#### Course 2 - Machine Learning Specialisation: Advanced Learning Algorithms

#### **Neural Networks**

Demand prediction: predicting whether a product will sell

e.g. have collected data of different T-shirts sold at different prices and which have been top sellers (yes/no)

- Apply a sigmoid function to this. For deep learning, switch f(x) for a ("activation" how much a neuron is sending a high output to other neurons downstream).
- This logistic regression algorithm can be thought of as a simplified model of a neuron (takes input x, and outputs a, the probability of being a top seller).
- Now need to wire together these neurons.

top seller? yes/no

$$x = price$$
 input

 $a = f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(wx+b)}}$  output

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Using four features to predict whether t-shirt will be a top-seller: price, shipping cost, marketing, material. We are going to use an artificial neuron to predict outputs ("activations") of affordability (price + shipping cost), another to evaluate awareness (based on marketing), and another to evaluate perceived quality (material, and price (people think price = quality)).

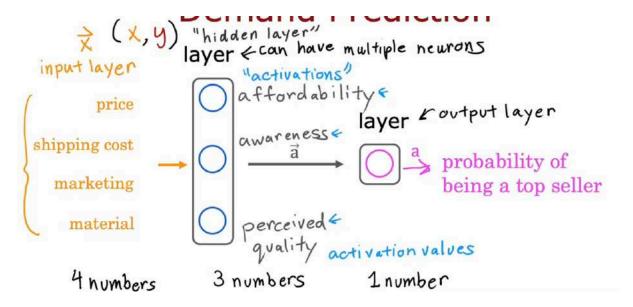
We then wire the outputs of these three neurons to another neuron that takes these inputs and outputs the probability of being a top seller.

- i.e. we have grouped these neurons into a layer (layers can have a single or multiple neurons)

Don't want to manually assign which neurons to which features. In practice, each neuron will have access to every value from previous layer, and hopefully learn which features to ignore and which to focus on.

- Write input features as a vector x

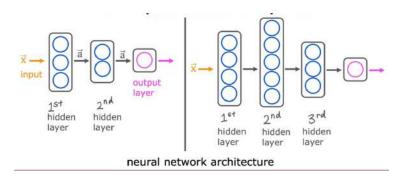
Vector x is fed to layer in middle, which computes three activation values, which in turn become another vector a, which is fed to the final layer, which outputs the desired probability.



If you cover up the input layer, this is just logistic regression; however, rather than using the initial features, it is using new and hopefully improved "awarenesses". i.e. it is a version of logistic regression that can learn the best features to create/ use.

- i.e. it is a sort of automated feature engineering

Multiple hidden layers ("Neural Network Architecture")

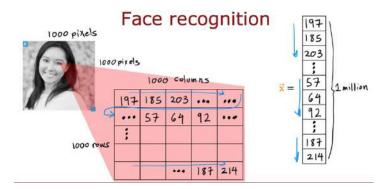


"Multilayer perceptron" = multiple hidden layers

Recognising images: Computer vision

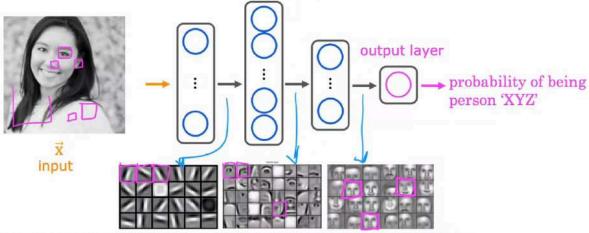
A 1000x1000 pixel image is represented in a computer by a 1000x1000 matrix of pixel intensity values (from 0 to 255)

Unrolling the pixel intensity values into a feature vector would give you **one million** features...



Building a neural network for face recognition:

- In the earliest neurons, they are often looking at short lines or segments
- In later neurons, they might learn to look for more complex lines i..e parts of phases (e.g. nose)
- In next hidden layer, neural network is aggregating parts of faces to detect presence or absence of larger, coarser face shapes, and then finally detecting how much the face corresponds to different face shapes
- It learnt to look for these features in edge hidden layer independently
- With each hidden layer, than are looking at bigger regions in the image: **activtions are higher level features**

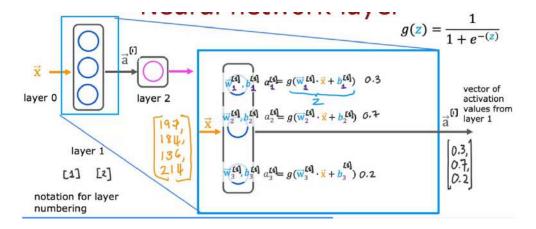


source: Convolutional Deep Belief Networks for Scalable Unsupervised Learning of Hierarchical Representations by Honglak Lee, Roger Grosse, Ranganath Andrew Y. Ng

## **Neural Network Layer**

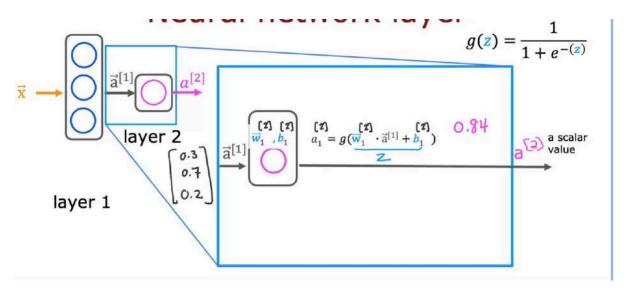
#### Computation of Layer 1

Hidden layer inputs four numbers to three neurons; each neuron implements a logistic regression function (with two parameters w and b). It will output some activation a where a = g(w.x + b)

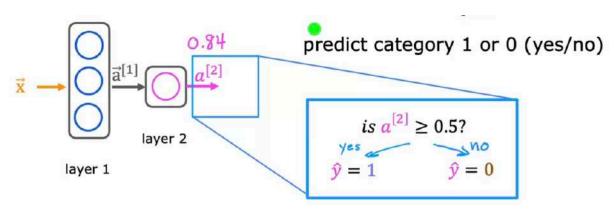


# Computation of layer 2

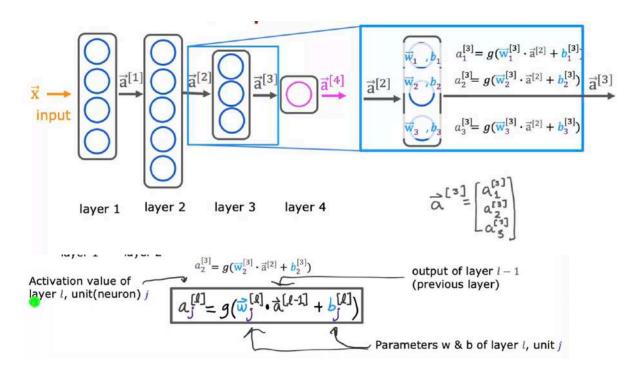
a<sup>[1]</sup> is output from 1 and input to 2.



Once the neural network has completed  $a^{[2]}$ , there is an optional final step, to make a binary prediction using a threshold.



More complex neural networks

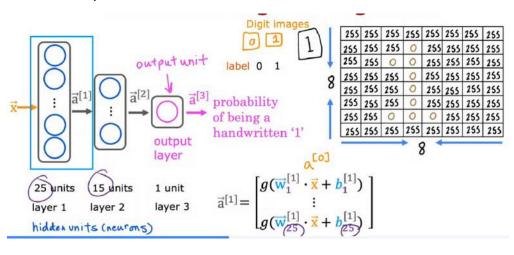


where g is the sigmoid or "activation" function.

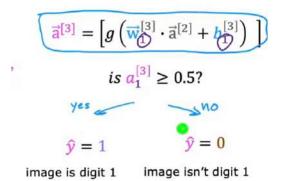
$$x = a^{[0]}$$

Inference: making predictions (forward propagation)

e.g. Handwritten digit recognition, differentiating between 0 and 1,=. Use an 8x8 matrix, where 255 represents white and 0 black.



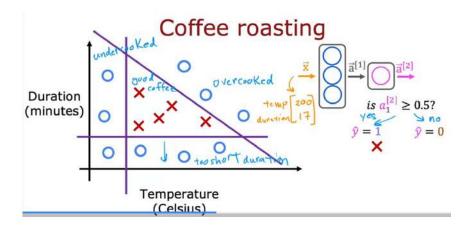
$$\vec{\mathbf{a}}^{[2]} = \begin{bmatrix} g(\vec{\mathbf{w}}_{1}^{[2]} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{a}}^{[1]} + b_{1}^{[2]}) \\ \vdots \\ g(\vec{\mathbf{w}}_{15}^{[2]} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{a}}^{[1]} + b_{15}^{[2]}) \end{bmatrix}$$



This is called forward propagation: making computations from left to right (vs back propagation, which is used for learning).

*Inference in Code (TensorFlow)* 

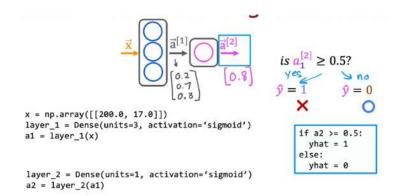
- Coffee roasting: you control the temperature and the duration. There is a sweet spot.



