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Lecture 12A: Training Neural Networks

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Exam Information

- Final exam: 50%
- Format: Timed exam, 9.20 am – 12.20 pm (Canberra time) on November 14th, 2020.

  https://exams.anu.edu.au/timetable/login.php?db=11
- You will be given extra time to download the exam papers and upload your answers.

Exam Information

- It is a timed open book exam. You need to work on exam questions by yourself. We will use turnitin to check your final answer report.
- We will release detailed exam instructions before the exam and the answer format to the exam.

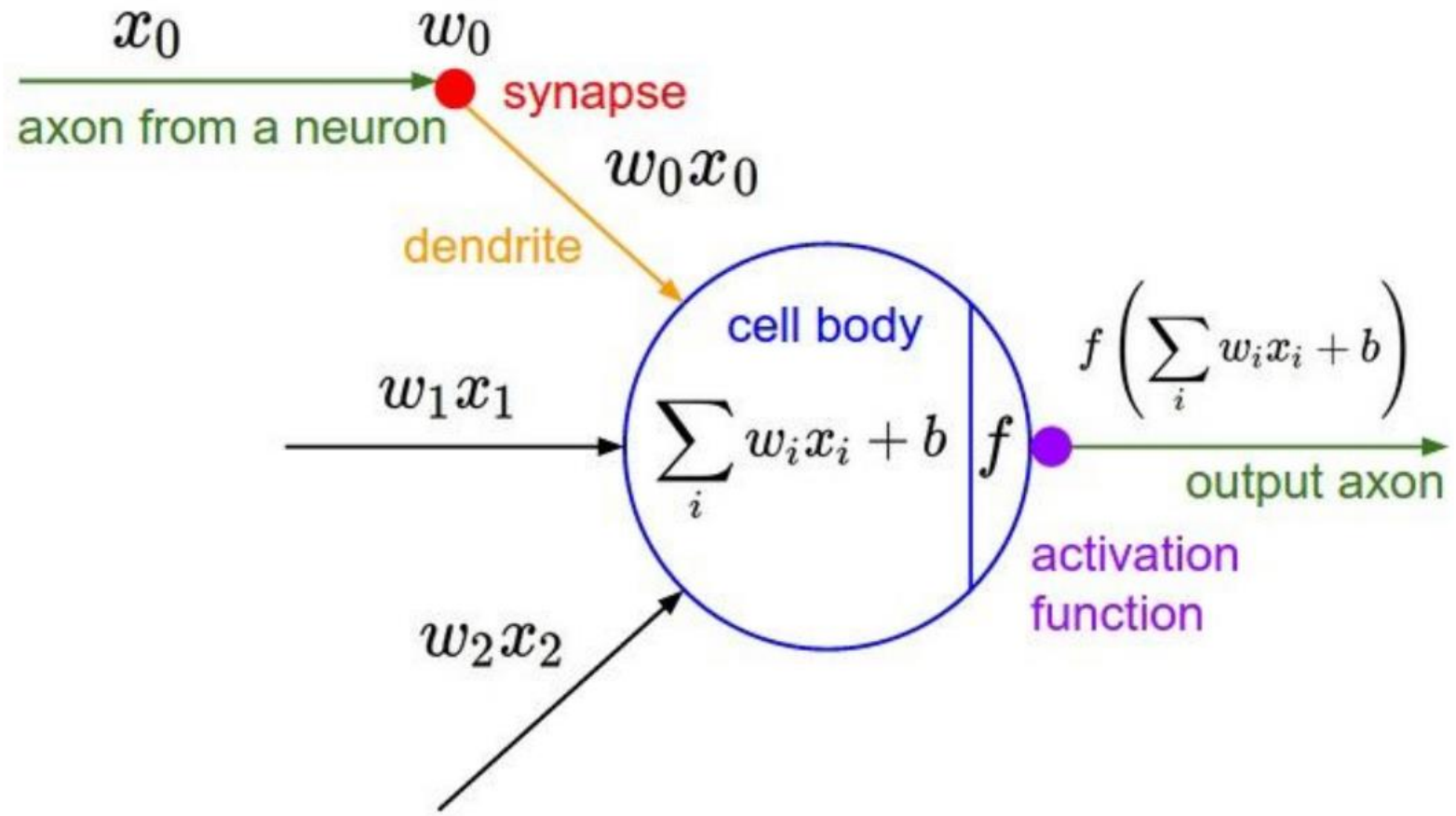
Exam question types

- Basic concepts and analysis
- Basic calculation
- Basic algorithm design and analysis
- Practice quiz released

Today's lecture: Training Neural Networks

- Activation functions
- Data preprocessing
- Weight initialization
- Batch normalization
- Optimization methods
- Improving generalization

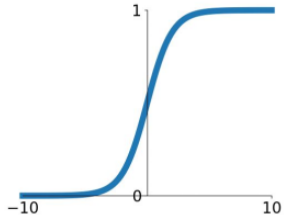
Activation Functions



Activation Functions

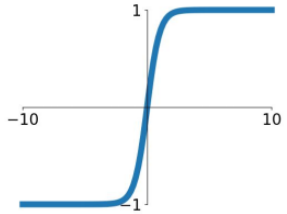
Sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



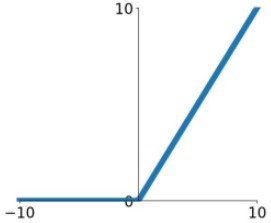
tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



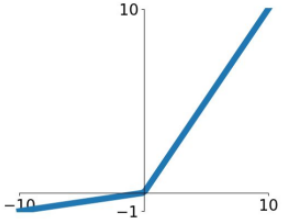
ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

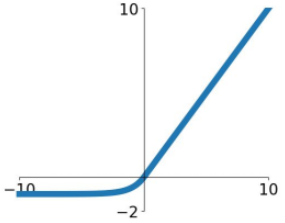


Maxout

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

ELU

$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



Activation Functions

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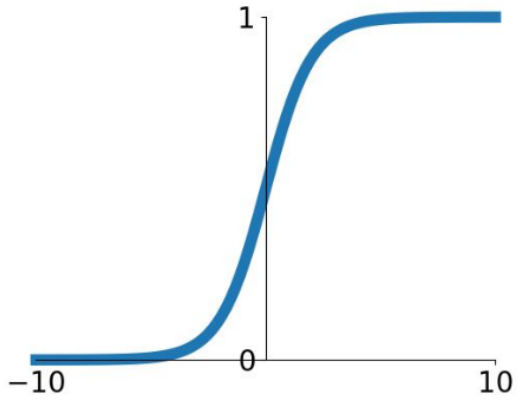


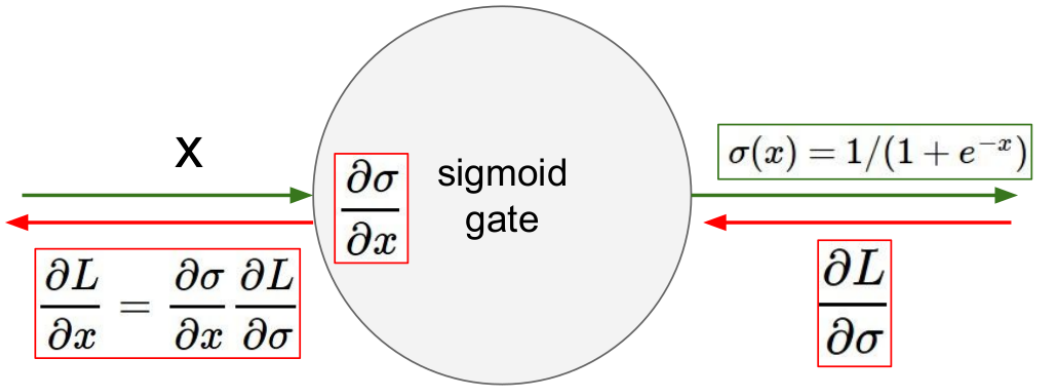
Sigmoid

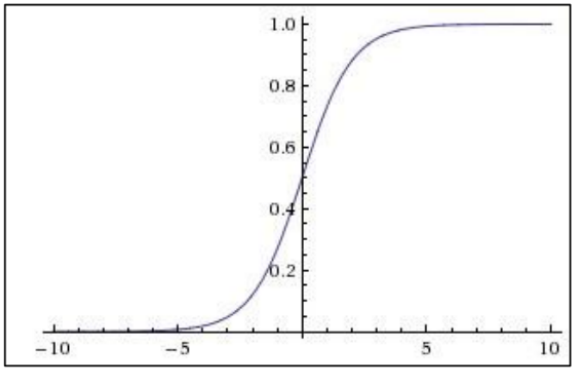
- Squashes numbers to range [0,1]
- Historically popular since they have nice interpretation as a saturating “firing rate” of a neuron

3 problems:

1. Saturated neurons “kill” the gradients
2. Sigmoid outputs are not zero-centered
3. exp() is a bit compute expensive

Gradient saturation



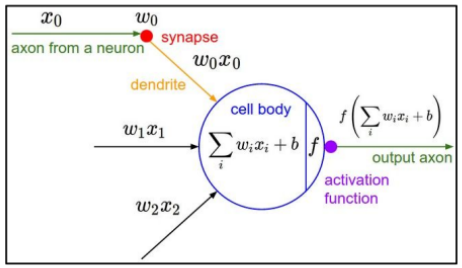


$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x)\,(1 - \sigma(x))$$

Output is not zero-centered

Consider what happens when the input to a neuron is always positive...

$$f\left(\sum_i w_i x_i + b\right)$$



What can we say about the gradients on **w**?

We know that local gradient of sigmoid is always positive
We are assuming x is always positive

So!! Sign of gradient **for all w_i** is the same as the sign of upstream scalar gradient!

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \sigma\left(\sum_i w_i x_i + b\right)\left(1 - \sigma\left(\sum_i w_i x_i + b\right)\right) x \times upstream\_gradient$$

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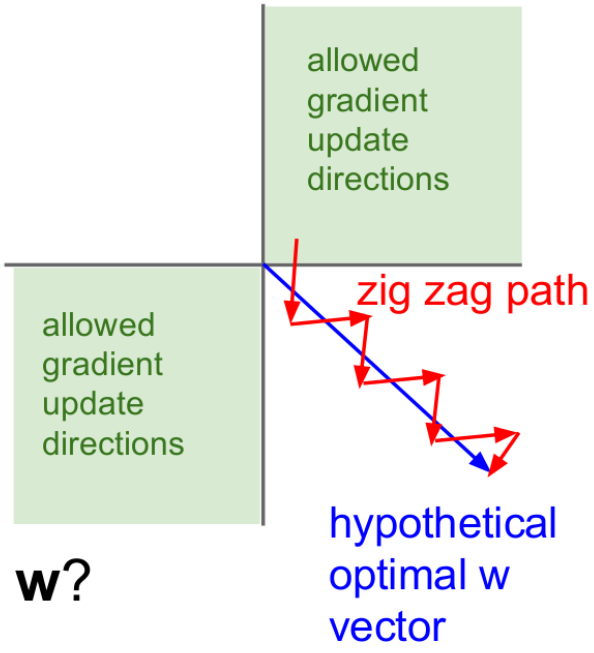
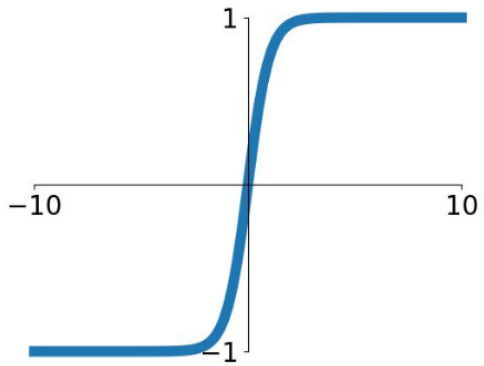


What can we say about the gradients on **w**?
Always all positive or all negative :(
(For a single element! Minibatches help)

Activation Functions

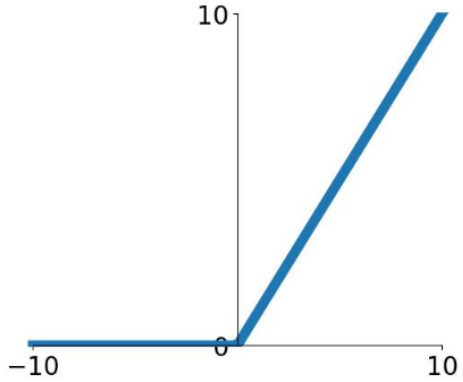


tanh(x)

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

[LeCun et al., 1991]

Activation Functions



ReLU
(Rectified Linear Unit)

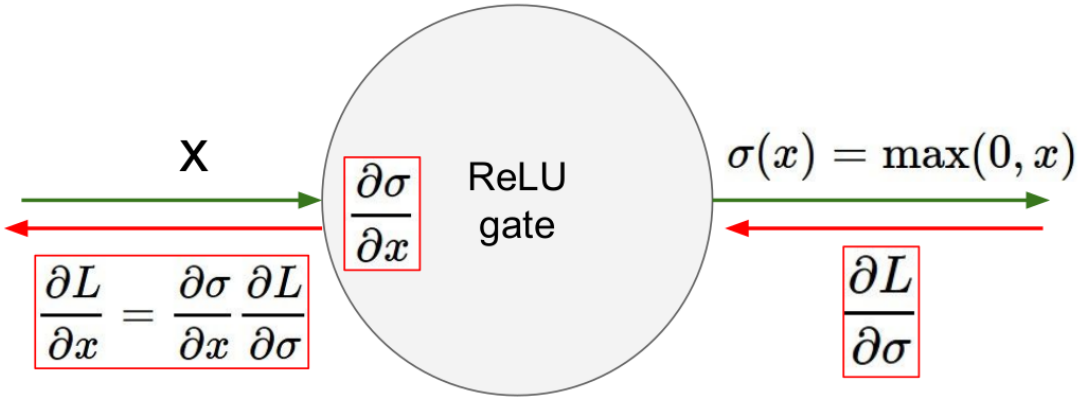
- Computes **f(x) = max(0,x)**

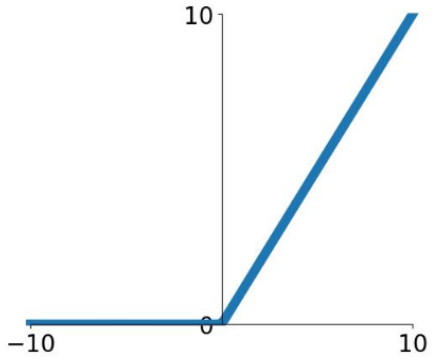
- Does not saturate (in +region)
- Very computationally efficient
- Converges much faster than sigmoid/tanh in practice (e.g. 6x)

- Not zero-centered output
- An annoyance:

hint: what is the gradient when x < 0?

