

Recap: Machine Learning

Naive Bayes

- ▶ Probabilistic method for classification
- ▶ Naive because we ignore feature dependencies
- ▶ Prediction model:

$$\arg \max_{c \in C} p(c|f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x))$$

- ▶ Training: Count relative frequencies

Logistic Regression

- ▶ Regression method for binary classification
- ▶ Output numbers interpreted as probabilities
- ▶ Prediction model:

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(ax+b)}}$$

- ▶ Training: Gradient descent with loss function



Machine Learning: Gradient Descent & Neural Networks

VL Sprachliche Informationsverarbeitung

Nils Reiter
nils.reiter@uni-koeln.de

December 12, 2024
Winter term 2024/25

Section 3

Gradient Descent

Learning Regression Models

- ▶ How to select the parameters w_0, w_1 such that the hypothesis function describes the data points as best as possible?
- ▶ Learning algorithm *Gradient Descent*

Learning Regression Models

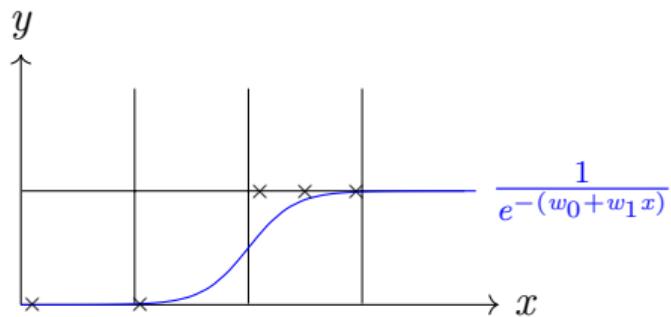
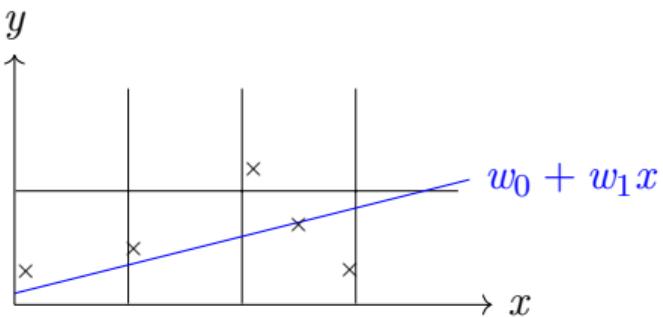
- ▶ How to select the parameters w_0, w_1 such that the hypothesis function describes the data points as best as possible?
- ▶ Learning algorithm *Gradient Descent*



Gradient descent is half of the algorithms of deep learning

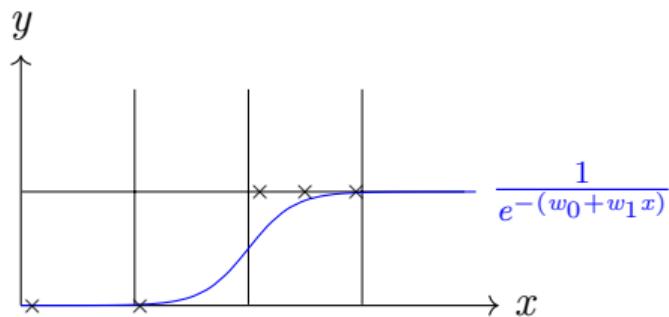
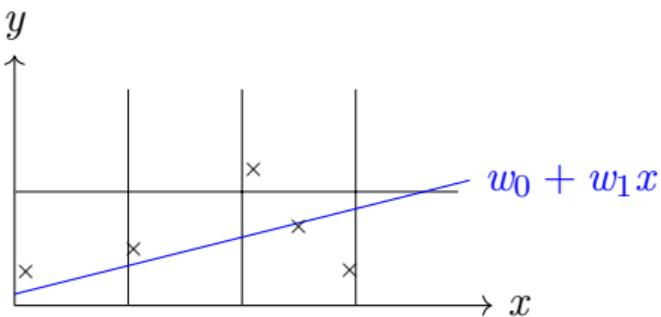
Loss: Intuition

The *loss* measures the ‘wrongness’ of values for w_0 and w_1



Loss: Intuition

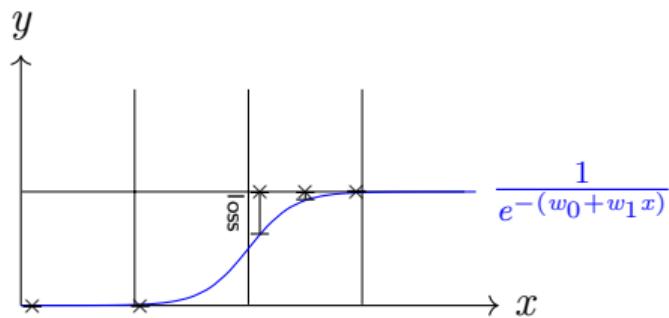
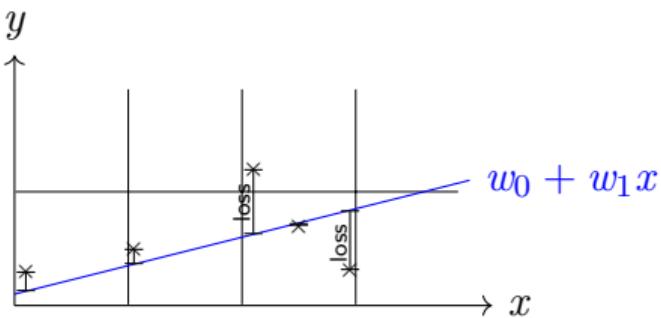
The *loss* measures the ‘wrongness’ of values for w_0 and w_1



- ▶ How big is the gap between a hypothesis (= the) and the data?
- ▶ Is $\vec{w} = \langle 0.3, 0.5 \rangle$ or $\vec{w} = \langle 0.4, 0.4 \rangle$ better?

