

Machine Learning

Neural Network 1

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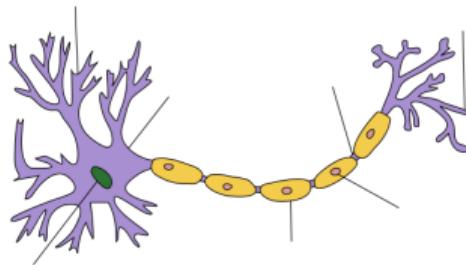
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Topics - you should be able to explain after this week

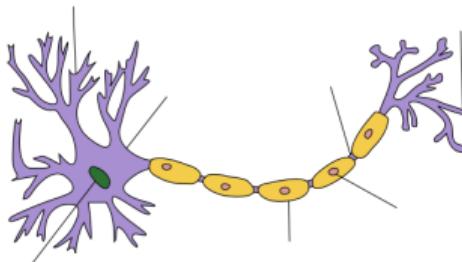
- Perceptron
- Perceptron learning algorithm (perceptron error correction algorithm)
- Linearly separable vs linearly non-separable
- Logical operations with perceptron
- Multilayer perceptron (MLP)
- Activation functions
- Universal approximation theorem

Background of Perceptron

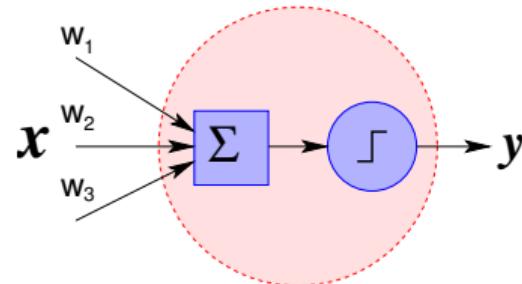


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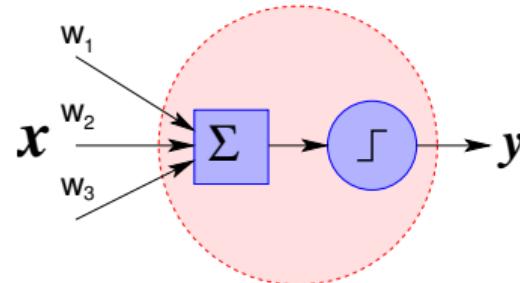
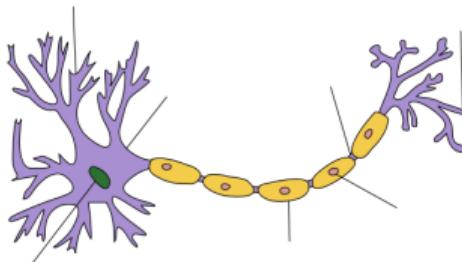


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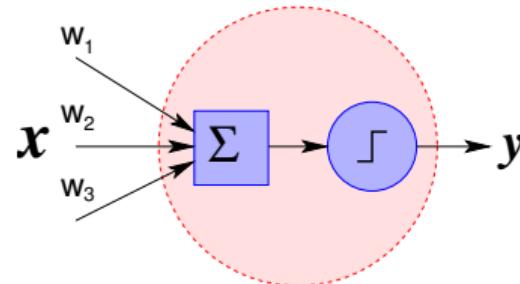
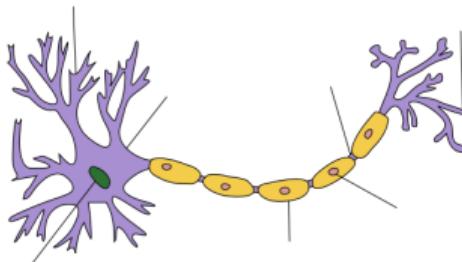


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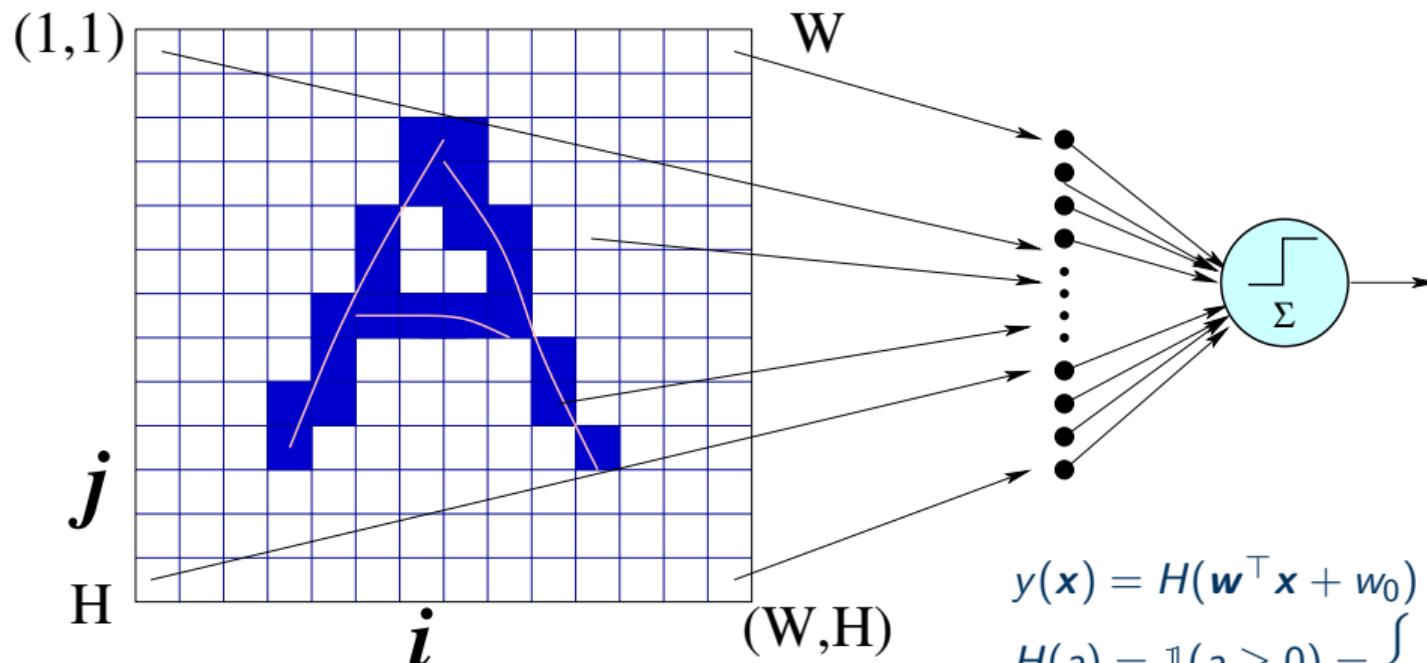
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Character recognition with Perceptron



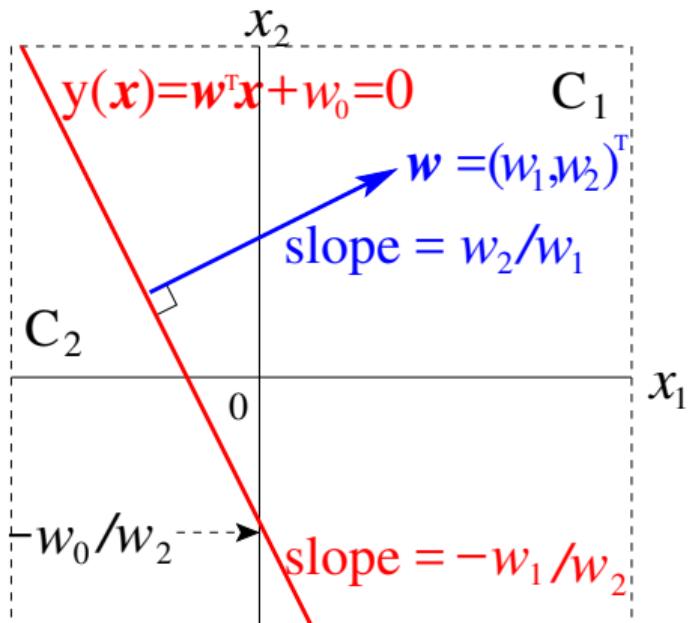
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Heaviside step function

