

# 3 Neural Networks

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# Theory

# Setup

- Dataset
- Inputvector
- Weightvector
- Weightmatrix
- Biasvector
- Intermediate output
- Final output
- Activation function
- Elementwise activation function

$$D = \{(\vec{x}_1, y_1), \dots, (\vec{x}_N, y_N)\}$$

$$\vec{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$$

$$\vec{w} = [w_1, \dots, w_n]^T$$

$$W = [\vec{w}_1, \dots, \vec{w}_k]^T$$

$$\vec{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_k]^T$$

$$\vec{o} = [o_1, \dots, o_k]^T$$

$$y$$

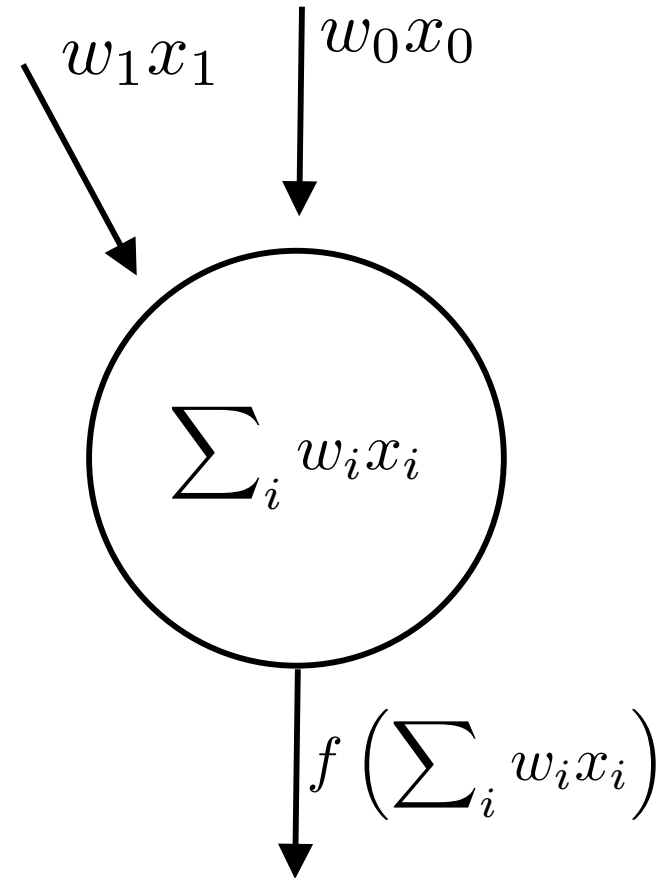
$$f(\cdot)$$

$$\vec{F}(\vec{v}) = [f(v_1), \dots]$$

# Neurons

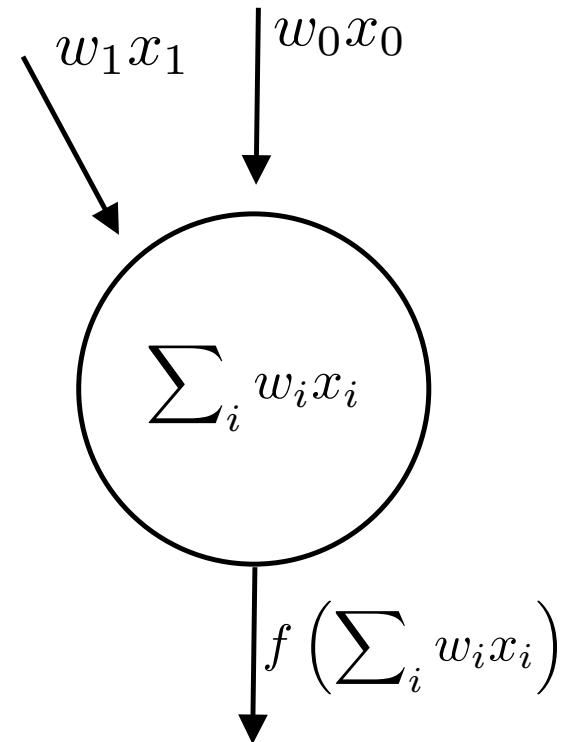
- Operation of each neuron:

1. Each input  $x_i$  is weighted by  $w_i$
2. Then summed over
3. Then an activation function  $f$  is applied



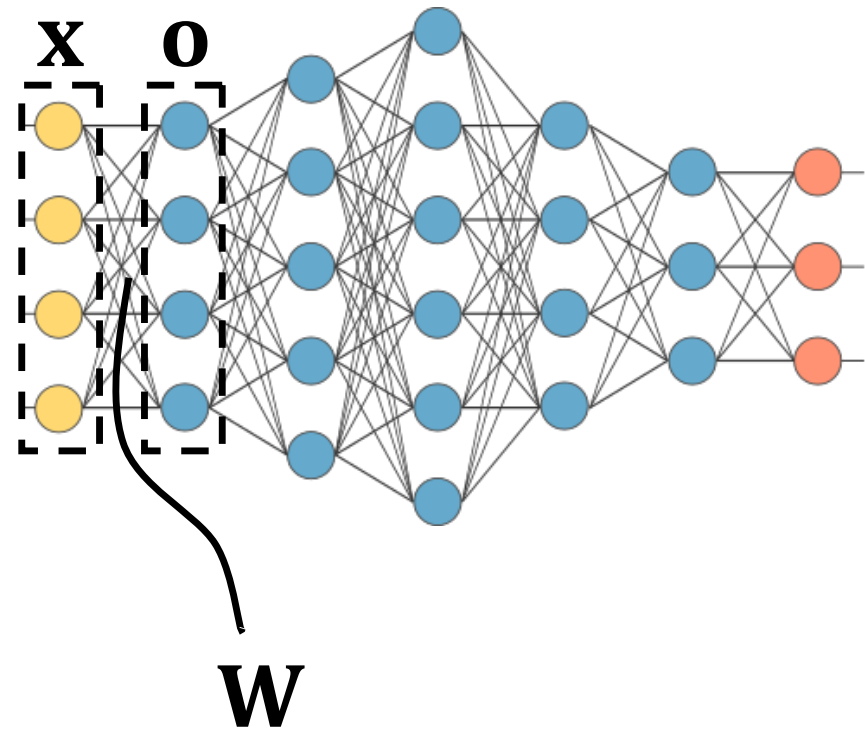
## Neurons cont. Example

- Write the output of the neuron using  $\vec{x}, \vec{w}$



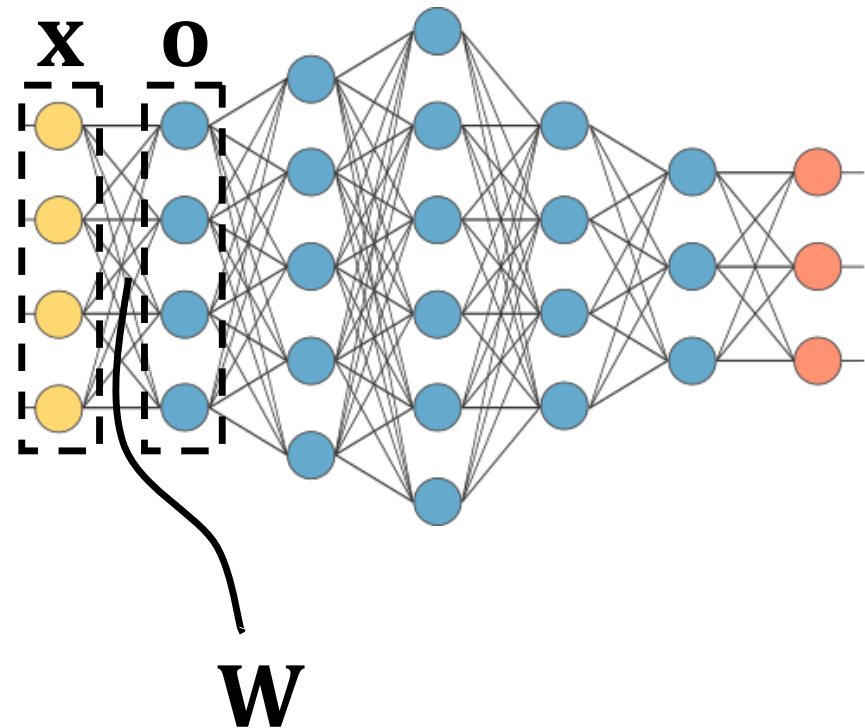
# Neural Network

- Layers of interconnected neurons
- Universal function approximator
- Can approximate any function



## Neural Networks cont. Example

- Describe  $W$  and  $\vec{F}(\cdot)$
- Write the output of one layer of a neural network using  $W, \vec{x}$





