

# BACKPROPAGATION

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## Admin

Assignment 7

Assignment 8 released on Monday. Start ASAP!

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## Neural network

Inputs

Individual perceptrons/neurons

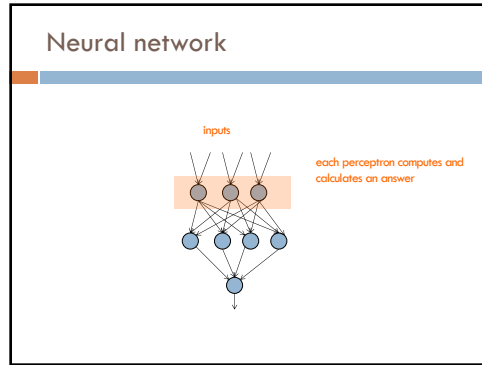
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## Neural network

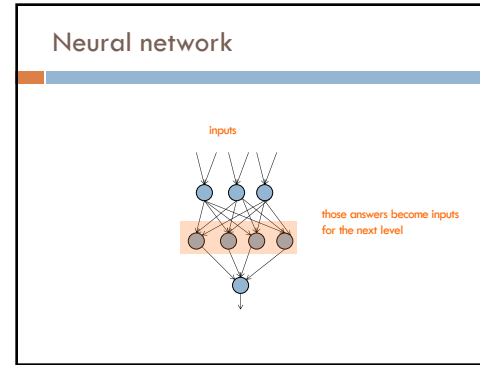
Inputs

some inputs are provided/entered

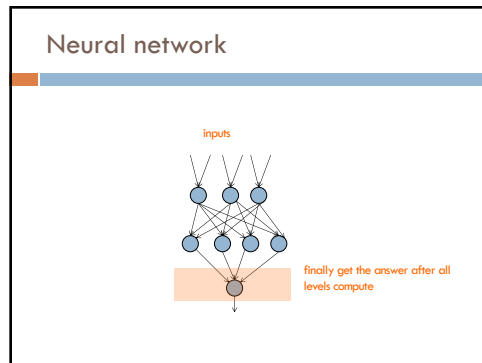
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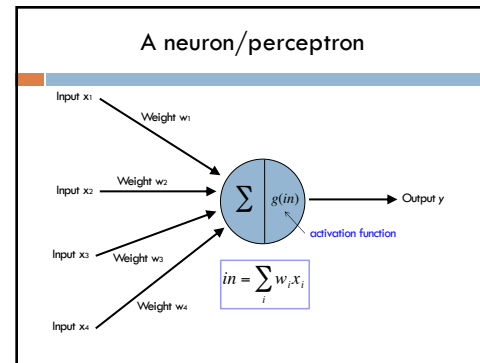
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### Activation functions

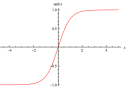
**hard threshold:**

$$g(in) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } in > -b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


**sigmoid**

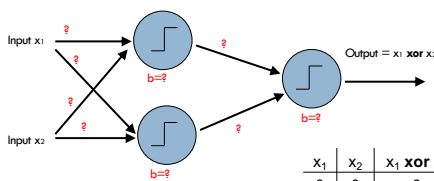
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$


**tanh x**



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### Training



Input  $x_1$  ?  
Input  $x_2$  ?

Hidden nodes:  $b=?$

Output node:  $b=?$

Output =  $x_1 \text{ XOR } x_2$

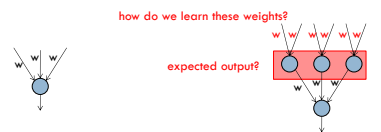
$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_1 \text{ XOR } x_2$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

How do we learn the weights?

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### Learning in multilayer networks

**Challenge:** for multilayer networks, we don't know what the expected output/error is for the internal nodes!



perception/  
linear model

neural network

how do we learn these weights?

expected output?

