



Introduction to deep learning

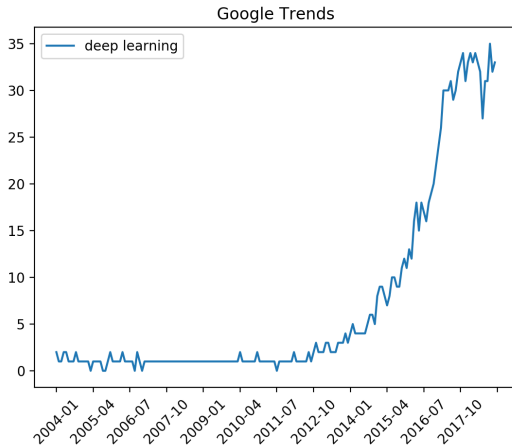
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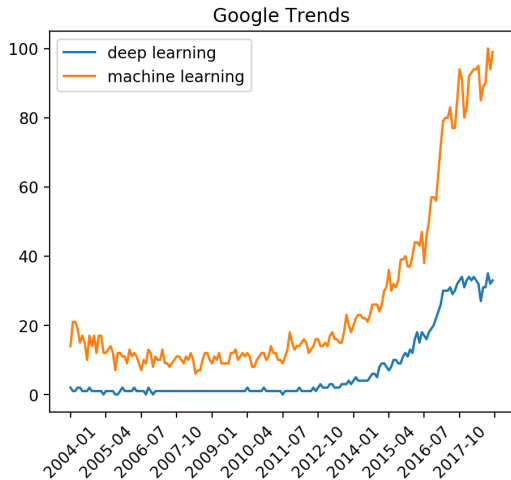
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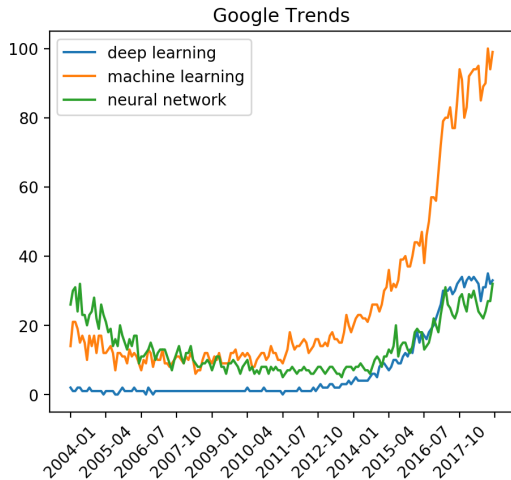
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Defining the loss

- ▶ We have our function approximator $f_{net}(x) = \hat{y}$
- ▶ We have to define our loss (objective function) to relate this function outputs to the observed data.
- ▶ Usual choices: softmax (regression) or cross-entropy (classification).

Probabilistic re-formulation

- ▶ Training minimizing loss:

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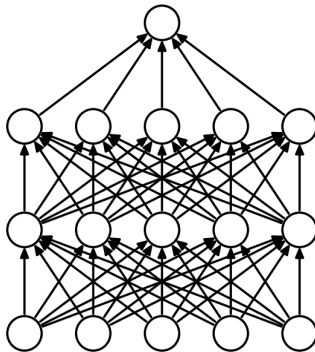
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Graphical depiction



Single layer

One layer:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Loss} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{y})^2 \\ \mathbf{h} &= \phi(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{w}) \\ \frac{\vartheta \text{Loss}}{\vartheta \mathbf{w}} &= \underbrace{(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{h})}_{\epsilon} \frac{\vartheta \phi(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{w})}{\vartheta \mathbf{w}}\end{aligned}$$

Two layers:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Loss} &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{h}_2 - \mathbf{y})^2 \\ \mathbf{h}_2 &= \phi \left[\underbrace{\phi(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{w}_0)}_{\mathbf{h}_1} \mathbf{w}_1 \right] \\ \frac{\vartheta \text{Loss}}{\vartheta \mathbf{w}_0} &= \dots \\ \frac{\vartheta \text{Loss}}{\vartheta \mathbf{w}_1} &= \dots\end{aligned}$$

