

CS7015 (Deep Learning) : Lecture 8

Regularization: Bias Variance Tradeoff, l2 regularization, Early stopping,
Dataset augmentation, Parameter sharing and tying, Injecting noise at input,
Ensemble methods, Dropout

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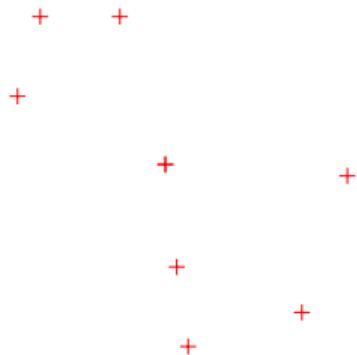
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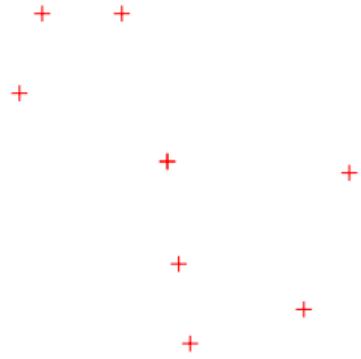
Module 8.1 : Bias and Variance

We will begin with a quick overview of bias, variance and the trade-off between them.

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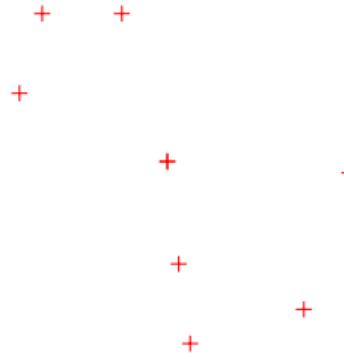


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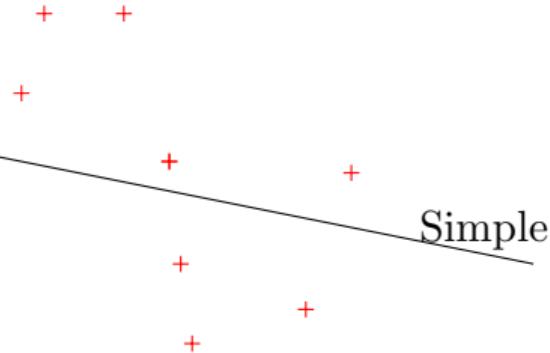
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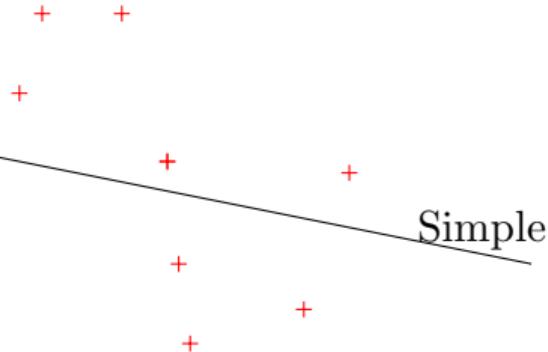
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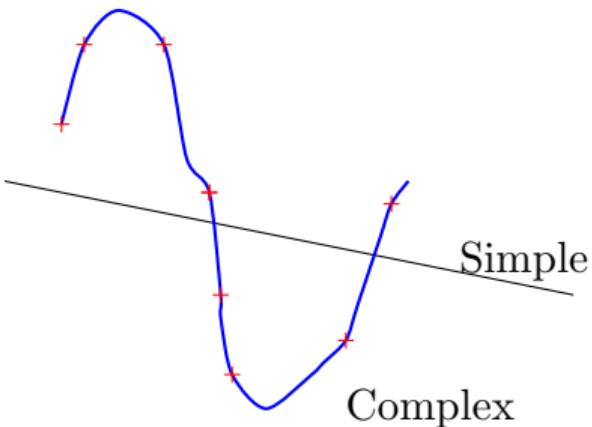
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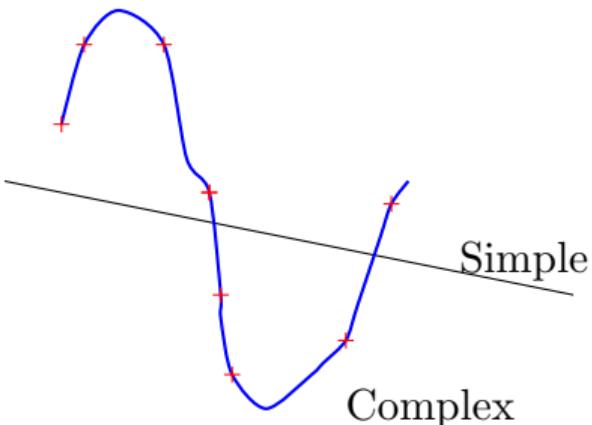
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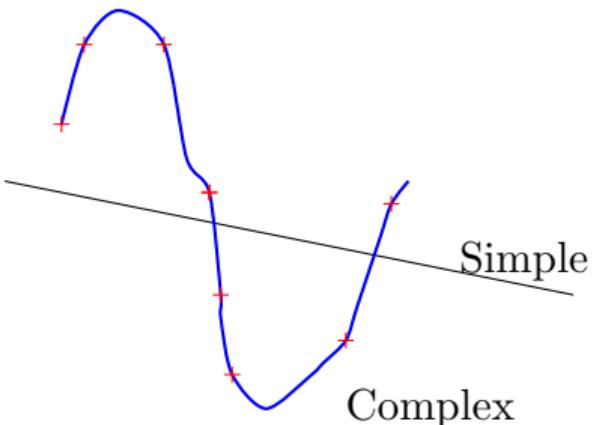
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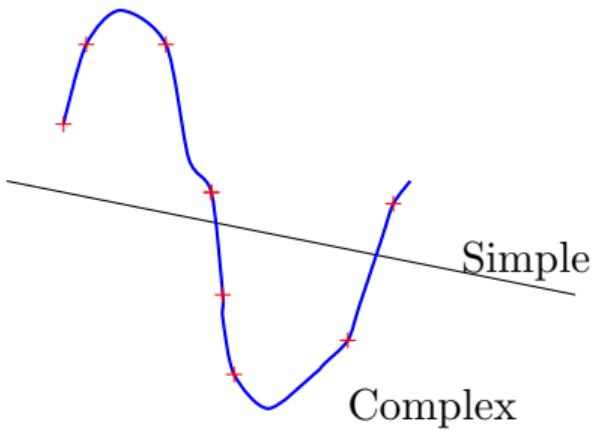
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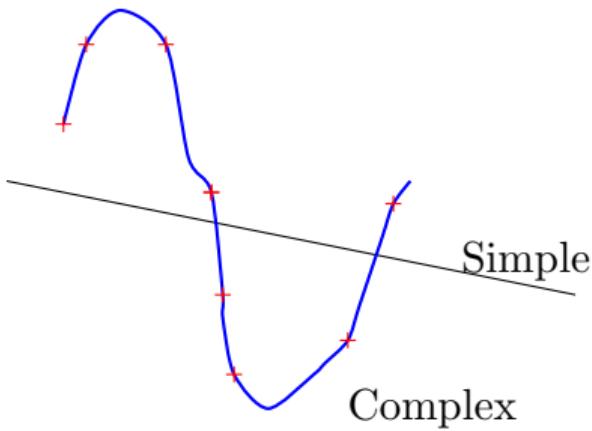
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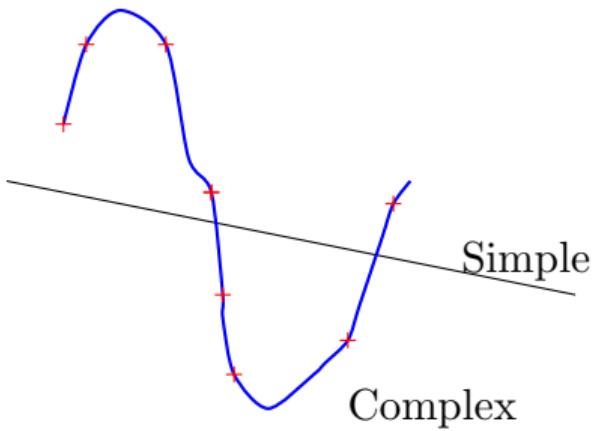
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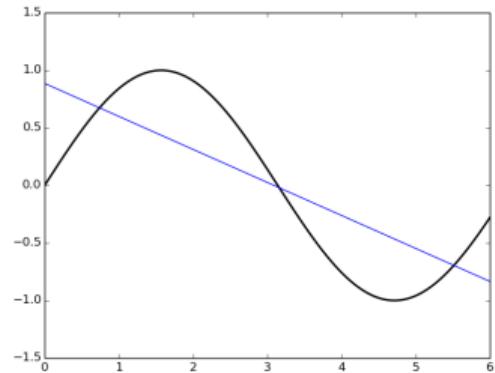
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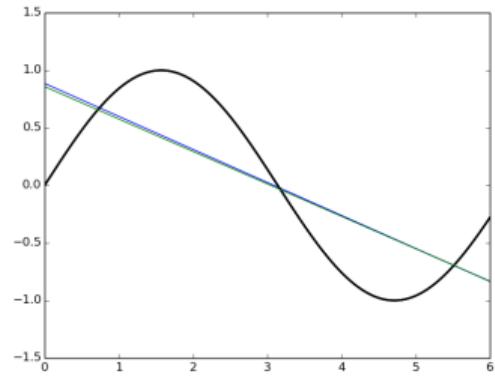
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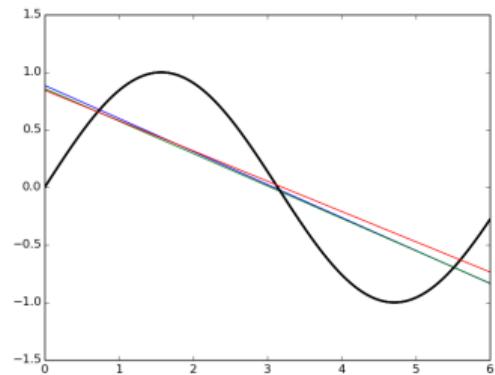


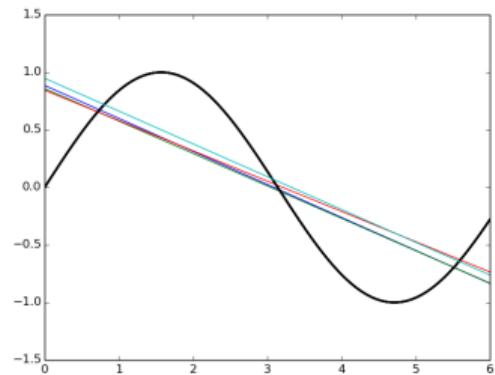
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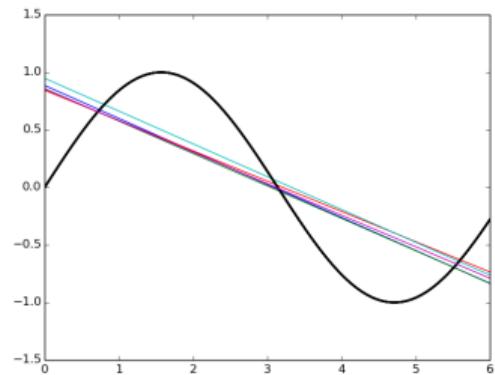
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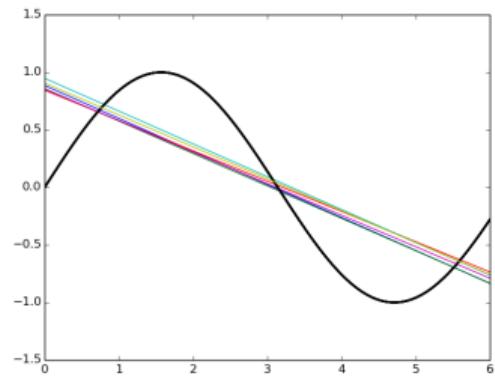


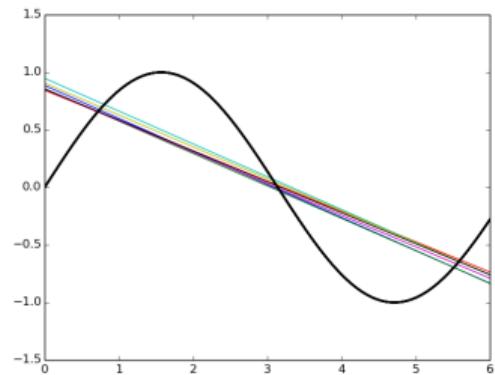


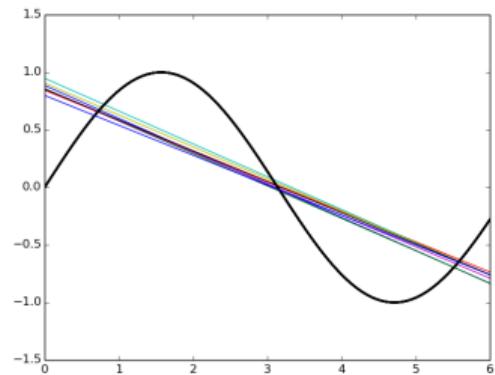


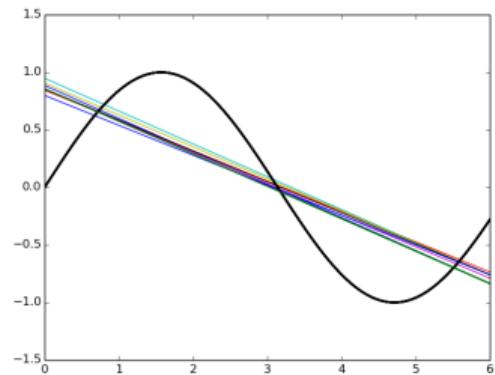


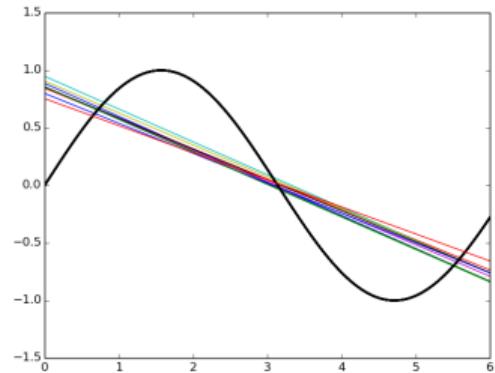


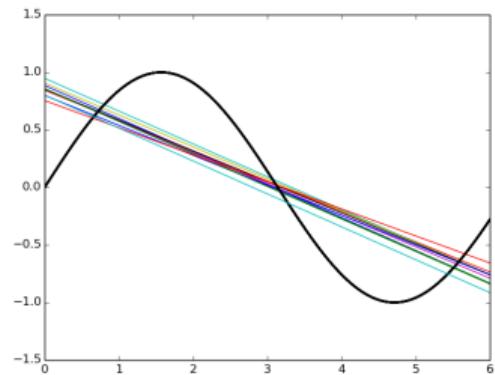


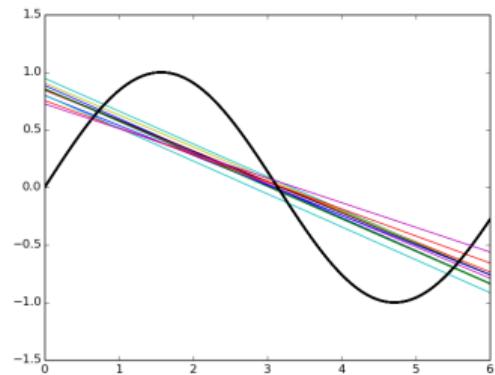


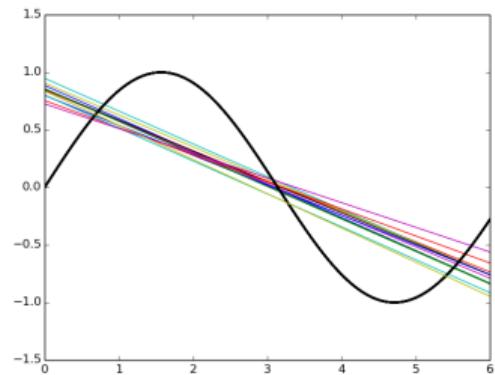


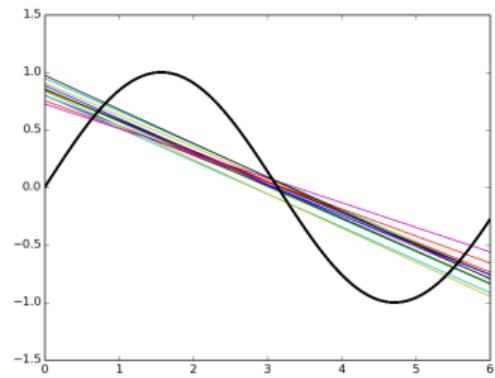


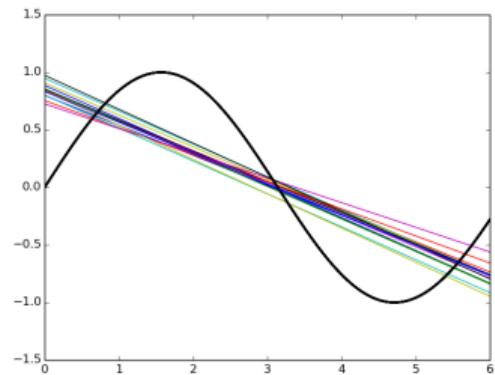


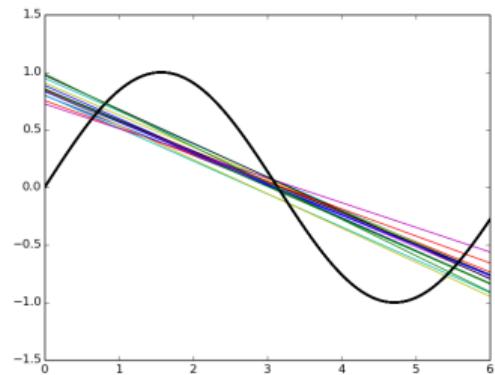


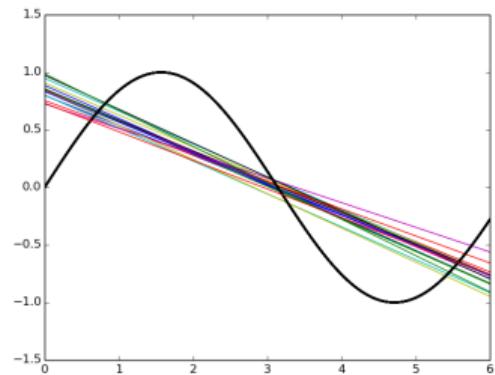


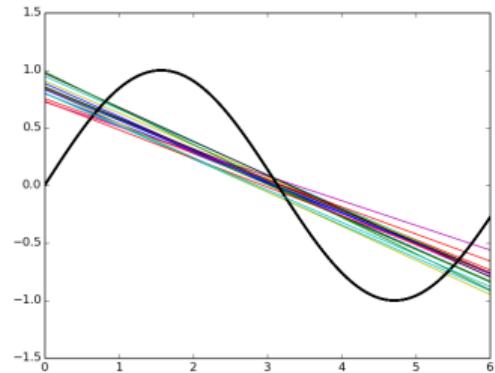


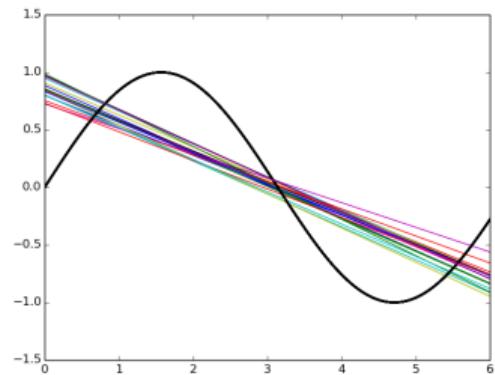


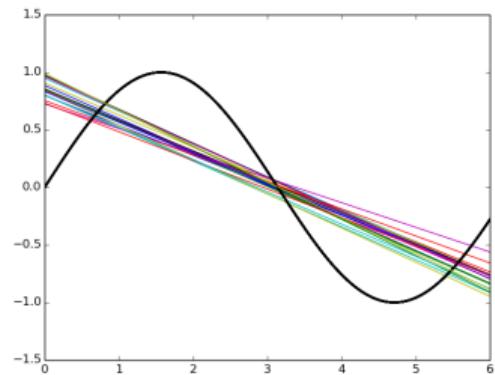


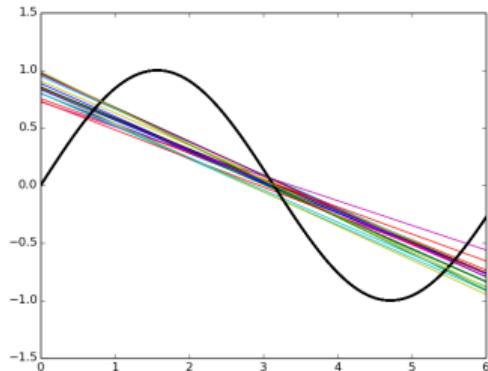




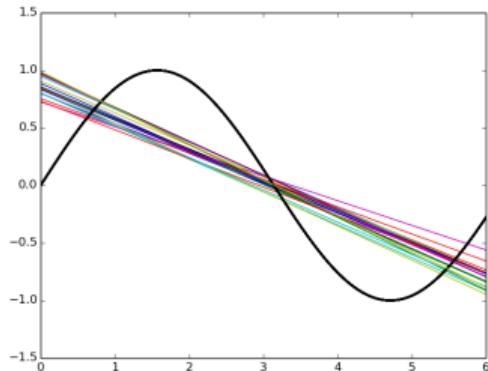




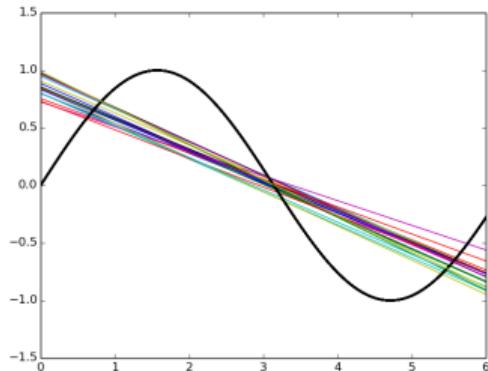




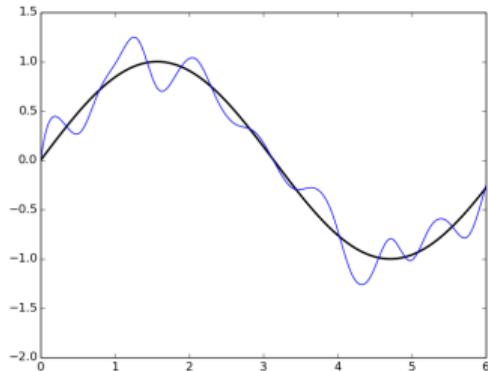
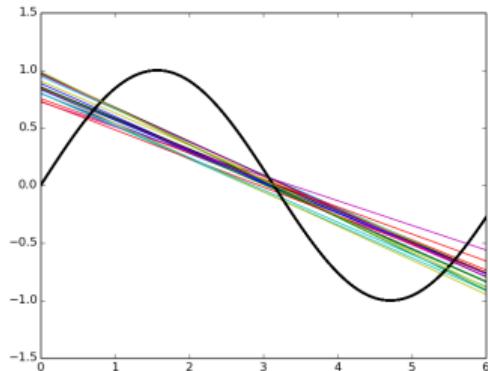
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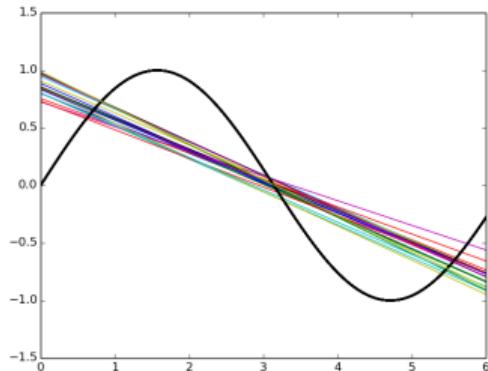
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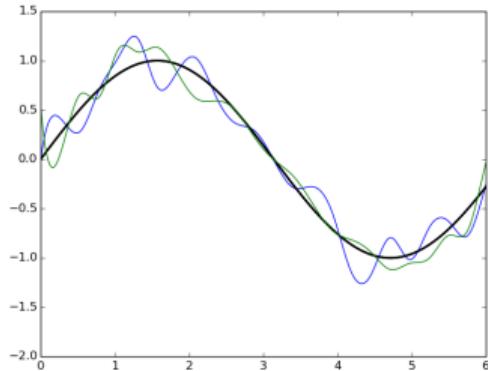
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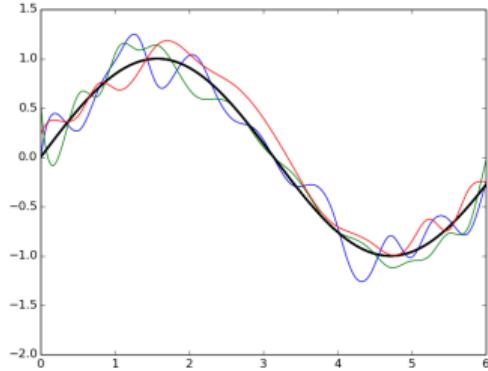
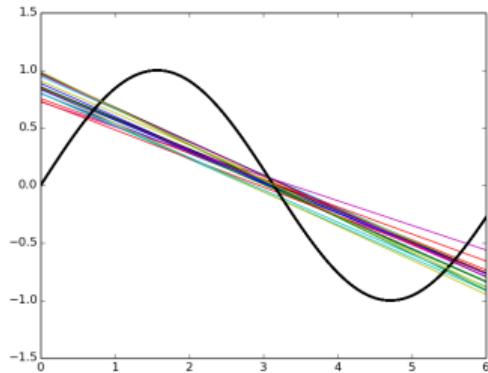


