Introduction to Machine Learning

Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs)

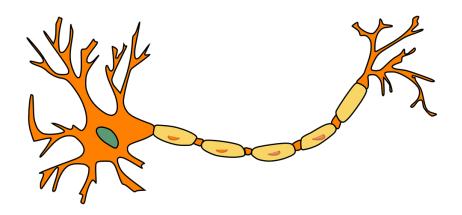


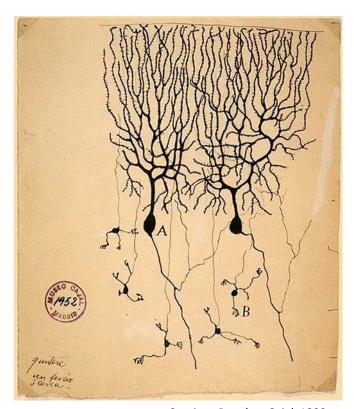
The human brain is capable of solving a wide variety of highly complex tasks seemingly "effortlessly".

Through neuroscience, we have a fundamental understanding of the structure and functioning of the brain.

Idea:

We design an algorithm modeled after nature, called an Artificial Neural Network.



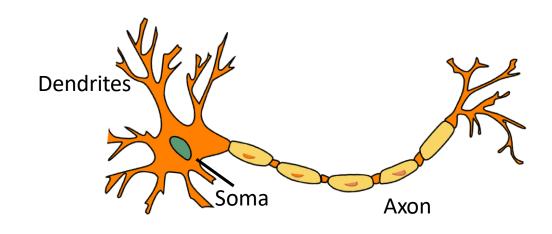


Santiago Ramón y Cajal, 1899

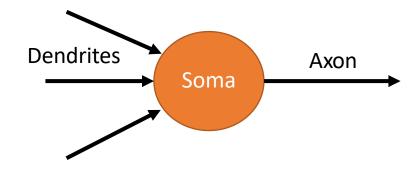


1. We imitate the structure of a biological nerve cell

Biological nerve cell



Node in ANN





2. We imitate **the stimulus processing** of a biological nerve cell

Biological nerve cell

connections to other neurons are of different strength

Depolarization

Output

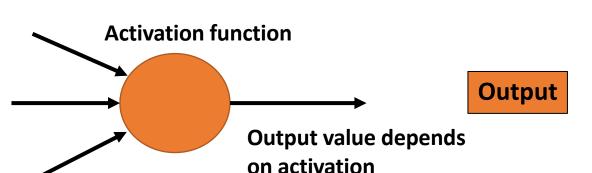
Action potential

Node in ANN

previous nodes have different weights

inputs from the

Input

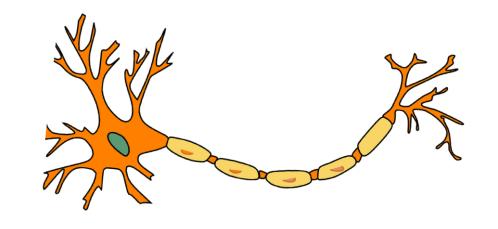




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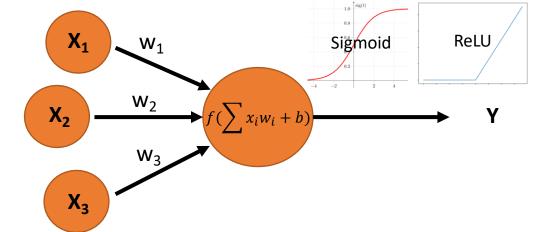
Biological nerve cell

