

Deep Learning

3 MLP: Representation Power of an MLP

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- ② In other words, neural networks with a single hidden layer can be used to approximate any continuous function to any desired precision

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

Approximation Capabilities of Multilayer Feedforward Networks

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Universal Approximation

① Let's look at the visual proof!

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- Two hidden units and one output unit

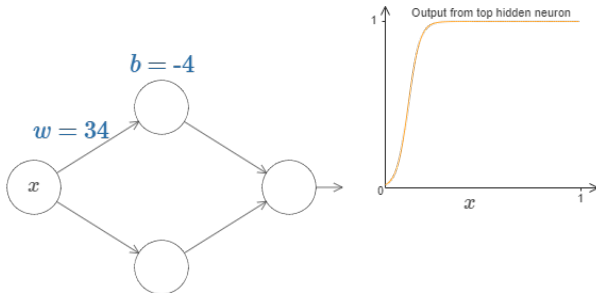


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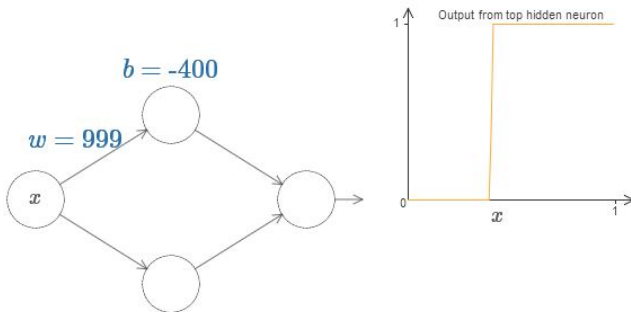


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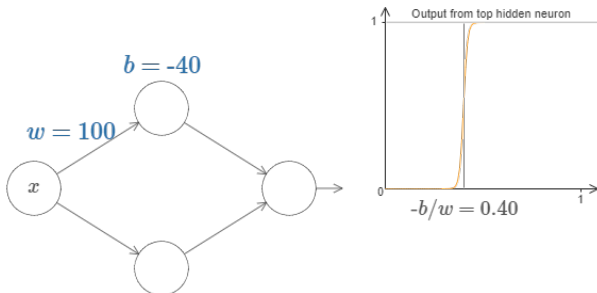


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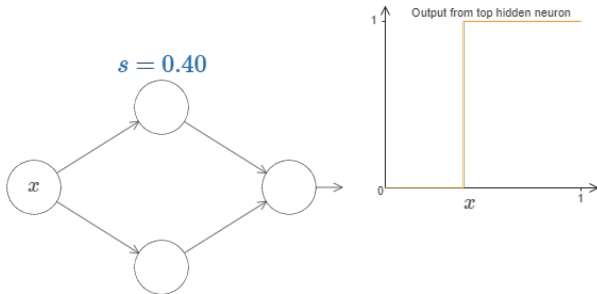


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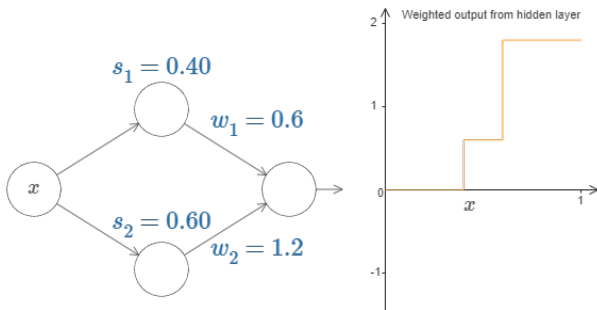


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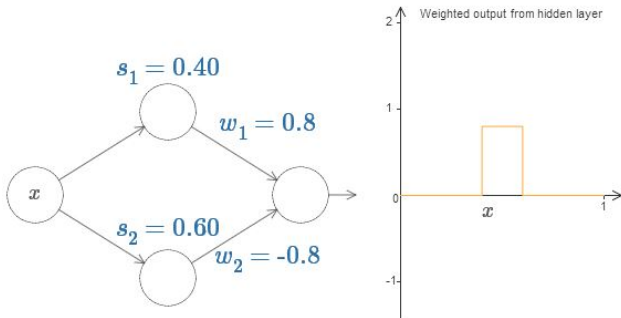


