



# DEEP NEURAL NETWORK

## Deep Learning for Computer Vision

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# Deep Neural Networks

# Function Approximator

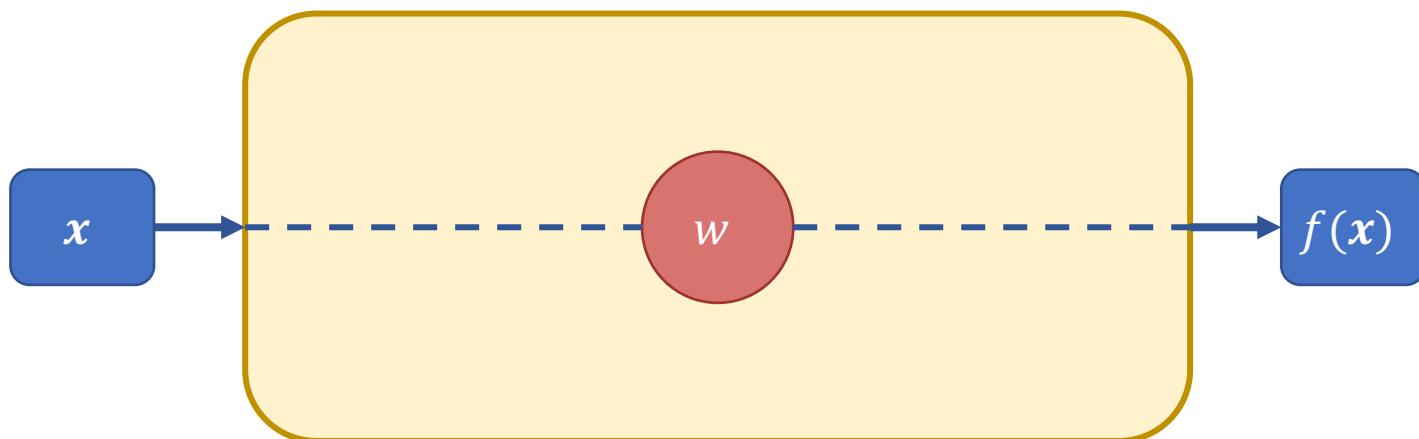


A neural network approximates a function





## Linear regression

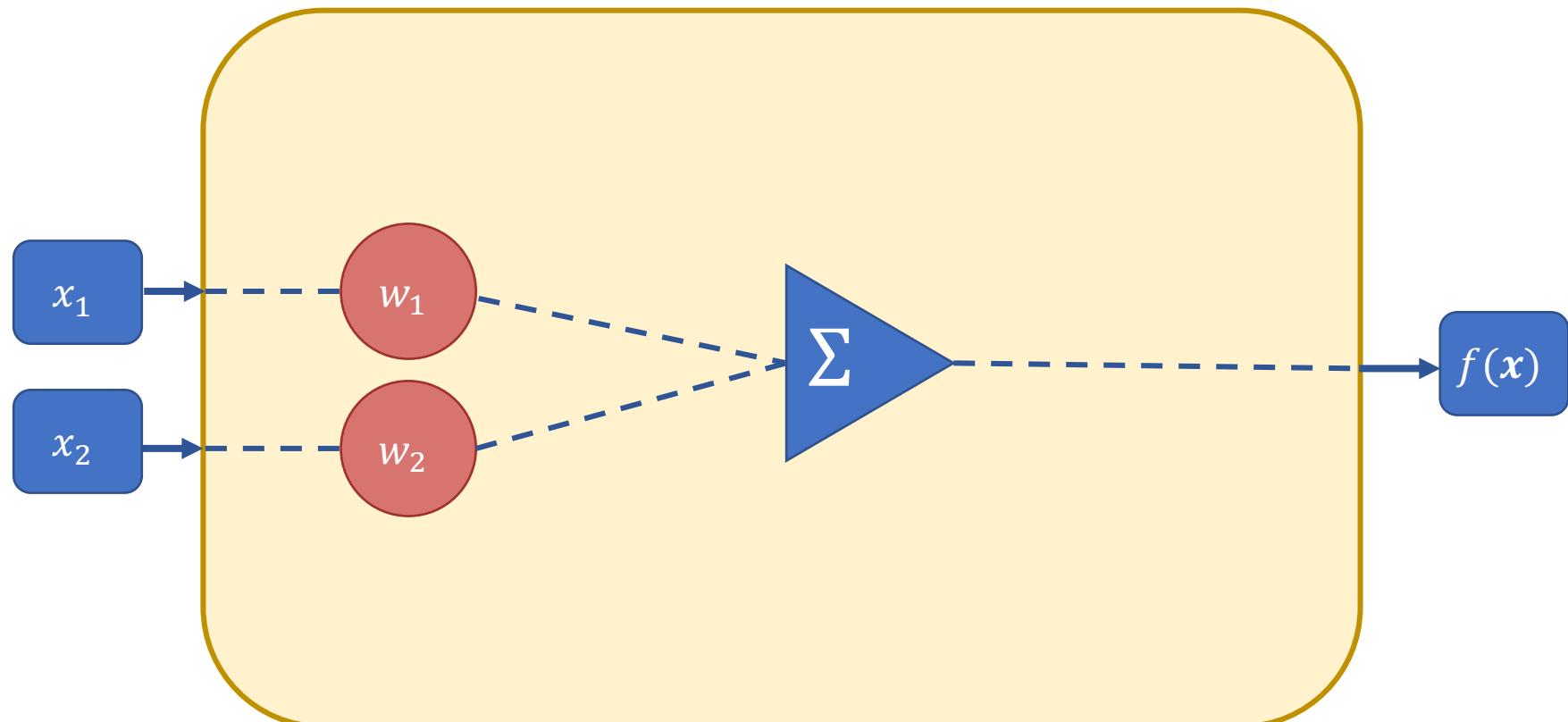


Useful to predict continuous variables

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}\mathbf{x}$$



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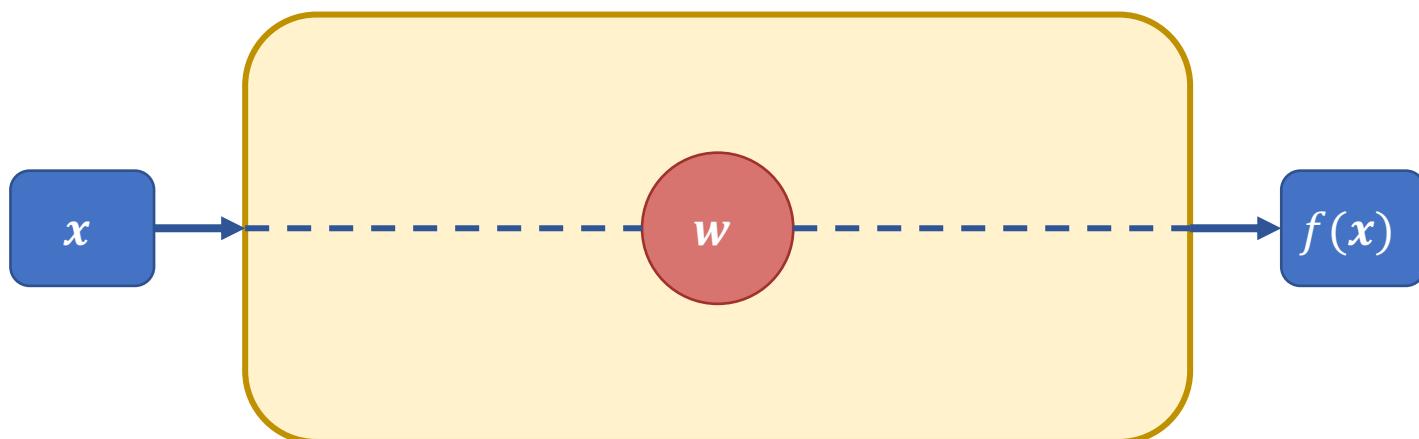


The “connection” often depicted are only multiplications and additions

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2$$



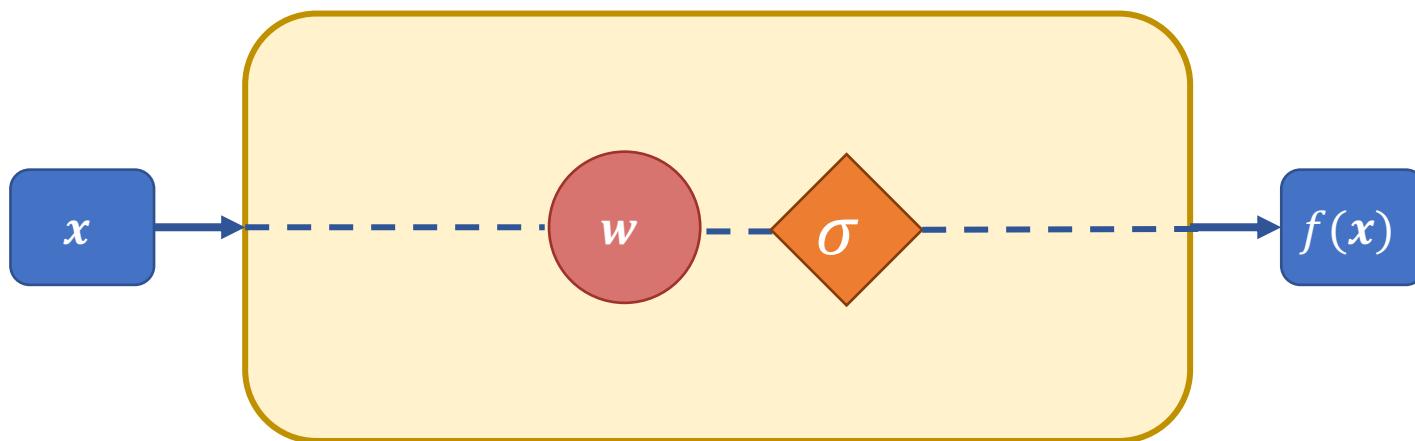
## Linear regression



$$f(x) = wx$$



## Single Neuron



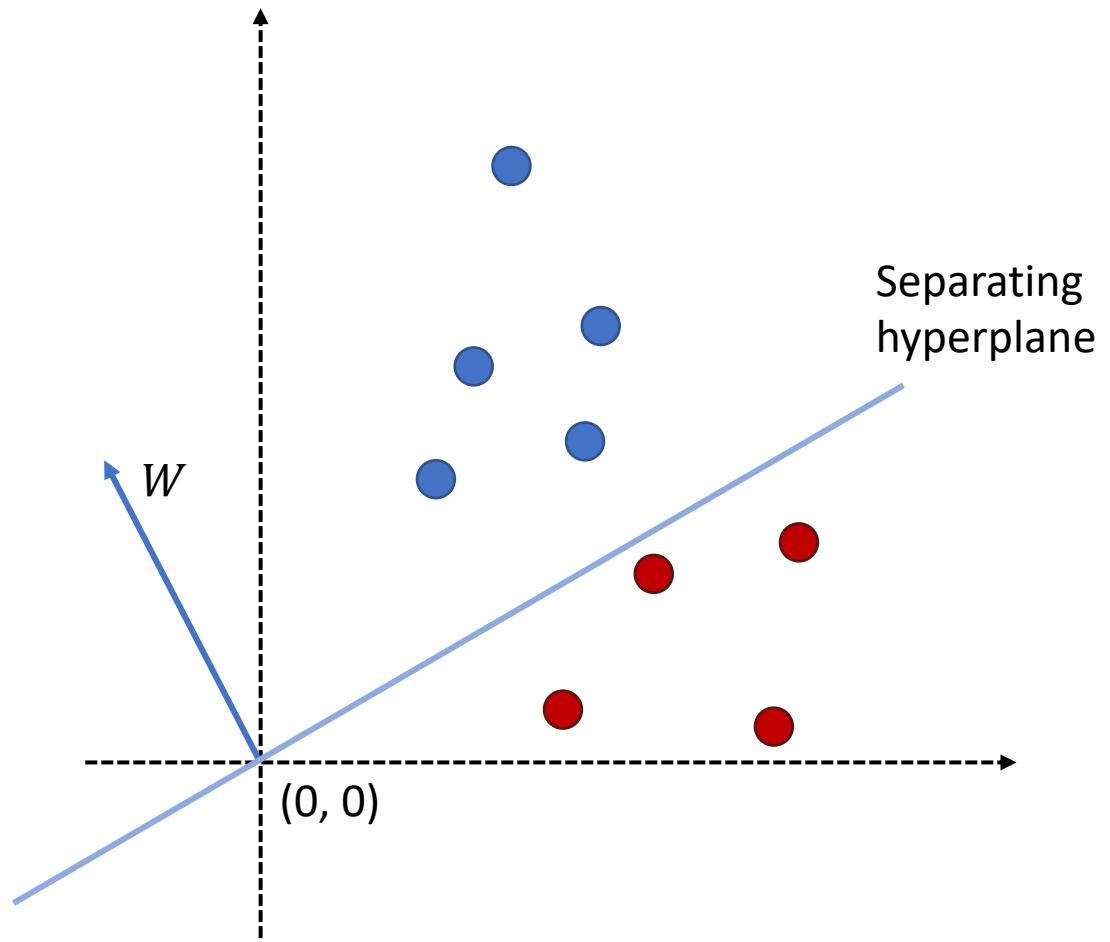
**Non-linear activation** to determine how much a neuron “fires”

$$f(x) = \sigma(wx)$$

# Separating Hyperplane



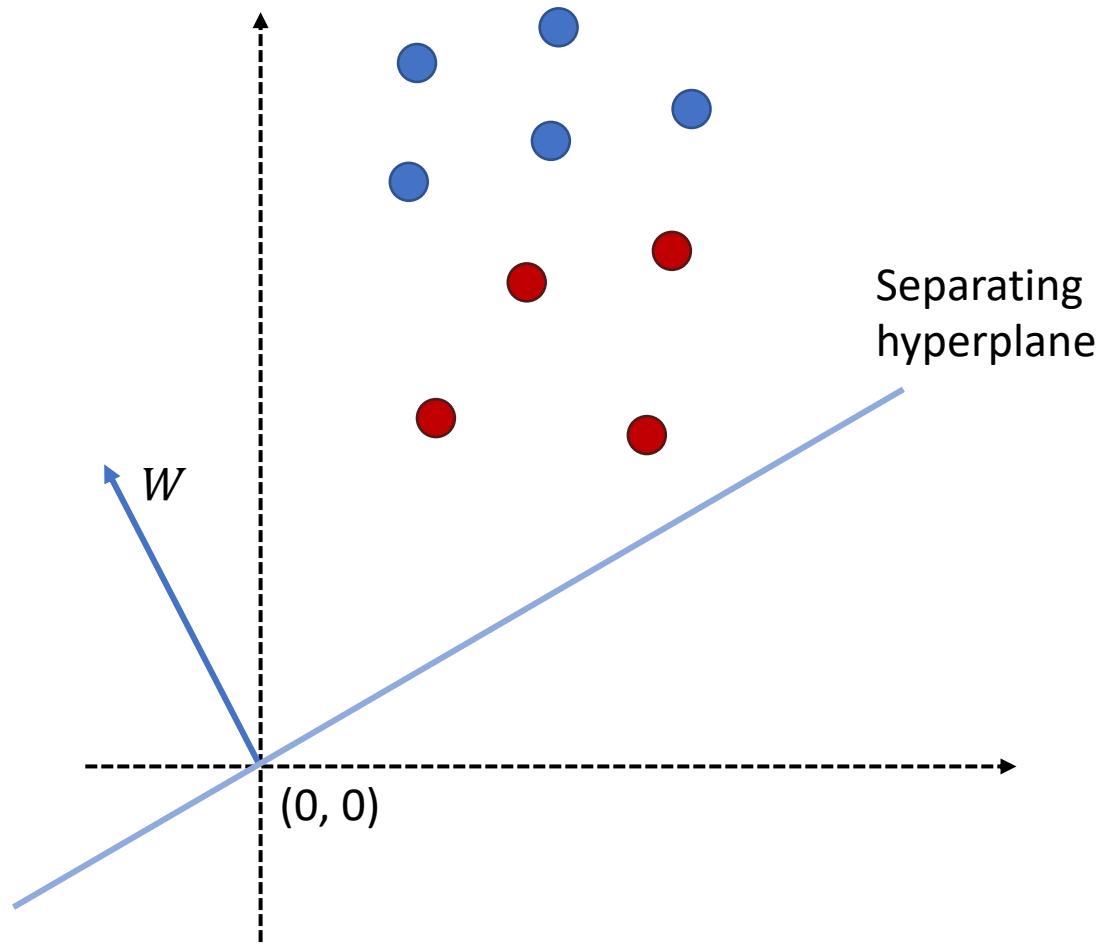
Optimize so that  $W$  is orthogonal to the separating hyperplane



# Without bias

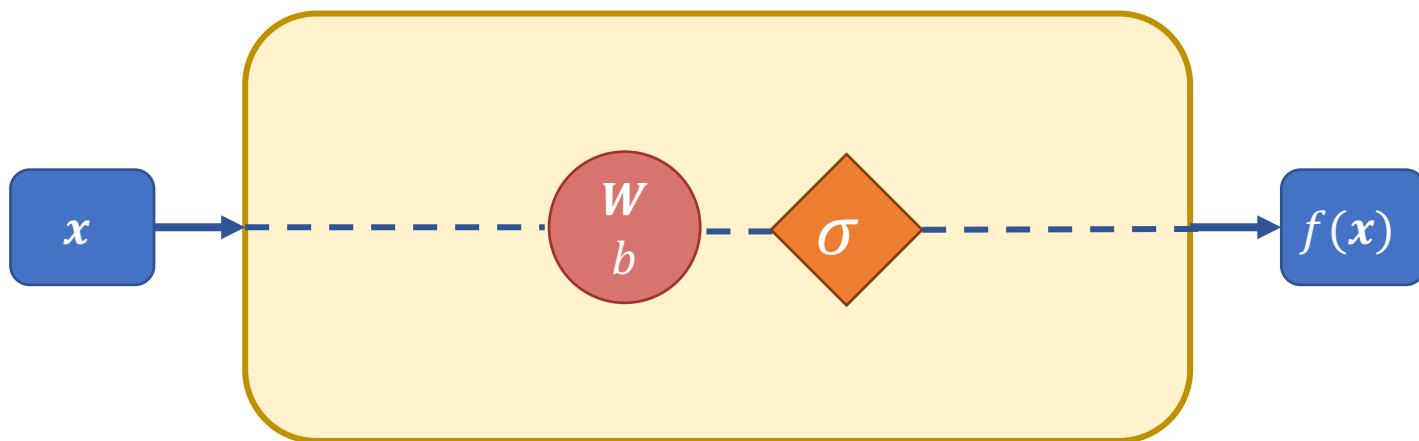


Need bias!





