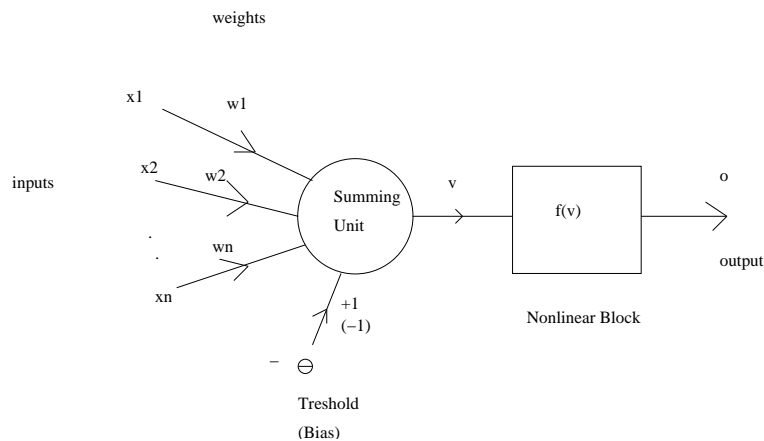


# Neural Networks

## Neural Network Structures

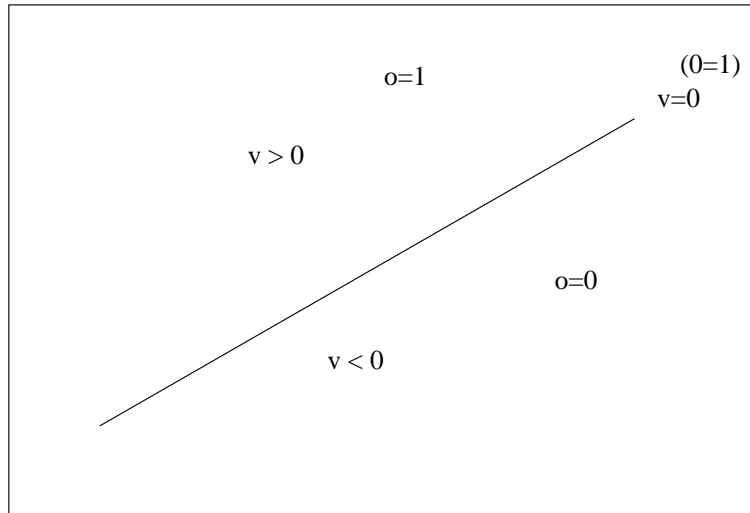
- McCulloch-Pitts Model:  $\implies$ . 1943



- $\Sigma = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + x_nx_n, v = \Sigma \pm \theta \rightarrow o = f(v)$ .
- This model has some limitations :
- $w_i = \pm 1$  ( +1 for excitory synapse, -1 for inhibitory synapse)
- $x_i = 1$  or  $0$  ( digital analogy : +1 : signal, 0 : no signal)
- $f(v)$  has special form : **threshold function, hard limiter**

- $$f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & \Sigma \geq \theta \\ 0 & \Sigma < \theta \end{cases}$$

- **Plane analogy:**  $v = 0$  line (hyperplane for higher dimensions) separates the input space into two parts.



$$v = w_1x_1 + \dots + w_nx_n - \Theta$$

Linear Separation

- **Conclusion:** If the patterns remain in one side for one class of inputs, and on the other side for the second class  $\rightarrow$  separation is possible by looking at the output  $\rightarrow$  **Linear Separability**

- Basic logic operations fall into this class, hence can be realized by this model  $\rightarrow$  similar to ALU of a classical computer.

- **Example 1 :** Logic AND operation :  $(i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

- $w_i = +1, \theta = n - 0.5 \rightarrow o = f(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - (n - 0.5))$

- **Result :** If all  $x_i = 1 \rightarrow \Sigma = n, \rightarrow v = 0.5 > 0 \rightarrow o = 1$

- If at least one  $x_i = 0$ ,  $\rightarrow \Sigma < n$ ,  $\rightarrow v < 0 \rightarrow o = 0$

- Logic AND operation..

- **Example 2** : Logic OR operation :  $(i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

- $w_i = +1, \theta = 0.5 \rightarrow o = f(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n - 0.5)$

- **Result** : If at least one  $x_i = 1 \rightarrow \Sigma \geq 1$ ,  $\rightarrow v \geq 0.5 > 0 \rightarrow o = 1$

- If all  $x_i = 0$ ,  $\rightarrow \Sigma = 0$ ,  $\rightarrow v = -0.5 < 0 \rightarrow o = 0$

- Logic OR operation..

