

Data Science: Principles and Practice

Lecture 4: Deep Learning, Part I

Marek Rei

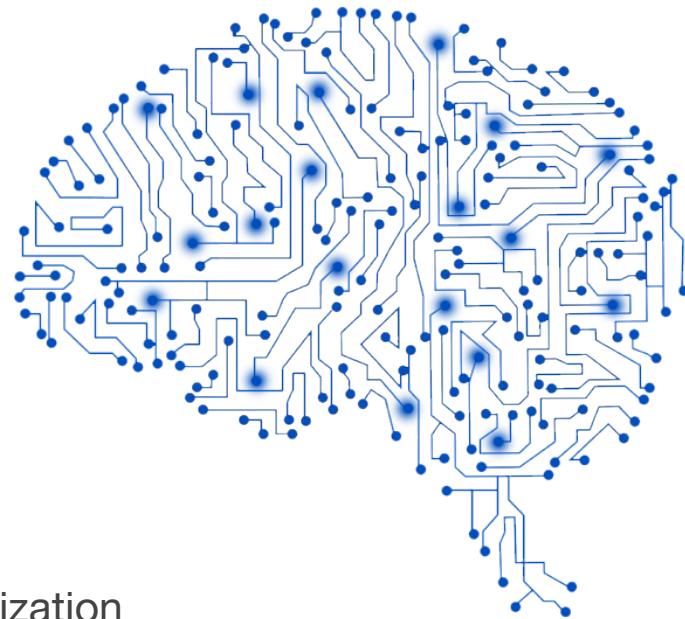


UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

What is Deep Learning?

Deep learning is a class of machine learning algorithms.

Neural network models with multiple hidden layers.



Today: The basics of neural network models, optimization

Next lecture: Implementing models with Tensorflow, network components, practical tips

The Rise of Deep Learning

BUSINESS INSIDER UK

TECH

Microsoft's voice-recognition tech is now better than even teams of humans at transcribing conversations



Matt Weinberger [✉](#) [🐦](#)
Aug. 21, 2017, 7:30 PM [🔥 667](#)



[FACEBOOK](#)



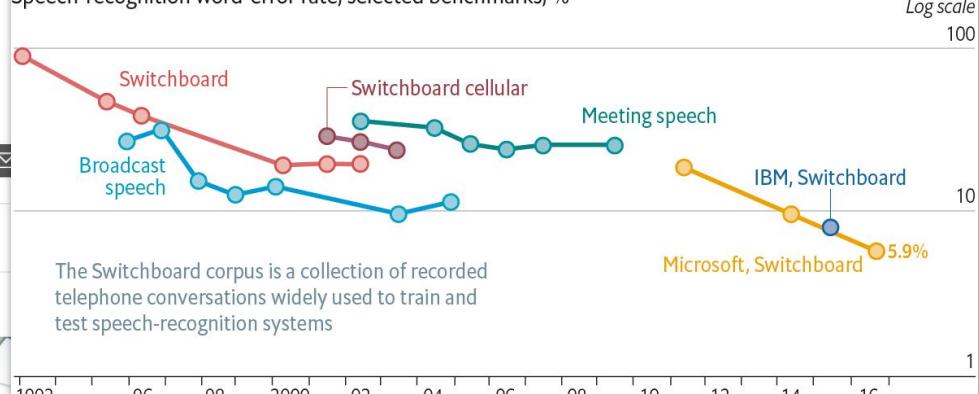
[LINKEDIN](#)



[TWITTER](#)

Loud and clear

Speech-recognition word-error rate, selected benchmarks, %



Follow Business Insider:

In October 2016, in a big milestone for artificial intelligence, Microsoft



The Rise of Deep Learning

AI

Google taps neural nets for better offline translation in 59 languages

KHARI JOHNSON @KHARIJOHNSON JUNE 12, 2018 10:16 AM

Above: Google Translate for iOS.

Image Credit: Jordan Novet / VentureBeat

Google's online translations have been p...
the company is rolling out its neural net...
for Google Translate iOS and Android ap...

Offline NMT was made by the Translate...
Google product manager Julie Cattiau to...
95 percent of Google Translate's user ba...
Indonesia, Cattiau said.

The image shows three side-by-side screenshots of the Google Translate app on iOS. Each screenshot displays a French sentence in the top left and its English translation in the top right. Below the translations are blue buttons with white text and small icons. At the bottom of each screen are three small icons: a speaker, a square, and a vertical ellipsis.

- On-device PBMT:** The French sentence is "Un sourire coûte moins cher que l'électricité, mais donne autant de lumière". The English translation is "A smile costs less expensive than electricity, but gives as many light". The blue button below says "A smile costs less expensive than electricity, but gives as many light" with a star icon. The status bar at the bottom indicates "offline".
- On-device NMT:** The French sentence is "Un sourire coûte moins cher que l'électricité, mais donne autant de lumière". The English translation is "A smile costs cheaper than electricity, but gives as much light". The blue button below says "A smile costs cheaper than electricity, but gives as much light" with a star icon. The status bar at the bottom indicates "offline".
- Online NMT:** The French sentence is "Un sourire coûte moins cher que l'électricité, mais donne autant de lumière". The English translation is "A smile costs less than electricity, but gives as much light". The blue button below says "A smile costs less than electricity, but gives as much light" with a star icon. The status bar at the bottom indicates "offline".

The Rise of Deep Learning

 **ars** TECHNICA

SUBSCRIPTIONS   SIGN IN 

TECH —

Google's AlphaGo AI beats world's best human Go player

STR/AFP/Getty Images

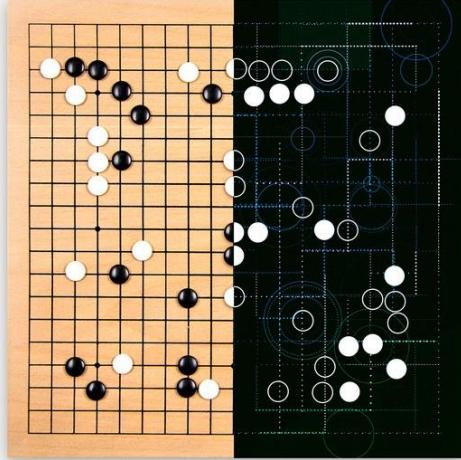
Ke Jie tried to use AlphaGo's own moves and lost.

SEBASTIAN ANTHONY - 5/23/2017, 2:20 PM

 [Enlarge](#) / China's 19-year-old Go player Ke Jie (L) prepares to make a move during the first match against Google's artificial intelligence program AlphaGo in Wuzhen, east China's Zhejiang province on May 23, 2017.

DeepMind's AlphaGo AI has defeated Ke Jie in the first round of a best-of-three Go match in China. A video embedded below. Ke Jie was defeated by just a half a point—the closest margin possible—but scoring versus his opponent is disingenuous: DeepMind's AI doesn't try to win by a large margin; it just plots the surest route to victory, even if it's only a half-point.

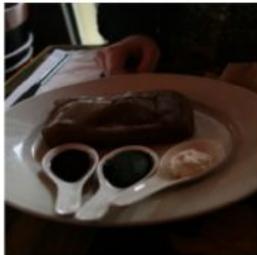
Ke Jie is generally considered to be the world's best human Go player, but he wasn't expected to win; AlphaGo beat a Chinese 19-year-old earlier in the year during [an unbeaten online 60-match victory streak](#).



The Rise of Deep Learning



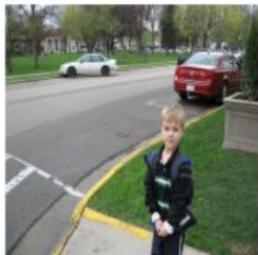
there is a cat
sitting on a shelf .



a plate with a fork
and a piece of cake .



