

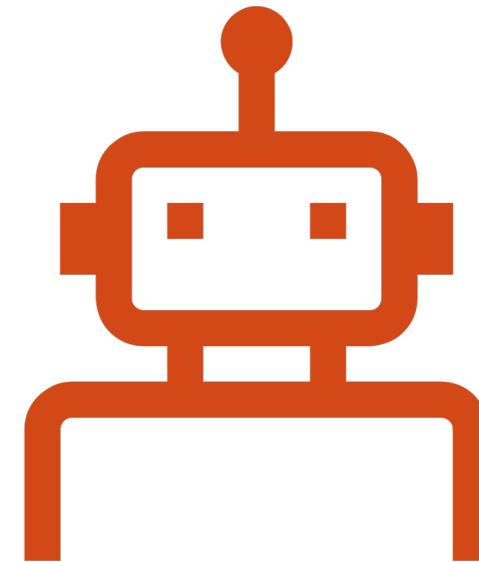
# **MACHINE LEARNING-BASED METHODS FOR CLASSIFICATION**

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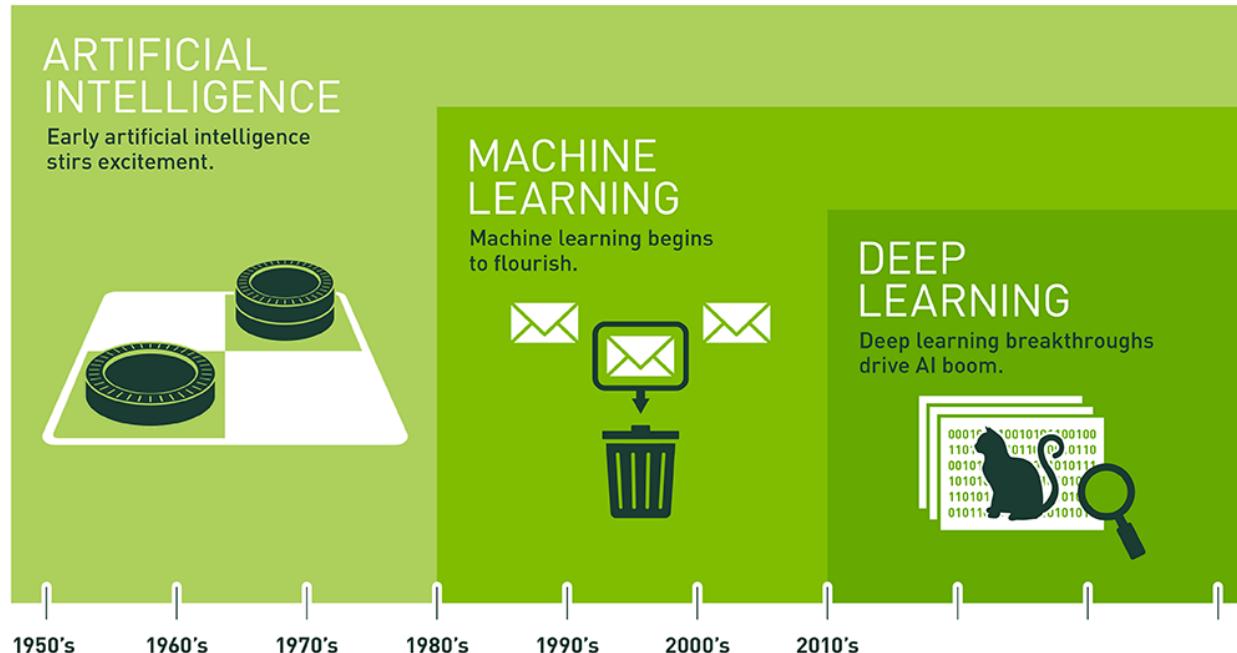


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# FORMULATION OF MACHINE LEARNING



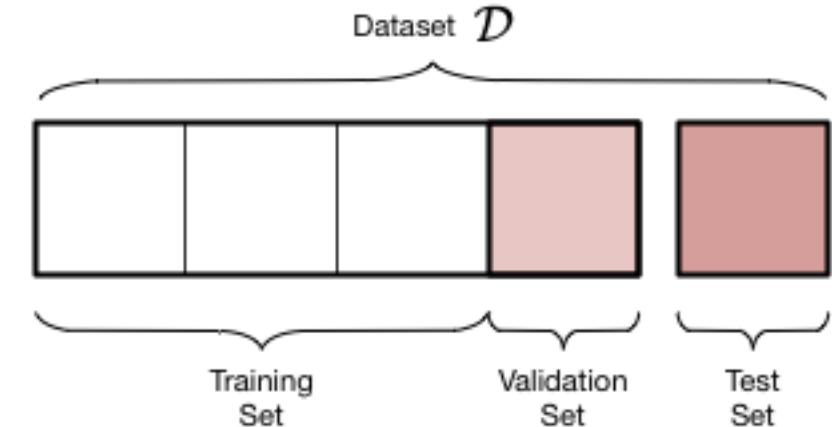
Since an early flush of optimism in the 1950s, smaller subsets of artificial intelligence – first machine learning, then deep learning, a subset of machine learning – have created ever larger disruptions.

- **Machine learning** : *the subfield of computer science that “gives computers the ability to learn without being explicitly programmed”* – Wikipedia
- **Deep learning (aka deep structured learning)** : *a part of the broader family of machine learning methods based on artificial neural networks* – Wikipedia

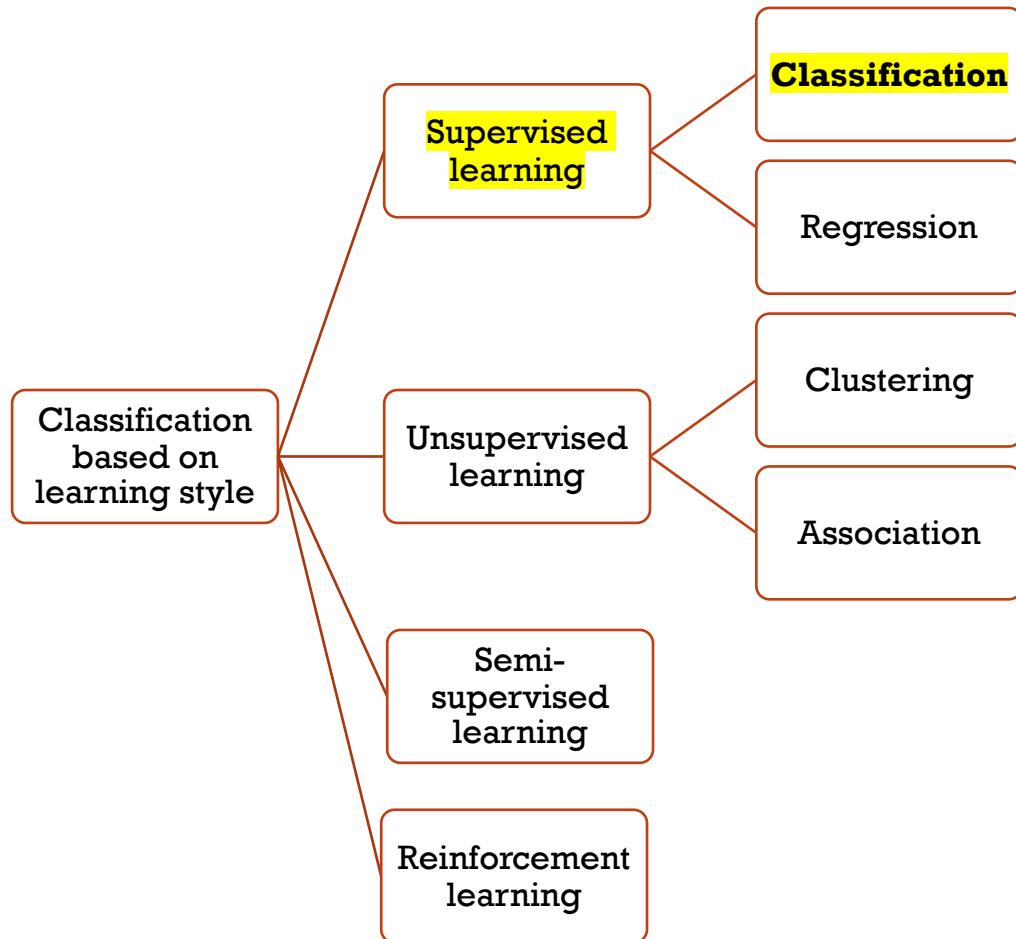
Source: <https://blogs.nvidia.com/blog/2016/07/29/whats-difference-artificial-intelligence-machine-learning-deep-learning-ai/>

# FORMULATION OF MACHINE LEARNING (CONT.)

- Observation : the input of a model,  $\mathbf{x}$  (in bold)
  - $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  : a feature vector
  - $x_i$  : a feature,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Label : the outcome of a model,  $y$ 
  - $y$  : can be a scalar (real numbers/integers) or a vector
- Model : a function (or a hypothesis),  $f(\mathbf{x}) = y$
- Parameters and hyper-parameters
  - $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = ax_1^2 + bx_2 + c$
  - Parameters :  $(a, b, c)$
  - Hyper-parameter :  
the degree of the polynomial  $f(\mathbf{x})$ , i.e. 2
- Learning : the process of finding a model  $f(\mathbf{x})$  that can predict the labels ( $y$ ) of unseen observations ( $\mathbf{x}$ ) in the test set correctly in most cases.



