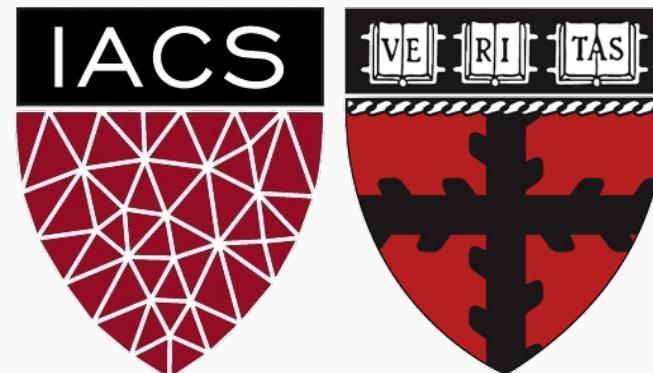


Neural Network Regularization Data Augmentation

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Outline

Regularization of NN

- Norm Penalties
- Early Stopping
- **Data Augmentation**
- Dropout



When you move on to Deep Learning



Data Augmentation



Data Augmentation: dos and don'ts

We use `ImageDataGenerator` to augment the dataset

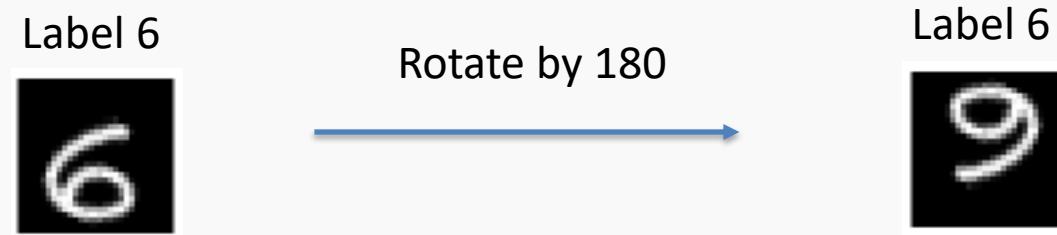
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def get_generator():
    # create duplicate images
    BATCHES_PER_EPOCH = 300//BATCH_SIZE
    classes = ['pavlos', 'not-pavlos']
    for img_class in classes:
        img = Image.open(f'{DATA_DIR}/{img_class}.jpeg'))
        for i in range(1, BATCH_SIZE*BATCHES_PER_EPOCH//2+1):
            img.thumbnail(TARGET_SIZE, Image.ANTIALIAS)
            img.save(f'{DATA_DIR}/{img_class}/{img_class}{i:0>3}.jpeg', "JPEG")

    data_gen = ImageDataGenerator(
        rescale=1./255,
        height_shift_range=0.5,
        width_shift_range=0.5)