Derivative of ReLU

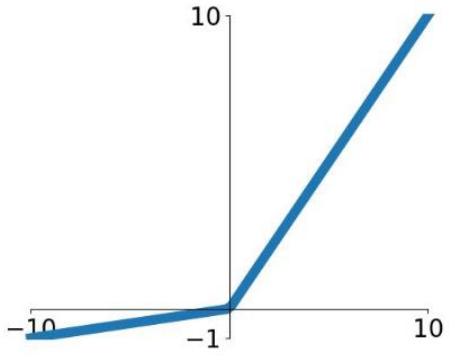




What happens when x = -10?
What happens when x = 0?
What happens when x = 10?

Activation Functions

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



- Does not saturate
- Computationally efficient
- Converges much faster than sigmoid/tanh in practice! (e.g. 6x)
- **will not "die".**

Leaky ReLU

$$f(x) = \max(0.01x, x)$$

Parametric Rectifier (PReLU)

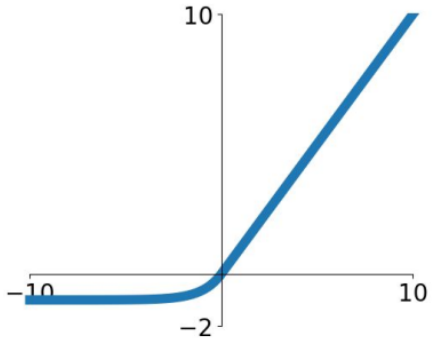
$$f(x) = \max(\alpha x, x)$$

backprop into \alpha (parameter)

Activation Functions

[Clevert et al., 2015]

Exponential Linear Units (ELU)



- All benefits of ReLU
- Closer to zero mean outputs
- Negative saturation regime compared with Leaky ReLU adds some robustness to noise

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

(Alpha default = 1)

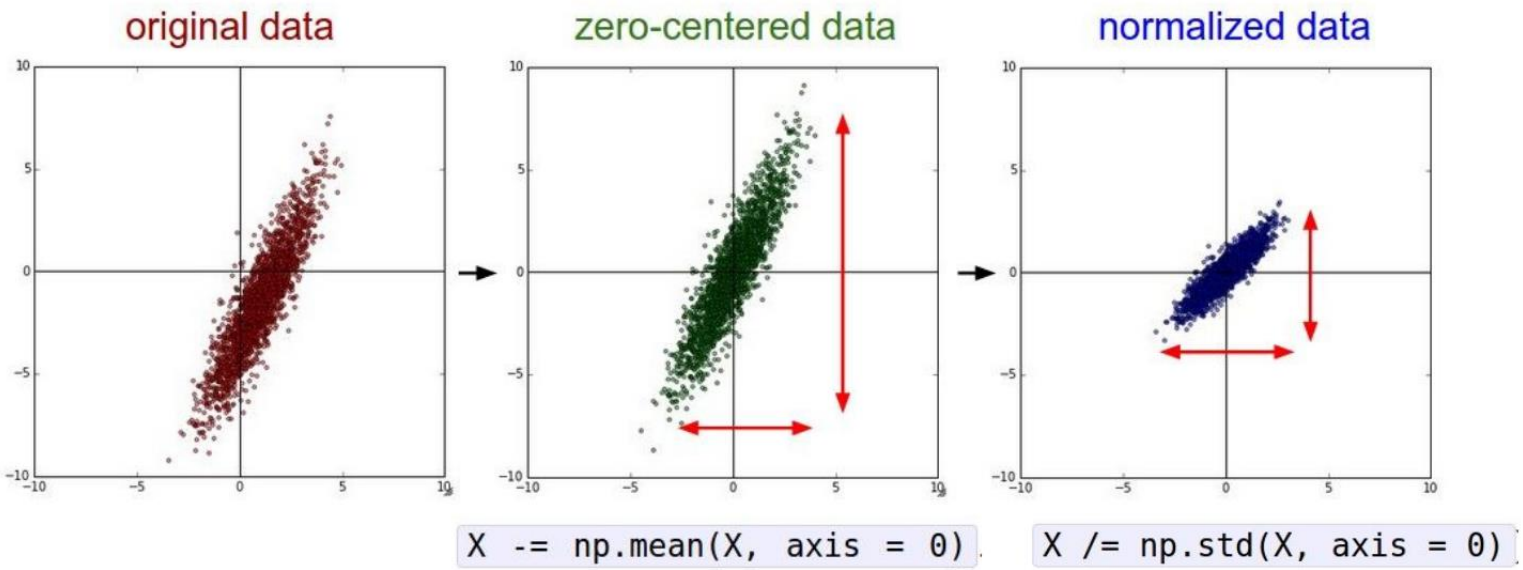
- Computation requires exp()

Activation Functions

- Use ReLU. Be careful with your learning rates
- Try out Leaky ReLU / Maxout / ELU / SELU
  - To squeeze out some marginal gains
- ~~Don't use sigmoid or tanh~~

Think about forward-backward signal propagation in the network (more later)

Data Preprocessing



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

Data Preprocessing

Remember: Consider what happens when the input to a neuron is always positive...

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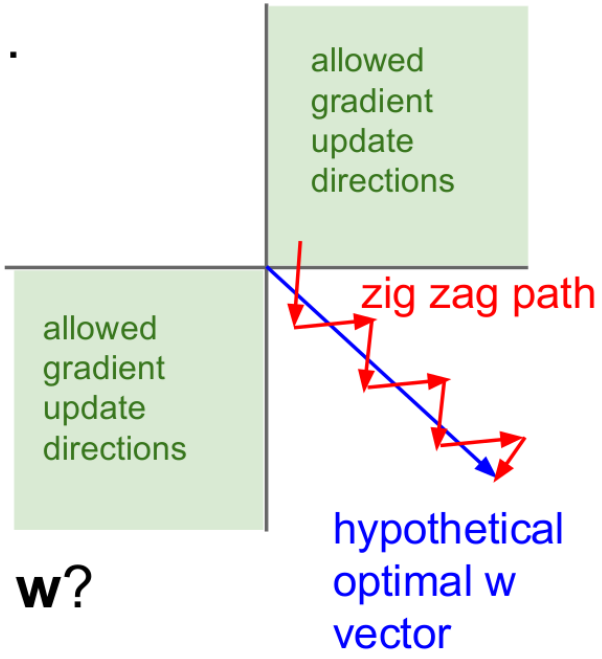

What can we say about the gradients on **w**?
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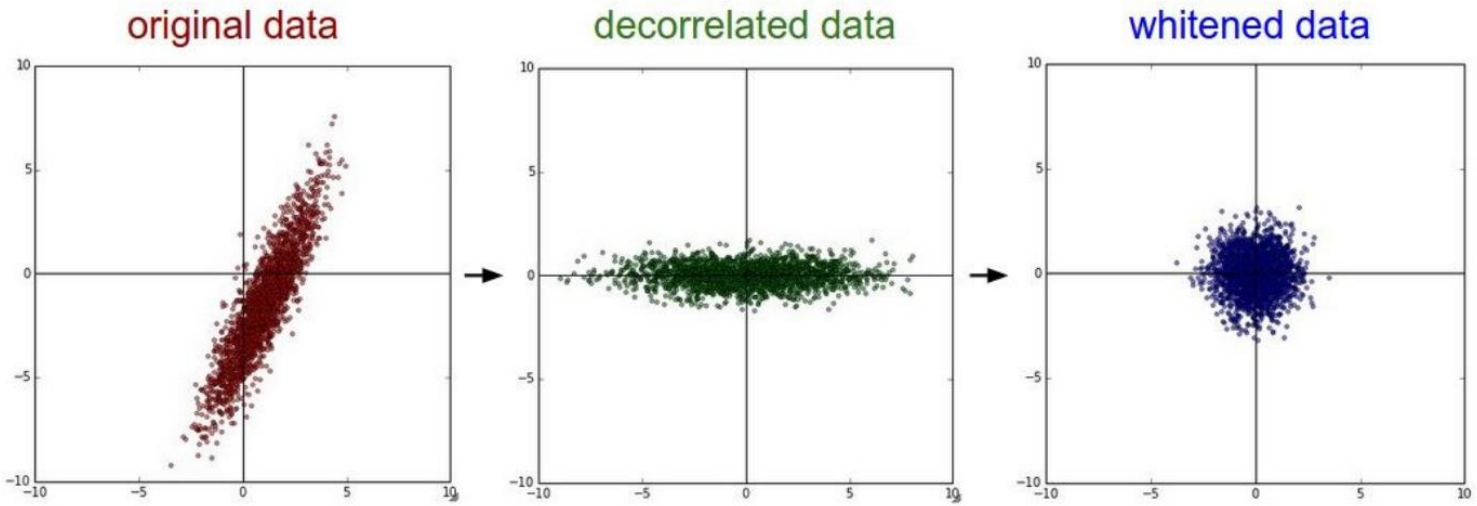
(this is also why you want zero-mean data!)

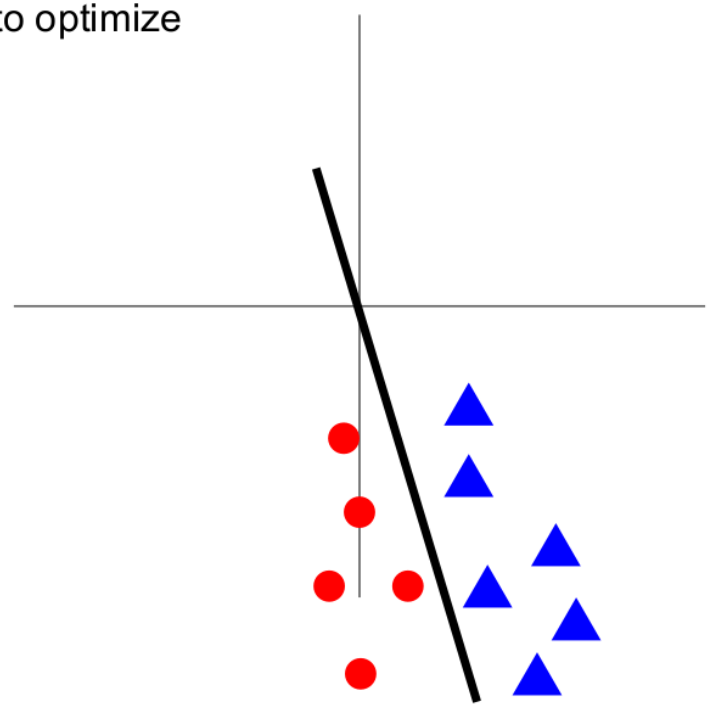
Data Preprocessing

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

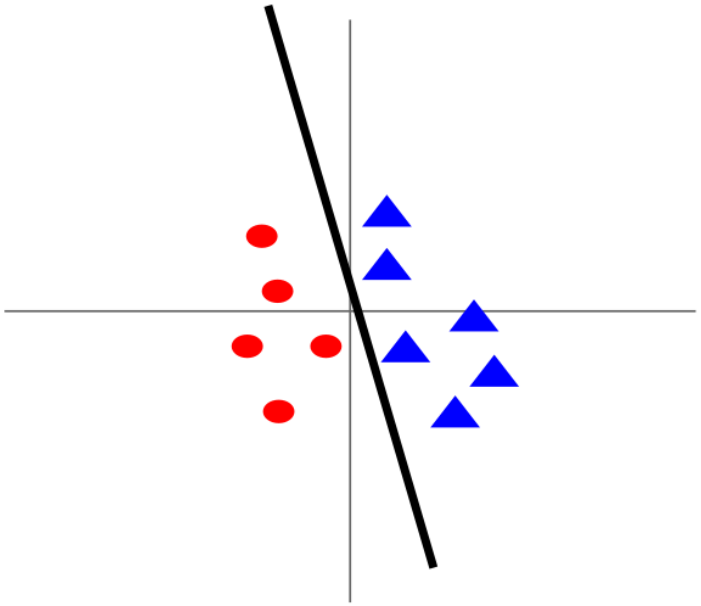


Data Preprocessing

Before normalization: classification loss very sensitive to changes in weight matrix; hard to optimize



