



Deep Learning Basics

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Artificial Neuron

❖ Weights: $\mathbf{w} = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$

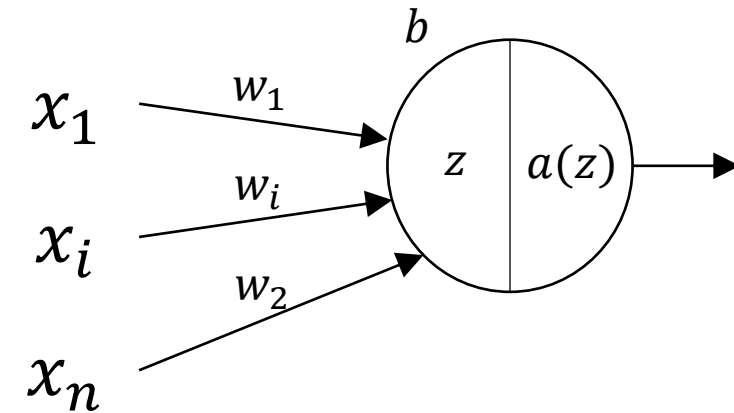
❖ Bias: b

❖ Pre-activation: z

$$z = b + \sum_i^n w_i x_i = b + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X}$$

❖ Activation: $a(z)$

- ~~Linear~~
- ~~Threshold~~
- Sigmoid
- Tanh
- ReLU



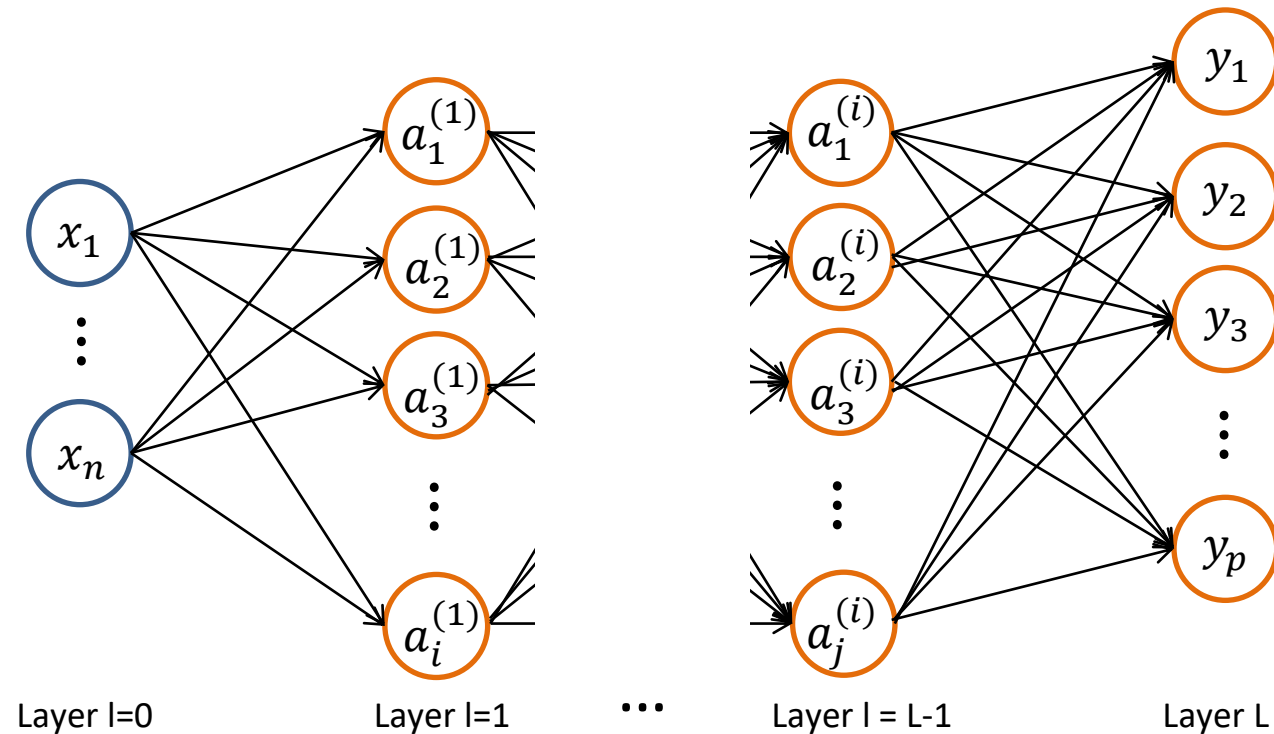


Multi-Layer Feedforward

- ❖ AKA directed acyclic graph
- ❖ AKA feedforward network
- ❖ Depth is L

$$f(\mathbf{X}) = f^{(L)} \left(f^{(i)} \left(\dots \left(f^{(2)} \left(f^{(1)}(\mathbf{X}) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

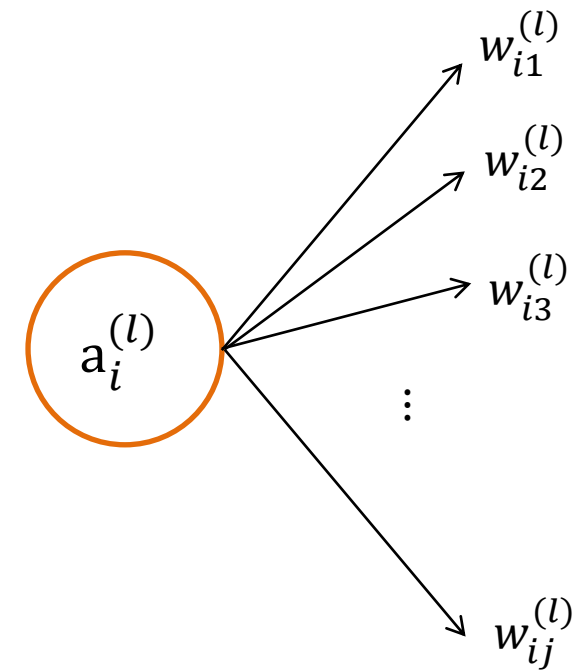
Input: $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$; $a_i^{(l)}$ is the activation function





Feed-forward

- ❖ Layer l : column in network
- ❖ neuron i : row number
- ❖ j : row number of neuron in next layer
- ❖ $w_{ij}^{(l)}$: weight of connection
between neuron i in layer l and neuron j in layer $l + 1$





