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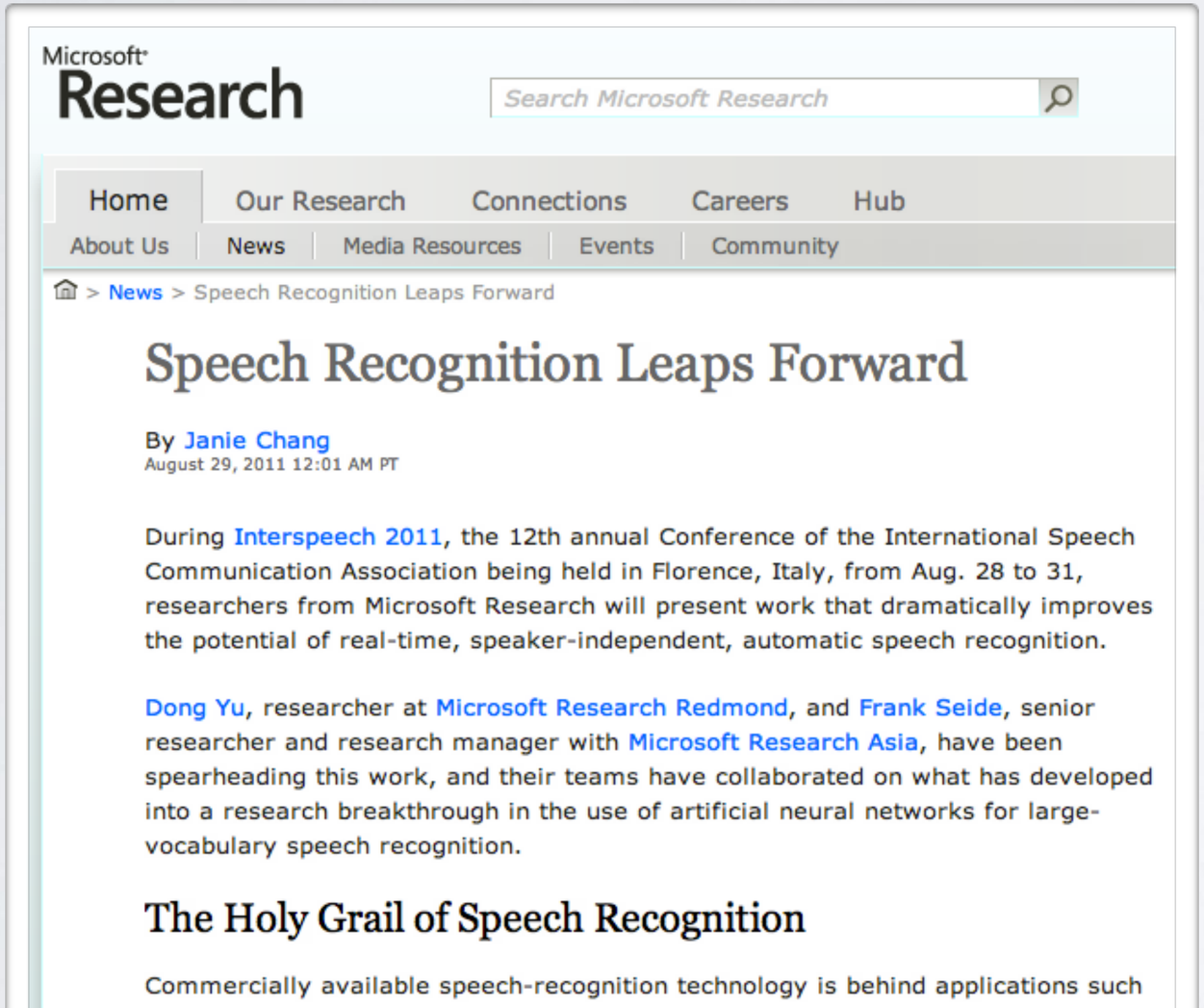

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Speech Recognition Leaps Forward

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During Interspeech 2011, the 12th annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association being held in Florence, Italy, from Aug. 28 to 31, researchers from Microsoft Research will present work that dramatically improves the potential of real-time, speaker-independent, automatic speech recognition.

Dong Yu, researcher at Microsoft Research Redmond, and Frank Seide, senior researcher and research manager with Microsoft Research Asia, have been spearheading this work, and their teams have collaborated on what has developed into a research breakthrough in the use of artificial neural networks for large-vocabulary speech recognition.

The Holy Grail of Speech Recognition

Commercially available speech-recognition technology is behind applications such

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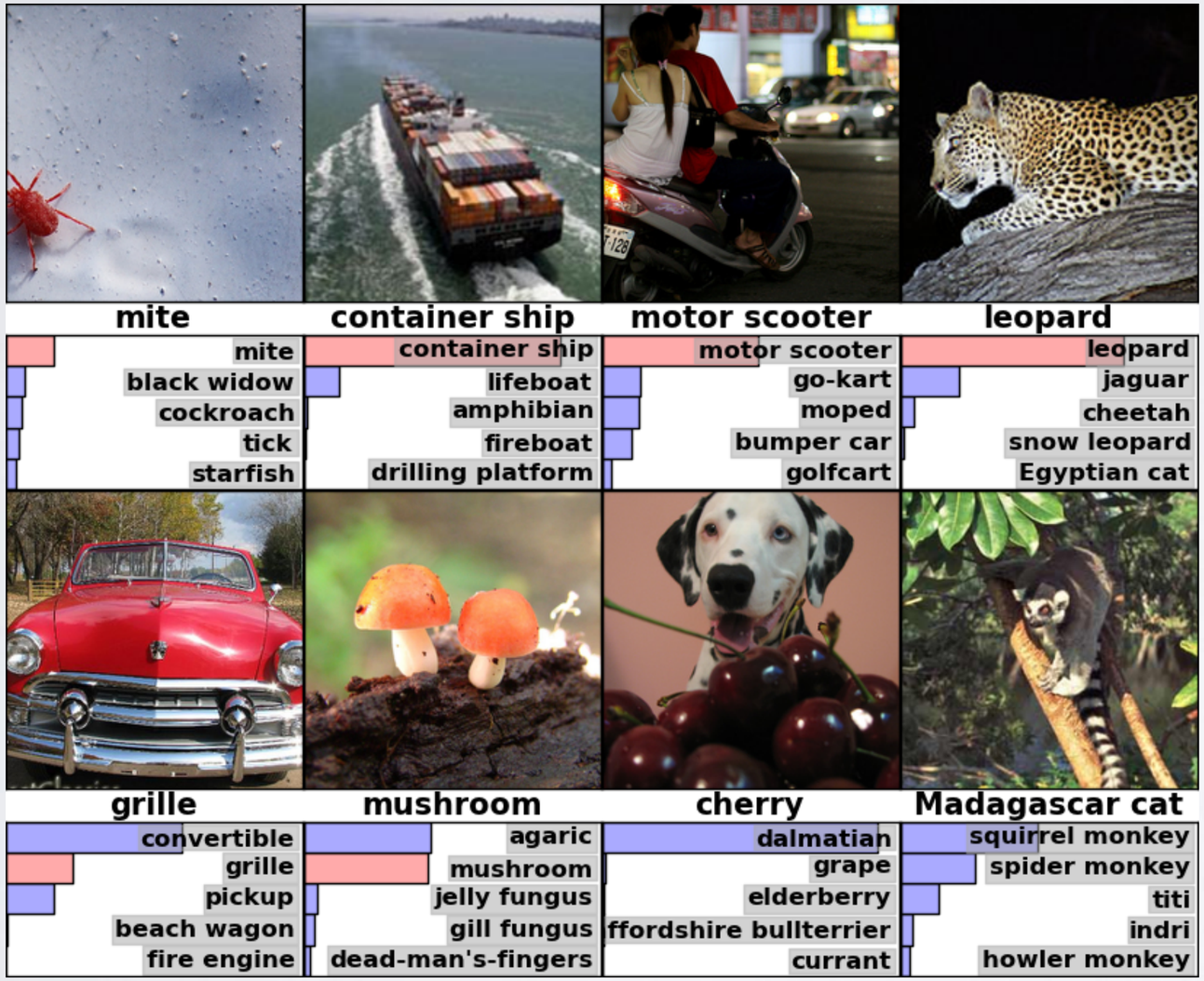