#### Building the model using TensorFlow

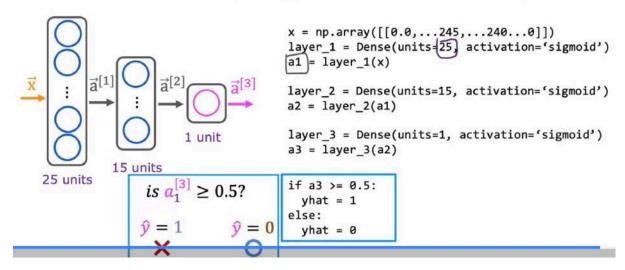
Set x to be an array of two numbers, the input temperature (200) and time (17 mins).

- Then create a layer with 3 units, using sigmoid activation
- Then computer a1 by applying layer 1 to the value of x



# Looking back at the model for digit classification

- x is a numpy array of list of intensity values



#### Data in TensorFlow

- Use of double square bracket

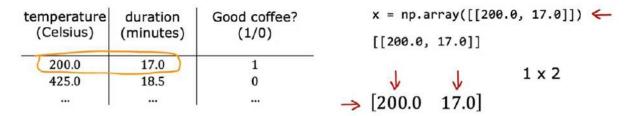
temperature (Celsius)	duration (minutes)	Good coffee? (1/0)	x = np.array([[200.0, 17.0]]) ( [200.0, 17.0]])
200.0	17.0	1	
425.0	18.5	0	Why?
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#### Matrices in code:

Note about numpy arrays:

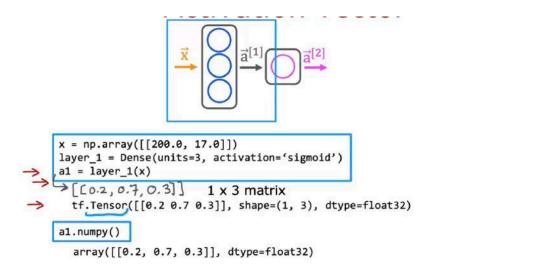
With linear and logistic regression, we used 1D vectors. In TensorFlow, use matrices instead of 1D arrays.

Going back to first example... (Feature vectors)



Not a 1D array, but a 1x2 matrix.

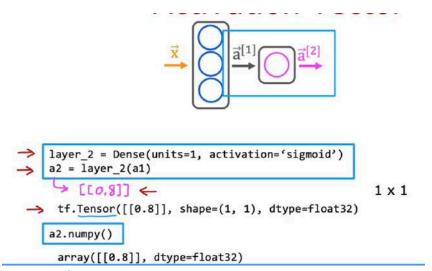
#### Activation vector



float32 = a number that can have a decimal point represented by 32 bits of memory in computer

Tensor = a tensor is a datatype that allows storage and efficient computations of matrices. Way of representing matrices.

a1.numpy() then takes same data and returns it in form of **numpy array** (rather than as a tensor flow matrix)



1 x 1 matrix

Once again, can convert from a tensorflow tensor to a numpy matrix using a2.numpy().

Overall, for forward propagation:

```
\Rightarrow x = \text{np.array}([[200.0, 17.0]])
\Rightarrow \text{layer_1} = \text{Dense(units=3, activation="sigmoid")}
\Rightarrow \text{al} = \text{layer_1}(x)
\Rightarrow \text{layer_2} = \text{Dense(units=1, activation="sigmoid")}
\Rightarrow \text{a2} = \text{layer_2}(\text{a1})
```

Tensorflow also has a different way of building a neural network. Can ask tensorflow to create a neural network by **sequentially** stringing together the two layers you have created:

```
1 = Dense(units=3, activation="sigmoid")
                           layer_2 = Dense(units=1, activation="sigmoid") 
                           model = Sequential([layer_1, layer_2])
                            x = np.array([[200.0, 17.0],
                                          [120.0, 5.0],
                                                           4 x 2
                                          [425.0, 20.0],
200
       17
                                         [212.0, 18.0]])
                   targets y = np.array([1,0,0,1])
120
       5
              0
                            model.compile(...) - more about this next week!
425
       20
              0
                            model.fit(x,y)
212
       18
                        model.predict(x_new) <</pre>
```

To carry out forward propagation and output a2, use model.predict(x new)

By convention, to simplify the code, we can simply the first bit by this:

```
model = Sequential([
    Dense(units=3, activation="sigmoid"),
    Dense(units=1, activation="sigmoid")])
```

#### Building forward prop in a single layer from scratch

NB using 1D arrays here so only one square bracket.

```
a_1^{[2]} = g(\vec{\mathbf{w}}_1^{[2]} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{a}}^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]})
                                                       > w2_1 = np.array([-7, 8, 9])
                                                      ⇒ b2_1 = np.array([3])
                                                     \rightarrow z2_1 = np.dot(w2_1,a1)+b2_1
                                                     \rightarrowa2_1 = sigmoid(z2_1)
x = np.array([200, 17])
                                        1D arrays
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w1_1 = np.array([1, 2]) w1_2 = np.array([-3, 4]) w1_3 = np.array([5, -6])
b1_1 = np.array([-1])
                                      b1_2 = np.array([1])
                                                                            b1_3 = np.array([2])
z1_1 = np.dot(w1_1,x)+b1_1 z1_2 = np.dot(w1_2,x)+b1_2 z1_3 = np.dot(w1_3,x)+b1_3
                                                                           a1_3 = sigmoid(z1_3)
a1_1 = sigmoid(z1_1)
                                    a1_2 = sigmoid(z1_2)
                                  = np.array([a1_1, a1_2, a1_3])
```

#### General implementation of forward propagation

#### Forward prop in NumPy

- Dense function inputs activations from previous layer and the w and b parameters stacked into columns and 1d arrays respectively, and outputs activations from current layer
- w = W [:, j] pulls out first column in first loop, and second column in second loop
- NB use capital W to refer to matrix and lower case w to refer to vectors and scalars

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Forward prop in NumPy

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#### **Vectorisation**

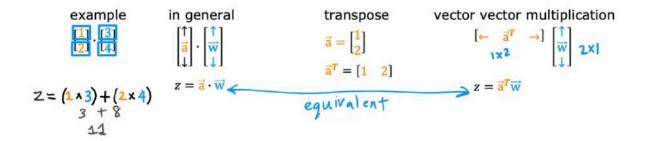
For loops vs vectorization (vectorised implementation of forward prop)

