

Linear Classification

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Basics

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$$
$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^d, y^{(i)} \in \{-1, +1\}$$

x1	x2	y
0.5	0.1	+1
0.3	0.9	-1
0.3	0.875	-1
0.45	0.15	+1
...

Linear classifiers

► Discriminative

- ✓ Perceptron
- ✓ Logistic regression
- ✓ Support Vector Machines

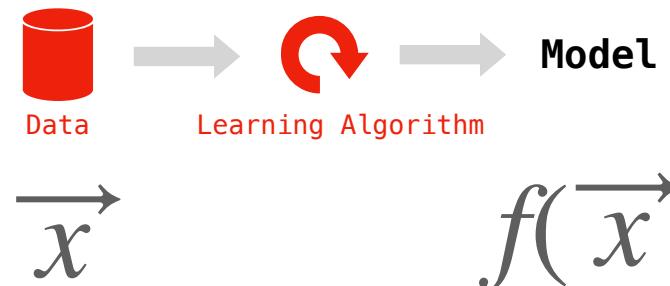


► Generative

- ✓ Linear Discriminant Analysis
- ✓ Naive Bayes

Binary Classification

- ### ► Goal => learn a decision boundary such that two classes can be separated



The sign function

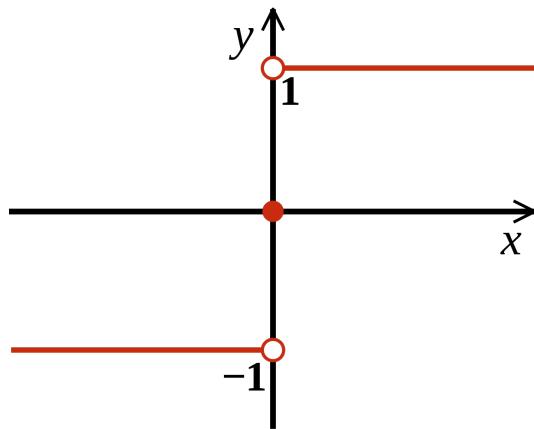
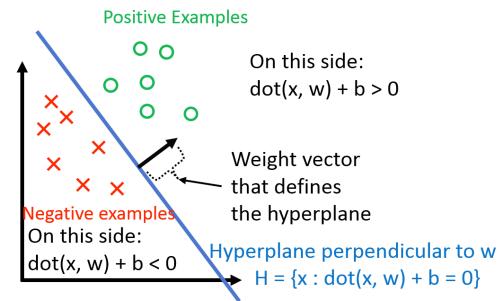


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The Linear Classifier

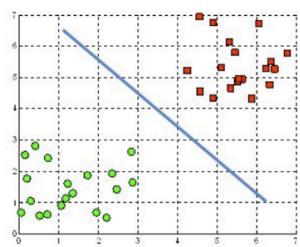
$$f(\vec{x}) = \text{sign}(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b)$$



Credit: <http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4780/2018sp/lectures/lecturenote03.html>

Decision Boundary

A hyperplane in \mathbb{R}^2 is a line



$$0 = b + w_1x_1 + w_2x_2$$

$$x_2 = -\frac{b}{w_2} - \frac{w_1}{w_2}x_1$$

Image credit: <https://mc.ai/why-activation-function-is-used-in-neural-network/>

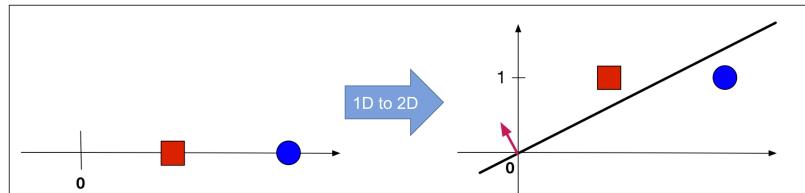
Absorbing the bias

$$\begin{aligned} f(\vec{x}) &= \text{sign}(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b) \\ &= \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i + b\right) \\ &= \text{sign}\left(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_i\right) \\ &= \text{sign}(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

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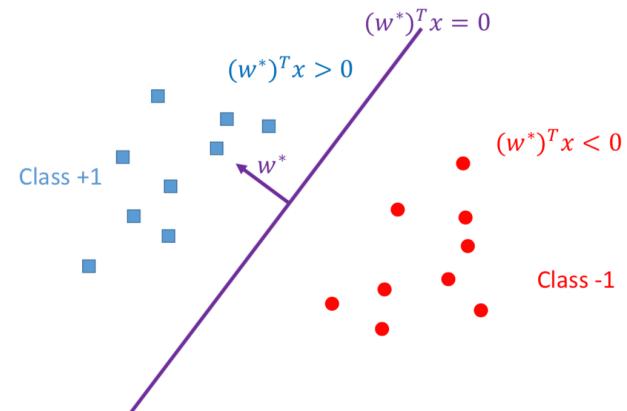
$$x_0 = 1 \text{ and } w_0 = -b$$

Why using b?

