

Foundations of Machine Learning

AI2000 and AI5000

FoML-23
Neural Networks - UAT

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So far in FoML

- Intro to ML and Probability refresher
- MLE, MAP, and fully Bayesian treatment
- Supervised learning
 - a. Linear Regression with basis functions (regularization, model selection)
 - b. Bias-Variance Decomposition (Bayesian Regression)
 - c. Decision Theory - three broad classification strategies
 - Probabilistic Generative Models - Continuous & discrete data
 - (Linear) Discriminant Functions - least squares solution, Perceptron
 - Probabilistic Discriminative Models - Logistic Regression



Neural Networks - II



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Neural Networks are universal approximators

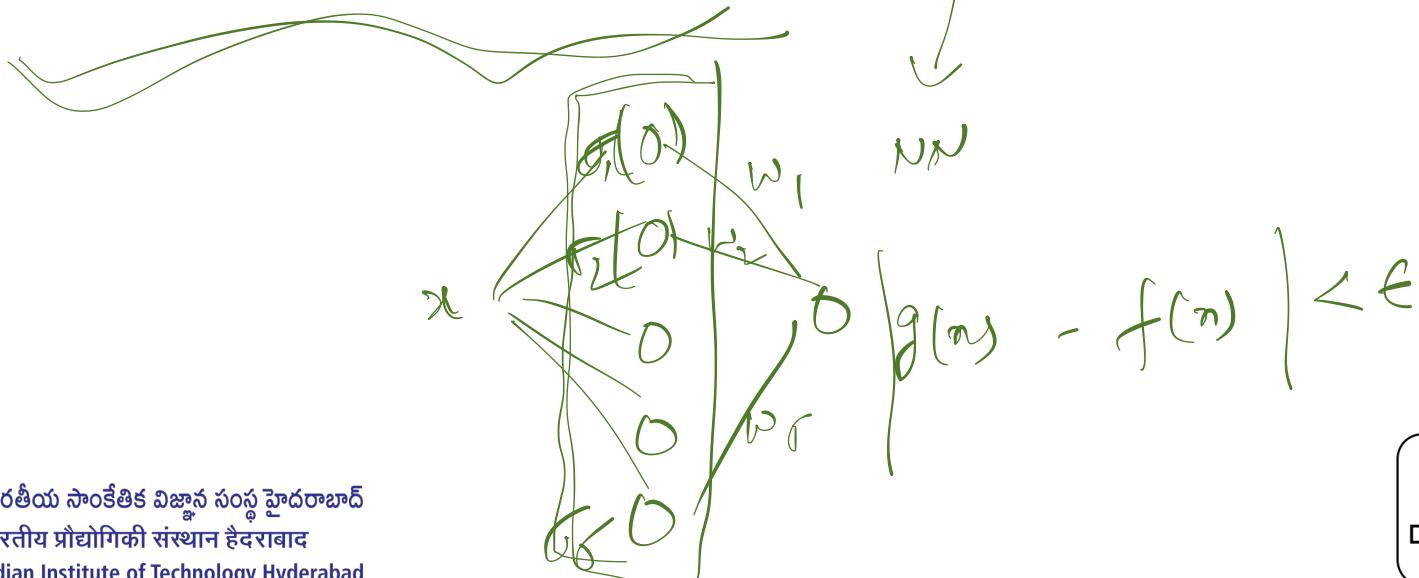


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Universal Approximation Theorem

- Can represent any continuous function ($f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$) on a compact area, to any desired approximation ($|g(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon$) with a linear combination of sigmoid neurons



Universal Approximation Theorem

- In other words, NN with a single hidden layer can be used to approximate any continuous function to a desired precision



Universal Approximation Theorem

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Approximation by Superpositions of a Sigmoidal Function*

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

**Approximation Capabilities of Multilayer
Feedforward Networks**

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Universal Approximation Theorem

Theorem 0.1 (UAT, [Cyb89, Hor91]). Let $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a *non-constant, bounded, and continuous function*. Let I_m denote the m -dimensional *unit hypercube* $[0, 1]^m$. The space of *real-valued continuous functions on I_m* is denoted by $C(I_m)$. Then, given any $\varepsilon > 0$ and any function $f \in C(I_m)$, there exist an integer N , real constants $v_i, b_i \in \mathbb{R}$ and real vectors $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$ for $i = 1, \dots, N$, such that we may define:

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N v_i \sigma(w_i^T \mathbf{x} + b_i) = \mathbf{v}^T \sigma(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$$

as an approximate realization of the function f ; that is,

$$|F(\mathbf{x}) - f(\mathbf{x})| < \varepsilon$$

for all $\mathbf{x} \in I_m$.



