

Neural Network

Chapter 2 Artificial Neural Network



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A faint, semi-transparent background image showing an aerial view of a modern city. The city features a dense grid of skyscrapers, some green parks, and a road network. The overall color palette is muted, with shades of grey, green, and blue.

01

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Understanding what **individual neurons** in your **neocortex** do with the roughly **10K synaptic (突触)** input signals that they receive from other neurons.

The **neocortex** is the **most evolutionarily recent part** of the brain, and is where **most of your thinking** takes place.



Basic Conception

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Foundational issues in cognitive computing Basic neural information processing mechanisms

Vision

We can effortlessly recognize countless people, places, and things. Why is this so hard for robots? We will explore this issue in a network that views natural scenes (mountains, trees, etc.), and develops brain-like ways of encoding them using principles of learning.

Attention:

Where's Handsome GU? We'll see in a model how two visual processing pathways work together to help focus our attention in different locations in space (whether we are searching for something or just taking things in), and why damage to one of these pathways leads people to ignore half of space.



Dopamine and Reward:

Why do we get bored with things so quickly? Because our dopamine system is constantly adapting to everything we know, and only gives us rewards when something new or different occurs. We'll see how this all happens through interacting brain systems that drive dopamine release.

Memory:

How can damage to a small part of our brain cause amnesia (记忆缺失)? We'll see how a model that replicates the structure of the hippocampus(海马区). This model provides insight into why the rest of the brain isn't well-suited to take on the job of forming new episodic memories.



• Meaning:

We'll explore meaning through a network that “reads” every paragraph in a textbook, acquires a surprisingly good semantic understanding by noting which words tend to be used together or in similar contexts.

• Task directed behavior:

How do we stay focused on tasks that we need to get done or things that we need to pay attention to, in the face of an ever-growing number of distractions (like email, phone calls, and Wechat)? We'll explore this issue through a network that simulates the “executive” part of the brain, the prefrontal cortex. We will see how this area is uniquely suited to protect us from distraction.



Why Should We Care about the Brain?

Commonly, we don't need to know much of anything about how computer hardware works to program. Vastly different kinds of hardware can all run the same programming languages and software. Can't we just **focus on the software of the mind and ignore the hardware?**

Wouldn't it just be a lot simpler if we could ignore all brain details, and just focus on what we really care about?

How does cognition itself work?



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David Marr (Marr, 1977) argued that one can somewhat independently examine cognition at three different levels:

Computational:

what computations are being performed? What information is being processed?

Algorithmic:

how are these computations being performed, in terms of a sequence of information processing steps?

Implementational:

how does the hardware actually implement these algorithms?



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By dividing up the problem, one can safely ignore the implementation (i.e., train), and focus on the computational and algorithmic levels. Like in a computer, the hardware really doesn't matter so much.

- It holds because hardware are all specifically designed to be functionally equivalent in the first place. They are all implementing a basic serial Von Neumann architecture.

In the 1960's through the early 1990's, the dominant approach was to assume that the brain actually operates much like a standard computer, and researchers tended to use concepts like logic and symbolic propositions in their cognitive models.

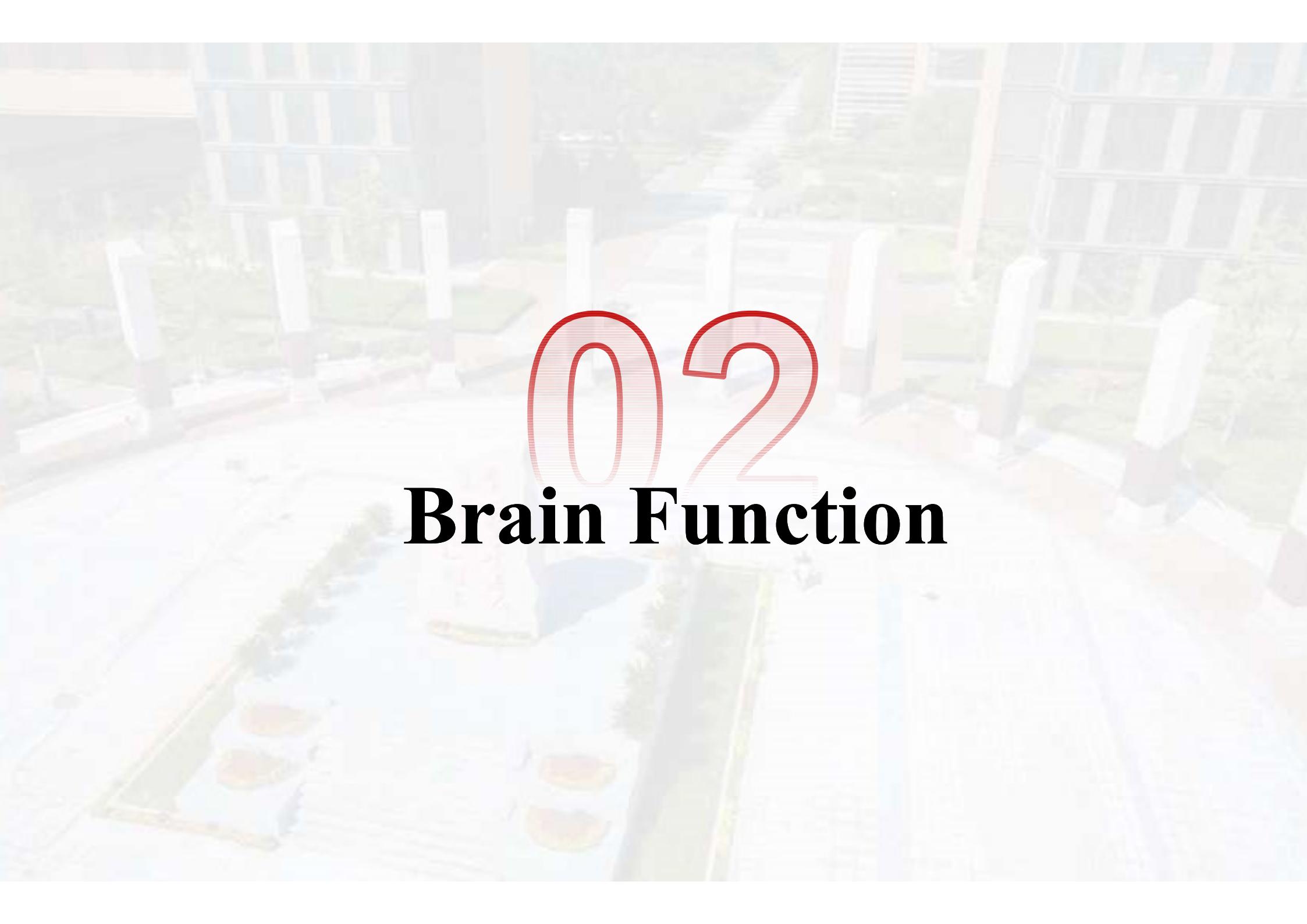


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Since then, a more statistical operator has become popular, with the Bayesian probabilistic framework being widely used. It emphasizes the graded nature of information processing in the brain.

However, the Bayesian probability computations are not a particularly good model of how the brain operates at the neural level.

In fact, the brain is not at all like a general purpose computational device.

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Brain Function



Brian Learning Function



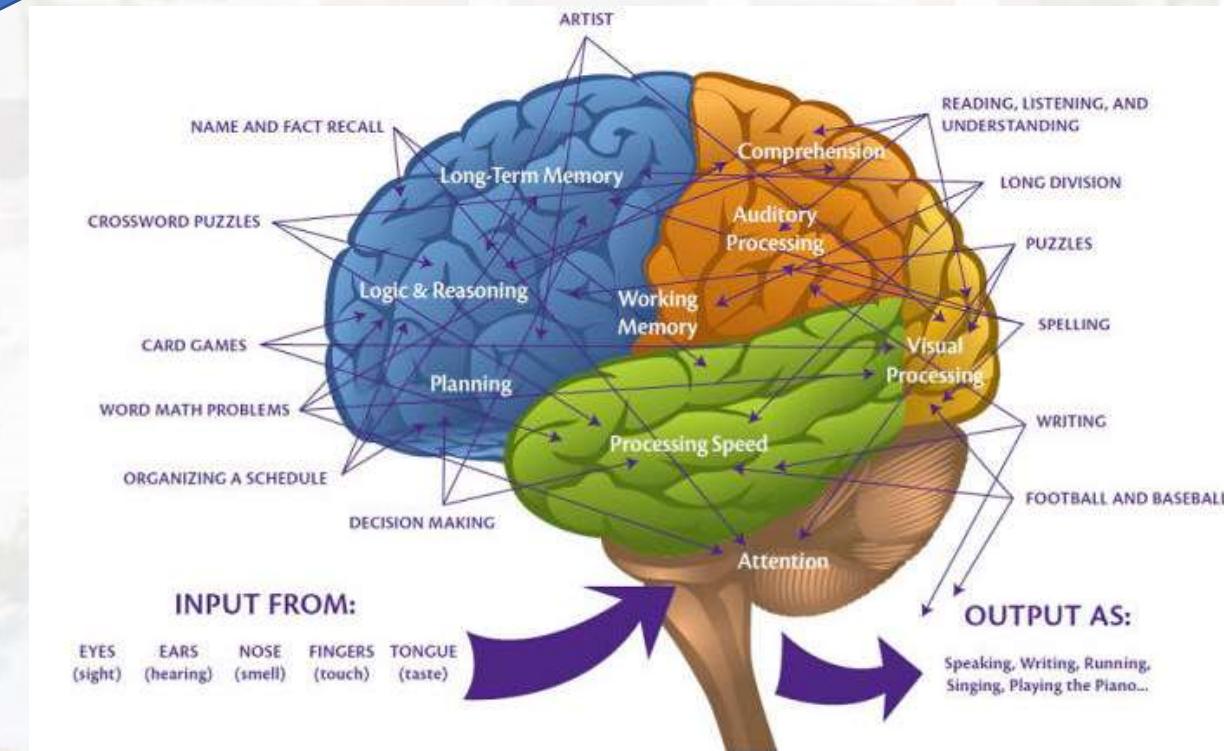


Basic Conception

- EYES
- EARS
- NOSE
- FINGERS
- TONGUE
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Brian Function

