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Machine Learning is the science "concerned with the question of how to construct computer programs that automatically improve with experience"

- Tom Mitchell (1997) CMU



AI101

Lecture 11: Introduction into Machine Learning and Neural Networks

Recap

Machine Ethics

Challenges:

- Balancing autonomy and control.
- Addressing bias and fairness in algorithms.
- Ensuring transparency and accountability.
- Navigating privacy concerns.
- Accountability and liability for AI actions.
- Privacy preservation in data-driven systems.
- Fairness and avoiding discrimination in algorithmic decision-making.

- Development of ethical guidelines and codes of conduct for AI practitioners.
- Integration of ethical considerations in the design process.
- Collaboration between researchers, policymakers, and industry to establish standards.

Emerging Issues:

- Ethical dilemmas in AI decision-making.
- Impact on employment and societal structures.
- Global perspectives on machine ethics.

What is Learning?



Learning. What is Learning?

1. Learning is essential for dealing with unknown environments
 - What happens if our agent is not omniscient?
2. Learning is useful as a system construction method
 - Expose the agent to reality rather than trying to write it down.
3. Learning modifies the agent decision mechanisms to improve performance
 - “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results”.

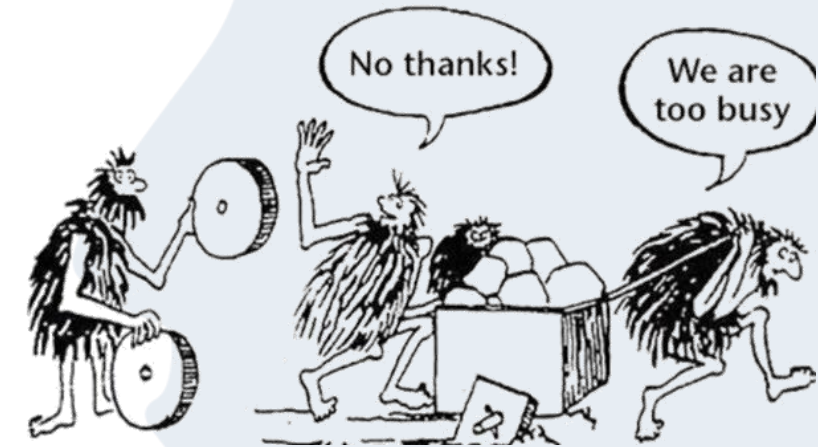


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Learning

How are Things Learned?

Memorization (Declarative Knowledge)

- Accumulation of individual facts
- Limited by
 - Time to observe facts
 - Memory to store facts

Generalization (Imperative Knowledge)

- Deduce new facts from old facts
- Limited by accuracy of deduction process
 - Essentially a predictive activity
 - Assumes relations between past and future



Generalization, not Memorization

Example:

Day 1: 10h

Day 2: 10h → How long did you study on Day 2?

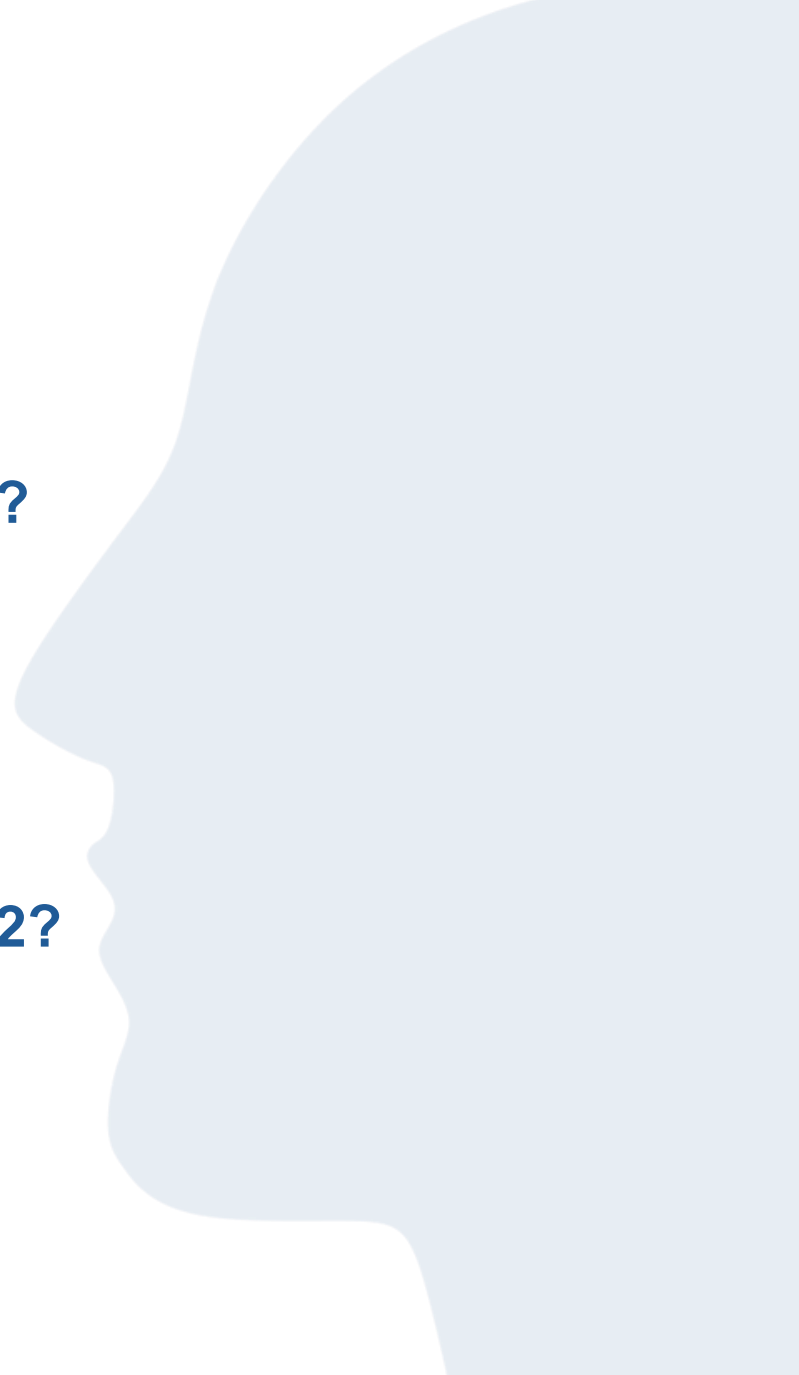
Day 3: 9h

Day 4: 2h

...

Day 31: 5h

→ How long did you study on Day 32?



Learning

Inductive Learning

Inductive Learning

Inductive Learning is the simplest form of learning. It learns a function from examples.

Idea:

- f is the (unknown) **target function** we want to learn. Then $f(x)$ is called target, label or y
- Examples are defined as $(x, f(x))$, i.e. (1, Rain)

Problem: find a hypothesis h , such that $h \approx f$

- Given a training set of examples
- On *all* examples

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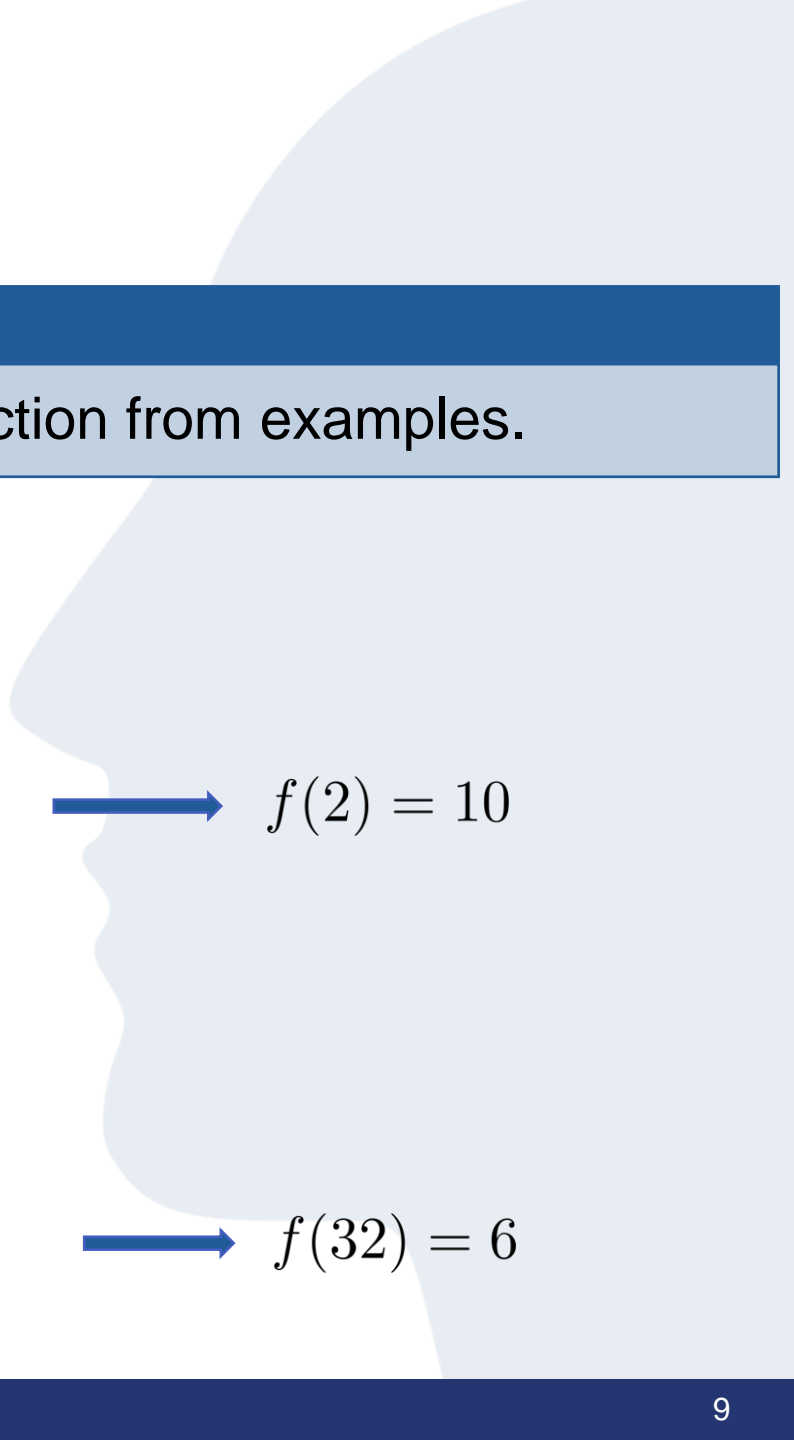
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$\longrightarrow f(2) = 10$

$\longrightarrow f(32) = 6$

Learning

Predicting the future

Construct a „rule set“ h to agree with f on training set

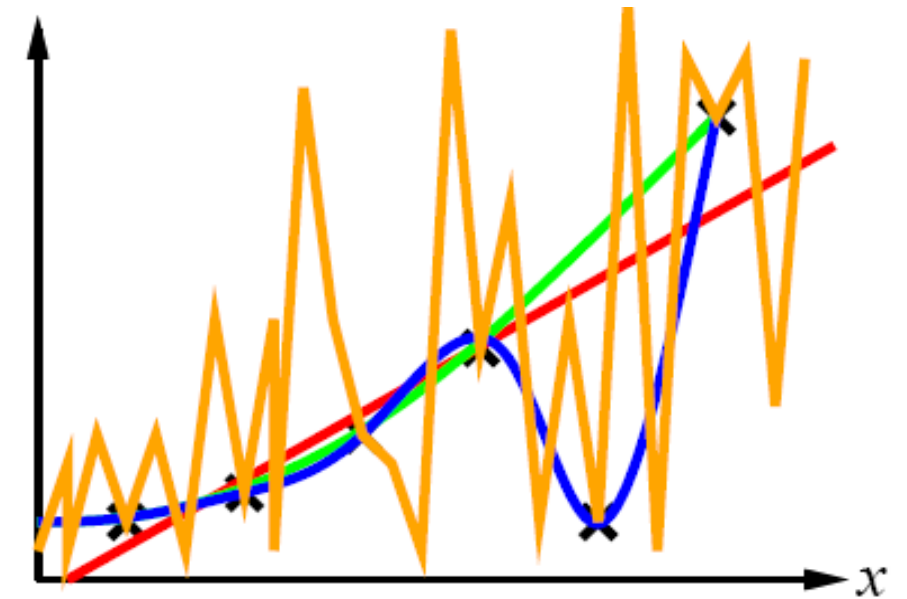
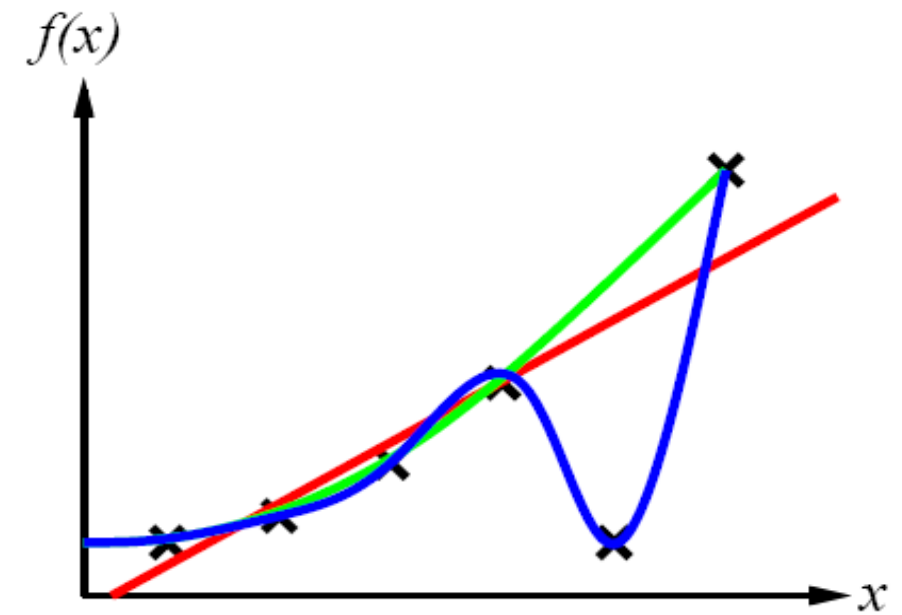
- h is **consistent** if it agrees with f on all examples

