

# Train A MLP Softmax Classifier

CPT\_S 434/534 Neural network design and application

# In today's class

- Backpropagation: an optimization algorithm to train NNs
- An example of training a Softmax classifier

# Determining model parameters

- Computational complexity for the analytical solution?

$$\nabla_w f(w) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i' w x_i - y_i x_i \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad X X' w^* - X Y = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad w^* = (X X')^{-1} X Y$$

- Matrix multiplication:

$$XX': d \times n \times d \quad XY: d \times n \quad (XX')^{-1}XY: d \times d \times n \rightarrow O(d^2n)$$

- Inverse of a matrix:

$$(XX')^{-1}: O(d^{2.373})$$

- Total complexity

$$O(d^2n + d^{2.373})$$

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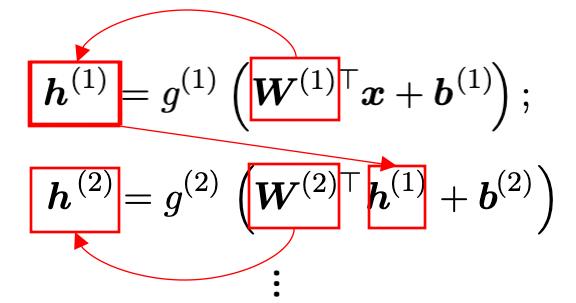
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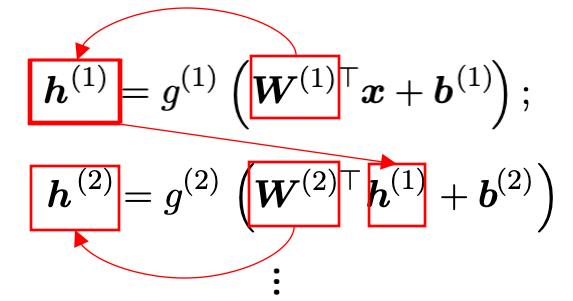
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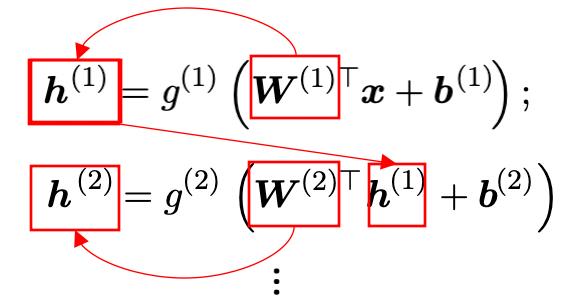
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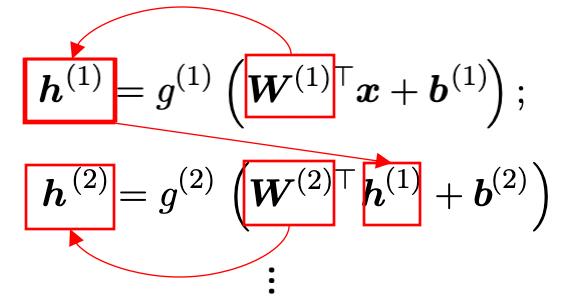
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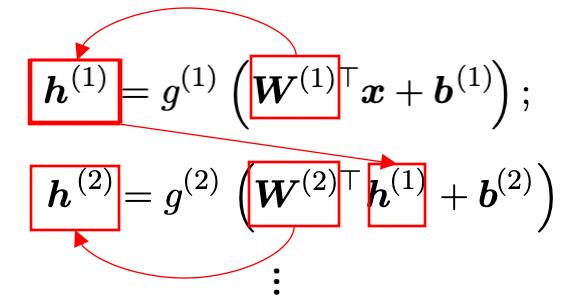
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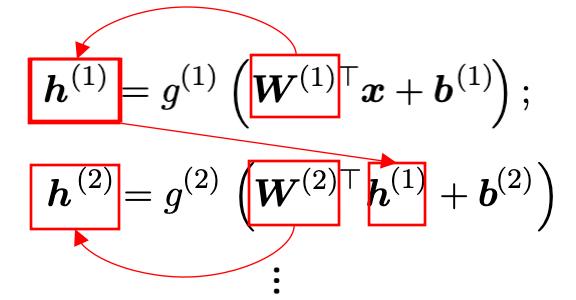
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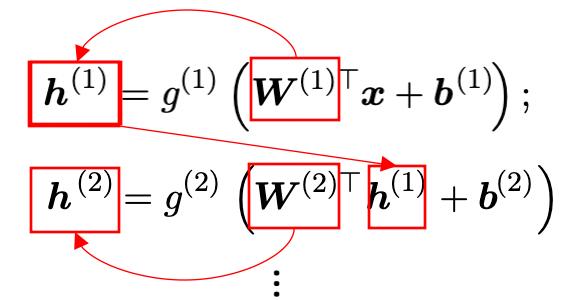
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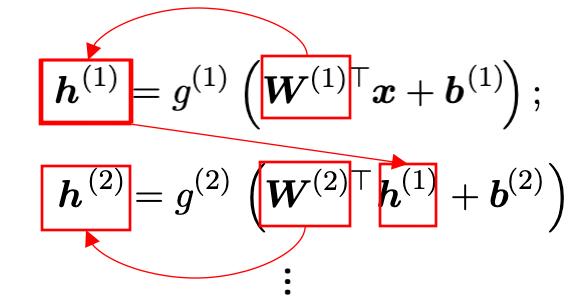
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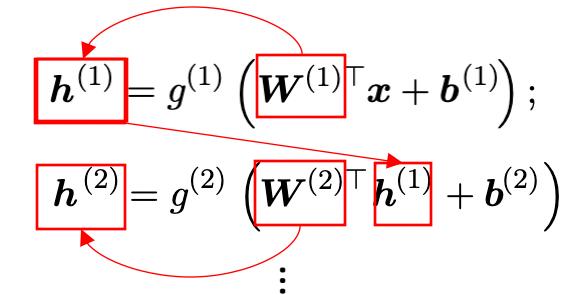
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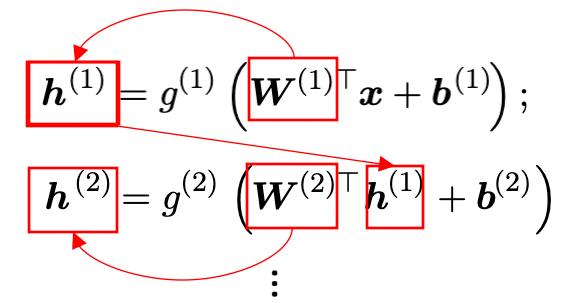
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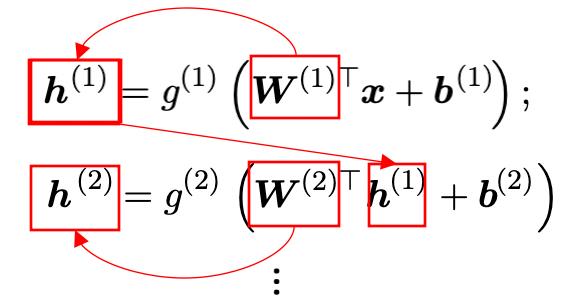
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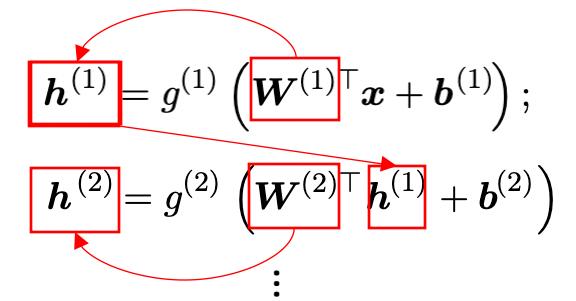
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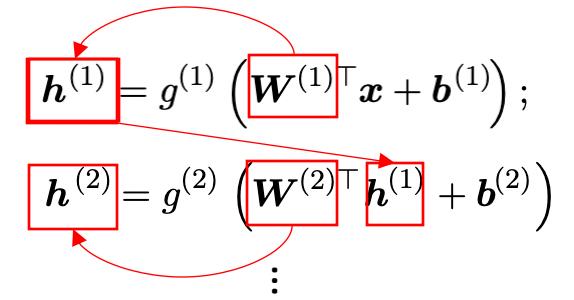
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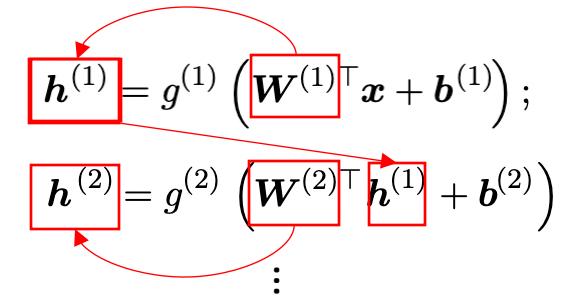
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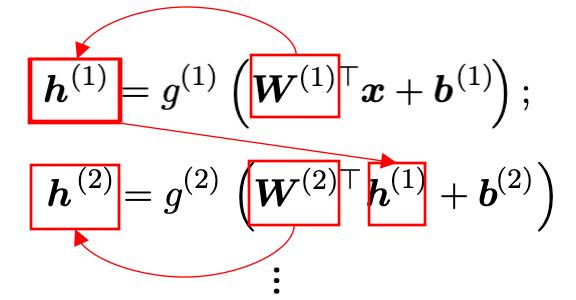
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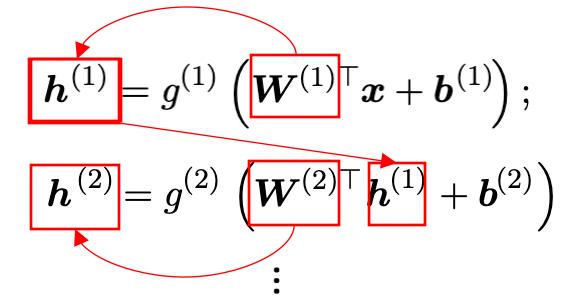
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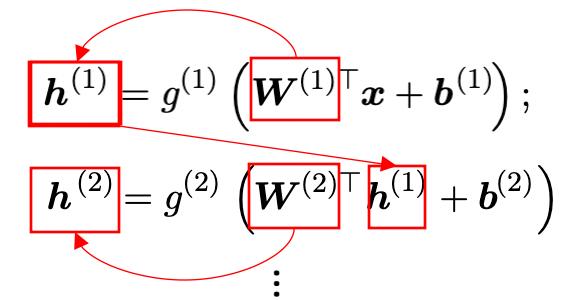
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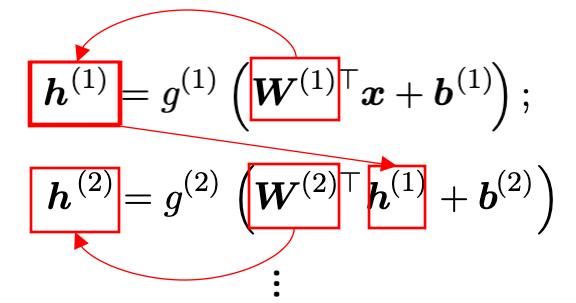


