MOTIVATION

- The graphical way of representing simple functions/models, like logistic regression. Why is that useful?
- Because individual neurons can be used as building blocks of more complicated functions.
- Networks of neurons can represent extremely complex hypothesis spaces.
- Most importantly, it allows us to define the "right" kinds of hypothesis spaces to learn functions that are more common in our universe in a data-efficient way (see Lin, Tegmark et al. 2016).

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REPRESENTATION LEARNING

- It is *very* critical to feed a classifier the "right" features in order for it to perform well.
- Before deep learning took off, features for tasks like machine vision and speech recognition were "hand-designed" by domain experts. This step of the machine learning pipeline is called feature engineering.
- DL automates feature engineering. This is called **representation learning**.

SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS

Single neurons perform a 2-step computation:

- Affine Transformation: a weighted sum of inputs plus bias.
- **Activation:** a non-linear transformation on the weighted sum.

Single hidden layer networks consist of two layers (without input layer):

- Hidden Layer: having a set of neurons.
- **Output Layer:** having one or more output neurons.
- Multiple inputs are simultaneously fed to the network.
- Each neuron in the hidden layer performs a 2-step computation.
- The final output of the network is then calculated by another 2-step computation performed by the neuron in the output layer.

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Each hidden neuron performs a non-linear **activation** transformation on the weight sum:





The output neuron performs an affine transformation on its inputs:





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The output neuron performs a non-linear **activation** transformation on the weight sum:





HIDDEN LAYER: ACTIVATION FUNCTION

- If the hidden layer does not have a non-linear activation, the network can only learn linear decision boundaries.
- A lot of different activation functions exist.

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HIDDEN LAYER: ACTIVATION FUNCTION

ReLU Activation:

• Currently the most popular choice is the ReLU (rectified linear unit):



$$\sigma(\mathbf{v}) = \max(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{v})$$

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