#### **Notes of Caltech ML Lecture:**

# **Neural Network**

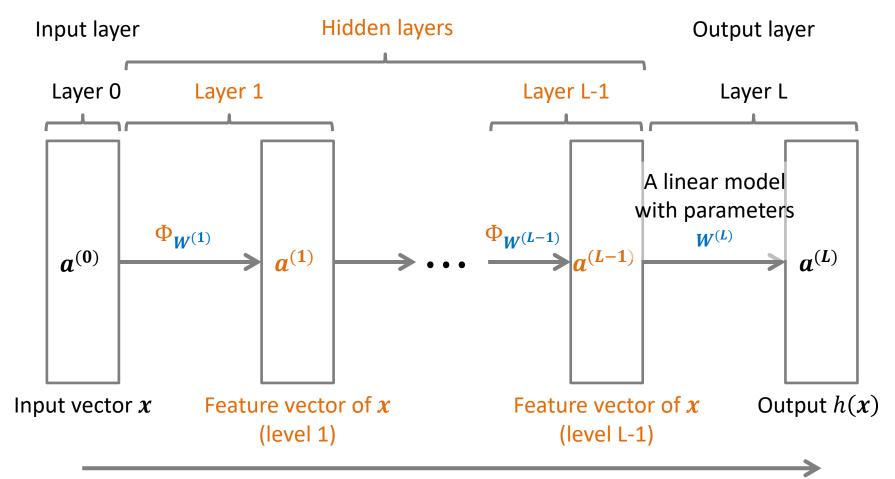
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### **Overview**

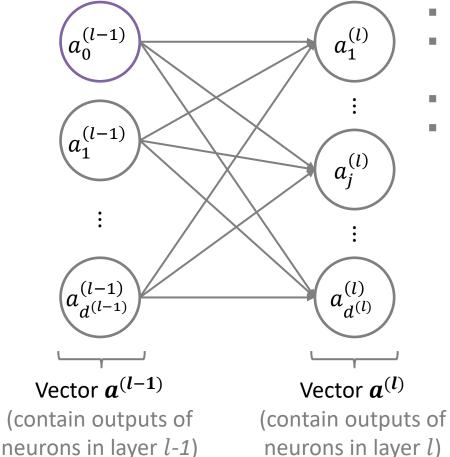
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- ☐ Learning algorithm

# Hypothesis set



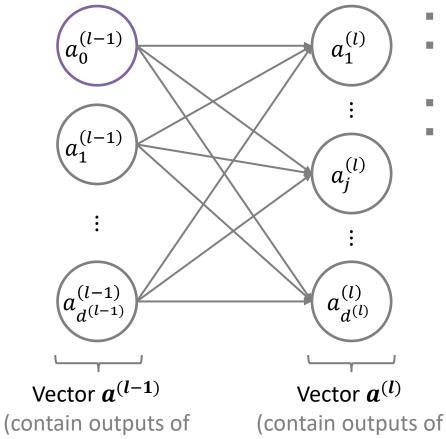
The process of computing h(x) from x is call forward-propagation

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  - $a_j^{(l)} = \theta\left(s_j^{(l)}\right)$  with  $s_j^{(l)} = \sum_{i=0}^{d^{(l-1)}} w_{ij}^{(l)} a_i^{(l-1)}$  and  $\theta$  is some activation function

### **Activation function**

□ Common activation functions:

Name	θ(s) 	Range -	θ'(s)
Logistic	$\theta(s) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-s}}$	[0, 1]	
Tanh	$  \theta(s) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-s}}$ $  \theta(s) = \frac{e^{s} - e^{-s}}{e^{s} + e^{-s}}$	[-1, 1]	
Rectified linear	$  \theta(s) = \max(0, s)$	$\mid [0, \infty)$	
Linear	$\mid \theta(s) = s$		

- $\Box$   $\theta$  for output layer: dictated by the problem
  - $\square$  Regression:  $\theta$  often is linear
  - $\square$  Binary classification:  $\theta$  often is logistic

# Hypothesis set

After choosing a net architecture (# hidden layers, # neurons / hidden layer,  $\theta$ ), we will have a hypothesis set

1 specific 
$$\mathbf{w} = \left\{ w_{ij}^{(l)} \right\} \leftrightarrow$$
 1 hypothesis  $h$ 

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# Learning algorithm

- ☐ Given:
  - Training data  $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), ..., (x^{(N)}, y^{(N)})\}$  $x^{(n)} \in \{1\} \times \mathbb{R}^d, y^{(n)} \in ?$
  - Hypothesis set  $\mathcal{H} = \{h(x)\}$  corresponding to a net architecture
- $\square w = ?$ 
  - $\square$  Define  $E_{in}(w)$

$$E_{in}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} e(h(x^{(n)}), y^{(n)})$$

 $\square$  min  $E_{in}(\mathbf{w})$ 

# $\min E_{in}(w)$

## (Batch) Gradient Descent (BGD)

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla E_{in}(\mathbf{w})$$

$$\nabla E_{in}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \nabla e(h(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), y^{(n)})$$

To take a step, BGD needs to go through *N* training examples

→ Slow when *N* is large

## $\min E_{in}(w)$

#### **Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)**

Idea: use a minibatch of B  $(B \ll N)$  examples to estimate  $\nabla E_{in}$ 

#### Algorithm:

- 1. Initialize w
- While termination criterion is not satisfied
- a. Shuffle the order of training examples b. For minibatch  $b=1,\ldots,\frac{N}{B}$ :

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \frac{1}{B} \sum_{n=(b-1)B+1}^{bB} \nabla e(h(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}), y^{(n)})$$

# Compute $\nabla e$

To apply SGD or BGD, we need to compute  $\nabla e$  (it contains  $\frac{\partial e}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} \forall l, i, j$ )

### **Back-propagation algorithm:**

help us compute  $\frac{\partial e}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} \forall l, i, j$  efficiently

#### Review of chain rule

#### 1 path

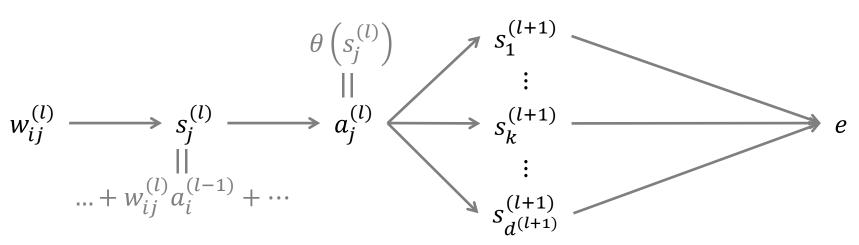
$$\frac{x \to y = f_1(x) \to z = f_2(y)}{\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}}$$

#### More than 1 path

$$x \to y_1 = f_1(x) \to z = f_3(y_1, y_2)$$

$$y_2 = f_2(x) \nearrow$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_1} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_2} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x}$$



$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial s_{j}^{(l)}} \frac{\partial s_{j}^{(l)}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}}$$

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$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial s_{k}^{(l+1)}} \frac{\partial e}{\partial s_{k}^{(l+1)}} \frac{\partial s_{k}^{(l+1)}}{\partial a_{j}^{(l)}}$$

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$$w_{ij}^{(l)} \xrightarrow{S_{j}^{(l)}} a_{i}^{(l-1)} + \cdots \xrightarrow{S_{j}^{(l+1)}} S_{1}^{(l+1)} \xrightarrow{\vdots} e$$

$$\vdots$$

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$$s_{d^{(l+1)}}^{(l+1)} a_{i}^{(l-1)} + \cdots$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial s_{j}^{(l)}} \frac{\partial s_{j}^{(l)}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}}$$

$$\delta_{j}^{(l)} a_{i}^{(l-1)}$$

$$\theta'\left(s_{j}^{(l)}\right) \sum_{k=1}^{d} w_{jk}^{(l+1)} \delta_{k}^{(l+1)}$$

To compute  $\frac{\partial e}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} \forall l, i, j$ , we need to compute:

1. 
$$a_i^{(l-1)} \forall l, i: \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}^{(0)} \to \mathbf{a}^{(1)} \to \cdots \to \mathbf{a}^{(L)}$$

2. 
$$\delta_j^{(l)} \forall l, j$$
:  $\delta^{(1)} \leftarrow \cdots \leftarrow \delta^{(L-1)} \leftarrow \delta^{(L)}$ 
Back-prop

#### Initialize w?

Init w with all zeros (or values equal to each other)?
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□ People often init w with small random values around 0 ("small" means "small absolute value")

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