

# Artificial Neurons

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<https://home.cs.colorado.edu/~DrG/Courses/NeuralNetworksAndDeepLearning/AboutCourse.html>

# Review

- Last lecture:
  - Deep learning applications
  - History of neural networks and deep learning
  - How does a machine learn?
  - Course logistics
- Assignments (Canvas):
  - Problem set 1 due next week
- Questions?

# Today's Topics

- Binary classification applications
- Evaluating classification models
- Biological neurons: inspiration
- Artificial neuron: Perceptron

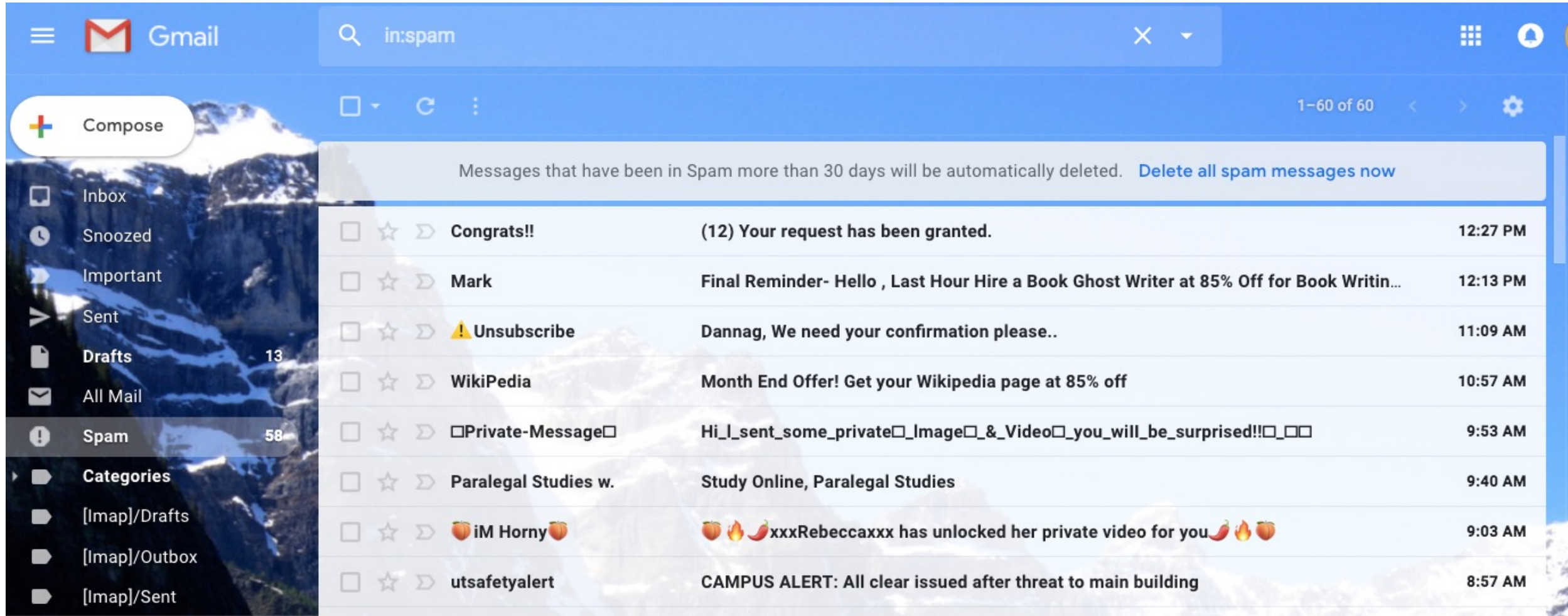
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# Today's Scope: Binary Classification

Distinguish 2 classes


# Binary Classification: Spam Detection



# Binary Classification: Resume Pre-Screening



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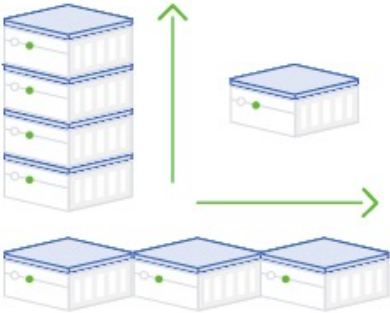

## AI AND BLOCKCHAIN STAFFING & RECRUITMENT

- ◆ Decentralizing and simplifying the staffing industry
- ◆ Eliminate the intermediaries between job seeker, through an open ecosystem of hiring managers by using Blockchain, AI, and other technologies, that ultimately makes hiring more cost-effective

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### Automatically screen resumes

Trained with over 20 million diverse profiles, Skillate's AI algorithm helps to screen and shortlist resume with the click of a button. Seamlessly integrate with all external channels and ATS to source resume directly

### Matching algorithm and candidate recommendation

Skillate's matching engine maps all the relevant profiles with the job requirements - be it skills, education or experience and recommends the best candidate



# Binary Classification: Cancer Diagnosis

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## Pathology Evolved.

Advanced learning toward faster,  
more accurate diagnosis of disease.





# Binary Classification: Cognitive Impairment Recognition by Apple App Usage



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[https://www.technologyreview.com/f/615032/the-apps-you-use-on-your-phone-could-help-diagnose-your-cognitive-health/?utm\\_medium=tr\\_social&utm\\_campaign=site\\_visitor.unpaid.engagement&utm\\_source=Twitter#Echobox=1579899156](https://www.technologyreview.com/f/615032/the-apps-you-use-on-your-phone-could-help-diagnose-your-cognitive-health/?utm_medium=tr_social&utm_campaign=site_visitor.unpaid.engagement&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1579899156)

# Binary Classification: Sentiment Analysis




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## CRITIC REVIEWS FOR *MULAN*




Its cast, its attitude, its overall eagerness to please -- all benefits, one would think -- don't add up to a good movie. They add up to a blueprint of the movie this ought to be.

October 23, 2020 | Rating: 2.5/5 | [Full Review...](#)




**K. Austin Collins**  
Rolling Stone  
★ TOP CRITIC



While glorious to look at, the movie still feels slightly hollow. All the right pieces are there, but an emotional connection to the characters is lacking.

September 10, 2020 | Rating: 6.8/10 | [Full Review...](#)



**Amy Amatangelo**  
Paste Magazine  
★ TOP CRITIC

# Binary Classification: Food Quality Control



Machine Learning: Using Algorithms to Sort Fruit

Demo: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl3XzBWpZbY>

Can you think of other binary  
classification applications?

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Example:



Label:

Hairy

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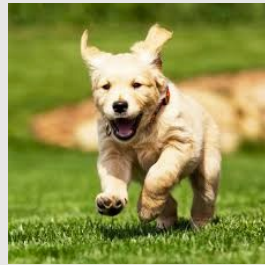
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1. Split data into a “**training set**” and “**test set**”

Training Data

Test Data

Example:



...



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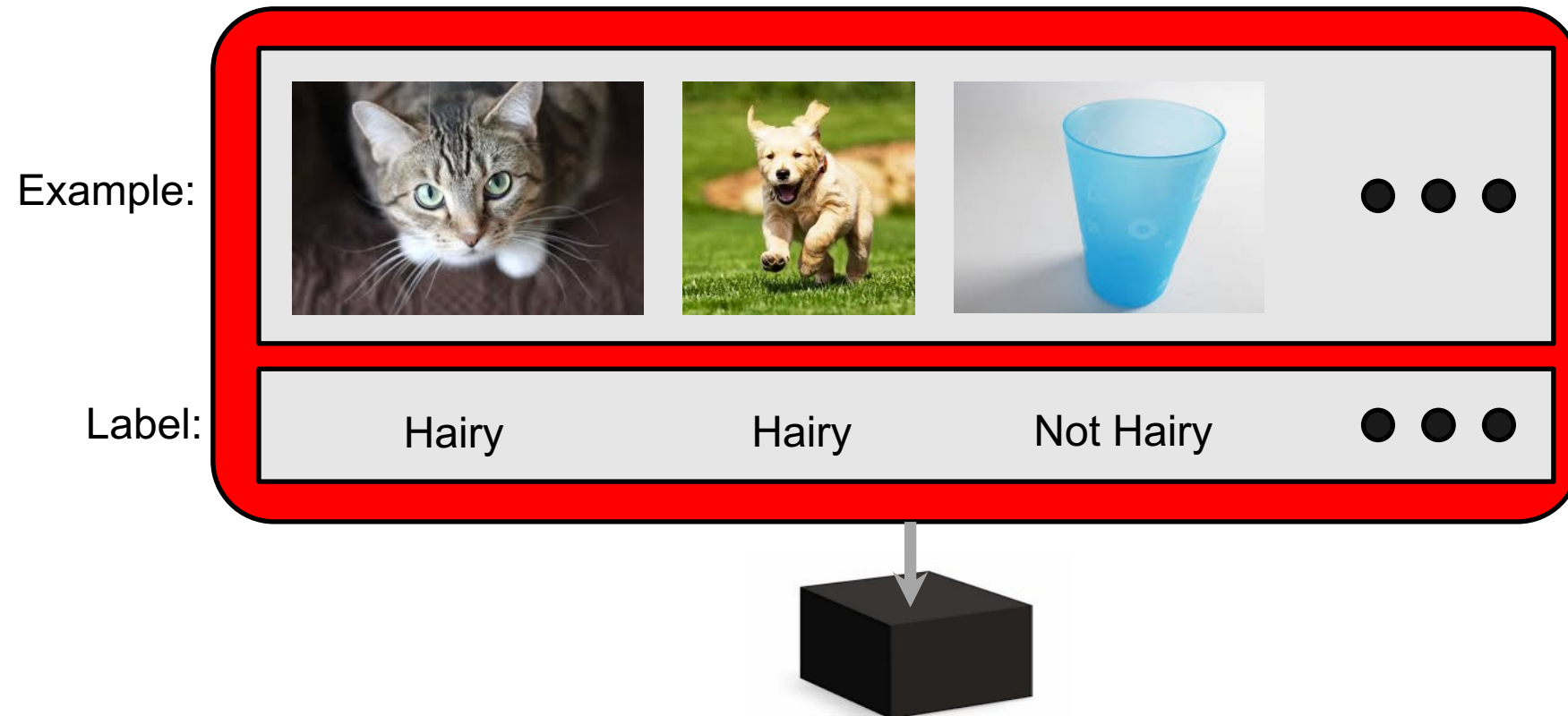
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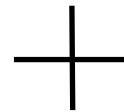
2. Train model on “**training set**” to try to minimize prediction error on it

