

# Initialization

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- How do we initialize the biases and weights?
- Equivalent to choosing starting point in Gabor/Linear regression models

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# Backprop summary

**Backward pass:** We start with the derivative  $\partial\ell_i/\partial\mathbf{f}_K$  of the loss function  $\ell_i$  with respect to the network output  $\mathbf{f}_K$  and work backward through the network:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}_k} &= \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\mathbf{f}_k} & k \in \{K, K-1, \dots, 1\} \\ \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\boldsymbol{\Omega}_k} &= \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\mathbf{f}_k} \mathbf{h}_k^T & k \in \{K, K-1, \dots, 1\} \\ \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\mathbf{f}_{k-1}} &= \mathbb{I}[\mathbf{f}_{k-1} > 0] \odot \left( \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k^T \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\mathbf{f}_k} \right), & k \in \{K, K-1, \dots, 1\}\end{aligned}\tag{7.13}$$

where  $\odot$  denotes pointwise multiplication and  $\mathbb{I}[\mathbf{f}_{k-1} > 0]$  is a vector containing ones where  $\mathbf{f}_{k-1}$  is greater than zero and zeros elsewhere. Finally, we compute the derivatives with respect to the first set of biases and weights:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\boldsymbol{\beta}_0} &= \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\mathbf{f}_0} \\ \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\boldsymbol{\Omega}_0} &= \frac{\partial\ell_i}{\partial\mathbf{f}_0} \mathbf{x}_i^T\end{aligned}$$

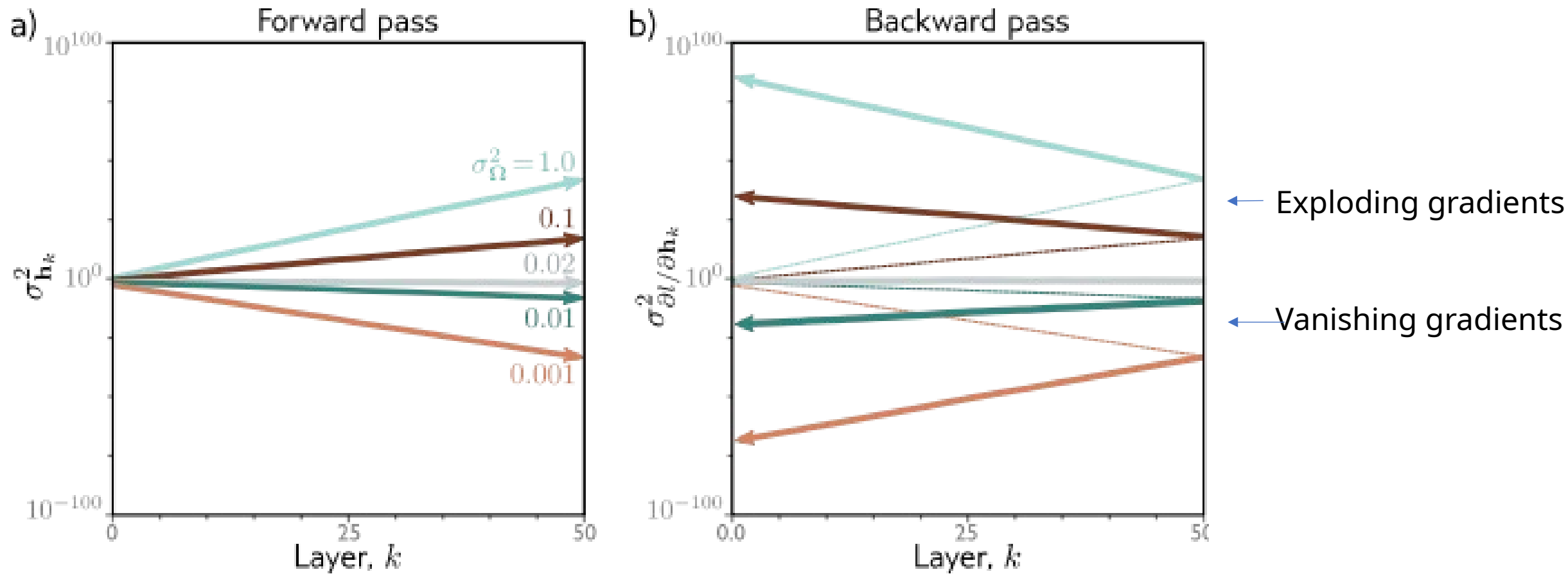
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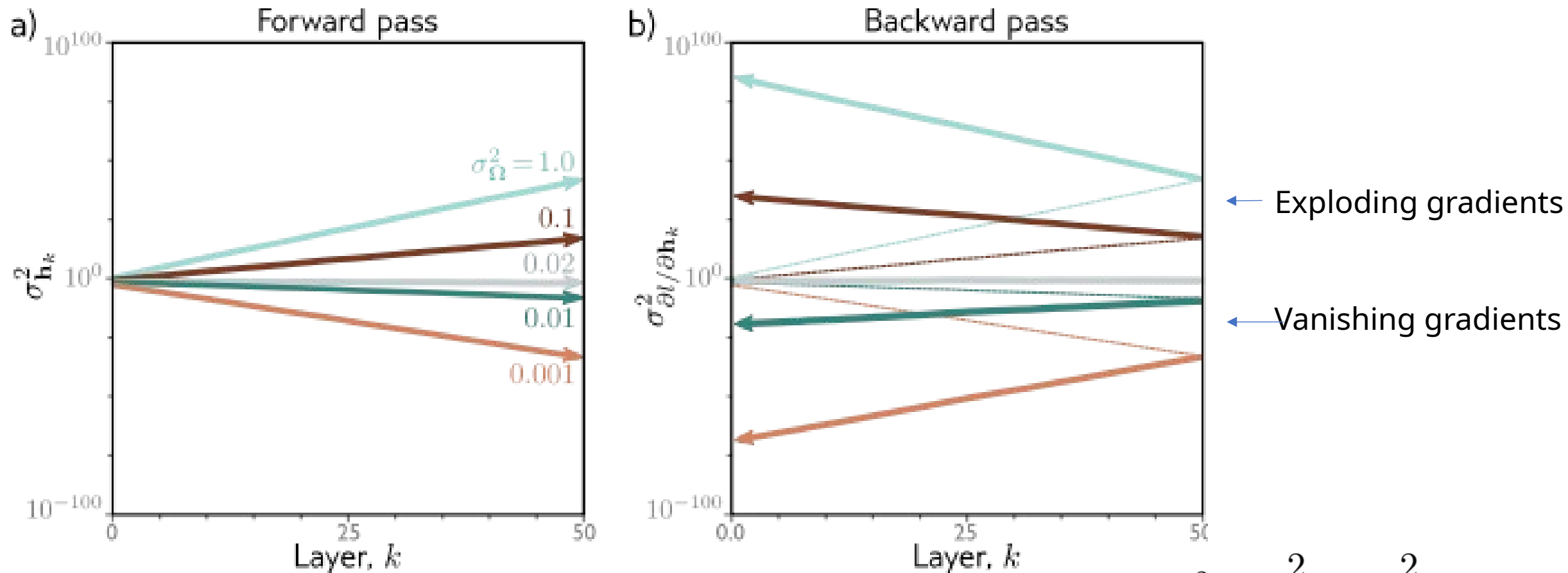
- Forward pass: want the variance of hidden unit activations in layer  $k+1$  to be the same as variance of activations in layer  $k$ :

