

# Lecture 2: Simple Machine Learning Algorithms for Classification

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# Outline

- Classification problem
- Artificial neurons
  - Intuition
  - Formal definitions
- Perceptron learning
- Perceptron implementation in Python

# Classifications

- Binary classification problem:  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ 
  - 0 (or -1): Negative class (e.g., benign tumors, normal emails, normal transactions)
  - 1: Positive class (e.g., malignant tumors, spam emails, fraudulent transactions)
- Multiclass classification problem:  $y \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ 
  - Power system disturbances (fault, generation loss, load switch on/off)
  - Iris dataset (three different types of flowers)
- Examples and datasets: UCI machine learning repository (<https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/index.php>)

# Applications

- Well defined vs. Not well defined
- Example 1: a climatologist needs to monitor the air quality and give warnings if he foresees that there will be dust storms on a road segment. The data that we can have access to include the temperatures, wind speed, wind velocity, images taken every 15 or 20 minutes.
- Example 2: a rancher needs to monitor the health of his cattle. He sets some sensors on the cattle and record the animal's movement.
- Questions:
  - Can this problem be modeled as a classification problem?
  - If so, what are the class labels and data instances?
  - What issues that regular classification does not consider?

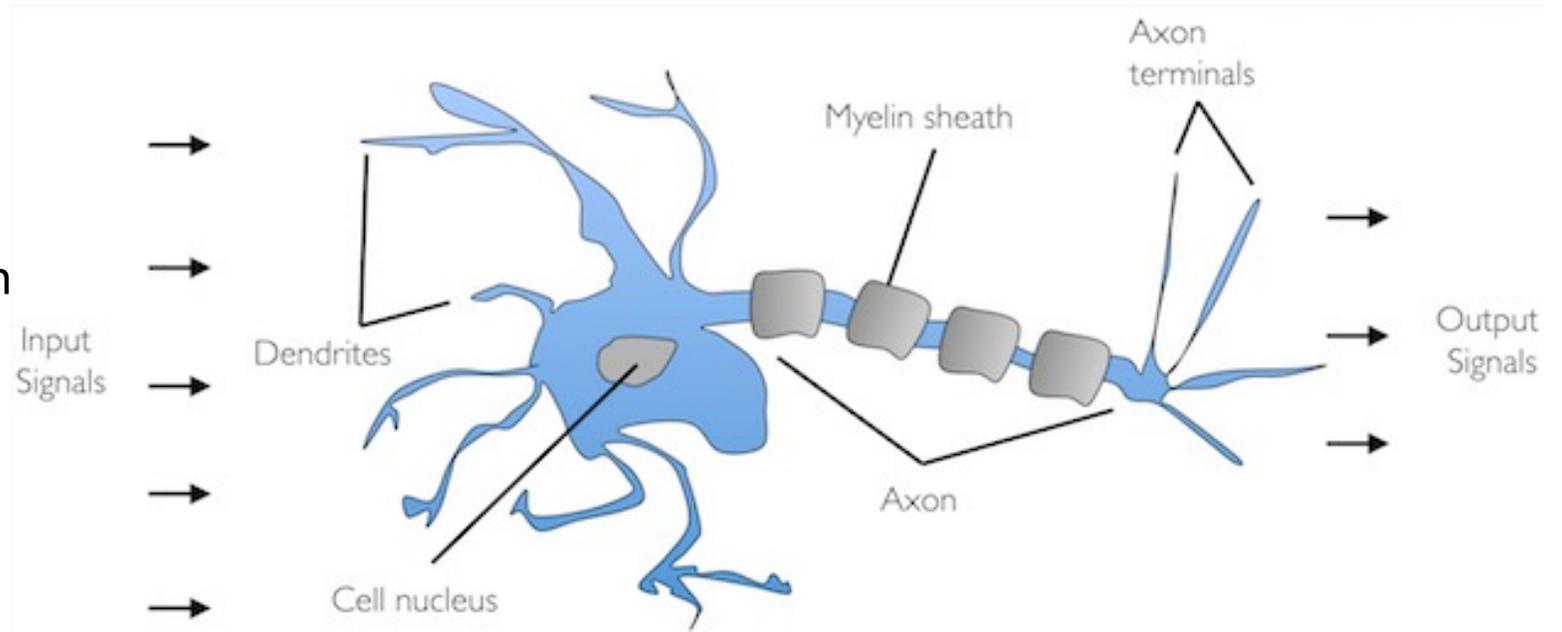
# Artificial neurons – intuition and history

- The first concept of a simplified brain cell, McCulloch-Pitts (**MCP neuron**), in 1943\*.
- Neurons are interconnected **nerve cells** in the brain. They are involved in the processing and transmitting of chemical and electrical signals.
- We are interested in replicating the **biological function**. The first step is to replicate the **biological structure**.