Training Data

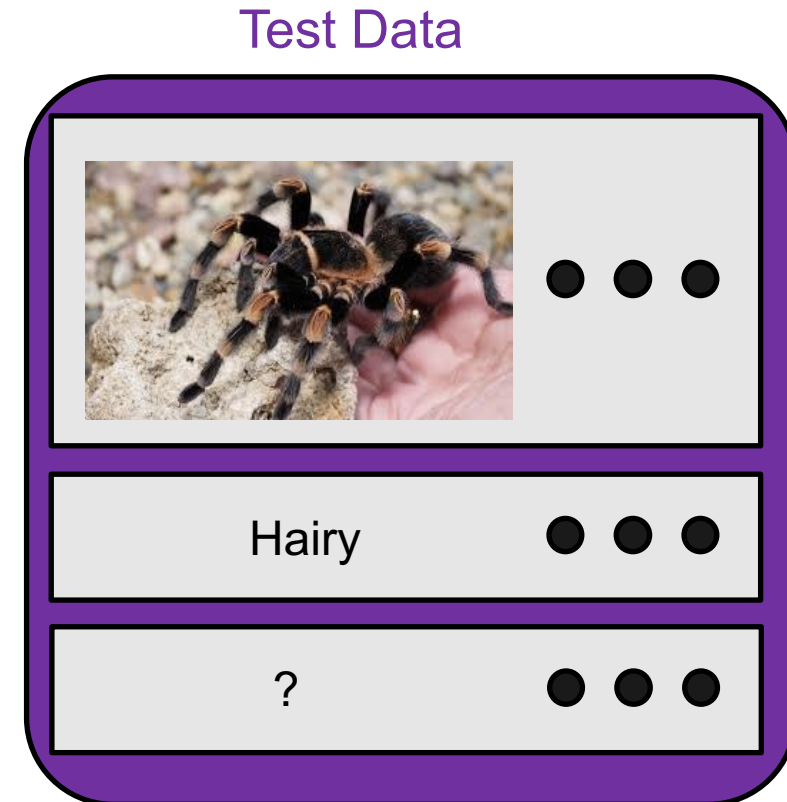


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3. Apply trained model on “**test set**” to measure generalization error



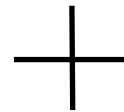
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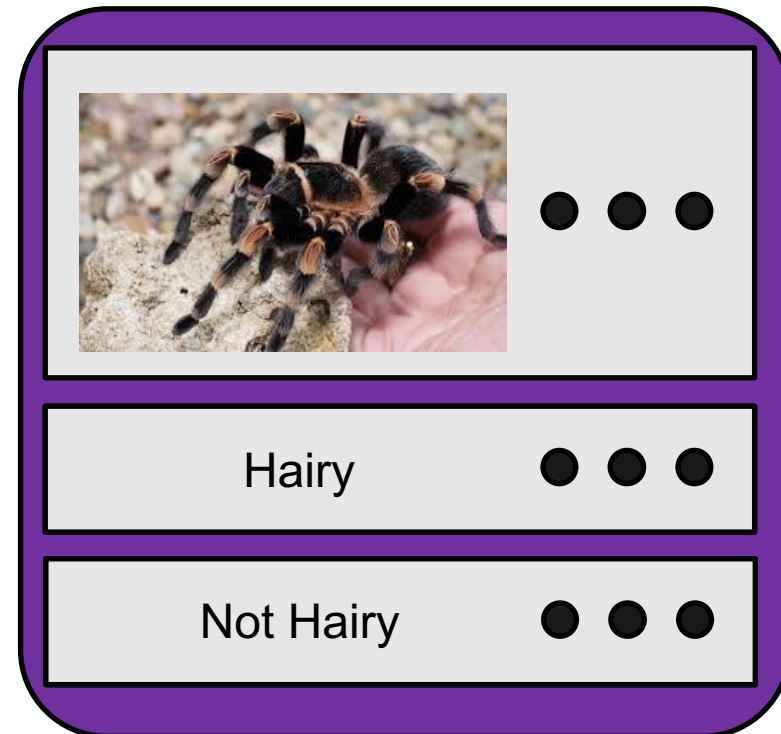
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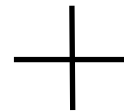
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Example:

Test Data

	...
Label:	Hairy ...
Predicted Label:	Not <del>X</del> airy ...

# Evaluation Methods: Confusion Matrix

		Actual	
		Spam	Not spam
Predicted	Spam	TP	FP
	Not spam	FN	TN

TP = true positive

TN = true negative

FP = false positive

FN = false negative

# Evaluation Methods : Descriptive Statistics

Commonly-used statistical descriptions:

e.g.,

		Actual	
		Spam	Not spam
Predicted	Spam	50	10
	Not spam	15	100

- How many **actual spam** results are there? - 65
- How many **actual trusted** results are there? - 110
- How many **correctly classified instances**? - 150/175 ~ 86%
- How many **incorrectly classified instances**? - 25/175 ~ 14%

- What is the **precision**?
  - $50/(50+10) \sim 83\%$

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- What is the **recall**?
  - $50/(50+15) \sim 77\%$

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

# Group Discussion

- Which of these evaluation metrics would you use versus not use and why?
  - Accuracy (percentage of correctly classified examples)
  - Precision
  - Recall
- Scenario 1: Medical test for a rare disease affecting one in every million people.
- Scenario 2: Deciding which emails to flag as spam.



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# Inspiration: Animal's Computing Machinery

## Neuron

- basic unit in the nervous system for receiving, processing, and transmitting information; e.g., messages such as...

“hot”



<https://www.clipart.email/clipart/dont-touch-hot-stove-clipart-73647.html>

“loud”



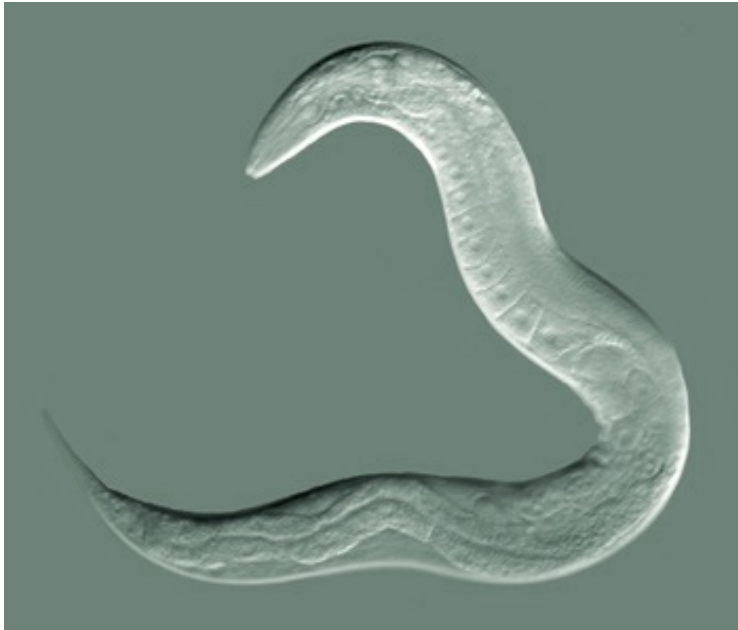
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“spicy”



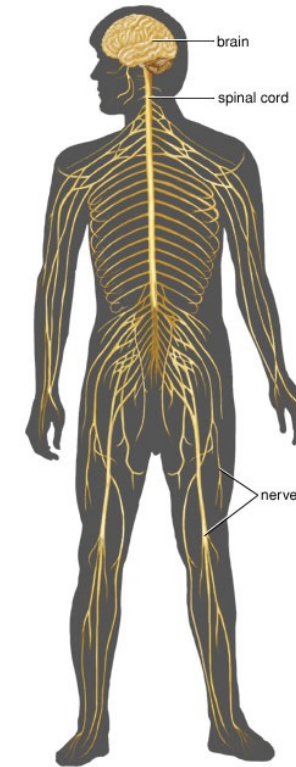
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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nematode#/media/File:CelestansGoldsteinLabUNC.jpg>

