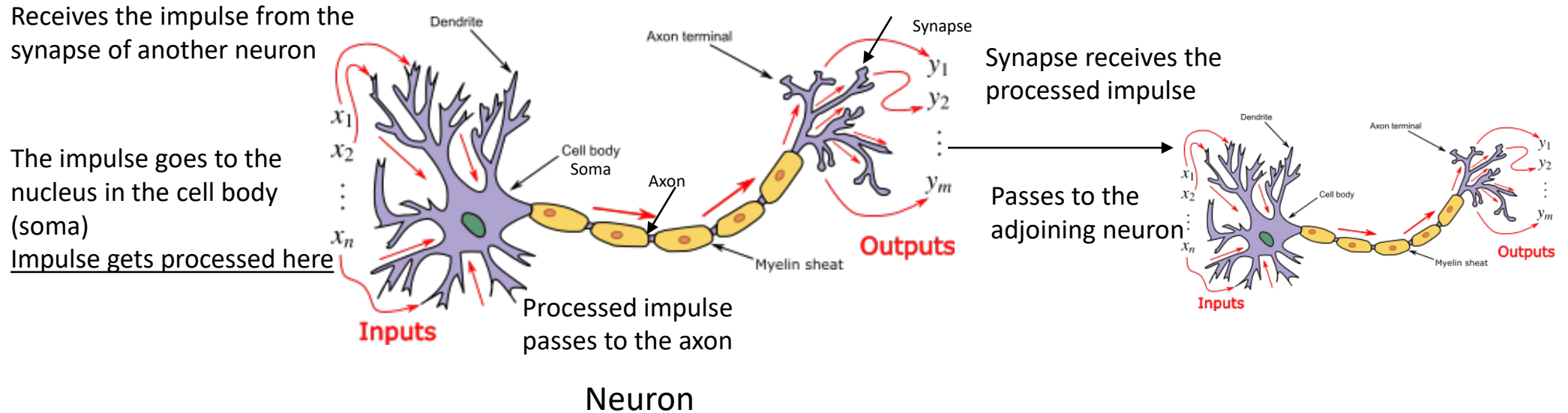


# Nonlinear Models (Neural Networks)

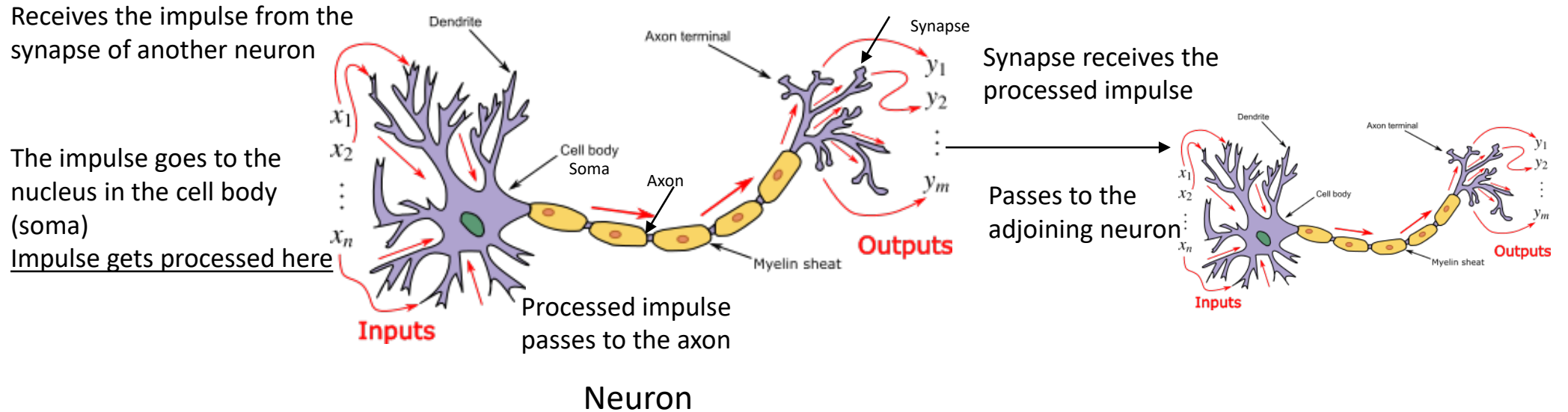
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# Biological Neural Networks



