# CSCE 689: Special Topics in Trustworthy NLP

Lecture 2: Machine Learning Basics, Word Representations

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## NLP Applications





# Thank you. Below you can find a selection of topics I can help you with. These topics are currently very popular: Check my booking What are my rebooking and refund options? I want to rebook I want to get a refund COVID-19 testing requirements Affected by recent flight schedule update Go to the main menu

Lufthansa Customer Service Chatbot

#### **Customer reviews**

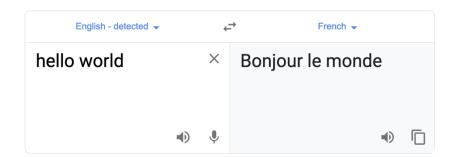
★★★★ 4.6 out of 5
10,134 global ratings

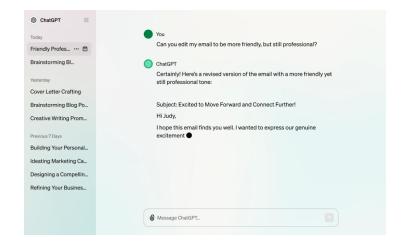
#### **Customers say**

Customers like the sound quality, quality, and ease of installation of the sound and recording equipment. They mention that it does the job quite well as a pop filter and is good value for money. Customers are also satisfied with the sound clarity, quality and ease to installation. However, some customers are mixed on stability, fit, and flexibility.

Al-generated from the text of customer reviews







Your recently viewed items and featured recommendations

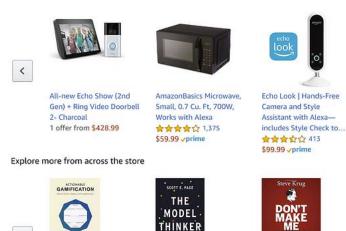
Sponsored products related to this search What's this? ~

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Actionable Gamification:

Beyond Points, Badges...

Yu-kai Chou



The Model Thinker: What

You Need to Know to...

Scott E. Page

Don't Make Me Think,

Revisited: A Common..

> Steve Krug

How to formulate those problems?

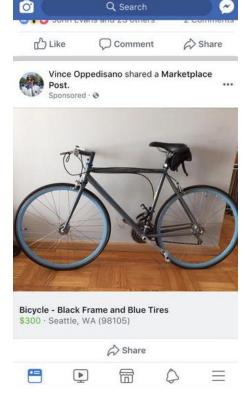
## Formulation

- Build an NLP model to learn the association between input x and output y
- Input x: a sequence of symbols
  - What's the temperature now?
  - I like this restaurant.
- Output y: label
  - Category
  - Structure
  - Text
  - •

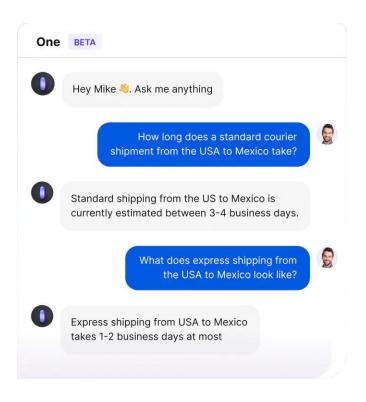
## Text Classification

• Input  $x \rightarrow$  Output y (category)







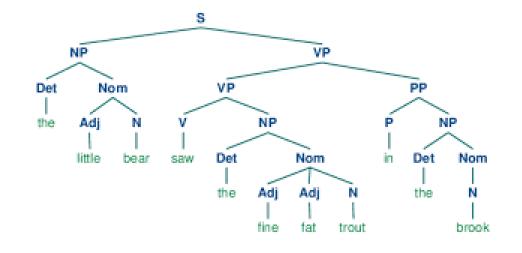


 $y \in \{engineer, business, marketing, IT service\}$ 

## Structured Classification

- Input  $x \rightarrow$  Output y (structure)
  - Multiple labels with dependency





#### **Event**

Car-Accident		
Location	city hall	
Person	foreigner	
Age	26	
Time	Yesterday	

Yesterday, a car accident occurred in front of the city hall, involving a 26-year-old foreigner as the driver. The collision resulted in significant damage to both the vehicles involved and the city hall's facade. Emergency services swiftly responded to the scene and the injured driver was transported to the hospital directly from the site. The extent of the driver's injuries remains undisclosed. Witnesses described the aftermath as chaotic, with visible signs ...

#### Event

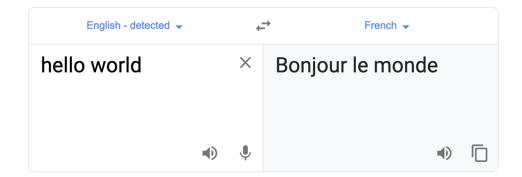
Damage	
Object	vehicles
Object	city hall's facade

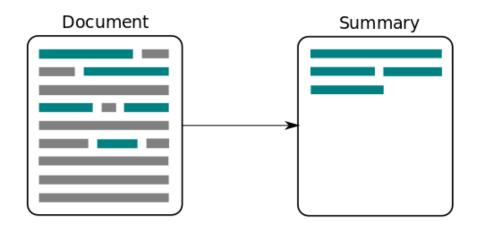
#### Event

Transport-Person		
Person	injured driver	
Origin	city hall	
Destination	hospital	

## Generation

- Input  $x \rightarrow$  Output y (text)
  - Also called sequence-to-sequence tasks





The first recorded travels by Europeans to China and back date from this time. The most famous traveler of the period was the Venetian Marco Polo, whose account of his trip to "Cambaluc," the capital of the Great Khan, and of life there astounded the people of Europe. The account of his travels, Il milione (or, The Million, known in English as the Travels of Marco Polo), appeared about the year 1299. Some argue over the accuracy of Marco Polo's accounts due to the lack of mentioning the Great Wall of China, tea houses, which would have been a prominent sight since Europeans had yet to adopt a tea culture, as well the practice of foot binding by the women in capital of the Great Khan. Some suggest that Marco Polo acquired much of his knowledge through contact with Persian traders since many of the places he named were in Persian.

How did some suspect that Polo learned about China instead of by actually visiting it?

**Answer:** through contact with Persian traders

## Classification vs. Generation

- There is no clear boundary between classification and generation
- Generation = Structured Token Classification

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Answer: through  $y \in \{all\ possible\ words\}$   $y \in \{all\ possible\ words\}$ 

## Classification vs. Generation

- There is no clear boundary between classification and generation
- Classification problems can be solved by generation

What's the sentiment of the following text: I very like this restaurant.



The sentiment is positive.

## Supervised Learning

#### Training Stage

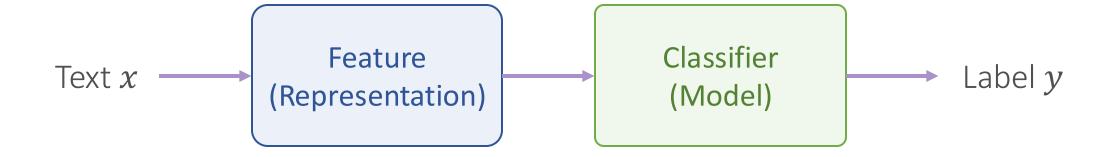
- Training data  $\mathcal{D}_{train} = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_m, y_m)\}$ 
  - Example  $x_i \in \mathcal{X}$ , label  $y_i \in \mathcal{C}$
- Train a classifier (model)  $f: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{C}$

How to train?

