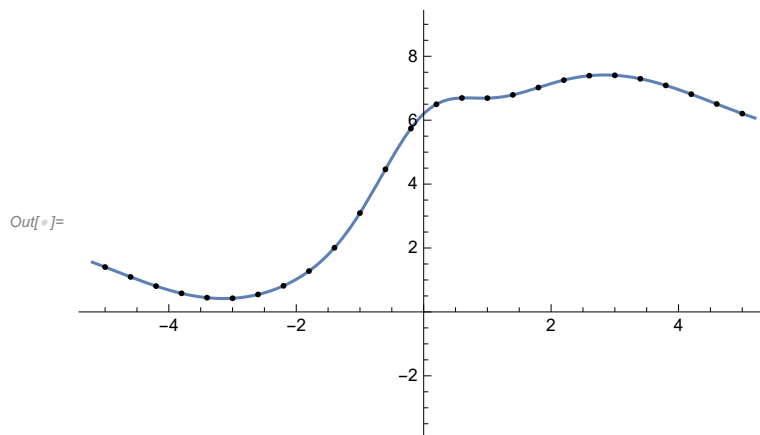


Arbitrary input function

```
In[ ]:= func = 2 e-x2 + 2 Sin[0.1 + 0.67 x] - .25 (-16 - 9 x / 4);  
tab = {#, func /. x → #} & /@Subdivide[-5, 5, 75]; (* discretized data *)  
  
Plot[func, {x, -5.2, 5.2}, PlotRange → {-3.9, 9.45}, Epilog → {Point[tab[[;; ;; 3]]}]
```



Training

Approximation

```
In[ ]:= n = 6; (* number of neurons *)  
f[x_] :=  $\frac{1}{1 + \text{Exp}[-x]}$ ; (* activation function (sigmoid) *)  
basisF = A f[a x + b]; (* neuron with linear connections: a/b =  
weight/bias on the first linear layer = horizontal scale/offset;  
A = weight on the second linear layer = vertical scale;  
(vertical offset is redundant in the this case) *)
```

Explicit expression for the full model

```
In[ ]:= Clear[x];
vars = ExtractCoefficients[basisF, x];
ExtractCoefficients[expression_, var_] :=
  Select[Union[Level[expression, {-1}]], ! (# === var) && (N[#] === #) &];
model = Sum[basisF /. (# -> ToExpression[ToString[#] ~~ ToString[i]] & /@ vars), {i, n}]
modelvars = ExtractCoefficients[model, x]
```

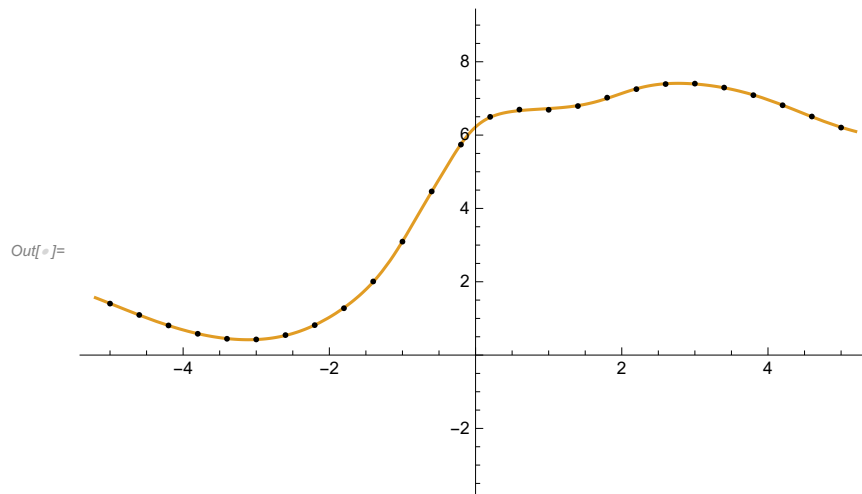
$$\text{Out[]} = \frac{A1}{1 + e^{-b1 - a1 x}} + \frac{A2}{1 + e^{-b2 - a2 x}} + \frac{A3}{1 + e^{-b3 - a3 x}} + \frac{A4}{1 + e^{-b4 - a4 x}} + \frac{A5}{1 + e^{-b5 - a5 x}} + \frac{A6}{1 + e^{-b6 - a6 x}}$$

```
Out[ ] = {a1, A1, a2, A2, a3, A3, a4, A4, a5, A5, a6, A6, b1, b2, b3, b4, b5, b6}
```

