

Introduction To Deep Learning

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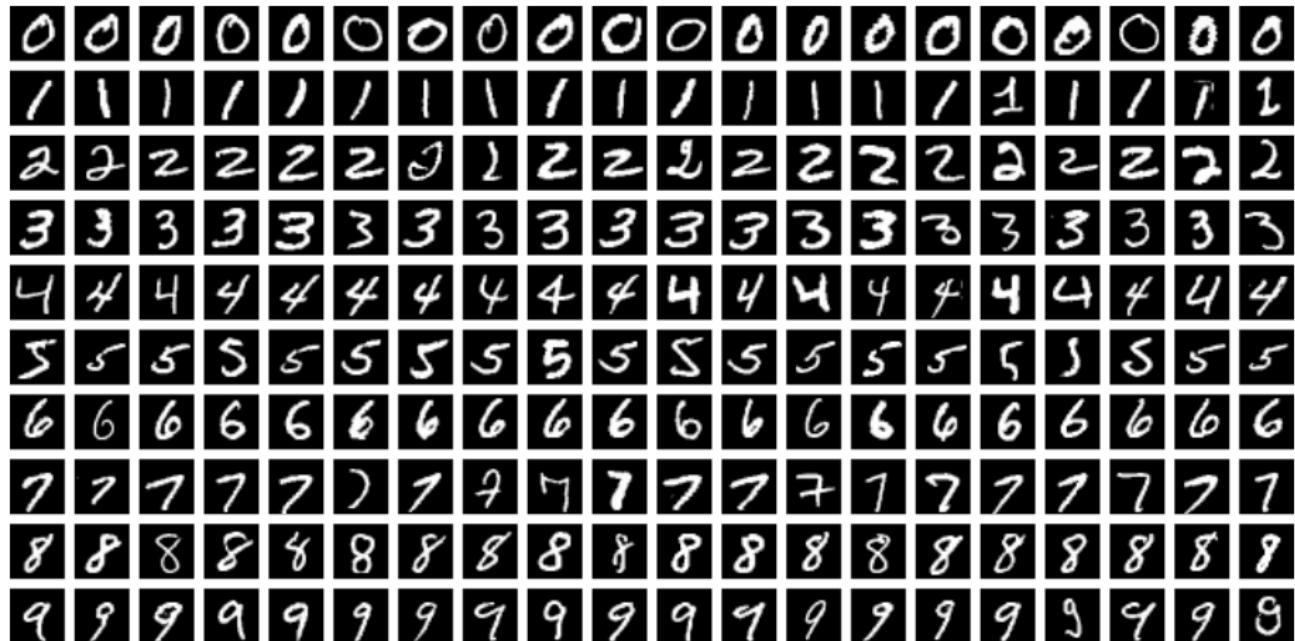
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MNIST Handwriting Classification



Source : Wikipedia

Text Generation

Ask ChatGPT



Rwanda is a small, land-locked country in East Africa known for its striking landscapes, including rolling hills that have earned it the nickname "*the Land of a Thousand Hills*." Its capital, Kigali, is one of the cleanest and fastest-growing cities in the region. After the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, Rwanda has focused heavily on reconciliation, stability, and development, becoming a leader in conservation and technology-driven growth.

L'IA me fait peur

AI scares me

This image shows a screenshot of a text message exchange. On the left, the message "L'IA me fait peur" is displayed. On the right, the message "AI scares me" is shown. Both messages are preceded by a small "X" icon. Below the messages are standard text input controls: a microphone icon, a speaker icon, and a Google logo. At the bottom of the screen, there are navigation icons for a back arrow, a forward arrow, and a refresh symbol.

Image Generation



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Self Driving Cars



History of Deep Learning

- **1952 – Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)**
- **1958 – Perceptron (Learnable Weights)** Introduced by Frank Rosenblatt.¹
- **1986 – Backpropagation (Multilayer Perceptron)**
- **1995 – Deep Convolutional Neural Networks** Early deep CNNs (e.g., LeNet-5 by Yann LeCun)

(*Introduction to deep learning.* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErnWZxJovaM&list=PLtBw6njQRU-rwp5_7C0oIVt26ZgjG9NI&index=12. Accessed: 2025-11-06. 2025)

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Rosenblatt

Objectives

- Understand the fundamentals of Deep Learning (DL)
- Explore key architectures such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
- Understand common DL jargon and terminology
- Implement DL models using frameworks such as PyTorch and TensorFlow
- Know how to evaluate and optimize model performance through experimentation and tuning

What is Deep Learning?

Deep learning is a subset of machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) techniques that mimic human thinking processes (brain) by training machines with sufficiently large amounts of data. It is inspired by the human brain and is built upon artificial neural networks (ANNs) (deep neural networks). Compared to traditional ML, deep learning usually requires much larger amounts of data to learn effectively.

