

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

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when in doubt, choose the simplest model possible



make sure the the number of data points you have is
not less than the number of variables in your model
(underdetermined system)
and aim for at least an order of magnitude more data

removing features (attributes) from you dataset
is a similar way to simplify optimization

creates a smaller dimensional problem
and can lead to less overfitting

a good place to start is
removing attributes with low variance
(if they don't change much, they probably can't explain
the changes in your other variables much either)

removing correlated attributes can also be effective for
simplifying your model with minimal predictive loss
(if two features are both describing the same thing,
the second probably isn't telling you anything the first isn't)

(more in this later)

regularization

explicitly penalize your model for using features

make sure it's only paying attention
to the ones that really matter!
(those useful enough to make up
for the penalty of using them)

$$\text{Cost}(h) = \text{Loss}(h) + \text{Complexity}(h)$$

how do you measure complexity of a model?

L1-regularization

L2-regularization

Complexity = $\sum_{i:n} |w_i|$
(sum of magnitude
of weights)

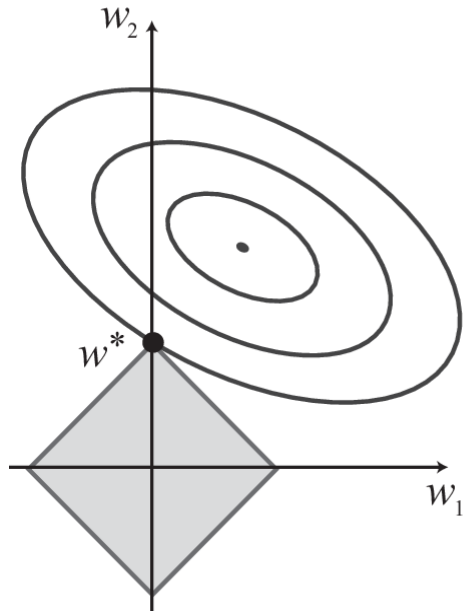
Complexity = $\sum_{i:n} |w_i|^2$
(sum of magnitude
of weights squared)

minimize total # of
parameters used

minimizes total combined
magnitude of parameters

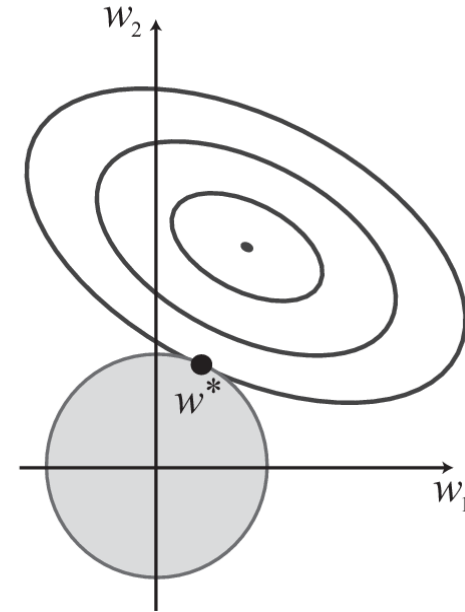
how do you measure complexity of a model?

L1-regularization



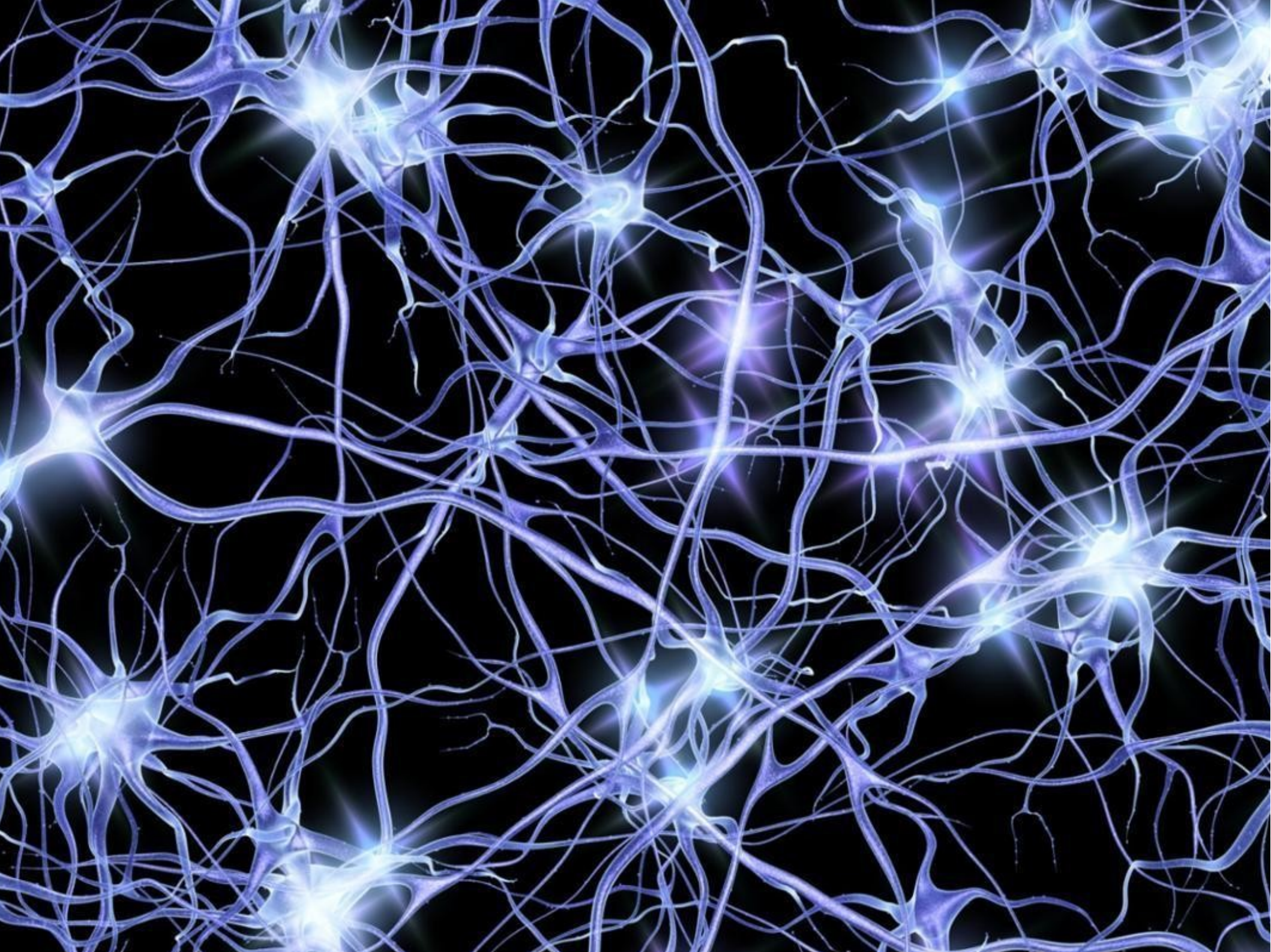
minimize total # of parameters used

L2-regularization

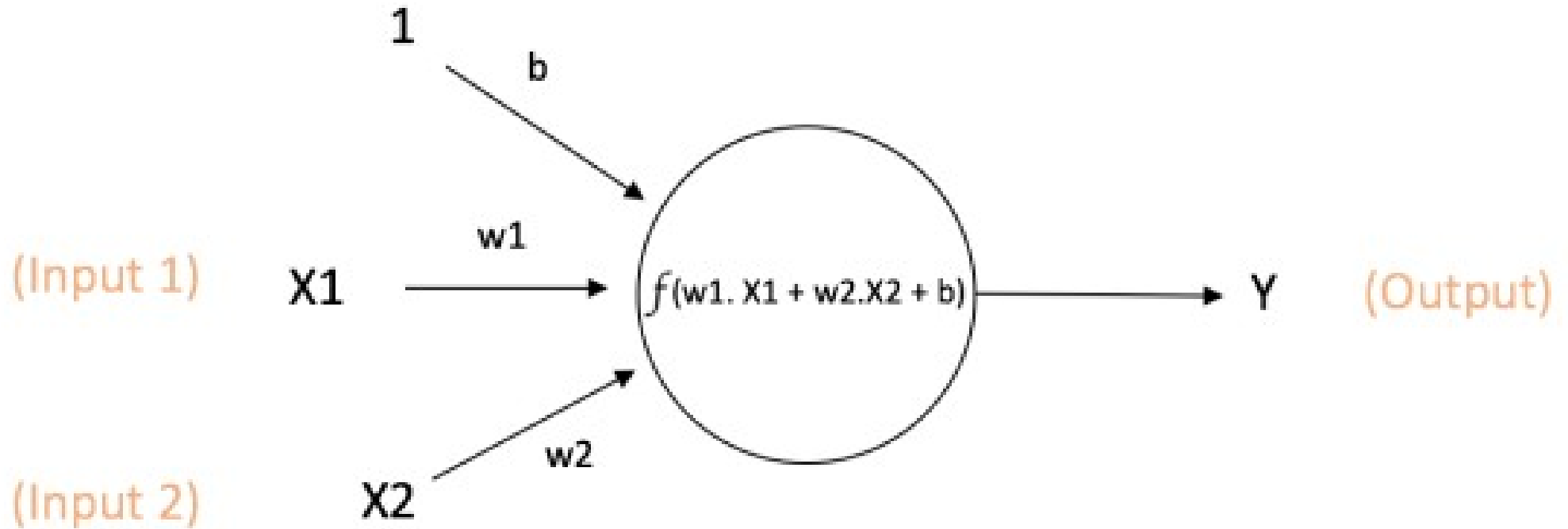


minimizes total combined magnitude of parameters

neural networks



artificial neuron



$$\text{Output of neuron} = Y = f(w1 \cdot X1 + w2 \cdot X2 + b)$$

if “activation function” $f(x)$ is:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w \cdot x + b > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

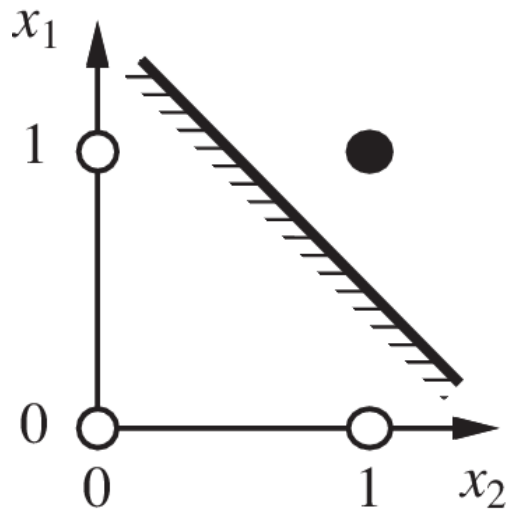
called a “perceptron”

this basic framework is not new...

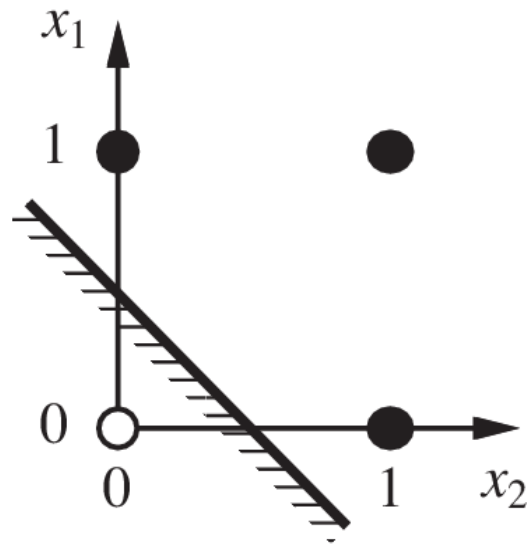
first artificial neuron:
McCulloch & Pitts (1943)

perceptron:
Rosenblatt (1958)

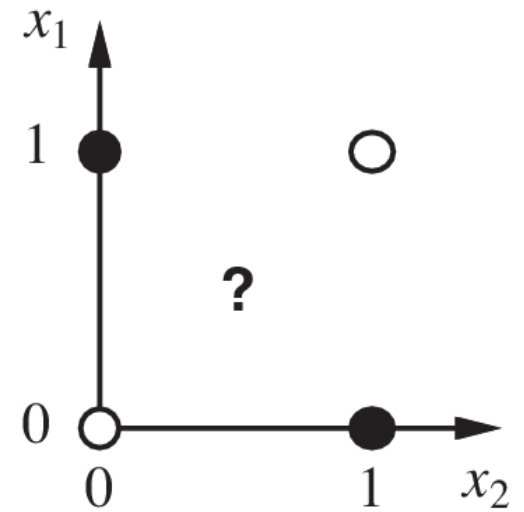
perceptron as logical operator



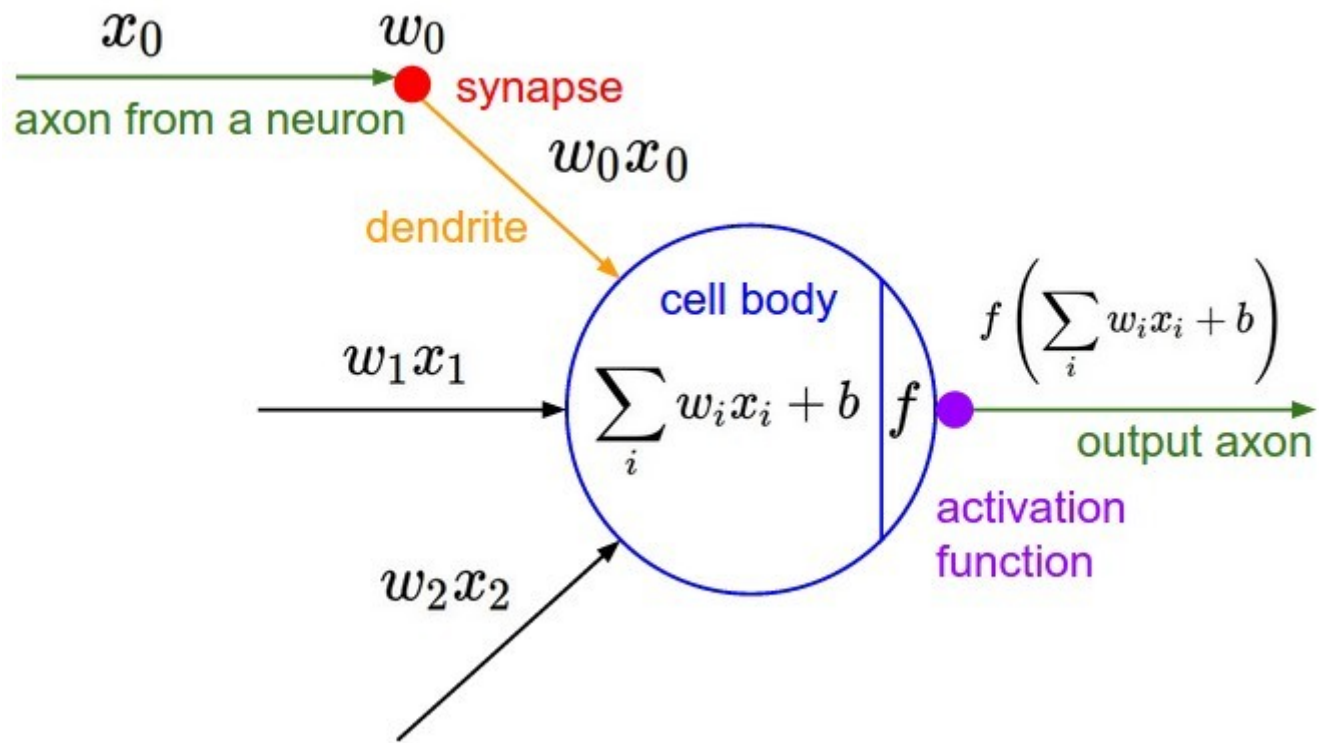
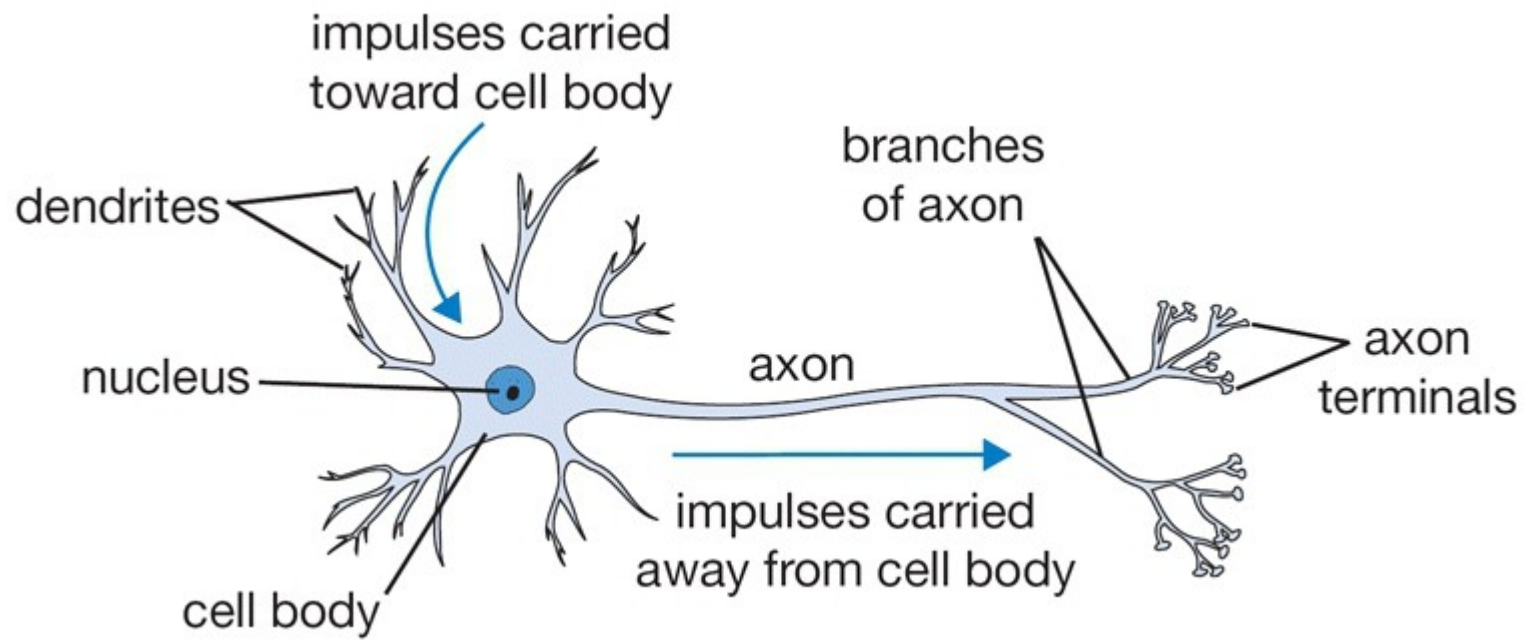
(a) x_1 **and** x_2



