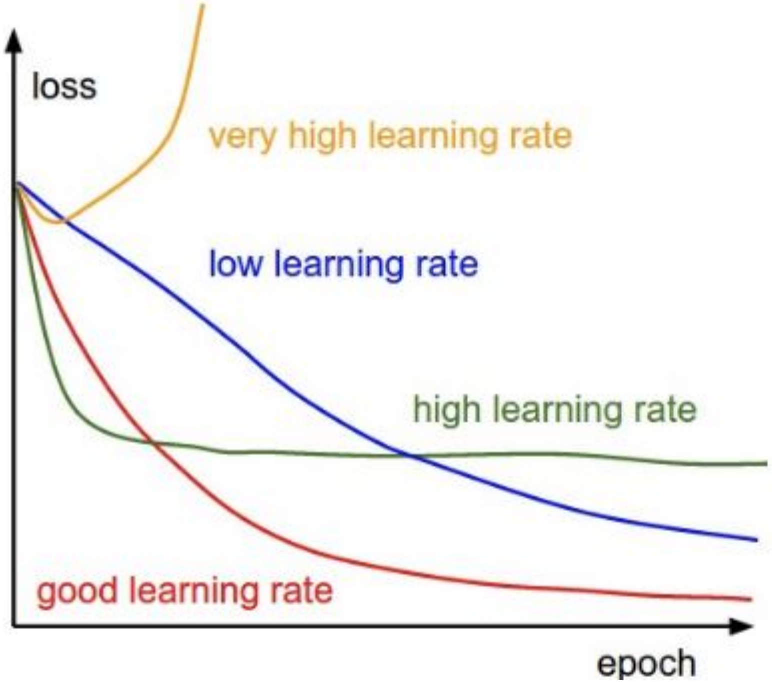
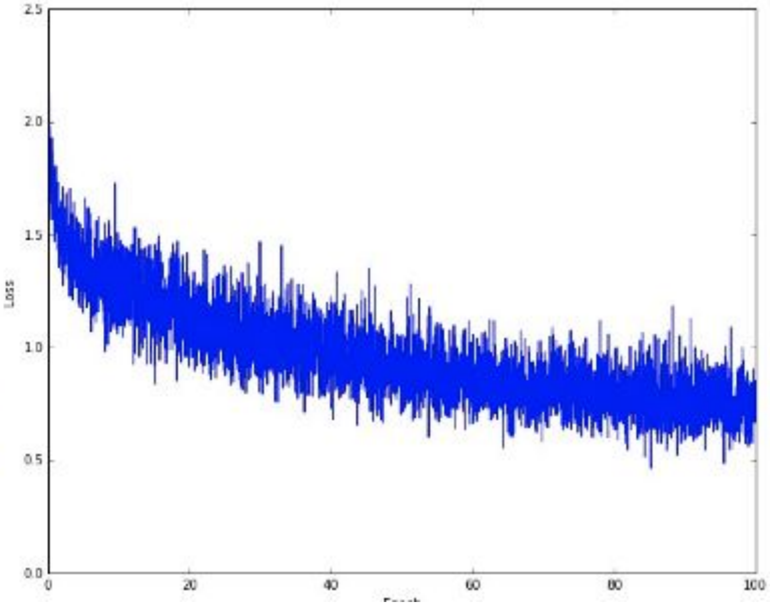
Optimizers

Stochastic gradient descent is used to optimize NN parameters.

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \text{learning rate} \cdot dx$$





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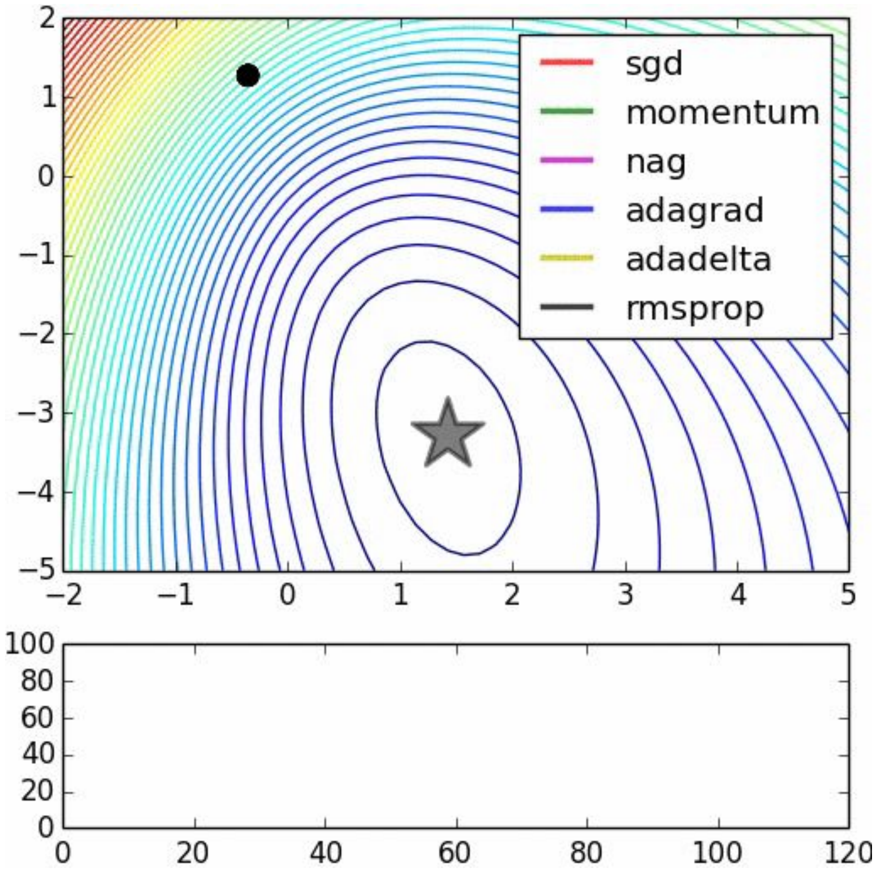
Optimizers

There are much more optimizers:

- Momentum
- Adagrad
- Adadelta
- RMSprop
- Adam
- …
- even other NNs

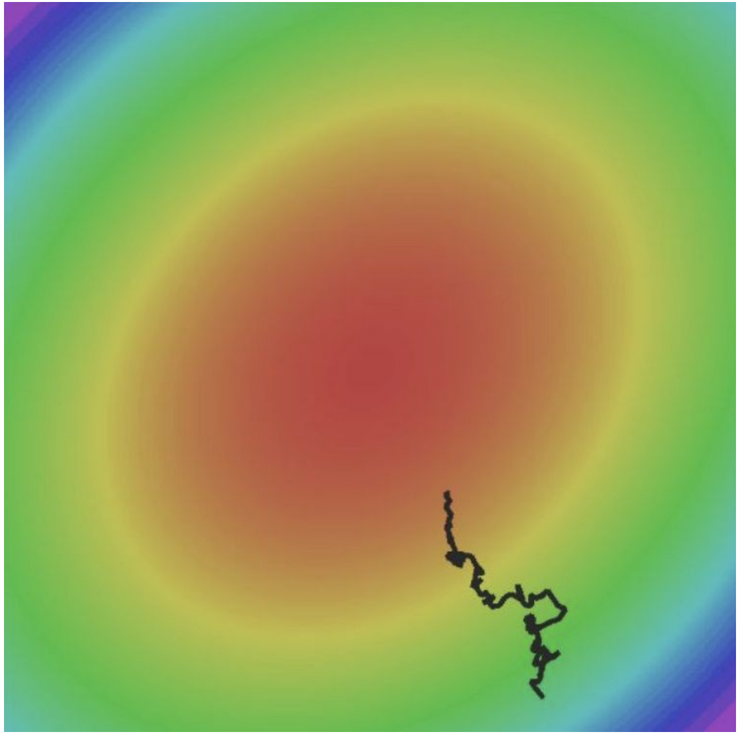


Optimization: SGD

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$$

$$\nabla_W L(W) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_W L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$$

