



# Neural Networks

## Required reading:

- Neural nets: Mitchell chapter 4

## Optional reading:

- Bias/Variance error decomposition: Bishop: 9.1, 9.2

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# Today:

- Finish up
  - MLE vs MAP for logistic regression
  - Generative/Discriminative classifiers
- Artificial neural networks

# MLE vs MAP

- Maximum conditional likelihood estimate

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$$w_i \leftarrow w_i + \eta \sum_l X_i^l (Y^l - \hat{P}(Y^l = 1 | X^l, W))$$

- Maximum a posteriori estimate

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# Generative vs. Discriminative Classifiers

Training classifiers involves estimating  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , or  $P(Y|X)$

Generative classifiers:

- Assume some functional form for  $P(X|Y)$ ,  $P(X)$
- Estimate parameters of  $P(X|Y)$ ,  $P(X)$  from training data
- Use Bayes rule to calculate  $P(Y|X = x_i)$

Discriminative classifiers:

- Assume some functional form for  $P(Y|X)$
- Estimate parameters of  $P(Y|X)$  from training data

# Naïve Bayes vs Logistic Regression

Consider  $Y$  boolean,  $X_i$  continuous,  $X = \langle X_1 \dots X_n \rangle$

Number of parameters:

- NB:  $4n + 1$
- LR:  $n + 1$

Estimation method:

- NB parameter estimates are uncoupled
- LR parameter estimates are coupled

# Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

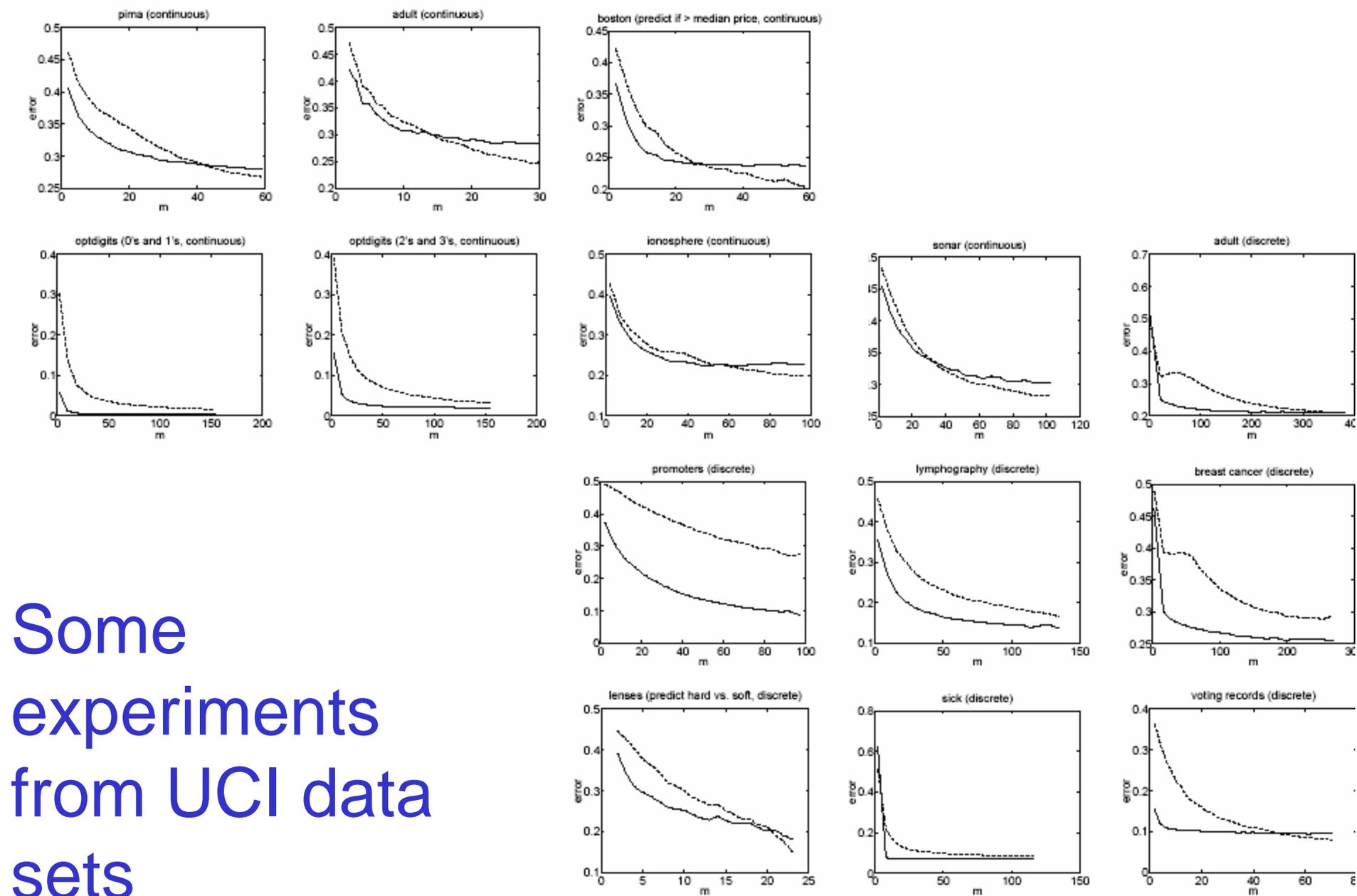
[Ng & Jordan, 2002]

- Generative and Discriminative classifiers
- Asymptotic comparison (# training examples  $\rightarrow$  infinity)
  - when model correct
    - GNB, LR produce identical classifiers
  - when model incorrect
    - LR is less biased – does not assume cond indep.
    - therefore expected to outperform GNB

# Naïve Bayes vs. Logistic Regression

- Generative and Discriminative classifiers
- Non-asymptotic analysis (see [Ng & Jordan, 2002] )
  - convergence rate of parameter estimates (slightly oversimplified – see paper for bounds)
    - GNB order  $\log n$  (where  $n = \#$  of attributes in  $X$ )
    - LR order  $n$

GNB converges more quickly to its (perhaps less helpful) asymptotic estimates



Some experiments from UCI data sets

Figure 1: Results of 15 experiments on datasets from the UCI Machine Learning repository. Plots are of generalization error vs.  $m$  (averaged over 1000 random train/test splits). Dashed line is logistic regression; solid line is naive Bayes.

