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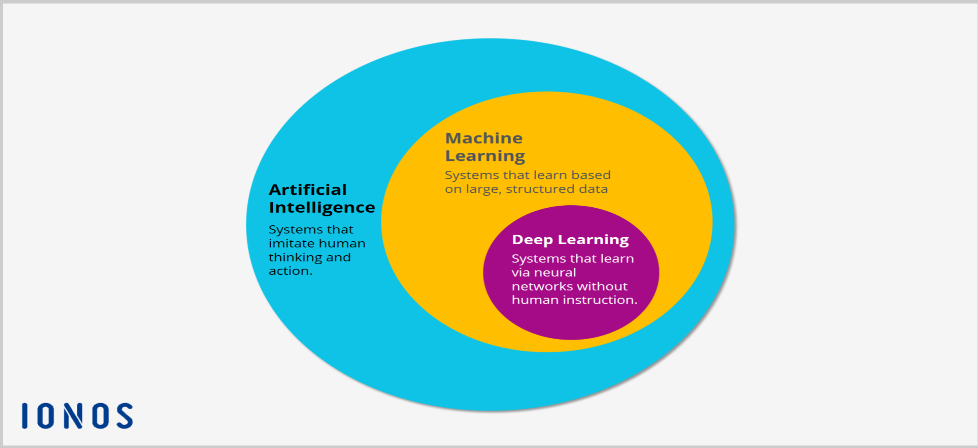


Section A: Fundamentals of Deep Learning

Q1. What is Deep Learning?

Concept: It is a sub-discipline of machine learning that uses Deep Neural Networks (DNNs)—multilayer networks—to carry out computer-aided feature learning.

-It is unique from classical ML as it learns to identify the good features autonomously, as opposed to having a human perform feature engineering.

It's **"deep"** due to having numerous hidden layers that facilitate hierarchical feature learning and learn the features directly from raw data.

Q2. Key Components of Deep Learning

Concept:

It is constructed out of **Neural Networks** (NNs) that are structured in **Layers**.

Non-linearity is introduced by **Activation Functions** (such as **ReLU).**

The error of the model is calculated by a **Loss Function** (e.g. **Cross-Entropy**).

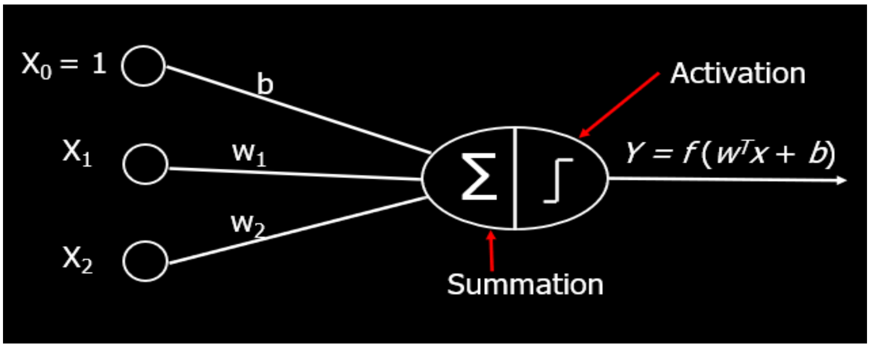
The weights are updated using an **Optimizer** (such as **Adam**).

Q3. Understanding Neural Networks, Neurons, and the Perceptron

Concept:

> **Neuron:** It is the simplest computational unit; it accepts weighted inputs, applies a bias, and fires via an activation function.

Perceptron: One neuron that performs basic linear binary classification.



- **NNs:** We stack multiple perceptrons to form a network capable of solving complex, **non-linear problems**.

Q4. Hierarchical Representations

Concept: It learns in stages.

It picks up simple features such as **edges or colors** in **early layers**. These are combined by deeper layers to recognize more **complex patterns**, ultimately identifying full **objects or faces.**

Q5. Fitting Parameters using Backpropagation

Concept: This is how we determine how much each connection (weight) contributed to the final error. It works by propagating the error backward through the network to calculate the required small changes **(gradients**) using the **chain rule.**

Q6. Non-Convex Functions

Concept: Deep learning loss surfaces aren't smooth; they have many bumps and valleys (local minima). This non-convexity makes training tricky since the optimizer can get stuck in suboptimal spots.