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# Expectations

$$\mathbb{E}[g[x]] = \int g[x]Pr(x)dx,$$

Interpretation: what is the average value of  $g[x]$  when taking into account the probability of  $x$ ?

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[f[x] + g[x]] &= \int (f[x] + g[x])Pr(x)dx \\ &= \int (f[x]Pr(x) + g[x]Pr(x)) dx \\ &= \int f[x]Pr(x)dx + \int g[x]Pr(x)dx \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f[x]] + \mathbb{E}[g[x]]\end{aligned}$$

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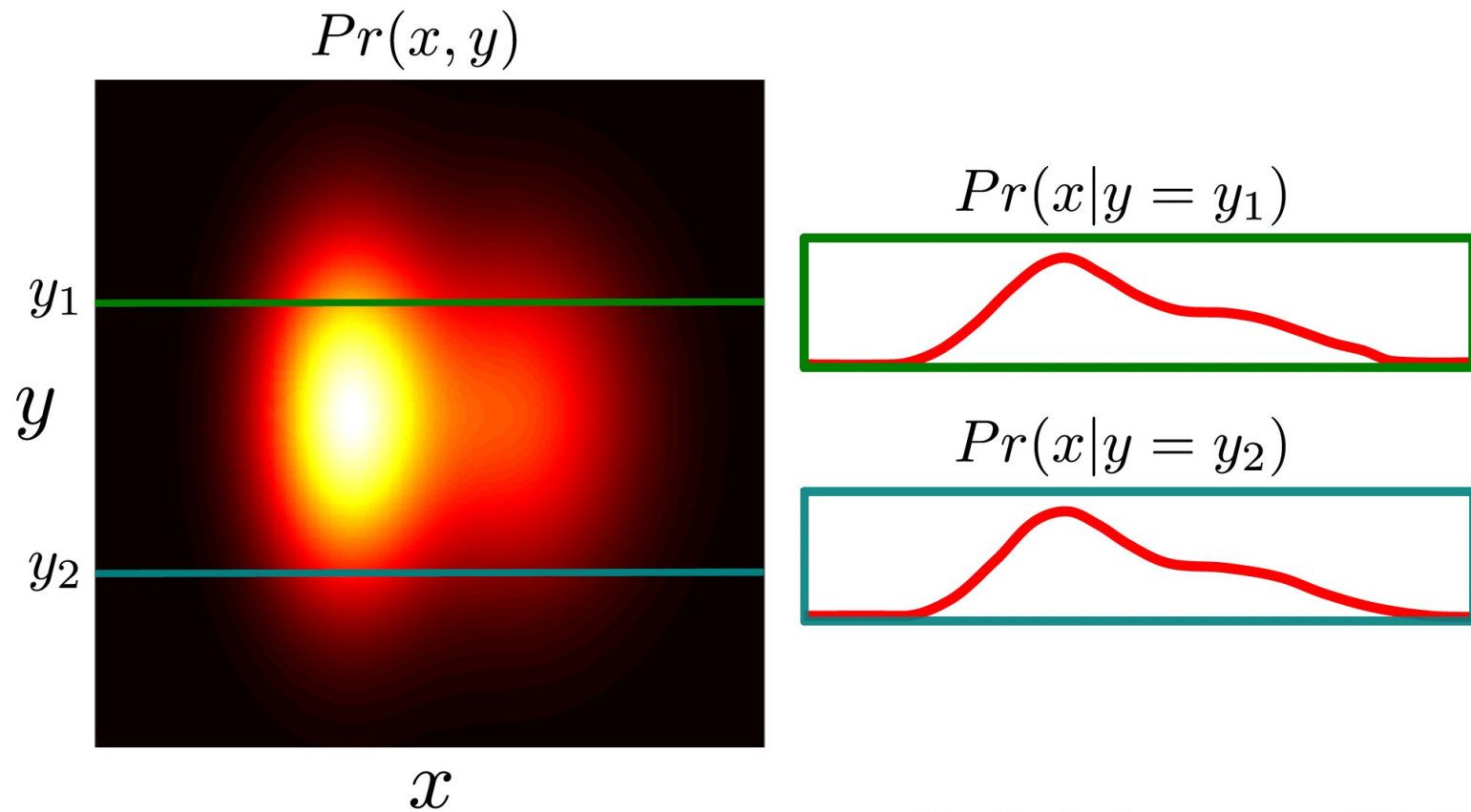
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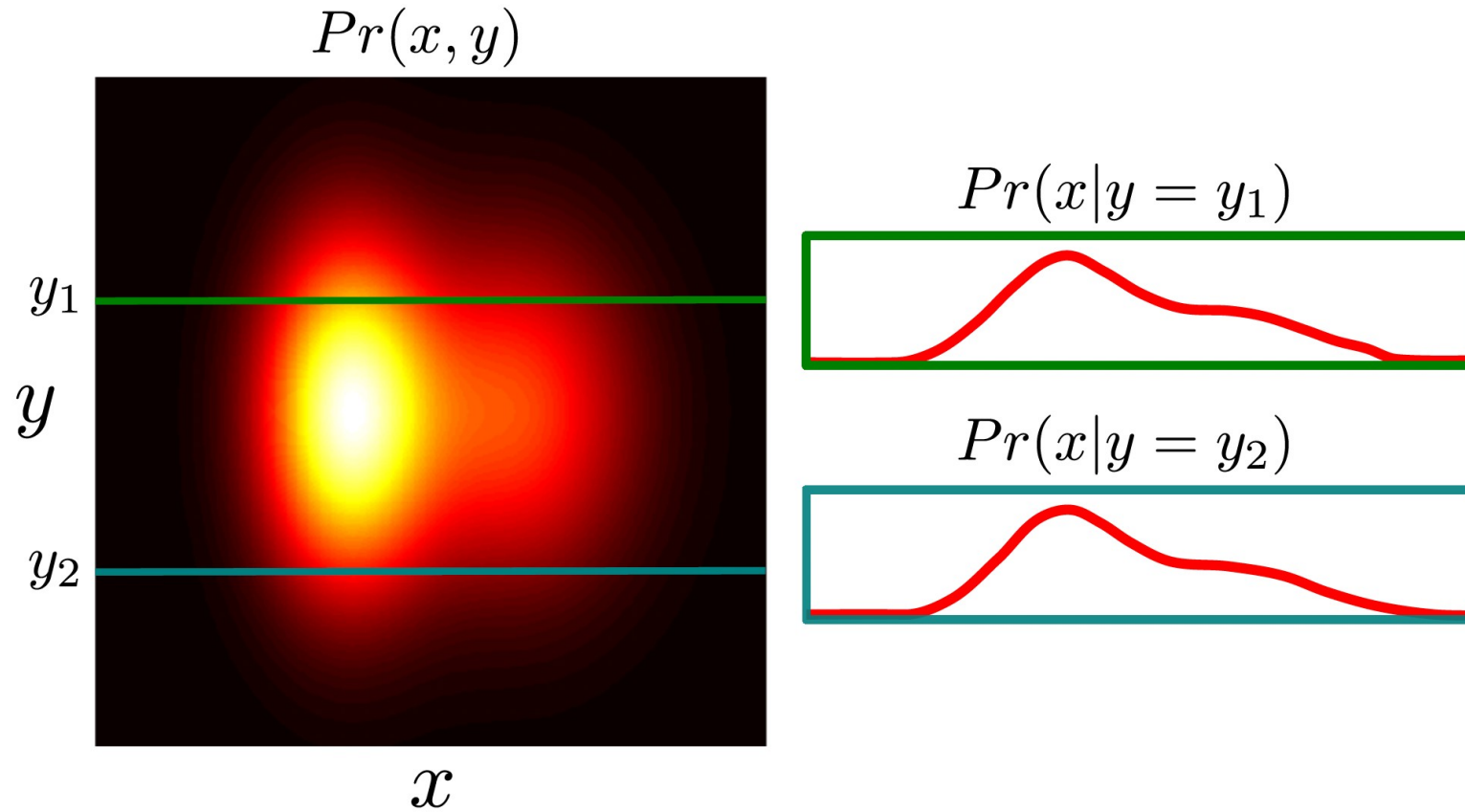
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$$\begin{aligned} Pr(x|y) &= Pr(x) \\ Pr(y|x) &= Pr(y) \end{aligned}$$

