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# Deep Learning: An Introduction for Applied Mathematicians

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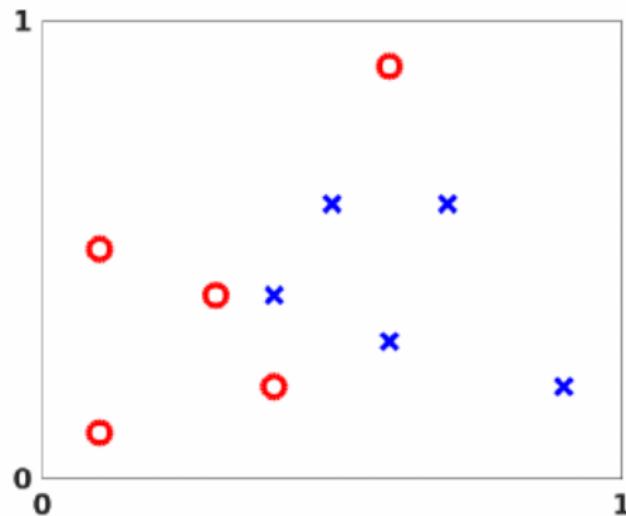


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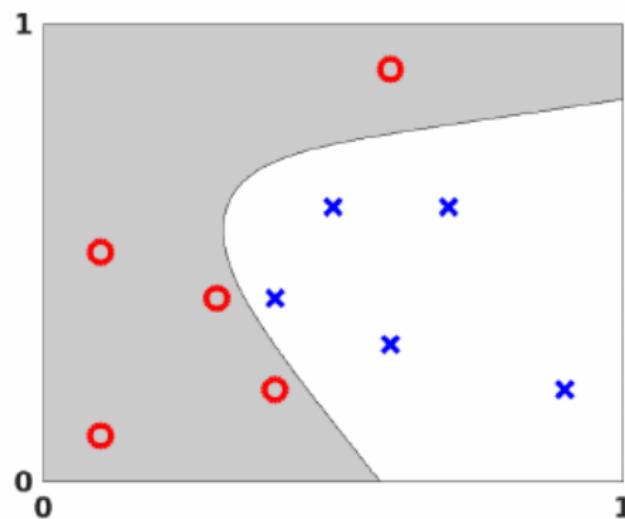


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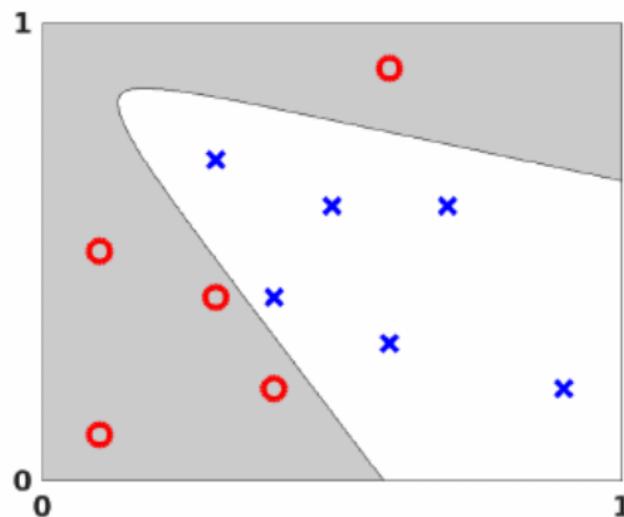