- Human brain has a net of neurons (neural networks) – between 14 and 16 billion neurons in cerebral cortex
- Neurons are responsible for transmitting and processing information that we receive from our senses
- Dendrites: receive the information
- Synapses: transmit the processed information
- Soma (cell body) processes the impulses from dendrites and sends the processed impulse to the axon
- Axon: conducting structure through which the processed information is passed

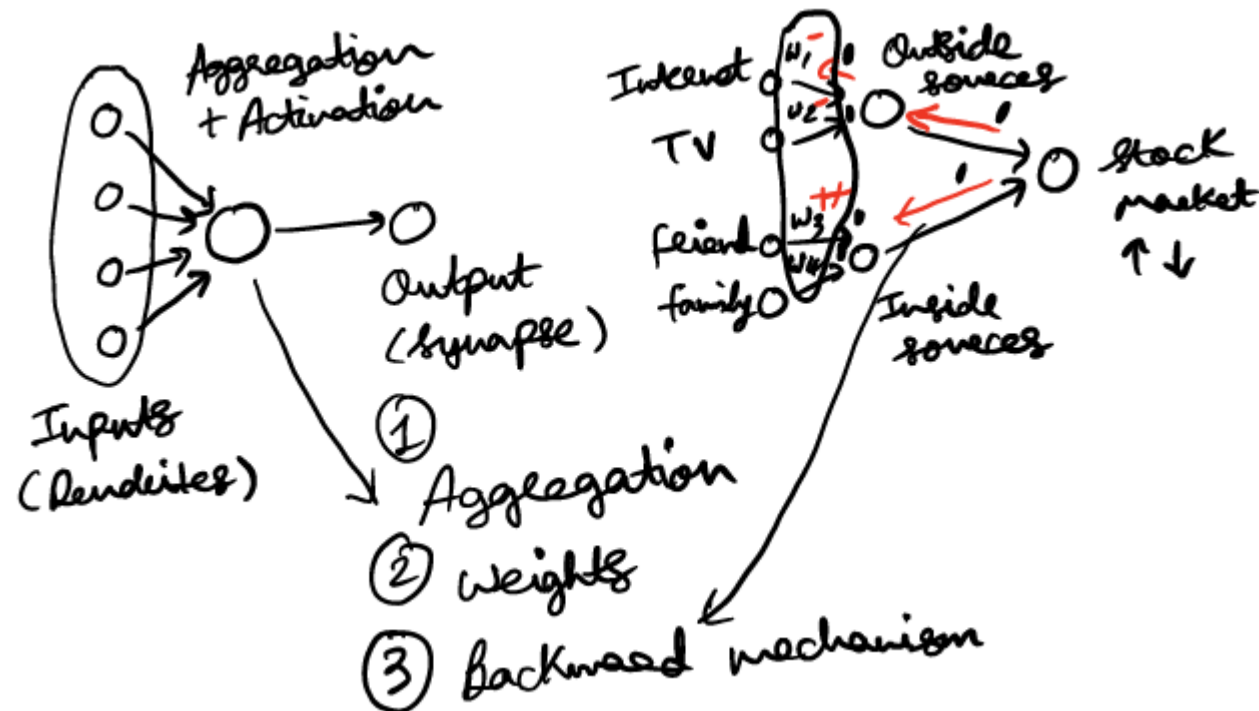
# Biological Neural Networks



- Some impulses are more important than others and can trigger a neuron to fire easier
- In reality, there is no physical connection between neurons – chemicals are used to communicate the signals (impulses) from synapses to dendrites among neurons
- One neuron is connected to an adjoining neuron at either the entry or exit point(s)
- The neural networks learn patterns (which neurons to fire and the magnitude of signals) and create memories in our brain

# Biological Neural Networks: An Example

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# Linear Regression: Predict House Prices

