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IN4310 Introduction to Neural Networks

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Key Learning Goals [1, 2]

Understand logistic regression

Learn structure of dense feedforward neural networks

Understand forward pass for dense feedforward neural networks

Understand the cross-entropy loss

Outline

Machine Learning (ML) and Its Components

Learning: converting experience into expertise or knowledge

ML: automated learning of meaningful patterns in data

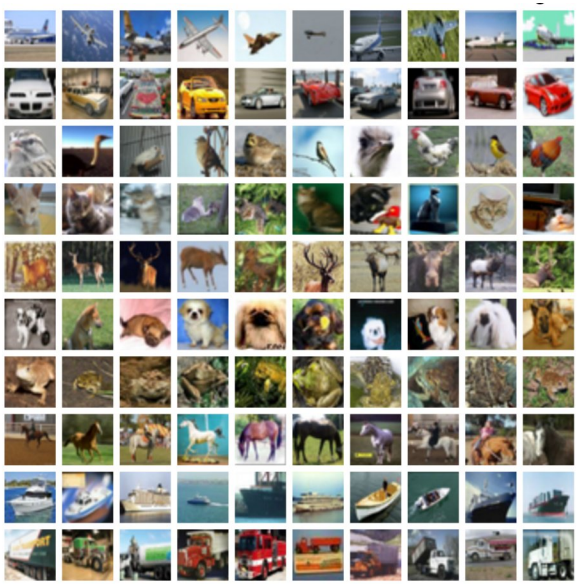
In ML, our goal is to label unseen data (generalization matters)

Main components of ML systems:

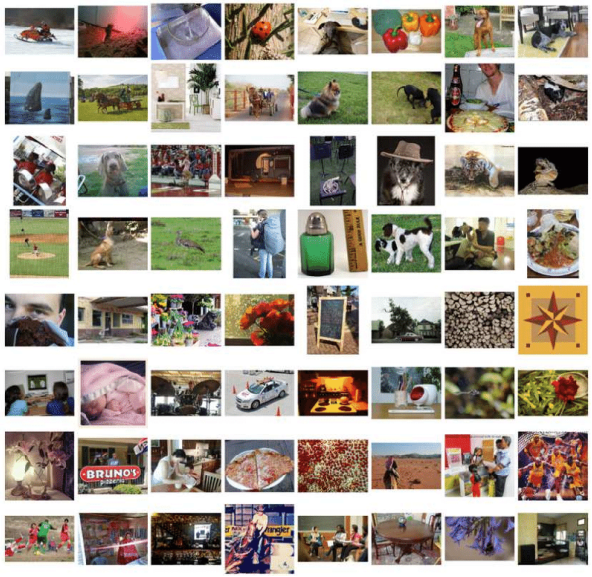
- Dataset
- Model (hypothesis class)
- Learning algorithm

[Shalev-Shwartz & Ben-David, 2014]

Supervised Learning: Multi-class Image Classification



CIFAR-10: 60000 colored images from 10 classes [Krizhevsky, 2009]



ImageNet: 14 million colored images from 21K classes [Deng et al., 2011]

Goal: For an image-label pair $(\mathbf{x}, y)$ drawn from an unknown distribution, find a classifier $h \in \mathcal{H}$ with minimum misclassification probability

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \Pr(h(\mathbf{x}) \neq y)$$

Empirical Risk Minimization (ERM)

Let $h_{\mathbf{w}} : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ denote a predictor parameterized by $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$. ERM:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ R_n(\mathbf{w}) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ell(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i), \mathbf{y}_i) \right\}$$

where $\ell(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i), \mathbf{y}_i)$ is the loss on sample i, i.e., $(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$.

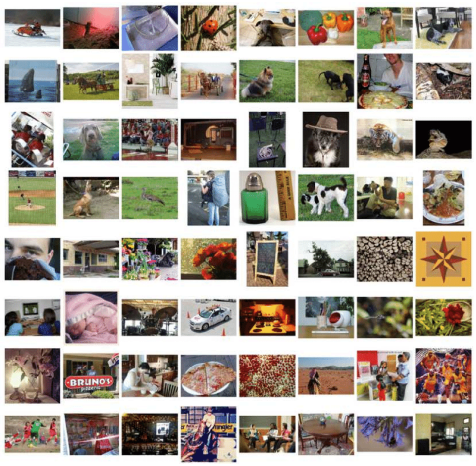
Some frequently used loss functions ℓ:

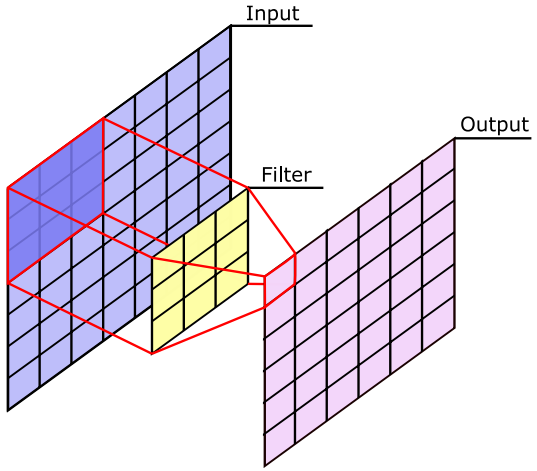
Logistic loss: $\ell(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y}) = \log(1 + \exp(-\mathbf{y} \cdot h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})))$

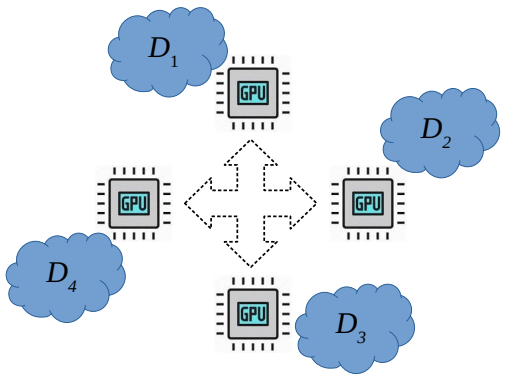
Quadratic loss: $\ell(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y} - h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$

Hinge loss: $\ell(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y}) = \max(0, 1 - \mathbf{y} \cdot h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}))$

Main Components in Deep Learning Pipeline







Massive datasets

Inductive bias from large-scale and complex architectures

Nonconvex ERM via SGD with multi-GPU systems

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How does the logistic sigmoid function look?

Let's plot it for different scalings $c > 0$:

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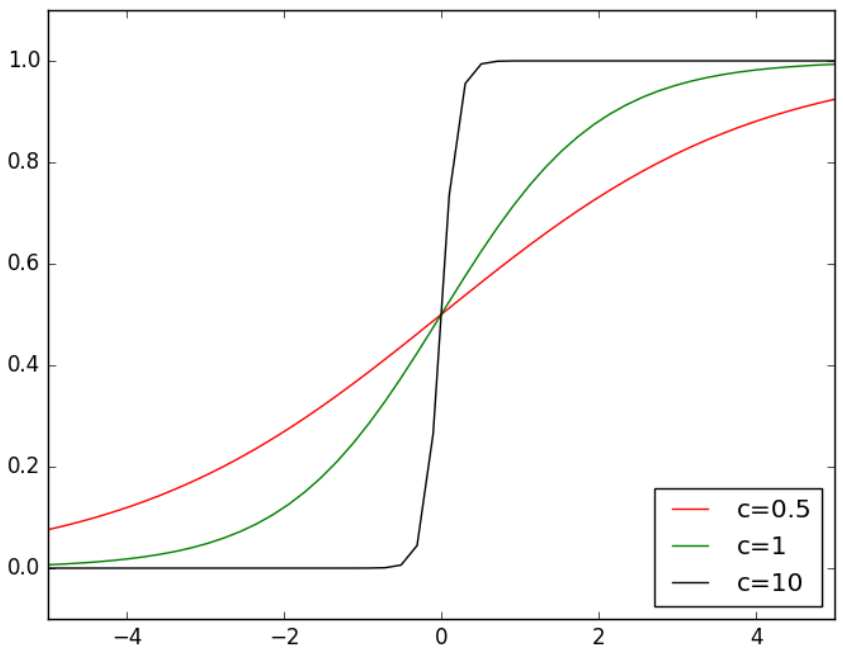

Definition: Logistic regression model

Plug a linear mapping $h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w}$ into sigmoid function $s : \mathbb{R} \to [0, 1]$

$$s(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w})} = \frac{1}{\exp(-\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w}) + 1}$$

For binary classification, the output $s(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})) \in [0, 1]$

$s(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}))$ is the predicted probability $\Pr(\{y = 1|\mathbf{x}\})$.

Log Loss Function for Binary Classification

$\hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(1|\mathbf{x}) = s(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w})}{1+\exp(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w})}$ what we estimate not the exact prob.