Feedforward Algorithm

1. $\forall i = 1 \rightarrow I, j = 1 \rightarrow J, l = 0 \rightarrow L$: Randomly assign weights $w_{ij}^{(l)}$
2. Initialize: $a_i^{(0)} = x_i$
3. $\forall l = 0 \rightarrow L$:
compute $\mathbf{Z}^{(l+1)} = \left(\mathbf{W}^{(l)}\right)^T \mathbf{a}^{(l)}, \quad \mathbf{a}^{(l+1)} = a\left(\mathbf{Z}^{(l+1)}\right)$



Objective Function

- ❖ A measurement of learning success
 - Maximization or minimization
- ❖ Depends on the learning type and learning problem
 - 2 Major types: Supervised, Unsupervised
 - 2 major applications: Regression and classification
- ❖ Supervised vs unsupervised:
 - “labeled” training data
 - Training data contains inputs matched to outputs
- ❖ Regression:
 - Real-valued output defined by the problem
 - value estimation
- ❖ Classification: aka Logistic Regression
 - Real valued output between 0 and 1 (percentage)
 - Group estimation



Objective Function: MSE

$$J(W, b) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}^{(i)} - y^{(i)})^2 = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left(\hat{y}(x^{(i)}; W, b)^{(i)} - y^{(i)} \right)^2$$

- ❖ Mean square error
- ❖ Supervised regression
- ❖ Minimization
- ❖ $(x^{(i)}, y^{(i)})$: input, output training sample i
- ❖ m : total number of samples
- ❖ \hat{y} : estimate, system output based on input and learning parameters W, b
- ❖ Variants: mean absolute error (MAE)



MSE Example

y	5.1	1.6	2.3	3.7
yhat	4.8	0.9	1.1	5.1
d = yhat - y	-0.3	-0.7	-1.2	1.4
d^2	0.09	0.49	1.44	1.96
mse (sum/4)	0.995			



Objective Function: CE

❖ Binary Cross-Entropy (BCE), log-likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(W, b) = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y^{(i)} \log(\hat{y}^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - \hat{y}^{(i)})$$

- Classification/logistic regression
- 2 classes (binary)
- Minimization

❖ Cross-Entropy, multinomial (classes>2)

$$\mathcal{L}(W, b) = -\sum_{i=1}^m Y^{(i)} \log(\hat{Y}^{(i)})$$

- Y : multiple outputs

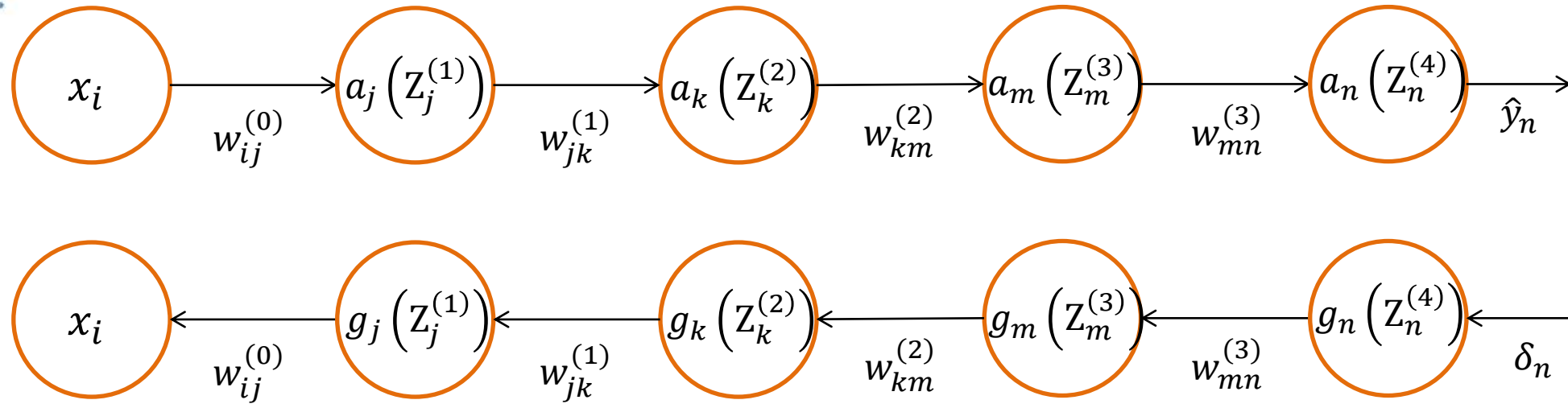


BCE Example

y	1	0	0	1
yhat	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.2
-log(yhat)	0.046			0.699
-log(1-yhat)		0.301	0.222	
BCE	0.317			



Backpropagation



$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a_i^{(l+1)}} \frac{\partial a_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial Z_i^{(l+1)}} \frac{\partial Z_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a_j^{(l+1)}} g_j^{(l+1)} a_i^{(l)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(0)}} = \delta_n g(Z_n^{(4)}) w_{mn}^{(3)} g(Z_m^{(3)}) w_{km}^{(2)} g(Z_k^{(2)}) w_{jk}^{(1)} g(Z_j^{(1)}) x_i$$



Backprop Algorithm

❖ Given a weight matrix, $\mathbf{W}^{(l)}$ and $\mathbf{Z}^{(l)}$ computed for each layer l in feedforward; and a cost function \mathcal{L}

1. Initialize $\mathbf{W}^{(l)}$
2. \forall samples $(\mathbf{X}^{(m)}, \mathbf{Y}^{(m)})$: Feedforward to generate $\mathbf{a}^{(l)}$
3. Compute the gradient of each layer $\mathbf{g}^{(l)}$
4. $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{a}^{(L)}} = \boldsymbol{\delta} = (\hat{\mathbf{Y}} - \mathbf{Y})$
5. $\forall l = (L - 1) \rightarrow 1$:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{a}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{a}^{(l+1)}} \mathbf{g}^{(l+1)} \mathbf{W}^{(l)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{a}^{(l+1)}} \mathbf{a}^{(l)}$$

$$\mathbf{W}^{(l)} = \mathbf{W}^{(l)} + \alpha \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(l)}}$$