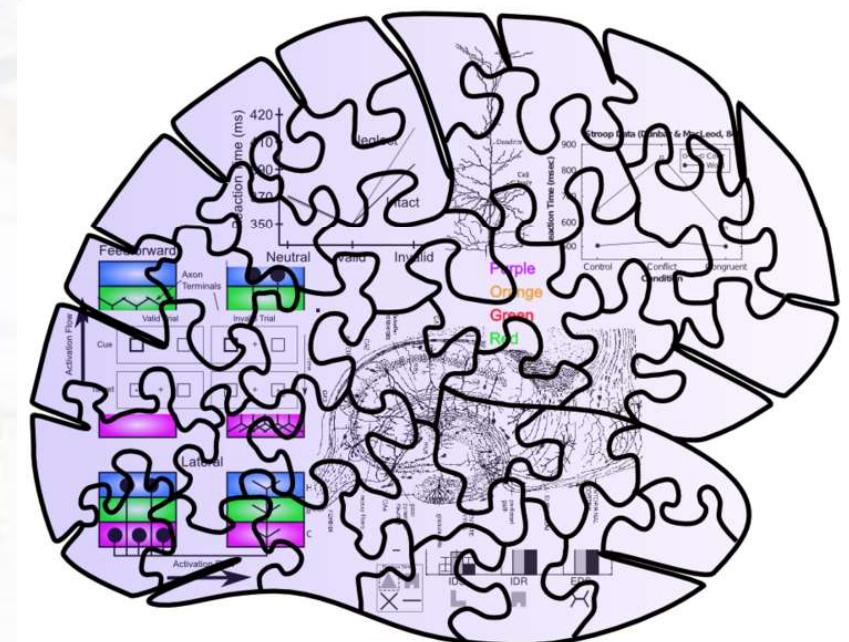


- Speaking
- Writing
- Running
- Singing
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How do we know the brain actually functions?

Ideally, we wish to work on a such puzzle -- the easiest puzzles are full of distinctive textures and junk everywhere, so you can really see when the pieces fit together.

We wish neuroscience provides the rich tableau of all this distinctive junk to constrain the process of puzzling together cognition.



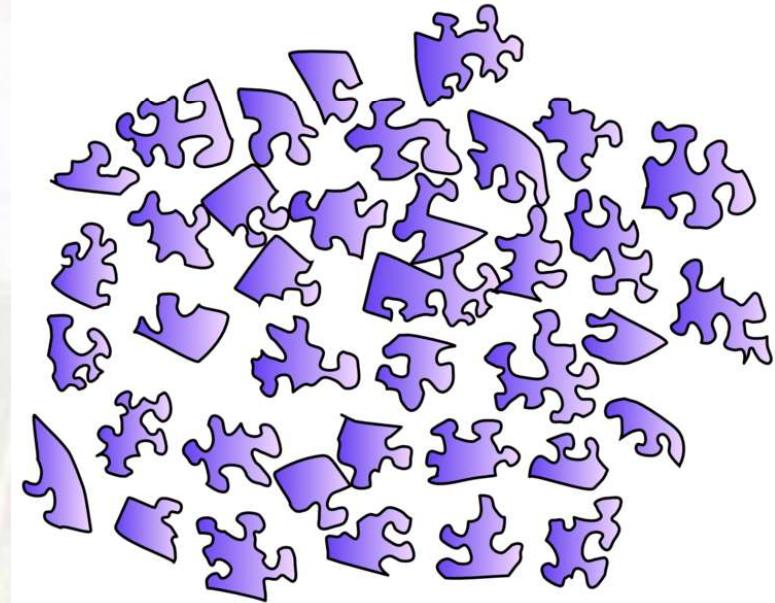
Adding constraints from biology and detailed consideration of behavior provide a rich set of clues for figuring out how to solve the puzzle of the brain!



How do we know the brain actually functions?

In reality, abstract, purely cognitive models are like a puzzle with only a big featureless blue sky.

Only have the logical constraints of the piece shapes, which are all highly similar and difficult to discriminate.





It would be better to exploring a wide range of cognitive phenomena.

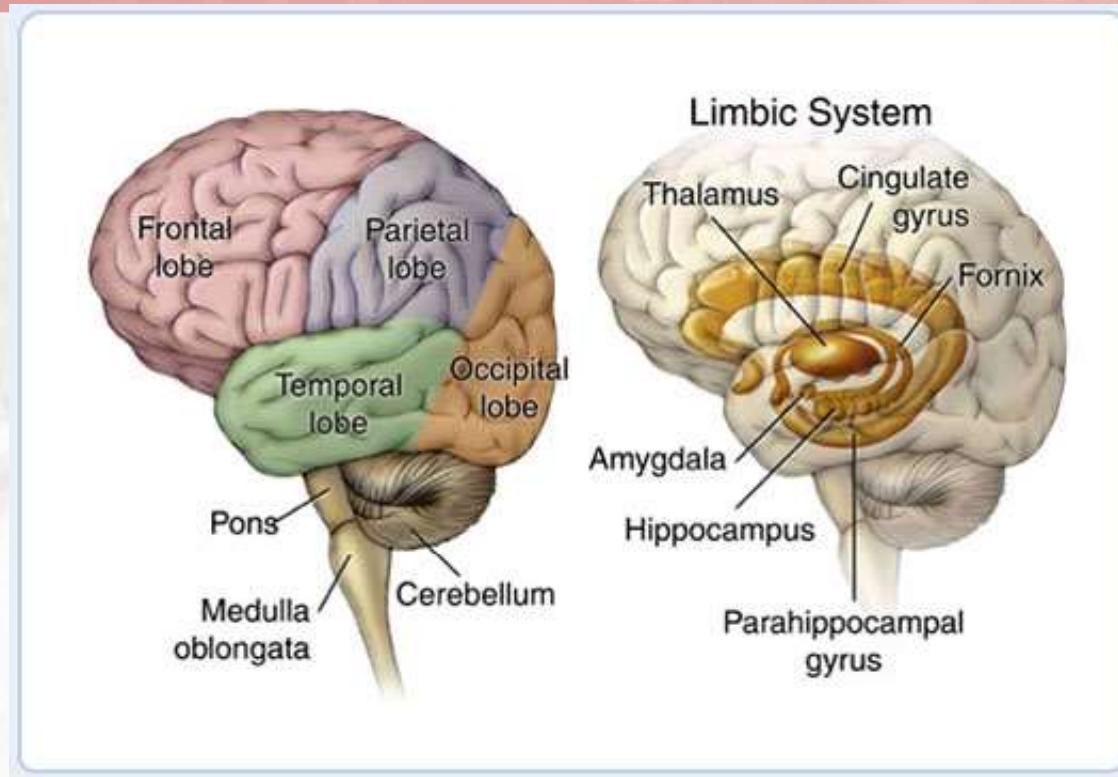
The big picture view of the overall functional organization of the brain.

It helps you understand at a broad level how different brain areas work together to perform different cognitive functions.

Brain Function



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Gross anatomy of the brain. Left panel shows the major lobes of the outer *neocortex* layer of the brain, and right panel shows some of the major brain areas internal to the neocortex.

The **outer portion** is the "wrinkled sheet" (upon which our thoughts rest) of the **neocortex**, showing all of the major lobes. This is where most of our complex cognitive function occurs.

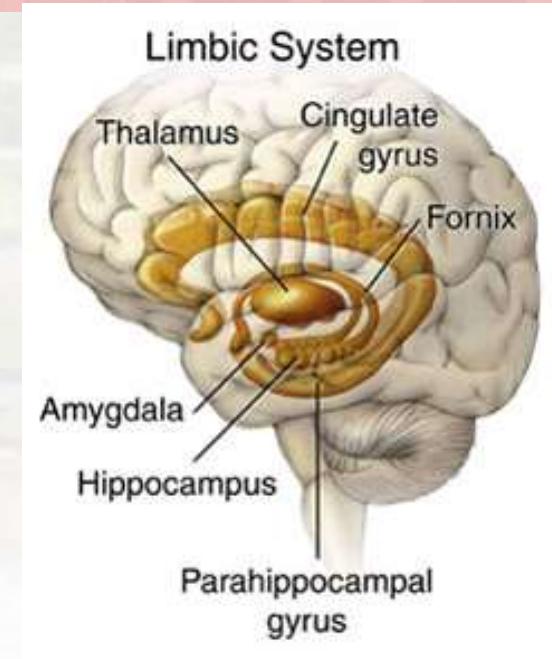
The **inner portion** are generally referred to as **subcortical (皮质下)** brain areas.



Brain Function

Hippocampus (海马区)

This brain area is actually an "ancient" form of cortex called "archicortex", and it plays a critical role in **learning new "everyday" memories** about events and facts.



Amygdala (杏仁核)

This brain area is important for recognizing emotionally salient stimuli, and alerting the rest of the brain about them. It plays an important role in **reinforcing motor (and cognitive) actions based on reward (and punishment)**.



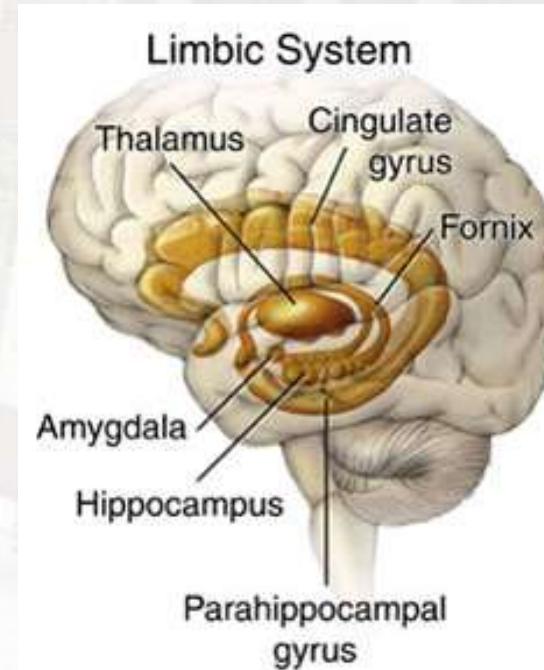


Thalamus(丘脑)

provides the primary pathway for sensory information on its way to the neocortex, and is also likely important for attention, arousal, and other modulatory functions. It plays roles in Perception and Attention and in Motor Control and Reinforcement Learning.

Basal Ganglia(基底核)

This is a collection of subcortical areas that plays a critical role in Motor Control and Reinforcement Learning, and also in Executive Function. It helps to make the final "Go" call on whether (or not) to execute particular actions that the cortex proposes', and whether or not to update cognitive plans in the prefrontal cortex.