Nematode worm: 302 neurons

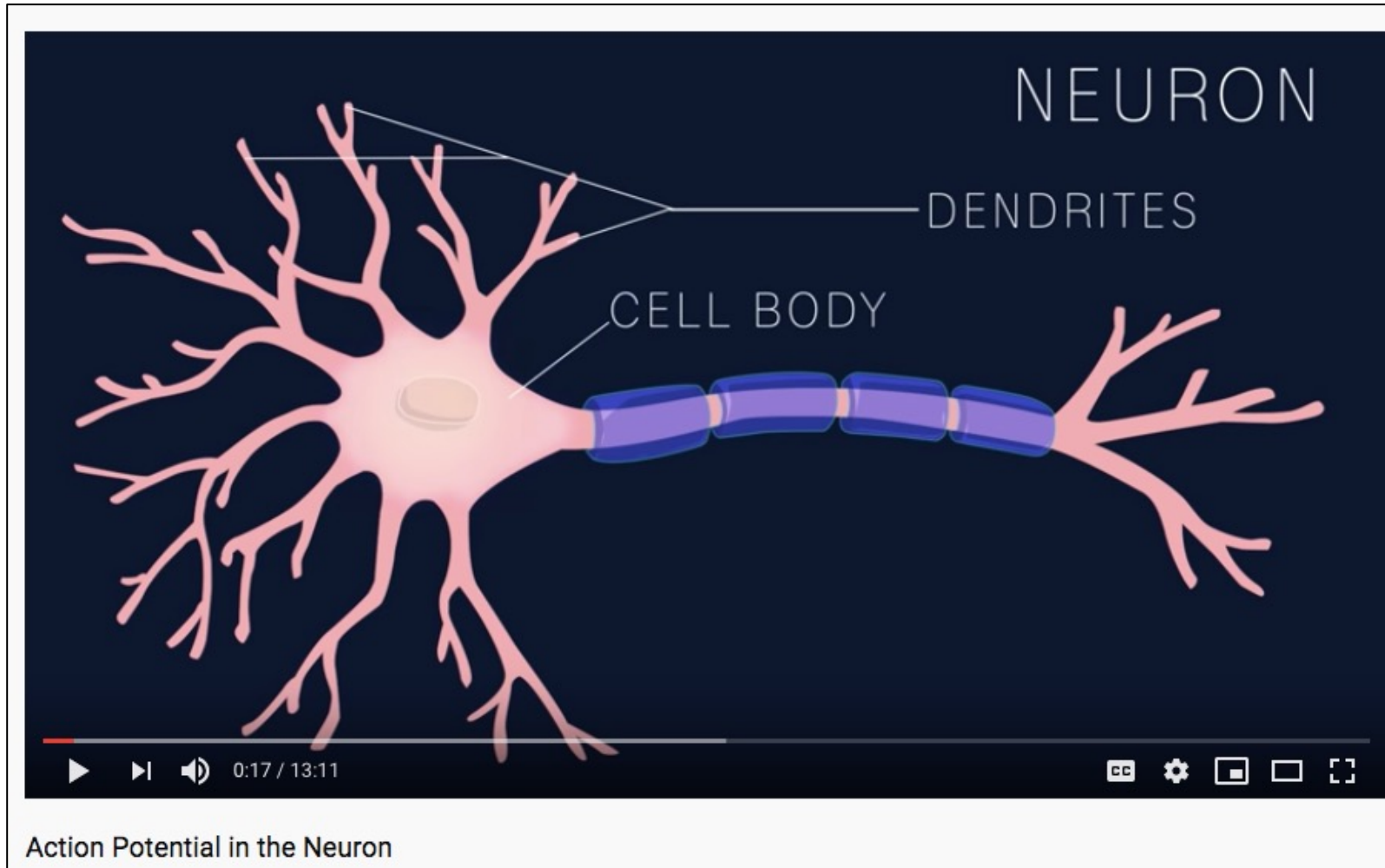


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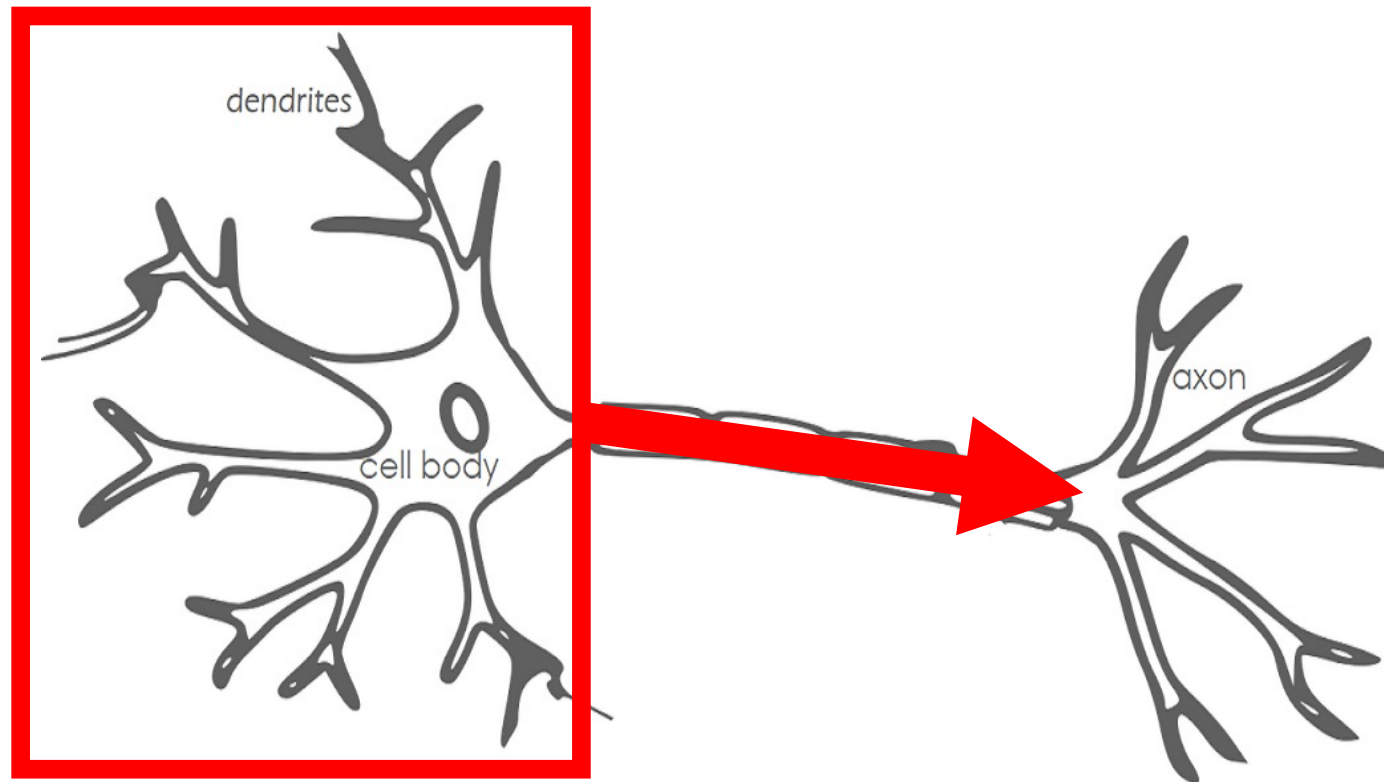
Human: ~100,000,000,000 neurons

# Inspiration: Animal's Computing Machinery



Demo (0-1:14): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oa6rvUJlg7o>

# Inspiration: Basic Understanding of Neurons



- When the input signals exceed a certain threshold within a short period of time, a neuron “fires”
- Neuron “firing” is an “all-or-none” process, where either a signal is sent or nothing happens

Image Source: <https://becominghuman.ai/introduction-to-neural-networks-bd042ebf2653>

Sidenote: It Remains An Open Research Problem  
to Understand How Individual Neurons Work

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# Historical Context: Artificial Neurons

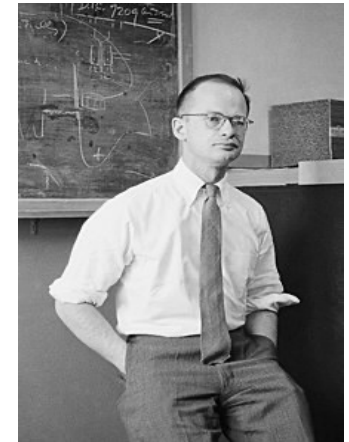
First mathematical  
model of neuron



Warren McCulloch  
(Neurophysiologist)

[http://web.csulb.edu/~cwallis/artificialn/warren\\_mcculloch.html](http://web.csulb.edu/~cwallis/artificialn/warren_mcculloch.html)

Emerges from  
interdisciplinary  
collaboration



Walter Pitts  
(Mathematician)

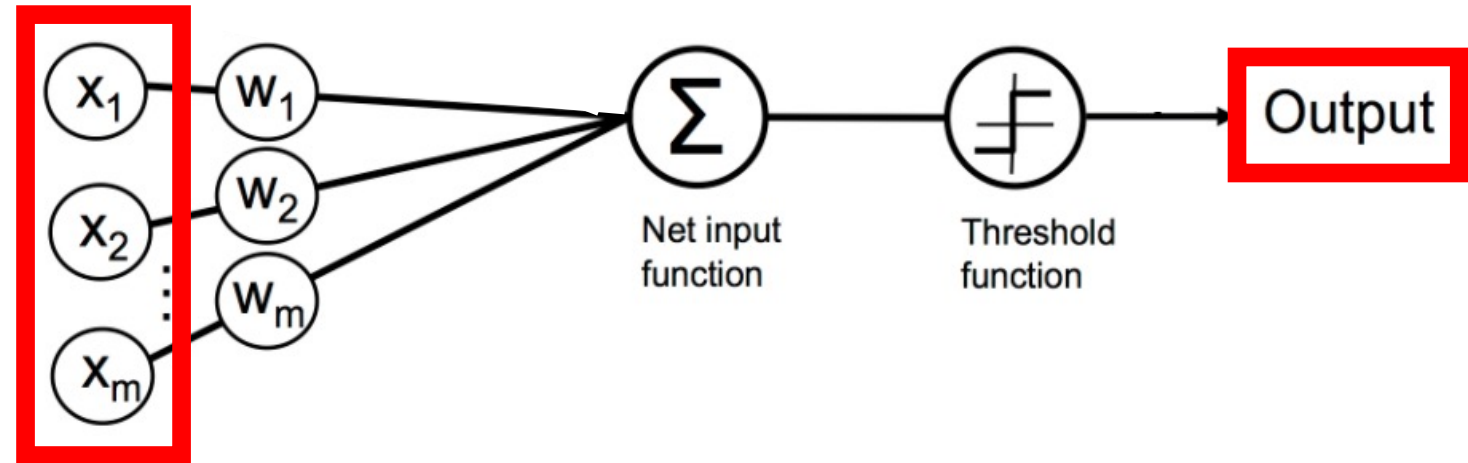
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# Artificial Neuron: McCulloch-Pitts Neuron

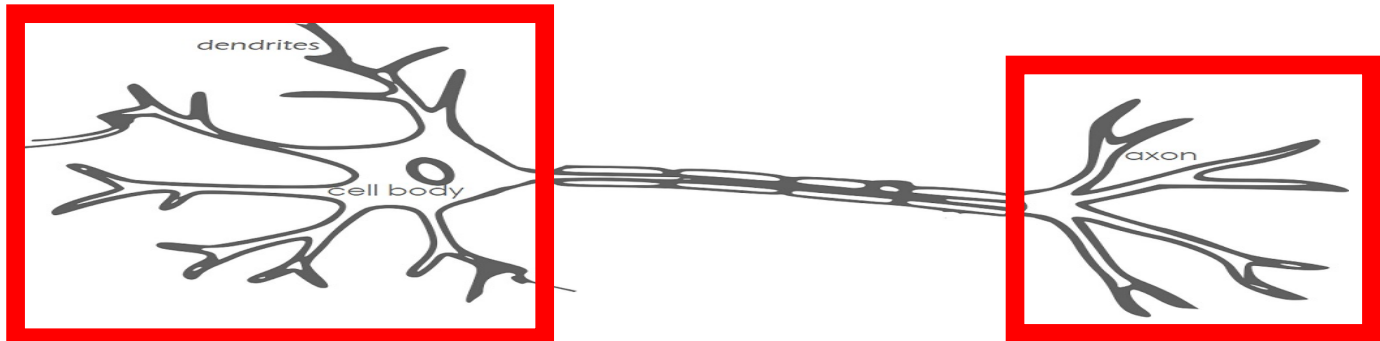
Artificial Neuron:

“Input signals”

“Output signal”



Biological Neuron:

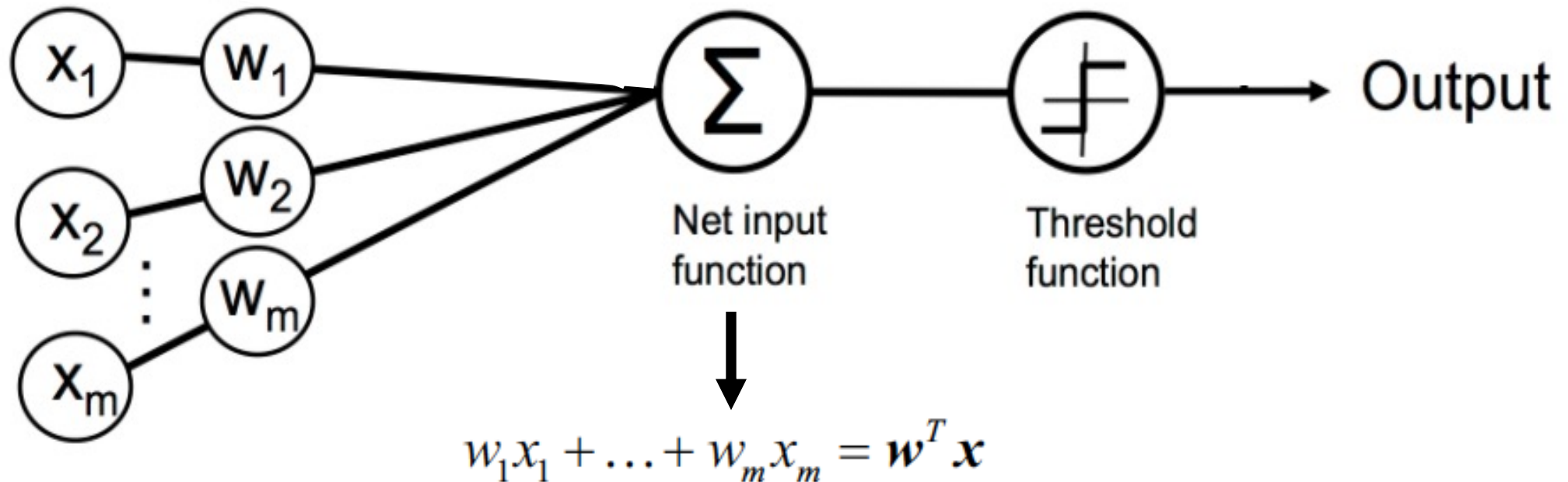


Python Machine Learning; Raschka & Mirjalili

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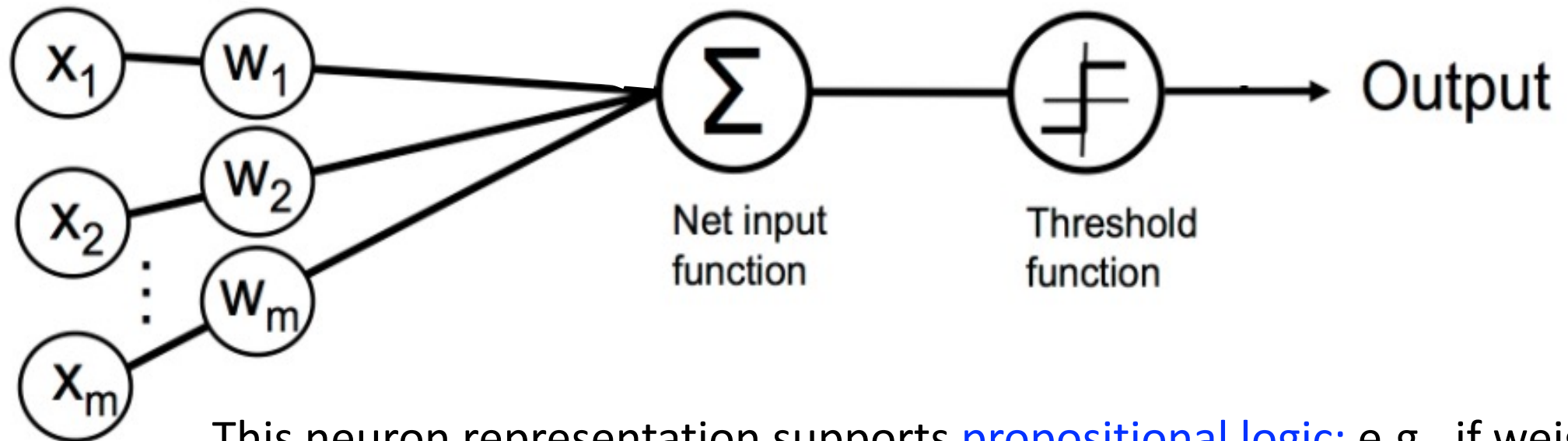
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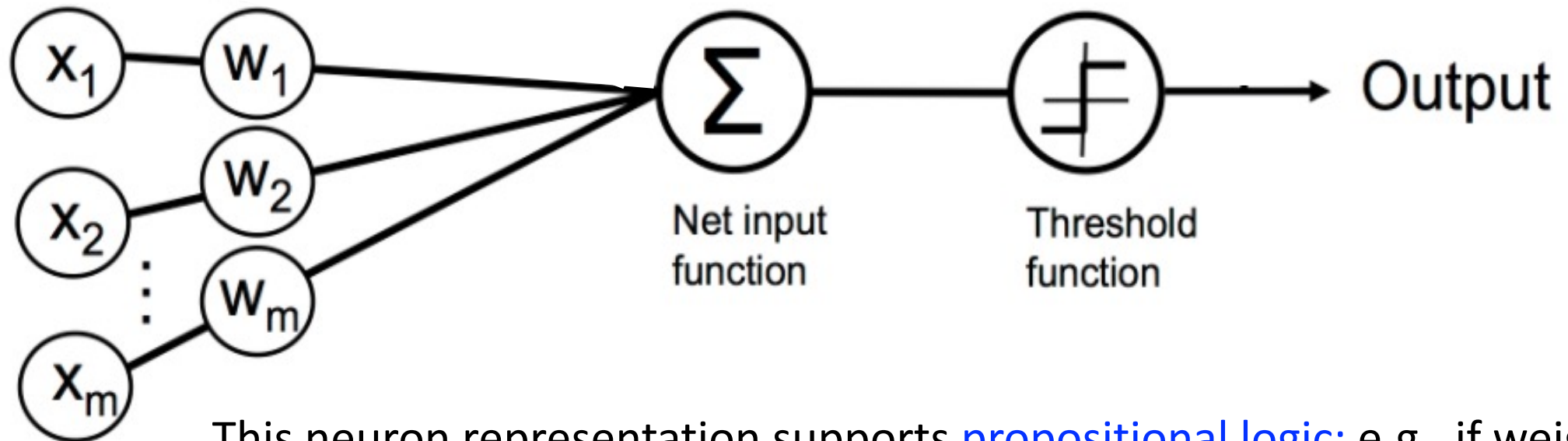
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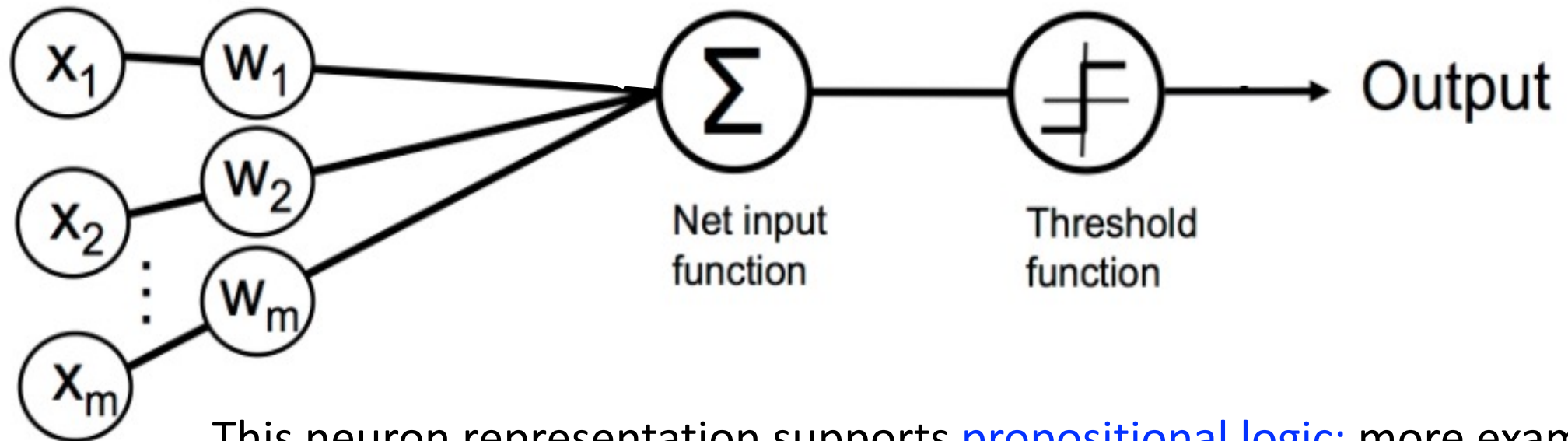
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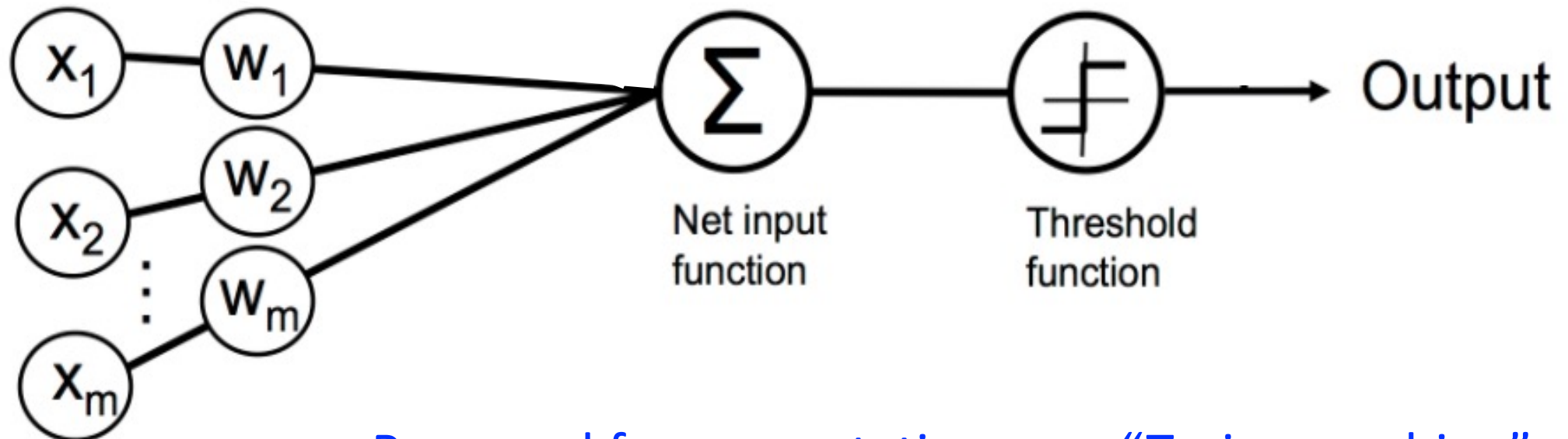
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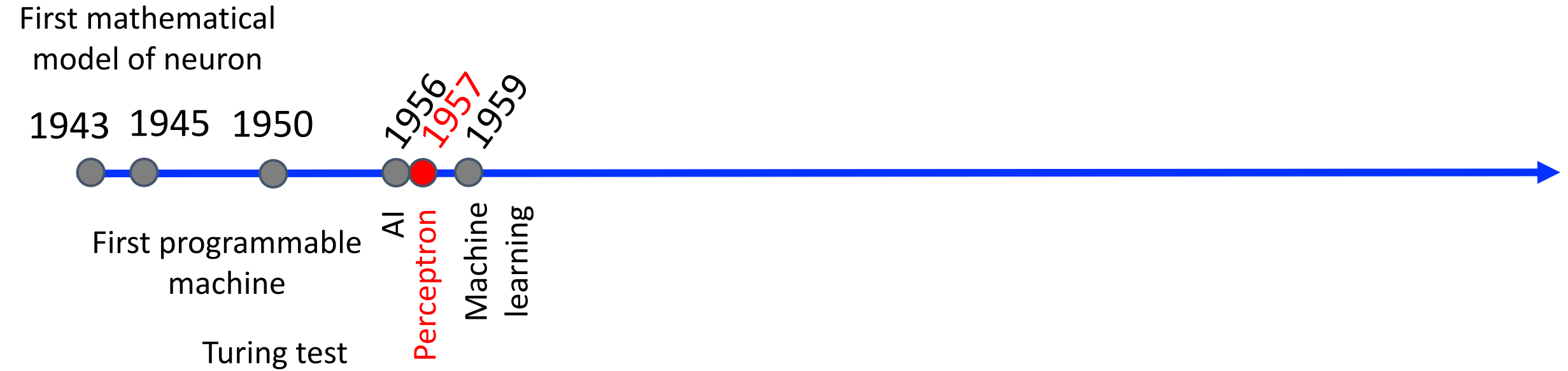
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Proposed for computation on a “Turing machine”



