

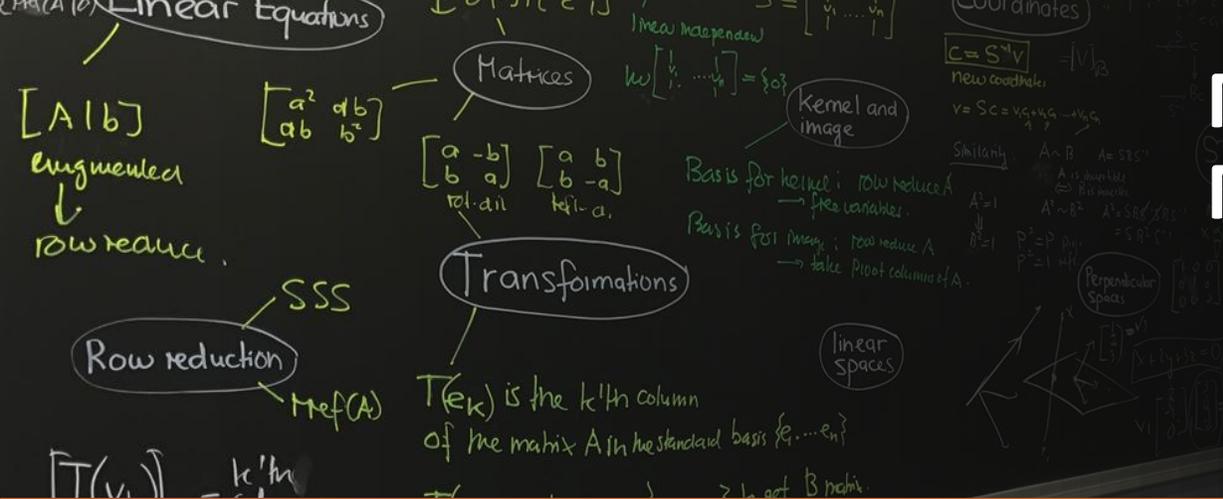
# Mathematical Foundations for Machine Learning and Data Science

## Overview of Perceptron Classifier, Logistic Regression and Neural Networks

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# Outline

- *Perceptron and Perceptron Classifier*

# Classification

## Recap:

- We assume we have training data  $D$  given by

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}^d \times \mathcal{Y}$$

## Binary or Binomial Classification:

- $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$  or  $\mathcal{Y} = \{-1, 1\}$
- Disease detection, spam email detection, fraudulent transaction, win/loss prediction, etc.

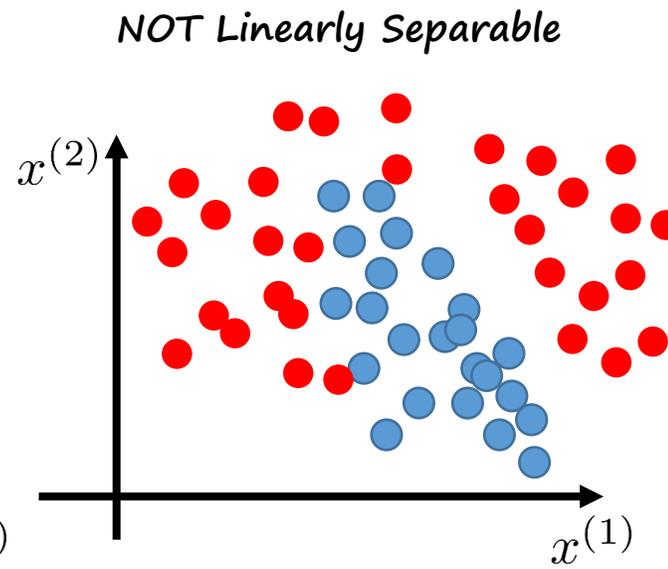
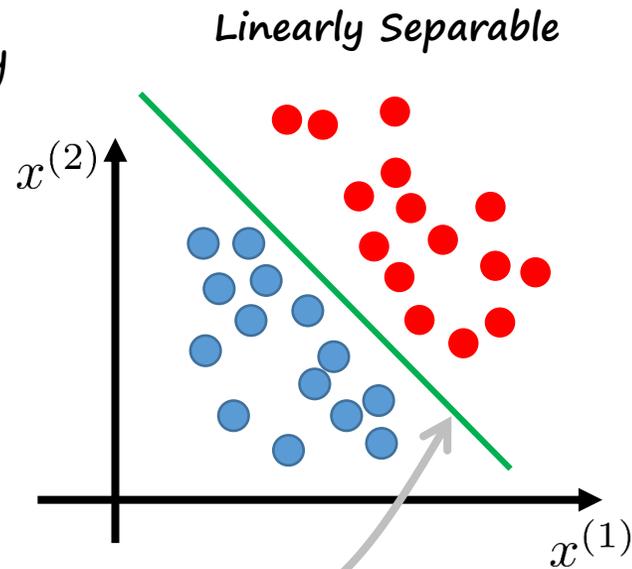
## Multi-class (Multinomial) Classification:

- $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$  (M-class classification)
- Emotion Detection.
- Vehicle Type, Make, model, of the vehicle from the images streamed by road cameras.
- Speaker Identification from Speech Signal.
- Sentiment Analysis (Categories: Positive, Negative, Neutral), Text Analysis.
- Take an image of the sky and determine the pollution level (healthy, moderate, hazard).

# Linear Classifiers

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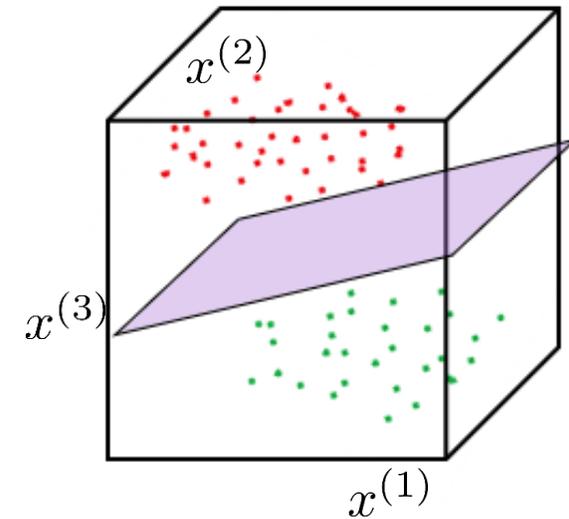
- Linear Separability



- Linear Classifiers

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = \boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x} + \theta_0$$

- line in 2D, plane in 3D, hyper-plane in higher dimensions.

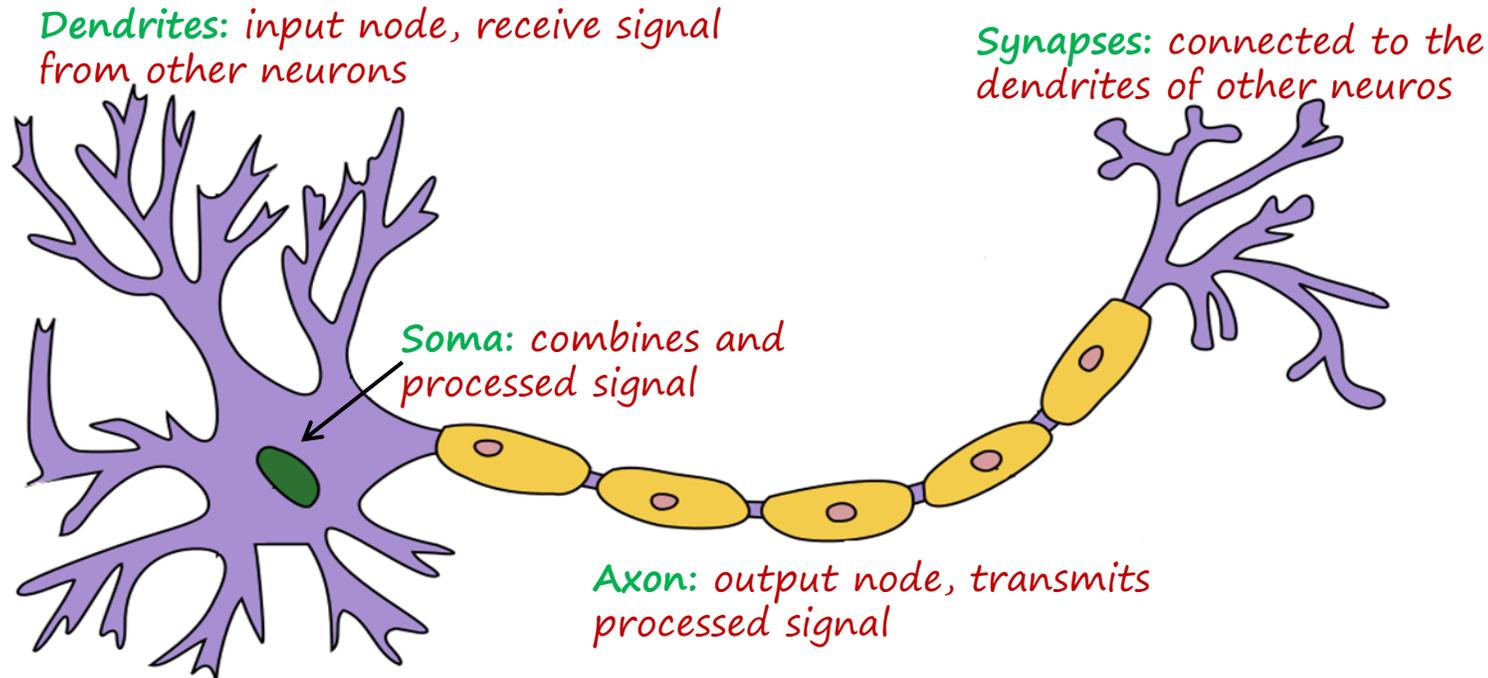


# Perceptron Classifier

## McCulloch-Pitts (MP) Neuron:

- McCulloch (neuroscientist) and Pitts (logician) proposed a computational model of the biological neuron in 1943.

## Biological Neuron (Simplified illustration):



- Neuron is fired or transmits the signal when it is activated by the combination of input signals.

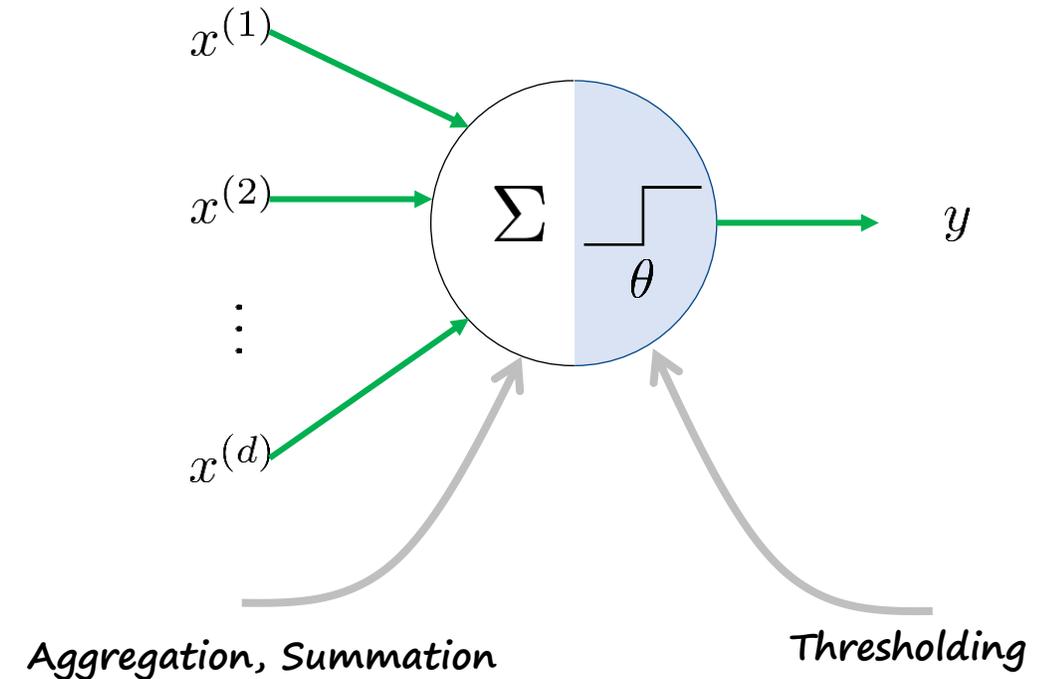
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## McCulloch-Pitts (MP) Neuron:

- $d$  number of boolean inputs  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(d)} \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- Boolean output,  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- If sum of inputs is less than  $\theta$ , the output is zero and one otherwise.
- $\theta$  is a thresholding parameter that characterizes the neuron.
- Mathematically;

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^d x^{(i)} \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{if } \sum_{i=1}^d x^{(i)} < \theta \end{cases}$$

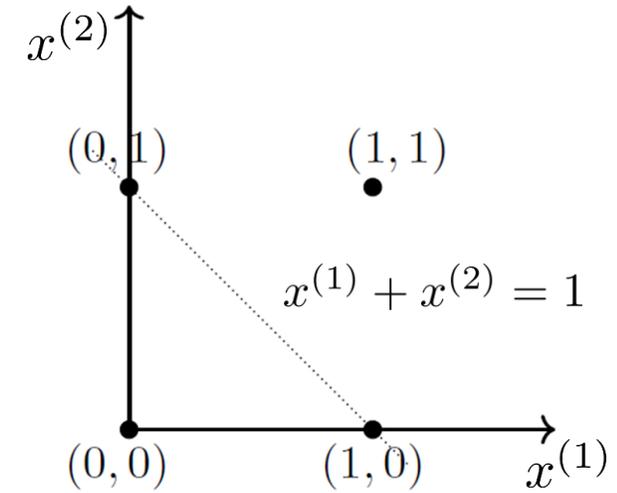
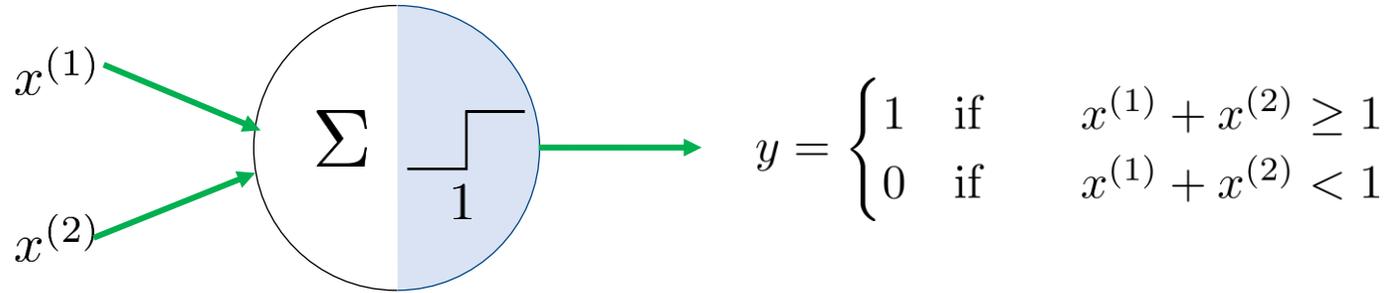
- Idea: Fire the neuron if at least  $\theta$  number of inputs are active.