ARTIFICIAL NEURON

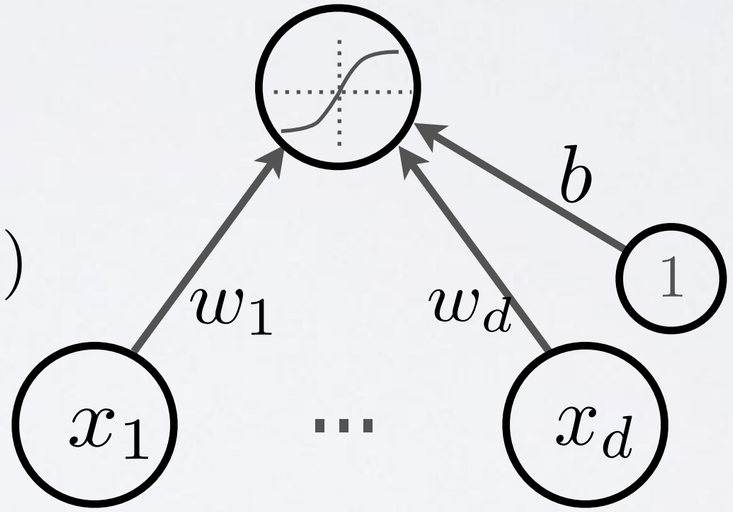
Topics: connection weights, bias, activation function

- Neuron pre-activation (or input activation):

$$a(\mathbf{x}) = b + \sum_i w_i x_i = b + \mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$$

- Neuron (output) activation

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = g(a(\mathbf{x})) = g(b + \sum_i w_i x_i)$$



$\mathbf{w}$ are the connection weights

b is the neuron bias

$g(\cdot)$ is called the activation function

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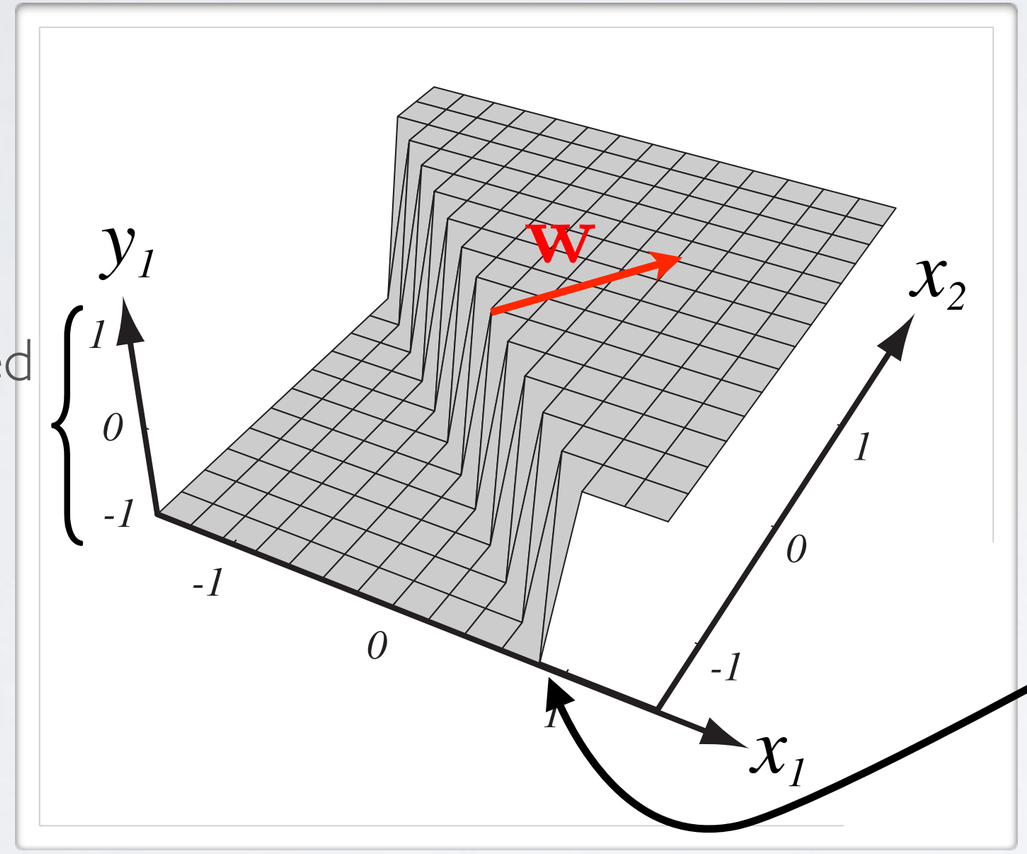
range determined by $g(\cdot)$



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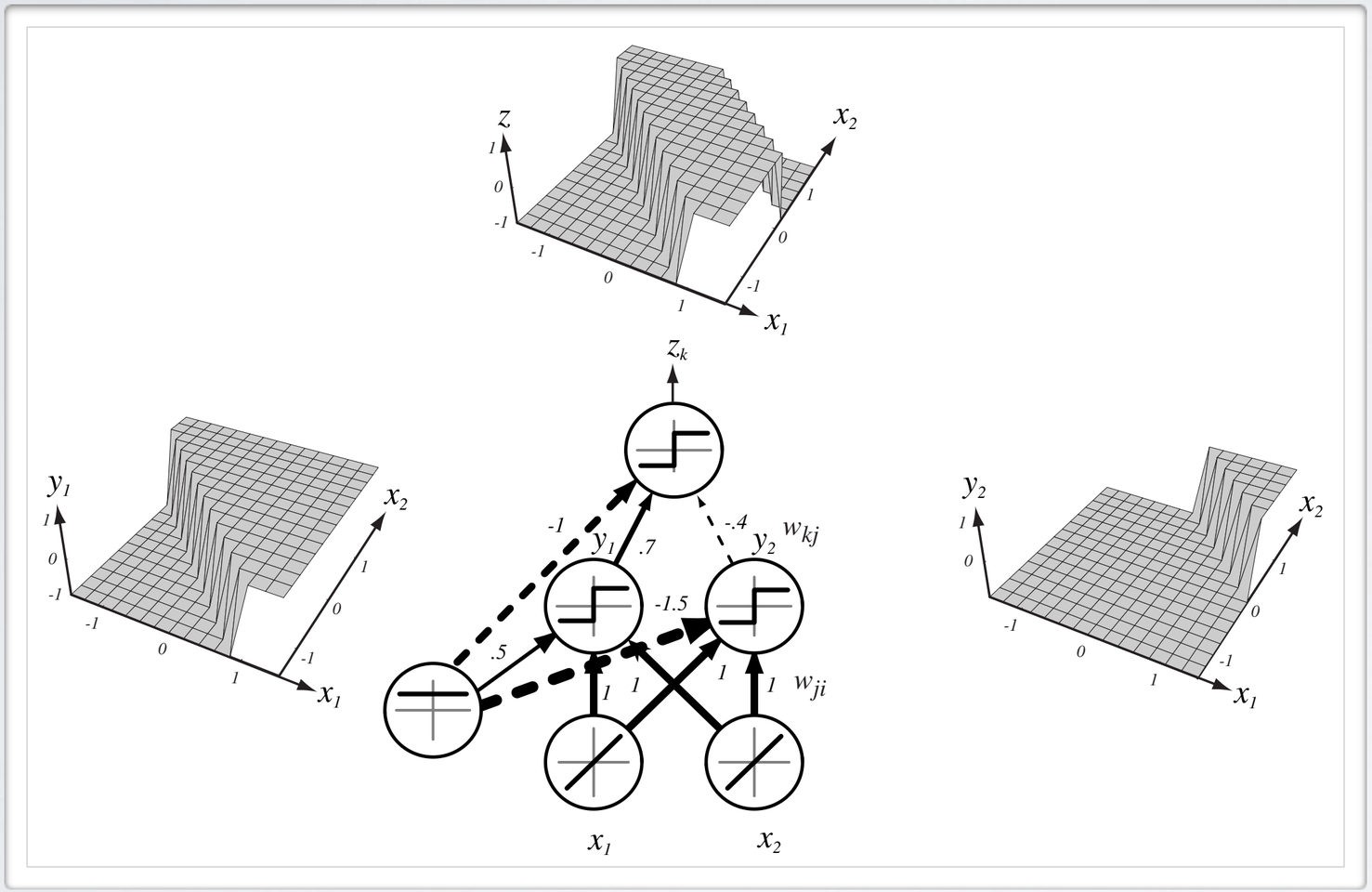

