

# Deep Feedforward Networks [GBC16]

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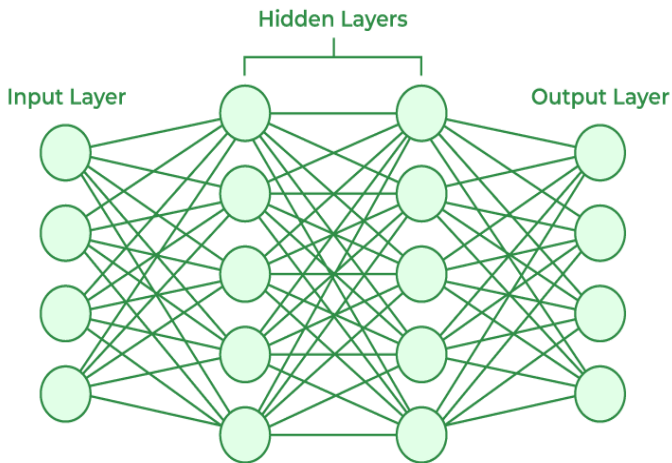
# What do we expect from deep learning?

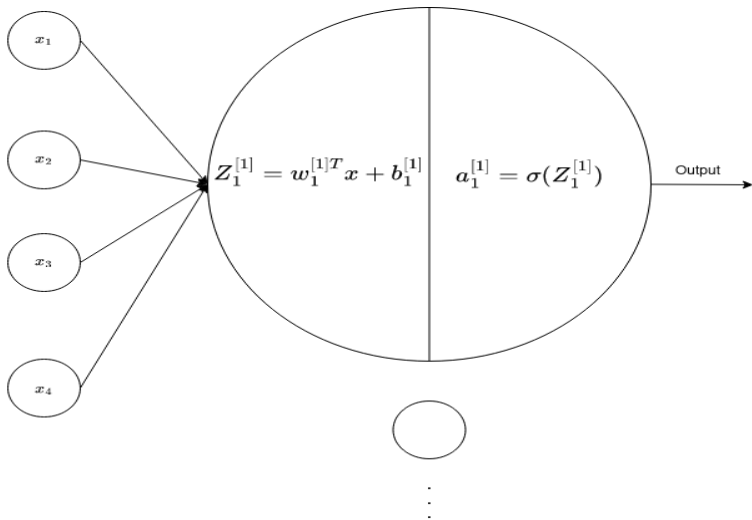
- Solve tasks that are easy for people to perform but hard for people to describe formally
- problems that we solve intuitively, like recognizing spoken words or faces in images.
- Goal: allow computers to learn from experience and understand the world in terms of a hierarchy of concepts
- a graph showing how these concepts are built  $\rightarrow$  a deep graph  $\rightarrow$  deep Learning
- the ability to acquire knowledge, by extracting patterns from raw data

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- Deep feedforward network = feedforward neural network = multilayer perceptrons (MLPs)
- essential deep learning model
- Goal: approximate some function  $f^*$
- for example: for a classifier  $y = f^*(x) \rightarrow$  approximate it with  $y = f(x; \theta)$
- feedforward?  $x \rightarrow$  intermediate computations  $\rightarrow$  output  $y$
- networks? represented by composing together many different functions
- The model is a directed acyclic graph: how the functions are composed together, layers, depth, width, hidden layers, units

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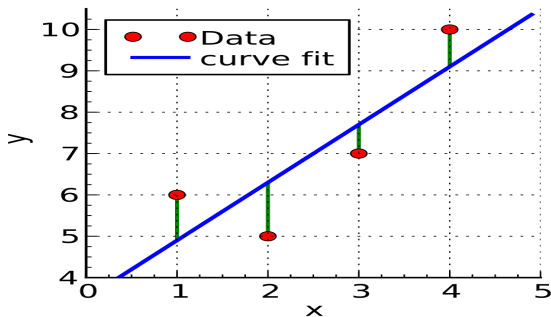






# Recap: Linear Regression

- a linear approach used to fit a predictive model to an observed data set
- error reduction in prediction
- often fitted using the least squares approach



