

# Natural Language Processing

## 2.2 Scaling word2vec and introduction to Neural Nets for NLP

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In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy
import random
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
pd.set_option('display.colheader_justify', 'center')

In [2]: import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
%matplotlib inline
# plt.style.use('seaborn-whitegrid')

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        'weight' : 'bold',
        'size'   : 12}

matplotlib.rc('font', **font)

# Aux functions

def plot_grid(Xs, Ys, axs=None):
    ''' Aux function to plot a grid'''
    t = np.arange(Xs.size) # define progression of int for indexing colormap
    if axs:
        axs.plot(0, 0, marker='*', color='r', linestyle='none') #plot origin
        axs.scatter(Xs,Ys, c=t, cmap='jet', marker='.') # scatter x vs y
        axs.axis('scaled') # axis scaled
    else:
        plt.plot(0, 0, marker='*', color='r', linestyle='none') #plot origin
        plt.scatter(Xs,Ys, c=t, cmap='jet', marker='.') # scatter x vs y
        plt.axis('scaled') # axis scaled

def linear_map(A, Xs, Ys):
    '''Map src points with A'''
    # [NxN,NxN] -> NxNx2 # add 3-rd axis, like adding another layer
    src = np.stack((Xs,Ys), axis=Xs.ndim)
    # flatten first two dimension
    # (NN)x2
    src_r = src.reshape(-1,src.shape[-1]) #ask reshape to keep last dimension and adjust the rest
    # 2x2 @ 2x(NN)
    dst = A @ src_r.T # 2xNN
    #(NN)x2 and then reshape as NxNx2
    dst = (dst.T).reshape(src.shape)
    # Access X and Y
    return dst[... ,0], dst[... ,1]

def plot_points(ax, Xs, Ys, col='red', unit=None, linestyle='solid'):
    '''Plots points'''
    ax.set_aspect('equal')
    ax.grid(True, which='both')
    ax.axhline(y=0, color='gray', linestyle="--")
    ax.axvline(x=0, color='gray', linestyle="--")
    ax.plot(Xs, Ys, color=col)
    if unit is None:
        plotVectors(ax, [[0,1],[1,0]], ['gray']*2, alpha=1, linestyle=linestyle)
    else:
        plotVectors(ax, unit, [col]*2, alpha=1, linestyle=linestyle)

def plotVectors(ax, vecs, cols, alpha=1, linestyle='solid'):
    '''Plot set of vectors.'''
    for i in range(len(vecs)):
        x = np.concatenate(([0,0], vecs[i]))
        ax.quiver([x[0]],
                  [x[1]],
                  [x[2]],
                  [x[3]],
                  angles='xy', scale_units='xy', scale=1, color=cols[i],
                  alpha=alpha, linestyle=linestyle, linewidth=2)
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## My own latex definitions

### Today's lecture

- Skip-Gram and Continuous Bag of Words (CBOW)
- How to scale word2vec
- Negative Sampling
- Hierarchical Softmax
- Introduction to Neural Nets for NLP

### This lecture material is taken from

 Chapter 6 Jurafsky Book

 Chapter 14.5 Eisenstein Book

- [Stanford Slide Word2Vec](#)
- [Stanford Lecture Word2Vec](#)
- [Stanford Notes on Word2Vec](#)

Another good yet short resource is [\[d2l.ai\] Word embedding](#)

 Research papers on word2vec and hierarchical softmax:

- [First paper: word2vec + hierarchical softmax](#)
- [Negative Sampling paper](#)
- [A Scalable Hierarchical Distributed Language Model](#)

### word2vec is a generic framework

`word2vec` presents two algorithms:

1. Skip-Gram
2. **Continuous Bag-of-Word** (CBOW) (*we see it today!*)

Also it offers different training methods:

- `with-naive-softmax`
- **negative sampling** from [Mikolov et al. 2013]
- **hierarchical softmax** (*we see them today!*)

## word2vec: Skip-Gram Self-Supervision

⚠️ With strong naive conditional independence assumption

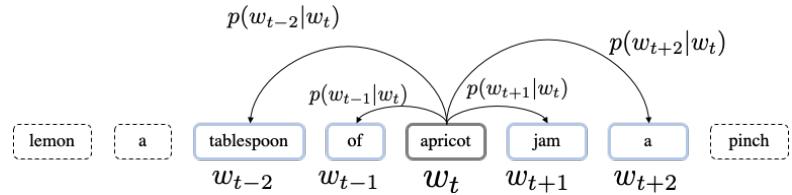
$$p(w_{t-2}, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, w_{t+2}|w_t; \theta) \approx \prod_{-m \leq j \leq m}^m p(c_{t+j}|w_t; \theta)$$

lemon, a [tablespoon of apricot jam a] pinch
w_{t-2} w_{t-1} w_t w_{t+1} w_{t+2}

## word2vec: Skip-Gram Self-Supervision

Given the example below, we have to compute:

$$p(w_{t-2}|w_t) \cdot p(w_{t-1}|w_t) \cdot p(w_{t+1}|w_t) \cdot p(w_{t+2}|w_t)$$



## word2vec: Skip-Gram with softmax

Parameters to learn:

$$\theta = [\theta_W; \theta_C]$$

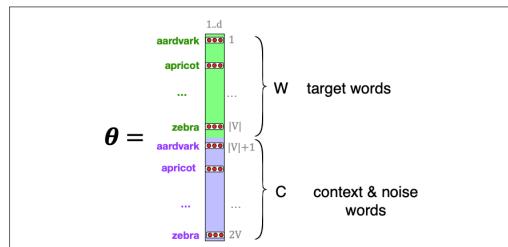
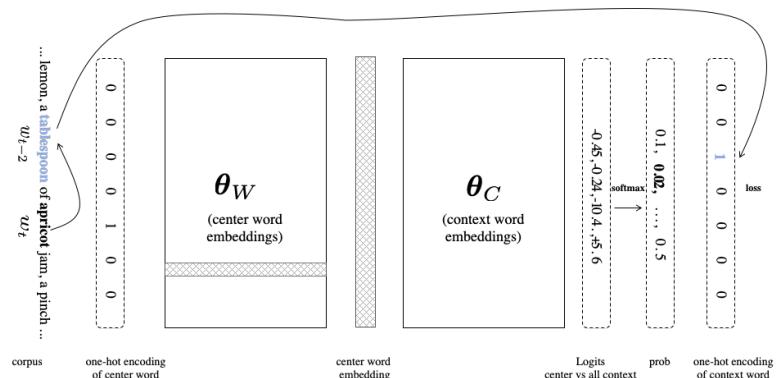


Figure 6.13 The embeddings learned by the skipgram model. The algorithm stores two embeddings for each word, the target embedding (sometimes called the input embedding) and the context embedding (sometimes called the output embedding). The parameter  $\theta$  that the algorithm learns is thus a matrix of  $2|V|$  vectors, each of dimension  $d$ , formed by concatenating two matrices, the target embeddings  $\mathbf{W}$  and the context+noise embeddings  $\mathbf{C}$ .

## word2vec with Skip-Gram at a glance

... and why it can be seen as a tiny neural net.



## Loss function: compare two discrete distributions

$$\mathbf{p} = \text{softmax}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_C \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]^T)$$

You can think  $\mathbf{p}$  as of this form:

	lemon	tablespoon	gelato	...	jam
$\mathbf{p}$ (word2vec prediction)	0.001	0.1	0.03	...	0.15
	lemon	tablespoon	gelato	...	jam

Let's consider the label as a one-hot encoding vector where 1 is over the ground-truth word given by the text.

	lemon	tablespoon	gelato	...	jam
$\mathbf{y}$ label (ground-truth $w_{t-1}$ )	0	1	0	...	0
	lemon	tablespoon	gelato	...	jam

We want to adjust the weights  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  so that  $\mathbf{p}$  matches the label!

## One-hot encoding is a selector!

- $\mathbf{y} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0] \rightarrow$  works as a selector of probability of the actual ground-truth word that we removed!
- Of the probabilities returned by word2vec select that for which the index  $gt$  corresponds to the 1 in the label  $\mathbf{y}$ .
- in our case,  $gt$  is the index of tablespoon in  $|V|$ .

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) = -\log [\mathbf{p}(w_{t-1}|w_t)] [gt]$$

## Loss function simplified

We can select immediately  $[gt]$  in the numerator.

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) = -\log \left( \frac{\exp (\boldsymbol{\theta}_C[gt] \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]^T)}{\sum_{v=1}^V \exp (\boldsymbol{\theta}_C[v] \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]^T)} \right)$$

Sometimes is shown as:

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) = \underbrace{-\boldsymbol{\theta}_C[gt] \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]^T}_{\text{similarity center vs context}} + \underbrace{\log \left( \sum_{v=1}^V \exp (\boldsymbol{\theta}_C[v] \cdot \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]^T) \right)}_{\text{make sure it is a probability}}$$

## word2vec: Continuous Bag-of-Word (C-BOW)

### Skip-Gram

$$p(w_{t-2}, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, w_{t+2} | w_t; \theta)$$

### C-BOW

$$p(w_t | w_{t-2}, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, w_{t+2}; \theta)$$

## word2vec: C-BOW

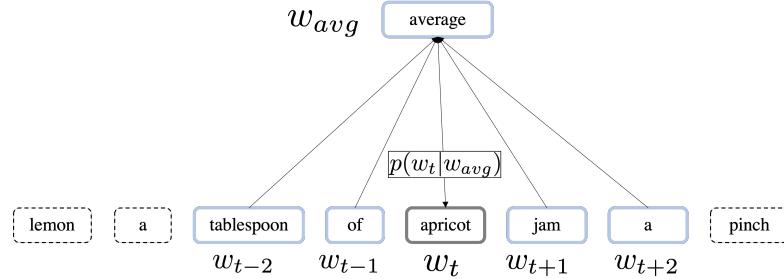
Given the context  $w_{t-2}, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, w_{t+2} \longrightarrow p(w_t)$

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w_{t-2}	w_{t-1}	w_t	w_{t+1}	w_{t+2}				

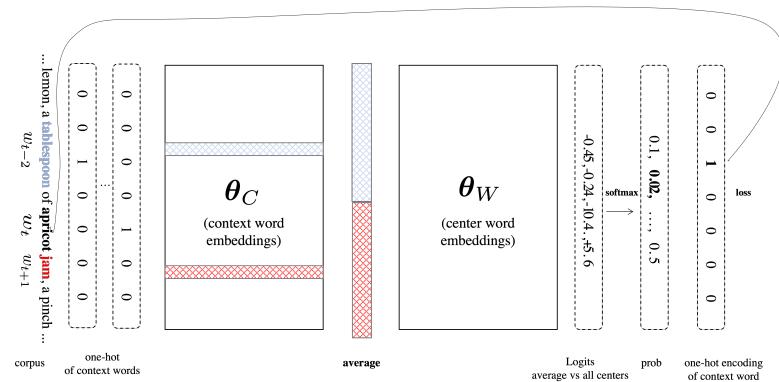
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$$w_{t-2}, w_{t-1}, w_{t+1}, w_{t+2} \longrightarrow p(w_t)$$

$$\theta_{C_{avg}} = \sum_{-m \leq j \leq m, j \neq 0} \theta_C[t+j]$$



## word2vec: Continuous Bag-of-Word (CBOW)



## How to compute $p(w_{t-1} | w_{avg})$ ?

1.  $\theta_{C_{avg}}$  is the average embedding from the context parameters  $\theta_C$ . The average is computed once defined the context window size.

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{z}}_{|V| \times 1} = \underbrace{\theta_C}_{|V| \times D} \cdot \underbrace{\theta_{C_{avg}}^T}_{D \times 1}$$

1.  $\mathbf{z}$  is logits and encodes the similarity via dot product of the average context word embedding  $\theta_{C_{avg}}$  **against all vocabulary words** taken as center  $\theta_C$

2. We pass  $\mathbf{z}$  through softmax operator to get a distribution over  $|V|$  as:

$$\mathbf{p} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{z})$$

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## Skipgram vs CBOW at a glance

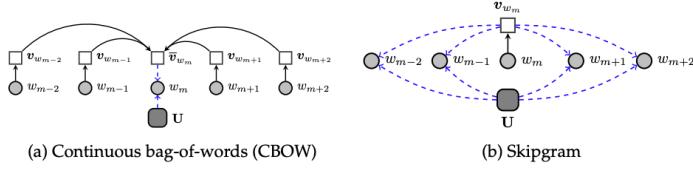


Figure 14.3: The CBOW and skipgram variants of WORD2VEC. The parameter  $U$  is the matrix of word embeddings, and each  $v_m$  is the context embedding for word  $w_m$ .

## Computational Complexity

- word2vec computes a **normalized probability over word tokens (over the vocabulary  $V$ )**
- A naive implementation of this probability requires summing over the entire vocabulary  $V$

$$\mathcal{L}(w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) = -\log \left( \frac{\exp(\theta_C[gt] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T)}{\sum_{v=1}^V \exp(\theta_C[v] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T)} \right)$$

The normalization in the denominator is of the order of:

$$\mathcal{O}(|V| \times D)$$

where:

- $|V|$  is the vocabulary size and e.g.  $|V| = 3M$
- $D$  is the dimension of the embeddings e.g.  $D = 300$ .

## Two solutions to approximate the denominator

1. Negative sampling (Contrastive method)
2. Hierarchical Softmax (Tree-based solution)

## Scaling word2vec with Negative Sampling

### Skip-gram with Negative Sampling (SGNS)

Instead of doing:

1. **Center word vs ground-truth context embedding**  $\rightarrow \theta_C[gt] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T$
2. normalize as a distribution: **all context vs center word**  $\rightarrow \sum_{v=1}^V \exp(\theta_C[v] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T)$

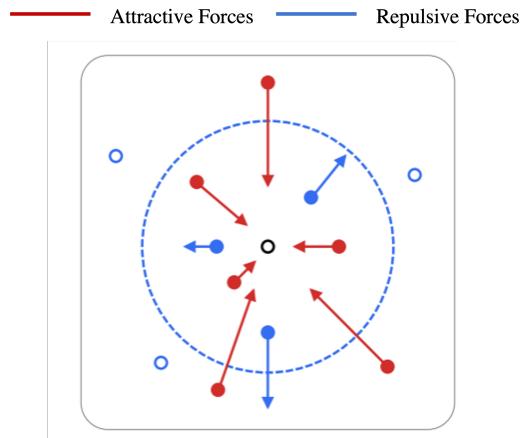
$$\mathcal{L}(w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) = \underbrace{-\theta_C[gt] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T}_{\text{similarity center vs context}} + \log \left( \underbrace{\sum_{v=1}^V \exp(\theta_C[v] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T)}_{\text{make sure it is a probability}} \right)$$

### Skip-gram with Negative Sampling (SGNS)

We "relax" the denominator and do:

1. **[Same as before] Center word vs ground-truth context embedding**  $\rightarrow \theta_C[gt] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T$
2. Approximate the denominator as:
  - Sample a  $k$  context words from  $V$ .
  - Compare **each  $k$ -th sampled word vs center word**

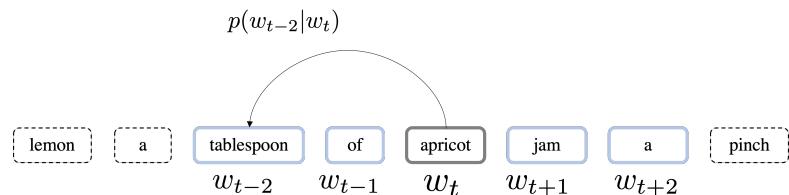
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- **Positive Constraint:**
  - Pull  $\theta_C[gt]$  and  $\theta_W$  to be "close" in space (give high dot-product score)
  - Center and ground-truth context need to have high similarity
  - In doing so we may make other words unrelated to be close in the space, so we have to push them away
- **Negative Constraint:**
  - We have to push away  $\theta_W$  for any other remaining  $\theta_C[i] \quad \forall i \in V, i \neq gt$
  - Before, this was done by forcing the total "mass" over the vocabulary distribution to sum to 1.

