

# Week 3 Assignment

## Lemma 3.1

### 3.1. Univariate polynomials

We first describe how to approximate univariate polynomials of any degree with tanh neural networks. We introduce the **pth order central finite difference operator**  $\delta_h^p$  for any  $f \in C^{p+2}([a, b])$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  by

$$\delta_h^p[f](x) = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} f\left(x + \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)h\right). \quad (15)$$

Next we define for any  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $q \in 2\mathbb{N} - 1$  and  $M > 0$  the monomials  $f_p : [-M, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and the tanh neural networks  $\hat{f}_{q,h} : [-M, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as

$$f_p(y) := y^p \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f}_{q,h}(y) := \frac{\delta_h^q[\sigma](0)}{\sigma^{(q)}(0)h^q}. \quad (16)$$

We first prove that these neural networks are accurate approximations to monomials with odd degree.

(15) is the  $p$ -th order central finite difference operator

For example:

$$\boxed{p=1} \quad f'(x) \approx \frac{\delta_h^1[f](x)}{h} = \frac{f(x + \frac{1}{2}h) - f(x - \frac{1}{2}h)}{h}$$

$$\boxed{p=2} \quad f''(x) \approx \frac{\delta_h^2[f](x)}{h^2},$$

$$\text{where } \delta_h^2[f](x) = \left[ f\left(x + \frac{h}{2} + \frac{h}{2}\right) - f\left(x + \frac{h}{2} - \frac{h}{2}\right) \right] - \left[ f\left(x - \frac{h}{2} + \frac{h}{2}\right) - f\left(x - \frac{h}{2} - \frac{h}{2}\right) \right] \\ = f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2}$$

$$\boxed{p=3} \quad f'''(x) \approx \frac{\delta_h^3[f](x)}{h^3},$$

$$\text{where } \delta_h^3[f](x) = \left[ f\left(x + \frac{h}{2} + h\right) - 2f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}\right) + f\left(x + \frac{h}{2} - h\right) \right] \\ - \left[ f\left(x - \frac{h}{2} + h\right) - 2f\left(x - \frac{h}{2}\right) + f\left(x - \frac{h}{2} - h\right) \right] \\ = f(x + \frac{3h}{2}) - 3f(x + \frac{h}{2}) + 3f(x - \frac{h}{2}) - f(x - \frac{3h}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow f'''(x) \approx \frac{f(x + \frac{3h}{2}) - 3f(x + \frac{h}{2}) + 3f(x - \frac{h}{2}) - f(x - \frac{3h}{2})}{h^3}$$

By induction, we can get (15)

If we do Taylor expansion of  $f$  at  $x$  to  $(p+1)$ -th order:

$$f(x + (\frac{p}{2} - i)h) = f(x) + f'(x)((\frac{p}{2} - i)h) + \frac{f''(x)}{2!}((\frac{p}{2} - i)h)^2 + \dots +$$

$$+ \frac{f^{(8+1)}(x)}{(8+1)!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^{8+1} + \frac{f^{(8+2)}(\xi_x)}{(8+2)!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^{8+2}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{g+1} \frac{f^{(l)}(x)}{l!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^l + \frac{f^{(8+2)}(\xi_x)}{(8+2)!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^{8+2}$$

then we plug this expansion into (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_h^g[f](x) &= \sum_{i=0}^g (-1)^i \binom{g}{i} f(x + (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^g (-1)^i \binom{g}{i} \sum_{l=0}^{g+1} \frac{f^{(l)}(x)}{l!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^l + \sum_{i=0}^g (-1)^i \binom{g}{i} \frac{f^{(8+2)}(\xi_x)}{(8+2)!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^{8+2} \\ &= \sum_{l=0}^{g+1} \frac{f^{(l)}(x)}{l!} h^l \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^g (-1)^i \binom{g}{i} \left( \frac{g}{2}-\bar{v} \right)^l}_{=: R(x, h)} + \sum_{i=0}^g (-1)^i \binom{g}{i} \frac{f^{(8+2)}(\xi_x)}{(8+2)!} \left( (\frac{g}{2}-\bar{v})h \right)^{8+2} \\ &\quad g! \text{ if } l=p; 0, \text{o.w. from Katsuura (2009)} \\ &= \frac{f^{(g)}(x)}{g!} h^g + h^{g+2} \sum_{i=0}^g (-1)^i \binom{g}{i} \frac{f^{(8+2)}(\xi_x)}{(8+2)!} \left( \frac{g}{2}-\bar{v} \right)^{g+2} := R(x, h) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta_h^g[f](x)}{h^g} = f^{(g)}(x) + h^2 R(x, h)$$

$$\sigma(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{e^x + 1}{e^x - 1}$$