Ockham's Razor

- The best explanation is the simplest explanation that fits the data

Overfitting Avoidance

- Maximize the combination of consistency and simplicity



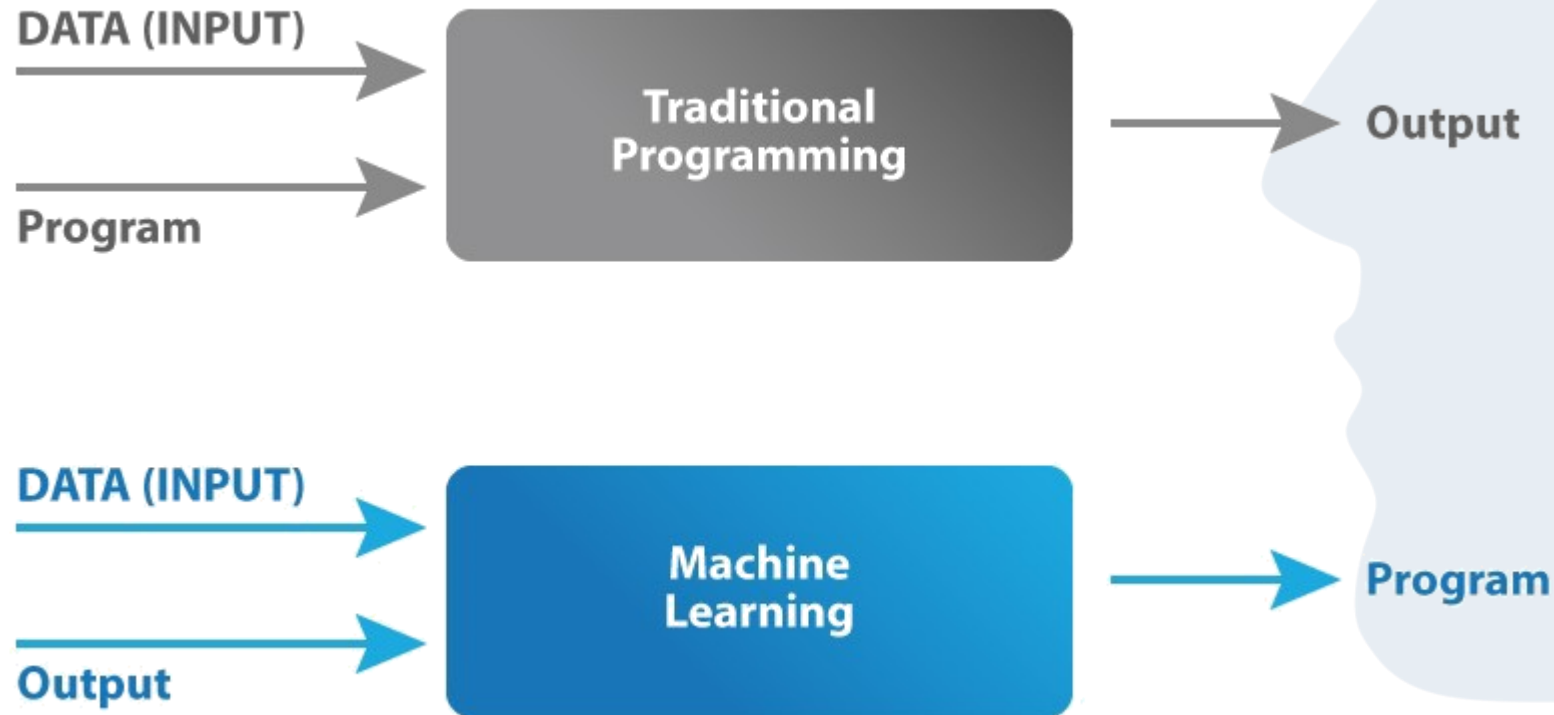
**What is
Machine Learning?**

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Machine Learning

What is Machine Learning

Machine Learning approach: Program an algorithm to automatically learn a program from data or experience



Machine Learning

Machine Learning and AI

Nowadays machine learning is often used as a synonym for artificial intelligence (AI) even if these are not the same (as you already know)!

AI does not always imply a learning-based system

- Search, CSP, Logical Inference, Rule-based Systems, Planning, ...

Machine Learning focuses on learning based systems while often extracting knowledge from data.

Machine Learning

Machine Learning and Human Learning

Human Learning is (often)

- ...very data- and knowledge-efficient
- ...a complete multitasking, multi-modal system
- ...time-inefficient, i.e. takes a lot of it

Machine Learning is often inspired by human learning but the goal is not to rebuild human learning.

- It may borrow ideas from biological systems, e.g. neural networks.
- It may perform better or worse than humans, it is far from perfect.

Machine Learning

Applications

- Web Search
- Computational Biology
- Speech Recognition, Machine Translations
- Image Recognition
- Robotics
- Finance and Stock Market
- Medical Diagnosis
- Information Extraction, Visual Analytics
- Traffic Prediction
- Software development
- ...



Learning

Designing a Learning System

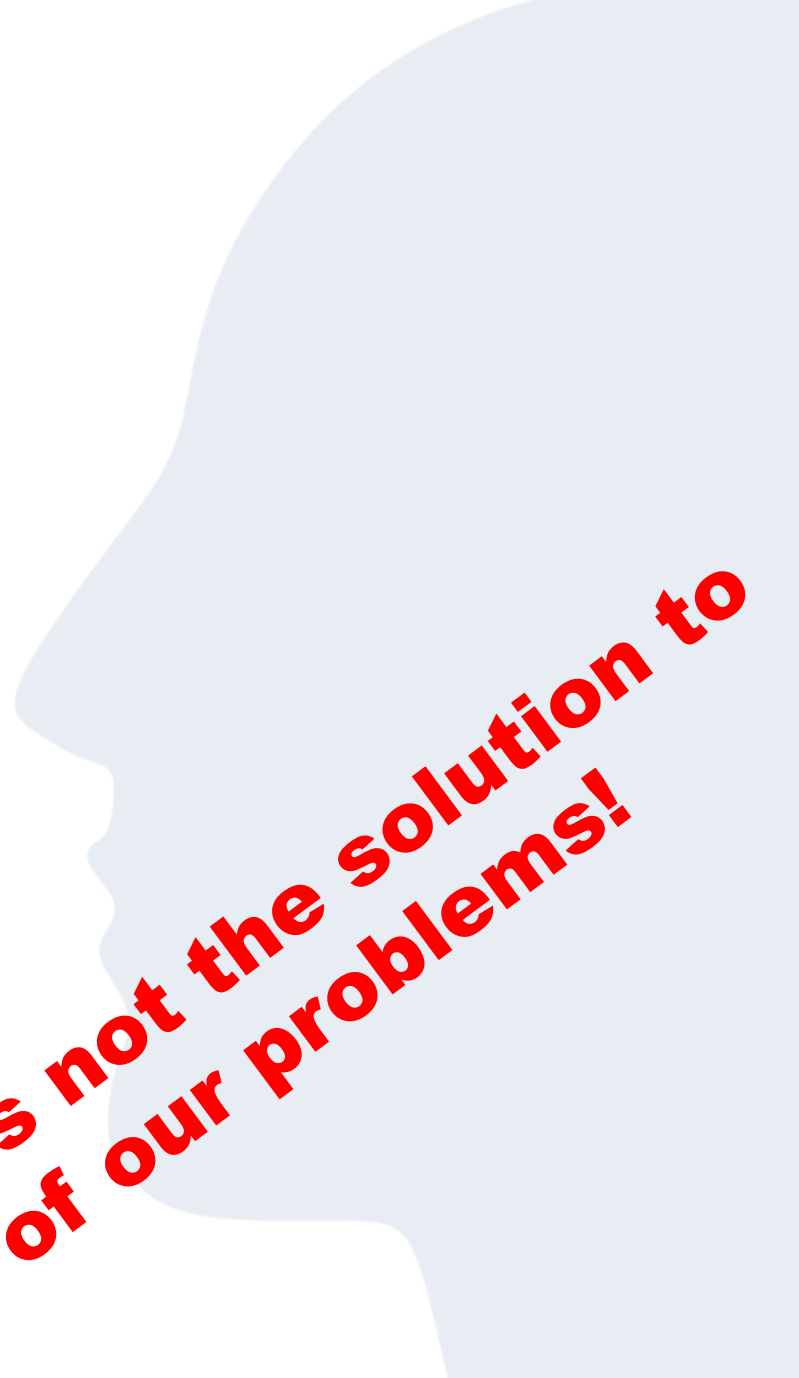
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**ML is not the solution to
all of our problems!**

Get to a solution

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Machine Learning

Types of Learning

Supervised Learning

Learning based on labeled datasets. It learns to map inputs to outputs based on the pairs in the dataset used in the learning process.

Unsupervised Learning

Unlike supervised training, unsupervised training uses unlabeled data to work with. It searches for patterns and similarities in data.

Reinforcement Learning

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More next week

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Supervised Learning: Classification and Regression Tasks

Given a dataset, $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$

the **goal** is to learn a function $h(x)$ to predict y given x

Regression Task

- y is a continuous value
- Example: What is the temperature tomorrow?

Classification Task

- y is a discrete class label
- The algorithm tries to predict a continuous value describing the label probability
- Example: Will it be above or below 0°C tomorrow?

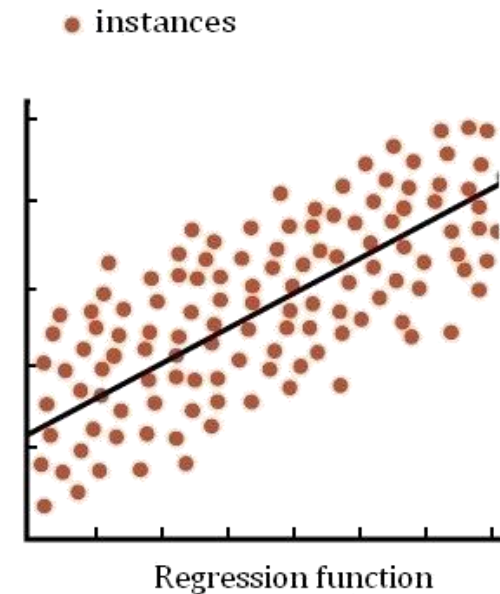
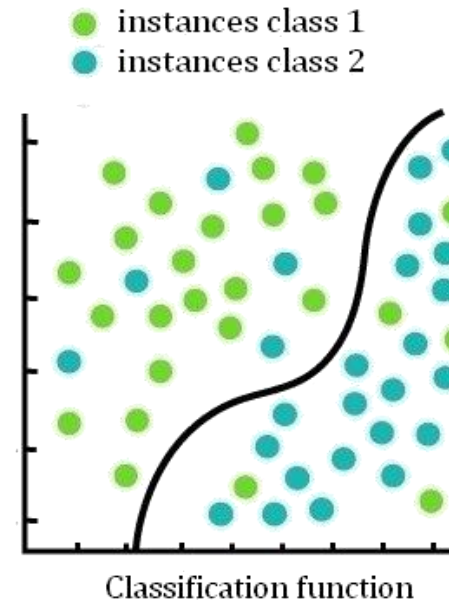


Image: <https://www.javatpoint.com/regression-vs-classification-in-machine-learning>

Machine Learning

Representation

Machine Learning algorithms need to handle a lot of different data (e.g. images, audio, ...)

Idea: Represent your input as an **input vector** (in R^n)

- Vectors are great since we can use linear algebra

Representation

Mapping your input to another space that is easy to manipulate.

