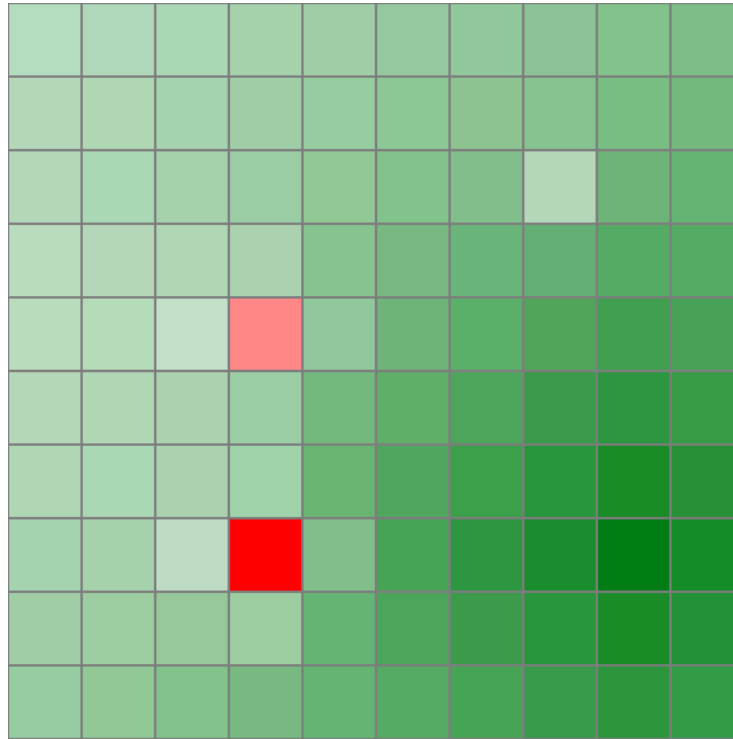
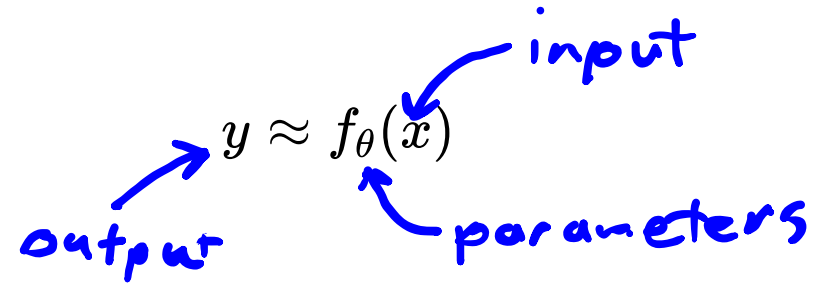


# Neural Network Function Approximation



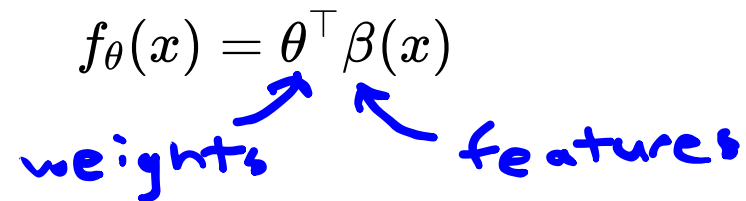
Do we really need to keep track of  $U(s)$  for every  $U$  separately?

# Function Approximation



A diagram showing the general function approximation equation  $y \approx f_{\theta}(x)$ . Handwritten blue arrows point from the labels to the corresponding parts of the equation: 'input' points to  $x$ , 'parameters' points to  $\theta$ , and 'output' points to  $y$ .