If we change the step length from  $h$  to  $yh$ , then we have

$$\delta_{yh}^g[f](x) = y^g (f^{(g)}(x)h^g + h^{g+2} R(x, h)) \Rightarrow \frac{\delta_{yh}^g[f](x)}{(yh)^g} = f^{(g)}(x) + h^2 R(x, h)$$

Next, take  $f$  as  $\sigma$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta_{yh}^g[\sigma](x)}{(yh)^g} &= \sigma^{(g)}(x) + h^2 R(x, h) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\delta_{yh}^g[\sigma](0)}{h^g} &= y^g \sigma^{(g)}(0) + h^2 R(x, h) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\delta_{yh}^g[\sigma](0)}{\sigma^{(g)}(0) h^g} &= y^g + O(h^2) \end{aligned}$$

That's where (16) comes from.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $s \in 2\mathbb{N} - 1$ . Then it holds that for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists a shallow tanh neural network  $\Psi_{s,\epsilon} : [-M, M] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\frac{s+1}{2}}$  of width  $\frac{s+1}{2}$  such that

$$\max_{\substack{p \leq s, \\ p \text{ odd}}} \|f_p - (\Psi_{s,\epsilon})_{\frac{p+1}{2}}\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq \epsilon, \quad (17)$$

Moreover, the weights of  $\Psi_{s,\epsilon}$  scale as  $O(\epsilon^{-s/2}(2(s+2)\sqrt{2M})^{s(s+3)})$  for small  $\epsilon$  and large  $s$ .

**Proof.** Let  $p \leq s$  be odd and let  $0 < h < 2/pM$ . Let  $0 \leq m \leq \min\{k, p+1\}$ . Then Taylor's theorem guarantees the existence of

The lemma states there always exists a (shallow)  $\Psi_{s,\epsilon}$ -hidden layer neural network with width  $\frac{s+1}{2}$  that approximates monomials  $y^p$  ( $p$  is odd) in interval  $[-M, M]$  under any required error  $\epsilon$

in Sobolev space with the weights of neural network are in a controllable manner.

In which, we can say in the  $W^{k,\infty}$  sense, we aim to approximate the error of not only function value itself but also  $k$ -th derivative in  $L^\infty$  space.

(i) First, since we want to evaluate the derivative by the nodes  $(\frac{P}{2}-i)hx$ ,

$$i=0, \dots, p, x \in [-M, M], \text{ and } \max_i |(\frac{P}{2}-i)hx| \leq \frac{P}{2}hx \leq \frac{P}{2}hM$$

if we have  $h < \frac{2}{pM}$ , then all nodes are in the interval  $[-1, 1]$

(ii) In  $W^{k,\infty}$  norm,  $m \leq k$  is clear.

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$\xi_{x,i}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \delta_{hx}^p[\sigma](0) &= \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^m h^m \cdot \sigma^{(m)}((\frac{p}{2} - i)hx) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^m h^m \\ &\quad \left( \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{l-m} (hx)^{l-m} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^m h^m \\ &\quad \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{(p+2-m)!} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{p+2-m} (hx)^{p+2-m}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall  $\delta_{hx}^p[\sigma](0) = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \sigma((\frac{P}{2}-i)hx)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \delta_{hx}^p[\sigma](0) = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \sigma^{(m)}((\frac{P}{2}-i)hx) \cdot (\frac{P}{2}-i)^m h^m$$

(\*) expansion at  $(\frac{P}{2}-i)hx = 0$

where  $(*) = \sigma^{(m)}(0) + (\sigma^{(m+1)}(0) \cdot ((\frac{P}{2}-i)hx)) + \frac{\sigma^{(m+2)}(0)}{2!} ((\frac{P}{2}-i)hx)^2 + \dots + \frac{\sigma^{(p+1)}(0)}{(p+1-m)!} ((\frac{P}{2}-i)hx)^{p+1-m} + \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{(p+2-m)!} ((\frac{P}{2}-i)hx)^{p+2-m}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \delta_{hx}^p[\sigma](0) = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{P}{2}-i\right)^m h^m \left[ \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} \left(\frac{P}{2}-i\right)^{l-m} (hx)^{l-m} + \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{(p+2-m)!} \left(\frac{P}{2}-i\right)^{p+2-m} (hx)^{p+2-m} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^m h^m \left( \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^{l-m} (hx)^{l-m} \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^m h^m \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{(p+2-m)!} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^{p+2-m} (hx)^{p+2-m}
\end{aligned}$$

From Katsuura (2009, Theorem 1) it follows that

$$\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^l = p! \delta(l-p) = \begin{cases} p!, & l=p, \\ 0, & l \neq p. \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

for  $l = 0, \dots, p$ . We observe that (18) remains true also for  $l = p+1$ , since all summands change sign when  $i$  is replaced by  $p-i$ . Using this fact, we can then rewrite the first term as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^m h^m \left( \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^{l-m} (hx)^{l-m} \right) \\
&= h^m \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} (hx)^{l-m} \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^l \\
&= \begin{cases} h^m \frac{\sigma^{(p)}(0)}{(p-m)!} (hx)^{p-m} p!, & 0 \leq m \leq p \\ 0, & m = p+1 \end{cases} = h^p \sigma^{(p)}(0) f_p^{(m)}(x). \quad (19)
\end{aligned}$$

From Katsuura (2009) we already have (18) holds for  $l=0, \dots, p$ .

Moreover, when  $l=p+1$ , (18) also holds since

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^{p+1} \quad \text{let } j=p-i \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^{p-j} \binom{p}{p-j} \left(\frac{p}{2}-(p-j)\right)^{p+1} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^{p-j} \binom{p}{j} \left(j-\frac{p}{2}\right)^{p+1} \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^{p-j+p+1} \binom{p}{j} \left(\frac{p}{2}-j\right)^{p+1} \\
&= (-1)^{2p+1} \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^{-j} \binom{p}{j} \left(\frac{p}{2}-j\right)^{p+1} \\
&= - \sum_{j=0}^p (-1)^j \binom{p}{j} \left(\frac{p}{2}-j\right)^{p+1} \Rightarrow (18) \text{ also holds}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the first term of above

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^m h^m \left( \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^{l-m} (hx)^{l-m} \right) \\
&= h^m \sum_{l=m}^{p+1} \frac{\sigma^{(l)}(0)}{(l-m)!} (hx)^{l-m} \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}-i\right)^l
\end{aligned}$$

If  $0 \leq m \leq p$ ,  $l$  can always pass  $l=p$  through the sum

$$\text{the first term} = h^m \frac{\sigma^{(p)}(0)}{(p-m)!} (hx)^{p-m} \cdot \frac{p!}{(p-m)!}, \text{ otherwise} = 0$$

and notice that  $f_p^{(m)}(x) = \frac{d^m}{dx^m} x^p = \frac{p!}{(p-m)!} x^{p-m}$  for  $0 \leq m \leq p$ , and  $f_p^{(p+1)}(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  it can be written as  $h^p \sigma^{(p)}(0) f_p^{(m)}(x)$ . That is (19).

Combining the previous results, it thus follows that we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}(x) - f_p^{(m)}(x) \\ = \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \frac{1}{(p+2-m)!} \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{p+2} h^{2p+2-m}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Recall } \hat{f}_{p,h}(x) = \frac{\delta_{hx}^P[\sigma](0)}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}(x) = \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \left( \frac{\delta_{hx}^P[\sigma](0)}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p} \right) = \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \frac{\delta_{hx}^P[\sigma](0)}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}(x) - f_p^{(m)}(x) =$$

$$\frac{h^p \sigma^{(p)}(0) f_p^{(m)}(x) + \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \underbrace{\left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^m h^m}_{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p} \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{(p+2-m)!} \underbrace{\left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{p+2-m} (hx)^{p+2-m}}_{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p} - f_p^{(m)}(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= f_p^{(m)}(x) + \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \underbrace{\left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{p+2} h^{p+2} x^{p+2-m}}_{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p} \cdot \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)h^p} \cdot \frac{1}{(p+2-m)!} - f_p^{(m)}(x) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \frac{1}{(p+2-m)!} \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{p+2} h^2 x^{p+2-m} \end{aligned}$$

Together with the lower and upper bounds on the derivatives of  $\sigma$  from Lemmas A.1 and A.4, this yields for  $m \leq \min(k, p+1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h}|_{W^{m,\infty}} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^p \binom{p}{i} \frac{|\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})|}{|\sigma^{(p)}(0)|} \left| \frac{p}{2} - i \right|^{p+2} h^2 M^{p+2} \\ &\leq 2^p (2(p+2))^{p+3} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{p+2} h^2 M^{p+2} \\ &\leq (2(p+2)pM)^{p+3} h^2. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

If  $k \leq p+1$ , then this shows that

$$\|f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h}\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq (2(p+2)pM)^{p+3} h^2. \quad (21)$$

$$|f|_{W^{m,\infty}(\Omega)} = \max_{|\alpha|=m} \|D^\alpha f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \quad \text{for } m = 0, \dots, k. \quad (9)$$

**Lemma A.1.** It holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  that  $|\tanh^{(2n-1)}(0)| \geq 1$ .

**Lemma A.4.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then it holds that

$$|\sigma^{(m)}(x)| \leq (2m)^{m+1} \min\{\exp(-2x), \exp(2x)\} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (\text{A.15})$$

Now, we can evaluate the seminorm for  $m \leq \min(k, p+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} |f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h}|_{W^{m,\infty}} &= \max_{|\alpha|=m} \|D^\alpha(f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h})\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} = \max \|f_p^{(m)} - \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)} \leq \left| \frac{p}{2} - i \right|^{p+2} \leq \left| \frac{p}{2} \right|^{p+2} \\ &= \max_{x \in [-M, M]} \left( \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \frac{1}{(p+2-m)!} \frac{\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})}{\sigma^{(p)}(0)} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^{p+2} h^2 x^{p+2-m} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{|\sigma^{(p+2)}(\xi_{x,i})|}{|\sigma^{(p)}(0)|} \left| \frac{p}{2} \right|^{p+2} h^2 M^{p+2} \leq |x|^{p+2-m} \leq M^{p+2-m} \leq M^{p+2} \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma A.1 we have  $|\sigma^{(p)}(0)| = |\tanh^{(p)}(0)| \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} A.4 \quad |\sigma^{(p+2)}(x)| &\leq (2(p+2))^{p+2+1} \min\{e^{-2x}, e^{2x}\} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ &\leq (2(p+2))^{p+3} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \left\| f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)} \right\|_{W^{m,\infty}} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^p \binom{p}{i} \frac{(2(p+2))^{p+3}}{i!} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{p+2} h^2 M^{p+2} \\
&= (2(p+2))^{p+3} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{p+2} h^2 M^{p+2} \sum_{i=0}^p \binom{p}{i} \\
&= (2(p+2))^{p+3} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^{p+2} h^2 M^{p+2} \cdot 2^p \\
&= (2(p+2))^{p+3} \cdot \frac{p^{p+2}}{4} h^2 M^{p+2} \\
&\leq (2(p+2))^{p+3} \cdot p^{p+3} h^2 M^{p+3} = (2p(p+2)M)^{p+3} h^2 \quad \text{for } m=0, \dots, k
\end{aligned}$$

If  $k \leq p+1$ , then  $m \leq p+1$ , consider the norm

$$\left\| f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)} \right\|_{W^{k,\infty}} = \max_{0 \leq m \leq k} \left\| f_p^{(m)} - \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)} \right\|_{W^{m,\infty}} \leq (2p(p+2)M)^{p+3} h^2$$

If  $k > p+1$ , let  $p+2 \leq m \leq k$ . In this case,  $f_p^{(m)} = 0$ , therefore it suffices to bound  $\hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}$ . We see that for  $0 < h < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}(x)| &= \left| \frac{1}{h^p \sigma^{(p)}(0)} \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^m h^m \cdot \sigma^{(m)}\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)hx\right) \right| \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{i=0}^p \binom{p}{i} \left| \frac{p}{2} - i \right|^m h^2 (2m)^{m+1} \\
&\leq 2^{p+1} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^k (2k)^{k+1} h^2 \leq (2pk)^{k+1} h^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Next, we need to consider when  $k > p+1$ , i.e.

$$p+2 \leq m \leq k. \text{ In this case } f_p^{(m)} = 0$$

Therefore, we only need to consider

$$\left| \hat{f}_{p,h}^{(m)}(x) \right| = \left| \frac{\frac{d^m}{dx^m} (\delta_{hx}^{(p)}[\sigma](0))}{\sigma^{(p)}(0) h^p} \right| \stackrel{(P.18)}{=}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \frac{1}{\sigma^{(p)}(0) h^p} \sum_{i=0}^p (-1)^i \binom{p}{i} \sigma^{(m)}\left(\left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)hx\right) \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2} - i\right)^m h^m \right|^{p \geq 2} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{1} \sum_{i=0}^p \binom{p}{i} (2m)^{m+1} \left| \frac{p}{2} - i \right|^m \cdot h^2 = (2m)^{m+1} h^2 \sum_{i=0}^p \binom{p}{i} \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^k \\
&\leq (2m)^{m+1} h^2 2^p \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^k \leq (2k)^{k+1} h^2 \cdot 2^p \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^k \leq h^2 \cdot (2k)^{k+1} \cdot 2^k \cdot \left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^k \\
&\leq h^2 \cdot (2k \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{p}{2})^{k+1} = (2kp)^{k+1} h^2 \quad (\text{Actually there's better approximation, just for simple})
\end{aligned}$$

We thus obtain, for arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$\left\| f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h} \right\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq ((2(p+2)pM)^{p+3} + (2pk)^{k+1}) h^2 =: \epsilon. \tag{23}$$

Therefore, we have considered  $m$ -th derivative for  $0 \leq m \leq k$ , the error:

$$\left\| f_p - \hat{f}_{p,h} \right\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq ((2(p+2)pM)^{p+3} + (2kp)^{k+1}) h^2 := \epsilon \quad \text{for arbitrary } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

Furthermore observe that the weights scale as  $O\left(\max_i \binom{P}{i} h^{-P}\right)$ . For  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and large  $P$ , it holds that  $O(h^{-P}) = O(\epsilon^{-P/2} ((p+2)\sqrt{2M})^{P(p+3)})$ , where the implied constant depends on  $k$ .

Next, we find using Stirling's approximation that for  $0 \leq i \leq P$  it holds that

$$\binom{P}{i} \leq \binom{P}{\frac{P-1}{2}} \leq \frac{\epsilon P^{P+1/2}}{2\pi \left(\frac{P-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left(\frac{P+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P+1}{2}}} = O\left(\frac{\epsilon P^{P+1/2}}{\sqrt{P}}\right). \quad (24)$$

The weights therefore scale as  $O\left(\epsilon^{-P/2} (2(p+2)\sqrt{2M})^{P(p+3)}\right)$ .

From

$$\hat{f}_{P,h}(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\sigma(P)(0)h^P} \sum_{i=0}^P (-1)^i \binom{P}{i} \sigma\left(\left(\frac{P}{2}-i\right)h\gamma\right)$$

We know the weight =  $\frac{1}{\sigma(P)(0)h^P} (-1)^i \binom{P}{i}$  for  $i=0, \dots, P$

$$, which \leq \max_i \binom{P}{i} h^{-P} = O(\max_i \binom{P}{i} h^{-P})$$

$$\text{From (23) we have } \left[ ((2(p+2)PM)^{P+3} + (2kp)^{k+1}) h^2 \right]^{-\frac{P}{2}} = \epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow h^{-P} &= \epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}} \cdot \left[ ((2(p+2)PM)^{P+3} + (2kp)^{k+1}) \right]^{\frac{P}{2}} \\ (\text{when } p \text{ is large}) \quad &\approx \epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}} \left( \sqrt{2(p+2)M} \right)^{P(p+3)} \\ &\leq \epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}} \left( \sqrt{2(p+2)^2 M} \right)^{P(p+3)} \\ &= \epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}} ((p+2)\sqrt{2M})^{P(p+3)} \\ &= O(\epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}} ((p+2)\sqrt{2M})^{P(p+3)}) \end{aligned}$$

Next, we are going to approximate  $\binom{P}{i}$  by Stirling's approximation:

$$\sqrt{2\pi} e^{-n} n^{n+\frac{1}{2}} < n! \leq e^n n^{n+\frac{1}{2}} e^{-n}$$

for both  $n, k$  large

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \binom{P}{i} &\leq \binom{P}{\frac{P-1}{2}} = \frac{P!}{\left(\frac{P-1}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{P+1}{2}\right)!} \leq \frac{P^{\frac{P+1}{2}} e^{1-P}}{2\pi e^{-P} \left(\frac{P-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left(\frac{P+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P+1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{e^{P+\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi \left(\frac{P-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left(\frac{P+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P+1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \left(\frac{P-1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \left(\frac{P+1}{2}\right)^{\frac{P+1}{2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{P^2-1}{4}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \cdot \frac{P+1}{2} = \left(\frac{P^2}{4} \left(\frac{P^2-1}{P^2}\right)\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \cdot \frac{P+1}{2} = \left(\frac{P}{2}\right)^P \left(1 - \frac{1}{P^2}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \cdot \frac{P+1}{2} > \left(\frac{P}{2}\right)^{P+1} c_0$$

which  $\left(1 - \frac{1}{P^2}\right)^{\frac{P}{2}} \geq c_0$  for some  $c_0 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \binom{P}{i} \leq \frac{e^{P+\frac{1}{2}}}{2\pi c_0 \left(\frac{P}{2}\right)^{P+1}} = \frac{e}{2\pi c_0} \cdot \frac{2^{P+1} \cdot P^{P+\frac{1}{2}}}{P^{P+1}} = \frac{e}{\pi c_0} \cdot \frac{2^P}{\sqrt{P}} = O\left(\frac{2^P}{\sqrt{P}}\right)$$

Therefore, the weight scale is  $O\left(\frac{2^P}{\sqrt{P}} \cdot \epsilon^{-\frac{P}{2}} ((p+2)\sqrt{2M})^{P(p+3)}\right)$

Then, we can choose  $O(\varepsilon^{-p/2} (2(p+2)\sqrt{2M})^{p(p+3)})$  for a looser bound but more elegant.

Finally, we can define shallow tanh neural network  $\Psi_{s,\varepsilon}$  by

$(\Psi_{s,\varepsilon})_p = \hat{f}_{p,h}$  with  $\frac{s+1}{2}$  neurons in hidden layer.  $\square$

### Lemma 3.2

Here we want to do the same thing as in Lemma 3.1, but here for even degree. First we observe the relation between odd and even degree monomials.

$$y^{2n} = \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} \left( (y+\alpha)^{2n+1} - (y-\alpha)^{2n+1} - 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} y^{2k} \right). \quad (25)$$

For example, if  $n=1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (y+\alpha)^3 &= y^3 + 3\alpha y^2 + 3\alpha^2 y + \alpha^3 \\ \rightarrow (y-\alpha)^3 &= y^3 - 3\alpha y^2 + 3\alpha^2 y - \alpha^3 \\ (y+\alpha)^3 - (y-\alpha)^3 &= 2 \cdot 3\alpha y^2 + 2 \cdot \alpha^3 \\ y^2 &= \frac{(y+\alpha)^3 - (y-\alpha)^3 - 2\alpha^3}{2 \cdot 3\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

If  $n=2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (y+\alpha)^5 &= y^5 + \binom{5}{1}\alpha y^4 + \binom{5}{2}\alpha^2 y^3 + \binom{5}{3}\alpha^3 y^2 + \binom{5}{4}\alpha^4 y + \alpha^5 \\ \rightarrow (y-\alpha)^5 &= y^5 - \binom{5}{1}\alpha y^4 + \binom{5}{2}\alpha^2 y^3 - \binom{5}{3}\alpha^3 y^2 + \binom{5}{4}\alpha^4 y - \alpha^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (y+\alpha)^5 - (y-\alpha)^5 &= 2\binom{5}{1}\alpha y^4 + 2\binom{5}{3}\alpha^3 y^2 + 2\alpha^5 \\ y^4 &= \left( (y+\alpha)^5 - (y-\alpha)^5 - \sum_{k=0}^1 \binom{5}{2k} \alpha^{2(2-k)+1} y^{2k} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{2(2 \cdot 2 + 1)\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

We can see the key point is to eliminate odd terms by  $(y+\alpha)^{2n+1} - (y-\alpha)^{2n+1}$  and other even terms  $y^{2k}$  with  $2k < 2n$  can be written together. Thus we can attain  $y^{2n}$  term recursively.

Next, we want to find  $\Psi_{s,\varepsilon}(y)$  which  $p$ -th output =  $\hat{f}_{p,h}(y)$  for  $p$  odd  
 $= (\Psi_{s,\varepsilon}(y))_{2n}$  for  $p$  even ( $= 2n$ )

and  $(\Psi_{s,\epsilon}(y))_0 = 1$ , by (25) we have

$$(\psi_{s,\epsilon}(y))_{2n} = \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} \left( \hat{f}_{2n+1,h}(y+\alpha) - \hat{f}_{2n+1,h}(y-\alpha) - 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} (\psi_{s,\epsilon}(y))_{2k} \right). \quad (27)$$

From now on, we want to estimate the error, starting with define

$$E_p = \|f_p - (\Psi_{s,\epsilon})_p\|_{W^{k,\infty}}$$

and we want for  $p \leq s$ ,  $E_p \leq E_p^* := \frac{2^{p/2} (1+\alpha)^{(p^2+p)/2}}{\alpha^{p/2}} \cdot \epsilon$ . (28)

where the coefficients of  $\epsilon$  is designed for later estimation.

If we choose  $h$  as in Lemma 3.1, then we directly have  $\max_{\substack{p \leq s \\ p \text{ odd}}} E_p \leq \epsilon$  (29)

which proves (28) for odd  $p$ .

Now we prove (28) also holds for even  $p$  using induction.

First note that when  $p=2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_2 &= \|f_2 - (\Psi_{s,\epsilon})_2\|_{W^{k,\infty}} = \left\| \frac{1}{6\alpha} \left( (y+\alpha)^3 - (y-\alpha)^3 - 2\alpha^3 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{6\alpha} \left( \hat{f}_{3,h}(y+\alpha) - \hat{f}_{3,h}(y-\alpha) - 2\alpha^3 \right) \right\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \\ &= \left\| \frac{1}{6\alpha} \left( \left| (y+\alpha)^3 - \hat{f}_{3,h}(y+\alpha) \right| + \left| (y-\alpha)^3 - \hat{f}_{3,h}(y-\alpha) \right| \right) \right\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq \frac{1}{6\alpha} \cdot (\epsilon + \varepsilon) \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \cdot 2(1+\alpha)^3 = E_2^*, \text{ which proves the base step.} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $2n+1 \leq s$ , and assume by the induction hypothesis that

$E_{2k} \leq E_{2k}^*$  for  $k < n$

Similarly, we can also have the estimation:  $E_{2n} \leq \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} \left( E_{2n+1} + E_{2n+1} + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} E_{2k} \right)$ . (31)

Note that  $E_{2k}^*$  is increasing by definition and  $E_{2k} \leq E_{2k}^*$  for  $k < n$

for  $k=n-1$ , we have  $E_{2k} \leq E_{2k}^* \leq E_{2(n-1)}^*$

also by definition of  $E_p^* = \frac{2^{p/2} (1+\alpha)^{(p^2+p)/2}}{\alpha^{p/2}} \geq 1$ ,  $\varepsilon \geq \varepsilon$

Now we can estimate (31):

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{2n} &\leq \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} \left( 2 \max_{\substack{p \leq s \\ p \text{ is odd}}} E_p + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} E_{2k} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\alpha(2n+1)} \left( \max_{\substack{p \leq s \\ p \text{ is odd}}} E_p + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} E_{2k} \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( \varepsilon + E_{2k} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{(J=n-k)}{\leq} \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( E_{2(n-1)}^* + E_{2(n-1)}^* \alpha \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2n-2j} \alpha^{2j} \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \left( E_{2(n-1)}^* + E_{2(n-1)}^* \alpha \underbrace{\sum_{j=0}^{2n+1} \binom{2n+1}{2n-2j} \alpha^j}_{\text{use all terms to bound}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\alpha} (E_{2(n-1)}^* + E_{2(n-1)}^* \alpha (1+\alpha)^{2n+1}) \\
 &= \frac{E_{2(n-1)}^*}{\alpha} (1+\alpha(1+\alpha)^{2n+1}) \leq \frac{2}{\alpha} E_{2(n-1)}^* (1+\alpha)^{2n+1}, \text{ which is (32)} \\
 \text{Recall the definition (28), } E_{2(n-1)}^* &= \frac{2^{n-1}(1+\alpha)^{(n-1)(2n-1)}}{\alpha^{n-1}} \varepsilon \\
 \Rightarrow E_{2n} &\leq \frac{2}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{2^{n-1}}{\alpha^{n-1}} (1+\alpha)^{(n-1)(2n-1)+(2n+1)} \varepsilon \\
 &= \left( \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} \right)^n \cdot (1+\alpha)^{2n^2-n+2} \right) \varepsilon \leq \left( \frac{2}{\alpha} (1+\alpha)^{2n+1} \right)^n \varepsilon \\
 &= \frac{2^n (1+\alpha)^{2n^2+n}}{\alpha^n} \varepsilon = E_{2n}^*, \text{ which is (33).}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have claimed (28) is also true of even  $p$ .

Next, by lemma A.2, we have the optimized  $\alpha = \frac{1}{s}$

**Lemma A.2.** Let  $s \in 2\mathbb{N} - 1$ . It holds that

$$\inf_{\alpha>0} \frac{2^{s/2}(1+\alpha)^{(s^2+s)/2}}{\alpha^{s/2}} \leq \sqrt{e}(2es)^{s/2},$$

where the infimum is reached at  $\alpha = 1/s$ .

Then, we have the conclusion that  $\max_{p \leq s} \|f_p - (\psi_{s,\varepsilon})_p\|_{W^{k,\infty}} \leq \sqrt{e}(2es)^{s/2}\varepsilon$ . (34)

Now, let's estimate the weight, we only need to compare the weight which is multiplied from weight in Lemma 3.1

The factor  $= \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} \cdot \left( 2 + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{2n+1}{2k} \alpha^{2(n-k)+1} \right)$  from (27)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} \left( 2 + 2 \cdot \alpha (1+\alpha)^{2n+1} \right) \leftarrow \text{have been estimated when estimating } (31) \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\alpha(2n+1)} (2(1+\alpha)^{2n+1}) \\
&= \frac{(1+\alpha)^{2n+1}}{\alpha(2n+1)} < \frac{(1+\alpha)^s}{\alpha(2n+1)} < \frac{(1+\alpha)^s}{\alpha} \quad (\alpha = \frac{1}{s}) \leq (1 + \frac{1}{s})^s = O(s)
\end{aligned}$$

Multiply the weight bound given by Lemma 3.1, we have

$$O\left(\epsilon^{-s/2} s (2\sqrt[4]{2es}\sqrt{2(M+1)(s+2)})^{s(s+3)}\right) = O\left(\epsilon^{-s/2} (\sqrt{M}(s+2))^{3s(s+3)/2}\right) \quad (36)$$

Finally, from Lemma 3.1, for  $i=0, 1, \dots, \frac{s-1}{2}$  and  $\beta \in \{-\alpha, 0, \alpha\}$ , activation function is given by  $\sigma((\frac{s}{2}-i)h(y+\beta)) \Rightarrow \frac{s+1}{2} \cdot 3$  neurons needed.  $\square$