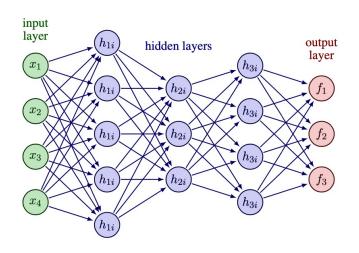
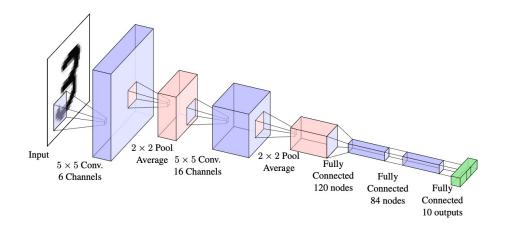
## CS273A: Neural Networks





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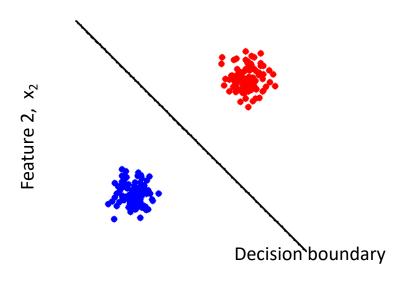
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# Linear classifiers (perceptrons)

- Linear Classifiers
  - a linear classifier is a mapping which partitions feature space using a linear function (a straight line, or a hyperplane)
  - separates the two classes using a straight line in feature space
  - in 2 dimensions the decision boundary is a straight line

Linearly separable data

Linearly non-separable data



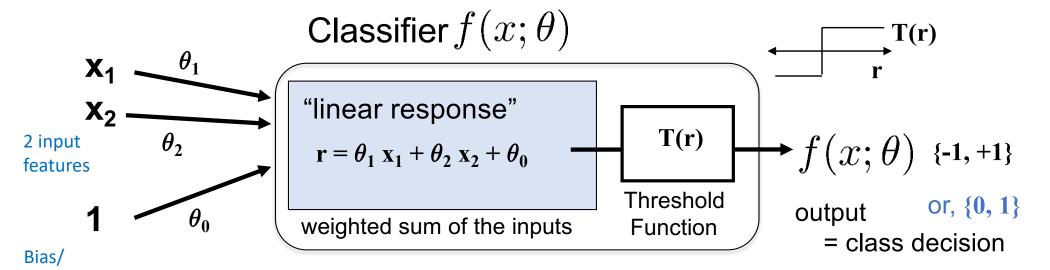
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# Linear Classifier (2 features)