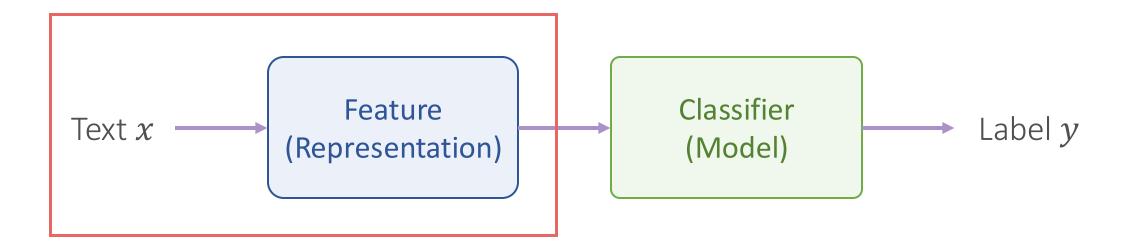
#### **Testing Stage**

- Testing data  $\mathcal{D}_{test} = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_n, y_n)\}$
- Make predictions  $\tilde{y}_i = f(x_i)$
- Evaluate performance  $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i}S(y_{i},\tilde{y}_{i})$  Accuracy, F1 Score, etc.

## A General Framework for Text Classification

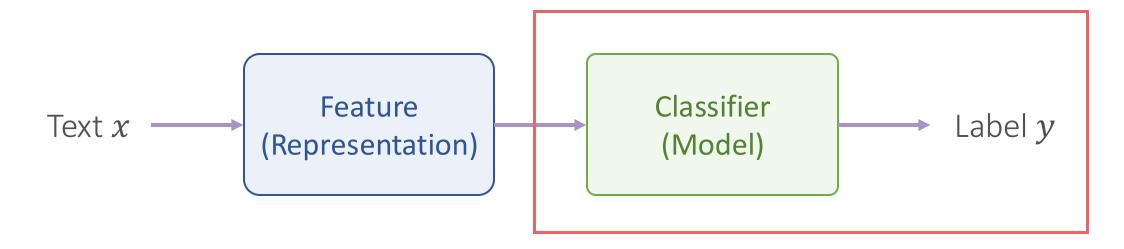


## A General Framework for Text Classification



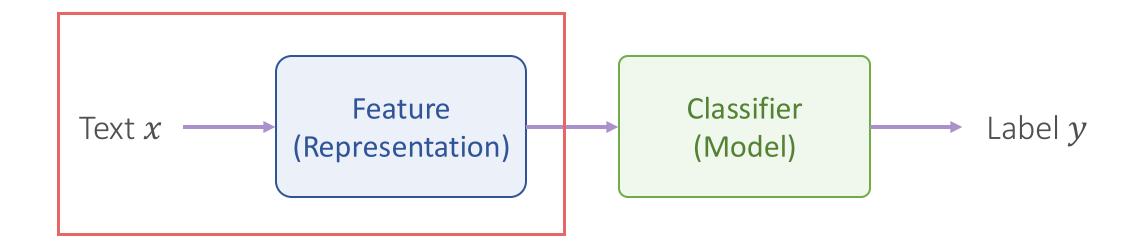
- Teach the model how to understand example x
- Convert the text to a mathematical form
  - The mathematical form captures essential characteristics of the text
- Bag-of-words, n-grams, word embeddings, etc. We will talk about them later!

## A General Framework for Text Classification



- Teach the model how to make prediction y
- Logistic regression, neural networks, CNN, RNN, LSTM, Transformers





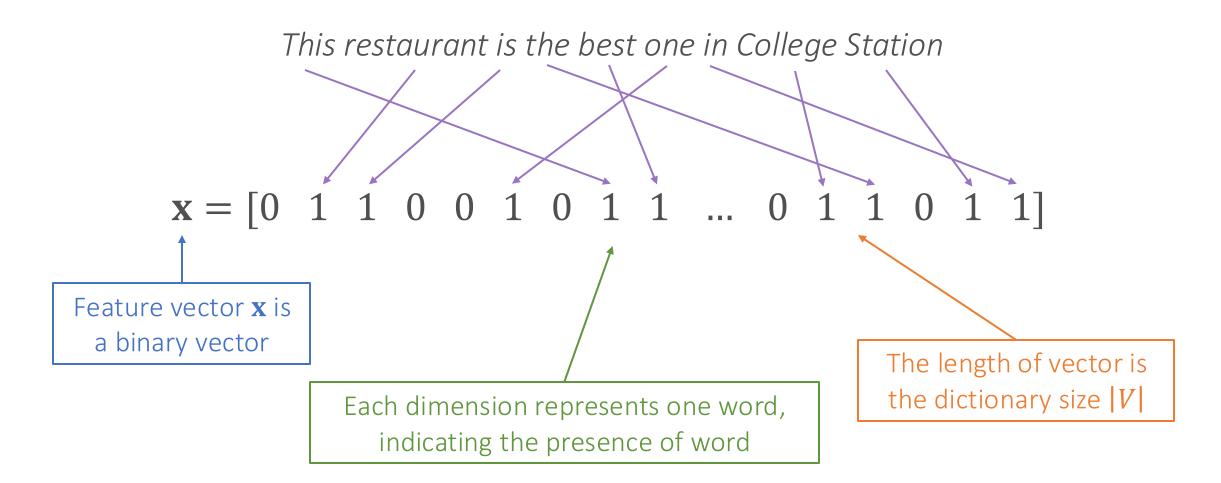
- Bag-of-Words (BoW)
  - Consider text as a set of words
- Easy, no effort required

This restaurant is the best one in College Station



I study natural language processing everyday





Advantages and disadvantages?

Bob likes Alice very much

Alice likes Bob very much

They will have the same BoW vector!

$$\mathbf{x} = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1]$$

BoW fails to capture sentential structure

Any solutions?

## N-Grams

Bob likes Alice very much

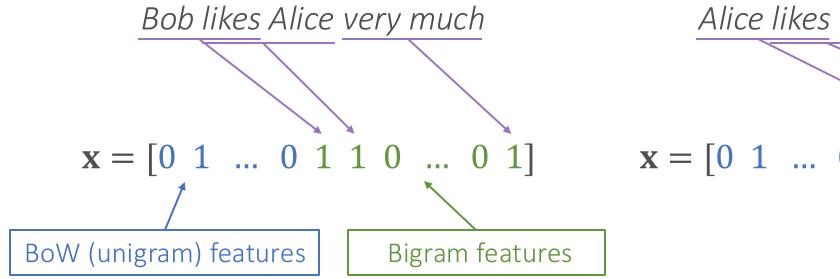
Unigram {Bob, likes, Alice, very, much}

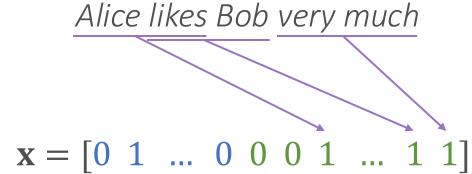
Bigram {Bob likes, likes Alice, Alice very, very much}

Trigram {Bob likes Alice, likes Alice very, Alice very much}

4-gram {Bob likes Alice very, likes Alice very much}

## Bag-of-N-Grams





We can consider trigrams, 4-grams, ...