Response Variable

Predictor Variables

New Representation



House Price



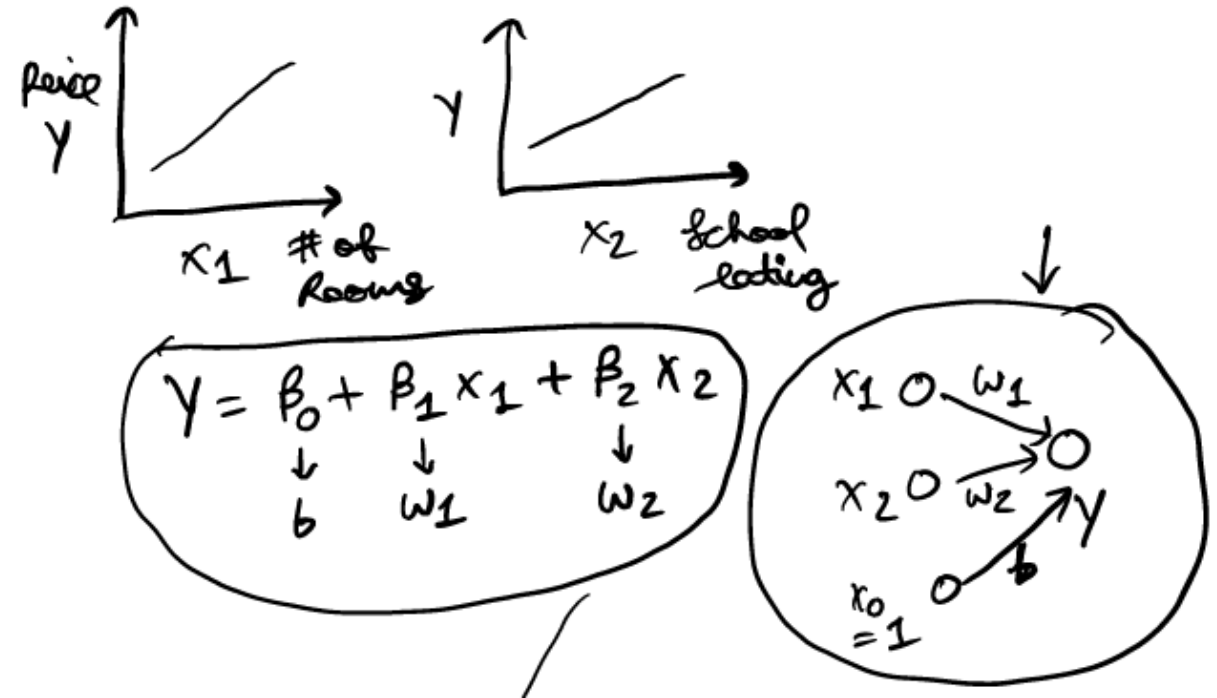
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integer values (1-10)



Number of Rooms

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# Add New Predictors: Mimic a Neural Network