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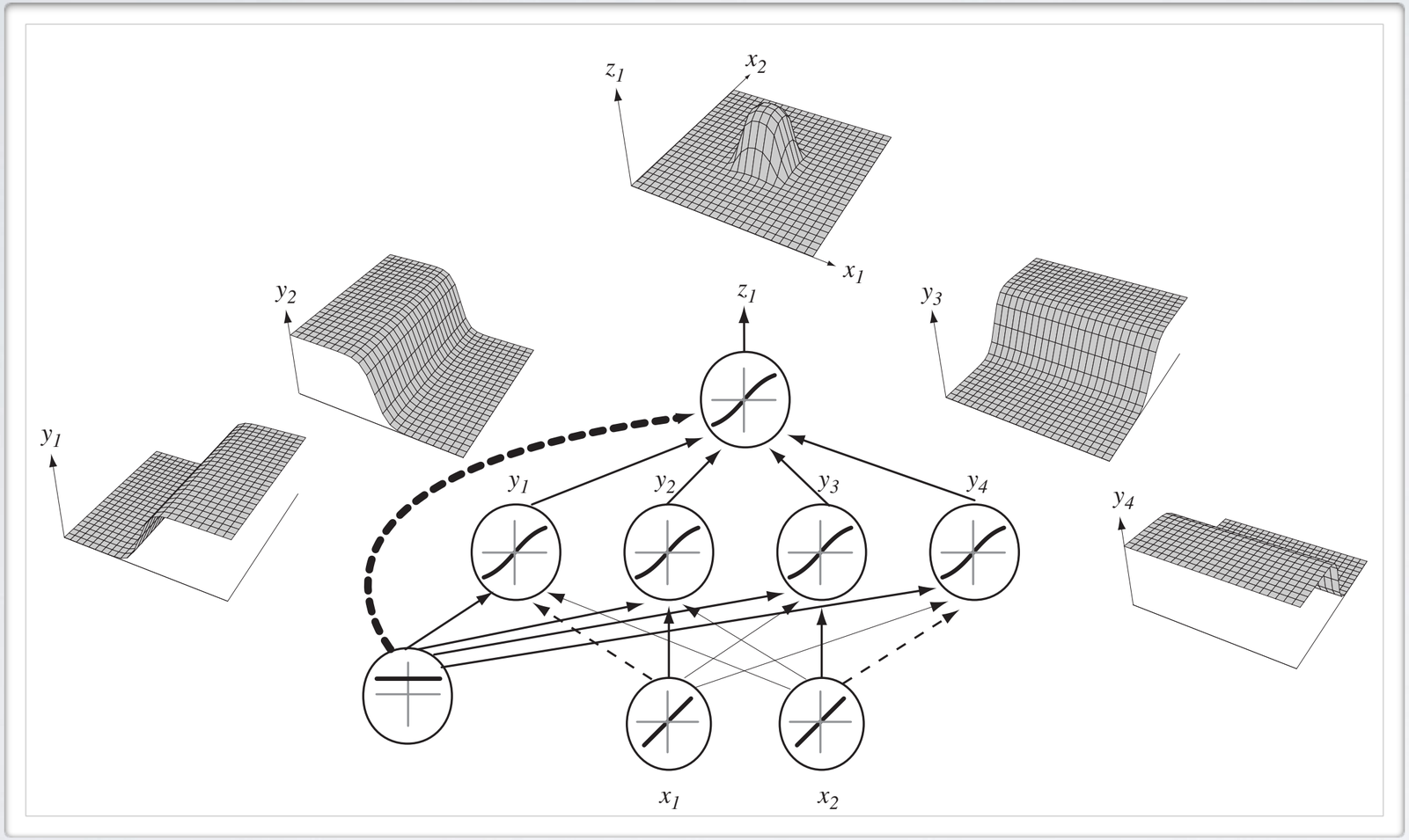

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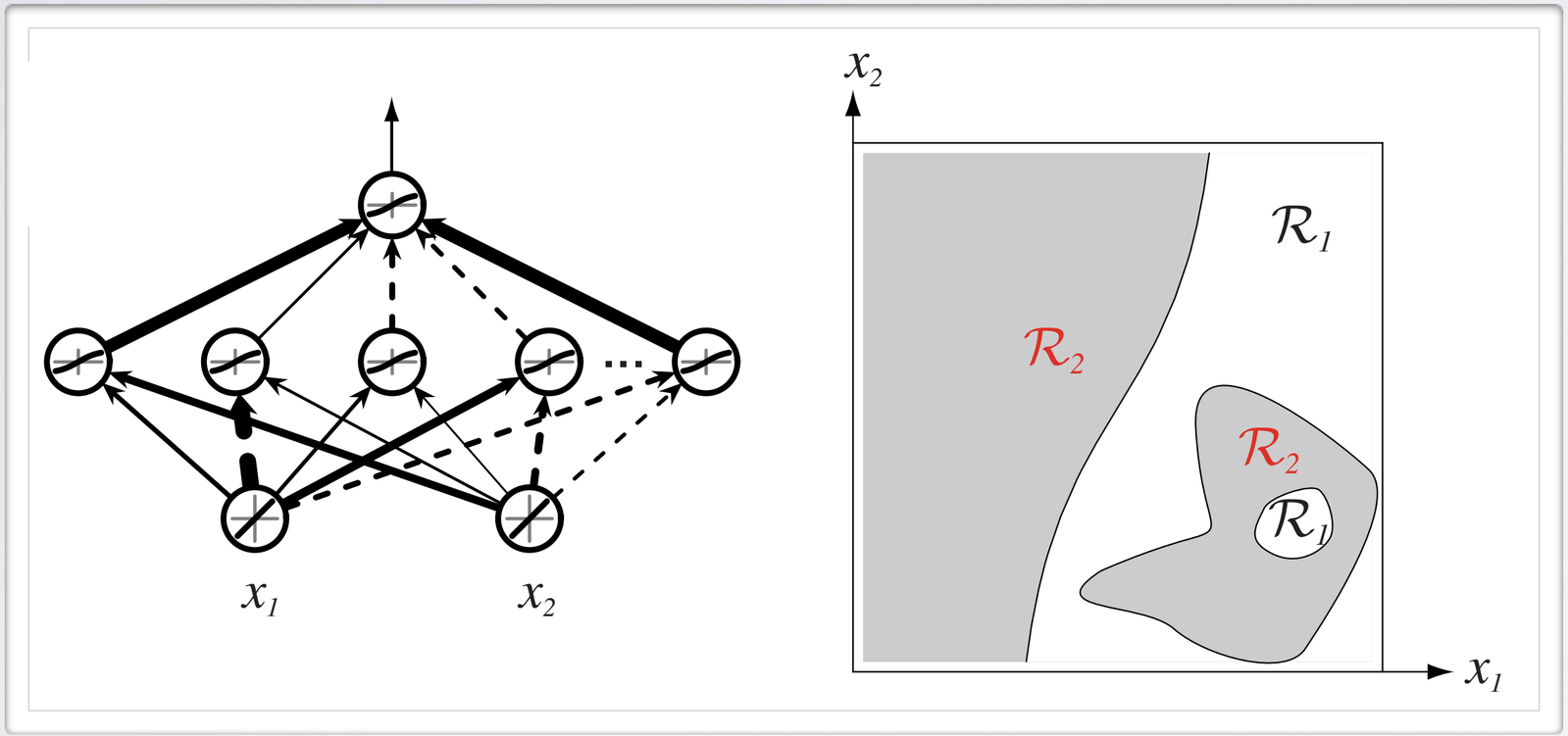

