

## L2 Regularization

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### Applied to Model Weights:

- Regularization is applied to the weights of the model to penalize large values and encourage smaller, more generalizable weights.

### Introduced via Loss Function or Optimizer:

- Adds a penalty term  $\lambda \sum w_i^2$  to the loss function in L2 regularization.

$$\text{Loss}_{\text{reg}} = \text{Loss}_{\text{original}} + \lambda \sum w_i^2$$

$\lambda (w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2 + w_4^2)$

- In weight decay, directly modifies the gradient update rule to include  $\lambda w_i$ , effectively shrinking weights during training.

$$w \leftarrow w - \eta (\nabla \text{Loss} + \lambda w)$$

weight decay

### Penalizes Large Weights:

- Encourages the network to distribute learning across multiple parameters, avoiding reliance on a few large weights.

### Reduces Overfitting:

- Helps the model generalize better to unseen data by discouraging overly complex representations.

### Controlled by a Hyperparameter:

- A regularization coefficient ( $\lambda$ , often set via `weight_decay` in optimizers) controls the strength of the penalty. Larger values lead to stronger regularization.

### No Effect on Bias Terms:

- Regularization is typically applied only to weights, not biases, as biases don't directly affect model complexity.

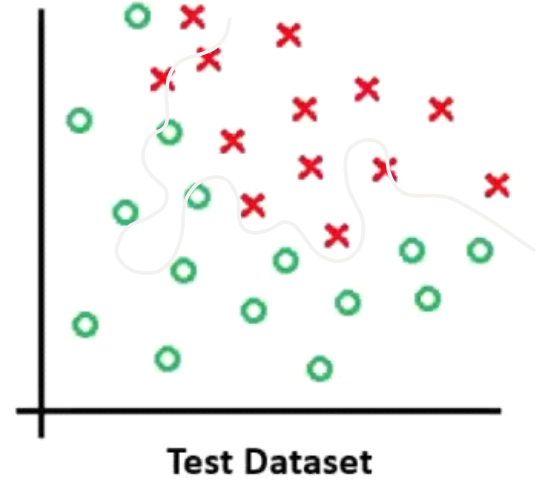
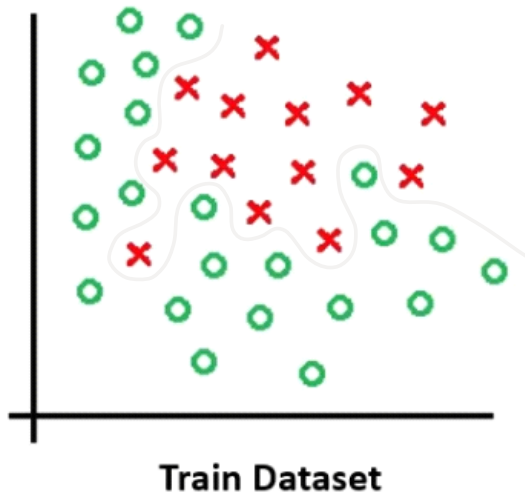
### Active During Training:

- Regularization affects weight updates only during training. It does not explicitly influence the model during inference.

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          → logloss  
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          weights/biases

