Neural Networks

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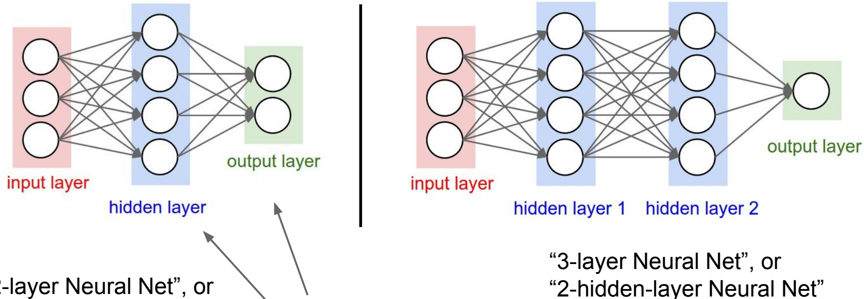
Nomenclature of basic network architectures

Neural Networks: Architectures



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"Fully-connected" layers

"3-layer Neural Net", or
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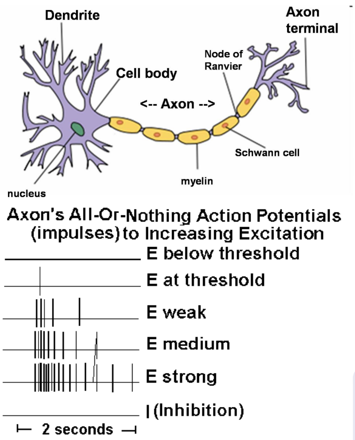
Caveat: don't go too far for the brain analogy



Biological neurons:

- Many different types
- Dendrite can perform complex non-linear operations
- Synapses are not a single weight but a complex non-linear dynamical system
- Rate code model may not be adequate

Also see London 2005 (Slide credit: CS231n)

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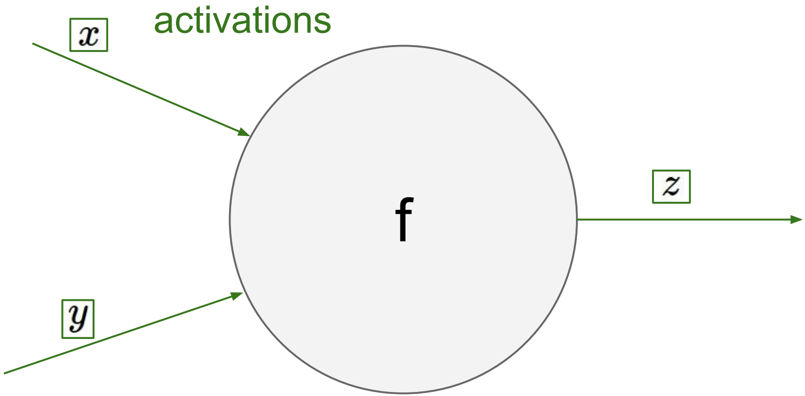

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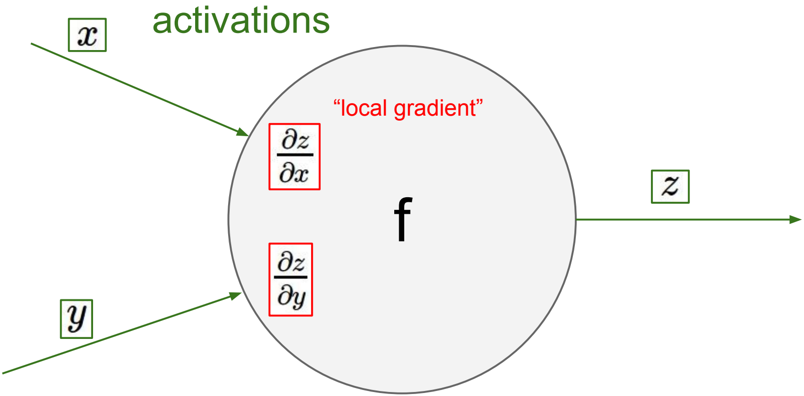

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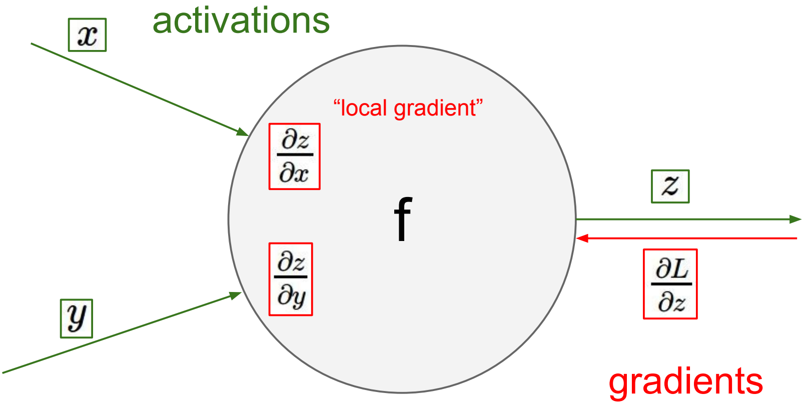

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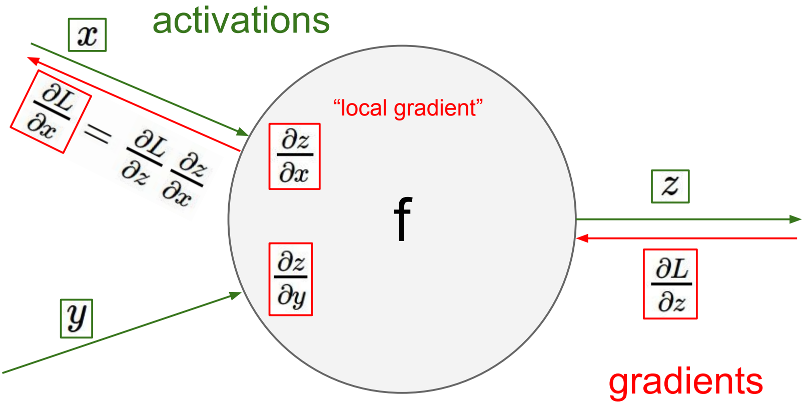

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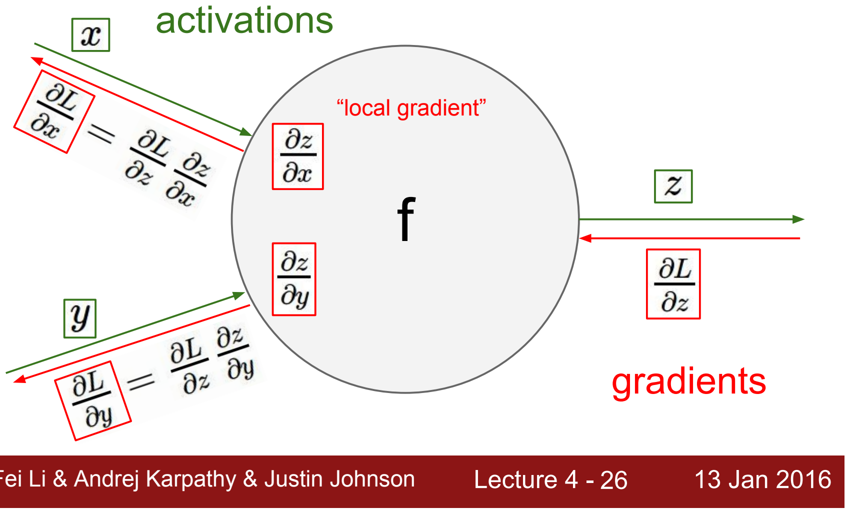

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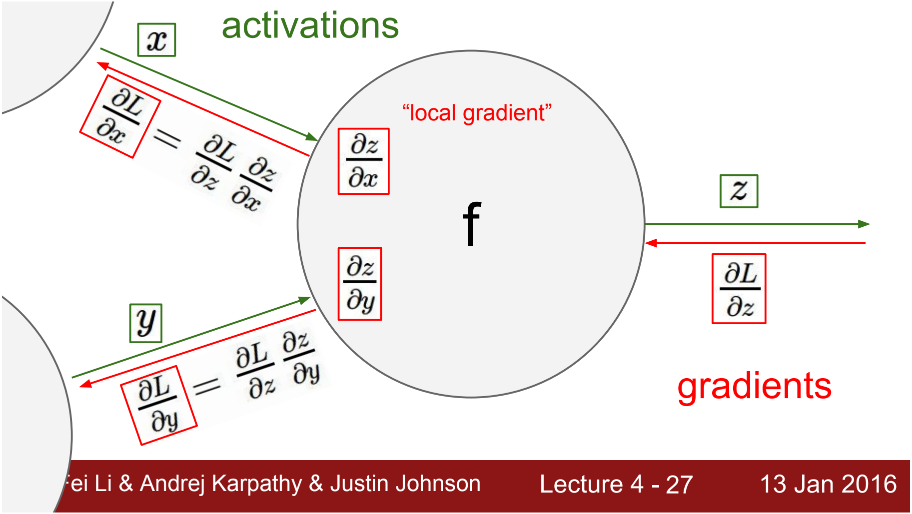

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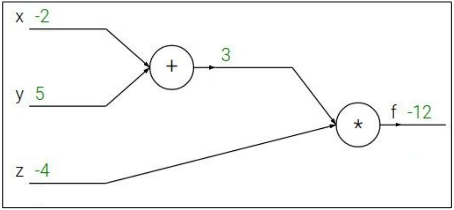

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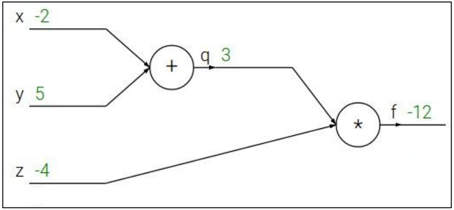

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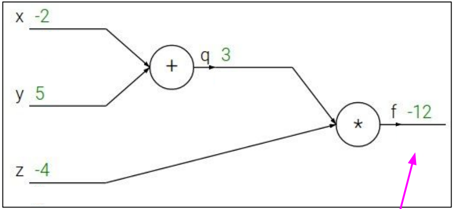

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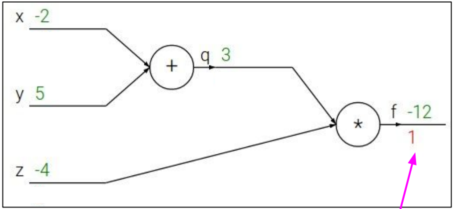

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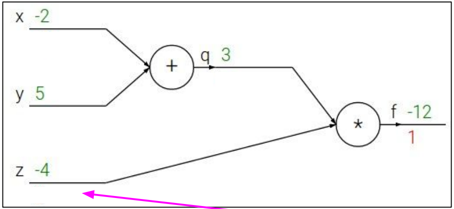

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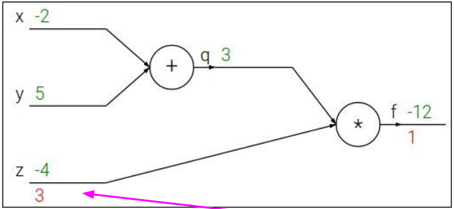

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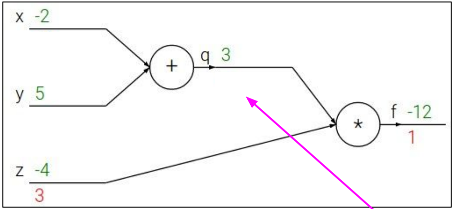

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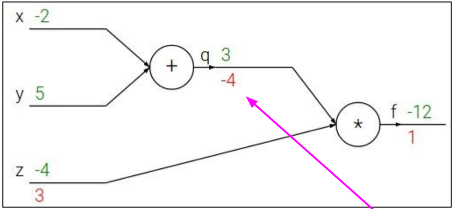

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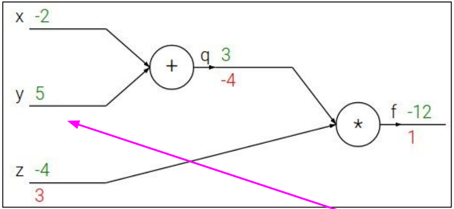

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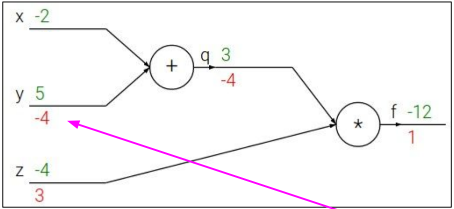

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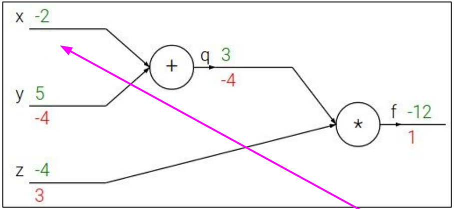

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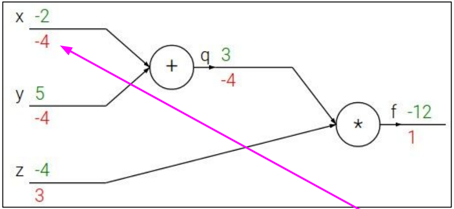

