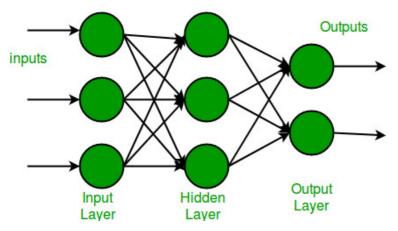
Practical 2





A **Multilayer Perceptron (MLP)** is a type of **feedforward artificial neural network** consisting of an input layer, one or more hidden layers, and an output layer. It is capable of learning **nonlinear functions** using multiple layers of neurons and the **backpropagation** algorithm.

• Every connection in the diagram is a representation of the fully connected nature of an MLP. This means that every node in one layer connects to every node in the next layer. As the data moves through the network each layer transforms it until the final output is generated in the output layer.

Components of Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

Input Layer: Each neuron or node in this layer corresponds to an input feature. For instance, if you have three input features the input layer will have three neurons.

Hidden Layers: MLP can have any number of hidden layers with each layer containing any number of nodes. These layers process the information received from the input layer.

Output Layer: The output layer generates the final prediction or result. If there are multiple outputs, the output layer will have a corresponding number of neurons.

1. Structure of an MLP

An MLP with:

- L layers (excluding the input layer)
- n_0 input neurons (features)
- ullet n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_L neurons in each hidden and output layer

The layers are connected as:

Input layer \rightarrow Hidden layers \rightarrow Output layer

Each layer performs:

- 1. Linear transformation (weighted sum)
- 2. Nonlinear activation function

2. Forward Propagation (Mathematical Formulas)

Let's denote:

• $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}$: Input vector

 $oldsymbol{oldsymbol{w}}^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l imes n_{l-1}}$: Weight matrix for layer l

 $oldsymbol{b}^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l}$: Bias vector for layer l

• $\mathbf{z}^{[l]}$: Linear combination before activation

• $\mathbf{a}^{[l]}$: Activation output of layer l

For each layer $l=1,2,\ldots,L$:

1. Linear transformation:

$$\mathbf{z}^{[l]} = \mathbf{W}^{[l]} \mathbf{a}^{[l-1]} + \mathbf{b}^{[l]}$$

• Where $\mathbf{a}^{[0]} = \mathbf{x}$ (input layer)

2. Activation function:

$$\mathbf{a}^{[l]} = f^{[l]}(\mathbf{z}^{[l]})$$

Common activation functions:

 $\hbox{ \bullet Sigmoid: } f(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$ $\hbox{ \bullet Tanh: } f(z) = \frac{e^z-e^{-z}}{e^z+e^{-z}}$

• ReLU: $f(z) = \max(0, z)$

• Softmax (for multi-class output):

$$\operatorname{softmax}(z_i) = rac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_j e^{z_j}}$$

Forward Pass Final Output:

$$\hat{y} = \mathbf{a}^{[L]}$$

3. Loss Function

The loss function depends on the task:

1. Regression (MSE):

$$\mathcal{L} = rac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)}
ight)^2$$

2. Binary Classification (Binary Cross-Entropy):

$$\mathcal{L} = -rac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^m \left[y^{(i)}\log \hat{y}^{(i)} + \left(1-y^{(i)}
ight)\log \left(1-\hat{y}^{(i)}
ight)
ight]$$

3. Multi-Class Classification (Categorical Cross-Entropy):

$$\mathcal{L} = -rac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{K} y_k^{(i)} \log \hat{y}_k^{(i)}$$

Where:

• m = number of samples

• y = true label

• \hat{y} = predicted output

4. Backpropagation (Weight Update Equations)

MLP learns using gradient descent via backpropagation:

1. Compute output error:

$$\delta^{[L]} = rac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{a}^{[L]}} \odot f'^{[L]}(\mathbf{z}^{[L]})$$

Where \odot is element-wise multiplication.