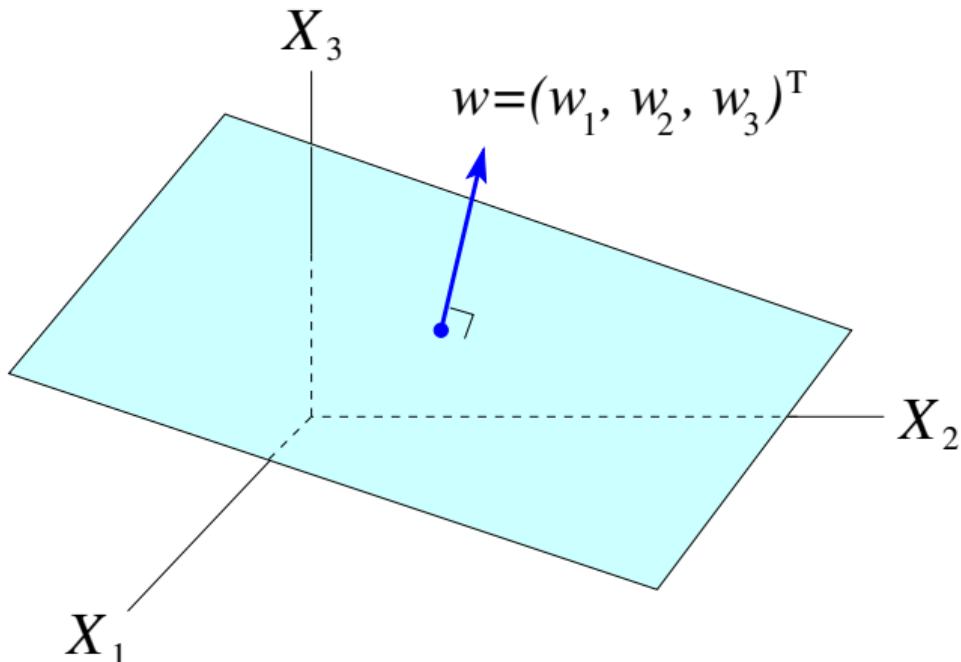
Decision boundary of linear discriminant (2D)

$$y(\mathbf{x}) = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + w_0 = 0 \quad (x_2 = -\frac{w_1}{w_2} x_1 - \frac{w_0}{w_2}, \text{ when } w_2 \neq 0)$$



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Decision boundary of linear discriminants

- Decision boundary:

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Dimension	Decision boundary	
2	line	$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_0 = 0$
3	plane	$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + w_0 = 0$
d	hyperplane	$(\sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i) + w_0 = 0$

NB: \mathbf{w} is a normal vector to the hyperplane

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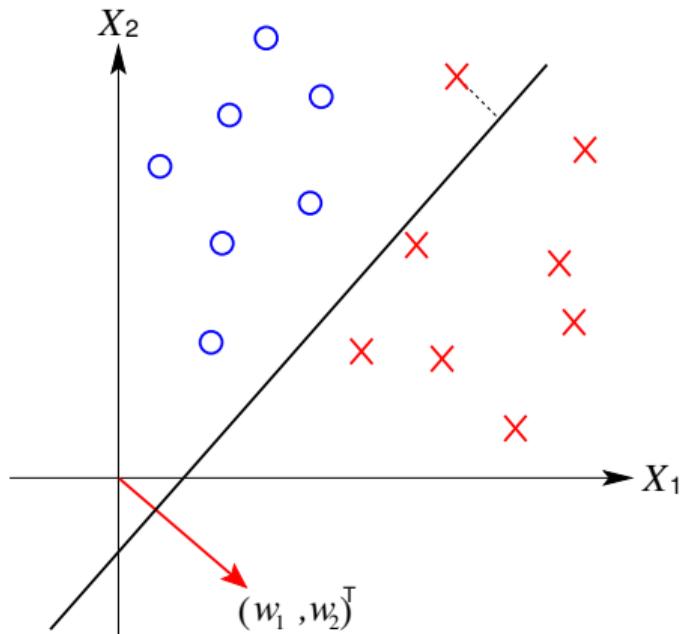
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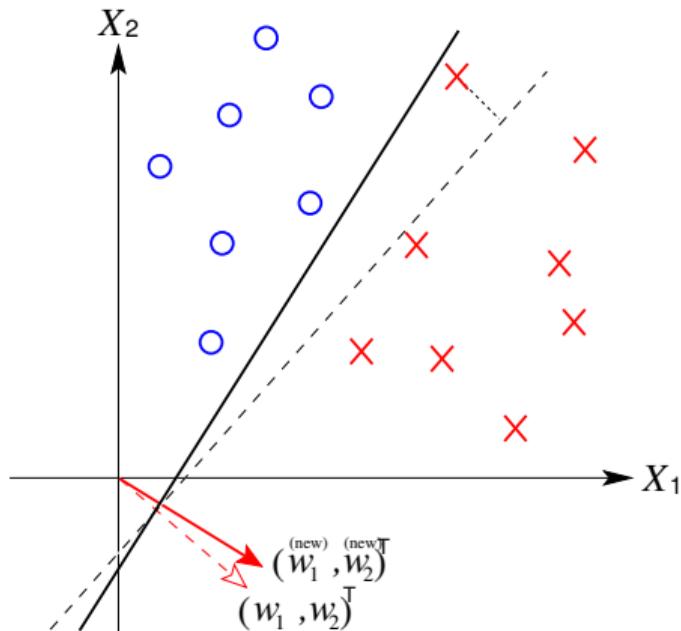
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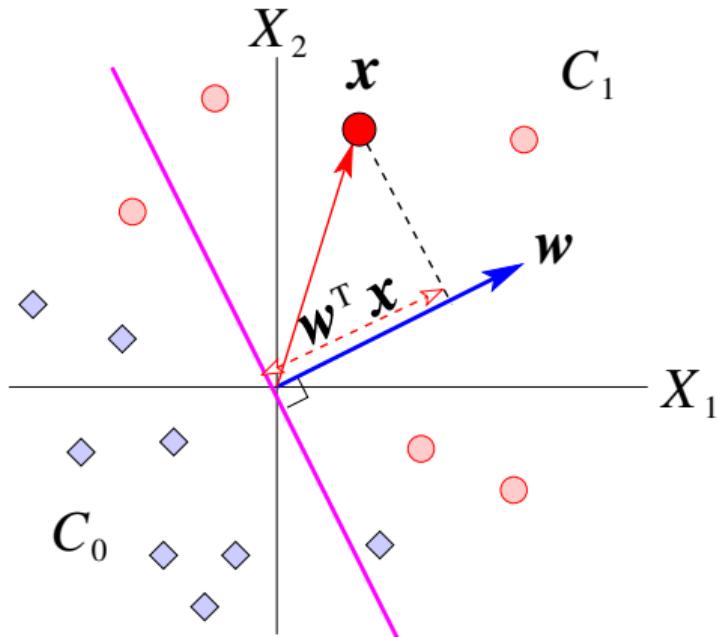
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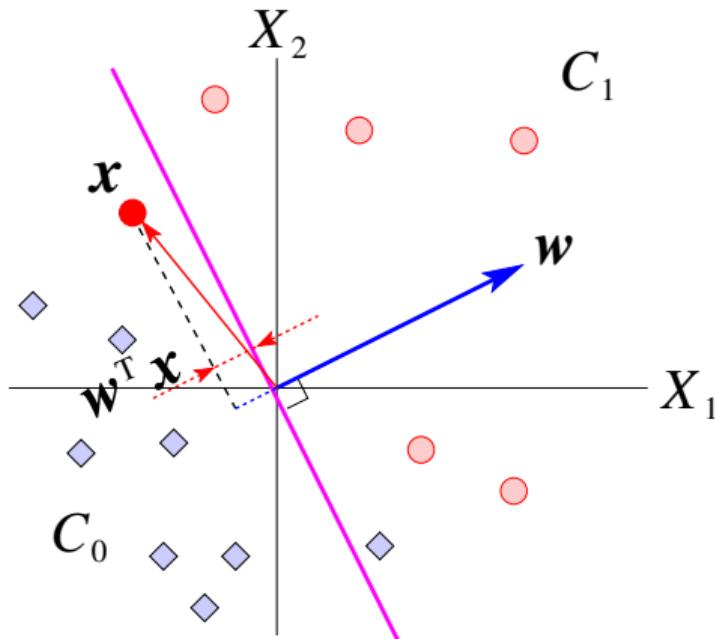
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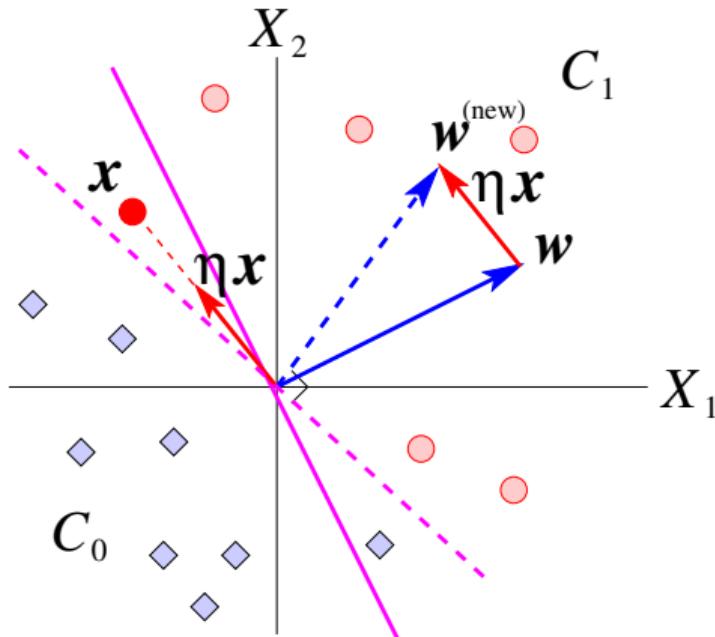
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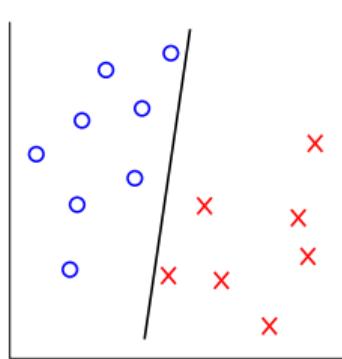
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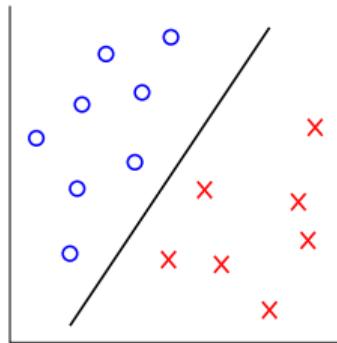
The Perceptron learning algorithm terminates if training samples are linearly separable.

