

# Introduction to neural networks

## Feed-forward networks

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# The Simplest Neural Network (NN)

One layer network

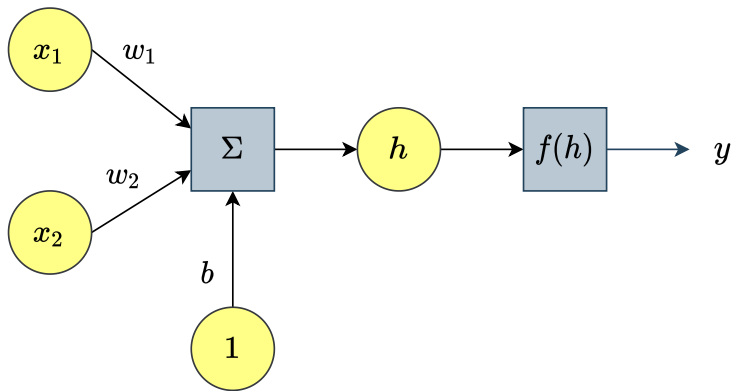
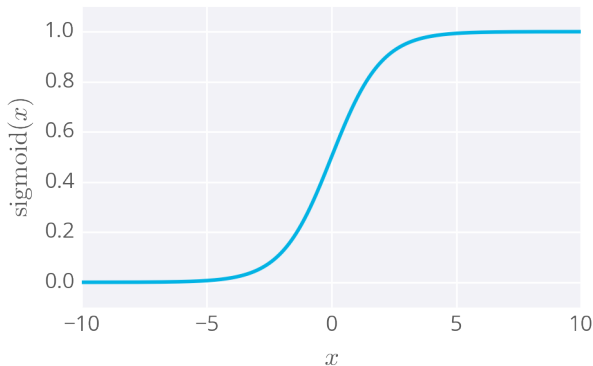


Figure: Diagram of a simple neural network (one perceptrón)

# The simplest NN

- The activation function can be any function.
- A nice function is the sigmoid (logistic)

$$\text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad (1)$$



# The simplest NN

$$\hat{y} = f(h) = \textit{sigmoid}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + b\right) \quad (2)$$

- A simple NN does not offer advantage over linear regression models.
- Stacking nodes provides a powerful tool versus regression models.

## ¿Cómo aprendemos?



Figure: Ilustración de aprendizaje. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Anderson-bastidas.com

# Prediction Error

- How wrong the predictions are?
- Sum of squared errors (SSE)<sup>2</sup>

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^m [y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu}]^2 \quad (3)$$

where  $\hat{y}$  is the prediction,  $y$  is the true value and  $\mu$  the data row.

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<sup>2</sup>\*divided by 2 for further derivation



- Prediction

$$\hat{y}^{\mu} = f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^{\mu} + b \right) \quad (4)$$

- The error depends on the weights

$$E(w_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu=1}^m \left[ y^{\mu} - f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i^{\mu} + b \right) \right]^2 \quad (5)$$

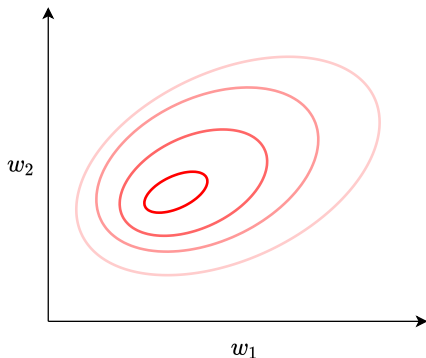
- Our goal is to find the weights that minimize the error.

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# Gradient Descent

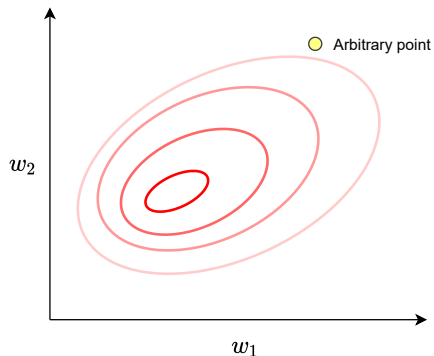
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<sup>3</sup>Rosenbloom, P. "The method of steepest descent." Proc Symp Appl Math. Vol. 6. 1956.

