

Lecture-2

Perceptron

A **perceptron** is the simplest kind of artificial neural network model, introduced by Frank Rosenblatt (1958). It's basically a linear classifier: it takes inputs, applies weights, sums them up, passes through an activation function, and produces an output (decision).

Mathematical Formulation

Suppose we have an input vector:

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$

and corresponding weights:

$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n]$$

plus a bias term b .

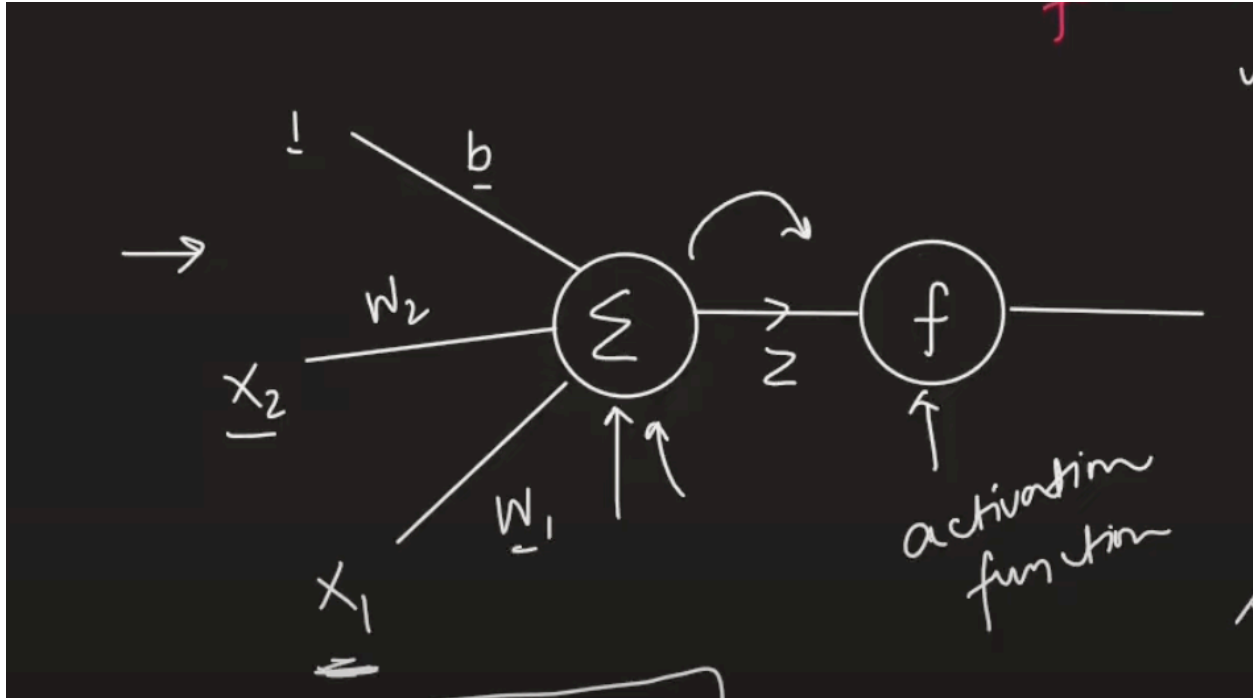
The perceptron computes a **weighted sum**:

$$z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i + b$$

Then it applies an **activation function** (in the original perceptron, a step function):

$$y = f(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$

So the perceptron makes a binary decision: output is either 1 (positive class) or 0 (negative class).



Geometric Meaning

- The decision boundary is the hyperplane defined by:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0$$

- The perceptron classifies input vectors into two classes depending on which side of the hyperplane they fall.

Learning Rule (Weight Update)

The perceptron updates its weights when it makes a mistake:

$$w_i^{(new)} = w_i^{(old)} + \eta(y_{true} - y_{pred})x_i$$

$$b^{(new)} = b^{(old)} + \eta(y_{true} - y_{pred})$$

where:

- η = learning rate
- y_{true} = actual label
- y_{pred} = perceptron output



A perceptron is a **linear classifier** defined by $y = f(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b)$, where f is usually a step function.