Linearly separable vs linearly non-separable

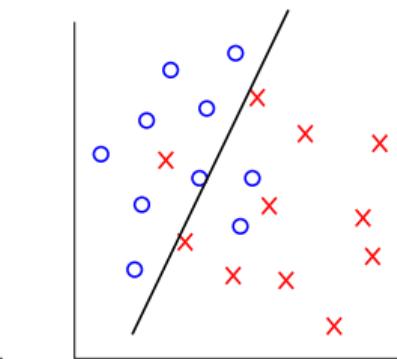


(a-1)

Linearly separable



(a-2)

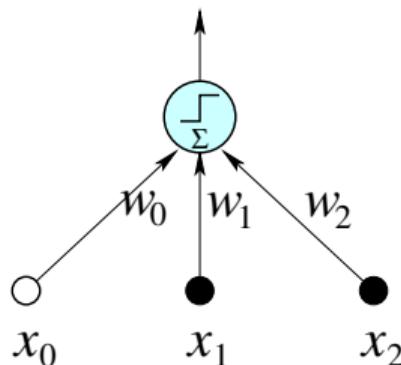


(b)

Linearly non-separable

Perceptron structures and decision boundaries

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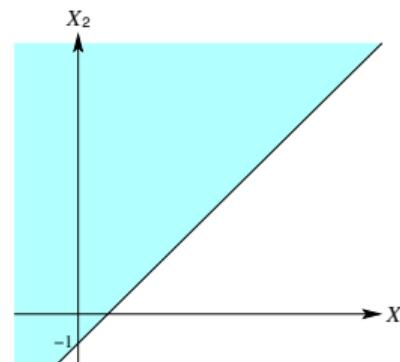
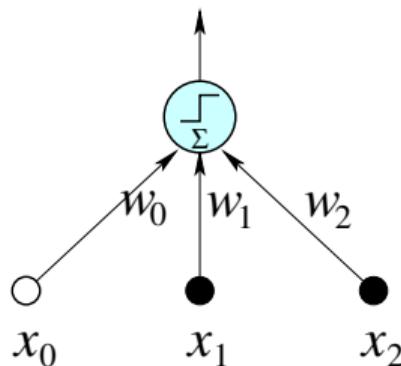
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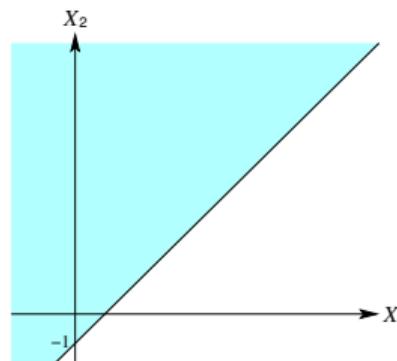
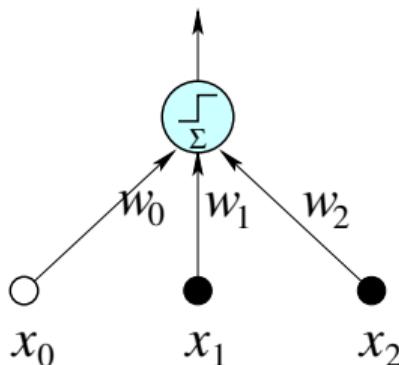


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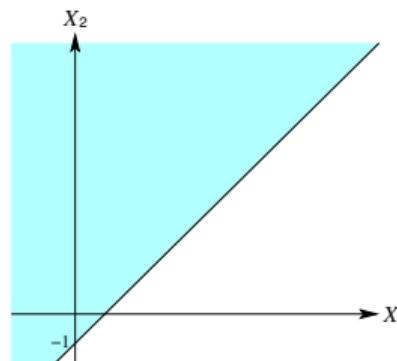
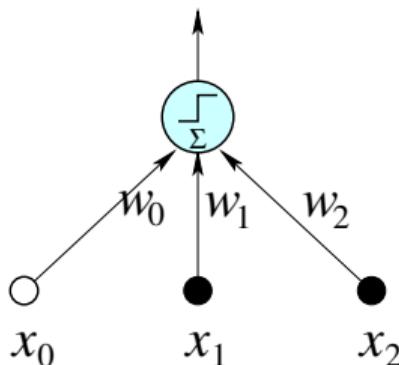
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NB: A one node/neuron constructs a decision boundary, which splits the input space into two regions

Perceptron as a logical function

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OR

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0	1	1
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NAND

