

## 2. Feed-forward Neural Networks

# Who am I and who are we?



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AI in Medical Imaging Lab → Pattern Recognition

## Intraoperative & Multimodal Imaging



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## Public Datasets, Annotation & Label-efficient Learning

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## Machine Learning for Microscopic Imaging

Background Tumor Epidermis Dermis Subcutis Inflammation/Necrosis

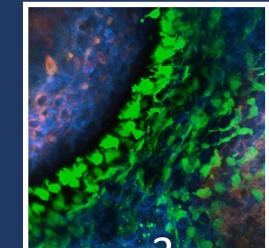
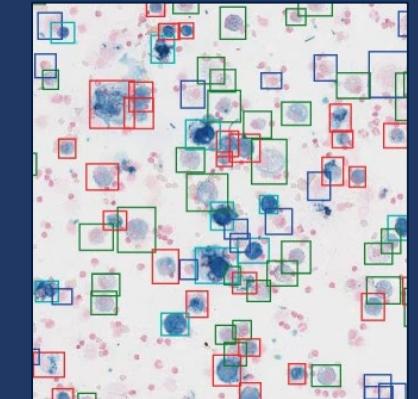
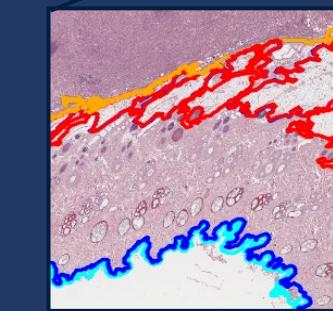
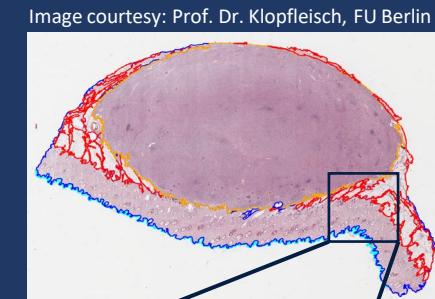


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# Goals for today

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**You should be able to...**

- deepen knowledge of deep learning as a concept
- understand core building blocks of (simple) neural networks
- explain why neural networks are powerful ML approaches
- understand the basics of training neural networks
- discuss benefits and drawbacks of different activation functions

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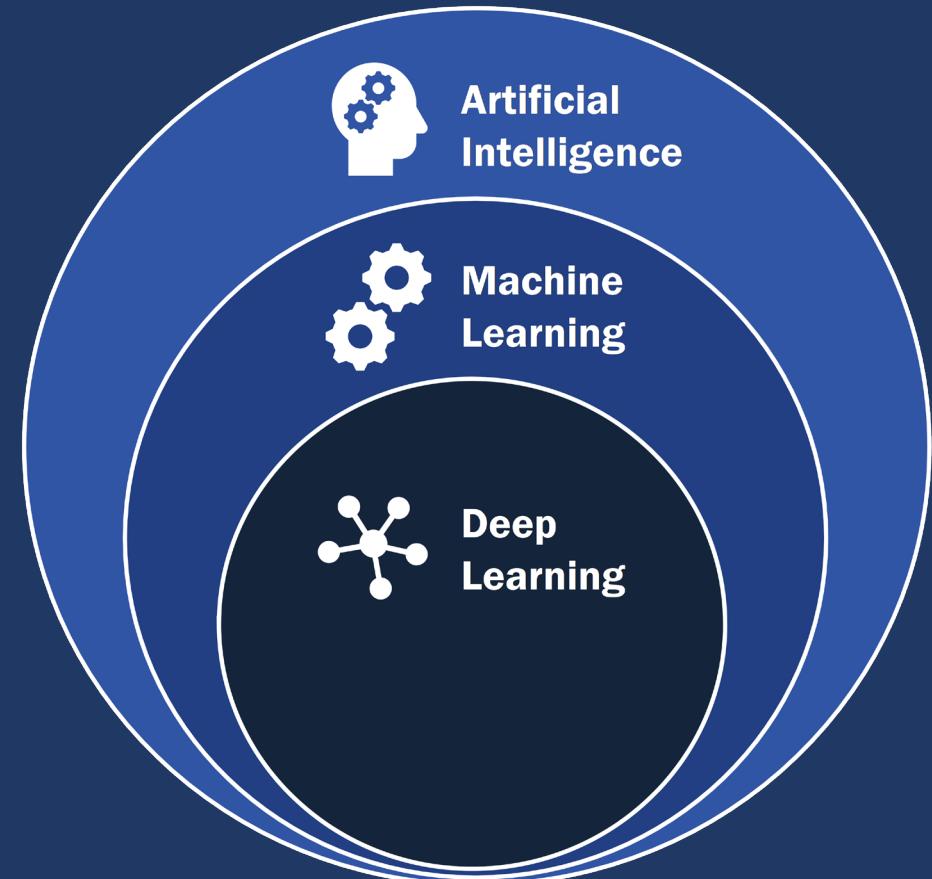
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# AI vs. ML vs. DL

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- AI is broader than just ML
- DL is a special type of ML
- 100% of today's **AI hype** is *caused by* DL models

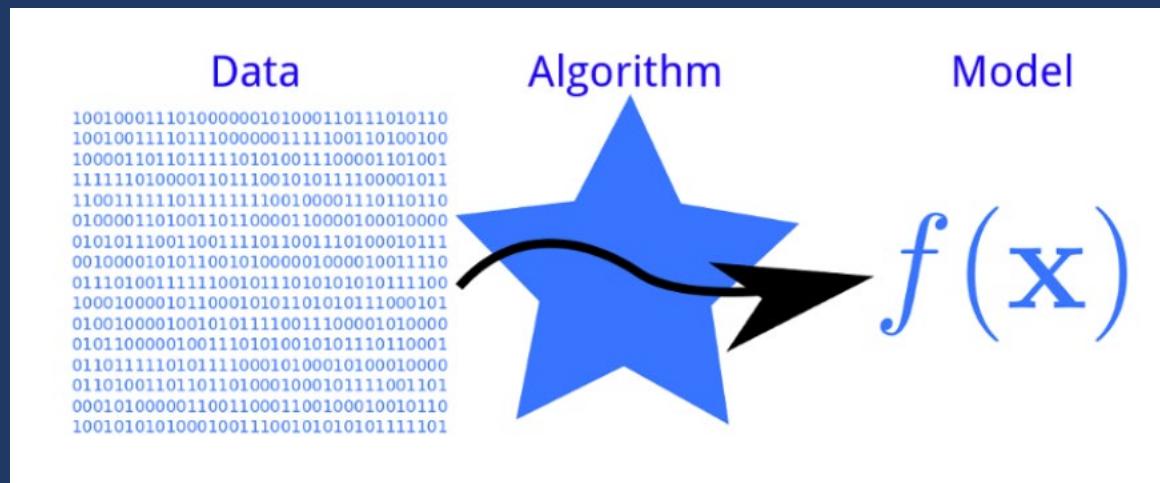


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# Machine learning

Machine Learning

**Machine learning** denotes the multitude of algorithms for (semi-)automatic extraction of new and useful knowledge from arbitrary **collections of data** (aka **datasets**). This knowledge is typically captured in the form of rules, patterns, or models.



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# Machine Learning Components

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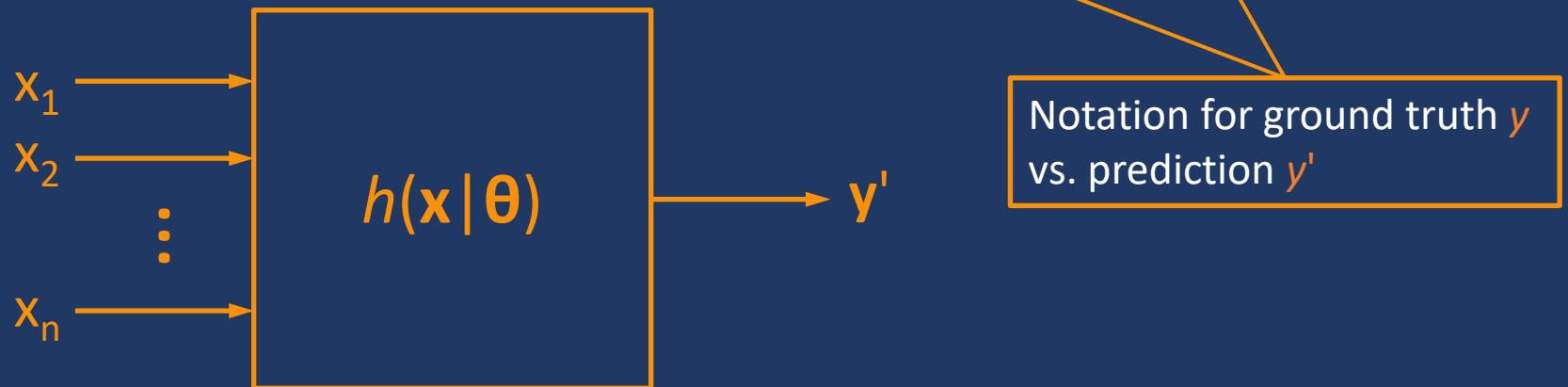
- Any ML algorithm/approach has to have the following **three components**:

- **Model**
- **Objective**
- **Optimization algorithm**

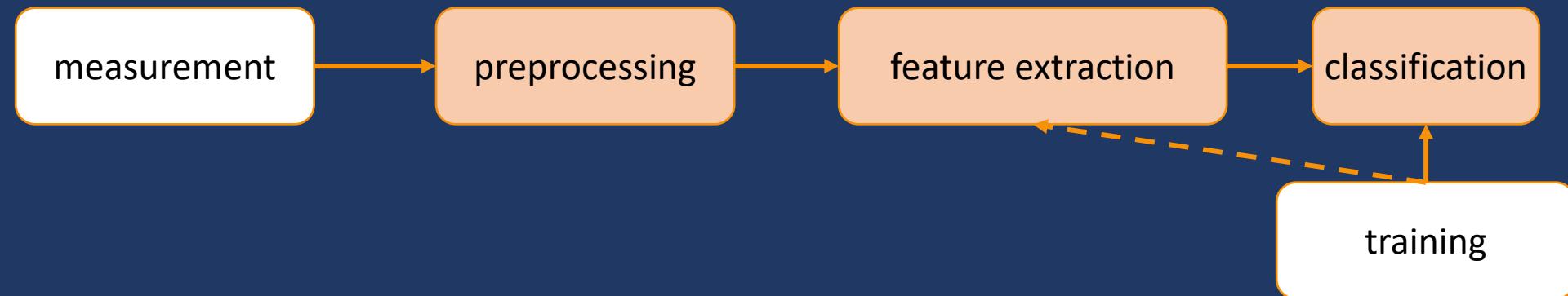
# The Basics of ML...

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- **Input:** example represented by the **feature vector**:  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$
- **Output (in supervised learning):** the **label  $y$**  assigned to the example
  - $y$  is a **discrete class** (in **classification** problems) or a **score** (in **regression** problems)
- A machine learning **model  $h$**  maps an input  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  to a label  $y$
- The model has a set of  **$k$  parameters  $\theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_k]$** :  $y' = h(\mathbf{x} | \theta)$



# “Classical” Machine Learning



- (Multi-layer) perceptron (today's lecture) typically works with **predefined features**
- „Hand-crafted“ feature design replaced by **data-driven** and **end-to-end feature learning** in state-of-the-art architectures
- Most concepts are **important across architectures**

# Supervised ML: Toy Example

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- You want to **learn** a **classifier** that can differentiate between an apple and a banana
- **Instance/example:** some *concrete* apple or some *concrete* banana.
  - Feature vector  $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \mathbf{x}_3, \mathbf{x}_4, \dots]$ 
    - $\mathbf{x}_1$ : length of the fruit
    - $\mathbf{x}_2$ : circumference
    - $\mathbf{x}_3$ : weight
    - $\mathbf{x}_4$ : color
    - ...
- **Label:**  $y \in \{ c_1 = \text{apple}, c_2 = \text{banana} \}$



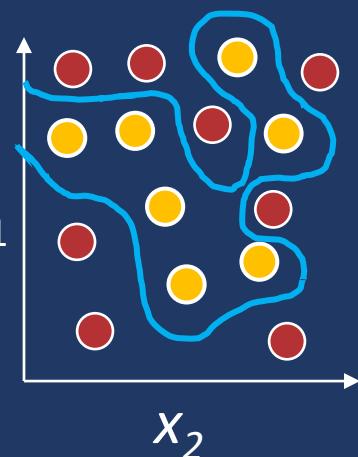
# From Machine Learning to Representation Learning

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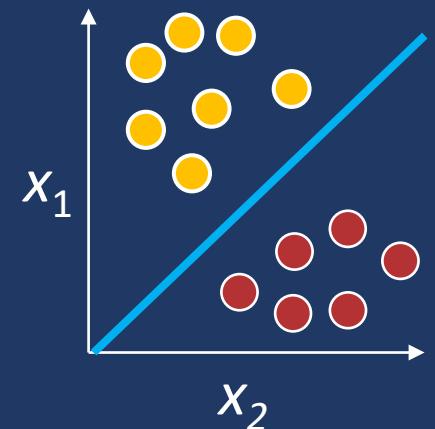
Essential terms in the context of Deep Learning:

1. Representation of data
2. Transformation
3. Dimensionality reduction

$x_1$ : top left pixel color  
 $x_2$ : top right pixel color  
 $x_3$ : bottom left pixel color  
 $x_4$ : bottom right pixel color  
...



