# Multilayer Percetprons

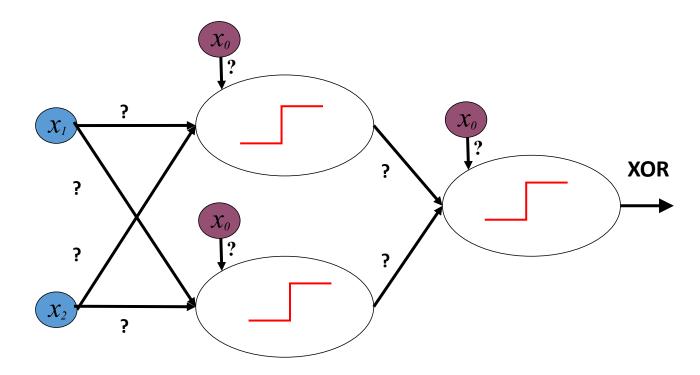
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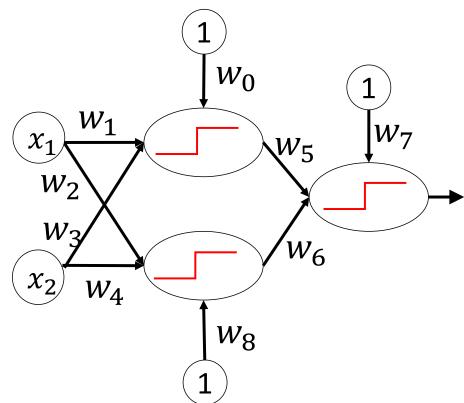
Combining perceptrons can make any Boolean function



...if you can set the weights & connections right

#### Problem with a step function: Assignment of error

- Stymies multi-layer weight learning
- Limits us to a single layer of units
- Thus, only linear functions
- You can hand-wire XOR perceptrons, but the sytem can't learn XOR with perceptrons



Linear Units & Delta Rule

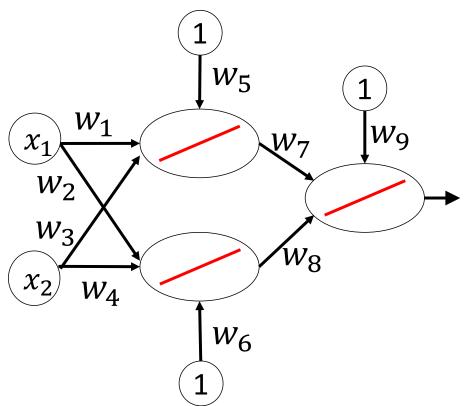
Solution: Remove the step function

$$f(\mathbf{x})$$
 $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$ 

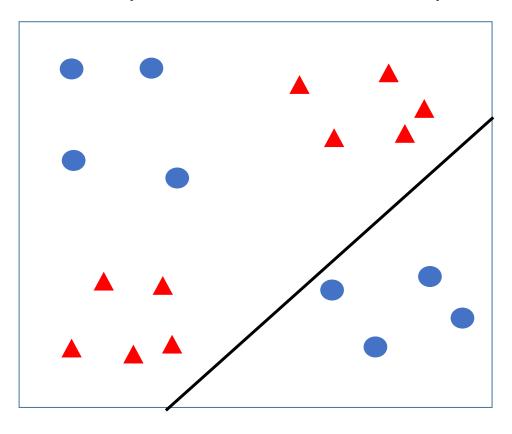
$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i x_i = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

#### Better & worse than a perceptron

- All changes in input result in changed output
- This gives us a gradient everywhere
- We can learn multiple layers of weights.
- Combining linear functions only gives (you linear functions
- you can't represent XOR



## Many linear units: Only linear decisions



This is XOR.

A multilayer perceptron with linear units CANNOT learn XOR

# The Sigmoid Unit

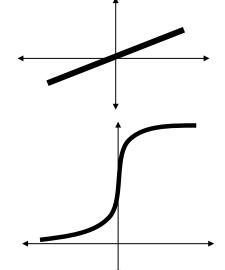
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Sigmoid (aka Logistic) function: best of both

• Perceptron 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 0 < \sum_{i=0}^{n} w_i x_i \\ -1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

• Linear 
$$f(x) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^n w_i x_i$$

• Sigmoid 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}}$$



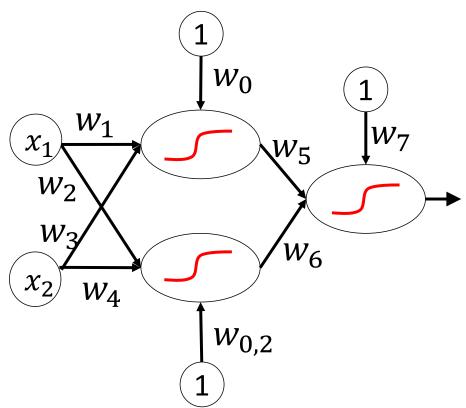
## A network of sigmoid units

Small changes in input result in output

• This gives us a gradient everywhere

• We can learn multiple layers of weights.