*\* A logical calculus of the ideas immanent in nervous activity, W. S. McCulloch and W. Pitts, Bulletin of Mathematical Biophysics, 5(4): 115-133, 1943).*

# Biological Structures

- **Neurons:** nerve cells
- **Axons:** strands of fibers, for linking neurons
- **Dendrites:** connects neurons and axons
- **Synapses:** the contact point between a dendrite and an axon
- **Logic gate** with binary outputs
  - multiple signals arrive at the dendrites
  - are integrated into the cell body
  - if the accumulated signal exceeds a certain threshold, an output signal is generated that will be passed on by the axon



# Perceptron

- In 1957, Frank Rosenblatt published the first concept of the **perceptron learning** rule based on the MCP neuron model.
- In the context of classification, this algorithm can be used to predict if a sample belongs to one class or the other.
- An **algorithm to** automatically learn the optimal weight coefficients.
  - The coefficients are multiplied with the input features to decide whether a neuron fires or not.

# Artificial neurons – formal definition

- Context of binary classification: 1 (positive class) and -1 (negative class)
- Task: given input  $\mathbf{x}$ , predict its class label.
- Given  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{w}$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \dots \\ x_m \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- The **net input** is  $z = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_m x_m$
- We define a decision function (a variant of a unit step function)

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

# Equation rewriting

- The **net input** is  $z = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} = w_0 x_0 + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_m x_m$ 
  - Where  $x_0=1$  and  $w_0=-\theta$
- We define a decision function  $\varphi(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- **Bias unit:**  $-\theta$

# Perceptron learning rule

- Initialize the weights to be small random numbers
- For a given number of iterations
  - For each training sample  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ 
    - Compute the output value  $\hat{y}^{(i)}$
    - Update the weights  $w_j := w_j + \Delta w_j$  simultaneously for all  $j = 0, \dots, m$
- **Epoch**: one pass over the training dataset is one epoch.