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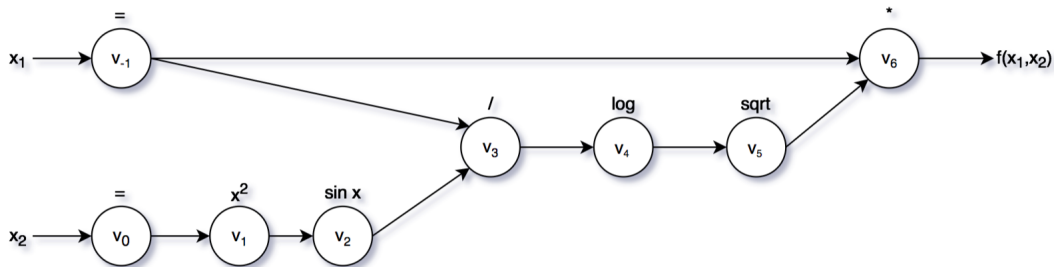
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Propagation of error is just the chain rule.

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Automatic differentiation

Example: $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \sqrt{\log \frac{x_1}{\sin(x_2^2)}}$



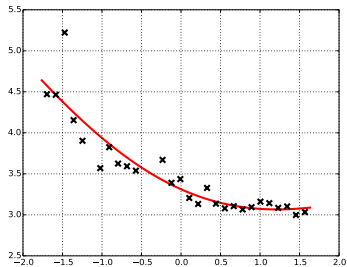
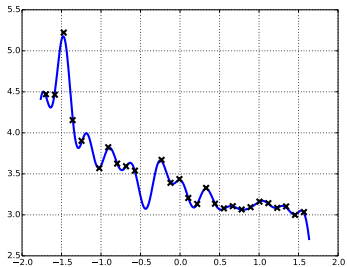
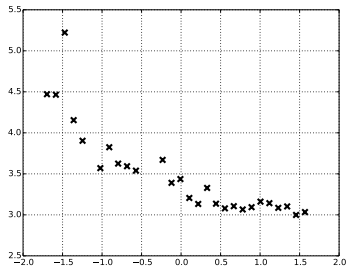
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We're far from done...

- ▶ How to initialize the (so many) parameters?
- ▶ How to pick the right architecture?
- ▶ Layers and parameters co-adapt.
- ▶ Multiple local optima in optimization surface.
- ▶ Numerical problems.
- ▶ Bad behaviour of composite function (e.g. problematic gradient distribution).
- ▶ *OVERFITTING*

Curve fitting [skip]



Taming the dragon



Lottery ticket hypothesis

“Tricks”

- ▶ Smart initializations
- ▶ ReLU: better behaviour of gradients
- ▶ Early stopping: prevent overfitting
- ▶ Dropout
- ▶ Batch-normalization
- ▶ Transfer/meta-learning/BO: guide the training with another model
- ▶ many other “tricks”