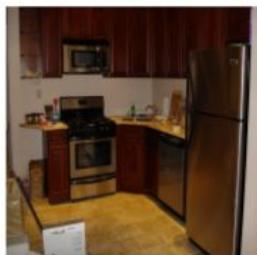
a black and white
photo of a window .



a young boy standing
on a parking lot
next to cars .



a wooden table
and chairs arranged
in a room .



a kitchen with
stainless steel
appliances .



this is a herd
of cattle out
in the field .



a car is parked
in the middle
of nowhere .



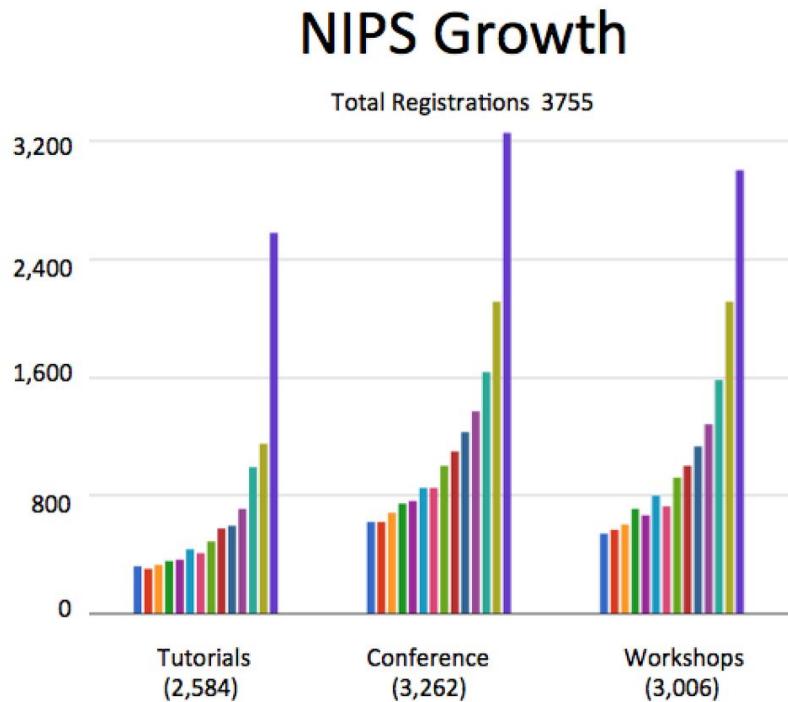
a ferry boat on
a marina with a
group of people .



a little boy with
a bunch of friends
on the street .

The Rise of Deep Learning

Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) - one of the main conferences on deep learning and machine learning.



The Hype Train of Deep Learning



This guy didn't know
about neural networks
(a.k.a deep learning)



This guy learned
about neural networks
(a.k.a deep learning)

- “Deep learning” is often used as a buzzword, even without understanding it.
- Be mindful - it’s a powerful class of machine learning algorithms, but not a magic solution to every problem.

But Why Now?

2012 - AlexNet wins ImageNet, Krizhevsky

2006 - Restricted Boltzmann Machine, Hinton

1998 - ConvNets for OCR, LeCun

1997 - LSTM, Hochreiter & Schmidhuber

1974 - backpropagation, Werbos

1958 - perceptrons, Rosenblatt

The theory was there before, but the conditions are now better for putting it into action.

1. Big Data

- Large datasets for training
- Better methods for storing and managing data



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

2. Faster Hardware

- Graphics Processing Units (GPUs)
- Faster CPUs
- More affordable



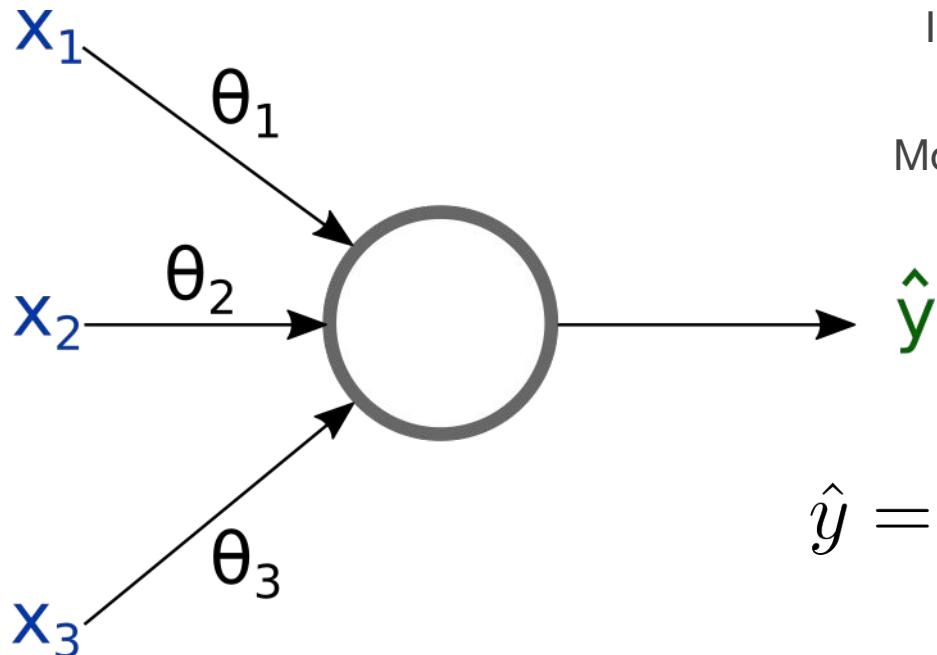
3. Better Software

- Better Optimization Algorithms
- Automatic Differentiation Libraries



Fundamentals of Neural Networks

Remember Linear Regression



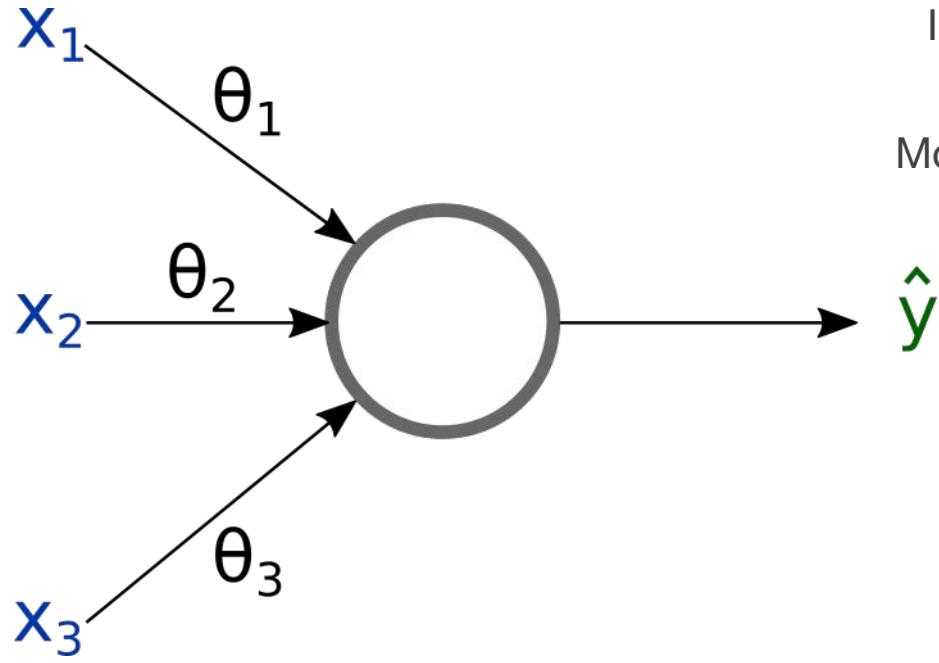
Input features: $[x_1, x_2, x_3]$

Model parameters: $[\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3]$

$$\hat{y} = \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2 + \theta_3 x_3 + b$$

