

# BACKPROPAGATION

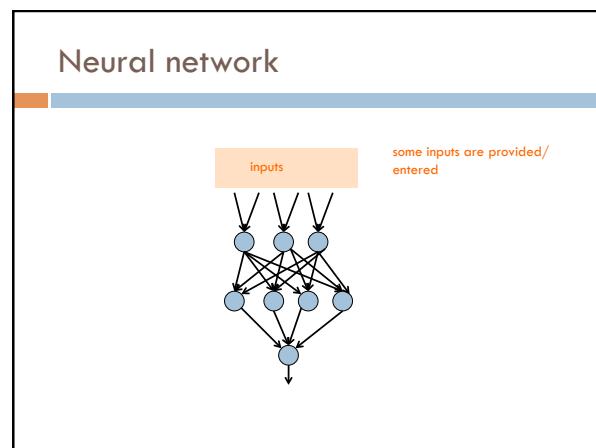
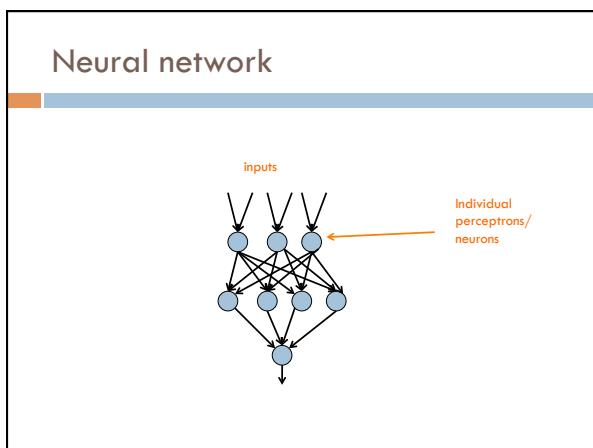
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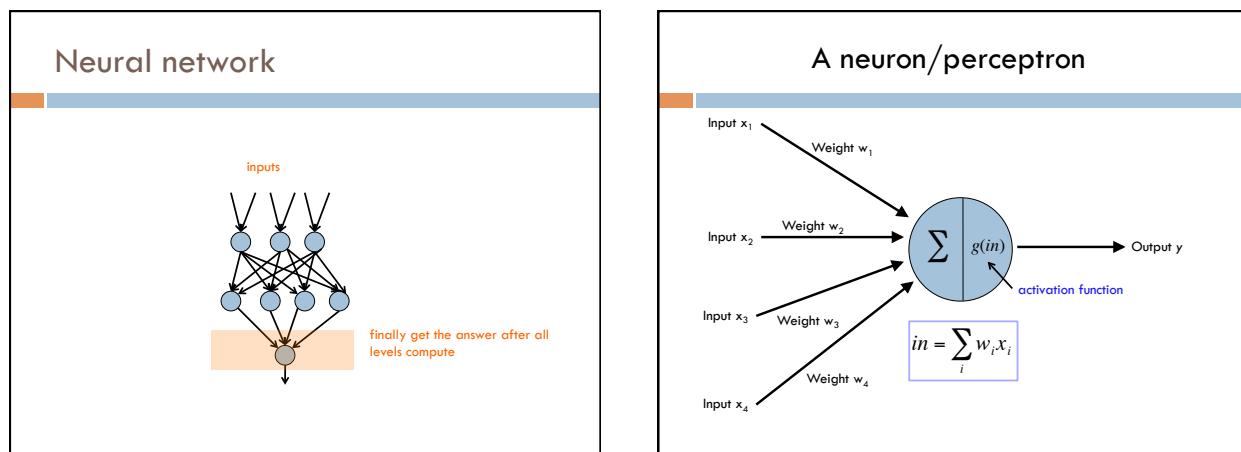
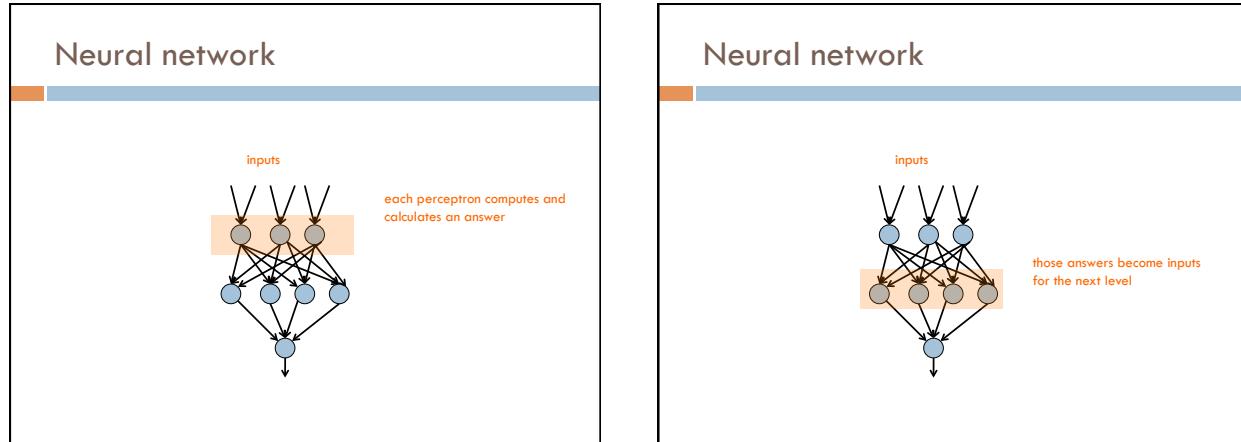
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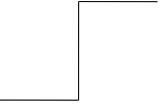
Goals today



