#### **Machine Learning in Healthcare**

# **#C17 Neural Networks: Introduction**

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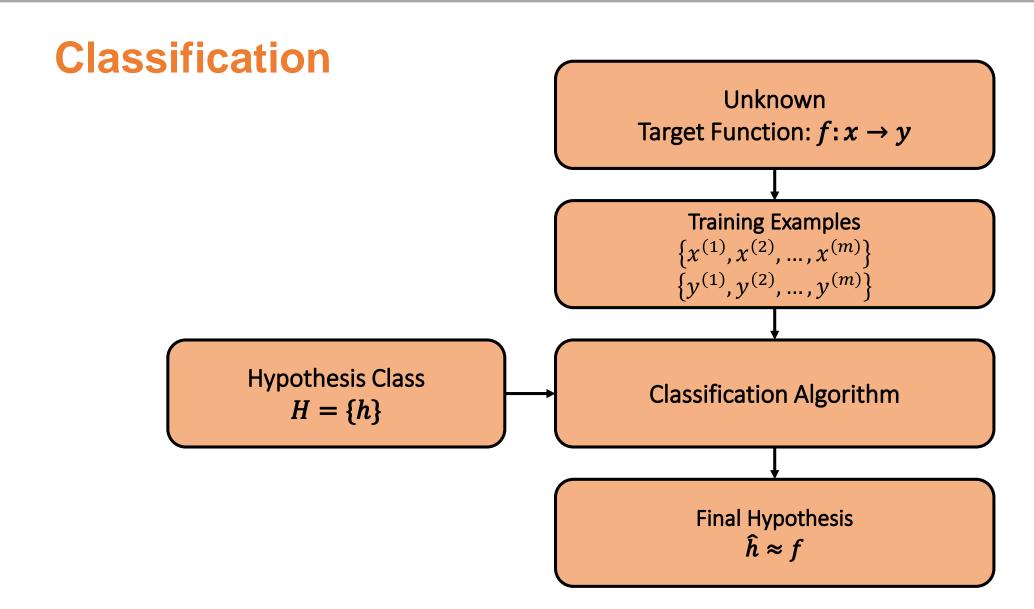




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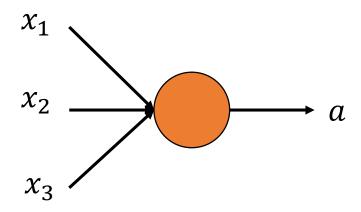


# Introduction to NN

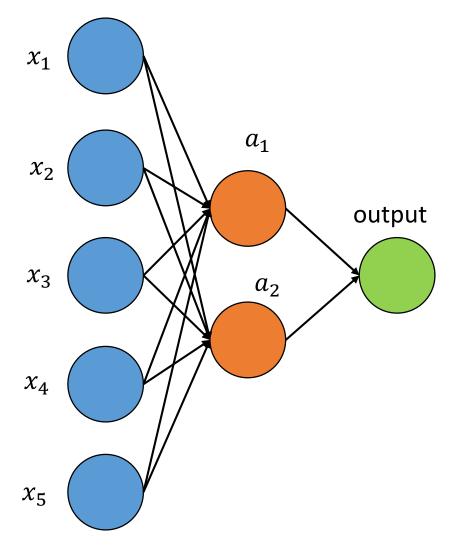


# **Logistic regression and NN**

Logistic regression:



NN as a superposition of multiple LR units:

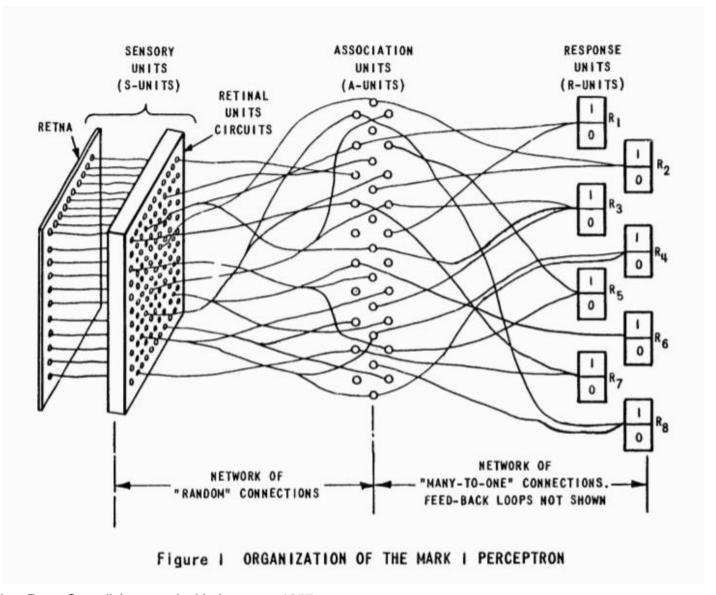




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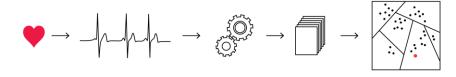


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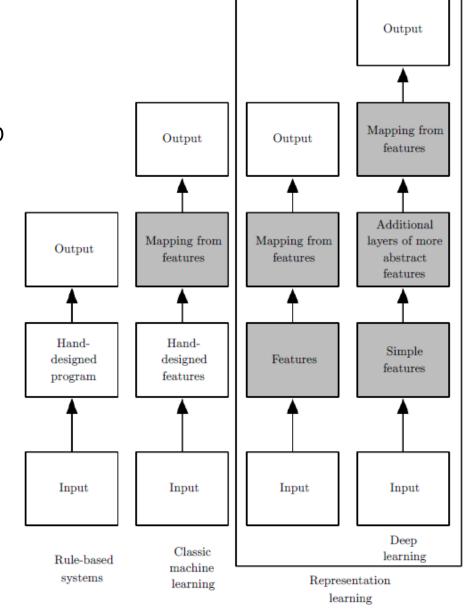


- For many tasks it is difficult to know what features should be extracted.
  - E.g. detect a tumor on a CT scan. Might differ in their location, shapes etc.
- One solution is to use ML to learn both the features and the mapping function from the features to the output. This is called representation learning.
- Classic machine learning:
  - $f: x \to y$
  - *x* the features **we engineered**.
  - f mapping function we want to learn.
- Representation learning:
  - $f: x \to y$
  - *x* the "raw data".
  - f mapping function we want to learn.