# Historical Context: Artificial Neurons



# Perceptron: Innovator and Vision



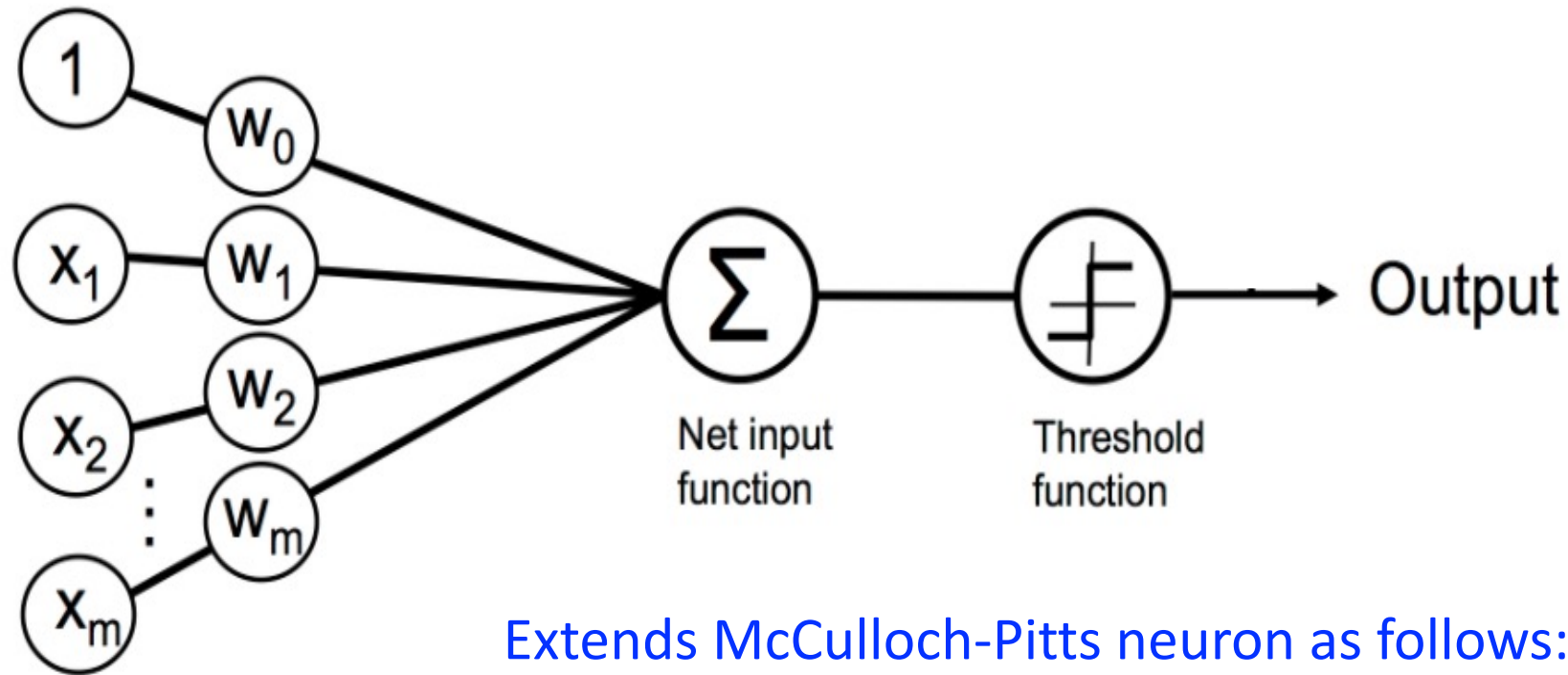
Frank Rosenblatt  
(Psychologist)

*“[The perceptron is] the embryo of an electronic computer that [the Navy] expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence.... [It] is expected to be finished in about a year at a cost of \$100,000.”*

1958 New York Times article: <https://www.nytimes.com/1958/07/08/archives/new-navy-device-learns-by-doing-psychologist-shows-embryo-of.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank\\_Rosenblatt](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Rosenblatt)

# Perceptron: Architecture (Linear Threshold Unit)



Extends McCulloch-Pitts neuron as follows:

- inputs and weights can be any value
- weights ( $W$ ) are learned

# Perceptron: Architecture (Linear Threshold Unit)

- Function deciding output value (“fire” or not):

$$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq \theta \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Rewriting function:

$$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**\* Note:** Kamath textbook offers two common conventions for Perceptrons of using two possible output values of  $\{-1, 1\}$  and  $\{0, 1\}$ , in Chapters 2.5 and 4. The output choice dictates whether the threshold should be set to 0.5 or 0.

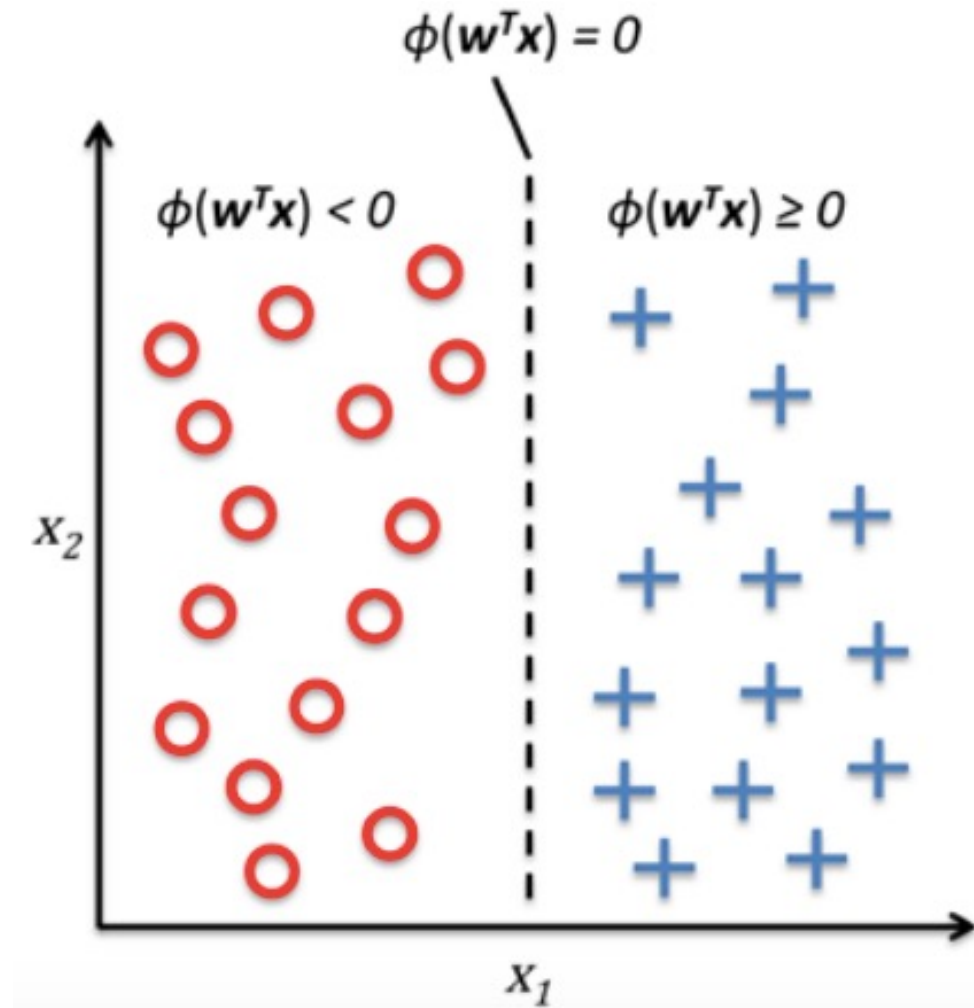
- Where:

$$z = w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_m x_m = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$$

