



Regularisation

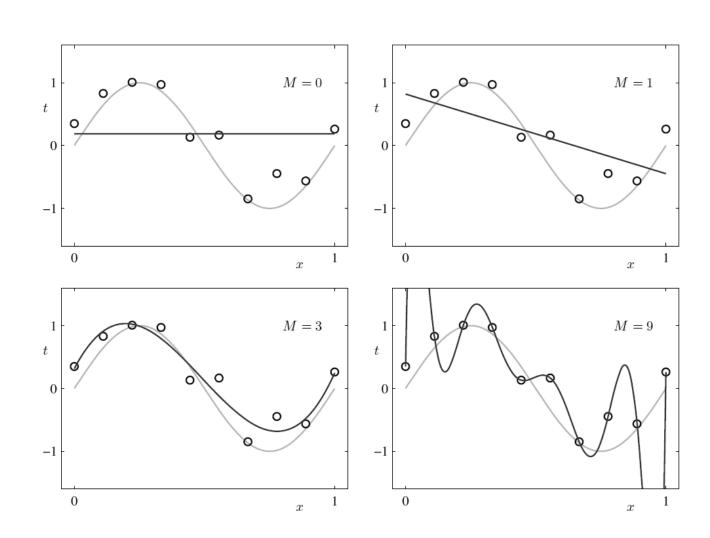


# Model complexity, capacity, expressibility, generalisability

Example:

$$y = f(x; \theta) = w_3 x^3 + w_2 x^2 + w_1 x + w_0$$

# Overfitting and underfitting





# Regularisation

Linear polynomial:  $y = f(x; \mathbf{w}) = \sum_{m=0}^{M} w_m x^m$ 

Mean-square-error (MSE) as loss:  $\ell_{\theta} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - t_n)^2$ 

L²-Norm (weight-decay):  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 = \sum_{m=0}^M w_m^2 = w_0^2 + w_1^2 + w_2^2 + \cdots$ 

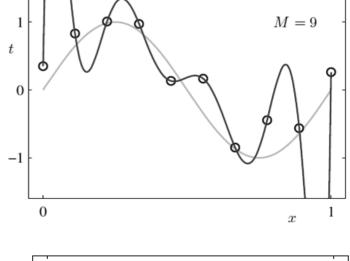
Hyperparameter:  $\lambda$ 

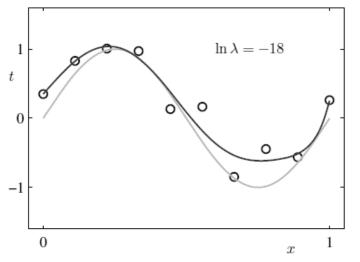
Regularised loss:  $\tilde{\ell}_{\theta} = \ell_{\theta} + \frac{\lambda}{2} ||\mathbf{w}||^2$ 

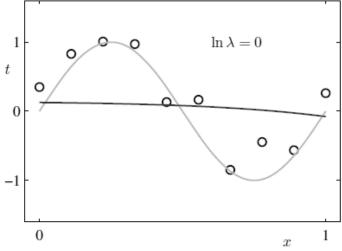
#### Solution

Least-square solution

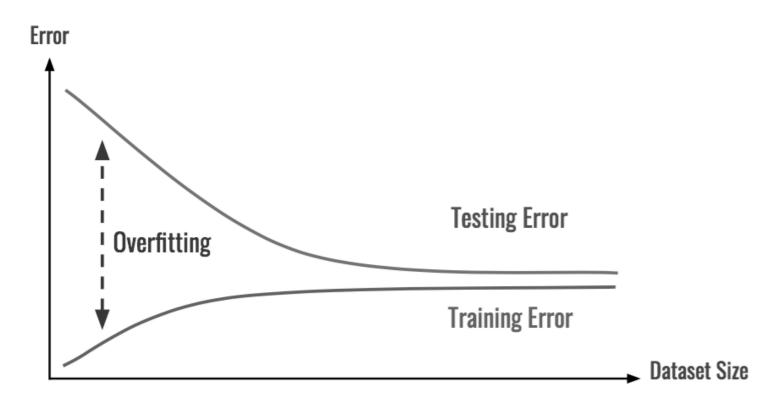
Gradient-descent







# Generalisability vs. dataset size



- Purpose of regularisation
- Approaches to regularising deep neural networks

### Training strategies

Early stopping, curriculum learning, data resampling.