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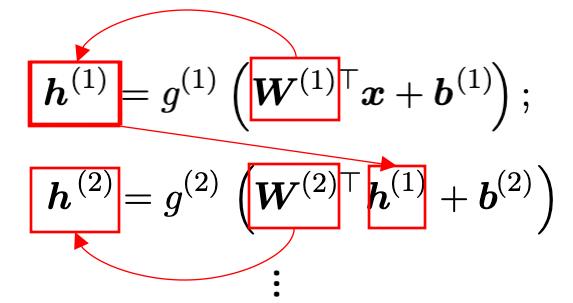
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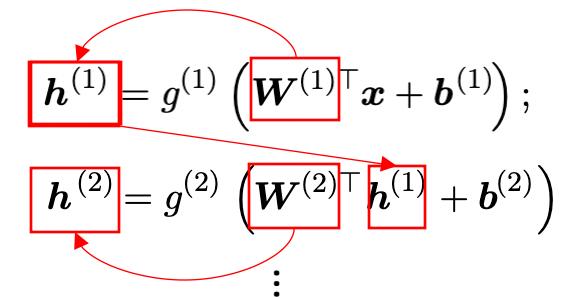
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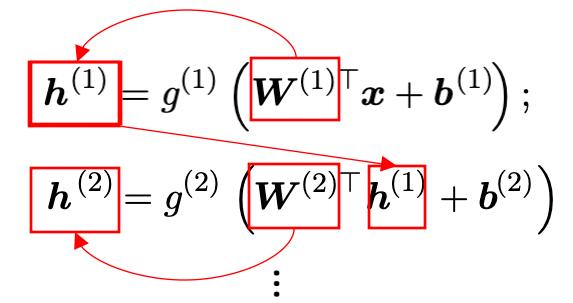
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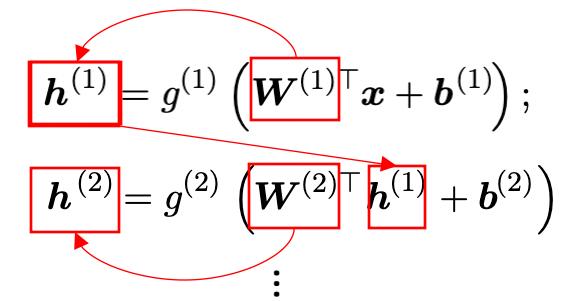
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$$f(g(x)) \rightarrow ?$$



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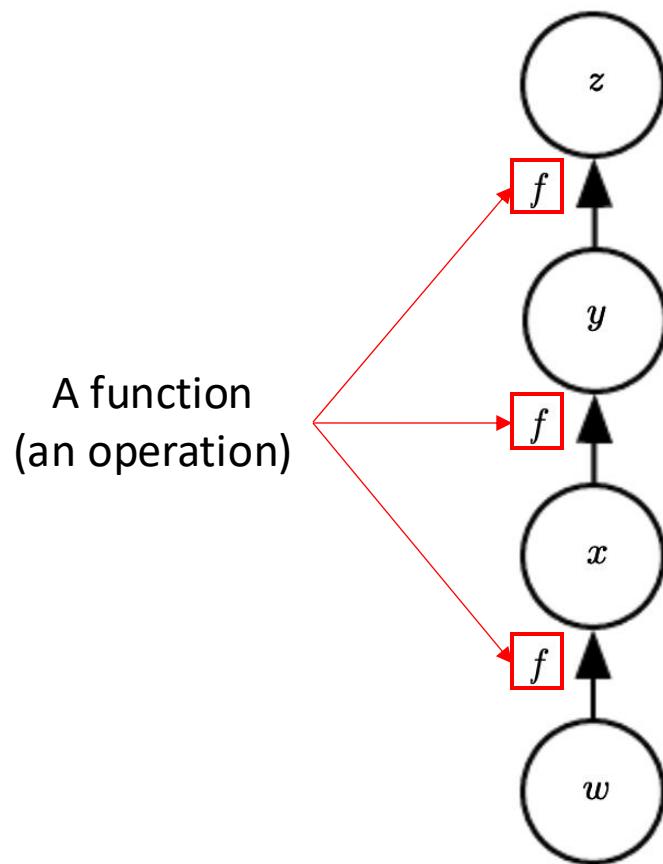
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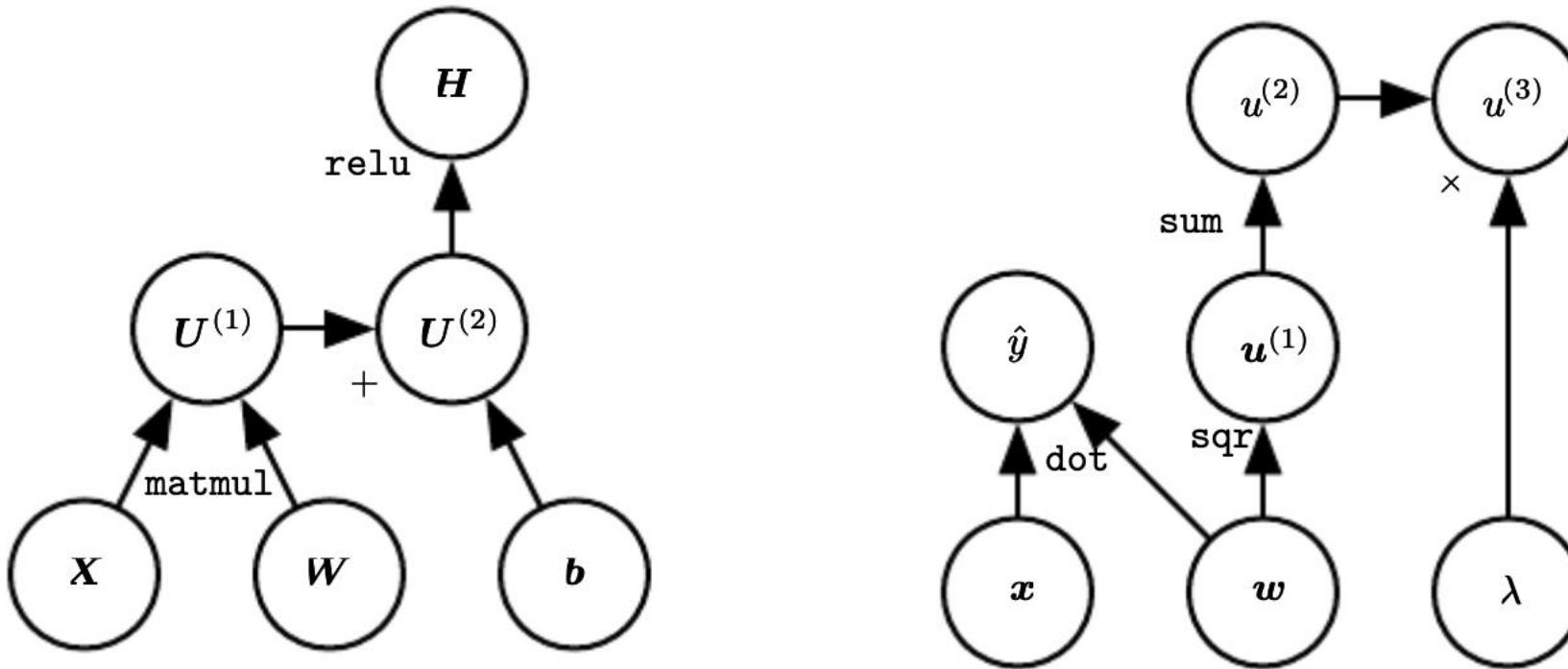


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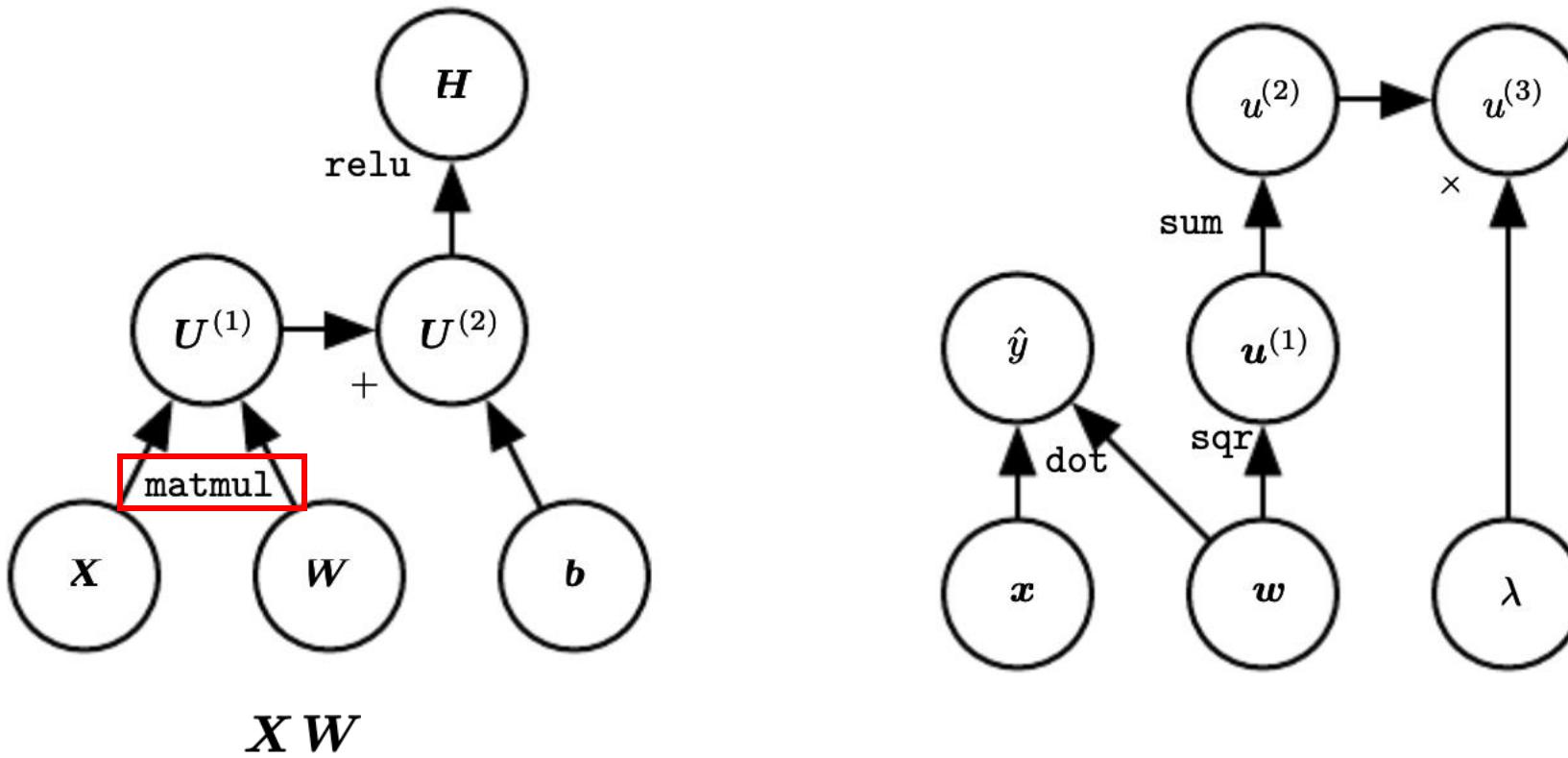


