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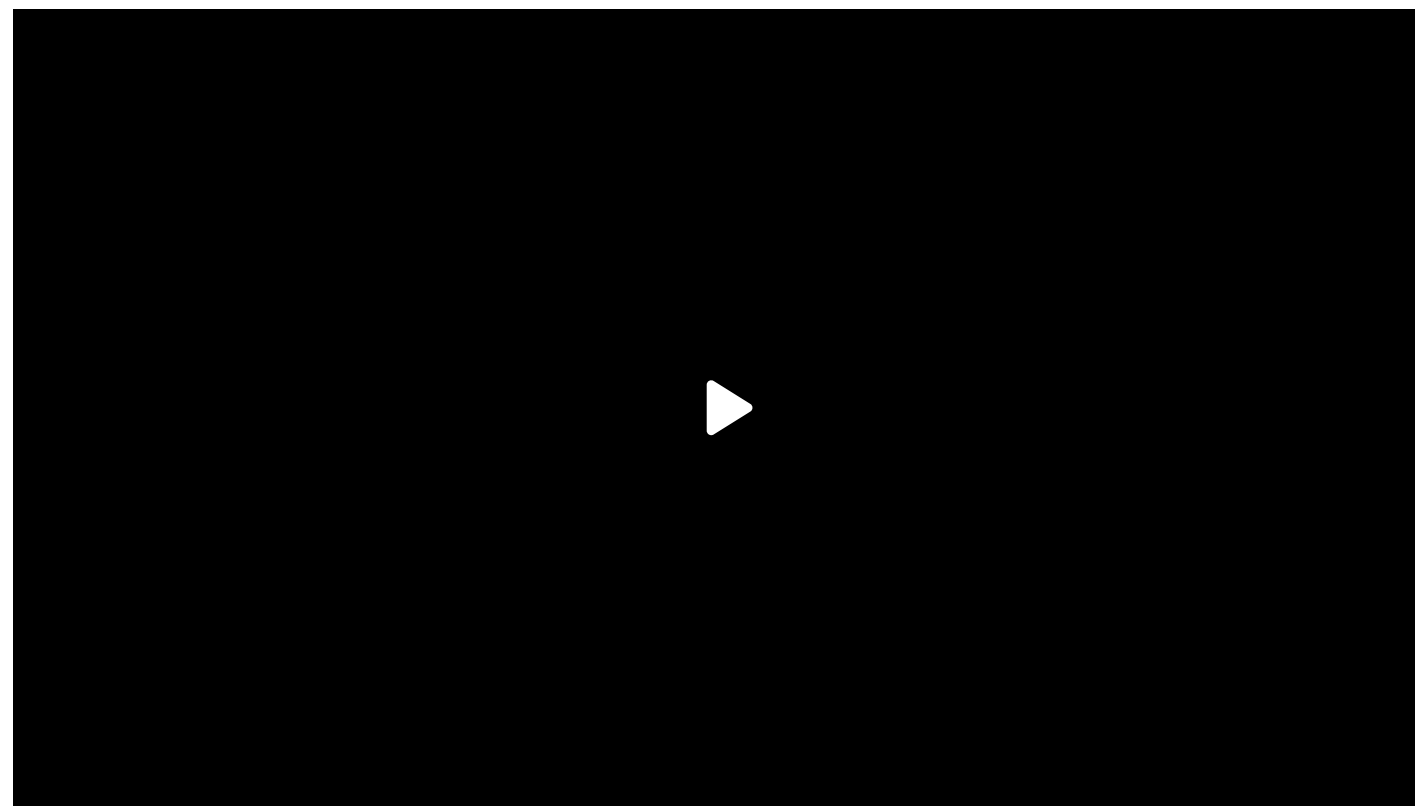
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## 4. Neural Network Units

### Neural Network Units



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And that calculation is mediated by parameters  $w$ .

So we will try to connect these boxes, whatever the computation is inside.

It is parameterized by  $w$ .

And that computation is affected by  $w$ .

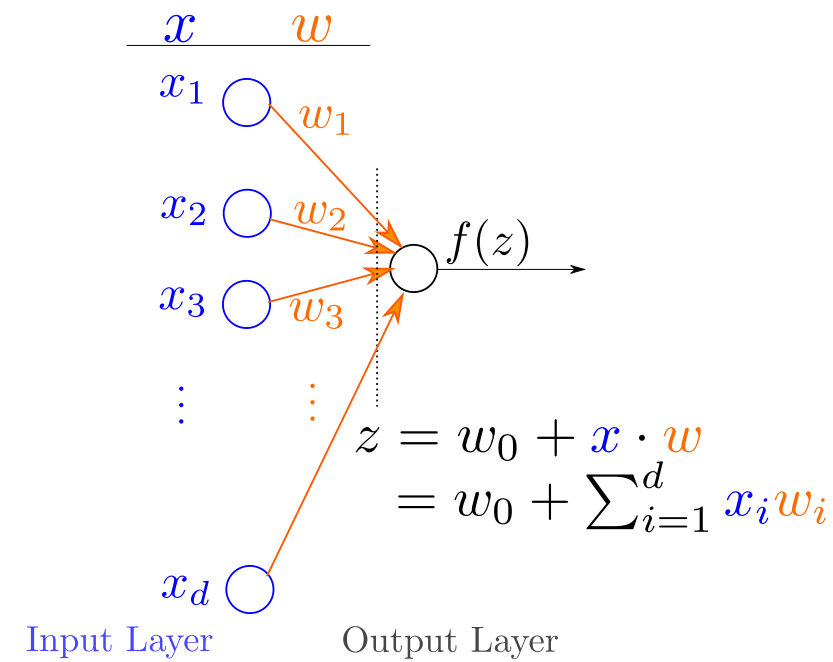
So we can learn the parameters of the  $w$ , such that this unit, in the context of the whole network,

will then function appropriately.