Fit

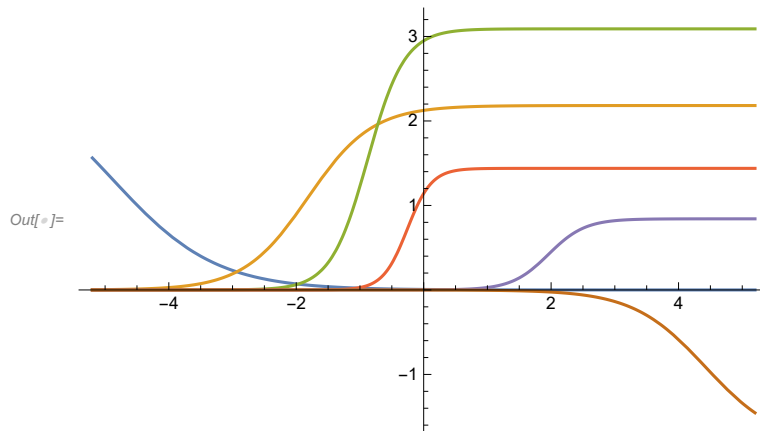
```
In[ ]:= Clear[fit];
fit[x_] = Normal@NonlinearModelFit[tab, model, modelvars, x] // Quiet;

Plot[{, fit[x]}, {x, -5.2, 5.2}, PlotRange -> {-3.9, 9.45}, Epilog -> {Point[tab[[;; ;; 3]]}]}
```



Individual neuron contributions

```
In[ ]:= components = SortBy[List@@fit[x], -  
     $\frac{\text{Part}[\#, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1]}{\text{Part}[\#, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1]}$  &];  
  
(* set animation order *)  
Plot[Evaluate[components[[;; 5]], {x, -5.2, 5.2}]
```

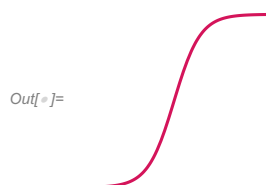


Animation

```
SmoothStep[t_] := t2 (3 - 2 t);  
Needs["MaTeX`"];  
xTeX = MaTeX["x"]; yTeX = MaTeX["y"];  
cc = Graphics[{args__}, rest__] := Graphics[{GrayLevel[.6], args}, rest];
```

Activation function icon

```
In[ ]:= fcol = ■;  
fpts = Plot[1.5 (f[7 x] - .5), {x, -1, 1}] [[1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 2, 1]];  
ListLinePlot[fpts, PlotStyle → fcol, AspectRatio → 1, ImageSize → Tiny, Axes → None]
```