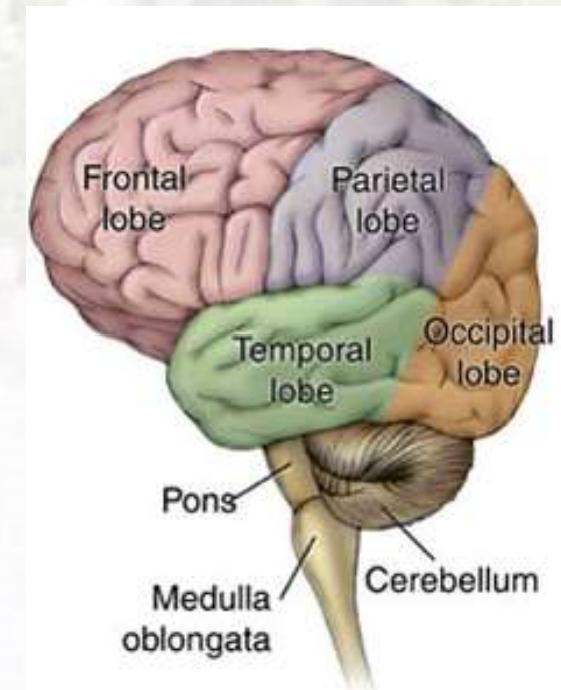




Cerebellum(小脑)

This massive brain structure contains 1/2 of the neurons in the brain, and plays an important role in **motor coordination**. It is also **active in most cognitive tasks**.

Understanding exactly what its functional role is in cognition remains somewhat elusive.

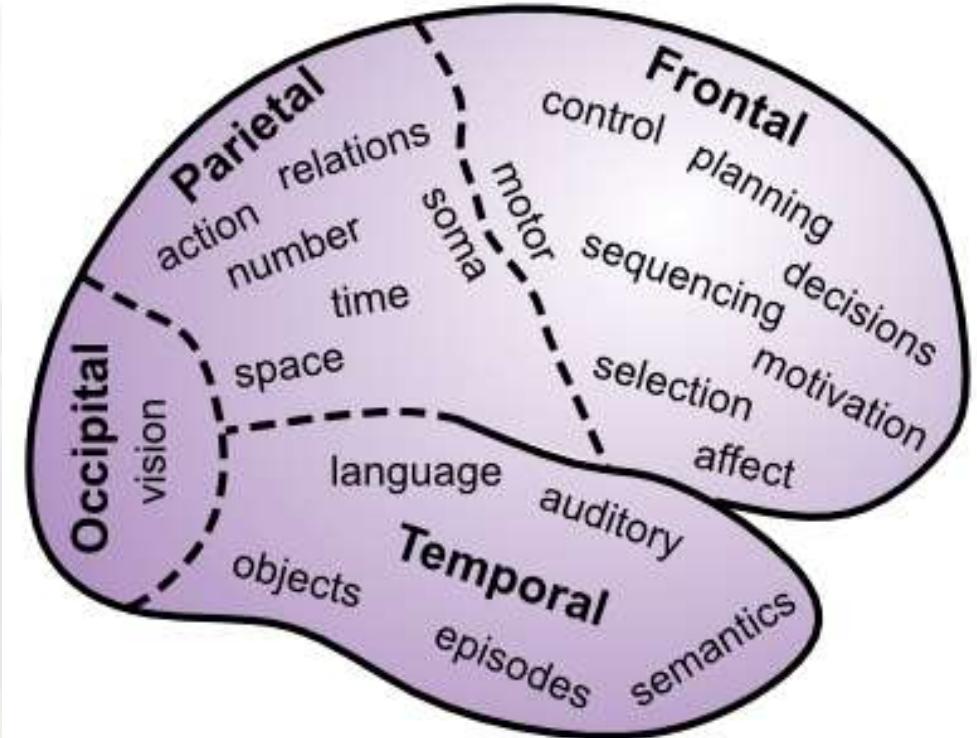




- The structure of the neocortex, in terms of **Brodmann areas** identified by Korbinian Brodmann on the basis of anatomical (解剖) differences, principally the differences in thickness of different cortical layers.

► Occipital lobe (枕叶)

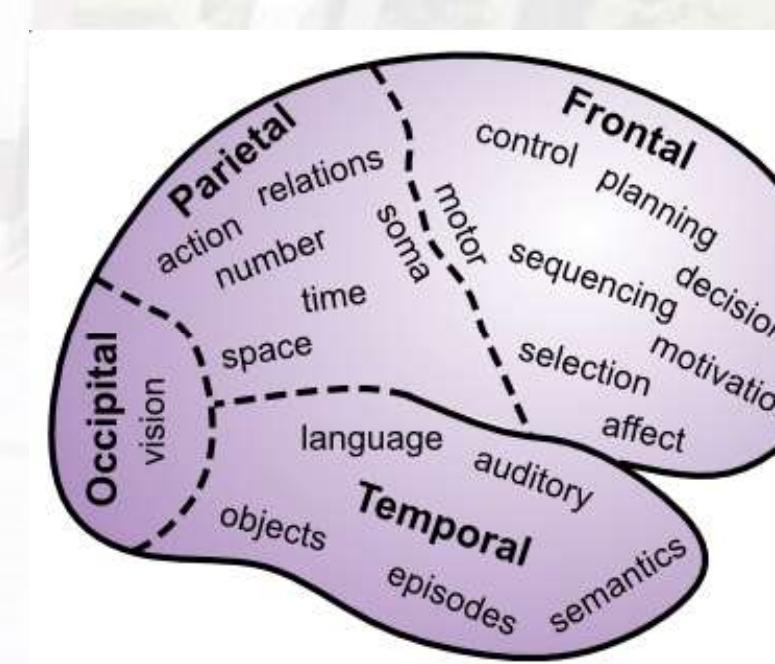
this contains **primary visual cortex (V1)**, located at the very back tip of the neocortex, and **higher-level visual areas** that radiate out (forward) from it. Clearly, its main function is in visual processing.



Temporal lobe

superior temporal cortex contains primary auditory cortex (A1), and associated higher-level auditory and language-processing areas. Thus, the temporal lobes (one on each side) are where the visual appearance of objects gets translated into verbal labels (and vice-versa), and also where we learn to read.

the temporal lobes appears to be important for semantic knowledge -- where all your high-level understanding of things. It contain a huge amount of the stuff that we are consciously aware of -- facts, events, names, faces, objects, words, etc.



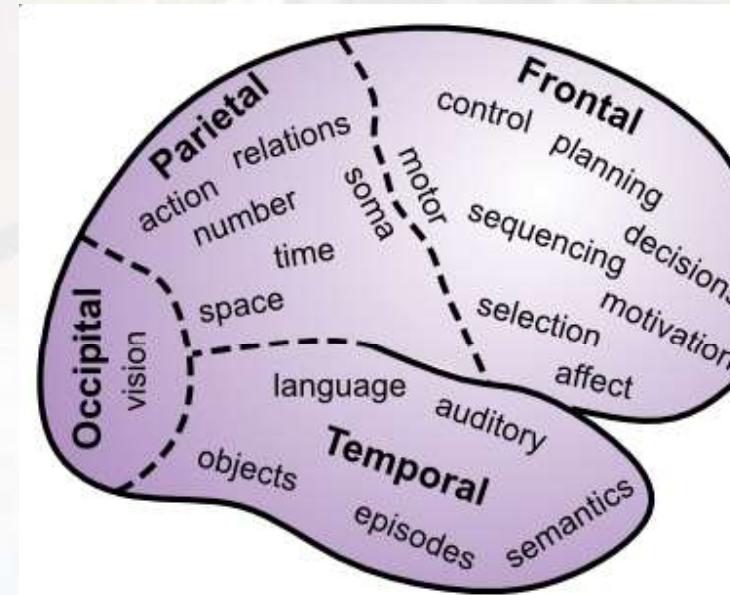


Brain Function

Frontal lobe (前叶)

The prefrontal cortex (PFC), known as the brain's **executive** -- this is where all the **high-level shots** are called -- where your big plans are sorted out and influenced by basic motivations and emotions, to determine what you really should do next.

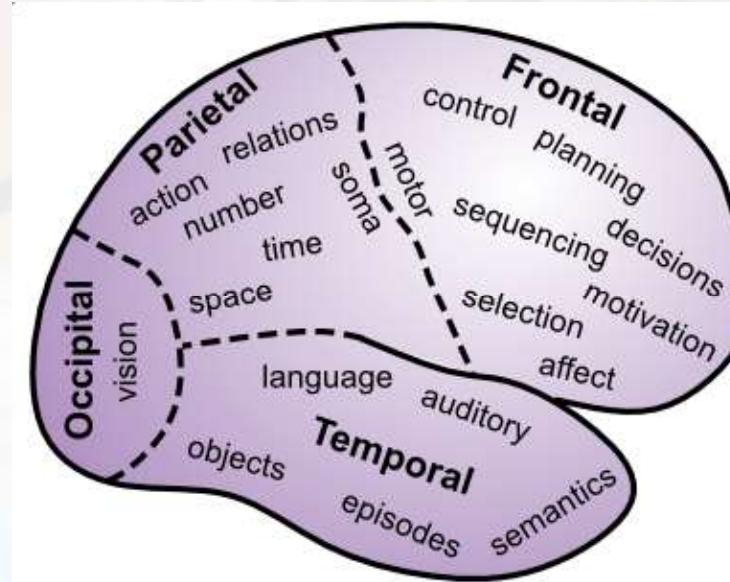
It is important for the most **abstract**, challenging forms of cognitive reasoning. The **medial** and **ventral** regions of the frontal cortex are particularly **important** for **emotion and motivation**.