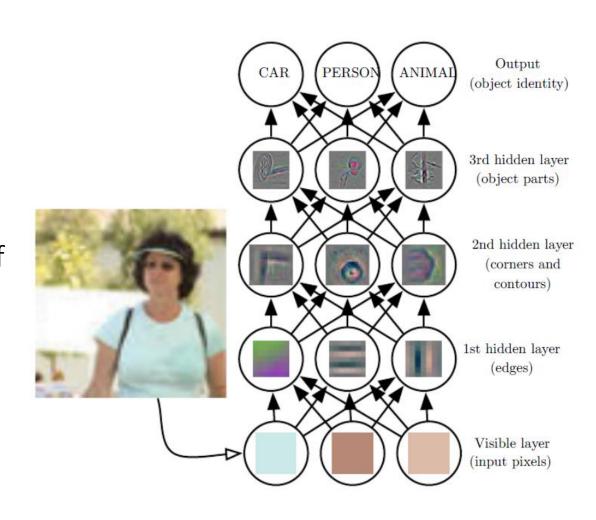


- Different AI disciplines.
- Shaded box represent components that are able to learn from the data.



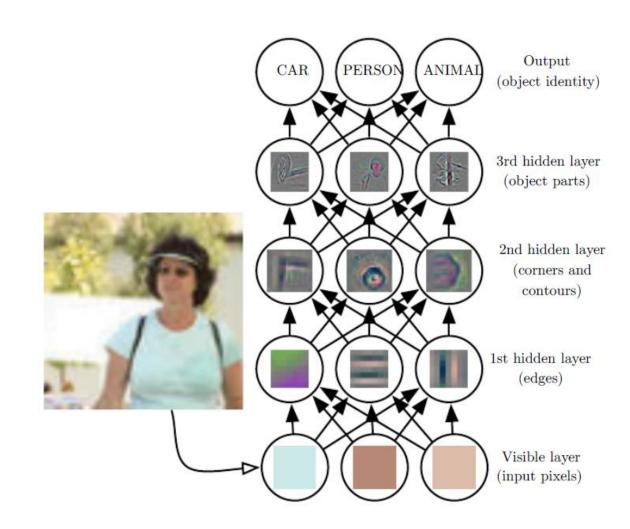


- It might be challenging to directly learn highlevel abstract features from raw data.
- Deep learning tackles this challenge in representation learning by introducing representations that are expressed in term of other, simpler representations.
- Rephrased: Deep learning enables to build complex concepts out of simpler ones.

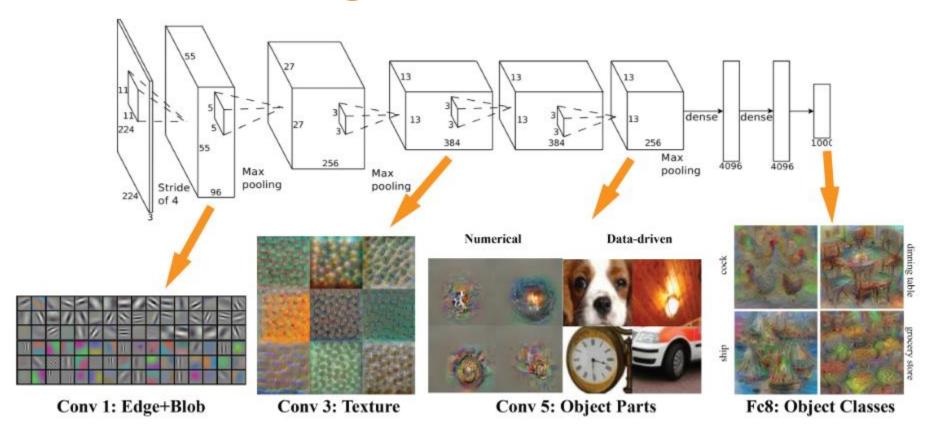




- Breaks a complex mapping into a series of nested simpler mappings.
- These nested simpler mapping are represented in the different layers.
- The networks learns increasingly more complex features as we get deeper and deeper in the layers.





