Lecture 4 - k-layer Neural Networks

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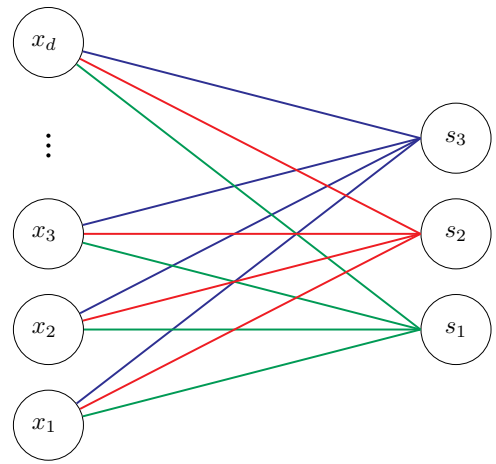
A new class of scoring functions

Linear scoring function

$$\mathbf{s} = W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$



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Before

2-layer Neural Network

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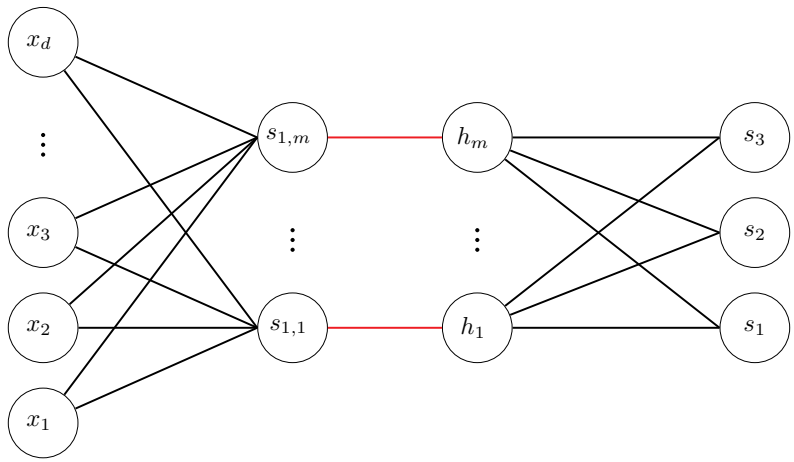

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Now

Not restricted to two layers

2-layer Neural Network

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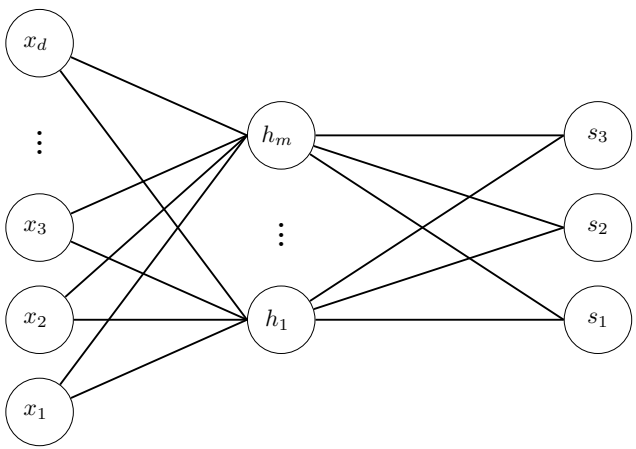

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3-layer Neural Network

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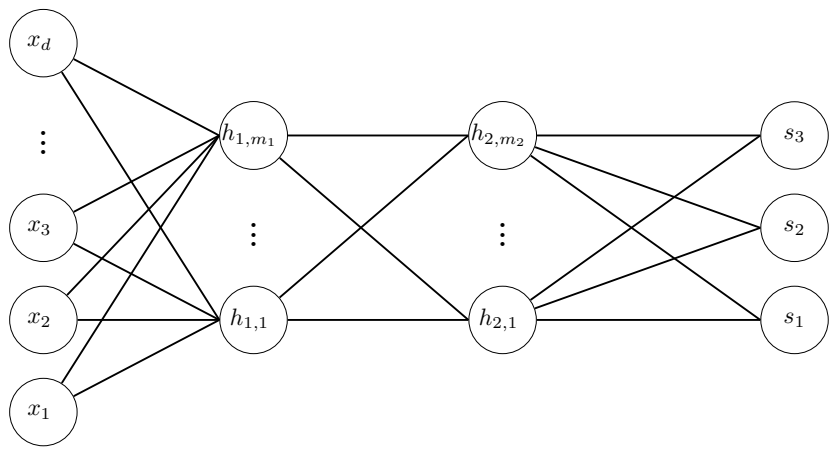

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Some terminology

3-layer Neural Network

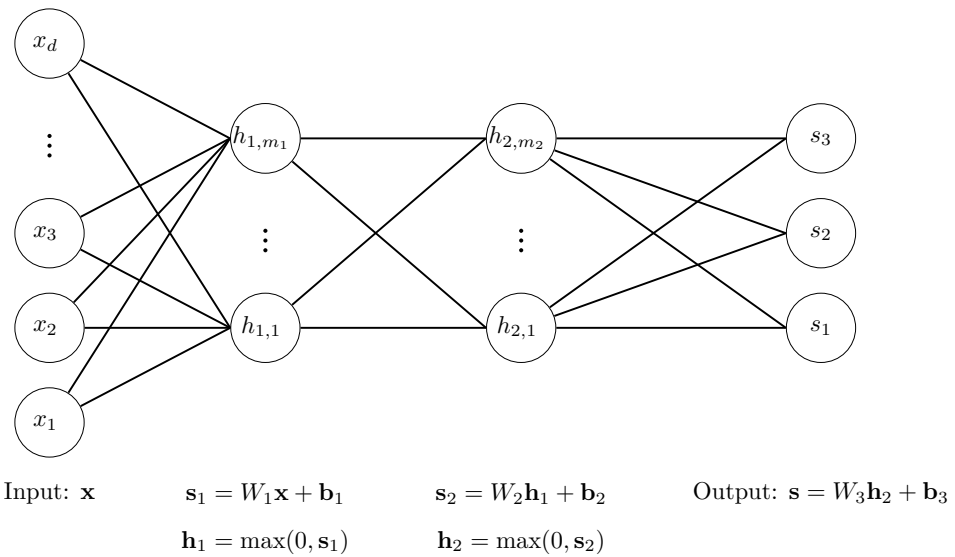
$$\mathbf{s}_1 = W_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1 \quad W_1 \text{ is } m_1 \times d$$

1st hidden layer activations $\rightarrow$ $\mathbf{h}_1 = \max(0, \mathbf{s}_1)$ $\leftarrow$ apply non-linearity via **activation fn**

$$\mathbf{s}_2 = W_2\mathbf{h}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2 \quad W_2 \text{ is } m_2 \times m_1$$

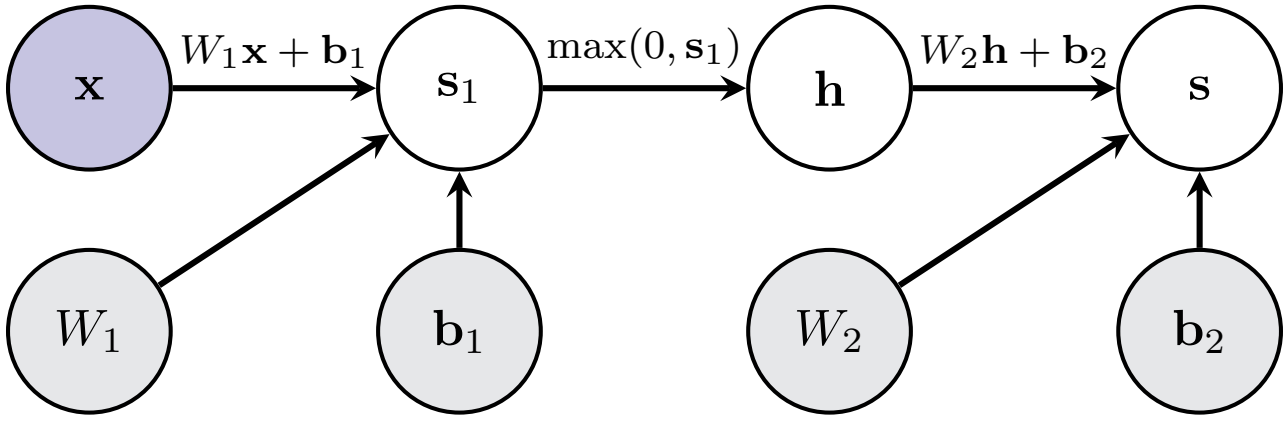
2nd hidden layer activations $\rightarrow$ $\mathbf{h}_2 = \max(0, \mathbf{s}_2)$ $\leftarrow$ apply non-linearity via **activation fn**

Output responses $\rightarrow$ $\mathbf{s} = W_3\mathbf{h}_2 + \mathbf{b}_3 \quad W_3 \text{ is } c \times m_2$

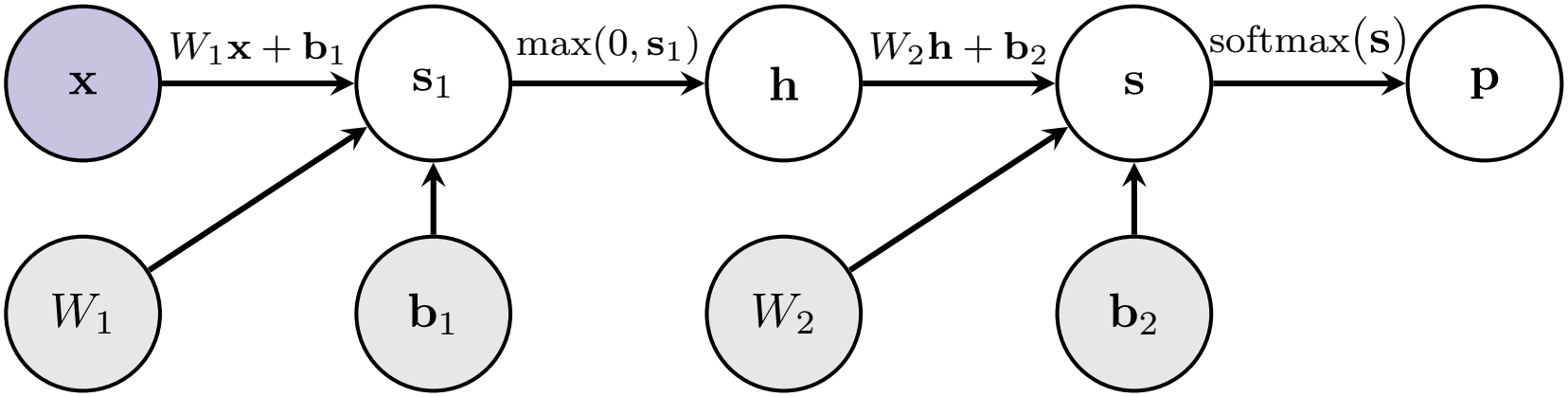


Sometimes referred to as a **2-hidden-layer neural network**.

Computational Graph of our 2-layer neural network

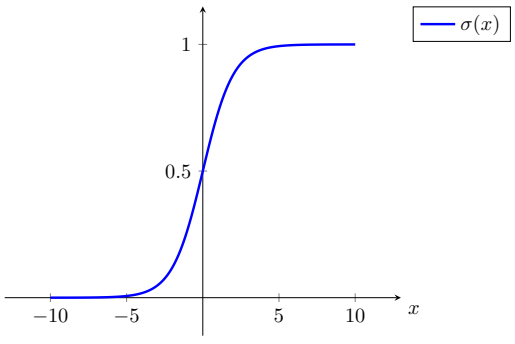


2-layer neural network with probabilistic outputs



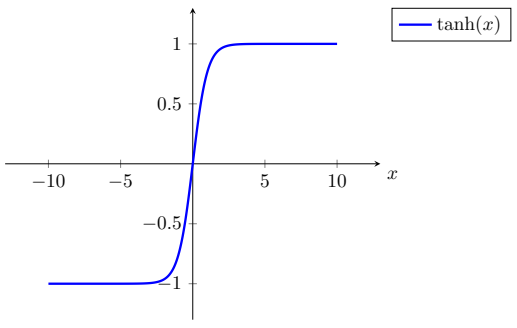
Options for activation functions

Sigmoid



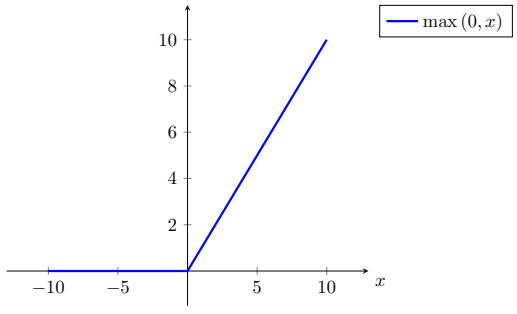
$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-x)}$$

tanh



$$\tanh(x) = \frac{\exp(x)-\exp(-x)}{\exp(x)+\exp(-x)}$$

ReLu

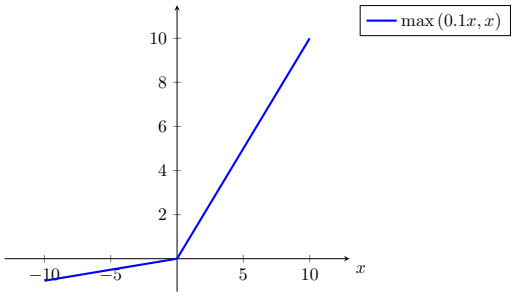


$$\text{ReLu}(x) = \max(0, x)$$

Activation function is applied independently to each element of hidden vector.

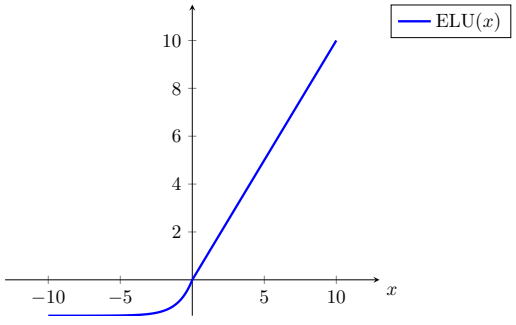
Options for activation Functions

Leaky ReLu



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

ELU



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

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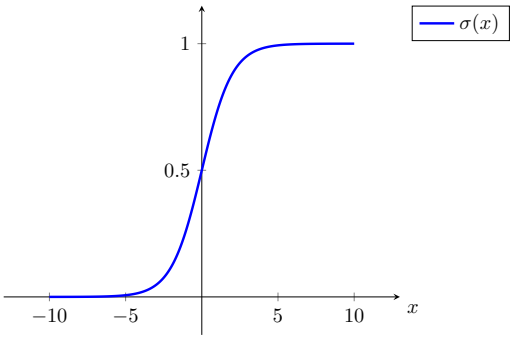

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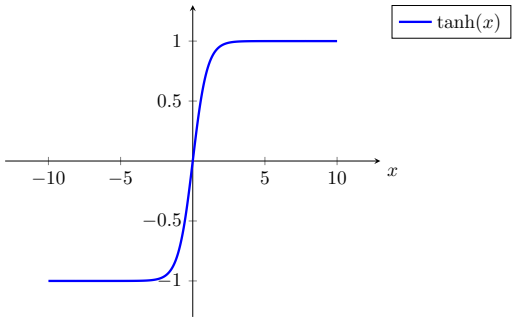

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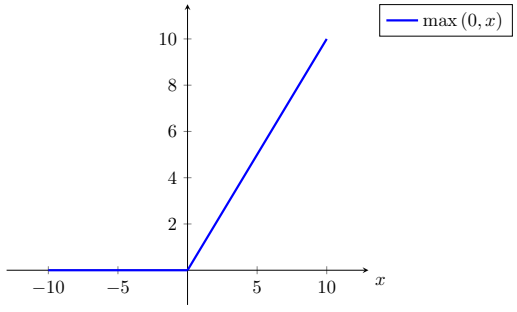

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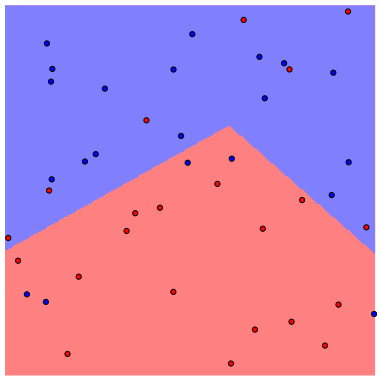
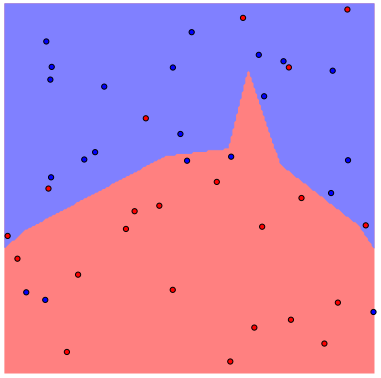
In modern networks ReLU is the most common activation function.

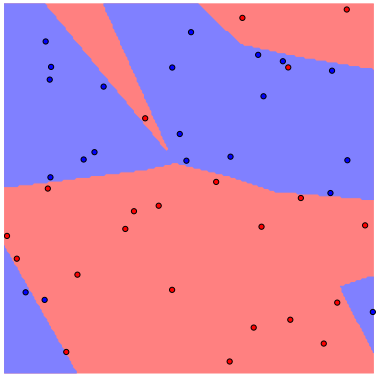
Effect of the number of hidden nodes in a 2 layer network



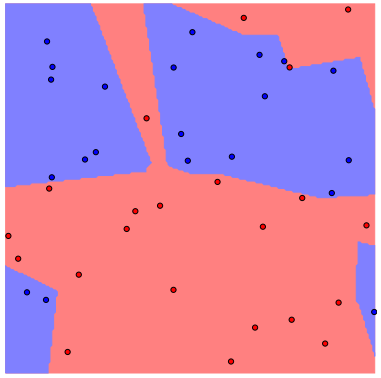
$m = 3$



$m = 20$



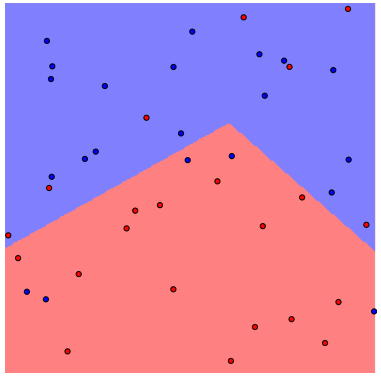
$m = 30$



$m = 100$

- m is the number of nodes in the hidden layer.
- No regularization.

Result depends on parameter initialization



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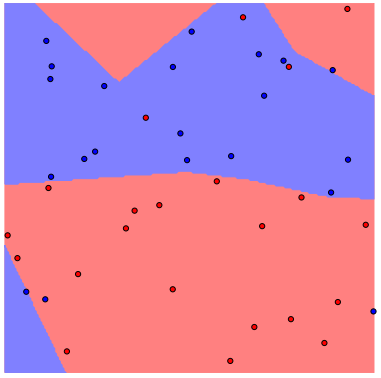

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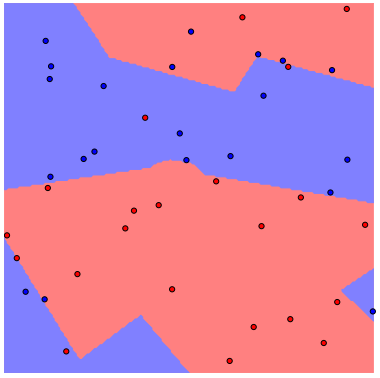

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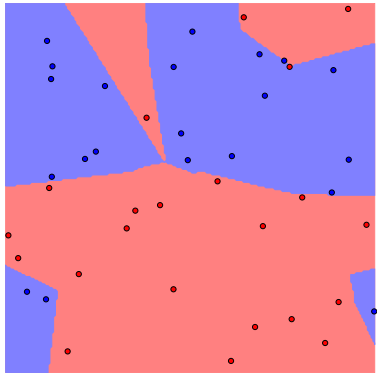
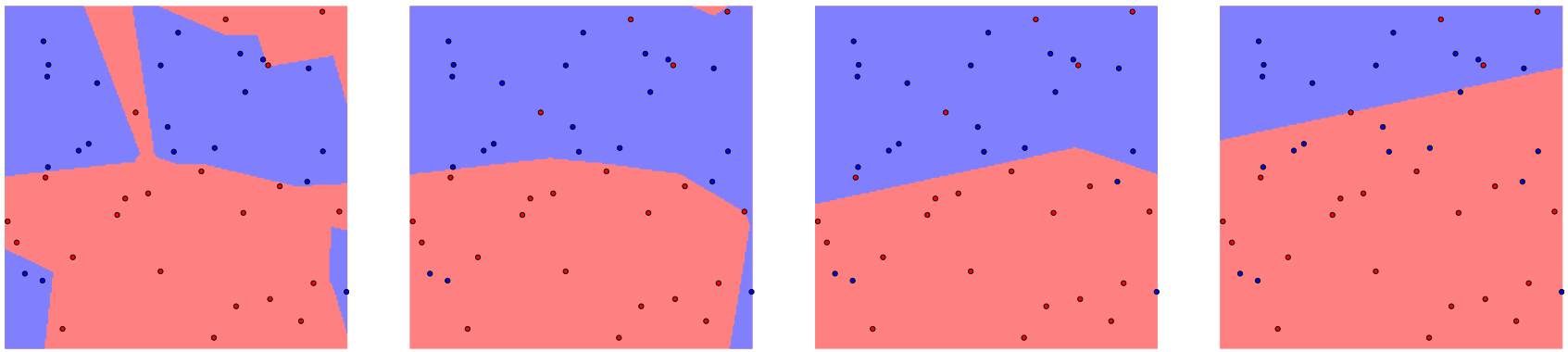


$m = 100$

- m is the number of nodes in the hidden layer.
- No regularization.
- Different random parameter initialization to previous slide.