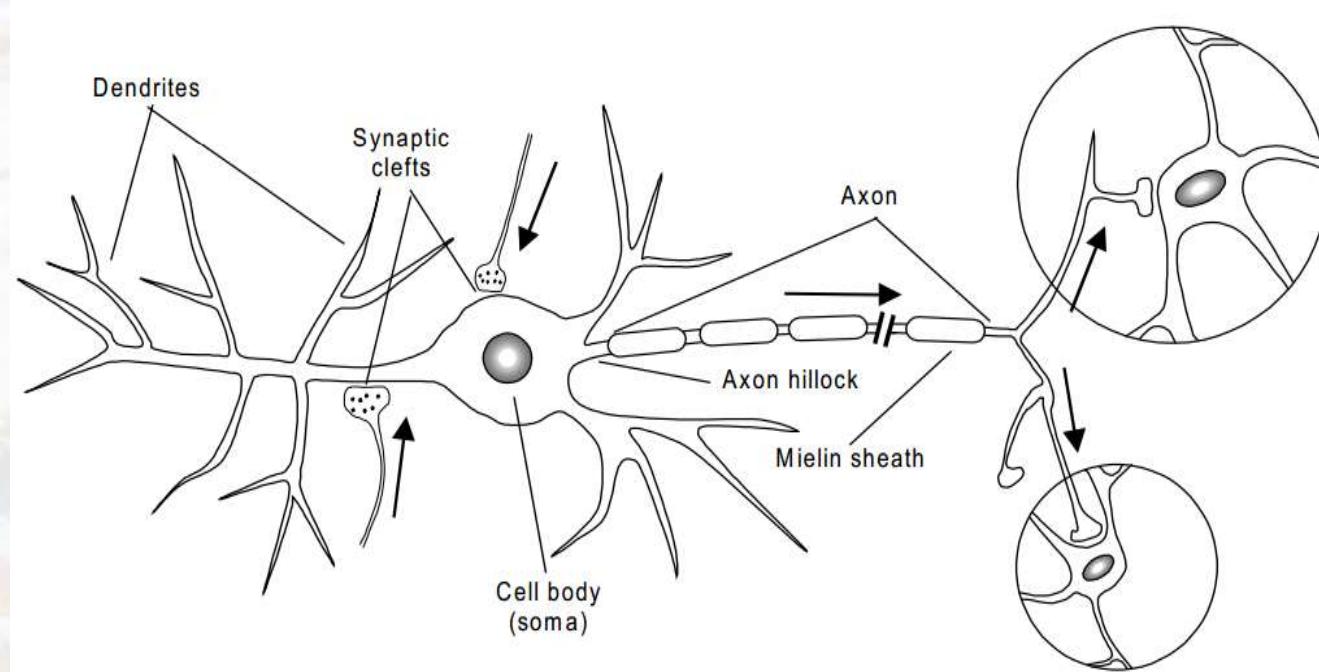
Parietal lobe (顶叶)

It is important for encoding **spatial locations**, **number**, **mathematics**, **abstract relationships**, and many other “smart” things. It provides the major pathway where visual information can guide **motor actions**.





Brain is powerful because billions of individual neurons are densely interconnected with each other, and capable of shaping what they do by changing these patterns of interconnections.



This complexity is in the service of a very simple overall function “detection”.

- Neurons receive thousands of different input signals from other neurons, looking for **specific patterns** that are "meaningful" to them. The valuable signal is called “**spike**”, which is the fundamental unit of communication between neurons.
- The neuron receives input signals from other neurons, integrates them into an overall signal strength that is compared against the threshold, and communicates the result to other neurons.

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03

Biological Neuron

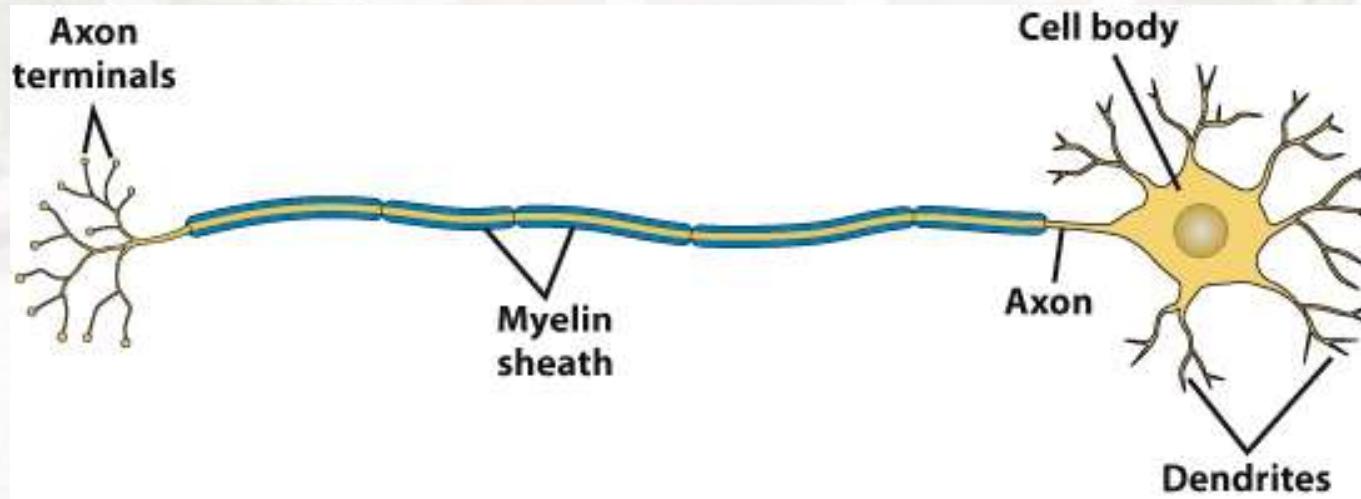


WHAT is a Neuron ?





Biological Neuron



Neuron consists of:

1. Cell body
3. Axon
2. Dendrites
4. Synapses



Biological Neuron

The Neuron - A Biological Information Processor

- *dendrites* (树突) - the receivers
- *soma* (细胞体) - neuron cell body (sums input signals)
- *axon* (轴突) - the transmitter
- *Synapse* (突触) - point of transmission
- neuron activates after a certain *threshold* is met

Learning occurs via electro-chemical changes in effectiveness of *synaptic junction*.



Function of Neuron

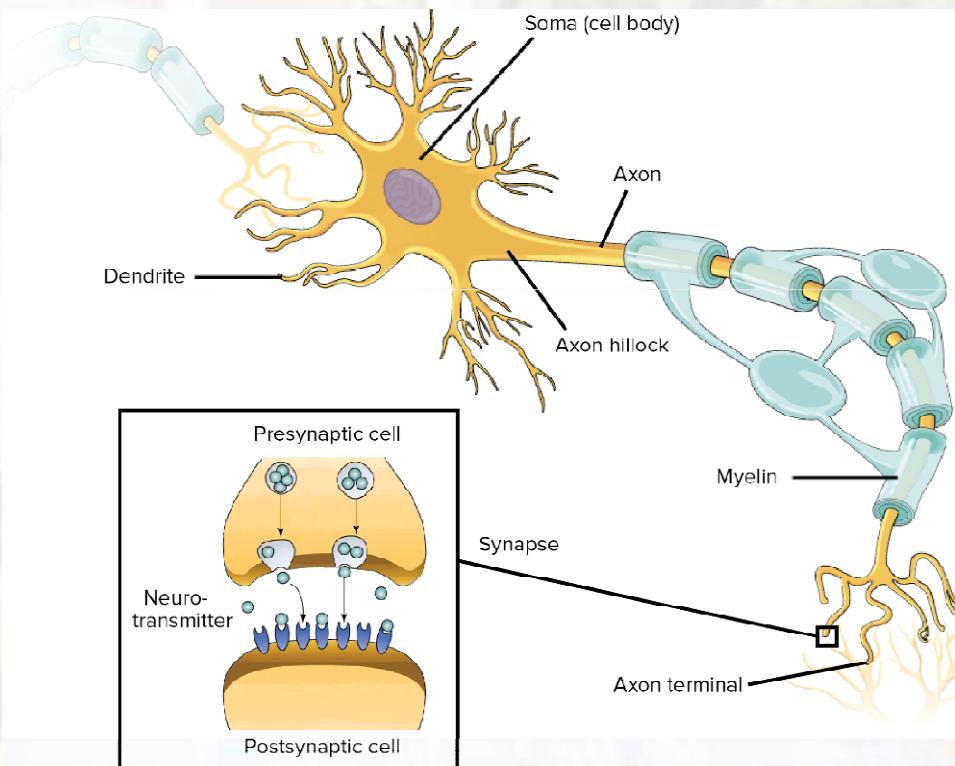
Neuron collects signals from *dendrites*

ends out spikes of electrical activity through an *axon*, which splits into thousands of branches.

At end of each branch, a *synapses* converts activity into either exciting or inhibiting activity of a dendrite at another neuron.

Neuron *fires* when exciting activity surpasses inhibitory activity

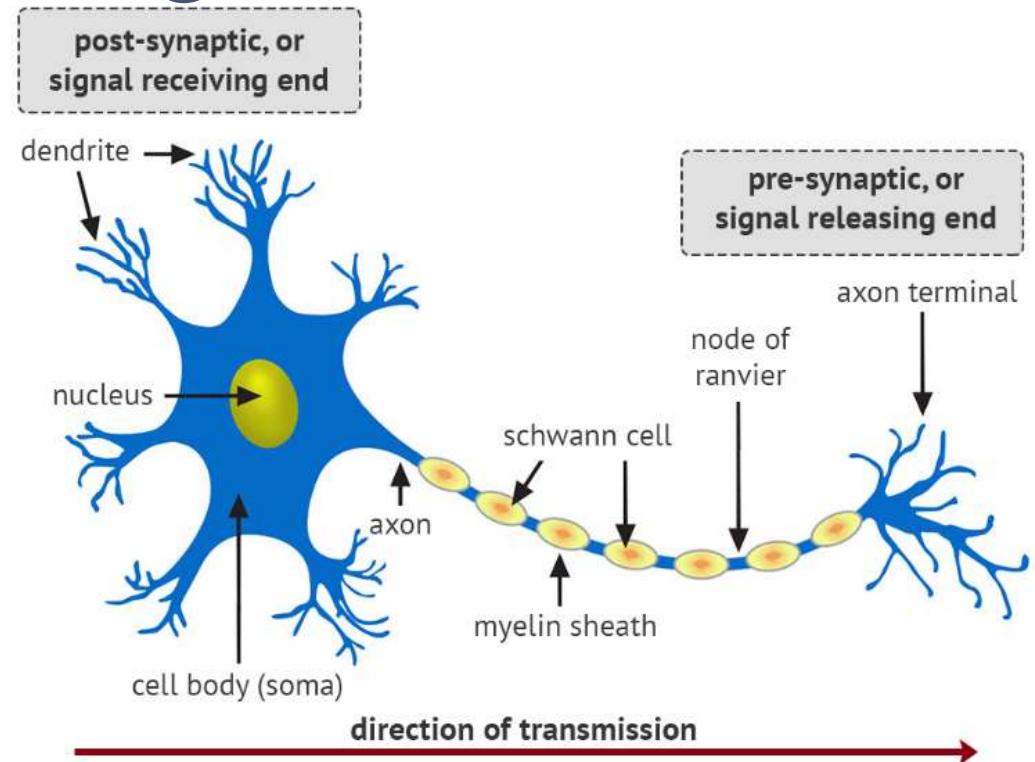
learning changes the effectiveness of the synapses





