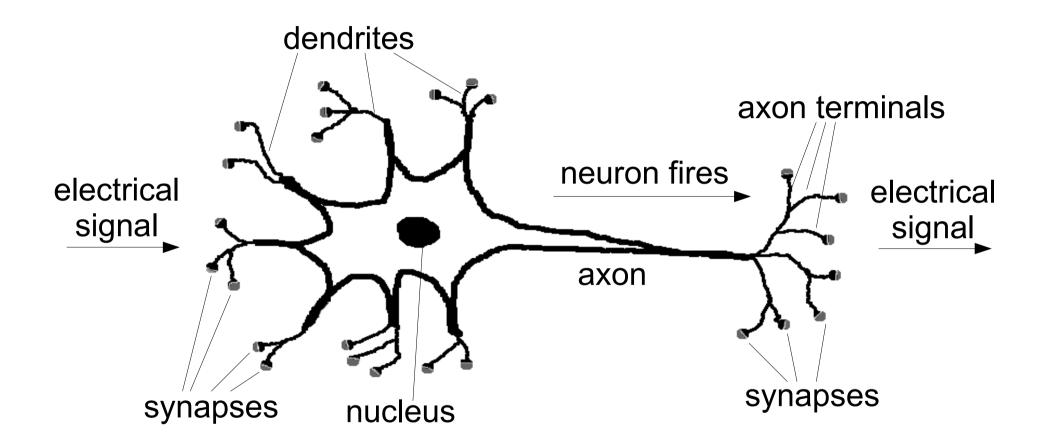
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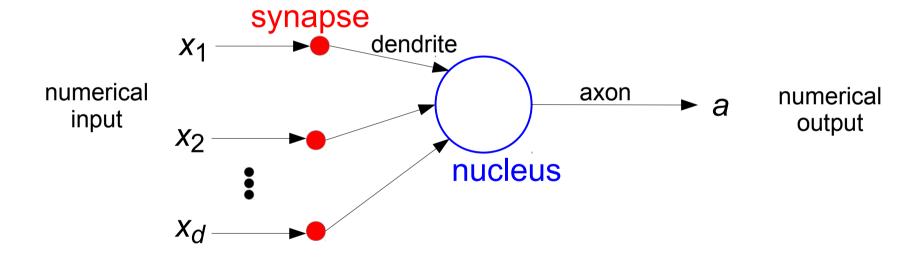
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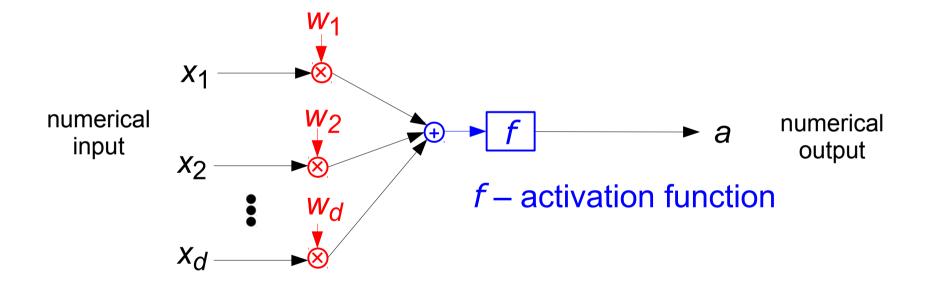
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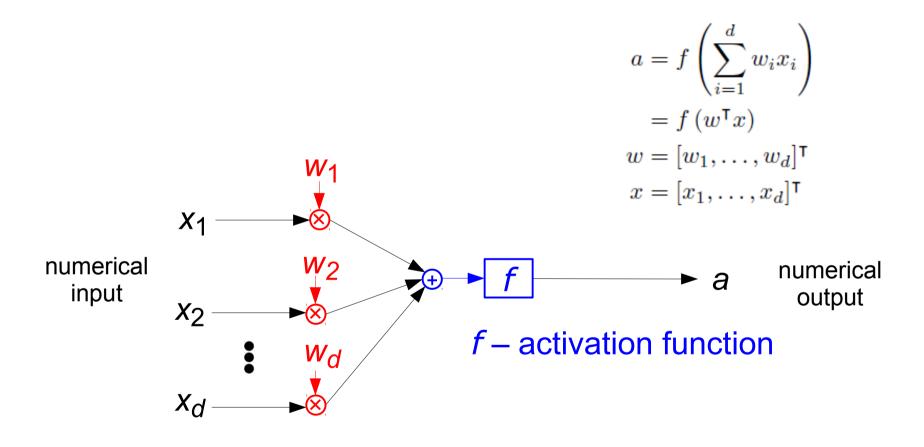
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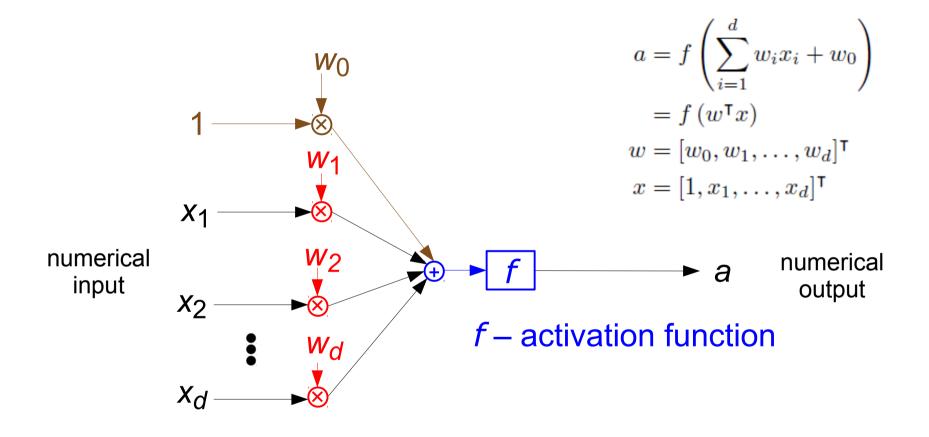
Biological Neuron