One weight (parameter) per input feature

```
r = X @ theta.T # compute linear response
yhat = 2*(r > 0)-1 # "sign": predict +1 / -1
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If 
$$r(x) > 0$$
, predict "positive" (class +1)  
If  $r(x) < 0$ , predict "negative" (class -1) (or 0)

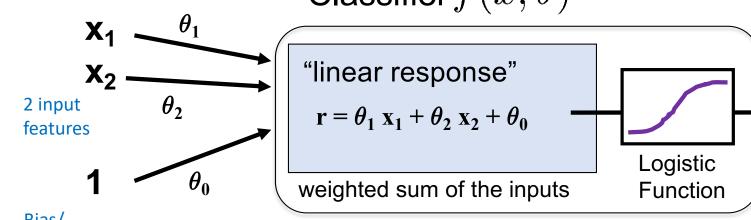
Decision Boundary at r(x) = 0

Solve: 
$$x_2 = -w_1/w_2 x_1 - w_0/w_2$$
 (Line)

intercept

### Training: Logistic Regression





 $f(x;\theta)$  [0,1]

output

= "soft" decision

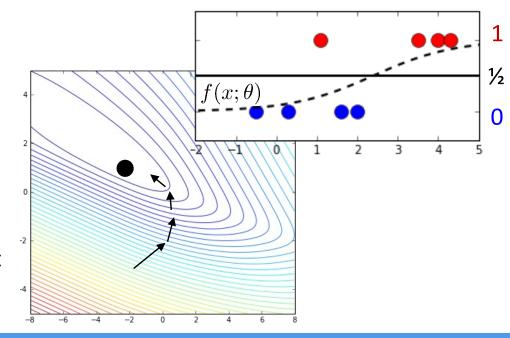
Bias/intercept

One weight (parameter) per input feature

#### Log-loss (Logistic NLL)

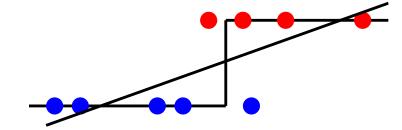
- Interpret output as probabilities
- Prediction loss is -log Pr(true class)
- Train via gradient descent

Generalizes to more classes by having a set of weights for each class.

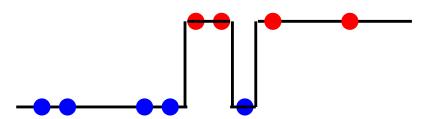


### Features and perceptrons

- Recall the role of features
  - Create extra features to allow more complex decision boundaries
  - Linear classifiers
  - Features [1,x]
    - Decision rule: T(ax+b) = wx + b > 0
    - Boundary ax+b = 0 => point



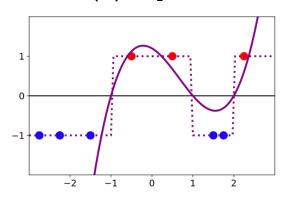
- Features [1,x,x<sup>2</sup>]
  - Decision rule  $T(w_2 x^2 + w_1 x + b)$
  - Boundary  $w_2 x^2 + w_1 x + b = 0 = ?$
- What features can produce this decision rule?

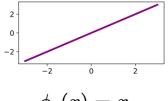


### Features and perceptrons

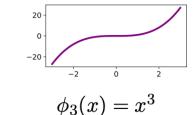
- Recall the role of features
  - Extra features can allow more complex decision boundaries
  - For example, polynomial features

$$\Phi(x) = [1 \ x \ x^2 \ x^3 ...]$$



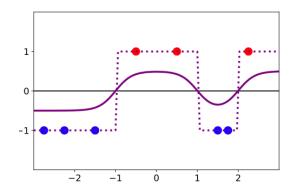


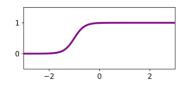




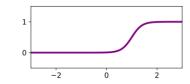
$$r(x) = b + w_1 \phi_1(x) + w_2 \phi_2(x) + w_3 \phi_3(x)$$

What other kinds of features could we choose?

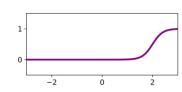




$$\phi_1(x) = \sigma(5x+5)$$



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  $\phi_2(x) = \sigma(5x-5)$   $\phi_3(x) = \sigma(5x-10)$ 

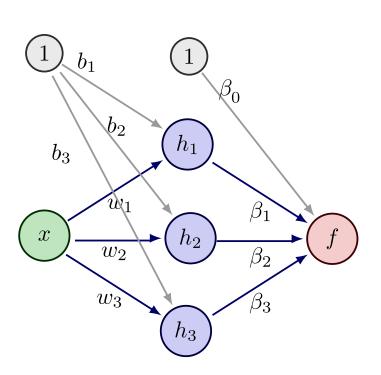


$$\phi_3(x) = \sigma(5x - 10)$$

$$r(x) = b + w_1 \phi_1(x) + w_2 \phi_2(x) + w_3 \phi_3(x)$$

### Multi-layer perceptron model

- These features are just perceptrons!
  - Feature transform is a collection of perceptrons
  - Combination of features output of another



Logistic sigmoid: 
$$\sigma(r) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-r)}$$

$$h_1(x) = \sigma(b_1 + w_1 x)$$
  
 $h_2(x) = \sigma(b_2 + w_2 x)$   
 $h_3(x) = \sigma(b_3 + w_3 x)$ 

$$f(x) = \sigma(\beta_0 + \beta_1 h_1 + \beta_2 h_2 + \beta_3 h_3)$$

Regression version:

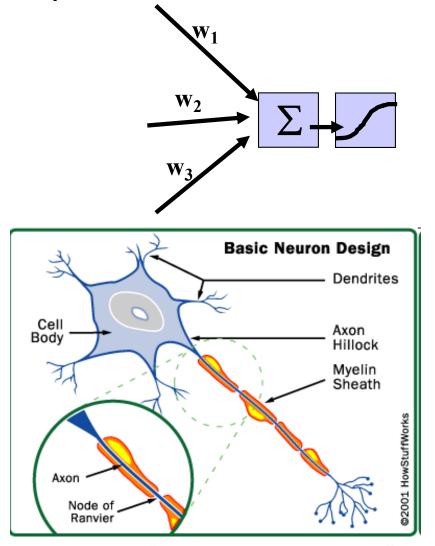
$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 h_1 + \beta_2 h_2 + \beta_3 h_3$$

#### Neural networks

Another term for Multi-Layer Perceptrons