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CAPACITY OF NEURAL NETWORK

Topics: universal approximation

- Universal approximation theorem (Hornik, 1991):
  - "a single hidden layer neural network with a linear output unit can approximate any continuous function arbitrarily well, given enough hidden units"
- The result applies for sigmoid, tanh and many other hidden layer activation functions
- This is a good result, but it doesn't mean there is a learning algorithm that can find the necessary parameter values!

NEURAL NETWORK

Topics: multilayer neural network

- Could have L hidden layers:
  - layer pre-activation for $k>0$ $(\mathbf{h}^{(0)}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x})$

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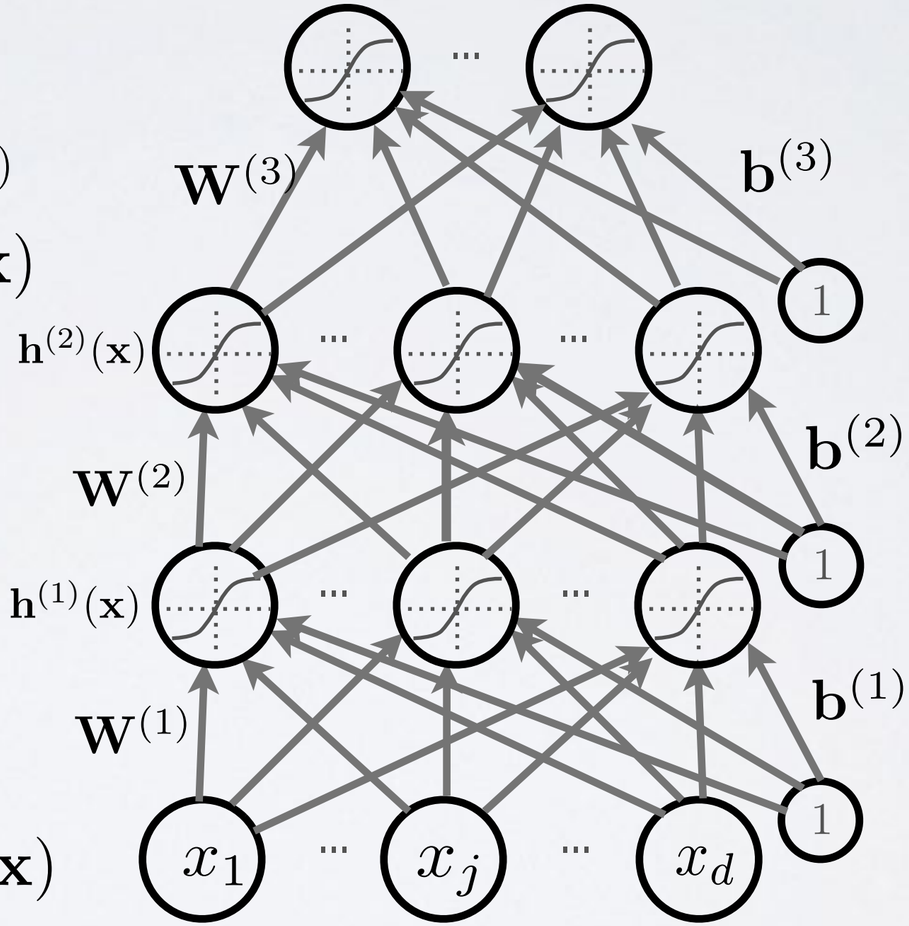
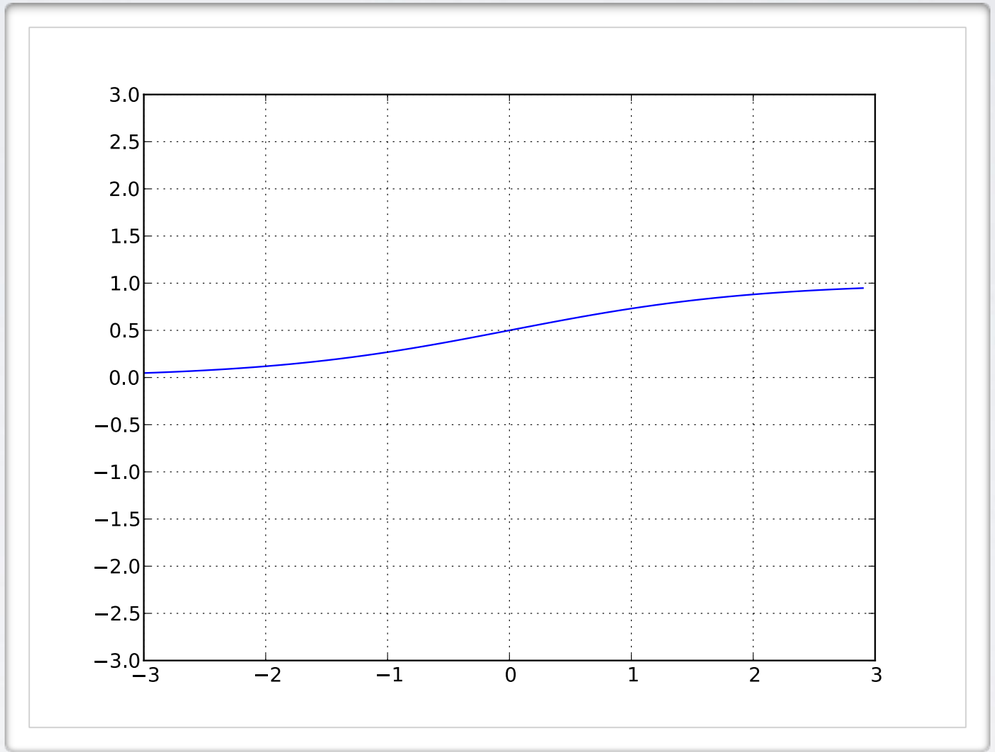


ACTIVATION FUNCTION

Topics: sigmoid activation function

- Squashes the neuron's pre-activation between 0 and 1
- Always positive
- Bounded
- Strictly increasing

