

Neural Network as a Classifier

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Lets recall the feedforward algorithm before first.

Feedforward Neural Network

How do we compute a feedforward neural network on an input x ?

Feedforward Neural Network

Start with an input $x = a^{(0)}$. In the picture, this is represented by the first layer of nodes. We will call this layer 0.

$$x = a^{(0)}$$

Feedforward Neural Network

We apply the weight $W^{(1)}$ coming from the edges between layer 0 and layer 1 and add the biases and then apply the Activation function on the resulting vector coordinate-wise.

$$x = a^{(0)} \longrightarrow \sigma(W^{(1)}a^{(0)} + b^{(1)})$$

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layer 0 and layer 1

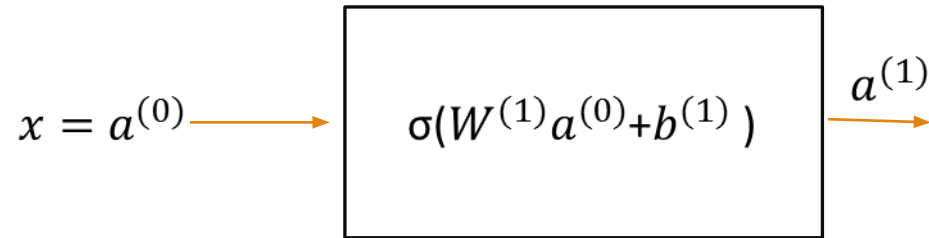
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We will call the output of this computation $a^{(1)}$. This is now represented by the nodes in layer 1.



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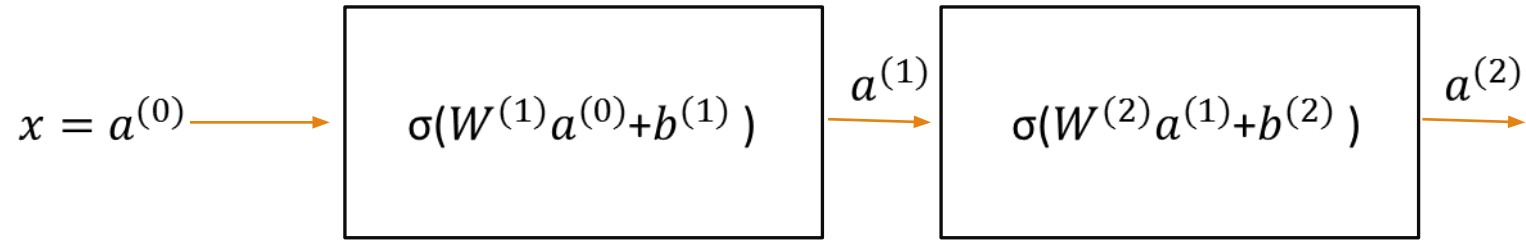
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Repeat.