Loss: Intuition

The *loss* measures the ‘wrongness’ of values for w_0 and w_1

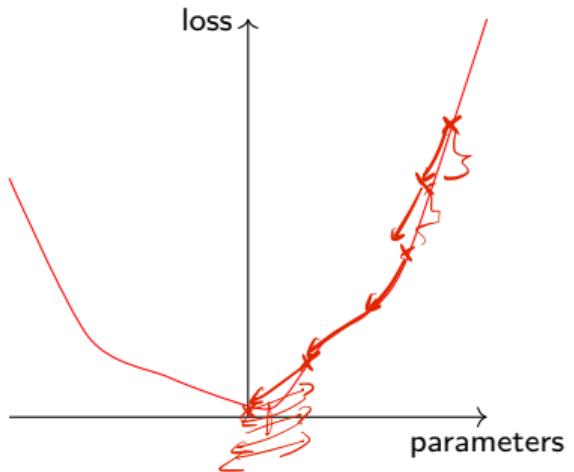


- ▶ How big is the gap between a hypothesis (= the) and the data?
- ▶ Is $\vec{w} = \langle 0.3, 0.5 \rangle$ or $\vec{w} = \langle 0.4, 0.4 \rangle$ better?

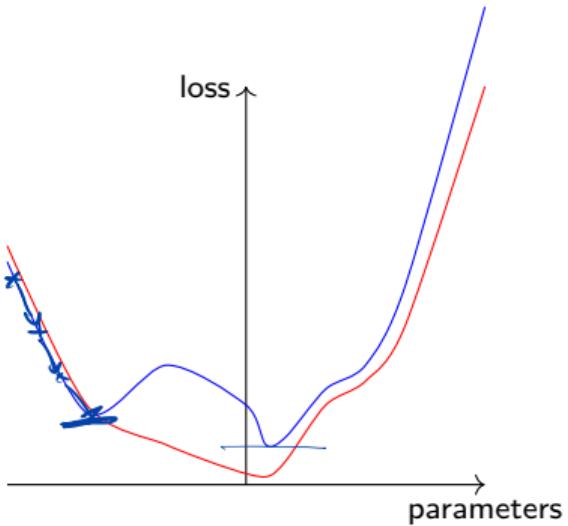
Gradient Descent: Intuition

- ▶ Loss should be as small as possible
- ▶ Total loss can be calculated for given parameters $\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$ (and with respect to a data set!)
- ▶ Idea:
 - ▶ Make many iterations
 - ▶ In each iteration, change \vec{w} towards to make the loss smaller
 - ▶ We use the derivative of the loss function to know how \vec{w} needs to be changed

Loss function: Intuition



Loss function: Intuition



Function should be **convex**!

If not, we might get stuck in local minimum

Loss Function with More Parameters

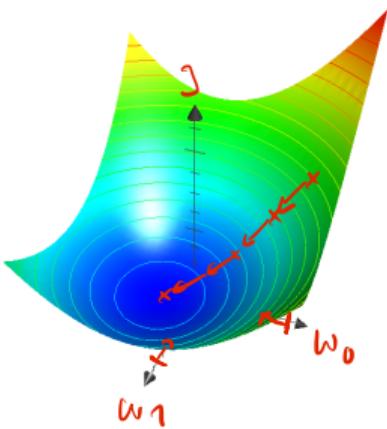


Figure: The loss function in our setting visualised

- ▶ Searching for the a, b settings with minimal loss
- ▶ = Searching for the minimum!

Hypothesis vs. Loss Function

Hypothesis function h

- ▶ Calculates outcome for a single instance based on
 - ▶ Feature values \vec{x}
 - ▶ Parameter values \vec{w}

Loss function J

- ▶ Calculates ‘wrongness’ of h based on
 - ▶ Parameter values \vec{w}
 - ▶ A data set consisting of many instances with
 - ▶ Feature values \vec{x}
 - ▶ Correct outcomes Y

Loss Function

Definition

Loss function depends on hypothesis function

Linear hypothesis function

- ▶ $h(x) = w_0 + w_1 x_1$
- ▶ Loss: Mean squared error

Loss Function

Definition

Loss function depends on hypothesis function

Linear hypothesis function

- ▶ $h(x) = w_0 + w_1 x_1$
- ▶ Loss: Mean squared error

Logistic hypothesis function

- ▶ $h(x) = \sigma(w_0 + w_1 x_1) = \frac{1}{e^{-(w_0 + w_1 x_1)}}$
- ▶ Loss: (Binary) cross-entropy loss

Loss Function

Definition for Linear Regression

- The loss function is a function on parameter values a and b

(for a given hypothesis function and data set)

- Hypothesis function: $h_{\vec{w}} = w_1 x + w_0$

$\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$: parameters $h_{\vec{w}}$: hypothesis function m : number of items

$$J(\vec{w}) =$$

Loss Function

Definition for Linear Regression

- ▶ The loss function is a function on parameter values a and b

(for a given hypothesis function and data set)

- ▶ Hypothesis function: $h_{\vec{w}} = w_1 x + w_0$

$\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$: parameters $h_{\vec{w}}$: hypothesis function m : number of items

$$J(\vec{w}) = \underline{h_{\vec{w}}(x_0)} - \underline{y_0}$$

- ▶ Calculate the loss for item i

Loss Function

Definition for Linear Regression

- ▶ The loss function is a function on parameter values a and b

(for a given hypothesis function and data set)

- ▶ Hypothesis function: $h_{\vec{w}} = w_1 x + w_0$

$\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$: parameters $h_{\vec{w}}$: hypothesis function m : number of items

$$J(\vec{w}) = \underbrace{(h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) - y_i)^2}_{}$$

