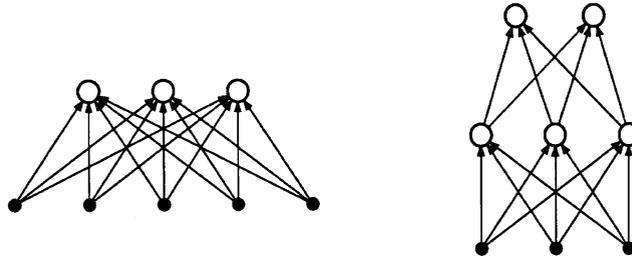


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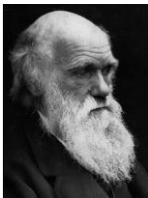
# Neural Networks



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## Recall: Classification Problem

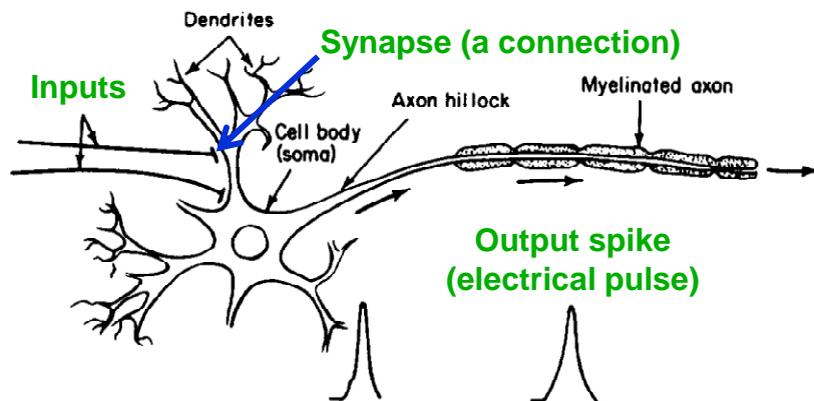
How do we build a classifier to distinguish between faces and other objects?



## The human brain is extremely good at classifying images

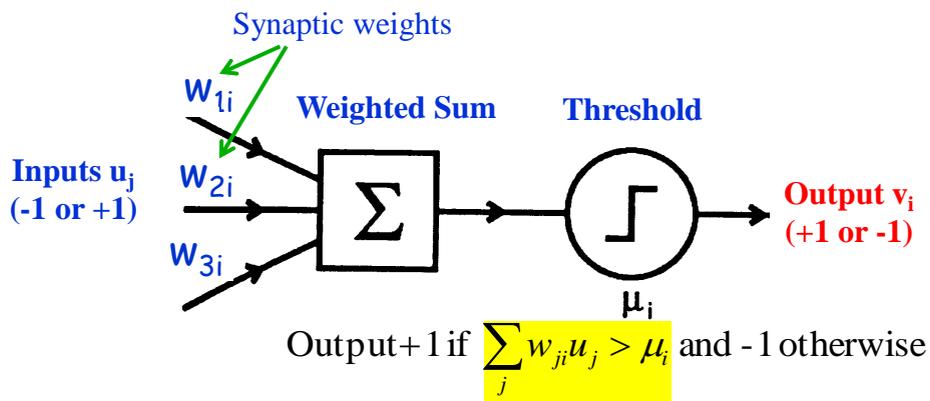
Can we develop classification methods by emulating the brain?

## Neurons (Brain Cells)



Output spike roughly dependent on whether weighted sum of inputs reaches a threshold

## Neurons as "Threshold Units"

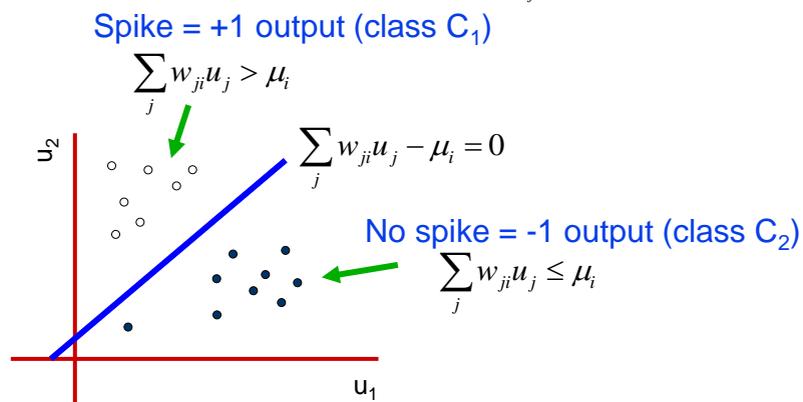


Artificial neuron "spikes" (output = +1) if weighted sum exceeds threshold

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## Neurons are Classifiers!

