

## Feedback — Lecture 9 Quiz

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### Question 1

You are experimenting with two different models for a classification task. The figures below show the classification error you get as training progresses on the training data and the validation data for each of the two models. Which model do you think would perform better on previously unseen test data?

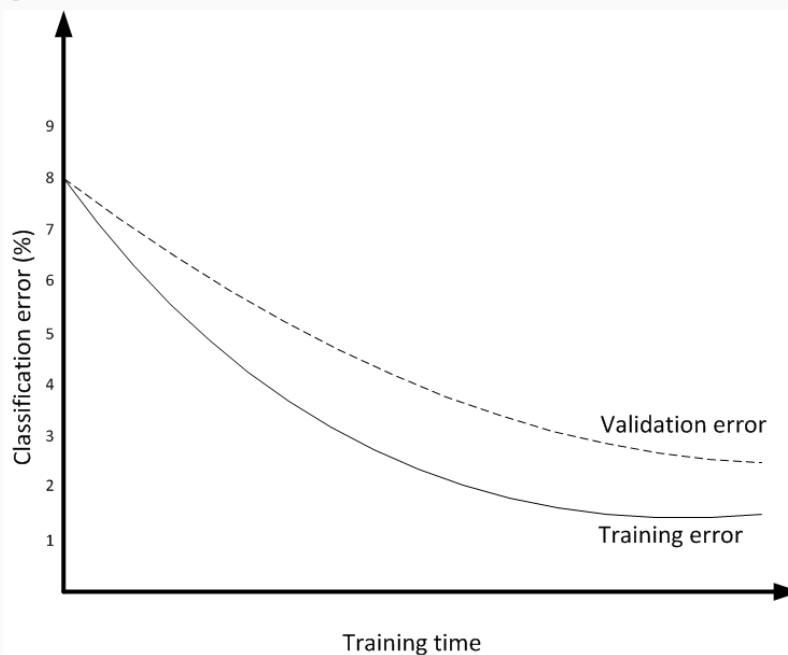
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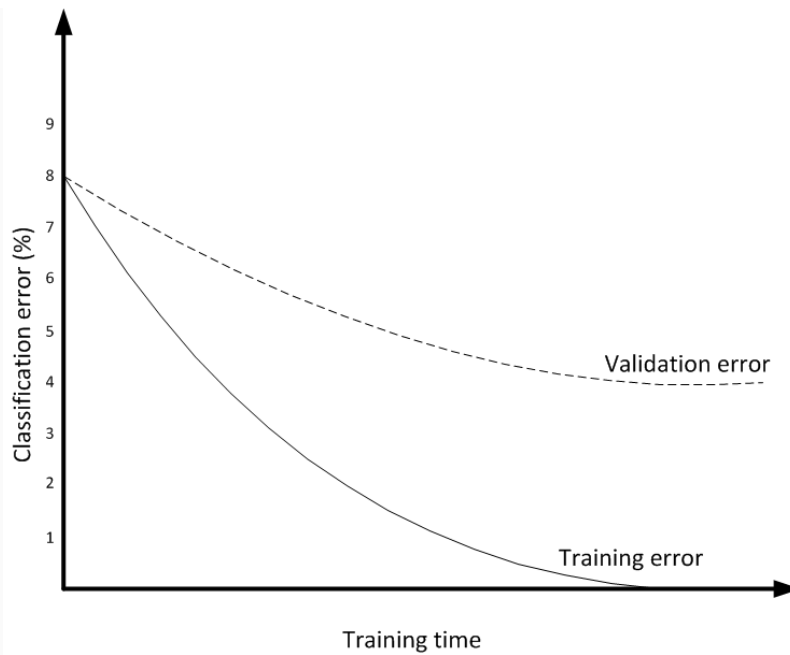
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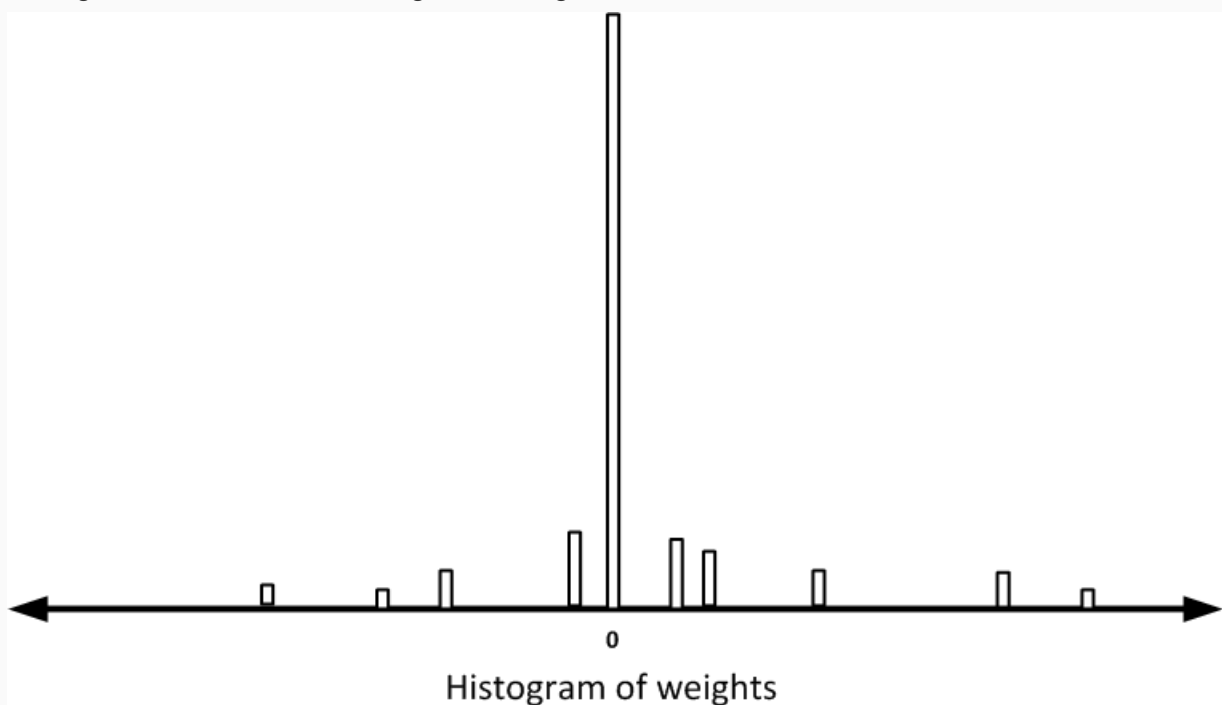
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**Question Explanation**

