



# Deep Learning 1

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## **Lecture 4**

*Deep learning optimization II*

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# This lecture

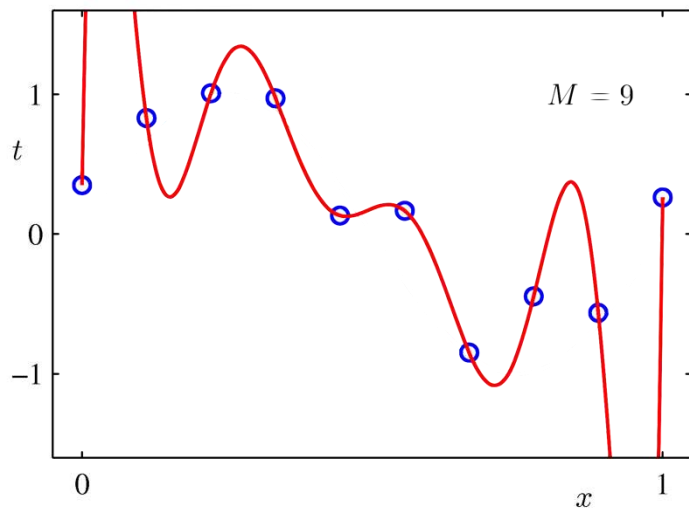
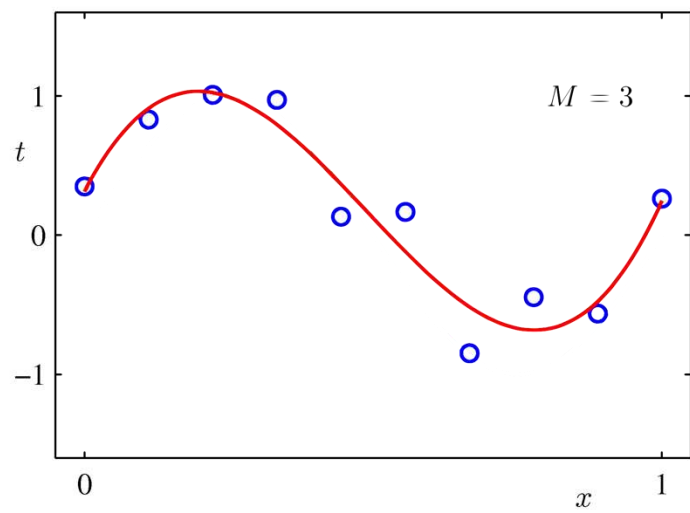
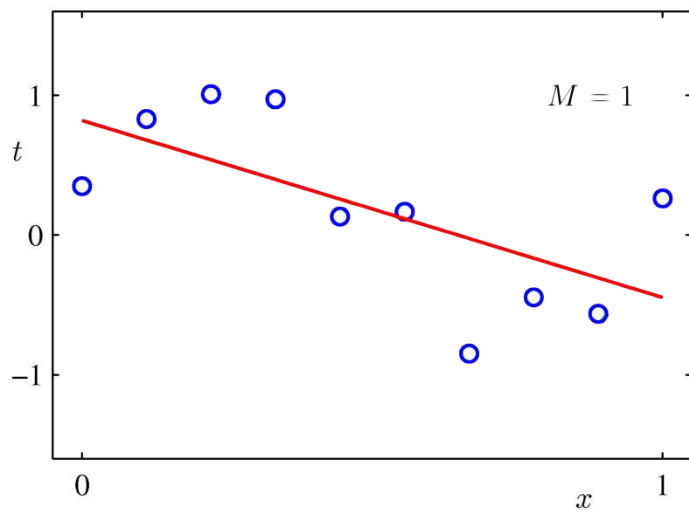
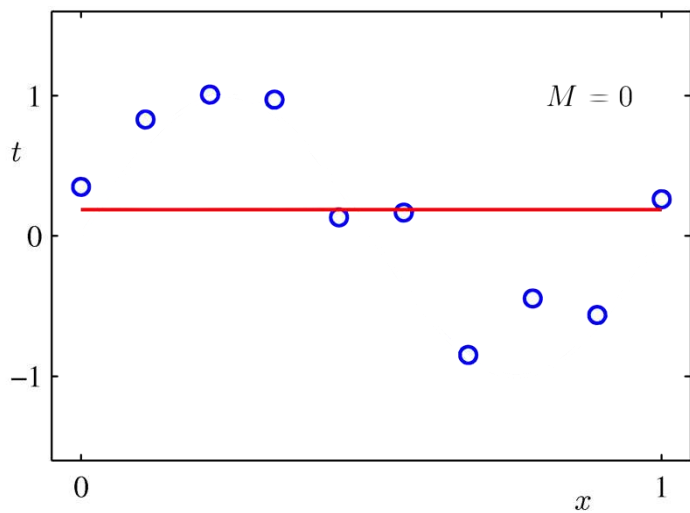
Overfitting and regularization

Augmentation

Normalization

Hyperparameters

# Which fit is best?



# Bias-variance tradeoff

## **Bias**

“The difference between an estimator’s expected value and the true value of the parameter being estimated”.

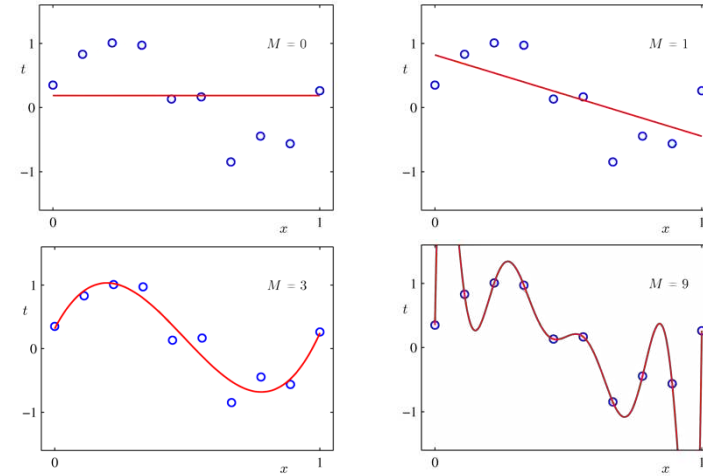
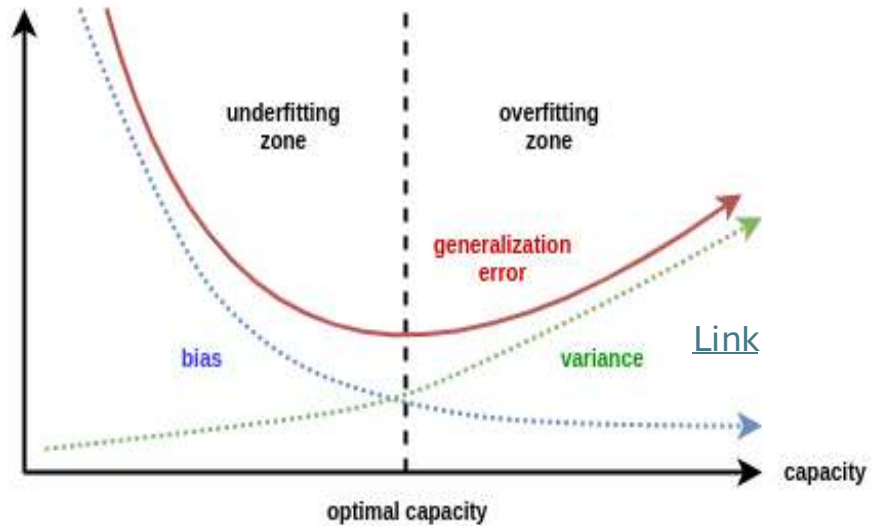
The bias error is an error from erroneous assumptions in the learning algorithm.

## **Variance**

The amount that the estimate of the target function will change if different training data was used.

The variance is an error from sensitivity to small fluctuations in the training set.

# Bias-variance tradeoff



**High bias:** algorithm misses relevant relations between features and targets.

Relates to underfitting, high bias is common in linear models.

**High variance:** algorithm uses random noise in training data for their modelling.

Relates to overfitting, high variance is common in deep non-linear models.

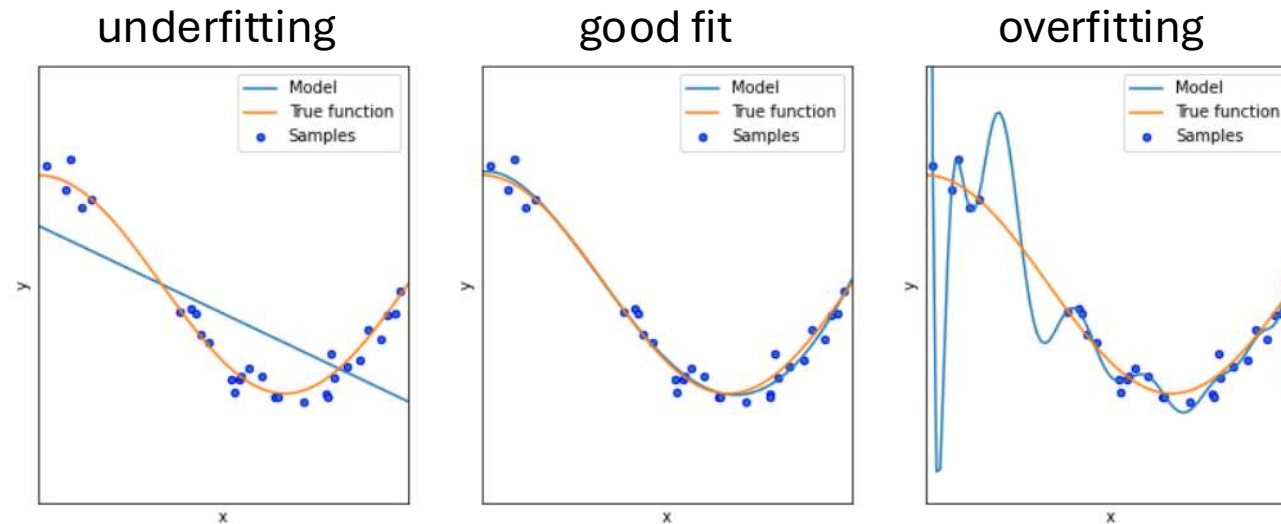
# Overfitting

One of the key aspects to deal with when training neural networks.

Overfitted models perform poorly on new data from the same domain.

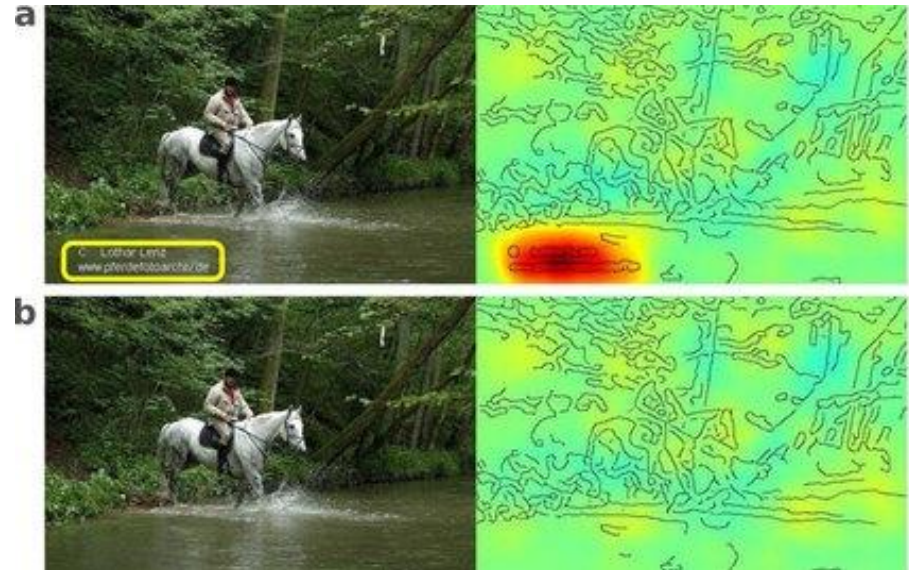
Low/zero training error is not automatically overfitting!

Only in combination with worse generalization as a function of training error.



# Why would overfitting even happen?

1. Complexity / parameter count  $\gg$  problem / data.
2. Overfitting especially common when dealing with co-occurrences.
3. Memorization (i.e., learning individual samples instead of their distribution).
4. Silly things you might have missed in your data.