Biological motivation

- Neurons
  - "Simple" cells
  - Dendrites sense charge
  - Cell weighs inputs
  - "Fires" axon



["How stuff works: the brain"]

### A Little History on Neural Networks

- Phase 1, 1950s to 1970s
  - Logistic-like models, no hidden units
  - Initial enthusiasm died out
- Phase 2, 1980s to 2000s
  - Invention of backpropagation: could train models with hidden units
  - But training was slow, data was scarce....initial enthusiasm died out
- Phase 3, 2010s to present
  - Demonstrations of the power of deep learning models
  - (re)invention of a technique called stochastic gradient
  - Commercial successes, great enthusiasm....

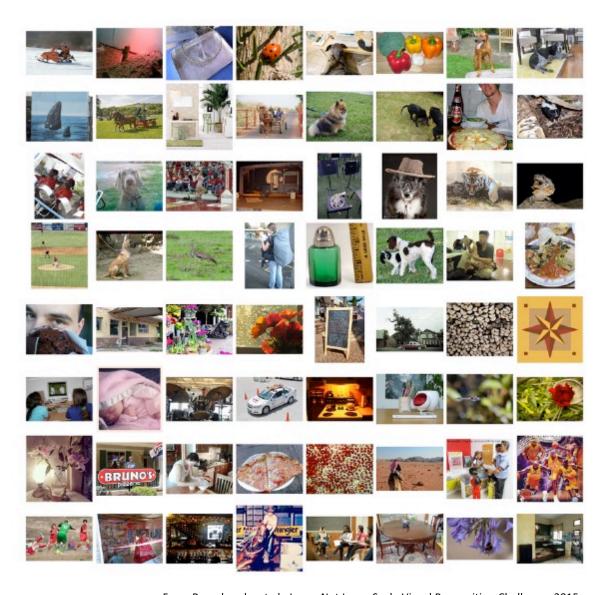
### Application: Image Recognition

#### **ImageNet**

A testbed for evaluating image classification algorithms

Over 10 million images

1000 class labels



From Russakovsky et al., ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge, 2015

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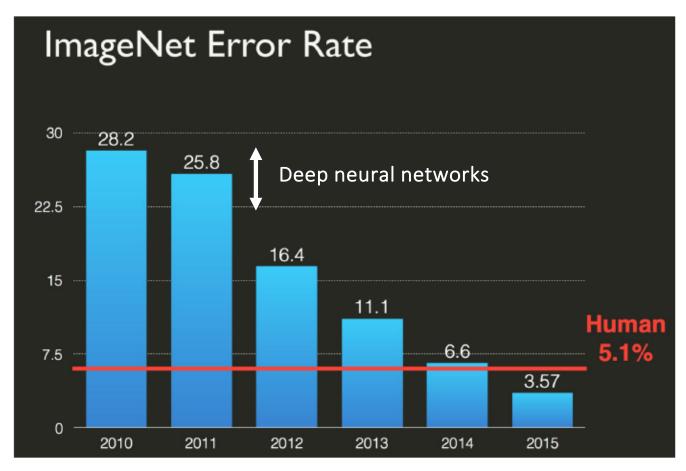
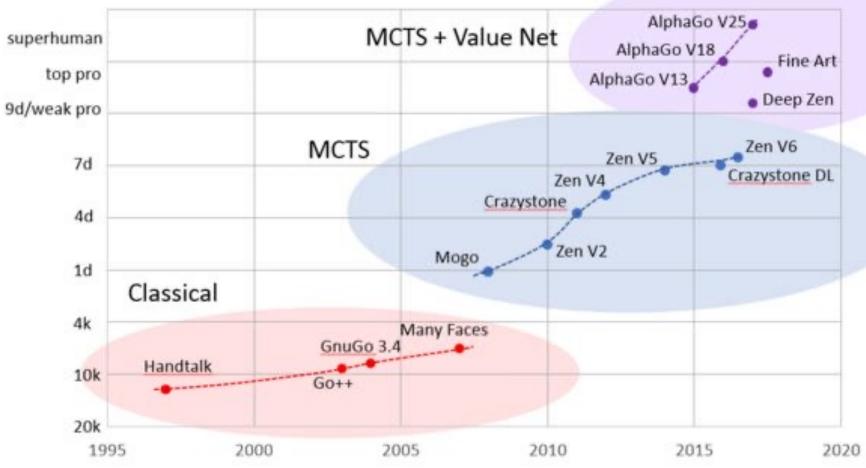


Figure from Kevin Murphy, Google

# Application: Go

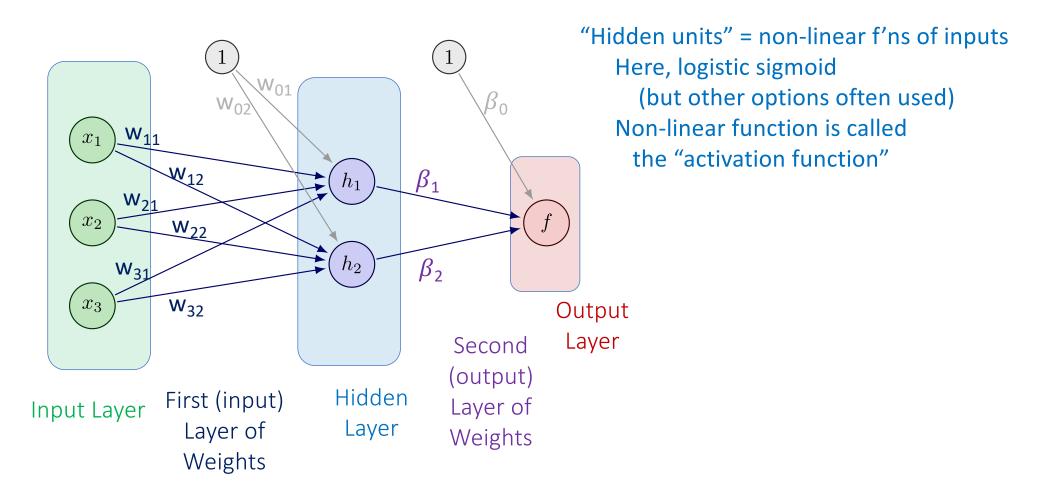




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### Two-layer Neural Network

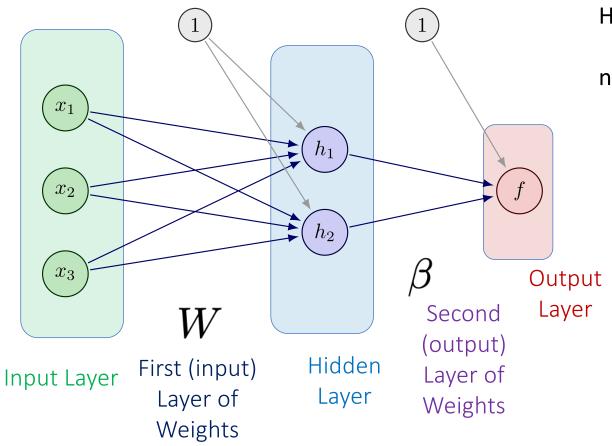
• "Two layer" = 1 hidden layer, 1 output layer



We can think of neural networks in terms of "layers" (of nodes, and of weights)

#### Neural Network Parameters

• Parameters  $\theta$  = {all weights & biases}



How many parameters total?

n features, H hidden nodes, 1 output

Layer 1 weights: n H

Layer 1 biases: H

Layer 2 weights: H

Layer 2 biases: 1

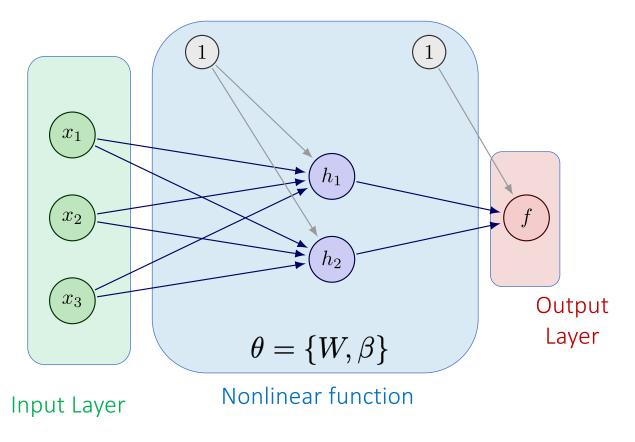
Total: H(n+1) + (H+1)

(approximately quadratic in layer sizes)

 $w_{ij}$  = weight of feature  $x_i$  in response of hidden node j

#### Neural Network Classifier

• Defines nonlinear mapping  $f(x; \theta)$ 



Output values in [0,1]

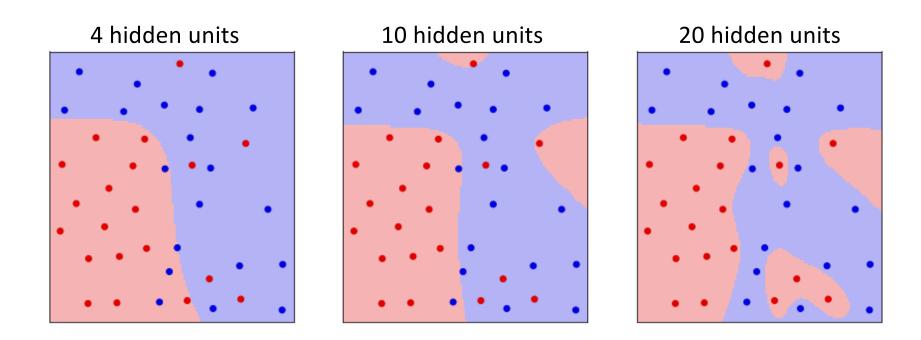
We can interpret these as e.g., class probabilities,  $p(y = 1 \mid x)$  & select log-loss (negative log-likelihood)

Or, we can train on MSE,  $(y - f)^2$ 

Once we select a loss function, we can train the model!

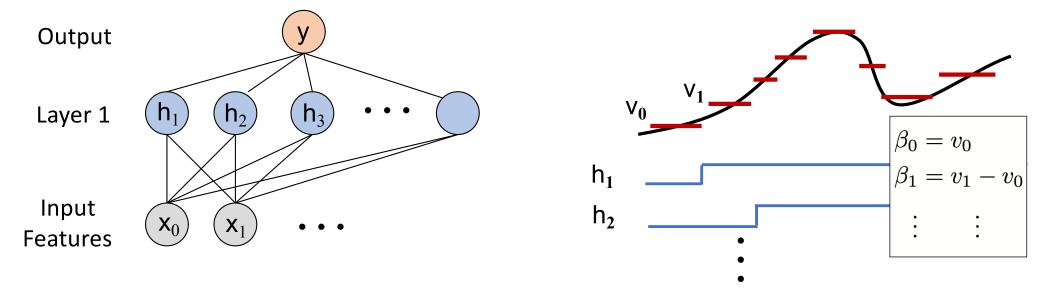
#### Neural Network Classifiers

- Decision boundaries are non-linear
- Complexity depends on the number of layers and hidden nodes

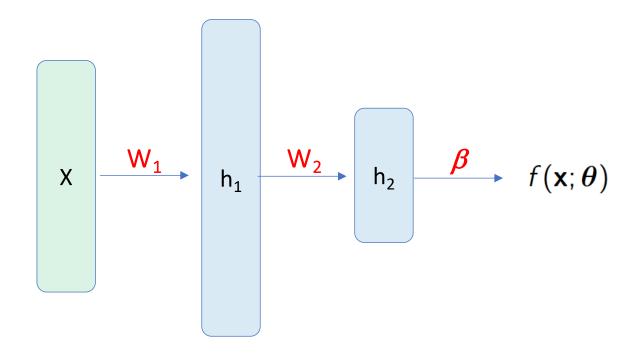


#### Features of MLPs

- Simple building blocks
  - Each element is just a perceptron function
- Can build upwards
- Flexible function approximation
  - Approximate arbitrary functions with enough hidden nodes

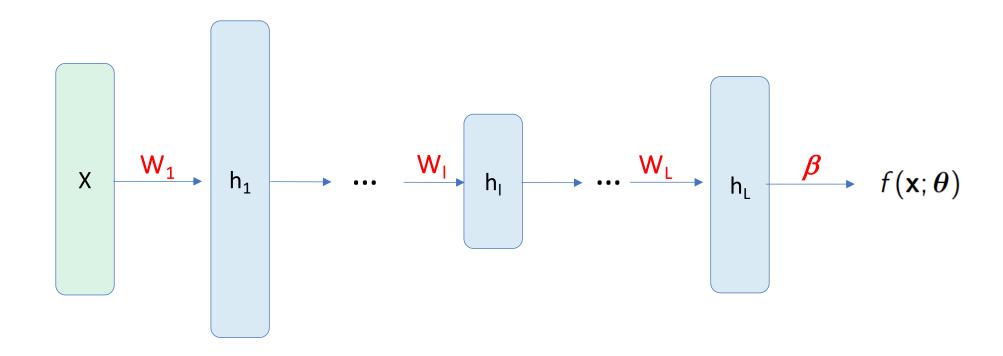


### Networks with Two Hidden Layers



Each hidden unit layer can have different numbers of hidden units

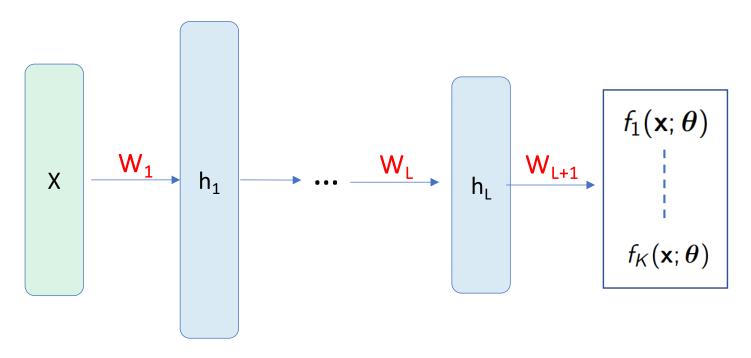
### Networks with L Hidden Layers



The network can have an arbitrary number of layers, each with an arbitrary number of hidden units