N-gram features capture more sentential structure

## Other Variants

**Binary BoW** 

$$\mathbf{x} = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ \dots \ 0 \ 1]$$

**Word Count** 

$$\mathbf{x} = [0 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 4 \ \dots \ 0 \ 3]$$

Word Frequency

$$\mathbf{x} = [0 \ 0.16 \ 0.08 \ 0 \ 0.32 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0.24]$$

TF-IDF

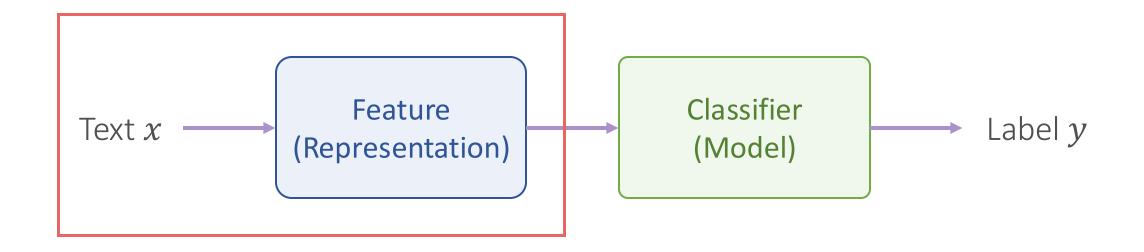
$$\mathbf{x} = [0 \ 0.48 \ 0.02 \ 0 \ 0.15 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0.88]$$

Term Frequency (TF)

$$f_w \cdot \log \frac{N}{n_t}$$

Inverse Document Frequency (IDF)

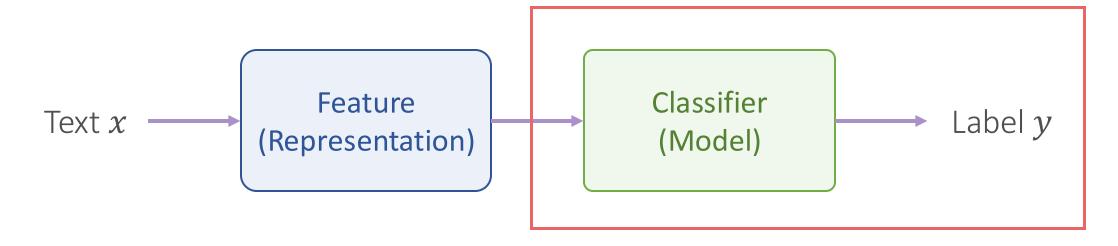
## Bag-of-Words and Bag-of-N-Grams



- Bag-of-Words (BoW)
  - A set of words
- Bag-of-N-Grams
  - A set of n-grams

We will discuss "learnable" features later!

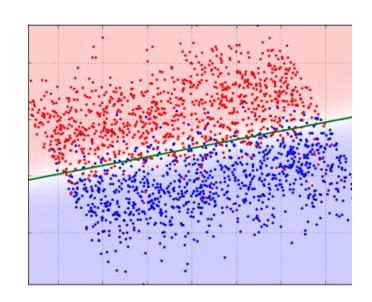
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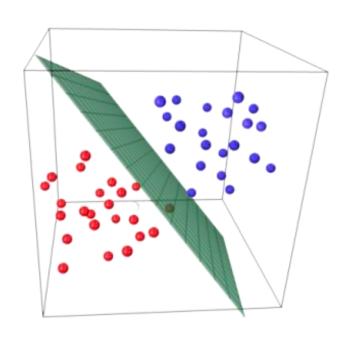


- Logistic regression
  - Find linear weights to map feature vector  ${f x}$  to label y

## Logistic Regression

- Let's start from binary classification
  - Input: feature vector  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_d]$
  - Output: label  $y \in \{0, 1\}$
- Find a linear decision boundary to classify  $\mathbf{x}$  into  $\{0,1\}$





## Logistic Regression

Feature Vector 
$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_d]$$

Label 
$$y = 0$$
 or 1

Weight Vector 
$$\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_d]$$

Bias *b* 

Learnable parameters

 $z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h}$ 

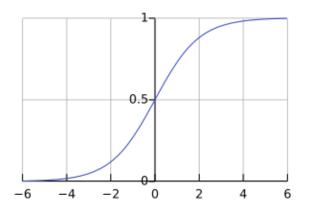
$$z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

$$\tilde{y} = P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(z) \leftarrow$$

Convert to probability

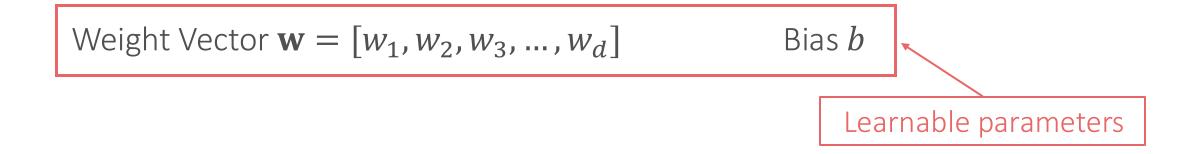
$$\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-t}}$$

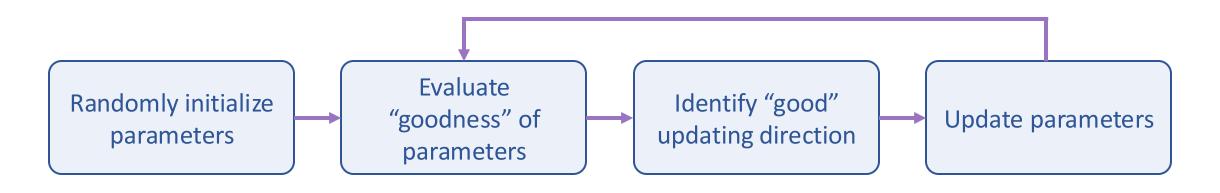
Sigmoid Function



Decision boundary:  $= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{y} \ge 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{v} < 0.5 \end{cases}$ 

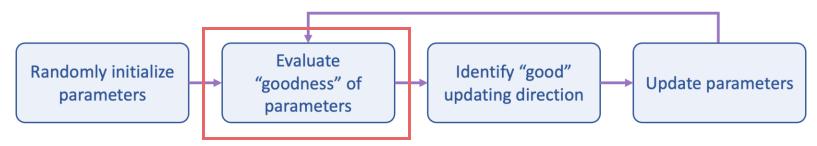
## How to Find The Best Parameters?





## Loss Function

#### **Iterative Optimization Methods**



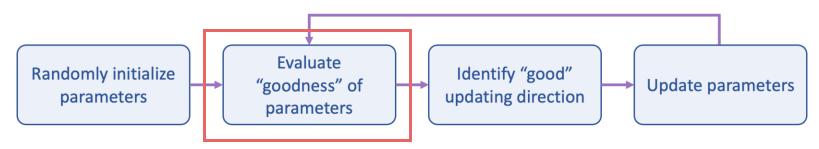
- For each training example (x, y)
- Output label probability is  $\tilde{y} = P(y = 1 | \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b)$

Cross Entropy Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{CE}(y, \tilde{y}) = -[y \log \tilde{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \tilde{y})]$$

## Loss Function

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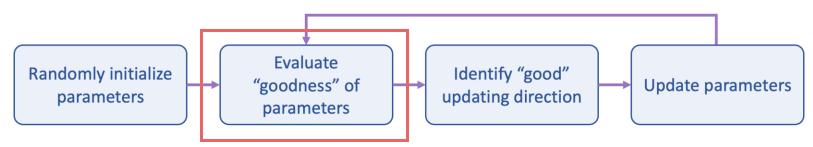
$$\mathcal{L}_{CE}(y, \tilde{y}) = -[y \log \tilde{y} + (1 - y) \log(1 - \tilde{y})]$$

$$y = 1$$
 and  $\tilde{y} = 0.9$   $\mathcal{L}_{CE} = -[1 \cdot \log 0.9 + 0 \cdot \log(0.1)] = -\log 0.9 \approx 0.105$   $y = 1$  and  $\tilde{y} = 0.1$   $\mathcal{L}_{CE} = -[1 \cdot \log 0.1 + 0 \cdot \log(0.9)] = -\log 0.1 \approx 2.302$   $y = 0$  and  $\tilde{y} = 0.9$   $\mathcal{L}_{CE} = -[0 \cdot \log 0.9 + 1 \cdot \log(0.1)] = -\log 0.1 \approx 2.302$   $y = 0$  and  $\tilde{y} = 0.1$   $\mathcal{L}_{CE} = -[0 \cdot \log 0.1 + 1 \cdot \log(0.9)] = -\log 0.9 \approx 0.105$ 