### Data augmentation

Random data transformation, affinity and diversity

#### Invariance and normalisation

Spatial transformer networks, batch normalisation, reparameterization

#### Parameter constraints

Parameter norms, sparse representation, parameter sharing, multi-task, semi-supervised

### Unsupervised learning

Autoencoder, generative adversarial network

#### Randomness

Noise, dropout

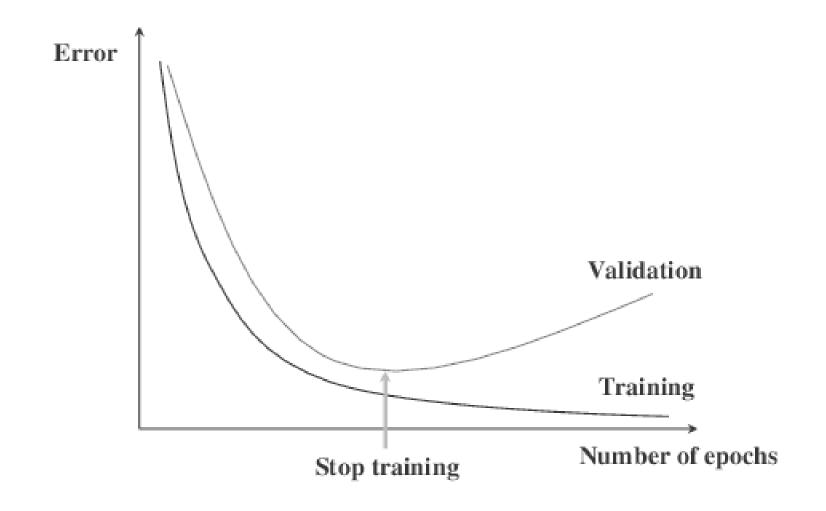
### Model combining

Model averaging, ensemble, bagging/bootstrap aggregating, boosting



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Early stopping

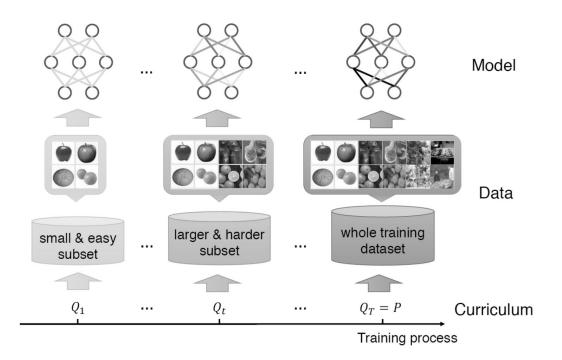


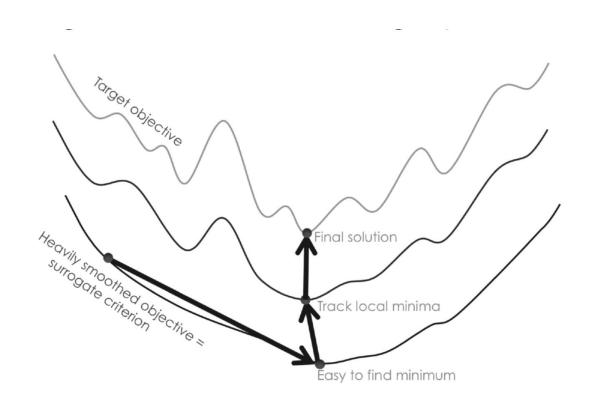


# Curriculum learning

- 1. Sorting example difficulty (task complexity\*)
- 2. Pacing the curriculum learning