$W^{(2)}$: Edges between
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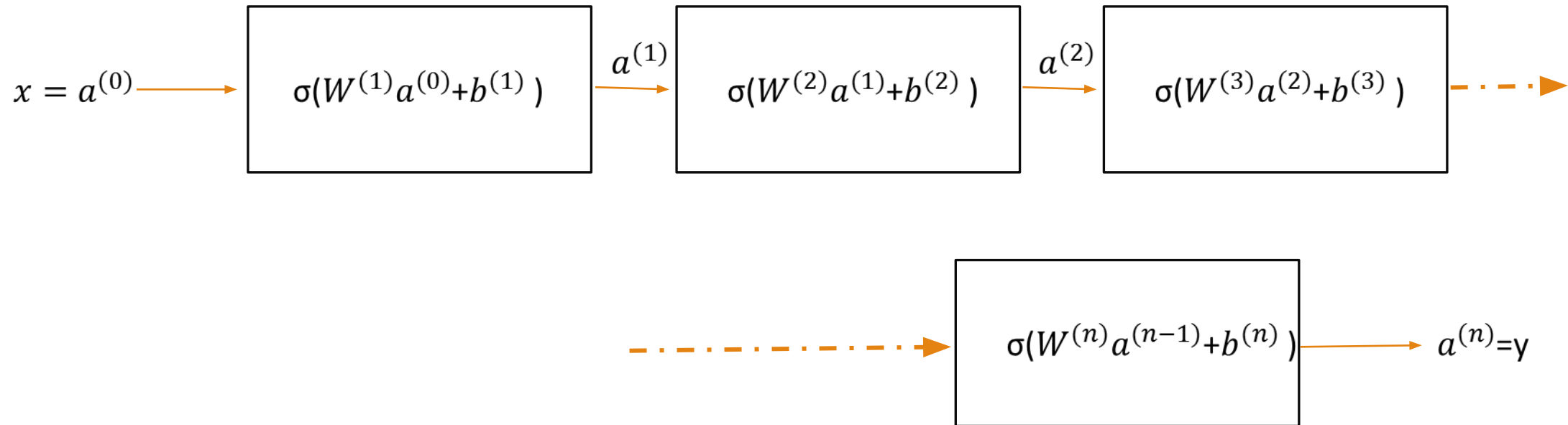
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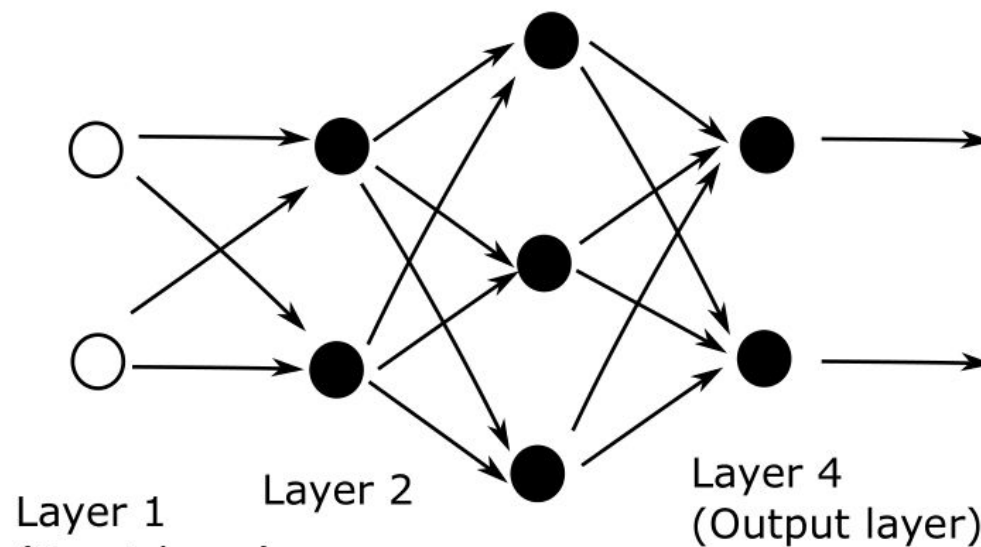
Until you finish the neural network and get the final output.