2. Backpropagate error:

$$\delta^{[l]} = \left(\mathbf{W}^{[l+1]^T} \delta^{[l+1]}
ight) \odot f'^{[l]}(\mathbf{z}^{[l]})$$

3. Compute gradients:

$$egin{aligned} rac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{[l]}} &= \delta^{[l]} \cdot \mathbf{a}^{[l-1]^T} \ rac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{[l]}} &= \delta^{[l]} \end{aligned}$$

4. Update weights (Gradient Descent):

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{W}^{[l]} &:= \mathbf{W}^{[l]} - \eta rac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{[l]}} \ \mathbf{b}^{[l]} &:= \mathbf{b}^{[l]} - \eta rac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{[l]}} \end{aligned}$$

Where η is the **learning rate**.

5. Summary of MLP Learning

- 1. Initialize weights ${f W}$ and biases ${f b}$
- 2. Forward pass: Compute $\mathbf{z}^{[l]}$ and $\mathbf{a}^{[l]}$
- 3. Compute loss ${\cal L}$
- 4. **Backward pass**: Compute $\delta^{[l]}$, gradients, and update weights
- 5. Repeat for multiple epochs

6. Explanation of Code Flow

- 1. Initialize parameters using small random weights.
- 2. Forward propagation:
 - \circ Computes $Z^{[l]}=W^{[l]}A^{[l-1]}+b^{[l]}$
 - \circ Applies activation function $A^{[l]}=f(Z^{[l]})$
- 3. Loss computation: Binary cross-entropy
- 4. Backward propagation:
 - \circ Computes $\delta^{[L]} = \hat{y} y$
 - Propagates error to previous layers using:

$$\delta^{[l]} = (W^{[l+1]^T} \delta^{[l+1]}) \odot f'(Z^{[l]})$$

5. Parameter update using gradient descent.

Software Used

- Python (3.x)
- Jupyter-Lab

Libraries Used

- JAX
- Matplotlib

Necessary Imports

```
import jax
import jax.numpy as jnp
from jax import random
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Iniating necessary variables for training Multi-Layer Perceptron

```
def init_params(key, 1,L):
    params = []
    for i in range(l - 1):
        key, subkey = random.split(key)
        w = random.normal(subkey, (L[i], L[i + 1])) * jnp.sqrt(2.0 / L[i]) #for stable variance
        b = jnp.zeros((L[i + 1],))
        params.append((w, b))
    return params
```

Sigmoid Activation Function

```
def sigmoid(x):
    return 1 / (1 + jnp.exp(-x))
```

Derivative of Sigmoid Activation Function

```
def derivative(x):
    s = sigmoid(x)
    return s * (1 - s)
```

Forward Propagation

In forward propagation the data flows from the input layer to the output layer, passing through any hidden layers. Each neuron in the hidden layers processes the input.

```
def forward(params, X):
    a = [X]  # list of activations (a[0] = input)
    Z = []  # list of pre-activations (z before activation)
    for i, (w, b) in enumerate(params):
        z = jnp.dot(jnp.array(a[-1]),jnp.array(w)) + jnp.array(b)  # pre-activation
        Z.append(z)
        activate = sigmoid(z) # activation
        a.append(activate)
    return a[-1], Z, a
```

Loss Function

Once the network generates an output the next step is to calculate the loss using a loss function. In supervised learning this compares the predicted output to the actual label.

```
def loss_binary(y_hat, Y): # Binary Cross Entropy Loss Function
    return -jnp.mean(Y * jnp.log(y_hat + 1e-8) + (1 - Y) * jnp.log(1 - y_hat + 1e-8))
def mse_loss(y_hat, Y): # Mean Square Error Loss Function
    return jnp.mean(jnp.square(y_hat-Y))
```

Back Propagation

The goal of training an MLP is to minimize the loss function by adjusting the network's weights and biases. This is achieved through backpropagation:

- **Gradient Calculation**: The gradients of the loss function with respect to each weight and bias are calculated using the chain rule of calculus.
- Error Propagation: The error is propagated back through the network, layer by layer.
- **Gradient Descent**: The network updates the weights and biases by moving in the opposite direction of the gradient to reduce the loss.