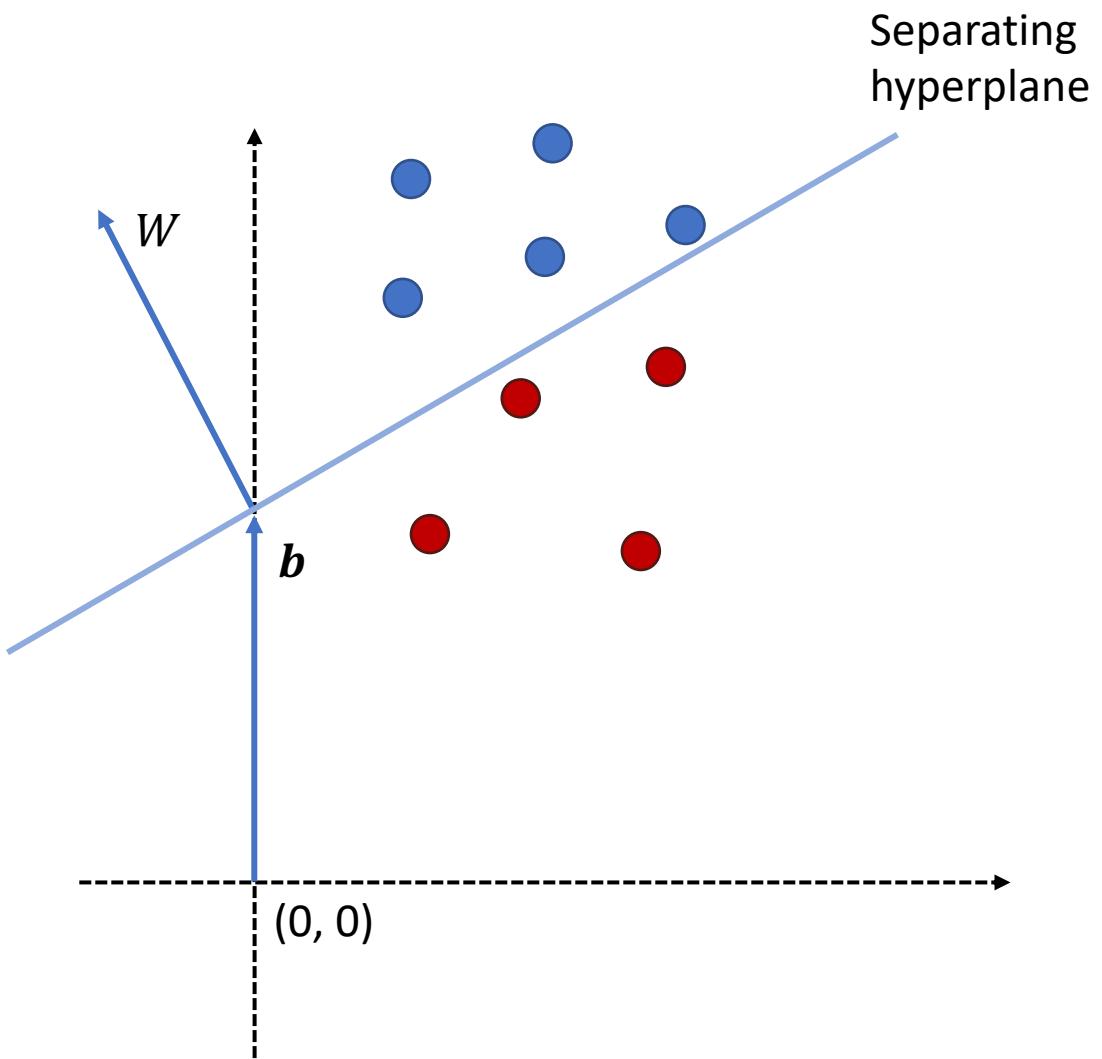
## Single Neuron



With a **bias**

$$f(x) = \sigma(wx + b)$$

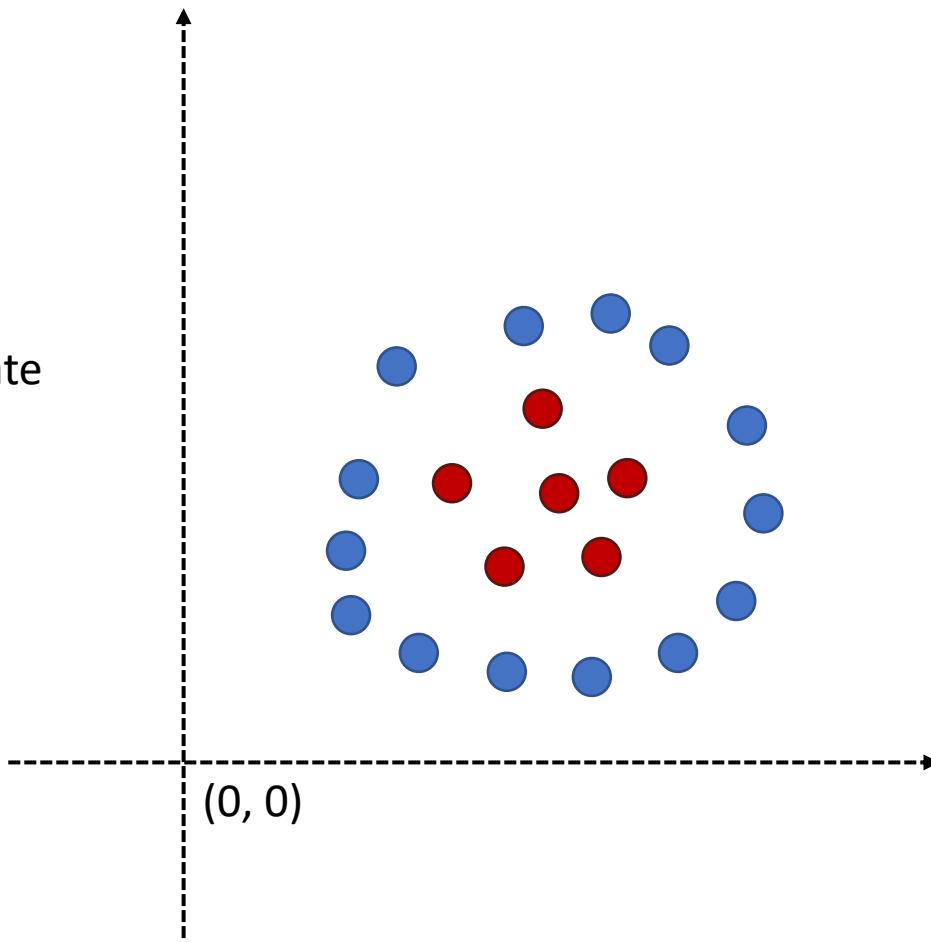
# With bias



# Non-Linear Data



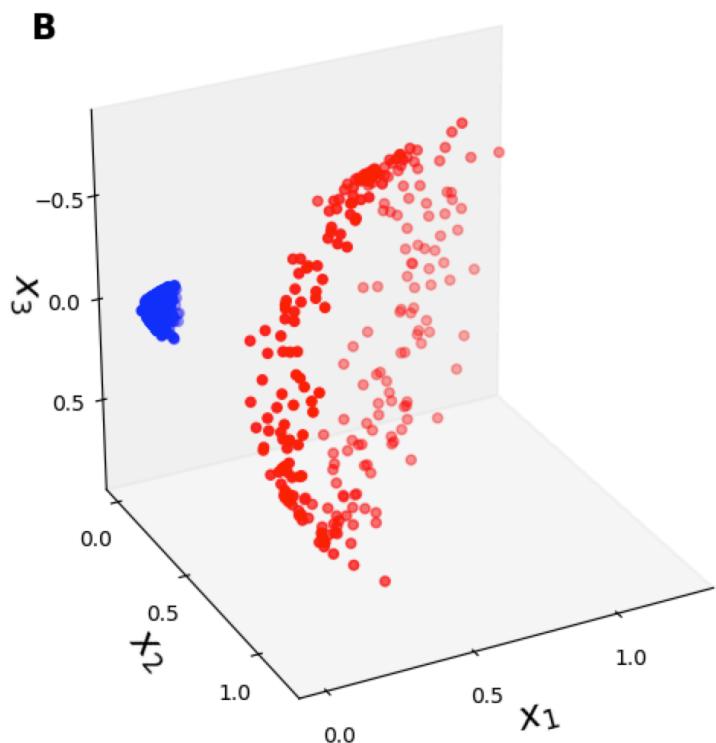
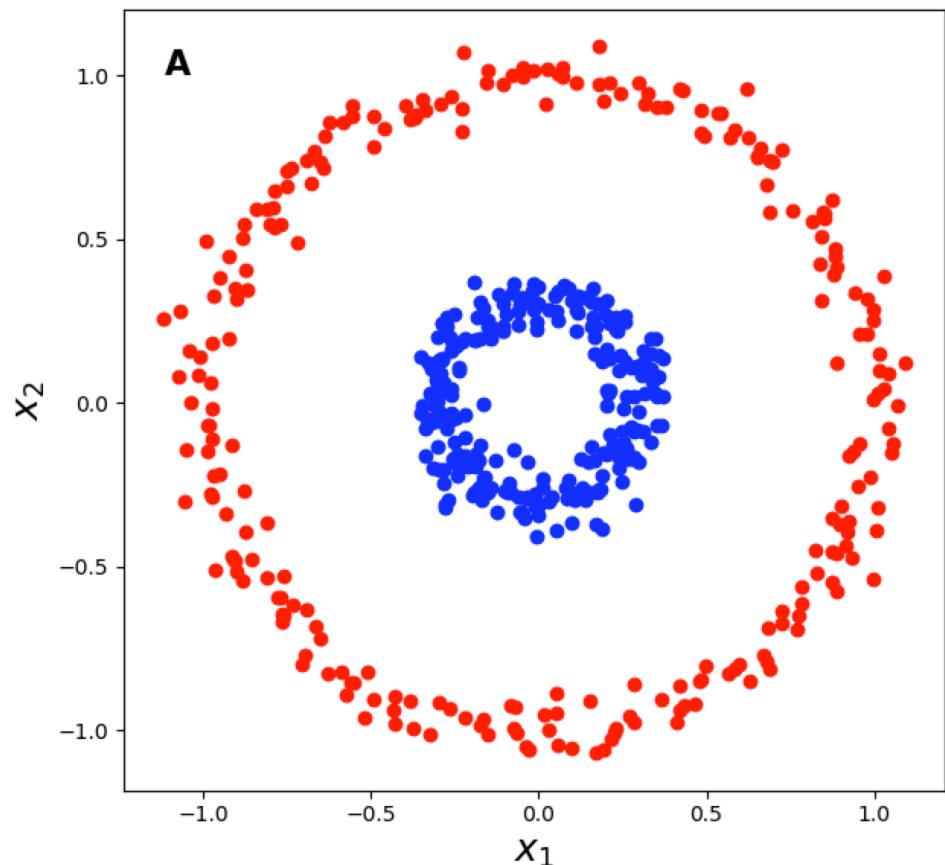
A linear model cannot discriminate  
**blue** and **red** classes!



# Features Engineering



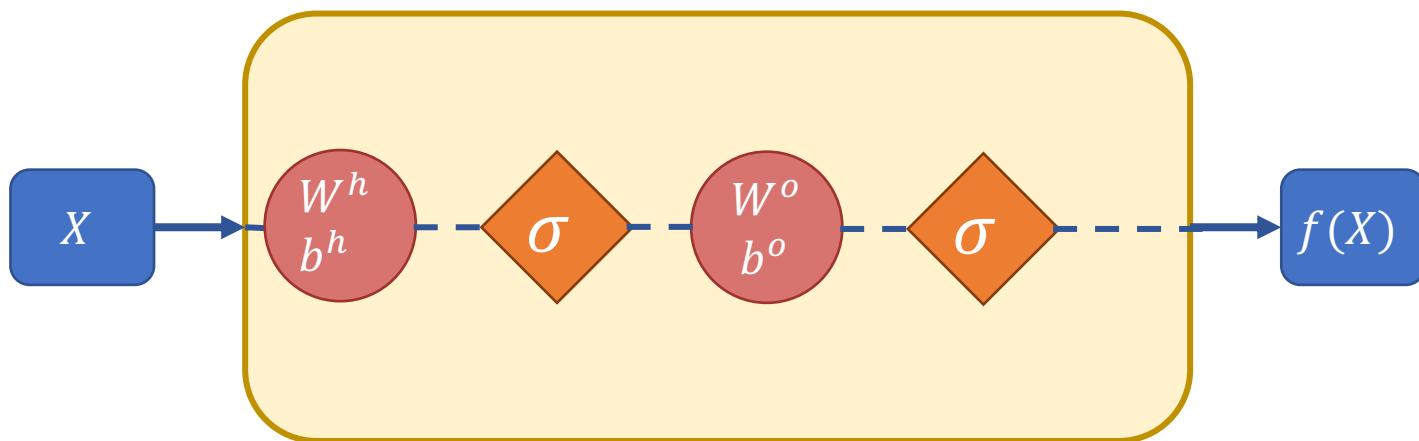
Before, you would have use the **kernel trick**



Excellent blog post on that [Gundersen](#)



## Multi-Layer Perceptron



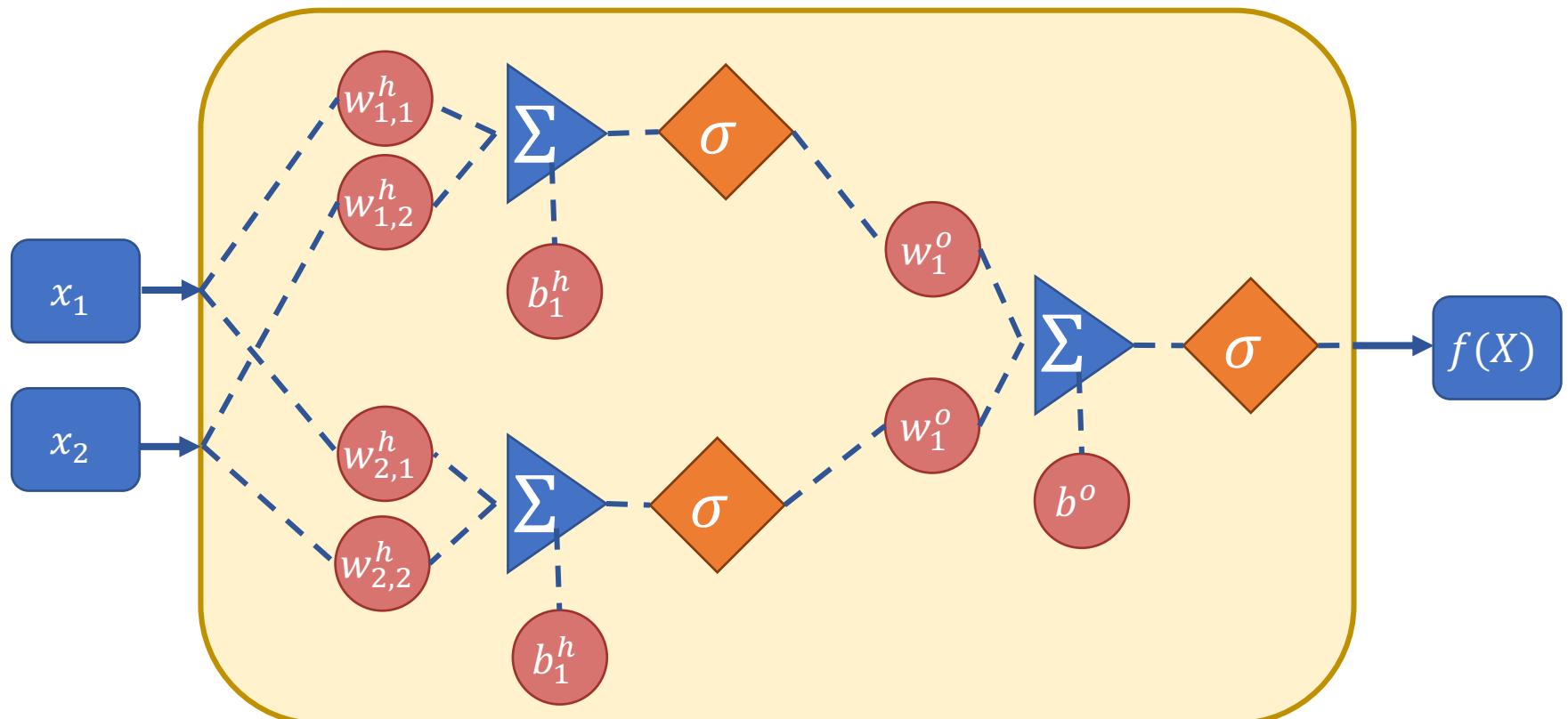
Stack multiple **linear transformations** and **non-linear activation**

$$f(x) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^o \sigma(\mathbf{W}^h x + \mathbf{b}^h) + \mathbf{b}^o)$$