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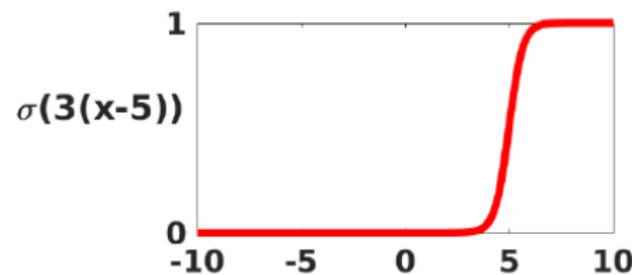
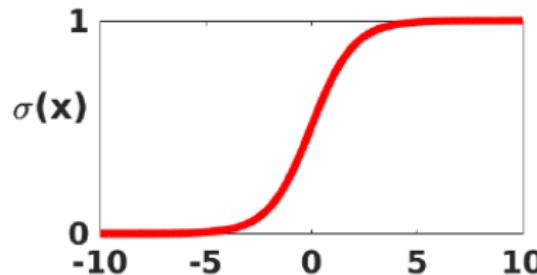
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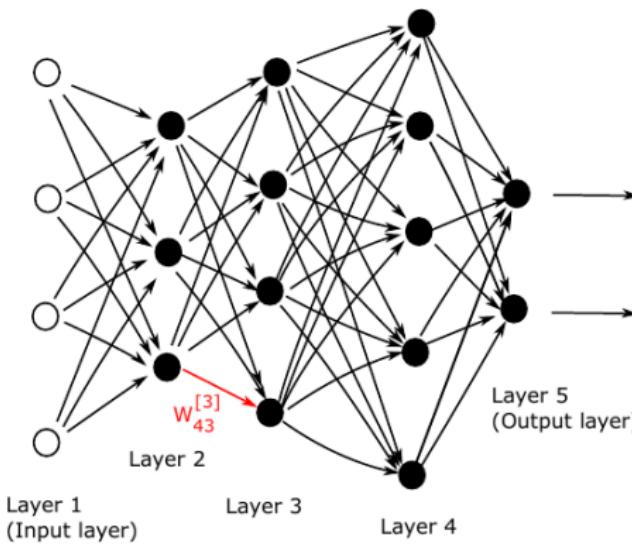
The sigmoid function,

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

models the behavior of a neuron in the brain.



# A neural network



$$a^{[1]} = x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1},$$

$$a^{[l]} = \sigma \left( W^{[l]} a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]} \right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l}, \quad l = 2, 3, \dots, L$$

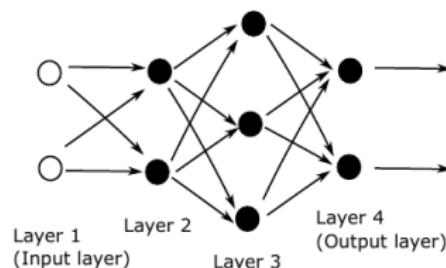
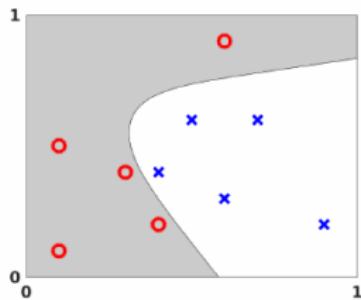


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# The entering example

$$\min_{W^{[j]}, b^{[j]}} \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{1}{2} \|y(x^i) - F(x^i)\|_2^2, \quad j \in \{2, 3, 4\},$$

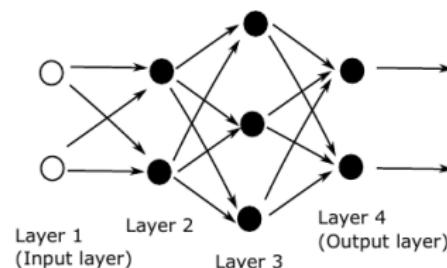
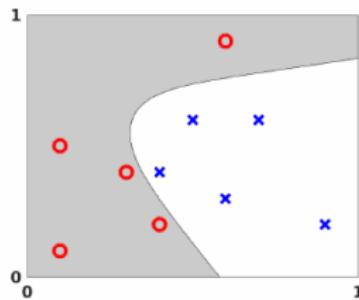
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Now,  $p \sim \left\{ [W^{[l]}]_{j,k}, [b^{[l]}]_j \right\}$ . Let  $z^{[l]} := W^{[l]}a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]}$  and  $\delta_j^{[l]} := \frac{\partial C}{\partial z_j^{[l]}}$ .