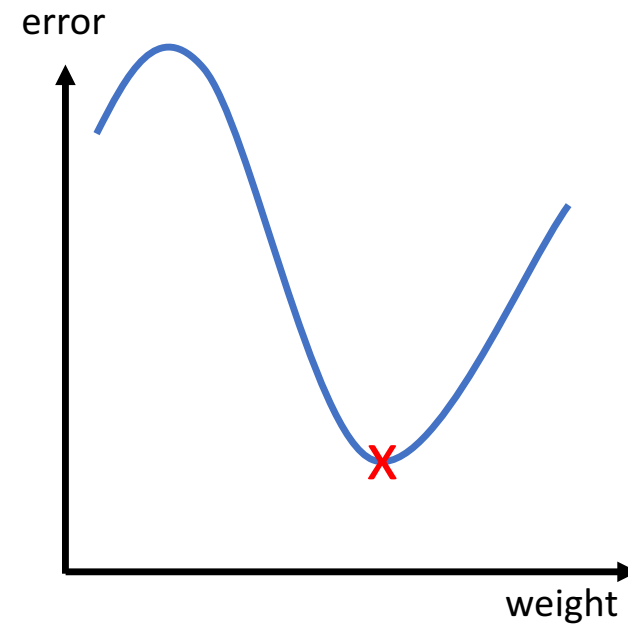
# Gradient Descent

- Minimize the error:

$$e(w) = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - y(w))^2$$

- Use gradient descent for each weight:

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j - \eta \cdot \frac{d e(w_j)}{d w_j}$$

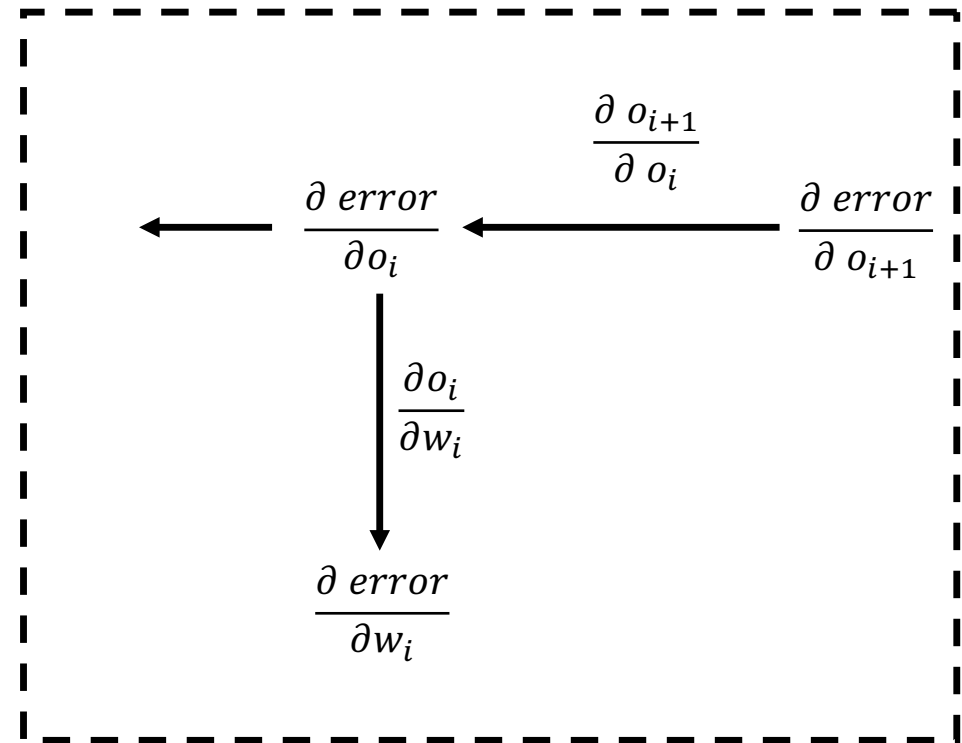


# Back propagation

- Method to use gradient descent in neural network efficiently
- Use chain rule of the gradient
- How it is done:
  1. Do a forward pass: Check what output is being produced
  2. Compare the output with the target (check the error)
  3. Check how every weight is responsible for the produced error: Gradient
  4. Use the chain rule to propagate the error back through the network and adjust the weights accordingly (learning rate  $\eta$ )

$$\frac{\partial \text{error}}{\partial w_i} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \text{error}}{\partial o_i}} \cdot \frac{\partial o_i}{\partial w_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial o_{i+1}}{\partial o_i} \cdot \frac{\partial \text{error}}{\partial o_{i+1}}$$



## Back propagation cont. Example

- Given:
  - 2D input, 1 neuron on hidden layer, RELU activation; 1 neuron on readout, Linear activation
- Task:
  - Draw the system
  - Compute the gradients
  - Compute one weight update starting with  $w_1 = w_2 = w_3 = 1$  and  $x_1 = x_2 = 2$  and  $\eta = 0.1$  and  $y_{target} = 2$  of  $w_1 \leftarrow w_1 - \eta \cdot \frac{d e(w_1)}{d w_1}$ .