- ▶ Calculate the loss for item i
- ▶ Square the error

Loss Function

Definition for Linear Regression

- ▶ The loss function is a function on parameter values a and b

(for a given hypothesis function and data set)

- ▶ Hypothesis function: $h_{\vec{w}} = w_1 x + w_0$

$\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$: parameters $h_{\vec{w}}$: hypothesis function m : number of items

$$J(\vec{w}) = \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) - y_i)^2$$

- ▶ Calculate the loss for item i
- ▶ Square the error
- ▶ Sum them up

Loss Function

Definition for Linear Regression

- ▶ The loss function is a function on parameter values a and b
(for a given hypothesis function and data set)
 - ▶ Hypothesis function: $h_{\vec{w}} = w_1 x + w_0$

$\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$: parameters $h_{\vec{w}}$: hypothesis function m : number of items

$$J(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) - y_i)^2$$

- ▶ Calculate the loss for item i
- ▶ Square the error
- ▶ Sum them up
- ▶ Divide by the number of items
 - ▶ Known as: *Mean squared error*

Loss Function

Definition for Linear Regression

- ▶ The loss function is a function on parameter values a and b

(for a given hypothesis function and data set)

- ▶ Hypothesis function: $h_{\vec{w}} = w_1 x + w_0$

$\vec{w} = (w_0, w_1)$: parameters $h_{\vec{w}}$: hypothesis function m : number of items

$$J(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) - y_i)^2$$

- ▶ Calculate the loss for item i
- ▶ Square the error
- ▶ Sum them up
- ▶ Divide by the number of items
 - ▶ Known as: *Mean squared error*
- ▶ Divide by two
 - ▶ out of convenience, because derivation

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

$$J(\vec{w}) = h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + (1 - h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))$$

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

$$J(\vec{w}) = \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + \log (1 - h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))$$

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

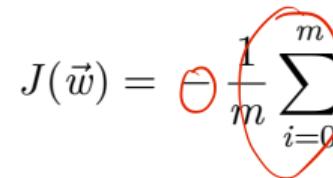
- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

$$J(\vec{w}) = \underbrace{y_i \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i)}_{\begin{cases} \log h(x_i) & \text{if } y_i=1 \\ \log(1-h(x_i)) & \text{if } y_i=0 \end{cases}} + \underbrace{(1-y_i) \log(1-h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))}_{\times}$$

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

$$J(\vec{w}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=0}^m y_i \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log (1 - h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))$$


Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

$$J(\vec{w}) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=0}^m \underbrace{y_i \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i)}_{0 \text{ iff } y_i=0} + \underbrace{(1-y_i) \log(1-h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))}_{0 \text{ iff } y_i=1}$$

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

y_i	$h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + \epsilon$	$y_i \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))$
0	1.0000001	-23.2535
0	0	0

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1 - y_i$: real outcome for instance i
 - ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

y_i	$h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + \epsilon$	$y_i \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))$
0	1.0000001	-23.2535
0	0	0
1	1	0
1	0.0000001	-23.2535

Loss function

Definition for Logistic Regression

- ▶ Two cases: $y_i = 0$ or $y_i = 1$: real outcome for instance i
- ▶ I.e., for each instance, one of the summands is 0

y_i	$h_{\vec{w}}(x_i)$	$y_i \log h_{\vec{w}}(x_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_{\vec{w}}(x_i))$
0	0.0000001	-23.2535
0	0	0
1	1	0
1	0.0000001	-23.2535
1	0.8 (0.2)	-0.3219281
1	0.2	-2.321928

Caveat: $\log 0$ is undefined – add $\epsilon = 0.0000001$ if needed

Misunderstandings about Loss

- ▶ Loss values are not an evaluation measure
- ▶ It is meaningless to report loss values in the same way as accuracy or precision

Misunderstandings about Loss

- ▶ Loss values are not an evaluation measure
- ▶ It is meaningless to report loss values in the same way as accuracy or precision
- ▶ Because it's not scaled
- ▶ When used to compare, scale not important

Misunderstandings about Loss

- ▶ Loss values are not an evaluation measure
- ▶ Loss has no meaning outside of the current experiment
- ▶ Because it's not scaled
- ▶ When used to compare, scale not important

Example

x	y
10	3
105	5
150	8
250	7
295	13

Table: Lower Loss Value

x	y
10	30
105	50
150	80
250	70
295	130

Table: Higher Loss Value

Section 2

Neural Networks

From a Logistic Regression to a Neuron

- ▶ Hypothesis function of logistic regression:

$$h(x) = \sigma(w_0 + w_1 x_1) \quad \text{with } \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

- ▶ Maps one value to another (just like many other functions)

What is a Neural Network?

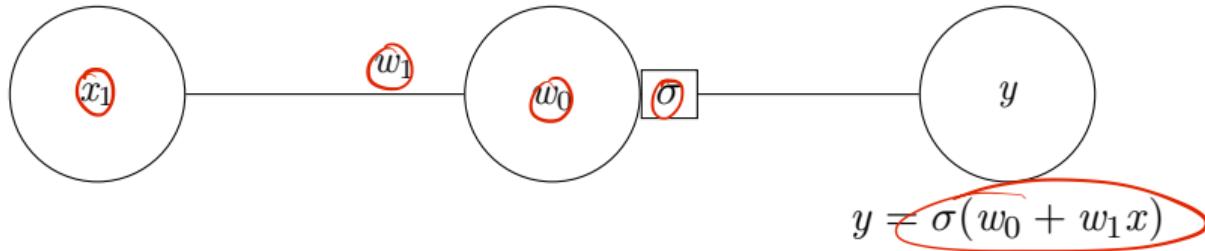


Figure: 1 neuron (with logistic activation) = logistic regression (with 1 feature)

What is a Neural Network?