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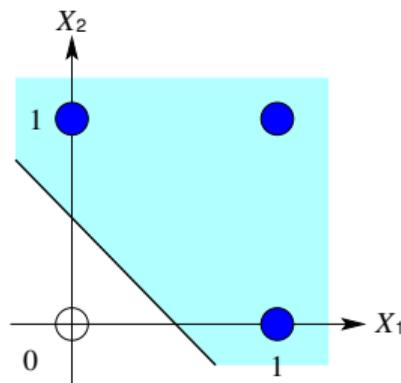
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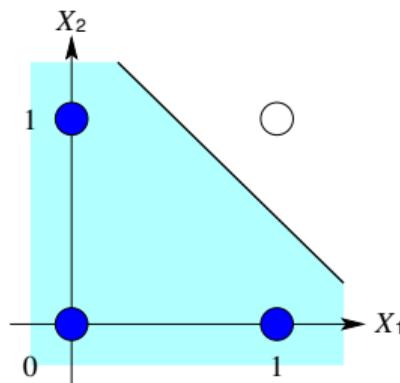
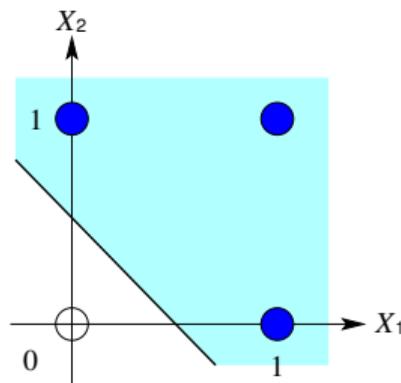
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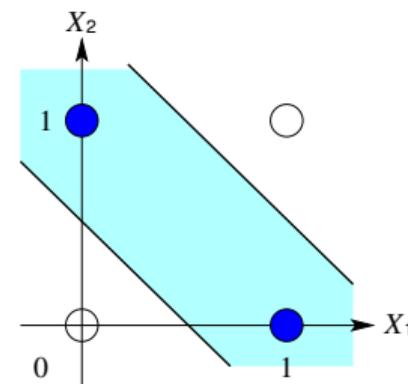
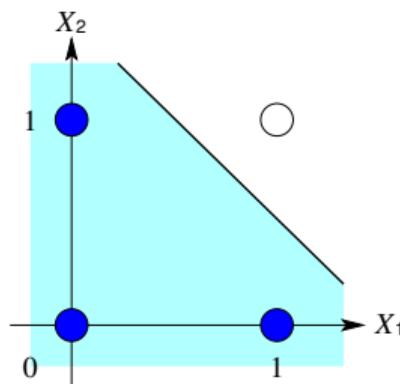
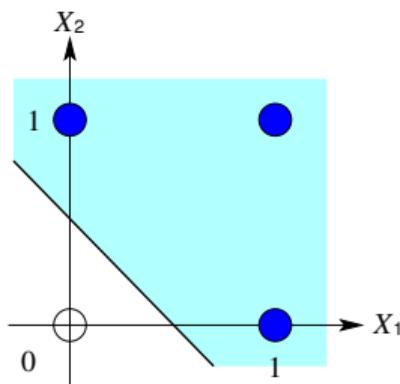
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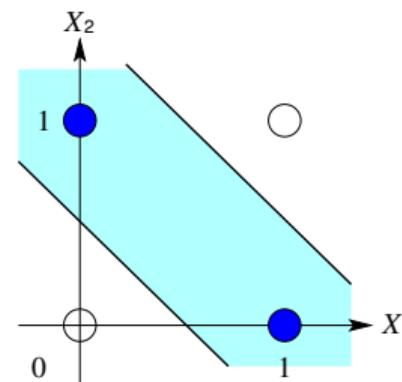
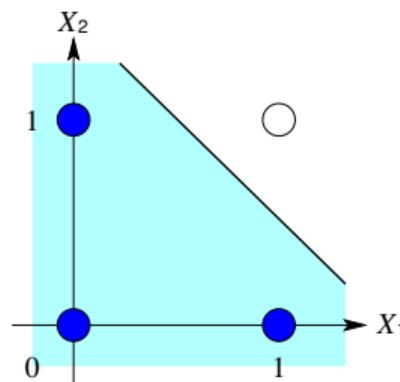
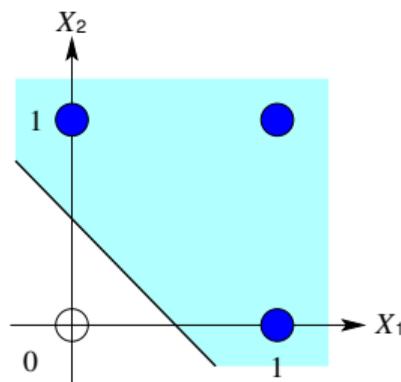
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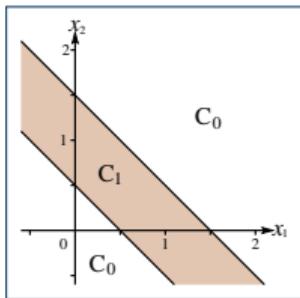
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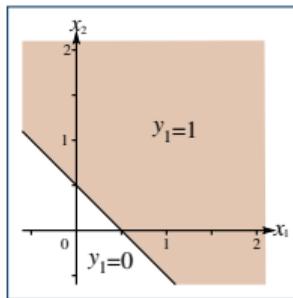