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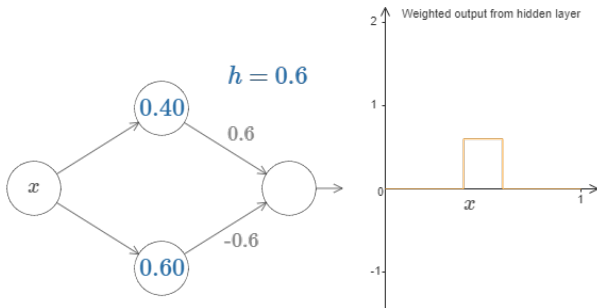


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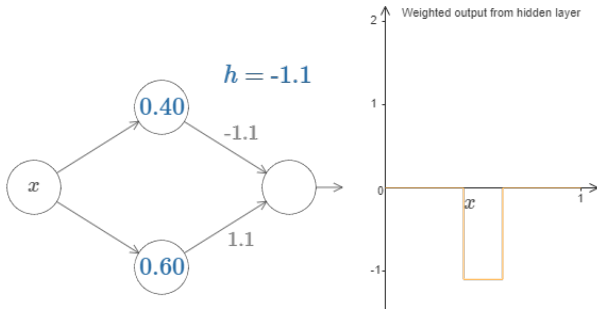


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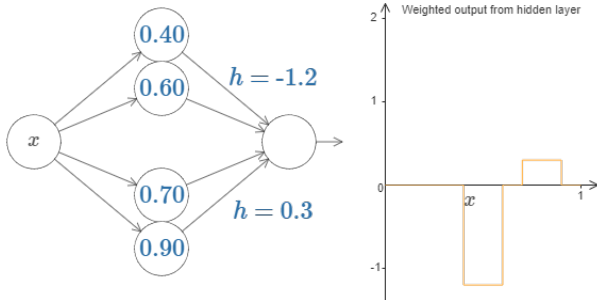


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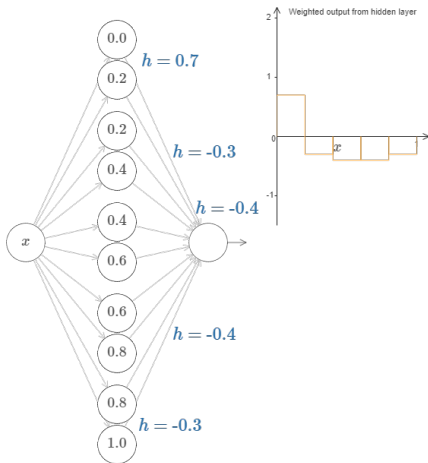


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- ② It's not the output of our MLP

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- For approximating $f(x)$, the input to the output neuron has to be $\sigma^{-1}(f(x))$ (note that the bias is zero)

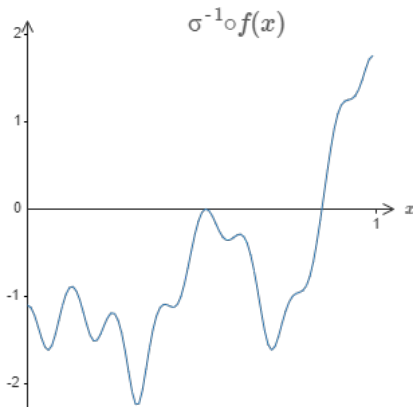


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- Manipulating the width and height of the towers \rightarrow a better approximation of the function

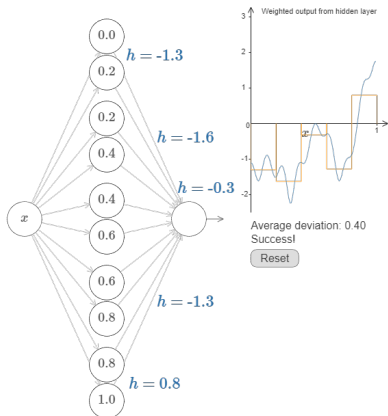


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Universality with multiple inputs

