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Foundational Concepts of Artificial Intelligence-Based Modeling

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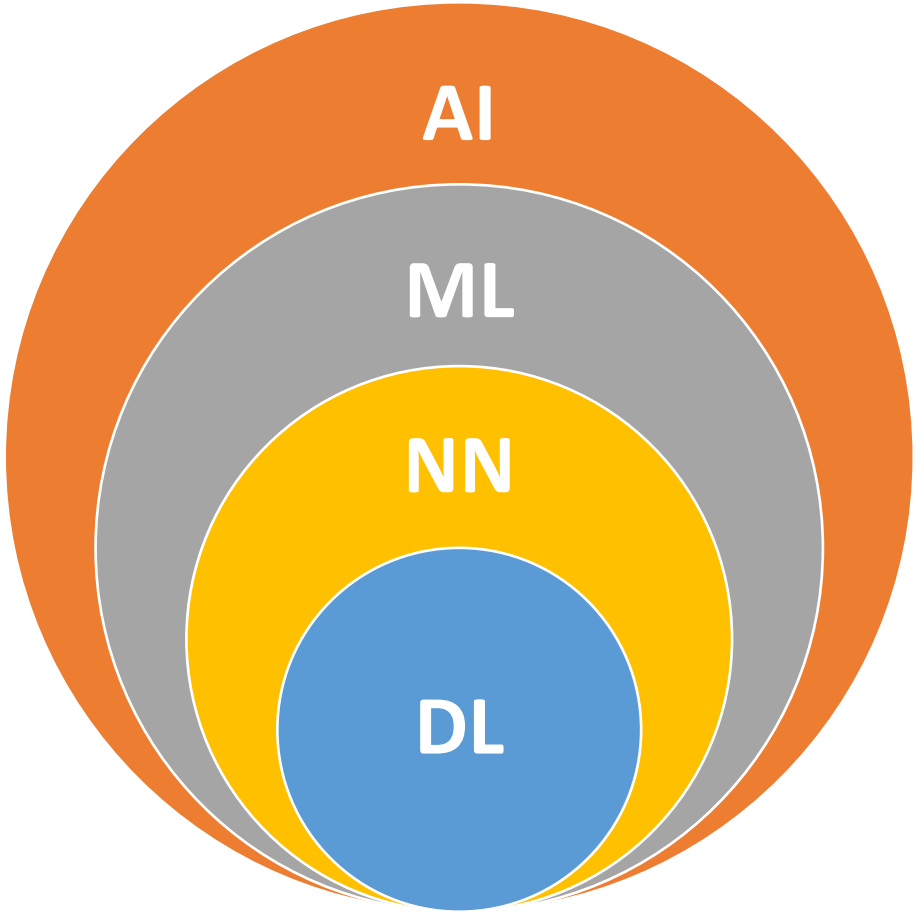
Terminology



- AI: Artificial intelligence is the overarching system.
- ML: Machine learning is a subset of AI.
- NN: Neural networks are the backbone of deep learning algorithms.
- DL: Neural network of more than three layers, including the inputs and the output.

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1. Why are we interested in Neural Networks?

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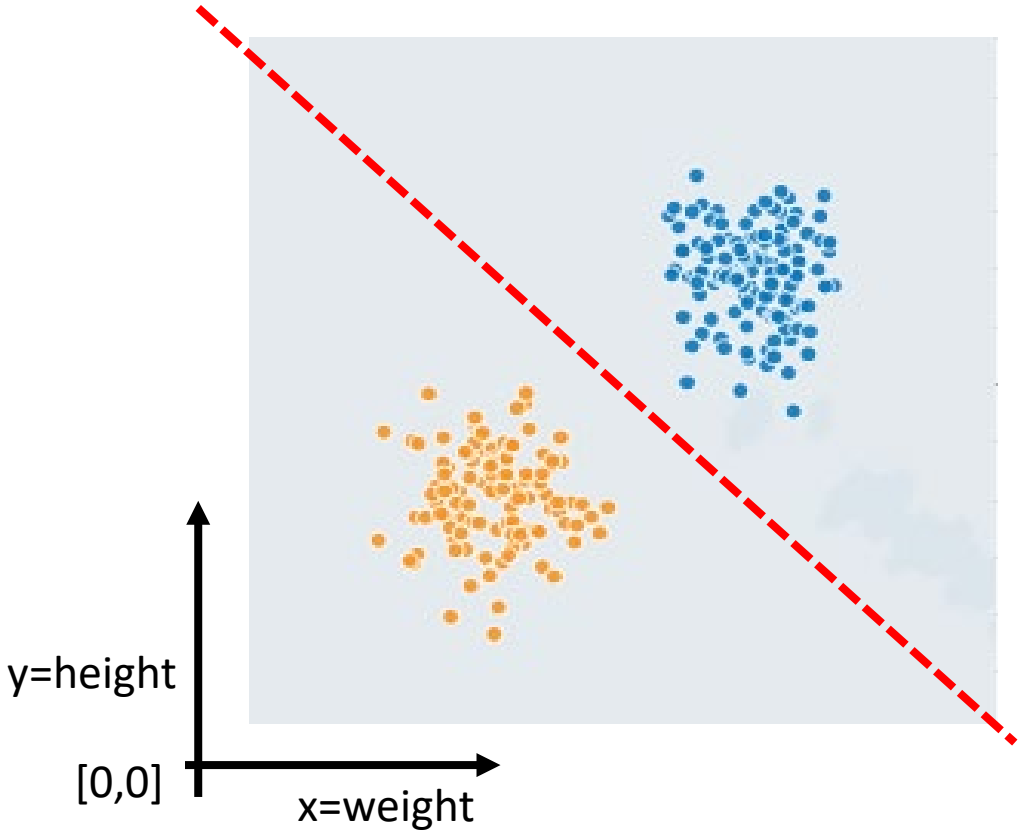
Relevance of AI to Metrology:

- Neural Networks can classify pictures into classes →
  - Tasks: classification, object detection, segmentation, tracking, recognition
- Neural Networks can assist humans →
  - Learn from training data: labeled and partially unlabeled.
  - Learn from past models: a priori knowledge and simulations.
- Neural Networks can outperform humans →
  - Task metrics: overall accuracy (NN do not get tired) beyond visual detection limits and speed.
- Neural Networks can save us a lot of time →
  - Automation of tasks: processing TB of images, detecting outliers, and leading to discovery.

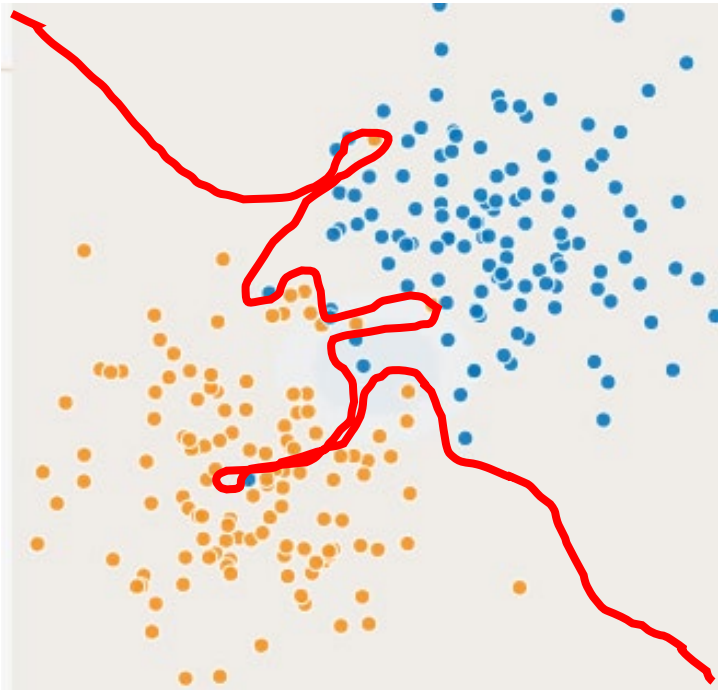
2. How to create a complex boundary separating two classes?