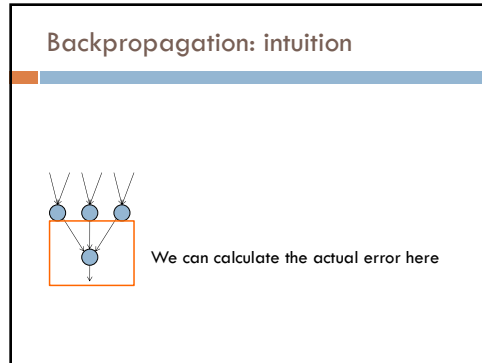
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### Backpropagation: intuition

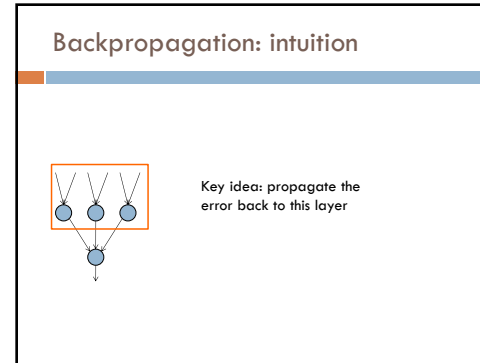
Gradient descent method for learning weights by optimizing a loss function

1. calculate output of all nodes
2. calculate the weights for the output layer based on the error
3. "backpropagate" errors through hidden layers

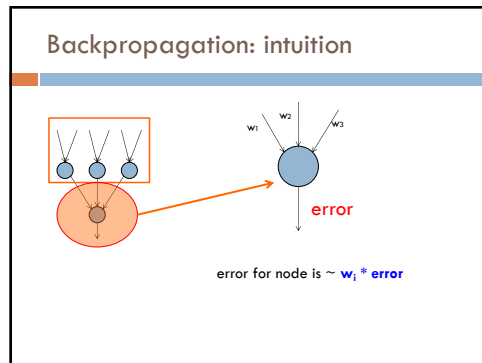
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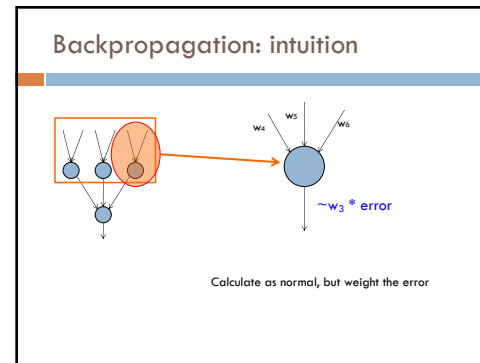
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### Backpropagation: the details

Gradient descent method for learning weights by optimizing a **loss function**

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$$loss = \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \quad \text{squared error}$$

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### Backpropagation: the details

Notation:

m: features/inputs  
d: hidden nodes  
 $h_k$ : output from hidden node k

How many weights (ignore bias for now)?

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### Backpropagation: the details

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m: features/inputs  
d: hidden nodes  
 $h_k$ : output from hidden nodes

d weights: denote  $v_k$

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 $h_k$ : output from hidden nodes

How many weights?

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### Backpropagation: the details

Notation:

m: features/inputs  
d: hidden nodes  
 $h_k$ : output from hidden nodes

$d * m$  denote  $w_{kj}$

- $w_{23}$ : weight from input 3 to hidden node 2
- $w_{4k}$ : all the  $m$  weights associated with hidden node 4

first index = hidden node  
second index = feature

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### Backpropagation: the details

Gradient descent method for learning weights by optimizing a loss function

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w,x} \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2$$

1. calculate output of all nodes
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### Backpropagation: the details

1. Calculate outputs of all nodes

What are  $h_k$  in terms of  $x$  and  $w$ ?

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### Backpropagation: the details

1. Calculate outputs of all nodes

$$w_k \cdot x = \sum_{j=1}^m w_{kj} x_j$$

$$h_k = f(w_k \cdot x)$$

$f$  is the activation function

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### Backpropagation: the details

1. Calculate outputs of all nodes

$$h_k = f(w_k \cdot x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-w_k \cdot x}}$$

*f* is the activation function

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### Backpropagation: the details

1. Calculate outputs of all nodes

What is out in terms of *h* and *v*?

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### Backpropagation: the details

1. Calculate outputs of all nodes

$$out = f(v \cdot h) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-v \cdot h}}$$

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### Backpropagation: the details

2. Calculate new weights for output layer

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w,v} \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2$$

Want to take a small step towards decreasing loss. How?