$x_1$ : length of the fruit  
 $x_2$ : circumference  
 $x_3$ : weight  
 $x_4$ : average color  
...



→ Goal: Make final classification (or regression) as easy as possible

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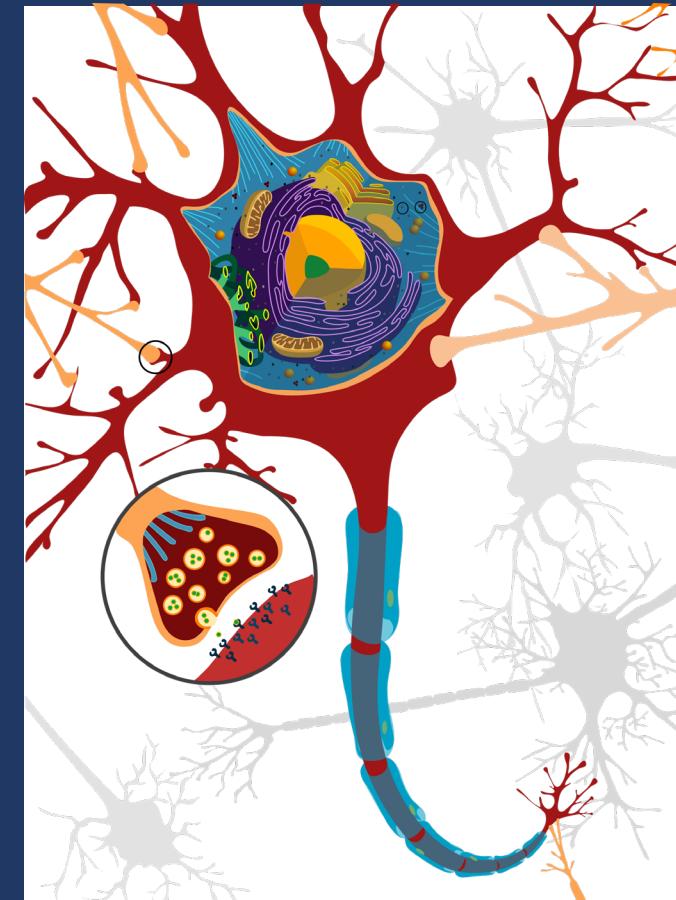
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# Toward Neural Networks

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- Core contribution:  
Rosenblatt's **perceptron** (1957) [1]  
aka: McCulloch–Pitts neuron
- **Goal:** Model a single (artificial) neuron  
with incoming connections
- Motivated by **biological neurons**
  - Connected by **synapses**
  - If the sum of incoming activations is large enough,  
an action potential is created
  - “All-or-nothing” response based on a threshold
  - Exhibits **non-linear behavior**



Adapted from Wikimedia Commons, [Link](#)

[1] Frank Rosenblatt. The Perceptron—a perceiving and recognizing automaton. 85-460-1. Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, 1957.

# The Perceptron

- Incoming signals: weighted sum of inputs  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  with weights  $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$  and  $w_0$   
$$z = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0$$

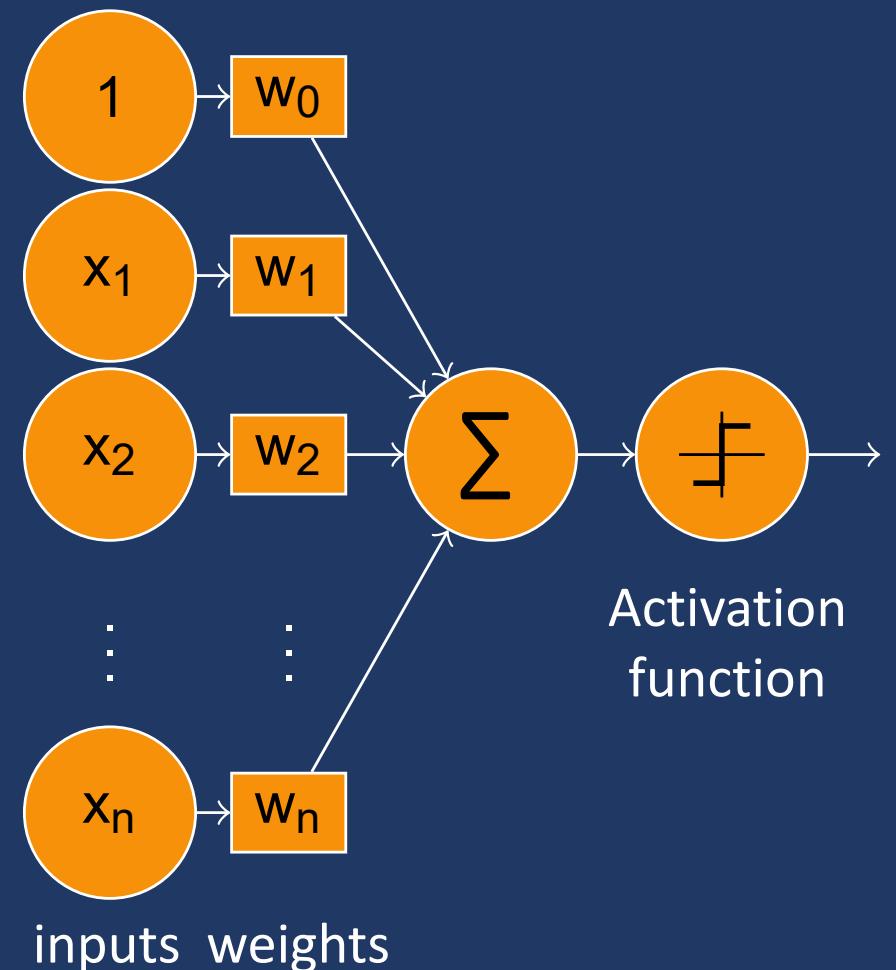
→ Linear transformation of input

- “All-or-nothing” response (Heaviside):

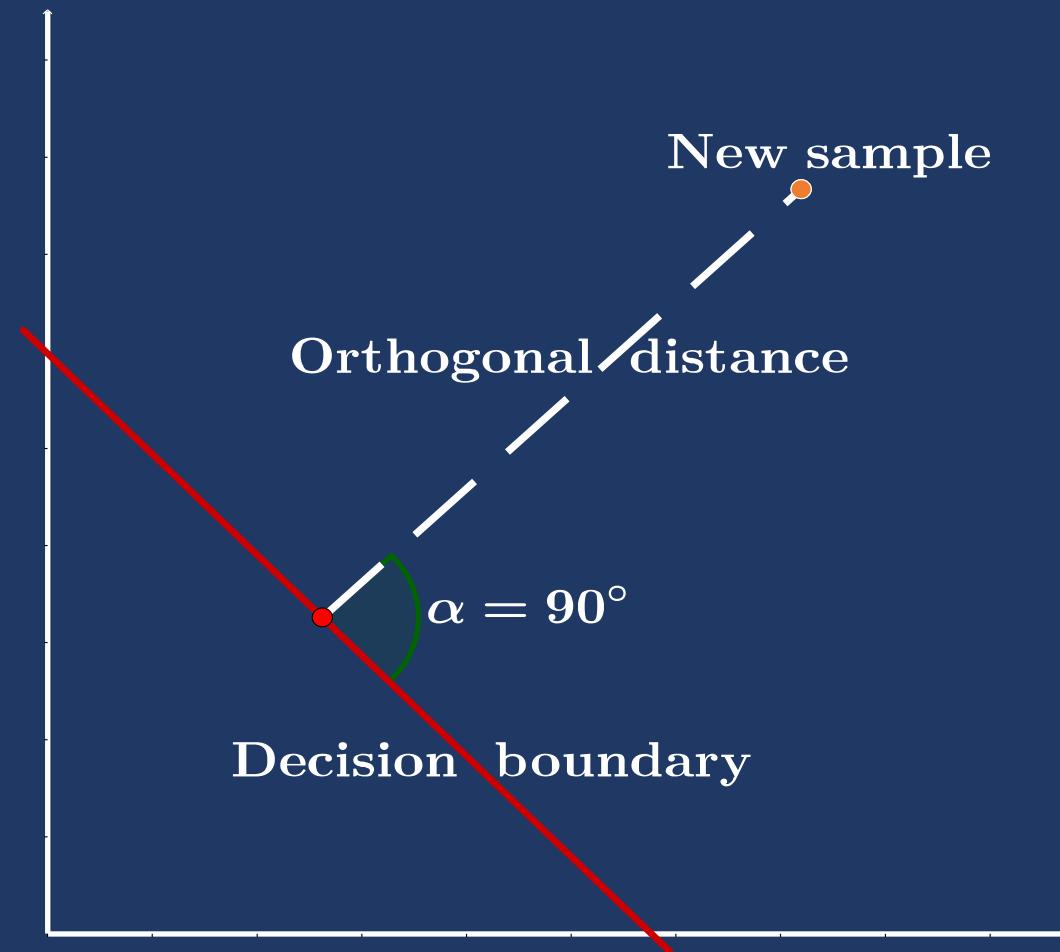
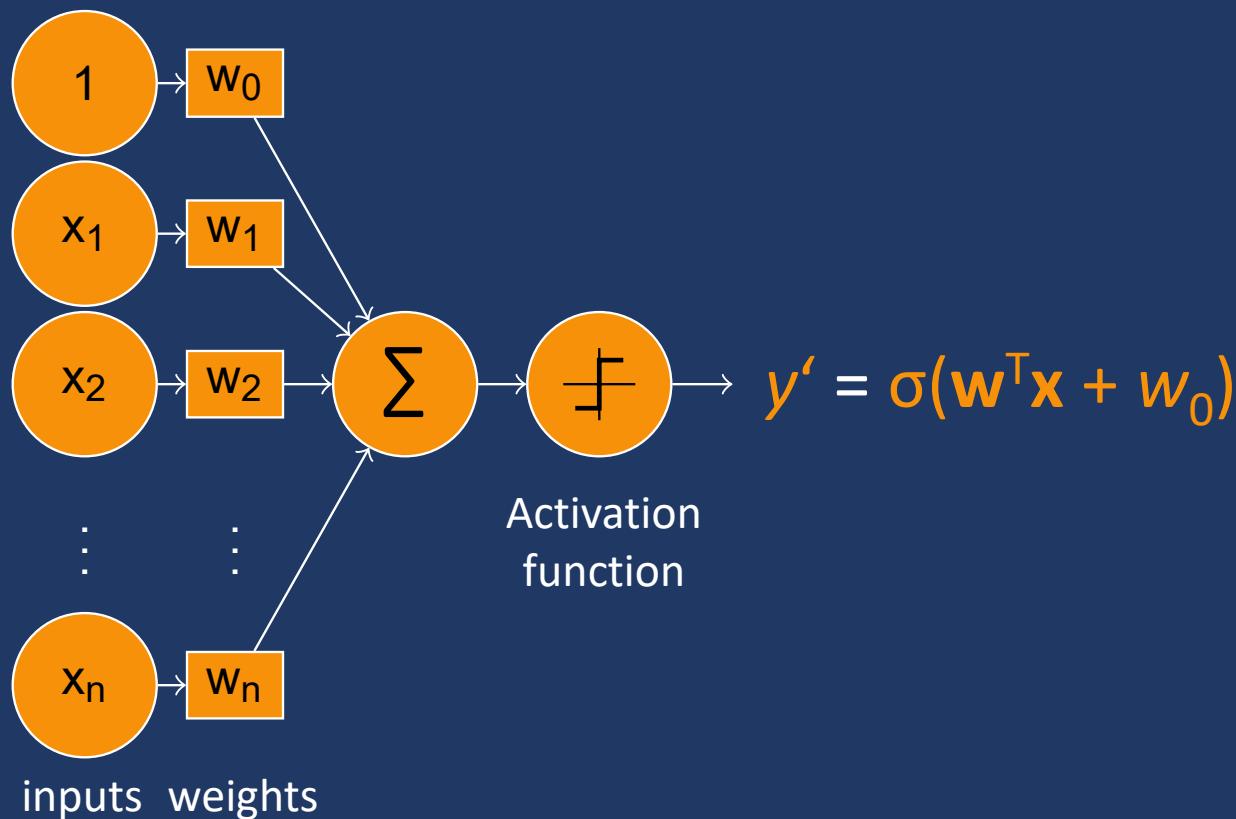
$$y' = \sigma(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