Feature

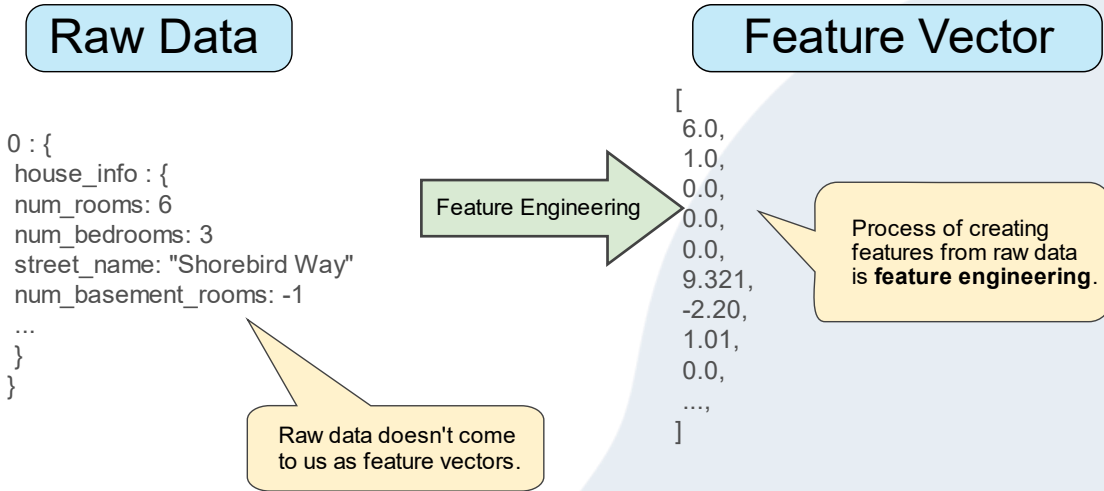
Features are nothing but the independent variables in machine learning models.

Model

The representation of what our algorithm has learned from the data it used in the training process. The model is the output representation of the learned “rule set”

Machine Learning

Feature Engineering



Label		Features			
Example	Weather	Location	Date	Temperature	Precipitation
1	Rainy	Darmstadt	11.04.22	12.3	44.2
2	Sunny	Hamburg	11.04.22	19.2	12.6
3	Rainy	Darmstadt	12.04.22	16.7	67.3
4	Cloudy	Heidelberg	11.04.22	17.3	22.2
...

Feature Engineering

Feature engineering is the process of selecting, manipulating, and transforming raw data into features that can be used in within our learning approach.

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Feature Engineering

Know your data

- How is your data distribution?
- Do you have outliers?
- Does your data reflect reality?
- Is your data biased?
- ...

„Garbage In, Garbage Out“: Using bad data results in bad models,
though noise per se may not be a problem

Machine Learning

Common Approaches

Regression:

- Linear Regression
- Multiple Linear Regression
- Regression Trees
- Non-linear Regression
- Polynomial Regression
- ...

Classification:

- Random Forest
- Decision Trees
- Logistic Regression
- Naïve Bayes
- Support Vector Machines
- ...

There is no single best model that works best for all problems.

More information about why there is no single best model: <https://machinelearningmastery.com/no-free-lunch-theorem-for-machine-learning/>

Evaluating your model

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Machine Learning

Evaluation

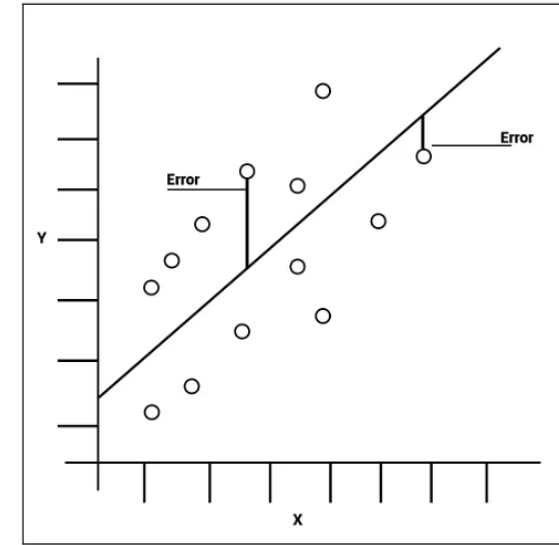
To measure quality, you need to know the goal!

There are a lot of options:

- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall
- Mean Squared Error
- ...

Choosing the correct metric depends on the goal

Mean Squared Error

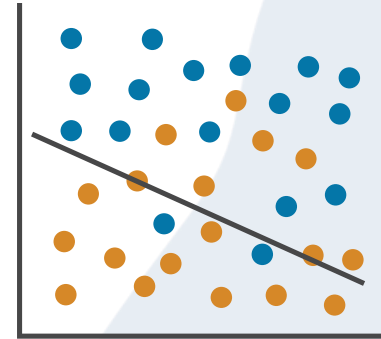
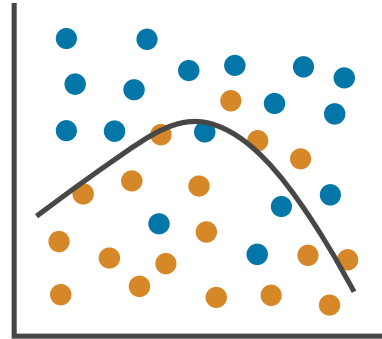
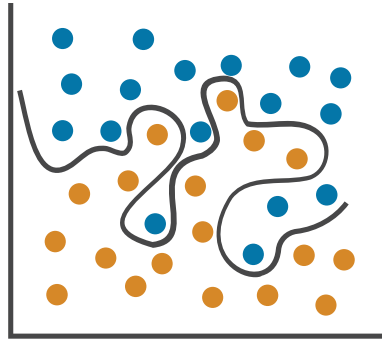


$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

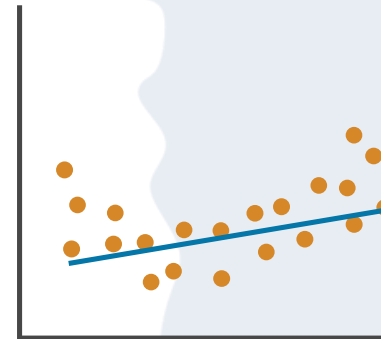
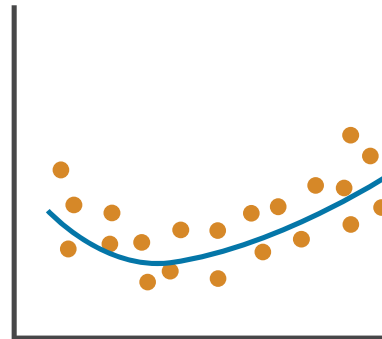
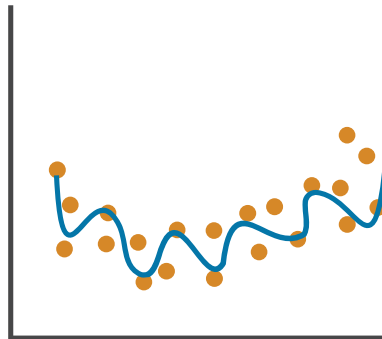
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The good, the bad and the ugly?

Classification



Regression



Which do you prefer?

Image: <https://www.mathworks.com/discovery/overfitting.html>

Machine Learning

Overfitting

Overfitting

Overfitting means that the model we trained has trained “too well” and has memorized the dataset while losing its ability to generalize, i.e. perform on unknown/new data.

How to deal with overfitting?

- Split your data
- Regularization
- Use more data, augment your data, i.e. adding noise
- Select different Features
- Cross-validation
- Ensemble methods
- ...

A musical explanation of overfitting by Michael Littman and Charles Isbell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQWI1kvmwRg>

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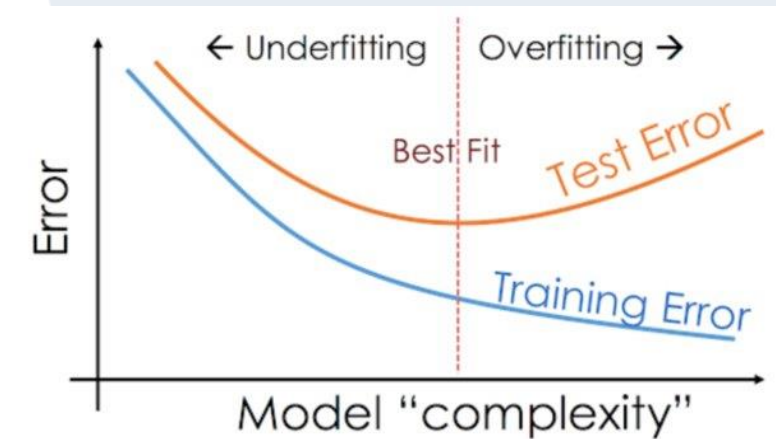
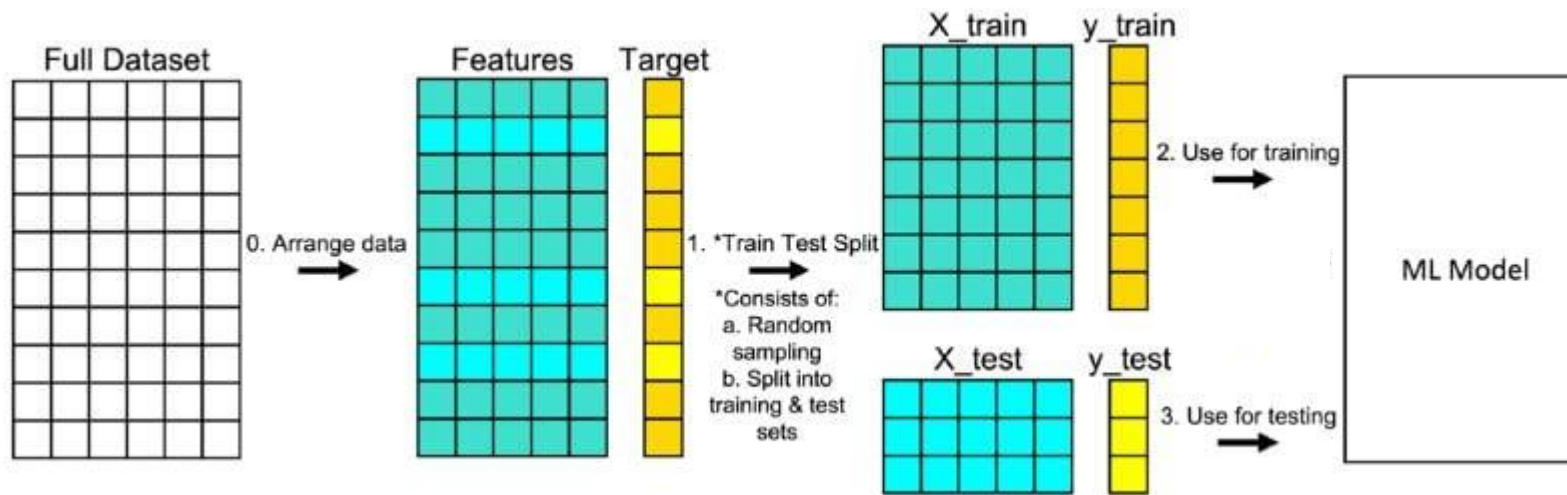
Evaluation: Train Test Split

Memorization or Generalization?

When learning a model, we want it to perform not only on data we used in training

Idea:

Split your data into Training and Testing. Use Training to train and Testing to evaluate.



Artificial **Neural Networks** 04

Neural Networks

Introduction into Deep Learning

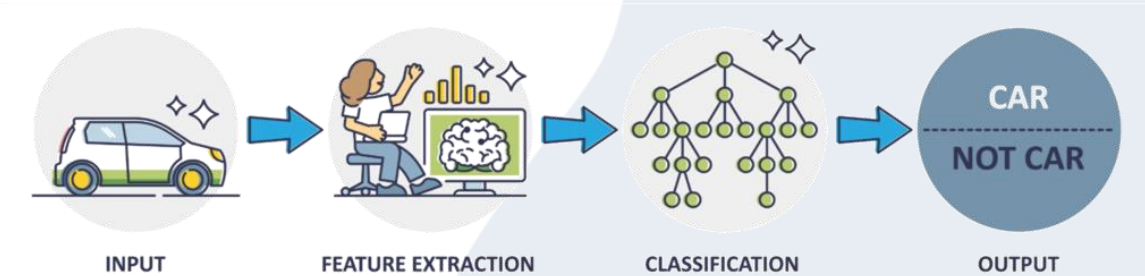
Why Deep Learning?

- Hand-engineered features are time consuming, brittle and not scalable in practice

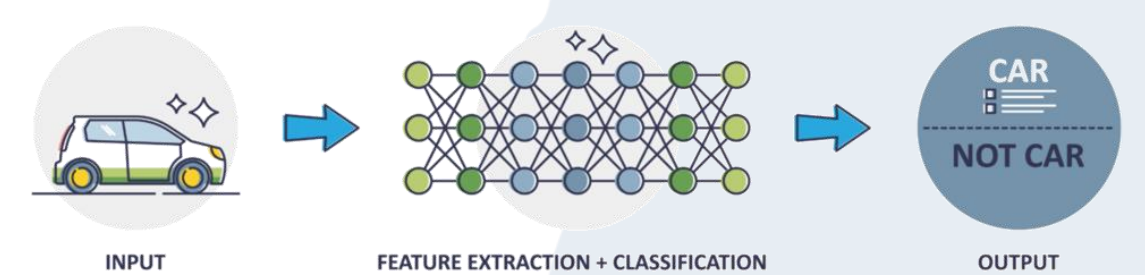
Idea of Deep Learning

- Can we learn the underlying features directly from data without specifying them?