Consider the simplified case: a center vs a context word



## Skip-gram with Negative Sampling (SGNS)

- Given  $w_t$  the center word and  $w_{t-2}$  the context word to be predicted;
- Assuming  $gt$  is the index of  $w_{t-2}$  in  $V$  and  $i$  is the index of  $w_t$  in  $V$ :

1. **[Positive] Center word vs ground-truth context embedding**  $\longrightarrow \theta_C[gt] \cdot \theta_W[i]^T$
2. **[Negative]** Sample  $k$  negative indexes  $v$  from  $V$  such that:  $v \in V, v \neq gt$

Dot Products:

$$\underbrace{1}_{\text{positive; center vs context}} \quad \text{vs} \quad \underbrace{k}_{\text{negative; center vs non-context}}$$

## Skip-gram with Negative Sampling (SGNS) over a window

- Window size is  $m = 2$  ( $m$  is one side of the window, so total context words are  $2m$ )
- Number of negative  $k = 2$

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### positive examples +

$w$	$c_{\text{pos}}$
apricot	tablespoon
apricot	of
apricot	jam
apricot	a

### negative examples -

$w$	$c_{\text{neg}}$	$w$	$c_{\text{neg}}$
apricot	aardvark	apricot	seven
apricot	my	apricot	forever
apricot	where	apricot	dear
apricot	coaxial	apricot	if

so, how do we model that?

From global softmax to binary classification for each pair

Recall: words are assumed all conditionally independent [it is not true in practice!]

1. We instantiate a **binary classifier as Logistic Regression** (same as softmax but just two classes, either positive pair  $y = +1$  or negative pair  $y = 0$ )
2. We use the sigmoid function  $\sigma$  to map the dot-product result to a probability

## Binary Logistic Regression

$$f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \doteq \sigma(\theta^T \mathbf{x})$$

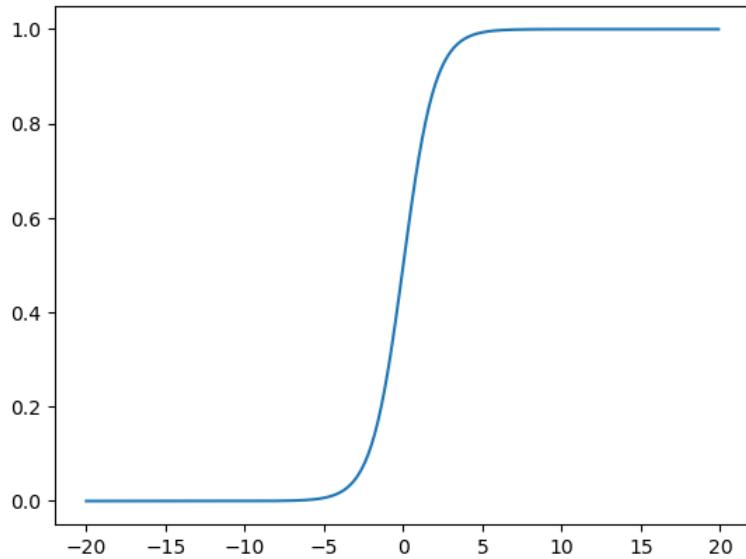
where:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp^{-z}} \quad \text{sigmoid or logistic function}$$

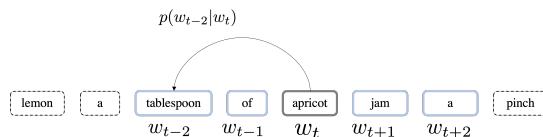
Other important properties:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{\exp^z}{1 + \exp^z}; \quad \sigma(z) = 1 - \sigma(-z)$$

Smooth and Differentiable alternative to sign



## Likelihood with negative sampling



$$\max_{\theta} \underbrace{p(y = +1|w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta)}_{\text{pos. center vs context}} \cdot \underbrace{\prod_{k=1}^K p(y = 0|w_k, w_t; \theta)}_{\text{neg. center vs k samples}}$$

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We can apply log since is strictly monotonic, will not change the optimization:

$$\max_{\theta} \log p(y = +1|w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) + \log \sum_{k=1}^K p(y = 0|w_k, w_t; \theta)$$

$$\max_{\theta} \log p(y = +1|w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) + \log \sum_{k=1}^K \underbrace{1 - p(y = +1|w_k, w_t; \theta)}_{\text{it is a binary classifier!}}$$

## Likelihood with negative sampling

$$\max_{\theta} \log p(y = +1 | w_{t-1}, w_t; \theta) + \sum_{k=1}^K \log [1 - p(y = +1 | w_k, w_t; \theta)]$$

We replace  $p(\cdot)$  with the logistic regression and using  $\sigma(-z) = 1 - \sigma(z)$ , we get:

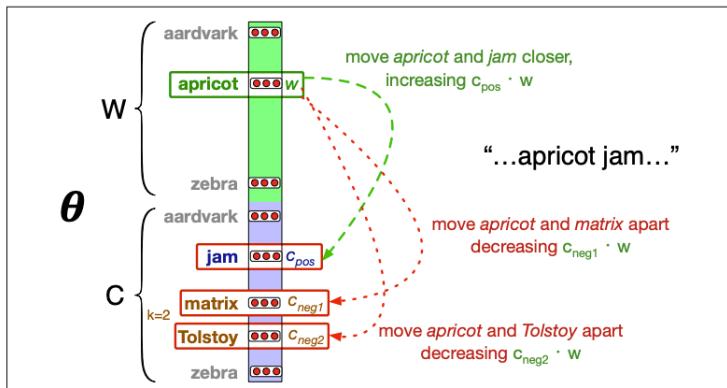
$$\max_{\theta} \log \sigma (\theta_C[gt]^T \theta_W[i]) + \sum_{k=1}^K \log [\sigma (-\theta_C[k]^T \theta_W[i])]$$

## Loss with negative sampling

If we minimize, we have to invert the sign:

$$\min_{\theta} -\log \sigma (\theta_C[gt]^T \theta_W[i]) - \sum_{k=1}^K \log [\sigma (-\theta_C[k]^T \theta_W[i])]$$

## Visualization



**Figure 6.14** Intuition of one step of gradient descent. The skip-gram model tries to shift embeddings so the target embeddings (here for *apricot*) are closer to (have a higher dot product with) context embeddings for nearby words (here *jam*) and further from (lower dot product with) context embeddings for noise words that don't occur nearby (here *Tolstoy* and *matrix*).

## How to sample the negatives

Which is, how to select the indexes  $k \in \{1 \dots K\}$ ,  $k \neq gt$  in  $\sum_{k=1}^K \log [\sigma (-\theta_C[k]^T \theta_W[i])]$ ?

We sample from an **Unigram model** defined over the corpus  $V$  as:

$$P(v)_\alpha = \frac{\text{count}(v)^\alpha}{\sum_{v'} \text{count}(v')^\alpha}$$

and fixing  $\alpha = \frac{3}{4} = 0.75$

Setting  $\alpha = 0.75$  gives better performance because **gives rare noise words slightly higher probability**. For rare words,  $P(v)_\alpha > P(v)$  while **common words are more or less kept the same**.

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**Example:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{is: } & 0.9^{.75} = 0.92 \\ \text{Constitution: } & 0.09^{.75} = 0.16 \\ \text{bombastic: } & 0.01^{.75} = 0.032 \end{aligned}$$

## Sparse Gradients

- We iteratively take gradients at each window for SGD
- In each window, we only have at most  $2m + 1$  words plus  $2km$  negative words with negative sampling, so the gradient over a window  $\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}_t(\theta)$  is very sparse!
- Computationally, it is important to not have to send gigantic updates around.

$$\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots \\ \nabla_\theta \theta_{Wlike} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} \\ \nabla_\theta \theta_{Wam} \\ \vdots \\ \nabla_\theta \theta_{Wlearning} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{2dV}$$

## Scaling word2vec with Hierarchical Softmax

### Hierarchical Softmax in NLP

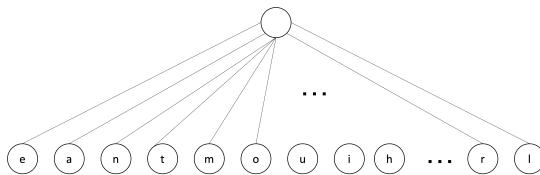
It is an alternative to **Negative Sampling**. We do not use a contrastive method yet we approximate the normalization over the large vocabulary with a **balanced binary tree structure**.

Computational cost reduces from  $\mathcal{O}(|V|)$  to  $\mathcal{O}(\log_2(|V|))$  **in the best case**.

### Regular Softmax is a degenerate tree!

We change point of view: softmax is a tree of depth=1 and  $|V|$  children that are leaf too!

Corpus `this is an example of a huffman tree and assume **word tokens are characters** to simplify.`



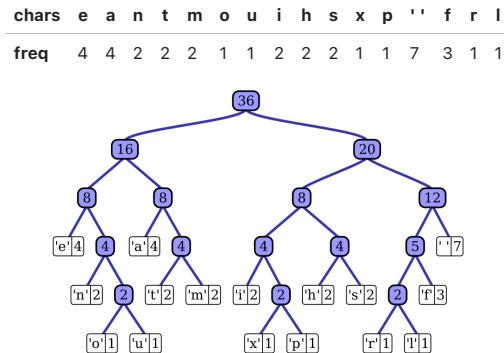
### Hierarchical Softmax in NLP

1. Given a vocabulary of word token  $V$  how to construct the tree (there are multiple ways of doing it)
2. How to train with the tree
3. How to perform inference

## Huffman tree

Given a vocabulary of word token  $V$  how to construct the tree? We use **Huffman trees**

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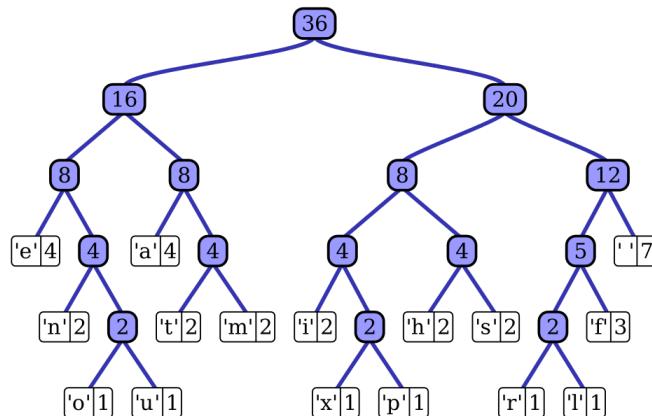
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## Huffman tree

- vocabulary  $V \rightarrow$  word frequencies with **Unigram model**.
- More frequent word tokens are placed closer to the root; rare words are at deeper layers.
  - If you think Information Theory, we "spend" less in encoding frequent words and each word has a variable code length.
  - We want to encode '`e`' with a bit string. Convention: left is `0` and right is `1`
  - Then encoding of '`e`' is `left->left->left` which is `000` 3 bits
  - Yet the encoding of '`p`' is `right->left->left->right->right` which is `10011` 5 bits
- Each node has always two children

## Huffman tree

chars	e	a	n	t	m	o	u	i	h	s	x	p	"	f	r	l	
freq	4	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	7	3	1	1



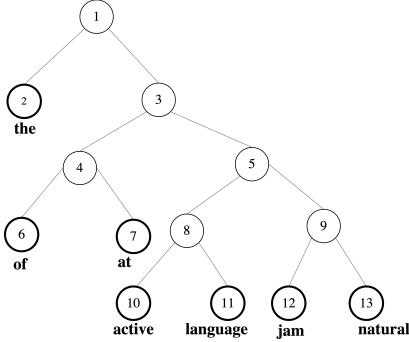
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## Training with Hierarchical Softmax

We do not model anymore  $\theta$  as the number of words in  $V$ , yet we model  $\theta$  as the number of internal nodes in the tree  $V - 1$ .

We have a feature vector to be learned at each node  $i$  of the tree for a total of  $2V - 1$  vectors to be learned (context and center).

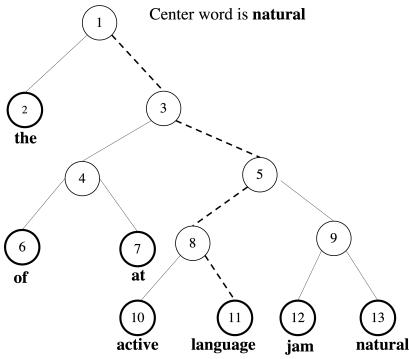
We assume Skip-gram and we want to compute  $p(w_{t-1}|w_t = \text{natural})$ ; we also assume the ground-truth  $w_{t-1}$  is language.



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Assume Skip-gram and we want to compute  $p(w_{t-1}|w_t = \text{natural})$  and we assume the ground-truth  $w_{t-1}$  is language.

So we "bypass" all paths except the one that from root leads to language.