Effect of regularization

$$J(\mathcal{D}, \lambda, \Theta) = \sum_{(\mathbf{x},y)\in\mathcal{D}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, \Theta) + \lambda R(\Theta)$$



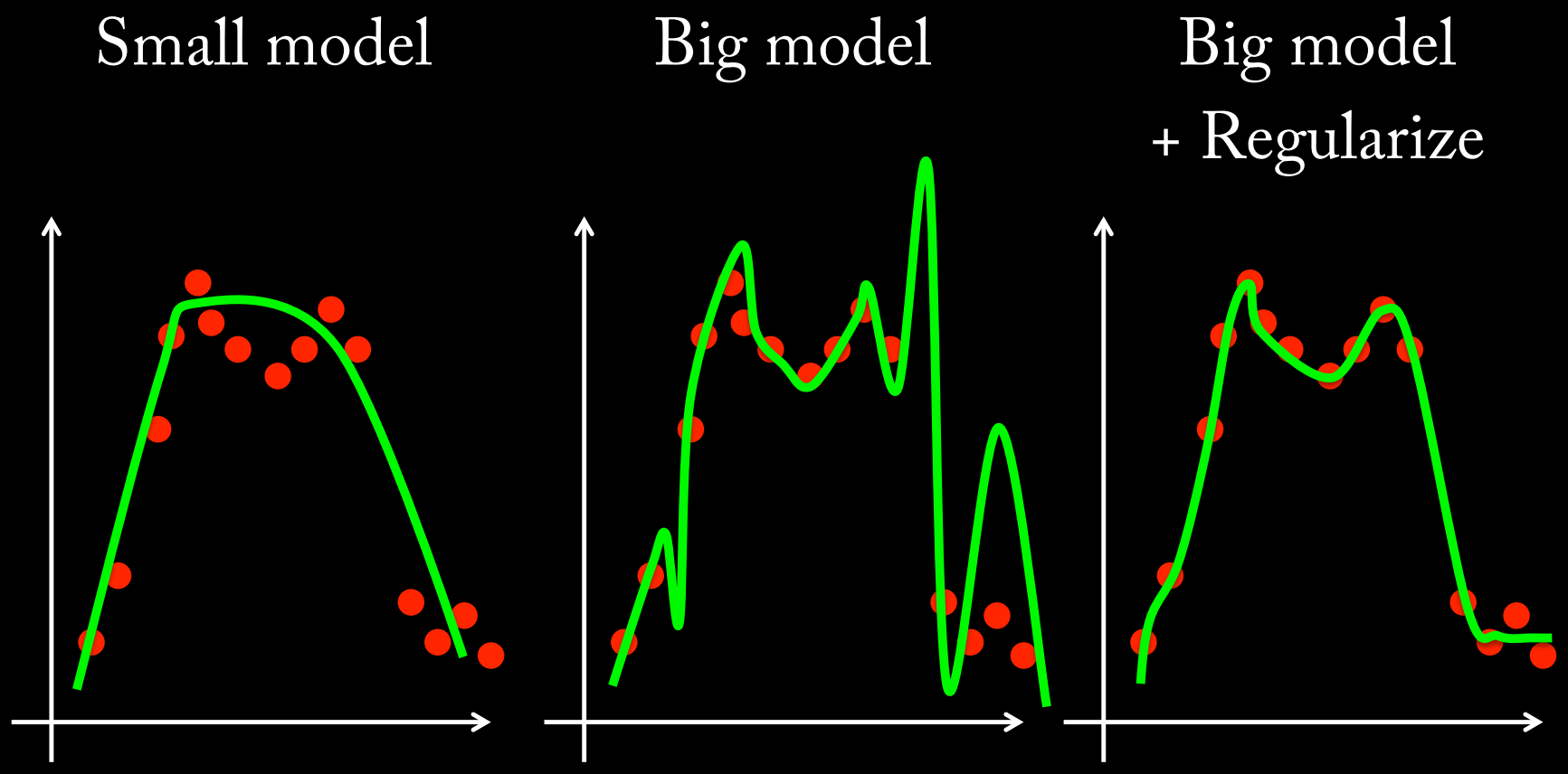
$\lambda = 0$ $\lambda = .001$ $\lambda = .01$ $\lambda = .1$

- $m = 100$ nodes in the hidden layer.
- L_2 regularization.

Do not use size of neural network as a regularizer.

Use stronger regularization.

Big Model + Regularize vs Small Model



High-level overview of how to train network

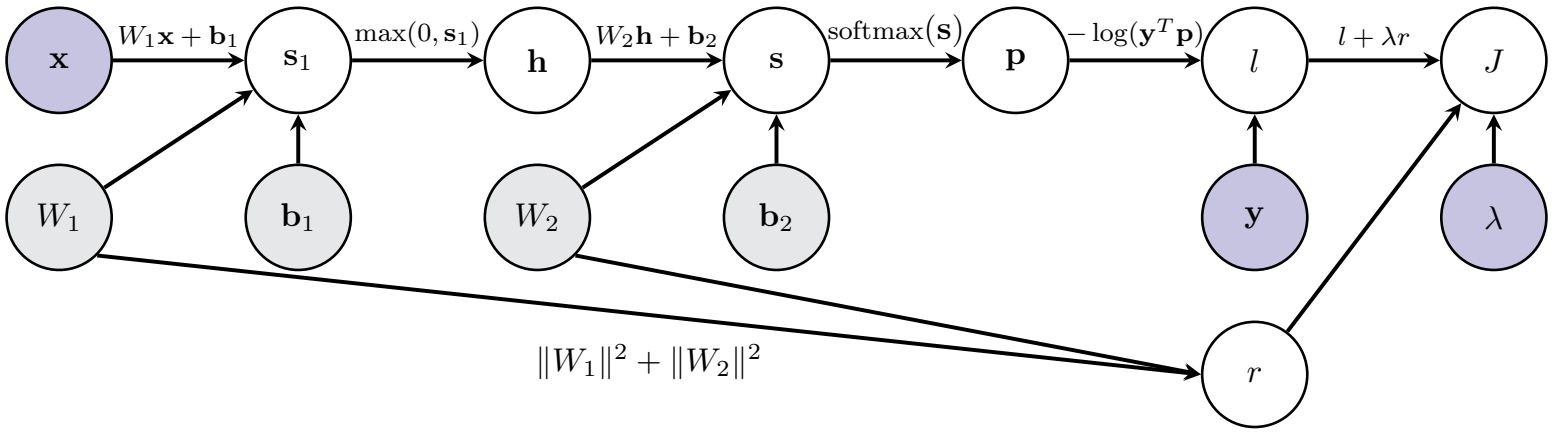
Mini-batch SGD (or variant)

Loop

1. **Sample** a batch of the training data.
2. **Forward propagate** it through the graph and calculate loss/cost.
3. **Backward propagate** to calculate the gradients.
4. **Update** the parameters using the gradient.

Gradient Computations for a k-layer neural network

Back propagation for 2-layer neural network



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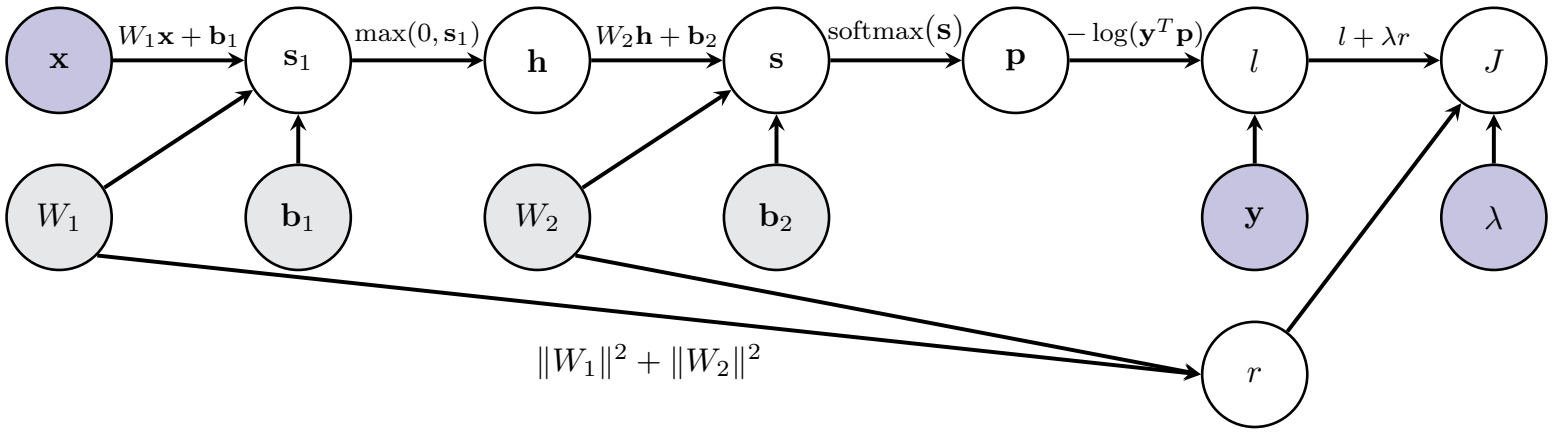
Back propagation for 2-layer neural network



For a single labelled training example:

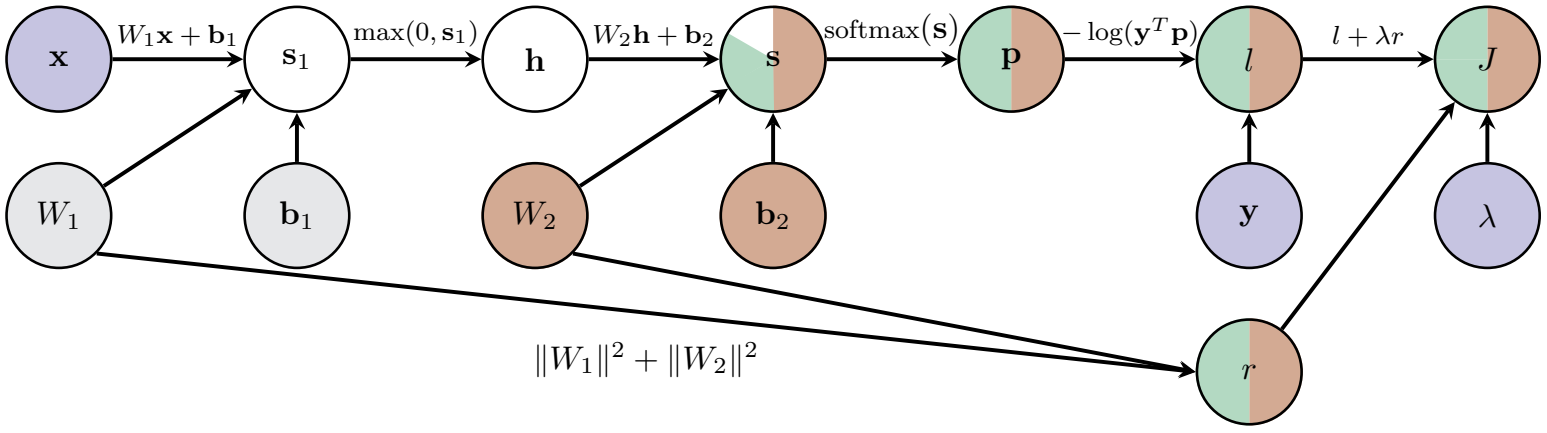
1. **Forward propagate** it through the graph and calculate loss.

   ↑ this is straightforward.

2. **Backward propagate** to calculate the gradients. ← Focus on this.

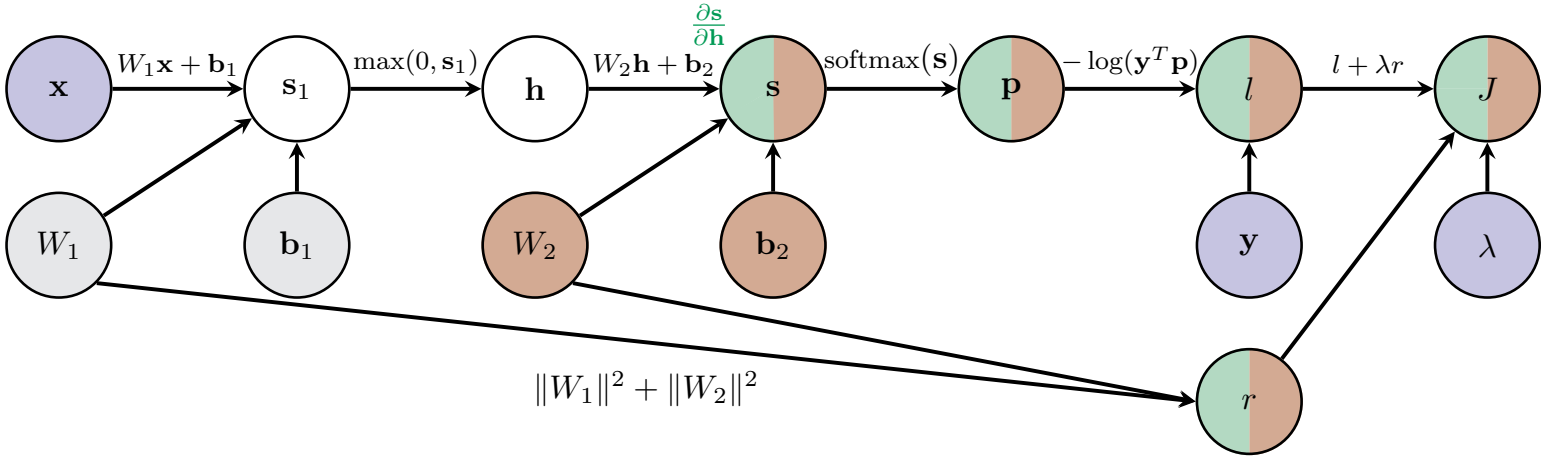
Backward Pass: Gradient of current node

Starting point of our demonstration



In Lecture 3 explicitly computed **filled in** *local Jacobians* and *gradients*.

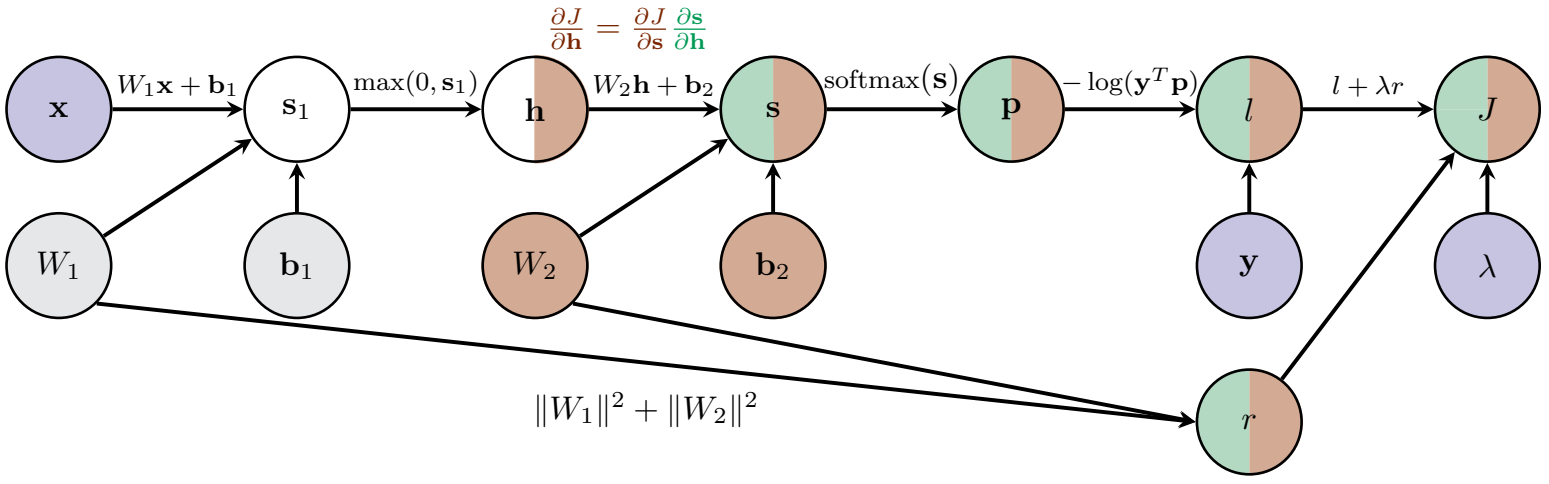
Compute local Jacobian of node $\mathbf{s}$ w.r.t. its parent $\mathbf{h}$



$$\boxed{\mathbf{s} = W_2\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}_2}$$

- The Jacobian we need to compute: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{h}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial h_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial h_m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_c}{\partial h_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_c}{\partial h_m} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial h_j} = W_{2,ij}$
- In vector notation: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{h}} = W_2$

Compute gradient of J w.r.t. node $\mathbf{h}$



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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{h}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{h}}$$

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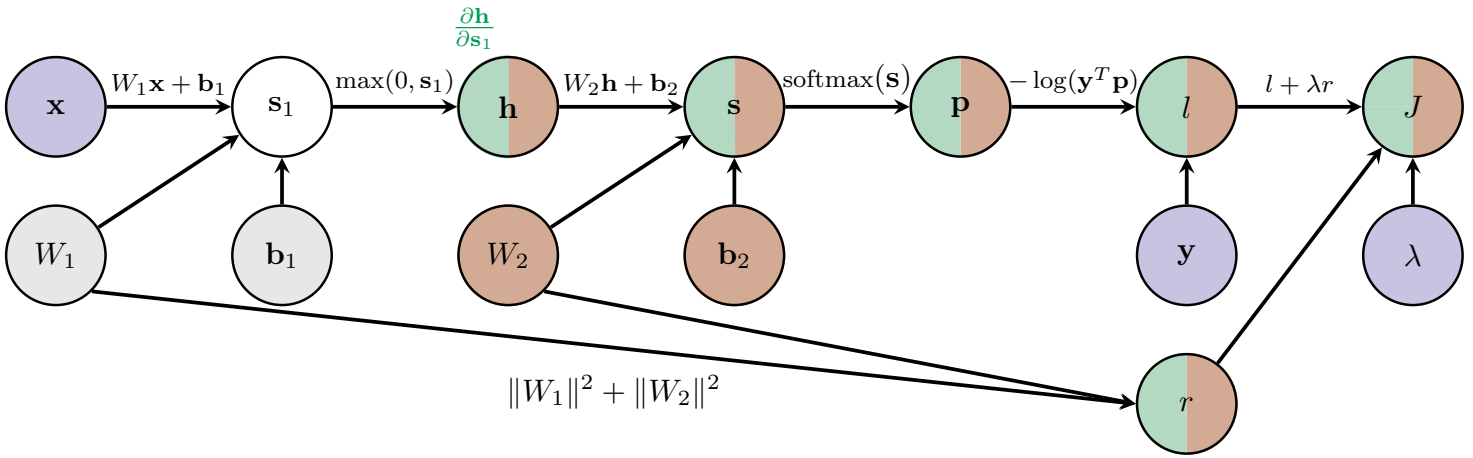