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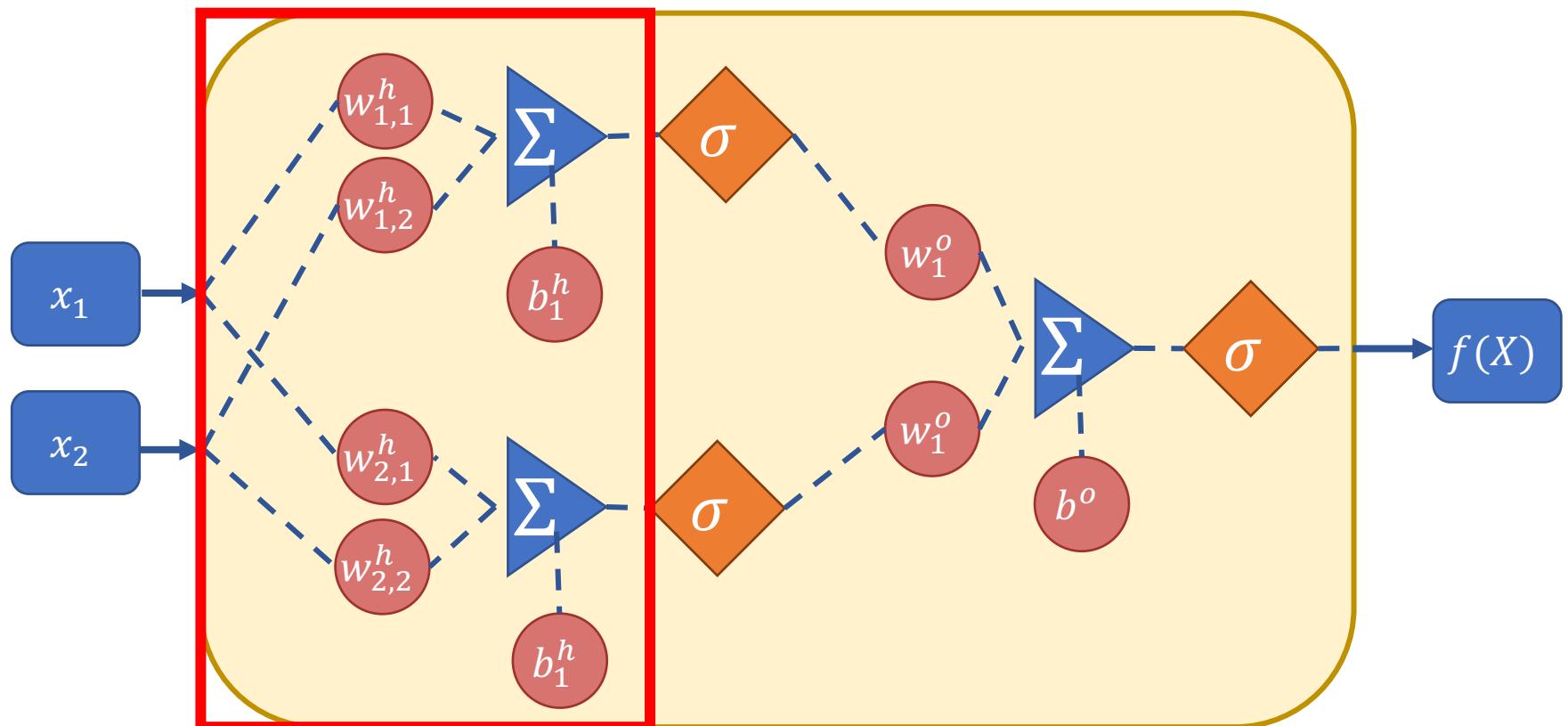


$\mathbf{W}^h$  is a matrix because it has here 2 output dimensions



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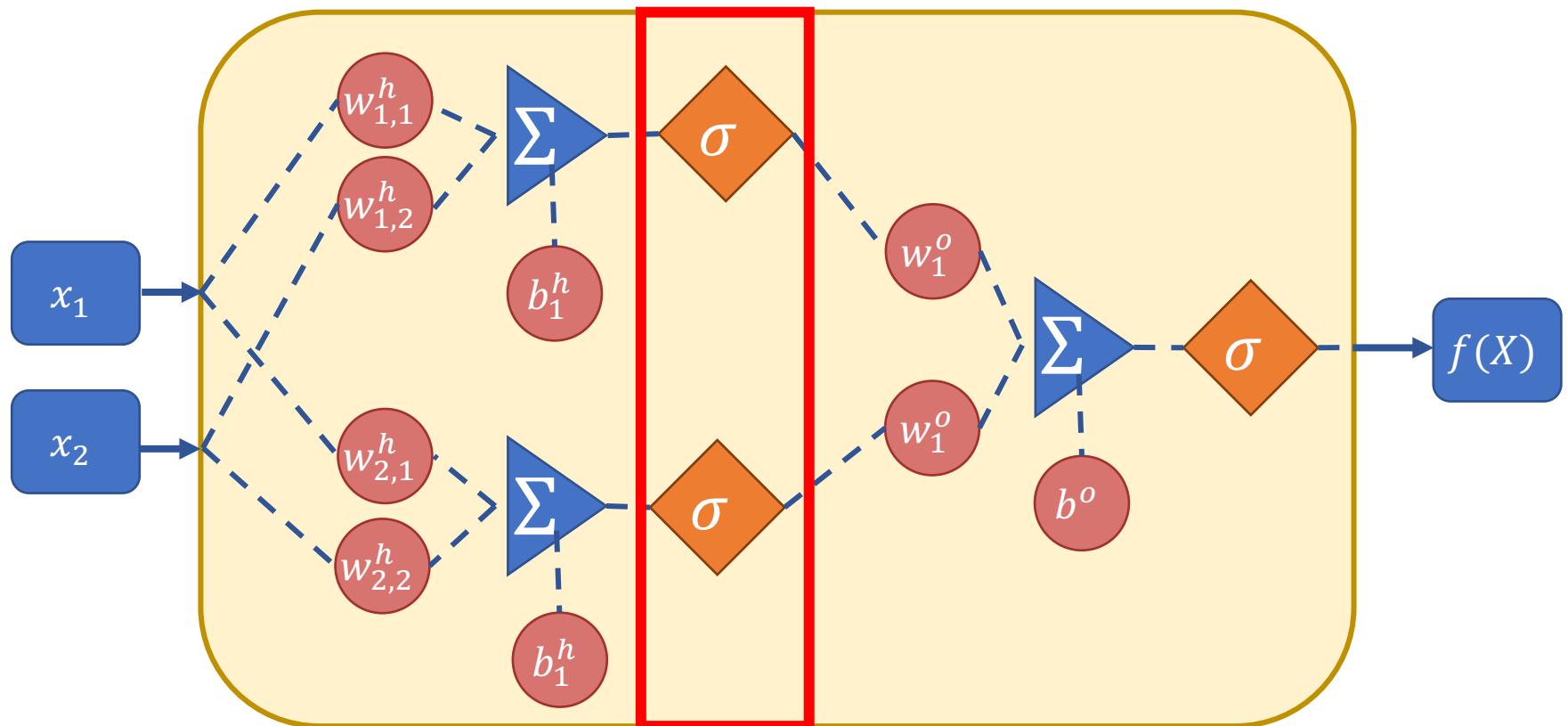


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# Multi-Layer Perceptron



Embeddings/features

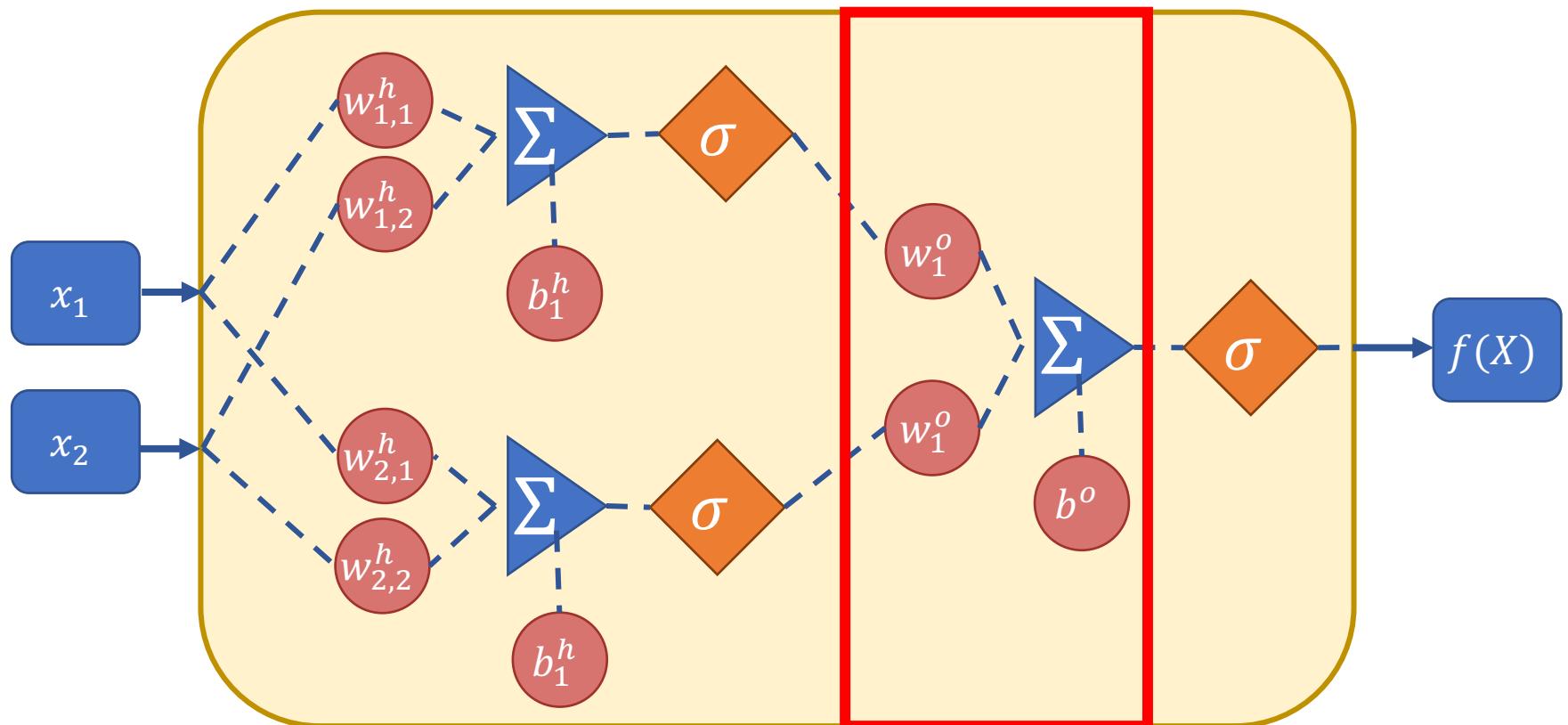


$$\mathbf{h} = \sigma(\tilde{\mathbf{h}})$$

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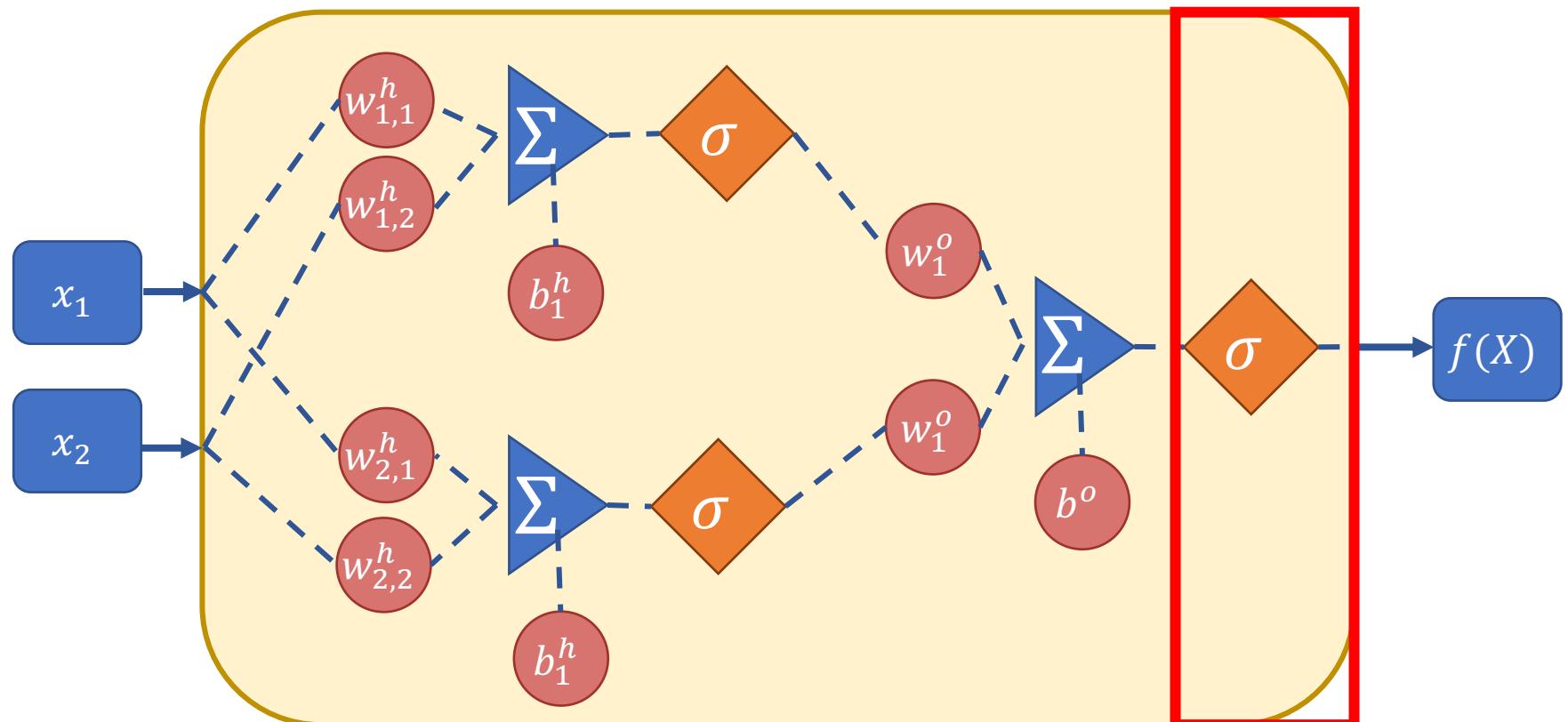


Logits!