Often implicit

Remember Linear Regression



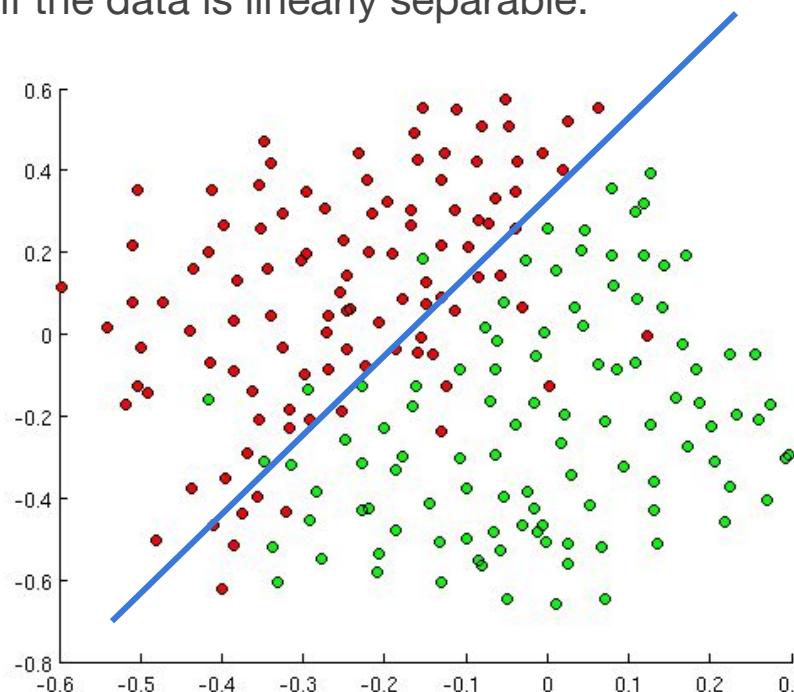
Input features: $[x_1, x_2, x_3]$

Model parameters: $[\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3]$

$$\hat{y} = \sum_k \theta_k x_k$$

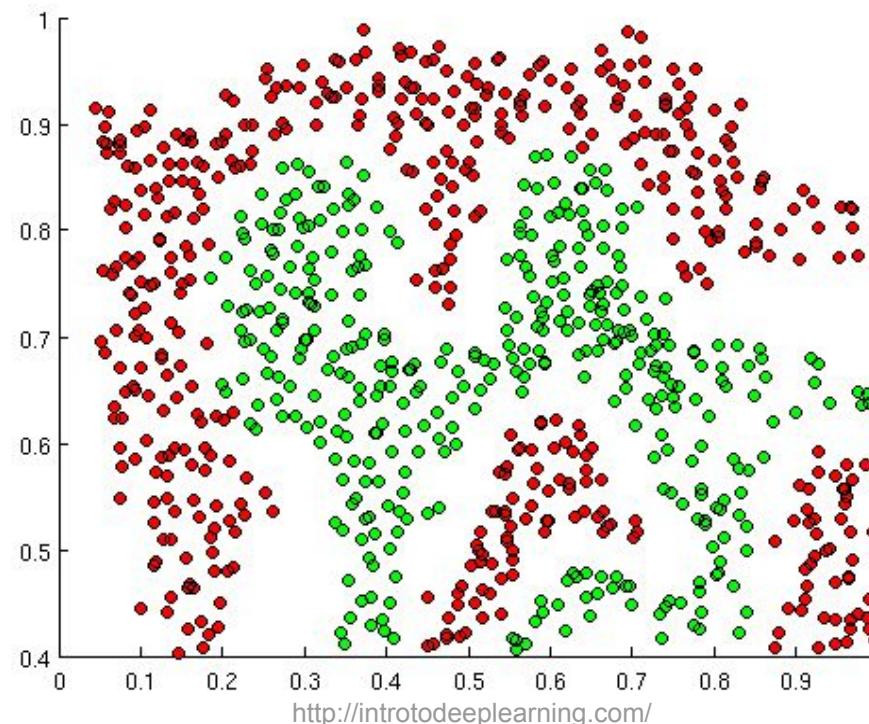
Linear Separability of Classes

Linear models are great if the data is linearly separable.



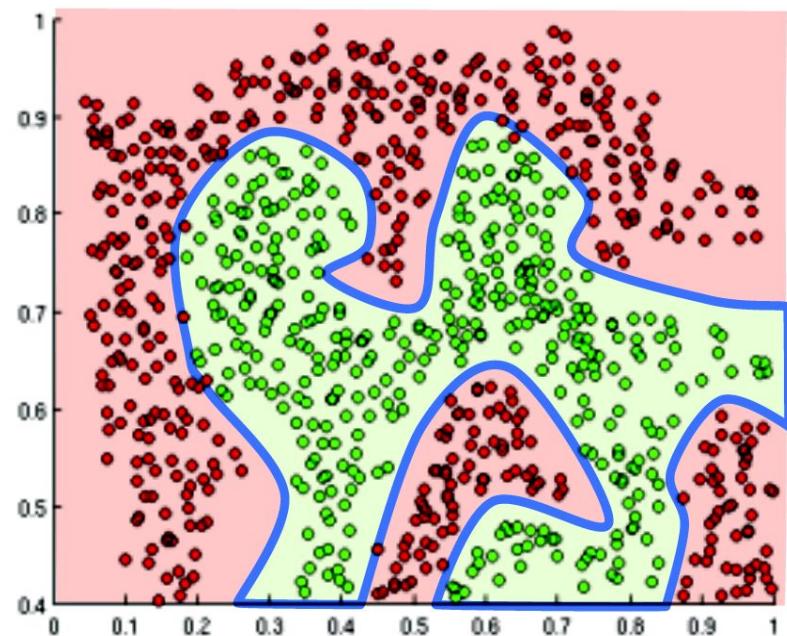
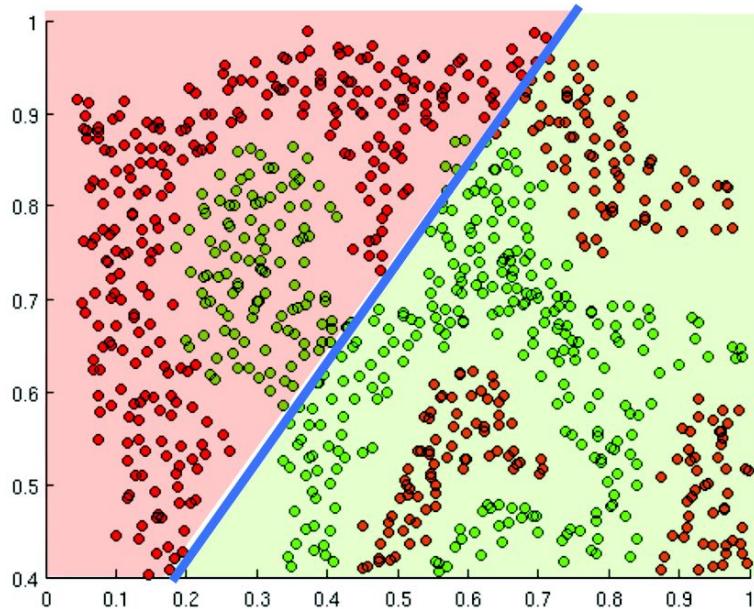
Linear Separability of Classes

... but often that is not the case.