Visual proof with one i/p & one o/p and Sigmoid activation

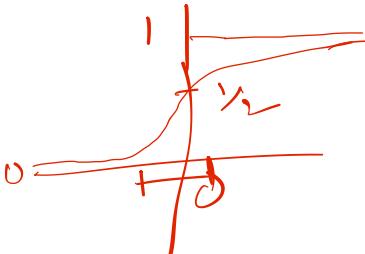


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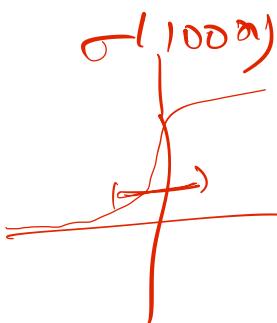


Universality with one i/p & one o/p

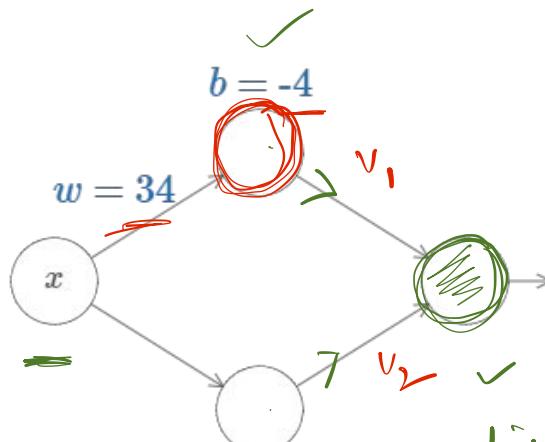
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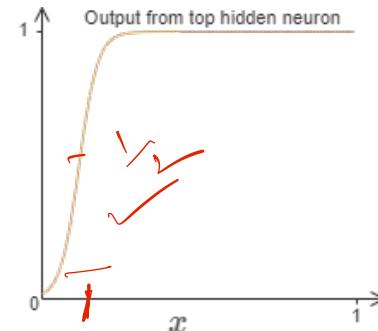


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$$\sigma(\gamma_{100})$$

$$\sigma(a+b)$$



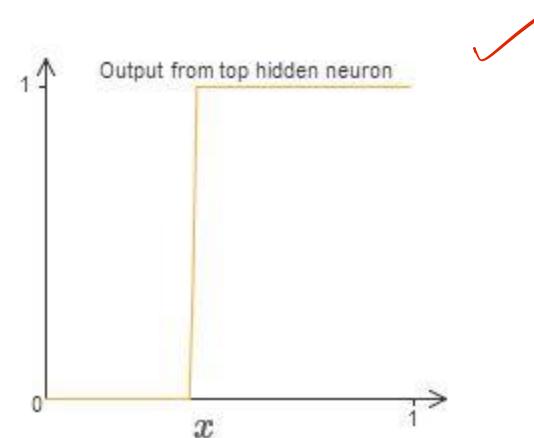
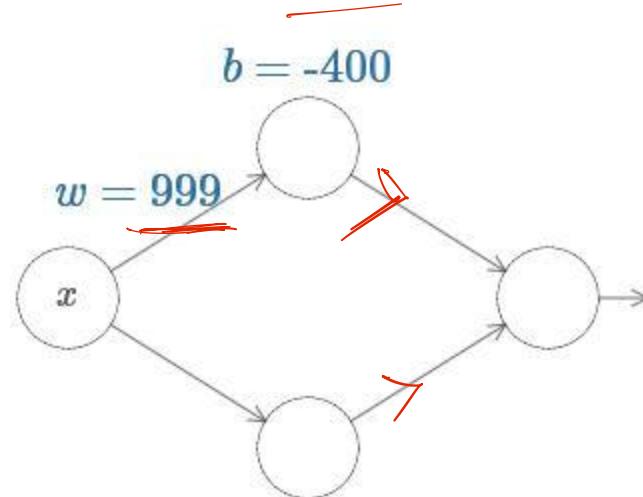
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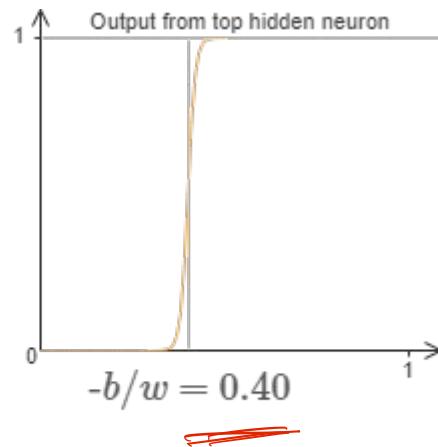
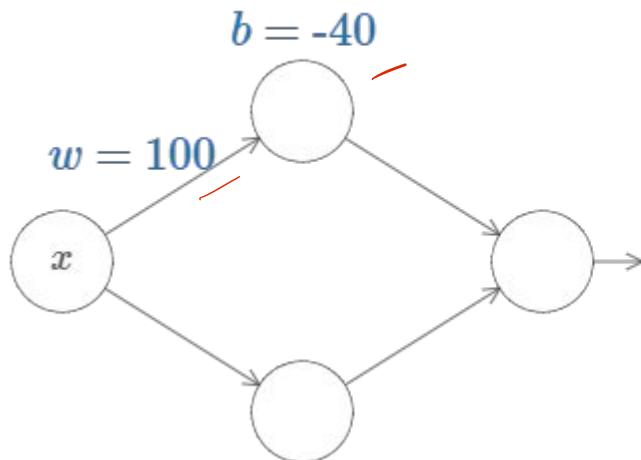
$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} a+b=0 \\ a=-b \end{aligned}}$$