- **Example 3** : Logic NOT operation :  $(i = 1)$

- $w_1 = -1, \theta = -0.5 \rightarrow o = f(-x_1 + 0.5)$

- **Result** : If  $x_1 = 1 \rightarrow v = -0.5 < 0 \rightarrow o = 0$

- If  $x_1 = 0 \rightarrow v = 0.5 > 0 \rightarrow o = 1$

- Logic NOT operation..

• **Remark 1** : In all of the above cases, input classes are **linearly separable**

• **Remark 2** : One can easily generate logic NAND and logic NOR operations by cascading these blocks.

• **Result** : All of the operations that can be done by classical computers can be done by neural networks  $\rightarrow$  Inspired Von Neumann...

- **Basic limitation** : Linear Separability.

- **Example 4 : EXOR operation** (EXclusive OR) ( $n = 2$ ,  $x_i = 1$  or  $0$ )

- $$x_1 \oplus x_2 = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x_1 \neq x_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } x_1 = x_2 \end{cases}$$

- $o = f(w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 - \theta)$

- $x_1 = x_2 = 0 \rightarrow o = f(-\theta) = 0 \rightarrow -\theta < 0 \rightarrow \theta > 0$

- $x_1 = x_2 = 1 \rightarrow o = f(w_1 + w_2 - \theta) = 0 \rightarrow w_1 + w_2 - \theta < 0$

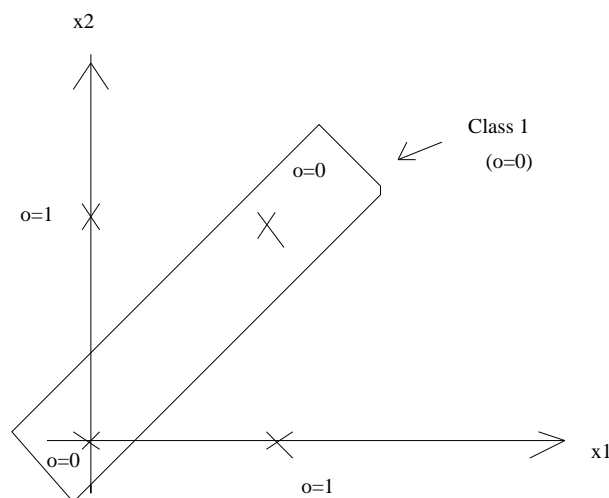
- $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0 \rightarrow o = f(w_1 - \theta) = 1 \rightarrow w_1 - \theta > 0$

- $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1 \rightarrow o = f(w_2 - \theta) = 1 \rightarrow w_2 - \theta > 0$

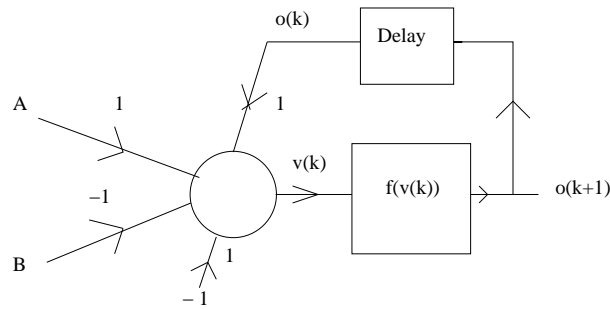
- $w_1 + w_2 - 2\theta > 0 \rightarrow w_1 + w_2 - \theta > \theta > 0 \rightarrow \text{Contradiction!}$

- **Result** : EXOR cannot be realized by a single neuron model  $\rightarrow$

Linear Separability does not hold.



• **Example 5 : Basic Memory Unit**



Basic Memory Unit

- A : excitory input (stores 1), B : inhibitory input (stores 0).
- Basic Operation : Discrete Iteration,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  : represents present (discrete) time,  $k + 1$  : next time.
- $v(k) = o(k) + A - B - 1, o(k + 1) = f(v(k))$

A	B	$o(k)$	$v(k)$	$o(k + 1)$	Situation
0	0	0	-1	0	State is preserved
0	0	1	0	1	State is preserved
1	0	0	0	1	Excitation is preserved
1	0	1	1	1	Excitation is preserved
0	1	0	-2	0	Inhibition is preserved
0	1	1	-1	0	Inhibition is preserved
1	1	0	-1	0	State is preserved
1	1	1	0	1	State is preserved

- **Nonlinear Functions:**  $\implies$  **Unipolar case**

- **Unipolar Case**  $\rightarrow 0 \leq o \leq 1$

- **Unipolar Sigmoidal Function :**

- $f(v) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\lambda v}} \rightarrow \lambda > 0$

- $\lim_{v \rightarrow -\infty} f(v) = 0, \quad \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} f(v) = 1$

- In fact any **non-decreasing** function ( $v_1 > v_2 \implies f(v_1) \geq f(v_2)$ )

- $\lim_{v \rightarrow -\infty} f(v) = a > -\infty, \quad \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} f(v) = b < \infty \quad (a < b)$

- is called a **sigmoidal type** function and can be used.