## Response Variable Predictor Variables



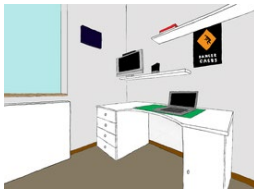
House Price



Crime Rate  
value between 0 and 1



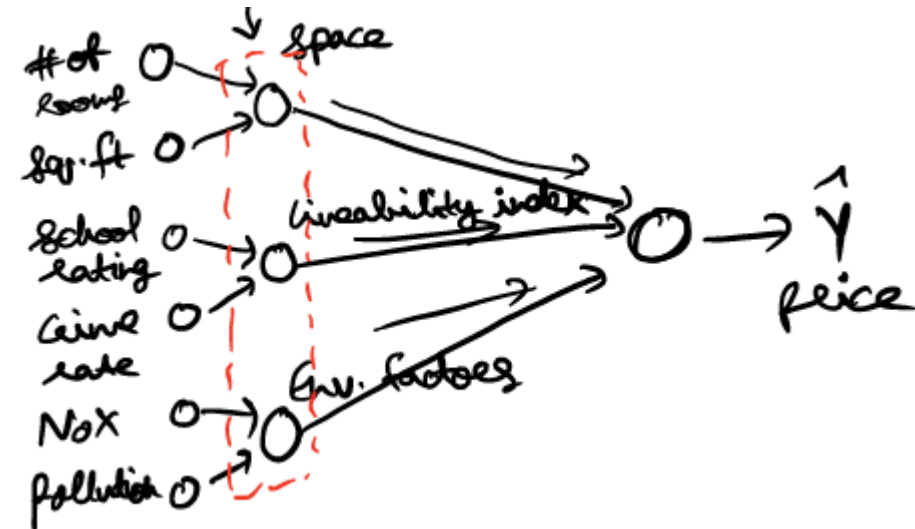
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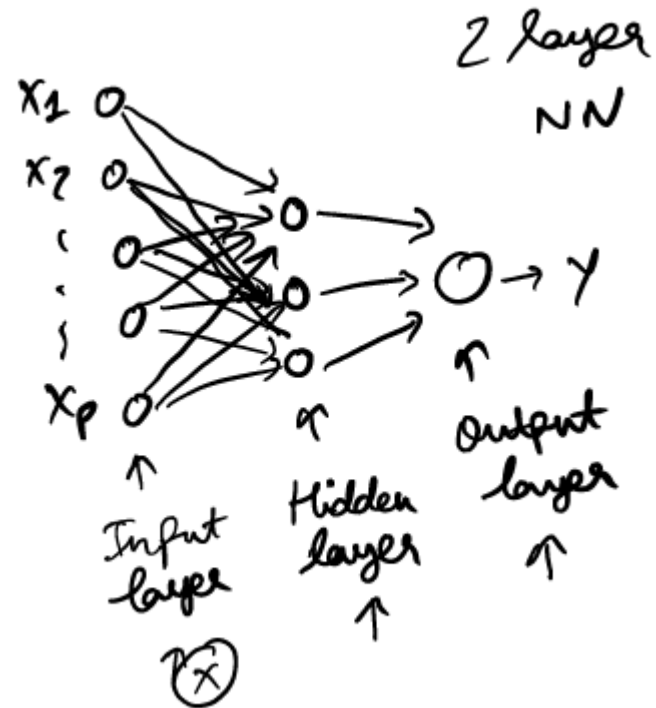
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Concentration  
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# Generalized Representation of Neural Networks

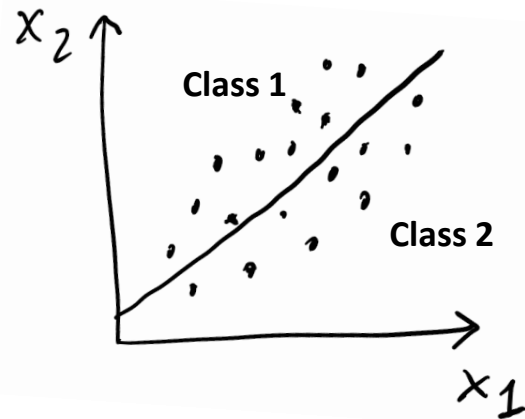
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Also, called a Feedforward Neural Network

# Classification

- The objective in classification is to predict a qualitative (categorical or nominal) response outcome, given a set of predictor variable values



- To construct a classifier, we partition the sample space of possible values of  $X$  into **non-overlapping** regions
- We give each region a predicted class

- Can we use Linear Regression to create a two-class classifier?
  - If there are only 2 possible outcomes for the response variable, we can assign them as 0-1 and use OLS regression to fit a linear model and obtain a classification boundary (for e.g., class 1 if  $\hat{y} > 0.5$ )
  - The fitted OLS model:  $E(Y|x) = P(Y = 1|x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
  - The problem here is that unless  $\beta_1 = 0$ , the estimates of  $P(Y = 1|x)$  will be more than 1 for some values of  $x$



# Logistic Regression

- To counter the issue of some predicted probabilities going outside the range of [0,1] when using a linear function, we use the logistic function:

$$p(x) = \frac{e^{(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)}}{1 + e^{(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)}}$$

- For any values of the coefficients, positive, negative or 0,  $p(x)$  will belong to (0,1)

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# Estimating the Parameters

- How to estimate  $w$  and  $b$ ?
- Loss function: measures how well we predict  $\hat{y}$  with respect to the ground truth label  $y$  for each data point in the training set
- Cost function: measures how well the parameters  $w$  and  $b$  are doing on the entire training set (with respect to the model fit)

