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## Neural Networks

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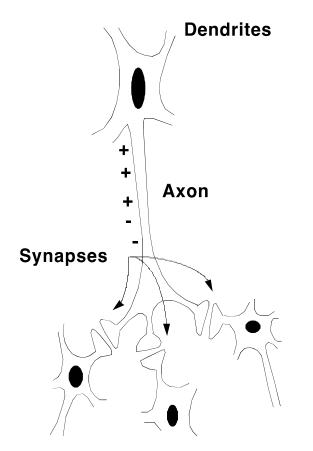
Neural Networks try to mimic the structure and function of our nervous system

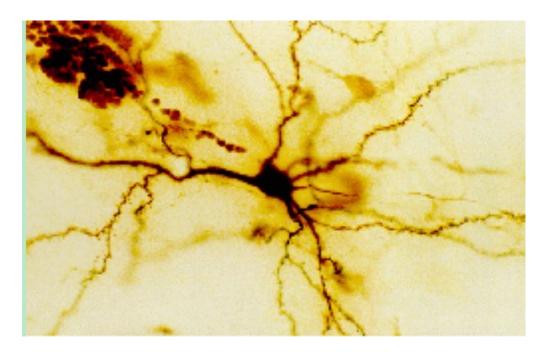
**People like biologically motivated approaches** 





## **Our Nervous System**

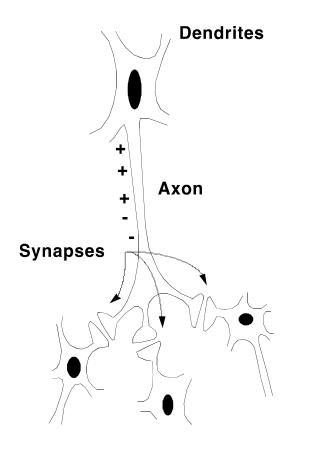




Neuron

#### What do you know?

# Our nervous system: the computer science view

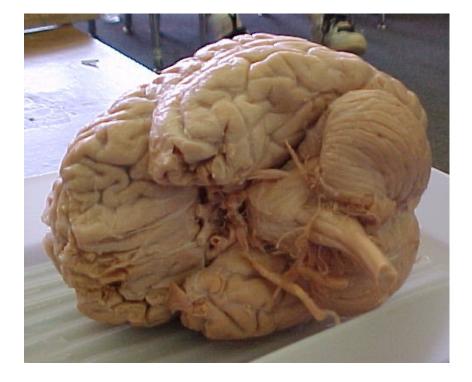


the human brain is a large collection of interconnected neurons

#### a NEURON is a brain cell

- they collect, process, and disseminate electrical signals
- $\Box$  they are connected via synapses
- they FIRE depending on the conditions of the neighboring neurons

#### Our nervous system



#### The human brain

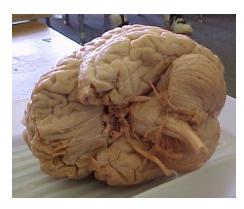
contains ~10<sup>11</sup> (100 billion) neurons

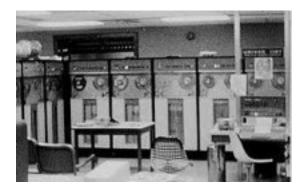
each neuron is connected to ~10<sup>4</sup> (10,000) other neurons

Neurons can fire as fast as 10<sup>-3</sup> seconds

How does this compare to a computer?

#### Man vs. Machine





10<sup>11</sup> neurons
10<sup>11</sup> neurons
10<sup>14</sup> synapses
10<sup>-3</sup> "cycle" time

10<sup>10</sup> transistors 10<sup>11</sup> bits of ram/memory 10<sup>13</sup> bits on disk 10<sup>-9</sup> cycle time

#### Brains are still pretty fast



Who is this?

## Brains are still pretty fast



# If you follow basketball, you'd be able to identify this person in under a second!

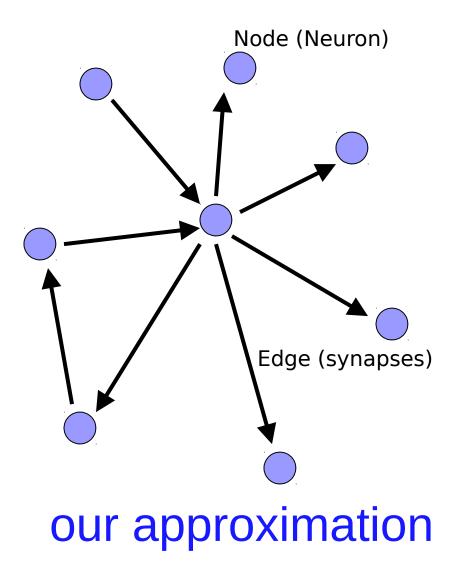
Given a neuron firing time of 10<sup>-3</sup> s, how many neurons in sequence could fire in this time?

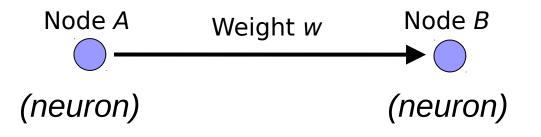
 $\Box$  A few hundred, maybe a thousand

#### What are possible explanations?

- either neurons are performing some very complicated computations
- brain is taking advantage of the massive parallelization (remember, neurons are connected ~10,000 other neurons)

#### **Artificial Neural Networks**

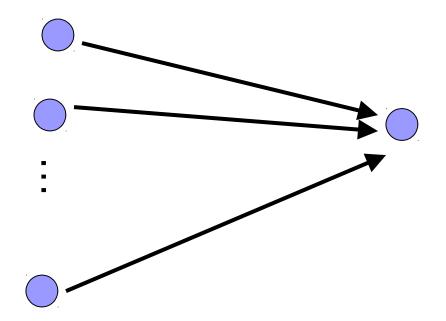




W is the strength of signal sent between A and B.