$$\tilde{y} = w^o h + b^o$$

# Multi-Layer Perceptron



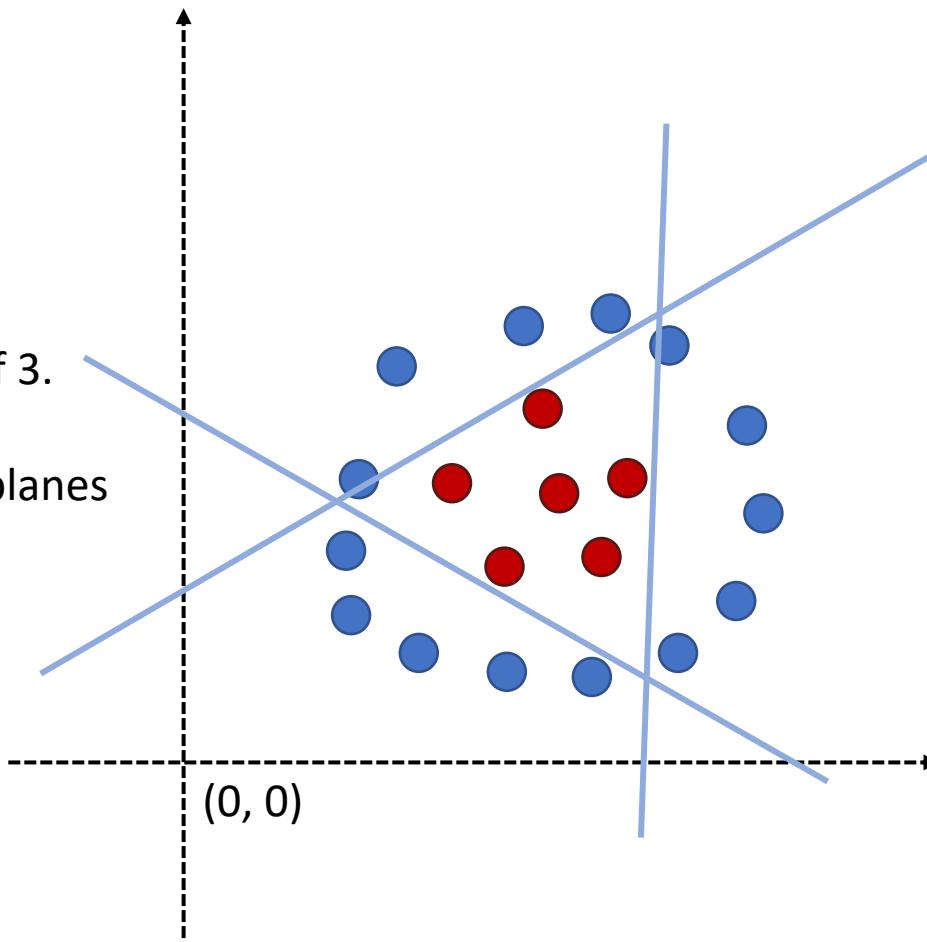
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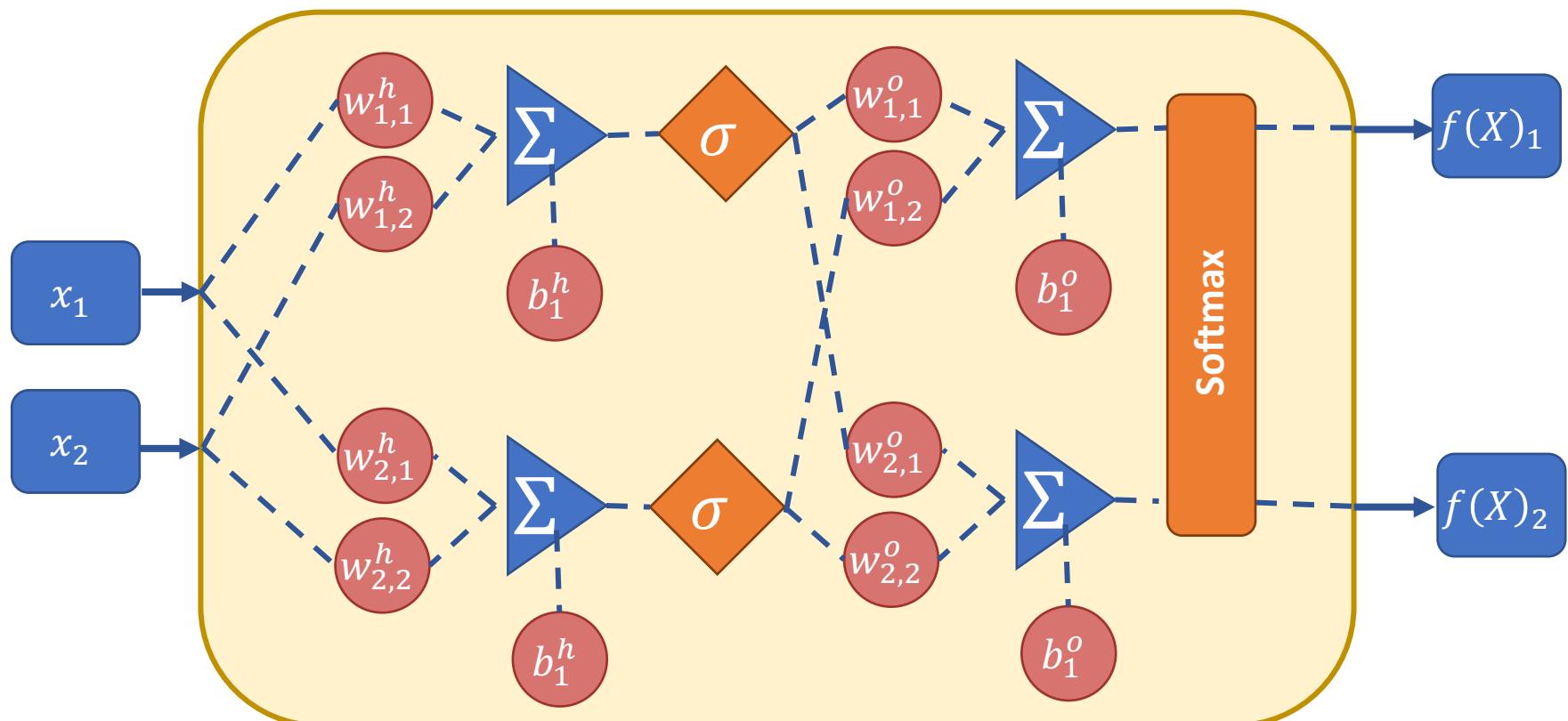


Considering hidden dimension of 3.

Hidden layer can define 3 hyperplanes



# Multi-Class

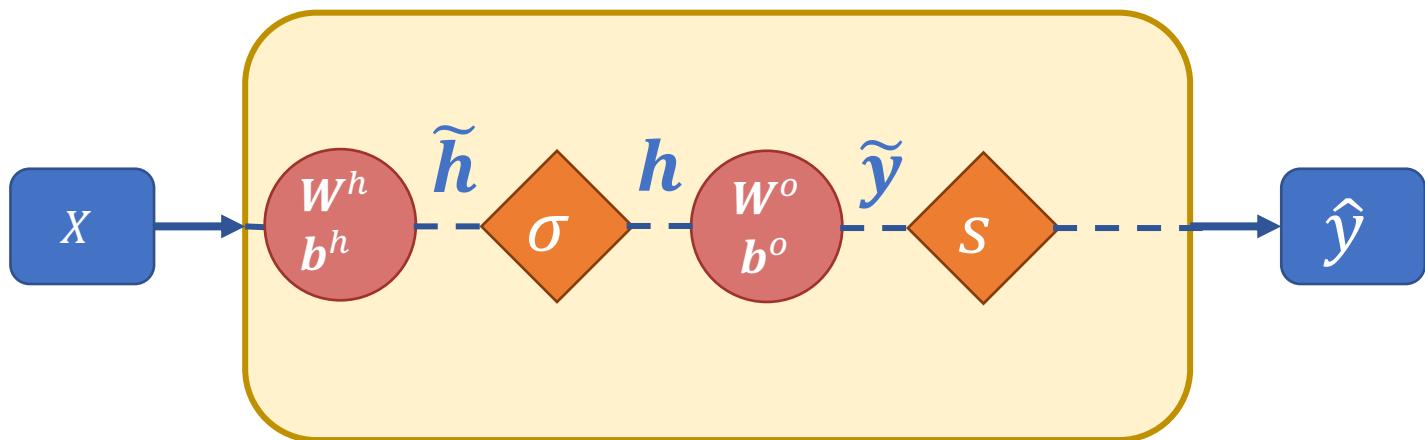


$W^o$  is a matrix because it has here 2 predicted classes.  
Can be extended to 3, 4, ..., 1000 classes.

# Multi-Layer Perceptron



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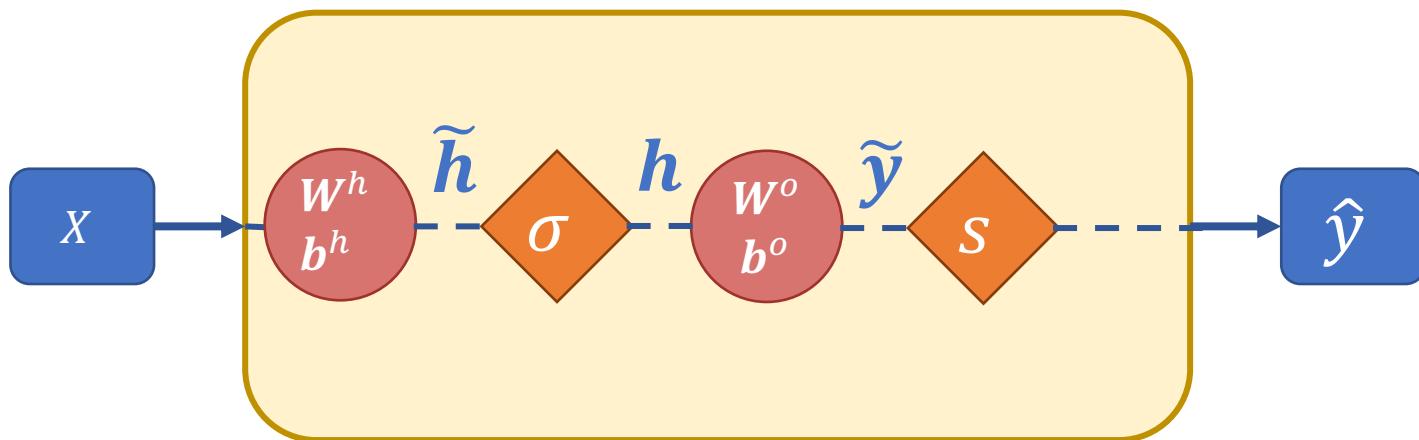
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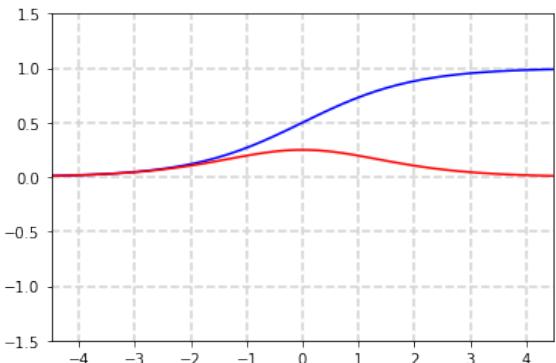
→ logits

→ Model predictions

# Hidden Activations



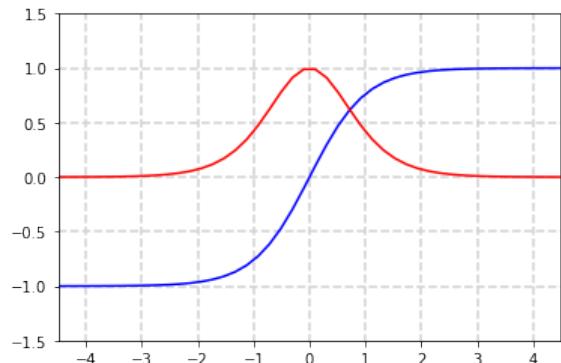
## Function and their **derivative**



**Sigmoid**

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

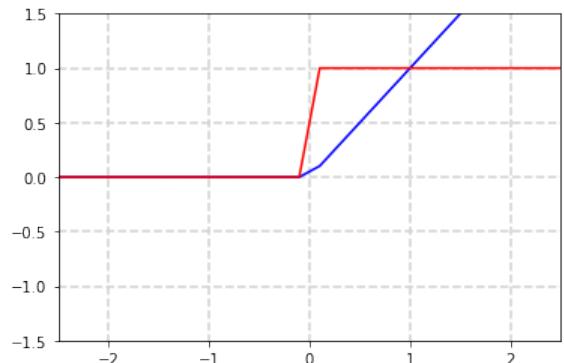
$$\frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$$



**Hyperbolic tangent**

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^{2x} + 1}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tanh(x) = 1 - \tanh(x)^2$$



**Rectified Linear Unit**

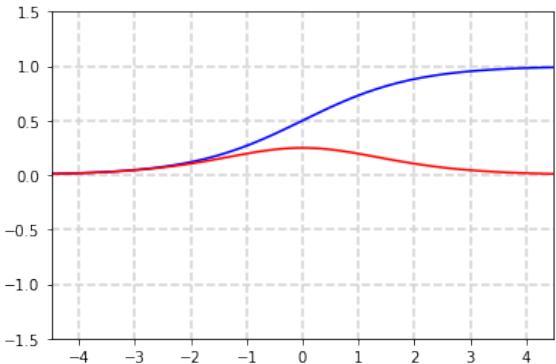
$$\text{ReLU}(x) = \max(x, 0)$$

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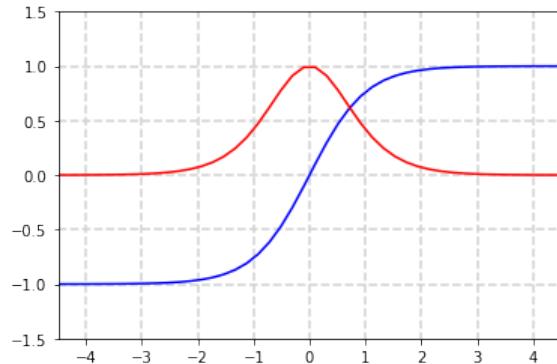
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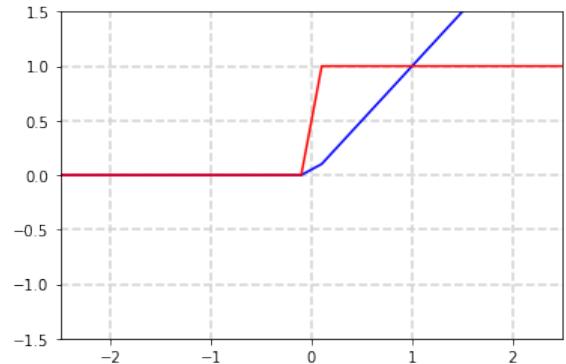
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Without hidden activation, a MLP is equivalent to a single layer!

→ Composition of affine functions is an affine function



# Output activations

Binary classification: **sigmoid**

→ Applied element-wise

→ Range [0, 1]

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

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$$

Multi-Class classification: **softmax**

→ Applied over a vector

→ Range [0, 1] per element

→ Sum to 1 for the vector

→ Probability distribution

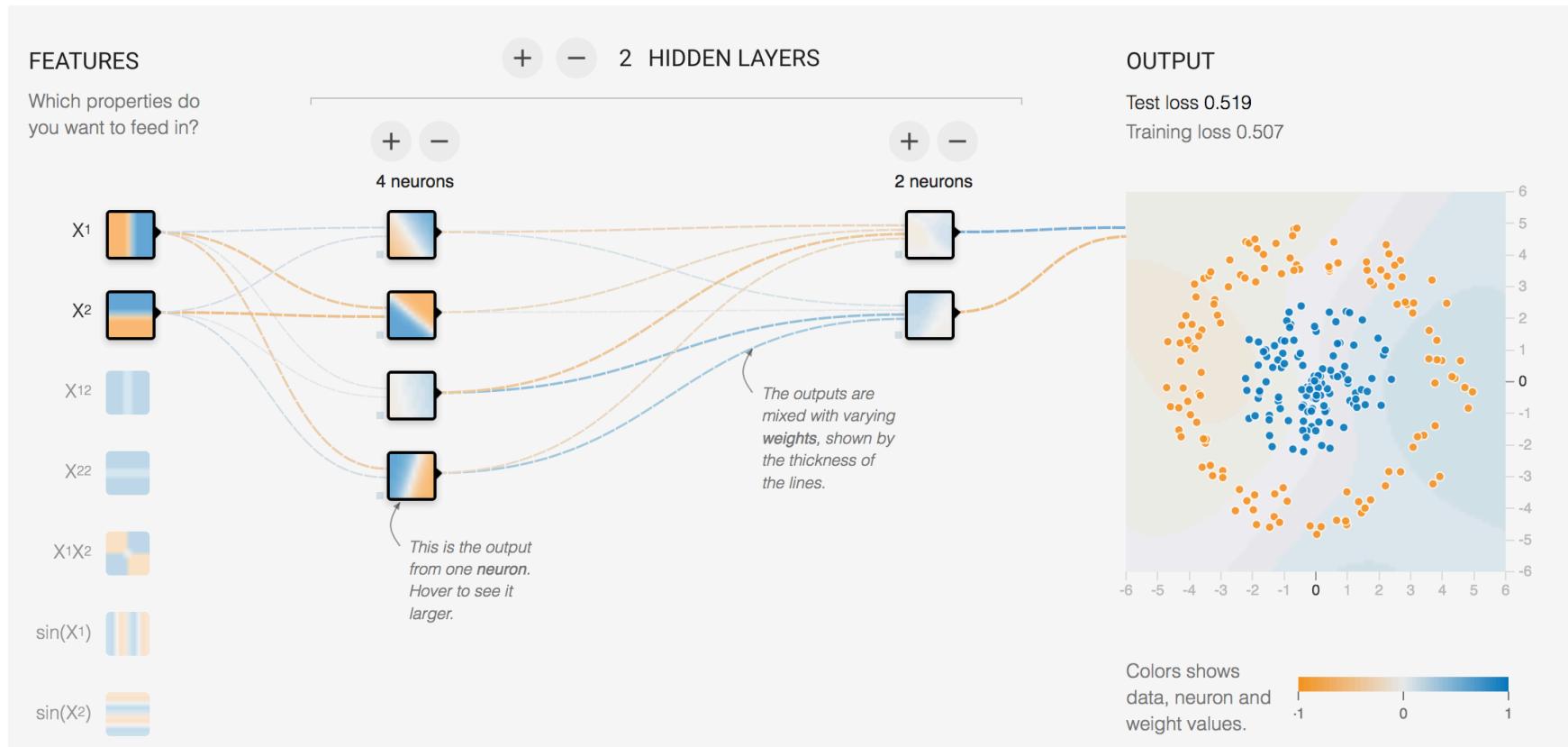
$$\text{softmax}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sum_j e^{x_j}} \begin{bmatrix} e^{x_1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{softmax}(\mathbf{x})_i = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}}$$

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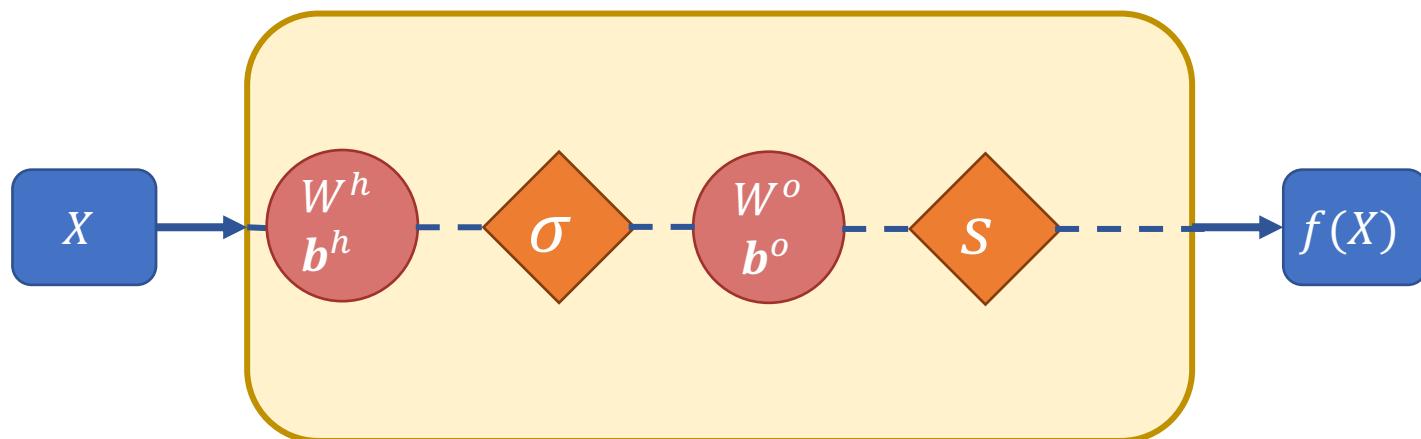
To get an intuition of the effect of hidden dimensions, number of layers, and activations:



# Learning DNNs



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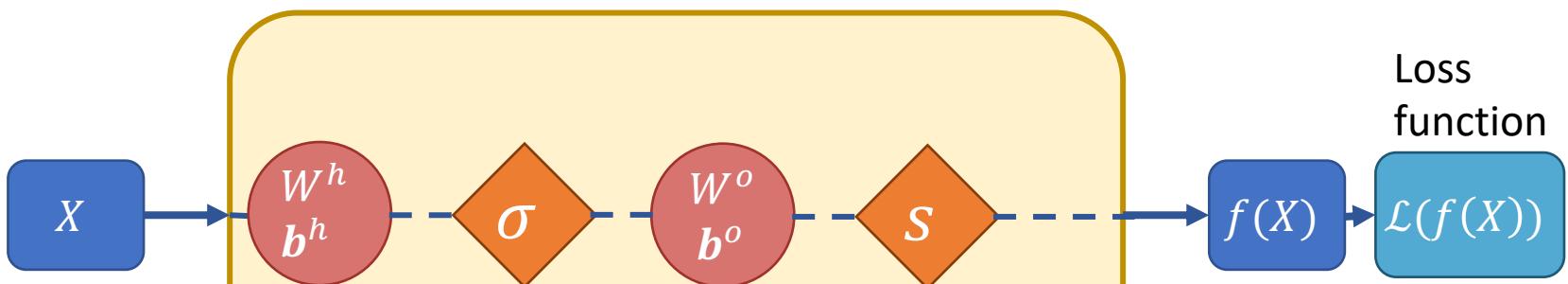


1 hidden layer,  $H$  hidden dimensions,  $C$  output dimensions with a softmax

# Forward & Backward passes



Forward pass



Backward pass

# Loss Function



For classification with softmax as final activation:

**Cross-entropy** (also known as negative log-likelihood):

$$\mathcal{L}_{CE}(\hat{y}, y) = - \sum_i y_i \log \hat{y}_i$$

One-hot  
target



Dog: 0.2

Cat: 0.8

Cross-Entropy:  $-\log 0.8 = 0.2231 \dots$

# One-Hot



Avoid doing *if* in GPUs, use one-hot in cross-entropy.

Given 5 classes, if the ground-truth class is 3:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Zero-indexed!

# Loss Function



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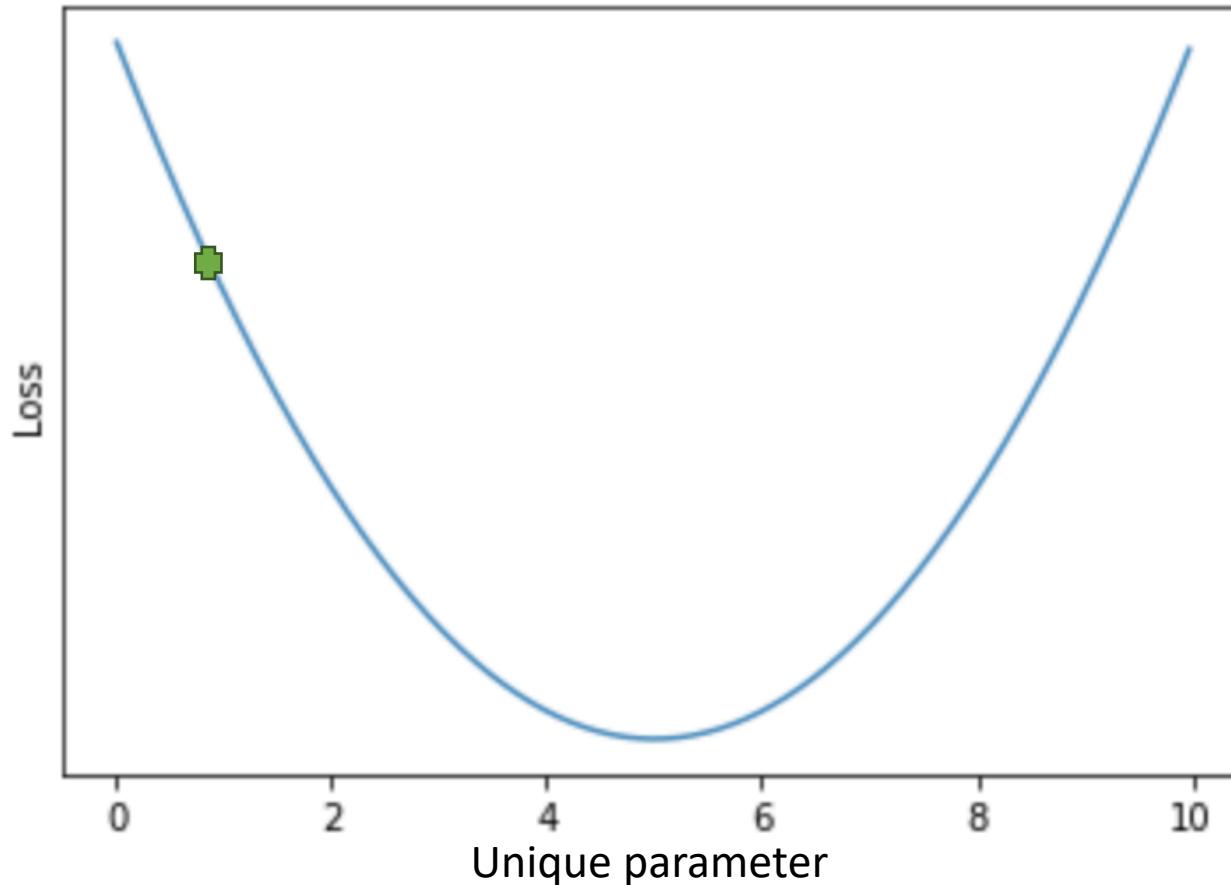
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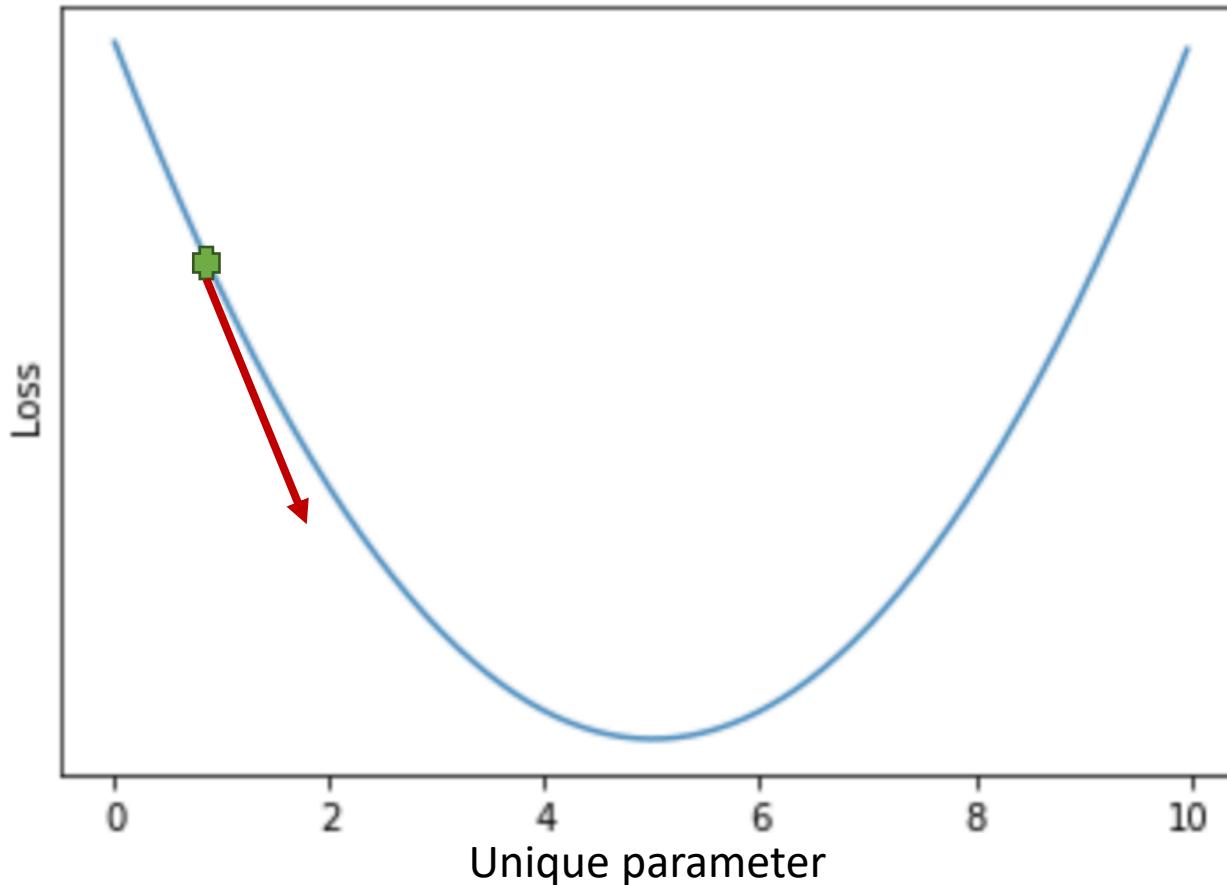


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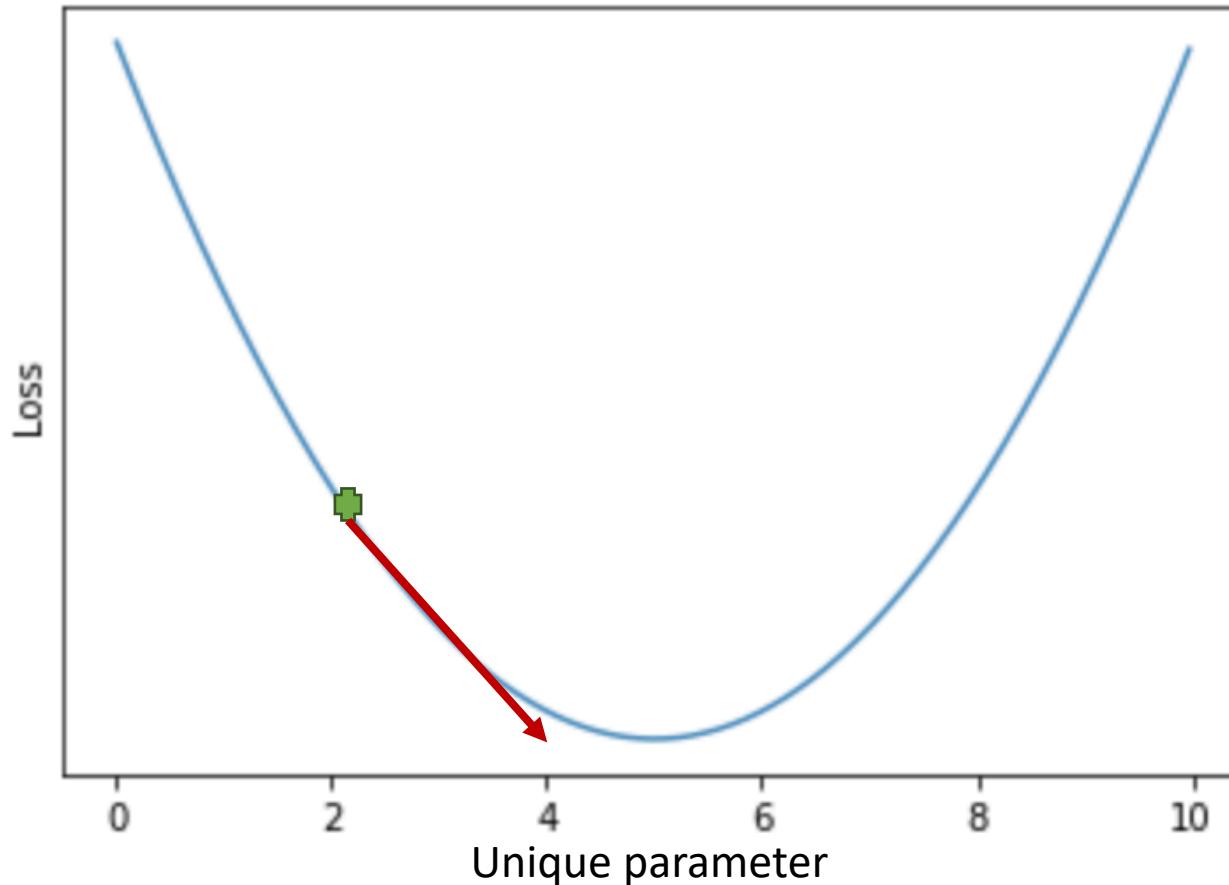


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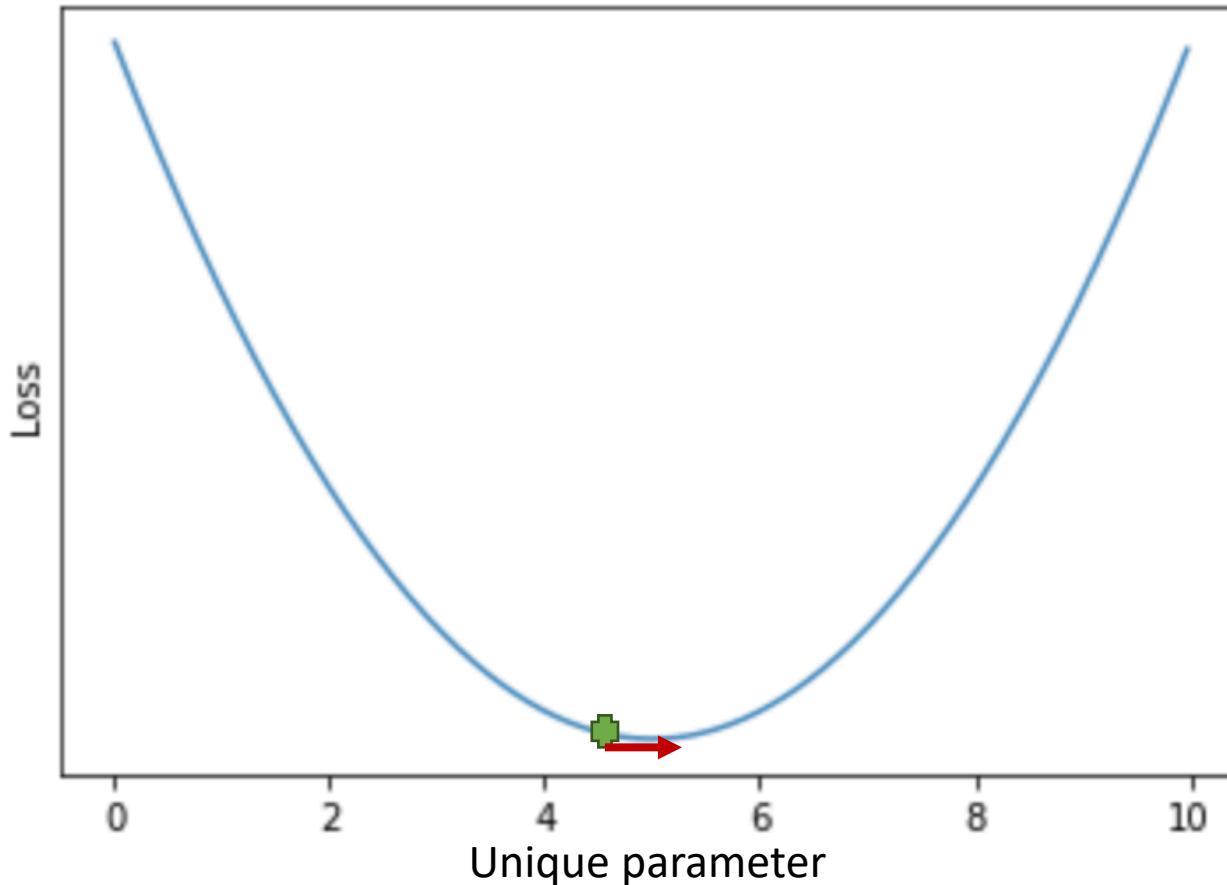


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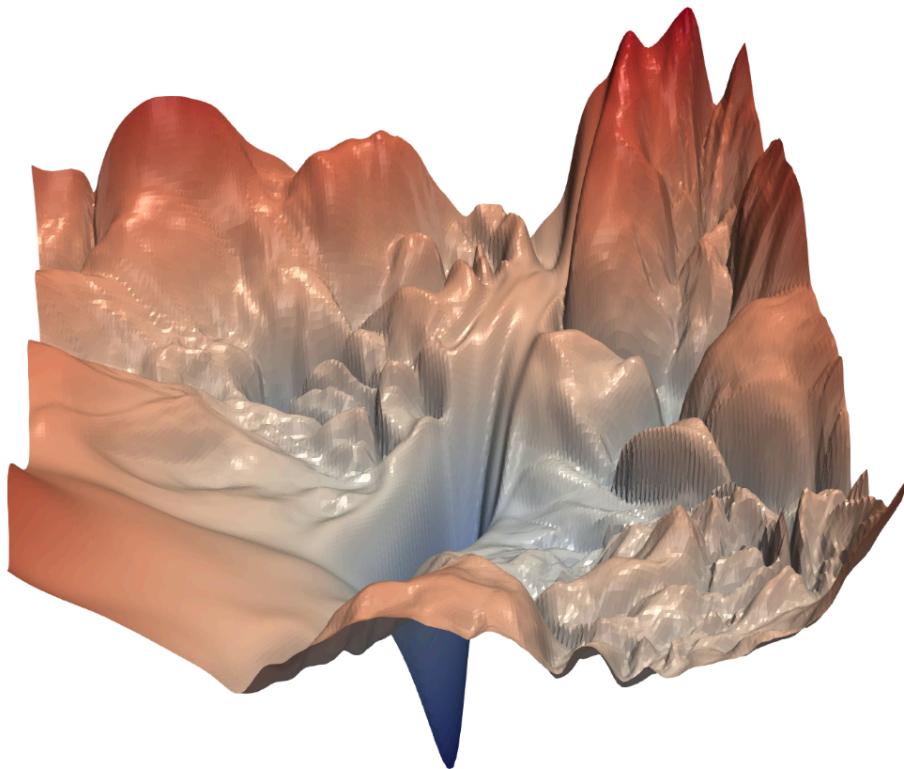
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# Minimization of a function



Million of parameters to optimize together!  
Highly non-convex!