# What you should know:

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- Logistic regression
  - Functional form follows from Naïve Bayes assumptions
  - But training procedure picks parameters without the conditional independence assumption
  - MLE training: pick  $W$  to maximize  $P(Y | X, W)$
  - MAP training: pick  $W$  to maximize  $P(W | X, Y)$ 
    - ‘regularization’
- Gradient ascent/descent
  - General approach when closed-form solutions unavailable
- Generative vs. Discriminative classifiers

# Artificial Neural Networks

# Artificial Neural Networks to learn $f: X \rightarrow Y$

- $f$  might be non-linear function
- $X$  (vector of) continuous and/or discrete vars
- $Y$  (vector of) continuous and/or discrete vars

- Represent  $f$  by network of threshold units
- Each unit is a logistic function

$$\textit{unit output} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(w_0 + \sum_i w_i x_i)}$$

- MLE: train weights of all units to minimize sum of squared errors at network outputs

# Connectionist Models

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Consider humans:

- Neuron switching time  $\sim .001$  second
- Number of neurons  $\sim 10^{10}$
- Connections per neuron  $\sim 10^{4-5}$
- Scene recognition time  $\sim .1$  second
- 100 inference steps doesn't seem like enough

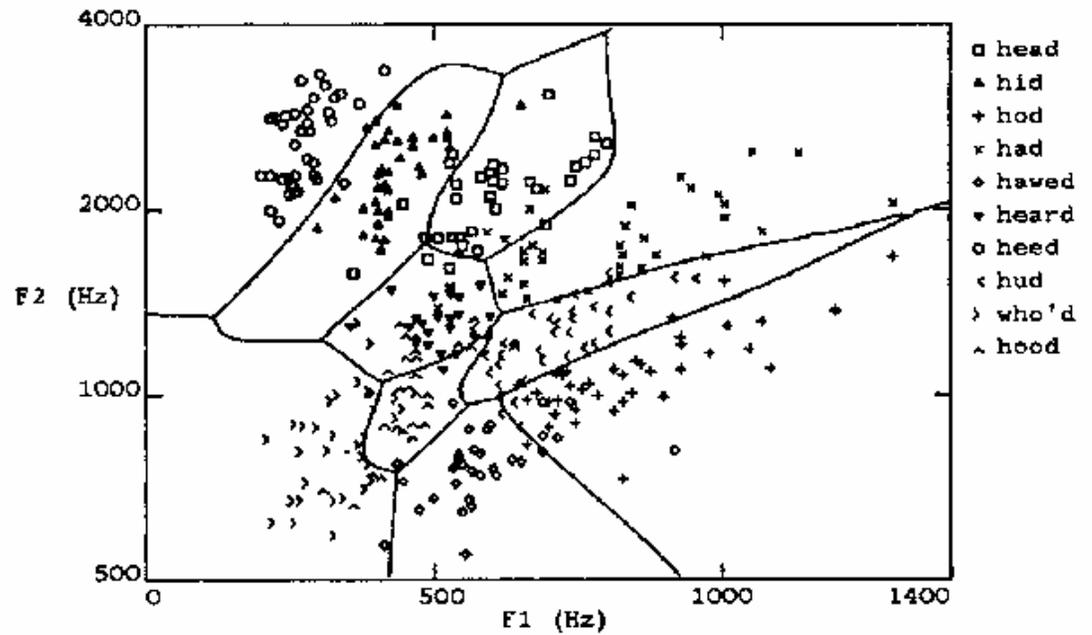
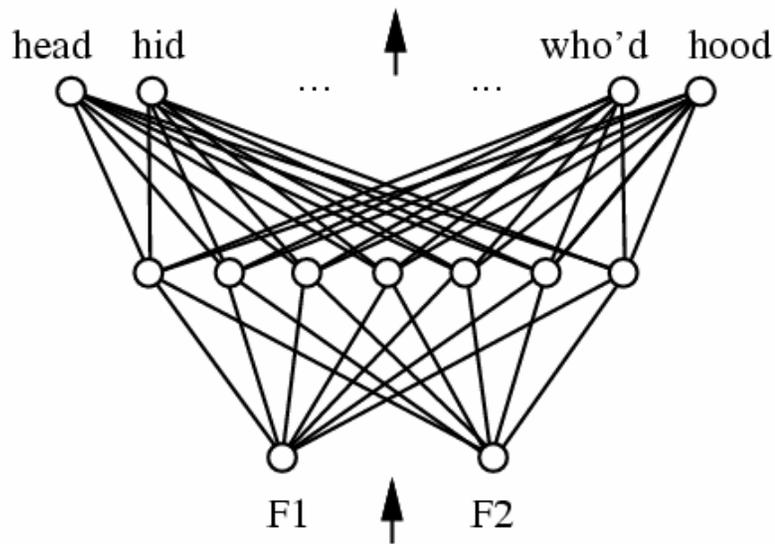
→ much parallel computation

Properties of artificial neural nets (ANN's):

- Many neuron-like threshold switching units
- Many weighted interconnections among units
- Highly parallel, distributed process

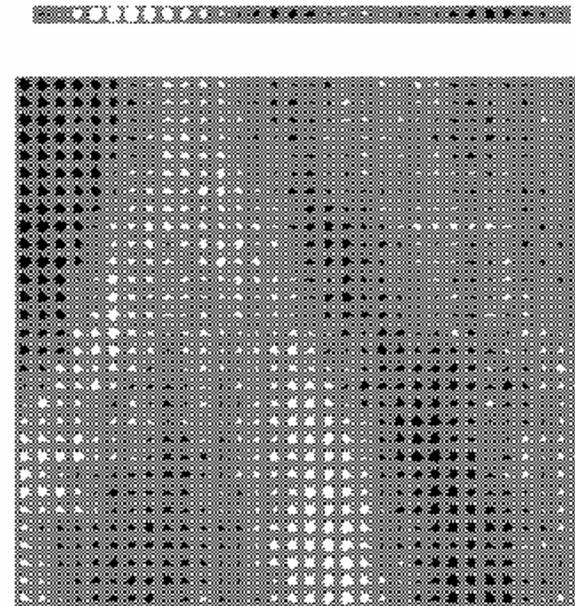
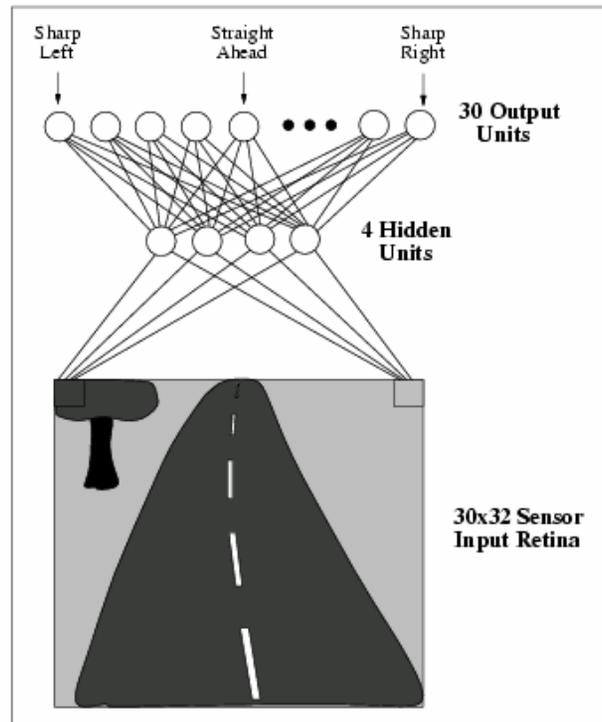
# Multilayer Networks of Sigmoid Units

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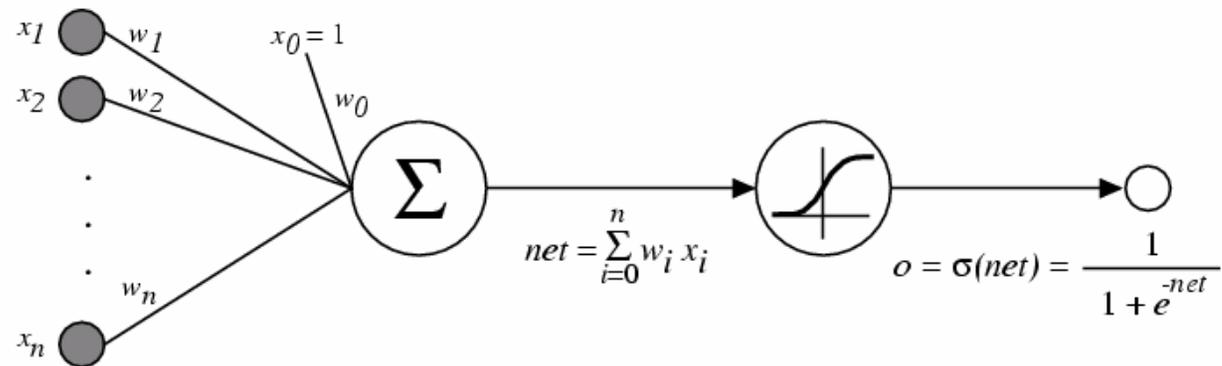
# ALVINN