Fit plot

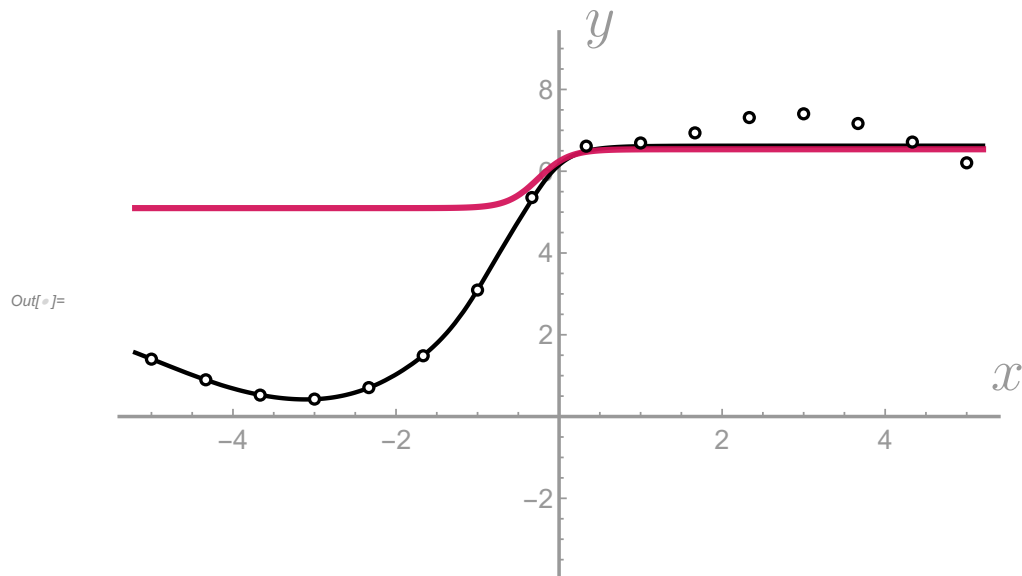
```

FitPlot[i1_, t_] := Module[{α1, α2, i},
  i = Min[i1, Length[components]]; (* current number of neurons *)
  α1 = -Sign[components[[i]] /. x → 5];
  α2 = Plus @@ Prepend[components, 0] [[;; i]] /. x → 100;
  α1 = α2 + 2 α1 Abs[(components[[i]] /. x → -5) - (components[[i]] /. x → 5)];
  (* vertical offset for the current neuron function *)

  Show[{
    Plot[{
      Plus @@ Prepend[components, 0] [[;; i]] +
      Max[SmoothStep[t], Boole[i1 > i]] components[[i]], (* current approximation *)
      components[[i]] + (α1 + (α2 - α1) SmoothStep[t]) (* neuron function being added *)
    },
      {x, -5.2, 5.2}, PlotRange → {-3.9, 9.45}, ImagePadding → 20, ImageSize → 500,
      PlotStyle → {
        Directive[Black, Thickness[.005]], (* overall approximation style *)
        Directive[Opacity[SmoothStep[t] Boole[i1 == i], fcol], Thickness[.007]]
        (* current neuron function style *)
      },
      AxesStyle → Directive[Thickness[.004], GrayLevel[.6]], TicksStyle → Thickness[.002],
      LabelStyle → Directive[Larger], Method → {"AxesInFront" → False}],
    Plot[-100, {x, 0, 1}]
  ],
  PlotRangeClipping → False, Epilog → {
    GrayLevel[0], PointSize[.015], Point[tab[[;; 5]]], GrayLevel[1],
    PointSize[.0075], Point[tab[[;; 5]]], (* discrete points *)
    Inset[xTeX, {5.5, 1}, Automatic, 2 {1, 1}] /. cc,
    Inset[yTeX, {.5, 9.65}, Automatic, 2 {1, 1}] /. cc (* overlay axes labels *)
  ]
];

FitPlot[4, .85]

```



Fit animation

```

In[ ]:= FitAnimation[t_] := Module[{t1, T},
  T = components // Length;
  t1 = Clip[(T + 1.5) t - .5, {.001, T + 1}];
  FitPlot[Floor[t1] + 1, Mod[t1, 1]] (* current progression and phase *)
];

Animate[FitAnimation[t], {t, 0, 1}]

```

Neural Net diagram

```

NNdiagram[i1_, t_] := Module[{i, w = .8, h = 1, r = .15, y0 = -1.25, ys, yf, Neuron},
  i = Min[i1, Length[components]];
  yf[n_] := If[n > 0, Mean@{Subdivide[h, -h, n][[2 ;;]], Subdivide[h, -h, n][[;; -2]]}, {}];
  (* vertical distribution function *)
  ys = Append[yf[i - 1], y0] * (1 - SmoothStep[t]) + yf[i] * SmoothStep[t];
  (* interpolated vertical coordinates for the neurons *)

  (* intermediate-layer neuron graphic *)
  Neuron[yn_, op_: 1] := {
    Opacity[op, Black], Thickness[.0085],
    Line[{{-w, 0}, {0, yn}, {w, 0}}], (* connections *)
    Opacity[1, White], EdgeForm[{Thickness[.01], Opacity[op], Black}],
    Translate[{Disk[{0, 0}, r], (* main disc *)
      Opacity[op, fcol], Thickness[.01], Line[.07 fpts] (* activation function icon *)
    }, {0, yn}]
  };
  Graphics[{
    Neuron/@ys[;; -2], Neuron[ys[[-1]], SmoothStep[t]], (* intermediate layer *)
    Opacity[1, White], EdgeForm[{Thickness[.01], Black}],
    Disk[{-w, 0}, r], Inset[xTeX, {-w, 0}, Automatic, 2 r {1, 1}], (* input node *)
    Disk[{w, 0}, r], Inset[yTeX, {w, 0}, Automatic, 2 r {1, 1}] (* output node *)
  }, PlotRange -> {{-1, 1}, {-1, 1}}]
];

NNdiagram[4, .85]