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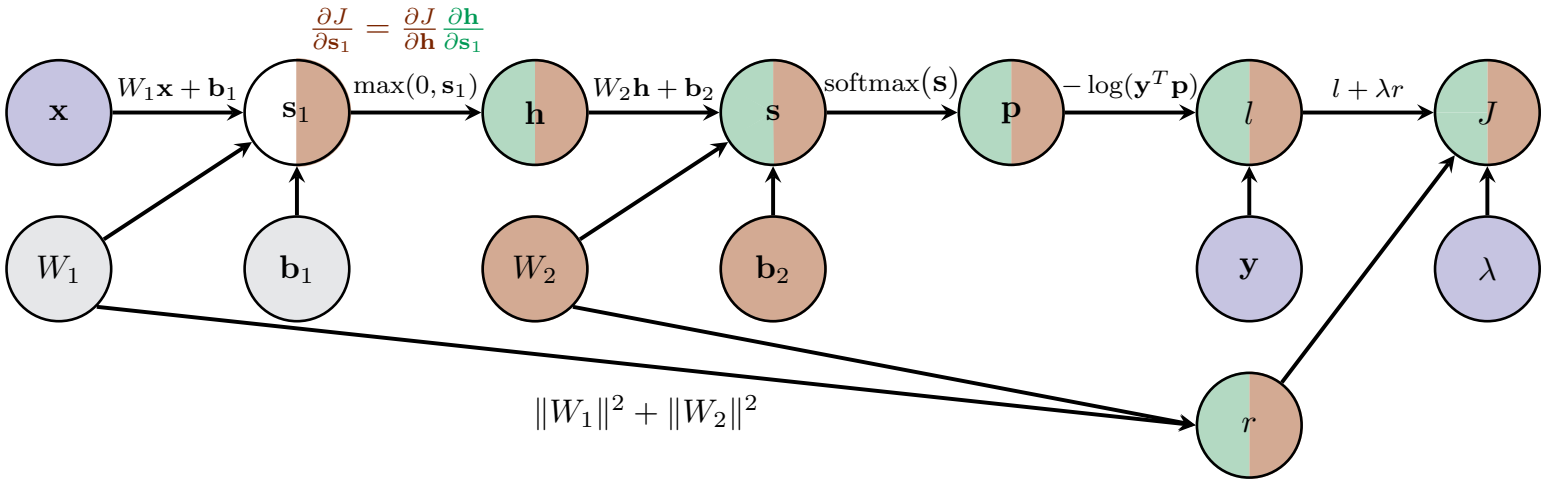
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_{1,j}} = \begin{cases} \mathsf{Ind}(s_{1,j} > 0) & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{s}_1} = \mathsf{diag}(\mathsf{Ind}(\mathbf{s}_1 > 0))$

Compute gradient of J w.r.t. node $\mathbf{s}_1$



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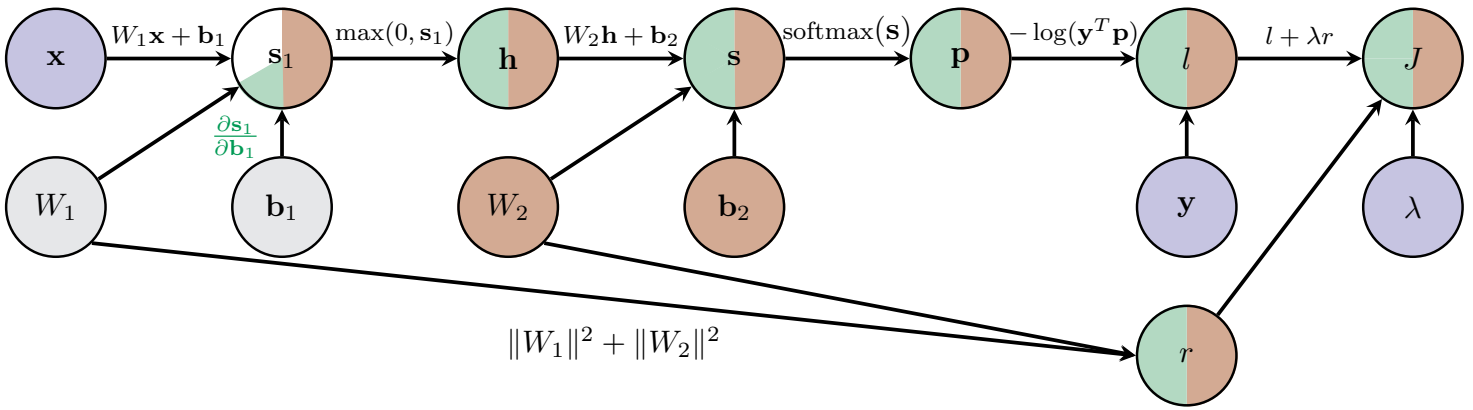

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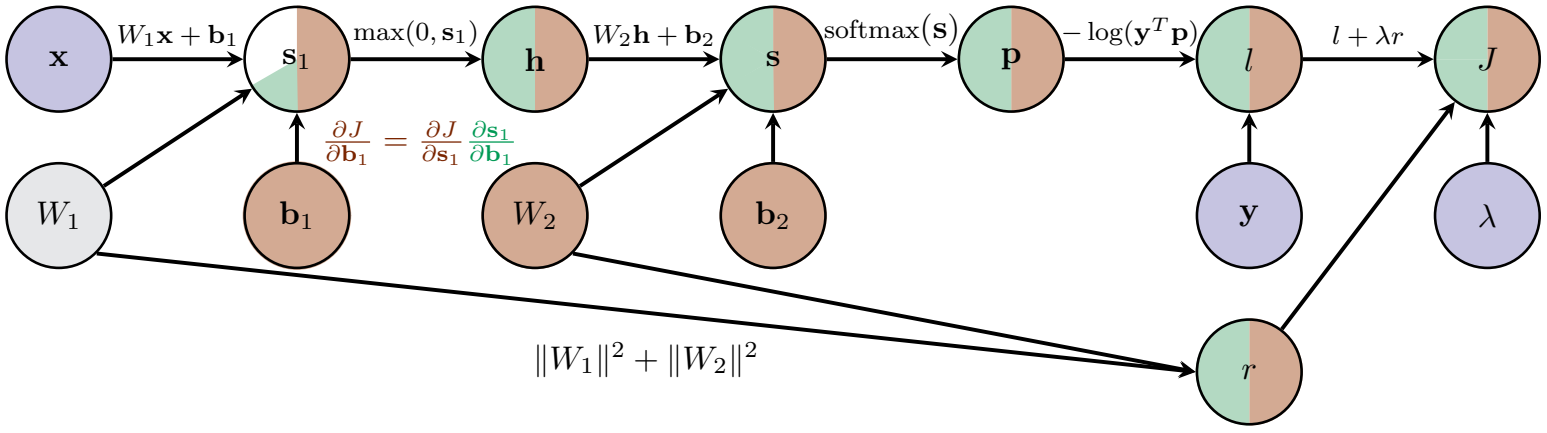
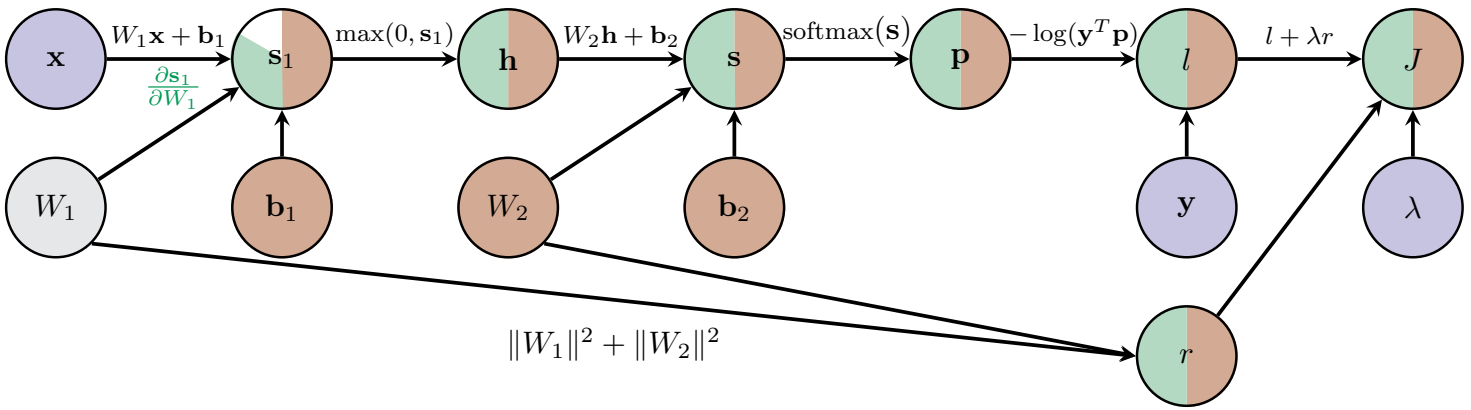
Compute gradient of J w.r.t. node $\mathbf{b}_1$



$$\boxed{\mathbf{s}_1 = W_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1}$$

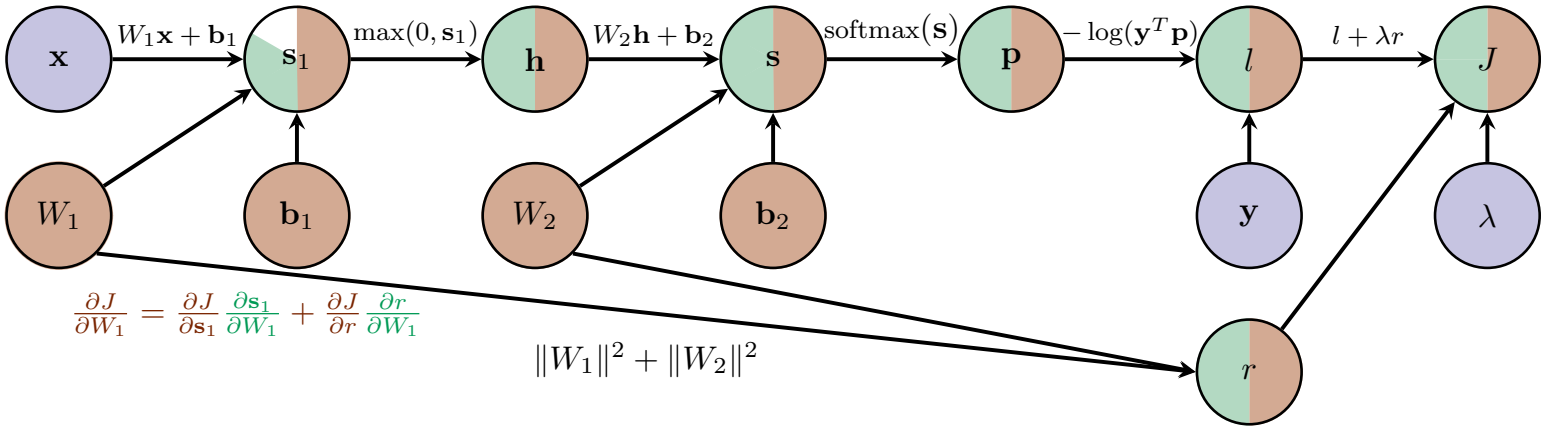
Compute local Jacobian of node $\mathbf{s}_1$ w.r.t. its parent W



$$\mathbf{s}_1 = W_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1 = (I_m \otimes \mathbf{x})\,\mathrm{vec}(W_1)$$

- Let $\mathbf{v} = \mathrm{vec}(W_1)$. Jacobian to compute: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_{1,1}}{\partial v_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_{1,1}}{\partial v_{dm}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_{1,m}}{\partial v_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_{1,m}}{\partial v_{dm}} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial s_{1,i}}{\partial v_j} = \begin{cases} x_{j-(i-1)d} & \text{if } (i-1)d+1 \le j \le id \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = I_m \otimes \mathbf{x}^T$

Compute gradient of J w.r.t. node W_1



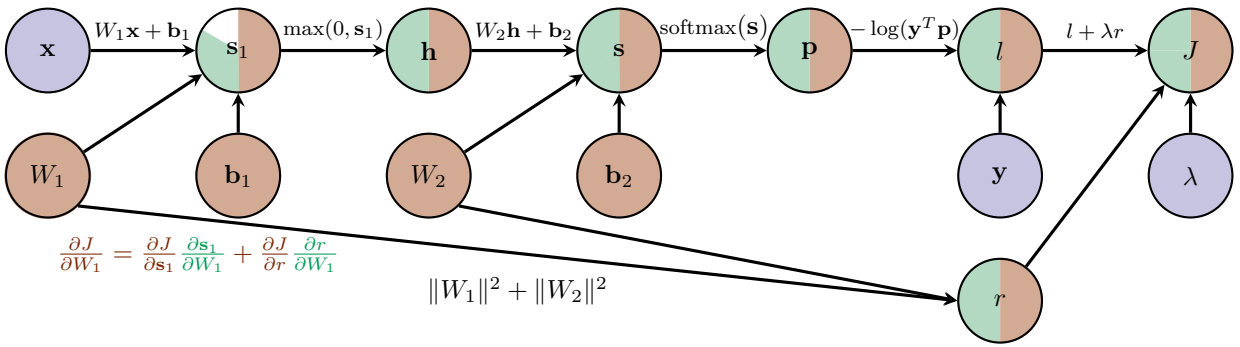
$$\mathbf{s}_1 = W_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1 = \left(I_m \otimes \mathbf{x}^T\right)\text{vec}(W_1) + \mathbf{b}_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial \text{vec}(W_1)} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}{\partial \text{vec}(W_1)} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial r}\frac{\partial r}{\partial \text{vec}(W_1)} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} g_1\mathbf{x}^T & g_2\mathbf{x}^T & \cdots & g_m\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} + \lambda\,\text{vec}(W_1)^T \end{aligned}$$

← gradient needed for learning

if we set $\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}$.

Compute gradient of J w.r.t. node W_1



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Can convert

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathrm{vec}(W_1)} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1\mathbf{x}^T & g_2\mathbf{x}^T & \cdots & g_m\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} + 2\lambda\,\mathrm{vec}(W_1)^T$$

(where $\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_1}$) from a vector $(1 \times md)$ back to a 2D matrix $(m \times d)$:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_1} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1\mathbf{x}^T \\ g_2\mathbf{x}^T \\ \vdots \\ g_C\mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} + 2\lambda W_1 = \mathbf{g}^T\mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda W_1$$

Aggregated backward pass for a 2-layer neural network

1. Let
$$\mathbf{g} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T$$
2. Gradient of J w.r.t. second bias vector is the $1 \times c$ vector
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} = \mathbf{g}$$
3. Gradient of J w.r.t. second weight matrix W_2 is the $c \times m$ matrix
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_2} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{h}^T + 2\lambda W_2$$
4. Back-propagate the gradient vector $\mathbf{g}$ to the first layers
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} W_2$$
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} \operatorname{diag}(\operatorname{Ind}(\mathbf{s}_1 > 0)) \leftarrow \text{assuming ReLu activation}$$
5. Gradient of J w.r.t. the first bias vector is the $1 \times d$ vector
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} = \mathbf{g}$$
6. Gradient of J w.r.t. the first weight matrix W_1 is the $m \times d$ matrix
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_1} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda W_1$$

Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

2-layer scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization

- Compute gradients of l w.r.t. $W_1, W_2, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2$ for each $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}^{(t)}$:
  - Set all entries in $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1}$, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2}$, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1}$ and $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2}$ to zero.
  - for each $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}^{(t)}$
    1. Forward pass: Apply network, given current parameter values, to $\mathbf{x}$.
    2. Let $\mathbf{g} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T$
    3. Add gradient of l w.r.t. $\mathbf{b}_2$ & W_2 computed at $(\mathbf{x}, y)$
    $$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} \mathrel{+}= \mathbf{g}, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2} \mathrel{+}= \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{h}^T$$
    4. Back-propagate gradient through 2nd fully connected layer
    $$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} W_2$$
    $$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} \operatorname{diag}(\operatorname{Ind}(\mathbf{s}_1 > 0))$$
    5. Add gradient of l w.r.t. first layer parameters computed at $(\mathbf{x}, y)$
    $$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} \mathrel{+}= \mathbf{g}, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1} \mathrel{+}= \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T$$
  - Divide by the number of entries in $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$:
  $$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_i} \mathrel{/}= |\mathcal{D}^{(t)}|, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_i} \mathrel{/}= |\mathcal{D}^{(t)}| \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2$$
- Add the gradient for the regularization term
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_i} + 2\lambda W_i, \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_i} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2$$

Forward pass for a k-layer neural network

- Let $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}$ represent the input.
- for $i = 1, \ldots, k-1$

$$\mathbf{s}^{(i)} = W_i \mathbf{x}^{(i-1)} + \mathbf{b}_i$$

$$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \max\left(0, \mathbf{s}^{(i)}\right)$$

- Apply the final linear transformation

$$\mathbf{s}^{(k)} = W_k \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

- Apply SoftMax operation to turn final scores into probabilities

$$\mathbf{p} = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{s}^{(k)})}{\mathbf{1}^T \exp(\mathbf{s}^{(k)})}$$

- Apply cross-entropy loss and regularization to measure performance w.r.t. ground truth label $\mathbf{y}$

$$J = -\log(\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{p}) + \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{k} \|W_i\|^2$$

Assumed ReLu is the activation function at each intermediary layer.

Aggregated Backward pass for a k-layer neural network

The gradient computation for one training example $(\mathbf{x}, y)$:

- Let

$$\mathbf{g} = (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T$$

- for $i = k, k-1, \ldots, 1$
  1. The gradient of J w.r.t. bias vector $\mathbf{b}_i$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}_i} = \mathbf{g}$$

  2. Gradient of J w.r.t. weight matrix W_i

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_i} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^{(i-1)T} + 2\lambda W_i$$

  3. Back-propagate the gradient vector $\mathbf{g}$ to the previous layer (if $i > 1$)

$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} W_i$$
$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g} \operatorname{diag}(\operatorname{Ind}(\mathbf{s}^{(i-1)} > 0))$$

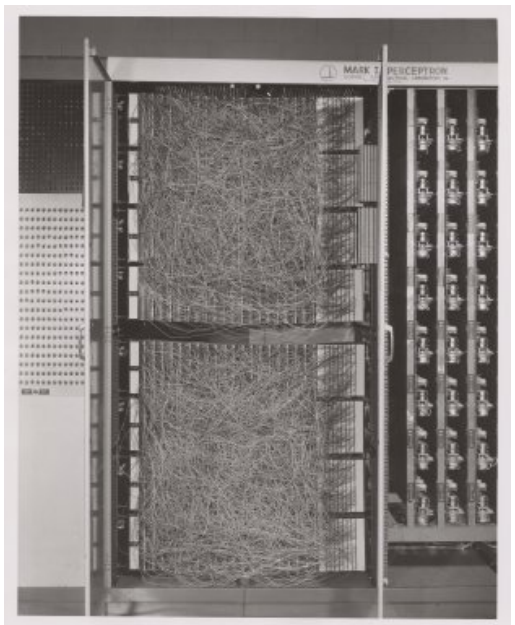
Training Neural Networks a little bit of history

A bit of history

- Perceptron algorithm invented by Frank Rosenblatt (1957).
- **Mark 1 Perceptron machine**

  First implementation of the perceptron algorithm.
- Machine was connected to camera producing 20×20 pixel image and recognized letters.
- Perceptron classification fn:

$$g(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}, b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x} + b > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- For labelled training example $(\mathbf{x}, y)$ $(y \in \{-1, 1\})$ the Perceptron loss is

$$l_p(\mathbf{x}, y, \mathbf{w}, b) = \max(0, -y(\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x} + b))$$

- **Update rule**: Use SGD to learn $\mathbf{w}$. If training example $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$ is incorrectly classified then

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + y_i\mathbf{x}_i$$

A bit of history

- ADALINE (Adaptive Linear Element) developed by **Widrow** and **Hoff** at Stanford in 1960.
- Adaline a single layer neural network with one output

$$\hat{y} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b$$

- **Loss function**: for labelled training example $(\mathbf{x}, y)$

$$l(\mathbf{x}, y, \mathbf{w}, b) = (y - (\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + b))^2 = (y - \hat{y})^2$$

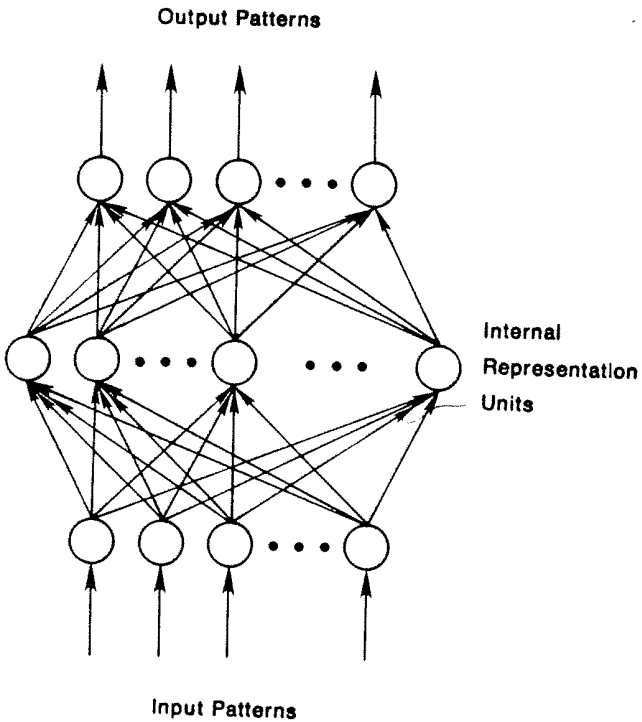
- **Update rule**: Use SGD with learning rate η to learn $\mathbf{w}$:

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} + \eta(y - \hat{y})\mathbf{x}$$

- Extension **Madaline**: a three-layer, fully connected, feed-forward artificial neural network architecture for classification.

