

# Lecture 2. Neural Networks : What can a network represent

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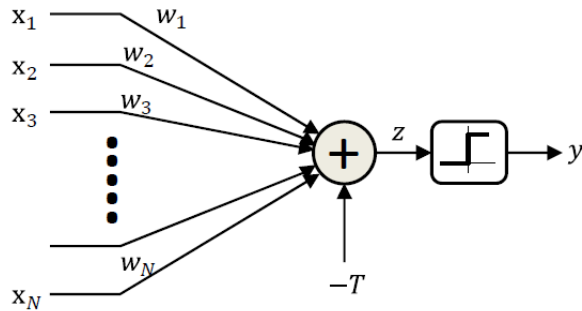
# Definition of Neural Networks & Perceptron

## Neural Networks

- Functions that take an input and produce an output
- Composed of networks of computational models of neurons called **perceptron**

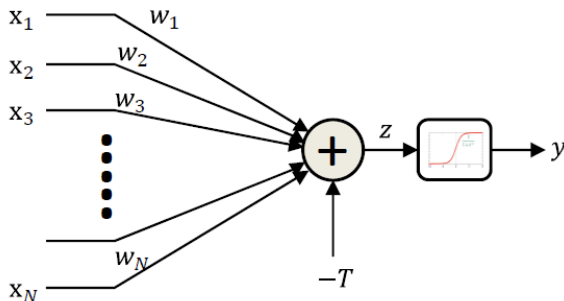
## Perceptron

- So called, "**Threshold gate**"
- Fires if the weighted sum of inputs exceeds a threshold



$$z = \sum_i w_i x_i - T$$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



$$z = \sum_i w_i x_i - T$$

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$

- 1) Calculate Affine combination of inputs
- 2) Transmitted to activation function

Can use smoothed version of threshold  
– Sigmoid / tan h (Soft perceptron)

Or other continuous activation function  
– ReLU

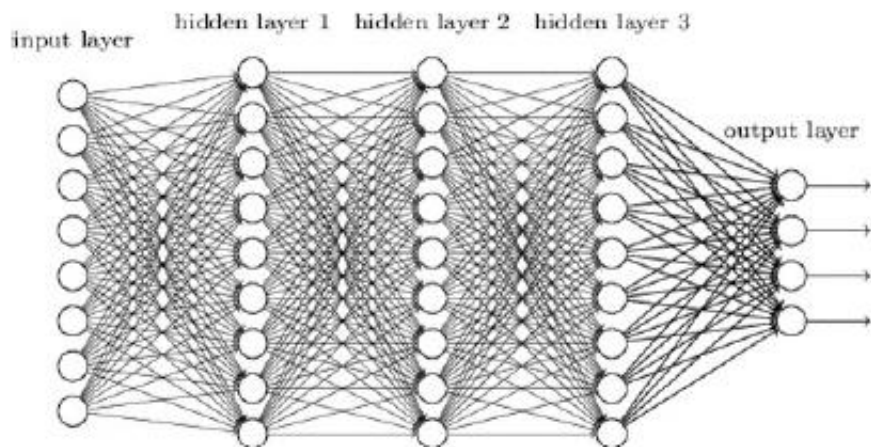
# Definition of Neural Networks & Perceptron

## Multi-Layer Perceptron, MLP

A network of perceptrons those "feed" others

- Inputs are real or Boolean stimuli
- Outputs are real or Boolean values
- It can model kinds of input/output relationships

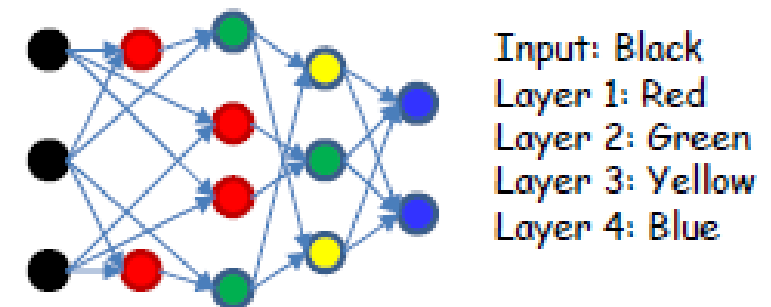
Deep neural network



## Defining "depth" in Neural Nets

"depth" is the length of the longest path from a source to a sink

- A "source" node is a node that has only outgoing edges
- A "sink" node is a node that has only incoming edges



Layer is the set of neurons  
that all have the same depth from the inputs

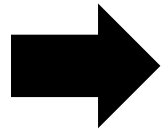


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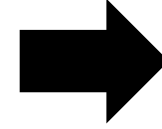
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# MLPs as universal Boolean functions

- A perceptron can model any simple binary Boolean gate
- Furthermore, it can also model more complex functions such as universal AND/OR gate, generalized majority gate
- However, one perceptron alone cannot calculate the XOR, and it can be done by adding 1 hidden layers and increasing nodes.



