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Neural Networks (Graduate level) Radial Basis Function Networks

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RBF networks

- Radial basis function network (RBFN) represent a special category of the feedforward neural networks architecture.
- The basic RBFN structure consists of an input layer, a single hidden layer with radial activation function and an output layer.



RBF networks

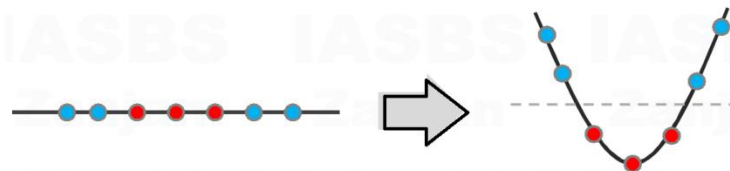
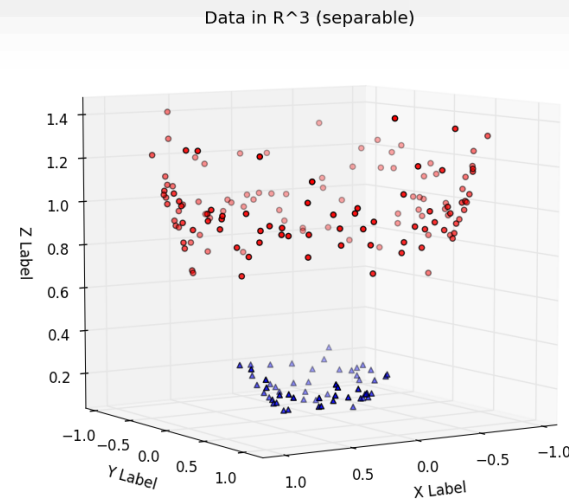
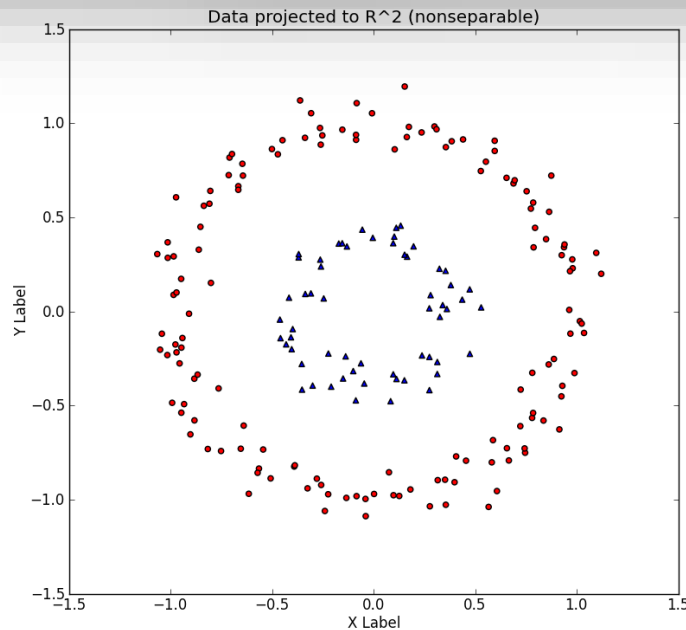
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- Implementing this procedure using a network architecture, yields the RBF networks, if the nonlinear mapping functions are **radial basis functions**.
- Radial Basis Functions:
 - **Radial**: Symmetric around its center
 - **Basis Functions**: A set of functions whose linear combination can generate an arbitrary function in a given function space.



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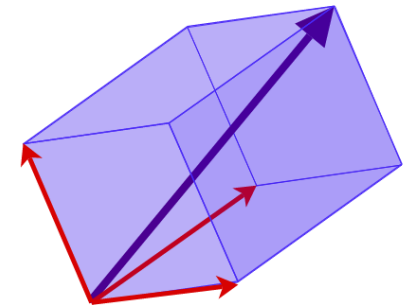
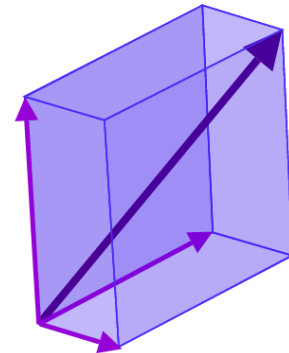


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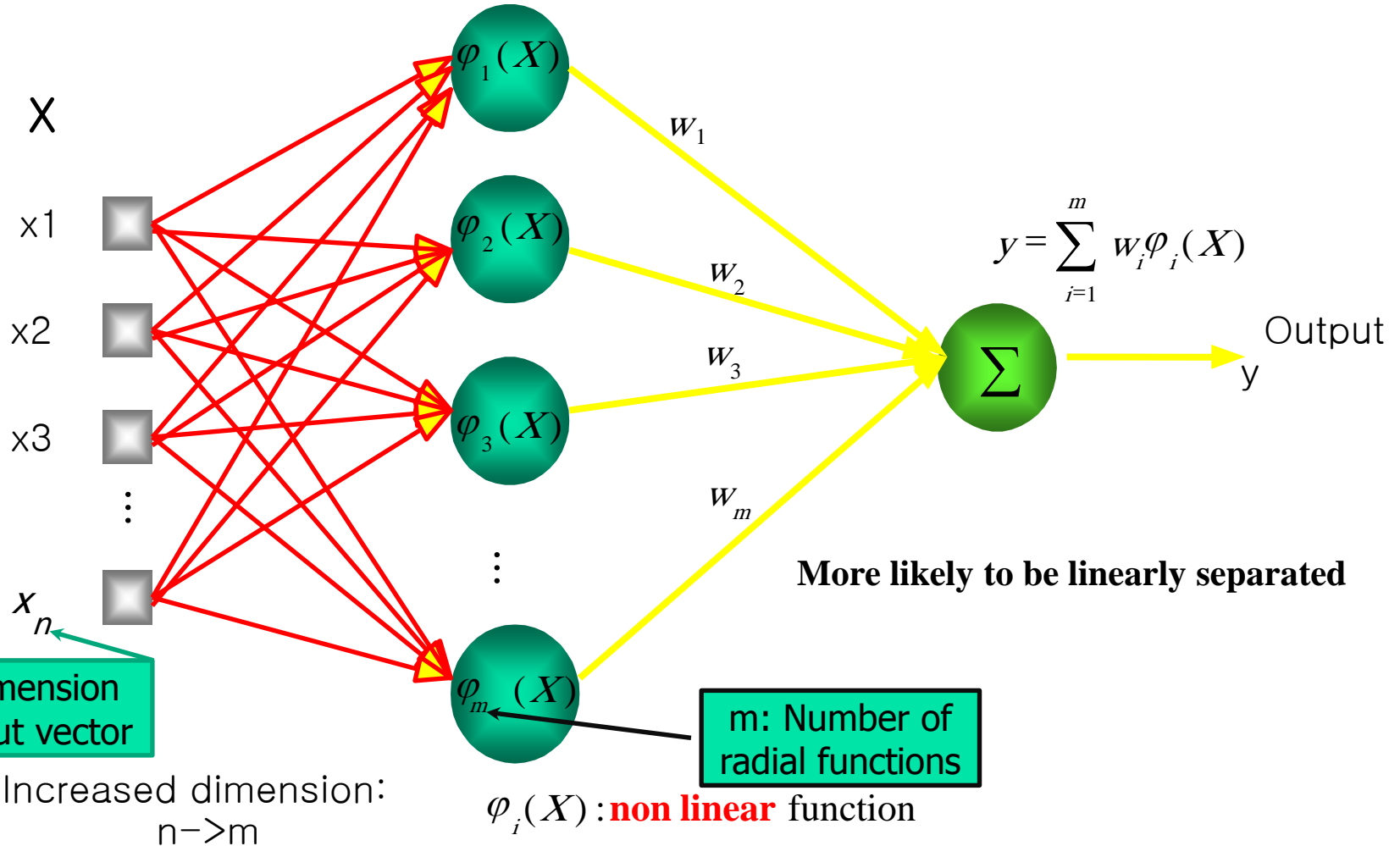
Definition :

Radial basis function (RBF) networks are a special class of single hidden-layer feed forward neural networks for application to problems of supervised learning.