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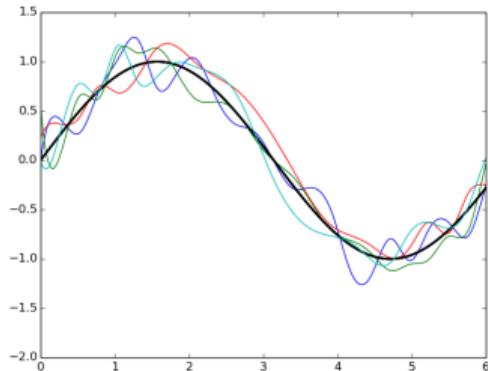
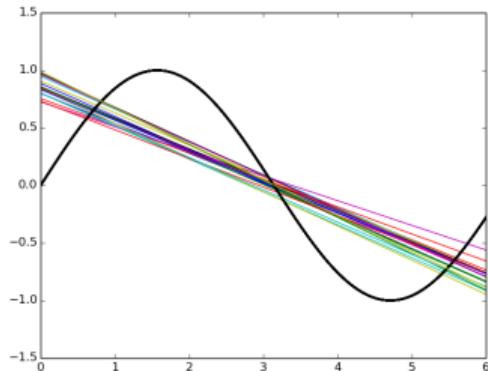


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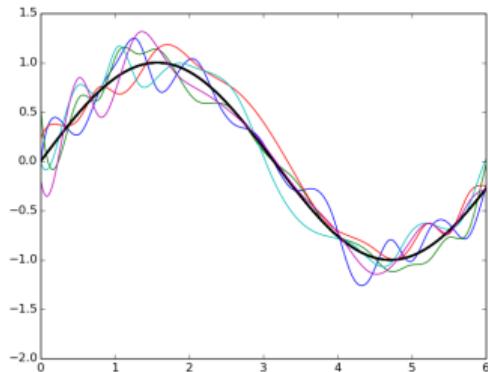
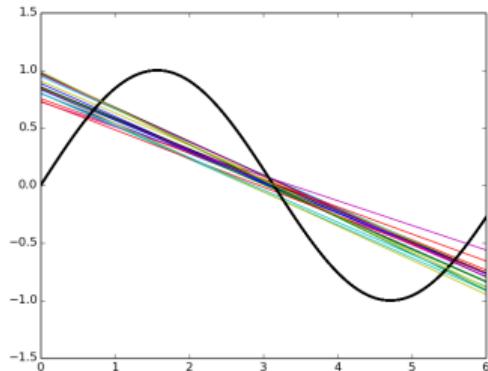




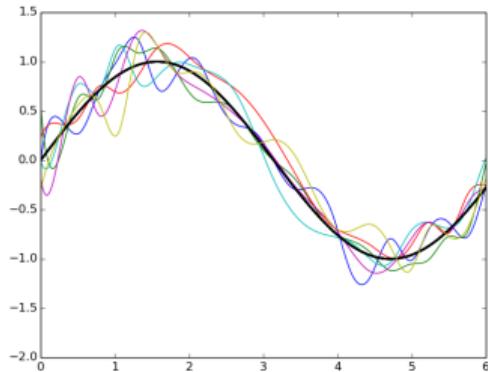
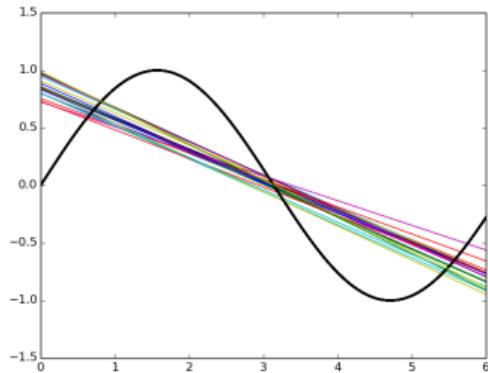
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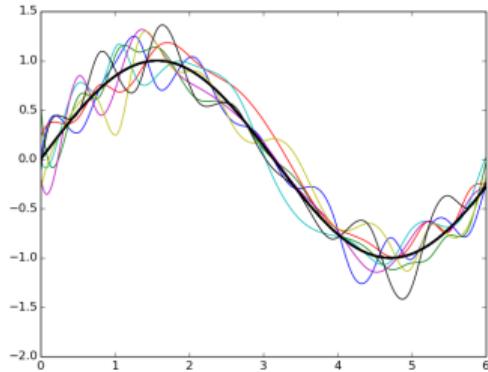
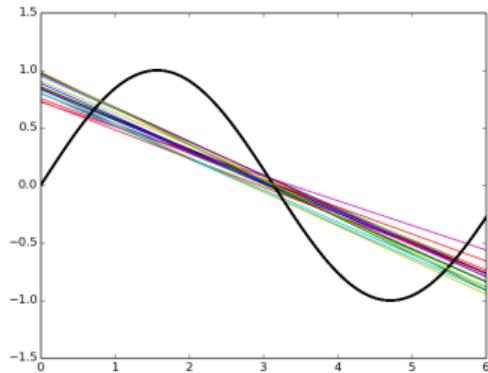
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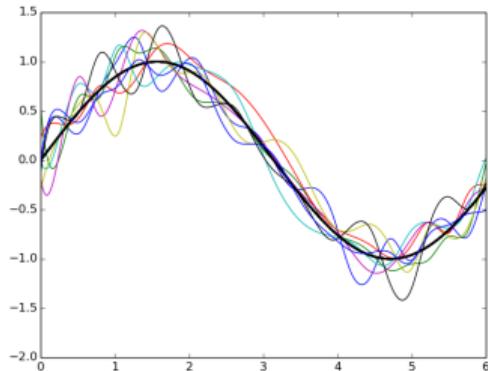
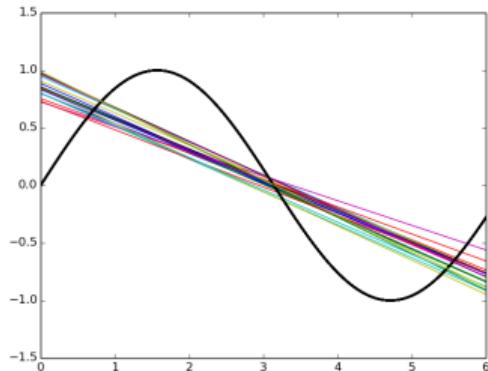
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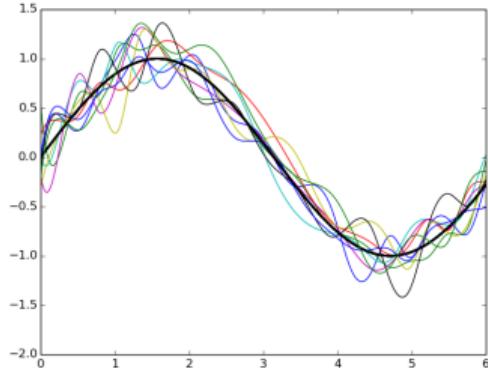
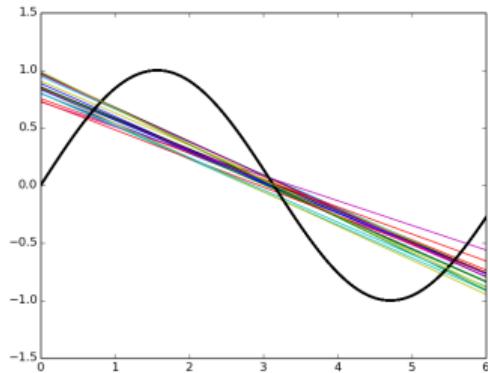
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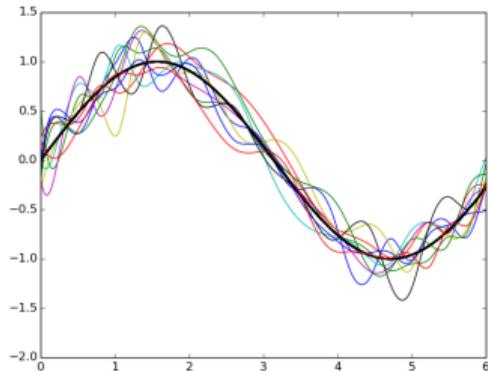
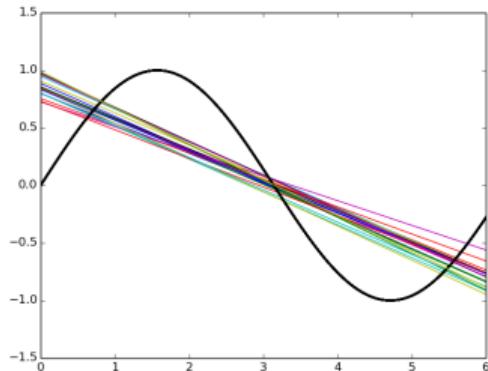
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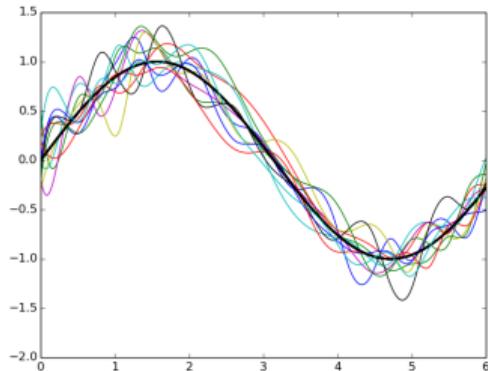
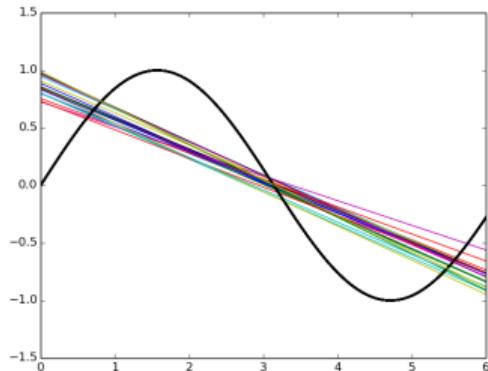
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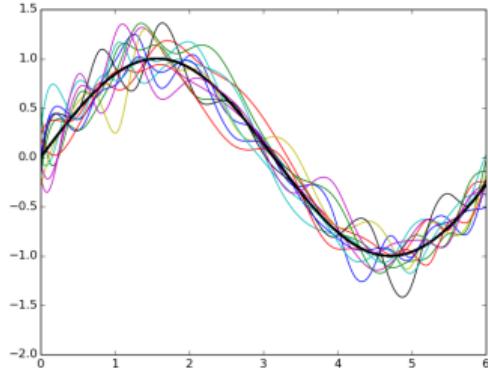
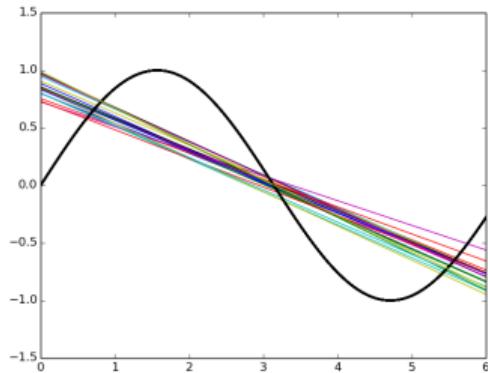
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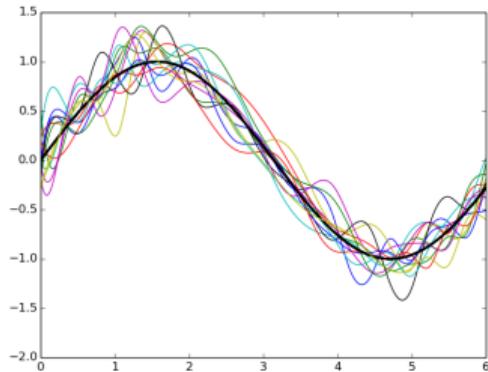
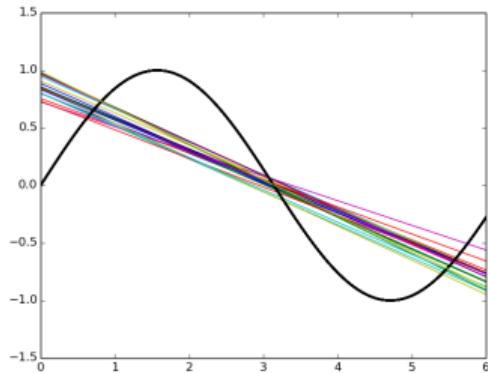
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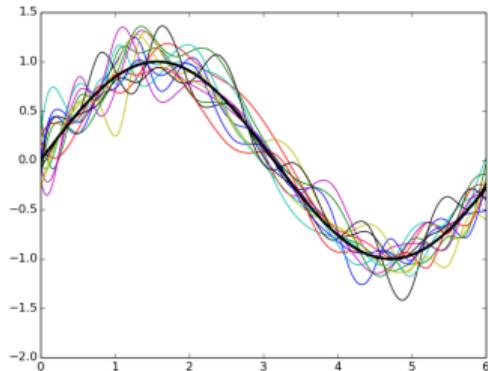
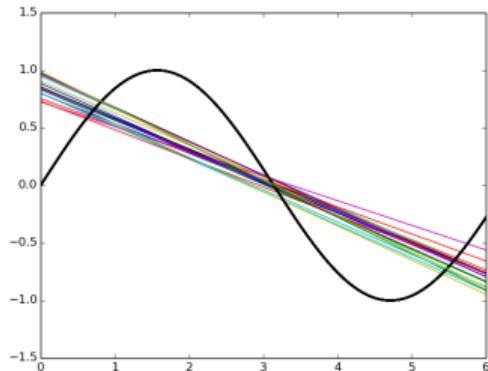
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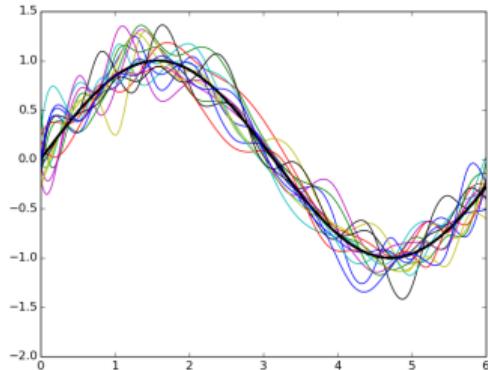
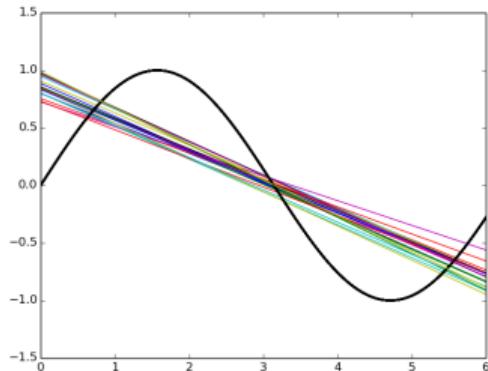
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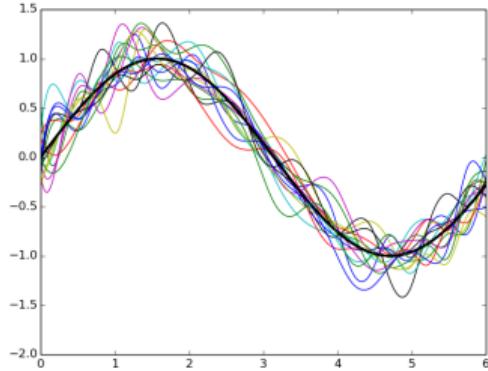
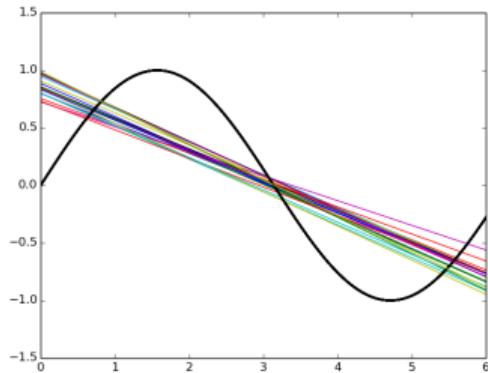
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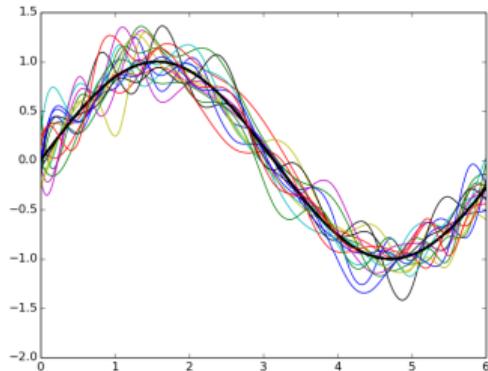
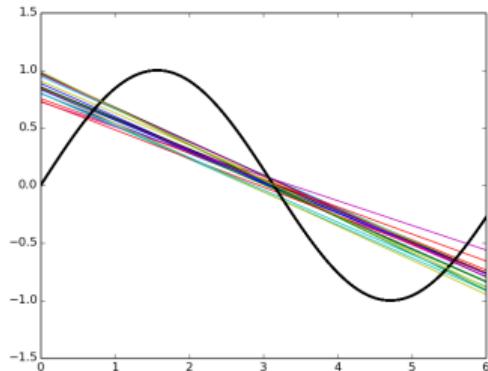
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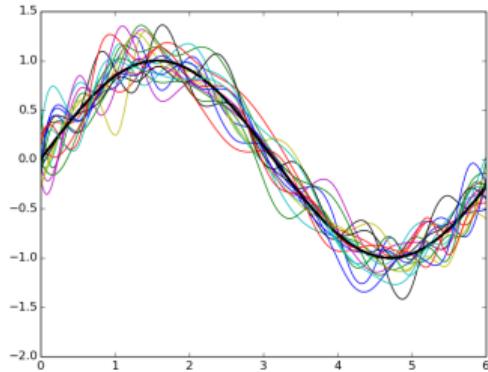
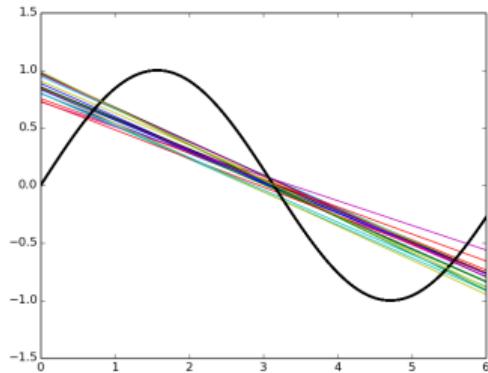
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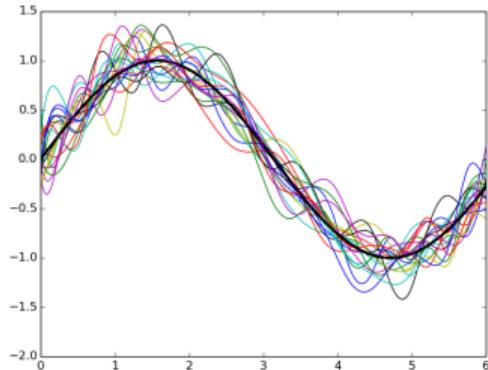
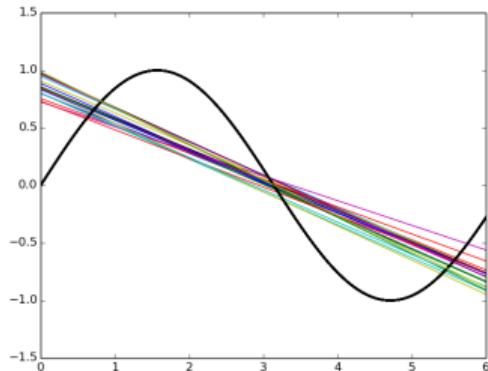
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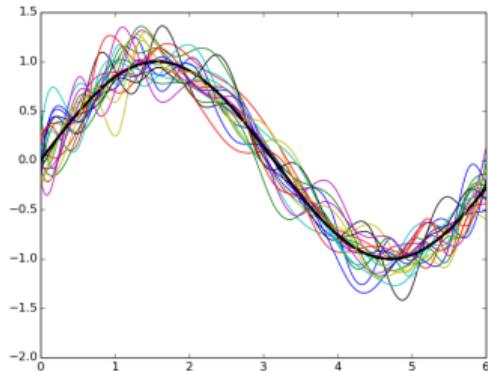
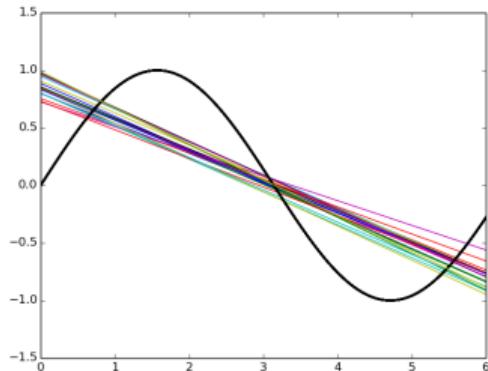
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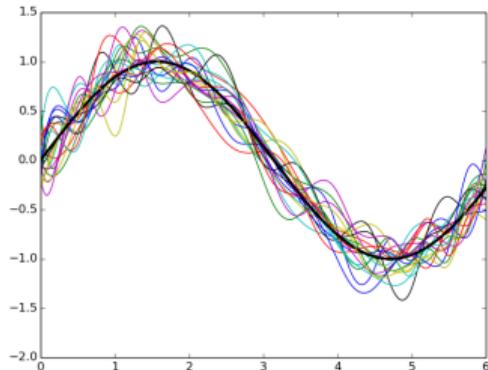
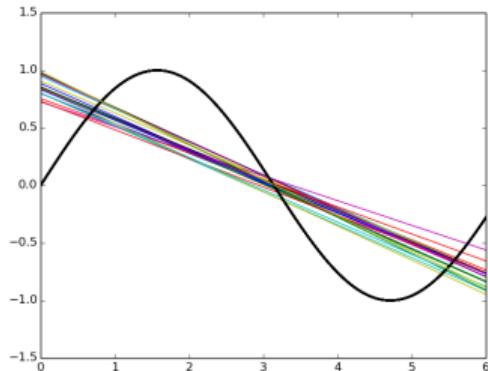
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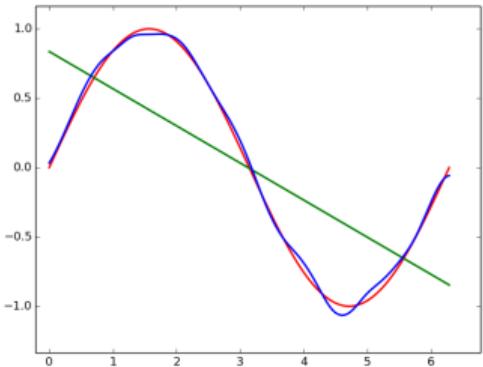
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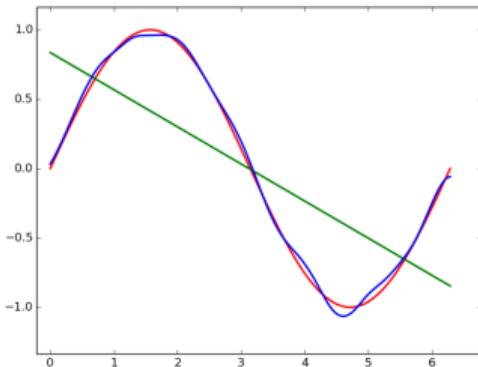
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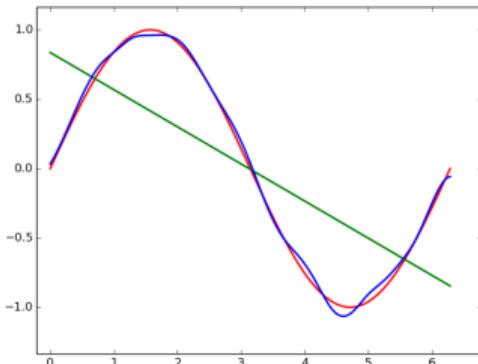
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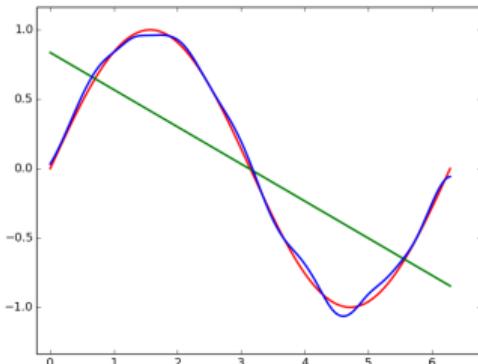
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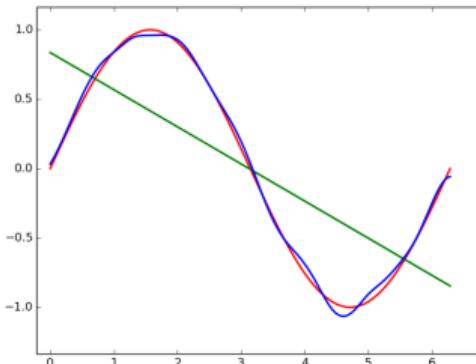
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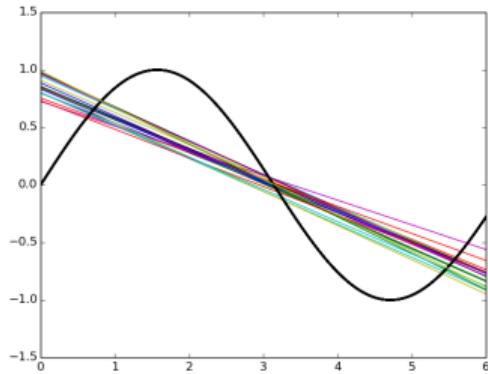
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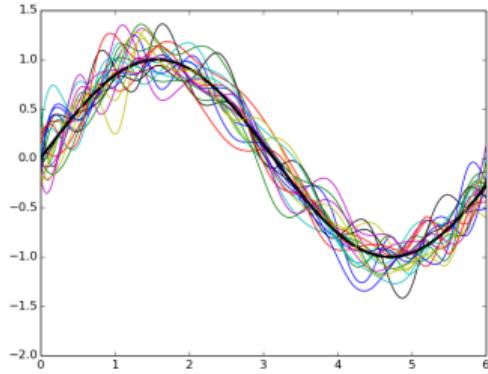
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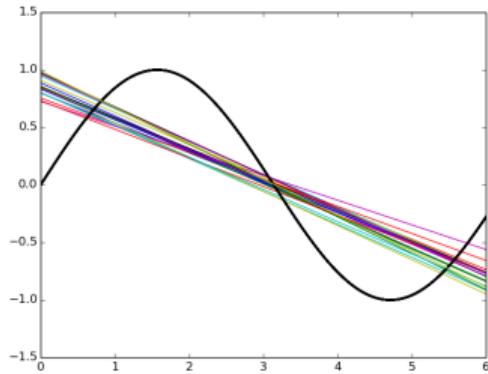
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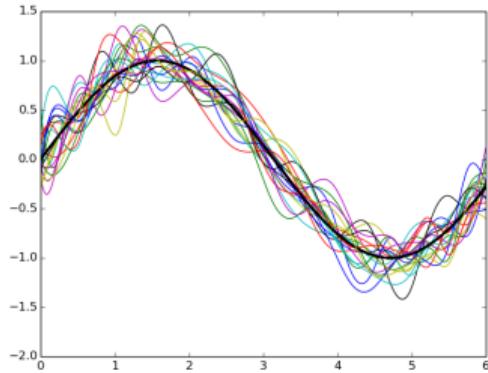
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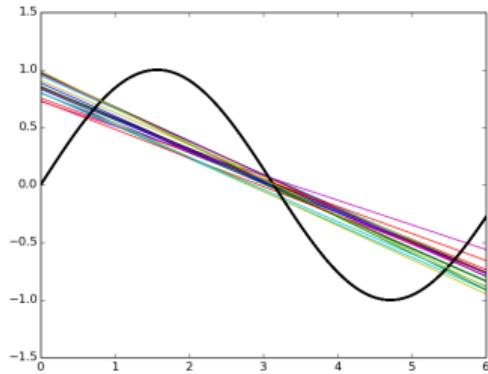