Averaging over minibatches ---> noisy gradient



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First idea: momentum

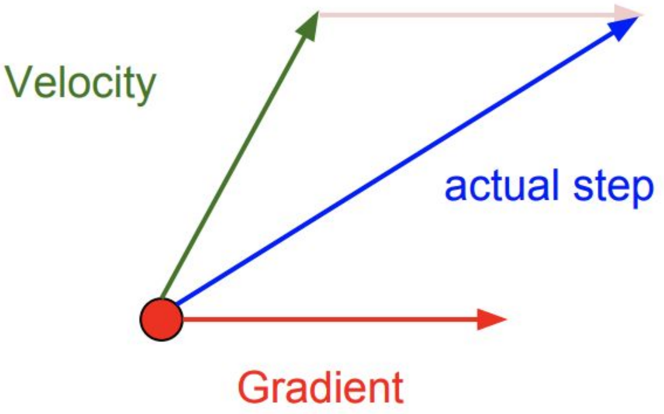
Simple SGD

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha \nabla f(x_t)$$

SGD with momentum

$$v_{t+1} = \rho v_t + \nabla f(x_t)$$
$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha v_{t+1}$$

Momentum update:



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Nesterov momentum

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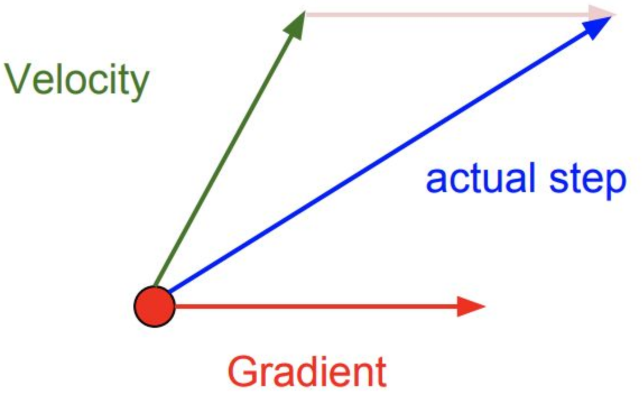

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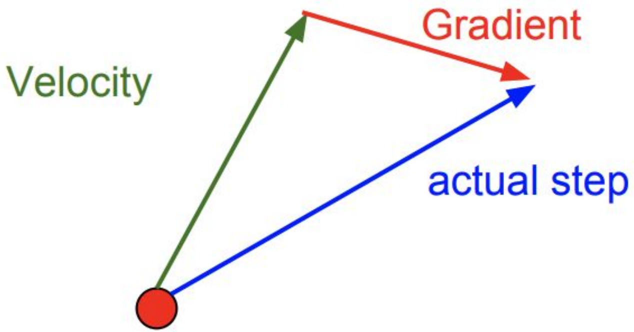
Nesterov Momentum



$$v_{t+1} = \rho v_t - \alpha \nabla f(\boxed{x_t + \rho v_t})$$
$$x_{t+1} = x_t + v_{t+1}$$

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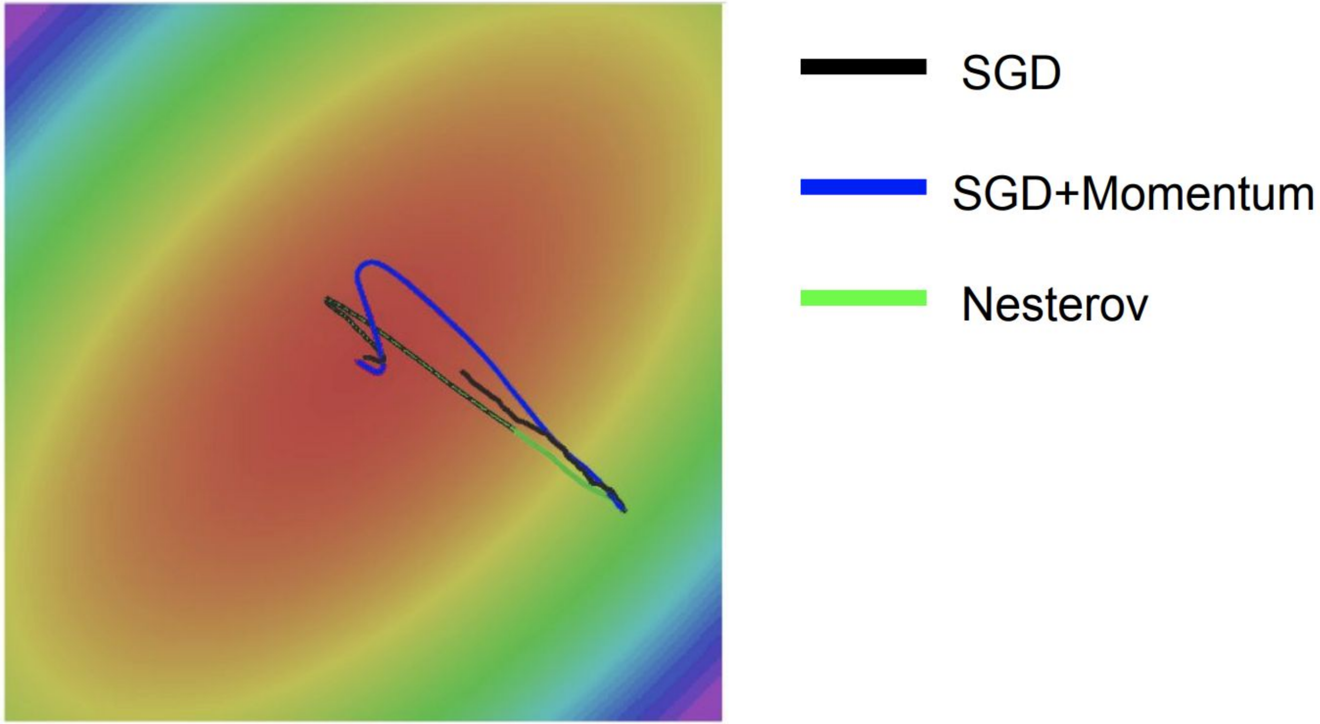
Comparing momentums



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Second idea: different dimensions are different

Adagrad: SGD with cache

$$\text{cache}_{t+1} = \text{cache}_t + (\nabla f(x_t))^2$$

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Problem: gradient fades with time

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RMSProp: SGD with cache with exp. Smoothing

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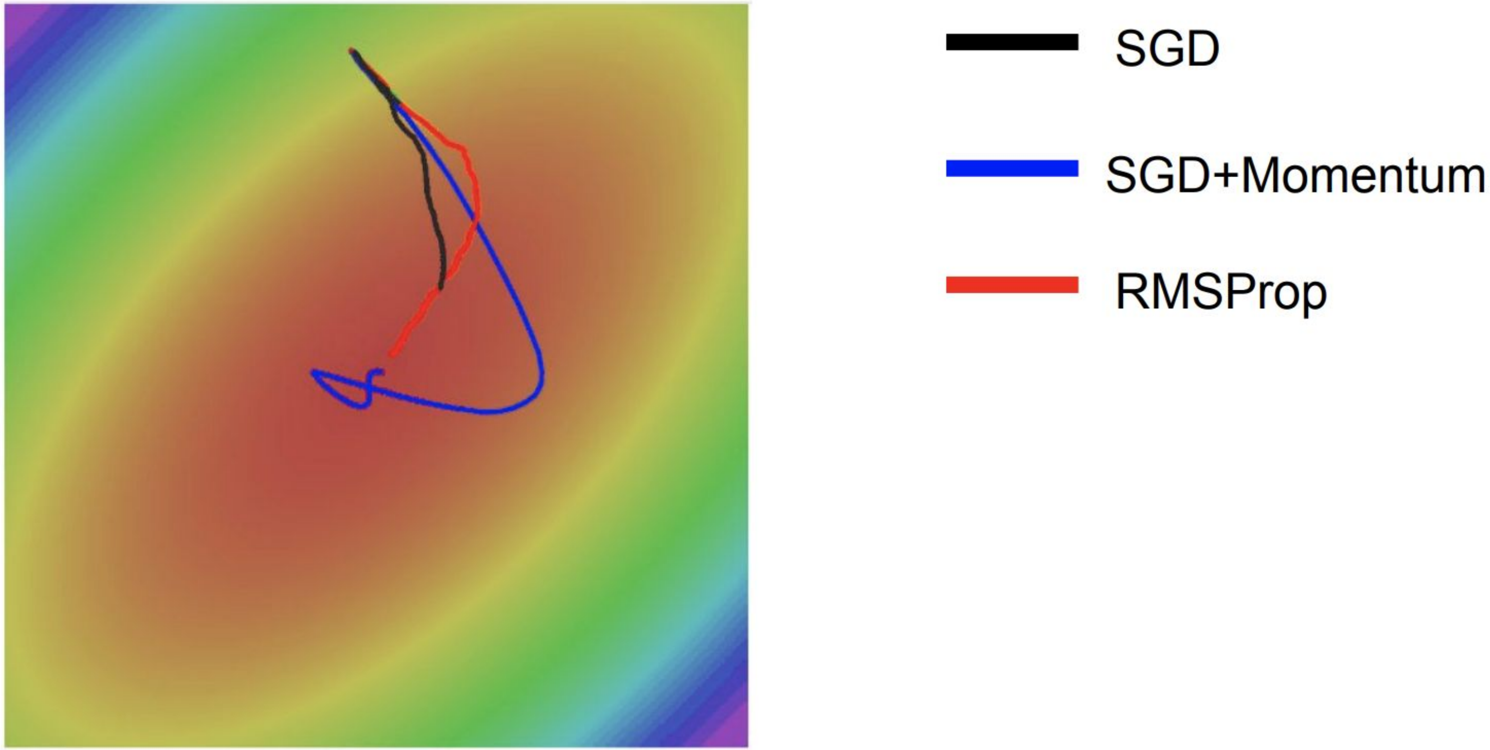
http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~tijmen/csc321/slides/lecture_slides_lec6.pdf