A bit of history

Learning Internal Representations by Error Propagation, D. Rumelhart, G, Hinton and R. Williams, Parallel Distributed Processing: Explorations in the Microstructure of Cognition, 1986.



To be more specific, then, let

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2}\sum_j (t_{pj} - o_{pj})^2 \qquad (2)$$

be our measure of the error on input/output pattern p and let $E = \sum E_p$ *be our overall measure of the error. We wish to show that the delta rule implements a gradient descent in* E *when the units are linear. We will proceed by simply showing that*

$$-\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial w_{ji}} = \delta_{pj} i_{pi},$$

which is proportional to $\Delta_p w_{ji}$ *as prescribed by the delta rule. When there are no hidden units it is straightforward to compute the relevant derivative. For this purpose we use the chain rule to write the derivative as the product of two parts: the derivative of the error with respect to the output of the unit times the derivative of the output with respect to the weight.*

$$\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial w_{ji}} = \frac{\partial E_p}{\partial o_{pj}} \frac{\partial o_{pj}}{\partial w_{ji}}. \qquad (3)$$

The first part tells how the error changes with the output of the j*th unit and the second part tells how much changing* w_{ji} *changes that output. Now, the derivatives are easy to compute. First, from Equation 2*

$$\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial o_{pj}} = -(t_{pj} - o_{pj}) = -\delta_{pj}. \qquad (4)$$

Not surprisingly, the contribution of unit u_j *to the error is simply proportional to* δ_{pj}*. Moreover, since we have linear units,*

$$o_{pj} = \sum_i w_{ji} i_{pi}, \qquad (5)$$

from which we conclude that

$$\frac{\partial o_{pj}}{\partial w_{ji}} = i_{pi}.$$

Thus, substituting back into Equation 3, we see that

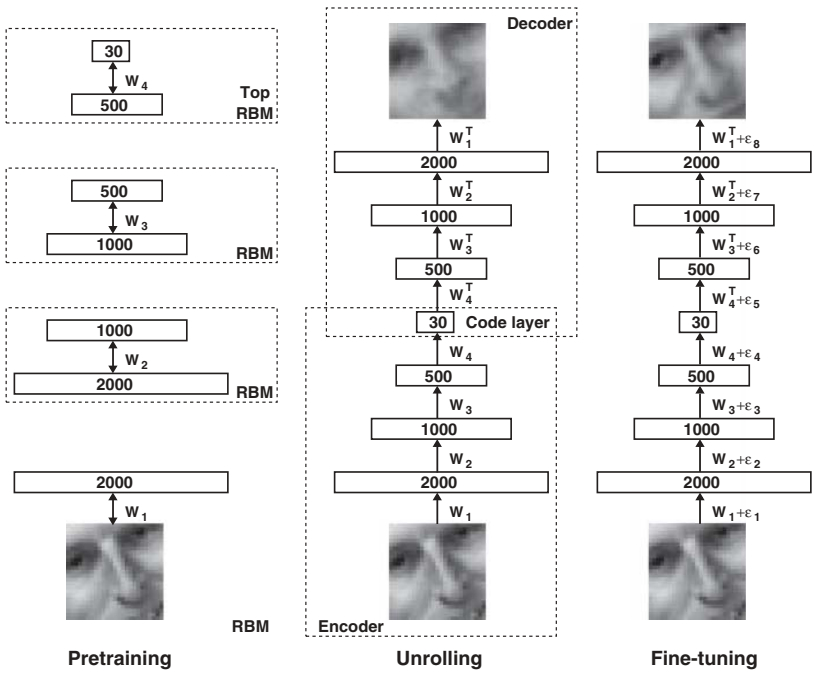
$$-\frac{\partial E_p}{\partial w_{ji}} = \delta_{pj} i_{pi} \qquad (6)$$

First time back-propagation became popular

A bit of history

New wave of research in Deep Learning.

- Ability to train networks with many layers.
- Mixture of unsupervised and supervised training.
- **Unsupervised**: Encoding layers first learnt in stagewise manner using RBMs (restricted Boltzman machines).
- Decode layers using an auto-encoder.
- **Supervised**: Back-prop used to do final update of weights.



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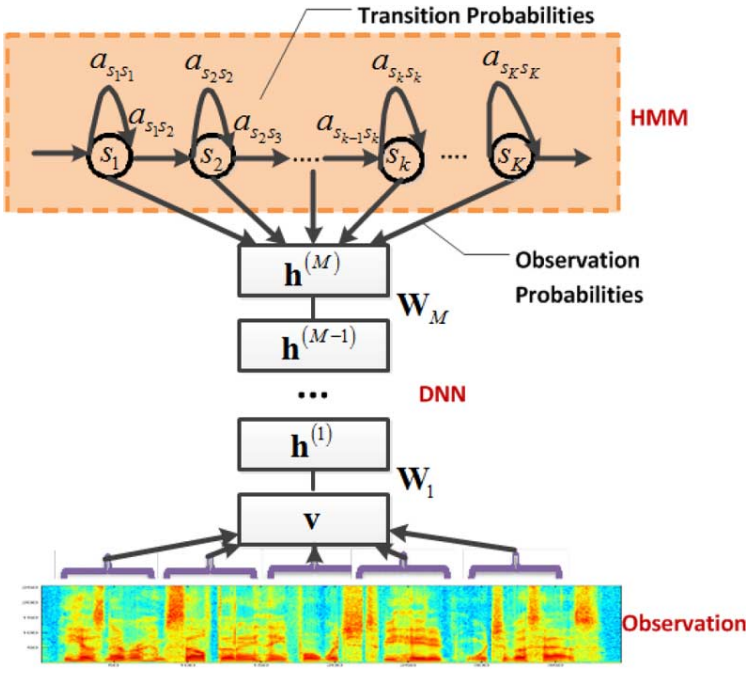
First Very Convincing Results

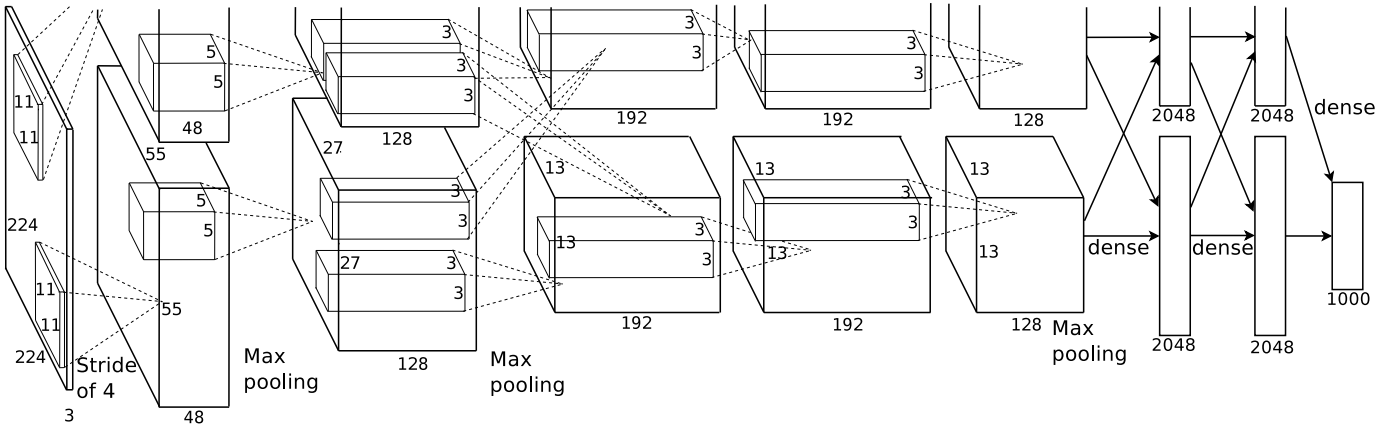
- **Context-Dependent Pre-trained Deep Neural Networks for Large Vocabulary Speech Recognition**, G. Dahl, D. Yu, L. Deng, A. Acero, 2010.



- Beat the widely established approach of GMM-HMM with a DNN-HMM.
- Improved results on popular datasets by 5.8% and 9.2%.

First Very Convincing Results

- **ImageNet classification with deep convolutional neural networks A. Krizhevsky**, I. Sutskever, G. Hinton, 2012.



- Beat the stagnating established approaches of

  Handcrafted features + kernel SVM.

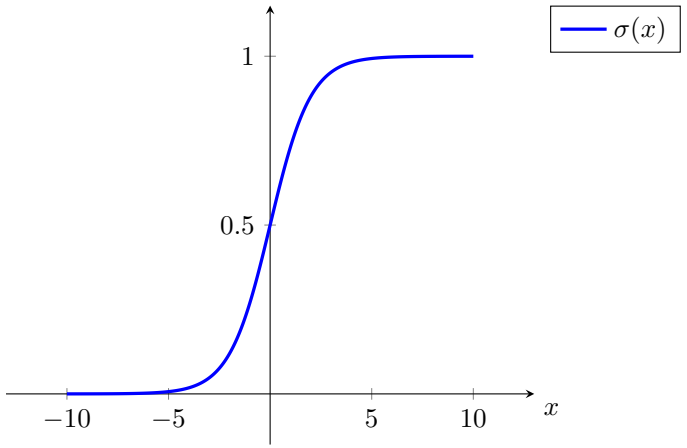
- Improved results on ImageNet by $\sim$11%.

Better understanding of gradient flows during BackProp helped with these breakthroughs

Understanding Effect of Activation Functions

Sigmoid

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



- Squashes numbers to range $[0, 1]$.
- Has nice interpretation as a saturating *firing rate* of a neuron.

Sigmoid

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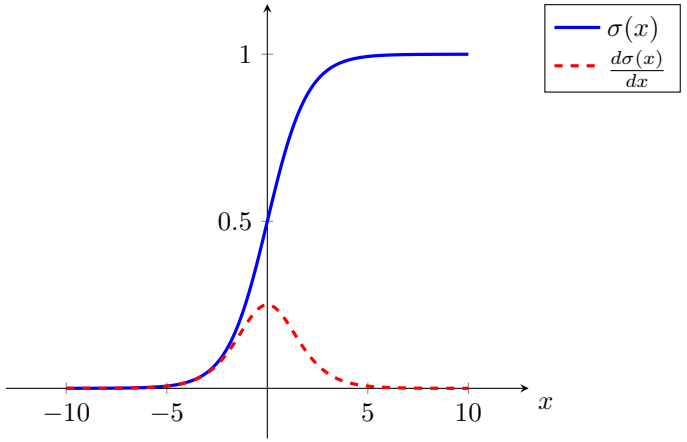

Problems

1. Saturated activations **kill** the gradients.
   - Have a sigmoid activation

$$\mathbf{s} = W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$
$$\mathbf{h} = \sigma(\mathbf{s})$$

   - Derivative of the sigmoid function is:

$$\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_i} = \frac{\exp(-s_i)}{(1 + \exp(-s_i))^2} \quad (= \sigma'(s_i) = \sigma(s_i)(1 - \sigma(s_i))$$

   - As

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial s_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\,\sigma'(s_i)$$

What happens to $\partial J/\partial s_i$ when $|s_i| > 5$? Max value of $\sigma'(s_i)$?

Sigmoid

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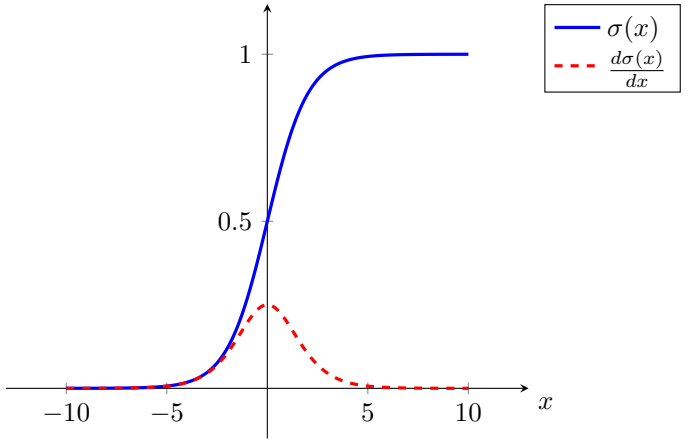

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2. Sigmoid outputs are not zero-centered.
   - Have a sigmoid activation

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   - Then

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_i}\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\,\sigma'(s_i)\,\mathbf{x}^T$$

What happens to $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i}$ when all entries in $\mathbf{x}$ are positive?

Sigmoid

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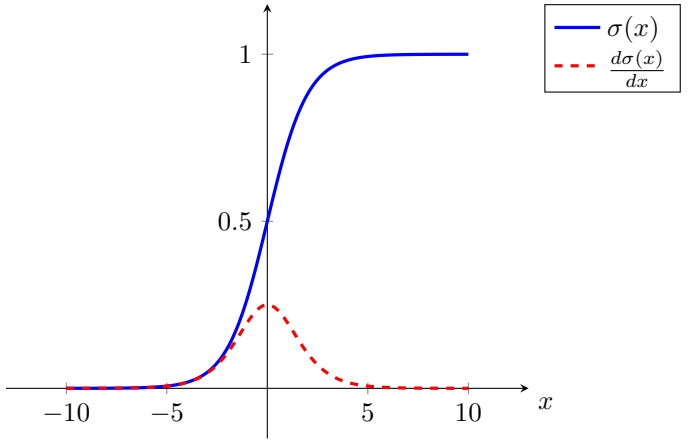

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What happens to $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i}$ when all entries in $\mathbf{x}$ are positive?

$\Longrightarrow$ entries of $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i}$ are either all positive or all negative.

Sigmoid

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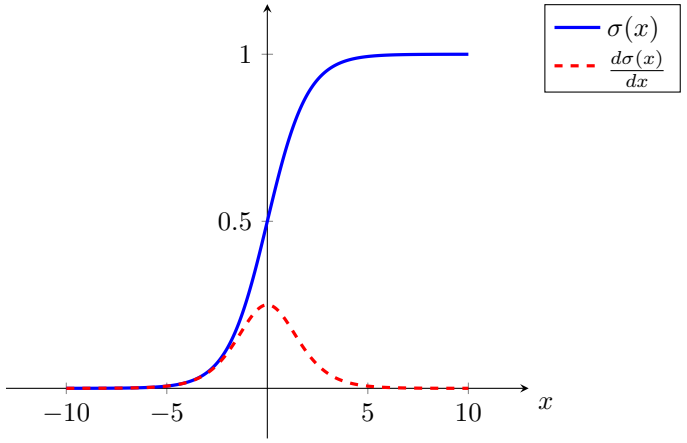

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What is $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i}$ when all entries in $\mathbf{x}$ are +tive? (occurs after applying sigmoid)

$\Longrightarrow$ entries of $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i}$ are either all positive or all negative.

$\Longrightarrow$ inefficient zig-zag update paths to find optimal $\mathbf{w}_i$

Sigmoid

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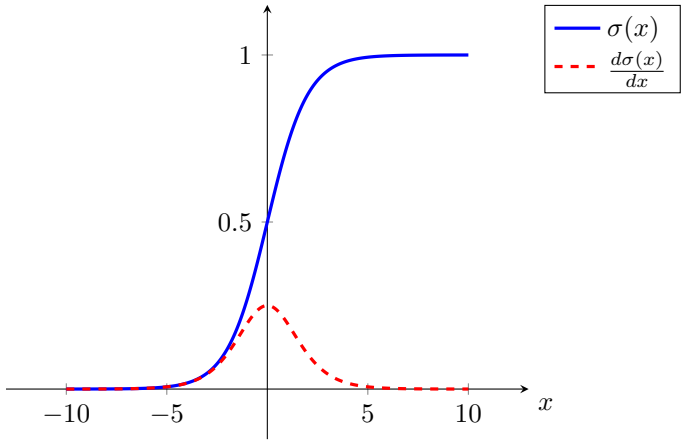
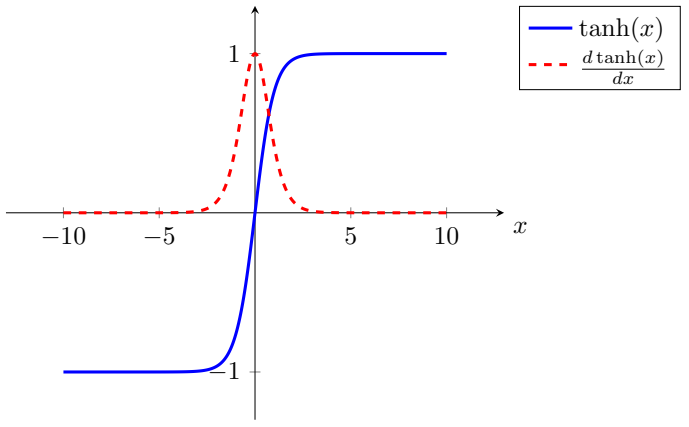


Problems

1. Saturated activations **kill** the gradients.
2. Sigmoid outputs are not zero-centered.
3. $\exp()$ is expensive to compute

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{\exp(x) - \exp(-x)}{\exp(x) + \exp(-x)}$$

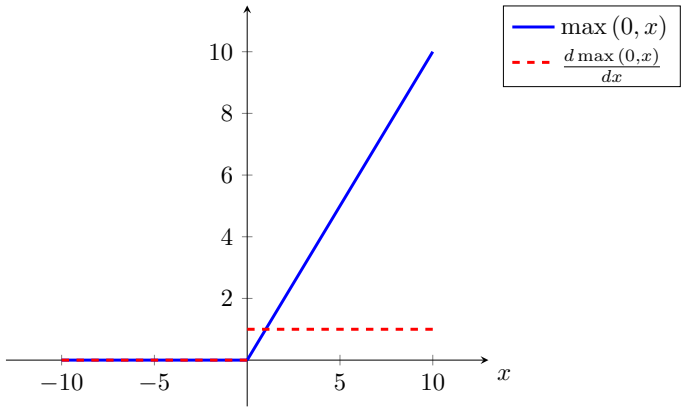


Properties

1. Squashes numbers to range $[-1, 1]$.
2. Tanh outputs are zero-centered.
3. Saturated activations kill the gradients.

Rectified Linear Unit (ReLu)

$$\text{ReLu}(x) = \max(0, x)$$



Pros

1. Does not saturate for large positive x.
2. Very computationally efficient.
3. In practice training of a ReLu network converges much faster than one with sigmoid/tanh activation functions.