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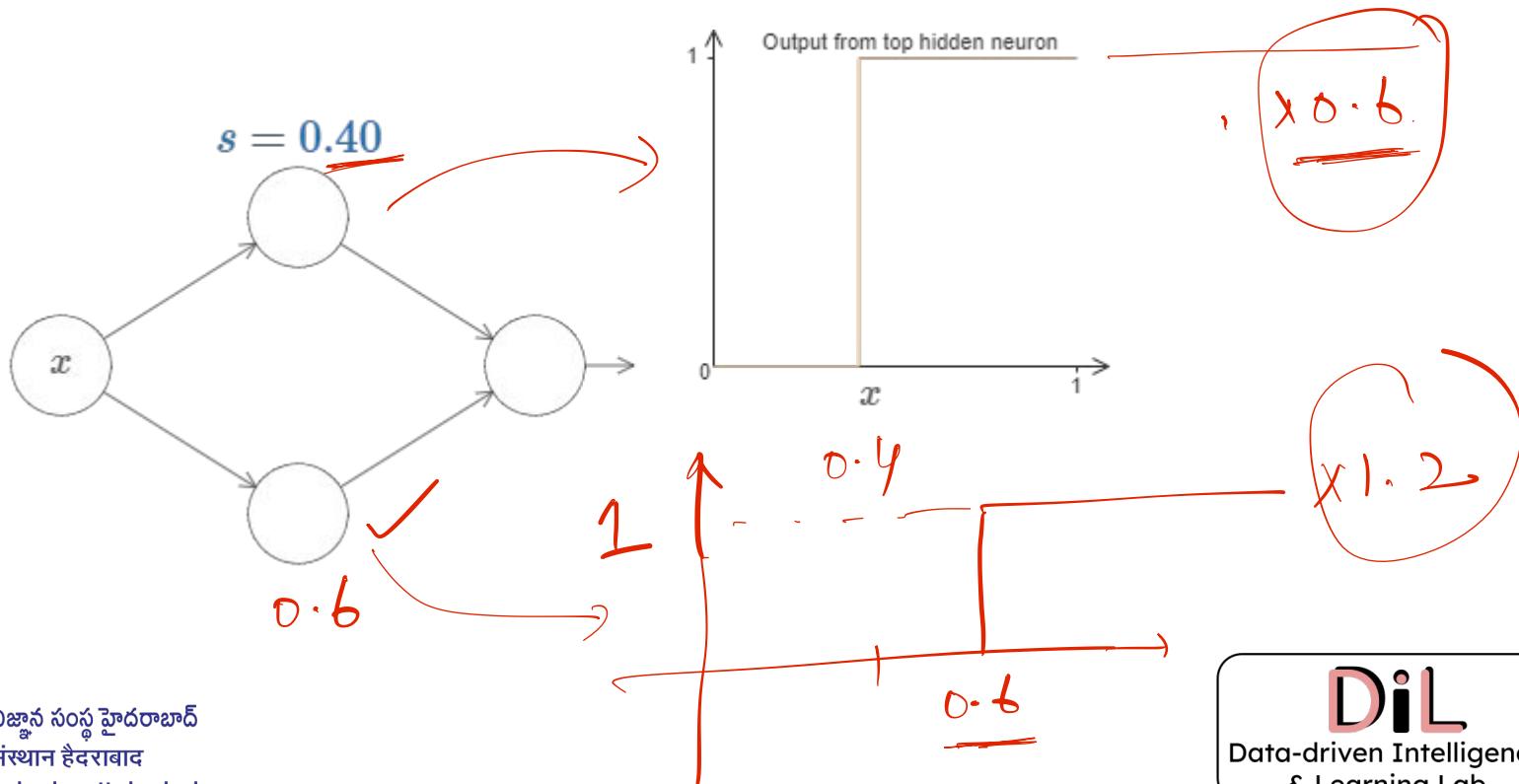
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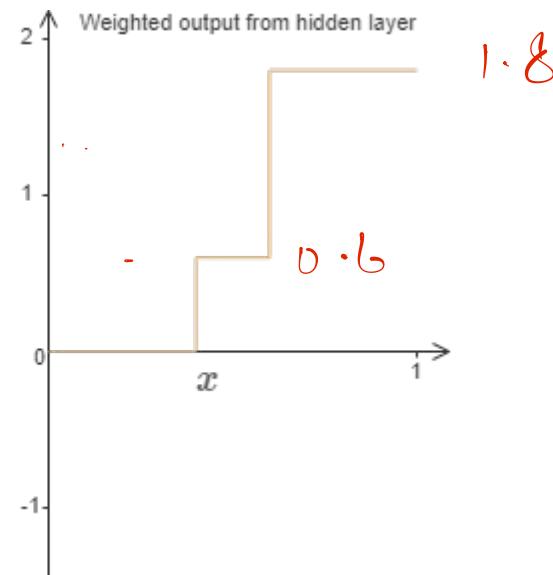
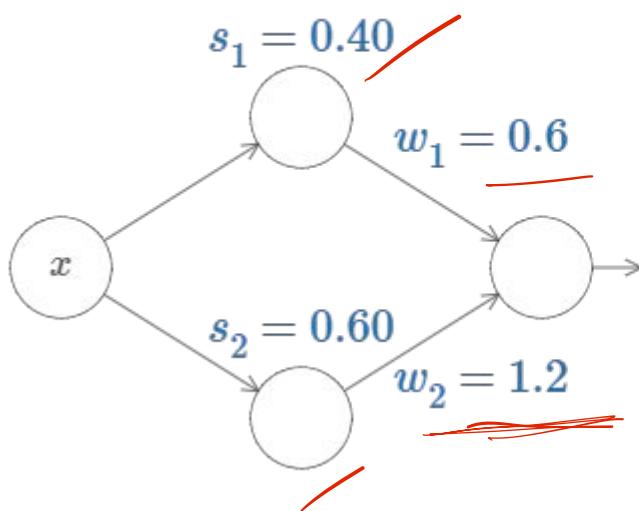
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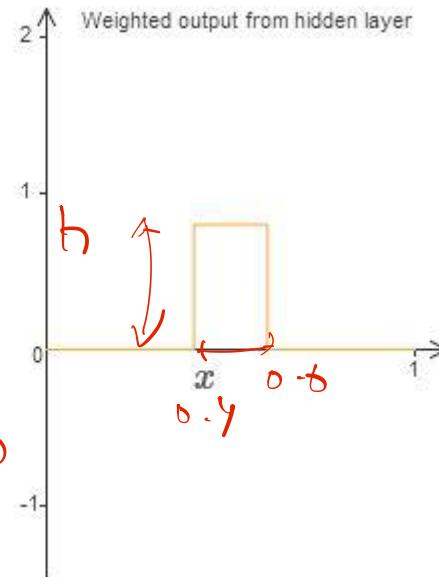
