

# HUDK 4051: LEARNING ANALYTICS: PROCESS & THEORY

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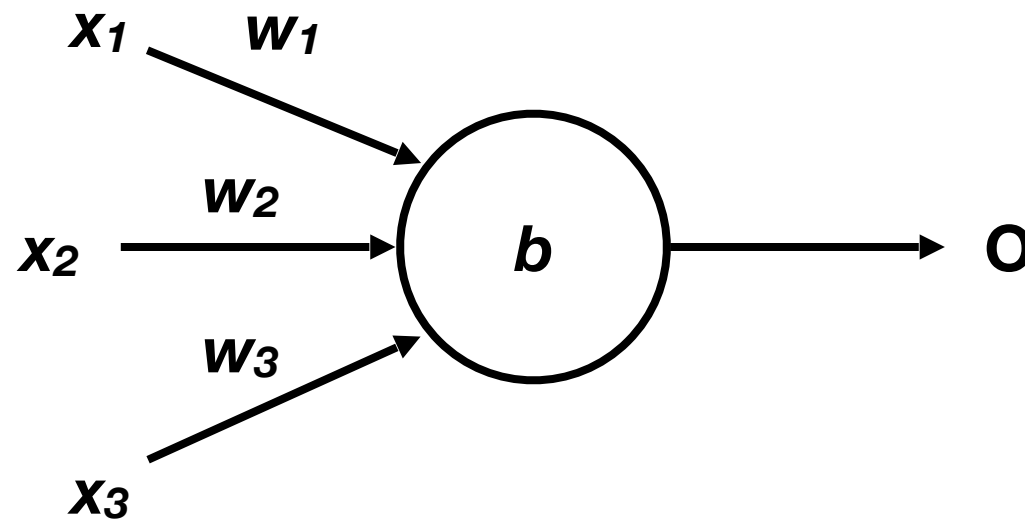
# Sigmoid Neurons

