

Introduction & Deep Learning Basics

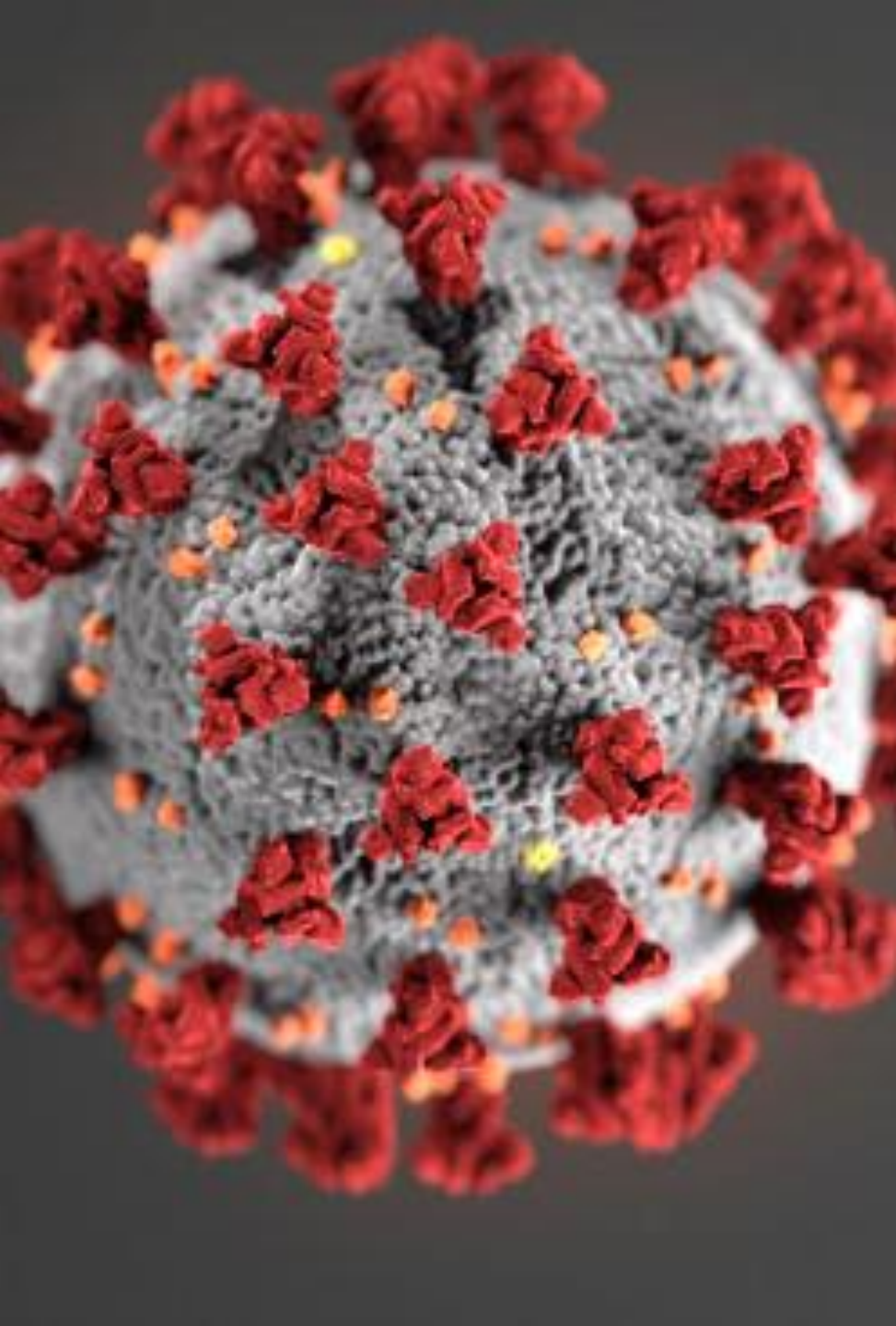
SS 2020 – Machine Perception

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Coronavirus

Guidance from the rector:

- Teaching will continue
- Anyone with flu-like symptoms (fever, coughing or breathing difficulties)
- And travellers to/from high-risk areas (China, Italy, South Korea, Iran), are ***not allowed to*** attend class or enter ETH premises

What we do:

- Lectures will continue and are recorded
- Use own judgement and stay home if in doubt

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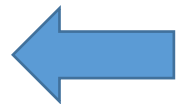
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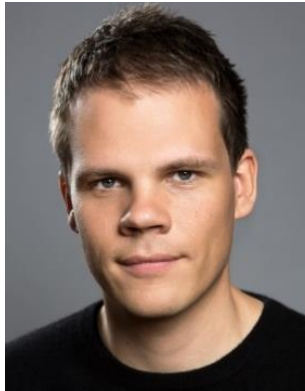
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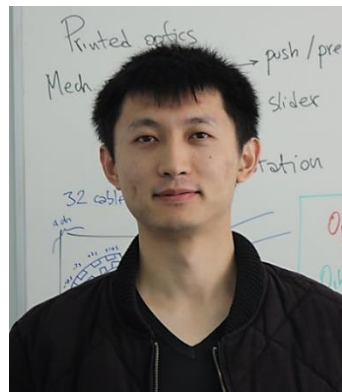


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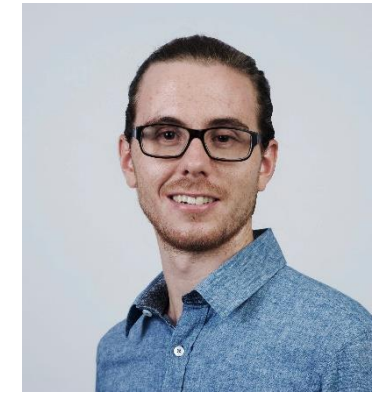
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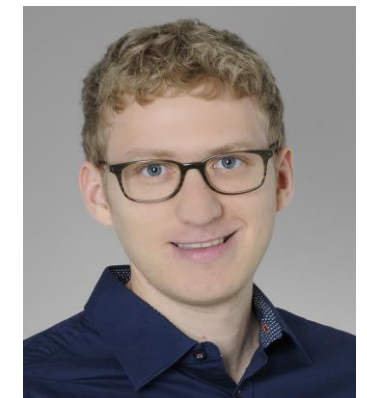
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Machine Perception

Machine perception is the *capability* of a computer system to *interpret data* in a manner that is *similar to the way humans use their senses* to *relate to the world around them*. Computing systems perceive their environment through some form of sensing hardware.