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## Recall: derivative chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = ?$$

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## Recall: derivative chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$$

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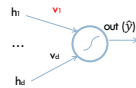
## Output layer weights

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w,v} \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$\frac{d\text{loss}}{dv_k} = \frac{d}{dv_k} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dv_k} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - f(v \cdot h))^2 \right) \quad \hat{y} = f(v \cdot h)$$

$$= (y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dv_k} (y - f(v \cdot h))$$



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## Output layer weights

$$= (y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dv_k} (y - f(v \cdot h))$$

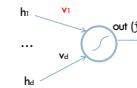
$$= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dv_k} f(v \cdot h)$$

$$= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dv_k} v \cdot h$$

$$= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) h_k \quad v \cdot h = \sum_k v_k h_k$$

The actual update is a step towards **decreasing** loss:

$$v_k = v_k + h_k f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$$



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### Output layer weights

$$v_k = v_k + \underbrace{h_k}_{\text{feature}} \underbrace{f'(v \cdot h)}_{\text{slope}} \underbrace{(y - f(v \cdot h))}_{\text{error}}$$

What are each of these?  
Do they make sense individually?

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### Output layer weights

$$v_k = v_k + \underbrace{h_k}_{\text{feature}} \underbrace{f'(v \cdot h)}_{\text{slope}} \underbrace{(y - f(v \cdot h))}_{\text{error}}$$

size and direction of the feature associated with this weight  
slope of the activation function where input is at  
how far from correct and which direction

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### Output layer weights

$$v_k = v_k + \underbrace{h_k}_{\text{feature}} \underbrace{f'(v \cdot h)}_{\text{slope}} \underbrace{(y - f(v \cdot h))}_{\text{error}}$$

how far from correct and which direction

$(y - f(v \cdot h)) > 0$   
 $(y - f(v \cdot h)) < 0$  ?

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### Output layer weights

$$v_k = v_k + \underbrace{h_k}_{\text{feature}} \underbrace{f'(v \cdot h)}_{\text{slope}} \underbrace{(y - f(v \cdot h))}_{\text{error}}$$

how far from correct and which direction

$(y - f(v \cdot h)) > 0$  prediction < label: increase the weight  
 $(y - f(v \cdot h)) < 0$  prediction > label: decrease the weight

bigger difference = bigger change

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### Output layer weights

$$v_k = v_k + h_k f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$$

slope of the activation function where input is at

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### Output layer weights

$$v_k = v_k + h_k f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$$

perceptron update:  

$$W_j = W_j + X_j y_i$$
 gradient descent update:  

$$W_j = W_j + X_j y_i c$$

size and direction of the feature associated with this weight

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### Backpropagation: the details

Gradient descent method for learning weights by optimizing a loss function

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w, \sigma} \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2$$

- calculate output of all nodes
- calculate the updates directly for the output layer
- "backpropagate" errors through hidden layers

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### Backpropagation

3. "backpropagate" errors through hidden layers

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{w, \sigma} \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2$$

Want to take a small step towards decreasing loss. How?

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### Hidden layer weights

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dloss}{dw_{kj}} &= \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - f(v \cdot h))^2 \right) & \hat{y} &= f(v \cdot h) \\ &= (y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} (y - f(v \cdot h)) \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} f(v \cdot h) \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} v \cdot h & \text{chain rule} \end{aligned}$$

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### Hidden layer weights

$$\frac{dloss}{dw_{kj}} = \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right)$$

Remember:  $w_{kj}$  is the weight for hidden node  $k$  from input  $j$

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### Hidden layer weights

$$\begin{aligned} &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} v \cdot h \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} v_k h_k & \text{derivative of the other } v_k \text{ components are not} \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_k \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} h_k & \text{affected by } w_{kj} \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_k \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} h_k & v_k \text{ is a constant} \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_k \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} f(w_k \cdot x) & h_k = f(w_k \cdot x) \end{aligned}$$

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### Hidden layer weights

$$\begin{aligned} &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_k \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} f(w_k \cdot x) \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_k f'(w_k \cdot x) \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} w_k \cdot x & \text{chain rule} \\ &= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_k f'(w_k \cdot x) x_j & w_k \cdot x = \sum_j w_{kj} x_j \\ &= -x_j f'(w_k \cdot x) v_k f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h)) \end{aligned}$$

