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# Foundations of Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)

Dive into the foundations of Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs), uncovering the inspiration drawn from the human brain and the basic computational units known as artificial neurons. The chapter aims to demystify the structure and functioning of ANNs, illustrating how these models emulate biological processes to perform complex computations.



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neurons and transmits electrical impulses. With this information at hand, it can develop appropriate responses to stimuli.

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Each neuron receives electrical signals through dendrites, which then pass through the body and travel by the axon to other neurons.

#### **Artificial Neurons I**

An artificial neuron, also known as a **perceptron**, serves as the fundamental unit in artificial neural networks (ANNs). They emulate the behavior of biological neurons found in the human brain, providing a mathematical model for computational tasks.

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In this context, **input** data with n features  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , ...,  $x_n$  is fed into an artificial neuron. Through **various** transformations, typically achieved with an activation function denoted as f, the neuron processes the input and **generates** an **output**. This output is then either forwarded to another neuron for further processing or utilized as the final prediction.

Often, an additional  $x_0$  feature is introduced that allows to include bias/intercept.

#### **Artificial Neurons II**

Each input feature  $x_i$  is associated with its weight, typically denoted as  $w_i$  or i, which acts as a multiplication coefficient in the weighted sum z. In other words, all products of input features and their corresponding weights are summed up.

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Subsequently, the resulting value undergoes a transformation through an **activation function**  $\phi$ , and the **output** of this function is then passed further.



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A perceptron is a simple model based on a single neuron or a set of independent neurons.

The capabilities of perceptrons are very limited – note, that if you skip the activation function (or equivalently use a linear function) you end up with linear regression or binary logistic regression when sigmoid function is introduced.

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Only by combining artificial neurons into a network, their capabilities rapidly increase, and the true power of ANN computing is revealed. It is the result of the simultaneous (ie. parallel) operation of many neurons connected in a network.

It creates various structures (also called architectures) with perceptron being the simplest neural network.

Having completed this chapter, you now have a solid understanding of the biological inspirations behind ANNs, the basic building blocks that constitute these networks, and some historical context of their development. It is necessary to equip you with the background to understand the nuances of how these models learn and adapt. With this foundation, learners are well-prepared to examine the detailed architecture and mechanics that enable neural networks to tackle a wide array of complex tasks.

# What happens if you skip the activation function or use a linear function in a perceptron model?

$\bigcirc$	The model becomes a decision tree
	The model transforms into a k-nearest neighbor classifier
	The model introduces non-linearities only to binary problems
	You end up with a linear regression model



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