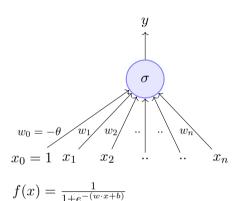
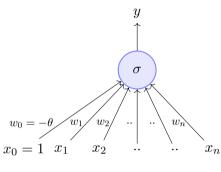
Module 3.3: Learning Parameters: (Infeasible) guess work

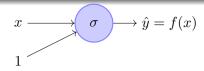


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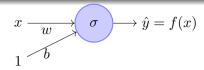
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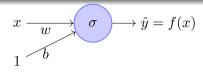
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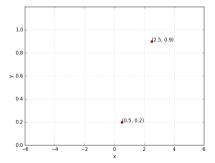
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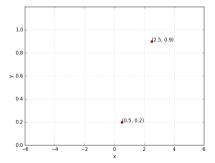
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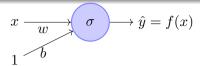
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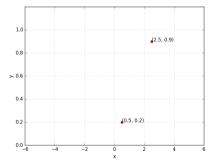
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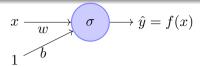
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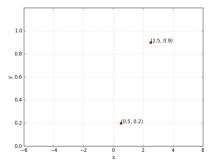
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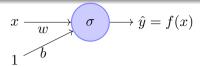
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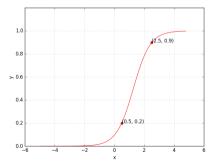
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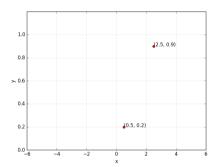


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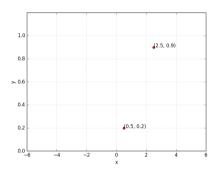
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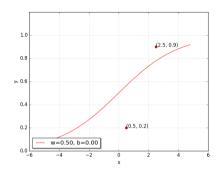
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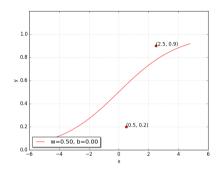


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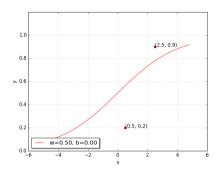




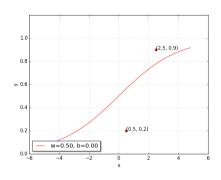
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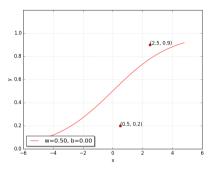
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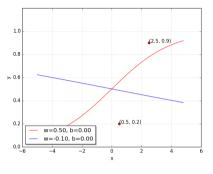
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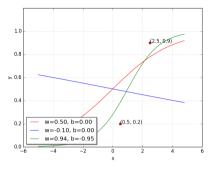
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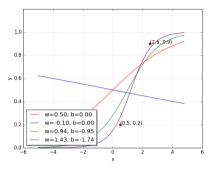
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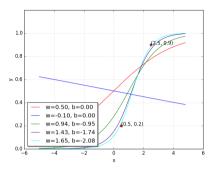
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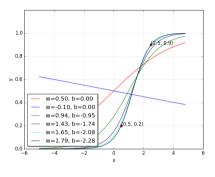
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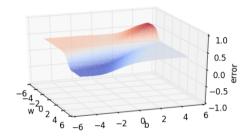


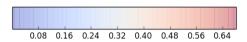
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With some guess work and intuition we were able to find the right values for w and b

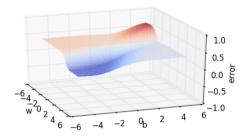
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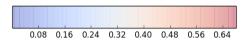
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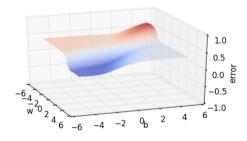


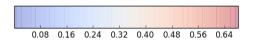
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