- Let's consider two input variables

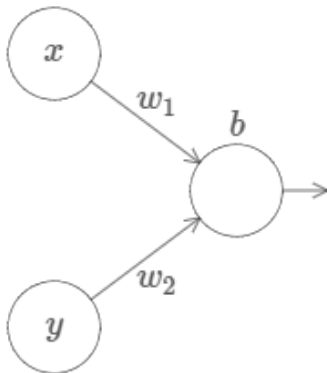


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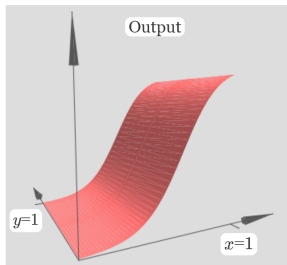
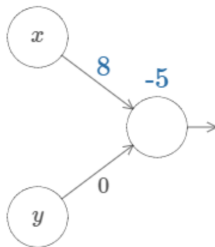


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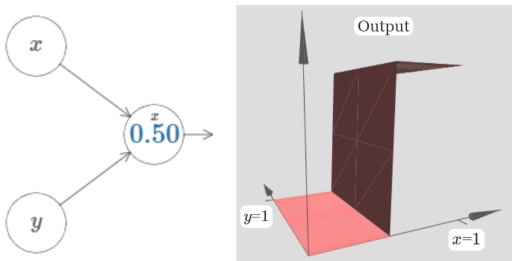


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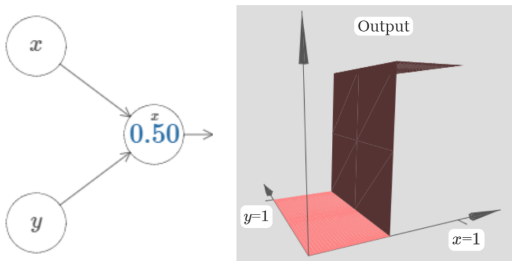


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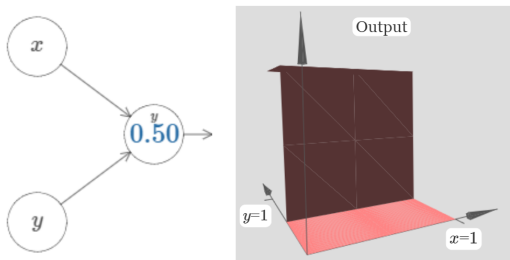


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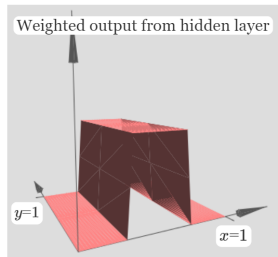
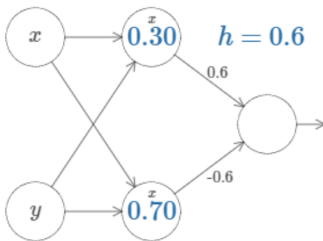


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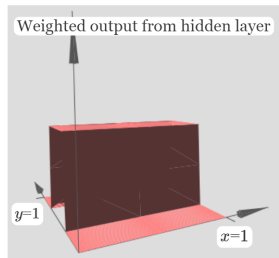
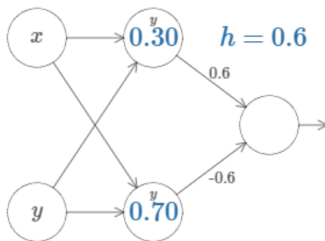


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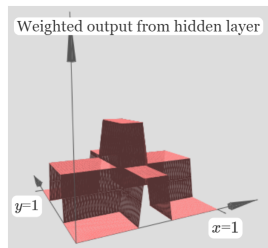
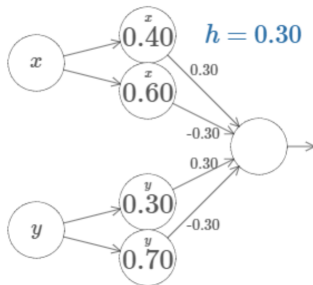