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$$Pr(x, y) = Pr(x)Pr(y)$$

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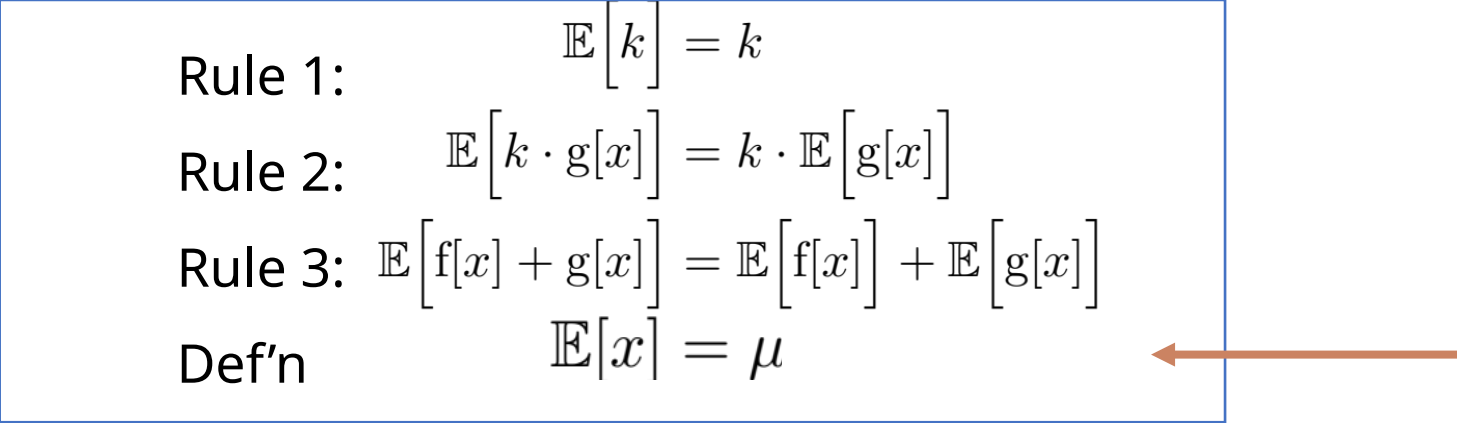
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&= \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{D_h} \mathbb{E} [\text{ReLU}[f_j]^2] \\
&= \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{D_h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{ReLU}[f_j]^2 Pr(f_j) df_j \\
&= \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{D_h} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\mathbb{I}[f_j > 0] f_j)^2 Pr(f_j) df_j \\
&= \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{D_h} \int_0^{\infty} f_j^2 Pr(f_j) df_j \\
&= \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sum_{j=1}^{D_h} \frac{\sigma_f^2}{2} = \frac{D_h \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sigma_f^2}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

# Aim: keep variance same between two layers

$$\sigma_{f'}^2 = \frac{D_h \sigma_{\Omega}^2 \sigma_f^2}{2}$$

Should choose:

$$\sigma_{\Omega}^2 = \frac{2}{D_h}$$

This is called **He initialization**.