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# Gradient Descent

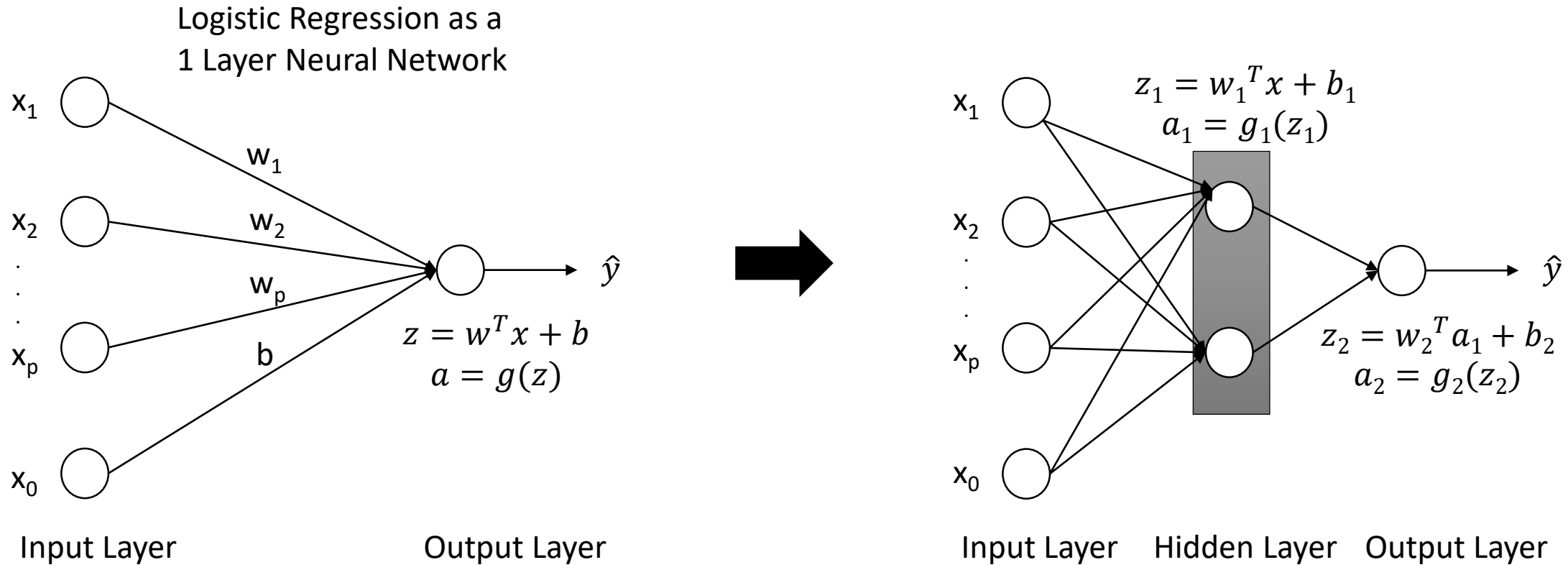
- How to train the model?

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# Forward Pass and Backward Pass

