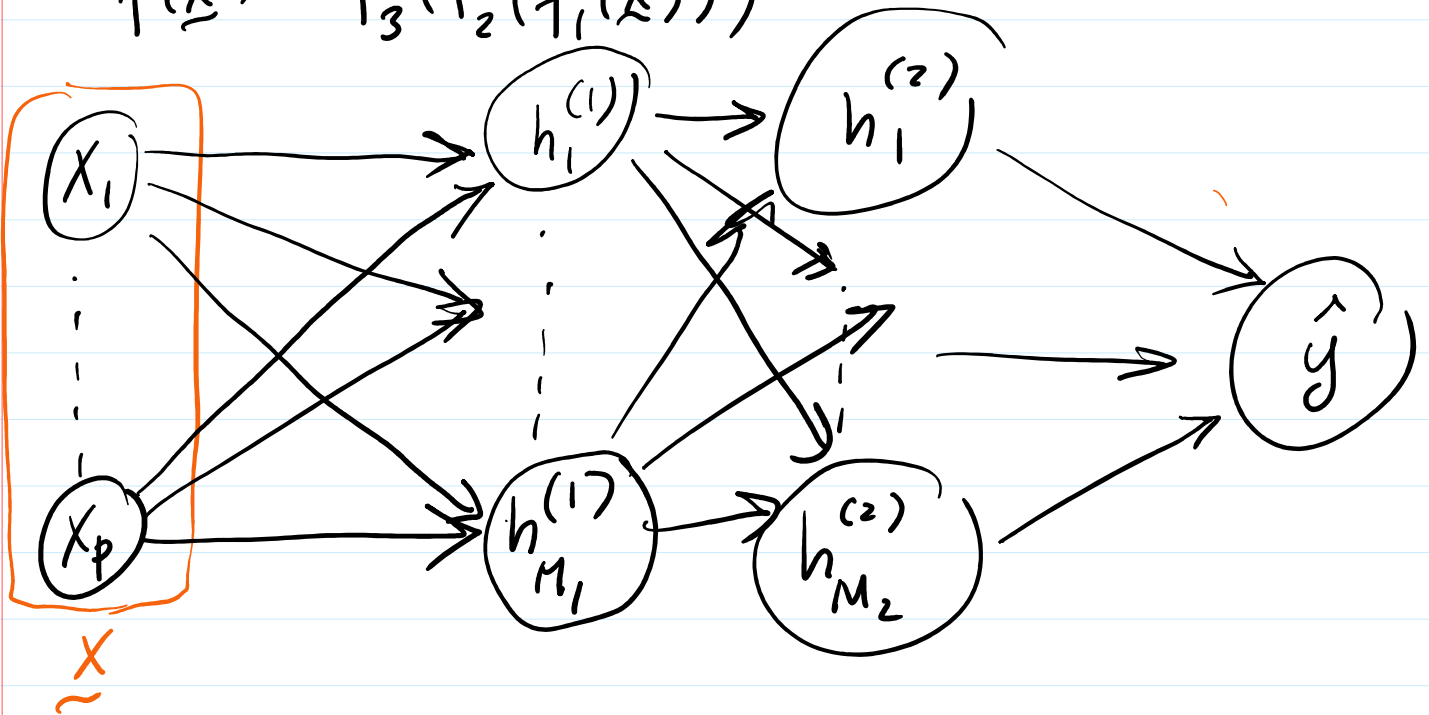


$$L=3$$

$$\hat{f}(x) = \hat{f}_3(\hat{f}_2(\hat{f}_1(x)))$$



$$h^{(1)} = g^{(1)}(\underbrace{w^{(1)}}_{M_1 \times p} \underbrace{\tilde{x}}_{\mathbb{R}^p} + \underbrace{b^{(1)}}_{M_1})$$

$$h^{(2)} = g^{(2)}(\underbrace{w^{(2)}}_{M_2 \times M_1} \underbrace{h^{(1)}}_{M_1} + \underbrace{b^{(2)}}_{M_2})$$

$$\hat{y} = g^{(3)}(\underbrace{w^{(3)}}_{1 \times M_2} \underbrace{h^{(2)}}_{M_2} + \underbrace{b^{(3)}}_1) \leftarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Why are NNs interesting?

Claim: NNs are universal approximators.

True, but also true of many other methods.

e.g. poly regression, KNN

No, mention of convergence rate.

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NNs are automatic feature engineering machines.

One way to create complex methods is via feature engineering.