Example: Linear Function Approximation:

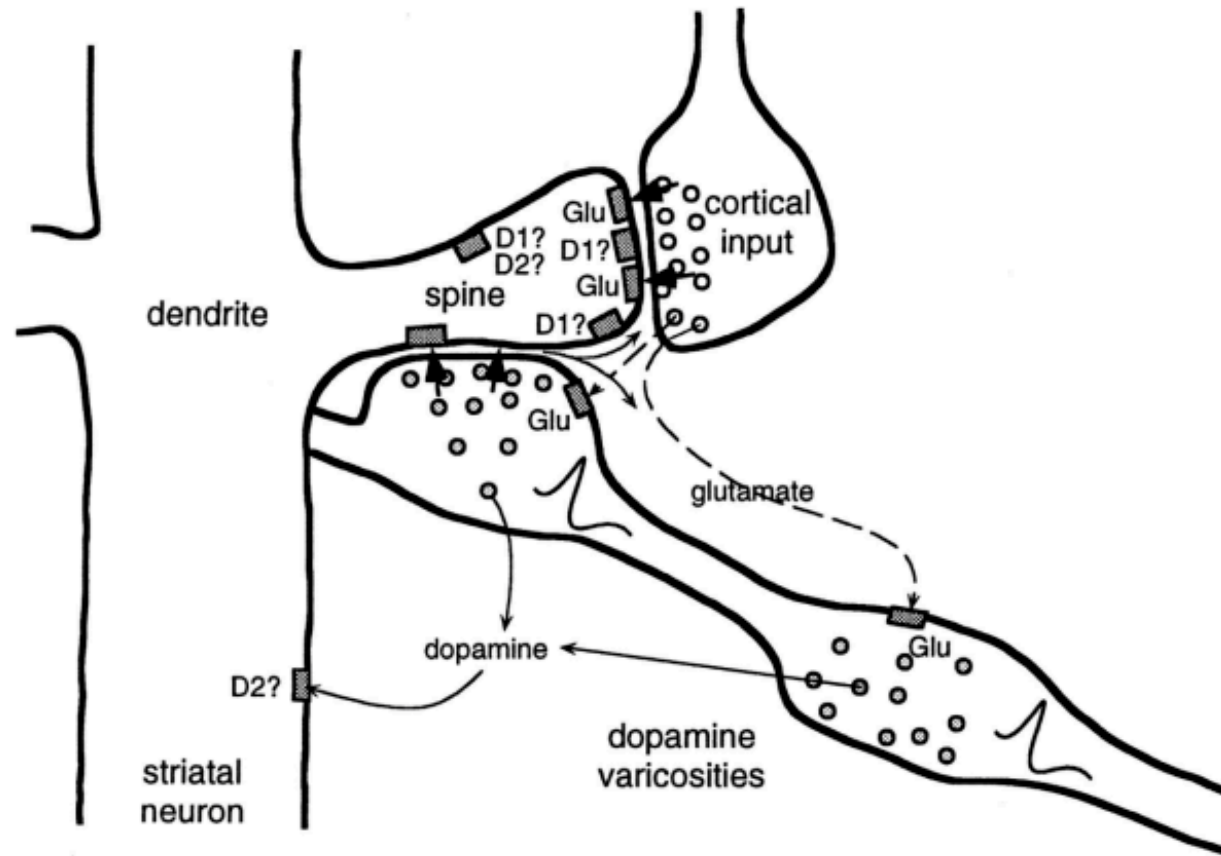


A diagram showing the linear function approximation equation  $f_{\theta}(x) = \theta^{\top} \beta(x)$ . Handwritten blue arrows point from the labels to the corresponding parts of the equation: 'weights' points to  $\theta$  and 'features' points to  $\beta$ .