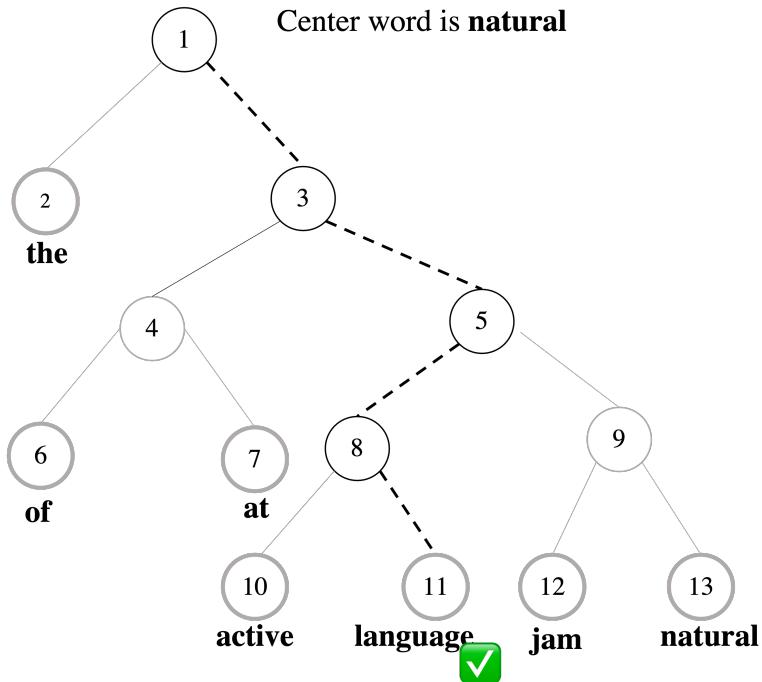
## Training with Hierarchical Softmax

$p(w_{t-1}|w_t = \text{natural})$  and we assume the ground-truth  $w_{t-1}$  is "language".

$$p(w_{t-1}|w_t = \text{natural}) = \prod_{n \in \text{path}(\text{root} \rightarrow \text{language})} p_{\text{branch}}(n, i)$$

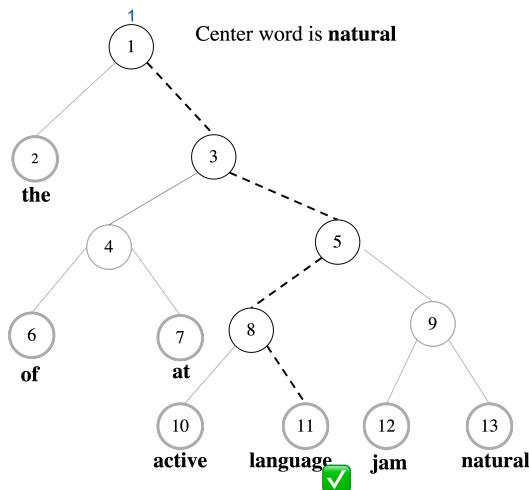
where:

$$p_{\text{branch}}(n, i) = \begin{cases} \sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}_C[n]^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]), & \text{if left} \\ 1 - \sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}_C[n]^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_W[i]), & \text{if right} \end{cases}$$

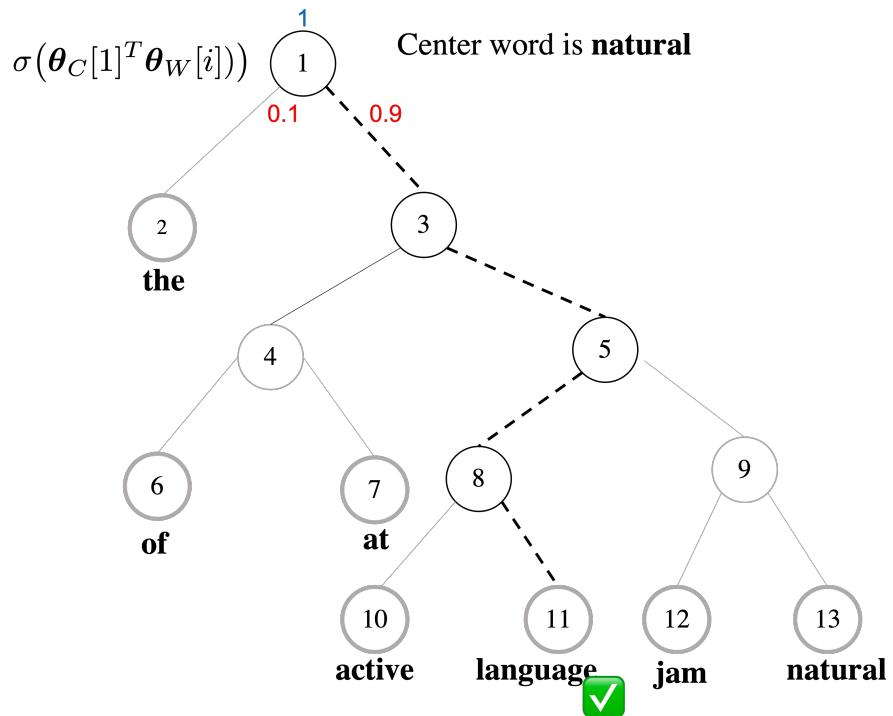


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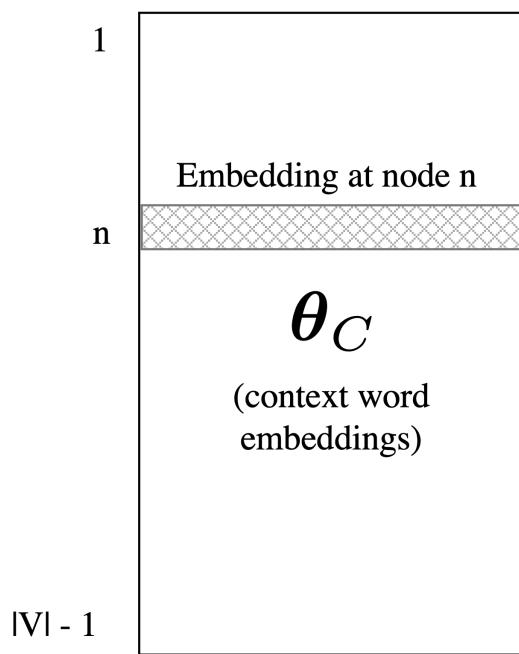


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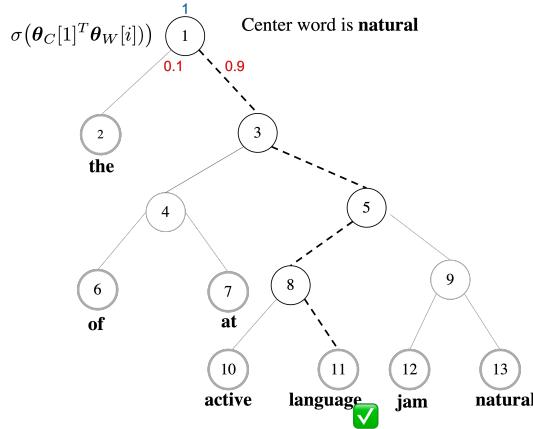
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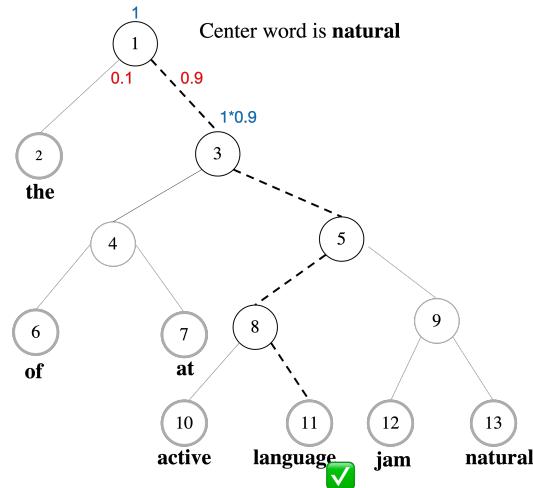
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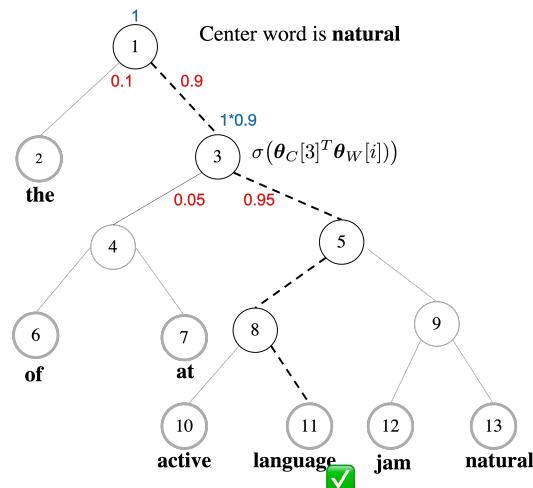
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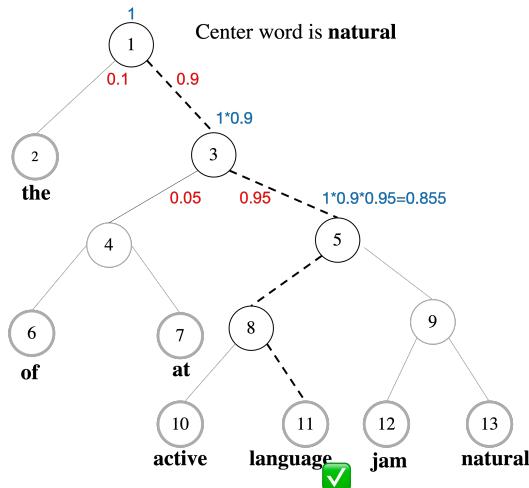
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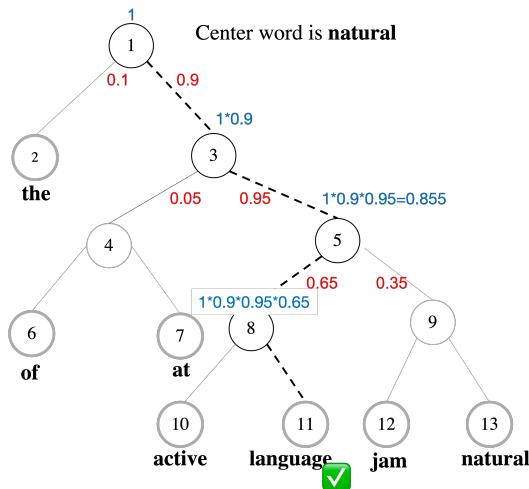
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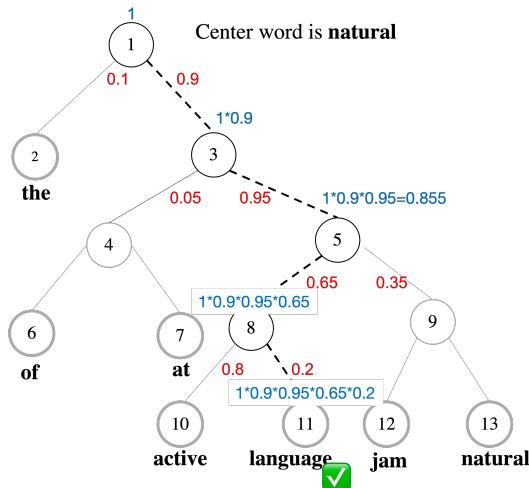
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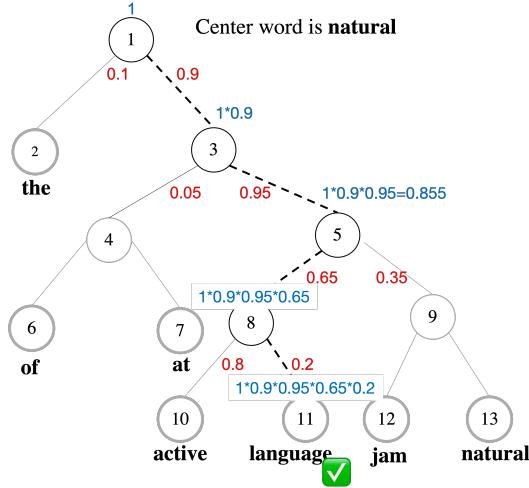
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$$p(w_{t-1}|w_t = \text{natural}) = 1 \cdot 0.9 \cdot 0.95 \cdot 0.65 \cdot 0.2 = 0.11115$$

$$\text{Loss is } -\log(p(w_{t-1}|w_t = \text{natural})) = -\log(0.11115)$$



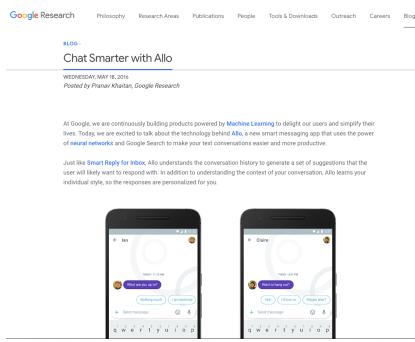
## Inference with Hierarchical Softmax

**Important:** In inference with do not have the label!

1. Exhaustive search [too complex]
2. Greedy search (at each branch take the branch at maximum probability) [too greedy]
3. **Beam search** (we will cover later on)

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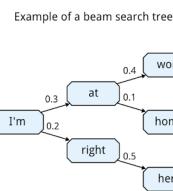


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# Hints on fastText



- Morphological structure of a word carries important information about the meaning of the word.
- fastText attempts to solve this by treating **each word as the aggregation of its subwords**.
- Morphologically rich languages (German, Turkish) in which a single word can have a large number of morphological forms, each of which might occur rarely, thus making it hard to train good word embeddings.

## Subword Embedding

In English, words such as

"helps", "helped", and "helping" are

**inflected forms of the same word "help".** The relationship between "dog" and "dogs" is the same as that between "cat" and "cats", and the relationship between "boy" and "boyfriend" is the same as that between "girl" and "girlfriend".

In other languages such as French and Spanish, **many verbs have over 40 inflected forms**, while in Finnish, a noun may have up to 15 cases.

**In linguistics, morphology studies word formation and word relationships.** However, the internal structure of words was neither explored in word2vec nor in GloVe.

## The fastText Model

To use morphological information, the *fastText* model proposed a *subword embedding* approach, where a **subword is a character  $n$ -gram**.

Instead of learning word-level vector representations, fastText can be considered as:

- the **subword-level skip-gram**,
- where each **center word** is represented by the **sum of its subword vectors**.

## The fastText Model

Let's illustrate how to obtain subwords for each center word in fastText using the word "where".

1. First, add special characters "<" and ">" at the beginning and end of the word to distinguish prefixes and suffixes from other subwords.
2. Then, extract character  $n$ -grams from the word. For example, when  $n = 3$ , we obtain all subwords of length 3: "<wh", "whe", "her", "ere", "re>", and the **special subword "<where>"**.

```
S = '<where>'; n=3;
for i in range(0, len(S)-n+1):
    print(S[i:i+n])
```

## The fastText Model

In fastText, for any word  $w$ , denote by  $\mathcal{G}_w$  the **union of all its subwords of length between 3 and 6 and its special subword**. The **vocabulary is the union of the subwords of all words**. Letting  $\mathbf{z}_g$  be the vector of subword  $g$  in the dictionary, the vector  $\mathbf{v}_w$  for word  $w$  as a center word in the skip-gram model is the sum of its subword vectors:

$$\mathbf{v}_w = \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}_w} \mathbf{z}_g.$$

The rest of fastText is the same as the skip-gram model. Compared with the skip-gram model, **the vocabulary in fastText is larger**, resulting in **more model parameters**. Besides, to calculate the representation of a word, all its subword vectors have to be summed, leading to higher computational complexity. **However, thanks to shared parameters from subwords among words with similar structures, rare words and even out-of-vocabulary words may obtain better vector representations in fastText.**

## Evaluating Word Embeddings

Related to general evaluation in NLP/Machine Learning: **Intrinsic vs. Extrinsic**

- **Intrinsic:**
  - Evaluation on a specific/intermediate subtask
  - Fast to compute
  - Helps to understand that system
  - Not clear if really helpful unless correlation to real task is established
  - Often involve **correlation with human judgments**

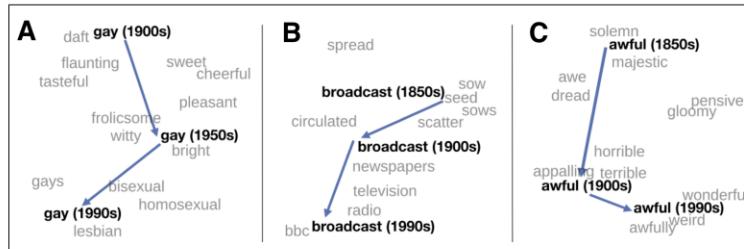
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- **Extrinsic:**
  - Evaluation on a real downstream task
  - Can take a long time to compute accuracy
  - Unclear if the subsystem is the problem or its interaction or other subsystems
  - If replacing exactly one subsystem with another improves accuracy → Winner! (**Ablation study**)
  - Always perform validation of the hyper-parameter on a validation (or dev) set; when you are sure then test once.