→ Binary classification  $y \in \{0, 1\}$

Learned via a suitable learning rule



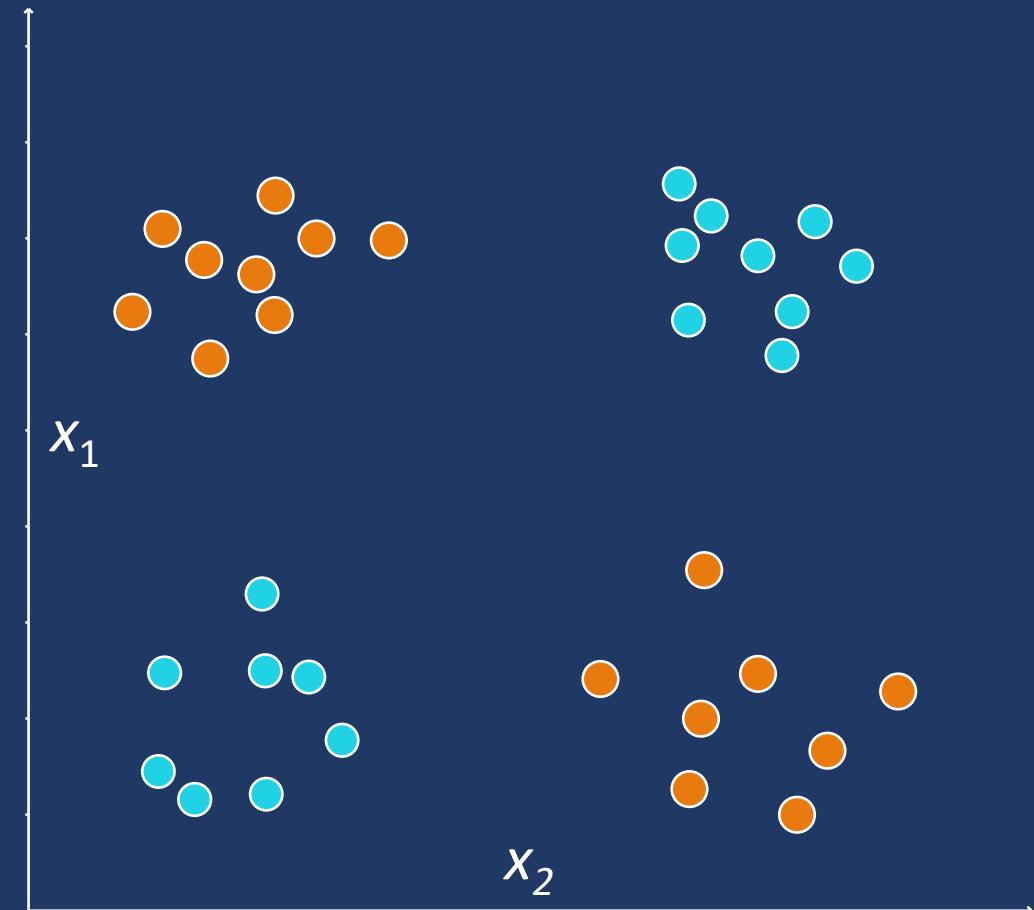
# Decision Boundary of a Perceptron



# XOR-Problem

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- Q: Why is this problem ( $c_1:\bullet$ ,  $c_2:\circ$ ) not solvable with a **perceptron**?
- No linear projection exists that separates the two classes
- 1969: “Perceptrons” [2] described limitations of neural networks  
→ First “**AI winter**”



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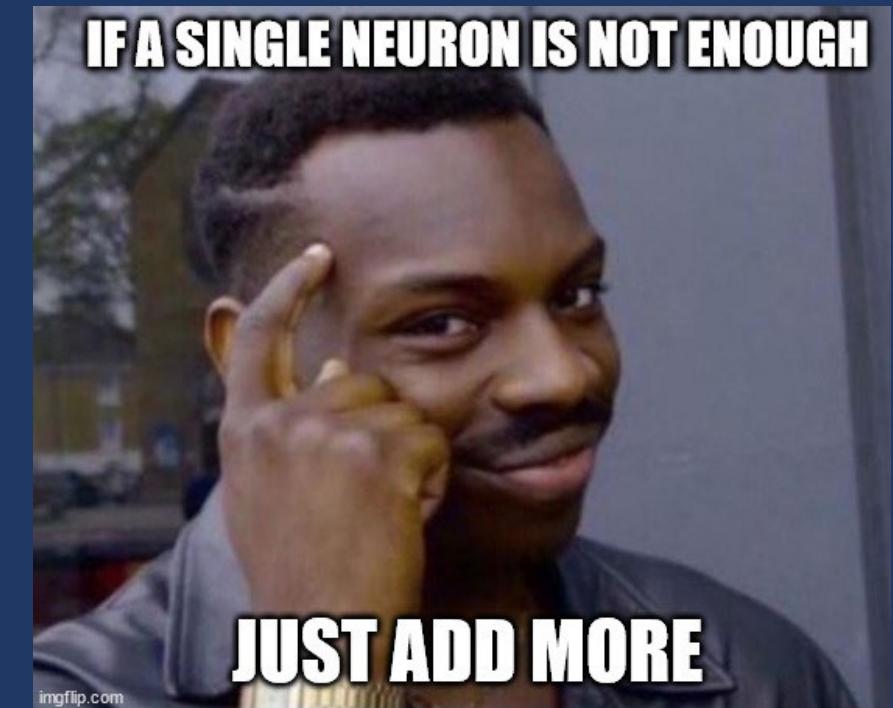
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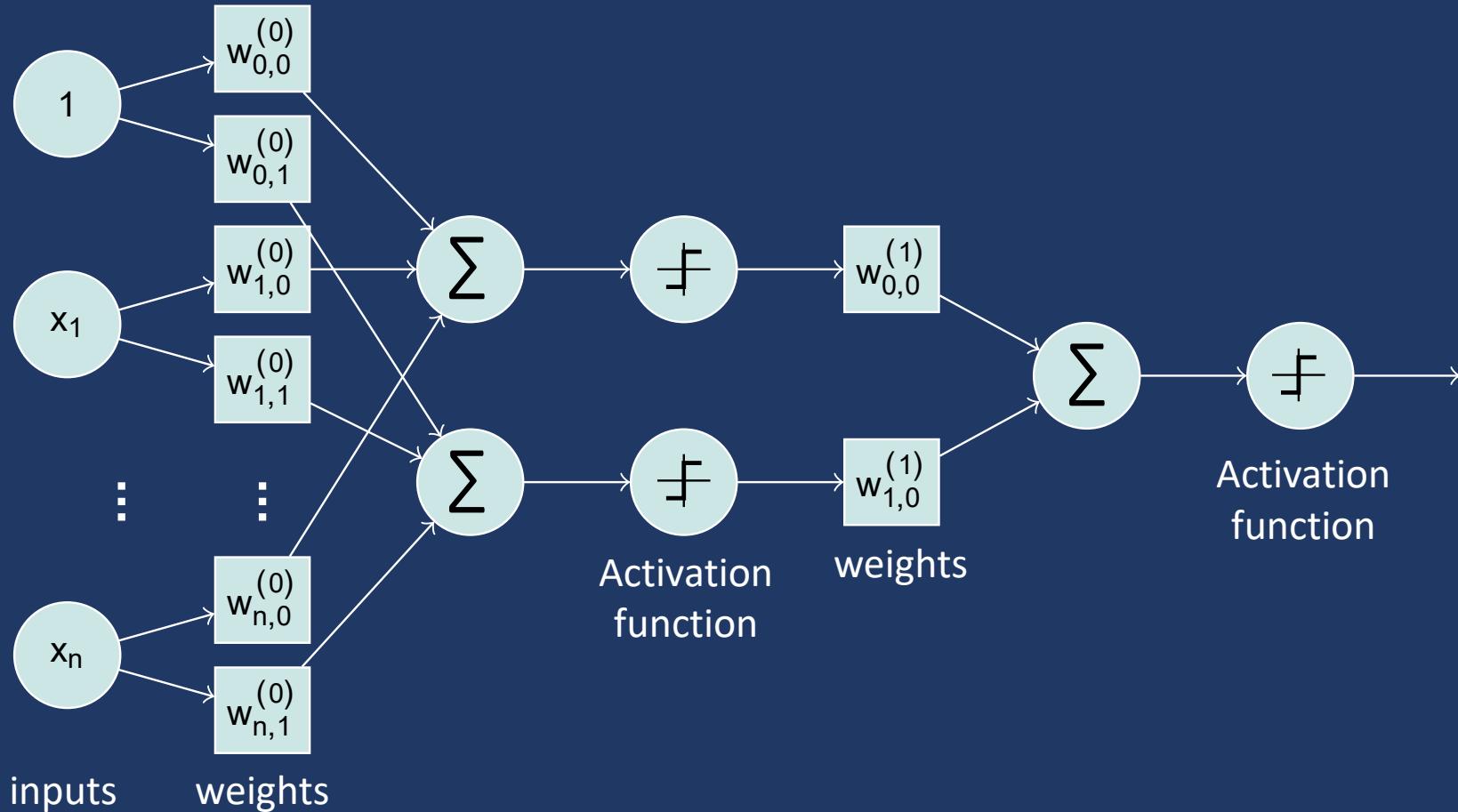
# From Single to Multilayer Perceptrons

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- A single perceptron  $\approx$  a single neuron  
→ complex decisions need many neurons
- Use **multiple neurons** as a **layer**
- Important synonym: **fully-connected layer**
- Chain **layers** of neurons