Each "neuron" defines a *hyperplane*  $\sum_j w_{ji} u_j - \mu_i = 0$

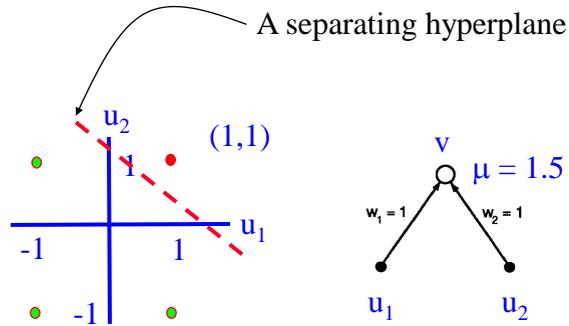


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# Neurons can compute functions

Example: AND function

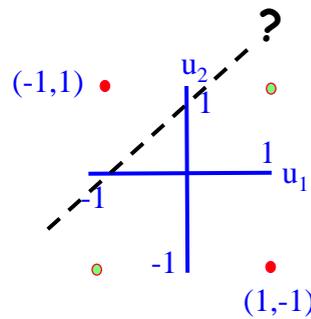
$u_1$	$u_2$	AND
-1	-1	-1
1	-1	-1
-1	1	-1
1	1	1



$v = 1$  iff  $u_1 + u_2 - 1.5 > 0$   
 Similarly for OR and NOT

# What about the XOR function?

$u_1$	$u_2$	XOR
-1	-1	-1
1	-1	1
-1	1	1
1	1	-1



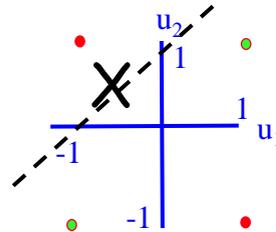
Can a neuron separate the +1 outputs from the -1 outputs?

## Linear Inseparability

Artificial neuron with threshold fails if classification task is not linearly separable

- Example: XOR
- No single line can separate the "yes" (+1) outputs from the "no" (-1) outputs!

Minsky and Papert's book showing such negative results put a damper on neural networks research for over a decade!



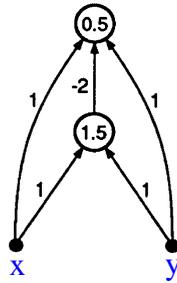
**How do we deal with linear inseparability?**

## Multilayer Networks

Removes limitations of single-layer networks

- Can solve XOR

Example: Two-layer network that computes XOR



Output is +1 if and only if  $x + y - 2*(x + y > 1.5) - 0.5 > 0$

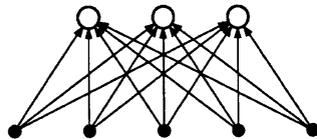
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## Perceptron

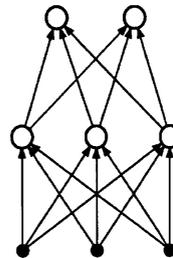
Fancy name for layered "feed-forward" network (no loops)

Network of artificial neurons ("units") with binary inputs and binary outputs (+1 or -1)

Single-layer

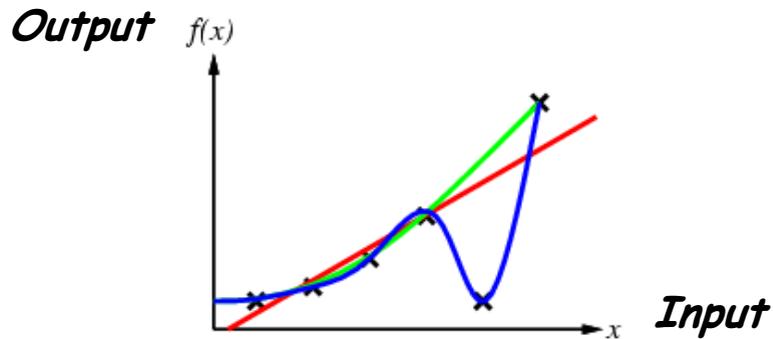


Multilayer



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## What if we want to learn continuous-valued functions?



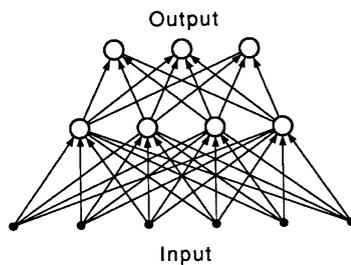
This is called “regression” (or curve fitting) in statistics

- E.g., Linear regression = fitting a line to a set of points

## Regression using Neural Networks

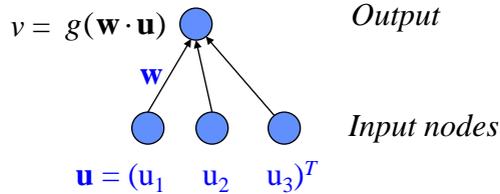
We want networks that can learn a function

- Network maps real-valued inputs to real-valued output



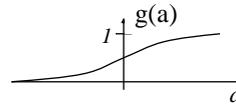
Continuous output values →  
Can't use binary threshold units  
anymore

## Sigmoid Neurons



Sigmoid output function:

$$g(a) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta a}}$$



Non-linear “squashing” function: Squashes input to be between 0 and 1. Parameter  $\beta$  controls the slope..