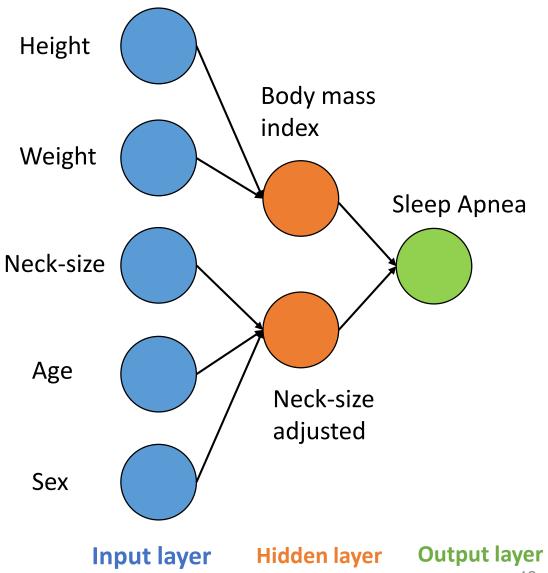


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Code for visualize neurons trained from deep learning packages through backpropagation optimization: http://vision03.csail.mit.edu/cnn\_art/index.html#v\_single

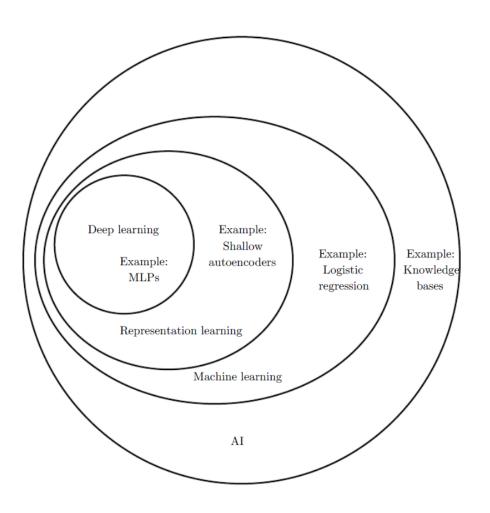


- Let's consider a set of demographic and anthropometric features we want to use to predict the likelihood of an individual having sleep apnea.
- The purpose being to design a simple questionnaire based model that can be used to screen for the condition.
- By adding more layers and units in each layer, the networks can represent mapping of increasing complexity.





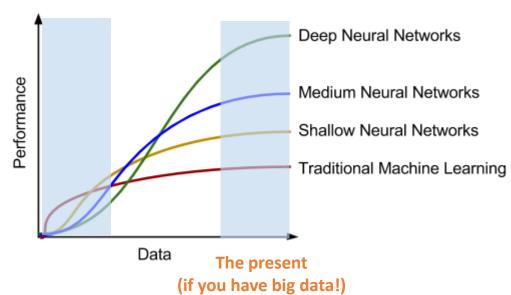
- Al, machine learning and representation learning.
- Representation learning: learn features.
- Deep learning: Build complex concepts out of simpler ones.





### **Deep Learning**

- What made Deep Learning so popular?
  - Amount of data that is available.
  - Computation and hardware.
  - Algorithms.
- Benchmark to other learning approaches?



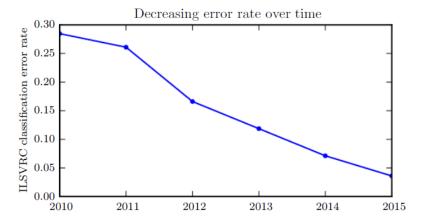
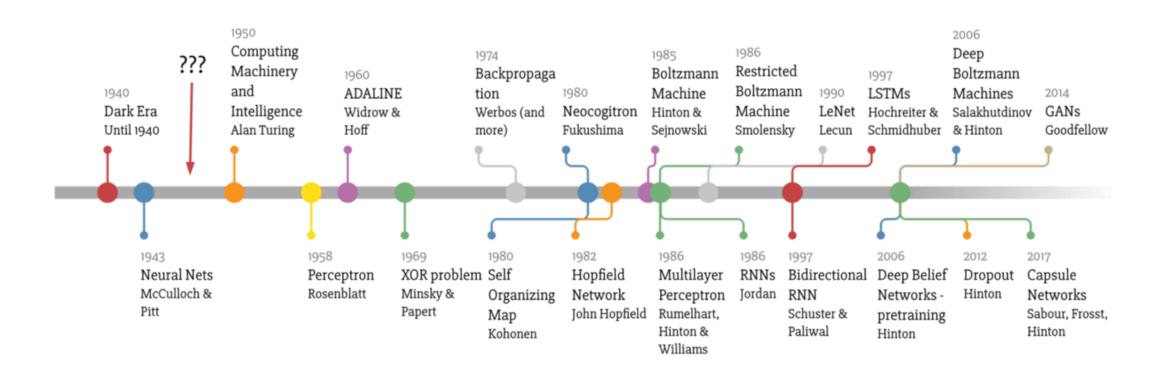


Figure 1.12: Since deep networks reached the scale necessary to compete in the ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge, they have consistently won the competition every year, and yielded lower and lower error rates each time. Data from Russakovsky et al. (2014b) and He et al. (2015).

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### Deep Learning Timeline

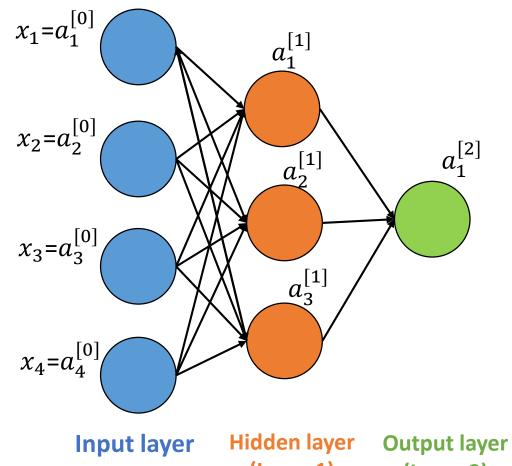


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# **Deep Learning**

- You give to the neural network a series of m examples and their target class  $\{x^{(i)}, y^{(i)}\}$ ,  $\forall i \in [1, m]$ .
- The NN will learn the weighs  $W^{[l]}$  that connect between the layers.
- How do we make the network learn these weights?