----- Classical Machine Learning -----

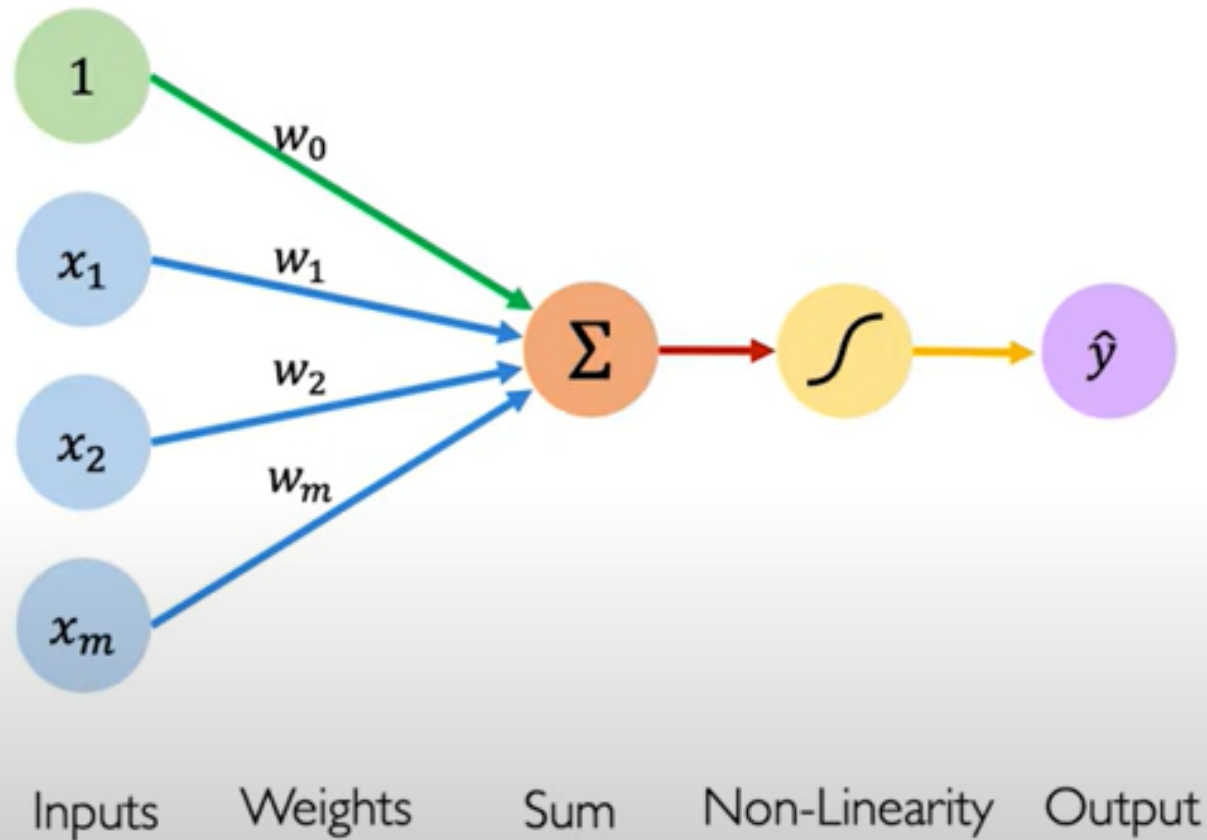


----- DEEP LEARNING -----



Neural Networks

The Perceptron: An Artificial Neuron



Output

Linear combination of inputs

$$\hat{y} = g \left(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i w_i \right)$$

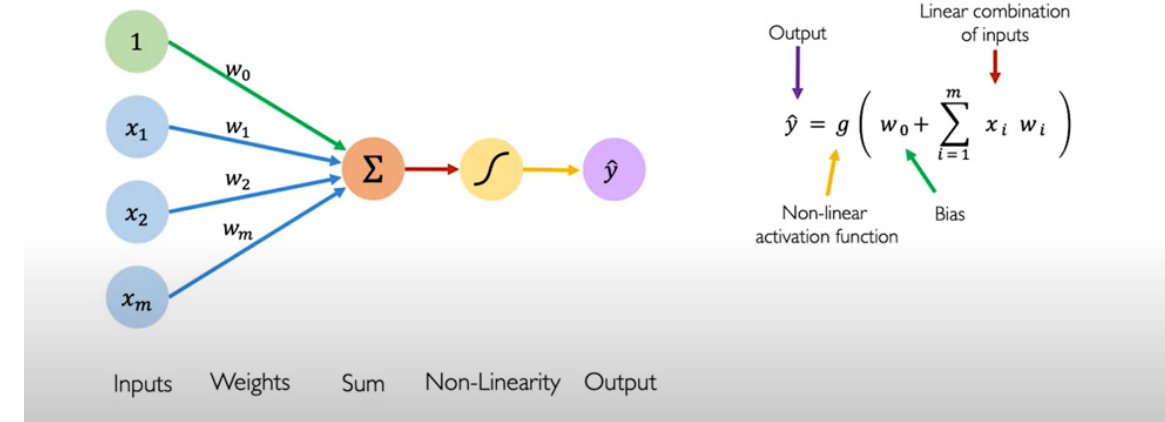
Non-linear activation function

Bias

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Neural Networks

The Perceptron: An Artificial Neuron



- Neurons correspond to nodes or **units**
- A **link** from unit j to unit i propagates activation y from j to i
- The **weight** $w_{j,i}$ of the link determines the strength and sign of the connection
- All weights together are called **\mathbf{W}** or θ and describe our model
- The total **input activation** is the sum of the input activations
- The **output activation** is determined by the activation function g

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Neural Networks

Activation Functions



What is an activation function?

- Decides if a neuron should be active
- Nowadays mostly non-linear function

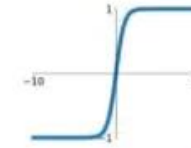
Why do we need an activation function?

- It adds non-linearity to the neural network
- Without it we have a simple linear regression model
- Allows us to use backpropagation (which will be introduced in a later slide)

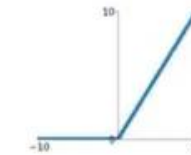
Sigmoid
 $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$



tanh
 $\tanh(x)$



ReLU
 $\max(0, x)$

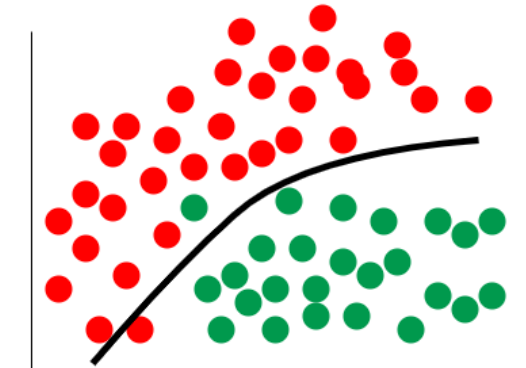
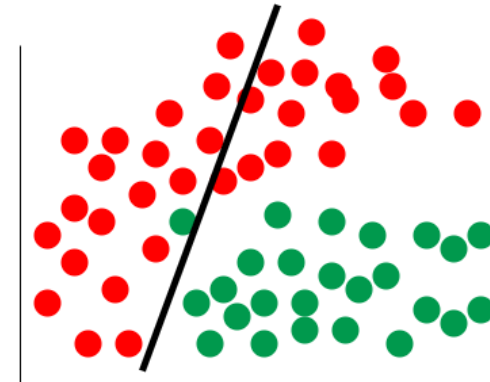
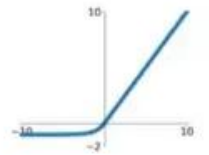


Leaky ReLU
 $\max(0.1x, x)$



Maxout
 $\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$

ELU
$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



From linear to non-linear patterns

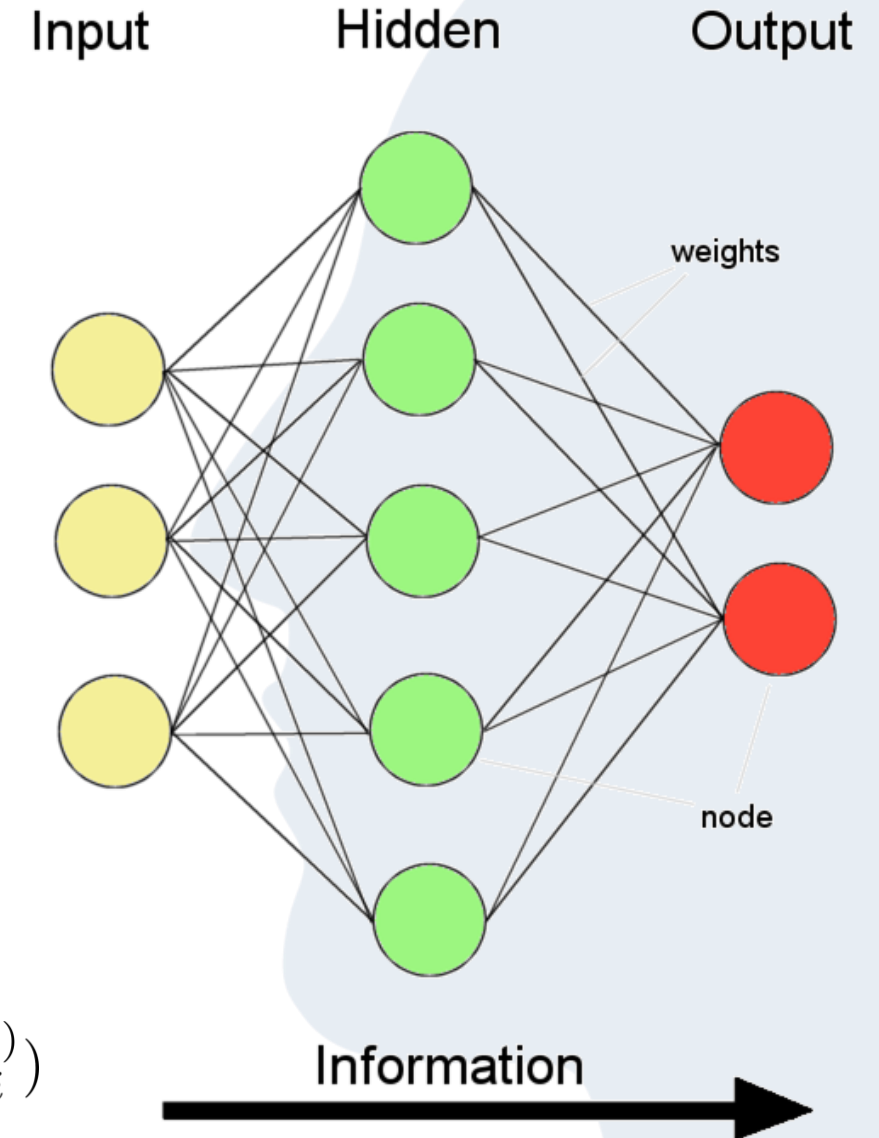
For more information how to choose an activation function: <https://machinelearningmastery.com/choose-an-activation-function-for-deep-learning/>

Neural Network

From a perceptron to a neural network

- Perceptrons may have multiple output nodes
- The output nodes can be combined with other perceptrons
- We can build networks of these nodes, i.e. **Multilayer Perceptrons (MLP)**
- In a Multilayer Perceptron information flow is unidirectional
- Information is distributed and processed in parallel
- We can use the size (i.e. number of layers) to model the expressiveness of an MLP
- Following the definition of a perceptron we know for each hidden node

$$z_{k,i} = \sigma(w_{0,i}^{(k)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_{k-1}} z_{k-1,j} \cdot w_{j,i}^{(k)})$$



