_0^{(2)} + \Theta_{11}^{(2)} a_1^{(2)} + \Theta_{12}^{(2)} a_2^{(2)} + \Theta_{13}^{(2)} a_3^{(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

This is saying that we compute our activation nodes by using a 3x4 matrix of parameters. We apply these parameters to our inputs to obtain the value for one activation node. Our hypothesis output is the