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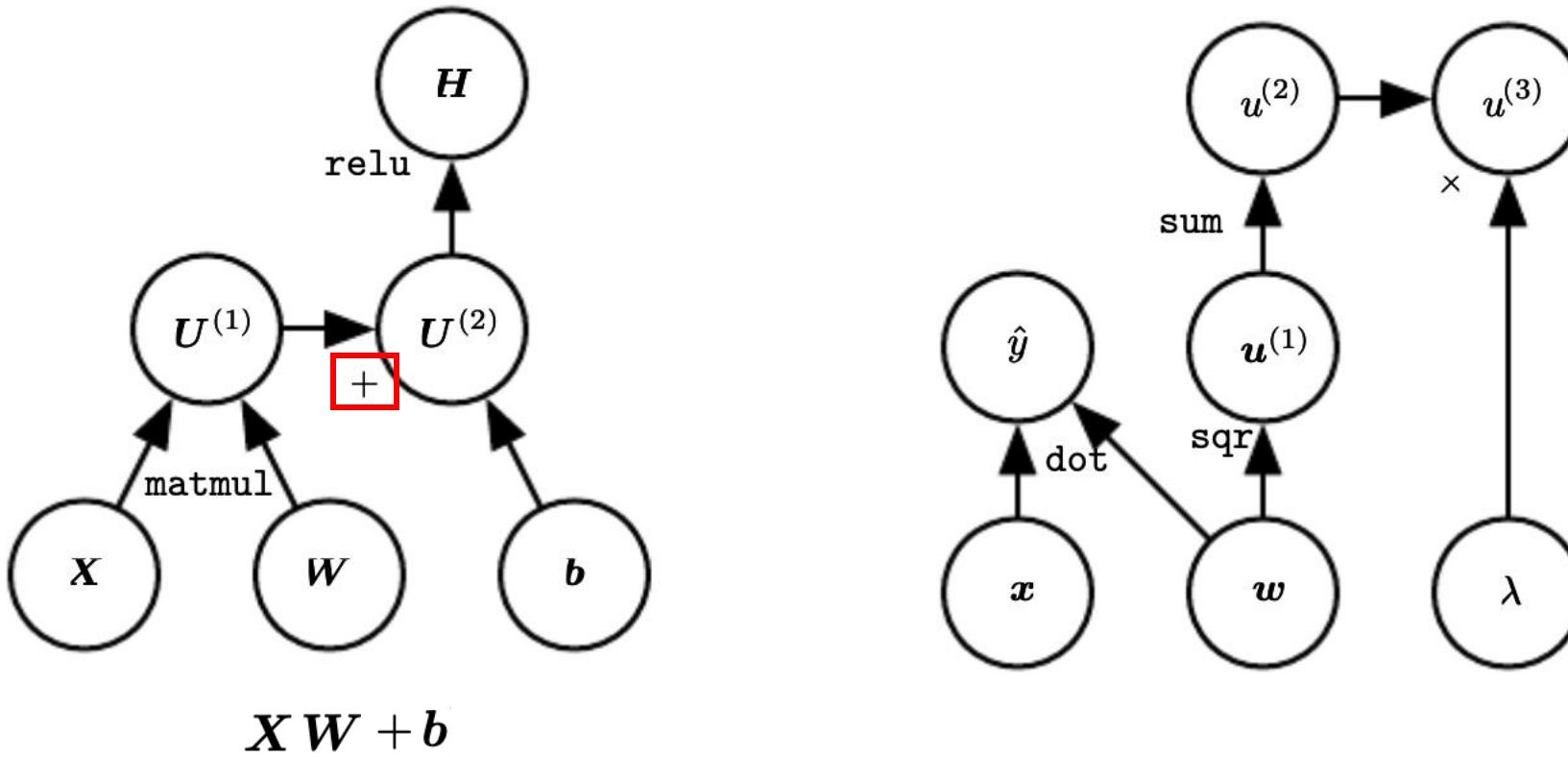


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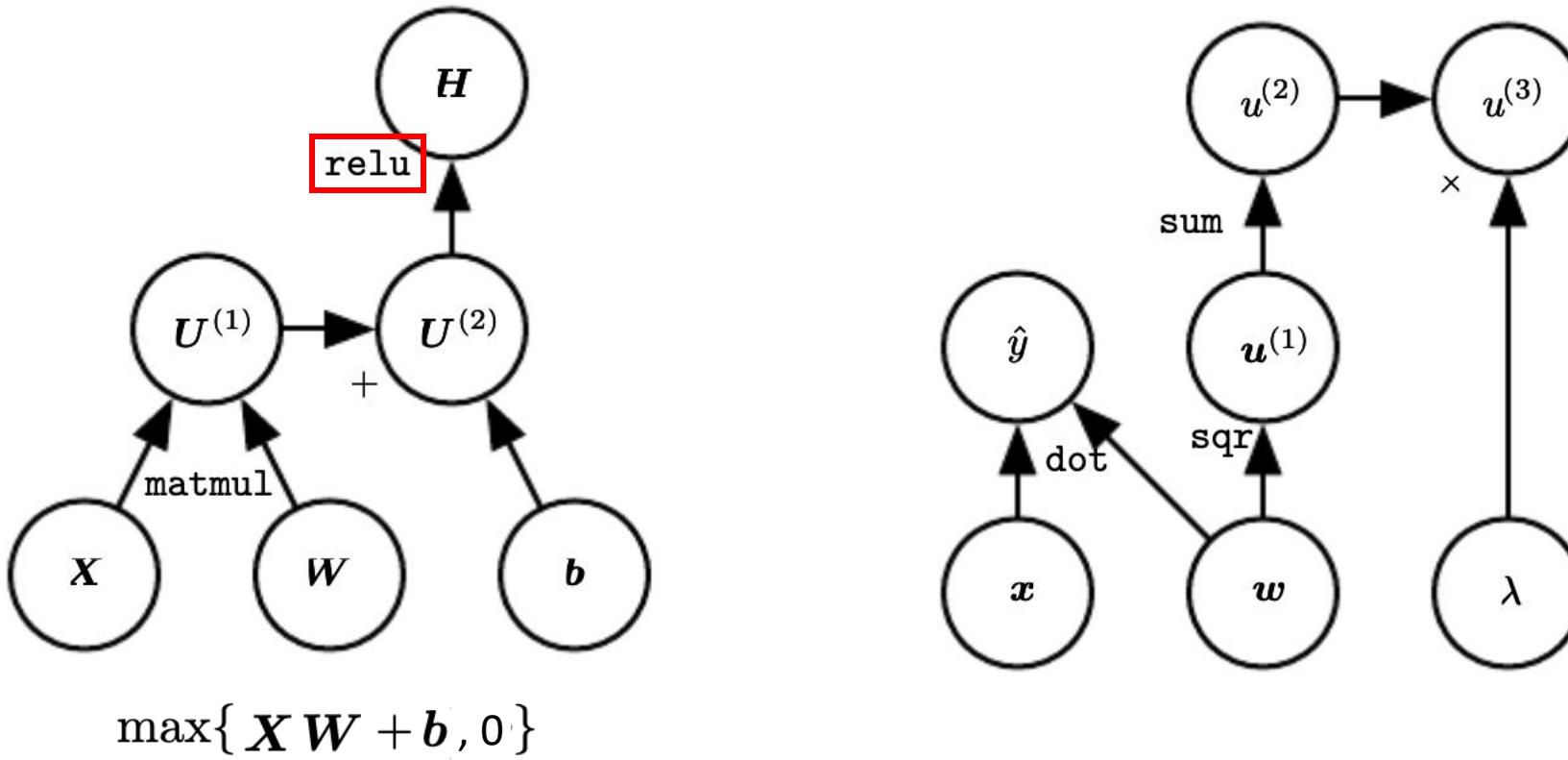