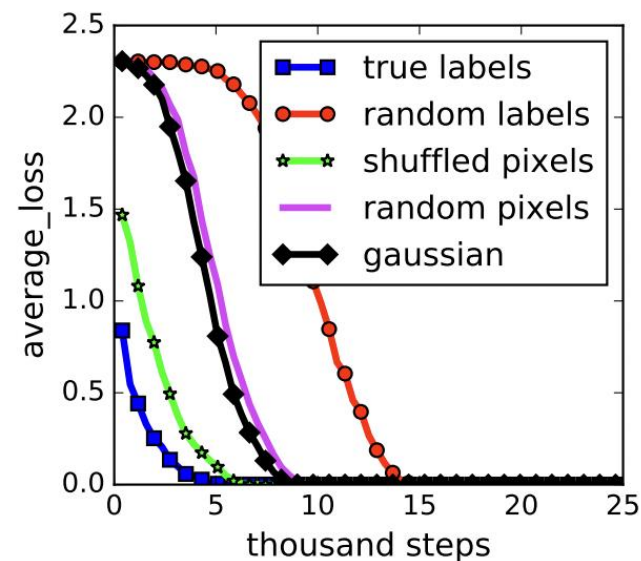
# The severity of the overfitting problem

**Randomization tests.** At the heart of our methodology is a variant of the well-known randomization test from non-parametric statistics (Edgington & Onghena, 2007). In a first set of experiments, we train several standard architectures on a copy of the data where the true labels were replaced by random labels. Our central finding can be summarized as:

*Deep neural networks easily fit random labels.*

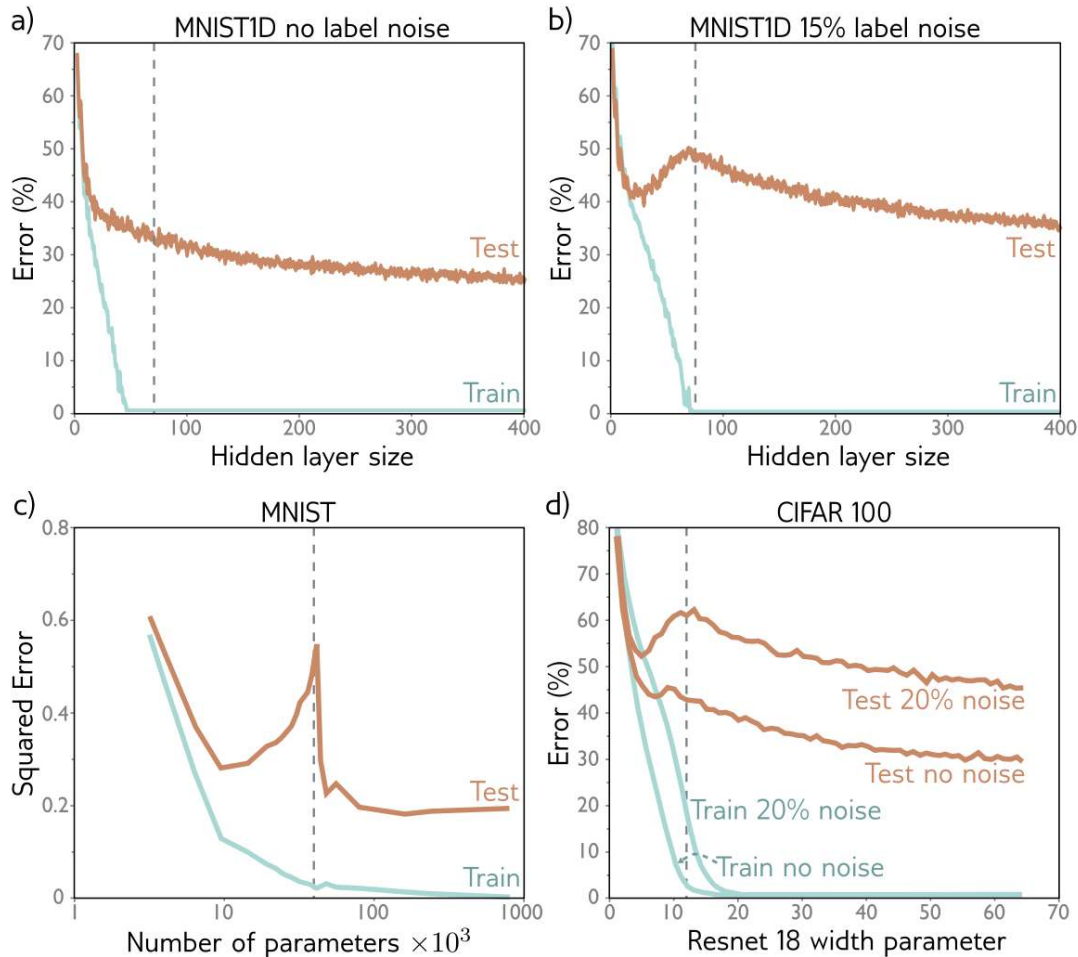
More precisely, when trained on a completely random labeling of the true data, neural networks achieve 0 training error. The test error, of course, is no better than random chance as there is no correlation between the training labels and the test labels. In other words, by randomizing labels alone we can force the generalization error of a model to jump up considerably without changing the model, its size, hyperparameters, or the optimizer. We establish this fact for several different standard architectures trained on the CIFAR10 and ImageNet classification benchmarks. While simple to state, this observation has profound implications from a statistical learning perspective:

1. The effective capacity of neural networks is sufficient for memorizing the entire data set.
2. Even optimization on random labels remains easy. In fact, training time increases only by a small constant factor compared with training on the true labels.
3. Randomizing labels is solely a data transformation, leaving all other properties of the learning problem unchanged.



(a) learning curves

# Bias-variance tradeoff – the sequel

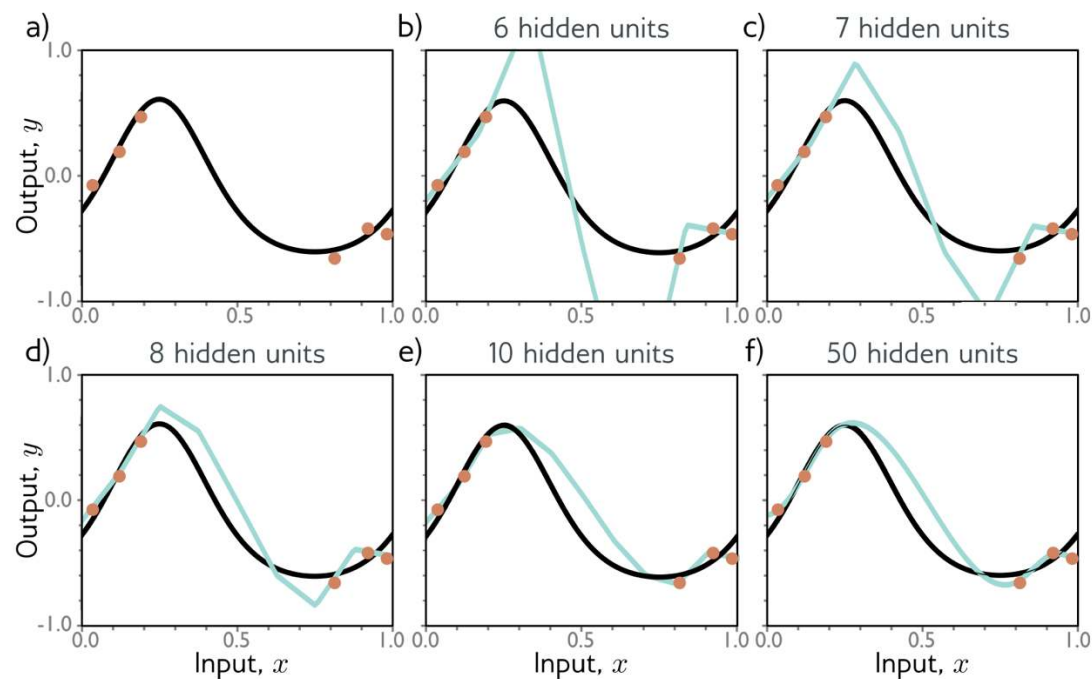


A counter-intuitive finding: when model size > dataset size, error goes down again.

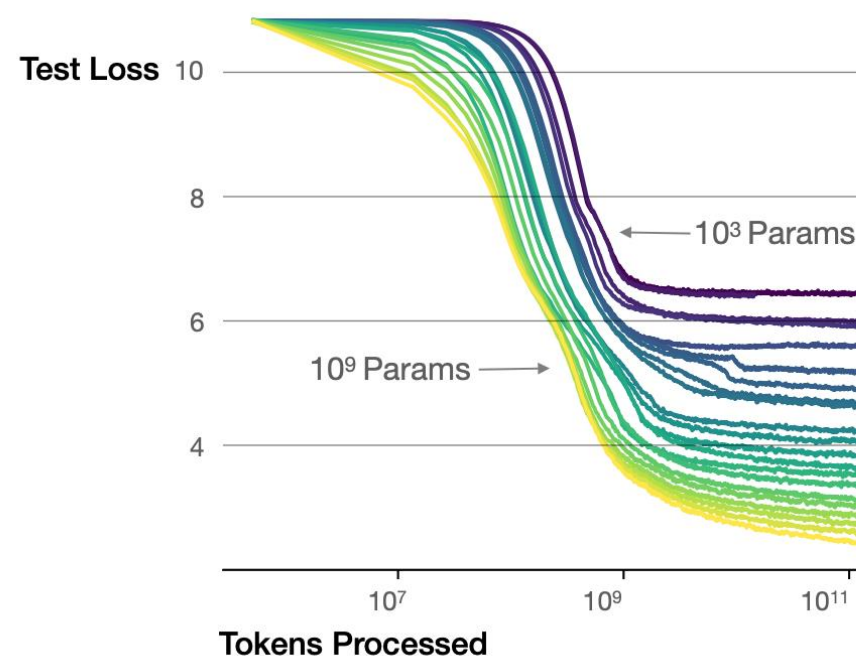
Dubbed: double-descent.

In short: one form of regularization can come from simply using bigger models, in direct conflict with the bias-variance tradeoff.

# Double descent: smoothness from bigger models



Larger models require **fewer samples** to reach the same performance



# Double descent: no golden ticket

In practice: simply increasing parameter count does not magically solve all problems.

Double descent only happens under some conditions, not universal.

Solution: fall back on regularization (ubiquitous in all of deep learning, including LLMs).

# $\ell_2$ -regularization

The  $\ell_2$  regularization is the most common type of all regularization techniques  
Commonly known as *weight decay* or *ridge regression* (in the linear case).

The regularization term  $\Omega$  is defined as the Euclidean Norm of the weight matrices.  
I.e., simply the sum over all squared weight values of a weight matrix.

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_l \|w_l\|_2^2$$

$\ell_2$  regularization encourages the weight values towards zero.

# $\ell_2$ -regularization

The loss function with  $\ell_2$ -regularization:

$$w^* \leftarrow \arg \min_w \sum_{(x,y) \subseteq (X,Y)} \mathcal{L}(y, a_L(x; w_1, \dots, w_L)) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_l \|w_l\|_2^2$$

The  $\ell_2$ -regularization is added to the gradient descent update rule

$$\begin{aligned} w_{t+1} &= w_t - \eta_t (\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L} + \lambda w_l) \Rightarrow \\ w_{t+1} &= (1 - \lambda \eta_t) w^{(t)} - \eta_t \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L} \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda$  is usually about  $10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$

“Weight decay”, because weights get smaller

Why would a force to zero values help prevent overfitting?

# $\ell_1$ -regularization

$\ell_1$ -regularization is one of the most important regularization techniques

$$w^* \leftarrow \arg \min_w \sum_{(x,y) \in (X,Y)} \mathcal{L}(y, a_L(x; w_1, \dots, w_L)) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_l |w_l|$$

Also  $\ell_1$ -regularization is added to the gradient descent update rule

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta_t \left( \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L} + \lambda \frac{w^{(t)}}{\text{sgn}(w^{(t)})} \right)$$

$\ell_1$ -regularization  $\rightarrow$  sparse weights

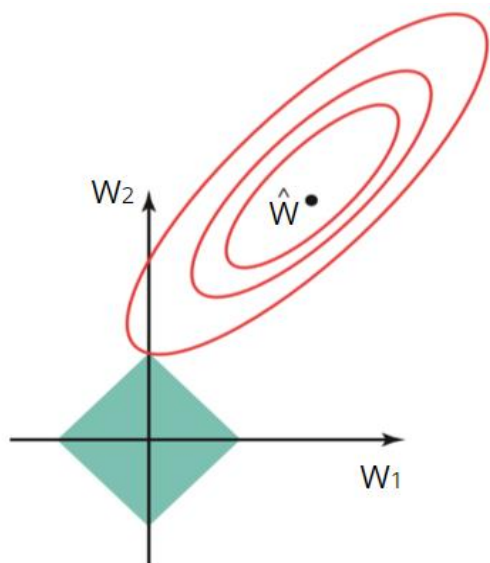
- $\lambda \nearrow \rightarrow$  more weights become 0

Sign function

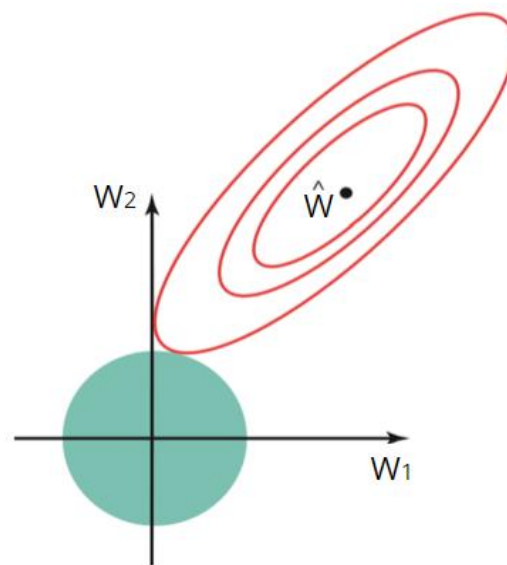


$\ell_1$  regularization is sparser than  $\ell_2$  regularization, but why?