Neuron ‘Signal’ Transmission — Sending

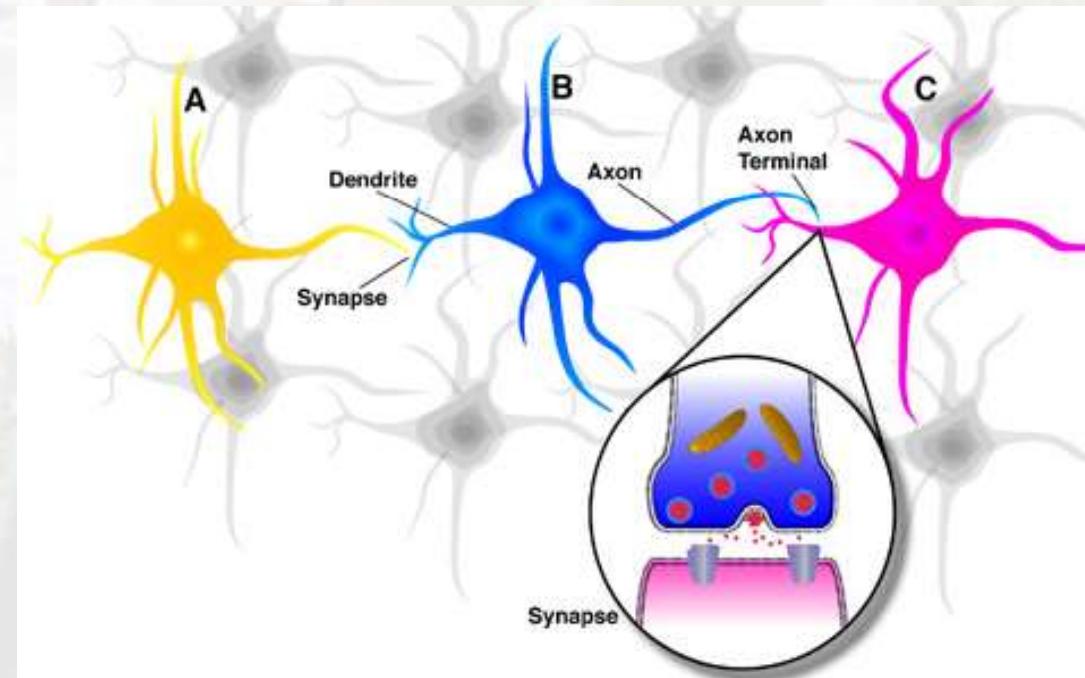
- Signals “move” via electrochemical signals
- The synapses release a chemical transmitter – the sum of which can cause a threshold to be reached – causing the neuron to “fire”
- Synapses can be inhibitory or excitatory

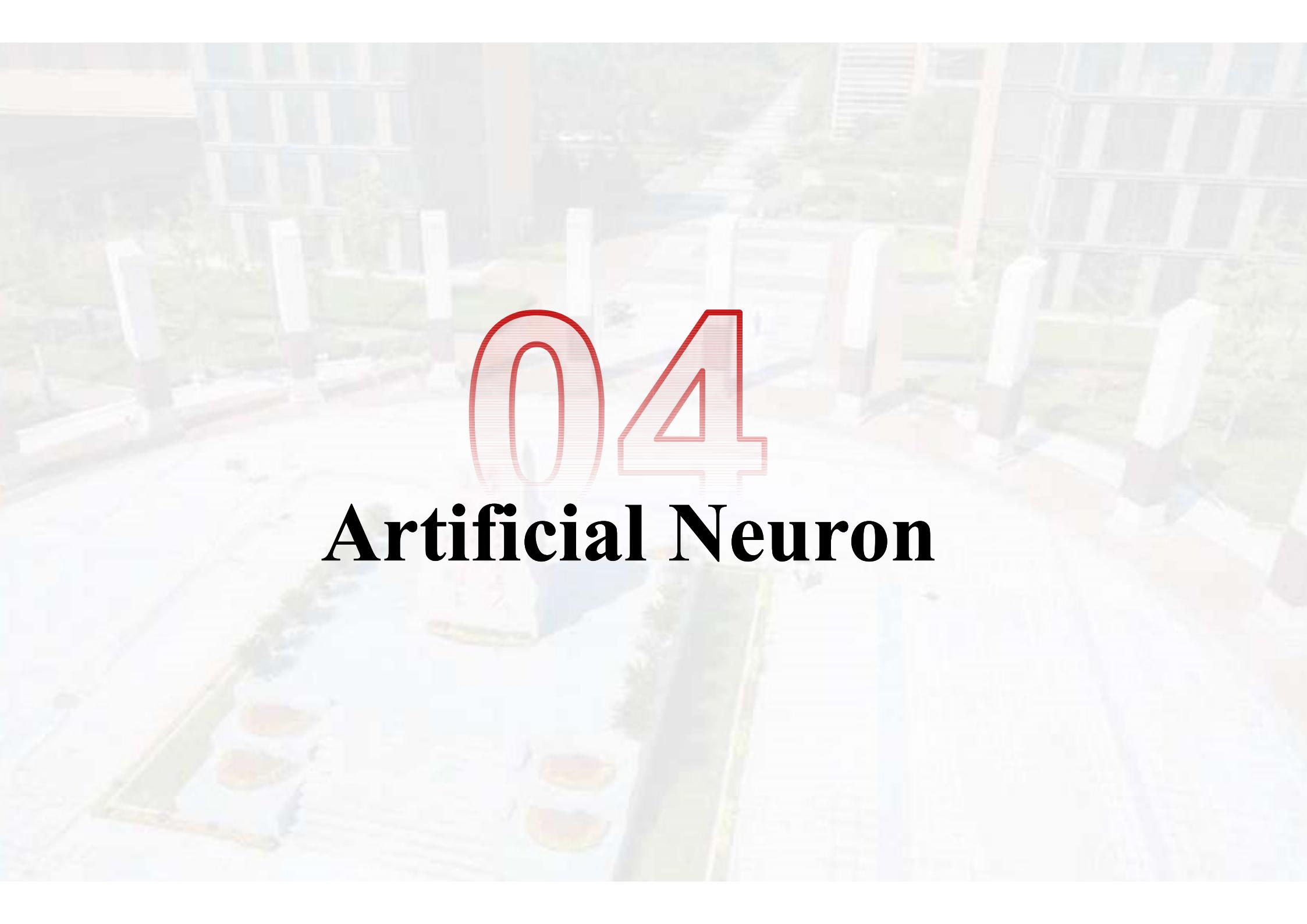




Neuron ‘Signal’ Transmission— Receiving

- A neuron receives input from other neurons (generally thousands) from its synapses
- Inputs are approximately summed
- When the input exceeds a threshold the neuron sends an electrical spike that travels that travels from the body, down the axon, to the next neuron(s)



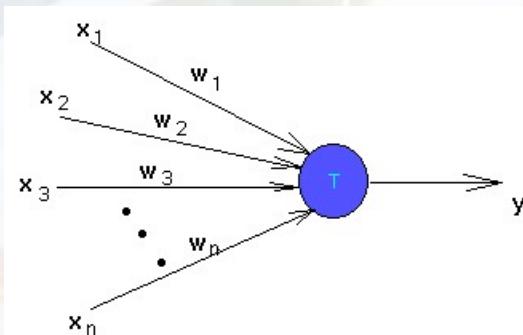
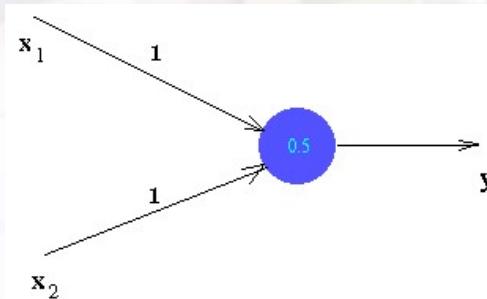
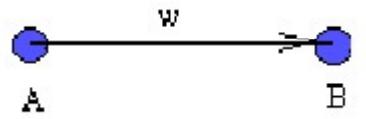
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Artificial Neuron



How Neuron Transform to Mathematics formulation





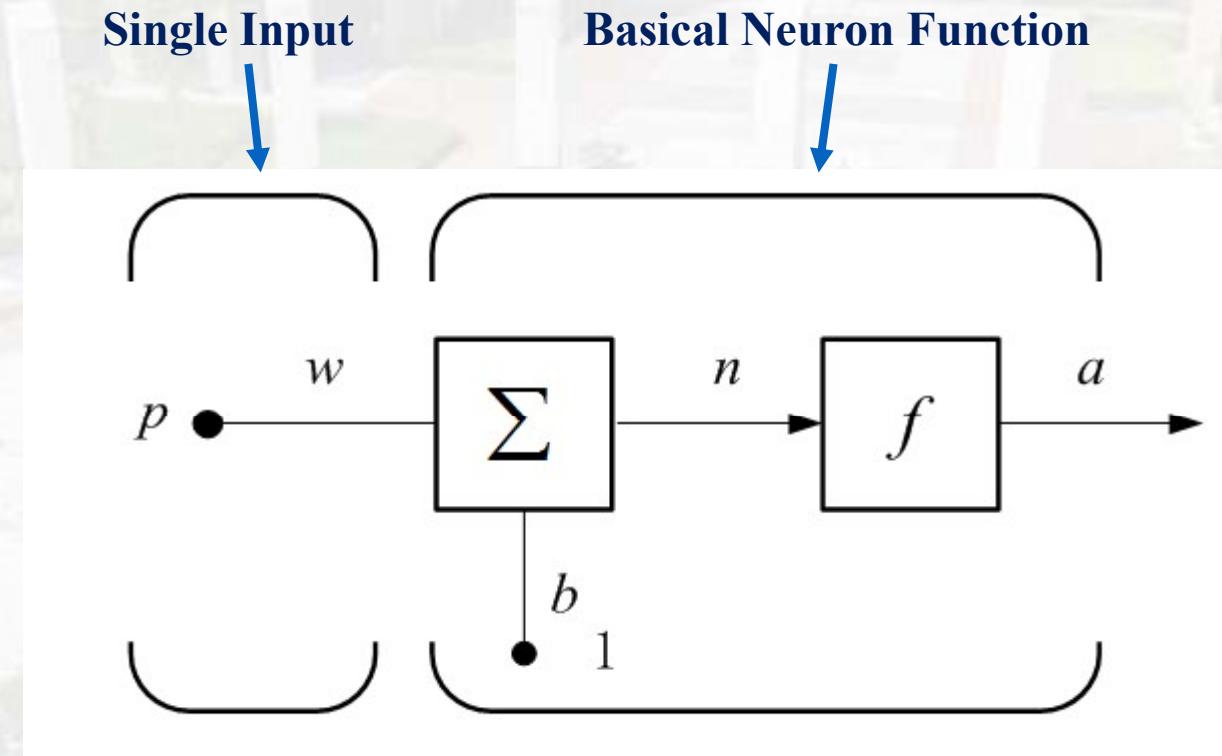
Neuron to Math Simulation Function

- *input connections* - the receivers (*dendrites*)
- *node, unit, or PE* simulates neuron body (*soma*)
- *output connection* - the transmitter (*axon*)
- *bias function* employs a threshold (*synapse*)
- *activation function*
- *connection weights*

Learning occurs via changes in value of the connection weights.



