# Introduction to **Machine Learning and Data Mining**

(Học máy và Khai phá dữ liệu)

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#### Outline

- Introduction to Machine Learning & Data Mining
- Unsupervised learning
- Supervised learning
  - Artificial neural network
- Practical advice

## Artificial neural network: introduction (1)

- Artificial neural network (ANN) (mang noron nhân tạo)
  - Simulates the biological neural systems (human brain)
  - ANN is a structure/network made of interconnection of artificial neurons
- Neuron
  - Has input/output
  - Executes a local calculation (local function)
- Output of a neuron is charactorized by
  - In/out characteristics
  - Connections between it and other neurons
  - (Possible) other inputs



#### Artificial neural network: introduction (2)

- ANN can be thought of as a highly decentralized and parallel information processing structure
- ANN has the ability to learn, recall and generalize from the training data
- The ability of an ANN depends on
  - Network architecture
  - Input/output characteristics
  - Learning algorithm
  - Training data

## ANN: a huge breakthrough

- AlphaGo of Google the world champion at Go, 3/2016
  - Go is a 2500 year-old game.
  - Go is one of the most complex games
- AlphaGo learns from 30 millions human moves, and plays itself to find new moves



It beat Lee Sedol (World champion)

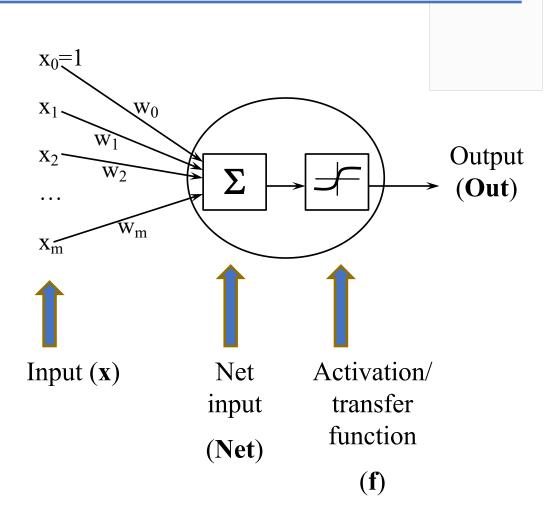
http://www.wired.com/2016/03/two-move future/

http://www.nature.com/news/google-ai-alogo-1.19234



#### Structure of a neuron

- Input signals of a neuron  $\{x_i, i = 1 \dots m\}$ 
  - Each input signal x<sub>i</sub> is associated with a weight w<sub>i</sub>
- Bias  $w_0$  (with  $x_0 = 1$ )
- Net input is a combination of the input signals Net(w, x)
- Activation/transfer function
   f(·) computes the output of a neuron
- Output  $Out = f(Net(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}))$

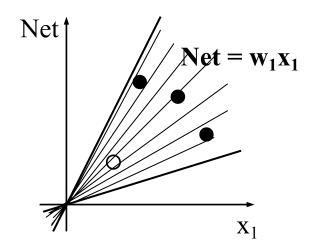


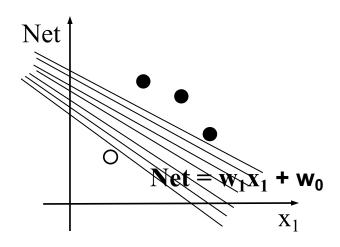
#### Net Input

Net input is usually calculated by a function of linear form

$$Net = w_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_m x_m = w_0.1 + \sum_{i=1}^m w_i x_i = \sum_{i=0}^m w_i x_i$$

- Role of bias:
  - Net= $w_1x_1$  may not separate well the classes
  - Net= $w_1x_1+w_0$  is able to do better





Net

#### Activation function: hard-limited

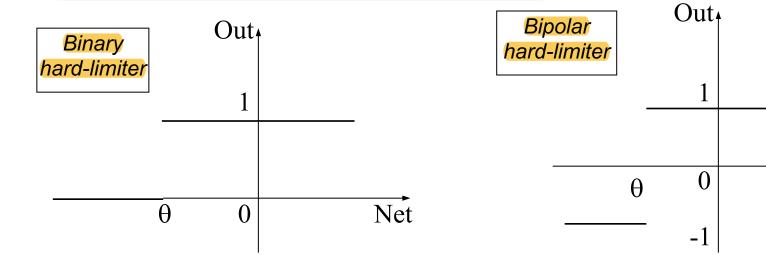
Also know as a threshold function

 $Out(Net) = HL(Net, \theta) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } Net \ge \theta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

The output takes one of the two values

$$Out(Net) = HL2(Net, \theta) = sign(Net, \theta)$$

- lacksquare is the threshold value
- Properties: discontinuous, non-smoothed (không trơn)



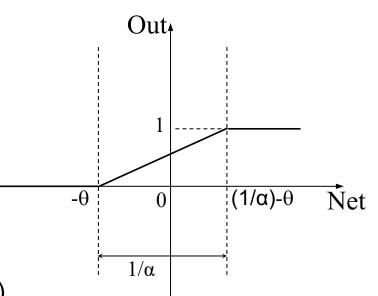
## Activation function: threshold logic

$$Out(Net) = tl(Net, \alpha, \theta) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if} & Net < -\theta \\ \alpha(Net + \theta), & \text{if} -\theta \le Net \le \frac{1}{\alpha} - \theta \\ 1, & \text{if} & Net > \frac{1}{\alpha} - \theta \end{cases}$$

$$= \max(0, \min(1, \alpha(Net + \theta)))$$

$$(\alpha > 0)$$

- Also known as a saturating linear function
- Combination of 2 activation functions: linear and tight limits
- α determines the slope of the linear range
- Properties: continuous,
   non-smoothed (liên tục, nhưng không trơn)



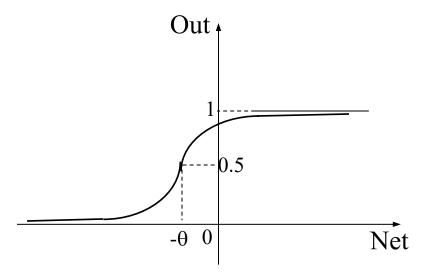
## Activation function: Sigmoid

$$Out(Net) = sf(Net, \alpha, \theta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\alpha(Net + \theta)}}$$

- Popular
- The parameter α determines the slope
- Output in the range of 0 and 1

#### Advantages

- Continuous, smoothed
- Gradient of a sigmoid function is represented by a function of itself



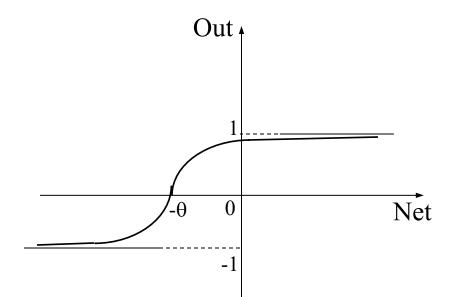
#### Activation function: Hyperbolic tangent

$$Out(Net) = \tanh(Net, \alpha, \theta) = \frac{1 - e^{-\alpha(Net + \theta)}}{1 + e^{-\alpha(Net + \theta)}} = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-\alpha(Net + \theta)}} - 1$$

- Popular
- The parameter α determines the slope
- Output in the range of -1 and 1
- Advantages



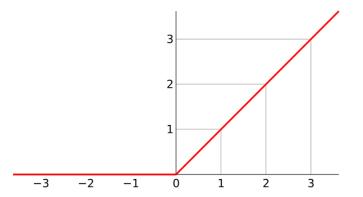
Gradient of a tanh function is represented by a function of itself



## Act. function: Rectified linear unit (ReLU)

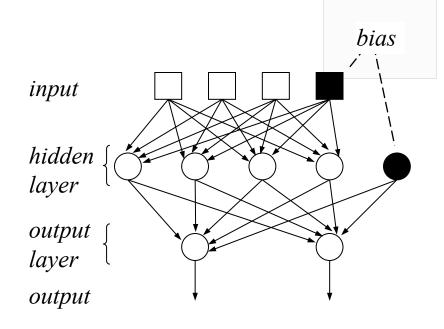
$$Out(net) = \max(0, net)$$

- Most popular
- Output is non-negative
- Advantages
  - Continuous
  - No derivative at point 0
  - Easy to calculate