# Notation

**Inputs**

**Bias**

**Output**

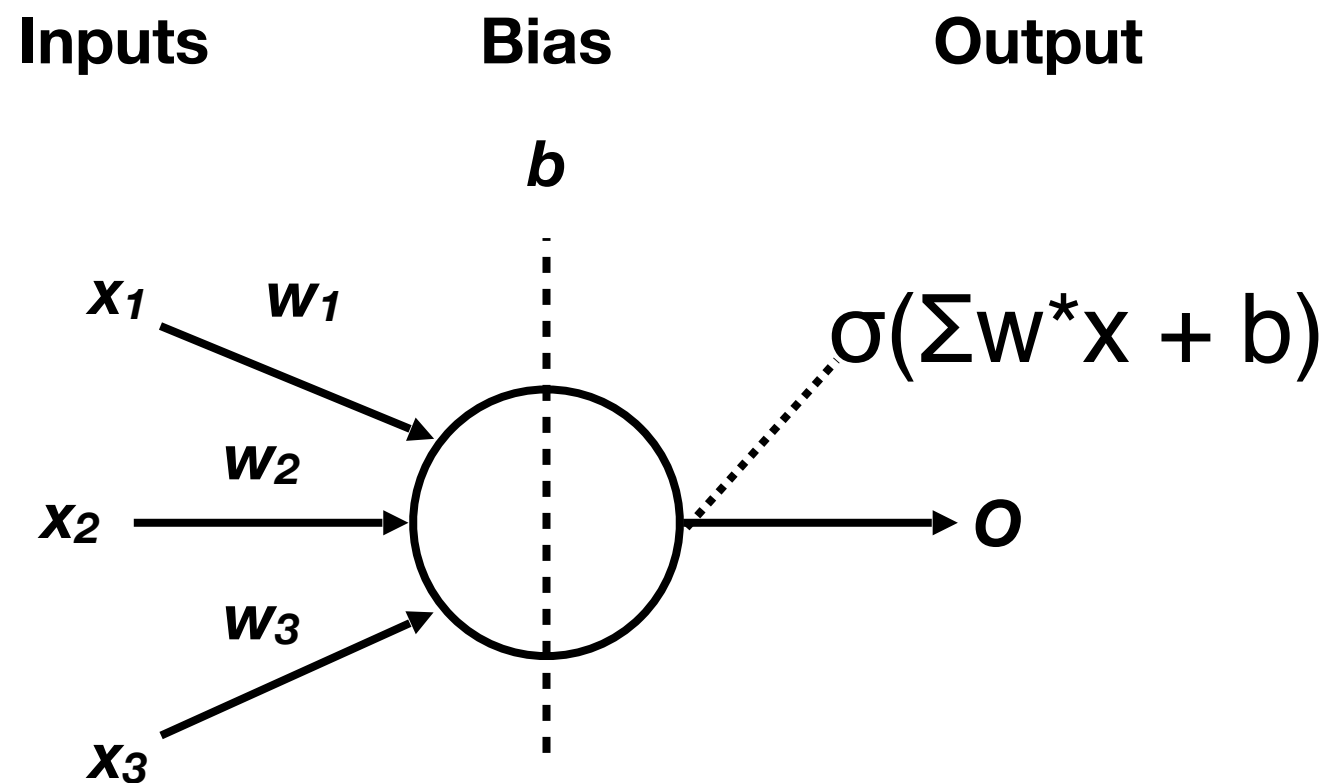


$$x_1 * w_1 + x_2 * w_2 + x_3 * w_3 + b = O$$

# Sigmoid Neurons

- Want to build a learning algorithm
- Could change  $b$  or  $w$
- BUT that will cause very large changes
- Network will never “fix”
- Solution: “smooth” the output
- Bonus: standardize output

# Sigmoid Neurons

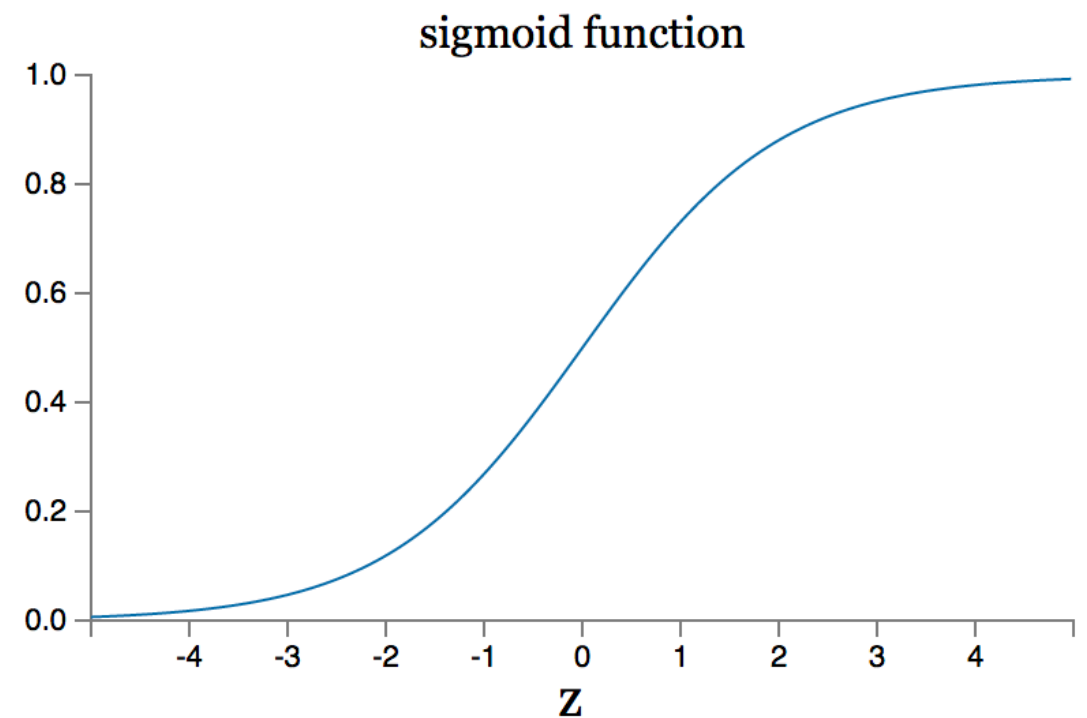


$$\sigma(x_1 * w_1 + x_2 * w_2 + x_3 * w_3 + b) = o$$

# Sigmoid Neurons

- Sigmoid (logistic) function “smooths” the output
- Makes changing  $w$  *and*  $b$  less sudden and more predictable
- Could use lots of other functions...