```
def backward(params, X, Y, Z, a):
    grads = []
    Delta=[]

delta = 2*(jnp.array(a[-1]) - Y)/Y.shape[1] # output layer error calculated analytically uses MSE |
    Delta.append(delta)

for i in reversed(range(len(params))):
    w, b = params[i]
    grad_w = jnp.dot(a[i].T, delta) # gradient w.r.t. weights
    grad_b = jnp.mean(delta, axis=0) # gradient w.r.t. biases
    grads.append((grad_w, grad_b))
    if i > 0: # not the first layer
        delta = jnp.dot(delta, w.T) * derivative(Z[i - 1]) # backpropagate error
        Delta.append(delta)
    return list(reversed(grads))
```

Training MLP Model

```
def MLP_Training(X, Y, L, 1, epochs, learning_rate, key):
    params = init_params(key, 1,L)
    history = []
    for epoch in range(epochs):
        y_hat, Z, a = forward(params, X)
        grads = backward(params, X, Y, Z, a)
        # Update parameters
        params = [(w - learning_rate * grad_w, b - learning_rate * grad_b)
                  for (w, b), (grad_w, grad_b) in zip(params, grads)]
        # Track every 1000 epochs
        if epoch % 1000 == 0:
            los_mse = mse_loss(y_hat, Y) #mean squared error loss
            los_bin = loss_binary(y_hat, Y) #binary cross entropy loss
            # --- Compute accuracy (for binary classification) ---
            preds = (y_hat >= 0.5).astype(int) # threshold at 0.5
            acc = (preds == Y).mean()
            print(f'Epoch {epoch}, bin_Loss: {los_bin}, MSE_Loss: {los_mse} , Accuracy: {acc}')
            history.append({
                "epoch": epoch,
                "accuracy": float(acc),
                "mse_loss": float(los_mse),
                "binary_loss": float(los_bin),
                "weights": [w.copy() for (w, _) in params],
                "biases": [b.copy() for (_, b) in params]
            })
    return params, history
```

Generate graph for plotting Loss and Accuracy evolution over Epochs

```
def plot_loss_accuracy(history):
    if isinstance(history[0], dict): # Support both list of dicts and simple list of floats
        # Extract losses and epochs if present
       binary_losses = jnp.array([float(h.get('binary_loss', jnp.nan)) for h in history])
        mse_losses = jnp.array([float(h.get('mse_loss', jnp.nan)) for h in history])
        epochs = jnp.array([h.get('epoch', i) for i, h in enumerate(history)])
        accuracies = jnp.array([float(h.get('accuracy', jnp.nan)) for h in history])
    else:
       losses = jnp.array(history)
        epochs = jnp.arange(len(losses))
       binary_losses = losses
       mse losses = jnp.full like(losses, jnp.nan) # No MSE in simple case
        accuracies = jnp.full_like(losses, jnp.nan) # No accuracy in simple case
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
    plt.plot(epochs, binary_losses, marker='o', label="Binary Loss")
    plt.plot(epochs, mse_losses, marker='x', label="MSE Loss")
    plt.plot(epochs, accuracies, marker='s', label="Accuracy")
    plt.xlabel("Epochs")
    plt.ylabel("Loss")
    plt.title("Training Loss Over Epochs")
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.legend()
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()
```

Generate graph for plotting Decision Boundary