[Pomerleau 1993]



# Sigmoid Unit

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$\sigma(x)$  is the sigmoid function

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

Nice property:  $\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$

We can derive gradient decent rules to train

- One sigmoid unit
- *Multilayer networks* of sigmoid units  $\rightarrow$  Backpropagation

# MLE Training for Neural Networks

- Consider regression problem  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , for scalar  $Y$

$$y = f(x) + \varepsilon \quad \leftarrow \text{noise } N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon)$$

deterministic

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

$$W \leftarrow \arg \min_W \sum_l (y^l - \hat{f}(x^l))^2$$

Learned  
neural network

# MAP Training for Neural Networks

- Consider regression problem  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , for scalar  $Y$

$$y = f(x) + \varepsilon \quad \leftarrow \text{noise } N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon)$$

deterministic

Gaussian  $P(W) = N(0, \sigma I)$

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln P(W) \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

$$W \leftarrow \arg \min_W \left[ c \sum_i w_i^2 \right] + \left[ \sum_l (y^l - \hat{f}(x^l))^2 \right]$$

$\ln P(W) \leftrightarrow c \sum_i w_i^2$

# MLE Training for Neural Networks

- Consider regression problem  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , for  $Y = \langle y_1 \dots y_N \rangle$

$$y_i = f_i(x) + \varepsilon_i$$

noise  $N(0, \sigma)$  drawn independently for each output  $y_i$

deterministic

$$W \leftarrow \arg \max_W \ln \prod_l P(Y^l | X^l, W)$$

$$W \leftarrow \arg \min_W \sum_l \sum_i (y_i^l - \hat{f}_i(x^l))^2$$

## Error Gradient for a Sigmoid Unit

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$t_d$  = target output

$o_d$  = observed unit  
output

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in D} (t_d - o_d)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_d \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} (t_d - o_d)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_d 2(t_d - o_d) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} (t_d - o_d) \\ &= \sum_d (t_d - o_d) \left( -\frac{\partial o_d}{\partial w_i} \right) \\ &= - \sum_d (t_d - o_d) \frac{\partial o_d}{\partial net_d} \frac{\partial net_d}{\partial w_i}\end{aligned}$$

But we know:

$$\frac{\partial o_d}{\partial net_d} = \frac{\partial \sigma(net_d)}{\partial net_d} = o_d(1 - o_d)$$

$$\frac{\partial net_d}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{x}_d)}{\partial w_i} = x_{i,d}$$

So:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_i} = - \sum_{d \in D} (t_d - o_d) o_d (1 - o_d) x_{i,d}$$

# Incremental (Stochastic) Gradient Descent

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## **Batch mode** Gradient Descent:

Do until satisfied

1. Compute the gradient  $\nabla E_D[\vec{w}]$
  2.  $\vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} - \eta \nabla E_D[\vec{w}]$
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## **Incremental mode** Gradient Descent:

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- For each training example  $d$  in  $D$ 
    1. Compute the gradient  $\nabla E_d[\vec{w}]$
    2.  $\vec{w} \leftarrow \vec{w} - \eta \nabla E_d[\vec{w}]$
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$$E_D[\vec{w}] \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in D} (t_d - o_d)^2$$

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*Incremental Gradient Descent* can approximate *Batch Gradient Descent* arbitrarily closely if  $\eta$  made small enough

# Backpropagation Algorithm

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Initialize all weights to small random numbers.

Until satisfied, Do

- For each training example, Do

1. Input the training example to the network and compute the network outputs

2. For each output unit  $k$

$$\delta_k \leftarrow o_k(1 - o_k)(t_k - o_k)$$

3. For each hidden unit  $h$

$$\delta_h \leftarrow o_h(1 - o_h) \sum_{k \in \text{outputs}} w_{h,k} \delta_k$$

4. Update each network weight  $w_{i,j}$

$$w_{i,j} \leftarrow w_{i,j} + \Delta w_{i,j}$$

where

$$\Delta w_{i,j} = \eta \delta_j x_{i,j}$$

# More on Backpropagation

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- Gradient descent over entire *network* weight vector
- Easily generalized to arbitrary directed graphs
- Will find a local, not necessarily global error minimum
  - In practice, often works well (can run multiple times)

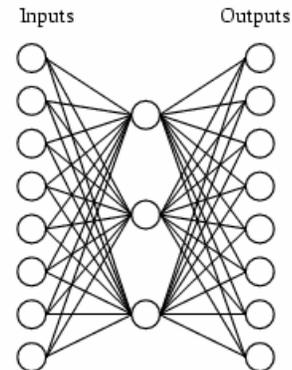
- Often include weight *momentum*  $\alpha$

$$\Delta w_{i,j}(n) = \eta \delta_j x_{i,j} + \alpha \Delta w_{i,j}(n-1)$$

- Minimizes error over *training* examples
  - Will it generalize well to subsequent examples?
- Training can take thousands of iterations  $\rightarrow$  slow!
- Using network after training is very fast

# Learning Hidden Layer Representations

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A target function:

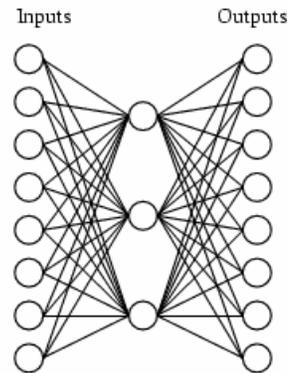
Input	Output
10000000	→ 10000000
01000000	→ 01000000
00100000	→ 00100000
00010000	→ 00010000
00001000	→ 00001000
00000100	→ 00000100
00000010	→ 00000010
00000001	→ 00000001

Can this be learned??

# Learning Hidden Layer Representations

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A network:

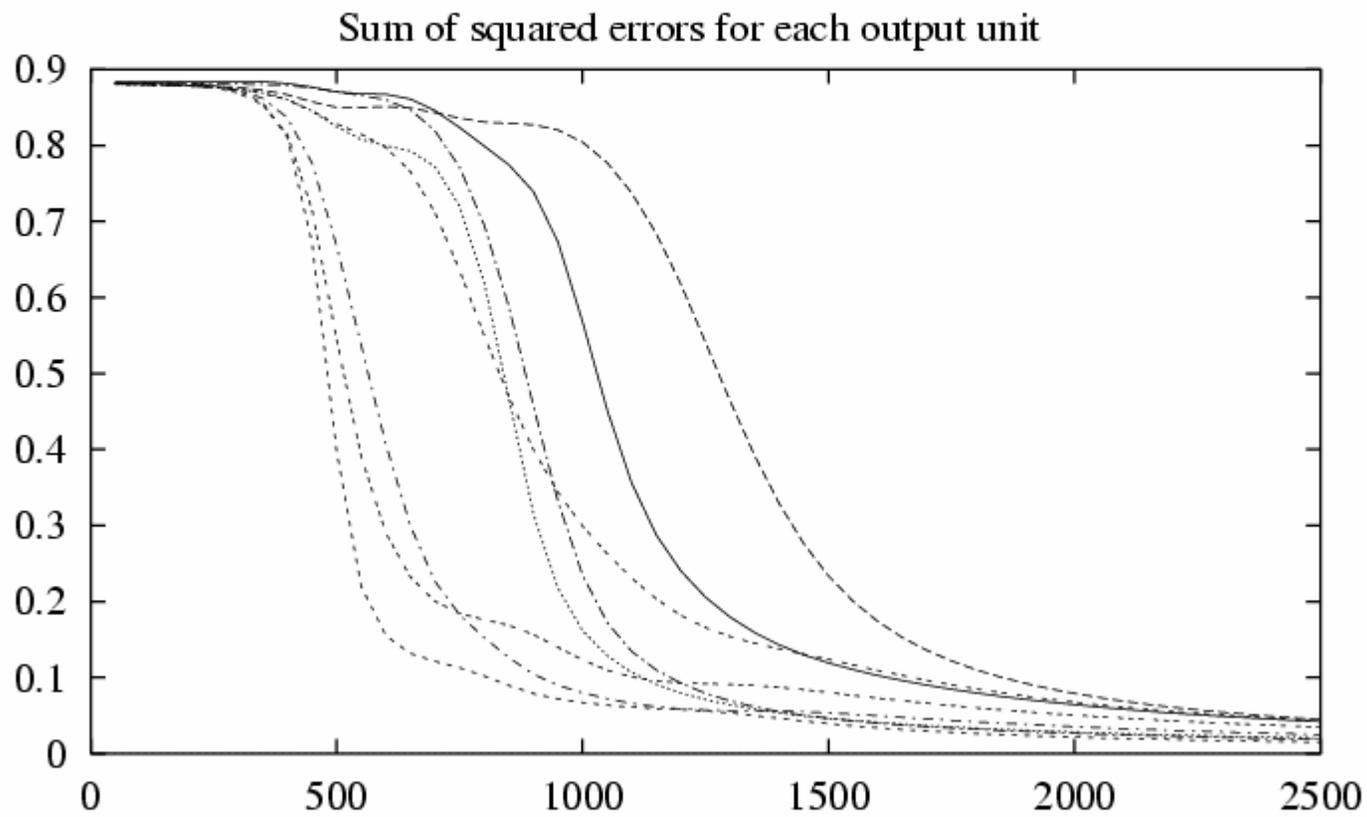


Learned hidden layer representation:

Input		Hidden Values		Output
10000000	→	.89 .04 .08	→	10000000
01000000	→	.01 .11 .88	→	01000000
00100000	→	.01 .97 .27	→	00100000
00010000	→	.99 .97 .71	→	00010000
00001000	→	.03 .05 .02	→	00001000
00000100	→	.22 .99 .99	→	00000100
00000010	→	.80 .01 .98	→	00000010
00000001	→	.60 .94 .01	→	00000001

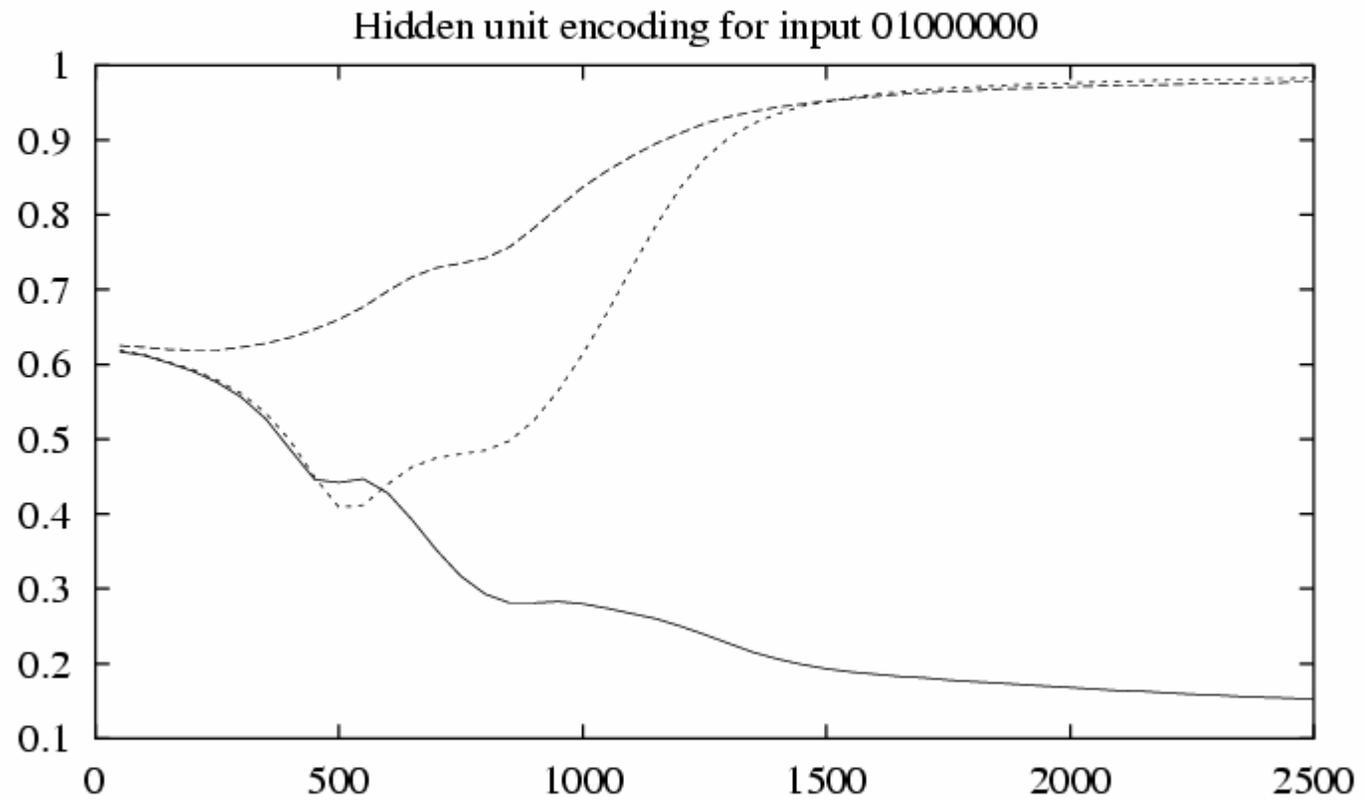
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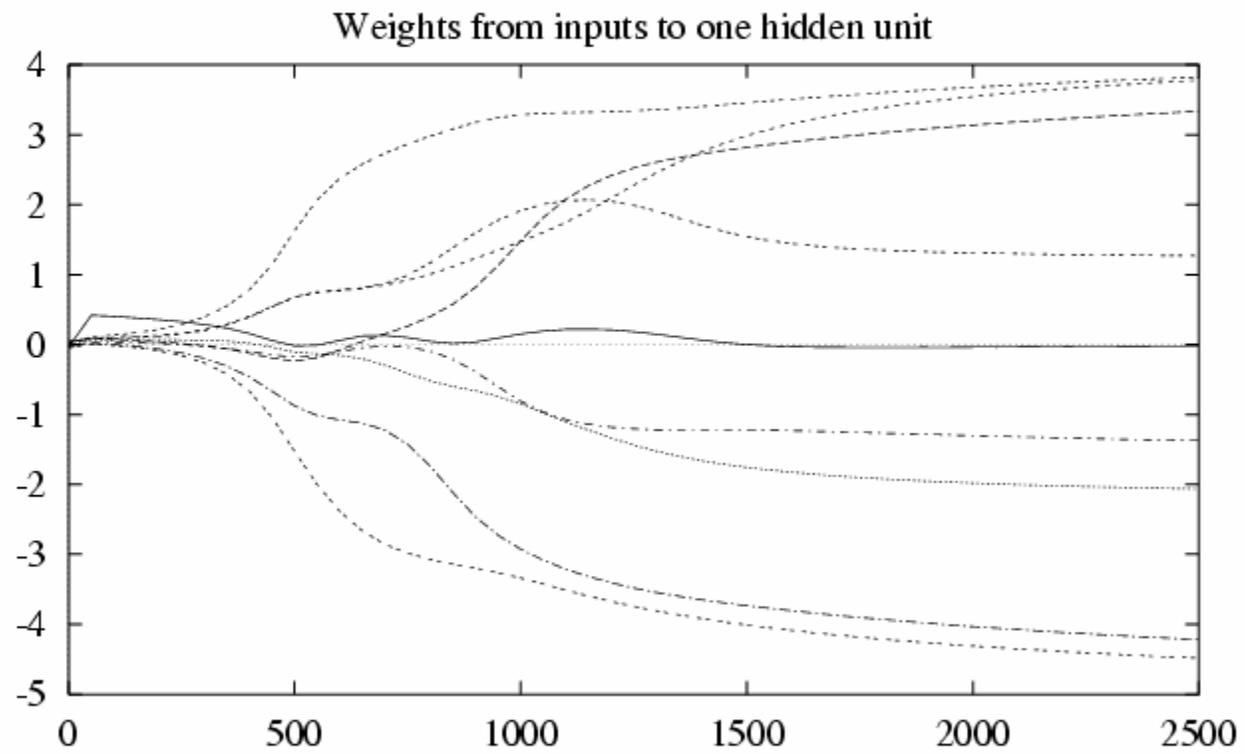
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# Convergence of Backpropagation