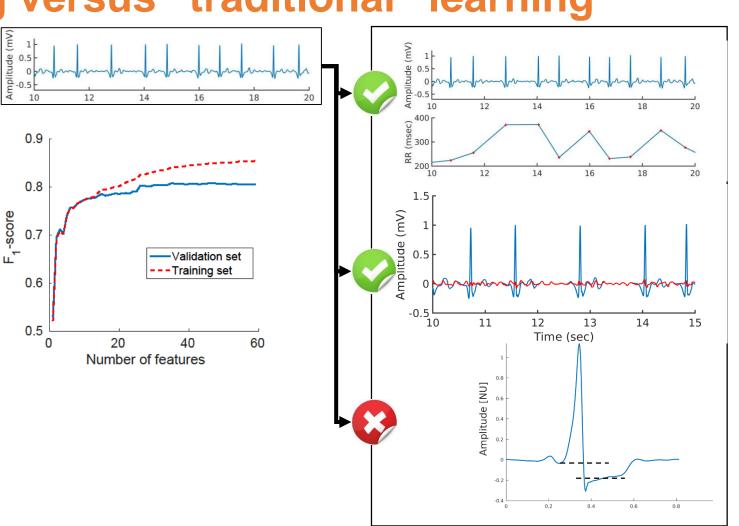
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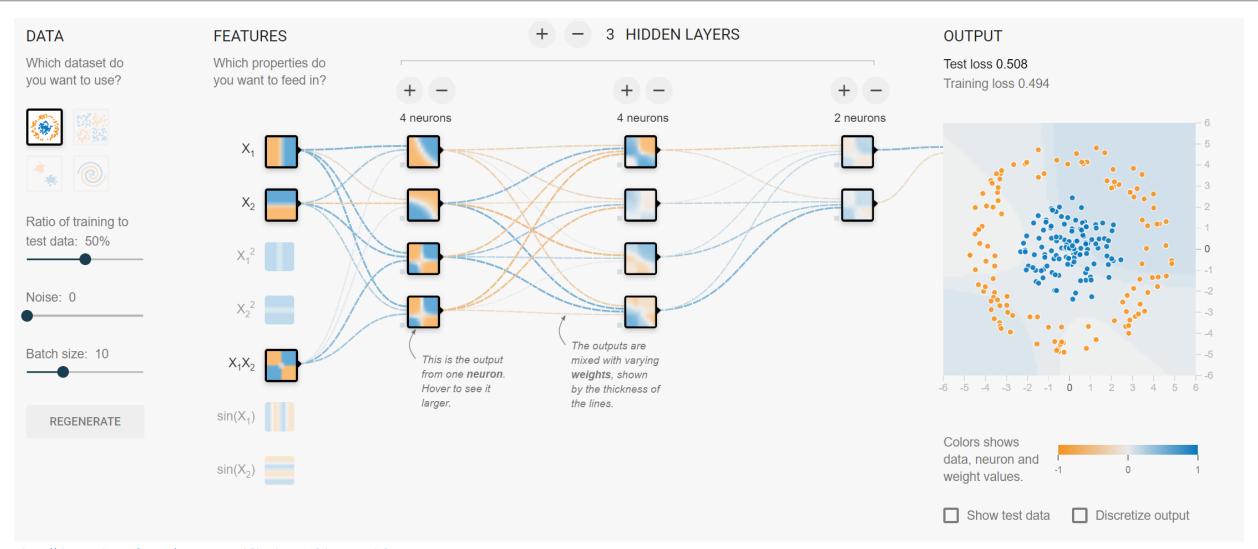


# Representation learning versus "traditional" learning

- Results will be more "black box" i.e. less interpretable with a Deep NN.
- However, a Deep NN might learn features that you would not have thought to engineer. In that sense it can perform better provided enough data.



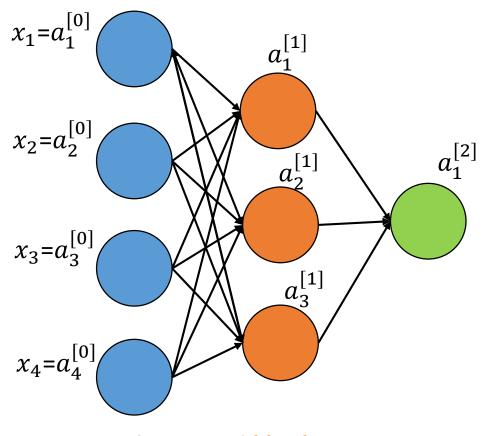






# Vocabulary

- Architecture: The specific arrangement of the layers and nodes in the network.
- Size: the number of nodes in the model.
- Width: the number of nodes in a specific layer.
- Depth: The number of layers in a neural network.
- Capacity: The type or structure of functions that can be learned by a network configuration.
   Sometimes called "representational capacity".
- Notation summarizes both the number of layers and the number of nodes in each layer: 4/3/1.



