

# Introduction to Neural Networks

# Agenda

- Neural Networks Quiz
- Deep Learning vs Machine Learning
- Neural Network Architecture
- Activation Functions
- Loss Functions
- Gradient Descent and Backpropagation

**Let's begin the discussion by answering a few questions  
on neural networks**

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# Deep Learning vs Machine Learning

## Machine Learning

Requires manual feature extraction and selection

Less effective when working with unstructured data

Requires comparatively less computational power and memory

Are generally more interpretable

## Deep Learning

Automatically does feature extraction

More effective when working with unstructured data

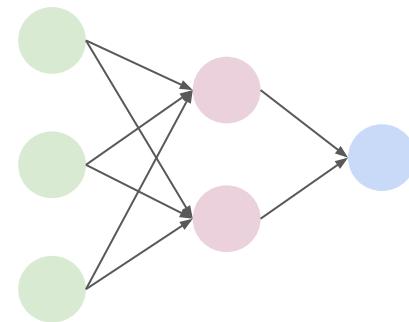
Requires comparatively more computational power and memory \*

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\* Depends on the neural network architecture

# Neural Networks Quiz

**How many parameters (including bias) will be trained in a fully connected neural network architecture shown below?**



A

8

B

11

C

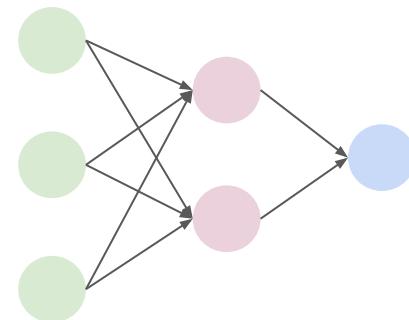
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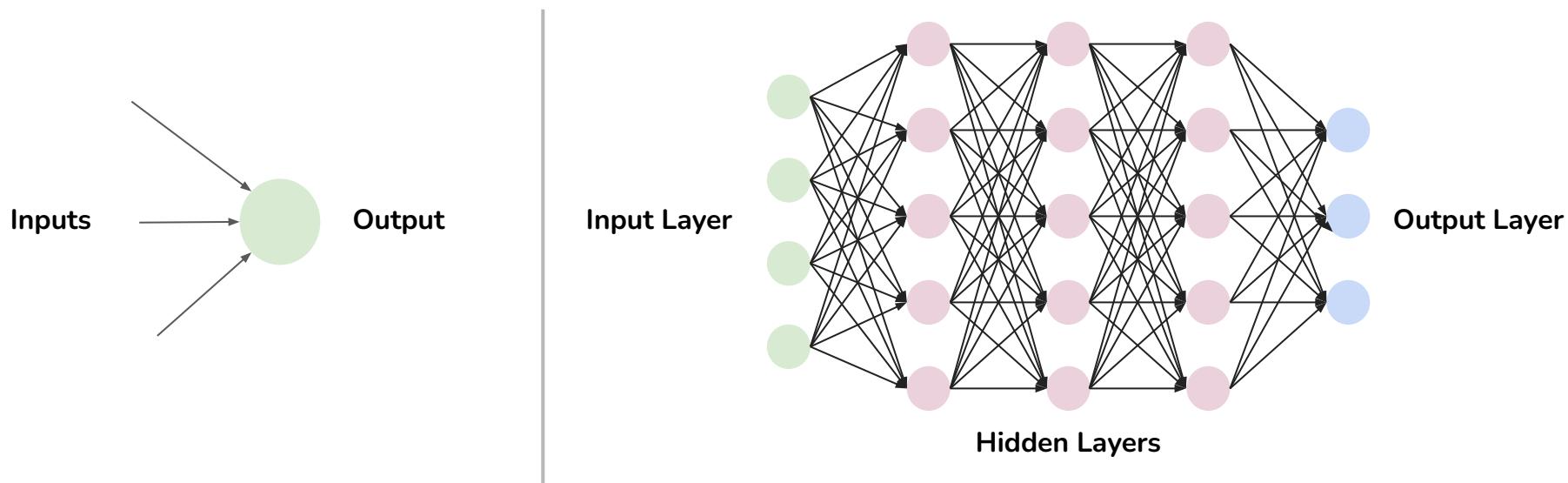
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# Neural Network