- **Hard Limiter :**

- $f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & v \geq 0 \\ 0 & v < 0 \end{cases}$

- This is the same as **unit step** function  $1(v)$ ..

- Note that we have  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} (\text{unipolar sigmoidal}) = (\text{hard limiter})$

- **Unipolar piecewise linear function :**

- $f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & v \geq 0.5 \\ v + 0.5 & -0.5 < v < 0.5 \\ 0 & v < -0.5 \end{cases}$

- **Bipolar Case**  $\rightarrow -1 \leq o \leq 1$

- **Bipolar Sigmoidal Function** :  $\rightarrow$  Hyperbolic tangent function

- $f(v) = \frac{1-e^{-\lambda v}}{1+e^{-\lambda v}} \rightarrow \lambda > 0$

- $\lim_{v \rightarrow -\infty} f(v) = -1, \quad \lim_{v \rightarrow +\infty} f(v) = 1$

- **Signum Function** : Threshold Logic Unit (TLU)

- $f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & v \geq 0 \\ -1 & v < 0 \end{cases}$

- Note that we have  $\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} (\text{bipolar sigmoidal}) = (\text{signum})$

- **Bipolar piecewise linear function** :  $\rightarrow$  Saturation Function

- $f(v) = \begin{cases} +1 & v \geq 1 \\ v & -1 < v < 1 \\ -1 & v < -1 \end{cases}$

- Note that this unit can be realized by operational amplifiers.

• Although limiter-type models are easier to analyze, for optimization we may require **differentiability**, hence we will use **sigmoidal types** for such problems (e.g. Back Propagation Algorithm)

- **Single Layer Feedforward Networks**

- Suppose that we have  $n$  inputs  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $m$  neurons in a layer

- $v_1, \dots, v_m \rightarrow o_1 = f(v_1), \dots, o_m = f(v_m)$

- $v_1 = w_{11}x_1 + w_{12}x_2 + \dots + w_{1n}x_n \rightarrow v_1 = w_1^T x \quad T : \text{Transpose}$

- $\vdots$

- $v_i = w_{i1}x_1 + w_{i2}x_2 + \dots + w_{in}x_n \rightarrow v_i = w_i^T x$

- $\vdots$

- $v_m = w_{m1}x_1 + w_{m2}x_2 + \dots + w_{mn}x_n \rightarrow v_m = w_m^T x$

- $w_i = \begin{pmatrix} w_{i1} \\ w_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ w_{in} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{ith weight vector}), \quad x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$

- $o_i = f(v_i) = f(w_i^T x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

- Note that in case there is a **threshold input**, we could choose  $x_n = -1$  and  $w_{in} = \theta_i$  : Threshold of ith neuron.

- $v = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{vector of linear sums}), \quad o = \begin{pmatrix} o_1 \\ o_2 \\ \vdots \\ o_m \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{output vector})$

- $$W = \begin{pmatrix} w_1^T \\ v_2^T \\ \vdots \\ v_m^T \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & \dots & w_{1n} \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & \dots & w_{2n} \\ & & \vdots & \\ w_{m1} & w_{m2} & \dots & w_{mn} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{weight matrix})$$

- $v = Wx, o_i = f(v_i)$

- $$o = \Gamma(v) = \begin{pmatrix} f(v_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & f(v_2) & \dots & 0 \\ & & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & f(v_m) \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{nonlinear vector function})$$

- $o = \Gamma(v) = \Gamma(Wx)$

• **Example** A 2 input, 2 output NN is to be designed, which satisfies the following logic function.