# Example: Learning XOR

x1	x2	XOR
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

- The XOR function provides the target function  $y = f^*(x)$  that we want to learn.
- Our model provides a function  $y = f(x; \theta)$  and our learning algorithm will adapt the parameters  $\theta$  to make  $f$  as similar as possible to  $f^*$
- Train the model on the four points  
 $\mathbf{X} = \{[0, 0]^T, [0, 1]^T, [1, 0]^T, [1, 1]^T\}$

# First choice: Linear Model

- Treat the problem as a regression problem and use a mean squared error loss function

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{x \in X} (f^*(x) - f(x; \theta))^2$$

- we chose a linear model:

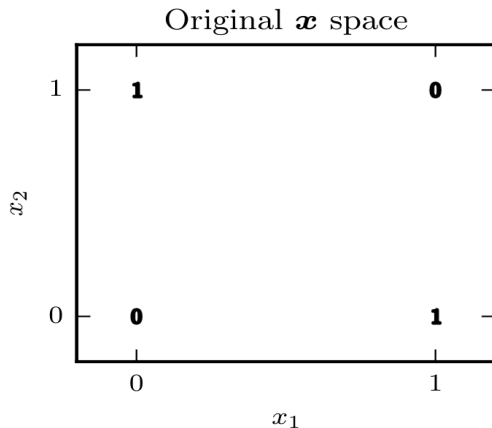
$$f(x, w, b) = x^T w + b$$

- we minimize  $J(\theta)$  with respect to  $w$  and  $b$
- $\rightarrow$  we obtain  $w = 0$  and  $b = 0.5$
- the linear model simply outputs 0.5 everywhere

Why does this happen?

# Explanation

- A linear model is not able to represent the XOR function
- XOR is not linearly separable



## Second choice: different feature space

- a simple feedforward network with one hidden layer (containing two hidden units)
- the network now contains two function chained together

$$h = f^{(1)}(x, W, c)$$

and

$$y = f^{(2)}(h, w, b)$$

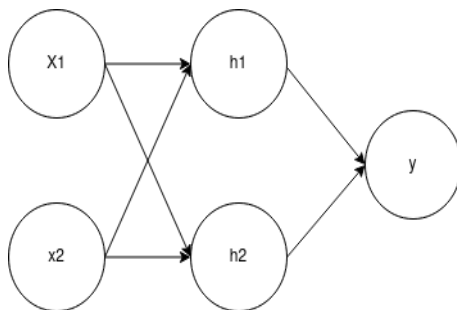
What function should  $f^{(1)}$  compute? Can it be linear?

- No, the feedforward network as whole would remain a linear function of its input
- → we use an affine transformation controlled by learned parameters, followed by a fixed nonlinear function called activation function

$$h = g(W^T x + b)$$

- $W$ : provides the weights of a linear transformation
- $b$ : provides the biases

# Network Diagram



# Solving XOR

- The complete Newtork:  $f(x, W, c, w, b) = w^T \max\{0, W^T x + c\} + b$
- We can specify a solution:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, w = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}, b = 0$$

- **X** the design matrix containing all four inputs with one example per Column:  $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$



# Let's compute it:

- $W^T X + c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Activations of the first layer: the rectified Linear Transformations:

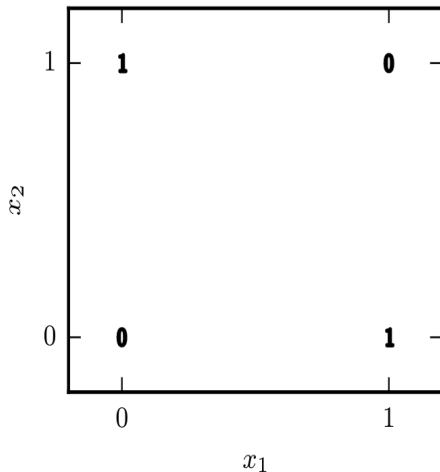
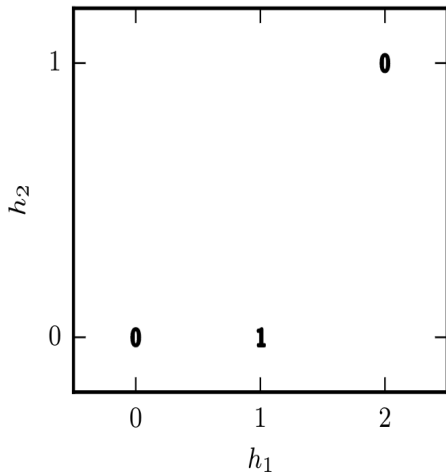
$$\max\{0, W^T X + c\} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Activations of the second layer (output):