A neural network architecture comprising interconnected input, hidden, and output layers, facilitating the learning of complex relationships between input and output data

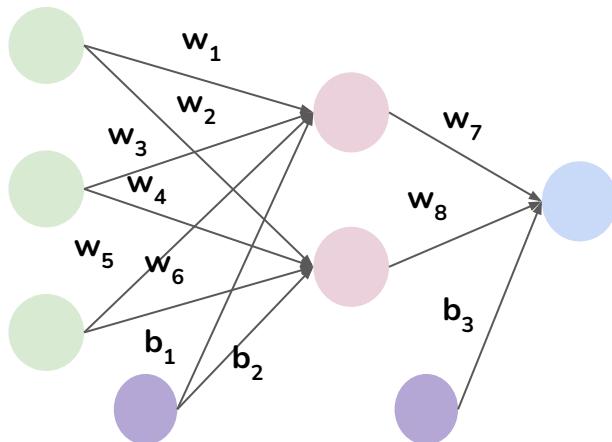


**Neuron**

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**Neural Network**

# Neural Network Architecture



**Input Layer x Hidden Layer:** 3 neurons of input layer connected to 2 neurons in the hidden layer |  $3 \times 2 = 6$  connections, i.e., 6 weight parameters | 1 bias parameter for each neuron in the hidden layer |  $6 + 2 = 8$  parameters in total between input and hidden layers

**Hidden Layer x Output Layer:** 2 neurons of hidden layer connected to 1 neuron in the output layer |  $2 \times 1 = 2$  connections, i.e., 2 weight parameters | 1 bias parameter for the neuron in the output layer |  $2 + 1 = 3$  parameters in total between hidden and output layers

So, we have a total of 11 parameters.

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To compute the gradient of the loss function during backpropagation.

**B**

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**C**

To introduce non-linearity into the network, enabling it to learn complex patterns.

**D**

To normalize the input data before feeding it into the neural network.

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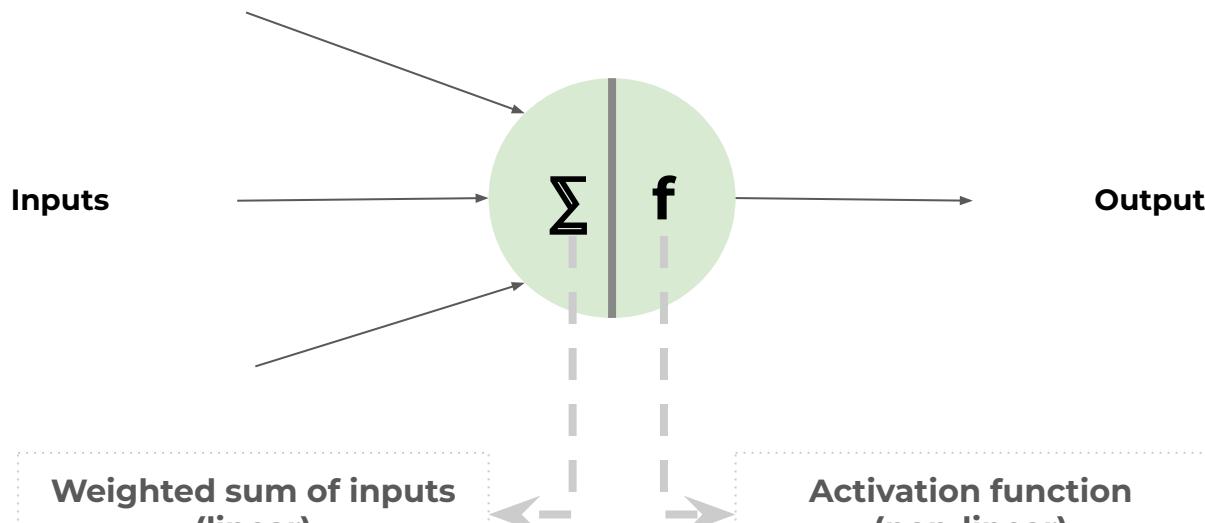
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# Activation Function