```

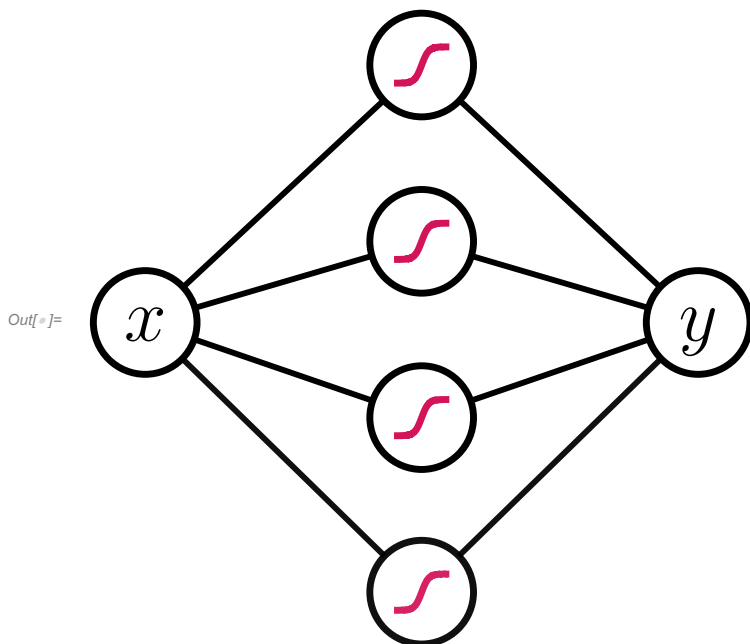


Diagram Animation

```

In[ ]:= NNAnimation[t_] := Module[{t1, T},
  T = components // Length;
  t1 = Clip[(T + 1.5) t - .5, {.001, T - .001}];
  NNdiagram[Floor[t1] + 1, Mod[t1, 1]] (* current progression and phase *)
];

Animate[NNAnimation[t], {t, 0, 1}]

