

# Inf2b - Learning

Lectures 12,13: Single layer Neural Networks (2,3)

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## Today's Schedule

- 1 Perceptron (recap)
- 2 Problems with Perceptron
- 3 Extensions of Perceptron
- 4 Training of a single-layer neural network

## Perceptron (recap)

- Input-to-output function

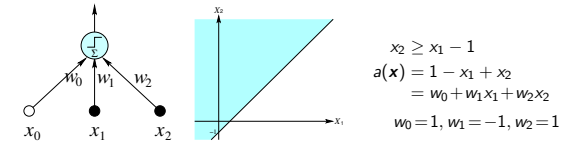
$$a(\vec{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + w_0 = \hat{\mathbf{w}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

where  $\hat{\mathbf{w}} = (w_0, \mathbf{w}^T)^T$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (1, \mathbf{x}^T)^T$   $x_0 = 1$

$$y(\vec{x}) = g(a(\vec{x})) = g(\hat{\mathbf{w}}^T \hat{\mathbf{x}})$$

$$\text{where } g(a) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } a \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$g(a)$ : activation/transfer function

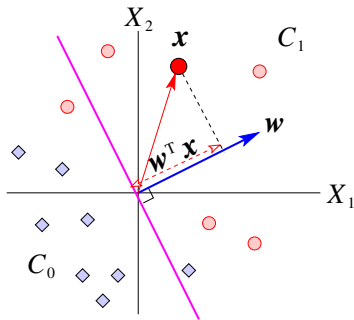


## Geometry of Perceptron's error correction

$$y(\mathbf{x}_i) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \eta(t_i - y(\mathbf{x}_i)) \mathbf{x}_i \quad (0 < \eta < 1)$$

$t_i - y(\mathbf{x}_i)$	$y(\mathbf{x}_i)$
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1	1
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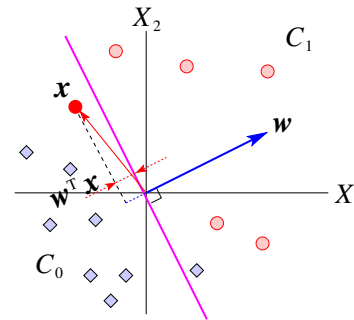
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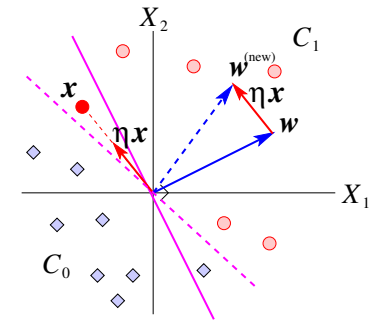
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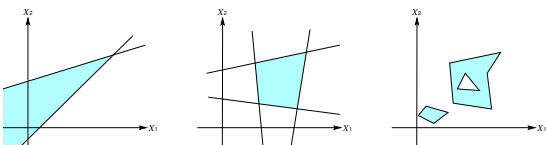
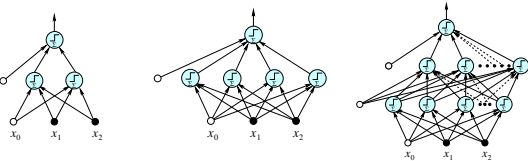
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## Perceptron structures and decision boundaries

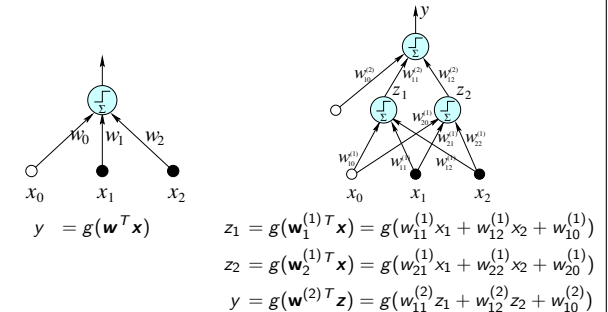


Question: Find the weights for each network

## Limitations of Perceptron

- Single-layer perceptron is just a linear classifier (Marvin Minsky and Seymour Papert, 1969)
- Multi-layer perceptron can form complex decision boundaries (piecewise-linear), but it is hard to train
- Training does not stop if data are linearly non-separable
- Weights  $\mathbf{w}$  are adjusted for misclassified data only (correctly classified data are not considered at all)