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Adam

Let's combine the momentum idea and RMSProp normalization:

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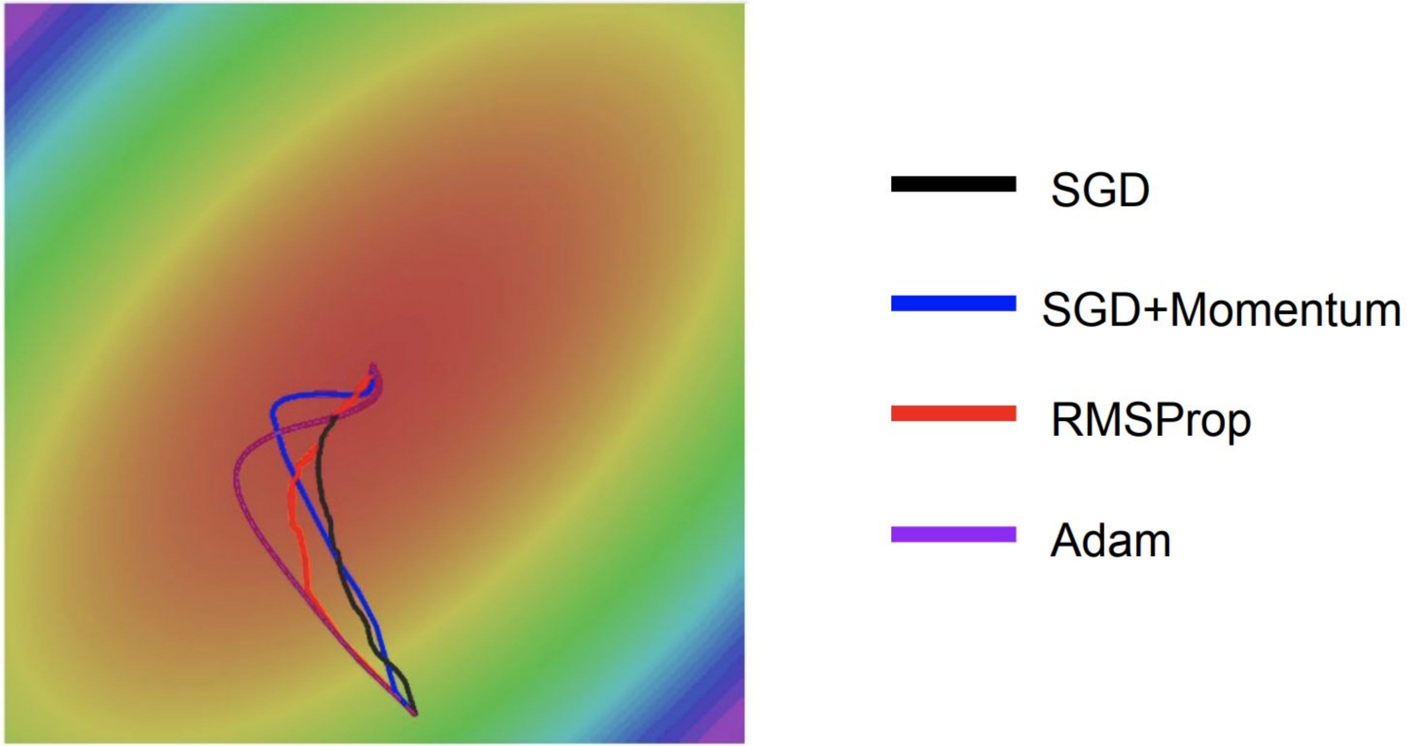

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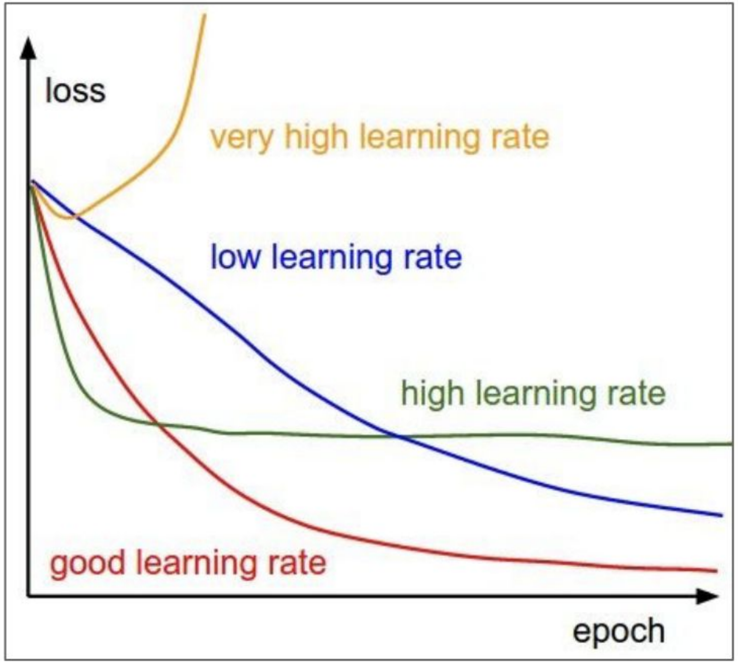
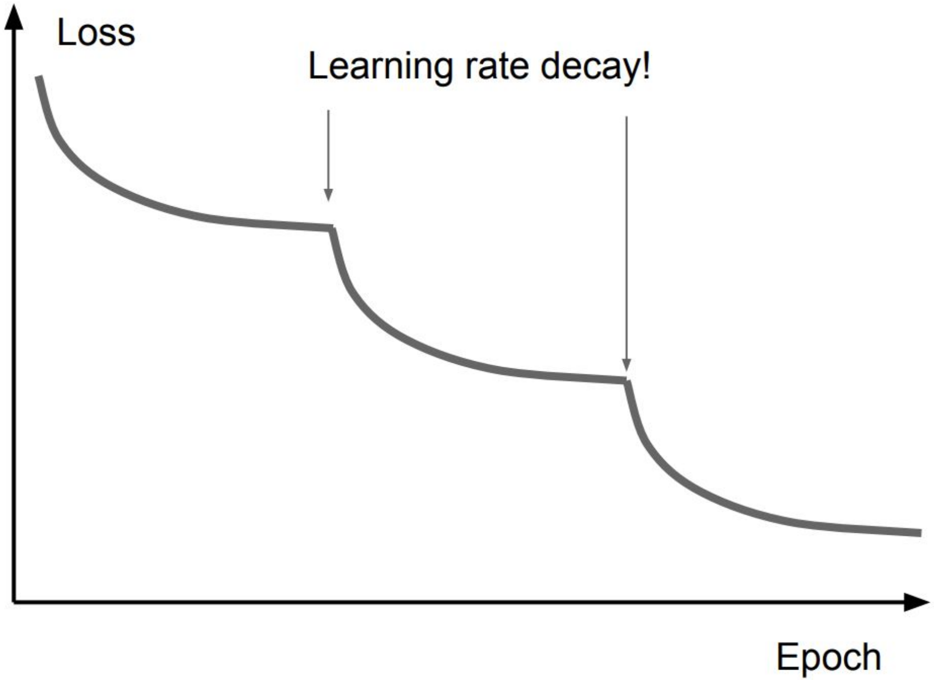
Once more: learning rate