**Prediction or
Forward Propagation**

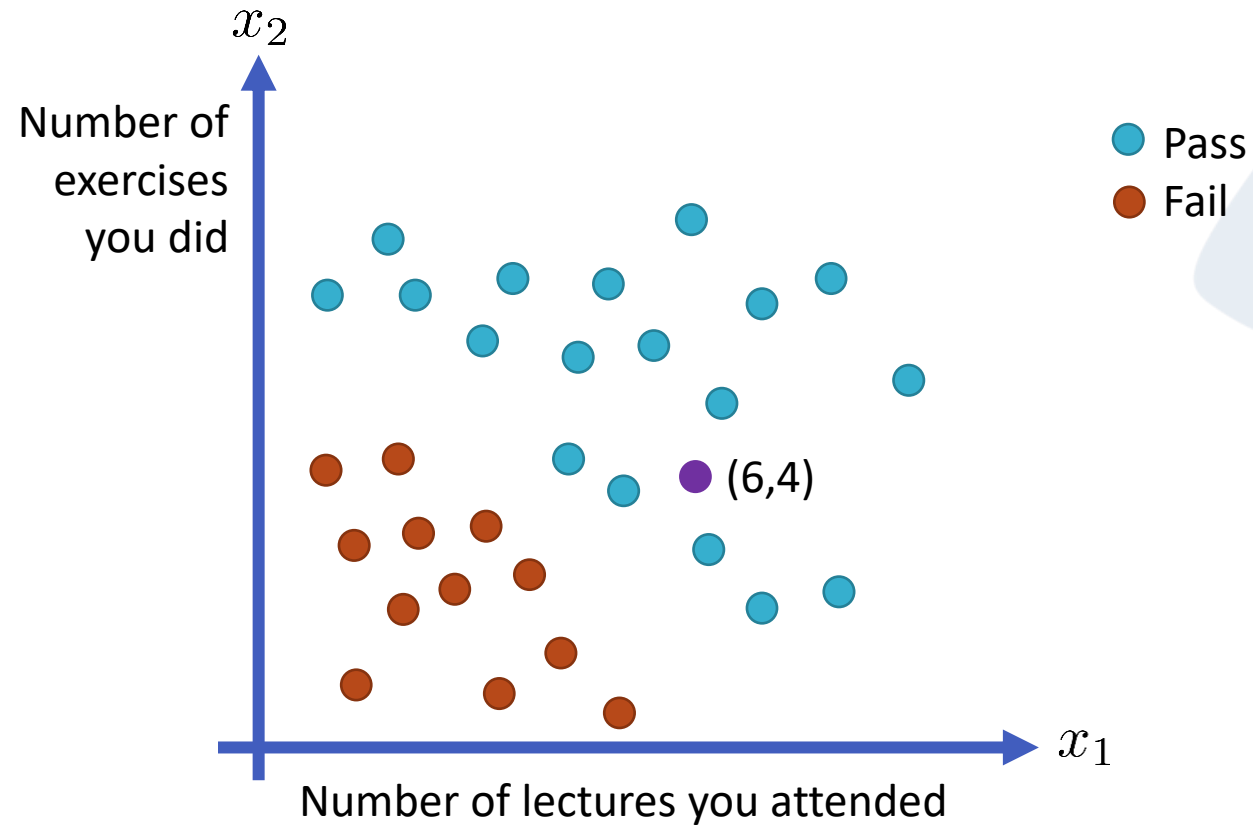


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Neural Network

Applying a neural network

Example: Will the purple dot pass the exam?



Neural Network

Applying a neural network

Let's assume our input is $x_1 = 6, x_2 = 4$

And the weights are

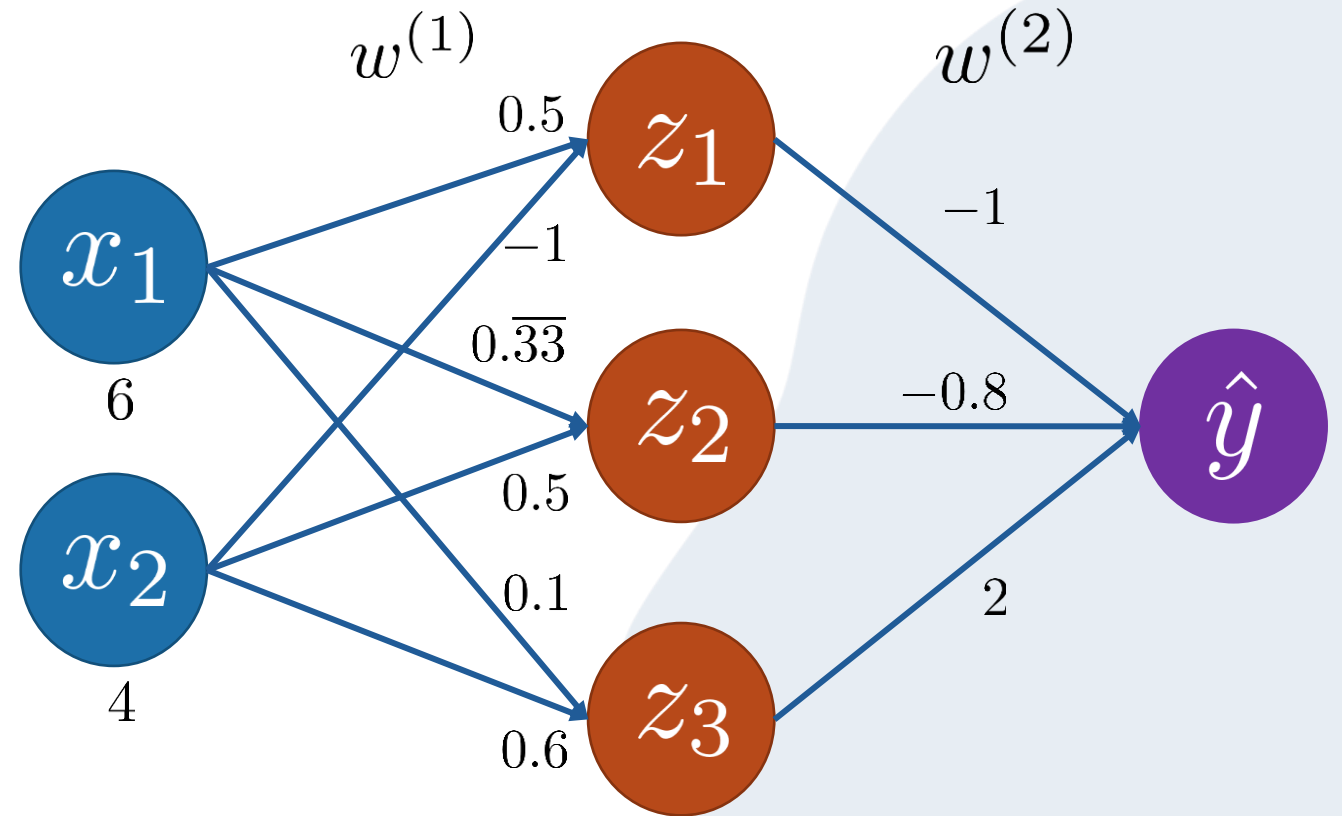
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Further we assume that the bias $w_{0,i}^{(k)}$ is 0

Then

$$z_1 = g(w_{0,1}^{(1)} + \sum_{j=1}^2 x_j \cdot w_{j,1}^{(1)}) = g(x_1 w_{1,1}^{(1)} + x_2 w_{2,1}^{(1)}) = g(3 + (-4)) = g(-1)$$

$$z_2 = g(2 + 2) = g(4), z_3 = g(0.6 + 2.4) = g(3)$$



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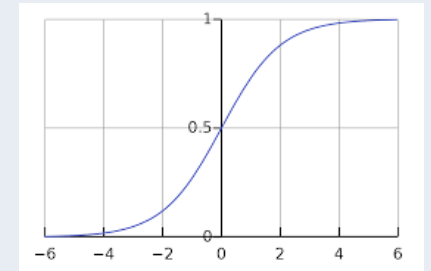
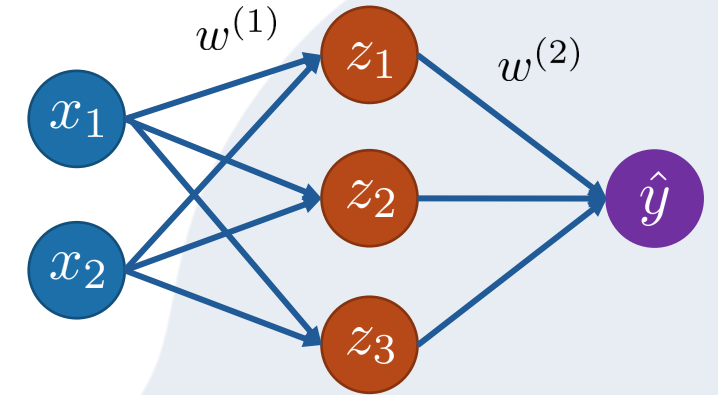
$$z_1 = g(-1), z_2 = g(4), z_3 = g(3)$$

We use the sigmoid activation function: $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$, Sigmoid Function

Then $z_1 = 0.26, z_2 = 0.98, z_3 = 0.95$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(w_{0,1}^{(2)} + \sum_{j=1}^3 z_j \cdot w_{j,1}^{(2)}) = \sigma(w_{0,1}^{(2)} + z_1 w_{1,1}^{(2)} + z_2 w_{2,1}^{(2)} + z_3 w_{3,1}^{(2)})$$

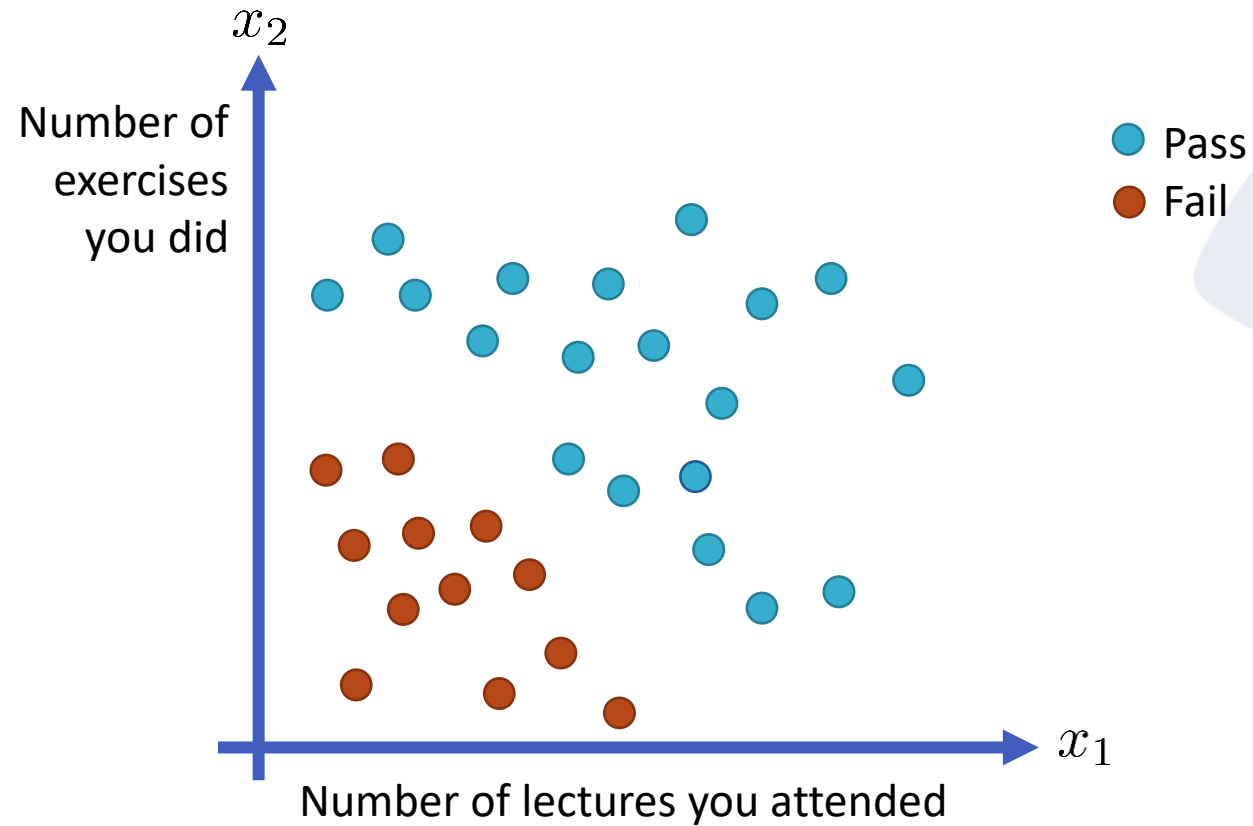
$$\hat{y} = \sigma((-1) \cdot 0.26 + (-0.8) \cdot 0.98 + 2 \cdot 0.95) = \sigma(0.856) = 0.7$$



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Applying a neural network

Example: Will the purple dot pass the exam?