## ANN: Architecture (1)

- ANN's architecture is determined by
  - Number of input and output signals
  - Number of layers
  - Number of neurons in each layer
  - Number of connection for each neuron
  - How neurons (with in a layer, or between layers) are connected
- An ANN must have
  - An input layer
  - An output layer
  - No, single, or multiple hidden layers

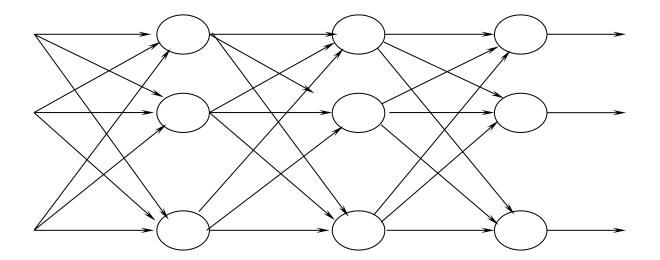


E.g: An ANN with single hidden layer

- Input: 3 signals
- Output: 2 signals
- Total, have 6 neurons
  - 4 neurons at hidden layer
  - 2 neurons at output layer

#### ANN: Architecture (2)

- A layer (tầng) contains a set of neurons
- Hidden layer (tầng ẩn) is a layer between input layer and output layer
- Hidden nodes do not interact directly with external environment of the neural network
- An ANN is called a fully connected if outputs of a layer are connected to all neurons of the next layer

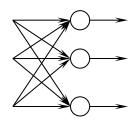


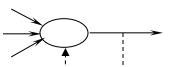
## ANN: Architecture (3)

- An ANN is called a feed-forward network (mang lan truyền tiến) if there is not any output of a node being input of another node of the same layer or a previous layer
- When the output of a node is the input of the node the same layer or a previous layer, it is called a feedback network (mang phan hồi)
  - If feedback connects to the input of nodes of the same layer, then it is called a lateral feedback.
- Feedback networks with closed loops are called recurrent networks (mang hoi quy)

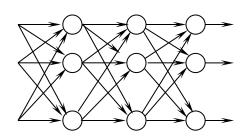
#### ANN: Architecture (4)

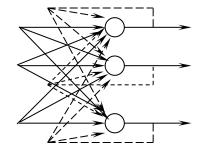
Feed-forward network





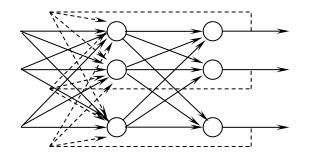
A neuron with feedback to itself





Recurrent network with single layer

Feed-forward network with multiple layers



Recurrent network with multiple layers

#### **ANN: Training**

- 2 types of learning in ANNs
  - Parameter learning: The goal is to adapt the weights of the connections in the ANN, given a fixed network structure
  - Structure learning: The goal is to learn the network structure, including the number of neurons and the types of connections between them, and the weights



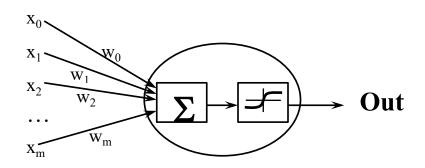
- Those two types can be done simultaneously or separately
- In this lecture, we will only consider parameter learning

#### ANN: Idea for training

- Training a neural network (when fixing the architecture) is learning the weights w of the network from training data D
- Learning can be done by minimizing an empirical error function

$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{D}|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{D}} loss(d_{\mathbf{x}}, out(\mathbf{x}))$$

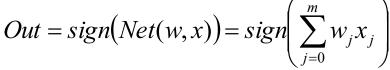
- Where out( $\mathbf{x}$ ) is the output of the network, with the input  $\mathbf{x}$  labeled accordingly as  $d_x$ ; loss is a function for measuring prediction error
- Many gradient-based methods:
  - Backpropagation
  - Stochastic gradient decent (SGD)
  - Adam
  - AdaGrad



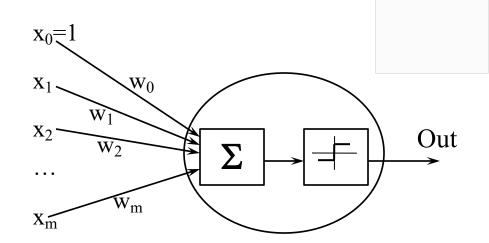
#### Perceptron

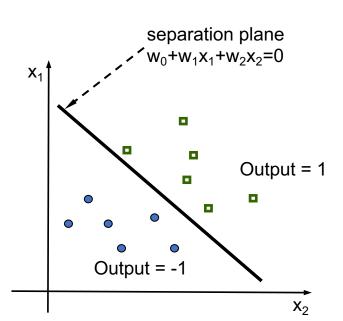
- A perceptron is the simplest type of ANNs (consists of only one neuron).
- Use the hard-limited activation function

$$Out = sign(Net(w, x)) = sign\left(\sum_{j=0}^{m} w_j x_j\right)$$



- For input x, the output value of perceptron
  - 1 if Net(w,x)>0
  - -1 otherwise





#### Perceptron: Algorithm

- Training data D = {(x, d)}
  - x is input vector
  - d is output (1 or -1)
- The goal of perceptron learning (training) process determines a weight vector that allows the perceptron to produce the correct output value (-1 or 1) for each data point
- For data point x correctly classified by perceptron, the weight vector w unchanged
- If d = 1 but the perceptron produces -1 (Out = -1), then w needs to be changed so that the value of Net (w, x) increases
- If d = -1 but the perceptron produces 1 (Out = 1), then w needs to be changed so that the value of Net (w, x) decreases

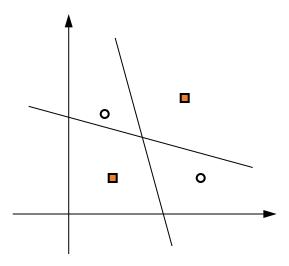
#### Perceptron: Algorithm

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Perceptron_batch(D, η)
Initialize \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}_i \leftarrow an initial (small) random value)
do
   \Lambda \mathbf{w} \leftarrow 0
   for each training instance (x,d)∈D
       Compute the real output value Out
       if (Out≠d)
           \Delta \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \Delta \mathbf{w} + \eta(d-Out)\mathbf{x}
   end for
   \mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \Delta \mathbf{w}
until all the training instances in D are correctly classified
return w
```

#### Perceptron: Limitation

- The training algorithm for perceptron is proved to converge if:
  - Data points are linearly separable
  - Use a learning rate η small enough
- The training algorithm for perceptron may not converge if data points are not linearly separable

A perceptron cannot classify correctly for this case!



#### Loss function

- Consider an ANN that has n output neurons
- For data point (x, d), the training error value caused by the (current) weight vector w:

$$E_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( d_i - Out_i \right)^2$$

Training error for the training data D is

$$E_D(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{|D|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in D} E_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{w})$$

#### Minimize errors with gradients

Gradient of E (denoted by ∇E) is a vector

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_N}\right)$$

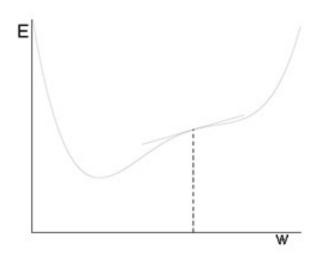
- where N is the total number of weights (connections) in the ANN
- The gradient ∇E determines the direction that causes the steepest increase for the error value E
- Therefore, the direction that causes the steepest decrease is opposite to the gradient of E

$$\Delta \mathbf{w} = -\eta . \nabla E(\mathbf{w}); \quad \Delta w_i = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} \text{ for } i = 1 \dots N$$

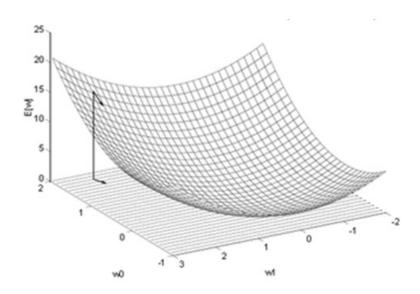
Requirement: all the activation functions must be smoothed

#### Gradient descent: Illustration

One-dimensional space E(w)



2-dimensional space  $E(w_1, w_2)$ 



#### Algorithm

```
Gradient_descent_incremental (D, η)
 Initialize \mathbf{w} (\mathbf{w}_i \leftarrow an initial (small) random value)
do
    for each training instance (x, d) ∈D
       Compute the network output
       for each weight component w<sub>i</sub>
           W_i \leftarrow W_i - \eta (\partial E_{\bullet}/\partial W_i)
       end for
    end for
 until (stopping criterion satisfied)
return w
Stopping criterion: epochs, threshold error, ...
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(mini-batch) randomly from **D** to update the weights, we will have mini-batch training.