If A fires and w is **positive**, then A **stimulates** B.

If A fires and w is **negative**, then A inhibits B.

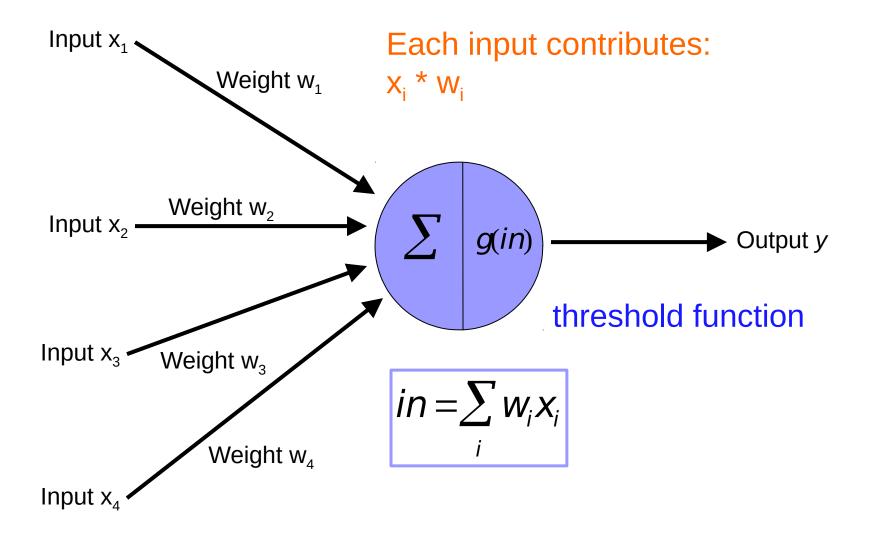


A given neuron has many, many connecting, input neurons

If a neuron is stimulated enough, then it also fires

How much stimulation is required is determined by its threshold

#### A Single Neuron/Perceptron

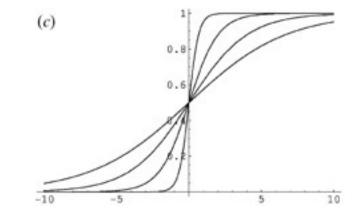


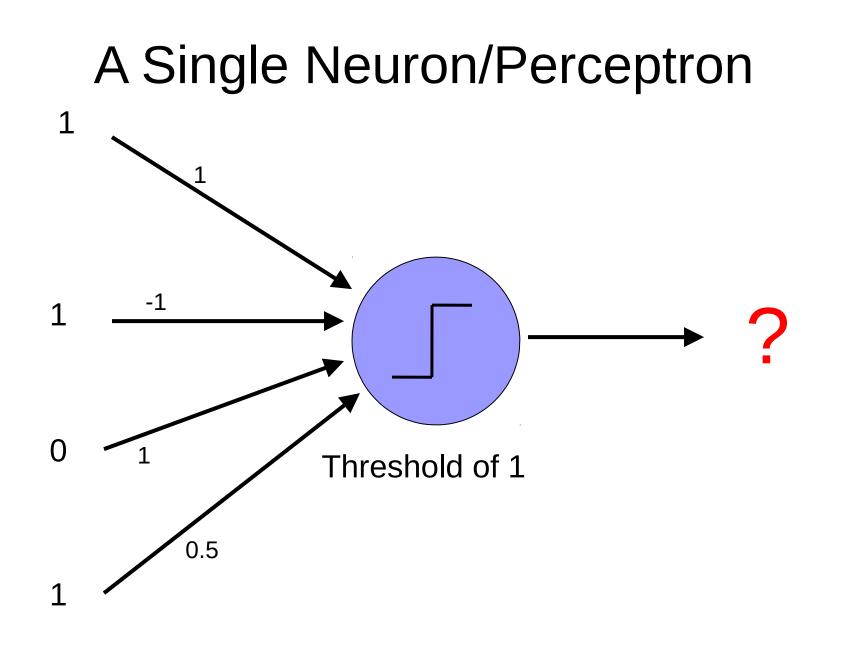
#### Possible threshold functions

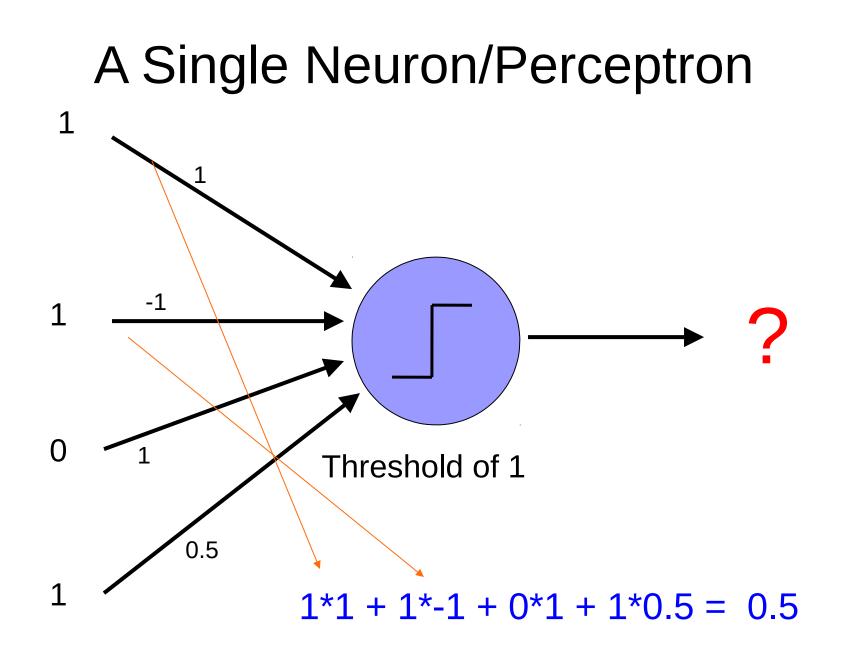
# hard threshold $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \ge \text{threshold} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