Training a NN or Backpropagation



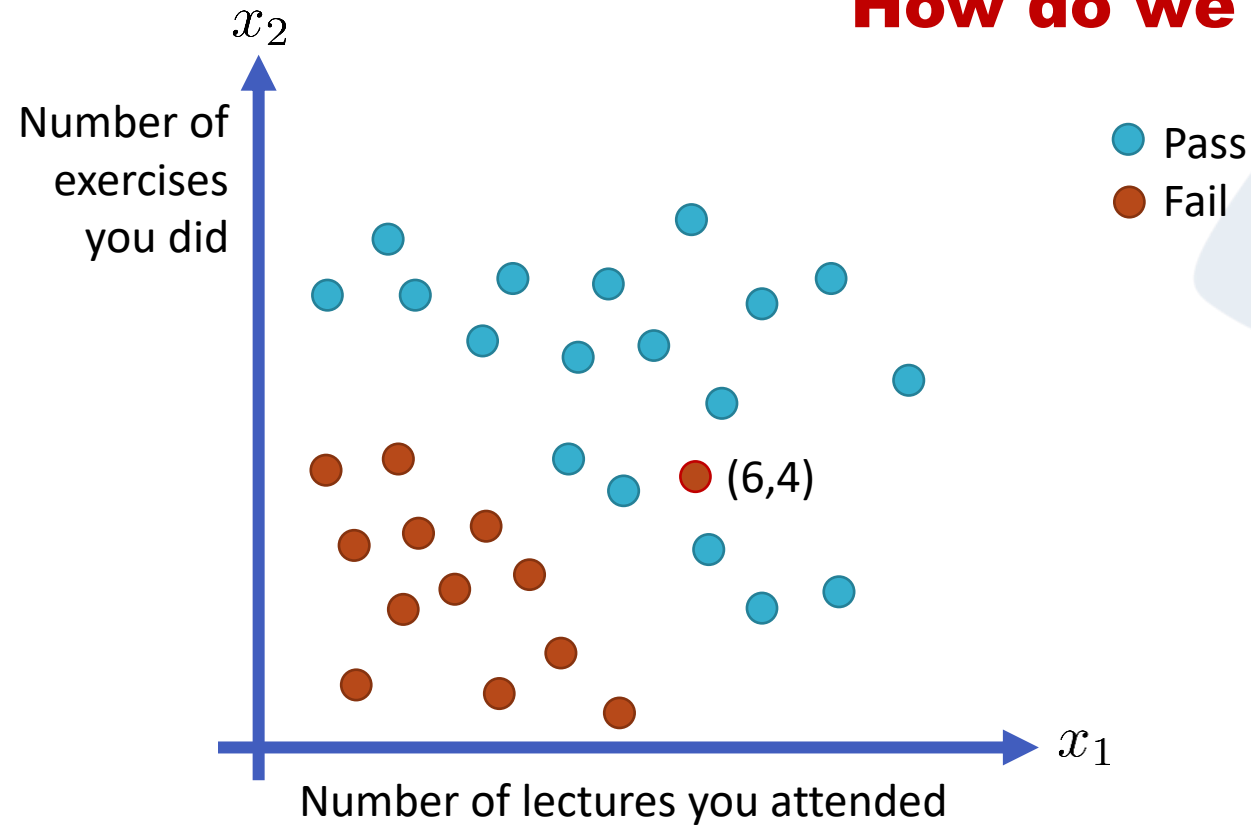
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Neural Network

Training a neural network

Lets say we have different weights and instead of 0.7 we get 0.14...

How do we measure quality?



Neural Network

Loss function

Let's assume we have different weights

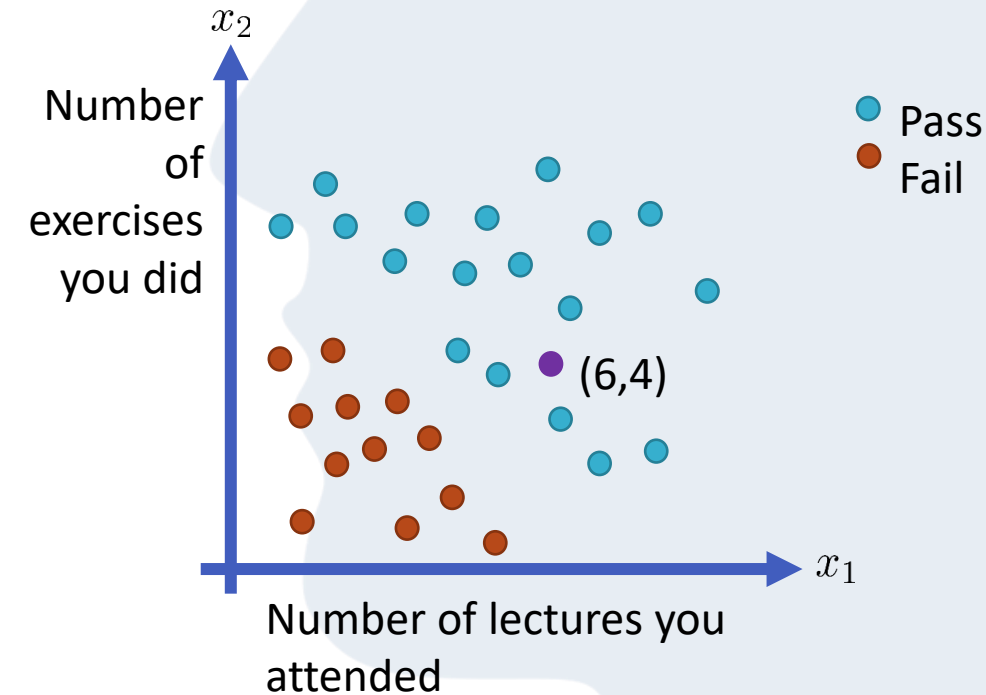
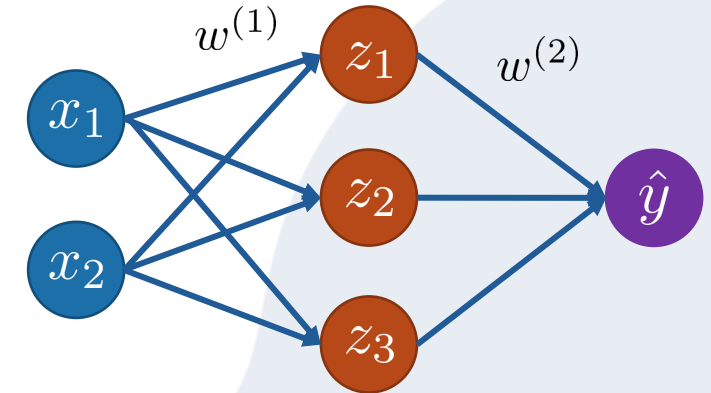
→ Now the result is $\hat{y} = 0.14$

Quantifying Loss $\mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; W), y^{(i)})$

- Describes the cost of incorrect predictions

Empirical Loss $J(W) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; W), y^{(i)})$

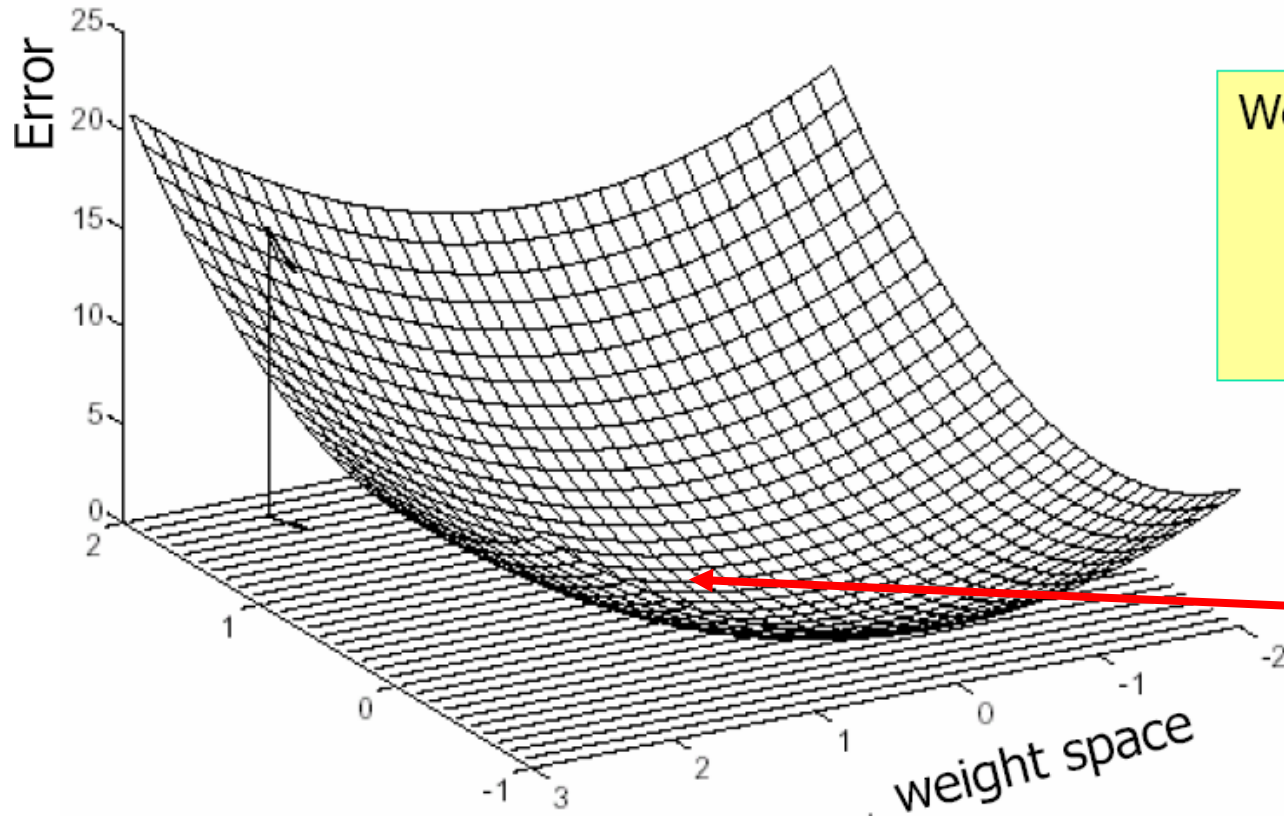
- Measures the total loss over our dataset
- Also known as objective function, cost function or empirical risk



Neural Network

Training our Network

Overall goal: Minimize the loss $W^* = \operatorname{argmin}_W \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; W), y^{(i)})$



Weight space is N-dimensional, where N is the total number of weights in the network

W^* describes the weight setting where the error or loss is minimal for the data set

Neural Network

Training our Network: Gradient Descent

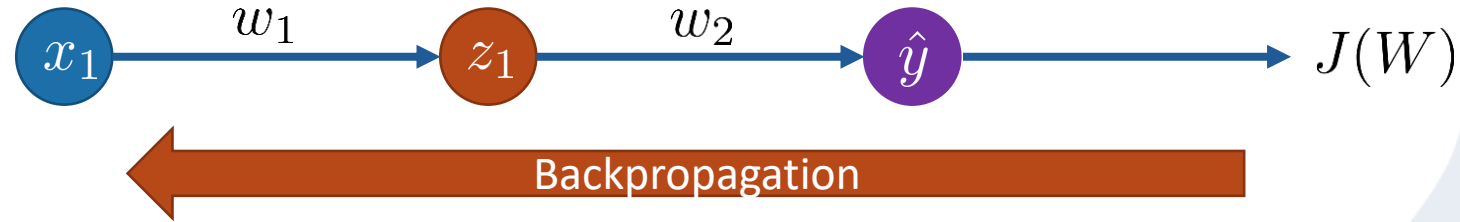
Algorithm:

1. Initialize weights randomly
2. Loop until convergence
 - Compute gradient: $\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial W}$
 - Update weights: $W \leftarrow W - \alpha \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial W}$
3. Return weights



Neural Network

Backpropagation: How to compute $\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial W}$



Question: How much do my weights affect the outcome, i.e. the final loss? $\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial w_i}$

Using the chain rule we can describe the problem as:

$$\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial w_2} = \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial w_2}$$