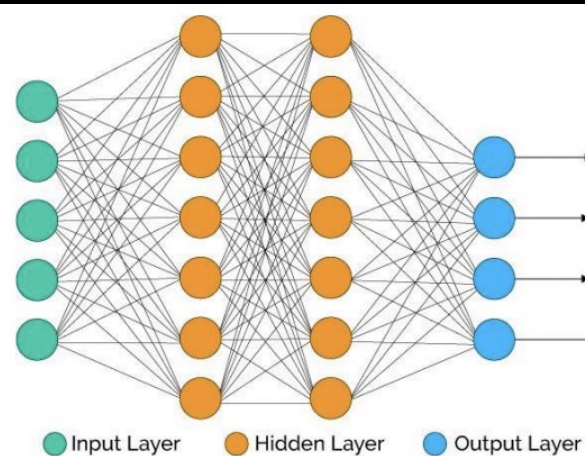
Machine perception - Motivation



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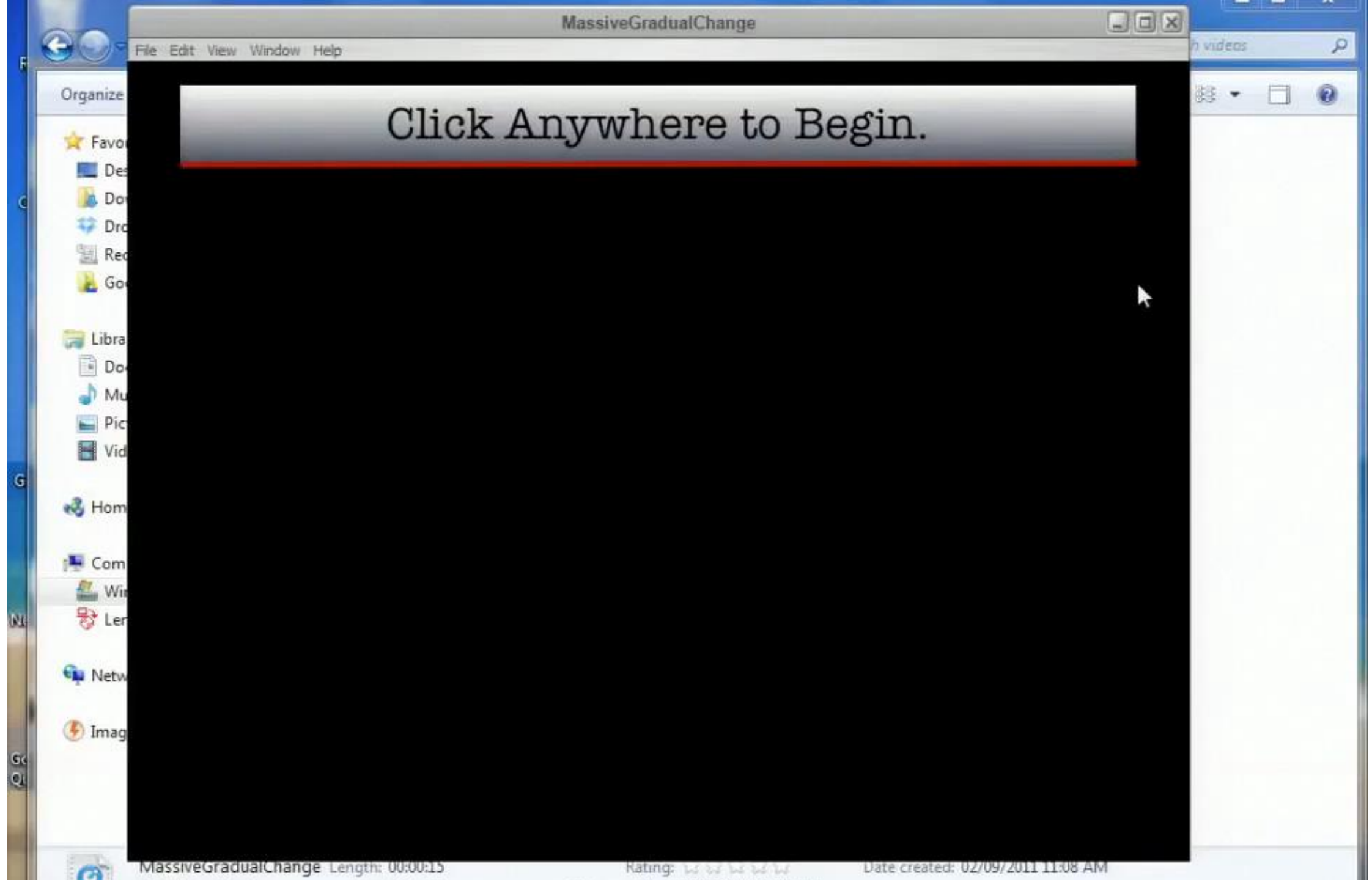
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After completing the course students will have acquired *theoretical and practical knowledge* about the most important problems in *machine understanding (of human behavior)*.

Students will be able to *understand and reason* about machine perception algorithms and will be able to *design novel* architectures for hard problems in machine perception.



What Changed? Click to See Original.



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Question of the Day:

If you don't know how you see

—

How are you going to program a machine to do it?

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Our philosophy

- Thorough and detailed:
 - Understand how to write from scratch, debug and train (convolutional) neural networks.
 - Understand underlying Math.
- Practical:
 - In addition to deriving and understanding algorithms students will learn how to solve non-trivial problems with DL approaches via exercises and multi-week project
- Research Oriented:
 - Most materials are new from research world in the past 1-3 years. Very exciting stuff!
 - Introduction to open research problems in learning-based computer vision, robotics and HCI

Course Requirements

Required:

- Solid programming skills (practical part in Python)
- Solid understanding of linear algebra, vector calculus and (some) continuous optimization
- Basic understanding of statistics (probabilities and distributions, Bayes)
- 'Traditional' machine learning concepts (ML tasks, loss functions, regularization, etc.)

Beneficial:

- Basic understanding of image and signal processing
- Visual Computing class
- Computer Vision class

Motivation – How Do I See?