## Lemma: Back Propagation

The partial derivatives are given by,

$$\delta^{[L]} = \sigma'(z^{[L]}) \cdot (a^{[L]} - y), \quad (1)$$

$$\delta^{[l]} = \sigma'(z^{[l]}) \cdot (W^{[l+1]})^T \delta^{[l+1]}, \quad 2 \leq l \leq L-1, \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial b_j^{[l]}} = \delta_j^{[l]}, \quad 2 \leq l \leq L, \quad (3)$$

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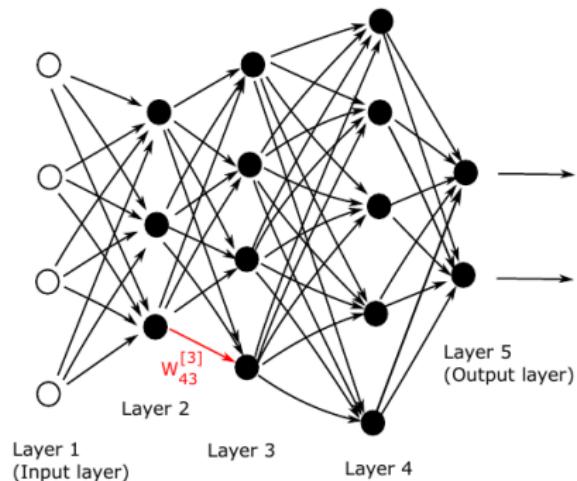
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(3) and (4) similar. □

**Interpretation:**

- Evaluation of  $a^{[L]}$  requires a so-called **forward pass**:  
 $a^{[1]}, z^{[2]} \rightarrow a^{[2]}, z^{[3]} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a^{[L]}$
- Compute:  $\sigma^{[L]}$  via (1)
- Compute: **backward pass** (2)  
 $\sigma^{[L]} \rightarrow \sigma^{[L-1]} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \sigma^{[2]}$
- Gradients via (3)-(4)



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We are grateful to the MATCONVNET team for making their package available under a permissive BSD license. The MATLAB code in Listings 6.1 and 6.2 can be found at

<http://personal.strath.ac.uk/d.j.higham/algfiles.html>

as well as an extended version that produces Figures 7 and 8 and a MATLAB code that uses `lsqnonlin` to produce Figure 4.



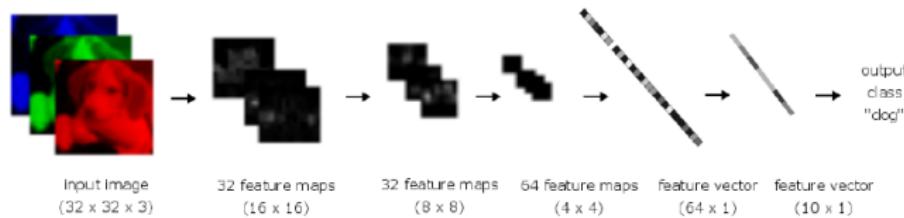
See the book [Matlab Guide](#) for more info about MATLAB.

MATLAB files from **Deep Learning: An Introduction for Applied Mathematicians**, by C. F. Higham and D. J. Higham, manuscript, 2018.

- [netbp.m](#) from Listing 6.1
- [netbpfull.m](#) extended version of netbp.m that produces the figure
- [activate.m](#) from Listing 6.2
- [nlsrun.m](#) code from section 2 that uses MATLAB's lsqnonlin optimizer

## Convolutional Neural Network:

- Presented approach unfeasible for large data ( $W^{[l]}$  is dense).
- Layers can be pre- and post-processing steps used in image analysis; *filtering, max pooling, average pooling, ...*



## Avoiding Overfitting:

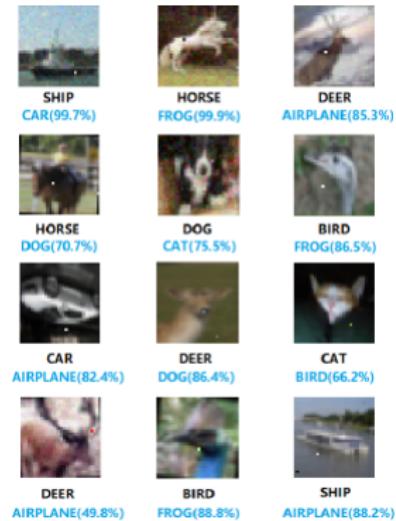
- Trained network works well on given data, but *not* on new data.
- Splitting: *training – validation* data
- Dropout: independently remove neurons

## Research directions:

- proofs – e.g. when data is assumed to be i.i.d.
- in practice: design of *layers*
- perturbation theory: update trained network
- autoencoders:  $\|x - G(F(x))\|_2^2 \rightarrow \min$

## Two software examples:

- <http://www.vlfeat.org/matconvnet/>
- <http://scikit-learn.org/>



*New names for old friends.*

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