# Multilayer Perceptron



# Universal Approximation Theorem (UTA)

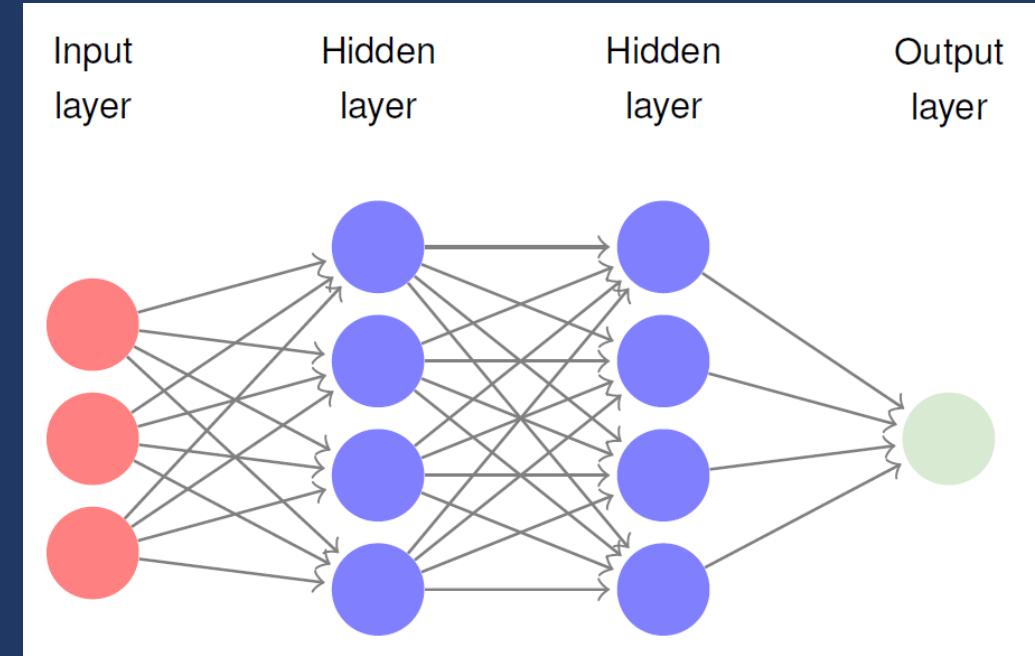
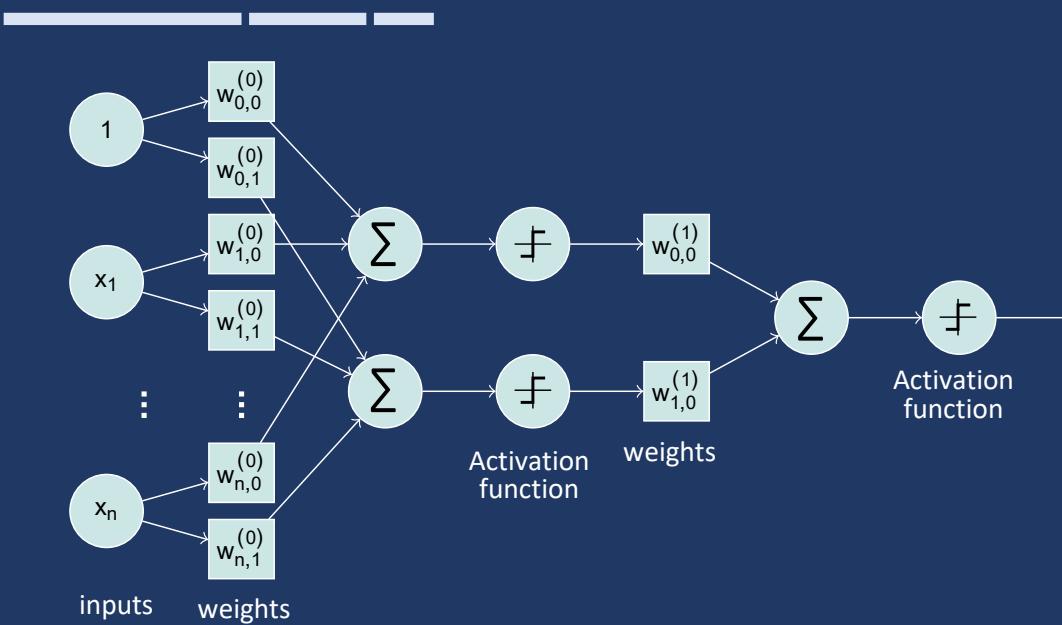
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- Let  $\sigma(\cdot)$  be a non-constant, bounded and monotonically increasing function.
- For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any continuous function  $f$  defined on a compact subset of there exist an integer  $M$ , real constants  $v_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and real vectors  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$  where  $i = 1, \dots, M$ , such that

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^M v_i \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i) \quad \text{with}$$
$$|F(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| < \varepsilon$$

- We can approximate any function with just one hidden layer with a sensible activation function
- But: we have no algorithm how to: how many nodes, how to train, ...

# Terminology



- Typically: **Input layer, hidden layers, output layer**
- A single hidden layer (of arbitrary width) can already be shown to be a *universal function approximator*
- Non-linear functions:
  - are called **activation functions** in hidden layers
  - provide the **final output** and are used for the loss function

# Notation and Abstraction to Layers

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- Single neuron:

$$z = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0 = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n] \cdot \mathbf{x} + w_0$$

→ Elegant vector computation:

$$z = [w_0, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n] \cdot [1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T = \mathbf{w}'^T \mathbf{x}'$$

dropping ' for convenience

- For  $M$  neurons in a layer with  $(\mathbf{w}_0, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{m-1})$

$$z_m = \mathbf{w}_m^T \mathbf{x}$$

- This means we can formulate a matrix multiplication → layer view

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Wx}$$

For layer 0:  $h_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}_0) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_0 \mathbf{x})$

Dimensionalities:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{x}' \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

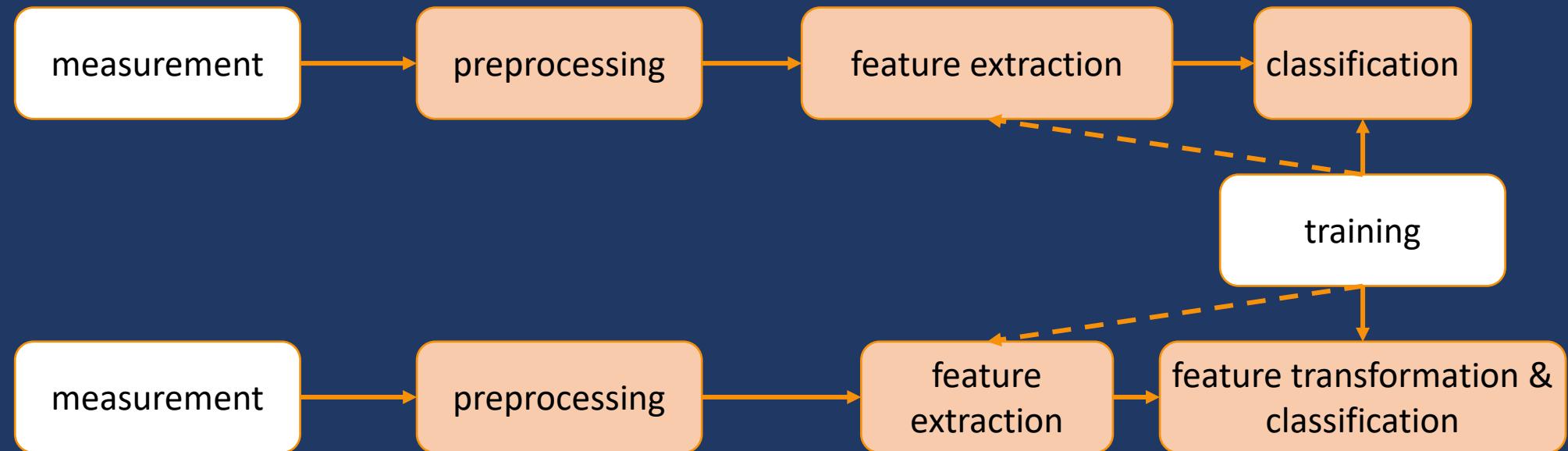
$$\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{w}' \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$$

$$z/z_m \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times (n+1)}$$

$$\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^M$$

# “Classical” Machine Learning vs. Representation Learning

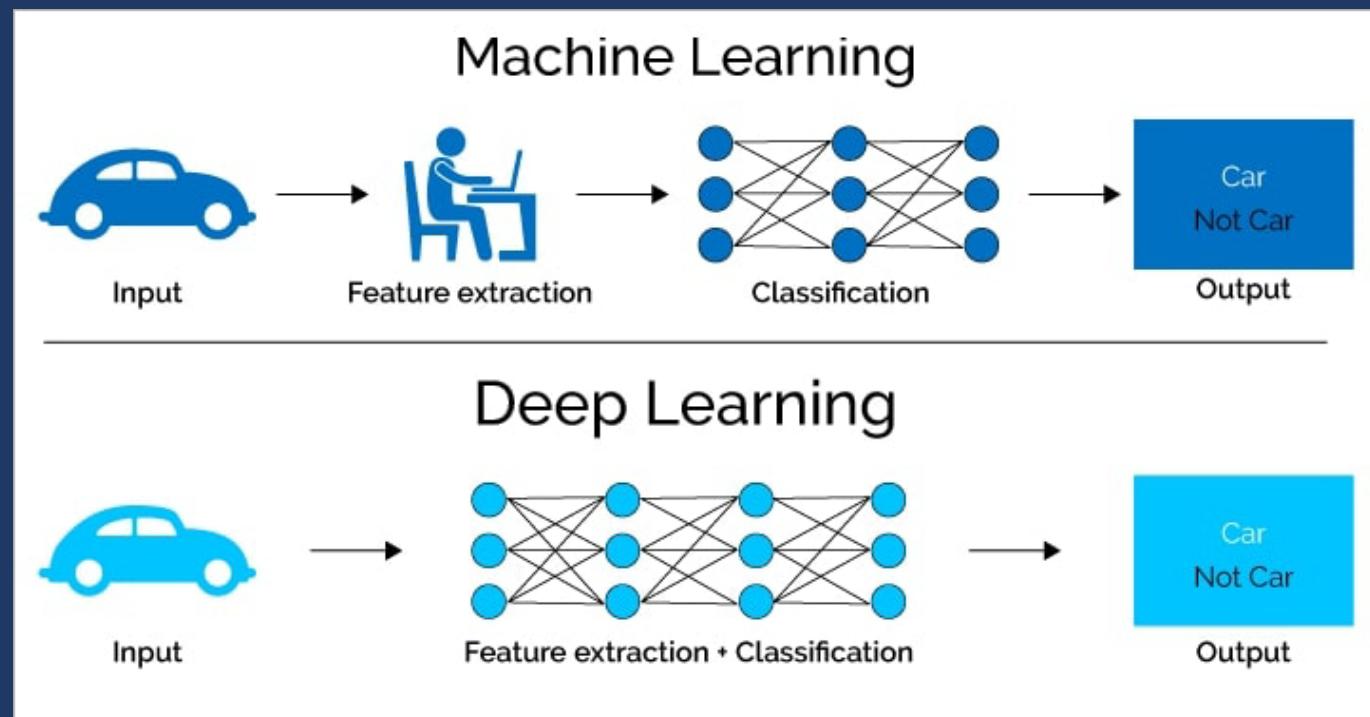


- (Multi-layer) perceptron **iteratively** transform features
- Neural networks are a **concatenation** of functions:

$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = h_{n-1}(\dots h_1(h_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}_0), \mathbf{W}_1), \dots \mathbf{W}_{n-1}))$$

# DL vs. ML: Representation Learning

The key principle of deep learning is **representation learning**:  
Instead of precomputing features according to human intuition,  
let's **learn features from the raw data**



Source: <https://levity.ai/blog/difference-machine-learning-deep-learning>

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## From Activations to Classification: Softmax Function

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- So far: ground truth/estimated label described by  $y/y' \in \{0, 1\}$
- Instead, we can use a vector  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_K)^T$  where  $K = \# \text{classes}$
- For exclusive classes,  $\mathbf{y}$  is then:

$$y_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k \text{ is the index of the true class,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Called **one-hot encoding**: Only one element is  $\neq 0$
- Follows properties of a **probability distribution**:

1.  $\sum_{k=1}^K y_k = 1$

2.  $y_k \geq 0 \quad \forall y_k \in \mathbf{y}$

# Softmax activation function

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- One-hot ground truth needs matching prediction
- Softmax-function rescales a vector  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$y'_k = \frac{\exp(z_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(z_j)}$$

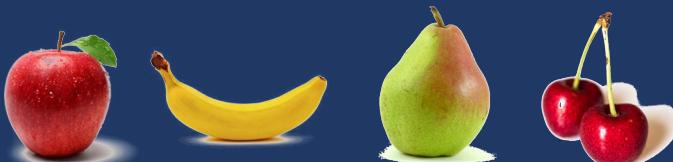
- Allows to treat the output as normalized probabilities
- Softmax function is also known as the normalized exponential function

# Example: Ground truth & Softmax

- Softmax-function rescales a vector  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$y'_k = \frac{\exp(z_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(z_j)}$$

- Four-class problem:  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_4]^T$



- New sample:  $\mathbf{y} = [0, 1, 0, 0]^T$



Label	$z_k$	$\exp(z_k)$	$y'_k$
Apple	-3.44	0.03	0.0006
Banana	1.16	3.19	0.0596
Pear	-0.81	0.44	0.0083
Cherry	3.91	49.90	0.9315

Prediction:  $\mathbf{y}' = [0.00, 0.06, 0.01, 0.93]^T$

# Loss function

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- We now have two probability distributions (ground truth/prediction)  
→ they should be as similar as possible
- The cross entropy  $H$  of probability distributions  $\mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{q}$

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = - \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \log(q_k)$$