# CLASSIFICATION OF ML METHODS (1/2)



**Supervised** : predict label(s) of a new input datapoint based on pairs of (input, label) in the training set.

- **Classification** : # of labels is finite.  
Eg: given a human face, detect whether he/she is a man/woman
- **Regression** : labels are continuous.  
Eg: given a human face, detect his/her age

**Unsupervised** : input datapoints are given without labels.

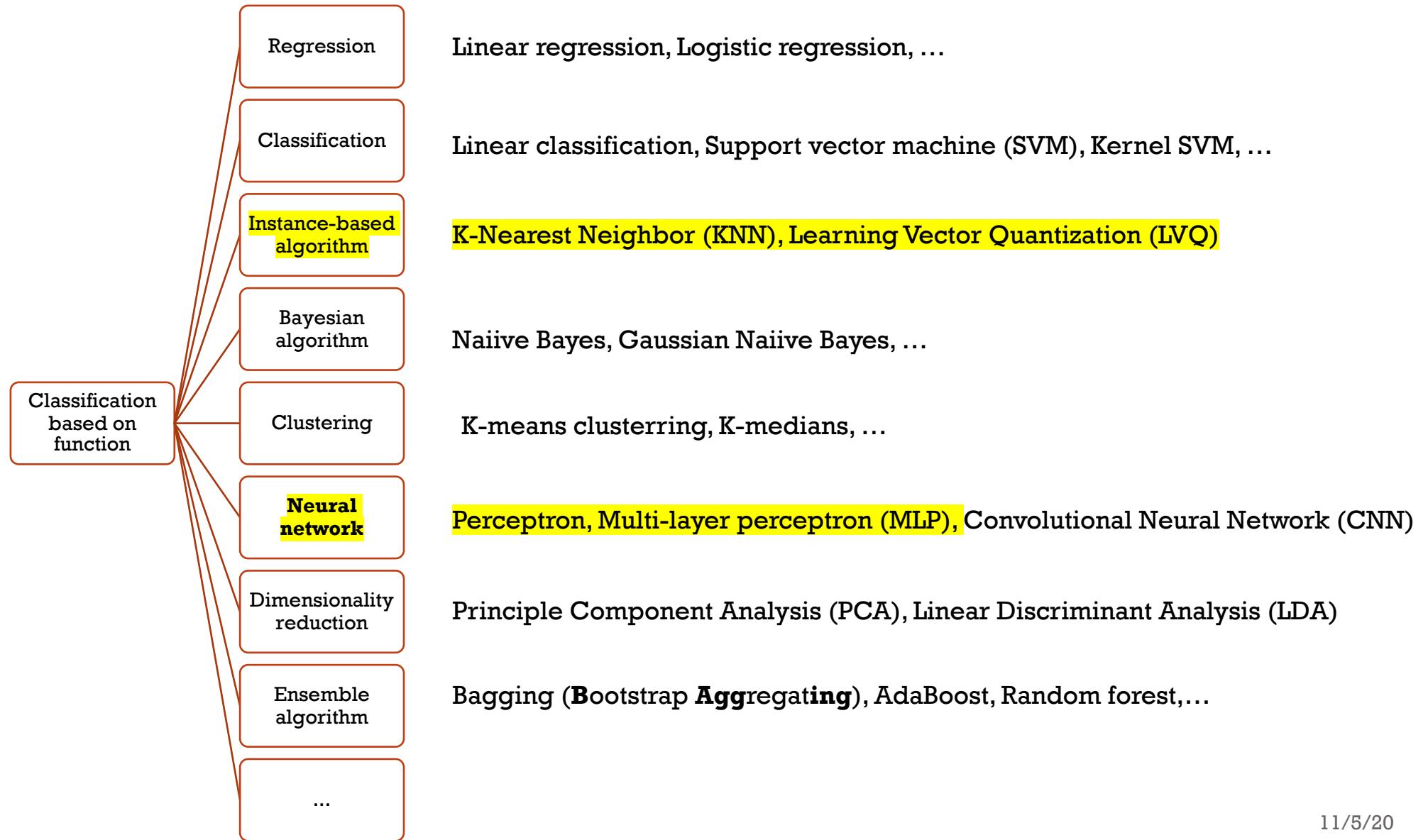
- Clustering : (eg) categorize customers based on their purchasing behaviors.
- Association : (eg) recommendation system (if someone likes "Spider man" -> likely he/she also likes "Batman")

**Semi-supervised** : only a proportion of training datapoints are with labels.

**Reinforcement** : (target) decide which action should be taken based on particular situations to maximize the cumulative reward.

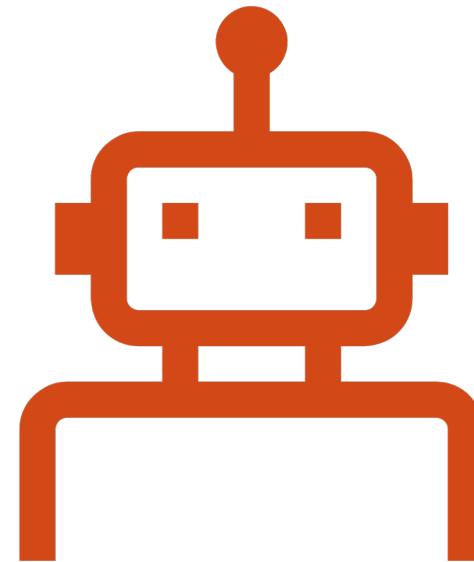
Eg: how to play Mario game to get the highest score

# CLASSIFICATION OF ML METHODS (2/2)



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# K-NEAREST NEIGHBOR CLASSIFIER (KNN)

**K-nearest neighbor classifier (KNN):**

- If  $k=3$  (solid line circle): the green dot is assigned to the red triangles
- If  $k=5$  (dashed line circle): the green dot is assigned to the blue squares

**For  $k = 1$  : Nearest neighbor classifier**

label ( $x$ ) = label ( $p$ ) if

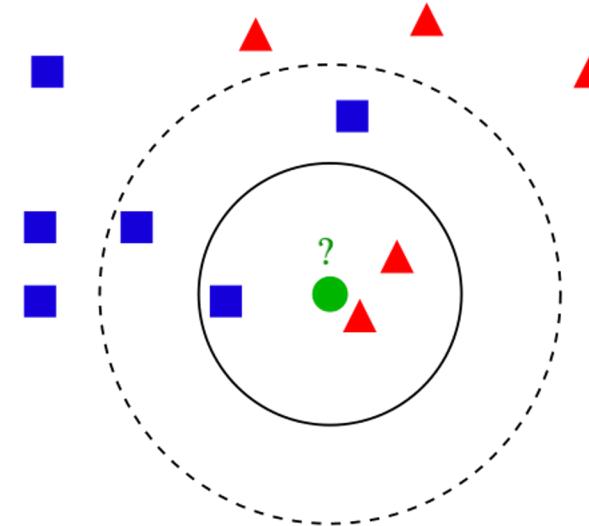
$$p = \arg \min_{q \in \Omega} \|x - q\|_2$$

$x$ : a new datapoint

$p$ : a datapoint in the training set ( $\Omega$ )

$\|\cdot\|$  : Euclidean distance (2-norm)

$$\|x - q\| = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - q_j)^2}$$



Example of  $k$ -NN classification  
from [Wikipedia](#)

- Does not require training process
- But **requires long time for testing**  
(since the entire training set is used to make predictions)

To reduce the computational cost  
→ use representative(s) for each class.

