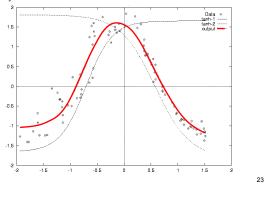


• Weights are adjusted based on input x data. MLP is then able to predict y values also for unseen x values.



MLP: advantages versus disadvantages

Advantages

- · Guaranteed to converge to local minimum of error;
- Even when the training data contains high noise;
- Even when training data are nonlinearly separable in fact MLP can approximate arbitrary nonlinear function.

Disadvantage

- Learning often gets stuck in a bad local minimum;
- No guarantee to converge to global minimum;
- Curse of dimensionality
 - For N=2 dimensional inputs, we need $100 = 10^2$ training data
 - For N=3 dimensional inputs, $10^3 = 1000$ training data are needed
 - In general, 10^N training data vectors are needed