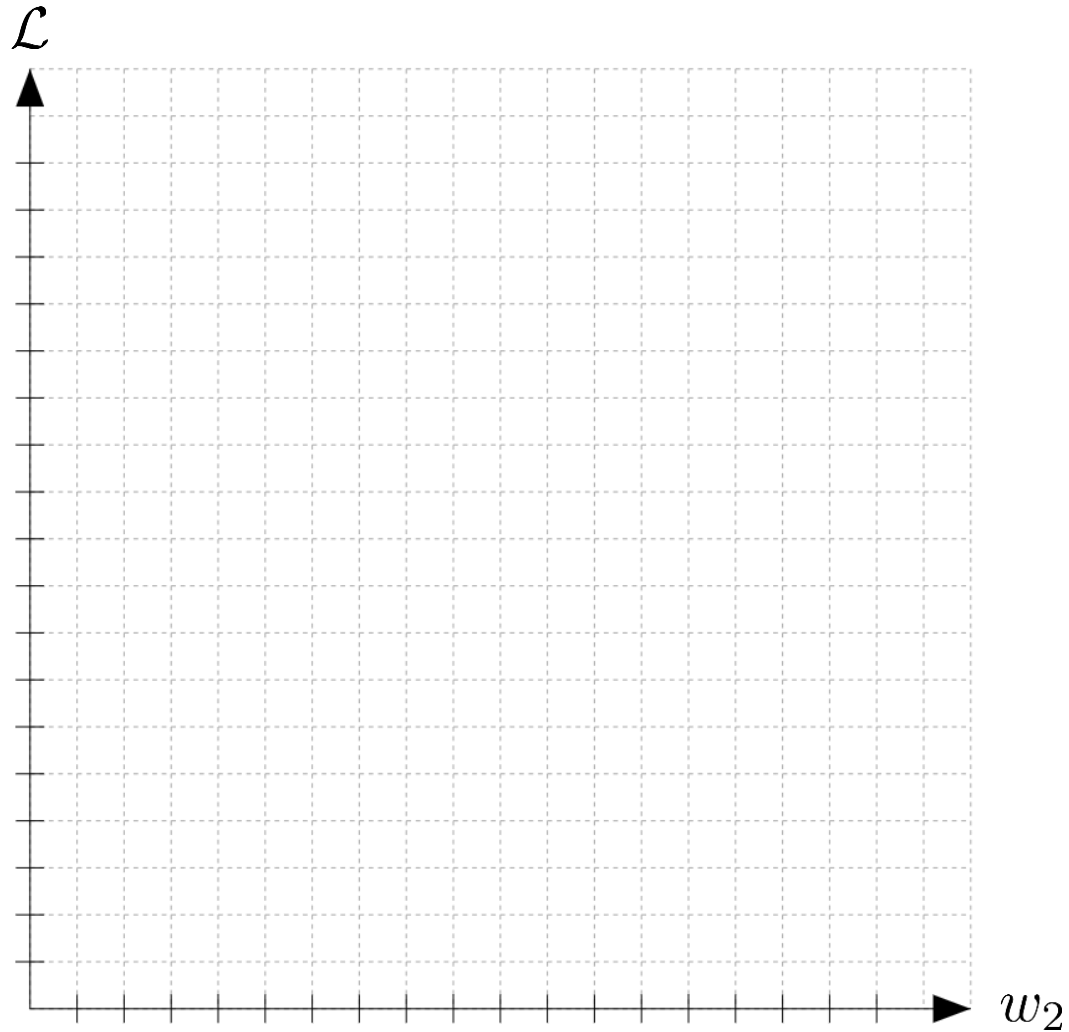
$$\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial z_1} \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_1}$$

We can repeat this for every weight in the network using the gradients from later layers

- Propagate the error back to all nodes, through the network

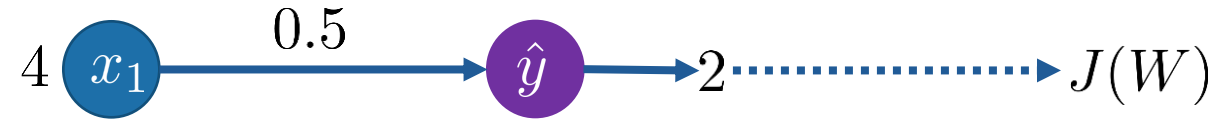
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Training our Network: Gradient Descent



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Backpropagation: Example



Given $g() = \text{ReLU}(x) = \max(0, x)$, $x = 4$, $y = 1$, $\hat{y} = 2$, $\mathcal{L} = (\hat{y} - y)^2$, $J(W) = \mathcal{L}$

We want $\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial w_1}$

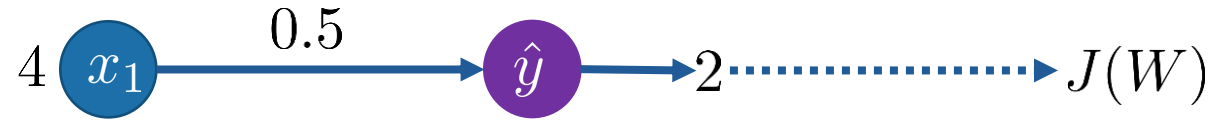
Step 1: $\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial \hat{y}} = 2(\hat{y} - y) = 2(2 - 1) = 2$

$$J(W) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(f(x^{(i)}; W), y^{(i)})$$

A good video explaining this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khUVIZ3MON8>

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Backpropagation: Example



$$\hat{y} = g\left(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m x_i w_i\right)$$

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Step 2:
$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial w_1} = \text{ReLU}'(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i) \cdot x_1 = 1 \cdot 4 = 4$$

Step 3:
$$\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial w_1} = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$$

$$\hat{y} = \text{ReLU}(w_1 x_1)$$

$$f = g(h(x))$$

$$f' = g'(h(x)) \cdot h'(x)$$

$$\text{ReLU}'(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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Update the Weights: $W \leftarrow W - \alpha \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial W}$

Step 3: $\frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial w_1} = 8$

Step 4: $W_{new} = W_{current} - \alpha \frac{\partial J(W)}{\partial W}$

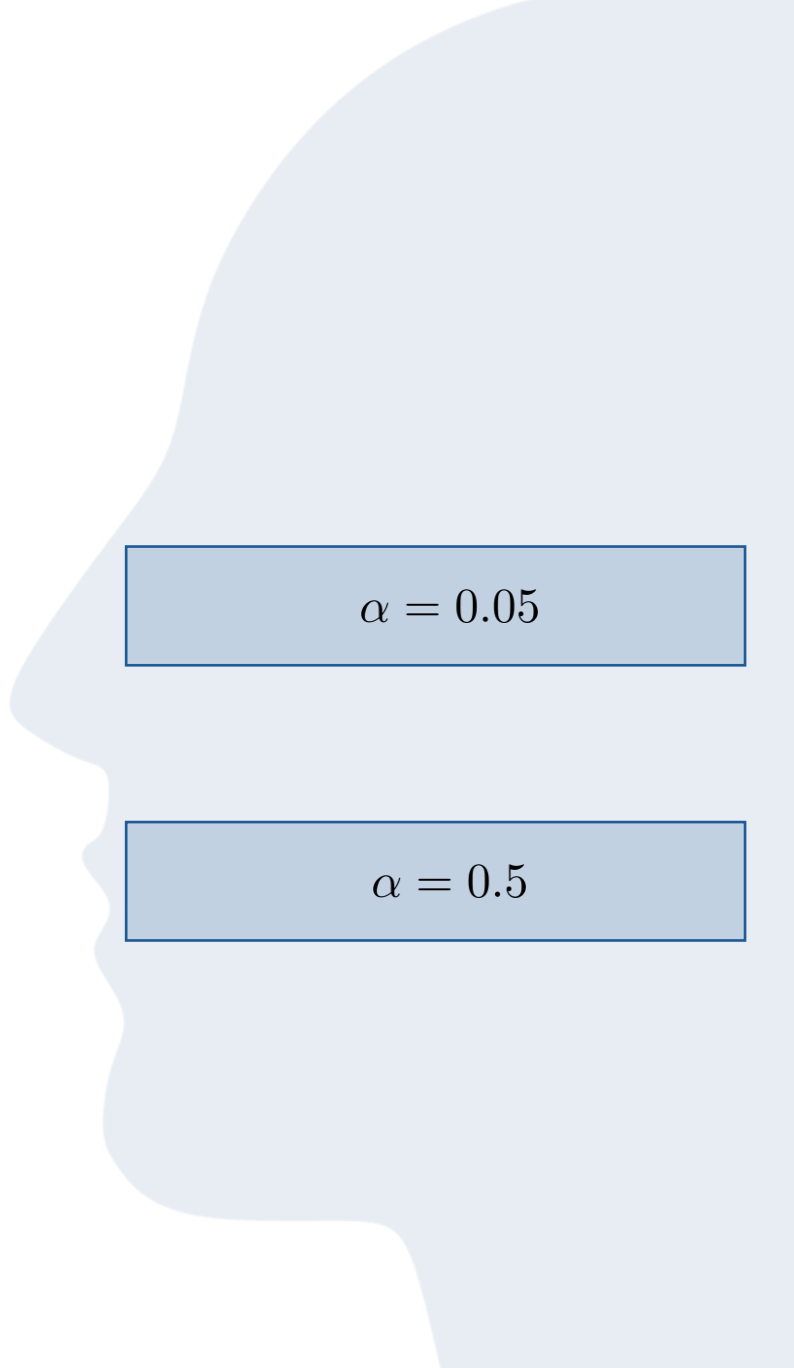
$$W_{new} = 0.5 - 0.05 \cdot 8$$

$$W_{new} = 0.1$$

Alternative Step 4

$$W_{new} = 0.5 - 0.5 \cdot 8$$

$$W_{new} = -3.5$$


$$\alpha = 0.05$$

$$\alpha = 0.5$$

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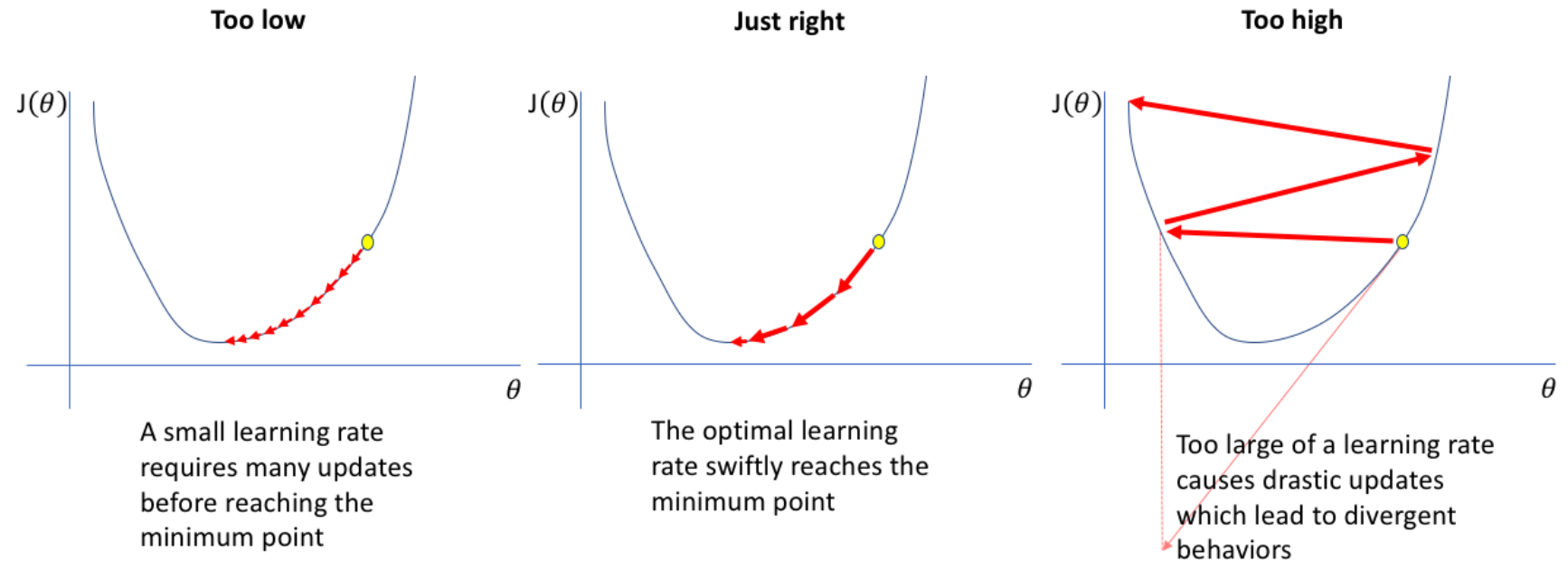
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Loss Functions can be difficult to optimize.

- Hard to find a global minimum

Idea: Change weights into the direction of the steepest descent of the error function giving a step size.

- This step size is called **learning rate** (α)
- Finding a good learning rate is difficult

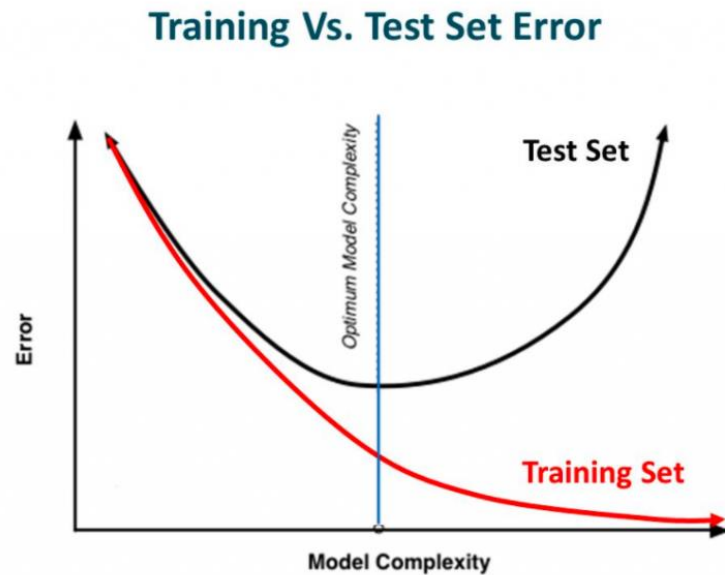


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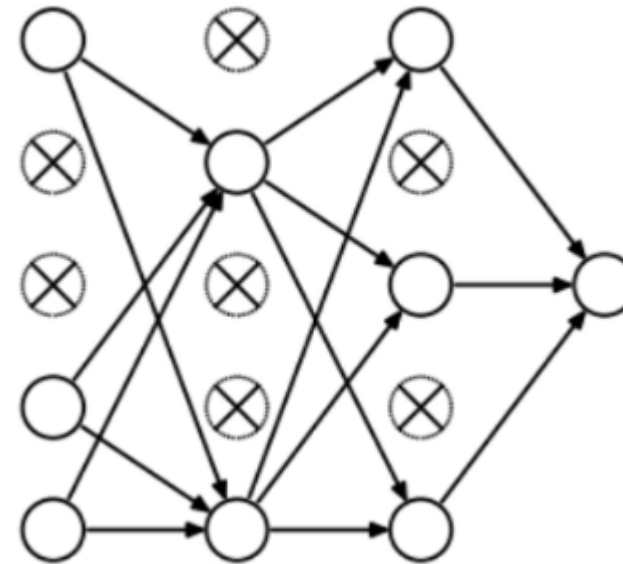
Overfitting

Regularization

Regularization is a set of techniques that can prevent overfitting in neural networks and thus improve the accuracy of a Deep Learning model when facing completely new data from the problem domain



Early Stopping



Dropout

What's next?