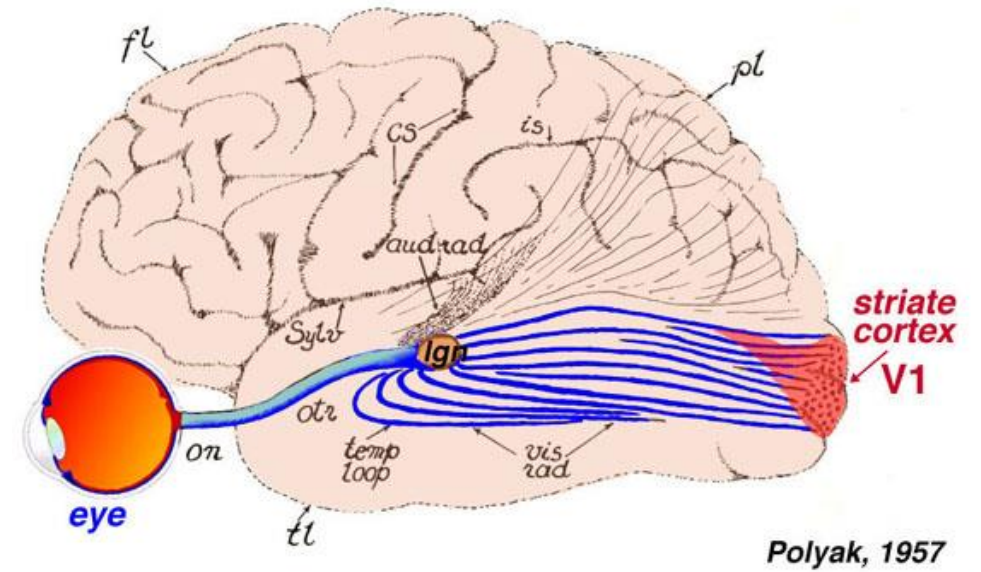
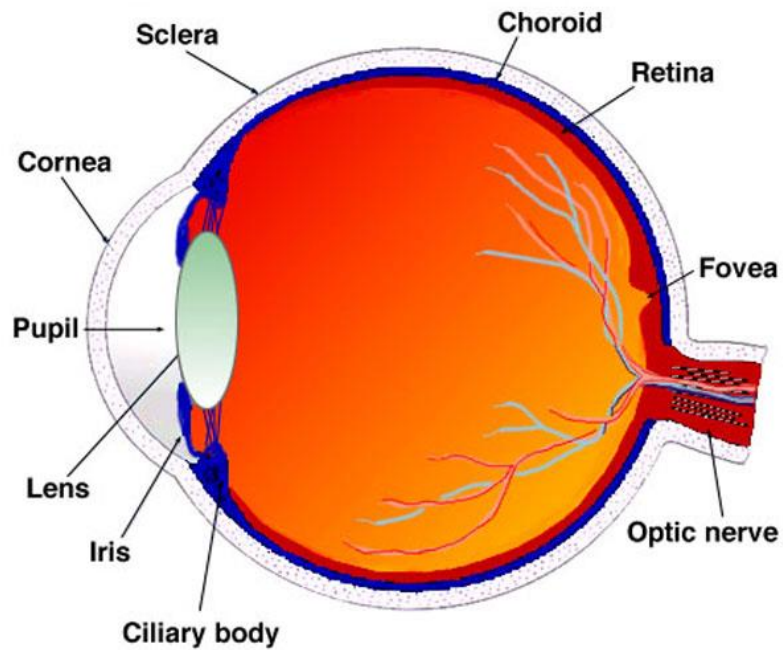
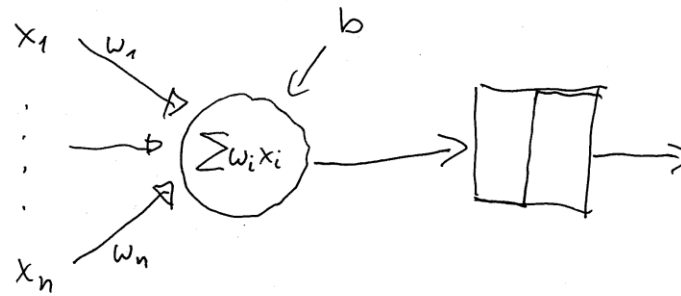
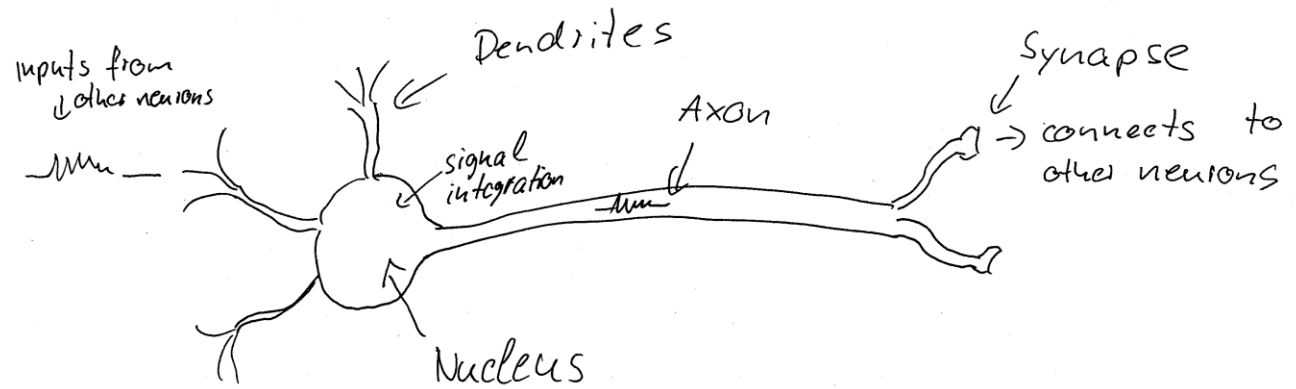


Figure 8. Visual input to the brain goes from eye to LGN and then to primary visual cortex, or area V1, which is located in the posterior of the occipital lobe. Adapted from Polyak (1957).

Neuron – An engineering blueprint



"Perceptron"