#### Backpropagation algorithm

- A perceptron can only represent a linear function
- A multi-layer NN learned by the **Backpropagation** (BP) algorithm can represent a highly non-linear function
- The BP algorithm is used to learn the weights of an ANN
  - Fixed network structure (một cấu trúc mạng đã chọn trước)
  - For each neuron, the activation function must be differentiable
- The BP algorithm applies a gradient descent strategy to the rules for updating weights
  - To minimize errors between actual output values and desired output values, for training data

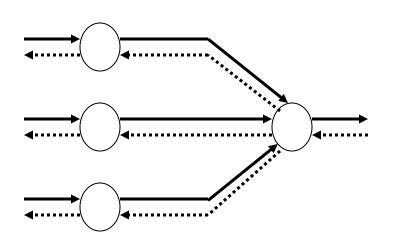
#### Backpropagation algorithm (1)

- Back propagation algorithm seeks a vector of weights that minimizes the net errors on the training data
- The BP algorithm consists of 2 phases:
  - Forward pass: The input signals (input vector) are forwarded from the input layer to the output layer (passing through hidden layers).

#### Error backward:

- Based on the desired output value of the input vector, calculate the error value
- From the output layer, the error value is backward-propagated across the network, from a layer to previous layer, to the input layer.
- Error back-propagation is executed by calculating (regressively) the local gradient values of each neuron

## Backpropagation algorithm (2)



#### Signal forward phase:

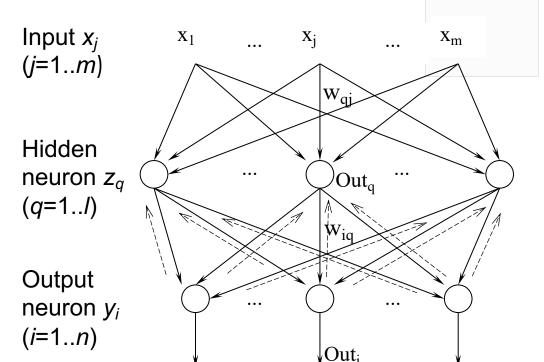
 Forward signals via the network

#### Error backward phase:

- Calculate the error at the output
- Error back-propagation

#### Network structure

- Consider the 3-layer neural network (in the figure) to illustrate the BP algorithm
- m input signals  $x_i$  (j=1..m)
- I hidden neurons  $z_q$  (q=1..I)
- n output neurons  $y_i$  (i=1..n)
- $w_{qj}$  is the weight of the connection from the input signal  $x_j$  to the hidden neuron  $z_q$



- $W_{iq}$  is the weight of the connection from the hidden neuron  $z_q$  to the output  $y_i$
- Out<sub>q</sub> is the (local) output value of the hidden neuron  $z_q$
- Out<sub>i</sub> is the output value of the network corresponding to the output neuron  $y_i$

## BP algorithm: Forward (1)

- For each data point x
  - Input vector x is forwarded from the input layer to the output layer
  - The network will generate an actual output value **Out** (a vector with value *Out<sub>i</sub>*, i = 1..n)
- For an input vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , a neuron  $\mathbf{z}_q$  at the hidden layer receives the value of net input:

$$\underbrace{Net_q} = \sum_{j=1}^m w_{qj} x_j$$

then produces a (local) output value

$$Out_q = f(Net_q) = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^m w_{qj} x_j\right)$$

where f(.) is a activation function of neuron  $z_q$ 

#### BP algorithm: Forward (2)

Net input value of the neuron y<sub>i</sub> at the output layer

$$Net_i = \sum_{q=1}^{l} w_{iq} Out_q = \sum_{q=1}^{l} w_{iq} f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{qj} x_j\right)$$

Neuron y<sub>i</sub> produces output value (is an output value of network)

$$Out_{i} = f(Net_{i}) = f\left(\sum_{q=1}^{l} w_{iq}Out_{q}\right) = f\left(\sum_{q=1}^{l} w_{iq}f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} w_{qj}x_{j}\right)\right)$$

■ Vector of the output values  $Out_i$  (i=1..n) is the actual output value of the network, for the input vector  $\mathbf{x}$ 

## BP algorithm: Backward (1)

- For each data point x
  - Error signals due to the difference between the desired output value d and the actual output value Out are calculated
  - These error signals are back-propagated from the output layer to the front layers, to update weights
- To consider the error signals and their back-propagated ones, an error function needs to be defined

$$E(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (d_i - Out_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} [d_i - f(Net_i)]^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ d_i - f\left(\sum_{q=1}^{l} w_{iq} Out_q\right) \right]^2$$

#### BP algorithm: Backward (2)

 According to the gradient-descent method, the weights of the connections from the hidden layer to the output layer are updated by

$$\Delta w_{iq} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{iq}}$$

• Using the derivative chain rule for  $\partial E/\partial w_{iq}$ , we have

$$\Delta w_{iq} = -\eta \left[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial Out_i} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial Out_i}{\partial Net_i} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial Net_i}{\partial w_{iq}} \right] = \eta \left[ d_i - Out_i \right] f'(Net_i) \left[ Out_q \right] = \eta \delta_i Out_q$$

•  $\delta_i$  is **error signals** of neuron  $y_i$  at output layer

$$\delta_{i} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial Net_{i}} = -\left[\frac{\partial E}{\partial Out_{i}}\right]\left[\frac{\partial Out_{i}}{\partial Net_{i}}\right] = \left[d_{i} - Out_{i}\right]\left[f'(Net_{i})\right]$$

where Net<sub>i</sub> is the net input of the neuron  $y_i$  at the output layer, and  $f'(Net_i) = \partial f(Net_i)/\partial Net_i$ 

#### BP algorithm: Backward (3)

 To update the weights of the connections from the input layer to the hidden layer, we also apply the gradient-descent method and the derivative chain rule

$$\Delta w_{qj} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{qj}} = -\eta \left[ \frac{\partial E}{\partial Out_q} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial Out_q}{\partial Net_q} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial Net_q}{\partial w_{qj}} \right]$$

■ From the formula for calculating the error function  $E(\mathbf{w})$ , we see that each error component  $(d_i - y_i)$  (i = 1..n) is a function of  $Out_a$ 

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ d_i - f \left( \sum_{q=1}^{l} w_{iq} Out_q \right) \right]^2$$

#### BP algorithm: Backward (4)

Apply the derivation chain rule, we have

$$\Delta w_{qj} = \eta \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ (d_i - Out_i) f'(Net_i) w_{iq} \right] f'(Net_q) x_j$$
$$= \eta \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \delta_i w_{iq} \right] f'(Net_q) x_j = \eta \delta_q x_j$$

•  $\delta_q$  is **error signals** of neuron  $z_q$  at hidden layer

$$\delta_{q} = -\frac{\partial E}{\partial Net_{q}} = -\left[\frac{\partial E}{\partial Out_{q}}\right]\left[\frac{\partial Out_{q}}{\partial Net_{q}}\right] = f'(Net_{q})\sum_{i=1}^{n} \delta_{i}w_{iq}$$

where  $Net_g$  is the net input of the neuron  $z_q$  at the hidden layer, and  $f'(Net_q) = \partial f(Net_q)/\partial Net_q$ 

