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Artificial Intelligence
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Artificial Intelligence
Topics for today Session # 03

- Announcements
- Previous session review
- History of AI...
 - *from Turing machine to deep learning*
 - *3 waves of AI research*
 - *general intelligence and deep learning*
- What “drives” AI?
 - “Big” data sets
- Learning of agents
 - *Brief intro on biological & artificial neurons*
 - *Transfer functions*

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Announcements Session # 03

- Canvas
 - New slides posted
 - All enrolled should have access – please check
- Class roster
 - All of you should be on the Canvas class email list – contact Instructor in case you are not receiving these emails
- Project #1
 - Will be posted soon
- Prereqs
 - Must have the pre-reqs CMSC 401, MATH 310 (except when approved prior).
- Subject line and signature
 - Please use [CMSC 409] Last_Name Question

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The image shows the AI Club landing page. At the top right, there's a yellow banner with the text "EMPOWER YOUR AI JOURNEY". Below it, a paragraph reads: "Whether you're an AI novice or a seasoned coder, AI Club is your gateway to mastering this dynamic field. We believe in the power of collective intelligence, where diverse minds come together to create AI solutions for tomorrow. Be a leader; be a game-changer with AI Club." To the left of the banner, there's a collage of icons including a sailboat, a green circular logo, and a blue hexagon with a white 'G'. Below the banner, there are three main sections: "HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS", "FUEL REVOLUTIONARY DIALOGUES", and "NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES". Each section has a brief description and a small image. The "HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS" section features a workshop scene with people at tables. The "FUEL REVOLUTIONARY DIALOGUES" section features a man in a suit talking to a large robot. The "NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES" section features two images: one of people networking and another of people working together.

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A few slides on

- "zeroth" assignment
- forming groups
- Canvas
- Zoom info

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Your “zeroth” assignment (deadline Aug.31)

- A:**
1. Form a team (team lead + up to 2 members)
 2. Provide information in [google document](#)
 3. Inform Instructor (mmanic@vcu.edu) & TAs

Sandun Bandara (mavikumbureh@vcu.edu),

Victor Cobilean <cobileanv@vcu.edu>

Note: Team lead should always keep team members in cc

- B:**
1. Send an email to Instructor & TA:
 2. Use subject line [CMSC 409] Your Name, Background
 3. Describe your professional/academic background (briefly)
 4. Describe your interests in AI and course expectations

I receive a large number of emails on daily basis. Please use this subject line so your email ends up in right place in my Inbox. If any urgent matter arises, please append your subject line with “ – URGENT”.

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<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YMP0tcAzOeB4sH9OU4OvvX9h3afKOOGn/edit#gid=697412957>

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<- Populate this document by Aug.31

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Canvas:

Zoom (office hours)

- Login to <https://vcu.zoom.us/> - that activates your zoom account in case you do not have it already
- This is the licensed account

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- Zoom Chat (contact me any time)
 - Login to zoom app
 - Start Chat
 - If there is a green dot next to my name, I am not in Zoom call
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• **Discussions**

- Welcome thread created
- Feel free to use it, create new ones...

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History of AI...

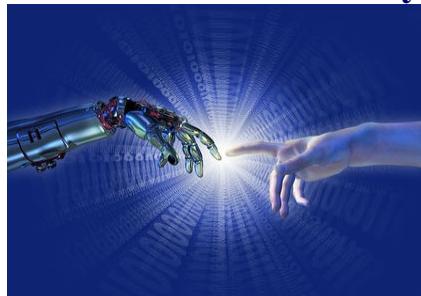
From Turing Machine to Deep Learning

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One view of AI history...



From Fantasy and Fact

Artificial intelligence has come far since its inception, both in its practical applications and in the popular imagination.

1950 The mathematician

Alan Turing proposes a test

for machine intelligence.

1956 John McCarthy coin-

es the term "artificial intelli-

gence" as the topic of the Dartmo-

ur Conference, the first

conference devoted to

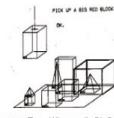
the subject.