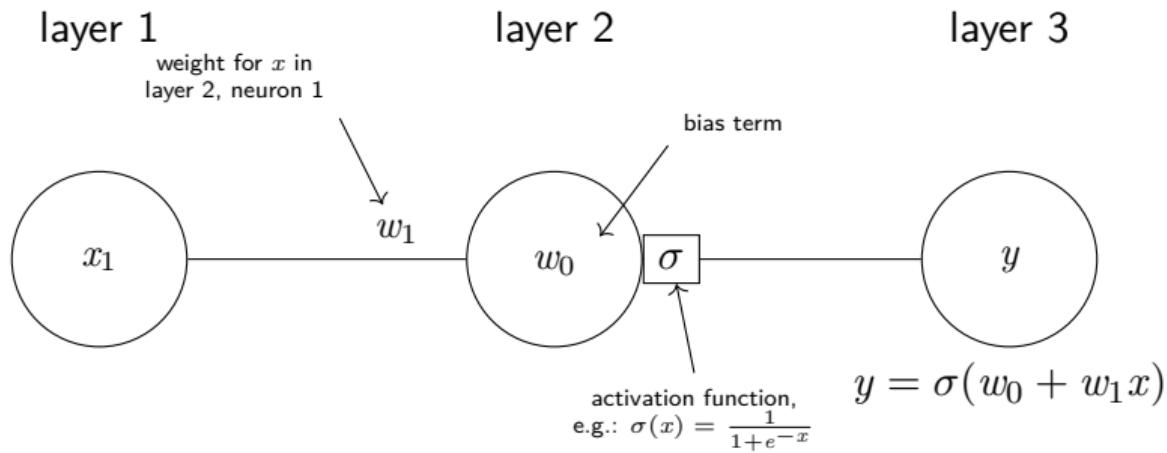


Figure: 1 neuron (with logistic activation) = logistic regression (with 1 feature)

What is a Neural Network?

Example

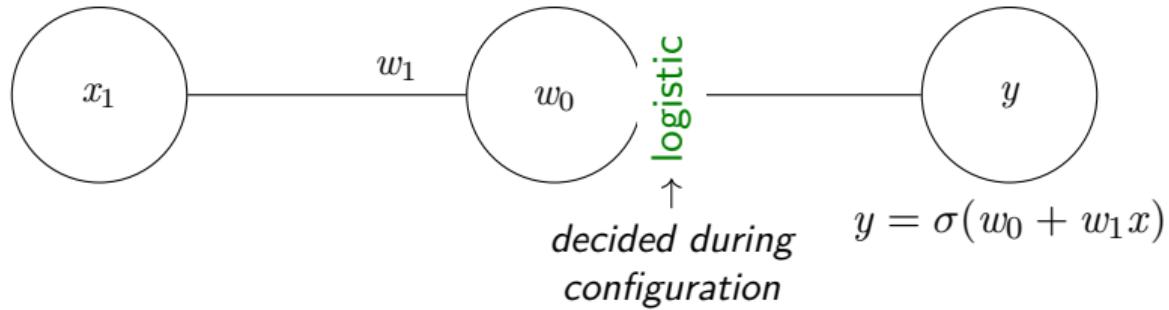


Figure: 1 neuron (with logistic activation) = logistic regression (with 1 feature)

What is a Neural Network?

Example

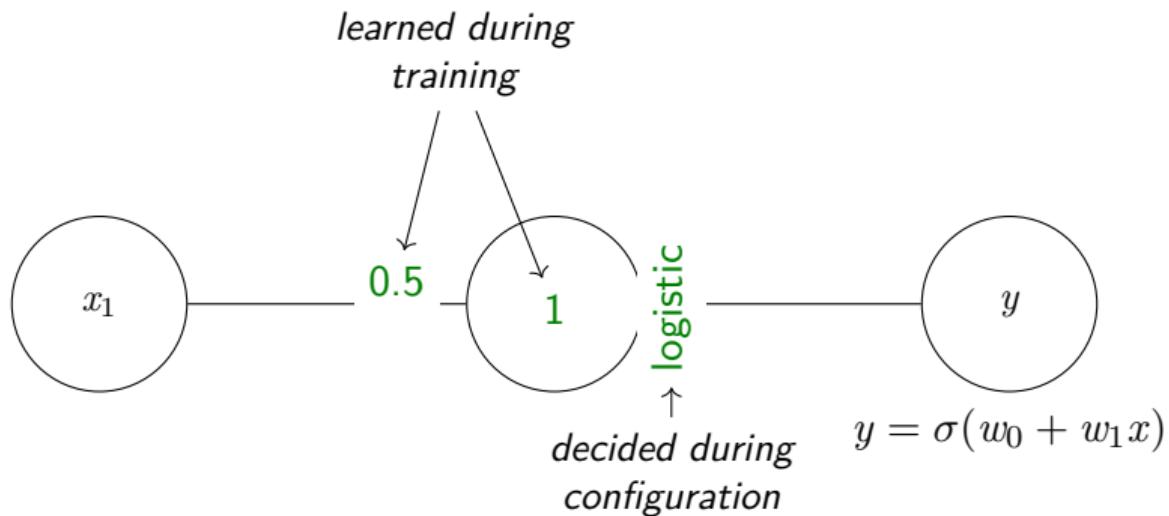


Figure: 1 neuron (with logistic activation) = logistic regression (with 1 feature)

What is a Neural Network?