Example: AND Gate with a Perceptron

We want a perceptron to learn the AND logic gate.

The truth table is:

x_1	x_2	Output (y)
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Step 1: Initialize

- Inputs: $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2]$
- Weights: $\mathbf{w} = [0, 0]$ (start at 0)
- Bias: $b = 0$
- Learning rate: $\eta = 1$



Step 2: Perceptron Rule

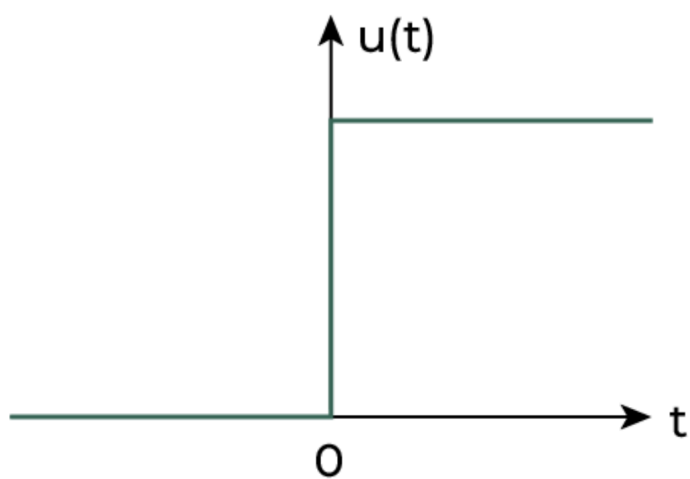
$$z = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b$$

$$y = f(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \geq 0 \\ 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

Update rule if misclassified:

$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \eta(y_{true} - y_{pred})x_i$$

$$b \leftarrow b + \eta(y_{true} - y_{pred})$$



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t > 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Epoch 1 (first pass through all data)

Example 1: (0,0), $y_{true} = 0$

- $z = 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + 0 = 0 \rightarrow$ predict 1 (since $z \geq 0$) ❌ wrong
 - Update:
 - $w_1 = 0 + (0 - 1) \cdot 0 = 0$
 - $w_2 = 0 + (0 - 1) \cdot 0 = 0$
 - $b = 0 + (0 - 1) = -1$
 - New parameters: $w_1 = 0, w_2 = 0, b = -1$
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Example 2: (0,1), $y_{true} = 0$

- $z = 0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 1 - 1 = -1 \rightarrow$ predict 0 ✅ correct
 - No update
 - Parameters unchanged: $w_1 = 0, w_2 = 0, b = -1$
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Example 3: (1,0), $y_{true} = 0$

- $z = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 - 1 = -1 \rightarrow$ predict 0 ✅ correct
- No update
- Parameters unchanged: $w_1 = 0, w_2 = 0, b = -1$

Example 4: (1,1), $y_{true} = 1$

- $z = 0 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 - 1 = -1 \rightarrow \text{predict } 0 \text{ } \times \text{ wrong}$
 - Update:
 - $w_1 = 0 + (1 - 0) \cdot 1 = 1$
 - $w_2 = 0 + (1 - 0) \cdot 1 = 1$
 - $b = -1 + (1 - 0) = 0$
 - New parameters: $w_1 = 1, w_2 = 1, b = 0$
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Epoch 2**Example 1: (0,0), $y_{true} = 0$**


- $z = 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 0 + 0 = 0 \rightarrow \text{predict } 1 \text{ } \times \text{ wrong}$
 - Update:
 - $w_1 = 1 + (0 - 1) \cdot 0 = 1$
 - $w_2 = 1 + (0 - 1) \cdot 0 = 1$
 - $b = 0 + (0 - 1) = -1$
 - Parameters: $w_1 = 1, w_2 = 1, b = -1$
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Example 2: (0,1), $y_{true} = 0$


- $z = 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 1 - 1 = 0 \rightarrow \text{predict } 1 \text{ } \times \text{ wrong}$
- Update:
 - $w_1 = 1 + (0 - 1) \cdot 0 = 1$
 - $w_2 = 1 + (0 - 1) \cdot 1 = 0$
 - $b = -1 + (0 - 1) = -2$
- Parameters: $w_1 = 1, w_2 = 0, b = -2$