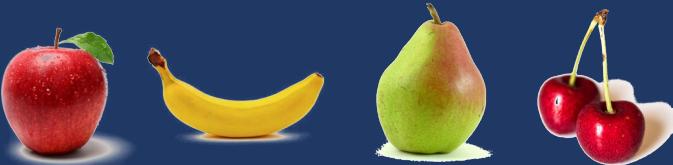
- Based on  $H$ , we formulate a loss function  $L$ :

$$L(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') = - \log(y'_k) |_{y_k=1}$$

→ More about this in the next lecture

# Example: Ground truth & Softmax

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- Four-class problem:  $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_4]^T$



$$L(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') = -\log(y'_k) |_{y_k=1}$$

- Ground truth:  $\mathbf{y} = [0, 1, 0, 0]^T$
- Prediction:  $\mathbf{y}' = [0.00, 0.06, 0.01, 0.93]^T$

→ Loss / Error for this specific sample:  $-\log(0.06) = 1.22$

# "Softmax loss"

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- Cross-entropy and the Softmax function typically appear together

$$L(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}) = -\log \left( \frac{\exp(z_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \exp(z_j)} \right) |_{y_k=1}$$

- Naturally handles multiple class problems
- Teaser: One-hot encoding, softmax, & cross-entropy allow generalization to multi-label & label smoothing (non-unique class assignments)

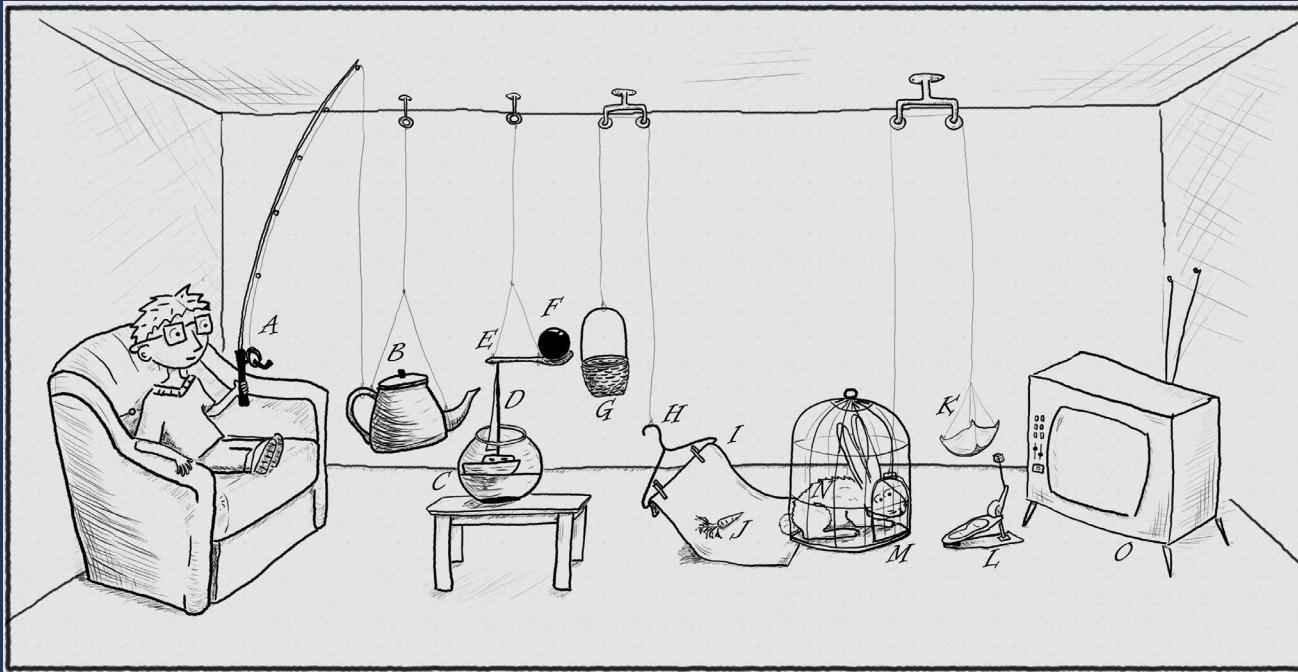
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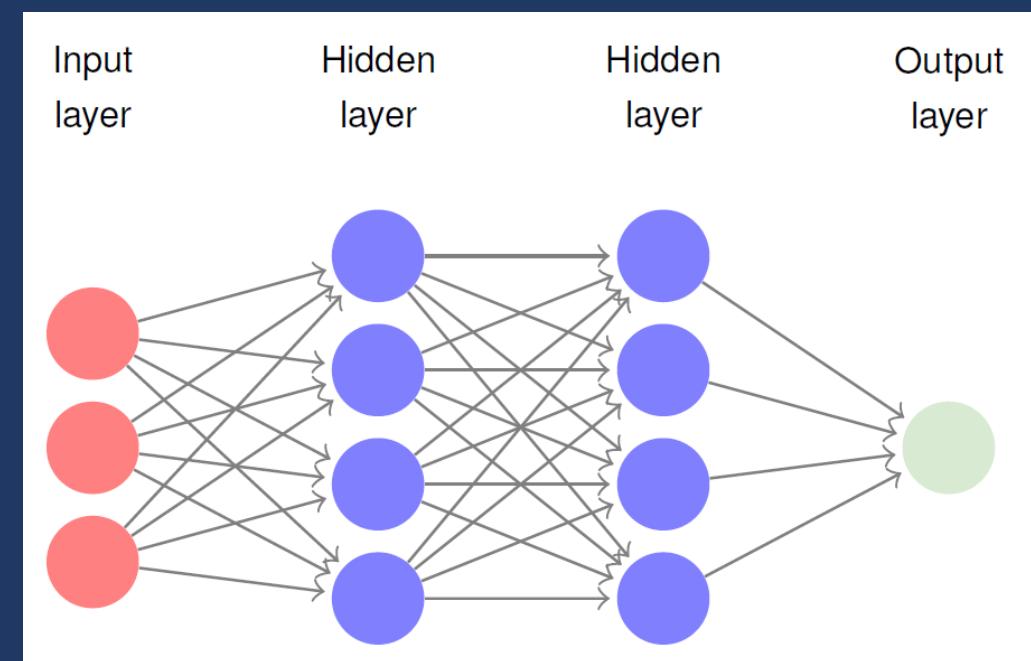
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# Optimization: Credit Assignment Problem

What do these two images have in common?



<https://krypt3ia.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/rube.jpg>



→ Difficult to identify which parts to adjust to change the output in a specific direction

# Formalization as Optimization Problem

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$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = h_2(h_1(h_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}_0), \mathbf{W}_1), \mathbf{W}_2))$$

Goal: Find *best* weights  $\mathbf{W}$  for all layers

- Abstract the whole network as a function:

$$L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

- Consider all  $N$  training samples:

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \sim \hat{p}_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})} [L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

- We want to minimize the loss criterion:

$$\underset{\mathbf{W}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \{L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\}$$

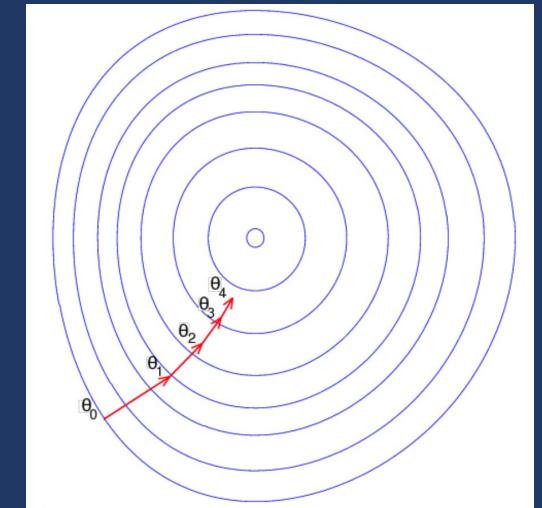
# Gradient Descent

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \right\}$$

Method of choice: Gradient Descent

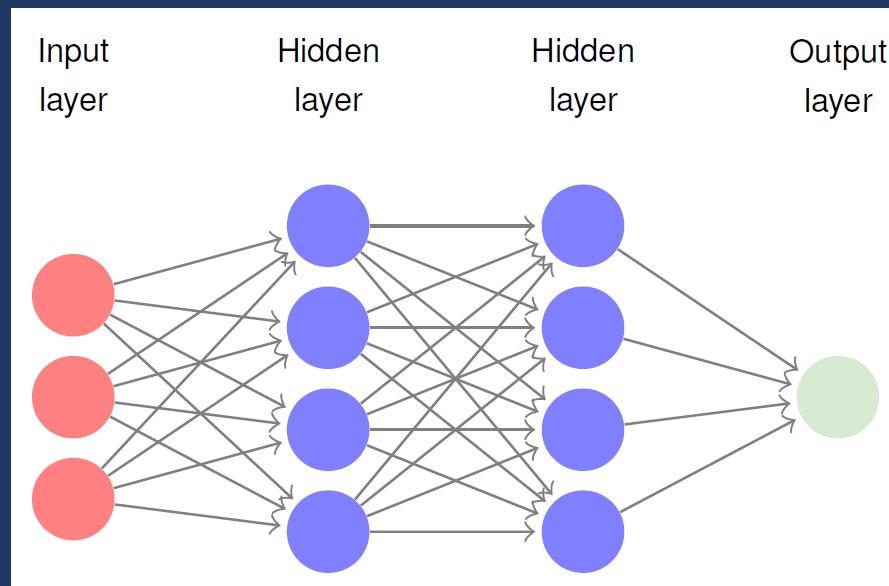
1. Initialize  $\mathbf{W}$
2. Iterate until convergence

$$\mathbf{w}^{k+1} = \mathbf{w}^k - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M L(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$



where  $\eta$  is commonly referred to as the learning rate

# What is this L we are trying to optimize?



Complex network can be seen as a composed functions:

$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = h_2(h_1(h_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}_0), \mathbf{W}_1), \mathbf{W}_2)$$

→ Gradient for each weight matrix needs to be determined

# Backpropagation – Excessively Applying the Chain Rule

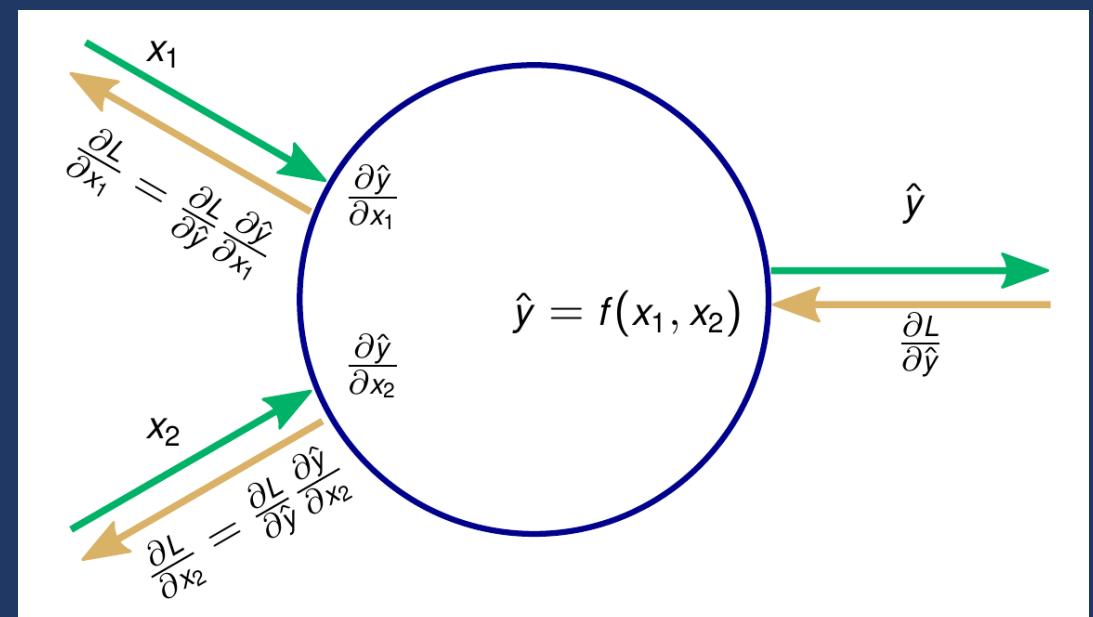
- Network is a set of composed (linear and non-linear) functions

$$h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = h_2(h_1(h_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}_0), \mathbf{W}_1), \mathbf{W}_2)$$

- Chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(g(x)) = \frac{d}{dg} f(g(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} g(x)$$

- Important: Need to compute weights both for  $\mathbf{W}$  and (intermediate)  $\mathbf{z}$



# Additional Information on Backpropagation

## Excessively Applying the Chain Rule

We define  $\mathbf{y}_i = \begin{cases} h_i(\dots) & \text{for } i > 0 \\ \mathbf{x} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ ,

$$\mathbf{z}_i = \mathbf{W}_i^T \mathbf{y}_i$$

and

let  $h_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x})$  i.e., a fully connected layer with activation function  $\sigma$ .