# BP algorithm: Backward (5)

- According to the formulas for calculating the error signals  $\delta_i$  and  $\delta_q$ , the error signal of a neuron in the hidden layer is different from the error signal of a neuron in the output layer
- Because of this difference, the weight update procedure in BP algorithm is also known as general delta learning rule
- Error signals  $\delta_q$  of neuron  $z_q$  at hidden layer determined by:
  - Error signals  $\delta_i$  of neuron  $y_i$  at output layer (to which neuron  $z_q$  are connected)
  - The weights w<sub>iq</sub>

### BP algorithm: Backward (6)

- The process of calculating the error signals as above can be extended (generalized) easily for neural networks with more than 1 hidden layer
- The general form of the weighting update rule in BP algorithm

$$\Delta w_{ab} = \eta \delta_a x_b$$

- b and a are 2 indices corresponding to the two ends of the connection (b → a) (from a neuron (or input signal) b to neuron a)
- $x_b$  is the output value of the neuron at the hidden layer (or input signal) b
- $\delta_a$  is error signal of neuron a

#### BP algorithm

#### **Back\_propagation\_incremental**(D, η)

Neural network consists of Q layer, q = 1, 2, ..., Q

<sup>q</sup>Net<sub>i</sub> and <sup>q</sup>Out<sub>i</sub> are net input and output value of neuron i at the layer q

Network has m input signals and n output neuron

 $^qw_{ij}$  is the weight of the connection from neuron j at the layer (q-1) to the neuron i at the layer q

#### Step 0 (Initialization)

Select the error threshold  $E_{threshold}$  (the error value is acceptable)

Initialize the initial value of the weights with random small values

Assign E=0

#### Step 1 (Start a training cycle)

Apply the input vector of the data point k to the input layer (q=1)

$$qOut_i = {}^1Out_i = x_i^{(k)}, \forall i$$

#### Step 2 (Forward)

Forward the input signals over the network, until the network output values (at the output layer) are received  ${}^{Q}Out_{i}$ 

 ${}^{q}Out_{i} = f({}^{q}Net_{i}) = f\left(\sum_{j} {}^{q}w_{ij} {}^{q-1}Out_{j}\right)$ 

### BP algorithm

#### **Step 3** (Calculate the output error)

Calculate network output error and error signal  ${}^{Q}\delta_{i}$  of each neuron at output layer

$$E = E + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (d_i^{(k)} - {}^{\mathcal{Q}}Out_i)^2$$

$${}^{\mathcal{Q}}\delta_i = (d_i^{(k)} - {}^{\mathcal{Q}}Out_i)f'({}^{\mathcal{Q}}Net_i)$$

#### Step 4 (Error backward)

Backpropagation the error to update the weights and calculate the error signals  ${}^{q-1}\delta_i$  for the front layers

**Step 5** (Check stopping criterion satisfied)

Check if the entire training data has been used yet

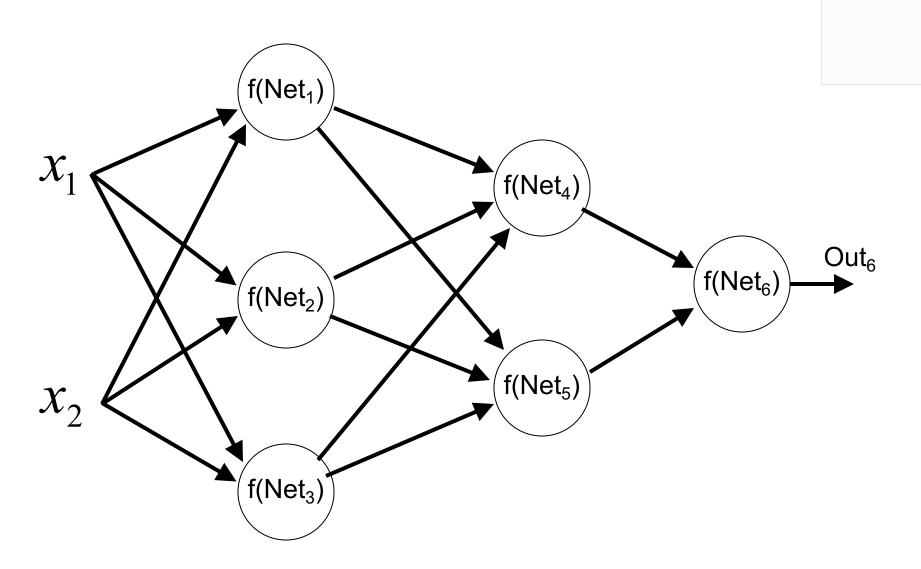
If the entire training data has used, go to Step 6, otherwise go to Step 1

Step 6 (Check net error)

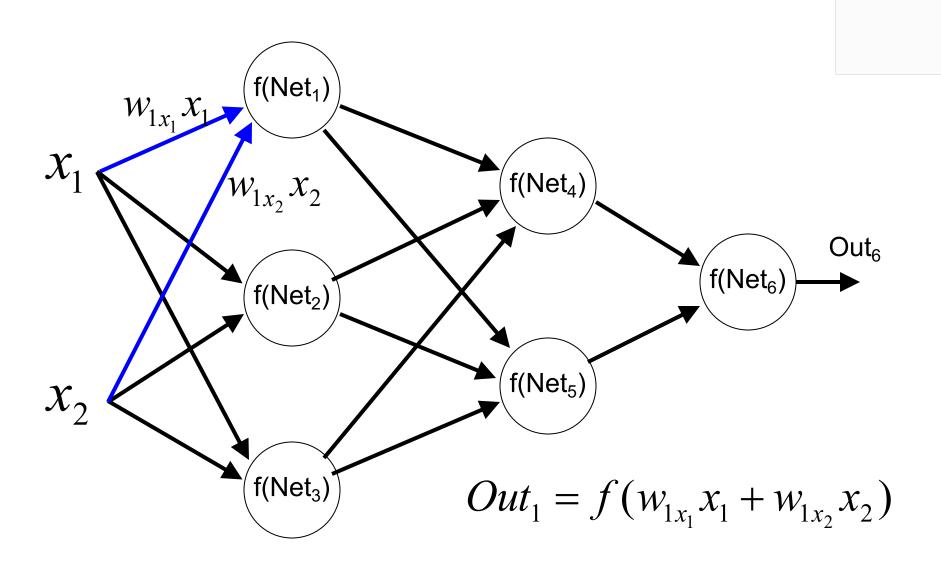
If net error E is less than the acceptable threshold (<E<sub>threshold</sub>), then training is completed and returns the learned weights;

otherwise, assign E=0, and start new training cycle (go back to Step 1)