$$w^T \max\{0, W^T X + c\} + b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ the correct answer for every example

# What have we changed?

Original  $\mathbf{x}$  spaceLearned  $\mathbf{h}$  space

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- The nonlinearity of a neural network causes most interesting loss functions to become nonconvex
- For feedforward neural networks, it is important to initialize all weights to small random values.
- we will describe how to obtain the gradient using the back-propagation algorithm and modern generalizations of the back-propagation algorithm
- we must choose a cost function, and we must choose how to represent the output of the model

- An important aspect of the design of a deep neural network is the choice of the cost function
- In general, the model defines a distribution  $p(y|x; \theta)$  and we use the principle of maximum likelihood
- → The cross-entropy between the training data and the model's predictions as the cost function.
- The total cost function combines a cost function with a regularization term

# Learning Conditional Distributions with Maximum Likelihood

- the cost function is simply the negative log-likelihood, equivalently described as the cross-entropy between the training data and the model distribution.

$$J(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_{x, y \sim \hat{p}_{data}} \log p_{model}(y|x)$$

- used to evaluate the performance of a model's predicted probability distribution against the true distribution of the data
- In the context of binary classification, where  $y$  is the true probability and  $\hat{y}$  the predicted probability:

$$J = -(y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$

## Example Binary Classification:

- In the context of binary classification, where  $y$  is the true probability and  $\hat{y}$  the predicted probability:

$$J = -(y \log \hat{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y}))$$

- $y = 1 \rightarrow J = -(y \log \hat{y}) \rightarrow \hat{y}$  large, closer to 1
- $y = 0 \rightarrow J = -\log(1 - \hat{y}) \rightarrow 1 - \hat{y}$  large,  $\hat{y}$  closer to 0

- The choice of cost function is tightly coupled with the choice of output unit
- The choice of how to represent the output then determines the form of the cross-entropy function
- Linear Units for Gaussian Output:

$$\hat{y} = W^T h + b$$

- Sigmoid Units:

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(w^T h + b)$$

- Softmax Units:



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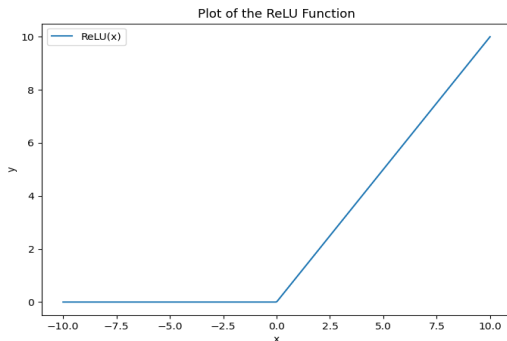
- So far, design choices for neural networks that are common to most parametric machine learning models trained with gradient-based optimization
- Now: how to choose the type of hidden unit to use in the hidden layers of the model
- extremely active area of research and does not yet have many definitive guiding theoretical principles
- Rectified linear units are an excellent default choice of hidden unit
- It can be difficult to determine when to use which kind
- The design process consists of trial and error
- Some of the hidden units included in this list are not actually differentiable at all input points
- Hidden units that are not differentiable are usually nondifferentiable at only a small number of points.
- in practice one can safely disregard the nondifferentiability of the hidden unit activation functions described below