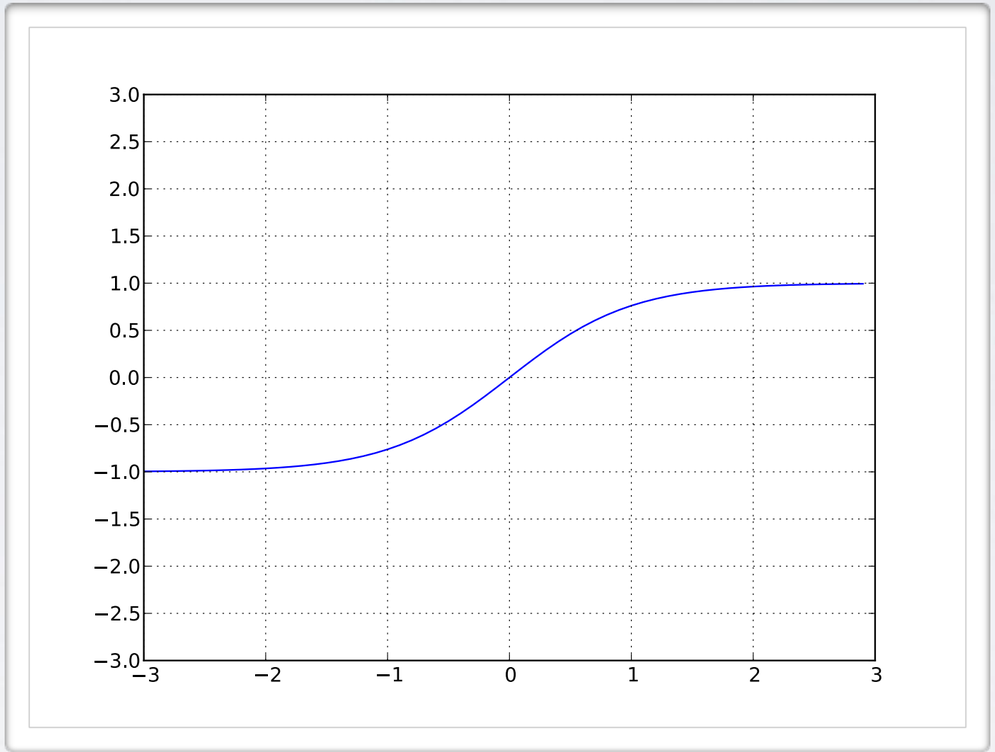


$$g(a) = \text{sigm}(a) = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-a)}$$

ACTIVATION FUNCTION

Topics: hyperbolic tangent ("tanh") activation function

- Squashes the neuron's pre-activation between -1 and 1
- Can be positive or negative
- Bounded
- Strictly increasing

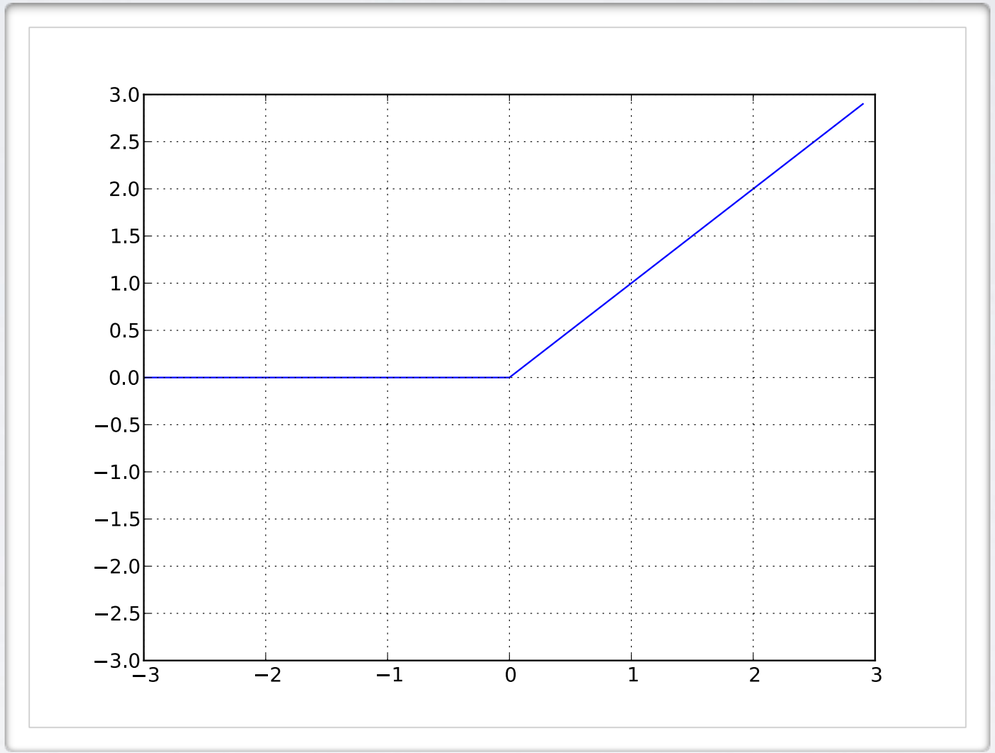


$$g(a) = \tanh(a) = \frac{\exp(a) - \exp(-a)}{\exp(a) + \exp(-a)} = \frac{\exp(2a) - 1}{\exp(2a) + 1}$$

ACTIVATION FUNCTION

Topics: rectified linear activation function

- Bounded below by 0 (always non-negative)
- Not upper bounded
- Strictly increasing
- Tends to give neurons with sparse activities



$$g(a) = \text{reclin}(a) = \max(0, a)$$

ACTIVATION FUNCTION

Topics: softmax activation function

- For multi-class classification:
  - we need multiple outputs (1 output per class)
  - we would like to estimate the conditional probability $p(y = c|\mathbf{x})$

- We use the softmax activation function at the output:

$$\mathbf{o}(\mathbf{a}) = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{a}) = \left[\frac{\exp(a_1)}{\sum_c \exp(a_c)} \cdots \frac{\exp(a_C)}{\sum_c \exp(a_c)}\right]^\top$$

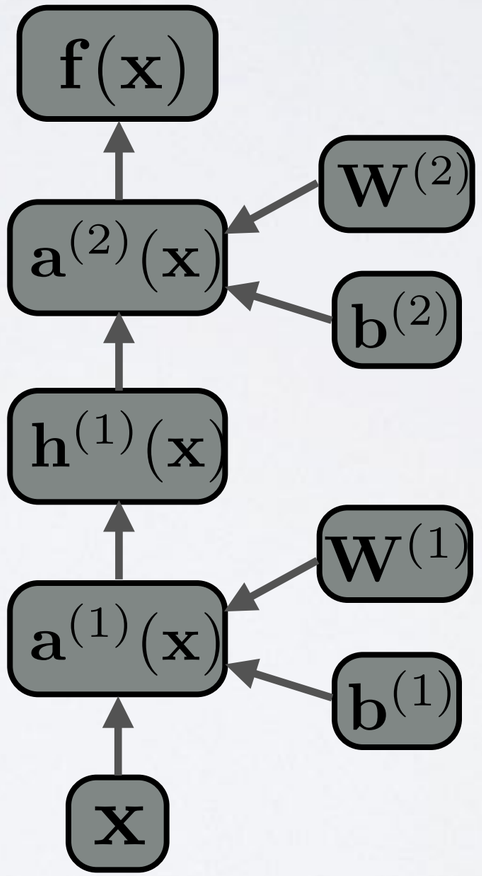
  - strictly positive
  - sums to one

- Predicted class is the one with highest estimated probability

FLOW GRAPH

Topics: flow graph

- Forward propagation can be represented as an acyclic flow graph
- It's a nice way of implementing forward propagation in a modular way
  - each box could be an object with an fprop method, that computes the value of the box given its parents
  - calling the fprop method of each box in the right order yield forward propagation