Taken from cs224n Stanford NLP with Deep learning

## Embedding and Historical Semantics



**Figure 6.17** A t-SNE visualization of the semantic change of 3 words in English using word2vec vectors. The modern sense of each word, and the grey context words, are computed from the most recent (modern) time-point embedding space. Earlier points are computed from earlier historical embedding spaces. The visualizations show the changes in the word *gay* from meanings related to “cheerful” or “frolicsome” to referring to homosexuality, the development of the modern “transmission” sense of *broadcast* from its original sense of sowing seeds, and the pejoration of the word *awful* as it shifted from meaning “full of awe” to meaning “terrible or appalling” (Hamilton et al., 2016b).

## Bias and Embeddings ⚠

In addition to their ability to learn word meaning from text, embeddings, alas, also **reproduce the implicit biases and stereotypes** that were **latent in the text**

Besides the notorious

$$\text{man} : \text{king} = \text{woman} : \text{queen}$$

the same embeddings analogies also **exhibit gender bias**

$$\text{man} : \text{computer programmer} = \text{woman} : \text{homemaker}$$

$$\text{father} : \text{doctor} = \text{mother} : \text{nurse}$$

## Bias and Embeddings

Bias in the embeddings can cause **allocational harm**

when a system allocates resources (jobs or credit) unfairly to different groups. For example algorithms that use embeddings as part of a search for hiring potential programmers or doctors might thus incorrectly downweight documents with women's names

## Bias and Embeddings

Bias in the embeddings can cause **representational harm** as in bias towards the ethnicity groups

Using such methods, people in the United States have been shown to associate African-American names with unpleasant words (more than European-American names), male names more with mathematics and female names with the arts, and old people's names with unpleasant words

## Debiasing and Fairness in NLP/Machine Learning

is an Open-Problem

## Word Embedding: Topics we did NOT cover

- **Global Vector - GloVe** Model: taking the best of both word (SVD-based and iterative, word2vec based). Invented by Stanford.
- We only skimmed through **fasttext**: extension of word2vec to deal with the **Out of Vocabulary (OOV) problem**
  - [Fasttext demo with Gensim](#)

## Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning

### NLP Task

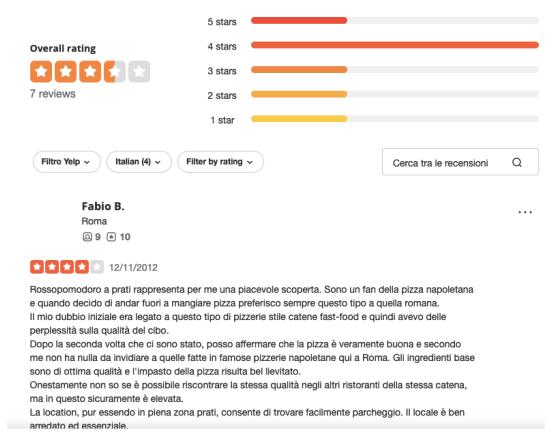
#### Sentiment Analysis as a classification problem

### Sentiment Analysis

- We focus on one common text **categorization task: sentiment analysis**.
- The extraction of sentiment, the positive or negative orientation that a writer expresses toward some object

A review of a movie, book, or product on the web expresses the author's sentiment toward the product, while an editorial or political text expresses sentiment toward a candidate or political action. Extracting consumer or public sentiment is thus relevant for fields from marketing to politics.

# Sentiment Analysis



## Sentiment Analysis: what we want

- + ...zany characters and richly applied satire, and some great plot twists
- It was pathetic. The worst part about it was the boxing scenes...
- + ...awesome caramel sauce and sweet toasty almonds. I love this place!
- ...awful pizza and ridiculously overpriced...

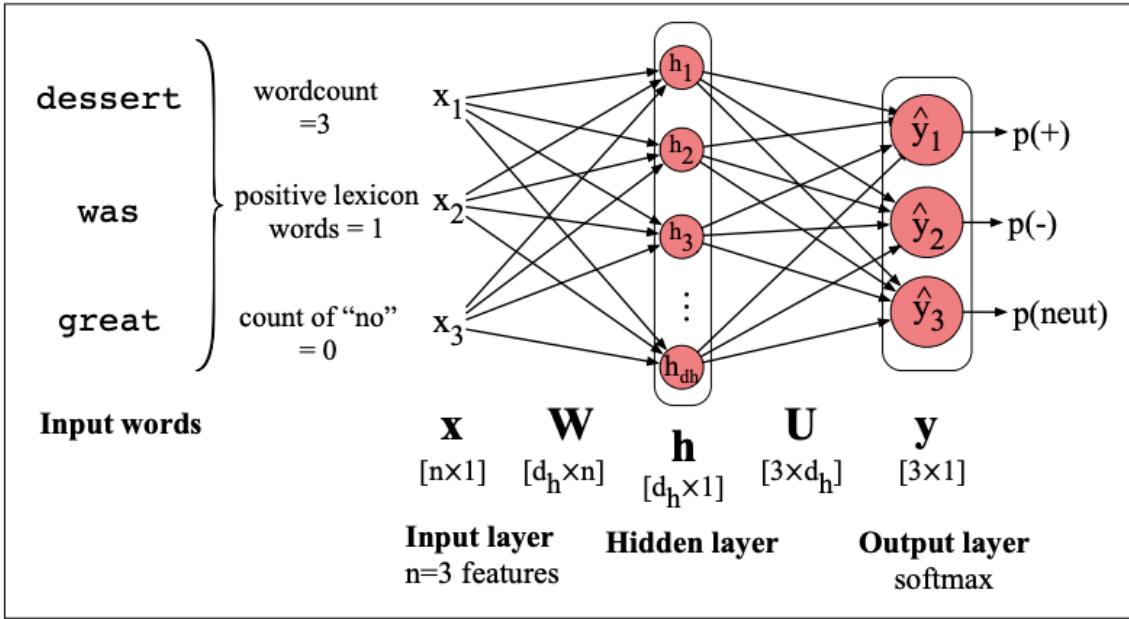
## Sentiment Analysis: what we have

	Cat	Documents
Training	-	just plain boring
	-	entirely predictable and lacks energy
	-	no surprises and very few laughs
	+	very powerful
	+	the most fun film of the summer
Test	?	predictable with no fun

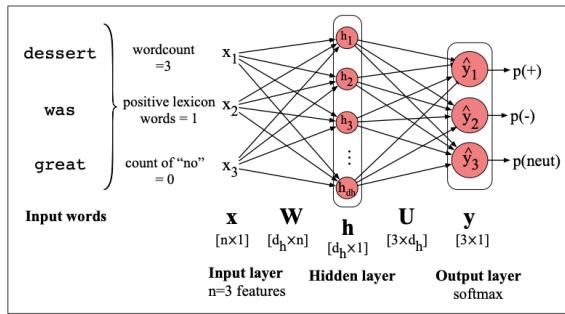
## Feedforward Neural Net for Sentiment Analysis

w/ "hand-designed features"

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= [\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N] \quad (\text{each } \mathbf{x}_i \text{ is a hand-designed feature}) \\ \mathbf{h} &= \sigma(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) \quad (\text{hidden layer}) \\ \mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{U}\mathbf{h} \quad (\text{classification layer}) \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} &= \text{softmax}(\mathbf{z})\end{aligned}$$



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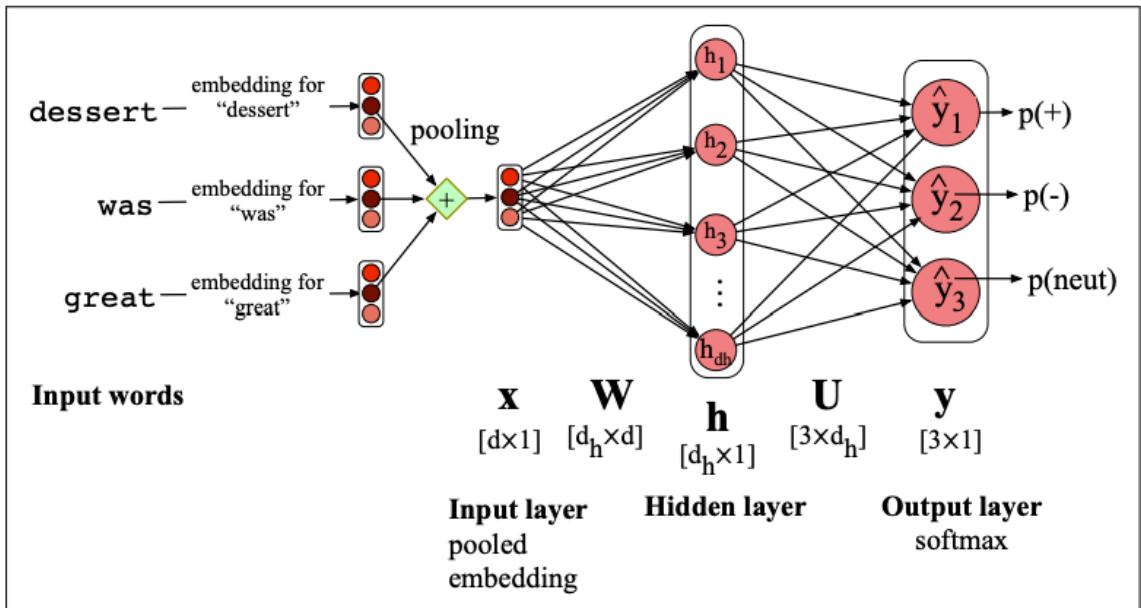
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## Feedforward Neural Net for Sentiment Analysis

### w/ word embeddings

We **pool** all the embeddings across the  $N$  word tokens we have, using arithmetic mean (**early fusion**).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x} &= \text{mean}(\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots, \mathbf{e}_N) \quad (\text{each } \mathbf{e}_i \text{ is a word2vec embedding}) \\
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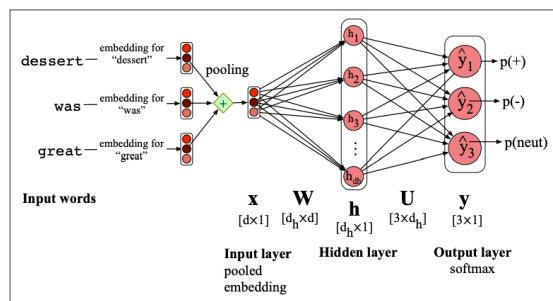


**Figure 7.11** Feedforward sentiment analysis using a pooled embedding of the input words.

## Pretraining

Learning a representation on top of another is a very important concept which is related to **pretraining** in Deep Learning. You can think of two alternatives:

- Pretrain word2vec (**offline**); then tune a 2 layer NN on top of them
- Pretrain word2vec (**offline**) but also tune the word2vec embeddings as you train the 2 layer NN



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## NLP Task

### Neural Language Model with Feedforward Neural Net

Bengio et al, 2003

### Neural Language Model (Pros)

Neural language models can handle:

- much longer histories, can generalize better over contexts of similar words and;
- are more accurate at word-prediction.

## Neural Language Model (Cons)

On the other hand, neural net language models are:

- much more complex, are slower and need more energy to train
- are less interpretable than n-gram models

## Language Model (LM)

**Language Modeling (LM)** is the task of predicting what word comes next:

the students opened their \_  
books, laptops, exams, minds?

## Language Model (LM)

More formally, given a sequence of words  $w_1, \dots, w_t$ , compute the probabilities distributions over the text words  $w_{t+1}$  where the support of the probability is a vocabulary  $V$ .

$$p(w_{t+1} | w_t, \dots, w_1)$$

where  $w_{t+1}$  can be any word in  $V = \{w_1, \dots, w_{|V|}\}$

A system that does this is called a **Language Model**

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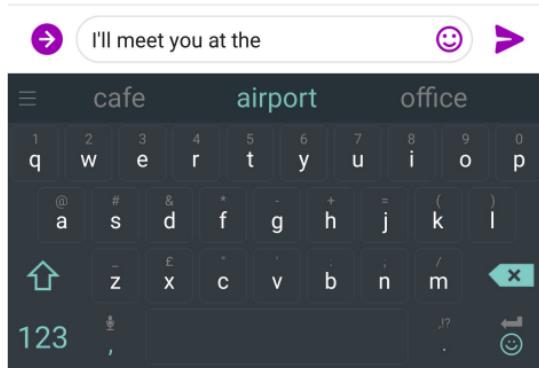
You can also think a LM as a **machinery that assign a probability to a piece of text of T words**:

$$p(w_t, \dots, w_1) = \underbrace{p(w_t, \dots, w_2 | w_1)}_{\text{recursion}} \cdot \underbrace{p(w_1)}_{\text{base case}}$$

$$= p(w_t, \dots, w_2 | w_1) \cdot p(w_1) = p(w_t, \dots, w_3 | w_1, w_2) \cdot p(w_2 | w_1) \cdot p(w_1)$$

$$= p(w_t, \dots, w_3 | w_1, w_2) \cdot p(w_2 | w_1) \cdot p(w_1) = \prod_{t=2}^N p(w_t | w_{t-1}, \dots, w_1) \cdot p(w_1)$$

## We use LM everyday!



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## Language Model: the order matters!

the cat is small

0 1 2 3  
\_\_\_\_\_  
the cat is small

$$p(\text{the}, \text{cat}, \text{is}, \text{small}) = 0.035$$

small the is cat

0 1 2 3  
\_\_\_\_\_  
small the cat is

$$p(\text{small}, \text{the}, \text{cat}, \text{is}) = 0.000001$$

## Language Model: N-gram

the students opened their \_

- unigrams: "the", "students", "opened", "their"
- bigrams: "the students", "students opened", "opened their"
- trigrams: "the students opened", "students opened their"
- four-grams: "the students opened their"

$$\frac{p(\text{the}|\text{its water is so transparent that})}{\frac{\text{count}(\text{its water is so transparent that the})}{\text{count}(\text{its water is so transparent that})}} = \frac{\text{count}(\text{its water is so transparent that the})}{\text{count}(\text{its water is so transparent that})} \quad (1)$$

## Language Model: N-gram problems

As you increase the "window" of your context:

1. ✗ Sparsity issue increases
2. ✗ Storage problem increases

Neural LM took over N-gram

## A fixed-window Neural LM

- Like in N-gram, we consider only a portion of text  **$N$  window or context size, not the entire text.**

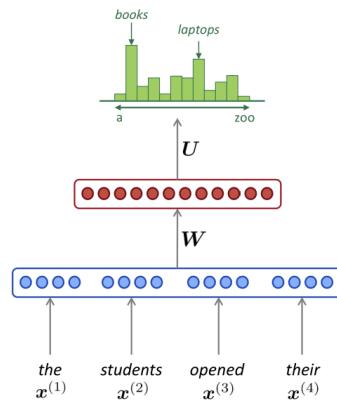
$$p(w_{t+1}|w_t, \dots, w_1) \approx p(w_{t+1}|w_t, \dots, w_{t-N})$$

- Given the context we use a Feedforward NN to predict the next word (similarly to word2vec).

