

Neural networks

Perceptron:

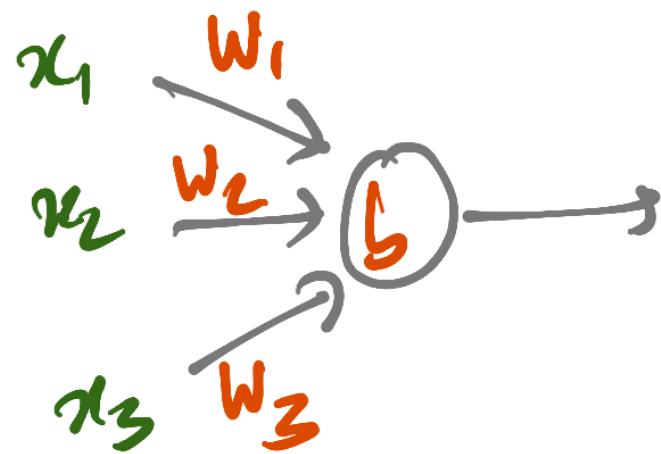
$$w \cdot x > \text{threshold } t \rightarrow 1$$
$$\leq t \rightarrow 0$$

bias $b = -\text{threshold } t$

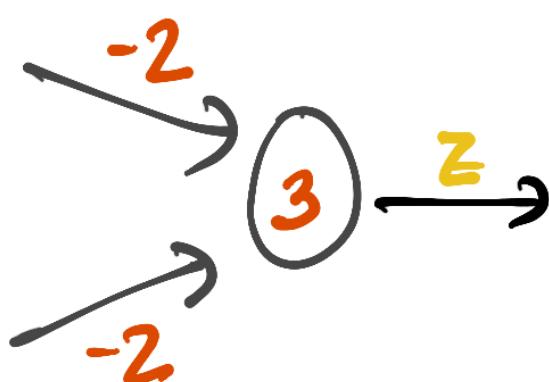
$$w \cdot x + b > 0 \rightarrow 1$$

$$w \cdot x + b \leq 0 \rightarrow 0$$

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Perceptron for NAND function



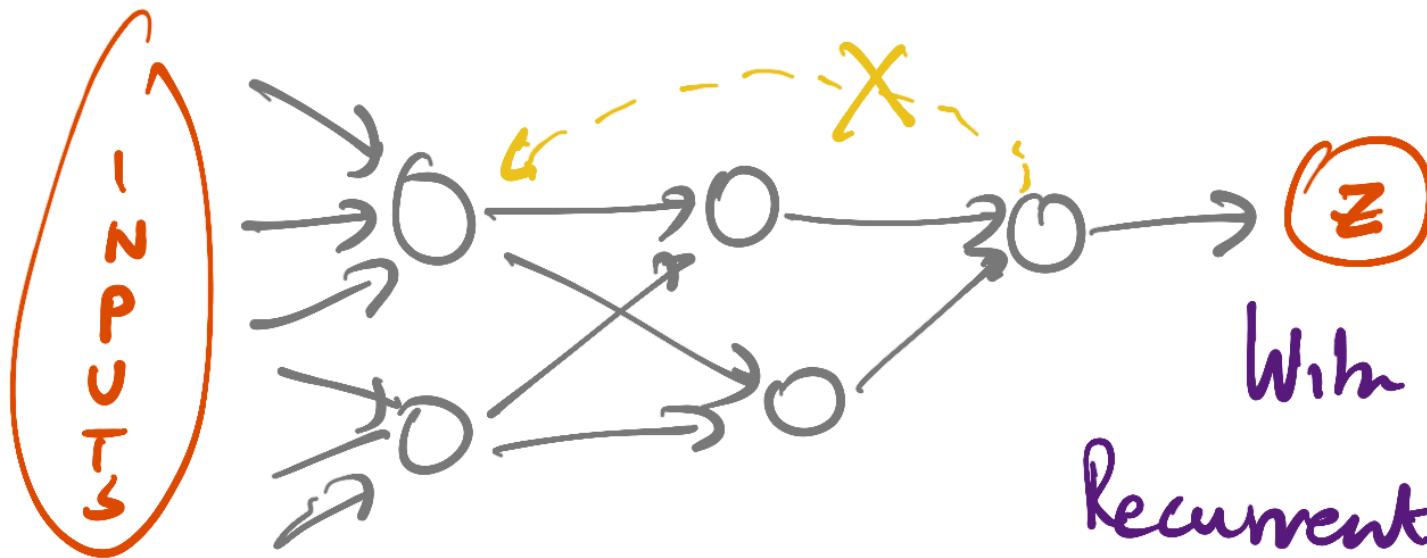
x_1	x_2	z	Output
0	0	3	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	-1	0