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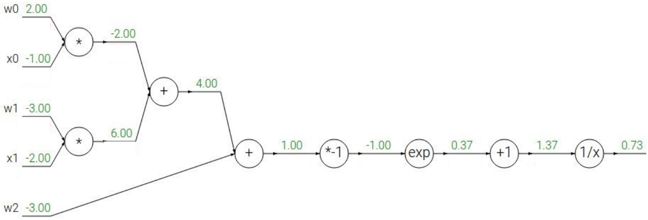

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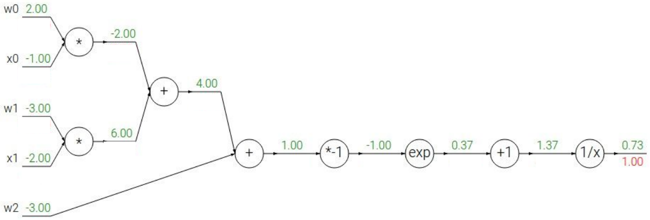

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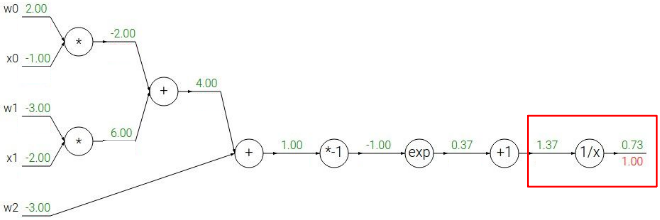

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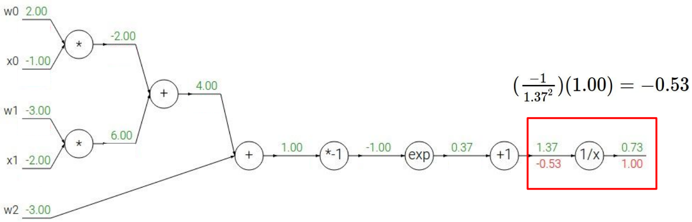

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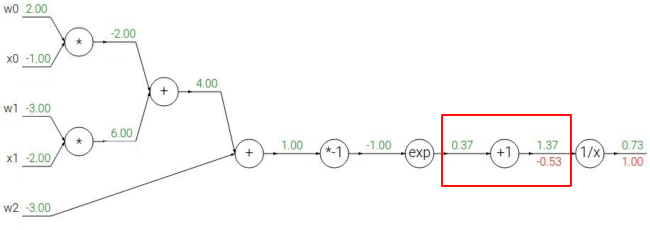

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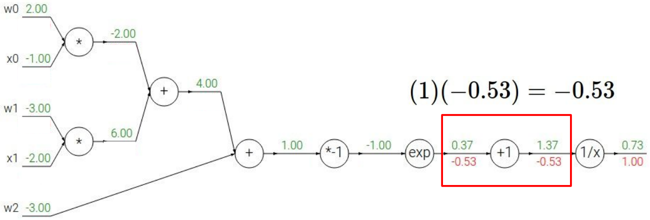

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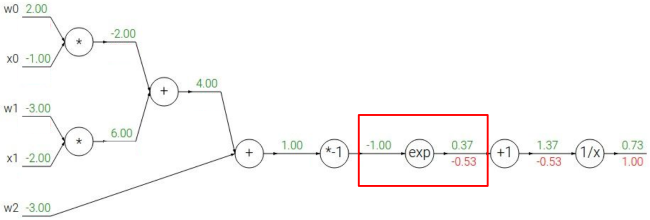

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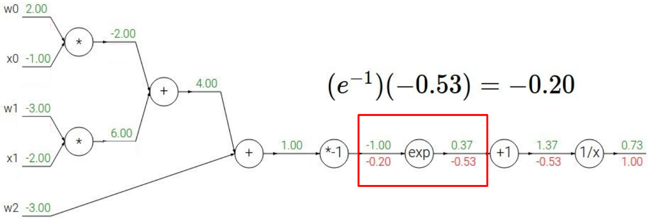

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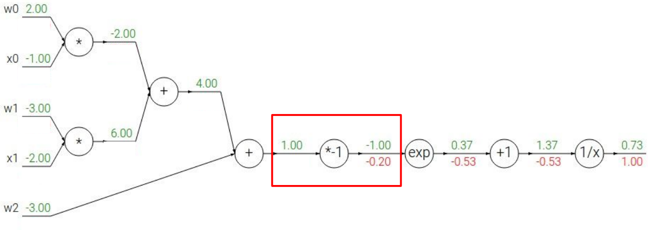

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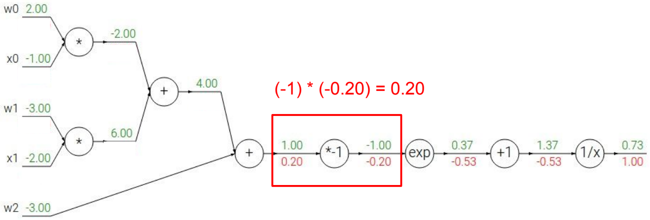

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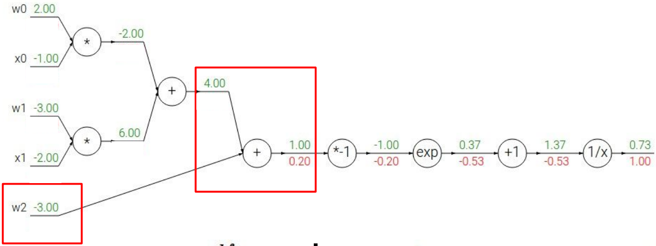

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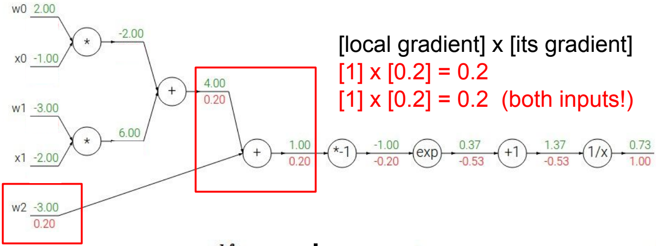

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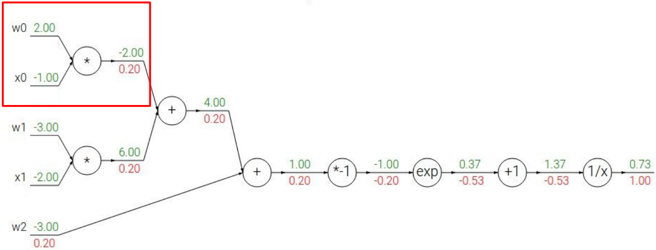

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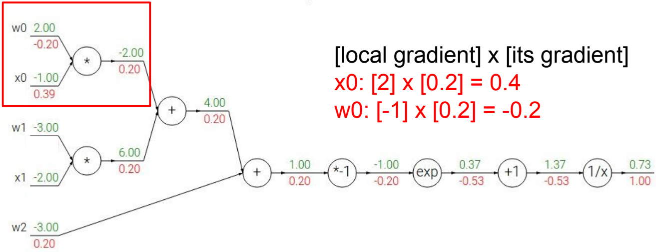

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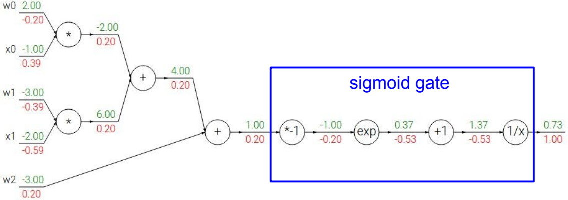

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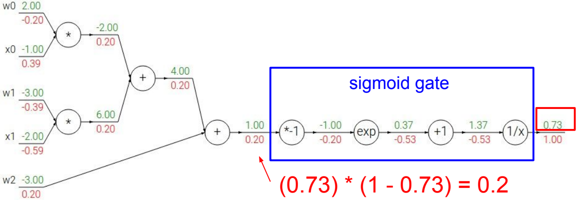

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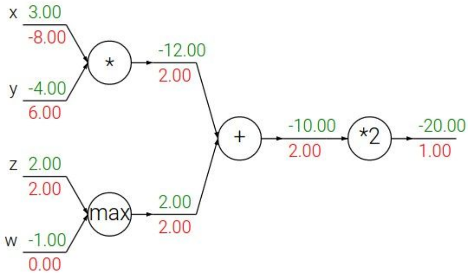

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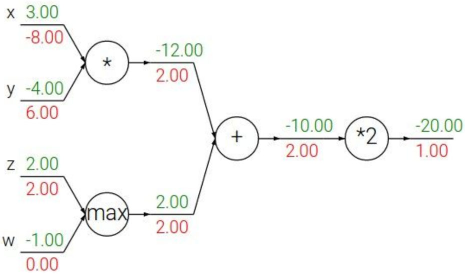

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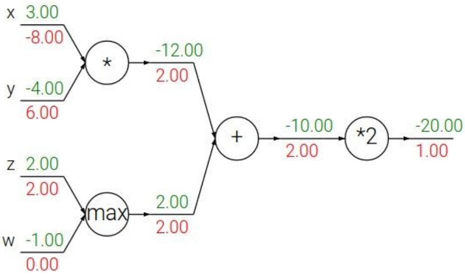

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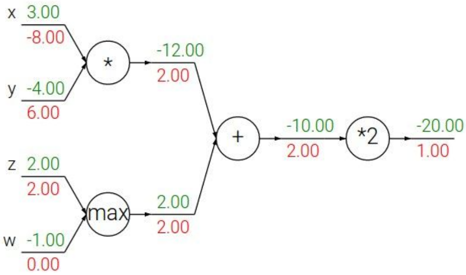

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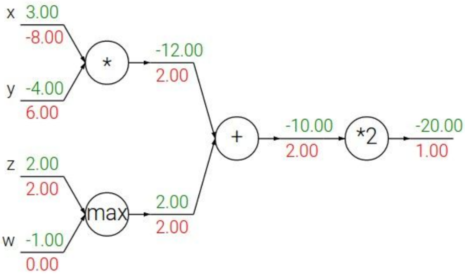
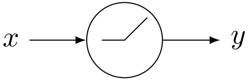


More examples: RELU

- Consider a "half-linear" function with negative side chopped off. That is,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

  - This is known to be the rectified linear unit (RELU)
- How should the gradient be propagated back?



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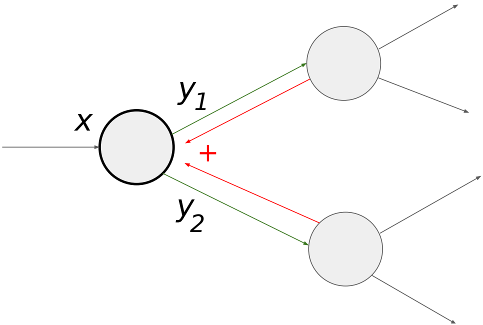

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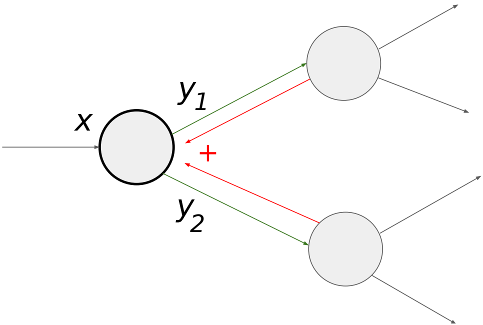

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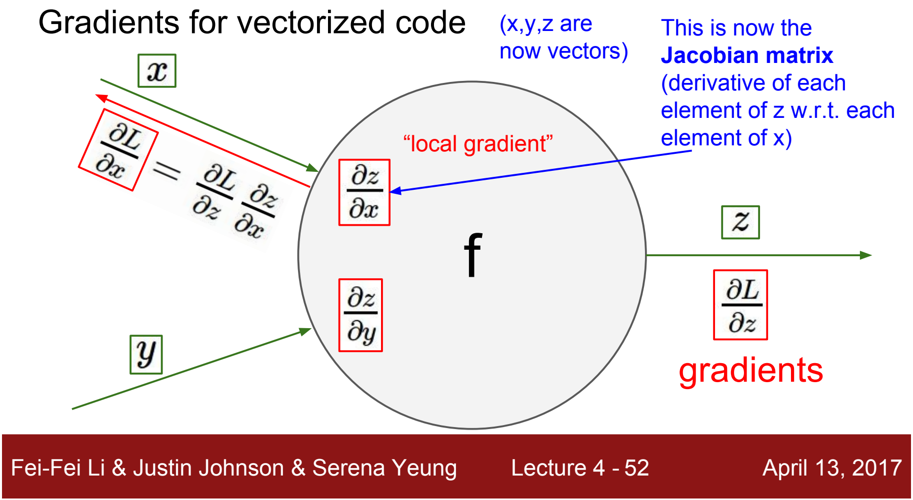

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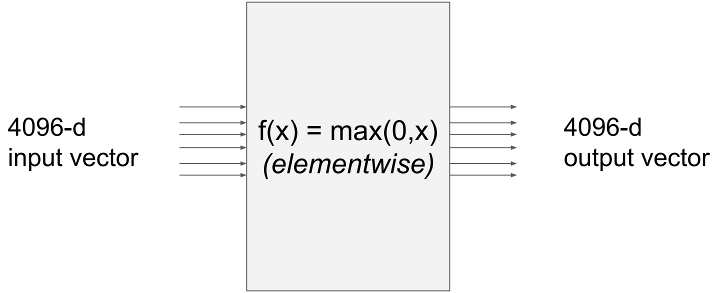