**MLPs can compute any Boolean function**  
– since they can emulate individual gates



How many layers & neurons are needed for a Boolean MLP?

***MLPs are universal Boolean functions !***

– any function over any number of inputs and any number of outputs

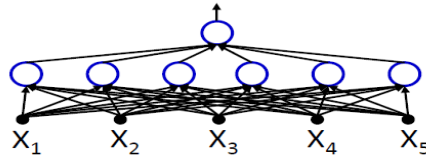
# MLPs as universal Boolean functions

## A Boolean function is just a truth table

- Any "true table" can be expressed in the following manner. (using only one hidden layer)

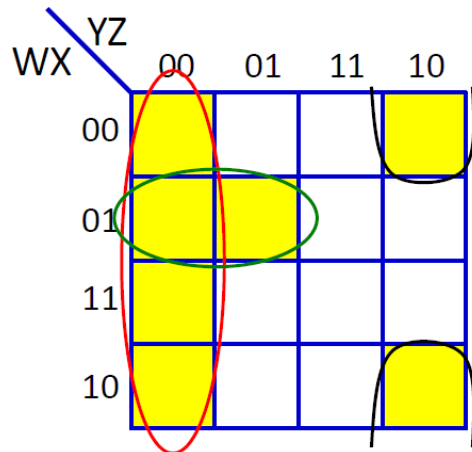
Truth Table					
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$y$
0	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1

$$y = \bar{x}_1 \bar{x}_2 x_3 x_4 \bar{x}_5 + \bar{x}_1 x_2 \bar{x}_3 x_4 x_5 + \bar{x}_1 x_2 x_3 \bar{x}_4 \bar{x}_5 + x_1 \bar{x}_2 \bar{x}_3 \bar{x}_4 x_5 + x_1 \bar{x}_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 + x_1 x_2 \bar{x}_3 \bar{x}_4 x_5$$

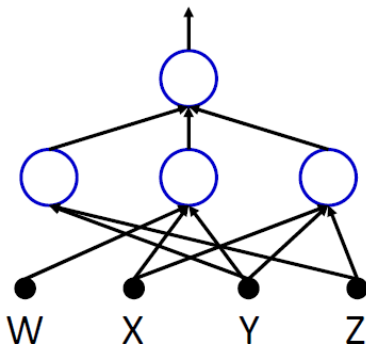


How many neurons are needed ?

## Deriving Reduced DNF using "karnaugh map"



$$O = \bar{Y}\bar{Z} + \bar{W}X\bar{Y} + \bar{X}Y\bar{Z}$$



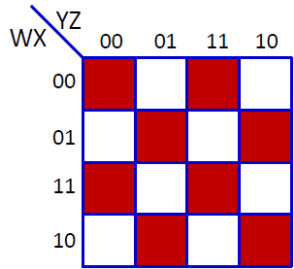
- 7(full model) → 3(reduced model)
- Reduction of the DNF reduces the size of the one-hidden-layer network



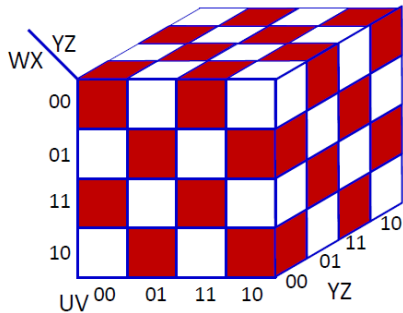
# MLPs as universal Boolean functions

Largest irreducible DNF (the worst situation to compute complexity)

