From logistic regression to neural networks

Binary classification problems

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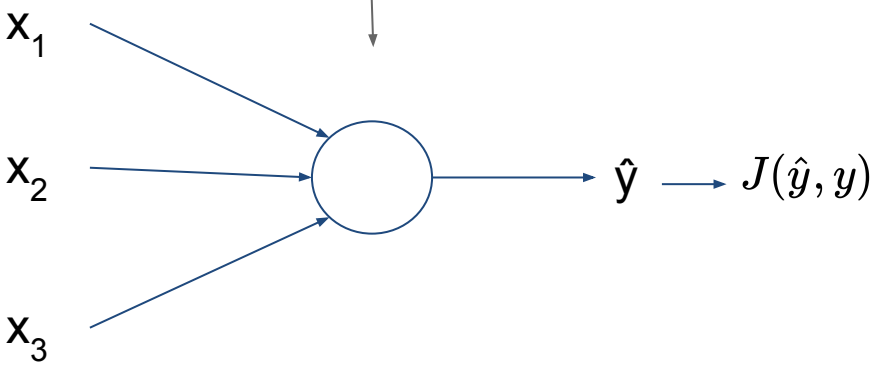
Logistic regression as a neural network

$$z = w \cdot x + b \longrightarrow \hat{y} = \sigma(z)$$



- input variables (features): x1, x2, x3
- calculations in the unit/neuron
- forward and back propagation
- this is just one single neuron!

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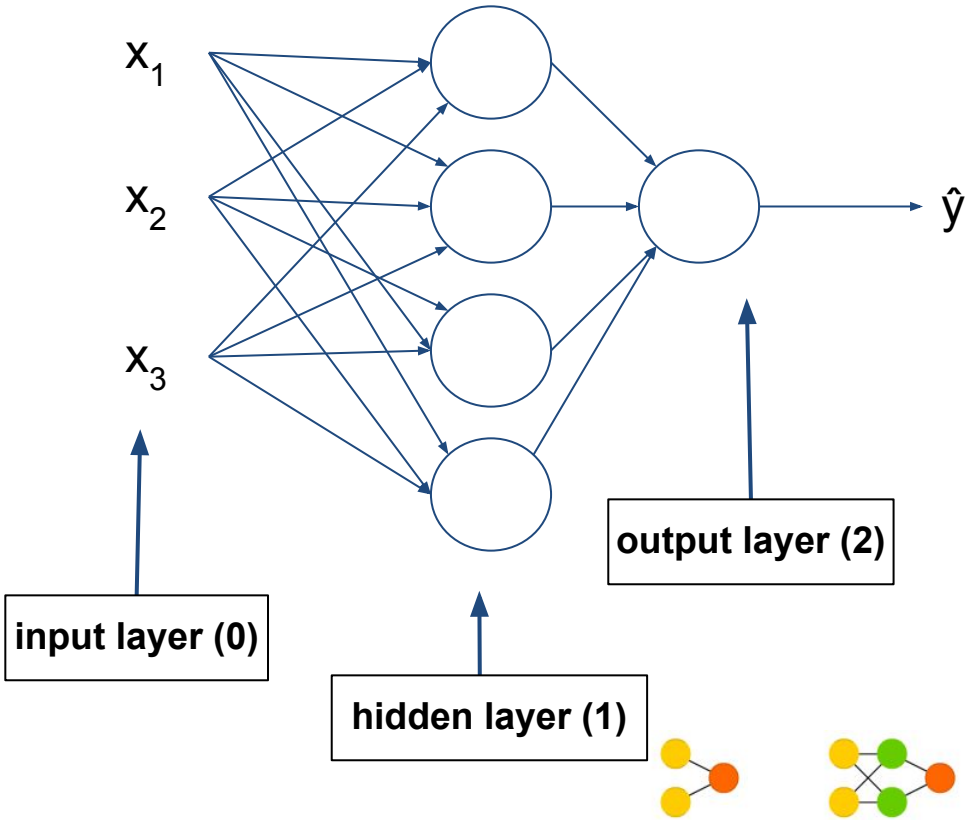