Question: find the weights for each function

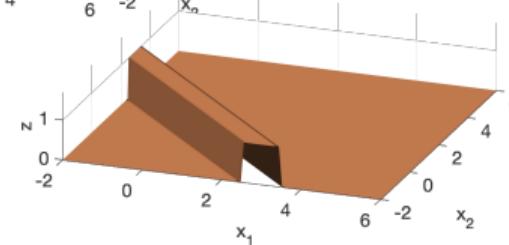
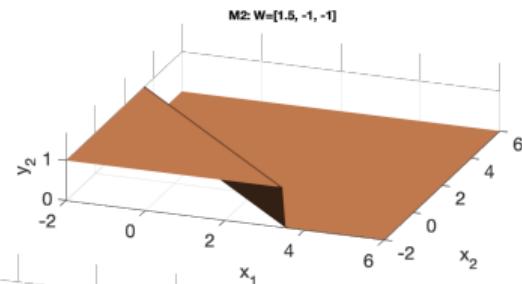
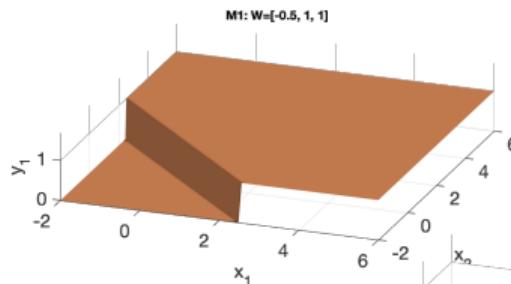
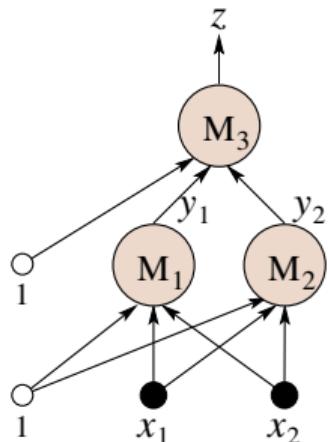
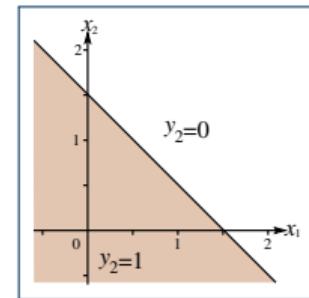
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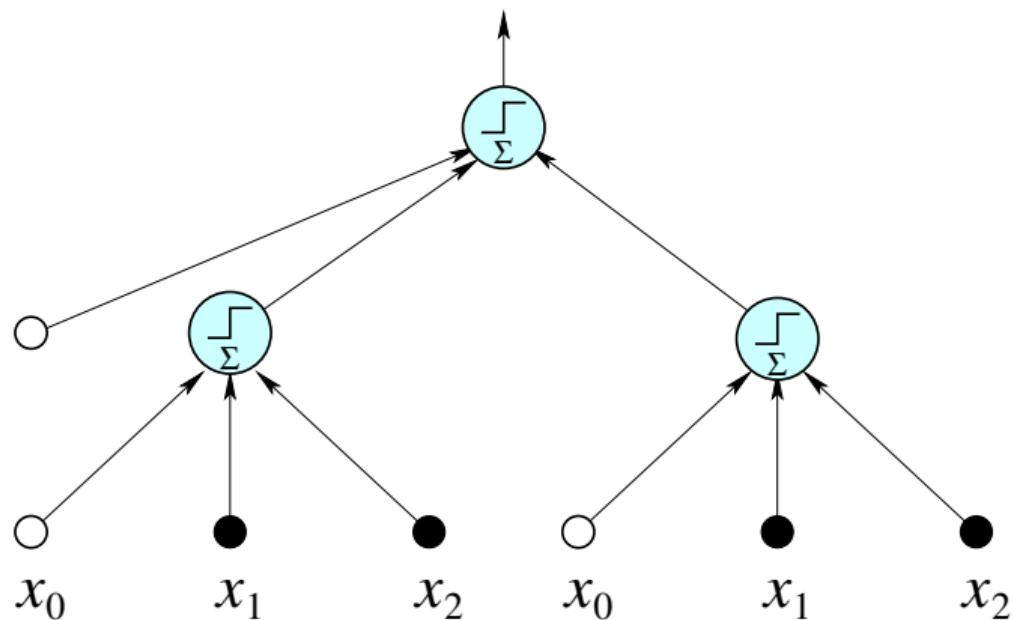
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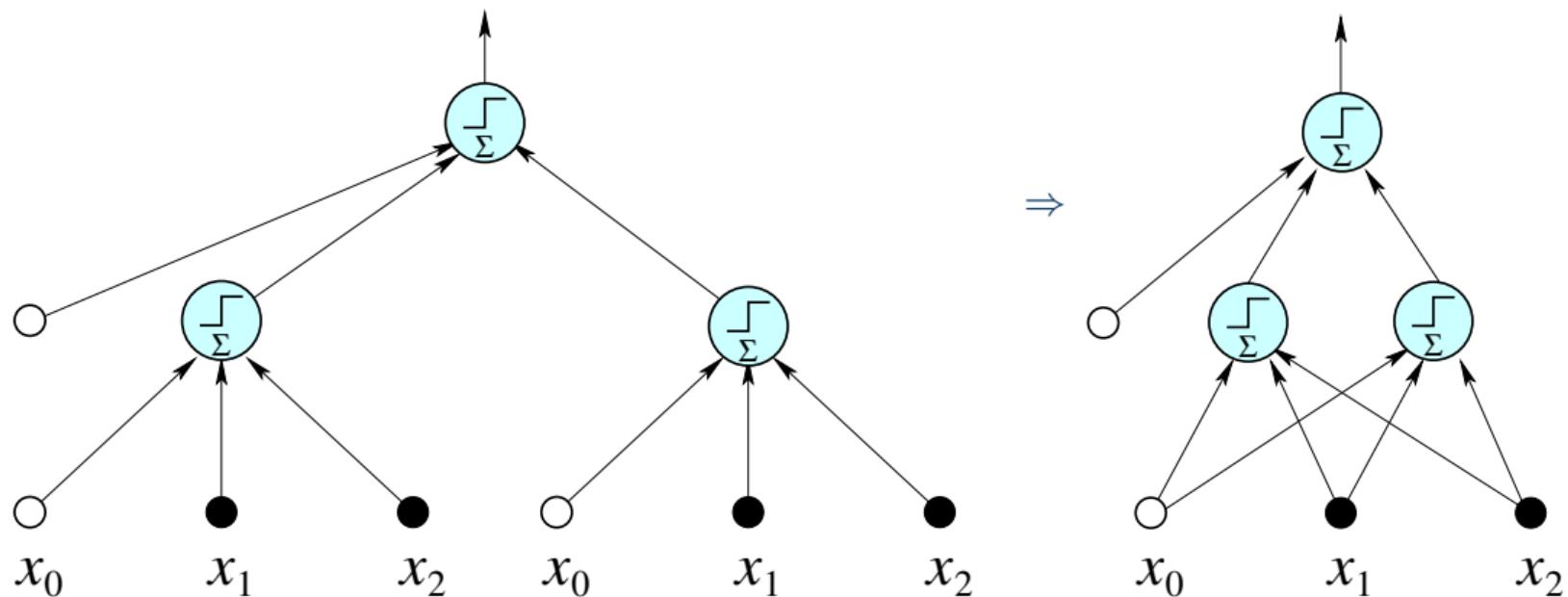
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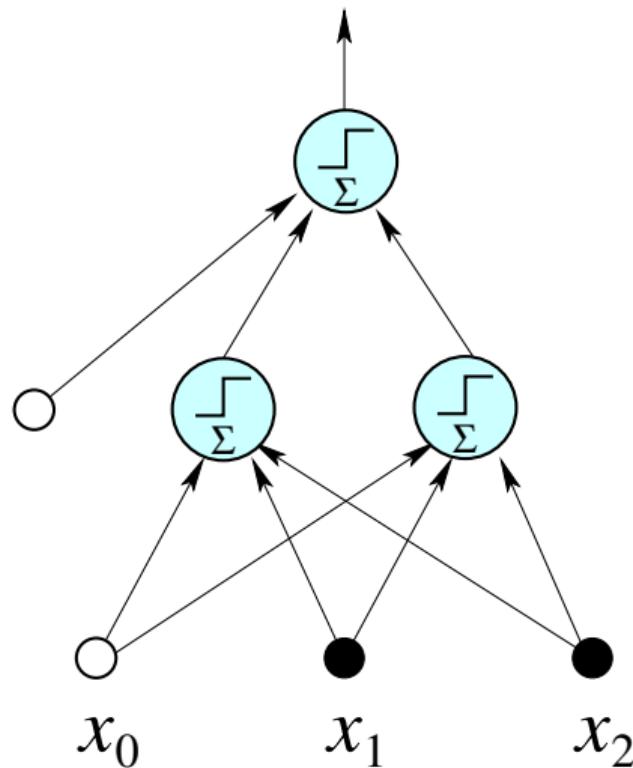
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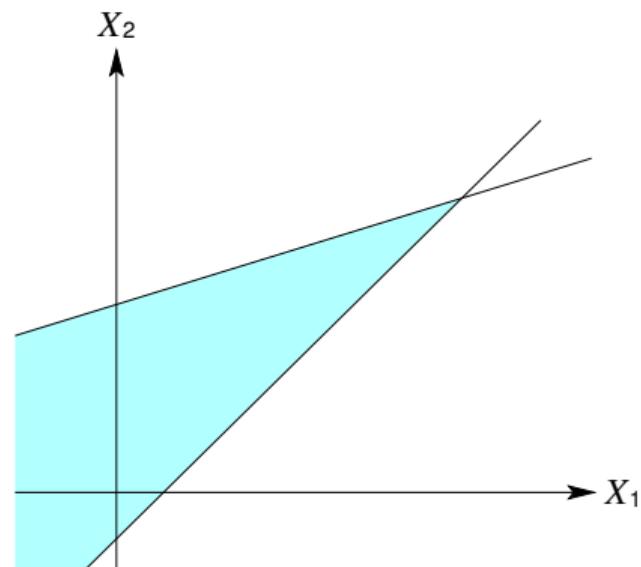