$$\neg(x_1 \wedge x_2)$$

At the level of boolean functions, NAND is universal

→ Networks of perceptrons can compute any boolean function

Network

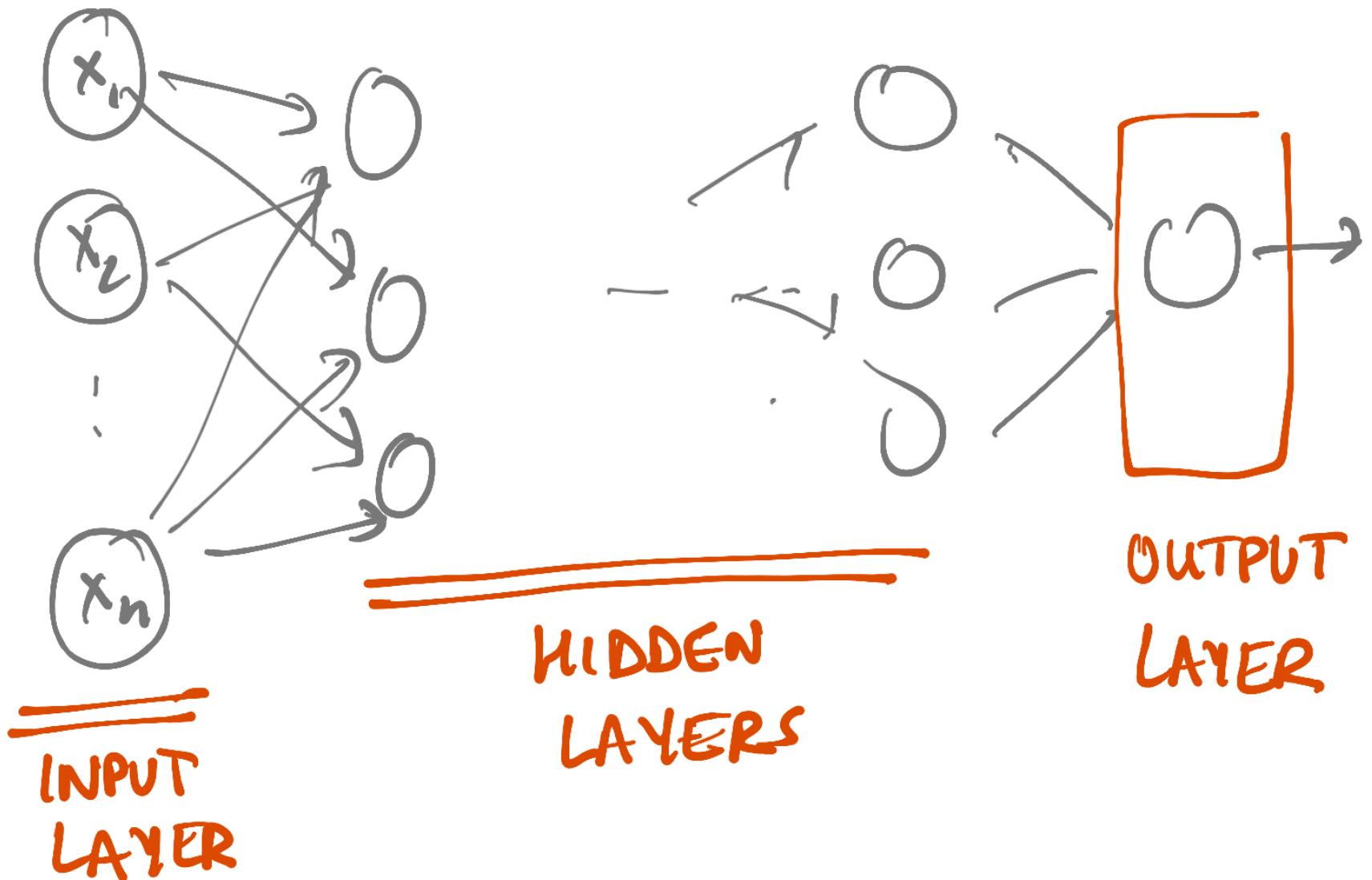


Acyclic

With cycles:
Recurrent NN

Convention

Input layer of pseudo-perceptrons



What determines behaviors of network?

- Each node has w_i 's & b
- Collectively, all weights & biases determine output

Single node

- learn weights & bias from training data
 - Iterative update (perceptron algo)
 - Optimize gap (SVM)

Only practical approach is gradient descent

Cost = Error

Mean Square Error

$$2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - f(x_i))^2$$

\downarrow

w_i, b

$$\Delta C = \alpha_1 \Delta w_1 + \alpha_2 \Delta w_2 \dots + \alpha_{n+1} \Delta b$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_2}$$

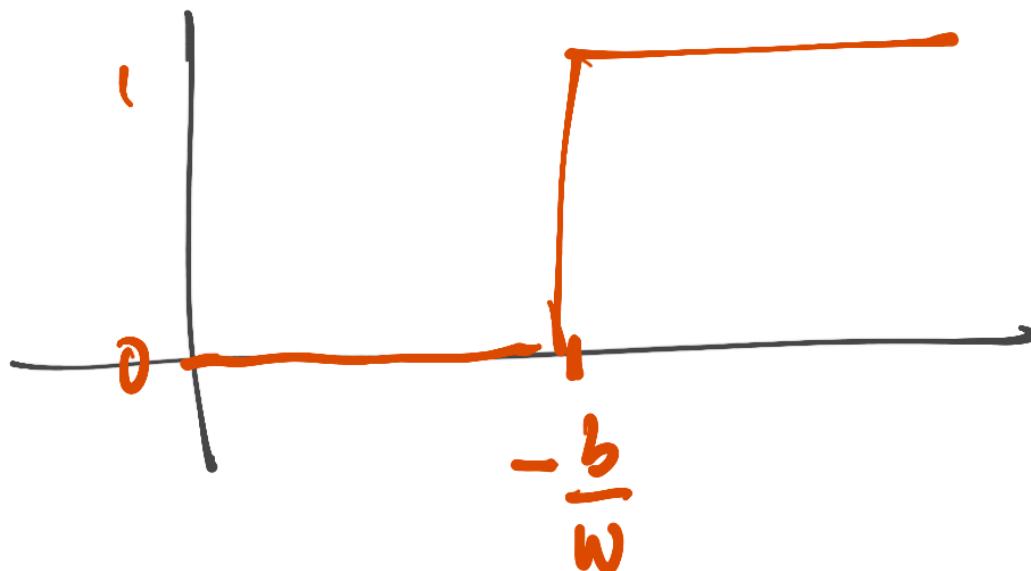
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$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial b}$$

Step function

$$w \cdot x + b > 0 - 1$$

$$w \cdot x + b \leq 0 - 0$$



Output is not "stable" at boundary $-\frac{b}{w}$

Instead, use sigmoid

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$$

$$z \rightarrow \infty, \sigma(z) \rightarrow 1$$

$$z \rightarrow -\infty, \sigma(z) \rightarrow 0$$

Smooth step



Slope of the sigmoid is proportional to $\|w\|$

But now $\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_i}$, $\frac{\partial C}{\partial b}$ are better behaved