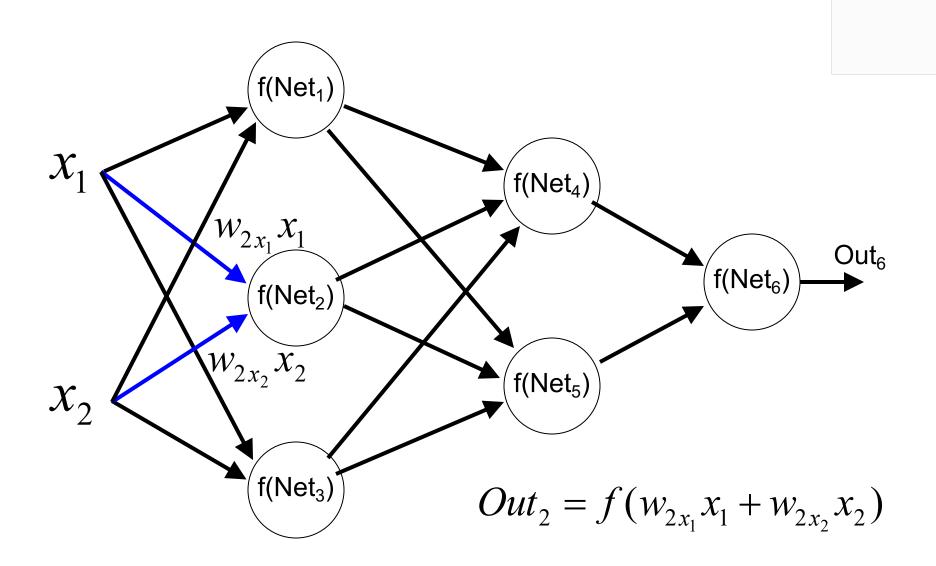
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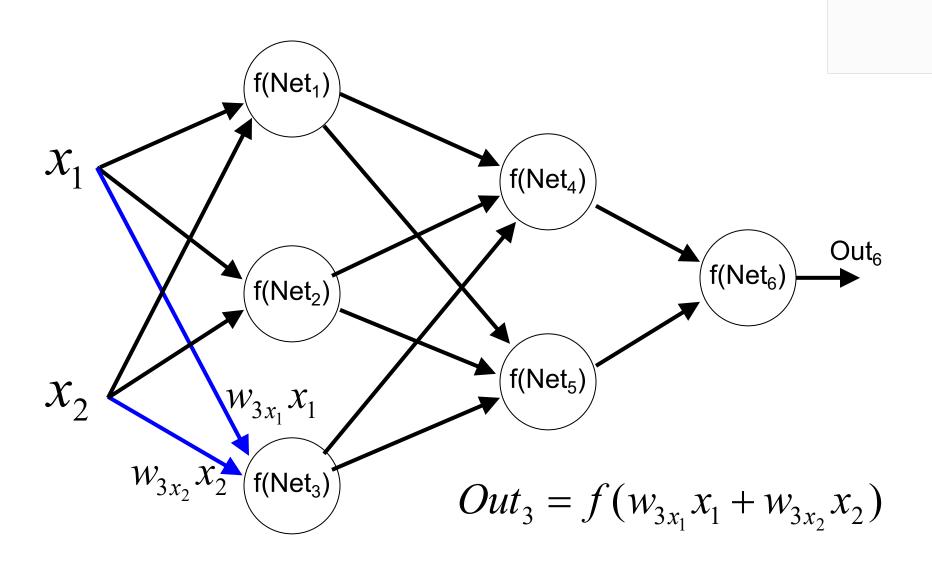
# BP algorithm: Forward (2)



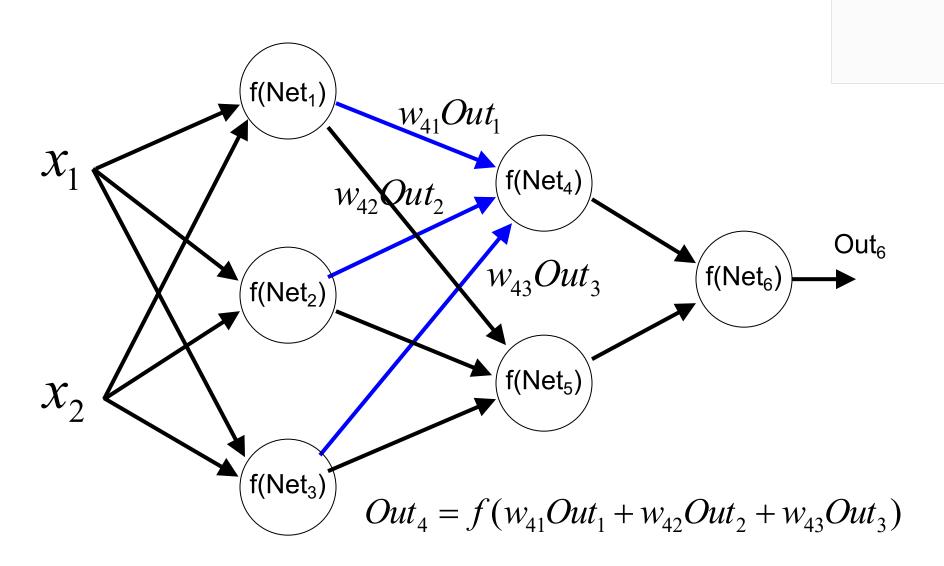
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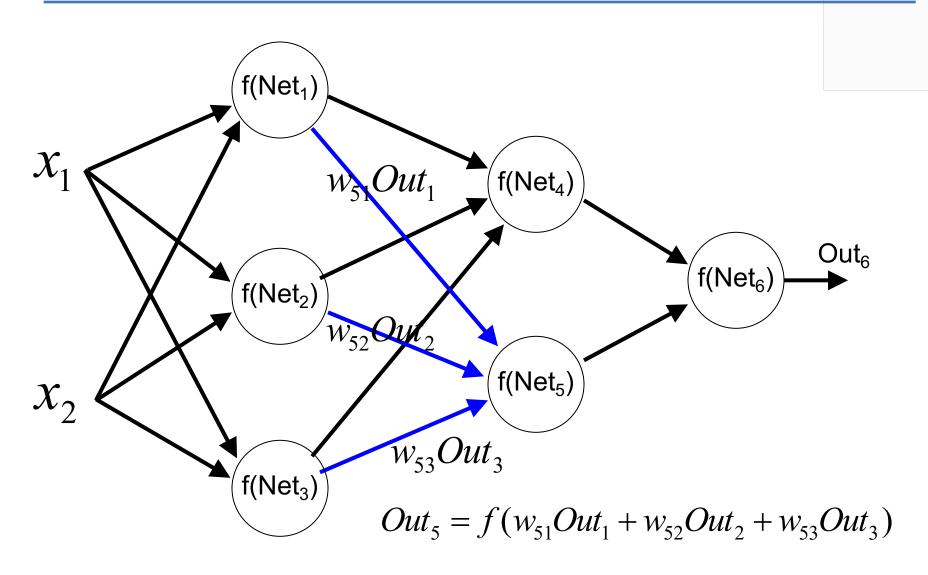
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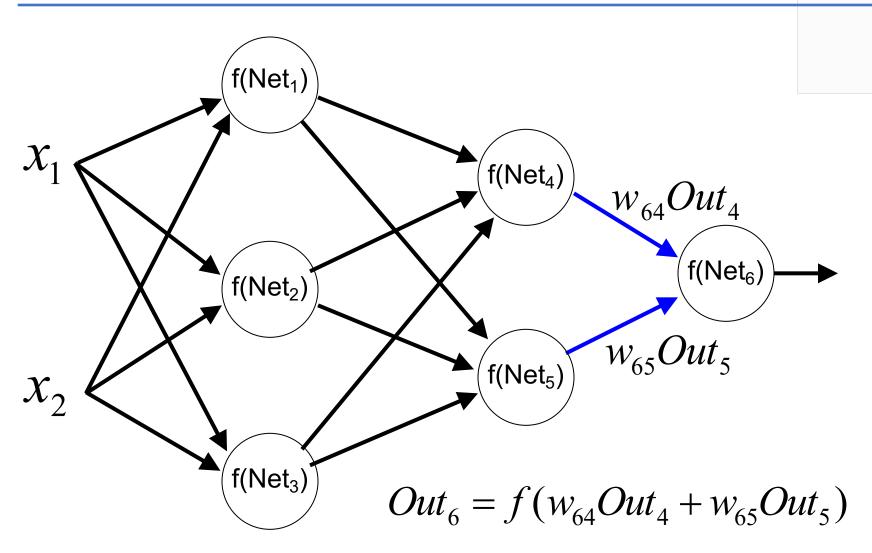
### BP algorithm: Forward (5)