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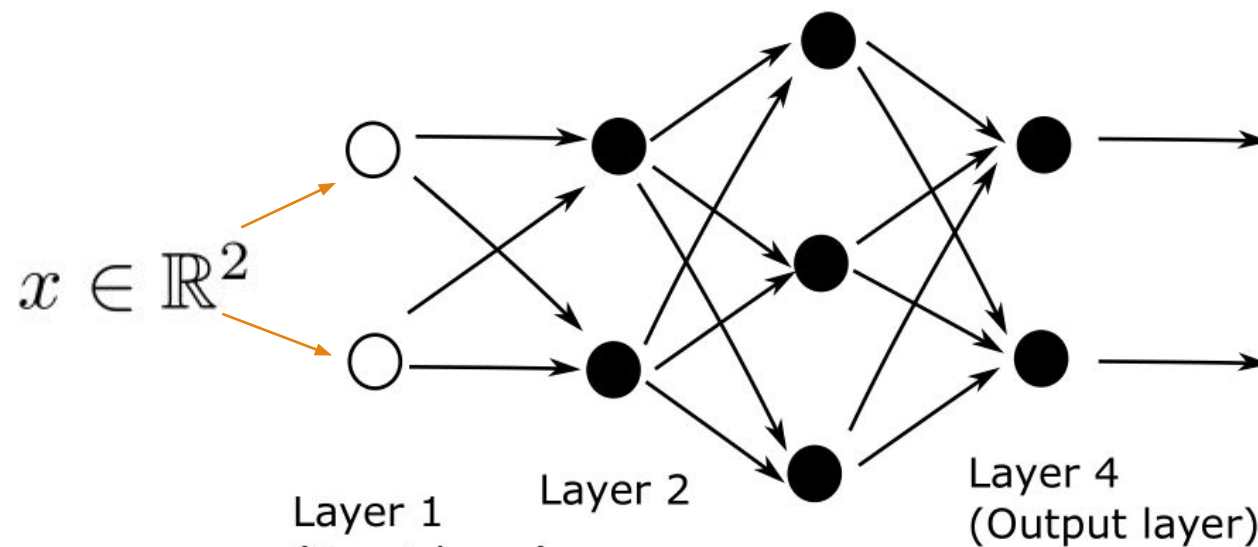
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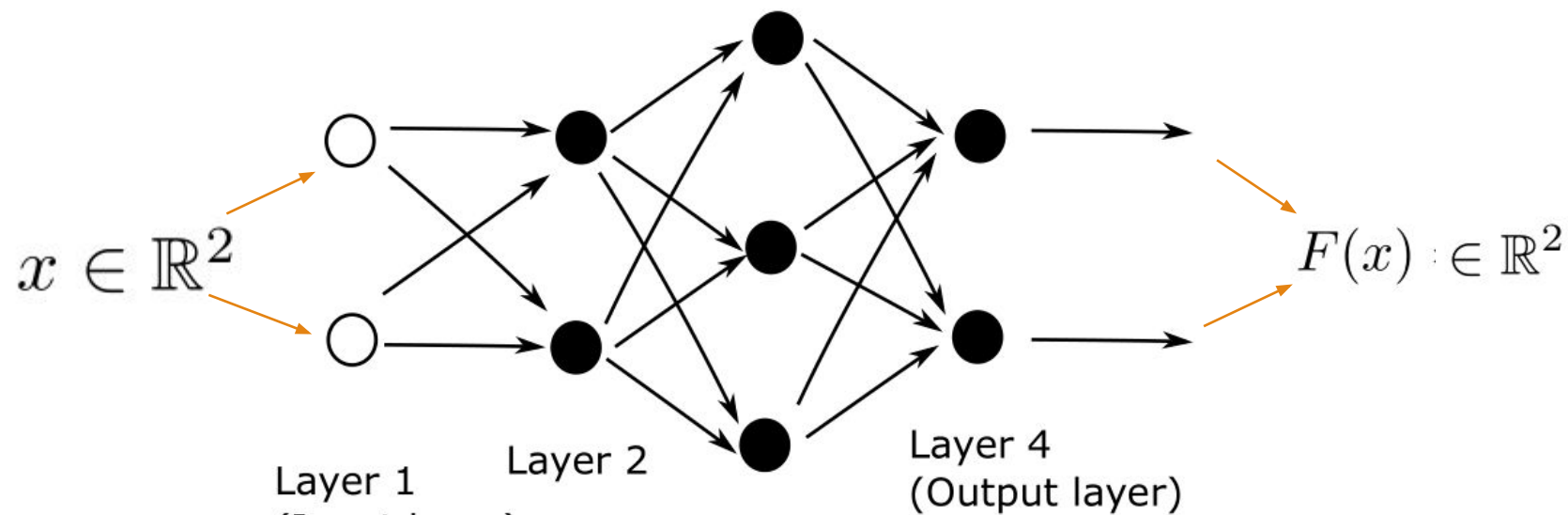
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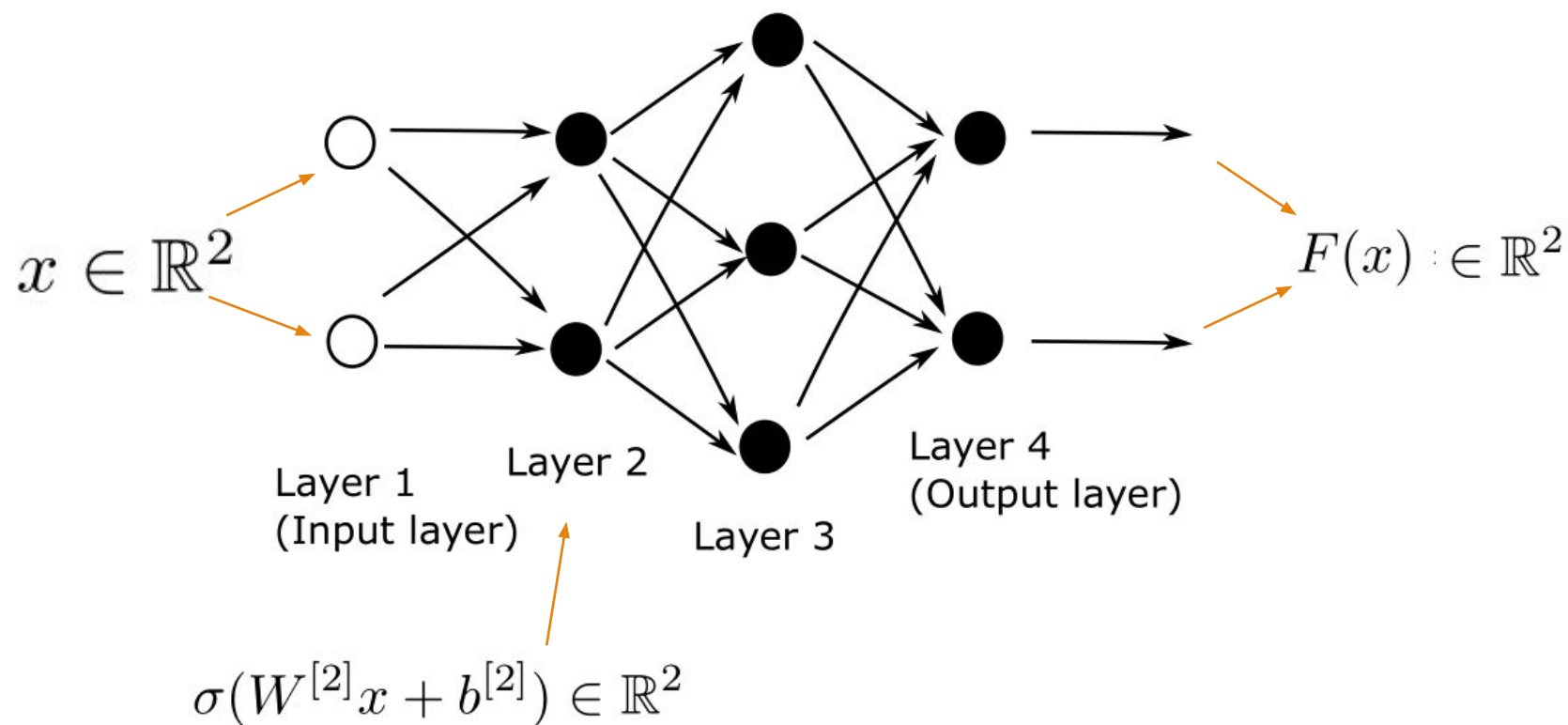
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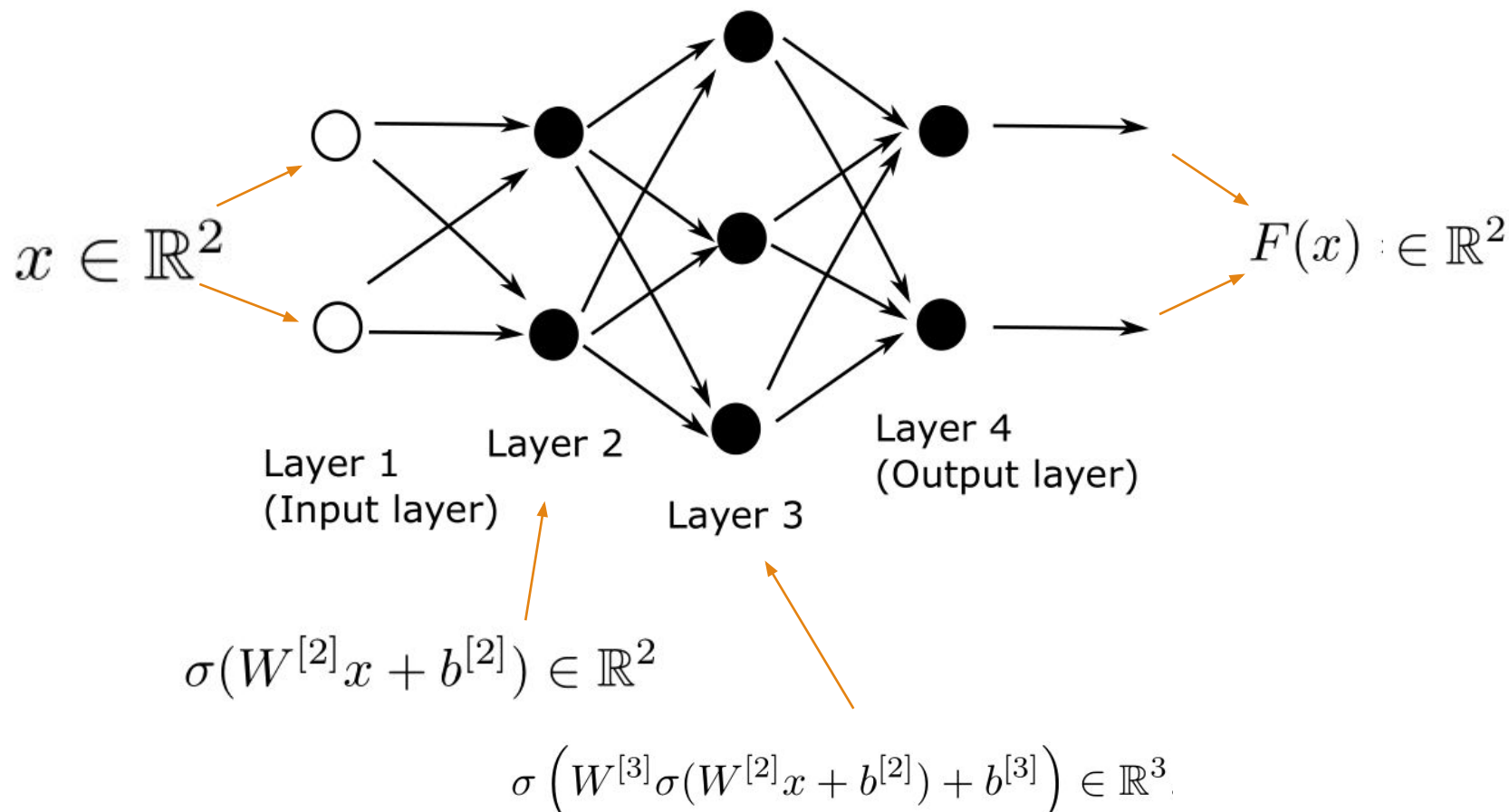