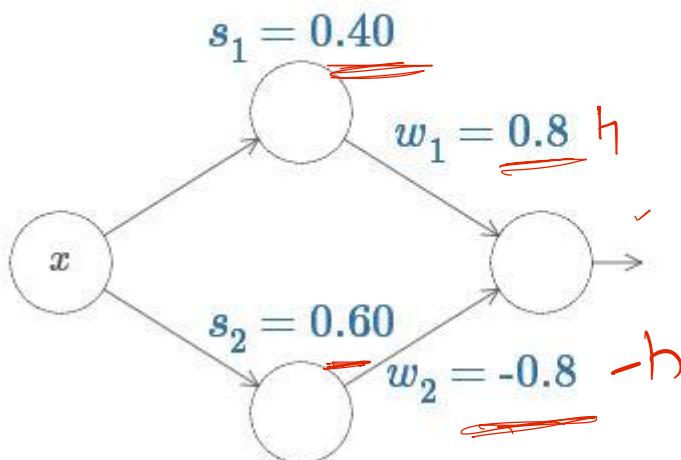
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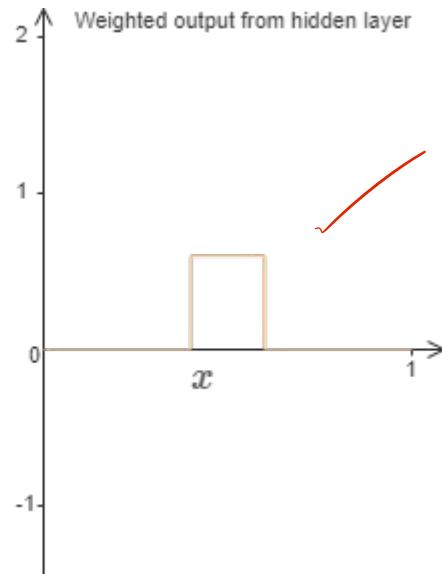
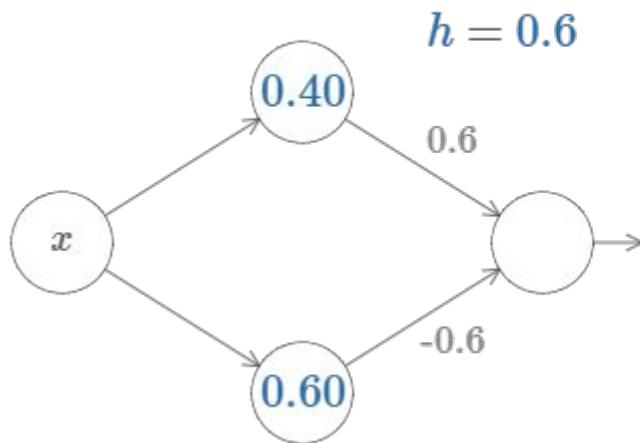
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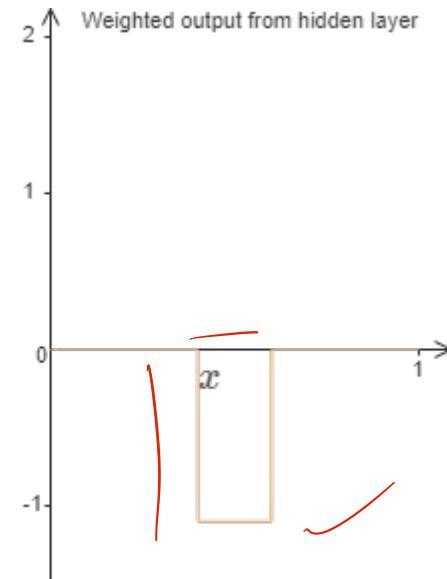
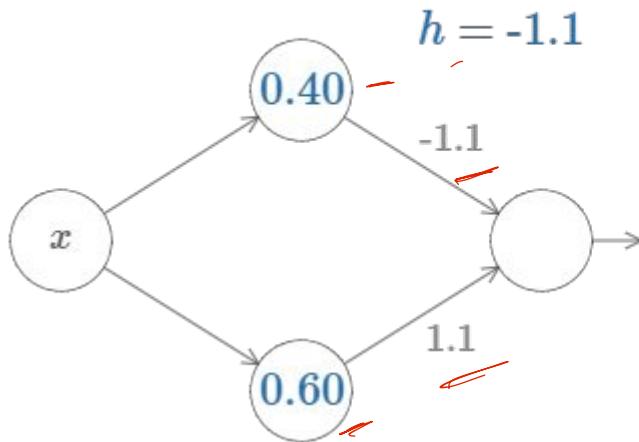