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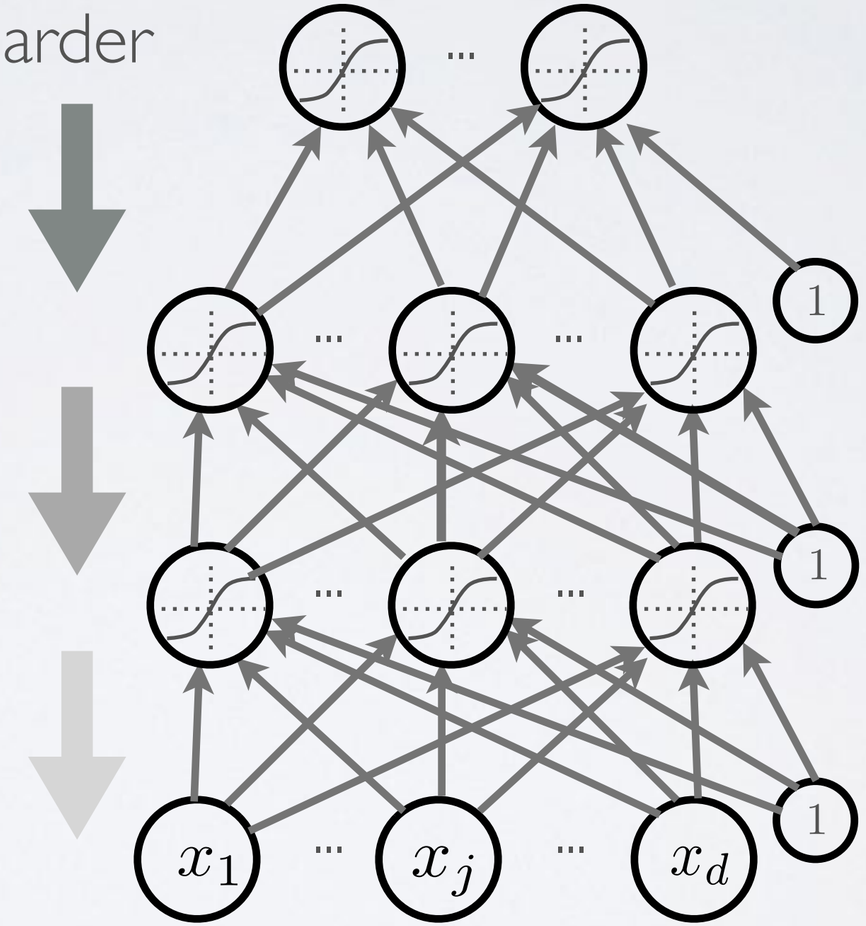
Training deep feed-forward neural networks

DEEP LEARNING

Topics: why training is hard

- First hypothesis: optimization is harder (underfitting)
  - vanishing gradient problem
  - saturated units block gradient propagation



- This is a well known problem in recurrent neural networks

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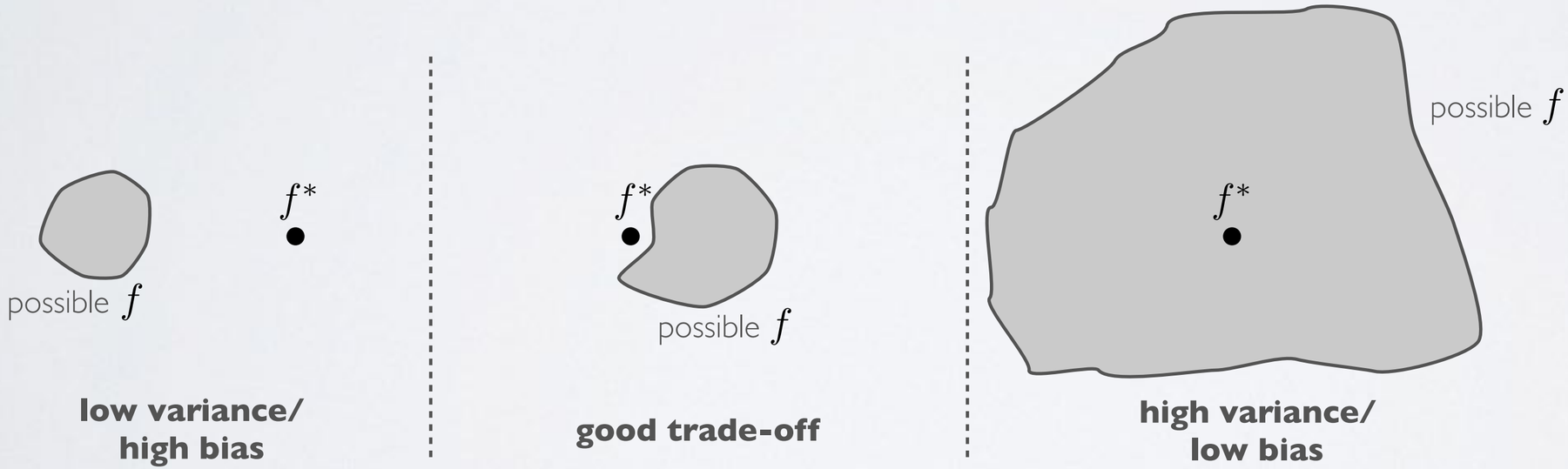

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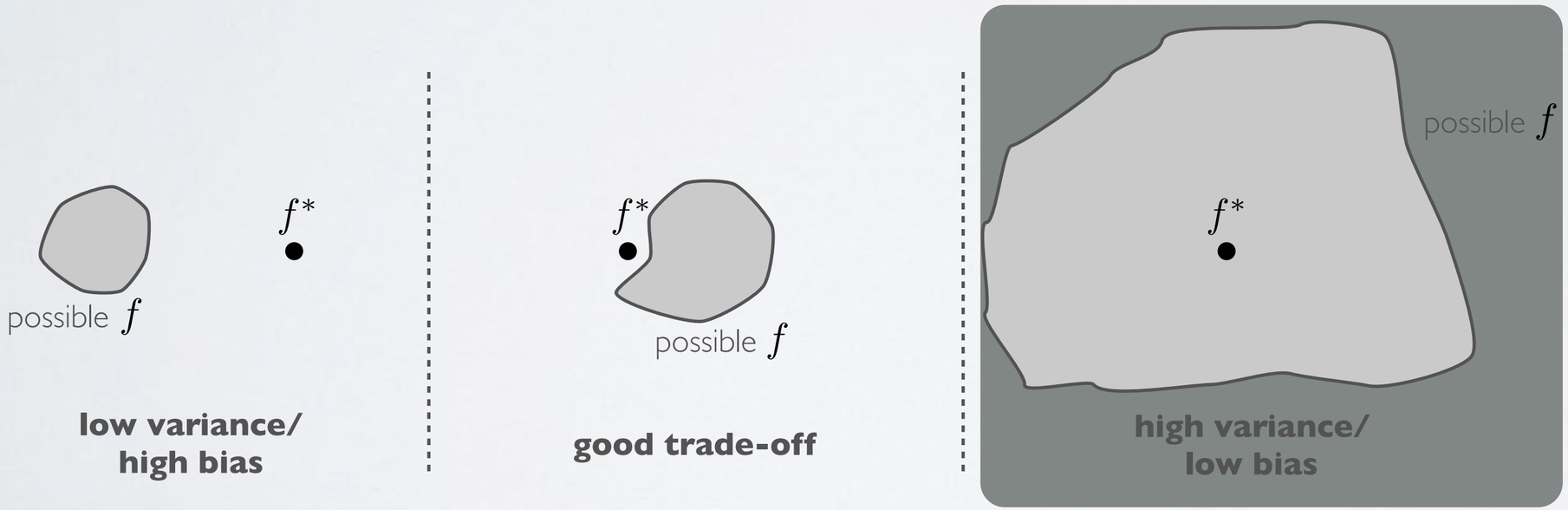