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Gradient descent to some local minimum

- Perhaps not global minimum...
- Add momentum
- Stochastic gradient descent
- Train multiple nets with different initial weights

Nature of convergence

- Initialize weights near zero
- Therefore, initial networks near-linear
- Increasingly non-linear functions possible as training progresses

# Expressive Capabilities of ANNs

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Boolean functions:

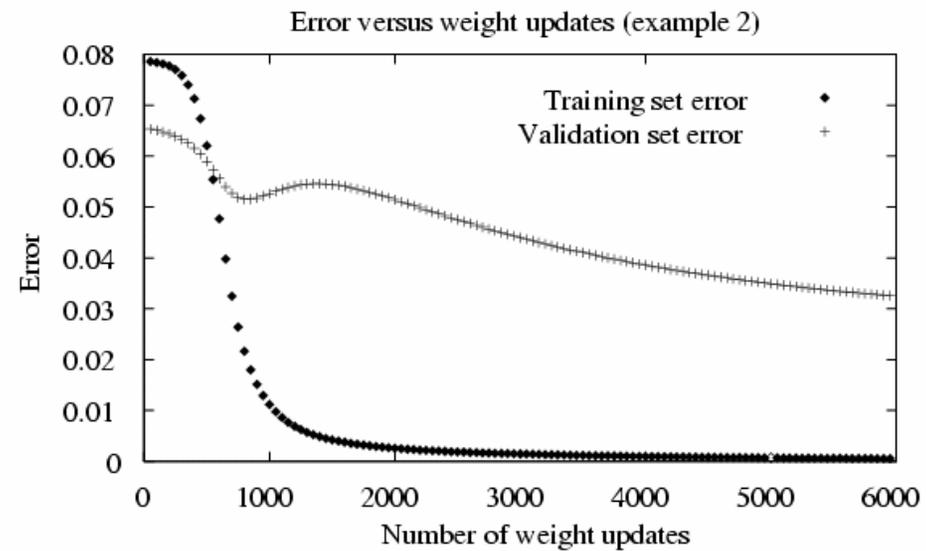
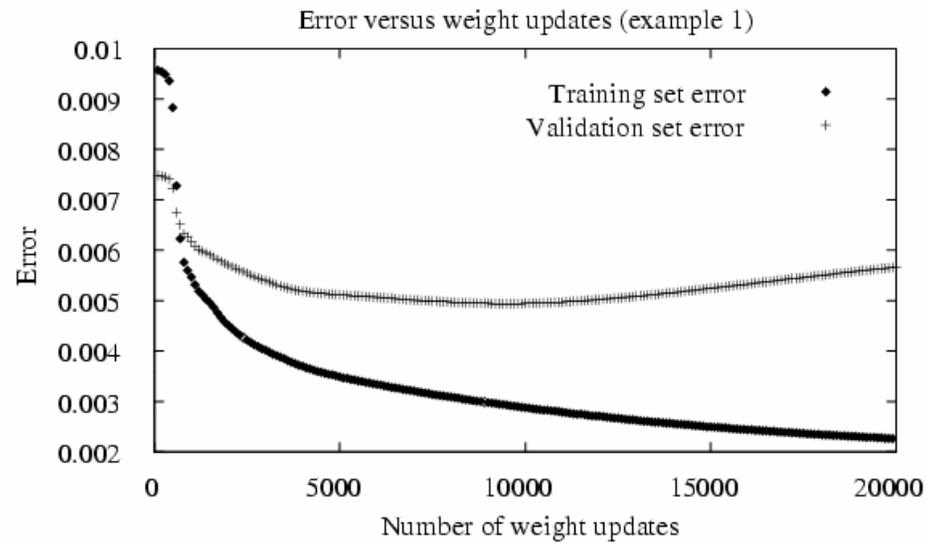
- Every boolean function can be represented by network with single hidden layer
- but might require exponential (in number of inputs) hidden units

Continuous functions:

- Every bounded continuous function can be approximated with arbitrarily small error, by network with one hidden layer [Cybenko 1989; Hornik et al. 1989]
- Any function can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy by a network with two hidden layers [Cybenko 1988].

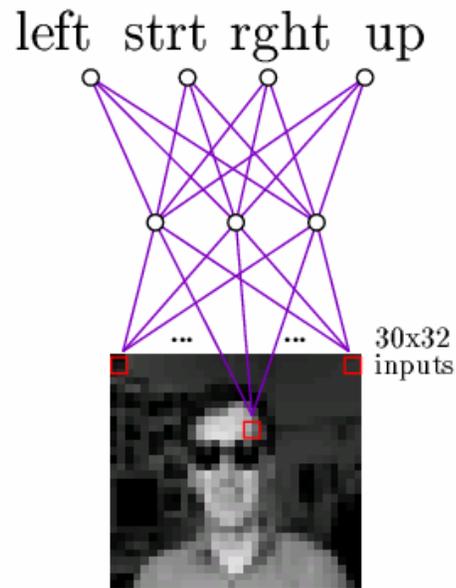
# Overfitting in ANNs

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# Neural Nets for Face Recognition