Start w/  $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^P$

Could fit

$$\hat{f}(\underline{x}) = \underline{x}^T \beta + \beta_0 \quad \text{[linear model]}$$

but I could also create a feature map  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^P \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M$  (typ.  $M > P$ )

$$\phi: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^M \quad (\text{typ. } M \gg P)$$

and then fit a linear model to this:

$$\hat{f}(x) = \phi(x)^T \beta + \beta_0.$$

Problem: need to specify  $\phi$  manually

Instead: work w/ parameterized collection  
of feat maps  $\phi_\alpha$   
and fit

$$\hat{f}(x) = \phi_\alpha(x)^T \beta + \beta_0.$$

Then I need to learn parameters  
 $(\beta, \beta_0, \alpha)$

Called: feature learning. non-lin.

e.g.  $\phi_\alpha(x) = g(Wx + b)$

when  $\alpha = (W, b)$

hidden

This is equiv. to a single <sup>hidden</sup> layer NN:

$$\hat{f}(\underline{x}) = \beta_0 + \beta^\top g(W\underline{x} + b).$$

Deep NNs w/ lots of layers are just learning really complicated feat maps  $\phi_\alpha$

$$\phi_\alpha(\underline{x}) = \hat{f}_{L-1}(\hat{f}_{L-2}(\dots \hat{f}_2(\hat{f}_1(\underline{x}))))$$

$$\alpha = (w^{(L-1)}, b^{(L-1)}, w^{(L-2)}, b^{(L-2)}, \dots)$$

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For regression: predicting  $y \in \mathbb{R}$

last layer typ uses  $g^{(L)}(x) = x$

so that

$$\hat{f}(\underline{x}) = \underbrace{W^{(L)}}_{1 \times M_{L-1}} \underbrace{h^{(L-1)}}_{M_{L-1}} + \underbrace{b^{(L)}}_1$$

$$1 \times M_{L-1} \quad 1 \times 1_{L-1} \quad 1$$

For classification: predict  $y \in \{1, \dots, K\}$

Typically use  $g^{(L)}(h) = \text{softmax}(h)$

$\uparrow$   $K$ -vector

$$\text{Softmax}(h)_i = \frac{e^{h_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^K e^{h_j}}$$

$\nwarrow$   $K$ -vector

$$z = \text{Softmax}(h)$$

then (1)  $z_i \geq 0$

(2)  $\sum_{i=1}^K z_i = 1$

$$O(x) = \text{Softmax}(W^{(L)} h^{(L-1)} + b^{(L)})$$

then

$$f(x) = \underset{k}{\text{argmax}} O(x)_k$$

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E.g.  $L=1$ ,  $g^{(1)}(x) = x$  then

$$\hat{f}(x) = W^{(1)}x + b^{(1)}$$

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E.g.  $L=1$  and

$$O(x) = \text{Softmax}(W^{(1)}x + b^{(1)})$$

$$\hat{f}(x) = \underset{k}{\operatorname{argmax}} O(x)_k$$

then this is just logistic regression.

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For FNNs there are lots of choices in architecture to be made

- ① how many layers (depth)
- ② how many hidden units at each

(2) how many hidden units at each layer (width)

(3) which activation functions

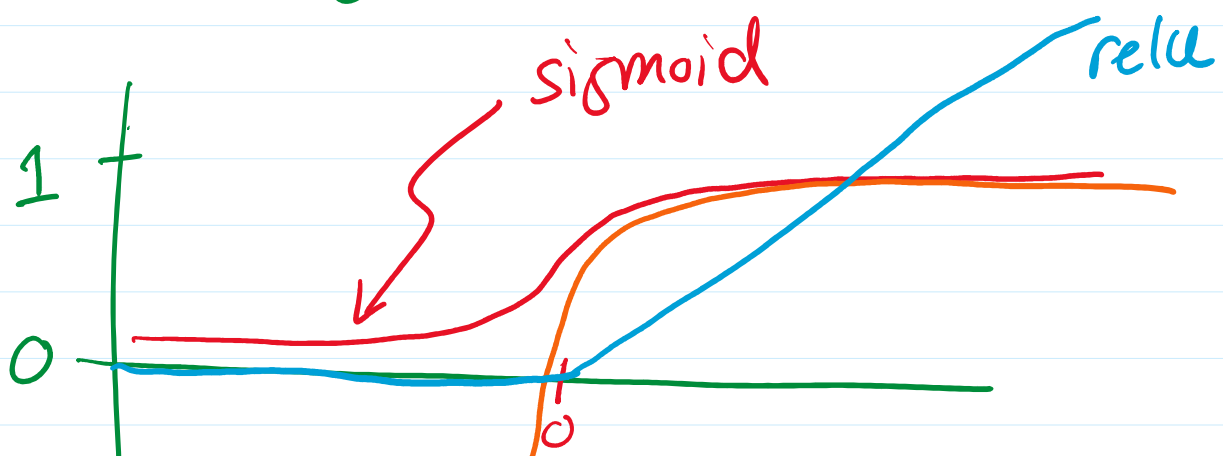
Modern wisdom: deeper networks are better than wider.