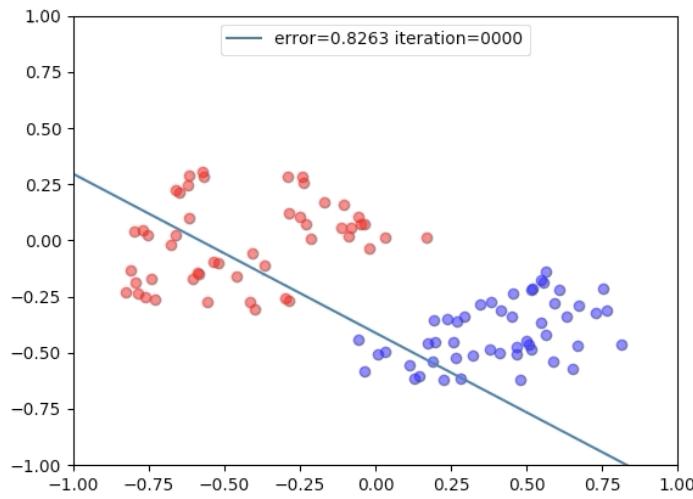


Decision boundary

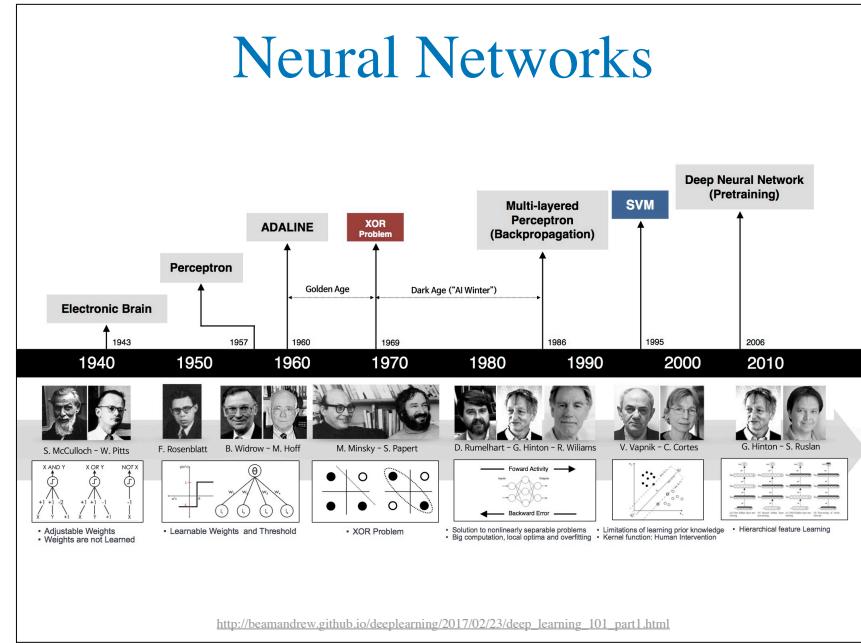
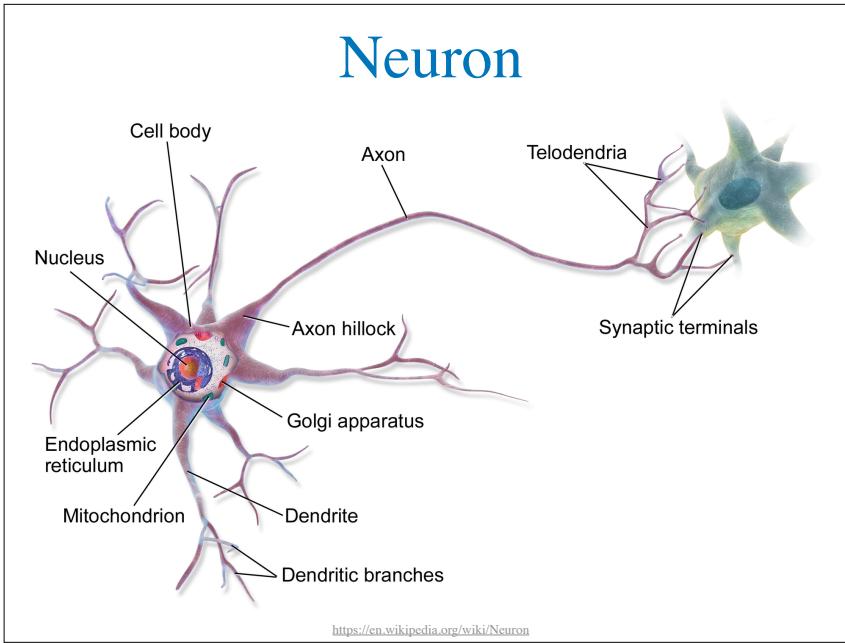
- Hyperplane defined by $h(x)$