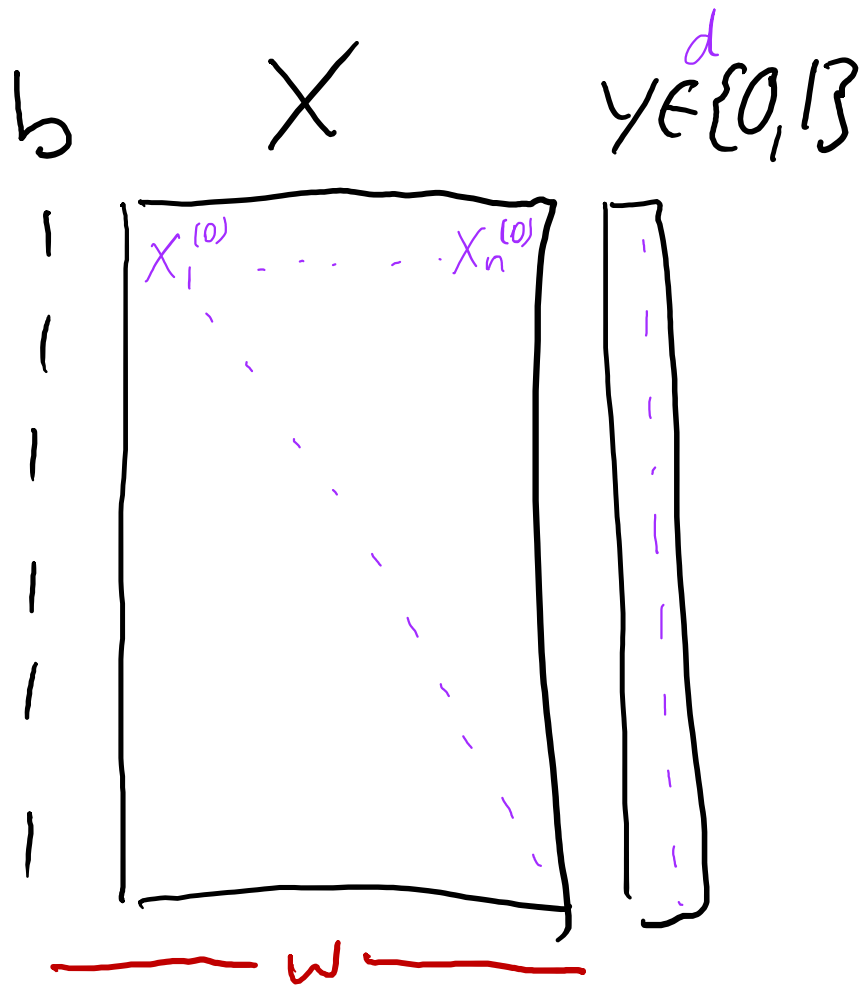
Perceptron learning

init: $w^0 = 0$

while: $\exists i_k \text{ s.t. } (w^k \cdot x^{i_k} \geq 0) \neq y^{i_k}$

do: $w^{k+1} = w^k + \underbrace{\eta(y - \hat{y})}_{\text{error}} x^{i_k}$

where: $\hat{y} = (w^T x \geq 0)$



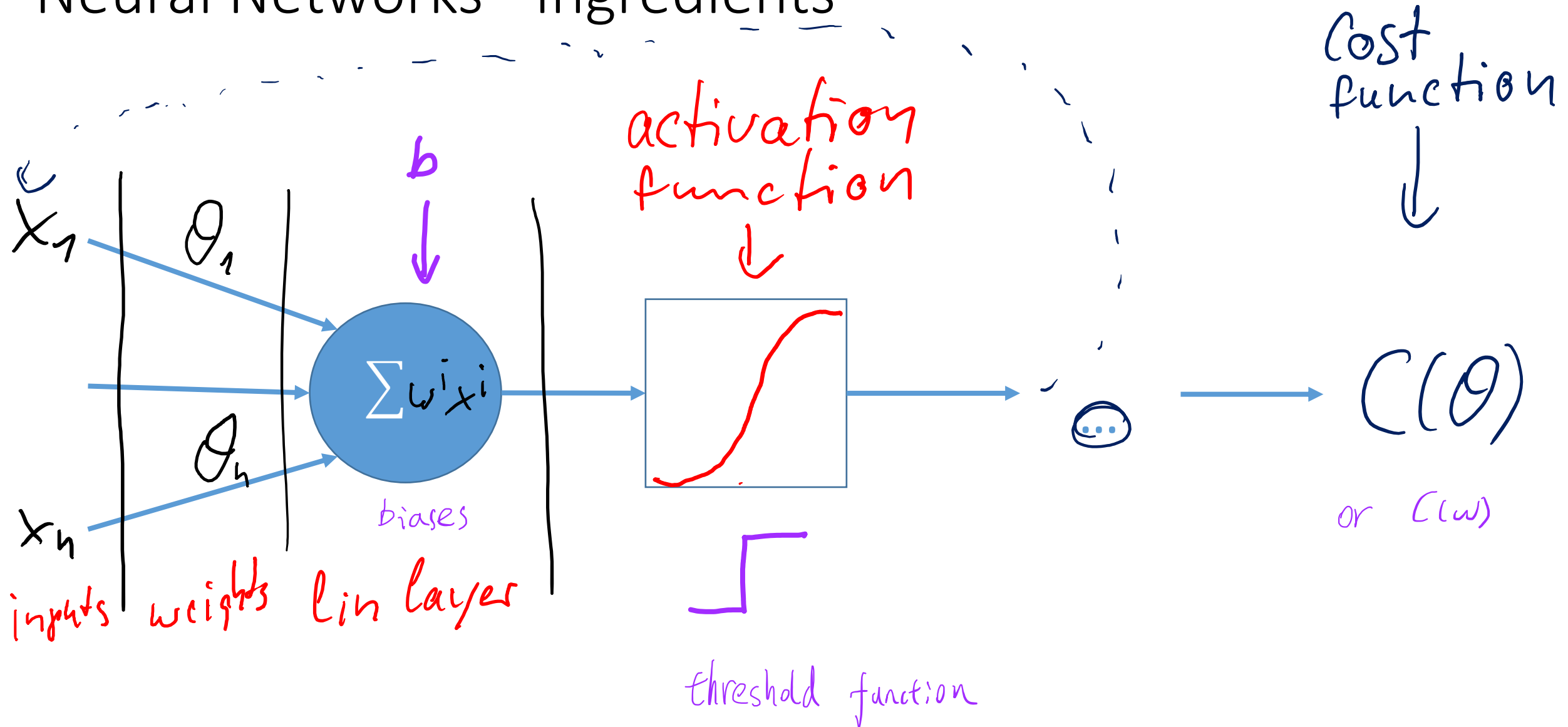
y	\hat{y}	$(y - \hat{y})$
0	0	0
0	1	-1
1	0	1
1	1	0

data is
iff linearly sep
 \Rightarrow converges
in finite
time

Sample code & visualization

<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1AfVZpBwbOfMqN5wkOmAmhKj3pmLOjPfc#scrollTo=4oylaFh3OMPs>