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4096-d
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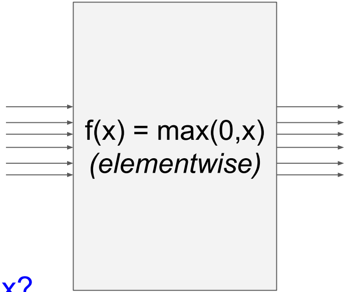

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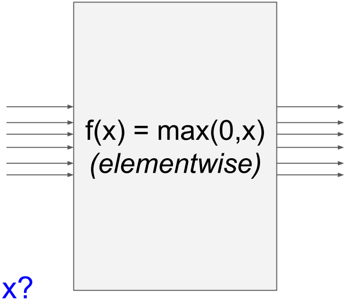

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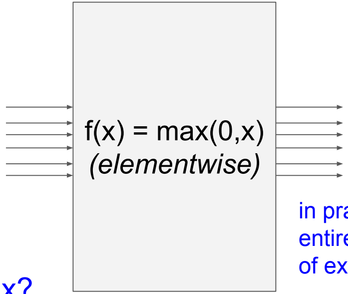

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in practice we process an entire minibatch (e.g. 100) of examples at one time:

i.e. Jacobian would technically be a [409,600 x 409,600] matrix :\

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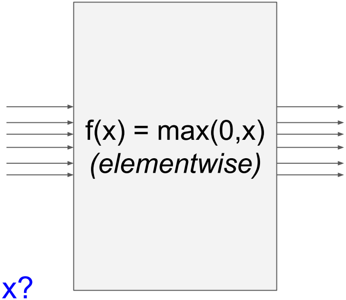

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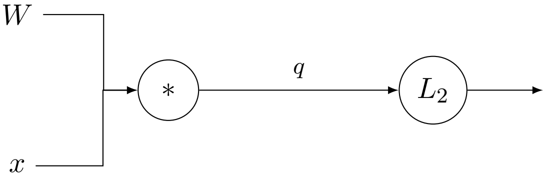

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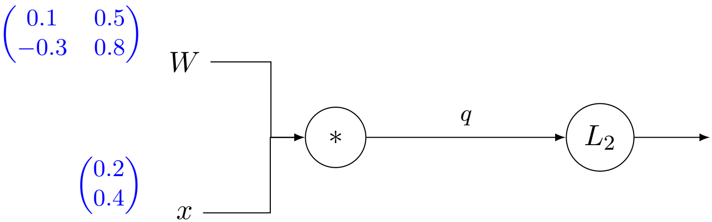

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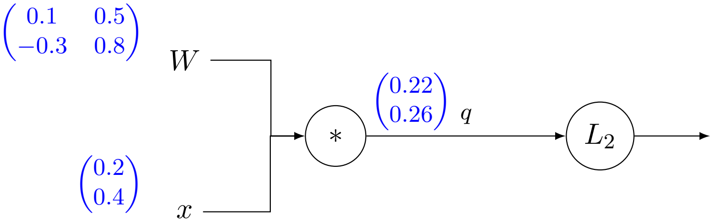

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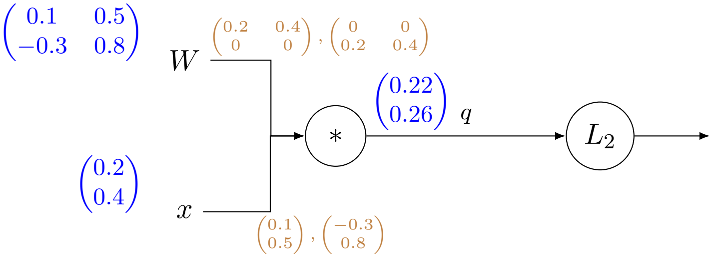

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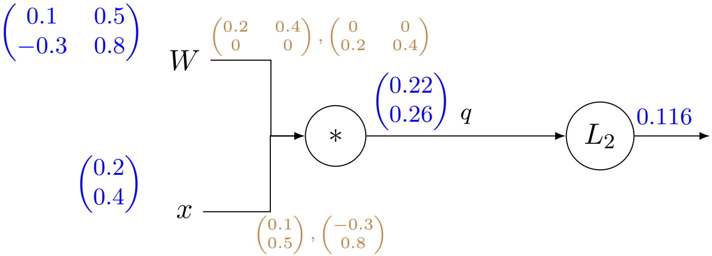

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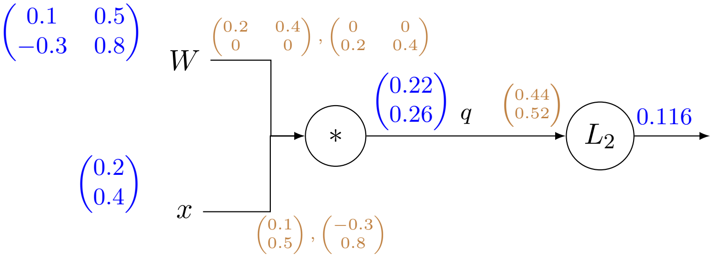

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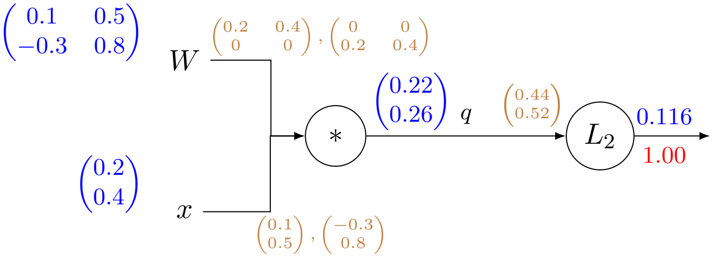

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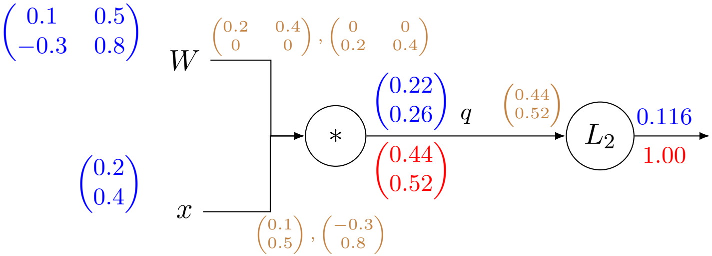

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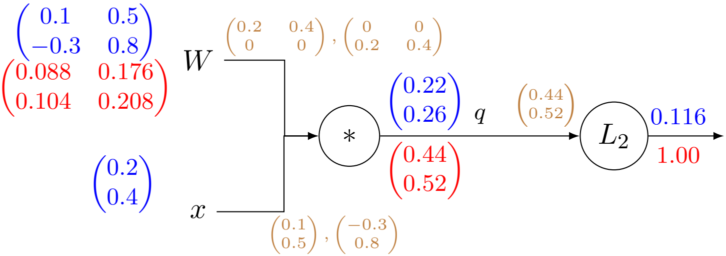

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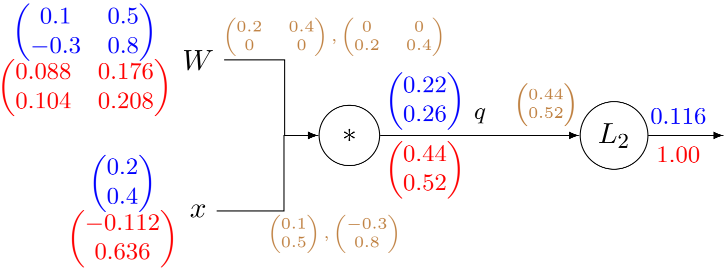

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Example: Softmax + Cross-entropy

- $L = \sum_l q_l \log \sigma_l(o)$
- $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma_l} = \frac{q_l}{\sigma_l}$
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  $= q_i(1-\sigma_i) - \sigma_i(1-q_i) = q_i - \sigma_i$
- Makes lot of sense!

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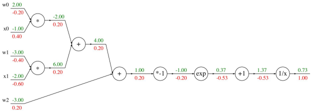

Graph (or Net) object *(rough psuedo code)*

```python
class ComputationalGraph(object):
    #...
    def forward(inputs):
        # 1. [pass inputs to input gates...]
        # 2. forward the computational graph:
        for gate in self.graph.nodes_topologically_sorted():
            gate.forward()
        return loss # the final gate in the graph outputs the loss
    def backward():
        for gate in reversed(self.graph.nodes_topologically_sorted()):
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        return inputs_gradients
```

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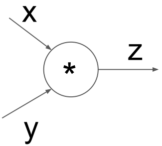

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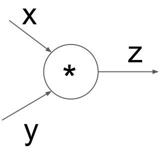

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Activation functions

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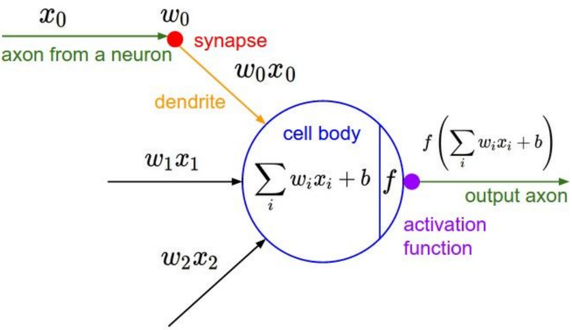

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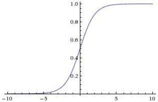
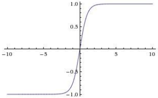
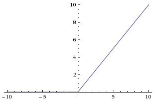


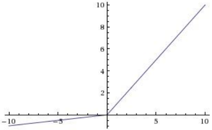
tanh tanh(x)



ReLU max(0,x)



Leaky ReLU
max(0.1x, x)



Maxout $\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$

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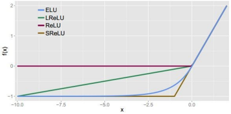

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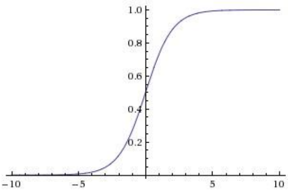

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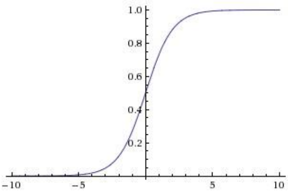

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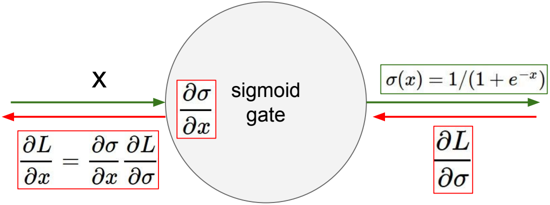

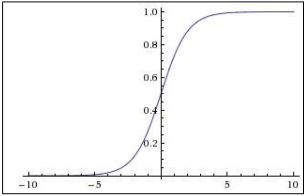

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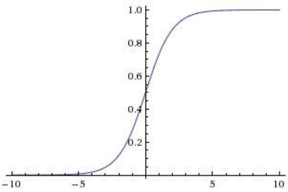

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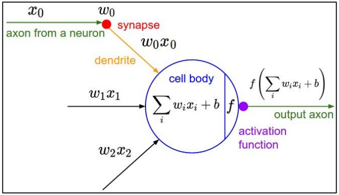

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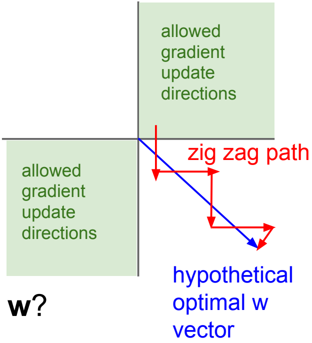

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Always all positive or all negative :(

(this is also why you want zero-mean data!)

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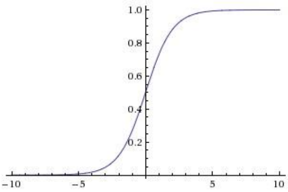

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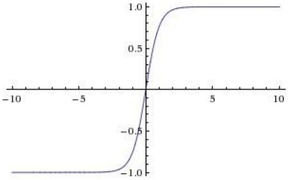

tanh(x)

- Squashes numbers to range [-1,1]
- zero centered (nice)
- still kills gradients when saturated :(

[LeCun et al., 1991]

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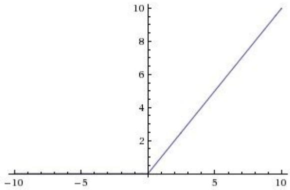

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[Krizhevsky et al., 2012]

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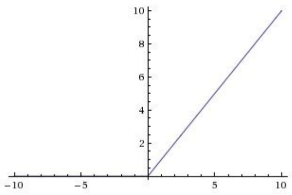

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hint: what is the gradient when x < 0?