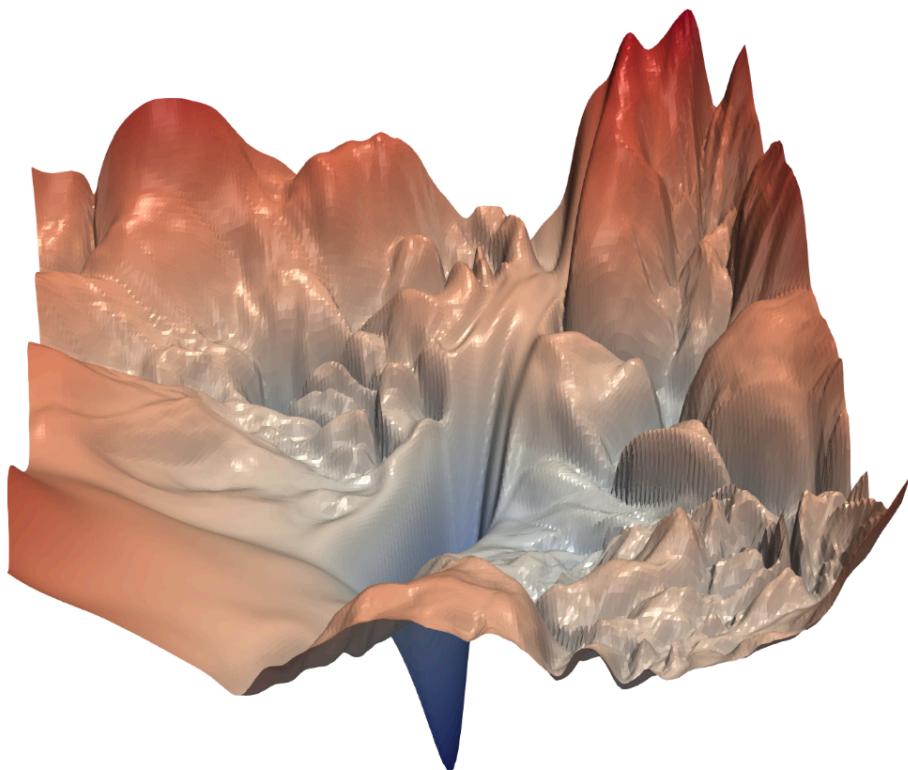


Multiple dimensional derivatives are called **gradients**

# Minimization of a function



In theory a lot of bad local minima, but in practice a DNN usually find a good local minima close to optimum [[LeCun et al. Nature 2015](#)].

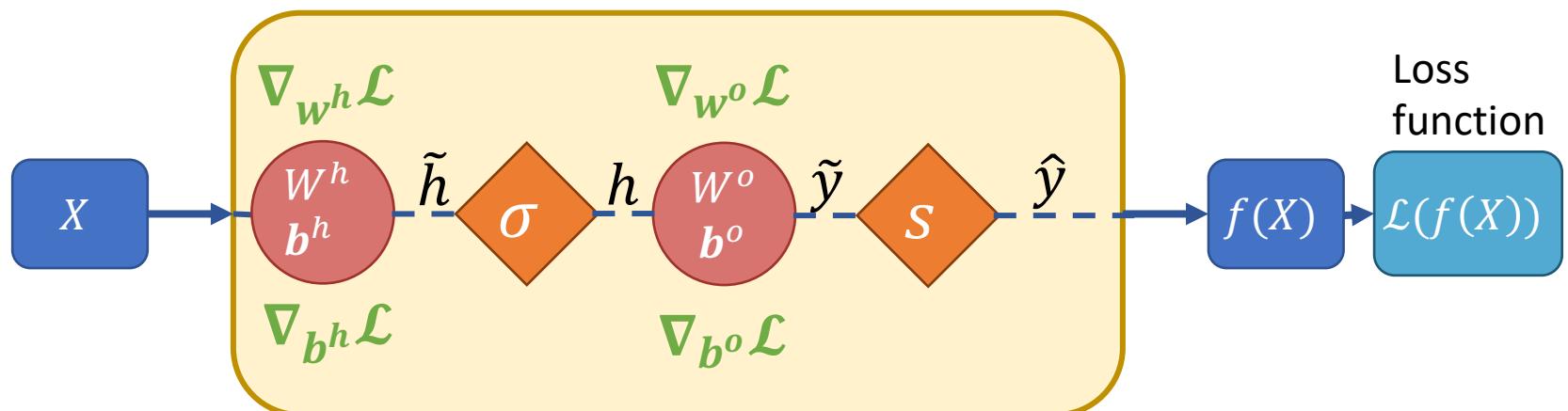


Although, this is debated [[Goldblum et al. ICLR 2020](#)]



# Needed Gradients

We need all parameters gradients in **green**

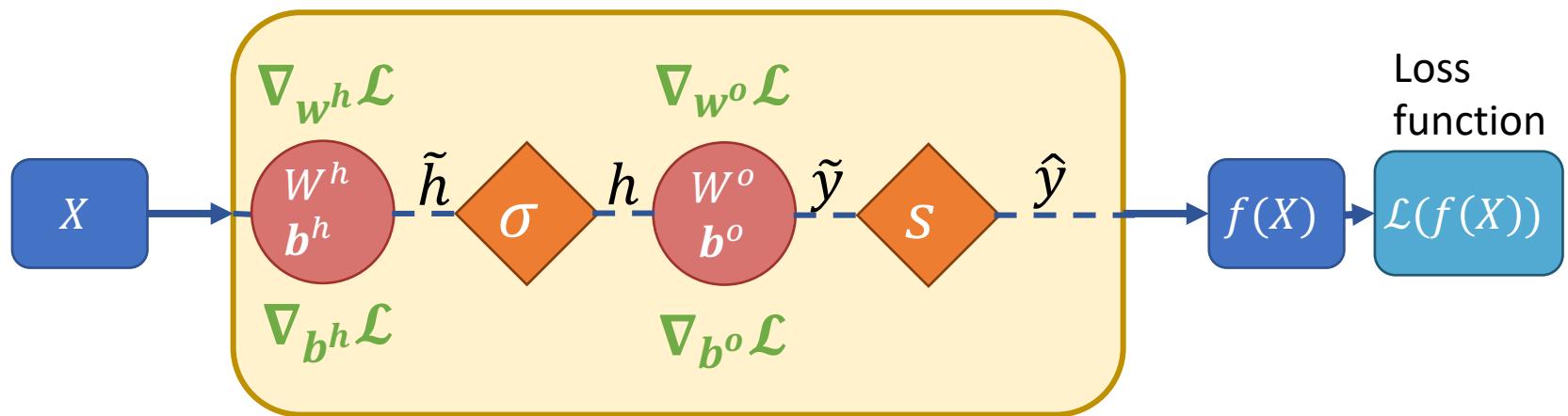


# Stochastic Gradient Descent



1. Initialize randomly the parameters  $\theta$
2. For each epoch do
  1. Select a random sample of the data
  2. Forward
3. Compute gradients  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}$  for each parameter  $\theta$
4. Update parameters  $\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}$

$\eta$  is the **learning rate**.





# Chain Rule

$$f \circ g(a) = f(b) = c$$

Given scalars:

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial c}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial a}$$

Given vectors,  
element-wise:

$$\frac{\partial c_i}{\partial a_k} = \sum_i \frac{\partial c_i}{\partial b_j} \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial a_k}$$

Given vectors,  
vector-wise:

$$\nabla_a c = \nabla_b c \nabla_a b^T$$

In denominator layout ( $\neq$  numerator layout):

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_a} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_{n_b} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_{n_c} \end{bmatrix}$$

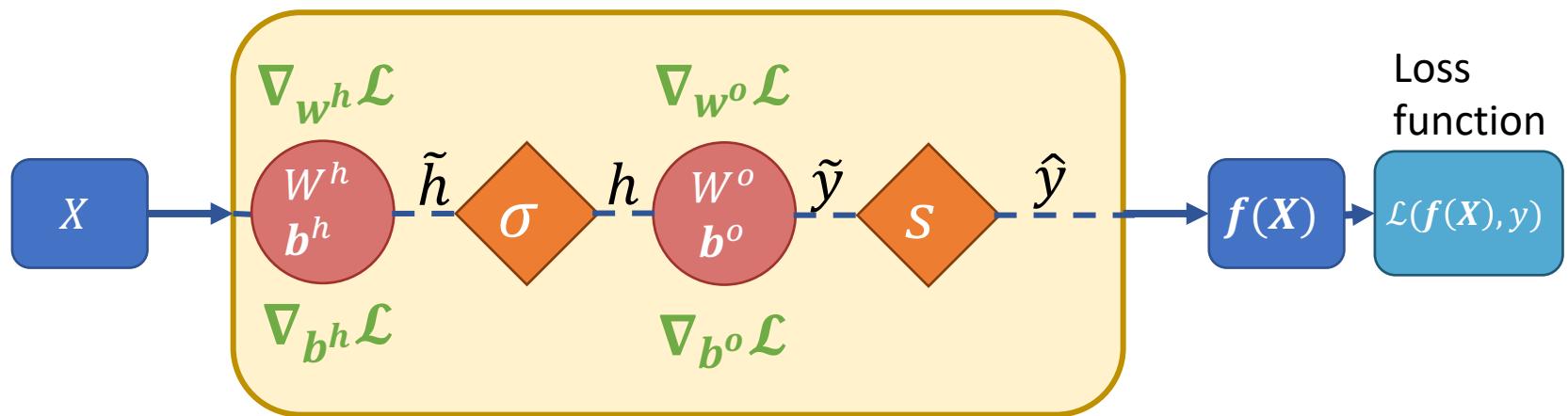
$$\nabla_b c = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial b_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_{n_c}}{\partial b_1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial b_{n_b}} & \dots & \frac{\partial c_{n_c}}{\partial b_{n_b}} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Backpropagation



Partial derivative of the cross-entropy loss with respect to (w.r.t.) the probabilities:

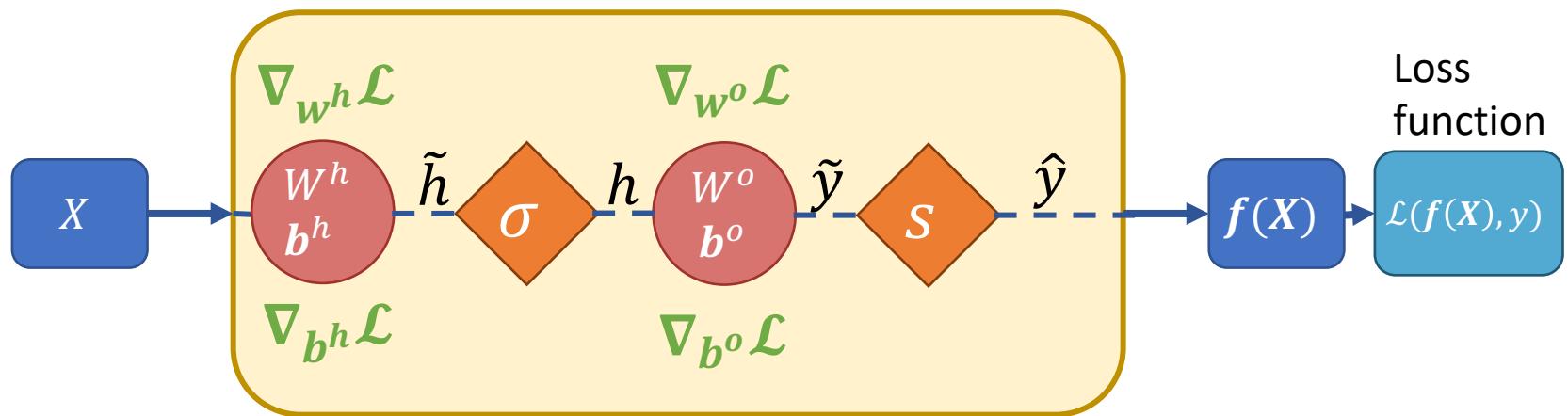
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(f(x), y)}{\partial f(x)_i} = \frac{\partial -\log f(x)_y}{\partial f(x)_i} = \frac{-1_{y=i}}{f(x)_y}, \text{ for simplicity } \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial f(x)_i}$$