Networks with multiple hidden layers are referred to as "deep"

### Networks with Multiple Outputs



K different outputs, normalized by softmax function to sum to 1 (same softmax function as for K-class logistic classifier)

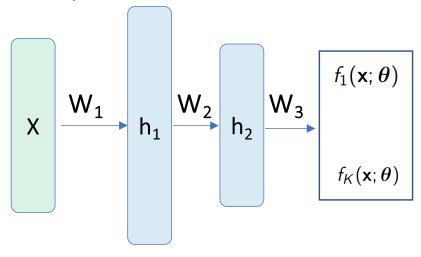
$$f_k(\underline{r}) = \frac{\exp(r_k)}{\sum_{k'} \exp(r_{k'})}$$
 (so,  $\sum_k f_k = 1$ )

Can interpret output c as P( $y = c \mid x$ ), i.e., probability of class c

(assumes only one class is correct; compare to, say, image tagging)

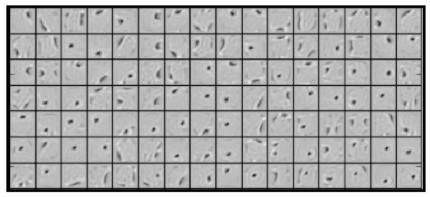
### Example: MNIST Data

3-Layer Neural Network

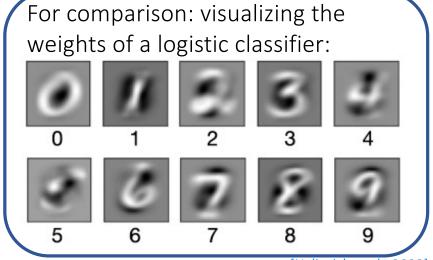


K = 10 classes784-dimensional input (pixels)200 hidden units at each hidden layer

What do the hidden nodes learn?



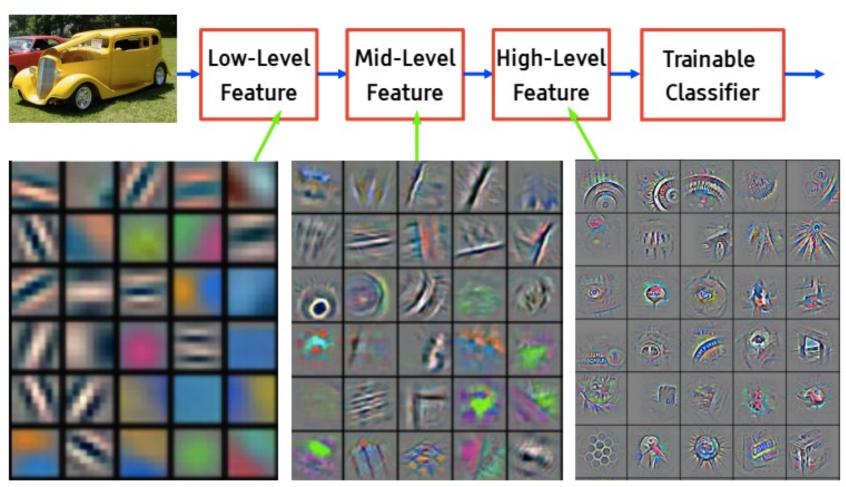
(each square is a different hidden unit)



[Nalisnick et al., 2023]

### Example: Visual Recognition

Visualizing a convolutional network's filters [Zeiler & Fergus 2013]



Slide image from Yann LeCun: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BxKBnD5y2M8NcIFWSXNxa0JIZTg

#### **Machine Learning before Deep Neural Networks**

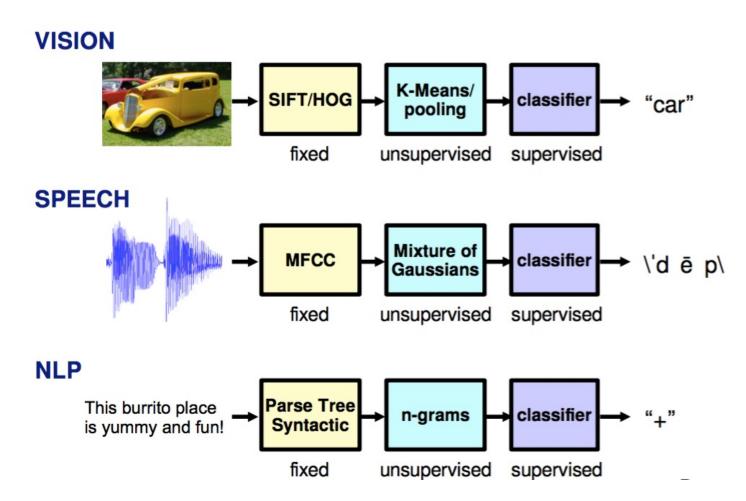
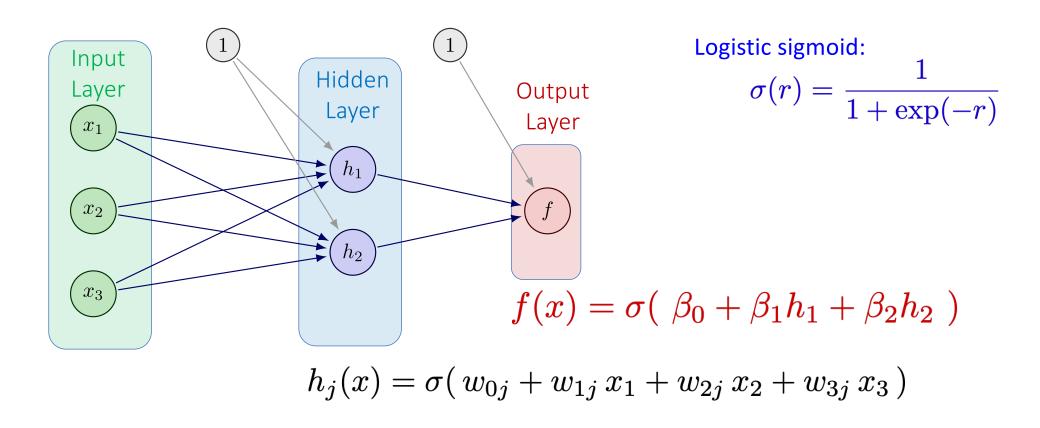


Figure from Marc'Aurelio-Ranzato

#### Activation functions

Each hidden node applies a nonlinearity



#### Activation functions

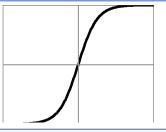
$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$



$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z}(z) = \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))$$

# Hyperbolic Tangent

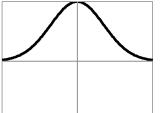
$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1 - \exp(-2z)}{1 + \exp(-2z)}$$



$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z}(z) = 1 - (\sigma(z))^2$$

Gaussian

$$\sigma(z) = \exp(-z^2/2)$$

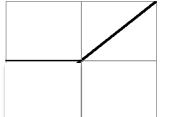


$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z}(z) = -z\sigma(z)$$

ReLU

$$\sigma(z) = \max(0, z)$$

(rectified linear)



$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z}(z) = \mathbb{1}[z > 0]$$

Linear

$$\sigma(z) = z$$

and many others...

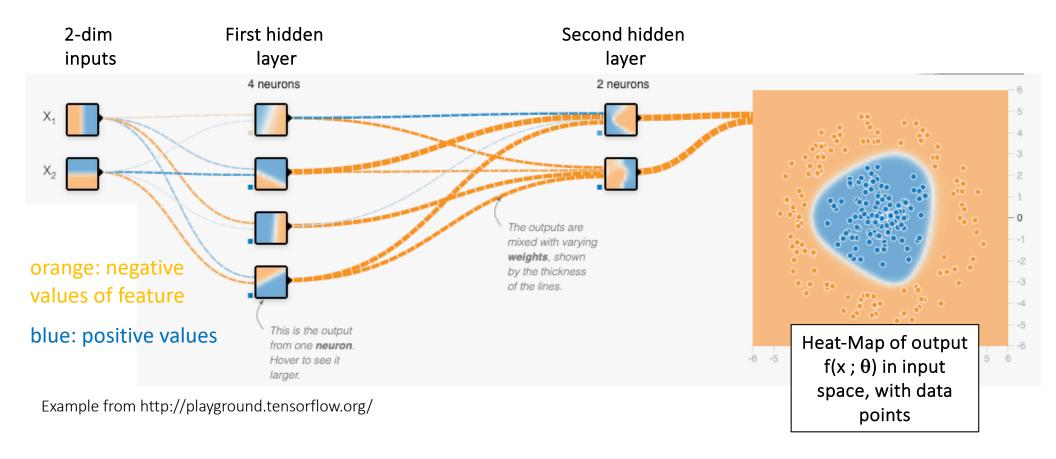
#### Example: Simple Network with 2 Hidden Layers

#### Two layers

Layer 1: 4 hidden nodes

Layer 2: 2 hidden nodes

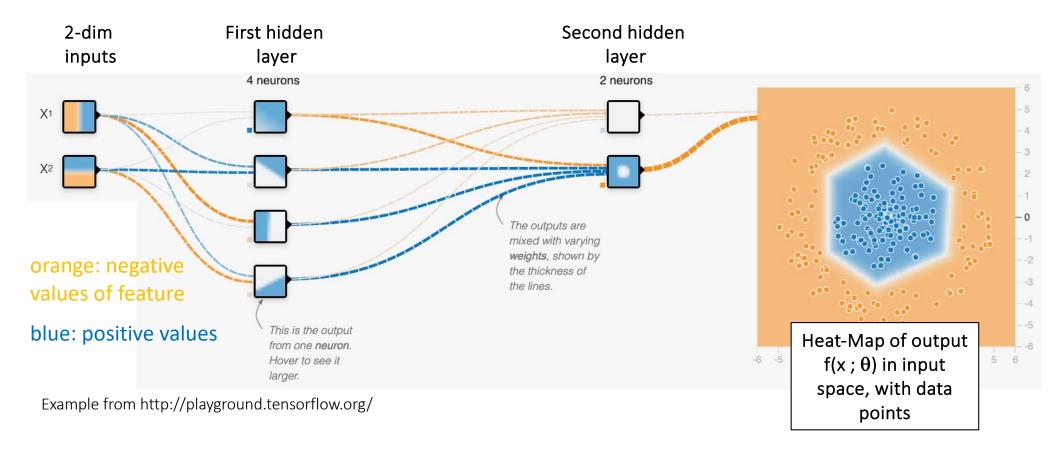
Activation: tanh



#### Example: Simple Network with 2 Hidden Layers

For comparison: same data, ReLU nonlinearity

- Now features are piecewise linear functions
- So, decision boundary is also piecewise linear
  - # pieces depends on # of layers and nodes...

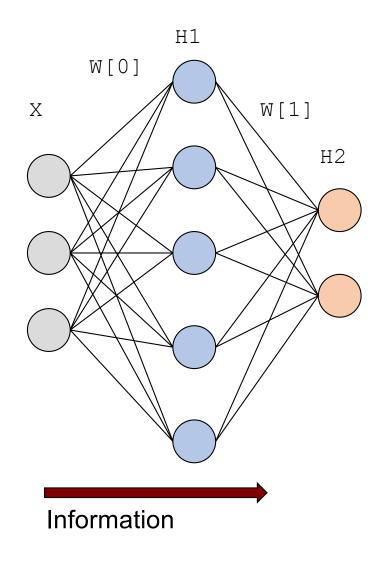


#### Feed-forward networks

- Information flows left-to-right
  - Input observed features
  - Compute hidden nodes (parallel)
  - Compute next layer...