The model ' f ' is expressed as a linear combination of a set of ' m ' *fixed* functions often called **basis functions** by analogy with the concept of a vector being composed of a linear combination of basis vectors.



RBFN: A 3-layer network



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■ Input layer

- Source nodes that connect the network to its environment

■ Hidden layer

- Hidden units provide a set of basis function
- High dimensionality

■ Output layer

- Linear combination of hidden functions



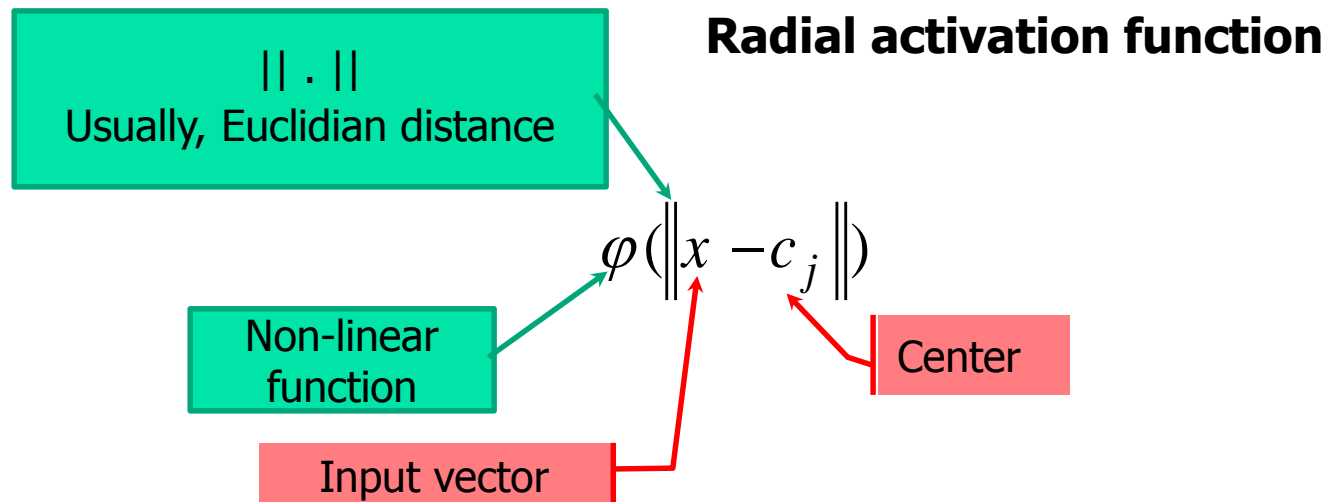
RBF networks

- Unlike most FF neural networks, the connection weights between the input layer and the neuron units of the hidden layer for an RBFN are all equal to **unity**.
- Each hidden neuron calculates a norm that represents the distance between the input to the network and the so-called position of the neuron (center). This is inserted into a radial activation function which calculates and outputs the activation of the neuron.



RBF parameters

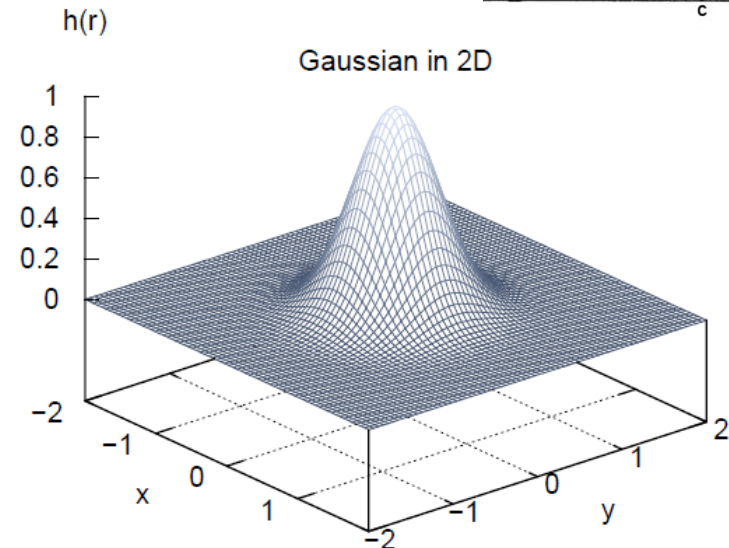
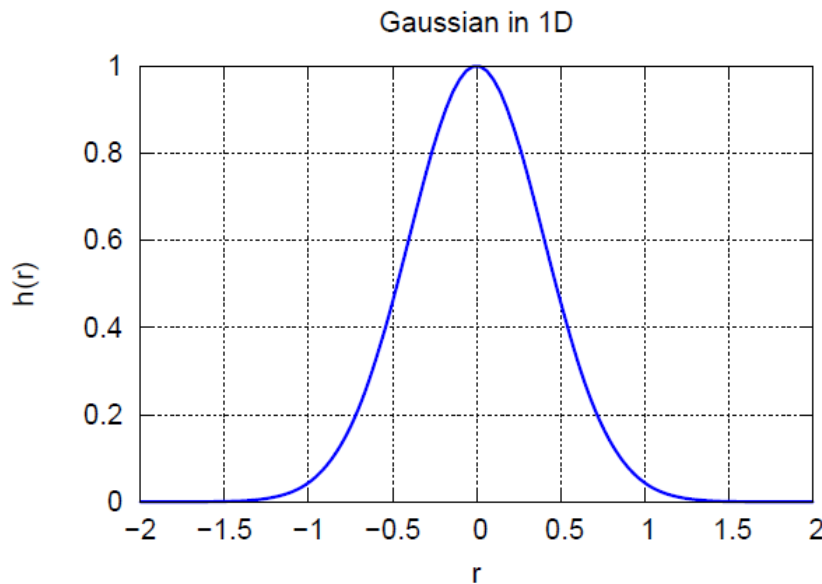
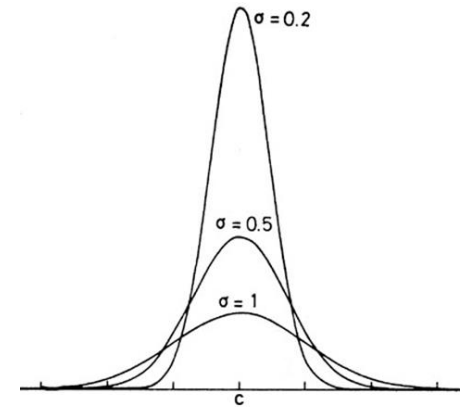
A function is radial basis (**RBF**) if its output depends on the distance of the input from a given stored vector (a nonincreasing function).