Input layer

Hidden layer (Layer 1)

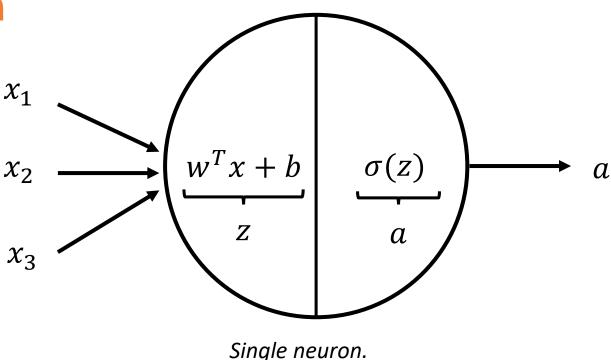


# Forward propagation



# **Recall Logistic Regression**

- Logistic Regression (LR):
  - $z = w^T x + b$
  - $a = \sigma(z)$
- Now consider m examples:
  - $z^{(i)} = w^T x^{(i)} + b, \forall i \in [1, m]$
  - $a^{(i)} = \sigma(z^{(i)}), \forall i \in [1, m]$





# Forward propagation, single example, explicit

- Let's consider a two layers NN:
  - $x = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4] = a^{[0]},$
  - $a_i^{[l]}: j^{th}$  activation at layer l,
  - Model parameters:  $b_j^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $w_j^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l-1]}}$ 
    - Where  $n_h^{[l]}$ : number of units at layer l.
- Computation:

$$z_1^{[1]} = w_1^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_1^{[1]}$$

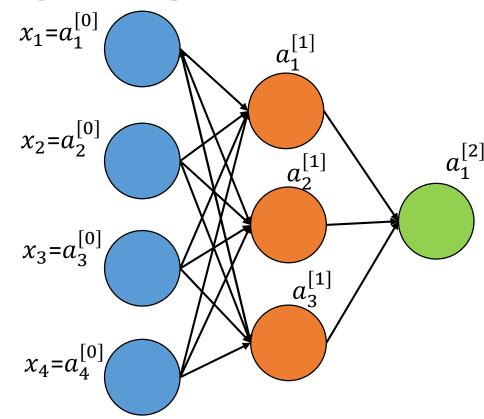
$$\bullet \quad a_1^{[1]} = \sigma\left(z_1^{[1]}\right)$$

$$z_2^{[1]} = w_2^{[1]T} x + b_2^{[1]}$$

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$$z_3^{[1]} = w_3^{[1]T} x + b_3^{[1]}$$

$$a_3^{[1]} = \sigma(z_3^{[1]}).$$



Input layer

Hidden layer (Layer 1)



# Forward propagation, single example, matrix

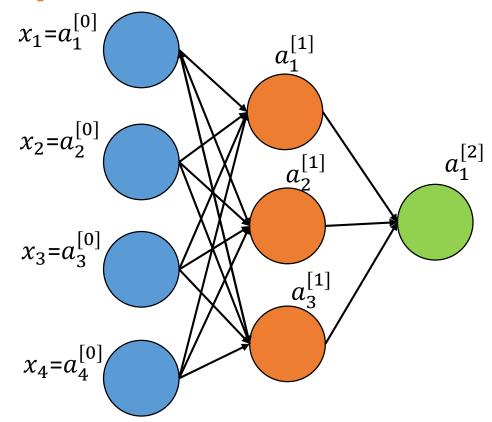
- Equations:
  - First layer:

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$$z_1^{[1]} = w_1^{[1]T} x + b_1^{[1]}, a_1^{[1]} = \sigma(z_1^{[1]}),$$

• 
$$z_2^{[1]} = w_2^{[1]T} x + b_2^{[1]}, a_2^{[1]} = \sigma(z_2^{[1]}),$$

• 
$$z_3^{[1]} = w_3^{[1]T} x + b_3^{[1]}, a_3^{[1]} = \sigma(z_3^{[1]}),$$

- Second layer:
- $z_1^{[2]} = w_1^{[2]T} a^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]}, \ a_1^{[2]} = \sigma(z_3^{[2]}).$
- Matrix representation:
  - $z^{[1]} = W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}, a^{[1]} = \sigma(z^{[1]}),$
  - $z^{[2]} = W^{[2]}a^{[1]} + b^{[2]}, a^{[2]} = \sigma(z^{[2]}).$
  - With model parameters:  $W^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l]} \times n_h^{[l-1]}}$ ,  $b^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l]}}$



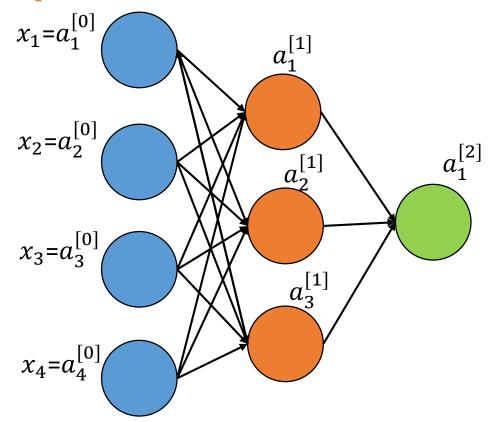
**Input layer** 

Hidden layer (Layer 1)



# Forward propagation, single example, matrix

- Matrix:
  - $z^{[1]} = W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}, a^{[1]} = \sigma(z^{[1]}),$
  - $z^{[2]} = W^{[2]}a^{[1]} + b^{[2]}, a^{[2]} = \sigma(z^{[2]}).$
- With:



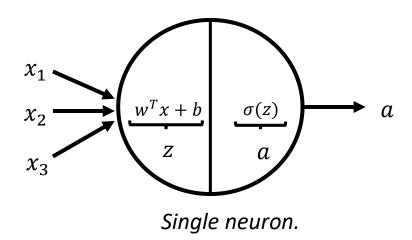
Input layer

Hidden layer (Layer 1)