```
R = X @ W[0] + B[0]  # linear response
H1= Act(R)  # activation f'n

S = H1 @ W[1] + B[1]  # linear response
H2 = Act(S)  # activation f'n
```



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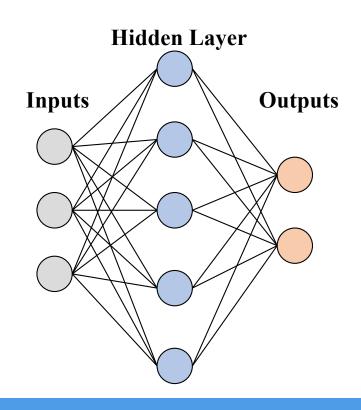
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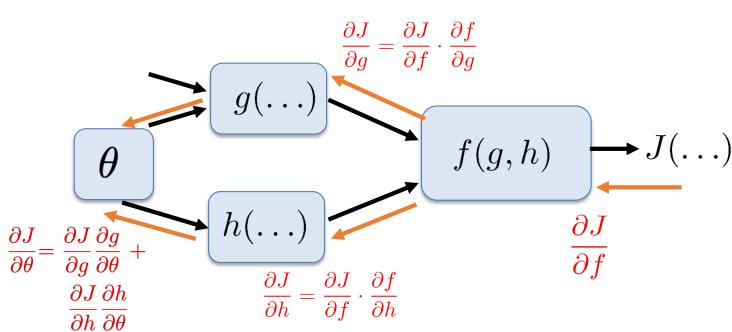
### Training MLPs

- Observe features "x" with target "y"
- Push "x" through NN = output is "f"
- Error:  $(y f)^2$  (Can use different loss functions if desired; e.g., log-loss/NLL)
- How should we update the weights to improve?
- Single layer
  - Logistic sigmoid function
  - Smooth, differentiable
- Optimize using:
  - Batch gradient descent
  - Stochastic gradient descent



#### Gradient calculations

- Think of NNs as "schematics" made of smaller functions
  - Building blocks: summations & nonlinearities
  - For derivatives, just apply the chain rule, etc!

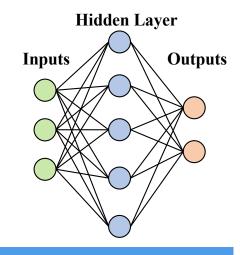


save & reuse info (g,h) from forward computation! Ex:  $f(g,h) = g^2 h$ 

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial f} \cdot 2 g(\cdot) h(\cdot) \qquad \frac{\partial J}{\partial h} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial f} \cdot g^2(\cdot)$$

#### Backward pass:

- sum incoming derivative messages
- multiply by own slope wrt each argument
- Send back to each arg



### Backpropagation

Just gradient descent...

 $=-2(y_k-f_k)\sigma'(s_k)h_i$ 

Apply the chain rule to the MLP

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_{jk}} = \sum_{k'} \left( \frac{\partial J}{\partial f_{k'}} \right) \left( \frac{\partial f_{k'}}{\partial s_{k'}} \right) \left( \frac{\partial s_{k'}}{\partial \beta_{jk}} \right) 
= \sum_{k'} \left( -2(y_{k'} - f_{k'}) \left( \sigma'(s_k) \right) \left( \mathbb{1}[k' = k] h_j \right)$$

#### **Forward pass**

Loss function

$$J(\theta) = \sum (y_k - f_k)^2$$

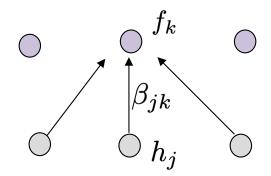
Output layer k

$$f_k = \sigma(s_k) = \sigma(\sum_j \beta_{jk} h_j)$$

Hidden layer

Hidden layer 
$$h_j = \sigma(r_j) = \sigma(\sum_i w_{ij} x_i)$$

(Identical to logistic + mse loss classifier, with inputs "h<sub>i</sub>")



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= -2(y_k - f_k) \sigma'(s_k) h_j \qquad \text{(Identical to local to local)}$$

Forward pass

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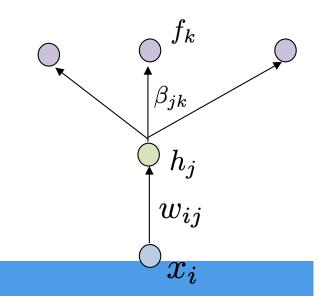
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$$\sum_{j'} \left( \beta_{j'k'} \right) \left( \sigma'(r_{j'}) \right) \left( \mathbb{1}[j' = j] x_i \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ij}} = \sum_{k'} \left( -2(y_{k'} - f_{k'}) \right) \left( \sigma'(s_{k'}) \right) \left( \beta_{jk'} \right) \left( \sigma'(r_j) \right) \left( x_i \right)$$



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### Backpropagation

- Just gradient descent…
- Apply the chain rule to the MLP

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_{jk}} = \frac{-2(y_k - f_k) \sigma'(s_k) h_j}{\boldsymbol{\lambda_k}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ij}} = \sum_{k'} \left( -2(y_{k'} - f_{k'})) \left( \sigma'(s_{k'}) \right) \left( \beta_{jk'} \right) \left( \sigma'(r_j) \right) \left( x_i \right)$$

# L2 = (Y-F) \* dSig(S) # (1xN3)G2 = L2.T @ H # (N3x1) \* (1xN2) = (N3xN2)L1 = (L2 @ W[1]) \* dSig(R) # (1xN3) \* (N3xN2) = (1xN2)G1 = L1.T @ X # (N2xN1)

#### **Forward pass**

Loss function

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Output layer k

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```
# X : (1xN1)
# W1 : (N2xN1)
H = Sig(X @ W[0])
# H : (1xN2)
# W2 : (N3xN21)
F = Sig(H @ W[1])
# Yh : (1xN3)
```

# Backpropagation (AutoGrad Version)

```
# Define torch.tensor arrays
# for any trainable parameters:
W = tensor(..., requires_grad=True)
B = tensor(..., requires_grad=True)
```

"requires grad" tells torch to track these parameters through subsequent computations.

```
# Define optimizer over params:
opt = torch.optim.SGD([W,B], lr=...)

for each mini-batch:
   opt.zero_grad() # Reset gradient

# Apply forward computations:
   H = act( X @ W[:,1:].T + W[:,0] )
   F = act( H @ B[:,1:].T + B[:,0] )

J = Loss(Y,F) # Compute your loss
   J.backward() # Backprop gradient
   opt.step() # Update W,B
```

SGD or other optimization algo: provide the parameters we plan to update with this process

"zero\_grad" resets gradient storage before forward computation

Then, the parameters are used in a sequence of forward computations...