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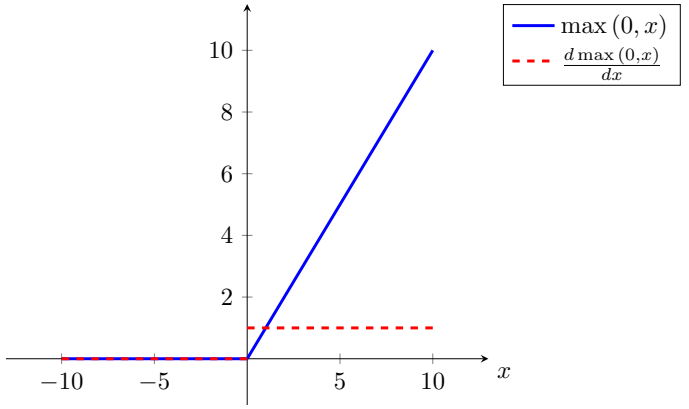


Problems

1. Output is not zero-centered
2. Negative inputs result in zero gradients.
   - Have a ReLu activation

$$\mathbf{s} = W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$
$$\mathbf{h} = \max(0, \mathbf{s})$$

   - Derivative of the ReLu function is:

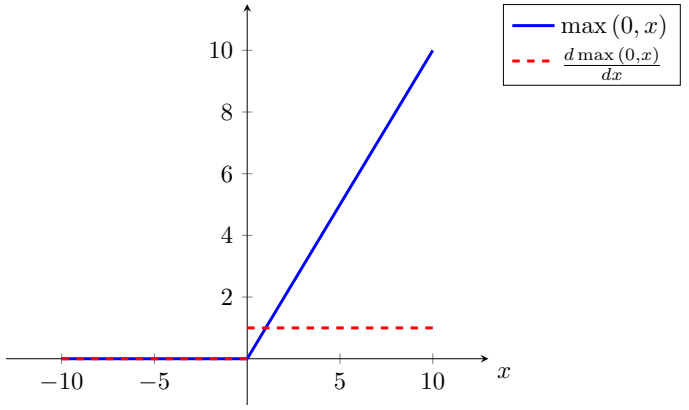
$$\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \ \& \ s_j > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

   - Then

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial s_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_i} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i} & \text{if } s_i > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Rectified Linear Unit (ReLu)

$$\text{ReLu}(x) = \max(0, x)$$



Problems

1. Output is not zero-centered
2. Negative activations have zero gradients and freeze some parameter weights.

   As

   $$\mathbf{s} = W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}, \quad \mathbf{h} = \max(0, \mathbf{s})$$

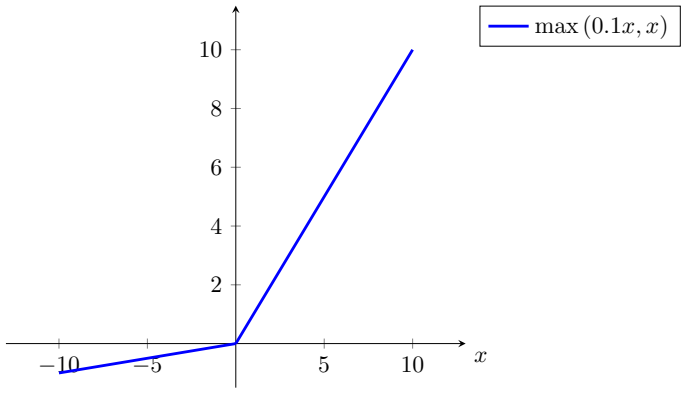
   then

   $$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial s_i}\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_i}\,\mathbf{x}^T & \text{if } s_i > 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

   $\implies$ if example $\mathbf{x}$ gives $s_i < 0$ then $\mathbf{x}$ will not contribute an update to $\mathbf{w}_i$.

Leaky ReLu

Leaky ReLu$(x) = \max(.01x, x)$



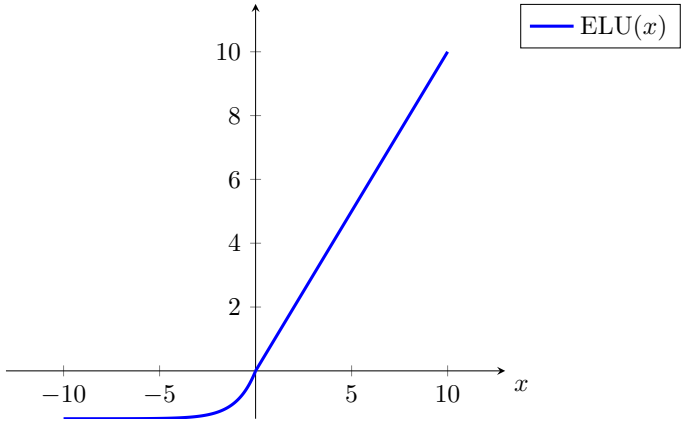
Pros

1. Does not saturate.
2. Computationally efficient.
3. In practice training of a Leaky ReLu network converges much faster than one with sigmoid/tanh activation functions.
4. Activations do not die.

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

Exponential Linear Units (ELU)

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



Pros & Cons

1. All the benefits of ReLu.
2. Activations do not die.
3. Closer to zero mean outputs.
4. Computation requires $\exp()$

[Clevert et al., 2015]

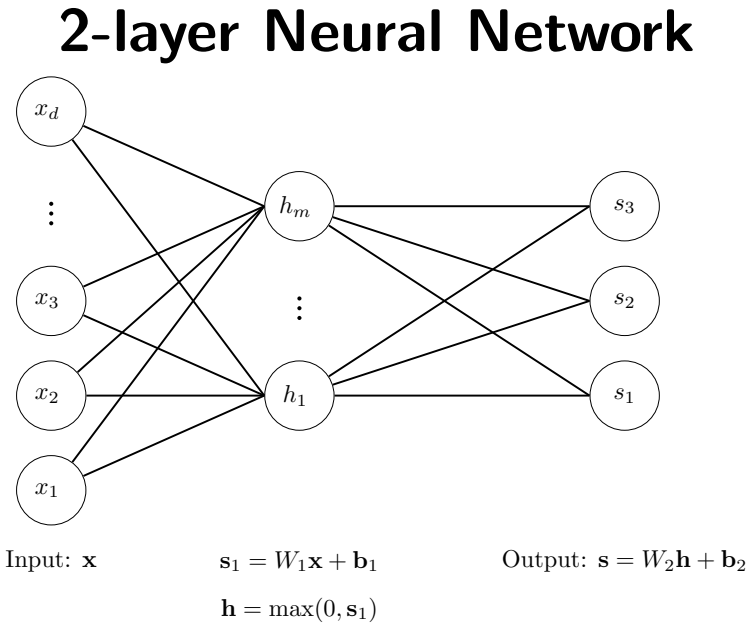
Which Activation Function?

In practice

- Use ReLU.
  - Be careful with your learning rates.
  - Initialize bias vectors to be slightly positive.
- Try out Leaky ReLU / ELU.
- Try out tanh but don't expect much.
- Don't use sigmoid.

Effect of weight initialization & activation function on gradient flow

Pathological weight initialization



What happens when you initialize each weight matrix entry to zero? (each $W_{i,lm} = 0$)

Initialize with small random numbers

$$W_{i,lm} \sim N(w; 0, .01^2)$$

What happens in this case?

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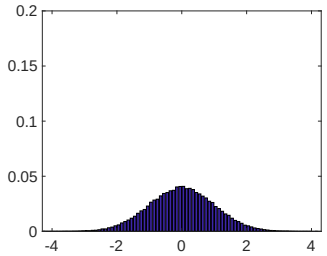
What happens in this case?

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

Consider this simple example

- **Input data**
  - Generate random input data, $N(0, 1^2)$, with $d = 500$.



Histogram of values in the input vectors.

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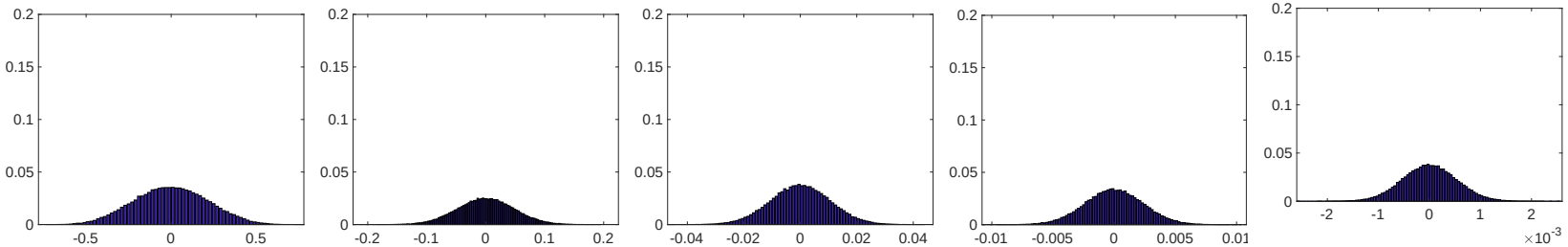

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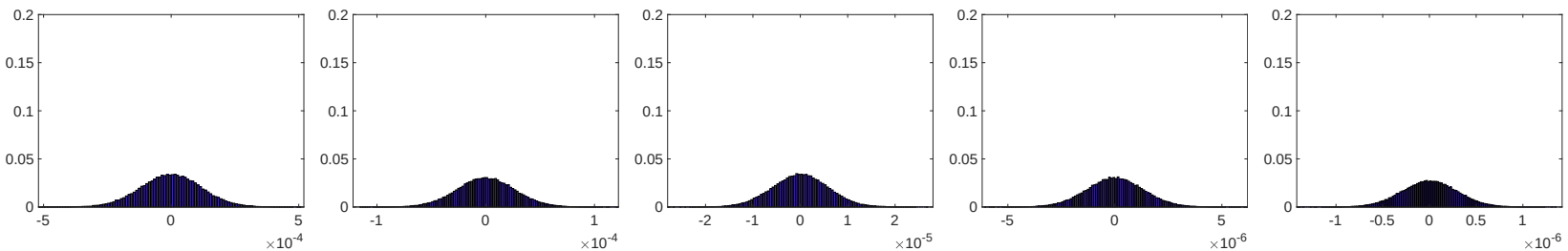

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Histograms of activations at each layer.

Note: values of x-axis rapidly decrease with each layer.

Effect of initialization with small values on gradients

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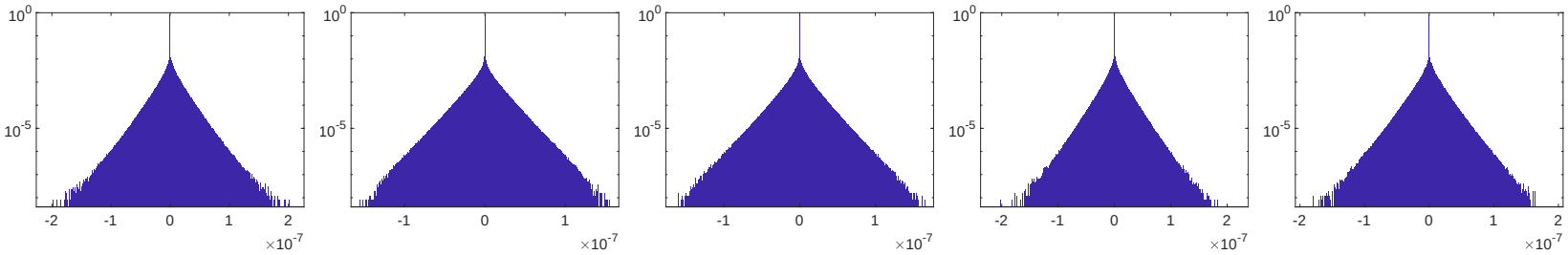

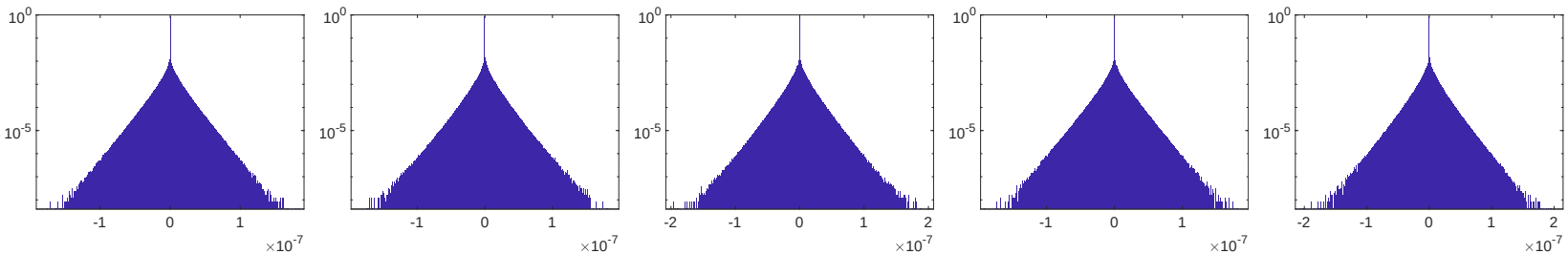

Histograms of gradients at each layer. (y-axis shown on logarithmic scale)

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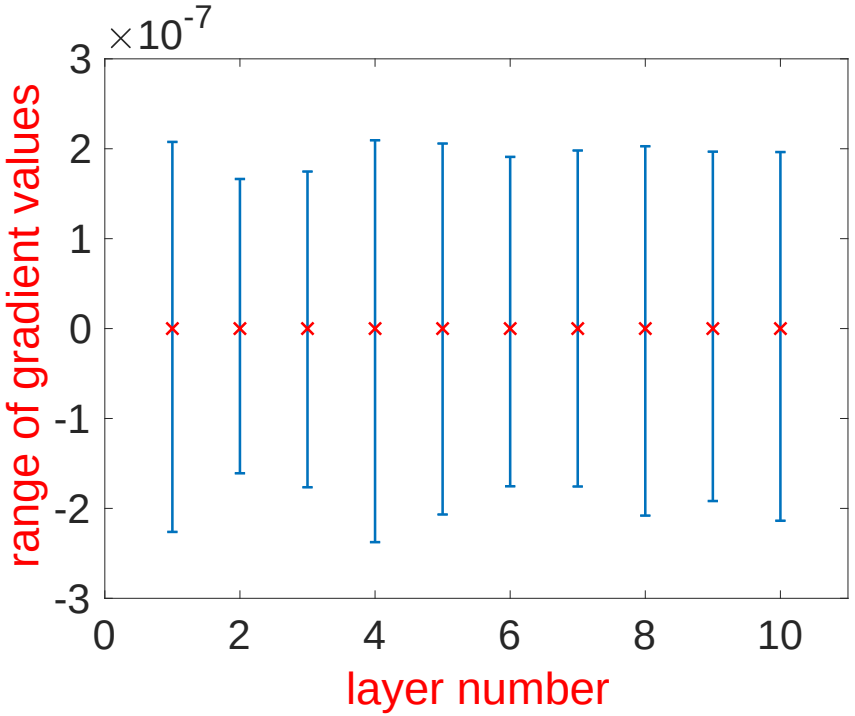

Gradient values

- at each layer the value of all gradients are tiny.

Aggregated Backward pass for a k-layer neural network

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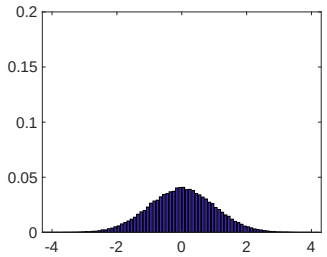

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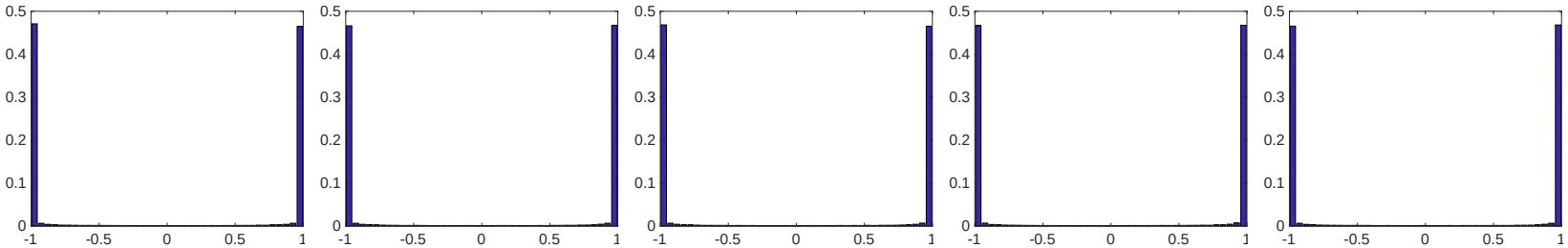

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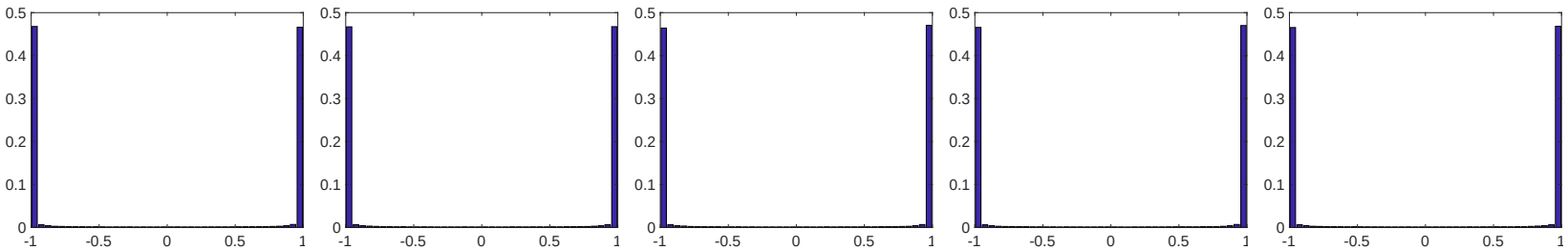

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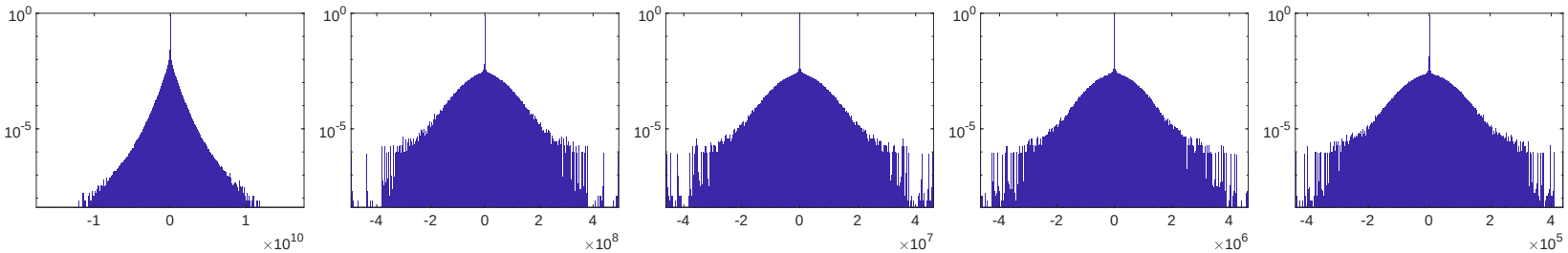

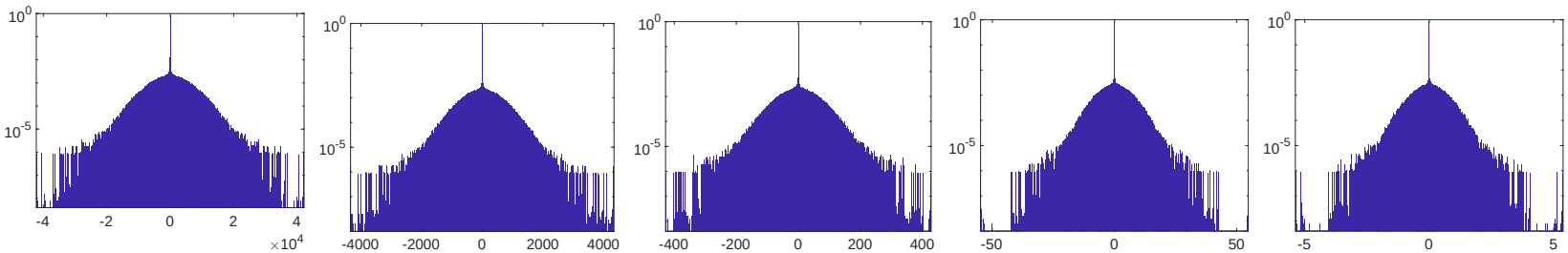

Histograms of gradients at each layer. (y-axis shown on logarithmic scale)

Note: the increase in the magnitude of the x-values as the layers decrease

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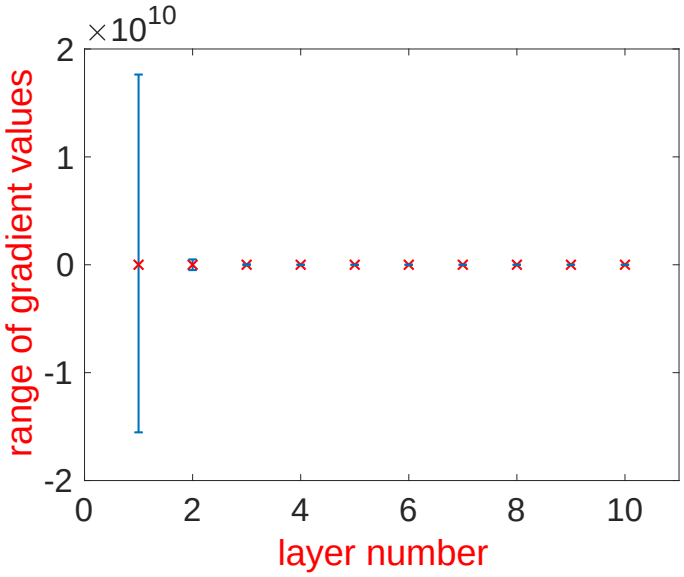

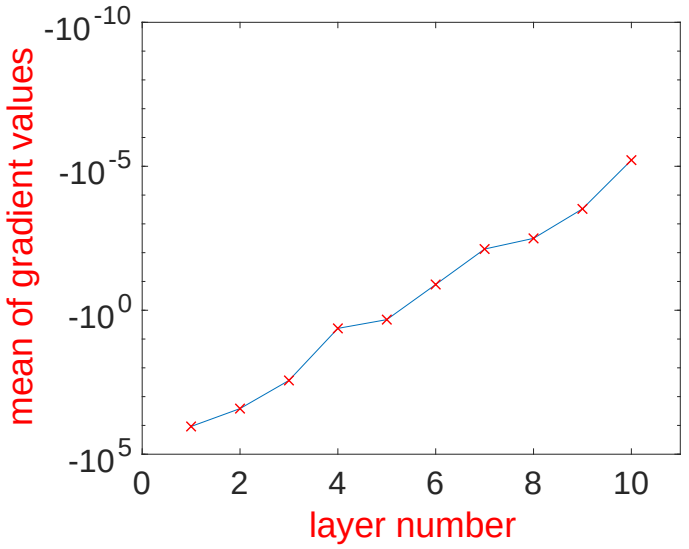

Gradient values:

- at each layer the range of gradient values is huge. Gradients have exploded.