# Exercises

# Exercise 1

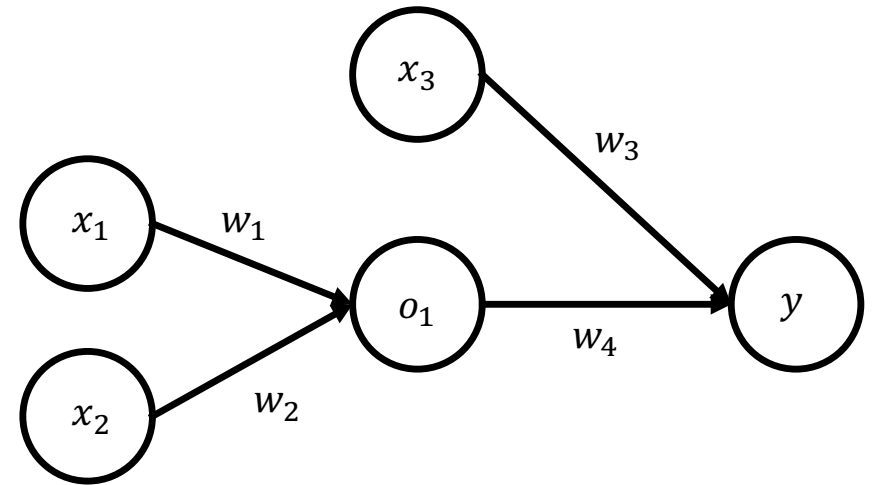
- Task:
  - What operations does the neural network perform on a forward pass?
  - What operation can be performed on a backward pass?
  - Does a backward pass require a forward pass for optimization?

# Exercise 2

- Task:
  - Will we find a global minimum with Gradient descent?
  - What does the derivative intuitively mean?
  - What's the derivative in higher dimensions?

# Exercise 3

- $o_1$  uses a  $f(x) = \max(x, 0)$  (called ReLU) activation function,  $y$  a linear one
- The neural network on the right can be written as layers:  
 $o_1 = f(\vec{w}_1^T \vec{x})$  and  $y = \vec{w}_2^T \vec{o}$ . What are the entries in  $\vec{w}_1$ ,  $\vec{w}_2$ ,  $\vec{x}$ , and  $\vec{o}$ ?
- Define the error as  $(y - \tilde{y})^2$ . Compute  $\frac{d e}{d w_1}$ .
- Assume  $w_1 = w_2 = w_3 = w_4 = 1$  and  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = 1$  and  $\eta = 0.1$  and  $y_{target} = 2$ . Compute one gradient update step as  $w_1 \leftarrow w_1 - \eta \cdot \frac{d \text{error}(w_1)}{d w_1}$ .
- Compute the gradient of the error  $\nabla e$  and all relevant terms for the back propagation.



# Exercise 4

- Task:
  - Draw the following network:
    1. Input with 3 entries
    2. Hidden layer with 4 neurons and ReLU activation
    3. Second hidden layer with 2 neurons and ReLU activation
    4. Readout layer with 2 outputs and linear activation
  - Write down the matrices
  - Write down the gradient of the error  $\nabla error$ , (don't decompose the derivatives)

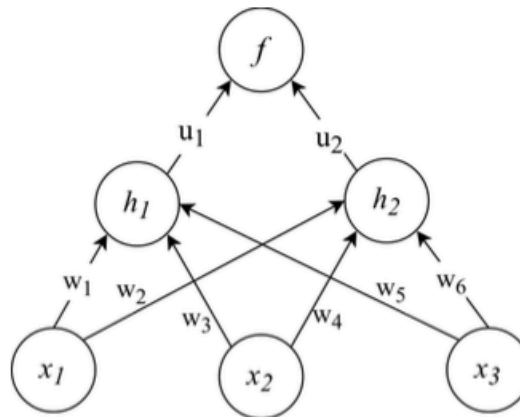


# Homework

# HW 1

Consider the following neural network with two logistic hidden units  $h_1$ ,  $h_2$ , and three inputs  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ . The output neuron  $f$  is a linear unit, and we are using the squared error cost function  $E = (y - f)^2$ . The logistic function is defined as  $\rho(x) = 1 / (1 + e^{-x})$ .

[Note: You can solve part (c) without using the solution for part (b).]



- (a) Consider a single training example  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3]$  with target output (label)  $y$ . Write down the sequence of calculations required to compute the squared error cost (called forward propagation).
- (b) A way to reduce the number of parameters to avoid overfitting is to tie certain weights together, so that they share a parameter. Suppose we decide to tie the weights  $w_1$  and  $w_4$ , so that  $w_1 = w_4 = w_{\text{tied}}$ . What is the derivative of the error  $E$  with respect to  $w_{\text{tied}}$ , i.e.  $\nabla_{w_{\text{tied}}} E$ ?