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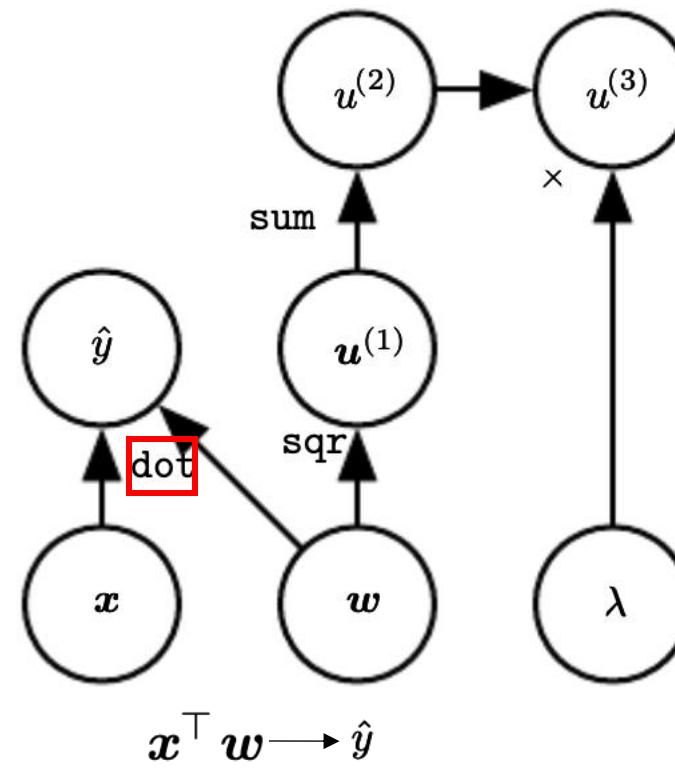
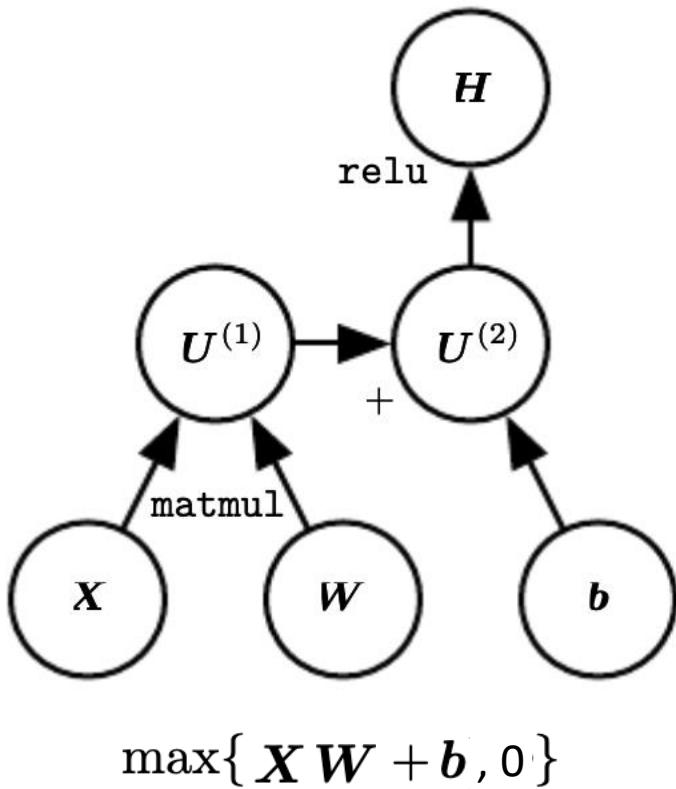
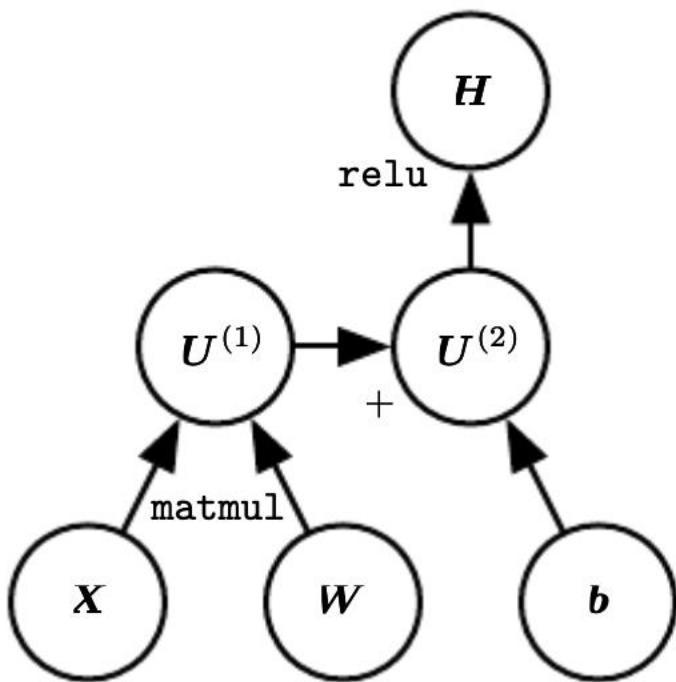