Learning



The Perceptron



Rosenblatt (1958)

- Perceptron introduced by Frank Rosenblatt (psychologist, logician)
 - based on work from McCulloch-Pitts and Hebb
 - very powerful **learning** algorithm with high expectations

NEW NAVY DEVICE LEARNS BY DOING; Psychologist Shows Embryo of Computer Designed to Read and Grow Wiser

WASHINGTON, July 7, 1958 (UPI) -- The Navy revealed the embryo of an electronic computer today that it expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence.

<https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2019/09/professors-perceptron-paved-way-ai-60-years-too-soon>

Rosenblatt (1958)

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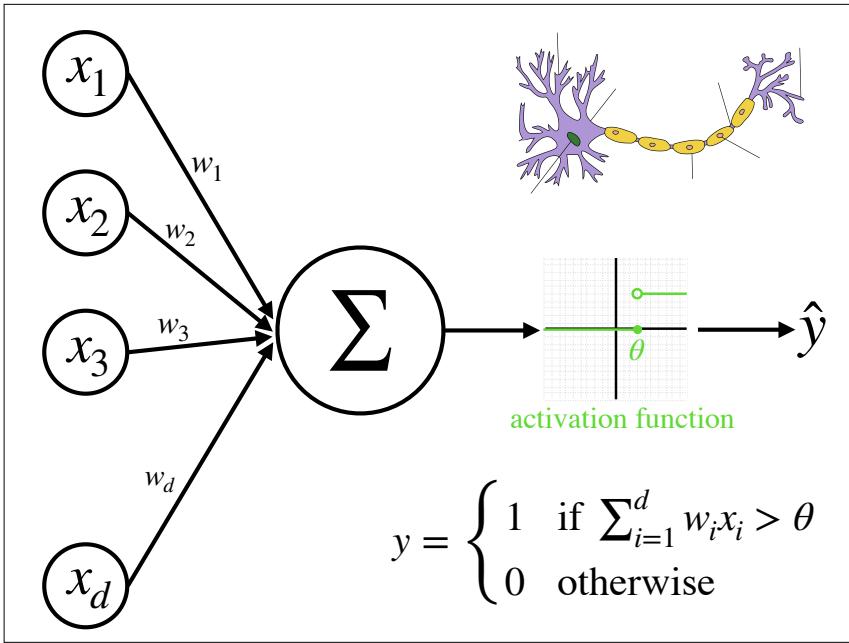
The perceptron: A probabilistic model for information storage and organization in the brain.

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Rosenblatt, F.
Psychological Review, Vol 65(6), Nov 1958, 386-408

To answer the questions of how information about the physical world is sensed, in what form is information remembered, and how does information retained in memory influence recognition and behavior, a theory is developed for a hypothetical nervous system called a perceptron. The theory serves as a bridge between biophysics and psychology. It is possible to predict learning curves from neurological variables and vice versa. The quantitative statistical approach is fruitful in the understanding of the organization of cognitive systems. 18 references. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2016 APA, all rights reserved)

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Absorbing the threshold/bias

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i > \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i - \theta > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad x_0 = 1 \text{ and } w_0 = -\theta$$

Another look

For mathematical convenience we will use +1 and -1 instead of 1 and 0

$$\begin{aligned} h_w(\mathbf{x}) &= \sigma \left(\sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i - \theta \right) \\ &= \sigma \left(\sum_{i=0}^d w_i x_i \right) \quad \sigma(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z > 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } z \leq 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h_w : \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1}\}$$