```

Result and Export

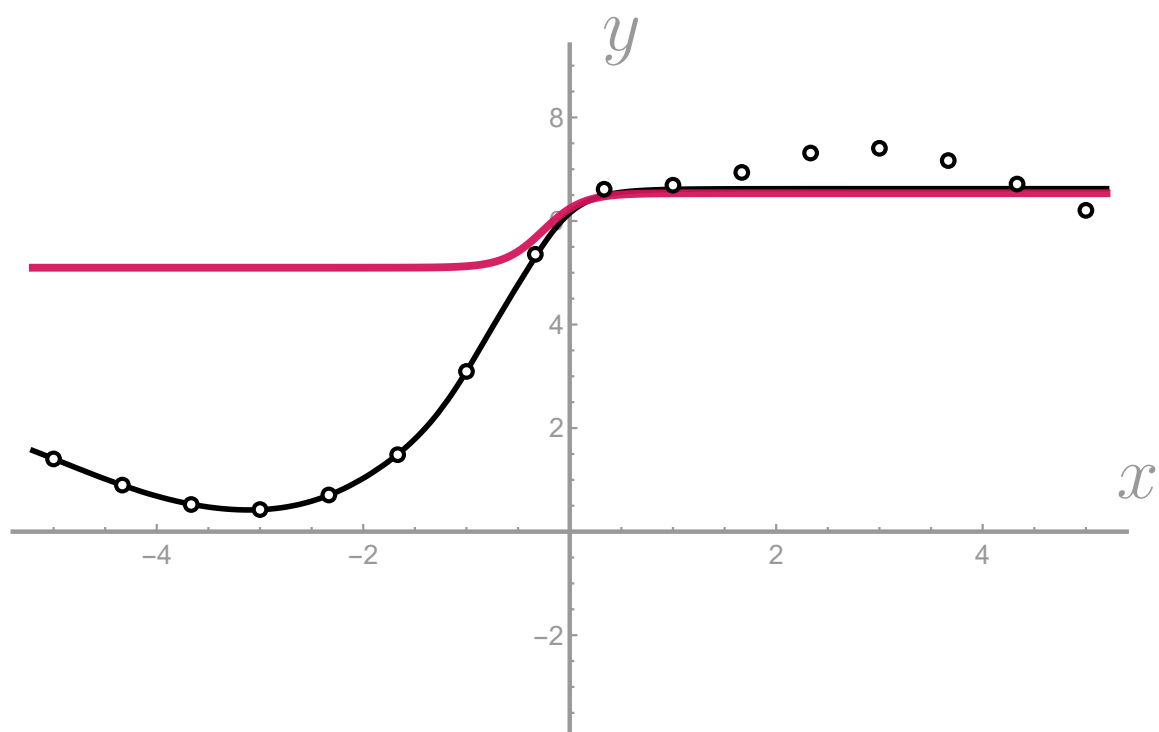
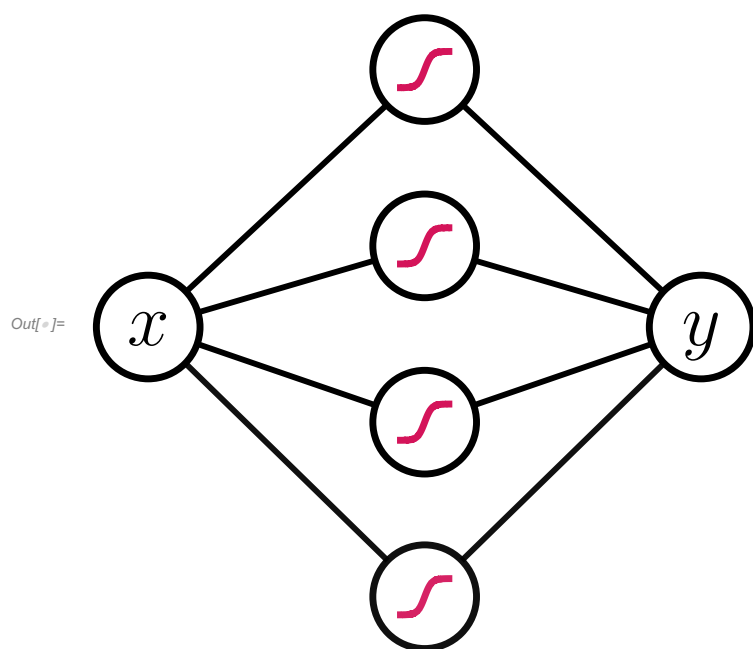
Complete Animation

```

In[ ]:= CompoundAnimation[t_] := Row[{
  Show[NNAnimation[t], ImageSize -> 360],
  Show[FitAnimation[t], ImageSize -> {Automatic, 400}]
}];

CompoundAnimation[.58]
Animate[CompoundAnimation[t], {t, 0, 1}]

```



Animation parameters

```
In[ ]:= resolution = 900; (* frame width *)
time = 8; (* duration *)
fps = 25;
```

Export to PNG sequence

```
SetDirectory@NotebookDirectory[];
dirname = "animation_frames"; (* export directory *)
Quiet@CreateDirectory[dirname];

Nframes = Ceiling[fps time]; (* total number of frames *)

Export[
  dirname <> "//frame" <>
    StringPadLeft[ToString[# - 1], 4, "0"] <> ".png", (* filename *)
  Rasterize[CompoundAnimation[ $\frac{\# - 1.}{Nframes}$ ], RasterSize → resolution, Background → White]
  (* rasterized frame *)
] & /@ Range[Nframes];
```