```
def plot_decision_boundary(X, Y, weights, biases, resolution=200):
    # Compute bounds
    x_{min}, x_{max} = jnp.min(X[:, 0]) - 0.5, <math>jnp.max(X[:, 0]) + 0.5
    y_{min}, y_{max} = jnp.min(X[:, 1]) - 0.5, jnp.max(X[:, 1]) + 0.5
    # Create grid Linespace + Meshgrid
    xx, yy = jnp.meshgrid(
        jnp.linspace(x_min, x_max, resolution),
        jnp.linspace(y_min, y_max, resolution)
    grid points = jnp.c [xx.ravel(), yy.ravel()]
    # Forward pass (MLP)
    def forward_pass(X_in, weights, biases):
        A = X_in
        for w, b in zip(weights, biases):
            Z = jnp.dot(A, w) + b
            A = 1 / (1 + jnp.exp(-Z)) # sigmoid
        return A
    # Predictions on grid
    preds = forward_pass(grid_points, weights, biases)
    preds = preds.reshape(xx.shape)
    # --- Accuracy on training set ---
    y_hat_train = forward_pass(X, weights, biases)
    preds_train = (y_hat_train >= 0.5).astype(int)
    acc = (preds_train == Y).mean()
    # Convert to array for plotting
    xx_np, yy_np, preds_np = map(lambda arr: jnp.array(arr), (xx, yy, preds))
    X_np, Y_np = jnp.array(X), jnp.array(Y)
    # Plot decision boundary
    plt.contourf(xx_np, yy_np, preds_np, levels=[0, 0.5, 1], alpha=0.3, cmap='coolwarm')
    plt.contour(xx_np, yy_np, preds_np, levels=[0.5], colors='k', linewidths=2)
    plt.scatter(X_np[:, 0], X_np[:, 1], c=Y_np, cmap='coolwarm', edgecolors='k')
    plt.xlabel("Feature 1")
    plt.ylabel("Feature 2")
    plt.title(f"Decision Boundary (Accuracy = {acc:.2f})") # Accuracy shown in title
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
```

Generate graph for plotting Weight and Bias evolution over Epochs

```
def plot_params_evolution(history):
    if not history:
        print("No training history to plot parameters.")
        return

epochs = [h["epoch"] for h in history]
    # history[0]["weights"] and history[0]["biases"] exist and are lists of arrays
    num_weight_layers = len(history[0]["weights"])
    num_bias_layers = len(history[0]["biases"])

# Plot Weights
```

```
for i in range(num_weight_layers):
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
    # Transpose weights for easier plotting of individual weights
    layer_weights = jnp.stack([h["weights"][i].flatten() for h in history])
    for j in range(layer_weights.shape[1]):
        plt.plot(epochs, layer_weights[:, j], label=f'Weight {j+1}')
    plt.xlabel("Epochs")
    plt.ylabel("Weight Value")
    plt.title(f"Evolution of Weights in Layer {i+1}")
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
# Plot Biases
for i in range(num_bias_layers):
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))
    layer_biases = jnp.stack([h["biases"][i].flatten() for h in history])
    for j in range(layer_biases.shape[1]):
         plt.plot(epochs, layer_biases[:, j], label=f'Bias {j+1}')
    plt.xlabel("Epochs")
    plt.ylabel("Bias Value")
    plt.title(f"Evolution of Biases in Layer {i+1}")
    plt.legend()
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
```

Making Prediction

```
def predict(X, parms):
    activations, Z, a = forward(parms,X)
    return (activations[-1] >= 0.5 ).astype(float)
```

Finding Accuracy

```
def accuracy(parms, X, Y):
    predictions = predict(X,parms)
    return jnp.mean(predictions == Y)
```

Training XOR Gate for Layers L = [2,2,1]

```
X= jnp.array([[0, 0], [0, 1], [1, 0], [1, 1]])
Y = jnp.array([0,1,1,0])
epoches = 10000
learning_rate = 0.01
L=[2,2,1]
l=len(L)
key= random.PRNGKey(0)
Y = Y.reshape(-1, 1) # Reshape Y to a column vector