$\hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(-1|\mathbf{x}) = 1 - s(h_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x})) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{w})}$

Output: $[\hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(-1|\mathbf{x}) \quad \hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(1|\mathbf{x})]^\top$

If $y = 1$, then $\ell(\mathbf{w}) = -\log\left(\hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(1|\mathbf{x})\right)$

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If true label $y_n = 1$, then $\ell_n(\mathbf{w}) = -\log(0.2) \approx 1.61$

If true label $y_n = -1$, then $\ell_n(\mathbf{w}) = -\log(0.8) \approx 0.22$

To have smaller loss, give higher probability to true label

$$[\hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(-1|\mathbf{x}_n) \quad \hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(1|\mathbf{x}_n)] = [0.9999 \quad 0.0001]$$

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Derivation of Cross-entropy Loss Function

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Classification via Logistic Regression

Key takeaways

Logistic regression is a method for classification problem

Apply sigmoid to a linear mapping

Output can be interpreted as the predicted probability $\hat{p}_{\mathbf{w}}(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i)$

Cross-entropy loss derived by maximum likelihood estimation of $\mathbf{w}$

Cross-entropy loss is the sum of the negative logarithms of the predicted probabilities weighted by the ground-truth distribution

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Outline

What is an Artificial Neuron?

A mathematical function that can

Take some inputs $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{n}$

Weighted sum of inputs with weights w_{ij} and bias b_j

Apply some (non-linear) activation function g

Output (neuron's activation) a_j

Forward pass:

$$z_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i w_{ij} + b_j \qquad \text{linear activation}$$

$$a_j = g(z_j) = g\Big(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i w_{ij} + b_j\Big) \qquad \text{non-linear activation}$$

Activation Functions

A function $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$

Introduces non-linearity

Should be differentiable to use gradient-based optimisation

Typically prevents or reduces weak signals from passing through

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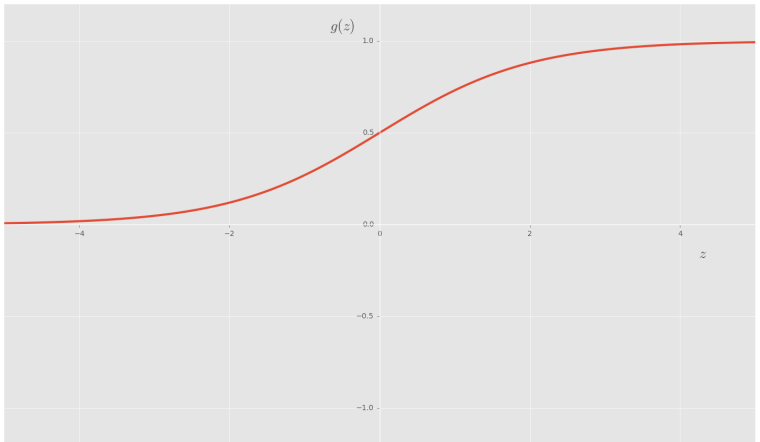

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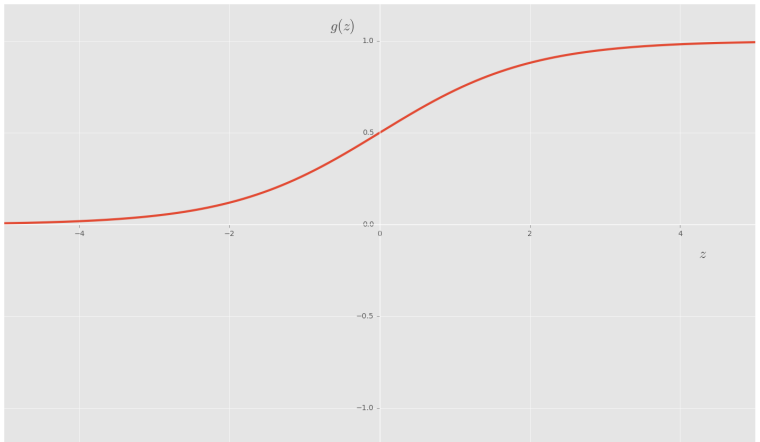