e.g.  $\beta_i(x) = \sin(i \pi x)$

# Neural Network

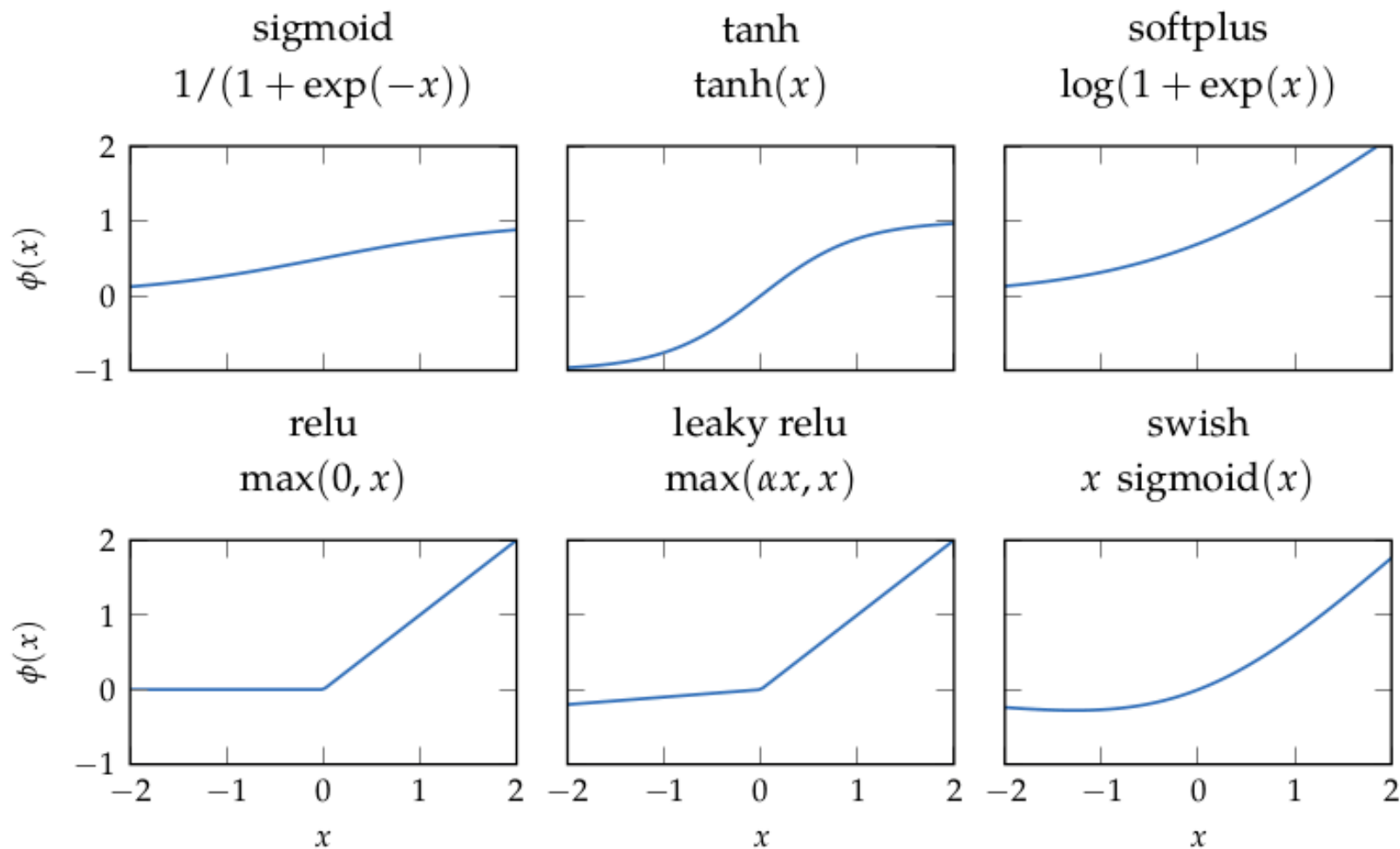
$$h(x) = \sigma(Wx + b)$$



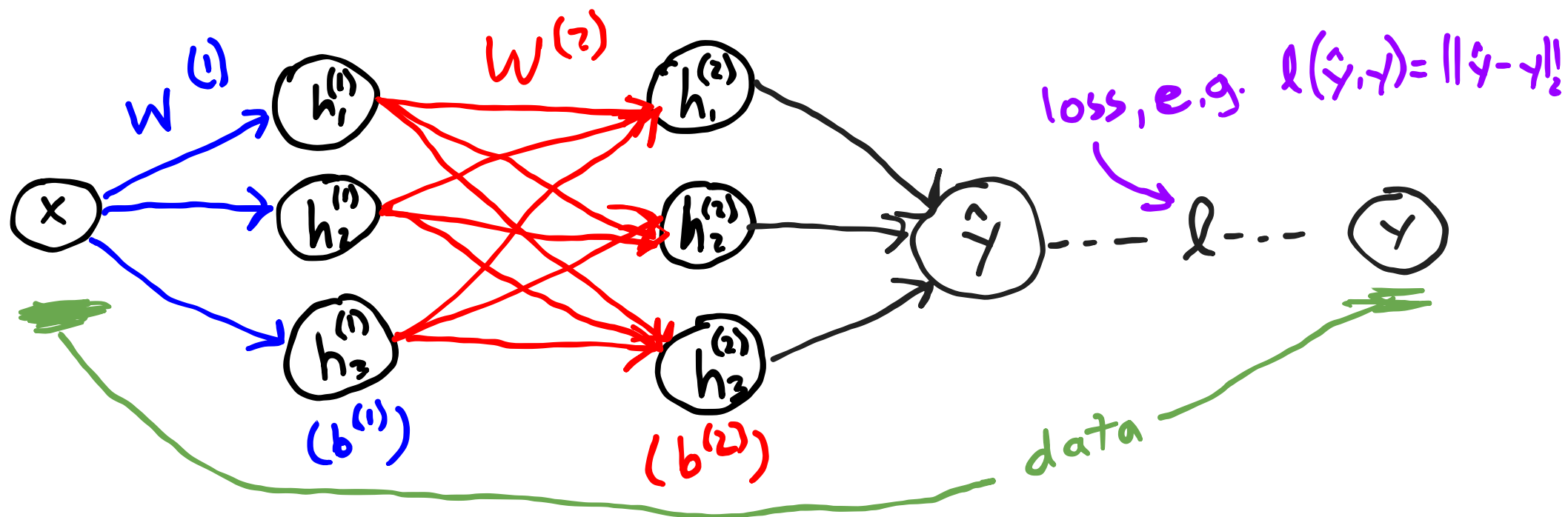
# Neural Network

$$h(x) = \sigma(Wx + b)$$

# Nonlinearities



# Training



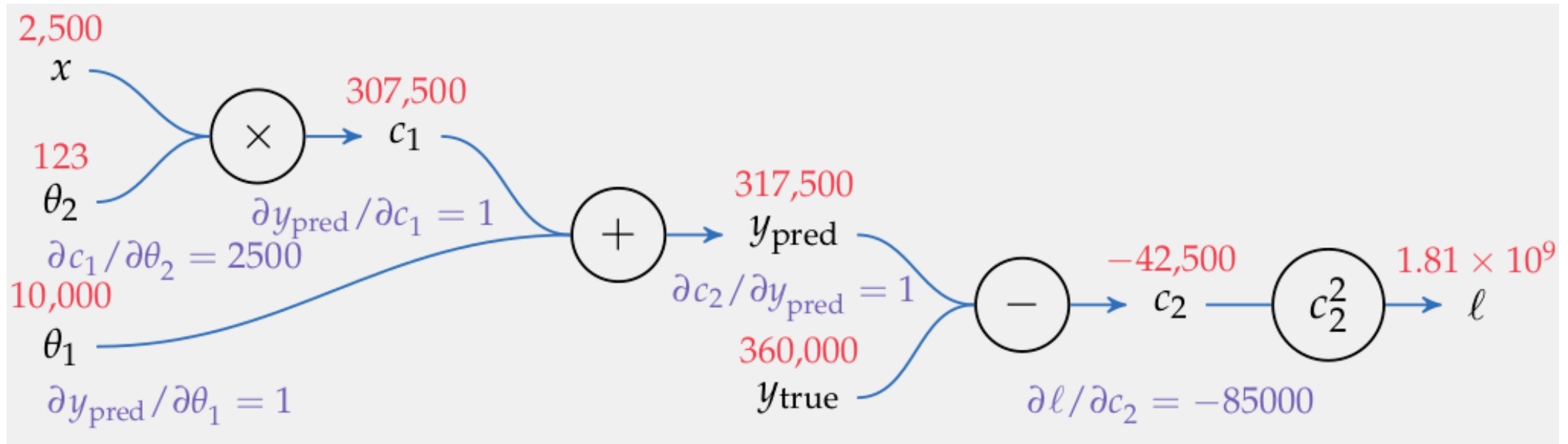
$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{D}} l(f_{\theta}(x), y)$$

Stochastic Gradient Descent:  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} l(f_{\theta}(x), y)$

# Chain Rule

# Backprop

$$l(x, y_{\text{true}}) = (\theta_2 x + \theta_1 - y_{\text{true}})^2$$



$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial c_2} \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial \theta_1} = -85,000 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = -85,000$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta_2} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial c_2} \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial y_{\text{pred}}} \frac{\partial y_{\text{pred}}}{\partial c_1} \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial \theta_2} = -85,000 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 2,500 = -2.125 \times 10^8$$

a “fast and furious” approach to training neural networks does not work and only leads to suffering. Now, suffering is a perfectly natural part of getting a neural network to work well, but it can be mitigated by being thorough, defensive, paranoid, and obsessed with visualizations of basically every possible thing. The qualities that in my experience correlate most strongly to success in deep learning are patience and attention to detail.