    img_generator = data_gen.flow_from_directory(
        DATA_DIR,
        target_size=(TARGET_SIZE),
        batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
        classes=classes,
        class_mode='binary')
    return img_generator
```

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Carefully choose your transformations. Not all transformations are valid.



Data Augmentation does not work for tabular data and not as nicely for time series.

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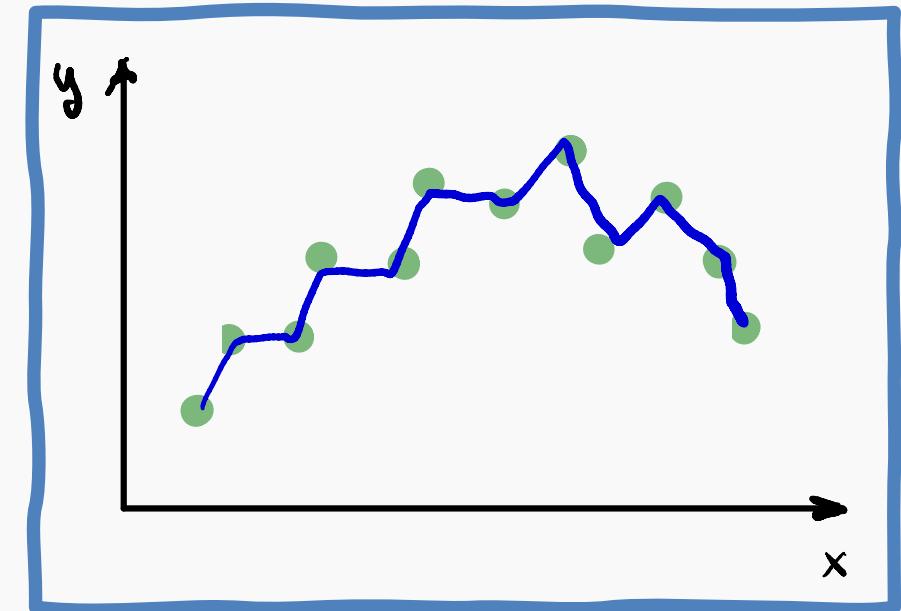
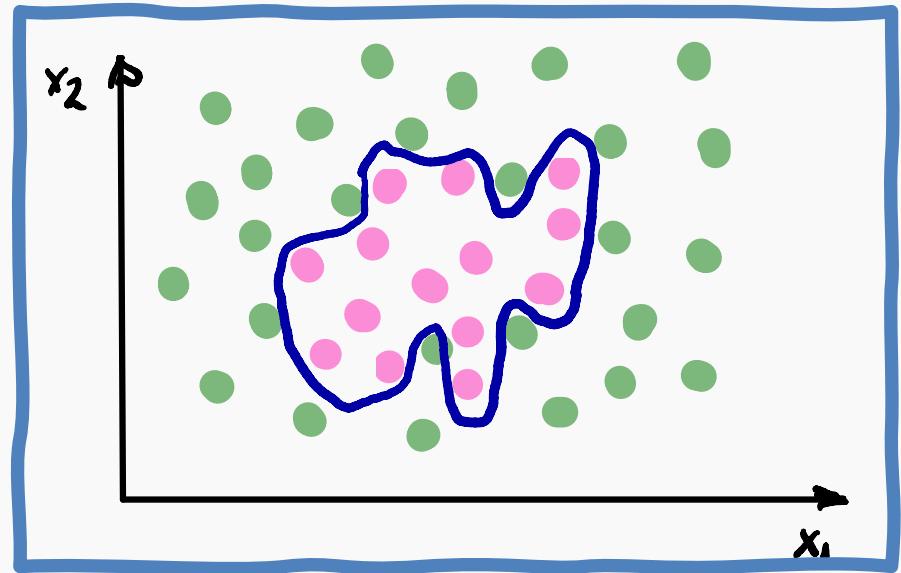


Co-adaptation