Types of Boundaries

Linear boundary

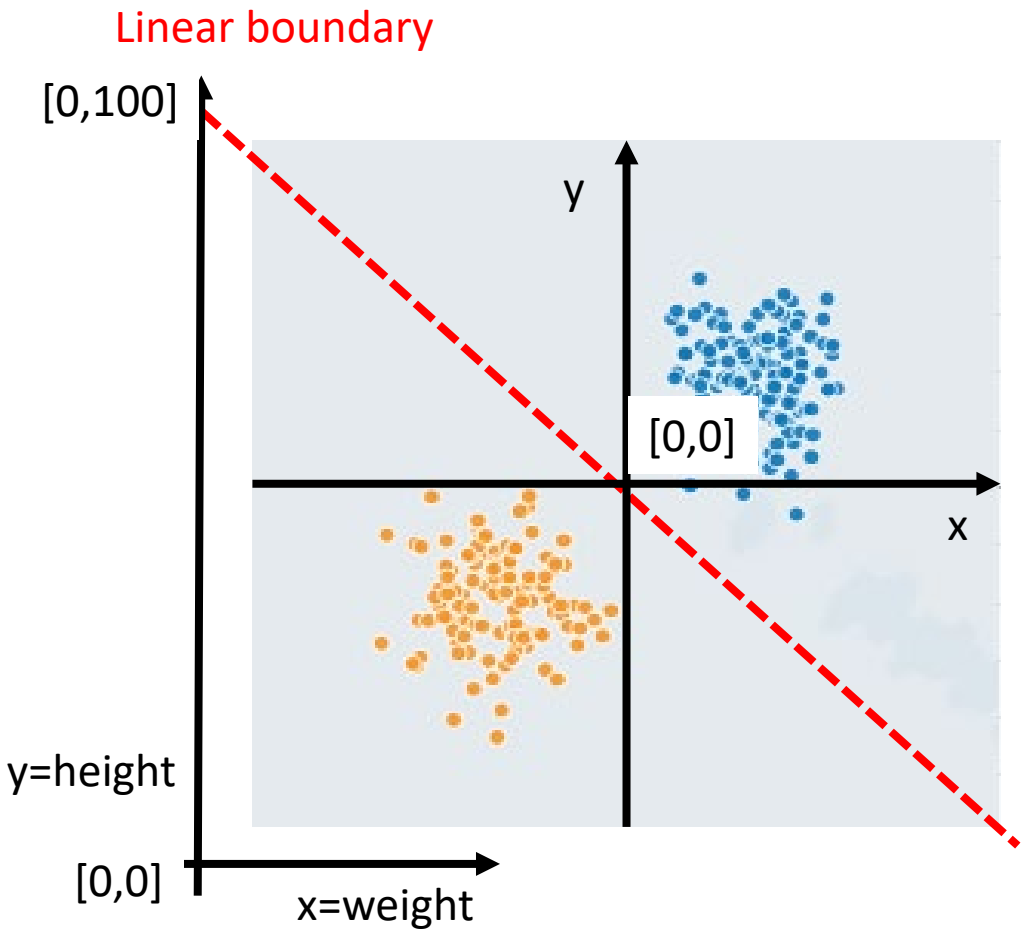


Non-linear boundary



How to describe and derive these boundaries automatically?

Linear Boundaries



$$Boundary: x + y = 100$$

$$Boundary: x + y = 0$$

$$Math\ model: if\ x + y < 0\ then\ orange\ else\ blue$$

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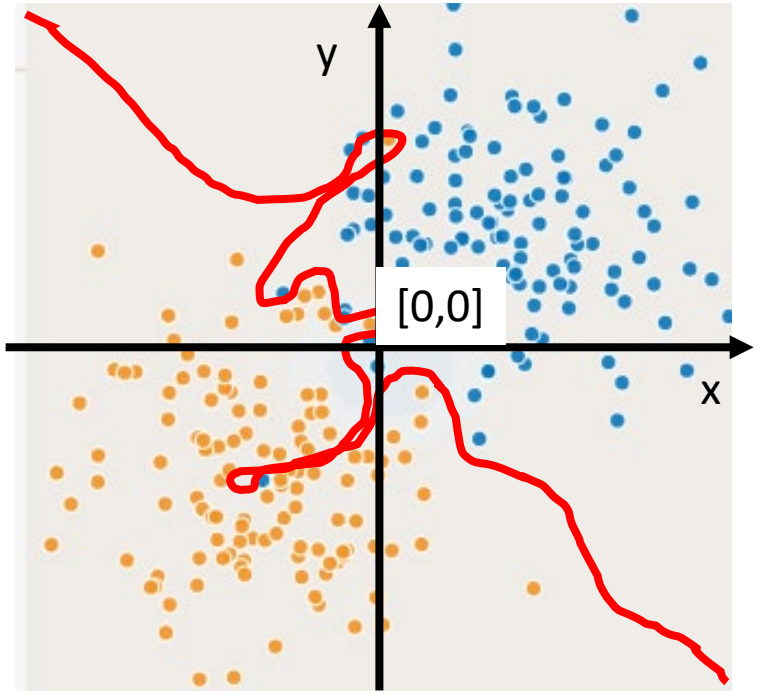
Nonlinear Boundaries

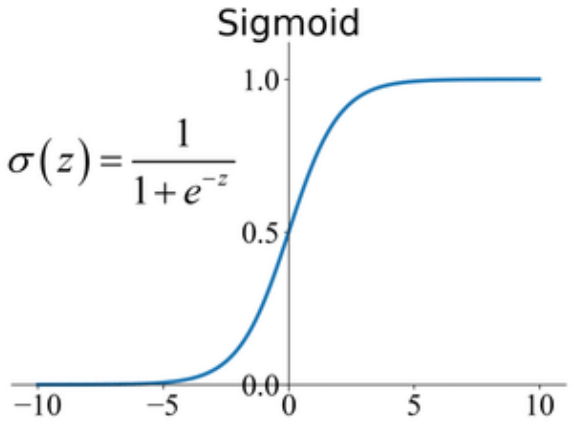
Non-linear boundary



How to describe a nonlinear boundary using x and y?

How to derive the boundary description automatically?