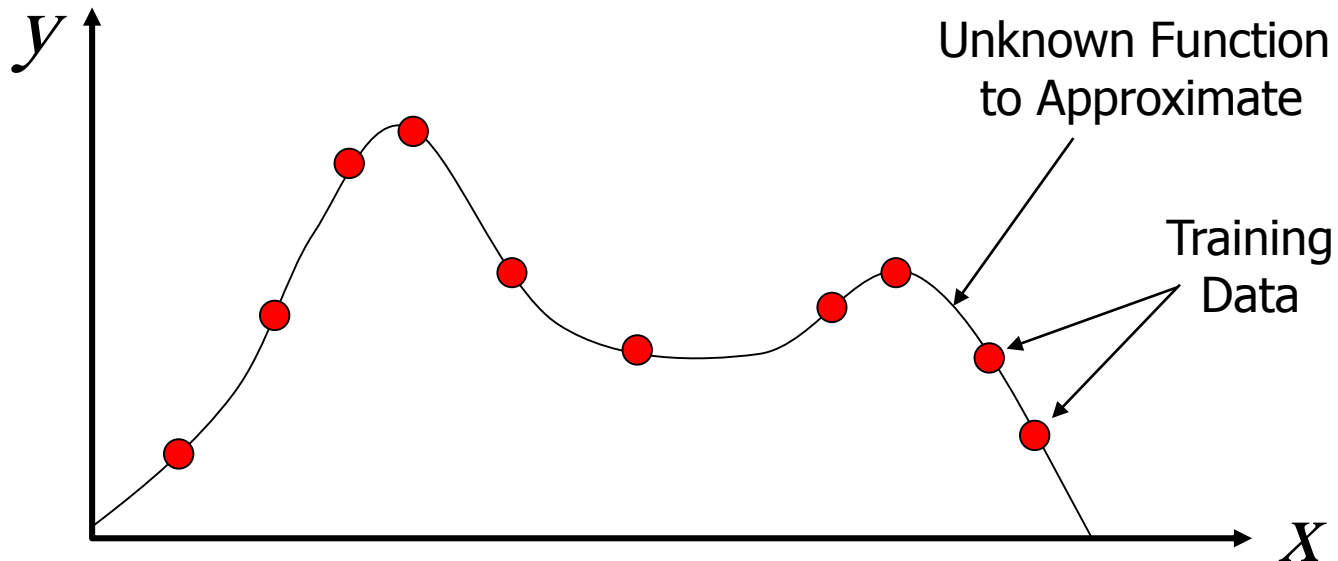
Radial activation function

A typical radial function is the **Gaussian** which in the case of a scalar input is

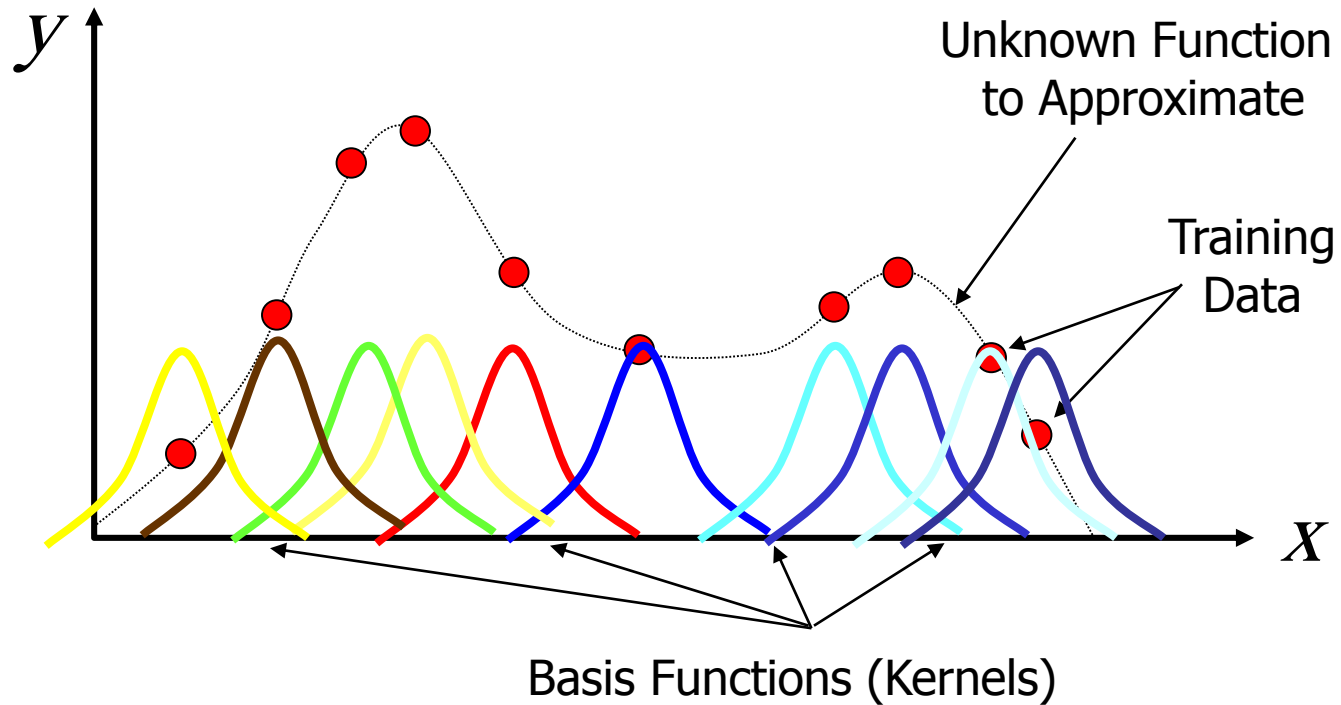
$$\varphi(x, c) = \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - c}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right]$$



RBN First idea (Function approximation)