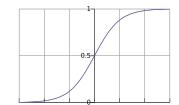


### Activation functions

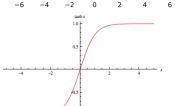
**hard threshold:**

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


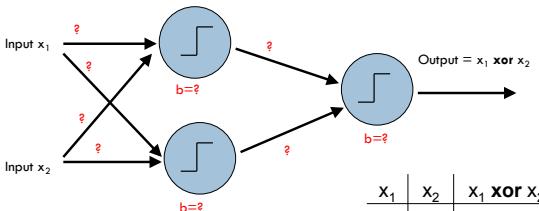
**sigmoid**

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


**tanh x**



### Training

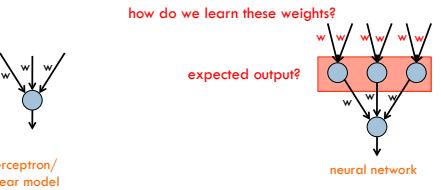


**How do we learn the weights?**

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

### Learning in multilayer networks

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

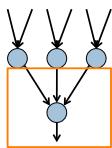


### Backpropagation: intuition

Gradient descent method for learning weights by optimizing a loss function

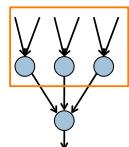
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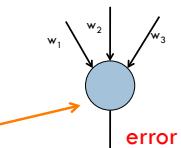
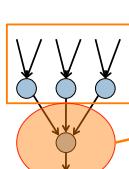
We can calculate the actual error here

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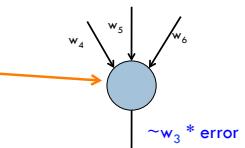
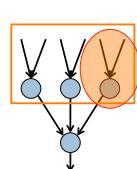
Key idea: propagate the error back to this layer

### Backpropagation: intuition



error for node is  $\sim w_1 * \text{error}$

### Backpropagation: intuition



Calculate as normal, but weight the error

## Backpropagation: the details

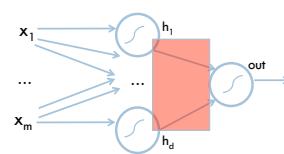
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$$\text{loss} = \sum_x \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \quad \text{squared error}$$

## Backpropagation: the details

Notation:



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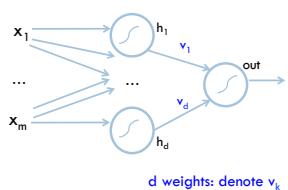
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hj: output from hidden nodes

How many weights (ignore bias for now)?

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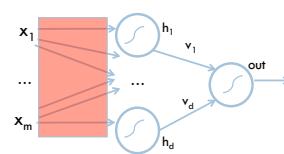
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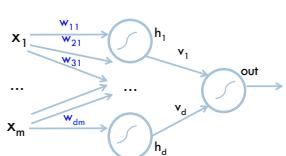
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How many weights?