- <u>two layers</u>:
  - **1 hidden layer, 4 nodes**
  - **1 output layer, 1 node**
- logistic regression is performed in each node
- each node in the hidden layer receives all input variables
- the node in the output layer receives all outputs (**activations**) from the hidden layer nodes

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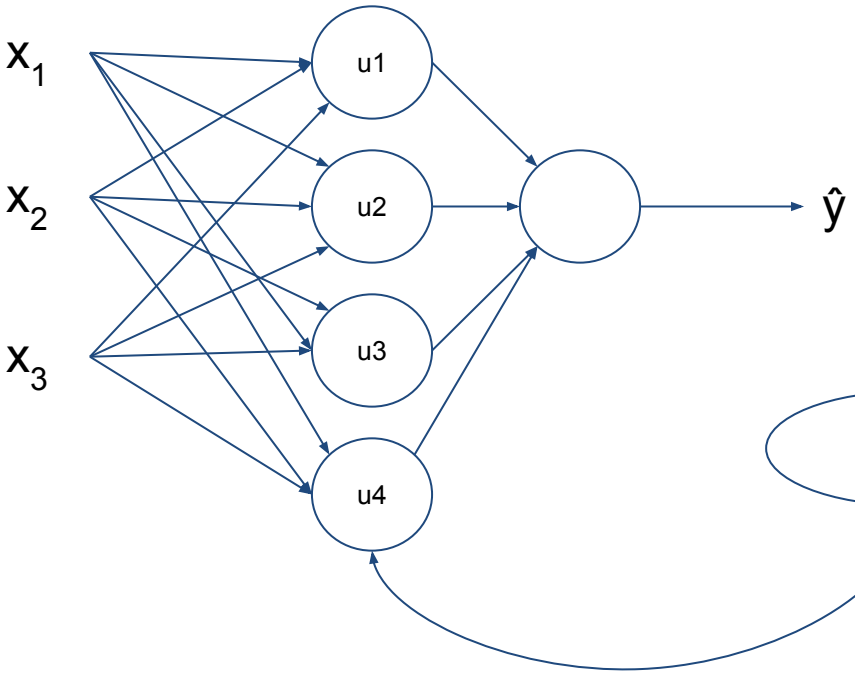

n observations, **m** features, **u** units

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$$\mathbf{A}^{[1]}_{(n,u)} = \sigma(\mathbf{Z}^{[1]})$$

original input data matrix **X**

A for activation (output of the hidden layer)

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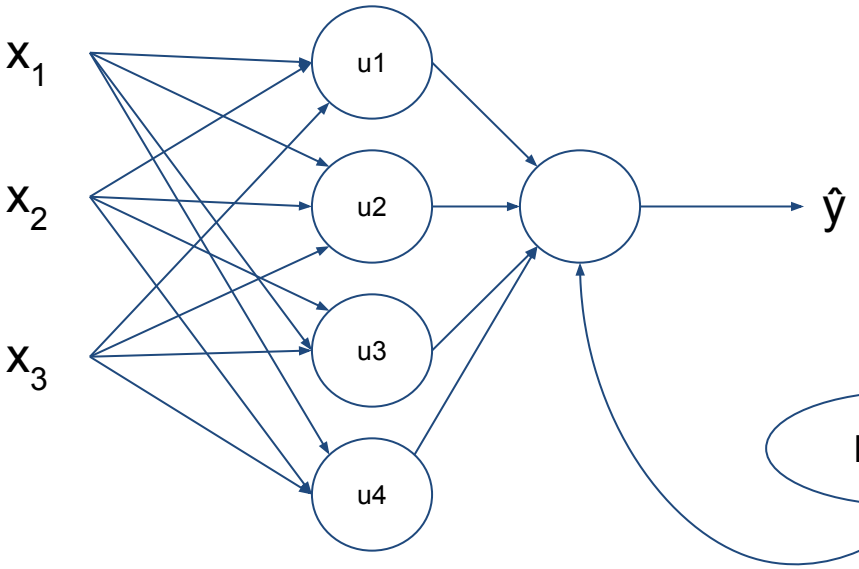