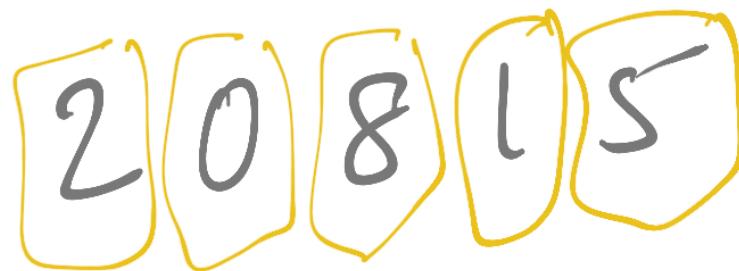
How it is applied in practice

Handwritten digits 0 1 2 ... 9

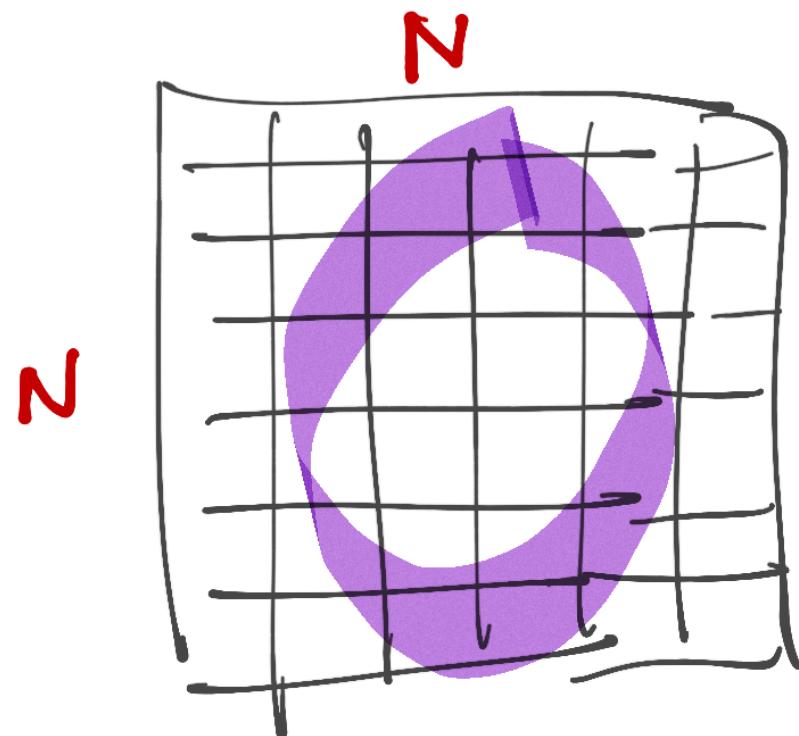
US Postal Service

Identify where the ZIP code is

Segment ZIP code into individual digits



Digital scan of some resolution

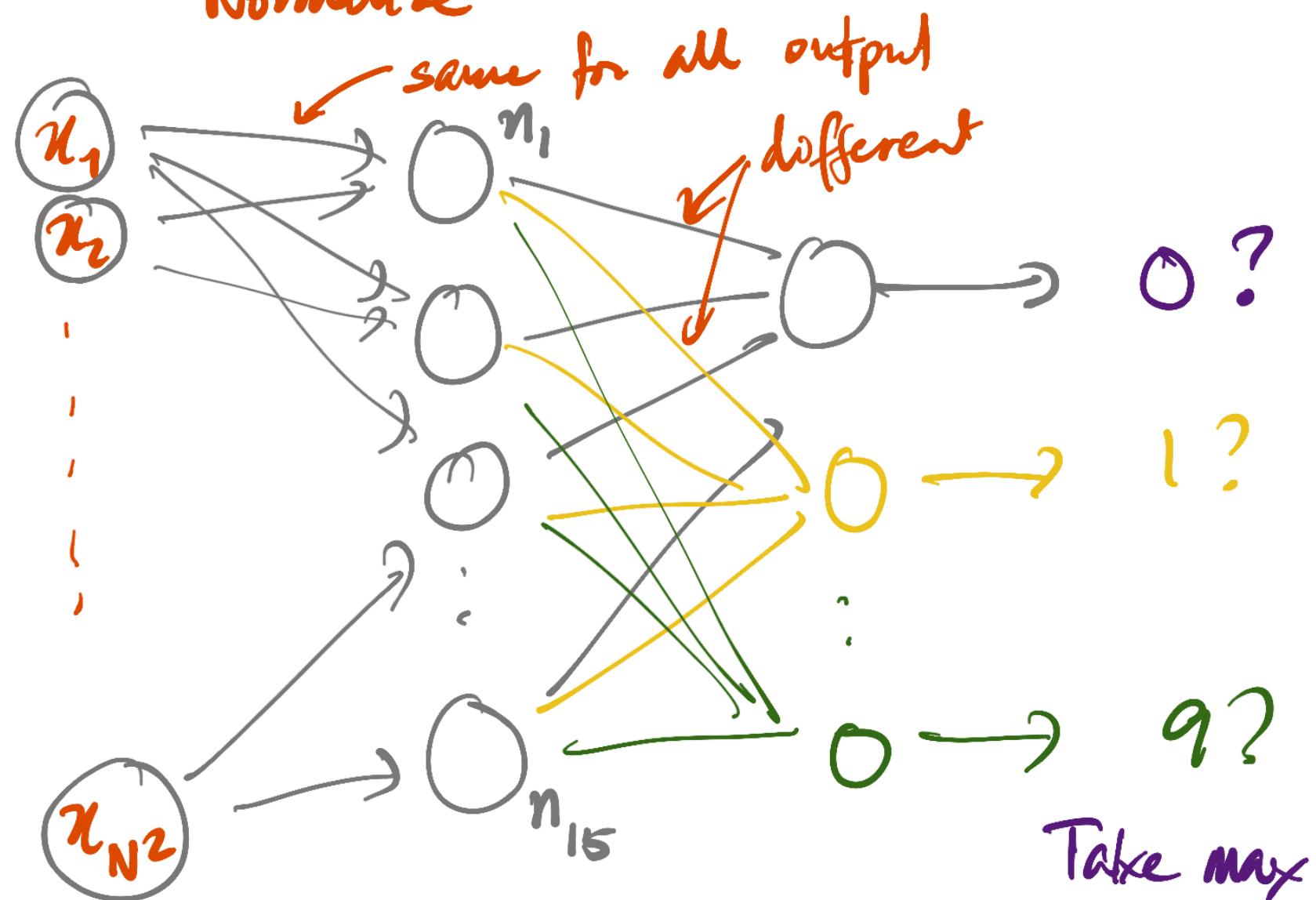


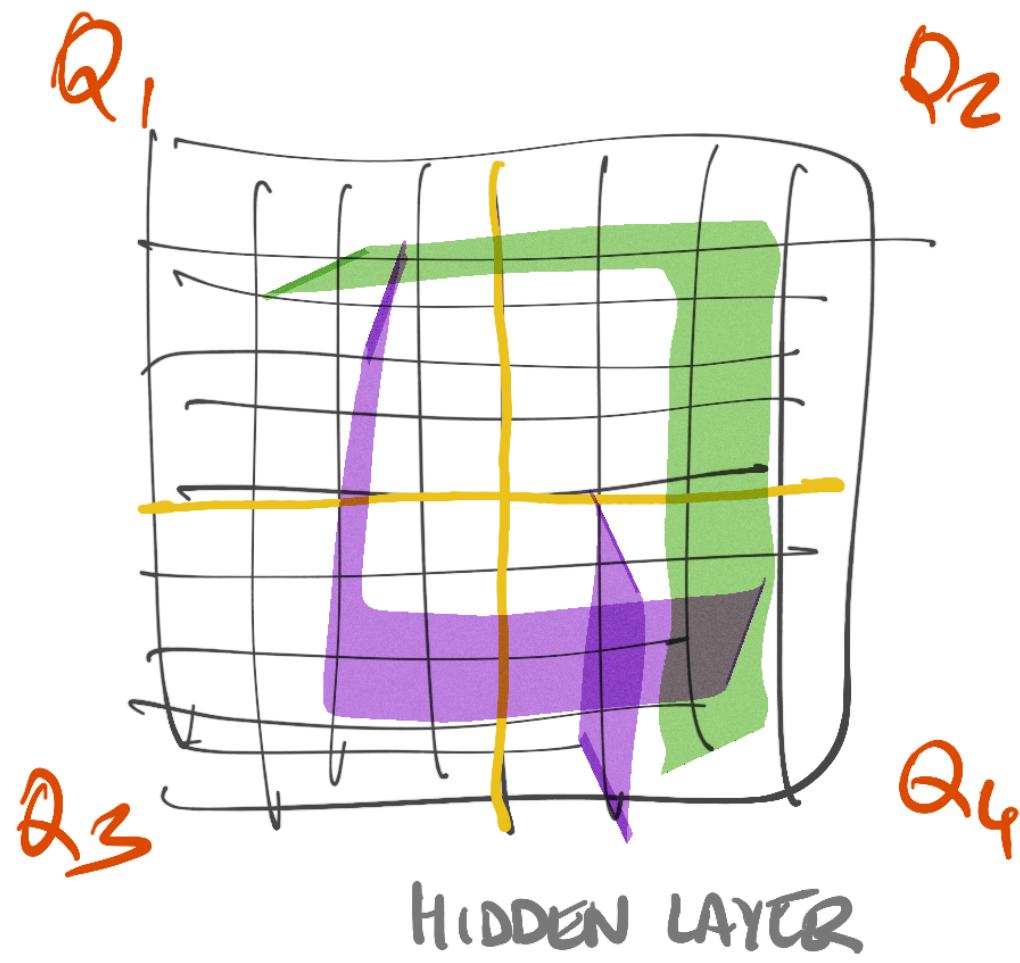
Each pixel is an input x_i