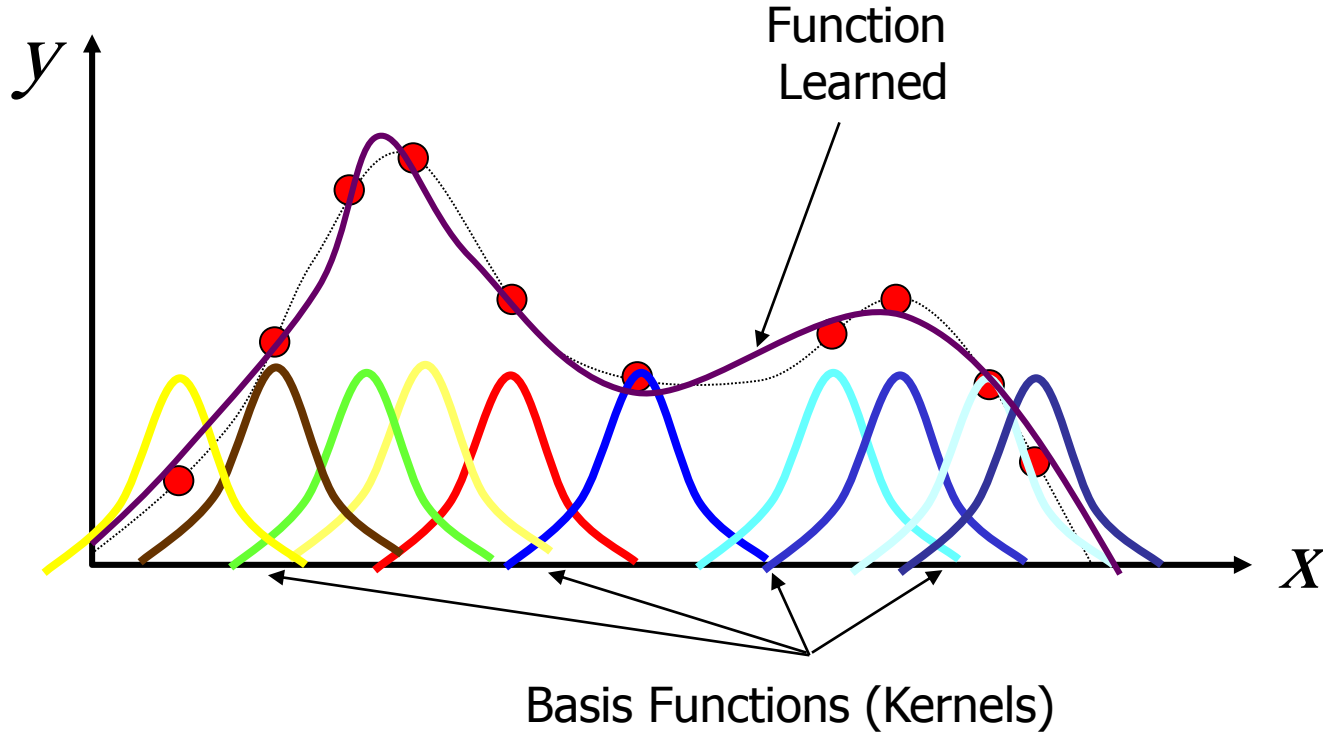


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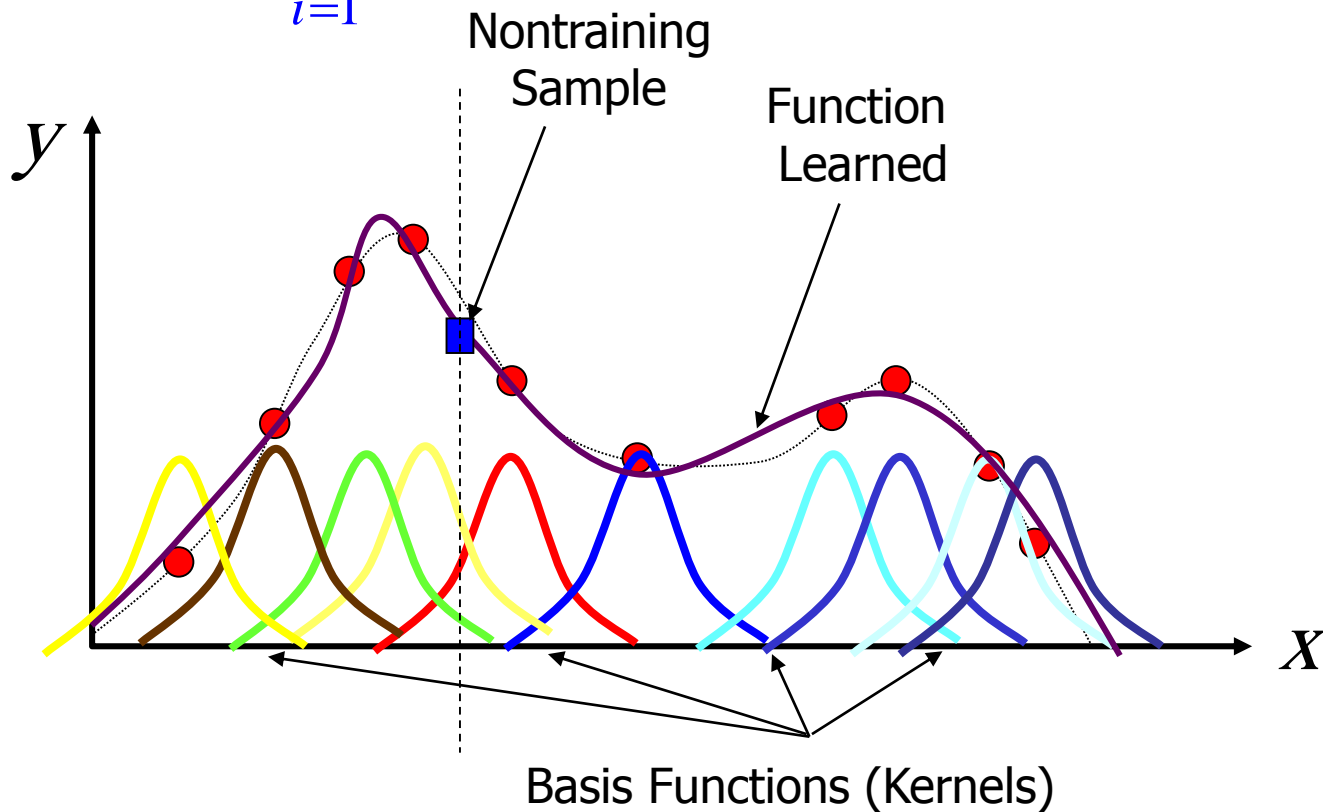
RBN First idea (Function approximation)

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i \phi_i(\mathbf{x})$$

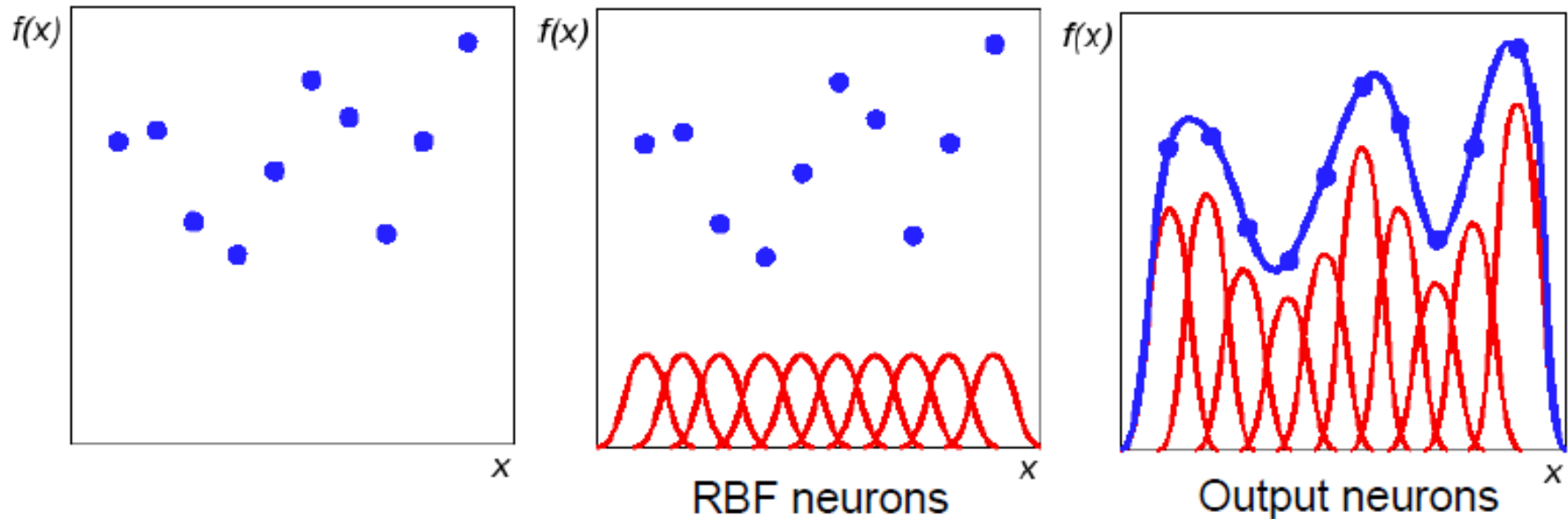


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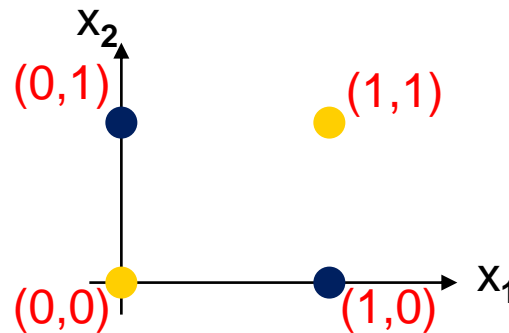