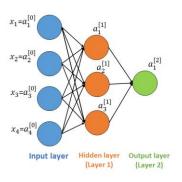


#### Parallel Between LR and NN

- Logistic Regression (LR):
  - $z = w^T x + b$
  - $a = \sigma(z)$
- Now consider m examples:
  - $z^{(i)} = w^T x^{(i)} + b, \forall i \in [1, m]$
  - $a^{(i)} = \sigma(z^{(i)}), \forall i \in [1, m]$



- Neural network, layer l, one example:
  - $z^{[l]} = W^{[l]}x + b^{[l]}, \forall l \in [1, L]$
  - $\bullet \quad a^{[l]} = \sigma(z^{[l]}), \forall l \in [1, L]$
  - Where l is the layer number.
- Neural network, layers l, multiple examples i:
  - $z^{[l](i)} = W^{[l]}x^{(i)} + b^{[l]}, \forall i \in [1, m]$
  - $\bullet \quad a^{[l](i)} = \sigma(z^{[l](i)}), \forall i \in [1, m]$
  - Where i is the example number.

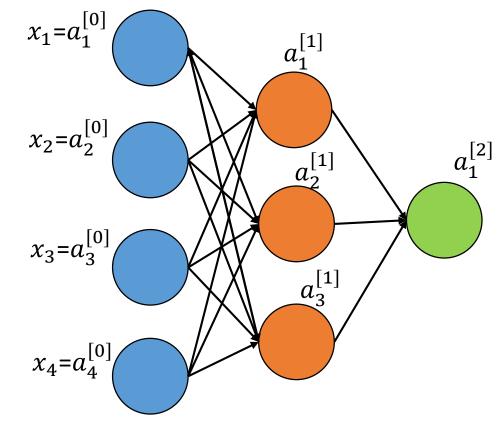




# Forward propagation, <u>multiple</u> examples, matrix

- Matrix formulation for a single example:
  - $z^{[1]} = W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}, a^{[1]} = \sigma(z^{[1]}),$
  - $z^{[2]} = W^{[2]}x + b^{[2]}, a^{[2]} = \sigma(z^{[2]}).$
- Matrix formulation for multiple examples:
  - $Z^{[1]} = W^{[1]}X + \tilde{b}^{[1]}, A^{[1]} = \sigma(Z^{[1]}),$
  - $Z^{[2]} = W^{[2]}A^{[1]} + \tilde{b}^{[2]}A^{[2]} = \sigma(Z^{[2]}).$
- With:

  - $Z^{[l]} = \begin{bmatrix} z^{[l](1)} & z^{[l](2)} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b^{[l]} & b^{[l]} & \cdots \end{bmatrix}, A^{[l]} = \begin{bmatrix} z^{[l](1)} & z^{[l](2)} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a^{[l](1)} & a^{[l](2)} & \cdots \end{bmatrix}.$   $\tilde{b}^{[l]} = \begin{bmatrix} z^{[l](1)} & z^{[l](2)} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b^{[l]} & b^{[l]} & \cdots \end{bmatrix}.$  This is called **broadcasting**.
  - $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x \times m}$ ,  $Z^{[l]}$  and  $A^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l]} \times m}$
  - $\bullet \quad \text{Model parameters: } W^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l]} \times n_h^{[l-1]}}, \tilde{b}^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l]} \times m}$



Input layer

Hidden layer (Layer 1)

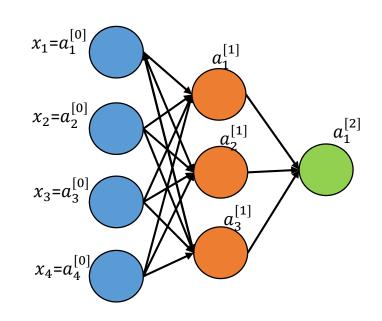


# **Backward propagation**



# **Backward propagation**

- Cost function:
- Gradient descent:



- We need to compute these derivatives. We provide the results in order to understand the importance of the choice of the activation function.
- Assuming a sigmoid activation function for the output layer and a quadratic cost function:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{[2]}} = \frac{1}{n} (A^{[2]} - Y) A^{[1]T}$$

$$\frac{\partial W^{[2]}}{\partial U^{[1]}} = \frac{1}{n} W^{[2]T} (A^{[2]} - Y) * \underline{g^{[1]'}} (Z^{[1]})$$

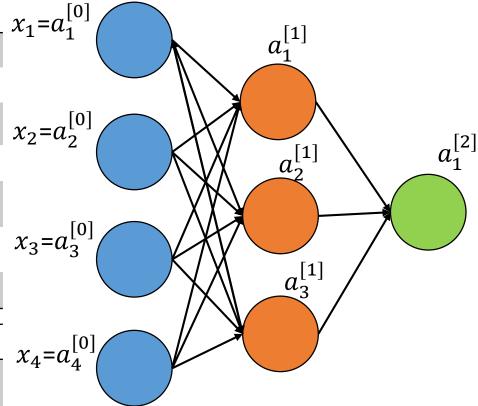
$$(n^{[1]}, m) \qquad (n^{[1]}, m) \qquad (n^{[1]}, m)$$



# **Summary on notations**

Notation	Definition
$n_{x}$	Number of features or input samples (input size).
L	Number of layers in a neural network.
$n_h^{[l]}$	Number of hidden units of the $l^{th}$ layer.
$x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_x}$	Column vector of the $i^{th}$ example.
$x_j^{(i)}$	Scalar value of the $j^{th}$ feature for example $i^{th}$ .
$a_j^{[l]}$	$j^{th}$ activation at layer $l$ .
$y^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y}$	Target label for the $i^{th}$ example.
Notation	Definition
$X \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{\chi} \times m}$	Input matrix i.e. matrix with input features $n_{\chi}$ for all examples $m$ .
$Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times m}$	Target matrix i.e. matrix with targets $n_y$ for all examples $m$ .
$W^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_h^{[l]} \times n_h^{[l-1]}}$	Weight matrix for layer $l$ .
$b^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{[l]}$	Bias vector for layer $l.$