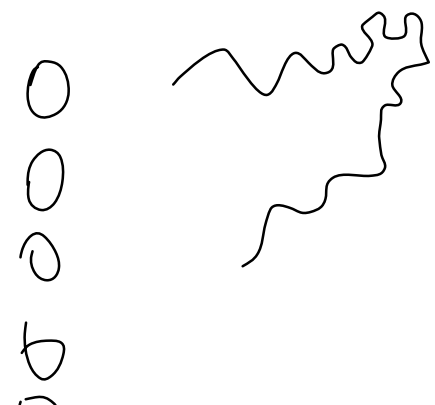
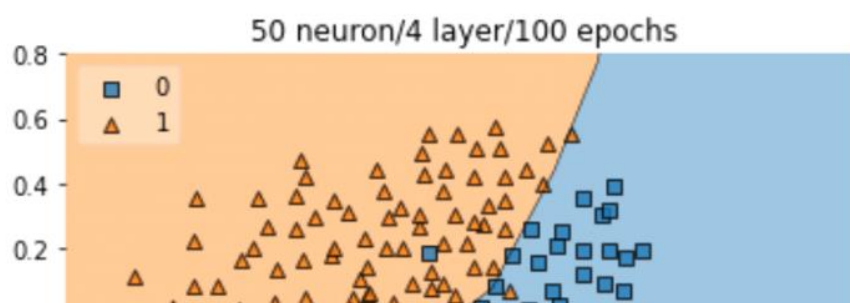
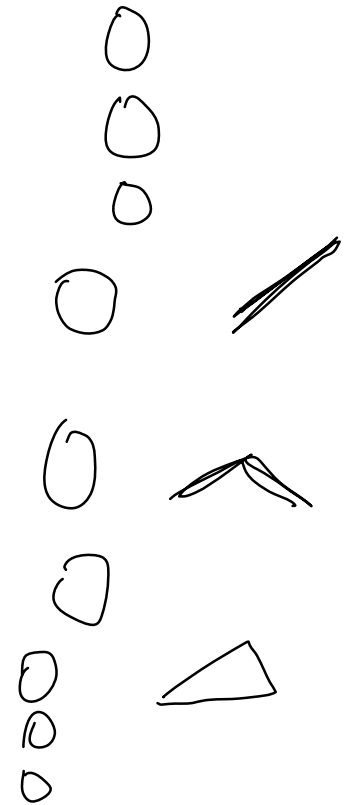
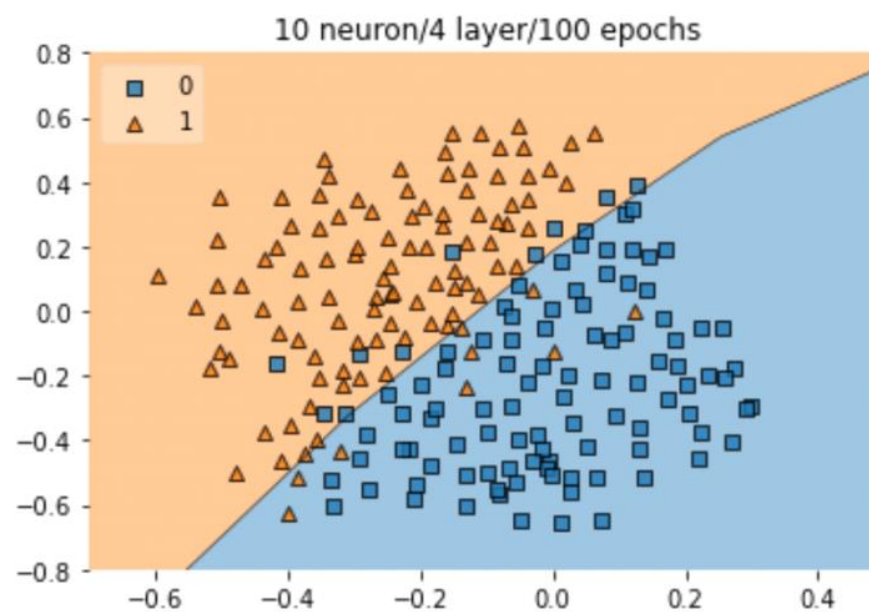
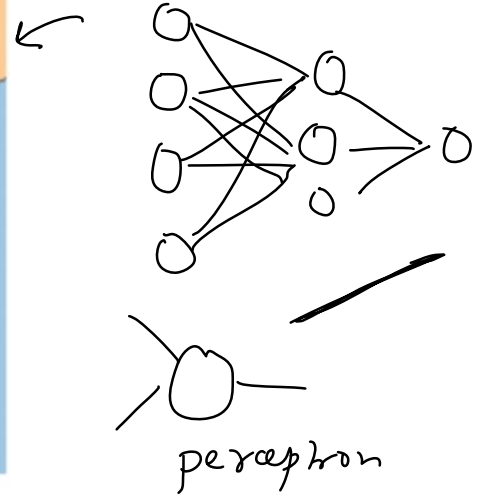