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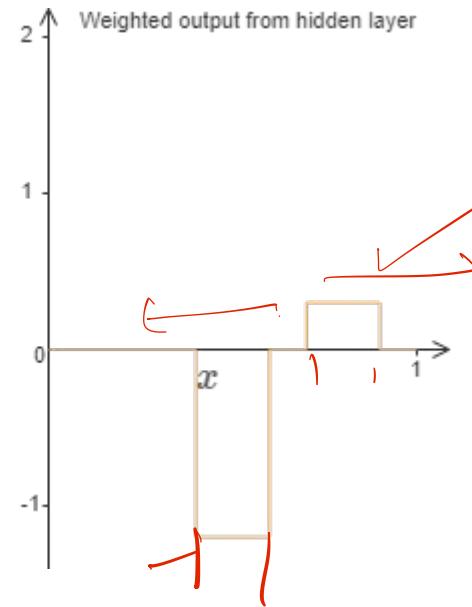
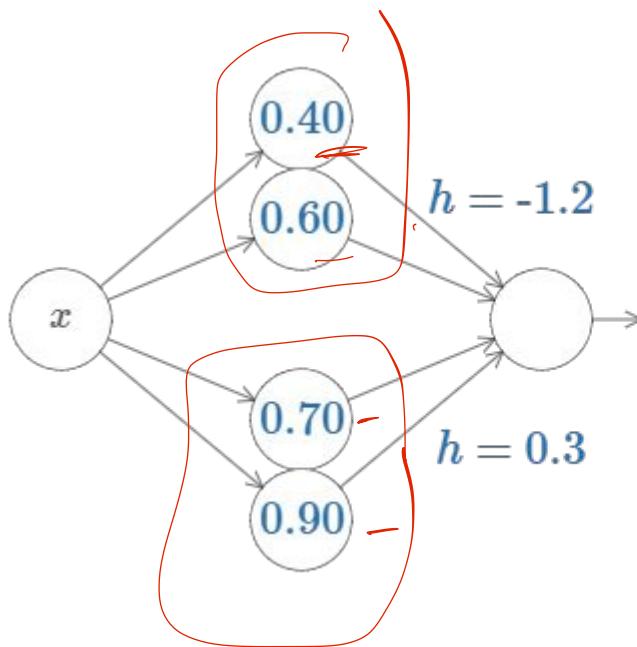
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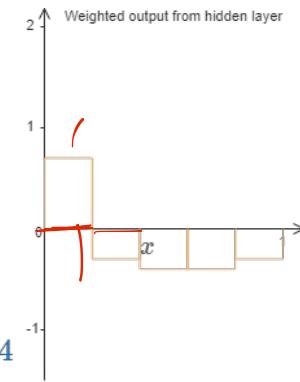
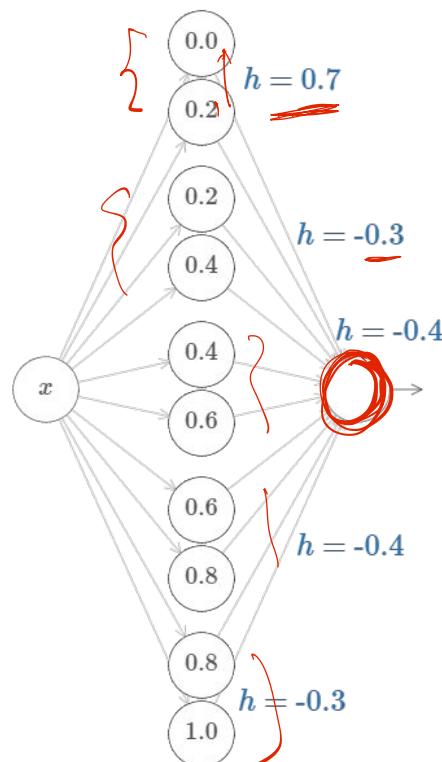
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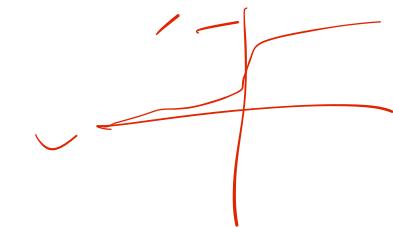