# Visualizing weight decay

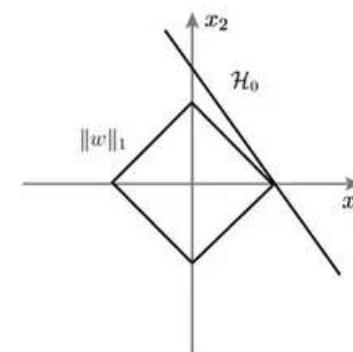


$\ell_1$ -regularization

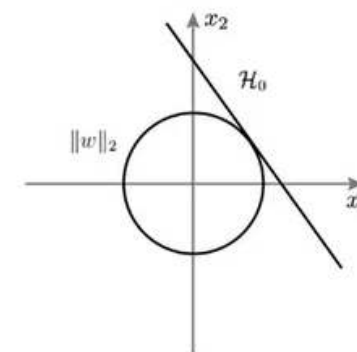


$\ell_2$ -regularization

**A** L1 regularization



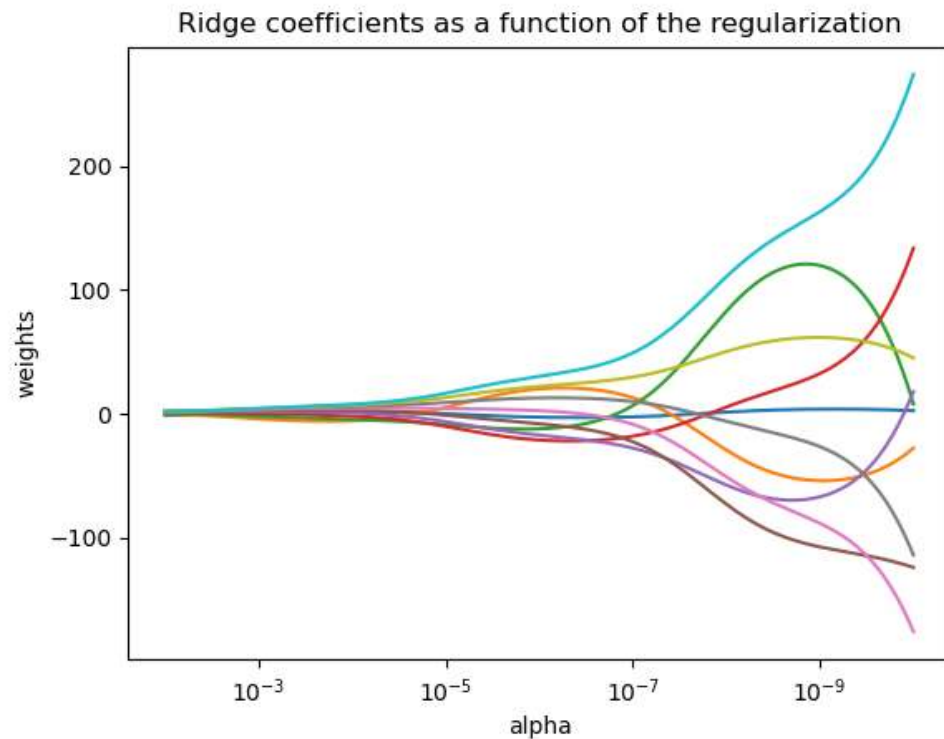
**B** L2 regularization



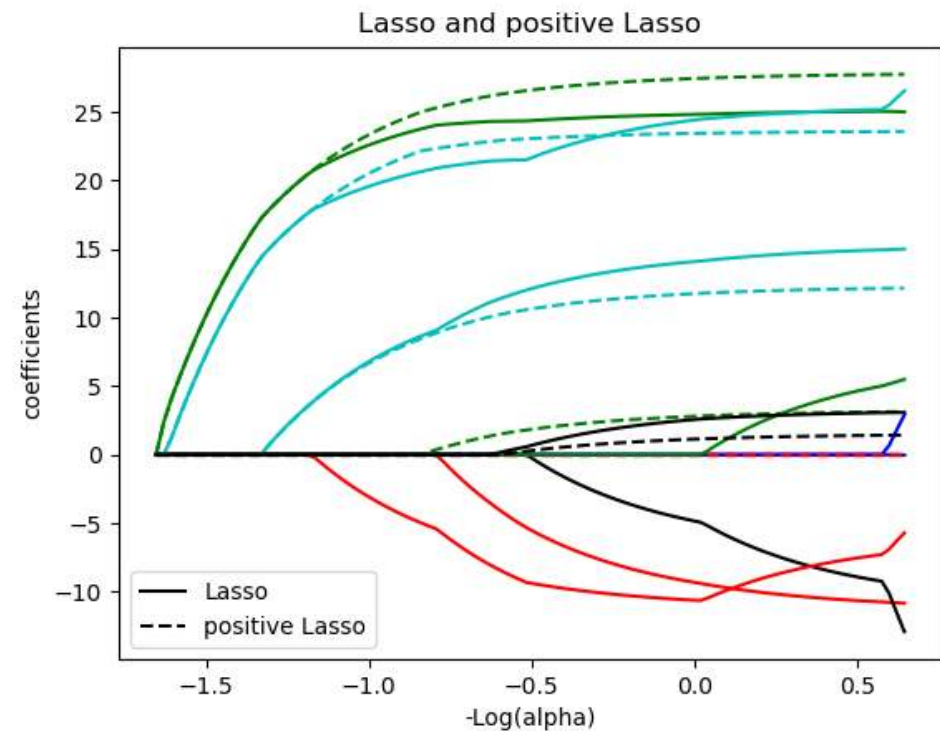


# Weight regularization empirically

## L2



## L1 and positive L1

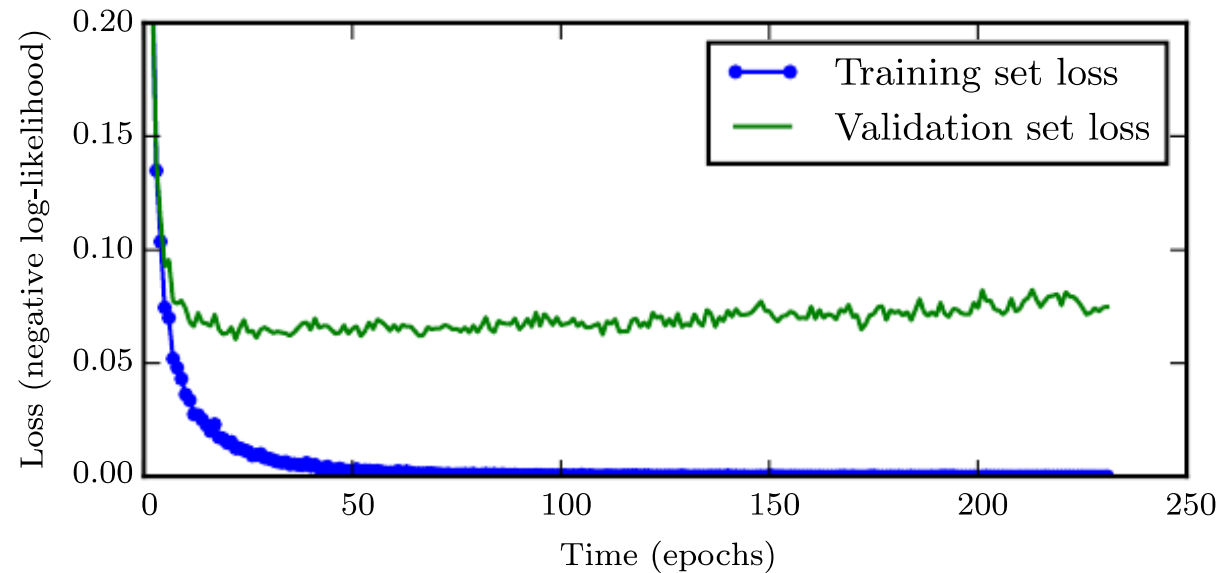


Alpha = lambda in the slides. Source: [https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear\\_model.html](https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/linear_model.html)

# Early stopping

Even simpler solution: just stop training.

Test losses tend to increase gradually, avoid by checking with validation set.

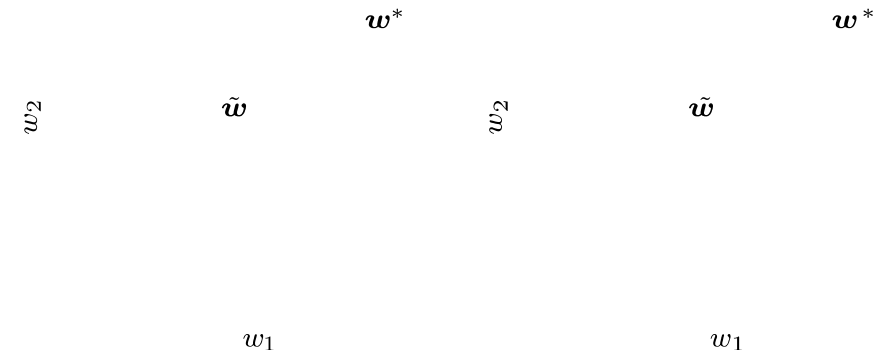
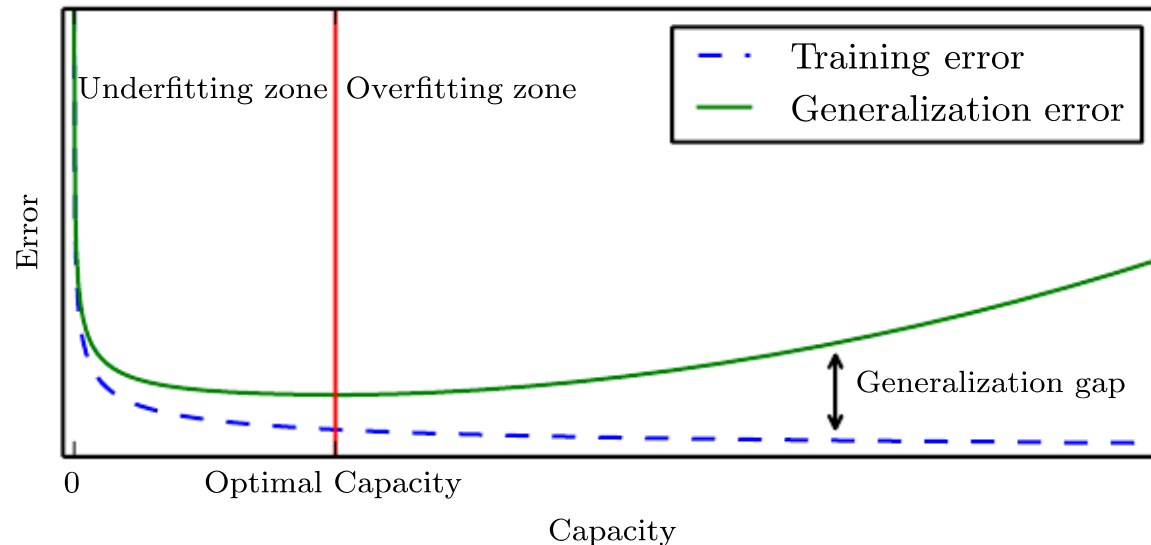


# Early stopping as a hyperparameter

All we need to do is find the right epoch to stop training.

Underlying idea: bias-variance progression gradually occurs as a function of #epochs.

Naturally not possible to monitor using the training set, only with independent sets.



# DropOut

## **The co-adaptation observation**

When different hidden units in a neural networks have highly correlated behaviour. Some of the connections will have more predictive capability than the others. These powerful connections are learned more while the weaker ones are ignored. Over many iterations, only a fraction of the node connections is trained. The rest stops participating. DropOut seeks to prevent this.