The lower the loss is, the more accurate the output probability is

## Loss Function

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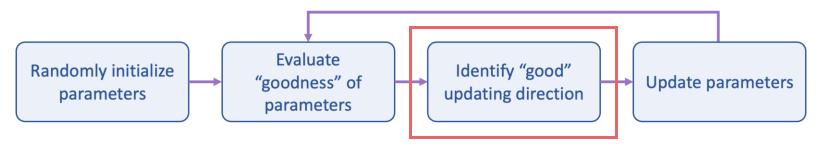
- Training data  $\mathcal{D}_{train} = \{(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), ..., (x_m, y_m)\}$
- Output labels probabilities  $\tilde{y}_1, \tilde{y}_2, ..., \tilde{y}_m$

#### Cross Entropy Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{total} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \mathcal{L}_{CE}(y_i, \widetilde{\mathbf{y_i}}) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} [y_i \log \widetilde{\mathbf{y_i}} + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \widetilde{\mathbf{y_i}})]$$

## Optimization Objective

#### **Iterative Optimization Methods**



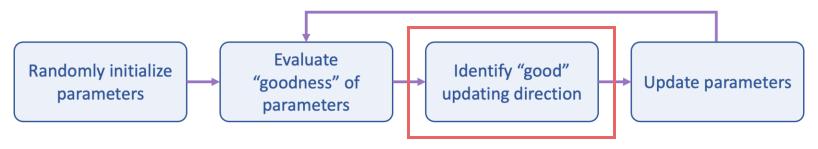
Cross Entropy Loss

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Parameters 
$$\theta = \emptyset$$
 Weight Vector  $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_d]$  Bias  $b$ 

$$[\mathbf{w}^*;b^*]= heta^*=rg\min_{ heta}\mathcal{L}_{total}$$
 Optimization objective

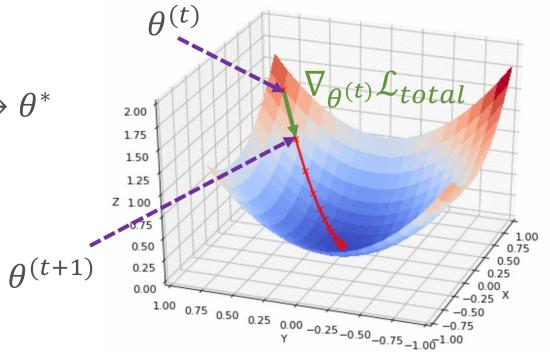
#### **Iterative Optimization Methods**



$$\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{total}$$

$$\theta^{(0)} \to \theta^{(1)} \to \theta^{(2)} \to \cdots \to \theta^{(k)} \to \cdots \to \theta^*$$

 $\nabla_{\theta}(t) \mathcal{L}_{total}$  is a "good" direction to minimize the objective



$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{total}$$

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{total}$$
  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial \mathbf{w}}$   $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial b}$ 

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} = \frac{\partial \left( -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} [y_{i} \log \tilde{y}_{i} + (1 - y_{i}) \log(1 - \tilde{y}_{i})] \right)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial \left( -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} [y_{i} \log \sigma(z_{i}) + (1 - y_{i}) \log(1 - \sigma(z_{i}))] \right)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \left[ y_{i} \frac{\partial \log \sigma(z_{i})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} + (1 - y_{i}) \frac{\partial \log(1 - \sigma(z_{i}))}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} \right]$$

$$\tilde{y}_i = \sigma(z_i) \\
z_i = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x}_i + b$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \left[ y_{i} \frac{\partial \log \sigma(z_{i})}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} + (1 - y_{i}) \frac{\partial \log(1 - \sigma(z_{i}))}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial \log \sigma(z_i)}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} = \frac{1}{\sigma(z_i)} \cdot \left[ \sigma(z_i) (1 - \sigma(z_i)) \right] \cdot \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = (1 - \sigma(z_i)) \mathbf{x}_{i,j}$$

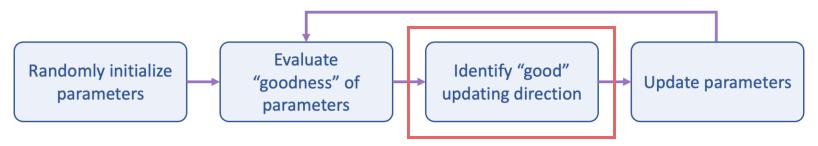
$$\sigma'(z) = \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))$$

$$\frac{\partial \log(1 - \sigma(z_i))}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} = \frac{1}{1 - \sigma(z_i)} \cdot \left[ -\sigma(z_i) \left( 1 - \sigma(z_i) \right) \right] \cdot \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = -\sigma(z_i) \mathbf{x}_{i,j} \quad \left[ \left( 1 - \sigma(z) \right)' = -\sigma(z) (1 - \sigma(z)) \right]$$

$$\left(1 - \sigma(z)\right)' = -\sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial \mathbf{w}_{j}} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \left[ y_{i} \left( 1 - \sigma(z_{i}) \right) \mathbf{x}_{i,j} + (1 - y_{i}) \left( -\sigma(z_{i}) \mathbf{x}_{i,j} \right) \right]$$

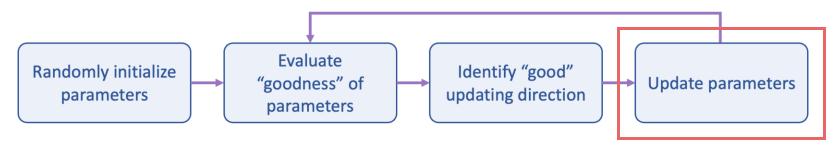
$$= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \left( y_{i} - \sigma(z_{i}) \right) \mathbf{x}_{i,j} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \left( \tilde{y}_{i} - y_{i} \right) \mathbf{x}_{i,j}$$



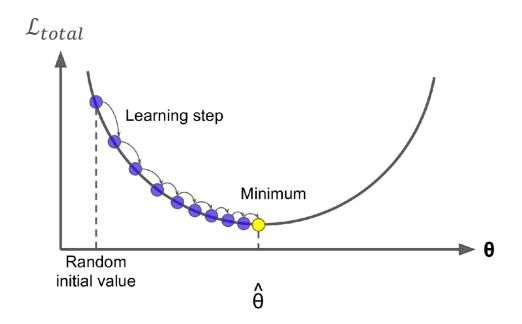
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\widetilde{y}_i - y_i) \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{total}}{\partial b} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} (\widetilde{y}_i - y_i)$$

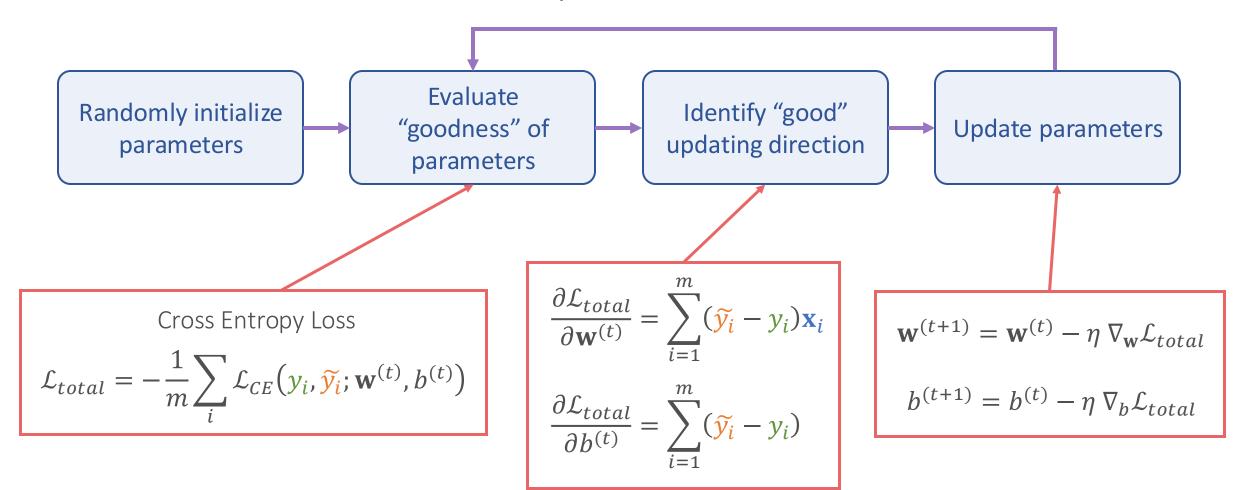
## **Gradient Descent**



$$\mathbf{w}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(t)} - \eta \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}_{total}$$
 
$$b^{(t+1)} = b^{(t)} - \eta \nabla_{b} \mathcal{L}_{total}$$
 Learning step



## Training Process



## From Binary to Multiclass Classification

Logistic Regression for binary classification

Feature Vector 
$$\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_d]$$
 Label  $y = 0$  or 1