Example algorithms: data-resampling







# Data resampling

- Stochastic (minibatch) gradient descent, sampling without replacement
- Data resampling, e.g. up/down-sampling for imbalanced classes, similar to weighted loss  $\ell_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{y}_n, \mathbf{t}_n; \omega_n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \omega_n d(\mathbf{y}_n, \mathbf{t}_n)$

#### Empirical risk minimisation

- Data (generating) distribution:  $\mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim p_{data}}[\ell(f(x,\theta),y)]$
- Training data distribution:  $\mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim \hat{p}_{data}}[\ell(f(x,\theta),y)]$
- Empirical risk, e.g. minibatch:  $\mathbb{E}_{(x,y)\sim \hat{p}_{data}(x,y)}[\ell(f(x,\boldsymbol{\theta}),y)] = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M}\ell(f(x^m,\boldsymbol{\theta}),y^m)$ i.e.  $\hat{p}_{data}(x,y) = \frac{1}{M}\sum_{m=1}^{M}\delta(x=x^m,y=y^m)$
- Approximate data distribution using vicinity distribution:  $\hat{p}_v(x,y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M v(\widetilde{x},\widetilde{y}|x^m,y^m)$ e.g.  $v(\widetilde{x},\widetilde{y}|x^m,y^m) = \mathcal{N}(\widetilde{x}-x^m)\delta(y=y^m)$

Test data distribution\*



mixup

**ERM** 

– "mixup"

$$\hat{p}_{data}(x, y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \delta(x = x^m, y = y^m)$$

$$\hat{p}_v(x,y) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M v(\widetilde{x},\widetilde{y}|x^m,y^m) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^M \mathcal{N}(\widetilde{x}-x^m) \delta(y=y^m)$$
 - adding Gaussian noise to data

$$\hat{p}_{\mu}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \mu(\widetilde{\mathbf{x}}, \widetilde{\mathbf{y}} | \mathbf{x}^m, \mathbf{y}^m),$$

where 
$$\mu(\widetilde{x},\widetilde{y}|x^m,y^m)=\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^N\mathbb{E}[\delta(\widetilde{x}=\lambda x^m+(1-\lambda)x^n,\widetilde{y}=\lambda y^m+(1-\lambda)y^n)]$$
 - minimising empirical vicinal risk, i.e. mixup

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{x}} = \lambda \mathbf{x}^m + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{x}^n$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{y}} = \lambda \mathbf{y}^m + (1 - \lambda)\mathbf{y}^n$$

**Image** 



[1.0, 0.0]



[0.0, 1.0]



[0.7, 0.3] cat dog

Data augmentation

Label



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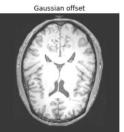


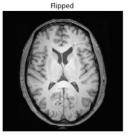
### Random data transformation

- Colour/intensity/contrast space
- Imaging-specific parameters
  - e.g. photometric transformation (luminance, illuminance, flux, intensity...),
  - bias field for MR,
  - perspective transformation
- Spatial transformation
  - Geometric: flipping, cropping, rotation
  - Affine
  - Nonlinear deformation
- (Unsupervised) generative models\*

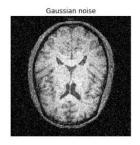
















# Affinity and diversity

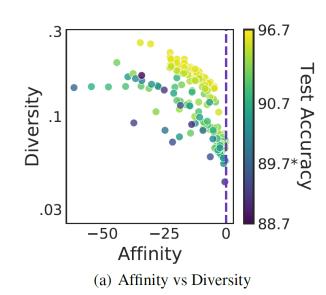
• Affinity quantifies how much an augmentation shifts the training data distribution from that learned by a model. e.g. difference in validation accuracies due to augmentation