# Implementation of DropOut

During training randomly set activations to 0

Neurons sampled at random from a Bernoulli distribution with  $p$  (eg,  $p = 0.5$ )

Neuron activations reweighted by  $1/p$

During testing all neurons are used

## Benefits

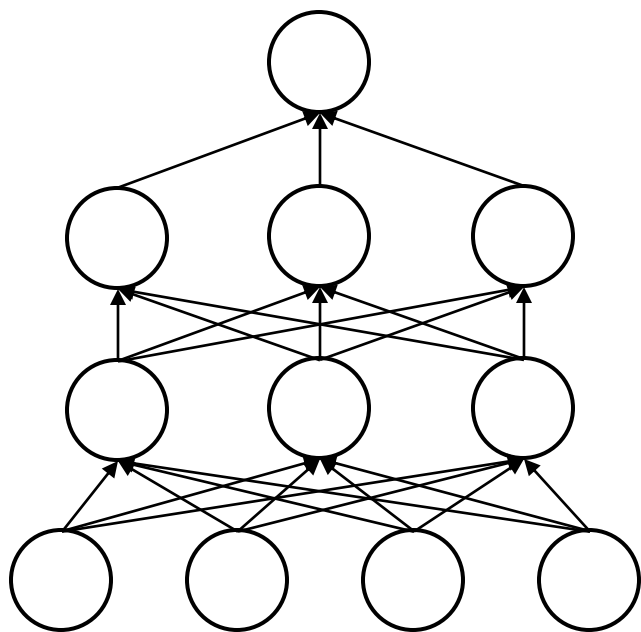
Reduces complex co-adaptations between neurons

Every neuron becomes more robust

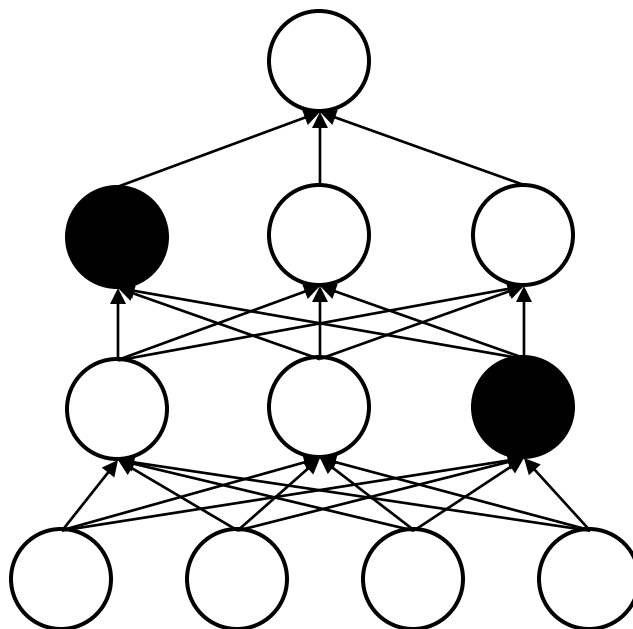
Decreases overfitting

# DropOut: effectively $2^n$ architectures

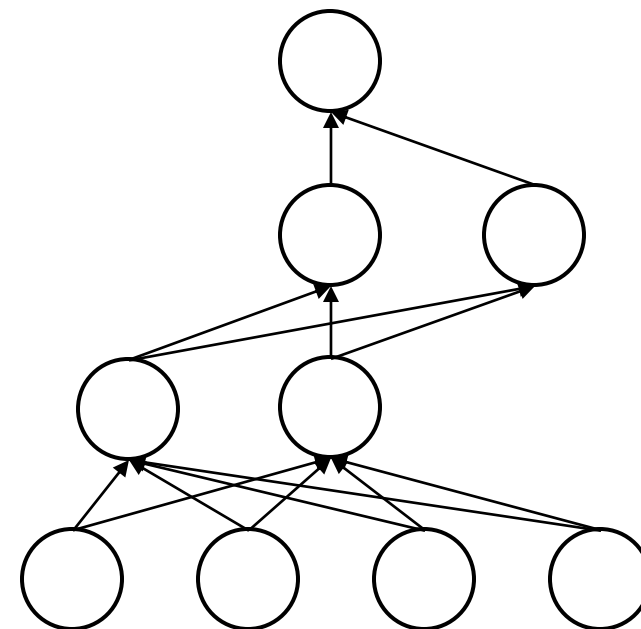
Original model



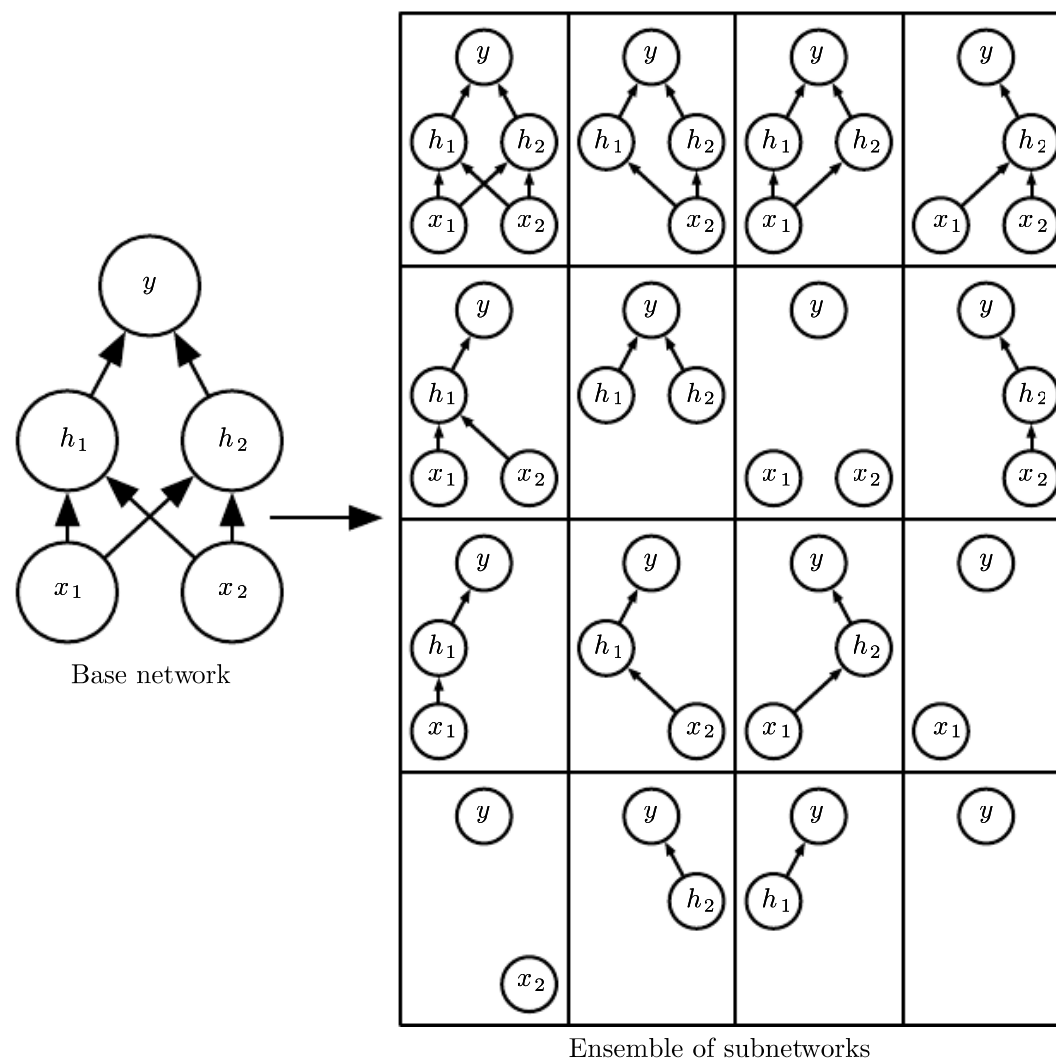
Batch 1



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Ensembling is a well-known way to improve/regularize machine learning models.

In DropOut, each combination of selected neurons forms its own submodel.

The parameters between the submodels share weights.

During testing, no need to run data on multiple models (unlike assembling).

Setting neurons to zero also breaks co-adaptation/co-occurrences, i.e.:

*Dropout regularizes each hidden unit to be not merely a good feature but a feature that is good in many contexts.*



# Data augmentation

*The best way to make a machine learning model generalize better is to train it on more data.* (see: "The unreasonable effectiveness of data")

- Data\* is limited in practice
- One way is to create fake data – *Data Augmentation*\*\*

*Your neural network is only as good as the data you feed it.*

By performing augmentation, we can prevent neural networks from learning or memorizing irrelevant patterns, essentially boosting overall performance.

\* Labeled data

\*\* Not that trivial. Augmentations are more than just fake data!

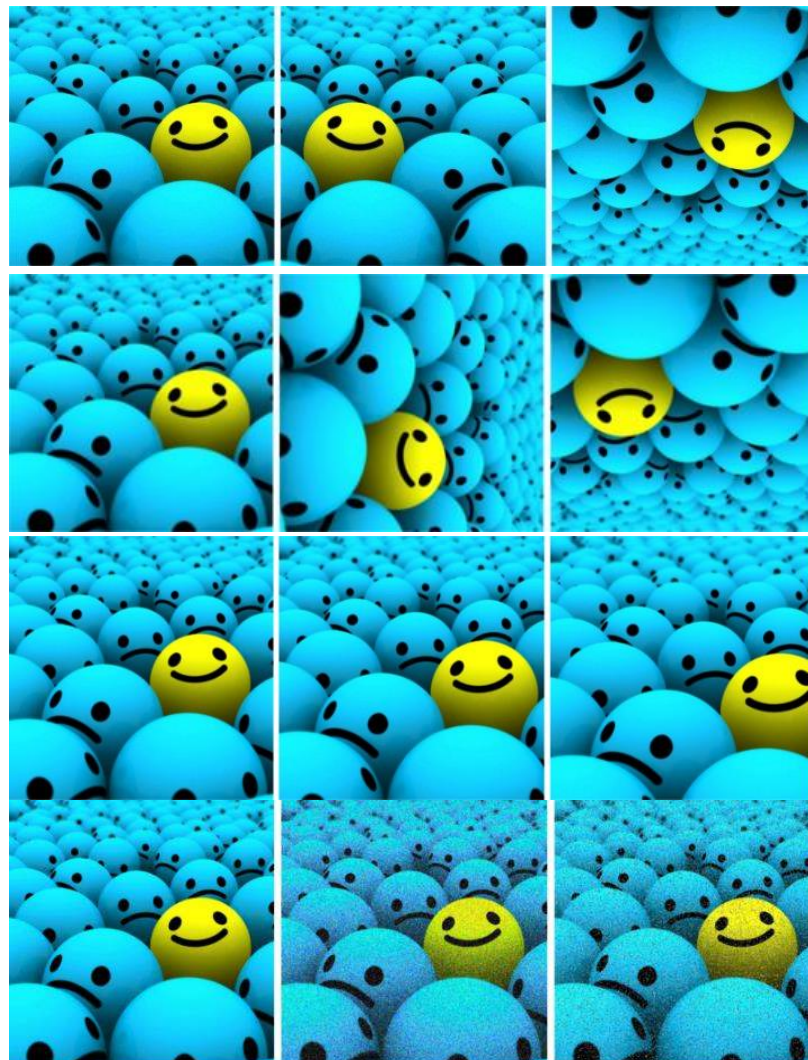
# Examples of data augmentation

## In computer vision

- Flip
- Rotation
- Scale
- Crop
- Translation
- Gaussian noise

Be aware of label change

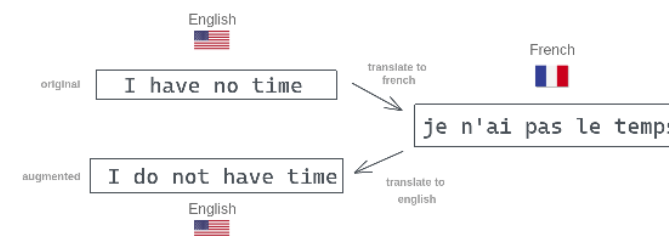
- “b” and “d”
- “6” and “9”



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## In NLP

### Backtranslation



Synonym replacement

Random insertion

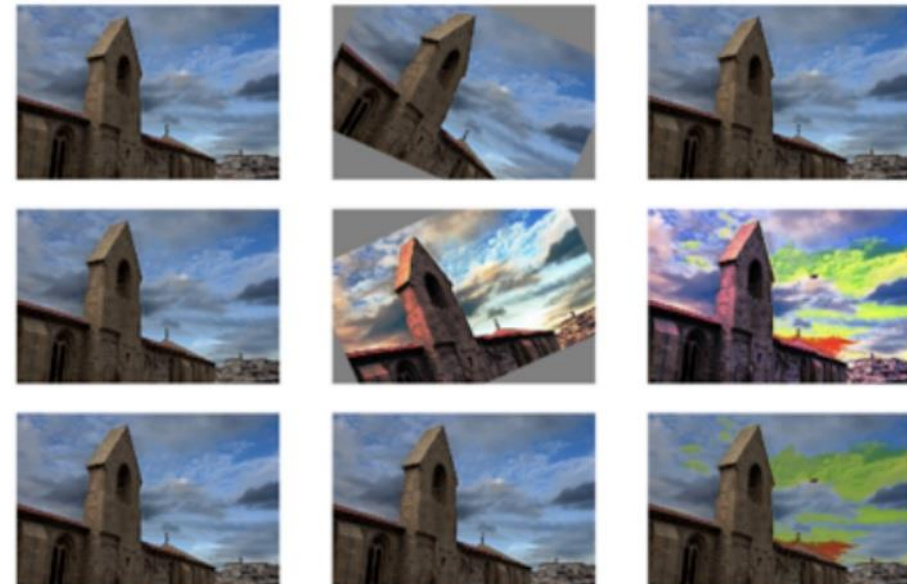
Random deletion

Random swapping

# Data augmentation = pre-defined invariance

Essentially a form of injecting prior knowledge to instill **invariance**.