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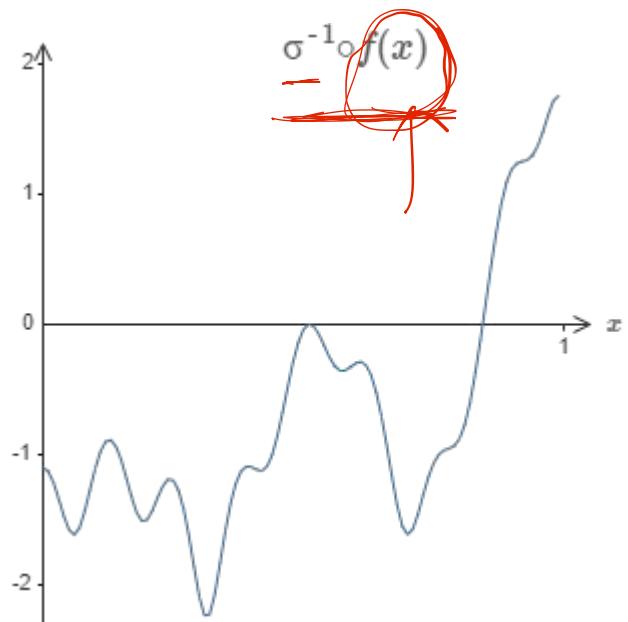