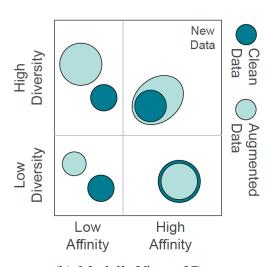
$$\mathcal{T}[a; m; D_{val}] = \mathcal{A}(m, D'_{val}) - \mathcal{A}(m, D_{val}).$$

• Diversity quantifies the complexity of the augmented data with respect to the model and learning procedure. e.g. expected training loss due to augmentation

$$\mathcal{D}[a; m; D_{train}] := \mathbb{E}_{D'_{train}}[L_{train}].$$

Other definitions\*





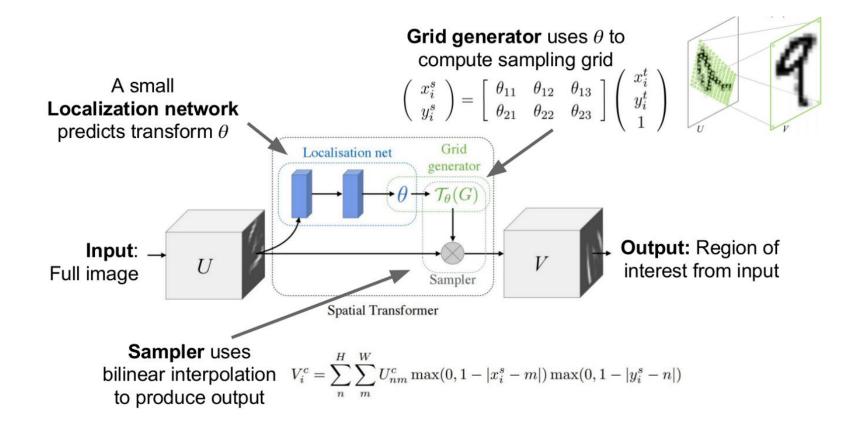


Regularisation | Invariance and Normalisation



# Spatial transformer networks

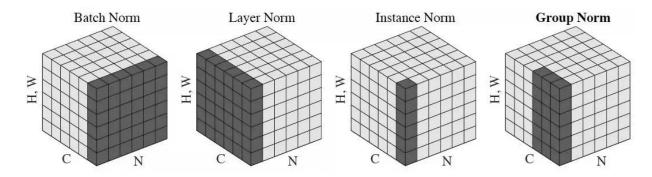
"Random transformation in training a model = encouraging the model invariant to the transformation"





#### Batch normalisation

- Normalise features to a standard Normal distribution within mini-batch
- Learnable parameters for linearly transforming maintaining expressibility
- Makes bias redundant in previous network layers
- Use population statistics during inference
- Benefits
  - Introduce both random additive and multiplicative noise during training
  - Reduce inter-layer dependency



- Batch/layer/instance/group normalization
- BN for CNN and LN for RNN?
- A form of re-parameterisation of layer activations

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}}{\sigma}$$

Input: Values of x over a mini-batch:  $\mathcal{B} = \{x_{1...m}\}$ ; Parameters to be learned:  $\gamma$ ,  $\beta$ Output:  $\{y_i = \mathrm{BN}_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i)\}$   $\mu_{\mathcal{B}} \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \qquad \text{// mini-batch mean}$   $\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}})^2 \qquad \text{// mini-batch variance}$   $\widehat{x}_i \leftarrow \frac{x_i - \mu_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{\mathcal{B}}^2 + \epsilon}} \qquad \text{// normalize}$   $y_i \leftarrow \gamma \widehat{x}_i + \beta \equiv \mathrm{BN}_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i) \qquad \text{// scale and shift}$ 

**Algorithm 1:** Batch Normalizing Transform, applied to activation x over a mini-batch.

# Weight normalisation

$$\mathbf{w} = \frac{g}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \mathbf{v}$$

- Input normalisation
- Label normalisation data scaling
- Permutation invariance
- Translation invariance

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Regularisation | Parameter Constraints