Example

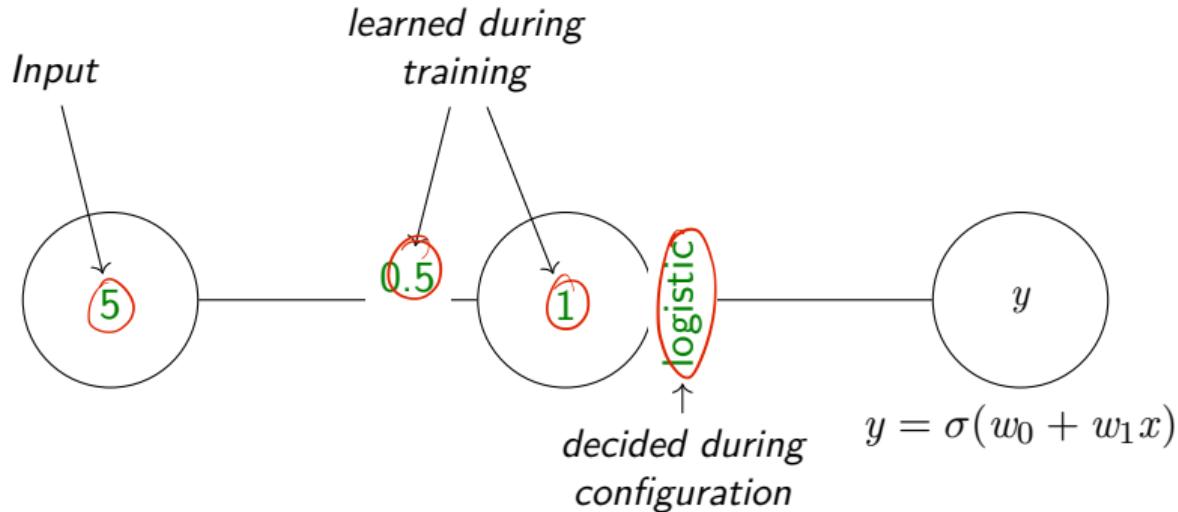


Figure: 1 neuron (with logistic activation) = logistic regression (with 1 feature)

What is a Neural Network?

Example

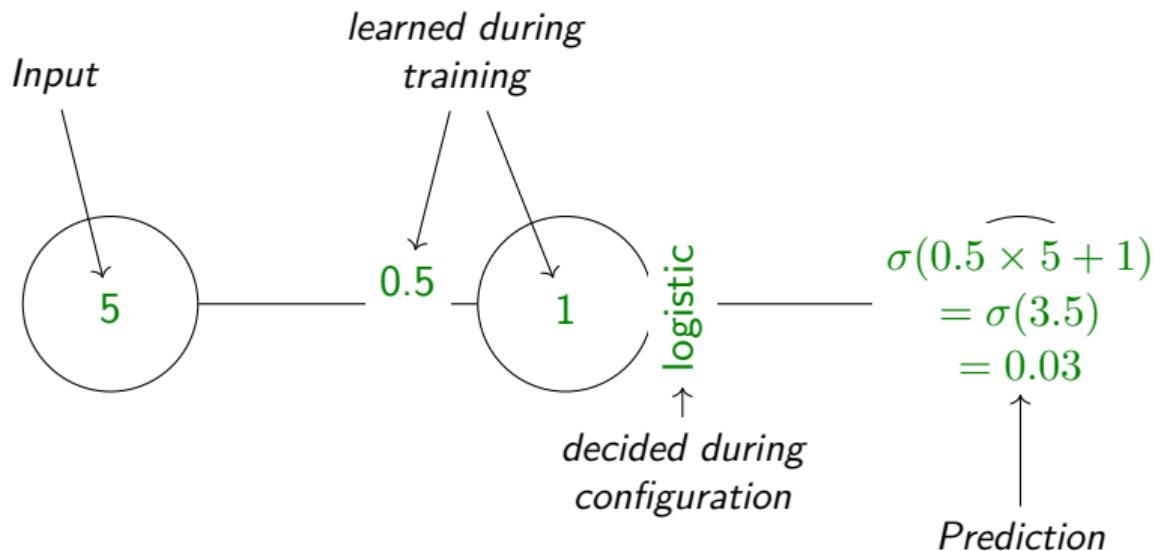


Figure: 1 neuron (with logistic activation) = logistic regression (with 1 feature)

What is a Neural Network?

Straightforward to extend to multiple features

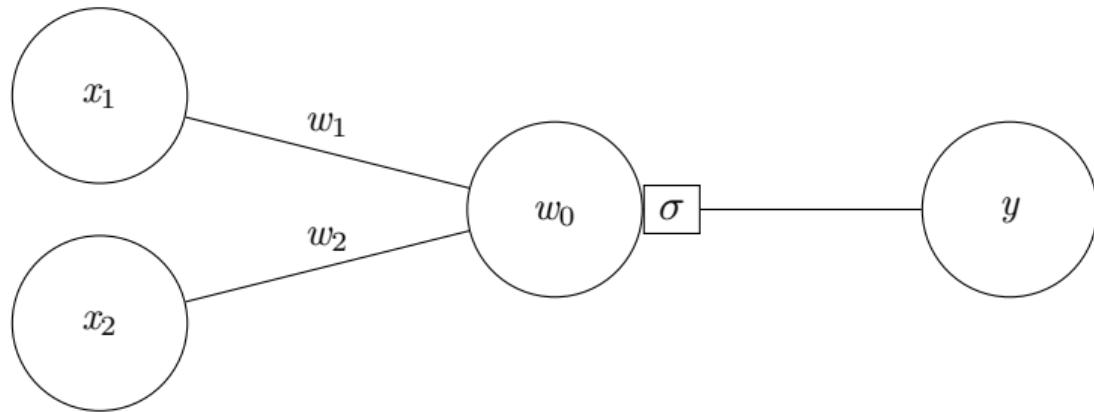


Figure: 1 neuron (with 2 features)

What is a Neural Network?