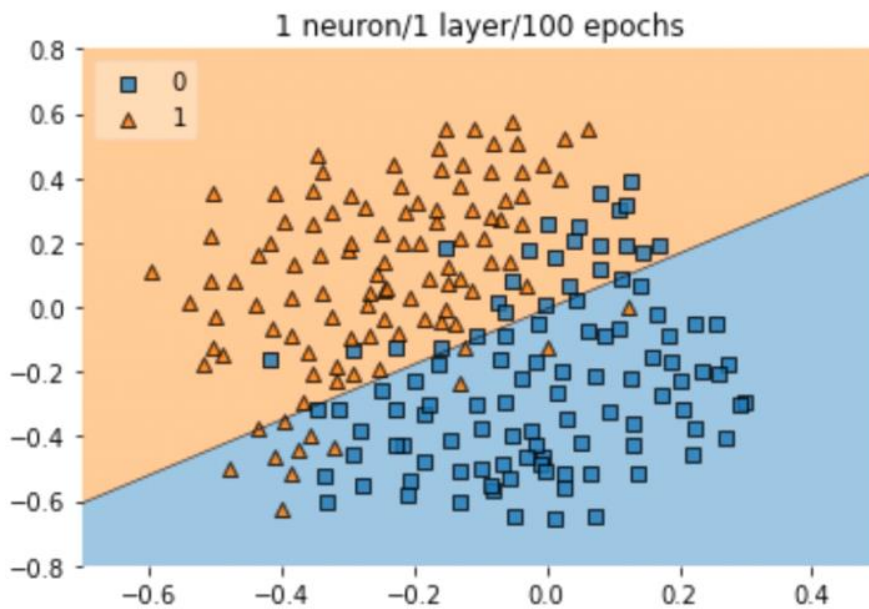
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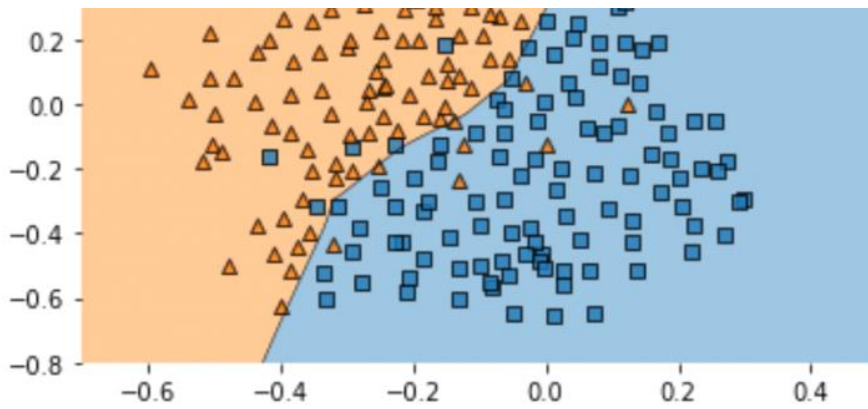
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