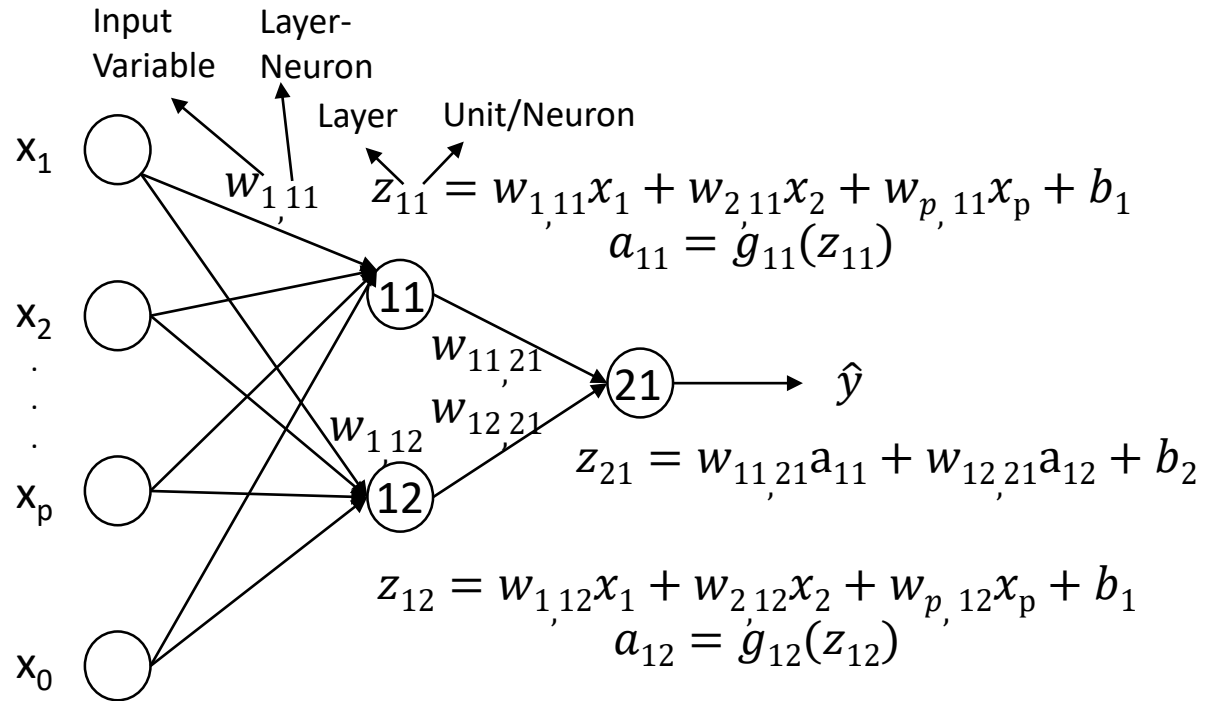
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# Representation of Neural Networks



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# Linear Activation Function



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# Regression Problem: Using a Neural Network