# Role of hidden units:

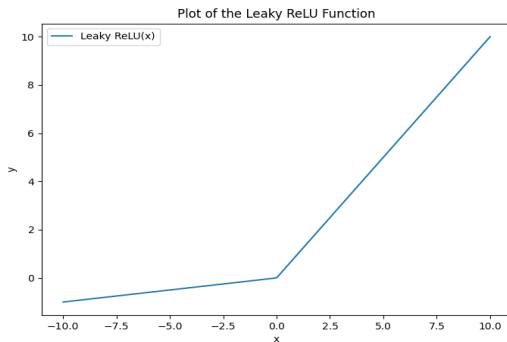
- accept a vector of inputs  $x$
- compute an affine transformation:  $z = W^T x + b$

# ReLU

- use the activation function  $g(z) = \max\{0, z\}$
- easy to optimize
- typically used on top of an affine transformation  $h = g(W^T x + b)$



# Leaky ReLU



# Logistic Sigmoid and Hyperbolic Tangent

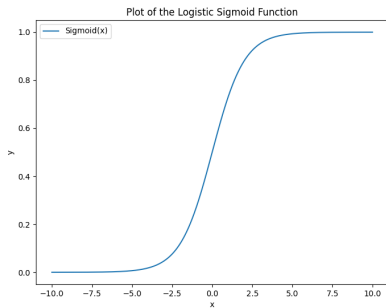
- Prior to the introduction of rectified linear units, most neural networks used the logistic sigmoid activation function

$$g(z) = \sigma(z)$$

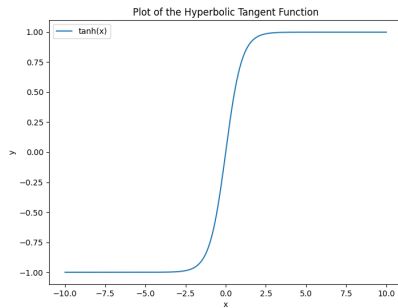
or the hyperbolic tangent activation function

$$g(z) = \tanh(z)$$

- $\tanh(z) = 2\sigma(2z) - 1$



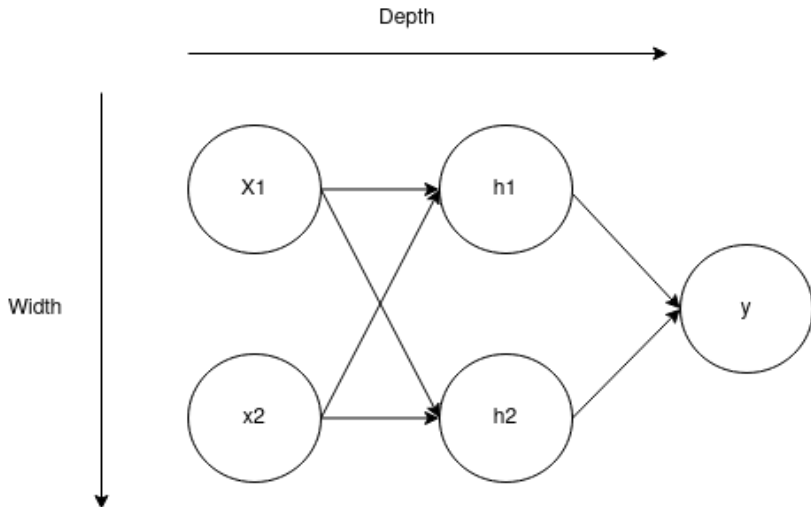
(a) Logistic Sigmoid



(b) Hyperbolic Tangent

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# What do we mean with architecture?