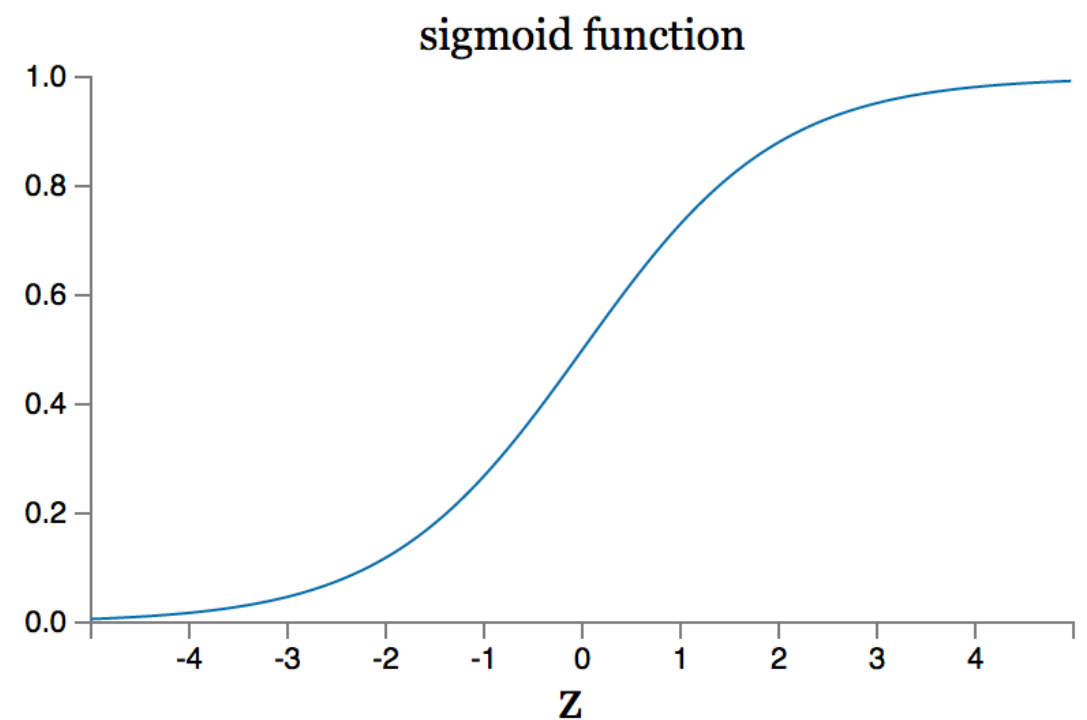
$$\sigma(z) \equiv \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}.$$



# Sigmoid Neurons

- Perceptrons have 0/1 output
- Sigmoid neurons have 0 - 1 output (eg. 0.1, 0.6778, etc.)
- How to interpret sigmoid neuron output?