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$\frac{dloss}{dv_i} = \frac{d}{dv_i} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right)$ $= \frac{d}{dv_i} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - f(v \cdot h))^2 \right)$ $= (y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dv_i} (y - f(v \cdot h))$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dv_i} f(v \cdot h)$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dv_i} (v \cdot h)$ <hr/> <p style="color: red;">What happened here?</p> <hr/> $= -h_i f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$	$\frac{dloss}{dw_{ij}} = \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right)$ $= \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - f(v \cdot h))^2 \right)$ $= (y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} (y - f(v \cdot h))$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} f(v \cdot h)$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} (v \cdot h)$ <hr/> $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_i h_j$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_i \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} h_j$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_i \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} f(w_i \cdot x)$ $= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_i w_{ij} f'(w_i \cdot x) x_j$
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$$= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} (v \cdot h)$$

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$$= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_i \frac{d}{dw_{ij}} h_j$$

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$$= -(y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h) v_i w_{ij} f'(w_i \cdot x) x_j$$

What is the slope  $v_i$  with respect to  $w_{ij}$ ?

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### Backpropagation

<b>output layer</b> $= -h_i f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$	<b>hidden layer</b> $= -x_j f'(w_i \cdot x) v_i f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$
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What's different?

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### Backpropagation

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input

output

error

activation

slope

input

output

error

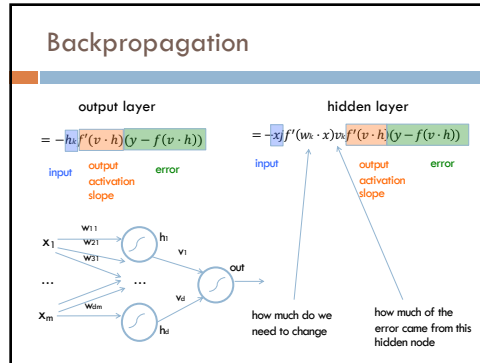
activation

slope

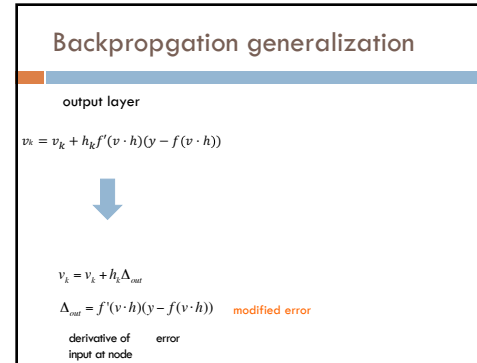
slope of  $w_i x$

weight from hidden layer to output layer

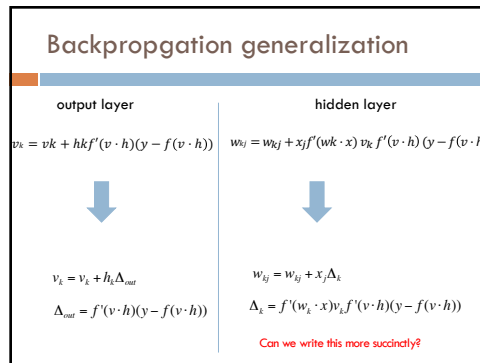
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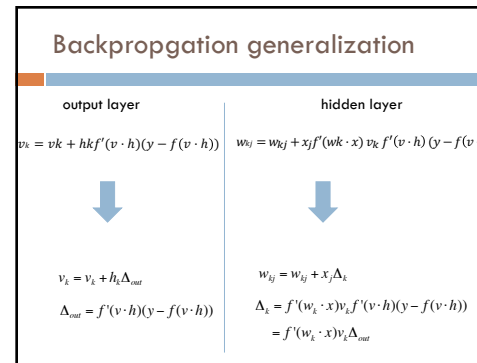
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### Backpropagation generalization

<p><b>output layer</b></p> $v_k = w_k + h_k \Delta_{out}$ $\Delta_{out} = f'(v \cdot h)(y - f(v \cdot h))$	<p><b>hidden layer</b></p> $w_{ij} = w_{ij} + x_j \Delta_i$ $\Delta_i = f'(w_i \cdot x) v_i f'(v \cdot h)(y - f(v \cdot h))$ $= f'(w_i \cdot x) v_i \Delta_{out}$
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$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$   
 $\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) w_{output\_output} \Delta_{output}$

weight to output layer      modified error of output layer

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

Anything different at this layer?

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) w_{output\_output} \Delta_{output}$$

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{output}$$

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

What "errors" at the next layer does the highlighted edge affect?

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) w_{output\_output} \Delta_{output}$$

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{output}$$

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

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$$w = w + input * \Delta_{output}$$

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

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What "errors" at the next layer does the highlighted edge affect?