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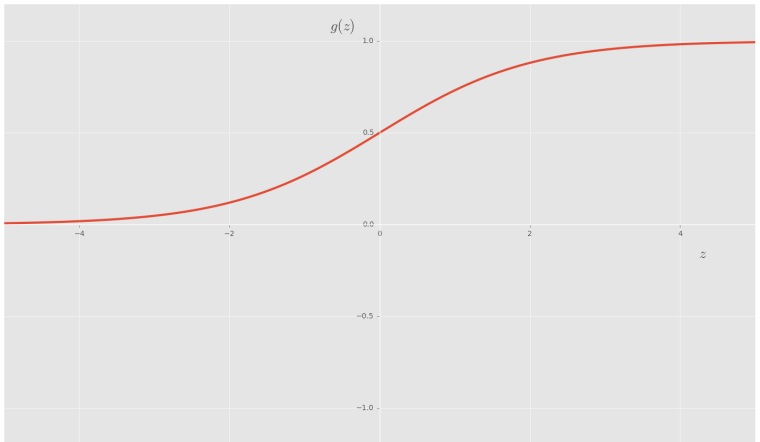

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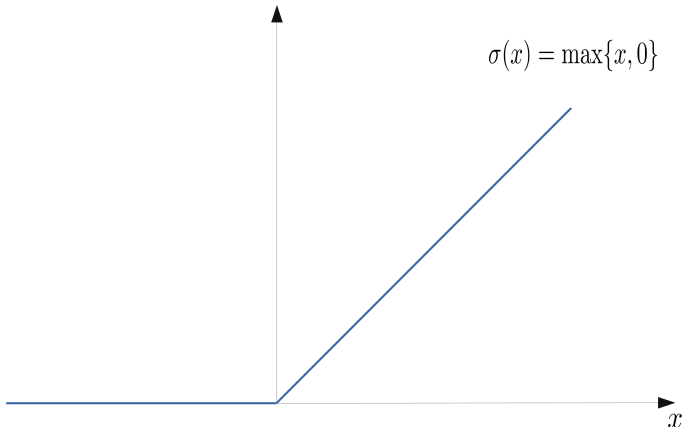

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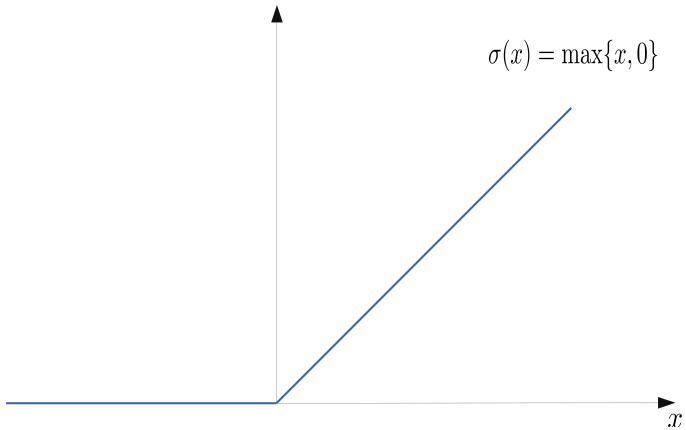

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Outline

Neural Network

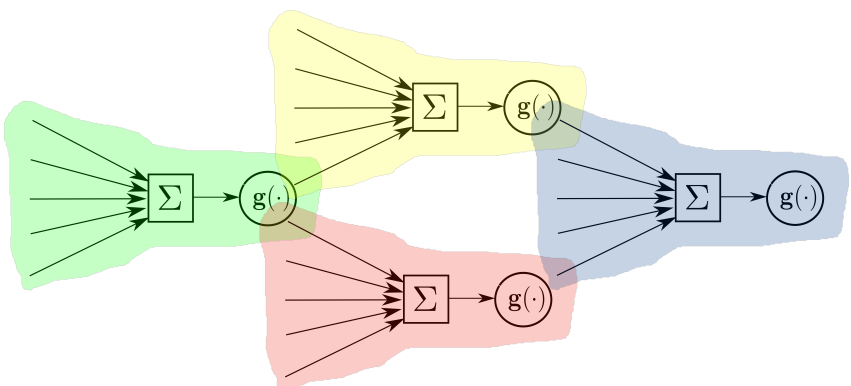
A directed graph structure made from connected neurons

A neuron can be input to many other neurons

A neuron can receive input to many other neurons

Each neuron has same structure $(g, \sum)$ with different parameters (w_{ij}, b_j)