Neuron as Binary Classifier

Step activation function

$$f(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \ge 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \end{cases}$$
 (threshold perceptron)

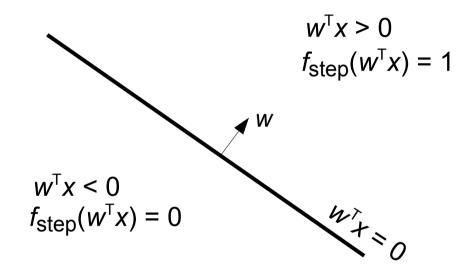
Sigmoid activation function

$$f(z) = \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

(sigmoid perceptron / logistic regression)

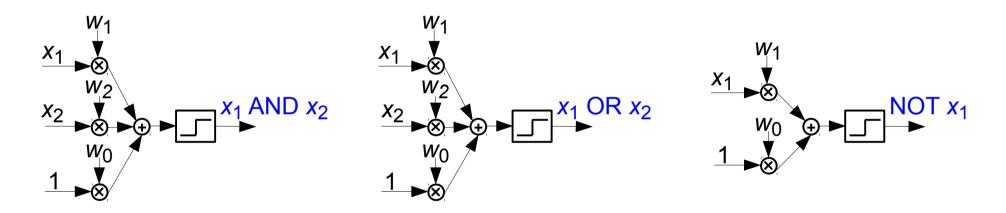
Hypothesis Space of Perceptron

Linear separator



Threshold Perceptron as Logic Gate

 What should the weights be to encode the Boolean functions AND, OR, and NOT?



How about XOR?

Threshold Perceptron Learning

- 1: Initialize weights \boldsymbol{w}
- 2: for each training example (x, y) do
- 3: $a \leftarrow f_{\text{step}}(\boldsymbol{w}^{\intercal}\boldsymbol{x})$
- 4: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + (y a)\mathbf{x}$
- 5: end for
- 6: Repeat 2–5 until every example is classified correctly

Threshold Perceptron Learning

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    Initialize weights w
    for each training example (x, y) do
    a ← f<sub>step</sub>(w<sup>T</sup>x)
    w ← w + (y - a)x
    end for
    Repeat 2-5 until every example is classified correctly
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Threshold perceptron learning converges if data is linearly separable.

Sigmoid Perceptron Learning

Minimize squared error:

$$E(w, x, y) = \frac{1}{2} [y - \sigma(w^{\mathsf{T}}x)]^{2}$$

$$\hat{w} = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{w} E(w, x, y)$$

Solution: gradient descent

Gradient Descent

Gradient

$$- \nabla E(w_1, \dots, w_d) = \left[\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_d} \right]$$

- Points in the direction of steepest slope
- Gradient descent: move in the direction of negative gradient to find minimum

$$w \leftarrow w - \alpha \nabla E(w)$$

 $\alpha > 0$: learning rate

Sigmoid Perceptron Learning with Gradient Descent

- 1: Initialize weights \boldsymbol{w}
- 2: for each training example (x, y) do
- 3: $z \leftarrow w^{\intercal}x$
- 4: $\sigma'(z) \leftarrow \sigma(z)(1 \sigma(z))$
- 5: $\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \alpha \cdot (y \sigma(z))\sigma'(z)\mathbf{x}$
- 6: end for
- 7: Repeat 2–6 until stopping criteria satisfied

Next: Multi-Layer Neural Networks

Perceptron can only represent linear separators

 Need multiple layers to represent more complicated separators