# Neural networks: Perceptron

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# Outline

- 1. Biological connection
- 2. Model for decision-making
- 3. Perceptron
- 4. Formulating logical expressions
- 5. Exercises



The primary visual cortex is highly specialized for processing information about static and moving objects and is excellent in pattern recognition.

It contains 140 M of neurons, with tens of billions of connections





Dendrite: propagate electrochemical stimulation received from other neural cells

Axon: conducts electrical impulses away from the neuron



### Logical calculus about nervous activity

"A logical calculus of the ideas immanent in nervous activity"

Warren S. Mcculloch, Walter Pitts, 1943

Bulletin of Mathematical Biophysics, Vol. 5, pp. 115-133 (1943)

> 14 000 citations



A perceptron is a kind of artificial neuron

Developed in the 50s and 60s by Frank Rosenblatt, Warren McCulloch, Walter Pitts



Takes several binary inputs, x1, x2, ... and produces a single binary output



Rosenblatt proposed a simple rule to compute the output

Weights  $(w_1, w_2, ...)$  are real numbers expressing the importance of the respective inputs to the output

The neuron's output, 0 or 1, is determined by whether the weighted sum  $\sum_{j} w_{j} x_{j}$ 

is less or greater than a *threshold* value





This is how a perceptron works. A perceptron is a device that makes decisions by weighing up evidence

output = 
$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \sum_{j} w_{j} x_{j} \leq \text{threshold} \\ 1 & \text{if } \sum_{j} w_{j} x_{j} > \text{threshold} \end{cases}$$





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If you are a true-metal lover who love to share, then you may want to go even if the weather is bad and there is no stop near-by.

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... or if you wish to not weak up your parents late in the evening: w1 = 1, w2 = 1, w3 = 8





We are using the perceptron to model a simple decisionmaking.

If we pick 5 as our threshold, then we have the following condition:

(x1 \* w1) + (x2 \* w2) + (x3 \* w3) > 5

If the condition is true, then the perceptron outputs 1, else it output 0





Varying the weights and the threshold produces a new model of decision-making

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$w^2 = 6$	$w^2 = 6$
w3 = 2	w3 = 2
t = 5	t = 2

Decreasing t means that you are more willing to the metal party



## Simplifying the perceptron

The notation  $\sum_{j} w_j x_j$  is cumbersome in some cases

For example, you may want to have a threshold per perceptron instead of a unique global threshold

First, we can write:

$$w \cdot x \equiv \sum_{j} w_{j} x_{j}$$

Second, we can move the threshold to the other side of the equation: *threshold* is now named *bias* 

The perception can be rewritten

output = 
$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w \cdot x + b \leq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } w \cdot x + b > 0 \end{cases}$$



# Simplifying the perceptron

You can think of the bias as a measure of how easy it is to get the perceptron to output a 1

In Biological terms: the bias is a measure of *how easy it is* to get the perceptron to fire

Big positive bias => easy for the perceptron to fire 1

Very negative bias => difficult to fire 1

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The following perceptron model the NAND logical gate







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## Logical gates

The previous example demonstrates how a network of perceptrons can be used to simulate a circuit containing many NAND gates

The NAND gate is universal for computation:

It is the basic building block of the Arithmetic Logical Unit (ALU), which is at the core of a CPU



#### Exercises

#### Provide the implementation of

a Perceptron, with the AND, OR, NAND behavior

The summing number gate

#### Suben su código en GitHub

- Comparten su codigo con Ignacio.
- GitHub Id: islaterm

Write unit test to test your code



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