#### For a given example i



**Input layer** 

**Hidden layer** (Layer 1)

**Output layer** (Layer 2)

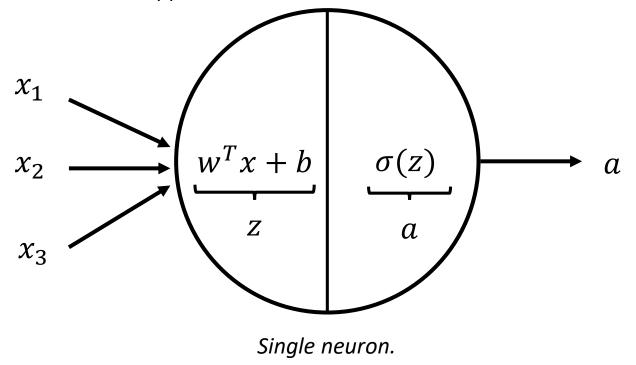
Model parameters we want to learn.





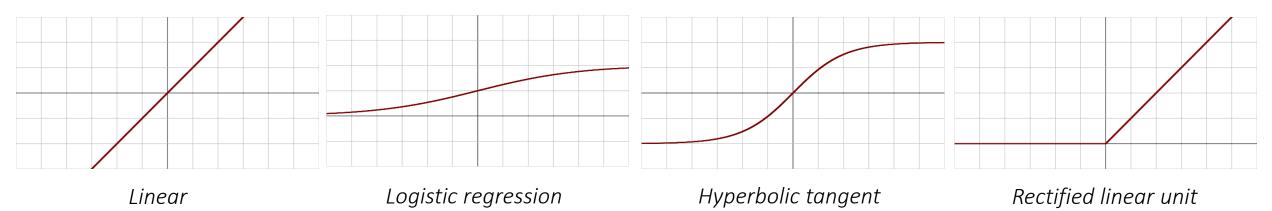
#### **Definition**

- The activation function transforms the weighted sum of the inputs into the activation of the node.
- Up to now we used the sigmoid function that we denoted  $\sigma$ .
- We will explore different types of these functions and the intuition behind them.





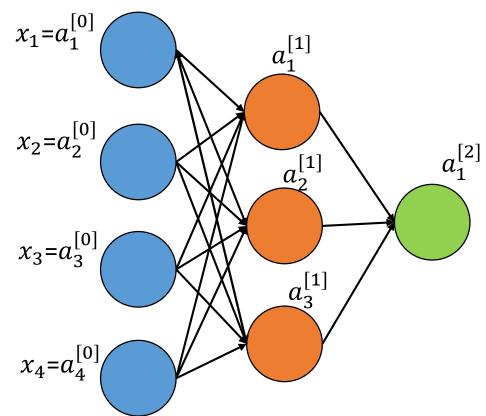
- Linear activation function: cannot learn complex mapping functions. However, it is still used for the output layer in regression problems.
- Nonlinear activation functions: can learn complex mapping functions:
  - Sigmoid:  $\sigma$  [used before the 90's]
  - Hyperbolic tangent: tanh [used in the 90's]
  - Rectified linear unit: ReLU [extensively used today.]
  - And many other flavors! A bit like the Fourier Window functions!





# **Activation functions: why nonlinear?**

- Matrix formulation for a single example:
  - $z^{[1]} = W^{[1]T}x + b^{[1]}, a^{[1]} = g(z^{[1]}),$
  - $z^{[2]} = W^{[2]T}x + b^{[2]}, a^{[2]} = g(z^{[2]}).$
- If we assume g = I i.e. a linear activation:
  - $a^{[1]} = z^{[1]} = W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}$
  - $a^{[2]} = z^{[2]} = W^{[2]}a^{[1]} + b^{[2]}$
  - $a^{[2]} = W^{[2]}(W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}) + b^{[2]}$   $= W^{[2]}W^{[1]}x + W^{[2]}b^{[1]} + b^{[2]}$   $\widetilde{W}$   $\widetilde{b}$



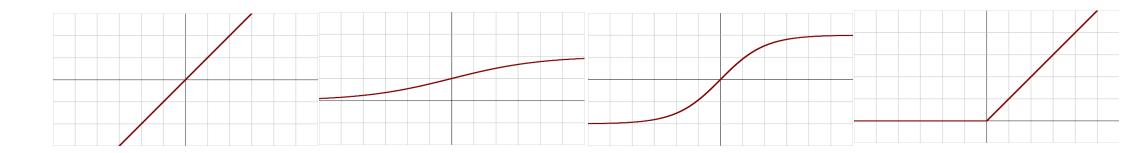
 Thus if the activation function is linear we can only learn a linear mapping function. This is not better than a simple LR model.