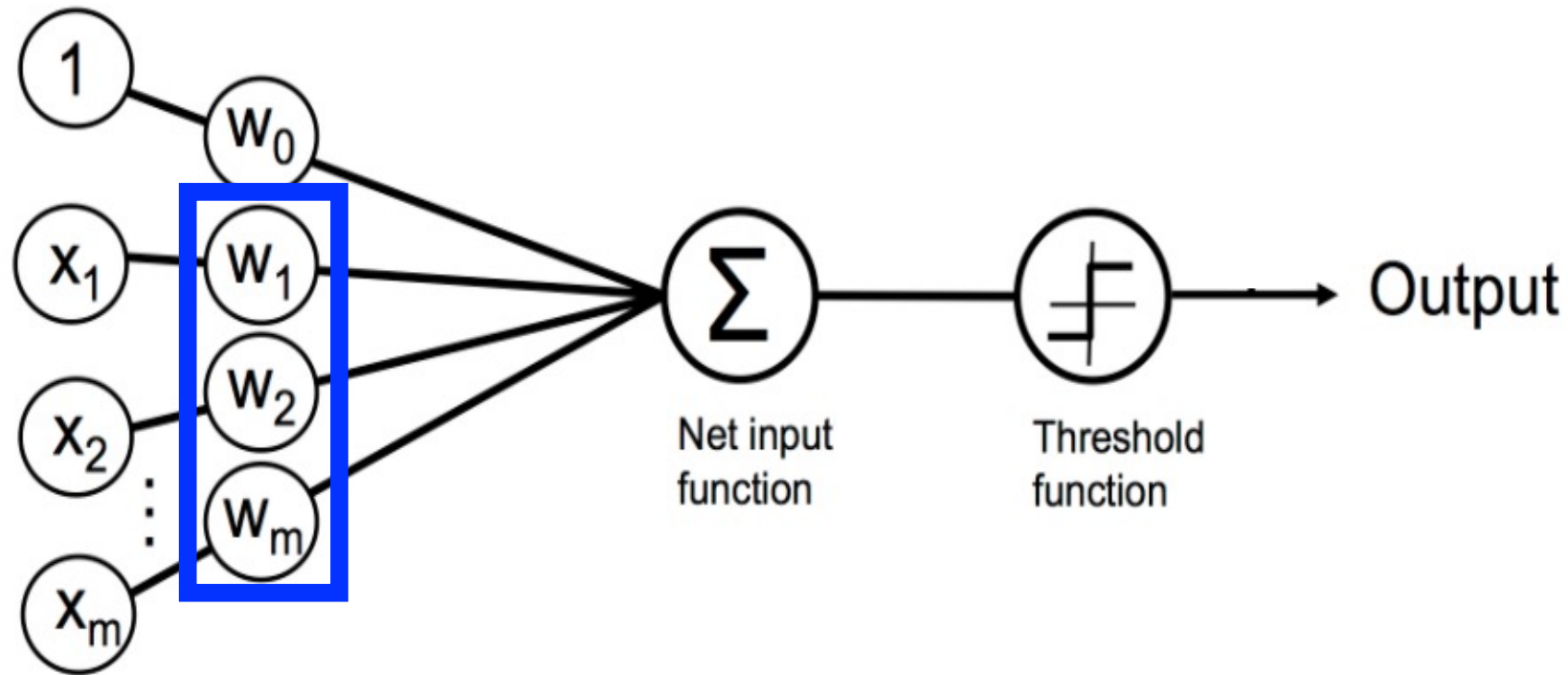
Bias  $-\theta$   $1$

# Perceptron: Architecture (Linear Threshold Unit)

Graphical representation:



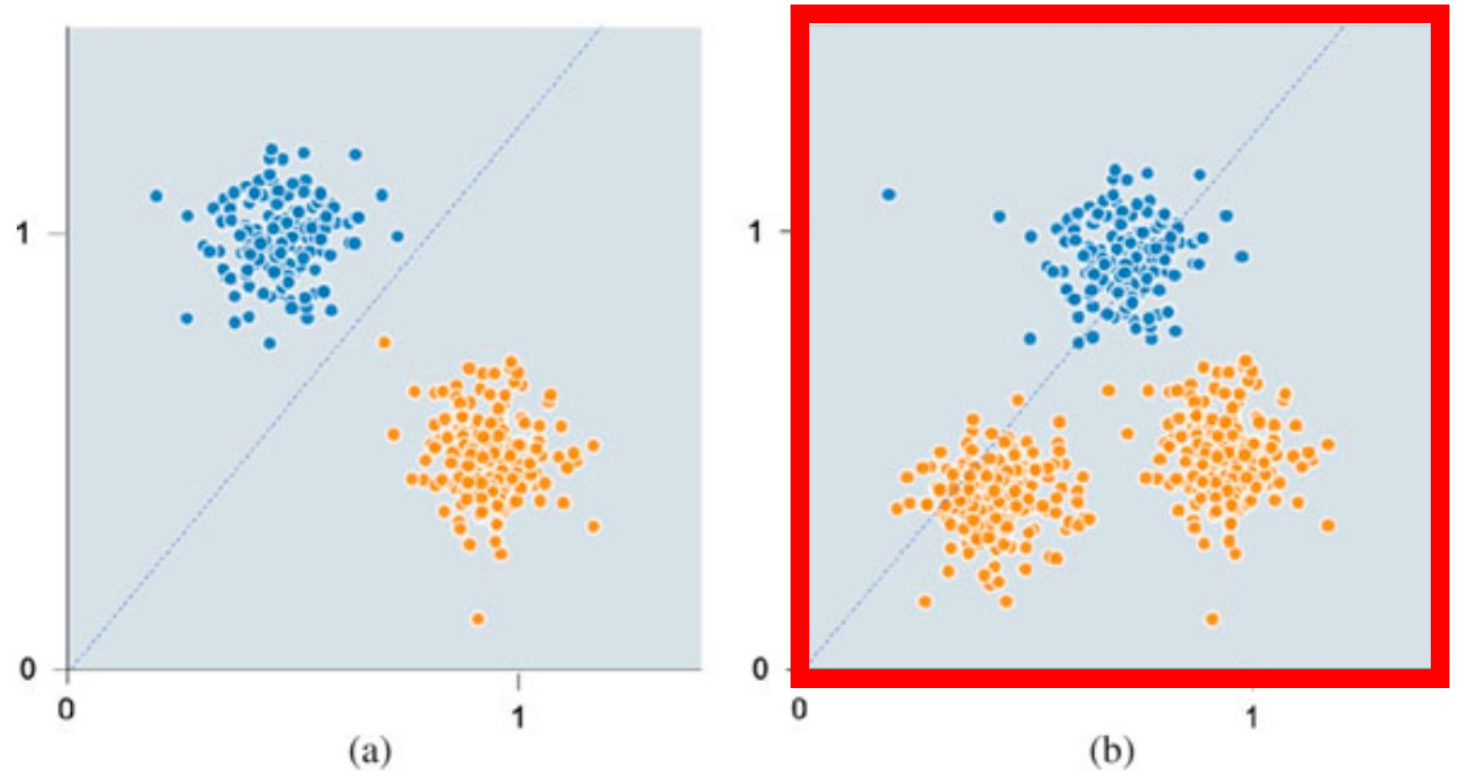
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What is the motivation for weights? e.g.,  
for predicting if you will like a movie?

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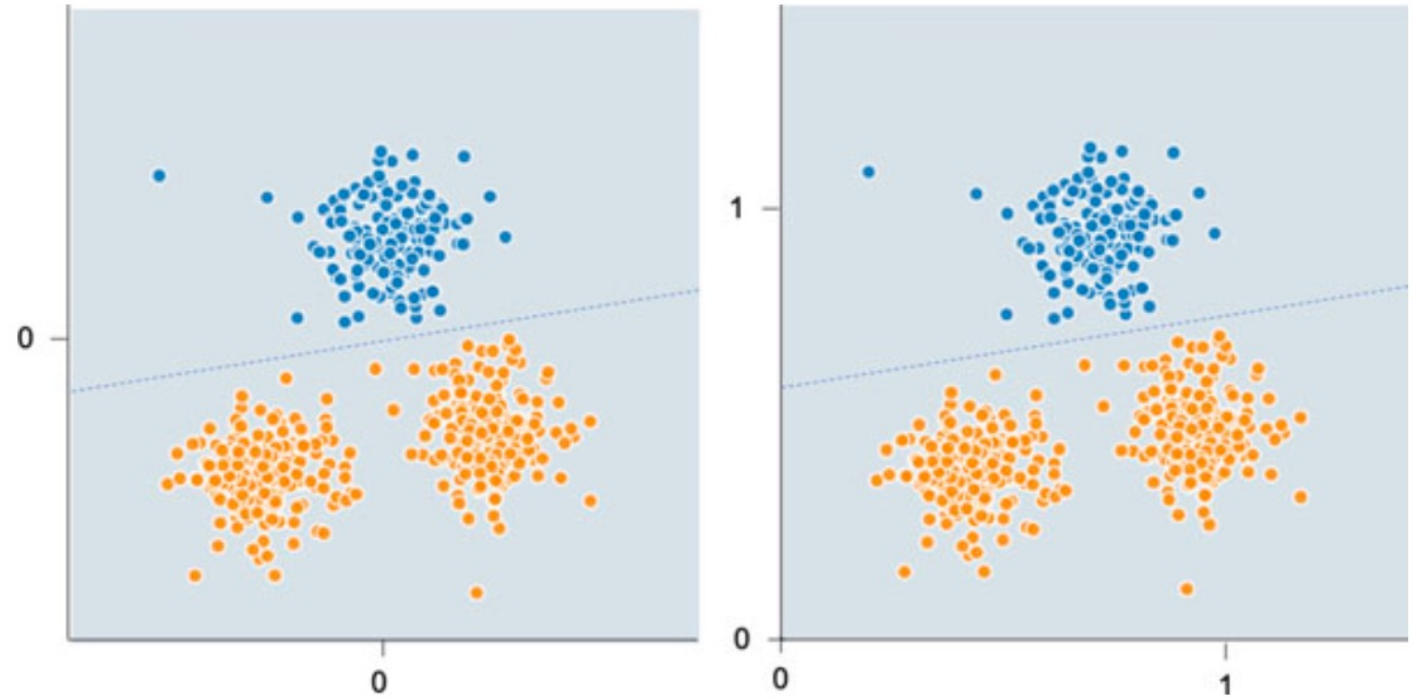
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Error