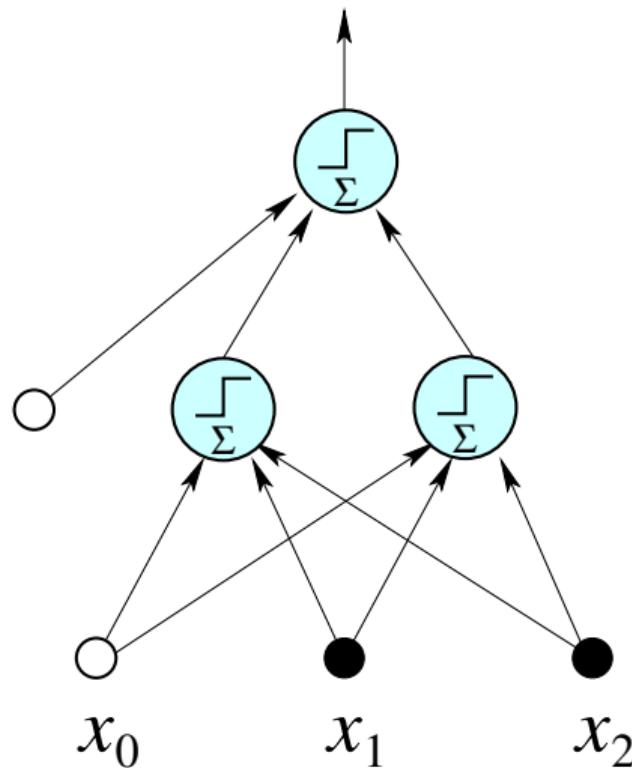
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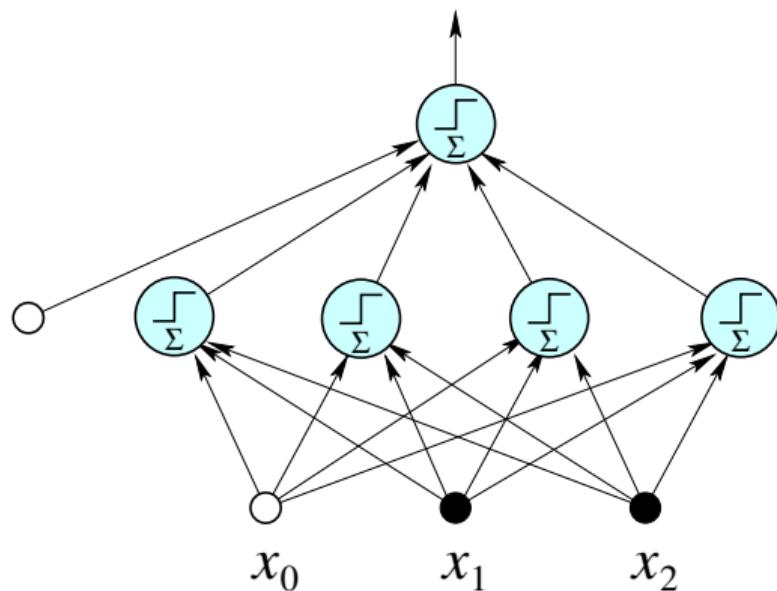
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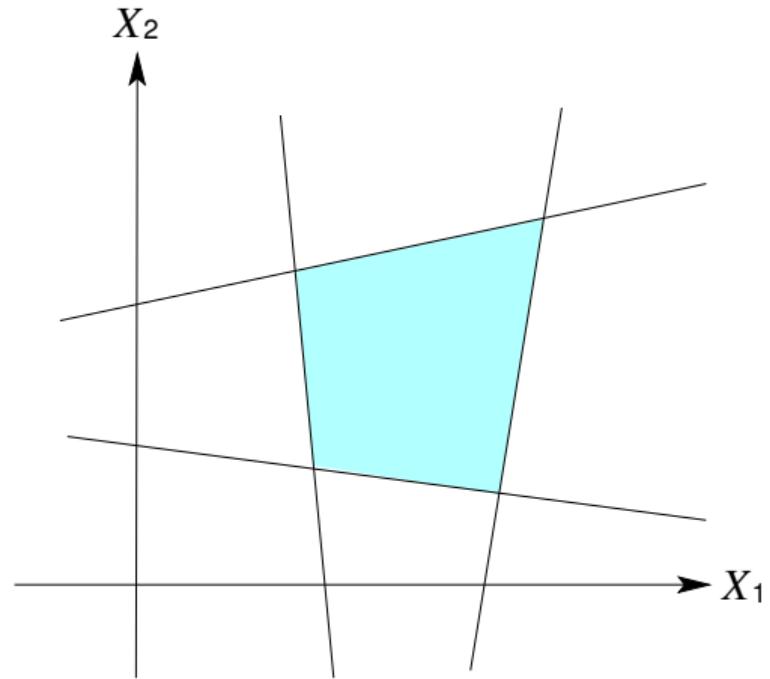
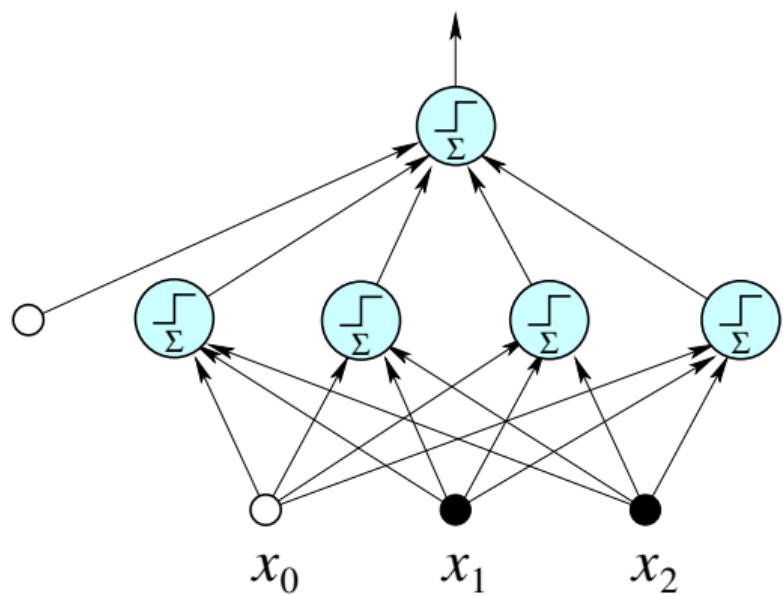
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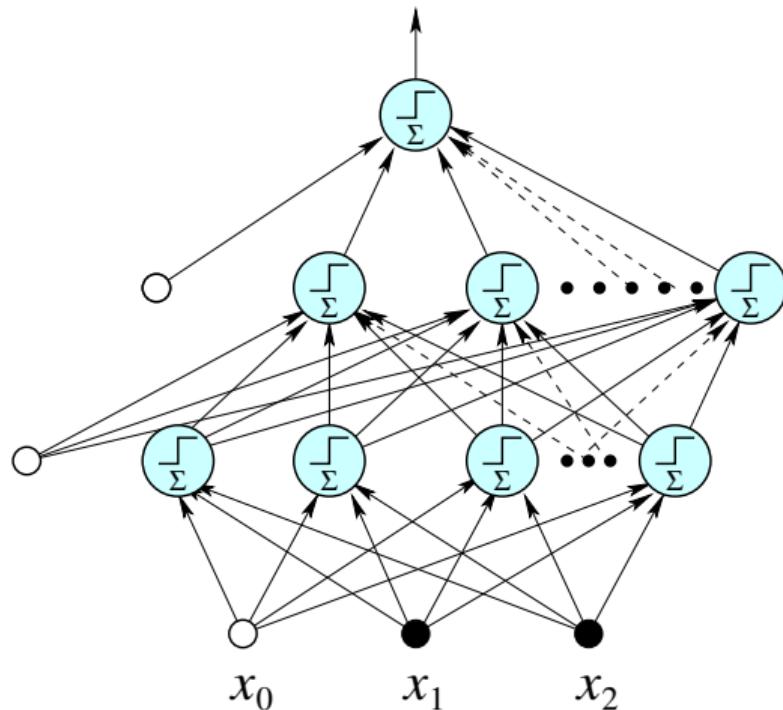
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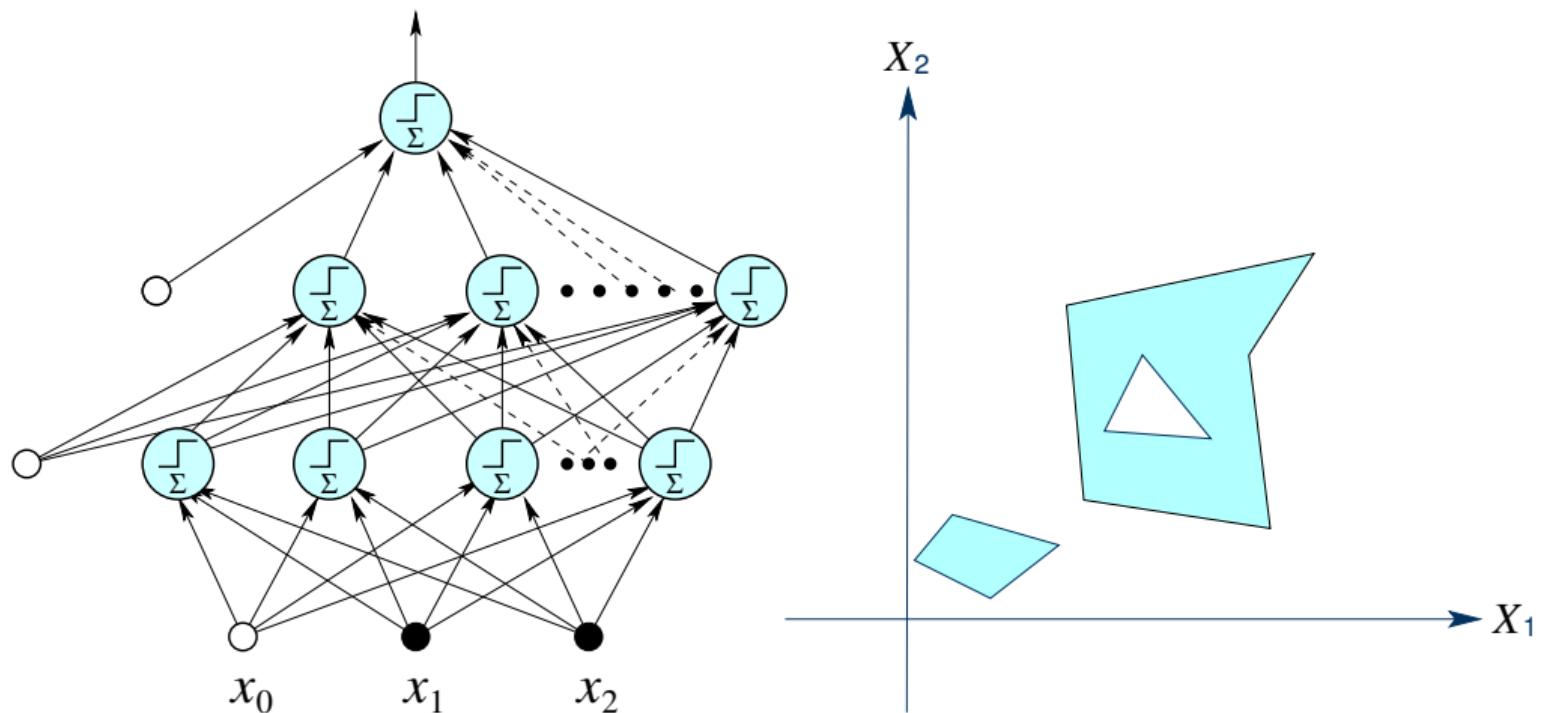
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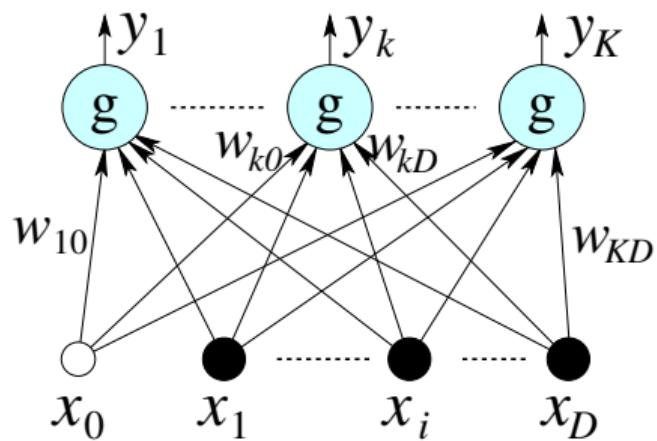
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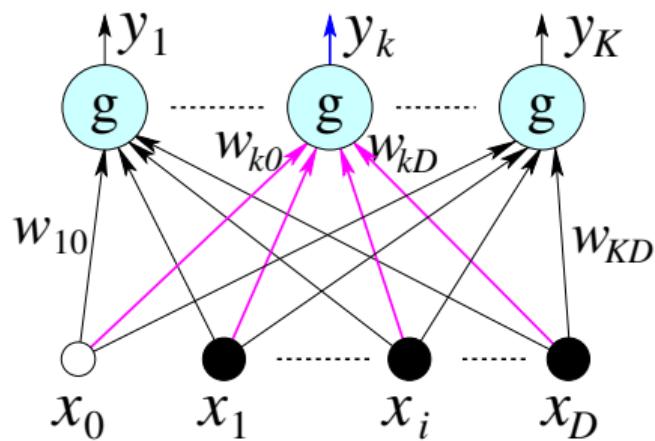