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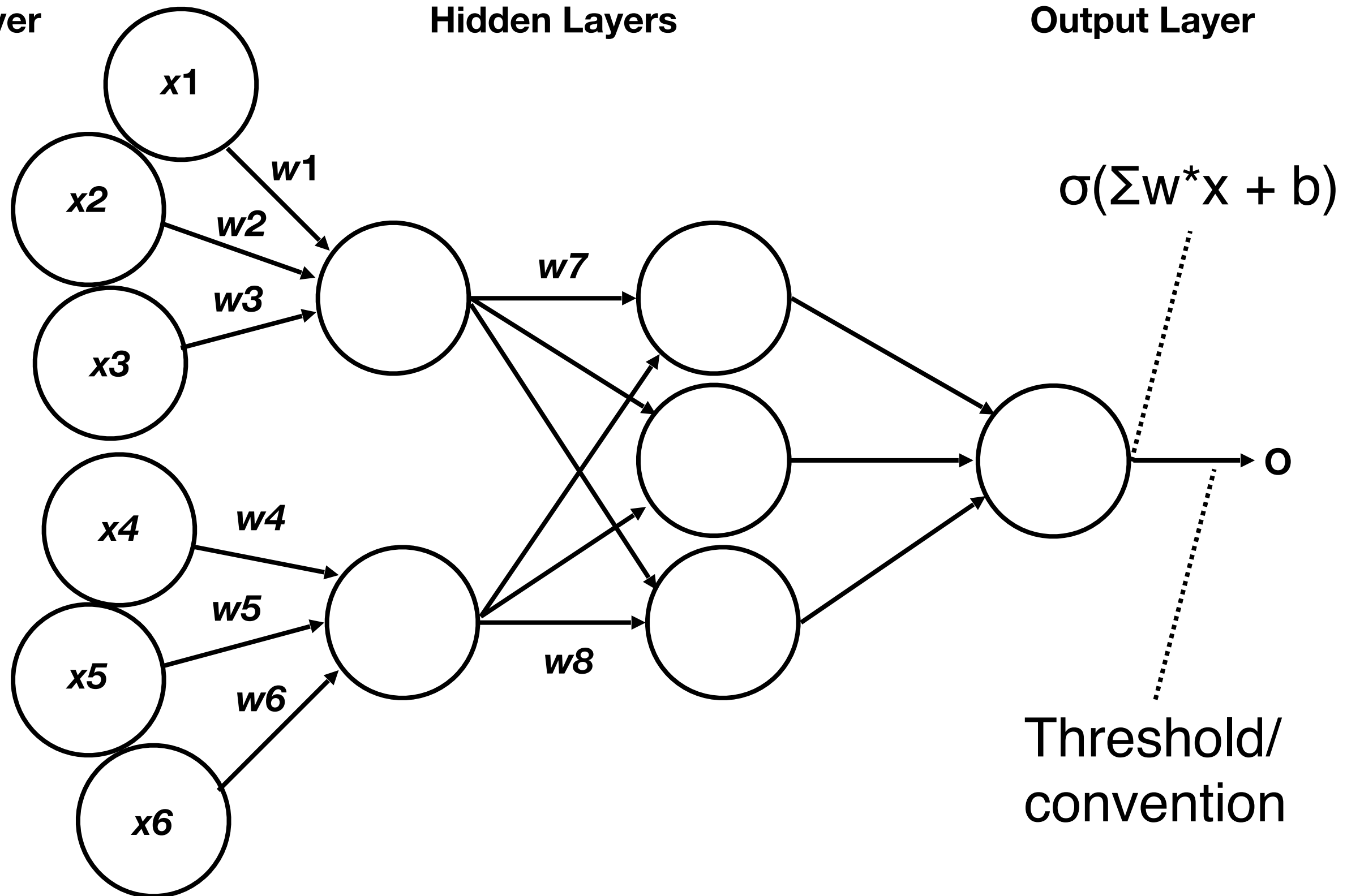


# Complete Feedforward Network

Input Layer

Hidden Layers

Output Layer





# How many Hidden Layers?

- No foolproof method
- The only method is really trial and error
- Heuristics:
  - Theory based starting point?
  - Number of inputs and outputs?