Overfitting occurs when the model is **sensitive** to slight variations on the input and therefore it fits the noise.

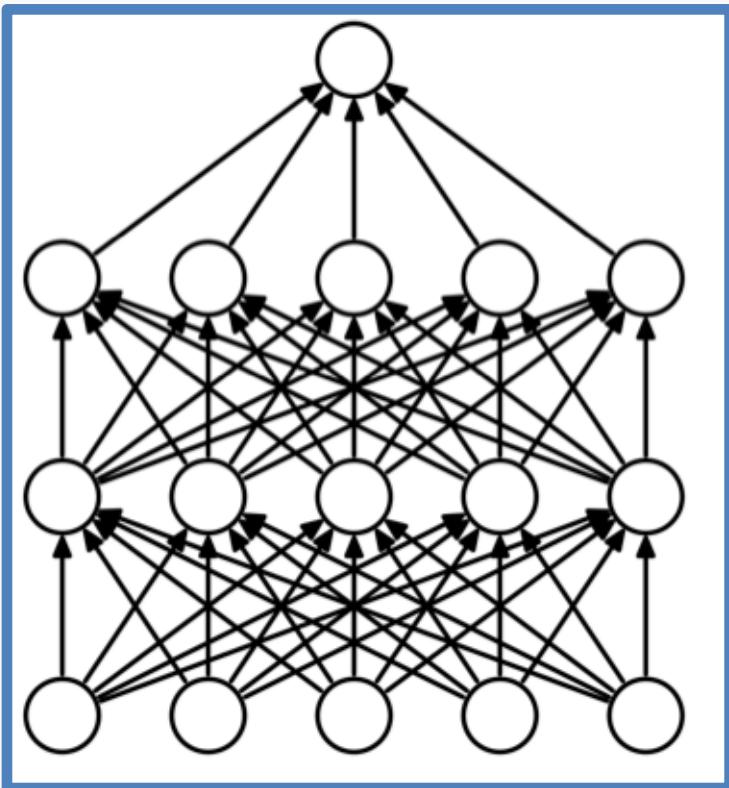
L1 and L2 regularizations ‘shrink’ the weights to avoid this problem.

However in a large network many units can **collaborate** to respond to the input while the weights can **remain relatively small**. This is called **co-adaptation**.

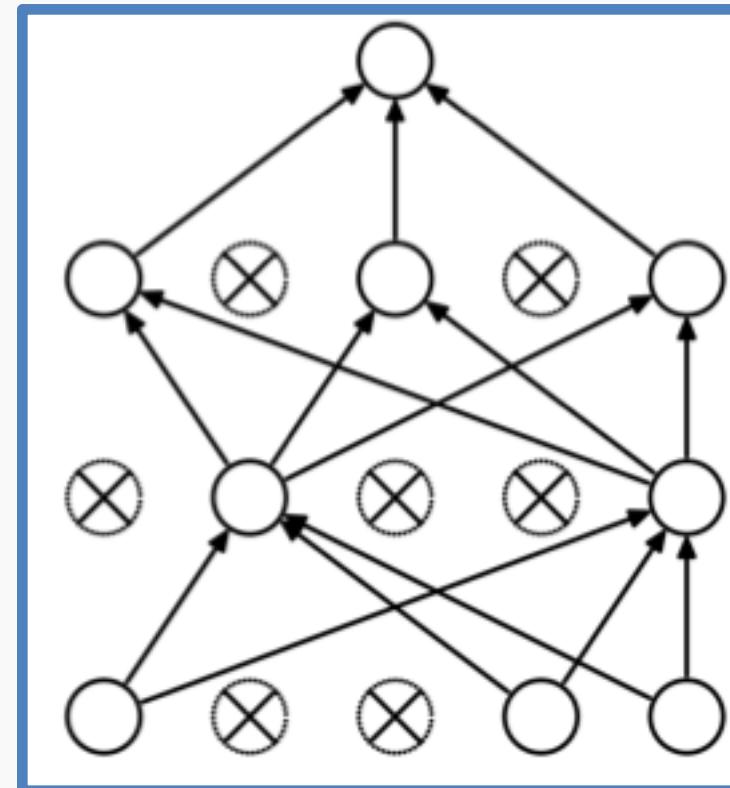


Dropout

- Randomly set some neurons and their connections to zero (i.e. “dropped”)
- Prevent overfitting by reducing **co-adaptation** of neurons
- Like training many random sub-networks



Standard Neural Network