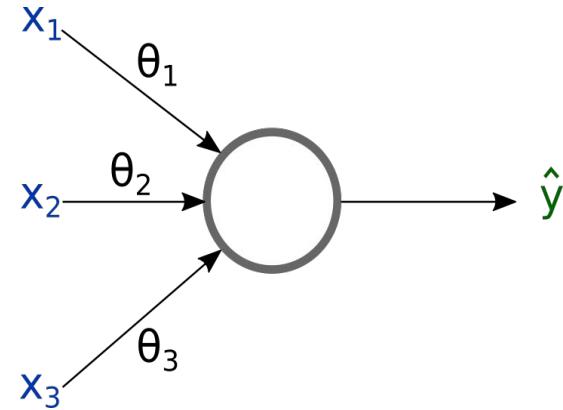
Linear Separability of Classes

Linear models are not able to capture complex patterns in the data.



Non-linear Activation Functions

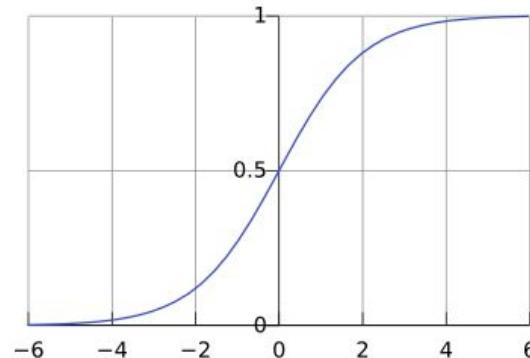
$$\hat{y} = g\left(\sum_k \theta_k x_k\right)$$



The logistic function, aka the sigmoid function.

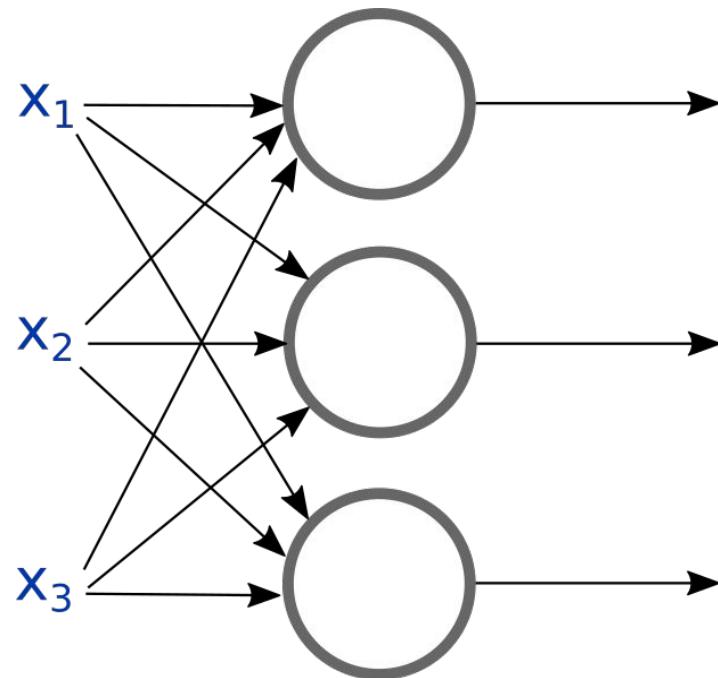
$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$z \in [-\infty, \infty] \quad \hat{y} \in [0, 1]$$



Connecting the Neurons

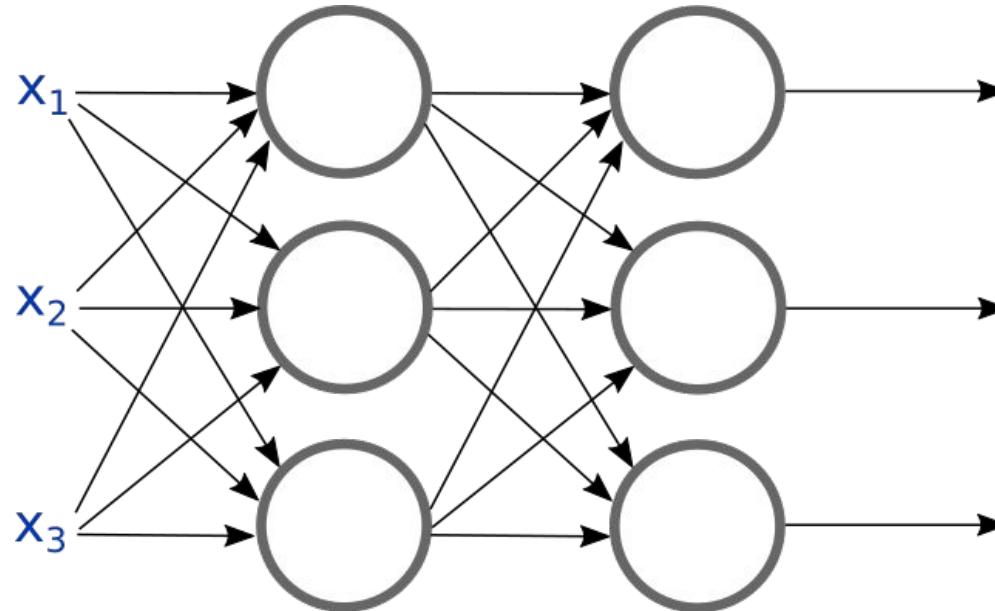
We can connect multiple neurons in parallel - each one will learn to detect something different.



Multilayer Perceptron

Not actually a perceptron

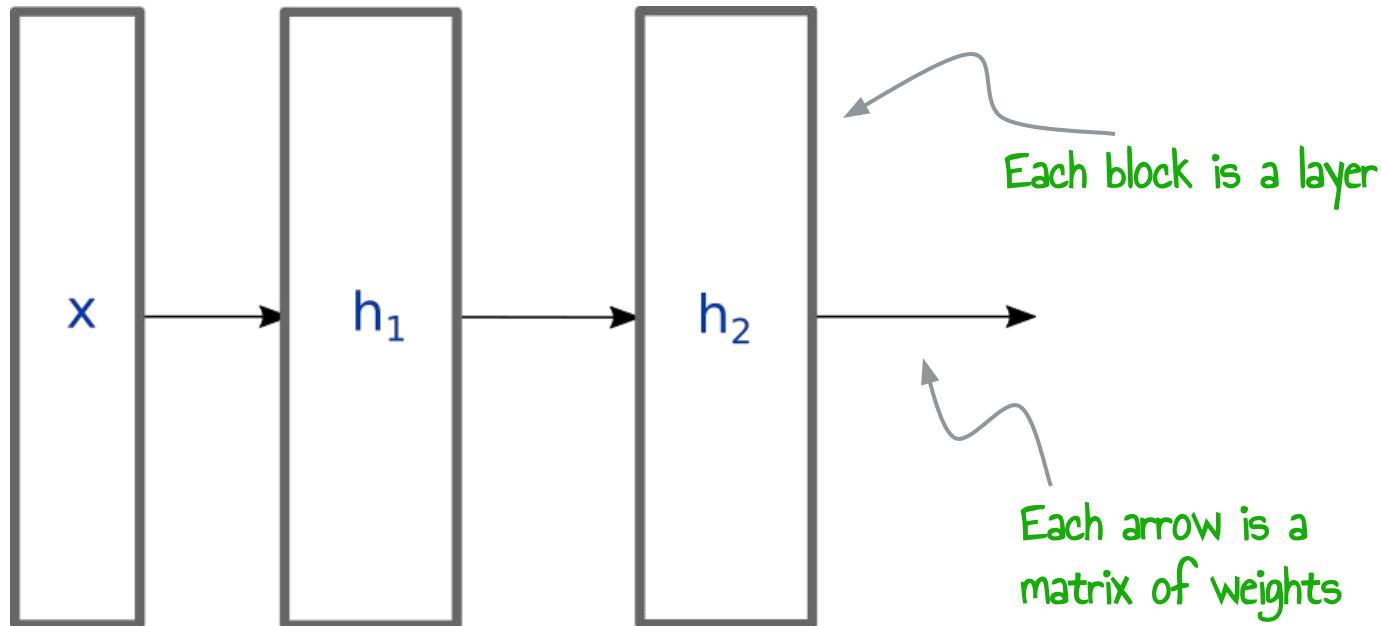
We can connect neurons in sequence in order to learn from higher-order features.