$x_1$	$x_2$	$o_1$	$o_2$
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	0	0

- $v_1 = w_{11}x_1 + w_{12}x_2 + w_{13}x_3 = w_{11}x_1 + w_{12}x_2 - \theta_1 \rightarrow o_1 = f(v_1)$

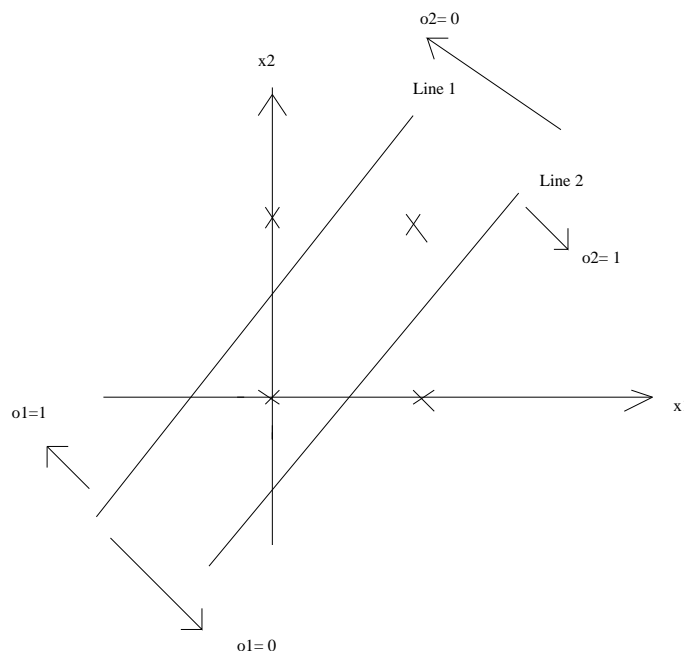
- $v_2 = w_{21}x_1 + w_{22}x_2 + w_{23}x_3 = w_{21}x_1 + w_{22}x_2 - \theta_2 \rightarrow o_2 = f(v_2)$

- Choose  $f(v)$  as hard limiter since  $o = 0, 1$ .
- $x_1 = x_2 = 0 \rightarrow o_1 = f(-\theta_1) = 0, o_2 = f(-\theta_2) = 0 \rightarrow \theta_1 > 0, \theta_2 > 0$
- $x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1 \rightarrow o_1 = f(w_{12} - \theta_1) = 1, o_2 = f(w_{22} - \theta_2) = 0$
- $\rightarrow w_{12} - \theta_1 \geq 0, w_{22} - \theta_2 < 0$
- $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0 \rightarrow o_1 = f(w_{11} - \theta_1) = 0, o_2 = f(w_{21} - \theta_2) = 1$
- $\rightarrow w_{11} - \theta_1 < 0, w_{21} - \theta_2 \geq 0$
- $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1 \rightarrow o_1 = f(w_{11} + w_{12} - \theta_1) = 0, o_2 = f(w_{21} + w_{22} - \theta_2) = 0$
- $\rightarrow w_{11} + w_{12} - \theta_1 < 0, w_{21} + w_{22} - \theta_2 < 0$
- A set of inequalities.  $\rightarrow$  Solve them. (Note that sometimes a solution may not be available  $\rightarrow$  Linear programming...)

- In this case,  $\theta_1 = \theta_2 = 1, w_{12} = w_{21} = 2, w_{11} = w_{22} = -2$  is a solution.

There may be (in general) infinitely many solutions....