RBN First idea (Function approximation)



XOR Problem

- Input space:



- Output space:



- Construct an RBF pattern classifier such that:
(0,0) and (1,1) are mapped to 0, class C1
(1,0) and (0,1) are mapped to 1, class C2

XOR Problem

- In the feature (hidden layer) space:

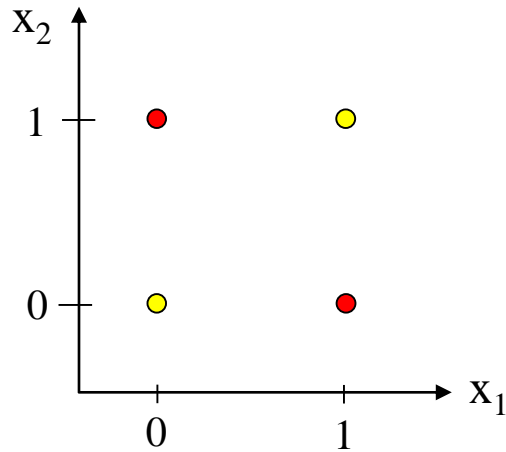
$$\varphi_1(\|x - t_1\|) = e^{-\|x - t_1\|^2}$$

$\mathbf{x} = [x_1 \ x_2]$

$$\varphi_2(\|x - t_2\|) = e^{-\|x - t_2\|^2} \quad t_1 = (1,1) \text{ and } t_2 = (0,0)$$

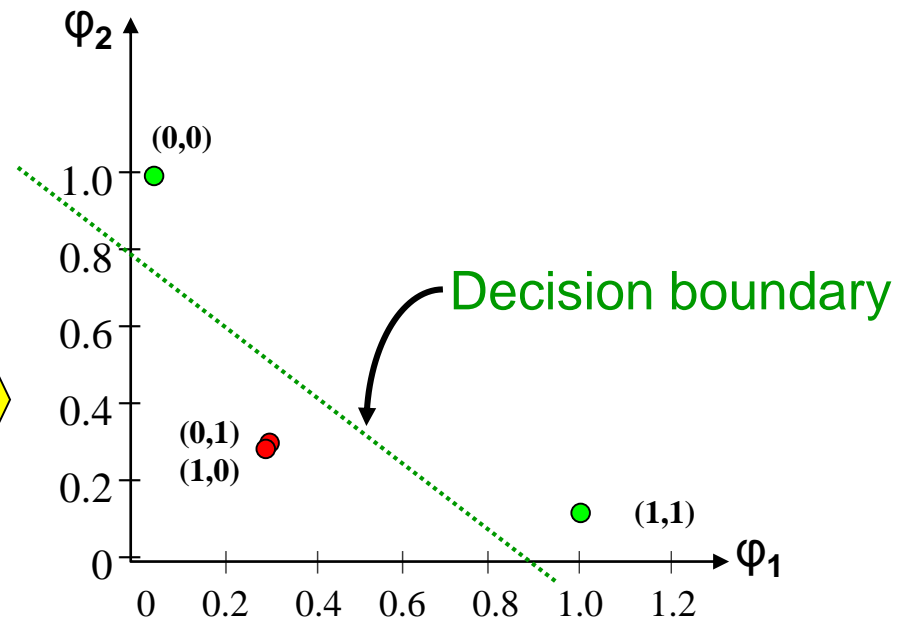
- When mapped into the feature space $\langle \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \rangle$ (hidden layer), C1 and C2 become *linearly separable*. So a linear classifier with $\varphi_1(\mathbf{x})$ and $\varphi_2(\mathbf{x})$ as inputs can be used to solve the XOR problem.

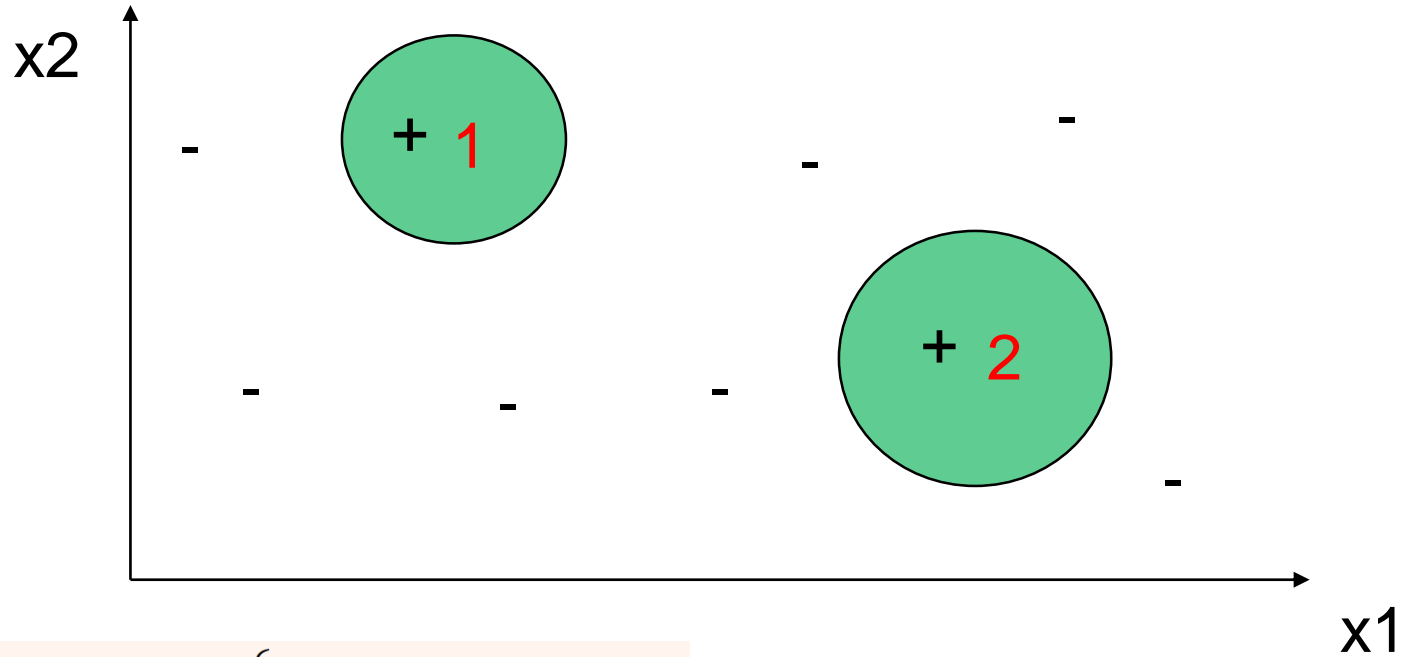
XOR Problem



The nonlinear ϕ function transformed a nonlinearly separable problem into a linearly separable one !!!