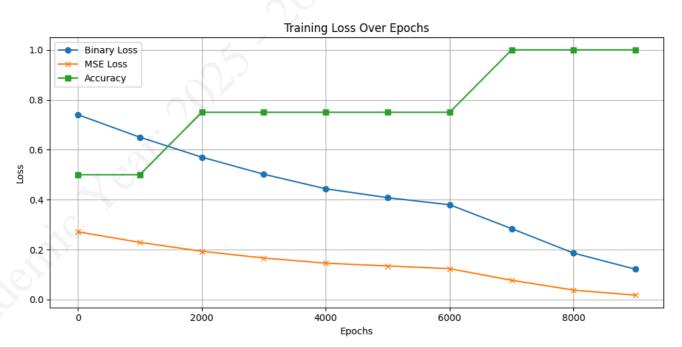
params, history = MLP_Training(X=X, Y=Y, L=L, l=l, epochs=epoches, learning_rate=learning_rate, key=key
print("History length:", len(history))
print("First checkpoint:", history[0])
print("Last checkpoint:", history[-1])
final_weights = history[-1]["weights"]
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final_biases = history[-1]["biases"]
print("Final Weights:", final_weights)

```
print("Final Biases:", final_biases)
     Epoch 0, bin Loss: 0.7405064105987549, MSE Loss: 0.2716177999973297, Accuracy: 0.5
     Epoch 1000, bin_Loss: 0.6501744985580444, MSE_Loss: 0.22906330227851868 , Accuracy: 0.5
     Epoch 2000, bin_Loss: 0.5703393220901489, MSE_Loss: 0.19364145398139954 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 3000, bin_Loss: 0.5019791722297668, MSE_Loss: 0.16653168201446533 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 4000, bin_Loss: 0.4437786638736725, MSE_Loss: 0.14594551920890808 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 5000, bin_Loss: 0.4080146849155426, MSE_Loss: 0.1347305178642273 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 6000, bin_Loss: 0.379801869392395, MSE_Loss: 0.12388522922992706 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 7000, bin_Loss: 0.2841486930847168, MSE_Loss: 0.07749578356742859 , Accuracy: 1.0