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x = np.array([200, 17])
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                                        W = np.array([[1, -3, 5],
W = np.array([[1, -3, 5]]
              [-2, 4, -6]])
                                                      [-2, 4, -6]])
                                        B = np.array([[-1, 1, 2]]) | 13 20 erray
b = np.array([-1, 1, 2])
                                                          all 2Darrays
                                       def dense(A_in,W,B):
def dense(a_in,W,b):
                              Vectorized Z = np. matmul(A_in, W) + B
  units = W.shape[1]
                                         A_out = g(Z) matrix multiplication
  a_out = np.zeros(units)
  for j in range(units):
                                         return A_out
    w = W[:,j]
                                         [[1,0,1]]
    z = np.dot(w, a_in) + b[j]
    a_{out[j]} = g(z)
 return a out
  [1,0,1]
```

## Matrix multiplication

#### Dot products and transposes

There are two ways of writing dot products:



Vector-matrix multiplication

$$\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \qquad Z = \vec{a}^T W \quad [\leftarrow \vec{a}^T \rightarrow] \quad \begin{bmatrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \vec{w}_1 & \vec{w}_2 \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}^T \vec{w}_1 & a^T \vec{w}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(1*3) + (2*4) \qquad (1*5) + (2*6)$$

$$3 \rightarrow 8 \qquad 5 + 12$$

$$17$$

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Matrix-matrix multiplication

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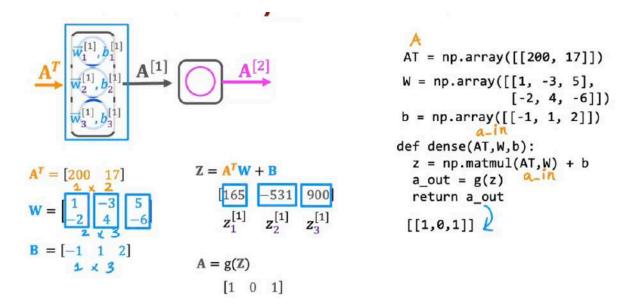
- Can only take dot products between vectors that are the same length, so need number of columns of first matrix to be equal to number of rows of second matrix. Output has same number of rows as  $A^T$  and same number of columns as W.

#### Matrix multiplication code

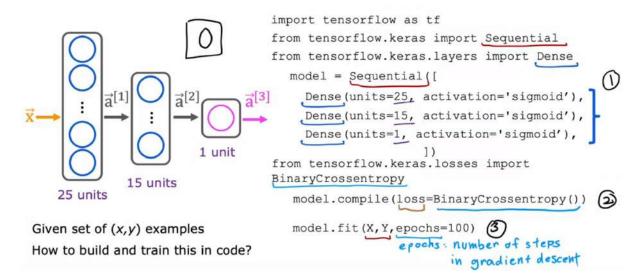
### Matrix multiplication in NumPy

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0.1 \\ 2 & -2 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 & 9 \\ 4 & 6 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad Z = A^T W = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 17 & 23 & 9 \\ -11 & -17 & -23 & -9 \\ 1.1 & 1.7 & 2.3 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$
 
$$A = \text{np.array}([[1, -1, 0.1], \quad W = \text{np.array}([[3, 5, 7, 9], \quad Z = \text{np.matmul}(AT, W))$$
 
$$[2, -2, 0.2]]) \quad [4, 6, 8, 0]]) \quad Z = AT @ W$$
 
$$AT = \text{np.array}([[1, 2], \quad [-1, -2], \quad [0.1, 0.2]]) \quad (ESW) + \begin{bmatrix} [11, 17, 23, 9], \quad [-11, -17, -23, -9], \quad [-11, -17, -23, -9], \quad [1.1, 1.7, 2.3, 0.9] \end{bmatrix}$$
 
$$AT = A.T \quad + \text{ranspose}$$

#### Dense layer vectorized



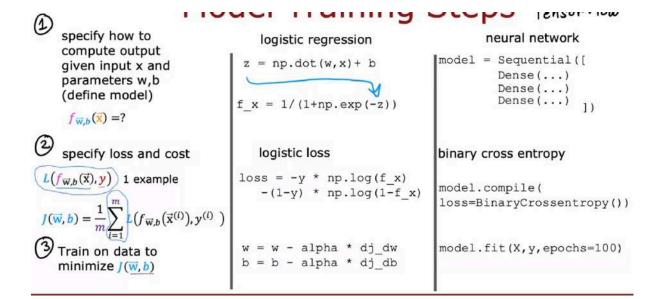
#### Train a Neural Network in TensorFlow



#### In detail

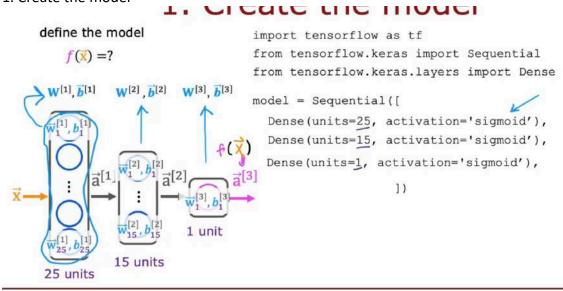
- e.g.1. how to train a logistic regression model
- 1) Specify input to output function
- 2) Specify loss and cost functions (to see how well logistic regression is doing on a single training example x,y)
- 3) Use gradient descent to minimise J(w,b)

Same three steps used in training a neural network in TensorFlow:



TensorFlow in more detail:

#### 1. Create the model



#### 2. Loss and cost functions

- Specify loss function, which also defines the cost function
- Can use different loss functions for classification and regression
- In top right, you see cost function

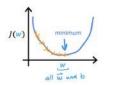
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handwritten digit
                        binary classification
classification problem -
L(f(\overline{x}), y) = -y\log(f(\overline{x})) - (1 - y)\log(1 - f(\overline{x}))
                                             \mathbf{W}^{[1]}, \mathbf{W}^{[2]}, \mathbf{W}^{[3]} = \vec{b}^{[1]}, \vec{b}^{[2]}, \vec{b}^{[3]}
          Compare prediction vs. target
 also known as binary cross entropy
BinaryCrossentropy
                                                                          K Keras
(predicting numbers
                      mean squared error
and not categories)
                                               from tensorflow.keras.losses import
                                                 MeanSquaredError
model.compile(loss= MeanSquaredError())
```

## 3. Gradient descent

- Minimise cost function
- Compute derivatives using back propagation, using model.fit

#### 3.Gradient Descent

- Minimise cost function
- Compute derivatives using back propagation, using model.fit (X,y,epochs = 100)

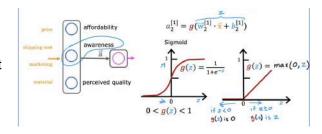


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$$\begin{aligned} w_j^{[l]} &= w_j^{[l]} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial w_j} f(\overrightarrow{w}, b) \\ b_j^{[l]} &= b_j^{[l]} - \alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial b_j} f(\overrightarrow{w}, b) \end{aligned}$$
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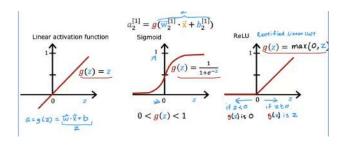
#### Alternatives to the Sigmoid Acivation

- Recall demand prediction example:

Using sigmoid assumes awareness is binary (aware or not). But it is unlikely to be binary - we can model it as a non-negative number, from 0 up to a very large value. Here, we can use a ReLU (Rectified Linear Unit) function.



Most commonly used activation functions:



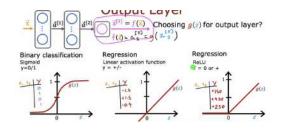
#### Choosing Activation Functions

1) Choosing activation function for output layer

Often, there is a natural choice.

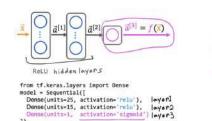
Binary classification problem (y=0 or 1)  $\rightarrow$  Sigmoid Regression problem e.g. stock price prediction  $\longrightarrow$  Linear activation function

If y can only take non-negative values (house price)  $\rightarrow$  ReLU



# 2) Hidden Layer

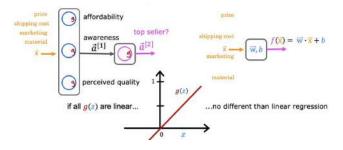
 ReLU generally used, as is easier to compute and goes flat only in one part, compared to two in sigmoid. This results in cost function being flatter, leading to gradient descent being slower



binary classification
activation-'sigmoid'
regression y negative/
activation-'linear' positive
regression y > 0
activation-'relu'

Why do we need activation functions?

If we used a linear activation for all nodes in this neural network, it will become no different from just linear regression. This would defeat the point of using a neural network.



Simpler example: a linear fn of a linear fn is itself a linear fn

$$a^{[1]} = \underbrace{w_1^{[1]} x + b_1^{[1]}}_{a^{[2]} b_1^{[2]} a^{[2]}}$$

$$a^{[2]} = w_1^{[2]} a^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]}$$

$$= w_1^{[1]} (w_1^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]}) + b_1^{[1]}$$

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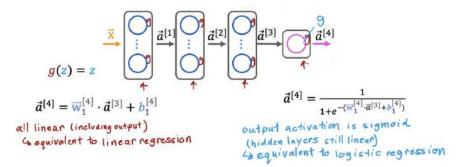
$$= w_1^{[2]} (w_1^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]}) + b_1^{[1]}$$

$$\vec{a}^{[2]} = (\vec{w}_1^{[2]} \vec{w}_1^{[1]}) x + w_1^{[2]} b_1^{[1]} + b_1^{[2]}$$

$$\vec{a}^{[2]} = w x + b$$

$$f(x) = wx + b \text{ linear regression}$$

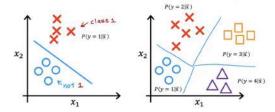
With hidden layers, if all are linear activation fns, you get linear regression. If the output activation is sigmoid, with hidden layers still linear, you just have logistic regression.



#### Rule of thumb: Don't use linear activations in hidden layers (use ReLU)

#### Multiclass Classification

- Classification problem with more than two possible outputs
- With two-class classification, can use logistic regression to estimate decision boundary (softmax); more complex if multiclass



#### **Softmax**

Logistic regression applies when y can take on either 0 or 1 as output. (Softmax is a generalisation of logistic regression - if you do softmax on 2 possible outputs, it reduces to logistic regression).

Generalising this to softmax, where y can take on 4 possible outputs:

- a1 is interpreted as the estimate of the chance of y = 1, given the input features x; a2 is the estimated chance of y=2, etc.

Logistic regression  
(2 possible output values)  

$$z = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{x} + b$$
  
 $a_1 = g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} = P(y = 1 | \vec{x})$   
 $a_2 = | -a_1 = P(y = 0 | \vec{x})$ 

Softmax regression (4 possible outputs) y=1, z, 3, 4 $x \ z_1 = \overrightarrow{w}_1 \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b_1$   $x = \underbrace{\frac{z_4}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3} + e^{z_4}}}_{= P(y=1|\overrightarrow{x})} \triangle$   $= P(y=1|\overrightarrow{x})$   $0 \ z_2 = \overrightarrow{w}_2 \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b_2$   $a_2 = \underbrace{\frac{e^{z_2}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3} + e^{z_4}}}_{= P(y=2|\overrightarrow{x})}$   $z_2 = \overrightarrow{w}_2 \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b_3$   $a_3 = \underbrace{\frac{e^{z_3}}{e^{z_3} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3} + e^{z_4}}}_{= P(y=3|\overrightarrow{x})}$   $\Rightarrow P(y=3|\overrightarrow{x})$   $\triangle \ z_4 = \overrightarrow{w}_4 \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b_4$   $a_4 = \underbrace{\frac{e^{z_4}}{e^{z_1} + e^{z_2} + e^{z_3} + e^{z_4}}}_{= P(y=4|\overrightarrow{x})}$   $= P(y=4|\overrightarrow{x})$ 

Generalising this to N possible outputs where y = 1,2,3,...N:

$$z_{j} = \overrightarrow{w}_{j} \cdot \overrightarrow{x} + b_{j} \quad j = 1, ..., N$$

$$parameters \quad w_{1}, w_{2}, ..., w_{N}$$

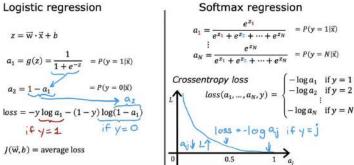
$$a_{j} = \frac{e^{z_{j}}}{\sum_{k=1}^{N} e^{z_{k}}} = P(y = j | \overrightarrow{x})$$

Where aj is the estimate that y = j. Note that a1 + a2 + ... + aN = 1

#### **Cost Function**

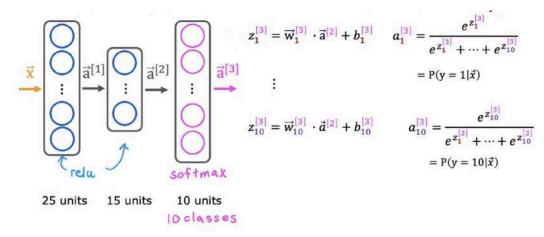
For softmax, the loss for if the algorithm outputs y = 1, the loss is the negative log of the probability that y=1 according to algorithm. I.e. if y = j, loss = -logaj.

