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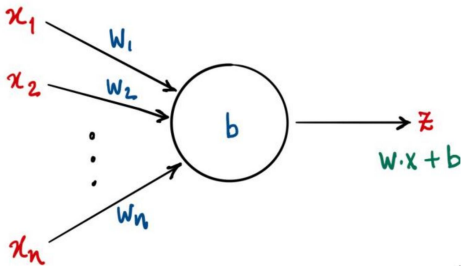
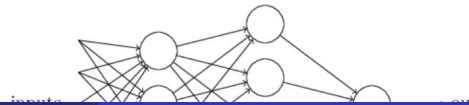
Linear separators and Perceptrons

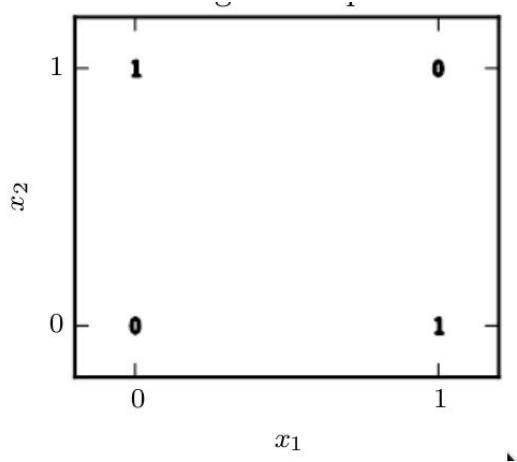
- Perceptrons define linear separators $w \cdot x + b$
  - $w \cdot x + b > 0$, classify Yes $(+1)$
  - $w \cdot x + b < 0$, classify No (-1)
- What if we cascade perceptrons?
- Result is still a linear separator
  - $f_1 = w_1 \cdot x + b_1, f_2 = w_2 \cdot x + b_2$
  - $f_3 = w_3 \cdot \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle + b_3$
  - $f_3 = w_3 \cdot \langle w_1 \cdot x + b_1, w_2 \cdot x + b_2 \rangle + b_3$
  - $f_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{4} \left(w_{3_1} w_{1_i} + w_{3_2} w_{2_i}\right) \cdot x_i$
    $+\left(w_{3_1} b_1 + w_{3_2} b_2 + b_3\right)$





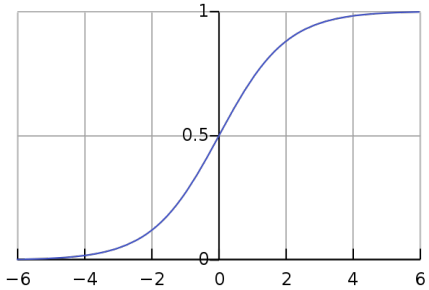
Limits of linearity

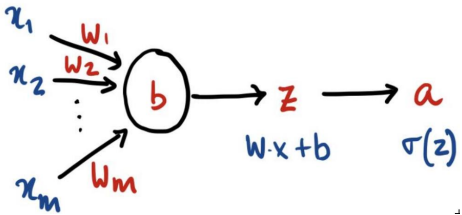
- Cannot compute *exclusive-or* (XOR)
- $XOR(x_1, x_2)$ is true if exactly one of x_1, x_2 is true (not both)
- Suppose $XOR(x_1, x_2) = ux_1 + vx_2 + b$
- $x_2 = 0$: As x_1 goes from 0 to 1, output goes from 0 to 1, so $u > 0$
- $x_2 = 1$: As x_1 goes from 0 to 1, output goes from 1 to 0, so $u < 0$
- Observed by Minsky and Papert, 1969, first "AI Winter"



Non-linear activation

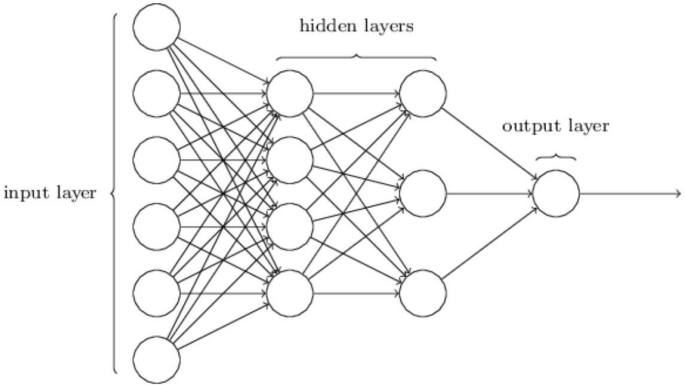
- Transform linear output z through a non-linear activation function
- Sigmoid function $\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$