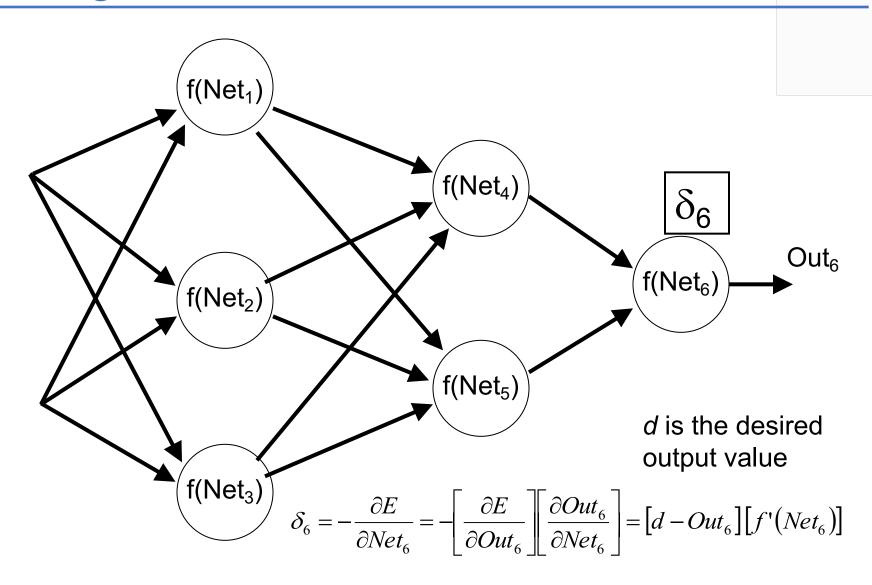
# BP algorithm: Forward (6)



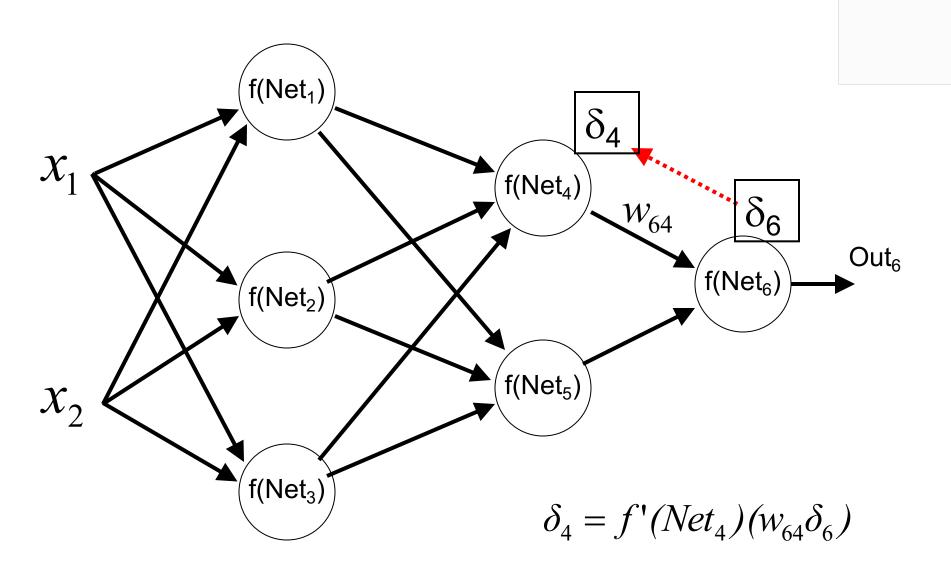
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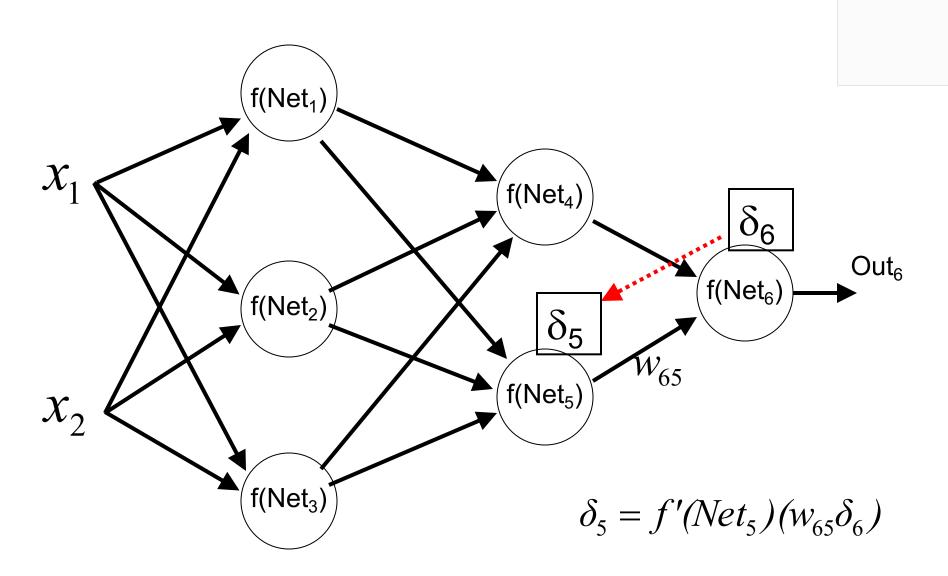
#### BP algorithm: Calculate error



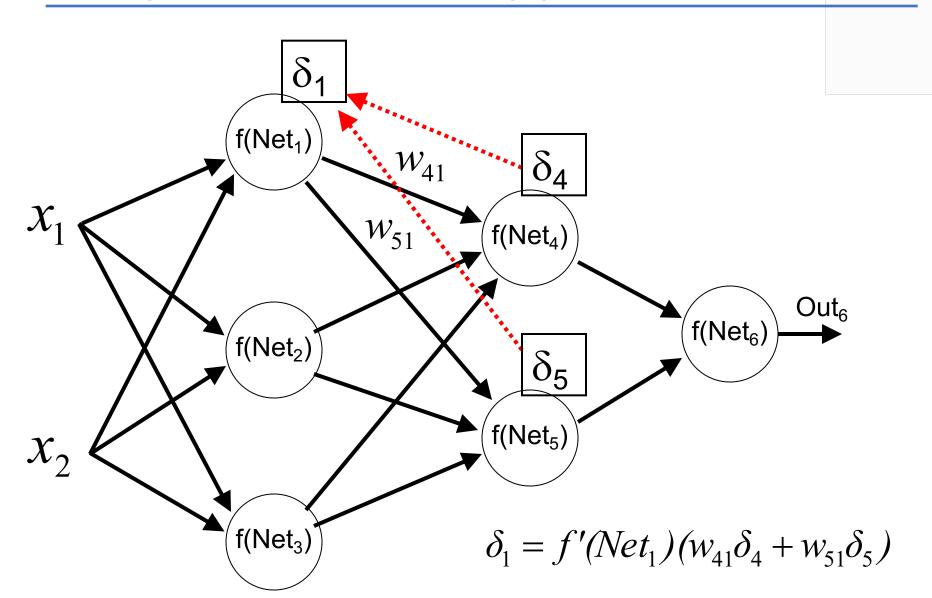
# BP algorithm: Backward(1)



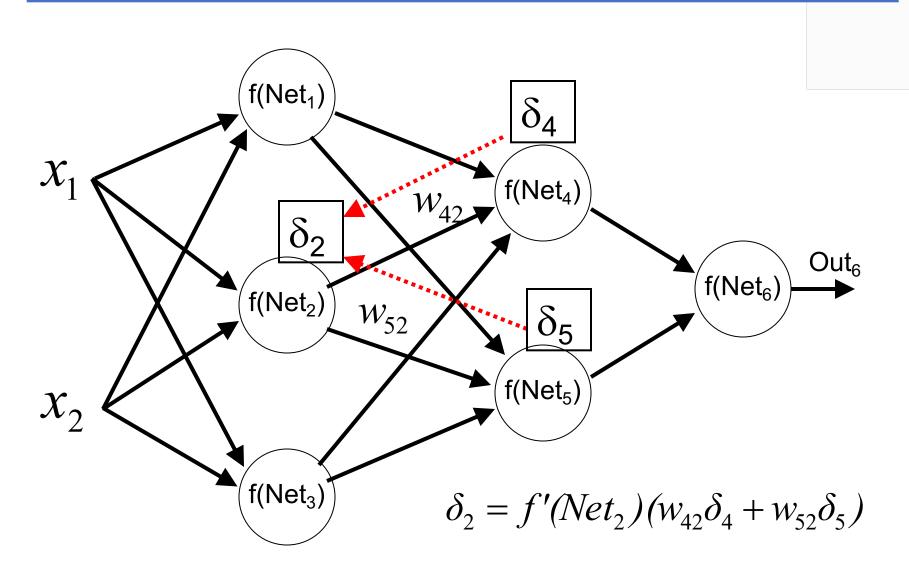
# BP algorithm: Backward(2)