Input



Output

Node in ANN



x = Inputs

w = Weights

b = Bias

f() = activation function

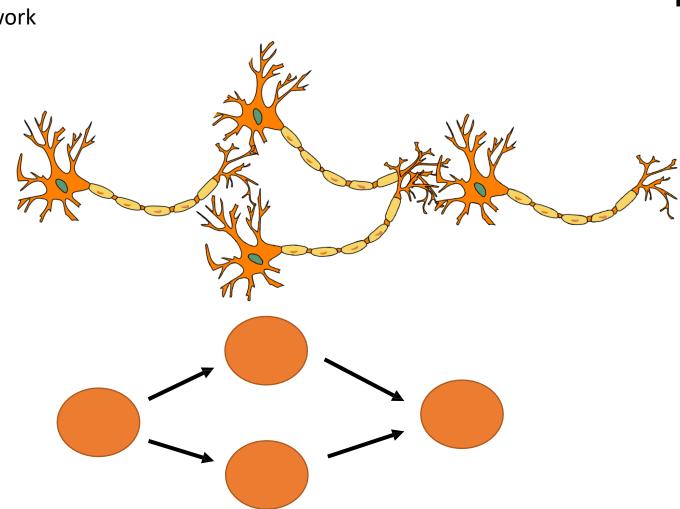
Y = Output



3. We imitate the structure of a neural network

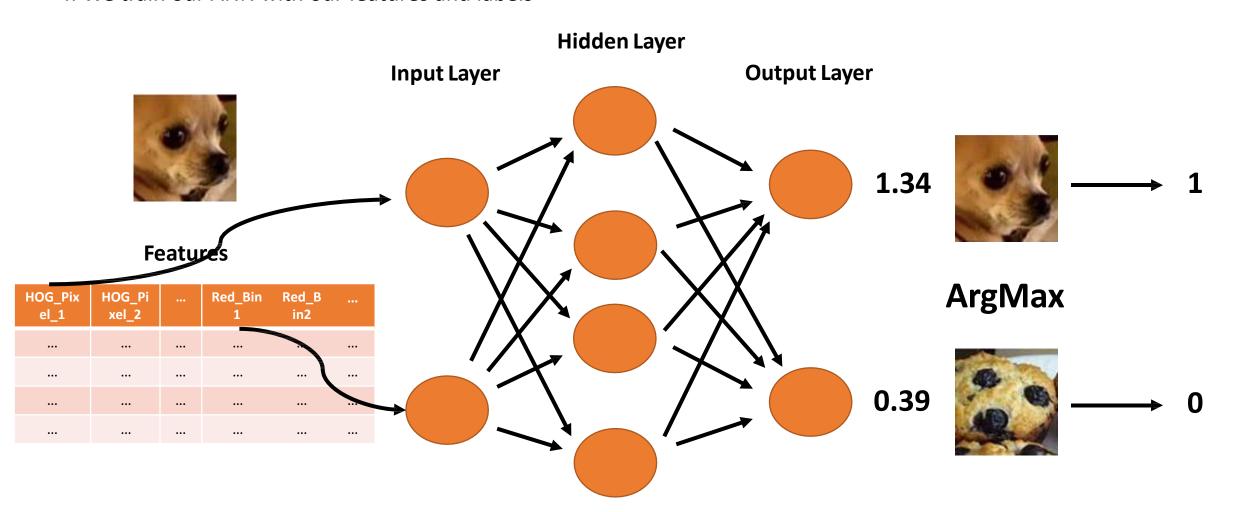
Biological nerve cell

Node in ANN



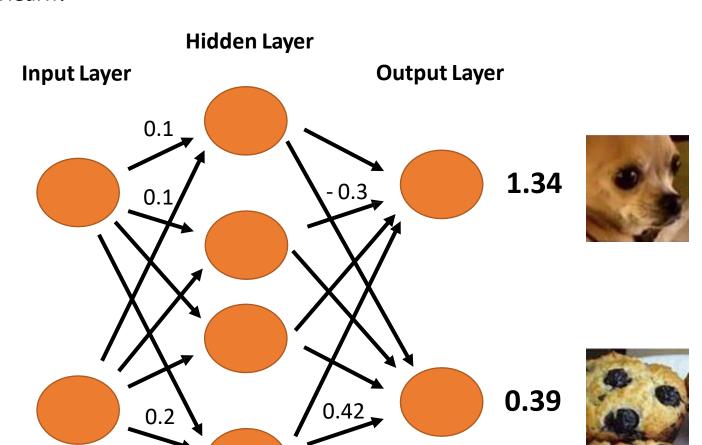


4. We train our ANN with our features and labels





5. How does our neural network learn?



We initialize our ANN with random weights and biases



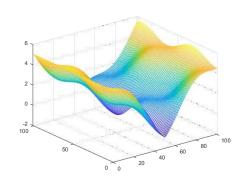
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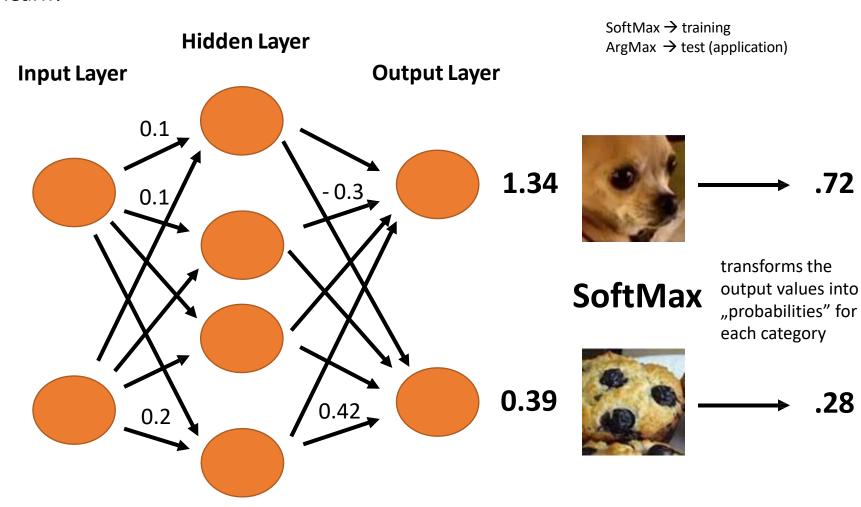
We calculate the loss function of our prediction