1-Hidden-layer network



8 neurons



32 neurons

$N$  : # of inputs

$2^{N-1}$  neurons

Exponential in  $N$

MLP with XOR

9 neurons

15 neurons

$3(N - 1)$  neurons

Linear in  $N$

# MLPs as universal Boolean functions

## Summary

### MLPs are universal Boolean functions !

- But can represent a given function only if
  - it is sufficiently **wide**
  - it is sufficiently deep
  - depth can be traded off for exponential growth of the width of the network
- Optimal width and depth depend on the number of variables and the complexity of the Boolean function
- To represent the same function,  
**the deeper** a network is, **the fewer** neurons are required



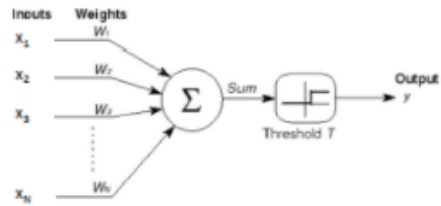
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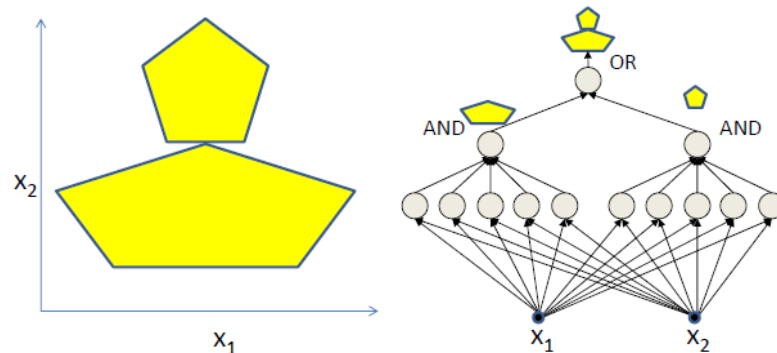
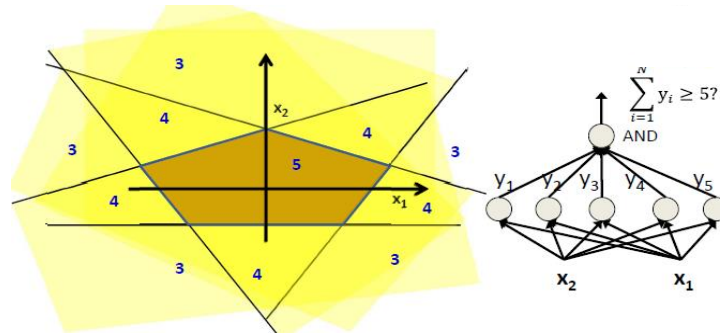
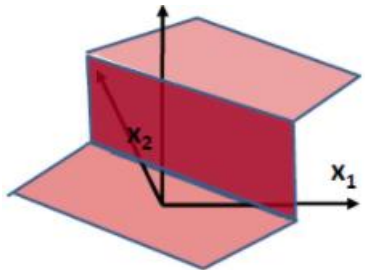
# MLPs as universal Classifiers

## The MLP as a classifier

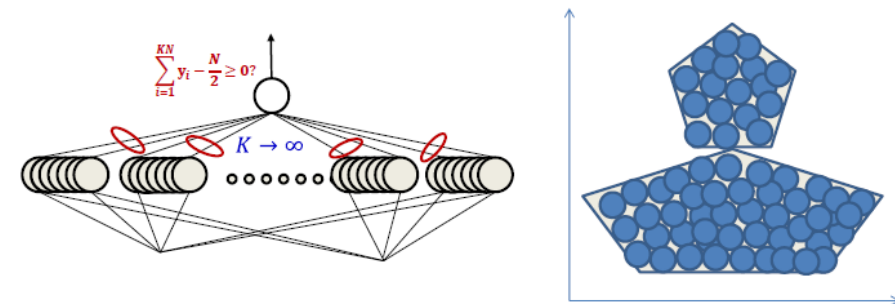
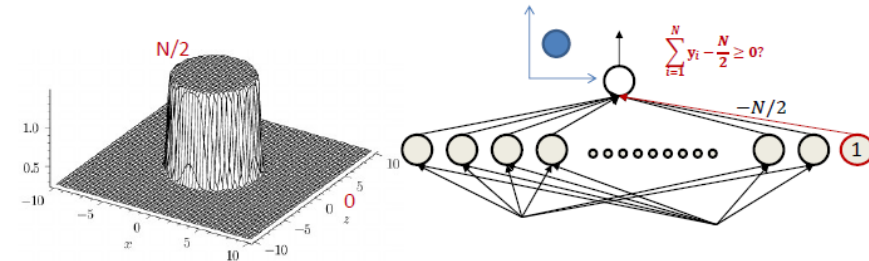
- One single perceptron can be a linear classifier
- MLP is a classifier that finds a complex "decision boundary" over a space of reals
- A one-hidden-layer MLP can model any classification boundary