1959 Arthur Samuel's checkers program wins games against the best human players.

1962 First industrial robot company, Unimation, found-



1967 "HAL" (above) stars in "2001: A Space Odyssey."



1969 Stanford Research Institute: Shakey the Robot demonstrated combining movement, perception and problem solving.



1971 Terry Winograd's Ph.D. thesis, "MILTA," demonstrated the ability of computers to understand English sentences in a restricted world of children's blocks, in a coupling of his language-understanding program with a robot arm that carried out instructions typed in English.



1977 C3PO and R2D2 star in "Star Wars."

1981 The Fifth Generation Computer Systems project by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan heralds a generation of intelligent machines.



1985 A Kawasaki robot kills a Japanese mechanic during a malfunction.

1997 I.B.M.'s Deep Blue chess program beats the world chess champion Gary Kasparov in a widely followed match.

2005 Stanley, a robot Volkswagen SUV, designed by a team of Stanford University engineers, wins the DARPA Grand Challenge award by traveling autonomously for 132 miles through a desert.

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The New York Times / Photographs by Associated Press (HAL), Professor Terry Winograd (blocks), 20th Century Fox (Star Wars), Agence France Presse (Deep Blue), PRNewsFoto (Volkswagen)

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AI, the past and the future...

Artificial Intelligence (AI)...

- Initially for problems w/ formal, math rules
- Humans solve problems intuitively (speech, image recognition)
- Challenge
 - *solve tasks which are easy for people (but hard to describe formally)*
- How about “intuitive” problem solution?
 - *learn from experience, decomposing hierarchy of concepts*
 - *avoid the need to formally specify “the knowledge”, instead...*
 - *describe hierarchy of concepts via graph with many layers*
“deep learning” (with many layers)
- Early examples:
 - *IBM’s Deep Blue chess-playing (beat Garry Kasparov in 1997)*
 - *Can be described via formal rules (64 rules, 32 pieces, allowable moves)*

References:

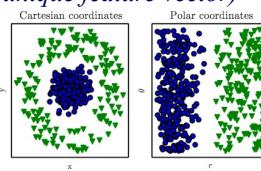
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AI, the past and the future...

Artificial Intelligence (cont.)...

- Abstract/formal tasks most difficult for humans (vs. machine)
- Informal knowledge (humans good at)
 - *Subjective and intuitive knowledge (human)*
 - *How can machine articulate informal knowledge in formal way?*
- Machine learning
 - *Hardcoding knowledge (e.g. pattern matching, or Naïve Bayes for spam filters)*
 - *Data representation (using features, not defining features; Arabic vs. Roman numerals)*
 - *Much work goes into designing right features, then feeding those to ML*
 - *Char recognition (unique feature vector)*



Goodfellow et. al, Deep Learning, MIT, 2016

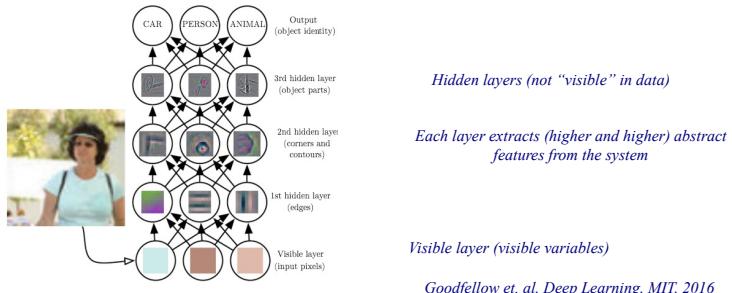
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AI, the past and the future...

- Deep learning
 - building complex concepts out of simpler ones
 - Multilayer perceptron (MLP)
 - complex output function (based on number of simple functions)
 - each layer new representation for its input
 - building complex concepts out of simpler ones



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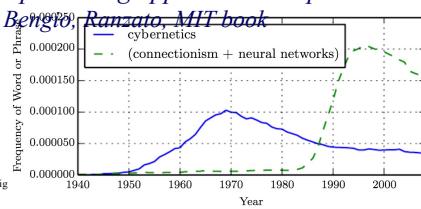
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One view of the AI history...