As the proctor started the clock, the students opened their  

- Unlike N-gram, it uses **distributed representations**

## A fixed-window Neural LM



## A fixed-window Neural LM

**output distribution**

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

**hidden layer**

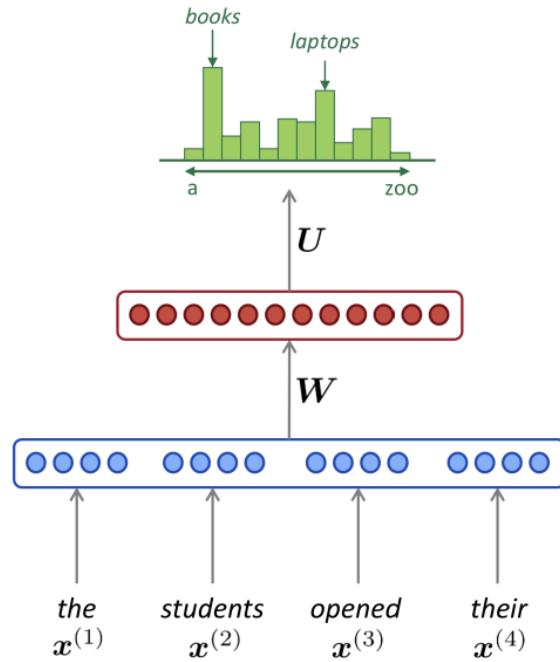
$$\mathbf{h} = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{b}_1)$$

**concatenated word embeddings**

$$\mathbf{e} = [\mathbf{e}^{(1)}; \mathbf{e}^{(2)}; \mathbf{e}^{(3)}; \mathbf{e}^{(4)}]$$

**words / one-hot vectors**

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \mathbf{x}^{(3)}, \mathbf{x}^{(4)}$$



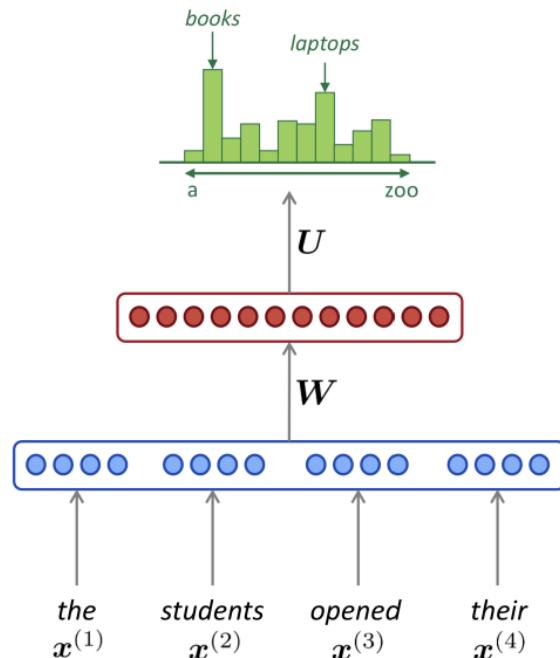
## A fixed-window Neural LM

Improvements over n-gram LM

- No sparsity problem
- No need to store all observed n-grams!

Remaining problems:

- Fixed window is too small
- Enlarging window enlarges  $\mathbf{W}$
- Window can never be large enough!
- No symmetry in how the inputs are processed.



# A fixed-window Neural LM:

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### Abstract

A goal of statistical language modeling is to learn the joint probability function of sequences of words in a language. This is intrinsically difficult because of the **curse of dimensionality**: a word sequence on which the model will be tested is likely to be different from all the word sequences seen during training. Traditional but very successful approaches based on n-grams obtain generalization by concatenating very short overlapping sequences seen in the training set. We propose to fight the curse of dimensionality by **learning a distributed representation for words** which allows each training sentence to inform the model about an exponential number of semantically neighboring sentences. The model learns simultaneously (1) a distributed representation for each word along with (2) the probability function for word sequences, expressed in terms of these representations.

# A fixed-window Neural LM:

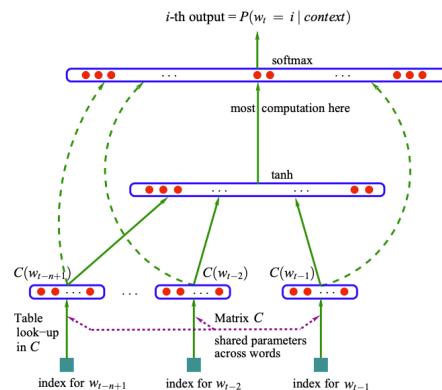


Figure 1: Neural architecture:  $f(i, w_{t-1}, \dots, w_{t-n+1}) = g(i, C(w_{t-1}), \dots, C(w_{t-n+1}))$  where  $g$  is the neural network and  $C(i)$  is the  $i$ -th word feature vector.

## Training the Neural LM: sliding window

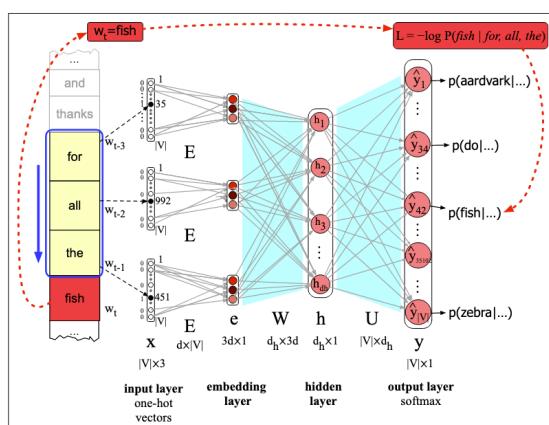


Figure 7.18 Learning all the way back to embeddings. Again, the embedding matrix  $E$  is shared among the 3 context words.

# A fixed-window Neural LM: What we need to move forward

- An architecture that can process **any arbitrary length of context**
- Handle **word order in a better way** than concatenating embeddings.

## Appendix on Deep Learning

### Gradient Descent or Batch GD

- Compute the gradient of the loss wrt to params for **all  $n$  training samples**
- $\theta - \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\theta; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$

### Stochastic Gradient Descent or SGD

- Compute the gradient of the loss wrt to params for **a single random training samples**
- $\theta - \gamma \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\theta; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$

### How to optimize a Neural Net - SGD over mini-batches

1. In-between Batch GD and SGD with a single sample
2. We load randomly  $k$  samples over the  $n$ ; usually  $k$  is a power of 2.
  - mini batch of 32, 64, 128 but could also be 100
3.  $\theta - \gamma \sum_{i=1}^k \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\theta; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$
4. Practically you take your training set  $\mathcal{X}$  and you **shuffle** it, then go over it  $k$  by  $k$ . *Simulate uniform random sampling without replacement.*
  - When the list is over, re-start and shuffle again.
5. When you have performed a full pass on the shuffled data, this is called an **EPOCH**
6. You can train NN over iterations or over **EPOCHS**

### Training scheme Pseudo-code

```
from random import shuffle
training = list(range(1,11)) # each index points to a training sample, could be a matrix x=HxWx3,
label_y
shuffle(training)
converge, it, max_it, k, epoch = False, 0, 100, 3, 0
while not converge and it < max_it: # you training convergence scheme
    print(f'[Epoch {epoch}]')
    for b in range(0, len(training), k): # Data Loader gives you a batch k x matrices
        mini_batch = training[b:b+k] # so mini-batch is a tensor HxWx3xk
        if len(mini_batch) != k: # a possible way of handling the offset
            continue
        print('SGD step taken over', mini_batch) # compute the loss/gradients and update your model
        loss.backward() # get the gradients
        optimizer.step() # incorporate in the model
        # check convergence and set it to True
        it += 1
    epoch += 1 # an epoch is done, we reshuffle the training set
    shuffle(training)
```

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> Original unshuffled training set [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
> Training set [10, 8, 1, 2, 6, 4, 9, 7, 5, 3]
[Epoch 0]
SGD step taken over [10, 8, 1]
SGD step taken over [2, 6, 4]
SGD step taken over [9, 7, 5]
> Training set [1, 10, 6, 9, 3, 7, 8, 4, 5, 2]
[Epoch 1]
SGD step taken over [1, 10, 6]
SGD step taken over [9, 3, 7]
SGD step taken over [8, 4, 5]
> Training set [6, 3, 10, 5, 9, 8, 4, 7, 2, 1]
[Epoch 2]
SGD step taken over [6, 3, 10]
SGD step taken over [5, 9, 8]
SGD step taken over [4, 7, 2]
> Training set [1, 2, 5, 10, 6, 7, 9, 8, 3, 4]
[Epoch 3]
SGD step taken over [1, 2, 5]
SGD step taken over [10, 6, 7]
SGD step taken over [9, 8, 3]
> Training set [2, 3, 1, 9, 6, 8, 4, 10, 7, 5]
[Epoch 4]

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## Images - Mini-batch is a tensor $H \times W \times 3 \times k$

as an example with RGB images of size  $H \times W$ , you have a tensor that contains  $k$  images in the mini-batch

## Video Frames - Mini-batch is a tensor $H \times W \times 3 \times t \times k$

as set of frames from a video, you have a tensor that contains  $k$  frames over  $t$  time instants of the videos in the mini-batch

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In [13]: from random import shuffle
training = list(range(1,11))
shuffle(training)
print('> Training set', training)
converge, it, max_it, k, epoch = False, 0, 100, 3, 0
while not converge and it < max_it: # you training converge scheme
    print(f'[Epoch {epoch}]')
    for b in range(0, len(training), k): # Data Loader
        mini_batch = training[b:b+k]
        if len(mini_batch) != k:
            continue
        print('SGD step taken over', mini_batch) # compute the loss and update your model
        it += 1
    epoch += 1 # epoch is done we reshuffle the training set
    shuffle(training)
    print('> Training set', training)
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> Training set [2, 7, 9, 1, 4, 8, 6, 10, 3, 5]
[Epoch 0]
SGD step taken over [2, 7, 9]
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[Epoch 2]
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SGD step taken over [8, 9, 3]
SGD step taken over [5, 4, 6]
> Training set [2, 10, 5, 8, 7, 9, 6, 4, 3, 1]
[Epoch 3]
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SGD step taken over [8, 7, 9]
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[Epoch 4]
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SGD step taken over [7, 3, 9]
SGD step taken over [4, 2, 10]
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[Epoch 5]
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SGD step taken over [4, 2, 3]
SGD step taken over [6, 1, 10]
> Training set [9, 1, 8, 7, 2, 3, 10, 6, 4, 5]
[Epoch 6]
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SGD step taken over [7, 2, 3]
SGD step taken over [10, 6, 4]
> Training set [1, 10, 2, 6, 3, 9, 8, 4, 5, 7]
[Epoch 7]
SGD step taken over [1, 10, 2]
SGD step taken over [6, 3, 9]
SGD step taken over [8, 4, 5]
> Training set [5, 2, 3, 6, 7, 1, 4, 10, 9, 8]
[Epoch 8]
SGD step taken over [5, 2, 3]
SGD step taken over [6, 7, 1]
SGD step taken over [4, 10, 9]
> Training set [7, 1, 5, 4, 3, 8, 10, 9, 6, 2]
[Epoch 9]
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SGD step taken over [4, 3, 8]
SGD step taken over [10, 9, 6]
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[Epoch 10]
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SGD step taken over [4, 2, 8]
SGD step taken over [1, 7, 3]
> Training set [5, 3, 1, 10, 7, 9, 6, 4, 2, 8]
[Epoch 11]
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SGD step taken over [10, 7, 9]
SGD step taken over [6, 4, 2]
> Training set [8, 4, 9, 6, 2, 5, 10, 1, 7, 3]
[Epoch 12]
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SGD step taken over [6, 2, 5]
SGD step taken over [10, 1, 7]
> Training set [9, 8, 3, 4, 6, 10, 5, 1, 2, 7]
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SGD step taken over [4, 6, 10]
SGD step taken over [5, 1, 2]
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[Epoch 14]
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SGD step taken over [2, 3, 7]
SGD step taken over [8, 6, 5]
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[Epoch 15]
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SGD step taken over [2, 6, 1]
SGD step taken over [10, 8, 9]
> Training set [3, 4, 6, 8, 1, 10, 9, 5, 2, 7]
[Epoch 16]
SGD step taken over [3, 4, 6]
SGD step taken over [8, 1, 10]
SGD step taken over [9, 5, 2]
> Training set [1, 5, 8, 6, 2, 4, 7, 10, 9, 3]
[Epoch 17]
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SGD step taken over [6, 2, 4]
SGD step taken over [7, 10, 9]
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> Training set [6, 5, 9, 10, 7, 1, 2, 4, 8, 3]
[Epoch 18]
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SGD step taken over [10, 7, 1]
SGD step taken over [2, 4, 8]
> Training set [3, 1, 10, 9, 5, 7, 6, 2, 8, 4]
[Epoch 19]
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SGD step taken over [9, 5, 7]
SGD step taken over [6, 2, 8]
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[Epoch 20]
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SGD step taken over [7, 5, 10]
SGD step taken over [9, 1, 4]
> Training set [8, 1, 9, 5, 2, 7, 10, 4, 6, 3]
[Epoch 21]
SGD step taken over [8, 1, 9]
SGD step taken over [5, 2, 7]
SGD step taken over [10, 4, 6]
> Training set [2, 8, 3, 5, 4, 9, 7, 10, 6, 1]
[Epoch 22]
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SGD step taken over [5, 4, 9]
SGD step taken over [7, 10, 6]
> Training set [5, 9, 10, 8, 2, 7, 6, 1, 4, 3]
[Epoch 23]
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SGD step taken over [8, 2, 7]
SGD step taken over [6, 1, 4]
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[Epoch 24]
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[Epoch 27]
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[Epoch 30]
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SGD step taken over [8, 10, 4]
SGD step taken over [9, 1, 7]
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[Epoch 31]
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SGD step taken over [10, 1, 5]
SGD step taken over [8, 9, 6]
> Training set [6, 10, 1, 4, 3, 8, 9, 7, 2, 5]
[Epoch 32]
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SGD step taken over [4, 3, 8]
SGD step taken over [9, 7, 2]
> Training set [4, 8, 2, 7, 3, 10, 5, 9, 1, 6]
[Epoch 33]
SGD step taken over [4, 8, 2]
SGD step taken over [7, 3, 10]
SGD step taken over [5, 9, 1]
> Training set [9, 7, 1, 4, 8, 5, 2, 3, 6, 10]
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# 1) SGD over mini-batches

## 1. Initialization - Very Important if the function is not strictly convex

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim \mathcal{N}(\cdot) \text{ omit details for now}$$

With NN random initialization from a distribution (There are different methods). **We do not set them all to zero**

## 2. Repeat until convergence:

- Compute the gradient of the loss wrt to the parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  given the mini-batch
- Take a small step in the opposite direction of steepest ascent (**so steepest descent**).

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^k \gamma \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathcal{J}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{x}, y)$$

3. When convergence is reached, you final estimate is in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

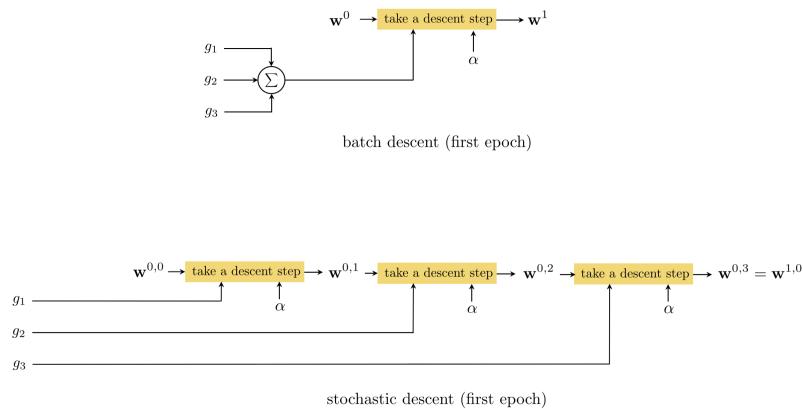
## Change of vocabulary - A bunch of training samples is a mini-batch

- We train NN **Stochastic Gradient Descent** over mini-batches with momentum (or variations thereof)
- When you train NN you 'sample' a mini-batch  $\mathbf{X}_b$  from your big dataset  $\mathbf{X}$ .