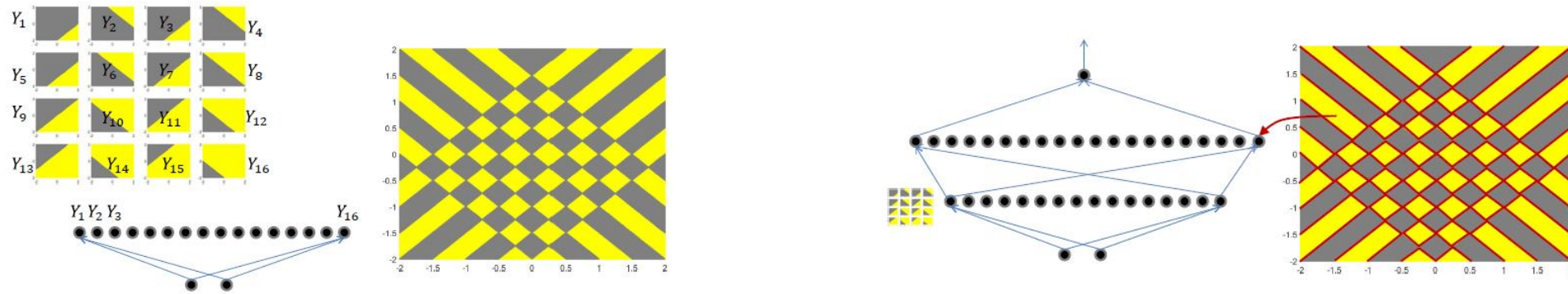
$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_i w_i x_i \geq T \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



*MLPs are universal classifiers!*



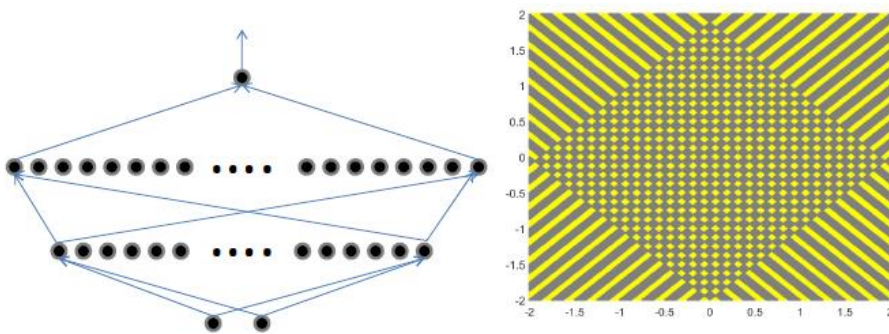
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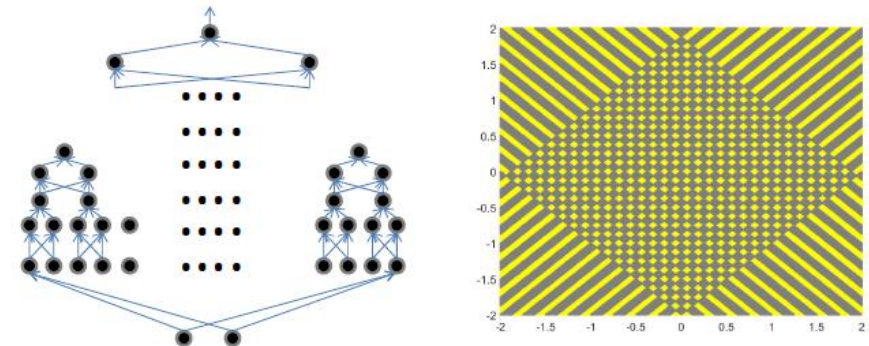
An infinite number of neurons are required to represent the above grid-shaped decision boundaries in a single hidden layer...

## About more complex pattern

## Shallow networks vs Deep networks



- Two hidden layers: 608 hidden neurons
  - 64 in layer 1
  - 544 in layer 2



- XOR network (12 hidden layers): 253 neurons
  - 190 neurons with 2-gate XOR

Efficient!!