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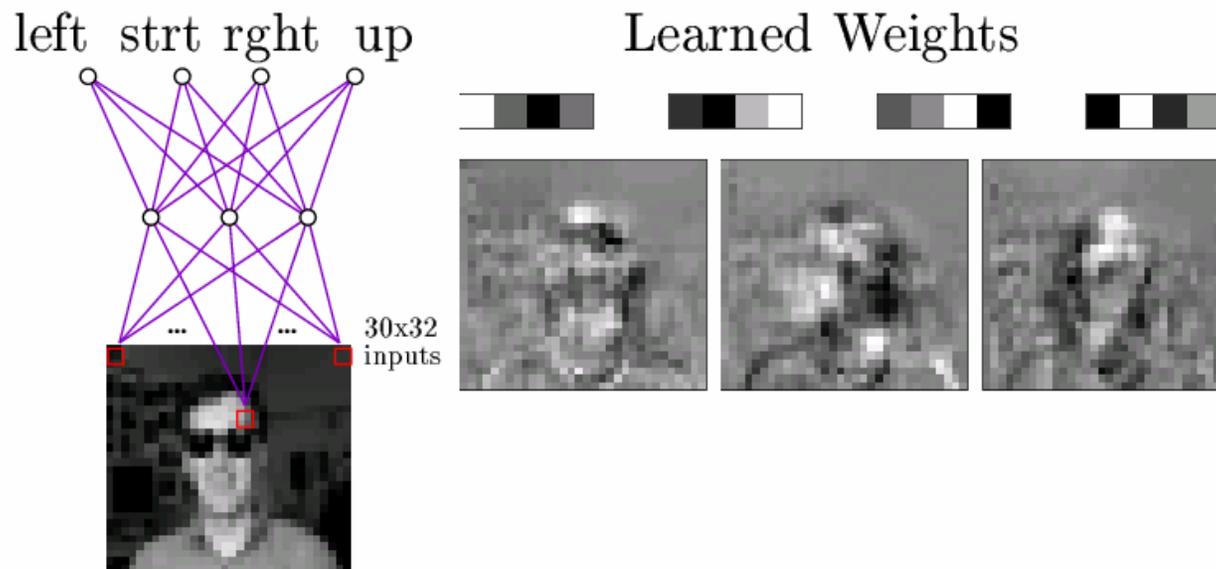


Typical input images

90% accurate learning head pose, and recognizing 1-of-20 faces

# Learned Hidden Unit Weights

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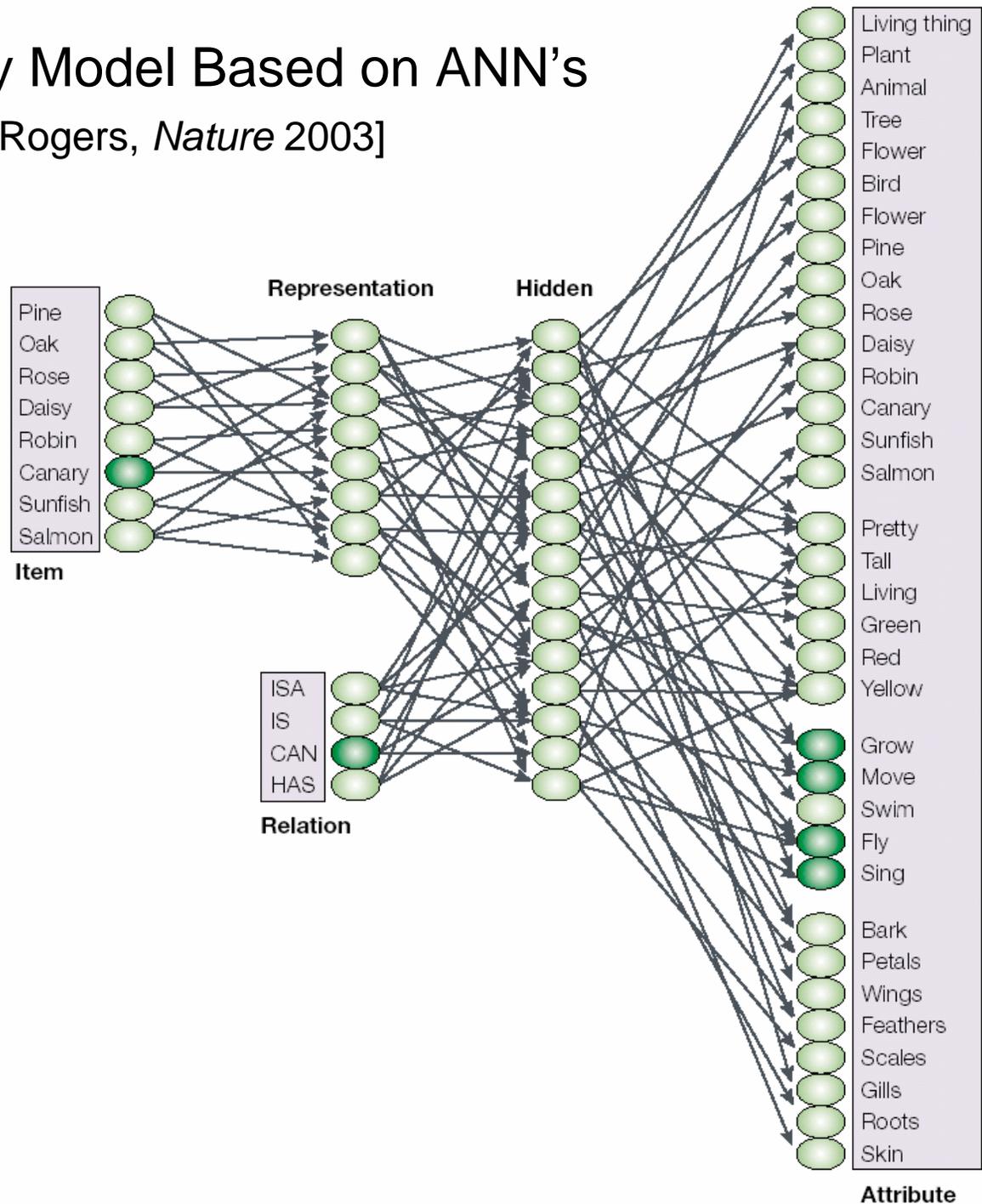


Typical input images

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~tom/faces.html>

# Semantic Memory Model Based on ANN's

[McClelland & Rogers, *Nature* 2003]



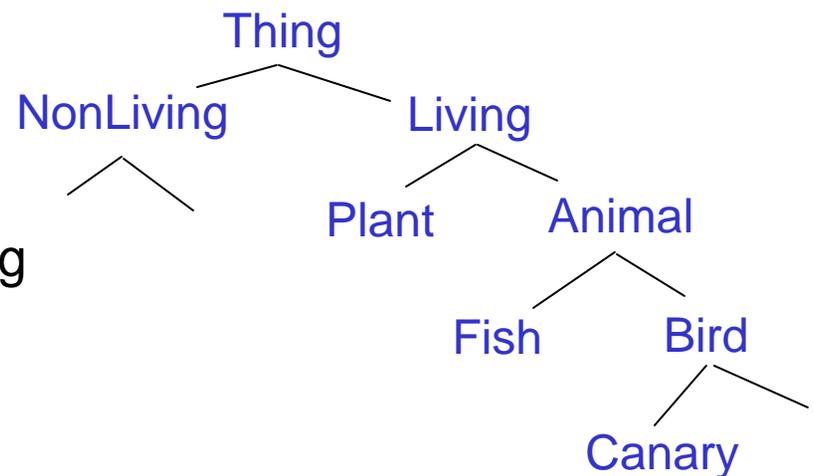
No hierarchy given.

