

Neural networks: Learning Perceptron

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Computational Universality

So far, we have seen that perceptrons can be used to model any computation

Good news: a network of perceptrons is as *expressive as any computational model*

Learning Algorithm

In our previous examples, we have *provided values of weights and bias*

A learning algorithm can automatically tune these values

This tuning happens in response to *external stimuli*

Making perceptrons / neurons learn is the real difference from logical gates

Learning strategies

Supervised learning

You need examples from which patterns are extracted from

E.g., Classical techniques in deep learning, natural language processing, image processing

Unsupervised learning

Patterns are discovered without example

Supervised learning

Involve a teacher that is smarter than the perceptron / neuron / network itself

Facial recognition example:

The teacher shows the network many person faces with the name of that person

Ask the network to make a guess of a person name by only giving the face

The teacher compares the guess with the correct name, and make adjustments according to the error

Unsupervised Learning

When there is not data examples with *known answers*

Searching for a hidden pattern in a data set

Examples:

Clustering: dividing a set of elements into groups according to some unknown pattern

Self-driving cars, Video games, Robotic

We will focus on unsupervising learning when we will talk about neuroevolution (combination of neural network and genetic algorithm)

Perceptron learning algorithm (1/2)

During the training period, a series of inputs are presented to the perceptron

Each input follows $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$

For each input set, there is a *desired output (0 or 1)*

The actual output is determined by $w \cdot x + b$

If the actual output is wrong, then some learning has to happen

Perceptron learning algorithm (2/2)

$\text{diff} = \text{desiredOutput} - \text{realOutput}$

$\text{lr} = 0.1$

For all N:

$\text{weightN} = \text{weightN} + (\text{lr} * \text{inputN} * \text{diff})$

$\text{bias} = \text{bias} + (\text{lr} * \text{diff})$

lr is called the learning rate

Weights and bias is randomly initialized
(within a range of -2.0 to +2.0)

Perceptron in action

We stated that neural networks are often used for pattern recognition, including facial recognition

Even simple perceptrons can demonstrate the basics of *classification*

Consider a line in a two-dimensional space

Points in that space can be classified as living on either one side of the line or the other

Perceptron in action

Our perception does not know about the dividing line, however, it has to guess on the side of the line live a given point

This example is very simplistic, however, it *shows how a perceptron can be trained* to recognize points on one side versus another

Perceptron in action

Nothing prevent a perceptron from taking as input any arbitrary numerical values

In this example, we will consider inputs as a set of arbitrary numbers, and not only 0 and 1