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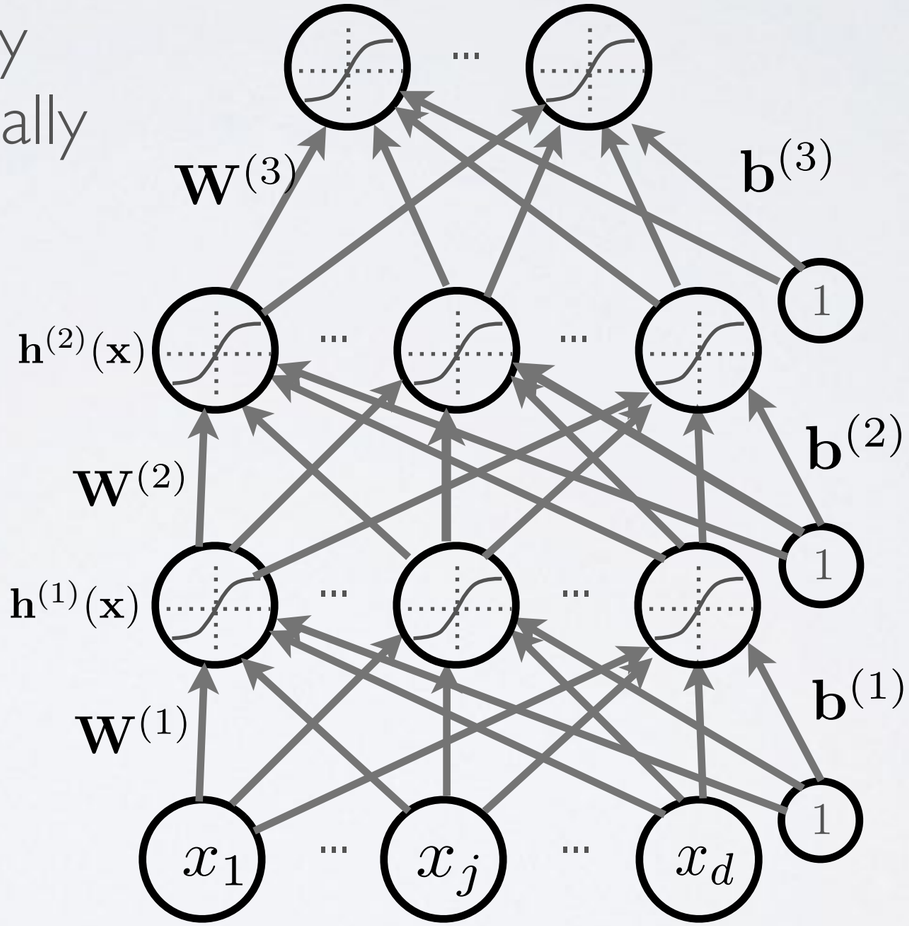

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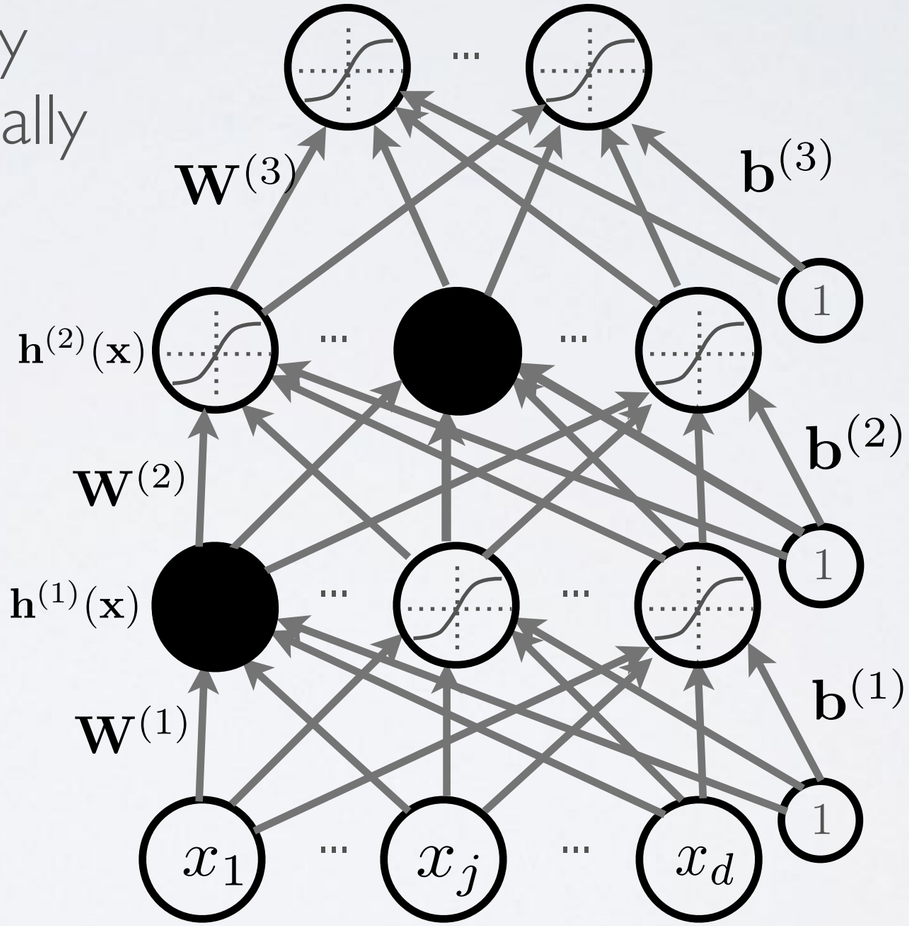

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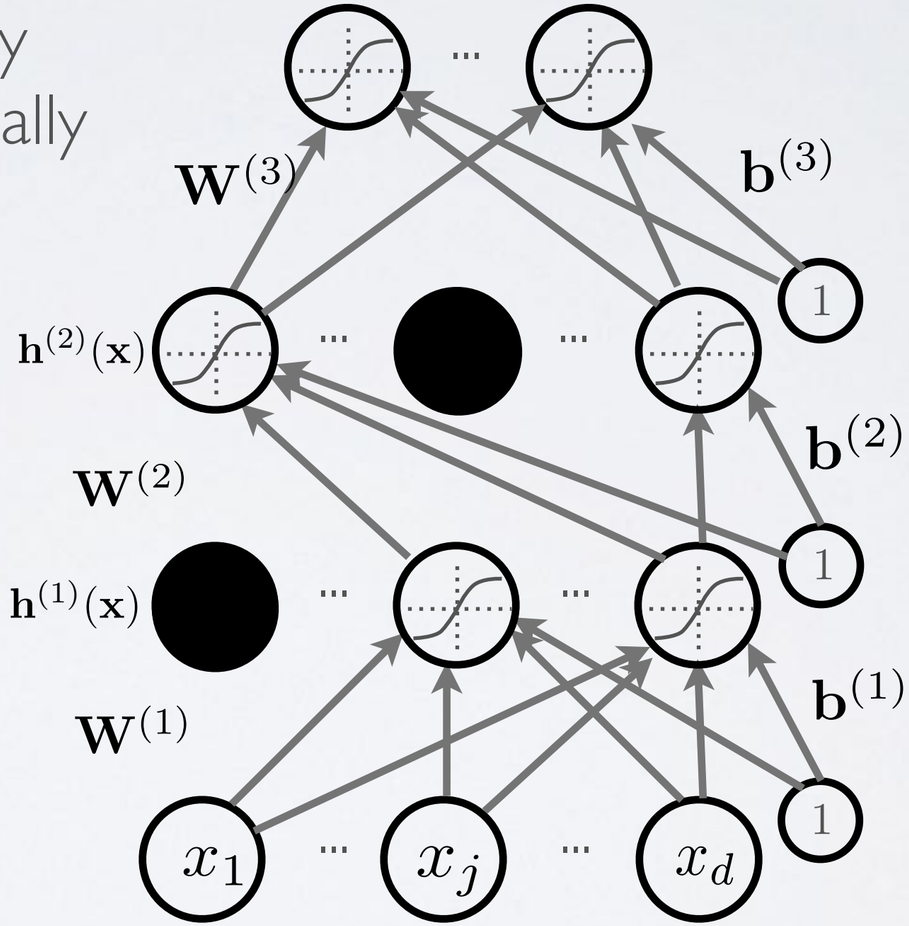