*A dog flipped vertically is still a dog, so a network should still predict that label*





# Data augmentation: always used

Method	Depth	Params	C10	C10+	C100	C100+
Network in Network [22]	-	-	10.41	8.81	35.68	-
All-CNN [32]	-	-	9.08	7.25	-	33.71
Deeply Supervised Net [20]	-	-	9.69	7.97	-	34.57
Highway Network [34]	-	-	-	7.72	-	32.39
FractalNet [17]	21	38.6M	10.18	5.22	35.34	23.30
with Dropout/Drop-path	21	38.6M	7.33	4.60	28.20	23.73
ResNet [11]	110	1.7M	-	6.61	-	-
ResNet (reported by [13])	110	1.7M	13.63	6.41	44.74	27.22
ResNet with Stochastic Depth [13]	110	1.7M	11.66	5.23	37.80	24.58
	1202	10.2M	-	4.91	-	-
Wide ResNet [42]	16	11.0M	-	4.81	-	22.07
	28	36.5M	-	4.17	-	20.50
with Dropout	16	2.7M	-	-	-	-
ResNet (pre-activation) [12]	164	1.7M	11.26*	5.46	35.58*	24.33
	1001	10.2M	10.56*	4.62	33.47*	22.71
DenseNet ( $k = 12$ )	40	1.0M	<b>7.00</b>	5.24	<b>27.55</b>	24.42
DenseNet ( $k = 12$ )	100	7.0M	<b>5.77</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>23.79</b>	<b>20.20</b>
DenseNet ( $k = 24$ )	100	27.2M	<b>5.83</b>	<b>3.74</b>	<b>23.42</b>	<b>19.25</b>
DenseNet-BC ( $k = 12$ )	100	0.8M	<b>5.92</b>	4.51	<b>24.15</b>	22.27
DenseNet-BC ( $k = 24$ )	250	15.3M	<b>5.19</b>	<b>3.62</b>	<b>19.64</b>	<b>17.60</b>
DenseNet-BC ( $k = 40$ )	190	25.6M	-	<b>3.46</b>	-	<b>17.18</b>

Table 2: Ingredients and hyper-parameters used for ResNet-50 training in different papers. We compare existing training procedures with ours.

Procedure → Reference	Previous approaches					Ours		
	ResNet [13]	PyTorch [1]	FixRes [48]	DeiT [45]	FAMS (×4) [10]	A1	A2	A3
Train Res	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	160
Test Res	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
Epochs	90	90	120	300	400	600	300	100
# of forward pass	450k	450k	300k	375k	500k	375k	188k	63k
Batch size	256	256	512	1024	1024	2048	2048	2048
Optimizer	SGD-M	SGD-M	SGD-M	AdamW	SGD-M	LAMB	LAMB	LAMB
LR	0.1	0.1	0.2	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	2.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$8 \times 10^{-3}$
LR decay	step	step	step	cosine	step	cosine	cosine	cosine
decay rate	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	$0.02^{1/400}$	-	-	-
decay epochs	30	30	30	-	1	-	-	-
Weight decay	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	0.05	$10^{-4}$	0.01	0.02	0.02
Warmup epochs	×	×	×	5	5	5	5	5
Label smoothing $\epsilon$	×	×	×	0.1	0.1	0.1	×	×
Dropout	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Stoch. Depth	×	×	×	0.1	×	0.05	0.05	×
Repeated Aug	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Gradient Clip.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
H. flip	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RRC	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rand Augment	×	×	×	9/0.5	×	7/0.5	7/0.5	6/0.5
Auto Augment	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×
Mixup alpha	×	×	×	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Cutmix alpha	×	×	×	1.0	×	1.0	1.0	1.0
Erasing prob.	×	×	×	0.25	×	×	×	×
ColorJitter	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×
PCA lighting	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SWA	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×
EMA	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Test crop ratio	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.95	0.95	0.95
CE loss	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
BCE loss	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
Mixed precision	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Top-1 acc.	75.3%	76.1%	77.0%	78.4%	79.5%	80.4%	79.8%	78.1%

# Other data augmentations

# Noise robustness

## Adding noise to weights – uncertainty.

## Adding noise to outputs - label smoothing.

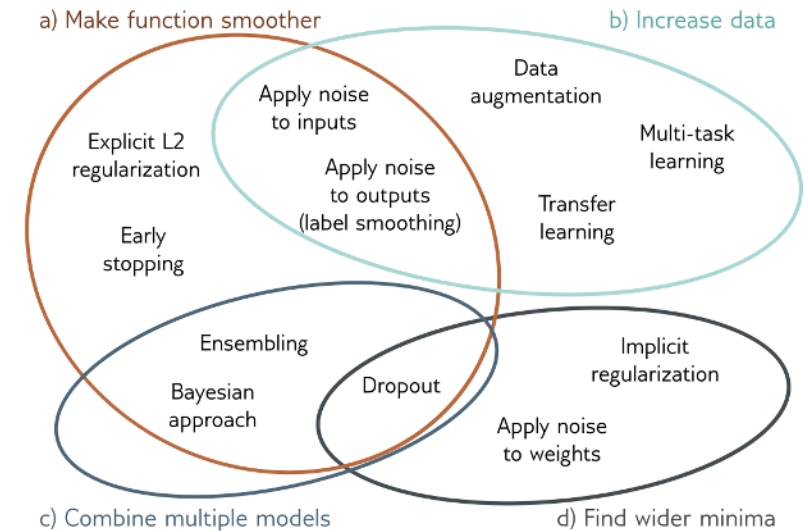
# Semi or self-supervised learning

Introducing a particular form of prior belief about the solution.

# Multi-task learning

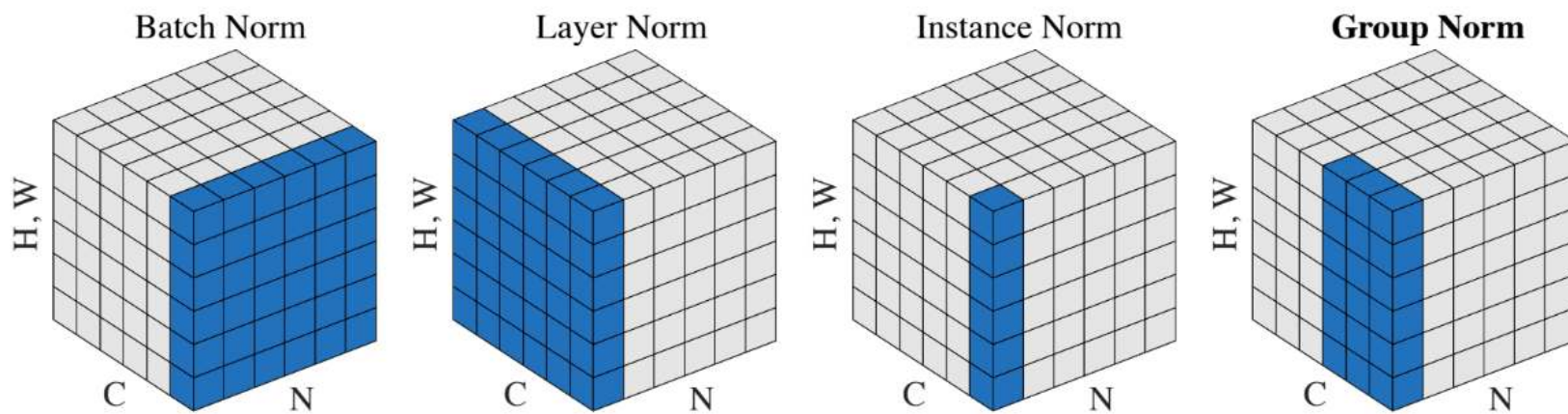
Shared input and parameters – improve statistical strength.

Requires statistical relationship between tasks.



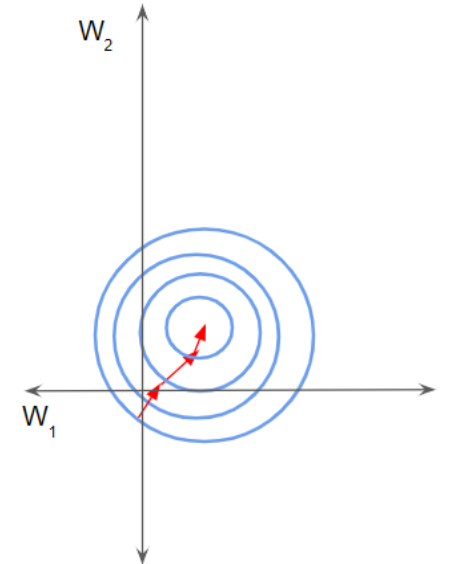
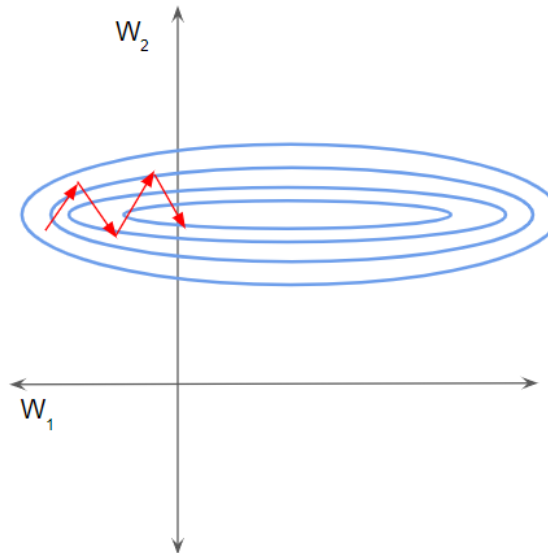
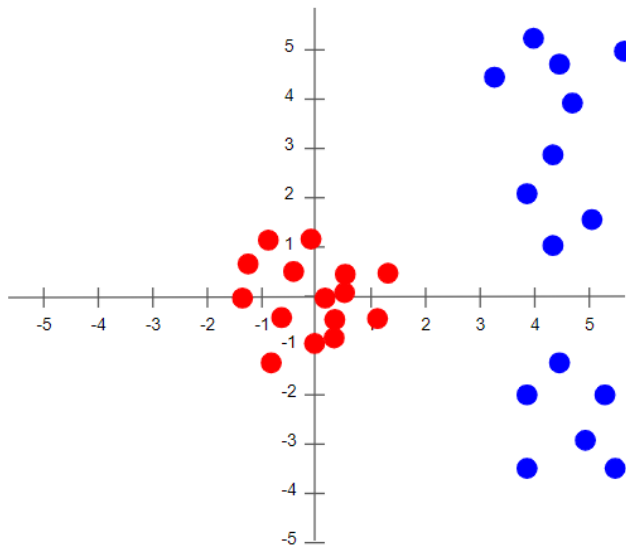
**Figure 9.14** Regularization methods. The regularization methods discussed in this chapter aim to improve generalization by one of four mechanisms. a) Some methods aim to make the modeled function smoother. b) Other methods increase the effective amount of data. c) The third group of methods combine multiple models and hence mitigate against uncertainty in the fitting process. d) Finally, the fourth group of methods encourages the training process to converge to a wide minimum where small errors in the estimated parameters are less important.

# Normalization



# Normalization as data preprocessing

Data pre-processing brings numerical data to a common scale without distorting shape. The reason is partly to ensure that our model can generalize appropriately. This ensures that all the feature values are now on the same scale.