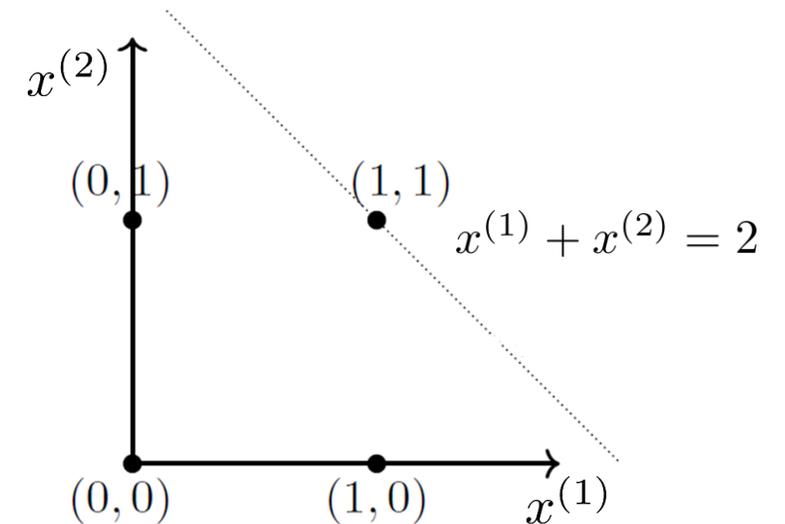
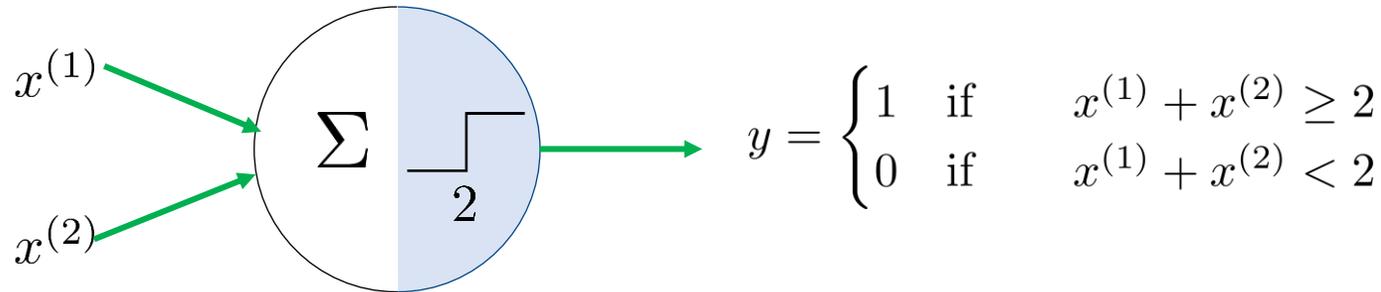
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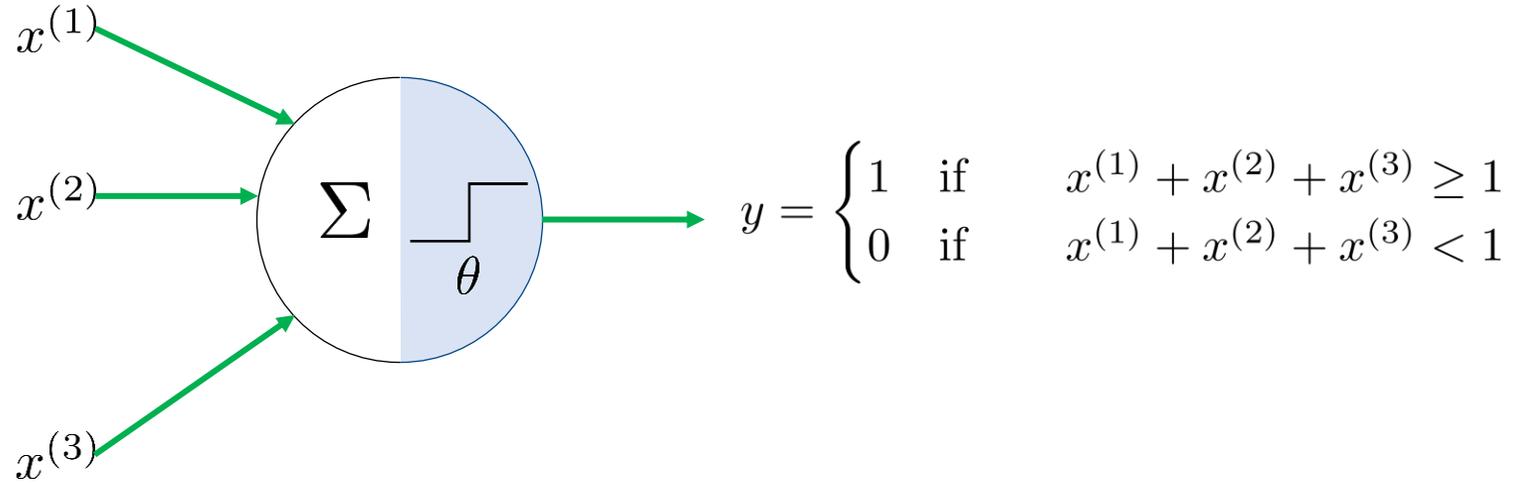
- AND of two inputs.



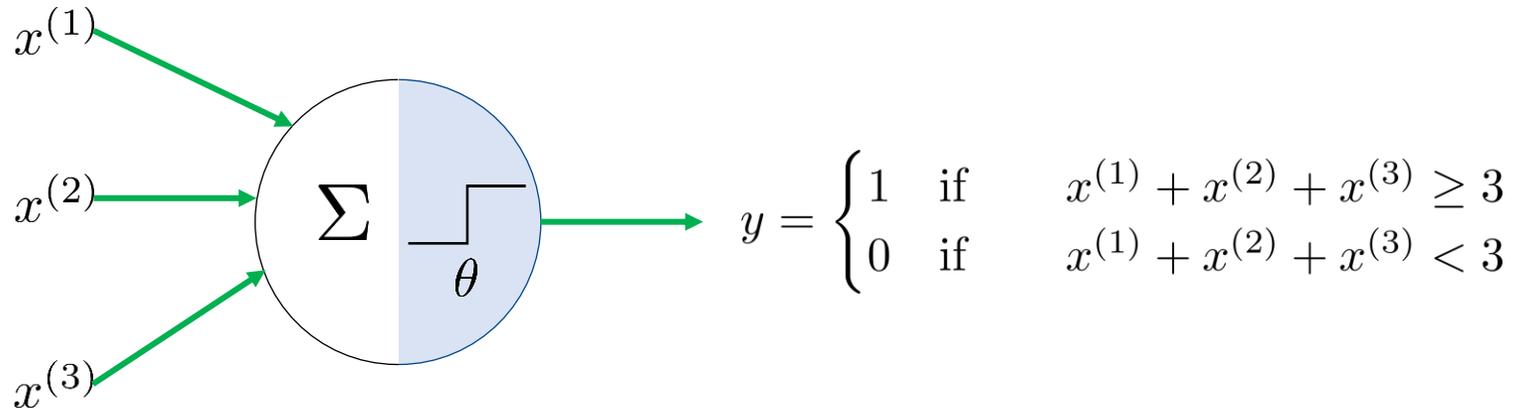
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## McCulloch-Pitts Neuron (MP) - Examples:

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# Perceptron Classifier

## McCulloch-Pitts (MP) Neuron – Limitations:

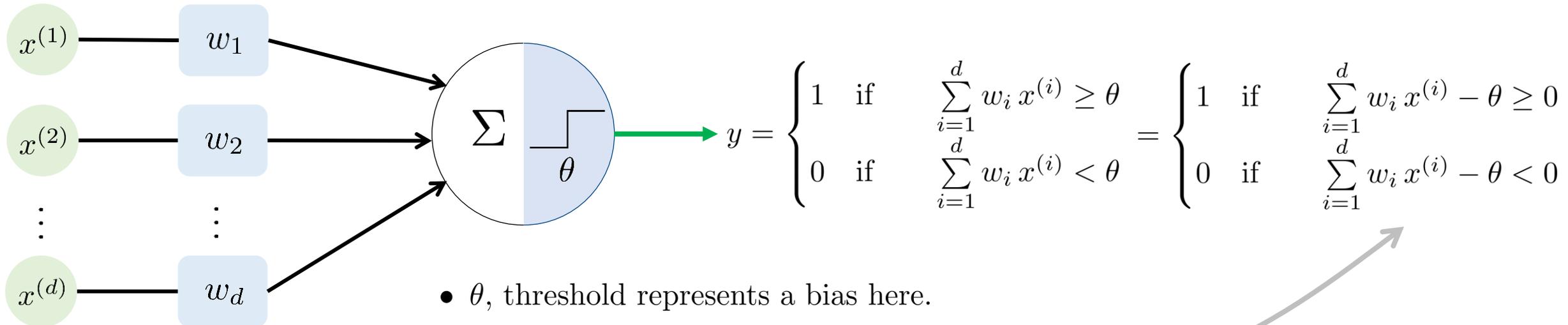
- Can classify if inputs are *linearly* separable with respect to the output.
  - How to handle the functions/mappings that are not linearly separable e.g., XOR?
- Can handle only boolean inputs.
  - Gives equal or no weightage to the inputs
  - How can we assign different weights to different inputs?
- We hand-code threshold parameter
  - Can we automate the learning process of the parameter?
- To overcome these limitations, another model, known as perception model or perceptron, was proposed by Frank Rosenblatt (1958) and analysed by Minsky and Papert (1969).
  - Inputs *real valued*, *weights* used in aggregation
  - *Learning* of weights and threshold is *possible*.



# Perceptron Classifier

## Perceptron:

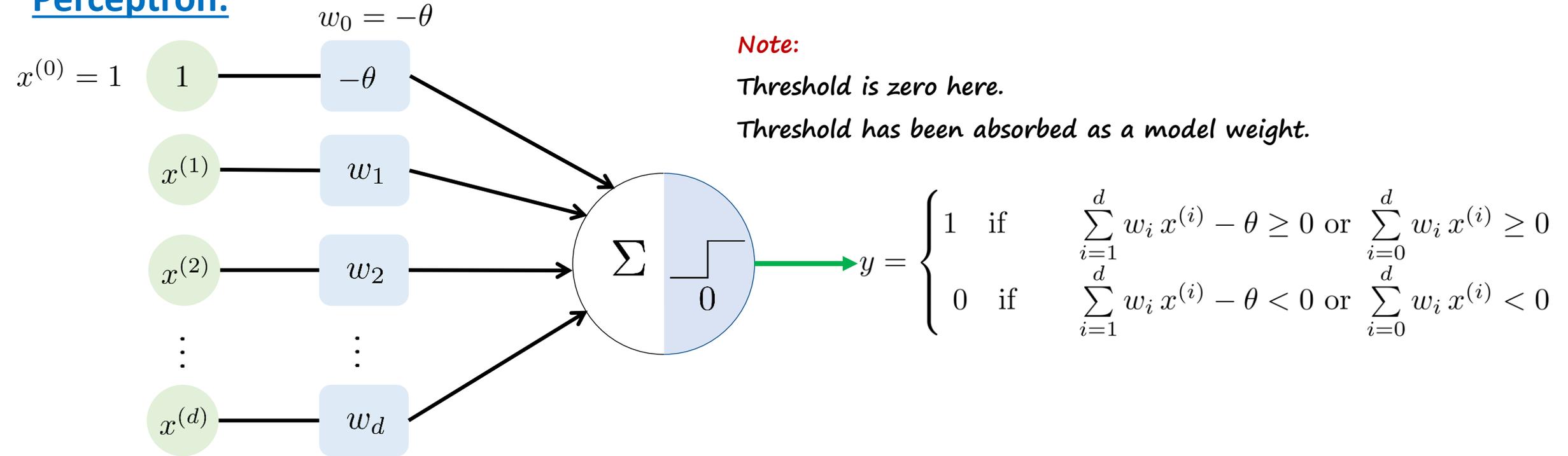
- $d$  number of real-valued inputs  $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(d)} \in \mathbf{R}$ . (*Difference from MP Neuron*)
- Boolean output,  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ .
- If sum of inputs is less than  $\theta$ , the output is zero and one otherwise.
- Threshold  $\theta$  and weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_d$  are model parameters. (*Difference from MP Neuron*)



- $\theta$ , threshold represents a bias here.
- $\theta$  can be considered or absorbed as a weight.
- This will make aggregation/thresholding independent of any parameters.

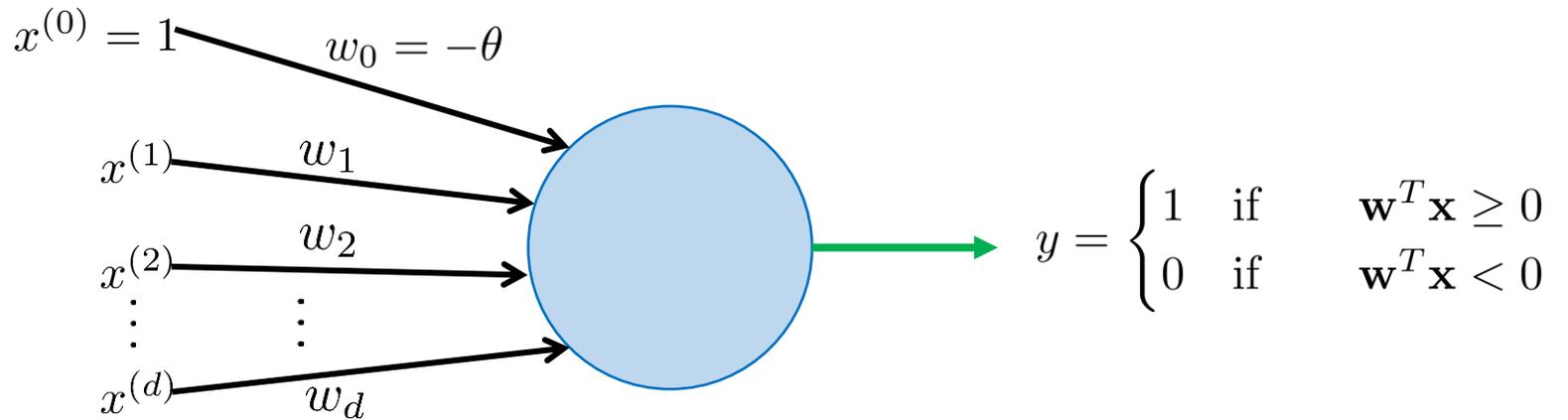
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## Perceptron:



## Alternative (Compact) Representation:

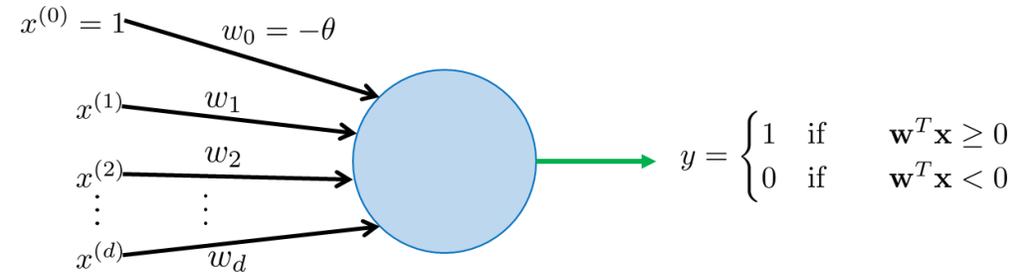
- $\mathbf{x} = [x^{(0)}, x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(d)}]$
- $\mathbf{w} = [w_0, w_1, \dots, w_d]$



# Perceptron Classifier

## Classification using Perceptron:

- Since  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = 0$  represents a hyper-plane in the  $d$ -dimensional space, we can use perceptron as a binary classifier if the classes are linearly separable.
- How is this different from MP neuron?
  - Inputs are real-valued.
  - We have real-valued weights in the process of aggregation.
  - We can learn the weights.