#### Parameter norms

Weight decay by penalising L2- and L1-norms

$$\ln p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}) = -\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \{t_n - \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)\}^2 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{w}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{w} + \text{const.}$$

Difference between L2- and L1-norms

$$\Omega(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = ||\boldsymbol{w}||_1 = \sum_i |w_i|$$
  $\nabla_{\boldsymbol{w}} \tilde{J}(\boldsymbol{w}; \boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{y}) = \alpha \operatorname{sign}(\boldsymbol{w}) + \nabla_{\boldsymbol{w}} J(\boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{y}; \boldsymbol{w})$ 

L2 norm gradient scales with w, therefore less likely to become zero, i.e. sparsity.

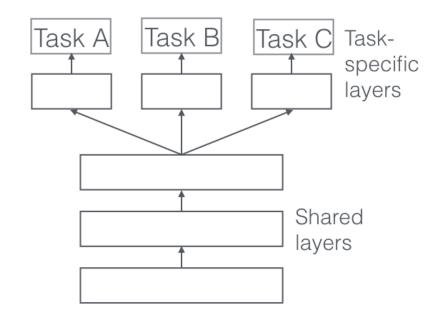
- Parameter sharing
- CNN
- RNN
- Tiring

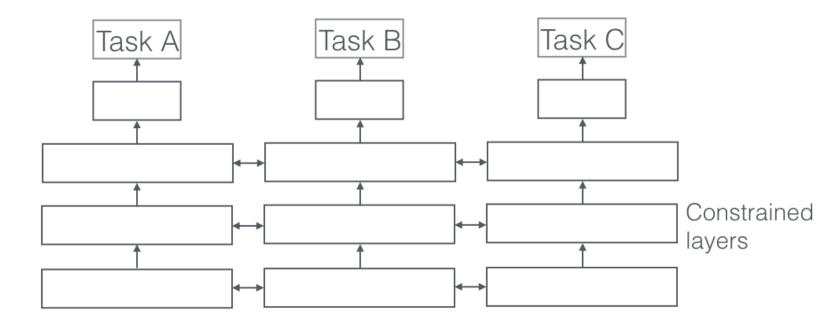
$$\Omega(\boldsymbol{w}^{(A)}, \boldsymbol{w}^{(B)}) = \|\boldsymbol{w}^{(A)} - \boldsymbol{w}^{(B)}\|_{2}^{2}$$

- Multi-task learning\*
- Semi-supervised learning\*.



# Multi-task learning

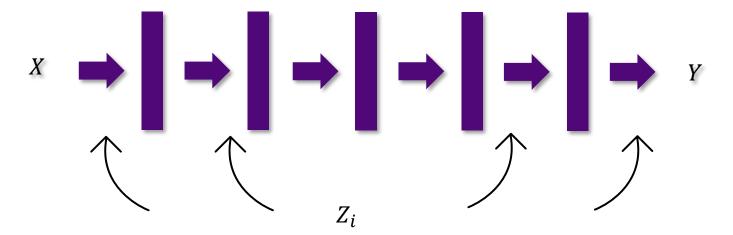






# Multi-task learning

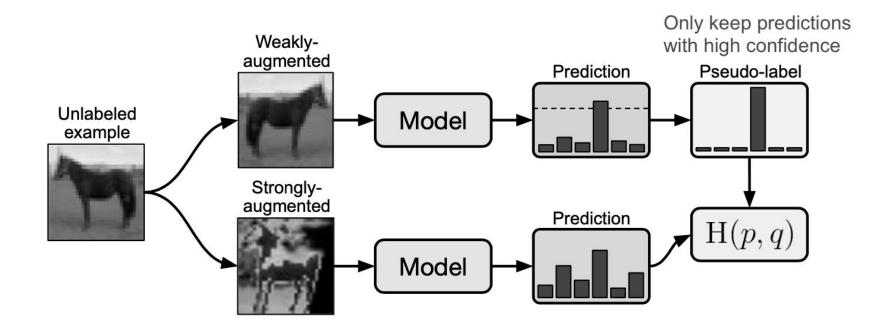
- Generalised forumaltion
  - $Z_i$ : One-hot task index / indicator / descriptor
  - $f(Y|X) \rightarrow f(Y|X,Z_i)$