An MLP with sufficient number of neurons can theoretically model an arbitrary function over an input.

Multilayer Perceptron

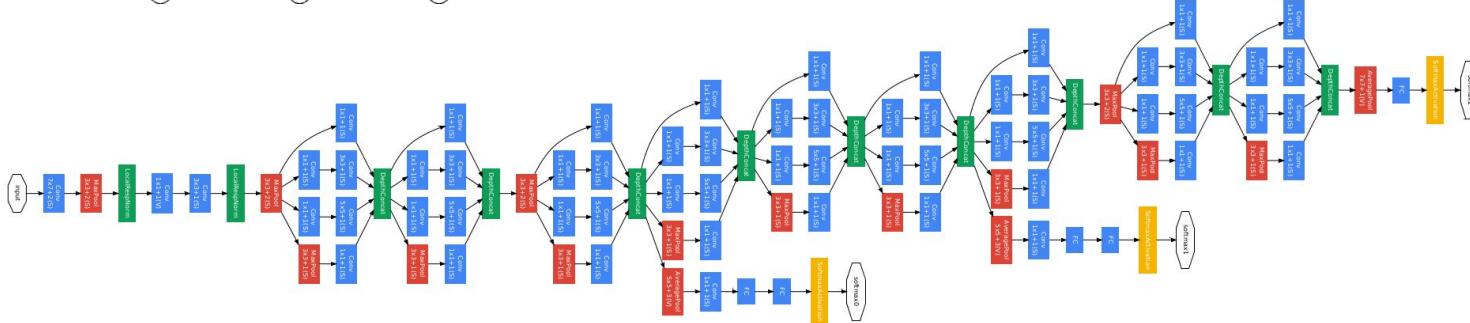
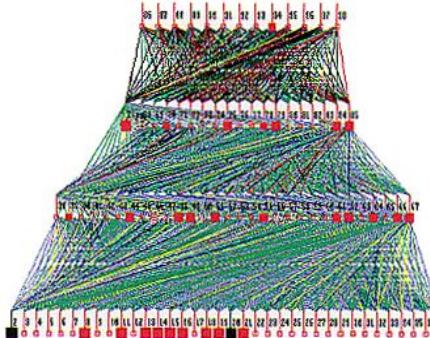
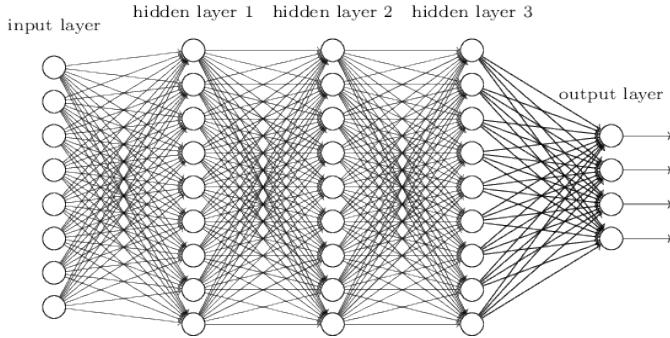
We can connect neurons in sequence in order to learn from higher-order features.



An MLP with sufficient number of neurons can theoretically model an arbitrary function over an input.

Neep Neural Networks

In practice we train neural neural networks with thousands of neurons and millions (or billions) of trainable weights.

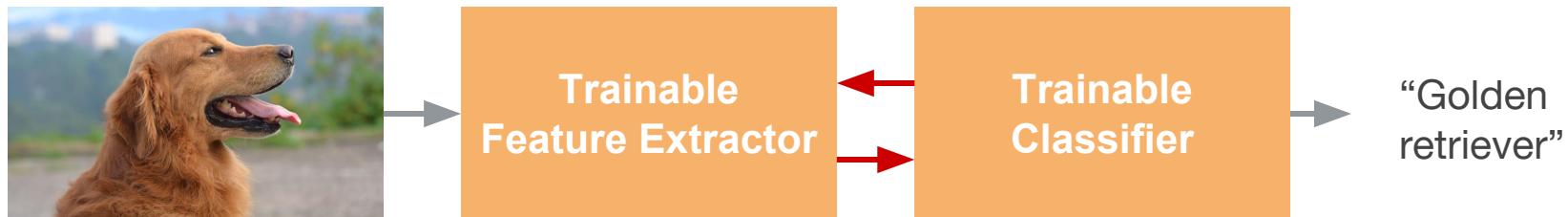


Learning Representations & Features

Traditional pattern recognition

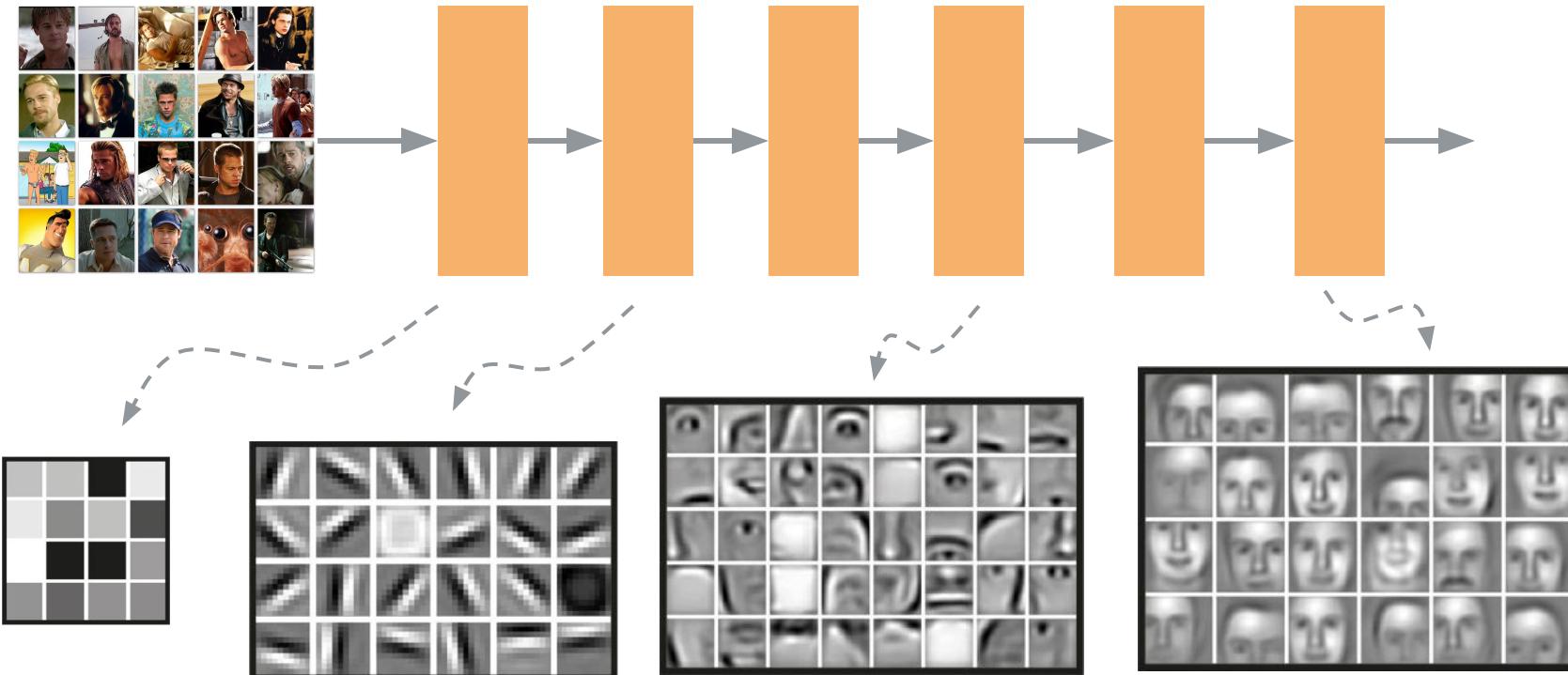


End-to-end training: Learn useful features also from the data



Learning Representations & Features

Automatically learning increasingly more complex feature detectors from the data.