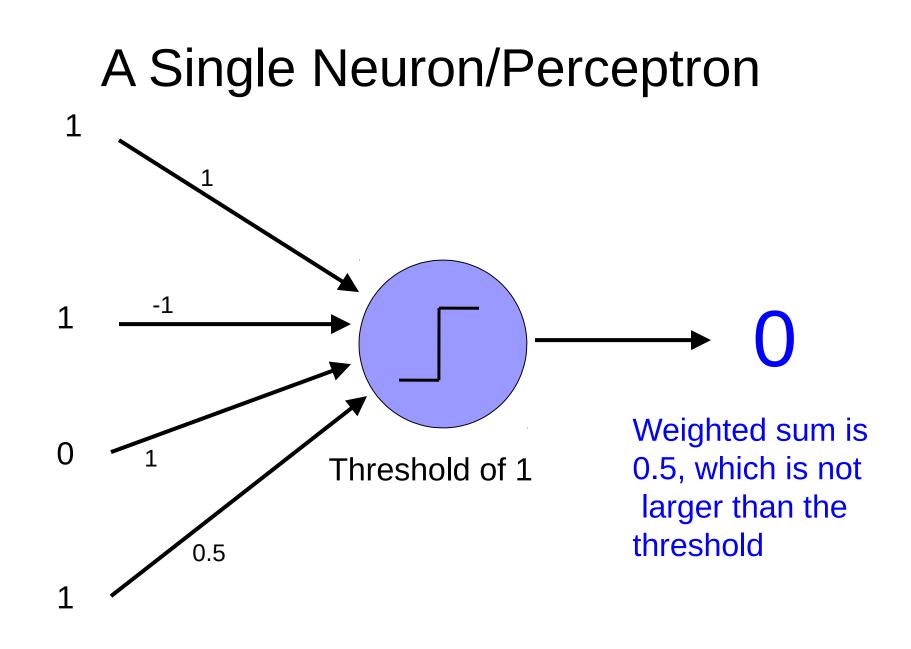
sigmoid

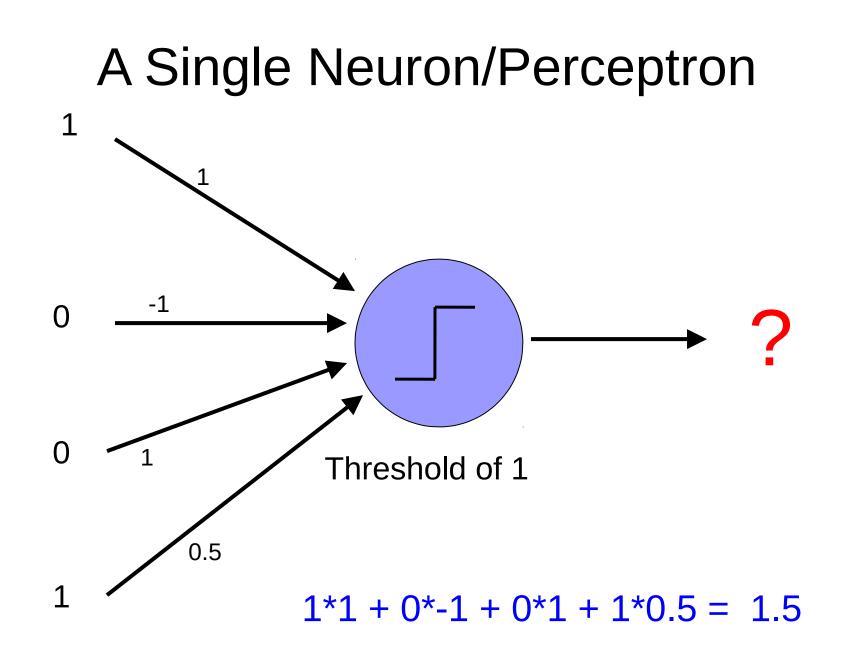
$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-ax}}$$