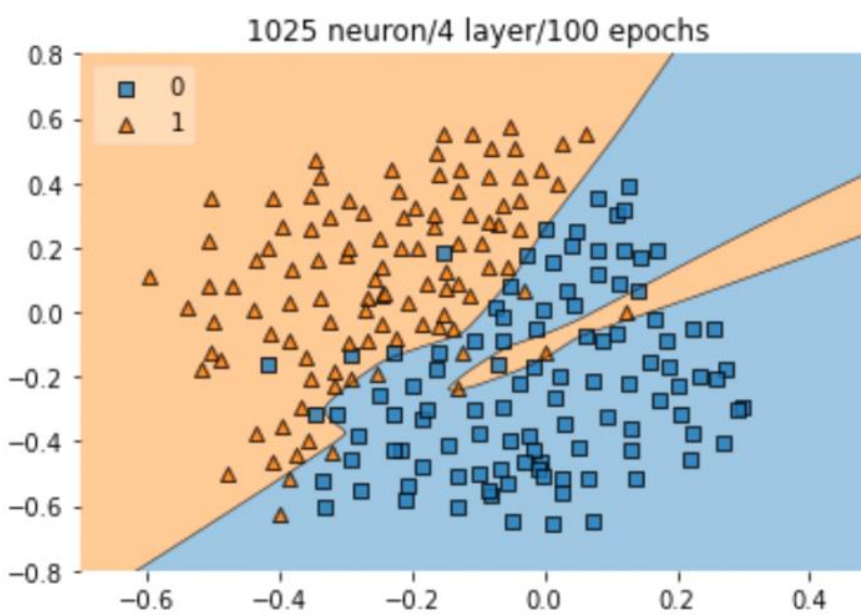
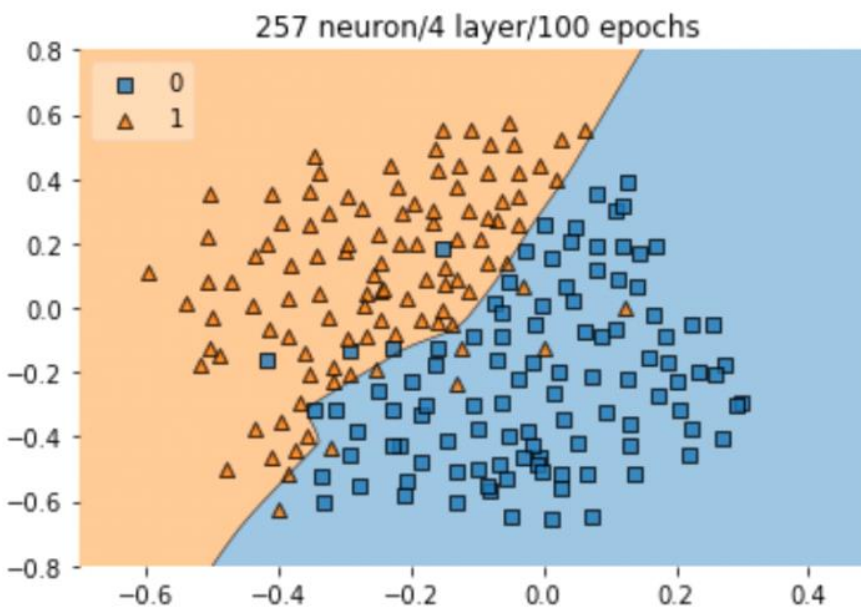
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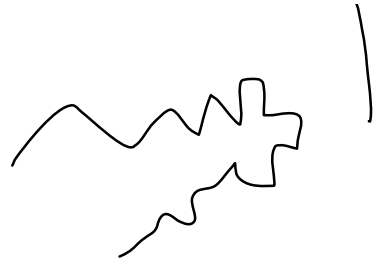
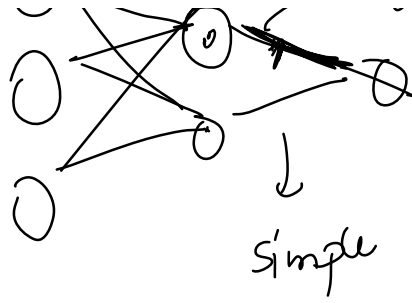