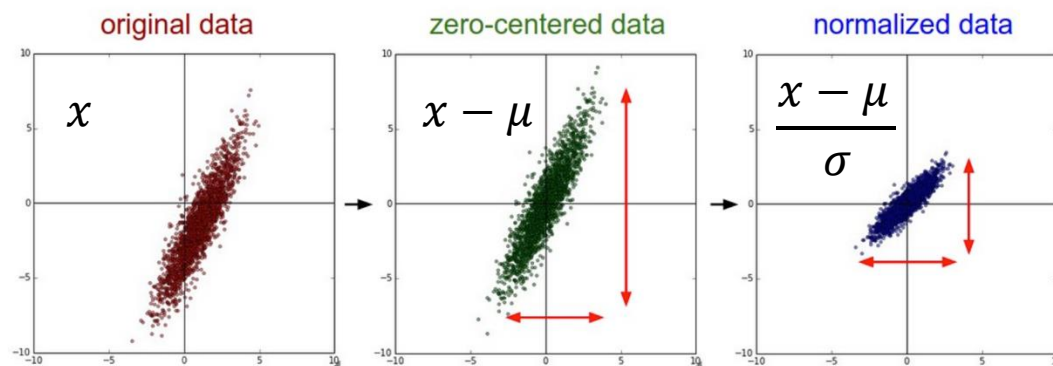
# Must in deep learning: normalizing input data

Transforming the input to zero-mean, unit variance

Assume: Input variables follow a Gaussian distribution (roughly)

Subtract input by the mean

Optionally, divide by the standard deviation  $N(\mu, \sigma^2) \rightarrow N(0, 1)$



Known by all practitioners:

ImageNet: mean = [0.485, 0.456, 0.406] and std = [0.229, 0.224, 0.225]



# Normalizing intermediate layers

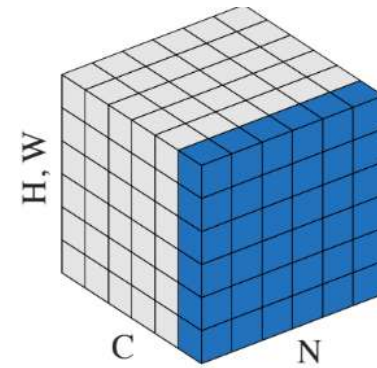
Batch normalization

Layer normalization

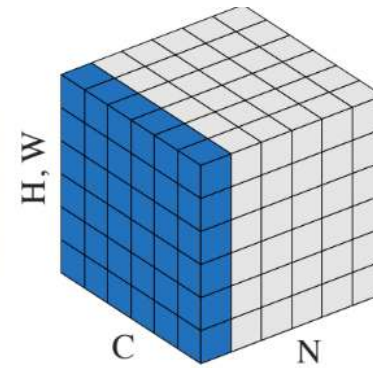
Instance normalization

Group normalization

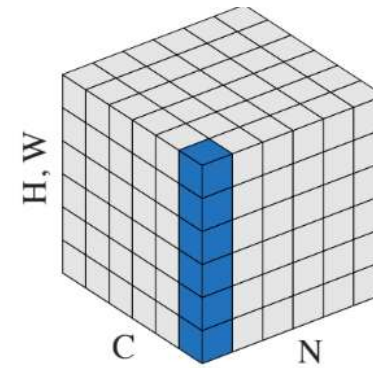
Weight normalization



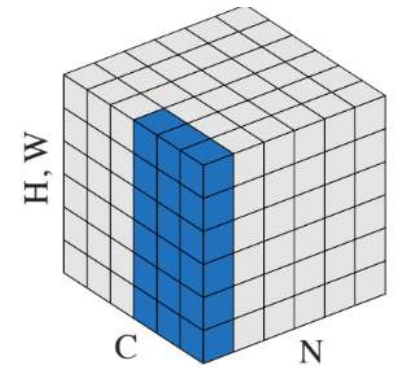
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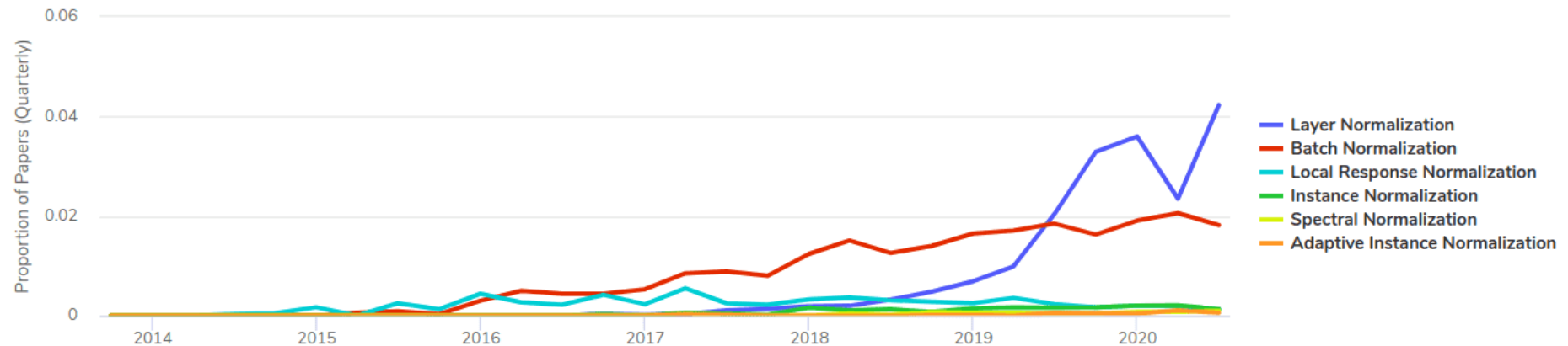
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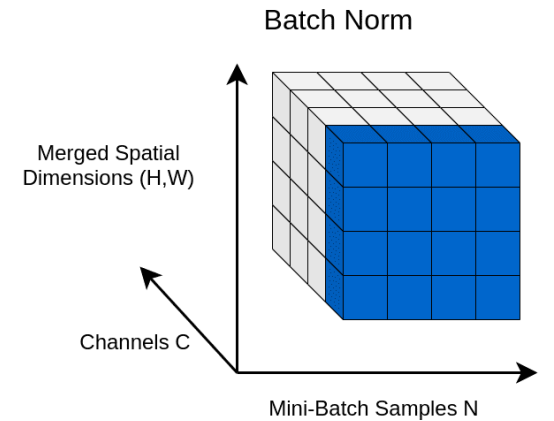
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# Batch normalization



Normalize the layer inputs with batch normalization

Normalize  $a_l \sim N(0, 1)$

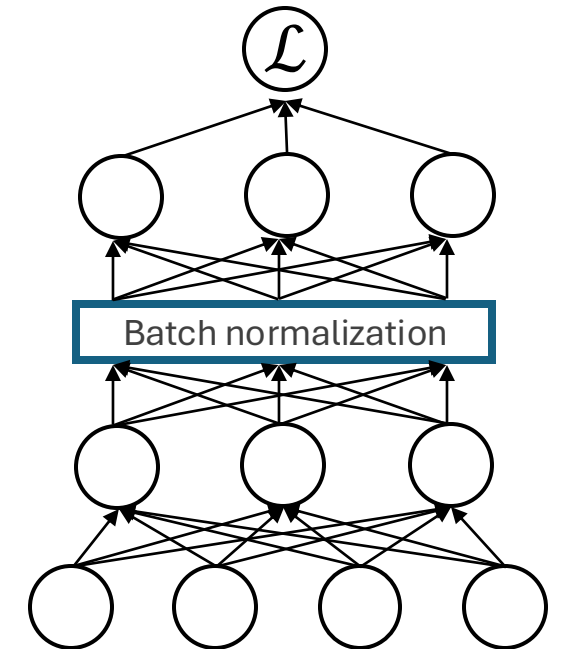
Followed by affine transformation  $a_l \leftarrow \gamma a_l + \beta$

The parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are trainable

Used for re-scaling ( $\gamma$ ) and shifting ( $\beta$ ) of the vector values.

Ensure the optimal values of  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  are used.

Enable the accurate normalization of each batch.



# Batchnorm algorithm

$$\mu_j \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_{ij}$$

[compute mini-batch mean]

$$\sigma_j^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_{ij} - \mu_j)^2$$

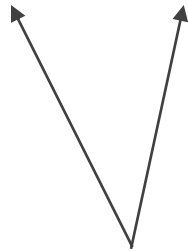
[compute mini-batch variance]

$$\hat{x}_{ij} \leftarrow \frac{x_{ij} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \epsilon}}$$

[normalize input]

$$\hat{x}_{ij} \leftarrow \gamma \hat{x}_{ij} + \beta$$

[scale and shift input]



Trainable parameters

$i$  runs over mini-batch samples,  
 $j$  over the feature dimensions

# Batchnorm at test time

How do we ship the Batch Norm layer after training?

We might not have batches at test time

Batches are random? -> not reproducible

Usually: keep a moving average of the mean and variance during training

Plug them in at test time

In the limit, the moving average of mini-batch statistics approaches the batch statistics

$$\mu_B \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i$$

$$\sigma_B \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu_B)^2$$

$$\hat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_B}{\sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \varepsilon}}$$

$$\hat{y}_i \leftarrow \gamma \hat{x}_i + \beta$$

# Benefits of batchnorm

Networks train faster

Allows higher learning rates

Makes weights easier to initialize

Makes more activation functions viable

The added noise reduces overfitting

Simplifies the creation of deeper networks

May give better results overall

# Drawbacks of batchnorm

- Requires large mini-batches

  - Cannot work with mini-batch of size 1 ( $\sigma = 0$ )

  - Performance is sensitive to the batch size

  - Memory intense, all the batch statistics must be stored in the layer.

  - Discrepancy between training and test data

  - Breaks the independence between training examples in the minibatch

  - Not applicable to online learning

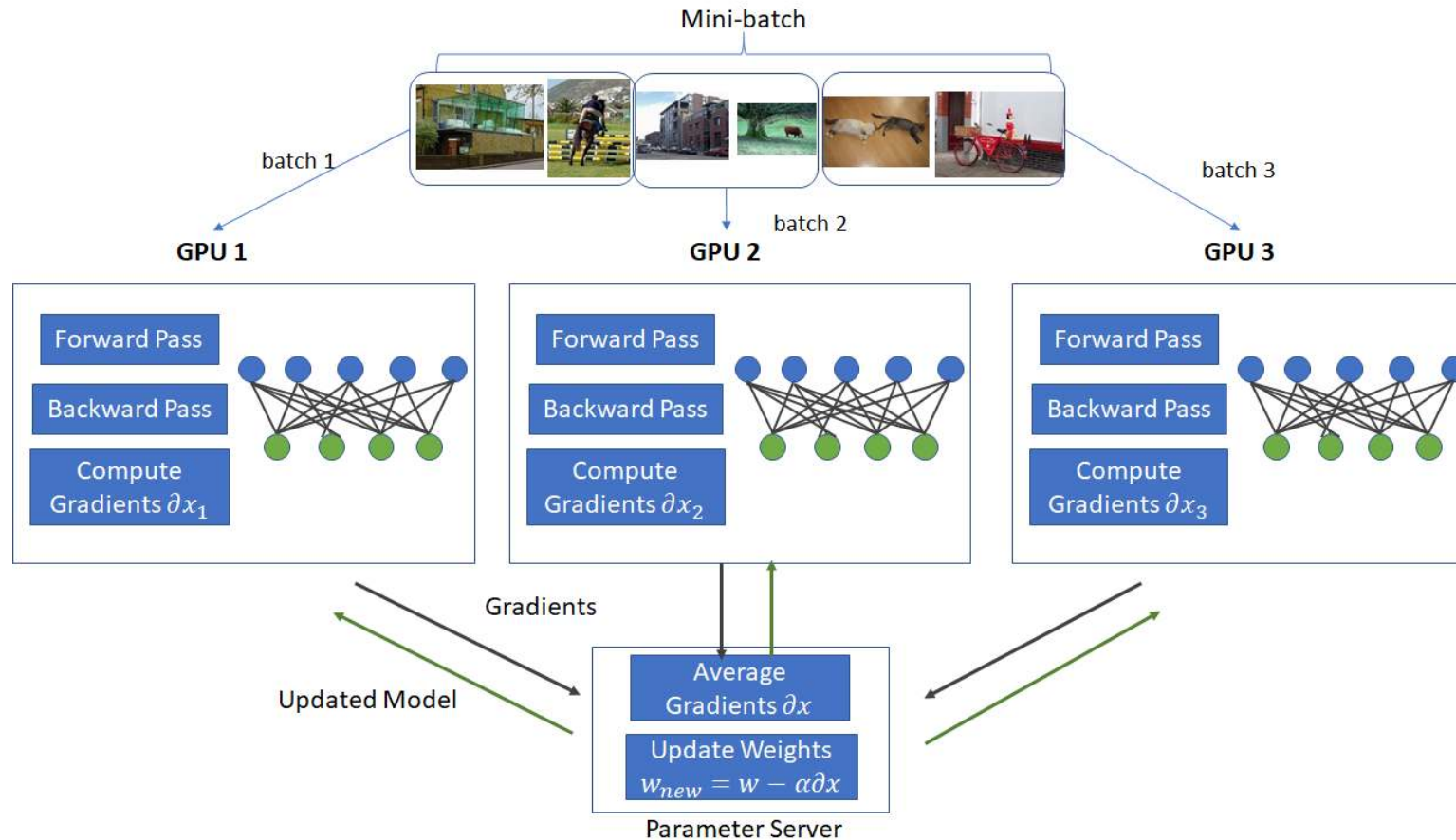
- Awkward to use with recurrent neural networks

  - Must interleave it between recurrent layers

  - Also, store statistics per time step

- Often the reason for bugs

# Batchnorm across multiple GPUs



Multi-GPU training very common in practice!