Let's take a perceptron, with two inputs

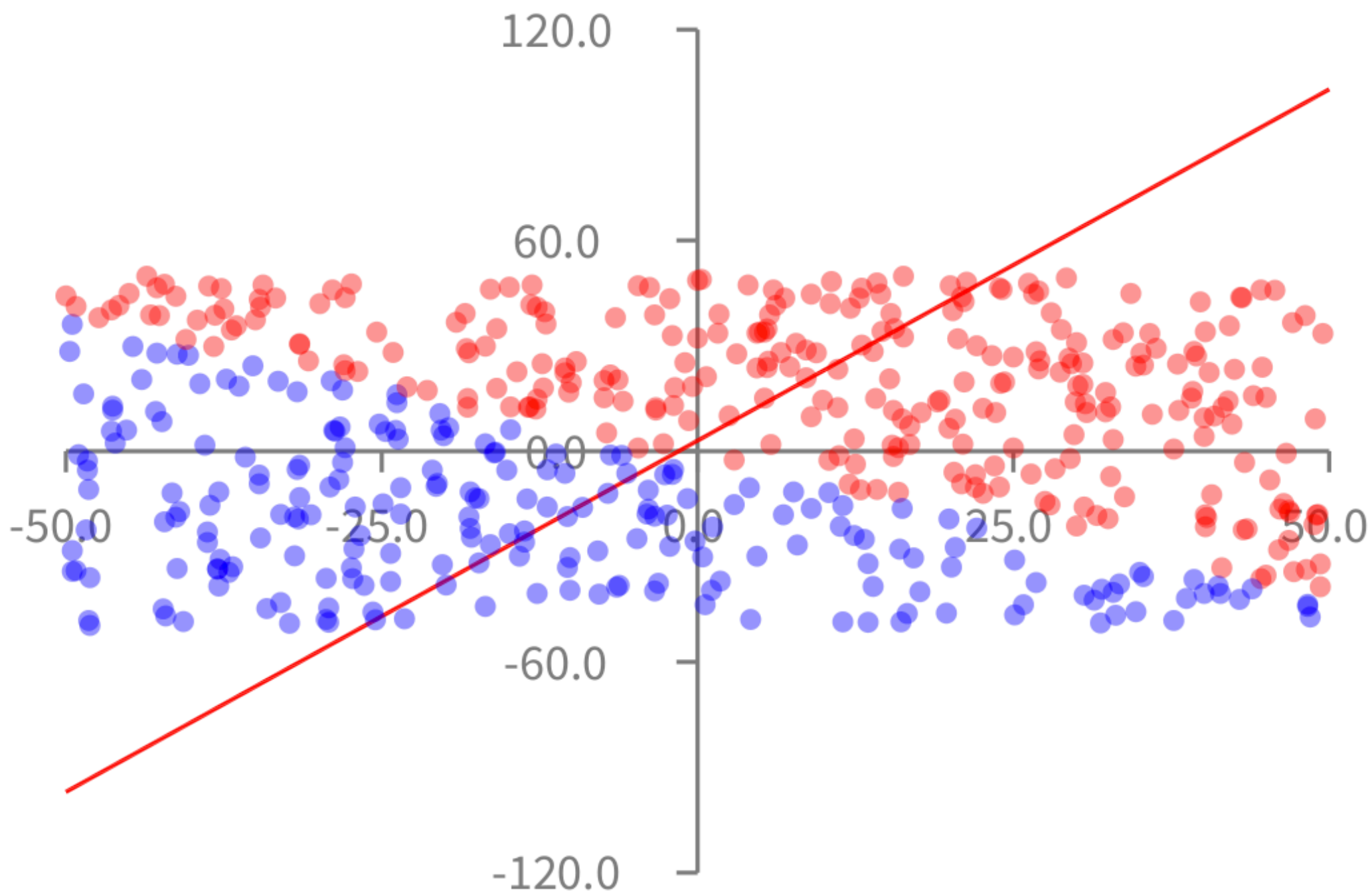
x and y coordinate of a point

The output will be either 0 or 1

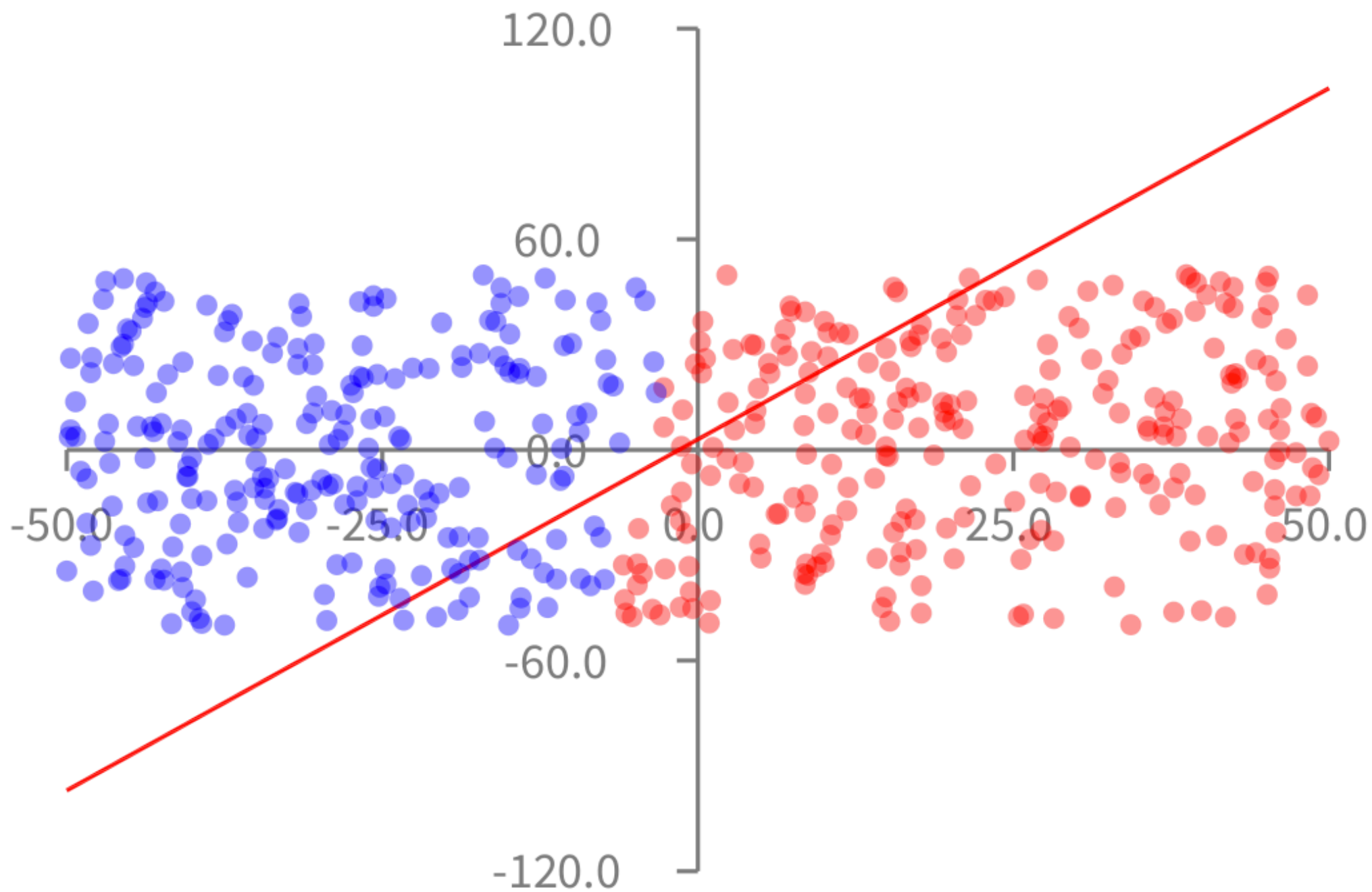
0 indicating the point is below the line