- Remark:

*If classes are labeled as 1 and -1*

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} < 0 \end{cases}$$

*We often write output as*

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

*sign(.) returns sign of the argument.*

# Outline

- Perceptron and Perceptron Classifier
- Logistic Regression Classifier

# Logistic Regression

## Overview:

- kNN: Instance based Classifier
  - **Logistic Regression: Discriminative Classifier**
    - Estimate  $P(y|x)$  directly from the data
  - 'Logistic regression' is an algorithm to carry out classification.
    - Name is misleading; the word 'regression' is due to the fact that the method attempts to fit a linear model in the feature space.
  - Instead of predicting class, we compute the probability of instance being that class.
- Mathematically, model is characterized by variables  $\theta$ .

$$h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

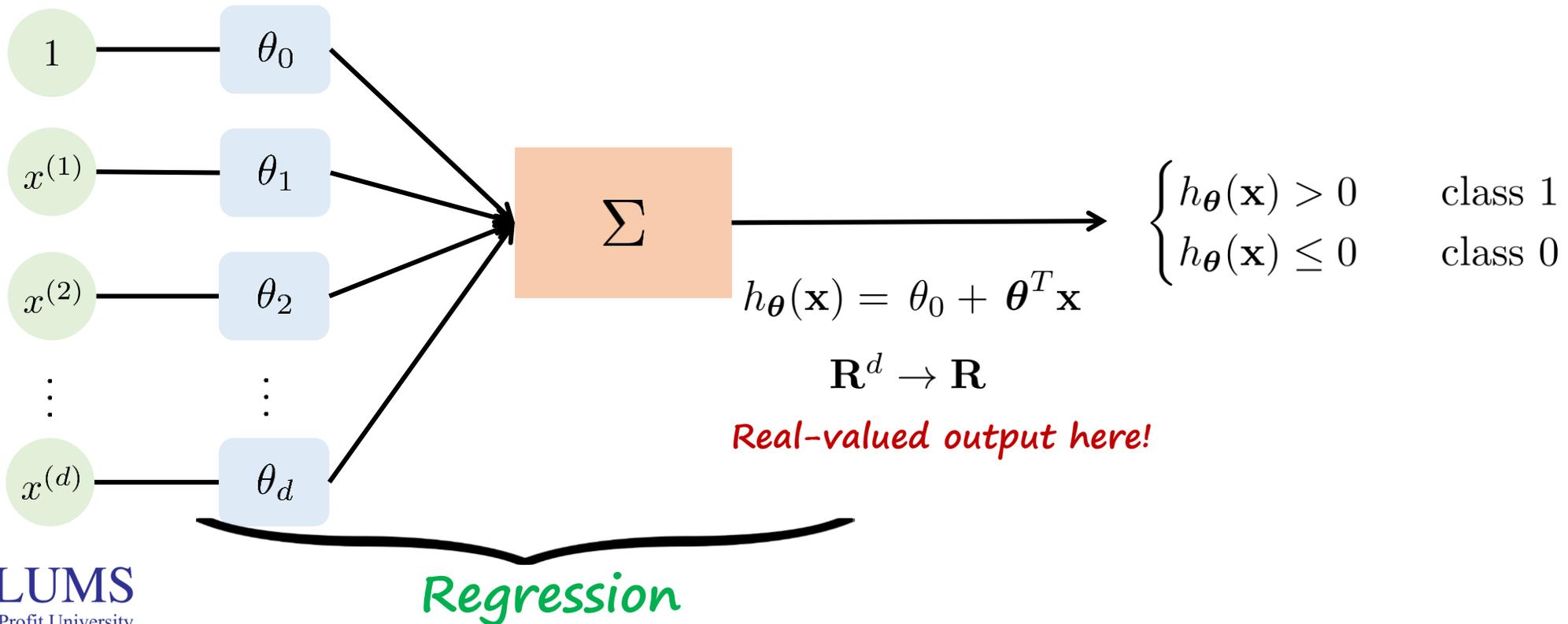
Posterior probability

- A simple form of a neural network.

# Logistic Regression

## Model:

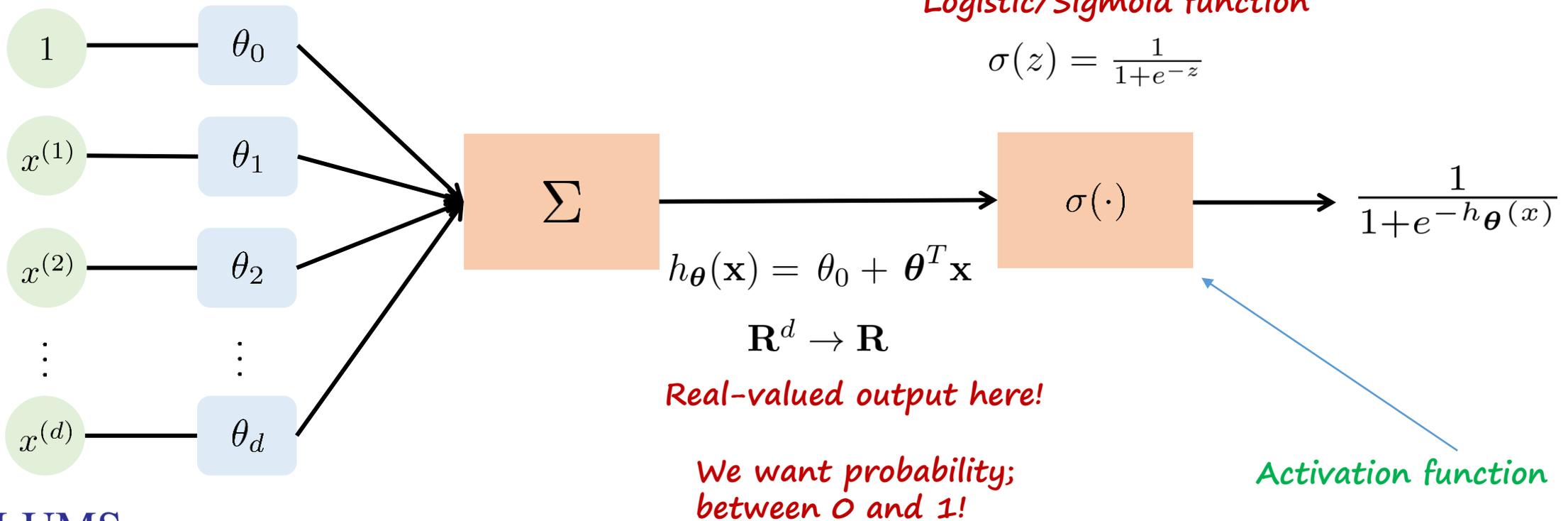
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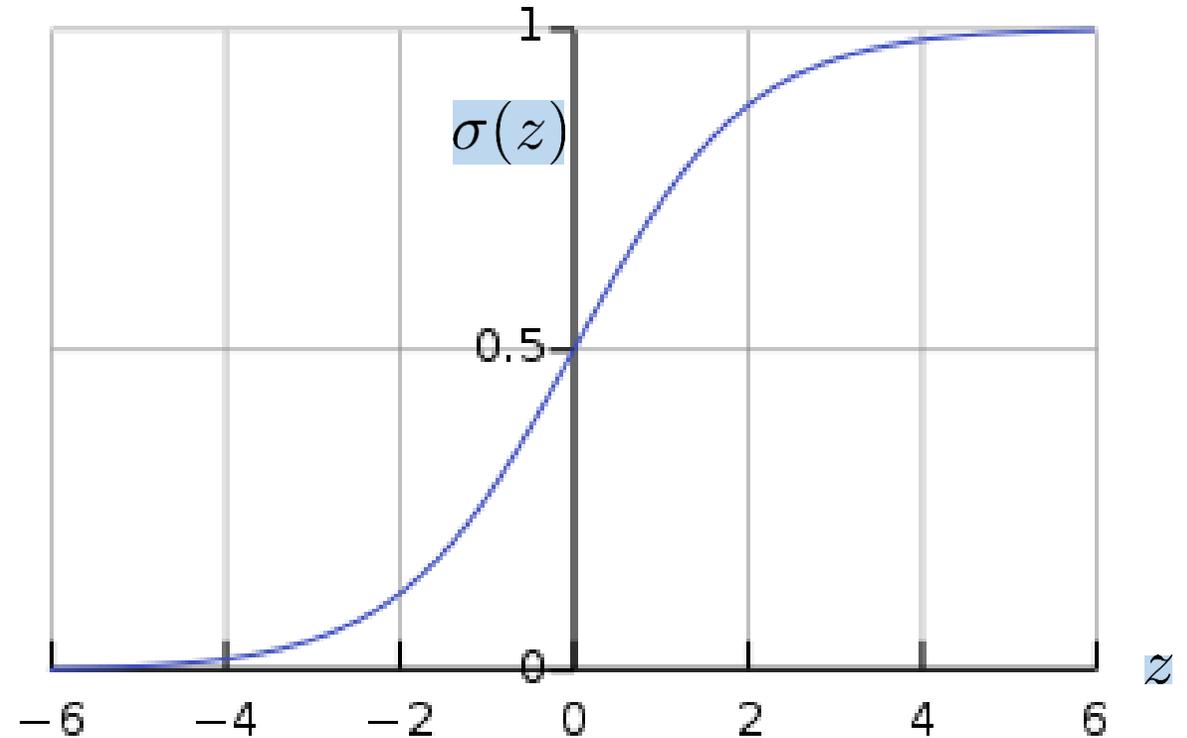
## Logistic (Sigmoid) Function

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

- Interpretation: maps  $(-\infty, \infty)$  to  $(0, 1)$
- Squishes values in  $(-\infty, \infty)$  to  $(0, 1)$
- It is differentiable.
- Generalized logistic function:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{L}{1 + e^{-k(z-z_0)}}$$

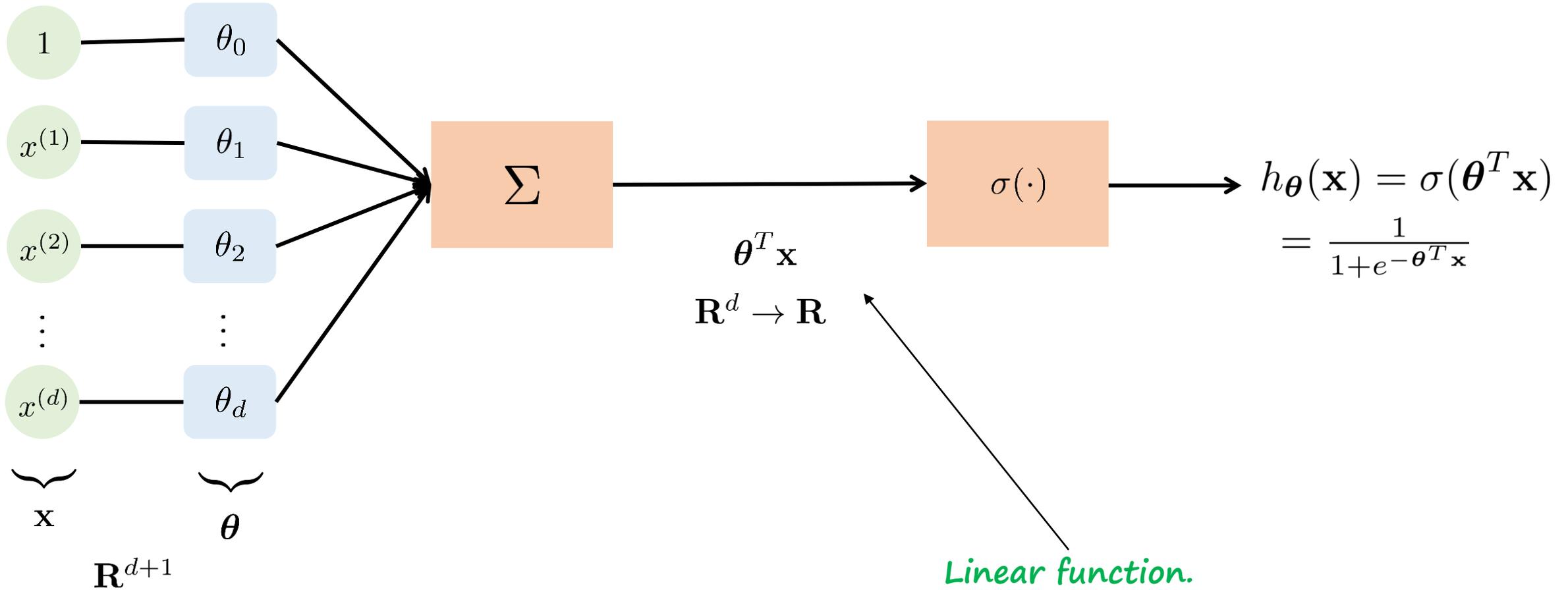
- Sigmoid: because of S shaped curve



# Logistic Regression

## Change in notation:

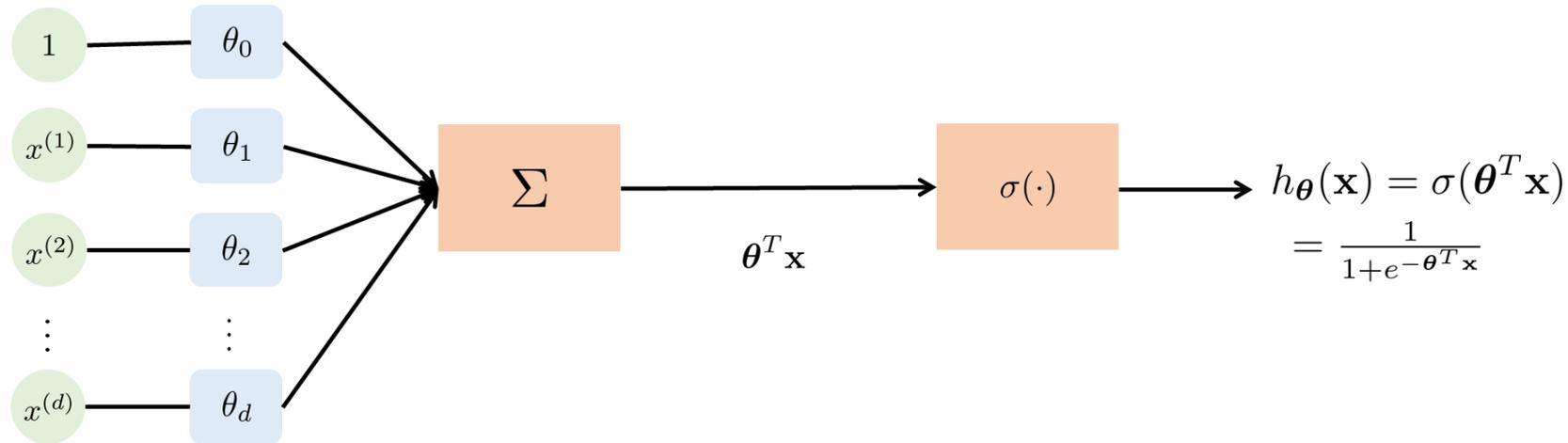
- Treat bias term as an input feature for notational convenience.



Linear function.  
Linear Regression.

# Logistic Regression

## Classification:



- $h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = P(y = 1|\mathbf{x})$  represents the probability of class membership.
- Assign class by applying threshold as

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} \text{Class 1} & \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x}) > 0.5 \\ \text{Class 0} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 0.5 is the threshold defining decision boundary.
- We can also use values other than 0.5 as threshold.

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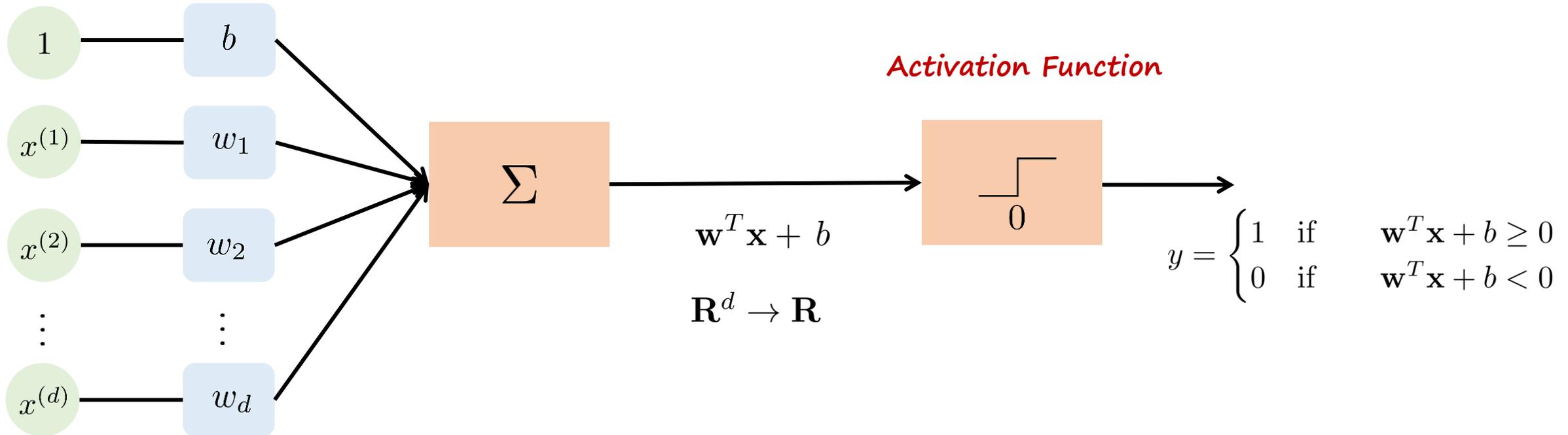
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# Neural Networks

## Connection with Logistic Regression and Perceptron:

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### Perceptron Model:

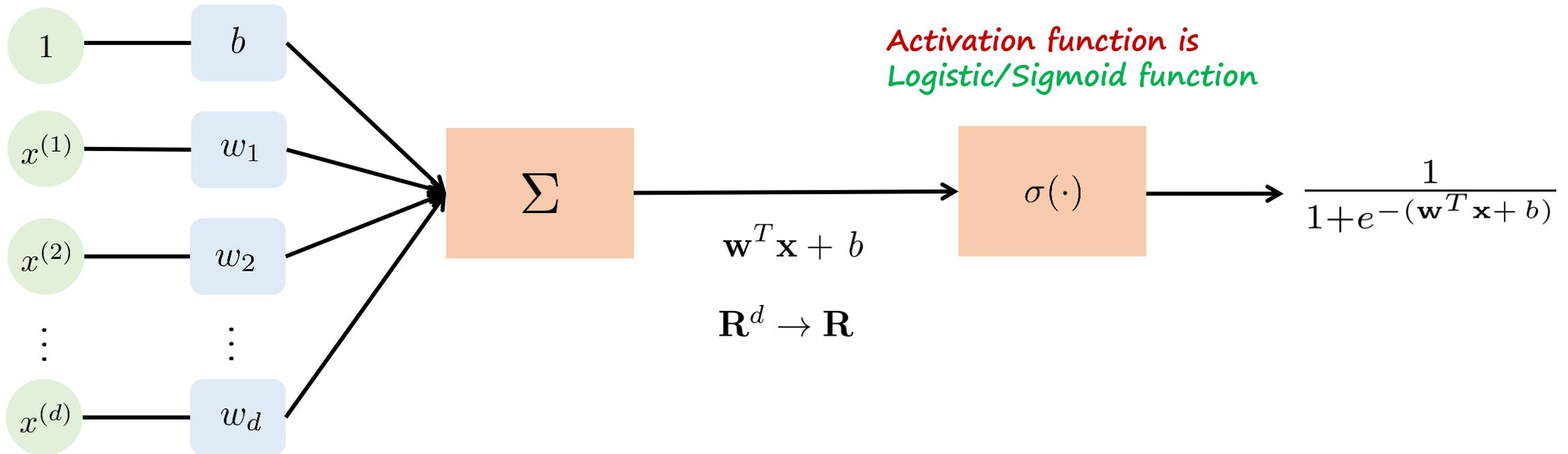


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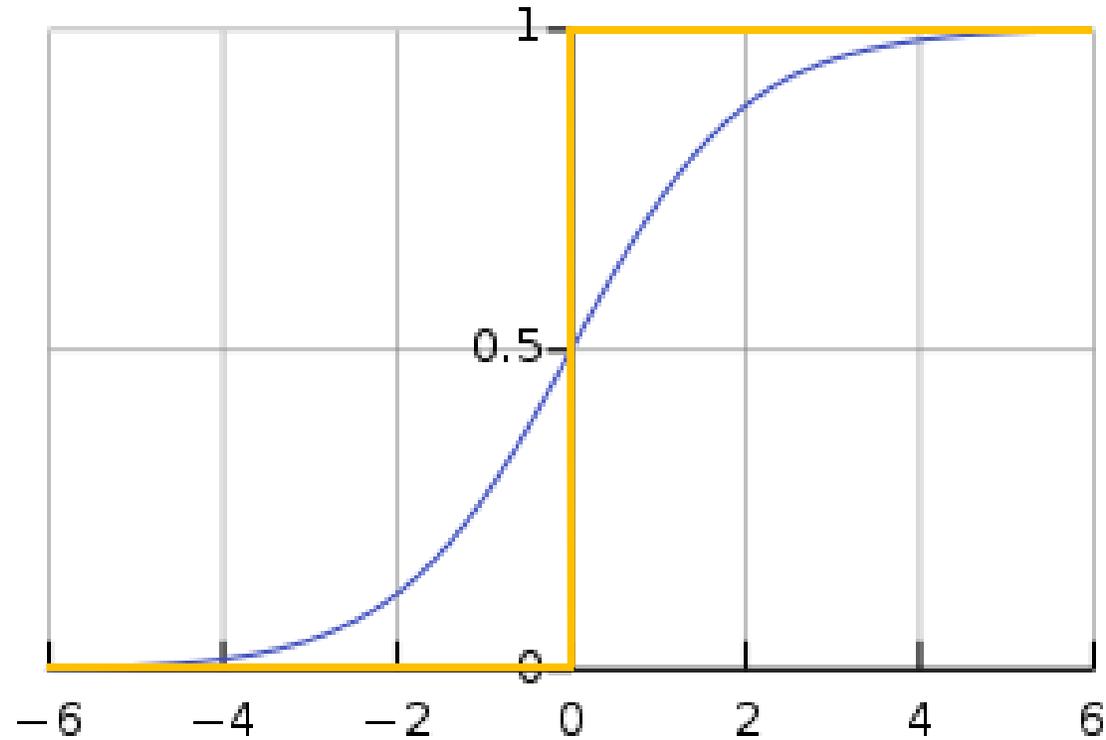


Logistic Regression Model, aka Sigmoid Neuron

# Neural Networks

## Connection with Logistic Regression and Perceptron:

Activation Function  
Perceptron vs Sigmoid Neuron



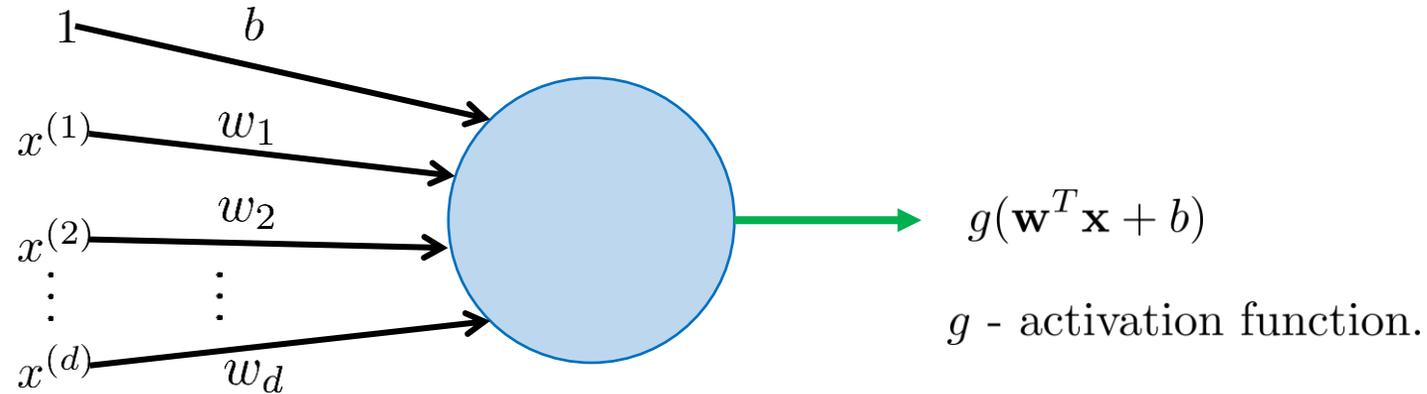
Weighted sum of inputs + bias

$$w^T \mathbf{x} + b$$

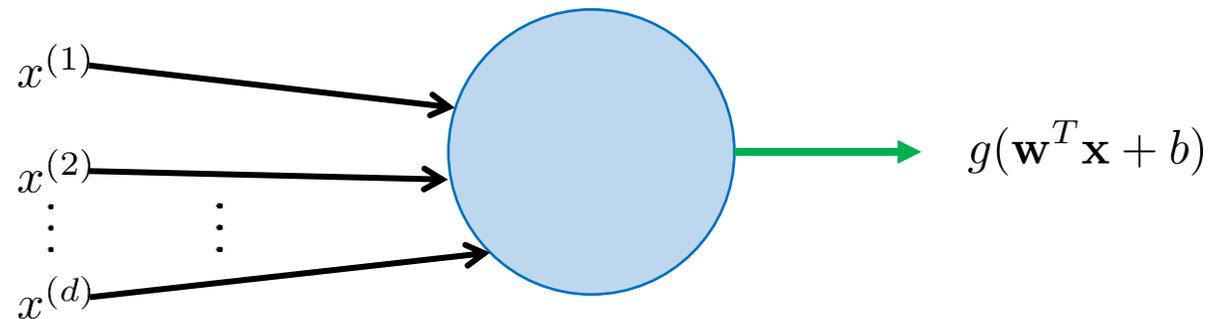
# Neural Networks

## Neuron Model:

### Compact Representation:



### More Compact Representation:



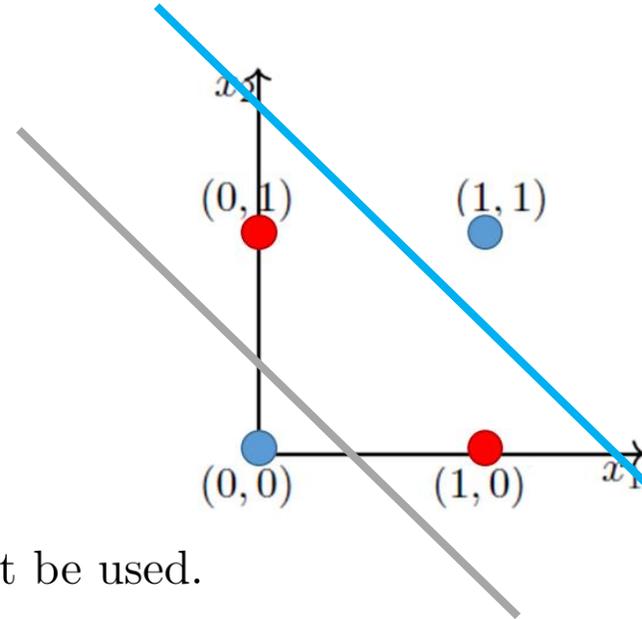
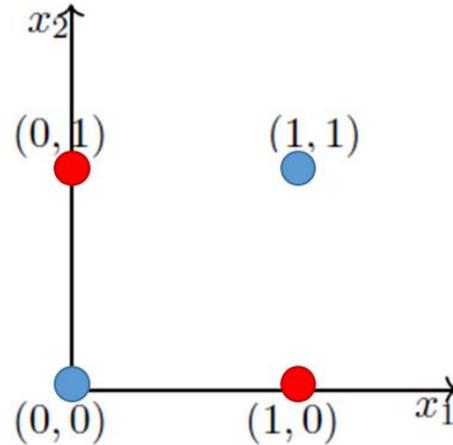
- Neuron model: Characterized by weights, bias and activation function.
- Weights  $\mathbf{w}$ , bias  $b$  - model parameters
- Activation function  $g$  - hyperparameter

# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks - Infamous XOR Problem:

- (1969) Minsky and Papert showed that a perceptron cannot classify XOR output.

$x_1$	$x_2$	XOR
0	0	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
1	1	0

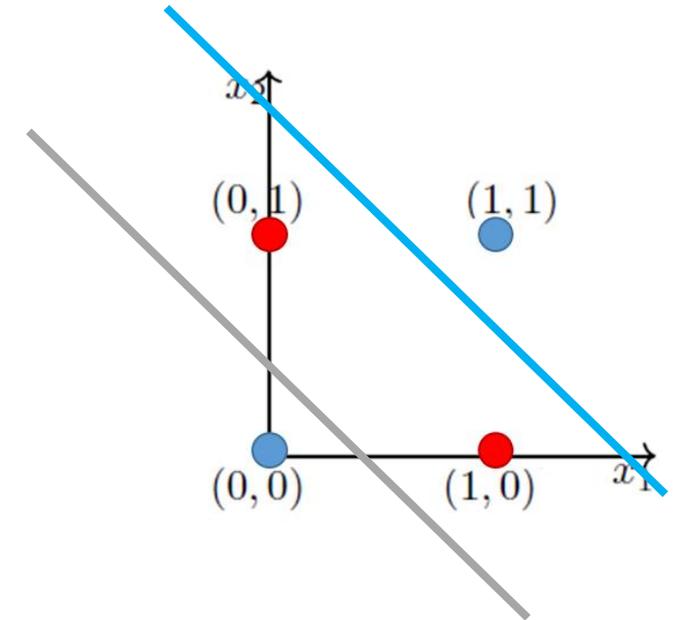
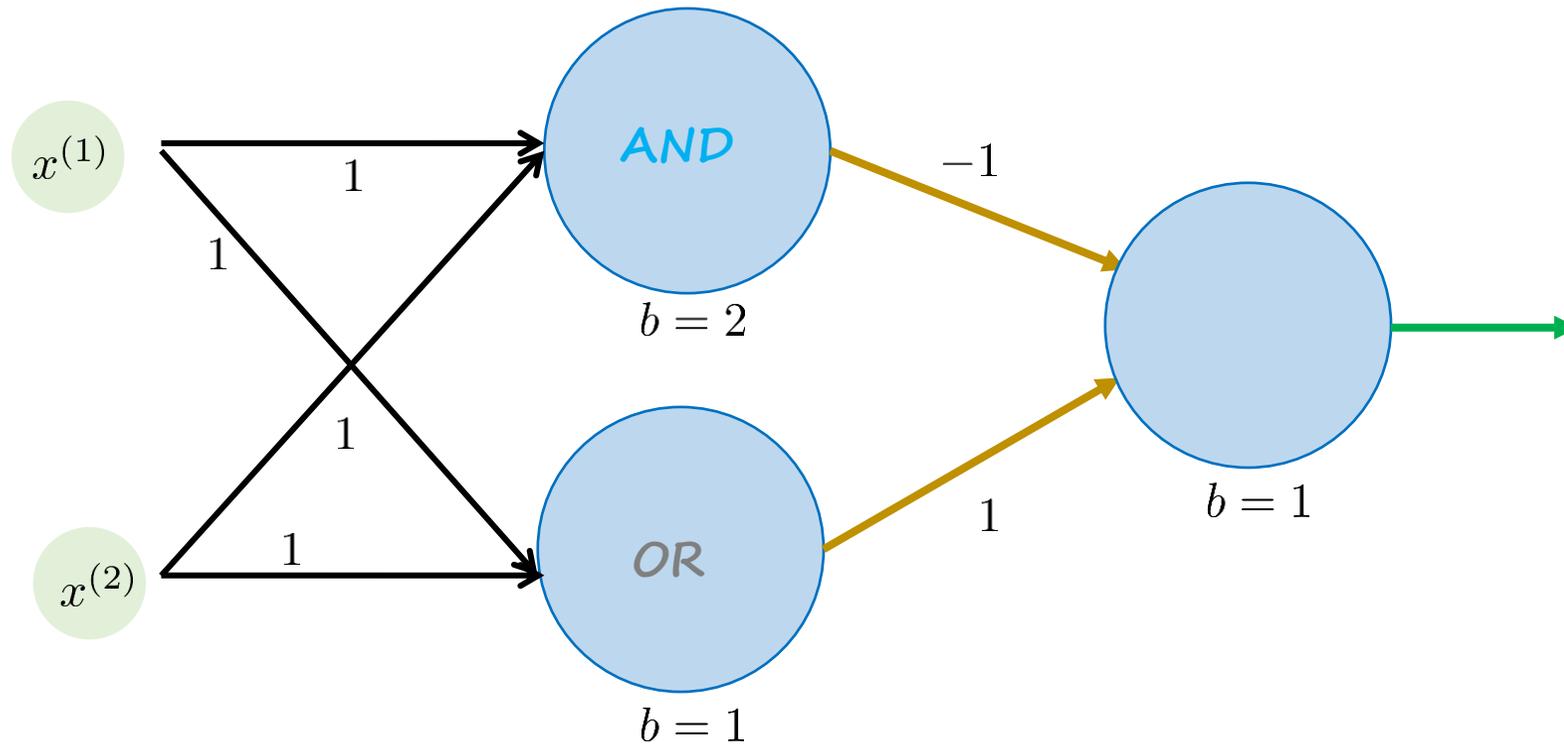


*Idea:*  
Learn AND and OR  
boundaries.

- Classes are not linearly separable: linear classifier cannot be used.
- We can either transform features or project the data to higher dimensional space.
- We can however build a network of linear classifiers.