One model has got very low error on the training data but it has seriously overfitted, so its error on the validation data is much higher than on the test data and also higher than the validation error of the other model. The validation error is a much better predictor of test error than the training error, so we would expect the model with lower validation error to do better on test data.

**Question 2**

The figure below shows the histogram of weights for a learned Neural Network.



Which regularization technique has been used during learning?

**Your Answer****Score****Explanation**☐ no regularization has been used☒ L1 regularization

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☐ L2 regularization☐ adding weight noise

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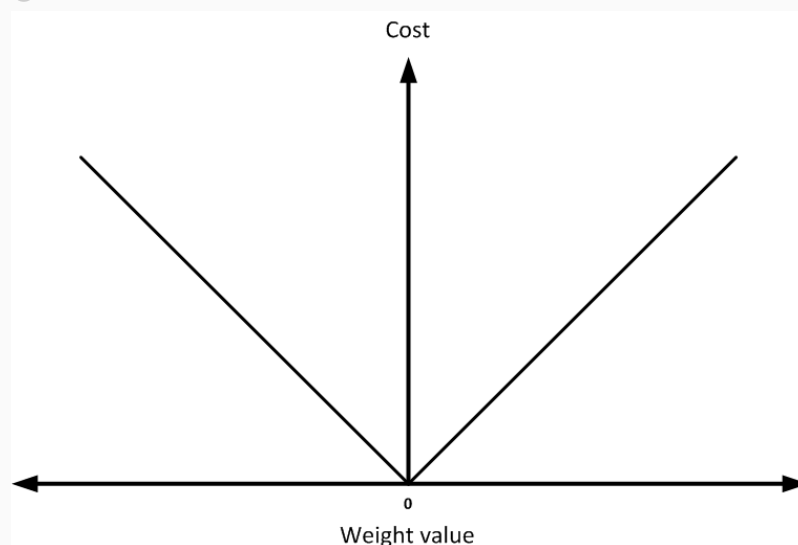
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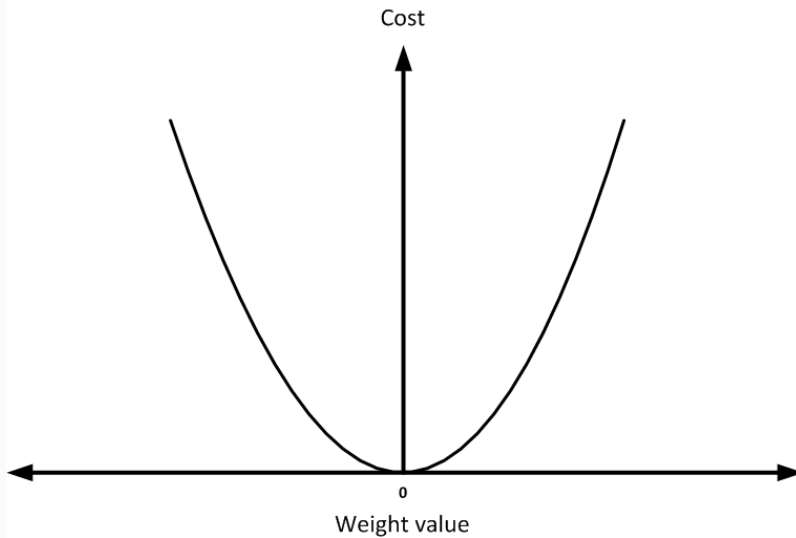
**Question Explanation**

There are a lot of weights at zero. This is what you would expect with L1 regularization because it keeps pushing the weights towards zero with the same force no matter what size they are. Strong L2 regularization could also force a lot of weights to close to zero, but it would not allow those weights that are quite far from zero. Adding additive noise to the weights would not push them to zero (but adding multiplicative noise would).

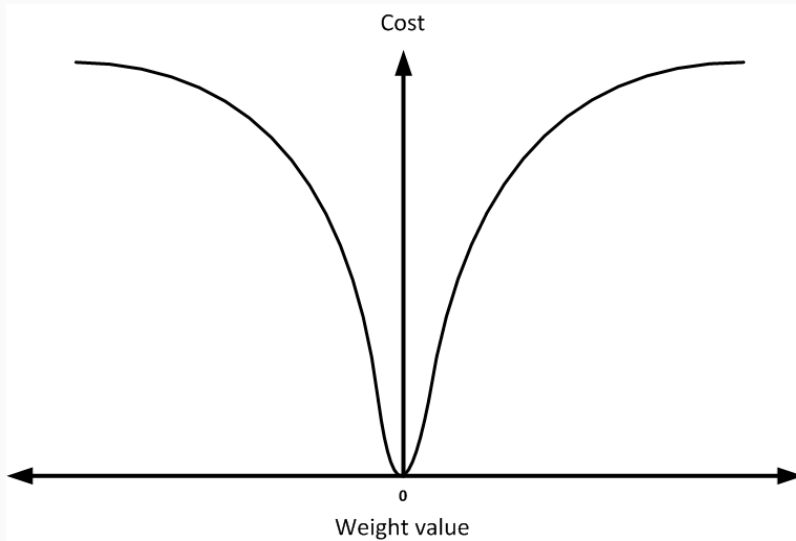
## Question 3

Suppose you want to regularize the weights of a neural network during training so that lots of its weights are quite close to zero, but a few are a very long way from zero. Which cost function you would add to your objective function?

**Your Answer****Score****Explanation**☐☐



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1.00**Question Explanation**

L1 regularization would usually force many of the weights to be exactly zero. Strong L2 regularization could force a lot of weights to be close to zero, but it would then be extremely costly to have any very big weights.

**Question 4**

In a linear regression task, a  $d$  dimensional input vector  $x$  is used to predict the output value  $y$  using the weight vector  $w$  where  $y = w^T x$ . The error function  $E = \frac{1}{2} (t - w^T x)^2$  where  $t$  is the target output value. We want to use a student-t cost for the weights:

$$C = \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \log(1 + w_i^2).$$

The total error to be optimized  $E_{tot} = E + C$ . What is the expression for  $\frac{\partial E_{tot}}{\partial w_i}$ ?