# Weight update

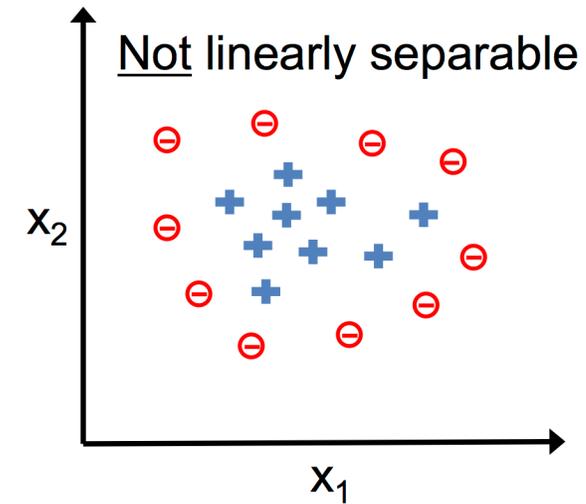
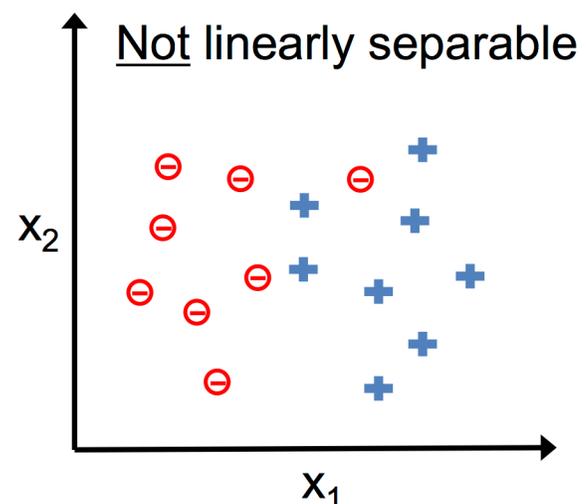
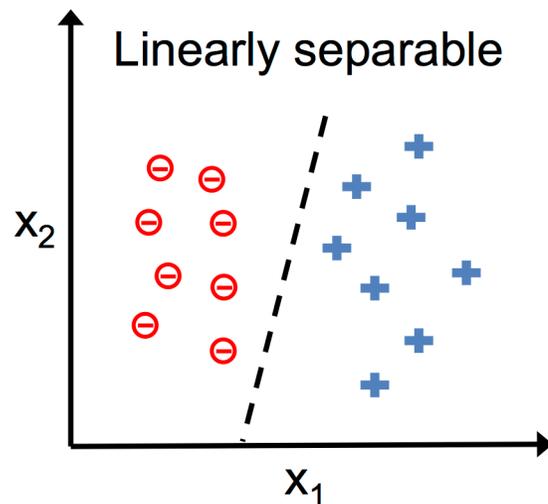
- The calculation of  $\Delta w_j$ :  $\Delta w_j = \eta(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)})x_j^{(i)}$ 
  - $\eta \in [0,1]$  is learning rate. It is typically a constant number
  - $y^{(i)}$  is the true class label of the i-th sample
  - $\hat{y}^{(i)}$  is the predicted class label of the i-th sample
- All  $m+1$  weights are being updated simultaneously. For a  $m$ -dimensional dataset, the update can be written as
  - $\Delta w_0 = \eta(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)})$  because  $x_0^{(i)}=1$
  - $\Delta w_1 = \eta(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)})x_1^{(i)}$
  - $\Delta w_2 = \eta(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)})x_2^{(i)}$
  - ...
  - $\Delta w_m = \eta(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)})x_m^{(i)}$

# More discussions about the perceptron learning rule

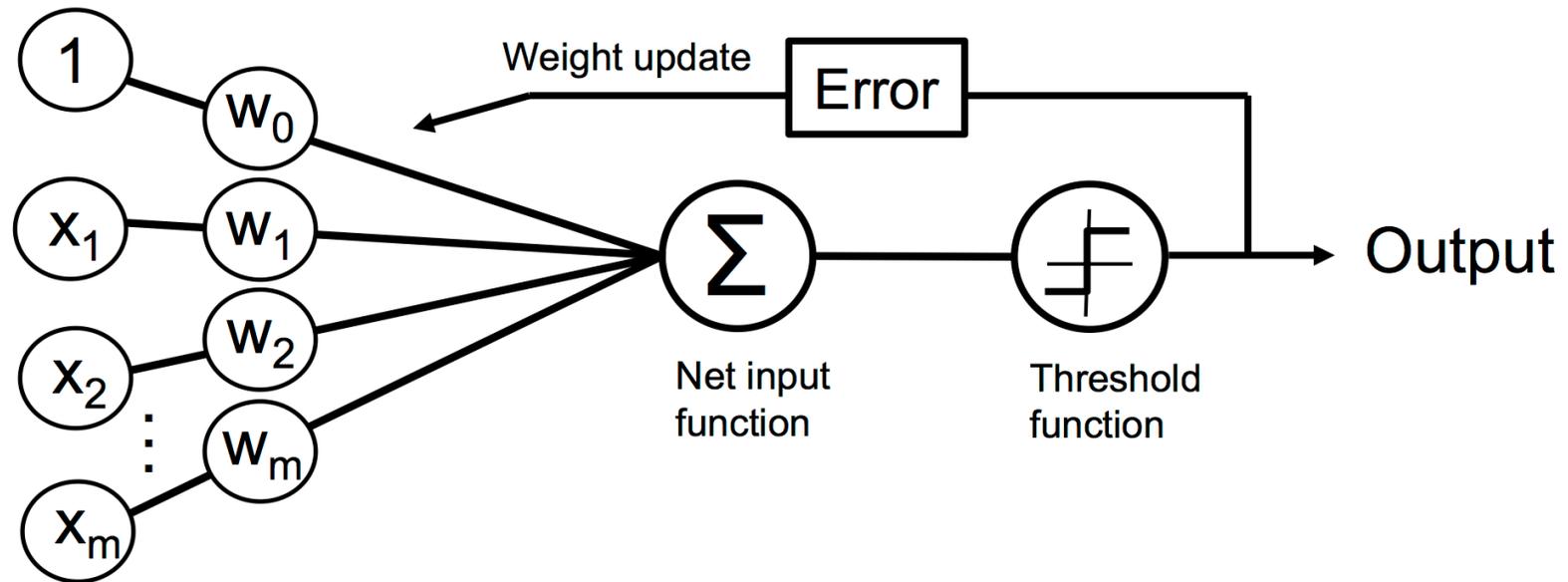
- Consider any example  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$  (i.e., removing the instance index)
- If the perceptron predicts the class label **correctly**, the weights remain unchanged.
  - $\Delta w_j = \eta(1 - 1)x_j = 0$
  - $\Delta w_j = \eta((-1) - (-1))x_j = 0$
- If the perceptron predicts the class label **wrong**, the weights are being pushed **towards the direction of the target** class.
  - If class label 1 is predicted to be class label -1
    - $\Delta w_j = \eta(1 - (-1))x_j = 2\eta x_j$
    - $w_j x_j = (w_j + \Delta w_j) x_j = w_j x_j + \Delta w_j x_j = w_j x_j + 2\eta x_j^2$  (next iteration)
  - Similarly, if class label -1 is predicted to be class label 1
    - $\Delta w_j = \eta((-1) - 1)x_j = -2\eta x_j$ ,  $w_j x_j = w_j x_j - 2\eta x_j^2$