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$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(n,1)} = \sigma(\mathbf{Z}^{[2]})$$

Take away messages

- You can build a neural network (NN) for binary classification
- NNs are logistic regression repeated several times! → n. of nodes/units, n. of layers
- probably a bit of an overkill to use NNs in place of a simple logistic regression model → used for illustration
- however, when you have many observations and many features (big data), NN will do the job

Let’s go deep

From NNs to deep learning

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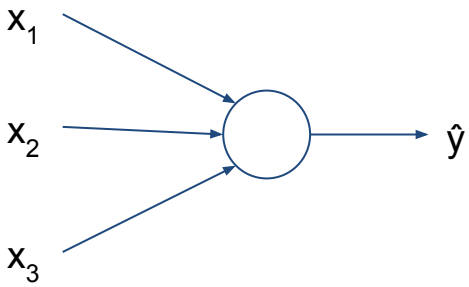
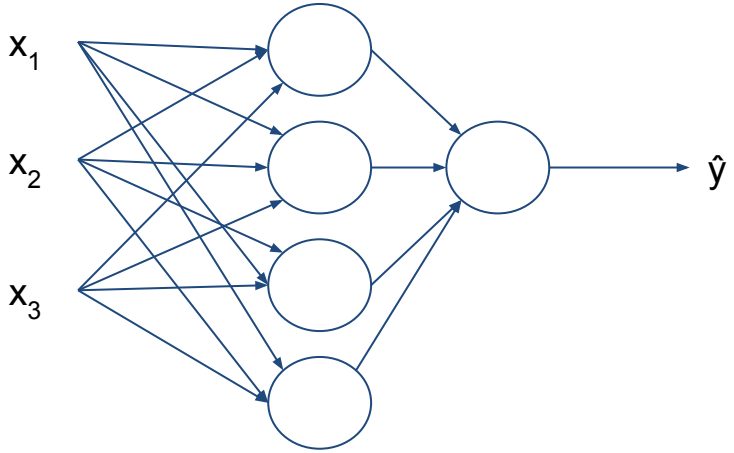


logistic regression
(1 layer)



shallow NN
(2 layers)

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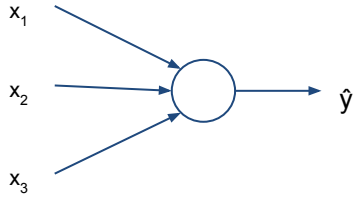

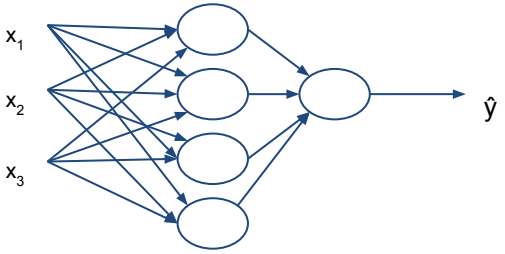

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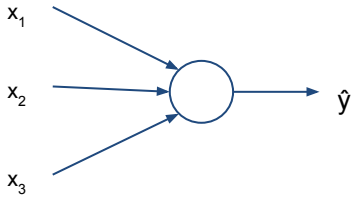
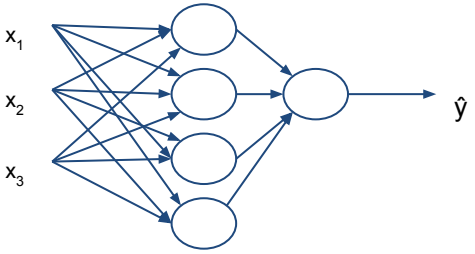
- however, when you go deep (more layers), the magic gets back in the play!