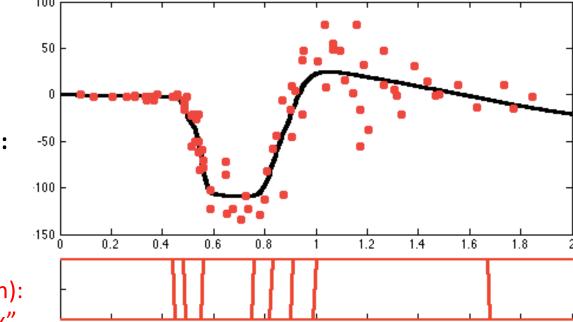
...which are then used in computing the (differentiable) loss.

J (and F,H) are grad-enabled tensors; "backward" backpropagates to accumulate into the gradient storage

"step" updates the parameters associated with this optimizer

# Example: Regression, MCycle data

- Train NN model, 2 layer
  - 1 input features => 1 input units
  - 10 hidden units
  - 1 target => 1 output units
  - Logistic sigmoid activation for hidden layer, linear for output layer

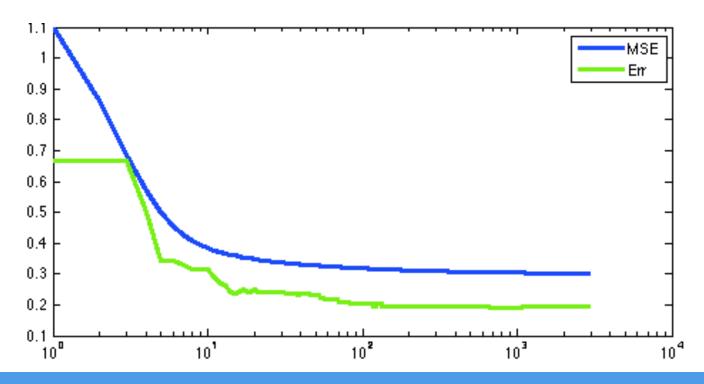


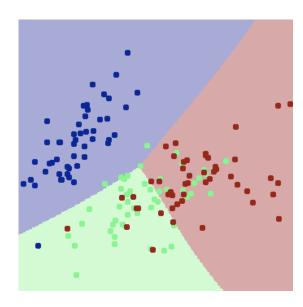
Data:
+
learned prediction f'n:

Responses of hidden nodes (= features of linear regression): select out useful regions of "x"

## Example: Classification, Iris data

- Train NN model, 2 layer
  - 2 input features => 2 input units
  - 10 hidden units
  - 3 classes => 3 output units (y = [0 0 1], etc.)
  - Logistic sigmoid activation functions
  - Optimize MSE of predictions using stochastic gradient





**07: NEURAL NETWORKS** 

**CS273: INTRO TO MACHINE LEARNING** 

## Demo Time!

http://playground.tensorflow.org/

#### **Neural Networks**

Multi-Layer Perceptrons

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Convolutional

Residual

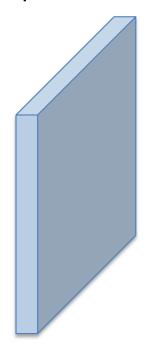
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More Tricks: Dropout, BatchNorm

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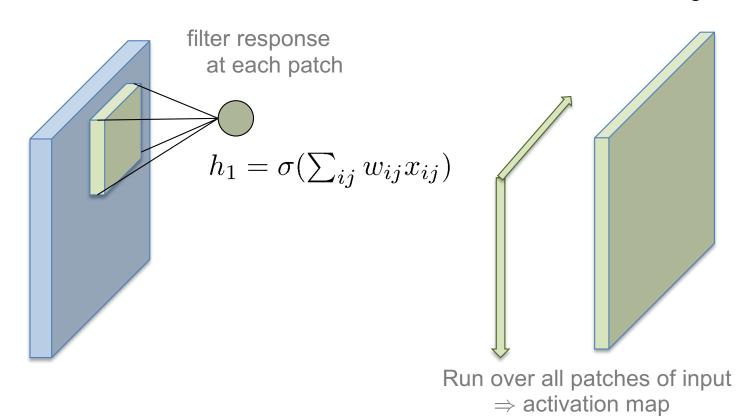
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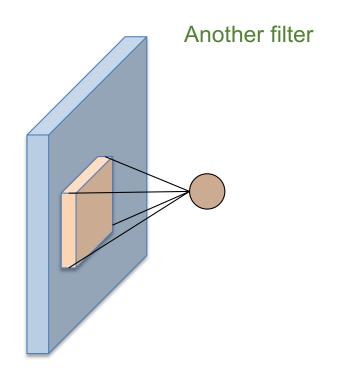
Input: 28x28 image Weights: 5x5 24x24 image

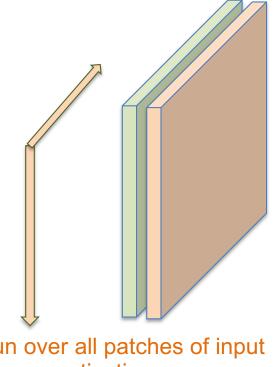


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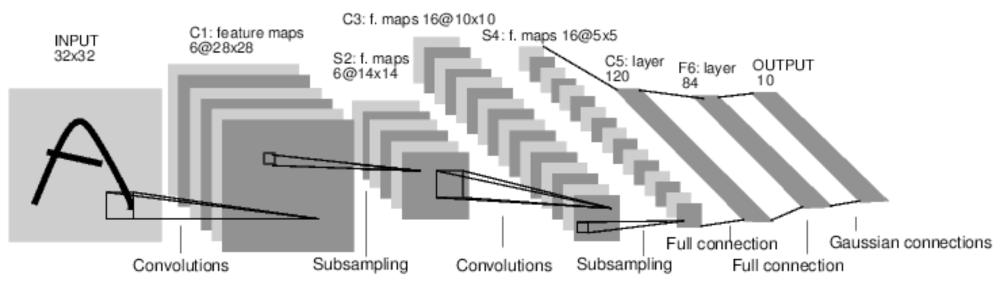
Run over all patches of input ⇒ activation map

- Organize & share the NN's weights (vs "dense")
- Group weights into "filters" & convolve across input image
- Many hidden nodes, but few parameters!