- If aj very close to 1, loss is very small smaller aj means bigger loss, incentivising the algorithm to make aj as close to 1 as possible - we want the chance of y being the value said by the algorithm to be large.
- As y can only take on one value in every training example, end up computing -logaj only for one value of aj (whatever the actual value of y = j in that training example e.g. if y=2, computer -loga2).



#### Neural Network with Softmax output (for multiclass classification)

P(y=1|x) refers to chance y is equal to 1.



Note that each a in softmax depends on all z, not just a1 depending on z1 as in logistic regression:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{logistic regression} \\ & a_1^{[3]} = g\left(z_1^{[3]}\right) \quad a_2^{[3]} = g\left(z_2^{[3]}\right) \\ & \text{softmax} \\ & \vec{\mathbf{a}}^{[3]} = \left(a_1^{[3]}, \dots a_{10}^{[3]}\right) = g\left(z_1^{[3]}, \dots, z_{10}^{[3]}\right) \end{aligned}$$

#### Implementation in TensorFlow (3 steps)

- NB for softmax, use a different crossentropy fn (compared to binary crossentropy in logistic regression)

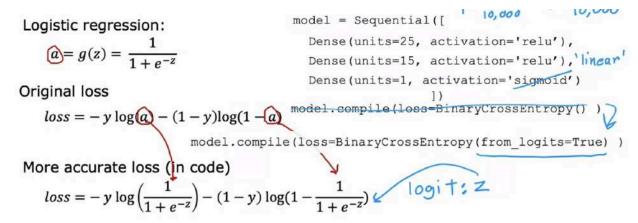
```
(1) specify the model
                             from tensorflow.keras import Sequential
      f_{\mathbf{W},b}(\mathbf{x}) = ?
                             from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
                             model = Sequential([
                               Dense(units=25, activation='relu'),
                               Dense (units=15, activation='relu'),
                               Dense (units=10, activation='softmax')
(2) specify loss and cost
                                                   1)
 L(f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}), y)
                             from tensorflow.keras.losses import
                               SparseCategoricalCrossentropy,
                             model.compile(loss= SparseCategoricalCrossentropy() )
(3) Train on data to
                             model.fit(X,Y,epochs=100)
    minimize J(\vec{w}, b)
```

NB there is a better version written later.

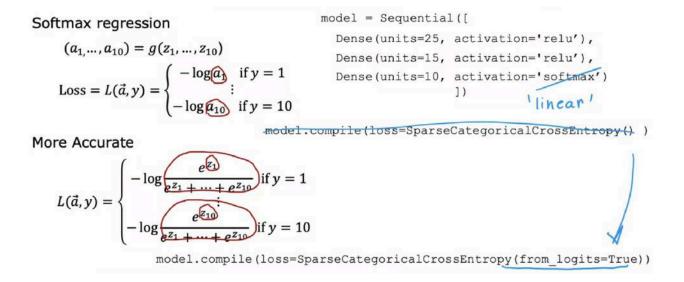
#### Improved Implementation of SoftMax

In Logistic regression:

To compute loss function, first compute a and then compute (binary crossentropy) loss:



This reduces numerical roundoff errors. Applying this to softmax, instead specify formula to give tensorflow ability to rearrange terms and calculate more accurately...



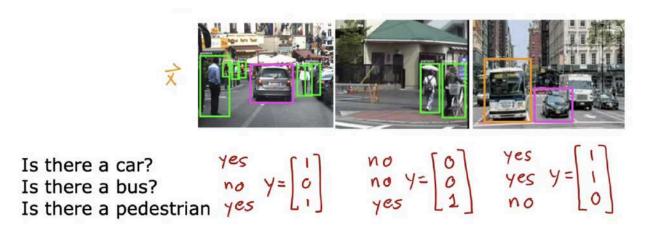
We have now changed the neural network to use a linear activation function rather than softmax, so the neural network's final layer no longer outputs a1...a10 but rather z1...z10.

```
import tensorflow as tf
model
           from tensorflow, keras import Sequential
           from tensorflow.keras.layers import Dense
           model = Sequential([
             Dense (units=25, activation='relu'),
             Dense (units=15, activation='relu'),
             Dense(units=10, activation='linear') ])
loss
           from tensorflow.keras.losses import
             SparseCategoricalCrossentropy
           model.compile(...,loss=SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from logits=True) )
fit
          logits = model(x) \leftarrow not a_1...a_{10} is a_2...a_{10}
predict
           f_x = tf.nn.softmax(logits)
```

Similarly, for logistic regression have to change the code...

#### Classification with multiple outputs (multilabel)

- Could be multiple labels associated with each image e.g. is there a car? Is there a bus? Is there a pedestrian? (associated with a single input image x, there are three possible labels)



Could do three separate neural networks...



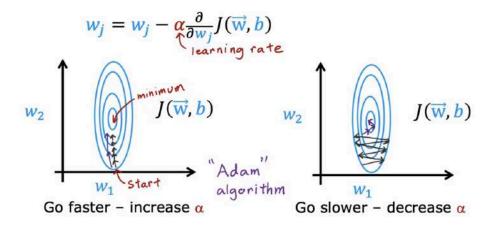
# Alternatively, train one neural network with three outputs

$$\vec{d}^{[1]} \stackrel{\vec{d}^{[2]}}{\longrightarrow} \vec{d}^{[3]} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^{[3]} \\ a_2^{[3]} \\ a_3^{[3]} \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} car \\ bus \\ pedestrian \\ activations \end{array}$$

#### NOT THE SAME AS MULTICLASS CLASSIFICATION.

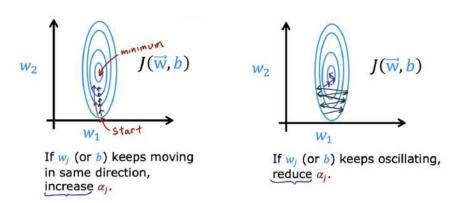
#### **Advanced Optimisation**

- There exist even better training models than gradient descent. "Adam algorithm" automatically adjusts learning rate to increase or decrease alpha, optimising grad. descent



 It does not have just one alpha, uses a different learning rate for every parameter of your model: Adam: Adaptive Moment estimation not just one at  $w_1 = w_1 - \underbrace{\alpha_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} J(\overrightarrow{w}, b)}_{:}$   $w_{10} = w_{10} - \underbrace{\alpha_{10} \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{10}} J(\overrightarrow{w}, b)}_{b = b - \underbrace{\alpha_{11} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(\overrightarrow{w}, b)}_{odd}$ 

- Intuition of adam algorithm:



Implementing this in code: (VERY STANDARD FOR TRAINING NETWORKS)

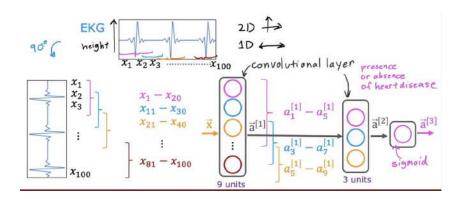
Most practitioners will use Adam rather than gradient descent.

#### Additional Layer Types

- All so far have been dense layers each neuron output is a function of all the activation outputs of the previous layer.
- Convolutional layer Each neuron only looks at part of the previous layer's outputs. Leads to faster computation + needs less training data (less prone to overfitting)



E.g. for looking at a heart beat signal, where the different hidden units in the convolutional layer each look at a different part of the signal. Then in the second layer only looks at a certain number of the activations.



#### Week 3

#### 1) Debugging a learning algorithm

You've implemented regularized linear regression on housing prices

$$J(\vec{\mathbf{w}}, b) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (f_{\vec{\mathbf{w}}, b}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}) - y^{(i)})^2 + \frac{2}{2m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_j^2$$

But it makes unacceptably large errors in predictions. What do you try next?