After normalization: less sensitive to small changes in weights; easier to optimize



Data Preprocessing

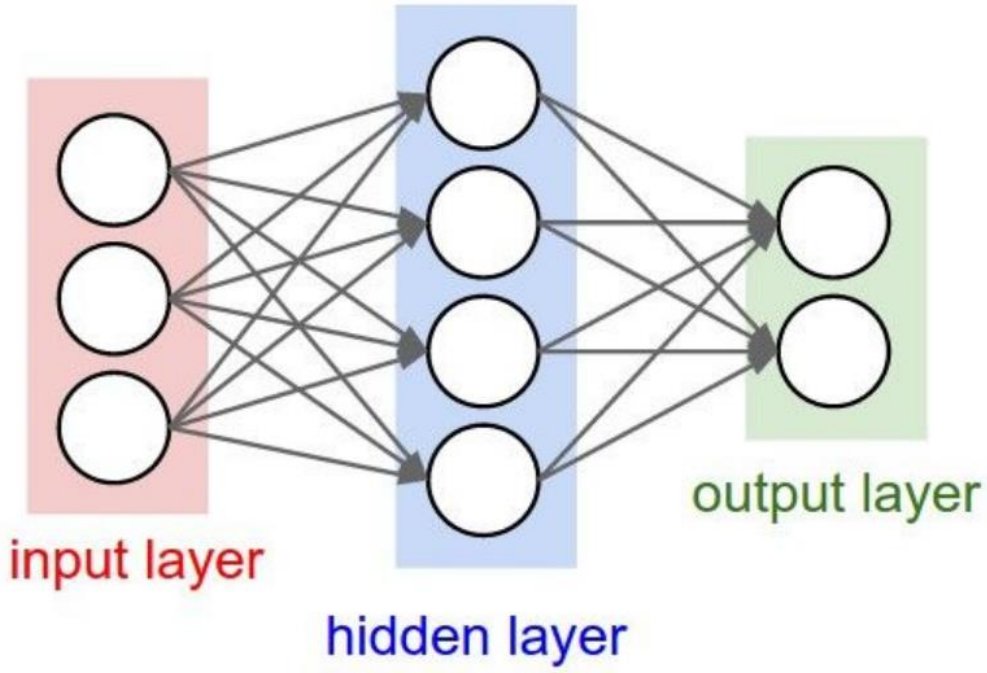
e.g. consider CIFAR-10 example with [32,32,3] images

- 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)
- Subtract per-channel mean and
  Divide by per-channel std (e.g. ResNet)
  (mean along each channel = 3 numbers)

Not common to do PCA or whitening

Weight Initialization

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



Weight Initialization

- First idea: **Small random numbers**

(gaussian with zero mean and 1e-2 standard deviation)

```
W = 0.01 * np.random.randn(Din, Dout)
```

Works ~okay for small networks, but problems with deeper networks.

Weight Initialization

```
dims = [4096] * 7
hs = []
x = np.random.randn(16, dims[0])
for Din, Dout in zip(dims[:-1], dims[1:]):
    W = 0.01 * np.random.randn(Din, Dout)
    x = np.tanh(x.dot(W))
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Forward pass for a 6-layer net with hidden size 4096

What will happen to the activations for the last layer?

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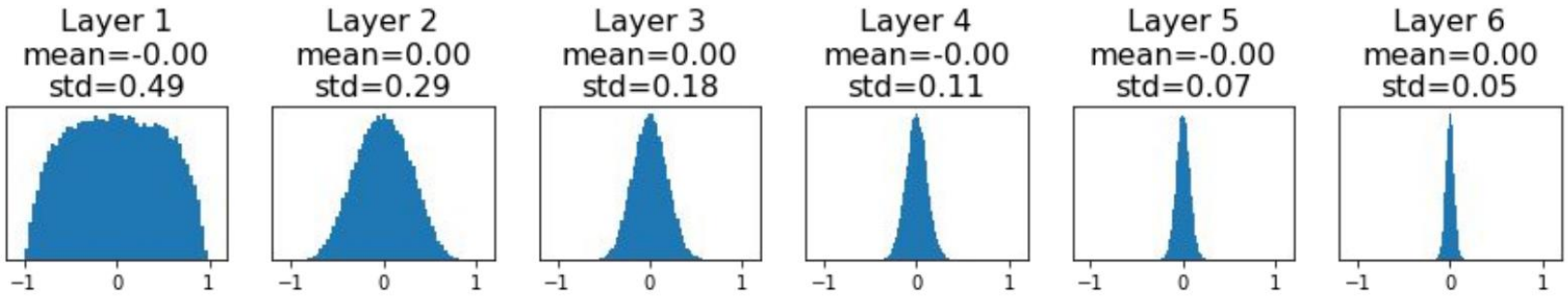
All activations tend to zero for deeper network layers

Q: What do the gradients dL/dW look like?



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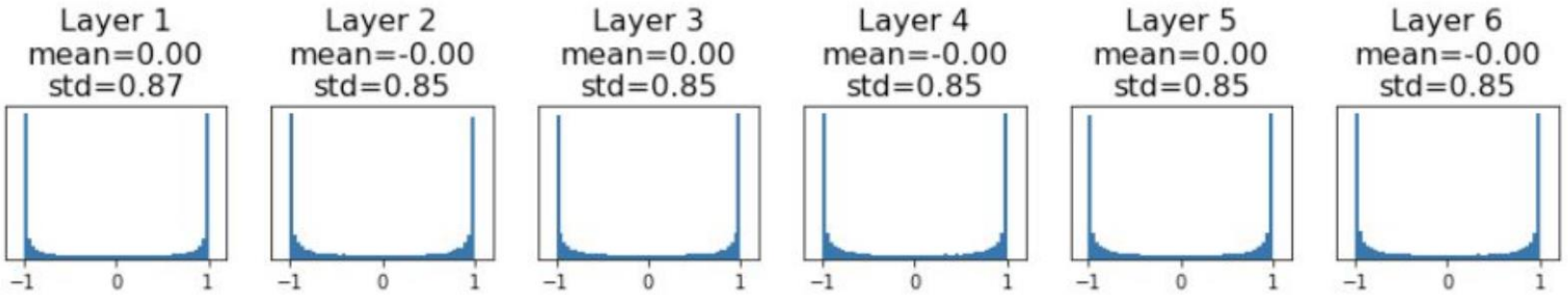
All activations saturate

Q: What do the gradients look like?



Weight Initialization: Xavier

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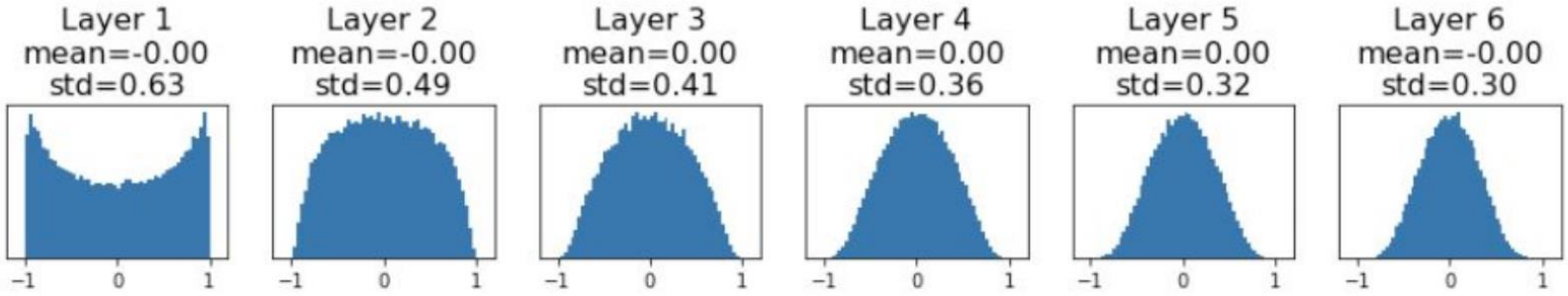
x = np.random.randn(16, dims[0])
for Din, Dout in zip(dims[:-1], dims[1:]):
    W = np.random.randn(Din, Dout) / np.sqrt(Din)
    x = np.tanh(x.dot(W))
    hs.append(x)
```

"Xavier" initialization:
std = 1/sqrt(Din)

"Just right": Activations are nicely scaled for all layers!



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For conv layers, Din is kernel_size^2 * input_channels

$y = Wx$
$h = f(y)$

Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned} Var(y_i) &= Din * Var(x_i w_i) && \text{[Assume x, w are iid]} \\ &= Din * (E[x_i^2]E[w_i^2] - E[x_i]^2 E[w_i]^2) && \text{[Assume x, w independant]} \\ &= Din * Var(x_i) * Var(w_i) && \text{[Assume x, w are zero-mean]} \end{aligned}$$