Machine Learning vs Deep Learning

- In traditional ML, you explicitly define the features for the model to learn from your dataset.
- In deep learning, the model automatically learns features from the data, eg. lines, curves, edges, and mid and higher-level latent representations.
- Deep learning requires much larger datasets for effective training compared to traditional ML.
- ML models may perform well on smaller datasets, while DL typically benefits from large-scale data and GPU acceleration.
- DL excels at complex tasks such as image recognition, speech processing, and natural language understanding.

Deep Learning Frameworks

DEEP LEARNING FRAMEWORKS



TensorFlow



PyTorch



Keras

Caffe

mxnet

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Source: ([Gürkan Çanaklı. Choose the Deep Learning Frameworks: A Comprehensive Guide. Accessed: 2025-11-07. 2023. URL:](#)

ANN Architecture: Neuron Definition

- **Definition:** Let $w \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $W_0 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. A neuron is a function:

$$\Phi_{w, w_0, \sigma}(x) = \sigma\left(w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i\right)$$

When is Neuron called perceptron?

- **Vector Notation:**

$$\Phi_{w, w_0, \sigma}(x) = \sigma(w^\top x + w_0)$$

- Convention: w and x are column vectors.
 - w is called the weight vector, b is the bias.
- **Activation Function:** Introduces non-linearity. Examples:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}, \quad \text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z), \quad \tanh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$$

Neuron Structure

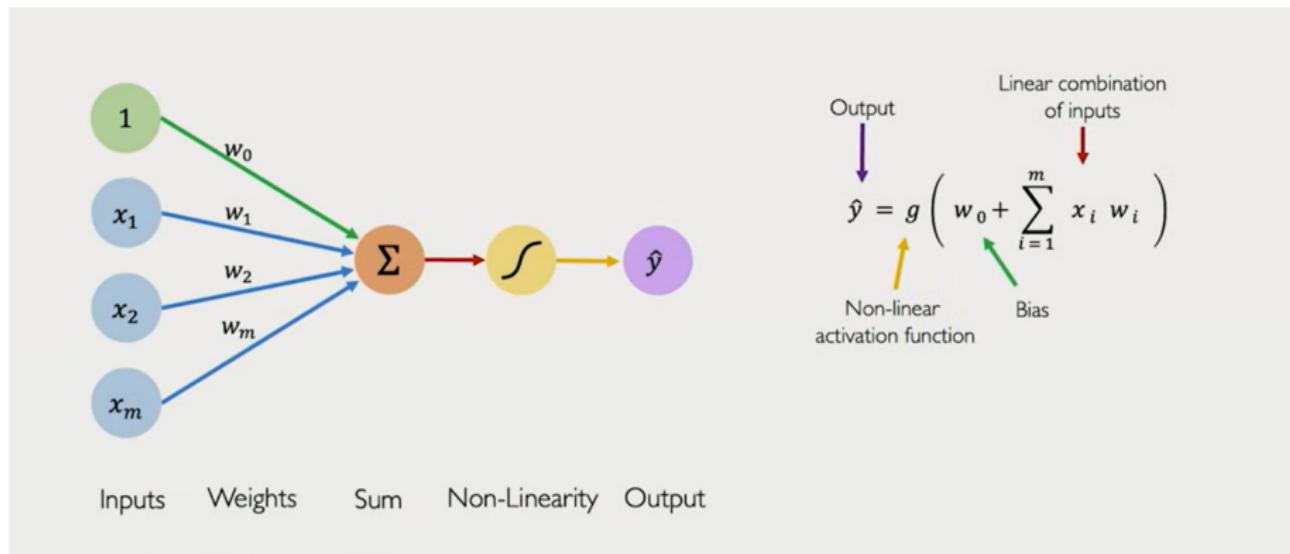


Figure: Single neuron²

²https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErnWZxJovaM&list=PLtBw6njQRU-rwp5_-7C0oIVt26ZgjG9NI&index=12

Example: Implement a Neuron in PyTorch

Given:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad W_0 = 1.5, \quad \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Task: Compute the output of the neuron for an input $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$ using PyTorch.

Try different values of x and observe the output.