Determines the output of a neuron based on the input

**Introduces non-linearity** and enables the neural network to learn complex patterns in the data



**Weighted sum of inputs**

(linear)  
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**Activation function**

(non-linear)

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**Which of the following activation functions can be used in a hidden layer?**

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Sigmoid

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TanH

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ReLU

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Leaky ReLU

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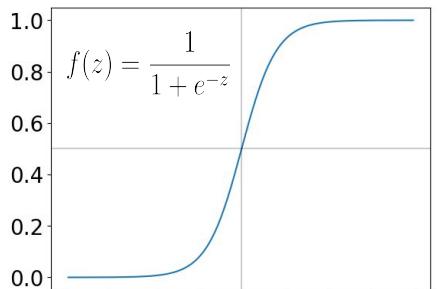
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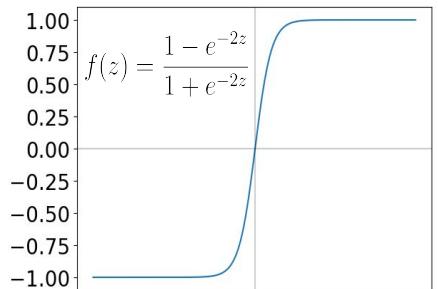
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# Activation Functions for Hidden Layers

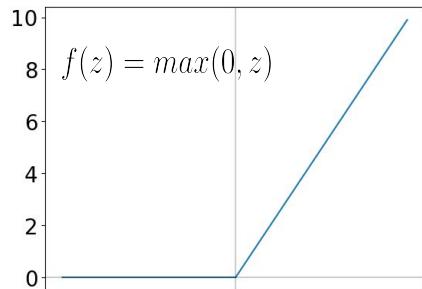
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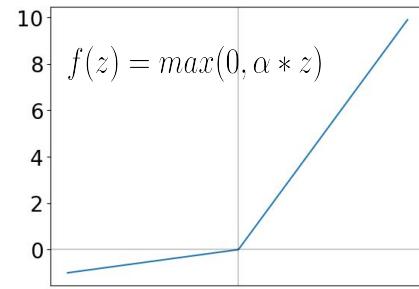
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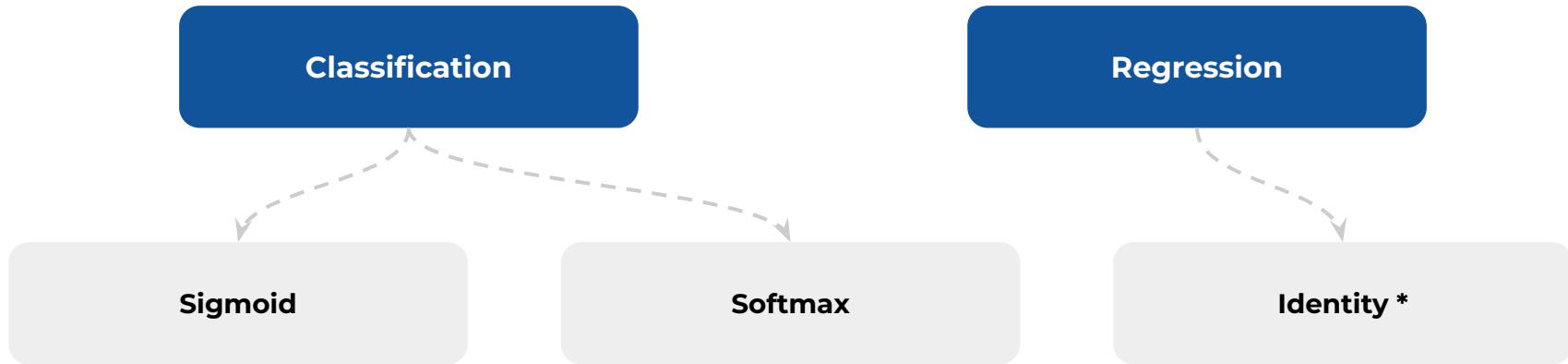
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# Activation Functions for Output Layer



$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \quad f(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^K e^{z_j}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, K \quad f(z) = z$$

\* This means no activation is applied in the output layer

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# Loss Functions

In training a neural network, the loss function plays a critical role in evaluating how well the model is performing by measuring the difference between the predicted output of the model and the actual target output (true labels).