Get more training examples

Try smaller sets of features

Try getting additional features

Try adding polynomial features  $(x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2, etc)$ 

 $\sim$  Try decreasing  $\lambda$ 

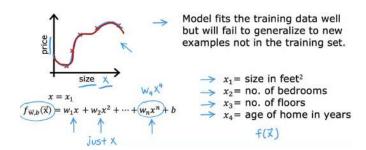
Try increasing λ

#### Machine Learning Diagnostics

#### Evaluating a model

#### E.g. housing prices

If we have two features, easy to just plot - here, we see that line is v. curvy so will not generalise well. With four features etc., however, cannot plot easily so need another systematic way to evaluate strength of model.



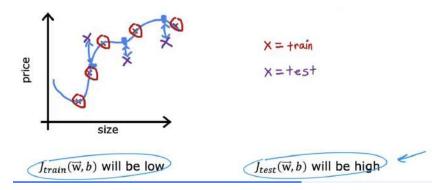
#### Solution:

1) Use a training and test set



- Train/ test procedure for linear regression (with squared error cost)
  - Training error is how well algorithm is doing on training set

- Value of Jtest is a good measure of how well model is generalising. E.g. if it fits training set sell but generalises poorly, Jtrain will be low but Jtest will be high:



How do we apply this to a classification problem?

Fit parameters by minimizing 
$$J(\overrightarrow{w},b)$$
 to find  $\overrightarrow{w},b$  E.g., 
$$J(\overrightarrow{w},b) = -\frac{1}{m_{train}} \sum_{i=1}^{m_{train}} \left[ y^{(i)} \log \left( f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}^{(i)}) \right) + (1-y^{(i)}) \log \left( 1 - f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}^{(i)}) \right) \right] + \frac{\lambda}{2m_{train}} \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_j^2$$
Compute test error: 
$$J_{test}(\overrightarrow{w},b) = -\frac{1}{m_{test}} \sum_{i=1}^{m_{test}} \left[ y_{test}^{(i)} \log \left( f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}_{test}^{(i)}) \right) + \left( 1 - y_{test}^{(i)} \right) \log \left( 1 - f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}_{test}^{(i)}) \right) \right]$$
Compute train error: 
$$J_{train}(\overrightarrow{w},b) = -\frac{1}{m_{train}} \sum_{i=1}^{m_{train}} \left[ y_{train}^{(i)} \log \left( f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}_{train}^{(i)}) \right) + \left( 1 - y_{train}^{(i)} \right) \log \left( 1 - f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}_{train}^{(i)}) \right) \right]$$

But more commonly for classification problems, instead of using logistic loss to measure error, instead measure what is the fraction of the test set and the fraction of the train set that the algorithm has misclassified.

$$\hat{y} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } f_{\overrightarrow{\mathbf{w}},b}(\overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}) \ge 0.5\\ 0 \text{ if } f_{\overrightarrow{\mathbf{w}},b}(\overrightarrow{\mathbf{x}}^{(i)}) < 0.5 \end{cases}$$
 count  $\hat{y} \ne y$ 

 $J_{test}(\vec{w}, b)$  is the fraction of the test set that has been misclassified.

 $J_{train}(\vec{w}, b)$  is the fraction of the train set that has been misclassified.

I.e. algo makes a prediction 1 or 0 on each example; count up number of examples where y hat is not equal to the correct output y.

#### Model selection and training/ cross validation/ test sets

How can we automatically choose a model?

 Once parameters w,b are fit to training set, the training error Jtrain is likely lower than the actual generalisation error. Thus, Jtest is a better estimate of how well the model will generalise to new data compared to Jtrain

Possible Option: Look at all Jtest and see which gives lowest value

1. 
$$f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = w_1 x + b$$
  $\longrightarrow \omega^{(1)} \longrightarrow J_{test}(\omega^{(1)}, b^{(1)})$   
2.  $f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + b$   $\longrightarrow w^{(2)}, b^{(2)} \longrightarrow J_{test}(w^{(2)}, b^{(2)})$   
3.  $f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + w_3 x^3 + b \longrightarrow w^{(3)}, b^{(3)} \longrightarrow J_{test}(w^{(3)}, b^{(3)})$   
 $\vdots$   $\vdots$   $\vdots$  10.  $f_{\vec{w},b}(\vec{x}) = w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \cdots + w_{10} x^{10} + b \longrightarrow J_{test}(w^{(10)}, b^{(10)})$   
Choose  $w_1 x + \cdots + w_5 x^5 + b$   $d = 5$   $J_{test}(w^{(5)}, b^{(5)})$ 

How well does the model perform? Report test set error  $J_{test}(w^{<5>},b^{<5>})$ ? The problem:  $J_{test}(w^{<5>},b^{<5>})$  is likely to be an optimistic estimate of generalization error (ie.  $J_{test}(w^{<5>},b^{<5>}) <$  generalization error ). Because an extra parameter d (degree of polynomial) was chosen using the test set.

w, b are overly optimistic estimate of generalization error on training data.

- Have essentially fitted an extra parameter using the test set. Thus, this is a flawed method.

#### Modification of procedure:

- Split into three: training set, cross validation (/development/dev/validation) set, and test set

- Then compute the training error, cross validation error, and test error:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Training error:} & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ &$$

- Then can go about model selection, using the cross validation set to see which model has the lowest cross validation error:

$$d=1 \quad 1. \quad f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}) = w_1x + b \qquad w^{(1)} , b^{(1)} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad J_{cv}(w^{(1)}, b^{(1)})$$

$$d=2 \quad 2. \quad f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}) = w_1x + w_2x^2 + b \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad J_{cv}(w^{(2)}, b^{(2)})$$

$$d=3 \quad 3. \quad f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}) = w_1x + w_2x^2 + w_3x^3 + b$$

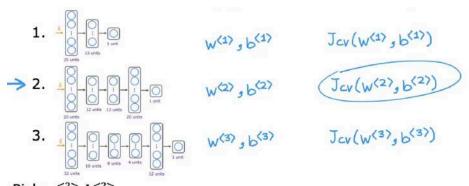
$$\vdots \qquad \vdots \qquad \vdots$$

$$d=10 \quad 10. \quad f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(\overrightarrow{x}) = w_1x + w_2x^2 + \dots + w_{10}x^{10} + b \qquad J_{cv}(w^{(10)}, b^{(10)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \text{Pick } w_1x + \dots + w_4x^4 + b \qquad (J_{cv}(w^{(4)}, b^{(4)}))$$
Estimate generalization error using test the set:  $J_{test}(w^{(4)}, b^{(4)})$ 

Jtest here is a fair estimate of the generalisation error because up until this point you have not fit
 w, b, or d to the test set

This model selection also applies to neural network architecture selection...



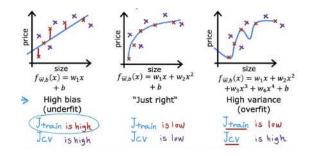
Pick  $w^{<2>}, b^{<2>}$ 

Estimate generalization error using the test set:  $J_{test}(\mathbf{w}^{<2>}, \mathbf{b}^{(<2>)})$ 

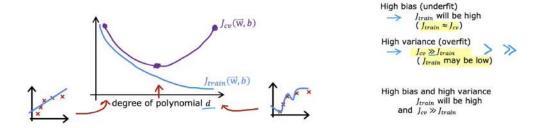
- As this is classification, evaluate using fraction of y hat = y

#### Diagnosing Bias and Variance

- Good guidance on what to try next when something is working poorly.
- Jtrain & Jcv high → high bias; Jtrain low, Jcv high → high variance



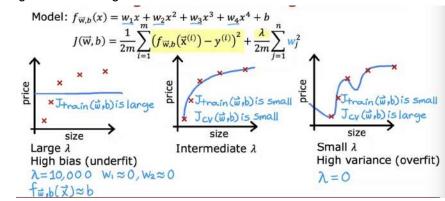
Understand bias and variance:



#### Regularization and bias/variance

- How choice of regularisation parameter lamda affects bias and variance
- Trade off of keeping w small (large lambda) and fitting well (low lambda)

Linear regression with regularisation:



How do we choose a good value of lambda (similar to cross validation)?

Model: 
$$f_{\overrightarrow{w},b}(x) = w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + w_3 x^3 + w_4 x^4 + b$$

1.Try  $\lambda = 0$ 

2. Try  $\lambda = 0.01$ 

3. Try  $\lambda = 0.02$ 

4. Try  $\lambda = 0.04$ 

5. Try  $\lambda = 0.08$ 

12. Try  $\lambda \approx 10$ 

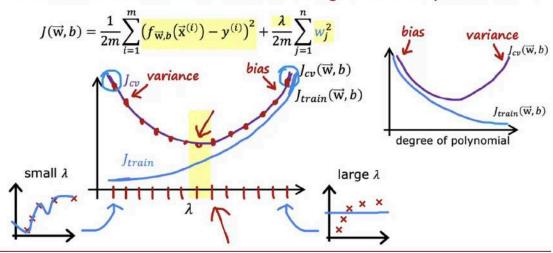
Pick  $w^{<5>}, b^{<5>}$ 

Report test error:  $J_{test}(w^{<5>}, b^{<5>})$ 

Looking at how bias and variance vary as a function of lambda:

- Jtrain: will increase, as in optimisation cost fn, the larger lambda, the more it is trying to keep w small, so the worse it does on the training set, so the train error increases
  - Jcv overfits on left, and underfits on right

# Bias and variance as a function of regularization parameter $\lambda$



#### Establishing a baseline level of performance

E.g. speech recognition (training error = % of incorrect transcriptions)

Human level performance : 10.6%Training error  $J_{train}$  : 10.8%Cross validation error  $J_{cv}$  : 14.8%

Algo doing quite well on training set, but cross validation higher - so has a variance problem.