$x_1, x_2 \dots x_N, x_{N+1}, \dots, x_{N^2}$
row 1

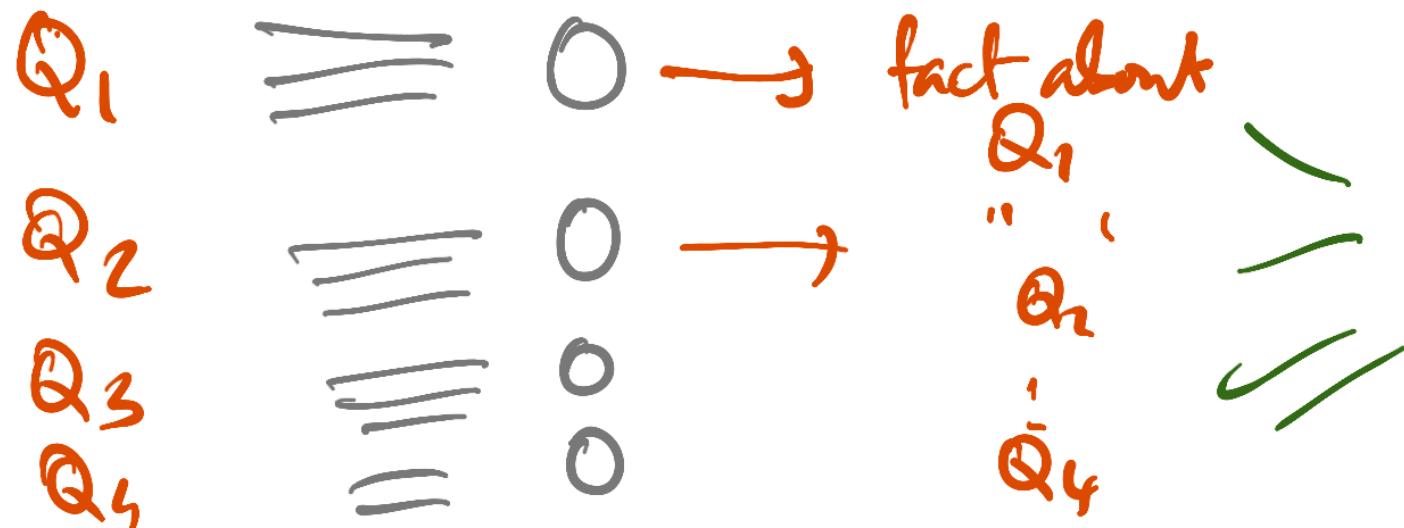
x_i : grayscale value 0 - 255

Normalize to 0-1





HIDDEN LAYER



Big technical step

- Implementing gradient descent efficiently
- Large number of parameters with complex dependencies

Back Propagation

$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_i}, \frac{\partial C}{\partial b}$ for internal nodes