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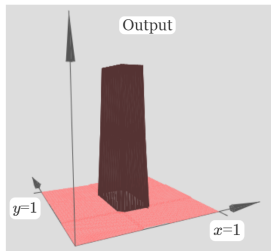
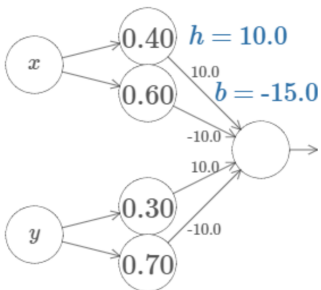


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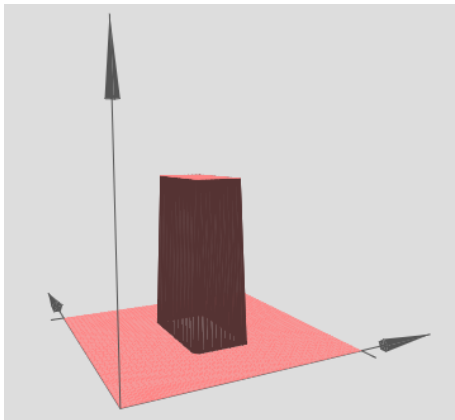


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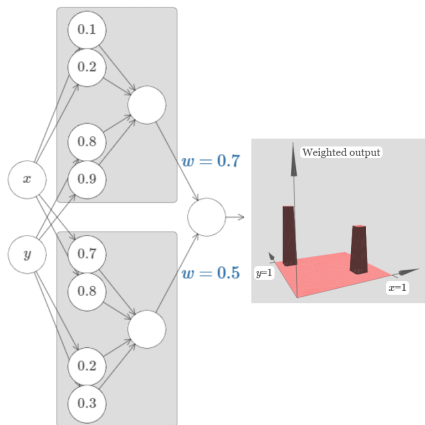


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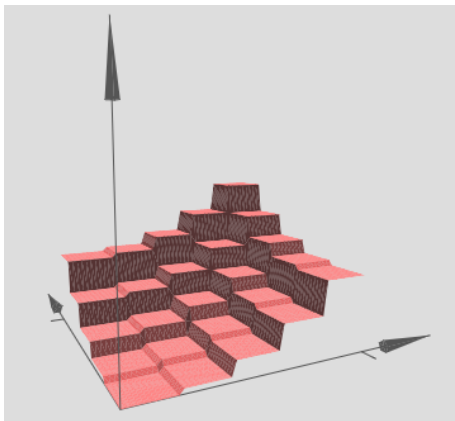


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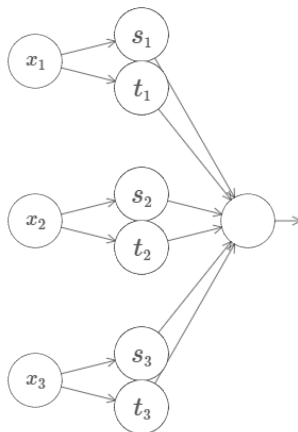


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- Create a network approximating each function f^i and put them all together

Universal Approximation: Original form

Theorem 0.1 (UAT, [Cyb89, Hor91]). Let $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a *non-constant, bounded, and continuous* function. Let I_m denote the m -dimensional *unit hypercube* $[0, 1]^m$. The space of *real-valued continuous functions on I_m* is denoted by $C(I_m)$. Then, given any $\varepsilon > 0$ and any function $f \in C(I_m)$, *there exist an integer N , real constants $v_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and real vectors $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$, such that we may define:*

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \sigma(\mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i) = \mathbf{v}^T \sigma(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$$

as an approximate realization of the function f ; that is,

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for all $\mathbf{x} \in I_m$.