Input x	$\phi_1(x)$	$\phi_2(x)$
(1,1)	1	0.1353
(0,1)	0.3678	0.3678
(1,0)	0.3678	0.3678
(0,0)	0.1353	1





$$\varphi_1(\|x - t_1\|) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \|x - t_1\| \leq r_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \|x - t_1\| > r_1 \end{cases}$$

$$\varphi_2(\|x - t_2\|) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \|x - t_2\| \leq r_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } \|x - t_2\| > r_2 \end{cases}$$

t_1 , t_2 are centers of the circles

Learning Algorithms

- **Parameters** to be learnt are:
 - Centers
 - Spreads
 - Weights
- Different learning algorithms



Learning method1

- **Centers** are chosen randomly from the training set (can be equal to total training set)
- **Spreads** are chosen by **normalization**:

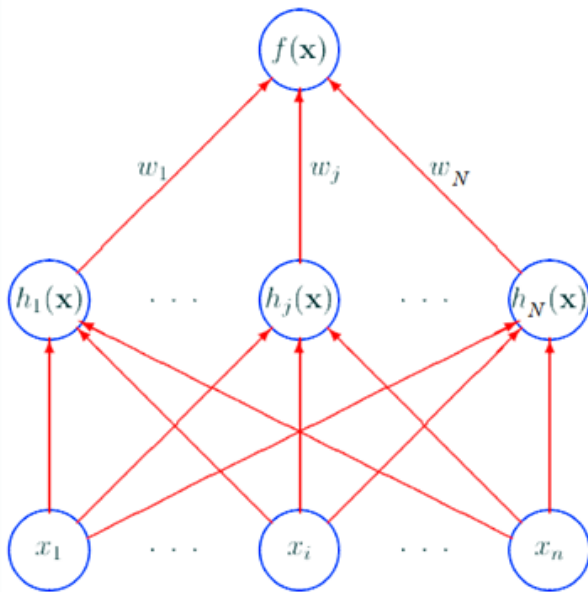
$$\sigma = \frac{\text{Maximum distance between any 2 centers}}{\sqrt{\text{number of centers}}} = \frac{d_{\max}}{\sqrt{m_1}}$$

$$\varphi_i(\|x - t_i\|^2) = \exp\left(-\frac{m_1}{d_{\max}^2} \|x - t_i\|^2\right)$$
$$i \in [1, m_1]$$

Learning method1

- **Weights** are found by means of **pseudo-inverse method**

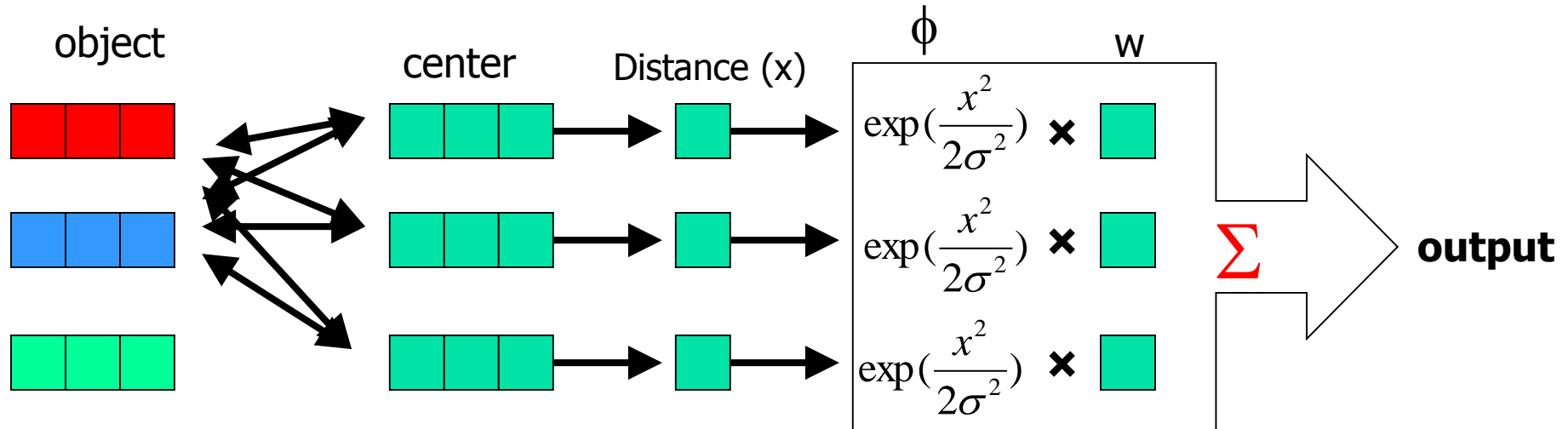
$$y_i = \sum_{k=1}^N w_k \varphi(\|x_i - x_k\|) \Rightarrow \mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{\varphi} \mathbf{w}$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{11} & \varphi_{12} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \varphi_{1N} \\ \varphi_{21} & \varphi_{22} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \varphi_{2N} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \varphi_{N1} & \varphi_{N2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \varphi_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ w_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

Learning method1

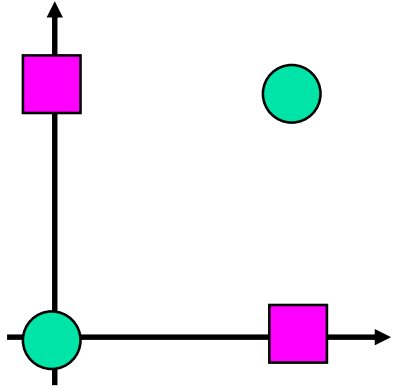


Hidd. nodes = # objects

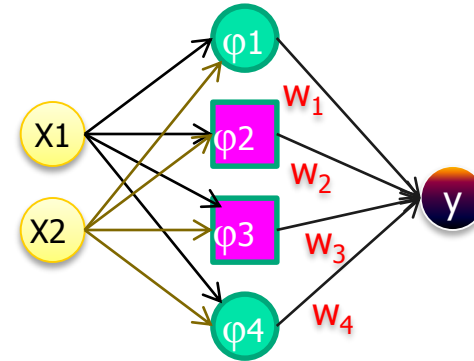


Exact Fitting

Learning method1 (XOR example)



x	y
(0,0)	0
(0,1)	1
(1,0)	1
(1,1)	0

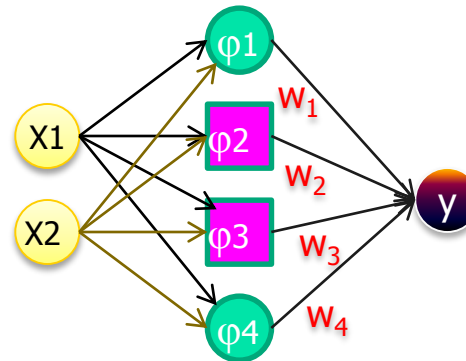


$$\varphi_{ik} = \varphi(\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k\|) = \exp(-0.5\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_k\|^2)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_{11} & \varphi_{12} & \varphi_{13} & \varphi_{14} \\ \varphi_{21} & \varphi_{22} & \varphi_{23} & \varphi_{24} \\ \varphi_{31} & \varphi_{32} & \varphi_{33} & \varphi_{34} \\ \varphi_{41} & \varphi_{42} & \varphi_{43} & \varphi_{44} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^0 & e^{-0.5} & e^{-0.5} & e^{-1} \\ e^{-0.5} & e^0 & e^{-1} & e^{-0.5} \\ e^{-0.5} & e^{-1} & e^0 & e^{-0.5} \\ e^{-1} & e^{-0.5} & e^{-0.5} & e^0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3.03 \\ 3.42 \\ 3.42 \\ -3.03 \end{bmatrix}$$