- More parameters \Rightarrow more training data

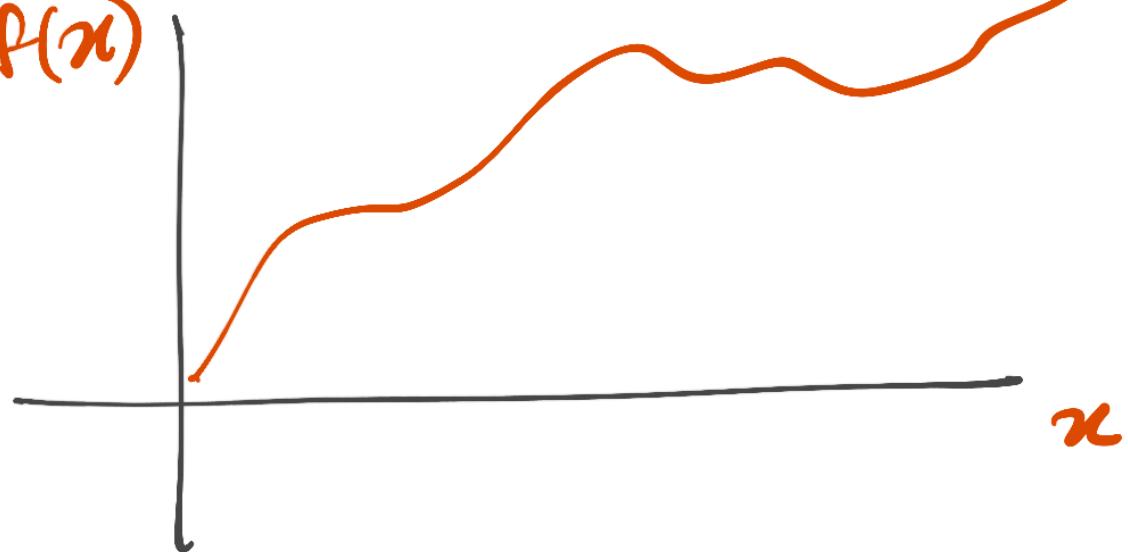
Universality of the model

- Boolean context - NAND

- Grayscale inputs etc - not Boolean

Simplest case: Input is $x_1 (= x)$

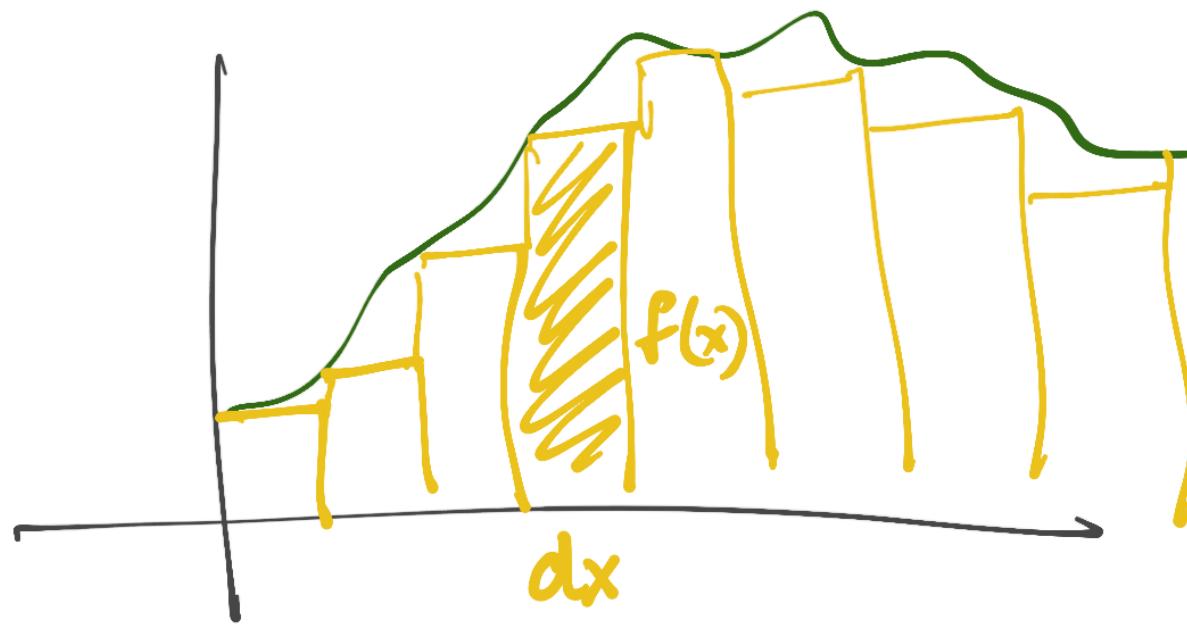
$$y = f(x)$$



Can I design a network that computes $f(x)$?

Recall calculus

Area under a curve?



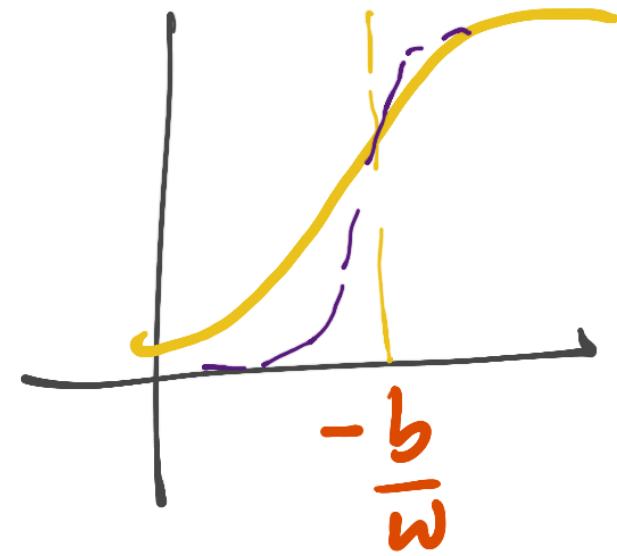
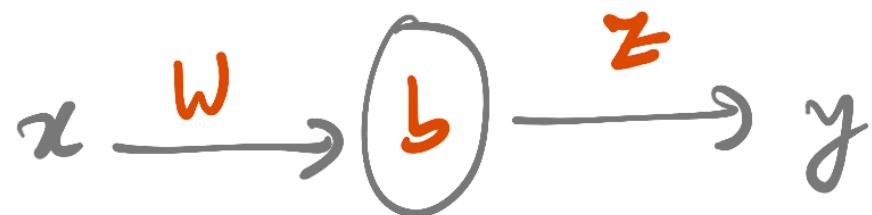
$$f(x) \cdot dx$$

$$dx \rightarrow 0$$

this approximation converges

Similarly, produce a rectangular approximation of $f(x)$ using a neural network.

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$$



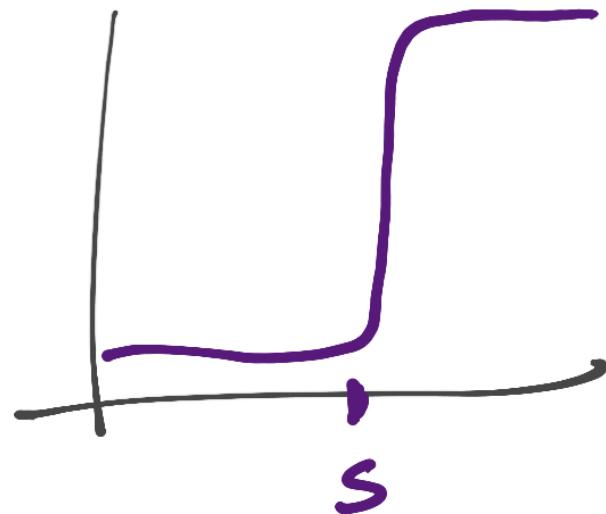
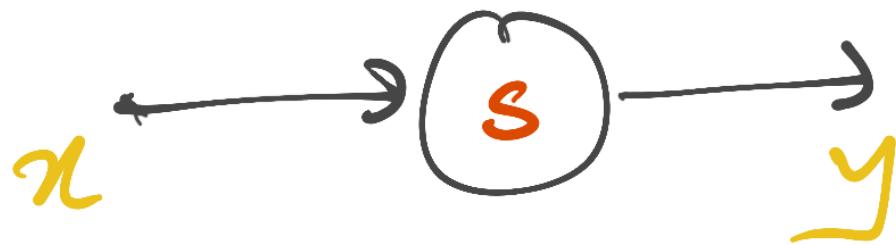
$w \uparrow \Rightarrow$ slope is steeper