Input: 28x28 image Hidden layer 1 Weights: 5x5 24\*24\*3 = 1728 hidden "nodes" 28\*28\*1 = 784 input pixels (3 "channels")

3\*5\*5 = 75 weights/parameters

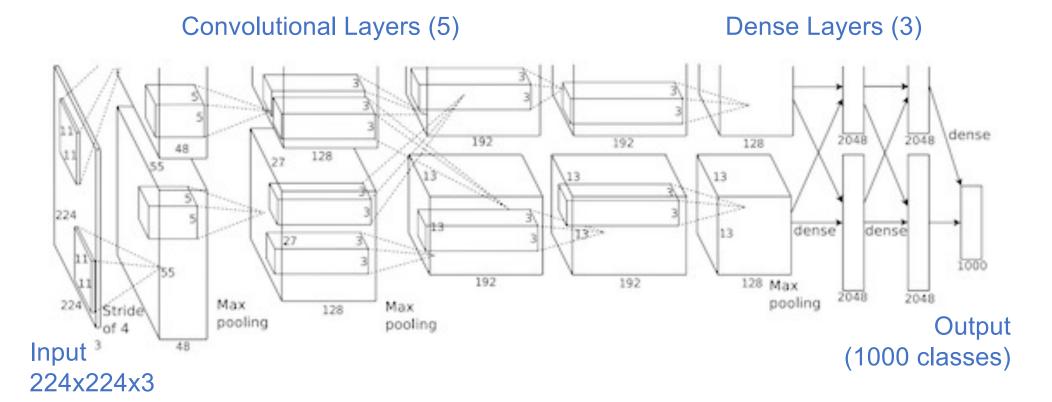
- Again, can view components as building blocks
- Design overall, deep structure from parts
  - Convolutional layers
  - "Max-pooling" (sub-sampling) layers
  - Densely connected layers



LeNet-5 [LeCun 1980]

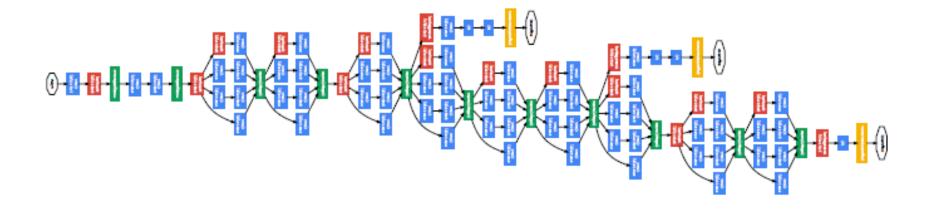
#### Ex: AlexNet

- Deep NN model for ImageNet classification
  - 650k units; 60m parameters
  - 1m data; 1 week training (GPUs)



# Ex: GoogLeNet

- Image recognition model
  - 27 layers, millions of parameters



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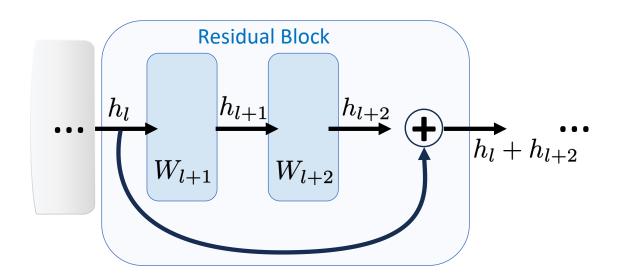
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#### Residual Networks

- In practice, deep networks can work worse than shallow ones!
  - Simple / shallow transforms are easier to find and may already work well
  - Transforming more not helpful have to "find" identity transform?

#### Residual Block

- Use layers to estimate "update" to features, rather than transform
- If the block's weights W are near zero, just keeps input representation
- Helps with "vanishing gradient" problem: h<sub>I</sub> has direct effect on output



#### Residual blocks:

- allow "deep" networks
- early layers train better
- unhelpful layers can learn to "skip" (zero value)
- Can use with any layer type (convolutional, dense, etc.)

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#### **U-Networks**

- Similar idea to residual blocks, but for multiple scales
  - Ex: Image-to-image (segmentation, etc.)

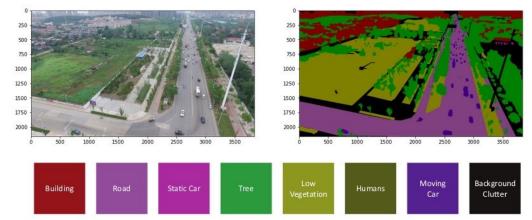


Image: https://viso.ai/deep-learning/image-segmentation-using-deep-learning/

- Adds skip connections at same scale:
  - Each layer uses local features at the same scale, along with aggregating features from higher scales

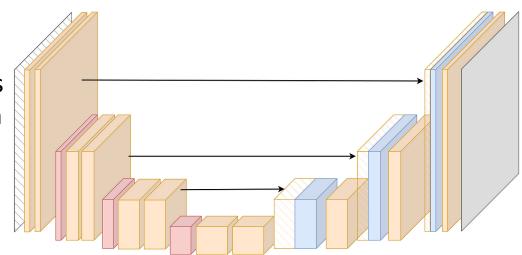


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#### **Attention Block**

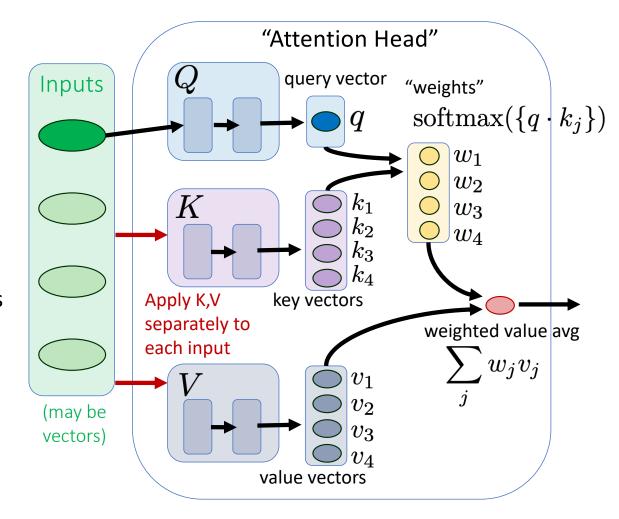
- Extract representation from many (mostly irrelevant?) inputs
  - Ex: predict next work from past sequence of observed words

**Inputs**: a collection of (possibly vector-valued) measurements

**Query**: context for current prediction

**Keys**: per-input vectors computed from inputs. Similarity to query determines per-input weights.

**Values**: per-input vectors from inputs used to compute output.



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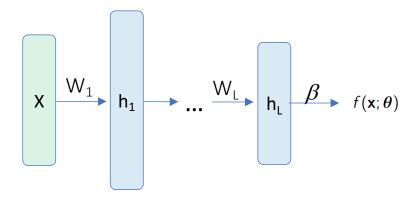
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## Size of a deep network

Model size grows quickly for deep networks:

Say the network has:

n-dimensional feature inputs
L layers of hidden units
K classes



Assume for simplicity that each hidden layer has H hidden units & ignore bias terms

Number of parameters p is roughly:  $n H + (L-1)H^2 + H K$ 

e.g., 
$$d = 100 \times 100 = 10^4$$
 pixels,  $H = 300$ ,  $K = 1000$ ,  $L = 10$  layers

=> Number of parameters p would be about  $300*10^4 + 9*(300)^2 + 300*1000$ , which is approximately 4 million

This means that a single epoch can be extremely slow! So, stochastic gradient is the preferred optimization technique.