# Neural Networks

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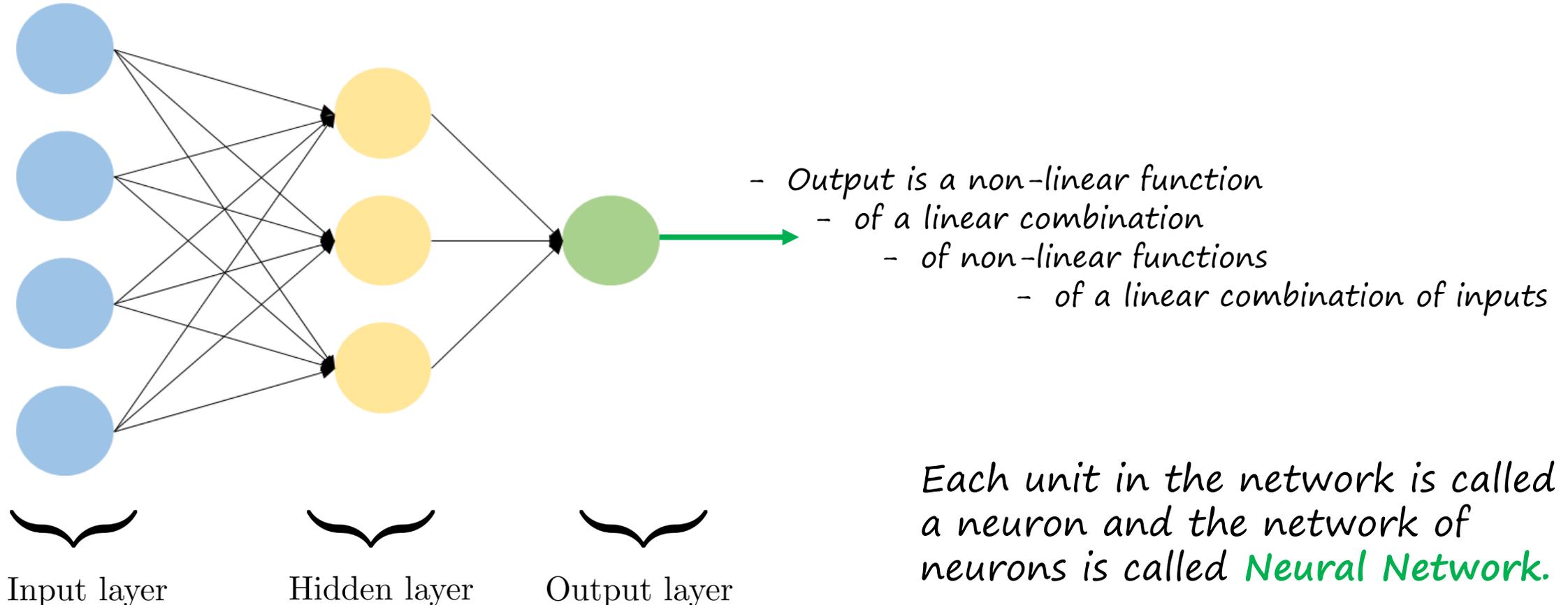


- This is a neural network; a network of perceptrons, aka multi-layer perceptron (MLP).

# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks

- A neural network is a set of neurons organized in layers.

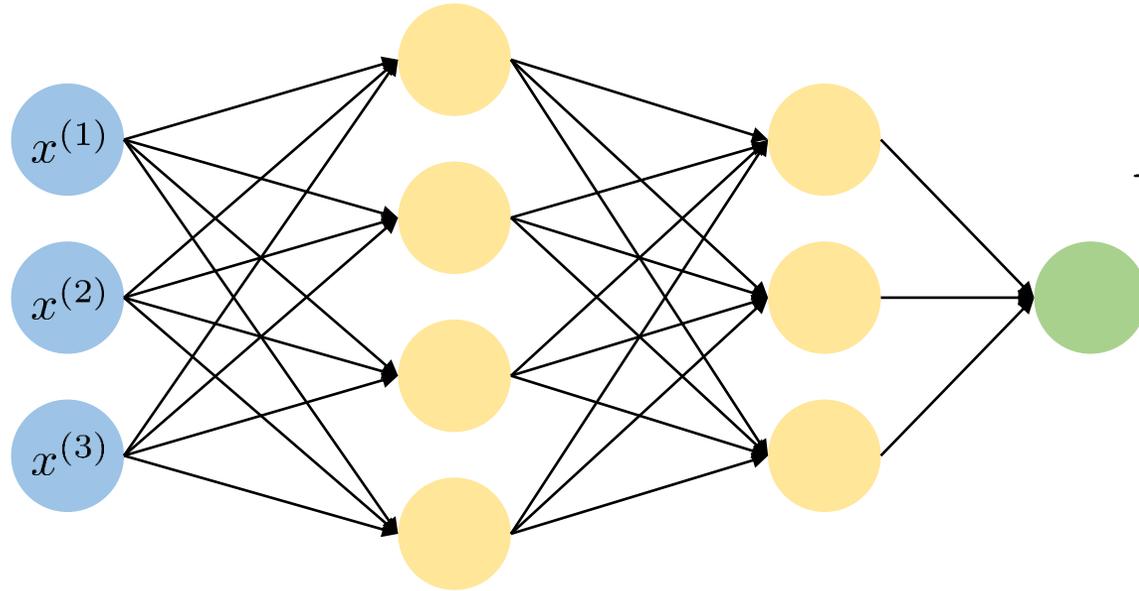


- Given the input and parameters of the neurons, we can determine the output by traversing layers from input to output. This is referred to as **Forward Pass**.

# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks:

### Example: 3-layer network, 2 hidden layers



- Output is a non-linear function
  - of a linear combination
    - of non-linear functions
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    - of non-linear functions
    - of linear combinations of inputs

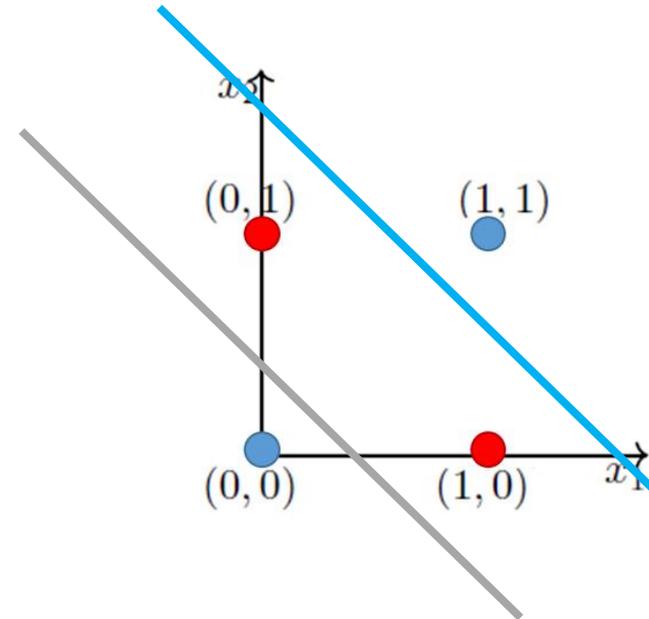
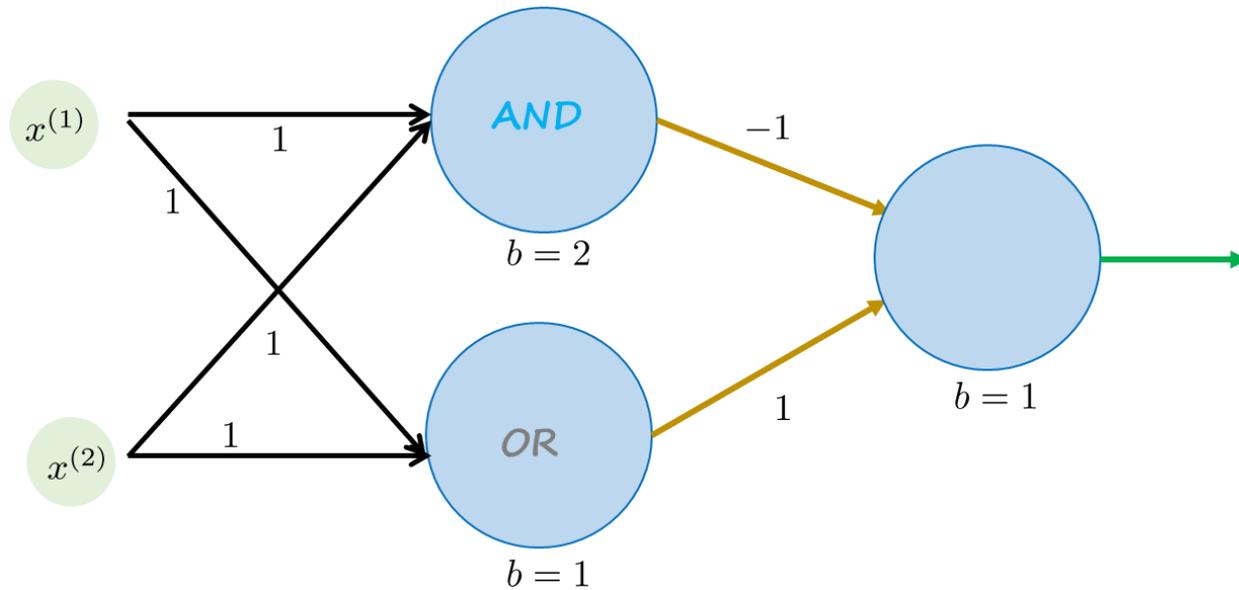
- We do not count the input layer because there are no parameters associated with it.
- Neural networks with neurons are also referred to as MLPs but we will refer to the network as MLP only when it is constructed using perceptrons.

**Feedforward Neural Network:** Output from one layer is an input to the next layer.

# Neural Networks

## What kind of functions can be modeled by a neural network?

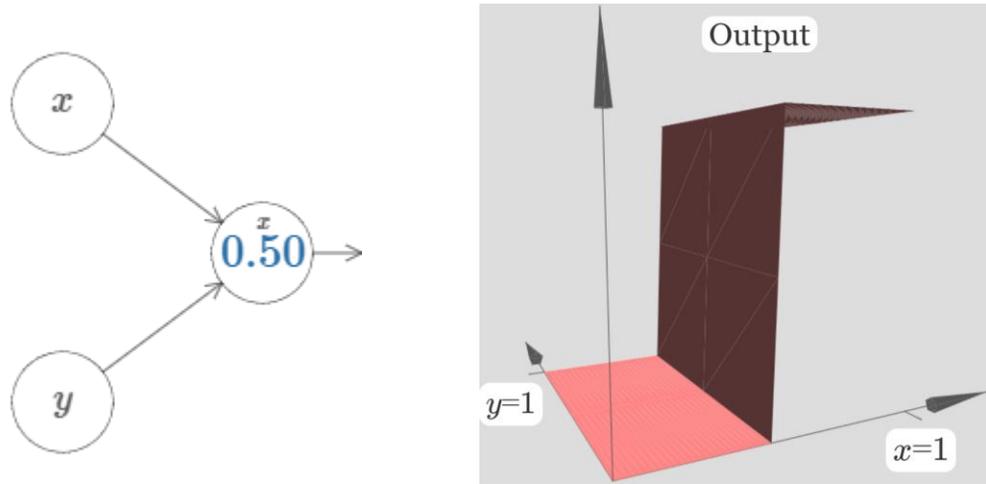
Intuition: XOR example



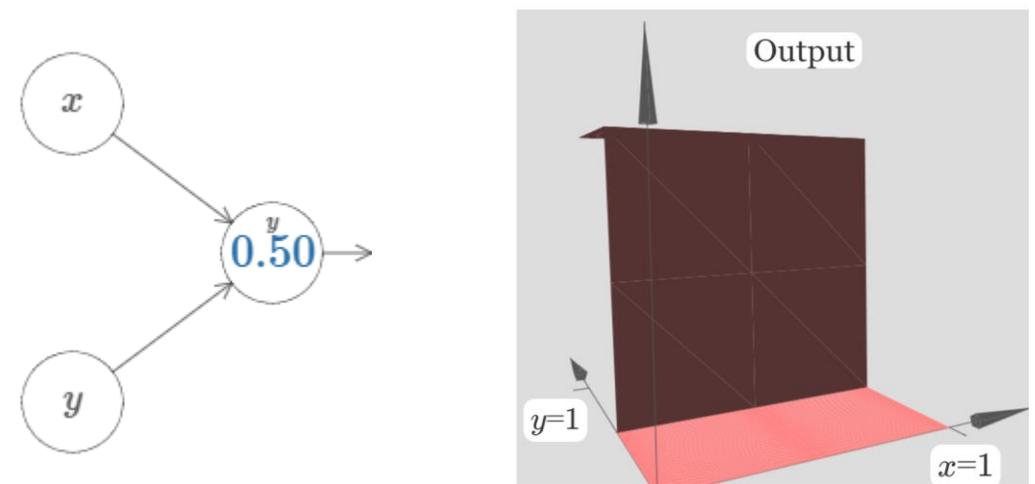
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## What kind of functions can be modeled by a neural network?

**Intuition:** Example (Sigmoid neuron)



- bias=0.5 indicated.
- weight for  $x$  is very large.
- weight for  $y$  is zero.

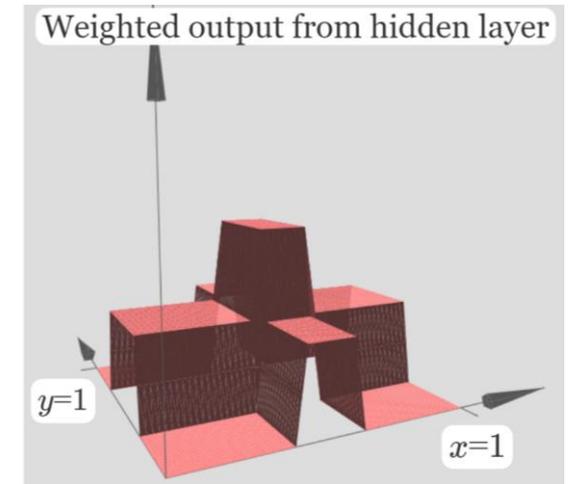
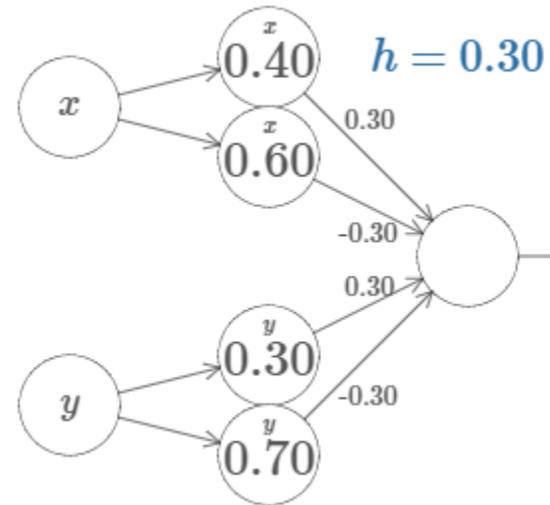
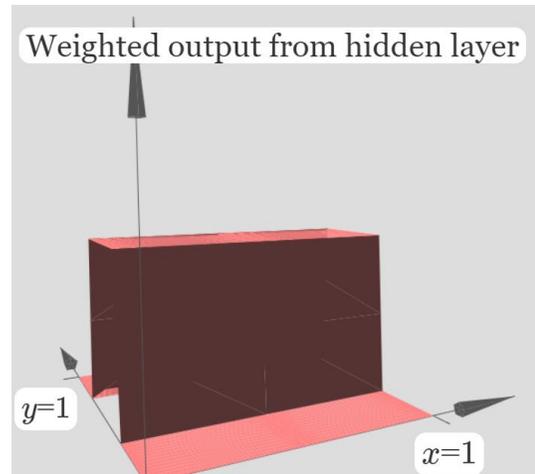
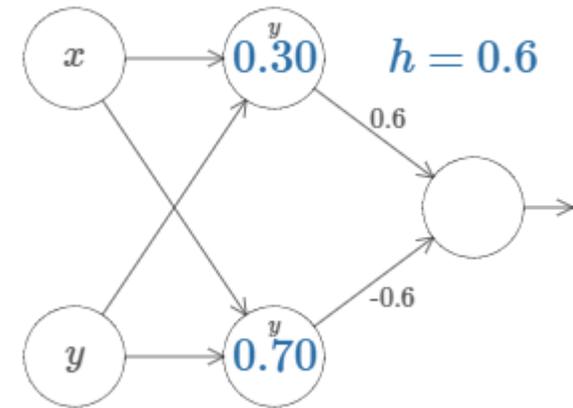
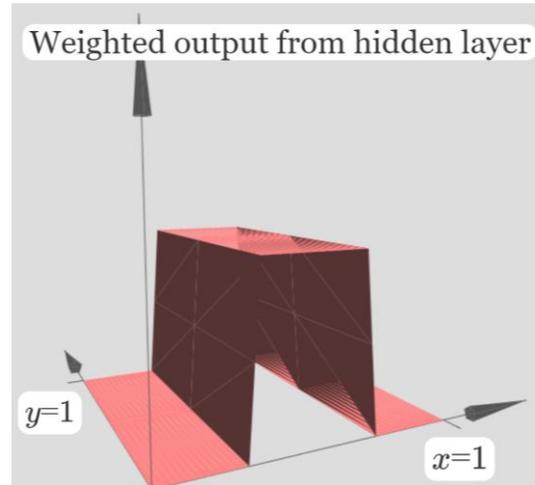
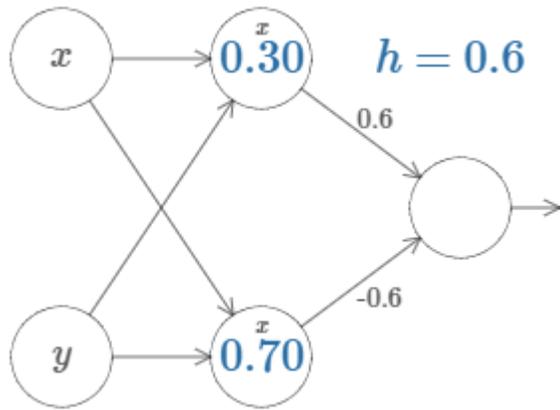