- Architecture: the overall structure of the network: how many units it should have and how these units should be connected to each other
- Most neural network architectures arrange layers in a chain structure, with each layer being a function of the layer that preceded it
- The first layer is given by :

$$h^{(1)} = g^{(1)}(W^{(1)T}x + b^{(1)})$$

- The second layer:

$$h^{(2)} = g^{(2)}(W^{(2)T}x + b^{(2)})$$

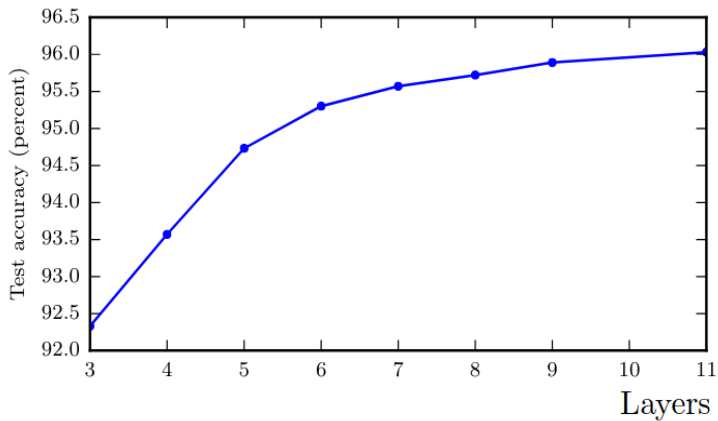
- the main architectural considerations are choosing the depth of the network and the width of each layer

# The Universal Approximator Theorem

- One hidden layer is enough to represent an approximation of any function to an arbitrary degree of accuracy

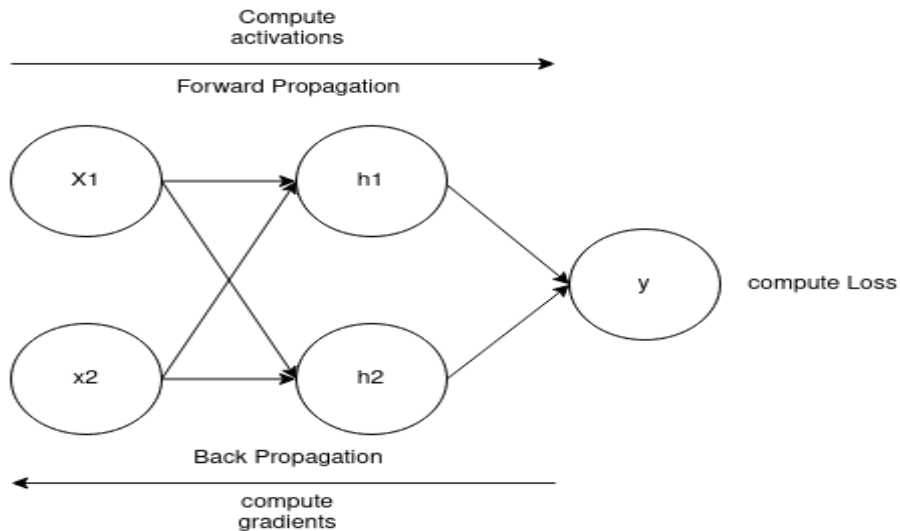
So why deeper Networks?

- Shallow Network may need (exponentially) more width
- Shallow Network may overfit more



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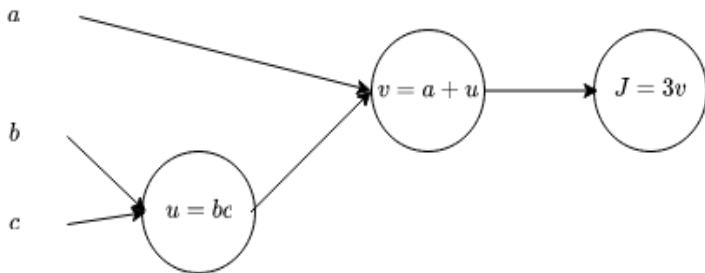
## overview



- To describe the back-propagation Algorithm more precisely → a more precise computational Graph language
- each node indicates a variable(scalar, vector, matrix, tensor ...)
- Operation: a simple function of one or more variables
- a directed edge from  $x$  to  $y$ :  $y$  is computed by applying an operation to a variable  $x$
- → just a way of expressing and evaluating a mathematical expression