Backpropagation Example

❖ Assume

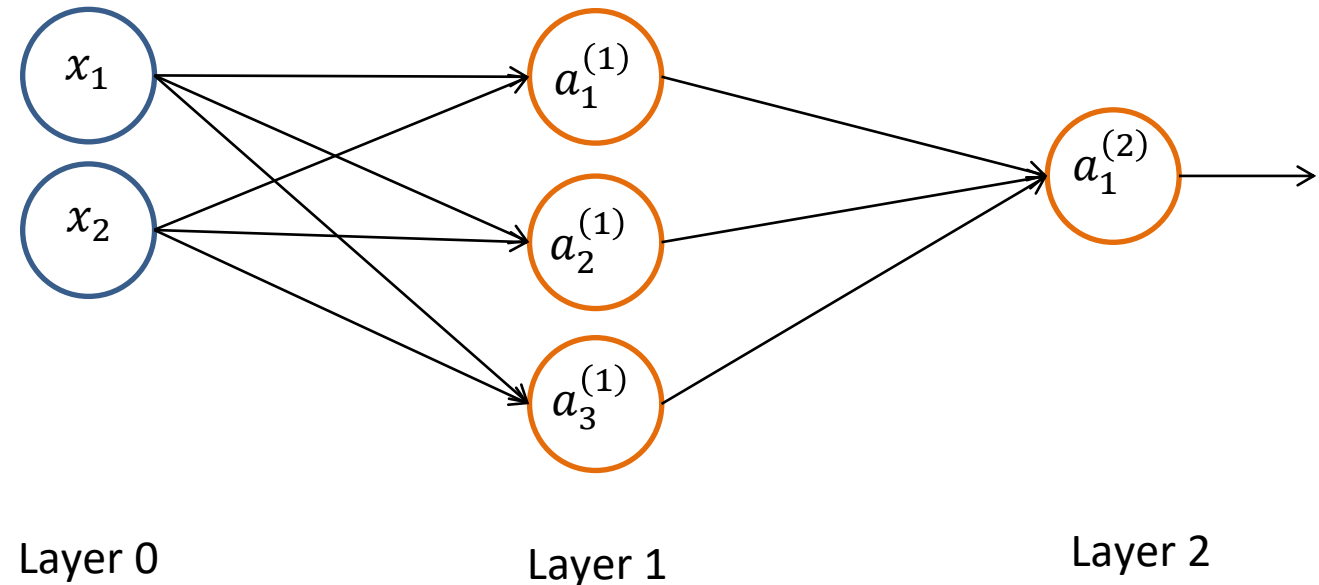
- all activations are linear
- $a_j^{(l+1)} = Z_{ij}^{(l+1)} = W_{ij}^{(l)} a_i^{(l)} + b_j^{(l)}$
- $W_{ij}^{(l)}, b_j^{(l)} = 1$
- $\{x_1, x_2; y\} = \{1, 1; 0\}$

❖ Forward pass:

- $a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)} = 1 * 1 + 1 * 1 + 1 = 3$
- $a_1^{(2)} = 3 * 1 + 3 * 1 + 3 * 1 + 1 = 10$
- $\delta = \hat{y} - y = 10 - 0 = 10$

❖ Backprop:

- $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}^{(1)}} = \delta g_1^{(2)} a_1^{(1)} = 10 * 1 * 3 = 30$
- $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}^{(0)}} = \delta g_1^{(2)} w_{11}^{(1)} g_1^{(1)} x_1 = 10 * 1 * 1 * 1 * 1 = 10$





Forward Pass as Matrix

$$\diamond \mathbf{W}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{W}^{(1)} = [1 \ 1 \ 1], \mathbf{b}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{b}^{(2)} = [1]$$

$$\diamond \mathbf{a}^{(0)} = X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\diamond \mathbf{a}^{(1)} = \mathbf{W}^{(0)} \mathbf{a}^{(0)} + \mathbf{b}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\diamond \mathbf{a}^{(2)} = \mathbf{W}^{(1)} \mathbf{a}^{(1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)} = [10]$$



Backprop as Vectors

$$\diamond \mathbf{g}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{g}^{(2)} = [1]$$

$$\diamond \frac{\partial L}{\mathbf{w}^{(1)}} = \delta \mathbf{g}^{(2)} \mathbf{a}^{(1)} = 10 * 1 * \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 30 \\ 30 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial L / w_{11}^{(1)} \\ \partial L / w_{21}^{(1)} \\ \partial L / w_{31}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$



Gradient Descent

$$w = w - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w, b)$$

- ❖ Gradient: use derivate/slope
- ❖ Descent: make sure that with each iteration cost is decreasing
- ❖ Gradient descent algorithm:
 1. Start with initial values for W, b
 2. Compute J
 3. Update all variables **simultaneously**:

$$w = w - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J(w, b)$$

$$b = b - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial b} J(w, b)$$

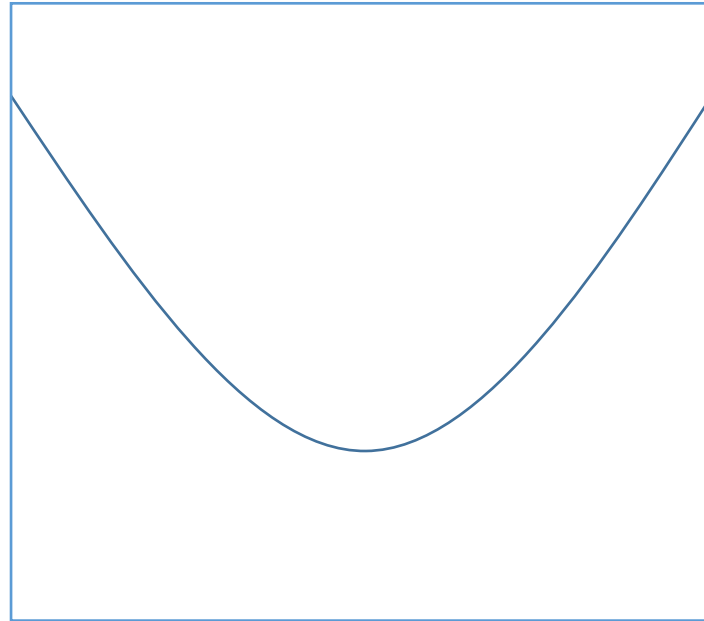
4. Goto 2 until w, b converge.