b determines the position of the step

$b \uparrow \Rightarrow$ step moves left

Alternatively,

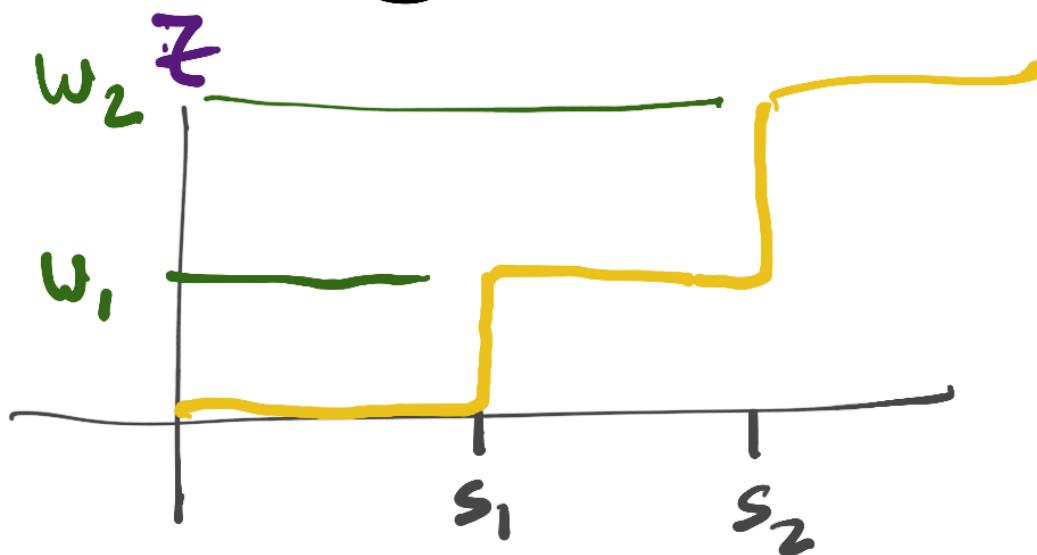
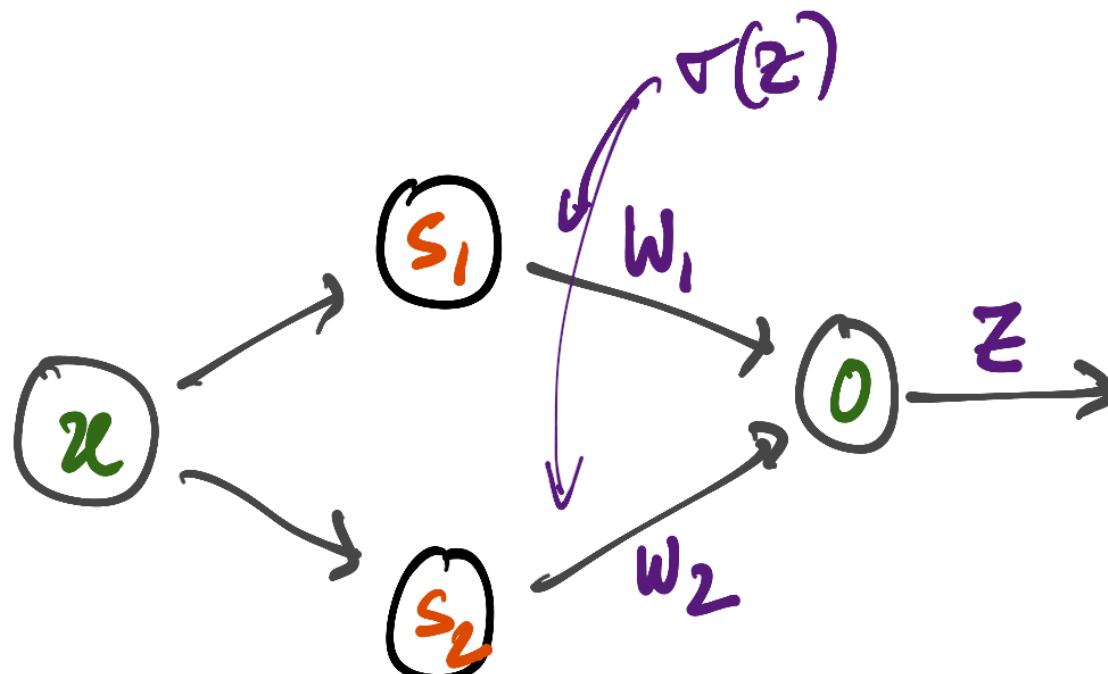
$$s = -\frac{b}{\omega}$$