Neural Networks - Ingredients

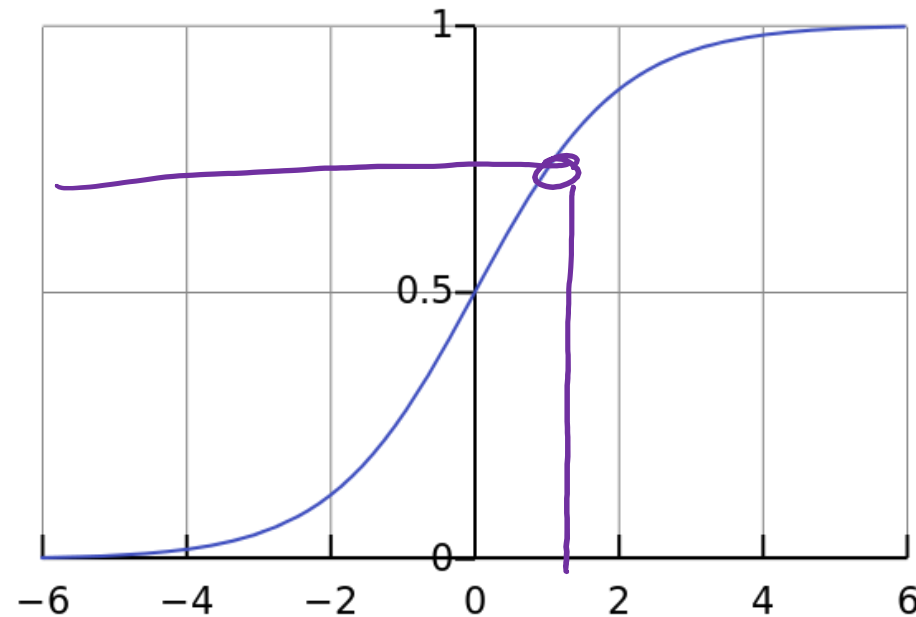


Sigmoid function

$\text{sigm}(\eta)$ is the sigmoid function also known as logistic function

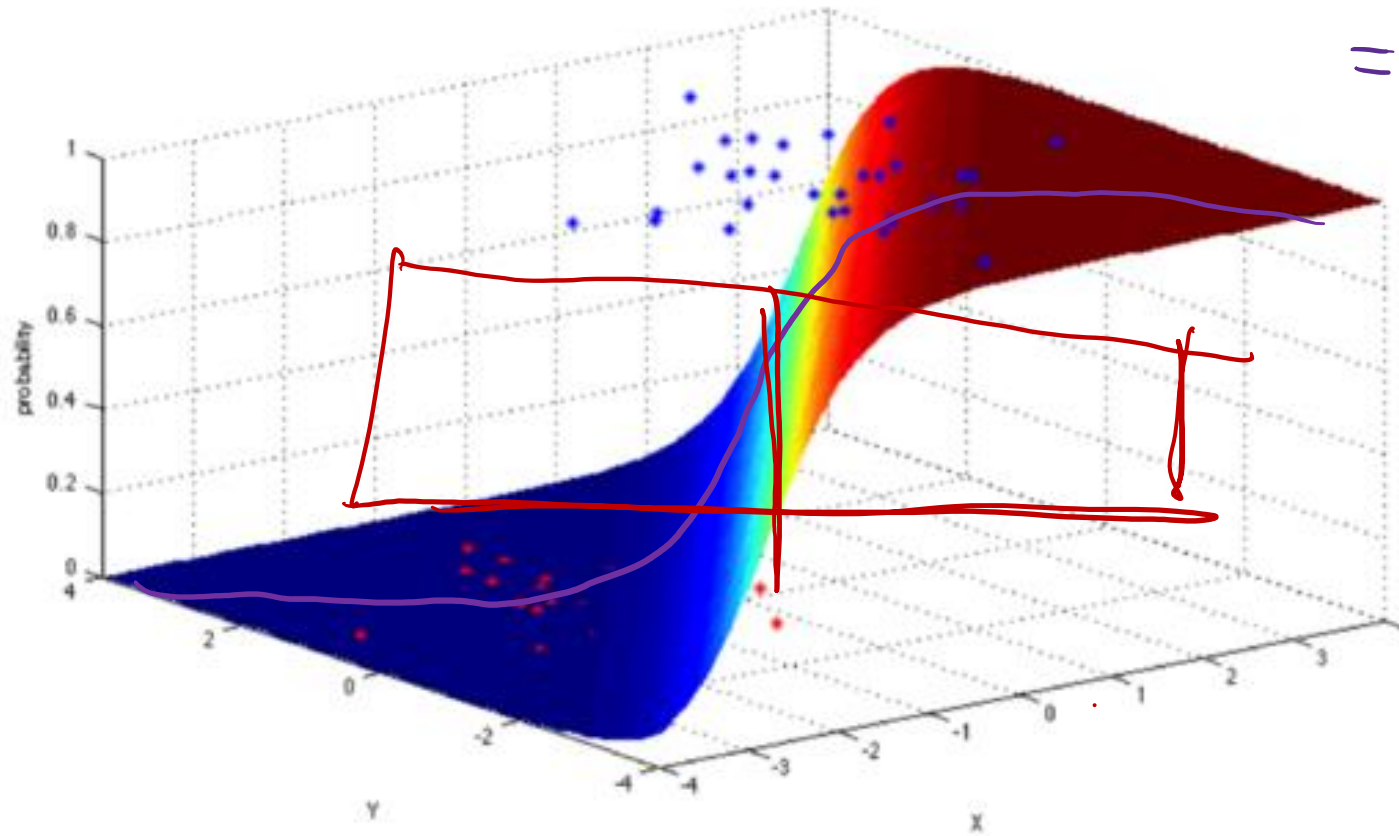
$$\text{sigm}(\eta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\eta}} = \frac{e^{\eta}}{e^{\eta} + 1}$$

$$\eta = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$



$$P(y^{(i)} = \tau | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$$

Aside: Logistic regression



$$p(y^{(i)} = 1 | x^{(i)}, w) = \sigma(\bar{w}^T \bar{x}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$\bar{w}^T \bar{x} = 0$$

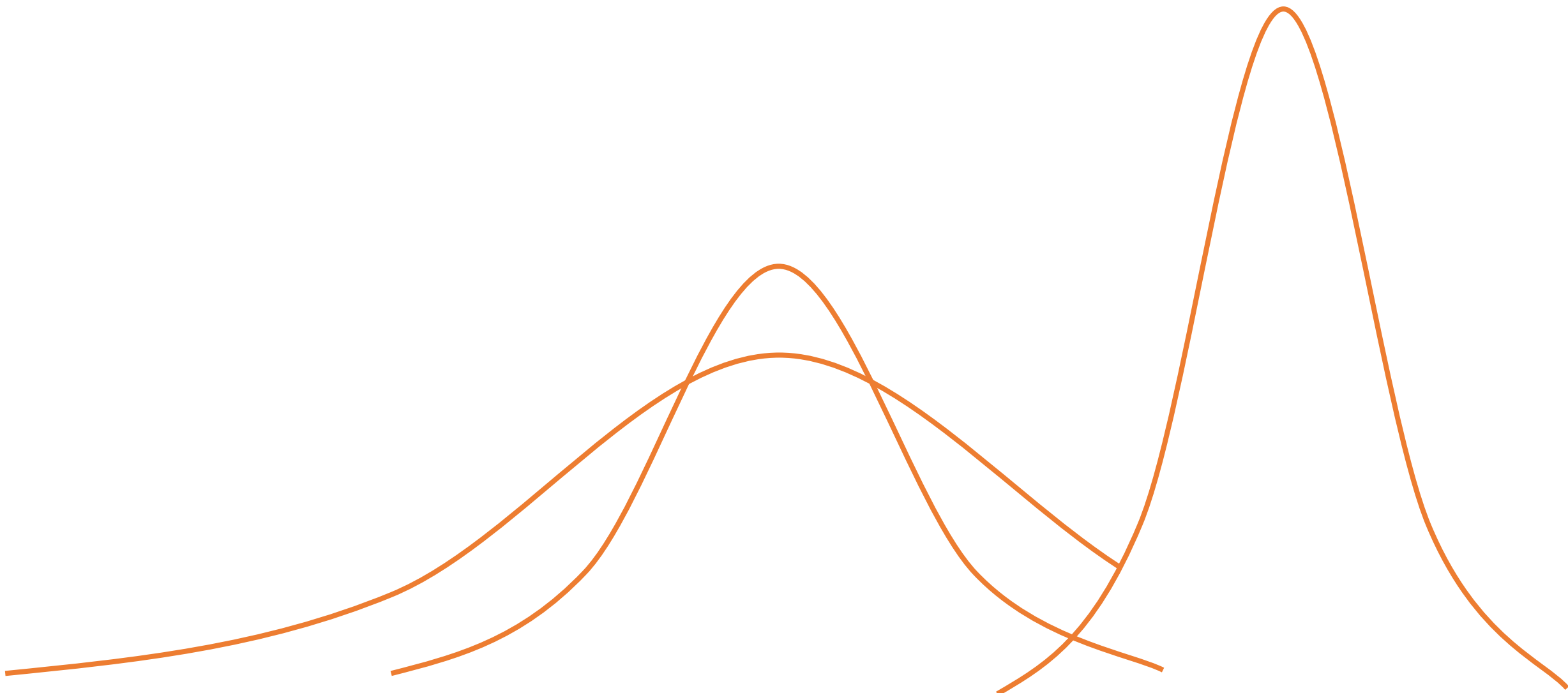
$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Likelihood and Maximum Likelihood (MLE)

[Fisher, 1929]