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$$\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}\ \mathrm{diag}(\tanh'(\mathbf{s}^{(i)})) \quad \leftarrow \text{multiply each element of } \mathbf{g} \text{ by } 0 < \tanh'(\mathbf{s}^{(i)}) \leq 1$$

Increase by multiplication by W_i dominates dampening by $\mathrm{diag}(\tanh'(\mathbf{s}^{(i)}))$

Do I get similar problems if I use ReLu activation functions instead of $\tanh$?

Yes. But some qualitative differences.

Effect of parameter init. on network with ReLu activations

- **Effect on activations at each layer**
  - Regardless of value of σ at each layer many activations are exactly zero.
  - Too small $\sigma \implies$ non-zero activations become increasingly close to zero as layer number increases.
  - Too large $\sigma \implies$ non-zero activations explode as layer number increases.
- **Effect on gradients at each layer**
  - Regardless of value of σ at each layer many gradients are exactly zero.
  - Too small $\sigma \implies$ non-zero gradients are close to zero if network has many layers.
  - Too large $\sigma \implies$ non-zero gradients are very large if network has many layers.
  - Range of non-zero gradient values remains $\approx$ constant across layers.

Effect of initialization with small values on activations

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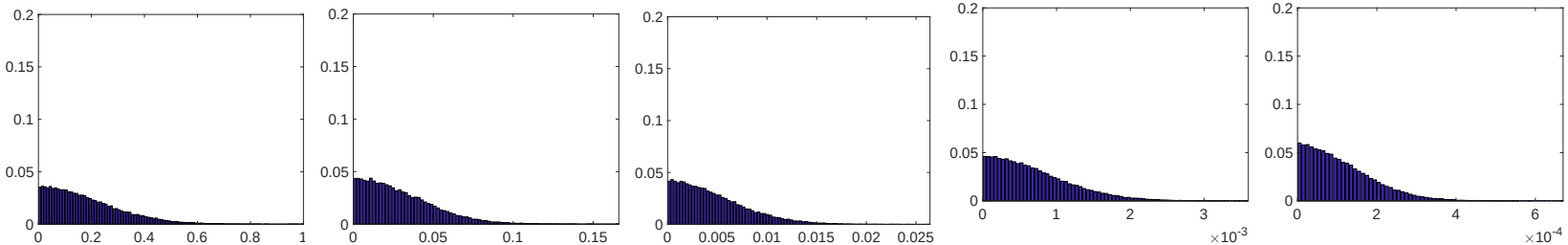

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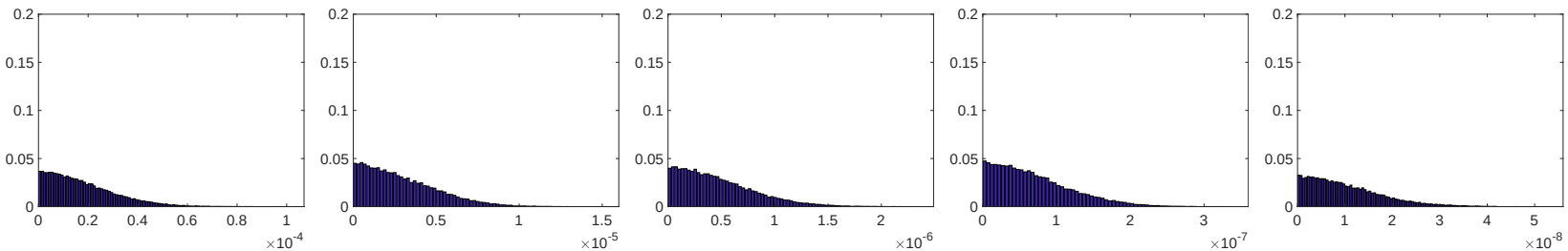

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Histograms of **non-zero** activations at each layer.

(∼50% of activations are zero at each layer)

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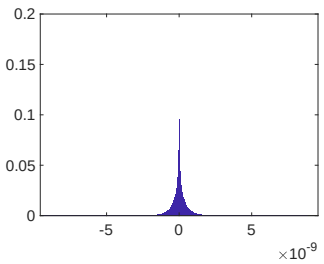

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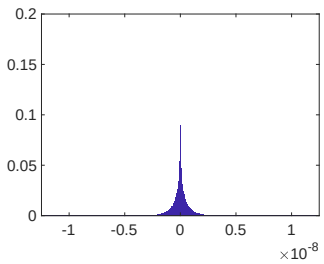

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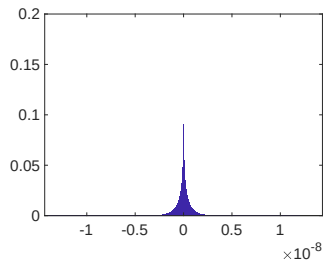

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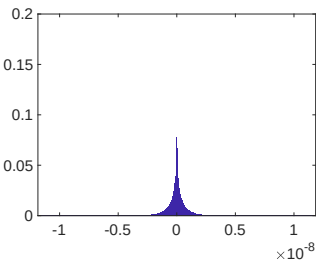

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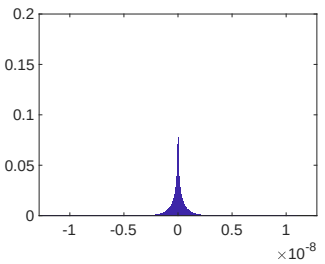

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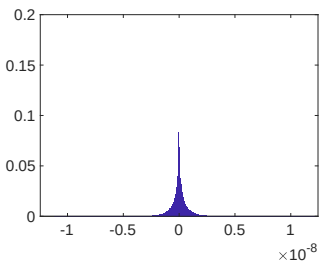

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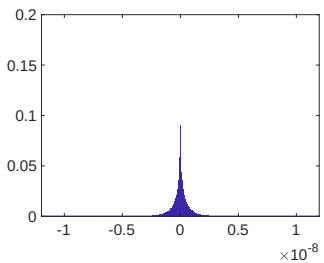

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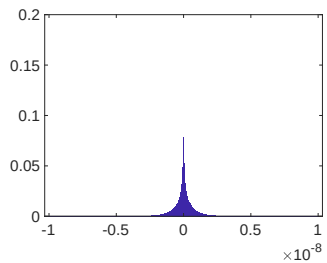

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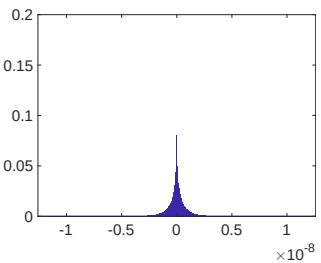

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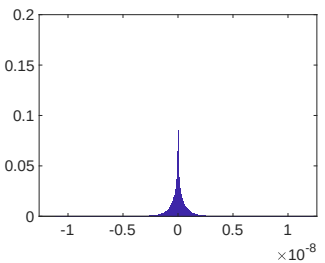

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Histograms of **non-zero** gradients at each layer.

(~90-95% of activations are zero at each layer)

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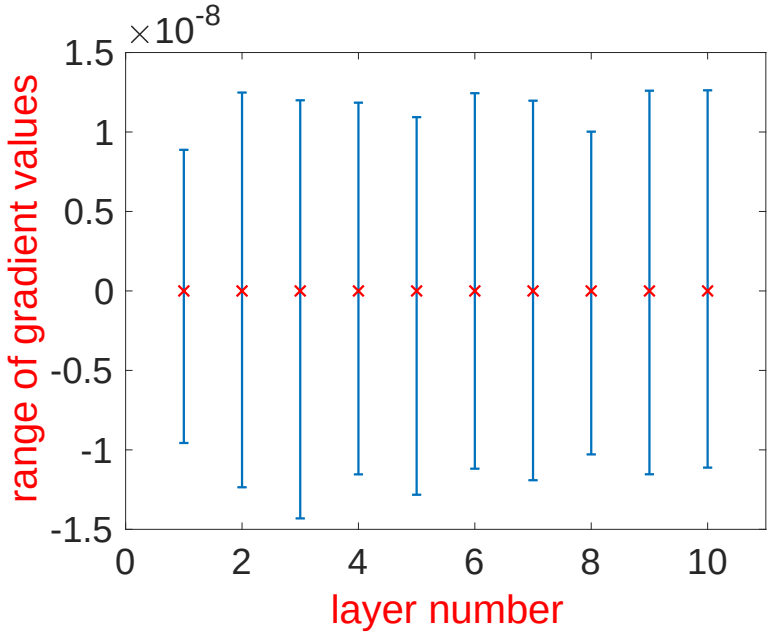

(only non-zero gradients included in calculations)

Gradient values

- at each layer the value of all non-zero gradients are tiny.

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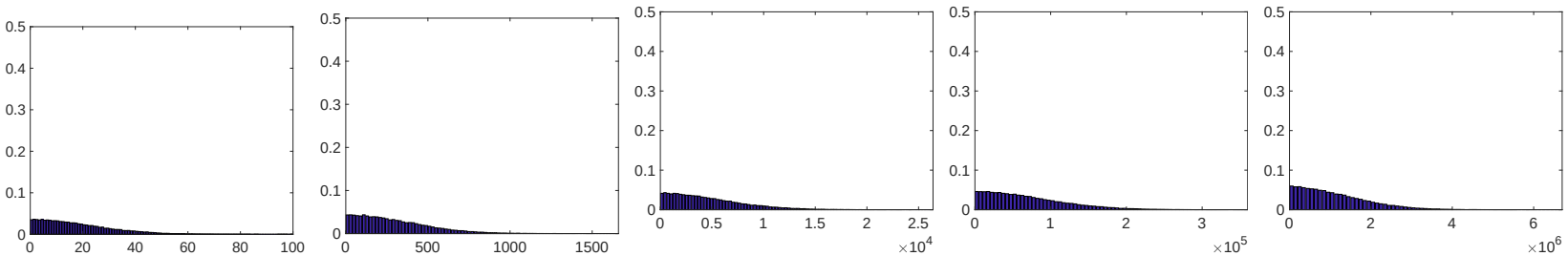

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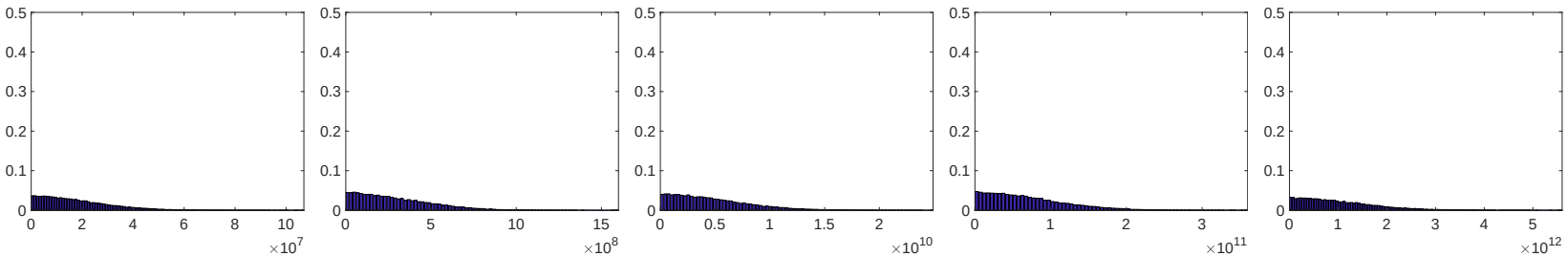

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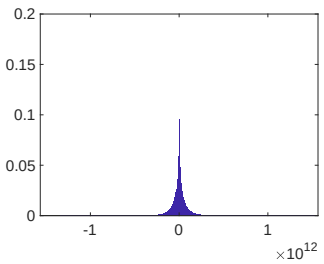

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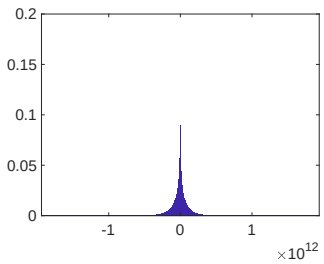

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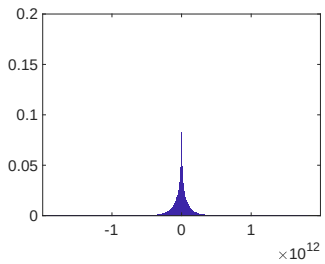

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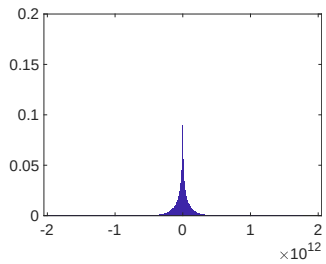

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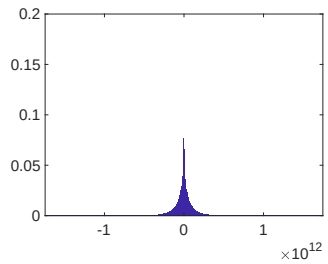

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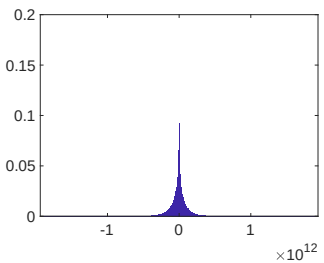

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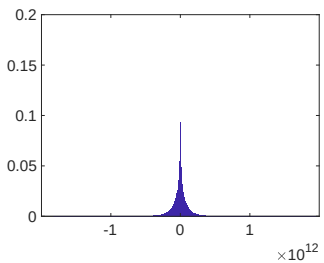

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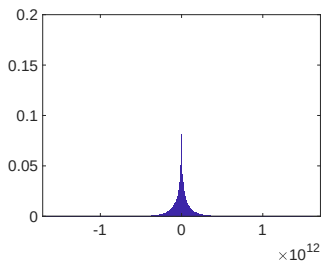

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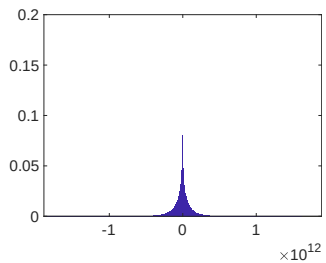

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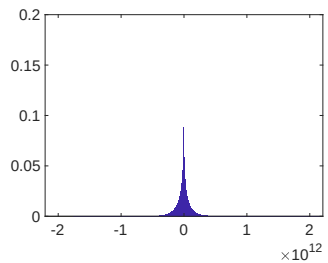

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(∼90-98% of activations are zero at each layer)

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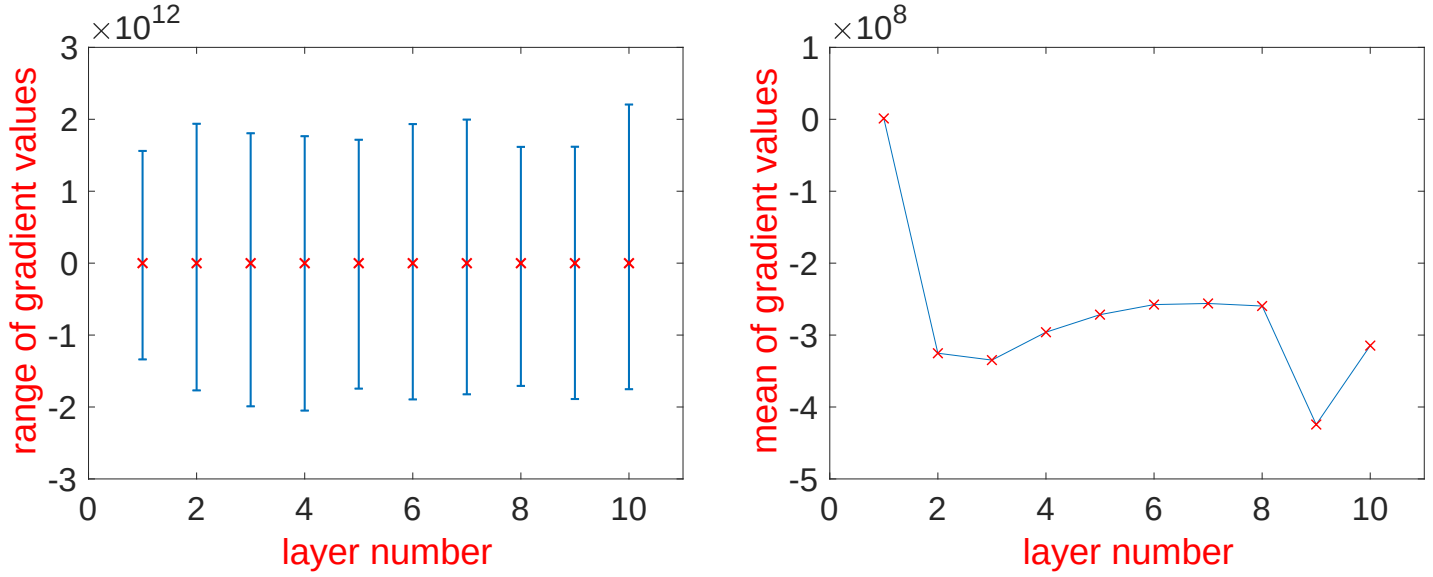

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Gradient values:

- absolute gradient values are very large at each layer. Gradients have exploded.

Is it just a case of trial and error until we find a good value for σ?

No. For $\tanh$ activations, Xavier initialization and simple statistical reasoning to the rescue.