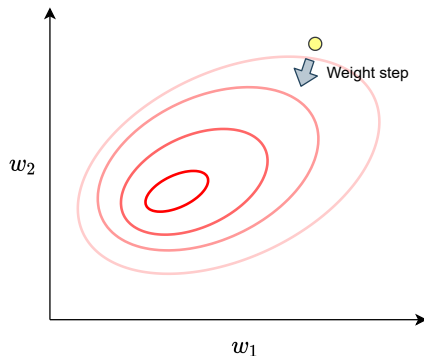
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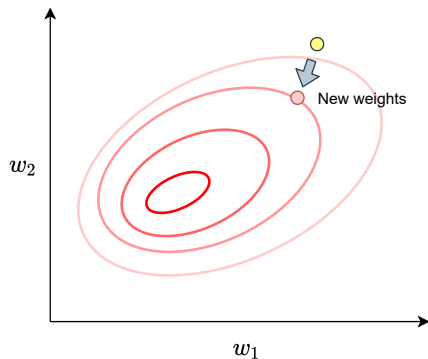
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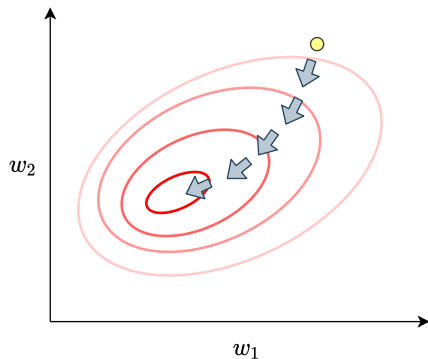
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- If  $f$  is a function of two variables  $x$  and  $y$ , then the gradient of  $f$  is the vector function  $\nabla f$  defined by

$$\nabla f(x, y) = [f_x(x, y), f_y(x, y)] = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}i + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}j \quad (6)$$

[Stewart, Multivariate Calculus]



# Gradient

- It is a vector valued function.

$$y = f(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$$

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_2} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- A nice explanation: [khanacademy.org/.../gradient](https://khanacademy.org/.../gradient)

- The gradient of the error function

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} = -(y - \hat{y})f'(h)x_i \quad (7)$$

- Error term

$$\delta = (y - \hat{y})f'(h) = (y - \hat{y})f'(\sum_i w_i x_i) \quad (8)$$

- Weight step

$$\Delta w_i = \eta \delta x_i \quad (9)$$

- Weight update

$$w_i = w_i + \Delta w_i \quad (10)$$

# Gradient descent algorithm

**Data:** Conjunto de datos ( $Data$ ), Número de registros ( $m$ )

**Result:** Pesos entrenados ( $W$ )

$\Delta w_i = 0$  ;

$w_i = \text{Initialize}()$ ;

*/\* Inicializar pesos \*/*

**for**  $e$  *epocas* **do**

**foreach**  $x \in Data$  **do**

$\hat{y} = f(h(x, W))$  ;

*/\* Pase frontal \*/*

$\delta = (y - \hat{y})f'(h)$  ;

*/\* Término de error \*/*

$\Delta w_i = \Delta w_i + \delta x_i$  ;

*/\* Acumular Incremento \*/*

**end**

$w_i = w_i + \frac{\eta}{m} \Delta w_i$  ;

*/\* Actualizar pesos \*/*

**end**

**return**  $W$

**Algorithm 1:** Descenso por gradiente

## Exercise. Implement a simple neural network.

- Given

$$x = [2, 1],$$

$$w = [-0.5, 0.5],$$

$$y = 0.6,$$

$$\eta = 0.4,$$

$$f = \textit{sigmoid}$$

- Draw the diagram of the NN.
- Calculate: i) output of the NN, ii) residual error of the NN, iii) error term and iv) weight increment,

# Some tips

- Derivative of the Sigmoid

$$f(x) = \text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \quad (11)$$

$$f' = f(1 - f) \quad (12)$$

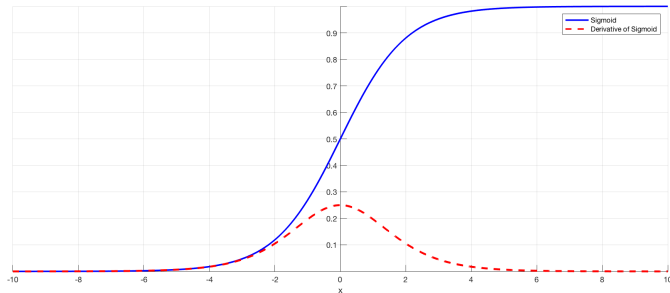


Figure: Sigmoid and its derivative

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# Multiple outputs

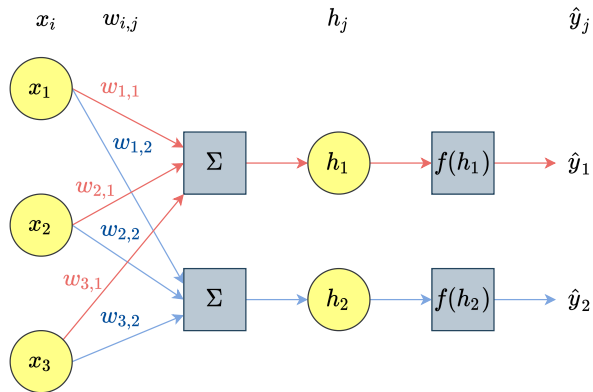


Figure: Neural network with multiple outputs

# Learning the weights for multiple outputs

- Prediction

$$\hat{y}_j^\mu = f \left( \sum_i w_{i,j} x_i + b \right) \quad (13)$$

- Sum of squared errors (SSE)