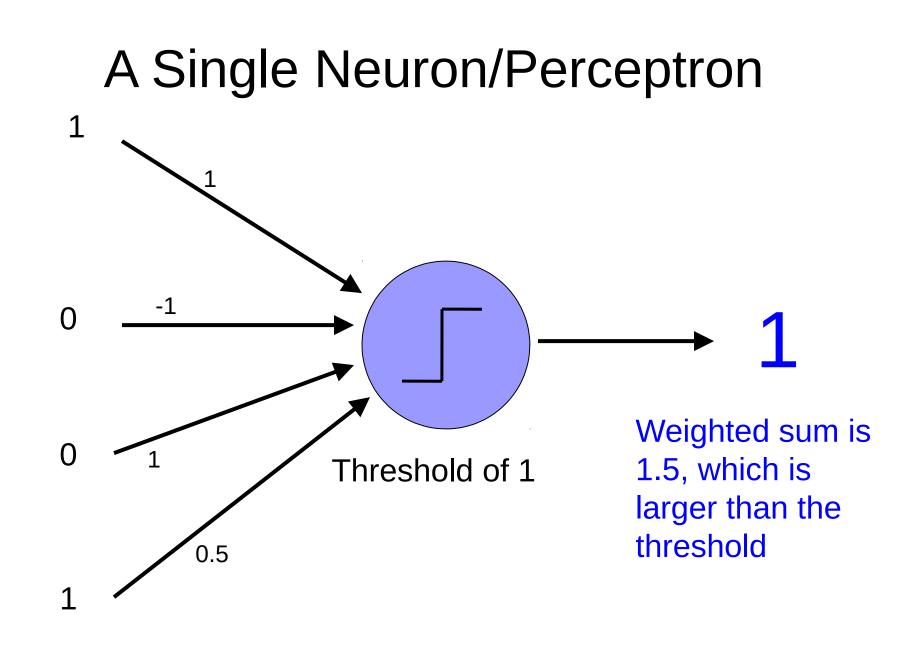


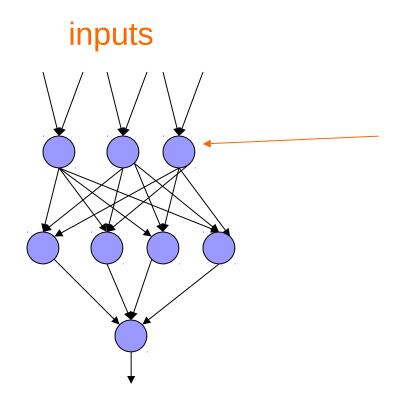




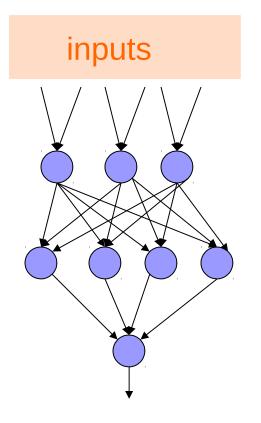




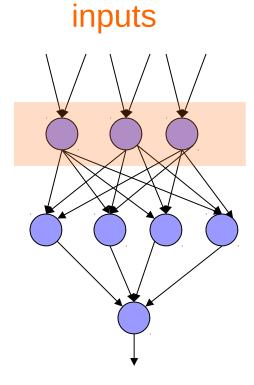




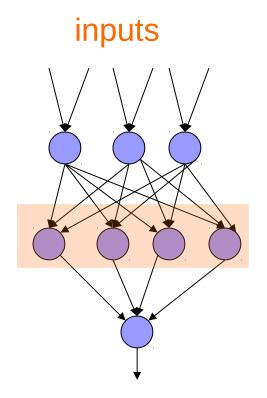
Individual perceptrons/ neurons



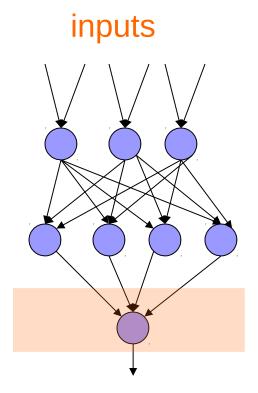
## some inputs are provided/entered



each perceptron computes and calculates an answer

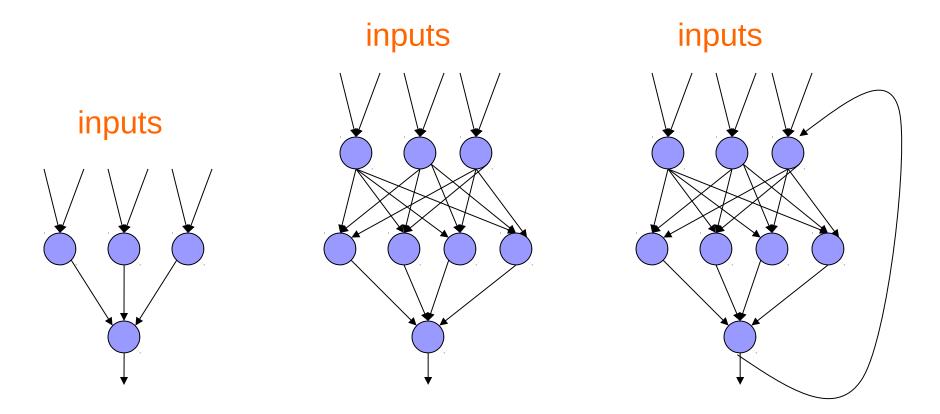


those answers become inputs for the next level



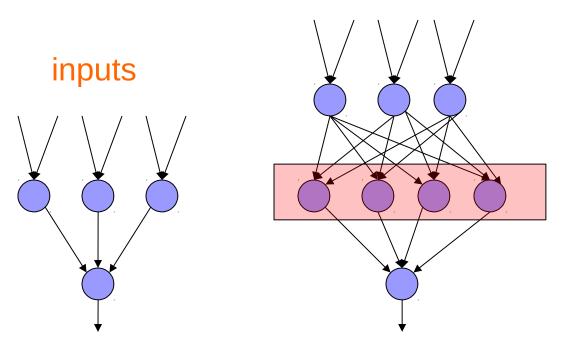
finally get the answer after all levels compute

#### Different kinds/characteristics of networks



How are these different?

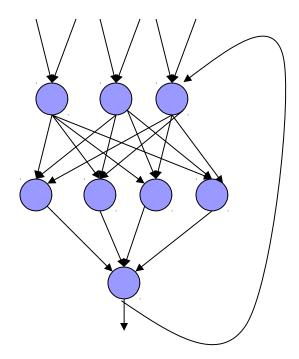
inputs



#### hidden units/layer

Feed forward networks

inputs



**Recurrent network** 

Output is fed back to input

Can support memory!

How?

