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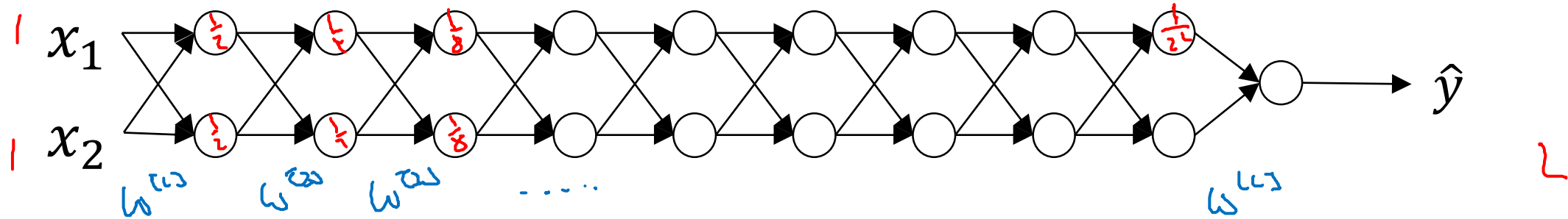
Setting up your  
optimization problem

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Vanishing/exploding  
gradients

# Vanishing/exploding gradients

$L=150$



$g(z) = z$        $b^{(1)} = 0$

$\hat{y} = w^{(L,1)} \underbrace{w^{(L-1,1)} w^{(L-2,1)} \dots w^{(2,1)}}_{\text{product of weights}} x$

$z^{(1)} = w^{(1,1)} x$   
 $a^{(1)} = g(z^{(1)}) = z^{(1)}$   
 $a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)}) = g(w^{(2,1)} a^{(1)})$

$1.5^L$   
 $0.5^L$

$w^{(1,1)} > 1$   
 $w^{(2,1)} < 1$

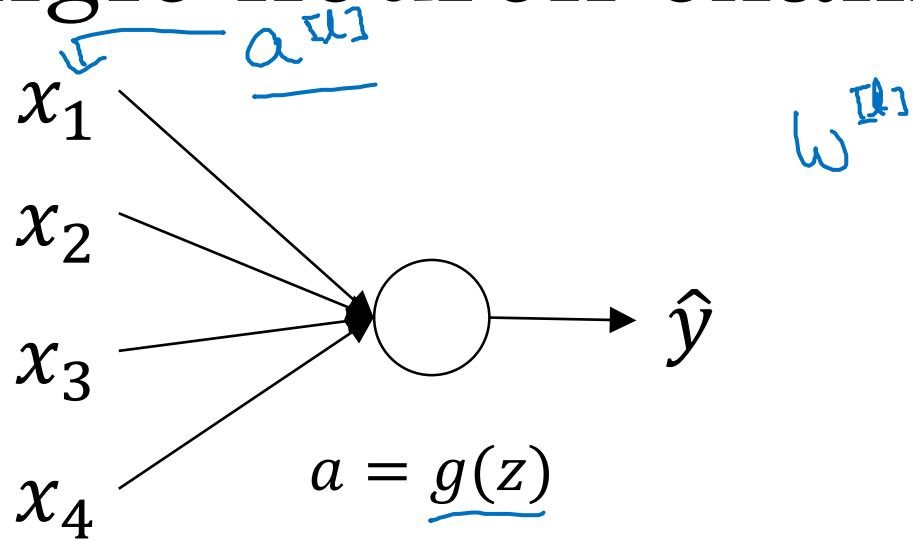
$\begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$

$w^{(2,1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$

$\hat{y} = w^{(L,1)} \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}^{L-1} x$

$1.5^{L-1} x$   
 $0.5^{L-1} x$

# Single neuron example



$$z = \underbrace{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_n x_n}_{\text{large } n \rightarrow \text{smaller } w_i}$$

$$\text{Var}(w_i) = \frac{1}{n} \frac{2}{n}$$

$$\underline{w^{[1]}} = \text{np.random.randn}(\text{shape}) * \text{np.sqrt}\left(\frac{2}{n^{[1-1]}}\right)$$

ReLU  $g^{[2]}(z) = \text{ReLU}(z)$

Other variants:

$$\text{tanh} \quad \sqrt{\frac{1}{n^{[1-1]}}}$$

Xavier initialization ↑

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{n^{[1-1]} + n^{[1]}}}$$

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