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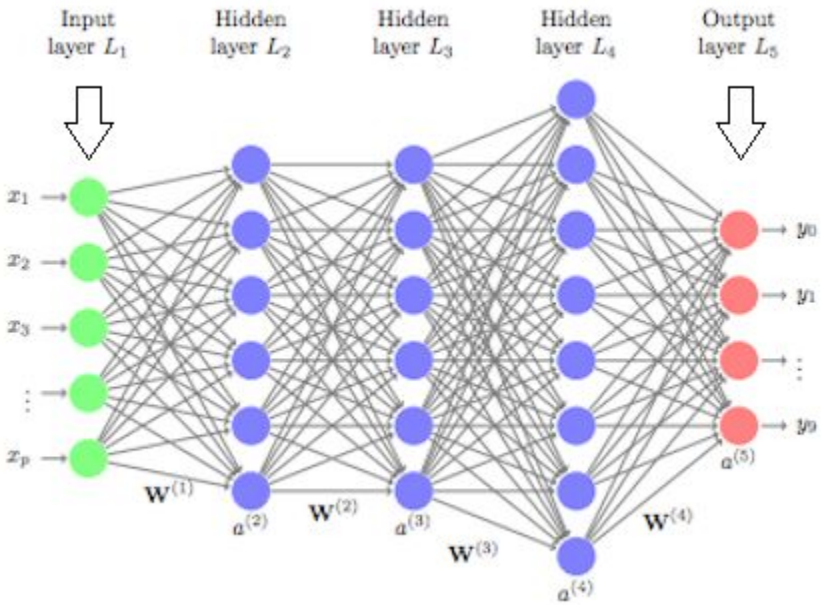

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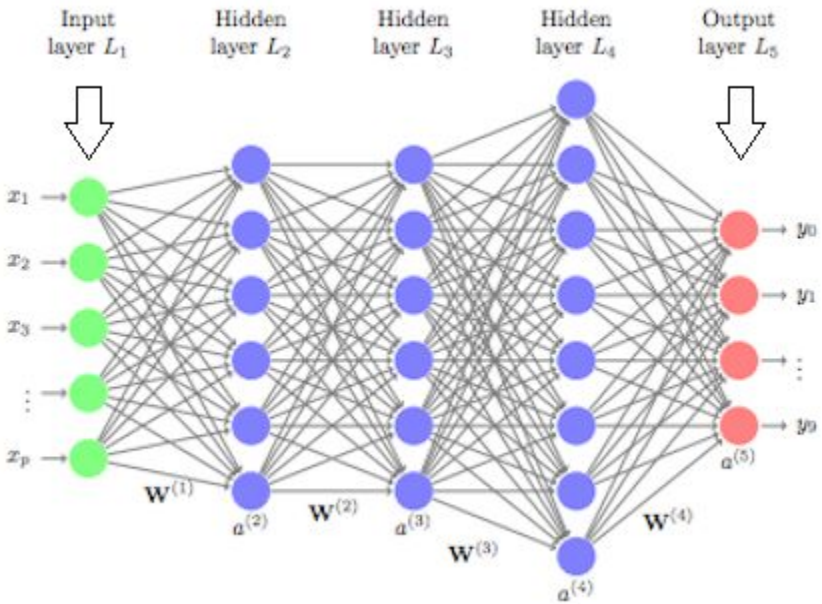
Layers matter!