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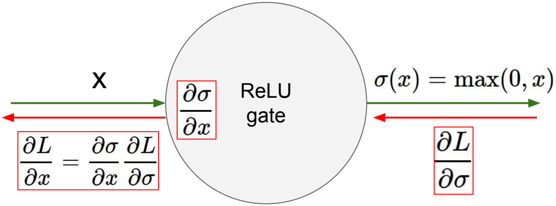

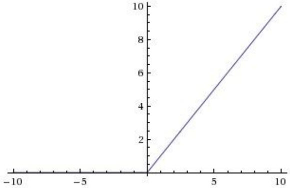

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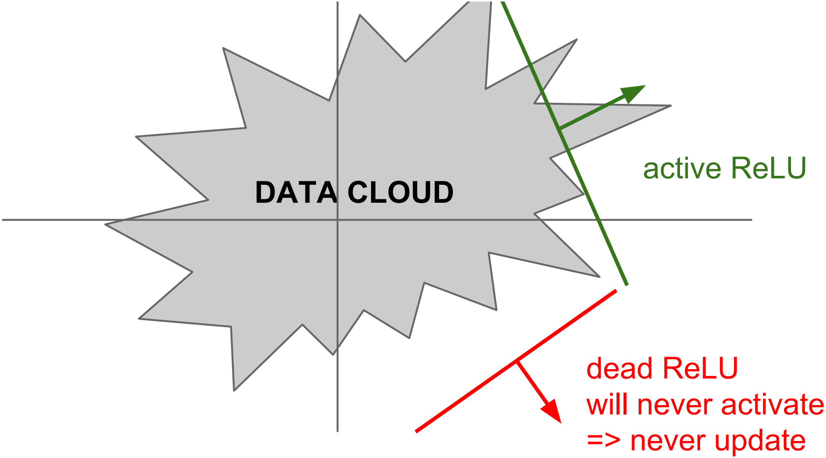

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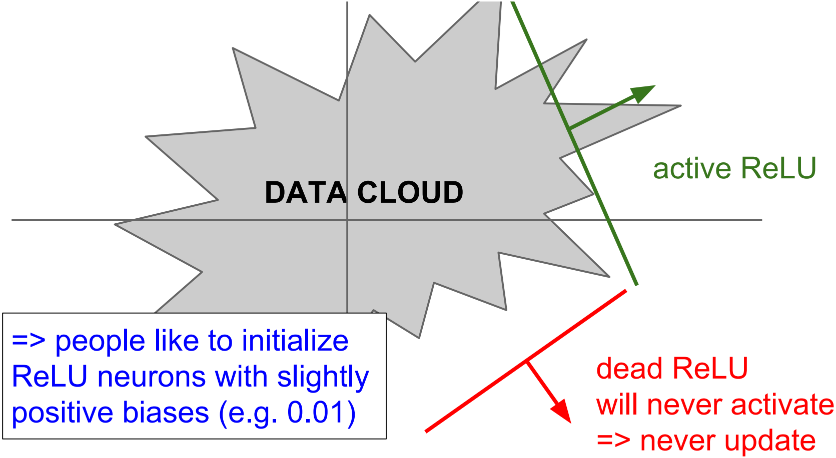

=> people like to initialize ReLU neurons with slightly positive biases (e.g. 0.01)

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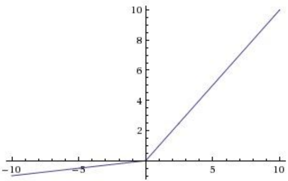
[Mass et al., 2013]
[He et al., 2015]



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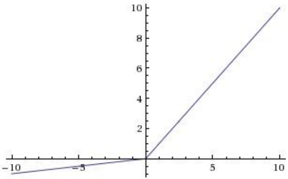

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Parametric Rectifier (PReLU)

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backprop into \alpha (parameter)

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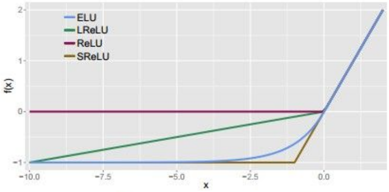
[Clevert et al., 2015]

Exponential Linear Units (ELU)



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha\,(\exp(x) - 1) & \text{if } x \le 0 \end{cases}$$

- All benefits of ReLU
- Does not die
- Closer to zero mean outputs

- Computation requires exp()

Activation functions

Maxout "Neurons" [Goodfellow et al., 2013]

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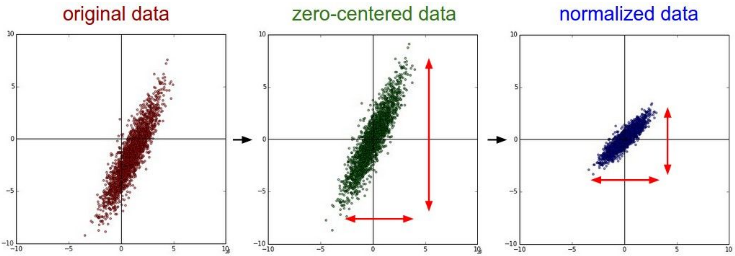
TLDR: In practice:

- Use ReLU. Be careful with your learning rates
- Try out Leaky ReLU / Maxout / ELU
- Try out tanh but don't expect much
- Don't use sigmoid

Input preprocessing

Step 1: Preprocess the data




```
X -= np.mean(X, axis = 0)
```

```
X /= np.std(X, axis = 0)
```

(Assume X [NxD] is data matrix, each example in a row)

Input preprocessing

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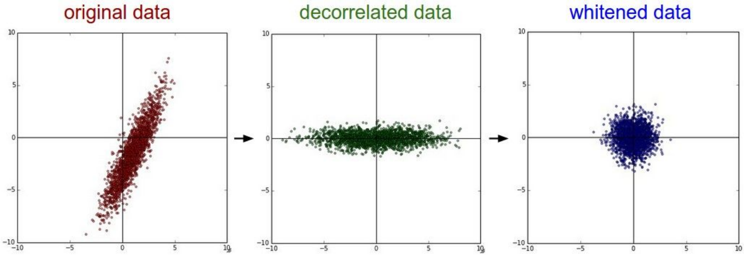
In practice, you may also see **PCA** and **Whitening** of the data



(data has diagonal covariance matrix)

(covariance matrix is the identity matrix)

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Input preprocessing

TLDR: In practice for Images: center only

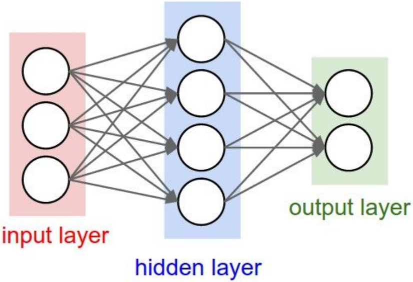
e.g. consider CIFAR-10 example with [32,32,3] images

- Subtract the mean image (e.g. AlexNet)
  (mean image = [32,32,3] array)
- Subtract per-channel mean (e.g. VGGNet)
  (mean along each channel = 3 numbers)

Not common to normalize variance, to do PCA or whitening

Weight initialization

- Q: what happens when W=0 init is used?



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Works ~okay for small networks, but can lead to non-homogeneous distributions of activations across the layers of a network.

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Let's look at some activation statistics

- 10 layers
- 500 neurons per layer
- $tanh(\cdot)$ for activation
- $W = 0.01 * \text{np.random.randn(fan\_in, fan\_out)}$ as described in the last slide

Weight initialization

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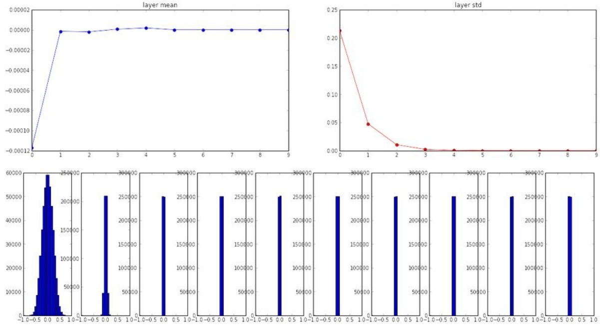

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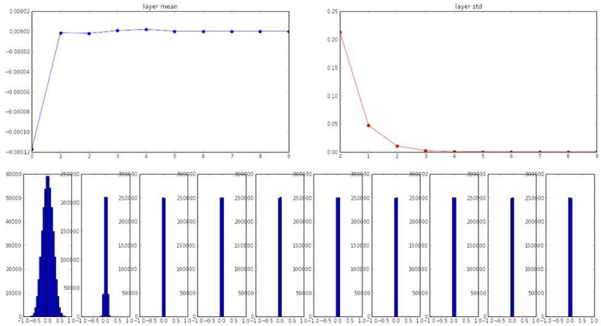

All activations become zero!

Q: think about the backward pass. What do the gradients look like?

Hint: think about backward pass for a W*X gate.

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```
W = np.random.randn(fan_in, fan_out) * 1.0 # layer initialization
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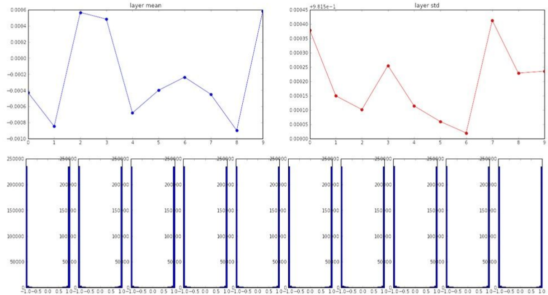
*1.0 instead of *0.01



Almost all neurons completely saturated, either -1 and 1. Gradients will be all zero.

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Thus, output will have same variance as input if $n\mathrm{Var}(w) = 1$. This is known as Xavier weight initialization

Weight initialization

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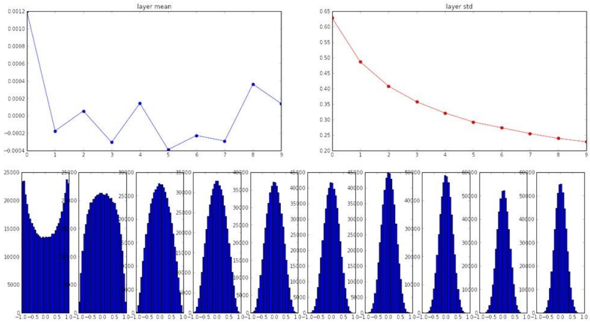
"Xavier initialization" [Glorot et al., 2010]



Reasonable initialization. (Mathematical derivation assumes linear activations)

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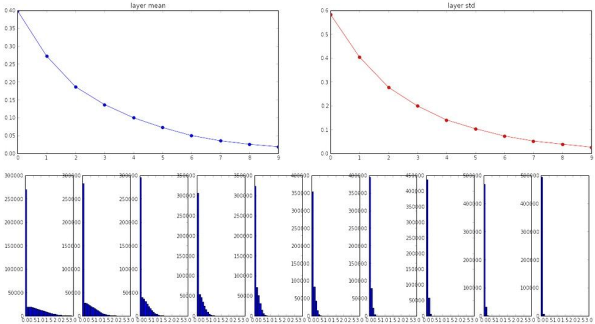

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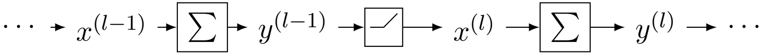

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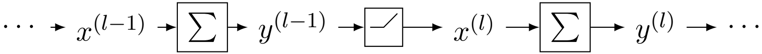

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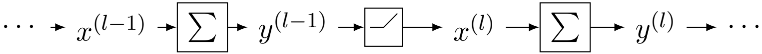

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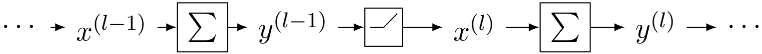

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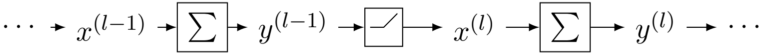

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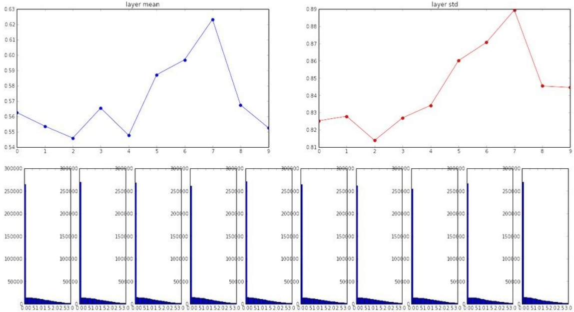

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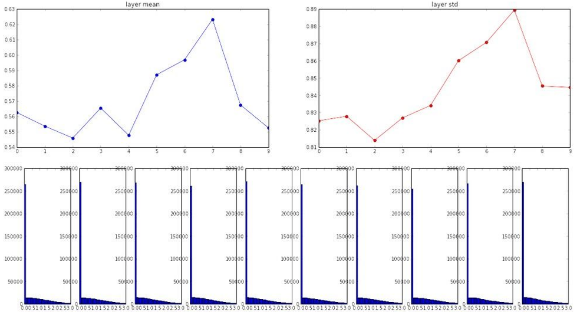

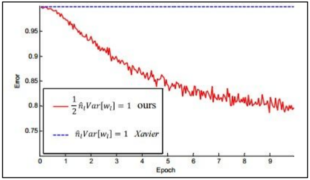

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Weight initialization

Proper initialization is an active area of research…

Understanding the difficulty of training deep feedforward neural networks
by Glorot and Bengio, 2010

Exact solutions to the nonlinear dynamics of learning in deep linear neural networks by Saxe et al, 2013

Random walk initialization for training very deep feedforward networks by Sussillo and Abbott, 2014

Delving deep into rectifiers: Surpassing human-level performance on ImageNet classification by He et al., 2015

Data-dependent Initializations of Convolutional Neural Networks by Krähenbühl et al., 2015

All you need is a good init, Mishkin and Matas, 2015
…

Batch normalization

Batch Normalization

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

"you want unit gaussian activations? just make them so."

consider a batch of activations at some layer.
To make each dimension unit gaussian, apply:

$$\widehat{x}^{(k)} = \frac{x^{(k)} - \mathrm{E}[x^{(k)}]}{\sqrt{\mathrm{Var}[x^{(k)}]}}$$

this is a vanilla
differentiable function...