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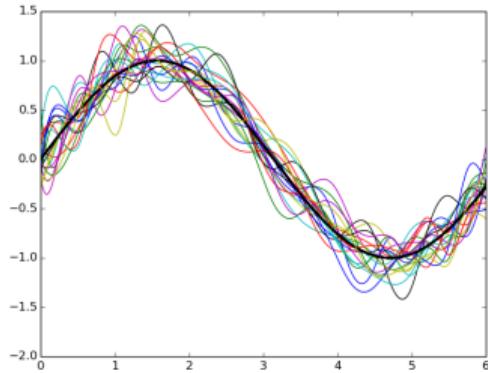


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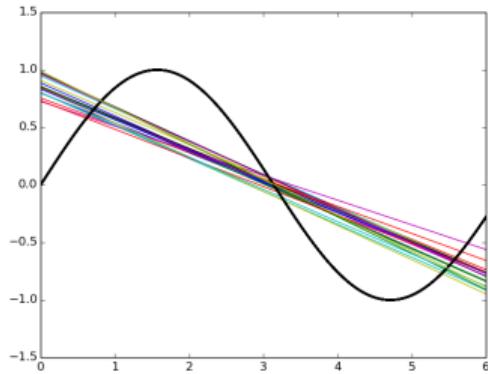


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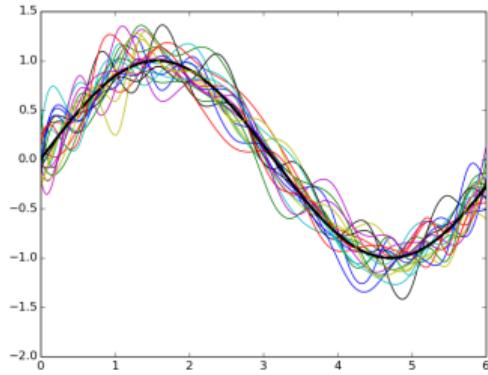
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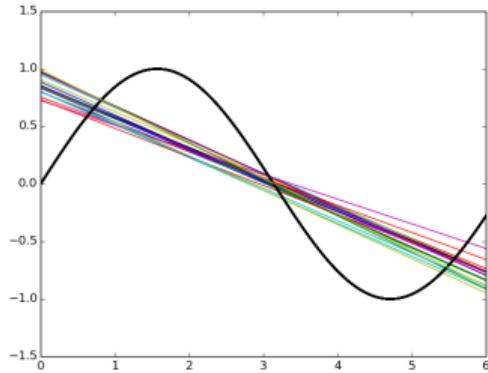


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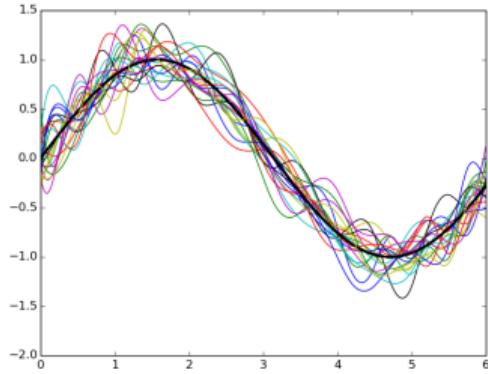


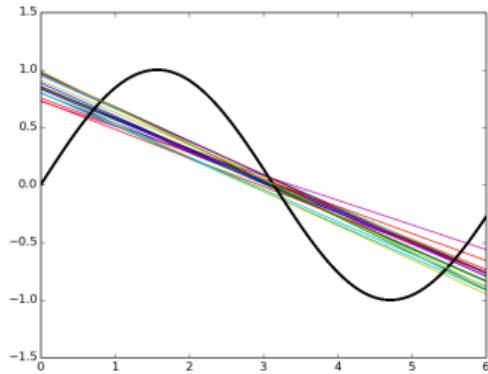
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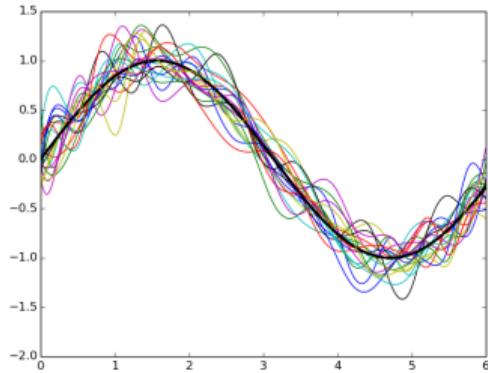


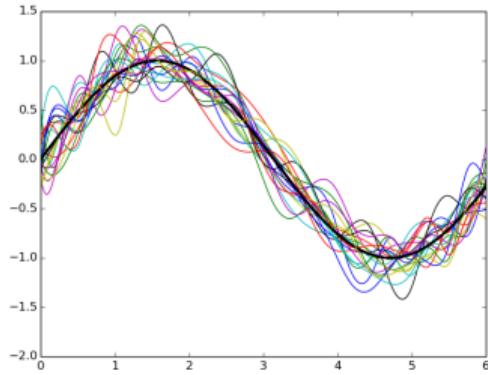
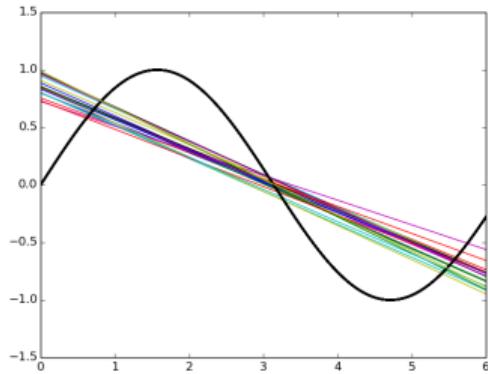
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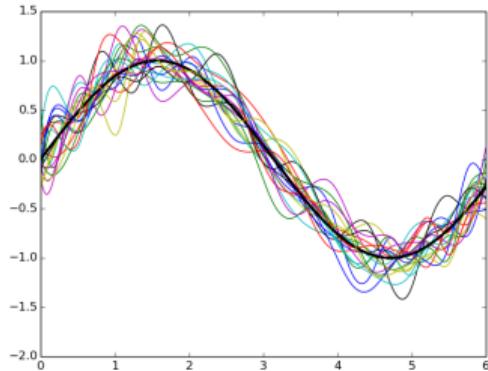
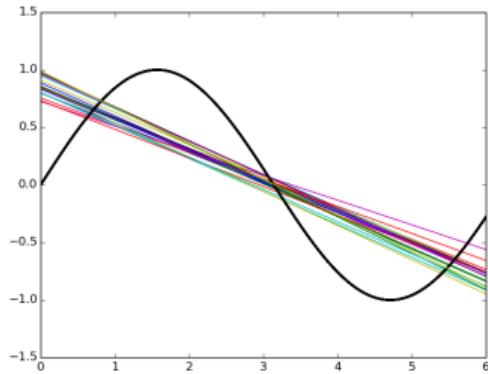


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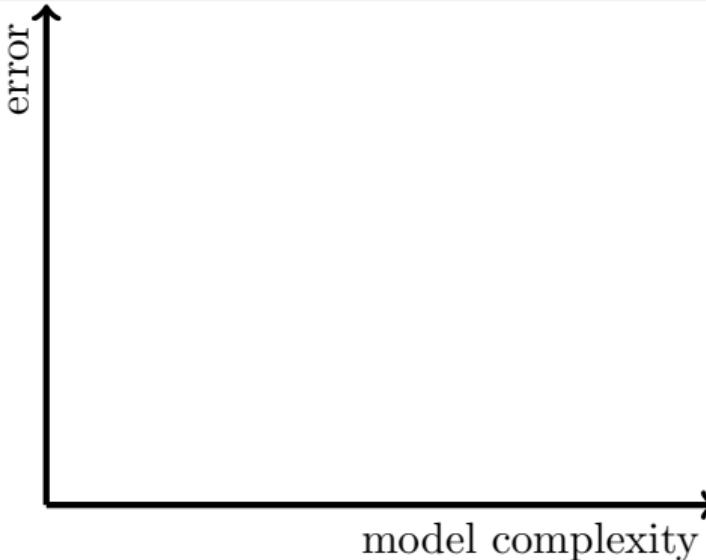
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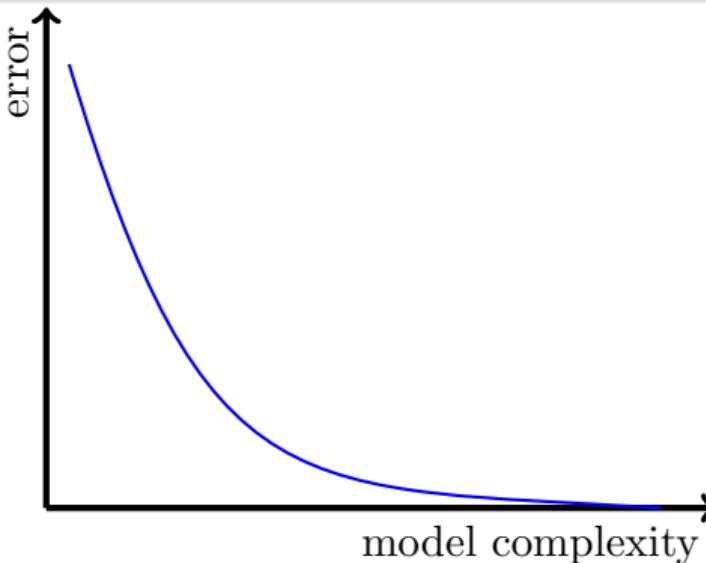
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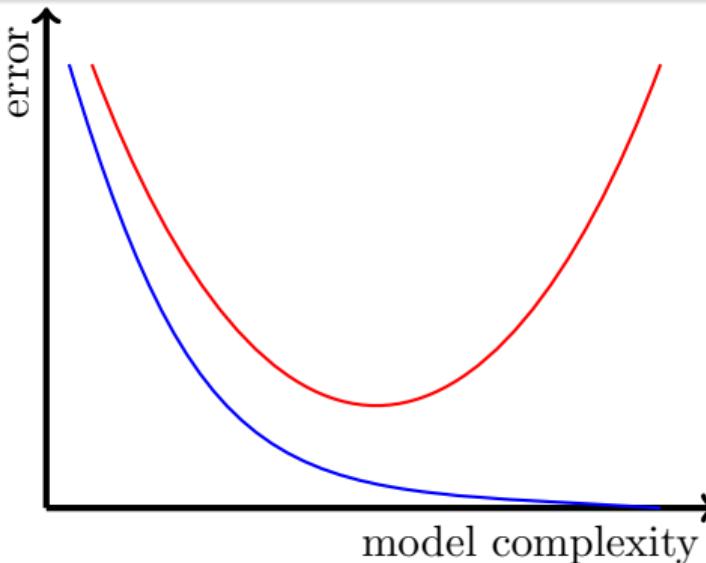
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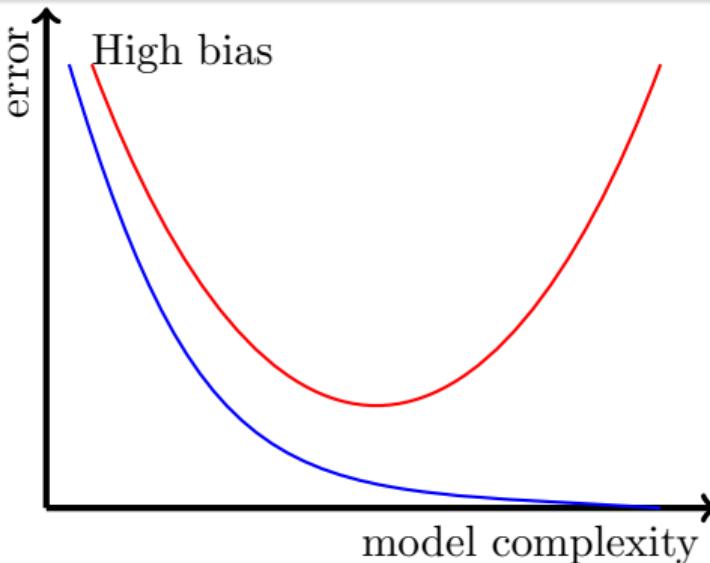
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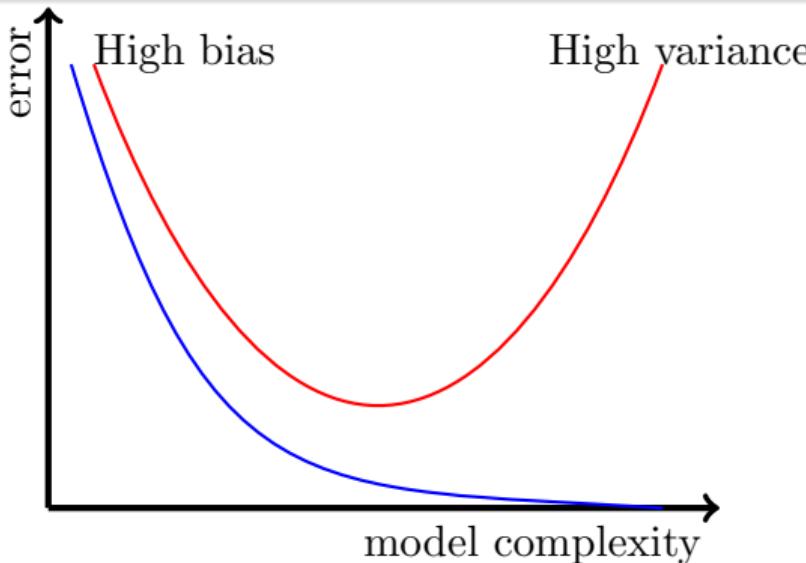
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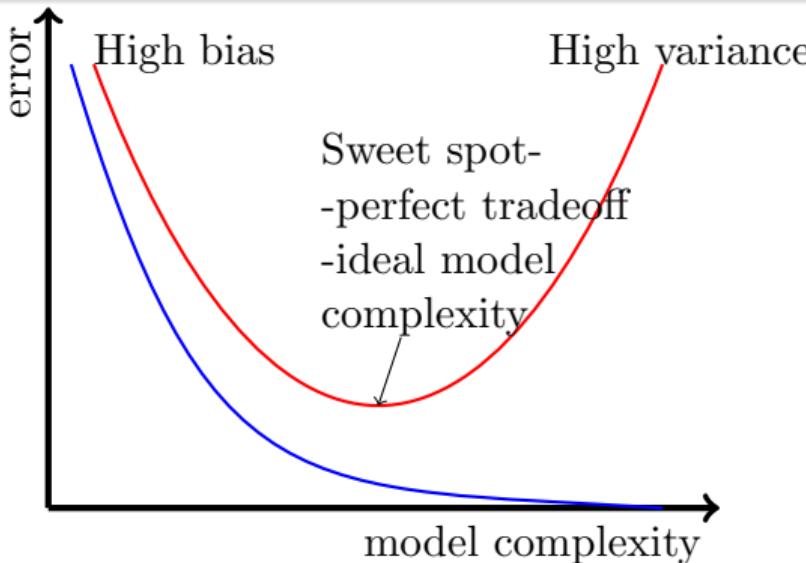
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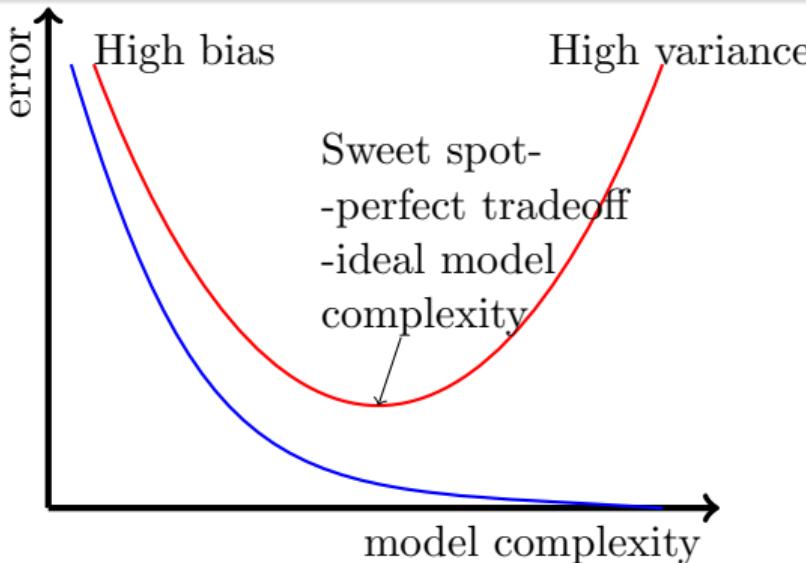
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Module 8.3 : True error and Model complexity