Gradient Descent

❖ Understanding the effect of gradient descent

- W, b : learning parameters
- Learning rate α : hyperparameter





Batch, Stochastic, Minibatch

- ❖ Batch: $m = \text{entire data set}$
 - can be too large, slows down learning
- ❖ Stochastic: $m = 1$
 - Randomly selected
 - fast but susceptible to outliers
- ❖ Minibatch
 - $1 < m < \text{total sample size}$
 - Randomly selected samples



To Enable Deep Learning

- ❖ Overcome overfitting
- ❖ Better activation functions
- ❖ Better weight initialization
- ❖ Better learning algorithms
- ❖ Better generalization algorithms



❖ Relationship to step function:

$$a(z) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-kz}} \right)$$

❖ Probability driven

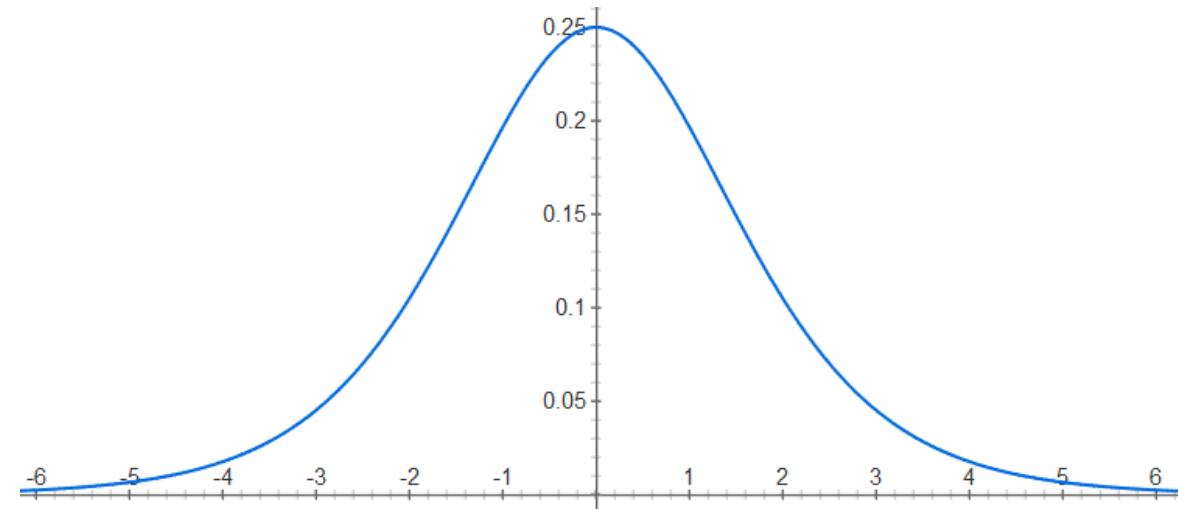
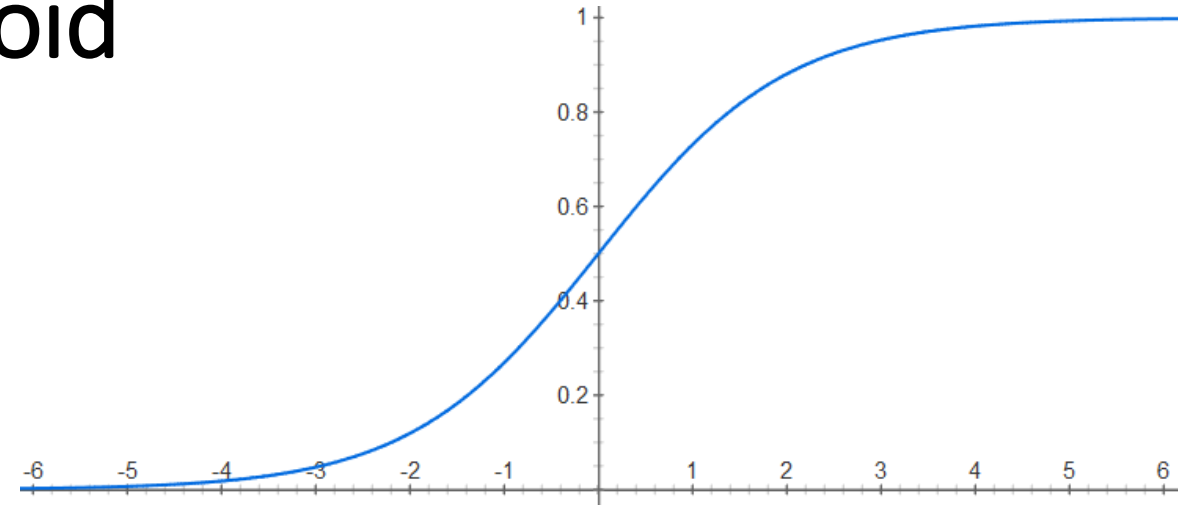
❖ Non-linear

❖ Derivative: $g(z) = a(z)(1 - a(z))$

❖ Problems:

- Gradient is small
- Gradient slows down learning in deeper networks
- Learning stops when $|z| > 6$

Sigmoid





Tanh(z)

❖ Relationship to step function:

$$u(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 + \tanh kx}{2} \right)$$

❖ Relationship to sigmoid:

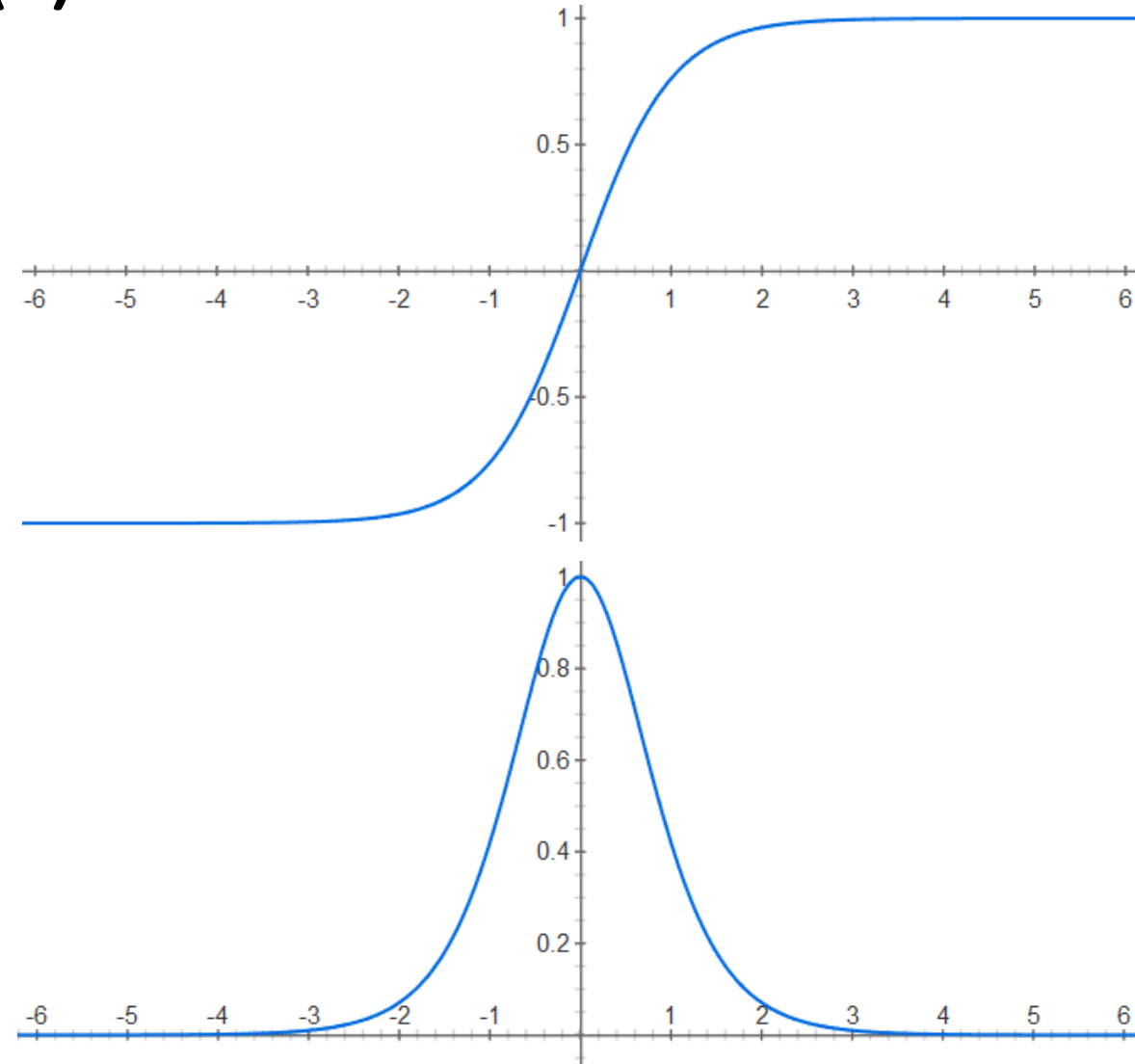
$$\tanh(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2x}} - 1$$