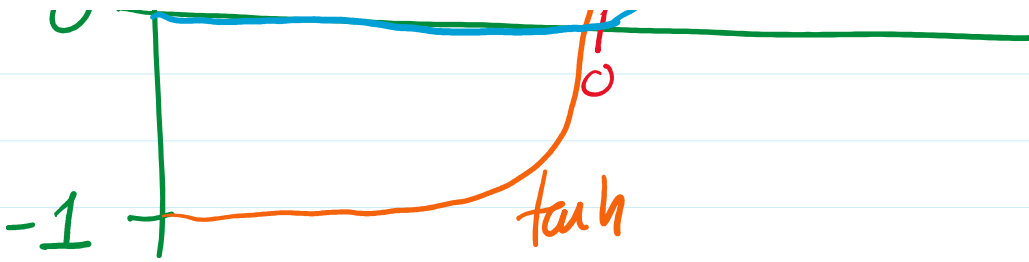
Activation Functions:

Sigmoid:  $g(h) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-h}}$

tanh:  $g(h) = \tanh(h)$

ReLU:  $g(h) = \max(0, h)$





How do we learn the params?

Our params:

$$\Theta = (w^{(1)}, b^{(1)}, w^{(2)}, b^{(2)}, \dots, w^{(L)}, b^{(L)})$$

this is super high dim'l

To learn need to specify some loss

$$L(y, \hat{f}_{\Theta}(x))$$

and then find the value of  $\Theta$  that minimizes the empirical loss

$$\hat{\Theta} = \underset{\Theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N L(y_n, \hat{f}_{\Theta}(x_n))$$

↑  
training data of



training data of size  $N$

For regression:  $L(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$   
Squared error

K-class classification:

$$O(\underline{x}) = \text{Softmax}(W^{(L)} h^{(L-1)} + b^{(L)})$$

↖ K probs that sum to 1  
(for each class)

$$\tilde{y}_k = \mathbb{I}(y = k)$$

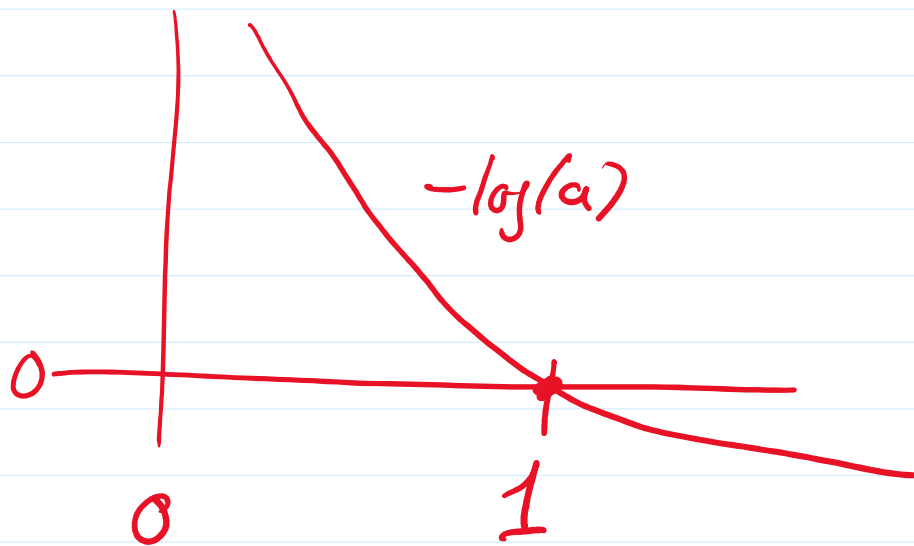
$$[y = 2 \quad \therefore \tilde{y} = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)]$$

Use Cross-entropy loss:

$$L(\underline{y}, \underline{\tilde{y}}) = - \sum_{k=1}^K \tilde{y}_k \ln(\hat{y}_k)$$

$$L(y, O(x)) = -\sum_{k=1}^K \tilde{y}_k \log(O(x)_k)$$

$$= -\log(O(x)_y)$$




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This is difficult b/c

- ①  $\theta$  is super high dim'l
  - ② may have lots of data
  - ③  $\hat{f}$  is very complex.
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To optimize use gradient descent

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(\theta; x_i, y_i)$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^N L(y_n, \hat{f}_{\theta}(x_n))}_{\mathcal{L}(\theta)}$$

Idea: follow the slope of  $\mathcal{L}$ :

- gradient  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} \big|_{\theta_0}$  points in dir of fastest ascent at  $\theta_0$
- $-\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \theta} \big|_{\theta_0}$  points (locally) in dir to move to decrease  $\mathcal{L}$  fastest

Grad Desc:

Initialize  $\theta^{(0)}$

For  $t=1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$\theta^{(t)} = \theta^{(t-1)} - \alpha \underbrace{\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}}_{\text{gradient}} \big|_{\theta^{(t-1)}}$$

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^{(t-1)})$$

$\alpha$  step size (learning rate)  
 $\nabla_{\theta} L(\theta^{(t-1)})$  grad.

Problem:  $N$  may be really large and so  
Calc. grad may be slow

$$L(\theta) = \sum_n L(y_n, \hat{f}_{\theta}(x_n))$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \sum_n \frac{\partial L_n}{\partial \theta}$$

Soln: Stochastic Grad Descent (SGD)

Idea: instead of Calc grad over all  
training, we just use a (random)  
subset.

$\rightarrow$  mini-batch