#### Baseline level of performance:

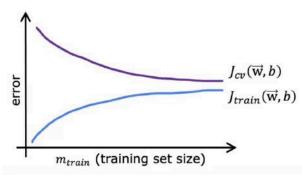
- Human level performance
- Competing algorithms performance
- Guess based on experience
  - Gap between baseline and training error large = bias problem
  - Gap between training error and cross validation error large = variance problem
  - Can have both problems simultaneously

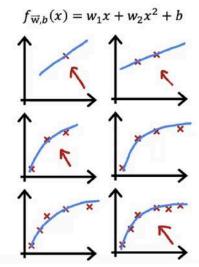
#### Learning Curves

# Learning curves

 $J_{train}$ = training error

 $J_{cv}$  = cross validation error

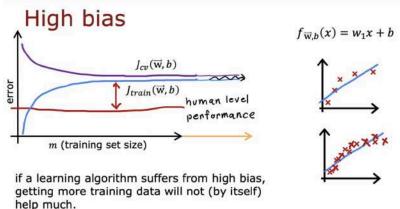




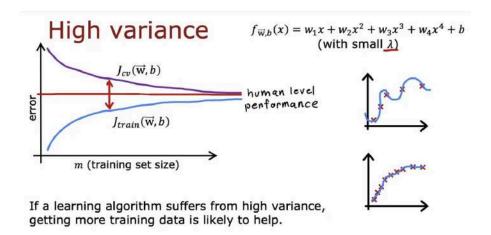
- More training examples → harder to fit all training examples perfectly → Jtrain increases
- Jcv > Jtrain, as expect to do at least slightly better on training set than cross validation set

#### For high bias:

- Plateaus because fitting a straight line won't change up with more examples - it's such a simple model



For high variance:



#### Deciding what to do next

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But it makes unacceptably large errors in predictions. What do you try next?

→ Get more training examples

→ Try smaller sets of features x, x², x′, x′, x′.

→ Try getting additional features

 $\rightarrow$  Try adding polynomial features  $(x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2, etc)$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Try decreasing  $\lambda$ 

 $\rightarrow$  Try increasing  $\lambda$ 

fixes high variance

fixes high variance

fixes high bias fixes high bias

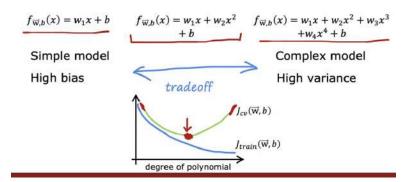
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fixes high variance

#### Bias/ variance and neural networks

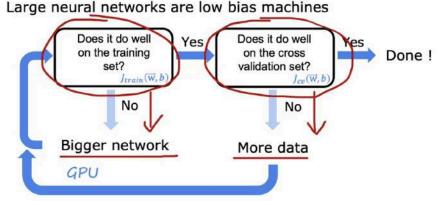
#### The bias variance tradeoff

- Go in the middle to pick model with lowest cross-validation error



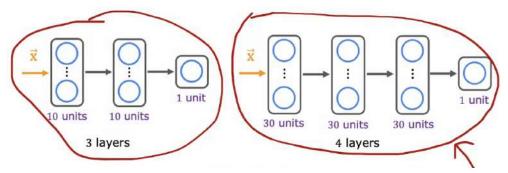
Neural networks offer us a way out of this:

- Large neural networks are low bias machines (don't need to trade off)



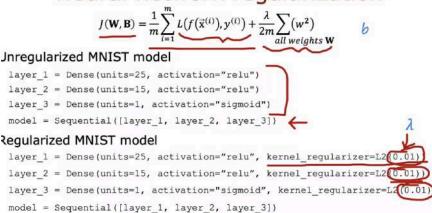
Neural networks and regularization:

- A large neural network will usually do as well or better than a smaller one so long as regularization is chosen appropriately (does not overfit)



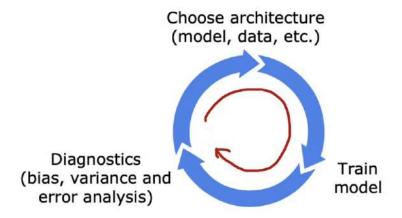
To regularise it practically in TensorFlow:

# Neural network regularization



Often you fight variance problems rather than bias problems with a large neural network

#### Iterative loop of ML development



#### Building a spam classifier

- Text classification
- Set words that appear to 1, ones that do not to 0
- Can then train model to predict y from x

Supervised learning:  $\frac{\vec{x}}{y}$  = features of email y = spam (1) or not spam (0)

Features: list the top 10,000 words to compute  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{10,000}$ 

```
x =
0
a
To: Andrew Ng

1
buy
buy

1
deal

0
discount

i:
i:

From: cheapsales@buystufffromme.com
To: Andrew Ng
Subject: Buy now!

Rolex w4tchs - $100

Medlcine (any kind) - £50
Also low cost M0rgages
available.
```

# How to try to reduce your spam classifier's error?

- · Collect more data. E.g., "Honeypot" project.
- Develop sophisticated features based on email routing (from email header).
- Define sophisticated features from email body.
   E.g., should "discounting" and "discount" be treated as the same word.
- Design algorithms to detect misspellings.
   E.g., w4tches, med1cine, m0rtgage.

#### Error Analysis

- Manually examine errors: (if very large misclassified set, randomly sample them)

 $m_{cv}$ = 500 examples in cross validation set.

Algorithm misclassifies 100 of them.

Manually examine <u>100</u> examples and categorize them based on common traits.

Pharma: 21
Deliberate misspellings (w4tches, med1cine): 3
Unusual email routing: 7
Steal passwords (phishing): 18
Spam message in embedded image: 5

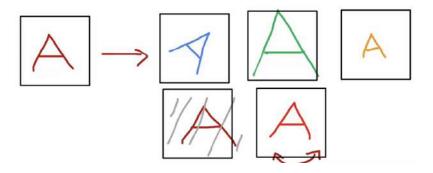
- Identify where the major errors are occurring - here, pharmaceutical spam emails. Specifically target these e.g. look at more data features here of these specific email types

#### Adding Data

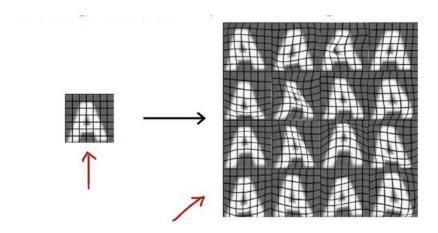
- Add more data of the types where error analysis has indicated it might help.

E.g. go to unlabeled data and find more examples of pharma related spam.

1) Data augmentation: modifying an existing training example to create a new training example.



Can also do data augmentation by introducing distortions



- Can also apply data augmentation to speech data
  - Put noisy backgrounds or crackles etc. (to take one audio clip to create three training examples)

## Speech recognition example

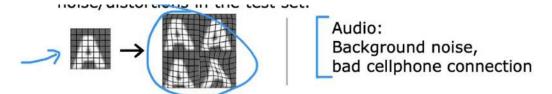
Original audio (voice search: "What is today's weather?")

+ Noisy background: Crowd

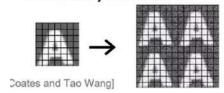
+ Noisy background: Car

+ Audio on bad cellphone connection

Note that distortions introduced should be representative of the type of noise/ distortions in the test set.



- Usually does not help to add purely random/ meaningless noise to your data



$$x_i$$
=intensity (brightness) of pixel  $i$   
 $x_i \leftarrow x_i + random noise$ 

**2) Data synthesis**: using artificial data inputs to create a new training example. Largely used for computer vision.

E.g. photo OCR. Can create artificial data by using different fonts and screenshot it with different backgrounds.



Real data

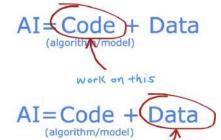


Synthetic data

These are all types of data engineering:

Conventional model-centric approach:

Data-centric approach:

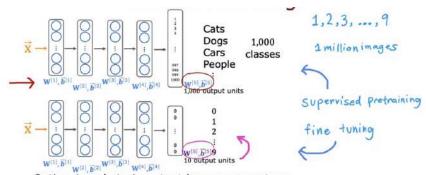


work on this

When there is not much data, can use:

#### Transfer learning: Using data from a different task

- Want to recognise handwritten digits of 1 to 9; find 1 million images, start to train learning algorithm on 1000 classes
- For transfer learning, make a copy of this neural network with the same w1, b1, w2, b2 etc. but replace the output layer with only 10 output units and a new w5,b5
- So two options for training this neural network's parameters
  - Option 1: only train output layers parameters, and only update w5,b5 to lower cost function (best for a small training set)
  - Option 2: train all parameters in the network; first four layers would be initialised using previous values (best for a larger training set)



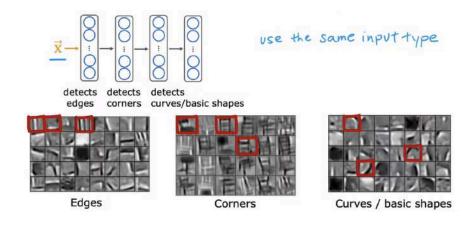
Option 1: only train output layers parameters.