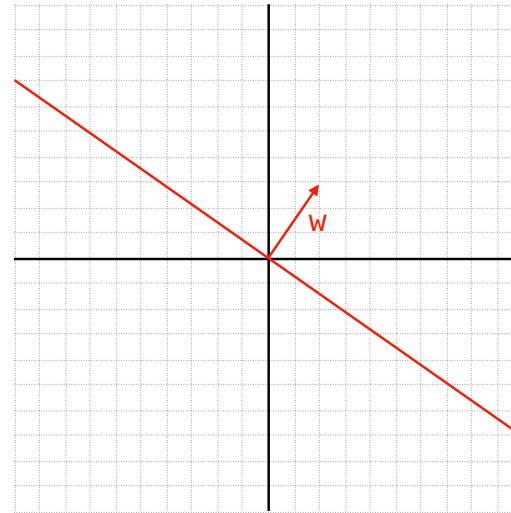
Perceptron Algorithm

- ▶ Start with a null vector \mathbf{w}
- ▶ Repeat for T epochs
 - ✓ shuffle the data
 - ✓ for all examples in training data
 - ✓ if misclassified
 - update the weight vector by adding \mathbf{x} to \mathbf{w} if the actual label is positive and subtracting \mathbf{x} from \mathbf{w} otherwise
- ▶ Return \mathbf{w}

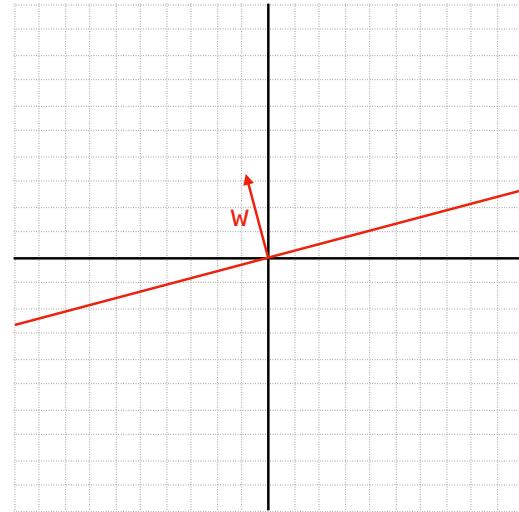
Write the pseudocode

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1p7LjENLd6whkoVY2yRGg-Nm5v4XNjdDt>

Mistake on a positive (update)



Mistake on a negative (update)

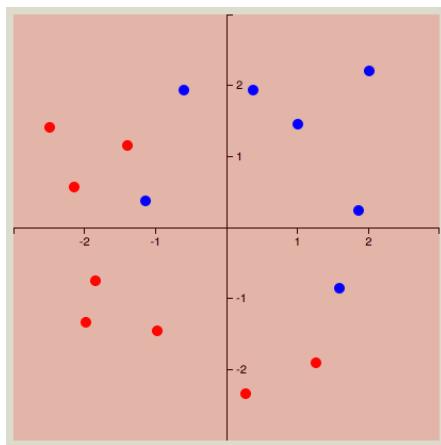


Intuition

- Suppose a mistake on the positive side:
 $y = +1 \quad \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \leq 0$
- After 1 update the new weight vector will be:
$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1} = \mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{x}$$
- Classifying the datapoint with the new weight vector:
$$\mathbf{w}_{t+1}^T \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{w}_t + \mathbf{x})^T \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \geq \mathbf{w}_t^T \mathbf{x}$$

use same idea for mistakes on the negative side

Demo



https://planspace.org/20150907-interactive_perceptron_training_toy/

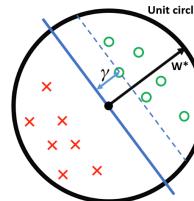
Perceptron convergence theorem

The argument goes as follows: Suppose $\exists \mathbf{w}^*$ such that $y_i(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w}^*) > 0 \forall (\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in D$.

Now, suppose that we rescale each data point and the \mathbf{w}^* such that

$$\|\mathbf{w}^*\| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|\mathbf{x}_i\| \leq 1 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}_i \in D$$

Let us define the Margin γ of the hyperplane \mathbf{w}^* as $\gamma = \min_{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in D} |\mathbf{x}_i^\top \mathbf{w}^*|$.



To summarize our setup:

- All inputs \mathbf{x}_i live within the unit sphere
- There exists a separating hyperplane defined by \mathbf{w}^* , with $\|\mathbf{w}^*\| = 1$ (i.e. \mathbf{w}^* lies exactly on the unit sphere).
- γ is the distance from this hyperplane (blue) to the closest data point.

Theorem: If all of the above holds, then the Perceptron algorithm makes at most $1/\gamma^2$ mistakes.

<http://www.cs.cornell.edu/courses/cs4780/2018fa/lectures/lecturenote03.html>

Perceptron (remarks)

- Assumes data is linearly separable
 - ✓ **does not converge** if classes are not linearly separable
- Different correct solutions can be found
 - ✓ most are not optimal in terms of generalization

Parameters vs Hyperparameters

- Parameters
 - ✓ weights and bias
- **Hyperparameters**
 - ✓ number of epochs (one epoch is one pass over the training data)