# LEARNING VECTOR QUANTIZATION (LVQ)

## LVQ : an algorithm to find the representatives

### Pseudo-code

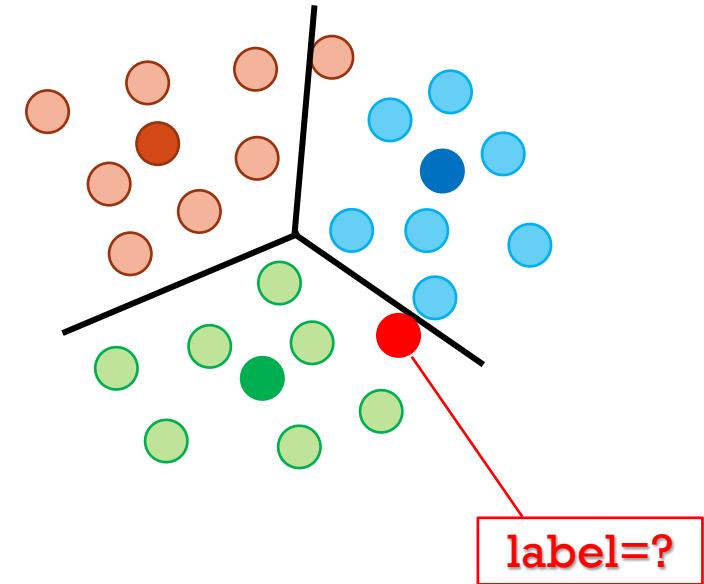
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# Initialize the prototype set
>> Randomly create n_prototype prototypes
# Train the prototype set
>> Choose n_epoch          # no. of training cycles
>> Choose lrate_init        # initial learning rate
>> For i_epoch runs from 1 to n_epoch :
    lrate = lrate_init * (1-i_epoch/n_epoch)
    Initiate sum_err = 0
    For each datapoint x in the training set :
        Find the nearest neighbor p of x from the prototype set
        sum_err += alpha*||x-p||^2
        If label(x) == label(p):
            Set p += lrate * (x-p)
        Elseif label(x) != label(p):
            Set p -= lrate * (x-p)
        Re-adjust p so that p in an appropriate range (if
        needed)
>> Use 1NN classifier on the prototype set to label new data
    points in the testing set
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lrate  $\downarrow$  gradually

p : the nearest neighbor of x

Pull p closer to x

Push p away from x

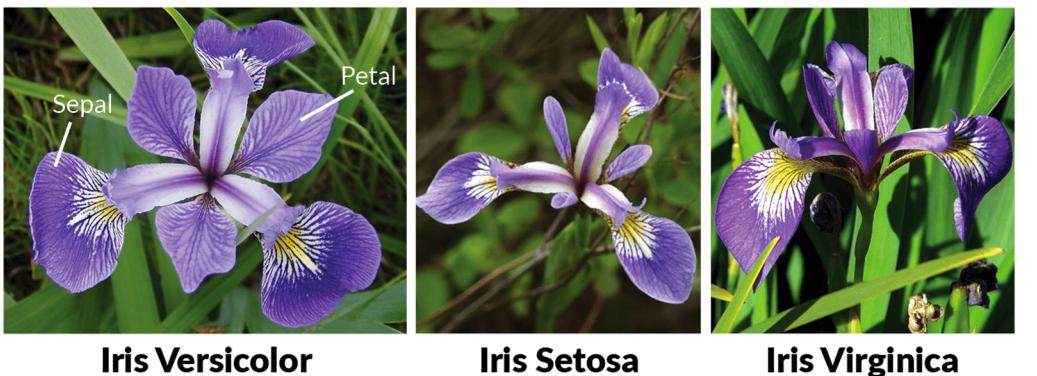


Using NNC on the prototype set instead of on the training set

# NUMERICAL RESULTS / IRIS DATASET

## Iris flower dataset

(from UCI Machine learning repository)



Iris Versicolor

Iris Setosa

Iris Virginica

# classes	3
# datapoints	150
# attributes	4 (sepal + petal length and width)

	1NN	LVQ
Avg. accuracy	95.25%	92.87%
Acc. variance	3.02%	10.47%
Avg. train time	--	378.25 (ms)
Avg. test time	34.623 (ms)	8.74 (ms)

Note:

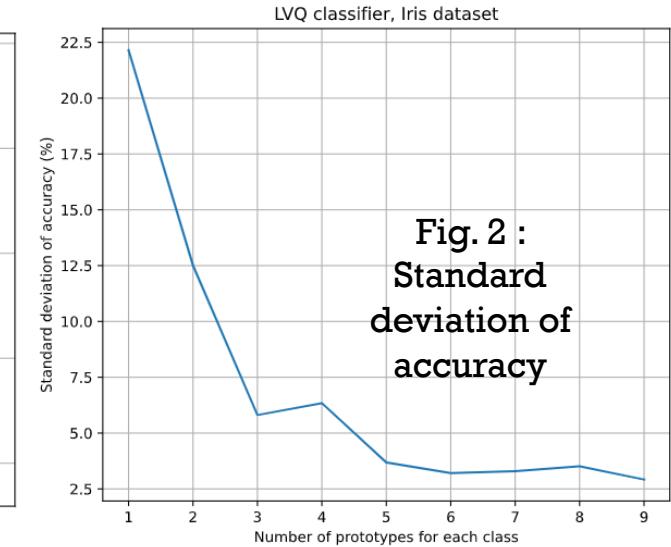
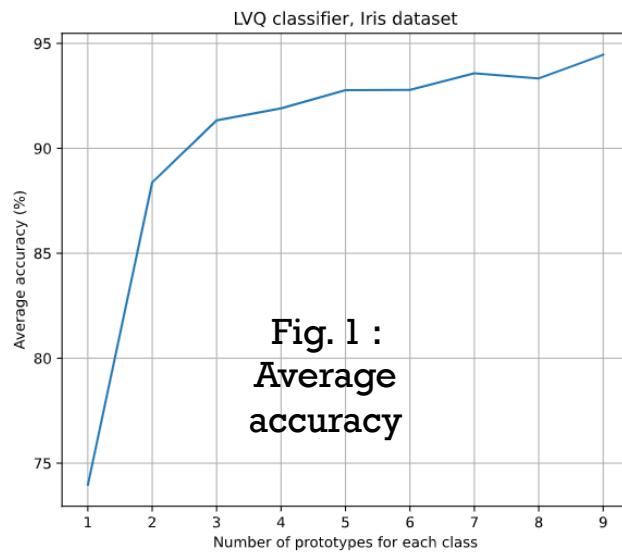
- Train size = 75, test size = 75  
(randomly split in each run)
- Averaged over 100 runs
- For LVQ:
  - prototypes = 15 (3 classes)
  - epochs = 30
  - lrate\_init = 0.5

# NUMERICAL RESULTS / IRIS DATASET (CONT.)

LVQ-based classifier on Iris dataset

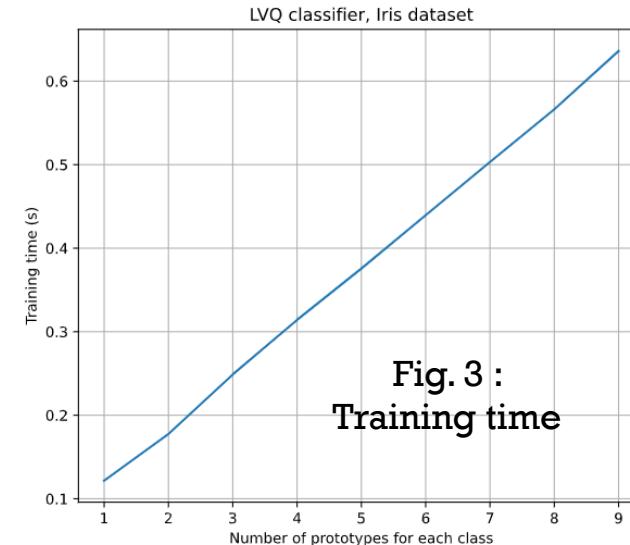
Increasing # of prototypes for each class :

- Improves the average accuracy (Fig. 1)
- Improves the stability (Fig. 2)
- At the cost of lengthening both training and testing time (Fig. 3), since more prototypes are used



# of prototypes : a critical hyper-parameter

- should be selected at the **trade-off between (accuracy + stability) and (training + testing time)**.