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \\ &= \frac{d}{dh} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) \quad \begin{matrix} \text{To ease notation, replace with } y_1 \\ \text{Does not depend on } \mathbf{W}_2 \end{matrix} \\ &= \frac{d}{dh} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} h_2(h_1(h_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}_0), \mathbf{W}_1), \mathbf{W}_2) \\ &= \frac{d}{dh} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} h_2(y_1, \mathbf{W}_2) \\ &= \frac{d}{dh} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} \sigma(\mathbf{W}_2 y_1) \\ &= \frac{d}{dh} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{z}_1} \sigma(z_1) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} \mathbf{W}_2 y_1 \\ &= \frac{d}{dh} L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) \cdot \frac{d}{d\mathbf{z}_1} \sigma(z_1) \cdot \mathbf{y}_1^T \\ &= 2(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) - \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbb{1} \cdot \mathbf{y}_1^T \end{aligned}$$

To improve your understanding:

- Think about what dimensions  $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_2} L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  should have and how we arrive at this dimension.
- Try to derive the gradient for  $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{W}_1} L(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  yourself. What intermediate gradients do you have to compute along the way?

Matrix cookbook:  
 $\frac{d\mathbf{X}\mathbf{a}}{d\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{a}^T$

For the case of  $L(h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}), \mathbf{y}) = \|h(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{W}) - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2$ ,  
and (for simplicity)  $\sigma(x) = x$  (and therefore  $\frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = 1$ )

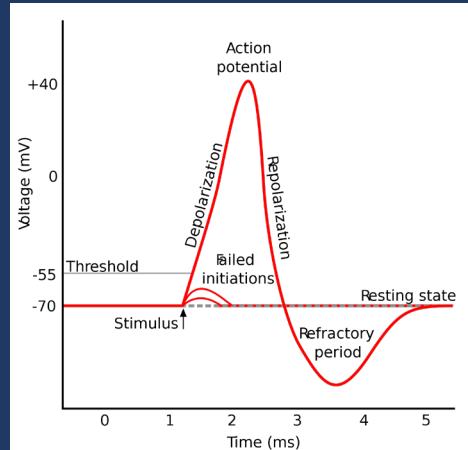
# Fahrplan

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- Recap: Machine Learning and Deep Learning
- Perceptron
- Fully-Connected Layers and Universal Approximation Theorem
- From Activations to Classifications
- Credit Assignment Problem
- Activation Functions

# Activation Functions (Recap)

- Recap 1: Biological neurons generate “all-or-nothing” response



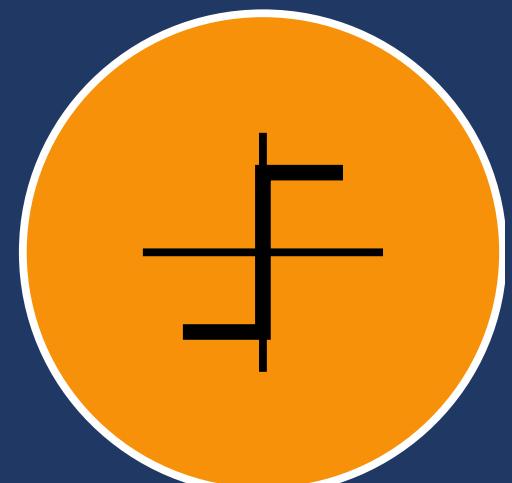
- Recap 2: UTA requires non-linear<sup>1</sup> function  $\sigma$
- Recap 3: Composition of two linear transforms

$\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}_0$  is again a linear transform

→ Non-linearity “prevents” collapse

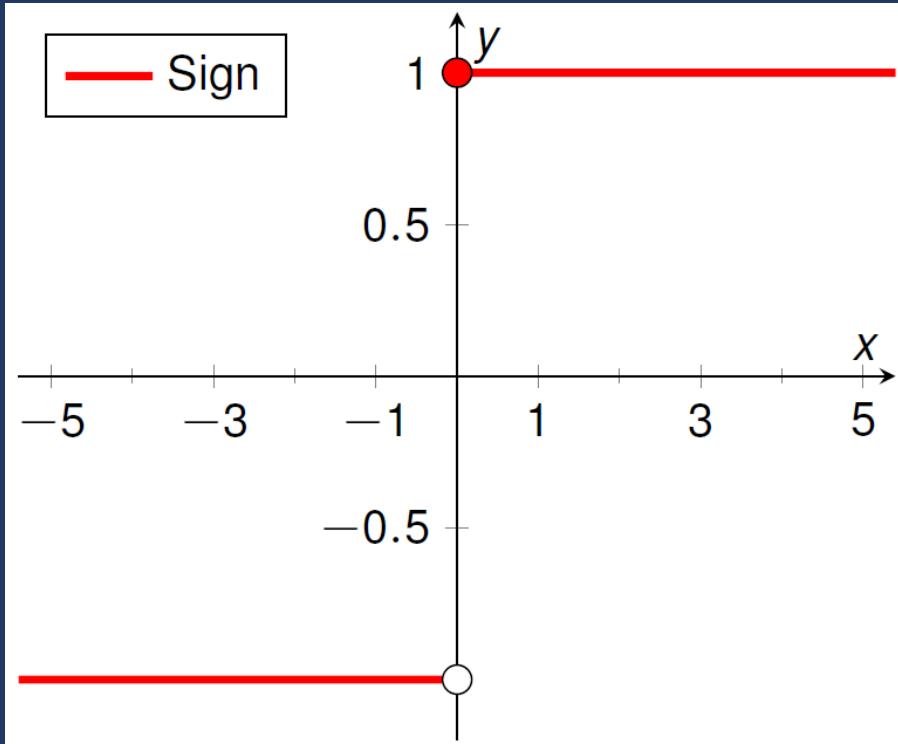
- Recap 4: In perceptron: Heaviside function

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i)$$



1: plus additional properties

# Sign activation function



Sign function:

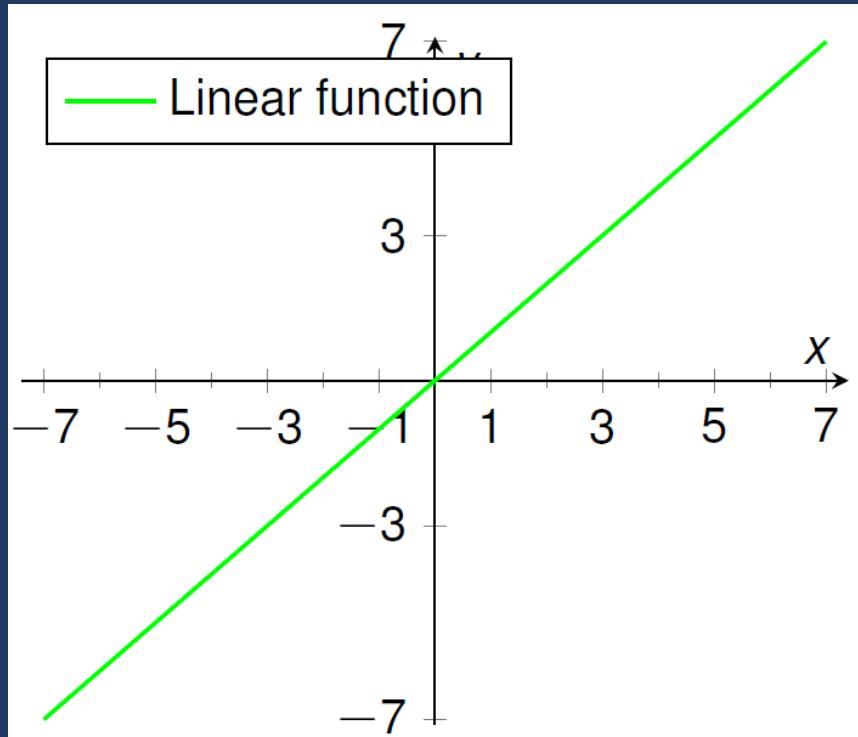
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = 2\delta(x)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \infty & \text{for } x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

- + Normalized output
- Gradient still vanishes almost everywhere
- ⚡ Backpropagation

# Linear activation function



- Provides scaling / identity
- + Simple, good for certain proofs
- Does not introduce non-linearity

Linear function with parameter  $\alpha$

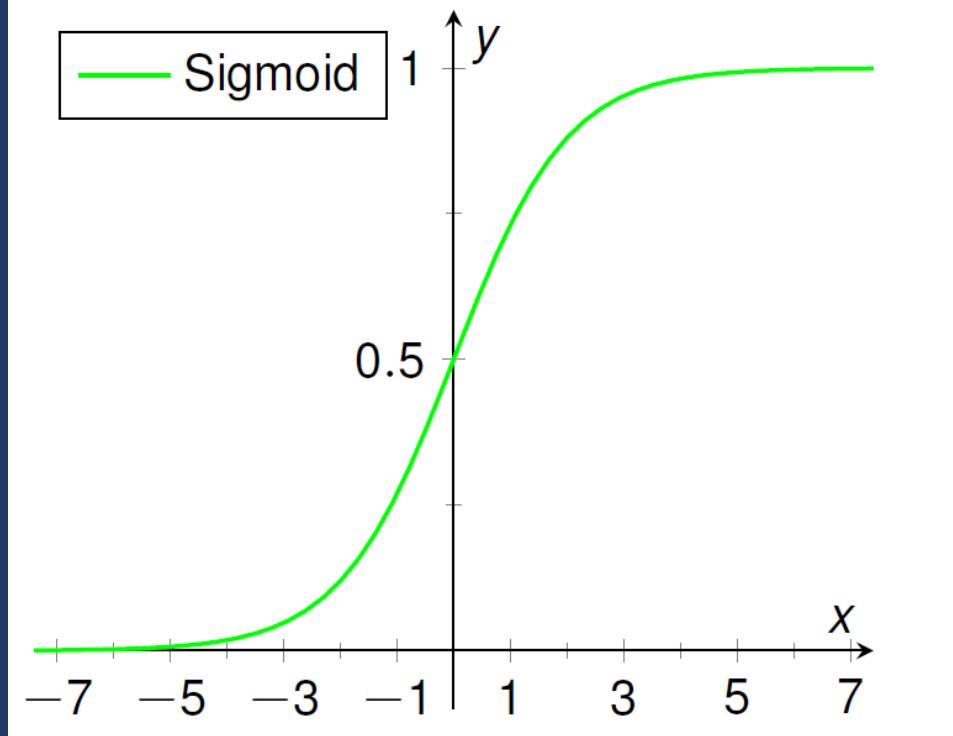
$$f(x) = \alpha x$$

$$f'(x) = \alpha$$



Source: <https://tenor.com/de/view/captain-obvious-super-hero-superhero-gif-18644946>