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### Intuition: Example (Multi layer)



# Neural Networks

## What kind of functions can be modeled by a neural network?

### Universal Approximation Theorem (Hornik 1991):

*“A single hidden layer neural network with a linear output unit can approximate any continuous function arbitrarily well, **given enough hidden units.**”*

- *The theorem results demonstrates the capability of neural network, but this does not mean there is a learning algorithm that can find the necessary parameter values.*
- *Since each neuron represents non-linearity, we can keep on increasing the number of neurons in the hidden layer to model the function. But this will also increase the number of parameters defining the model.*
- *Instead of adding more neurons in the same layer, we prefer to add more hidden layers because non-linear projections of a non-linear projection can model complex functions relatively easy.*

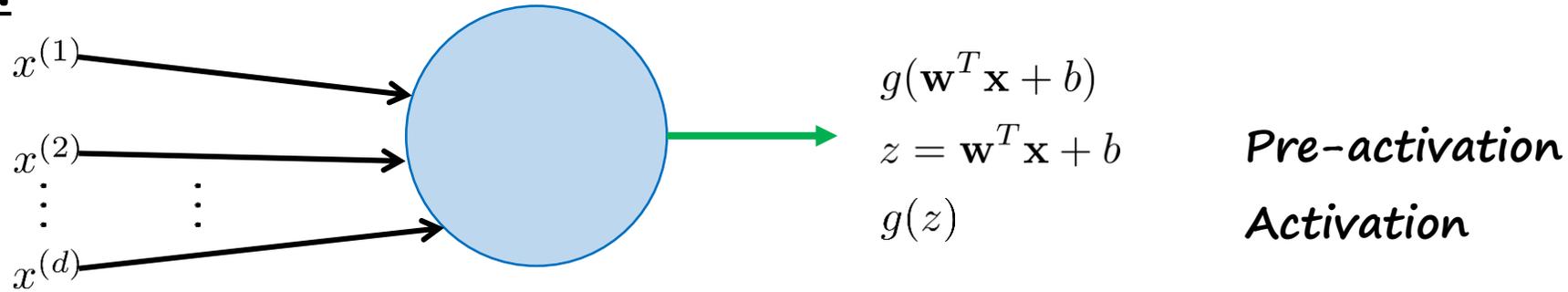
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- Neural networks 'Forward Pass'

# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks – Notation:

### Single Neuron:



- If we stack  $n$  training data in a matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  of size  $d \times n$ , that is,  $\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n]$
- Using  $\mathbf{X}$  and by defining  $\mathbf{1}$  a row vector of ones of length  $n$ , we can define ‘pre-activation’ operation  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b$  for all inputs compactly, denoted by  $\mathbf{z}$  as

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X} + b\mathbf{1}$$

$(1 \times n) \quad (1 \times d)(d \times n) + (1 \times n)$

*Pre-activation  
(Aggregation)*

*Linear transformation*

- Using activation function  $g$ , we obtain

$$\mathbf{a} = g(\mathbf{z})$$

*Activation*

*Non-linear transformation*

- Activation function is operating on each entry of  $\mathbf{z}$ .
- $\mathbf{a}$  - a row vector of length  $n$ ;  $i$ -th entry represents an output for  $i$ -th input.

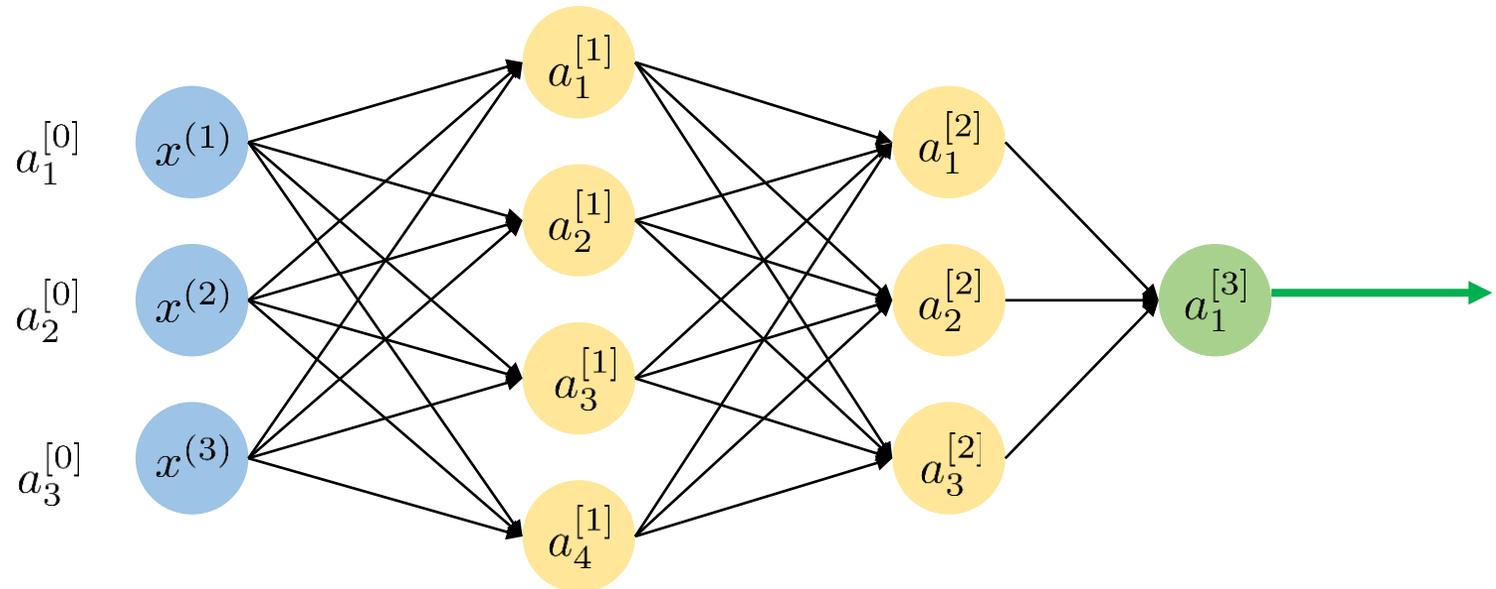
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## Neural Networks – Notation:

- $L$  - number of layers.
- Number of nodes in the  $\ell$ -th layer,  $m^{[\ell]}$
- $a_i^{[\ell]}$  denotes the output of  $i$ -th node in the  $\ell$ -th layer. •  $\mathbf{a}^{[\ell]}$  - vector of outputs of  $\ell$ -th node.
- $\mathbf{a}^{[\ell]} = \mathbf{x}$  input layer.
- $\mathbf{a}^{[L]} = y$  output layer.

### Example: 3-layer network, 2 hidden layers

- $L = 3$
- $m^{[1]} = 4, m^{[2]} = 3, m^{[3]} = 1$

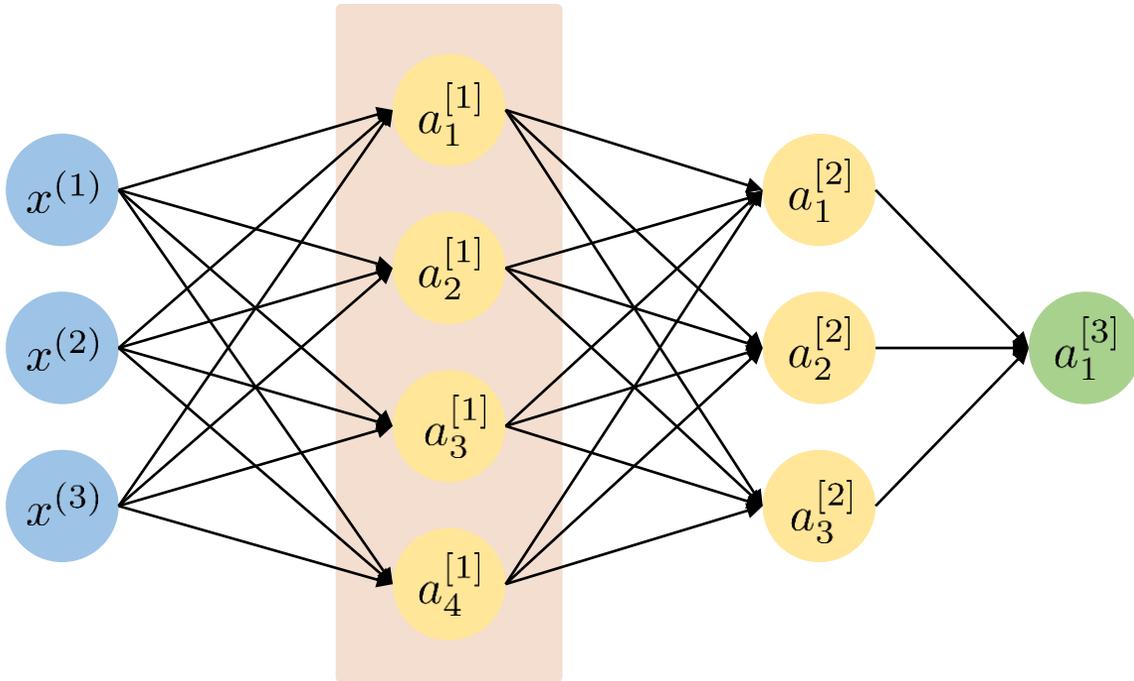


# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks – Notation:

- $\mathbf{w}_i^{[\ell]}$  and  $b_i^{[\ell]}$  denote the weight and bias associated with the  $i$ -th node in the  $\ell$ -th layer respectively.
- $w_{i,j}^{[\ell]}$  denote the weight and bias associated with the  $j$  – th input of the  $i$ -th node in the  $\ell$ -th layer respectively.

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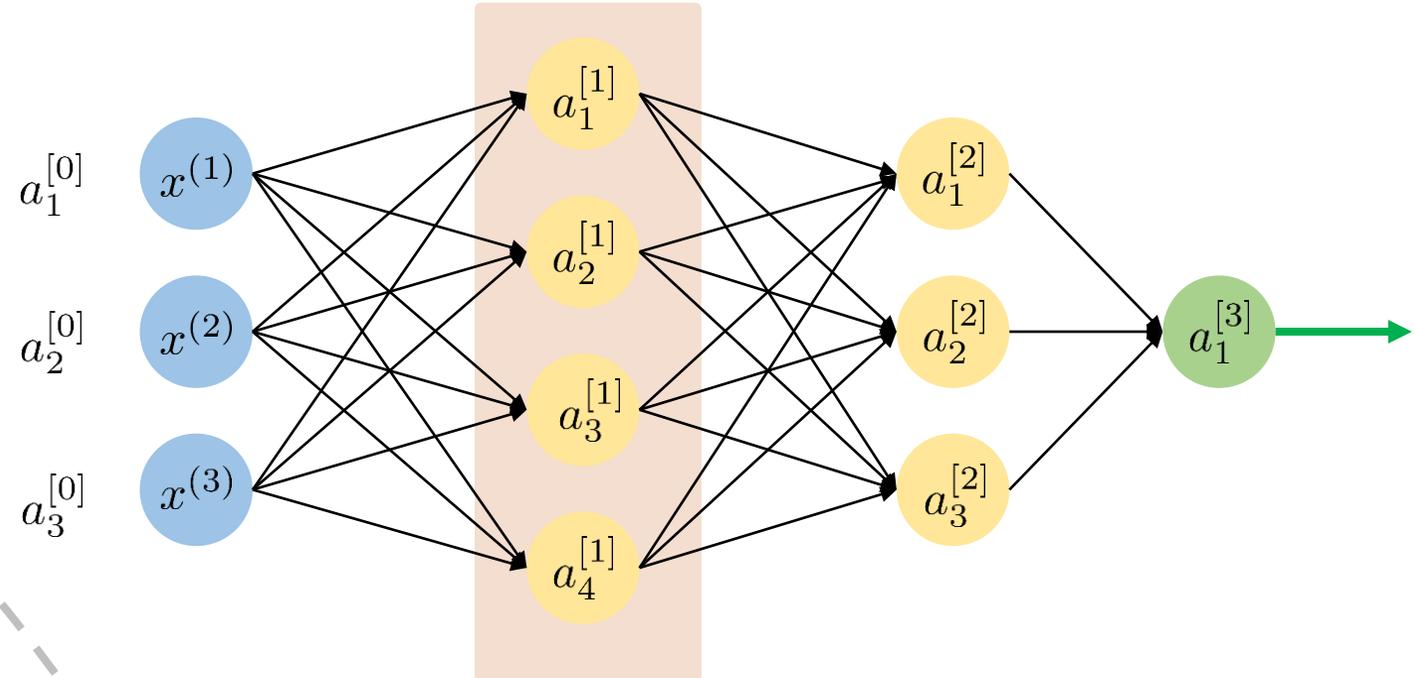
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$$a_2^{[1]} = g(z_2^{[1]}), \quad z_2^{[1]} = \mathbf{w}_2^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_2^{[1]}$$

$$a_3^{[1]} = g(z_3^{[1]}), \quad z_3^{[1]} = \mathbf{w}_3^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_3^{[1]}$$

$$a_4^{[1]} = g(z_4^{[1]}), \quad z_4^{[1]} = \mathbf{w}_4^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_4^{[1]}$$



$$\mathbf{W}^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^{[1]T} \\ \mathbf{w}_2^{[1]T} \\ \mathbf{w}_3^{[1]T} \\ \mathbf{w}_4^{[1]T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{b}^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{[1]T} \\ b_2^{[1]T} \\ b_3^{[1]T} \\ b_4^{[1]T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{[1]T} \\ z_2^{[1]T} \\ z_3^{[1]T} \\ z_4^{[1]T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[1]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]} \mathbf{a}^{[0]} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

- $\mathbf{W}^{[1]}$  and  $\mathbf{b}^{[1]}$  are the parameters of the first layer.

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## Neural Networks – Forward Pass:

$$\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[1]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$
$$\mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{a}^{[0]} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

- Q. What is the size of  $\mathbf{W}^{[1]}$ ?

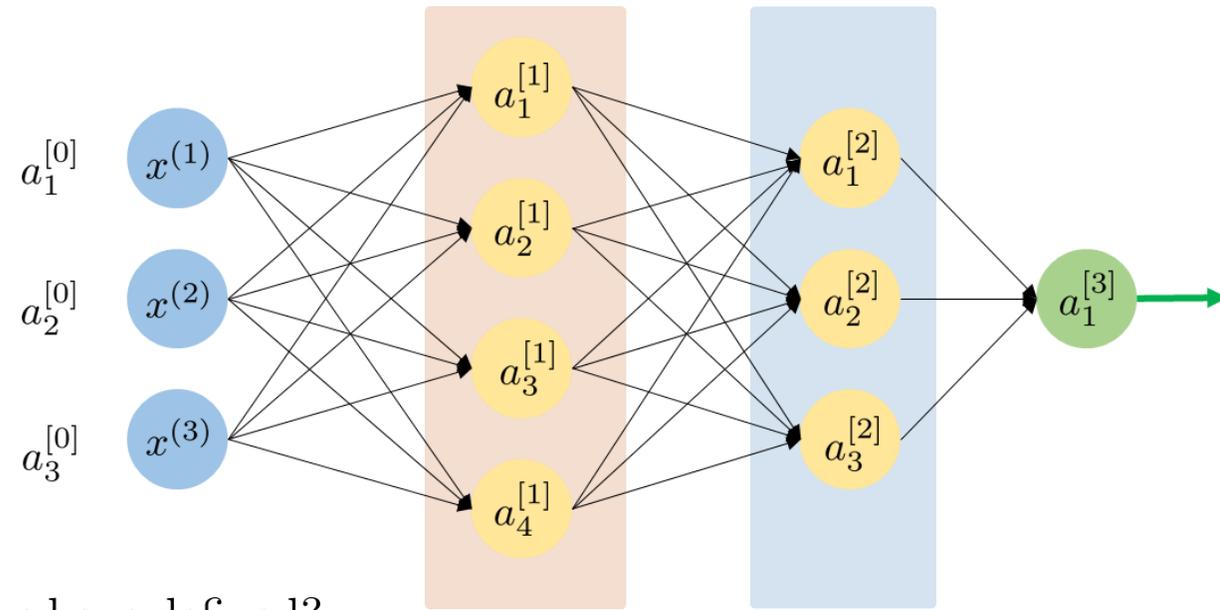
A. No. of nodes  $\times$  No. of inputs.  $4 \times 3$

No. of nodes  $\times$  No. nodes in the previous layer.