- A new topic?
 - dates back to 1940s
 - “ANNs, one of the names that DL has gone by...” (Goodfellow, et al MIT 2016)
- According to Goodfellow, Bengio, MIT book
 - freq. of 3 words: “cybernetics”, “connectionism”, “neural networks”
 - three historical waves of ANN research
 - **1st wave** - cybernetics, single neuron training:
 - 1940s-1960s: McCulloch and Pitts 1943, Hebb 1949, Rosenblatt's Perceptron 1958
 - **2nd wave** - connectionist approach 1980s-1995:
 - EBP (Rumelhart et al 1986, several hidden layers); simple units can achieve intelligent behavior;
 - **3rd wave** – deep learning approach 2006-present:
 - Hinton, Bengio, Ranzato, MIT book

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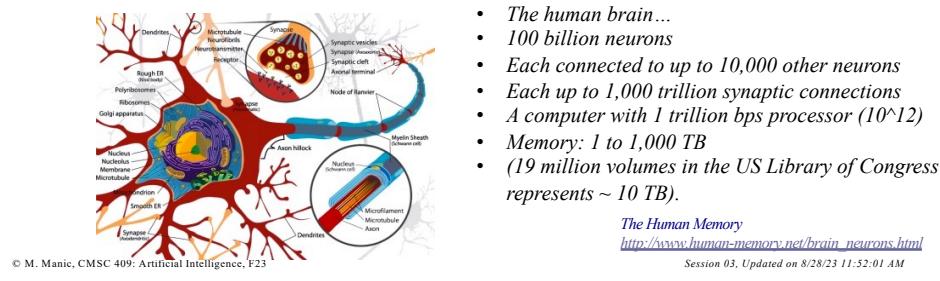


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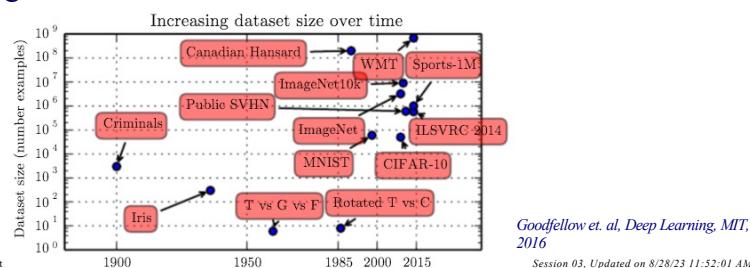
- Neural perspective
 - building intelligence by reverse engineering functionality of brain
 - “deeply” interesting to understand brain and human intelligence (ML models)
- Deep Learning
 - goes beyond current ML – learning of **multiple levels of composition**
 - **not necessarily neural inspired**
- **Why diminished role of neuroscience in DL?**
 - not enough info about the brain



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One view of the AI history... (cont.)

- 1990s to 2007 (cont.)...
 - 2006 breakthrough...
 - Hinton 2006 – Deep Belief Networks (greedy layer-wise pretraining)
 - Bengio, Ranzato 2007 – other kind of DNN, improving generalization
 - DNN outperforming competing ML based AI systems
- **3rd wave**
 - Continues as of today
 - Started with unsupervised learning and DL to generalize from small data sets
 - Now older supervised learning and ability of DL large labeled data sets
- Increasing data sets



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What drives the AI...?

- Increasing data sets (*cont.*)
 - learning algorithms mimicking human performance remain similar
 - 1980s toy problems algorithms used today
 - BUT models/architectures use very deep architectures today...
 - today we can provide resources
 - in 2016, rule of thumb:
 - DL needs 5,000 labeled examples per category for success
 - 10M labeled examples to match/exceed human performance
 - the age of Big Data...
 - Data sets:
 - 1900s – statisticians working on 100, 100,000 patterns
 - 1950s-1980s - small synthetic data (letters), Widrow-Hoff 60s, Rumelhart 80s
 - 1980s-1990s - 10,000 scans of handwritten numbers
 - MNIST, LeCun 1998
 - 2000s –
 - CIFAR-10 (Krizhevsky, Hinton 2009), 100,000 – 10Ms like
 - SVHN - Street View House Numbers (Netzer et al 2011), ImageNet (Deng et al, 2009), Sports-1M (Karpathy et al 2014)

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What “drives” the AI...?