Straightforward to extend to multiple features

$$y = \sigma(w_1x_1 + w_0)$$

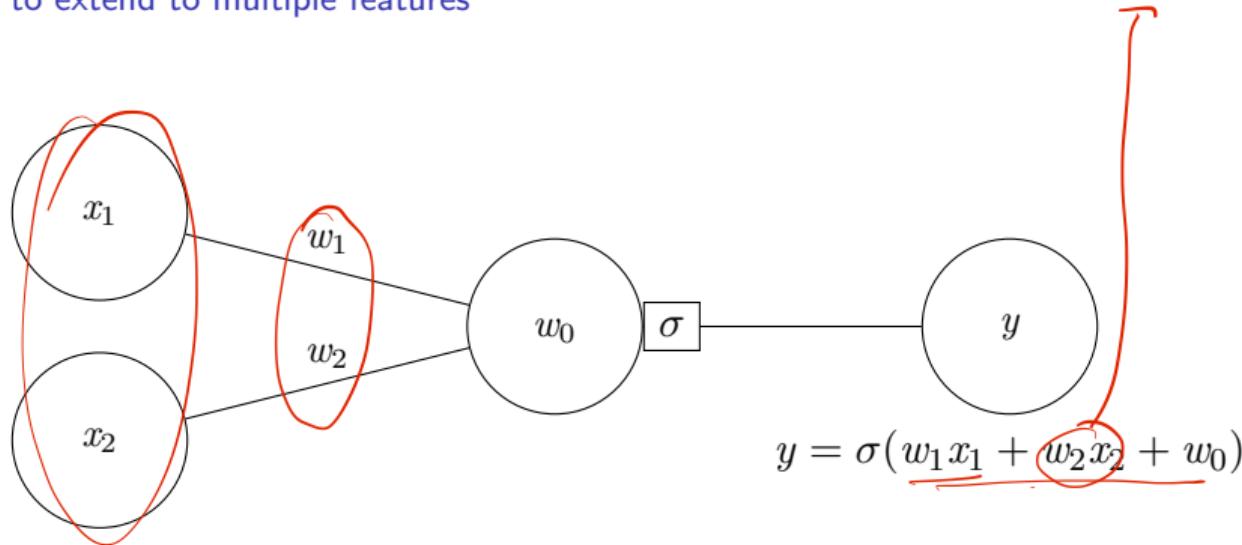


Figure: 1 neuron (with 2 features)

What is a Neural Network?

Straightforward to extend to multiple features and multiple regression nodes

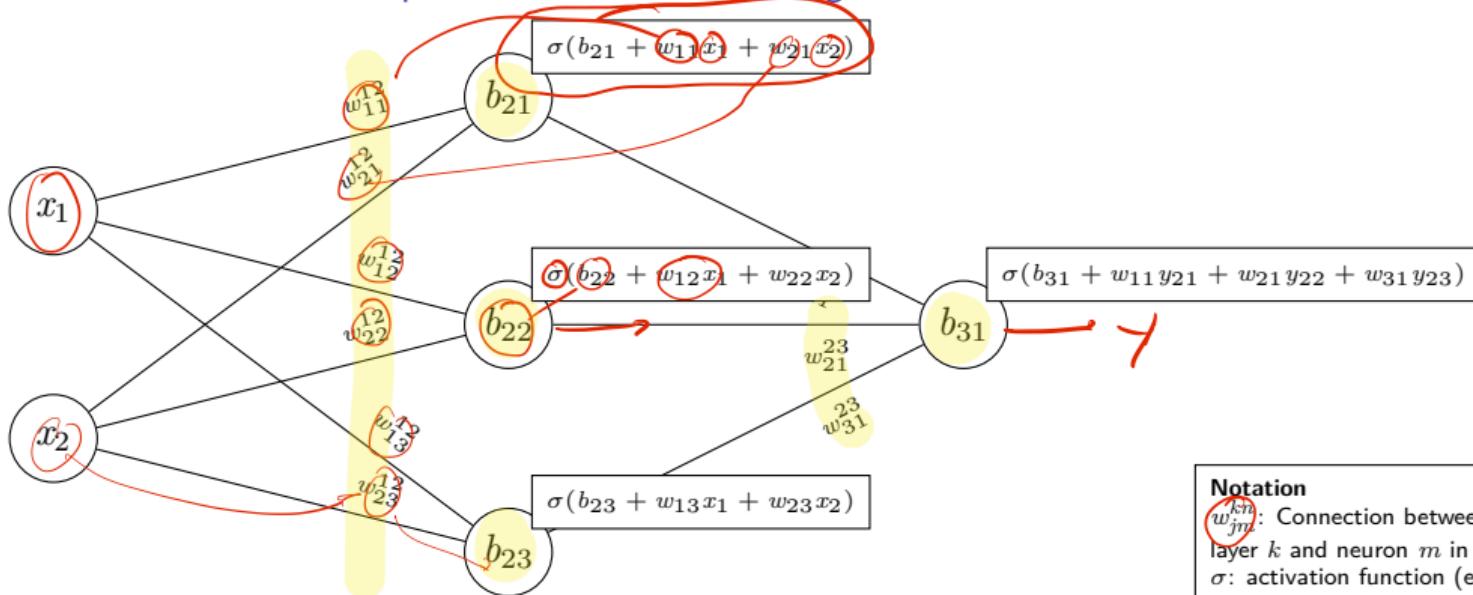


Figure: A simple neural network with 1 hidden layer (and 13 parameters)

Prediction Model: Forward Pass

- ▶ If we have all the weights, bias terms, numbers of neurons and layers, we can compute the output of the network
 - ▶ Conceptually: Applying functions in sequence: $y = f_3(f_2(f_1(x)))$ (one per layer)

Prediction Model: Forward Pass

- ▶ If we have all the weights, bias terms, numbers of neurons and layers, we can compute the output of the network
 - ▶ Conceptually: Applying functions in sequence: $y = f_3(f_2(f_1(x)))$ (one per layer)
- ▶ Practically, a lot of the computation happens in matrices
 - ▶ Hidden layer
 - ▶ Weights from input to hidden: $W_{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & w_{13} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & w_{23} \end{bmatrix}$
 - ▶ Biases $B_2 = (b_{21}, b_{22}, b_{23})$