## History of Neural Networks

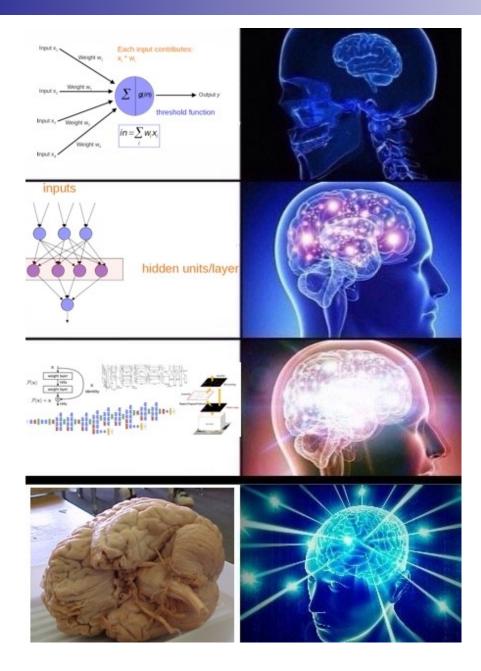
McCulloch and Pitts (1943) – introduced model of artificial neurons and suggested they could learn

Hebb (1949) – Simple updating rule for learning

Rosenblatt (1962) - the perceptron model

Minsky and Papert (1969) – wrote *Perceptrons* 

Bryson and Ho (1969, but largely ignored until 1980s--Rosenblatt) – invented back-propagation learning for multilayer networks



## Training the perceptron

First wave in neural networks in the 1960's

Single neuron

Trainable: its threshold and input weights can be modified

If the neuron doesn't give the desired output, then it has made a mistake

Input weights and threshold can be changed according to a learning algorithm

#### **Examples - Logical operators**

**AND** – if all inputs are 1, return 1, otherwise return 0

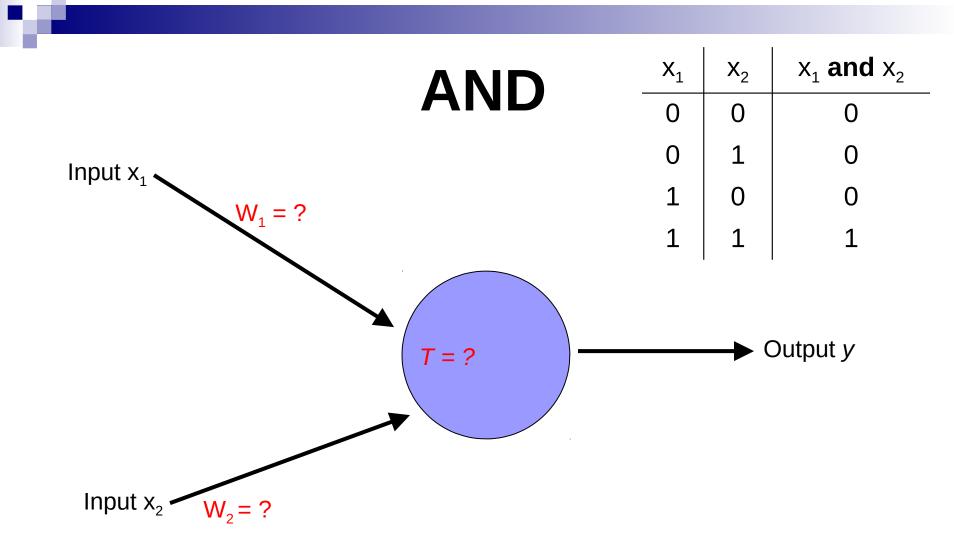
**OR** – if at least one input is 1, return 1, otherwise return 0

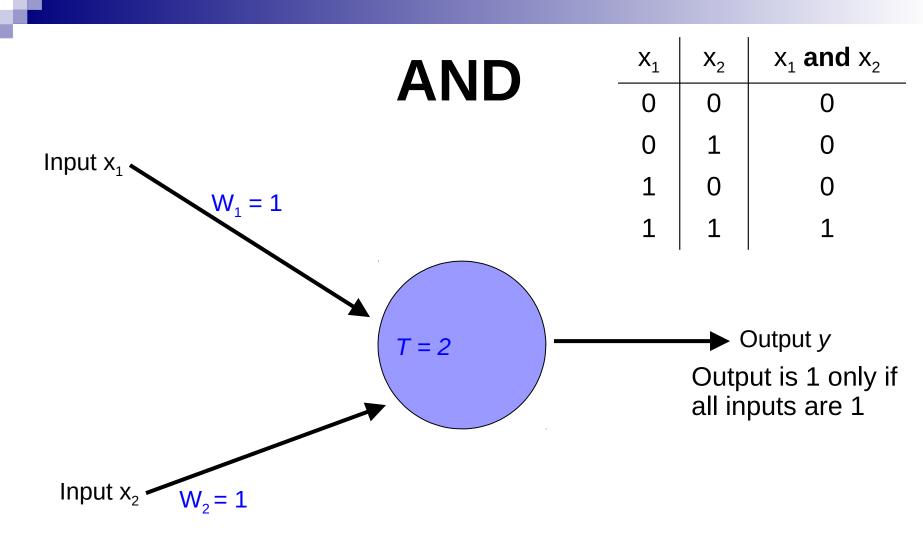
**NOT** – return the opposite of the input