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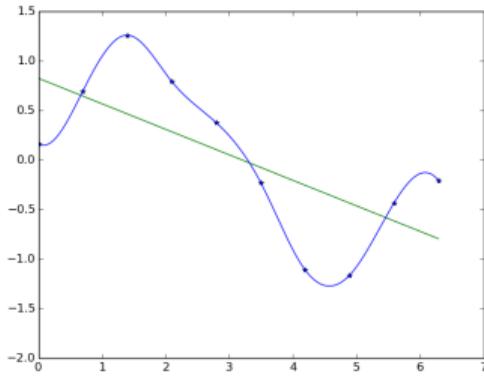
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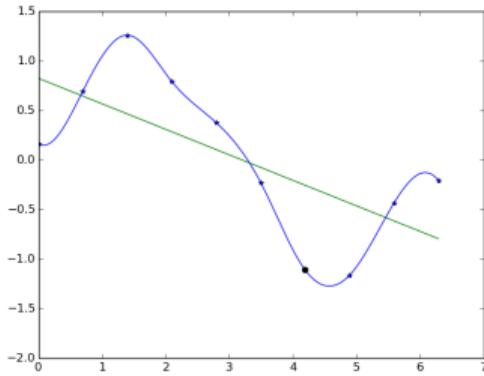
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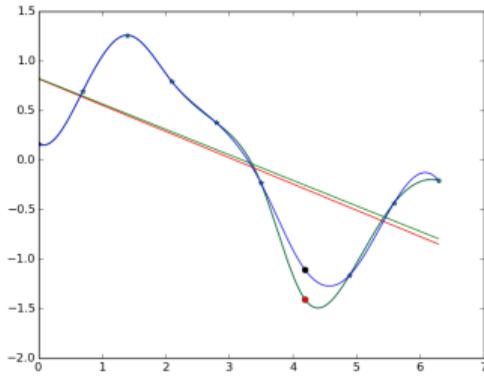
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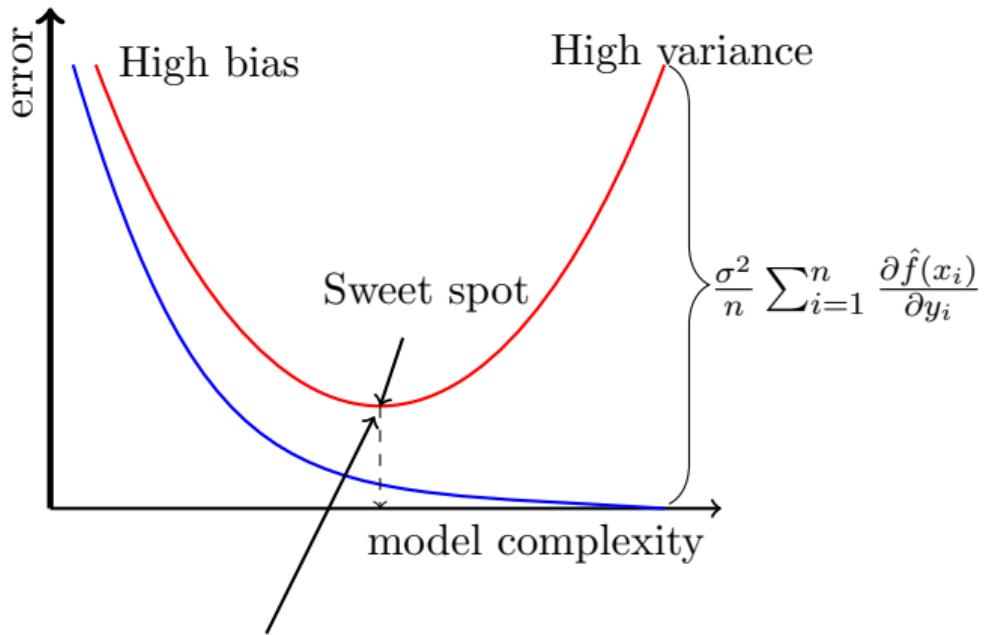
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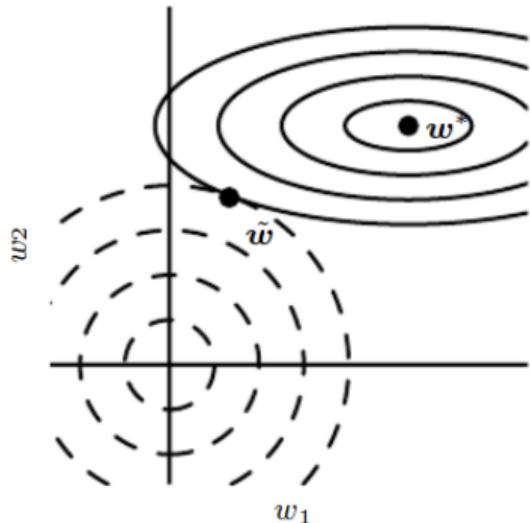
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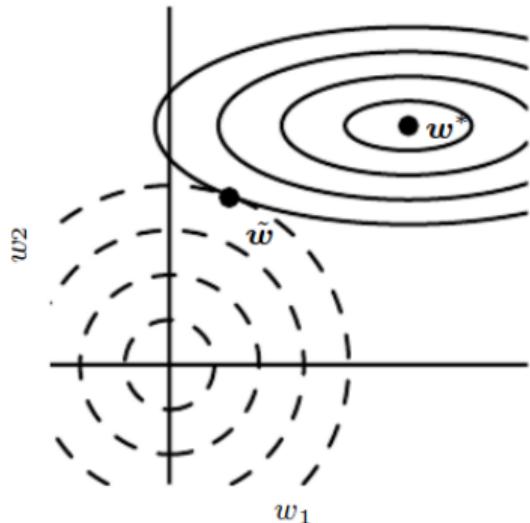
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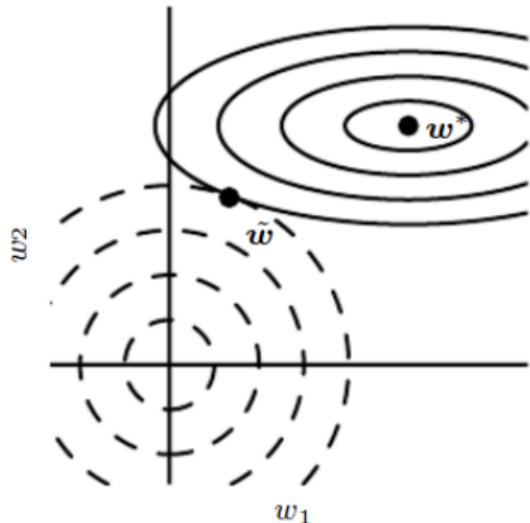
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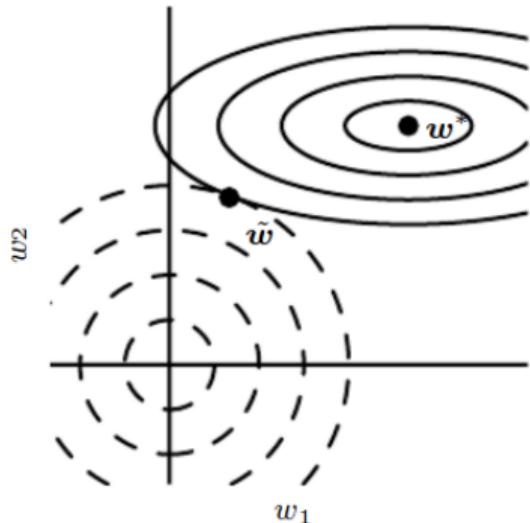




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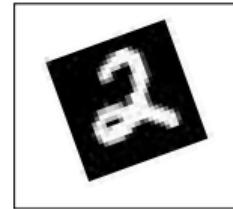
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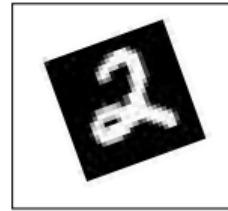


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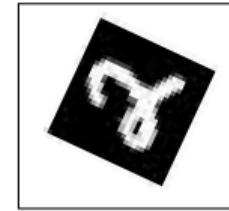


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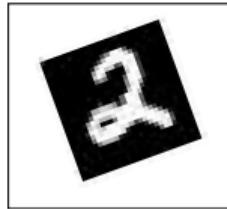


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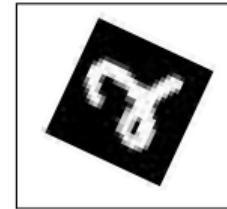


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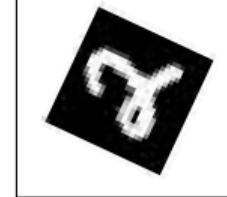


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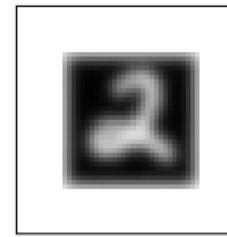
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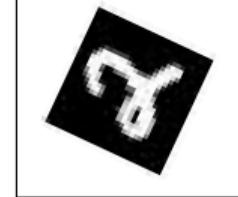


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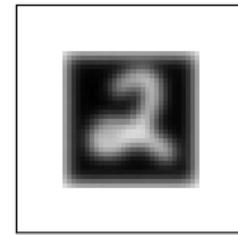
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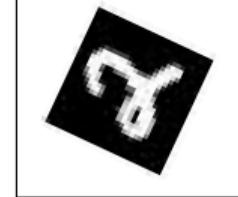


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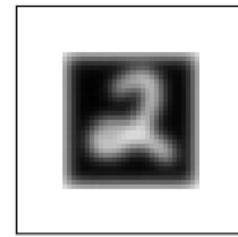
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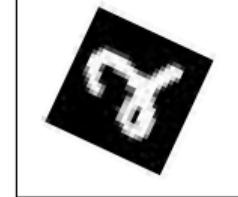


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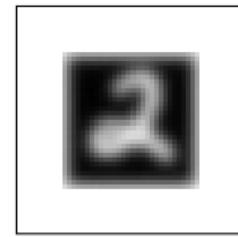
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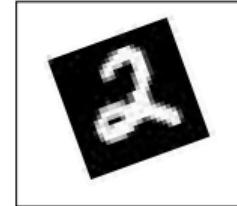
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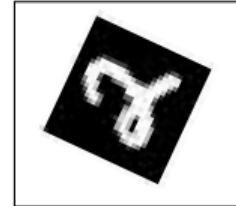


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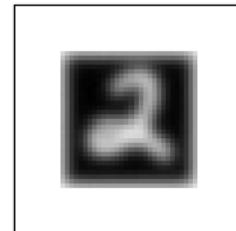
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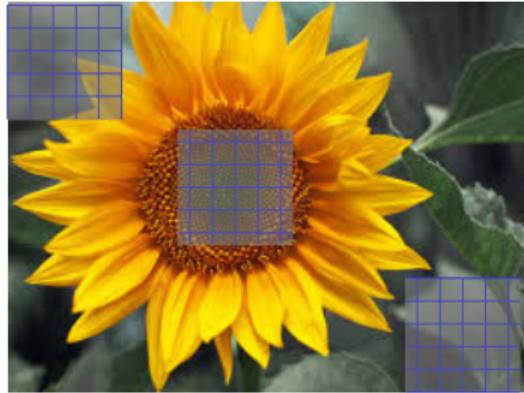
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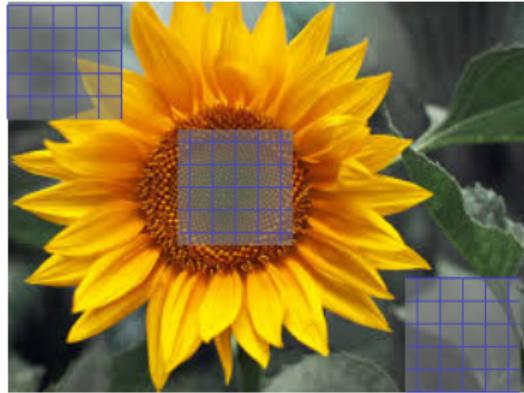
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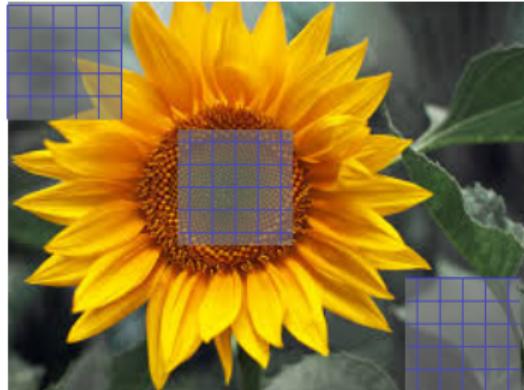
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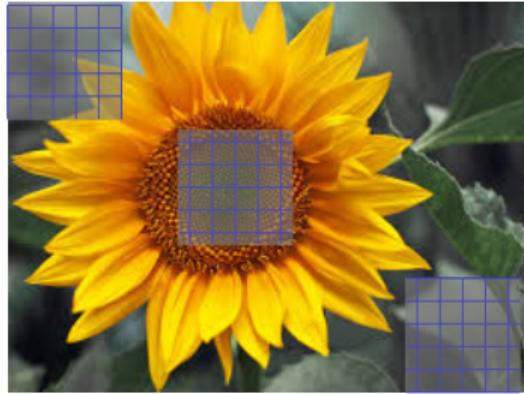


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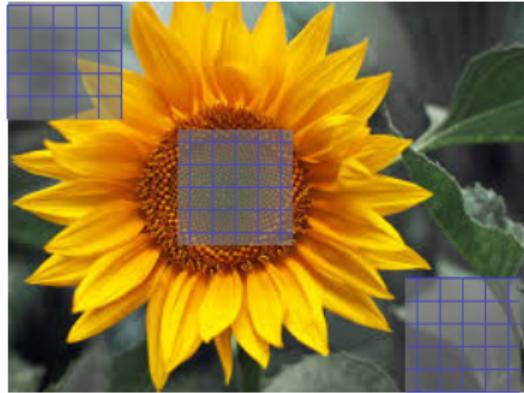
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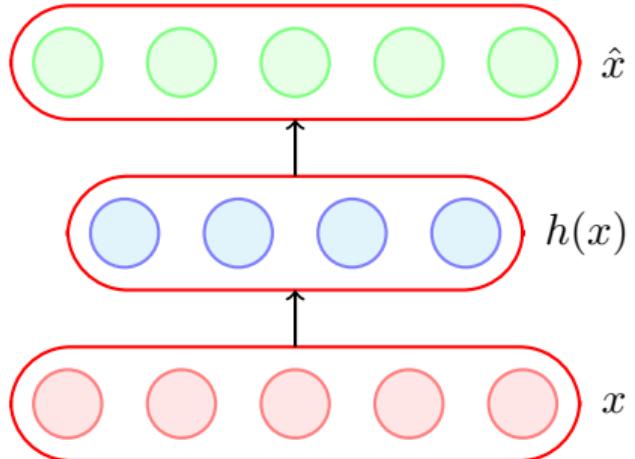
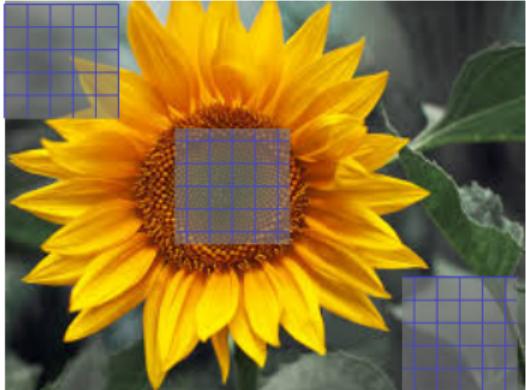
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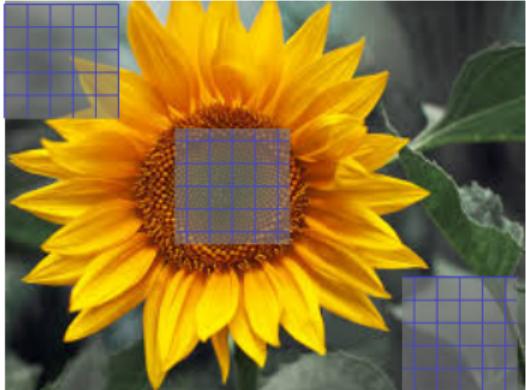
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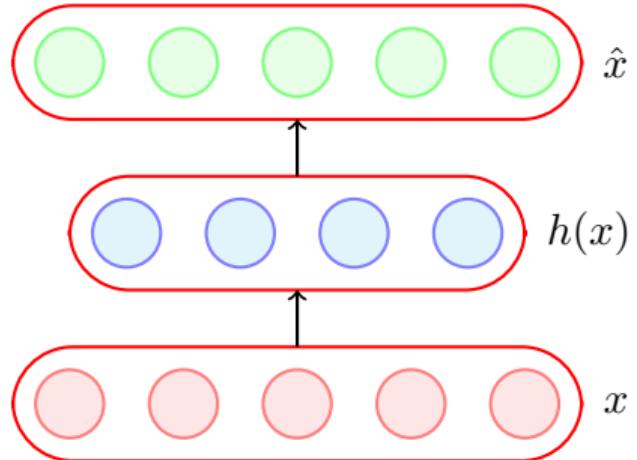
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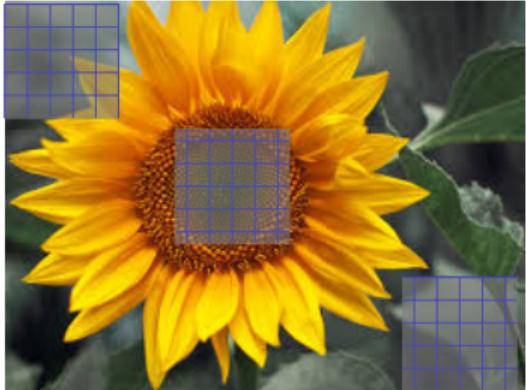


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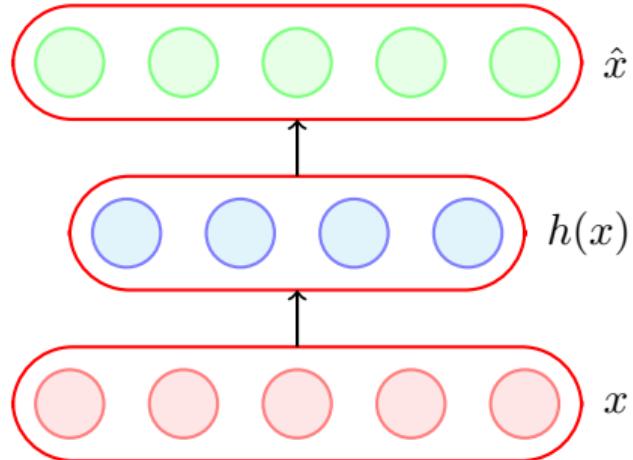


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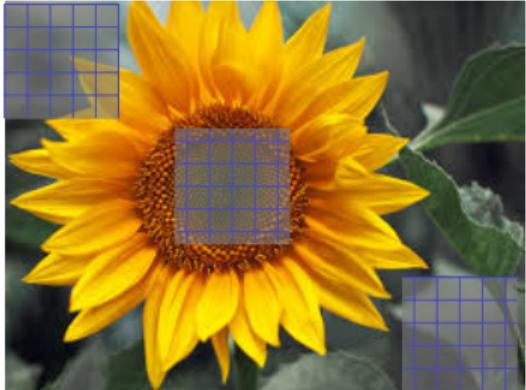
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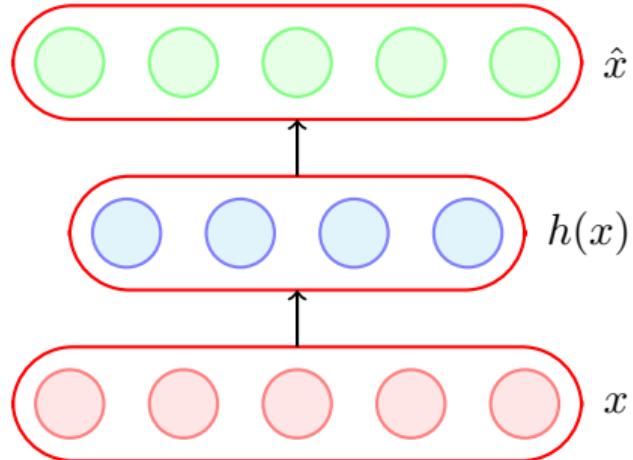
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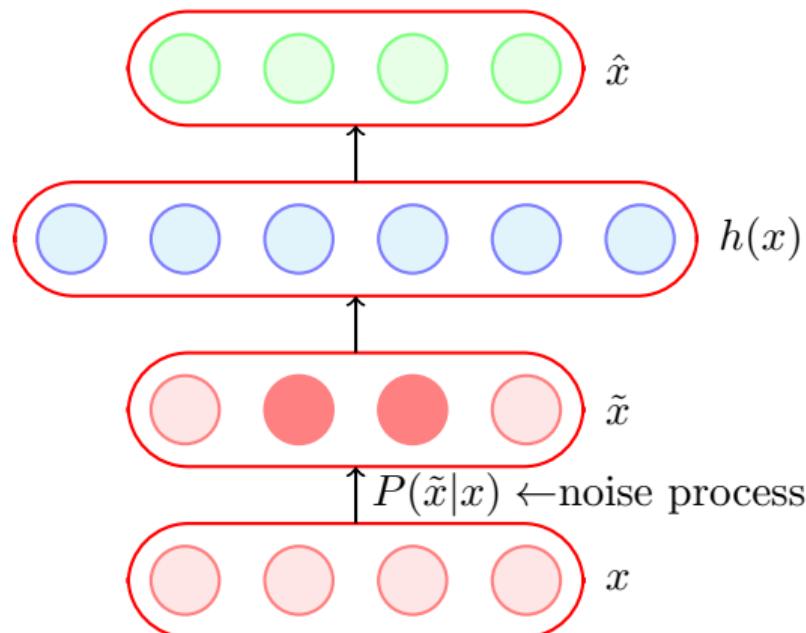
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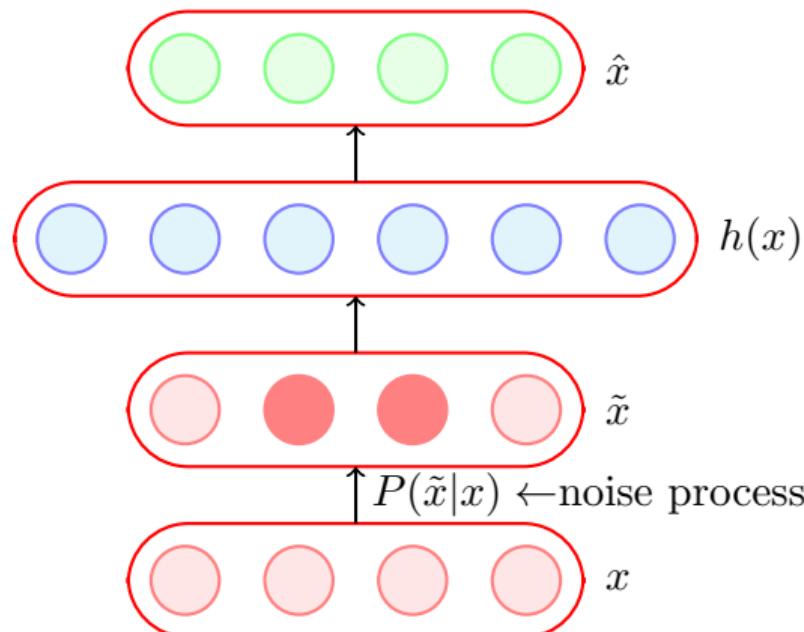
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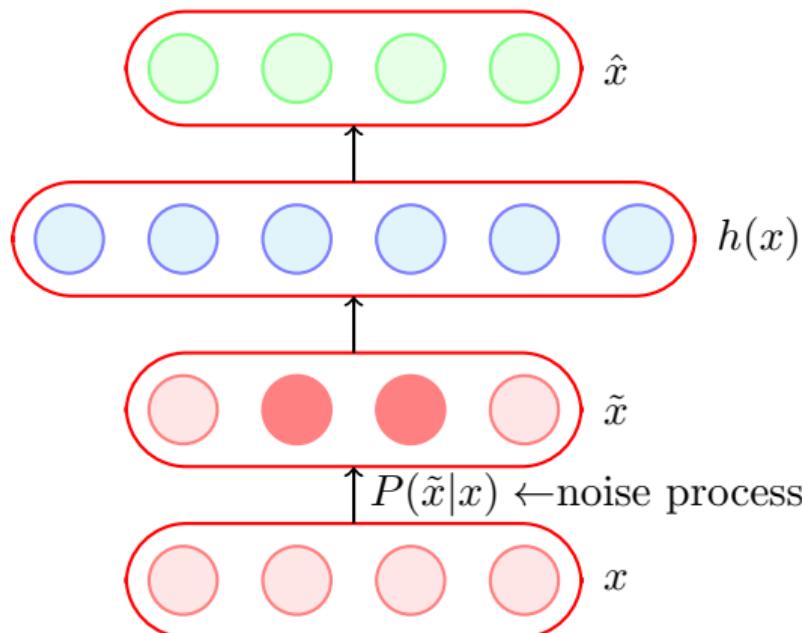
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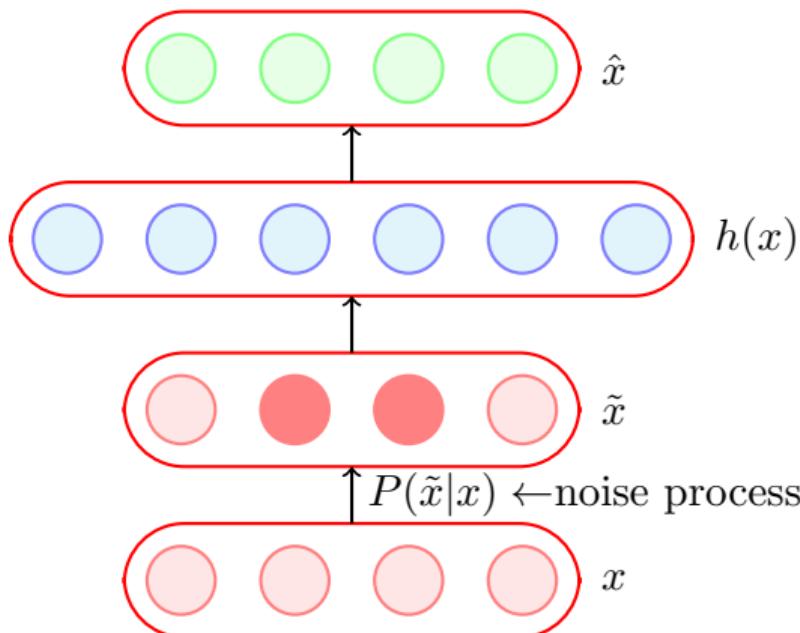
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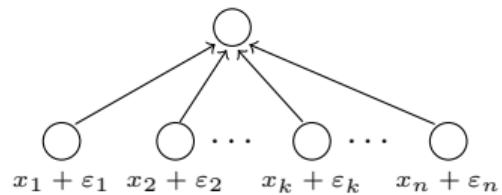