Option 2: train all parameters.

- Can use this to make the most of pre-trained neural networks online

#### Why does transfer learning work?

- In image recognition, first level might learn to detect edges, the second to detect corders, the third to detect curves/basic shapes etc.
- Restriction: need to use same input type as the input the network was pretrained on



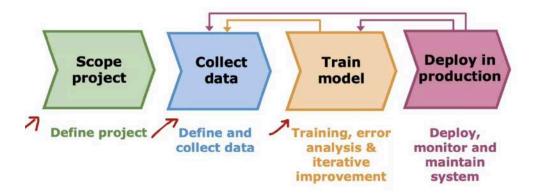
### Summary of transfer learning:

- Download neural network parameters pretrained on a large dataset with same input type (e.g., images, audio, text) as your application (or train your own).
- 2. Further train (fine tune) the network on your own data.

1000 images

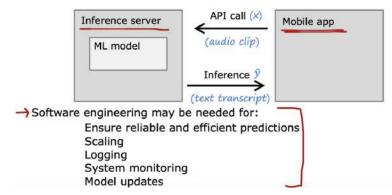
### Full Cycle of a Machine Learning Project

Using the example of speech recognition...



### What is deployment?

- Implement ML model in an inference server. If team has implemented a mobile ask, when a user talks to app, mobile app can make an API call to parse to inference server, which can then apply the ML model and return the inference prediction



MLOps - how to systematically build, deploy, and maintain ML systems.

### Fairness, bias, and ethics

### Bias:

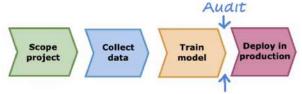
- Hiring tool that discriminates against women
- Facial recognition system matching dark skinned individuals to criminal mugshots
- Biased bank loan approvals
- Toxic effect of reinforcing negative stereotypes

### Adverse use cases of ML algorithms:

- Buzzfeed released deepfake of Obama
- Social media spreading toxic/incendiary speech through optimizing for engagement
- Generating fake content for commercial and political purposes
- Using ML to build harmful products, commit fraud etc.
  - Spam vs anti-spam: fraud vs anti-fraud

### Guidelines:

- Get a diverse team to brainstorm things that might go wrong, with emphasis on possible harm to vulnerable groups.
- Carry out literature search on standards/ guidelines for your industry
- Audit systems against possible harm prior to deployment



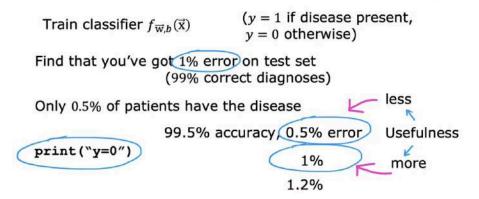
- Develop mitigation plan (if applicable) and, after deployment, monitor for possible harm.

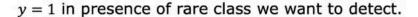
### Error metrics for skewed datasets

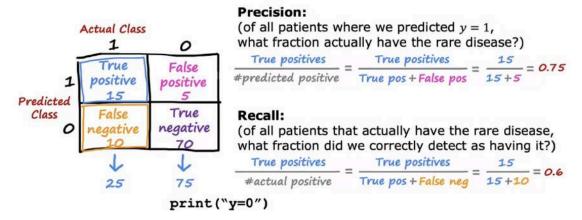
For situations where ratio of positive to negative examples is v. skewed, usual error metrics like accuracy do not work that well.

### E.g. Rate disease classification

If you just printed y=0 all the time, would have 99.5% accuracy in this case. Accuracy is relevant:

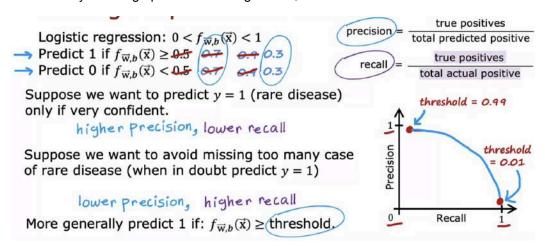






### Trading off precision and recall

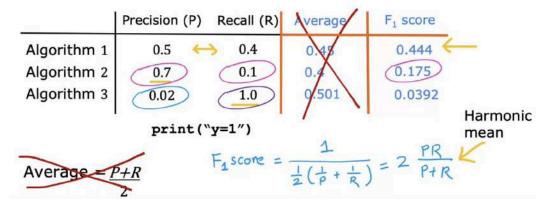
- Ideally have high precision and high recall, but often there is a tradeoff



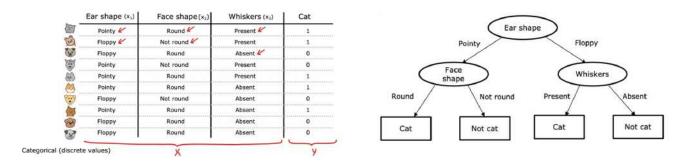
Often need to manually pick the threshold. If you want to automatically trade off precision and recall, can use an "F1 score":

- Taking average of P and R is not a good method. F1 emphasises very low scores:

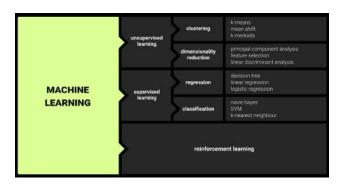
# How to compare precision/recall numbers?



### Week 4: Decision Trees



Root node at top; middle nodes are decision nodes; notes at bottom are called leaf nodes.



Algorithm	Description	Use Cases	Reasons to Use
Linear Regression	Models relationships between continuous variables.	House price prediction, sales forecasting, risk assessment	Simple, interpretable, and easy to implement
Logistic Regression	Predicts probabilities for binary outcomes.	Spam detection, fraud detection, customer churn prediction	Effective for binary classification, probabilistic output
Decision Tree	Splits data into branches for decision making.	Loan eligibility, credit scoring, medical diagnosis	Easy to visualize, handles both numerical and categorical data
SVM (Support Vector Machine)	Finds the optimal hyperplane for classification.	Image classification, cancer detection, spam detection	High-dimensional space suitability, robust for classification and regression
Naive Bayes	Applies Bayes' theorem for probabilistic classification.	Text classification, sentiment analysis, spam detection	Fast, handles high-dimensional data well
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kNN (k-Nearest Neighbors)	Classifies based on closest training examples.	Product recommendations, anomaly detection, pattern recognition	Simple, intuitive, effective for classification and regression
kNN (k-Nearest Neighbors)  K-Means	on closest training	recommendations, anomaly detection, pattern	effective for classification and
	on closest training examples. Clusters data into k groups based	recommendations, anomaly detection, pattern recognition  Customer segmentation, market analysis, image	effective for classification and regression  Efficient for large datasets, easy to
K-Means	on closest training examples.  Clusters data into k groups based on similarity.  Constructs multiple decision trees for robust	recommendations, anomaly detection, pattern recognition  Customer segmentation, market analysis, image compression  Stock market prediction, weather forecasting,	effective for classification and regression  Efficient for large datasets, easy to implement  Reduces overfitting, handles large

## **Decision Tree: Learning Process**

- Use an algorithm to decide what root nodes etc. to use
- Looking to maximise purity (percentage correctness)

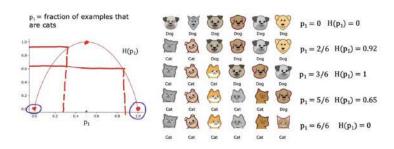
### **Decision 1:** How to choose what feature to split on at each node?

**Decision 2:** When do you stop splitting?

- When a node is 100% one class
- When splitting a node will result in the tree exceeding a maximum depth (root node is at Depth 0)
- When improvements in purity score are below a threshold
- When number of examples in a node is below a certain threshold

### <u>Decision Trees: Measuring purity</u>

E.g. p1 = fraction of examples that are cats; y-axis is entropy



Entropy function (log is to base 2):

$$p_0 = 1 - p_1$$

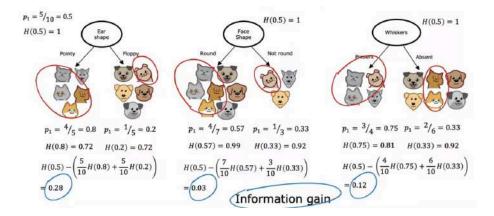
$$H(p_1) = -p_1 log_2(p_1) - p_0 log_2(p_0)$$
  
= -p\_1 log\_2(p\_1) - (1 - p\_1) log\_2(1 - p\_1)

Note: " $0 \log(0)$ " = 0

- Even if Olog(0) is technically negative infinity

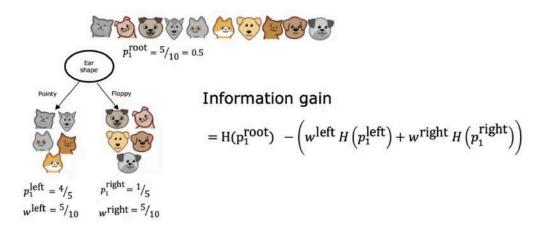
### Choosing a split: Information gain

- What choice of feature reduces entropy, H, the most (reduction of entropy = "information gain")
- Take a weighted average, based on how many examples + entropy (a large dataset with high entropy is worse than a small one with high entropy)
- Overall, compute weighted reduction in entropy compared to not splitting at all (p1 = 5/10 = 0.5, so H at root node is 1) [as one of the ways to decide whether to split is size of reduction in entropy not much point in splitting if decrease is v small]



### Information Gain

P1 - number of positive examples on left or right, w = fraction of examples that went to right or left branch



### Putting it together

### Overall process:

- Start with all examples at root node
- Calculate info gain for all poss features, and pick one with highest info gain
- Split dataset according to selected feature, and create left and right branches of the treee
- Keep repeating splitting process until stopping criteria is met:
  - When a node is 100% one class
  - When splitting a node will result in the tree exceeding a maximum depth
  - Info gain from additional splits is less than threshold
  - When number of examples in a node is below a threshold

**Recursive splitting:** to build a decision tree at the root, you build smaller decision trees at the left and right branches.