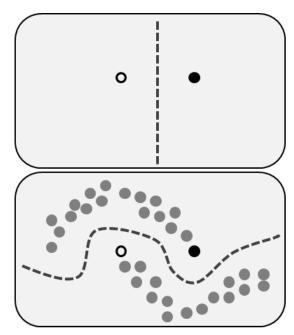


- Implementation
  - Shared and task specific parameters (negative transfer)
  - Concatenation/summation
  - Multiplication conditioning (gating/multi-head)



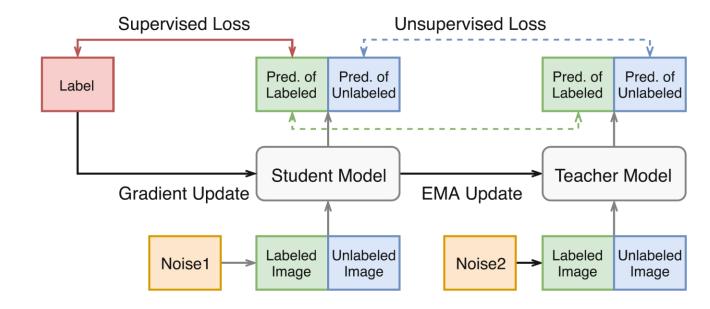
- Semi-supervised learning
- Supervised learning: labelled data = data + labels, f(Y|X)
- Semi-supervised learning: labelled data f(X,Y) + unlabelled data f(X)
- Pseudo labels and entropy minimization, consistency

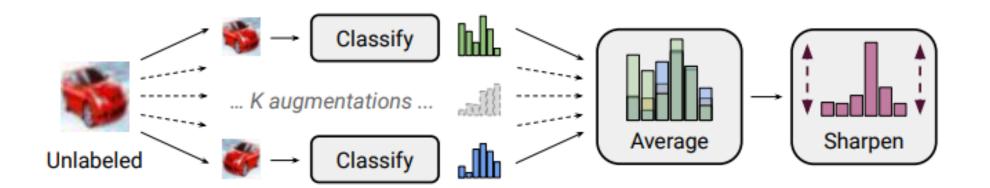






- Semi-supervised learning
- Consistency between data augmented predictions
- MixedMatch
- Student-Teacher