Vanishing and exploding gradients

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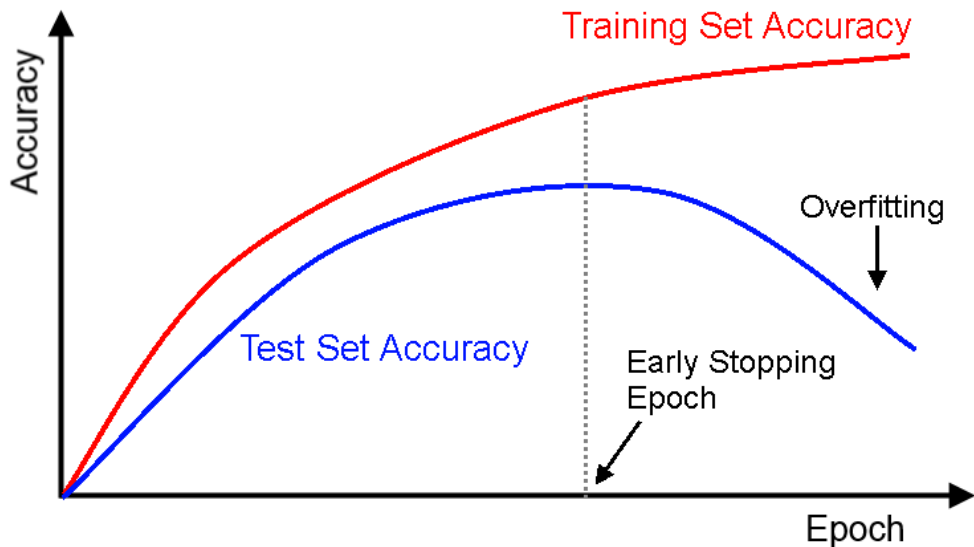
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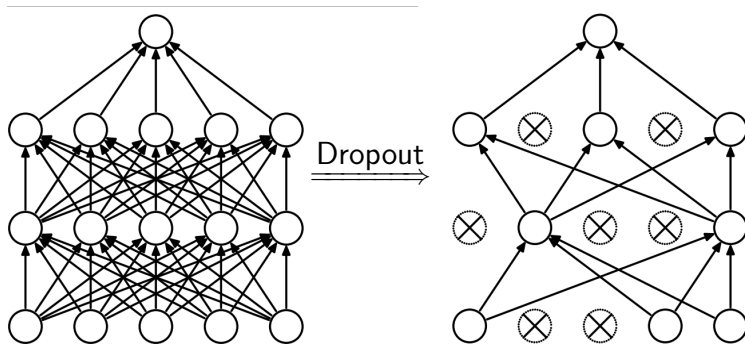
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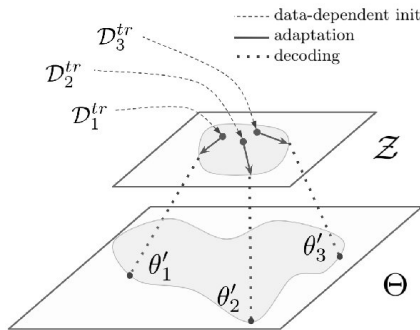
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- ▶ Prevents units from co-adapting too much and prevents overfitting.

Batch-normalization

- ▶ Normalize each layer's output so e.g. $\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$
- ▶ Reduces covariate shift (data distribution changes)
- ▶ Less co-adaptation of layers
- ▶ Overall: faster convergence

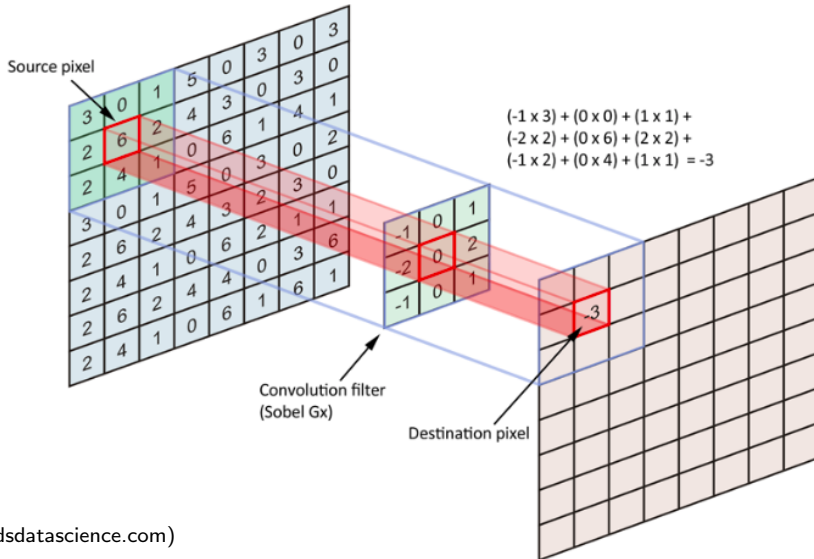
Meta-learning

- ▶ Optimize the neural network model with the help of another model.
- ▶ The helper model might be allowed to learn from multiple datasets.