e.g. Cross Entropy Loss

$$L = -\log(\hat{y})$$

We use Gradient Descent to gradually approach the optimal weights and biases that minimize our loss function





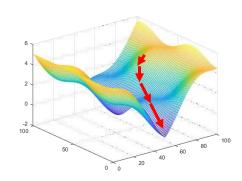


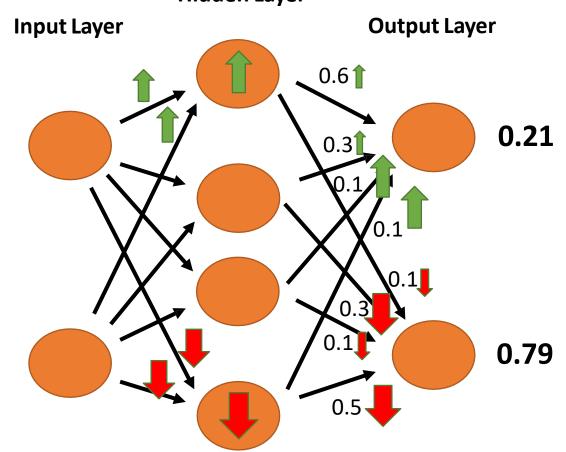
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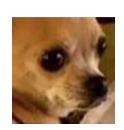
Back Propagation

Hidden Layer

We adjust our weights and biases after each step







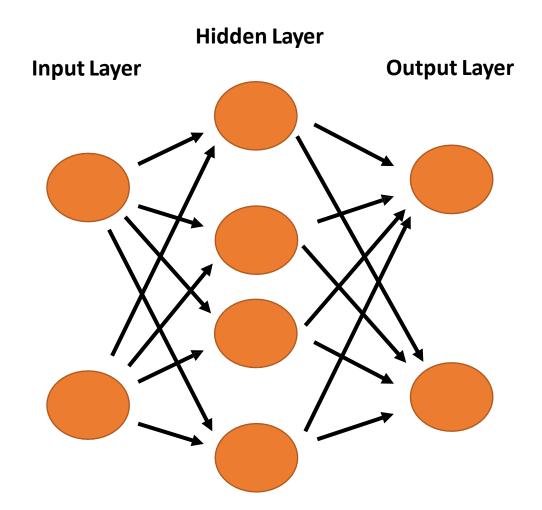




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Special feature of training the ANNs:

Usually, we do not use the complete training dataset for each training step, but only a small subset, so-called **batches**



Pros:

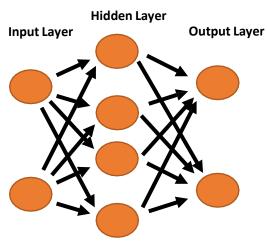
We save resources, can train much faster and still get a good estimate of Gradient Descent!

Cons:

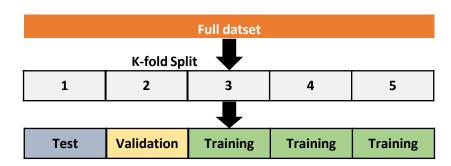
We don't know the optimal **batch size!**



6. We train our neural network in the same way as we trained other algorithms



Training / Test Splits



Hyperparameter Optimization

- Weight initializations
- Number of epochs
- Batch size
- Number of layers / neurons
- Activation function
- ...

Regularization

- L1/L2
- Dropout
- Batch normalization
- Early stopping
- ...

Representation Learning



So far we have chosen model features by ourselves....

Feature Engineering

Which features, and in what form, can we use to train our algorithm?

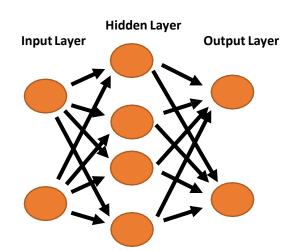




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Representation Learning

Idea: We feed our raw data into the neural network, and it decides which features to use on its own



Representation Learning



... now we let the ANN itself learn which features to use from the raw data.