Train with assertions,  
e.g., Can(Canary, Fly)

# Humans act as though they have a hierarchical memory organization

1. Victims of Semantic Dementia progressively lose knowledge of objects  
But they lose specific details first, general properties later, suggesting hierarchical memory

2. Children appear to learn general categories and properties first, following the same hierarchy, top down\*.



Question: What learning mechanism could produce this emergent hierarchy?

\* some debate remains on this.

# Memory deterioration follows semantic hierarchy

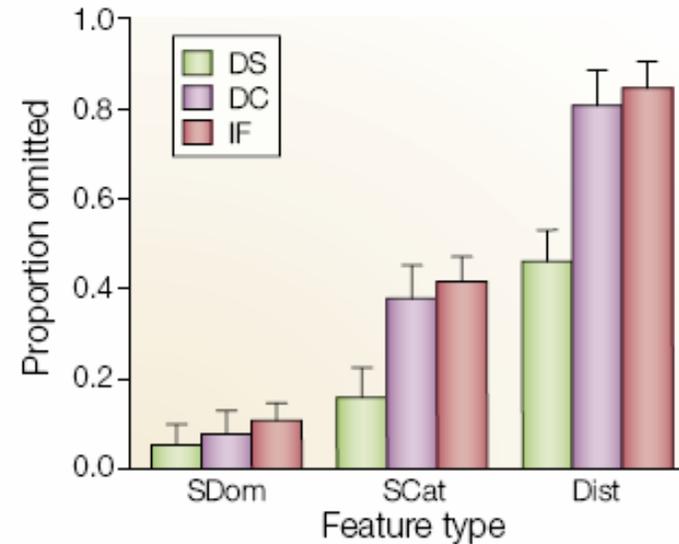
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**a**

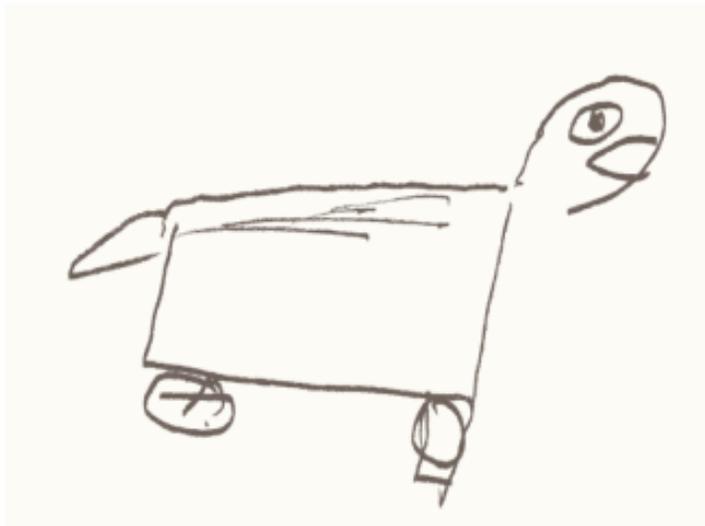
## Picture naming responses for JL

Item	Sept. 91	March 92	March 93
Bird	+	+	Animal
Chicken	+	+	Animal
Duck	+	Bird	Dog
Swan	+	Bird	Animal
Eagle	Duck	Bird	Horse
Ostrich	Swan	Bird	Animal
Peacock	Duck	Bird	Vehicle
Penguin	Duck	Bird	Part of animal
Rooster	Chicken	Chicken	Dog

