Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

* MLP :-

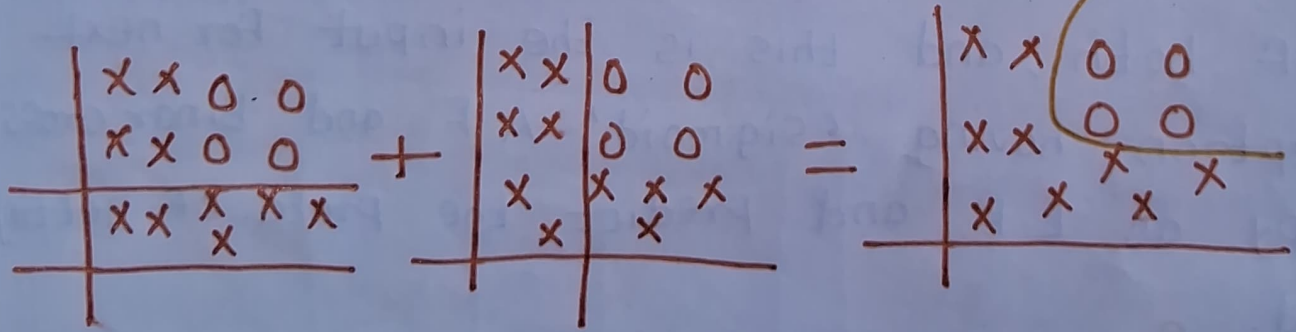
MLP is created by connecting multiple perceptron together to form a larger Neural Network.

MLPs are mostly used for tabular data but we can use it also for grid structure data (eg. images) but it works best with tabular data.

* Visual Intution :-

Imagine two individual perceptrons, each drawing a different decision boundary.

If you superimpose (combine) these lines and apply smoothing you can capture Non-linear relationships.

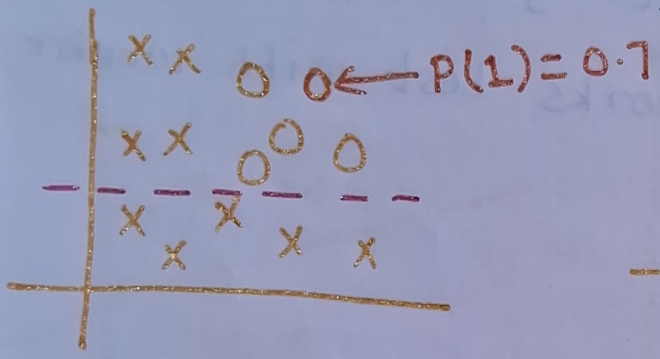


By combining enough Perceptrons Neural Network can approximate any function allowing it to create

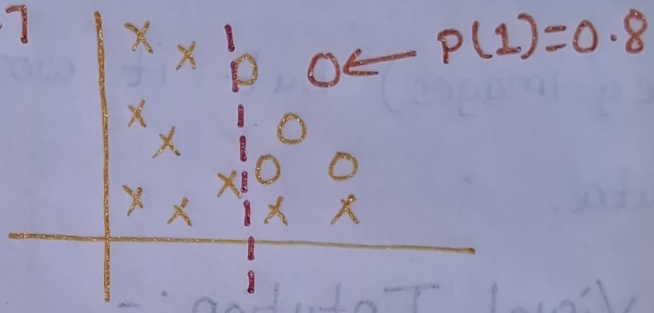
any kind of non-linear decision boundary.

* How it works :-

Suppose we are solving 'a Probabilistic Binary classification' problem with two different perceptron models as shown in fig. We have to find proba. of getting placed of shown point.



Perceptron 1



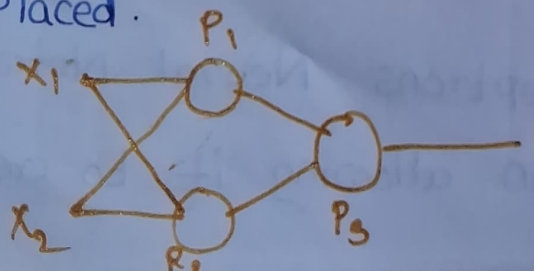
Perceptron 2

So,

Perceptron 1 → P(getting Placed i.e 1) = 0.7

Perceptron 2 → P(getting Placed i.e 1) = 0.8

Now, We create a weighted linear combination of both, and this is the input for next Perceptron having 'sigmoid' A.F and binar cross entropy as L.F. and predict the proba. of getting Placed.



* Network Architetture :-

① Input Layer :- These are the features from the data. They just pass information to next layer.
So, No processing and calculations happens here.

eg : IQ, CGPA etc.

② Hidden Layers :- These nodes are individual Perceptrons (variants), they take input process them and pass output forward.
We call it 'hidden' because it sits between input and output layer.

③ Output Layer :- These layer recives the processed information from hidden layer to generate output or final prediction.