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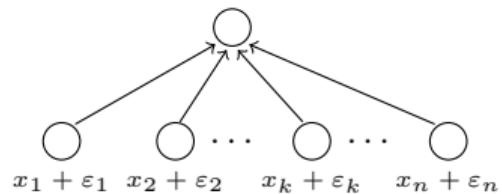


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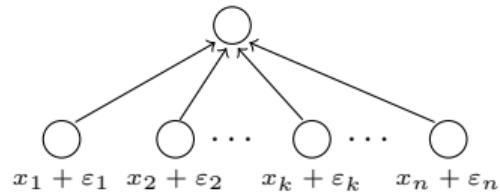


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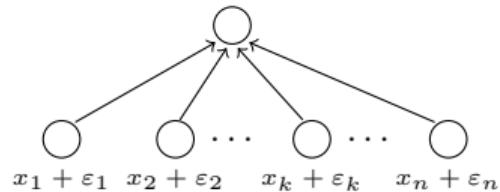
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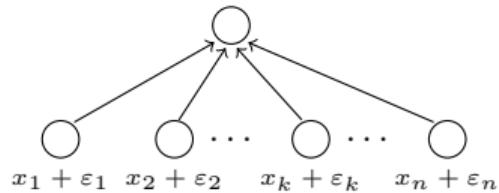


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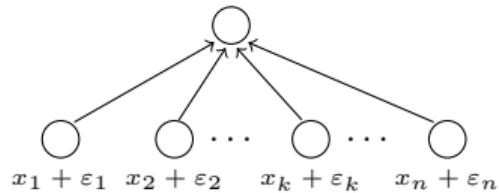
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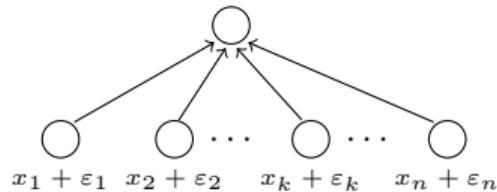
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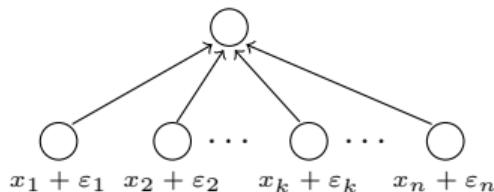
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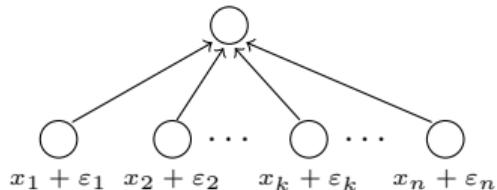
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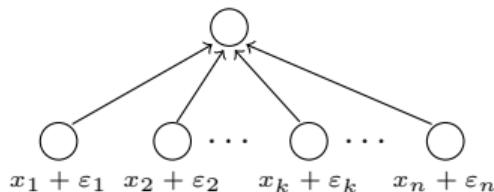
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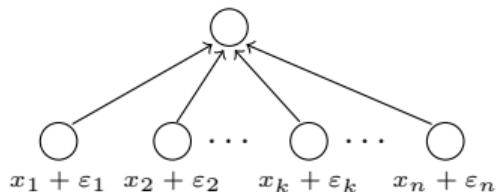
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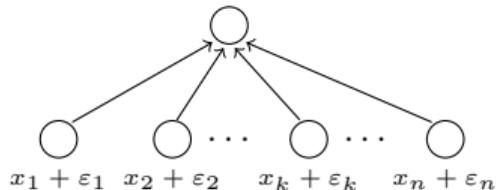
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Module 8.8 : Adding Noise to the outputs

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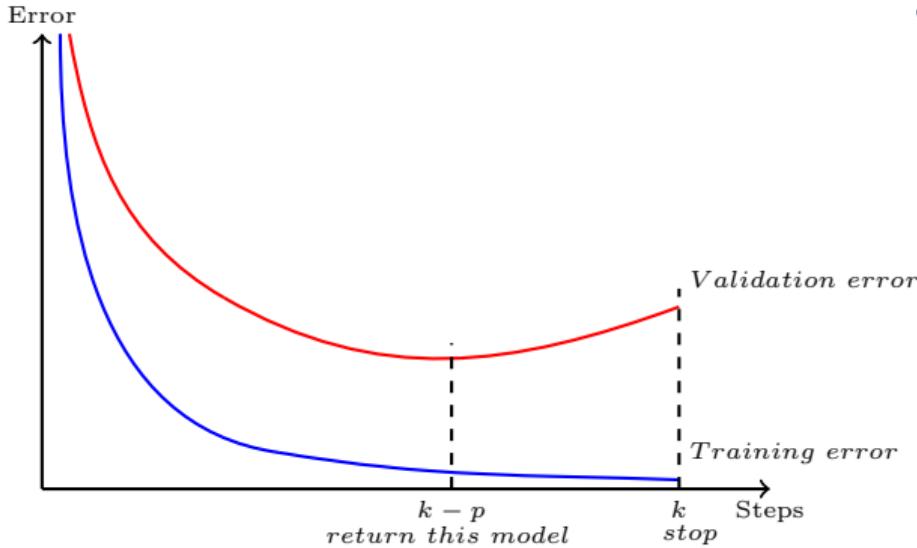
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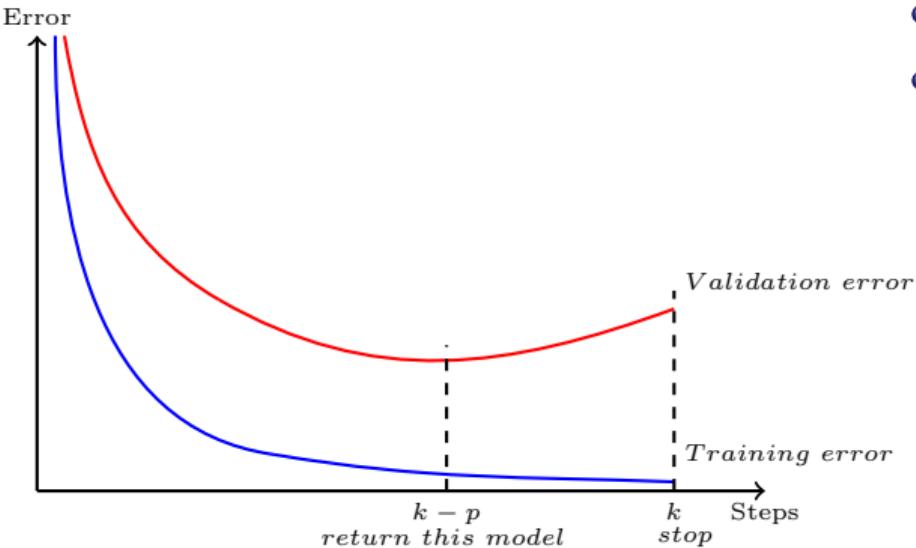
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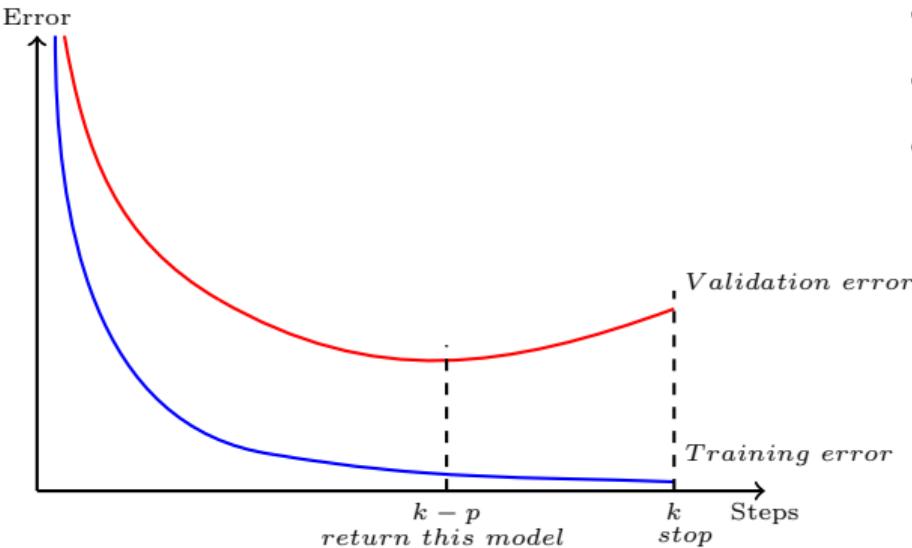
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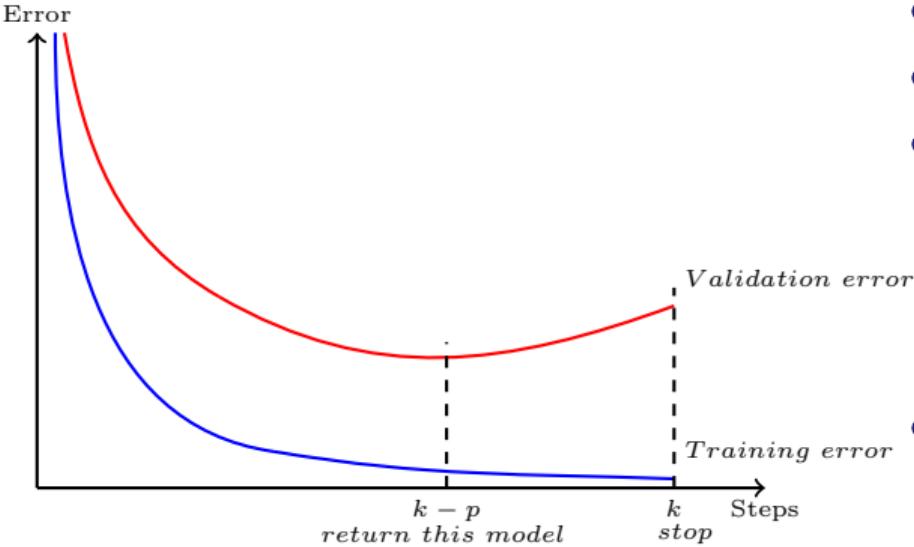


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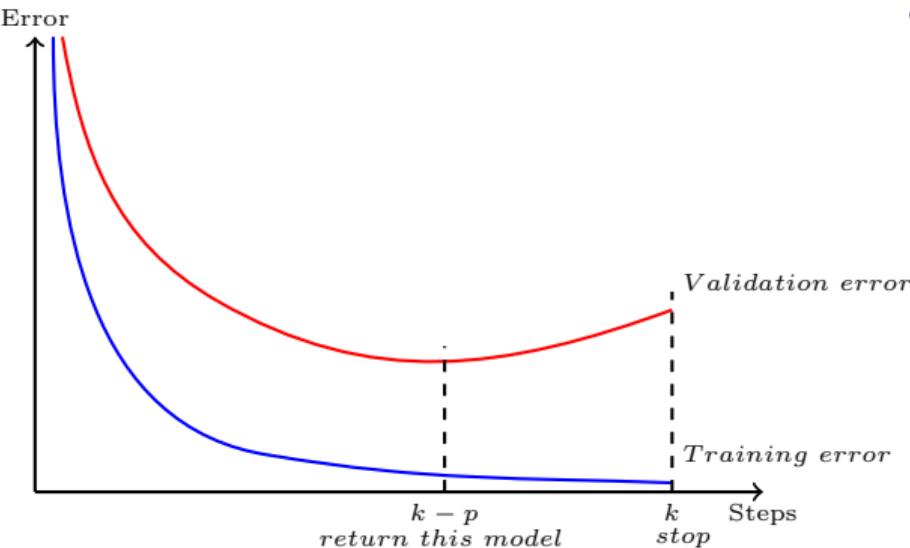


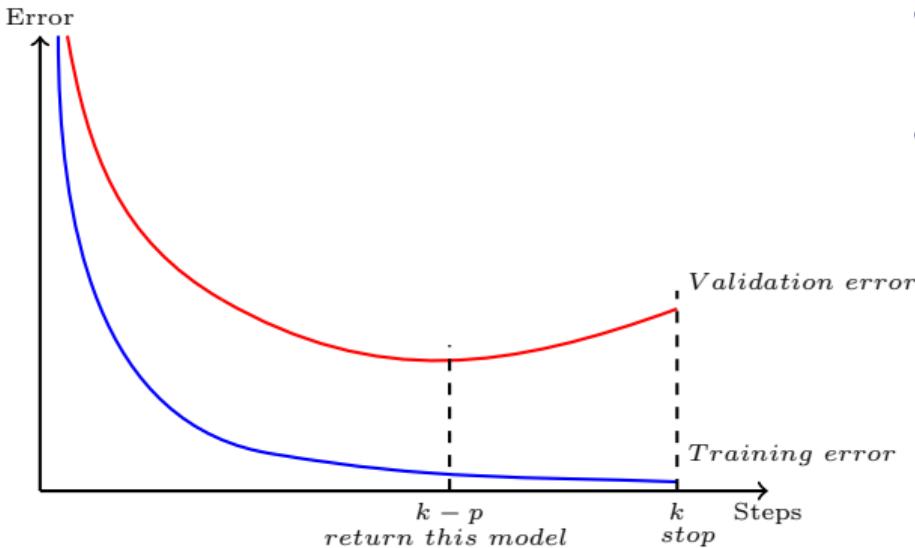
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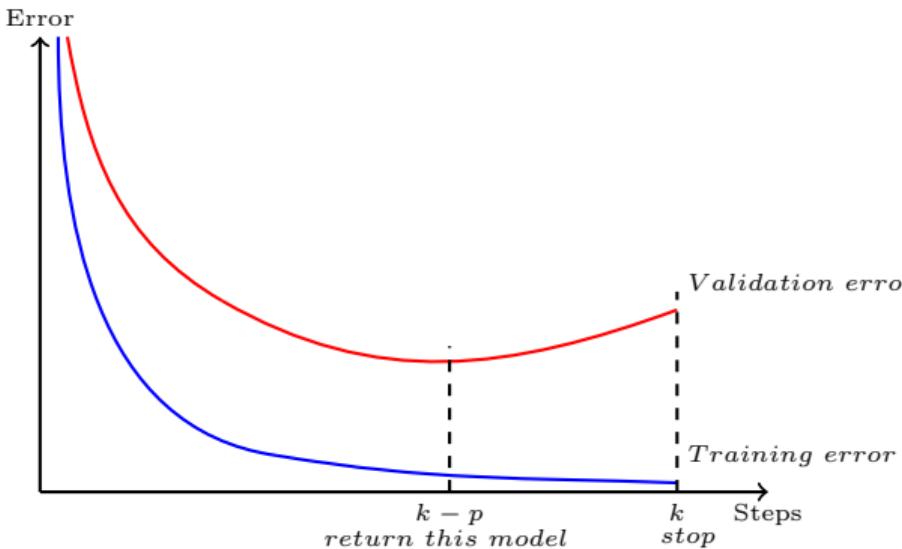
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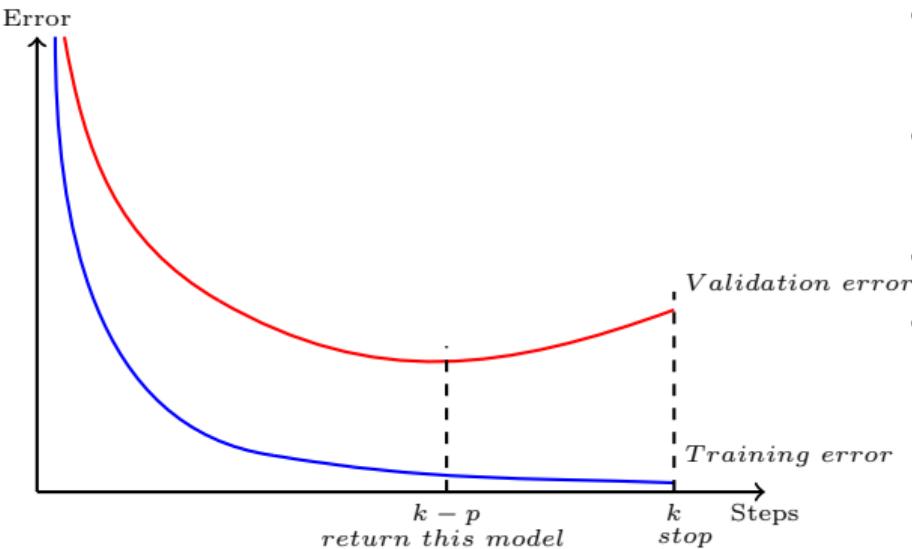




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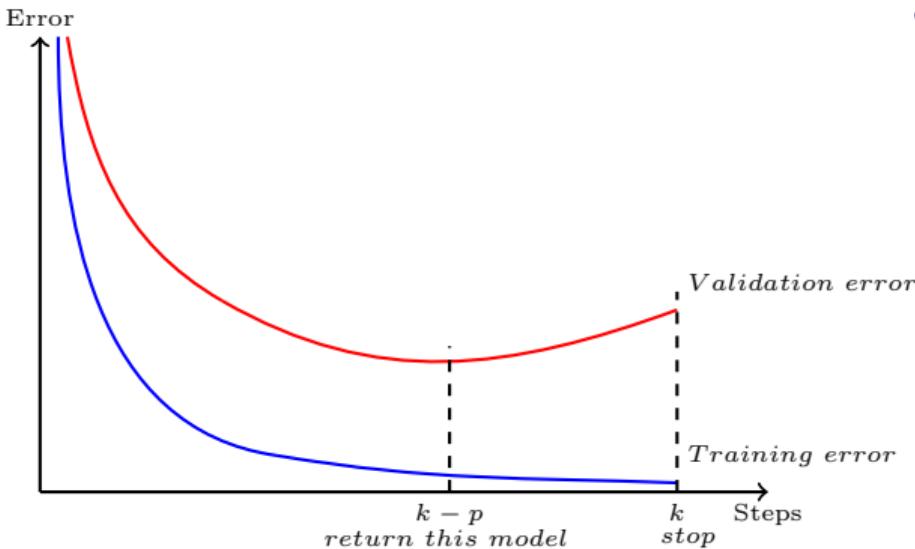