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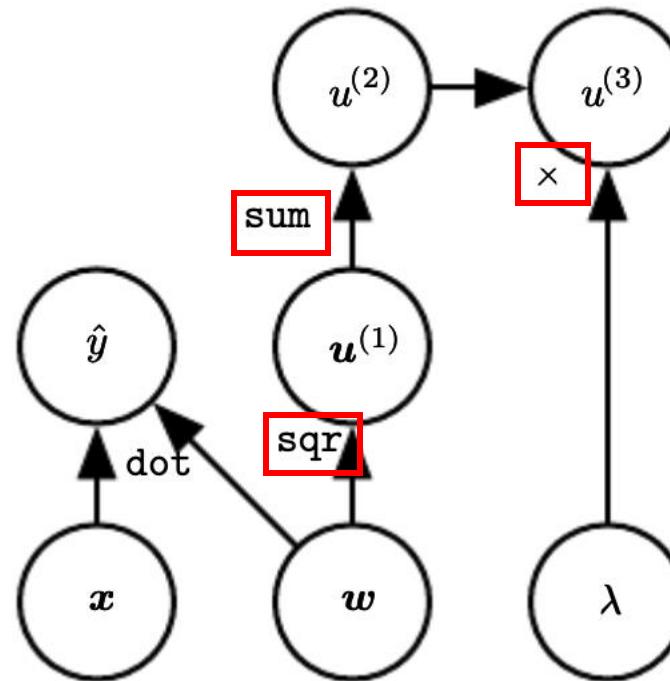
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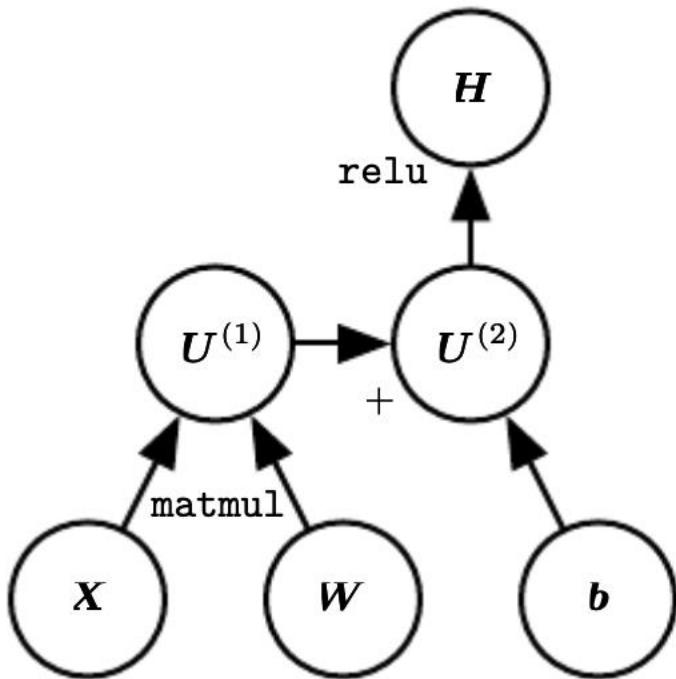
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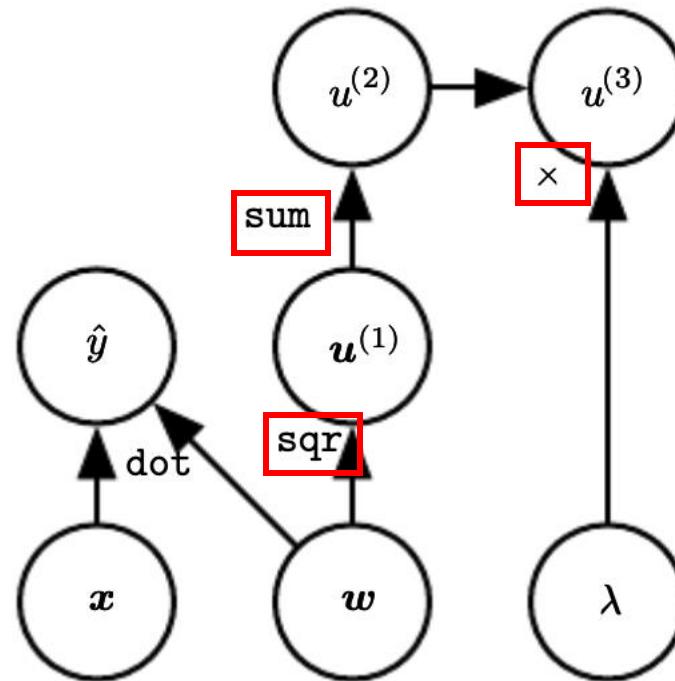
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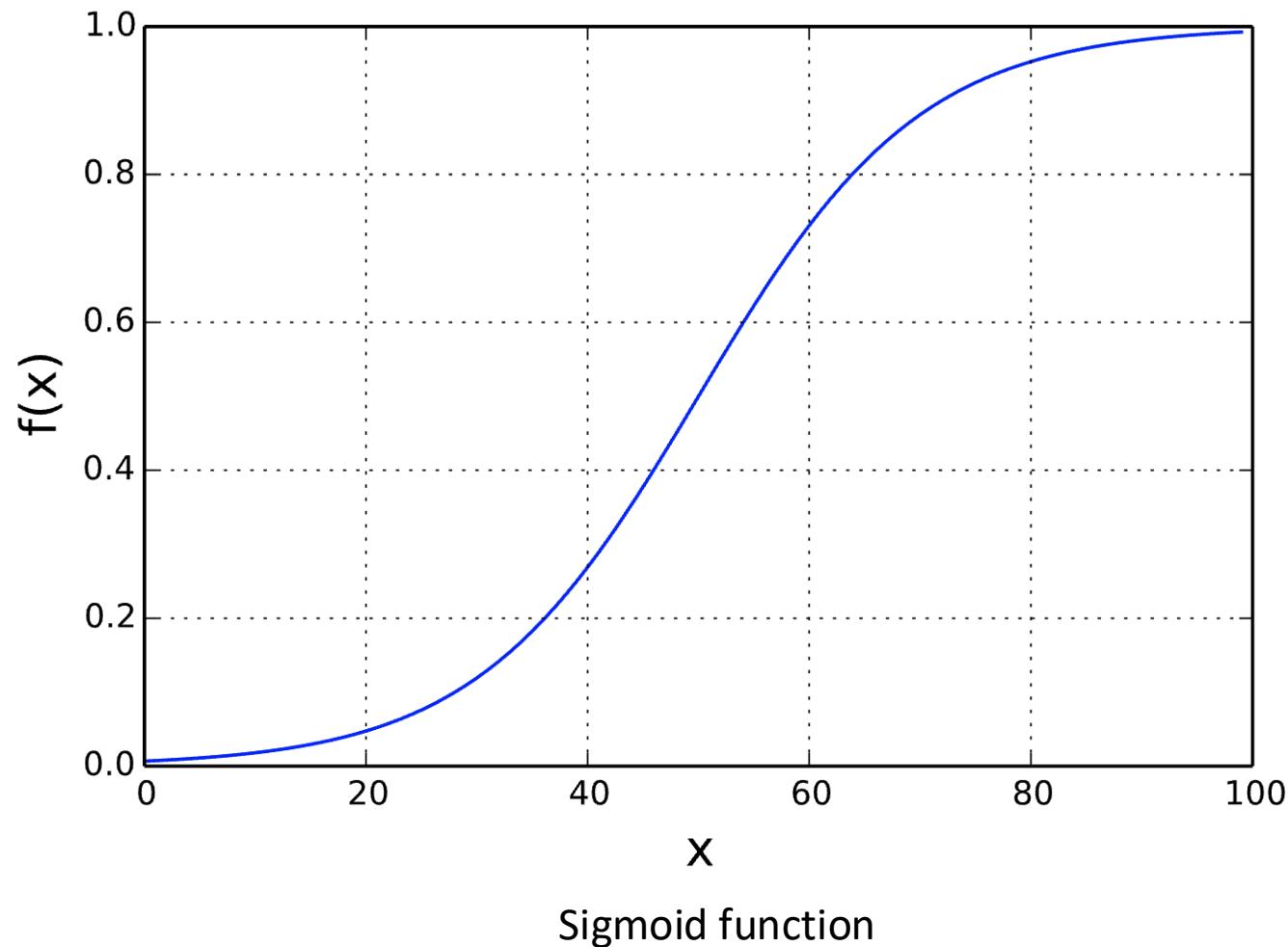
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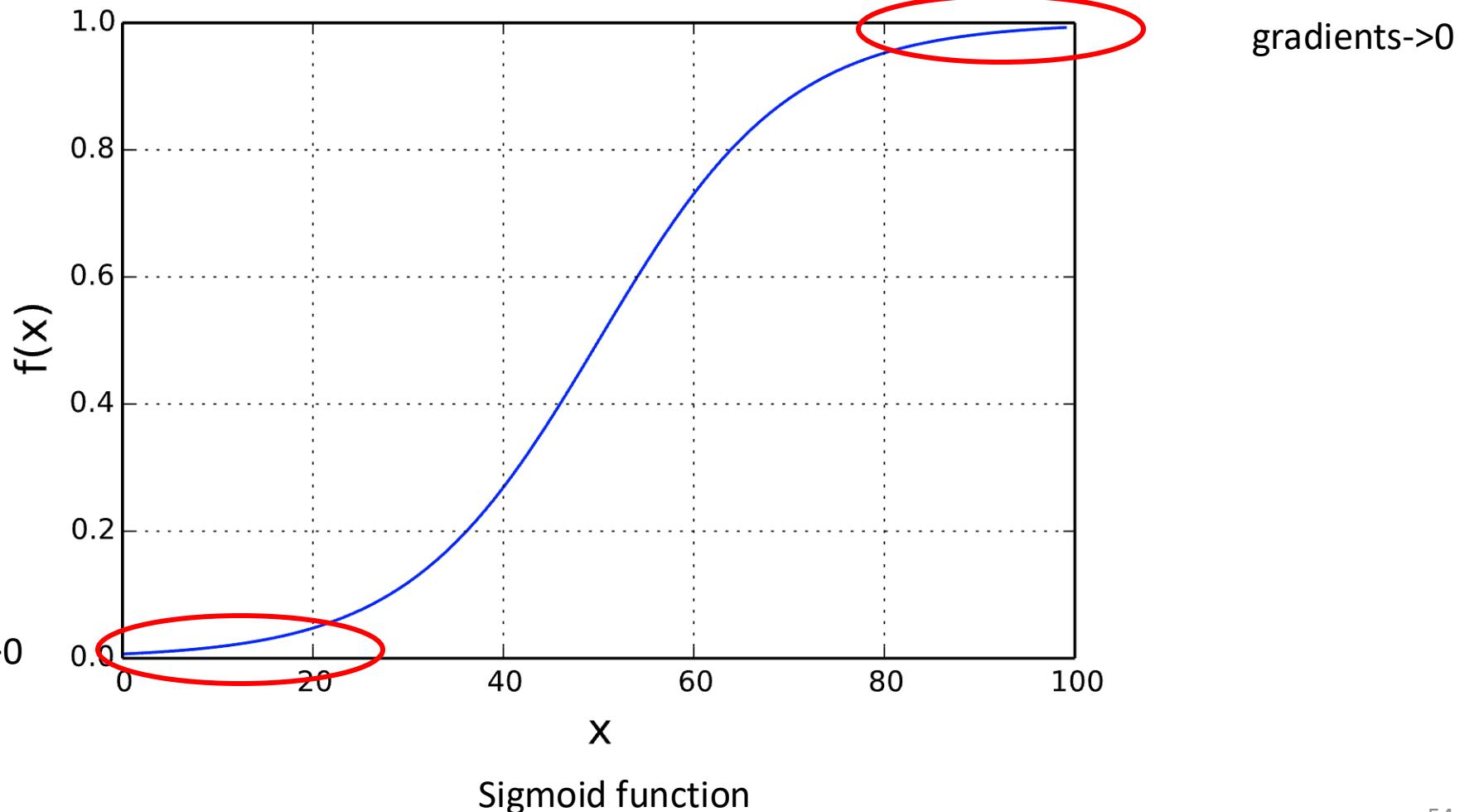