❖ Derivative: $g(z) = 1 - a^2(z)$

❖ “Faster” gradient

❖ Tristate output

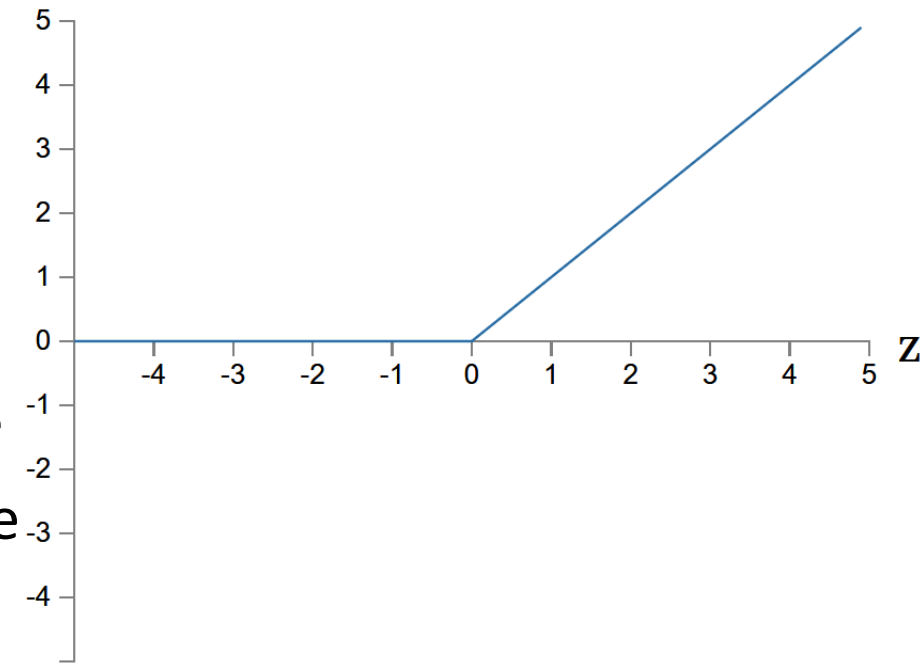
❖ Problem: Learning stops when $|z| > 3$





ReLU

- ❖ Rectified linear unit activation function
 - AKA max function
 - $\text{Max}\{0, Z\}$
- ❖ No learning slowdown
- ❖ Negative Z causes output to 0
- ❖ Simple to calculate the gradient
- ❖ Performs better than tanh and sigmoid
- ❖ No real understanding of when/why ReLU are preferable
- ❖ Eliminates the need of unsupervised “pre-training” phase
- ❖ Problem: exploding Z .





ReLU Variants

❖ Softplus:

- Derivative is sigmoid

$$a(z) = \ln(1 + e^z)$$

❖ Leaky ReLU:

- β a fraction < 1 .

$$a(z) = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z > 0 \\ \beta z & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

❖ Noisy ReLU:

$$a(z) = \max\left(0, z + N(0, \sigma(z))\right)$$

❖ Exponential ReLU:

$$a(z) = \begin{cases} z & \text{if } z > 0 \\ \beta(e^z - 1) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- mean activations closer to zero which speeds up learning
- $\beta \geq 0$ is a tuning parameter



Softmax

- ❖ Used in classification, multinomial cases
- ❖ The output is 1-hot encoded:
 - Each class gets an output
 - E.g. 3 classes = {0,1,2} => output: $Y = [1,0,0]$ for class0; $[0,1,0]$ for class1; $[0,0,1]$ for class2.
- ❖ Problem with sigmoid: output for each class is independent from other outputs
- ❖ Softmax fixes the problem

$$y_i = \frac{\exp(Z_i)}{\sum_j \exp(Z_j)}$$

- y_i : output for class i
- Z_i : weight sum of inputs for class i output
- Z_j : weight sum of input for all class outputs
- E.g. For a 3 classes, to get $y=[1,0,0]$ => $y_0 = \frac{\exp(Z_0)}{\exp(Z_0)+\exp(Z_1)+\exp(Z_2)}$, for $y_0 > 0.5$ => $y_0 \gg y_1, y_2$



Softmax Gradient

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_k} = \sum_j (\hat{y}_k - \delta_{jk}) x_k$$

<https://madalinabuzau.github.io/2016/11/29/gradient-descent-on-a-softmax-cross-entropy-cost-function.html>



Generalization Techniques

❖ Dataset Related:

- Validation set for detection of overfitting
- Larger training database
- Data Normalization

❖ Parameter related:

- Learning parameter Initialization
- Regularization of learning parameters
 - L1 and L2
- Learning rate: search, annealing

❖ Gradient related:

- Gradient clipping

❖ Network related:

- Dropout



Training Validation Split

❖ Training data split:

- Training set (~80%): used for learning only
- Testing set (~20%): used for reporting performance only
- Randomly selected
- Capture in the testing set the variety of input cases and outputs

❖ Training iterations vs epochs:

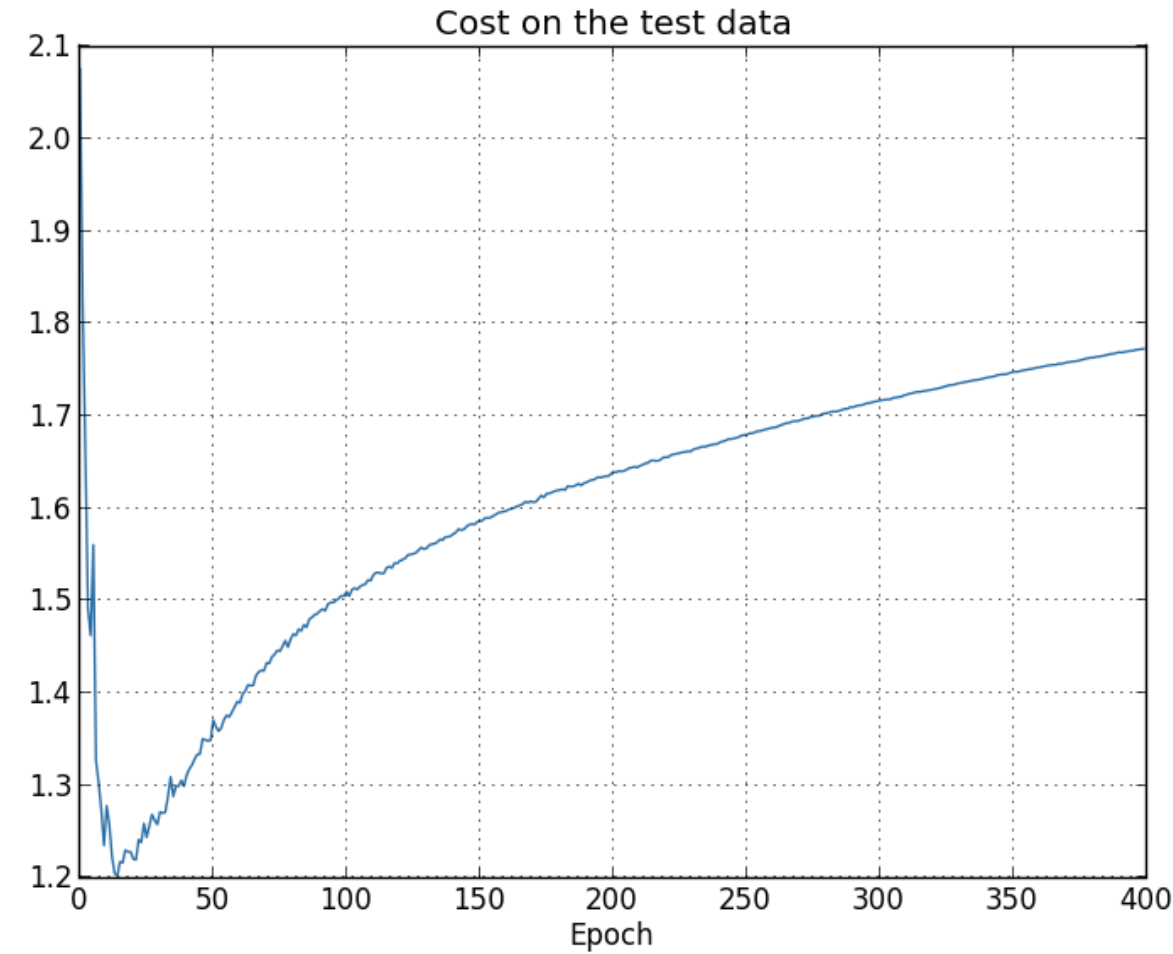
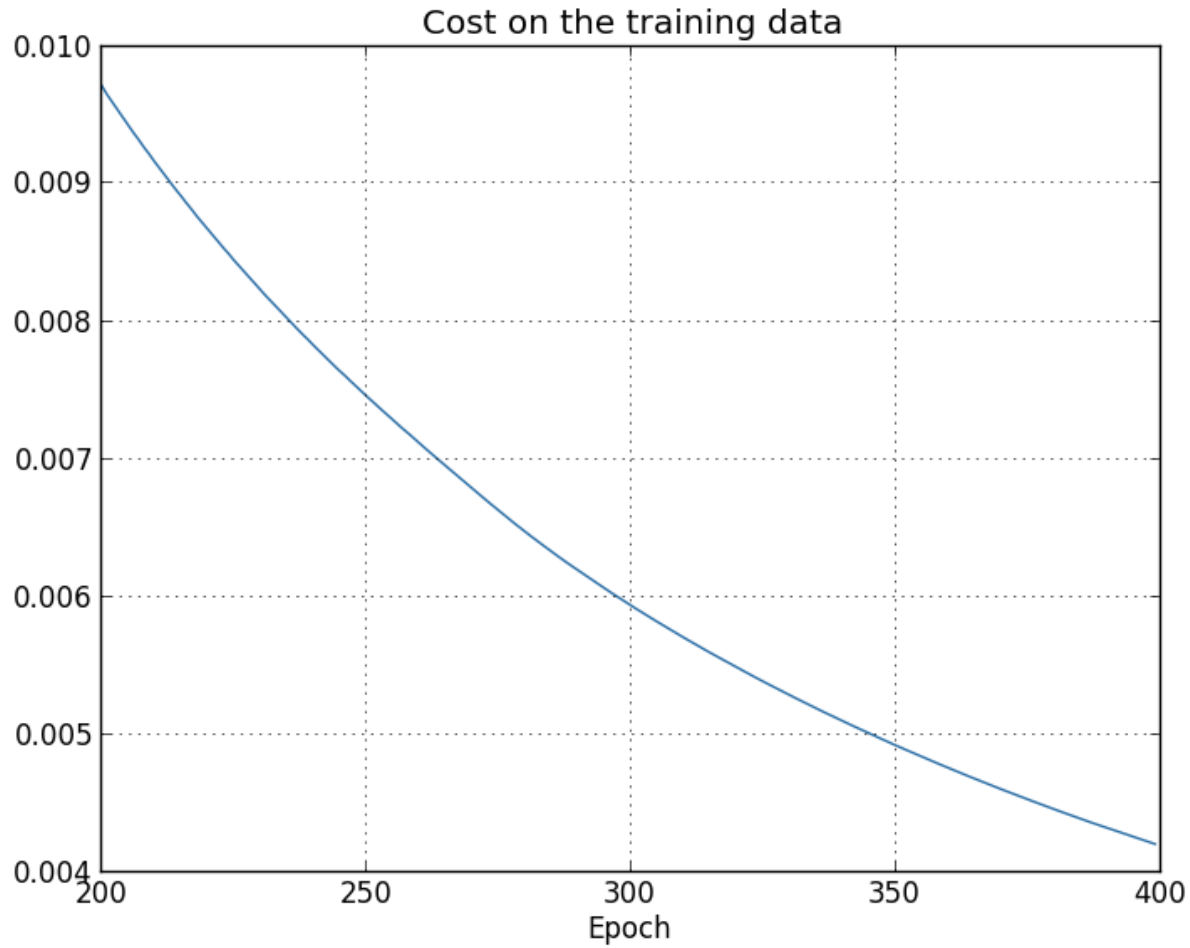
- 1 epoch = training once for entire training set
- Number of iterations per epoch = size of training / batch size