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## Learning the weights

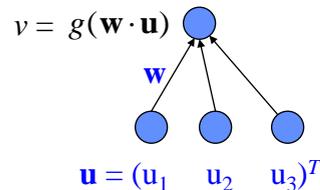
**Given:** Training data (input  $\mathbf{u}$ , desired output  $d$ )

**Problem:** How do we learn the weights  $\mathbf{w}$ ?

**Idea:** *Minimize squared error* between network's output and desired output:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = (d - v)^2$$

where  $v = g(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u})$



Starting from random values for  $\mathbf{w}$ , want to change  $\mathbf{w}$  so that  $E(\mathbf{w})$  is minimized – How?

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## Learning by Gradient-Descent (opposite of "Hill-Climbing")

Change  $w$  so that  $E(w)$  is minimized

- Use **Gradient Descent**: Change  $w$  in proportion to  $-dE/dw$  (why?)

$$\mathbf{w} \rightarrow \mathbf{w} - \varepsilon \frac{dE}{d\mathbf{w}}$$

$$\frac{dE}{d\mathbf{w}} = -2(d - v) \frac{dv}{d\mathbf{w}} = -2 \underbrace{(d - v)}_{\text{delta = error}} g'(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{u}$$

Derivative of  
sigmoid

delta = error

Also known as the "delta rule" or  
"LMS (least mean square) rule"

**But wait!**

This rule is for a one layer network

- One layer networks are not that interesting!!  
(remember XOR?)

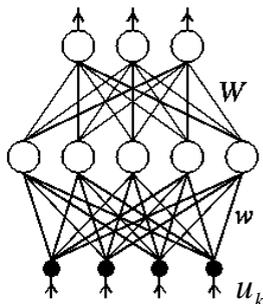


What if we have multiple  
layers?



## Learning Multilayer Networks

$$v_i = g\left(\sum_j W_{ji} g\left(\sum_k w_{kj} u_k\right)\right)$$



Start with random weights  $\mathbf{W}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}$

Given input vector  $\mathbf{u}$ , network produces output vector  $\mathbf{v}$

Use gradient descent to find  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$  that minimize total error over all output units (labeled  $i$ ):

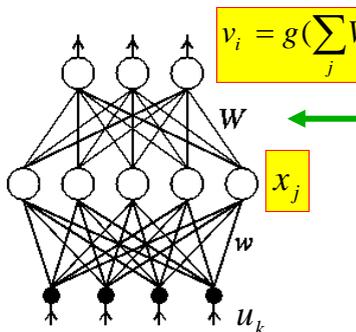
$$E(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (d_i - v_i)^2$$

This leads to the famous “Backpropagation” learning rule

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## Backpropagation: Output Weights

$$E(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (d_i - v_i)^2$$



Learning rule for hidden-output weights  $\mathbf{W}$ :

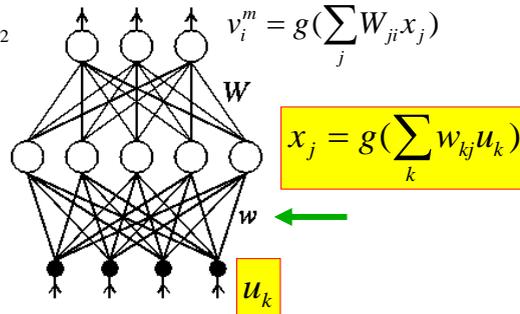
$$W_{ji} \rightarrow W_{ji} - \varepsilon \frac{dE}{dW_{ji}} \quad \{\text{gradient descent}\}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dW_{ji}} = -(d_i - v_i) g'(\sum_j W_{ji} x_j) x_j \quad \{\text{delta rule}\}$$

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## Backpropagation: Hidden Weights

$$E(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (d_i - v_i)^2$$



Learning rule for input-hidden weights w:

$$w_{kj} \rightarrow w_{kj} - \varepsilon \frac{dE}{dw_{kj}} \quad \text{But: } \frac{dE}{dw_{kj}} = \frac{dE}{dx_j} \cdot \frac{dx_j}{dw_{kj}} \quad \{\text{chain rule}\}$$

$$\frac{dE}{dw_{kj}} = \left[ - \sum_i (d_i - v_i) g'(\sum_j W_{ji} x_j) W_{ji} \right] \cdot \left[ g'(\sum_k w_{kj} u_k) u_k \right]$$

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## Next Time

- Wrap up of machine learning
  - Learning to drive using neural networks
  - Ensemble learning
- To Do:
  - Project 4 due this Wednesday!
  - Read Chapter 18

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