Learning method1 (XOR example)

x	y
(0,0)	0
(0,1)	1
(1,0)	1
(1,1)	0



$$f(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{k=1}^4 w_k \phi_{ik} = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{x_1^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{(x_1 - 1)^2 + x_2^2} + \sqrt{(x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2}$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{k=1}^4 w_k \phi_{ik} = -3.0359 \exp\left(-\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}\right) + 3.4233 \exp\left(-\frac{x_1^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2}{2}\right) \\ + 3.4233 \exp\left(-\frac{(x_1 - 1)^2 + x_2^2}{2}\right) - 3.0359 \exp\left(-\frac{(x_1 - 1)^2 + (x_2 - 1)^2}{2}\right)$$

Learning method2

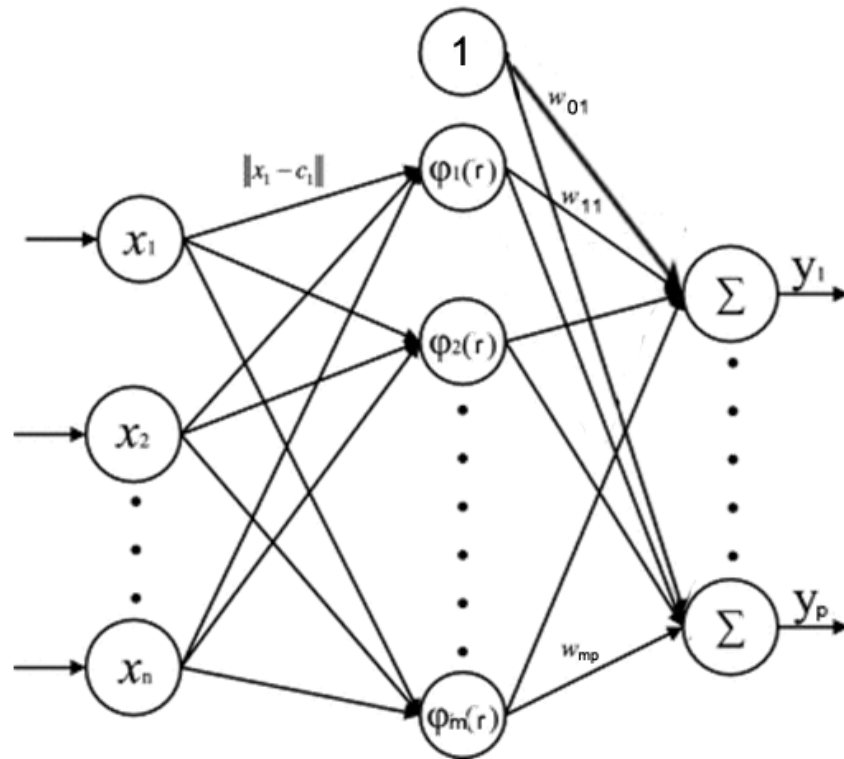
- **Hybrid Learning Process:**
 - **Self-organized learning stage** for finding the **centers**
 - **Spreads** chosen by normalization
 - **Supervised learning stage** for finding the **weights**, using LMS algorithm

Centers are obtained from unsupervised learning (clustering). Spreads are obtained as variances of clusters, \mathbf{w} are obtained through LMS algorithm. Clustering (k-means) and LMS are iterative. This is the most commonly used procedure. Typically provides good results.

RBF structure with learning method 2

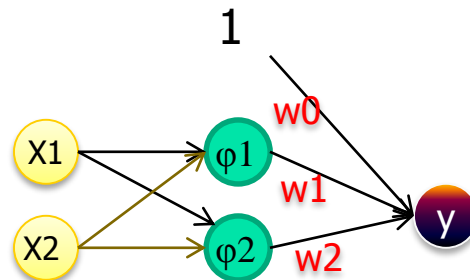
■ Network structure

- n input neurons
- m RBF neurons
- p output neurons



Learning method2 (XOR example)

x	y
(0,0)	0
(0,1)	1
(1,0)	1
(1,1)	0



$$\mu_1 = [1, 1] \quad \mu_2 = [0, 0]$$

$$d_{\max} = \|\mu_1 - \mu_2\| = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{d_{\max}}{\sqrt{2m}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

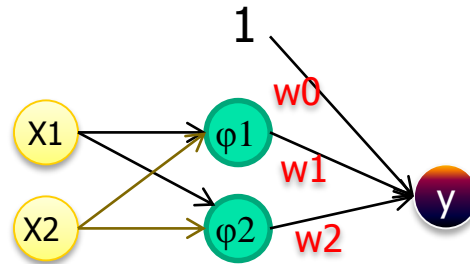
$$\varphi_{ij}(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left[-\frac{\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|^2}{2\sigma_j^2}\right] = \exp\left(-\|\mathbf{x}_i - \mu_j\|^2\right)$$

$$\varphi_1 = \exp\left(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mu_1\|^2\right) \quad \varphi_2 = \exp\left(-\|\mathbf{x} - \mu_2\|^2\right) \quad \mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2]$$

$$y = w_0 + w_1\varphi_1 + w_2\varphi_2$$

Learning method2 (XOR example)