# Backpropagation



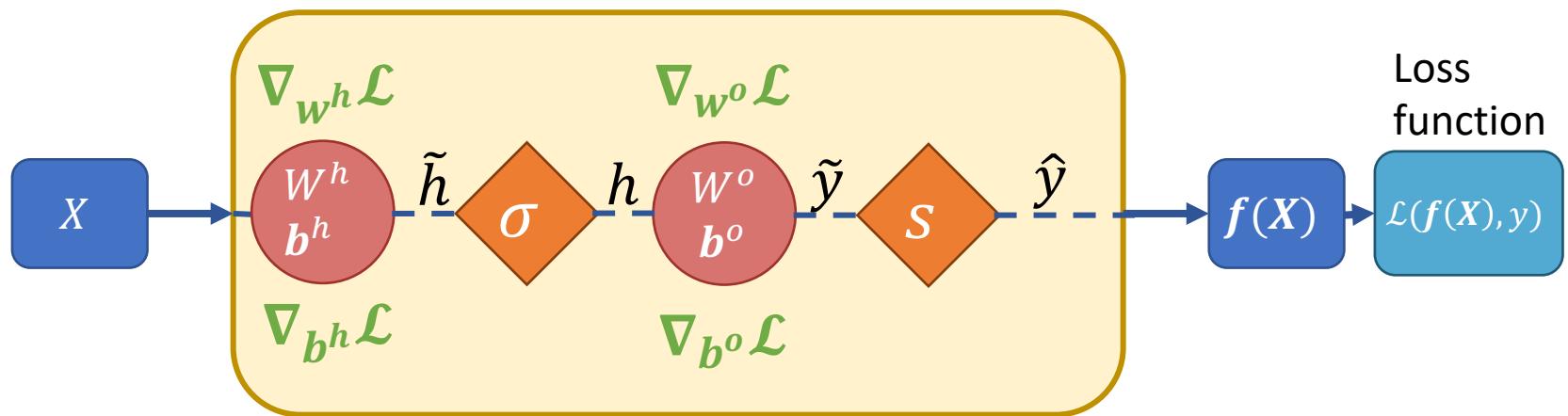
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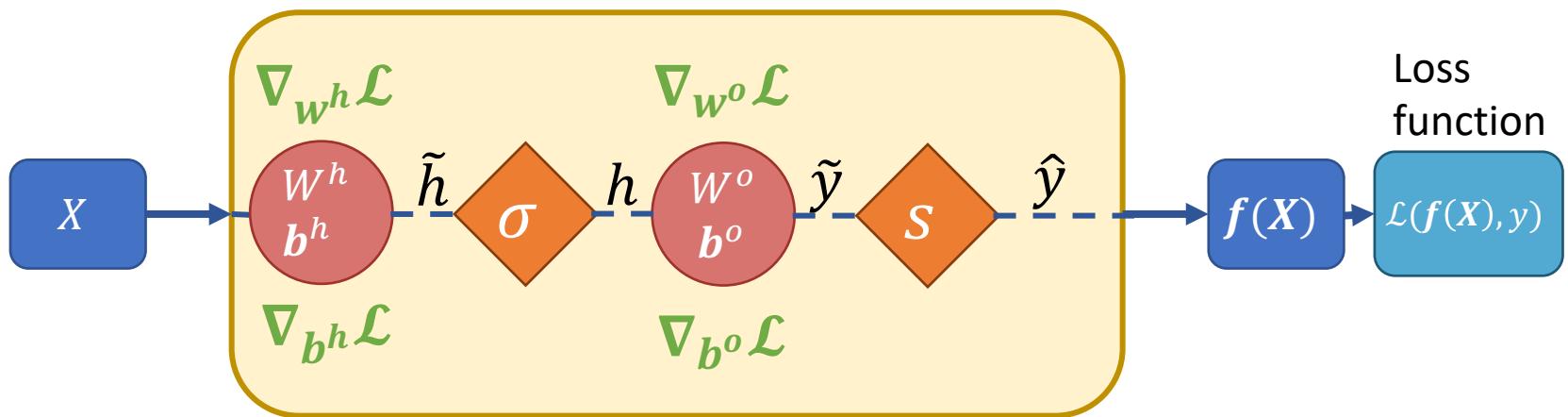
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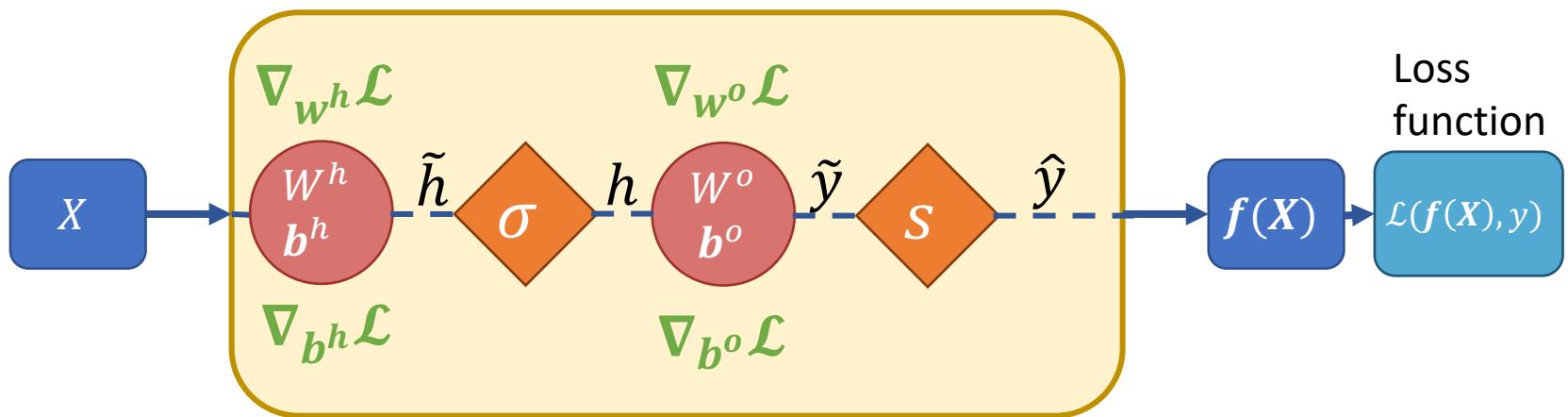
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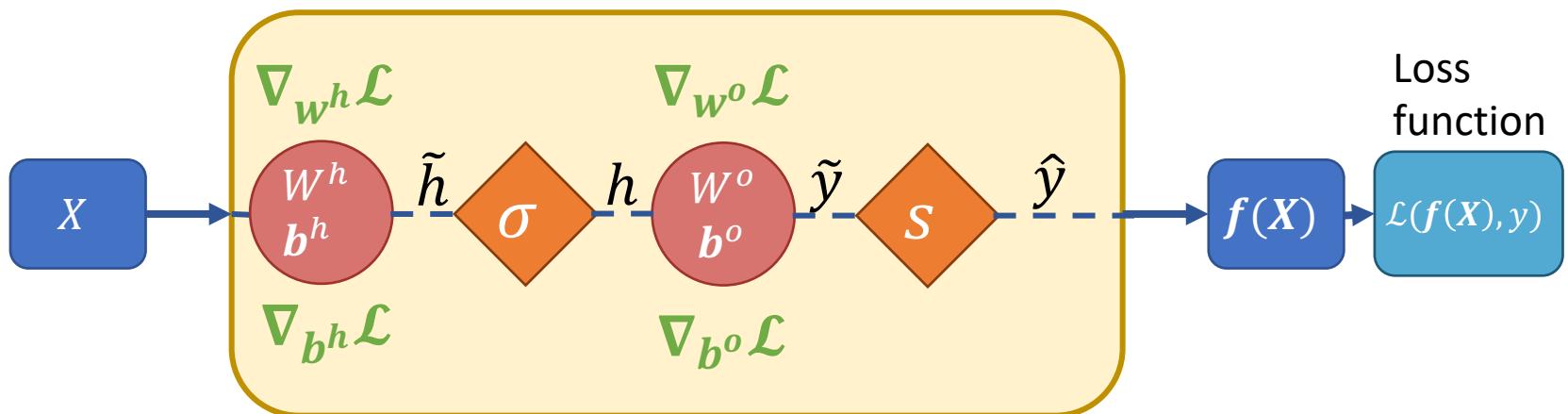




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$\nabla_{\tilde{y}} \mathcal{L} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{e}(y)$  with one-hot encoding of the target



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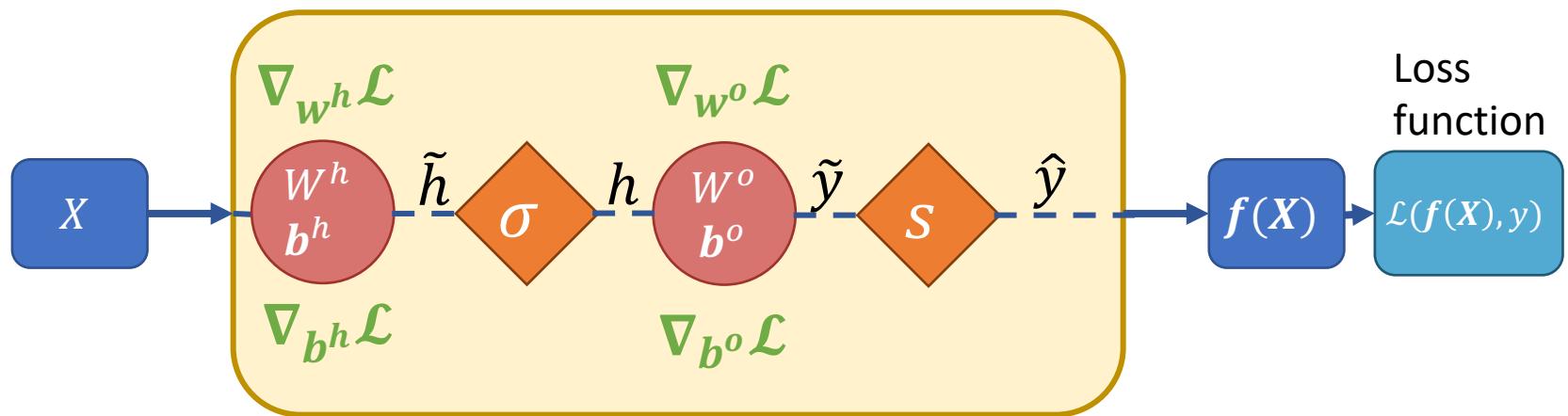


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$$\nabla_{w^o} \mathcal{L} = \nabla_{\tilde{y}} \mathcal{L} \cdot h^T$$



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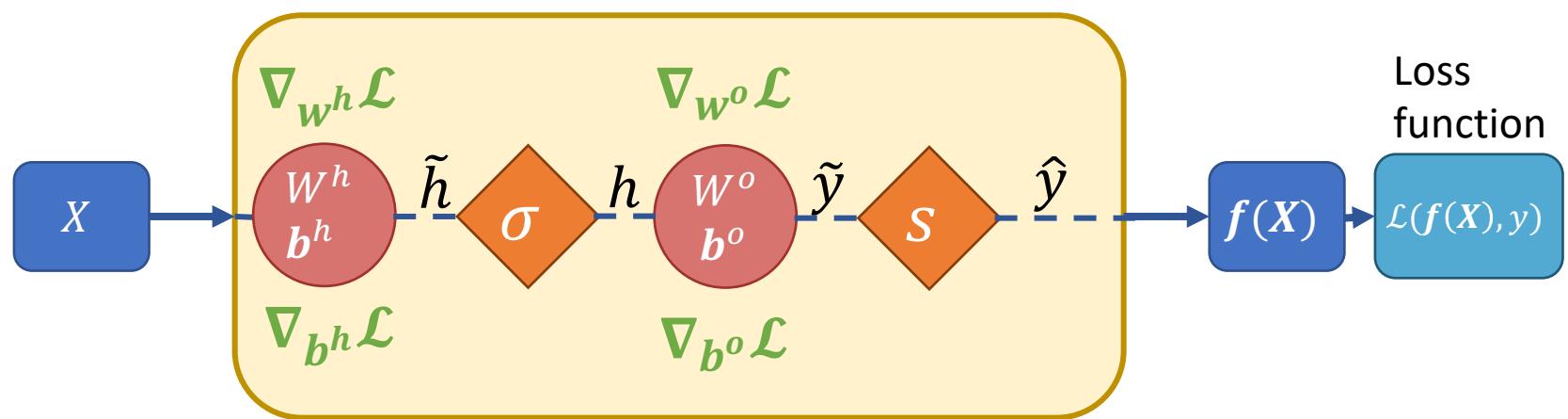
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$$\nabla_h \mathcal{L} = W^{oT} \cdot \nabla_{\tilde{y}} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\nabla_{\tilde{h}} \mathcal{L} = \nabla_h \mathcal{L} \odot \sigma'(\tilde{h})$$

$\odot$  is the element-wise multiplication (Hadamard product).

Sigmoid is applied element-wise, thus the gradient also.



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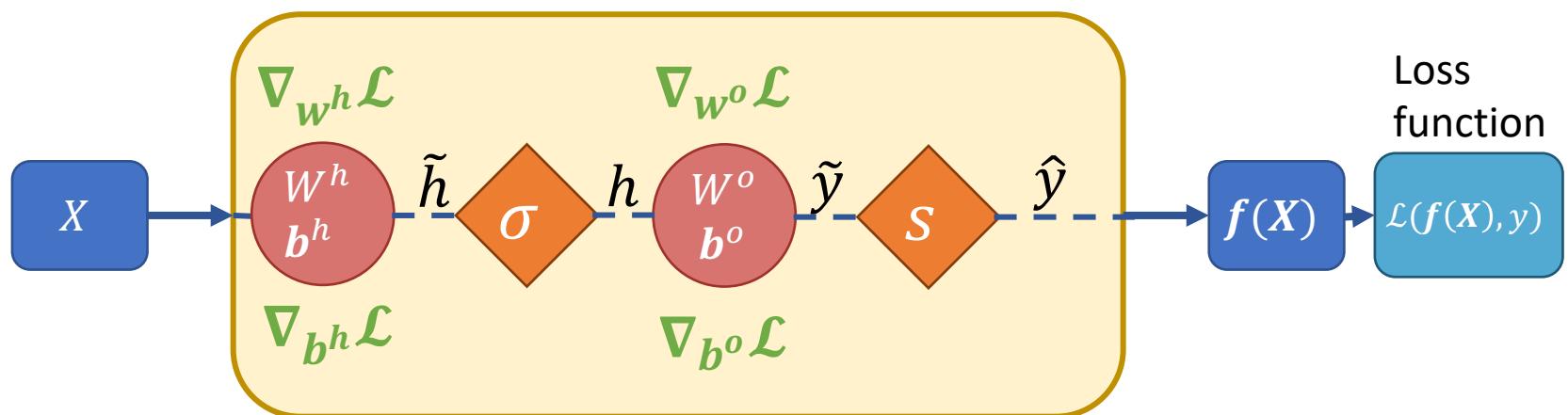
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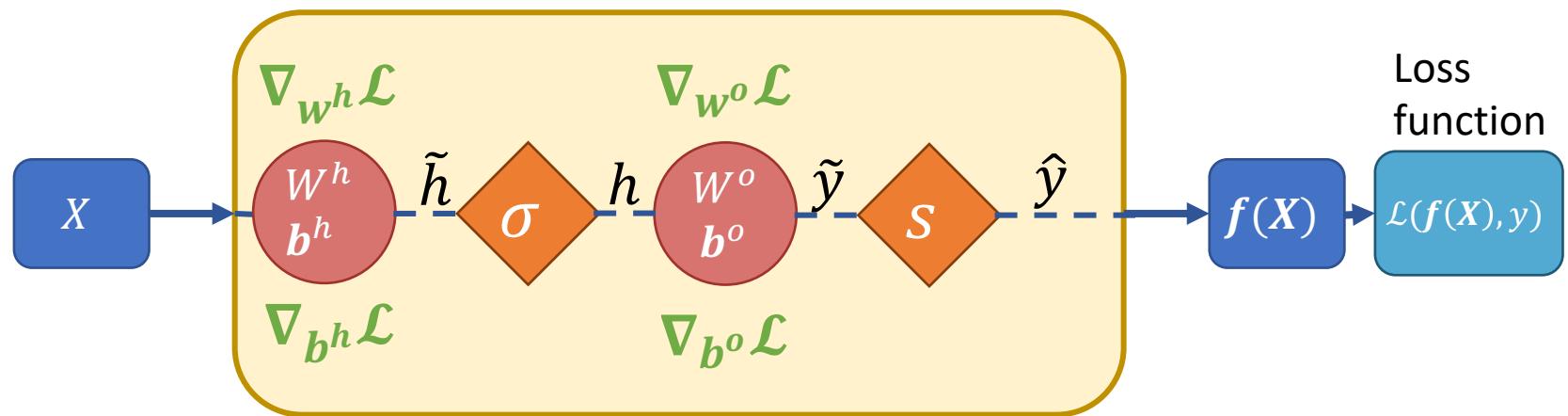
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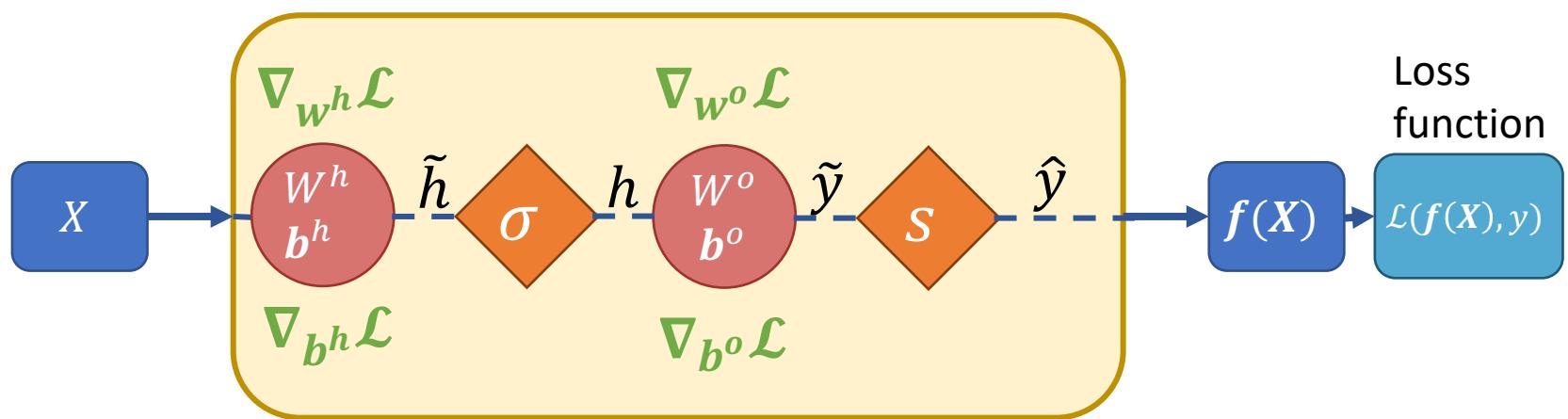
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When in doubt, look at the shape.