And we will get back to that learning

**problem in a little bit.**

A **neural network unit** is a primitive neural network that consists of only the “input layer”, and an output layer with only one output. It is represented pictorially as follows:



A neural network unit computes a non-linear weighted combination of its input:

$$\hat{y} = f(z) \quad \text{where } z = w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^d x_i w_i$$

where  $w_i$  are numbers called **weights**,  $z$  is a number and is the weighted sum of the inputs  $x_i$ , and  $f$  is generally a non-linear function called the **activation function**.

The above equation in vector form is:

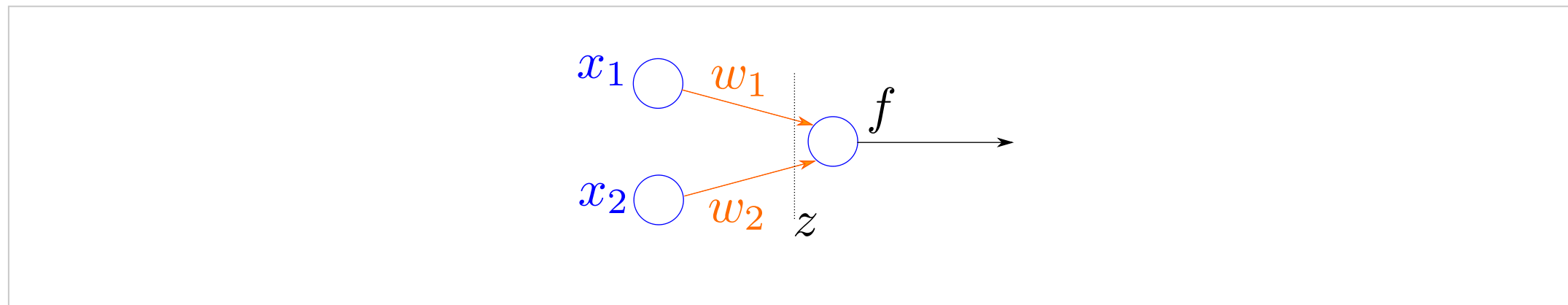
$$\hat{y} = f(z) \quad \text{where } z = w_0 + \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{w},$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_d]^T$  and  $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, \dots, w_d]^T$ .

## Numerical Example - Neural Network Unit

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In this problem, you will compute the output  $\hat{y} = f(z)$  in the following neural network unit with 2 inputs  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .



Let

$$\begin{aligned} x &= [1, 0] \\ w_0 &= -3 \\ w &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

First, compute  $z$ .

$$z = \boxed{-2} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } -2$$

The **rectified linear function (ReLU)** is defined as:

$$f(z) = \max\{0, z\}.$$

Using the ReLU function as the activation function  $f(z)$ , compute  $\hat{y}$ :

$$\hat{y} = \boxed{0} \quad \checkmark \text{ Answer: } 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} x &= [1, 0] \\ w_0 &= [-3] \\ w &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ x \cdot w &= [1, 0] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$x \cdot w = 1$$

$$x \cdot w + w_0 = 1 - 3$$

$$x \cdot w + w_0 = -2$$

$$\text{ReLU}(x \cdot w + w_0) = \text{ReLU}(-2)$$

$$\text{ReLU}(x \cdot w + w_0) = \max(0, -2)$$

$$\text{ReLU}(x \cdot w + w_0) = 0$$

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## Hyperbolic Tangent Activation Function

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In this problem, we will recall and refamiliarize ourselves with hyperbolic tangent function, which is commonly used as an activation function in a neural network.

Recall the **hyperbolic tangent function** is defined as

$$\tanh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} = 1 - \frac{2}{e^{2z} + 1}.$$

What is the domain of  $\tanh(z)$ , i.e. for what values of  $z$  is  $\tanh(z)$  defined?

☐ The set of two numbers  $\{-1, 1\}$

☐ the interval  $(-1, 1)$

☒ All real numbers ✓

Find  $\tanh(0)$ . (Enter  for  $e$ .)

$\tanh(0) =$

✓ Answer: 0

Is  $\tanh$  odd, even, or neither?

☒ odd ✓

☐ even

☐ neither

What is the range of  $\tanh$ ? Answer by giving a greatest lower bound, and a smallest upper bound of the set of all possible values of  $\tanh(z)$ .

Greatest lower bound:  ✓ Answer: -1

Lowest upper bound:  ✓ Answer: 1

**Solution:**

Observe that  $\tanh$  is an odd function since  $\tanh(-z) = -\tanh(z)$ . Hence  $\tanh(0) = 0$ . Since  $\tanh$  is a strictly increasing function:

$$\frac{d \tanh(z)}{dz} = \frac{d}{dz} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{e^{2z} + 1} \right) = \frac{4e^{2z}}{(e^{2z} + 1)^2} > 0,$$

the greatest lower bound (or infimum), and the lower upper bound (or supremum) are given by the limits

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \tanh(z) = 1 - \frac{2}{(\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} e^{2z}) + 1} = -1$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow +\infty} \tanh(z) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

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