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# Machine Learning

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### **Artificial Neural Network**

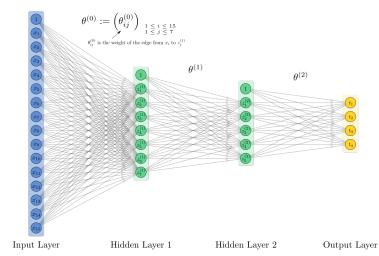


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# Definition 1 (Artificial Neural Network (NN, künstliches neuronales Netz))

A feed-forward artificial neural network with  $L \ge 1$  layers of sizes  $s_1, \ldots, s_L$  with  $n =: s_0$  input variables  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)^T$  and  $K := s_L$  output variables  $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \ldots, t_K)^T$  is a function

$$\mathbf{t} = h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x})$$

with parameters

$$\pmb{\theta} = (\Theta^{(0)}, \dots, \Theta^{(L-1)}) \qquad \text{, where} \quad \Theta^{(\ell)} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell+1} \times (s_{\ell}+1)},$$

defined by the following recursions

$$\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{z}^{(L)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{K}$$

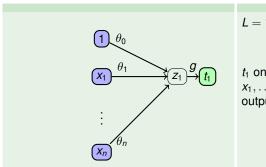
$$\mathbf{z}^{(\ell)} = \Theta^{(\ell-1)}\mathbf{a}^{(\ell-1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell}} \quad (1 \le \ell \le L)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{(\ell)} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{0}^{(\ell)} \\ a_{1}^{(\ell)} \\ \vdots \\ a_{s_{\ell}}^{(\ell)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \sigma(z_{1}^{(\ell)}) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(z_{s_{\ell}}^{(\ell)}) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1 \le \ell < L)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x_{1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{\ell} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

Here,  $\sigma$  is called an activation function and we will call  $\mathbf{g}: \mathbb{R}^K \to \mathbb{R}^K$  the output activation function.

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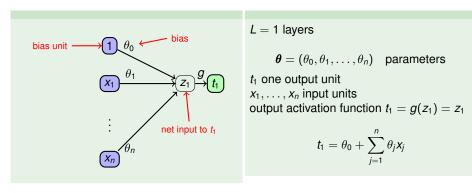


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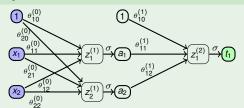
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 parameters  $t_1$  one output unit  $x_1,\dots,x_n$  input units output activation function  $t_1=g(z_1)=z_1$ 

$$t_1 = \theta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_j$$

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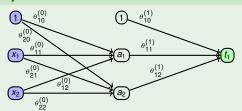
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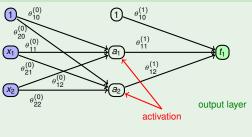
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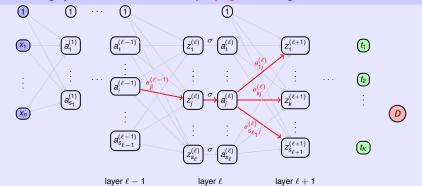
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 $D(\theta)$  may be non-convex and have local, non-global minima.

### NN Training: partial derivatives backpropagate through network



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All derivates can be computed efficiently in one right-to-left pass ("backpropagation algorithm"). TensorFlow does backprop automatically, for general models.

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$$D(\boldsymbol{\theta}) := \|\mathbf{t} - \mathbf{y}\|_{2}^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} (t_{k} - y_{k})^{2}$$

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### Properties:

- $0 < t_k < 1$ ,  $t_1 + \cdots + t_K = 1$
- if  $z_i \gg z_i$  for  $i \neq j$ , then  $t_i \approx 1$  and  $t_i \approx 0$  for  $i \neq j$
- softmax is a generalization of the sigmoid function to more than 2 classes
- If K=2 (binary classification),  $t_1=1-t_2$  is often not stored. The same neural network function can then be achieved by setting the output size to 1 and using the logistic sigmoid function as activation.

### **Cross-entropy error function for multiclass problem**

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# **Training set**

Let

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)},\ldots,\mathbf{x}^{(m)}$$

be training inputs and

$$\boldsymbol{y^{(1)}}, \dots, \boldsymbol{y^{(m)}}$$

be the corresponding training outputs / labels. Let

$$\mathbf{t}^{(i)} = h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) \qquad (i = 1..m)$$

be the outputs of the NN.

### Overfitting

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An common choice for the regularization term is the (scaled) L2 norm:

$$R(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell}} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell+1}} \left(\theta_{ji}^{(\ell)}\right)^{2}.$$

Note that the bias terms  $\theta_{i0}^{(\ell)}$  are left out (not penalized).