Can stack neurons in layers

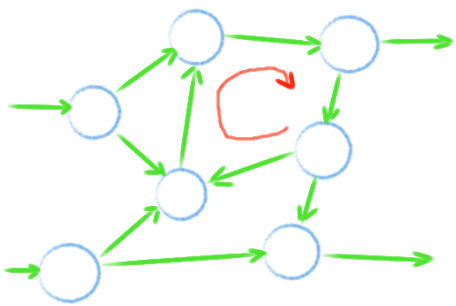


Neural Network

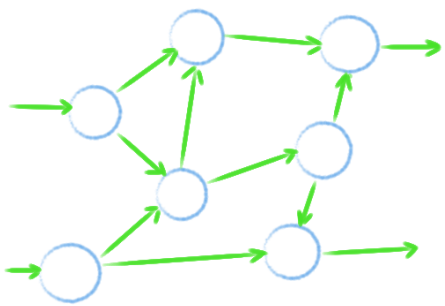
Definition: Neural Network

Any directed graph built from neurons

Two important types: recurrent and feedforward neural networks



Recurrent (not covered in this lecture)
e.g. for speech processing



Feedforward
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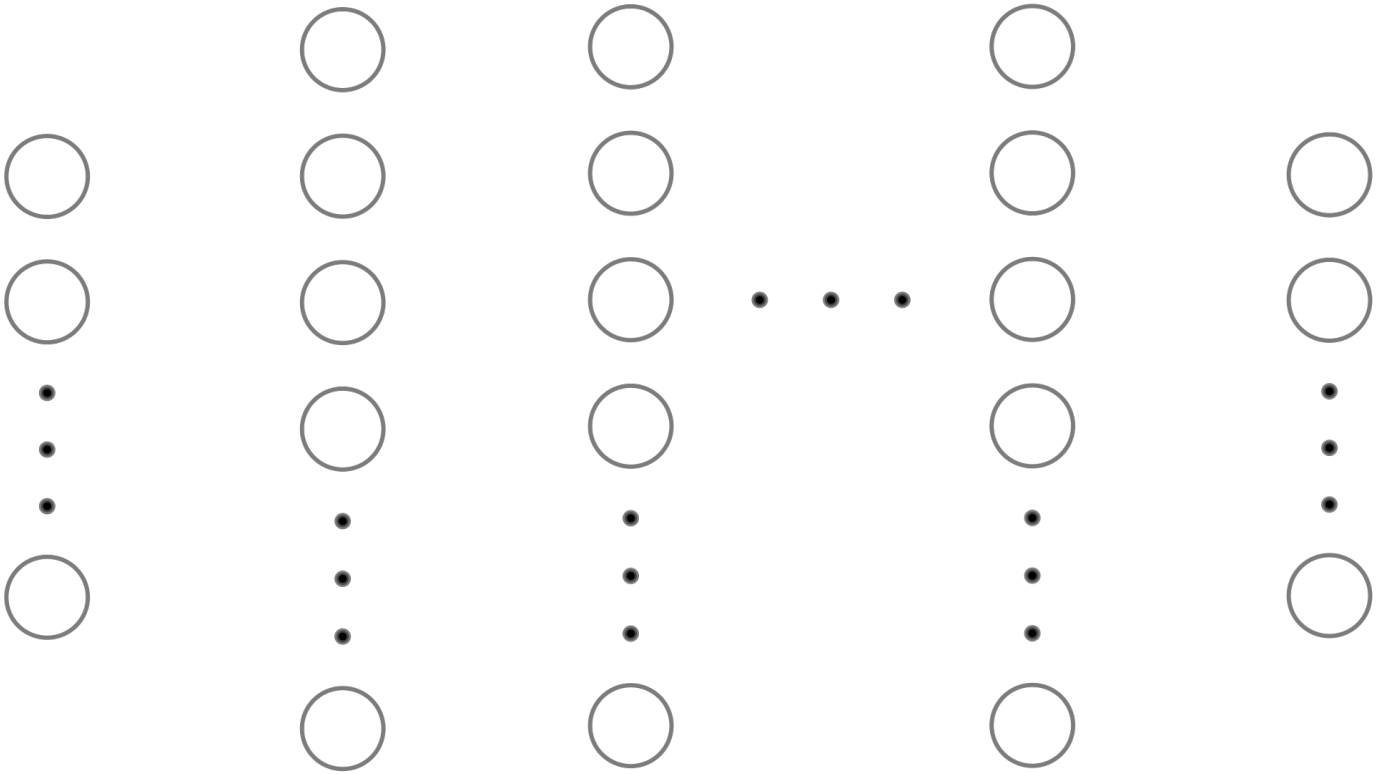
Base Architecture