     Epoch 8000, bin_Loss: 0.18626263737678528, MSE_Loss: 0.03811270743608475 , Accuracy: 1.0
     Epoch 9000, bin_Loss: 0.12155237048864365, MSE_Loss: 0.017733532935380936 , Accuracy: 1.0
     History length: 10
     First checkpoint: {'epoch': 0, 'accuracy': 0.5, 'mse_loss': 0.2716177999973297, 'binary_loss': 0.74
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     Final Weights: [Array([[-6.722284 , -2.5881176],
            [-6.1463804, -2.5616417]], dtype=float32), Array([[-9.496507],
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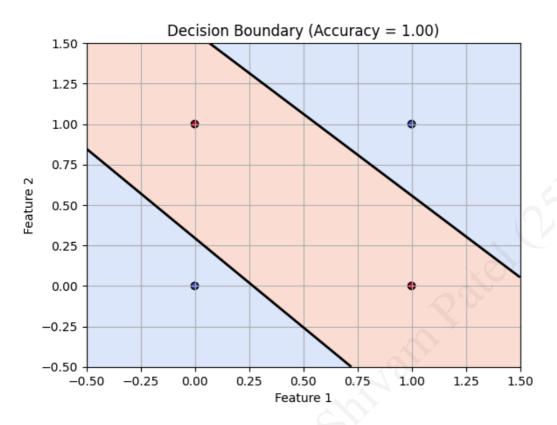
Plotting Loss & Accuracy Vs Epoch graph

plot_loss_accuracy(history)



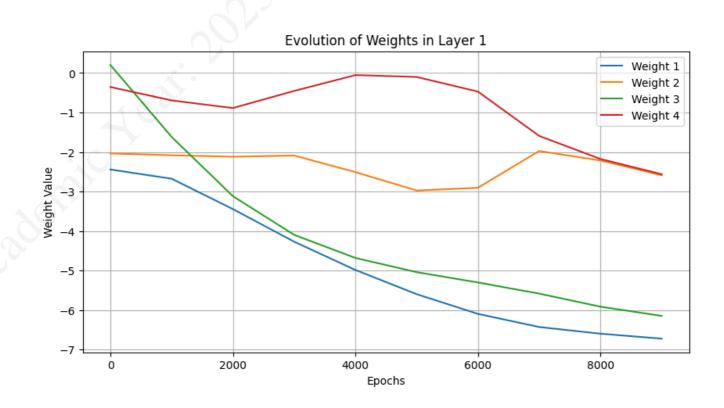
Plotting Decision Boundary

plot_decision_boundary(X, Y, final_weights, final_biases)

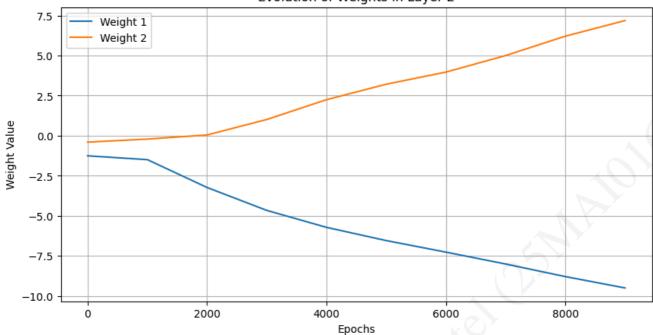


Plotting Weight & Bias Evolution graph

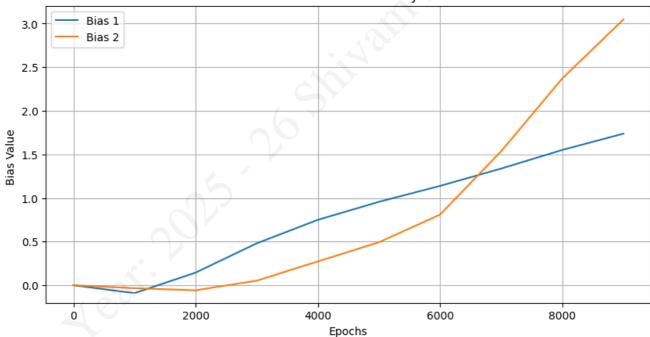
plot_params_evolution(history)

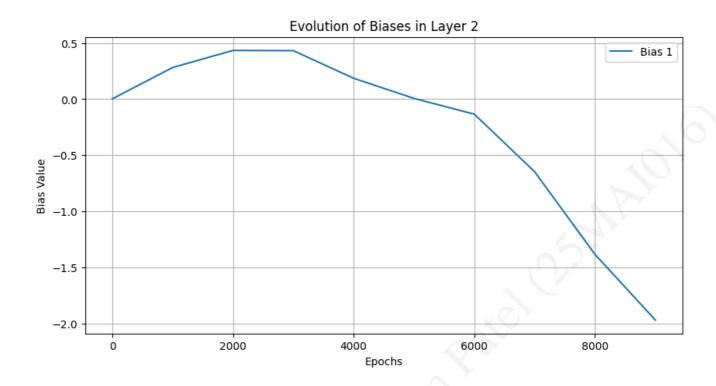


Evolution of Weights in Layer 2



Evolution of Biases in Layer 1



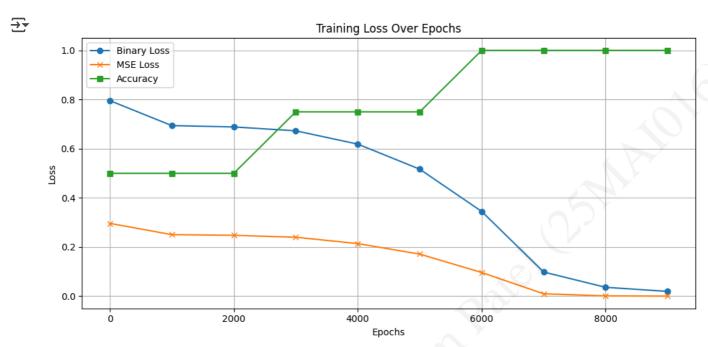


Training MLP Model for Layer L=[2,4,4,1] keeping other parameters same