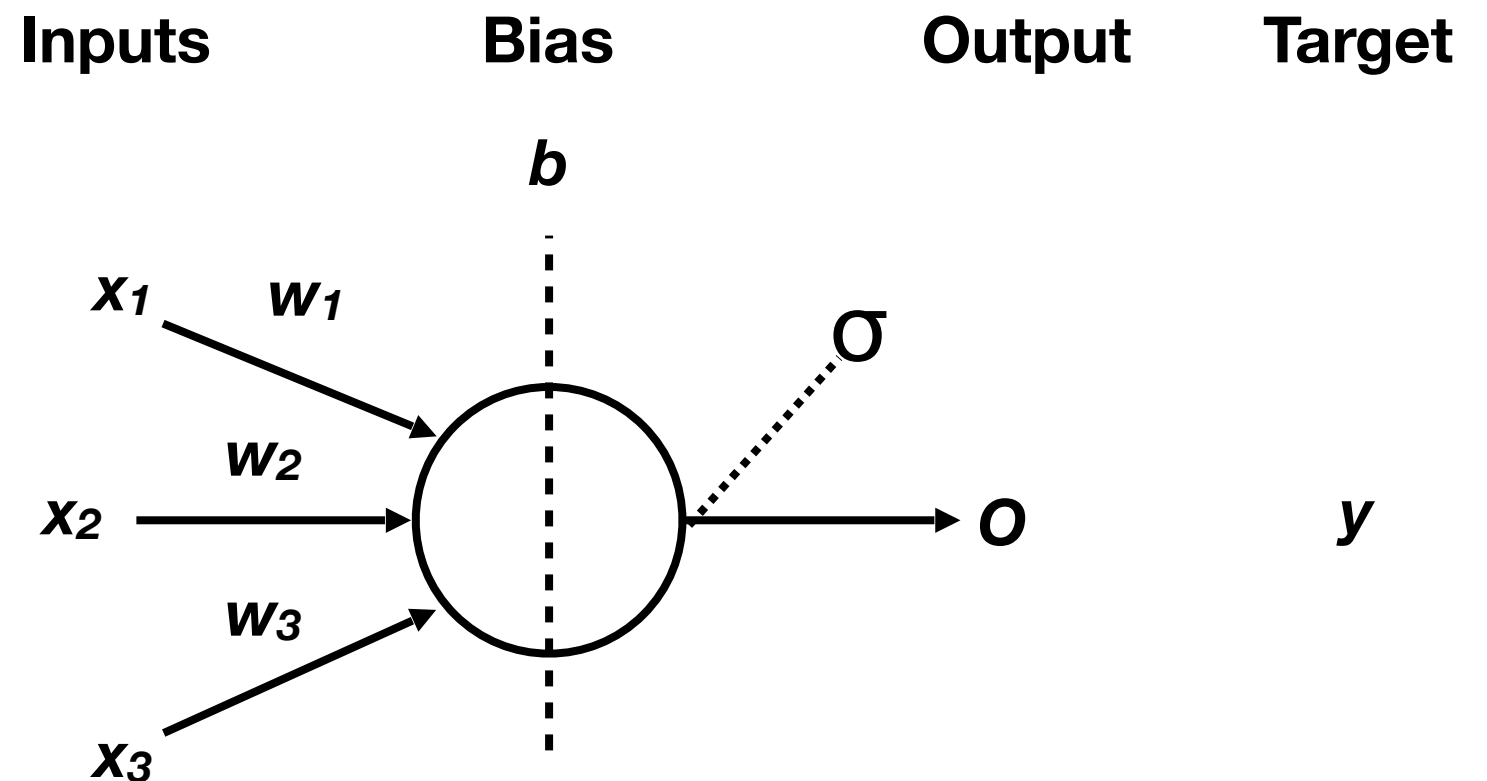
How to make  
the network learn?

# Cost Function

Observation +  
prediction = error

Want to minimize  
this number

How to reduce  
error?