# DISCRIMINANT FUNCTIONS

1

Define the representatives for a 2-class problem :

$$\mathbf{r}^+ = \frac{1}{|\Omega^+|} \sum_{\mathbf{p} \in \Omega^+} \mathbf{p}, \quad \mathbf{r}^- = \frac{1}{|\Omega^-|} \sum_{\mathbf{q} \in \Omega^-} \mathbf{q},$$

$r^+, r^-$  : representatives

$\Omega^+$  : set of positive training data

$\Omega^-$  : set of negative training data

2b

Using the discriminant function :

$$\text{Label}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } g^+(\mathbf{x}) > g^-(\mathbf{x}) \\ -1 & \text{if } g^+(\mathbf{x}) < g^-(\mathbf{x}) \end{cases}$$

$g^+(\cdot), g^-(\cdot)$  : discriminant functions

$$g^+(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j r_j^+ - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (r_j^+)^2,$$

$$g^-(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j r_j^- - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (r_j^-)^2$$

2a

Using representatives directly for recognition :

$$\text{Label}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}^+\| < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}^-\| \\ -1 & \text{if } \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}^-\| < \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r}^+\| \end{cases}$$

(equivalent)



To solve a multi-class problem :

Given  $x$ ,  $\text{label}(x) = i^*$  if :

$$i^* = \arg \max_i g_i(x)$$

# LINEAR DECISION BOUNDARY

Solving a 2-class problem requires only one discriminant function :

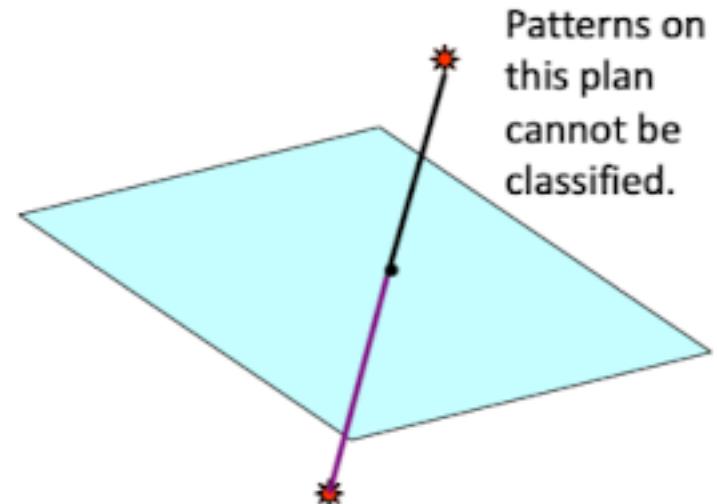
$$g(\mathbf{x}) = g^+(\mathbf{x}) - g^-(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j - \theta$$

$$g^+(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j r_j^+ - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (r_j^+)^2,$$

$$g^-(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{j=1}^n x_j r_j^- - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (r_j^-)^2$$

$$w_i = r_i^+ - r_i^-;$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n [(r_i^+)^2 - (r_i^-)^2]$$

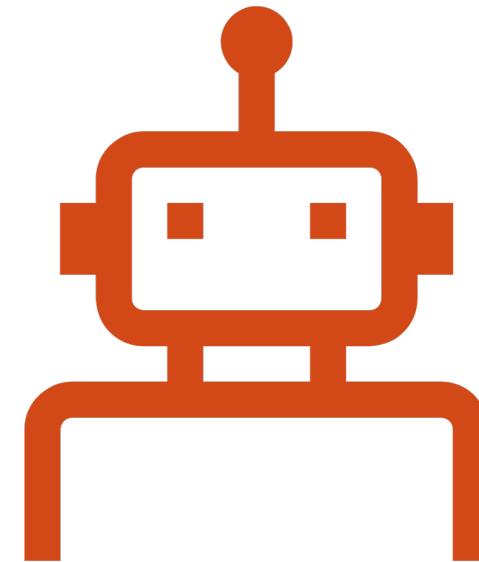


$$H : \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i - \theta = 0$$

The **hyper-plan** defined by  $g(\mathbf{x})$  forms the **decision boundary**.

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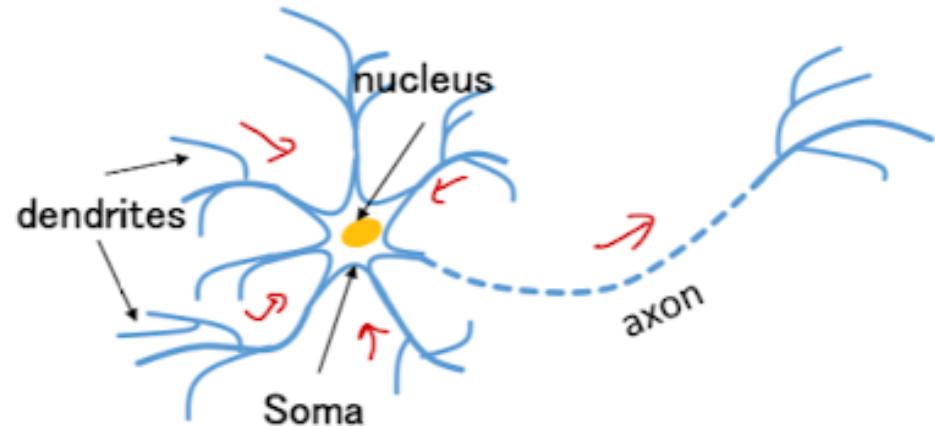
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# FROM HUMAN BRAINS TO NEURAL NETWORKS

Human brain :

- The CPU that controls the whole body
- A huge and complex network with approximately  $10^{11}$  (100B) neurons and  $10^4$  connections for each neuron

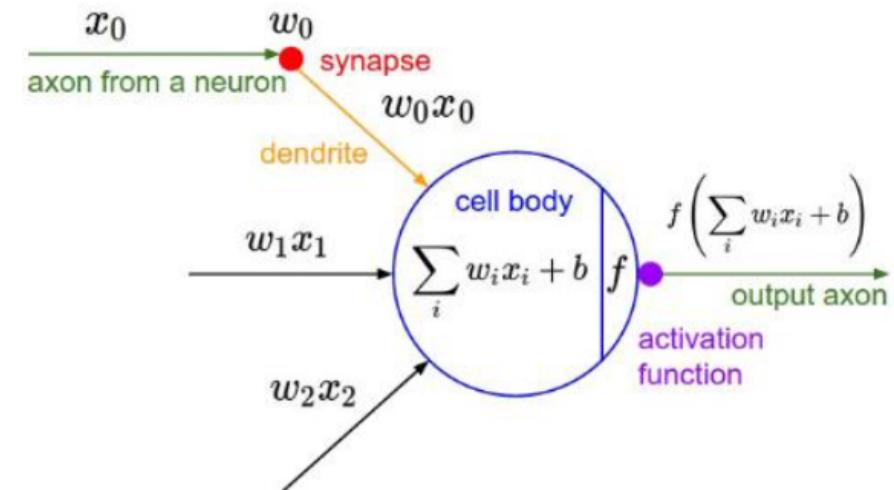


Structure of a neuron

Mathematical model :

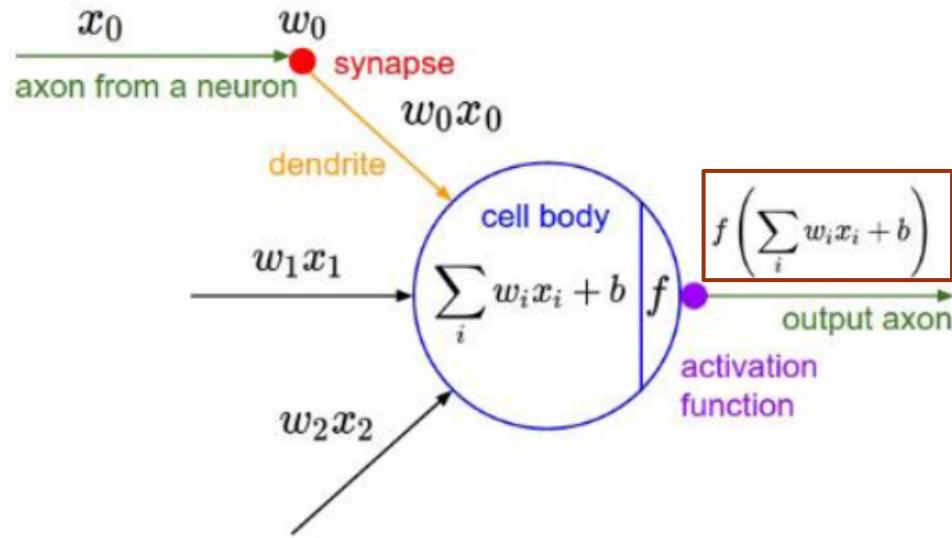
$$y = g(u) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + b\right) = f(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b)$$

$x$  : input vector;  $w$  : weight vector;  
 $b$  : bias (threshold);  $y$  : output;  
 $f(\cdot)$  : activation function