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \sum_j \left[ y_j^\mu - \hat{y}_j^\mu \right]^2 \quad (14)$$

where  $\hat{y}$  is the prediction,  $y$  is the true value,  $j$  the output and  $\mu$  the data row.  
Substituting:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu} \sum_j \left[ y_j^\mu - f \left( \sum_i w_{i,j} x_i + b \right) \right]^2 \quad (15)$$

# Learning the weights for multiple outputs

- Error term

$$\delta_j = (y_j - \hat{y}_j)f'(h_j) \quad (16)$$

- Weight step

$$\Delta w_{i,j} = \eta \delta_j x_i \quad (17)$$

- Weight update

$$w_{i,j} = w_{i,j} + \Delta w_{i,j} \quad (18)$$

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# Mean squared error

## Loss functions

- Avoids the divergence from the gradient descent provoked by a large data set.

$$E = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{\mu} (y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu})^2 \quad (19)$$

- $m$  is the number of examples

# Mean squared error

## Loss functions

- Smaller penalization to large errors

$$E = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{\mu} |y^{\mu} - \hat{y}^{\mu}| \quad (20)$$

- $m$  is the number of examples

# Weights initialization

- Set bias ( $b$ ) to zero
- Zero initialization for weights is not successful
- Random numbers is better but be careful of large numbers

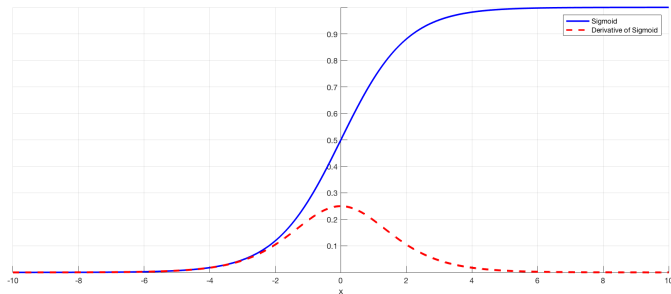
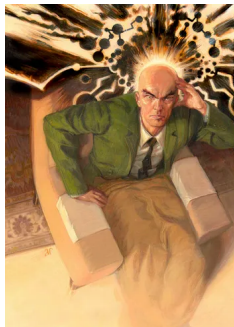


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## Weights initialization (2)



- Xavier initialization.

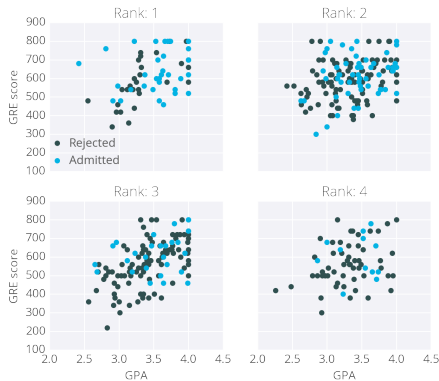
$$w = \text{rand}\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \quad (21)$$

where  $n$  is number of input units.



# Categorical Data

- Admissions (again..). This dataset has three input features: GRE score, GPA, and the rank of the undergraduate school (numbered 1 through 4). Institutions with rank 1 have the highest prestige, those with rank 4 have the lowest.



# Categorical Data

## One-hot encoding

- Numerical and categorical data
- Add dummy variables.

	admit	gre	gpa	rank_1	rank_2	rank_3	rank_4
15	0	-0.932334	0.131646	0	0	1	0
115	0	0.279614	1.576859	0	0	1	0
55	1	1.318426	1.603135	0	0	1	0
175	1	0.279614	-0.052290	0	1	0	0
63	1	0.799020	1.208986	0	0	1	0
67	0	0.279614	-0.236227	1	0	0	0
216	0	-2.144282	-1.287291	1	0	0	0
145	0	-1.798011	0.105369	0	0	1	0
286	1	1.837832	-0.446439	1	0	0	0
339	1	0.625884	0.210476	0	0	1	0

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