Structure of a neural network

- Acyclic
- Input layer, hidden layers, output layer
- Assumptions
  - Hidden neurons are arranged in layers
  - Each layer is fully connected to the next
  - Set weight to zero to remove an edge



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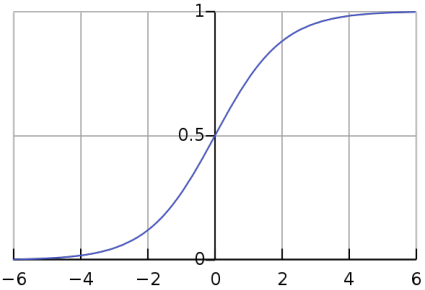
- Step is at $z = 0$
  - $z = wx + b$, so step is at $x = -b/w$
  - Increasing w makes step steeper



Universality

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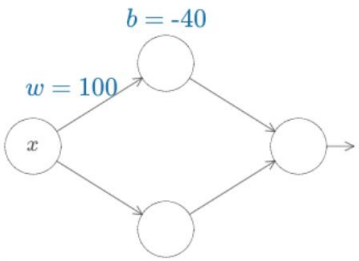
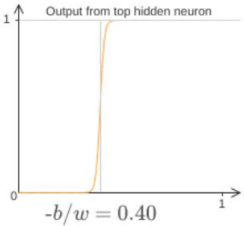
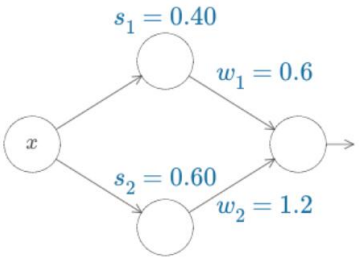
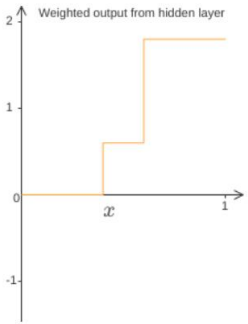




Universality

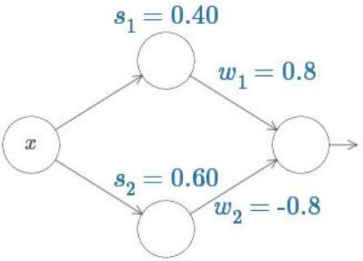
- Create a step at $x = -b/w$
- Cascade steps

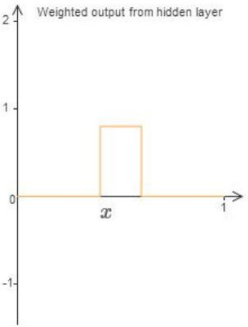




Universality

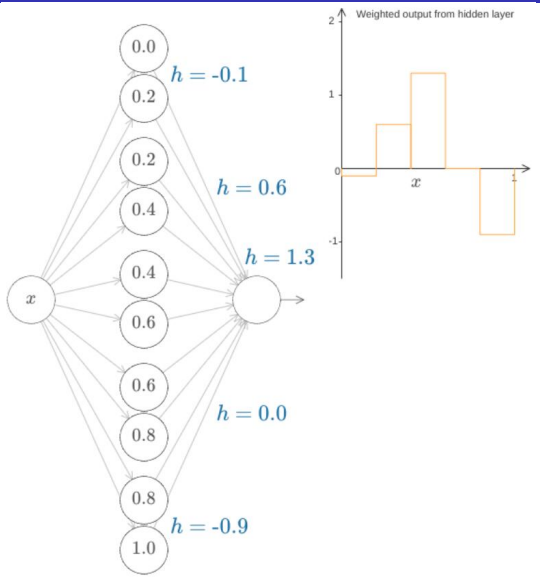
- Create a step at $x = -b/w$
- Cascade steps
- Subtract steps to create a box





Universality

- Create a step at $x = -b/w$
- Cascade steps
- Subtract steps to create a box
- Create many boxes