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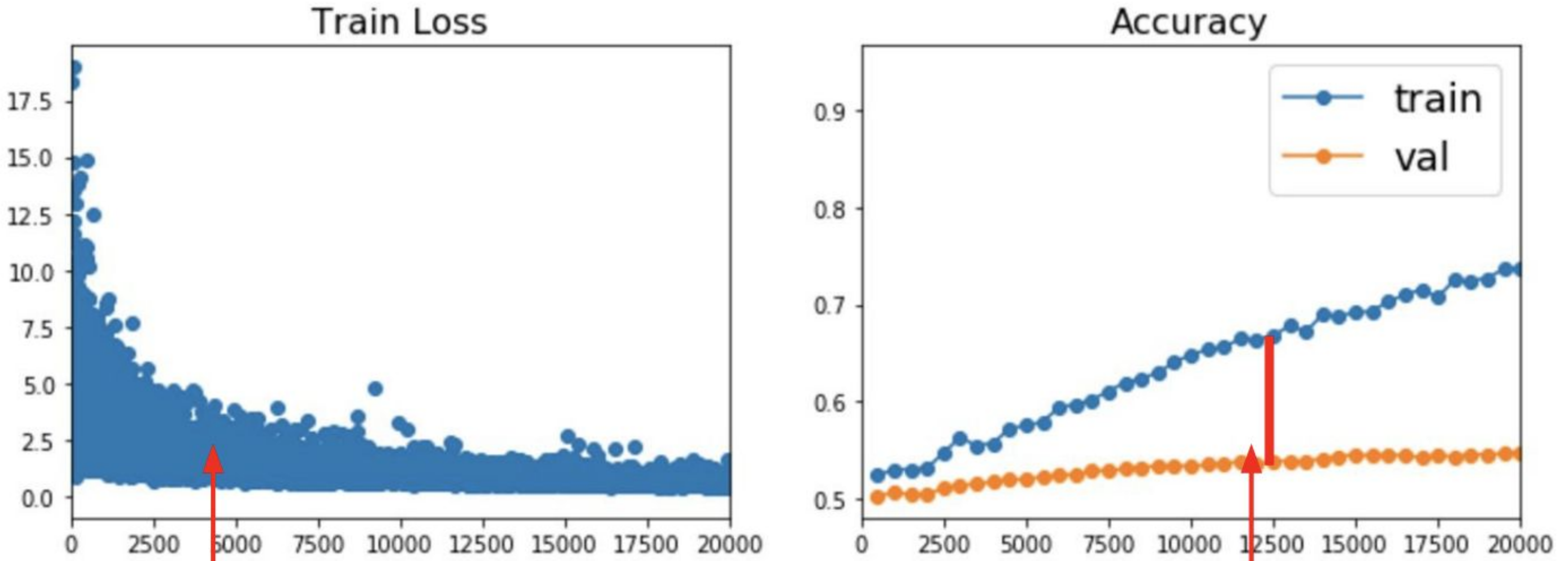
Sum up: optimization

- Adam is great basic choice
- Even for Adam/RMSProp learning rate matters
- Use learning rate decay
- Monitor your model quality



Better optimization algorithms help reduce training loss

But we really care about error on new data - how to reduce the gap?

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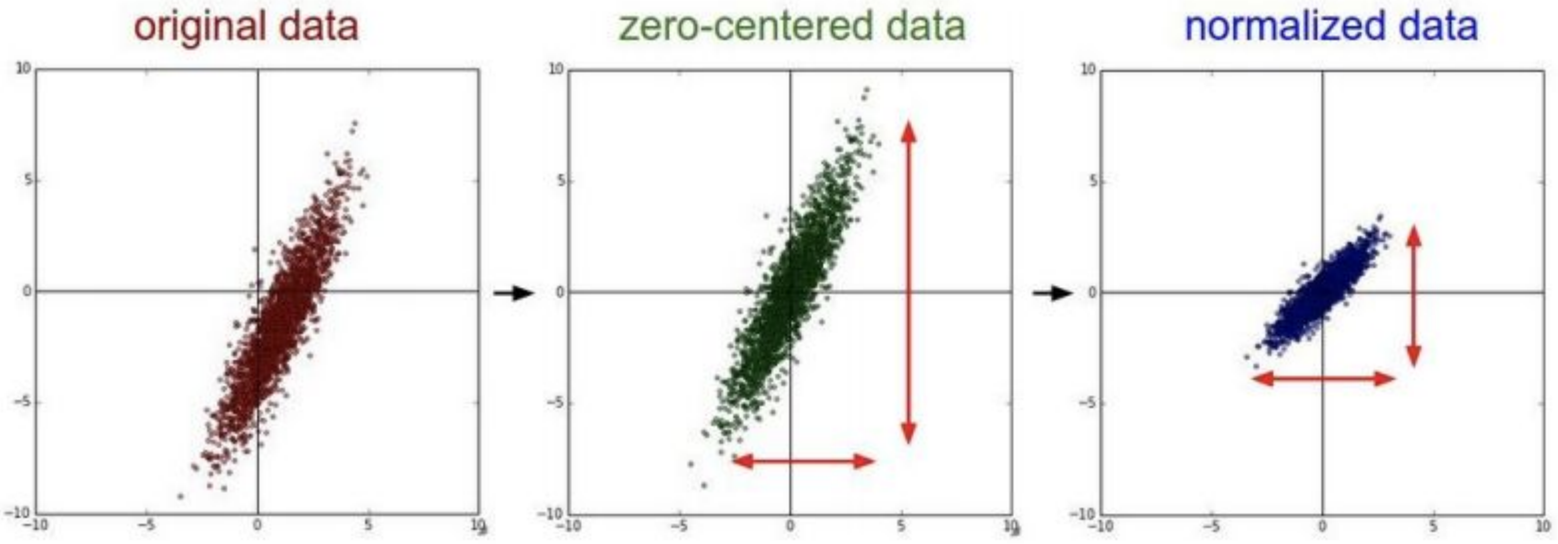
Data normalization



Tree-based models normalization?...

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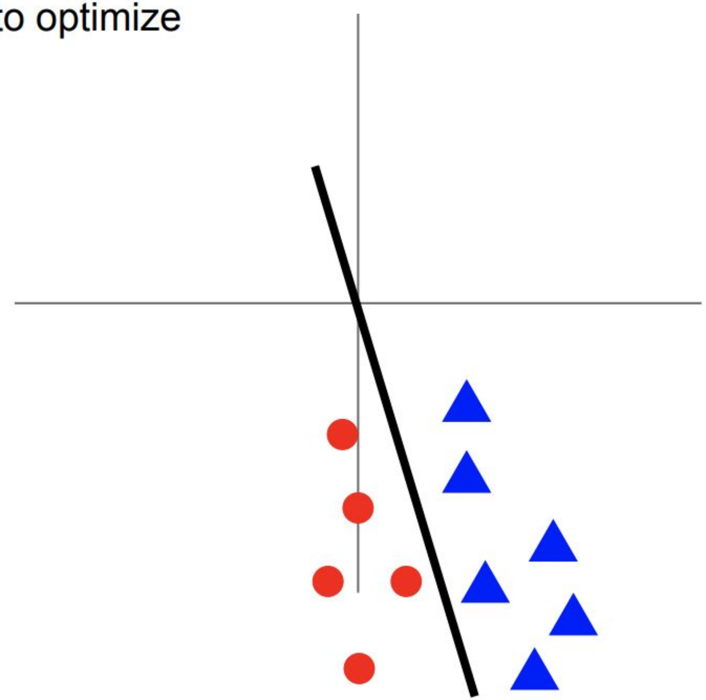
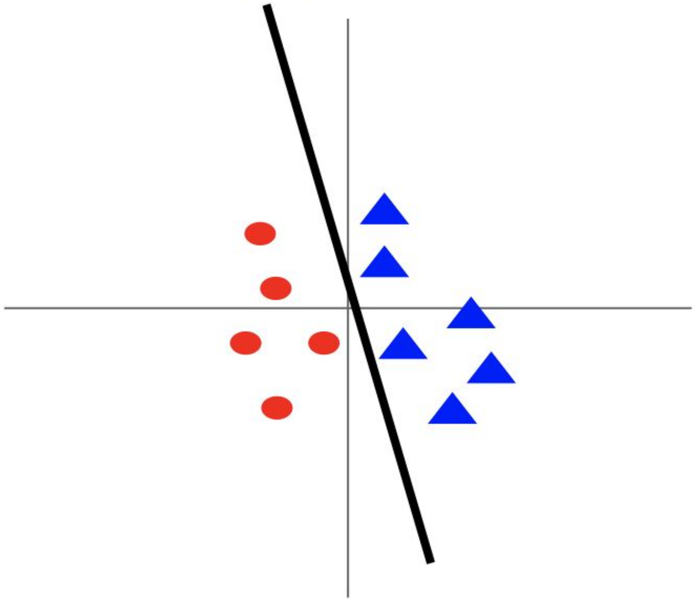
Data normalization

Before normalization: classification loss very sensitive to changes in weight matrix; hard to optimize



After normalization: less sensitive to small changes in weights; easier to optimize



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- Calibrated random numbers.