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

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$$w = w + input * \Delta_{output}$$

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) \sum w_{output} \Delta_{output}$$

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) w_{output} \Delta_{output}$$

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{output}$$

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### Backprop on multilayer networks

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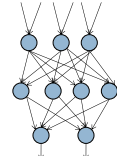
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Backpropagation:

- Calculate new weights and modified errors at output layer
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- Update model with new weights

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### Multiple output nodes



$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) \sum w_{output} \Delta_{output}$$

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{current}$$

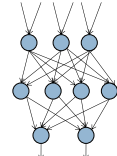
$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) w_{output} \Delta_{output}$$

$$w = w + input * \Delta_{output}$$

How does multiple outputs change things?

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### Multiple output nodes



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$$\Delta_{current} = f'(current\_input) \sum w_{output} \Delta_{output}$$

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How does multiple outputs change things?

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### Backpropagation implementation

Output layer update:

$$v_k = v_k + h_k (y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h)$$

Hidden layer update:

$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} + x_j f'(w_k \cdot x) v_k f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$$

Any missing information for implementation?

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### Backpropagation implementation

Output layer update:

$$v_k = v_k + h_k (y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h)$$

Hidden layer update:

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1. What activation function are we using
2. What is the derivative of that activation function

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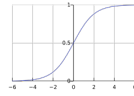


## Activation function derivatives

sigmoid

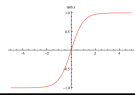
$$s(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$s'(x) = s(x)(1 - s(x))$$



tanh

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tanh(x) = 1 - \tanh^2 x$$



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## Learning rate

Output layer update:

$$v_i = v_i + \eta h_i (y - f(v \cdot h)) f'(v \cdot h)$$

Hidden layer update:

$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} + \eta x_j f'(w_i \cdot x) v_i f'(v \cdot h) (y - f(v \cdot h))$$

- Like gradient descent for linear classifiers, use a learning rate
- Often will start larger and then get smaller

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## Backpropagation implementation

Just like gradient descent!

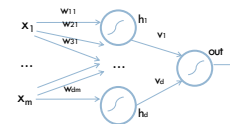
for some number of iterations:  
randomly shuffle training data

for each example:

- Compute all outputs going forward
- Calculate new weights and modified errors at output layer
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- Update model with new weights

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## Handling bias



How should we learn the bias?

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### Handling bias

1. Add an extra feature hard-wired to 1 to all the examples
2. For other layers, add an extra parameter whose input is always 1

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### Online vs. batch learning

for some number of iterations:  
randomly shuffle training data

for each example:

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Online learning: update weights after each example

Batch learning?

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### Batch learning

for some number of iterations:  
randomly shuffle training data

initialize weight accumulators to 0 (one for each weight)

for each example:

- Compute all outputs going forward
- Calculate new weights and modified errors at output layer
- Recursively calculate new weights and modified errors on hidden layers based on recursive relationship
- Add new weights to weight accumulators

Divide weight accumulators by number of examples

Update model weights by weight accumulators

Process all of the examples before updating the weights

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### Many variations

Momentum: include a factor in the weight update to keep moving in the direction of the previous update

Mini-batch:

- Compromise between online and batch
- Avoids noisiness of updates from online while making more educated weight updates

Simulated annealing:

- With some probability make a random weight update
- Reduce this probability over time

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## Challenges of neural networks?

Picking network configuration

Can be slow to train for large networks and large amounts of data

Loss functions (including squared error) are generally not convex with respect to the parameter space

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## History of Neural Networks

McCulloch and Pitts (1943) – introduced model of artificial neurons and suggested they could learn

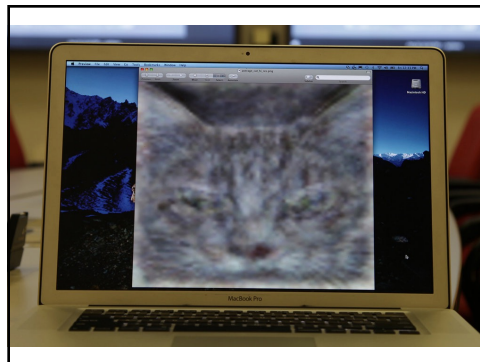
Hebb (1949) – Simple updating rule for learning

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Minsky and Papert (1969) – wrote *Perceptrons*

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