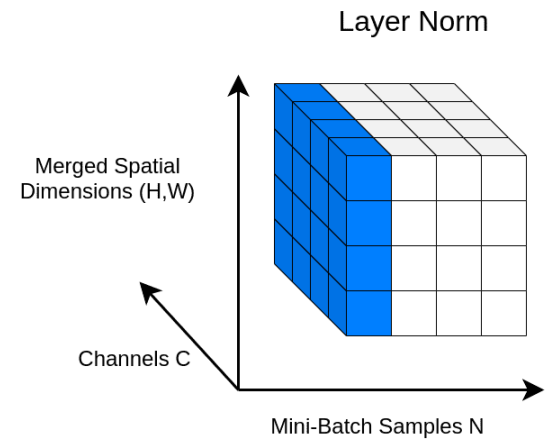
# Layer normalization

The statistics (mean and variance) are computed across all channels and spatial dimensions.

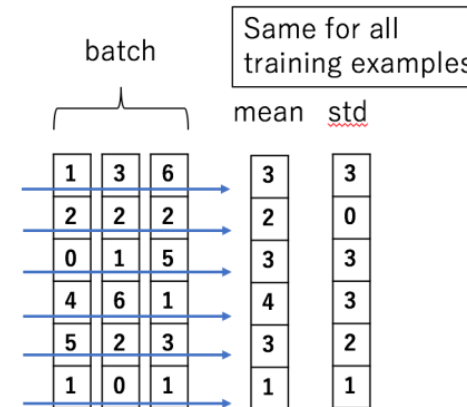
The statistics are independent of the batch.

This layer was initially introduced to handle vectors (mostly the RNN outputs).

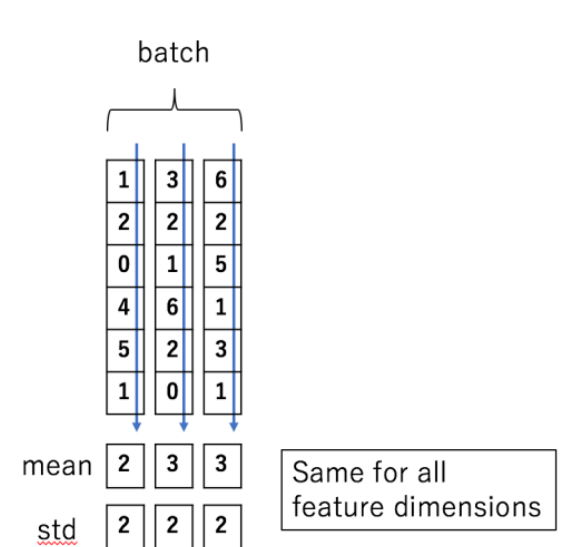
Layer normalization performs the same computation at training and test times.



Batch Normalization

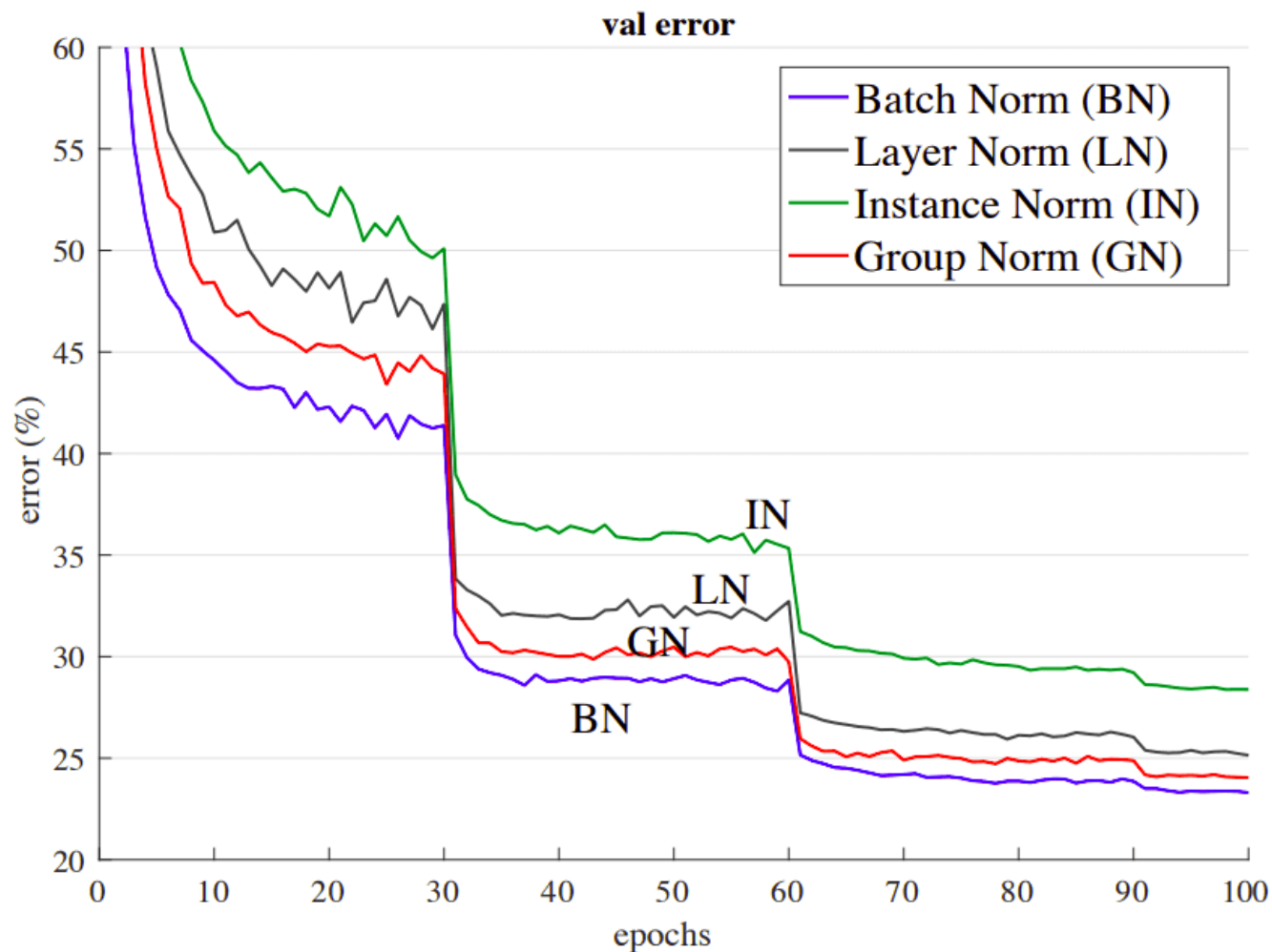


Layer Normalization





# Comparing different normalizations



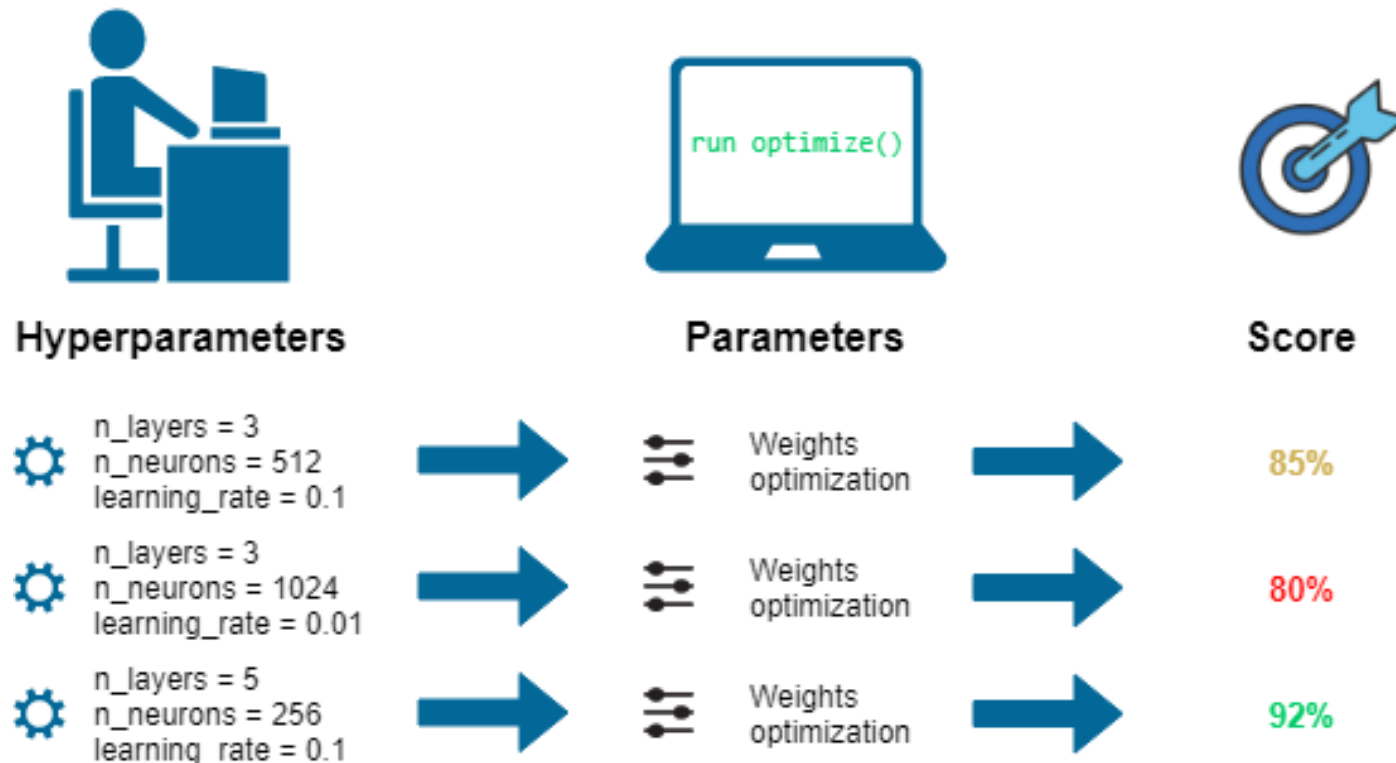
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# Hyperparameters

All values that cannot be tuned through backprop.

Hyperparameter tuning most important part of daily deep learning life.

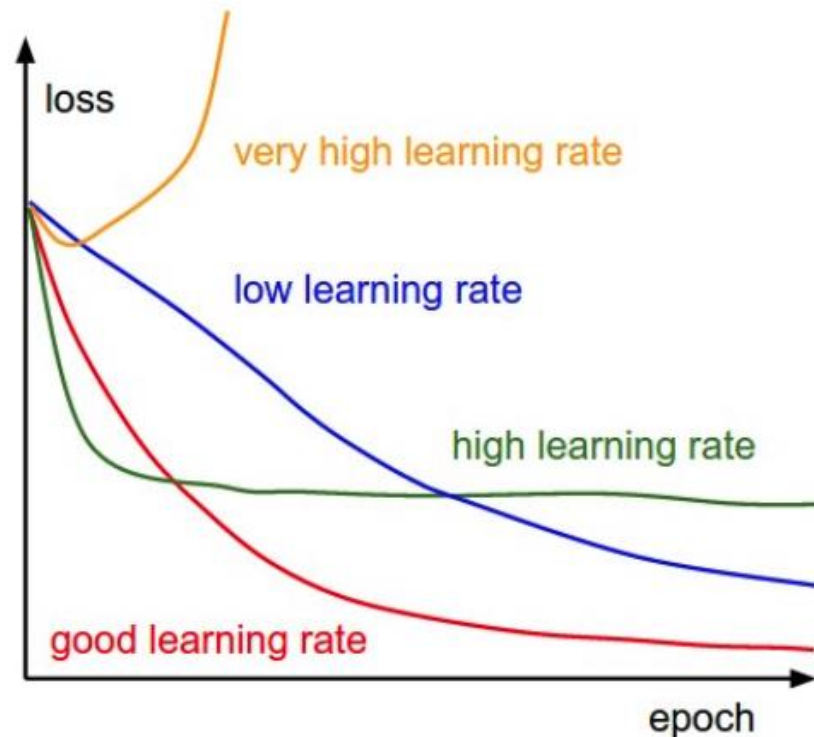


# Learning rates in practice

Try several log-spaced values  $10^{-1}$ ,  $10^{-2}$ ,  $10^{-3}$ , ... on a smaller set.