# Sigmoid activation function



Sigmoid (logistic) function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)}$$

$$f'(x) = f(x)(1 - f(x))$$

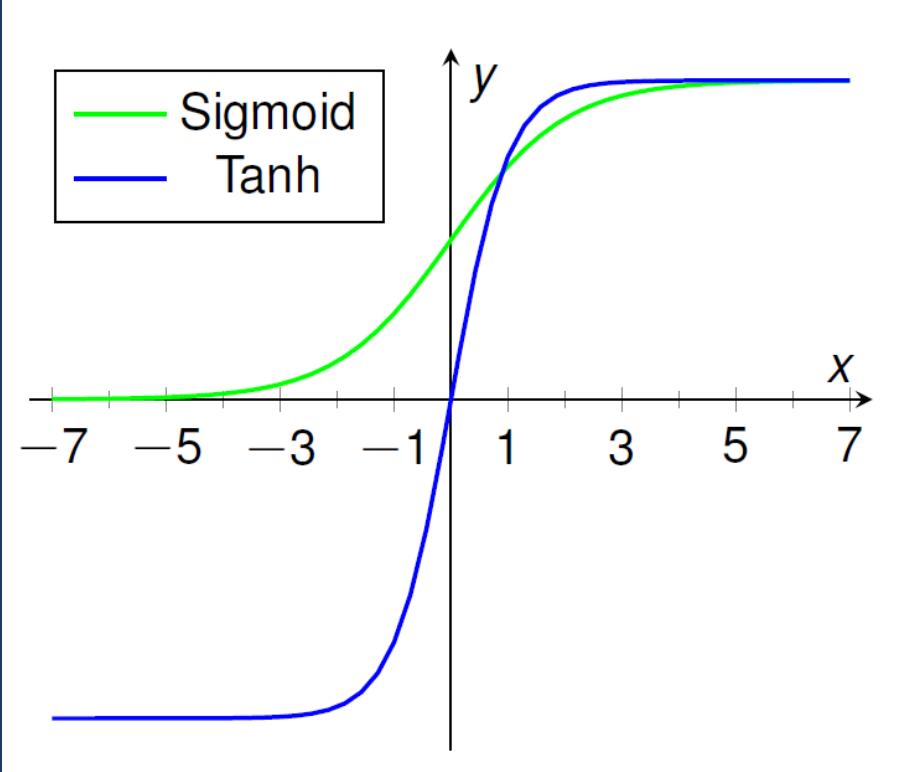
- Close to biological model, but differentiable
- + Probabilistic output
- Saturates for  $x \ll 0$  and  $x \gg 0$
- Not zero-centered

# Why zero-centering?

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- Sigmoid:  $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto ]0, 1[$
- Output of activation always +
  - $\nabla_w$  will either be all + or all -
- A mean  $\mu = 0$  of the input distribution will always be shifted to  $\mu > 0$ 
  - **co-variate shift** of successive layers
  - layers **constantly** have to **adapt** to the shifting distribution
- Batch learning reduces the variance  $\sigma$  of the updates

# Tanh Activation Function



Tanh (hyperbolic tangent) function

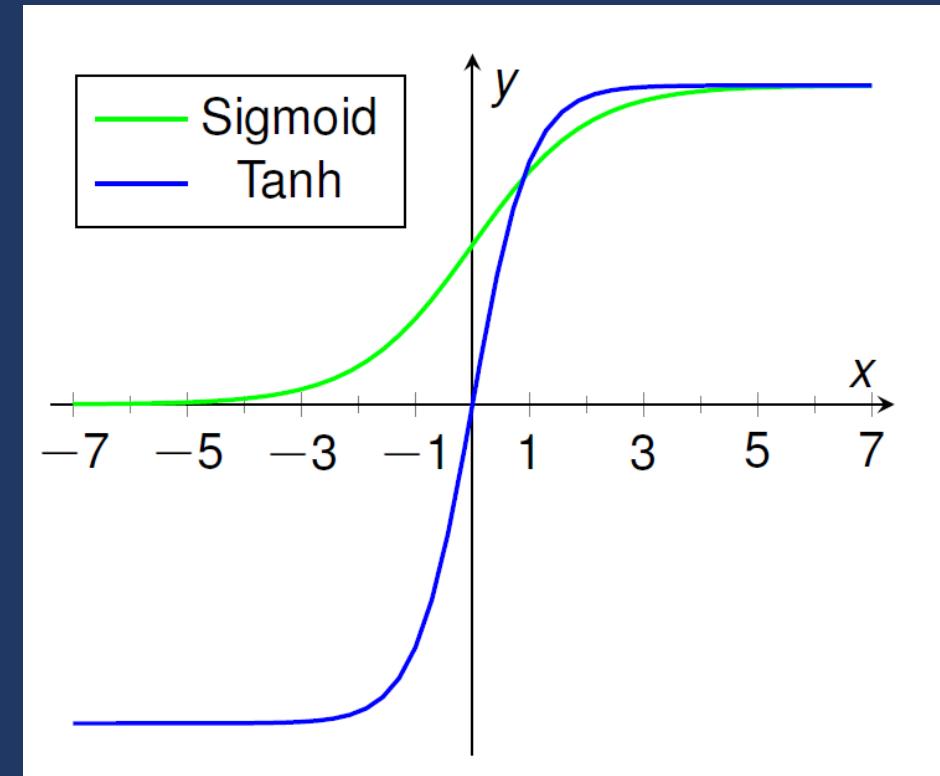
$$f(x) = \tanh(x)$$

$$f'(x) = 1 - f(x)^2$$

- Shifted version of the sigmoid function  
 $\tanh(x) = 2\sigma(2x) - 1$
- + Zero-centered (LeCun '91)
- Still saturates for  $x \ll 0$  and  $x \gg 0$

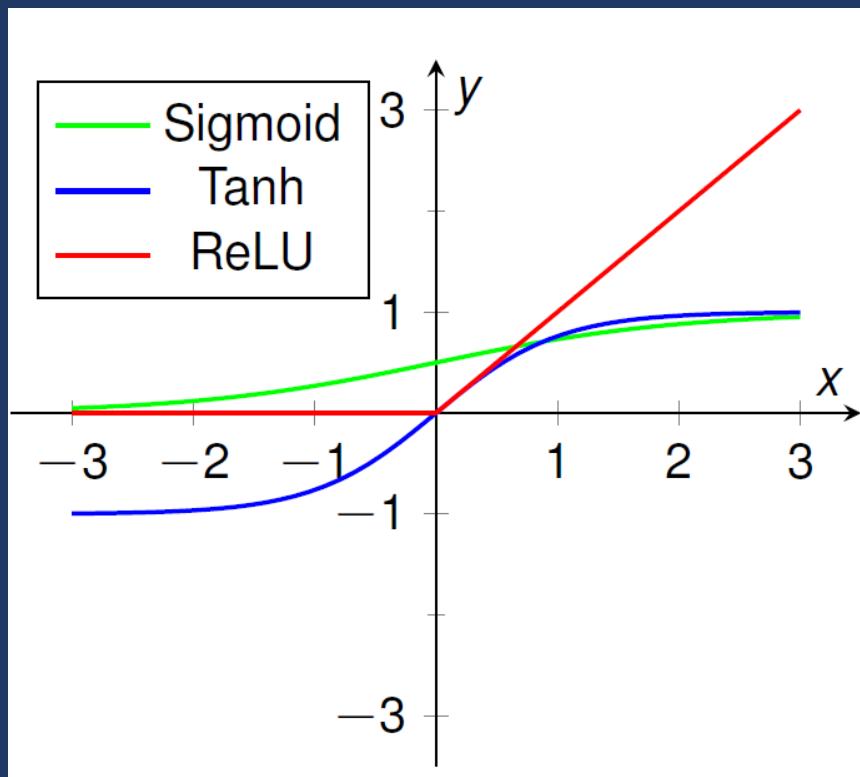
# Why are vanishing gradients a problem?

- Essence of learning: How does  $x$  affect  $y$ ?
- Sigmoid/tanh map  
large regions of  $X$  to a small range in  $Y$
- A large change in  $x \mapsto$  minimal change in  $y$
- Problem is amplified by backpropagation:  
Multiplication of small gradients
- Related problem: Exploding gradients



# Rectified Linear Unit

So vanishing gradients are a problem → linear function + non-linearity



Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU):

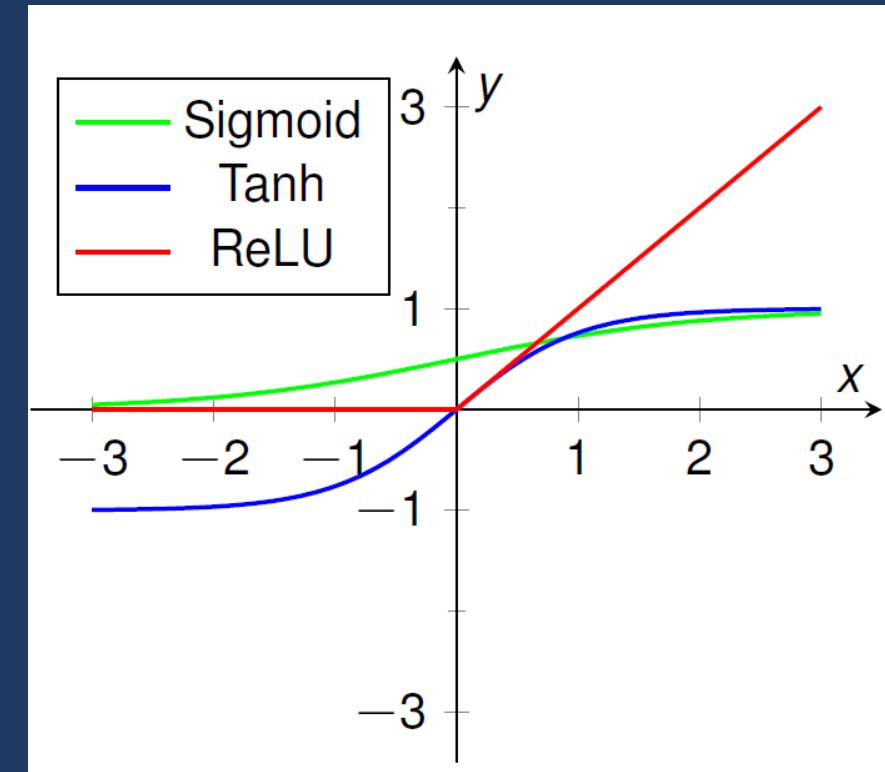
$$f(x) = \max(0, x)$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- + Good generalization due to piece-wise linearity
- + Speed up during learning (6x (Krizhevsky '12))
- + No vanishing gradient problem
- No signal  $\leq 0$
- Not zero-centered

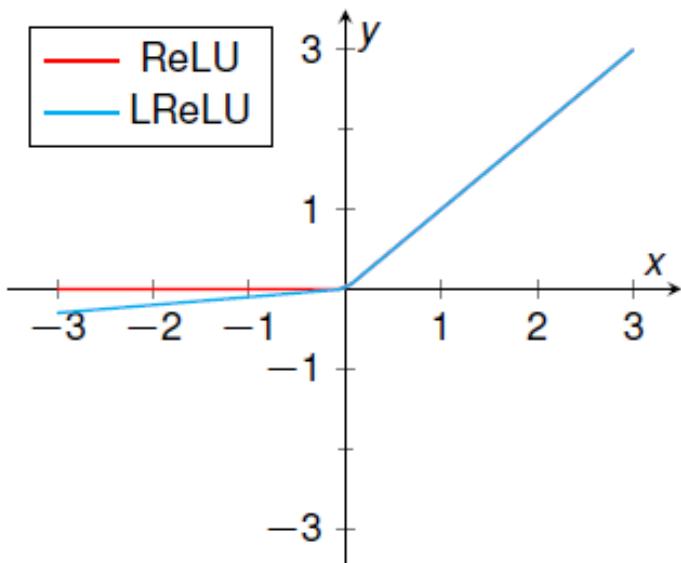
# Piecewise-linear Activation Function

- ReLUs were a **big step forward!**
- ReLUs enable **deep** supervised neural networks without **unsupervised pretraining**
- First derivative is 1 if the unit is active, second derivative is 0 almost everywhere  
→ no second-order effects



# Variants

## Activation Function



Leaky ReLU / Parametric ReLU

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha x & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- + Fixes dying ReLU problem
- Leaky ReLU:  $\alpha = 0.01$  **Maas13-RNI**
- Parametric ReLU (PReLU): learn  $\alpha$  **He15-DDR**