Universality

- Create a step at $x = -b/w$
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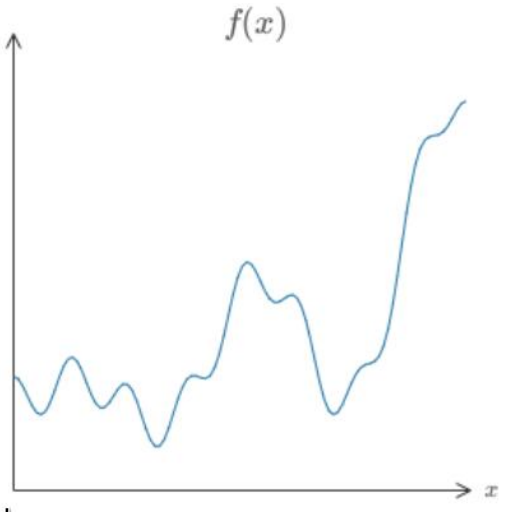
- Subtract steps to create a box
- Create many boxes
- Approximate any function



Universality

- Create a step at $x = -b/w$
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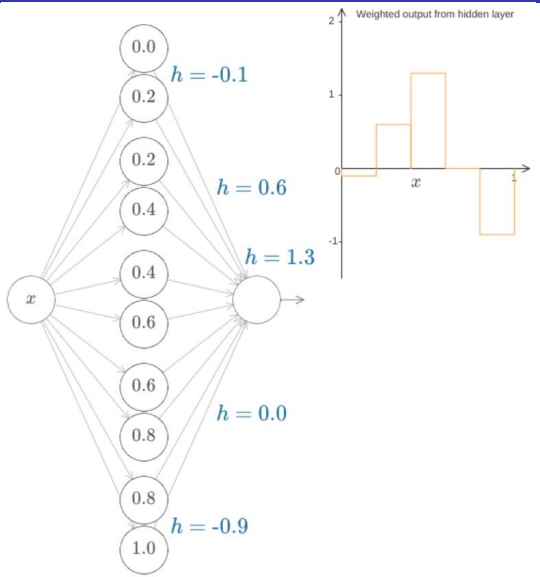
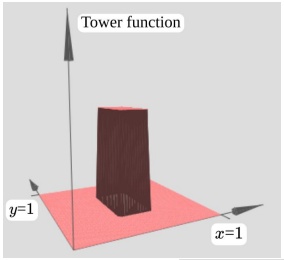
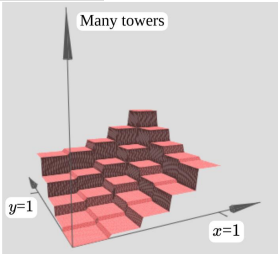
- Approximate any function
- Need only one hidden layer!



Non-linear activation

- With non-linear activation, network of neurons can approximate any function
  - Can build "rectangular" blocks
  - Combine blocks to capture any classification boundary



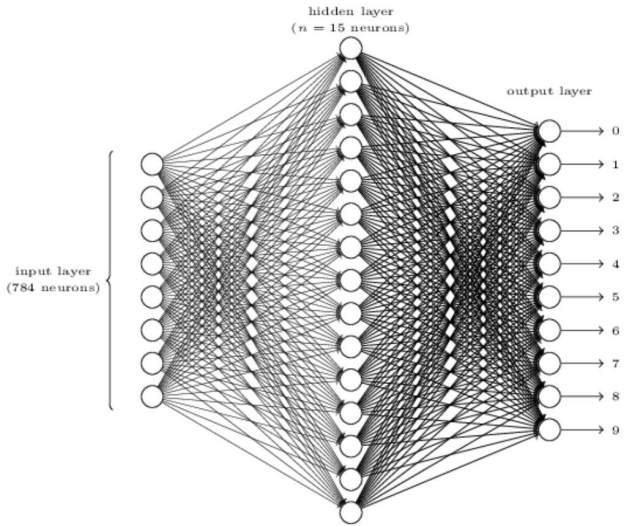


Example: Recognizing handwritten digits

- MNIST data set
- 1000 samples of 10 handwritten digits
  - Assume input has been segmented
- Each digit is 28×28 pixels
  - Grayscale value, 0 to 1
  - 784 pixels
- Input $x = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{784})$

Example: Network structure

- Input layer $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_{784})$
- Single hidden layer, 15 nodes
- Output layer, 10 nodes
  - Decision a_j for each digit $j \in \{0, 1, \ldots, 9\}$
- Final output is best a_j
  - Naïvely, $\arg\max_j a_j$
  - Softmax, $\arg\max_j \frac{e^{a_j}}{\sum_j e^{a_j}}$
    - "Smooth" version of arg max



Example: Extracting features

- Hidden layers extract features
  - For instance, patterns in different quadrants
- Combination of features determines output
- Claim: Automatic identification of features is strength of the model
- Counter argument: implicitly extracted features are impossible to interpret
  - Explainability