Example 3: (1,0), $y_{true} = 0$





- $z = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 - 2 = -1 \rightarrow \text{predict } 0$  correct
 - No update
 - Parameters: $w_1 = 1, w_2 = 0, b = -2$
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Example 4: (1,1), $y_{true} = 1$

- $z = 1 \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 1 - 2 = -1 \rightarrow \text{predict } 0$  wrong
 - Update:
 - $w_1 = 1 + (1 - 0) \cdot 1 = 2$
 - $w_2 = 0 + (1 - 0) \cdot 1 = 1$
 - $b = -2 + (1 - 0) = -1$
 - Parameters: $w_1 = 2, w_2 = 1, b = -1$
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Epoch 3

Let's check predictions now with $w_1 = 2, w_2 = 1, b = -1$:

- (0,0): $z = -1 \rightarrow \text{predict } 0$ 
- (0,1): $z = 0 \rightarrow \text{predict } 1$  wrong (should be 0)
- (1,0): $z = 1 \rightarrow \text{predict } 1$  wrong (should be 0)
- (1,1): $z = 2 \rightarrow \text{predict } 1$ 

Still not fully correct. Updates will continue until convergence.

👉 After a few more epochs, the perceptron **converges** to something like:

$$w_1 = 1, w_2 = 1, b = -1.5$$

Final Model

Decision rule:

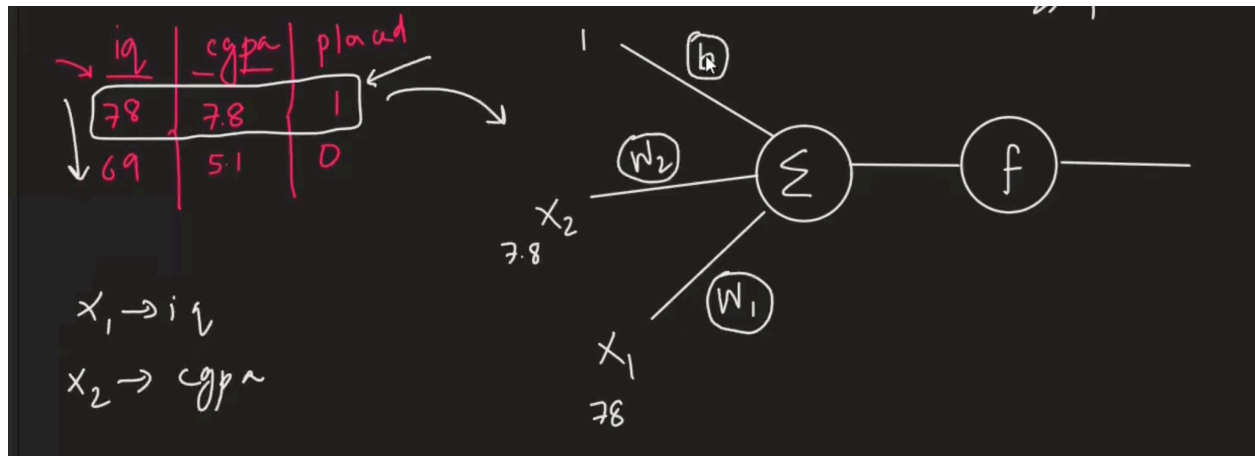
$$y = f(x_1 + x_2 - 1.5)$$

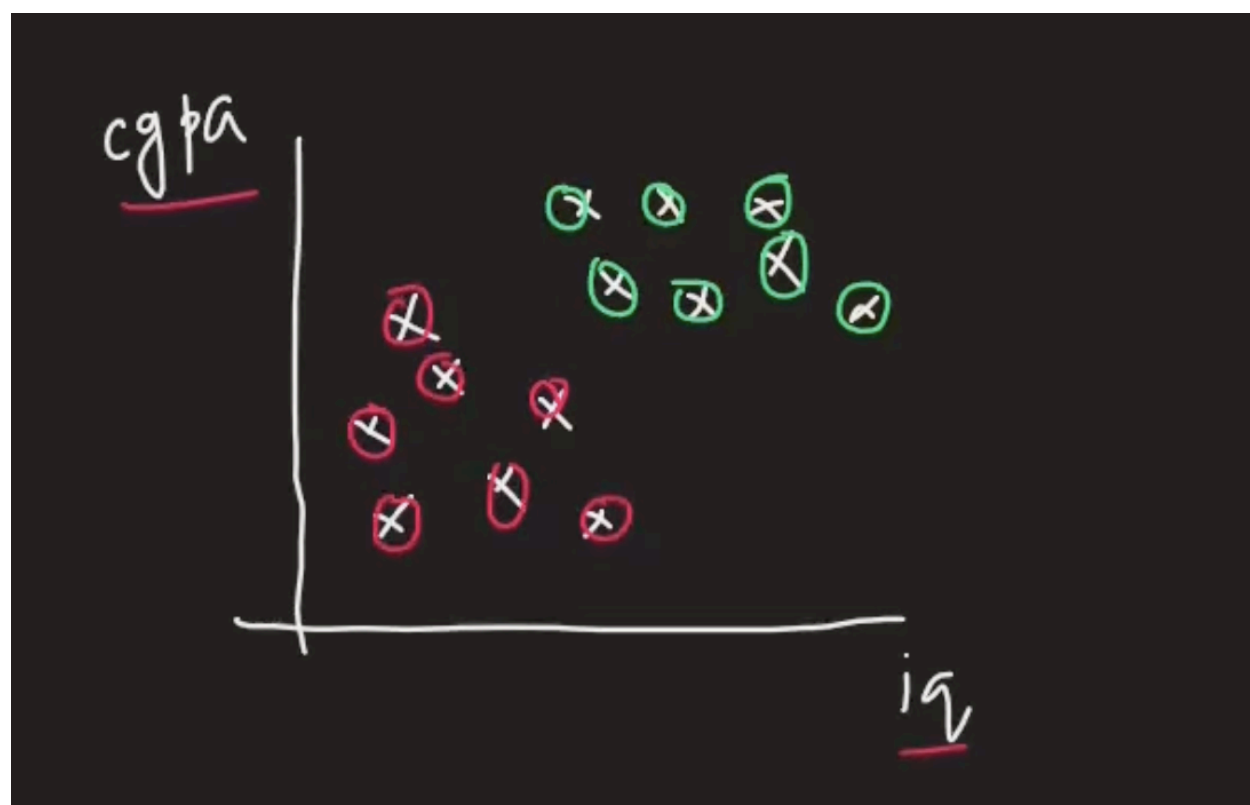
This classifies correctly:

- (0,0): $-1.5 \rightarrow 0$ ✓
- (0,1): $-0.5 \rightarrow 0$ ✓
- (1,0): $-0.5 \rightarrow 0$ ✓
- (1,1): $0.5 \rightarrow 1$ ✓

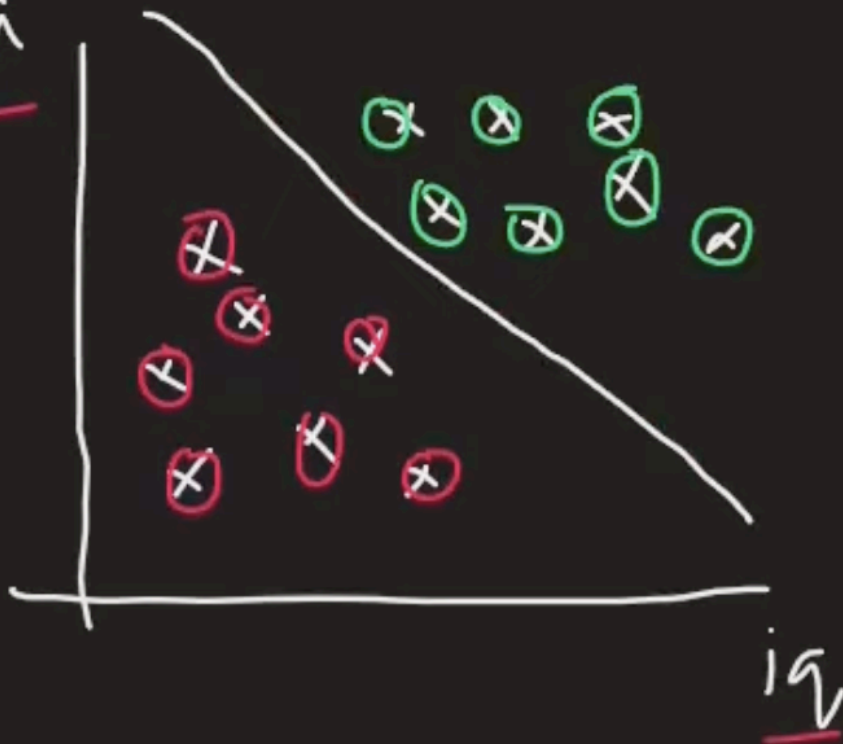
✓ The perceptron has **learned the AND gate**.