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Motivation for **bias**: with it, model does not have to go through origin

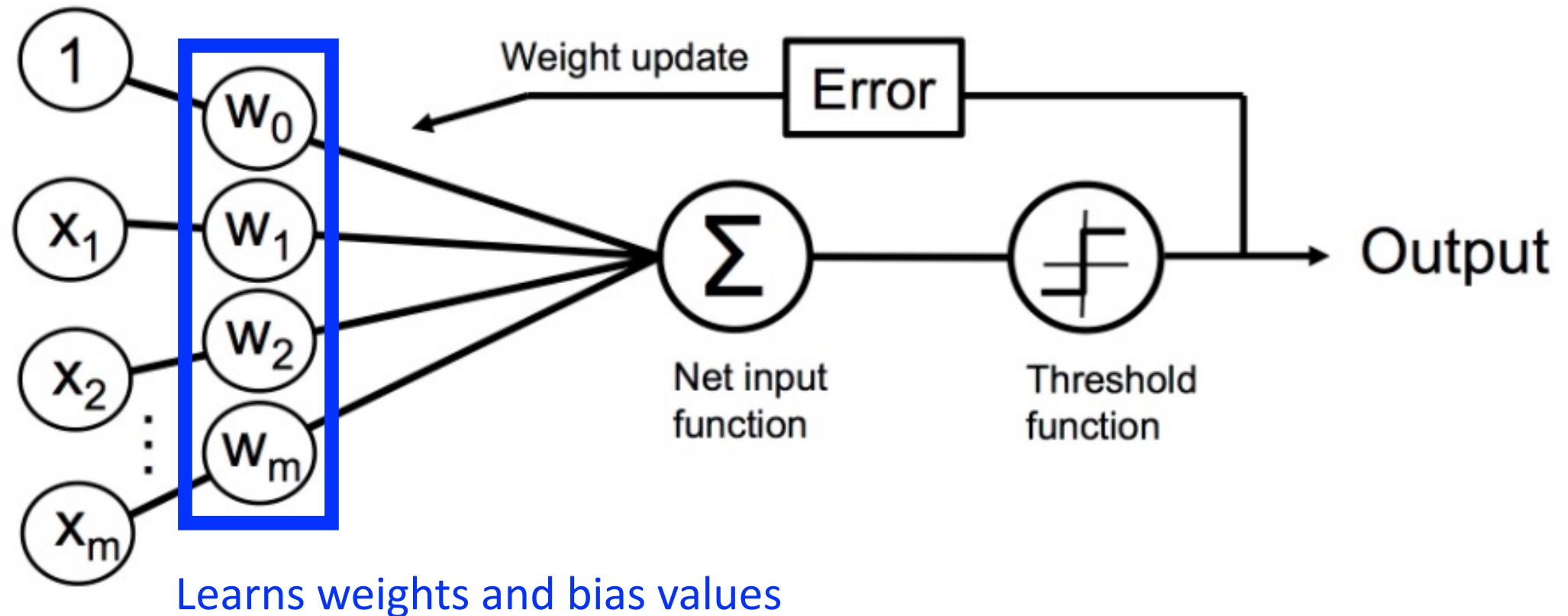


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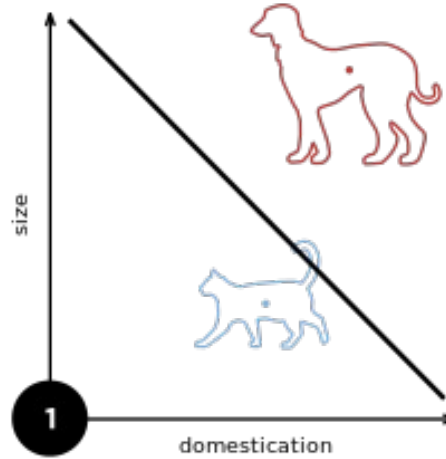


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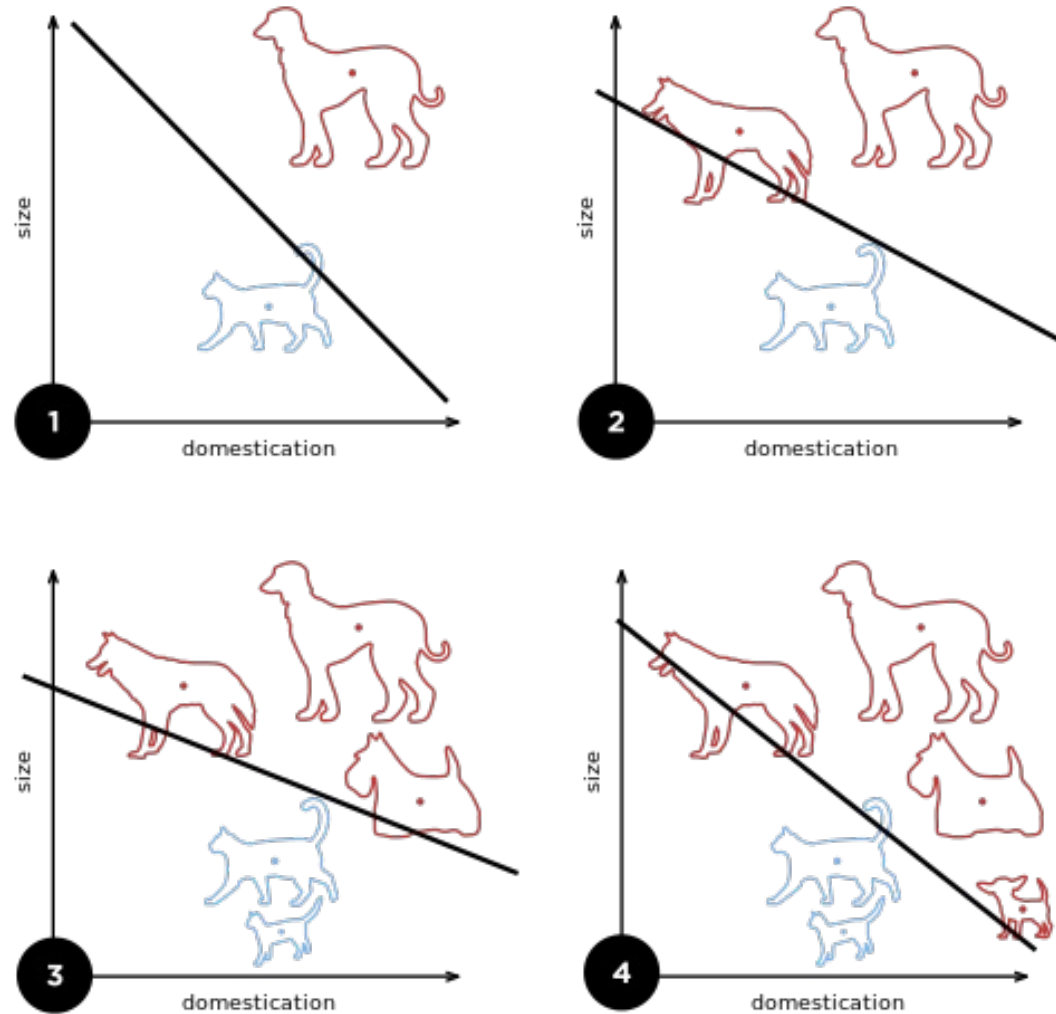
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$$\Delta \mathbf{w}_j = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$$

**Learning Rate**  
(set a priori and  
held constant)

**True Class Label**

**Predicted Class Label**

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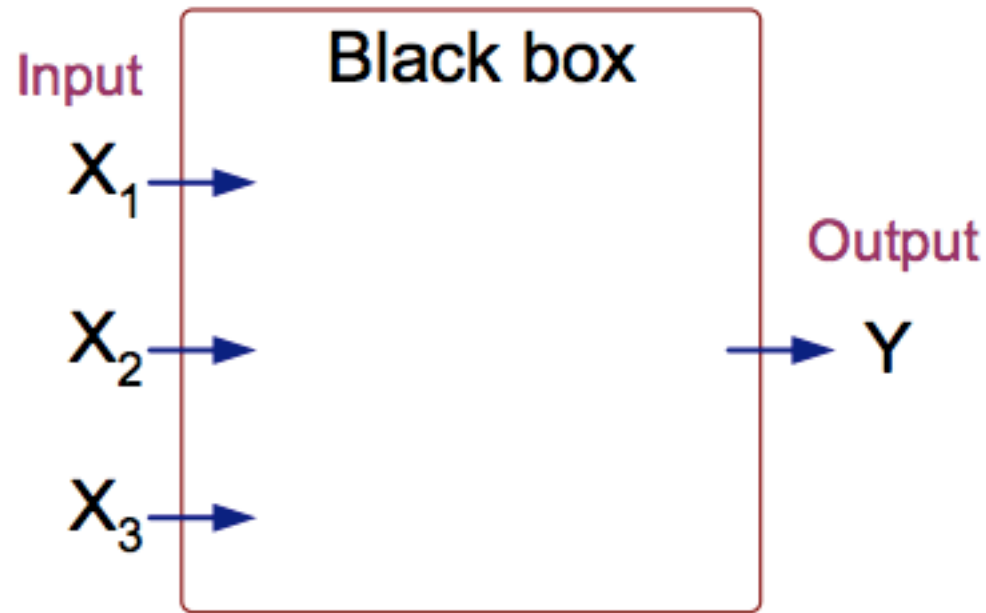
What happens to the weights when the model predicts the **wrong** class label?

- weights change since result is “2” or “-2”

# Perceptron: Example

- True Model:  $Y$  is 1 if at least two of the three inputs are equal to 1.