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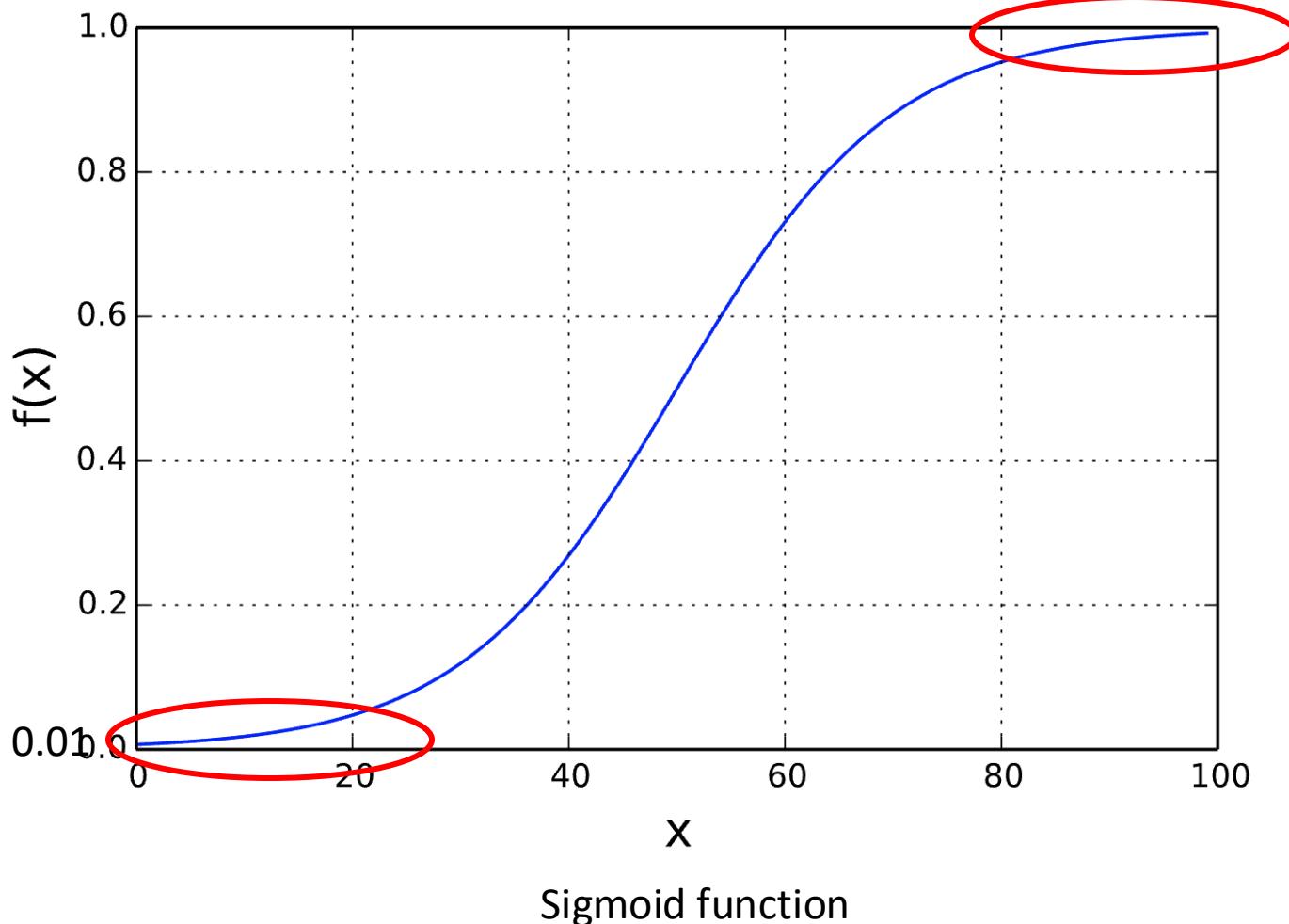
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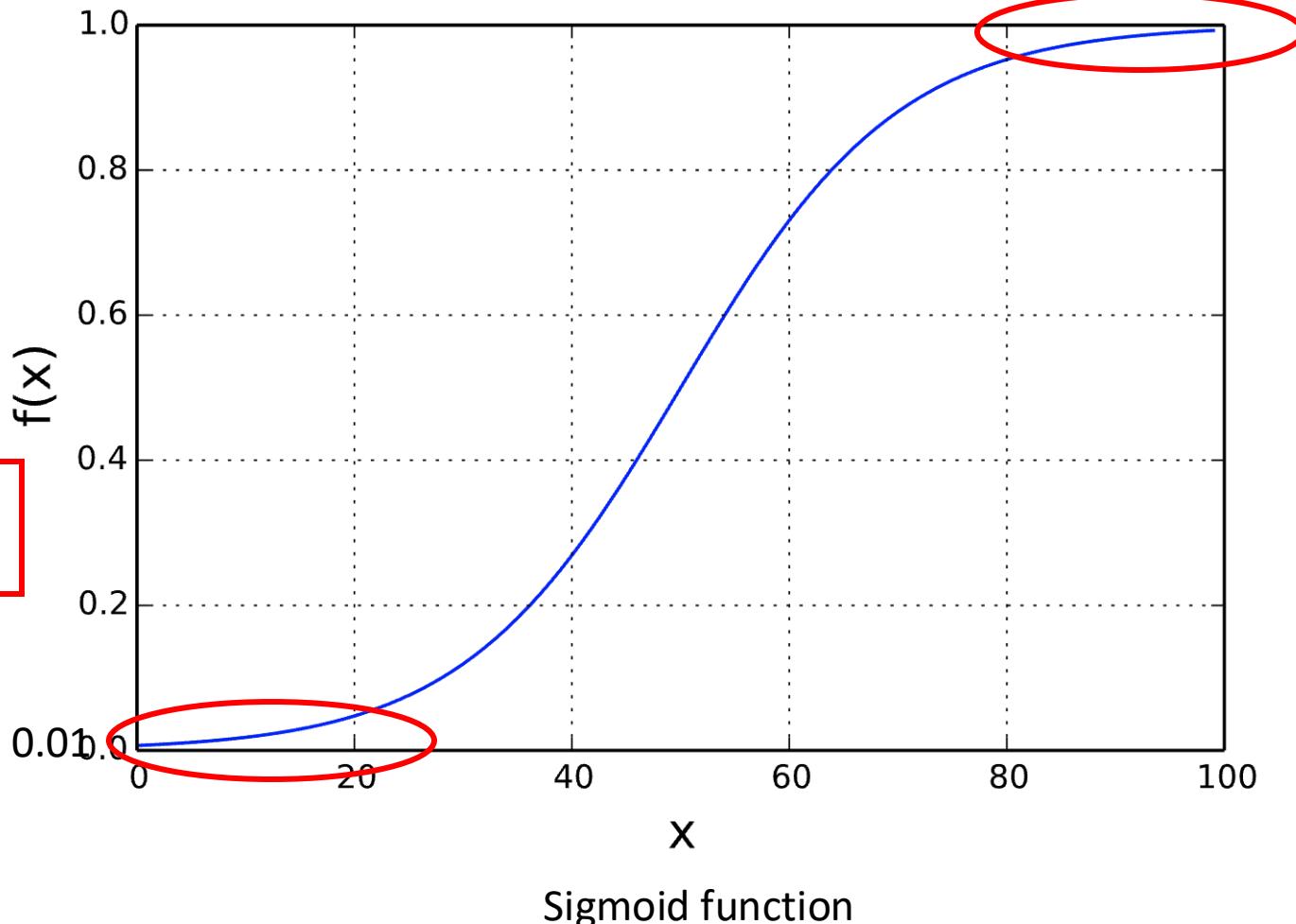
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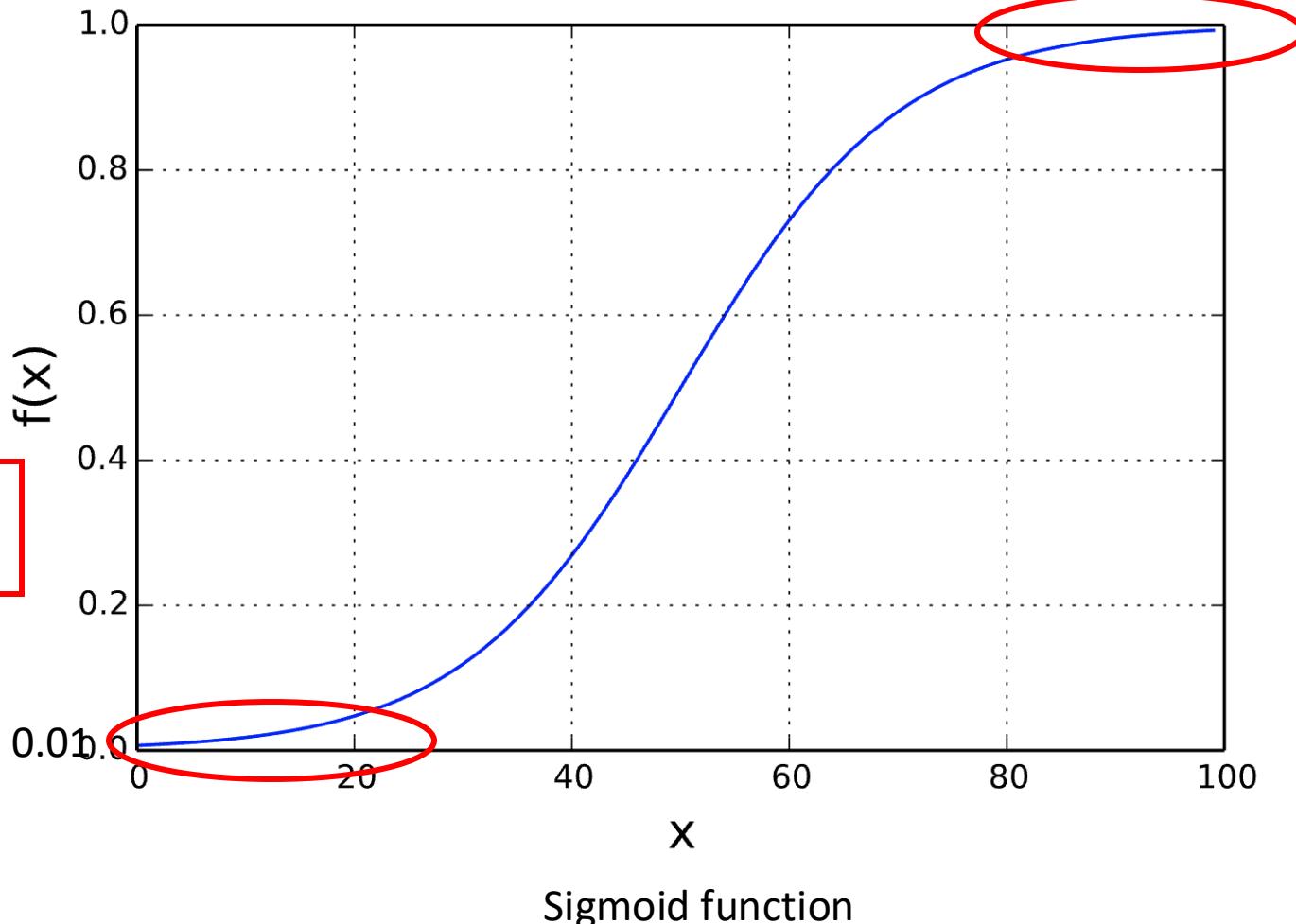
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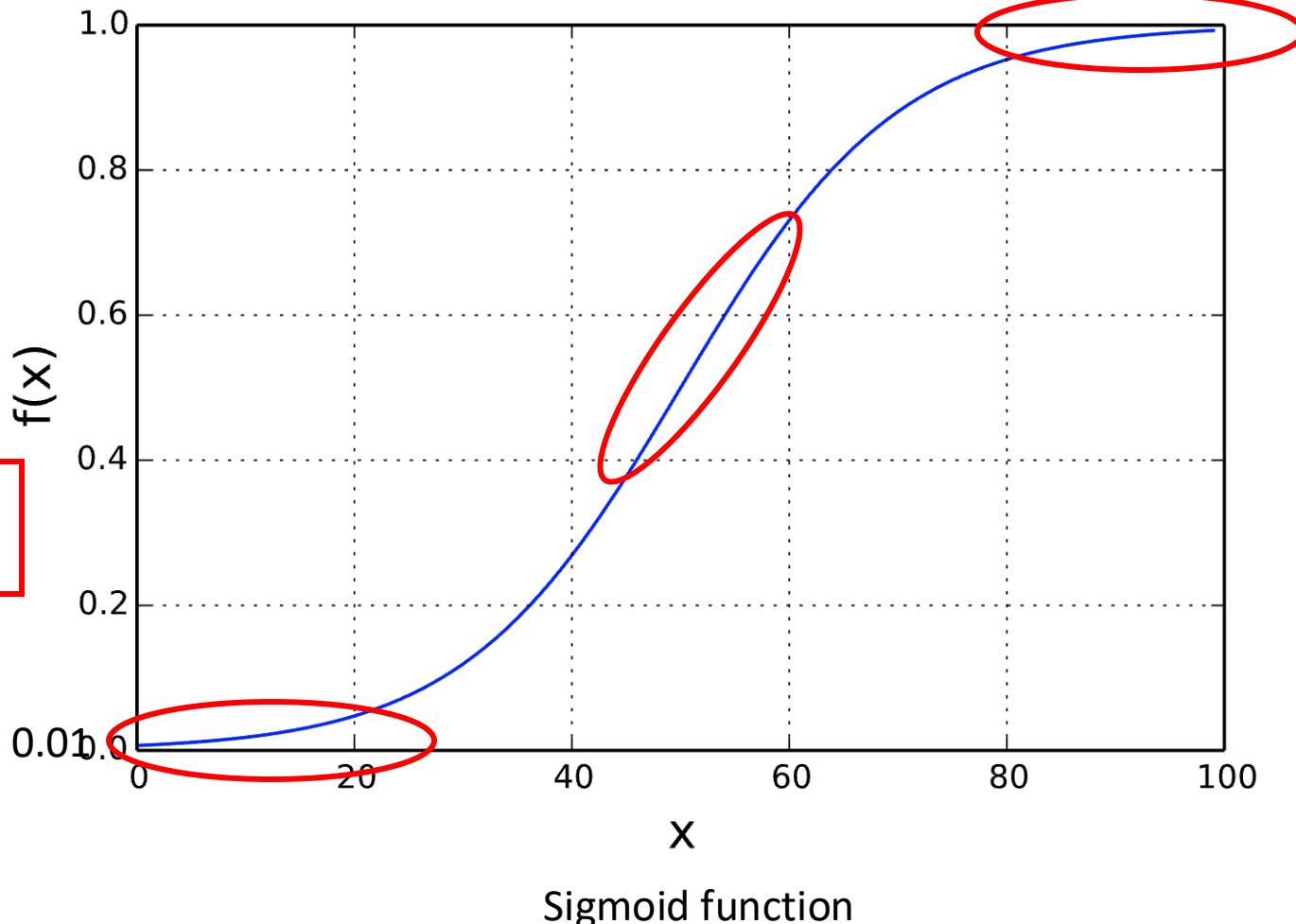
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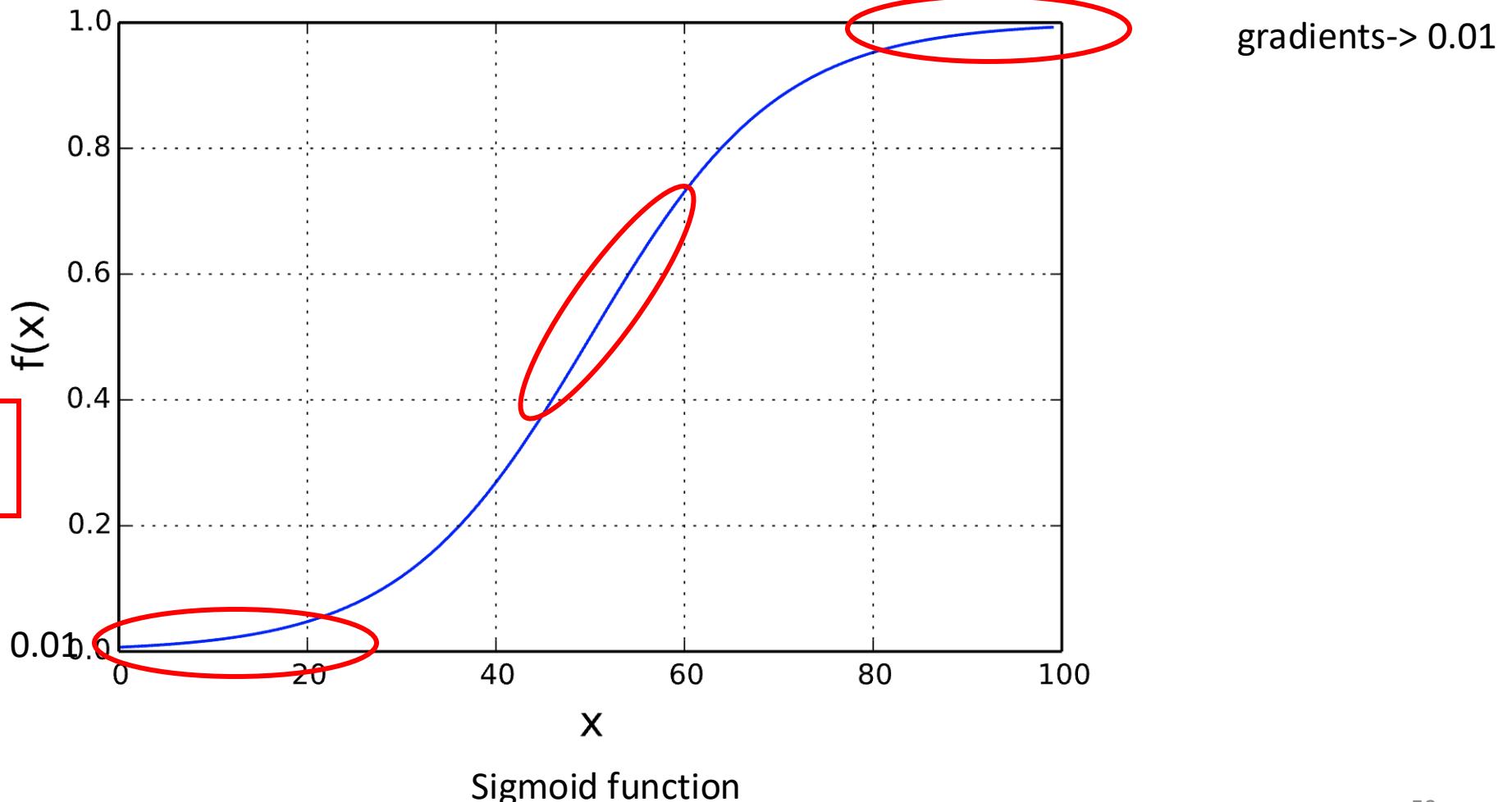
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# In today's class