Example





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$$Ax + By + C \geq 0$$

$$Ax + By + C < 0$$

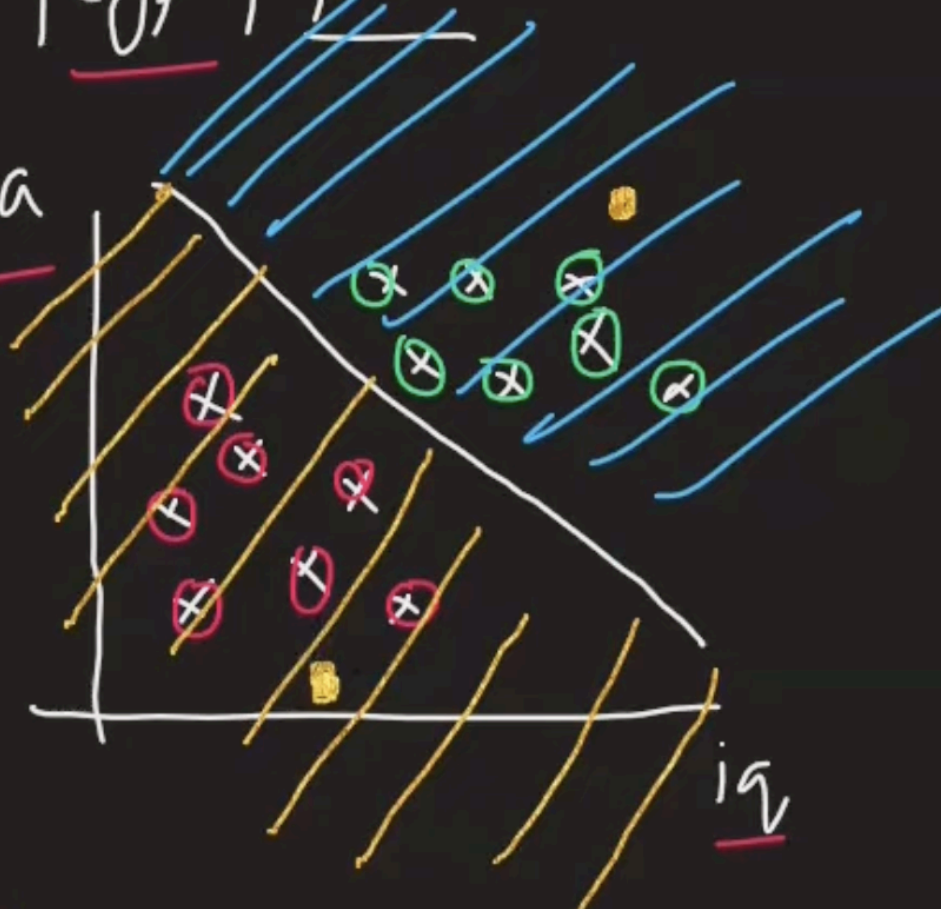
$$\boxed{Ax + By + C \geq 0} \leftarrow$$

