



Model Representation I

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

Visually, a simplistic representation looks like:

$$[x_0 x_1 x_2] \rightarrow [\] \rightarrow h_{\theta}(x)$$

Our input nodes (layer 1), also known as the "input layer", go into another node (layer 2), which performs 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:

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

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

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

This is saying that we compute our activation nodes by using a 3x4 matrix of parameters. We apply these parameters to our inputs to obtain the value for one activation node. Our hypothesis output is then computed using the activation nodes.