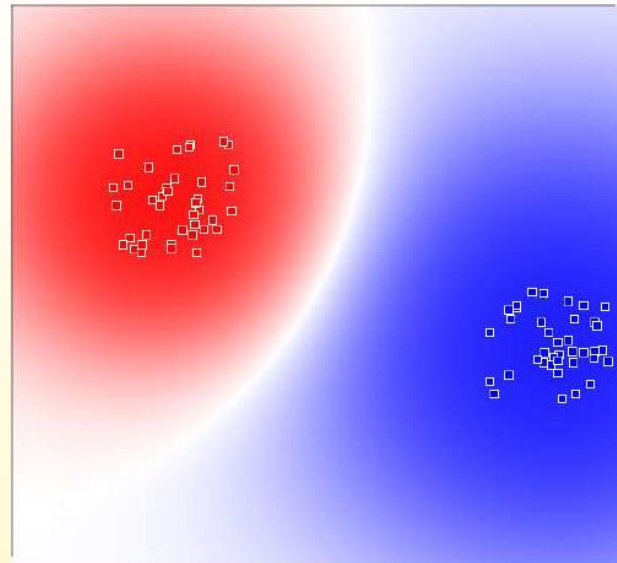
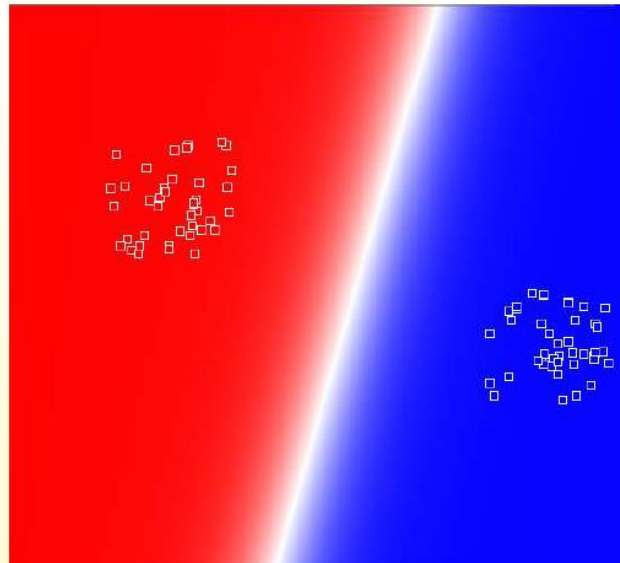
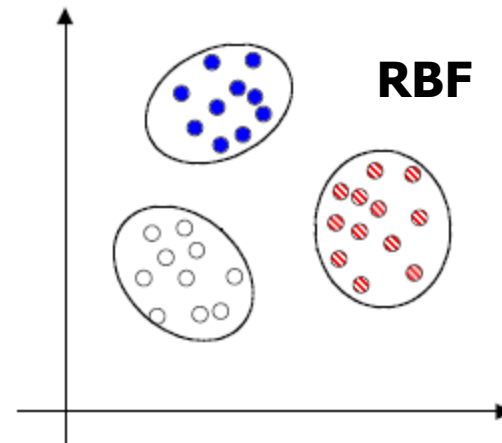
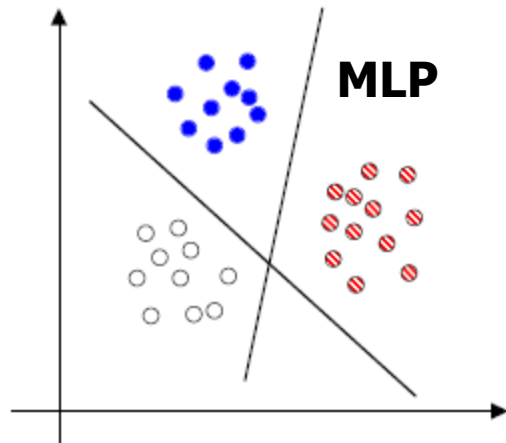
x	y
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(1,1)	0



$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1 = 0 &= w_0 + w_1 \exp\left(-\|[0,0] - [0,0]\|^2\right) + w_2 \exp\left(-\|[0,0] - [1,1]\|^2\right) = w_0 + w_1 + 0.1353w_2 \\
 y_2 = 1 &= w_0 + w_1 \exp\left(-\|[0,1] - [0,0]\|^2\right) + w_2 \exp\left(-\|[0,1] - [1,1]\|^2\right) = w_0 + 0.3679w_1 + 0.3679w_2 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0.1353 \\ 1 & 0.3679 & 0.3679 \\ 1 & 0.3679 & 0.3679 \\ 1 & 0.1353 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} w_0 \\ w_1 \\ w_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.8404 \\ -2.5018 \\ -2.5018 \end{bmatrix}$$

Comparison with MLP



Comparison with MLP

- Both are examples of *non-linear layered feed-forward* networks.
- Both are *universal approximators*.
- Hidden layers:
 - RBF networks have one *single* hidden layer.
 - MLP networks may have *more* hidden layers.



Comparison with MLP

■ Neuron Models:

- The computation nodes in the hidden layer of a RBF network are different. They serve a different purpose from those in the output layer.
- Typically computation nodes of MLP in a hidden or output layer share a common neuron model.

■ Linearity:

- The hidden layer of RBF is non-linear, the output layer of RBF is linear.
- Hidden and output layers of MLP are usually non-linear.



Comparison with MLP

■ **Activation functions:**

- The argument of activation function of each hidden unit in a RBF NN computes the Euclidean distance between input vector and the center of that unit.
- The argument of the activation function of each hidden unit in a MLP computes the inner product of input vector and the synaptic weight vector of that unit.

■ **Approximations:**

- RBF NN using Gaussian functions construct local approximations to non-linear I/O mapping.
- MLP NN construct global approximations to non-linear I/O mapping.



RBF in python

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
```

```
def rbf(x, c, s):
    return np.exp(-1 / 2*((x-c)/s) **2 )
```

```
# 100 linearly spaced numbers
```

```
x = np.linspace(-10,10,100)
```

```
y1 = rbf(x, 0.5, 2)
```

```
y2 = rbf(x, 2, 4)
```

```
y3 = rbf(x, -3, 3)
```

```
y = -1.4*y1 +.9*y2+ 1.3*y3
```

```
plt.plot(x, y1, 'g', label='RBF 1')
```

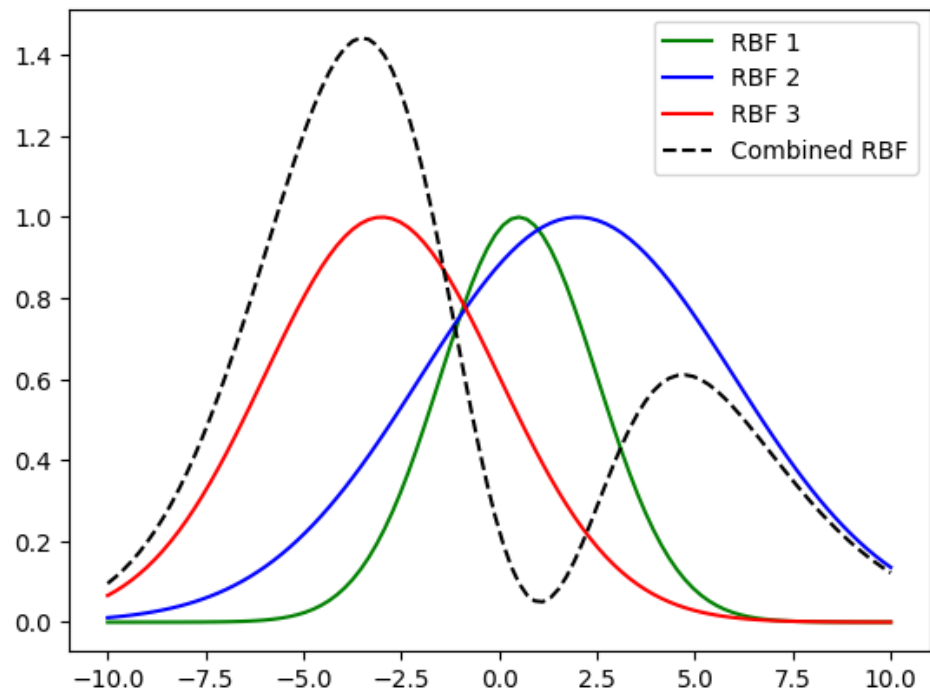
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plt.plot(x, y2, 'b', label='RBF 2')
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plt.plot(x, y3, 'r', label='RBF 3')
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```
plt.plot(x, y, 'k--', label='Combined RBF')
```

```
plt.legend()
```

```
plt.show()
```



A clear blue sky with several white, fluffy clouds of varying sizes scattered across it. The clouds are most prominent in the upper left and center, with a few smaller ones towards the bottom left and right.

Questions