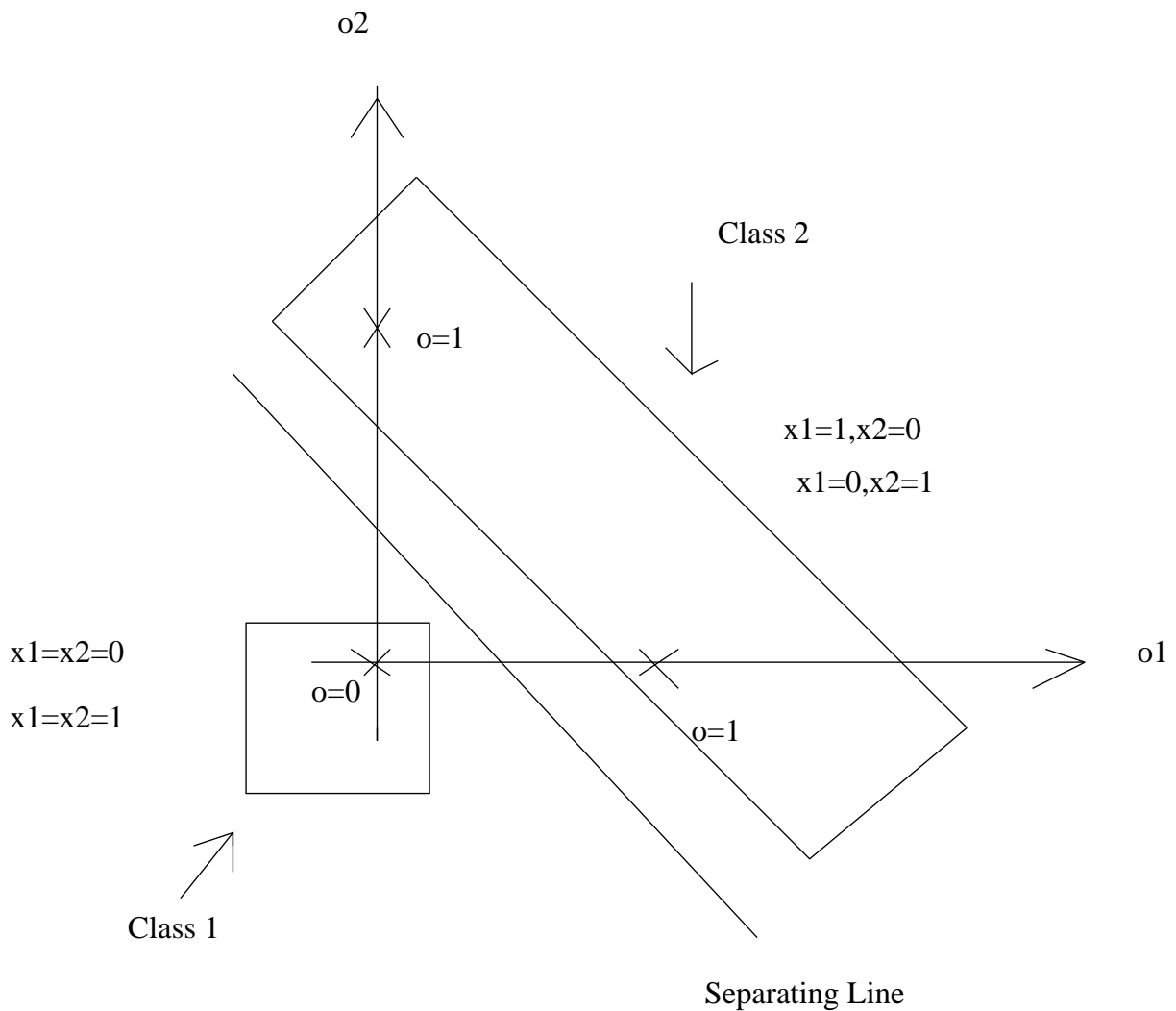
- **Line 1 :**  $-2x_1 + 2x_2 - 1 = 0$       **Line 2 :**  $2x_1 - 2x_2 - 1 = 0$





$x_1$	$x_2$	$o_1$	$o_2$	$o = o_1 \vee o_2$	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	1	0	1	$\Rightarrow o = o_1 \vee o_2 = x_1 \oplus x_2$
1	0	0	1	1	
1	1	0	0	0	

- Hence a layer realizing the previous example cascaded to an logic OR block realizes EXOR function  $\rightarrow$  Multilayer structure....



- **Example 2.1** , p. 39-42.

- **Case 1** :  $f(\cdot) = \text{sgn}(\cdot)$

- $o_1 = \text{sgn}(x_1 - 1)$ ,  $o_2 = \text{sgn}(-x_1 + 2)$ ,  $o_3 = \text{sgn}(x_2)$ ,  $o_4 = \text{sgn}(-x_2 + 3)$

- $o_5 = \text{sgn}(o_1 + o_2 + o_3 + o_4 - 3.5) = o_1 \wedge o_2 \wedge o_3 \wedge o_4$

- $o_5 = \begin{cases} 1 & o_1 = o_2 = o_3 = o_4 = 1 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- $o_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & x_1 \geq 1 \\ -1 & x_1 < 1 \end{cases} \quad o_2 = \begin{cases} 1 & x_1 \leq 2 \\ -1 & x_1 > 2 \end{cases}$

- $o_3 = \begin{cases} 1 & x_2 \geq 0 \\ -1 & x_2 < 0 \end{cases} \quad o_4 = \begin{cases} 1 & x_2 \leq 3 \\ -1 & x_2 > 3 \end{cases}$

- $\Rightarrow o_5 = \begin{cases} 1 & 1 \leq x_1 \leq 2, 0 \leq x_2 \leq 3 \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

- Note that the first block forms the lines which separates the regions...

- Second block is an **AND** block, which determines the regions.