# <u>Using one-hot encoding of categorical features:</u> For features that can take on more values than yes or no

Split into different features, keeping each to taking on two values. If a categorical feature can take on k values, create k binary features (0 or 1 valued).

Ear shape	Pointy ears	Floppy ears	Oval ears	Face shape	Whiskers	Cat
Pointy	1	0	0	Round	Present	1
Oval	0	0	1	Not round	Present	1
Oval	0	0	1	Round	Absent	0
Pointy	1	0	0	Not round	Present	0
Oval	0	0	1	Round	Present	1
Pointy	1	0	0	Round	Absent	1
Floppy	0	1	0	Not round	Absent	0
Oval	0	0	1	Round	Absent	1
Floppy	0	1	0	Round	Absent	0
Floppy	0	1	0	Round	Absent	0

This also works for training neural networks (not just for decision trees - neural networks expect numbers as inputs):

Pointy ears	Floppy ears	Round ears	Face shape	Whiskers	Cat
1	0	0	Round 1	Present 1	1
0	0	1	Not round O	Present 1	1
0	0	1	Round 1	-Absent- O	0
1	0	0	Not-round O	Present 1	0
0	0	1	Round 1	Present 1	1
1	0	0	Round 1	Absent 0	1
0	1	0	Not round 0	Absent 0	1
0	0	1	Round 1	Absent 0	1
0	1	0	Round 1	Absent 0	1
0	1	0	Round 1	Absent 0	1

### Continuous Valued Features

- Using decision trees to work with not only discrete values, but continuous too (e.g. weight)

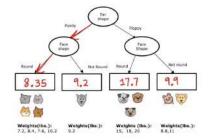
	Ear shape	Face shape	Whiskers	Weight (lbs.)	Cat
	Pointy	Round	Present	7.2	1
	Floppy	Not round	Present	8.8	1
3	Floppy	Round	Absent	15	0
	Pointy	Not round	Present	9.2	0
<u>a</u>	Pointy	Round	Present	8.4	1
*	Pointy	Round	Absent	7.6	1
3	Floppy	Not round	Absent	11	0
	Pointy	Round	Absent	10.2	1
Wy T	Floppy	Round	Absent	18	0
2	Floppy	Round	Absent	20	0

- For a continuous value, pick a threshold which gives the best information gain (calculate information gain for lots of possible thresholds)
- Convention: sort all of examples according to weight/ value of features, and take all the values that are the midpoints between the sorted list of training examples as the values for consideration as a threshold
- If info gain is better from splitting on a given value of this threshold than any other feature, then you decide to split this node at this feature. I.e. there are two thresholds: algorithm has to choose which feature to use first with info gain (considering the different thresholds for continuous ones)

### **Decision trees in Regression**

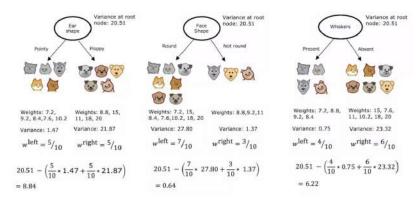
- So far, only in classification algorithms
- Can also use in regression: using ear shape etc. to predict the weight

Ear shape	Face shape	Whiskers	Weight (lbs.)
Pointy	Round	Present	7.2
Floppy	Not round	Present	8.8
Floppy	Round	Absent	15
Pointy	Not round	Present	9.2
Pointy	Round	Present	8.4
Pointy	Round	Absent	7.6
Floppy	Not round	Absent	11
Pointy	Round	Absent	10.2
Floppy	Round	Absent	18
Floppy	Round	Absent	20



### So, how to choose a split?:

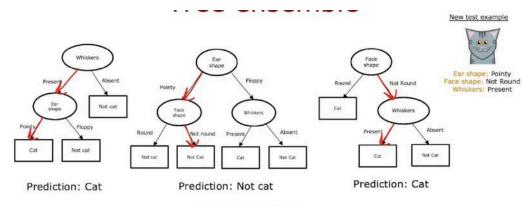
 Instead of reducing entropy, try to reduce the weighted average variance (how widely a set of numbers varies)



Then build a new decision tree based on these five examples.

### Using Multiple Decision Trees: A tree ensemble

- Trees are highly sensitive to small changes of the data (can cause a different split at the root and thus a totally different tree)
- Use many trees, and run all on a new example. Get them to then vote

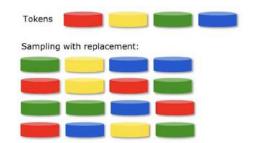


Final prediction: Cat

Having lots of trees makes the algo less sensitive to changes in data. But how to come up with plausible but different decision trees - use **sampling with replacement**.

### Sampling with replacement

[Putting the token back - if not, would get the same four tokens every time.]



### Applying this to decision trees:

 Construct random training sets that are all slightly different from original training set.
 Put the training examples in a theoretical bag and pick one out, put it back in, and pick again (will get some repeats).

Ear shape	Face shape	Whiskers	Cat
Pointy	Round	Present	1
Floppy	Not round	Absent	0
Pointy	Round	Absent	1
Pointy	Not round	Present	0
Floppy	Not round	Absent	0
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Floppy	Round	Absent	0
Pointy	Round	Absent	1

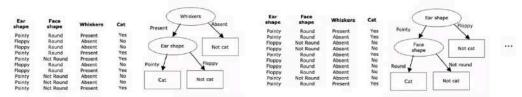
### Random Forest Algorithm

1. Generating a tree sample

### Given training set of size m

For 
$$b = 1$$
 to  $B$ 

Use sampling with replacement to create a new training set of size m Train a decision tree on the new dataset



### Bagged decision tree

- B is normally around 100 max higher than that slows down computation and also does not improve much
- Each tree then votes
- 2. Modification: Randomizing the feature choice
- To avoid root note split being often the same

At each node, when choosing a feature to use to split, if n features are available, pick a random subset of k < n features and allow the algorithm to only choose from that subset of features.

$$K = \int_{n}$$

Random forest algorithm

This is more robust than a single decision tree because sampling with replacement procedure causes the algorithm to explore a lot of small changes in the data already and is averaging over all these changes, and so small changes to training set are less likely to affect overall output of random first

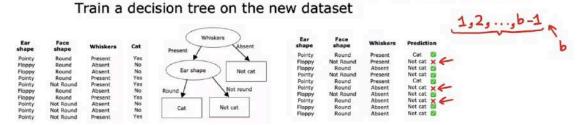
### <u>XGBoost</u>

- 1. Generating a tree sample
  - For every time through this loop, other than first time, when sampling instead of picking from all m examples from equal probability, make it more likely to pick examples that the previously trained trees do poorly on [FOCUSING ON WHAT WE ARE NOT DOING WELL ON]

### Given training set of size m

For b = 1 to B:

Use sampling with replacement to create a new training set of size m But instead of picking from all examples with equal (1/m) probability, make it more likely to pick misclassified examples from previously trained trees



### XGBoost is:

- · Open source implementation of boosted trees
- Fast efficient implementation
- Good choice of default splitting criteria and criteria for when to stop splitting
- Built in regularization to prevent overfitting
- Highly competitive algorithm for machine learning competitions (eg: Kaggle competitions)
  - Instead of sampling with replacement, assigns different weights to different training examples so
    does not need to generate a load of randomly chosen training sets, making it a bit more efficient
    than using a sampling with replacement procedure

Regression

### Using XGBoost:

Classification

# →from xgboost import XGBClassifier from xgboost import XGBRegressor → model = XGBClassifier() model = XGBRegressor() → model.fit(X\_train, y\_train) model.fit(X\_train, y\_train) → y\_pred = model.predict(X\_test) y\_pred = model.predict(X\_test)

### When to use decision trees vs neural networks?

### **Decision Trees and Tree ensembles**

- · Works well on tabular (structured) data
- Not recommended for unstructured data (images, audio, text)
- Fast
- Small decision trees may be human interpretable

### **Neural Networks**

- Works well on all types of data, including tabular (structured) and unstructured data
- May be slower than a decision tree
- · Works with transfer learning
- When building a system of multiple models working together, it might be easier to string together multiple neural networks
  - Can train neural networks all together using gradient descent, but can only train one decision tree at a time