- Increasing data sets (*cont.*)
 - The Street View House Numbers (SVHN) Dataset
 - Over 600,000 digit images, coming from a significantly harder, unsolved, real world problem (recognizing digits and numbers in natural scene images)
 - Minimal requirement on data preprocessing and formatting
 - Labeled data
 - Suitable for developing ML, object recognition algorithms
 - Real-world image dataset
 - obtained from house numbers in Google Street View
 - Similar to MNIST
 - (images of small cropped digits), but order of magnitude more labeled data



Format 1: Full Numbers



Format 2: Cropped Digits

<http://ufldl.stanford.edu/housenumbers/>

Yuval Netzer, Tao Wang, Adam Coates, Alessandro Bissacco, Bo Wu, Andrew Y. Ng Reading Digits in Natural Images with Unsupervised Feature Learning NIPS Workshop on Deep Learning and Unsupervised Feature Learning 2011.

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What “drives” the AI...?

- CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100
 - Labeled subsets of the 80M tiny images
 - CIFAR-10 dataset consists of 60,000 32x32 color images in 10 classes
 - 6,000 images/class; 50,000 training images; 10,000 test images;

airplane	
automobile	
bird	
cat	
deer	
dog	
frog	
horse	
ship	
truck	

- CIFAR-10 python version - 163 MB
- CIFAR-10 Matlab version - 175 MB
- CIFAR-10 binary version - 162 MB

<https://www.cs.toronto.edu/~kriz/cifar.html>

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What “drives” the AI...?

- Increasing data sets (cont.)
 - MNIST - Modified NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology)
 - training set of 60,000 examples, and a test set of 10,000 examples
 - Labeled data
 - Widely used in DL research
 - Subset of a larger set
 - available from NIST who collected data originally
 - Modified
 - data preprocessed for ML
 - the digits have been size-normalized and centered in a fixed-size image

<http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/mnist/>

The digit images in the MNIST set were originally selected and experimented with by Chris Burges and Corinna Cortes using bounding-box normalization and centering.

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What “drives” the AI...?

- 25 Open Datasets
 - 25 Open Datasets for Deep Learning Every Data Scientist Must Work With
 - <https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2018/03/comprehensive-collection-deep-learning-datasets/>

The screenshot shows the Analytics Vidhya homepage with a navigation bar for BLOG, COURSES, HACKATHONS, JOBS, AI & ML BLACKBELT+, and CONTACT. Below the navigation is a search bar and a sidebar for M.S. in Applied Data Science. The main content area features a heading '25 Open Datasets for Deep Learning Every Data Scientist Must Work With' and a sub-section 'Introduction'. A red box highlights the URL 'https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2018/03/comprehensive-collection-deep-learning-datasets/'.

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What “drives” the AI...?

- A.I. Wiki
 - A Beginner’s Guide to AI, ML, DL
 - <https://pathmind.com/wiki/open-datasets>

The screenshot shows the Pathmind A.I. Wiki homepage with a navigation bar for GO HOME, A.I. News, and a search bar. The main content area features a heading 'A.I. Wiki' and a sub-section 'Open Datasets'. A red box highlights the URL 'https://wiki.pathmind.com/mnist'. The page also includes sections for 'Recent Additions' and 'MNIST examples'.

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What “drives” the AI...?

- **tfhub**
 - *TensorFlow Hub (600+ models)*
 - <https://tfhub.dev/s?module-type=typ>

The screenshot shows the TensorFlow Hub search interface. A search bar at the top contains "Search for models, collections & publishers". Below it, a sidebar has "Tensorflow" selected under "Problem domains". The main area displays a grid of search results for "Text embedding". Each result includes a thumbnail, the model name, its description, the publisher, and the date it was published or updated. The results are filtered by "Text embedding" and "TF.js". The sidebar also lists other problem domains like "Image", "Text", and "Video", and various model formats including "TF.js", "TFLite", and "Coral". A red circle highlights the "TensorFlow Hub" logo in the top right corner of the sidebar.