**Input layer** 

Hidden layer (Layer 1)



#### Derivatives of the activation functions



Name

Linear

Logistic regression

Hyperbolic tangent

Rectified linear unit

$$a = g(z) = z$$

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

$$a = g(z) = z$$
  $a = g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$   $a = g(z) = \frac{e^{z} - e^{-z}}{e^{z} + e^{-z}}$   $a = g(z) = \max(0, z)$ 

$$a = g(z) = \max(0, z)$$

$$g'(z) = 1$$

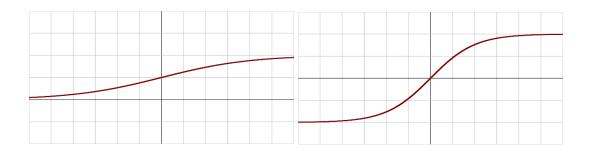
$$g'(z) = a(1-a)$$

$$g'(z) = 1 - a^2$$

$$g'(z) = a(1-a)$$
  $g'(z) = 1-a^2$   $g'(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } z > 0 \\ undef, & \text{if } z = 0 \end{cases}$ 



• The tanh is better suited than  $\sigma$  because it has the effect of centering the data at zero and this makes learning easier for the next layer.

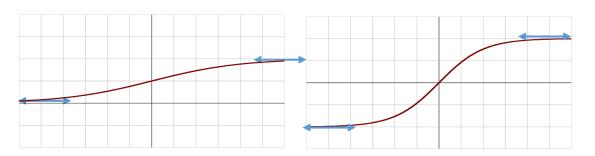


Logistic regression

Hyperbolic tangent



- A limit of tanh and  $\sigma$  is that they **saturate** for very large value  $\rightarrow$  1 and for very small values  $\rightarrow$  0/1 ( $\sigma$  / tanh).
- When saturation happens, the learning algorithm has difficulties to continue learning because the derivative of the activation function will be zero.
- With the computational possibilities opened by GPU's hardware usage, people have been designing deeper and deeper networks and this shortcoming of tanh and  $\sigma$  became an actual important limitation.



Derivative tends to zero.

Logistic regression

Hyperbolic tangent



- Reminder backpropagation:
  - Cost function:

$$J(W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}, W^{[2]}, b^{[2]}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$$

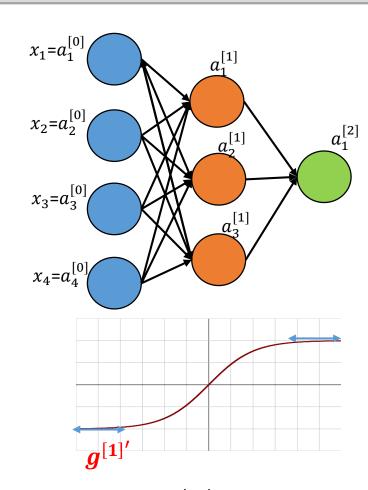
Gradient descent:

Derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{[2]}} = \frac{1}{n} (A^{[2]} - Y) A^{[1]T}$$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{[1]}} = \frac{1}{n} W^{[2]T} (A^{[2]} - Y) * \mathbf{g}^{[1]'} (Z^{[1]})$$



Hyperbolic tangent

So when we enter the saturation regime the derivative tends to zero and the weights stop being updated in the backpropagation algorithm.





- What if we want to recognize multiple classes?
- We use a "softmax layer" for the output layer. It consists of a layer with a softmax activation function:
  - The usual:  $z^{[L]} = w^{[L]}a^{[L-1]} + b^{[L]}$
  - Now activation function:  $a^{[L]} = softmax(z^{[L]})$
  - $a^{[L]} = e^{z^{[L]}} / \sum_{i=1}^{K} e^{z_i^{[L]}}$
- The softmax is also called normalized exponential function. It is a function that takes an input vector of size K and normalizes it into K probability distribution proportional to the exponentials of the input numbers.



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(b) Atrial fibrillation



(c) Ventricular tachycardia



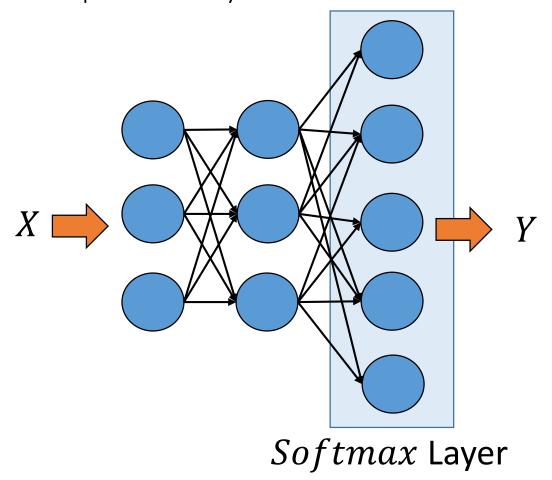
(d) Ventricular fibrillation



(e) Third-degree block



Example for arrhythmia classification:

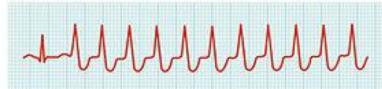




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https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cardiac\_arrhythmia



- We use it for representing a categorical distribution that is, a probability distribution over K different possible outcomes.
- What's the difference between the softmax and other activation function we have seen before?
  - It takes a vector as an input and returns a vector output whereas the sigmoid function (or others we had seen thus far) take a real number and outputs a real number.
  - It takes a vector as the input because it normalizes by the sum of the exponentials.



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#### Take home

- Representation learning:
  - Build complex concepts out of simpler ones.
  - In NN, the NN learns increasingly more complex features as we get deeper and deeper in the layers.
- Forward and backward propagation.
- Activation functions:
  - These day *ReLU* is mostly used.
  - $\sigma$  is often used for the output layer if we want to have an output in [0 1] range.
  - Use a linear activation function for the output layer for a regression problem.
  - The reason we use a non-linear activation function is because it is what enables us to learn complex mapping functions. If all activation functions are linear then the NN is a linear classifier equivalent to a simple LR model.
  - The *Softmax* activation function is used for multiclass classification.



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