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$$\mathrm{Var}(s) = \mathrm{Var}(\sum_i^n w_i x_i)$$

$$= \sum_i^n \mathrm{Var}(w_i x_i)$$

$$= \sum_i^n [E(w_i)]^2 \mathrm{Var}(x_i) + E[(x_i)]^2 \mathrm{Var}(w_i) + \mathrm{Var}(x_i)\mathrm{Var}(w_i)$$

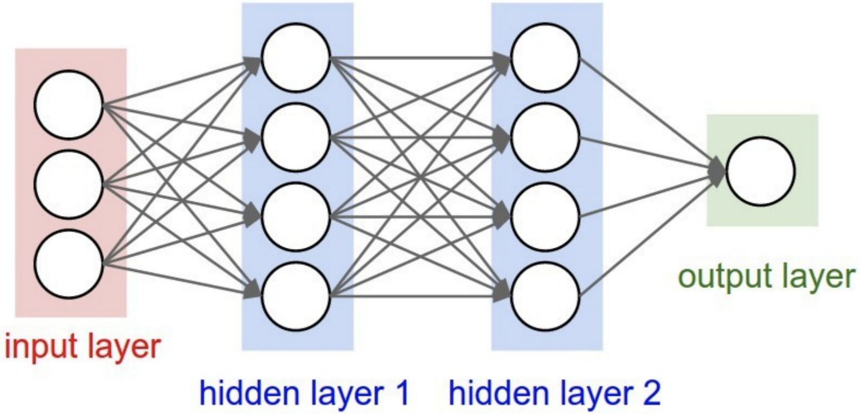
$$= \sum_i^n \mathrm{Var}(x_i)\mathrm{Var}(w_i)$$

$$= (n\mathrm{Var}(w))\ \mathrm{Var}(x)$$

Batch normalization

Problem:

- Consider a neuron in any layer beyond first
- At each iteration we tune it's weights towards better loss function
- But we also tune it's inputs. Some of them become larger, some – smaller
- Now the neuron needs to be re-tuned for it's new inputs



Batch normalization

TL; DR:

- It's usually a good idea to normalize linear model inputs

(c) Every machine learning lecturer, ever

Batch normalization

- Normalize activation of a hidden layer

  (zero mean unit variance)

$$h_i = \frac{h_i - \mu_i}{\sqrt{\sigma_i^2}}$$

- Update μ_i, σ_i^2 with moving average while training

$$\mu_i := \alpha \cdot mean_{batch} + (1-\alpha) \cdot \mu_i$$
$$\sigma_i^2 := \alpha \cdot variance_{batch} + (1-\alpha) \cdot \sigma_i^2$$

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Original algorithm (2015)

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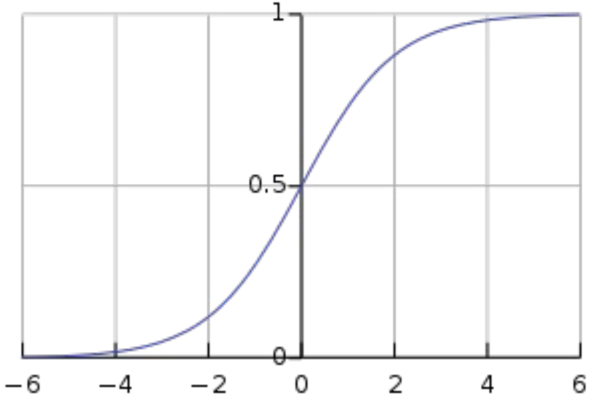

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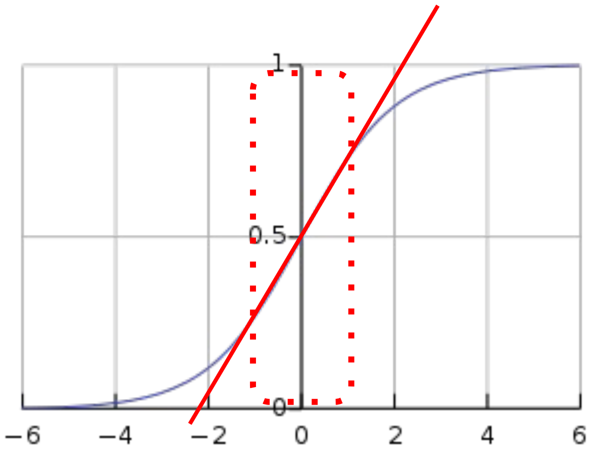

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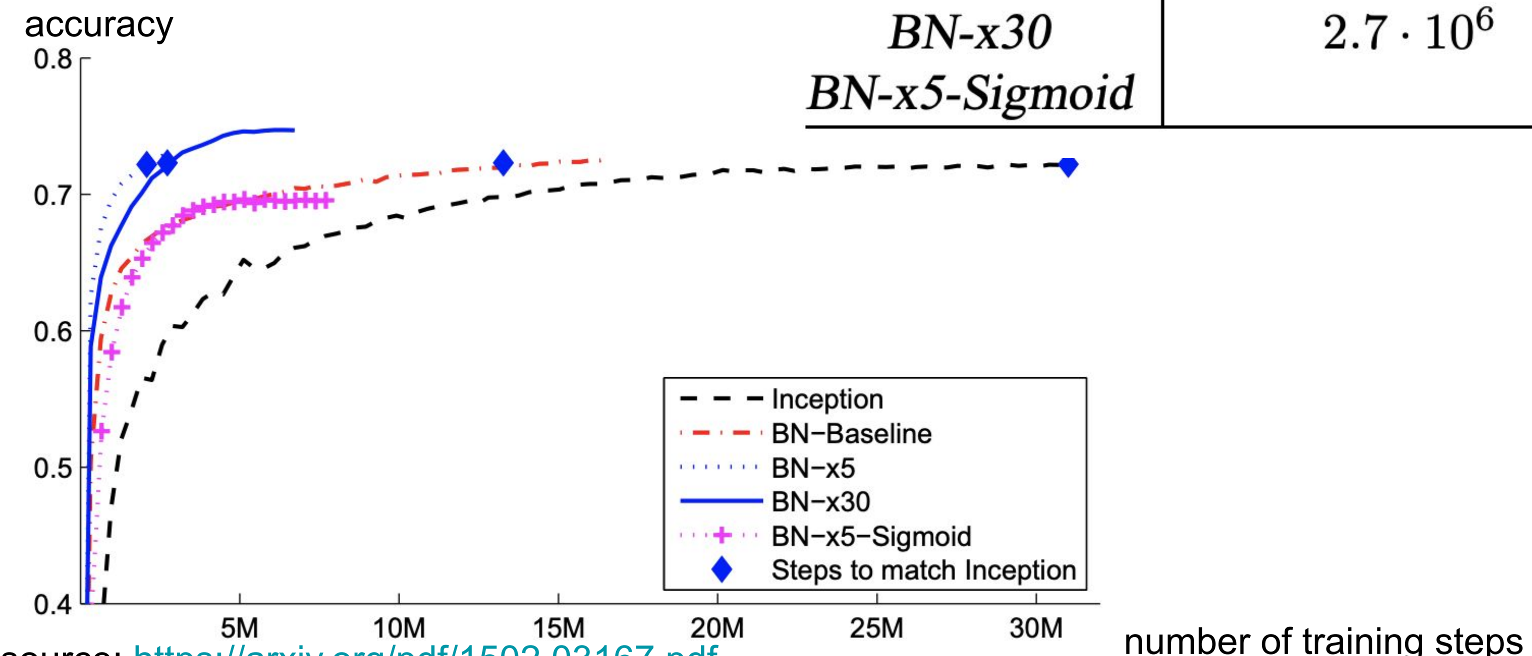
Model	Steps to 72.2%	Max accuracy
Inception	$31.0 \cdot 10^6$	72.2%
BN-Baseline	$13.3 \cdot 10^6$	72.7%
BN-x5	$2.1 \cdot 10^6$	73.0%
BN-x30	$2.7 \cdot 10^6$	74.8%
BN-x5-Sigmoid		69.8%