## Backpropagation: the details

Notation:



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

first index = hidden node  
second index = feature

m: features/inputs

d: hidden nodes

$h_k$ : output from hidden nodes

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

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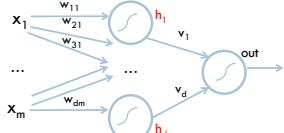
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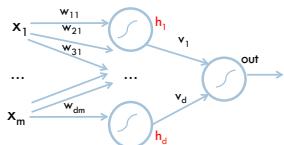
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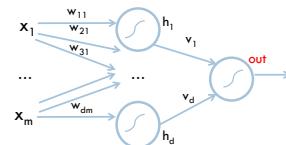


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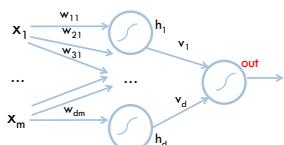
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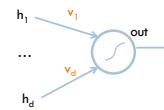
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## Backpropagation: the details

### 2. Calculate new weights for output layer



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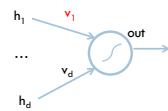
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$$\frac{d\text{loss}}{dv_k} = \frac{d}{dv_k} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right)$$

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

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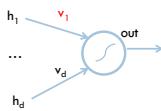
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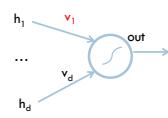


The actual update is a step towards **decreasing** loss:

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

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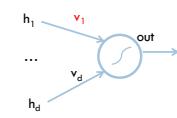


What are each of these?

Do they make sense individually?

## Output layer weights

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and which direction

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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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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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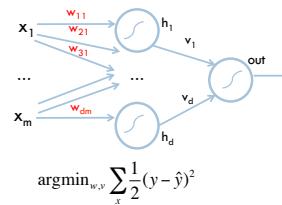
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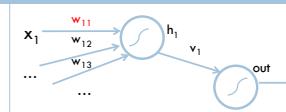


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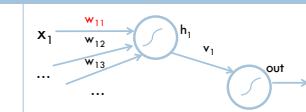
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\text{loss}}{dw_{kj}} &= \frac{d}{dw_{kj}} \left( \frac{1}{2} (y - \hat{y})^2 \right) \\
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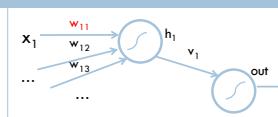


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### Why all the math?

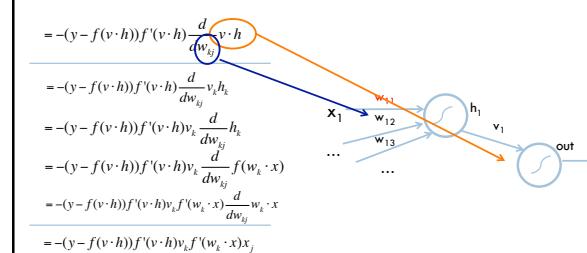
"I also wouldn't mind more math!"



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 \end{aligned}$$

**What happened here?**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -(y - f(v \cdot h))f'(v \cdot h)h_k
 \end{aligned}$$



**What is the slope  $v \cdot h$  with respect to  $w_{kj}$ ?**

**Backpropagation**

output layer      hidden layer

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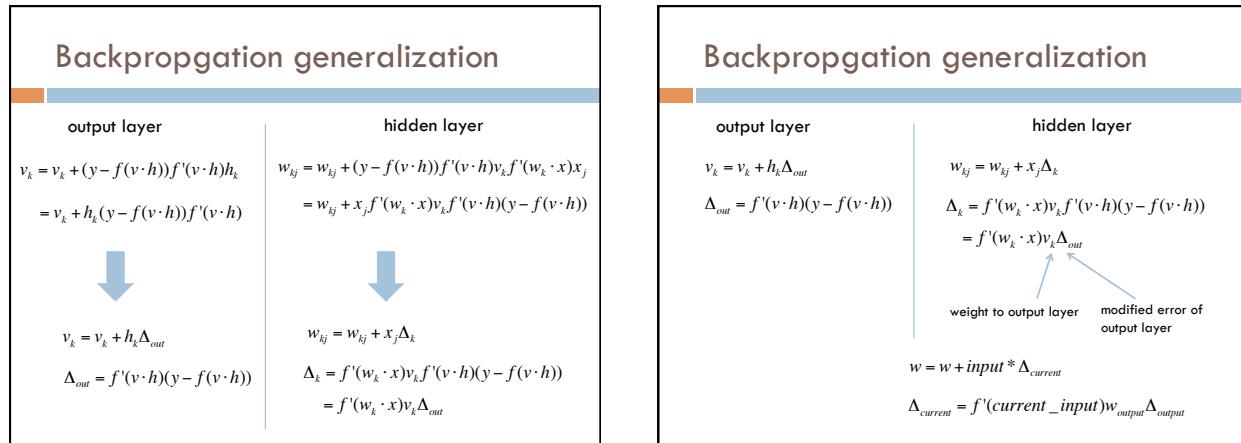
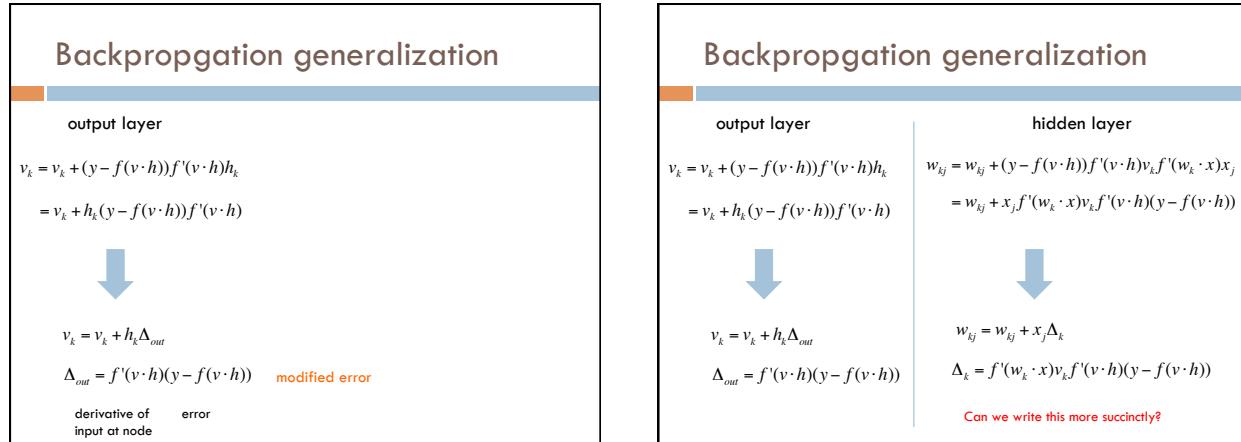
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error      output activation slope      input