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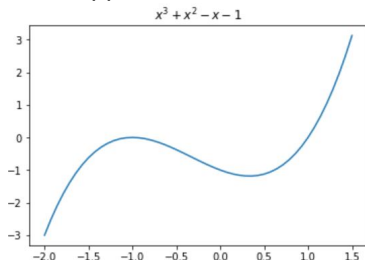
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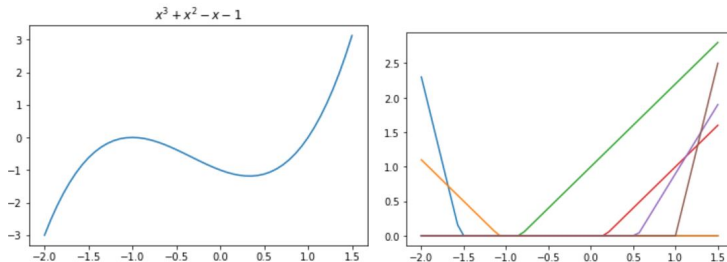
- ① Let's approximate the following function using a bunch of ReLUs:



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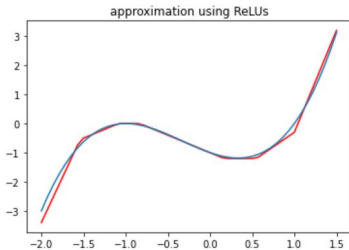


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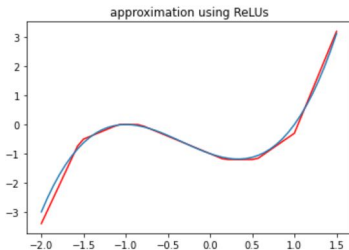
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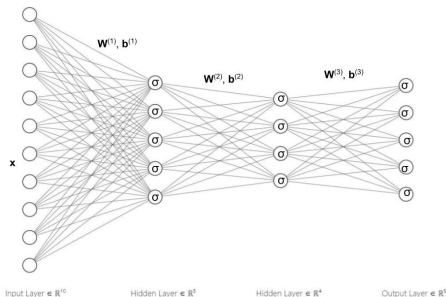
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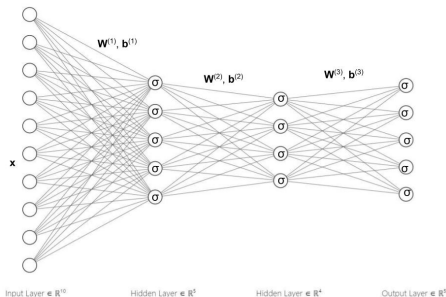
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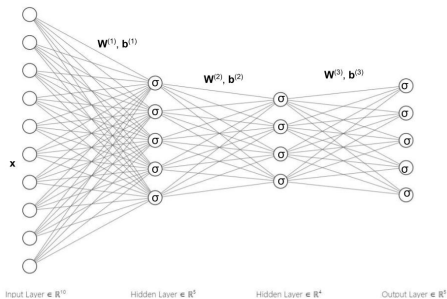
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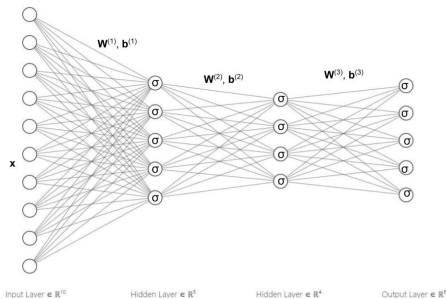
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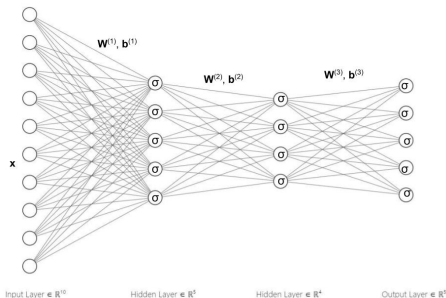
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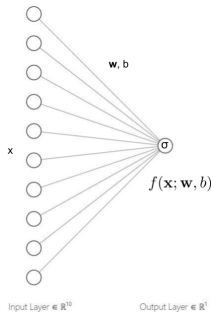
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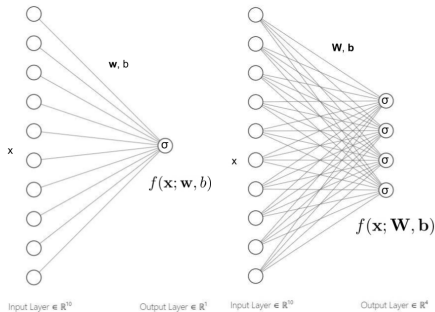
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