Weight Vector  $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_d]$ 

Bias b

Learnable Parameters

$$z = \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b$$

$$P(y=1|\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(z)$$

$$\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-t}}$$

Sigmoid Function

Prediction = 
$$\begin{cases} 1 & || P(y = 1 || \mathbf{x}) \ge 0.5 \\ 0 & || P(y = 1 || \mathbf{x}) < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

## From Binary to Multiclass Classification

Logistic Regression for multiclass classification

Feature Vector 
$$\mathbf{x}=[x_1,x_2,x_3,...,x_d]$$
 Label  $y=0,1,...,C-1$  Weight Vectors  $\mathbf{w}_c=[w_{c,1},w_{c,2},w_{c,3},...,w_{c,d}]$  Bias  $b_c$  Learnable Parameters

 $z_c = \mathbf{w}_c \cdot \mathbf{x} + b_c$ 

$$P(y = c | \mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{softmax}(z_c)$$

$$softmax(z_c) = \frac{e^{z_c}}{\sum_t e^{z_t}}$$

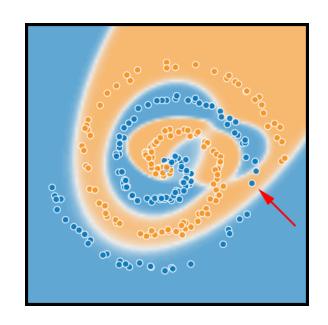
Softmax Function

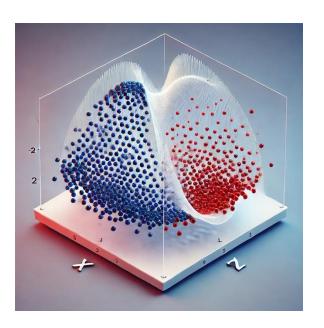
Prediction = 
$$\underset{c}{\operatorname{arg}} \max_{c} P(y = c | \mathbf{x})$$

### Logistic Regression

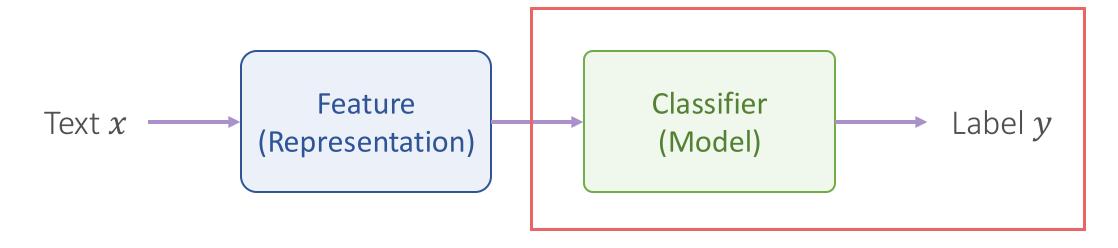
- Logistic regression
  - Find linear weights to map feature vector  ${f x}$  to label y

What if linear weights are not powerful enough?





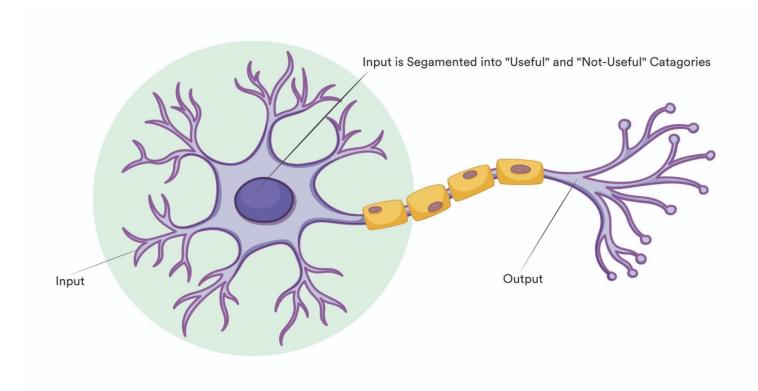
### **Neural Networks**



- Neural Networks
  - Find a non-linear decision boundary to map feature vector  ${\bf x}$  to label y

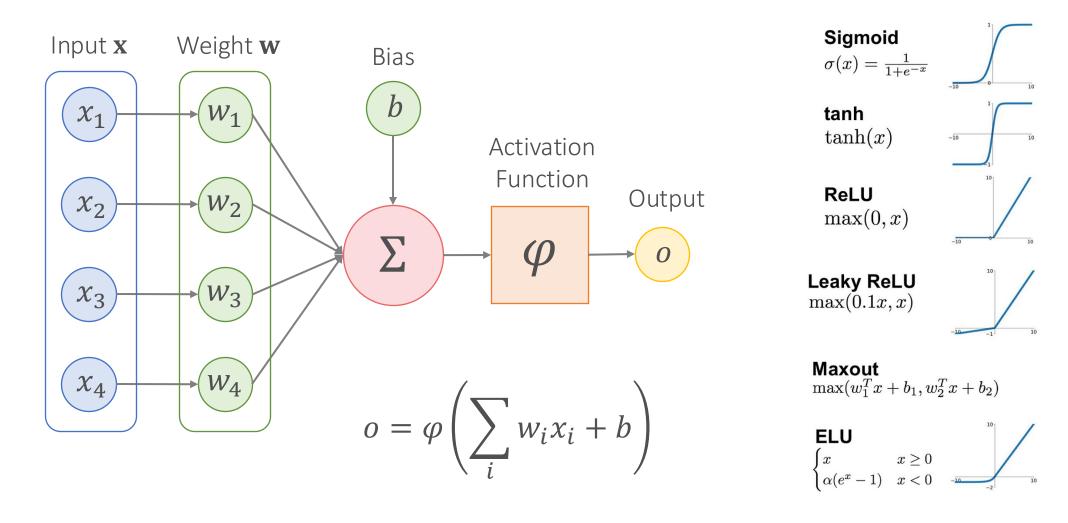
# Biological Neurons

Neuron activation: A neuron becomes active to transmit information when it receives sufficient input from other neurons

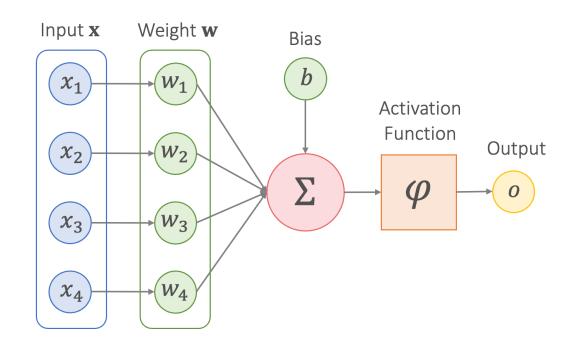


#### Neurons in Neural Networks

Mimic the behavior of neurons to transmit information



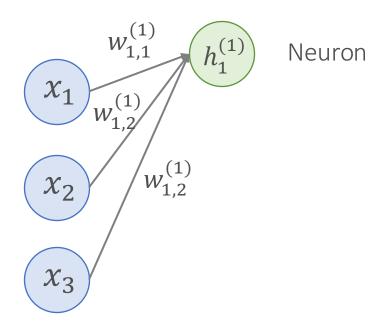
### Neurons vs. Logistic Regression



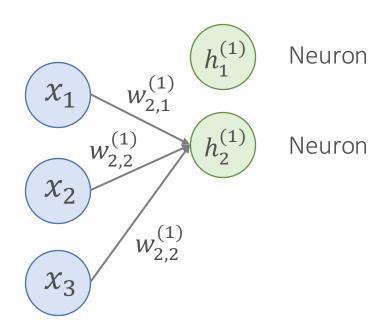
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Feature Vector 
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Weight Vector  $\mathbf{w} = [w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_d]$   
Bias  $b$ 