how much of the error came from this hidden node      how much do we need to change



**Backprop on multilayer networks**

Anything different here?

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**Backpropagation:**

- Calculate new weights and modified errors at output layer
- Recursively calculate new weights and modified errors on hidden layers based on recursive relationship
- Update model with new weights

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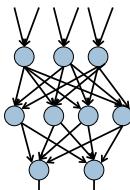
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### Backpropagation implementation

**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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Any missing information for implementation?

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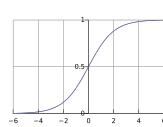
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1. What activation function are we using  
2. What is the derivative of that activation function

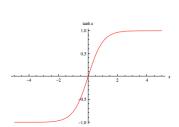
### Activation function derivatives

**sigmoid**

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

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


**tanh**

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


## Learning rate

Output layer update:

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

Hidden layer update:

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

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

## Backpropagation implementation

Just like gradient descent!

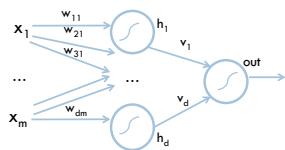
for some number of iterations:

randomly shuffle training data

for each example:

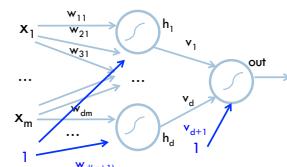
- Compute all outputs going forward
- Calculate new weights and modified errors at output layer
- Recursively calculate new weights and modified errors on hidden layers based on recursive relationship
- Update model with new weights

## Handling bias



How should we learn the bias?

## 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

## Online vs. batch learning

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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
        - Recursively calculate new weights and modified errors on hidden layers
            based on recursive relationship
        - Update model with new weights

```

Online learning: update weights after each example

Batch learning?

## Batch learning

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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

## 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?

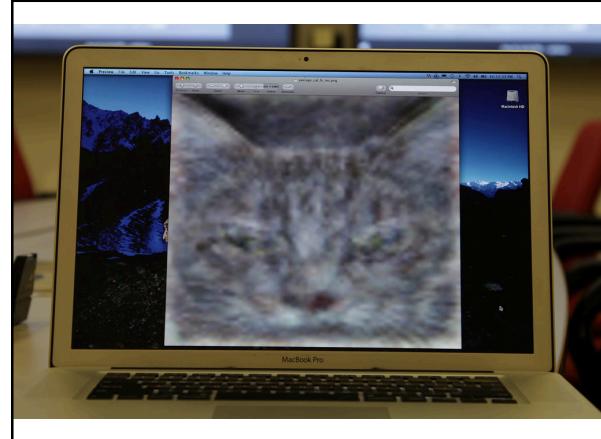
Picking network configuration

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*

## 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  
Rosenblatt (1962) - the *perceptron* model  
Minsky and Papert (1969) – wrote *Perceptrons*  
Bryson and Ho (1969, but largely ignored until 1980s-- Rosenblatt) – invented backpropagation learning for multilayer networks



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