# Example:

$$J = 3(a + bc)$$





# Chain Rule of Calculus

- used to compute the derivatives of functions formed by composing other functions
- Back-propagation is an algorithm that computes the chain rule, with a specific order of operations that is highly efficient
- Suppose that  $y = g(x)$  and  $z = f(g(x)) = f(y)$  then the chain rule states that:

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

- we can generalize this:  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $g$  maps from  $\mathbb{R}^m$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  then:

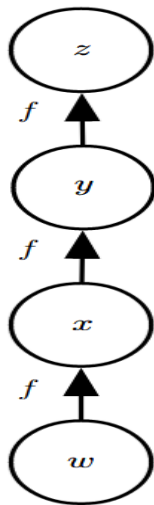
$$\nabla_x z = \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^T \nabla_y z$$

- $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$  is the  $n \times m$  Jacobian matrix of  $g$

# Recursively Applying the Chain Rule to obtain Backprop

- Back-propagation is the chain rule of calculus recursively applied to compute gradients of expressions
- It is a particular implementation of the chain rule
- uses dynamic programming (table filling) → to avoid recomputing repeated subexpressions
- Speed vs memory tradeoff

# Repeated subexpressions

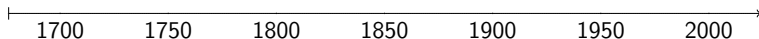


$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \\
 &= \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial w} \\
 &= f'(y) f'(x) f'(w) \\
 &= f'(f(f(w))) f'(f(w)) f'(w)
 \end{aligned}$$

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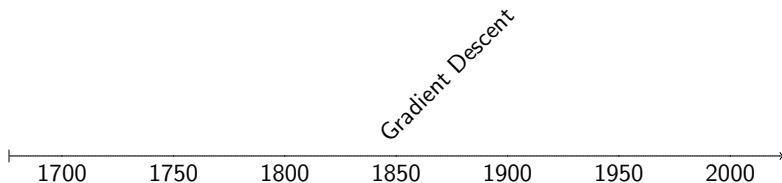
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The chain Rule of Calculus



- The chain rule that underlies the back-propagation algorithm was invented in the seventeenth century (Leibniz, 1676; L'Hôpital, 1696)

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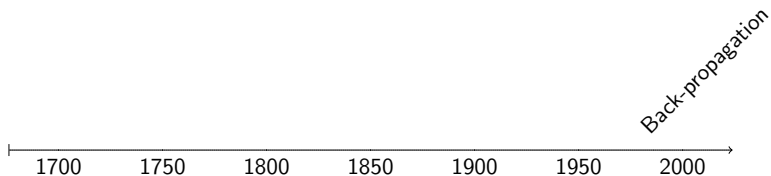
- Gradient descent was introduced as a technique for iteratively approximating the solution to optimization problems in the nineteenth century (Cauchy, 1847).

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- Beginning in the 1940s, these function approximation techniques were used to motivate machine learning models such as the perceptron. However, the earliest models were based on linear models

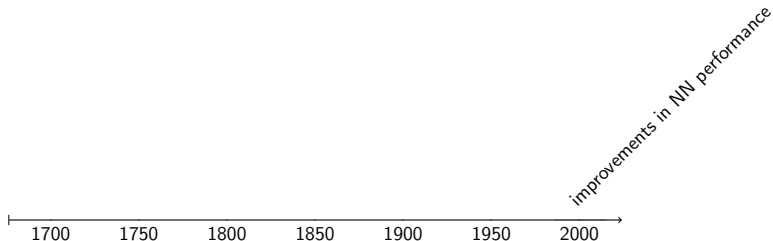
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- the first successful experiments with back-propagation



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- Most of the improvement in neural network performance from 1986 to 2015 can be attributed to the following factors

# Why is Deep Learning taking off?

- larger dataset
- neural networks have become much larger, because of more powerful computers and better software infrastructure
- some algorithmic changes have also improved the performance of neural networks noticeably
- the replacement of mean squared error with the cross-entropy family of loss functions
- the replacement of sigmoid hidden units with piecewise linear hidden units, such as rectified linear units

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# Code demo

Putting it together: Planar Data Classification

Thank you



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