- Q. Can we write output of second layer using the notation we have defined?

$$\mathbf{a}^{[2]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[2]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[2]} = \mathbf{W}^{[2]}\mathbf{a}^{[1]} + \mathbf{b}^{[2]}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[3]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[3]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[3]} = \mathbf{W}^{[3]}\mathbf{a}^{[2]} + \mathbf{b}^{[3]}$$



- Q. What is the size of  $\mathbf{W}^{[2]}$ ?  $3 \times 4$

- Q. What is the size of  $\mathbf{W}^{[3]}$ ?  $1 \times 3$

- $\mathbf{W}^{[\ell]}$  and  $\mathbf{b}^{[\ell]}$  are the parameters of the  $\ell$ -th layer.

- Using these equations, we can determine the output given input and parameters of layers (**Forward Pass**).

# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks – Forward Pass Summary:

$$\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[1]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{a}^{[0]} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$(4 \times 1) = (4 \times 3)(3 \times 1) + (4 \times 1)$$

$$\mathbf{a}^{[2]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[2]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[2]} = \mathbf{W}^{[2]}\mathbf{a}^{[1]} + \mathbf{b}^{[2]}$$

$$(3 \times 1) = (3 \times 4)(4 \times 1) + (3 \times 1)$$

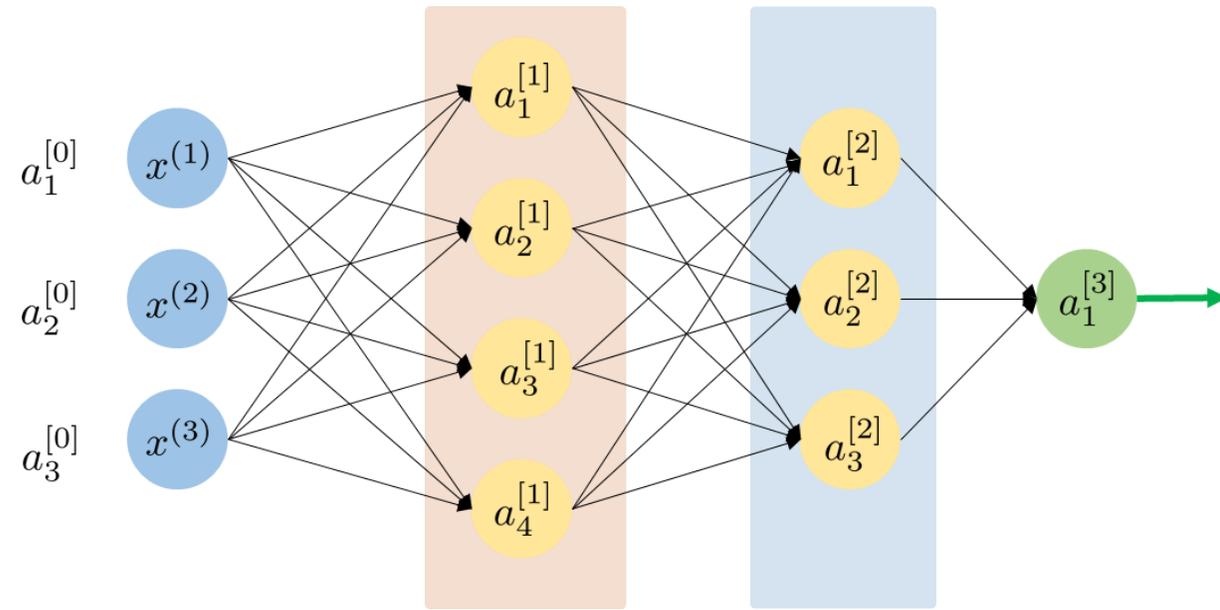
$$\mathbf{a}^{[3]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[3]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[3]} = \mathbf{W}^{[3]}\mathbf{a}^{[2]} + \mathbf{b}^{[3]}$$

$$(1 \times 1) = (1 \times 3)(3 \times 1) + (1 \times 1)$$

- In general, we have

$$\mathbf{a}^{[\ell]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[\ell]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[\ell]} = \mathbf{W}^{[\ell]}\mathbf{a}^{[\ell-1]} + \mathbf{b}^{[\ell]}$$

for  $\ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$ , where  $\mathbf{a}^{[0]} = \mathbf{x}$ .



- How many parameters do we have by the way?
- This formulation is for one input  $\mathbf{x}$ .
- How can we extend this formulation  $n$  inputs?

# Neural Networks

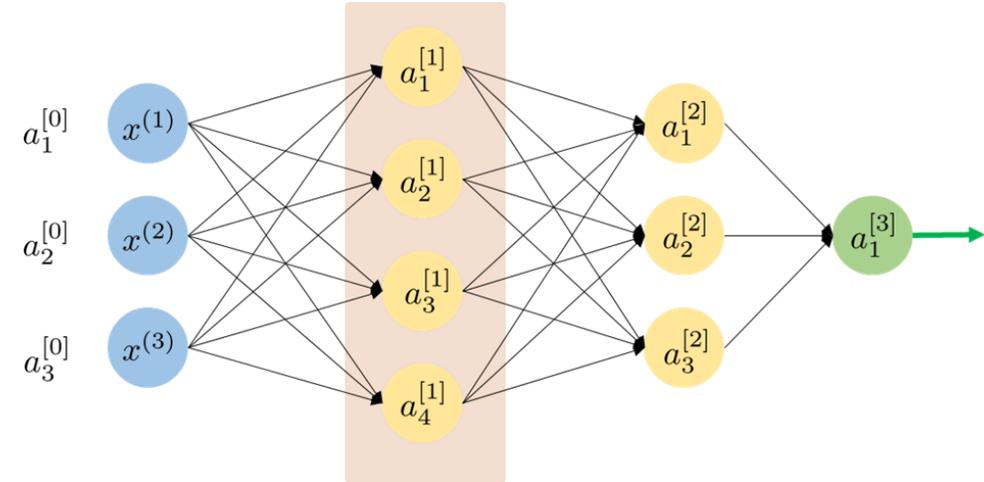
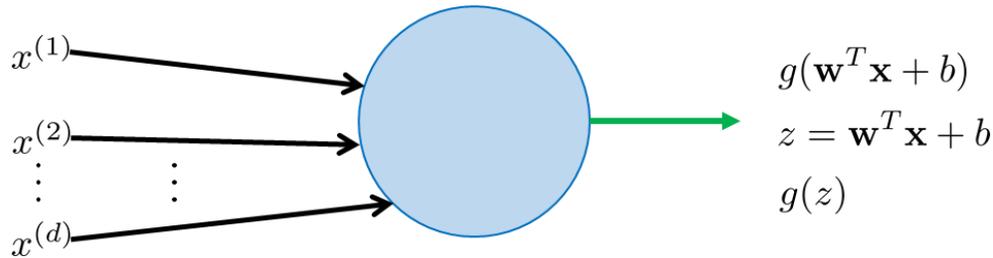
## Neural Networks – Forward Pass – Incorporating all Inputs:

$$\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = g(\mathbf{z}^{[1]}), \quad \mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{a}^{[0]} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$(4 \times 1) = (4 \times 3)(3 \times 1) + (4 \times 1)$$

### Recall:



$$\mathbf{A}^{[1]} = g(\mathbf{Z}^{[1]}), \quad \mathbf{Z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{A}^{[0]} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$(4 \times n) = (4 \times 3)(3 \times n) + (4 \times n)$$

- For single neuron, we developed the following formulation incorporating all inputs simultaneously.

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X} + b\mathbf{1}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = g(\mathbf{z})$$

- $\mathbf{a}$  - a row vector of length  $n$ ;  
 $i$ -th entry represents an output for  $i$ -th input.

# Neural Networks

## Neural Networks – Forward Pass Summary – All Inputs:

$$\mathbf{A}^{[1]} = g(\mathbf{Z}^{[1]}), \quad \mathbf{Z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}^{[1]} = \mathbf{W}^{[1]}\mathbf{A}^{[0]} + \mathbf{b}^{[1]}$$

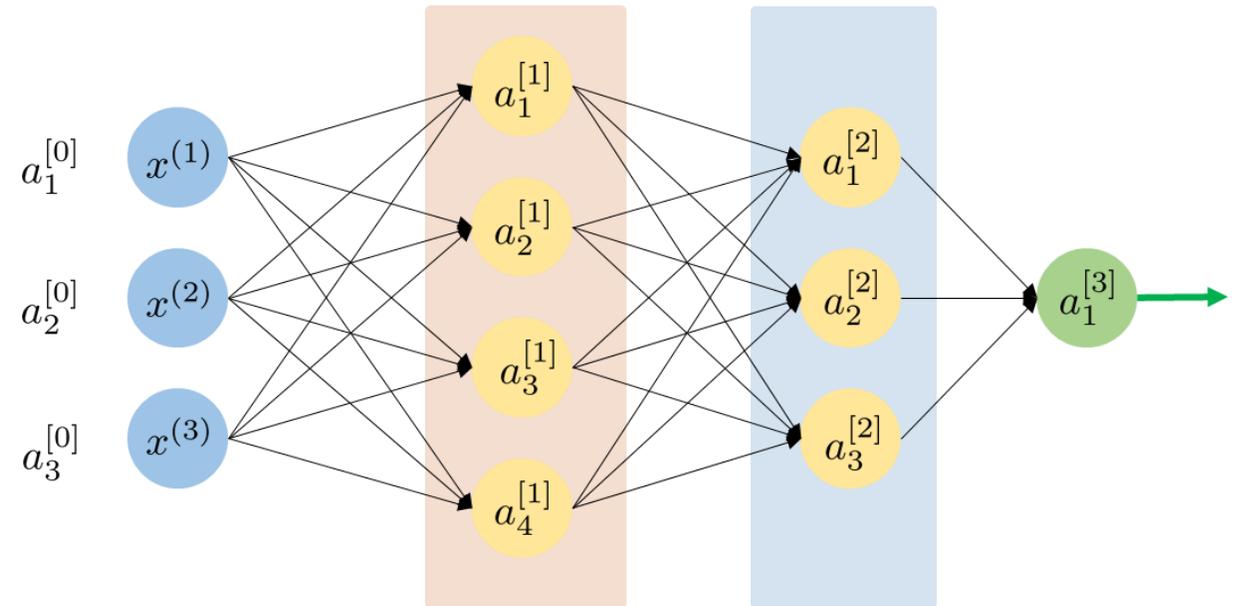
$$(4 \times n) = (4 \times 3)(3 \times n) + (4 \times n)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{[2]} = g(\mathbf{Z}^{[2]}), \quad \mathbf{Z}^{[2]} = \mathbf{W}^{[2]}\mathbf{A}^{[1]} + \mathbf{b}^{[2]}$$

$$(3 \times n) = (3 \times 4)(4 \times n) + (3 \times n)$$

$$\mathbf{A}^{[3]} = g(\mathbf{Z}^{[3]}), \quad \mathbf{Z}^{[3]} = \mathbf{W}^{[3]}\mathbf{A}^{[2]} + \mathbf{b}^{[3]}$$

$$(1 \times n) = (1 \times 3)(3 \times n) + (1 \times n)$$



- In general, we have

$$\mathbf{A}^{[\ell]} = g(\mathbf{Z}^{[\ell]}), \quad \mathbf{Z}^{[\ell]} = \mathbf{W}^{[\ell]}\mathbf{A}^{[\ell-1]} + \mathbf{b}^{[\ell]} \quad \ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$$

# Outline

- Perceptron and Perceptron Classifier
- Logistic Regression Classifier
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  - Neural networks connection with perceptron and logistic regression
- Neural networks 'Forward Pass'
- Learning neural network parameters
  - Back Propagation.

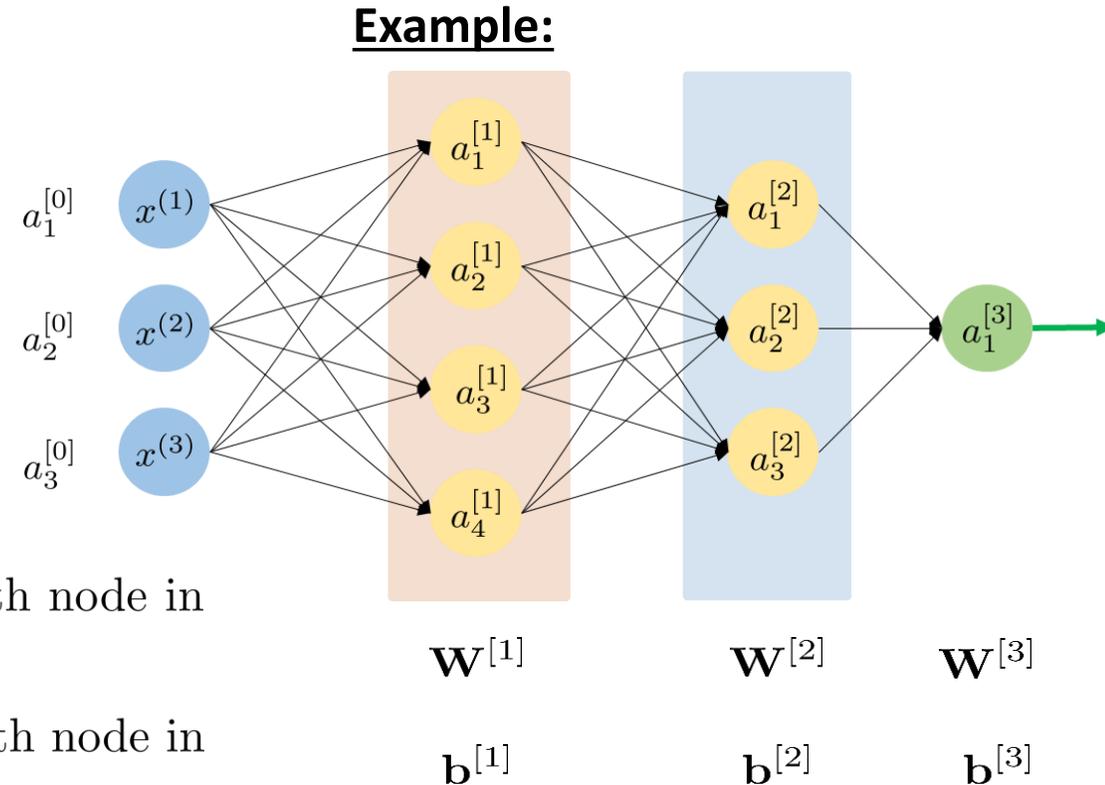
# Neural Networks

## Learning Weights:

- Given the training data, we want to learn the weights (weight matrices+bias vectors) for hidden layers and output layer.

## Notation revisit:

- $L$  - number of layers.
- Number of nodes in the  $\ell$ -th layer,  $m^{[\ell]}$
- $a_i^{[\ell]}$  denotes the output of  $i$ -th node in the  $\ell$ -th layer.
- $\mathbf{a}^{[\ell]}$  output of  $\ell$ -th layer,  $\mathbf{a}^{[0]} = \mathbf{x}$ .
- $\mathbf{a}^{[L]} = y$  output layer.
- $\mathbf{w}_i^{[\ell]}$  and  $b_i^{[\ell]}$  denote the weight and bias associated with the  $i$ -th node in the  $\ell$ -th layer respectively.
- $w_{i,j}^{[\ell]}$  denotes the weight associated with the  $j$ -th input of the  $i$ -th node in the  $\ell$ -th layer.