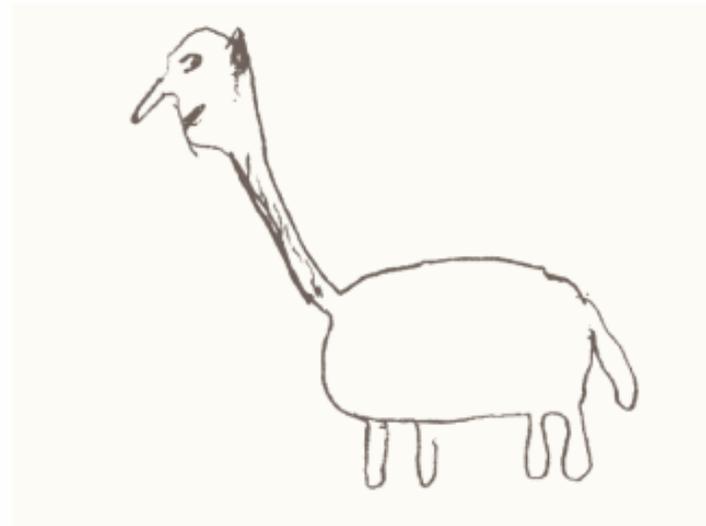
**b**



**c** IF's delayed copy of a camel



**d** DC's delayed copy of a swan



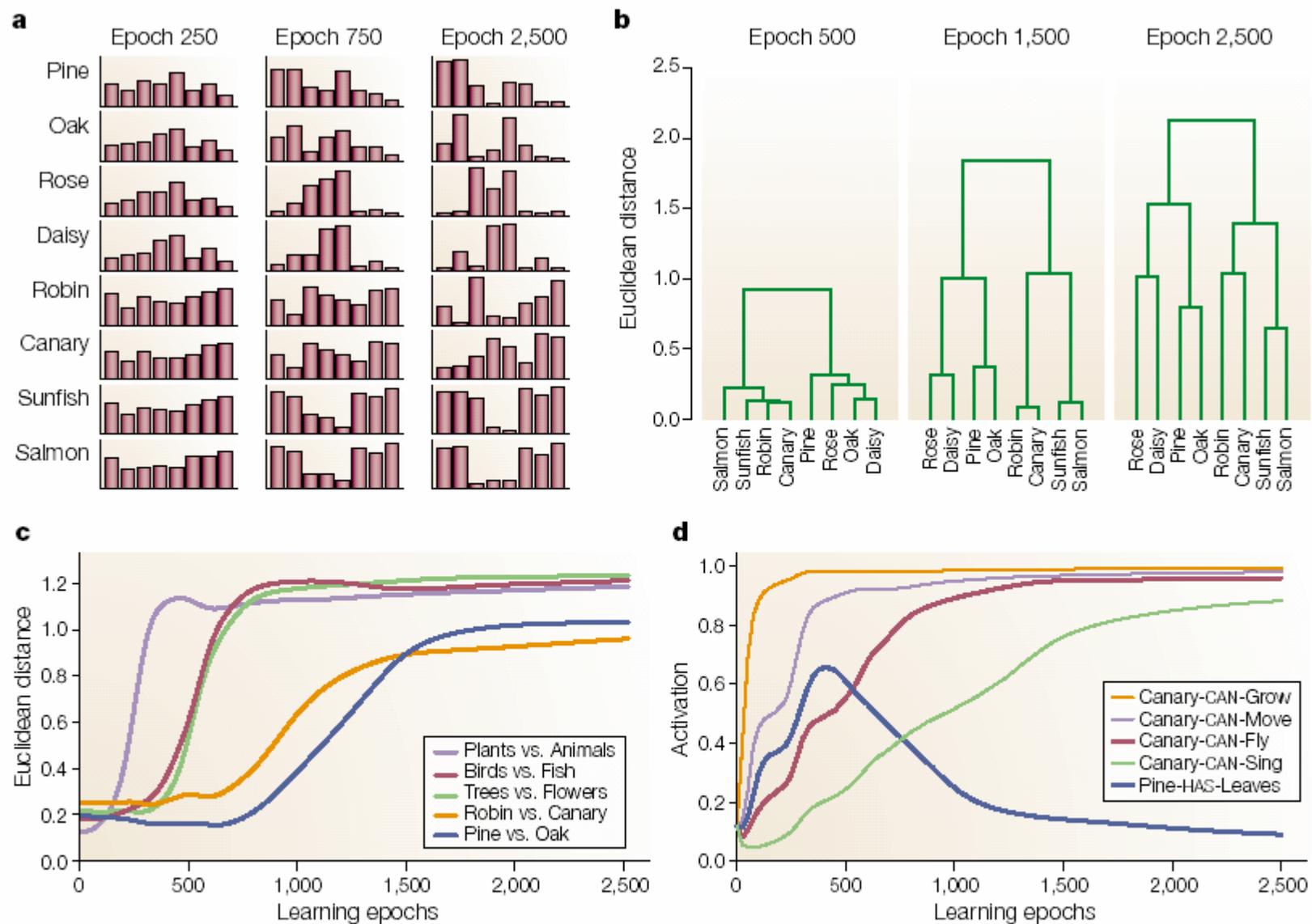
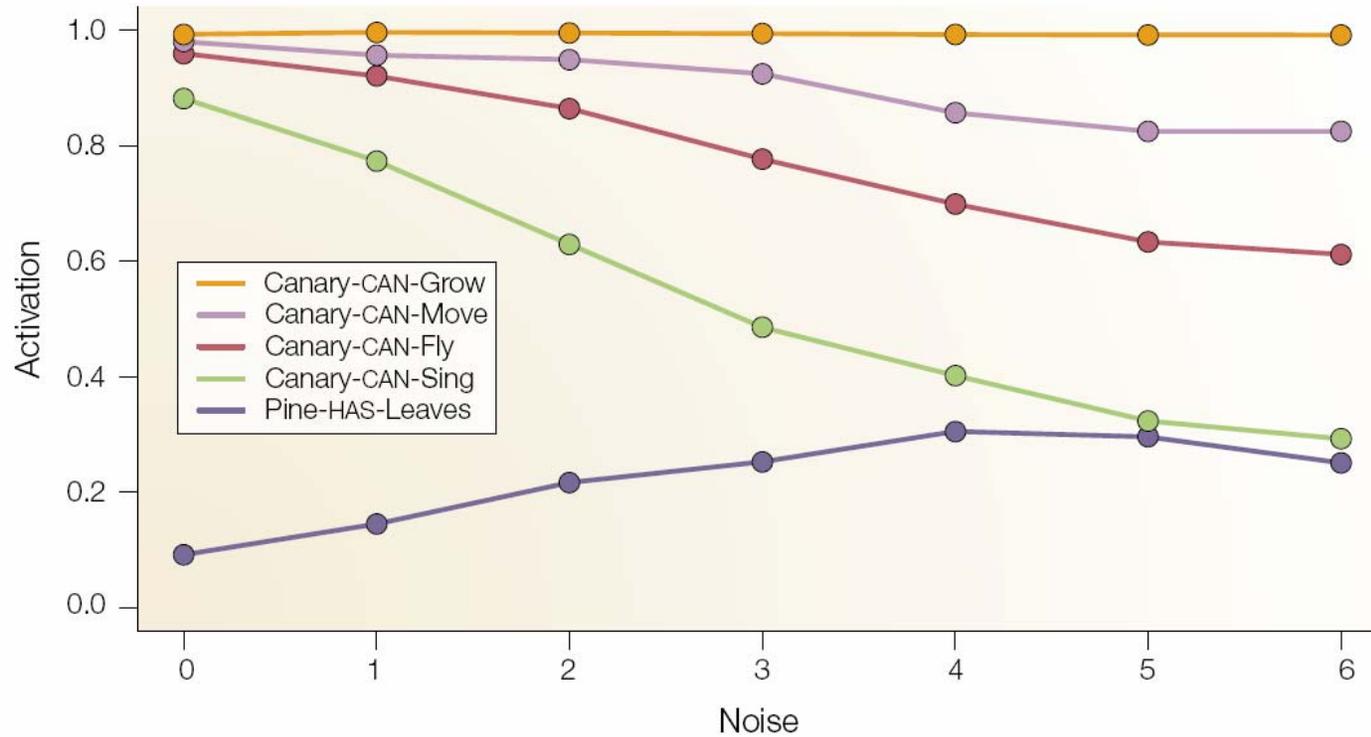


Figure 4 | **The process of differentiation of conceptual representations.** The representations are those seen in the feedforward network model shown in FIG. 3. **a** | Acquired patterns of activation that represent the eight objects in the training set at three points in the learning process (epochs 250, 750 and 2,500). Early in learning, the patterns are undifferentiated; the first difference to appear is between plants and animals. Later, the patterns show clear differentiation at both the superordinate (plant–animal) and intermediate (bird–fish/tree–flower) levels. Finally, the individual concepts are differentiated, but the overall hierarchical organization of the similarity structure remains. **b** | A standard hierarchical clustering analysis program has been used to visualize the similarity structure in the

# ANN Also Models Progressive Deterioration

[McClelland & Rogers, *Nature* 2003]



average effect of noise in inputs to hidden layers

# Alternative Error Functions

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Penalize large weights:

Original MLE error fn.

$$E(\vec{w}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in D} \sum_{k \in \text{outputs}} (t_{kd} - o_{kd})^2 + \gamma \sum_{i,j} w_{ji}^2$$

Train on target slopes as well as values:

$$E(\vec{w}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{d \in D} \sum_{k \in \text{outputs}} \left[ (t_{kd} - o_{kd})^2 + \mu \sum_{j \in \text{inputs}} \left( \frac{\partial t_{kd}}{\partial x_d^j} - \frac{\partial o_{kd}}{\partial x_d^j} \right)^2 \right]$$

Tie together weights:

- e.g., in phoneme recognition network

# Bias/Variance Decomposition of Error

# Bias – Variance decomposition of error

Reading: Bishop chapter 9.1, 9.2

- Consider simple regression problem  $f: X \rightarrow Y$

$$y = f(x) + \varepsilon$$

deterministic

noise  $N(0, \sigma)$

What are sources of prediction error?

$$E_D \left[ \int_y \int_x (h(x) - f(x))^2 p(y|x) p(x) dy dx \right]$$

learned

# Sources of error

- What if we have perfect learner, infinite data?
  - Our learned  $h(x)$  satisfies  $h(x)=f(x)$
  - Still have remaining, unavoidable error

$$\sigma^2$$

# Sources of error

- What if we have only  $n$  training examples?
- What is our expected error
  - Taken over random training sets of size  $n$ , drawn from distribution  $D=p(x,y)$

$$E_D \left[ \int_y \int_x (h(x) - f(x))^2 p(y|x) p(x) dy dx \right]$$

## Sources of error

$$E_D \left[ \int_y \int_x (h(x) - f(x))^2 p(y|x) p(x) dy dx \right]$$

$$= \text{unavoidable Error} + \text{bias}^2 + \text{variance}$$

$$\text{bias}^2 = \int (E_D[h(x)] - f(x))^2 p(x) dx$$

$$\text{variance} = \int E_D[(h(x) - E_D[h(x)])^2] p(x) dx$$