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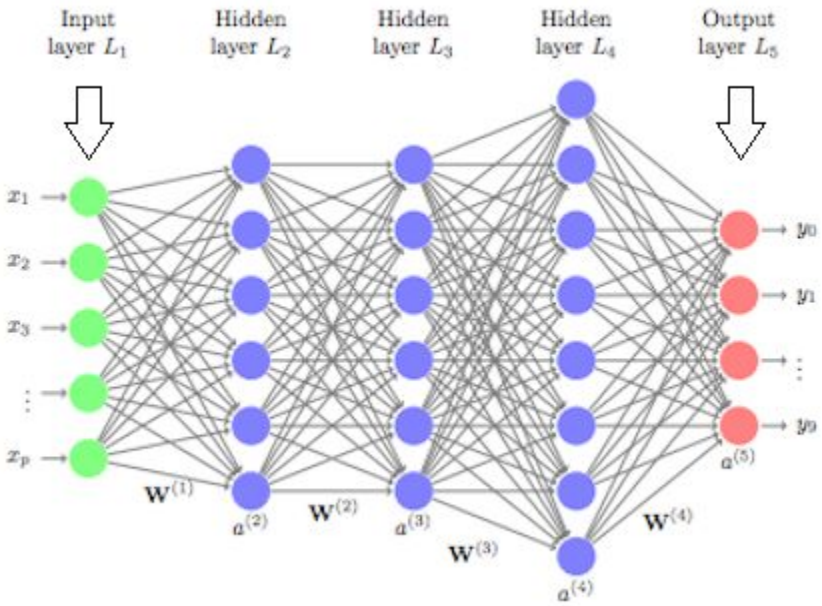
- 4 layers (“deep” NN)
- n. of layers in a deep learning model: hyperparameter to tune (one of many)
- research in the AI/machine learning communities has shown that there are functions that deep NN can learn which can not be learnt by shallower models

Forward propagation



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- L: n. of layers (l in 1 to L)
- X: matrix of input features → $A^{[0]}$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{Z}^{[l]} = \mathbf{A}^{[l-1]} \cdot \mathbf{W}'^{[l]} + \mathbf{b}^{[l]} \\ \mathbf{A}^{[l]} = g^{[l]}(\mathbf{Z}^{[l]}) \end{cases}$$

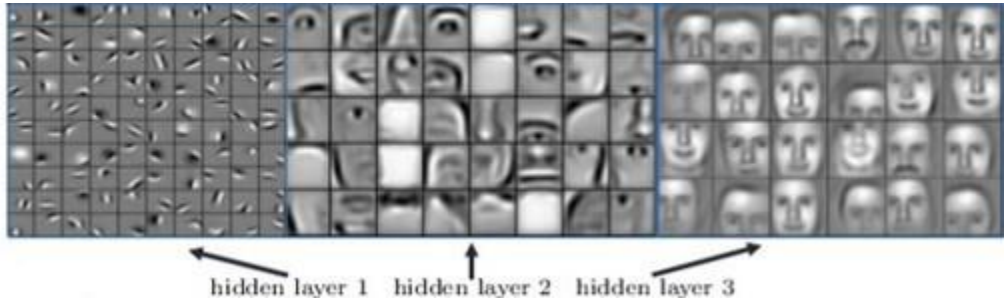
- for each layer
- iterate over n. of layers (unavoidable for loop)

Compositional representation

- why do deep NNs work better?
- **each layer** focuses on **one representation** of the data
- representations are then **combined** to get the final result → **compositional representation**

Simplified example from face recognition:

- Layer 1 → edges
- Layer 2 → pieces of faces
- Layer 3 → contours



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Compositional representation

- works also with other types of data
- e.g. speech recognition: i) high/low soundwaves; ii) combinations of soundwaves into phonemes; iii) combination of phonemes into words; iv) from words to sentences
- relatively simple functions of the input data in the first layers → **progressively more complex functions** of the data in the later layers

Depth vs width

- deep learning works by stacking together multiple (many) hidden layers with relatively few nodes
- alternatively, one could use a shallow but very wide (many nodes) neural network
- **depth is more efficient than width**: shallow NN require exponentially more hidden units (nodes) compared to deep NN:
    - e.g.: XOR of x features (x_1 XOR x_2 XOR … XOR x_n)
    - deep NN → O(log(n))
    - wide NN → $O(2^n)$

Hyperparameters

- we saw that there are many ingredients that make up a deep learning model (and many still yet to come) → deep learning has **many hyperparameters**:
  - learning rate α
  - n. of hidden layers
  - n. of nodes (total, each layer)
  - activation function
  - and many more (mini-batch size, NN architecture, regularization etc.)
- to be fine-tuned (→ cross-validation)

Neural networks models

- demonstration 04b

→ code_04b_keras_shallow_neural_networks.ipynb