```
L=[2,4,4,1]
params, history = MLP Training(X=X, Y=Y, L=L, l=len(L), epochs=epoches, learning rate=learning rate, k
print("History length:", len(history))
print("First checkpoint:", history[0])
print("Last checkpoint:", history[-1])
final_weights = history[-1]["weights"]
final_biases = history[-1]["biases"]
print("Final Weights:", final_weights)
print("Final Biases:", final_biases)
     Epoch 0, bin_Loss: 0.7956138849258423, MSE_Loss: 0.2962838411331177 , Accuracy: 0.5
     Epoch 1000, bin_Loss: 0.6940008401870728, MSE_Loss: 0.2504268288612366 , Accuracy: 0.5
     Epoch 2000, bin_Loss: 0.6885759234428406, MSE_Loss: 0.24771562218666077 , Accuracy: 0.5
     Epoch 3000, bin_Loss: 0.672865629196167, MSE_Loss: 0.23990878462791443 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 4000, bin_Loss: 0.6187740564346313, MSE_Loss: 0.21408611536026 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 5000, bin_Loss: 0.516808271408081, MSE_Loss: 0.1712835133075714 , Accuracy: 0.75
     Epoch 6000, bin_Loss: 0.3449130058288574, MSE_Loss: 0.0964038074016571 , Accuracy: 1.0
     Epoch 7000, bin_Loss: 0.09835201501846313, MSE_Loss: 0.009828594513237476 , Accuracy: 1.0
     Epoch 8000, bin_Loss: 0.03625012934207916, MSE_Loss: 0.0014072866179049015 , Accuracy: 1.0
     Epoch 9000, bin_Loss: 0.01958008110523224, MSE_Loss: 0.0004156751383561641 , Accuracy: 1.0
     History length: 10
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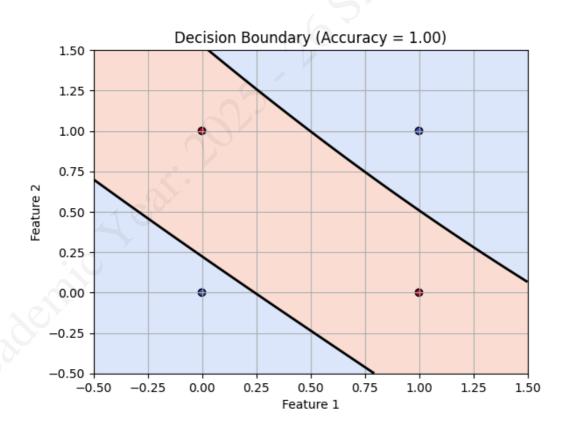
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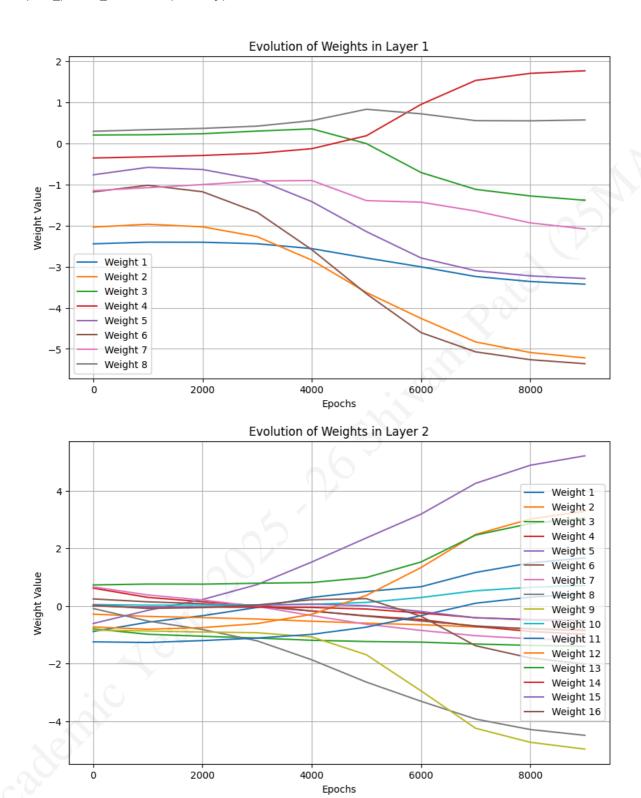
Plotting Decision Boundary