• Mathematically we can write the equations in matrix form as :

• **1 : Extended notation :**

$$\bullet x_e = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad o^{1b} = \begin{pmatrix} o_1 \\ o_2 \\ o_3 \\ o_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet W_{1e} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad o^{1b} = \Gamma(W_{1e}x_e)$$

$$\bullet o_e^{1b} = \begin{pmatrix} o_1 \\ o_2 \\ o_3 \\ o_4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad o = \begin{pmatrix} o_5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet W_{2e} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad o = \Gamma(W_{2e}o_e^{1b})$$

- **1 : Threshold notation :**

$$\bullet x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad o^{1b} = \begin{pmatrix} o_1 \\ o_2 \\ o_3 \\ o_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet W_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 0 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad o^{1b} = \Gamma(W_1 x - \theta_1)$$

$$\bullet W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad o = \Gamma(W_2 o^{1b} - \theta_2)$$

$$\bullet o = \Gamma(W_2 \Gamma(W_1 x - \theta_1) - \theta_2)$$

- **Case 2 :**  $f(\cdot) =$  unipolar sigmoidal function....

$$\bullet f(v) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\lambda v}} \rightarrow \lambda > 0)$$

• See Figure 2.9. If we choose large  $\lambda$ , we could approximate the unipolar case with **hardlimiter** function. If we use **bipolar sigmoidal** function

$$\bullet ( f(v) = \frac{1-e^{-\lambda v}}{1+e^{-\lambda v}} \rightarrow \lambda > 0),$$

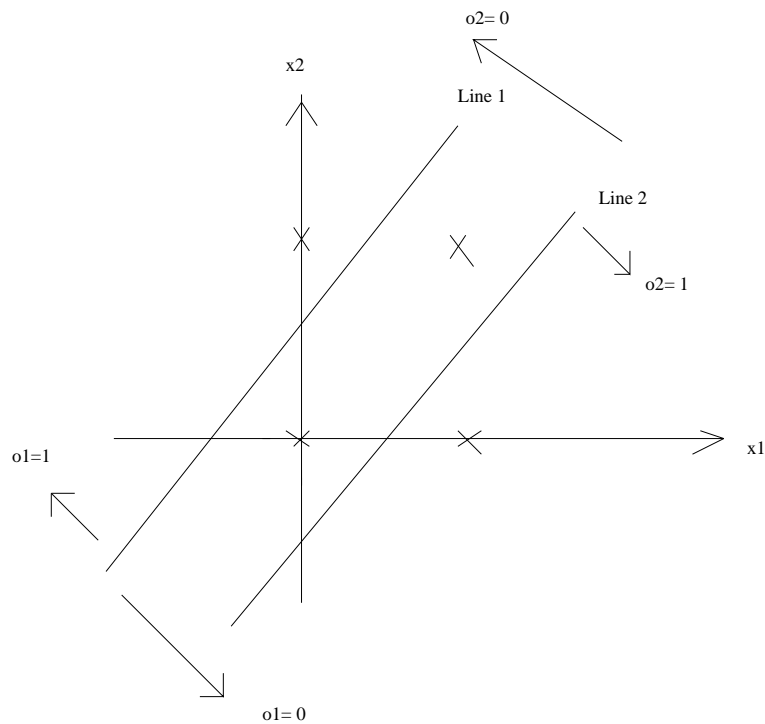
- with large  $\lambda$ , we could approximate the present case...

- Lets go back to the **EXOR** example once more ....

- One solution was given in previous slides as follows :