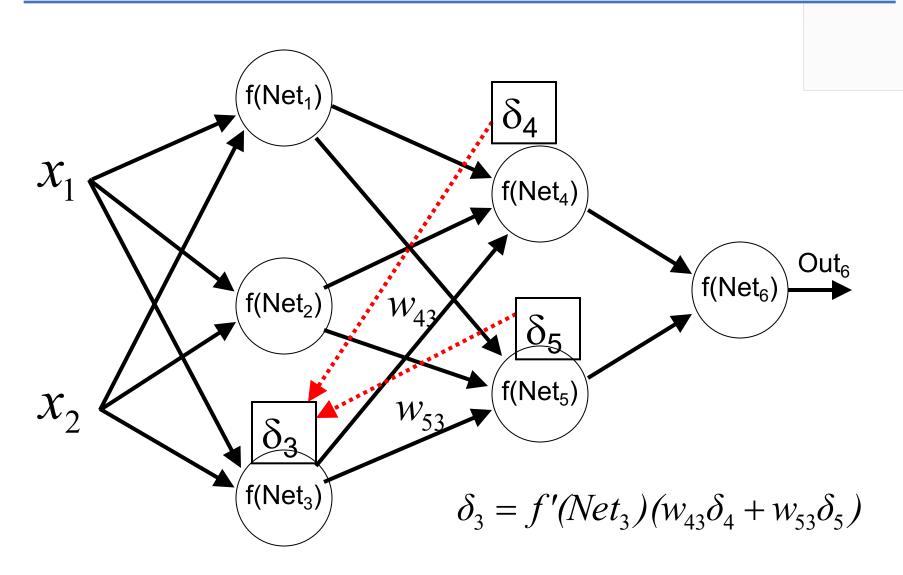
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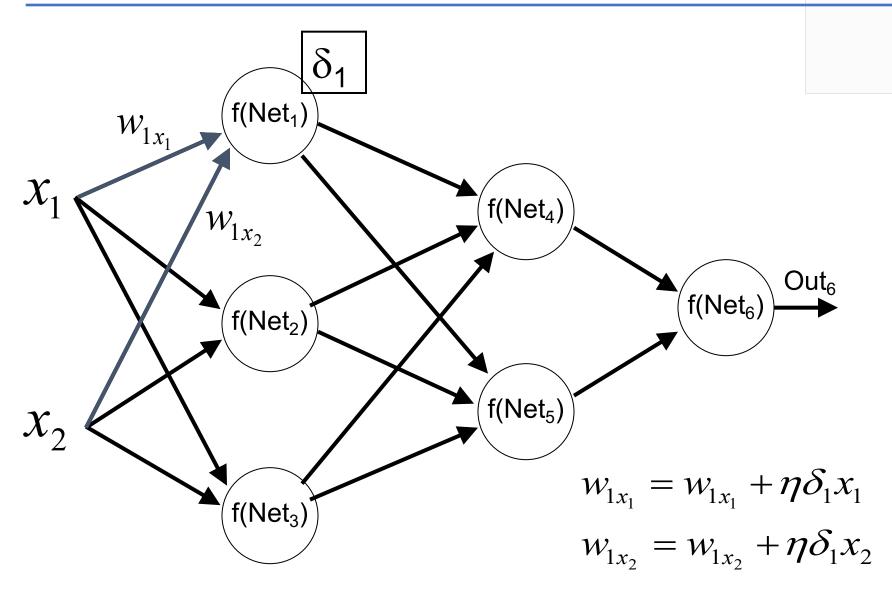
### BP algorithm: Backward(4)



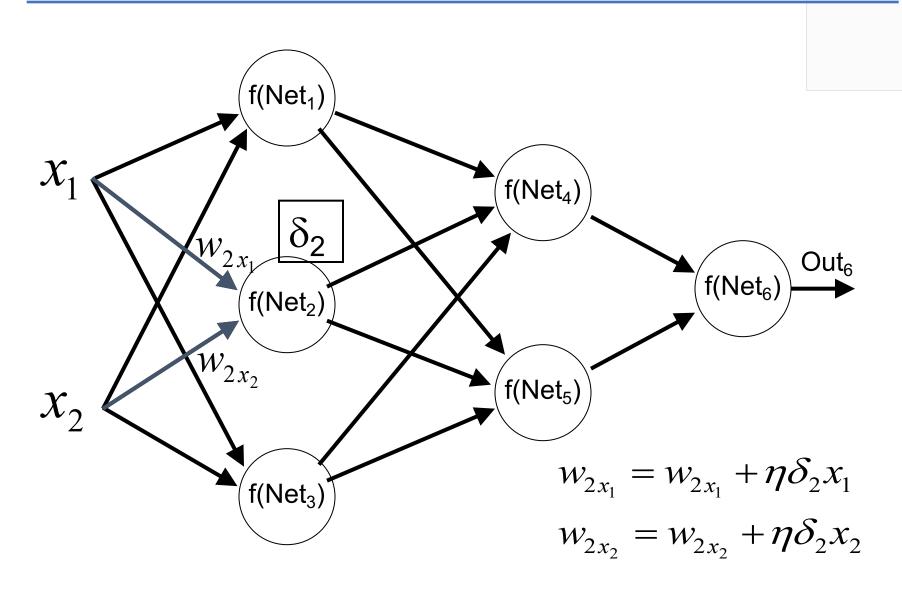
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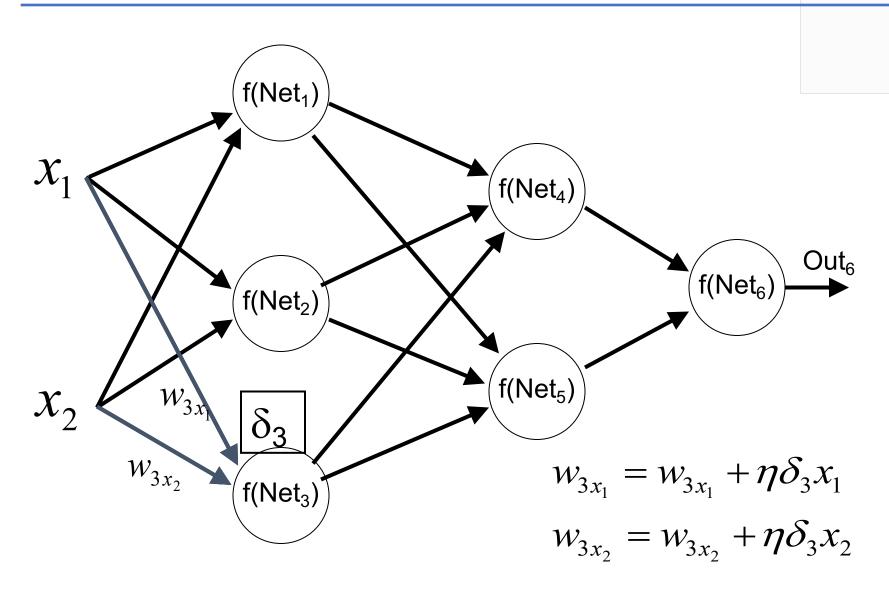
# BP algorithm: Update weight(1)