Xavier initialization

- **Input data**
  - Generate random input data, $N(0, 1^2)$, with $d = 500$.
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Effect of Xavier initialization on distribution of activations

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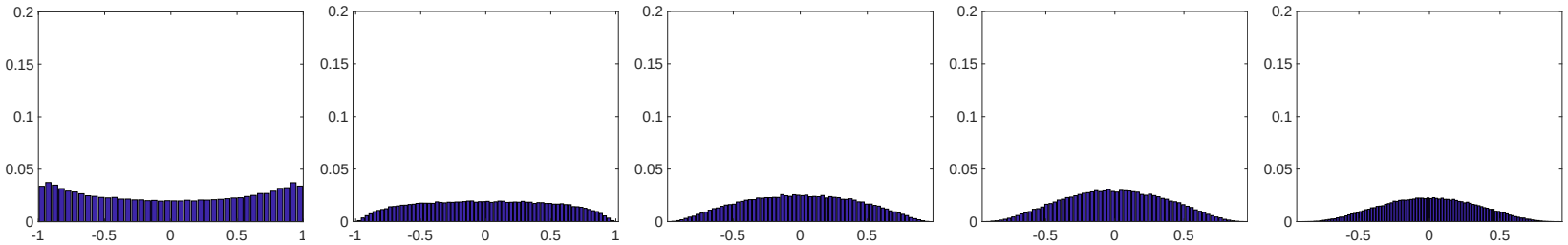

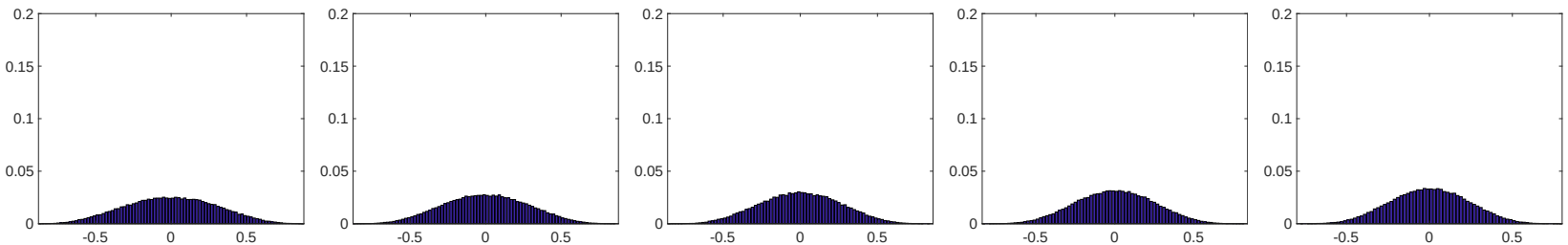

Histograms of activations at each layer

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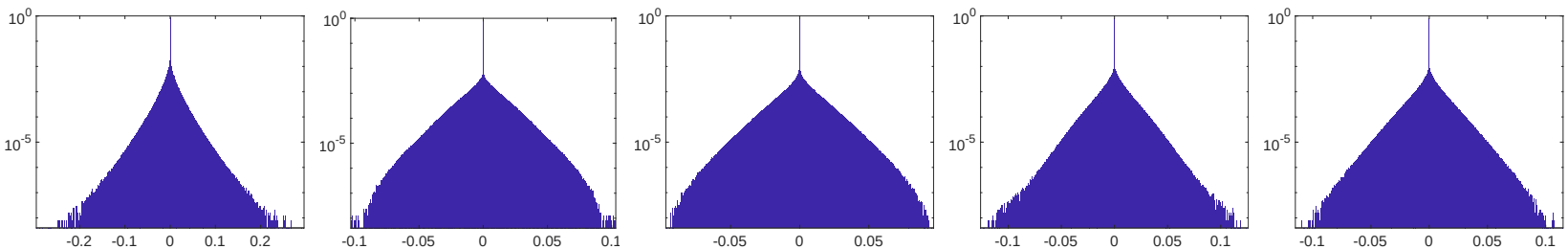

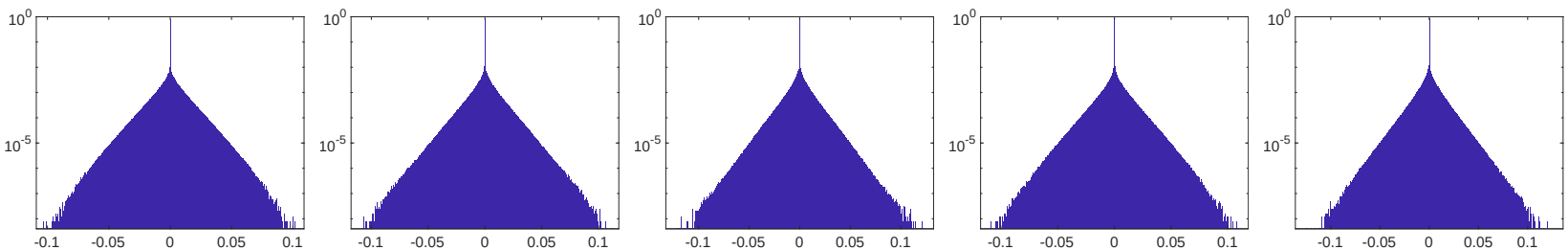

Histograms of gradients at each layer. (y-axis shown on logarithmic scale)

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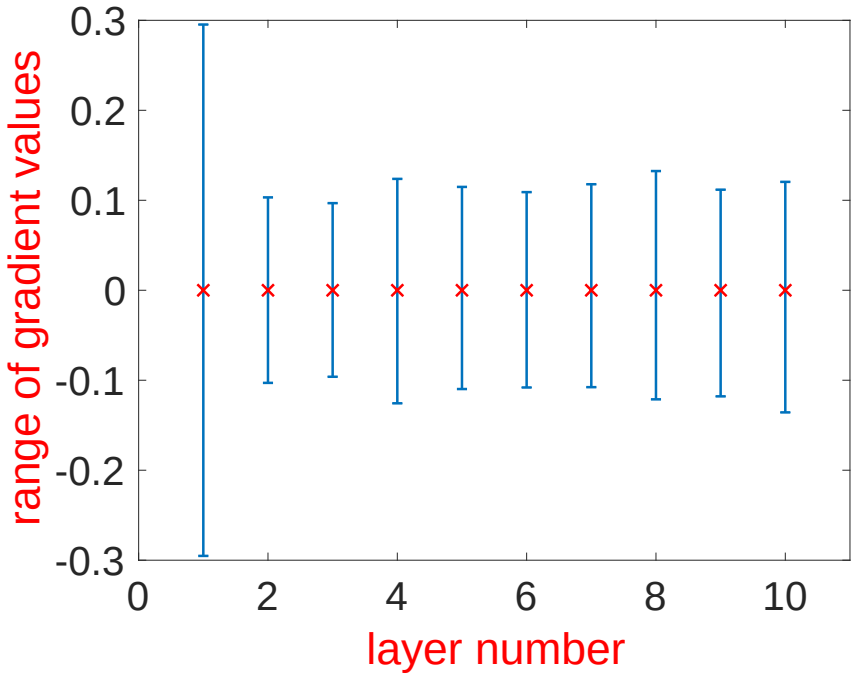

Gradient values

- have a nice range of values at each layer.
  (Why the increase in range for layer 1?)

How about Xavier initialization when we have ReLu activation functions?

Xavier initialization and ReLu activation

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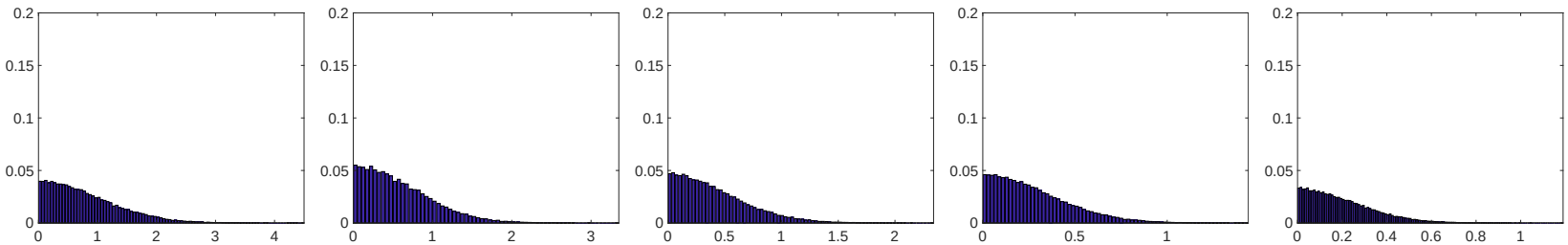

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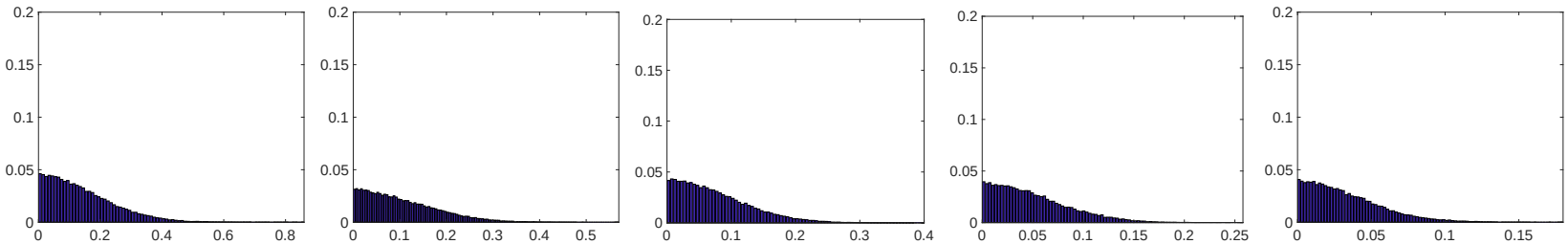

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Note: Range of activation values get smaller with increasing layer.

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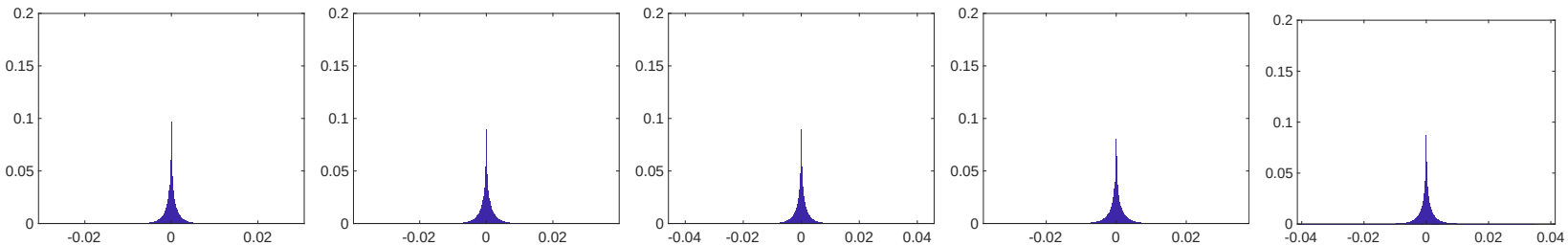

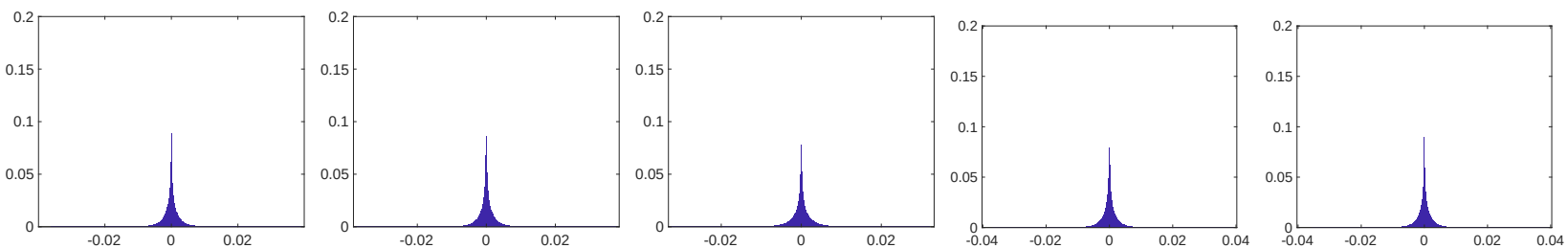

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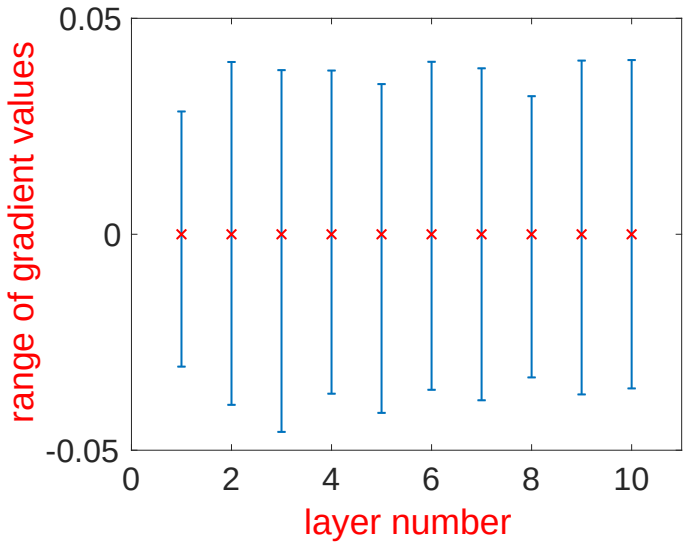

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Gradient values:

- they are small but not ridiculously small. Range remains constant across layers.

Xavier initialization diminishes effect of vanishing activations and stops exploding activations.

But can do better! **He initialization**.

He Vs *Xavier* initialization

- Both *He* and *Xavier* initialization want for each layer i

  mean and std of values in $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ = mean and std of values in $\mathbf{x}^{(i-1)}$

- But the two methods make different simplifying assumptions when deriving the optimal σ in $W_{i,lm} \sim N(w; 0, \sigma^2)$.

- Xavier initialization assumes activations in each $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ follow a symmetric distribution.

- This assumption **not true** for networks with ReLu fns.

- *He* initialization assumes more accurate description of the shape of activation distribution (histogram).

- In this case then $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n_{\text{in}}}}$ pops out.

Effect of He initialization on activations

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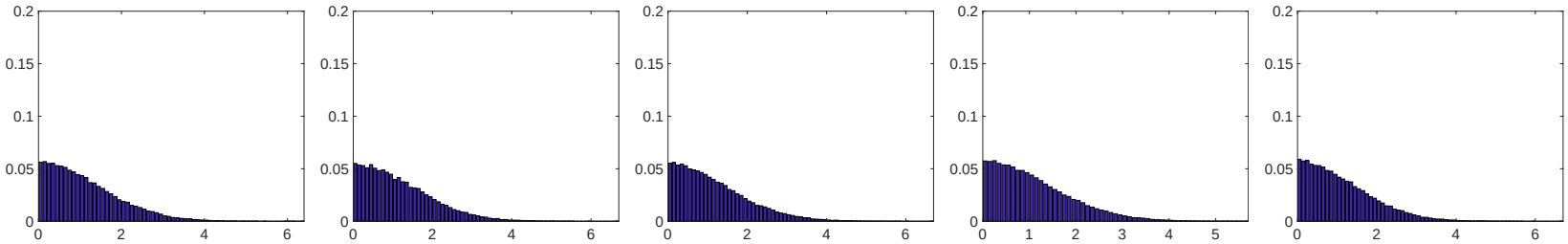

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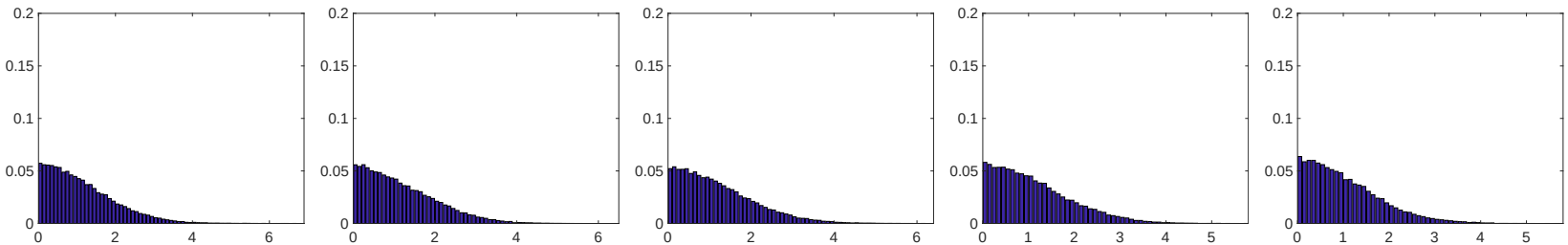

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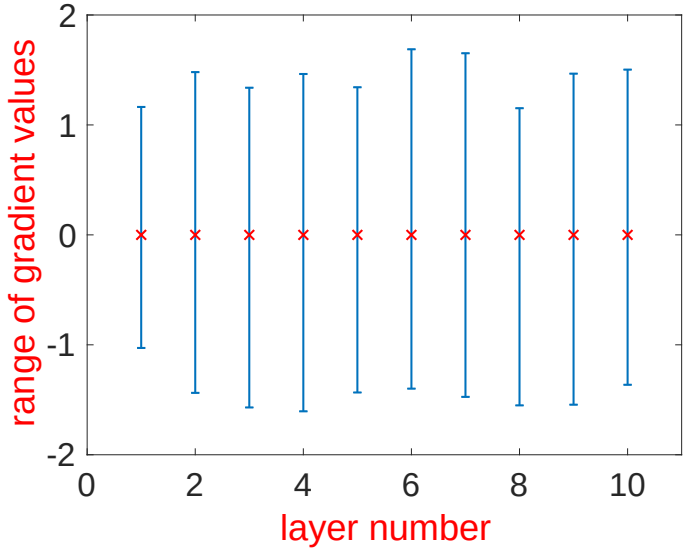

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Proper Initialization an active area of research

- **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

Lessening the effect of initialization: Batch normalization

Batch Normalization

- Want unit Gaussian activations at each layer?
  Just make them unit Guassian!
- Idea introduced in:

  Batch Normalization: Accelerating Deep Network Training by Reducing Internal Covariate Shift, S. Ioffe, C. Szegedy, arXiv 2015.
- Consider activations at some layer for a batch: $\mathbf{s}_1^{(j)}, \mathbf{s}_2^{(j)}, \ldots, \mathbf{s}_n^{(j)}$
- To make each dimension unit gaussian, apply:

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i^{(j)} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_m)^{-1} \left(\mathbf{s}_i^{(j)} - \boldsymbol{\mu} \right)$$

where

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{s}_i^{(j)}, \quad \sigma_p^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (s_{i,p}^{(j)} - \mu_p)^2$$

Batch Normalization

- Usually apply **normalization** after the fully connected layer before non-linearity.
- Therefore for a $k-$layer network have
  - for $i = 1, \ldots, k-1$

    for each $(\mathbf{x}^{(i-1)}, y) \in \mathcal{D}$ ← Apply ith linear transformation to batch

    $$\mathbf{s}^{(i)} = W_i \mathbf{x}^{(i-1)} + \mathbf{b}_i$$

    end

    Compute batch mean and variances of ith layer:

    $$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{\mathbf{s}^{(i)} \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbf{s}^{(i)}, \quad \sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{\mathbf{s}^{(i)} \in \mathcal{D}} \left(s_j^{(i)} - \mu_j \right)^2 \text{ for } j = 1, \ldots, m_i$$

    for each $(\mathbf{s}^{(i)}, y) \in \mathcal{D}$ ← Apply BN and activation function

    $$\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(i)} = \text{BatchNormalise}(\mathbf{s}^{(i)}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma_1, \ldots, \sigma_{m_i})$$

    $$\mathbf{x}^{(i)} = \max\left(0, \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(i)}\right)$$

    end

  end
  - Apply final linear transformation: $\mathbf{s}^{(k)} = W_k \mathbf{x}^{(k-1)} + \mathbf{b}_k$

Batch Normalization: Scale & shift range

- Can also allow the network to squash and shift the range

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(i)} = \gamma^{(i)}\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(i)} + \beta^{(i)}$$

  of the $\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(i)}$'s at each layer.

- Can learn the $\gamma^{(i)}$'s and $\beta^{(i)}$'s and add them as parameters of the network.

- To keep things simple this added complexity is often omitted.

Benefits of Batch Normalization

- Improves gradient flow through the network.
- Reduces the strong dependence on initialization.
- $\Longrightarrow$ learn deeper networks more reliably.
- Allows higher learning rates.
- Acts as a form of regularization.