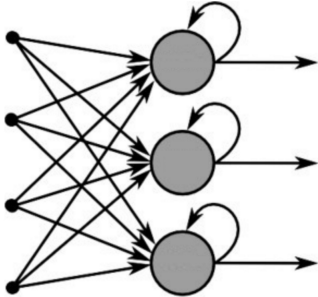
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Convolutional NN

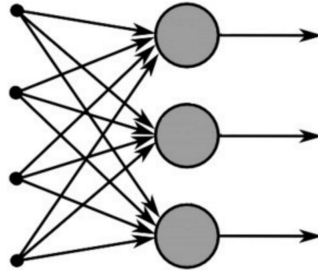


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Recurrent NN



Recurrent Neural Network



Feed-Forward Neural Network

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Bayesian deep learning

*We saw that optimizing the parameters is a challenge.
Why not marginalize them out completely?*

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Integrating out weights

$$D := (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

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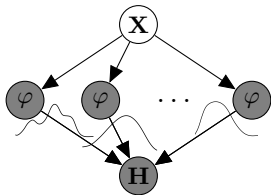
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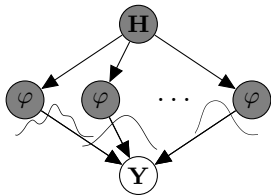
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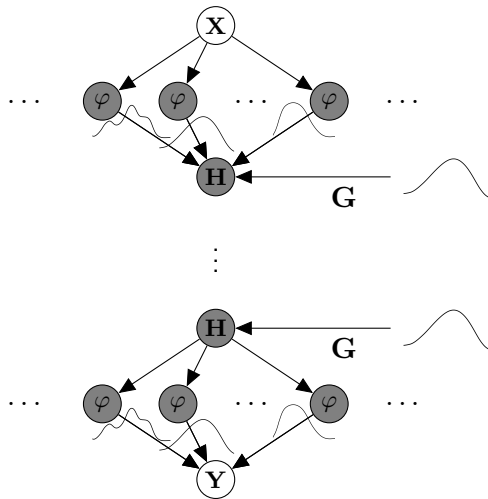
Bayesian neural network *(what we saw before)*



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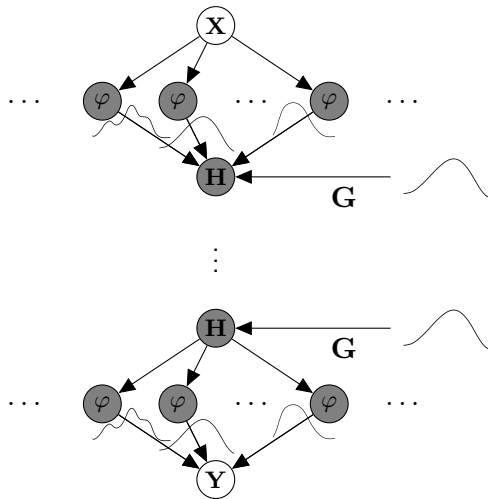


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Summary

- ▶ Vanilla feedforward NN with backpropagation (chain rule)
- ▶ Automatic differentiation
- ▶ Practical issues and solutions (“tricks”)
- ▶ Understanding the challenges: optimization landscape and capacity
- ▶ ConvNets and RNNs
- ▶ Transfer Learning for practical use
- ▶ Bayesian NNs

Conclusions

- ▶ NNs are mathematically simple; challenge is in how to optimize them.
- ▶ Data efficiency? Uncertainty calibration? Interpretability? Safety? ...

APPENDIX

Inference: “Score function method”

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(Paisley et al., 2012; Ranganath et al., 2014; Mnih and Gregor, 2014, Ruiz et al. 2016)

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We want the expectation $q(w; \theta)$ to appear on the left of ∇_{θ} , otherwise it's difficult. In score function we use a property of the log. In reparam. gradient we just reparameterize the main argument of the problematic $q(w; \theta)$ so then ∇_{θ} does not depend on this argument (the w) and can again be pushed.

The reparam. gradient has lower variance in practice, because it's a "richer" estimator, (e.g. has more info, like curvature about true gradient). But it's more restrictive, in that it works when w is continuous and [...].

Notice we can't do the fully naive MC where we bring the ∇ inside the integral and do: $\int q(w; \theta) \nabla_{\theta} p(D, w) dw$, because this doesn't make sense as the derivative for θ cannot be applied to $p(D, w)$ that does not contain θ !

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{F}(\theta) =$$

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$$\text{setting: } w = \mathcal{T}(\epsilon; \theta) \Rightarrow \quad (5)$$

$$\int_w q(w; \theta) \log p(D, w) = \int_\epsilon q(\epsilon) \log p(D, \mathcal{T}(\epsilon; \theta)) \quad (6)$$

So:

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where last equality is from chain rule.