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What “drives” the AI...?

- **Google’s Colab**
 - *A hosted Jupyter notebook service*
 - Requires no setup to use, while providing free access to computing resources including GPUs
 - Zero configuration required
 - Easy sharing
 - *You can*
 - Improve your Python programming language coding skills, develop deep learning applications using popular libraries such as Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, and OpenCV
 - <https://colab.research.google.com/>

The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook titled "intro_to_neural_nets.ipynb". The interface includes a header with "Free! Cloud Server TPU & GPU" and the "Google colab" logo. The notebook content starts with a section titled "Intro to Neural Networks". Below it, there's a "Learning Objectives" section with bullet points about defining neural networks and learning nonlinearities. The code editor shows some Python code, and the sidebar on the left has a "Table of contents" section with links to "Getting started", "Data science", "Machine learning", "More Resources", "Machine Learning Examples", and "Section". A red circle highlights the "Google colab" logo in the top right corner of the header.

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Deep Learning



- “General intelligence” capability is here...
 - building intelligence by reverse engineering functionality of brain
 - “deeply” interesting to understand brain and human intelligence (ML models)
- Deep Learning
 - goes beyond current ML – learning of **multiple levels of composition**
 - **not necessarily neurally inspired**
- RL is back...
 - Extension of Reinforcement Learning...
 - Learning by trial and error, rewards
- Companies using DL:
 - Google, Microsoft, Facebook, IBM, Baidu, Apple, Adobe, Netflix, NVIDIA, NEC



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Brief Intro on

- Biological & artificial neuron
- McCulloch-Pitts neurons
- Brief historical perspective

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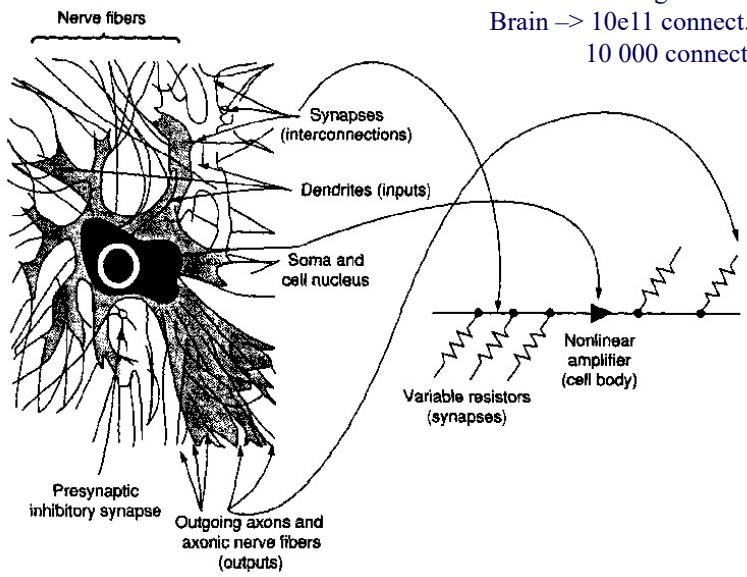
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BIOLOGICAL NEURON



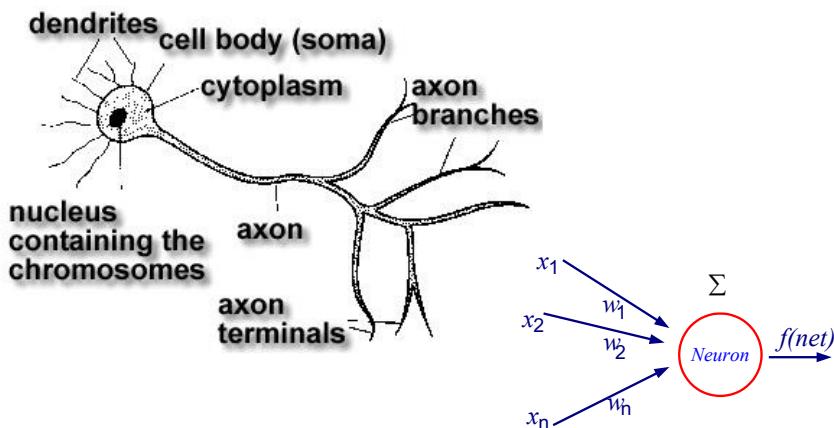
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BIOLOGICAL NEURON & LINEAR THRESHOLD DEVICE