- Andrej Karpathy

# Adaptive Step Size: RMSProp

# Adaptive Step Size: ADAM

(Adaptive Moment Estimation)

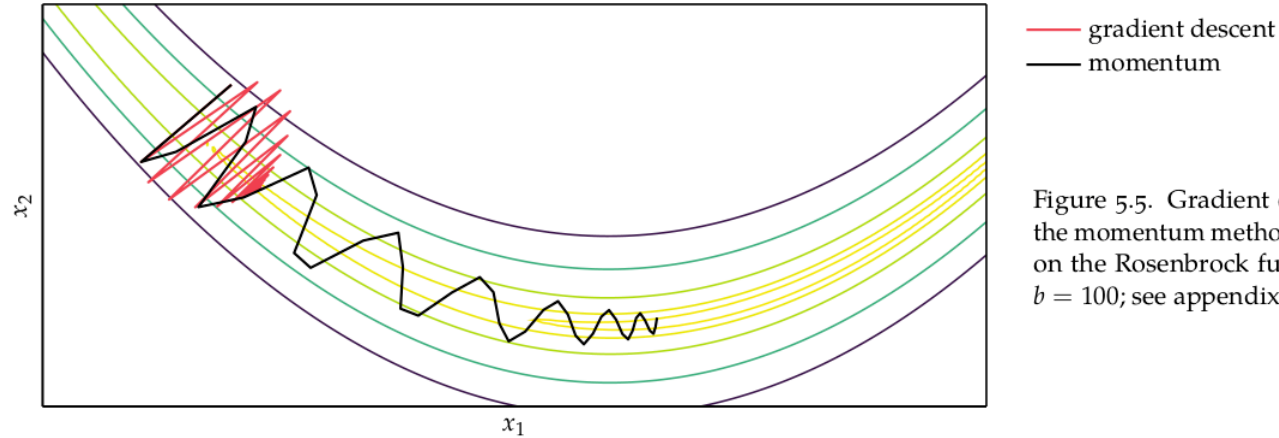


Figure 5.5. Gradient descent and the momentum method compared on the Rosenbrock function with  $b = 100$ ; see appendix B.6.

$$\text{biased decaying momentum: } \mathbf{v}^{(k+1)} = \gamma_v \mathbf{v}^{(k)} + (1 - \gamma_v) \mathbf{g}^{(k)} \quad (5.29)$$

$$\text{biased decaying sq. gradient: } \mathbf{s}^{(k+1)} = \gamma_s \mathbf{s}^{(k)} + (1 - \gamma_s) (\mathbf{g}^{(k)} \odot \mathbf{g}^{(k)}) \quad (5.30)$$

$$\text{corrected decaying momentum: } \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{v}^{(k+1)} / (1 - \gamma_v^k) \quad (5.31)$$