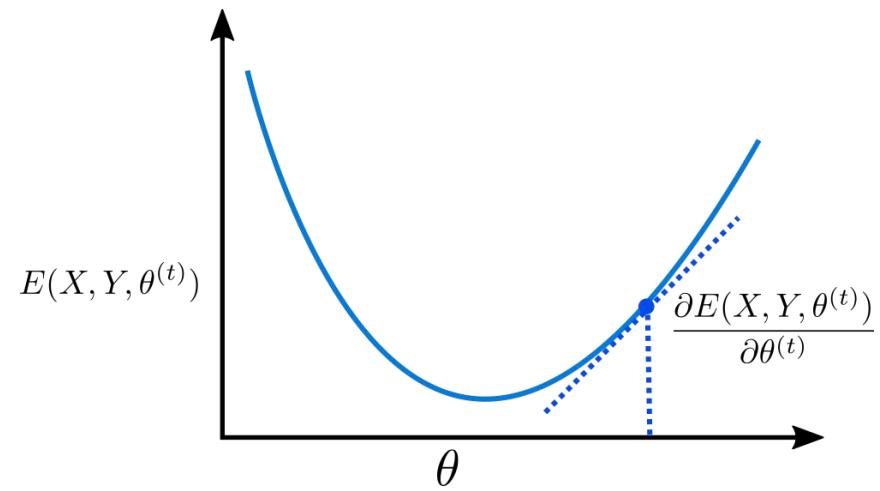
Neural Network Optimization

Optimizing Neural Networks

Define a **loss function** that we want to minimize

Update the parameters using **gradient descent**, taking small steps in the direction of the gradient (going downhill on the slope).

All the operations in the network need to be **differentiable**.

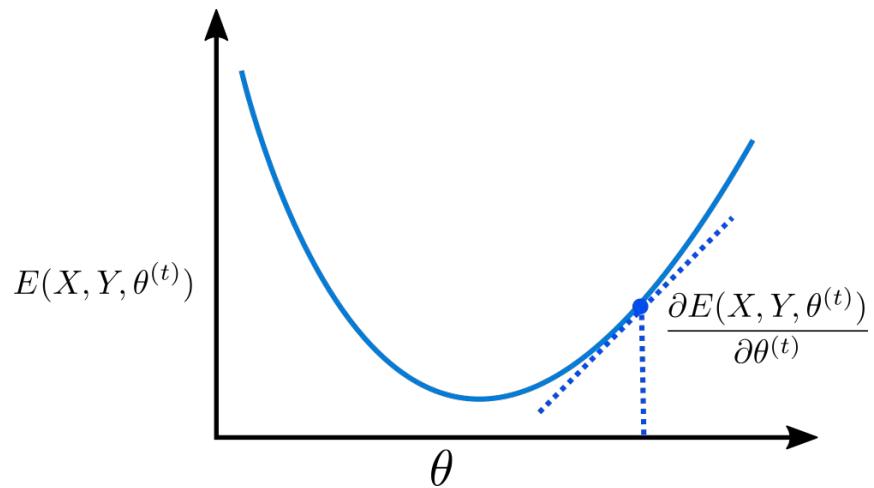


$$\theta_i^{(t+1)} = \theta_i^{(t)} - \alpha \frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta_i^{(t)}}$$

Gradient Descent

Algorithm

1. Initialize weights randomly
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Compute gradient based on the whole dataset
4. Update weights
5. Return weights

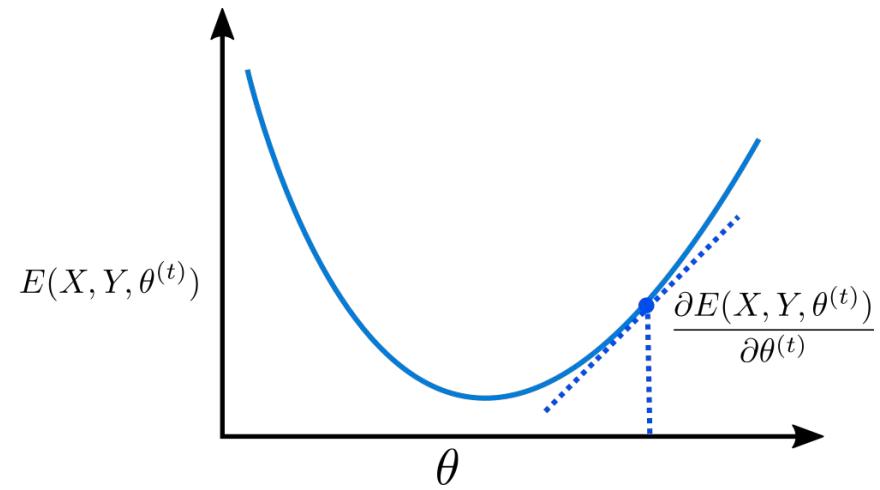


In practice, datasets are often too big for this

Stochastic Gradient Descent

Algorithm

1. Initialize weights randomly
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Loop over **each datapoint**:
4. Compute gradient based on the datapoint
5. Update weights
6. Return weights