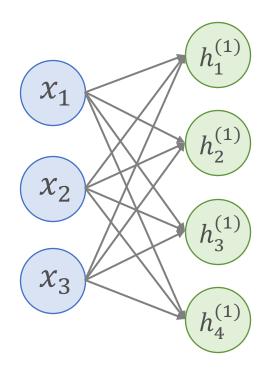
$$\tilde{y} = \sigma \left( \sum_{i} w_{i} x_{i} + b \right)$$



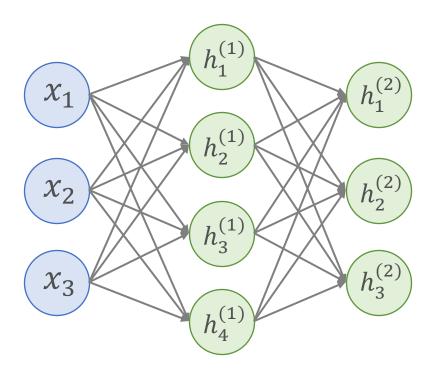
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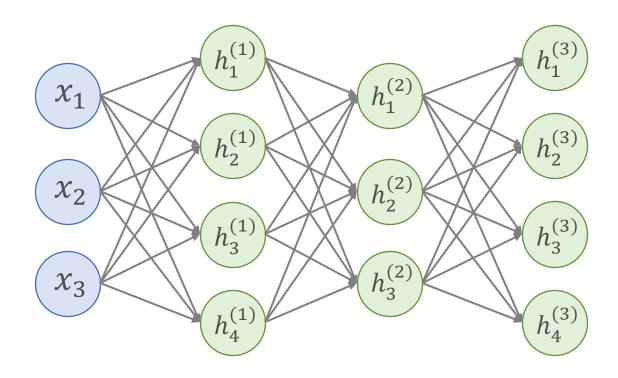
$$h_2^{(1)} = \varphi\left(\sum_i w_{2,i}^{(1)} x_i + b\right) = \varphi\left(\mathbf{w}_2^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b\right)$$



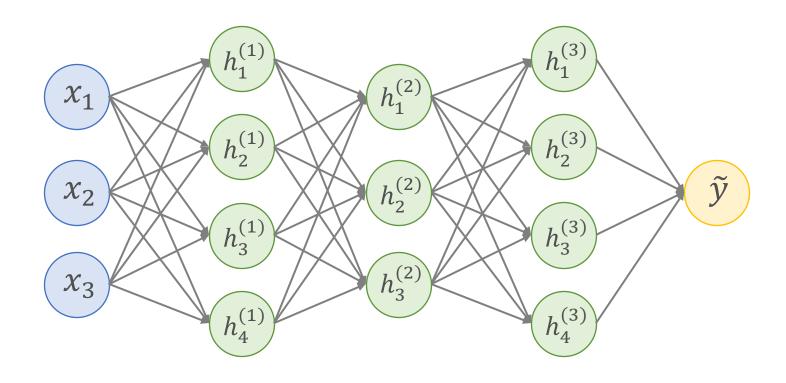
$$\mathbf{h}^{(1)} = \varphi (\mathbf{W}^{(1)} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)})$$



$$\mathbf{h}^{(2)} = \varphi \left( \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \mathbf{h}^{(1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \right)$$



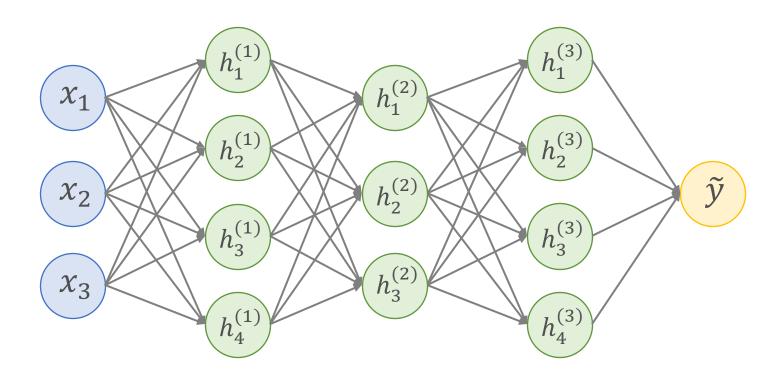
$$\mathbf{h}^{(3)} = \varphi (\mathbf{W}^{(3)} \mathbf{h}^{(2)} + \mathbf{b}^{(3)})$$



Decision boundary: 
$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \tilde{y} \ge 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{if } \tilde{y} < 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{y} = \sigma (\mathbf{W}^{(o)} \mathbf{h}^{(3)} + \mathbf{b}^{(o)})$$

### Optimization Objective

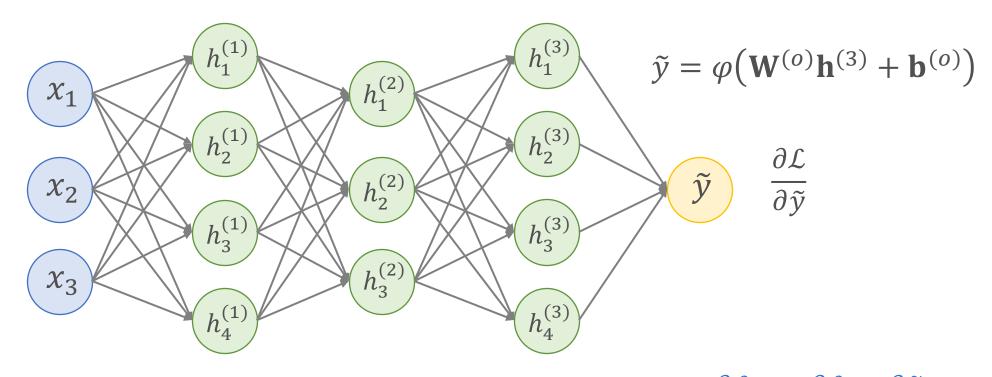


Cross Entropy Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{total} = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i} \mathcal{L}_{CE}(y_i, \widetilde{y_i})$$

Parameters 
$$\theta = \{\mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \mathbf{W}^{(2)}, \mathbf{W}^{(3)}, \mathbf{W}^{(o)}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)}, \mathbf{b}^{(2)}, \mathbf{b}^{(3)}, \mathbf{b}^{(o)}\},$$
 
$$\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{total}$$

### Back-Propagation

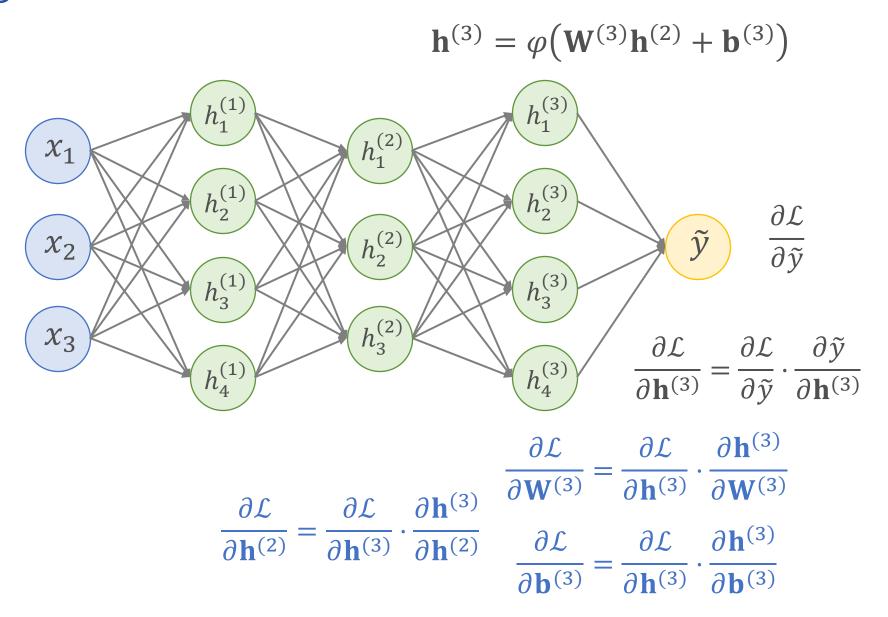


$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(3)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \tilde{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \tilde{y}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(3)}}$$

