Optical Bistability As Neural Network Nonlinear Activation Function

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Introduction

All-optical Artificial Neural Networks

Applying integrated photonics to artificial neural networks

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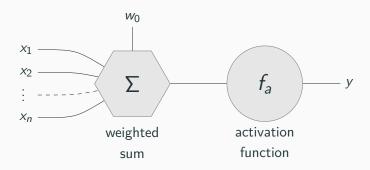
Artificial Neural Networks

ANNs

Artificial Neural Networks are computation systems, composed by a collection of nodes that work seemingly biological neurons.

ANNs blocks

ANNs are composed by single units, *nodes*, which elaborate the information in a way loosely similar to biological neurons.



What can they do?

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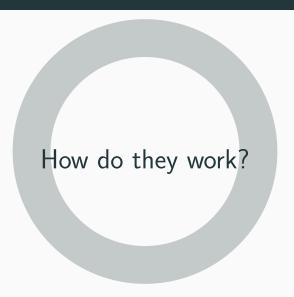
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ANNs can obtain arbitrary decision regions¹

The amount of free parameters in an ANN, allow ..?

¹R. O. Duda et al., *Pattern classification*, (John Wiley & Sons, 2012)

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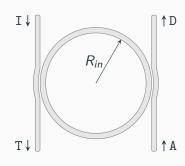
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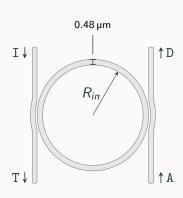
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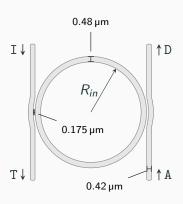
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Theory

Linear

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Nonlinear

Experiments

Setup

ANN Simulations

Simulation Framework

What means simulating? PyTorch library

Fundamental blocks

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model (FF[f_a])
loss criteria (CEL)
weight update criteria (SGD)
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Operation Tests

ReLU vs Sigmoid vs ffit

Conclusions

Overview Improvements Future Perspective



