

Week 5 - Introduction to ML

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- **Machine Learning**

- **overview**

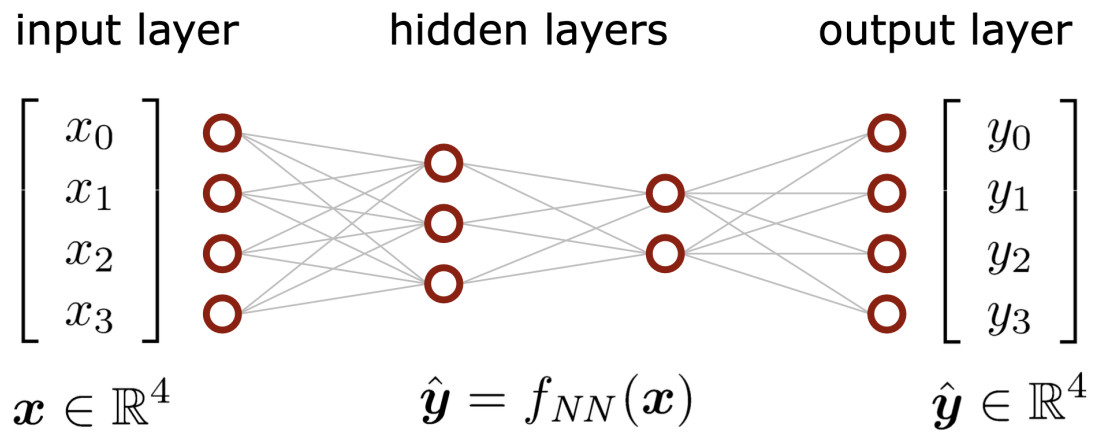
- Given some training data (and a proposed model), ML training finds optimal model parameters such that the prediction error is minimized
- Training: minimize an error/loss function $F(w)$ which depends upon the ML model and continuous w and the training data,

$$w^* = \arg \min_{w' \in W} F(w')$$

- Typically, w is just D -dimensional Euclidean space R^D , but special problems (such as clustering) have other optimization spaces
- Then use the trained parameters in the model, w^* , to make predictions about new unseen test data
- ML algorithms usually categorized according to availability of labelled data: supervised, unsupervised, self-supervised, transfer learning

- **Neural Networks are connected elementary (computing) units**

- **Multi-layer perceptron** or **MLP** is often seen as the "vanilla" neural network



A mostly complete chart of Neural Networks

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