$\nabla_W \mathcal{L}$  must have the shape of  $W$  because of the update rule  $W \leftarrow W - \nabla_W \mathcal{L}$



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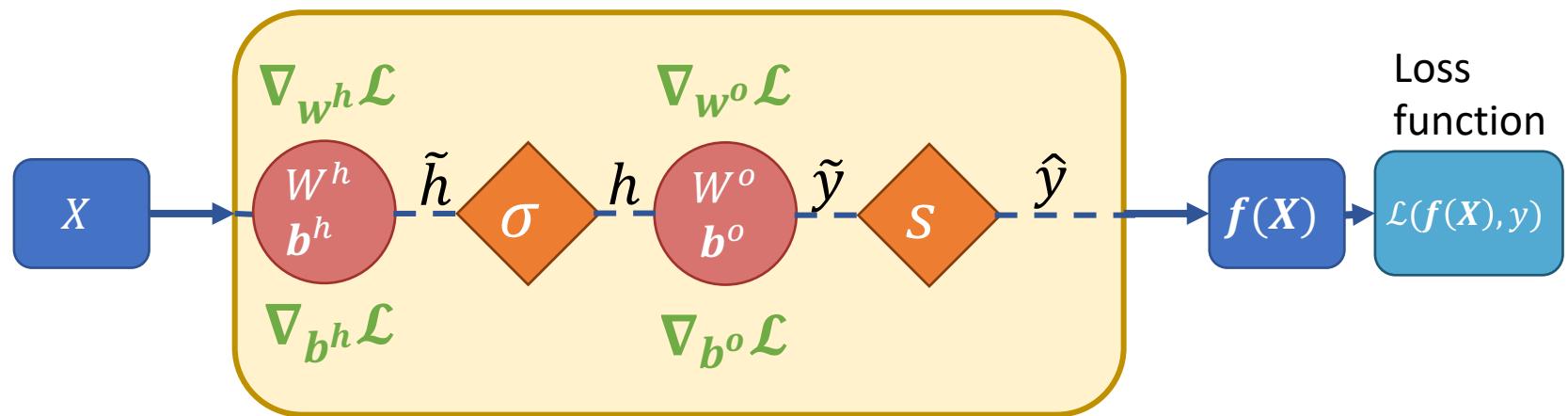
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To have huge speed-up:

1. Re-use previous gradients
2. Save tensors during forward



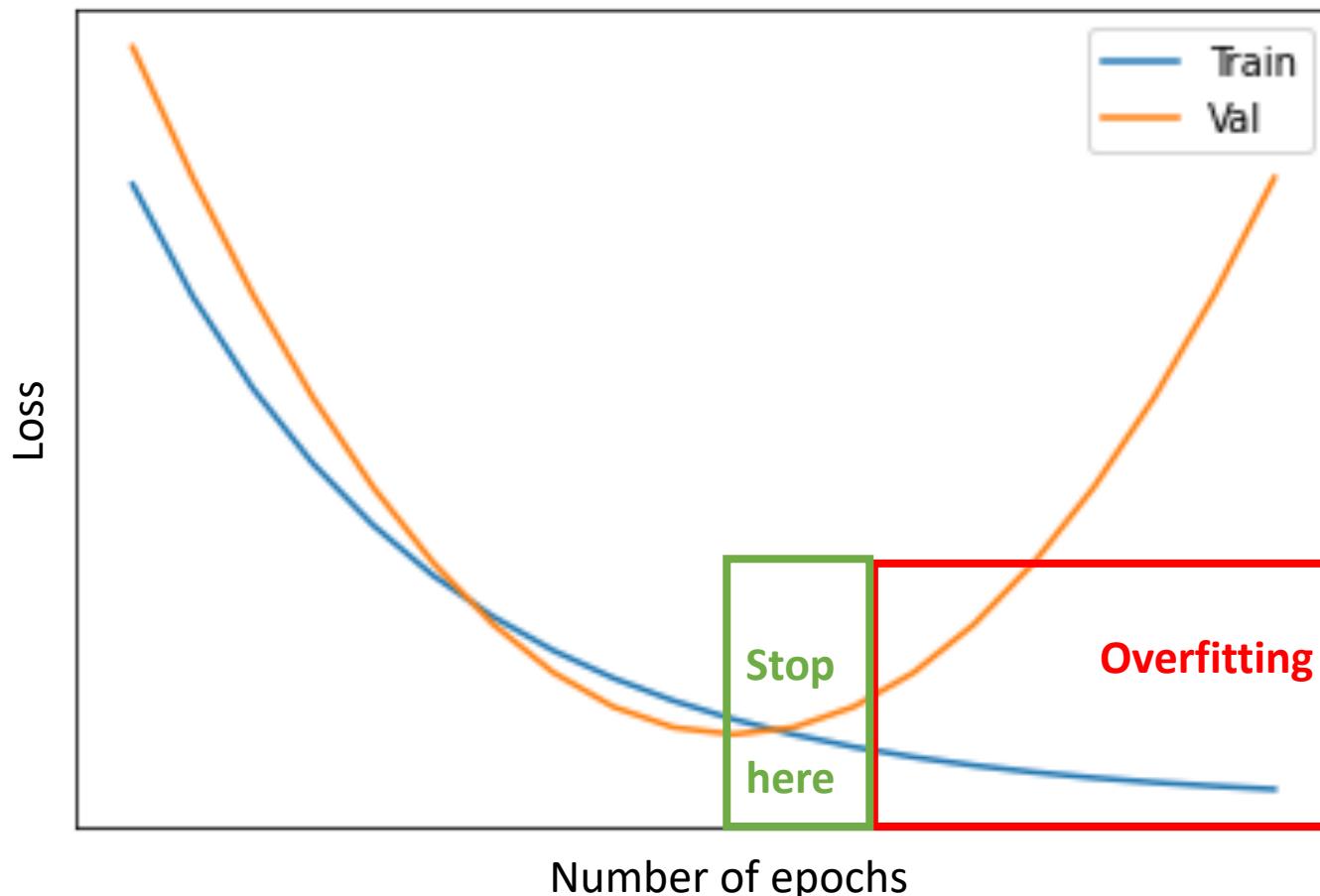
# Tips & Tricks

# When to Stop?



Split data in **train / val / test**

Stop when a criterion (loss, accuracy, f1, etc.) stop improving on **validation set**





**Batch Gradient Descent:** one forward & backward on the whole dataset

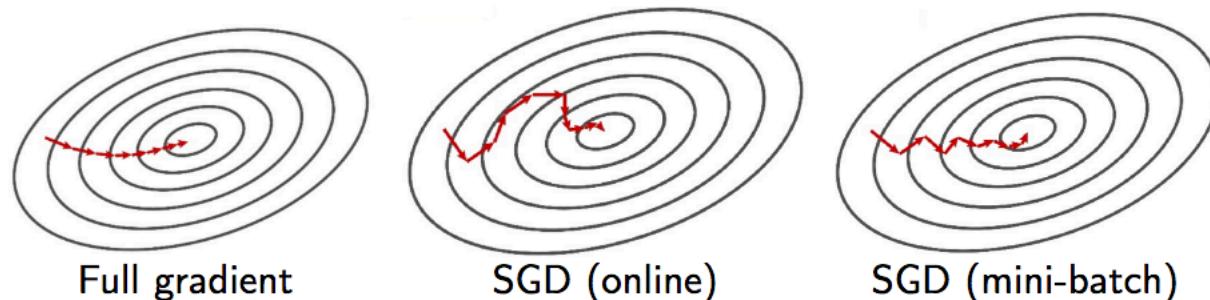
- Better gradient estimation
- GPU parallelism
- Impracticable to fit large dataset in VRAM

**Stochastic Gradient Descent:** one forward & backward per sample

- Easy to fit in VRAM
- Add noise that may improve generalization
- Add too much noise
- Slow

**Mini-Batch Gradient Descent:** one forward & backward per group of samples

- Trade-off between both
- Learning rate should be proportional to batch size, e.g. batch size 32->64, lr 0.1->0.2



# (Mini-)Batch Size



A fully connected layer in forward pass was:

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

Considering that  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  was the features of a unique sample.

But with a batch size  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{b \times n}$ , thus:

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}^T + \mathbf{b}$$

With  $\mathbf{W}$  defined as before.

# Learning Rate



$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}$$

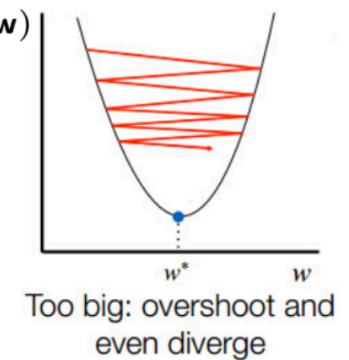
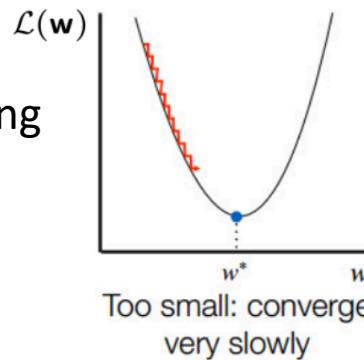
Controls the rate of change.

Too high:

→ Cannot converge, but diverge, reduce overfitting

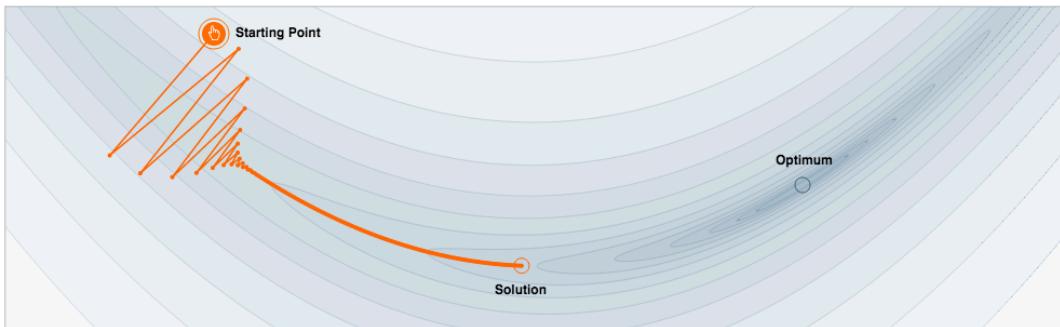
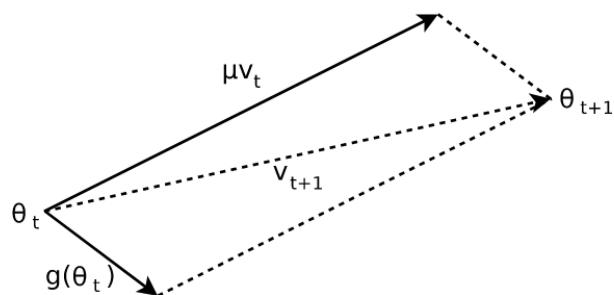
Too low:

→ Super slow, stuck in bad local minima

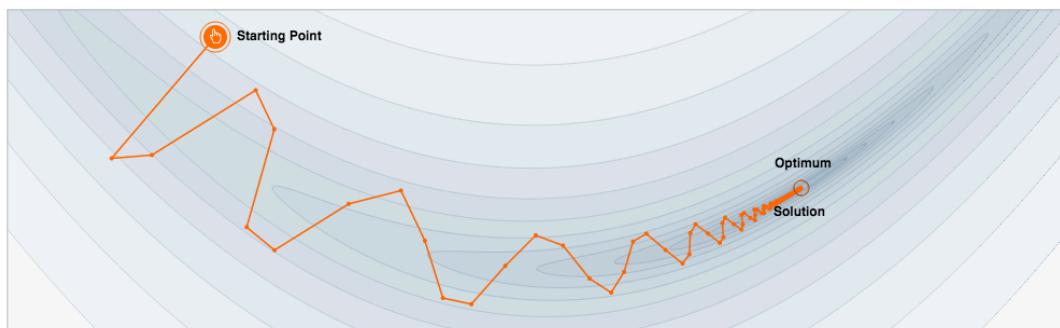


Tip: Start with high learning rate, and decreases it through time

# SGD with Momentum



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$$v \leftarrow \alpha v - (1 - \alpha) \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta + v$$

[Why Momentum Really works, on distill.pub](#)

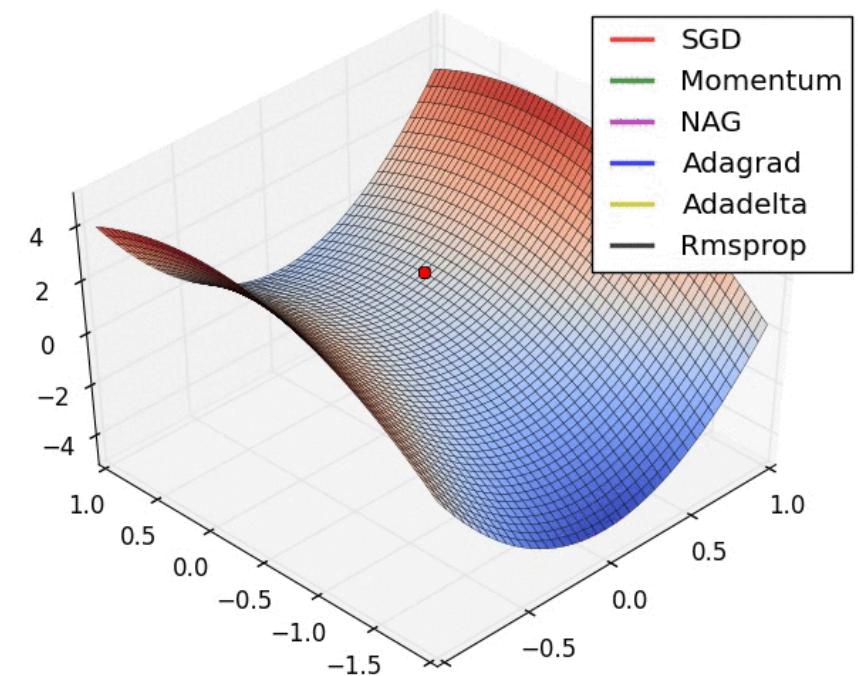
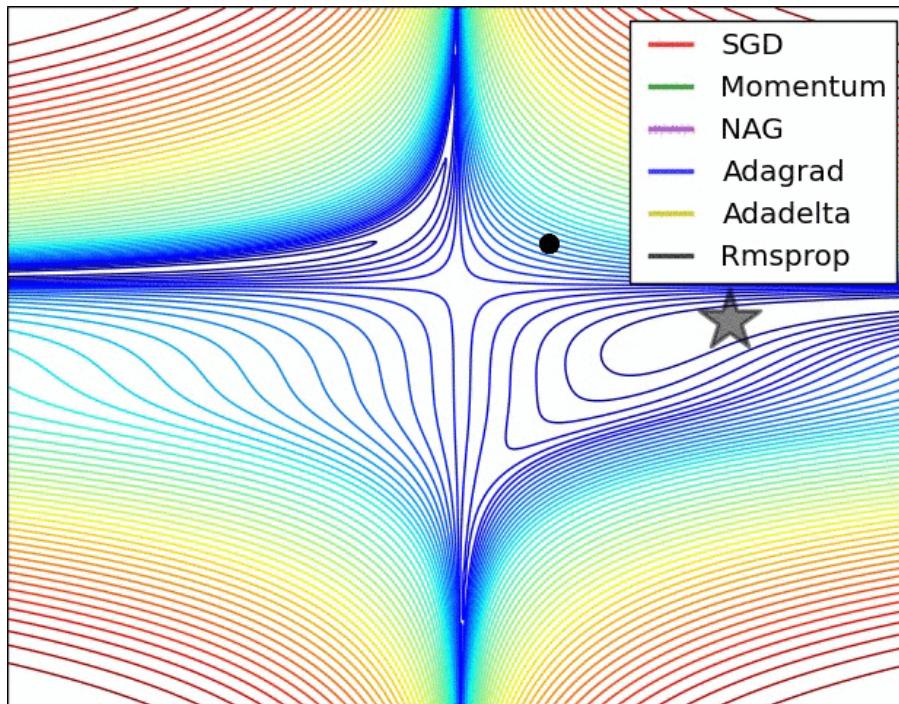
# Optimizers



Modern optimizers have an **adaptive learning rate** per parameter based on gradient statistics.

- Especially useful on saddle point
- The most famous is Adam

But a well-tuned SGD with momentum can be the best [[Wilson et al. 2017](#)].

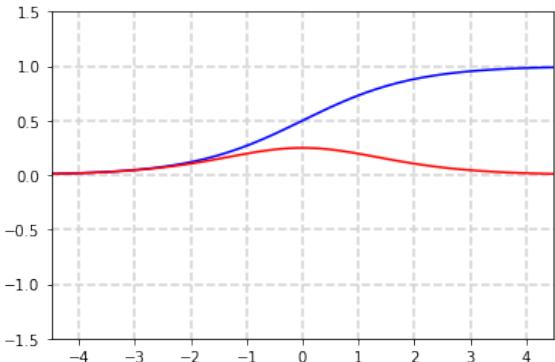


Great overview of gradient-descent based optimizers by [Ruder](#).

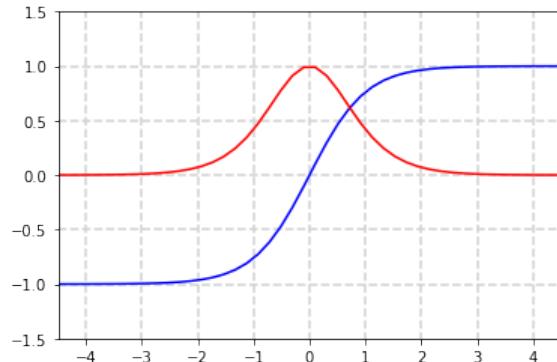
# Pitfalls of hidden activations



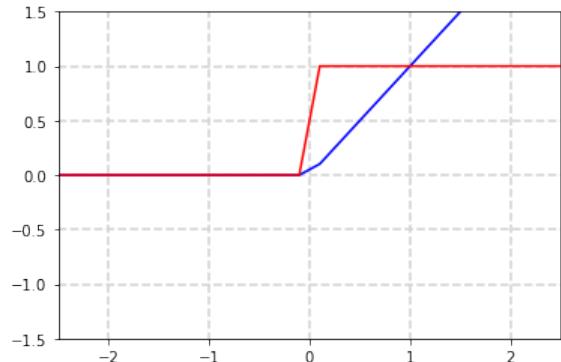
## Function and their derivative



Sigmoid



Tanh



ReLU

Sigmoid and tanh **saturates** at small and large values.

- Gradient is zero, no learning
- Avoid these old-school activations

ReLU is zero if  $x \leq 0$ :

- **Dying neurons** with zero-output and thus zero-gradient
- If it happens, use a **Leaky ReLU**  $LReLU(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \epsilon x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

# Initialization



Initializing the biases  $\mathbf{b}^h$  and  $\mathbf{b}^o$  to very small values.

→ Helpful to avoid dying neurons with ReLU

Initializing the weights  $\mathbf{W}^h$  and  $\mathbf{W}^o$  to:

- **Zero-weights**
  - No learning because gradient w.r.t input is also zero
- **Constant weights**
  - Symmetry where two hidden neurons are connected to the same inputs, they learn the same pattern!
- **Large values**
  - Risk gradient explosion
- **He / Glorot initialization**
  - Normalize weights to avoid explosion with large number of outgoing connections



# Multiple Losses & Regularizations

Main loss		Regularization
$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_1(x, y) + \lambda \mathcal{L}_2(x, y) + \beta \mathcal{L}(\theta)$		
Auxiliary loss		

You can combine multiple losses, each has been batch averaged.

**Main loss** (usually the classification loss) has a factor of 1.

**Auxiliary losses** have a factor as hyperparameter

- Need to find optimal through cross-validation
- Should often ensure that losses are more or less in the same values

**Regularization losses** usually only takes the parameters as argument

- Most common is **weight decay**  $\beta \sum_i \|\theta_i\|^2$
- Often useful to put a prior on the parameters

Small break,  
then coding session!