After applying dropout

Dropout: Training

For each new example in a mini-batch (could be for one mini-batch depending on the implementation):

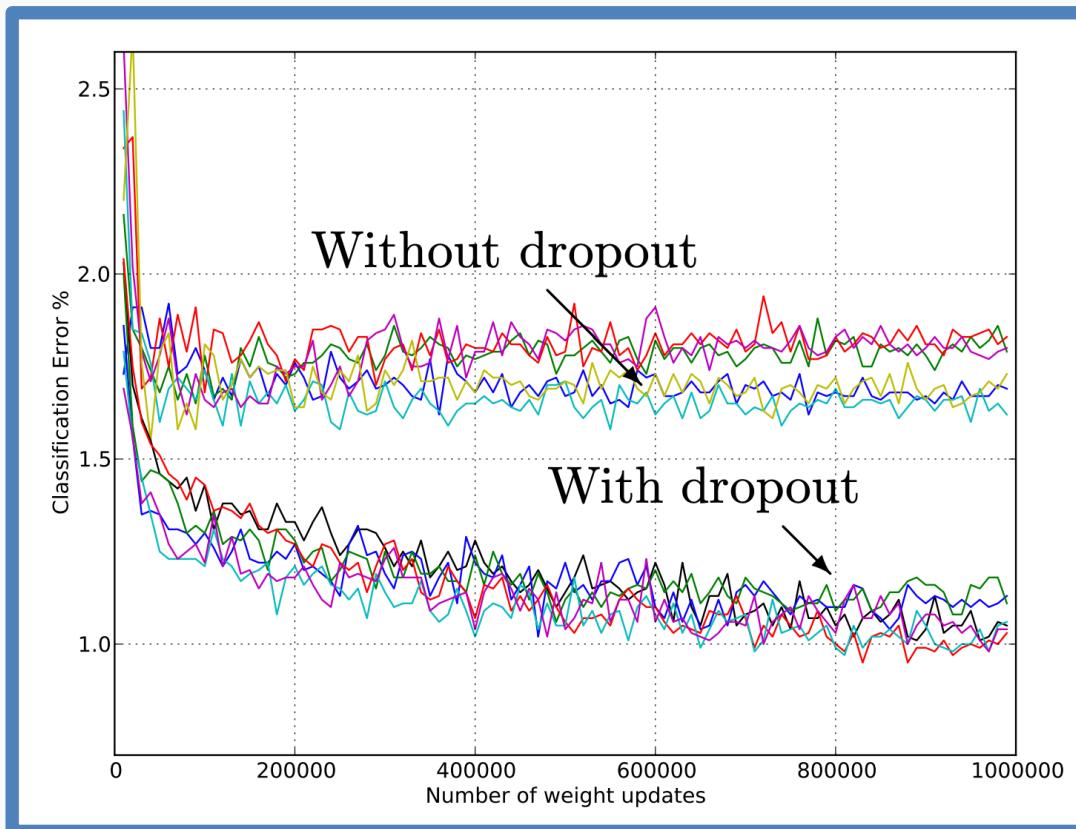
- Randomly sample a binary mask μ independently, where μ_i indicates if input/hidden node i is included
- Multiply output of node i with μ_i , and perform gradient update

Typically:

- Input nodes are included with prob=0.8 (as per original paper, but rarely used)
- Hidden nodes are included with prob=0.5

Dropout

- Widely used and highly effective



Test error for different architectures with and without dropout.

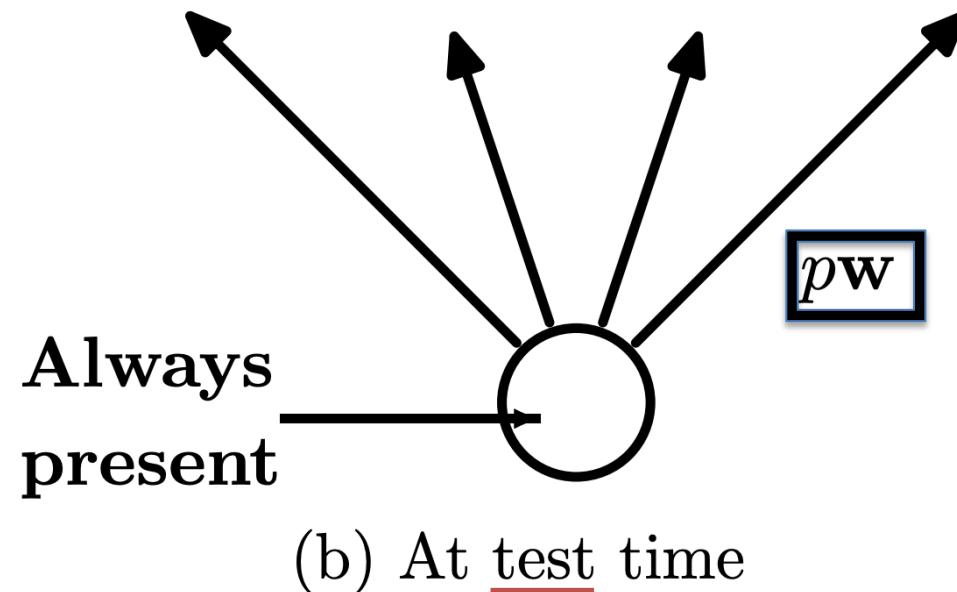