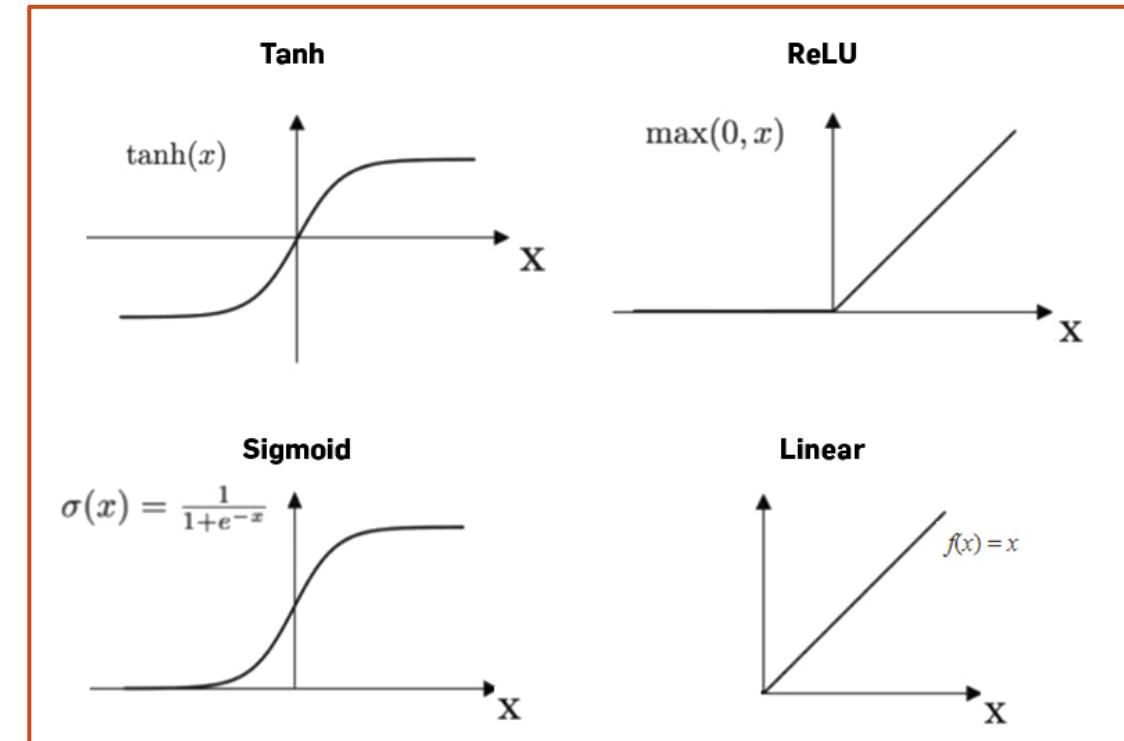


A neuron is modeled as a multi-input single-output system

# FROM HUMAN BRAINS TO NEURAL NETWORKS (CONT.)



Mathematical model of a neuron

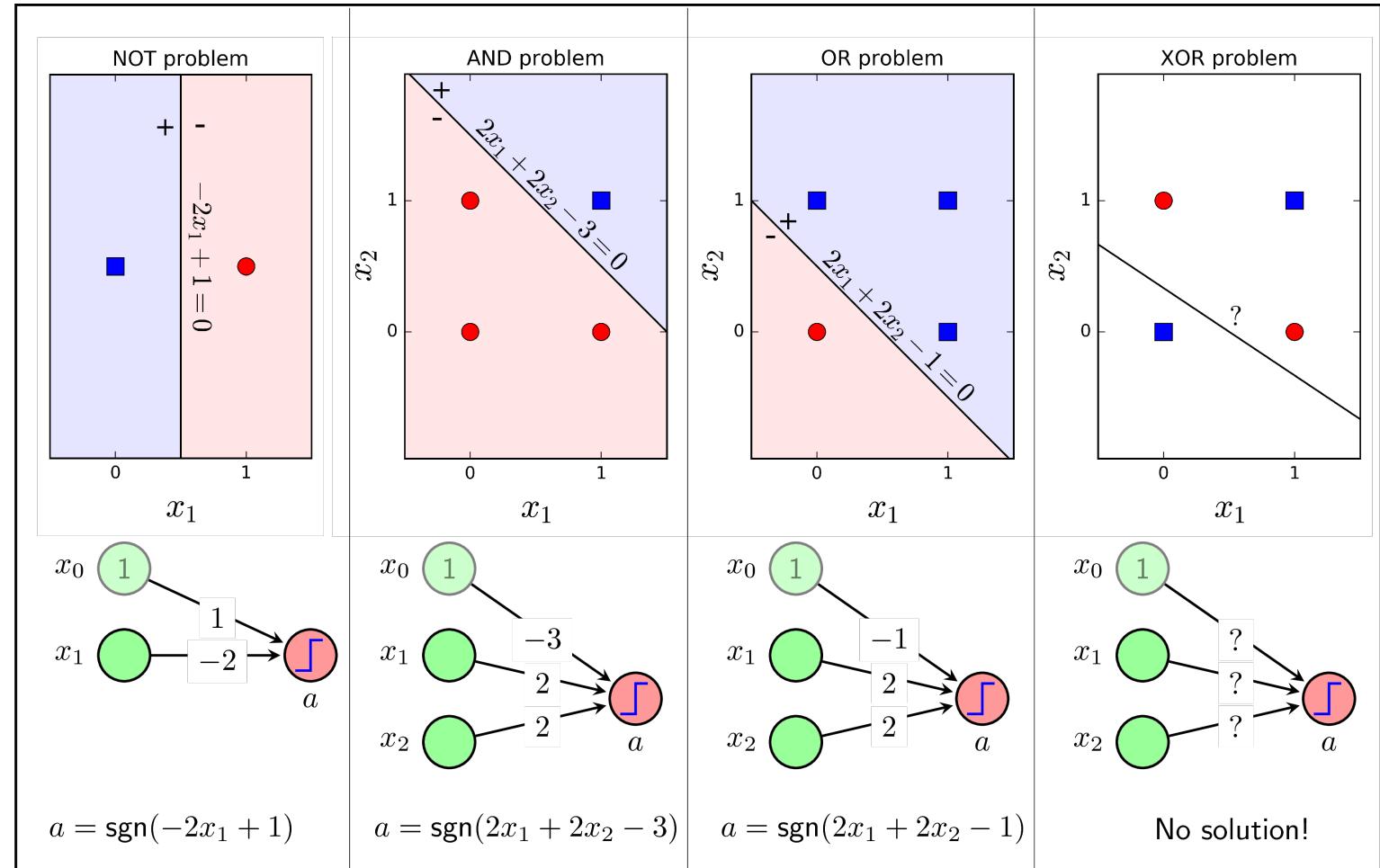


Activation functions

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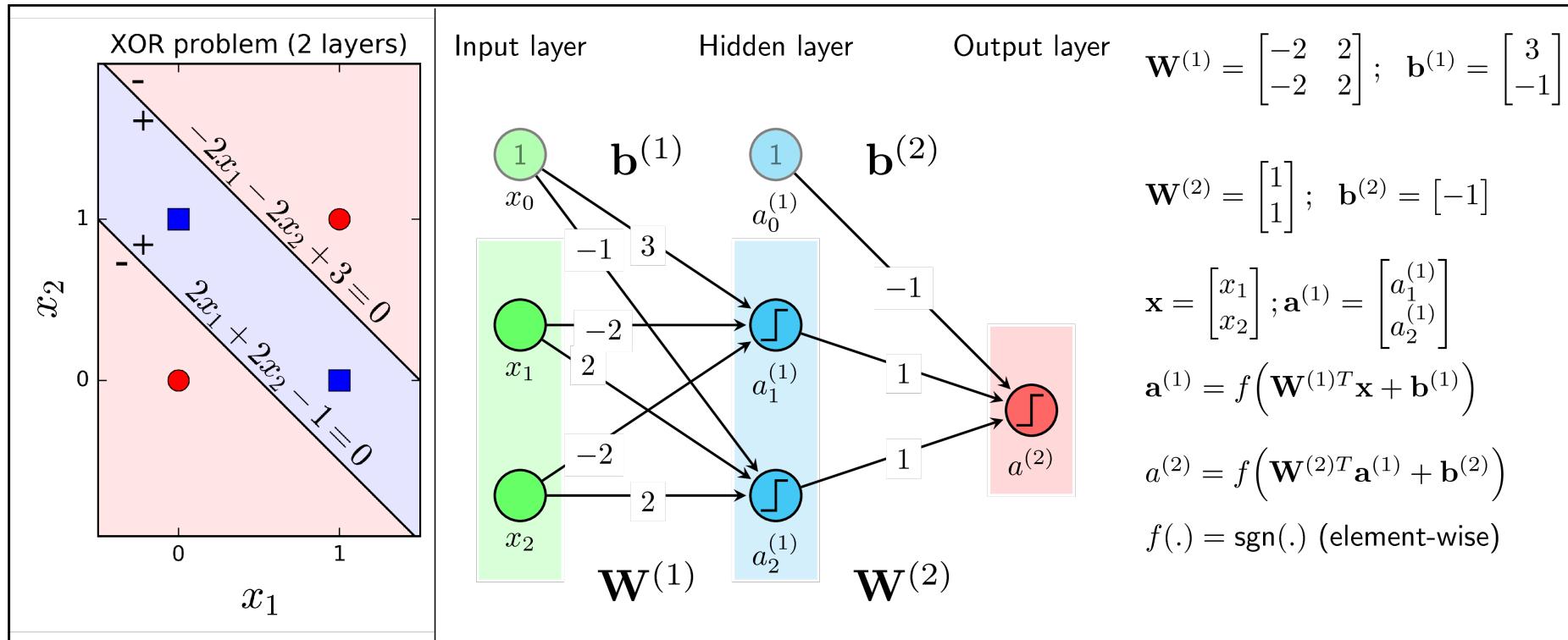
One neuron has one linear decision boundary.