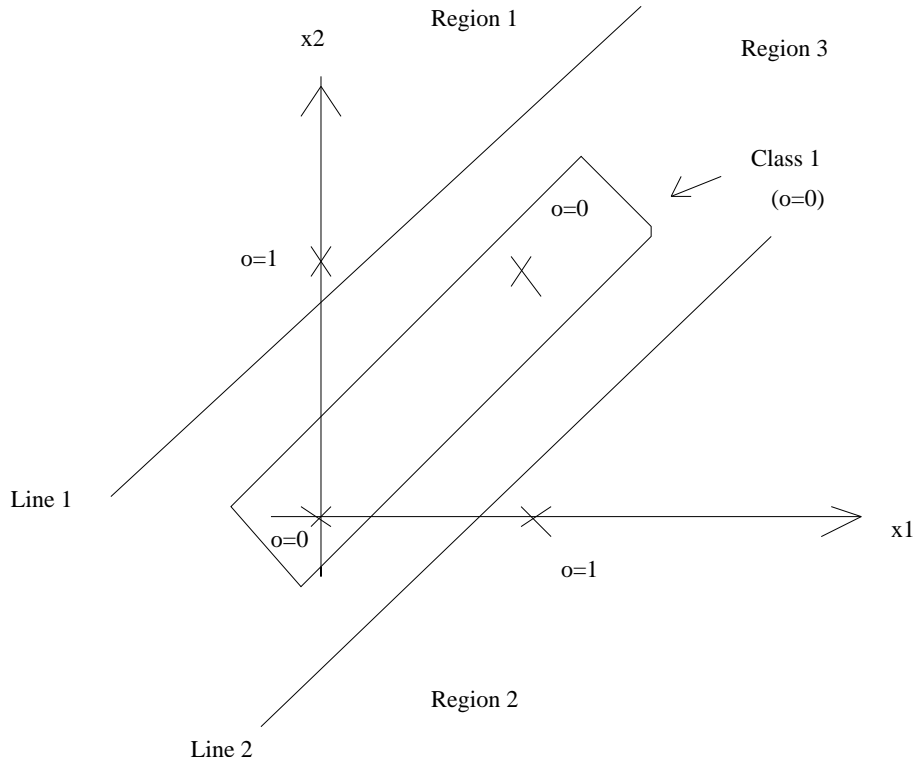
$x_1$	$x_2$	$o_1$	$o_2$	$o = o_1 \vee o_2$	
0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	1	0	1	$\Rightarrow o = o_1 \vee o_2 = x_1 \oplus x_2$
1	0	0	1	1	
1	1	0	0	0	

- $o_1 = f(-2x_1 + 2x_2 - 1) = f(-x_1 + x_2 - 0.5)$ ,  $o_2 = f(2x_1 - 2x_2 - 1) = f(x_1 - x_2 - 0.5)$



- Hence one block to form the lines **separating** regions, and another block **adding** these regions ( **OR Block**) is sufficient in this case...

• Following this idea, we may find alternative solutions to the EXOR problem as follows :



• 
$$x_1 \oplus x_2 = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } (x_1 \ x_2) \in \text{Region 1 OR Region 2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise (Region 3)} \end{cases}$$

• Suppose that Line 1  $\rightarrow v_1 = w_{11}x_1 + w_{12}x_2 - \theta_1 = 0$  ( which is  $> 0$  in Region 1)

• Suppose that Line 2  $\rightarrow v_2 = w_{21}x_1 + w_{22}x_2 - \theta_2 = 0$  ( which is  $> 0$  in Region 2)

• Then a first block realizing these  $(o_1 = f(v_1) , o_2 = f(v_2))$  and  $o = o_1 + o_2 - 0.5 = o_1 \vee o_2$  realizes EXOR function. ( f: hardlimiter function



- Region 1  $\rightarrow l_1 > 0, l_2 > 0, l_3 > 0 \rightarrow l_1 \wedge l_2 \wedge l_3$
- Region 2  $\rightarrow l_1 > 0, l_2 > 0, l_3 < 0 \rightarrow l_1 \wedge l_2 \wedge \bar{l}_3$
- Region 3 :  $\rightarrow l_1 < 0, l_2 < 0, l_3 > 0 \rightarrow \bar{l}_1 \wedge \bar{l}_2 \wedge l_3$
- Class A :  $\rightarrow x \in \text{Region 1}$
- Class B :  $\rightarrow x \in \text{Region 2 OR Region 3}$
- $l_1 : v_1 = w_{11}x_1 + w_{12}x_2 - \theta_1 = 0 \rightarrow o_1 = f(v_1)$
- $l_2 : v_2 = w_{21}x_1 + w_{22}x_2 - \theta_2 = 0 \rightarrow o_2 = f(v_2)$
- $l_3 : v_3 = w_{31}x_1 + w_{32}x_2 - \theta_3 = 0 \rightarrow o_3 = f(v_3)$
- Region 1 :  $v_5 = o_1 + o_2 + o_3 - 2.5, o_5 = f(v_5)$
- Region 2 :  $v_6 = o_1 + o_2 - o_3 - 2.5, o_6 = f(v_5)$
- Region 3 :  $v_7 = -o_1 - o_2 + o_3 - 2.5, o_7 = f(v_7)$
- Region 2 **OR** Region 3 :  $v_8 = o_6 + o_7 - 0.5, o_8 = f(v_8)$

$$\bullet x \in \begin{cases} \text{Class A} & o_5 = 1 \\ \text{not in Class A} & o_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet x \in \begin{cases} \text{Class B} & o_8 = 1 \\ \text{not in Class B} & o_8 = 0 \end{cases}$$