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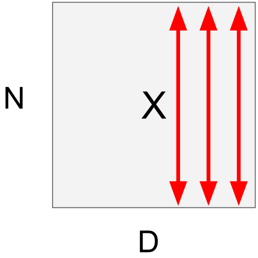

1. compute the empirical mean and variance independently for each dimension.

2. Normalize

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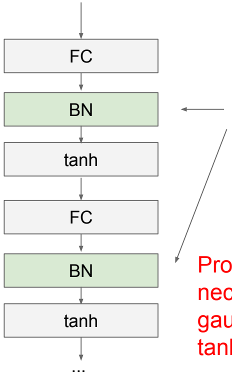

Usually inserted after Fully Connected / (or Convolutional, as we'll see soon) layers, and before nonlinearity.

Problem: do we necessarily want a unit gaussian input to a tanh layer?

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Normalize:

$$\boxed{\widehat{x}^{(k)} = \frac{x^{(k)} - \mathrm{E}[x^{(k)}]}{\sqrt{\mathrm{Var}[x^{(k)}]}}}$$

And then allow the network to squash the range if it wants to:

$$\boxed{y^{(k)} = \gamma^{(k)}\widehat{x}^{(k)} + \beta^{(k)}}$$

Note, the network can learn:

$$\gamma^{(k)} = \sqrt{\mathrm{Var}[x^{(k)}]}$$

$$\beta^{(k)} = \mathrm{E}[x^{(k)}]$$

to recover the identity mapping.

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$$\widehat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 + \epsilon}} \qquad \text{// normalize}$$

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- Improves gradient flow through the network
- Allows higher learning rates
- Reduces the strong dependence on initialization
- Acts as a form of regularization in a funny way, and slightly reduces the need for dropout, maybe

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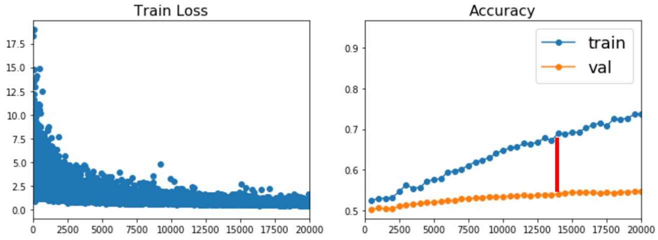
Note: at test time BatchNorm layer functions differently:

The mean/std are not computed based on the batch. Instead, a single fixed empirical mean of activations during training is used.

(e.g. can be estimated during training with running averages)

Reducing testing error

How to improve single-model performance?



Ensemble trick

1. Train multiple independent models
2. At test time average their results

Enjoy 2% extra performance

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Ensemble trick

Fun Tips/Tricks:

- can also get a small boost from averaging multiple model checkpoints of a single model.

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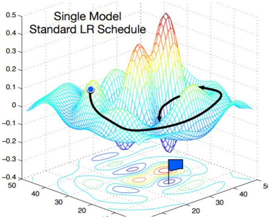

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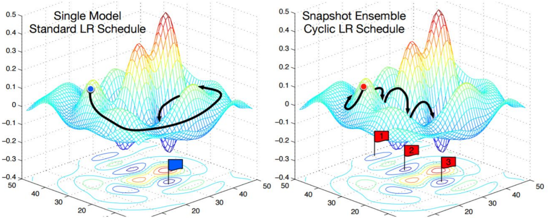

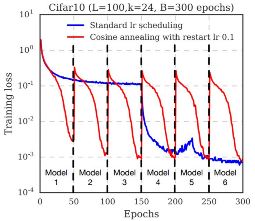

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Cyclic learning rate schedules can make this work even better!

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Ensemble trick

Model Ensembles: Tips and Tricks

Instead of using actual parameter vector, keep a moving average of the parameter vector and use that at test time (Polyak averaging)

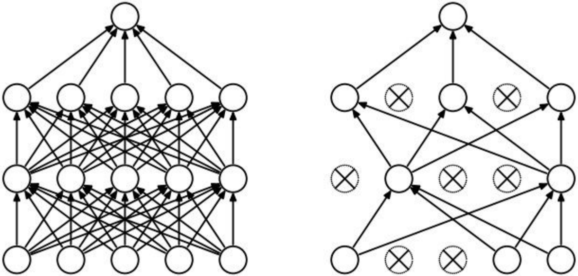
```
while True:
  data_batch = dataset.sample_data_batch()
  loss = network.forward(data_batch)
  dx = network.backward()
  x += - learning_rate * dx
  x_test = 0.995*x_test + 0.005*x # use for test set
```

Polyak and Juditsky, “Acceleration of stochastic approximation by averaging”, SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization, 1992.

Dropout

Regularization: **Dropout**

"randomly set some neurons to zero in the forward pass"



(a) Standard Neural Net (b) After applying dropout.

[Srivastava et al., 2014]

Dropout

```python
p = 0.5 # probability of keeping a unit active. higher = less dropout

def train_step(X):
  """ X contains the data """

  # forward pass for example 3-layer neural network
  H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1)
  U1 = np.random.rand(*H1.shape) < p # first dropout mask
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  out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3

  # backward pass: compute gradients... (not shown)
  # perform parameter update... (not shown)
```
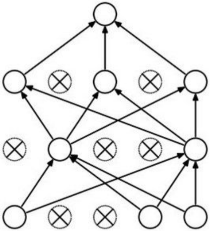

Example forward pass with a 3-layer network using dropout



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Regularization: Dropout

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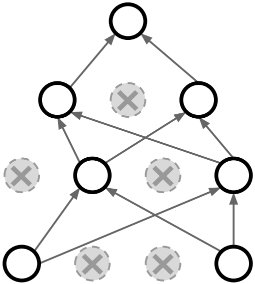

Forces the network to have a redundant representation;
Prevents co-adaptation of features

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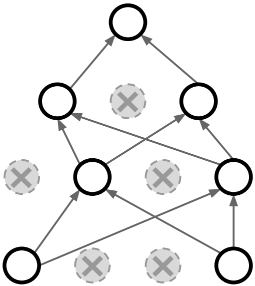

Another interpretation:

Dropout is training a large **ensemble** of models (that share parameters).

Each binary mask is one model

An FC layer with 4096 units has $2^{4096} \sim 10^{1233}$ possible masks!
Only $\sim 10^{82}$ atoms in the universe...

Dropout

Dropout: Test time

Dropout makes our output random!

Output (label)

Input (image)

$$\boxed{y} = f_W(\boxed{x}, \boxed{z})$$

Random mask

Want to “average out” the randomness at test-time

$$y = f(x) = E_z\big[f(x, z)\big] = \int p(z) f(x, z) dz$$

But this integral seems hard …

Dropout

Dropout: Test time

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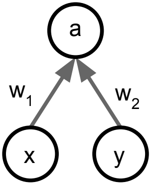

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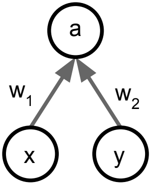

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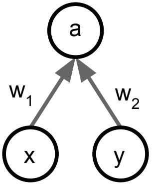

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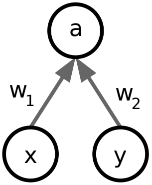

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At test time, multiply by probability p

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Dropout

Dropout: Test time

```
def predict(X):
  # ensembled forward pass
  H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1) * p # NOTE: scale the activations
  H2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W2, H1) + b2) * p # NOTE: scale the activations
  out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3
```

At test time all neurons are active always
=> We must scale the activations so that for each neuron:
output at test time = expected output at training time

Dropout

```
""" Vanilla Dropout: Not recommended implementation (see notes below) """

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def train_step(X):
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Dropout Summary

drop in forward pass

scale at test time

Dropout

More common: "Inverted dropout"

```
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def train_step(X):
  # forward pass for example 3-layer neural network
  H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1)
  U1 = (np.random.rand(*H1.shape) < p) / p # first dropout mask. Notice /p!
  H1 *= U1 # drop!
  H2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W2, H1) + b2)
  U2 = (np.random.rand(*H2.shape) < p) / p # second dropout mask. Notice /p!
  H2 *= U2 # drop!
  out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3

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def predict(X):
  # ensembled forward pass
  H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1) # no scaling necessary
  H2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W2, H1) + b2)
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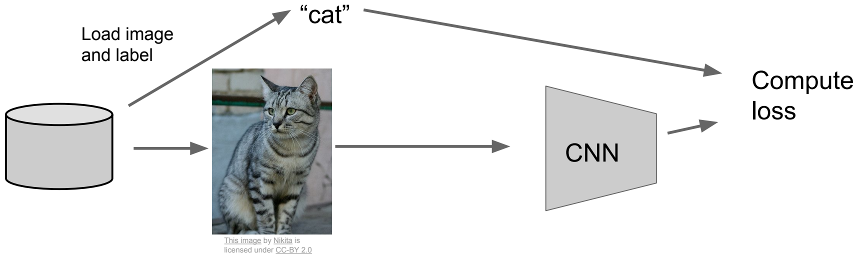
```

test time is unchanged!

Data augmentation

Regularization: Data Augmentation



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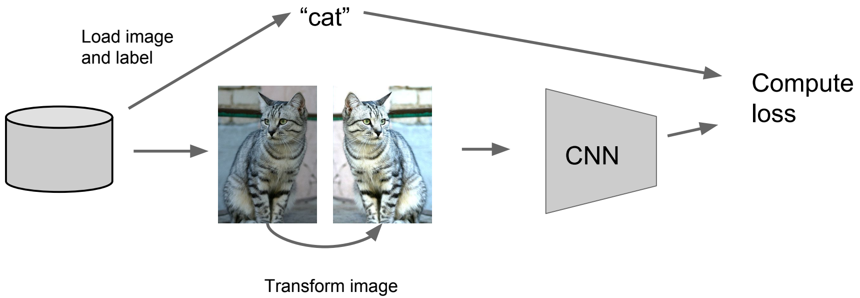

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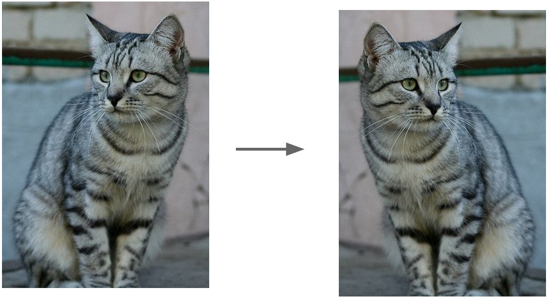
Data augmentation

Data Augmentation

Horizontal Flips



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Data augmentation

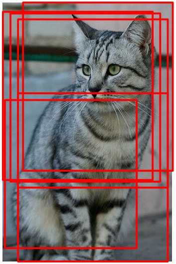
Data Augmentation

Random crops and scales

Training: sample random crops / scales

ResNet:

1. Pick random L in range [256, 480]
2. Resize training image, short side = L
3. Sample random 224 x 224 patch



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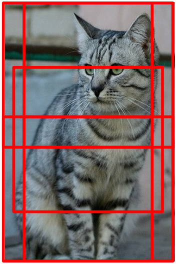

Testing: average a fixed set of crops
ResNet:
1. Resize image at 5 scales: {224, 256, 384, 480, 640}
2. For each size, use 10 224 x 224 crops: 4 corners + center, + flips

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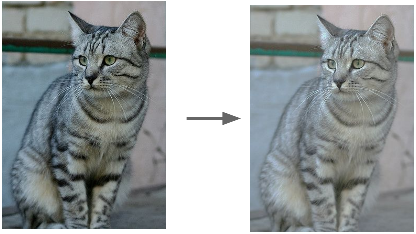
Data augmentation

Data Augmentation
Color Jitter

Simple: Randomize
contrast and brightness



Data augmentation

Data Augmentation
Color Jitter

Simple: Randomize contrast and brightness

More Complex:

1. Apply PCA to all [R, G, B] pixels in training set
2. Sample a "color offset" along principal component directions
3. Add offset to all pixels of a training image

(As seen in *[Krizhevsky et al. 2012]*, ResNet, etc)

Data augmentation

Data Augmentation

Get creative for your problem!

Random mix/combinations of :
- translation
- rotation
- stretching
- shearing,
- lens distortions, … (go crazy)

Other regularization techniques

Regularization: A common pattern

Training: Add some kind of randomness

$$y = f_W(x, z)$$

Testing: Average out randomness (sometimes approximate)

$$y = f(x) = E_z\big[f(x, z)\big] = \int p(z) f(x, z) dz$$

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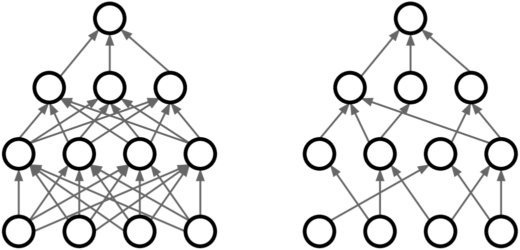

Wan et al, "Regularization of Neural Networks using DropConnect", ICML 2013

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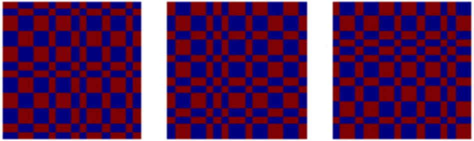

Graham, "Fractional Max Pooling", arXiv 2014

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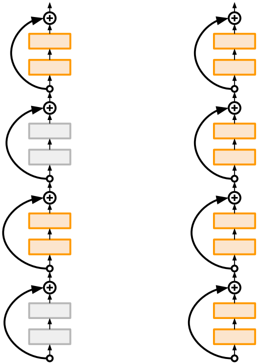
Stochastic Depth



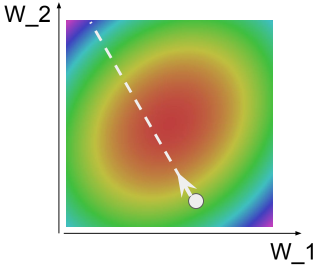
Huang et al, "Deep Networks with Stochastic Depth", ECCV 2016

Optimizers

Optimization

```
# Vanilla Gradient Descent

while True:
  weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)
  weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```



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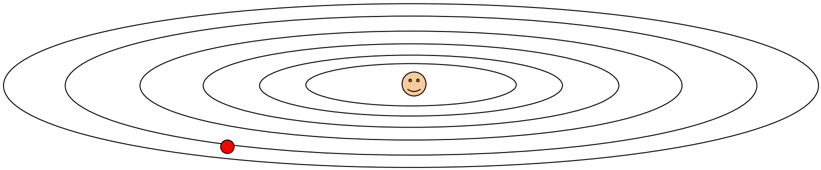
Optimization: Problems with SGD

What if loss changes quickly in one direction and slowly in another?
What does gradient descent do?