#### Ex: Stochastic Gradient

#### Comparing SGD & GD on MNIST data

on

Data

Minibatch size: b = 4

Data: m = 60k training images

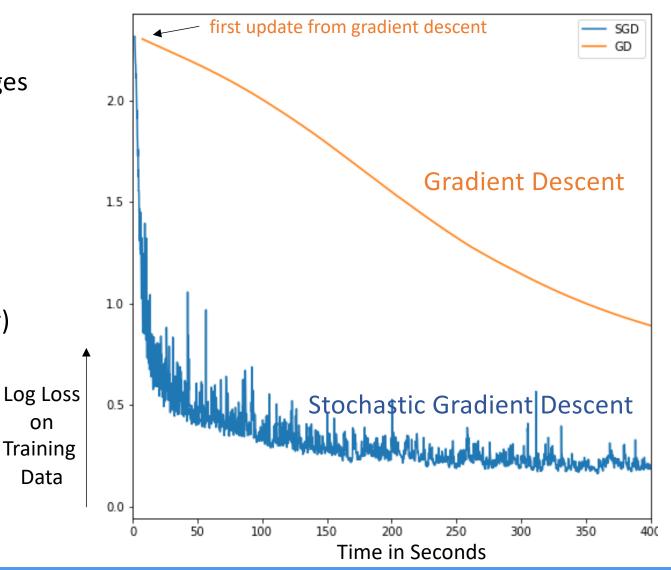
Neural network with

n = 784 inputs

H = 256 hidden units

K = 10 classes

p = 203,000 (approximately)



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Minibatch size: b = 64

Data: m = 60k training images

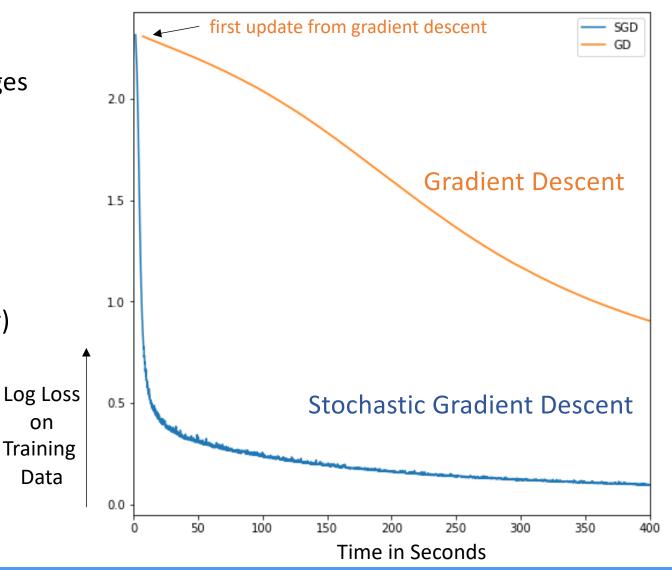
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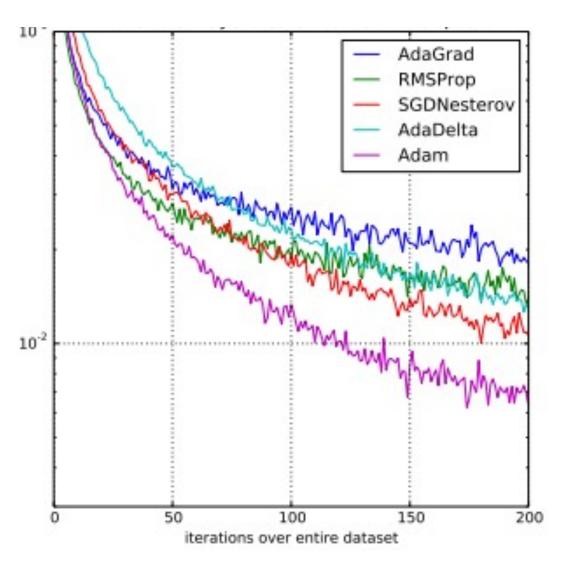
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#### Ex: SGD Variants



Graph shows different algorithmic variations of stochastic gradient descent

Note the noisy nature of the plots as the log-loss decreases. With small batch sizes (values of b) the gradient information can be noisy

.... but the overall trajectory is still clearly "downhill" for the loss

From: https://machinelearningmastery.com/adam-optimization-algorithm-for-deep-learning/

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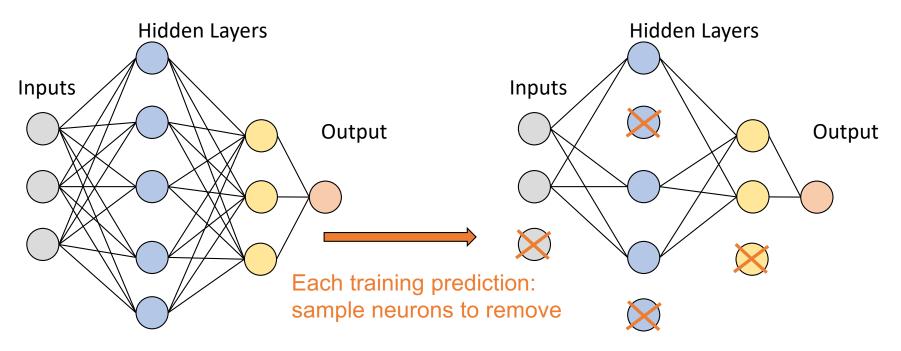
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## Dropout

- Another recent technique
  - Randomly "block" some neurons at each step
  - Trains model to have redundancy (predictions must be robust to blocking)

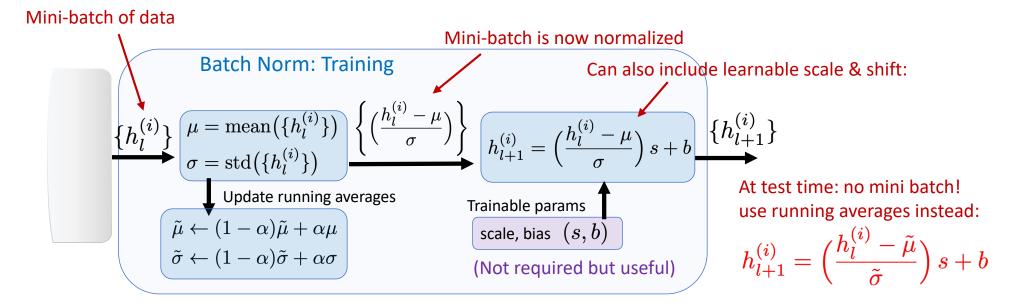


```
# ... during training ...
R = X @ W[0] + B[0];  # linear response
H1 = Sig(R);  # activation f'n
H1 = H1 * np.random.rand(*H1.shape)<p; #drop out!</pre>
```

At test time: no deletions; sum all hidden nodes, but scale by "p" to match average response during train

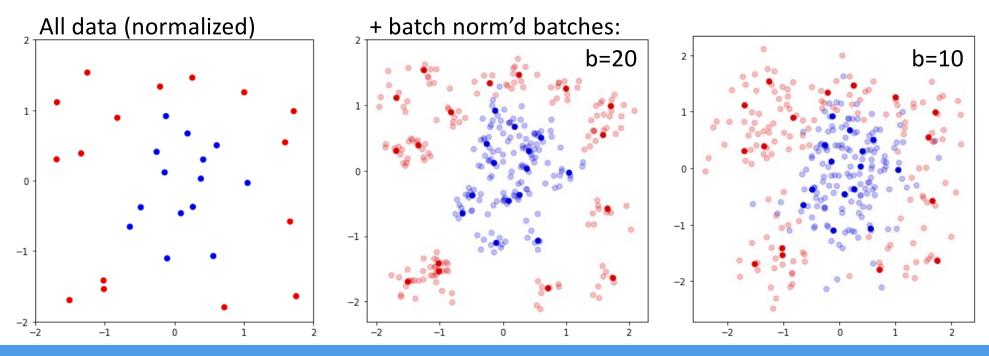
#### **Batch Normalization**

- Often, we normalize our data before input
  - What about later layers' inputs? Normalized?
- Can add a layer that "normalizes" the data
  - Parameters (m,v), same sizes as the input; out = (in m)/v
  - Instead of "training" these parameters, just re-estimate them for each batch of data!
  - Then, estimate and "lock" their values before test time.



#### **Batch Normalization**

- Can view batch norm layers as a type of regularization
  - Norm'ing each subset of data adds "noise" to the samples
  - Each time we see a data point, it is slightly shifted & scaled from its "all data normalized" value
  - Amount of noise depends on the size of the batch used, "b"
  - Noisier data tends to produce smoother, simpler decision f'ns



## Summary

- Neural networks, multi-layer perceptrons
- Cascade of simple perceptrons
  - Each just a linear classifier
  - Hidden units used to create new features
- Together, general function approximators
  - Enough hidden units (features) = any function
  - · Can create nonlinear classifiers
  - Also used for function approximation, regression, ...
- Training via backprop
  - (Stochastic) gradient descent; apply chain rule. Building block view.
  - In practice, use autograd to backpropagate
- Advanced:
  - Deep architectures: convolutional blocks, residual blocks, attention, ...
  - Overfitting: dropout, batch norm, ...