Combining layers gives non-linear functions



## Sigmoid changes (almost) everything

Easy to differentiate

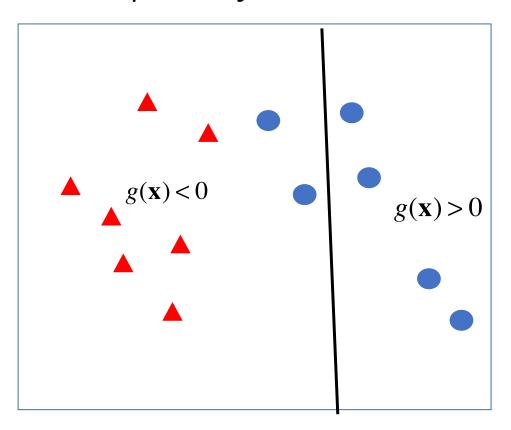
$$\sigma'(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x})(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x}))$$

Gradient everywhere

This allows backpropagation of the gradient through multiple layers

Nonlinearity allows arbitrary nonlinear functions to be built by using multiple layers.

#### Example objective *J*: sum of squared errors

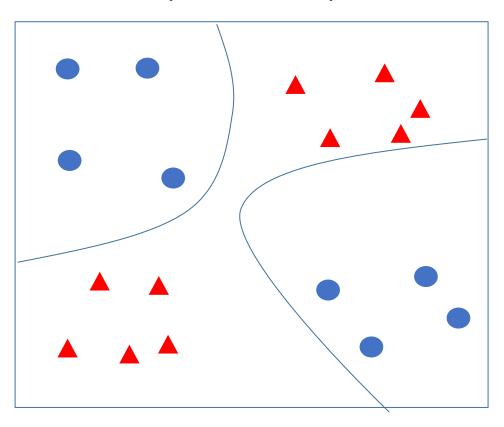


$$h(x) = f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}}$$

$$SSE = \sum_{i}^{n} (y_i - h(\mathbf{x}_i))^2$$

Gradient non-zero everywhere!

### Multilayer Perceptron with sigmoid units



This is XOR.

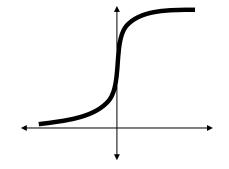
A multilayer perceptron with sigmoid units CAN learn XOR...or any other arbitrary Boolean function.

#### The promise of many layers

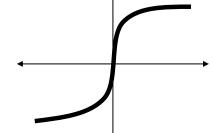
- Each layer learns an abstraction of its input representation (we hope)
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- As we go up the layers, representations become increasingly abstract
- The hope is that the intermediate abstractions facilitate learning functions that require non-local connections in the input space (recognizing rotated & translated digits in images, for example)
- Modern neural networks are up to 100 layers deep

## TanH: A shifted sigmoid

• Sigmoid 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}}$$

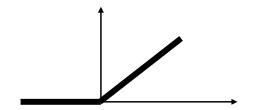


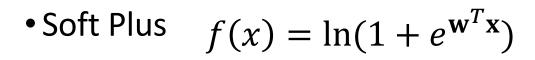
• TanH 
$$f(x) = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}} - 1 \quad \longleftarrow$$

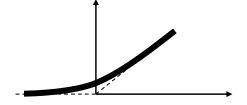


## Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) & Soft Plus:

• ReLU 
$$f(x) = \max(0, \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$



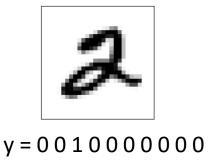


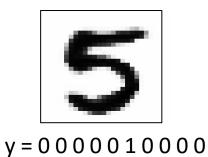


 Both can be combined in layers to make non-linear functions

## "One Hot" Encoding

- A vector of values where a single element is 1 and all the rest are 0
- Common way to encode the true label, y, in a multi-class labeling problem
- Can be interpreted as a probability distribution





## Probability distribution

\* Discrete random variable *X* represents some experiment.

- \* P(X) is the probability distributions over  $\{x_1,...,x_n\}$ , the set of possible outcomes for X.
- \* These outcomes are mutually exclusive.
- \* Their probabilities sum to one:  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} P(x_i) = 1$

#### Soft Max Function

- Turns an N-dimensional vector of real numbers into a probability distribution
- For a deep net,  $a_i$  is the output of the ith node in the output layer

$$p_i = \frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^{N} a_j}$$

#### Cross Entropy Loss Function

Given: "true" distribution  $y = \{y_1, y_2, ... y_k\}$  <-often a one-hot encoding and estimated distribution  $p = \{p_1, p_2, ... p_k\}$  <-soft max over the last layer

Define cross entropy loss between 2 distributions as

$$L(y,p) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \log(p_i)$$

### A common approach...

- Define labels with a one-hot vector encoding
- Make the last layer have n nodes for an n-way classification problem
- Apply soft max to the last layer
- Use a cross-entropy loss function
- The resulting derivative of the loss function is wonderfully simple:

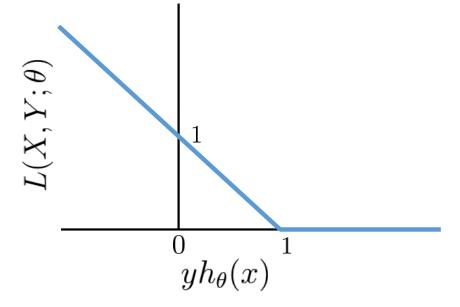
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial a_i} = p_i - y_i$$

L is the loss, i is the index to a node, a is the output of the last layer, p is the softmax probability and y is the label.

#### Hinge Loss

$$L_H(X, Y; \theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \max(0, 1 - y_i h_{\theta}(x_i))$$

 Loss only happens if the data is on the wrong side of the line.



#### Hinge Loss

The loss function:

$$L_H(X, Y; \theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \max(0, 1 - y_i h_{\theta}(x_i))$$

The gradient of the loss function is...

$$\nabla_{\theta} L_H(X, Y; \theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} [[1 - y_i h_{\theta}(x_i) > 0]] (-y_i \nabla_{\theta} h_{\theta}(x_i))$$

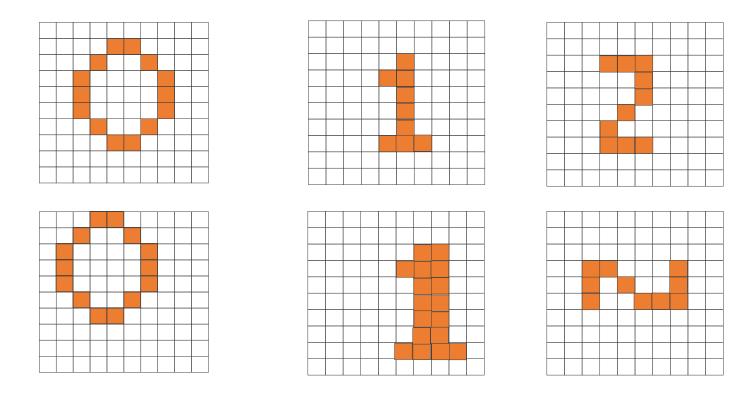
For example, if we use a linear model  $h_{\theta}(x_i) = \theta^T x_i$ ,

$$\nabla_{\theta} L_H(X, Y; \theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} [[1 - y_i \theta^T x_i > 0]](-y_i x_i)$$

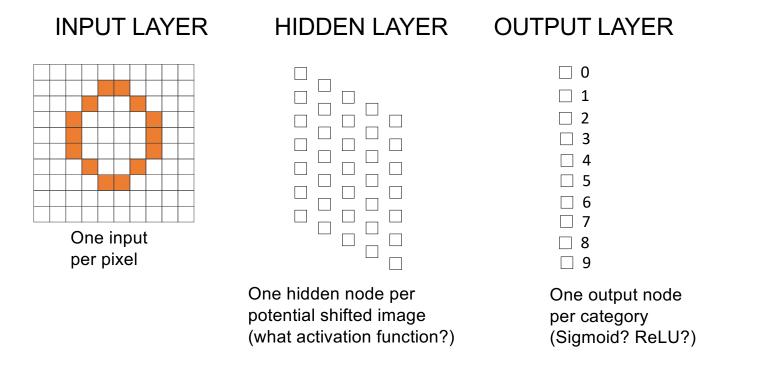
#### Design choices

- Define the function you want to learn
- Determine an encoding for the data
- Pick a network architecture
  - Number of layers (between 3 and 100)
  - Activation functions function (tanh,ReLU, linear)
  - Select how units connect within and between layers
- Pick a gradient descent algorithm
- Pick regularization approach (e.g. dropout)

## Classifying images of digits

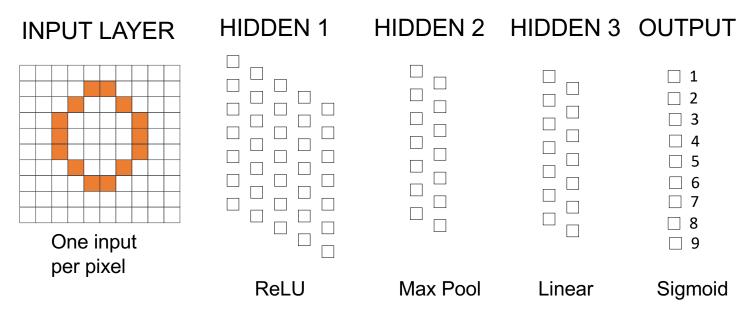


## A possibility: one fully-connected hidden layer



Each node is connected to EVERY node in the prior layer (it is just too many lines to draw)

## Another possibility



## **HUGE DESIGN SPACE!**