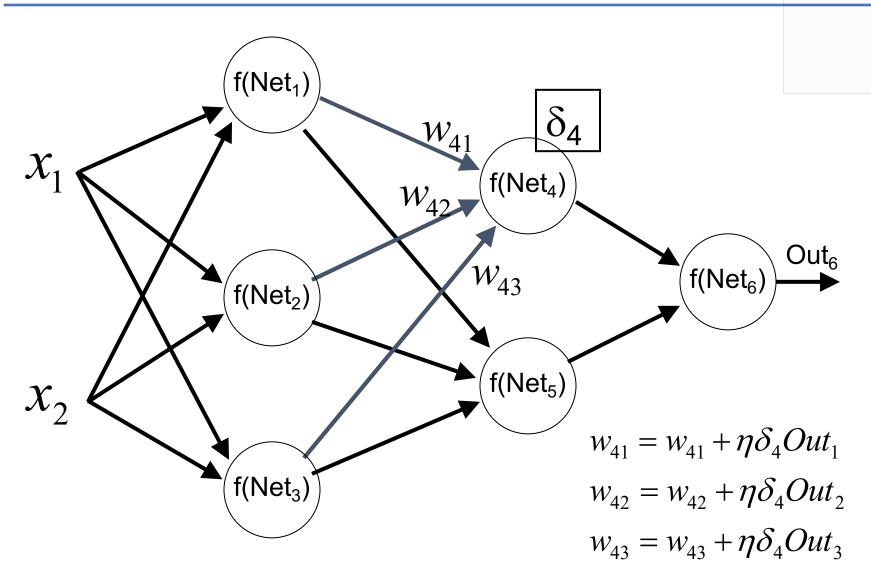
# BP algorithm: Update weight(2)



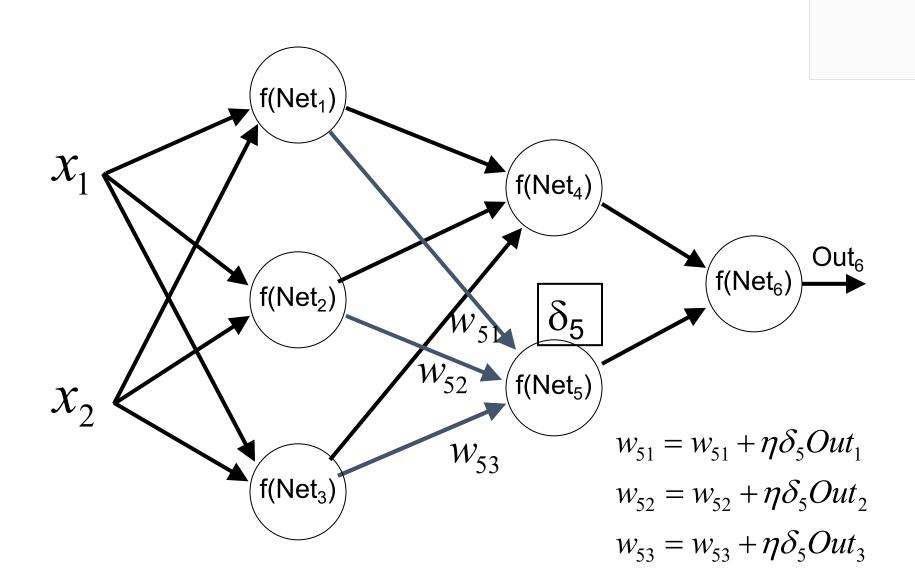
# BP algorithm: Update weight(3)



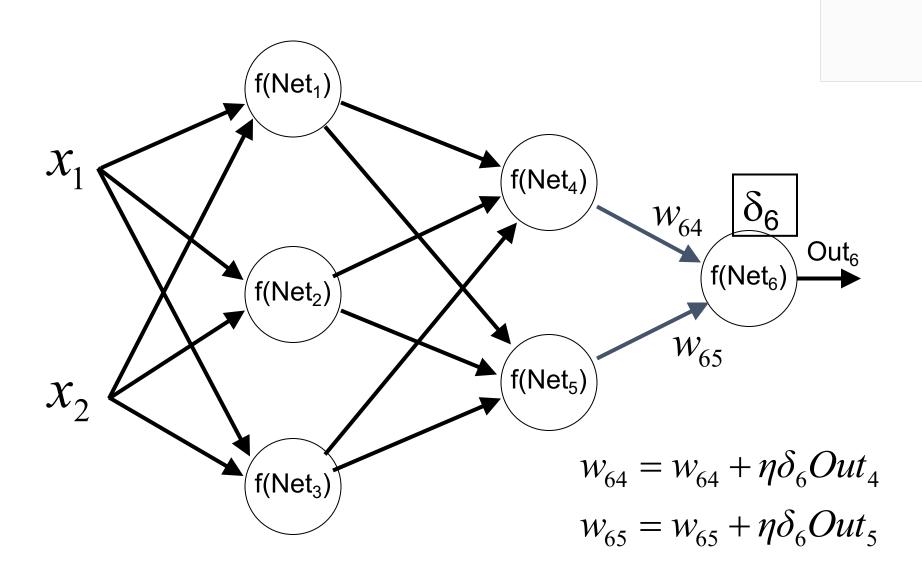
# BP algorithm: Update weight(4)



# BP algorithm: Update weight(5)



# BP algorithm: Update weight(6)



### BP algorithm: Initialize weights

- Normally, weights are initialized with random small values
- If the weights have large initial values
  - Sigmoid functions will reach saturation soon
  - The system will deadlock at a saddle / stationary points

### BP algorithm: Learning rate

- Important effect on the efficiency and convergence of BP algorithm
  - A large value of  $\eta$  can accelerate the convergence of the learning process, but can cause the system to ignore the global optimal point or focus on bad points (saddle points).
  - $\blacksquare$  A small  $\eta$  value can make the learning process take a long time
- Often select it empirically
- Good values of learning rate at the beginning (learning process) may not be good at a later time
  - Using an adaptive (dynamic) learning rate?

#### BP algorithm: Momentum

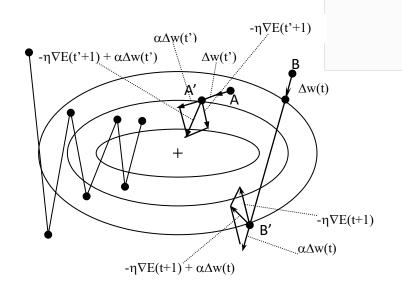
- The gradient descent method can be very slow if  $\eta$  is small and can fluctuate greatly if  $\eta$  is too large
- To reduce the level of fluctuations, it is necessary to add a momentum component

$$\Delta \mathbf{w}^{(t)} = -\eta \nabla \mathbf{E}^{(t)} + \alpha \Delta \mathbf{w}^{(t-1)}$$

- where  $\alpha$  ( $\in$ [0,1]) is a momentum parameter (usually assign = 0.9)
- We should choose reasonable values for learning rate and satisfying momentum

$$(\eta + \alpha) \gtrsim 1$$

where  $\alpha > \eta$  to avoid fluctuations



Gradient descent for a simple square error function.

The left trajectory does not use momentum.

The right trajectory uses momentum.

#### BP algorithm: Number of neurons

- The size (number of neurons) of the hidden layer is an important question for the application of multi-layer neural network to solve practical problems
- In fact, it is difficult to identify the exact number of neurons needed to achieve the desired system accuracy
- The size of the hidden layer is usually determined through experiments (experiment/trial and test)

### **ANN: Learning limit**

- Boolean functions
  - Any binary function can be learnt (approximately well) by an ANN using one hidden layer
- Continuous functions
  - Any bounded continuous function can be learnt (approximately) by an ANN using one hidden layer
     [Cybenko, 1989; Hornik et al., 1991]

### ANN: advantages, disadvantages

#### Advantages

- Nature (structure) supports high-level parallel computation
- Obtain high accuracy in many problems (photos, video, audio, text)
- Very flexible in network architecture

#### Disadvantages

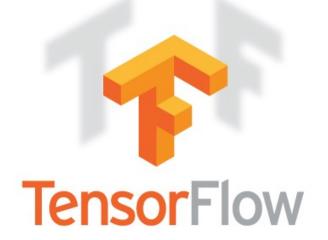
- There are no general rules for determining the network architecture and optimal parameters for a given problem
- There is no general method for assessing ANN's inner workings (thus, the ANN system is viewed as a "black box").
- It is difficult (impossible) to give explanations to the user
- Fundamental theories are few, to help explain the real successes

#### ANN: When?

- The form of the function does not predetermined
- It is not necessary (or unimportant) to provide an explanation to the user about the results
- Accept long time for the training process
- Can collect a large number of labels for data
- Domains related to image, video, speech, text









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