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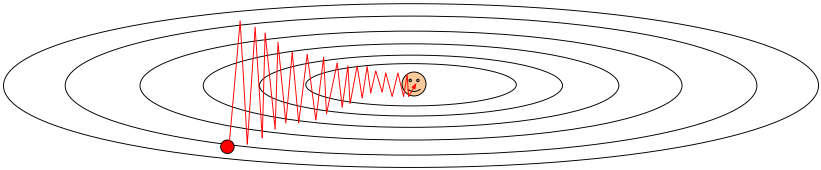
Optimizers

Optimization: Problems with SGD

What if loss changes quickly in one direction and slowly in another?
What does gradient descent do?
Very slow progress along shallow dimension, jitter along steep direction



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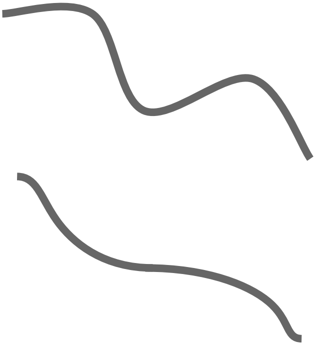

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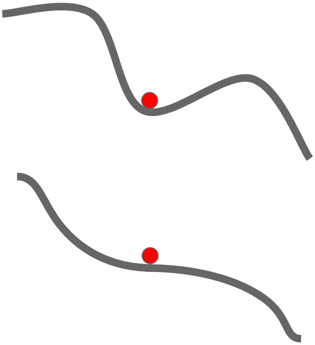
Zero gradient, gradient descent gets stuck



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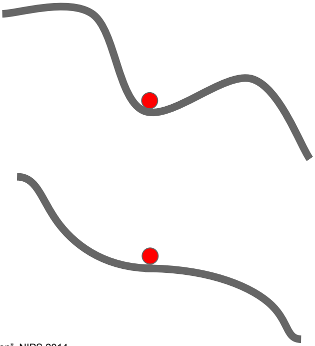
What if the loss function has a **local minima** or **saddle point**?

Saddle points much more common in high dimension



Dauphin et al, "Identifying and attacking the saddle point problem in high-dimensional non-convex optimization", NIPS 2014

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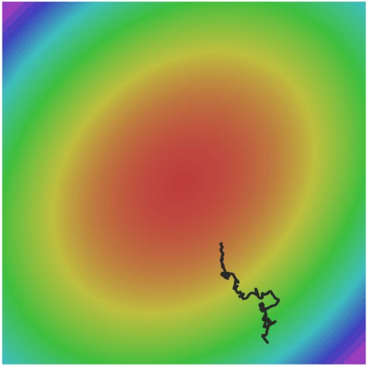
Optimizers

Optimization: Problems with SGD

Our gradients come from minibatches so they can be noisy!

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$$

$$\nabla_W L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_W L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$$



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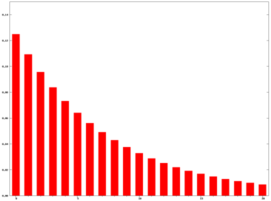

Optimizers

Momentum update

```
# Gradient descent update
x += - learning_rate * dx
```

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```
# Momentum update
v = mu * v - learning_rate * dx # integrate velocity
x += v # integrate position
```

- Physical interpretation as ball rolling down the loss function + friction (mu coefficient).
- mu = usually ~0.5, 0.9, or 0.99 (Sometimes annealed over time, e.g. from 0.5 -> 0.99)

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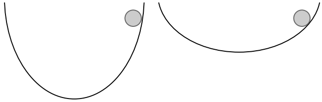

- Allows a velocity to “build up” along shallow directions
- Velocity becomes damped in steep direction due to quickly changing sign

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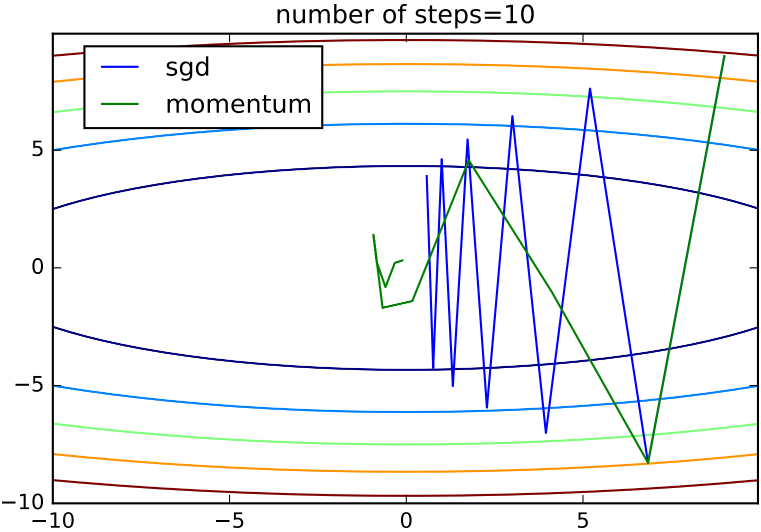

Optimizers

Nesterov Momentum update

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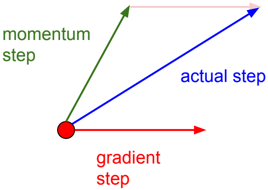
Ordinary momentum update:



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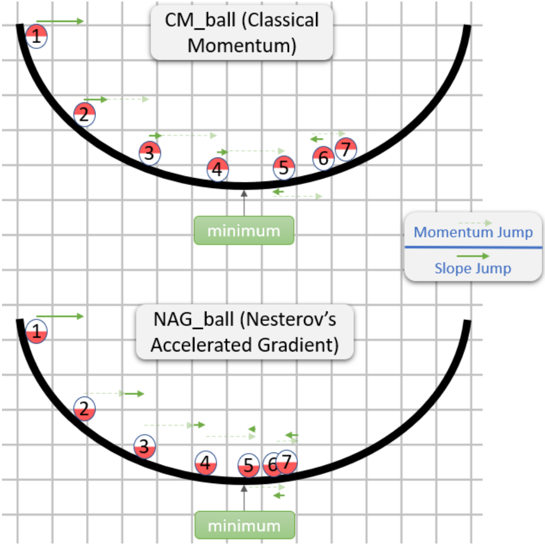

Reference: https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/179915/whats-the-difference-between-momentum-based-gradient-descent-and-nesterovs-acc

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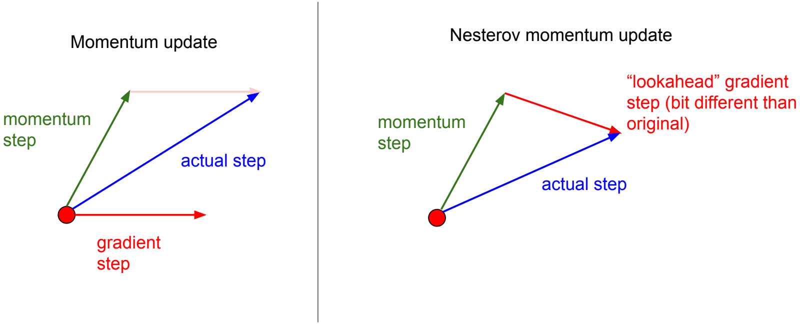

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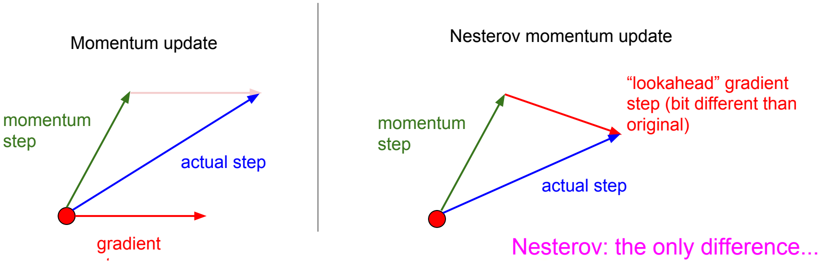

$$v_t = \mu v_{t-1} - \epsilon \nabla f(x_{t-1} {\color{red}+ \mu v_{t-1}})$$
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We want to deal with $\nabla f(x_{t-1})$ instead

Optimizers

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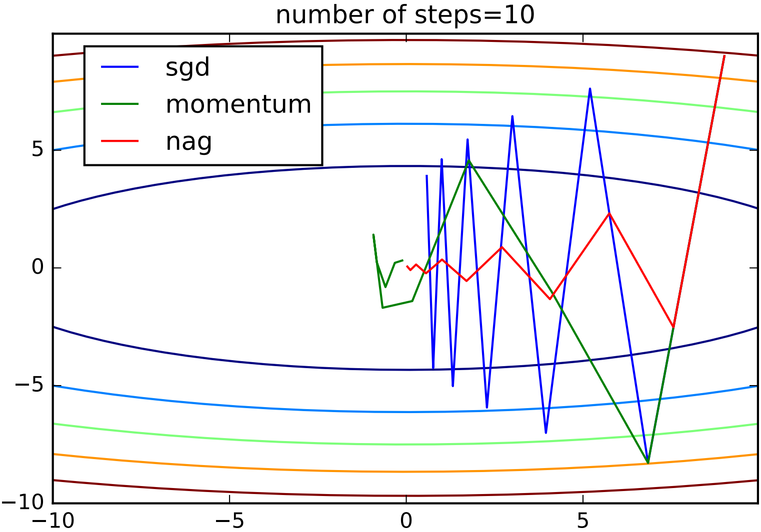

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[Duchi et al., 2011]

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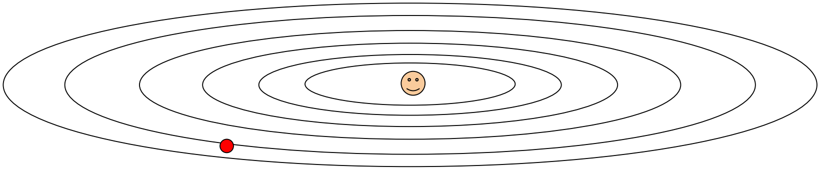

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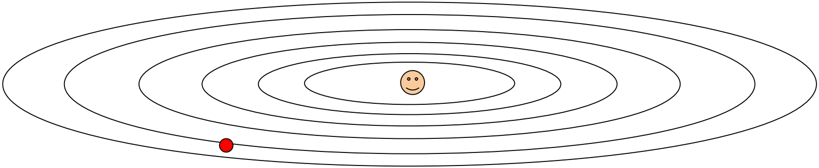

Q2: What happens to the step size over long time?

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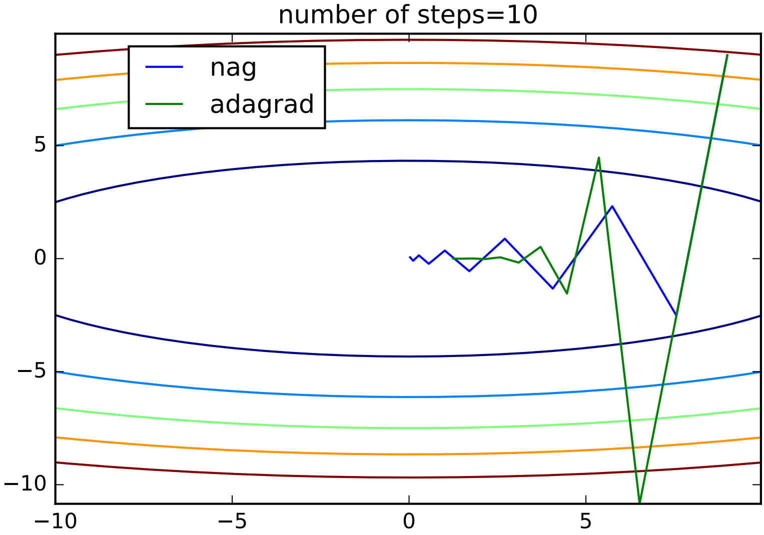

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[Tieleman and Hinton, 2012]

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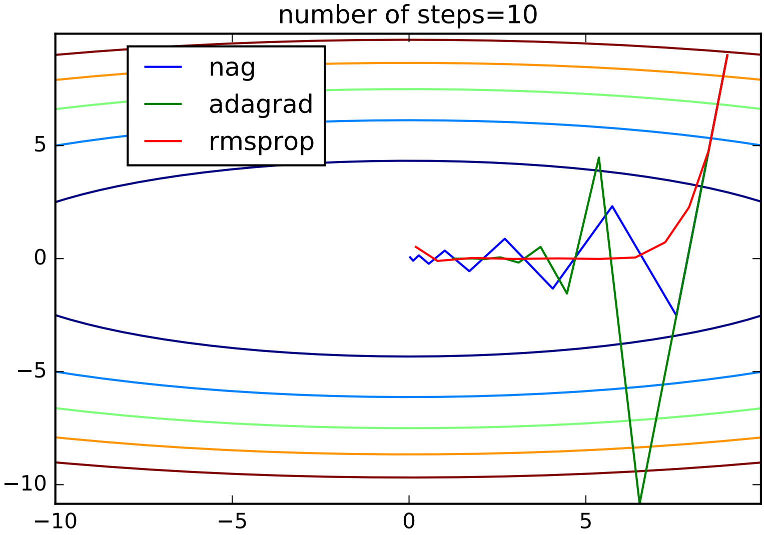

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Adam (full form)

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  second_moment = beta2 * second_moment + (1 - beta2) * dx * dx
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  second_unbias = second_moment / (1 - beta2 ** t)
  x -= learning_rate * first_unbias / (np.sqrt(second_unbias) + 1e-7))
```