If $Var(w_i) = 1/Din$ then $Var(y_i) = Var(x_i)$

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    x = np.maximum(0, x.dot(W))
    hs.append(x)
```

ReLU correction: std = sqrt(2 / Din)

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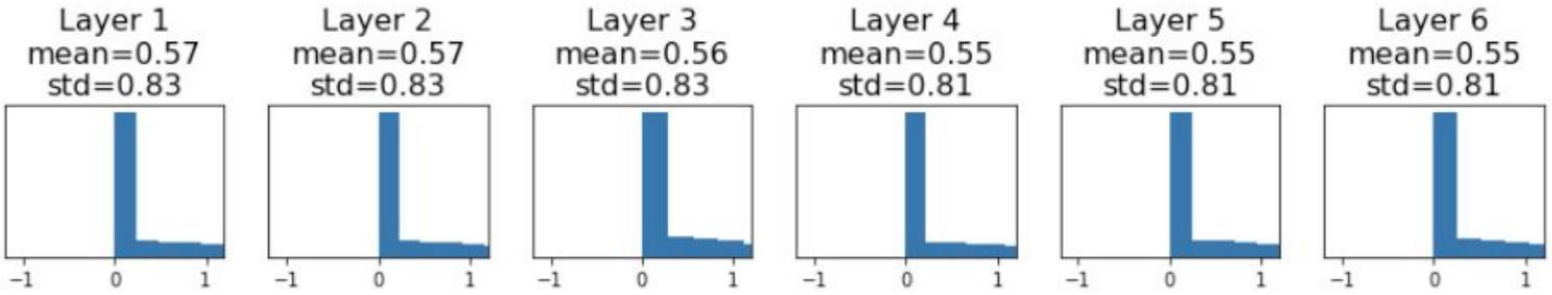


He et al, "Delving Deep into Rectifiers: Surpassing Human-Level Performance on ImageNet Classification", ICCV 2015

Recent research

Resurrecting the sigmoid in deep learning through dynamical isometry: theory and practice

Jeffrey Pennington
Google Brain

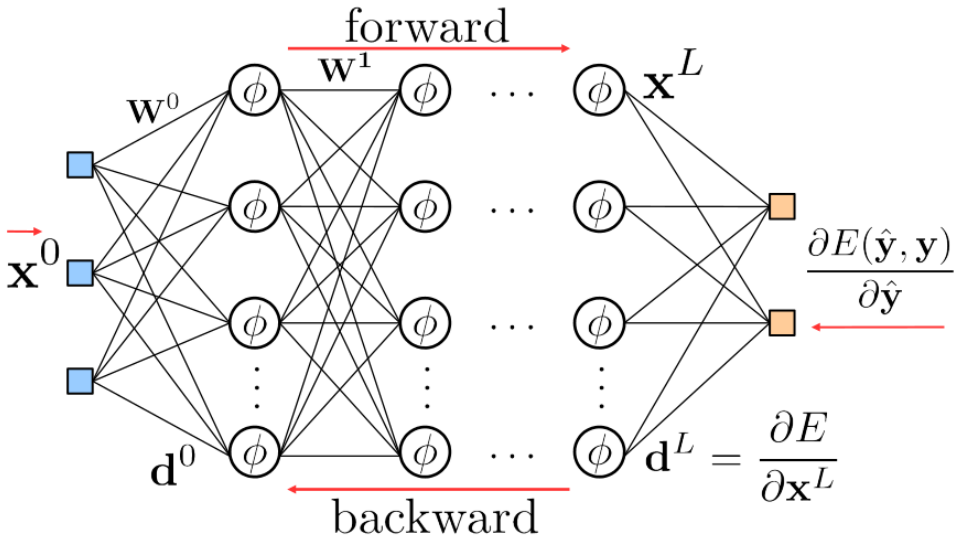
Samuel S. Schoenholz
Google Brain

Surya Ganguli
Applied Physics, Stanford University and Google Brain

Bidirectional Self-Normalizing Neural Networks

Yao Lu* **Stephen Gould** **Thalaiyasingam Ajanthan**
Australian National University

Signal Propagation in Neural Networks



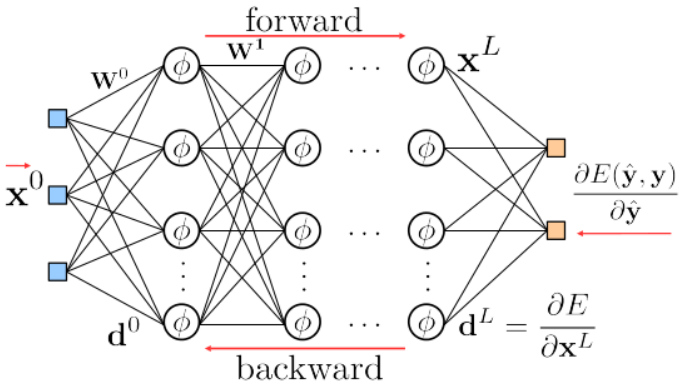
$$\text{Forward:} \quad \mathbf{h}^l = \mathbf{W}^l \mathbf{x}^l, \quad \mathbf{x}^{l+1} = \phi(\mathbf{h}^l),$$

$$\text{Backward:} \quad \mathbf{d}^l = \mathbf{D}^l \left(\prod_{k=l+1}^{L-1} \mathbf{W}^k \mathbf{D}^k \right) \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{x}^L}, \qquad D_{ii}^l = \phi'(h_i^l) \ .$$

Bidirectional Self Normalization

Setting: Deep fully-connected networks with hidden layers of same width and no bias.

$\mathbf{W}^l \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $l = \{1, \ldots, L-1\}$ and $\phi : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$.



$$\text{Require:} \quad \|\mathbf{x}^1\|_2 = \|\mathbf{x}^2\|_2 = \ldots = \|\mathbf{x}^L\|_2, \quad \{\mathbf{W}^l\}, \phi \text{ constrained} ,$$
$$\|\mathbf{d}^1\|_2 = \|\mathbf{d}^2\|_2 = \ldots = \|\mathbf{d}^L\|_2, \quad \{\mathbf{W}^l\}, \phi' \text{ constrained} .$$

No vanishing/exploding gradients.

Orthogonal Weight Matrices

$$(\mathbf{W}^l)^T \mathbf{W}^l = \mathbf{W}^l (\mathbf{W}^l)^T = \mathbf{I}_n \ .$$

Properties

- Linear networks: guarantees bidirectional self-normalization. [Saxe-2014]
- Nonlinear networks: improves trainability with appropriate scaling. [Pennington-2017]
- Widespread usage in GANs, training sparse networks, quantized networks, *etc.* [Brock-2017, Lee-2020, Lin-2019]

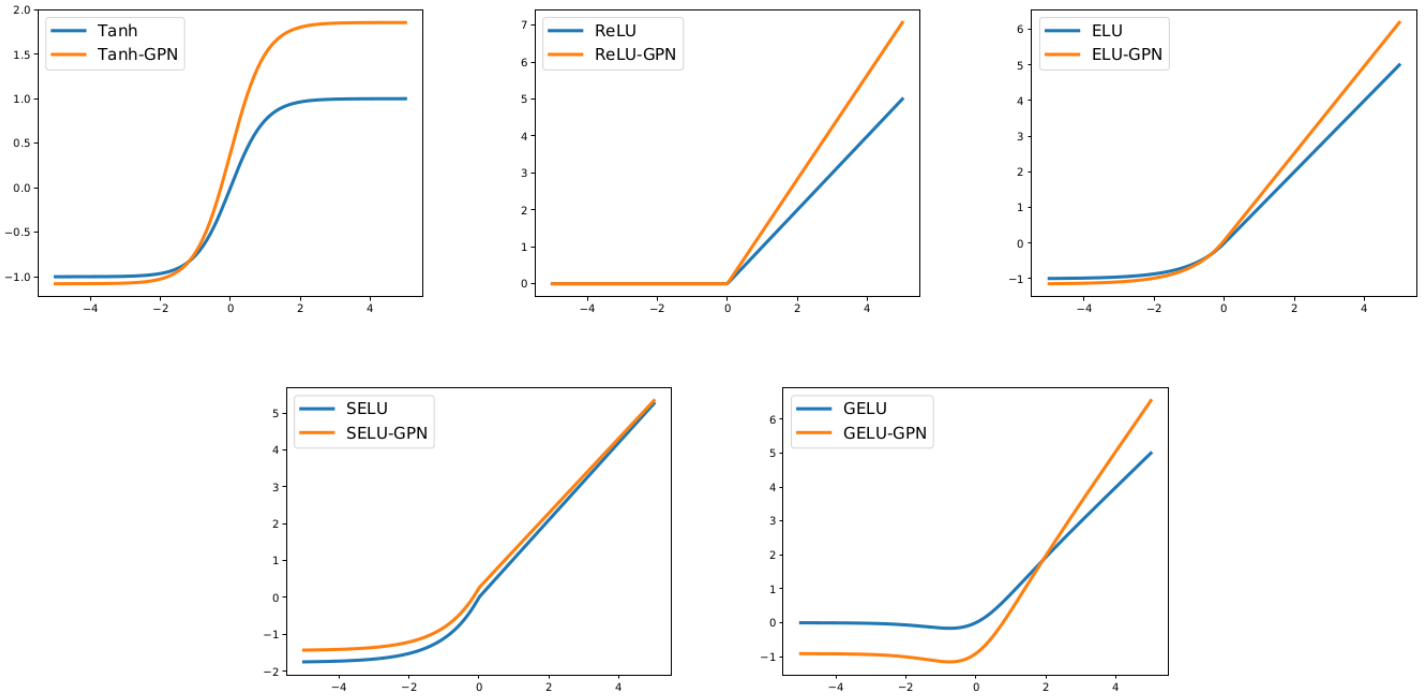
GPN Activations

$$\mathbb{E}_{h\sim\mathcal{N}(0,1)}\left[\phi(h)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}_{h\sim\mathcal{N}(0,1)}\left[\phi'(h)^2\right] = 1\ .$$

Key facts

- If $\mathbf{W}^l$ is orthogonal, $\mathbf{h}^l$ can be shown to be approximately Gaussian.
- Function ϕ is GPN and $\mathbb{E}_{h\sim\mathcal{N}(0,1)}[\phi(h)] = 0$, if and only if ϕ is linear.
- A differentiable function ϕ can be transformed into its GPN version by $a\phi(h) + b$.

GPN Activations



Common activation functions and their GPN versions.

	Tanh	ReLU	LeakyReLU	ELU	SELU	GELU
a	1.4674	1.4142	1.4141	1.2234	0.9660	1.4915
b	0.3885	0.0000	0.0000	0.0742	0.2585	−0.9097

Batch Normalization

"you want zero-mean unit-variance activations? just make them so."

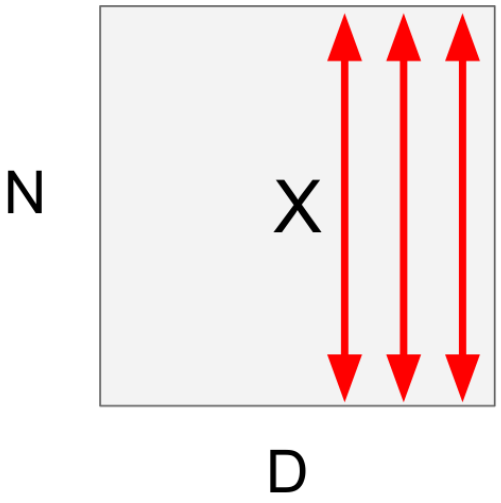
consider a batch of activations at some layer. To make each dimension zero-mean unit-variance, apply:

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

this is a vanilla differentiable function...

Batch Normalization

Input: $x : N \times D$



$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i,j}$$

Per-channel mean, shape is D

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_{i,j} - \mu_j)^2$$

Per-channel var, shape is D

$$\hat{x}_{i,j} = \frac{x_{i,j} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \varepsilon}}$$

Normalized x, Shape is N x D

Problem: What if zero-mean, unit variance is too hard of a constraint?

Batch Normalization

Input: $x : N \times D$

Learnable scale and shift parameters:

$$\gamma, \beta : D$$

Learning $\gamma = \sigma$, $\beta = \mu$ will recover the identity function!

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$$y_{i,j} = \gamma_j \hat{x}_{i,j} + \beta_j$$

Output, Shape is N x D

Batch Normalization: Test-Time

Estimates depend on minibatch; can't do this at test-time!

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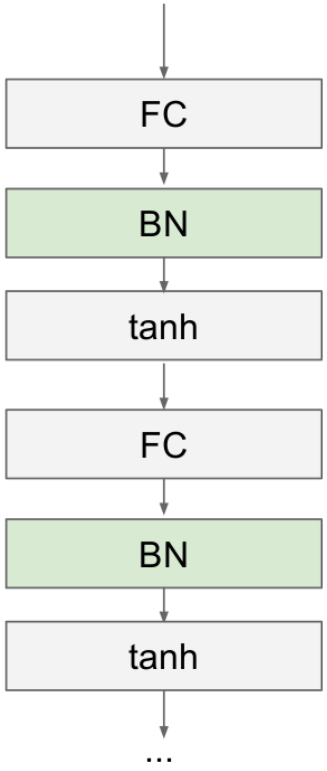
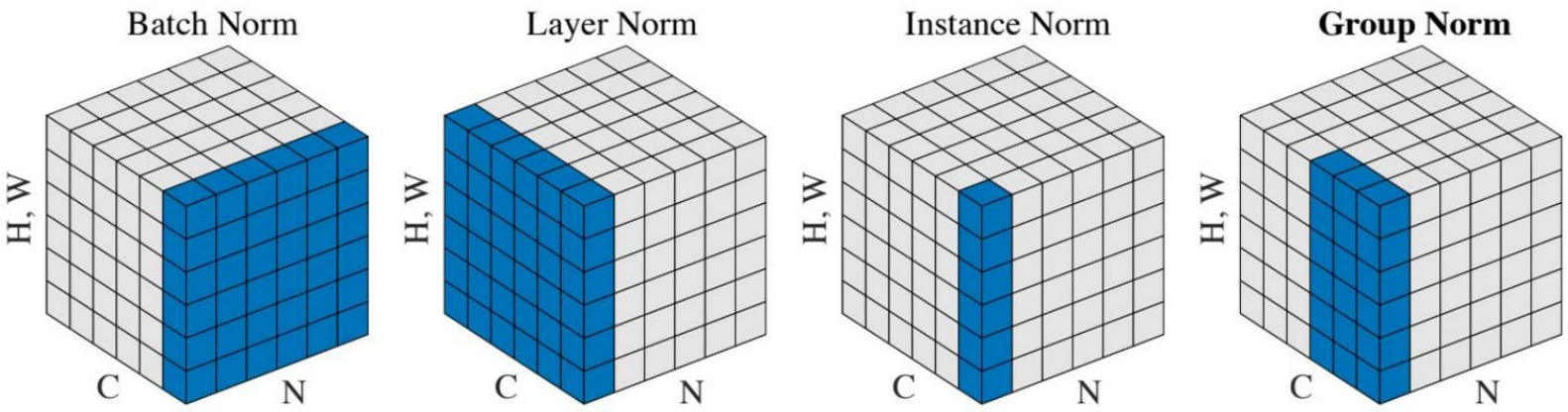


- Makes deep networks **much** easier to train!
- Improves gradient flow
- Allows higher learning rates, faster convergence
- Networks become more robust to initialization
- Acts as regularization during training
- Zero overhead at test-time: can be fused with conv!
- Behaves differently during training and testing: this is a very common source of bugs!

BN could cause gradient vanishing/explosion!

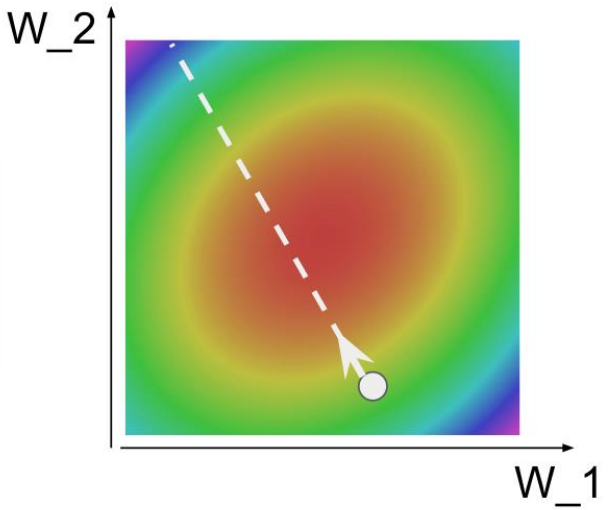
Other Types of Normalization



Optimization Methods: SGD