**XOR** – if exactly one input is 1, then return 1, otherwise return 0

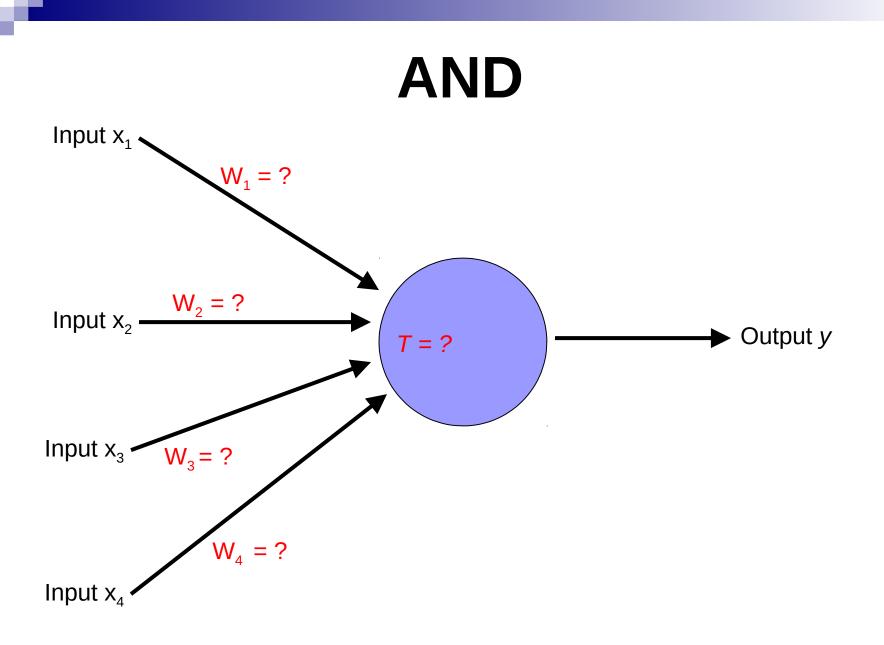
#### AND

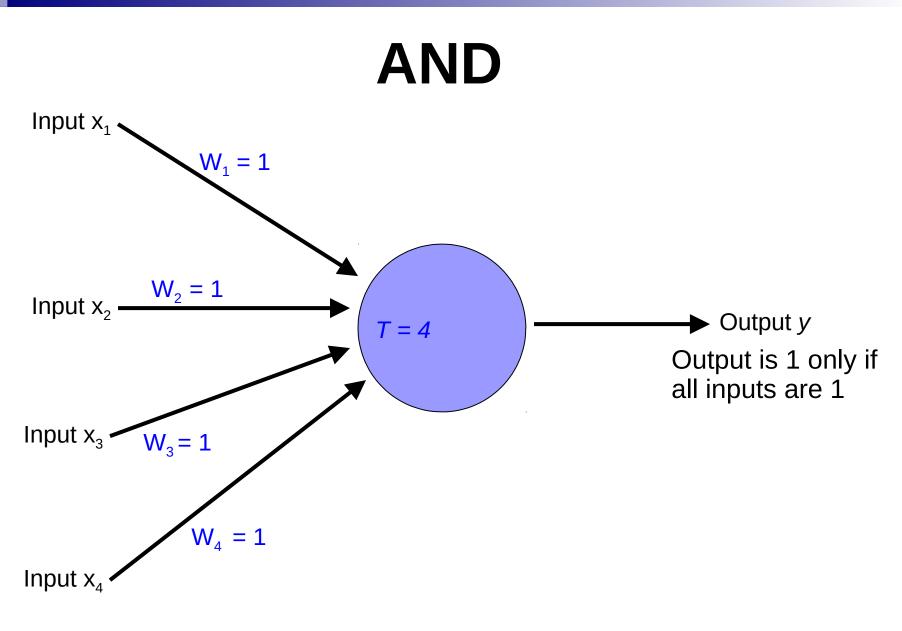
$X_1$	<b>X</b> <sub>2</sub>	$X_1$ and $X_2$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1