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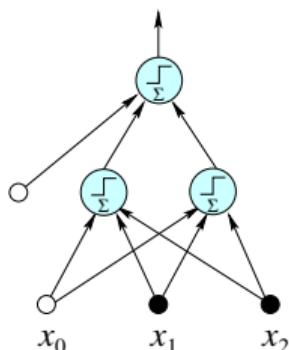
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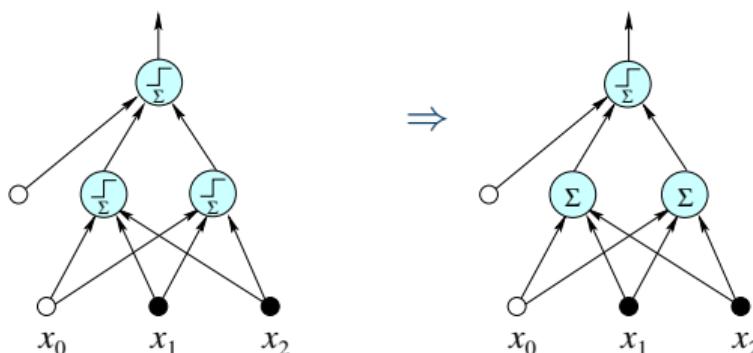
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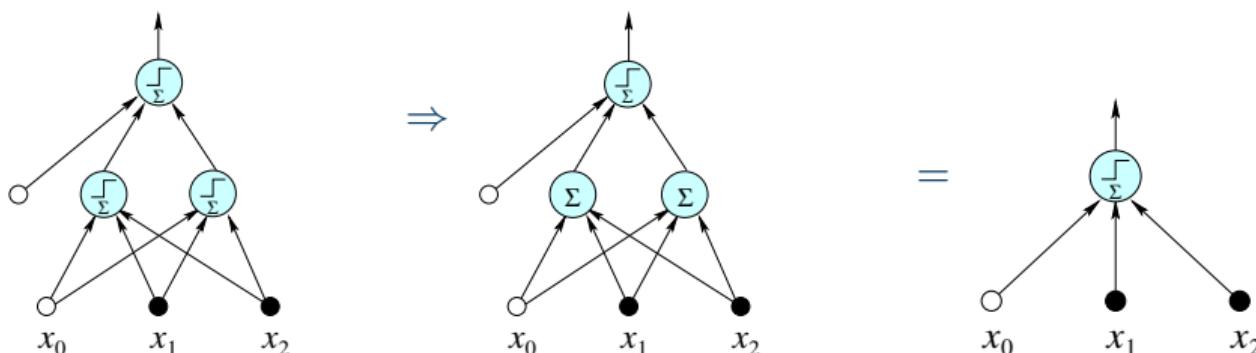
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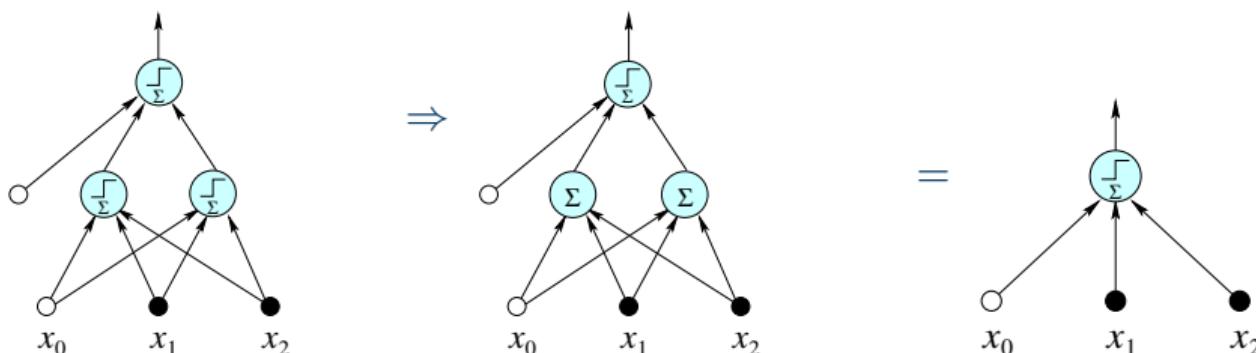
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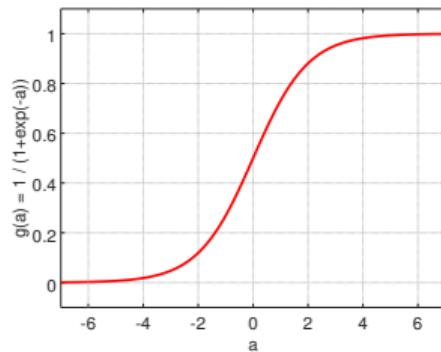
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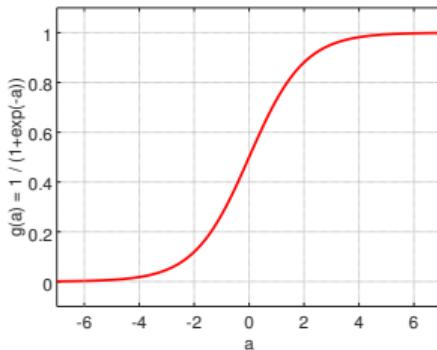
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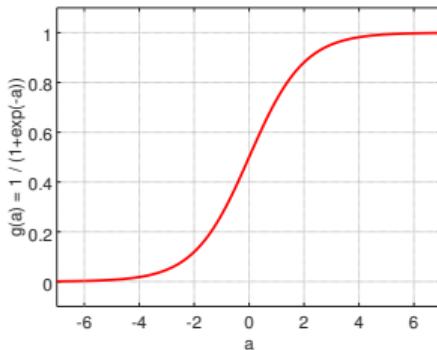