Describe nonlinear boundary using x and y



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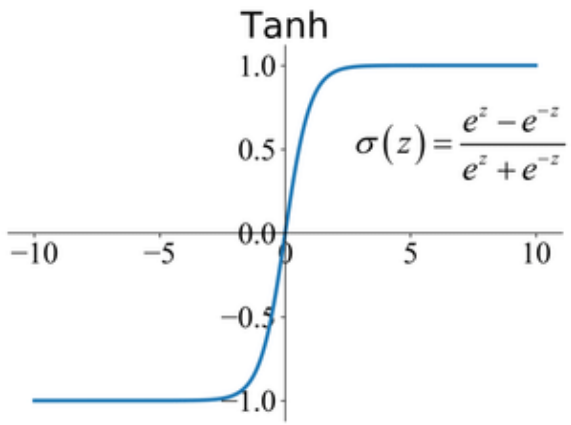

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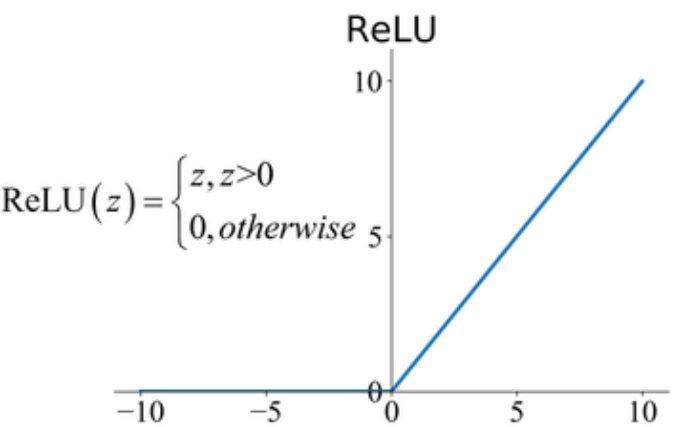

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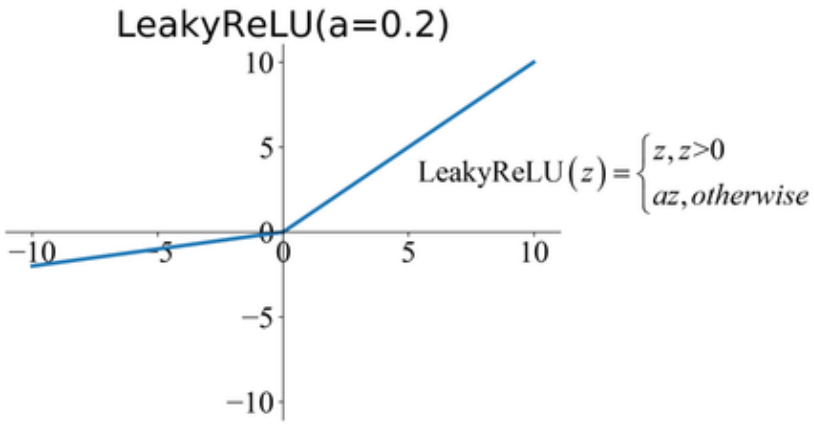


(d)

Nonlinear operators: (a) Sigmoid, (b) Tanh, (c) ReLU, and (d) LReLU.

$Linear\ Boundary$:
$x + y = 0$

$Nonlinear\ Boundary$:
$Tanh(x + y) = 0$

Nonlinear operators on features

$Nonlinear\ Boundary$:
$(x^2 + y^2) = 100$

Nonlinear features

$Nonlinear\ Boundary$:
$\mathrm{Tanh}(x^2 + y^2) = 100$

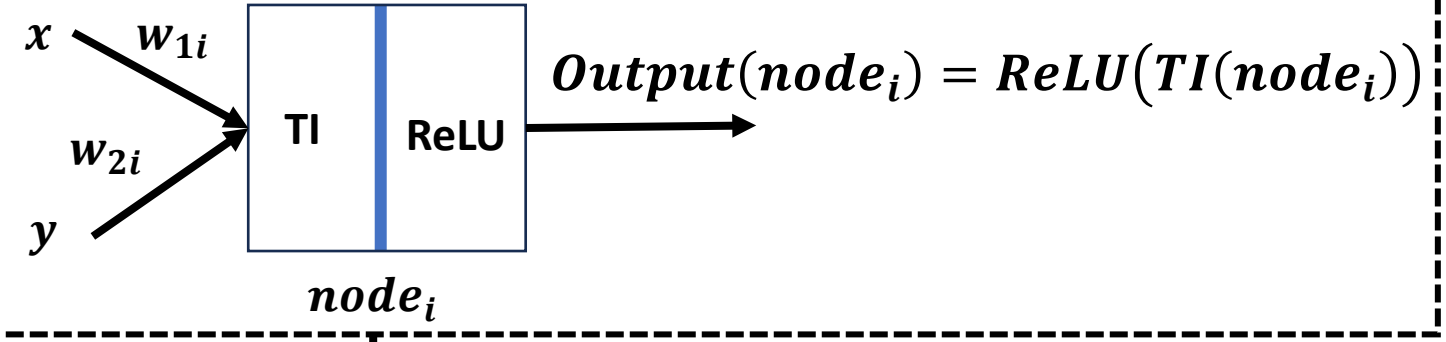
Nonlinear operators & nonlinear features

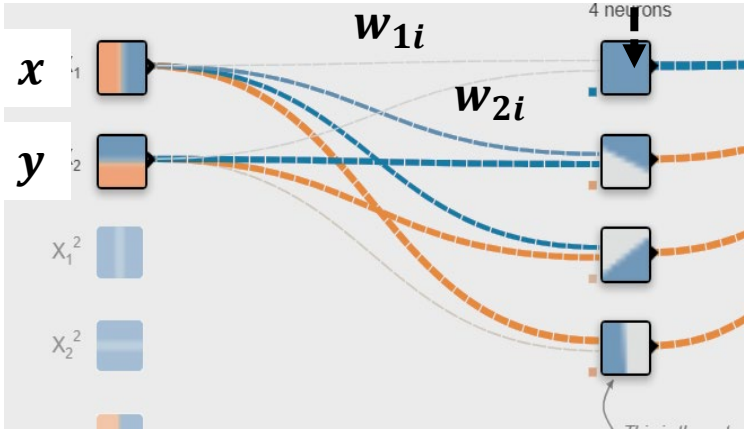
Prepare NN model for non-linear boundary