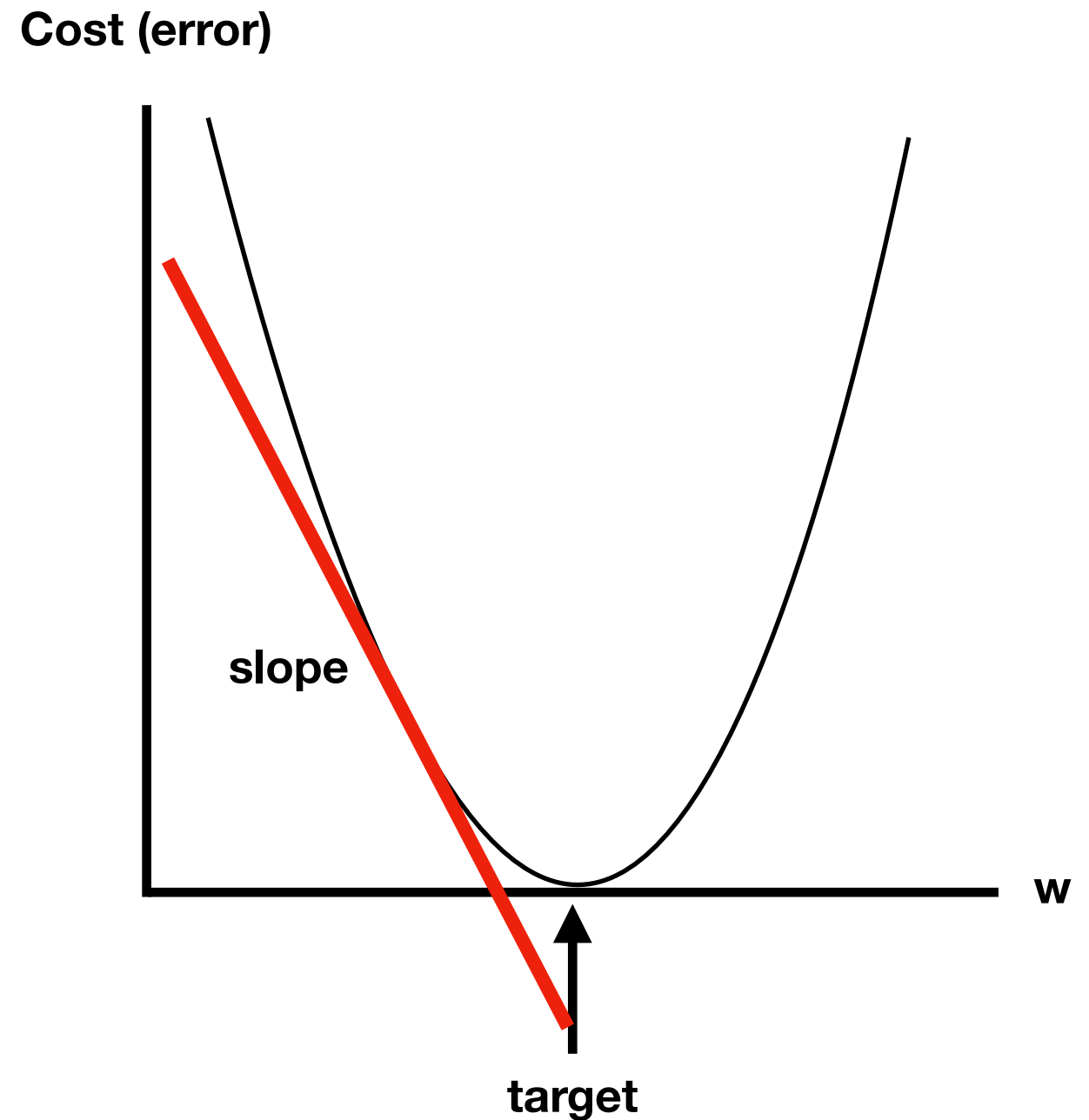


$$\text{squared error} = (\text{prediction} - \text{target})^2$$

# Cost Function

How much to adjust weights/bias?