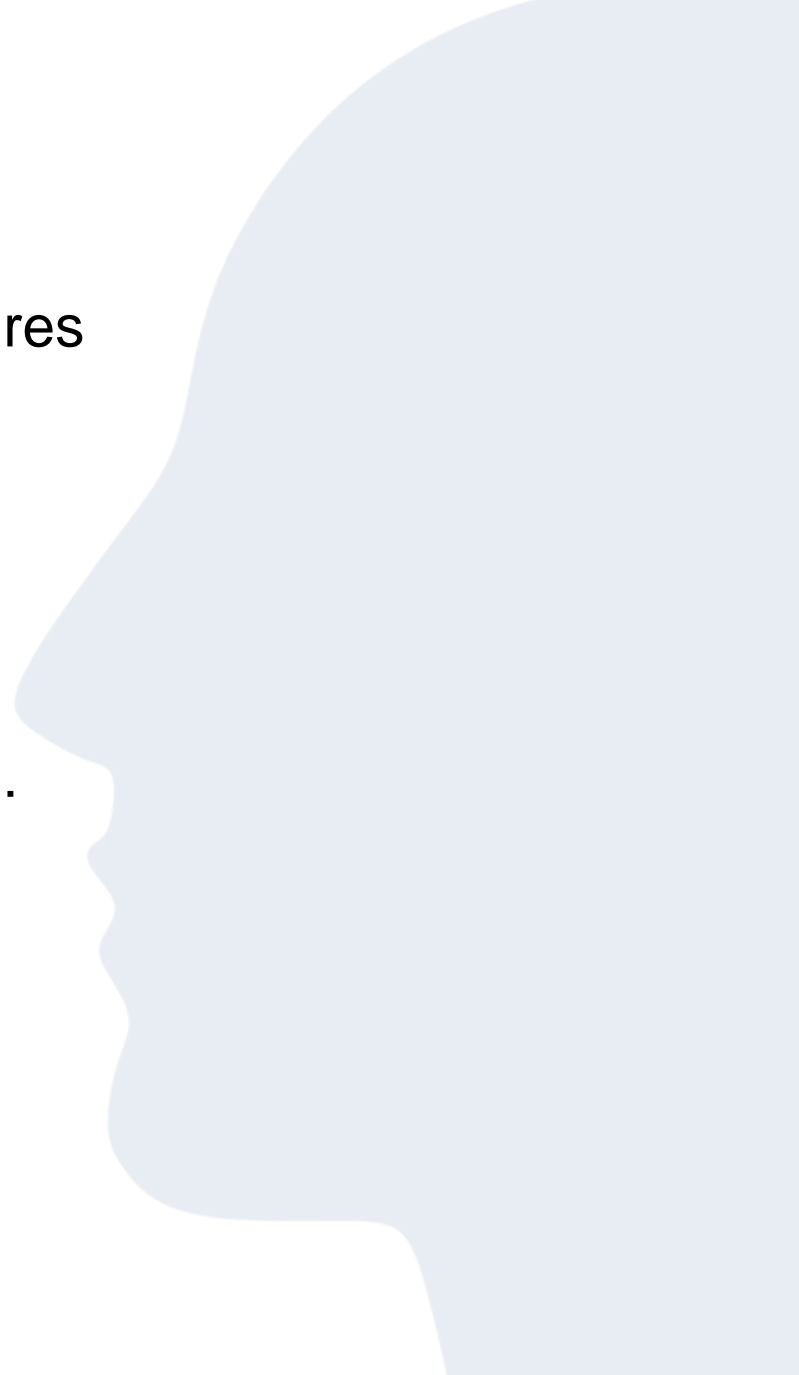
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Further Architectures

MLP are only the first step in the field of neural network architectures

- How many layers should I use?
- What if my input is very complex, e.g. images?
- How many features should I use?
- Can I use images, and text at the same time as inputs?
- How can I do sequences of data, e.g. sentences, time-series,...
- ...



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Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- CNNs uses **convolutional layers** to extract features from the input
- Features in the first layers refer to edges, borders, shapes,...
- On higher levels it detect patterns and at some point specific objects
- It uses pooling layers to decrease the computational requirements and extract more dominant features
- Compared to MLPs
 - They have fewer connections, i.e. weights
 - Are easier to train
 - Can have a lot of layers without
- Very popular in fields like Computer Vision and NLP

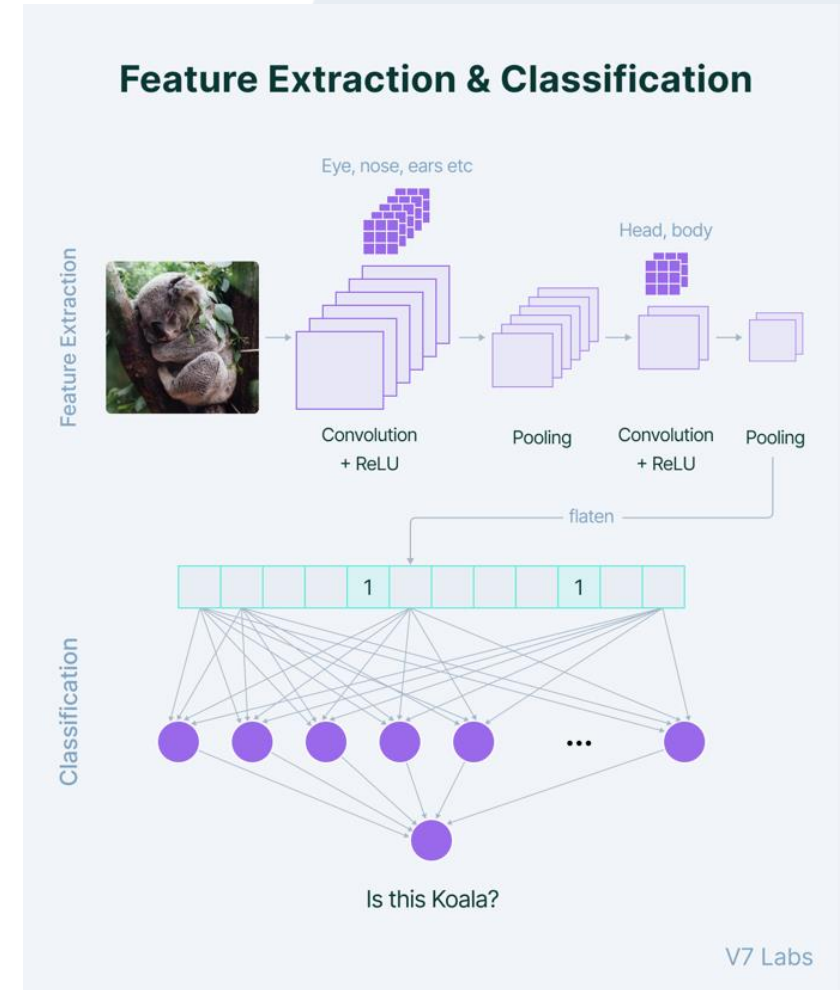


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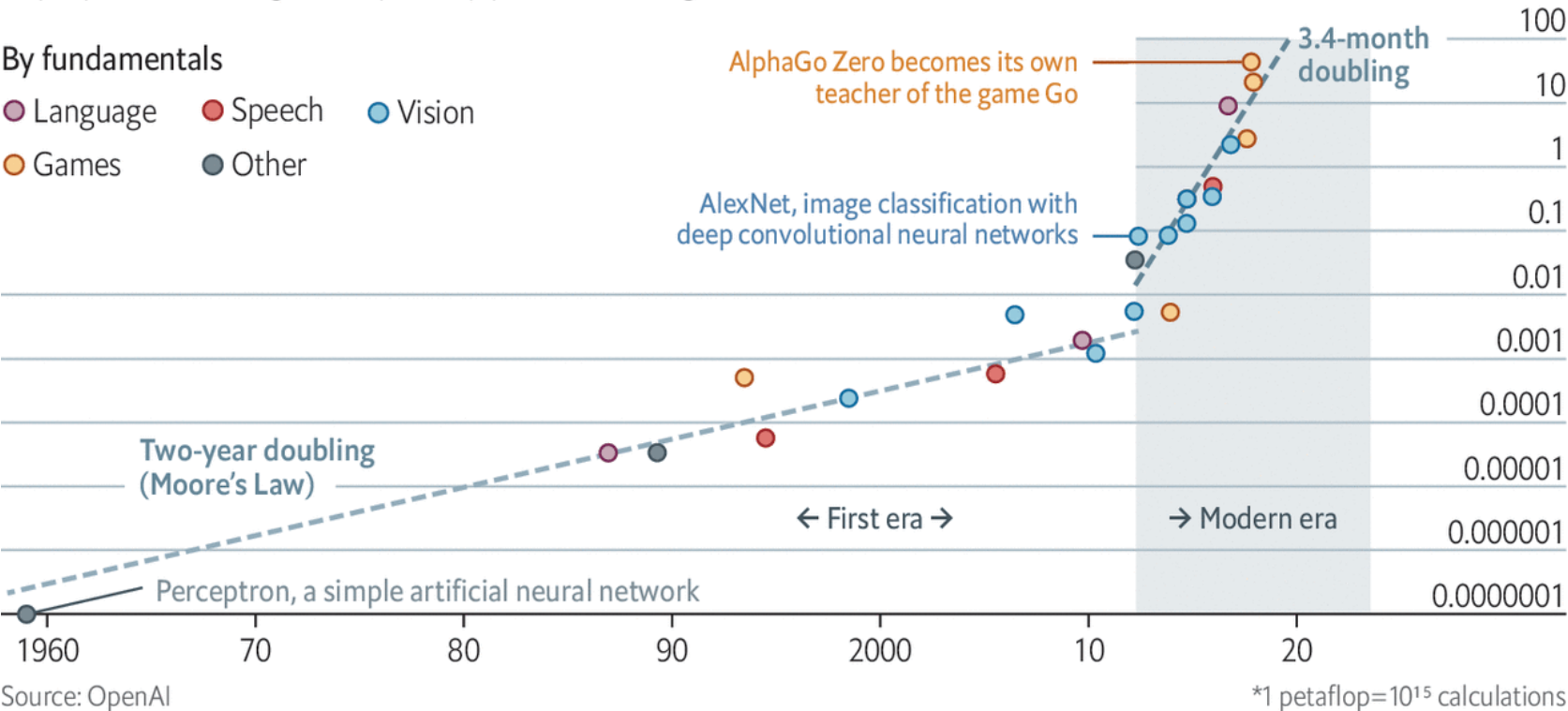
Performance Processing

Deep and steep

Computing power used in training AI systems
Days spent calculating at one petaflop per second*, log scale

By fundamentals

- Language
- Speech
- Vision
- Games
- Other



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The Economist

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Follow up

Additional Sources

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Stanford CS229: Machine Learning
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoROMvody4rMiGQp3WXShtMGgzqpfVfbU>

Ted Talk Lecture Friends with ML
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRKtJ4IpxJpDxl0NTvNYQWKCYzHNuy2xG>

Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning
(Bishop, 2006)
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/uploads/prod/2006/01/Bishop-Pattern-Recognition-and-Machine-Learning-2006.pdf>

Introduction into Pytorch for Deep Learning
<https://www.learnpytorch.io/>

Lectures in Darmstadt

- Deep Learning: Architectures & Methods (DLMA)
- Data Mining and Machine Learning (DMML)
- Statistical Machine Learning (SML)
- Probabilistic Graphical Models (PGM)
- Computer Vision (CV)
- Reinforcement Learning (RL)
- Continual Machine Learning (ContML)
- Deep Learning for NLP (DL4NLP)
- Deep Learning for Medical Imaging (DLMB)
- Robot Learning
- Deep Generative Models (TGM)
- ...

Summary

- What is Learning
- Types of Learning
- What is Machine Learning
- How to deal with overfitting
- Machine Learning on the example of neural networks
- Training a neural network

You should be able to:

- describe learning agents
- distinguish between different types of learning
- Give multiple solution how to solve overfitting
- Describe the Perceptron architecture
- Calculate a Forward Propagation and Backpropagation

Next Week: Reinforcement Learning