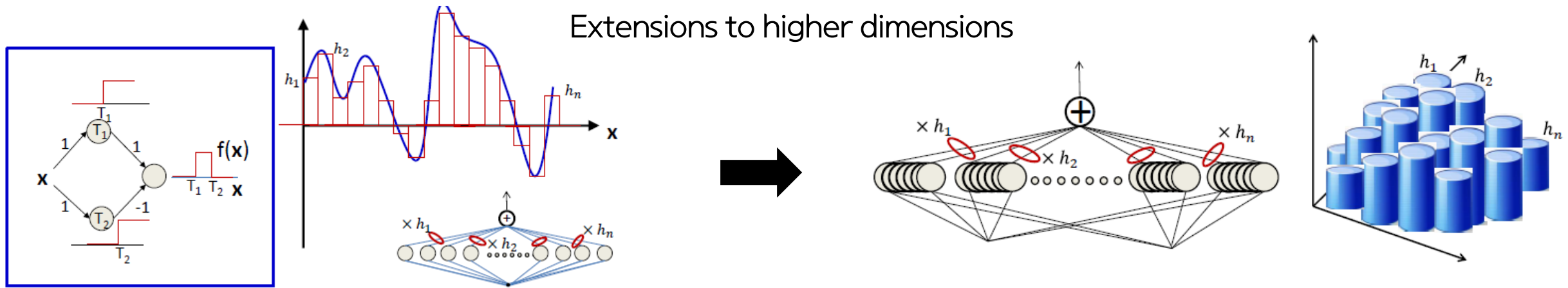


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# MLPs as universal approximators

## MLP as a continuous-valued regression



- A simple 3-unit MLP can generate a "square pulse" over an input
- A MLP with many units can model an arbitrary functions in any number of dimensions

*MLPs are universal approximators!*

# MLPs as universal approximators

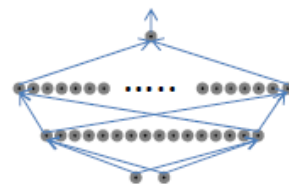
## Sufficiency of architecture

A neural network can represent any function if it has **sufficient capacity**

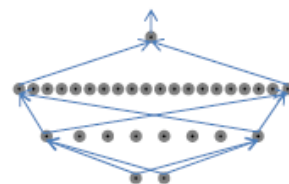
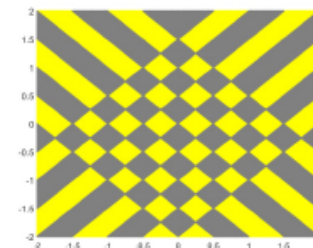
### Capacity in NN

- How many patterns can it remember
- VC dimension
- Largest number of disconnected convex regions it can represent

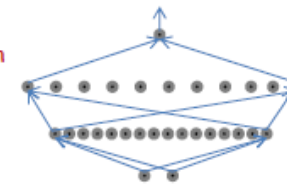
To be more expressive



A network with 16 or more neurons in the first layer is capable of representing the figure to the right perfectly



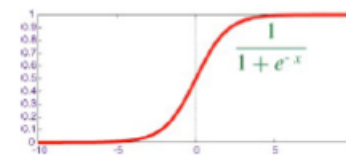
A network with less than 16 neurons in the first layer cannot represent this pattern exactly  
❖ With caveats..



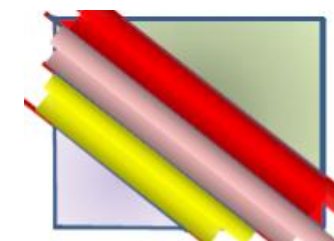
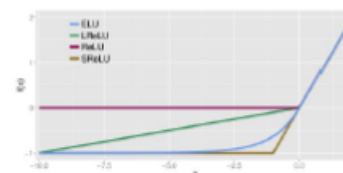
A 2-layer network with 16 neurons in the first layer cannot represent the pattern with less than 40 neurons in the second layer

Continuous activation functions result in **graded output** at the layer

S-Curve  
(sigmoid, tan h)



Linear unit  
(ReLU family)





# Summary

MLPs are universal Boolean function

MLPs are universal classifier

MLPs are universal function approximator

A single-layer MLP can approximate anything to arbitrary precision  
– but could be exponentially or even infinitely wide in its inputs size

Deeper MLPs can achieve the same precision with far fewer neurons  
– Deeper networks are more expressive  
– More graded activation functions result in more expressive networks