

## Model Representation I

Let's examine how we will represent a hypothesis function using neural networks. At a very simple level, neurons are basically computational units that take inputs (**dendrites**) as electrical inputs (called "spikes") that are channeled to outputs (**axons**). In our model, our dendrites are like the input features  $x_1 \cdots x_n$ , and the axon is the result of our hypothesis function. In this model our  $x_0$  input node is sometimes called the "bias" and is always equal to 1. In neural networks, we use the same logistic function as in classification,  $\frac{1}{1+e^{-\theta^T x}}$ ,  $y$  sometimes call it a sigmoid (logistic) **activation** function. In this situation, our "theta" parameters are called "weights".

Visually, a simplistic representation looks like:

$$[x_0 x_1 x_2] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{c} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow h_{\theta}(x)$$

Our input nodes (layer 1), also known as the "input layer", go into another node (layer 2), which finally goes into the hypothesis function, known as the "output layer".

We can have intermediate layers of nodes between the input and output layers called the "hidden layers".

In this example, we label these intermediate or "hidden" layer nodes  $a_0^{(2)} \cdots a_n^{(2)}$  and call them "activation nodes".

$a_i^{(j)}$  = "activation" of unit  $i$  in layer  $j$

$\Theta^{(j)}$  = matrix of weights controlling function mapping from layer  $j$  to layer  $j + 1$

If we had one hidden layer, it would look like:

$$[x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3] \rightarrow \left[ a_1^{(2)} a_2^{(2)} a_3^{(2)} \right] \rightarrow h_{\theta}(x)$$

The values for each of the "activation" nodes is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{10}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{11}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{12}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{13}^{(1)} x_3) \\ a_2^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{20}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{21}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{22}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{23}^{(1)} x_3) \\ a_3^{(2)} &= g(\Theta_{30}^{(1)} x_0 + \Theta_{31}^{(1)} x_1 + \Theta_{32}^{(1)} x_2 + \Theta_{33}^{(1)} x_3) \\ h_{\theta}(x) = a_1^{(3)} &= g(\Theta_{10}^{(2)} a_0^{(2)} + \Theta_{11}^{(2)} a_1^{(2)} + \Theta_{12}^{(2)} a_2^{(2)} + \Theta_{13}^{(2)} a_3^{(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