Regularisation | Unsupervised Learning

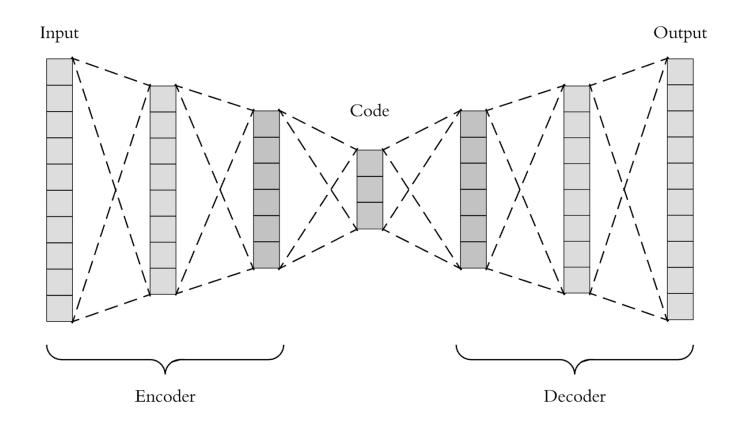


### Autoencoder

Autoencoder architecture: encoder - (low-dimension) "code" - decoder

Training loss: self-reconstructing difference, e.g. CE, MSE

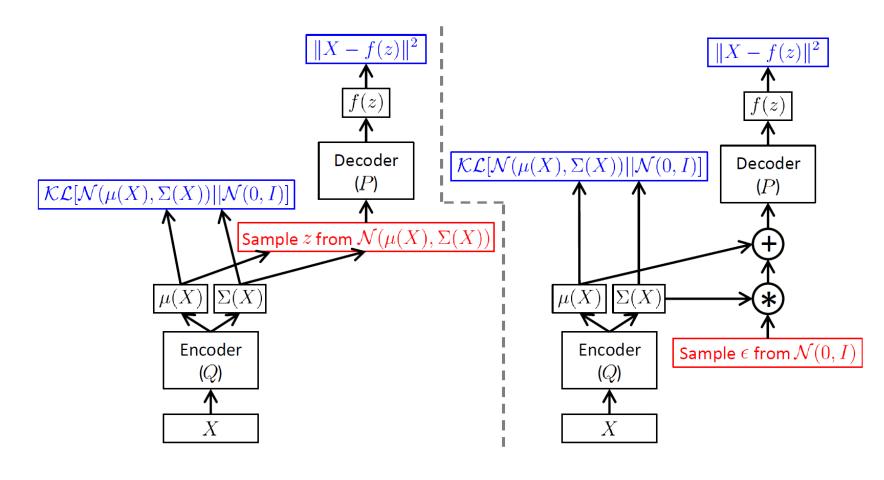
Latent "code space"





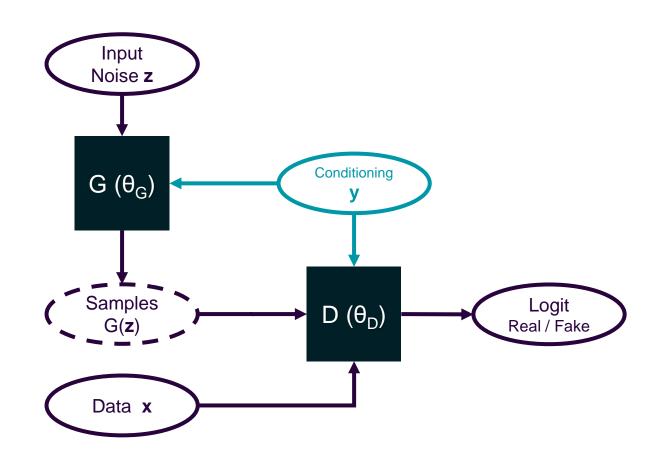
### Variational autoencoder

Reparameterisation of latent space



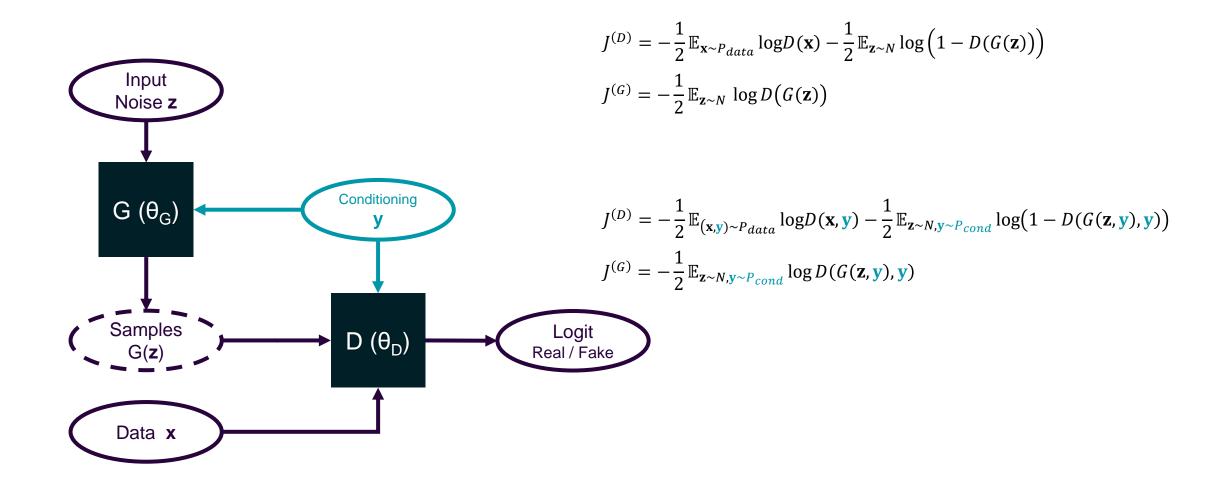


### Generative adversarial networks





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# Regularisation | Randomness