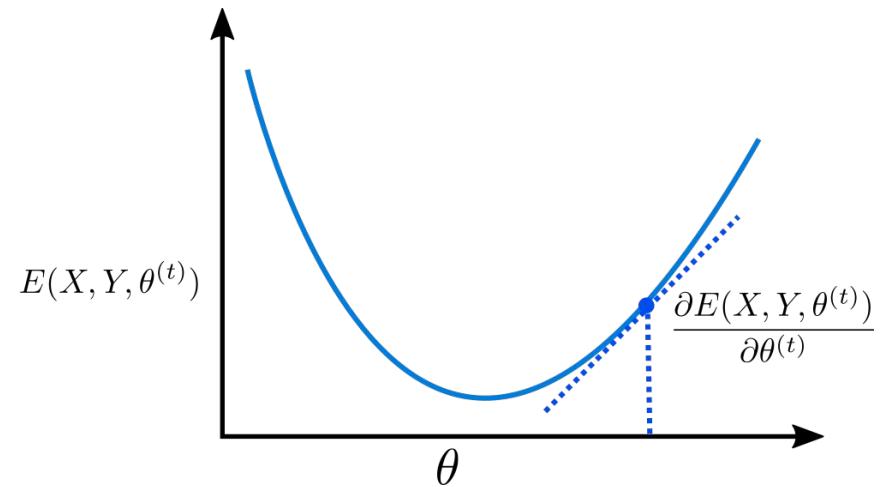


Very noisy to take steps based only
on a single datapoint

Mini-batched Gradient Descent

Algorithm

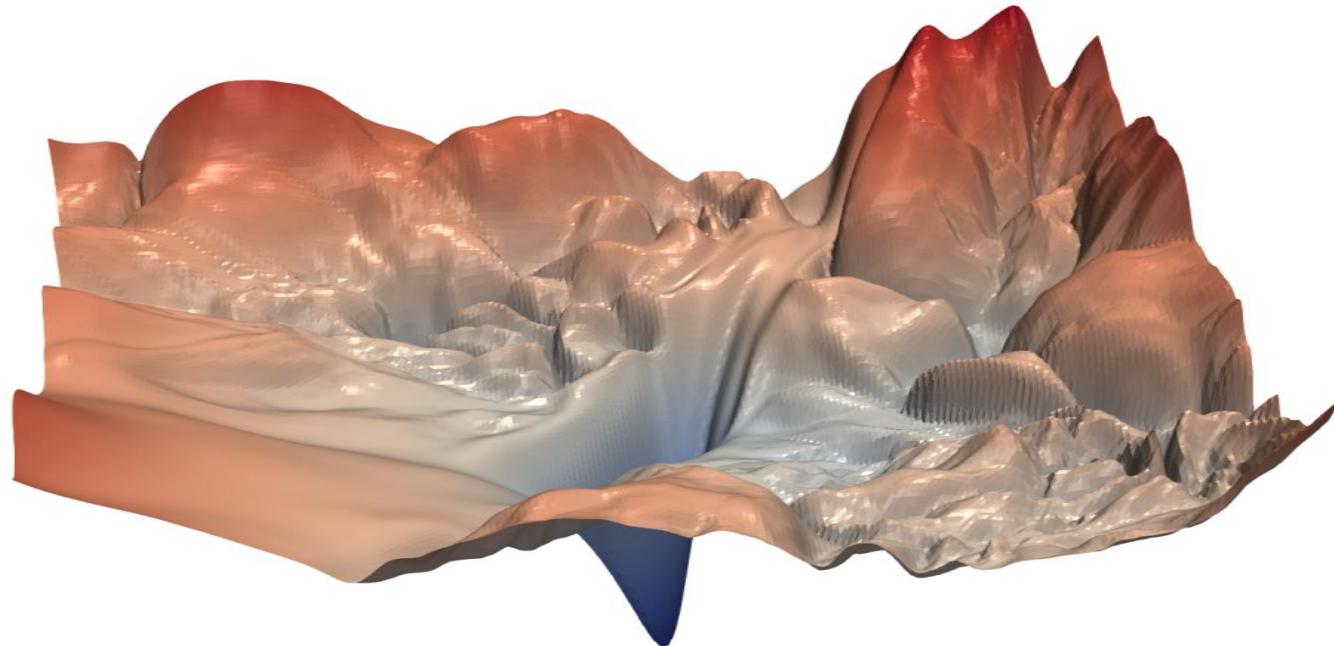
1. Initialize weights randomly
2. Loop until convergence:
3. Loop over **batches of datapoints**:
4. Compute gradient based on the batch
5. Update weights
6. Return weights



This is what we mostly
use in practice

Optimizing Neural Networks

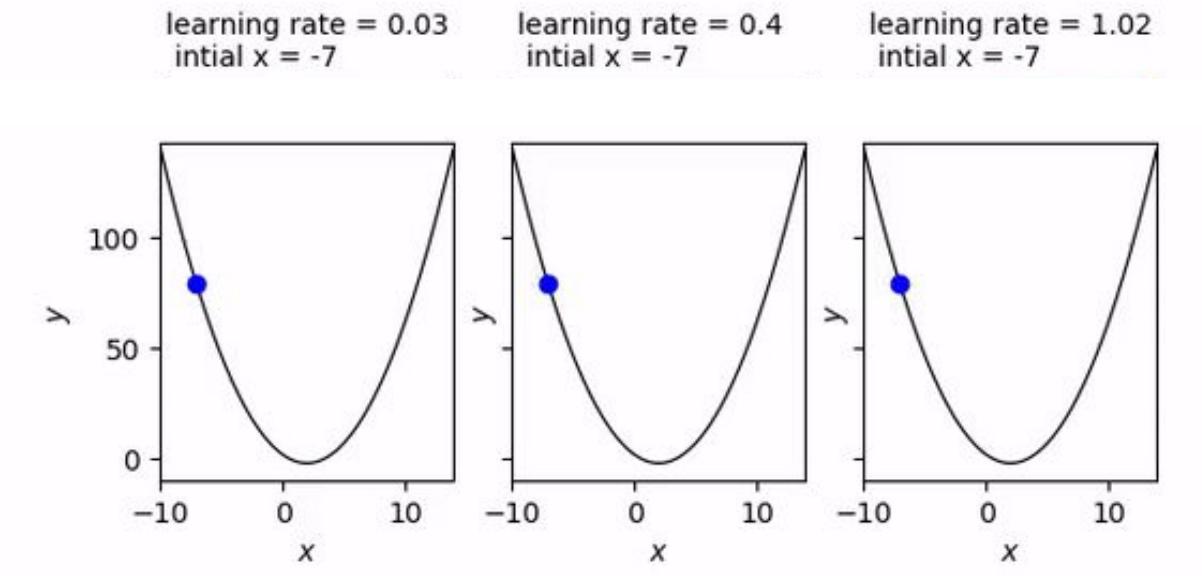
Neural networks have very complex loss surfaces and finding the optimum is difficult.



The Importance of the Learning Rate

If the learning rate is too low, the model will take forever to converge.

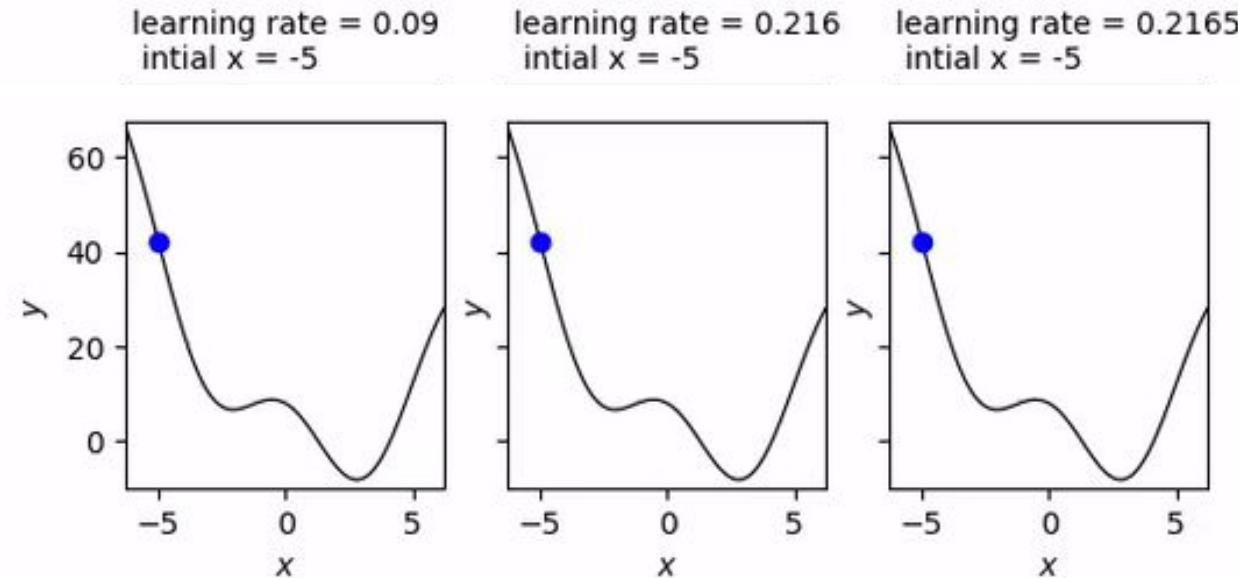
If the learning rate is too high, we will just keep stepping over the optimum values.