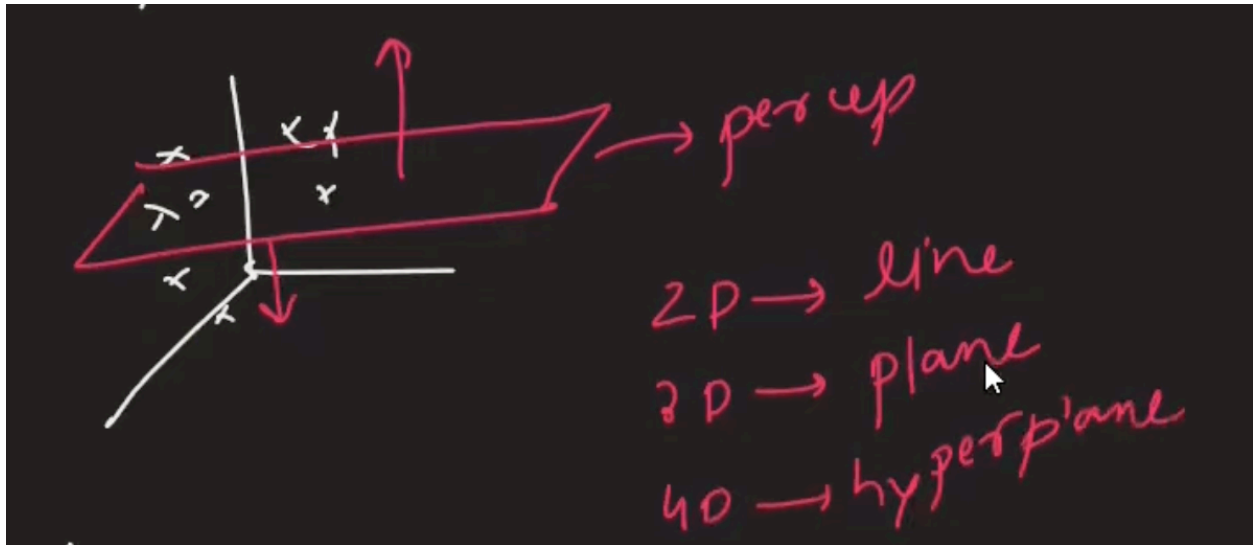
$$Ax + By + C < 0 \leftarrow \text{region}$$

$$Ax + By + C \geq 0 \leftarrow \text{region}$$

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Divide data into two classes-> binary classifier

Limitations

1. Linearly Separable Only

- A perceptron can only classify datasets that are **linearly separable**.
- Example:
 - AND, OR → can be solved 
 - XOR → **cannot** be solved  because no straight line (hyperplane) can separate the two classes.

Mathematically, the decision boundary is always:

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b = 0$$

which is just a **line (2D)**, **plane (3D)**, or **hyperplane (nD)**.

2. No Hidden Layers

- A single perceptron has only **input and output**, no hidden layers.
 - This means it cannot model **complex functions** or **non-linear relationships**.
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3. Step Activation Function

- The perceptron uses a **binary step function**:

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \geq 0 \\ 0 & z < 0 \end{cases}$$

- This is **non-differentiable**, so gradient-based optimization (like backpropagation) cannot be used.
- Training is less efficient and limited.

4. Limited Output

- Outputs are **only binary (0 or 1)**.
 - Cannot handle **probabilities** or **multi-class problems** easily.
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5. Convergence Issues