1 indicates the point is above the line

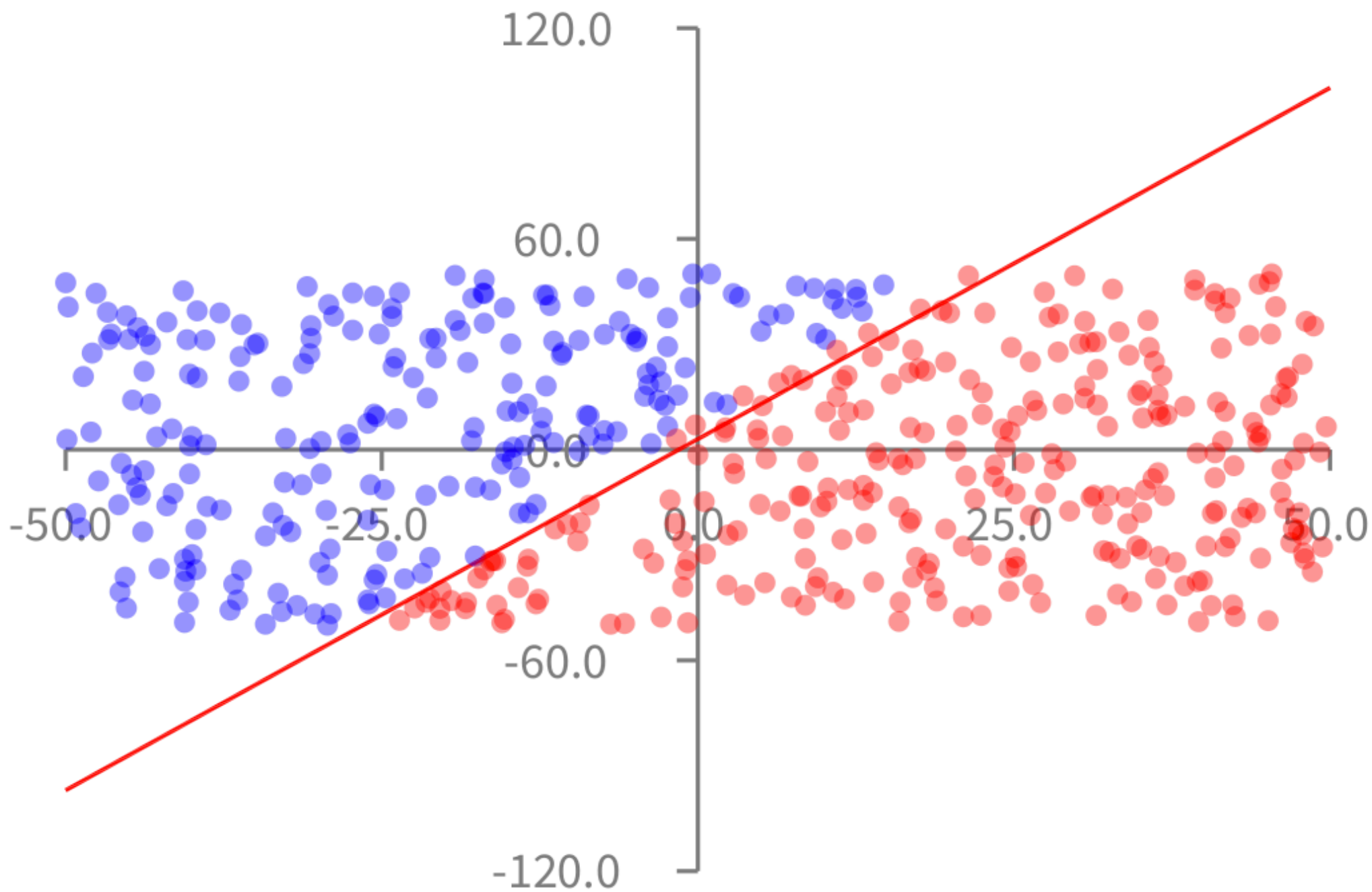
After 2 trainings



After 20 trainings



After 50 trainings



Exercise

Implement a learning perceptron with the space position problem we have just seen

Try learning rate different values

Show the curve precision vs number of training