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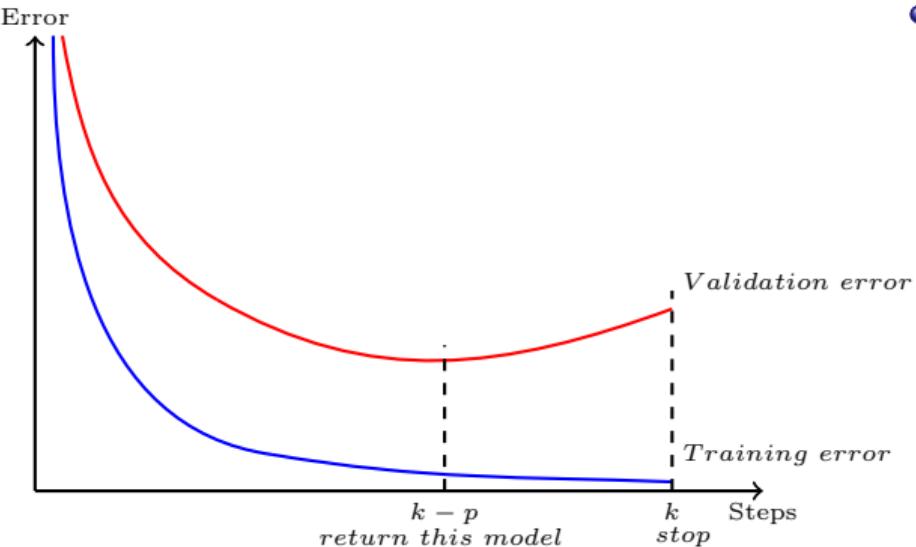
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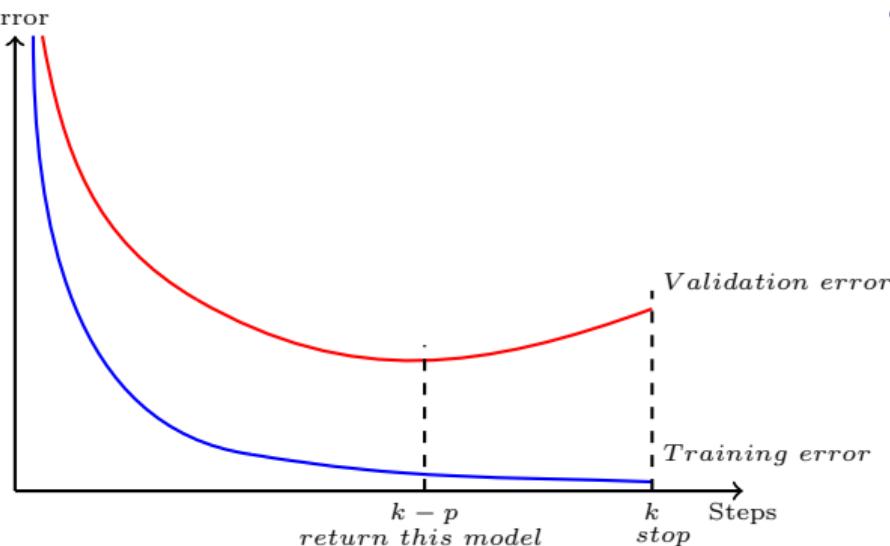
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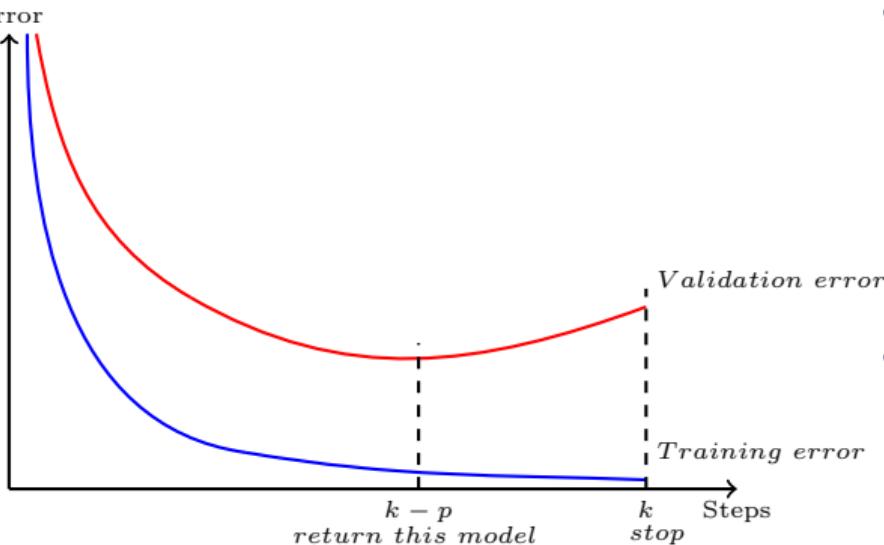
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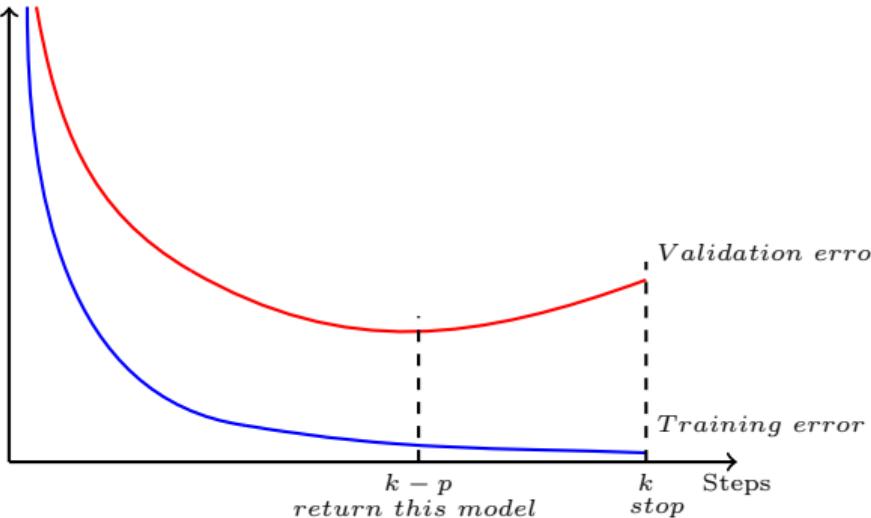
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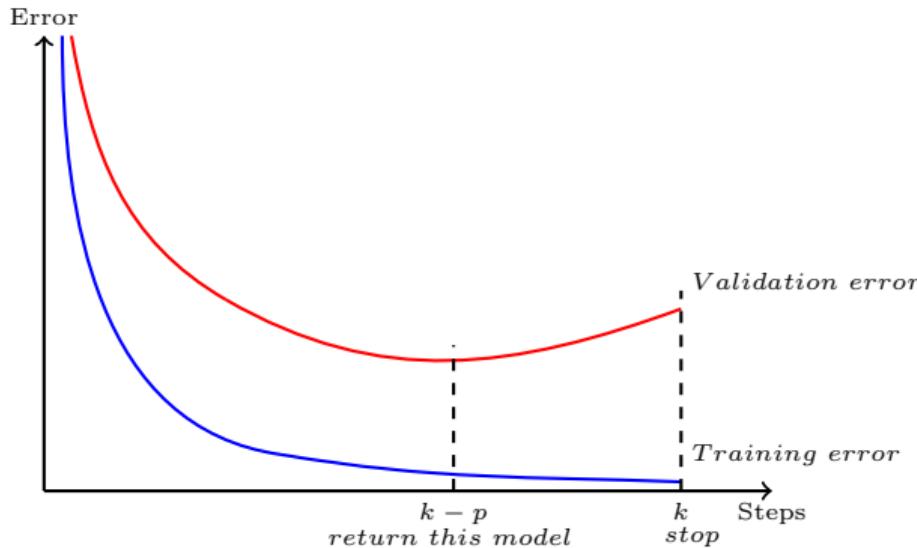
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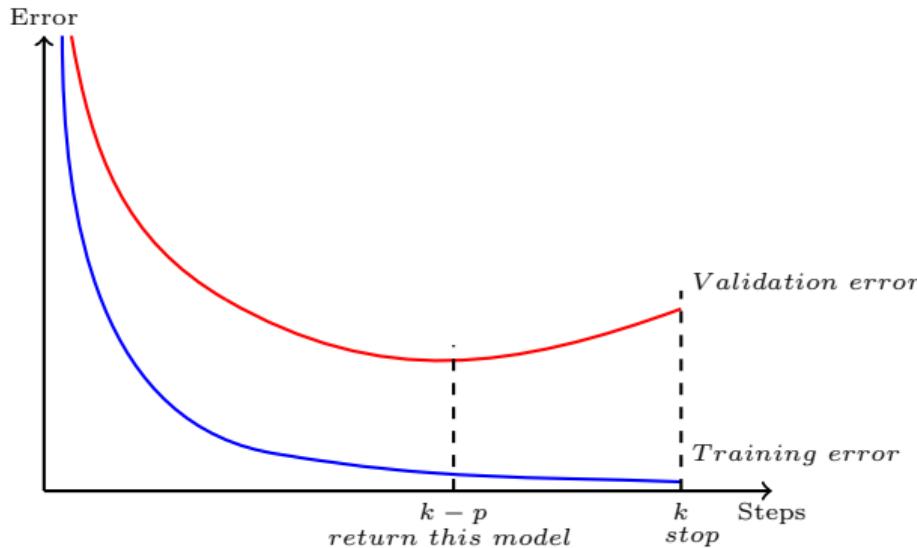
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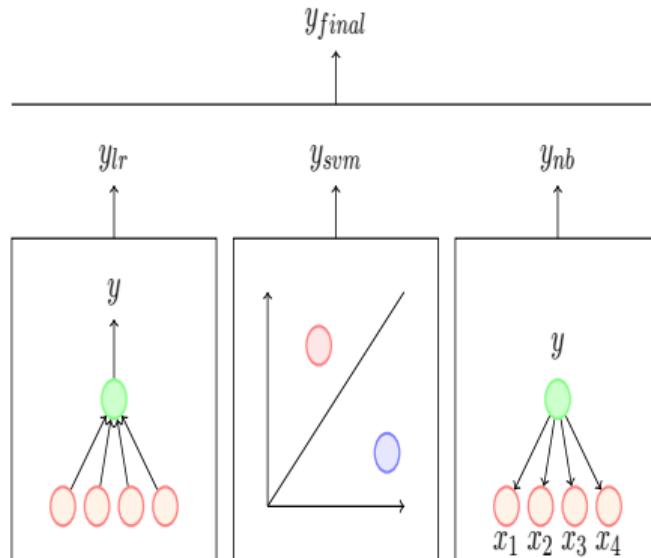
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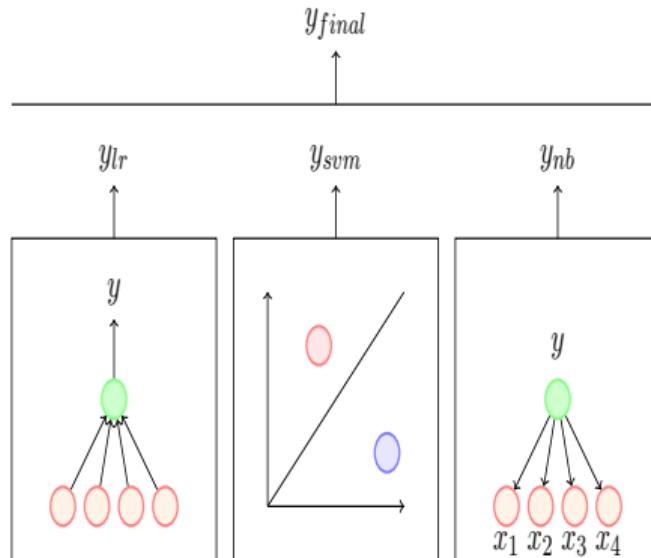
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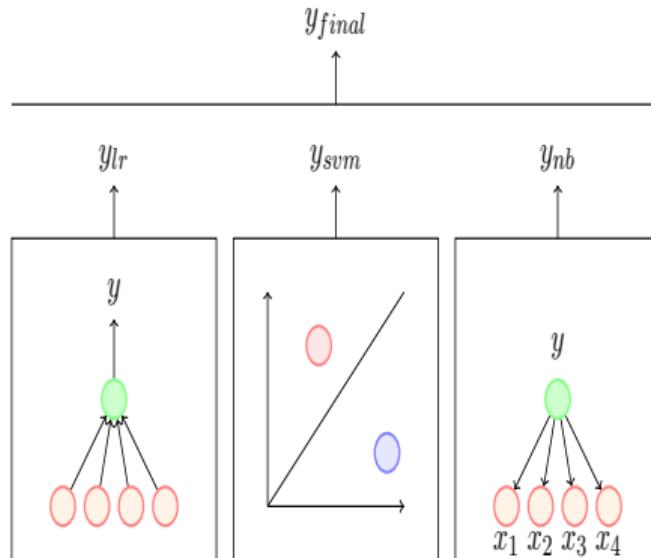


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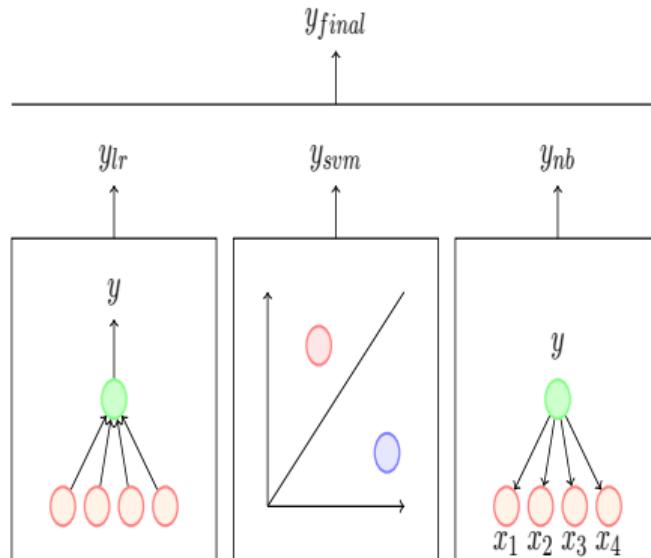


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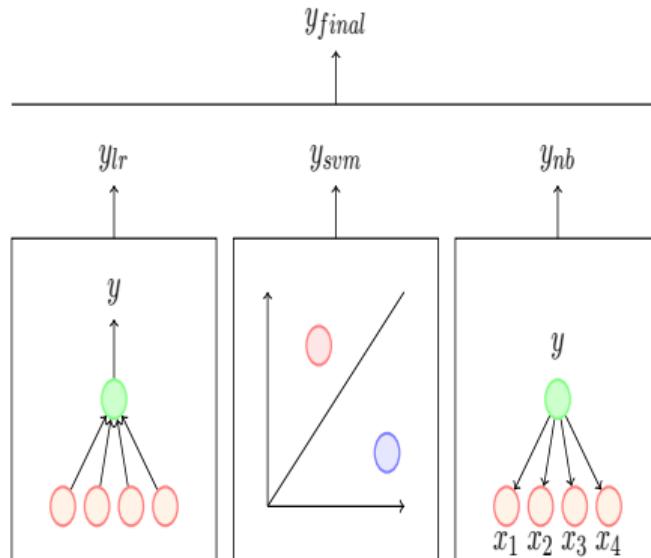


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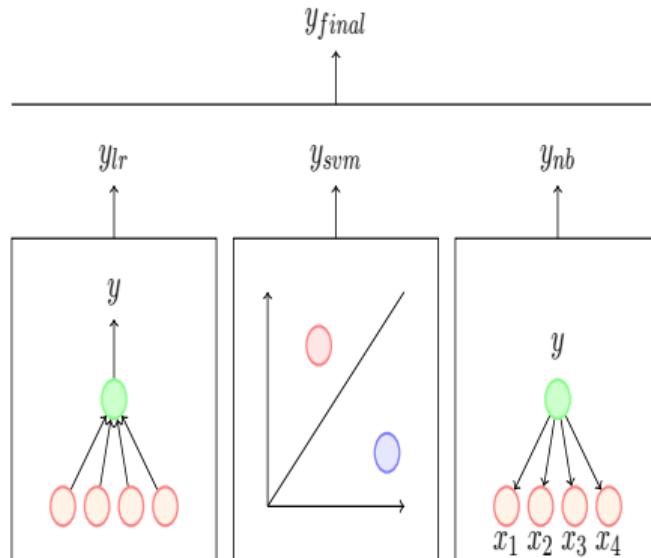


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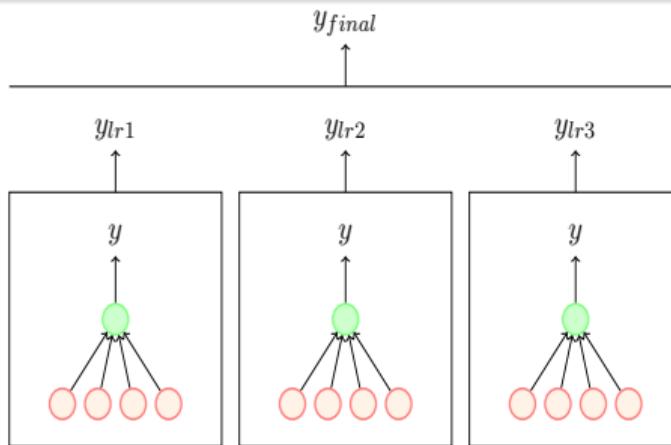


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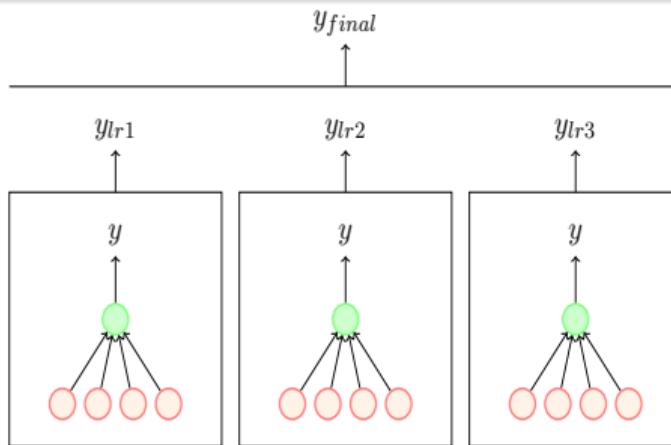
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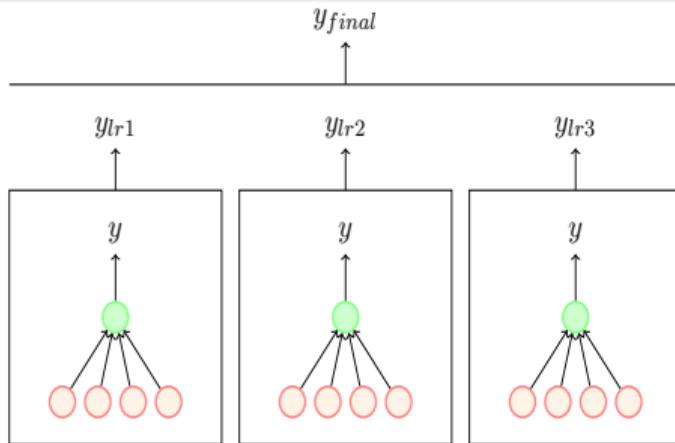
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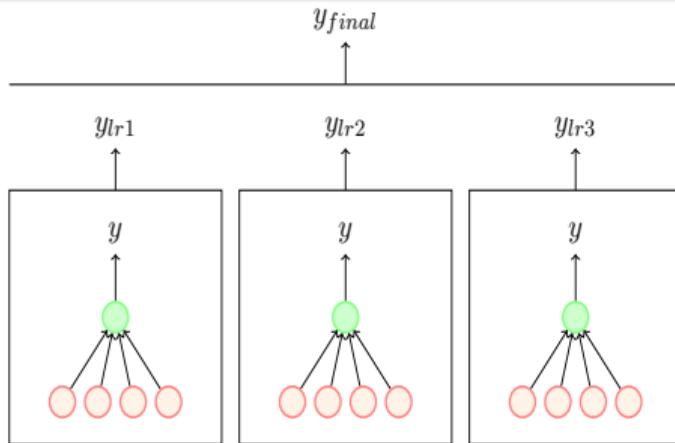


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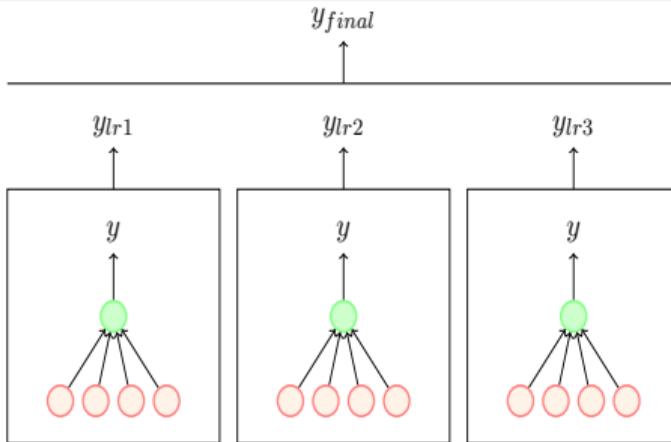


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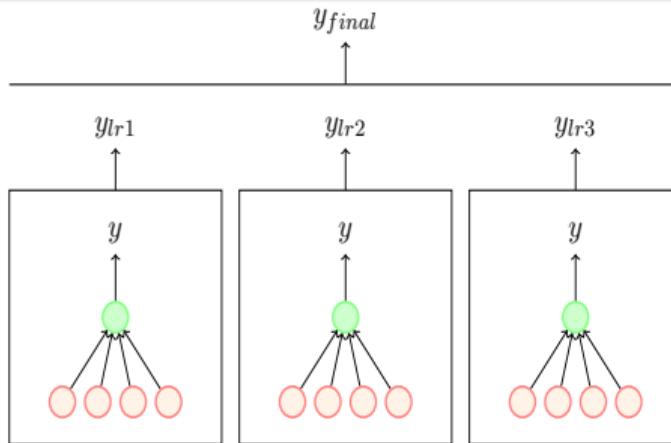
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Module 8.11 : Dropout

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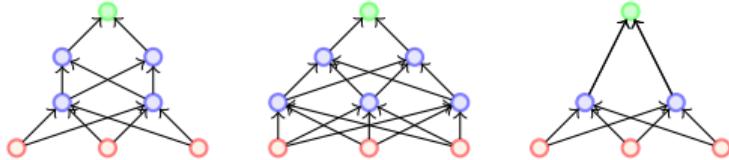
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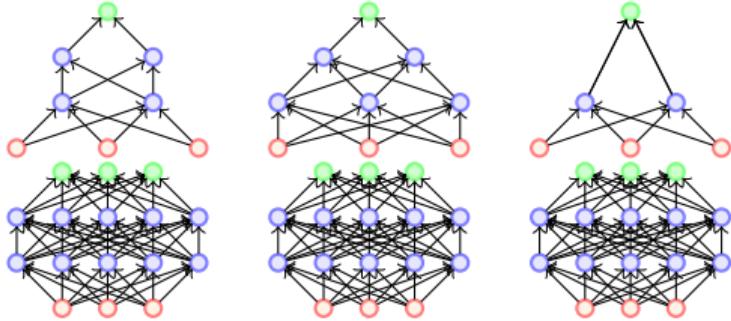
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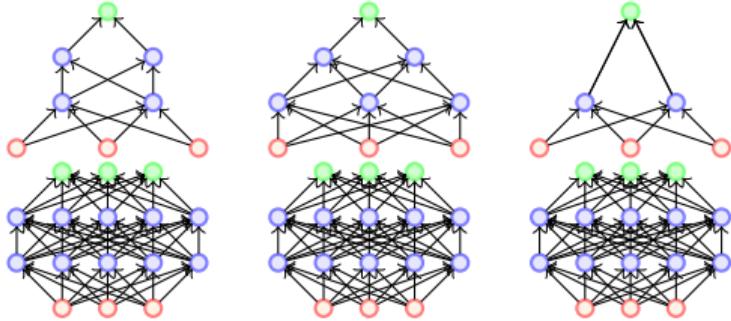
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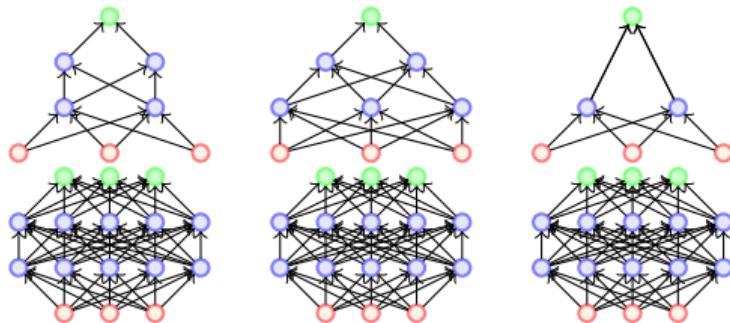


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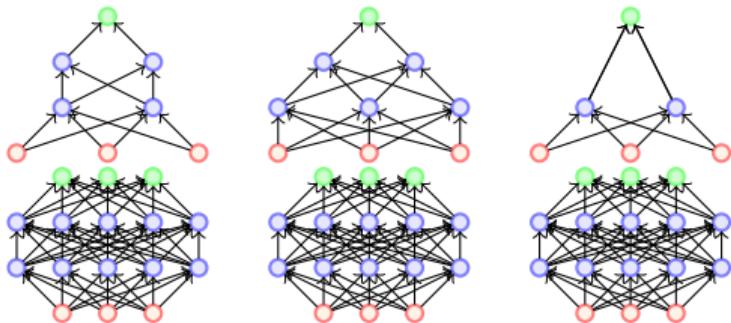