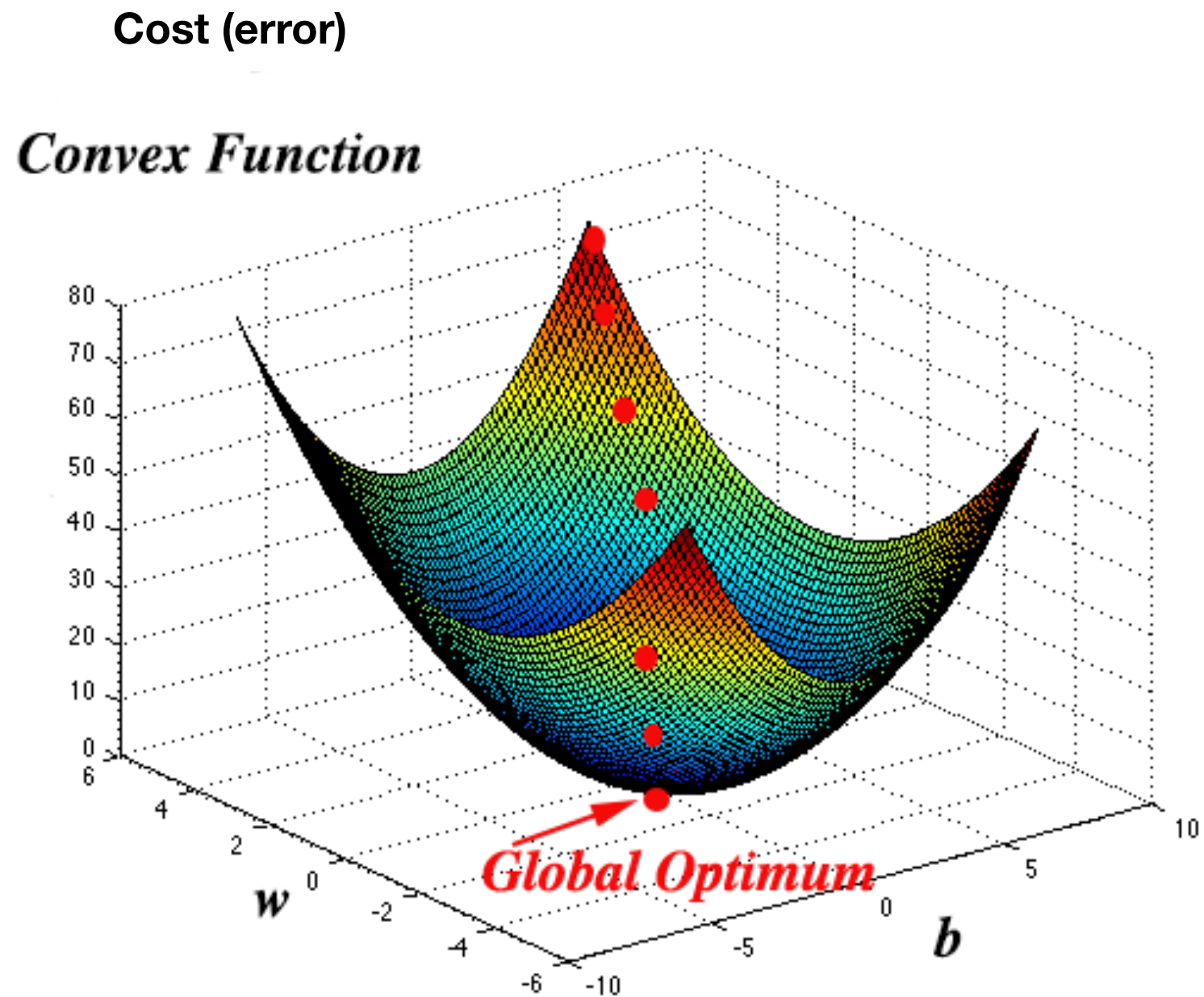
- Subtract the slope of the cost function
- Works if above or below target
- Change gets smaller as approach target