Single Input Neuron

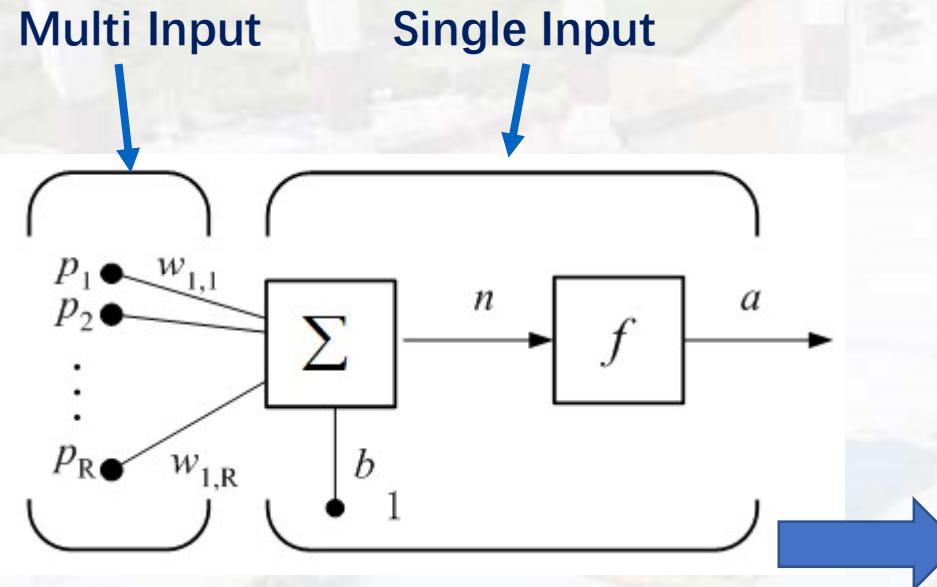


$$a = f(w p + b)$$

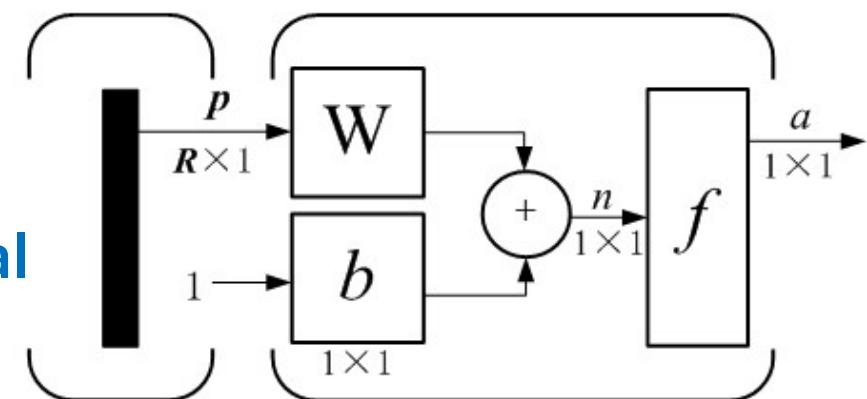
Neuron Output Transmission Function Weight Input Bias