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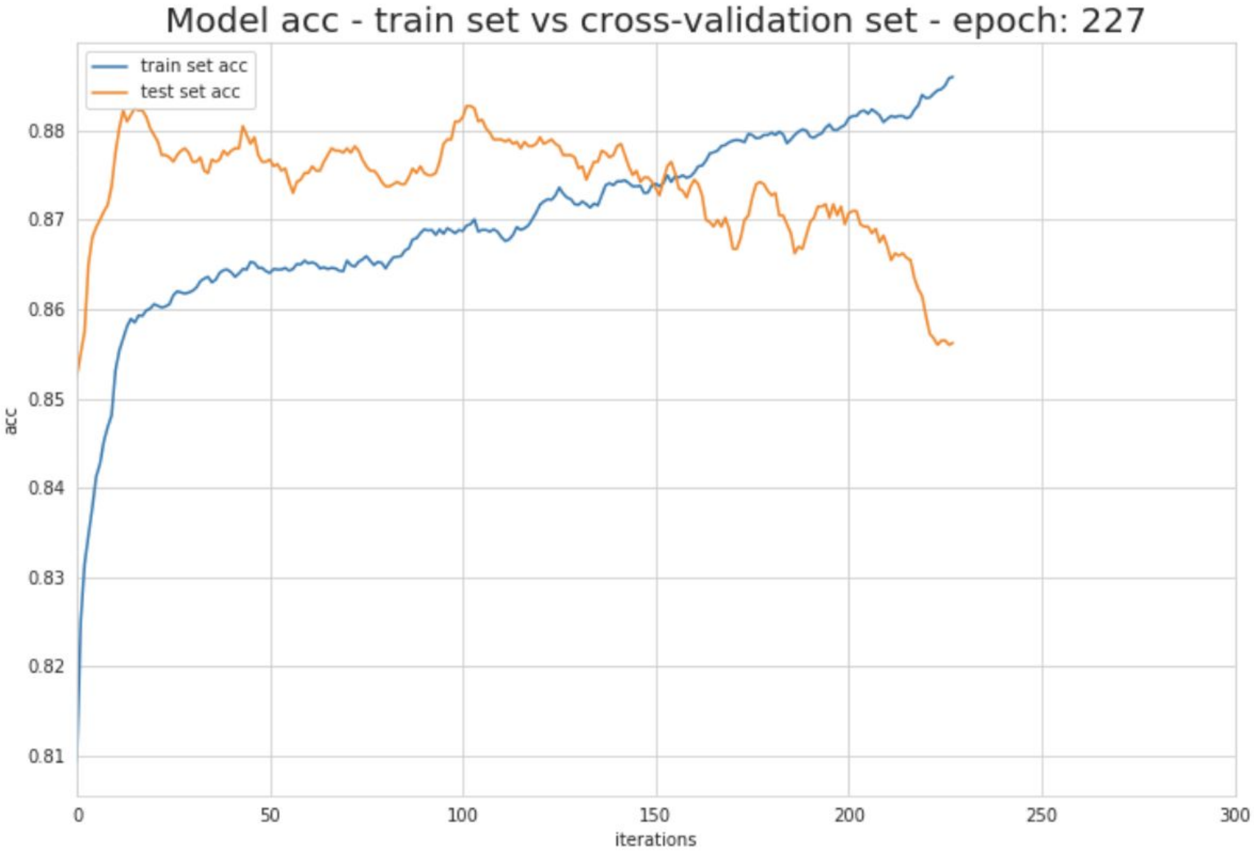
Problem: overfitting



Regularization

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, f(x_i; W)_j - f(x_i; W)_{y_i} + 1) + \boxed{\lambda R(W)}$$

Adding some extra term to the loss function.

Common cases:

- L2 regularization: $R(W) = \|W\|_2^2$
- L1 regularization: $R(W) = \|W\|_1$
- Elastic Net (L1 + L2): $R(W) = \beta \|W\|_2^2 + \|W\|_1$

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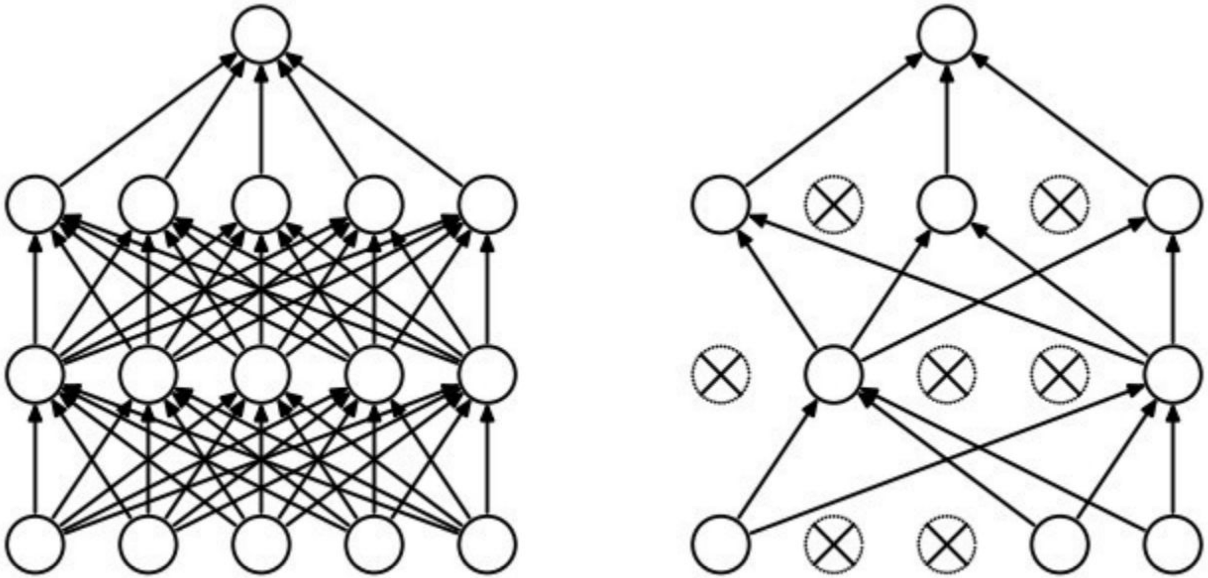

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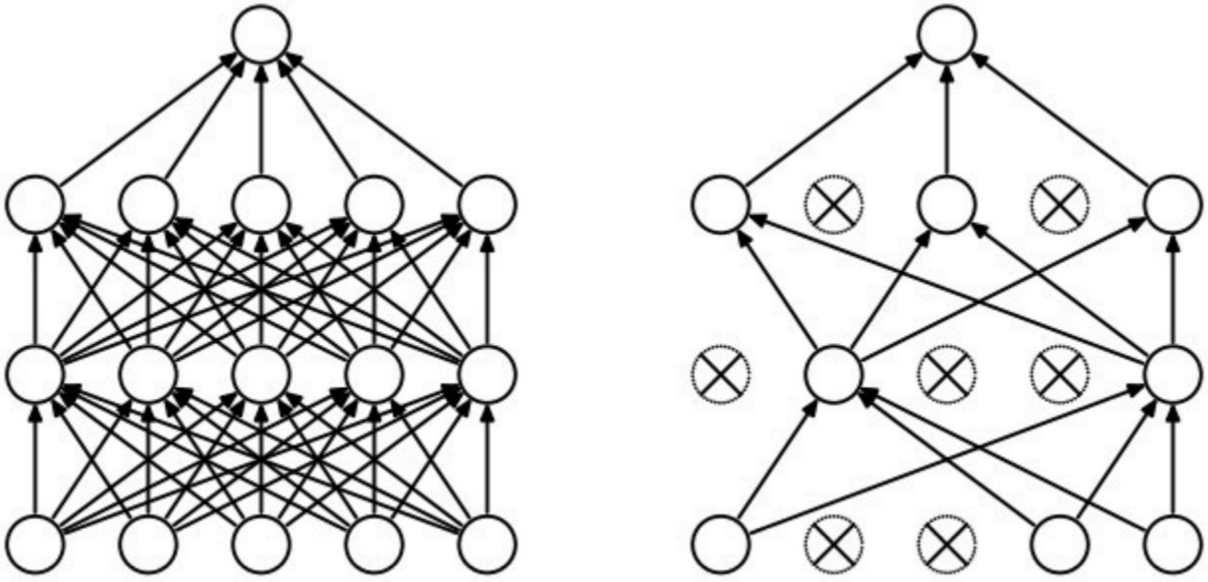