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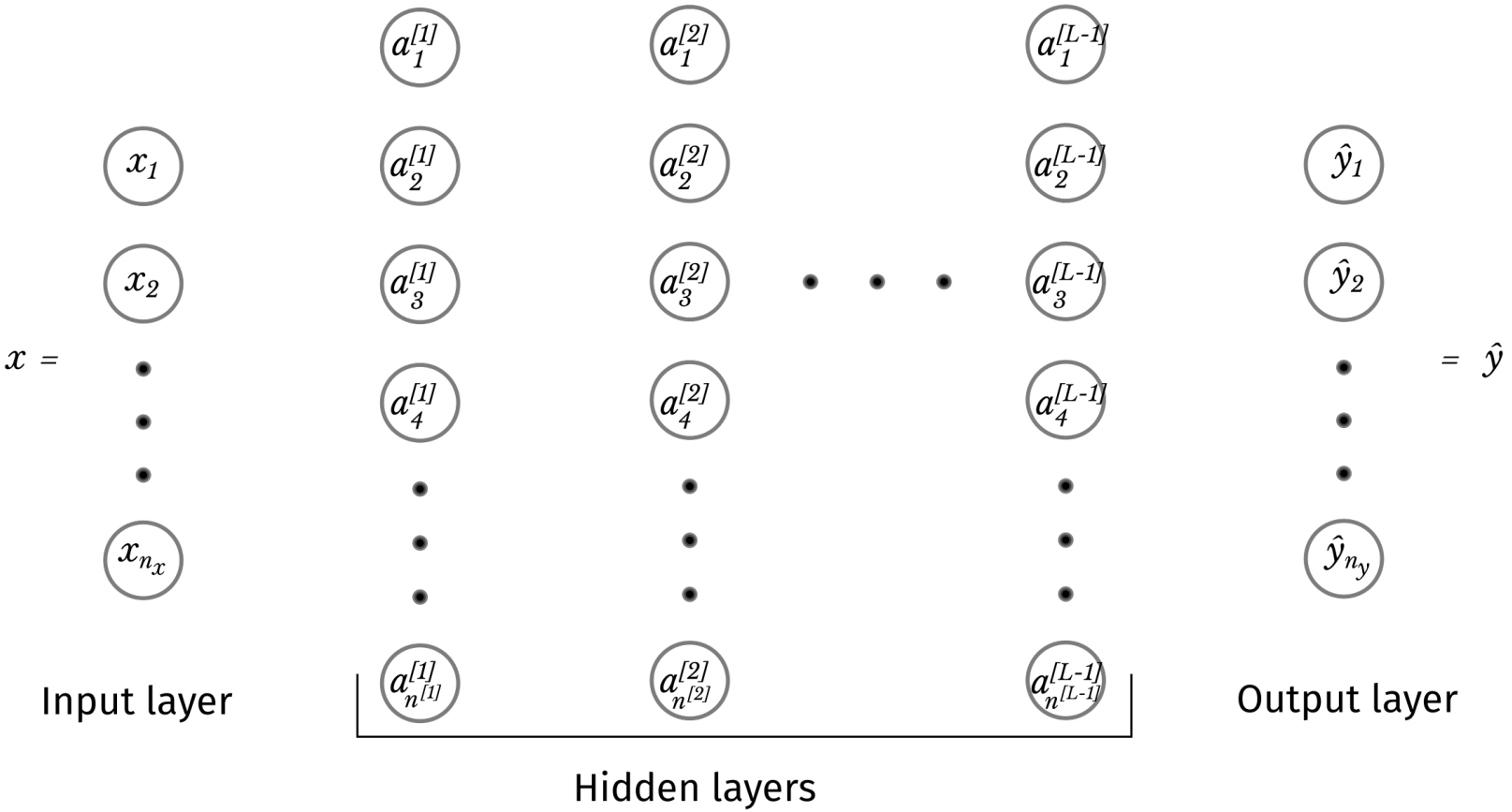
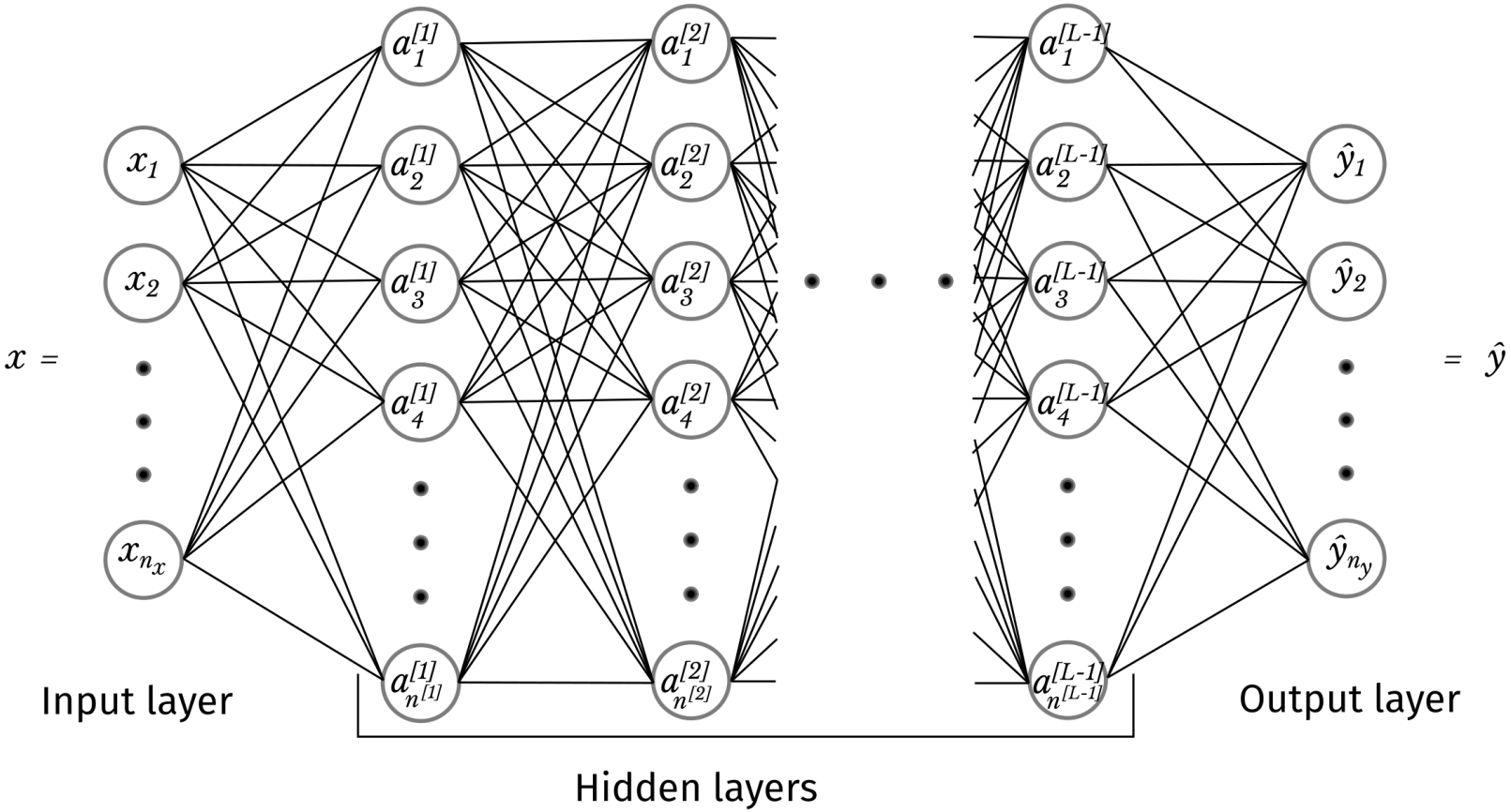