Inputs are either 0 or 1

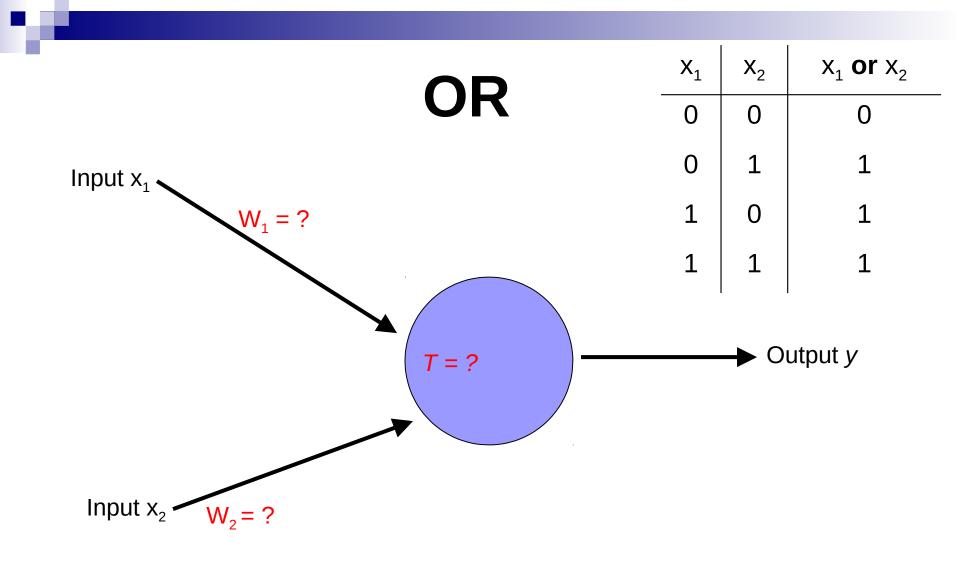


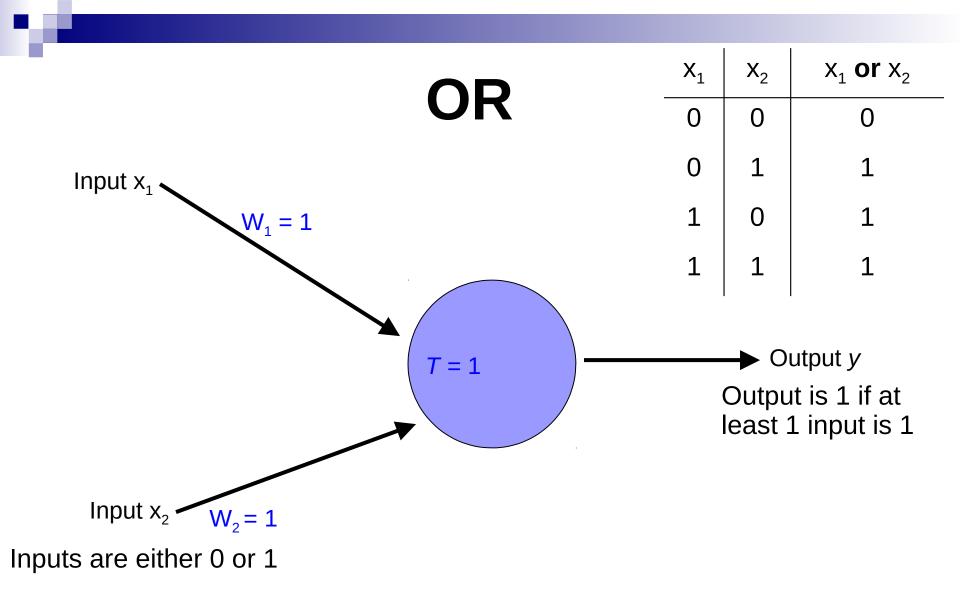


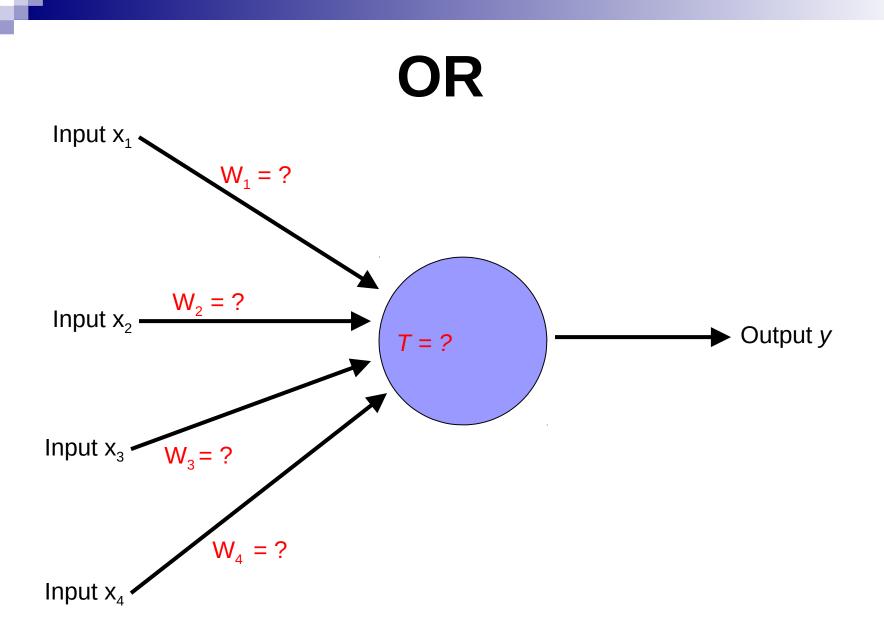
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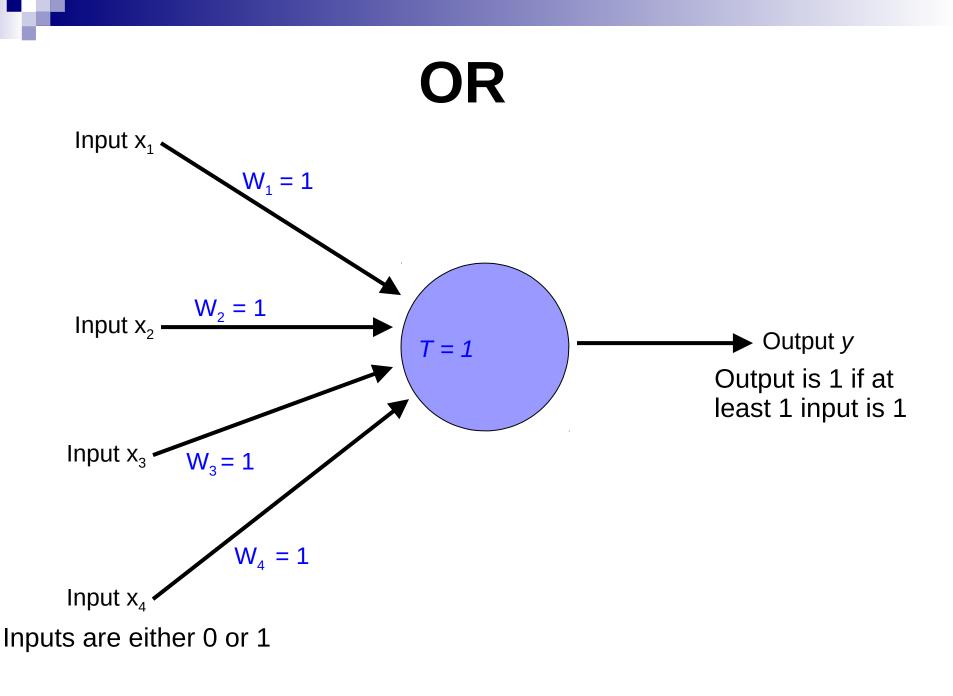
# OR

$X_1$	<b>X</b> <sub>2</sub>	$X_1 $ <b>or</b> $X_2$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