Below this holds for the final linear layer:

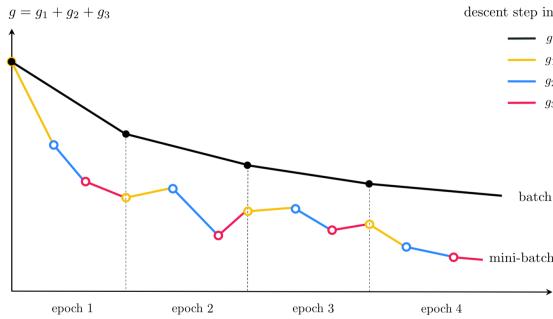
$$\underbrace{\mathbf{Y}}_{\mathbb{R}^{K \times n}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{\mathbb{R}^{K \times d}} \underbrace{\mathbf{X}_b}_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times n}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbb{R}^K}$$

## Mini-Batch, Visually



## Mini-Batch SGD vs [Batch] GD

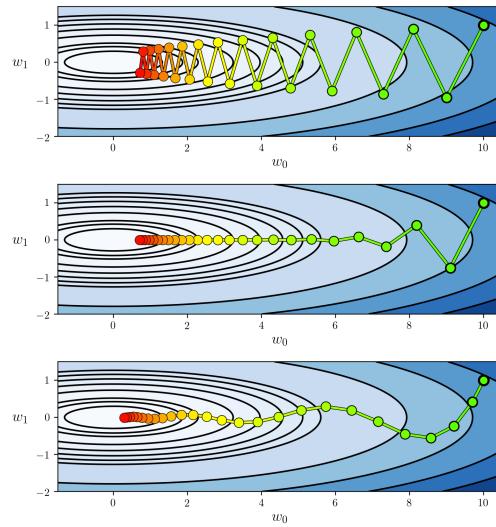
Loss in NN in **non-convex** with lots of local-minima so stochasticity adds noise that let the optimization escape from local minima.



## Mini-batch is a sort of smoothing of the single point SGD

### There is another smoothing technique: Momentum

**Top:** SGD; **Bottom:** SGD with momentum increasing memory of previous steps



## SGD over mini-batches with Momentum

- We introduce an additional term **to remember what happened to the gradient in the previous iteration.**
- This memory dampens oscillations and smoothes out the gradient updates.
- The memory is implemented with a **exponential moving average**
- Usually  $\alpha$  (the memory param) is set to 0.9, is a good value.

$$\Delta_t = \alpha \Delta_{t-1} + (1 - \alpha) \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{J}(\theta; \mathbf{x}_i, y_i)}_{\text{new update}}$$

$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \gamma \Delta_t$$

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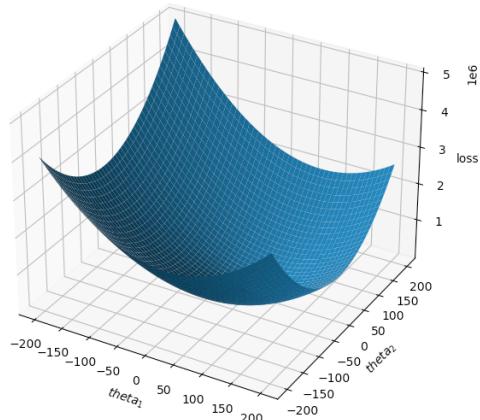
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**Loss Surface for Linear Regression  $\ell_2^2$  loss with  $d = 2$  parameters in  $\theta$**



**With Deep Learning optimization is highly non-convex and #params explode!**

## Loss Surface for ResNet-20 with no skip connection on ImageNet

ResNet-20, number of parameters  $\theta$  of the order of.....millions!

GPT-3 (LM behind chatpGPT) has 150 billions parameters

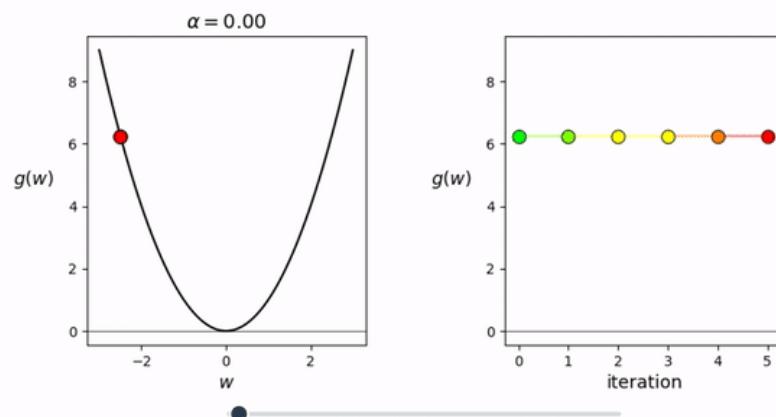
Visualization of mode connectivity for ResNet-20 with no skip connections on ImageNet dataset. The visualization by Javier Ideami



Taken from [https://izmailovpavel.github.io/curves\\_blogpost/](https://izmailovpavel.github.io/curves_blogpost/)

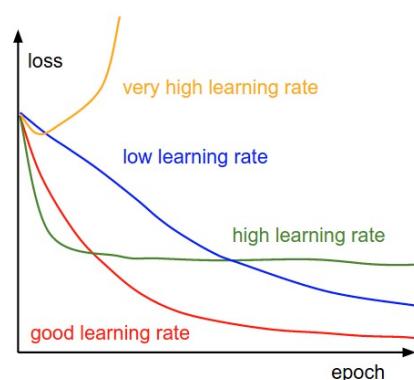
[Video for the curious student](#)

## Learning rate is very important

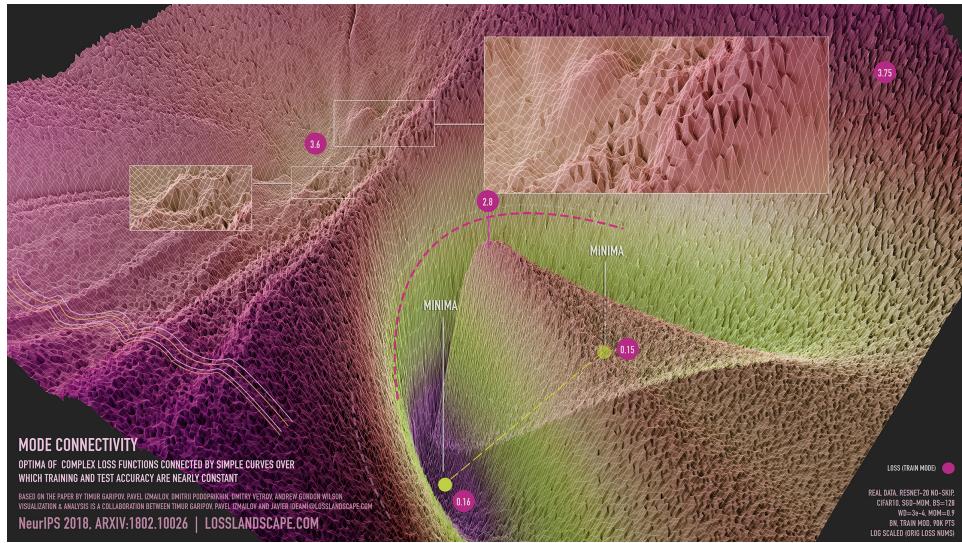


## Babysitting the training process

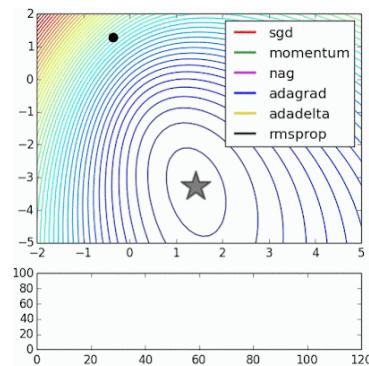
Loss in function of epochs



# Valleys, Hills, Noisy Surface



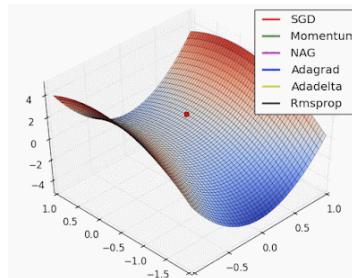
## Dynamics of Training



**Noisy moons:** This is logistic regression on noisy moons dataset from sklearn which shows the smoothing effects of momentum based techniques (which also results in over shooting and correction). The error surface is visualized as an average over the whole dataset empirically, but the trajectories show the dynamics of minibatches on noisy data. The bottom chart is an accuracy plot.

taken from [here](#)

## Dynamics of Training



**Long valley:** Algos without scaling based on gradient information really struggle to break symmetry here - SGD gets no where and Nesterov Accelerated Gradient / Momentum exhibits oscillations until they build up velocity in the optimization direction. Algos that scale step size based on the gradient quickly break symmetry and begin descent.

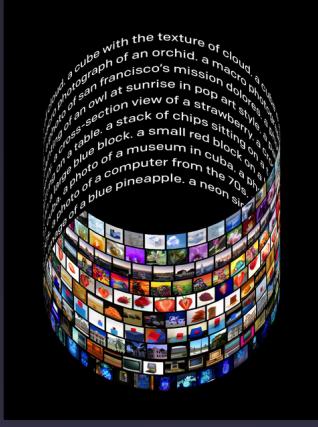
Just to give you an hint on where the community is headed with Deep Learning

# DALL-E OpenAI (January 2021)

**DALL-E: Creating Images from Text**

We've trained a neural network called DALL-E that creates images from text captions for a wide range of concepts expressible in natural language.

January 5, 2021  
27 minute read



## DALL-E OpenAI

TEXT PROMPT an illustration of a baby daikon radish in a tutu walking a dog

AI-GENERATED IMAGES



Edit prompt or view more images ↴

TEXT PROMPT an armchair in the shape of an avocado....

AI-GENERATED IMAGES



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## OpenAI DALL-E - 12-billion parameters trained with self-supervision

Yikes!  $12 \times 10^9$  floating points parameters to train

DALL-E is a **12-billion parameter** version of GPT-3 trained to generate images from text descriptions, using a dataset of text-image pairs. We've found that it has a diverse set of capabilities, including creating anthropomorphized versions of animals and objects, combining unrelated concepts in plausible ways, rendering text, and applying transformations to existing images.

### 0) Quick Intro to Optimization in Deep Learning

1) Network Structure: Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) is a Fully-Connected Neural Net

2) Backpropagation

# 1) Network Structure: Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

is a Fully-Connected Neural Net

## Networks and Topics that we do NOT cover

You will meet them at **Deep Learning** course

- **Convolutional** Neural Nets (good for images or any matrix data like as input)
- Generative Adversarial Networks (**GAN**) and adversarial training
- AutoEncoders or Variational Autoencoders
- Adversarial Attacks to NN

## Networks and Topics we will cover

- Brief Recap on Feedforward NN
- Recurrent Neural Nets (RNN such as GRU, LSTM)
- Transformer Networks
- BERT, GPT-3

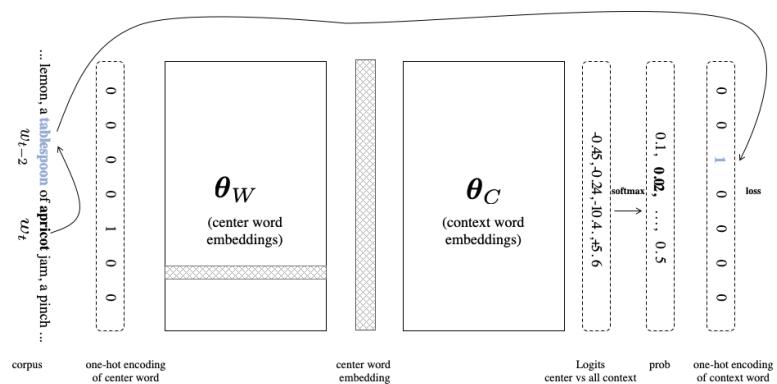
Let's go back to single layer, linear soft-max regression or "linear" neural network

Let's recall last classification layer of a neural net as pipeline

$$\mathbf{x} \Rightarrow \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Wx} + \mathbf{b} \Rightarrow e^{\mathbf{z}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} = \frac{e^{\mathbf{z}}}{\sum_k e^{\mathbf{z}}} \Rightarrow -\ln(\mathbf{p}_y)$$

## word2vec with Skip-Gram at a glance

... and why it can be seen as a tiny neural net.



## Representation of a Single Layer

Let's consider our linear softmax regressor

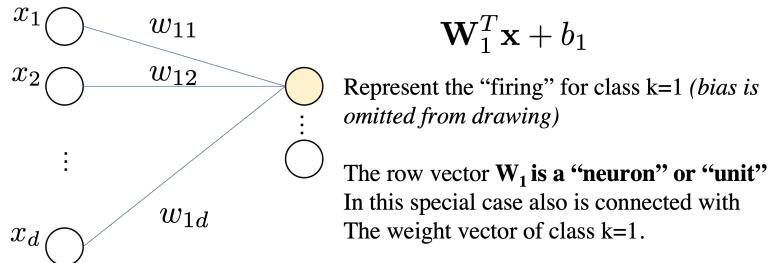
$$\underbrace{\mathbf{z}}_{\mathbb{R}^{K \times 1}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{W}}_{\mathbb{R}^{K \times d}} \underbrace{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{b}}_{\mathbb{R}^K}$$

We interpret as **Linear Layer  $\mathbf{Wx} + b$**  followed by **Non-Linear Activation function  $\sigma$**

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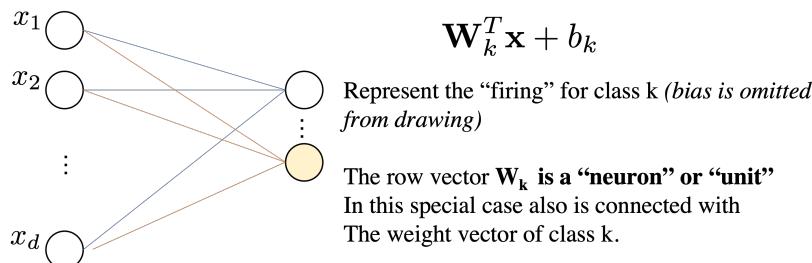
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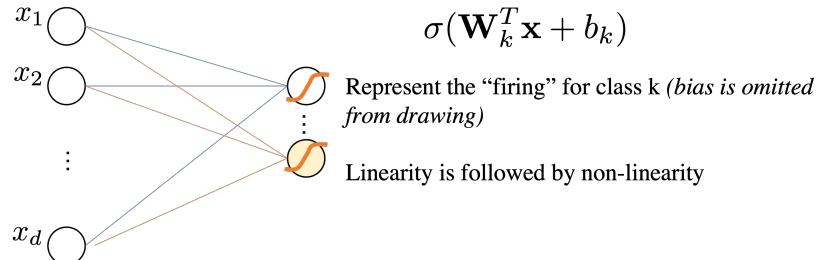
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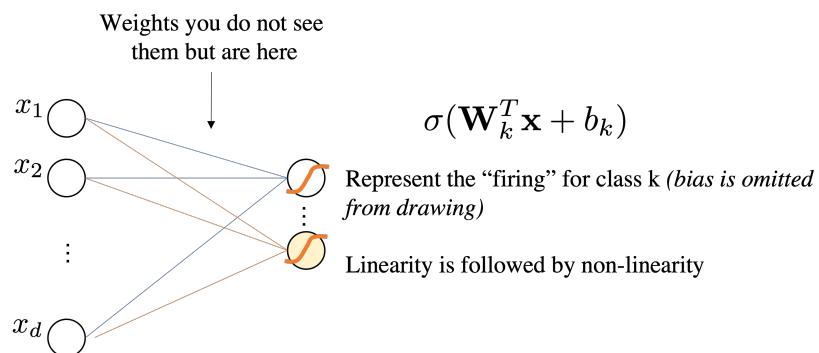
## Representation of a Single Layer: Linear plus non-Linear