$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w^T(p_i) \right)$$

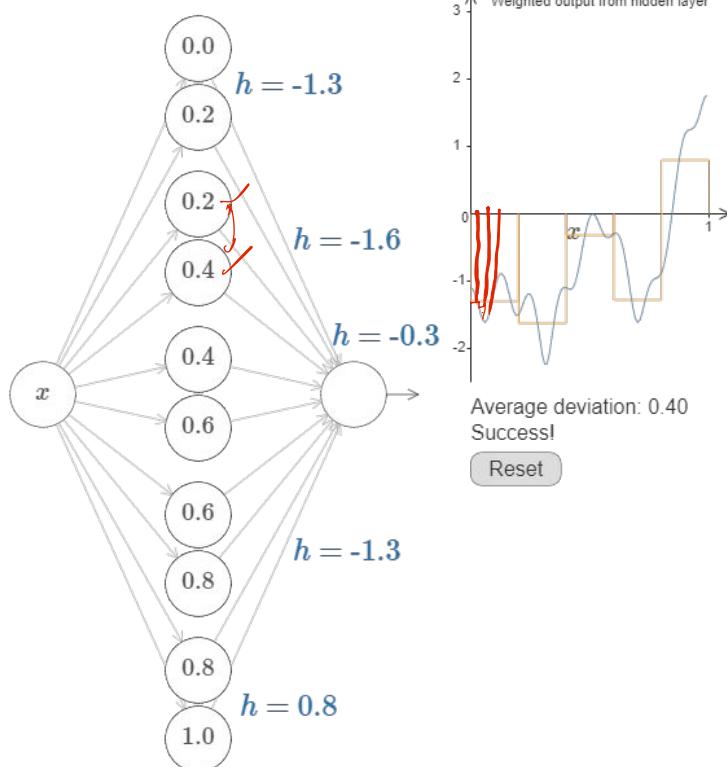
$$= \sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w^T(p_i)\right)$$



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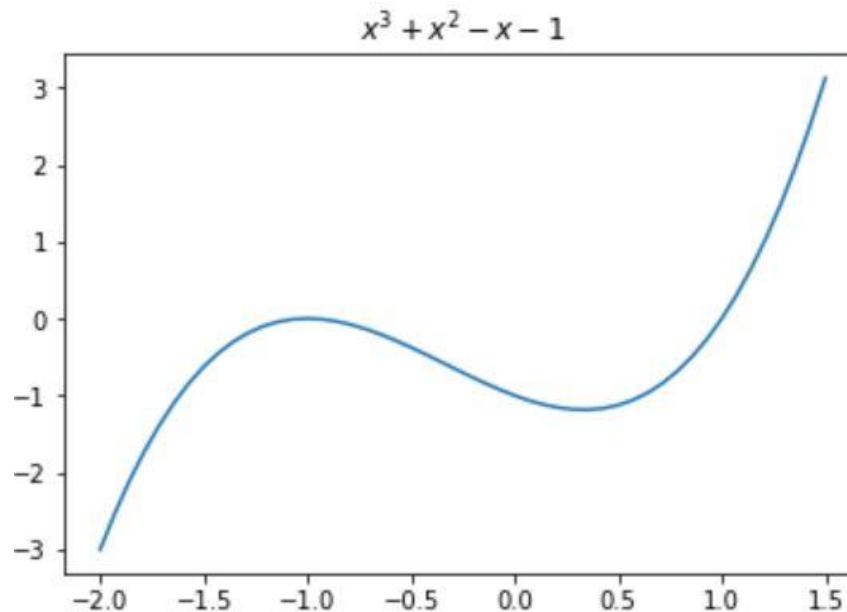
With ReLU activation



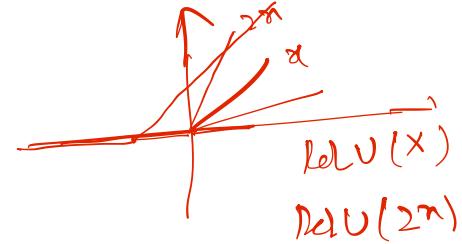
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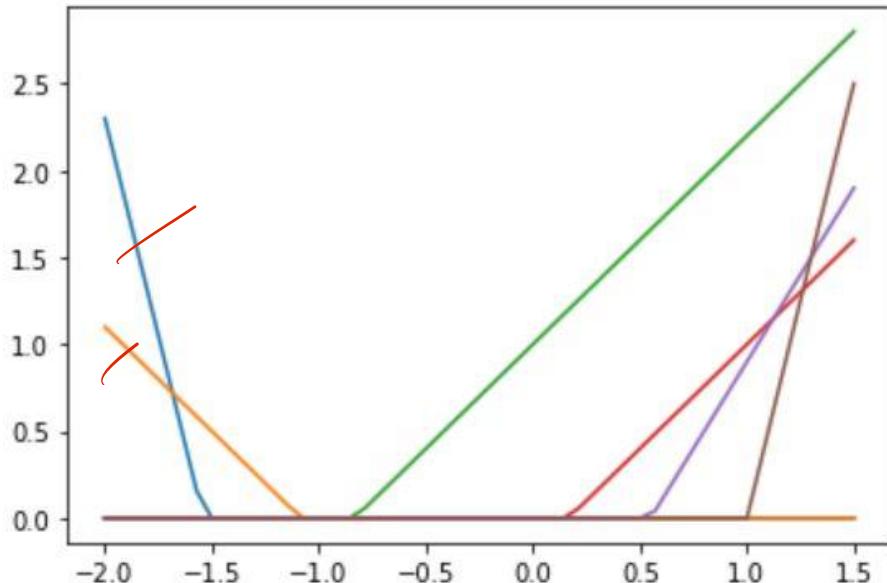
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- $n_1 = \text{ReLU}(-5x - 7.7)$
- $n_2 = \text{ReLU}(-1.2x - 1.3)$
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- $n_5 = \text{ReLU}(2x - 1.1)$
- $n_6 = \text{ReLU}(5x - 5)$