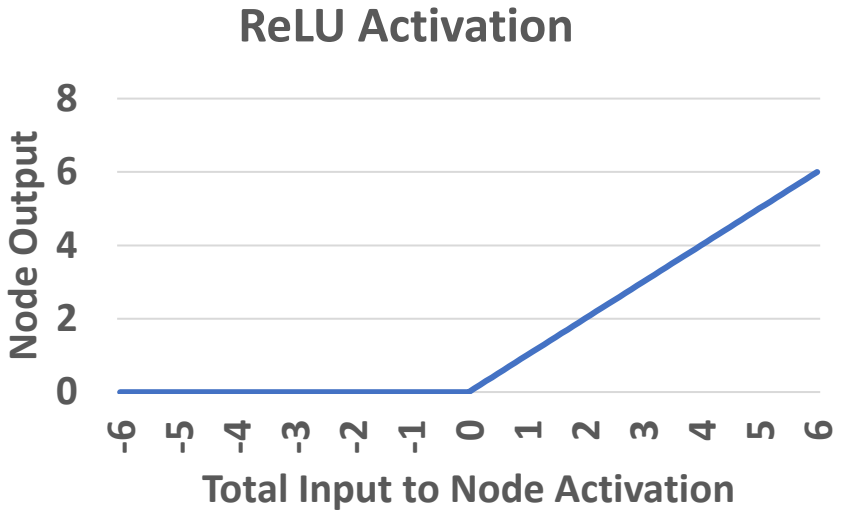
Mathematical Model

$$TI(node_i) = bias(node_i) + x * w_{1i} + y * w_{2i}$$

$$Output(node_i) = ReLU\big(TI(node_i)\big)$$



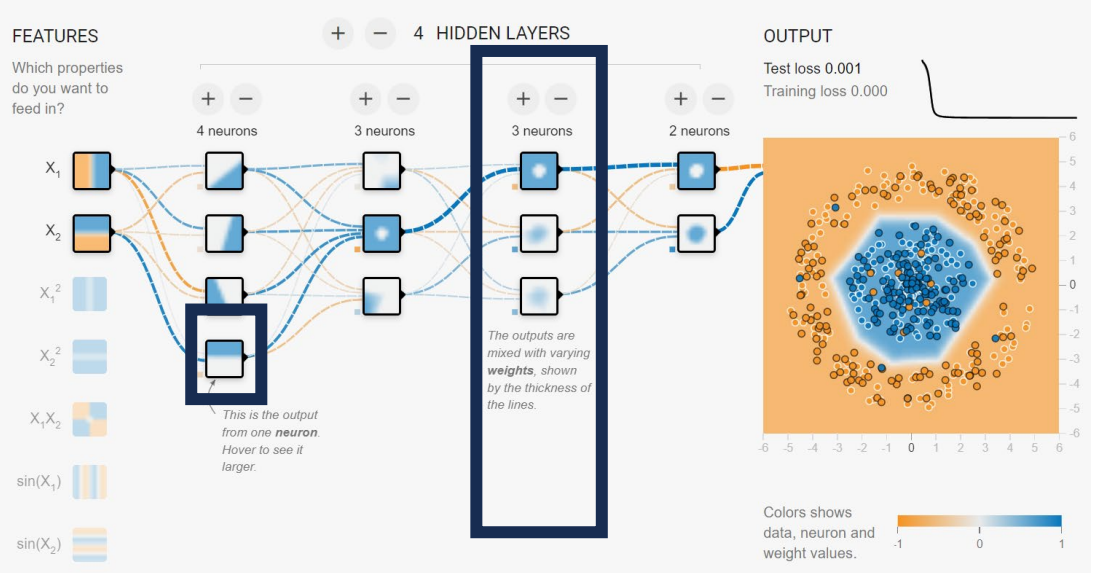




Derive boundary description automatically

1. Step - Configure Neural Network architecture (layers, nodes, connectivity)
2. Step – Prepare (input, output) pairs (images and labels)
3. Step – Initialize all weights in NN with random numbers
4. Step – Train weights so that the multiplications, additions, and nonlinear operators convert input to output (images of cats/dogs to labels of cats/dogs)
5. Step – Evaluate the accuracy of trained NN on test (input, output) pairs

Input:
(x, y) coordinates



Output:
Label of (x, y) coordinates = {Orange, Blue)

2. How Are Scientists Creating Complex Boundary?

Relevance of AI to Metrology:

- Describe boundaries mathematically
  - → Boundaries are unknown in discoveries!
- Linear boundaries can be described directly with x and y
  - → Linear regression is rarely accurate for complex biomedical phenomena!
- Nonlinear boundaries must be described with nonlinear transformations (nonlinear features and operators/activations)
  - → ReLU is the most frequently used in practice. The choice might depend on the convergence of the model training.
- Nonlinear boundary description can be derived automatically by training Neural Networks (NN) with training data.
  - → TBD next

3. How do you learn primitive Neural network concepts interactively?

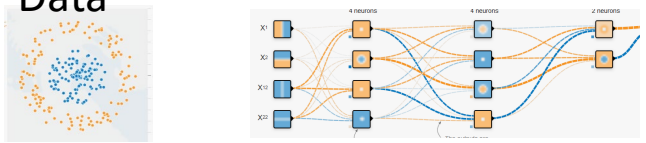
- https://pages.nist.gov/nn-calculator/
- Four simple exercises
  1. Simple to complex NN architecture
  2. Linear to non-linear features
  3. Linear to non-linear activation functions
  4. Well-separated to inseparable (interleaved) classes

Learning about NNs Using a Web-Based "NN Calculator"

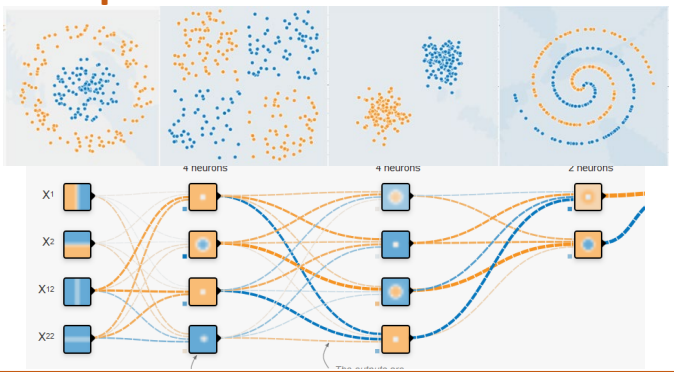
Memory Operations: MC, MR, M+, M-, MS, AVG

Data

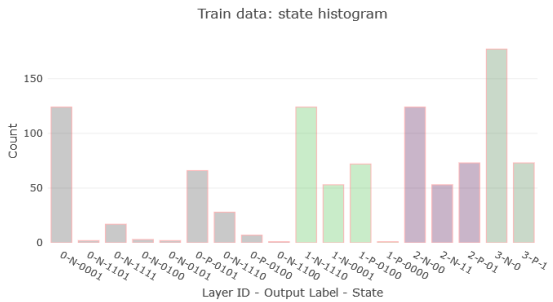
NN



Operands: 2D data and NN

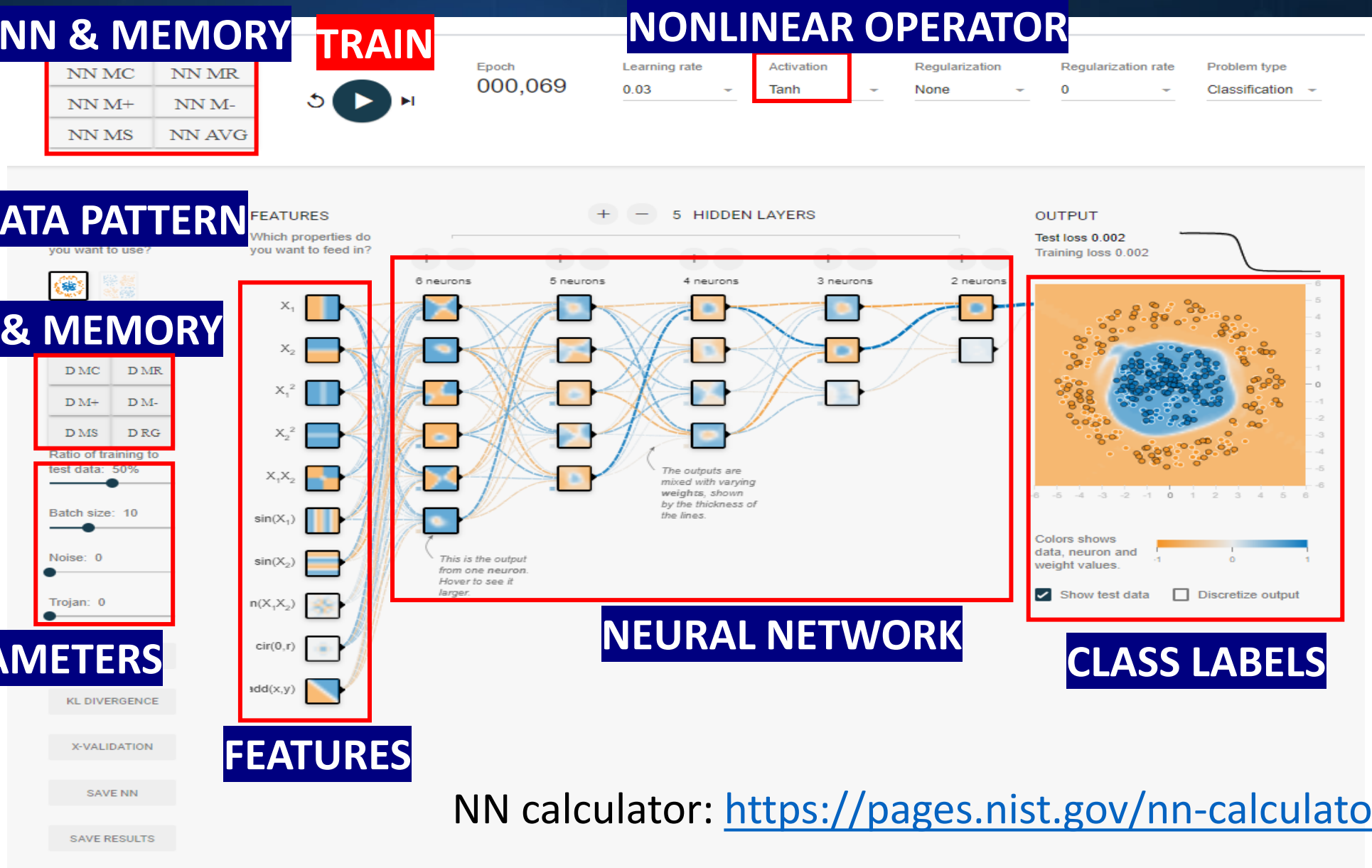


Display: NN, Data, Results



NN Operators: design, parametrize, train, infer, inefficiency, sensitivity

NN Calculator Layout



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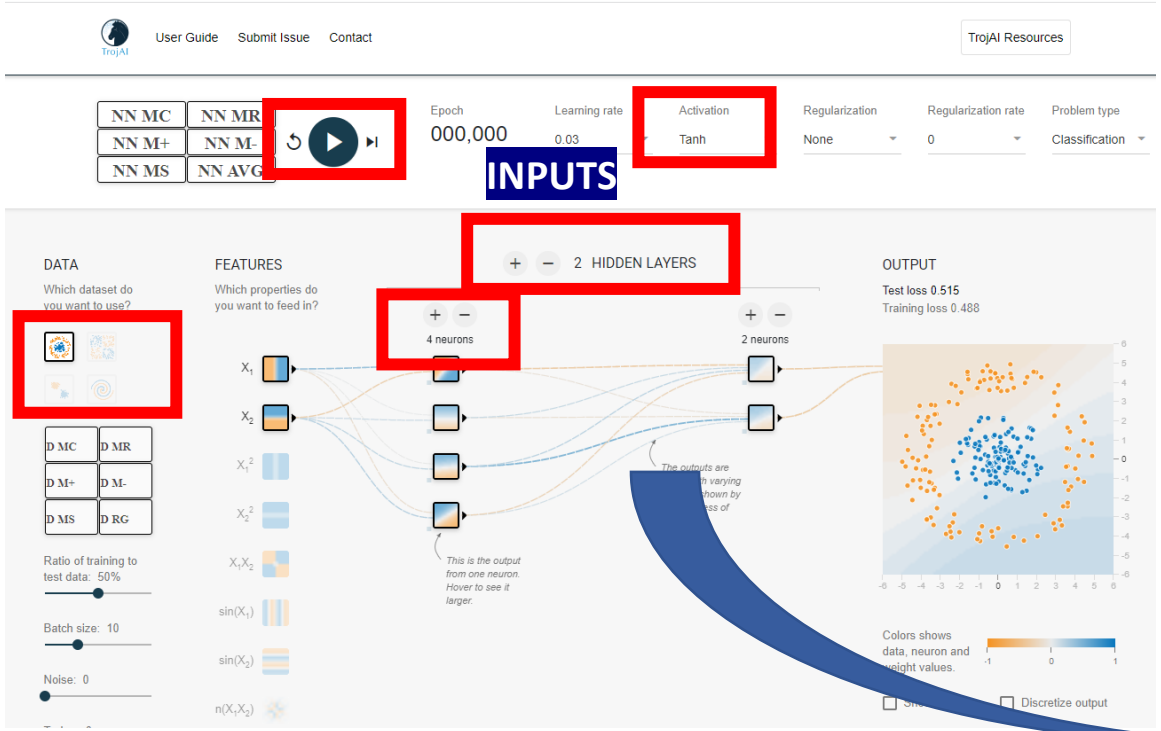
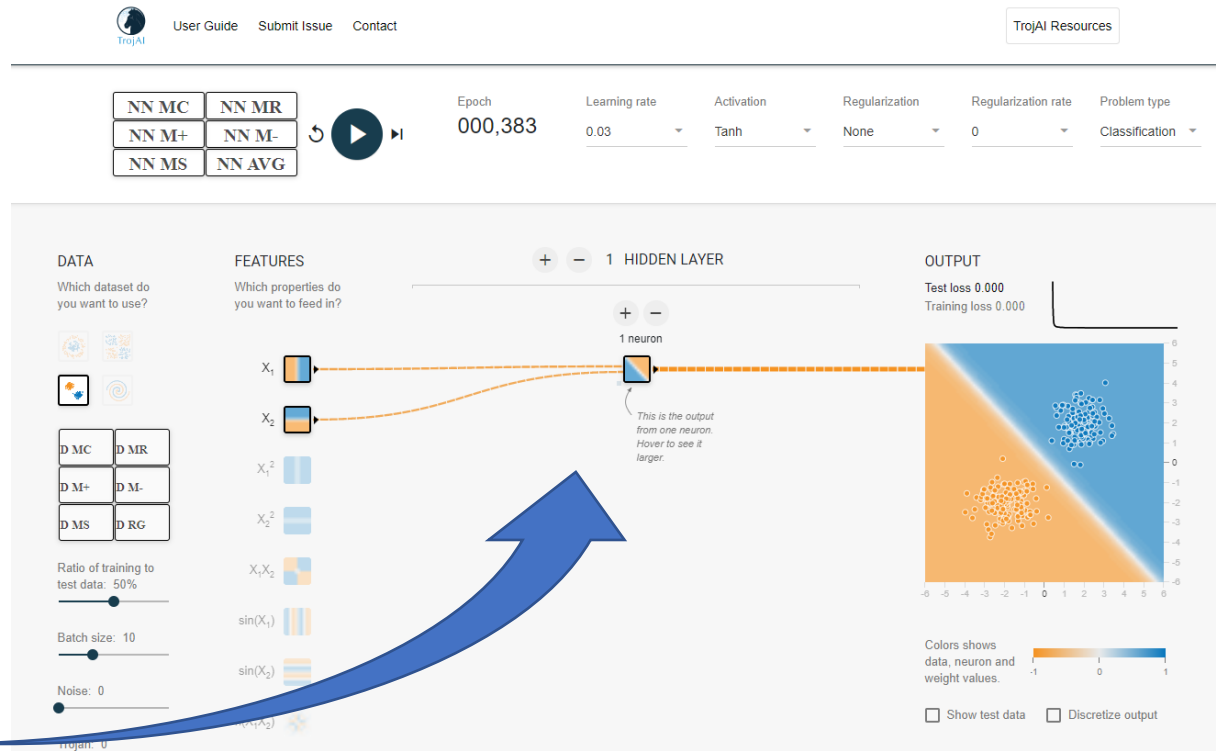
EX #1: Modify the NN to a single node

1. Remove layers
2. Remove nodes
3. Select data pattern with cluster pattern
4. Select Linear activation function

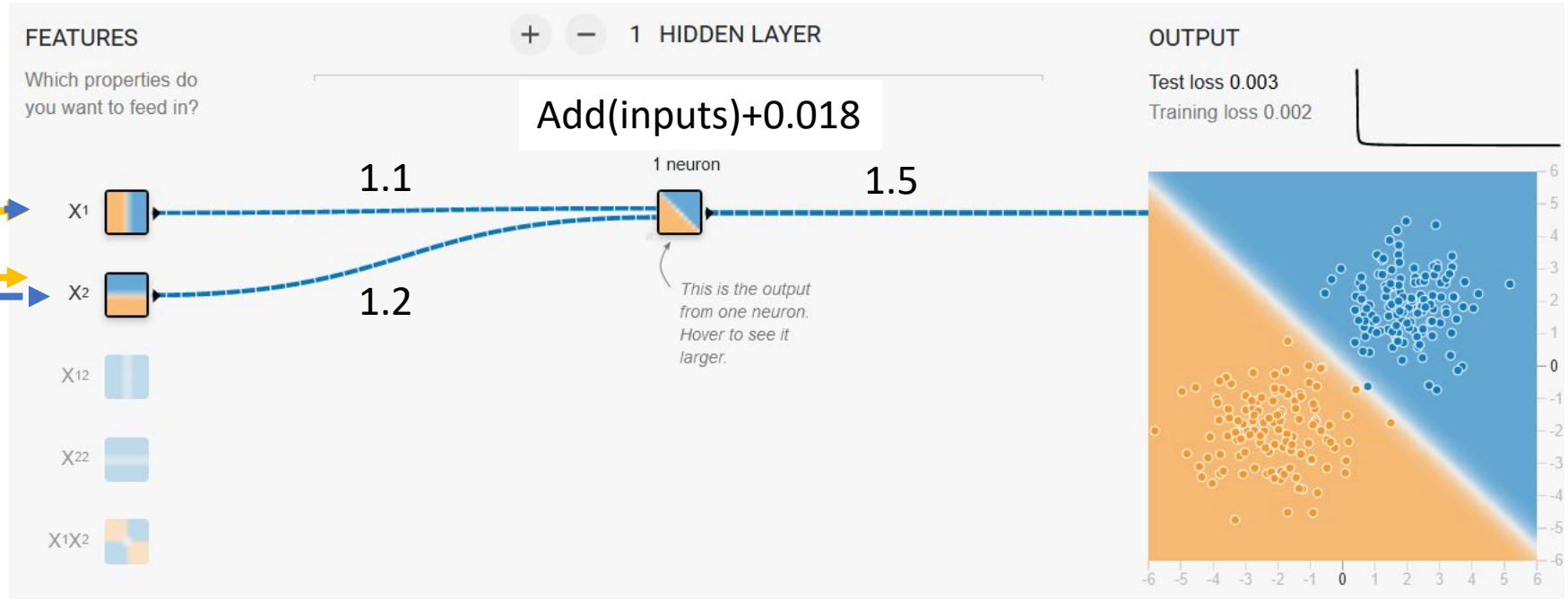


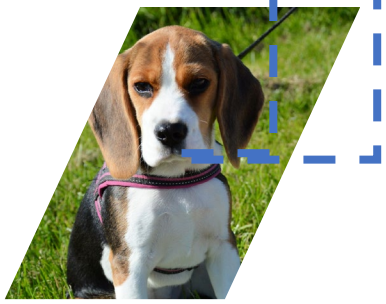


Single node NN with Linear activation function

$Math\ model:\ if\ x + y\ < 0$
$then\ orange(N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$

Linear Activation



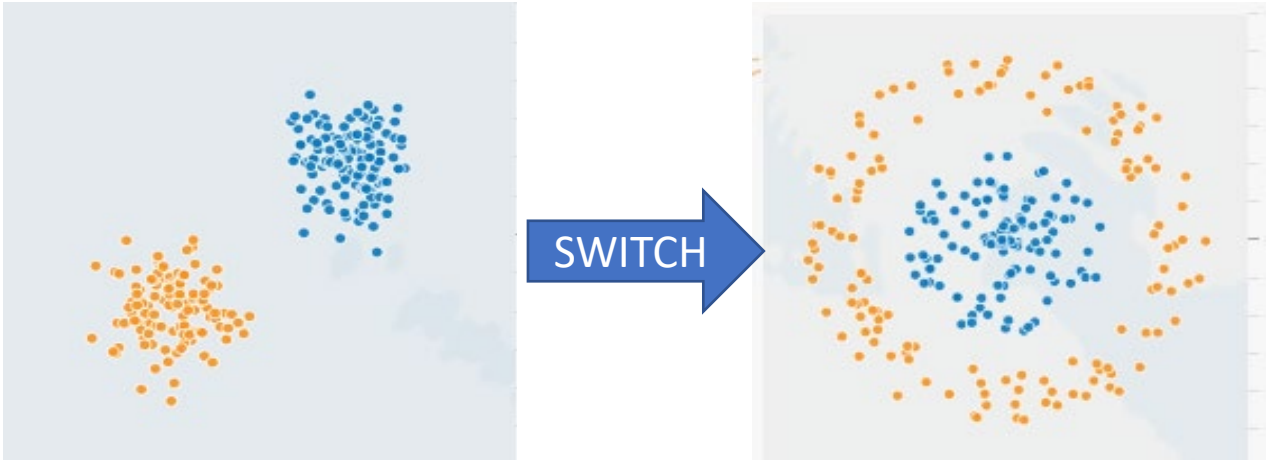


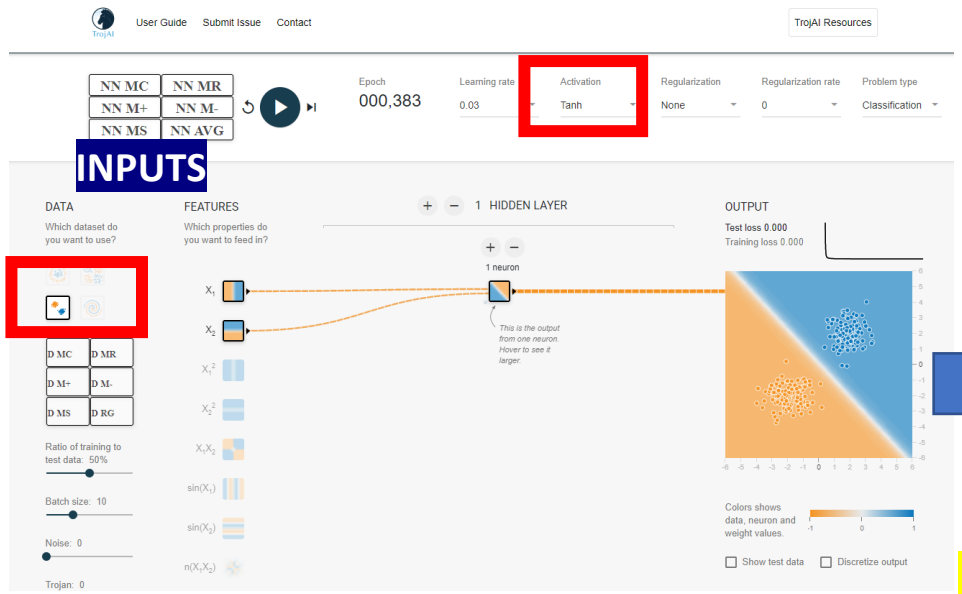
$NN\ model:\ if 1.5 * \big((1.1 * x + 1.2 * y) + 0.018\big) < 0$
$then\ orange\ (N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$

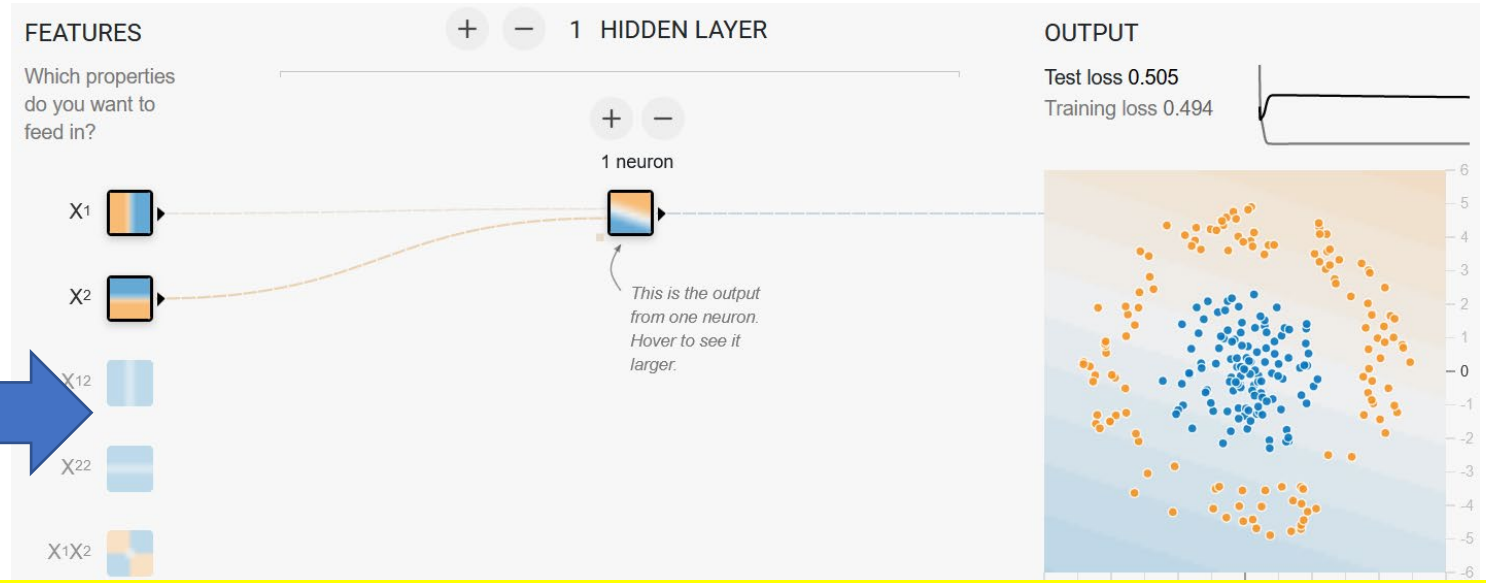
If 1.65 * x + 1.8 * y + 0.027 < 0 then orange (N) else blue P)

Complexity of Data Patterns

- Switch data patterns
- Train





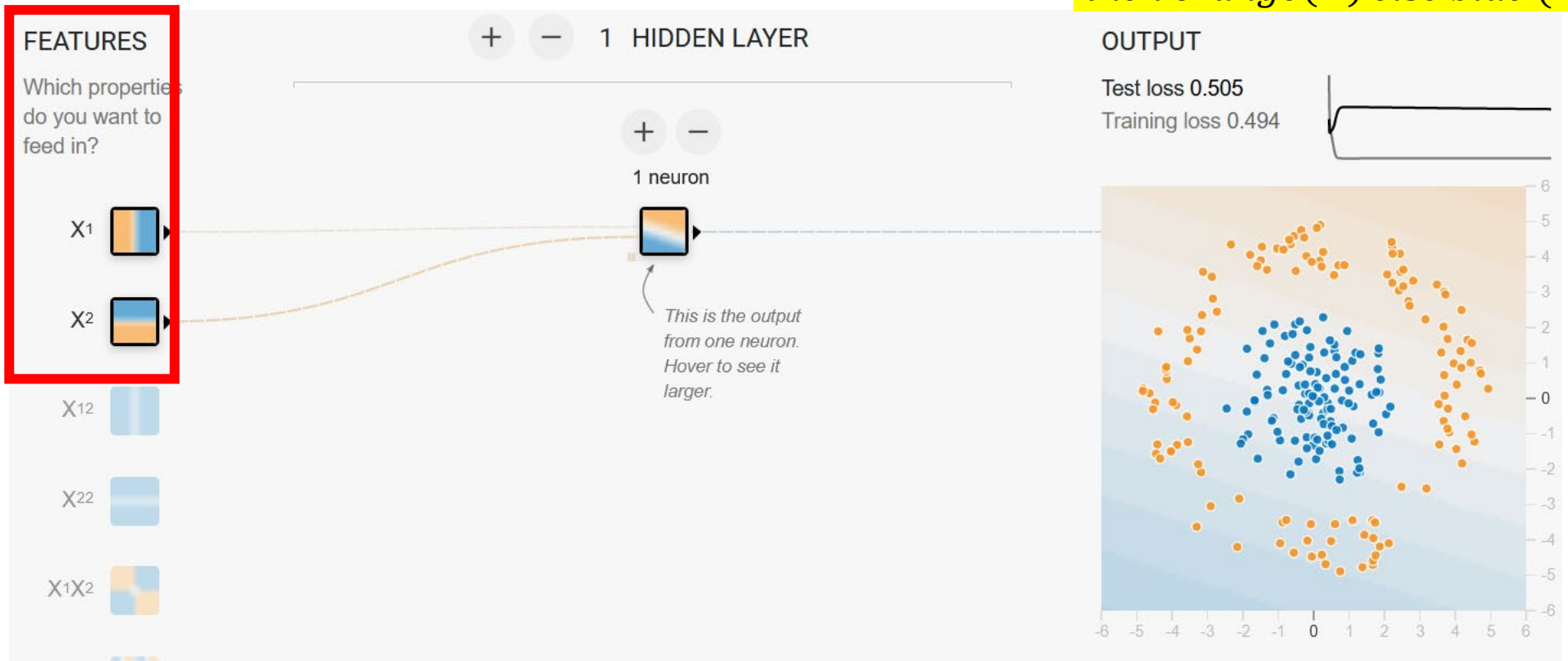


NN model: FAILED
– could not come up with an accurate labeling formula based on x & y

Why did the model fail?

Linear Activation

$Math: if\ x^2 + y^2 > r^2$
$then\ orange(N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$



$NN\ model: FAILED$
$-\ could\ not\ come\ up\ with\ an\ accurate\ labeling\ formula\ based\ on\ x\ \&\ y$

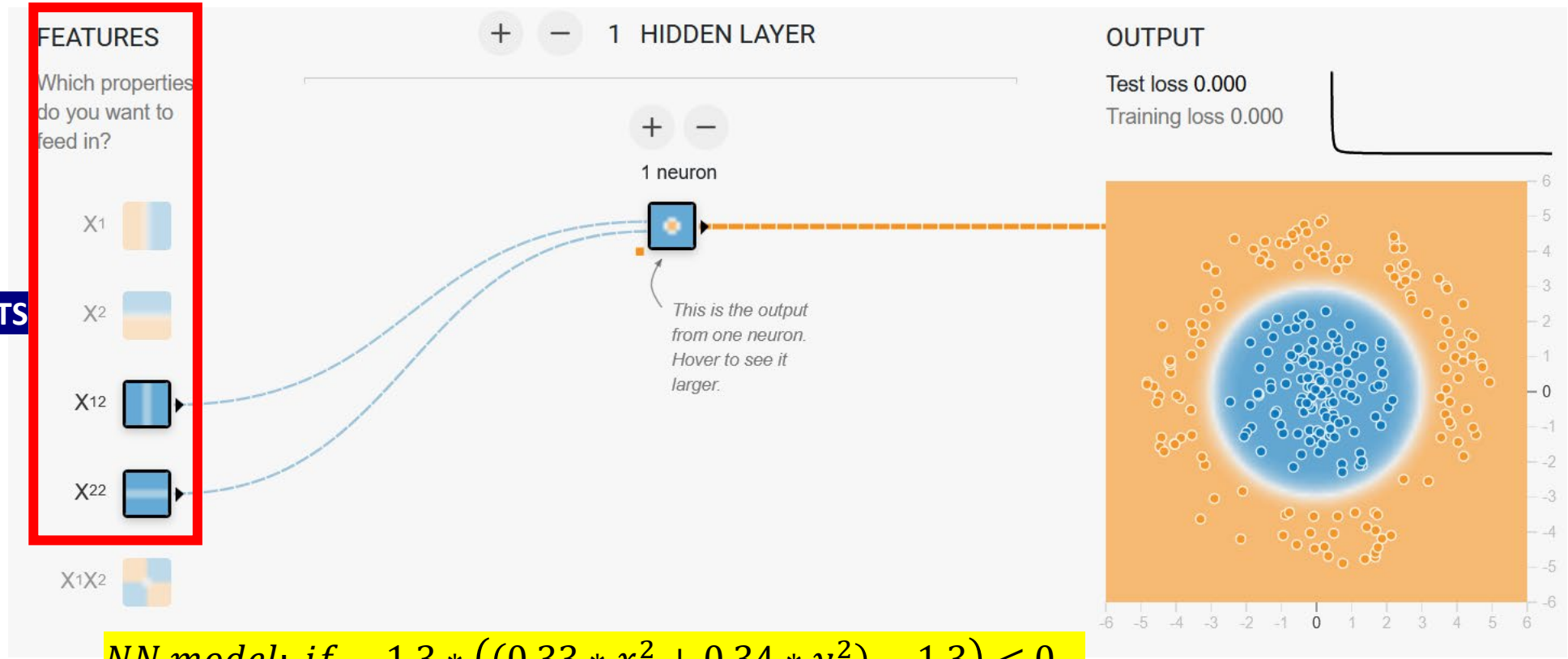
Solution 1:
- Create non-linear features

Solution 2:
- Add 3 more nodes
- Switch to Tanh activation function

EX #2: Non-Linear Features (x^2 and y^2)

$Math: if\ x^2 + y^2 > r^2$
$then\ orange(N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$

Linear Activation



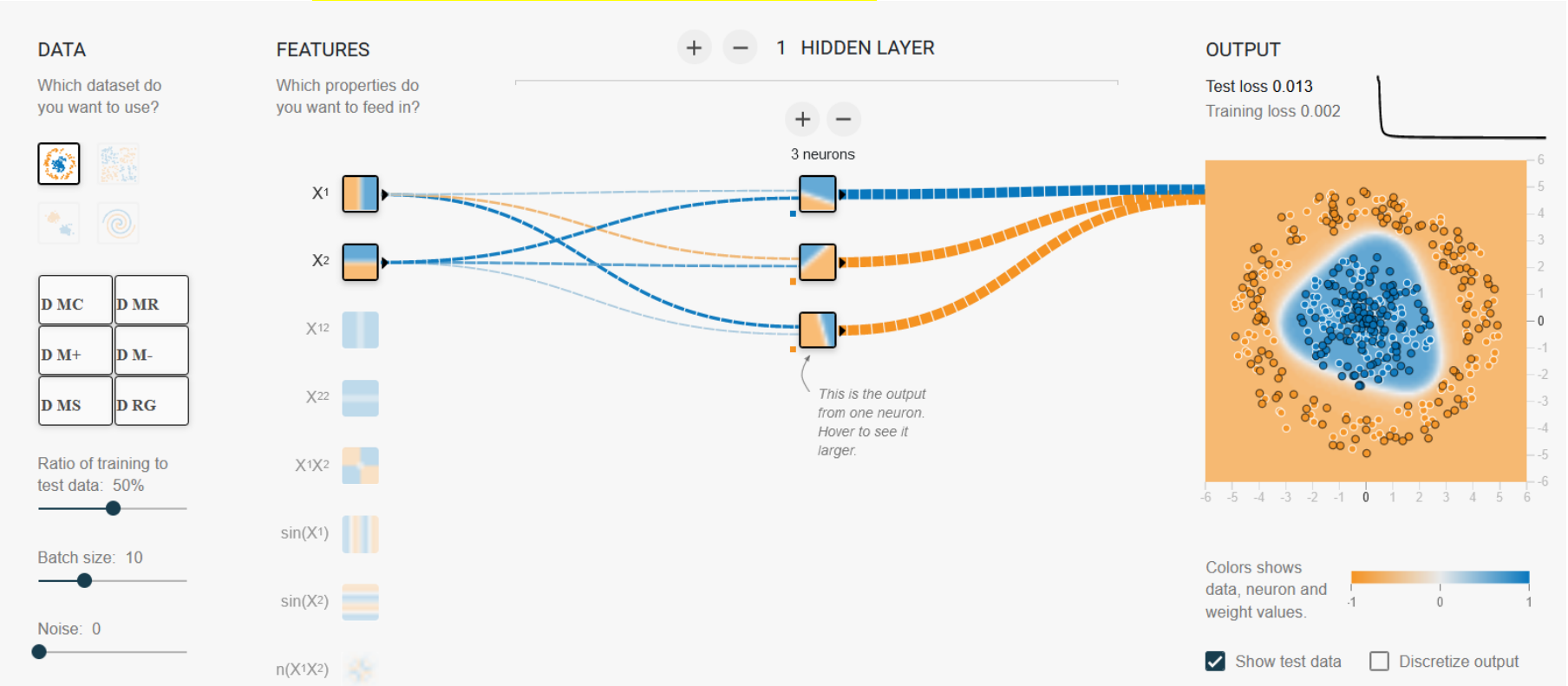
$NN\ model: if\ -1.3 * \left((0.33 * x^2 + 0.34 * y^2) - 1.3\right) < 0$
$then\ orange(N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$

If - 0.429 * x^2 - 0.442 * y^2 + 1.69 < 0 then orange (N) else blue (P) → radius ~ Sqrt(1.69/0.433) = 1.97

EX #3: Non-Linear Tanh Activation

$Math: if\ x^2 + y^2 > r^2$
$then\ orange(N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$

Tanh Activation



Test loss 0.013
Training loss 0.002

$NN\ model: if$ 4 * tanh(1.7 + 0.32 * x + 0.94 * y) – 4 * tanh(-1.9 - 0.59 *x + 0.66 * y) – 4 * tanh(-2.0 + 0.96 * x + 0.27 * y) < 0
$then\ orange\ (N)\ else\ blue\ (P)$

EX #4: Test well-separated and interleaved patterns

Select a dataset with cluster pattern

Use the “Noise” slider bar