OR, AND, and OR problems: linearly separable.



Using **perceptrons** to model the operation of logics NOT, AND, and OR.

# FROM HUMAN BRAINS TO NEURAL NETWORKS (CONT.)

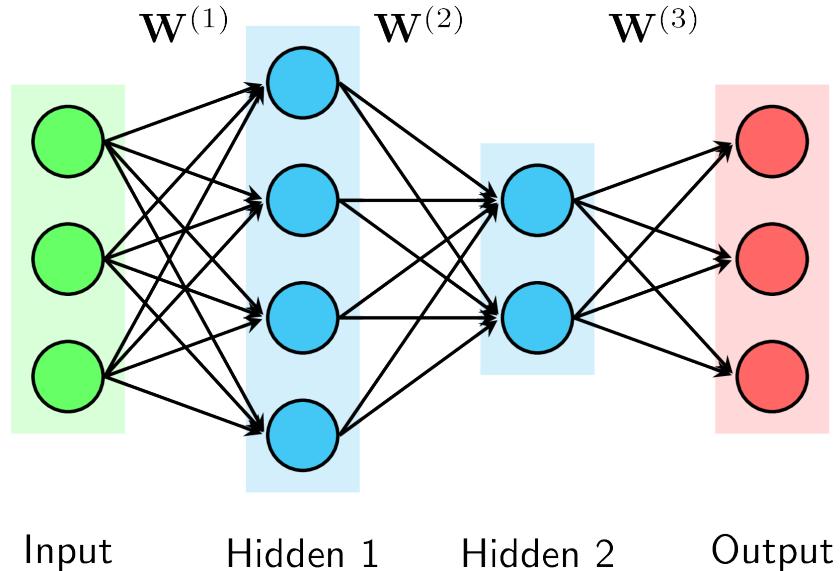


Using a **multi-layer perceptron** for the XOR problem.

How to find the weights and biases for a MLP automatically?  
 (for image classification, #parameters is up to hundreds of millions to billions)

"learning" in ML

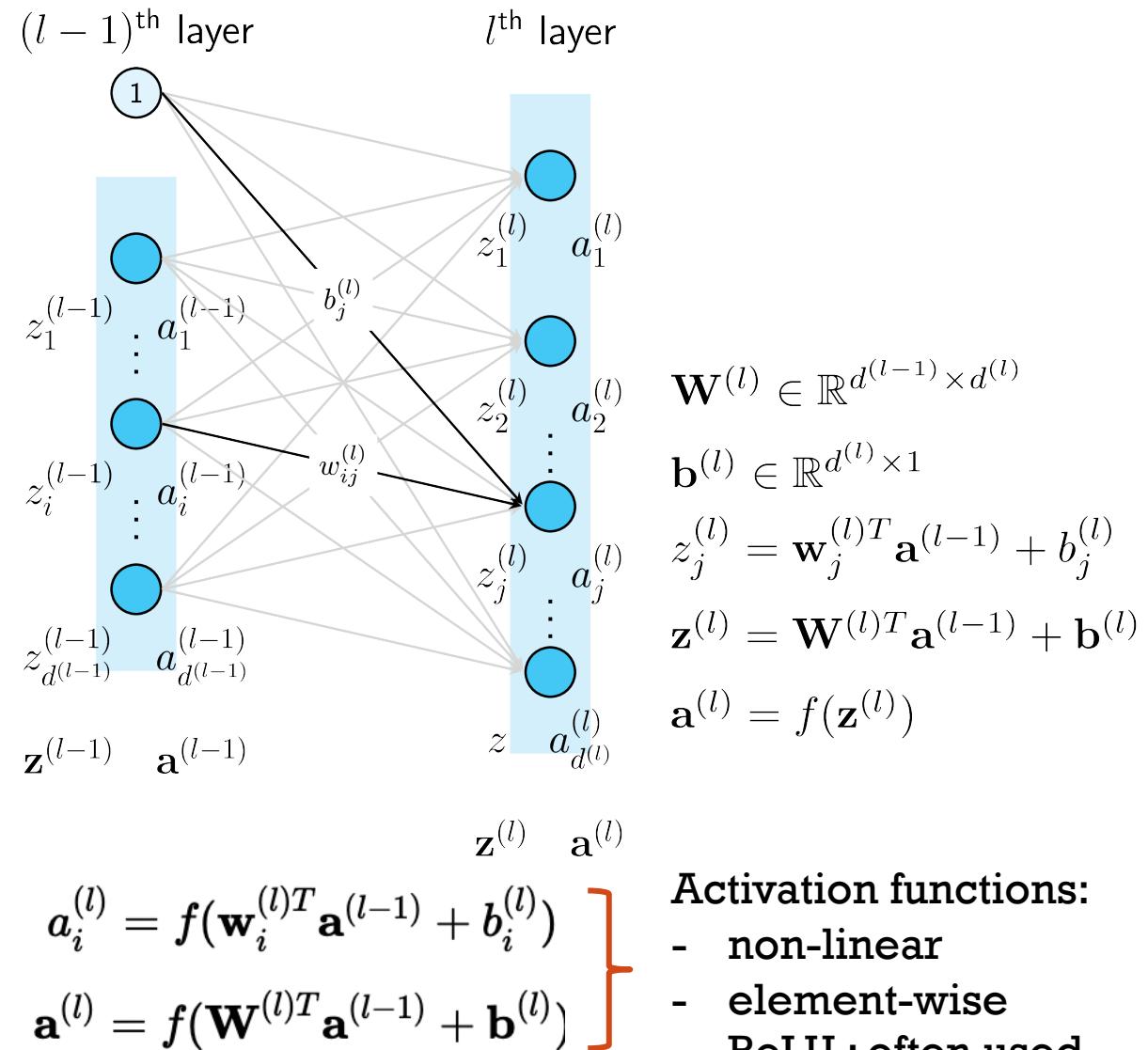
# MULTI-LAYER PERCEPTRON (MLP) : DEFINITION



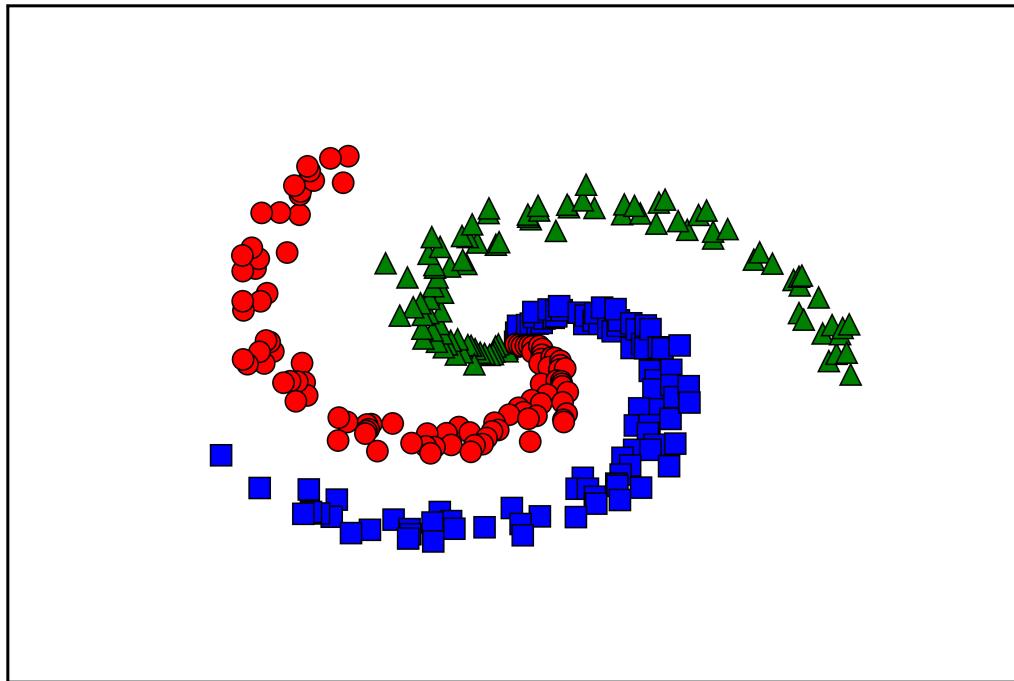
Multilayer perceptron : the most popular neural network

- 1 input layer
- 1 output layer
- Several (or many) hidden layers

Note : a perceptron dose not have hidden layers.