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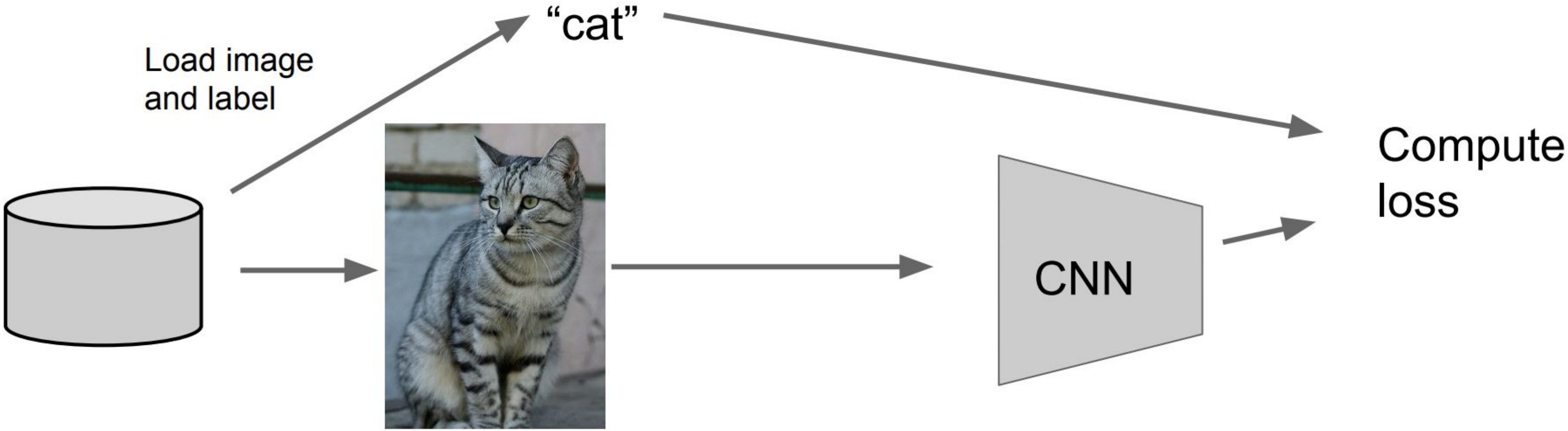
Actually, on test case output should be normalized. See sources for more info.

Regularization: data augmentation



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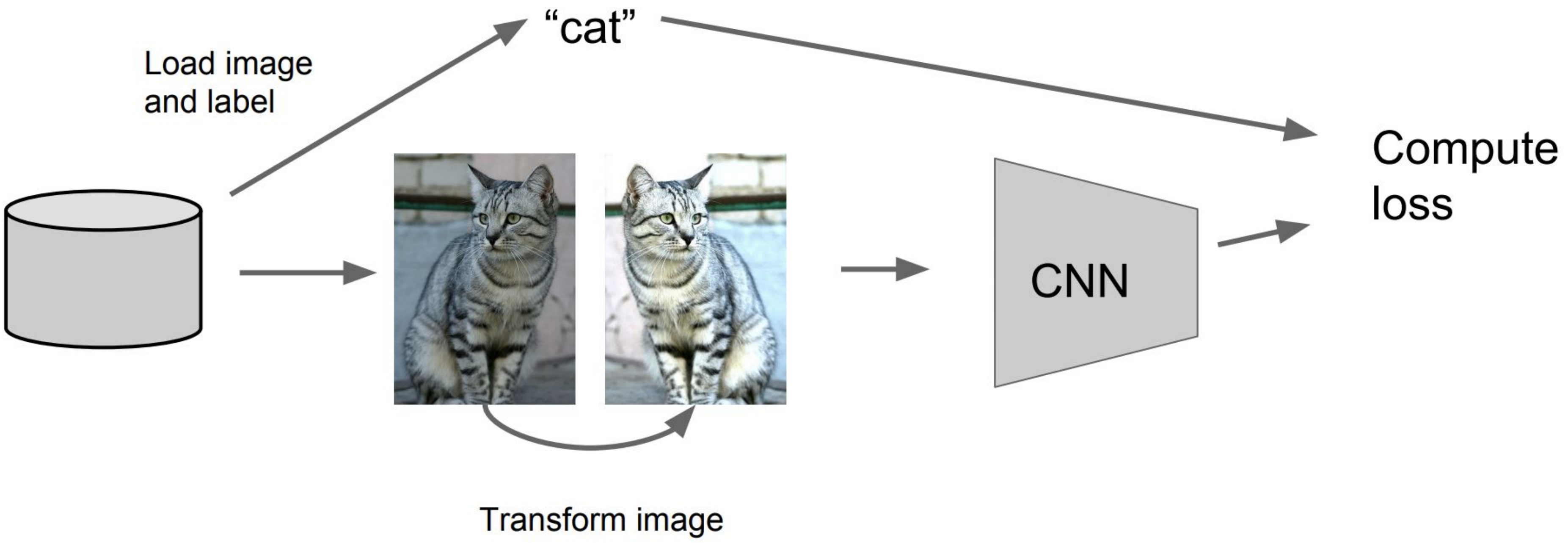

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Sum up: regularization

Regularization:

- Add some weight constraints
- Add some random noise during train and marginalize it during test
- Add some prior information in appropriate form

Q & A

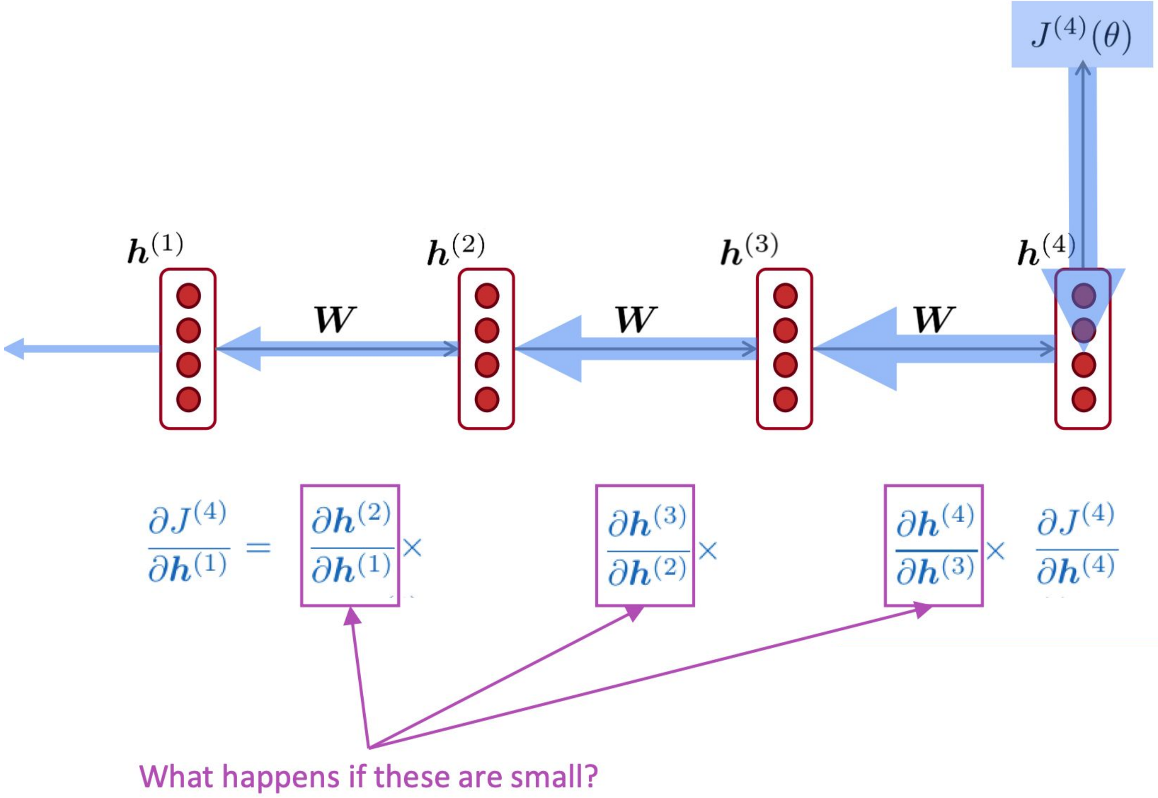
That’s all. Feel free to ask any questions.