Output layer: layer L (input layer typically does not count)

Dense (Fully-connected) Feedforward Neural Network



Notation — for Reference

Superscript w. brackets $[l]$: Layer l

L: Number of layers

$n^{[l]}$: Number of nodes in layer l

$n_x = n^{[0]}$: Input dimension

$n_y = n^{[L]}$: Number of classes

$\mathbf{x}$: Array of inputs

$\mathbf{y}$: Array of *true* outputs

$\hat{\mathbf{y}}$: Array of *predicted* output

$\mathbf{w}$: Edge weights

b: Node bias

$\mathbf{z}$: Linear combination of activations from previous layer

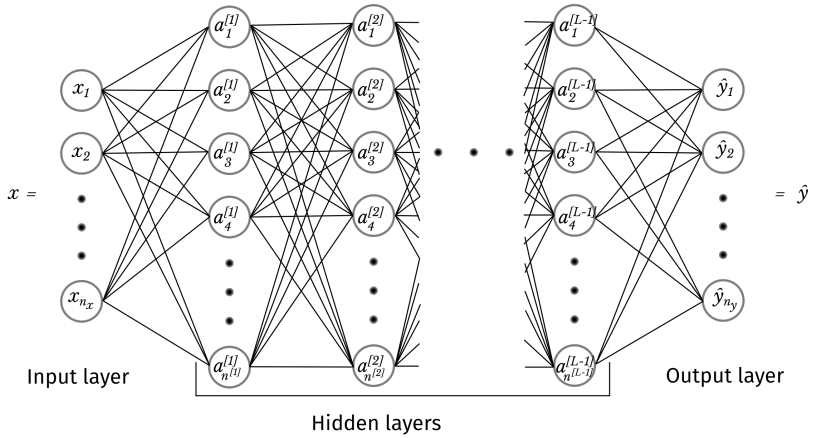
$a^{[l]}$: Node activation in layer l

$a^{[0]} = \mathbf{x}$: Input vector

$a^{[L]} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}$: Output vector

N: # samples in training dataset

General Formulation



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output $= g($inner product$($input, $\mathbf{w})$ + bias$)$

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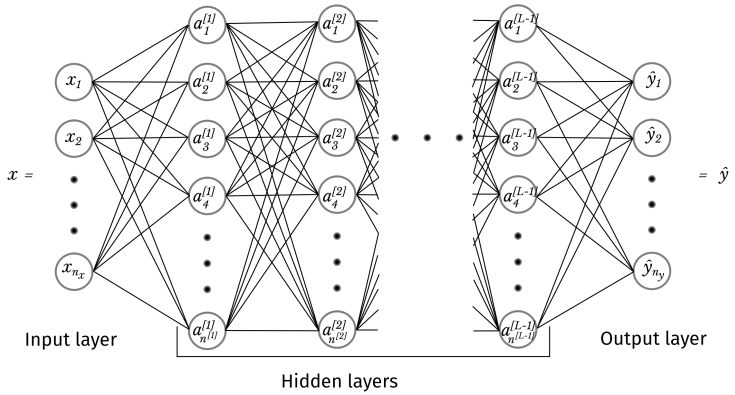

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Activation vector $\mathbf{a}^{[l-1]}$ of layer $l-1$

k-th slice $\mathbf{w}_k^{[l]}$ of the weight matrix in layer l with an added bias term $b_k^{(l)}$

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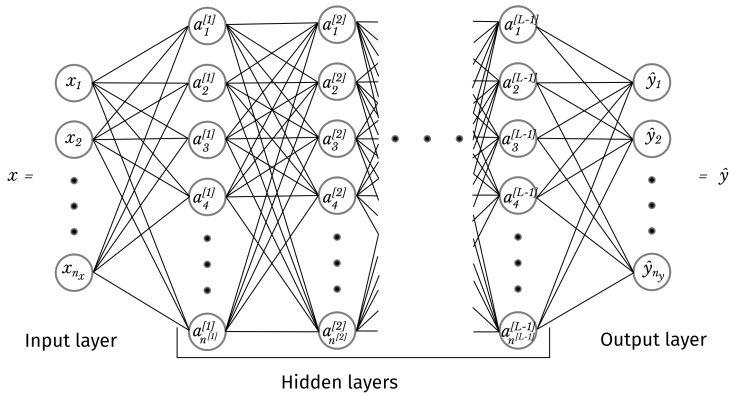

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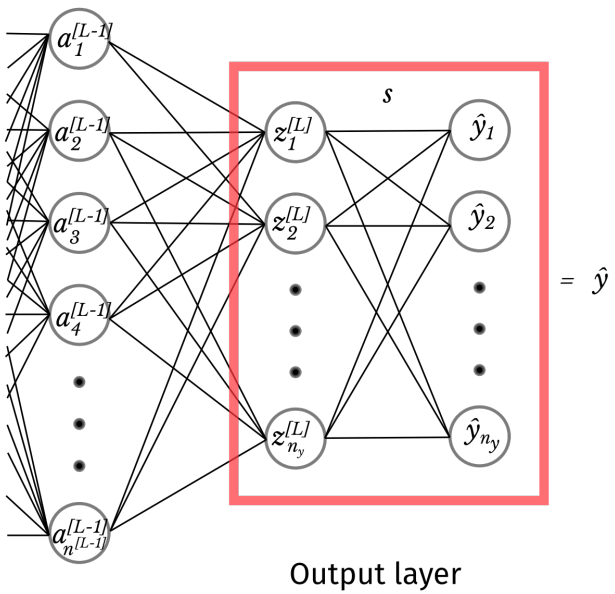

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Each neuron (in hidden layers) in dense feedforward neural nets sends its activation (output) to all neurons in the next layer

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