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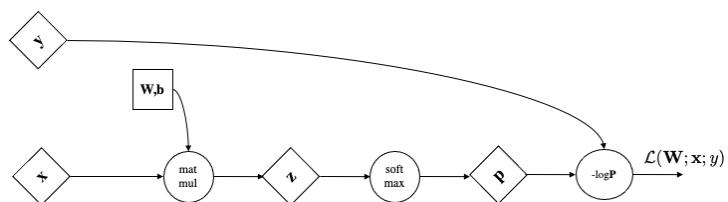


## Representation of a Single Layer: Linear plus non-Linear

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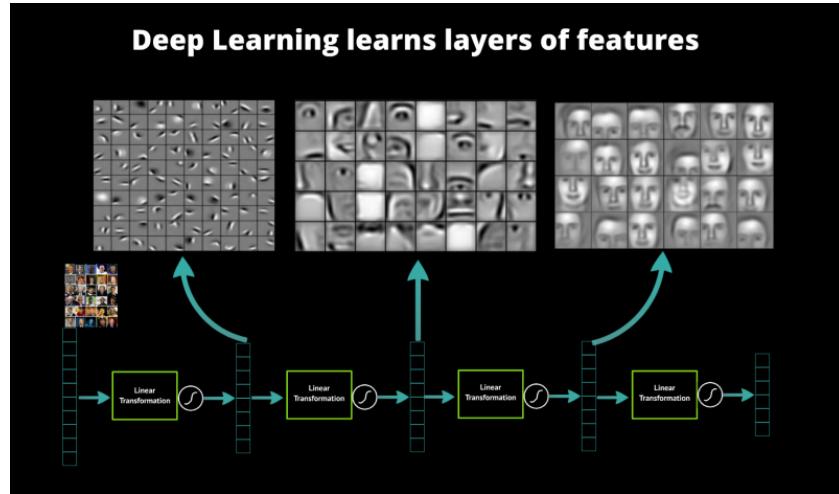


## Representation as a computational graph



## Damn, until now is all linear. So now the "Deep"!

- Damn, until now is all linear.
- Our beloved SoftMax+CE linear layer is there **in the end** (classifier).



A single linear layer is not enough for highly non-linear problems



Adding another non-linear layer before the classifier

- We improve the expressiveness of our learned function by adding another linear layer **before** the classification layer.
- Think this new layer as a feature map  $\mathbf{x} \mapsto \phi(\mathbf{x})$ ; it maps our attribute to a feature space
- Now the classifier does not classify anymore directly  $\mathbf{x}$  but the feature  $\phi(x)$ .
- Sorry, notation becomes complex. Upper script means layer index; lower-script selects the unit
- $\mathbf{W}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}, \mathbf{b}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  so then  $\mathbf{W}^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times k}, \mathbf{b}^2 \in \mathbb{R}^k$

$$\mathbf{p} = \sigma(\underbrace{\mathbf{W}^2 \left( \sigma(\mathbf{W}^1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^1) \right)}_{\phi(x)} + \mathbf{b}^2)$$

dim. analysis:  $d \mapsto p \mapsto k$

$\mathbf{W}^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times p}$  is an Hidden Layer

Because it maps the original attribute in  $d$  from an dimensionality  $p$  and then  $p$  is used for classifying.

A priori you do not know what  $\mathbf{W}^1$  may learn.

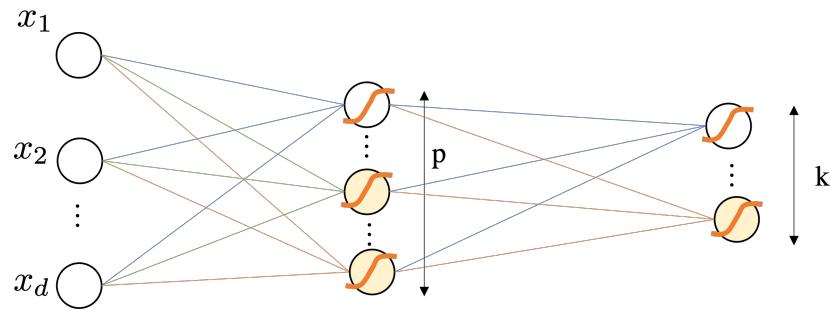
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dim. analysis:  $d \mapsto p \mapsto k$

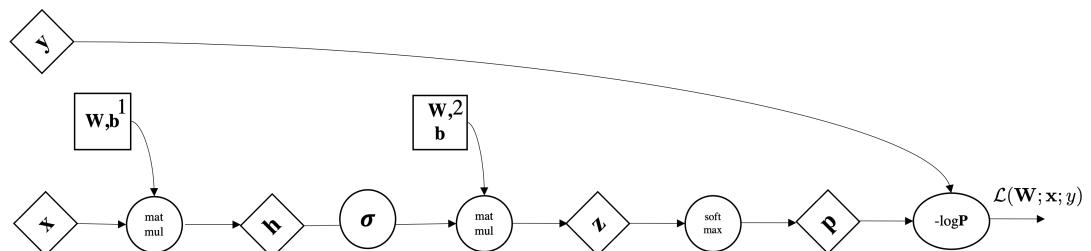
Let's update our visualizations

Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) with one hidden layer

Given the nature of these layers, they're called Fully-Connected NN



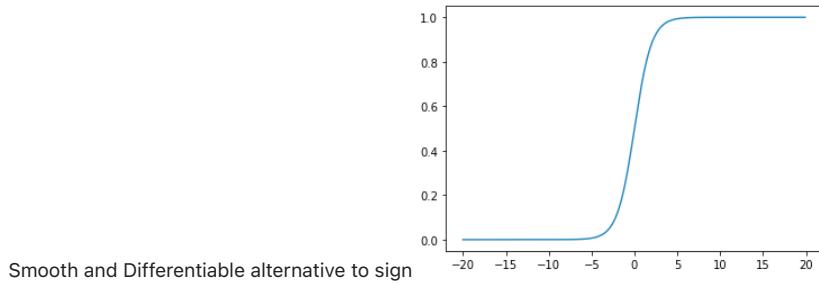
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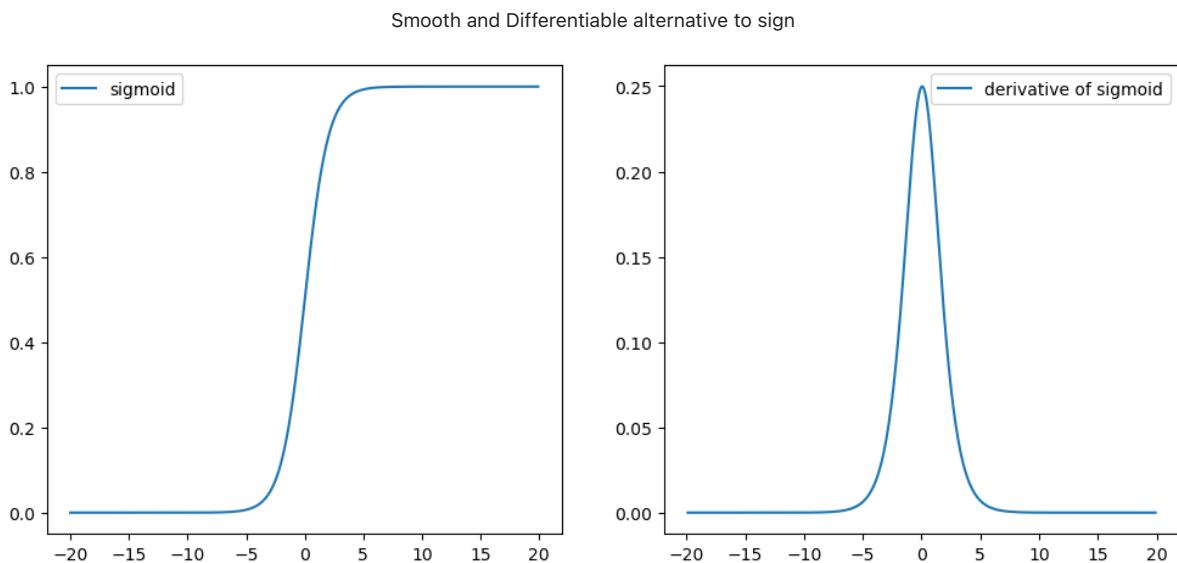
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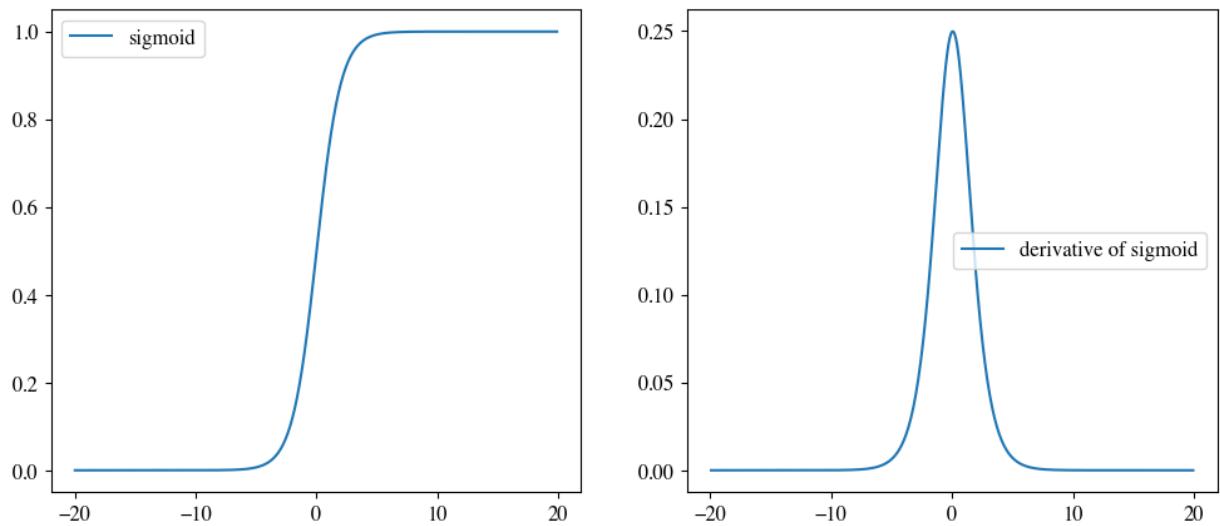
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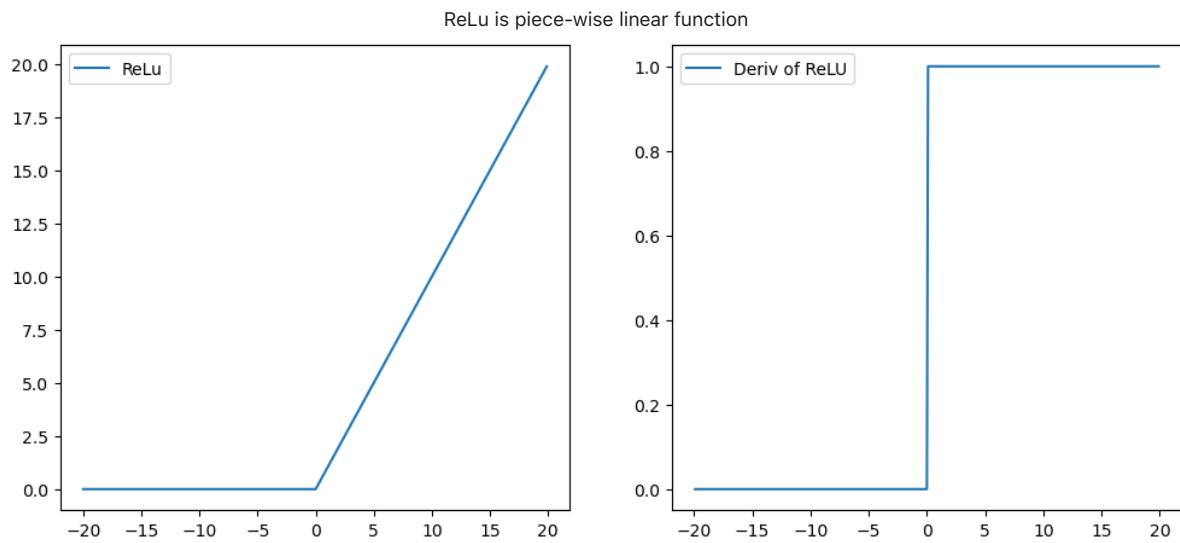
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fig, axes = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(12,5));
y = 1/(1+np.exp(-x));
dy = np.diff(y);
axes[0].plot(x,y)
axes[0].legend(['sigmoid'])
axes[1].plot(x[1:],dy/step);
axes[1].legend(['derivative of sigmoid']);
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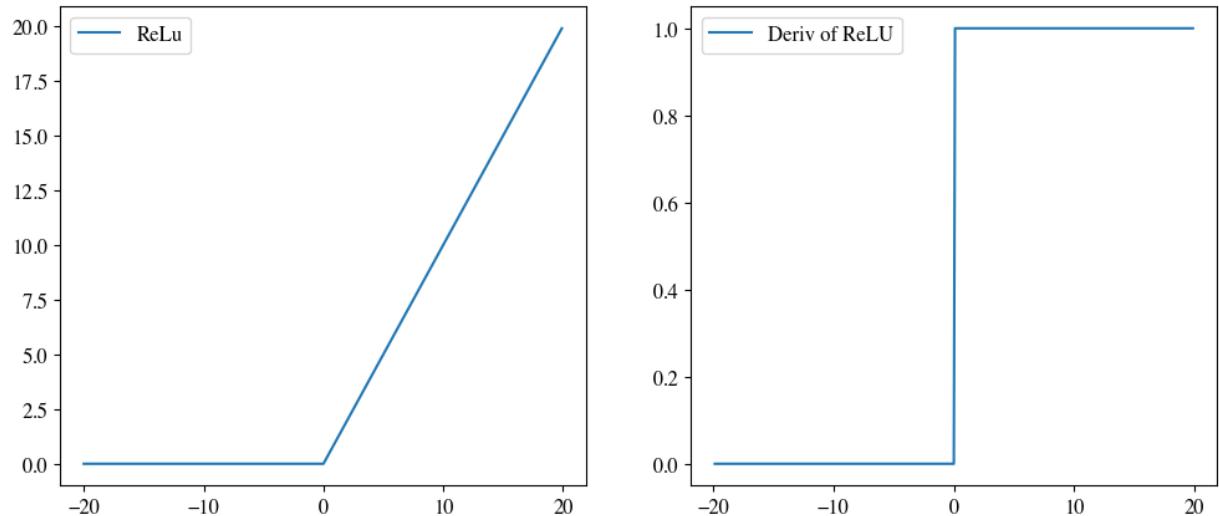
## Non-linear activation functions: ReLu - Rectified Linear Unit