Backup

Vanishing gradient problem

Vanishing gradient problem:

When the derivatives are small, the gradient signal gets smaller and smaller as it backpropagates further

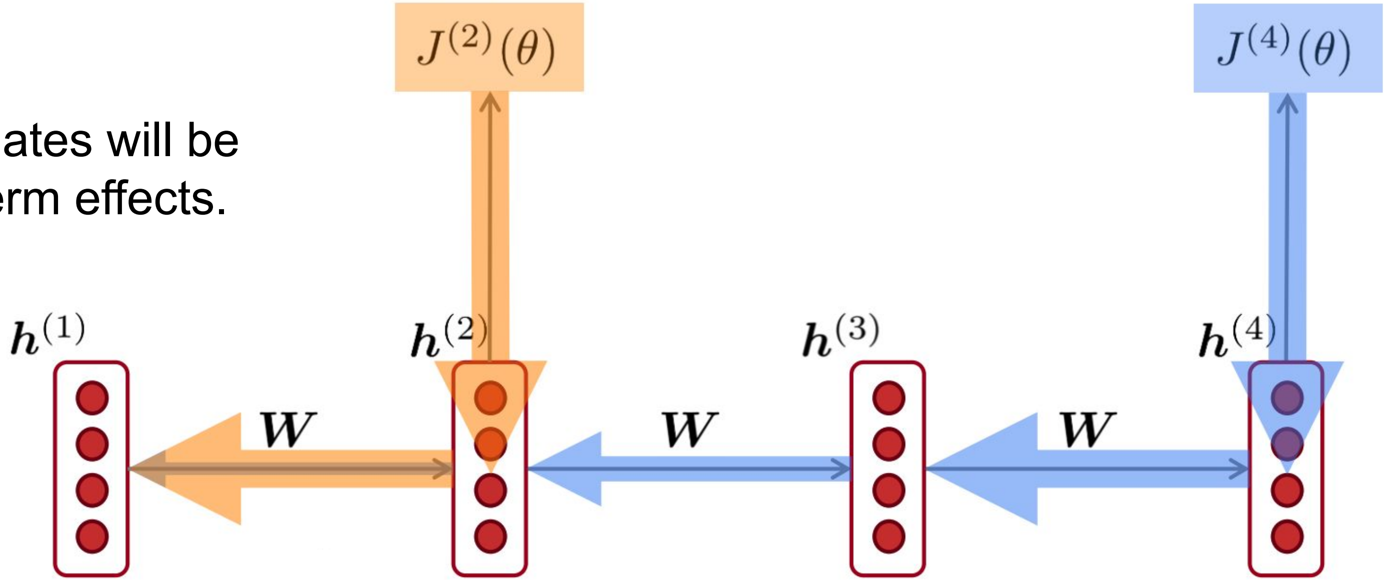


More info: “On the difficulty of training recurrent neural networks”, Pascanu et al, 2013
http://proceedings.mlr.press/v28/pascanu13.pdf

Vanishing gradient problem

Gradient signal from far away is lost because it's much smaller than from close-by.

So model weights updates will be based only on short-term effects.



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Exploding gradient problem

- If the gradient becomes too big, then the SGD update step becomes too big:

$$\theta^{new} = \theta^{old} - \overbrace{\alpha}^{\text{learning rate}} \underbrace{\nabla_\theta J(\theta)}_{\text{gradient}}$$

- This can cause bad updates: we take too large a step and reach a bad parameter configuration (with large loss)

- In the worst case, this will result in Inf or NaN in your network (then you have to restart training from an earlier checkpoint)

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Exploding gradient solution

- Gradient clipping: if the norm of the gradient is greater than some threshold, scale it down before applying SGD update

Algorithm 1 Pseudo-code for norm clipping

$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \theta}$
if $\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}\| \geq \textit{threshold}$ **then**
$\quad \hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{\textit{threshold}}{\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}\|} \hat{\mathbf{g}}$
end if

- Intuition: take a step in the same direction, but a smaller step

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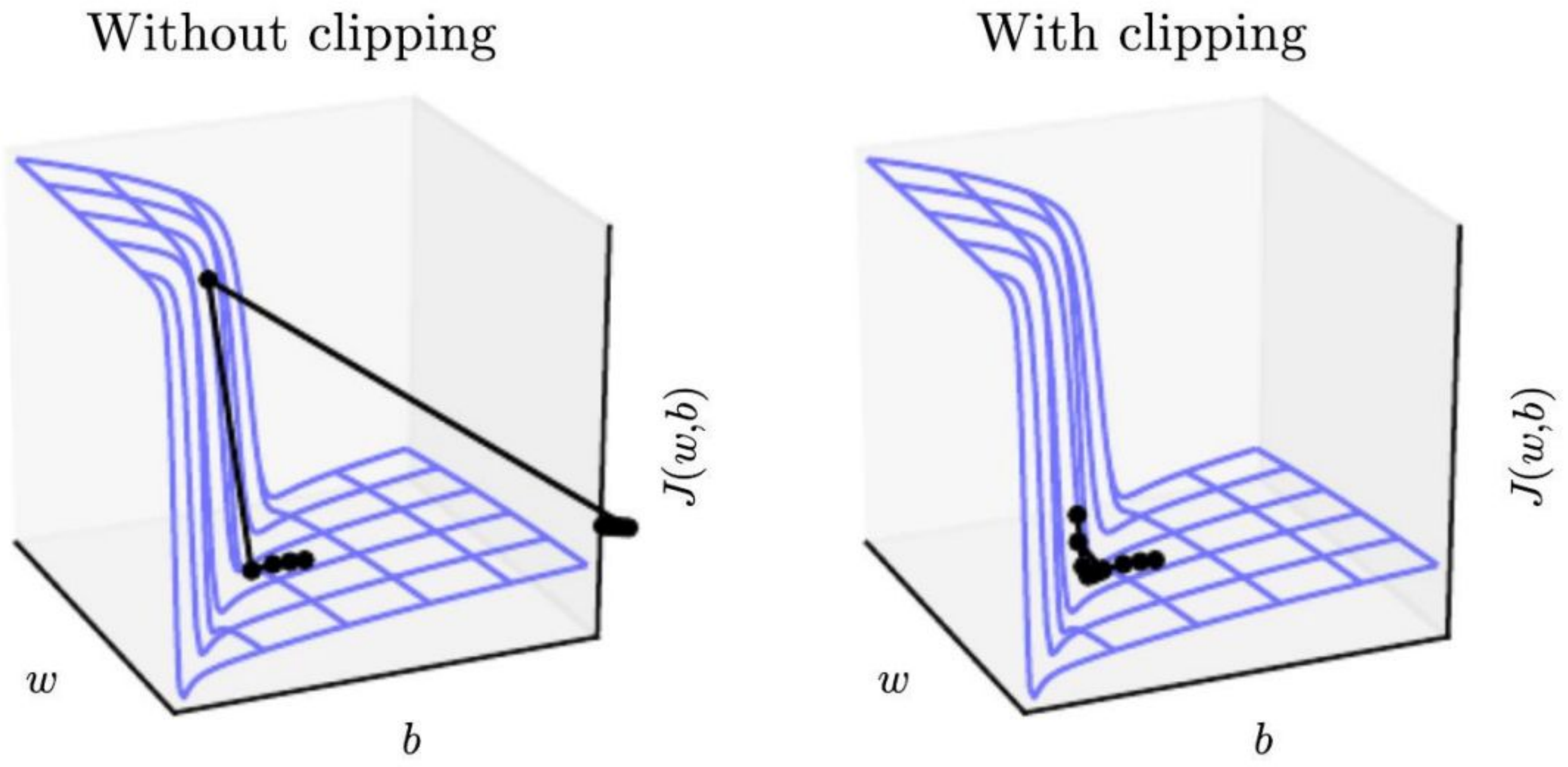

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