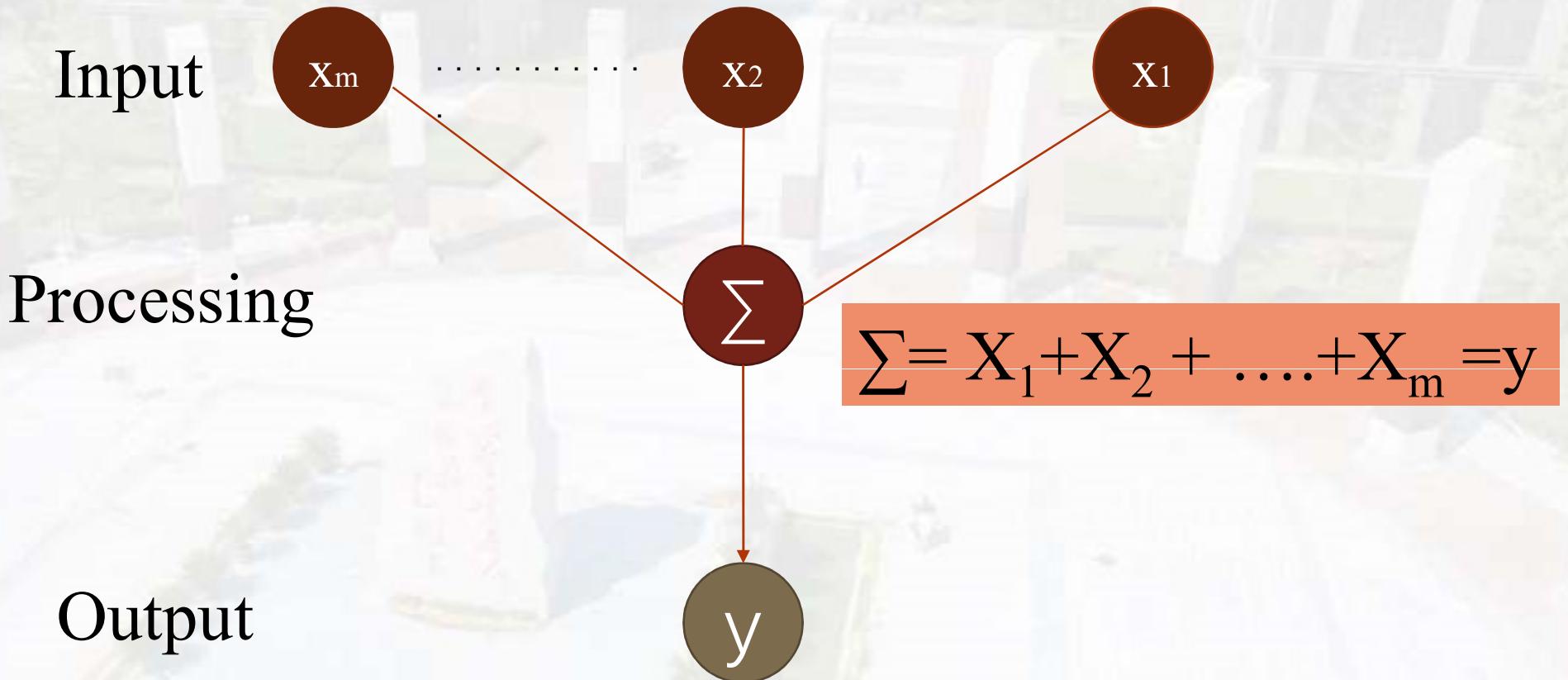


Multi Input Neuron

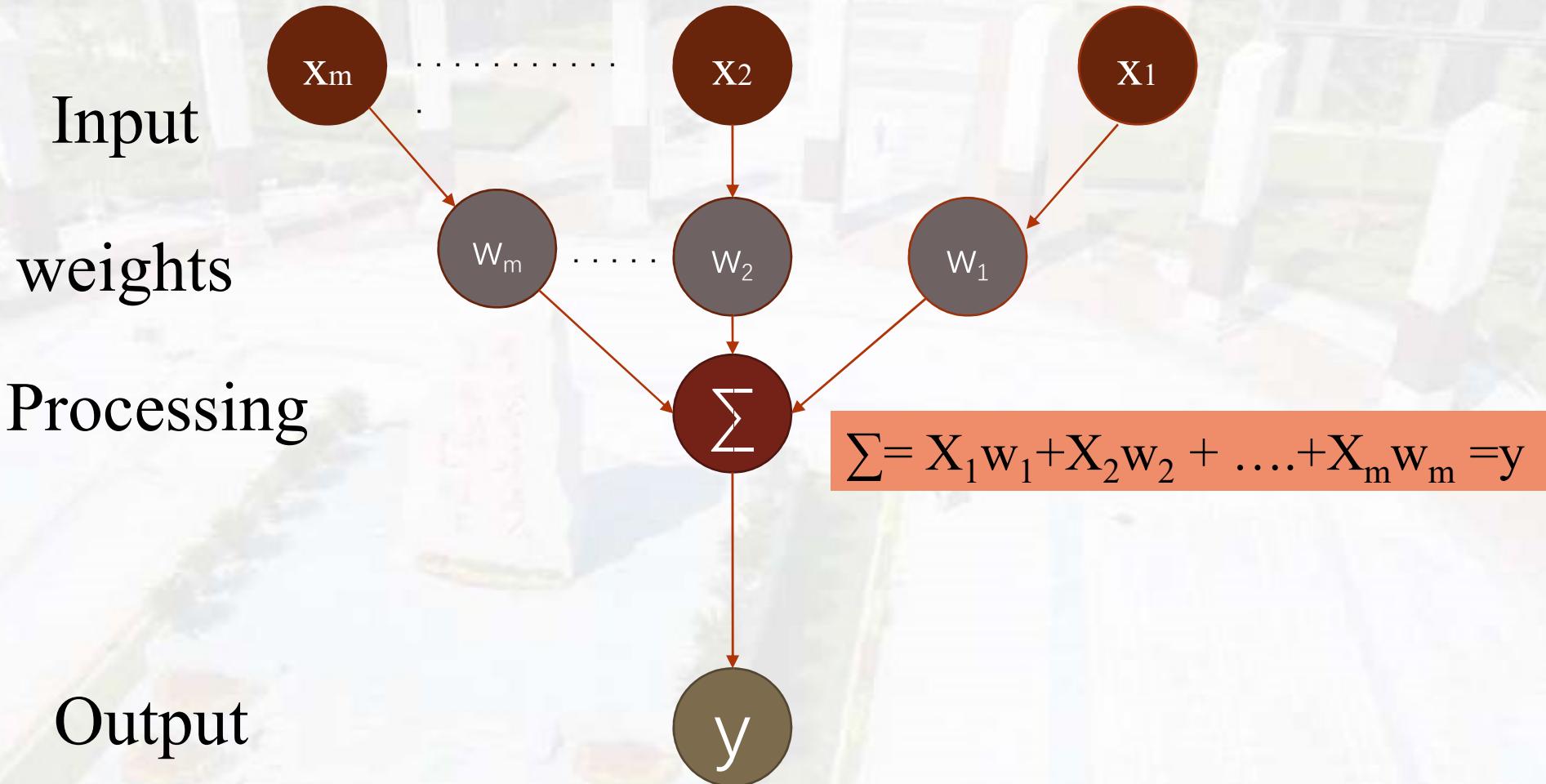


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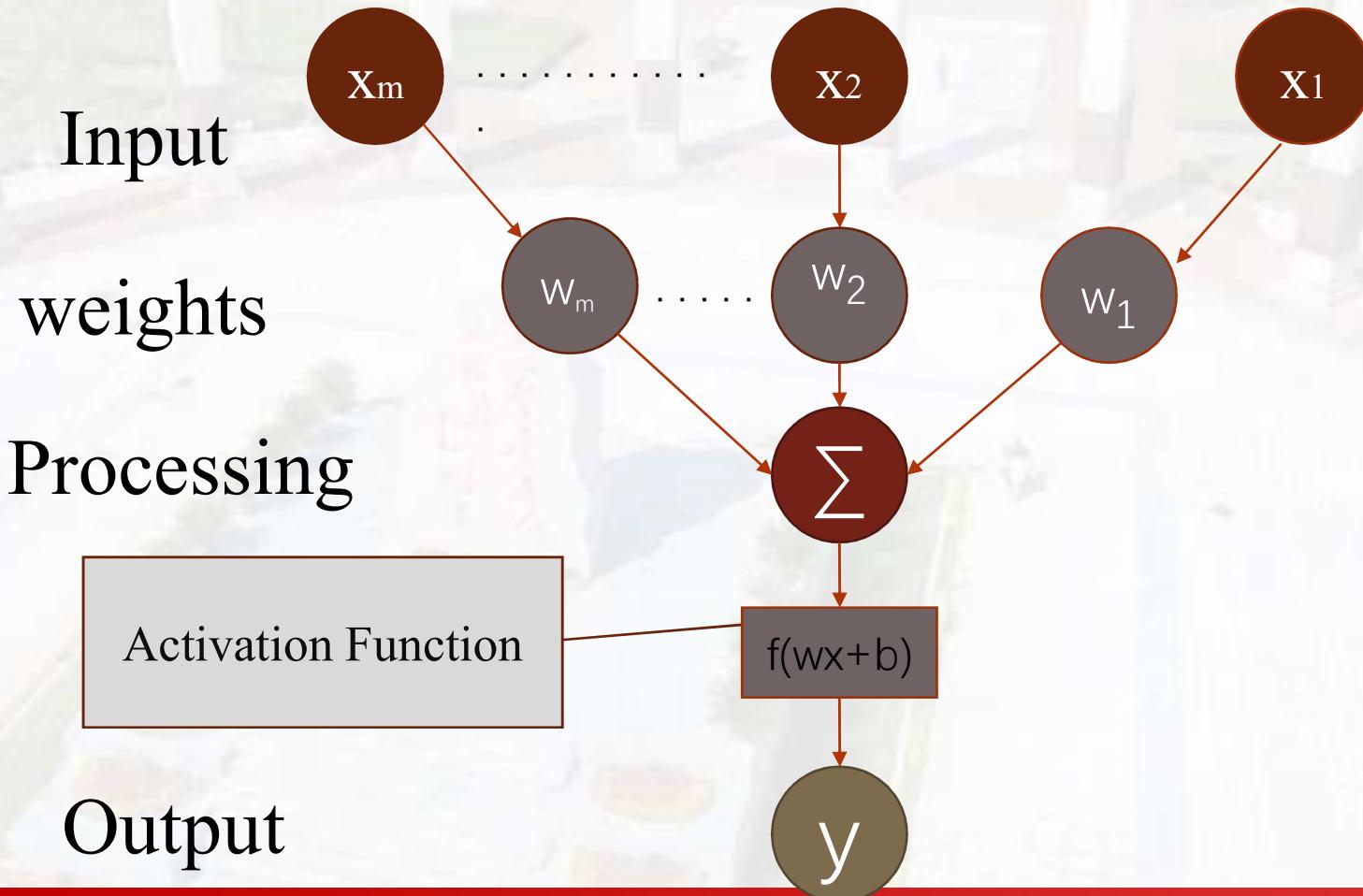




Not all inputs are equal



The signal is not passed down to the next neuron verbatim



Artificial Neuron

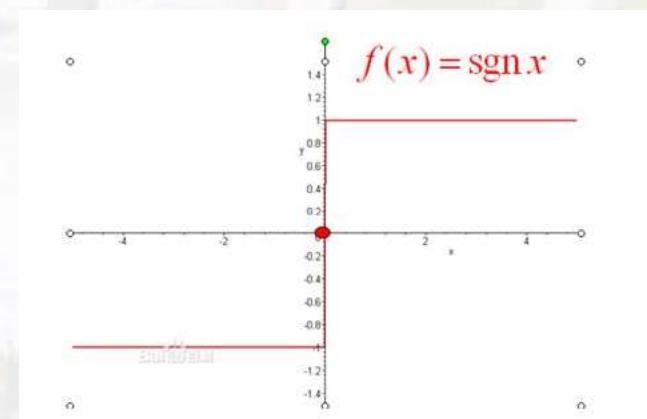
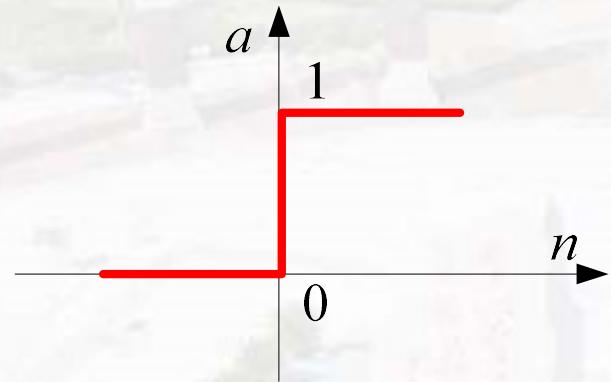


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Activation Function(1) – Step Function



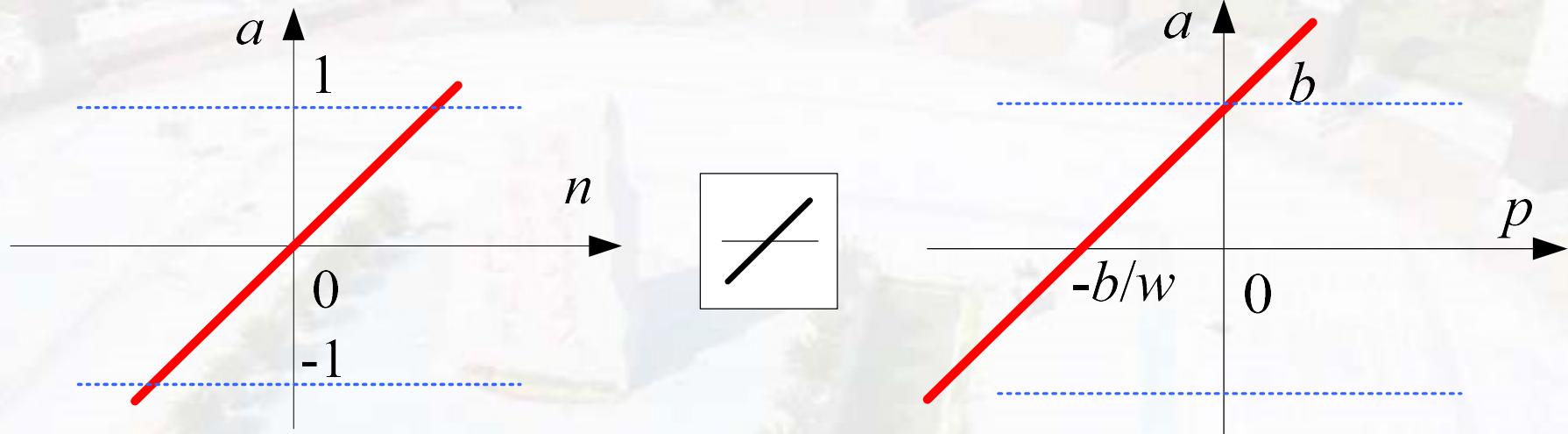
•Step Function

$$y = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



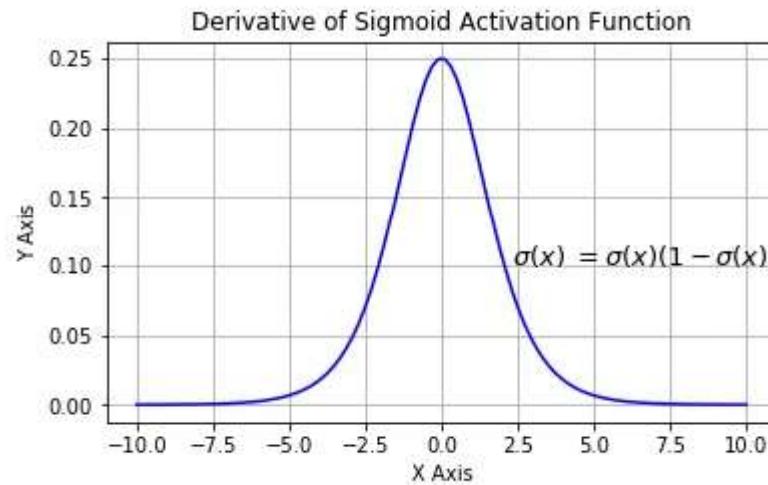
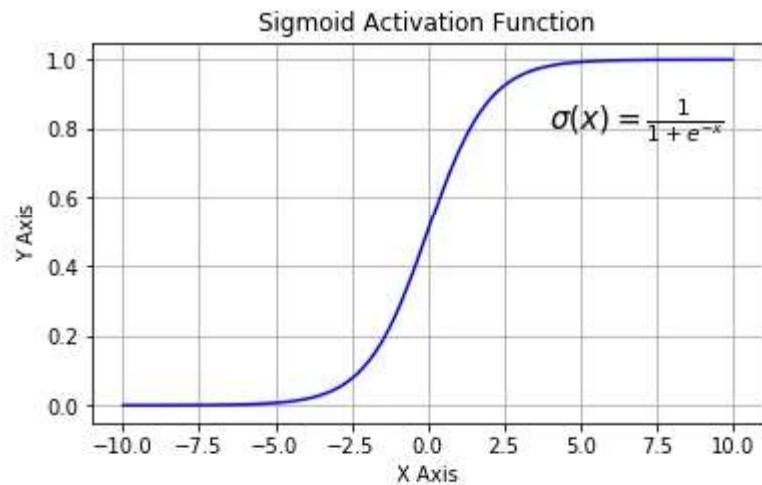
Activation Function(2) – Linear Function