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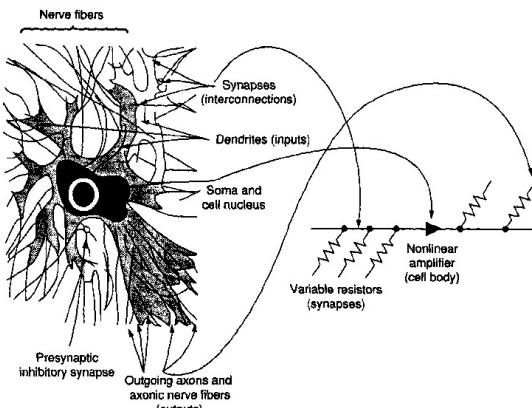
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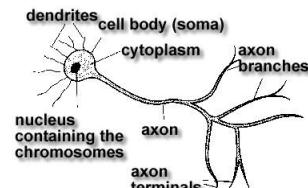
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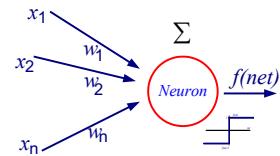
Biological Neuron



ANN <-> biological counterparts
Brain \rightarrow 10e11 connect. elements,
10 000 connect.per el.



Artificial neuron



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Learning of Agents - transfer function

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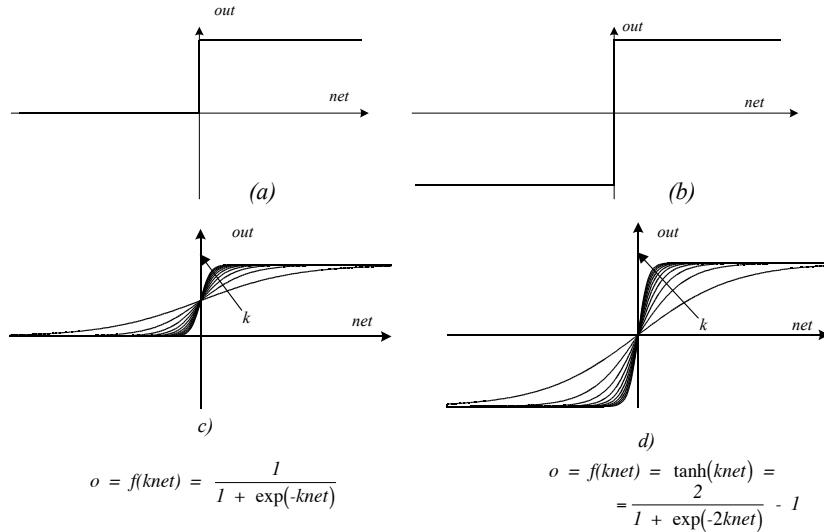
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Learning Agents – transfer function (for now, note the shape of the function only)



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Things to remember...

- What led to explosion of deep learning
 - Problems (data) where not so “big” until couple of decades ago
 - Machines were not that powerful (GPUs)
- Traditional NNs vs. deep learning (DL)
 - DL not the only choice, not necessarily “mimicking humans” yet, and cannot necessarily “digest” data without preprocessing. In fact, some ANNs can solve problems without much data preprocessing (example with Japanese char. recognition), and some DL algorithms may require quite a bit of preprocessing.
- Threshold
 - When net reaches that value, neuron starts “firing”!
 - Until then, neuron not active” (remember the lower threshold in biological neurons)
- Activation functions
 - “hard” activation function
 - simple but sufficient for problems that do not warrant a more complicated one (remember which?)
 - not uniquely defined, not continuous (differentiable)
 - “soft” activation function
 - powerful but computationally expensive; differentiable (we’ll see why important soon!)

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