❖ Training-Validation split:

- <20% of training data, randomly selected
- Not used in training
- Applied at the end of the epoch
- Used to track performance, detecting overfitting



Overfitting During Training





Augmenting

- ❖ Problem with increasing training data:
expensive or unavailable
- ❖ Solution: Artificial data expansion
 - Aka augmenting existing data
 - Corrupt the existing data with noise or other effects and add it to training
 - Noise must mimic RW noise
 - For images: rotate, scale, drop pixels



Out[7]:





Learning Parameter Initialization

❖ Initialization affects:

- Convergence to local or global minima
- Speed of convergence
- Generalization error

❖ Modern schemes focus on heuristics and simplicity

❖ Goal: independence & variance

- Maintain independence between neurons
- “Break symmetry” between different units
 - Symmetry leads to duplication of neurons
- Conserve variance between layers



Initialization Schemes

❖ Xavier Glorot & Bengio initialization (aka Glorot, Xavier) :

➤ sigmoid:

$$W \sim U \left[-\sqrt{\frac{6}{n_{in}+n_{out}}}, \sqrt{\frac{6}{n_{in}+n_{out}}} \right]$$

➤ tanh:

$$W \sim U \left[-4\sqrt{\frac{6}{n_{in}+n_{out}}}, 4\sqrt{\frac{6}{n_{in}+n_{out}}} \right]$$

➤ ReLU:

$$W \sim U \left[-\sqrt{\frac{6}{n_{in}}}, \sqrt{\frac{6}{n_{in}}} \right]$$

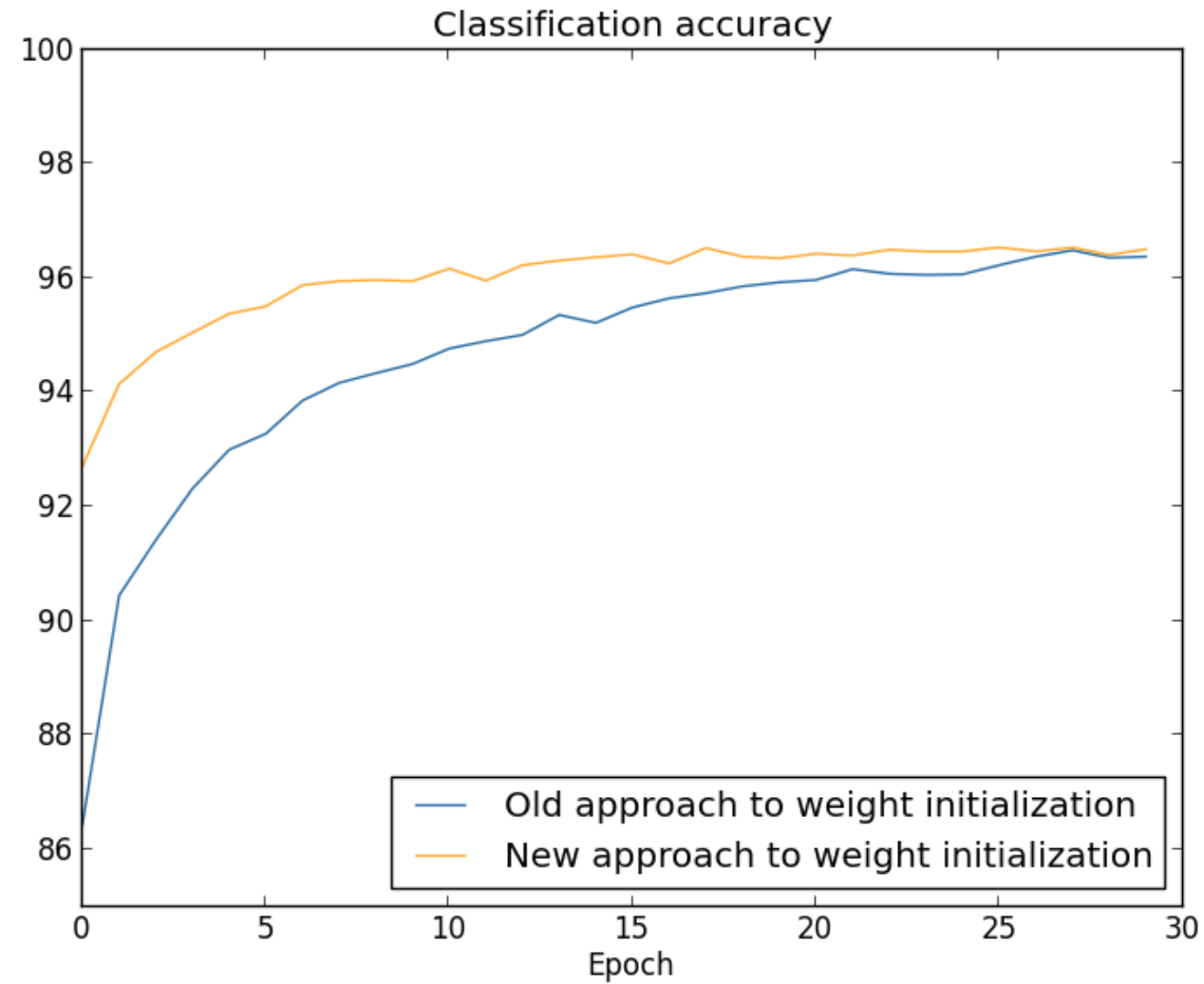
- $U[\]$: uniform distribution
- n_{in}, n_{out} : number of neurons in input, output

❖ Kiaming He initialization (aka He):

➤ Xavier's derived for activation function is linear

➤ $W \sim N \left[\mu = 0, \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2}{n_{in}}} \right]$

- $N[\]$: normal distribution





Data Normalization

- ❖ Protect against outlier data
- ❖ Typical normalization: controls the mean, std dev of the data
- ❖ Can be applied to
 - Entire dataset
 - Mini batch
- ❖ Mini-batch normalization can be applied to any dimension
- ❖ The mean and std dev calculated and applied, or learnt