# Noise

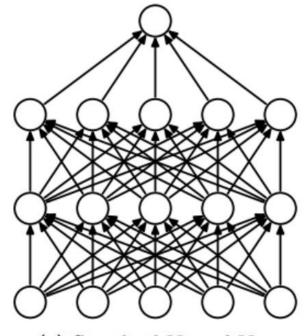
- Gaussian
- Uniform with predefined range
- Bernoulli distribution, i.e. dropout
- Inputs, e.g. augmentation, invariant to noise
- Weights, e.g. RNN, at initialisation
- Output targets, e.g. label smoothing
- Edges / hidden units, e.g. dropout\*
- Sampling from uncertainty
- Equivalent to penalty on weight norms

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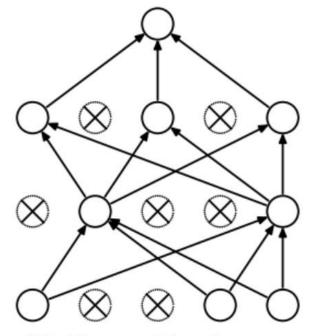


# Dropout

- Drop as many as 80% of nodes
- Use all nodes at inference
- Dropout as model ensemble
- Dropout as random noise
- Dropout as Bayesian model sampling
- Uncertainty estimation using dropout
- Posterior estimation at inference
- With convolutional layers?



(a) Standard Neural Net



(b) After applying dropout.

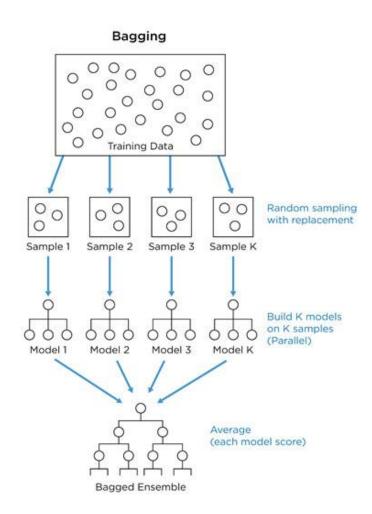


Regularisation | Model Combining



# Bagging = bootstrap aggregating ∈ model averaging = ensemble?

- Independent errors are multiplicative
- Fully correlated errors does not accumulate
- Optimising multiple low-bias models "cancels" variance, i.e. more samples to estimate
- Bagging: the same kind of model, trained multiple times with bootstrapped datasets
  - Re-trained on the same dataset
  - Challenge winners!
- Committee: multiple models
  - e.g. dropout
- Boosting: multiple models in sequence (convert weak learners to a strong learning)
  - e.g. Tree-based models\*





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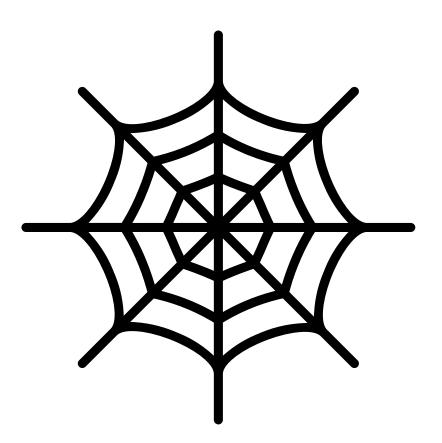
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# Sequence Modelling



Add two different regularization methods to the "image classification" tutorial and compare the results.