$$f(x) = kx + b$$



Activation Function(3) – Sigmoid Function

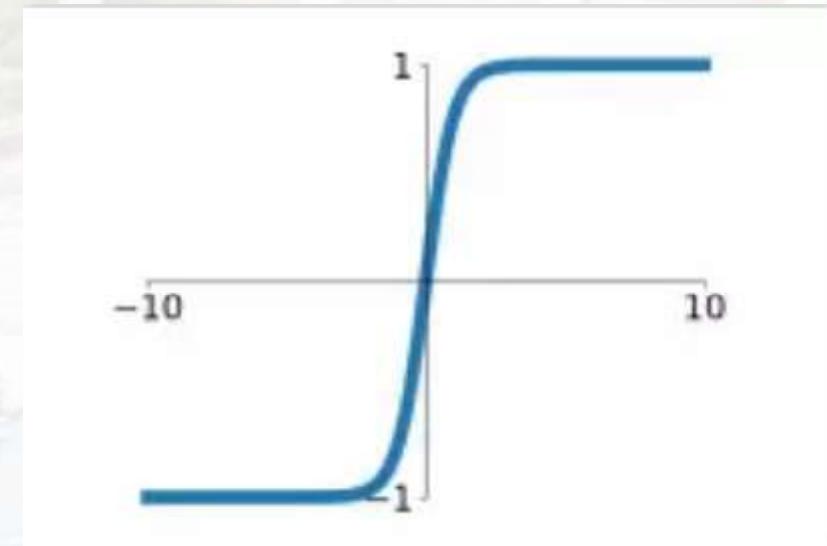


$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-kx}}$$

$$f'(x) = kf(x)[1 - f(x)]$$



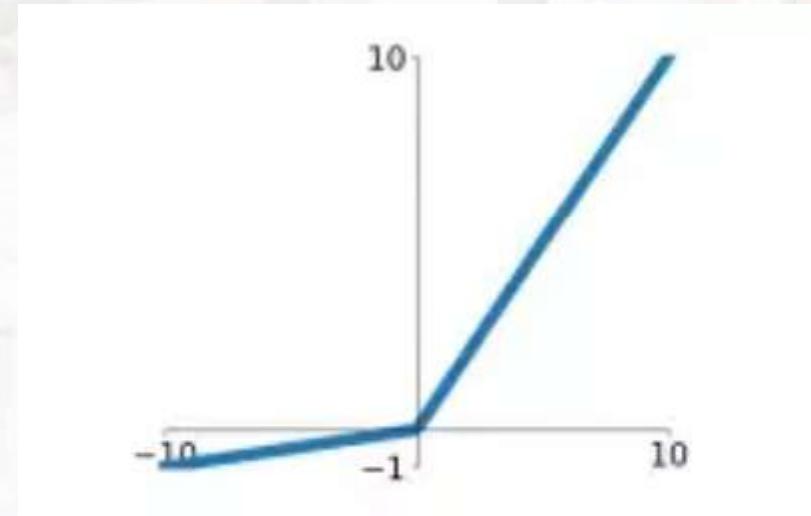
Activation Function(4) – Tanh Function



$$f(x) = \frac{1 - e^{-kx}}{1 + e^{-kx}}$$



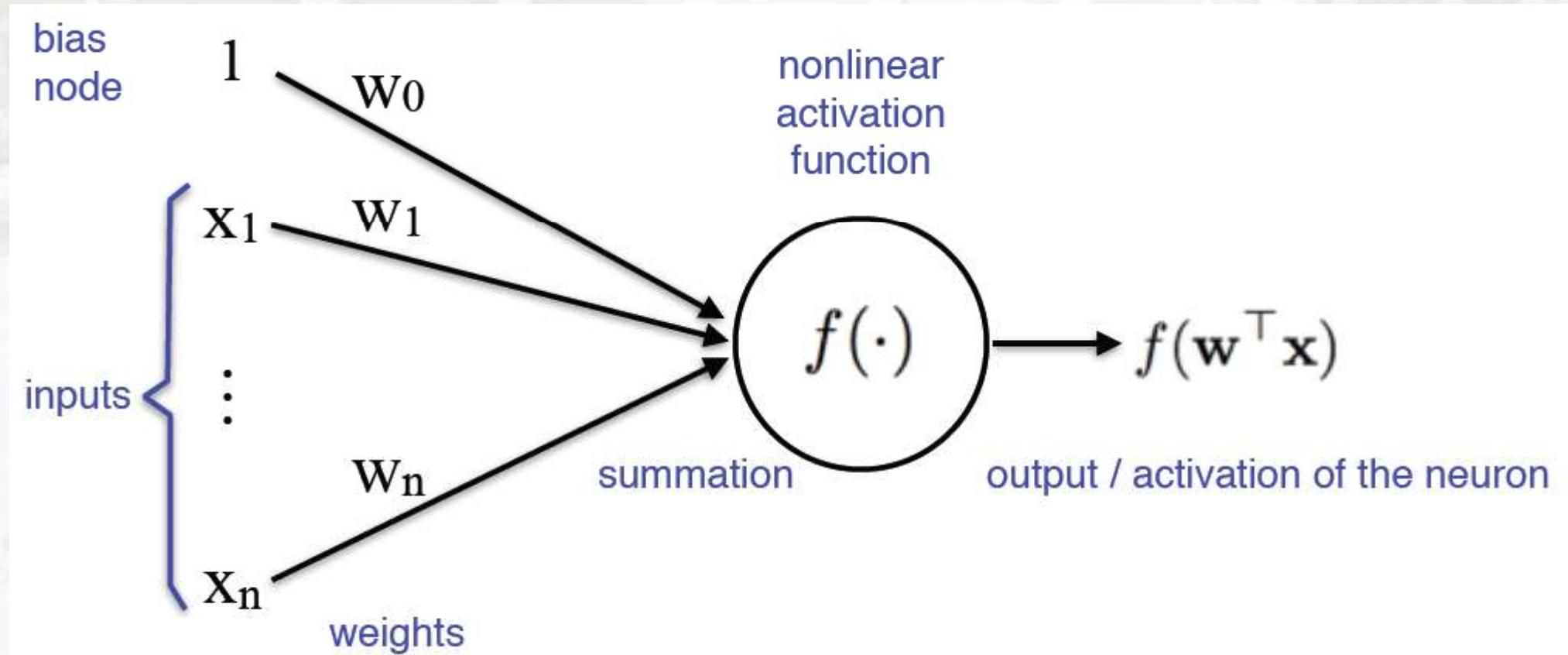
Activation Function(5) – Leaky Relu Function



$$f(x) = \max(0.01x, x)$$

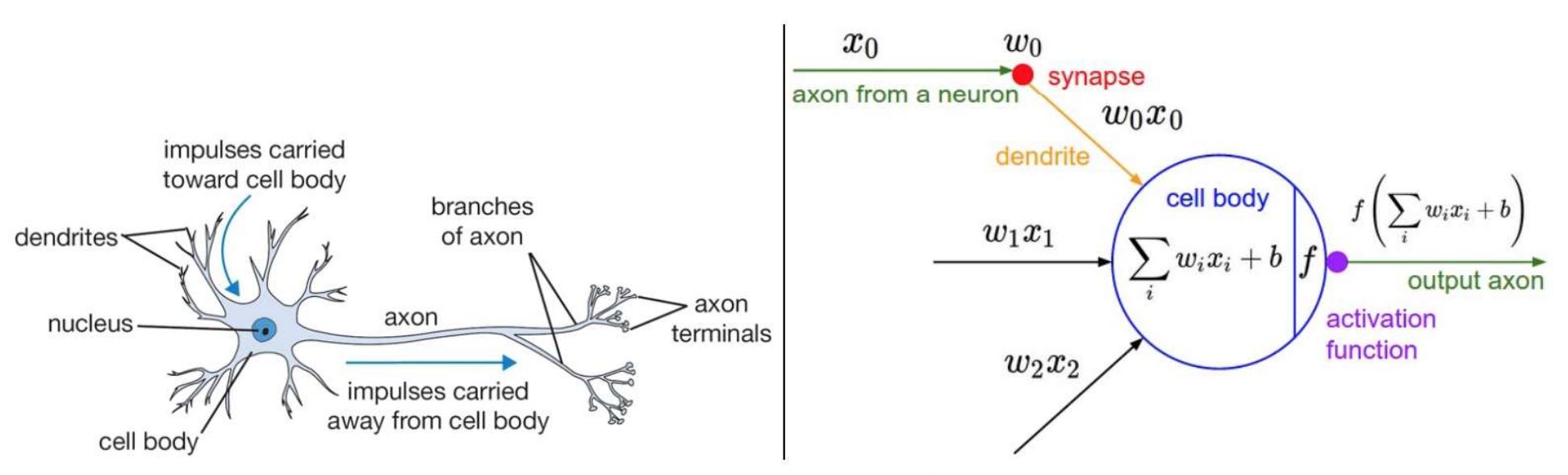


The Structure of Artificial Neuron





Mathematics formulation of Neuron (数学建模)



A cartoon drawing of a biological neuron (left) and its mathematical model (right).

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