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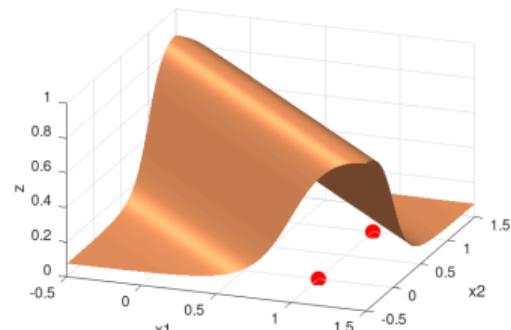
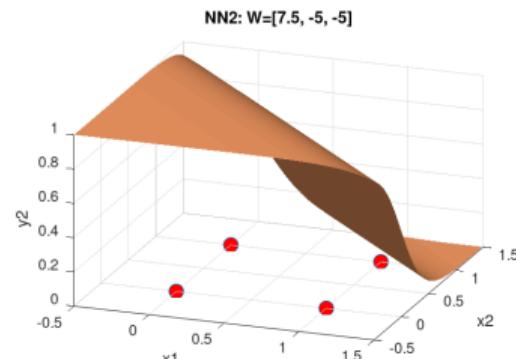
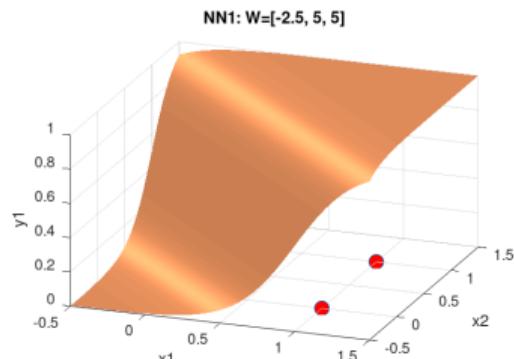
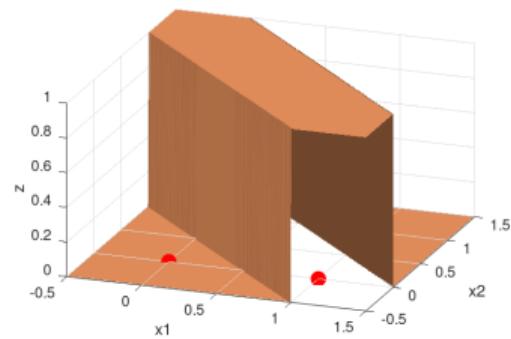
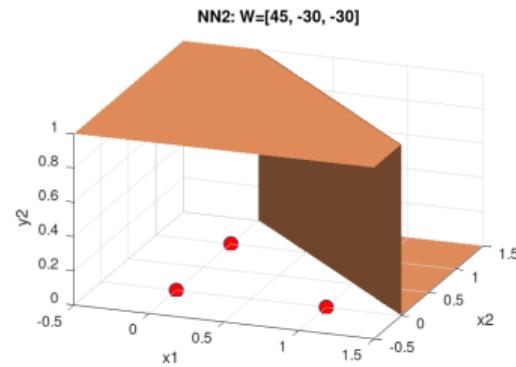
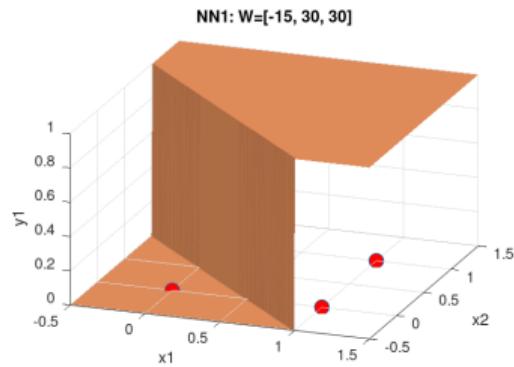
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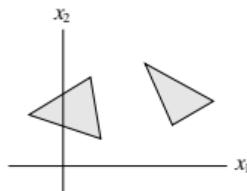
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Quizzes

- Answer the question of slide 16
- Find the structure of the perceptron for a two-class classification problem that gives the decision boundaries and decision regions shown in the figure below, in which grey areas correspond to one class, and the white areas to the other class. You do not need to identify the weight values, but you need to describe how many nodes are required and how each node should be connected to other nodes.



- Derive the derivative of the logistic sigmoid function
- Discuss how the decision boundary will change if you replace the Heaviside step function in a Rosenblatt's perceptron with a logistic sigmoid function in which you use a threshold=0.5 for classification.

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