Prediction Model: Forward Pass

- ▶ If we have all the weights, bias terms, numbers of neurons and layers, we can compute the output of the network
 - ▶ Conceptually: Applying functions in sequence: $y = f_3(f_2(f_1(x)))$ (one per layer)
- ▶ Practically, a lot of the computation happens in matrices
 - ▶ Hidden layer
 - ▶ Weights from input to hidden: $W_{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & w_{13} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & w_{23} \end{bmatrix}$
 - ▶ Biases $B_2 = (b_{21}, b_{22}, b_{23})$
 - ▶ Hidden layer computation: $f_2(X) = \sigma((W_{1,2}^T X) + B_2)$

Prediction Model: Forward Pass

- ▶ If we have all the weights, bias terms, numbers of neurons and layers, we can compute the output of the network
 - ▶ Conceptually: Applying functions in sequence: $y = f_3(f_2(f_1(x)))$ (one per layer)
- ▶ Practically, a lot of the computation happens in matrices
 - ▶ Hidden layer
 - ▶ Weights from input to hidden: $W_{1,2} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & w_{13} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & w_{23} \end{bmatrix}$
 - ▶ Biases $B_2 = (b_{21}, b_{22}, b_{23})$
 - ▶ Hidden layer computation: $f_2(X) = \sigma((W_{1,2}^T X) + B_2)$
 - ▶ Deep learning involves **a lot** of matrix multiplication
 - ▶ GPUs are highly optimized for this
 - ▶ Hint: Gaming-GPUs that support **CUDA** are also usable for deep learning

Feed-Forward Neural Networks

- ▶ The above is called a 'feed-forward neural network' (FFNN)
 - ▶ Information is fed only in forward direction

Feed-Forward Neural Networks

- ▶ The above is called a 'feed-forward neural network' (FFNN)
 - ▶ Information is fed only in forward direction
- ▶ Configuration choices
 - ▶ Activation function (next slide)
 - ▶ Layer size: Number of neurons in each layer
 - ▶ Number of layers
 - ▶ Loss function
 - ▶ Optimizer
- ▶ Training choices
 - ▶ Epochs/batches
 - ▶ Training status displays

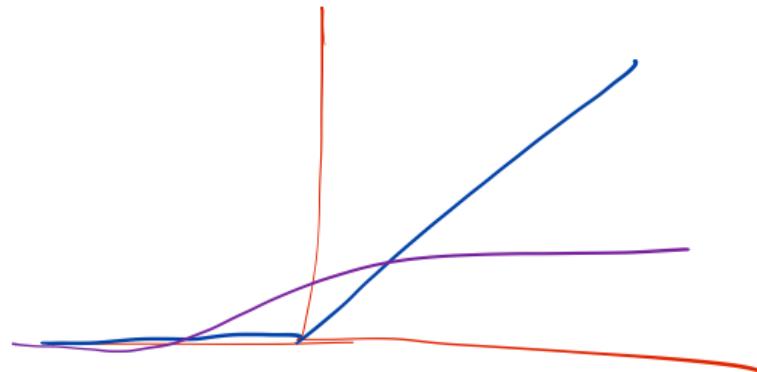
demo

playground.tensorflow.org

Feed-Forward Neural Networks

Activation Functions

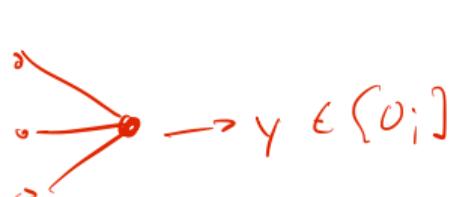
All neurons of one layer have the same
Popular choices:



logistic $y = \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ – 'squashes' everything to a value between 0 and 1

relu $y = \max(0, x)$ – Makes everything negative to 0

softmax Scales a vector such that values sum to 1 (probability distribution)



- Spur $[0-1]$
- Nicht-Spur $[0-1] \Rightarrow 0:1$
- Donut $[0-1]$

Training: “Back Propagation”

- ▶ Similar to gradient descent
- ▶ But
 - ▶ A lot more parameters
 - ▶ Because of multiple layers: Vanishing gradients
 - ▶ Back propagation involves a lot of multiplication
 - ▶ Factors are between zero and one
 - ⇒ Numbers get very small very quickly

Training: “Back Propagation”

- ▶ Similar to gradient descent
- ▶ But
 - ▶ A lot more parameters
 - ▶ Because of multiple layers: Vanishing gradients
 - ▶ Back propagation involves a lot of multiplication
 - ▶ Factors are between zero and one
 - ⇒ Numbers get very small very quickly
- ▶ Training choice: Batches and epochs

Training a Feedforward Neural Network I

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- ▶ Gradient Descent
 - ▶ Apply θ to all training instances
 - ▶ Calculate loss over entire data set
- ▶ Stochastic Gradient Descent
 - ▶ Data set in random order
 - ▶ Calculate loss for every single instance, then update weights

Training a Feedforward Neural Network II

When to stop the training

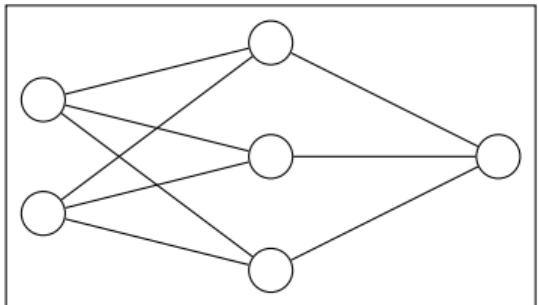
- ▶ Logistic regression (last week): Stop in minimum
 - ▶ In theory, that's what we want
 - ▶ In practice
 - ▶ We usually are not exactly in the minimum
 - ▶ It's not important to be exactly in the minimum
- ⇒ Fixed number of iterations over the data set (= number of epochs)