# Convergence & decision boundaries

- The **convergence** of the perceptron is only guaranteed if the two classes are linearly separable and the learning rate is sufficiently small.
- If the two classes can't be separated by a linear decision boundary, we can set a maximum number of epoch and/or a threshold for the number of tolerated misclassifications.
- **Decision boundary:** Three example of separable.



# Perceptron model diagram



# Implementation

- import numpy as np
- import pandas as pd
- **class** Perceptron (object) :

# Parameters and attributes

## Parameters

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**eta** : float

Learning rate (between 0.0 and 1.0)

**n\_iter** : int

Passes over the training dataset.

**random\_state**: int

Random number generator seed for random weight initialization.

## Attributes

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**w\_** : 1d-array

Weights after fitting.

**errors\_** : list

Number of misclassifications (updates) in each epoch.

# Initialization

```
def _init_(self , eta=0.01, n_iter=50, random_state=1):  
    self.eta = eta  
    self.n_iter=n_iter  
    self.random_state = random_state
```

# Training

```
def fit(self, X, y):
```

```
    rgen = np.random.RandomState(self.random_state)
```

```
    self.w_ = rgen.normal(loc=0.0, scale=0.01, size=1 + X.shape[1])
```

```
    self.errors_ = []
```

```
    for _ in range(self.n_iter):
```

```
        errors = 0
```

```
        for xi, target in zip(X, y):
```

```
            update = self.eta * (target - self.predict(xi))
```

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            self.w_[1:] += update * xi
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```
            self.w_[0] += update
```

```
            errors += int(update != 0.0)
```

```
        self.errors.append(errors)
```

```
    return self
```

**numpy.random.RandomState:** Random number generator.

**numpy.random.normal:** Draw random samples from a normal (Gaussian) distribution.

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    self.errors_ = []

    for _ in range(self.n_iter):
        errors = 0
        for xi, target in zip(X, y):
            update = self.eta * (target - self.predict(xi)) #  $\eta(y^{(i)} - \hat{y}^{(i)})$ 
            self.w_[1:] += update * xi
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**The zip() function** returns a zip object, which is an iterator of tuples where the first item in each passed iterator is paired together, and then the second item in each passed iterator are paired together etc. If the passed iterators have different lengths, the iterator with the least items decides the length of the new iterator.

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            self.w_[1:] += update * xi  
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            errors += int(update != 0.0)  
        self.errors_.append(errors)  
    return self
```

# Prediction

```
def net_input(self, X):  
    return np.dot(X, self.w_[1:]) + self.w_[0]
```

```
def predict(self, X):  
    return np.where(self.net_input(X) >= 0.0, 1, -1)
```