# Swish/Sigmoid Linear Unit (SiLU) function

Combination of Sigmoid and ReLU:

$$f(x) = x \cdot \sigma(x)$$

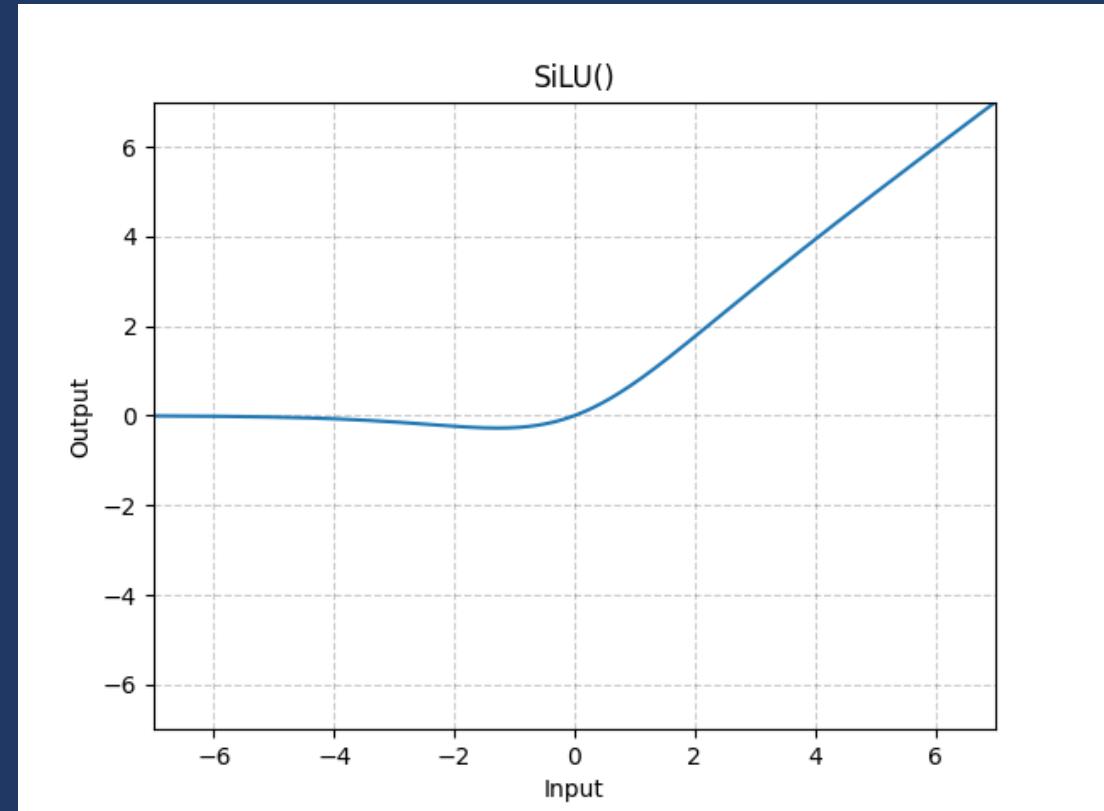
$$f'(x) = \sigma(x) + x \cdot \sigma'(x)$$

- Trainable version:

$$f(x) = x \cdot \sigma(\beta x)$$

- Preserves flow of gradients for  $x < 0$
- Smoother gradient flow than leaky ReLU
- superior or comparable performance to ReLU on deeper models and complex datasets

→ Exercise ☺



# Dancing activation functions

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Sigmoid



$$y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

# Summary

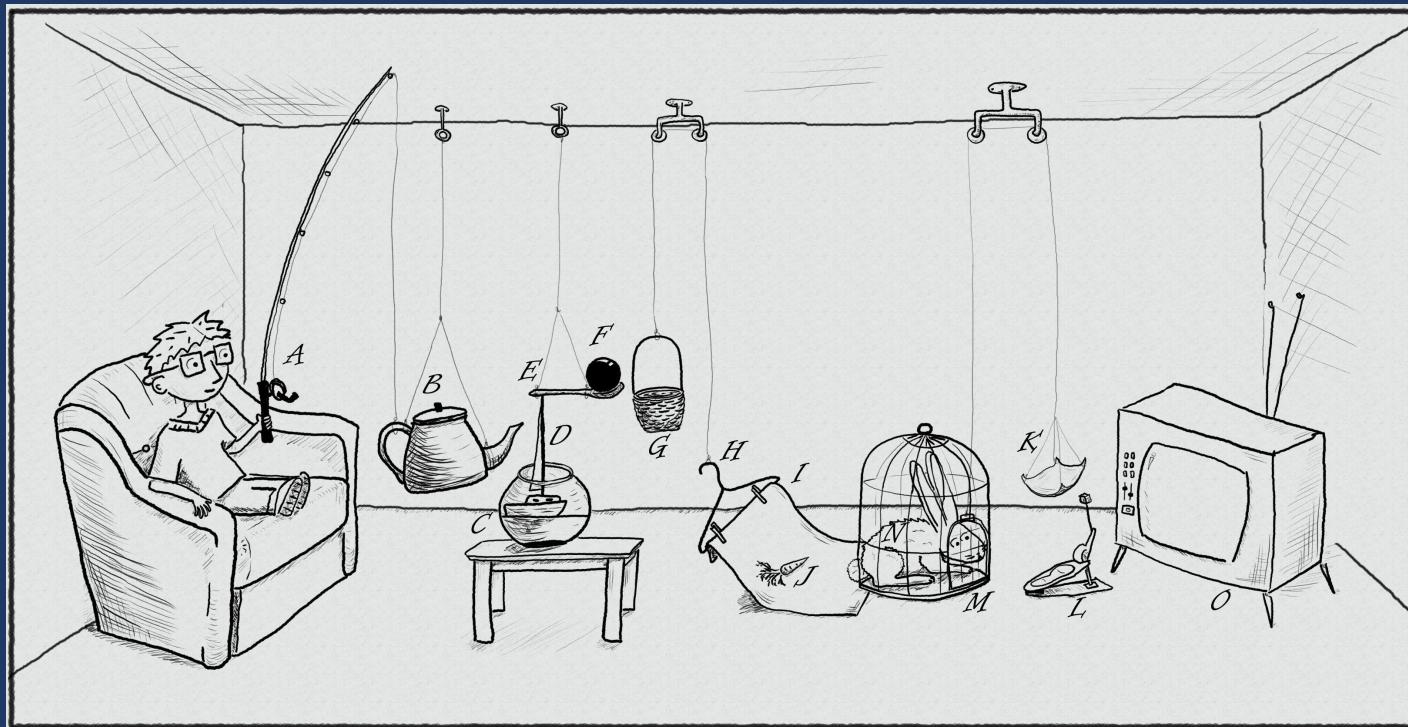
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- Core building blocks:
  - Linear Transformation
  - Activation Function
  - Loss Function
- Perceptron as an artificial neuron, inspired by biology  
→ linear transformation + non-linearity
- Multilayer fully-connected networks with suitable activation functions are universal function approximators (but how to get there...)
- Comparison of probability distributions: Softmax & cross-entropy
- Credit Assignment Problem: How to update what & Backpropagation
- Activation Functions: Non-linearity, no vanishing gradients, ReLU and SiLU as good standard options

**NEXT TIME  
ON DEEP LEARNING**

# Optimization and Training (April 29)

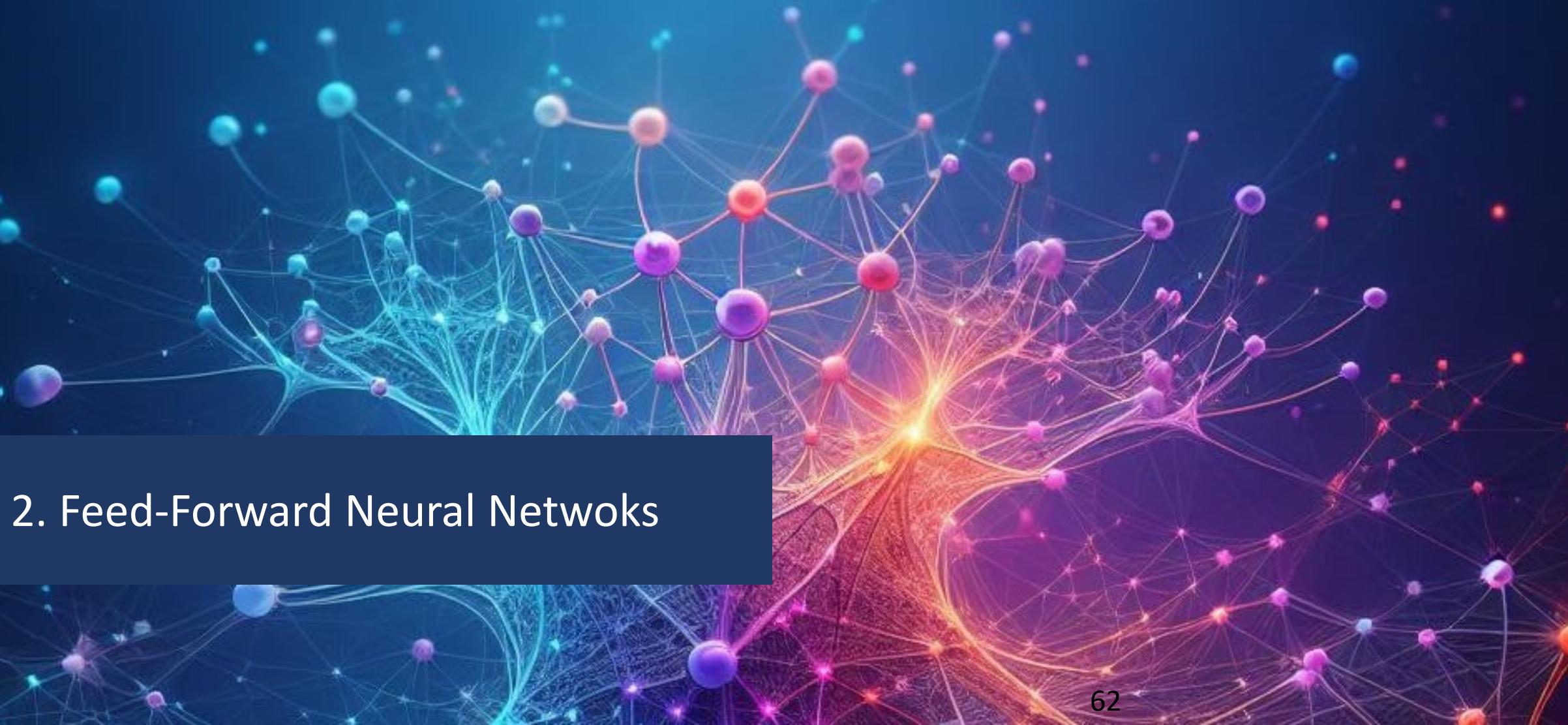
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## 2. Feed-Forward Neural Networks

# Learning algorithm / Update rule of the perceptron

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Task: find weights that minimize the distance of misclassified samples to the decision boundary.

Training set:  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = [(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_m, y_m)]$

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the set of misclassified feature vectors  $y_i \neq y'_i = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i + w_0)$  according to a given set of weights  $\mathbf{w}$

**Optimization problem:**

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{w}} \quad \left\{ D(\mathbf{w}) = - \sum_{\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{M}} y_i \cdot (\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}_i) \right\}$$

# Update rule of the perceptron

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- Objective function depends on misclassified feature vectors  $\mathcal{M}$ : iterative optimization
- In each iteration, the cardinality and composition of  $\mathcal{M}$  may change
- The gradient of the objective function is:

$$\nabla D(\mathbf{w}) = - \sum_{x_i \in \mathcal{M}} y_i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$$

# Update rule of the perceptron

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- Strategy 1: Process all samples, then perform weight update
- Strategy 2: Take an update step right after each misclassified sample
- Update rule in iteration  $(k + 1)$  for the misclassified sample  $\mathbf{x}_i$  simplifies to:

$$\mathbf{w}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(k)} + \alpha (y_i - y_i') \cdot \mathbf{x}_i$$

where  $\alpha$  is the step size

- Optimization until convergence or for a predefined number of iterations

# Machine Learning Components

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- Any ML algorithm/approach has **three components**:

## 1. Model

- A set of functions among which we're looking for the „best” one

$$H = \{h(x | \theta)\}_{\theta}$$

- **Hypothesis**  $h$  = a **concrete function** obtained for some concrete values of  $\theta$
- Model = set of hypotheses

# Machine Learning Components

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- Any ML algorithm/approach has three components:

## 2. Objective

- We're looking from the **best hypothesis  $h$**  in the model  $H = \{h(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta})\}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ 
  - Q: But „best“ according to what?
- **Objective  $J$**  is a function that quantifies how good/bad a hypothesis  $h$  is
  - Usually  $J$  is a „loss function“ that we're minimizing
- We're looking for  $h$  (that is, values of parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ ) that maximize or minimize the objective  $J$

$$h^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{h \in H} J(h(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(h(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

- ML thus amounts to solving optimization problems

# Machine Learning Components

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- Any ML algorithm/approach has **three components**:

## 1. Optimization algorithm

- An exact algorithm that we use to solve the optimization problem

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(h(\mathbf{x} | \boldsymbol{\theta}))$$

- Selection/type of the optimization algorithm depends on the two functions – the model **H** and the objective **J**