Batches vs. Epochs

batch Number of instances used before updating weights

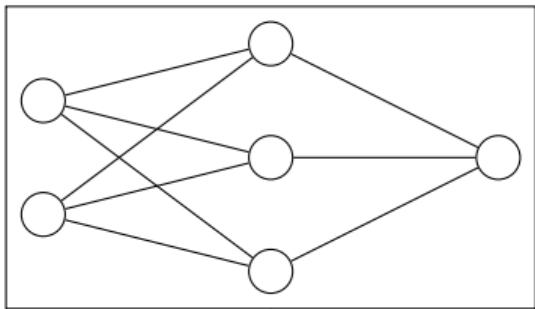
epochs Number of iterations over all instances

Dimensions



- ▶ Dimensionality of neural networks major source of confusion

Dimensions



- ▶ Dimensionality of neural networks major source of confusion
- ▶ In this example •
 - ▶ Single input object represented with two numbers (= 1D)
 - ▶ Output is a single number
- ▶ Entire input data set: 2D (because multiple instances)

Section 3

Practical Deep Learning

Libraries

- ▶ Deep learning in python rests on several independent libraries
 - ▶ numpy Provides efficient matrices and arrays
 - ▶ pandas Convenient working with tabular data (inspired by data.frames in R)
 - ▶ scikit-learn 'Classical' machine learning (not deep learning)
 - ▶ tensorflow Basic, low-level machine learning and math
 - ▶ keras High-level deep learning (built on top of tensorflow)
 - ▶ pytorch Newer alternative to tensorflow
- ▶ Libraries are well integrated

Libraries

- ▶ Deep learning in python rests on several independent libraries
 - ▶ numpy Provides efficient matrices and arrays
 - ▶ pandas Convenient working with tabular data (inspired by data.frames in R)
 - ▶ scikit-learn 'Classical' machine learning (not deep learning)
 - ▶ tensorflow Basic, low-level machine learning and math
 - ▶ keras High-level deep learning (built on top of tensorflow)
 - ▶ pytorch Newer alternative to tensorflow
- ▶ Libraries are well integrated
- ▶ Documentation is fragmented – important links:
 - ▶ <https://keras.io/api/>
 - ▶ <https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/index.html>
 - ▶ <https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/classes.html>

keras

- ▶ <https://keras.io>
- ▶ High-level Python API for deep learning
- ▶ Built on top of tensorflow
- ▶ Pattern
 - 1. Layout the network
 - 2. Set hyper parameters
 - 3. Run training

Listing 1: Installing Keras

```
1 pip install keras
```

Configuration

- ▶ Sequential API: Linear topology of layers
- ▶ Functional API: Graph of layers

Configuration

- ▶ Sequential API: Linear topology of layers
- ▶ Functional API: Graph of layers

Listing 4: Sequential API

```
1 # model layout
2 model = Sequential()
3 model.add(...)
```

4 model.add(...)

5

6 # hyperparameter specification

```
7 model.compile(loss=...,
8     optimizer=...)
```

9

10 # training

```
11 model.fit(..., epochs=...,
12     batch_size=...)
```

Listing 5: Functional API

```
1 # model layout
2 in = ...
3 out = Dense(10)(in)
4 model = Model(inputs=in,
5     outputs=out)
```

6

7 # hyperparameter specification

```
8 model.compile(loss=...,
9     optimizer=...)
```

10

11 # training

```
12 model.fit(..., epochs=...,
13     batch_size=...)
```

Configuration

Two most basic layer types

- ▶ Dense: “Just your regular densely-connected NN layer.”
 - ▶ https://keras.io/api/layers/core_layers/dense/

```
1 layer = Dense(3, # number of neurons
2   activation = activations.sigmoid, # activation function
3   name = "dense layer 7" # useful for debugging/visualisation
4   ... # more options, see docs
5 )
```

- ▶ Input: Marks layers to accept data
 - ▶ https://keras.io/api/layers/core_layers/input/

```
1 layer = Input(shape=(15,), # number of input dimensions/features
2   name = "input layer", # useful for debugging/visualisation
3   ... # see docs
4 )
```

Shape

- ▶ Description of the dimensionality of the data
- ▶ A vector of numbers, giving the number of elements for each dimension
- ▶ Python tuple
 - ▶ List with fixed length: `x = (5,3,1) # a tuple`
 - ⚠ Tuple with one element printed as `(5,)` or `5`

Shape

- ▶ Description of the dimensionality of the data
- ▶ A vector of numbers, giving the number of elements for each dimension
- ▶ Python tuple
 - ▶ List with fixed length: `x = (5,3,1) # a tuple`
 - ⚠ Tuple with one element printed as `(5,)` or `5`

```
1 x = np.zeros(5) # array([0., 0., 0., 0., 0.])
2 x.shape # returns (5,)
3 x = np.zeros((3,5))
4 # array([[0., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
5 #         [0., 0., 0., 0., 0.],
6 #         [0., 0., 0., 0., 0.]])
7 x.shape # returns (3,5)
```

demo

Python

Section 4

Summary

Summary

Gradient Descent

- ▶ Initialise \vec{w} with random values (e.g., 0)
- ▶ Repeat:
 - ▶ Find the direction to the minimum by taking the derivative
 - ▶ Change \vec{w} accordingly, using a learning rate η
 - ▶ Stop when \vec{w} don't change anymore

Neural Networks

- ▶ Single neuron: 1 logistic regression
- ▶ Network: Many neurons
- ▶ Practical aspects in Python