The Importance of the Learning Rate

A small learning rate can get the model stuck in local minima.

A bigger learning rate can help the model converge better (if it doesn't overshoot).



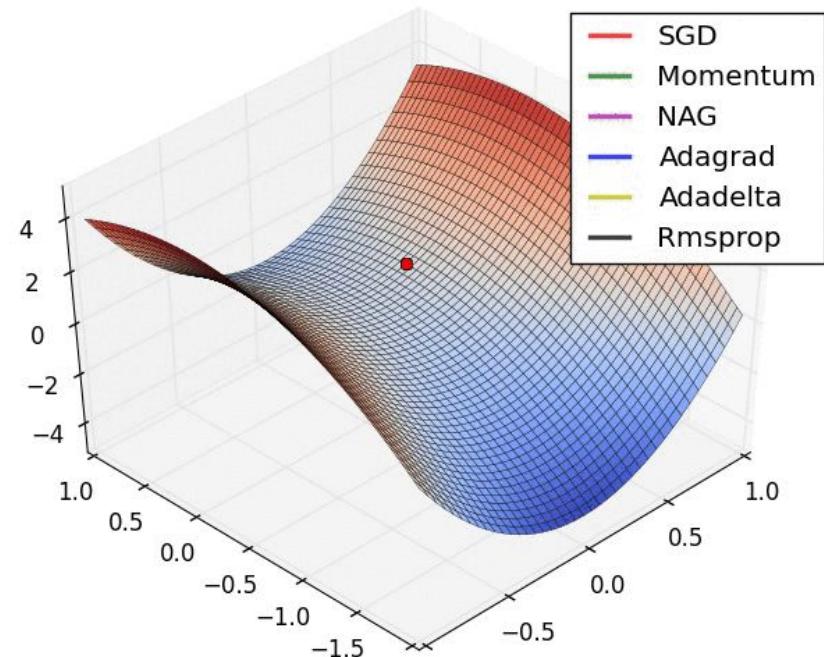
Adaptive Learning Rates

Intuition:

Have a different learning rate for each parameter.

Take bigger steps if a parameter has not been updated much recently.

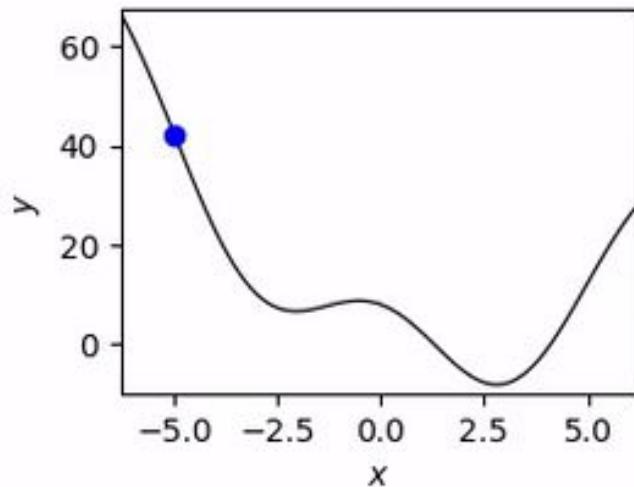
Take smaller steps if a parameter has been getting many big updates.



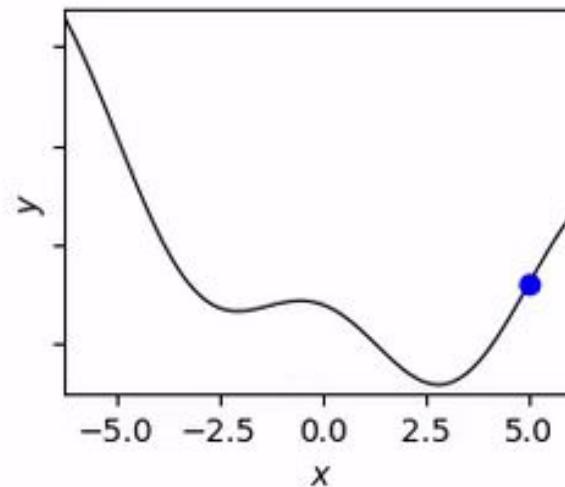
Random initialization Matters

All other things being equal, just starting from a different location can lead to a different result.

learning rate = 0.07
initial x = -5



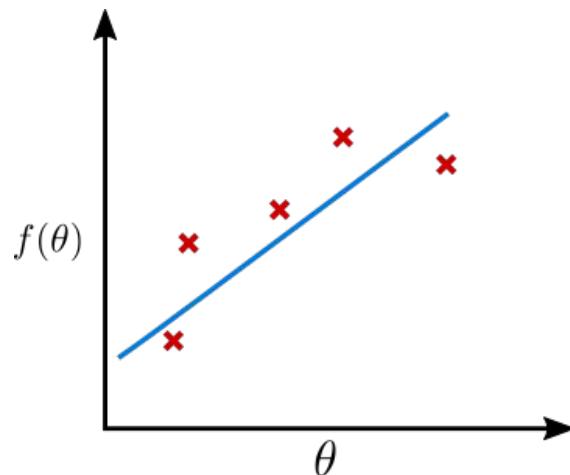
learning rate = 0.07
initial x = 5



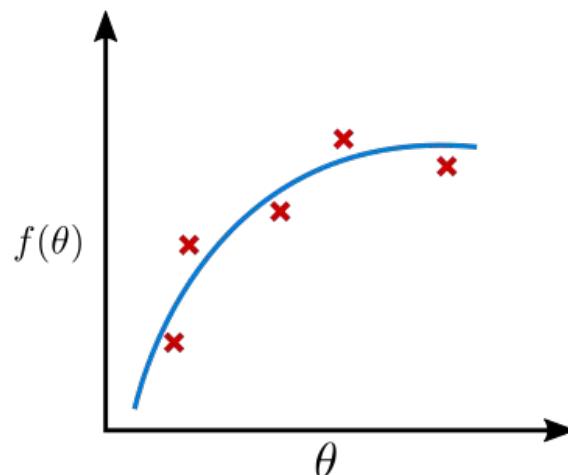
Fitting the Data

Underfitting

The model does not have the capacity to properly model the data.

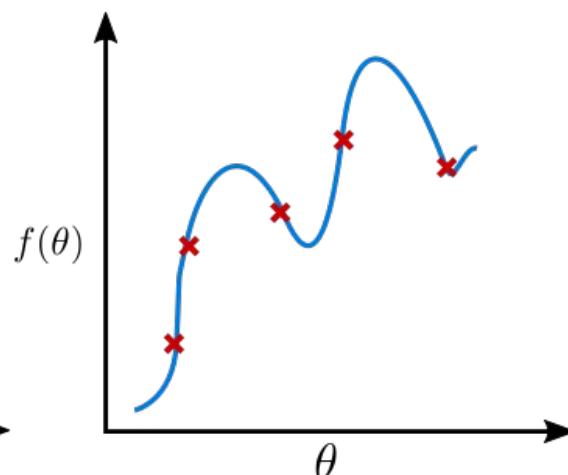


Ideal fit



Overfitting

Too complex, the model memorizes the data, does not generalize.



Splitting the Dataset

In order to get realistic results for our experiments, we need to evaluate on a held-out test set.

Also using a separate development set for choosing hyperparameters is even better.



Early Stopping

A sufficiently powerful model will keep improving on the training data until it overfits. We can use the development data to choose when to stop.