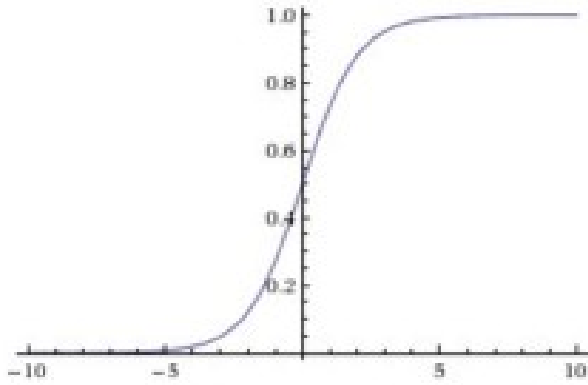
(b) x_1 **or** x_2



(c) x_1 **xor** x_2



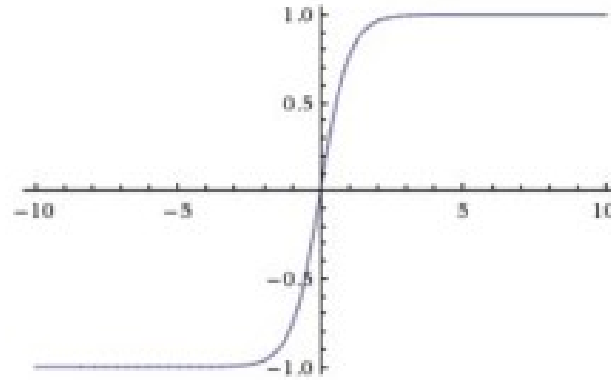
activation functions



Sigmoid

input domain:
 $[-\infty, \infty]$

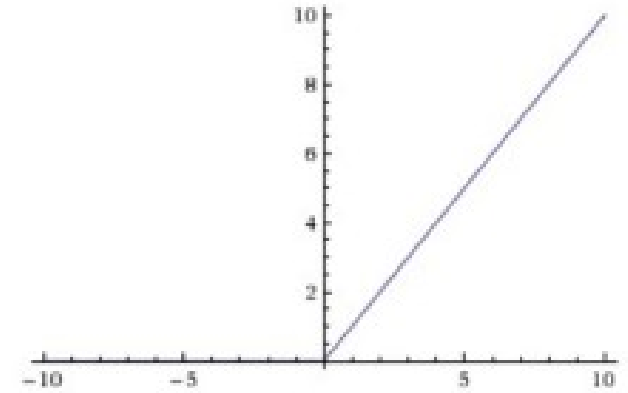
output range:
 $[0, 1]$



tanh

input domain:
 $[-\infty, \infty]$

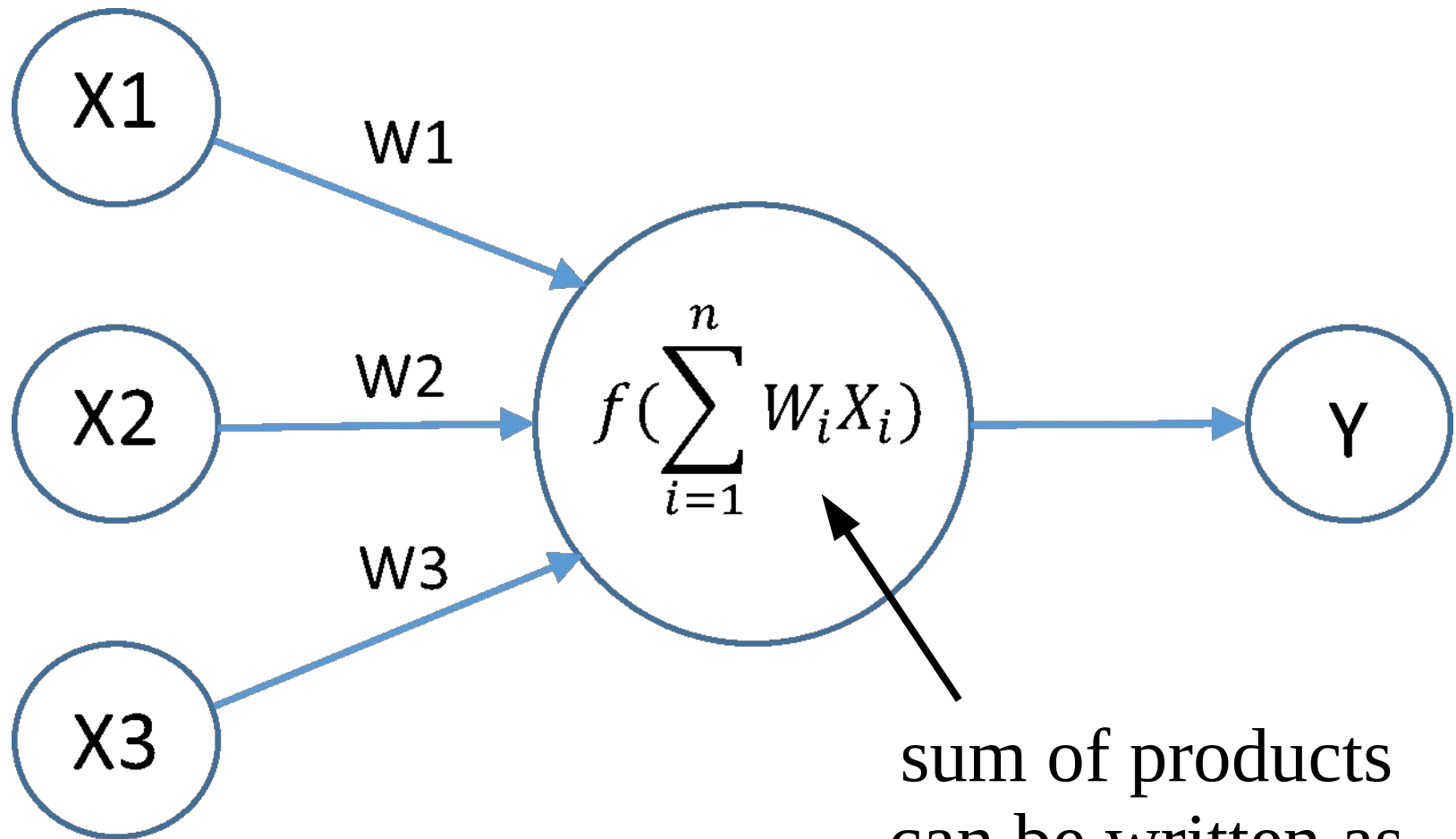
output range:
 $[-1, 1]$



ReLU

input domain:
 $[-\infty, \infty]$

output range:
 $[0, \infty]$



sum of products
can be written as
the dot product of
vectors! ($w \circ x$)