- **Feedback Networks :** Hopfield Networks.
- **Discrete Case :** See Figure 2.10 for a representation..
- **Basic Operation :** Iterative Process ...
- Suppose that at step  $k$ , we have  $o(k)$  as the past output (Note the delay unit)
- $v(k) = Wo(k) \rightarrow o(k + 1) = \Gamma(v(k)) = \Gamma(Wo(k)) \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$
- $o(0)$  is the initial condition  $\rightarrow$  initial pattern. It evolves according to the above iteration scheme....
- $o(1) = \Gamma(Wo(0)), \quad o(2) = \Gamma(Wo(1)), \quad o(3) = \Gamma(Wo(2))$
- $\dots o(k + 1) = \Gamma(Wo(k)) \dots\dots$
- This process is useless unless it stops (i.e. keeps iterating the same output) after certain point. Suppose this pattern is  $o^*$ . Then we must have
- $o^* = \Gamma(Wo^*)$
- Such an  $o^*$  is called a **fixed point** of the discrete iteration  $\rightarrow$  memory pattern....
- **Practical application :**
- Suppose that  $o(0) = o^* + \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  represents a perturbation for the memory pattern  $o^*$  ..
- If we have  $o(0) \rightarrow o(1) \rightarrow o(2) \dots \rightarrow o^* \rightarrow o^* \dots$
- Hence we recover the original pattern...(See Figures 1.7 and 1.8)

- **Example** : See Fig. 2.12

$$\bullet W = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow o(k+1) = \Gamma(Wo(k))$$

- Assume that nonlinearity is **hard limiter**

$$\bullet o(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v(0) = Wo(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow o(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet o(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v(1) = Wo(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow o(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = o^*$$

- $o^*$  is a stored pattern....

$$\bullet o(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v(0) = Wo(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow o(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = o^*$$

- Can we have other memory patterns? **YES**... $o^* = \Gamma(Wo^*)$

$$\bullet o(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v(0) = Wo(0) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow o(1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bullet o(1) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow v(1) = Wo(1) = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -3 \\ -3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow o(2) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = o^{**}$$

- $o^{**}$  is **also** stored pattern....

- **Continuous Case** : See Figure 2.15 for a representation..

- Here, instead of a discrete iteration, we have a **differential** equation...

- $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x)$ .

- Given  $x(0)$  (initial pattern), we have a solution  $x(t)$ . Unless  $x(t) \rightarrow x^*$  ( a constant), this system is not very useful.

- If this is the case  $\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} \rightarrow 0$

- Then we have (asymptotically)  $f(x^*) = 0 \rightarrow$  **equilibrium point** (DC operating point in Electronics)

- See Figure 2.15. Define  $x_1 = net_1$ ,  $x_2 = net_2 \rightarrow o_1 = f(x_1)$ ,  $o_2 = f(x_2)$
- Nonlinearity is either bipolar sigmoidal (practical op-amp) or signum function (ideal op-amp).
- At Node 1 :  $C_1 \frac{dx_1}{dt} + \frac{x_1}{R} + \frac{x_1 - o_2}{R_{12}} = 0$
- At Node 2 :  $C_2 \frac{dx_2}{dt} + \frac{x_2}{R} + \frac{x_2 - o_1}{R_{21}} = 0$
- Assume that  $C_1 = C_2 = C > 0$ ,  $R < 0$ ,  $R_{12} = R_{21} < 0$
- $C \frac{d(x_1 - x_2)}{dt} + \frac{x_1 - x_2}{R} + \frac{x_1 - x_2}{R_{12}} + \frac{o_1 - o_2}{R_{12}} = 0$
- $x_1 = x_2 \Leftrightarrow o_1 = o_2 \rightarrow$  equilibrium....
- Assume that  $x_1 > x_2 \Leftrightarrow o_1 > o_2 \rightarrow C \frac{d(x_1 - x_2)}{dt} > 0 \rightarrow x_1 - x_2 \uparrow$
- $\rightarrow o_1 - o_2 \uparrow$
- Asymptotically  $o_1 - o_2 \uparrow$  to its maximum, which is  $o_1 = 1$ ,  $o_2 = -1$ ...Equilibrium point....
- Alternatively, assume that  $x_1 < x_2 \Leftrightarrow o_1 < o_2 \rightarrow C \frac{d(x_1 - x_2)}{dt} < 0$   
 $\rightarrow x_1 - x_2 \downarrow$
- $\rightarrow o_1 - o_2 \downarrow$
- Asymptotically  $o_1 - o_2 \downarrow$  to its minimum, which is  $o_1 = -1$ ,  $o_2 = 1$ ...Equilibrium point....