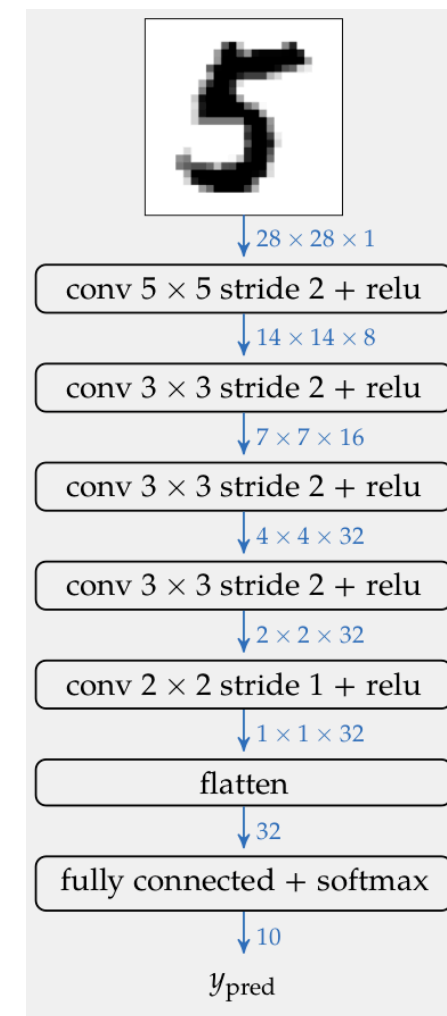
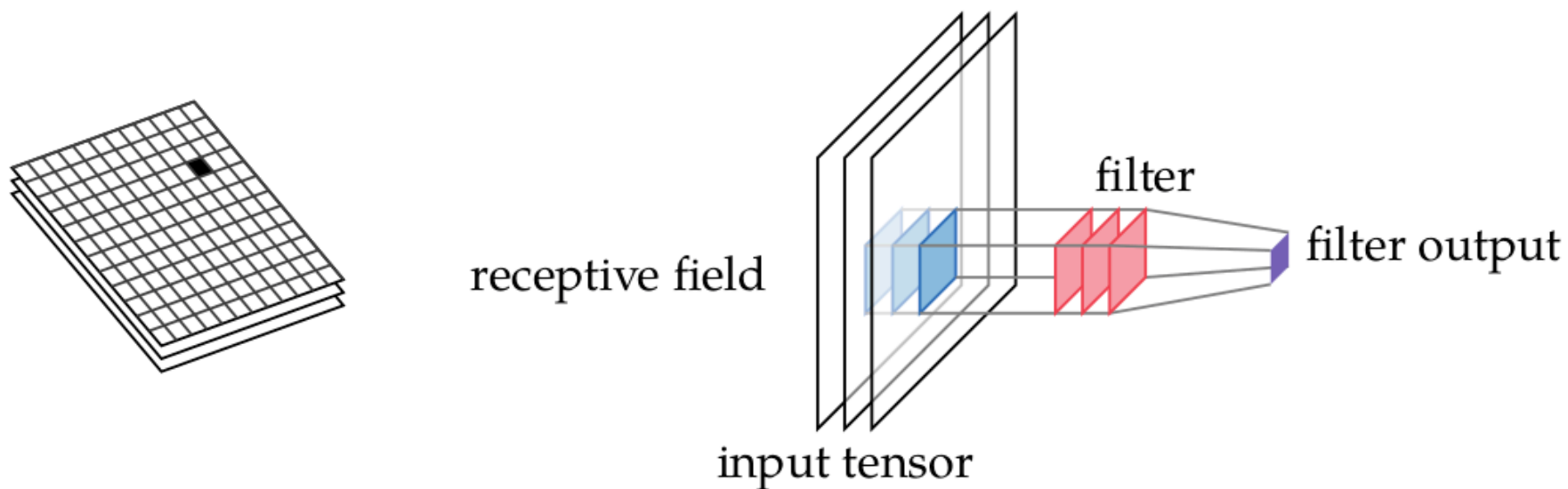
$$\text{corrected decaying sq. gradient: } \hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{s}^{(k+1)} / (1 - \gamma_s^k) \quad (5.32)$$

$$\text{next iterate: } \mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(k)} - \alpha \hat{\mathbf{v}}^{(k+1)} / \left( \epsilon + \sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{s}}^{(k+1)}} \right) \quad (5.33)$$

<sup>12</sup> According to the original paper, good default settings are  $\alpha = 0.001$ ,  $\gamma_v = 0.9$ ,  $\gamma_s = 0.999$ , and  $\epsilon = 1 \times 10^{-8}$ .

$\odot$  means elementwise multiplication.

# On Your Radar: ConvNets



# On Your Radar: Regularization

$$\arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathbf{D}} \ell(f_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(x), y) - \beta \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|^2$$

e.g. Batch norm, layer norm, dropout

# On Your Radar: Skip Connections (Resnets)

# Resources

OpenAI Spinning up