## A limitation of Perceptron



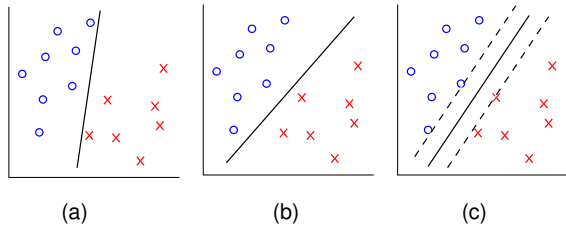
$$y = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

$$z_1 = g(\mathbf{w}_1^{(1)T} \mathbf{x}) = g(w_{11}^{(1)} x_1 + w_{12}^{(1)} x_2 + w_{10}^{(1)})$$

$$z_2 = g(\mathbf{w}_2^{(1)T} \mathbf{x}) = g(w_{21}^{(1)} x_1 + w_{22}^{(1)} x_2 + w_{20}^{(1)})$$

$$y = g(\mathbf{w}^{(2)T} \mathbf{z}) = g(w_{11}^{(2)} z_1 + w_{12}^{(2)} z_2 + w_{10}^{(2)})$$

## Choices of decision boundaries



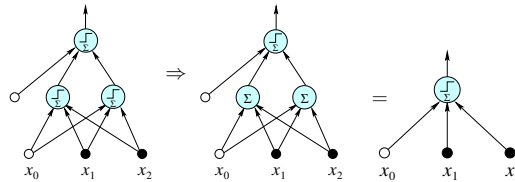
## How can we resolve the problem of training?

- Use the least squares error criterion for training

$$E_2(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n)^2$$

- Replace  $g(\cdot)$  with a differentiable function
- What about removing  $g(\cdot)$  in the hidden layer?

$$z_i = g(\mathbf{w}_i^{(1)T} \mathbf{x}) \Rightarrow z_i = \mathbf{w}_i^{(1)T} \mathbf{x}$$



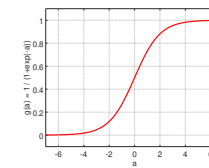
**Question:** Show networks with linear hidden nodes reduce to single-layer networks

## How can we resolve the problem of training?(cont.)

- Replace  $g(\cdot)$  with a differentiable non-linear function

e.g., **Logistic sigmoid function:**

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



Mapping:  $(-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, 1)$

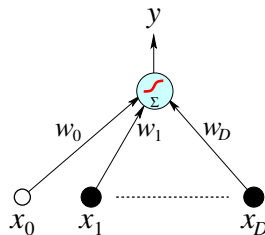
$$\frac{d}{da} g(a) = g'(a) = g(a)(1 - g(a))$$

## Single Layer Neural Network

Assume a single-layer neural network with a single output node with a logistic sigmoid function:

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = g\left(\sum_{i=0}^D w_i x_i\right)$$

$$g(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$



## Single Layer Neural Network (cont.)

- Training set:  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, t_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_N, t_N)\}$

where  $t_i \in \{0, 1\}$

- Error function:

$$\begin{aligned} E(\mathbf{w}) &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (g(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}_n) - t_n)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( g\left(\sum_{i=0}^D w_i x_{ni}\right) - t_n \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Definition of the training problem as an optimisation problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w})$$

## Training of single layer neural network

- Optimisation problem:  $\min_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w})$

- No analytic solution

- Employ an iterative method (requires initial values) e.g. **Gradient descent** (steepest descent), Newton's method, Conjugate gradient methods

- Gradient descent

(scalar rep.)

$$w_i^{(\text{new})} \leftarrow w_i - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} E(\mathbf{w}), \quad (\eta > 0)$$

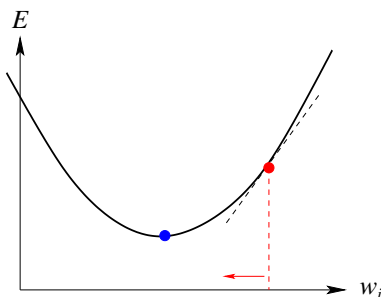
(vector rep.)