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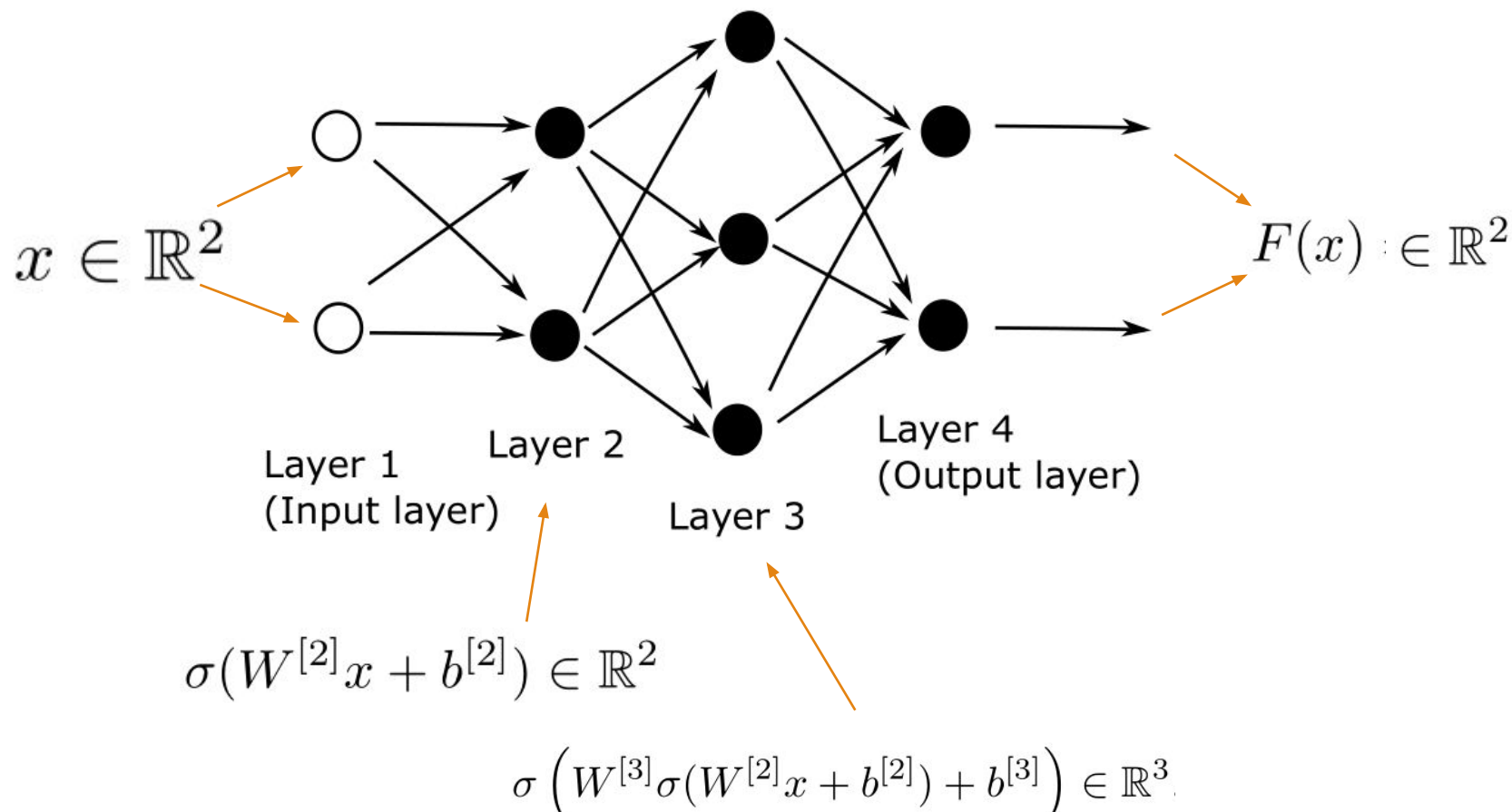
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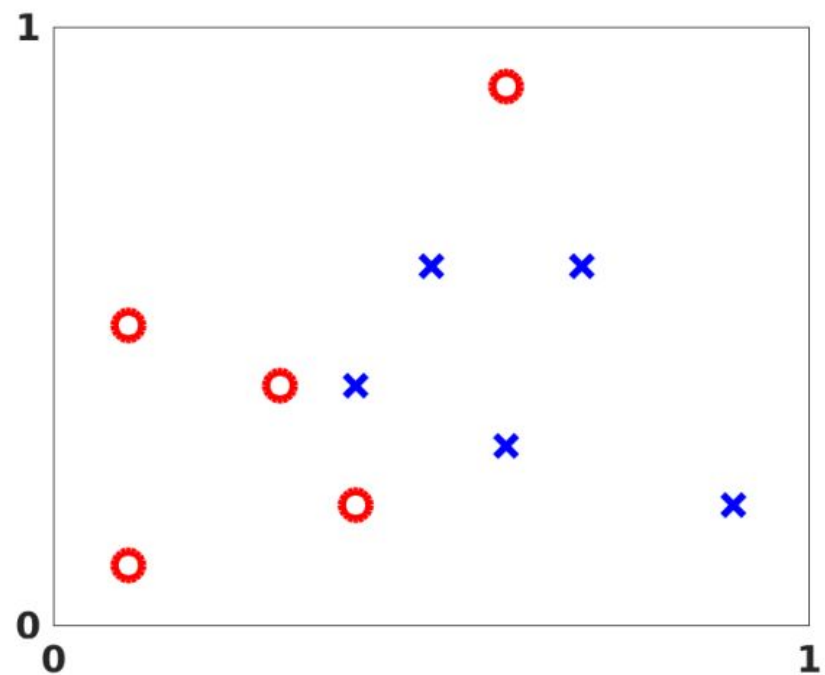
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Final function representing the neural network

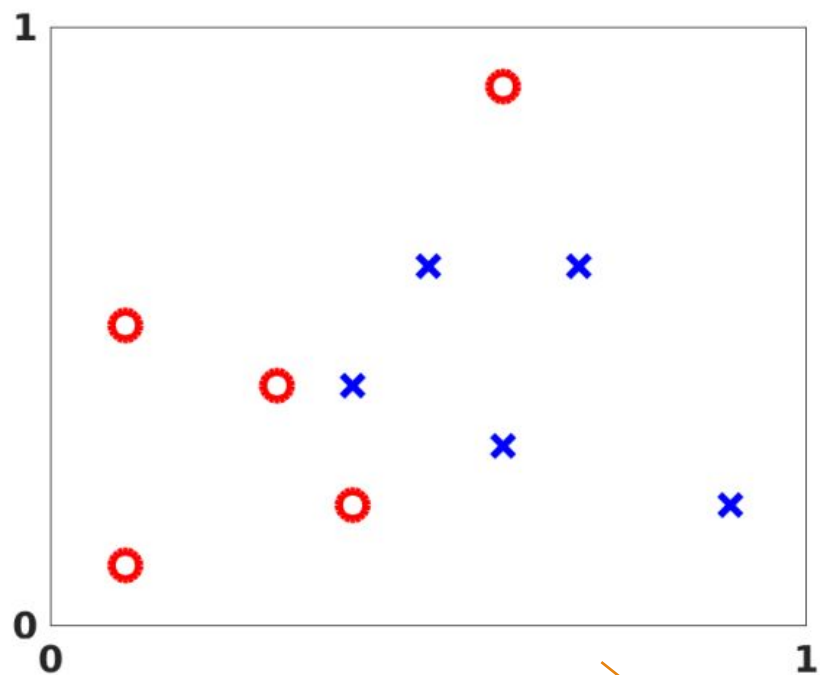
$$F(x) = \sigma \left(W^{[4]} \sigma \left(W^{[3]} \sigma(W^{[2]}x + b^{[2]}) + b^{[3]} \right) + b^{[4]} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

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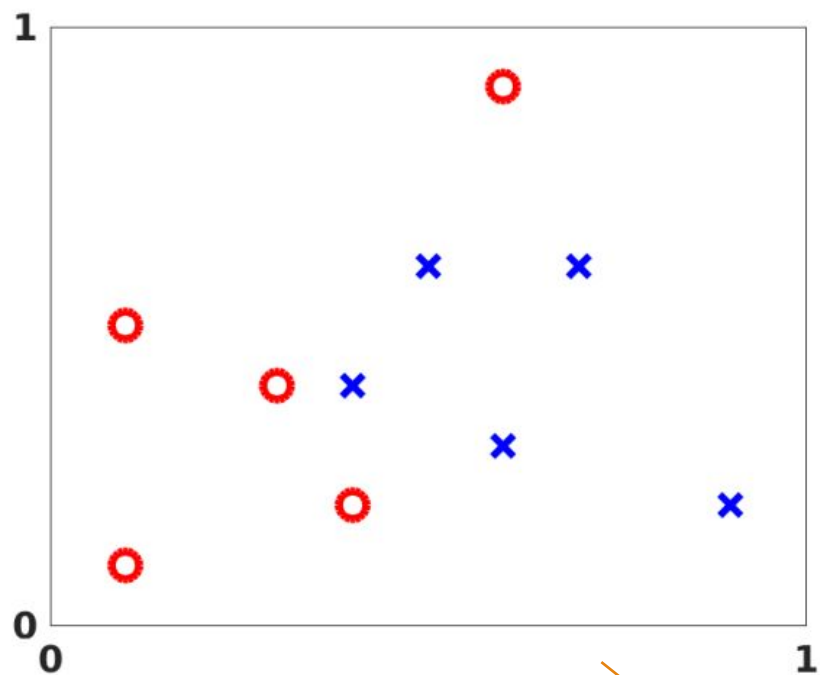