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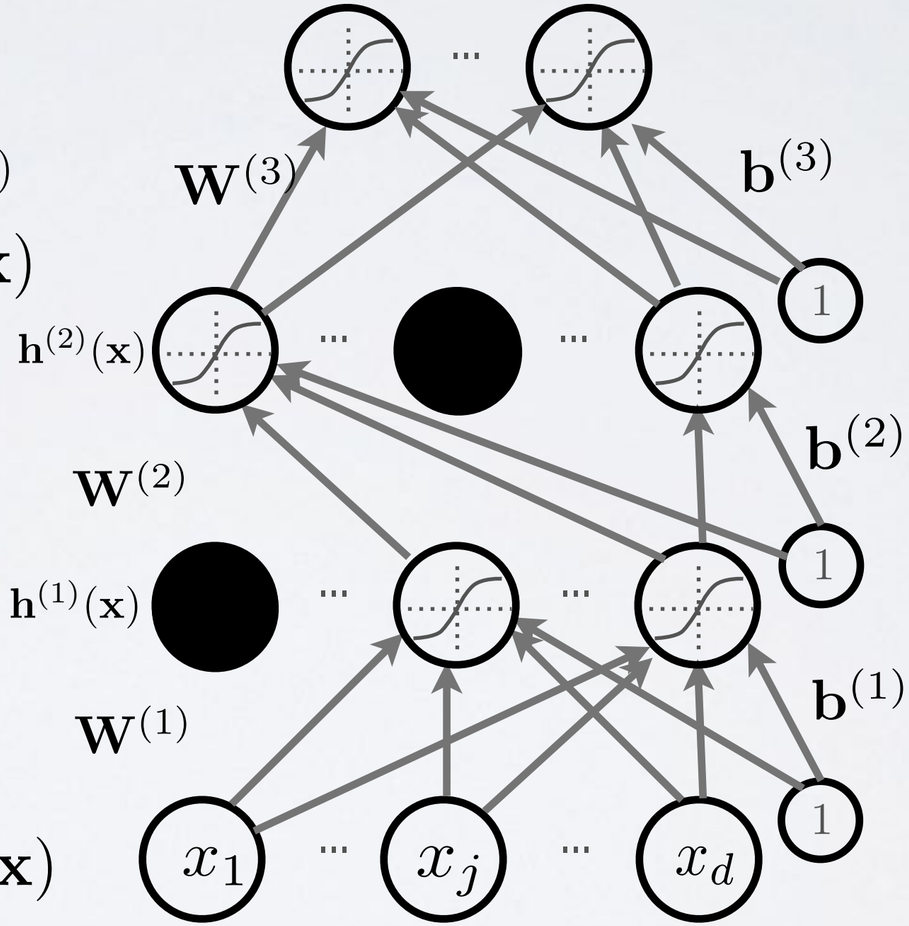

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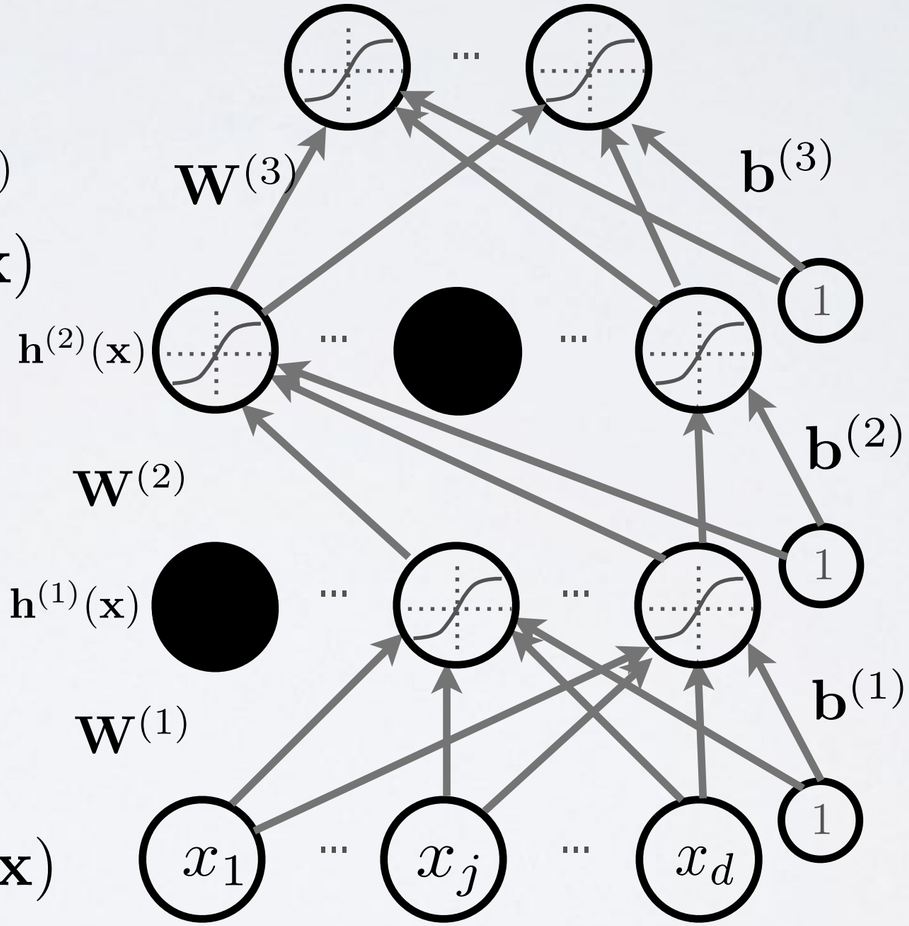

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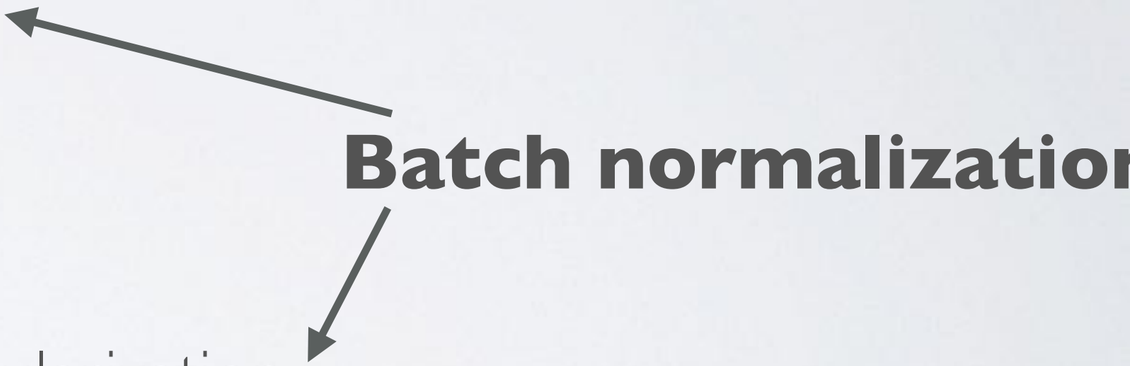

BATCH NORMALIZATION

Topics: batch normalization

- Normalizing the inputs will speed up training
  (Lecun et al. 1998)
  - could normalization also be useful at the level of the hidden layers?

- **Batch normalization** is an attempt to do that
  (Ioffe and Szegedy, 2014)
  - each unit's **pre-**activation is normalized (mean subtraction, stddev division)
  - during training, mean and stddev is computed for **each minibatch**
  - backpropagation **takes into account** the normalization
  - at test time, the **global mean / stddev is used**

BATCH NORMALIZATION

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Learned linear transformation to adapt to non-linear activation function

(γ and β are **trained**)

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