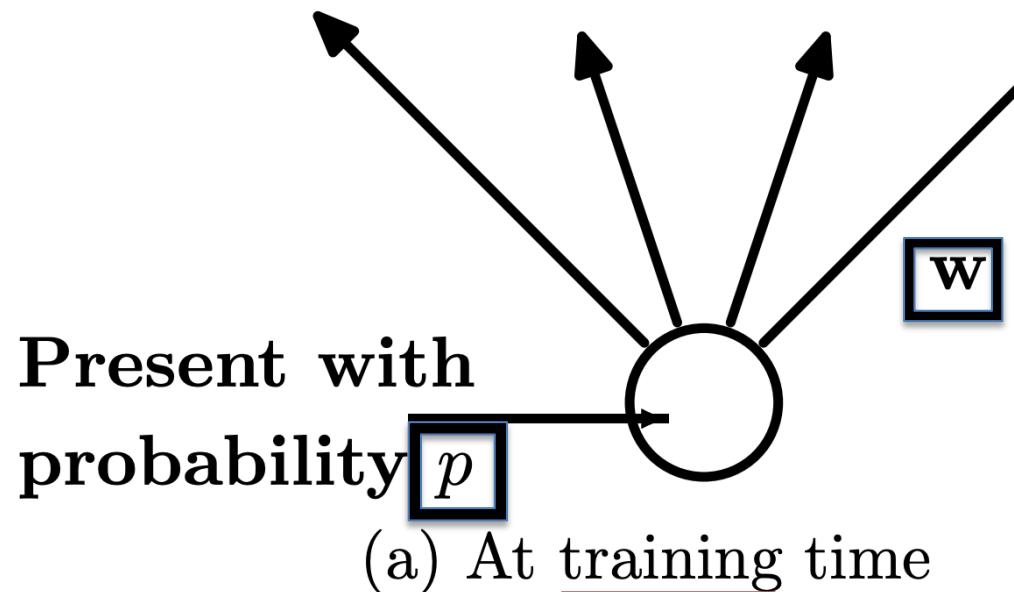
The networks have 2 to 4 hidden layers each with 1024 to 2048 units.

- Proposed as an alternative to ensemble methods, which is too expensive for neural nets



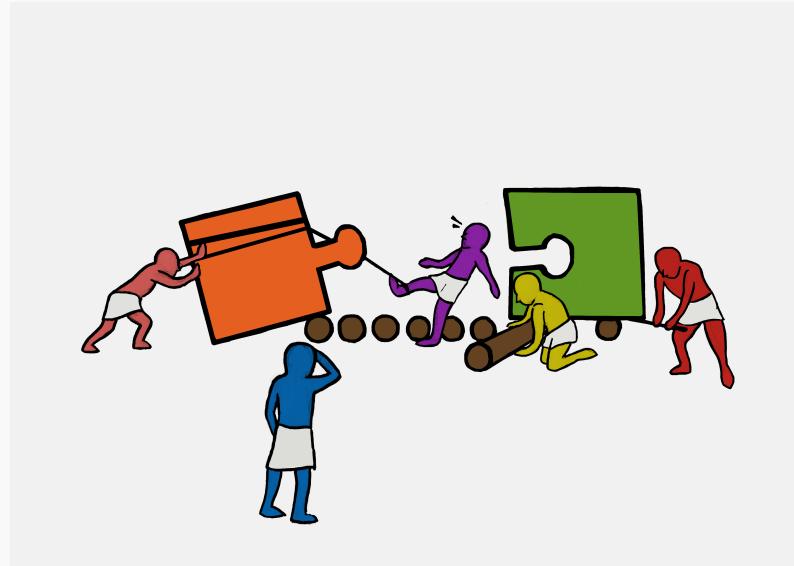
Dropout: Prediction

- We can think of dropout as training many of sub-networks
- At **test time**, we can “aggregate” over these sub-networks by **reducing connection weights in proportion to dropout probability, p**



NOTE: Dropouts can be used for **neural network inference** by dropping during predictions and predicting multiple times to get a distribution





Exercise: Dropout