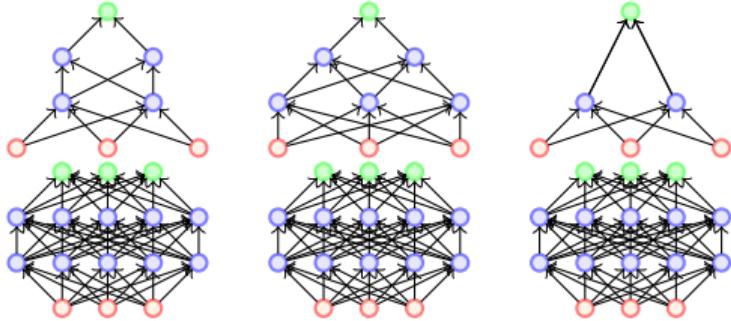
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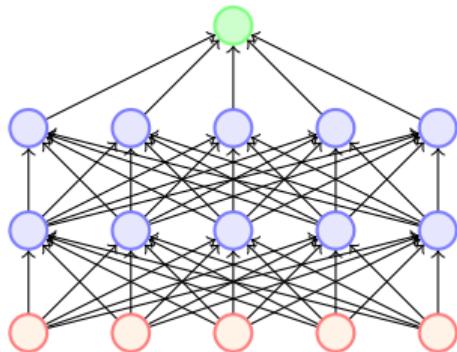


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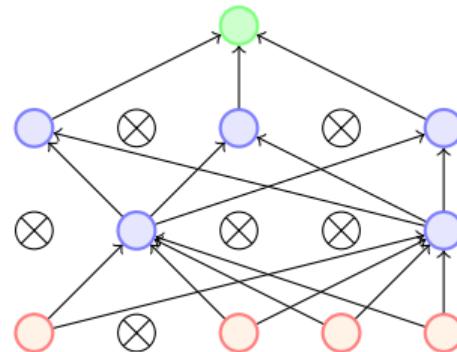
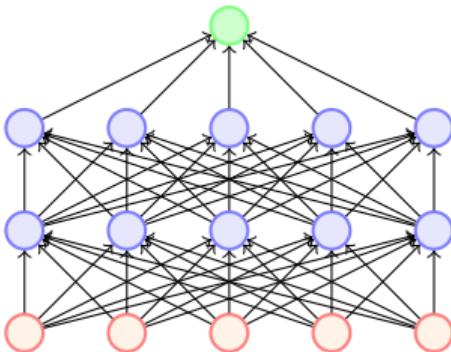




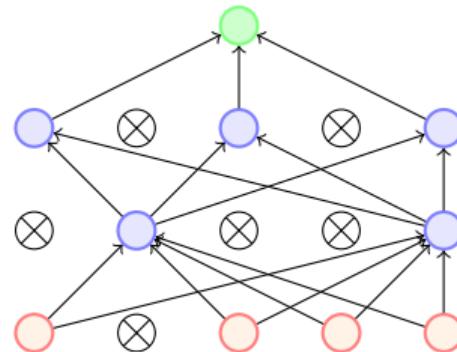
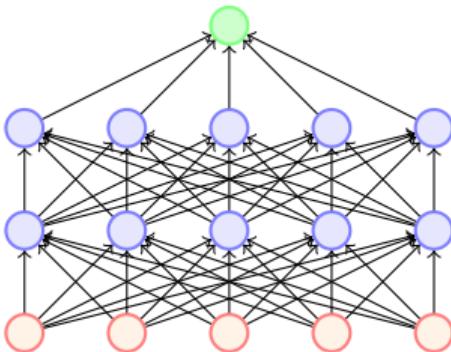
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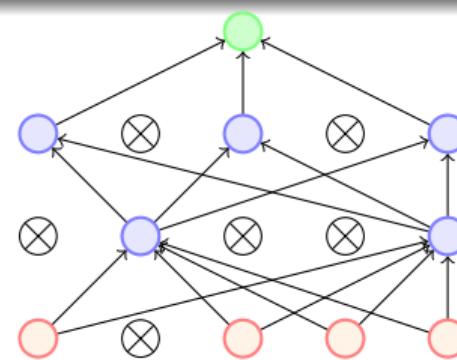
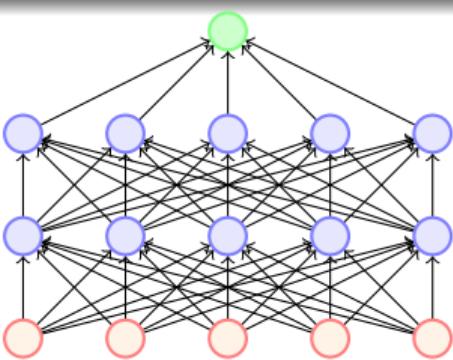
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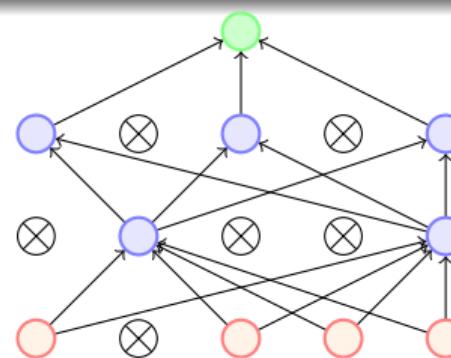
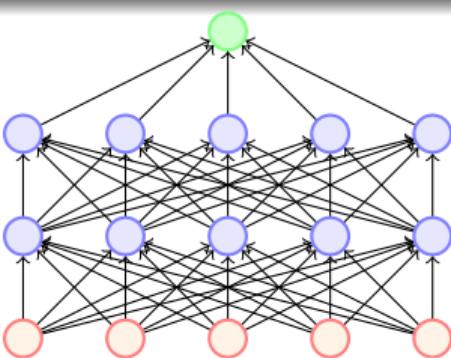


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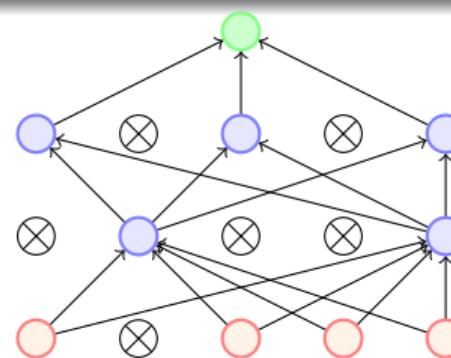
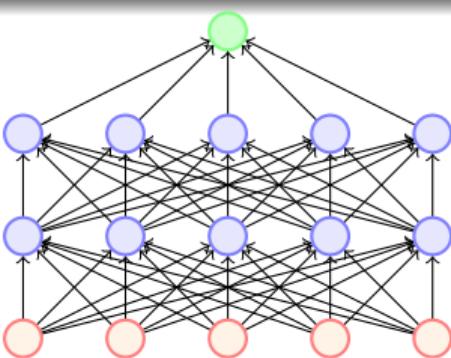


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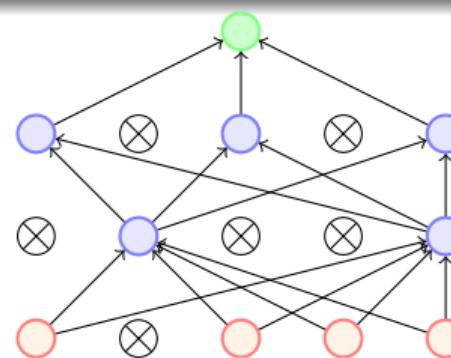
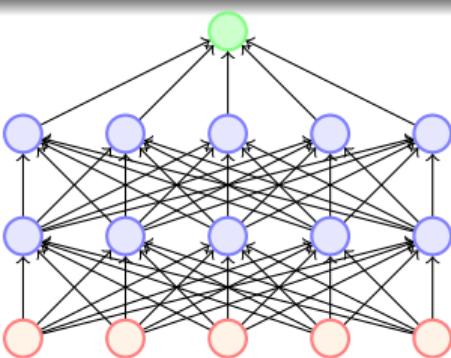




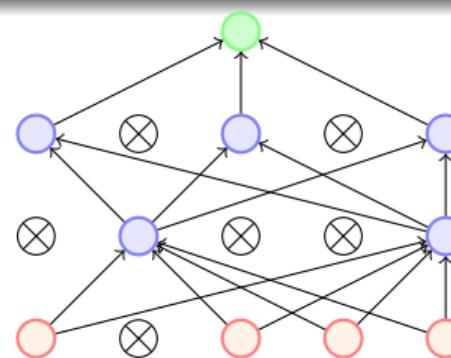
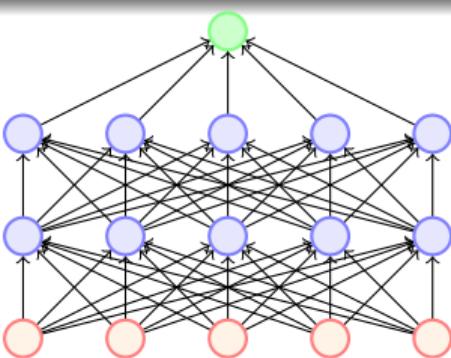
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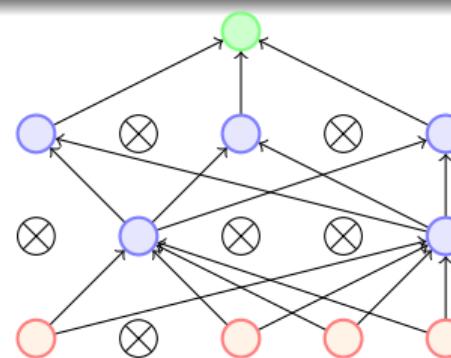
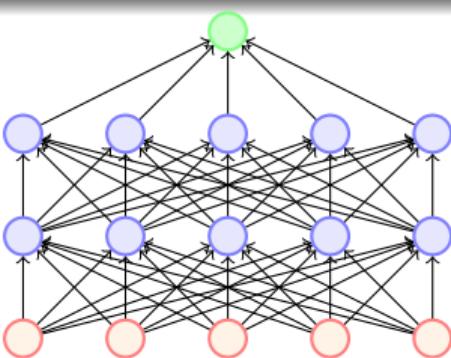
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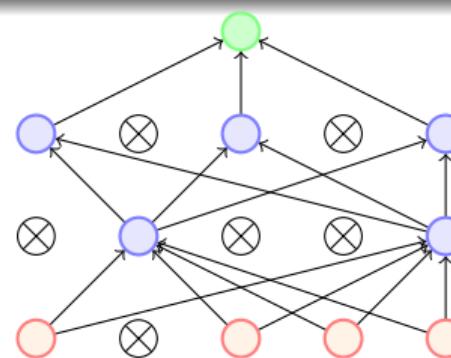
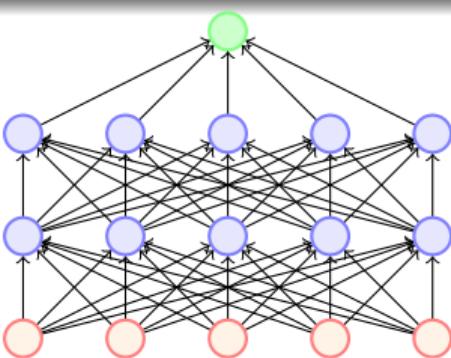
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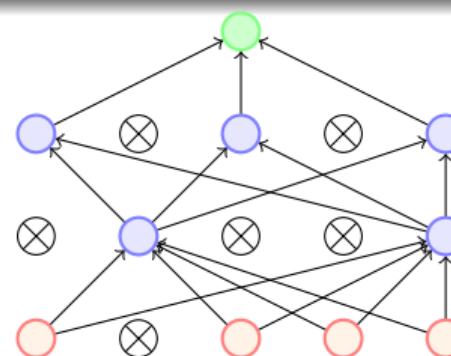
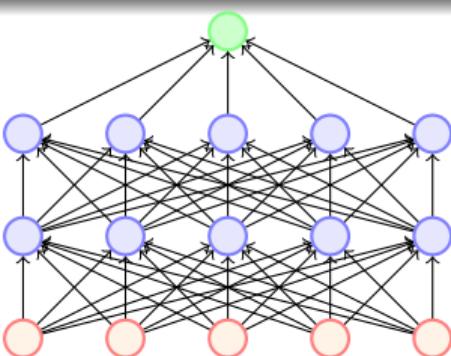
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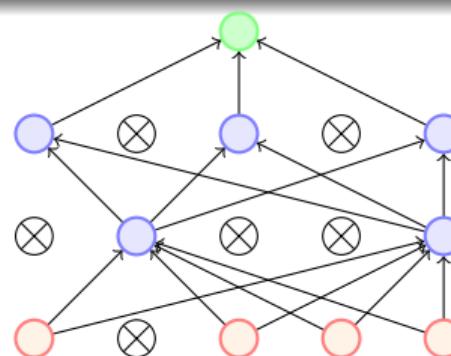
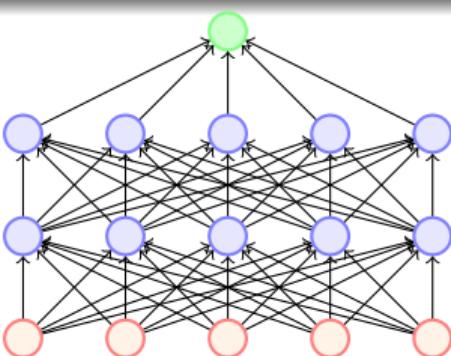
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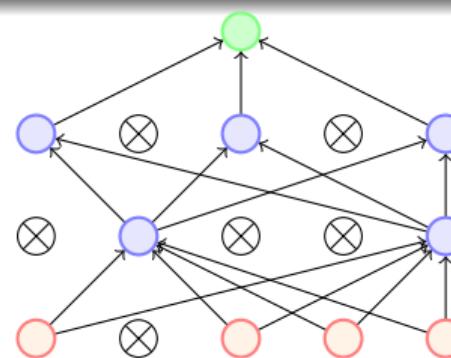
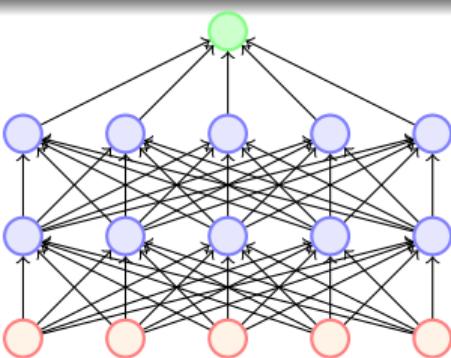
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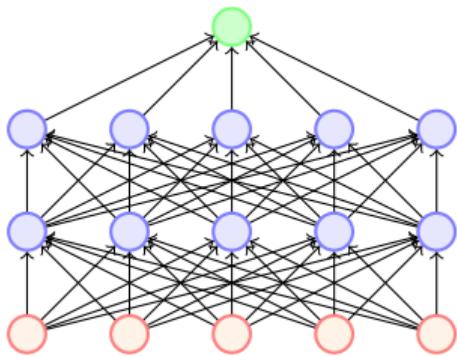
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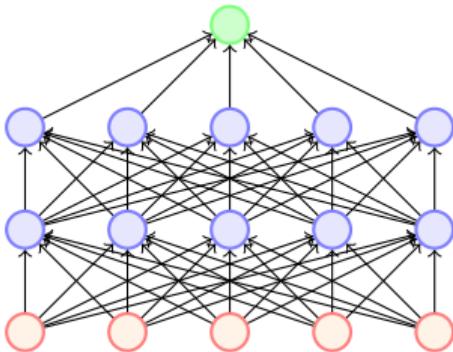


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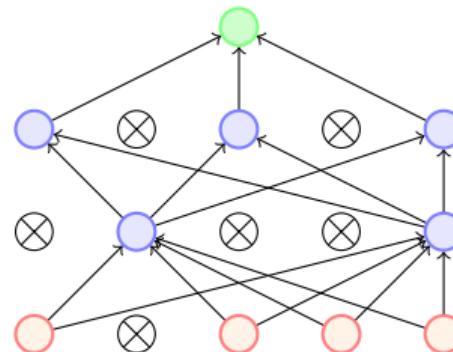
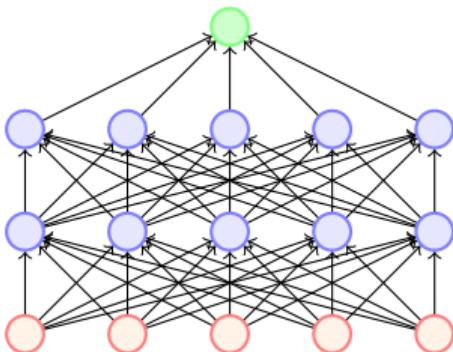


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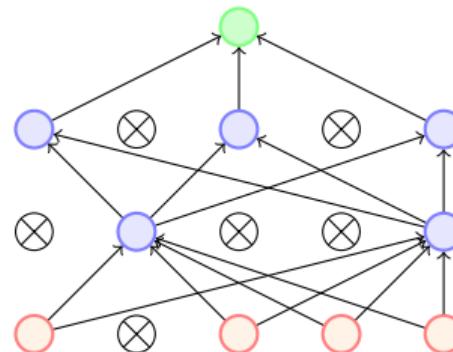
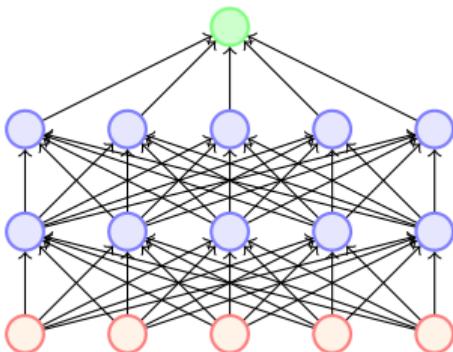