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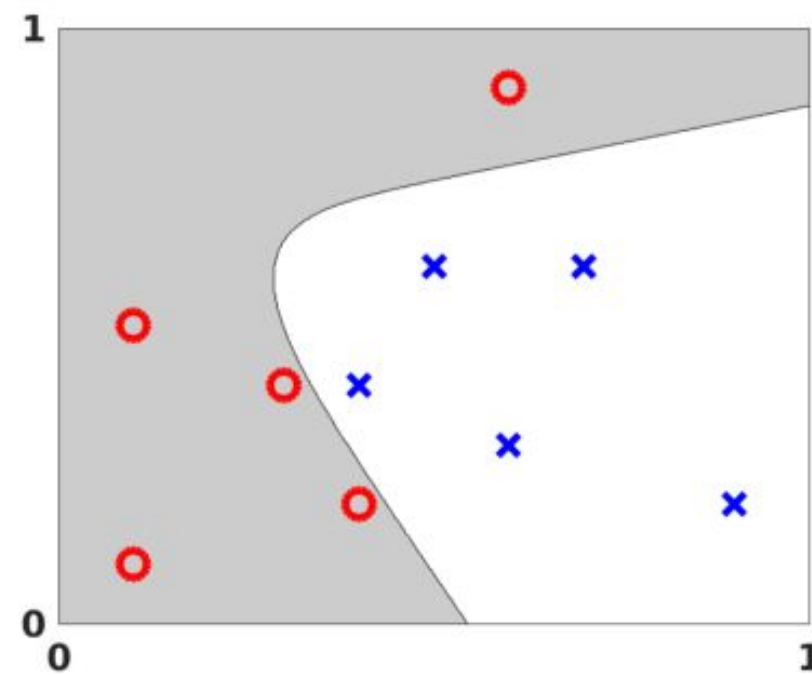
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Now suppose that we have data set that consists of images of cats and dogs and we built a neural network that takes as input an image from this data set and gives out a vector in \mathbb{R}^1 (a real number).