- Likelihood is a function of the model parameters
- MLE extremely successful:
 - e.g. least squares and cross-entropy are MLE estimators
- Direct link to the Kullback Leibler divergence

$$\arg \max_w p(y|x, w)$$

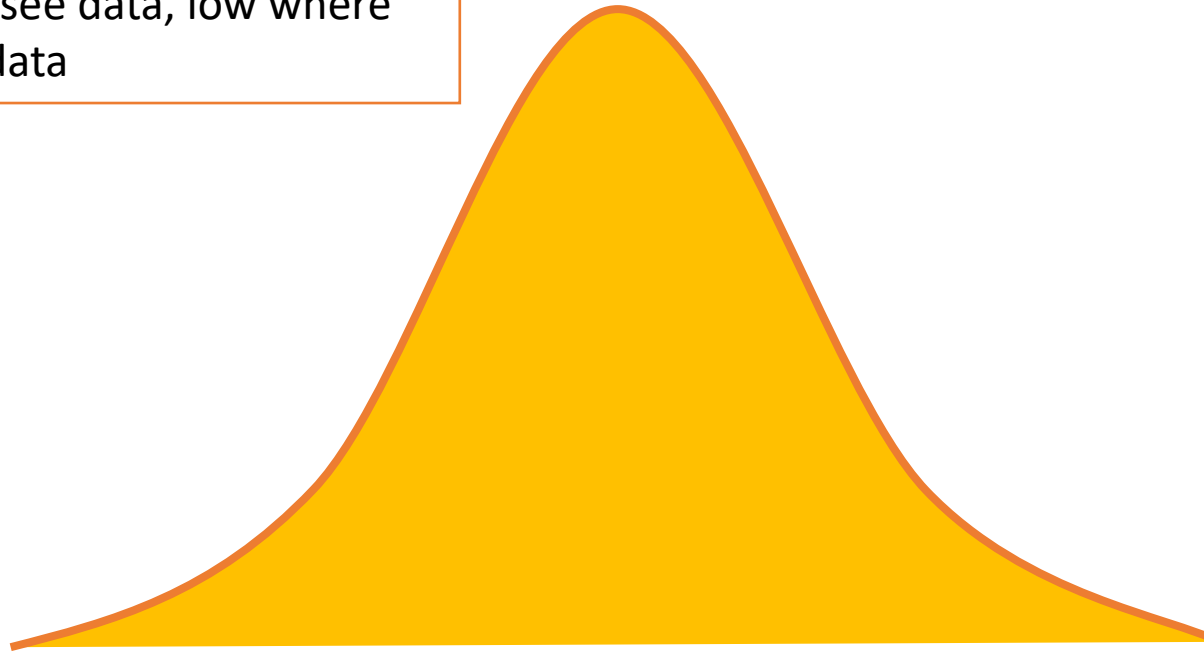


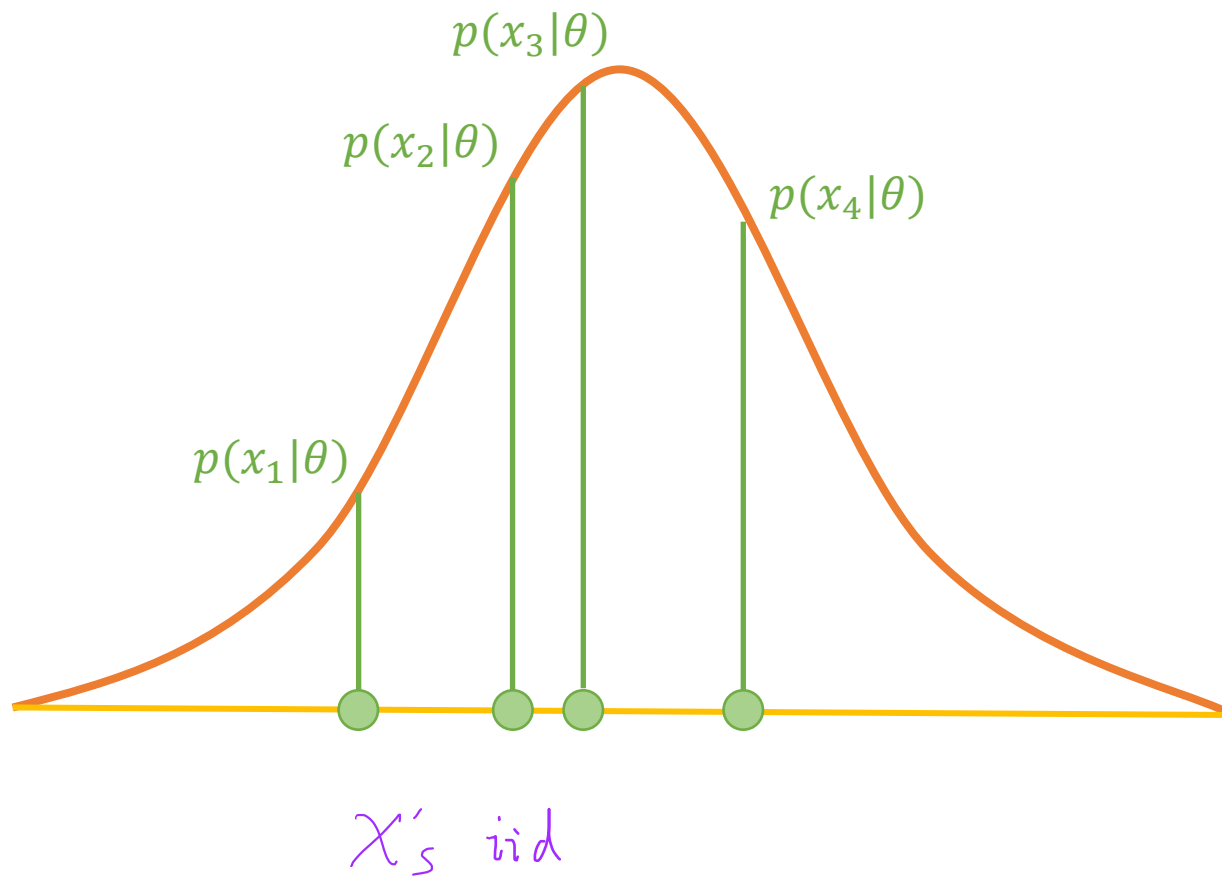
Under changing model parameters:

- Volume is always conserved
- Integral under the density function is always = 1

Intuition:

- High where we expect to see data, low where we do not expect to see data





Goal: maximize likelihood function

$$L(\theta) = \prod_i p(x_i|\theta)$$

$$\log L(\theta) = \log \prod_i p(x_i|\theta)$$

$$\log L(\theta) = \sum_i \log p(x_i|\theta)$$

Cross-entropy: a maximum likelihood estimator

Logistic Regression (MLE framework):

Given: $\mathcal{D} = \{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})\}$

• 其概率質量函數為:

$$f_X(x) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x} = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } x = 1, \\ q & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Model: $y^{(i)} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\sigma(\bar{w}^T \bar{x}^{(i)}))$

MLE: $\bar{w}_{MLE}^* = \text{argmax } p(\mathcal{D} | \bar{w})$

[samples assumed to be i.i.d.]

$$p(\mathcal{D} | \bar{w}) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y^{(i)} | \bar{x}^{(i)}, \bar{w})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\left[\frac{1}{1+e^{-\eta}} \right]}_{\pi_i}^{y^{(i)}} \underbrace{\left[1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-\eta}} \right]}_{1-\pi_i}^{(1-y^{(i)})}, \text{ with } \eta = \bar{w}^T \bar{x}^{(i)}$$