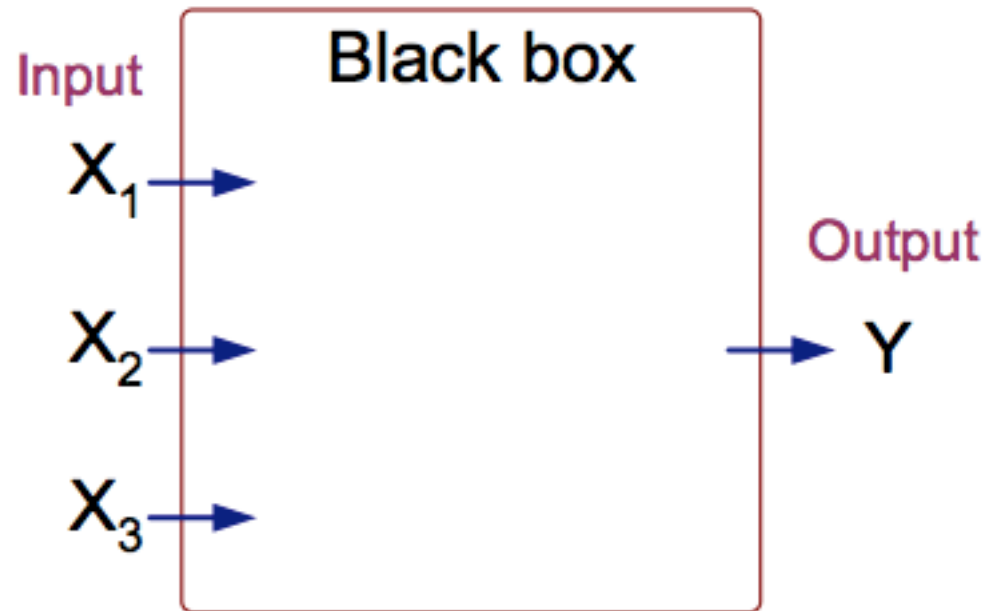
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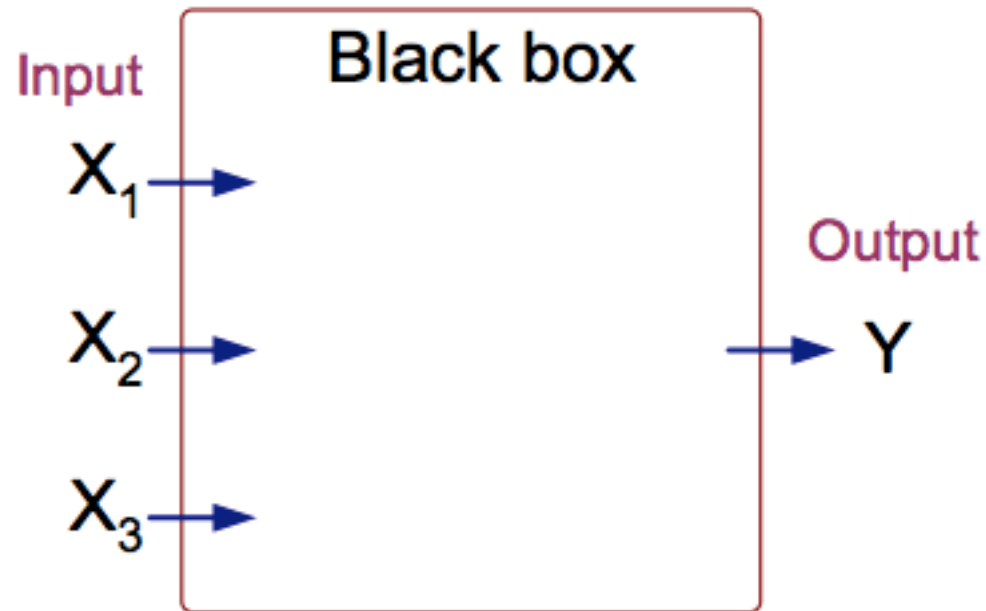




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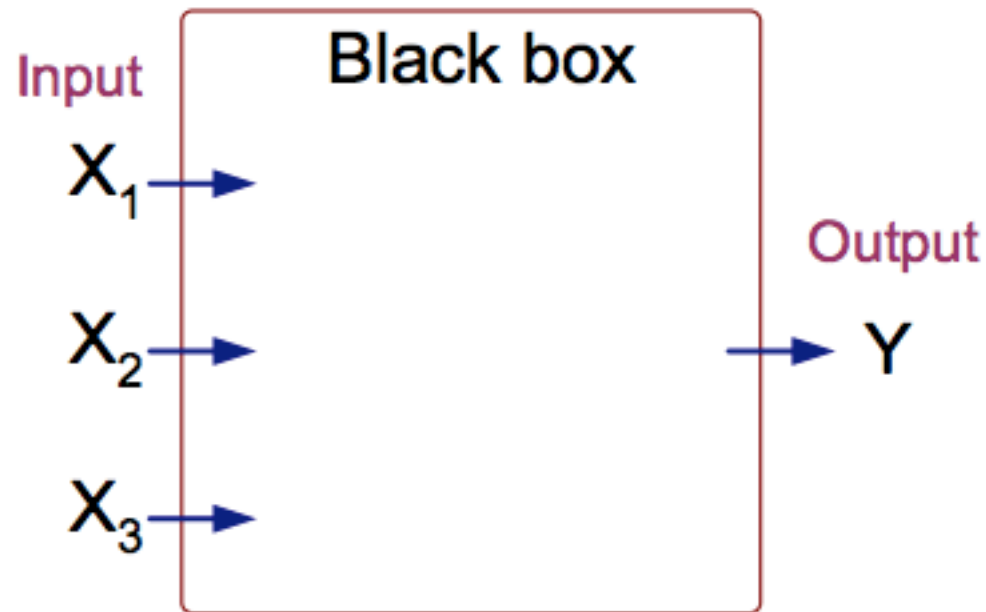
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# Perceptron: Example (Training with 1st Sample)

- Compute predicted value:  $\sum_{j=0}^m x_j w_j = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$  ;  $\phi(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \phi(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

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- Update params:  $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$ ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$	Predicted
1	0	0	-1	1

$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0
?	?	?	?

$$\Delta w_0 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)})$$

$$\Delta w_1 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_1^{(i)}$$

$$\Delta w_2 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_2^{(i)}$$

$$\Delta w_3 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_3^{(i)}$$

# Perceptron: Example (Training with 1st Sample)

- Update params:  $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$ ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
1	0	0	-1

Predicted
1

$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0
?	?	?	?

$$\Delta w_0 = 0.1(-1-1)*1 = -0.2$$

$$\Delta w_1 = 0.1(-1-1)*1 = -0.2$$

$$\Delta w_2 = 0.1(-1-1)*0 = 0$$

$$\Delta w_3 = 0.1(-1-1)*0 = 0$$

Updates make weights more negative so that the model is more likely to classify the sample as -1 next time

# Perceptron: Example (Training with 2nd Sample)

- Compute output value:  $\sum_{j=0}^m x_j w_j = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}$  ;  $\phi(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \phi(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$	Predicted	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
1	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	1	?	-0.2	-0.2	0	0

# Perceptron: Example (Training with 2nd Sample)

- Update params:  $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$ ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
1	0	0	-1
1	0	1	1

Predicted
1
-1

$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0
-0.2	-0.2	0	0
?	?	?	?

$$\Delta w_0 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)})$$

$$\Delta w_1 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_1^{(i)}$$

$$\Delta w_2 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_2^{(i)}$$

$$\Delta w_3 = \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_3^{(i)}$$

# Perceptron: Example (Training with 2nd Sample)

- Update params:  $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$ ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
1	0	0	-1
1	0	1	1

Predicted
1
-1

$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0
-0.2	-0.2	0	0
?	?	?	?

$$\Delta w_0 = 0.1(1 - (-1)) * 1 = 0.2$$

$$\Delta w_1 = 0.1(1 - (-1)) * 1 = 0.2$$

$$\Delta w_2 = 0.1(1 - (-1)) * 0 = 0$$

$$\Delta w_3 = 0.1(1 - (-1)) * 1 = 0.2$$

Updates make weights more positive so that the model is more likely to classify the sample as 1 next time



# Perceptron: Example (Training with 2nd Sample)

- Update params:  $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$ ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$	Predicted
1	0	0	-1	1
1	0	1	1	-1

$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0
-0.2	-0.2	0	0
0	0	0	0.2

$$\Delta w_0 = 0.1(1 - -1) * 1 = 0.2$$

$$\Delta w_1 = 0.1(1 - -1) * 1 = 0.2$$

$$\Delta w_2 = 0.1(1 - -1) * 0 = 0$$

$$\Delta w_3 = 0.1(1 - -1) * 1 = 0.2$$

**What is the influence of the learning rate? i.e., what would happen if the value was larger/smaller?**

# Perceptron: Example – One Epoch (Training with All Samples)

- $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$  ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
1	0	0	-1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1
0	0	1	-1
0	1	0	-1
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	-1

	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0	0
1	-0.2	-0.2	0	0
2	0	0	0	0.2
3	0	0	0	0.2
4	0	0	0	0.2
5	-0.2	0	0	0
6	-0.2	0	0	0
7	0	0	0.2	0.2
8	-0.2	0	0.2	0.2

# Perceptron: Example – Six Epochs

- $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$  ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
1	0	0	-1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1
0	0	1	-1
0	1	0	-1
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	-1

Epoch	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0	0

# Perceptron: Example – Six Epochs

- $w_j = w_j + \eta (\text{target}^{(i)} - \text{output}^{(i)}) x_j^{(i)}$  ; learning rate = 0.1

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$Y$
1	0	0	-1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1
0	0	1	-1
0	1	0	-1
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	-1

	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0	0
1	-0.2	-0.2	0	0
2	0	0	0	0.2
3	0	0	0	0.2
4	0	0	0	0.2
5	-0.2	0	0	0
6	-0.2	0	0	0
7	0	0	0.2	0.2
8	-0.2	0	0.2	0.2

Epoch	$w_0$	$w_1$	$w_2$	$w_3$
0	0	0	0	0
1	-0.2	0	0.2	0.2
2	-0.2	0	0.4	0.2
3	-0.4	0	0.4	0.2
4	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
5	-0.6	0.2	0.4	0.2
6	-0.6	0.4	0.4	0.2

# Perceptron: Learning Algorithm Choices

- Learning rate
- Number of epochs (passes over the dataset)

# Today's Topics

- Binary classification applications
- Evaluating classification models
- Biological neurons: inspiration
- Artificial neuron: Perceptron



*The End*

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