- Perceptron learning rule guarantees convergence only if data is **linearly separable**.
 - If not, the perceptron **never converges**.
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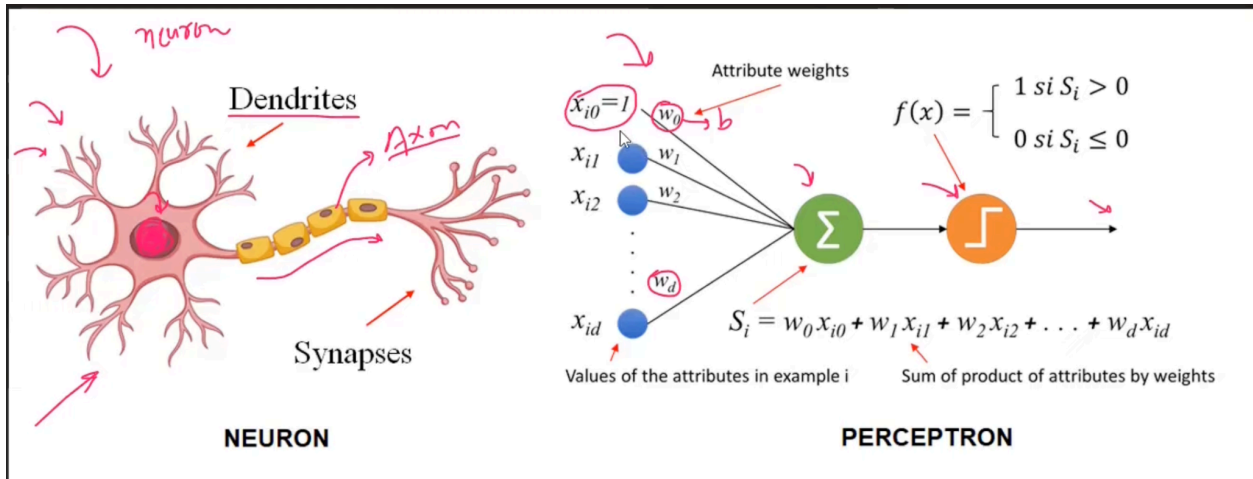
6. Not Suitable for Complex Tasks

- Cannot do image recognition, speech recognition, NLP, etc.
 - Too simplistic compared to multi-layer neural networks.
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Summary (Limitations of Perceptron)

- **✗** Only works for linearly separable problems
 - **✗** Cannot solve XOR problem
 - **✗** No hidden layers → very limited expressiveness
 - **✗** Step activation function → non-differentiable
 - **✗** Binary output only (no probabilities)
 - **✗** No convergence if data not separable
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Neuron vs Perceptron



Code

Questions

1. What type of function does a perceptron compute?

- a) Non-linear function
- b) Linear threshold function
- c) Exponential function
- d) Quadratic function

2. Which of the following is TRUE about a perceptron?

- a) It can solve any classification problem
- b) It can only solve linearly separable problems
- c) It requires multiple hidden layers to work
- d) It always uses a sigmoid activation

3. If input $x=[1,0]$ weights $w=[0.5,-0.3]$ $w = [0.5, -0.3]$, and bias $b=0.2$ $b = 0.2$, what is the perceptron net input z ?

- a) 0.5
- b) 0.7
- c) 0.2
- d) -0.3

4. What is the role of the bias in a perceptron?

- a) To speed up training
 - b) To shift the decision boundary
 - c) To reduce overfitting
 - d) To increase the number of features
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5. The perceptron learning rule updates weights as:

- a) $w_{new} = w_{old} + \eta(y - \hat{y})x$
 - b) $w_{new} = w_{old} - \eta(y + \hat{y})x$
 - c) $w_{new} = w_{old} + \eta(y \cdot \hat{y})$
 - d) $w_{new} = w_{old} - \eta(y - \hat{y})$
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6. Why can't a single-layer perceptron solve the XOR problem?

- a) Because XOR is not linearly separable
 - b) Because XOR requires infinite training
 - c) Because XOR has too many inputs
 - d) Because perceptron doesn't support bias
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7. Which activation function was originally used in perceptrons?

- a) Sigmoid
 - b) Step function
 - c) ReLU
 - d) Tanh
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8. The perceptron convergence theorem states that:

- a) The perceptron always converges to zero error
 - b) The perceptron converges if the data is linearly separable
 - c) The perceptron never converges
 - d) The perceptron only converges with sigmoid activation
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9. Which of the following best describes the limitation of perceptrons?

- a) They can only classify data in 2D
 - b) They cannot model non-linear decision boundaries
 - c) They always overfit
 - d) They require GPUs to train
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10. What major advancement overcame the perceptron's limitations and led to deep learning?

- a) Support Vector Machines
 - b) Multi-layer perceptrons with backpropagation
 - c) Random Forests
 - d) Gradient Boosting
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Answer Key

- 1 → b
- 2 → b
- 3 → b
- 4 → b
- 5 → a
- 6 → a
- 7 → b
- 8 → b
- 9 → b
- 10 → b