NLL: $C(\bar{w}) = -\log p(\mathcal{D} | \bar{w})$

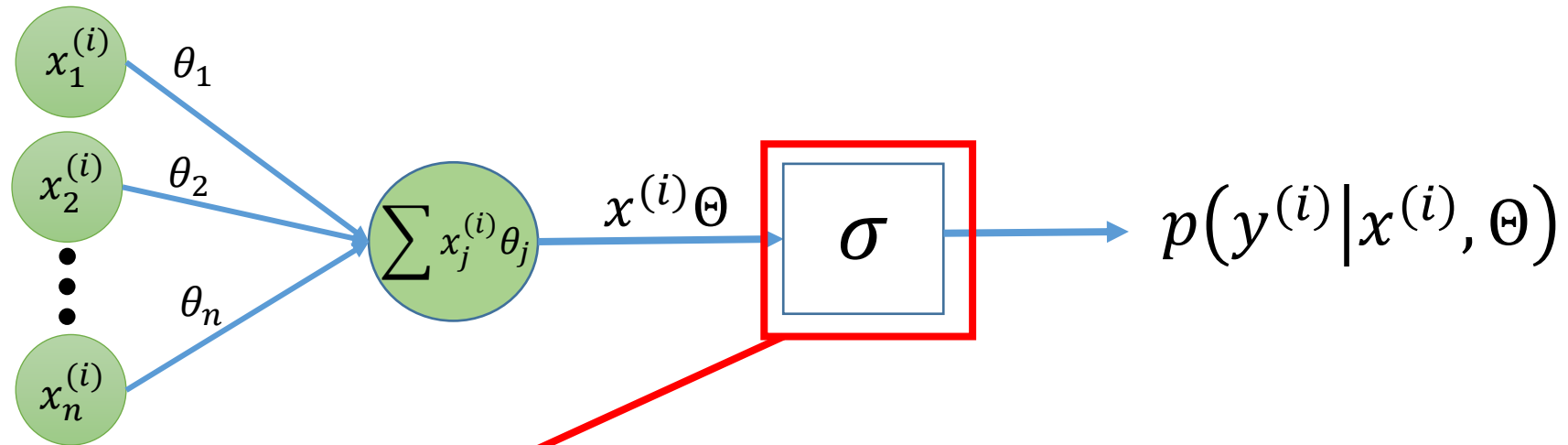
negative log likelihood

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum y^{(i)} \log(\pi_i) + (1-y^{(i)}) \log(1-\pi_i)$$

← log-loss function
(0/1 loss)

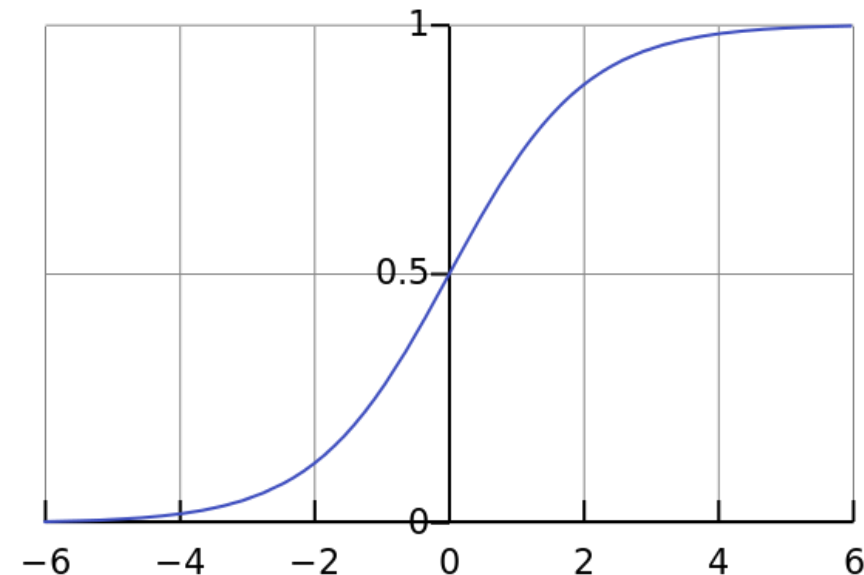
"cross-entropy"

Binary classification and sigmoid function

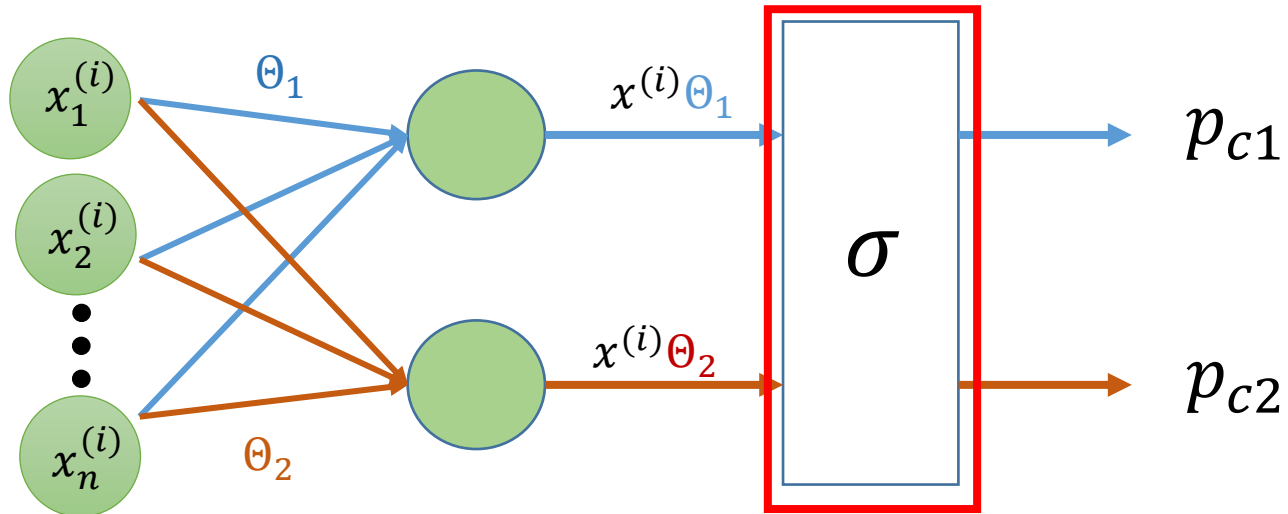


Requirements for the function:
(1) Output must be positive
(2) Output must be between $[0, 1]$

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



Extending to Multiclass: Softmax



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Softmax Function vs Sigmoid Function