## Regression

### Mean Squared Error

$$\sum_{i=1}^D (x_i - y_i)^2$$

## Classification

### Cross-Entropy Loss

$$-\sum_{c=1}^M y_{o,c} \log(p_{o,c})$$

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The number of iterations required for convergence

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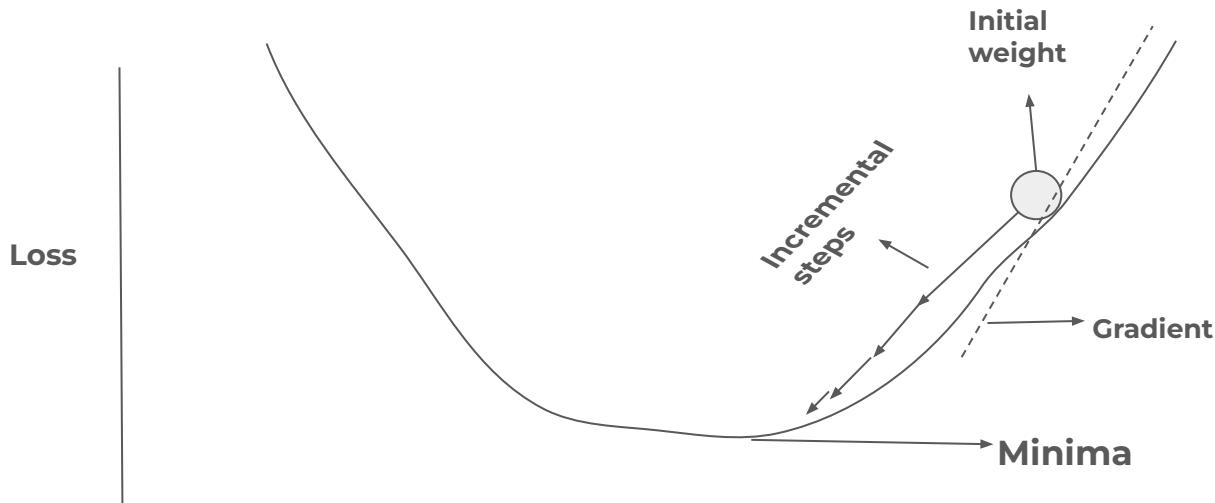
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# Gradient Descent

An **optimization algorithm** used to minimize the loss function

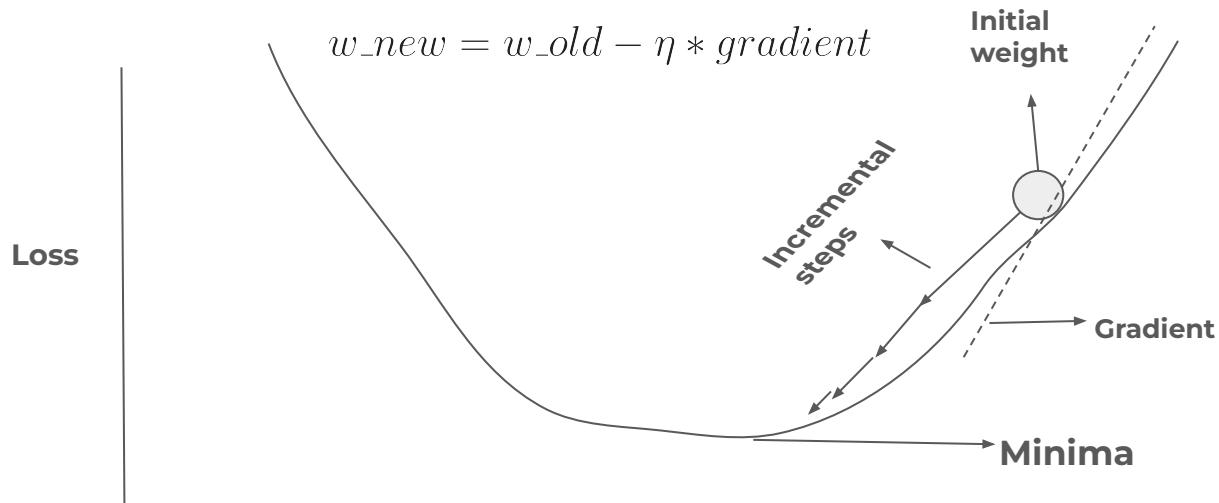
Adjusts model parameters **iteratively** in the direction of steepest descent of the gradient