# MLP: SCENARIO

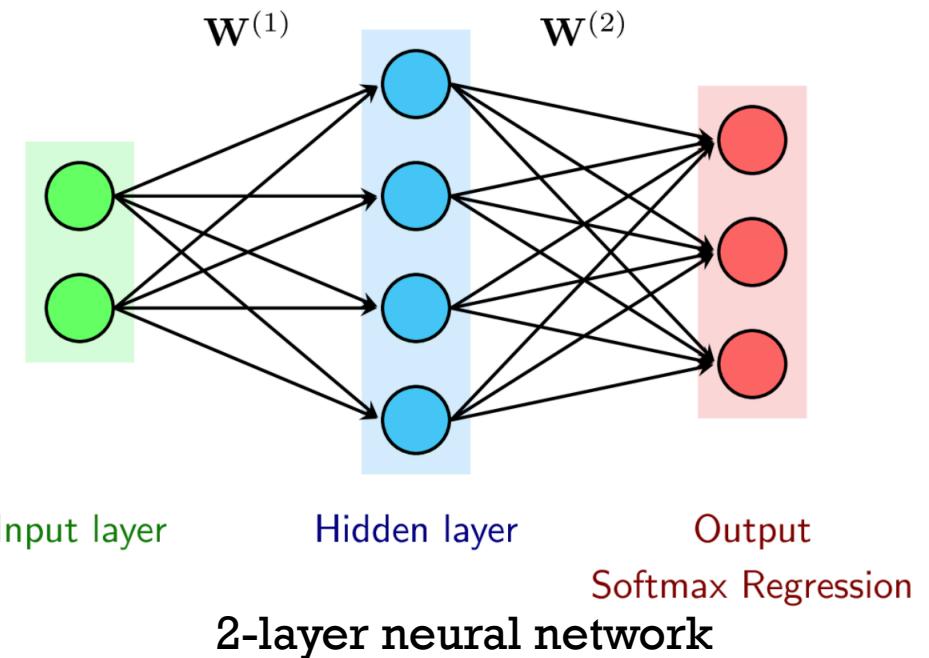


Scenario: using an MLP to classify this dataset  
(not linearly-separable).

# classes:  $C = 3$

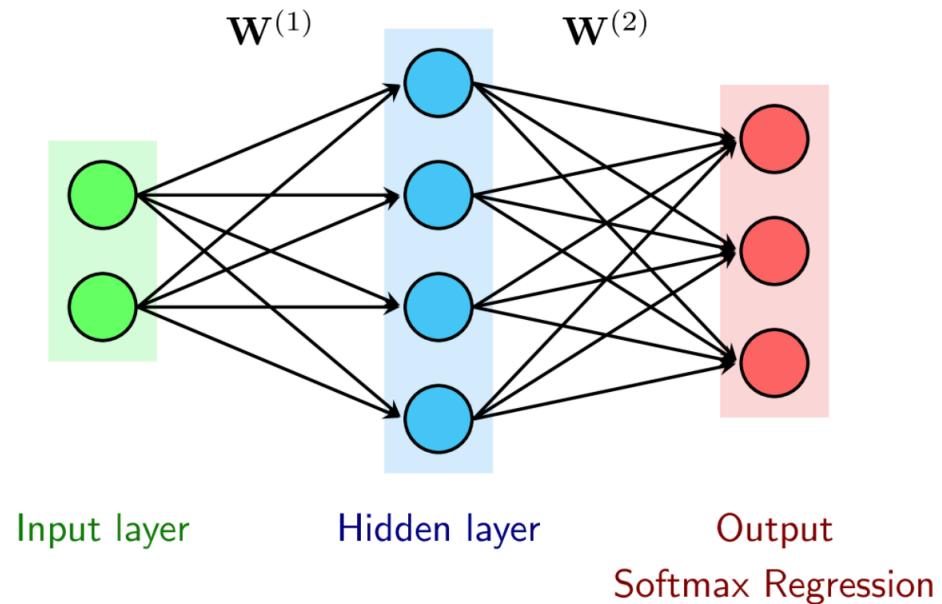
# attributes: 2 (x and y)

# datapoints:  $N = 300$  (100 for each class)



Optimizer : Batch Gradient Descent

# MLP: FEEDFORWARD AND LOSS FUNCTION



**Feedforward**  
(predict outputs  
for given inputs)

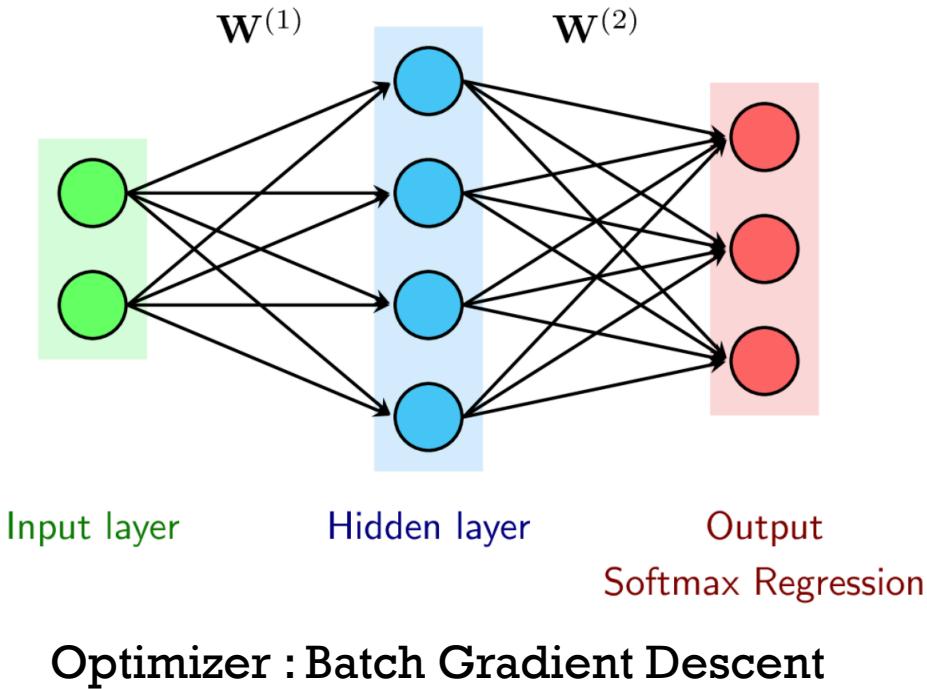
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} = \mathbf{W}^{(1)T} \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{A}^{(1)} = \max(\mathbf{Z}^{(1)}, \mathbf{0}) \\ \mathbf{Z}^{(2)} = \mathbf{W}^{(2)T} \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \\ \hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{A}^{(2)} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{Z}^{(2)}) \end{array} \right\}$$

**Loss function (cross-entropy):**

$$J \triangleq J(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}; \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^C y_{ji} \log(\hat{y}_{ji})$$

**Optimizer : Batch Gradient Descent**

# MLP: BACK-PROPAGATION (GRADIENT DESCENT)



Backpropagation:

$$\mathbf{E}^{(2)} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{Z}^{(2)}} = \frac{1}{N} (\hat{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathbf{Y})$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(2)}} = \mathbf{A}^{(1)} \mathbf{E}^{(2)T}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(2)}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{e}_n^{(2)}$$