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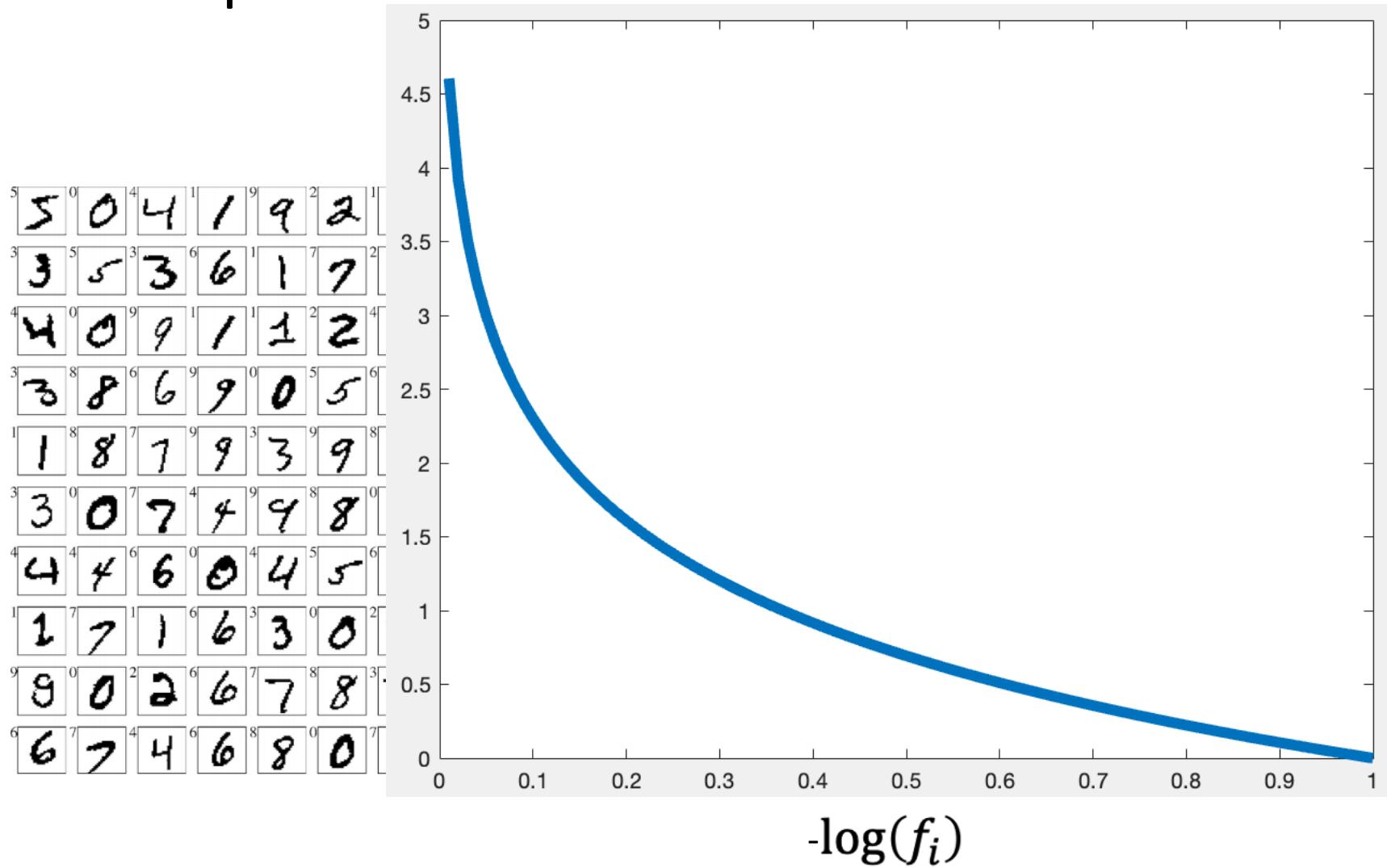
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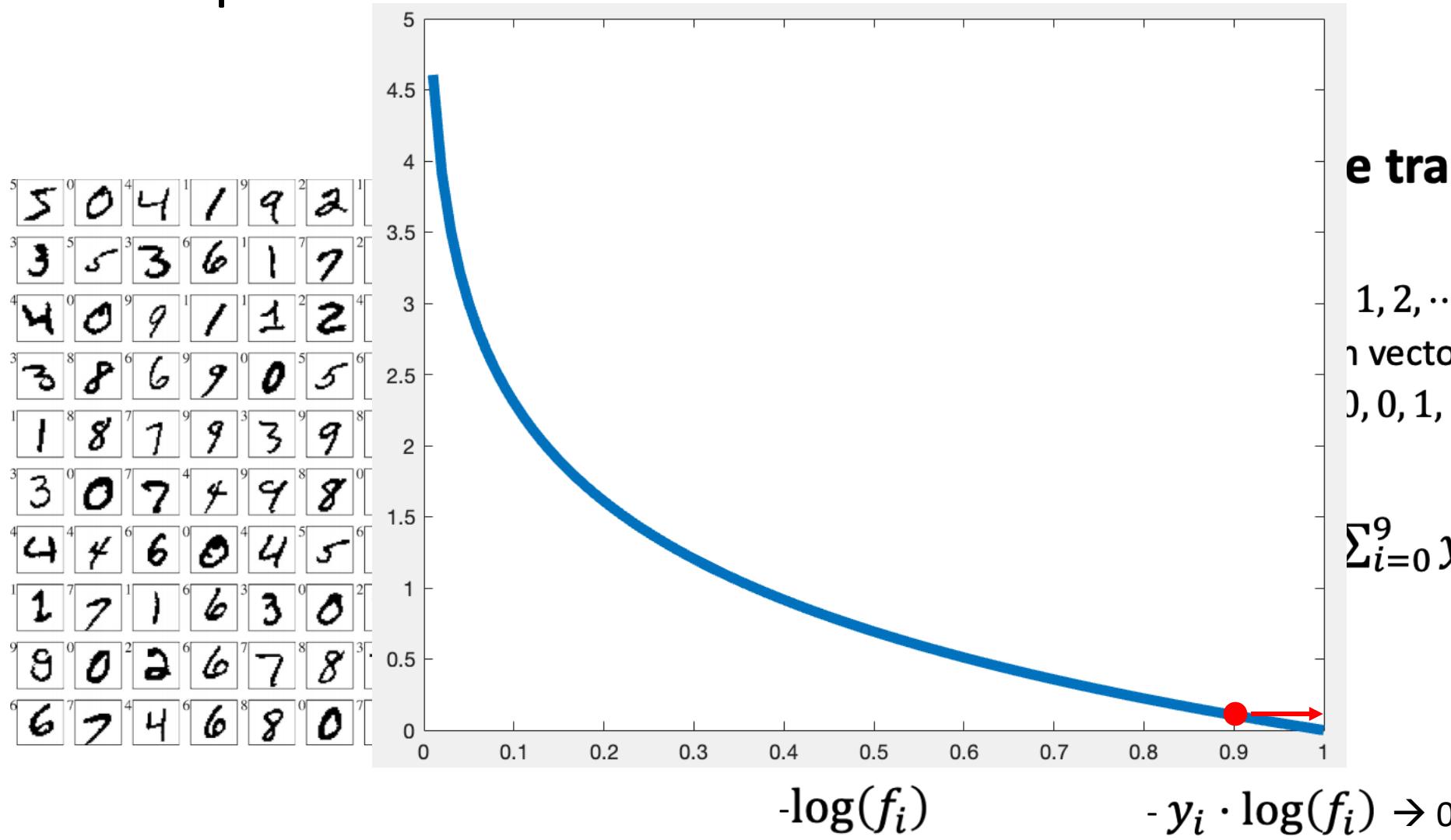
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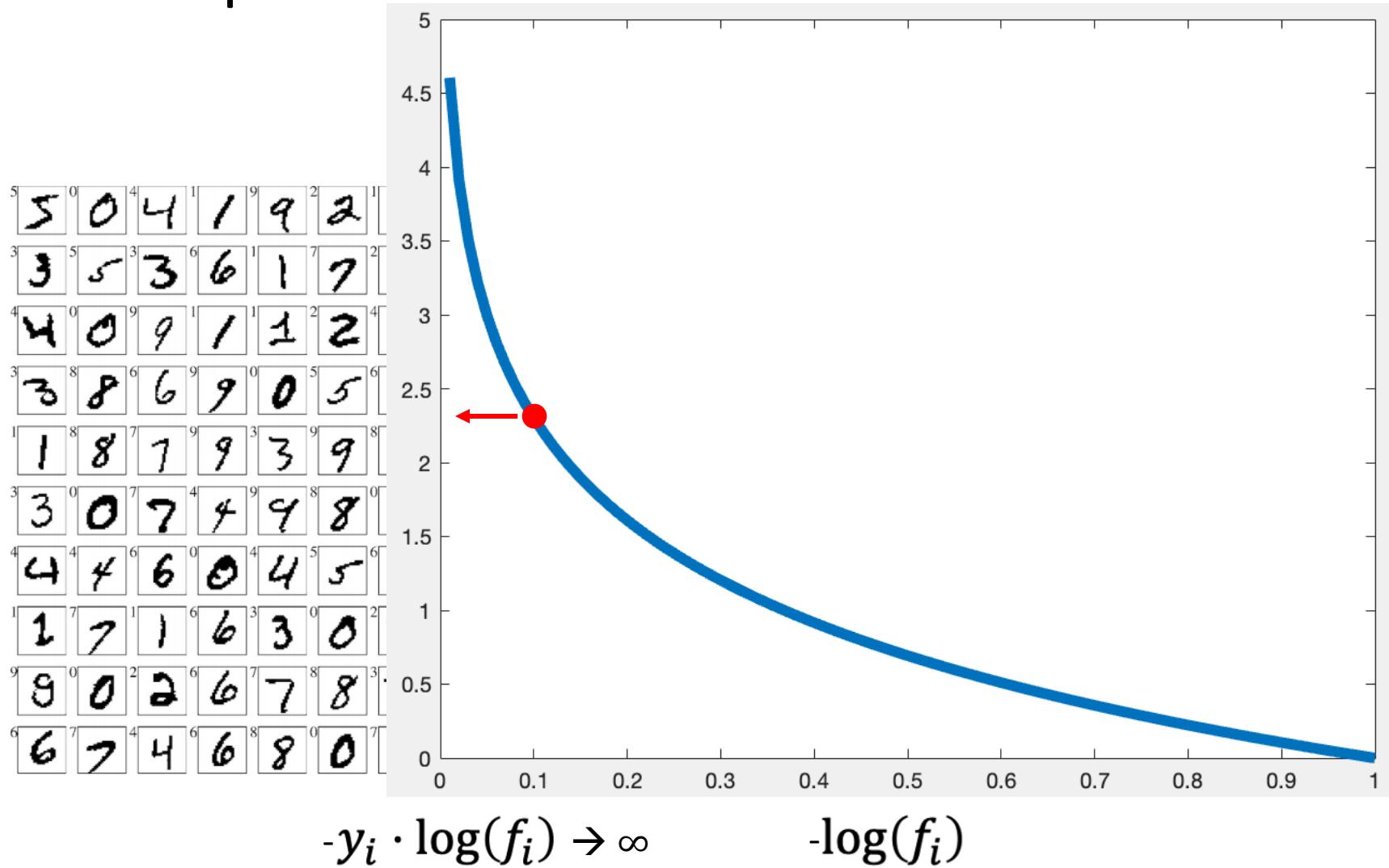
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$\mathbf{W}$  is the parameter of  $\mathbf{f}$