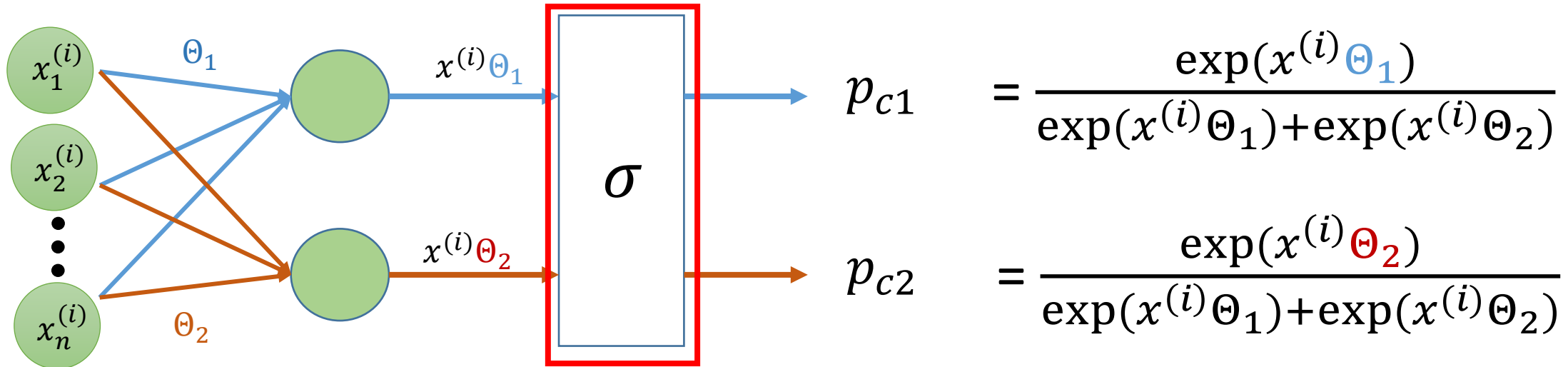
As mentioned above, the softmax function and the sigmoid function are similar. The softmax operates on a vector while the sigmoid takes a scalar.

$$\text{Softmax } \sigma(\vec{z})_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^K e^{z_j}}$$

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

$$\text{softmax}(\eta_i) = \frac{\exp(\eta_i)}{\sum_j \exp(\eta_j)} = \frac{\exp(\eta_i)}{\exp(\eta_1) + \exp(\eta_2) + \dots + \exp(\eta_c)}$$

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Maximum-likelihood Estimation (MLE)



- Step 1: Write down probability distribution
- Step 2: Decompose into per sample probability
- Step 3: Minimize negative log likelihood

Left as exercise

Optimization procedure – SGD in a nutshell

Iterative gradient descent to find parameters Θ :

Initialize weights with small random values

Initialize biases with 0 or small positive values


Compute gradients

Update parameters with SGD


We'll study this next week

SGD in a nutshell:

Compute the negative gradient at θ^0

 $-\nabla C(\theta^0)$

Times the learning rate η

 $-\eta \nabla C(\theta^0)$

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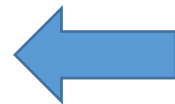
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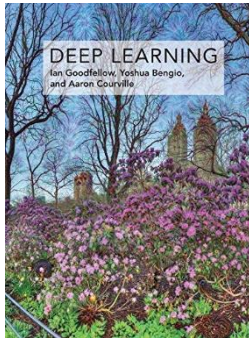
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- Available for free online: <http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

Additional (catch-up) reading:

- **Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning**, *Christopher Bishop*
- **Mathematics for machine learning**, *Mark Deisenroth et al.*
- Available for free online: <https://mml-book.github.io/>



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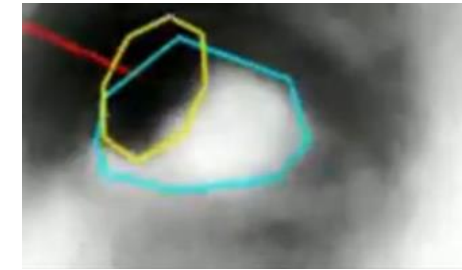
Dynamic Gesture Recognition

Classification of hand gestures from multi-modal data including RGB, depth, segmentation mask and skeletal information for videos.



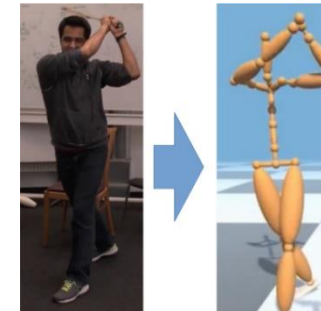
Eye Gaze Estimation

In which 3D direction a person's eye is looking towards, as seen from the perspective of a webcam.



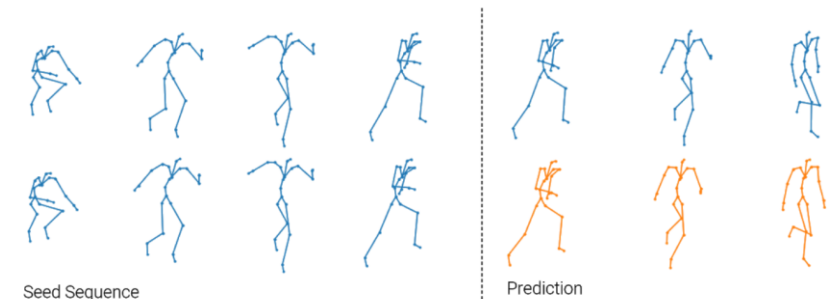
Body Pose Estimation

Estimation of 3D location of body joints from a 2D human image.



Human Motion Prediction

Given a sequence of human motion data, predict how the motion continues for several frames in the future.



Course Logistics - Compute

You will need some GPUs!

We use the [Leonhard](#) cluster:

- 1 GPU at a time per group
- Will be made available around week 3
- In the beginning, use TensorFlow CPU-version for simple tests
- Leonhard has limited resources, faire usage will be monitored



Deep Learning Basics

Week 3&4

- MLP
- Fully connected networks
- Data, tasks, loss functions
- Backprop
- Activation functions, etc.

CNNs, RNNs & Co

Week 5-7

- CNNs
- RNNs
- LSTM / GRU / Backprop through time
- Fully convolutional networks
- instance segmentation and other advanced vision tasks

Generative Modelling

Week 8-12

- Latent variable models
- Implicit models
- Autoregressive models
- Recent research in DL-based machine perception

Deep RL

Week 12-14

- RL & policy learning

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1	20.02.	-- No Class --		
2	27.02.	-- No Class --		
3	05.03.	Deep Learning Introduction Class content & admin, Feedforward Networks, Representation Learning		Tutorial Implement your own MLP
4	12.03.	Training Neural Networks Backpropagation		Tutorial Linear Regression Pen & Paper Backpropagation
5	19.03.	Convolutional Neural Networks		Tutorial CNNs in TensorFlow Pen & Paper CNN
6	26.03.	Recurrent Neural Networks LSTM, GRU, Backpropagation through time		Tutorial RNNs in TensorFlow Pen & Paper RNN
7	02.04.	Fully Convolutional Neural Networks Advanced Vision Topics		Class Tips for Training Part 1
8	09.04.	Generative Models I: Latent variable models Variational Autoencoders, etc.		Class Tips for Training Part 2 Pen & Paper VAE
9	16.04.	-- No Class (Easter) --		
10	23.04.	Generative Models II: Implicit Models Generative Adversarial Networks & Co		Pen & Paper GAN
11	30.04.	Generative Models III: Autoregressive Models PixelCNN, PixelRNN, WaveNet, Stochastic RNNs		Pen & Paper Autoregressive VAE
12	7.05.	Applications Hands & Full body, Eyes		
13	14.05.	Reinforcement Learning I		Pen & Paper RL
14	21.05.	-- No Class (Ascension Day) --		
15	28.05.	Reinforcement Learning II		

60% Final 40% project

Next week

What functions can neural networks represent?

- Universal approximation theorem

And how do we train them?

- Backprop algorithm