## Your Answer

Score

Explanation

☒  $\frac{\partial E_{tot}}{\partial w_i} = -(t - w^T x)x_i + \frac{\lambda w_i}{(1+w_i^2)}$

✓ 1.00

☐  $\frac{\partial E_{tot}}{\partial w_i} = -(t - w_i x_i) - \lambda w_i$

☐  $\frac{\partial E_{tot}}{\partial w_i} = -(t - w^T x)x_i + \frac{\lambda}{(1+w_i^2)^2}$

☐  $\frac{\partial E_{tot}}{\partial w_i} = -(t - w_i x_i) - 2\lambda \frac{w_i}{(1+w_i^2)}$

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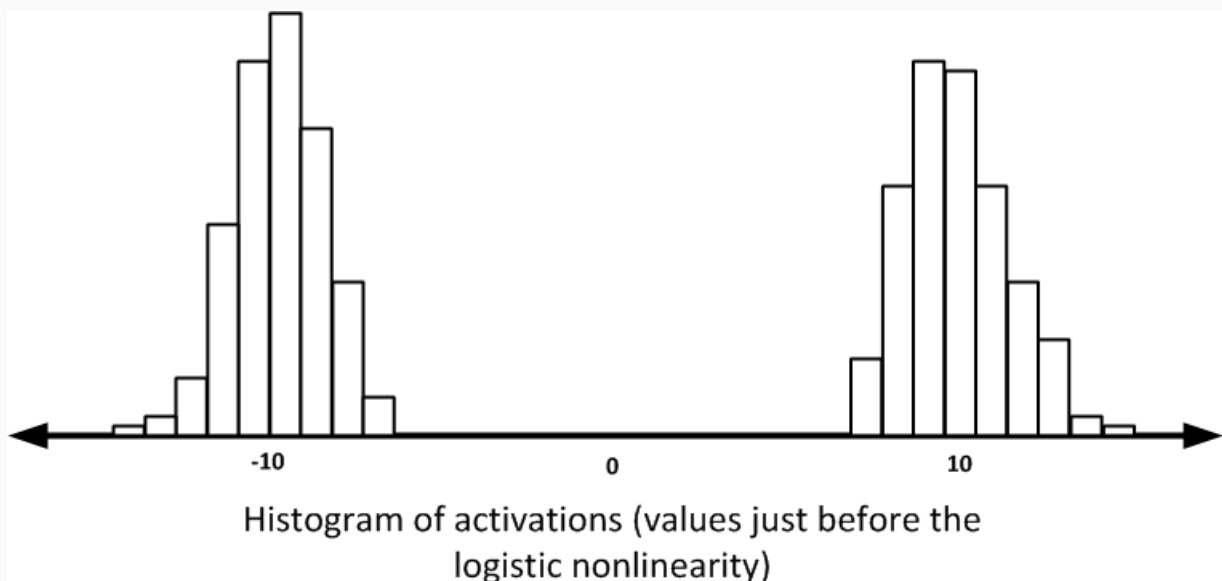
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## Question Explanation

First you compute  $dE/dy$  then you multiply it by  $dy/dw_i$  then you add on  $dC/dw_i$

## Question 5


Different regularization methods have different effects on the learning process. For example  $L2$  regularization penalizes high weight values.  $L1$  regularization penalizes weight values that do not equal zero. Adding noise to the weights during learning ensures that the learned hidden representations take extreme values. Sampling the hidden representations regularizes the network by pushing the hidden representation to be binary during the forward pass which limits the modeling capacity of the network. Given the shown histogram of activations (just before the nonlinear logistic nonlinearity) for a Neural Network, what is the regularization method that has been used (check all that apply)?





Your Answer


Score

Explanation

☐  $L1$   0.50  
regularization

☐  $L2$   0.50  
regularization





☒ Sampling the hidden representation  0.50 When you sample the hidden states, the sampling creates noise if the logistic is in its sensitive region. The learning tends to find solutions that minimize this noise by keeping units firmly on or firmly off.

☒ Adding weight noise  0.50 Noise in the weights will make the outputs of the units noisy unless they are firmly on or firmly off. The learning will therefore tend to stop once the units behave like this.

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## Question 6

Suppose we have trained a neural network with one hidden layer and a single logistic output unit to predict whether or not an image contains a bird. If we retrain the network in the same way on the same data but using half as many hidden units, which of the following statements is true:

Your Answer	Score	Explanation
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