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$$\sigma(z) = \max(0, z) \quad \text{ReLU}$$



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## Sigmoid

- Used to model output probability
- Nowdays not used in middle layers
- Have to compute  $\exp()$
- **Vanishing gradients** for large input magnitude

## ReLU

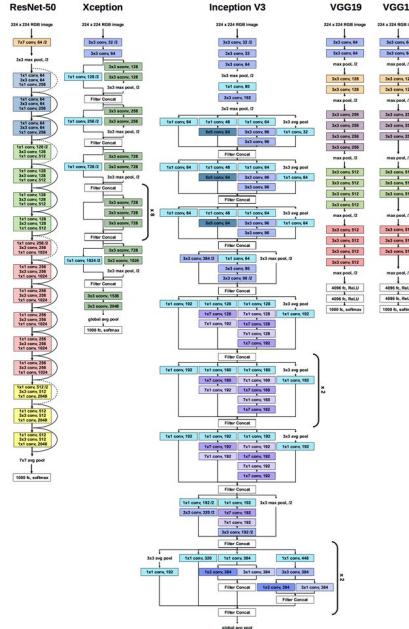
- Computationally efficient (no exp!)
- No vanishing gradients but do not let pass gradients for negative values
- Converge much faster than sigmoid (6x)
- Not differentiable in zero (subgradients)

**There are other activation functions we do not cover**

TanH, Leaky ReLU, parametrized ReLU, ELU

**Backpropagation and Differential Programming**

# NN can be huge composition of functions! 🍏



## Three ways of computing the gradients $\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}(x, y; \mathbf{w})$

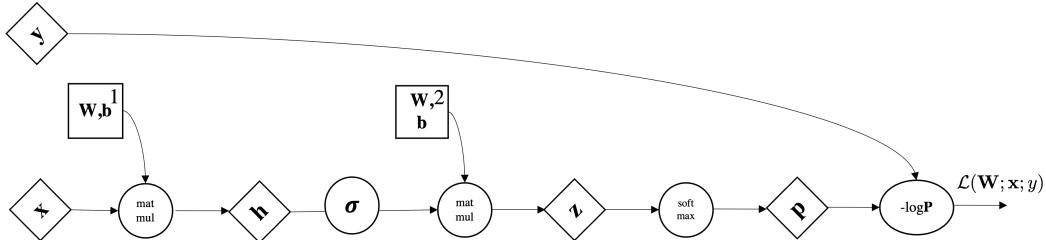
1. **Manually** (if we change the network, we have to adjust it for a 100 layer neural net) maybe not a good idea, does not scale, even if we use symbolic derivation tools such as Mathematica 🤖
2. **Finite Difference** good to check the gradients once you have an automatic way of computing it; **very slow, unfeasible in training!** 🚧
3. **Backpropagation**: application of chain rule of calculus to tensors with a computational graph with caching (**differential programming with automatic differentiation**) 📊

## Backpropagation

### Let's be clear on what we need to compute

$\forall l \in [1 \dots, L]$ :

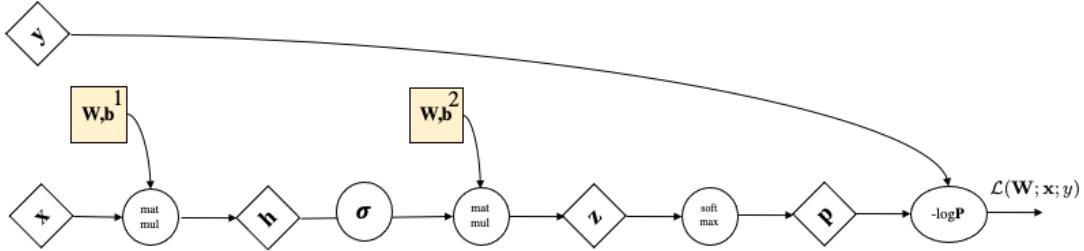
1.  $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}^l} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, y; \{\mathbf{W}, b\})$
2.  $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}^l} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}, y; \{\mathbf{W}, b\})$



Once you have gradients on ALL weights  $\implies$  We can update

$\forall l \in [1 \dots, L]$ :

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How do we get all the weight updates?

Mostly taken from here

## Chain Rule

Returning to functions of a single variable, suppose that  $y = f(g(x))$  and that the underlying functions  $y = f(u)$  and  $u = g(x)$  are both differentiable. The chain rule states that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}.$$

What is the derivative of loss wrt to  $x$  in the equation below?

$$y = \text{loss}(g(h(i(x))))$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{loss}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \text{loss}}{\partial g} \frac{\partial g}{\partial h} \frac{\partial h}{\partial i} \frac{\partial i}{\partial x}$$

## Chain Rule on Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

Automate the computation of derivatives with computer science

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y, z) = (x + y)z$$

$$x = -2; y = 5; z = -4;$$

The high school way

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(x, y, z)}{\partial x} = ?$$

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## Now with Chain Rule

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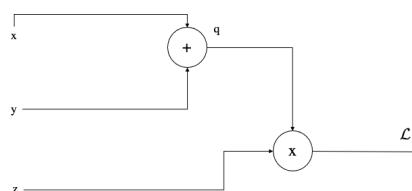
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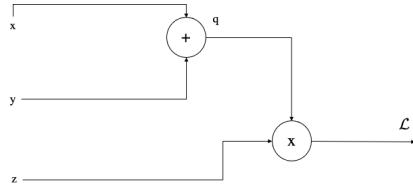
The computer science way:



$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}$$

## Chain Rule on Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG)

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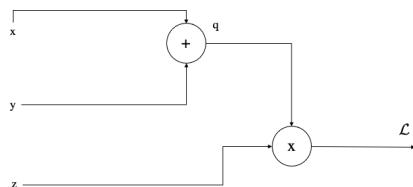
Who is input of  $\mathcal{L}$ ?

$q$  and  $z$  are input of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z}$$

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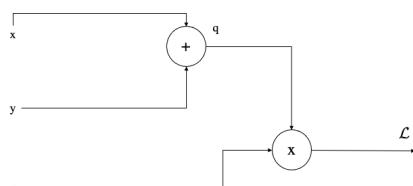
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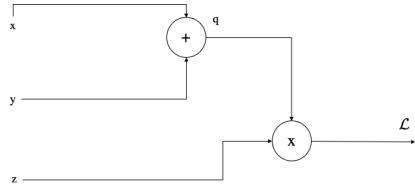
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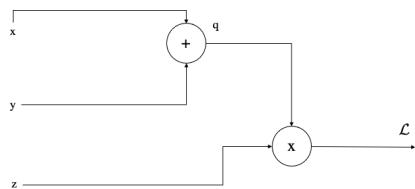
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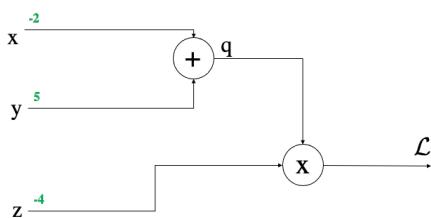


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OK now we have all the **analytical "local" partial derivatives**, we can compute something

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} = z, \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial z} = q, \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} = 1$$

## Forward Pass

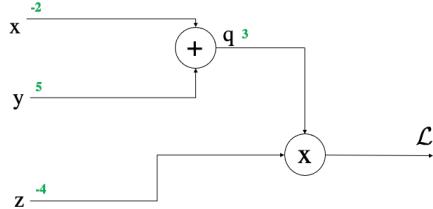


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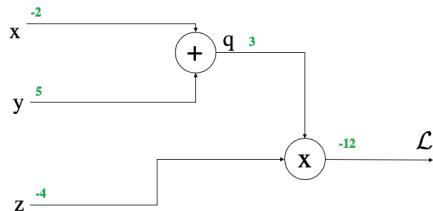


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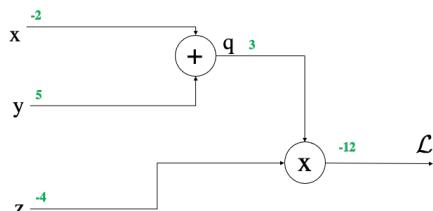
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Act as a base case for the recursion:

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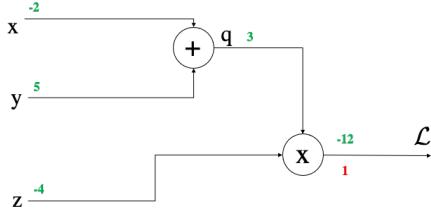
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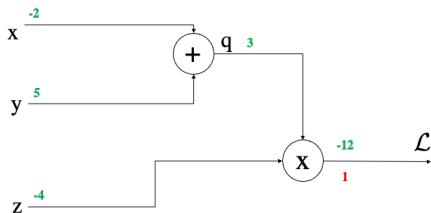
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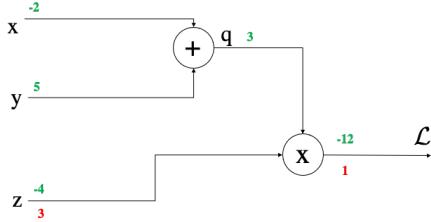
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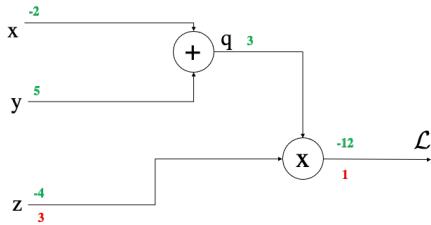
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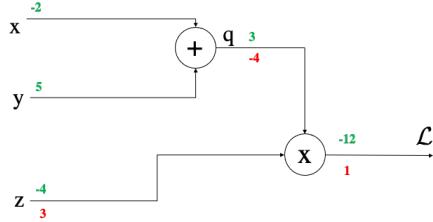
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What is the value of the gradient of  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $q$ ?

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial q} = z = -4$$

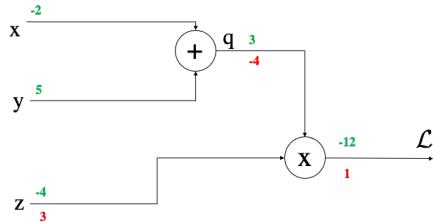
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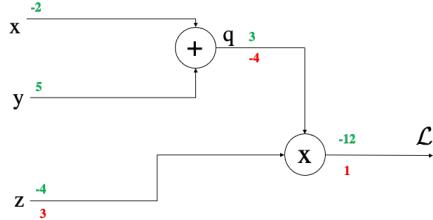
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## Backward Pass



What is the value of the gradient of  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $y$ ?:

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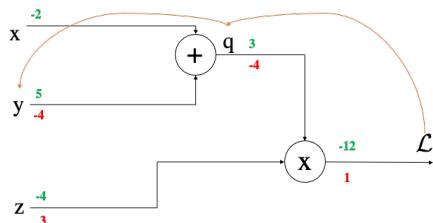
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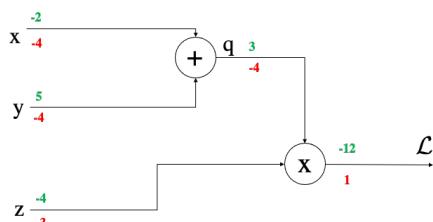
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Check with our manual derivation



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$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(x, y, z)}{\partial z} = x + y = +3$$

You know what? I do not trust math, I want to verify with a machine



## Pytorch check

```
from torch import tensor

def neural_net(x,y,z):
    return (x+y)*z

x, y, z = tensor(-2., requires_grad=True), tensor(5., requires_grad=True), tensor(-4.,
requires_grad=True)
loss = neural_net(x,y,z) # forward pass
loss.backward()           # backward (after this I can check the gradients)
for el in [x,y,z]:
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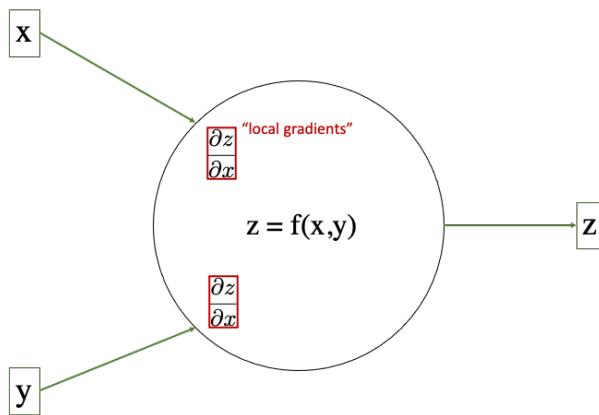
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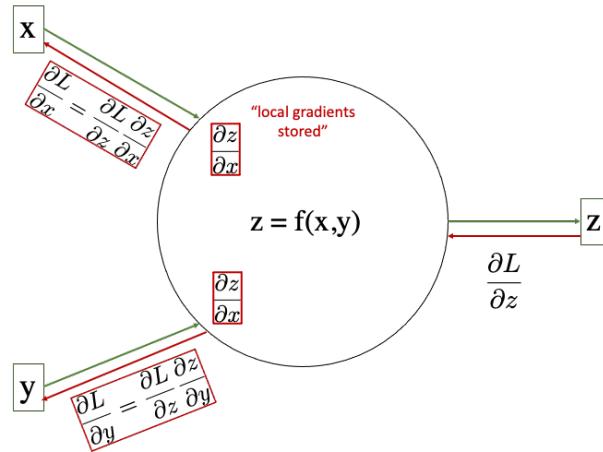
## General Recipe for Chain Rule over DAGs [Forward]

Just remember what you have to do at a generic gate:



## General Recipe for Chain Rule over DAGs [Backward]

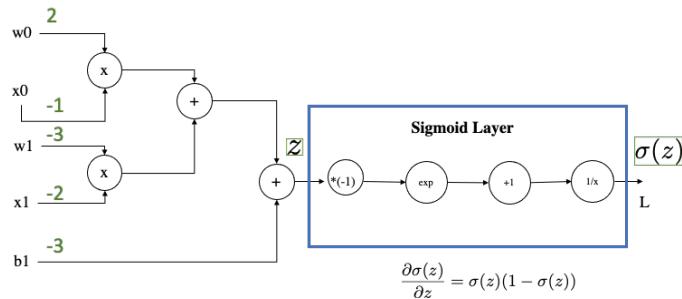
Multiply the gradient that you receive with your local gradient



Logistic Regression Computational Graph could be simplified

$$f(w, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + b)}}$$

This is what implement the **Sigmoid Layer** in Pytorch:



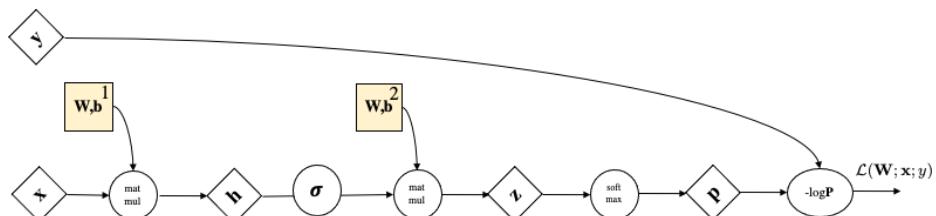
Are we done with training neural nets?

Not completely: till now scalars, but we have matrices and vectors!

Now this looks more familiar

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$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^1} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^1} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \mathbf{W}^1}}_{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^1}}}_{\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \mathbf{W}^1}}$$

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## Backprop $\mathcal{L}$ to $\mathbf{W}_{ij}^{[1]}$