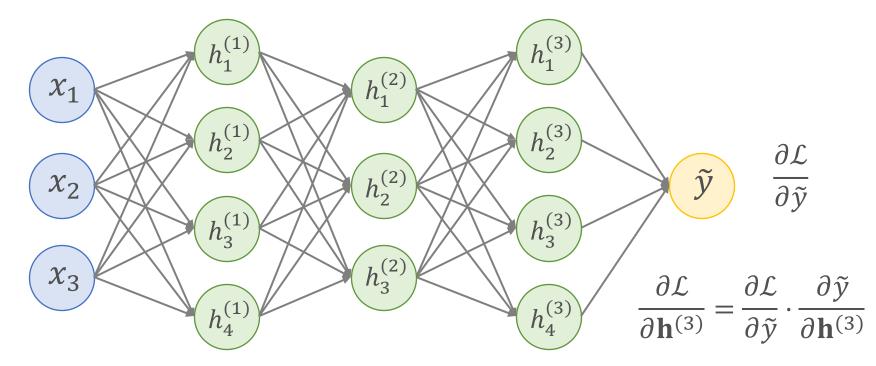
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### Back-Propagation



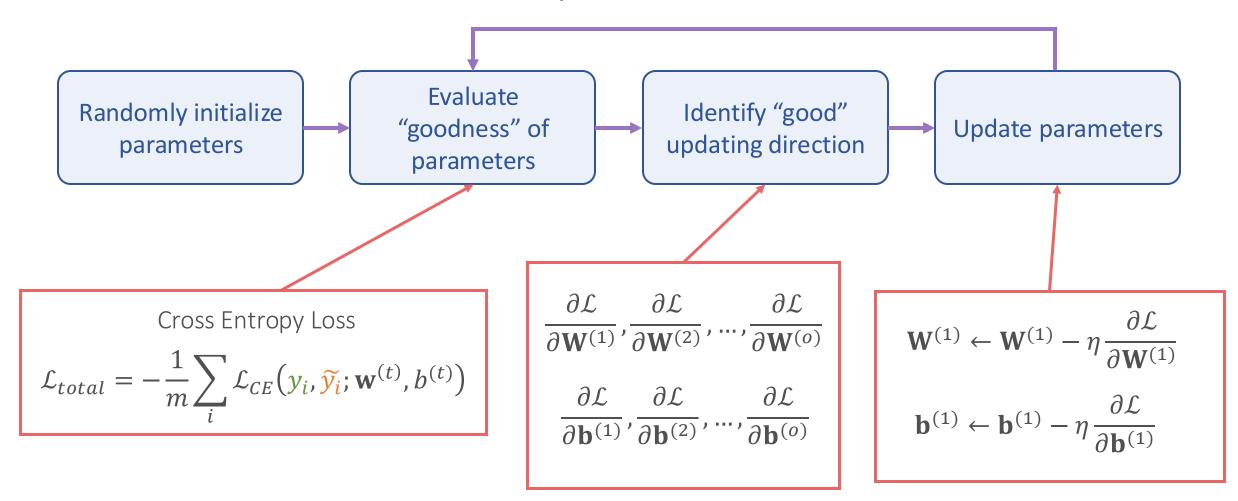
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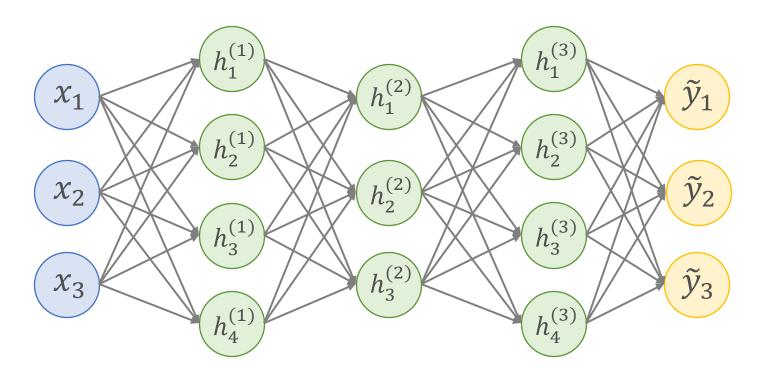
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## Training Process

#### **Iterative Optimization Methods**



### From Binary to Multiclass Classification

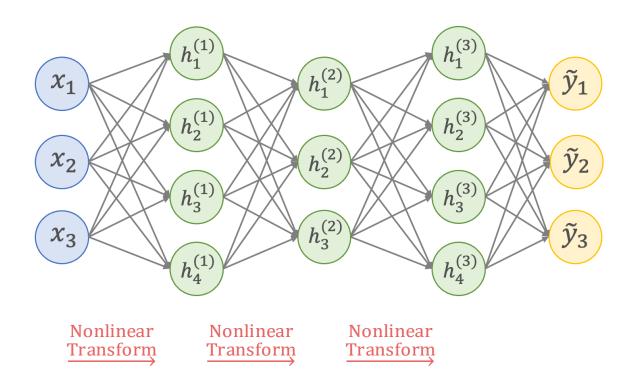


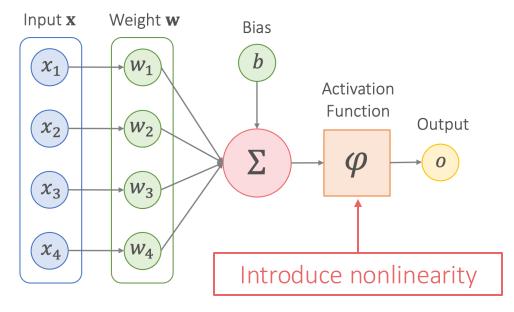
Prediction =  $\arg \max_{c} \tilde{y}_{c}$ 

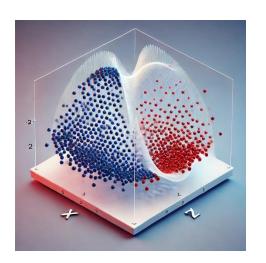
Multiclass Cross Entropy Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{CE}(y, \tilde{y}) = -\sum_{c=0}^{C} y_c \log P(y = c | \mathbf{x})$$

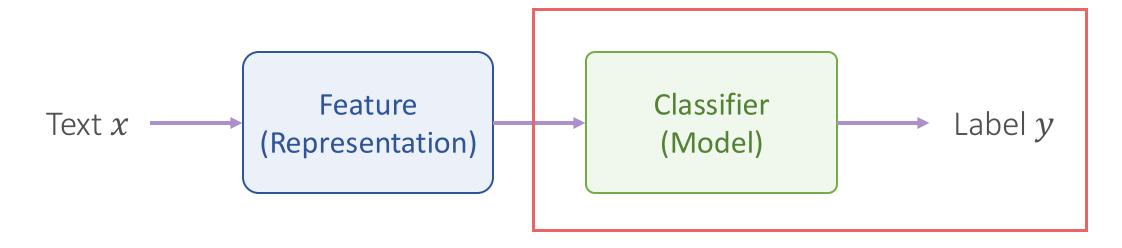
### What Makes Neural Networks Powerful?