Assume ω is large

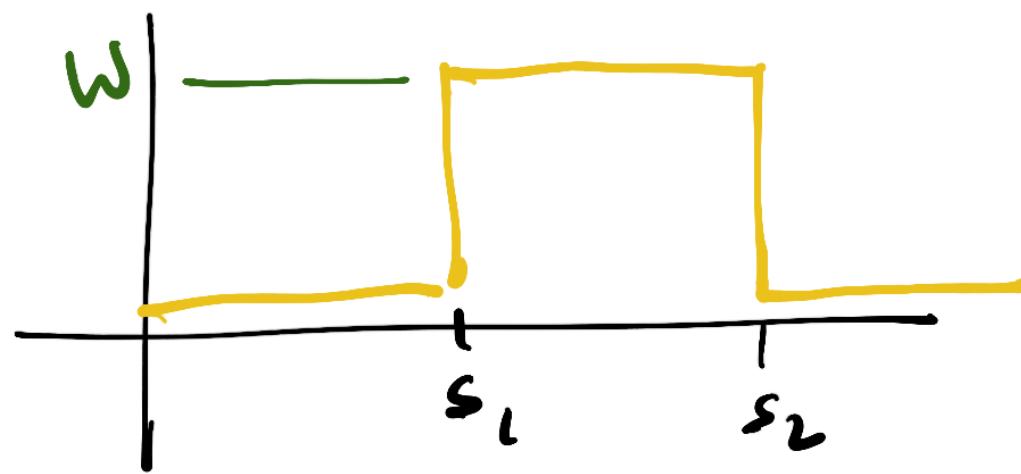
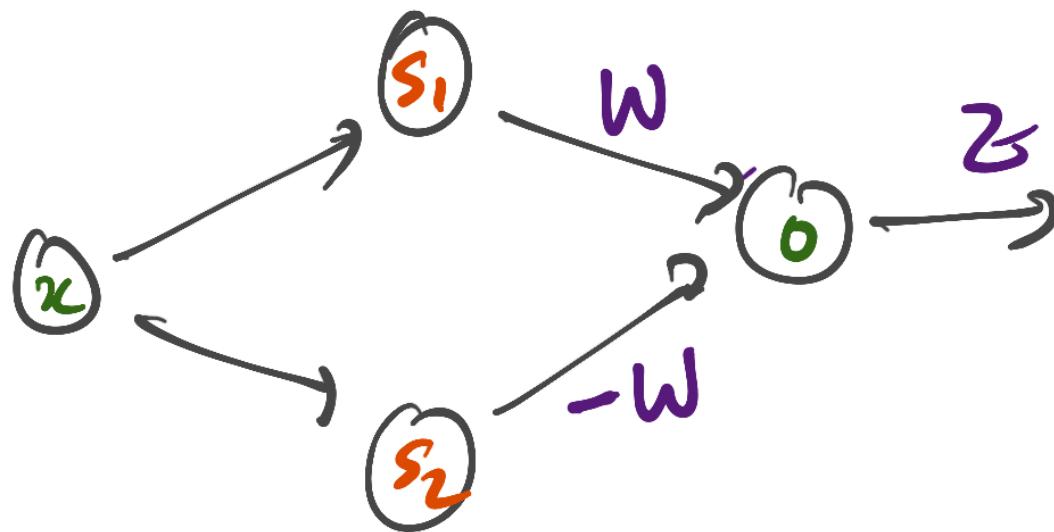
Nno