Q7. Training and Model Optimization

Concept: Training is a loop:Training is a loop: **Forward Pass** → **Loss Calculation** → **Backprop** → **Parameter**

Forward Pass for prediction

Loss Calculation Backprop for gradients

Parameter Update. Techniques like SGD Optimizer, weights iteratively using the gradient calculated from small **batches of data**.

Dropout Randomly turns off neurons during training to prevent the network from **overfitting**.

Batch Normalization : Stabilizes the training process and allows for the use of higher learning rates.

Q8. Challenges and Requirements

Concept: Effective models need massive data and computational power (**GPUs/TPUs)**. The main issue is interpretability (the **"black box"** problem). **Regularization methods** are used to prevent overfitting.

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Section B: Deep Learning Frameworks & Implementation

Q9. Deep Learning Frameworks

Concept:

- **TensorFlow:**TensorFlow: Ideal for large-scale deployment and production.
- **PyTorch**: Widely used in research for its flexibility and debugging ease.
- **Keras:** A high-level, simplified wrapper on TensorFlow for fast learning and development..

Q10. Building Neural Networks with Keras and TensorFlow

Concept

Defining the Brain (Layers):
This is the design step. You add layers (e.g., **Dense layers**) one after another.
Choose activation functions (like **ReLU**) to let the network learn complex patterns.
The last layer's activation (**Softmax or Sigmoid**) depends on your output goal.

Compile the Rules (Optimizer, Loss, Metrics):
Set learning standards.
Choose an Optimizer (like **Adam**) to update weights.
Select a Loss Function (like **Cross-Entropy**) to measure errors.
Use a Metric (like accuracy) to evaluate performance.

Train and Check (Fit & Evaluate):
Use `.fit()` to train across multiple epochs.
Then, run `.evaluate()` on test data to ensure generalization beyond memorization.

Q11. Data Preprocessing, Feature Engineering, and Feature Learning

Concept: Preprocessing is just cleaning the data.

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Feature Engineering is manual feature creation by humans.

Feature Learning in deep learning automatically extracts useful features.

Section C: Image Classification Concepts

Q12. What is Image Classification?

Concept: It's the job of assigning a single **descriptive label** to an entire image (e.g., labeling a photo as "dog" or a medical scan as "tumor").

Q13. Introduction to ImageNet

Concept: ImageNet is a massive labeled image dataset that became a benchmark. The ImageNet Challenge proved CNNs (like AlexNet in 2012) outperformed other methods, revolutionizing computer vision.

Q14. Classification using a Single Linear Threshold (Perceptron)

Concept: This simplest model separates two classes by drawing a single linear boundary.

It gives a binary output (0 or 1) depending on whether the weighted input sum exceeds a threshold:

$$y=f(\sum wixi+b)$$

Q15. How Interpretable Are Deep Learning Features?

Concept: Deep models are “black boxes” because they’re hard to interpret. Tools like **Grad-CAM** visually show which image areas the model focused on for its decision.

Q16. Manipulating Deep Nets

Concept: Adversarial examples are images with tiny, invisible noise designed to trick models. This causes confident but wrong predictions (e.g., mislabeling a stop sign).

We combat this using Adversarial Training, which teaches networks to resist such attacks.

Q17. Transfer Learning

Concept: A time-saving approach where we use a pre-trained model (like on ImageNet) and fine-tune it for our smaller dataset. This improves accuracy with less data.

Section D: Applications of Deep Learning

Q18. Applications in Data Science

Concept: Deep learning powers Speech Recognition (Siri, Alexa), NLP for translation and LLMs, and **Healthcare** for automated image analysis.

Q19. Case Study 1: Data Scientist Employee Attrition

Concept:

- Problem: Binary Classification (“leave” or “stay”).
- Loss: Binary Cross-Entropy.
- HR Use: Predicts high-risk employees, helping HR take preventive steps.

Section E: Practical Project

Q20. Project - Handwritten Digit Classification (MNIST Dataset)

Concept: Build a simple CNN using Keras/TensorFlow to classify handwritten digits (0–9) from the MNIST dataset.

LINK : DL.IPYNB

Section F: Reflection (Bonus)

Q23. Your Thoughts on Deep Learning

It’s highly powerful as it automatically discovers patterns in complex, unstructured data. However, ethical issues like bias and lack of interpretability must be addressed.