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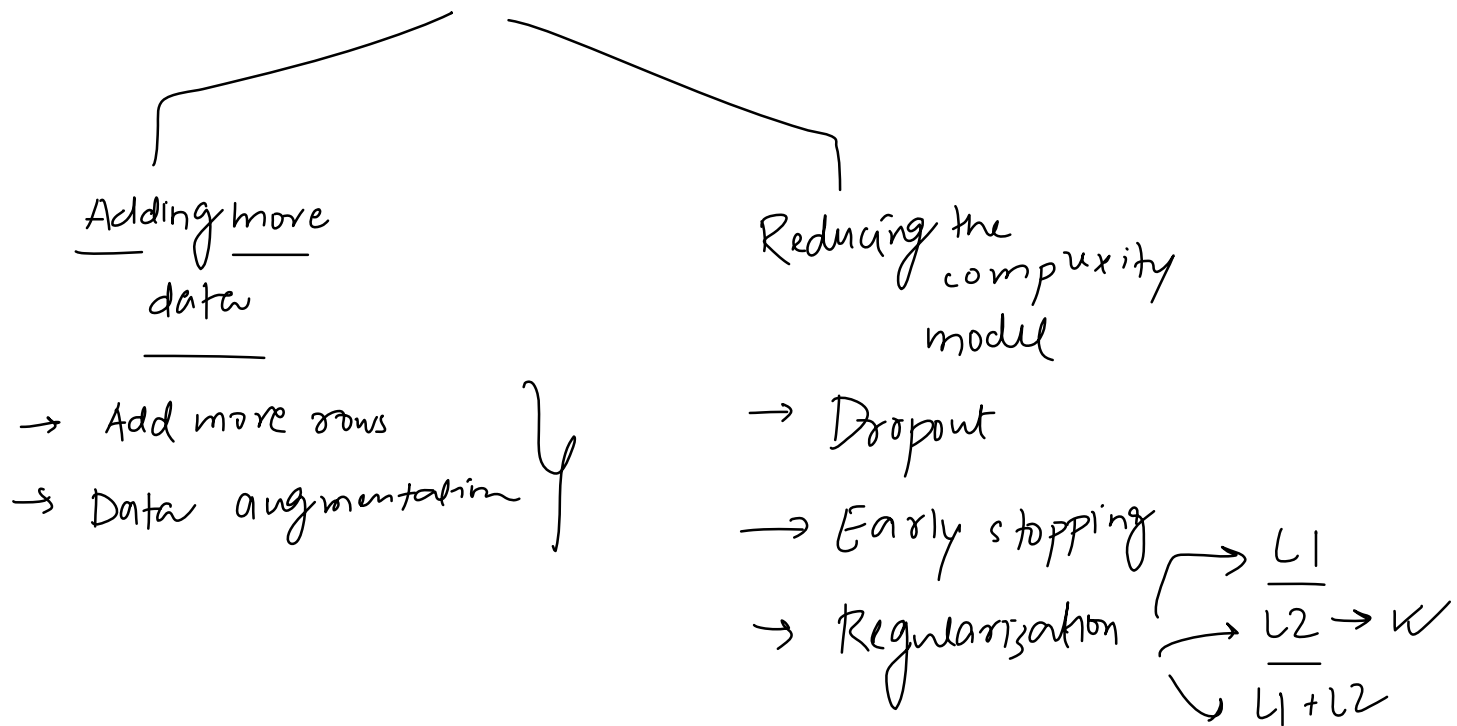
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## Ways to solve overfitting