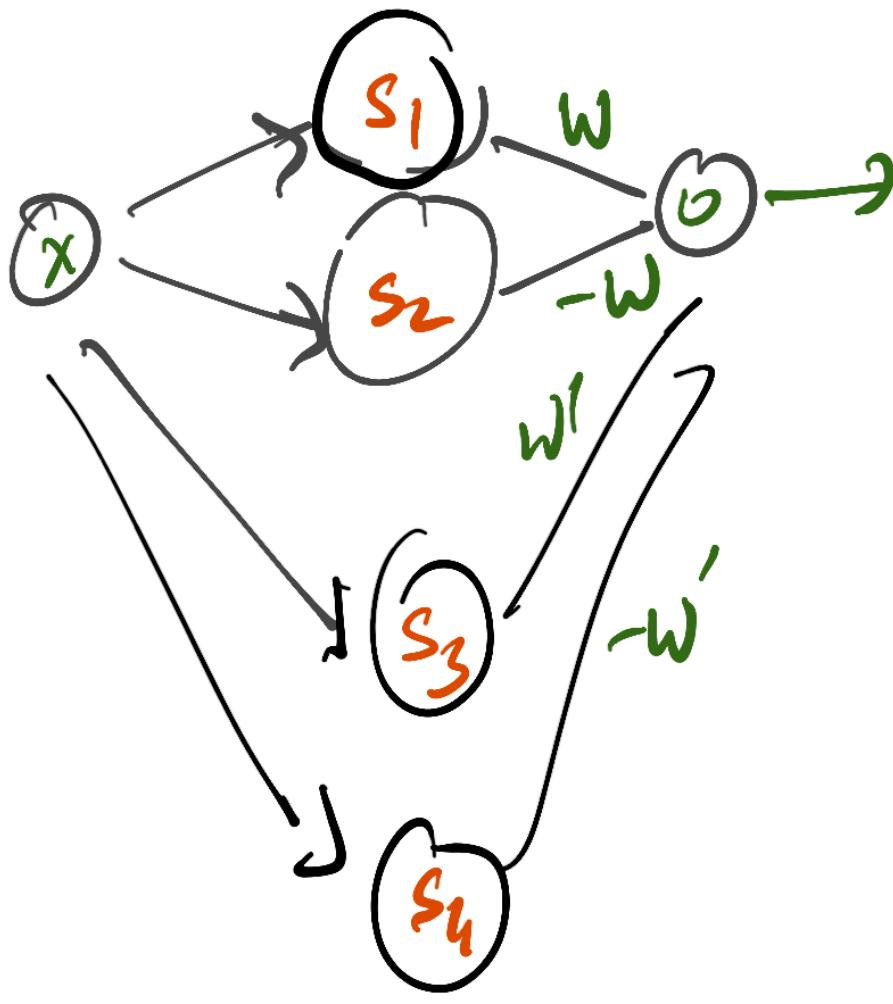
$s_1 < s_2$



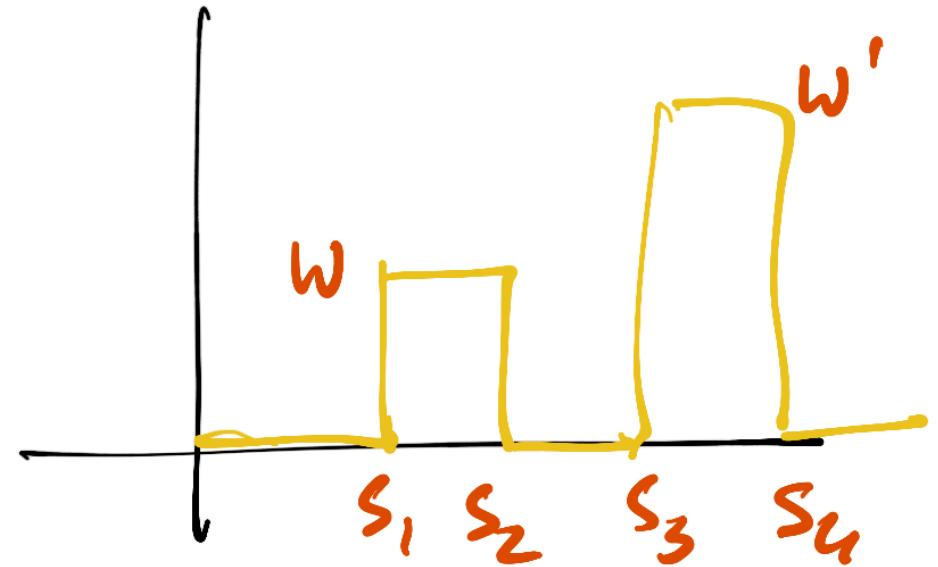
Therefore

$$s_1 < s_2$$





ONE HIDDEN LAYER

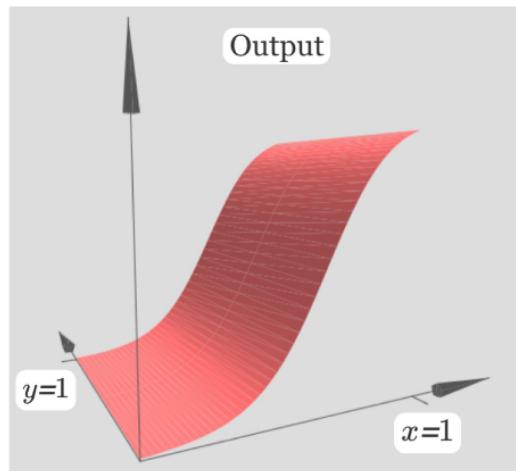


Quality of approx
determined by $s_2 - s_1$
etc

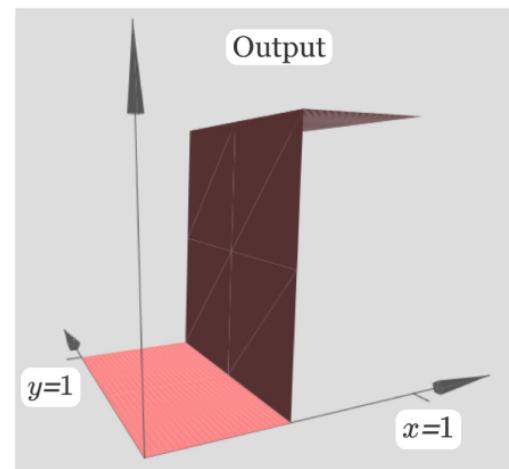
Quality $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ size \uparrow

$$y = f(x_1, x_2)$$

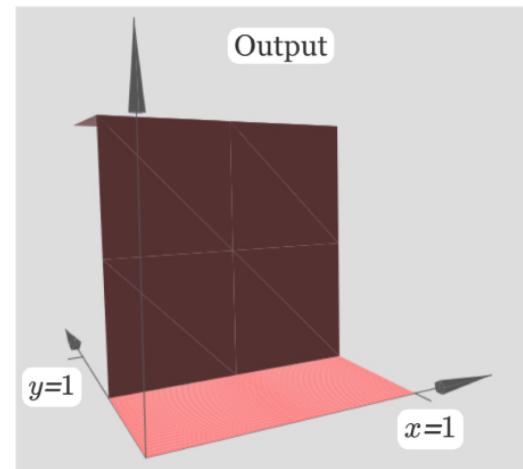
Separately create steps in x_1 direction
and x_2 direction



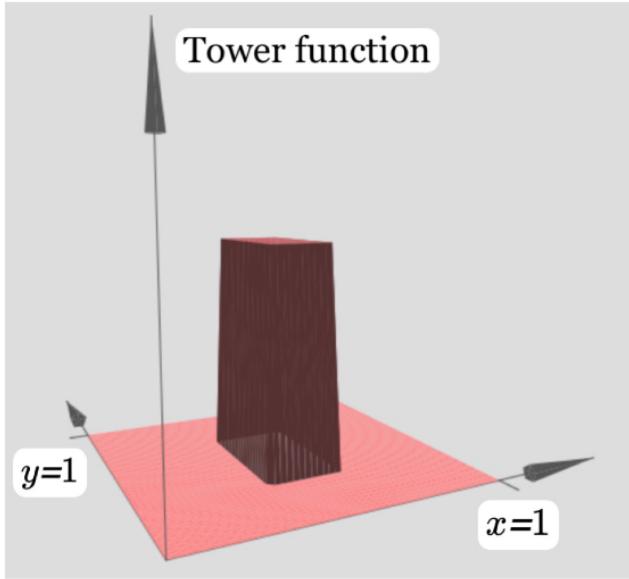
Surface to
approximate



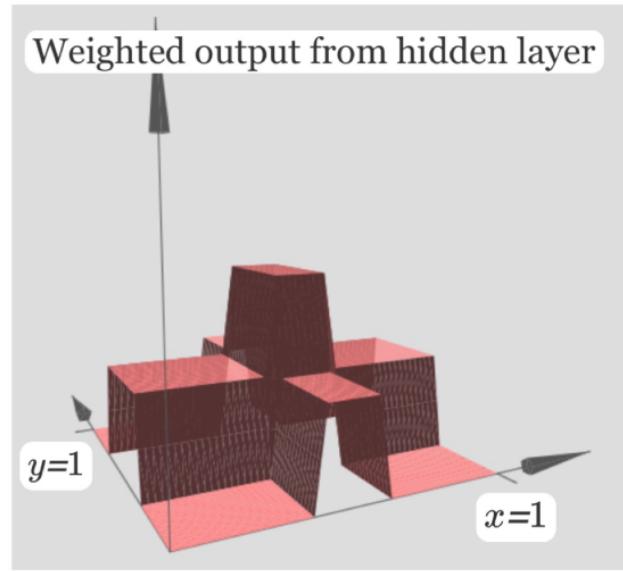
Step in x_1
direction



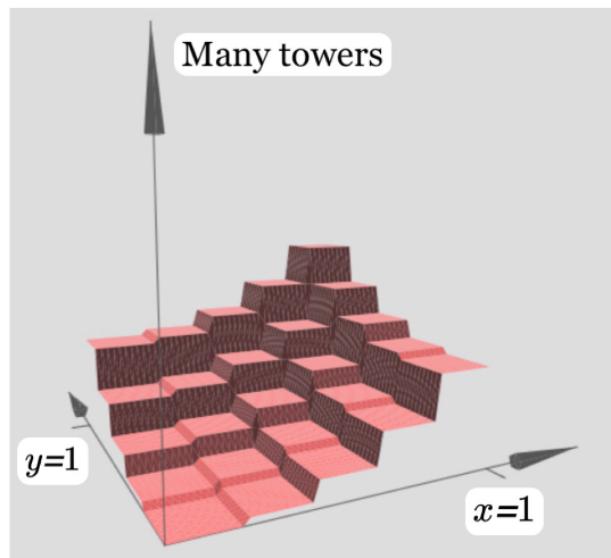
Step in x_2
direction



Combine x_1, x_2 steps
to form cuboids



Stack cuboids



Cuboidal approximation
of a surface