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{new})} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} E(\mathbf{w}), \quad (\eta > 0)$$

- Online/stochastic gradient descent** (cf. Batch training) Update the weights one pattern at a time. (See Note 11)

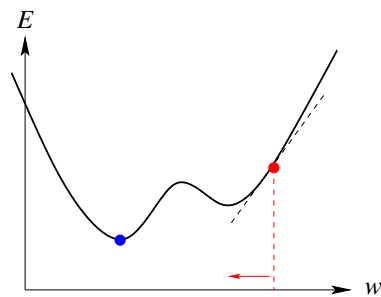
## Gradient descent

$$w_i^{(\text{new})} \leftarrow w_i - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} E(\mathbf{w}), \quad (\eta > 0)$$



## Local minimum problem with the gradient descent

$$w_i^{(\text{new})} \leftarrow w_i - \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} E(\mathbf{w}), \quad (\eta > 0)$$



## Training of the single-layer neural network

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( g\left(\sum_{i=0}^D w_i x_{ni}\right) - t_n \right)^2$$

where  $y_n = g(a_n)$ ,  $a_n = \sum_{i=0}^D w_i x_{ni}$ ,  $\frac{\partial a_n}{\partial w_i} = x_{ni}$

$$\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial E(\mathbf{w})}{\partial y_n} \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial a_n} \frac{\partial a_n}{\partial w_i}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) \frac{\partial g(a_n)}{\partial a_n} \frac{\partial a_n}{\partial w_i}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) g'(a_n) x_{ni}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) g(a_n) (1 - g(a_n)) x_{ni}$$

## Another training criterion – cross-entropy error

- Training problem with the mean squared error (MSE) criterion with the sigmoid function

$$E_{\text{MSE}}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n)^2, \quad y_n = g(a_n)$$

$$\frac{\partial E_{\text{MSE}}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_i} = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) g'(a_n) x_{ni}, \quad g'(a) = g(a)(1 - g(a))$$

For such  $a$  that  $g(a) \approx 0$  or  $1$ ,  $g'(a) \approx 0$ .

- Cross-entropy error <sup>(NE)</sup>

$$E_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{w}) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \{ t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln (1 - y_n) \}$$

It can be shown that:

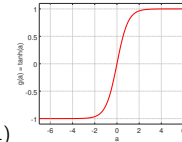
$$\frac{\partial E_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) x_{ni}$$

## Other activation functions <sup>(NE)</sup>

- Tanh

$$g(a) = \tanh(a) = \frac{1 - e^{-2a}}{1 + e^{-2a}}$$

- Mapping  $(-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow (-1, 1)$
- 0 (zero) centred  $\rightarrow$  faster convergence than sigmoid



- ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit)

$$g(a) = \max(0, a)$$

- Several times faster than tanh.
- 'Dying ReLU' problem – a unit of outputting 0 always

## Exercise

- 1 Show networks with linear nodes in all hidden layers reduce to single-layer networks.
- 2 Prove that the derivative of the logistic sigmoid function  $g(a)$  is given as  $g'(a) = g(a)(1 - g(a))$ , and sketch the graph of it.
- 3 Explain about the learning rate  $\eta$  for the gradient descent method.
- 4 Explain the problem with the training of a neural network with the MSE criterion when the sigmoid function is used as the activation function.
- 5 <sup>(NE)</sup> Prove that the partial derivative of the cross-entropy error is given as

$$\frac{\partial E_{\text{H}}(\mathbf{w})}{\partial w_i} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) x_{ni}$$

## Summary

- Limitations of Perceptron
- Solutions to the problems
- Neural network with differentiable non-linear functions (e.g. logistic sigmoid function)
- Training of the network with the gradient descent algorithm
- Considered only a single-layer network with a single-output node
- A very good reference:  
<http://neuralnetworksanddeeplearning.com/>