ANN Architecture

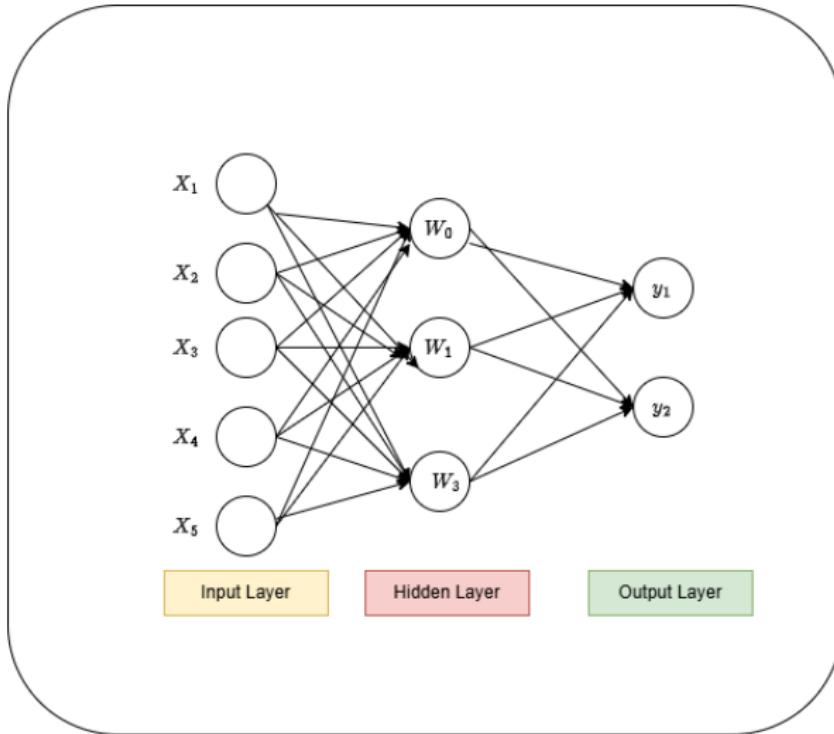


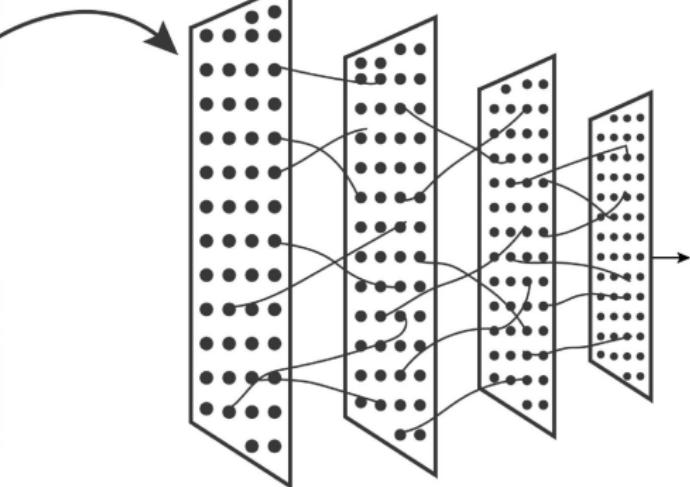
Figure: ANN Architecture

Real World Input

Cat



Dog



Output
Cat

Training and Learning

- **Forward Propagation:** Compute output:

$$a^{(l)} = f(W^{(l)}a^{(l-1)} + W_0^{(l)})$$

- **Loss Function:** Measures error, e.g., MSE:

$$L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

- **Backpropagation:** Compute gradients:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_0}$$

- **Optimization:** Update weights via GD:

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}, \quad b \leftarrow b - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_0}$$

Gradient Descent

Algorithm

1. Initialize weights randomly $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Compute gradient, $\frac{\partial J(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
4. Update weights, $\mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{W} - \eta \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$
5. Return weights

Optimization Algorithms

- **Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)** – Basic gradient-based update:

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} L$$

- **Momentum** – Accelerates SGD by adding a velocity term.
- **AdaGrad** – Adaptive learning rate for each parameter based on past gradients.
- **RMSProp** – Uses exponentially decaying average of squared gradients to normalize updates.
- **Adam (Adaptive Moment Estimation)** – Combines Momentum + RMSProp; widely used.
- **Nadam** – Adam with Nesterov momentum.
- **Adadelta** – Variant of AdaGrad addressing rapid decay of learning rate.

Regularization Techniques

- **Dropout:** With certain probability, deactivate some neurons in a particular layer during training to prevent overfitting.
- **L1 / Lasso:** Adds $\lambda \sum |w_i|$ to loss \rightarrow sparsity.
- **L2 / Ridge:** Adds $\lambda \sum w_i^2$ to loss \rightarrow weight shrinkage.
- **Early Stopping:** Stop training when validation loss stops improving.

Limitations of Deep Learning

- **Large Data Requirements:** Deep learning models need huge datasets to learn effectively.
- **High Computational Power:** Training deep networks often requires GPUs.
- **Long Training Time:** Complex models can take hours or days to train.
- **Interpretability:** Deep models are often considered "black boxes".

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