**Response Variable**   **Predictor Variables**



House Price



Crime Rate

value between 0 and 1



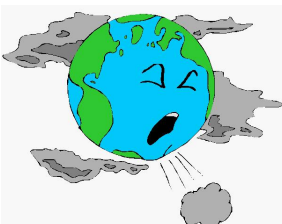
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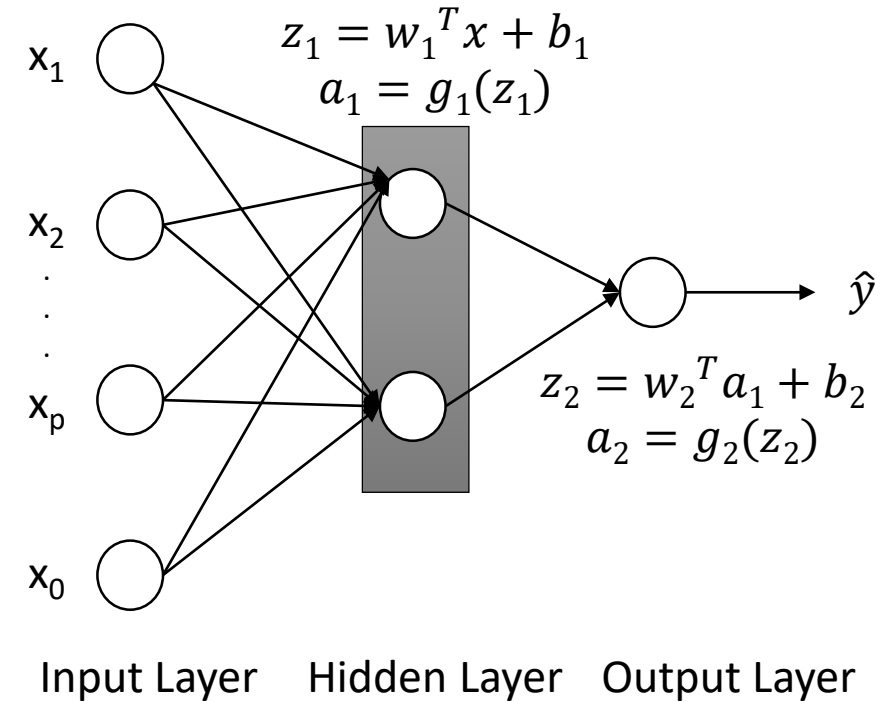
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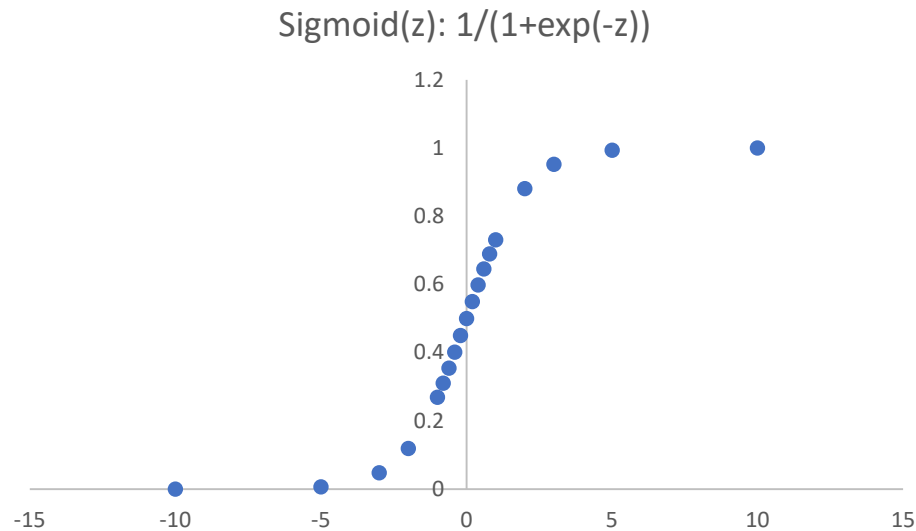
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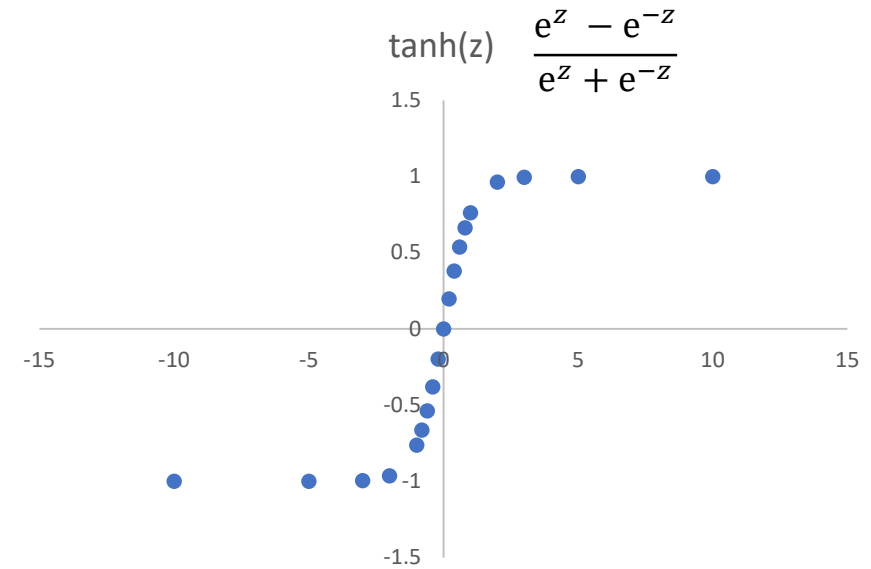


# Other Activation Functions

| z    | $1/(1+\exp(-z))$ |
|------|------------------|
| -0.2 | 0.450166003      |
| -0.4 | 0.40131234       |
| -0.6 | 0.354343694      |
| -0.8 | 0.310025519      |
| -1   | 0.268941421      |
| -2   | 0.119202922      |
| -3   | 0.047425873      |
| -5   | 0.006692851      |
| -10  | 4.53979E-05      |
| 0    | 0.5              |
| 0.2  | 0.549833997      |
| 0.4  | 0.59868766       |
| 0.6  | 0.645656306      |
| 0.8  | 0.689974481      |
| 1    | 0.731058579      |
| 2    | 0.880797078      |
| 3    | 0.952574127      |
| 5    | 0.993307149      |
| 10   | 0.999954602      |