*Parameters we need to learn!*

# Neural Networks

## Learning Weights:

- We assume we have training data  $D$  given by

$$D = \{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), (\mathbf{x}_2, y_2), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\} \subseteq \mathcal{X}^d \times \mathcal{Y}$$

- Consider a network with  $d$  nodes (features) at the input layer, 1 output node and any number of hidden layers.
- Define the loss function (for regression problem):

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\tilde{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

where  $\tilde{y}_i$  denotes the output of the neural network for  $i$ -th input.

- We can use gradient descent to learn the weight matrices and bias vectors.
- Given our prior knowledge, output  $y$  is a composite function of input  $\mathbf{x}$ . Therefore, it is continuous and differentiable and we can use chain rule to compute the gradient.

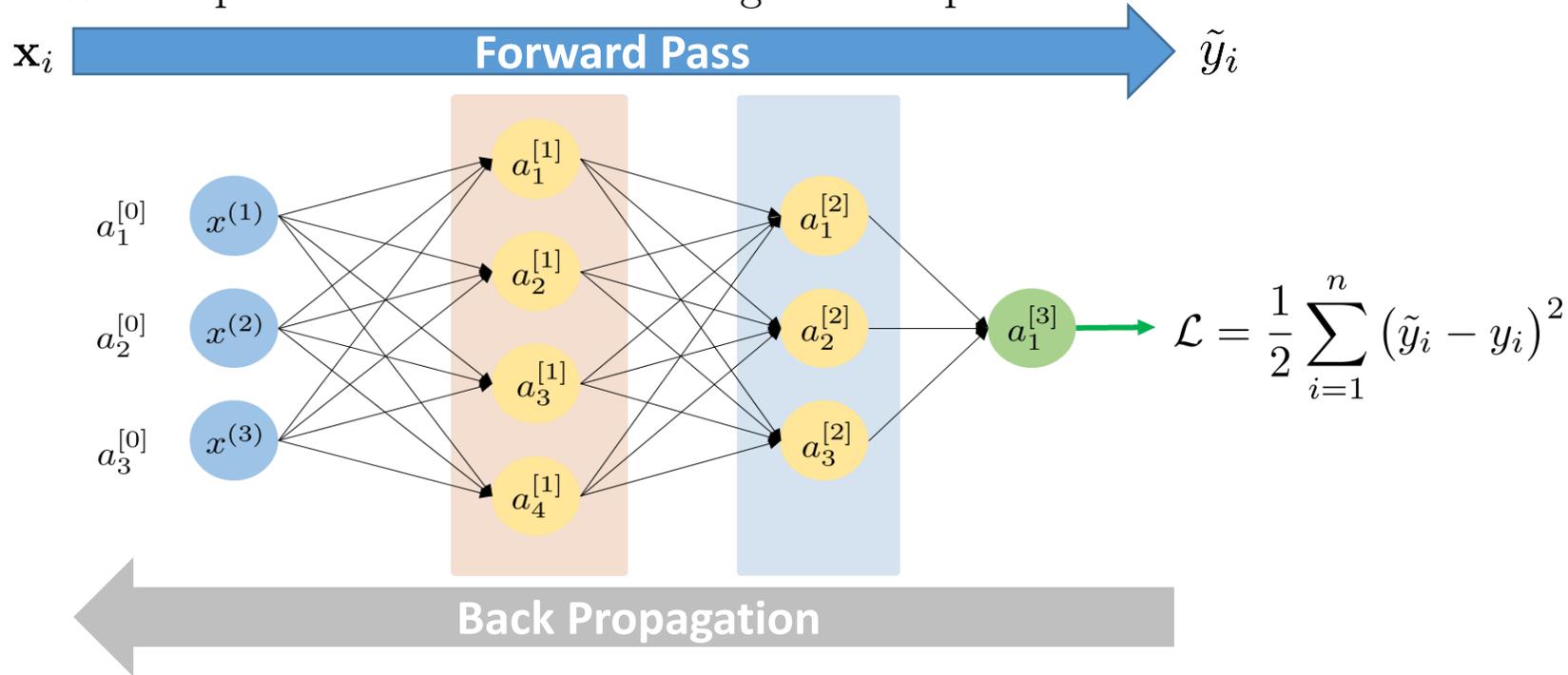
*We use log loss here if we have a classification problem and output represents probability.*

*We use a method called 'Back Propagation' to implement the chain rule for the computation the gradient.*

# Neural Networks

## Back Propagation – Key Idea:

- We compute the loss function using forward pass.



*The weights are the only parameters that can be modified to make the loss function as low as possible.*

- Gradient descent:  $w_{i,j}^{[\ell]} = w_{i,j}^{[\ell]} - \alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{i,j}^{[\ell]}}$

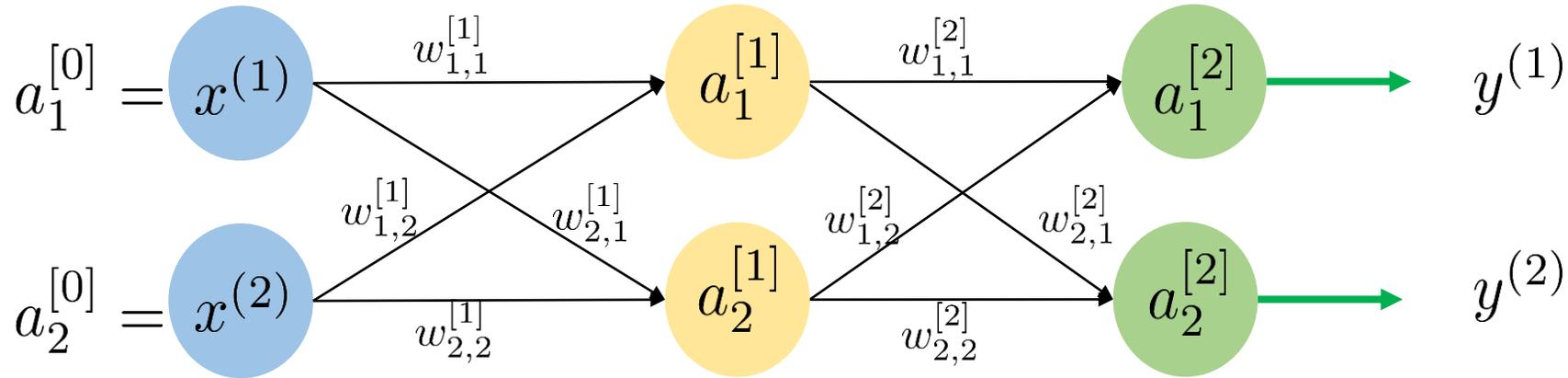
*Learning problem reduces to the question of calculating gradient (partial derivatives) of loss function.*

- We compute the derivative by propagating the total loss at the output node back into the neural network to determine the contribution of every node in the loss. (**Back Propagation**)

# Neural Networks

## Back Propagation – Example:

- 2 layer with 2 neurons in the hidden layer, 2 inputs, 2 outputs network.
- Assuming sigmoid as activation function, that is,  $g(z) = \sigma(z)$ .



- Given training data

$$x^{(1)} = 0.05, \quad x^{(2)} = 0.1, \quad y^{(1)} = 0.01, \quad y^{(2)} = 0.99$$

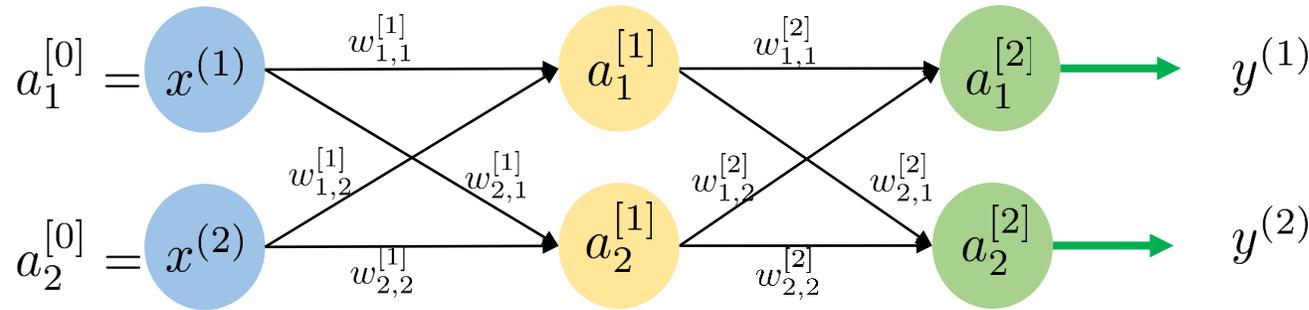
- Initial values of weights and biases:

$$w_{1,1}^{[1]} = 0.15, \quad w_{1,2}^{[1]} = 0.2, \quad w_{2,1}^{[1]} = 0.25, \quad w_{2,2}^{[1]} = 0.3, \quad b_1^{[1]} = 0.35, \quad b_2^{[1]} = 0.35.$$

$$w_{1,1}^{[2]} = 0.4, \quad w_{1,2}^{[2]} = 0.45, \quad w_{2,1}^{[2]} = 0.5, \quad w_{2,2}^{[2]} = 0.55, \quad b_1^{[2]} = 0.6, \quad b_2^{[2]} = 0.6.$$

# Neural Networks

## Back Propagation – Example:



- Loss function

(noting output is a vector):

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \|(\tilde{y}^{(1)} - y^{(1)})^2 - (\tilde{y}^{(2)} - y^{(2)})^2\|^2$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \|(0.01, 0.99) - (0.7514, 0.7729)\|^2 = 0.2984$$

### Forward Pass

$$a_1^{[1]} = g(z_1^{[1]}), \quad z_1^{[1]} = \mathbf{w}_1^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_1^{[1]}$$

$$a_2^{[1]} = g(z_2^{[1]}), \quad z_2^{[1]} = \mathbf{w}_2^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_2^{[1]}$$

$$a_1^{[2]} = g(z_1^{[2]}), \quad z_1^{[2]} = \mathbf{w}_1^{[2]T} \mathbf{x} + b_1^{[2]}$$

$$a_2^{[2]} = g(z_2^{[2]}), \quad z_2^{[2]} = \mathbf{w}_2^{[2]T} \mathbf{x} + b_2^{[2]}$$

$$z_1^{[1]} = w_{1,1}^{[1]}x^{(1)} + w_{1,2}^{[1]}x^{(2)} + b_1^{[1]} = 0.3775, \quad a_1^{[1]} = g(0.3775) = 0.5933$$

$$z_2^{[1]} = \mathbf{w}_2^{[1]T} \mathbf{x} + b_2^{[1]} = 0.3925, \quad a_2^{[1]} = g(0.3925) = 0.5969$$

$$z_1^{[2]} = \mathbf{w}_1^{[2]T} \mathbf{x} + b_1^{[2]} = 1.106, \quad a_1^{[2]} = g(1.106) = 0.7514 = \tilde{y}^{(1)}$$

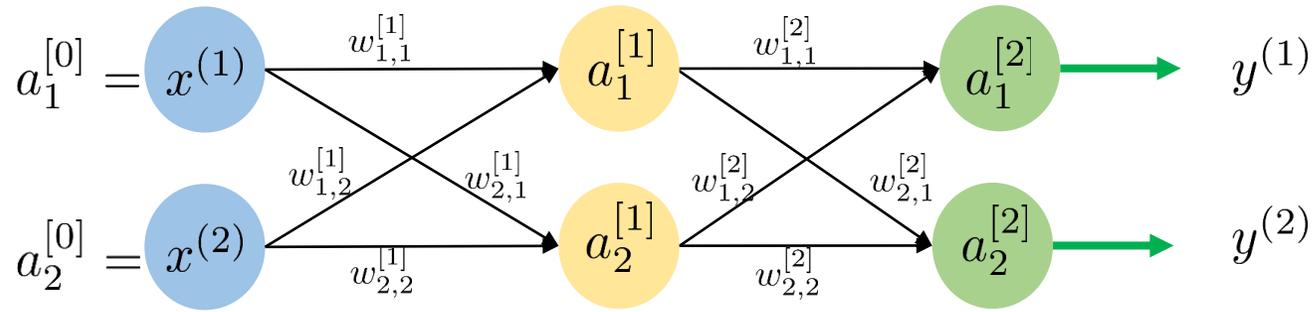
$$z_2^{[2]} = \mathbf{w}_2^{[2]T} \mathbf{x} + b_2^{[2]} = 1.225, \quad a_2^{[2]} = g(1.225) = 0.7729 = \tilde{y}^{(2)}$$

Nothing *fancy* so far, we have computed the output and loss by traversing neural network.

Let's compute the contribution of loss by each node; back propagate the loss.

# Neural Networks

## Back Propagation – Example:

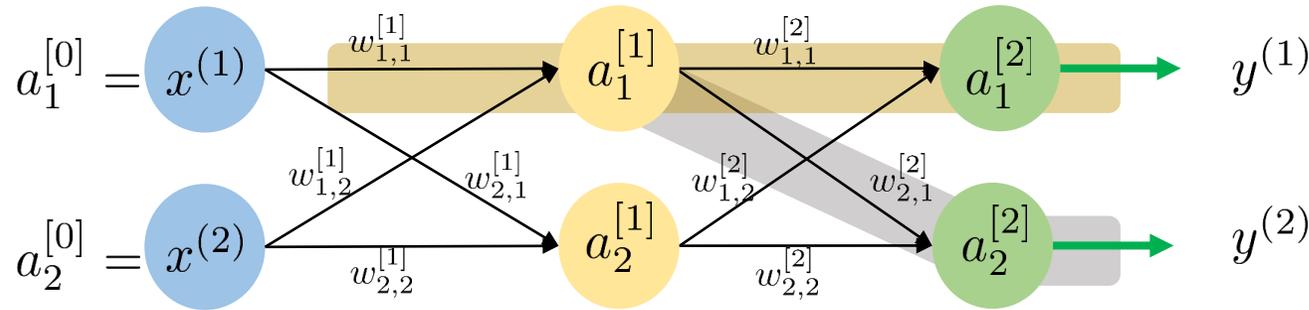


- Consider a case when we want to compute  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[2]}}$
- Traverse the path from the loss function back to the weight  $w_{1,1}^{[2]}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2} \|(\tilde{y}^{(1)} - y^{(1)})^2 - (\tilde{y}^{(2)} - y^{(2)})^2\|^2 \\ \tilde{y}^{(1)} &= \sigma(z_1^{[2]}) \\ z_1^{[2]} &= w_{1,1}^{[2]} a_1^{[1]} + w_{1,2}^{[2]} a_2^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]} \end{aligned} \right\} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[2]}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{y}^{(1)}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}^{(1)}}{\partial z_1^{[2]}} \frac{\partial z_1^{[2]}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[2]}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{y}^{(1)}} &= \tilde{y}^{(1)} - y^{(1)} = 0.7414 \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{y}^{(1)}}{\partial z_1^{[2]}} &= \sigma(\partial z_1^{[2]}) \left(1 - \sigma(\partial z_1^{[2]})\right) = 0.1868 \\ \frac{\partial z_1^{[2]}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[2]}} &= a_1^{[a]} = 0.5933 \end{aligned} \right.$$

# Neural Networks

## Back Propagation – Example:



$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \|(\tilde{y}^{(1)} - y^{(1)})^2 - (\tilde{y}^{(2)} - y^{(2)})^2\|^2$$

- Consider a case when we want to compute  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[1]}}$
- Traverse the path from the loss function back to the weight  $w_{1,1}^{[1]}$ . There are two paths from the output to the weight  $w_{1,1}^{[1]}$ . In other words,  $w_{1,1}^{[1]}$  is contributing to both the outputs.

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[1]}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{y}^{(1)}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}^{(1)}}{\partial z_1^{[2]}} \frac{\partial z_1^{[2]}}{\partial a_1^{[1]}} \frac{\partial a_1^{[1]}}{\partial z_1^{[1]}} \frac{\partial z_1^{[1]}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[1]}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{y}^{(2)}} \frac{\partial \tilde{y}^{(2)}}{\partial z_2^{[2]}} \frac{\partial z_2^{[2]}}{\partial a_1^{[1]}} \frac{\partial a_1^{[1]}}{\partial z_1^{[1]}} \frac{\partial z_1^{[1]}}{\partial w_{1,1}^{[1]}}$$

- Looking tedious but the concept is very straightforward. I encourage you to write one partial derivative using the same approach to strengthen the concept.