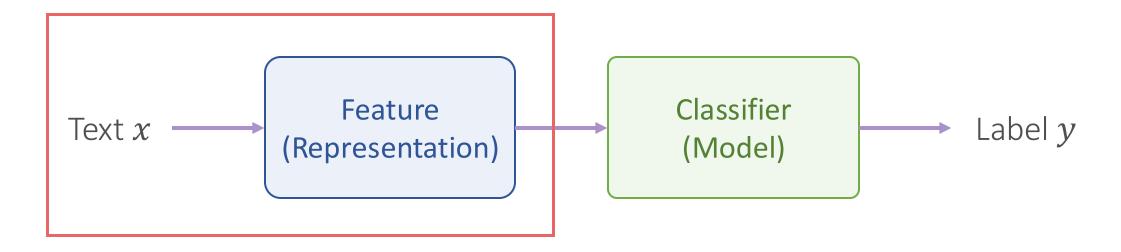


### **Neural Networks**



- Neural Networks
  - Find a non-linear decision boundary to map feature vector  ${\bf x}$  to label y

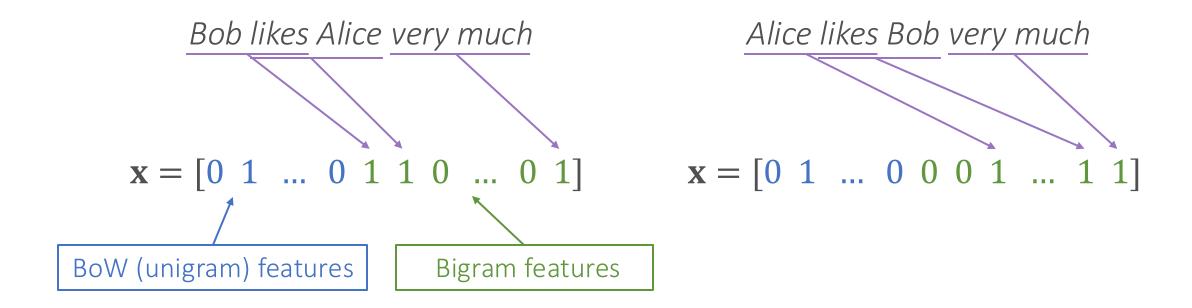
### Recap: Bag-of-Words and N-Grams



- Teach the model how to understand example x
- Convert the text to a mathematical form
  - The mathematical form captures essential characteristics of the text
- Bag-of-words and n-grams

We will discuss "learnable" features today!

## Bag-of-Words and N-Gram Features



We can consider trigrams, 4-grams, ...

Encode a text to *one vector* 

#### Words as Vectors

Use *one vector* to represent *each word*Text = A list of vectors

Advantages?

## Representing Words by Their Contexts

**Distributional hypothesis:** words that occur in similar contexts tend to have similar meanings



#### J.R.Firth 1957

- "You shall know a word by the company it keeps"
- One of the most successful ideas of modern statistical NLP!

...government debt problems turning into banking crises as happened in 2009...
...saying that Europe needs unified banking regulation to replace the hodgepodge...
...India has just given its banking system a shot in the arm...

These context words will represent banking

## Distributional Hypothesis

C1: A bottle of \_\_\_\_ is on the table.

C2: Everybody likes \_\_\_\_.

C3: Don't have \_\_\_\_ before you drive.

C4: I bought \_\_\_\_ yesterday.

	C1	C2	C3	C4
juice	1	1	0	1
loud	0	0	0	0
motor-oil	1	0	0	1
chips	0	1	0	1
choices	0	1	0	0
wine	1	1	1	1

Words that occur in similar contexts tend to have similar meanings

### Word Vectors from Word-Word Co-Occurrence Matrix

data

10

eat

8

- Main idea: Similar contexts → Similar word co-occurrence
- Collect a bunch of texts and compute co-occurrence matrix
- Words can be represented by row vectors

computer

6

shark

apple

bread

digital

information

		cos(u,	$\mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\ \mathbf{u}\  \ \mathbf{v}\ }$
Wo	rd Vector		High cosine similarity!
	result	sugar	_ //
	0	2	
	0	1	
	2	0	
	2	0	
rse '	vectors		Low cosine similarity!

Most entries are 0s → sparse vectors

### Issues with Word-Word Co-Occurrence Matrix

- Using raw frequency counts is not always very good (why?)
  - Some frequent words (e.g., the, it, or they) can have large counts

	shark	computer	data	eat	result	sugar	the	it
apple	0	0	0	8	0	2	104	67
bread	0	0	0	9	0	1	95	76
digital	0	6	5	0	2	0	101	65

Similarity(apple, bread) ≈ 0.994710

Similarity(apple, digital)  $\approx 0.995545$ 

Similarity is dominated by frequent words

Solution: use a weighted function instead of raw counts

### Pointwise Mutual Information

#### Pointwise Mutual Information (PMI)

Do events x and y co-occur more or less than if they were independent?

$$PMI(x, y) = \log_2 \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x)P(y)}$$

- PMI =  $0 \rightarrow x$  and y occur independently  $\rightarrow$  co-occurrence is as expected
- PMI > 0  $\rightarrow x$  and y co-occur more often than expected
- PMI < 0  $\rightarrow x$  and y co-occur less often than expected

#### Co-Occurrence Matrix with Positive PMI

Positive Pointwise Mutual Information (PPMI)

$$PPMI(x, y) = \max\left(\log_2 \frac{P(x, y)}{P(x)P(y)}, 0\right)$$

	shark	computer	data	eat	result	sugar	the	it
apple	0	0	0	1.80	0	0.35	0.08	0
bread	0	0	0	1.54	0	0.29	0	0.14
digital	0	1.47	1.22	0	0.61	0	0.10	0.06

Similarity(apple, bread) ≈ 0.995069

Similarity(apple, digital)  $\approx 0.010795$ 

### Sparse Vectors vs. Dense Vectors

- The vectors in the word-word occurrence matrix are
  - Long: vocabulary size
  - **Sparse**: most are 0's
- Can we have short short (50-300 dimensional) and dense (real-valued) vectors?
  - Short vectors are easier to use as features in ML systems
  - Dense vectors may generalize better than explicit counts
  - Sparse vectors can't capture high-order co-occurrence
    - $w_1$  co-occurs with "car",  $w_2$  co-occurs with "automobile"
    - They should be similar, but they aren't, because "car" and "automobile" are distinct dimensions
  - In practice, they work better!

#### How to Get Dense Vectors?

Singular value decomposition (SVD) of PPMI weighted co-occurrence matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ X \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W \\ W \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ W \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ W \end{bmatrix}$$

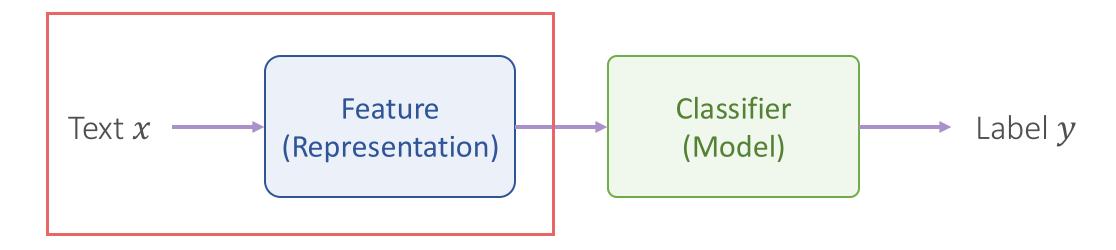
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### Count-Based Word Vectors



- Use one vector to represent each word
- Get word vectors by singular value decomposition (SVD) of PPMI weighted co-occurrence matrix