```
# Vanilla Gradient Descent

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



SGD

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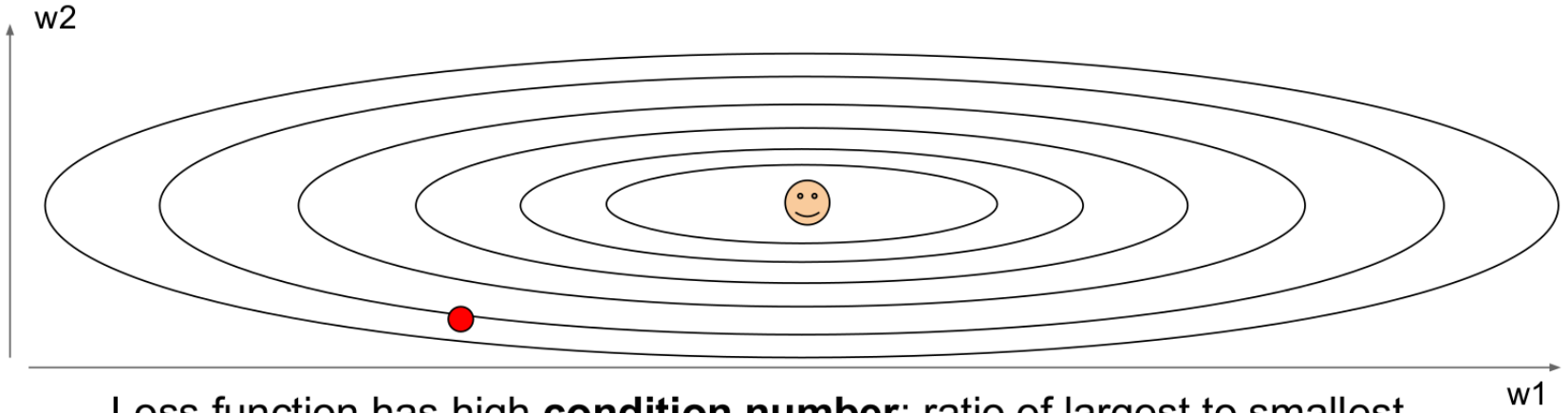
What does gradient descent do?



Loss function has high **condition number**: ratio of largest to smallest singular value of the Hessian matrix is large

SGD

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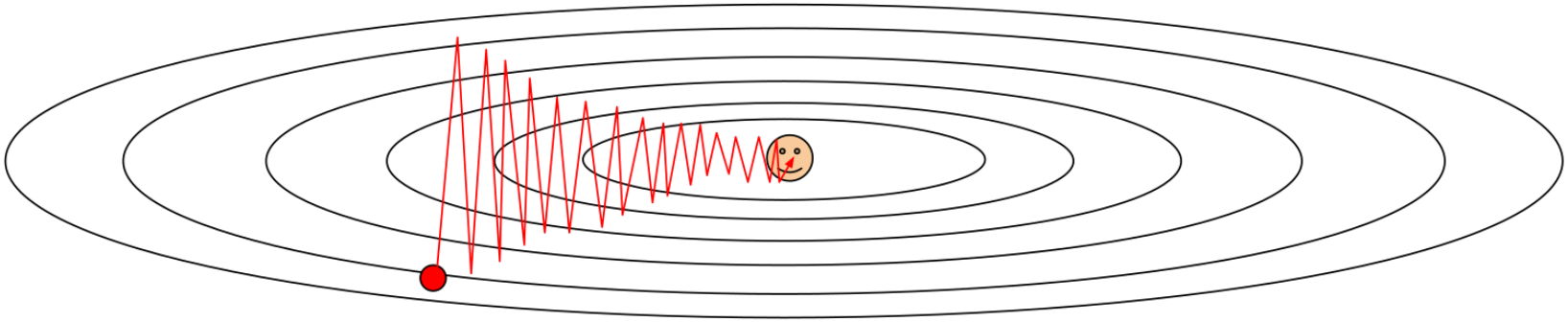
What does gradient descent do?
Very slow progress along shallow dimension, jitter along steep direction



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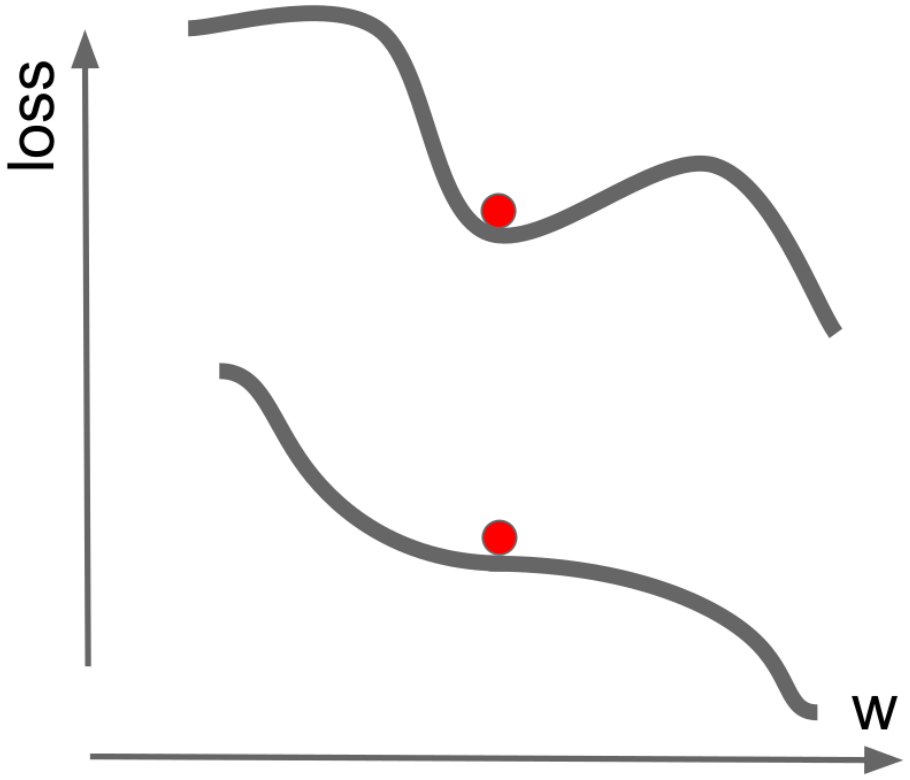
SGD

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

Zero gradient, gradient descent gets stuck



SGD+Momentum

SGD

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha \nabla f(x_t)$$

```
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  x -= learning_rate * dx
```

SGD+Momentum

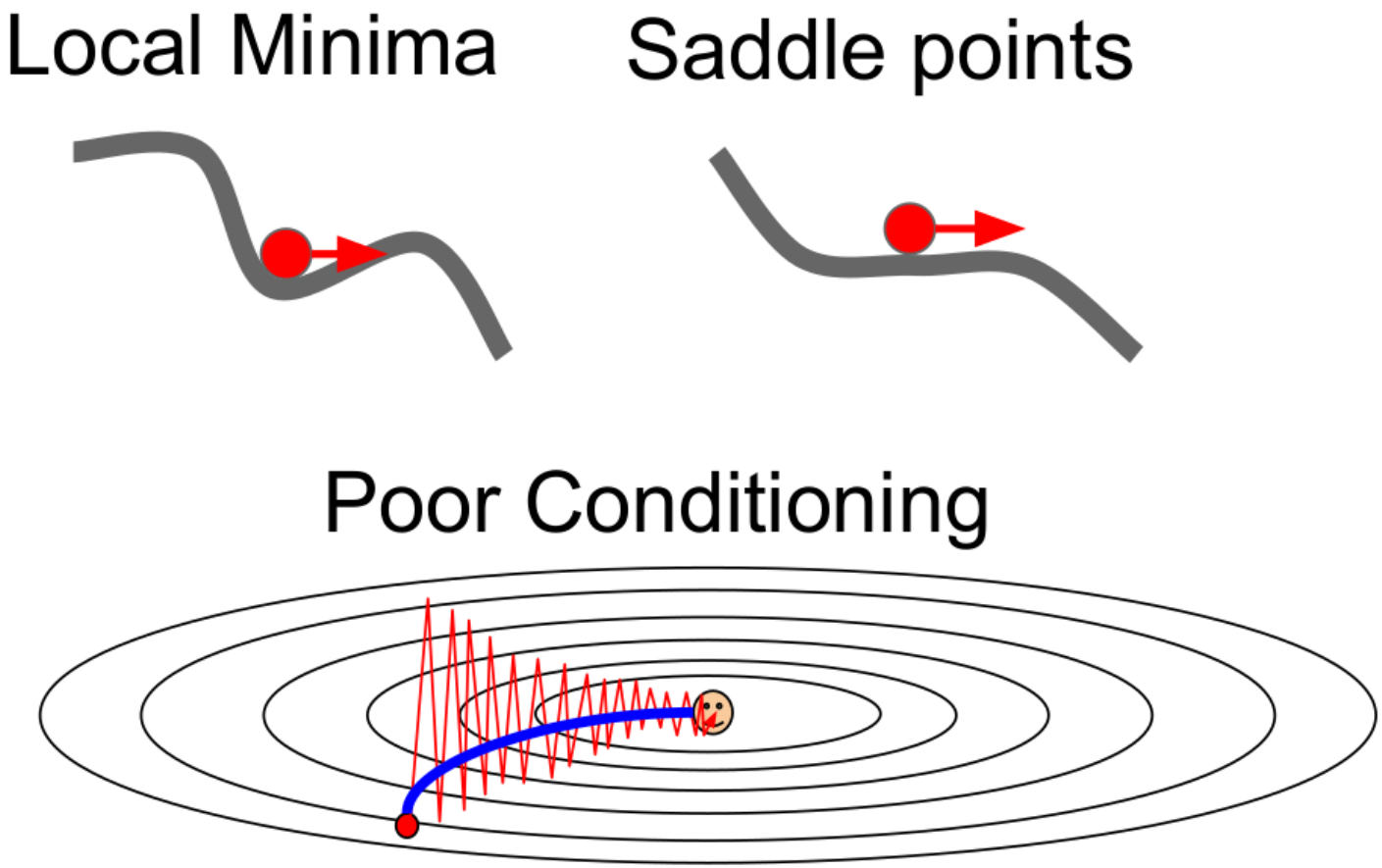
$$v_{t+1} = \rho v_t + \nabla f(x_t)$$

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha v_{t+1}$$

```
vx = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  vx = rho * vx + dx
  x -= learning_rate * vx
```

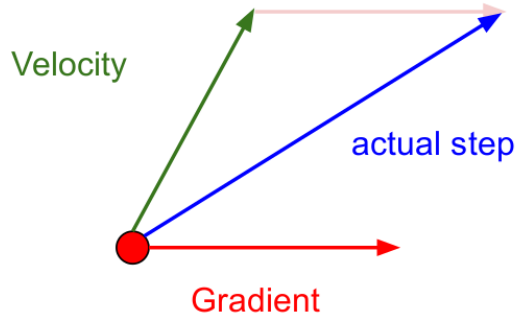
- Build up “velocity” as a running mean of gradients
- Rho gives “friction”; typically rho=0.9 or 0.99

SGD+Momentum



Nesterov Momentum

Momentum update:



Combine gradient at current point with velocity to get step used to update weights

Nesterov, "A method of solving a convex programming problem with convergence rate O(1/k^2)", 1983
Nesterov, "Introductory lectures on convex optimization: a basic course", 2004
Sutskever et al, "On the importance of initialization and momentum in deep learning", ICML 2013

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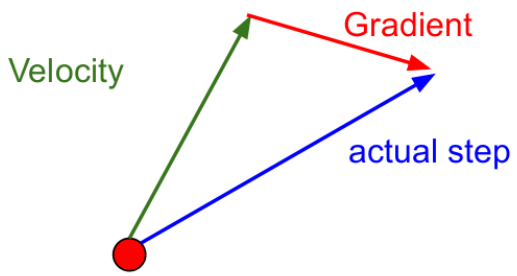

"Look ahead" to the point where updating using velocity would take us; compute gradient there and mix it with velocity to get actual update direction

AdaGrad

```
grad_squared = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  grad_squared += dx * dx
  x -= learning_rate * dx / (np.sqrt(grad_squared) + 1e-7)
```

Added element-wise scaling of the gradient based on the historical sum of squares in each dimension

"Per-parameter learning rates"
or "adaptive learning rates"

Duchi et al, "Adaptive subgradient methods for online learning and stochastic optimization", JMLR 2011

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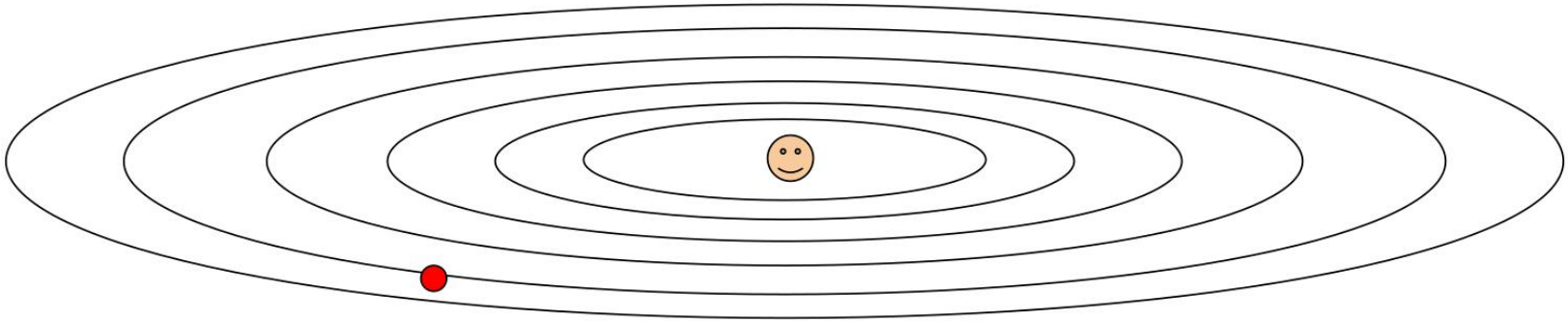

Q: What happens with AdaGrad?