# Learning Rate

How big a step to take? => Decided by the **learning rate**

Smaller the learning rate, smaller the step



# Neural Networks Quiz

**During backpropagation, which of the following parameters of the model gets updated?**

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Input layer parameters

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Hidden layer parameters

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All the model parameters

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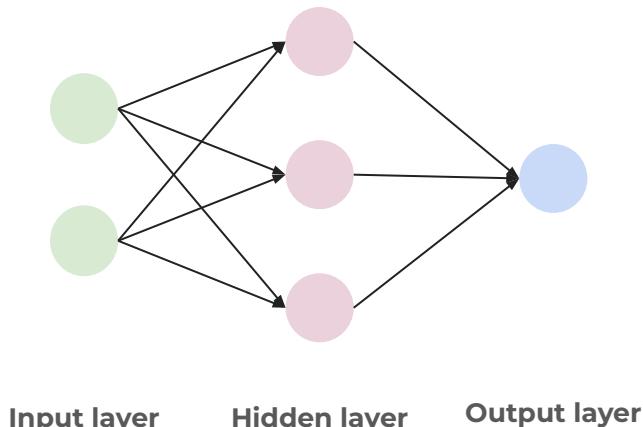
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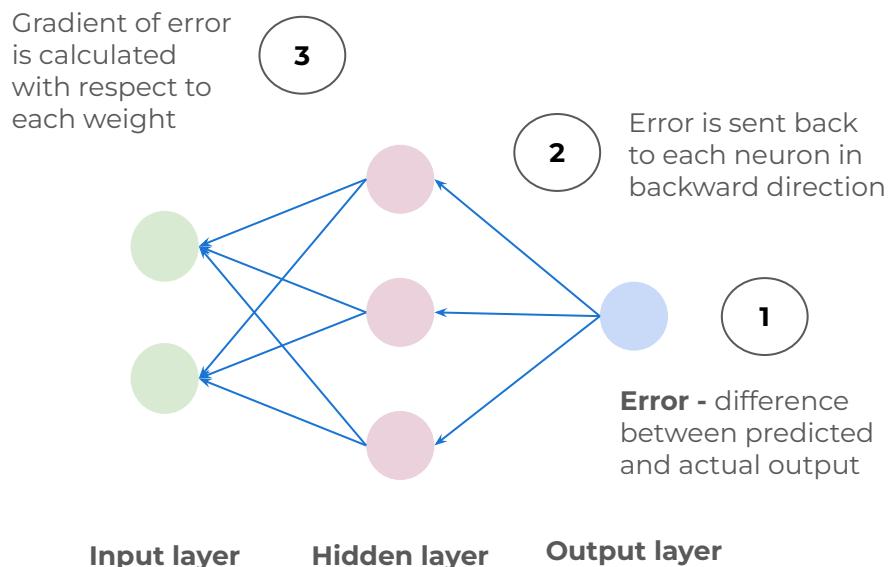
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# Backpropagation

An **algorithm** used to efficiently compute gradients of the loss function with respect to model parameters



## Forward Propagation



## Backpropagation



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