| z    | $\tanh(z)$ |
|------|------------|
| -0.2 | -0.19738   |
| -0.4 | -0.37995   |
| -0.6 | -0.53705   |
| -0.8 | -0.66404   |
| -1   | -0.76159   |
| -2   | -0.96403   |
| -3   | -0.99505   |
| -5   | -0.99991   |
| -10  | -1         |
| 0    | 0          |
| 0.2  | 0.197375   |
| 0.4  | 0.379949   |
| 0.6  | 0.53705    |
| 0.8  | 0.664037   |
| 1    | 0.761594   |
| 2    | 0.964028   |
| 3    | 0.995055   |
| 5    | 0.999909   |
| 10   | 1          |

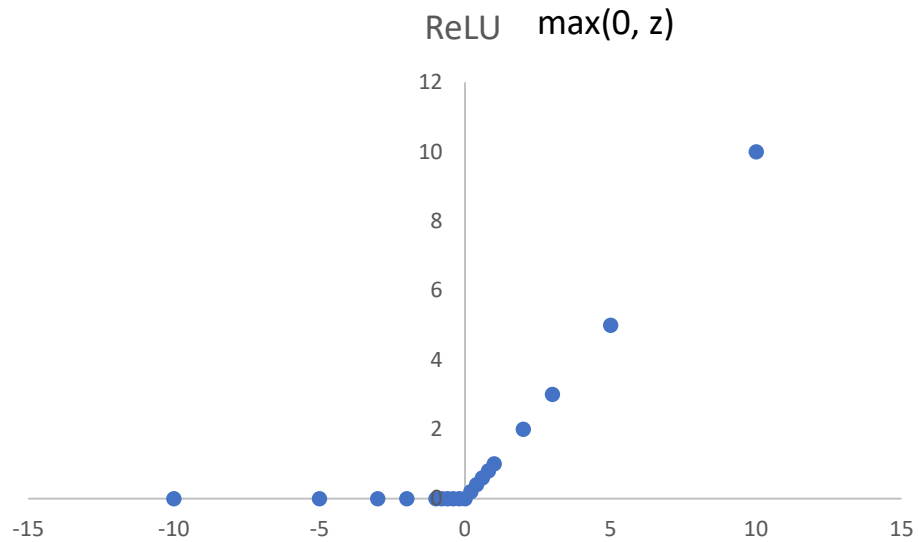


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# Other Activation Functions

| z    | ReLU |
|------|------|
| -0.2 | 0    |
| -0.4 | 0    |
| -0.6 | 0    |
| -0.8 | 0    |
| -1   | 0    |
| -2   | 0    |
| -3   | 0    |
| -5   | 0    |
| -10  | 0    |
| 0    | 0    |
| 0.2  | 0.2  |
| 0.4  | 0.4  |
| 0.6  | 0.6  |
| 0.8  | 0.8  |
| 1    | 1    |
| 2    | 2    |
| 3    | 3    |
| 5    | 5    |
| 10   | 10   |



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# Parameters and Hyperparameters

- Hyperparameter is a parameter whose value is set before the learning process begins
- Whereas the values of the other parameters are derived upon learning

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(List of parameters and hyperparameters in Neural Networks)

# Neural Networks (in Python)

Import the module

```
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPClassifier
```

For Regression - **MLPRegressor**

Create the model

```
model = MLPClassifier() #a list of parameters that can be passed
```

Optimizer: Adam  
(Adaptive Moment Estimation)

Fit the model (on training data)

```
model.fit(x_train, y_train)
```

Predict  $\hat{y}$  values for the test data

```
y_hat = model.predict(x_test)
```

Calculate the accuracy: First import the module:

```
from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix, accuracy_score  
confusion_matrix(y_test, y_hat)  
accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat)
```

Result from the final code execution  
from recorded lecture (#19):  
NN\_Class\_Example\_2 (regression)

```
y_pred_NN = grid_search.predict(x_training_set)
```

```
mse_grid = mean_squared_error(y_training_set, y_pred_NN)
```

```
mse_grid
```

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6.726265279232006
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