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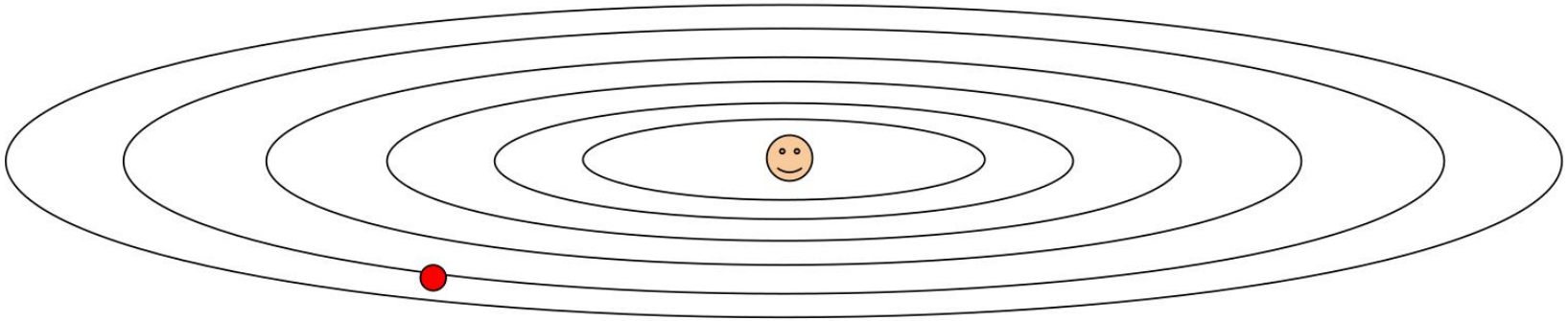


Q2: What happens to the step size over long time?

RMSProp

AdaGrad

```
grad_squared = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  grad_squared += dx * dx
  x -= learning_rate * dx / (np.sqrt(grad_squared) + 1e-7)
```

RMSProp

```
grad_squared = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  grad_squared = decay_rate * grad_squared + (1 - decay_rate) * dx * dx
  x -= learning_rate * dx / (np.sqrt(grad_squared) + 1e-7)
```

Tieleman and Hinton, 2012

Adam

```
first_moment = 0
second_moment = 0
for t in range(1, num_iterations):
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  first_moment = beta1 * first_moment  + (1 - beta1) * dx
  second_moment = beta2 * second_moment + (1 - beta2) * dx * dx
  first_unbias = first_moment / (1 - beta1 ** t)
  second_unbias = second_moment / (1 - beta2 ** t)
  x -= learning_rate * first_unbias / (np.sqrt(second_unbias) + 1e-7))
```

Momentum

Bias correction

AdaGrad / RMSProp

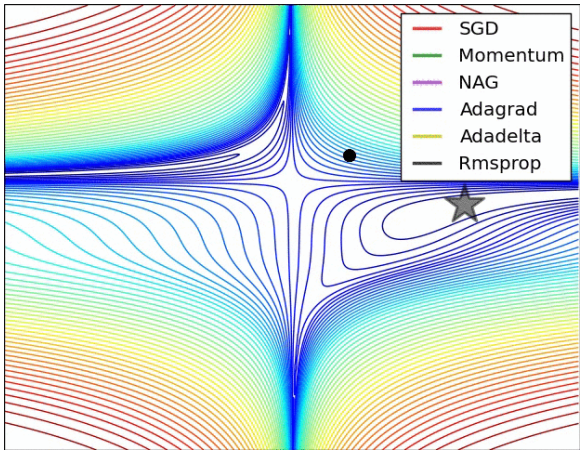
Bias correction for the fact that first and second moment estimates start at zero

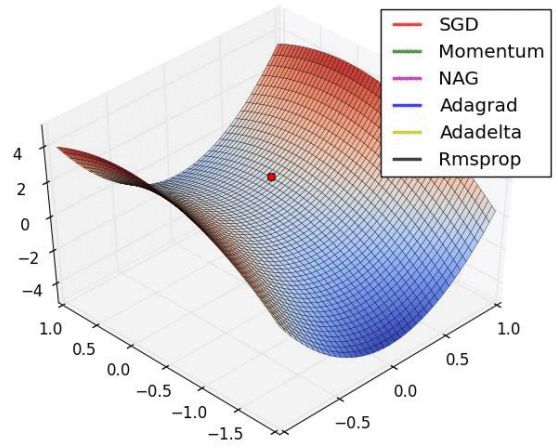
Adam with beta1 = 0.9,
beta2 = 0.999, and learning_rate = 1e-3 or 5e-4
is a great starting point for many models!

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

Overview of Optimization Methods

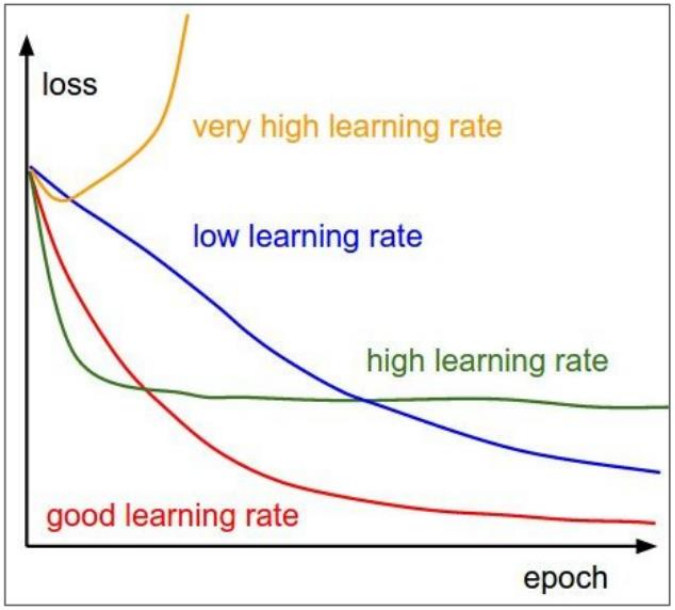
- https://ruder.io/optimizing-gradient-descent/





Learning Rate

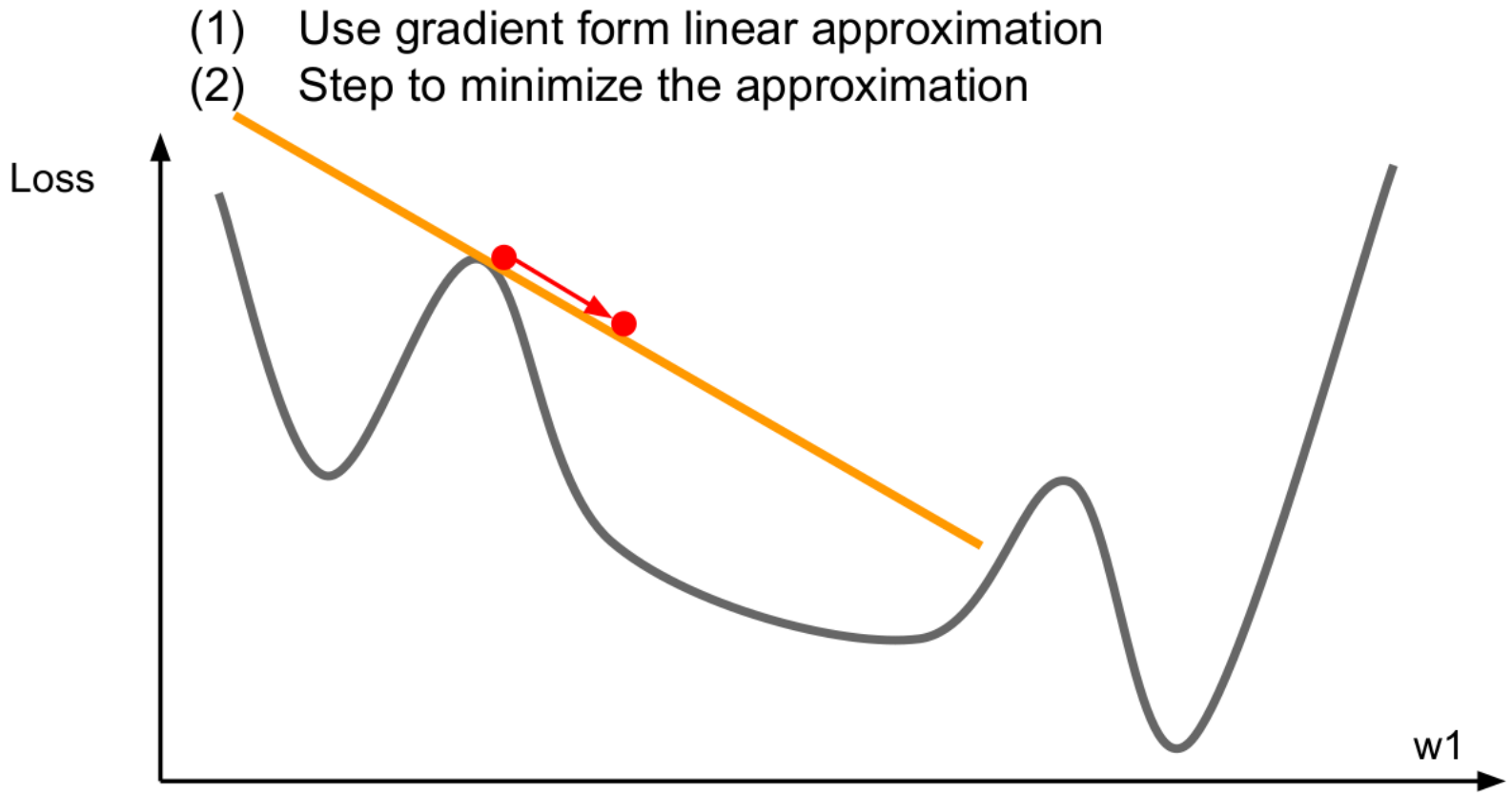
SGD, SGD+Momentum, Adagrad, RMSProp, Adam all have **learning rate** as a hyperparameter.



