

Challenge #6 Goals:

Objective:

Implement and train a single-layer perceptron.

Learn NAND and observe XOR failure.

Part 1: Implement a Simple Perceptron (2-input)

Activation: **Sigmoid**

Formula:

- $\text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$

Part 2: Train the Perceptron

Use **Perceptron Learning Rule** to train for:

a. **NAND**

b. **XOR** (note: XOR is **not linearly separable**; a single-layer perceptron will fail)

Theory Recap

Perceptron Output

$$y = \sigma(w_1 \cdot x_1 + w_2 \cdot x_2 + b)$$

Perceptron Learning Rule

$$w_i = w_i + \eta \cdot (y_{\text{true}} - y_{\text{pred}}) \cdot x_i$$

η : learning rate

$$y_{\text{pred}} = \text{sigmoid}(wx + b)$$

What I Did:

Wrote a sigmoid-based neuron.

Used perceptron learning rule.

Trained on truth tables of NAND and XOR.

Findings:

NAND learned successfully.

XOR not learned — requires multi-layer NN.

What I Learned:

Importance of activation functions.

Limits of single-layer perceptrons.