How exactly do we use this vector for our classification task ? In general the output $f(x)$ coming from the neural network Does not match the class $\{\pm 1\}$ of the input point x (it could be any real number).



Binary classification

This function takes a tensor of size `input_size` and returns a real number.

How can we constrain the output to be between -1 and +1?

```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn

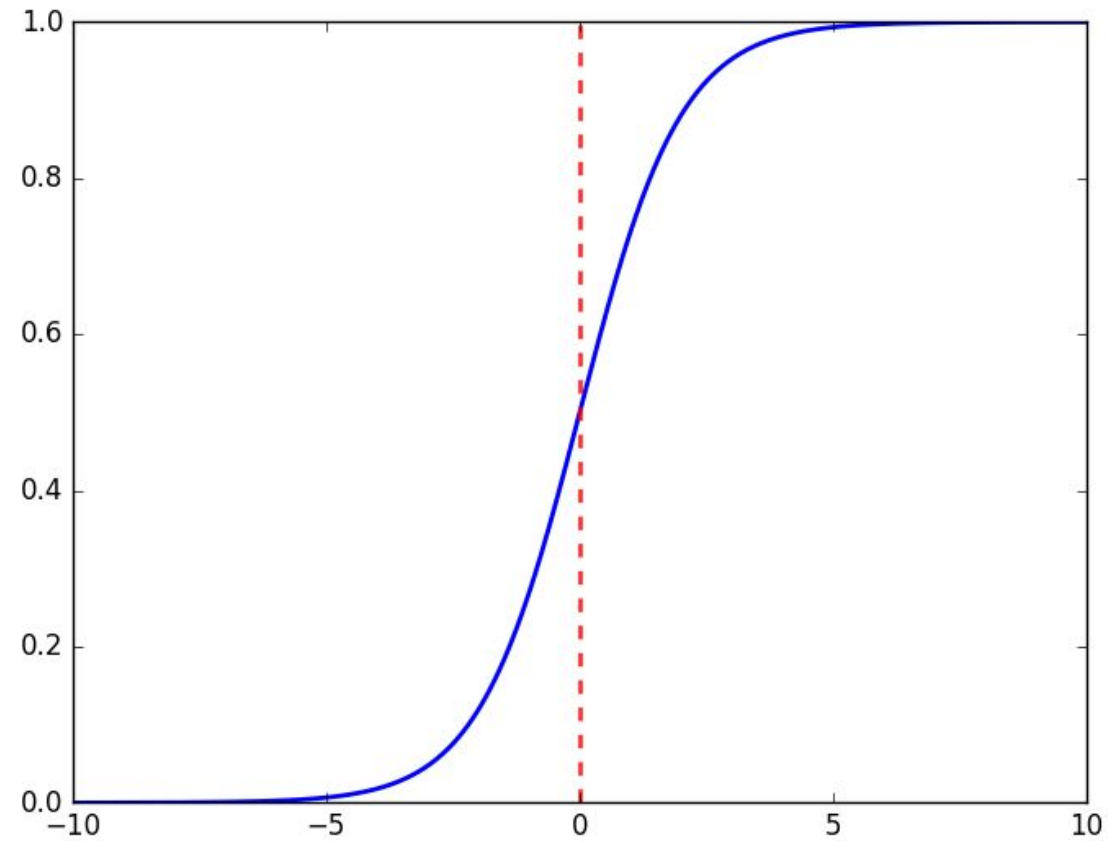
class Net(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size):
        super(Net, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_size, 1)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = torch.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = self.fc2(x)
        return x
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The graph of the sigmoid function

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But what do we do in the multi-class classification ?

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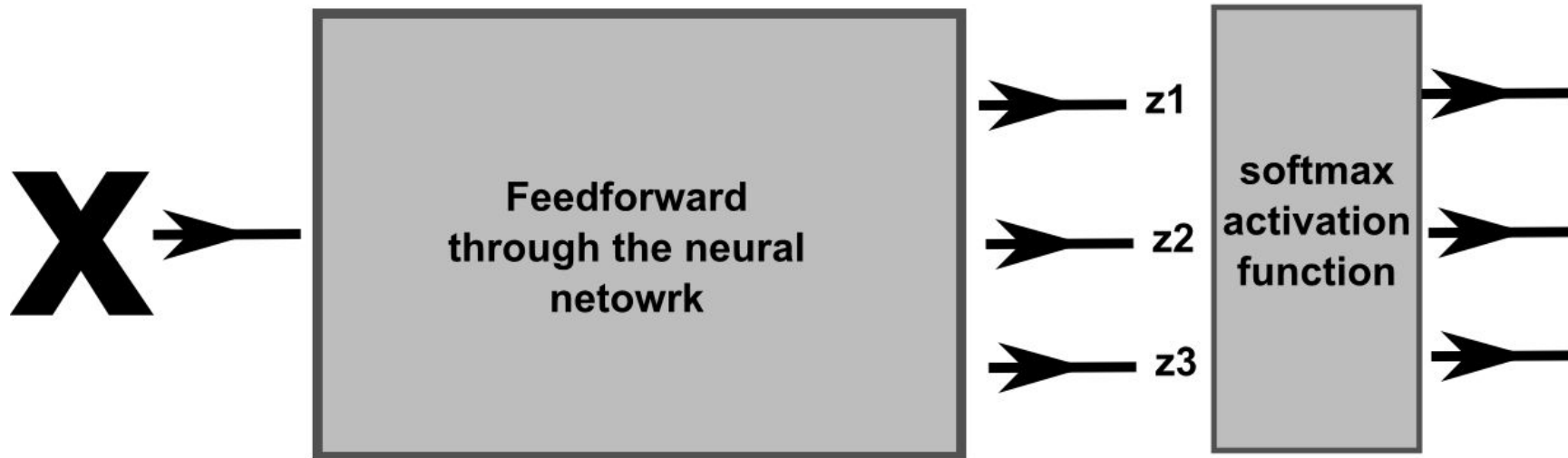
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The softmax function in Python

The softmax function is a mathematical function used to convert a vector of real numbers into a probability distribution.

It takes an input vector and returns another vector of the same length, where each element is transformed to a value between 0 and 1, representing the probability of that element being selected. In simple terms, the softmax function normalizes the input vector and makes it easier to interpret as probabilities. Here's a Python example:

```
import numpy as np

def softmax(x):
    exp_values = np.exp(x)
    probabilities = exp_values / np.sum(exp_values)
    return probabilities

input_vector = np.array([2.0, 1.0, 0.5])
output_vector = softmax(input_vector)
print(output_vector)

[0.62842832 0.2312239 0.14034778]
```