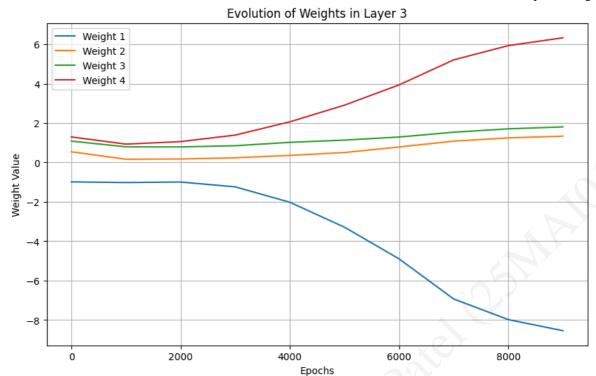
plot_decision_boundary(X, Y, final_weights, final_biases)

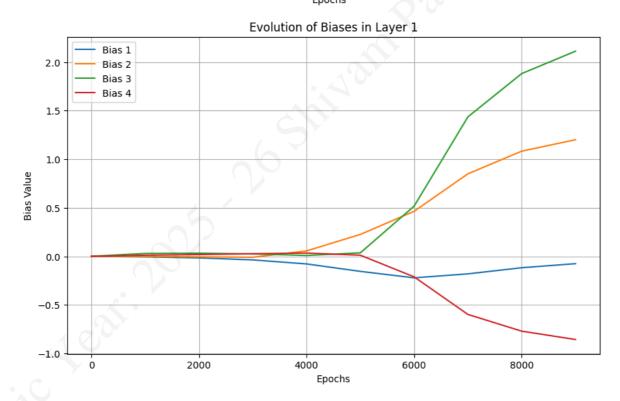


Plotting Weight & Bias Evolution graph

plot_params_evolution(history)





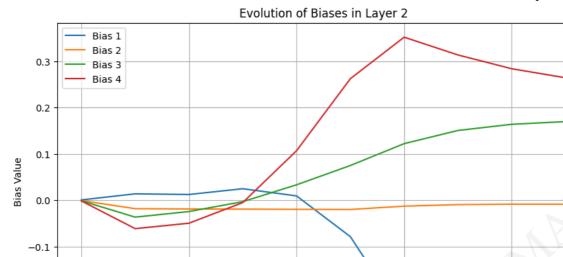


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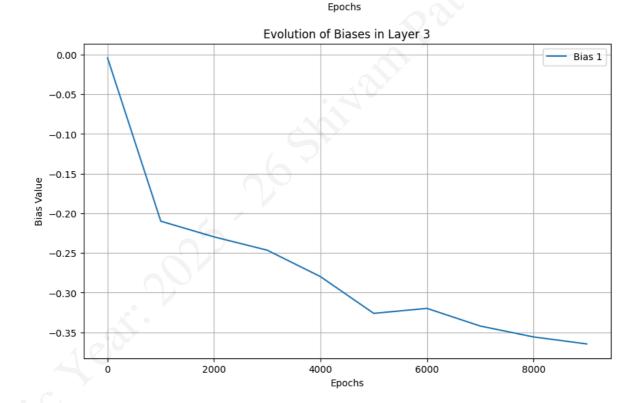
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key = jax.random.PRNGKey(0)

- This key is a 2-element uint32 array used to generate random numbers
- The seed initializes the pseudo-random number generator (PRNG) hear seed = 0
- You can change the seed to get different random numbers
- Because JAX requires functional, stateless random numbers (stateless mean all randomness comes from an explicit key you pass to functions.)
- To make randomness reproducible and JIT-compatible
- If you use the same key, you will get the same random numbers (deterministic)
- A key = jax.random.PRNGKey(seed) is not reusable
- It must be split using key, subkey = jax.random.split(key) before each use. Otherwise, using the same key twice gives non-random (repeated) or error-prone behavior

random_value = jax.random.normal(subkey,()) or random_value = jax.random.normal(subkey,(cf,))

- The second argument to jax.random.normal(key, shape) must be a tuple specifying the array shape.
 - (cf,) → a 1D array with length cf
 - (cf, 1) → a 2D column vector
 - (cf, cf) → a 2D matrix
 - (cf, hidden_dim) → 2D array for a dense layer
- Even if it's just 1D, JAX requires a tuple to define the shape because it's consistent with N-dimensional arrays.
- If you're passing an integer instead of a tuple, so JAX doesn't know if you want 1D or scalar.

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