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# Regularization

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ANN  $\rightarrow$  weights | bias

$\rightarrow$  min loss function

$L = \text{mse}$   
 $\rightarrow$  binary

$\rightarrow$   $L_2$   
 $L_1$

$w_1 \rightarrow w_{10}$

$$C = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, \hat{y}_i) + \text{penalty term}$$

$$C = \underbrace{L}_{\text{L}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^k \|w_i\|^2}_{\text{weightage}}$$

$$\frac{\lambda}{2n} [w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \dots + w_{10}^2]$$

$\uparrow \lambda = \text{hyperparameter} \uparrow$

$\lambda = 0$

$$C = \sum L(y_i, \hat{y}_i) + (P)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $w \approx 0$

$L_2 \rightarrow (L_1)$

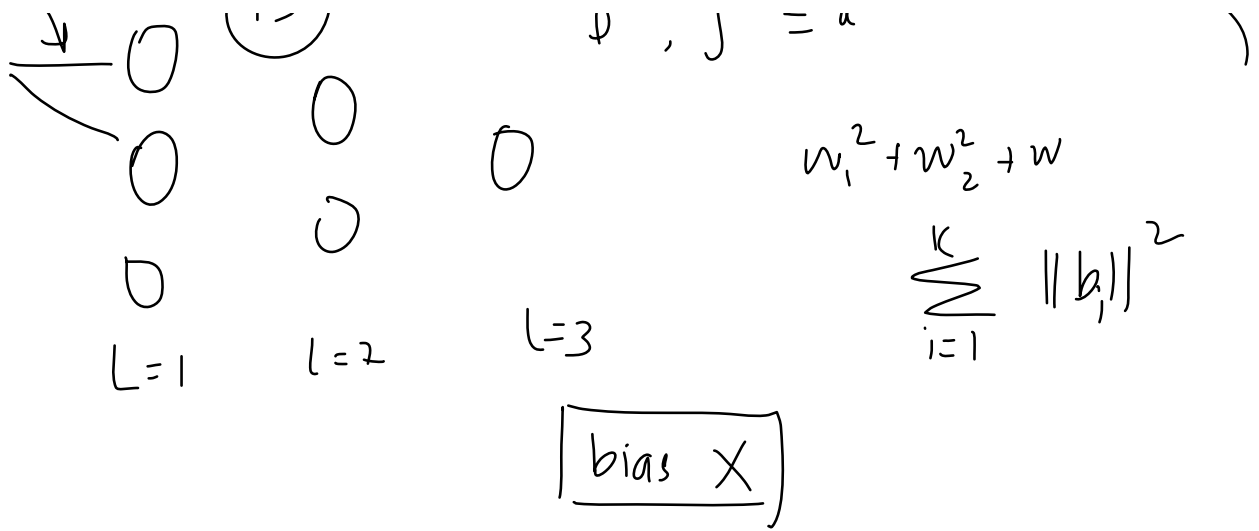
$\rightarrow$   $L_1$  norm

$$C = L + \frac{\lambda}{2n} \sum \|w_i\|$$

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, \hat{y}_i) + \left[ \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J \|w_{ij}^l\|^2 \right] \quad [w \approx 0]$$

$i, j = d$

$\rightarrow$   $(15)$   
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# Intuition behind Regularization

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$$\underline{w_n} = w_0 - \eta \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0} \right)$$

$$\boxed{1 - \eta \lambda}$$

positive

$$L' = L + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum \|w_i\|^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L'}{\partial w_0} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0} + \lambda w_0$$

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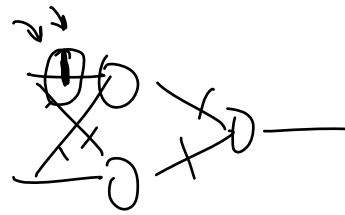
$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0} + \lambda w_0$$

$$\underline{w_0 < w_0}$$

L2 reg  $\rightarrow$  weight decay

weight decay  $\rightarrow w_0$

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$$\underline{w_1^2 + w_2^2 + w_3^2 + \dots}$$

$\sum w$

$$w_n = w_0 - \eta \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0} + \lambda w_0 \right)$$

$$w_n = w_0 - \eta \lambda w_0 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0}$$

$$\underline{w_n = (1 - \eta \lambda) w_0 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_0}}$$