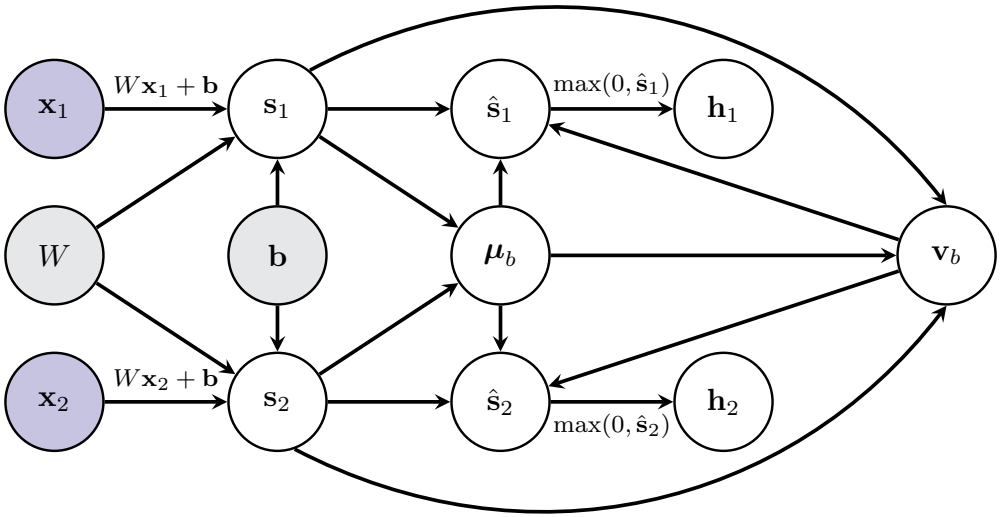
If training a deep network, you should use **Batch Normalization**.

Batch Normalization at Test Time

- At test time do not have a batch.
- Instead fixed empirical mean and variances of activations at each level are used.
- These quantities estimated during training (with running averages).

Back-Prop for a Batch Normalization layer.

Computational Graph for a BN layer



- Compute the mean and variance for the *scores* in the batch:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_b = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{s}_i, \quad v_{b,j} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} (s_{i,j} - \mu_{b,j})^2$$

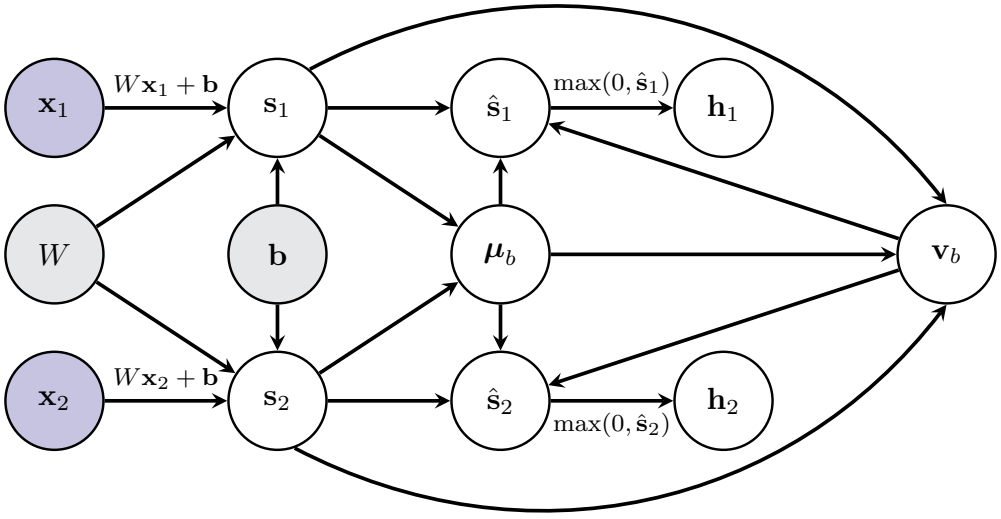
  where $\mathbf{v}_b = (v_{b,1}, v_{b,2}, \ldots, v_{b,m})^T$. ($n = 2$ in the figure.) Define

$$V_b = \text{diag}\,(\mathbf{v}_b + \epsilon)$$

- Apply **batch normalization** function to each *score* vector:

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i = V_b^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{s}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

Gradient Computations for a BN layer



- Want to compute $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i}$ for each $\mathbf{s}_i$ in the batch.
- The children of node $\mathbf{s}_i$ are $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i, \mathbf{v}_b, \boldsymbol{\mu}_b\}$ thus

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i}$$

- Let's look at the individual gradients and Jacobians.

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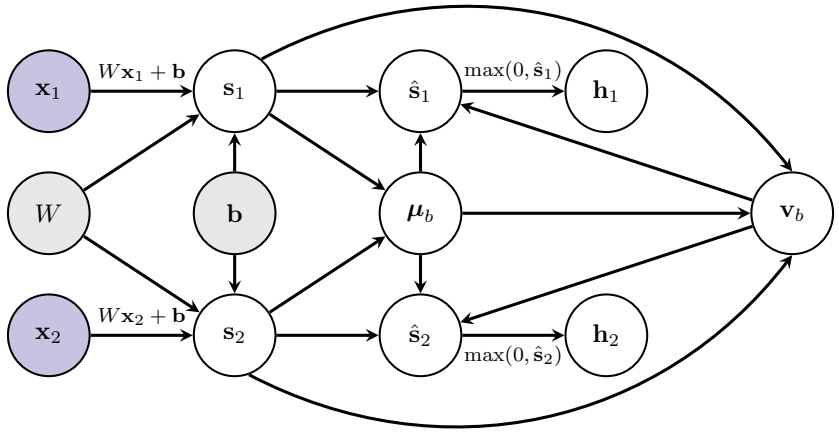

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i}$$

$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}$: assume already computed

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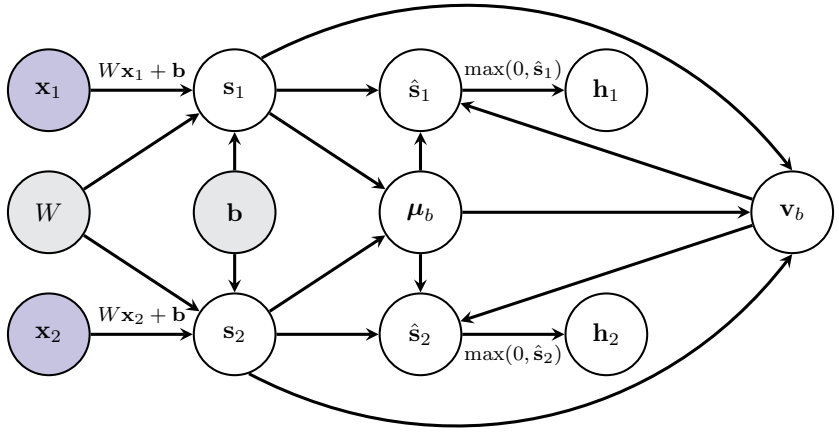

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- The equation relating $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i$ to $\mathbf{s}_i$ (remember $V_b = \text{diag}(\mathbf{v}_b + \epsilon)$)

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i = V_b^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbf{s}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

- Therefore

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} = V_b^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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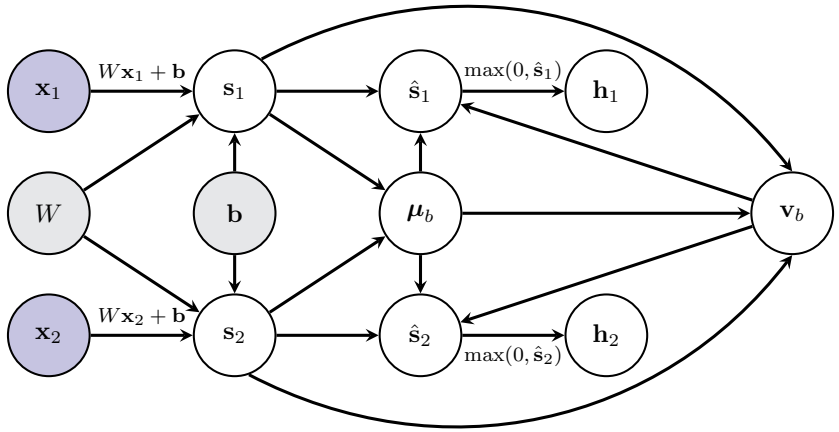

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- The children of node $\mathbf{v}_b$ are $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}_1, \ldots, \hat{\mathbf{s}}_n\}$
- Therefore

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}$$

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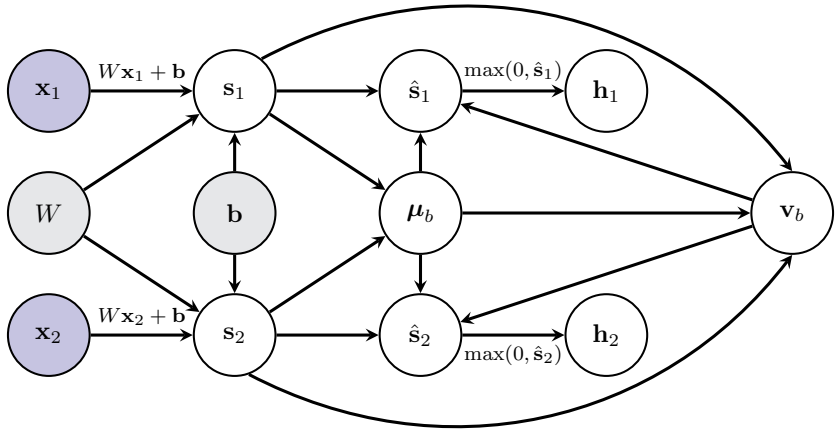

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- The children of node $\mathbf{v}_b$ are $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}_1, \ldots, \hat{\mathbf{s}}_n\}$
- Therefore

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \underbrace{\frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}}_{\text{assume known}} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}$$

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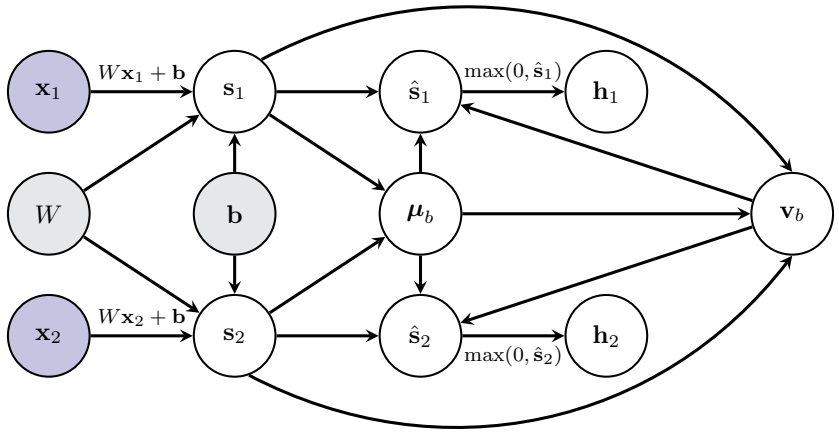

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compute now

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- The equation relating $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i$ to $\mathbf{v}_b$ (remember $V_b = \text{diag}(\mathbf{v}_b + \epsilon)$)

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i = V_b^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\mathbf{s}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b\right)$$

- The local Jacobian we want to compute

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \hat{s}_{i,1}}{\partial v_{b,1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \hat{s}_{i,1}}{\partial v_{b,m}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \hat{s}_{i,m}}{\partial v_{b,1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \hat{s}_{i,m}}{\partial v_{b,m}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Computing the derivative for each individual element:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{s}_{i,j}}{\partial v_{b,k}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}(v_{b,k} + \epsilon)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \left(s_{i,k} - \mu_{b,k}\right) & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- In matrix form

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} = -\frac{1}{2} V_b^{-\frac{3}{2}} \,\text{diag}\left(\mathbf{s}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b\right)$$

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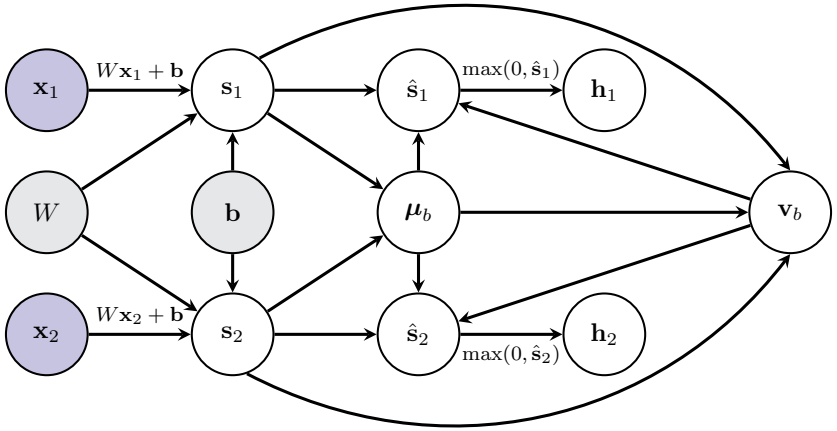

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- Next $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} = \frac{2}{n}\,\mathrm{diag}\,(\mathbf{s}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$.
- As

$$v_{b,j} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{l=1}^{n}\left(s_{l,j} - \mu_{b,j}\right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial v_{b,j}}{\partial s_{i,k}} = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{n}\left(s_{i,j} - \mu_{b,j}\right) & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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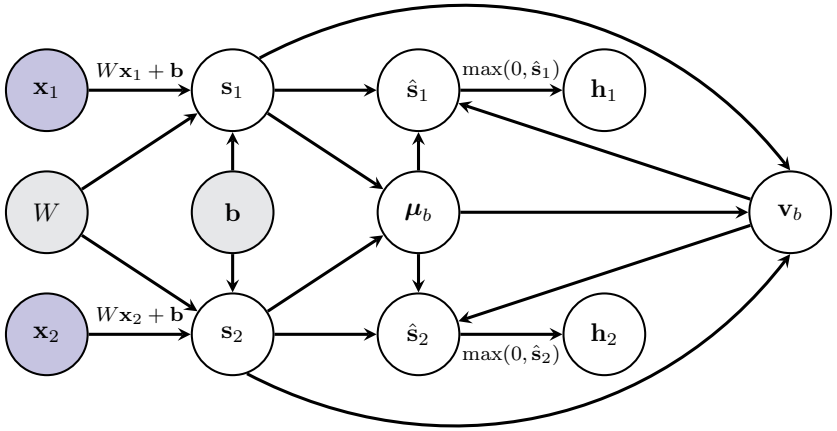

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- The children of node $\boldsymbol{\mu}_b$ are $\{\hat{\mathbf{s}}_1, \ldots, \hat{\mathbf{s}}_n, \mathbf{v}_b\}$.
- Therefore

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}$$

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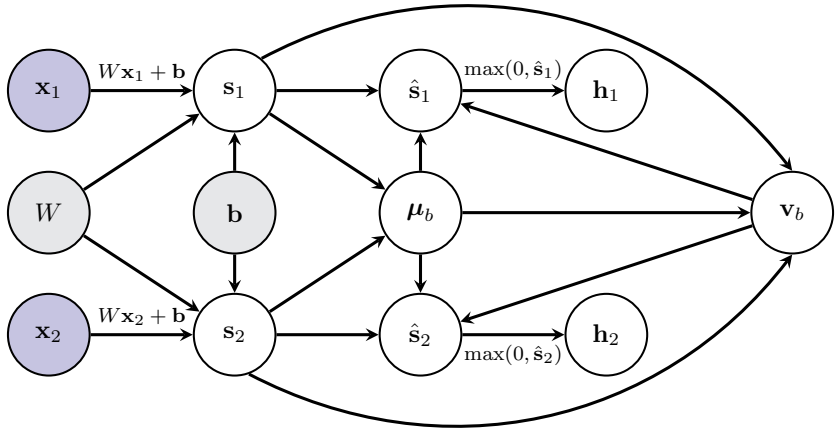

- The equation relating $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i$ to $\boldsymbol{\mu}_b$ (remember $V_b = \text{diag}(\mathbf{v}_b + \epsilon)$)

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_i = V_b^{-\frac{1}{2}} (\mathbf{s}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)$$

- The local Jacobian we want to compute

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} = -V_b^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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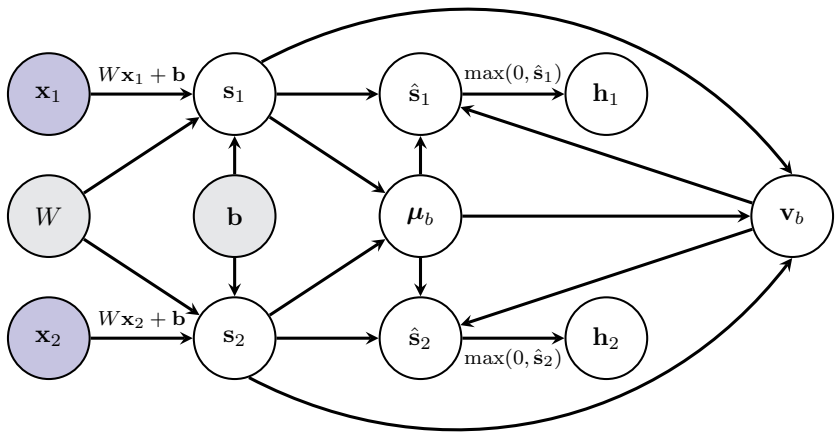
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}$$

$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}$: already calculated



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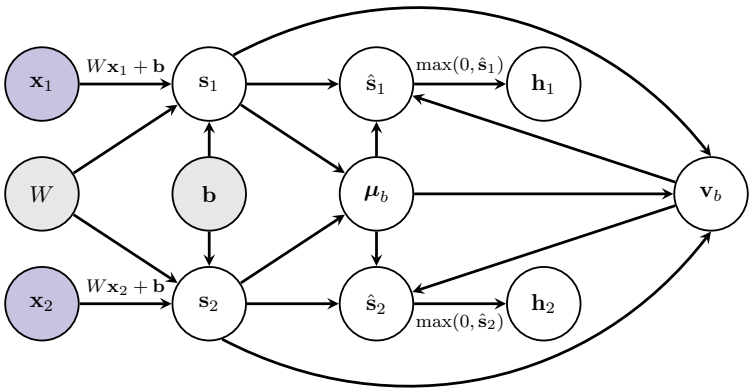
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathbf{s}}_i}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_b} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}$$



- Next $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}_b}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b} = \mathbf{0}$.
- As

$$v_{b,j} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(s_{i,j} - \mu_{b,j}\right)^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial v_{b,j}}{\partial \mu_{b,k}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(s_{i,j} - \mu_{b,j}\right) = 0 & \text{if } j = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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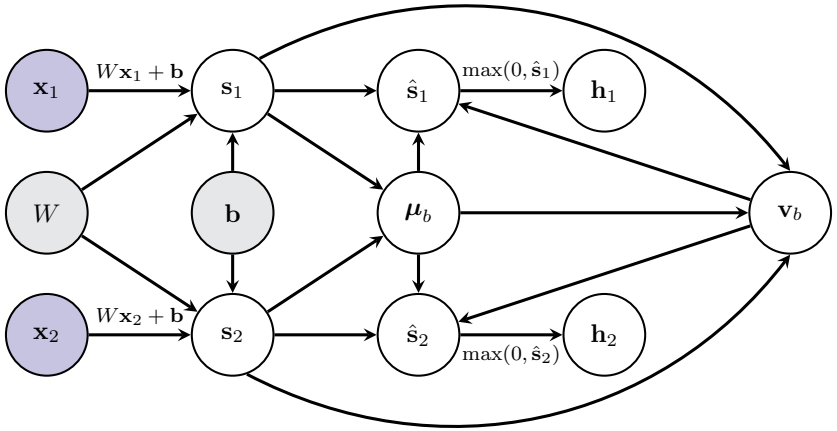

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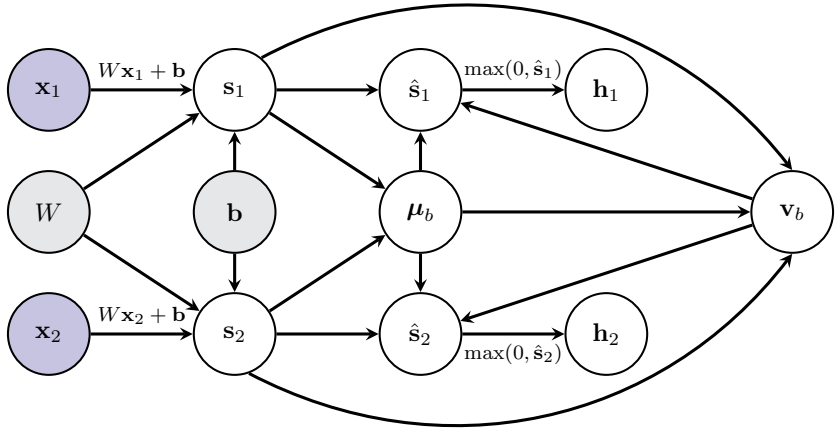
- The equation relating $\boldsymbol{\mu}_b$ to $\mathbf{s}_l$'s is

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_b = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{l=1}^{n} \mathbf{s}_l$$

- Therefore

$$\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}_b}{\partial \mathbf{s}_i} = \frac{1}{n} I_m$$

Putting everything together



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