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

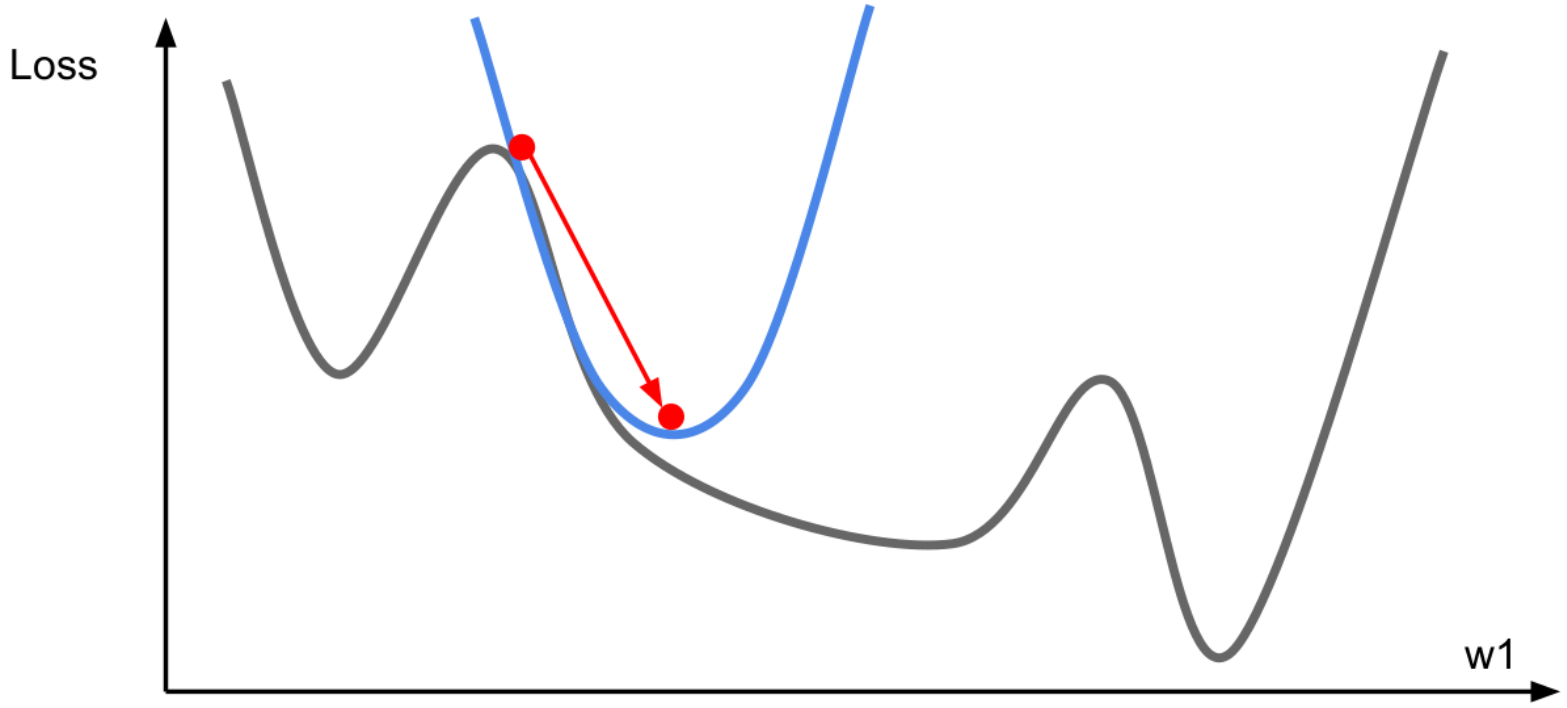
A: All of them! Start with large learning rate and decay over time

First-order Optimization



Second-order Optimization

(1) Use gradient **and Hessian** to form **quadratic** approximation
(2) Step to the **minima** of the approximation



Second-order Optimization

second-order Taylor expansion:

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

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

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 - \boldsymbol{H}^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$$

Hessian has O(N^2) elements
Inverting takes O(N^3)
N = (Tens or Hundreds of) Millions

Q: Why is this bad for deep learning?

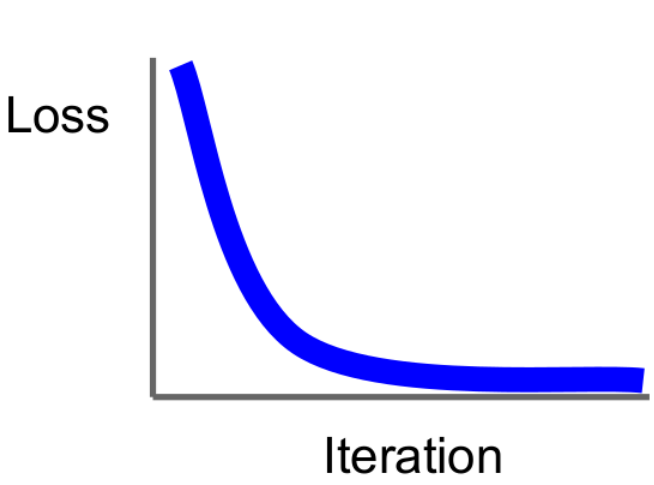
Optimization Methods

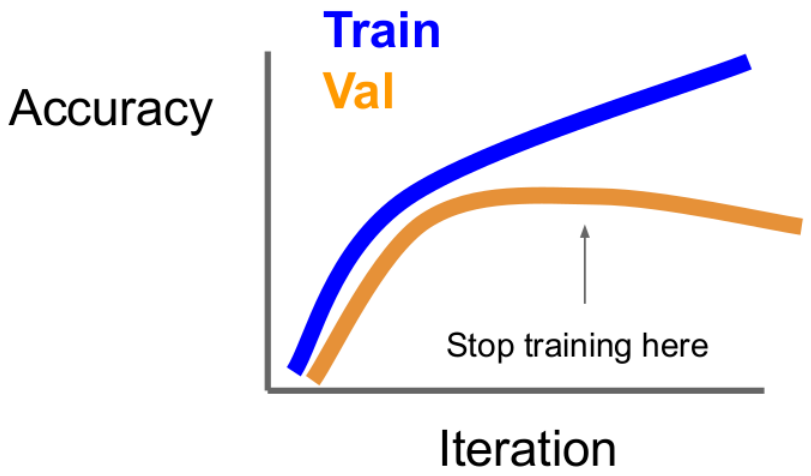
In practice:

- **Adam** is a good default choice in many cases; it often works ok even with constant learning rate
- **SGD+Momentum** can outperform Adam but may require more tuning of LR and schedule
  - Try cosine schedule, very few hyperparameters!

- If you can afford to do full batch updates then try out **L-BFGS** (and don't forget to disable all sources of noise)

Improving Generalization: Early Stopping





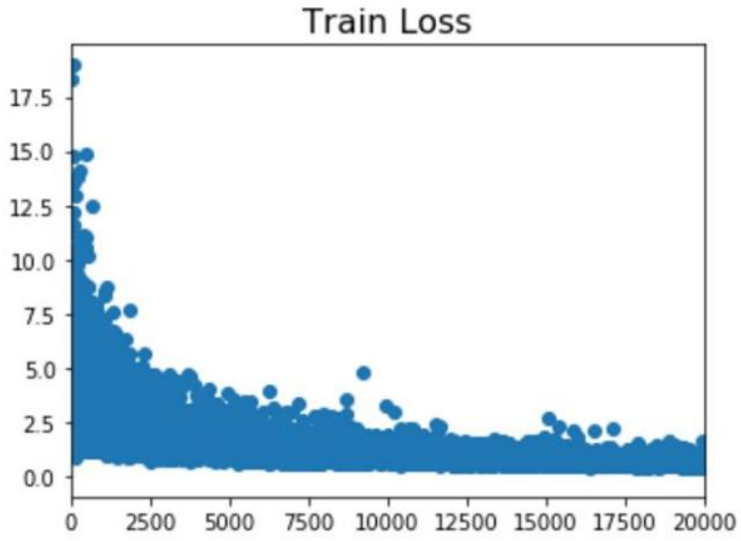
Stop training the model when accuracy on the validation set decreases
Or train for a long time, but always keep track of the model snapshot that worked best on val

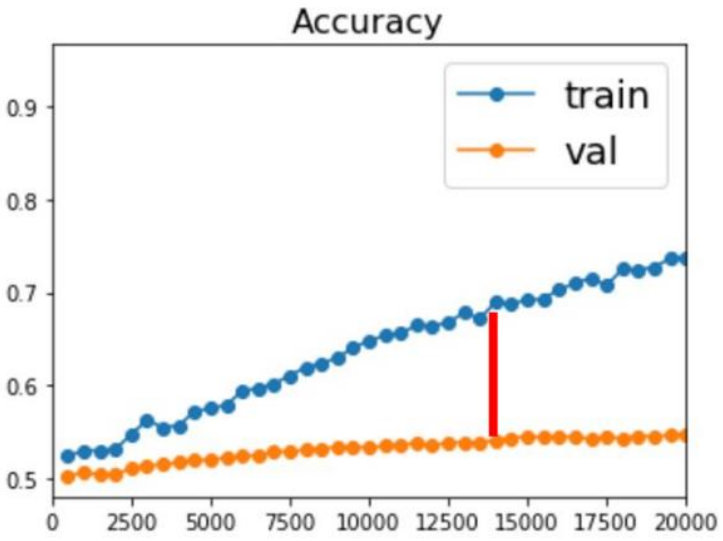
Improving Generalization: Ensembles

1. Train multiple independent models
2. At test time average their results
   (Take average of predicted probability distributions, then choose argmax)

Enjoy 2% extra performance

Improving Generalization





Regularization

Regularization: Weight decay

$$L = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j\neq y_i}\max(0, f(x_i; W)_j - f(x_i; W)_{y_i} + 1) + \lambda R(W)$$

In common use:

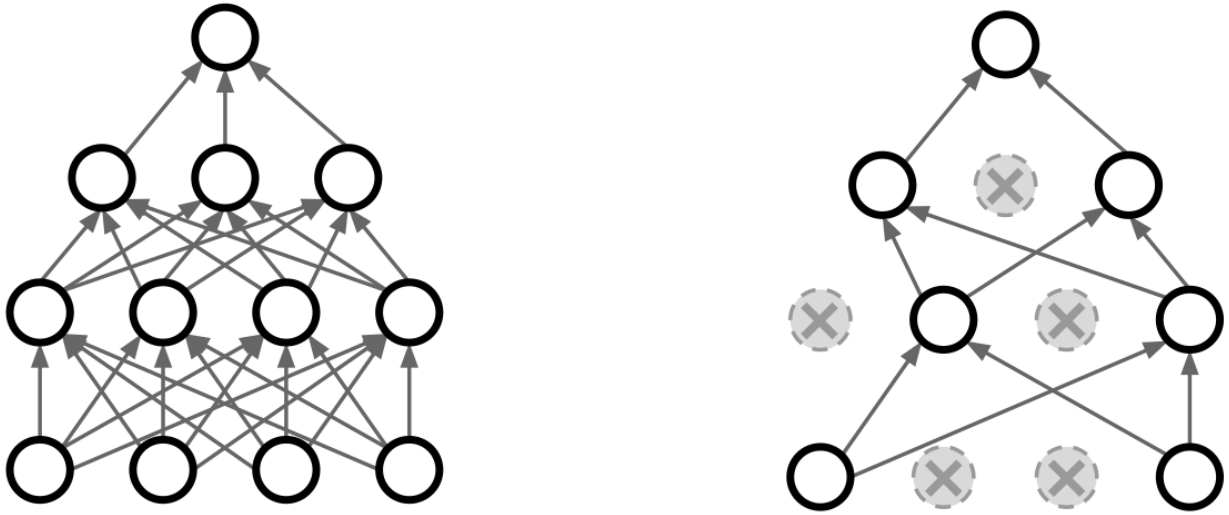
L2 regularization $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l W_{k,l}^2$ (Weight decay)

L1 regularization $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l |W_{k,l}|$

Elastic net (L1 + L2) $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l \beta W_{k,l}^2 + |W_{k,l}|$

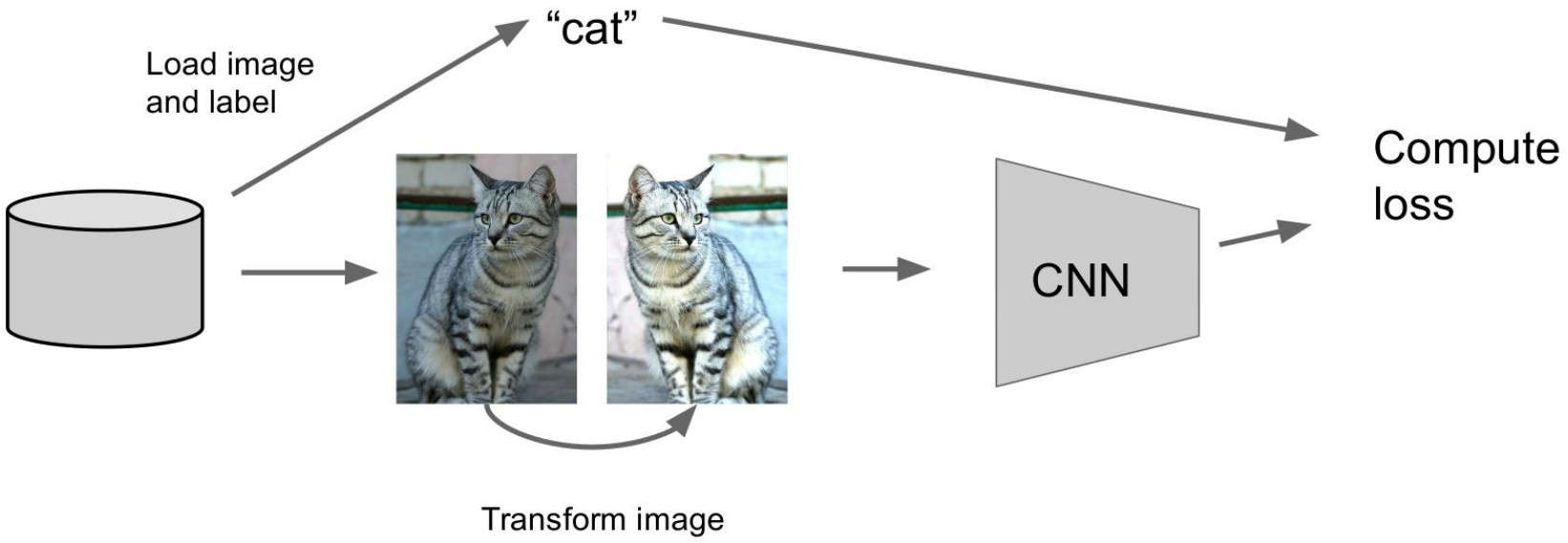
Regularization: Dropout

In each forward pass, randomly set some neurons to zero
Probability of dropping is a hyperparameter; 0.5 is common



Srivastava et al, “Dropout: A simple way to prevent neural networks from overfitting”, JMLR 2014

Regularization: Data Augmentation



Regularization

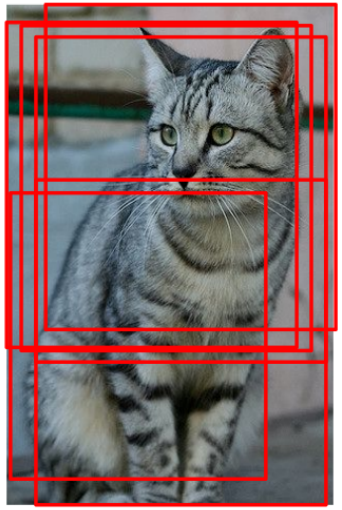
Data Augmentation

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



Regularization

Data Augmentation

Get creative for your problem!