Momentum

Bias correction

AdaGrad / RMSProp

Bias correction for the fact that first and second moment estimates start at zero

Adam with beta1 = 0.9, beta2 = 0.999, and learning_rate = 1e-3 or 5e-4 is a great starting point for many models!

Kingma and Ba, “Adam: A method for stochastic optimization”, ICLR 2015

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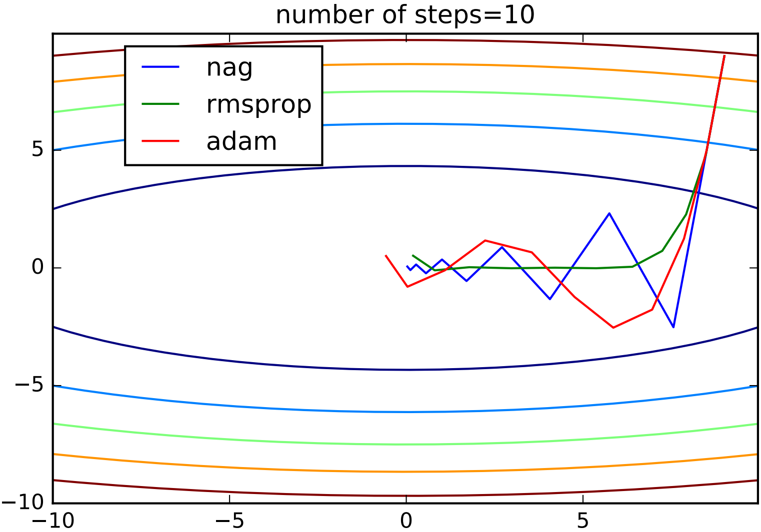

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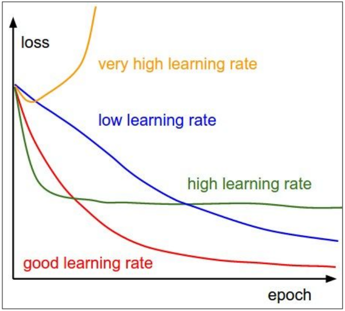

Q: Which one of these learning rates is best to use?

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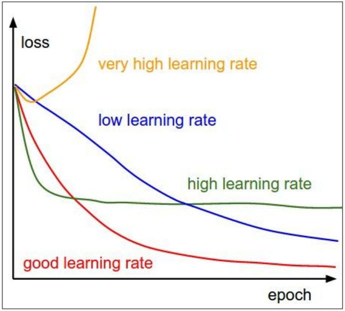

=> Learning rate decay over time!

step decay:
e.g. decay learning rate by half every few epochs.

exponential decay:

$$\alpha = \alpha_0 e^{-kt}$$

1/t decay:

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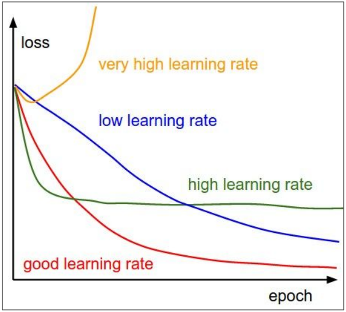

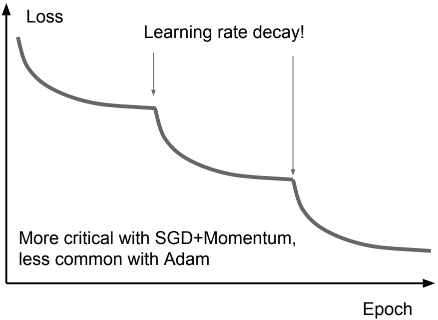

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Optimizers

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second-order Taylor expansion:

$$\boxed{J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx J(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^\top \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^\top \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)}$$

Solving for the critical point we obtain the Newton parameter update:

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Q: what is nice about this update?

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- Bounty: 3% bonus to complete the algebra

Summary of BFGS

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Loop

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2. Conduct line search to find optimum $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha_k d_k$
3. $p_k \leftarrow \theta_{k+1} - \theta_k$; $q_k \leftarrow \nabla J(\theta_{k+1}) - \nabla J(\theta_k)$; $B_{k+1} = \left(I - \frac{p_k q_k^T}{q_k^T p_k}\right) B_k \left(I - \frac{q_k p_k^T}{q_k^T p_k}\right) + \frac{p_k p_k^T}{q_k^T p_k}$
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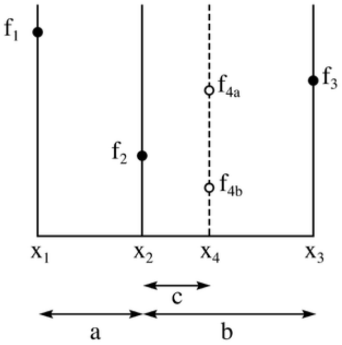

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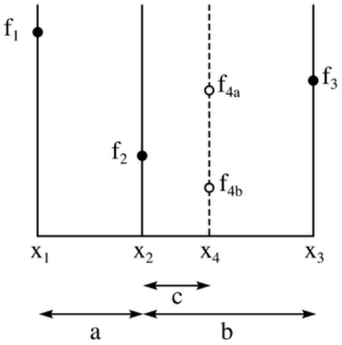

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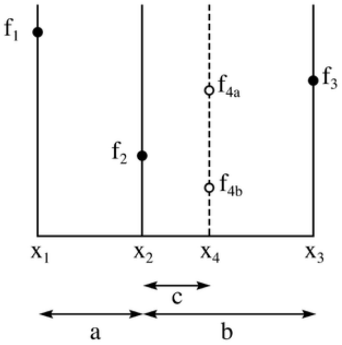

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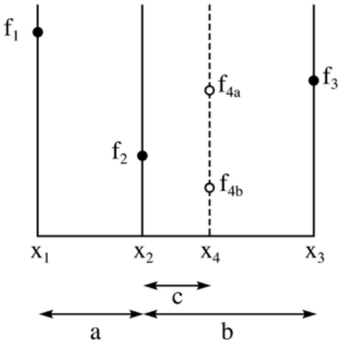

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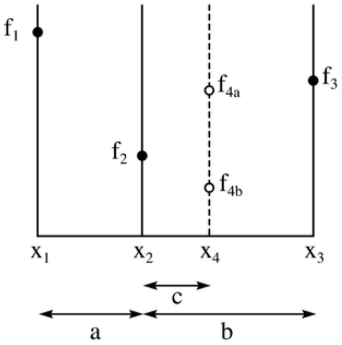

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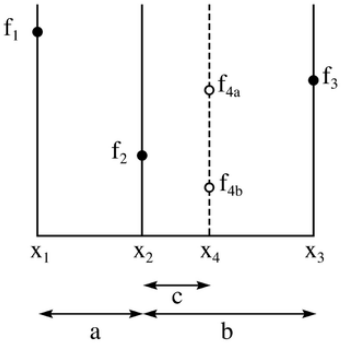

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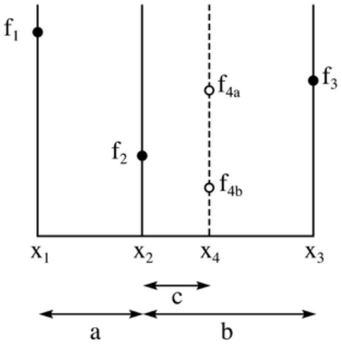

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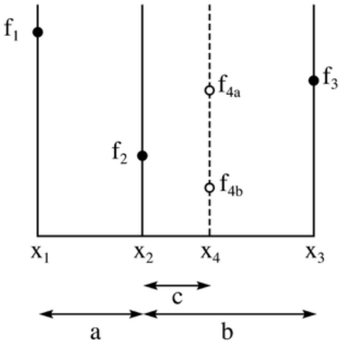

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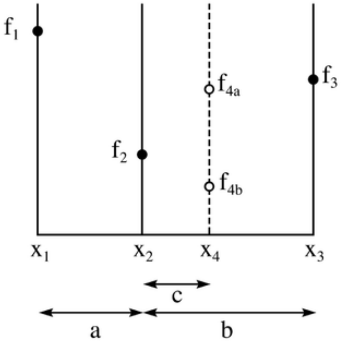

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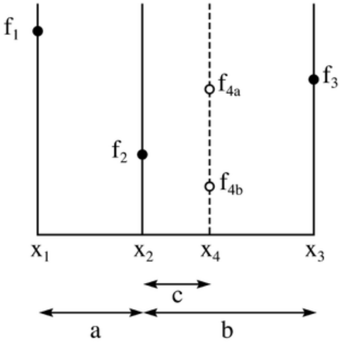

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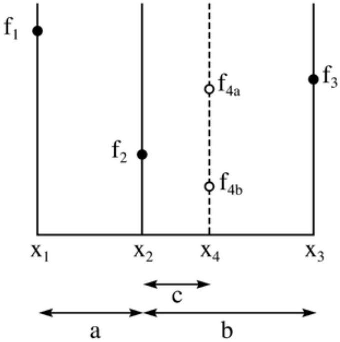

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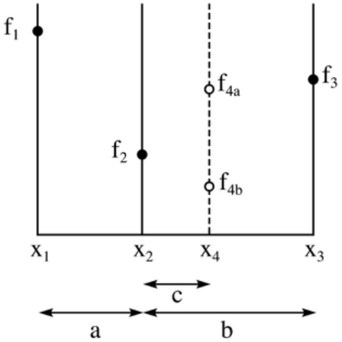

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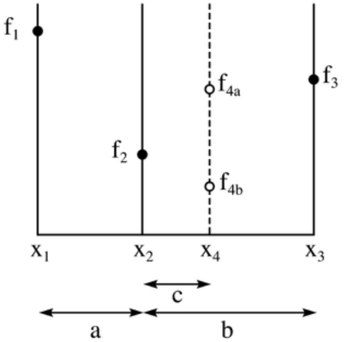

- $a + c = b$ and $\frac{c}{a} = \frac{a}{b}$
  $\Rightarrow \frac{b-a}{a} = \frac{a}{b}$
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  $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - \frac{b}{a} - 1 = 0$

$$\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} = 1.618034\ldots \triangleq \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \textit{golden} \\ \textit{ratio}}}{\varphi}$$

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- Note that this update rule of B is different from before. Actually this is the update rule of DFP. An older approach that is considered worse compared with BFGS

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Optimizers

L-BFGS

- **Usually works very well in full batch, deterministic mode** i.e. if you have a single, deterministic f(x) then L-BFGS will probably work very nicely

- **Does not transfer very well to mini-batch setting**. Gives bad results. Adapting L-BFGS to large-scale, stochastic setting is an active area of research.