Then, you narrow it down from there around where you get the lowest **validation** error.

You will learn to become an expert in learning rate pattern recognition over time.



# Batch size

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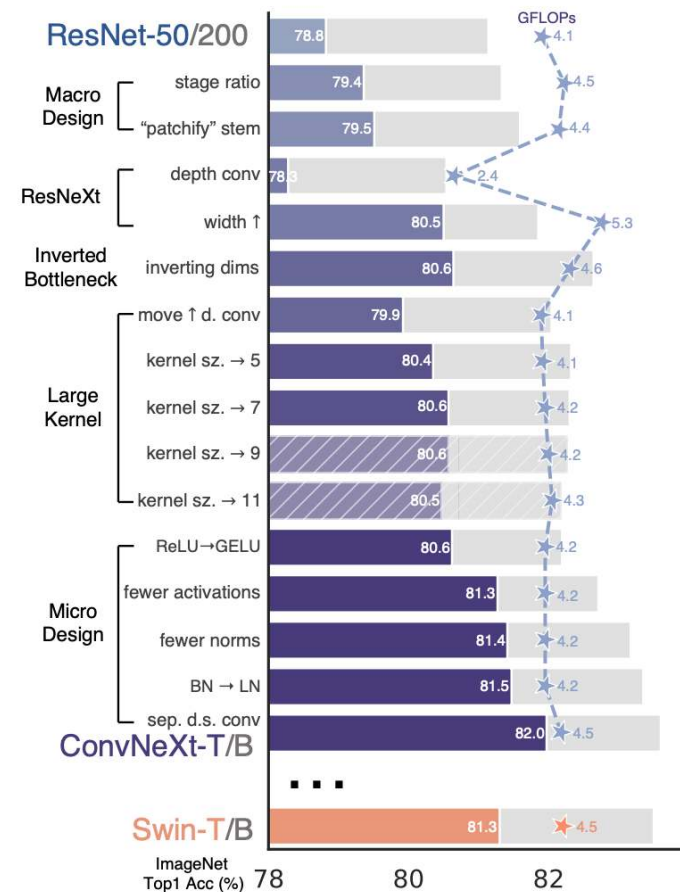
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# Architecture hyperparameter tuning

Table 2: Ingredients and hyper-parameters used for ResNet-50 training in different papers. We compare existing training procedures with ours.

Procedure → Reference	Previous approaches					Ours		
	ResNet [13]	PyTorch [1]	FixRes [48]	DeiT [45]	FAMS (×4) [10]	A1	A2	A3
Train Res	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	160
Test Res	224	224	224	224	224	224	224	224
Epochs	90	90	120	300	400	600	300	100
# of forward pass	450k	450k	300k	375k	500k	375k	188k	63k
Batch size	256	256	512	1024	1024	2048	2048	2048
Optimizer	SGD-M	SGD-M	SGD-M	AdamW	SGD-M	LAMB	LAMB	LAMB
LR	0.1	0.1	0.2	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	2.0	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$8 \times 10^{-3}$
LR decay	step	step	step	cosine	step	cosine	cosine	cosine
decay rate	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	$0.02^{1/400}$	-	-	-
decay epochs	30	30	30	-	1	-	-	-
Weight decay	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	0.05	$10^{-4}$	0.01	0.02	0.02
Warmup epochs	×	×	×	5	5	5	5	5
Label smoothing $\epsilon$	×	×	×	0.1	0.1	0.1	×	×
Dropout	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Stoch. Depth	×	×	×	0.1	×	0.05	0.05	×
Repeated Aug	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓	✓	×
Gradient Clip.	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
H. flip	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RRC	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rand Augment	×	×	×	9/0.5	×	7/0.5	7/0.5	6/0.5
Auto Augment	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×
Mixup alpha	×	×	×	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Cutmix alpha	×	×	×	1.0	×	1.0	1.0	1.0
Erasing prob.	×	×	×	0.25	×	×	×	×
ColorJitter	×	✓	✓	×	×	×	×	×
PCA lighting	✓	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
SWA	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×	×
EMA	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
Test crop ratio	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.875	0.95	0.95	0.95
CE loss	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	×
BCE loss	×	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓
Mixed precision	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Top-1 acc.	75.3%	76.1%	77.0%	78.4%	79.5%	80.4%	79.8%	78.1%

ResNet strikes back: An improved training procedure in timm. Wightman et al. 2021



A ConvNet for the 2020s. Liu et al. CVPR 2022

# Some magic starting numbers I'm aware of

Learning rate: 0.01 with a nice scheduler (my goto is standard multi-step)

Weight decay:  $1\text{e-}4$  or  $5\text{e-}4$

Batch size: Biggest power of 2 that fits in memory

DropOut: 20-50% drop out rate

And make sure to compute the mean and variance of the training samples!

# Babysitting deep networks

Establish baselines

Check that in the first round you get loss that corresponds to random guess

Check network with few samples

- Turn off regularization. You should predictably overfit and get a loss of 0
- Turn on regularization. The loss should be higher than before

**Always** a separate validation set for hyper-parameter tuning

- Compare the training and validation losses - there should be a gap, not too large

Preprocess the data (at least to have 0 mean)

Initialize weights based on activations functions Xavier or Kaiming initialization

Use regularization ( $\ell_2$ -regularization, dropout, ...)batch normalization

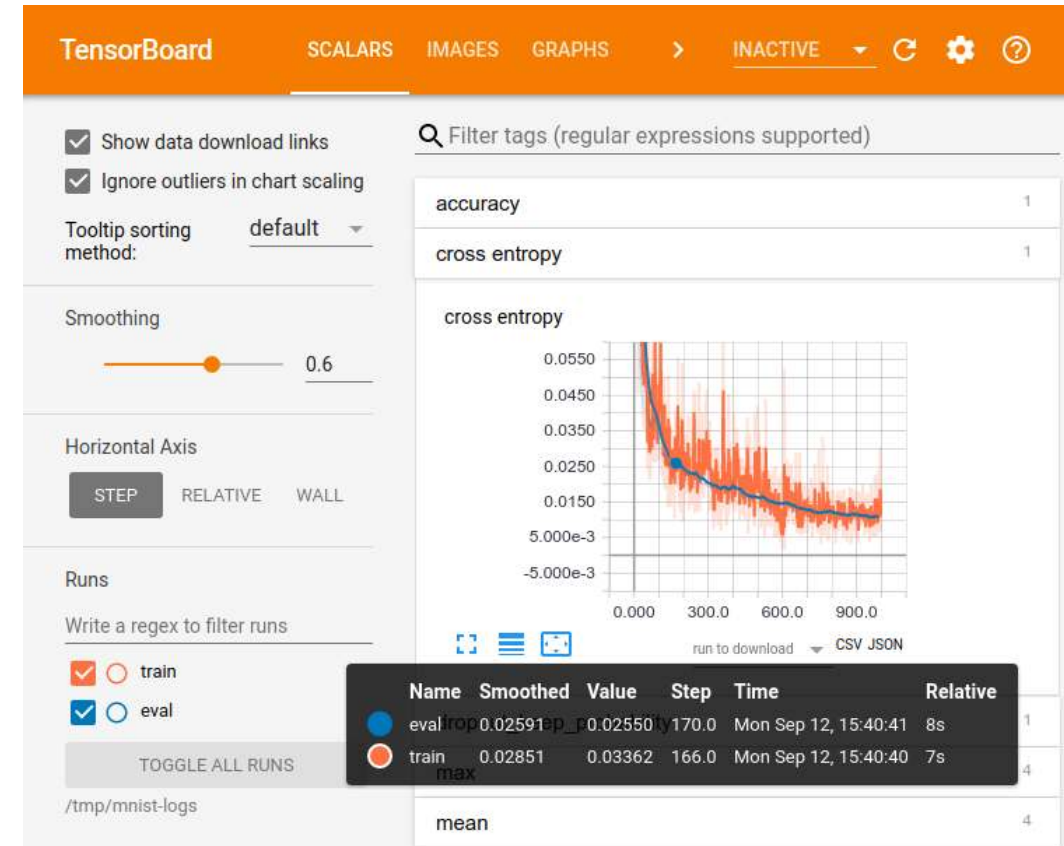
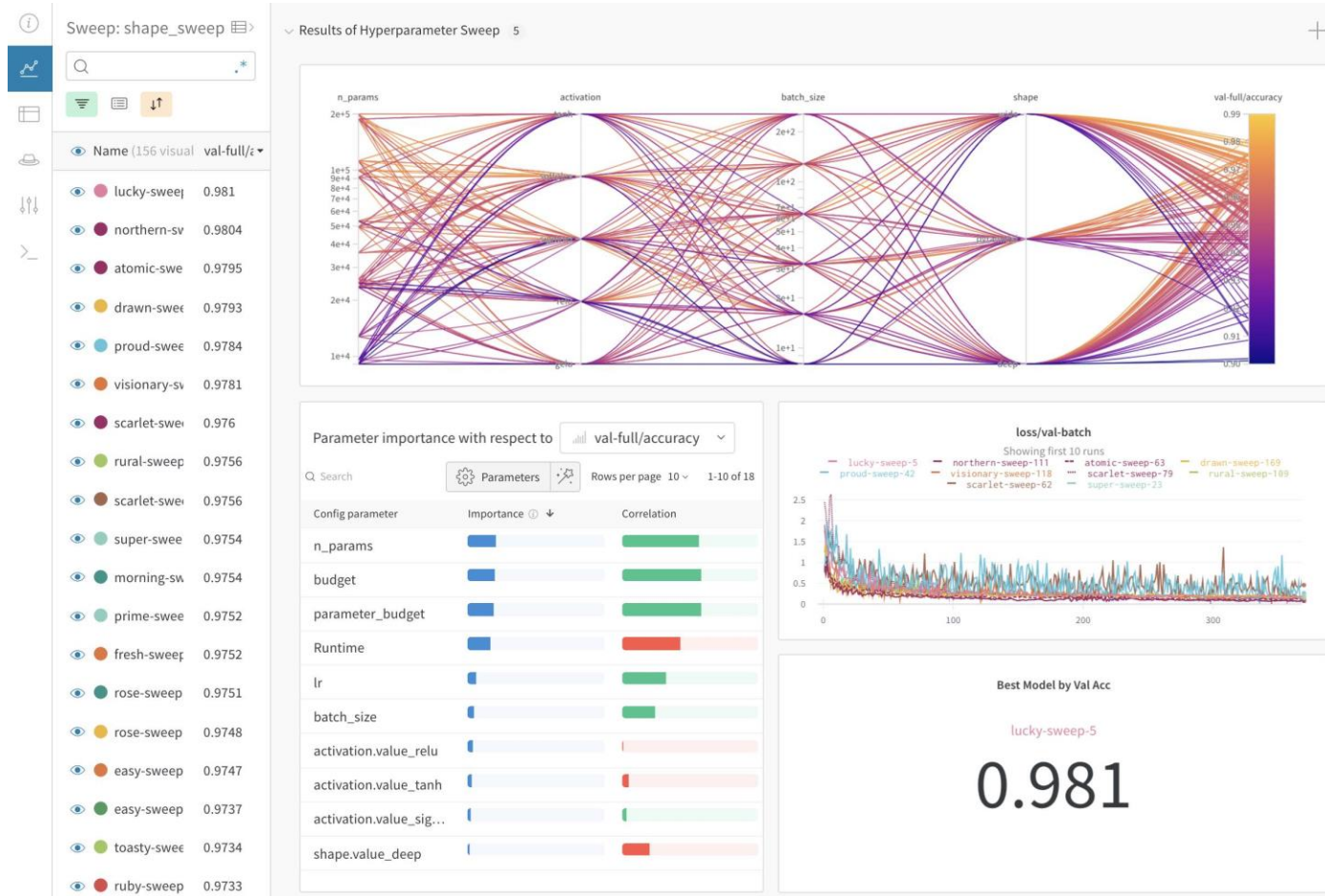
Prefer residual connections, they make a difference

Use an experiment manager like tensorboard or Neptune or wand

Track further metrics that are relevant to the problem at hand



# Logging tools



# Summary

Tackling overfitting is key in deep learning.

Regularization, DropOut, early stopping, normalization: all dampening factors.

Your lives will be dominated by hyperparameters.

Over time, we will get better intuitions and understanding of their settings.

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