### Error function with regularization for regression

$$E(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \left( t_k^{(i)} - y_k^{(i)} \right)^2 + \lambda \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell}} \sum_{i=1}^{s_{\ell+1}} \left( \theta_{ji}^{(\ell)} \right)^2 \right\}$$
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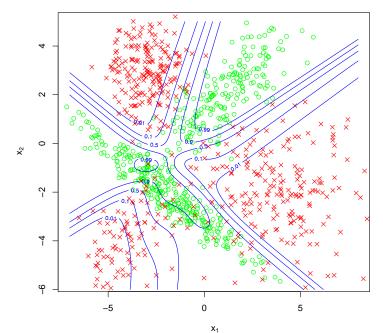


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# 1 hidden layer of size 5, $\lambda = 0$ (no regularization)



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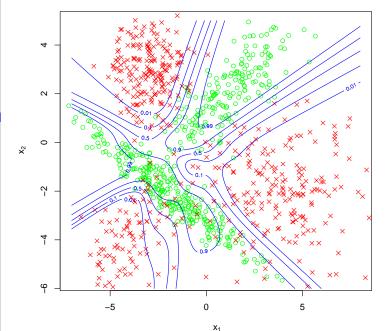


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# 2 hidden layers of size 8 each, $\lambda=0$ (no regularization)



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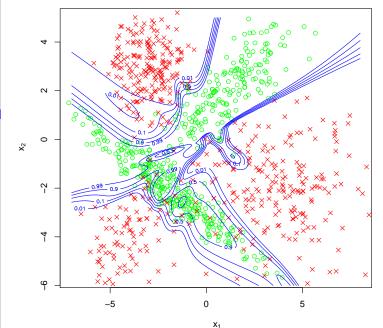


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# 2 hidden layers of size 20 each, $\lambda=0$ (no regularization)



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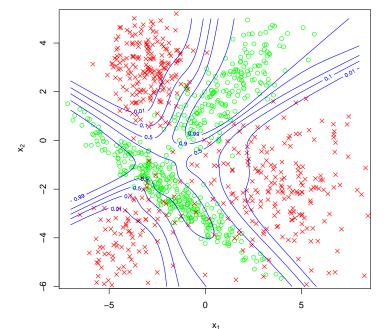


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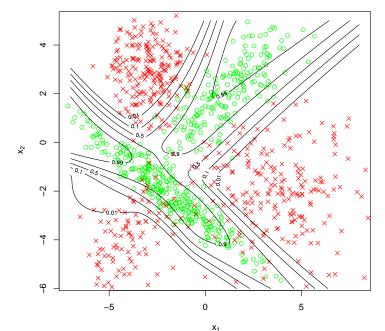


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# Posterior probability of class (theoretical optimum if distr. was known)



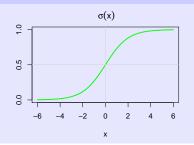


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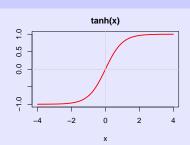
### Logistic sigmoid, tf.nn.sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$
$$\sigma' = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$$



## **Tangens hyperbolicus**

$$tanh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$
$$= 2\sigma(2x) - 1$$
$$tanh'(x) = 1 - (tanh(x))^2$$



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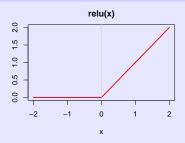
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### Rectified linear unit (ReLU), tf.nn.relu

$$\mathsf{relu}(x) = x^+ = \max\{0, x\}$$

$$relu'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & , \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$relu'(0) := 1$$
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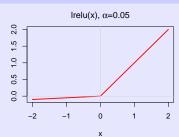
### Leaky rectified linear unit (Leaky ReLU), tf.nn.leaky\_relu

$$\mathsf{Irelu}(x) = \max\{\alpha x, x\}$$

$$Irelu'(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$\alpha = 0.01$$



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### **Activation Functions**

### Vanishing gradients

- vanishing gradient problem:
  - during backprop in each layer, a derivative of the activation function is multiplied
  - for NNs with many layers (deep networks) this can result in gradients that are practically zero ("vanishing"), in particular for the sigmoid function
- ReLU
  - most frequently chosen
  - introduced in 2010

(Nair and Hinton, "Rectified linear units improve restricted Boltzmann machines", Proc. ICML, 2010)

The derivative is either 0 or 1. Can lead to sparse gradients.