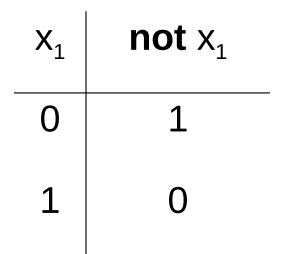


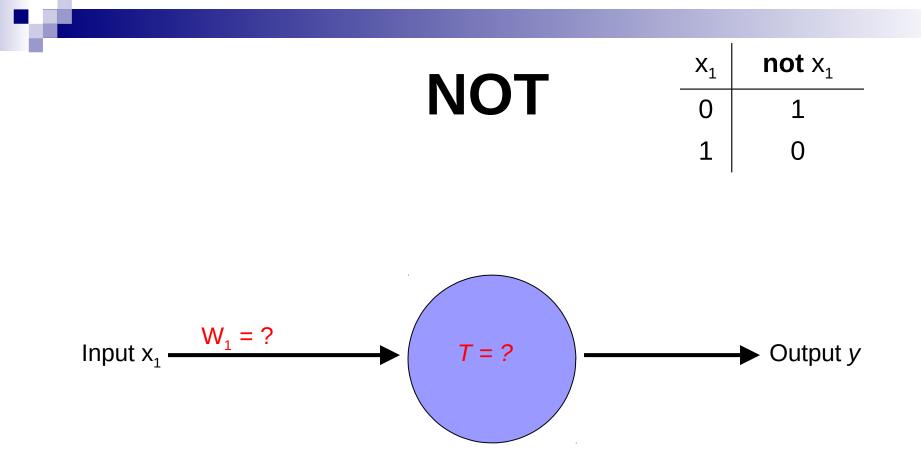


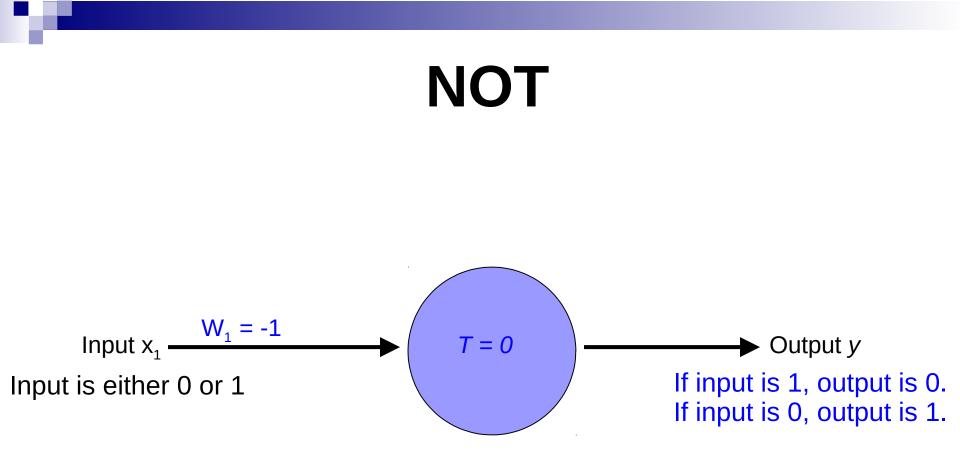




# NOT





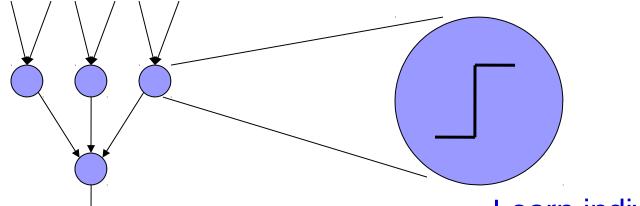


## How about...

X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	x <sub>1</sub> <b>op</b> x <sub>2</sub>	
 0	0	0	1	
0	1	0	0	Input $x_1 = ?$
1	0	0	1	Input $x_2 = ?$
1	1	0	0	
0	0	1	1	Input $x_3 = ?$
0	1	1	1	
1	0	1	1	
1	1	1	0	

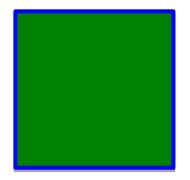
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#### Training neural networks

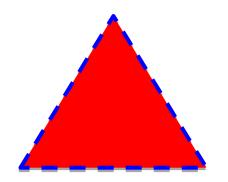


Learn the individual weights between nodes

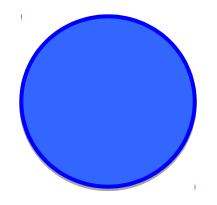
Learn individual node parameters (e.g. threshold)



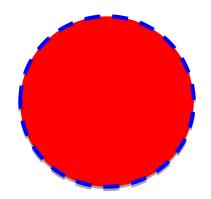




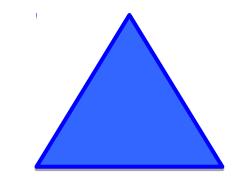




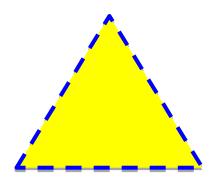




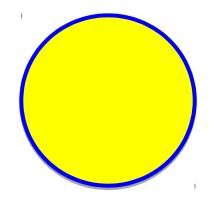




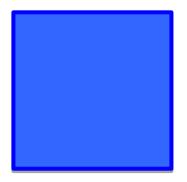














## A method to the madness blue = positive

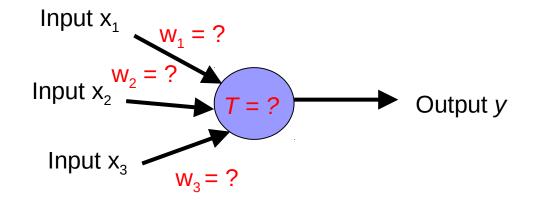
yellow triangles = positive

all others negative

How did you figure this out (or some of it)?

# Training neural networks

<b>X</b> <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>3</sub>	$x_1 and x_2$
0	0	1
1	0	0
0	0	1
1	0	0
0	1	1
1	1	1
0	1	1
1	1	0
	0 1 0 1 0 1 0	0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1



- 1. start with some initial weights and thresholds
- 2. show examples repeatedly to NN
- update weights/thresholds by comparing NN output to actual output