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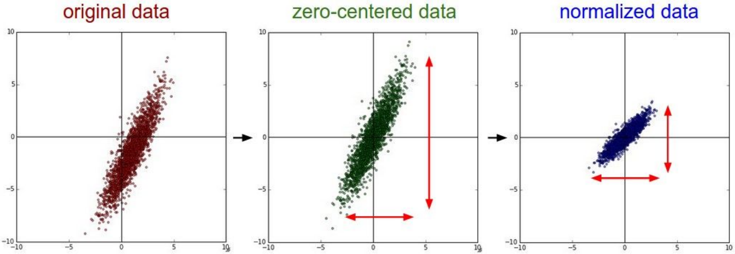
Optimizers

In practice:

- **Adam** is a good default choice in most cases
- If you can afford to do full batch updates then try out **L-BFGS** (and don't forget to disable all sources of noise)

Babysitting learning process

Step 1: Preprocess the data



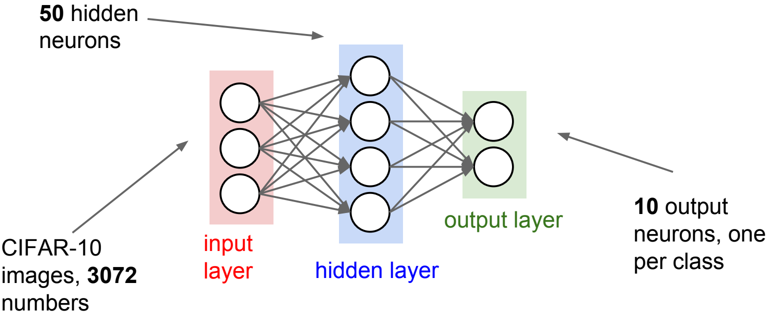

```
X -= np.mean(X, axis = 0)
```

```
X /= np.std(X, axis = 0)
```

(Assume X [NxD] is data matrix, each example in a row)

Babysitting learning process

Step 2: Choose the architecture:
say we start with one hidden layer of 50 neurons:



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print loss
```

disable regularization

```
2.30261216167
```

loss ~2.3.
"correct " for
10 classes

returns the loss and the gradient for all parameters

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Debugging optimizer

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loss, grad = two_layer_net(X_train, model, y_train, 1e3)
print loss
```

crank up regularization

```
3.06859716482
```

loss went up, good. (sanity check)

Debugging optimizer

Lets try to train now…

Tip: Make sure that you can overfit very small portion of the training data

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The above code:

- take the first 20 examples from CIFAR-10
- turn off regularization (reg = 0.0)
- use simple vanilla 'sgd'

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Finished epoch 3 / 200: cost 2.301849, train: 0.600000, val 0.600000, lr 1.000000e-03
Finished epoch 4 / 200: cost 2.301196, train: 0.650000, val 0.650000, lr 1.000000e-03
Finished epoch 5 / 200: cost 2.300044, train: 0.650000, val 0.650000, lr 1.000000e-03
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Finished epoch 16 / 200: cost 1.737430, train: 0.450000, val 0.450000, lr 1.000000e-03
Finished epoch 17 / 200: cost 1.642356, train: 0.500000, val 0.500000, lr 1.000000e-03
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Finished epoch 195 / 200: cost 0.002694, train: 1.000000, val 1.000000, lr 1.000000e-03
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Finished epoch 200 / 200: cost 0.002597, train: 1.000000, val 1.000000, lr 1.000000e-03
finished optimization. best validation accuracy: 1.000000
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Very small loss, train accuracy 1.00, nice!

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Notice train/val accuracy goes to 20% though, what's up with that? (remember this is softmax)

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```

Okay now lets try learning rate 1e6. What could possibly go wrong?

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```
/home/karpathy/cs231n/code/cs231n/classifiers/neural_net.py:50: RuntimeWarning: divide by zero en
countered in log
  data_loss = -np.sum(np.log(probs[range(N), y])) / N
/home/karpathy/cs231n/code/cs231n/classifiers/neural_net.py:48: RuntimeWarning: invalid value enc
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  probs = np.exp(scores - np.max(scores, axis=1, keepdims=True))
Finished epoch 1 / 10: cost nan, train: 0.091000, val 0.087000, lr 1.000000e+06
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cost: NaN almost always means high learning rate...

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                                  sample_batches = True,
                                  learning_rate=3e-3, verbose=True)
```

```
Finished epoch 1 / 10: cost 2.186654, train: 0.308000, val 0.306000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 2 / 10: cost 2.176230, train: 0.330000, val 0.350000, lr 3.000000e-03
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Finished epoch 5 / 10: cost inf, train: 0.128000, val 0.128000, lr 3.000000e-03
Finished epoch 6 / 10: cost inf, train: 0.144000, val 0.147000, lr 3.000000e-03
```

3e-3 is still too high. Cost explodes….

=> Rough range for learning rate we should be cross-validating is somewhere [1e-3 … 1e-5]

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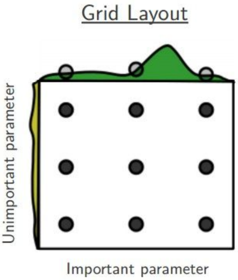
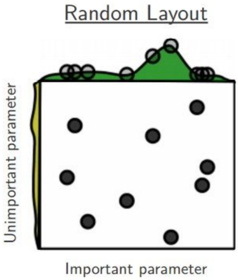
Random Search vs. Grid Search





Random Search for Hyper-Parameter Optimization
Bergstra and Bengio, 2012

Hyperparameter optimization

Cross-validation strategy

I like to do **coarse -> fine** cross-validation in stages

First stage: only a few epochs to get rough idea of what params work
Second stage: longer running time, finer search
… (repeat as necessary)

Tip for detecting explosions in the solver:
If the cost is ever > 3 * original cost, break out early

Hyperparameter optimization

For example: run coarse search for 5 epochs

```
max_count = 100
for count in xrange(max_count):
      reg = 10**uniform(-5, 5)
      lr = 10**uniform(-3, -6)

      trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
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      trainer = ClassifierTrainer()
      best_model_local, stats = trainer.train(X_train, y_train, X_val, y_val,
                                   model, two_layer_net,
                                   num_epochs=5, reg=reg,
                                   update='momentum', learning_rate_decay=0.9,
                                   sample_batches = True, batch_size = 100,
                                   learning_rate=lr, verbose=False)
```

note it's best to optimize in log space!

```
val_acc: 0.412000, lr: 1.405206e-04, reg: 4.793564e-01, (1 / 100)
val_acc: 0.214000, lr: 7.231888e-06, reg: 2.321281e-04, (2 / 100)
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nice

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Hyperparameter optimization

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But this best cross-validation result is worrying. Why?

Hyperparameter optimization

Hyperparameters to play with:

- network architecture
- learning rate, its decay schedule, update type
- regularization (L2/Dropout strength)

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music = loss function

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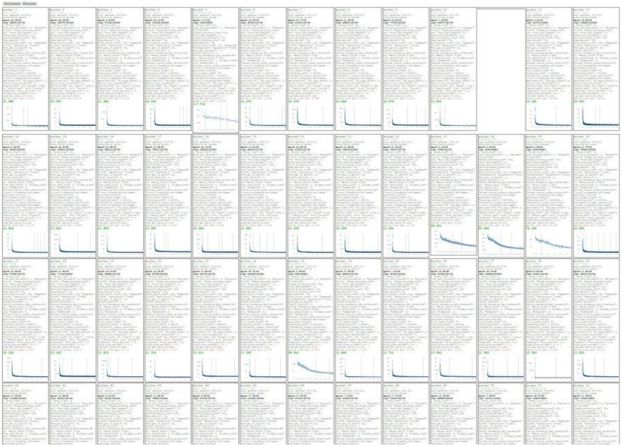
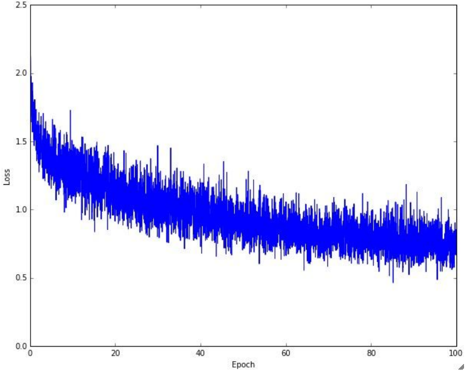
Hyperparameter optimization

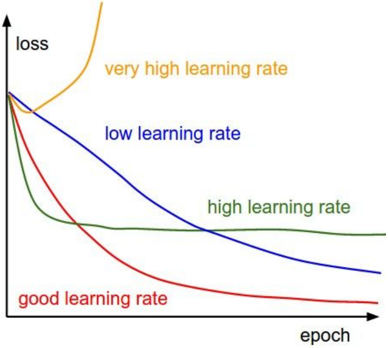
My cross-validation
“command center”



Hyperparameter optimization

Monitor and visualize the loss curve





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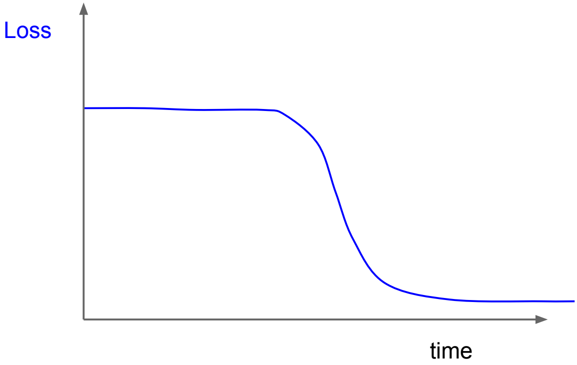

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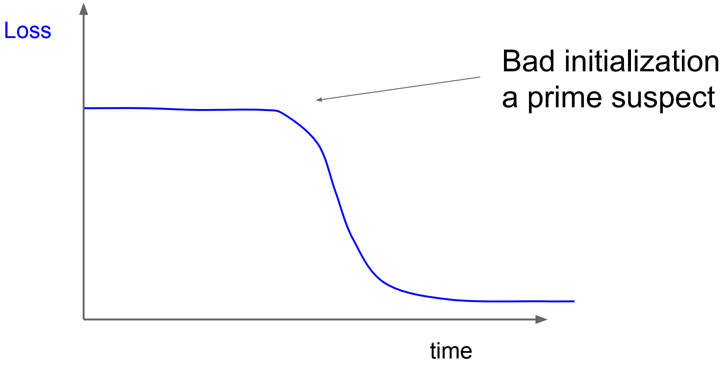

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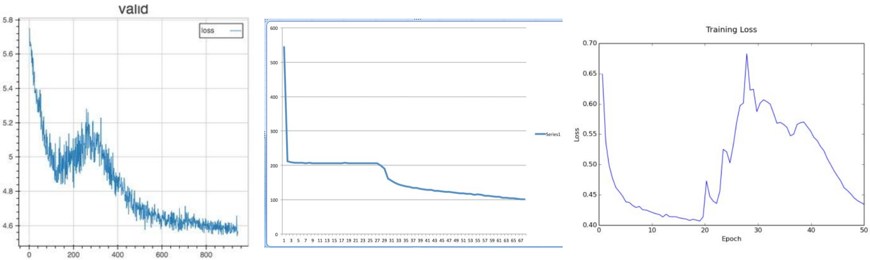
lossfunctions.tumblr.com Loss function specimen



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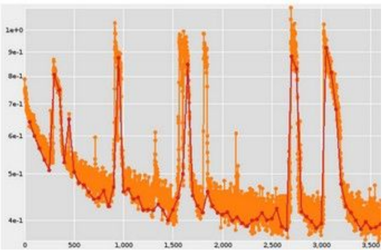

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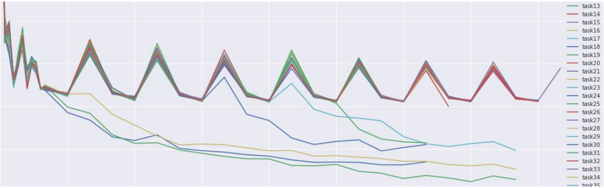

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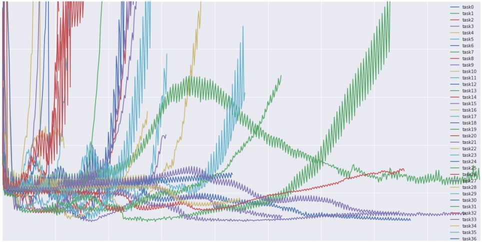

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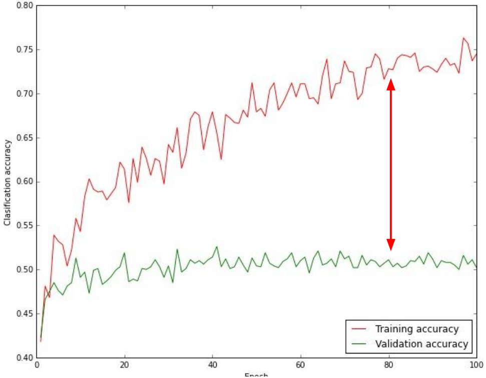
Hyperparameter optimization

Monitor and visualize the accuracy:



big gap = overfitting

=> increase regularization strength?

no gap

=> increase model capacity?

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Hyperparameter optimization

Track the ratio of weight updates / weight magnitudes:

```
# assume parameter vector W and its gradient vector dW
param_scale = np.linalg.norm(W.ravel())
update = -learning_rate*dW # simple SGD update
update_scale = np.linalg.norm(update.ravel())
W += update # the actual update
print update_scale / param_scale # want ~1e-3
```

ratio between the values and updates: ~ 0.0002 / 0.02 = 0.01 (about okay)
want this to be somewhere around 0.001 or so

Conclusions (What we know in 2017)

- BP is just chain rule in calculus
- Use ReLU. Never use Sigmoid (use Tanh instead)
- Input preprocessing is no longer very important
  - Do subtract mean
  - Whitening and normalizing are not much needed
- Weight initialization on the other hand is extremely important for deep networks
- Use batch normalization if you can
- Use dropout
- Use Adam (or maybe RMSprop) for optimizer. If you don't have much data, can consider LBFGS
- Need to babysit your learning for real-world problems
- Never use grid search for tuning your hyperparameters