Universality with one i/p & one o/p

Width
depth

Complexity } Sophistication
Capacity }

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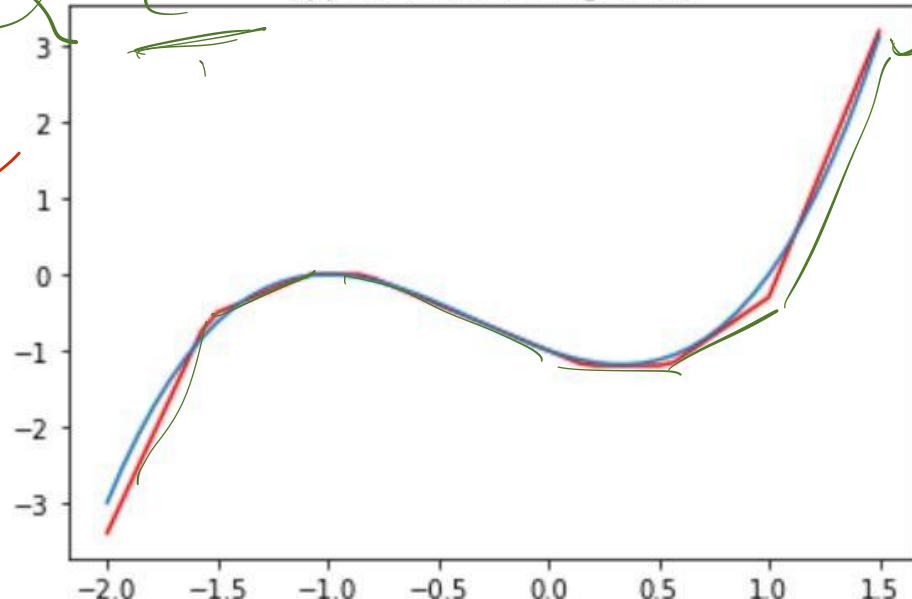
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(Wid) depth
approximation using ReLUs



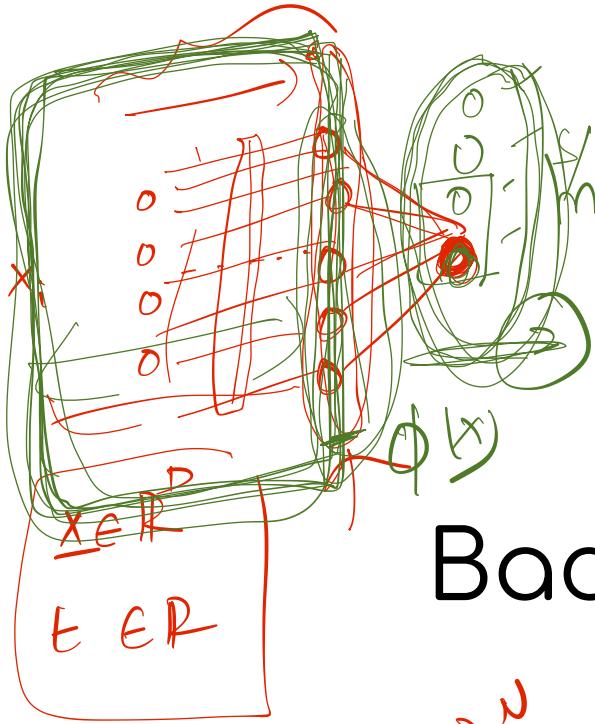
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Next Backpropagation

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^D \quad t = \{0, 1\}$$

$$D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$\frac{y_i f_i(1-f_i) \sigma(\underline{w^T x})}{1 - \sigma(\underline{w^T x})} = \underline{P(y|x)}$$

$\phi(x)$

$$D = \{(x_i, t_i)\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$P(H|x) = \prod_{i=1}^N P(y_i|x, w)$$

k -class classification

$$P(\underline{y_k}|x, w) = \frac{\text{softmax}(\underline{w_k^T \phi(x)})}{\sum_{i=1}^k e^{w_i^T \phi(x)}}$$