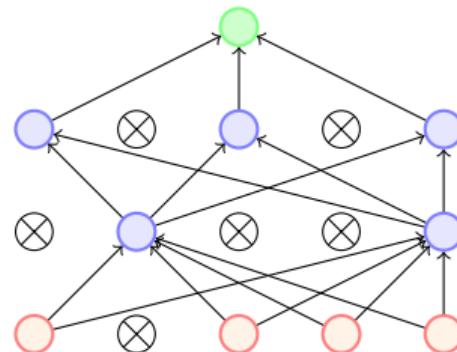
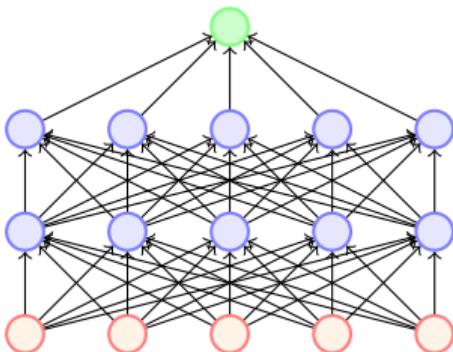
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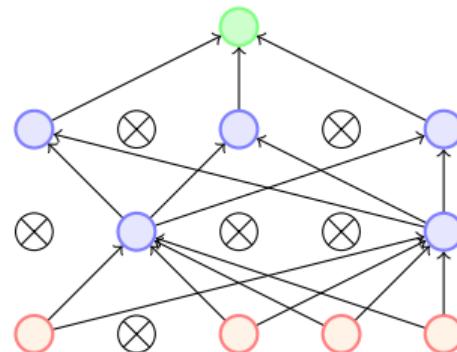
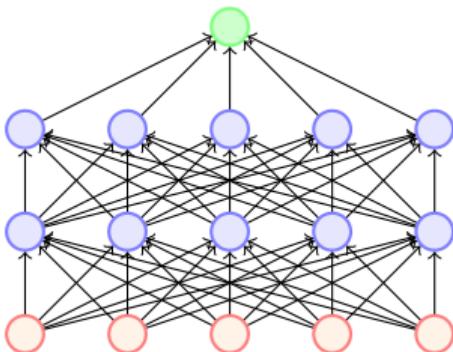
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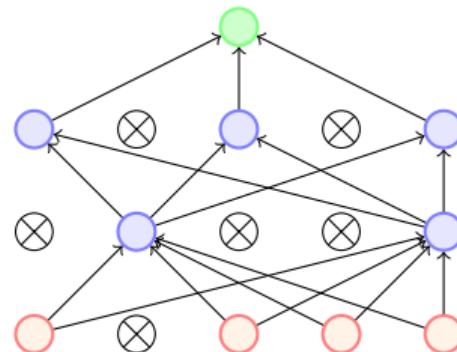
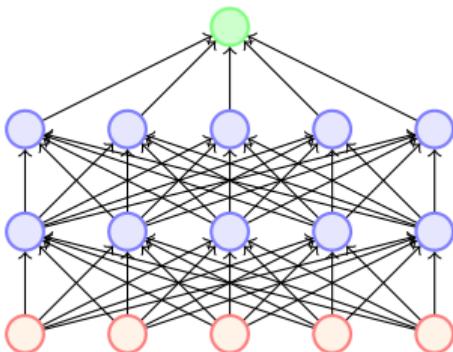
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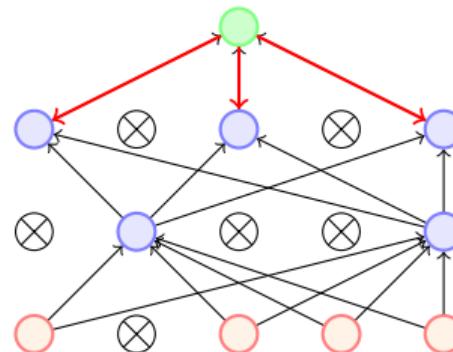
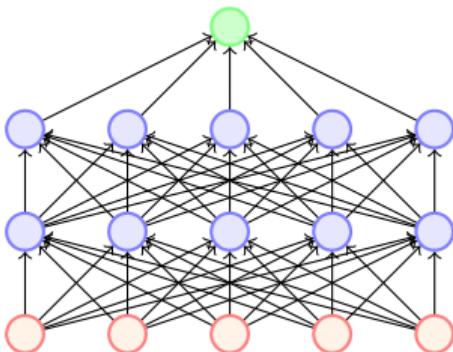
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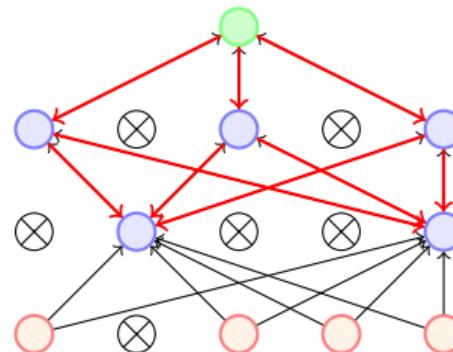
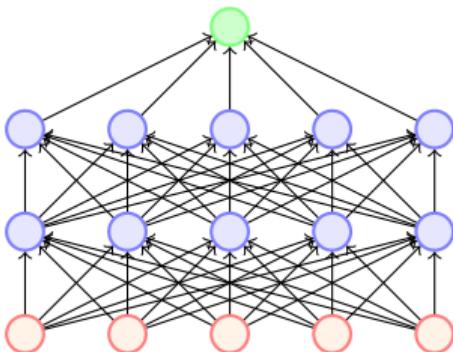
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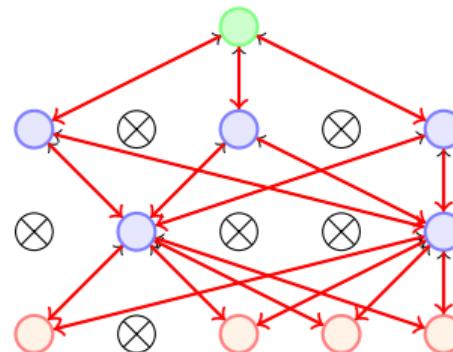
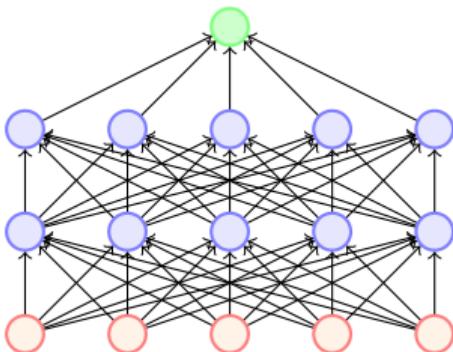
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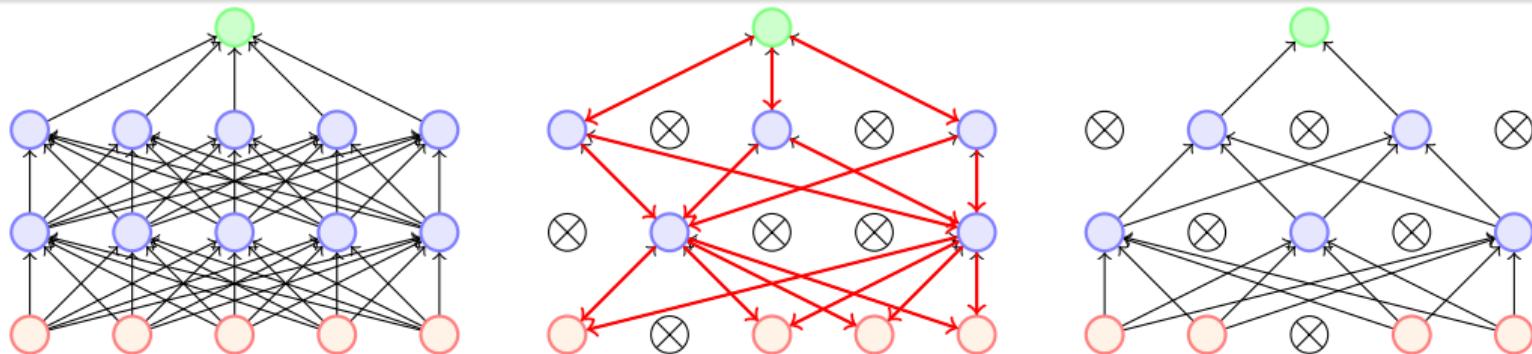
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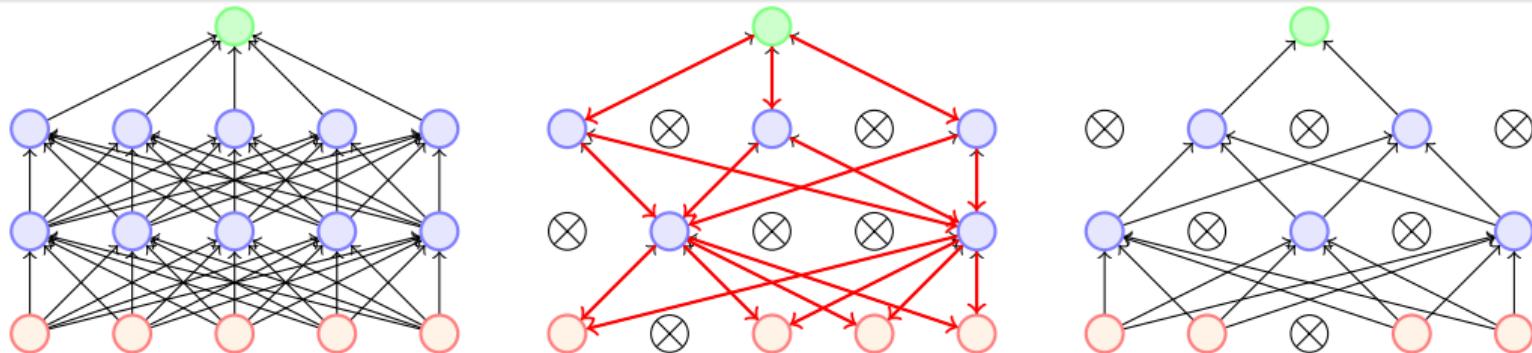
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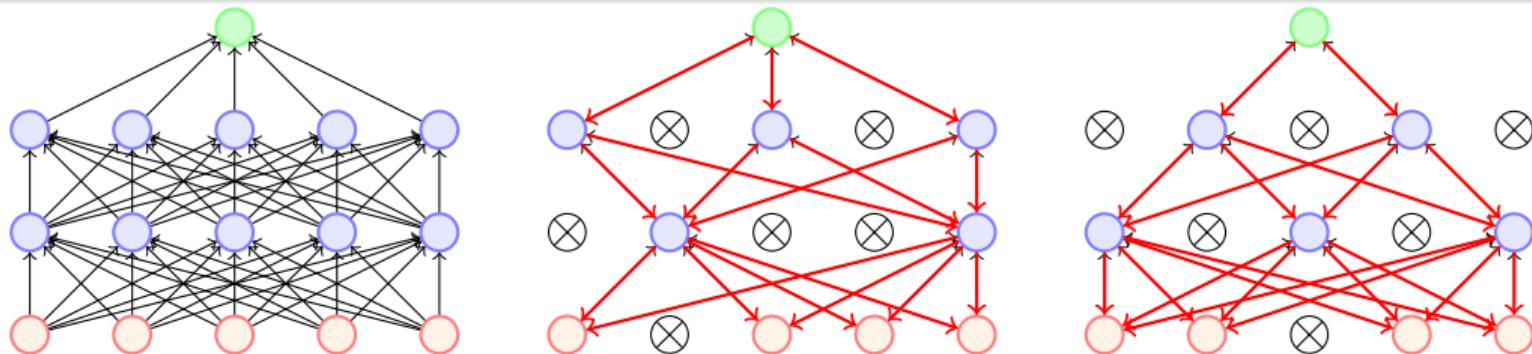
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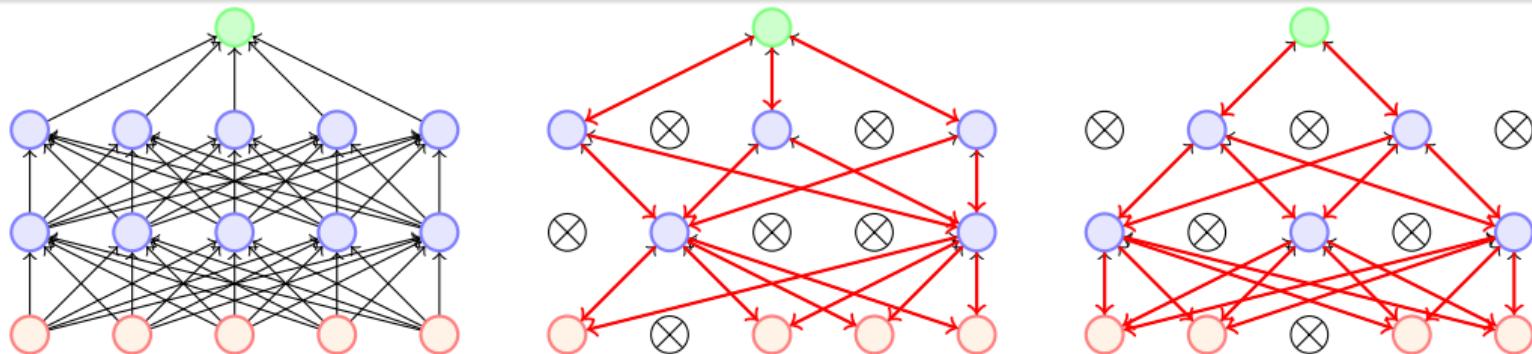
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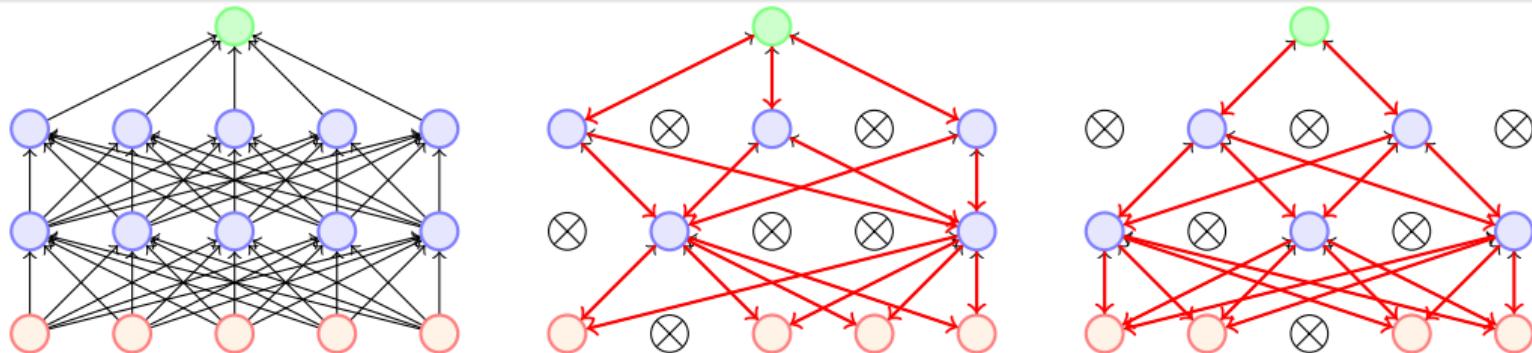
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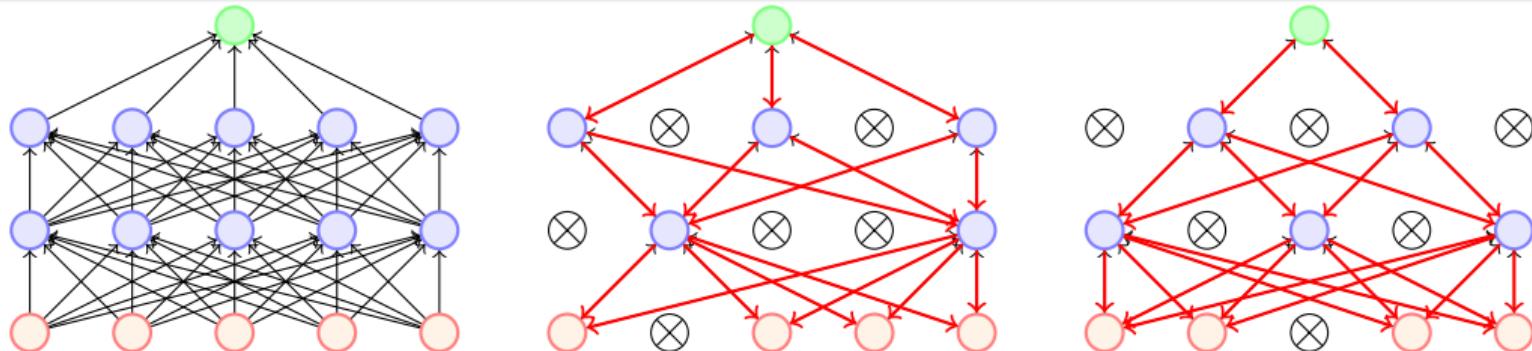
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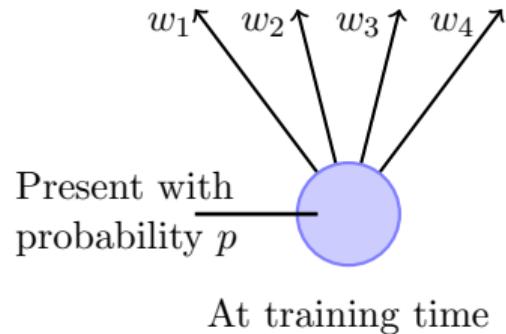
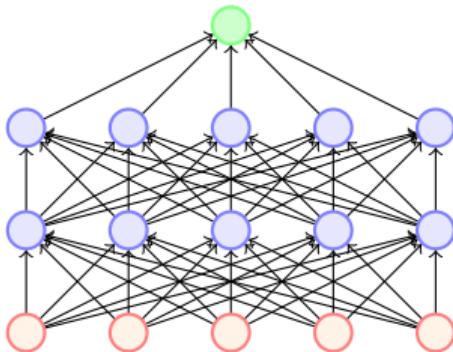
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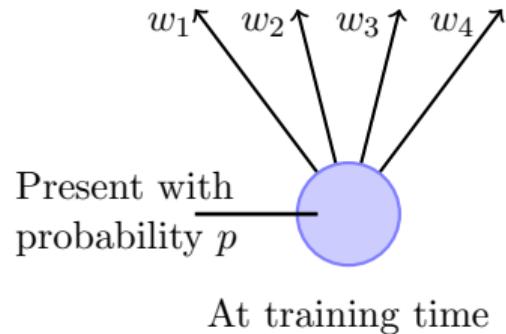
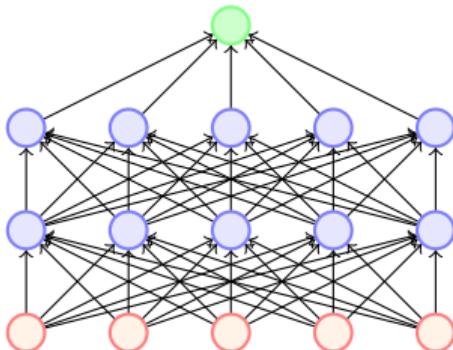


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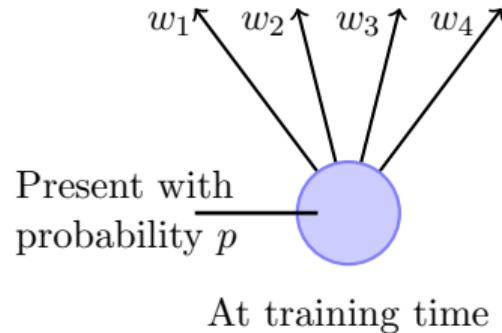
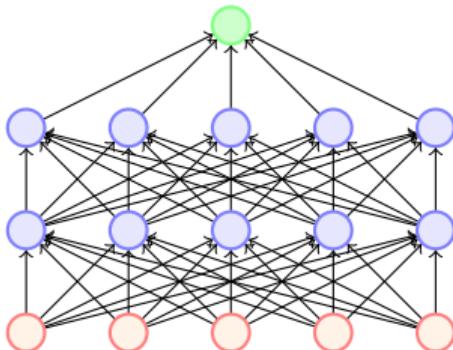


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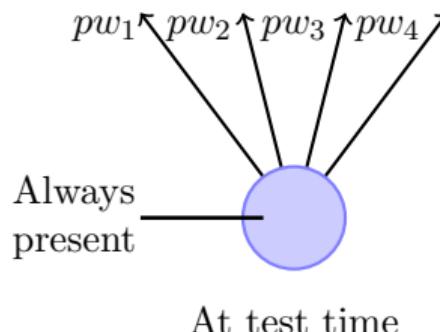
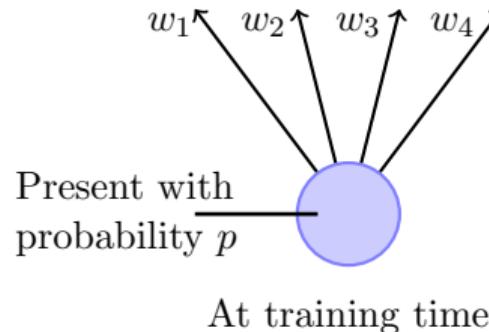
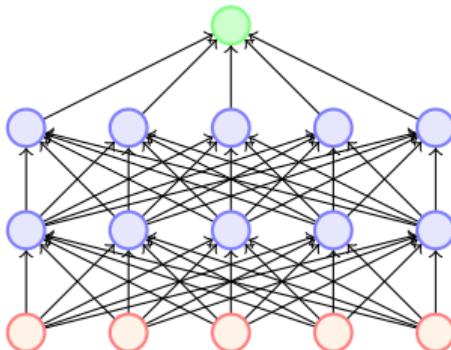




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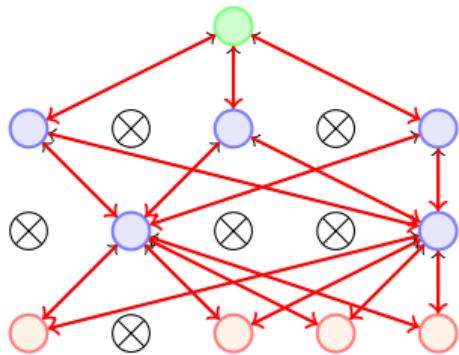


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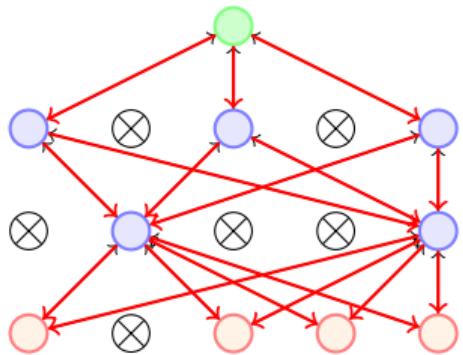


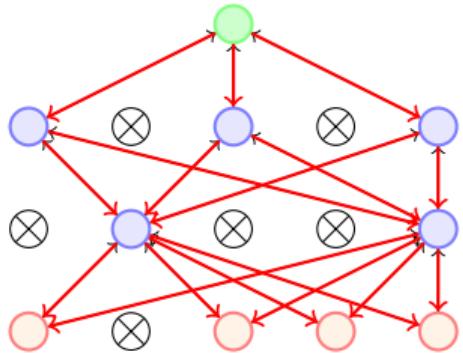
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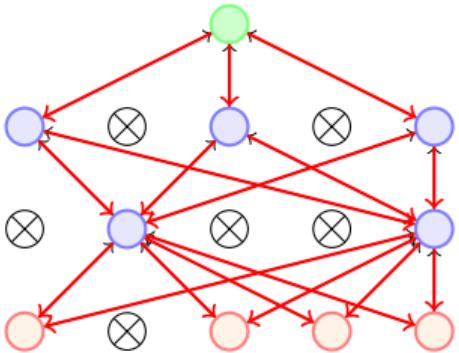


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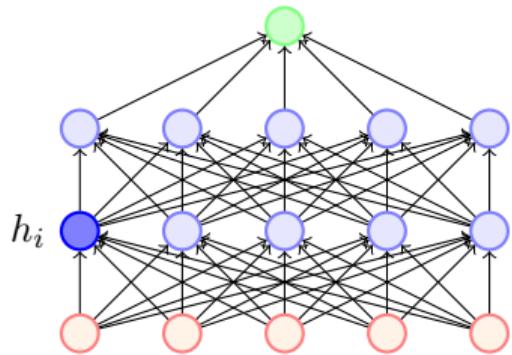




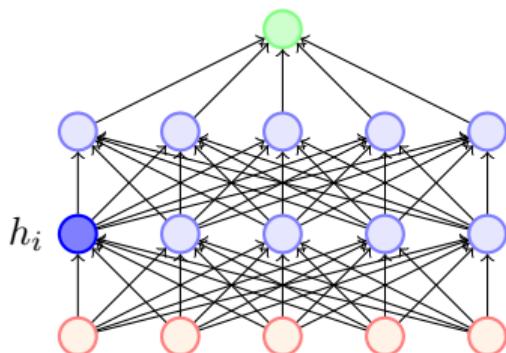
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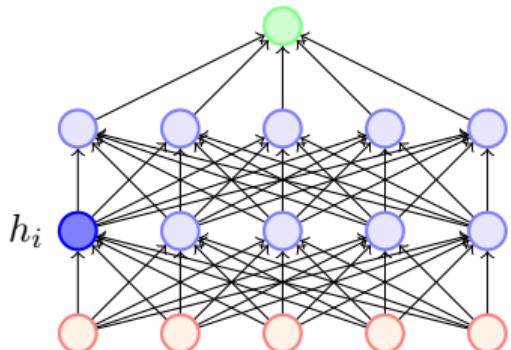
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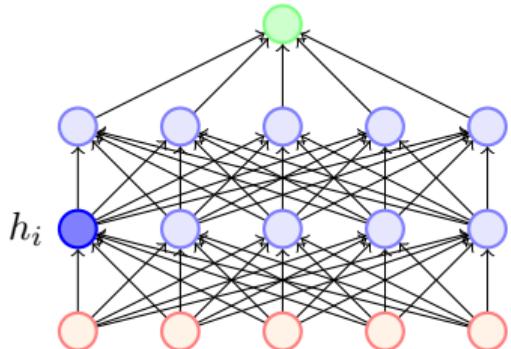


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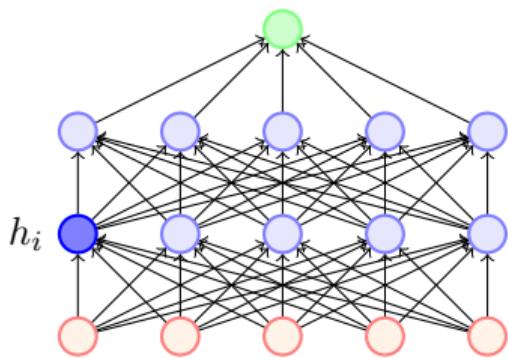


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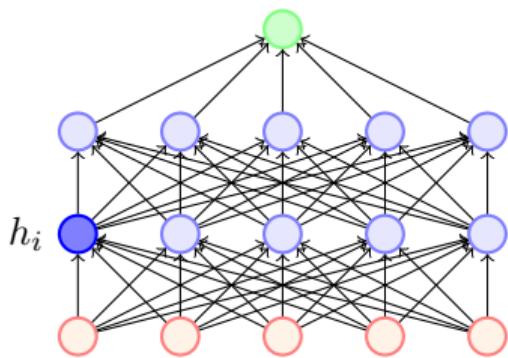




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- Proof that this will hold for $(t+1)^{th}$ step

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= (I - \eta Q \Lambda Q^T) w_t + \eta Q \Lambda Q^T w^* \\ (\text{using } w_t &= Q[I - (I - \varepsilon \Lambda)^t] Q^T w^*) \\ &= (I - \eta Q \Lambda Q^T) Q(I - (I - \eta \Lambda)^t) Q^T w^* + \eta Q \Lambda Q^T w^* \\ (\text{Opening this bracket}) \\ &= \textcolor{red}{IQ}(I - (I - \eta \Lambda)^t) Q^T w^* - \textcolor{red}{\eta Q \Lambda Q^T} Q(I - (I - \eta \Lambda)^t) Q^T w^* + \eta Q \Lambda Q^T w^* \\ &= Q(I - (I - \eta \Lambda)^t) Q^T w^* - \eta Q \Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta \Lambda)^t) Q^T w^* + \eta Q \Lambda Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

- Continuing

$$w_{t+1} = Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^*$$

- Continuing

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* (\because Q^T Q = I)\end{aligned}$$

- Continuing

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* (\because Q^T Q = I) \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q[(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) - \eta\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) + \eta\Lambda]Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

- Continuing

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* (\because Q^T Q = I) \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q[(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) - \eta\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) + \eta\Lambda]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t + \eta\Lambda(I - \eta\Lambda)^t]Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

- Continuing

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* (\because Q^T Q = I) \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q[(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) - \eta\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) + \eta\Lambda]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t + \eta\Lambda(I - \eta\Lambda)^t]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t(I - \eta\Lambda)]Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

- Continuing

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* (\because Q^T Q = I) \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q[(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) - \eta\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) + \eta\Lambda]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t + \eta\Lambda(I - \eta\Lambda)^t]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t(I - \eta\Lambda)]Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^{t+1})Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

- Continuing

$$\begin{aligned}w_{t+1} &= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda Q^T Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* (\because Q^T Q = I) \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* - \eta Q\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t)Q^T w^* + \eta Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\&= Q[(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) - \eta\Lambda(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t) + \eta\Lambda]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t + \eta\Lambda(I - \eta\Lambda)^t]Q^T w^* \\&= Q[I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^t(I - \eta\Lambda)]Q^T w^* \\&= Q(I - (I - \eta\Lambda)^{t+1})Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved!