

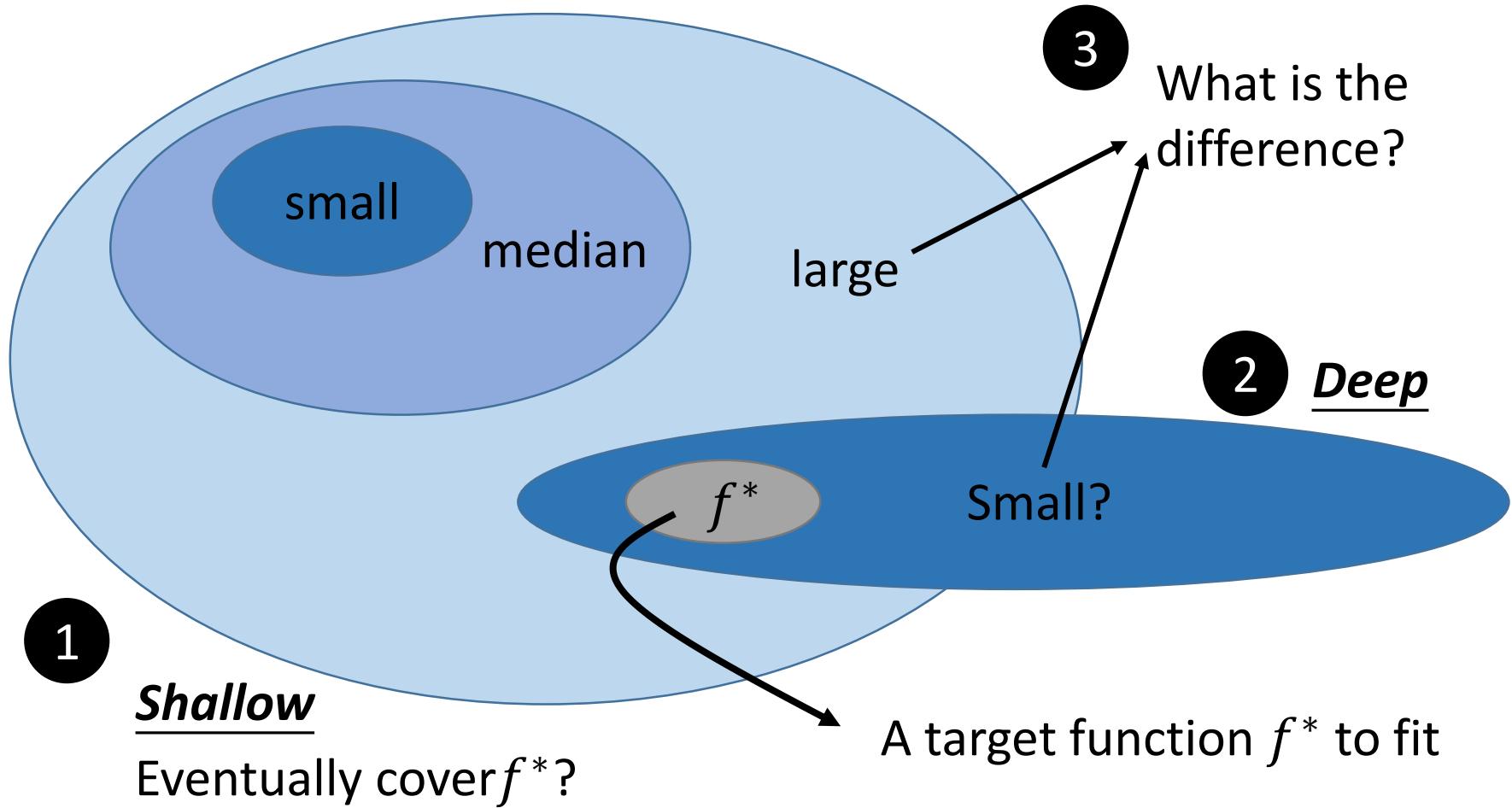
# Optimization

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# Last time ...

Optimization: Is it possible to find  $f^*$  in the function space.



# Optimization

Optimization  $\neq$  Learning

Network:  $f_\theta(x)$

Training data:

$$(x^1, \hat{y}^1)$$

$$(x^2, \hat{y}^2)$$

⋮

$$(x^R, \hat{y}^R)$$

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{r=1}^R l(f_\theta(x^r) - \hat{y}^r)$$

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} L(\theta)$$

In Deep Learning,  $L(\theta)$  is  
not convex.

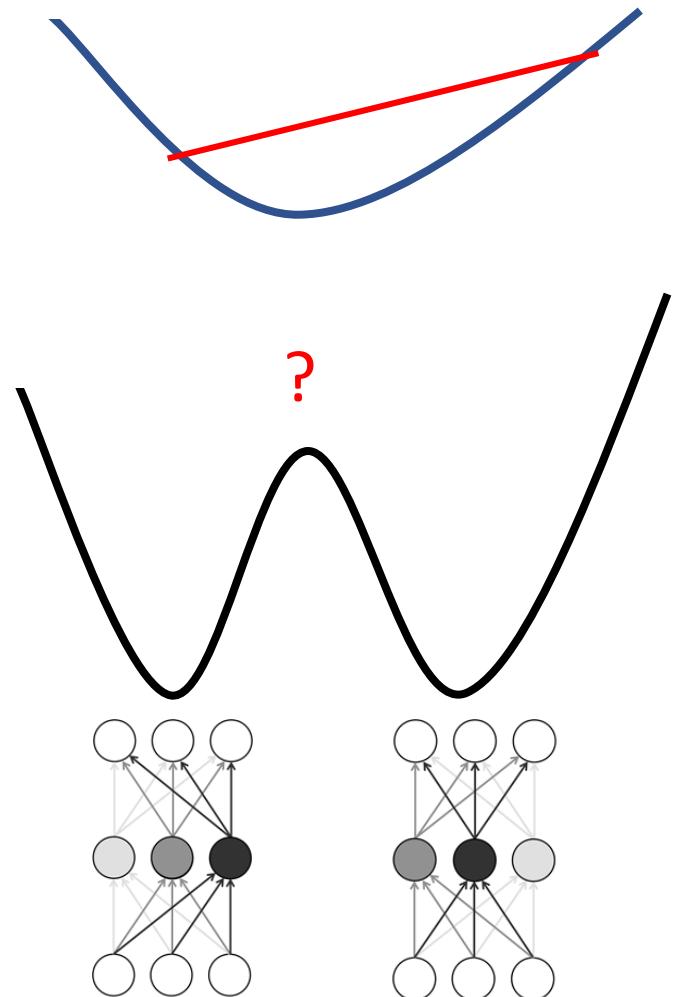
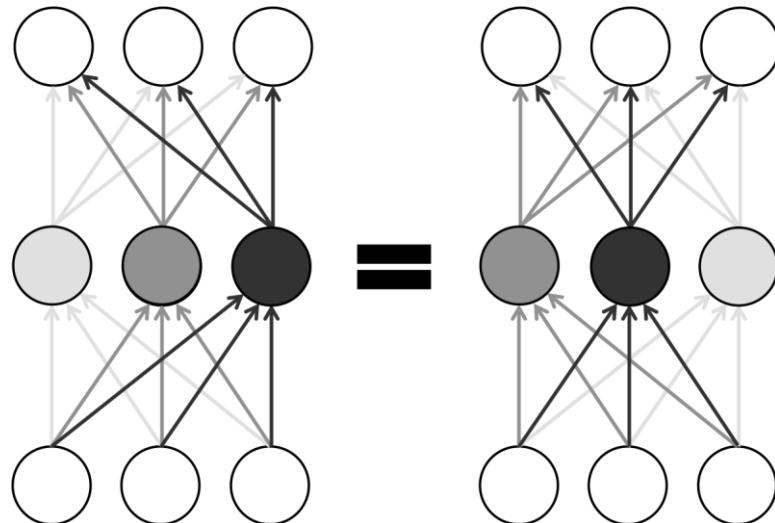
Non-convex optimization is NP-hard.

Why can we solve the problem by gradient descent?

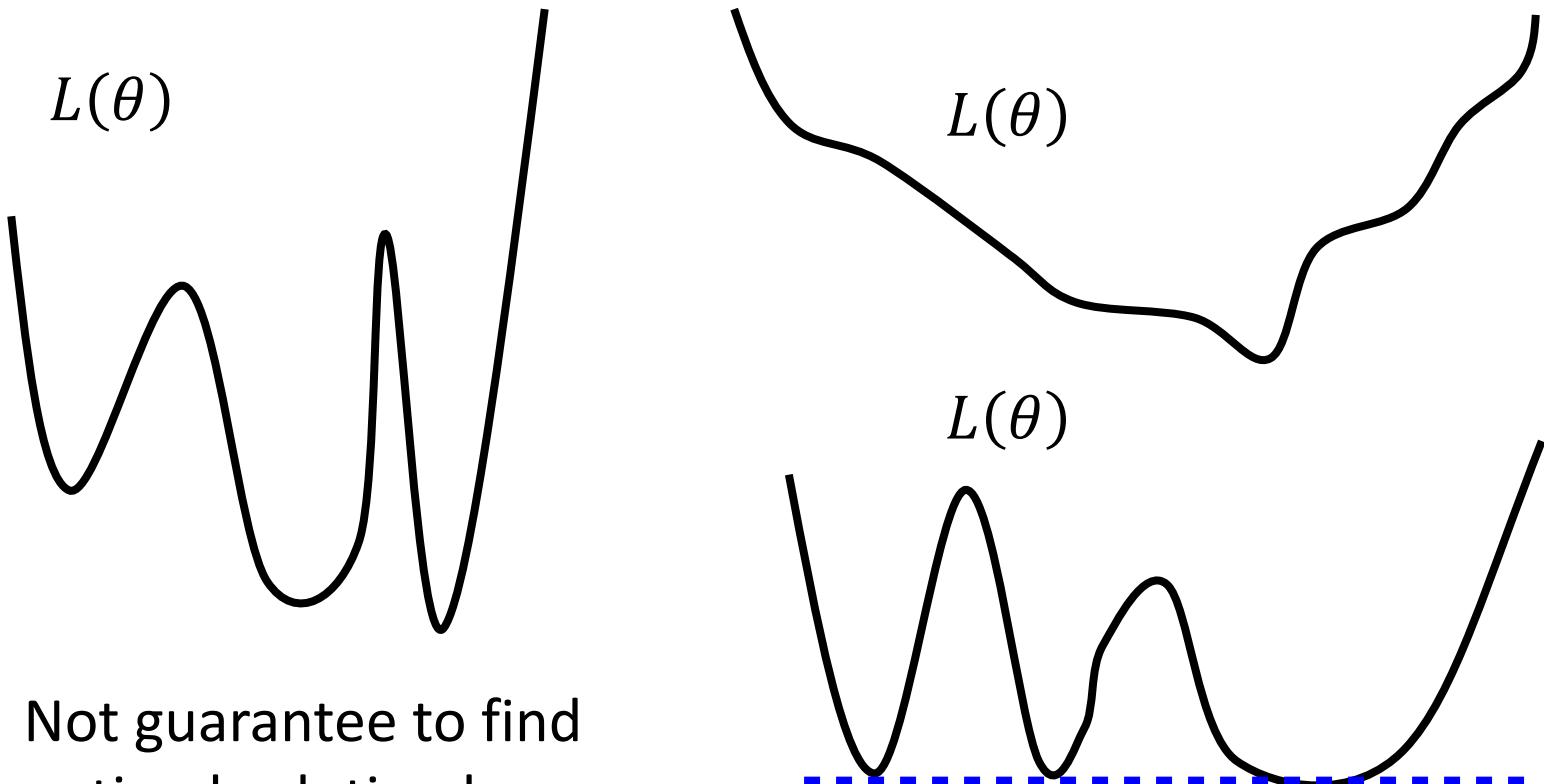
# Loss of Deep Learning is not convex

There are at least exponentially many global minima for a neural net.

Permutating the neurons in one layer does not change the loss.



# Non-convex $\neq$ Difficult



# Outline

Review: Hessian

Deep Linear Model

Deep Non-linear Model

Conjecture about Deep Learning

Empirical Observation about Error Surface

# Hessian Matrix: When Gradient is Zero

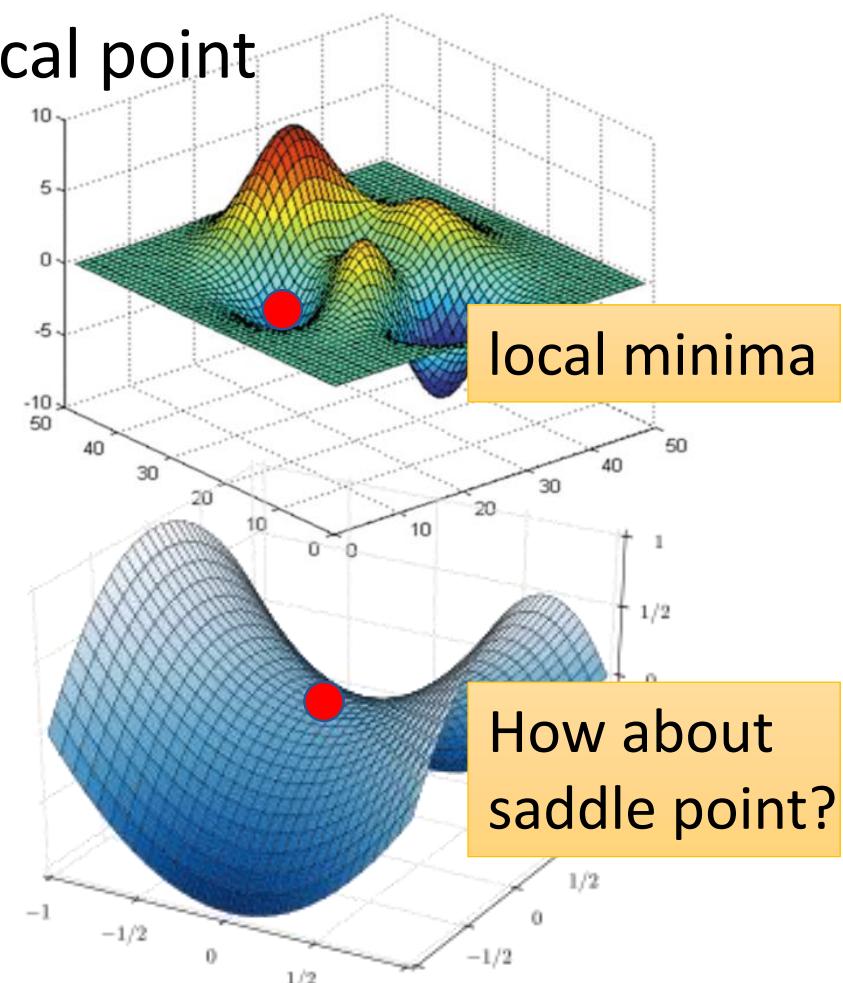
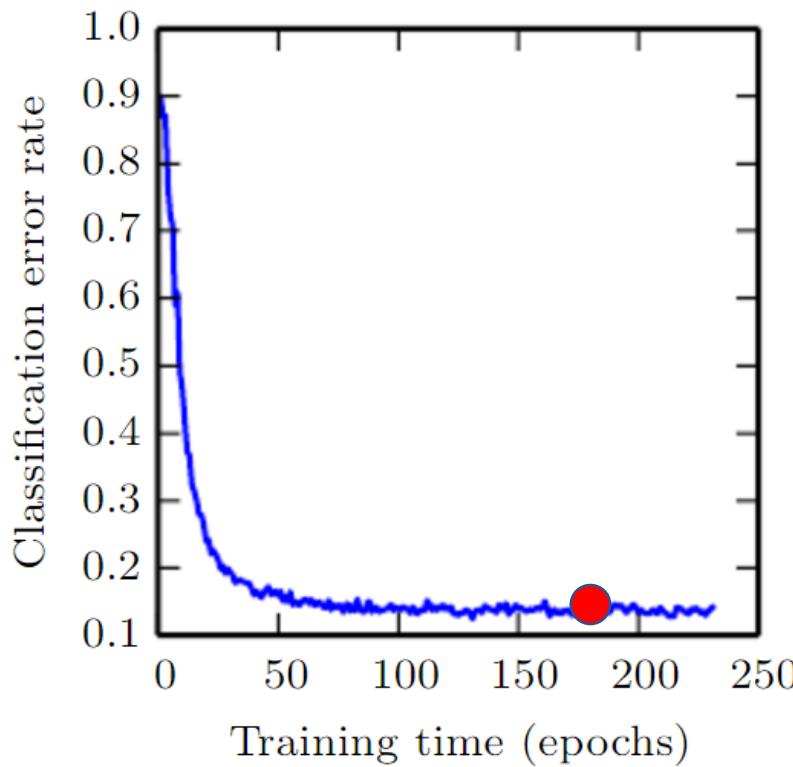
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# Training stops ....

critical point:  
gradient is zero

- People believe training stuck because the parameters are near a critical point



# When Gradient is Zero

$$f(\theta) = f(\theta^0) + (\theta - \theta^0)^T g + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta^0)^T H (\theta - \theta^0) + \dots$$

Gradient  $g$  is a **vector**

$$g_i = \frac{\partial f(\theta^0)}{\partial \theta_i} \quad \nabla f(\theta^0)$$

Hessian  $H$  is a **matrix**

symmetric

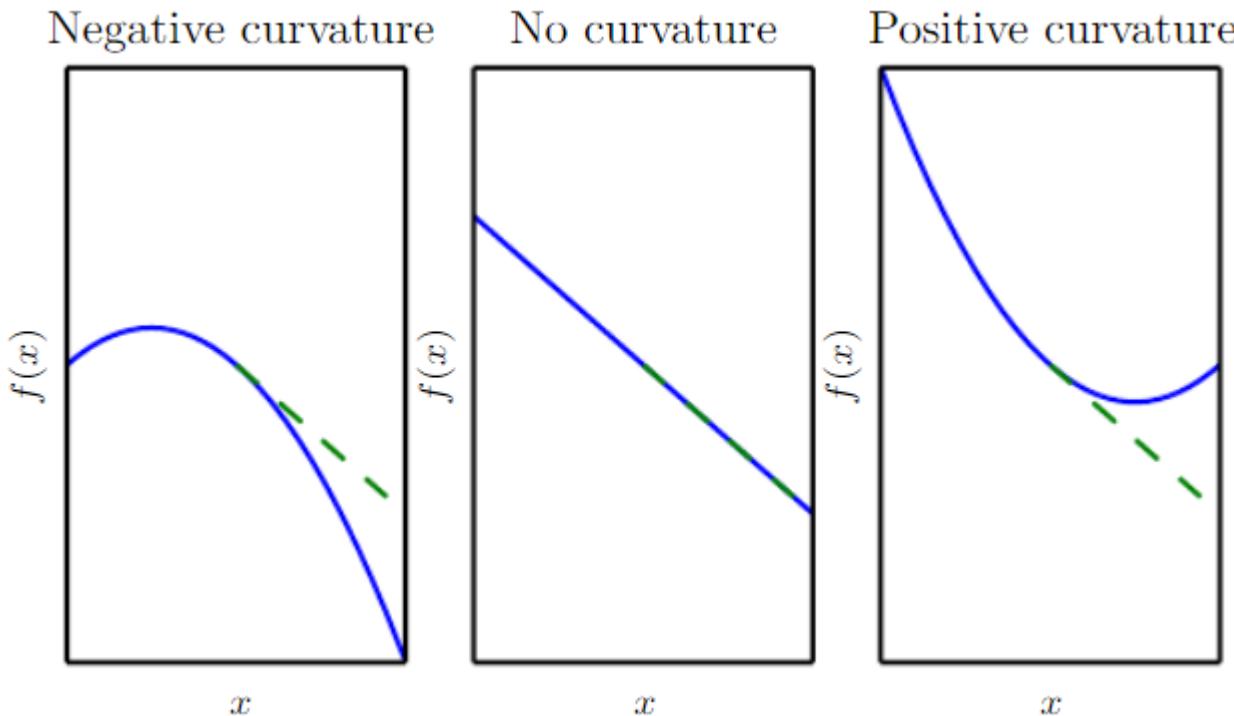
$$\begin{aligned} H_{ij} &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} f(\theta^0) \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_i} f(\theta^0) = H_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

# Hessian

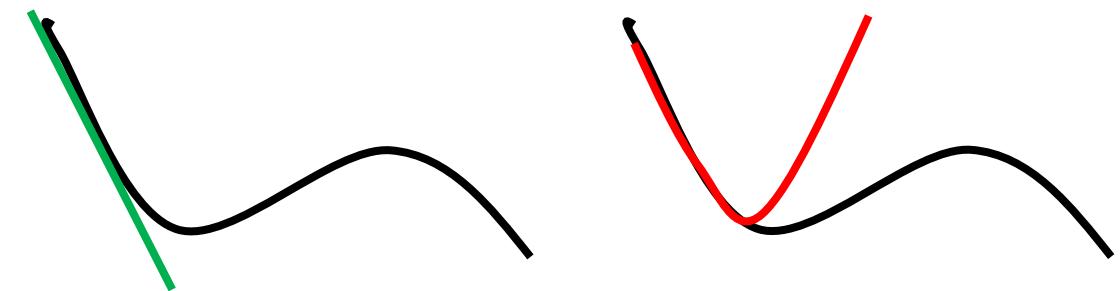
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$$f(\theta) = f(\theta^0) + (\theta - \theta^0)^T g + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta^0)^T H(\theta - \theta^0) + \dots$$

H determines the curvature



# Hessian



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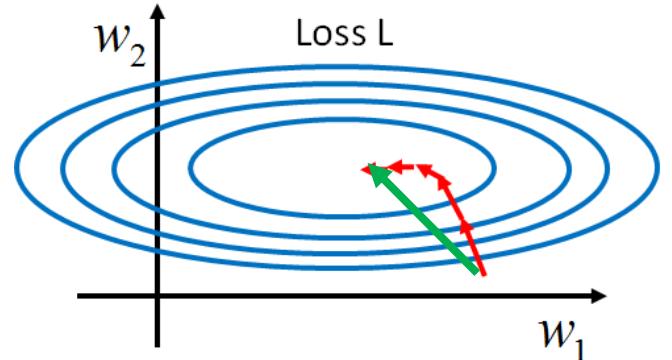
**Newton's method**  Find the space such that  $\nabla f(\theta) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla f(\theta) &\approx \underline{\nabla[(\theta - \theta^0)^T g]} + \underline{\nabla \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta^0)^T H(\theta - \theta^0) \right]} \\ &= g \\ &\quad H(\theta - \theta^0)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial [(\theta - \theta^0)^T g]}{\partial \theta_i} = g_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta^0)^T H(\theta - \theta^0) \right]}{\partial \theta_i}$$

# Hessian



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$$\nabla f(\theta) \approx g + H(\theta - \theta^0) = 0$$

$$H(\theta - \theta^0) = -g \qquad \qquad \theta = \theta^0 - \boxed{H^{-1}}g \quad \text{v.s.} \quad \theta = \theta^0 - \eta g$$

$$\theta - \theta^0 = -H^{-1}g \qquad \text{Change the direction, determine step size}$$

# Hessian

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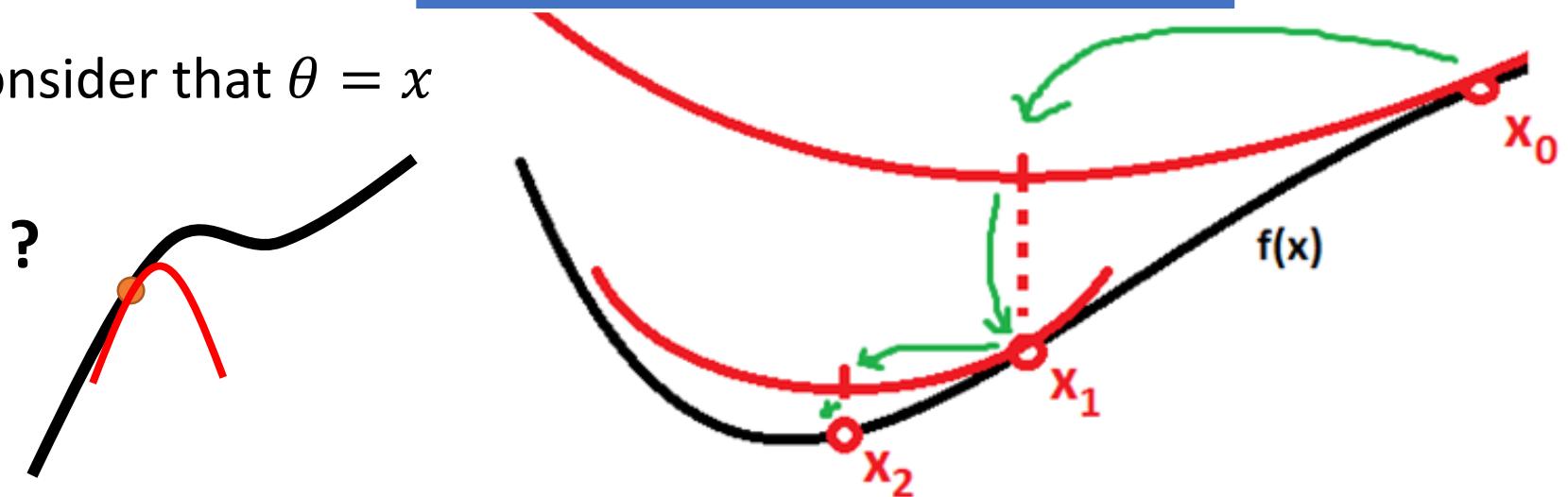
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**Newton's method**

Not suitable for Deep Learning

Consider that  $\theta = x$



If  $f(x)$  is a quadratic function, obtain critical point in one step.

What is the problem?

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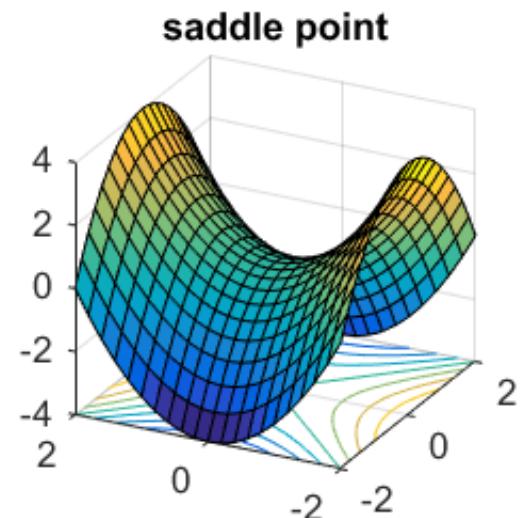
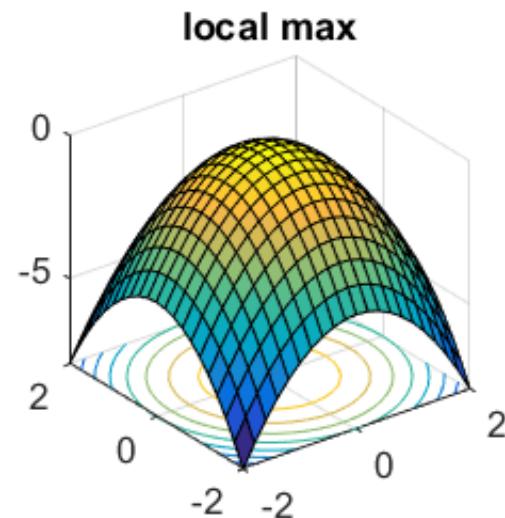
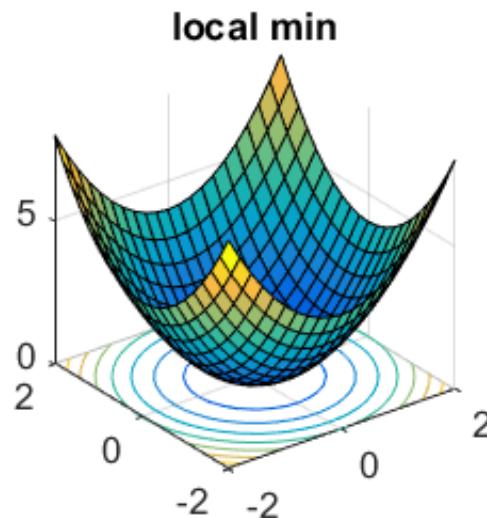
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# Hessian

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At critical point ( $g = 0$ )

H tells us the properties of critical points.



# Review: Linear Algebra

- If  $A\nu = \lambda\nu$  ( $\nu$  is a vector,  $\lambda$  is a scalar)
  - $\nu$  is an eigenvector of A **excluding zero vector**
  - $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of A that corresponds to  $\nu$

A must be square

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -4 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigen value

Eigen vector

# Review: Positive/Negative Definite

- An  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  is symmetric.
- For every non-zero vector  $x$  ( $x \neq 0$ )

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

positive definite:  $x^T A x > 0 \leftrightarrow$

All eigen values  
are positive.

positive semi-definite:  $x^T A x \geq 0 \leftrightarrow$

All eigen values  
are non-negative.

negative definite:  $x^T A x < 0 \leftrightarrow$

All eigen values  
are negative.

negative semi-definite:  $x^T A x \leq 0 \leftrightarrow$

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Hessian

At critical point:

$$x^T H x$$

$$f(\theta) \approx f(\theta^0) + \frac{1}{2} (\theta - \theta^0)^T H (\theta - \theta^0)$$

H is positive definite  $\rightarrow x^T H x > 0$   $x^T H x \geq 0?$

All eigen values are positive.

$\rightarrow$  Around  $\theta^0$ :  $f(\theta) > f(\theta^0)$   $\rightarrow$  Local minima

H is negative definite  $\rightarrow x^T H x < 0$   $x^T H x \leq 0?$

All eigen values are negative

$\rightarrow$  Around  $\theta^0$ :  $f(\theta) < f(\theta^0)$   $\rightarrow$  Local maxima

Sometimes  $x^T H x > 0$ , sometimes  $x^T H x < 0$

$\rightarrow$  Saddle point

# Hessian

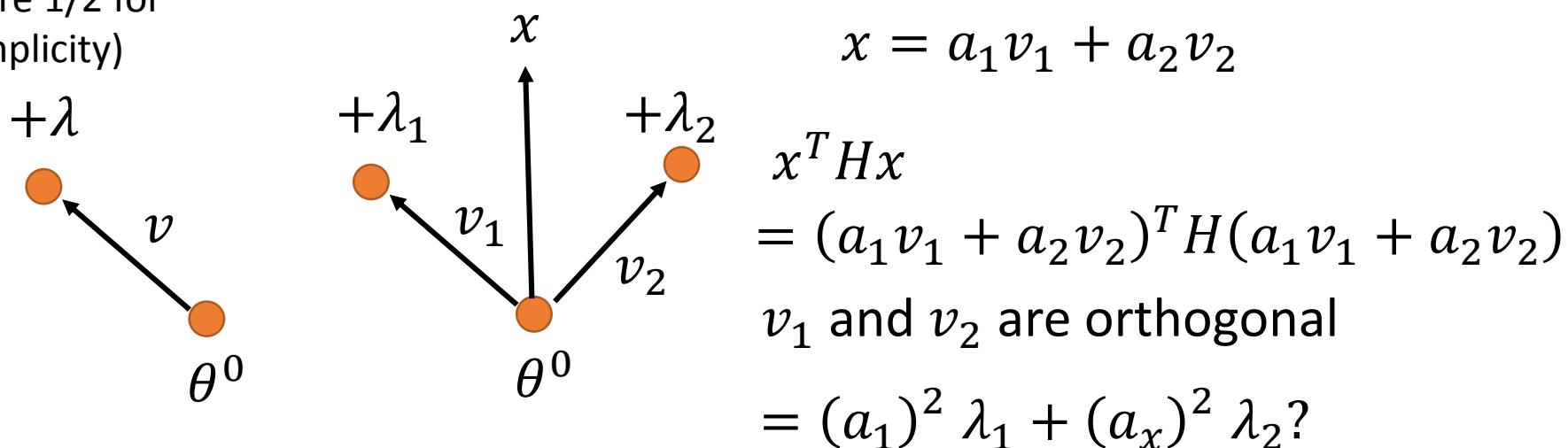
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$v$  is an eigen vector  $\rightarrow v^T H v = v^T (\lambda v) = \lambda \|v\|^2$

Unit vector

(Ignore 1/2 for simplicity)



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$H$  can have eigen vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  form a orthonormal basis.

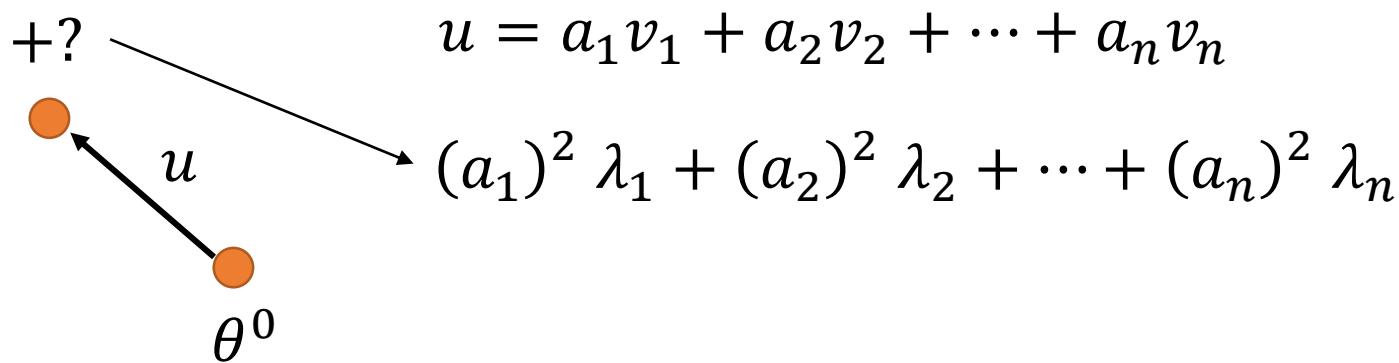
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Unit vector  $= \lambda$



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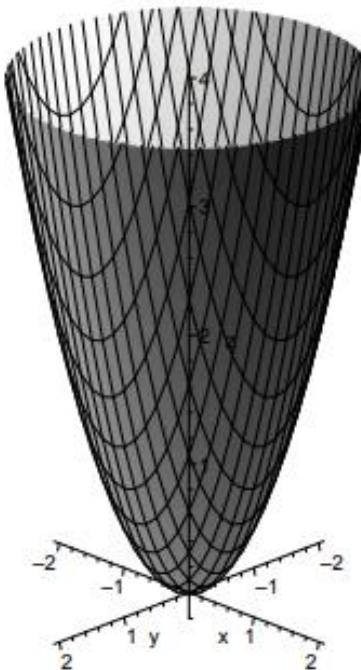
# Examples

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = 6y$$

$$x = 0, y = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} f(x, y) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial y} f(x, y) &= 6\end{aligned}$$



$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Positive-definite  
Local minima

$$f(x, y) = -x^2 + 3y^2$$

# Examples

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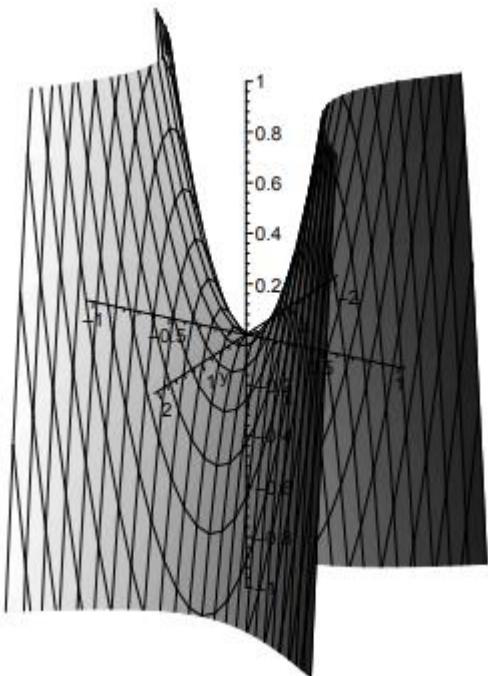
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Saddle

# Degenerate

- Degenerate Hessian has at least one zero eigen value

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^4$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = 2x \quad \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = 4y^3 \quad x = y = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial x} f(x, y) = 2 \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x, y) = 0 \quad H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial x} f(x, y) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial y} f(x, y) = 12y^2$$

# Degenerate

- Degenerate Hessian has at least one zero eigen value

$$f(x, y) = x^2 + y^4$$

$$g(x, y) = x^2 - y^4$$

$$x = y = 0$$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = y = 0$$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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No Difference

Degenerate

$$h(x, y) = 0$$

$$x = y = 0$$

$$g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

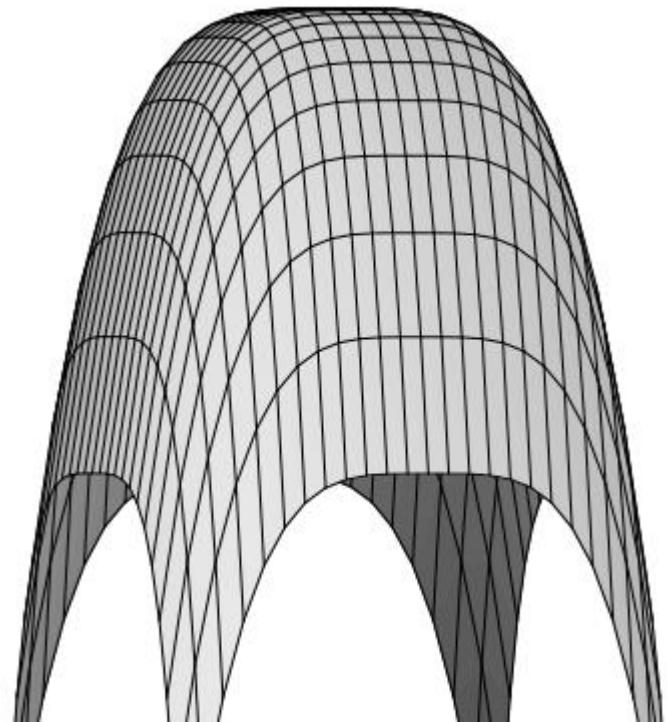
$$f(x, y) = -x^4 - y^4$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = -4x^3 \quad \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = -4y^3$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial x} f(x, y) = -12x^2 \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} f(x, y) = 0$$

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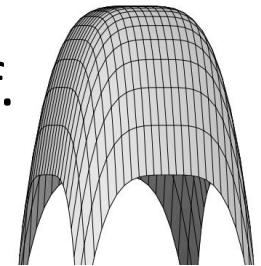
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<http://homepages.math.uic.edu/~julius/monkeysaddle.html>



## Monkey Saddle

c.f.



$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} = 3x^2 - 3y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} = -6xy$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial x} f(x, y) = 6x$$

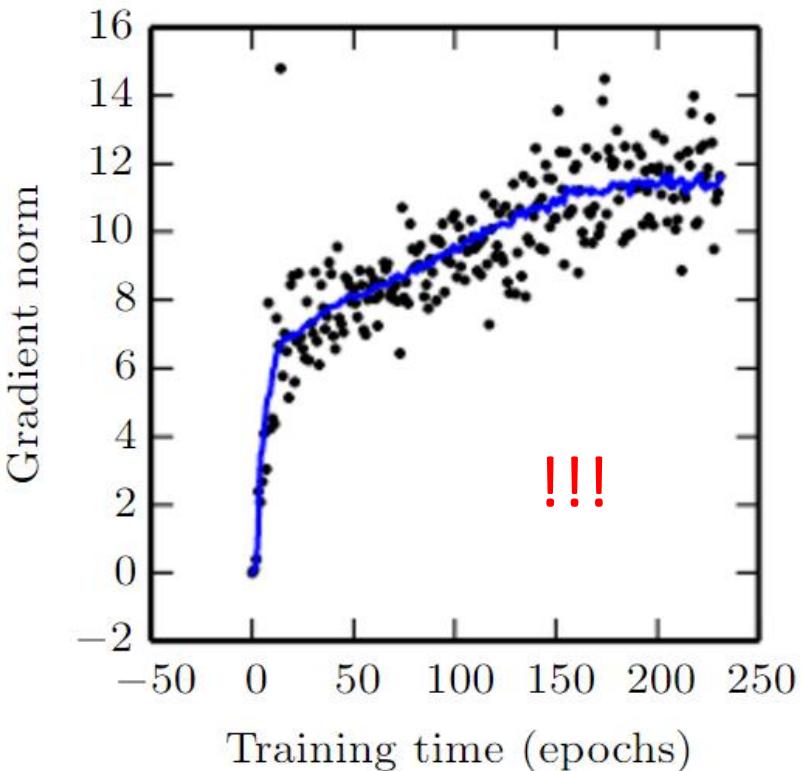
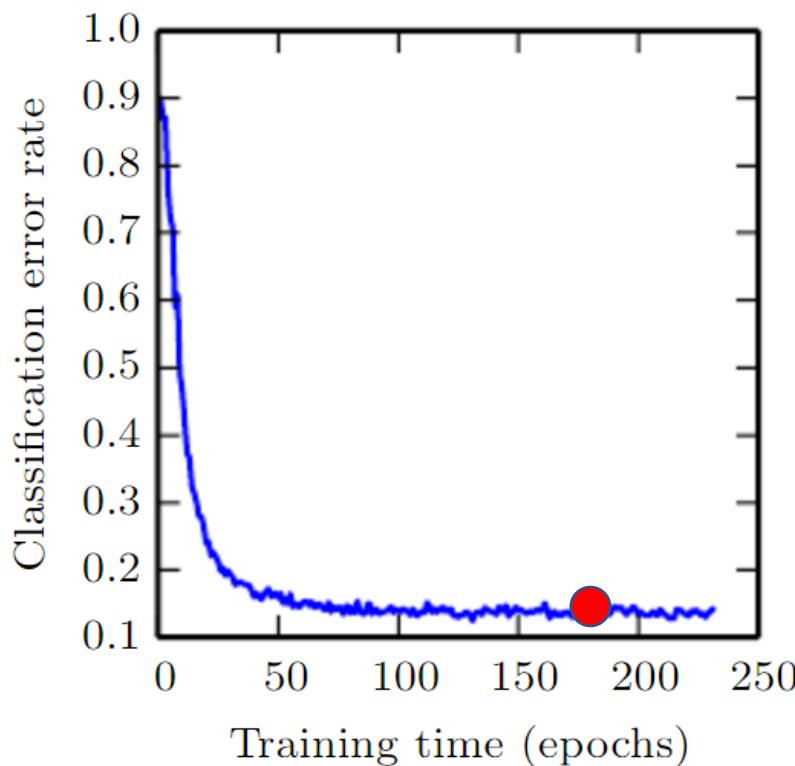
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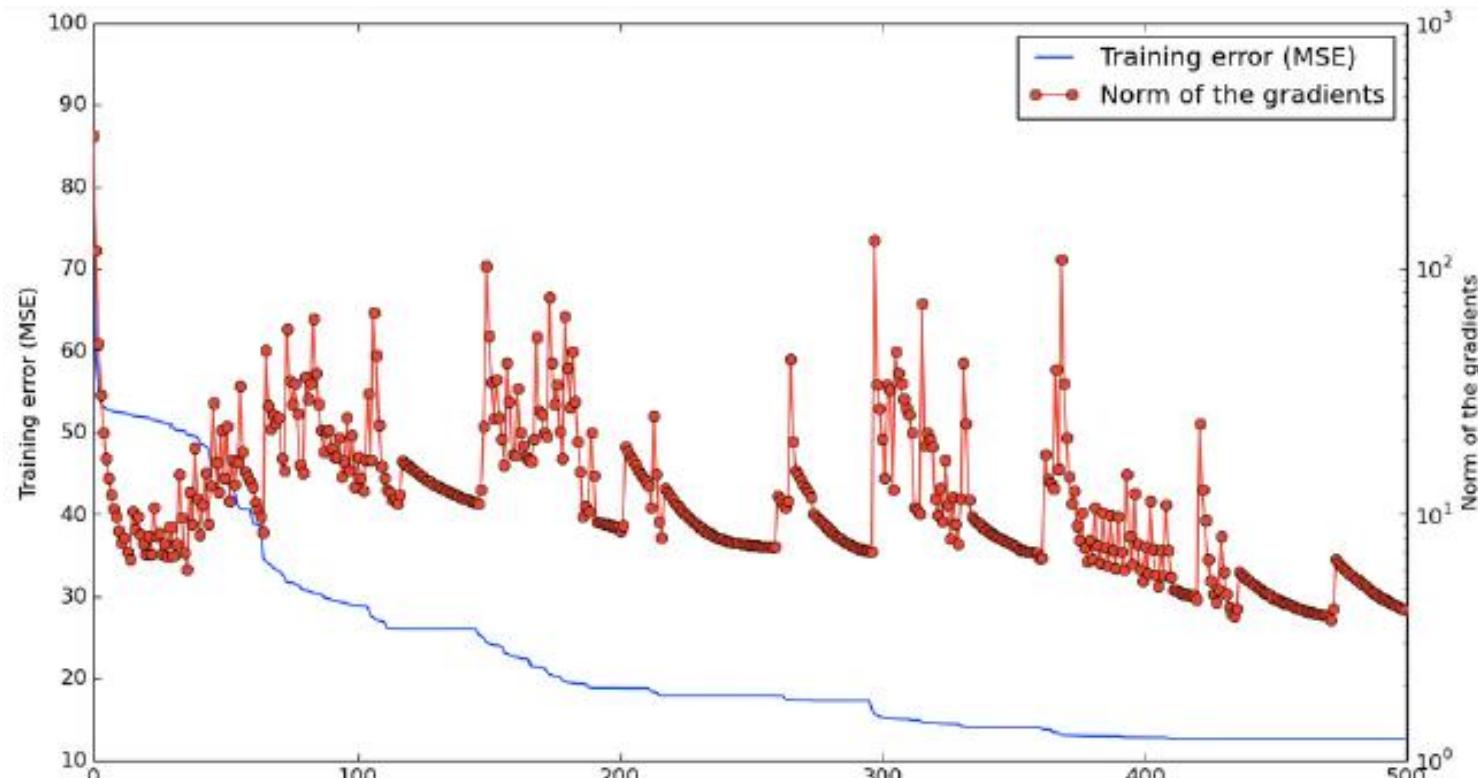
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial y} f(x, y) = -6x$$

# Training stuck $\neq$ Zero Gradient

- People believe training stuck because the parameters are around a critical point

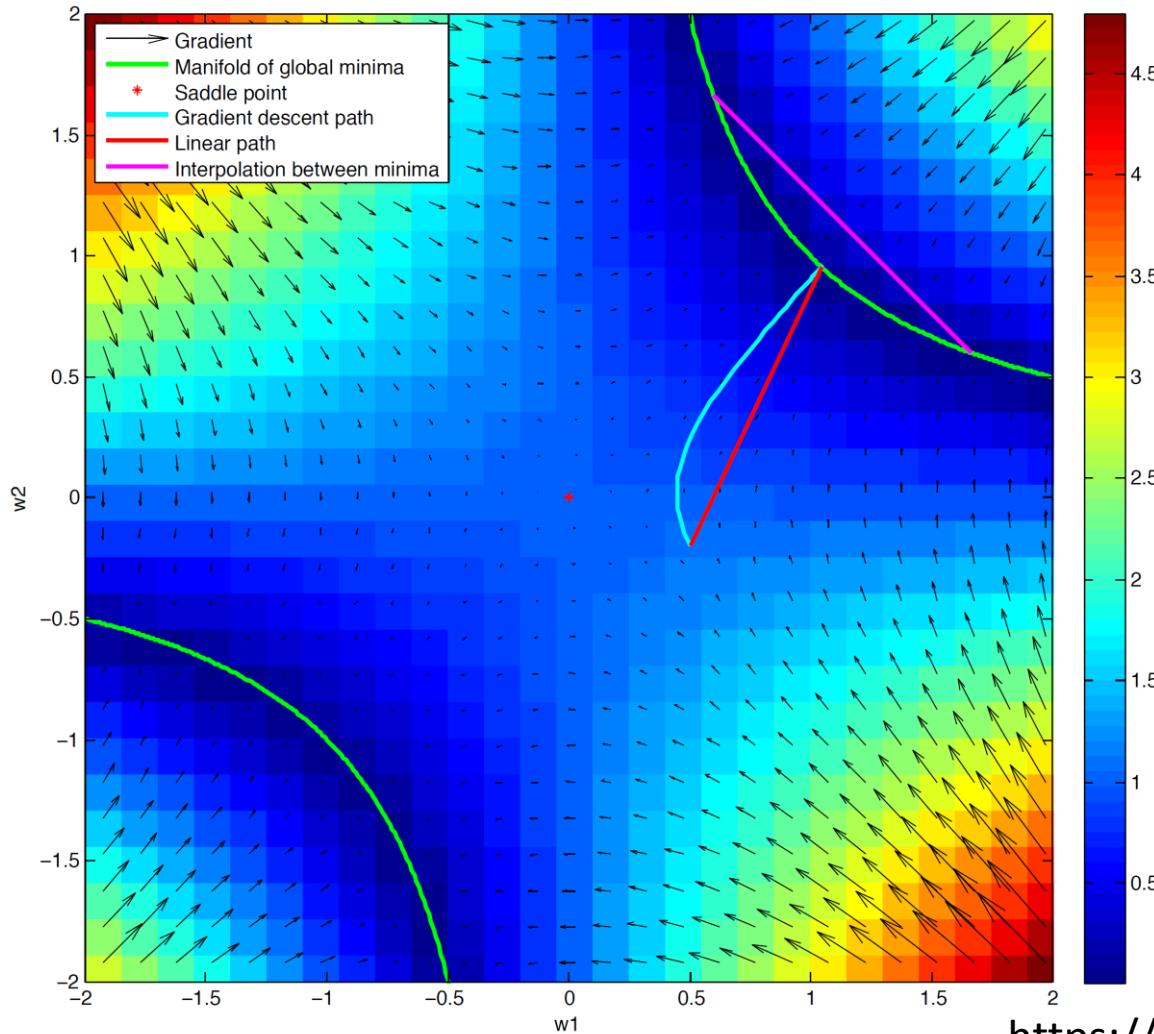
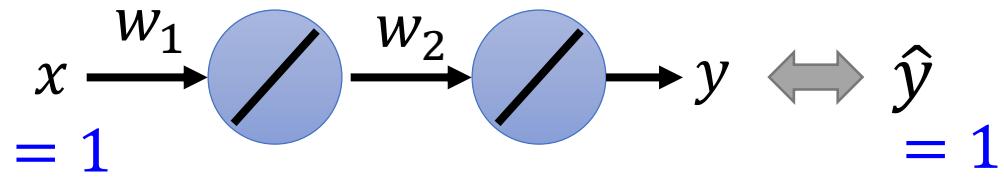


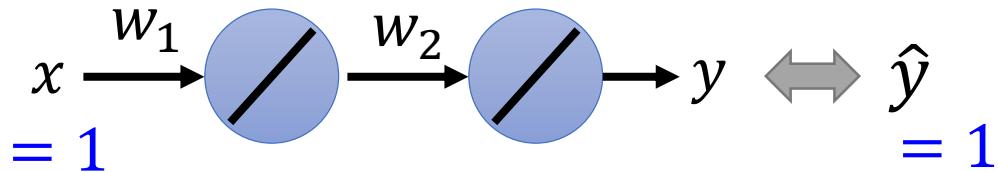
# Training stuck $\neq$ Zero Gradient



Approach a saddle point, and then escape

# Deep Linear Network





$$L = (\hat{y} - w_1 w_2 x)^2 = (1 - w_1 w_2)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = 2(1 - w_1 w_2)(-w_2)$$

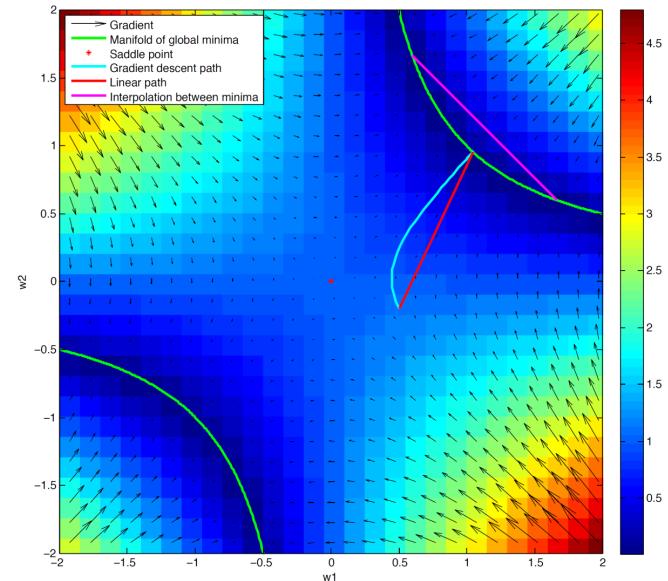
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = 2(1 - w_1 w_2)(-w_1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial w_1^2} = 2(-w_2)(-w_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial w_2 \partial w_1} = -2 + 4w_1 w_2$$

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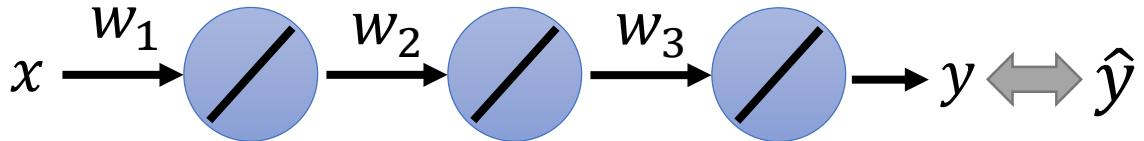
$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial w_2^2} = 2(-w_1)(-w_1)$$



The probability of stuck as saddle point is almost zero.  
Easy to escape

## 2-hidden layers

$$L = (1 - w_1 w_2 w_3)^2$$



$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = 2(1 - w_1 w_2 w_3)(-w_2 w_3)$$

$$w_1 w_2 w_3 = 1 \quad \text{global minima}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = 2(1 - w_1 w_2 w_3)(-w_1 w_3)$$

$$w_1 = w_2 = w_3 = 0$$

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$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

So flat

$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial w_1^2} = 2(-w_2 w_3)^2$$

$$w_1 = w_2 = 0, w_3 = k$$

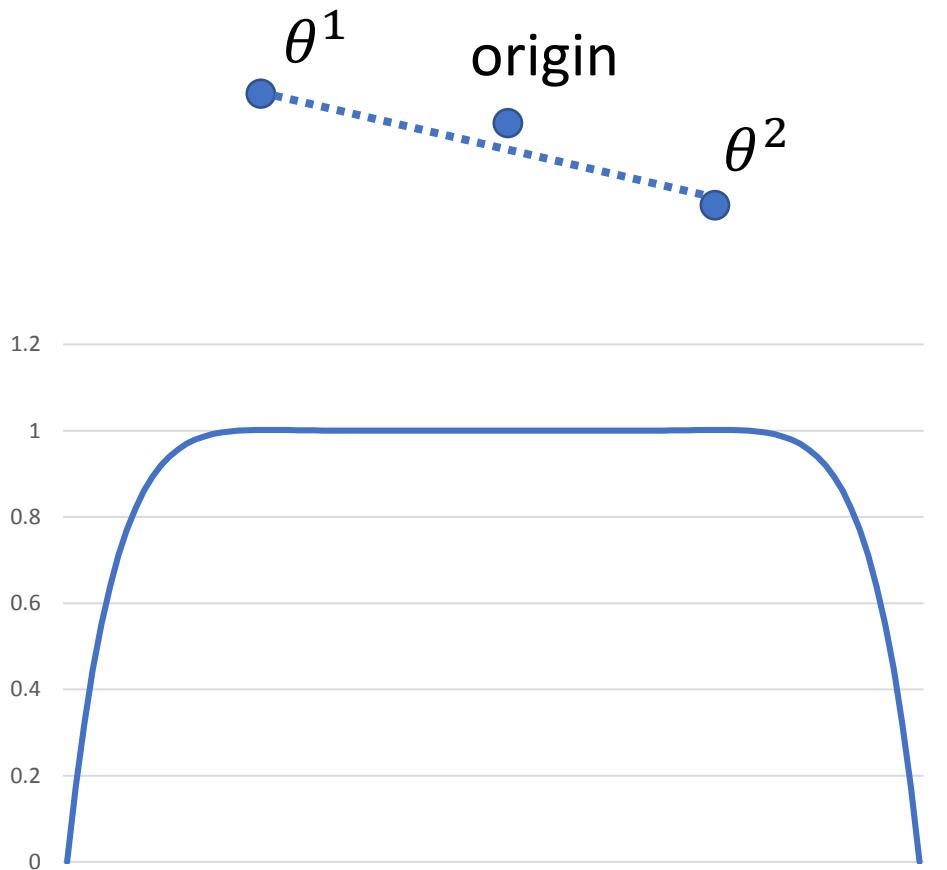
$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial w_2 \partial w_1} = -2w_3 + 4w_1 w_2 (w_3)^2$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

All minima are global, some critical points are “bad”.

Saddle point

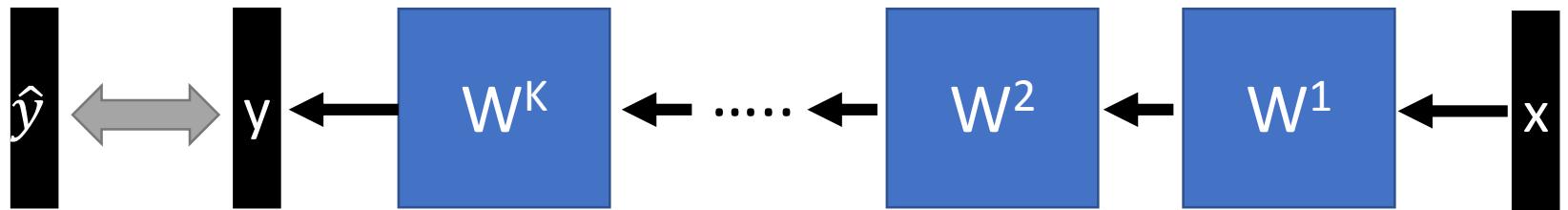
# 10 hidden layers



**10-hidden layers**

# Demo

# Deep Linear Network



$$y = W^K W^{K-1} \dots W^2 W^1 x \quad L = \sum_{n=1}^N (x^n - \hat{y}^n)^2$$

Hidden layer size  $\geq$  Input dim, output dim

More than two hidden layers can produce saddle point without negative eigenvalues.

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# Non-linear Deep Network

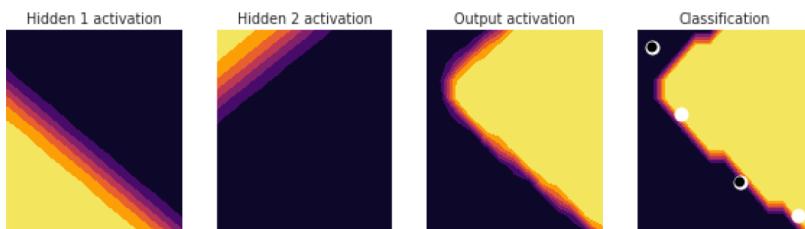
Does it have local minima?

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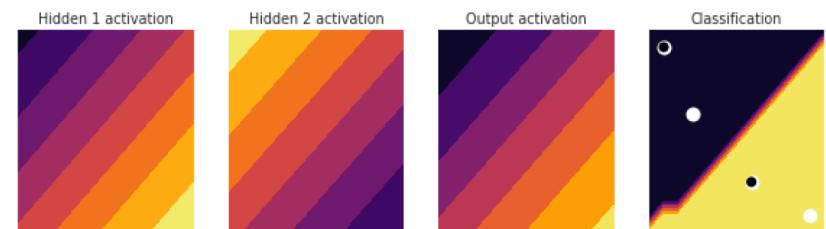
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# Even Simple Task can be Difficult

h	XOR					Jellyfish				
	ReLU	Sigmoid	ReLU	Sigmoid	ReLU	Sigmoid	ReLU	Sigmoid	ReLU	Sigmoid
2	Adam	28%	79%	7%	0%	GD	23%	90%	16%	62%
3	Adam	52%	98%	34%	0%	GD	47%	100%	33%	100%
4	Adam	68%	100%	50%	2%	GD	70%	100%	66%	100%
5	Adam	81%	100%	51%	27%	GD	80%	100%	68%	100%
6	Adam	91%	100%	61%	17%	GD	89%	100%	69%	100%
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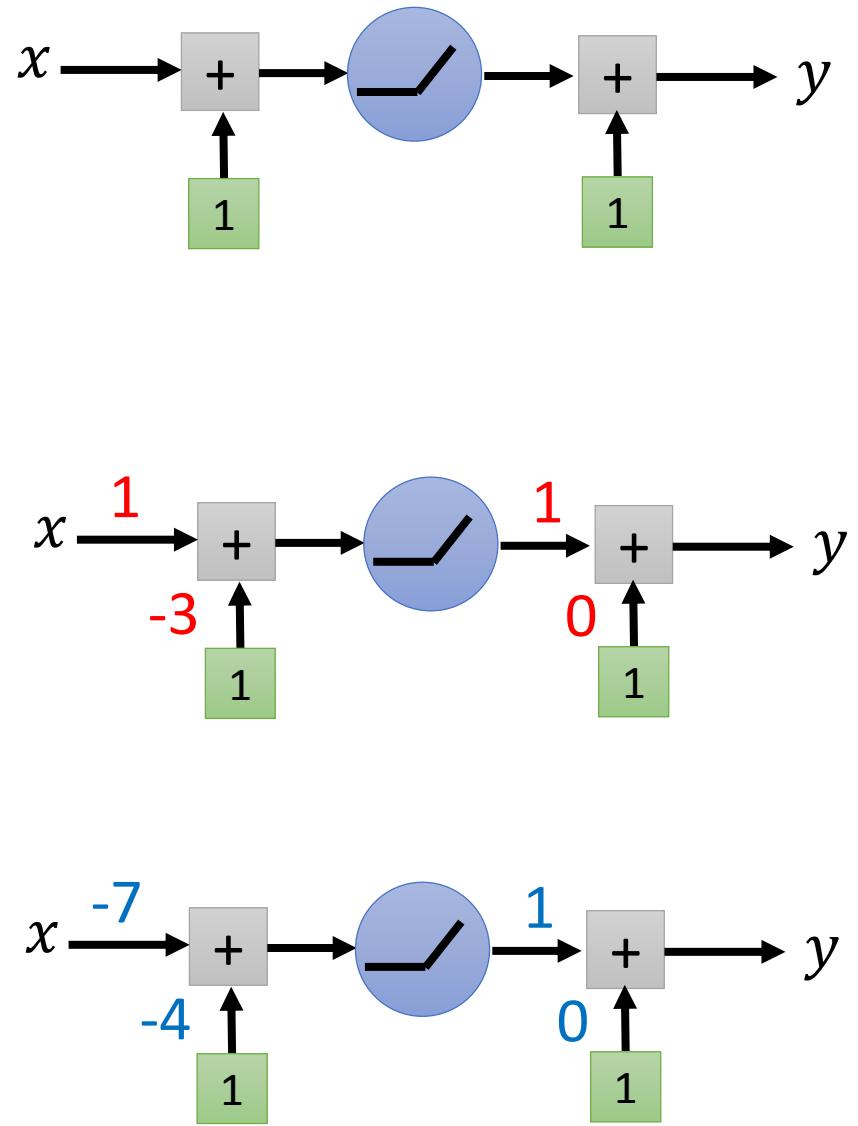
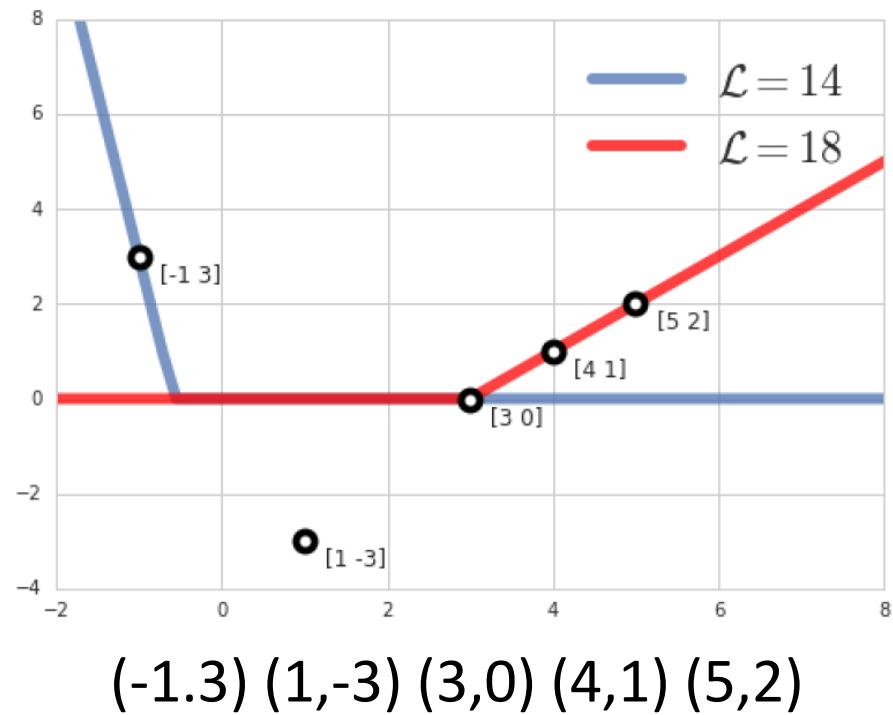


(a) Optimally converged net for Jellyfish.



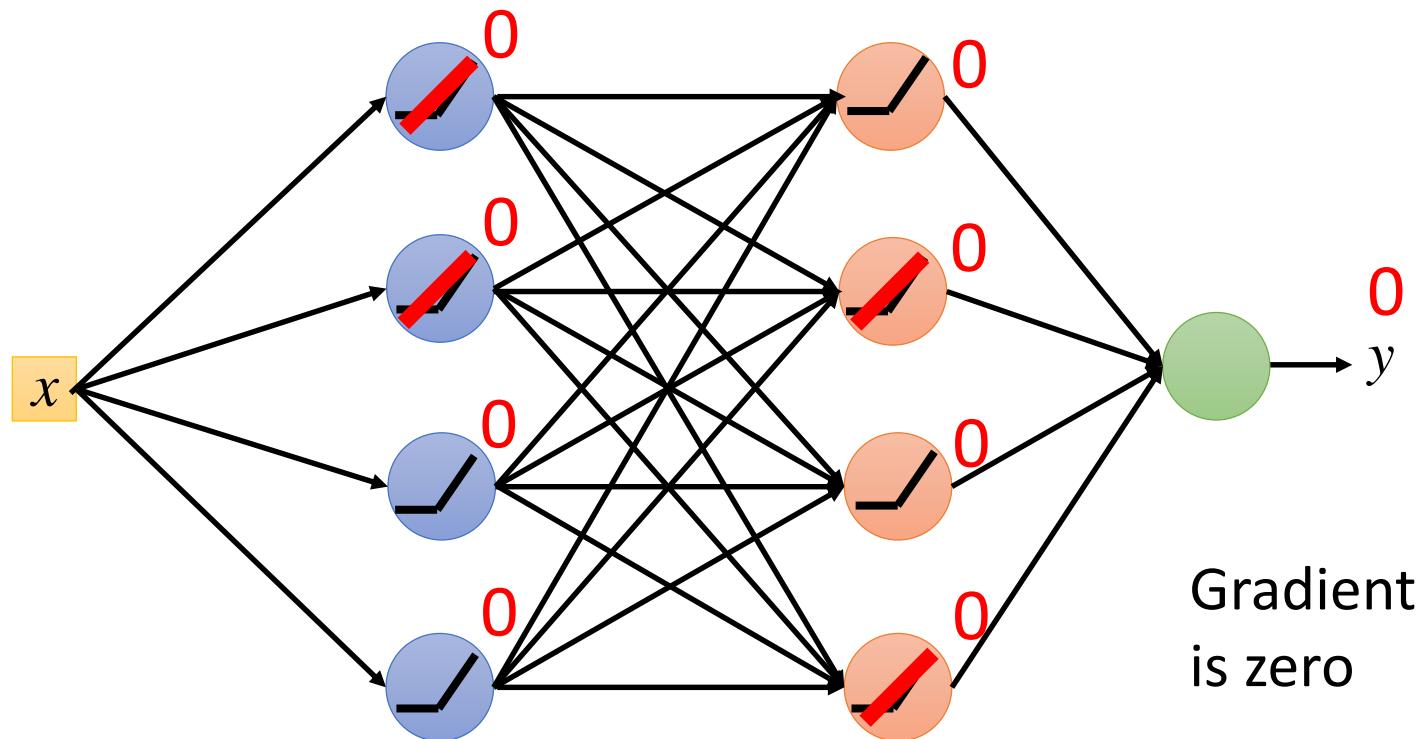
(b) Stuck net for Jellyfish.

# ReLU has local



This relu network has local minima.

# “Blind Spot” of ReLU

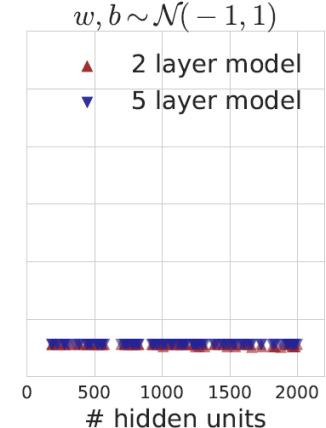
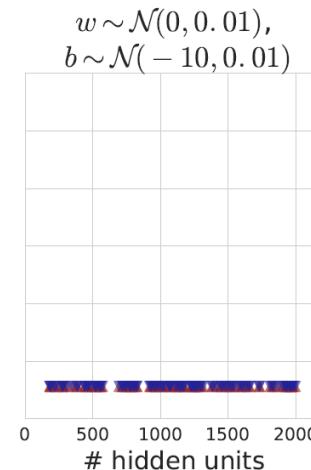
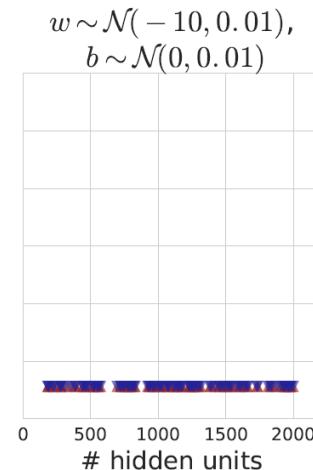
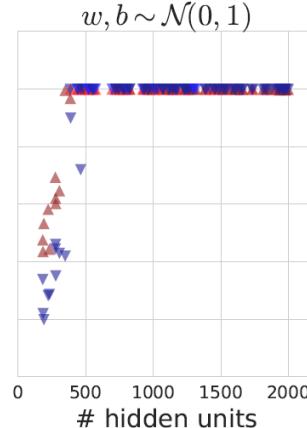
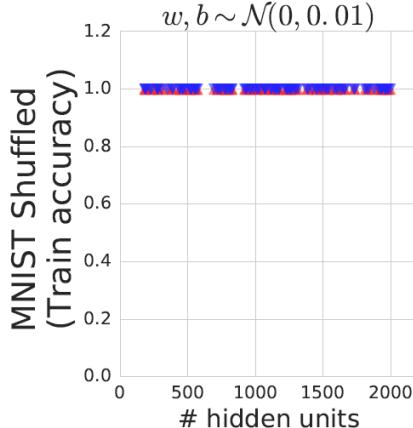
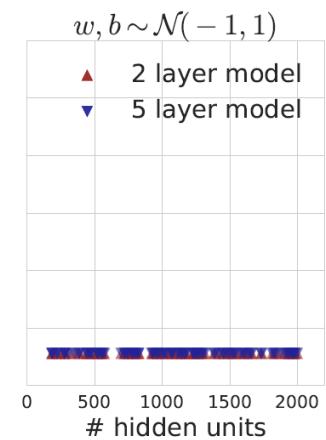
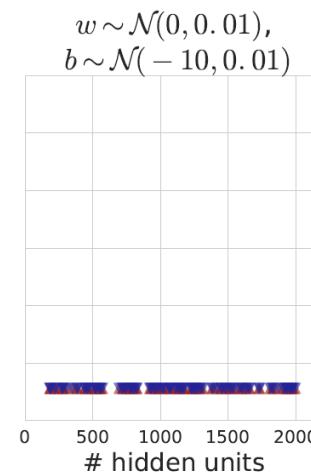
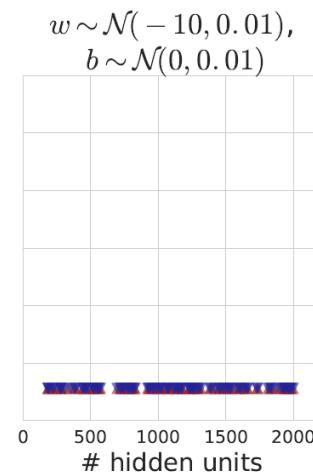
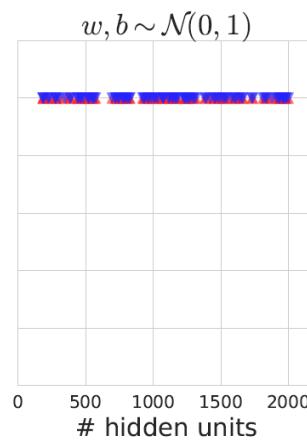
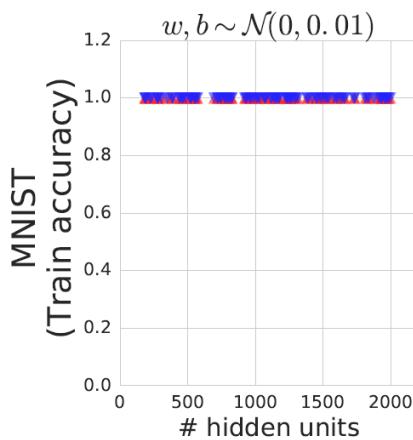


It is pretty easy to make this happens .....

# “Blind Spot” of ReLU

Consider your initialization

- MNIST, Adam, 1M updates



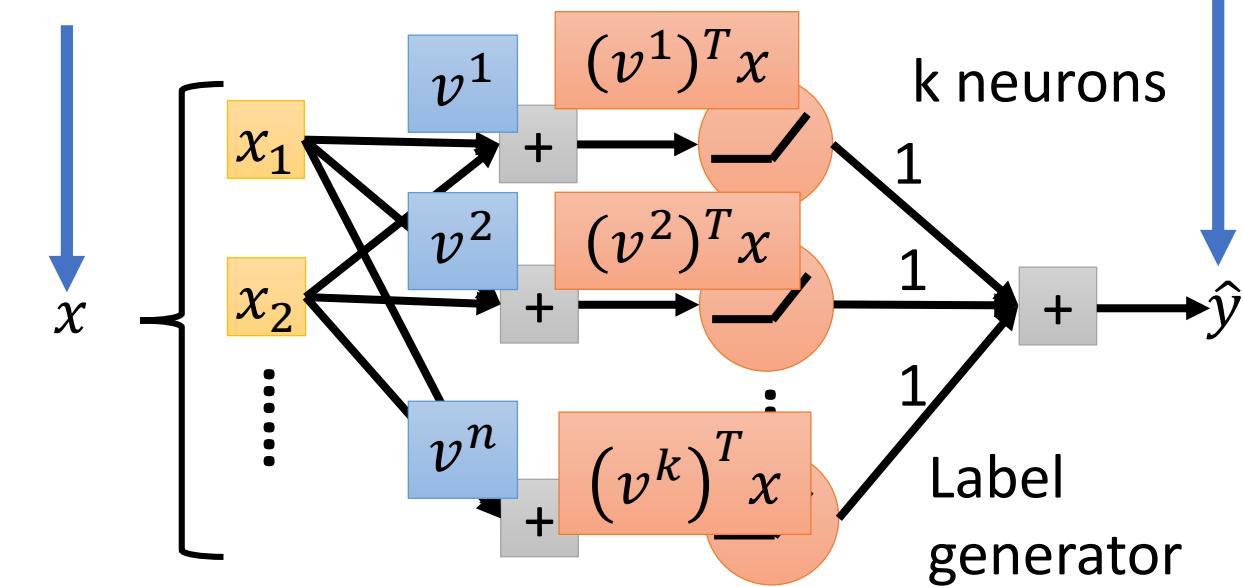
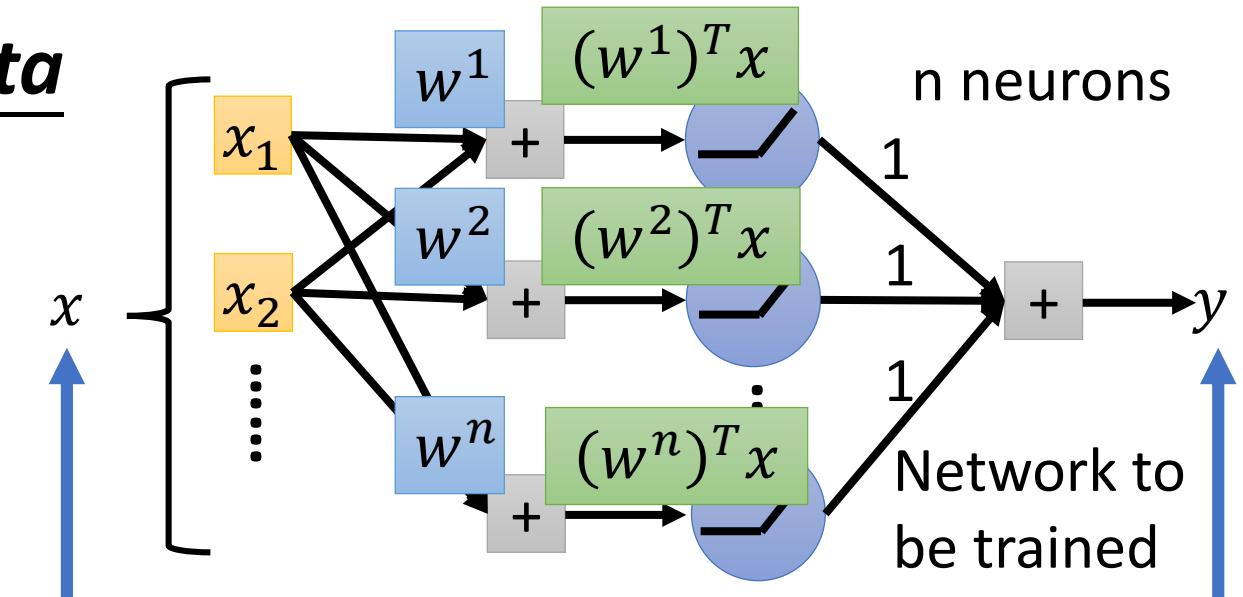
# Considering Data

If  $n \geq k$  and  
 $w^i = v^i$



We obtain  
global minima

The number of  
k and n matters



# Considering Data

Table 1: Spurious local minima found for  $n = k$

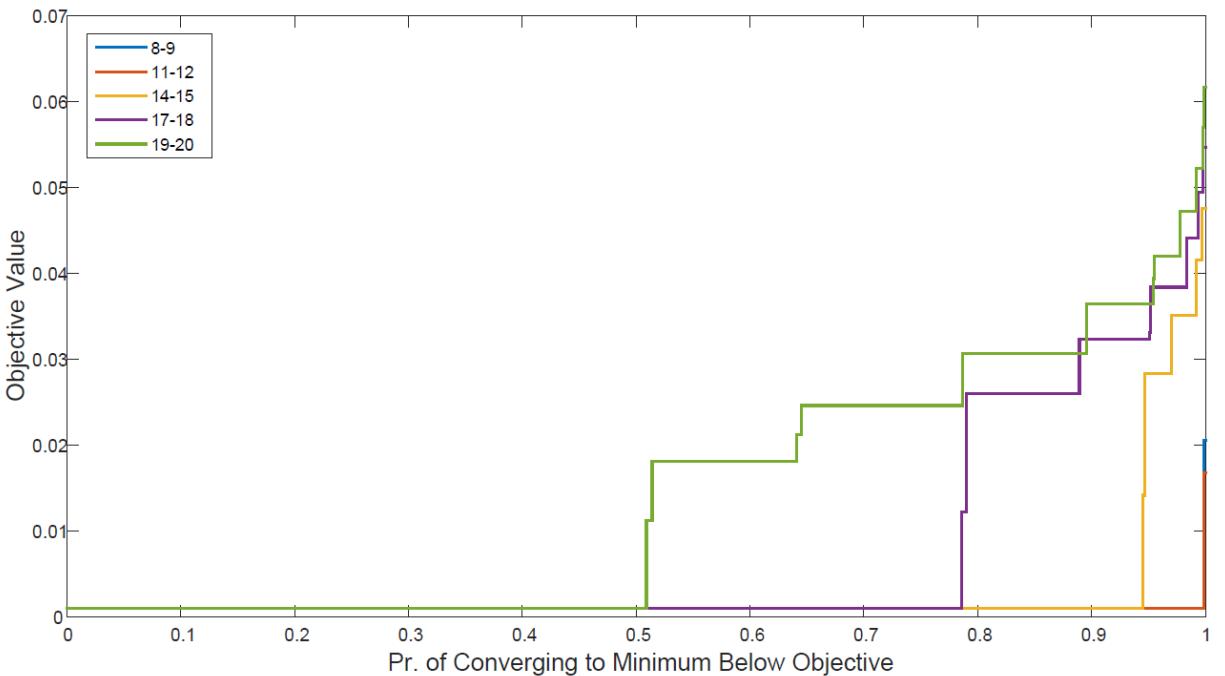
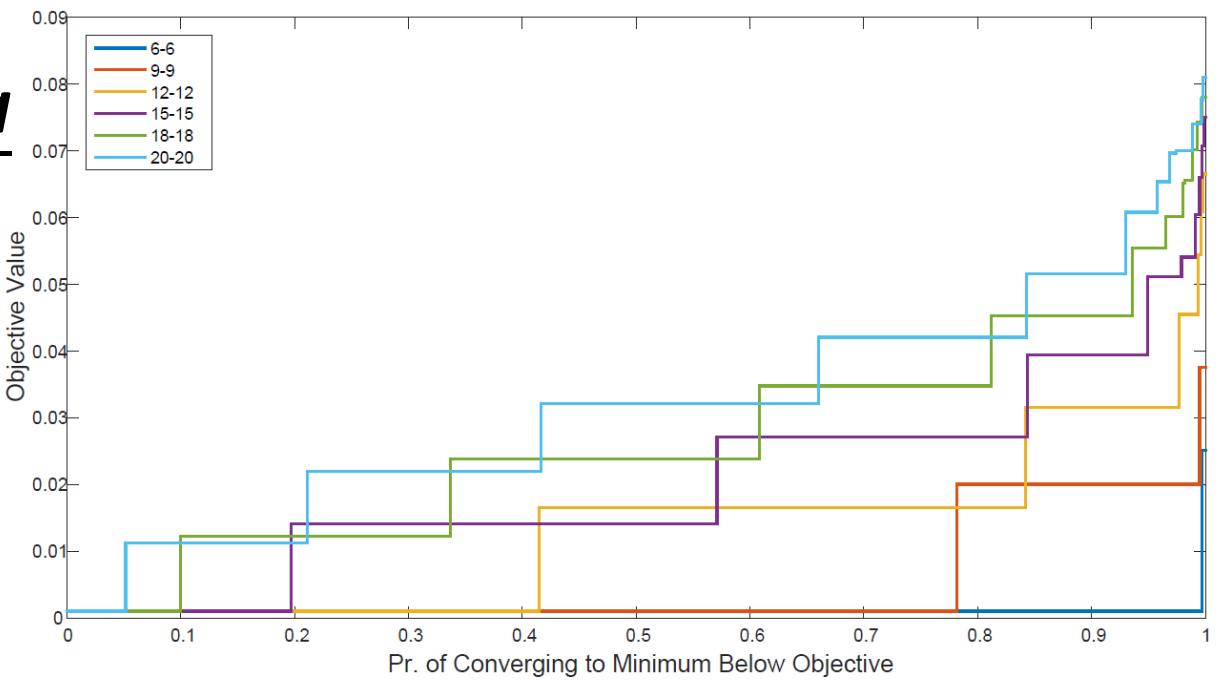
k	n	% of runs converging to local minima	Average minimal eigenvalue	Average objective value
6	6	0.3%	0.0047	0.025
7	7	5.5%	0.014	0.023
8	8	12.6%	0.021	0.021
9	9	21.8%	0.027	0.02
10	10	34.6%	0.03	0.022
11	11	45.5%	0.034	0.022
12	12	58.5%	0.035	0.021
13	13	73%	0.037	0.022
14	14	73.6%	0.038	0.023
15	15	80.3%	0.038	0.024
16	16	85.1%	0.038	0.027
17	17	89.7%	0.039	0.027
18	18	90%	0.039	0.029
19	19	93.4%	0.038	0.031
20	20	94%	0.038	0.033

Table 2: Spurious local minima found for  $n \neq k$

k	n	% of runs converging to local minima	Average minimal eigenvalue	Average objective value
8	9	0.1%	0.0059	0.021
10	11	0.1%	0.0057	0.018
11	12	0.1%	0.0056	0.017
12	13	0.3%	0.0054	0.016
13	14	1.5%	0.0015	0.038
14	15	5.5%	0.002	0.033
15	16	10.1%	0.004	0.032
16	17	18%	0.0055	0.031
17	18	20.9%	0.007	0.031
18	19	36.9%	0.0064	0.028
19	20	49.1%	0.0077	0.027

No local for  $n \geq k + 2$

# Considering Data



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The theory should looks like ...

Under some conditions (initialization, data, .....),

We can find global optimal.

# Conjecture about Deep Learning

Almost all local minimum have very similar loss to the global optimum, and hence finding a local minimum is good enough.

# Analyzing Hessian

- When we meet a critical point, it can be saddle point or local minima.
- Analyzing H

If the network has N parameters

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & \dots & v_N \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 & \dots & \lambda_N \end{array}$$

We assume  $\lambda$  has 1/2 (?) to be positive, 1/2 (?) to be negative.

# Analyzing Hessian

- If  $N=1$ :  $v_1$        $\lambda_1$       1/2 local minima, 1/2 local maxima,  
                                  Saddle point is almost impossible
- If  $N=2$ :  $v_1 \quad v_2$        $\lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2$        $\begin{matrix} + & + \\ + & - \\ - & + \end{matrix}$        $\begin{matrix} - \\ - \end{matrix}$   
                                  1/4 local minima, 1/4 local maxima,  
                                  1/2 Saddle points
- If  $N=10$ :      1/1024 local minima, 1/1024 local maxima,  
                                  Almost every critical point is saddle point

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When a network is very large,

It is almost impossible to meet a local minima.

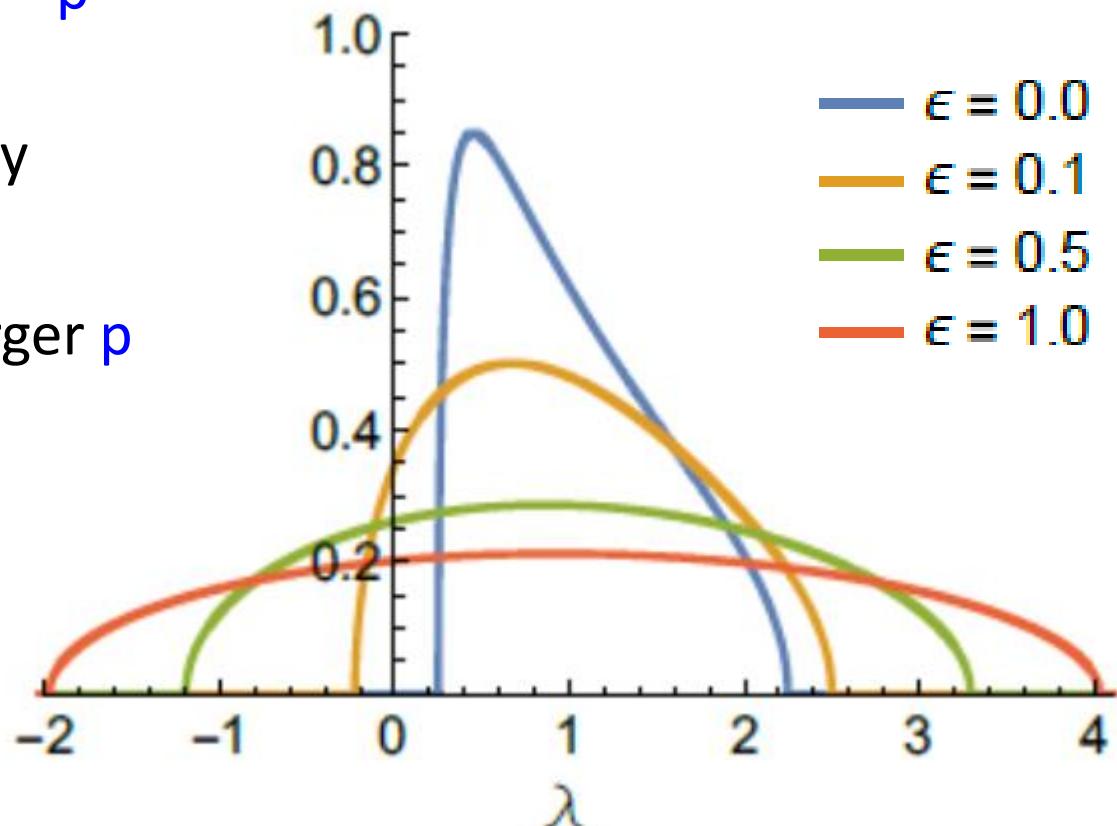
Saddle point is what you need to worry about.

# Error v.s. Eigenvalues

We assume  $\lambda$  has  $1/2$  (?)  
to be negative. p

p is a probability  
related to error

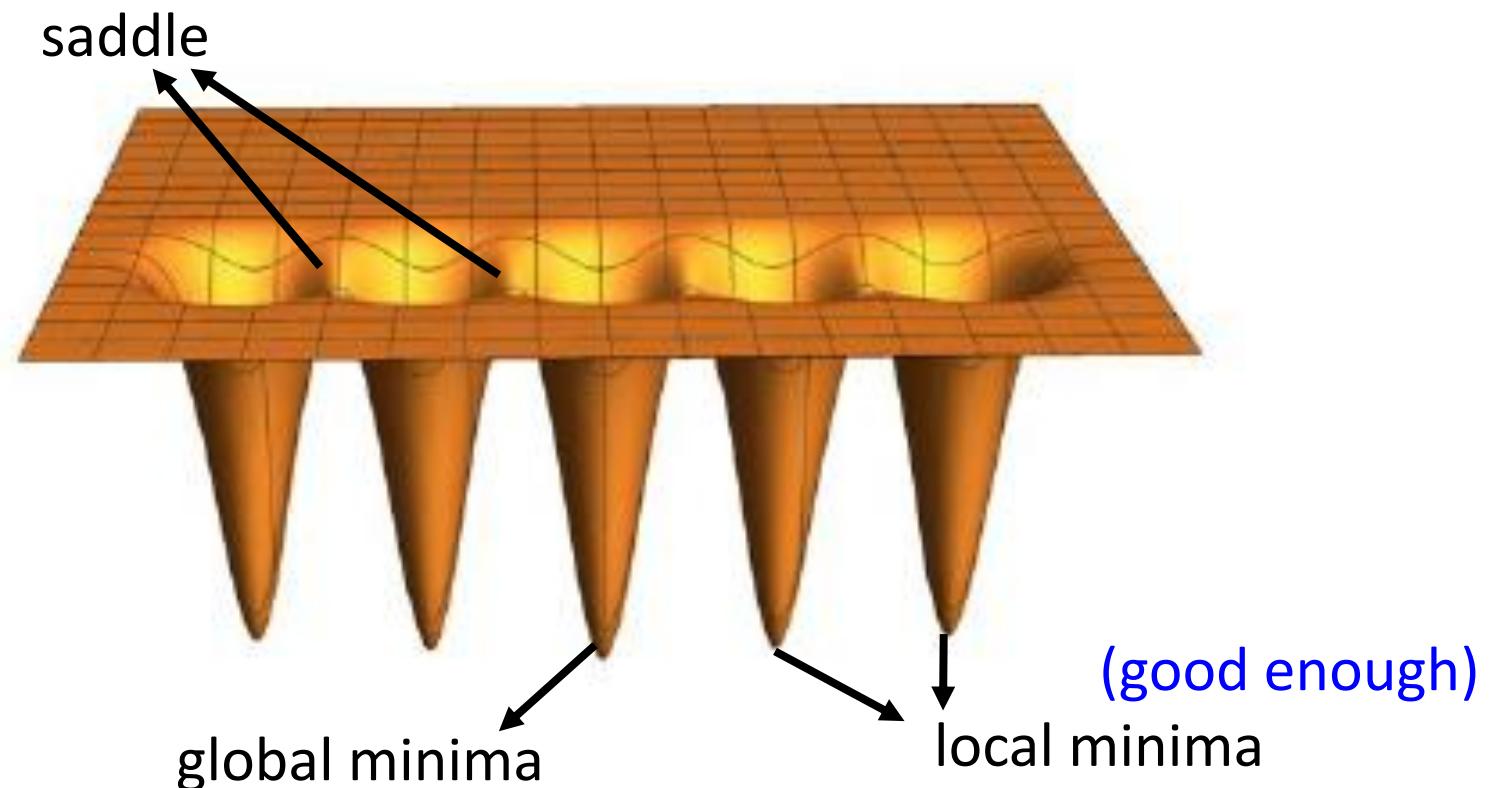
Larger error, larger p



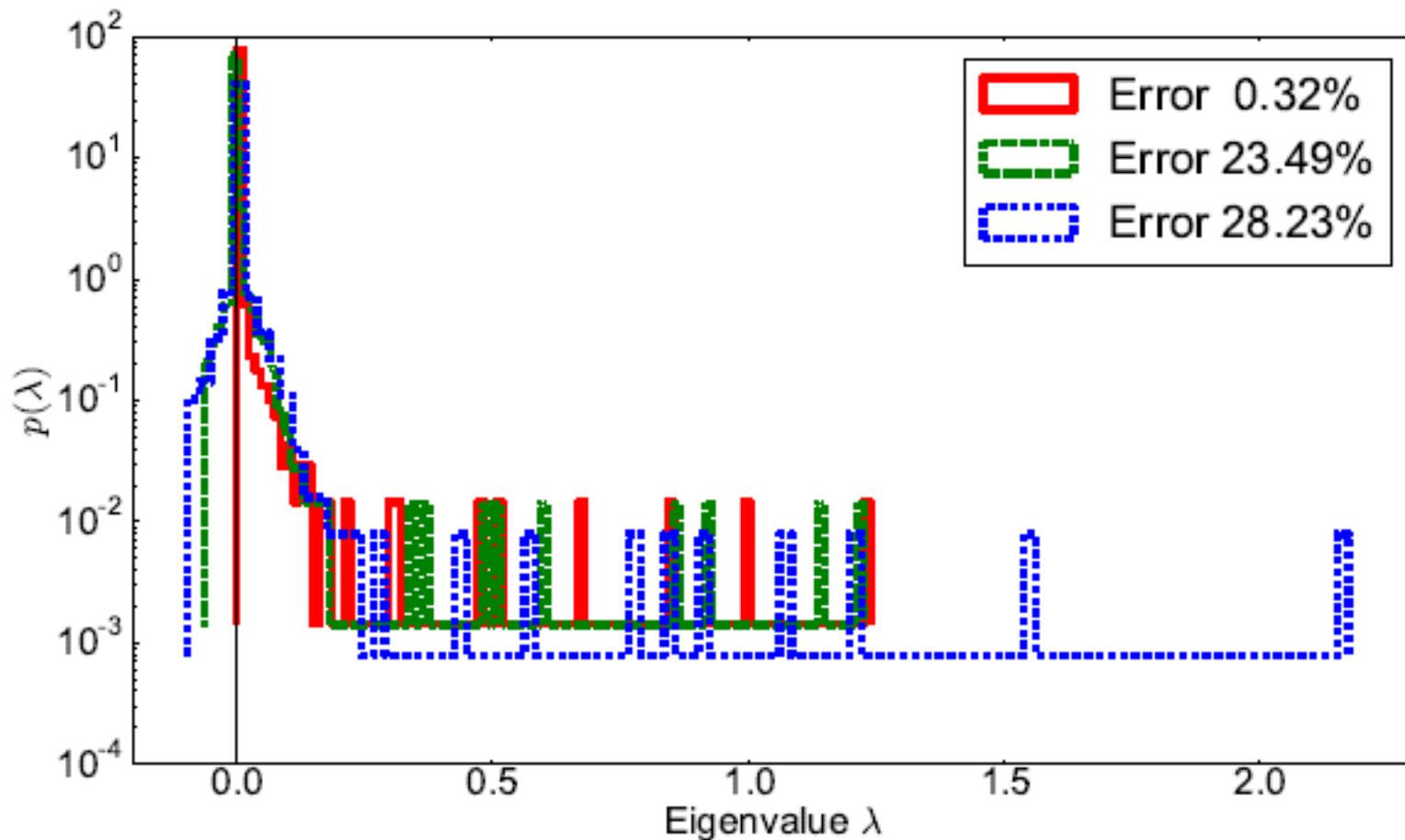
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# Guess about Error Surface

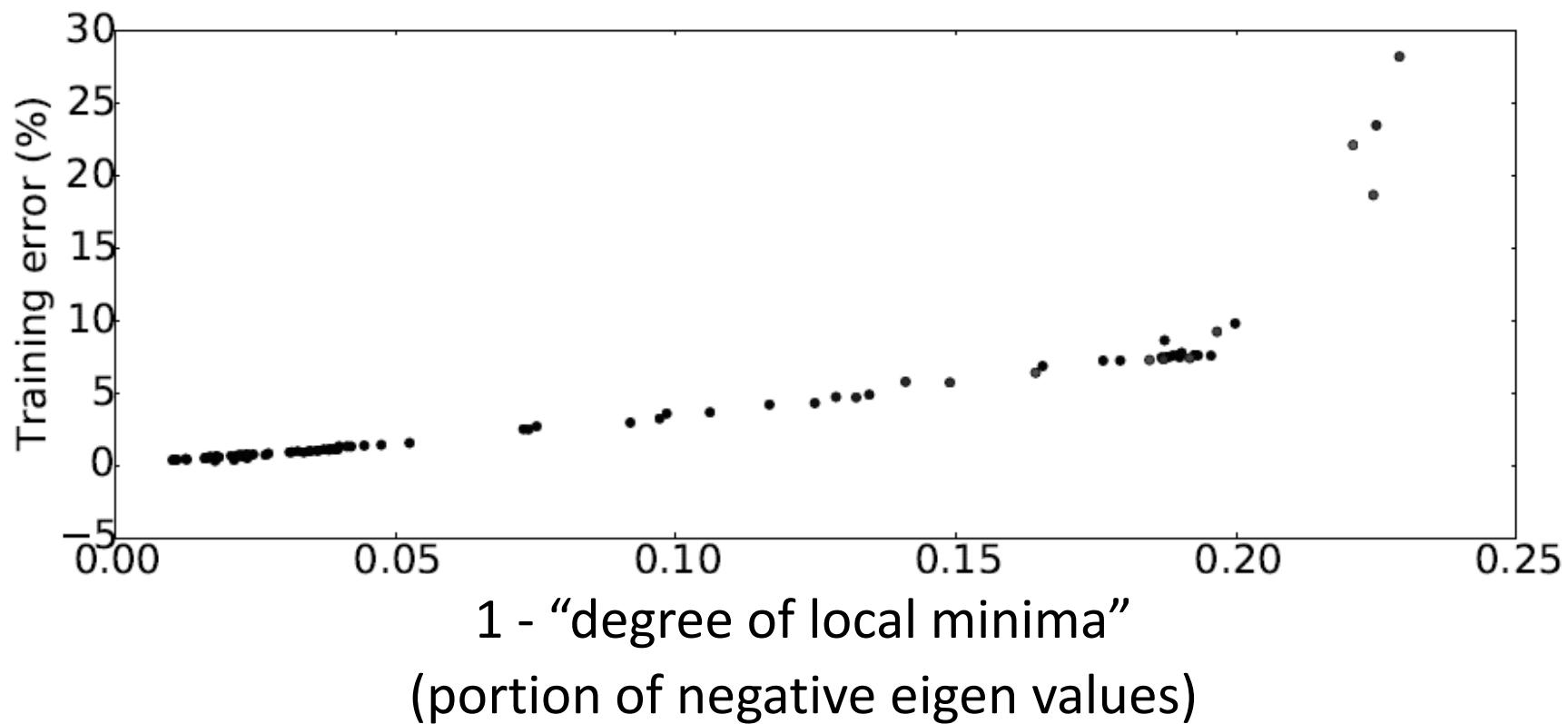


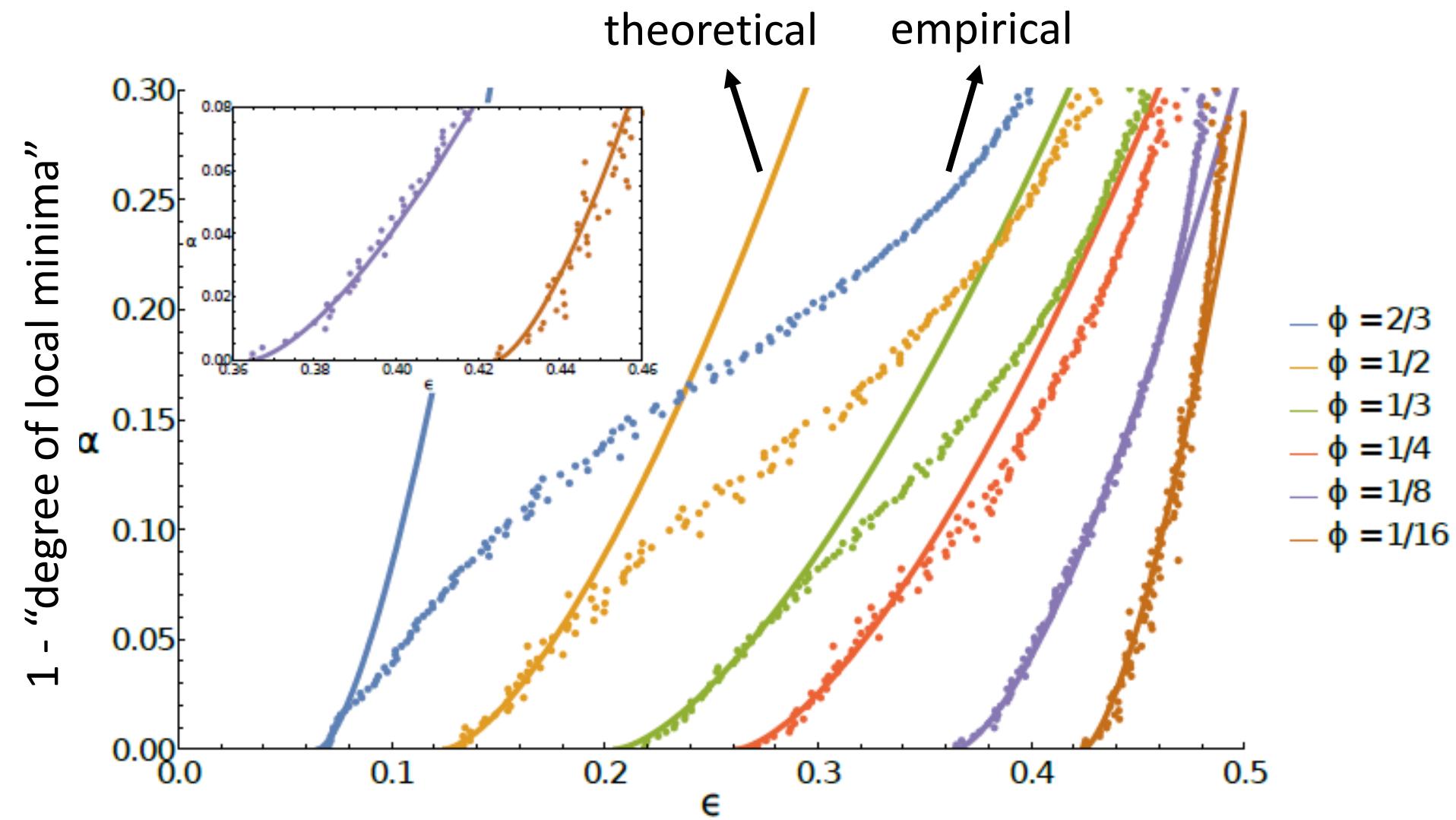
# Training Error v.s. Eigenvalues



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Portion of positive eigenvalues → “Degree of Local Minima”



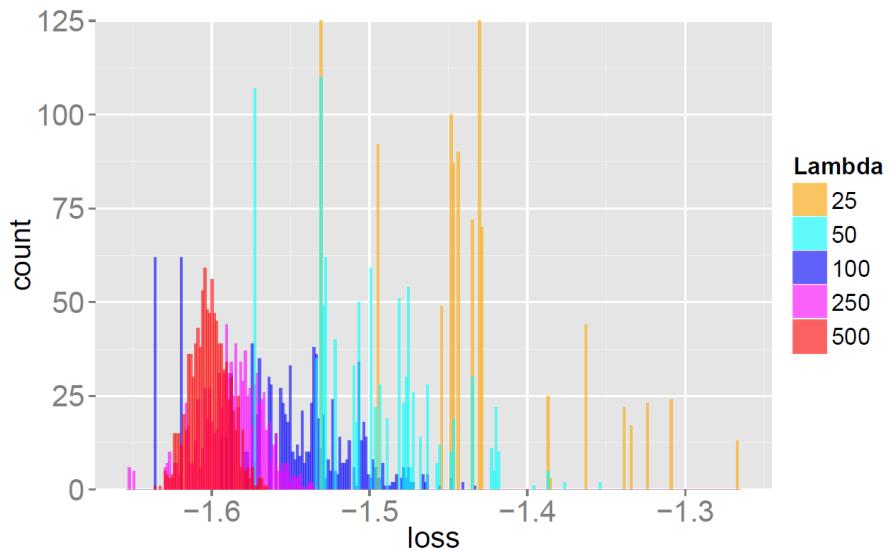


$1 - \text{"degree of local minima"}$   
(portion of negative eigen values)

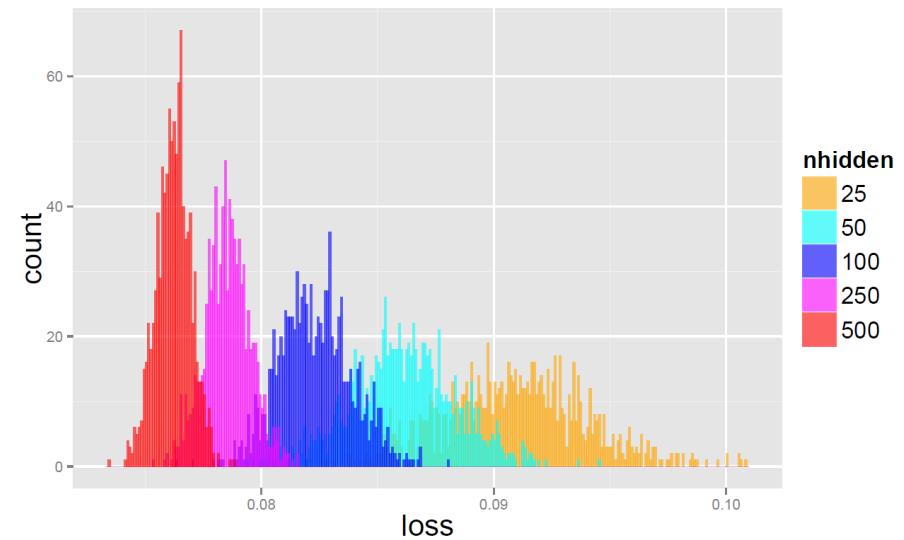
$$\alpha \propto \left(\frac{\epsilon}{c} - 1\right)^{3/2}$$

# Spin Glass v.s. Deep Learning

- Deep learning is the same as spin glass model with **7 assumptions.**



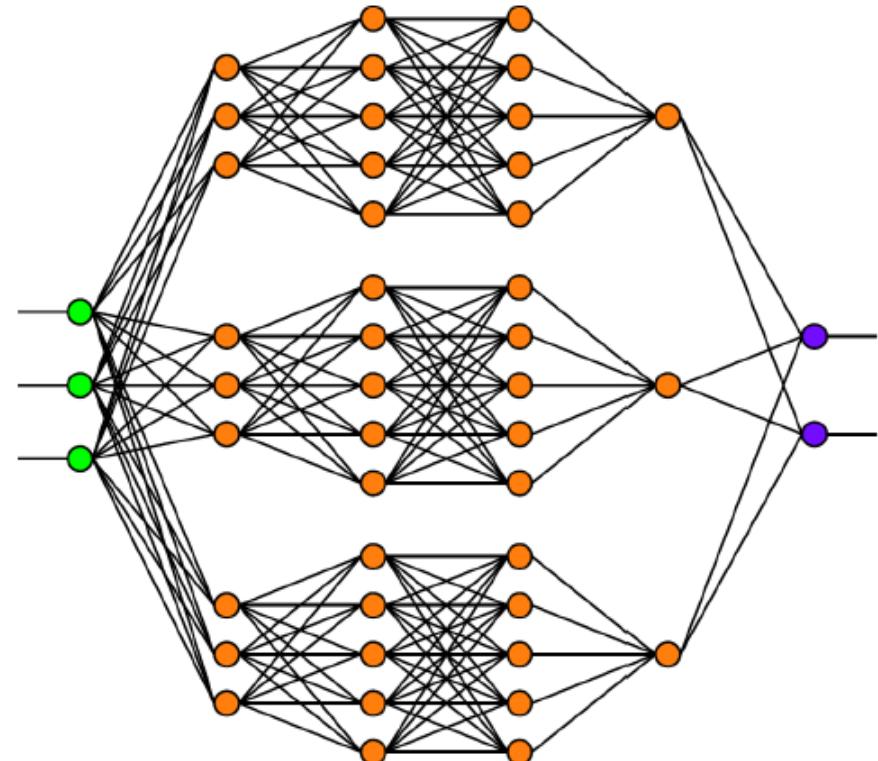
spin glass model



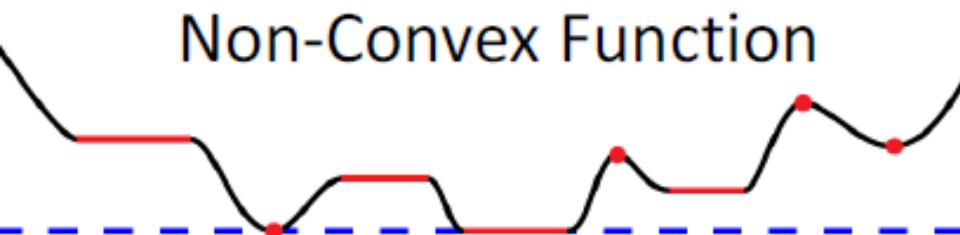
network

# More Theory

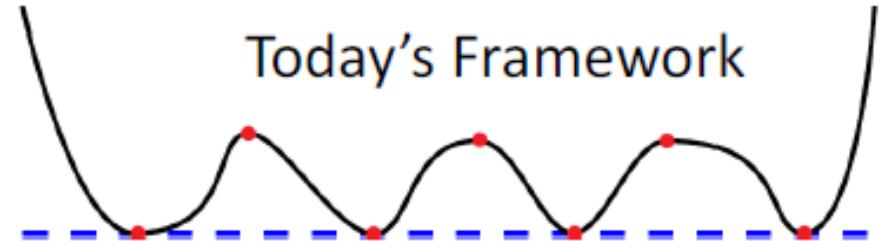
- If the size of network is **large enough**, we can find global optimal by gradient descent
  - Independent to initialization



Non-Convex Function



Today's Framework

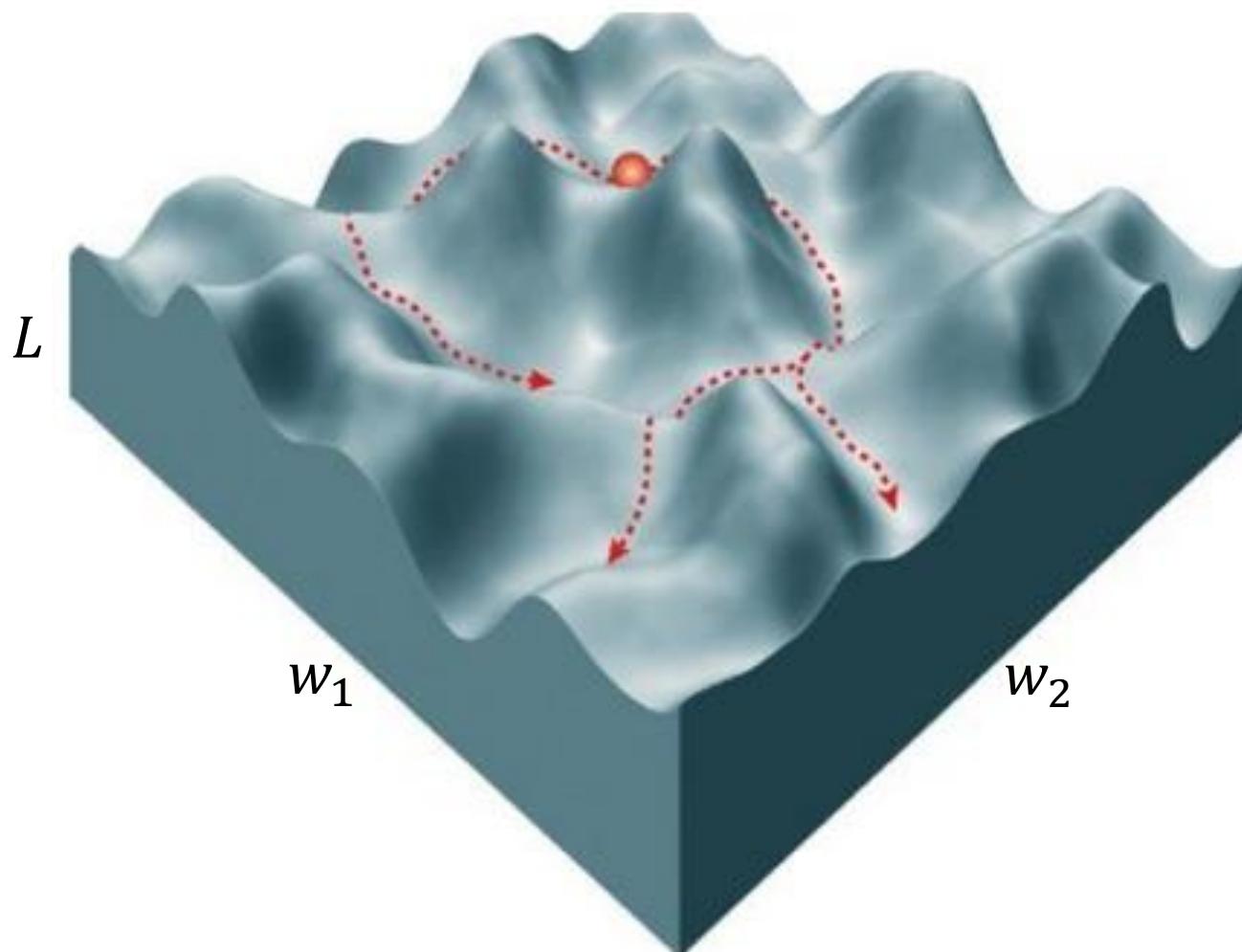


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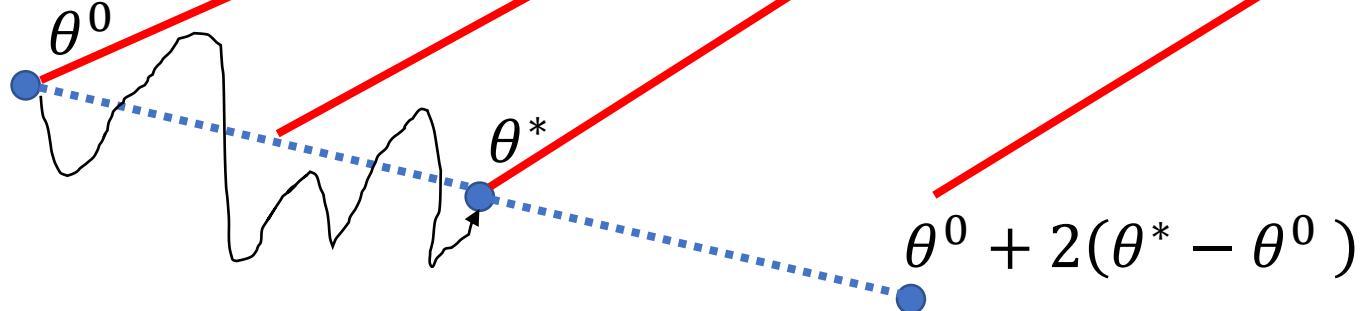
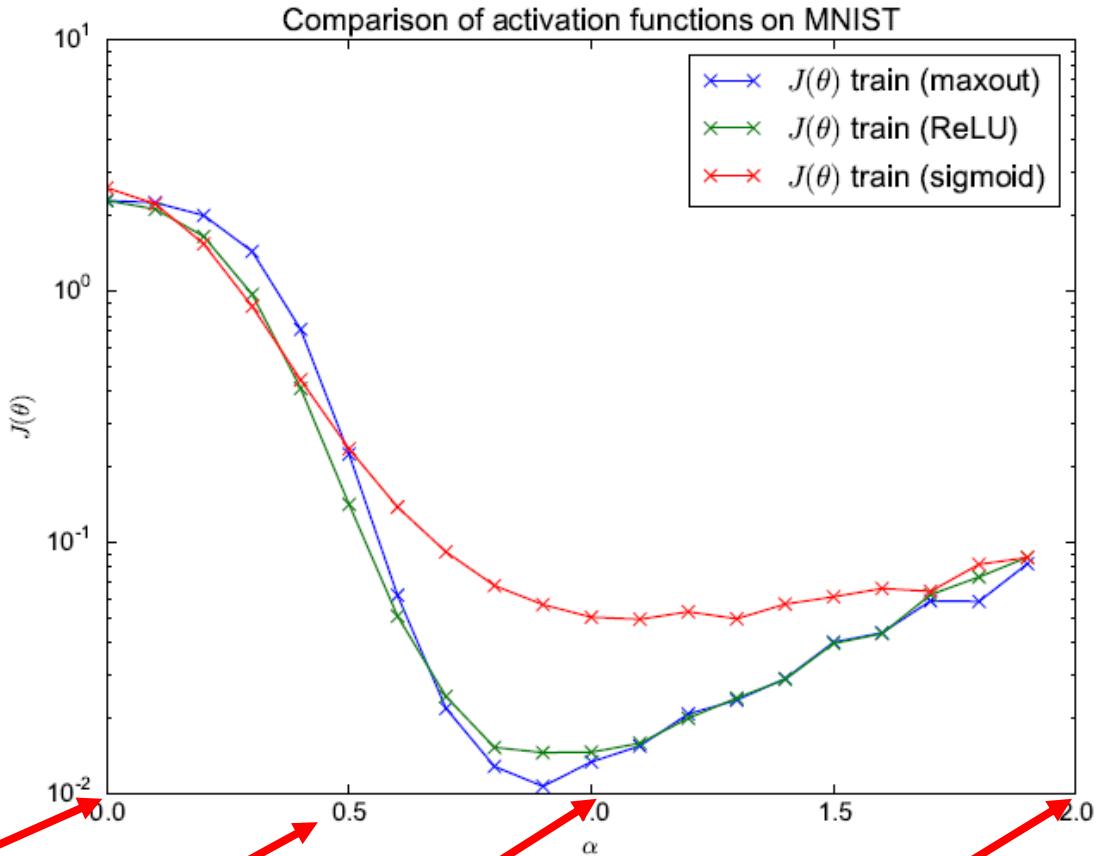
What does the Error  
Surface look like?

# Error Surface

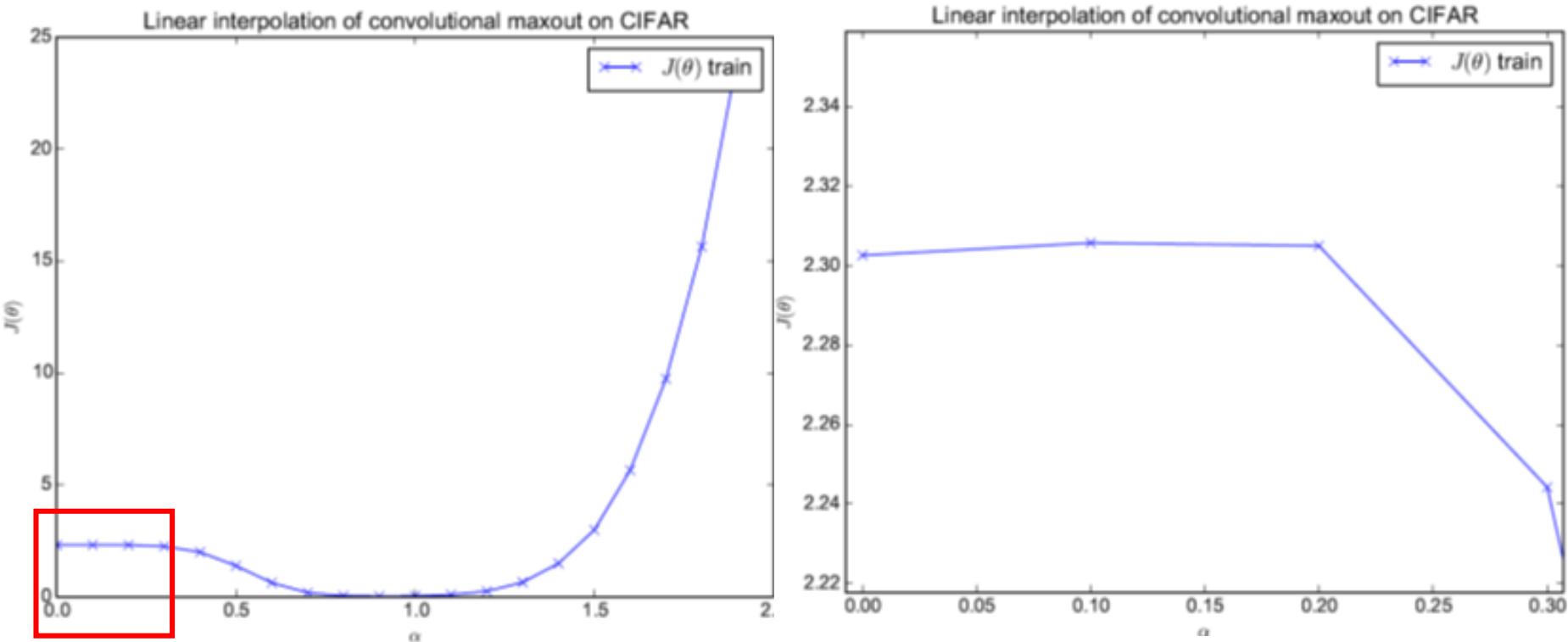


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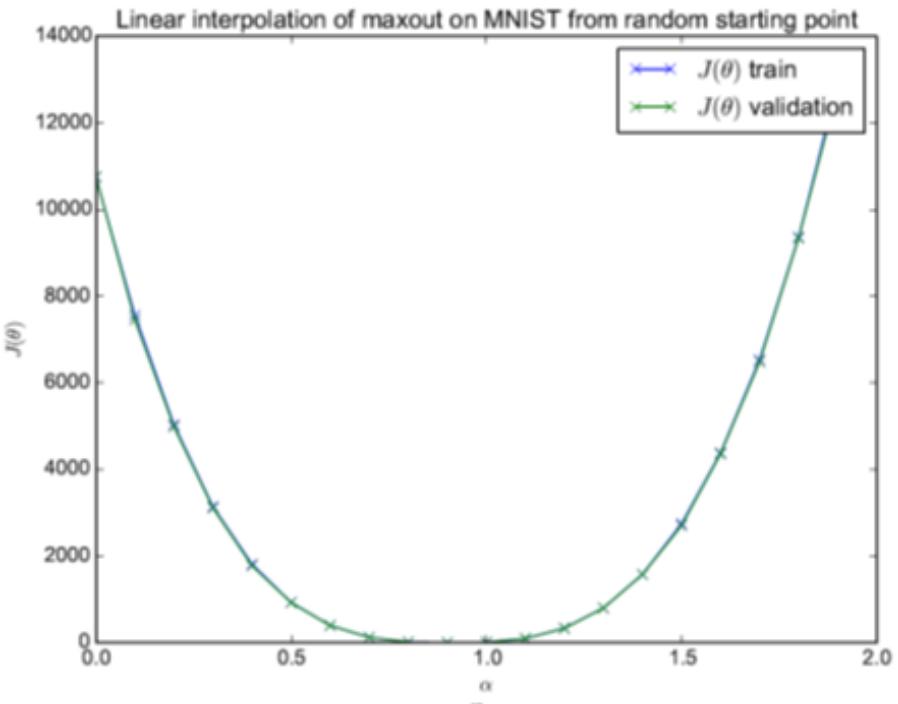
local minima is rare?



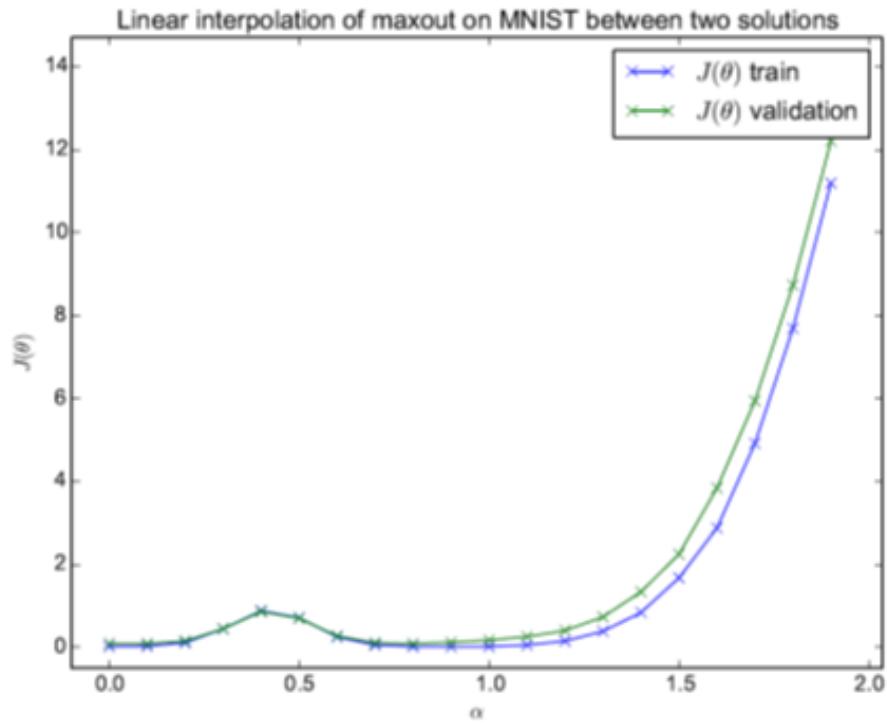
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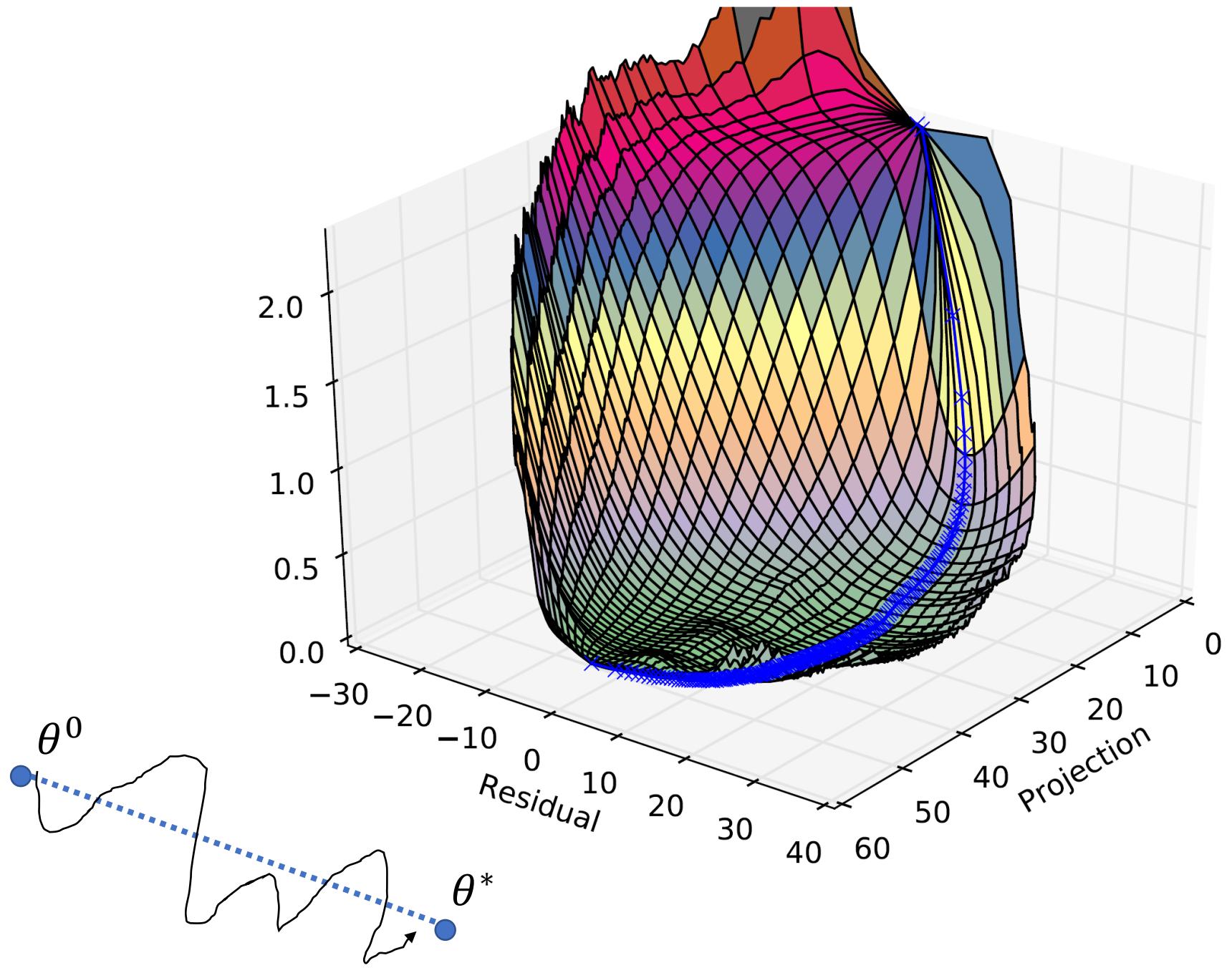
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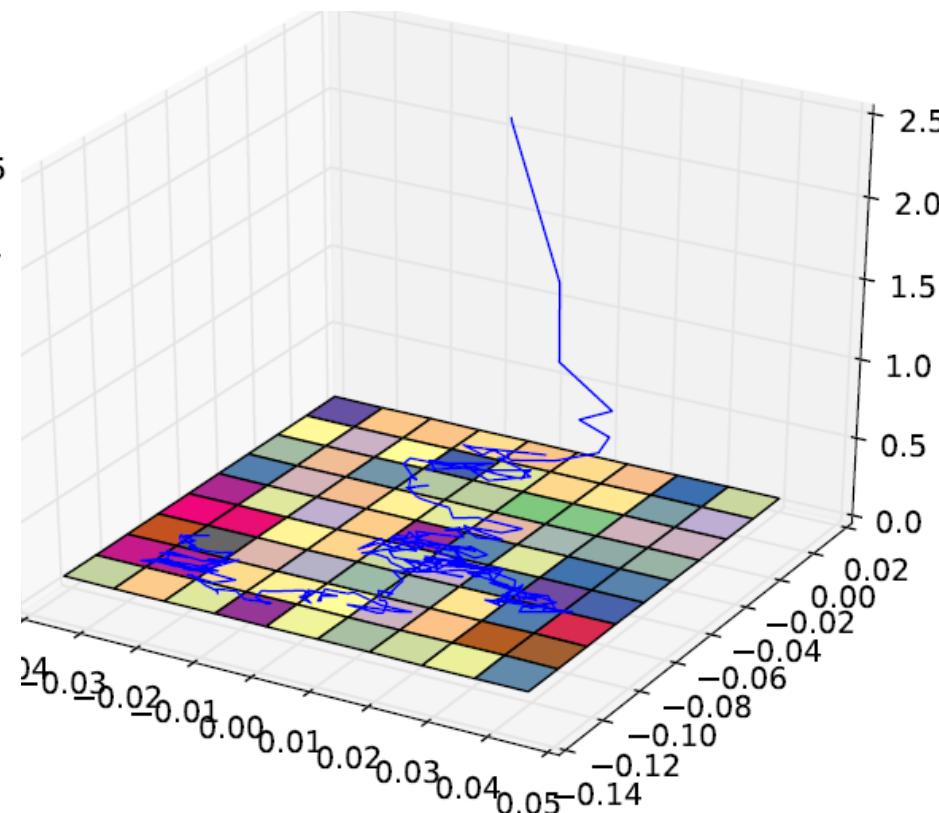
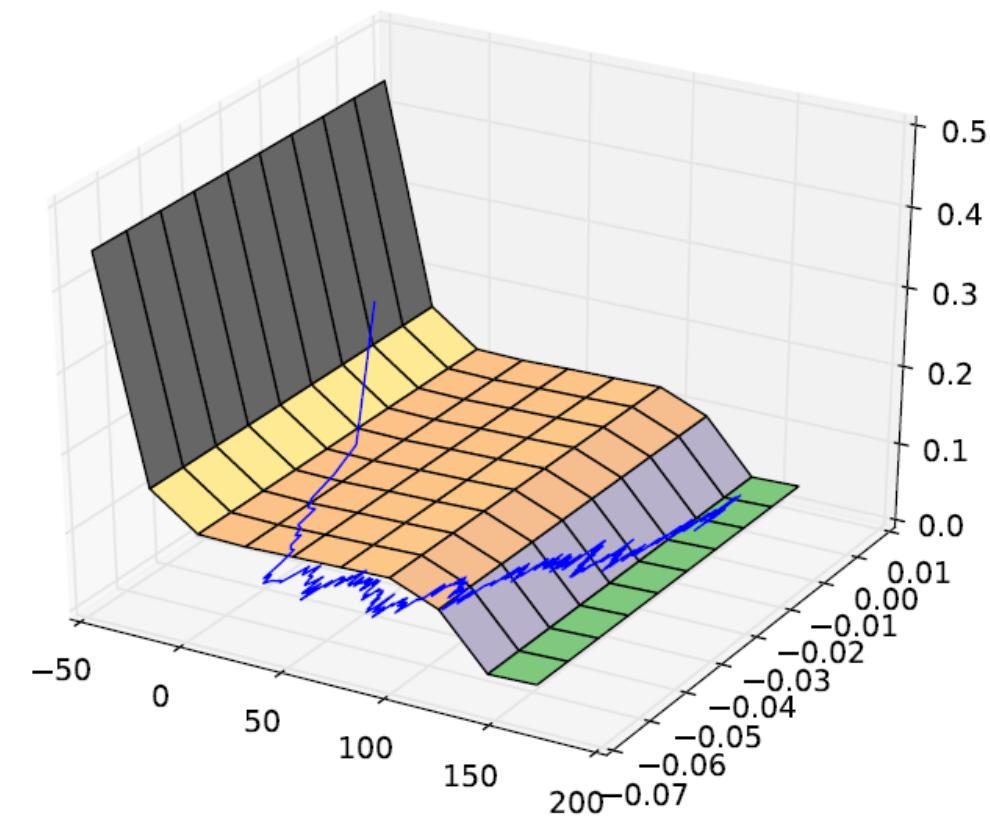


two random starting points

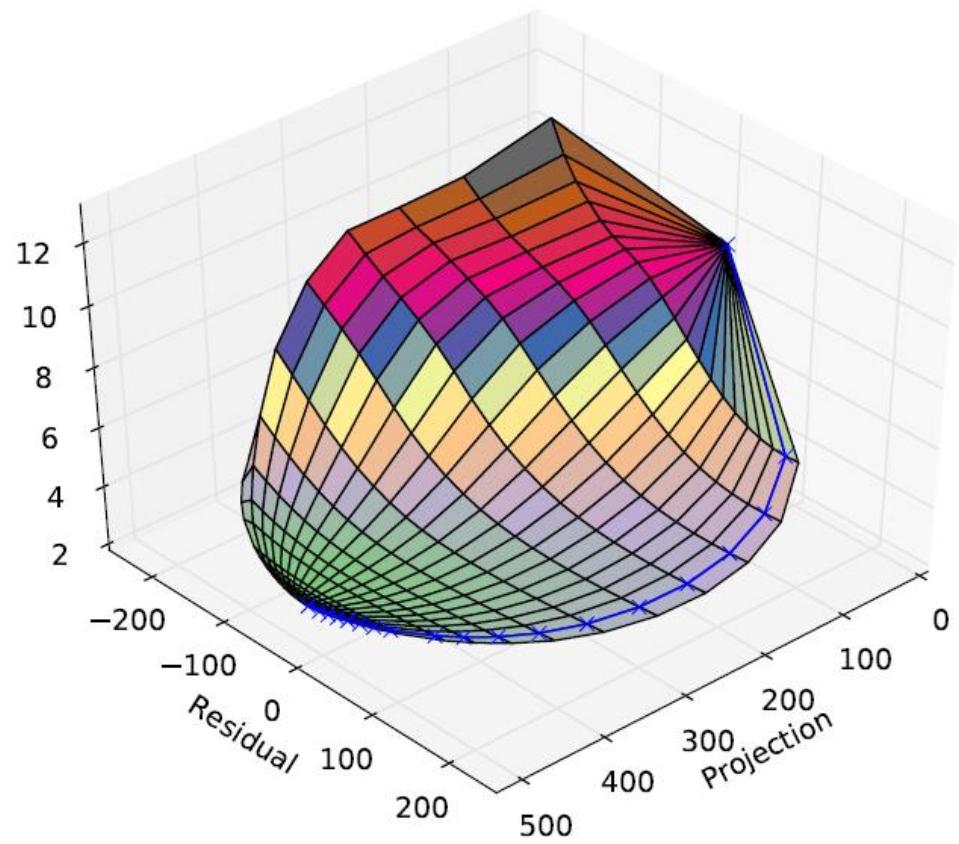
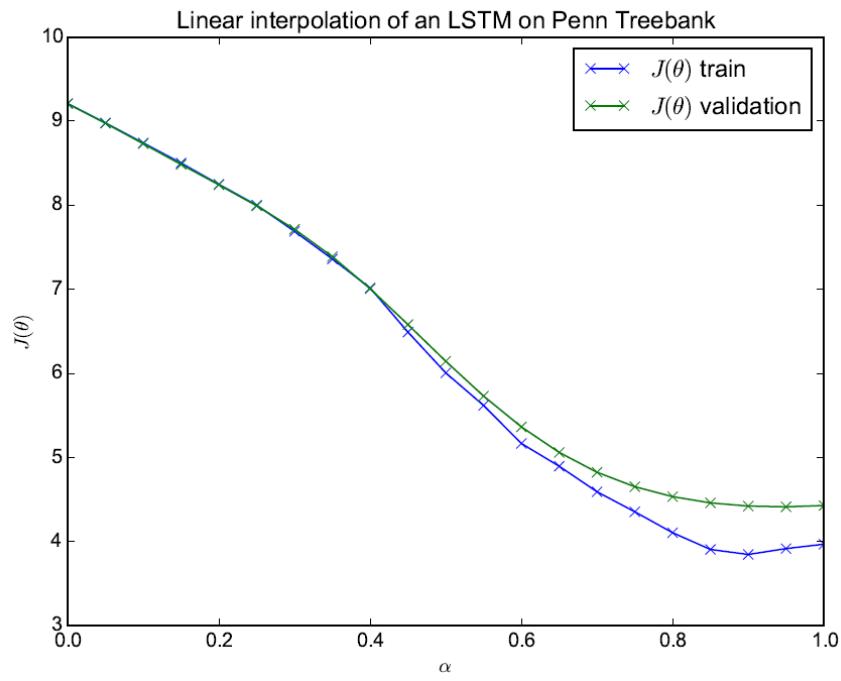


two “solutions”



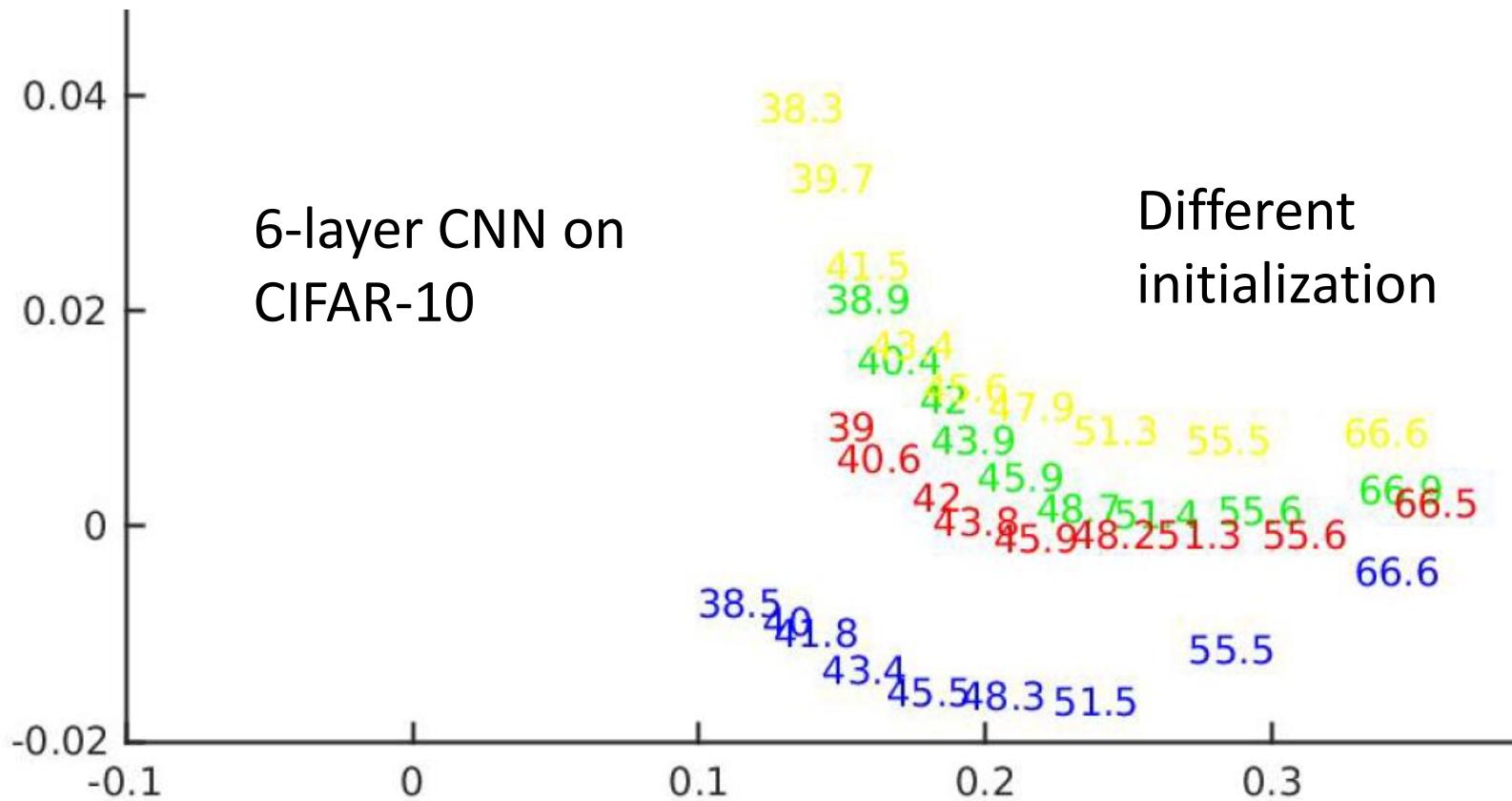


# Profile - LSTM



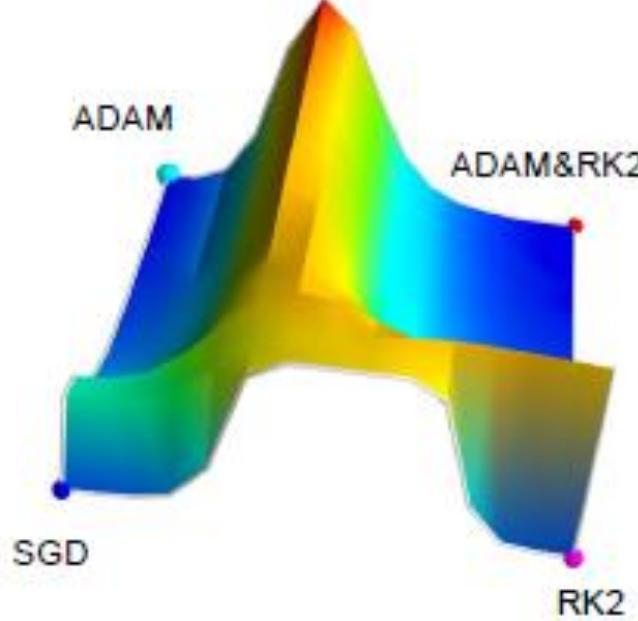
# Training Processing

Different initialization / different strategies usually lead to similar loss (there are some exceptions).

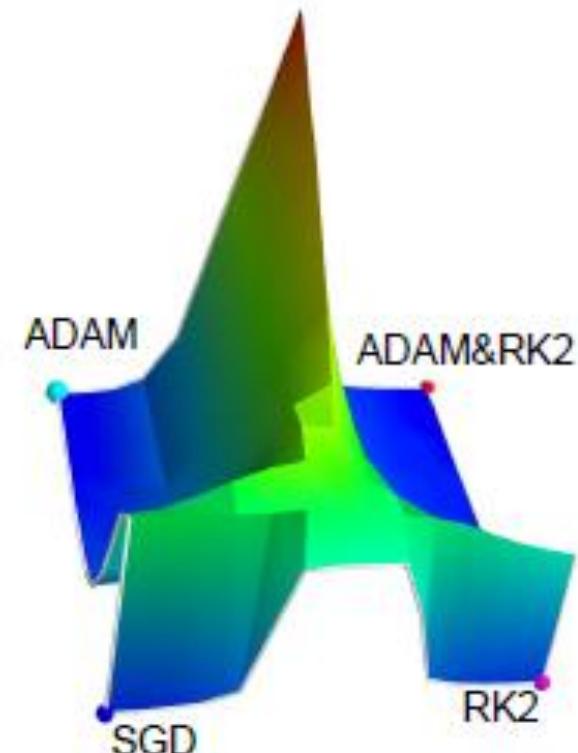


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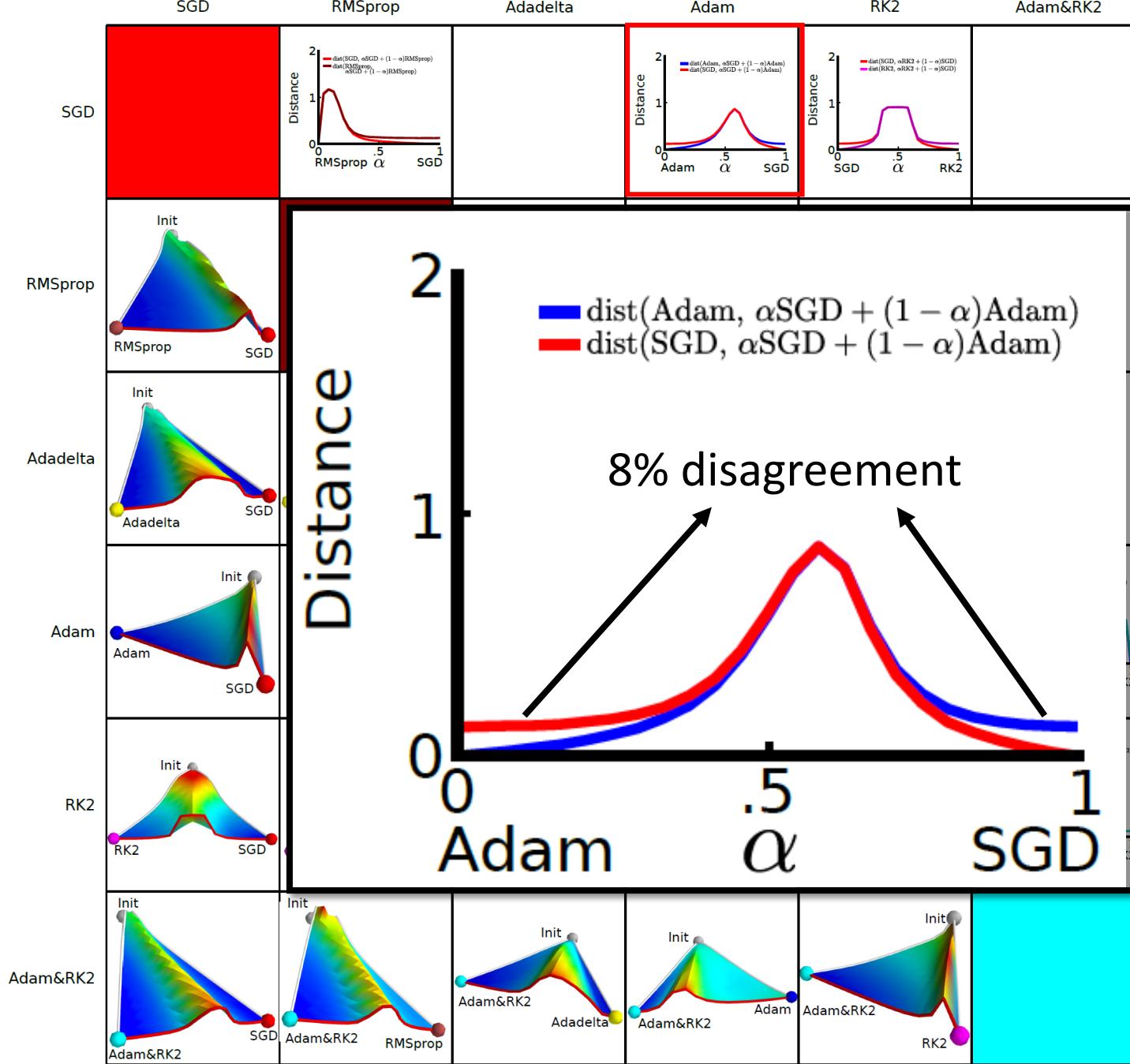
- Different strategies (the same initialization)



(a) NIN, CIFAR10

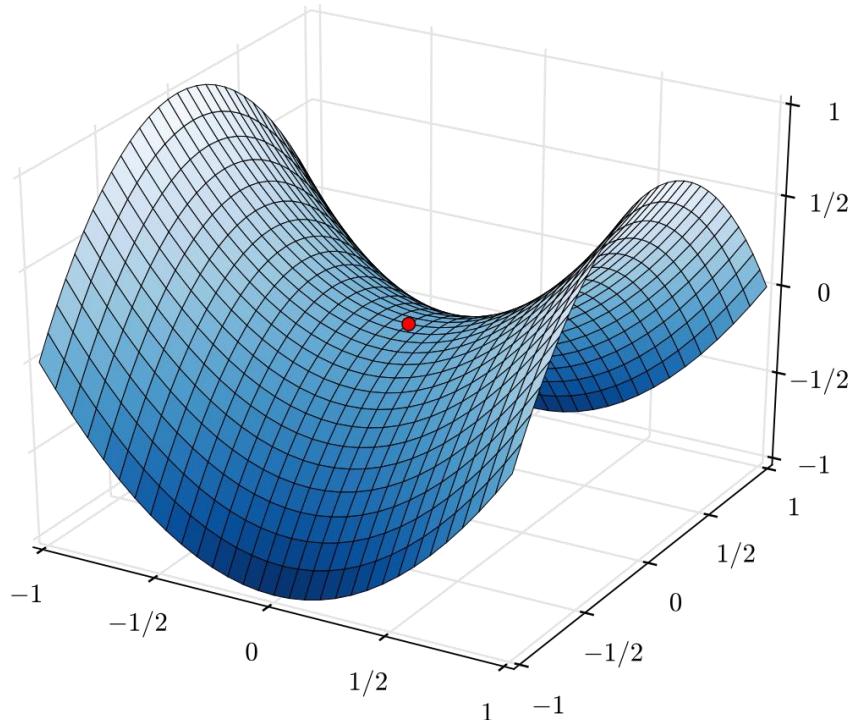


(b) VGG, CIFAR10

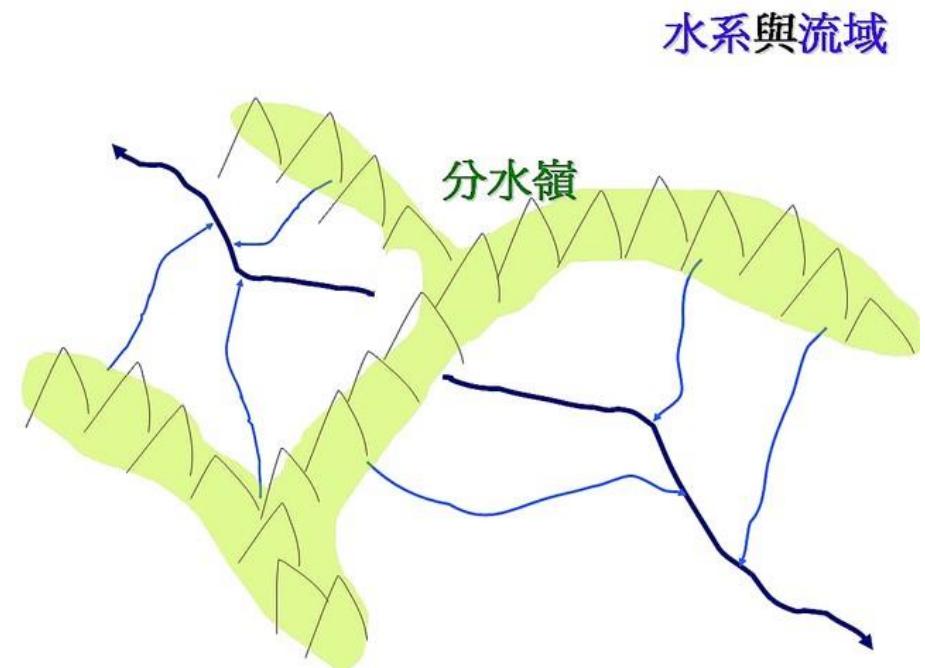


(c) VGG, CIFAR10

# Training Processing



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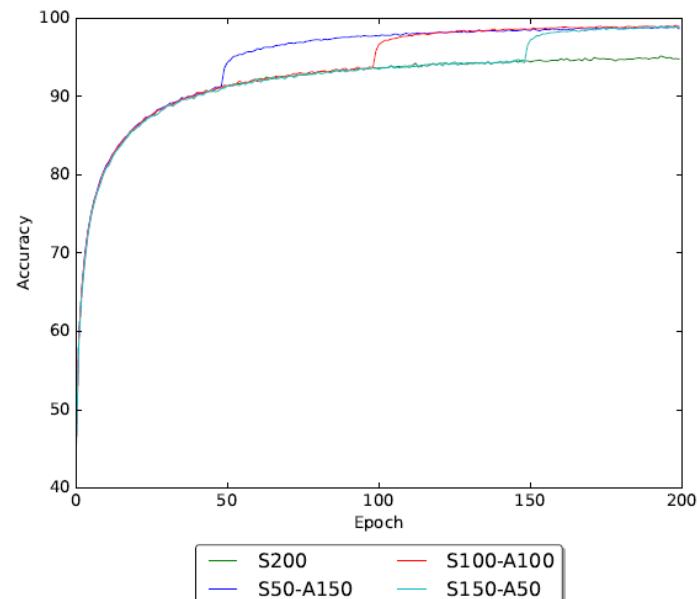
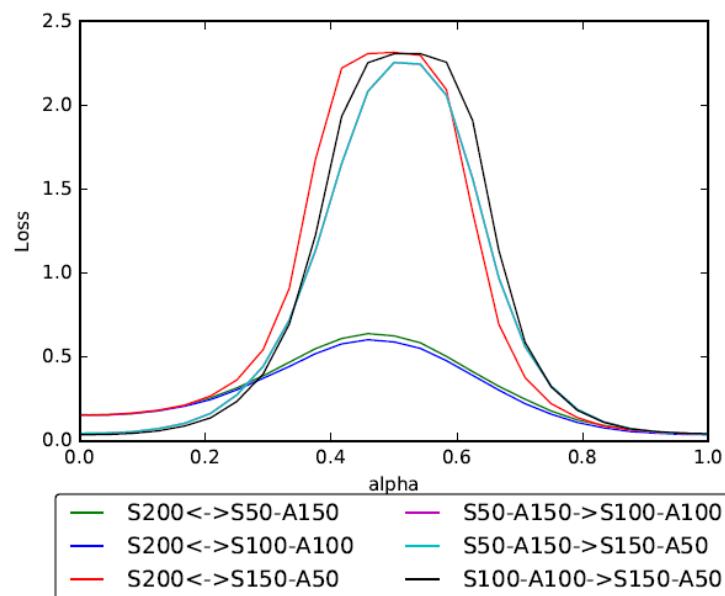
Different training strategies



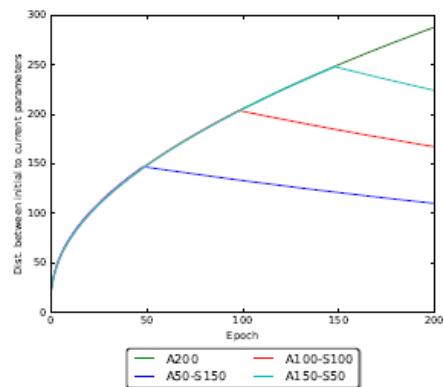
Different basins

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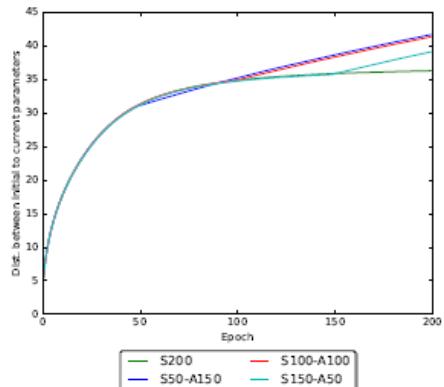
- Training strategies make difference at all stages of training



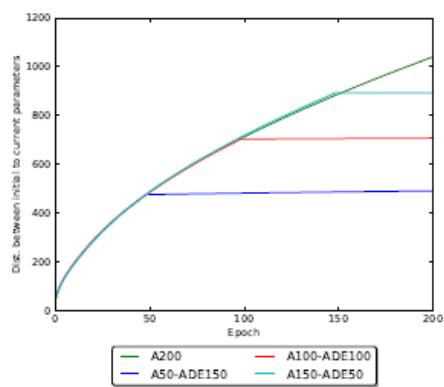
(b) NIN: Switching from SGD (S,  $\eta = .1$ ) to Adam (A,  $\eta = .0001$ ).



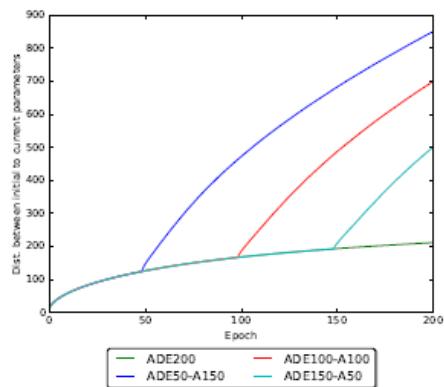
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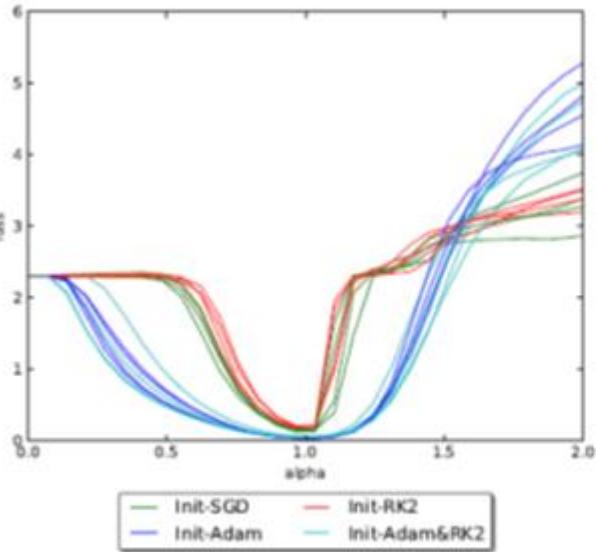
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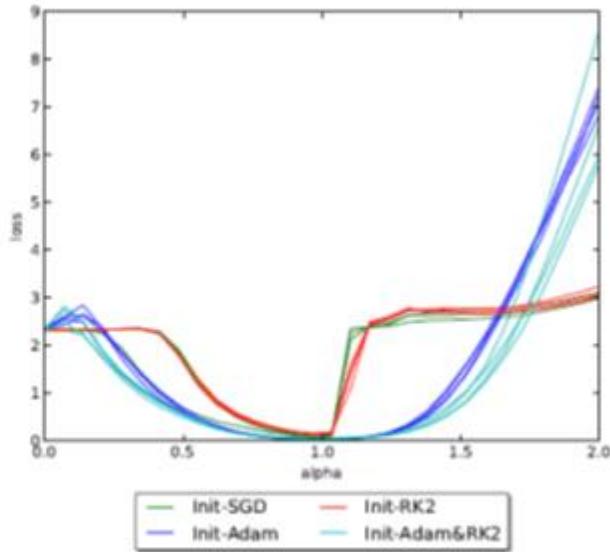
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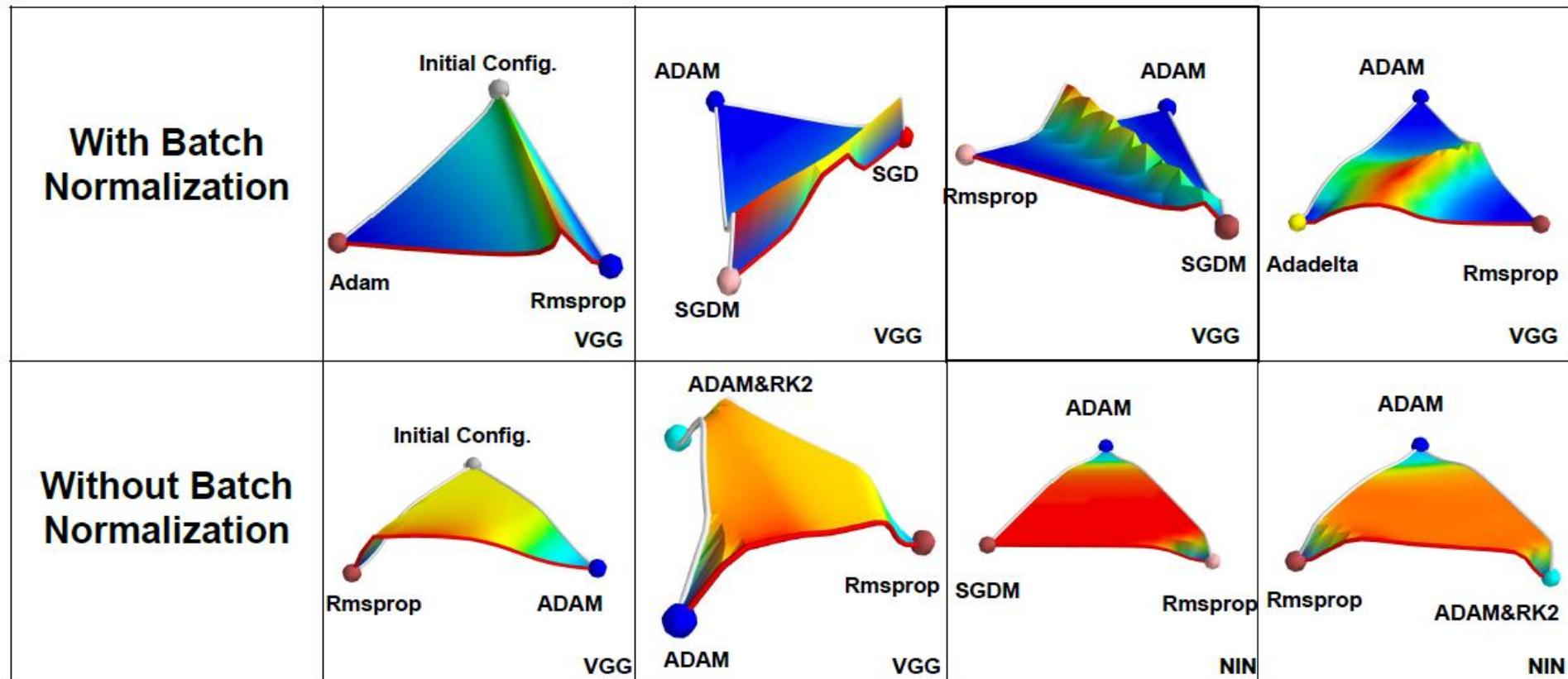
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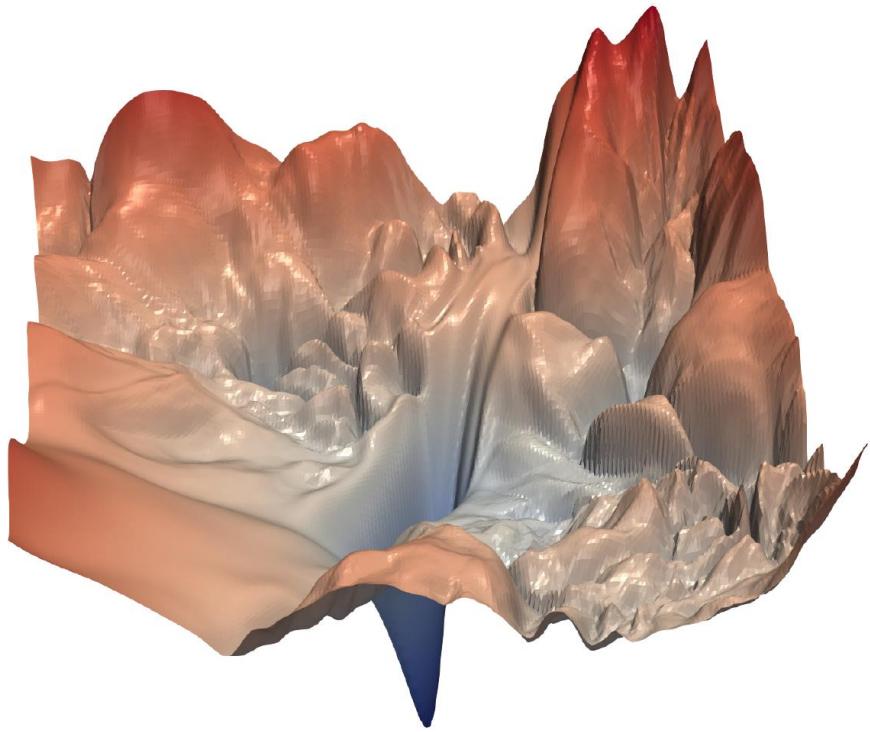
(b) CIFAR10, VGG

Larger basin  
for Adam

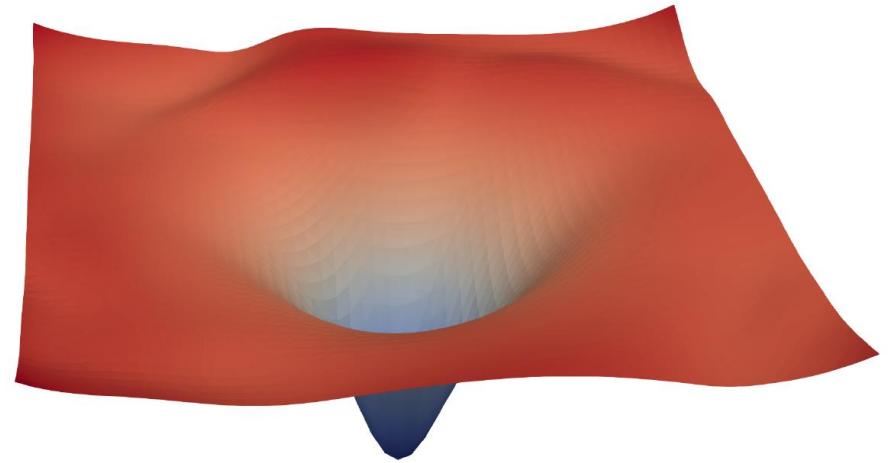
# Batch Normalization



# Skip Connection



(a) without skip connections



(b) with skip connections

Figure 1: The loss surfaces of ResNet-56 with/without skip connections. The vertical axis is logarithmic to show dynamic range. The proposed filter normalization scheme is used to enable comparisons of sharpness/flatness between the two figures.

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# Concluding Remarks

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- Deep linear network is not convex, but all the local minima are global minima.
  - There are saddle points which are hard to escape
- Deep network has local minima.
  - We need more theory in the future
- Conjecture:
  - When training a larger network, it is rare to meet local minima.
  - All local minima are almost as good as global
- We can try to understand the error surface by visualization.
  - The error surface is not as complexed as imagined.