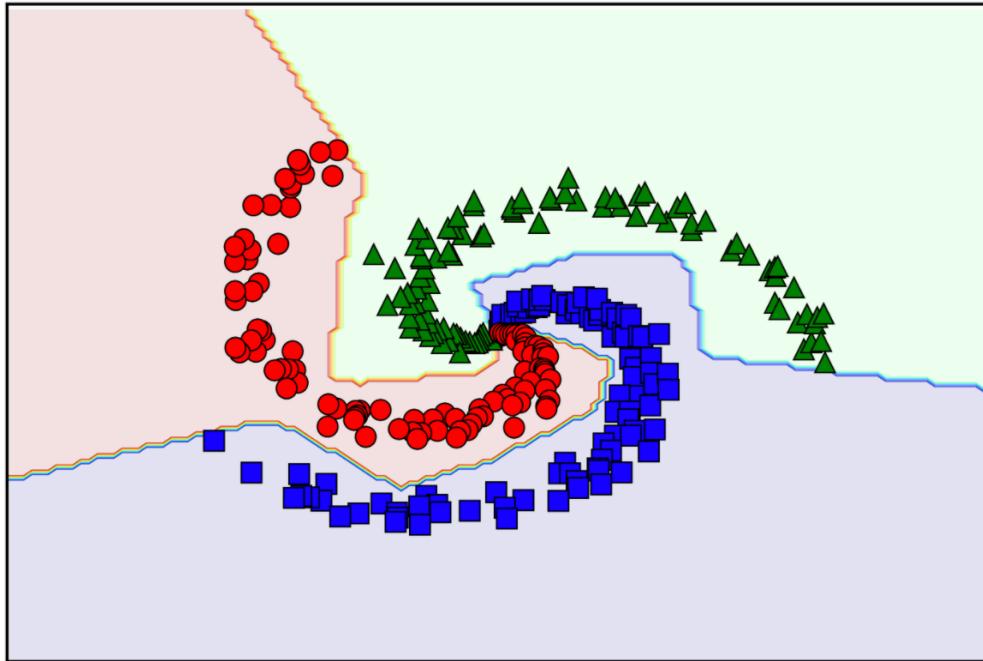
$$\mathbf{E}^{(1)} = (\mathbf{W}^{(2)} \mathbf{E}^{(2)}) \odot f'(\mathbf{Z}^{(1)})$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(1)}} = \mathbf{A}^{(0)} \mathbf{E}^{(1)T} = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{E}^{(1)T}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(1)}} = \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{e}_n^{(1)}$$

# NUMERICAL RESULTS

#hidden units = 100, accuracy = 99.33 %



Hình 9: Kết quả khi sử dụng 1 hidden layer với 100 units.

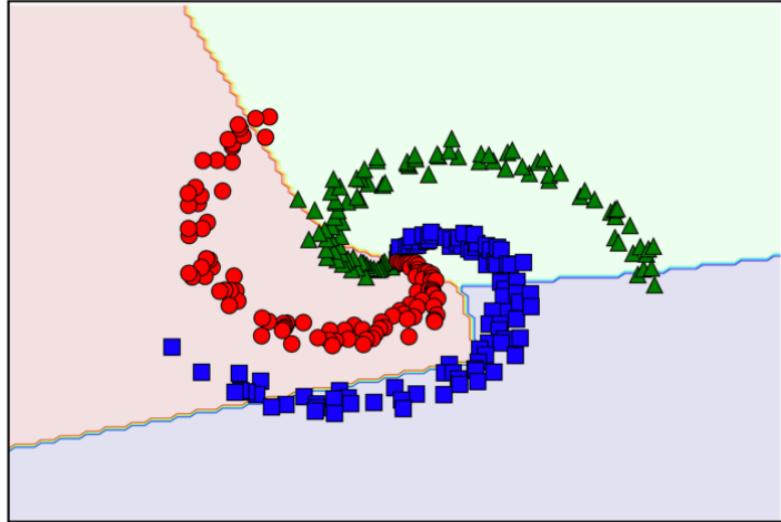
iterations = 10,000  
learning\_rate = 1

Accuracy = 99.33%  
(only 2 points are missclassified)

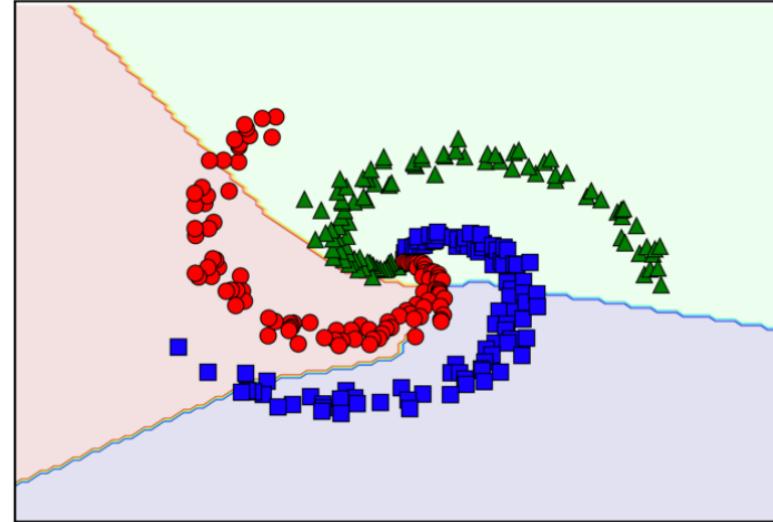
By adding only one more hidden layer,  
we can build up non-linear boundaries  
for classification.

# NUMERICAL RESULTS

#hidden units = 5, accuracy = 65.33 %

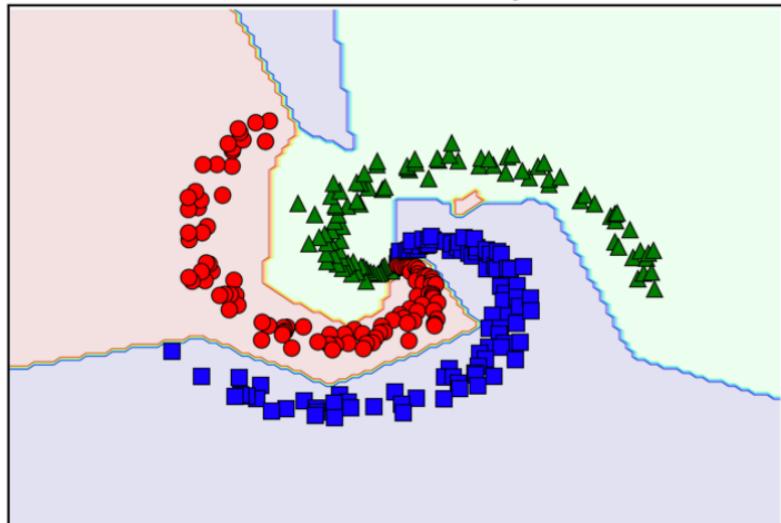


#hidden units = 10, accuracy = 70.33 %

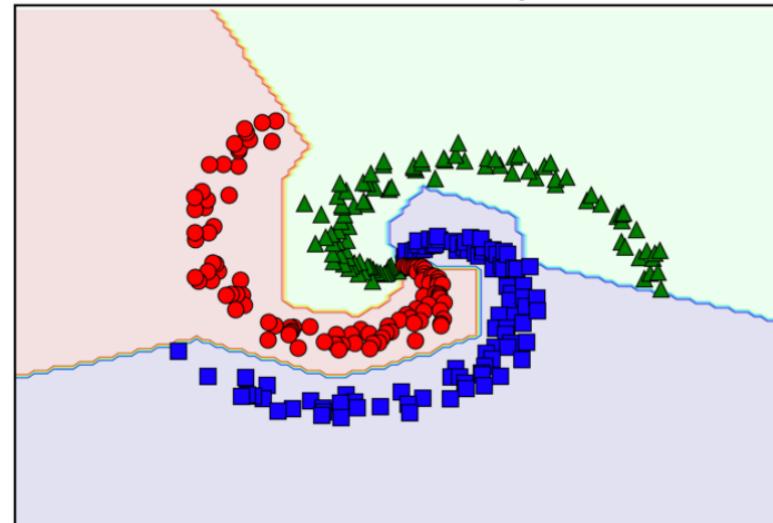


Increasing # of hidden units improves the accuracy.

#hidden units = 15, accuracy = 99.33 %



#hidden units = 20, accuracy = 99.33 %



Hình 10: Kết quả với số lượng units trong hidden layer là khác nhau.

# CONCLUSIONS

Neural networks:

- [3] proved that: a NN (with appropriate # of layers and activation functions) can approximate any continuous function given any error rate  $\epsilon > 0$ .
- # of layers, # of hidden units and activation functions: critical hyper-parameters.
- Increasing # of hidden units:
  - may produce better accuracy
  - but requires longer time for training+testing
  - and may result in overfitting problem (does well on training set but does not generalize well on testing set).

Machine Learning: a very big field with a wide range of applications.

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