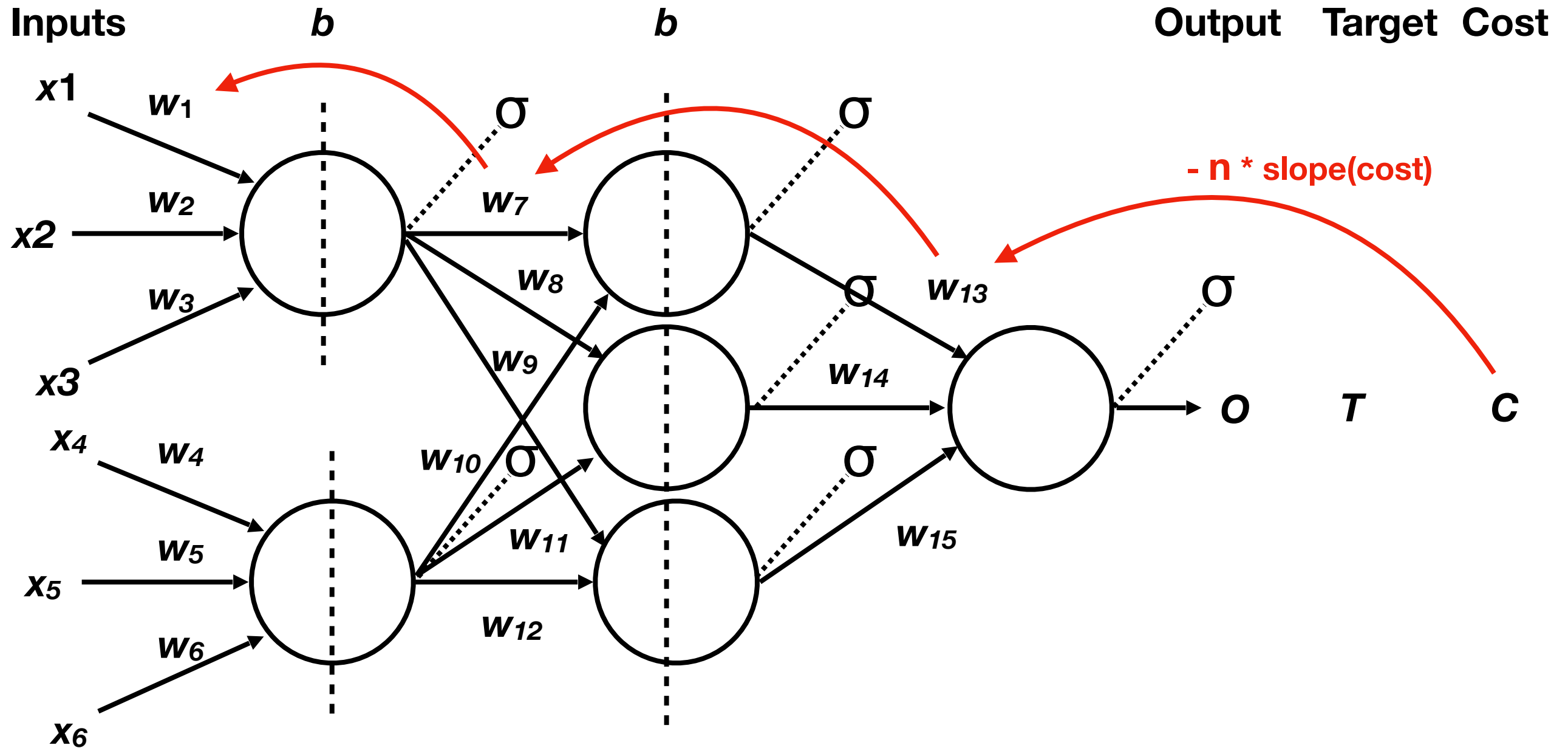
# Cost Function

Where do we get the slope of the cost function?

- Approximation (rise/run)
- Algebraically
- Calculus



# Back Propagation



$$w_7 = 0.3$$

$$w_{7+1} = 0.3 - n * \text{slope}(\text{cost} w_{13})$$

$$w_{13} = 0.8$$

$$w_{13+1} = 0.8 - n * \text{slope}(\text{cost})$$

$$0.6 \quad 1 \quad (0.4)^2$$