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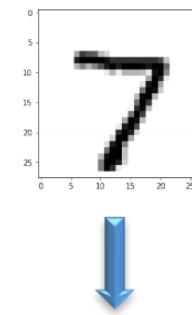
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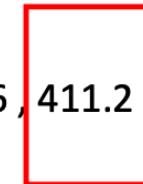
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**Define a function**  $f: \mathbb{R}^{785} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{10}$ :

- **Input:** vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{785}$ .
- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$ .  
Trainable parameters:  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 785}$
- **Output:**  $f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{SoftMax}(\mathbf{z})$ .

**Train the function by empirical risk minimization (ERM):**

- **Training set:**  $(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{y}_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{785} \times \mathbb{R}^{10}$ .
- **Loss function:**  $\text{CrossEntropy}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{f}) = -\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i \cdot \log(f(\mathbf{x})_i)$ .
- **Solve ERM:** 
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{W}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{CrossEntropy}(\mathbf{y}_j, f(\mathbf{x}_j)) \right\}.$$

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- **How to solve**  $\underset{\mathbf{W}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{CrossEntropy}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_j)) \right\}$  ?
- **Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with momentum** repeats:
  1. Randomly pick  $j$  from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
  2. Evaluate the gradient  $\mathbf{G}_j = \frac{\partial \text{CrossEntropy}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_j))}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \Big|_{\mathbf{W}=\mathbf{W}_{\text{old}}}$ .
  3. Update the momentum:  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{new}} = \beta \mathbf{V}_{\text{old}} + \mathbf{G}_j$ .
  4. Update  $\mathbf{W}$  by  $\mathbf{W}_{\text{new}} \leftarrow \mathbf{W}_{\text{old}} - \alpha \mathbf{V}_{\text{new}}$ .

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A linear model

Trainable parameter:

- $\mathbf{W}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times 785}$ .

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Hidden Layer 2

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$$\bullet \mathbf{x}^{(3)} = \text{SoftMax}(\mathbf{z}^{(3)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{10}.$$

Output Layer

- Output:  $f(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) = \mathbf{x}^{(3)}$ .

MLP

Trainable parameters:

- $\mathbf{W}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times 785}$ ,
- $\mathbf{W}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2 \times d_1}$ ,
- $\mathbf{W}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{10 \times d_2}$ .

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Build an optimization model:

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E.g., the cross-entropy loss



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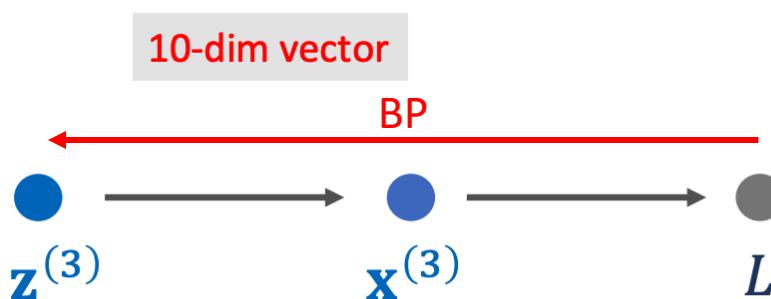
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$\mathbf{z}^{(3)}$  is a function of  $\mathbf{z}^{(2)}$  and  $\mathbf{W}^{(2)}$ .

Apply the chain rule.

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Use it to update  $\mathbf{W}^{(2)}$  (e.g., by SGD).

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(3)}}{\partial \mathbf{x}^{(2)}} = \mathbf{w}^{(2)}, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^{(2)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(2)}} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mathbf{z}^{(2)} > 0; \\ 0, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

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- Compute  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(3)}}$ .
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- $\boxed{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(0)}}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(1)}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(0)}} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(1)}}$ .    Use it to update  $\mathbf{W}^{(0)}$ .

# Example: how to train a softmax classifier

1. Randomly pick a sample  $(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{y}_j)$ .
2. Run a forward pass (from the input  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)}$  to the prediction).
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Get the derivatives (stochastic gradients):

$$\frac{\partial \text{Loss}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_j), \mathbf{y}_j)}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(2)}}, \quad \frac{\partial \text{Loss}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_j), \mathbf{y}_j)}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(1)}}, \quad \frac{\partial \text{Loss}(\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_j), \mathbf{y}_j)}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(0)}}.$$



Update  $\mathbf{W}^{(0)}, \mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \mathbf{W}^{(2)}$  using the derivatives.

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Mini-batch should always be used! Set batch size  $|\mathcal{J}|$  to 16, 32, 64, ...

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**SGD:** BatchSize = 1.

- Per-iteration cost is low.
- Lots of iterations to converge.

**Mini-Batch:** BatchSize > 1.

- Better than the other two, if **BatchSize** is properly set.

**Full Gradient:** BatchSize =  $n$ .

- Per-iteration cost is  $n$  times higher than SGD.
- Convex problem: less number of iterations.
- Neural network: it doesn't work!

See some blogs

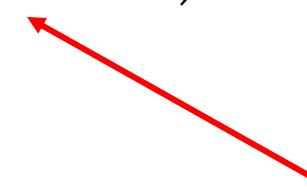
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$f_i \rightarrow x_i$

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$$\frac{dx_n}{dx_i}, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n-1$$


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**Stochastic approximation** methods are a family of **iterative methods** typically used for **root-finding** problems or **optimization** problems where the function being optimized is **non-differentiable**. This can happen when the collected data is corrupted by noise, or for approximating **extreme values** of functions which cannot be computed directly.

In a nutshell, stochastic approximation algorithms deal with a function of the form  $f(\theta) = E_\xi[F(\theta, \xi)]$  which is **non-differentiable**. Stochastic approximation algorithms use random samples of  $F(\theta, \xi)$  to efficiently approximate properties of  $f$  such as its gradient.

Recently, stochastic approximations have found extensive applications in the fields of statistics and machine learning, including reinforcement learning via **temporal differences**, and **deep learning**, and others.<sup>[1]</sup> Stochastic approximation algorithms have also been used to prove the correctness of their theory.<sup>[2]</sup>

The earliest, and prototypical, algorithms of this kind are the **Robbins–Monro** and **Kiefer–Wolfowitz** algorithms.

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Composition:  
**Biased**

# Train an MLP softmax classifier

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```
# Fully connected neural network with one hidden layer
class NeuralNet(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, num_classes):
        super(NeuralNet, self).__init__()
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(input_size, hidden_size)
        self.relu = nn.ReLU()
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(hidden_size, num_classes)

    def forward(self, x):
        out = self.fc1(x)
        out = self.relu(out)
        out = self.fc2(out)
        return out
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Define a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$

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$z^{(1)}, x^{(1)}, z^{(2)}, x^{(2)}, z^{(3)}$ .

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ii. Update  $w^{(k)}$  using  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w^{(k)}}$ .

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# Loss and optimizer
criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model_NN.parameters(), lr=learning_rate, weight_decay=0.00001)
```

```
# Forward pass
outputs = model(images)
loss = criterion(outputs, labels)

# Backward and optimize
optimizer.zero_grad()
loss.backward()
optimizer.step()
```