L2 Regularization Parameter

- ❖ Most popular in ML
- ❖ Force a weight decay
 - Keep weights from increasing uncontrollably
 - Sigmoid-like functions: Large weights => zero gradients

- ❖ Reformulate cost function:

$$C = \sum_i C_i + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{ijl} \left(w_{ij}^{(l)} \right)^2$$

- C_i is the cost function: cross-entropy/log-likelihood/loss or mean square error
 - λ : regularization parameter
 - Doesn't affect bias
- ❖ Learning objective always to reduce cost (error)
 - w^2 punishes large weights



L2 Regularized Backprop

❖ L2 regularized cost function

$$C = \sum_i C_i + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{ijl} \left(w_{ij}^{(l)} \right)^2$$

❖ Gradient descent

$$w_{ij}^{(l)} = w_{ij}^{(l)} - \alpha \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} - \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m} w_{ij}^{(l)} = \left(1 - \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m} \right) w_{ij}^{(l)} - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}}$$



L1 Regularization

❖ Penalizes large weights

$$C = \sum_i C_i + \frac{\lambda}{m} \sum_{ijl} |w_{ij}^{(l)}|$$

- L2 rewards fractional weights, L1 doesn't
 - L2 reduces weights towards 1
 - L1 reduces weights towards 0
- L2 small decrements in weights lead to great reduction in C.
 - L1 large decrements cause large reductions in C
- ❖ L1 few weights survive. Most weights are close to 0.
 - concentrate the weights in a relatively small number of connection



L1 Regularized Backprop

❖ Learning:

$$w_{ij}^{(l)} = w_{ij}^{(l)} - \alpha \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} + \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m} \text{sgn} \left(w_{ij}^{(l)} \right) = w_{ij}^{(l)} - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{\partial C_i}{\partial w_{ij}^{(l)}} \pm \alpha \frac{\lambda}{m}$$

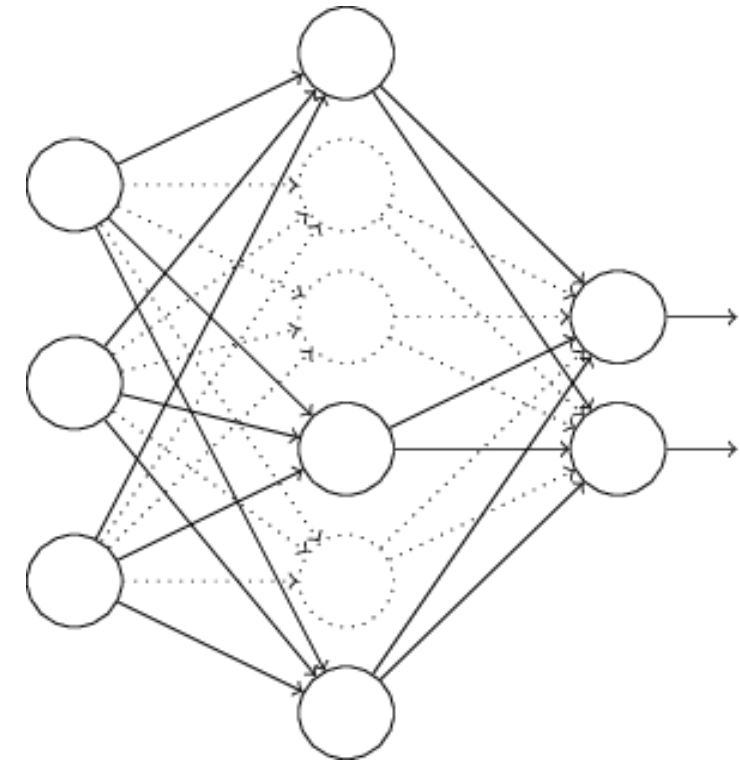
❖ $\text{sgn}()$ is the sign function

❖ Not defined at $w = 0$



Dropout

- ❖ Applied to the network not backprop
 - Easier on computation
- ❖ Strategy:
 - Randomly delete a percentage of the hidden neurons in each epoch
 - Not input or output neurons
 - Learn weights and biases
 - Repeat
 - When done, decrease weights and biases by percentage
- ❖ Why does it work?
 - Averaging
 - Reduction of co-dependence of neurons
 - Similar to bagging: multiple classifiers, averaged output





Dropout Alternatives

❖ Zoneout

- RNN
- Randomly chosen units remain unchanged across a time transition

❖ Dropconnect

- Drop individual connections, instead of nodes

❖ Shakeout

- Scale up the weights of randomly selected weights
 - $w = \alpha w + (1 - \alpha) c$
- Fix remaining weights to a negative constant
 - $w = -c$

❖ Whiteout

- Add or multiply weight-dependent Gaussian noise to the signal on each connection



Better Learning Functions

- ❖ SGD assumes convex cost function which is overly simplistic
- ❖ Alternative learners:
 - Momentum
 - Adaptive gradient
 - 2nd order gradients



Momentum Learning

- ❖ Introduce a velocity parameter, V , for each, W , such that:

$$W = W + V$$

$$V = \beta V - \frac{\alpha}{m} g$$

- ❖ β is friction, $\beta=1$ no friction (no slowing down)

- ❖ Scheme:

- Initialize $w, v = 0, \alpha, \beta$
- While not (stopping criterion):
 - Given $\{X, Y\}$ feedforward
 - Compute gradient: $g = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w}$
 - Compute velocity: $V = \beta V - \frac{\alpha}{m} g$
 - Update weights: $W = W + V$

- ❖ Nesterov momentum:

- Initialize $W, V = 0, \alpha, \beta$
- While not (stopping criterion):
 - Given $\{X, Y\}$ feedforward
 - Update weights: $W = W + V$
 - Compute gradient: $g = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w}$
 - Compute velocity: $V = \beta V - \frac{\alpha}{m} g$



Adaptive Gradient

❖ Adagrad: $r = r + g^2;$ $W = W - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{g}{\sqrt{r+\gamma}}$

❖ RMSprop: $r = \rho r + (1 - \rho)g^2;$ $W = W - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{g}{\sqrt{r+\gamma}}$

❖ Adam: $s = \frac{\rho_1 s + (1 - \rho_1)g}{\rho_1};$
 $r = \frac{\rho_2 r + (1 - \rho_2)g^2}{\rho_2};$ $W = W - \frac{\alpha}{m} \frac{s}{\sqrt{r+\gamma}}$

$$0 < \rho, \rho_1, \rho_2 < 1$$



Saddle Points