**numpy.dot**(a, b, out=None): Dot product of two arrays.

**numpy.where**(condition[, x, y]) Return elements, either from x or y, depending on condition.

# Train a perceptron model for Iris data

- **Binary class:** only use Setosa and Versicolor from the Iris dataset.
- Steps
  - Read the file to a Pandas *DataFrame* object
  - Extract the first 100 class labels that corresponds to 50 *Iris-setosa* and 50 *Iris-versicolor*.
  - Convert the class labels to two integer class labels 1 (versicolor) and -1 (Setosa) to a vector  $y$ .
  - (optional) plot the data
  - **Train our perceptron algorithm**
  - **(for verification) plot the misclassification error for each epoch to check whether the algorithm converges and finds a decision boundary.**

# Train the model

- DataFrame **iloc** function : selection based on location
- DataFrame has the **values method**, which yields the corresponding NumPy representation.

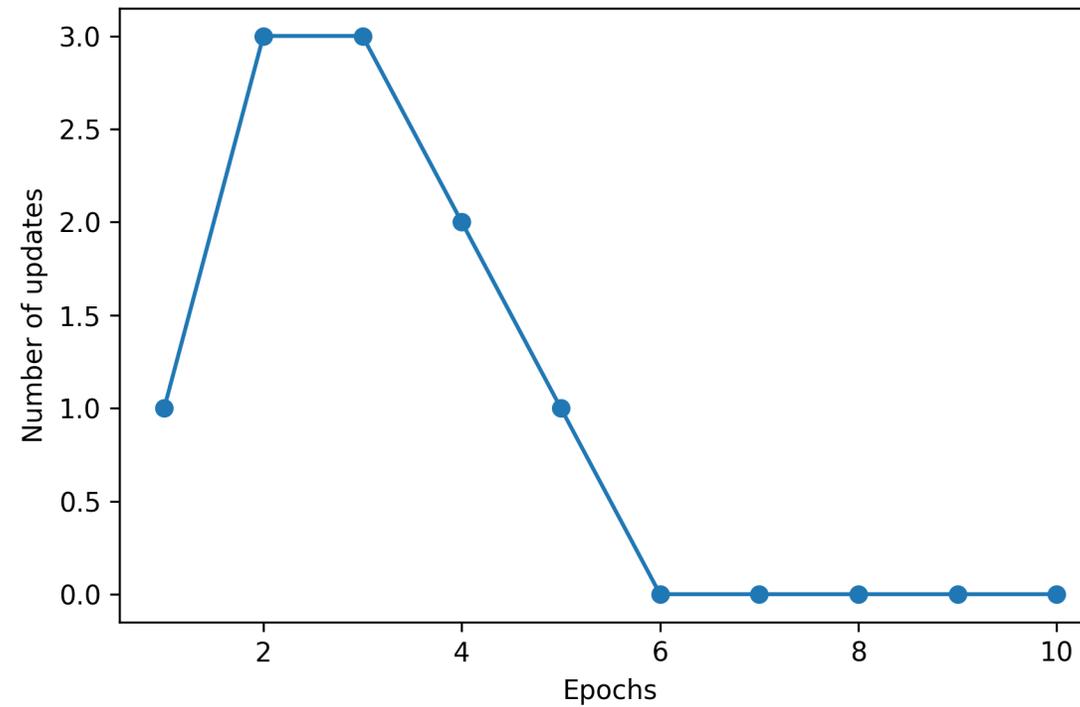
```
df = pd.read_csv('iris.data', header=None)
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```
y = df.iloc[0:100, 4].values           # select setosa and versicolor  
y = np.where(y == 'Iris-setosa', -1, 1) # Convert the class labels to two integer  
X = df.iloc[0:100, [0, 2]].values     # extract sepal length and petal length
```

```
ppn = Perceptron(eta=0.1, n_iter=10)  
ppn.fit(X, y)
```

```
plt.plot(range(1, len(ppn.errors_) + 1), ppn.errors_, marker='o')  
plt.xlabel('Epochs')  
plt.ylabel('Number of updates')
```

# Errors in different iterations



# Summary

- Perceptron learning rule
- Implementation of perceptron model
- Utilize perceptron model

# References

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