Random mix/combinations of :

- translation
- rotation
- stretching
- shearing,
- lens distortions, … (go crazy)

Regularization: A common pattern

Training: Add random noise

Testing: Marginalize over the noise

Examples:

Dropout

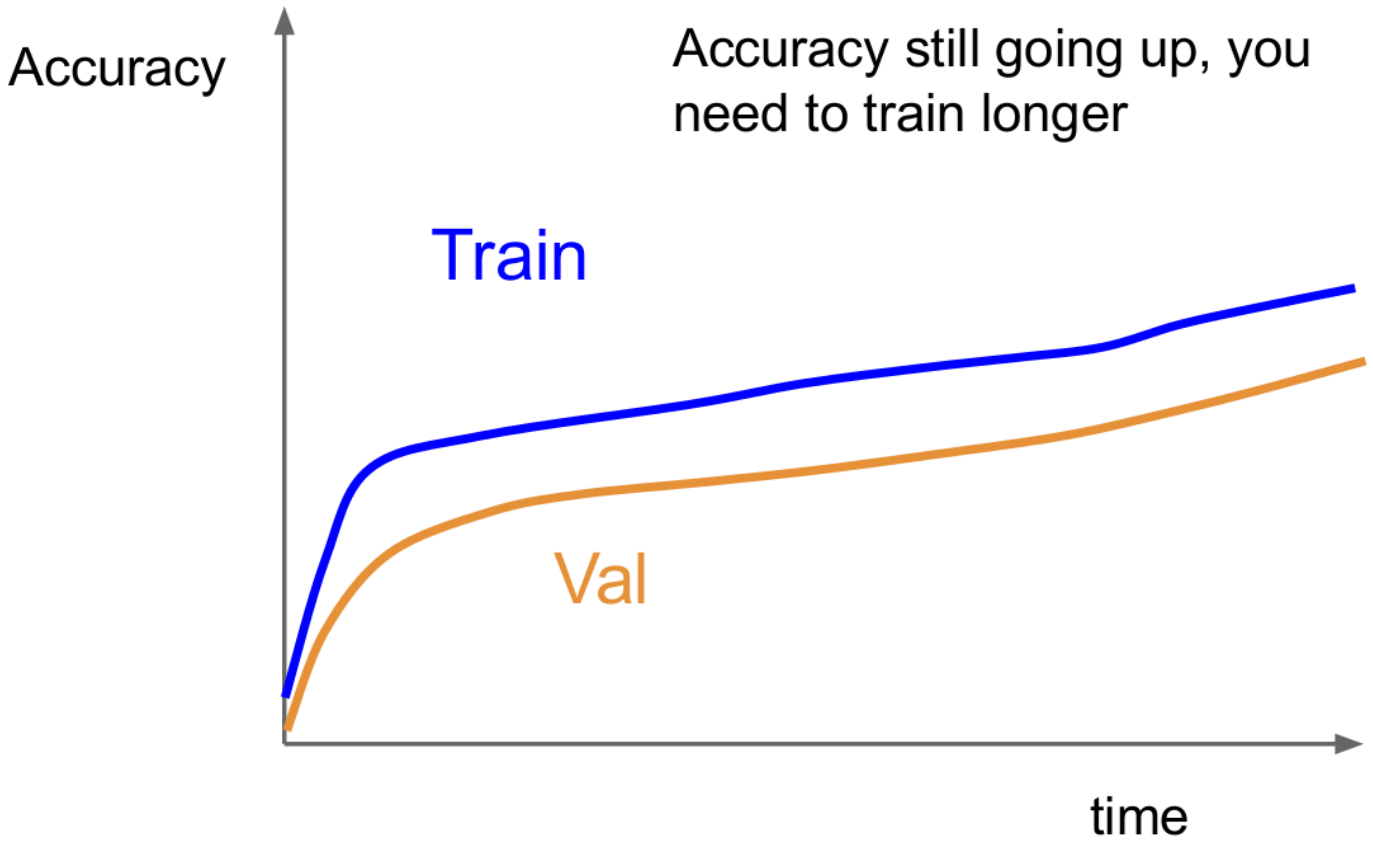
Batch Normalization

Data Augmentation

Choosing Hyperparameters

Step 1: Check initial loss
Step 2: Overfit a small sample
Step 3: Find LR that makes loss go down
Step 4: Coarse grid, train for ~1-5 epochs
Step 5: Refine grid, train longer
Step 6: Look at loss curves

Choosing Hyperparameters



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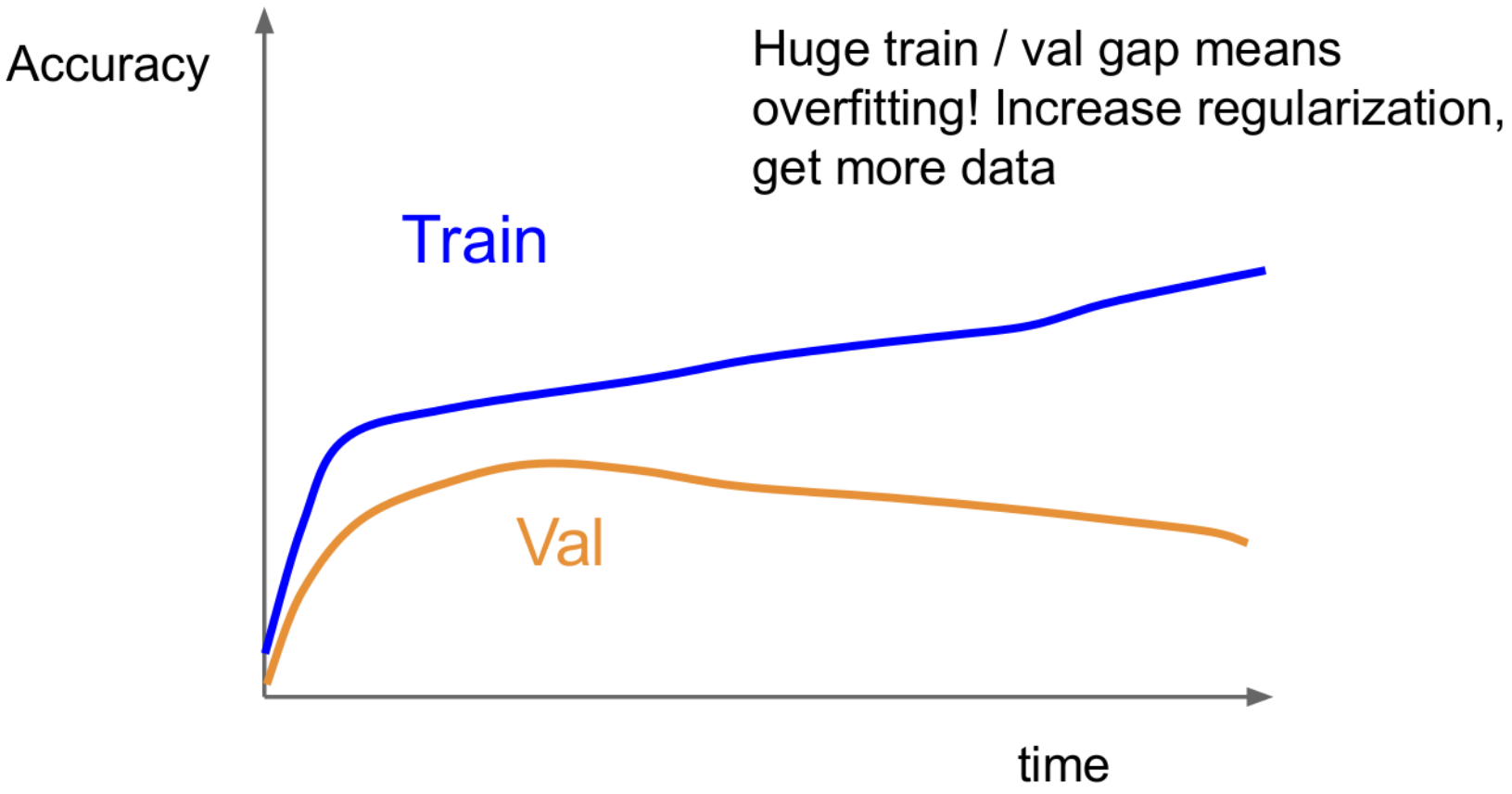

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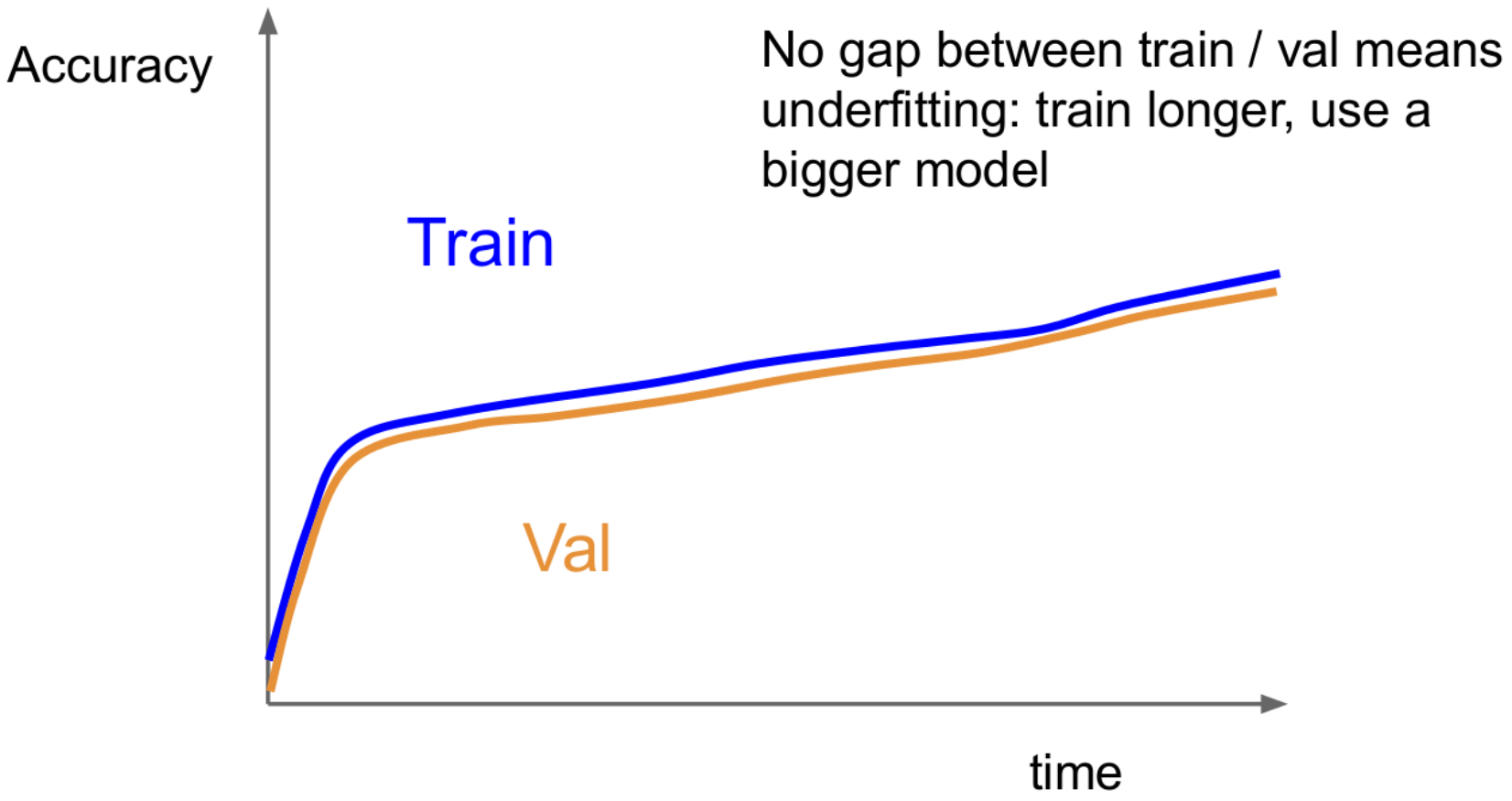

Next lecture

- Review of the topics covered.