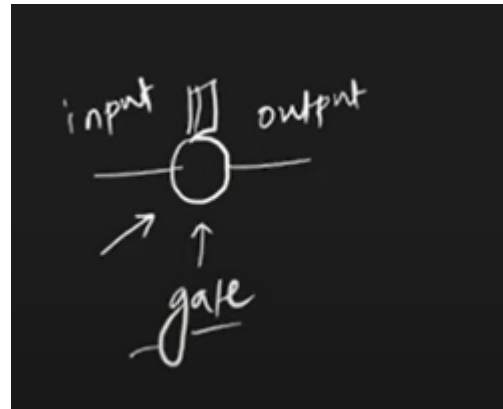


# Activation Function

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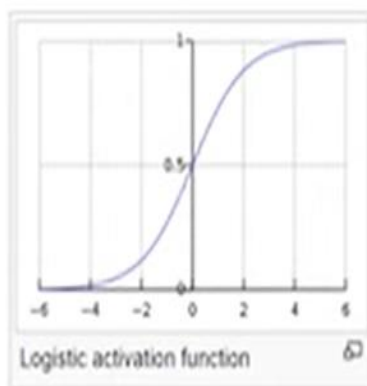
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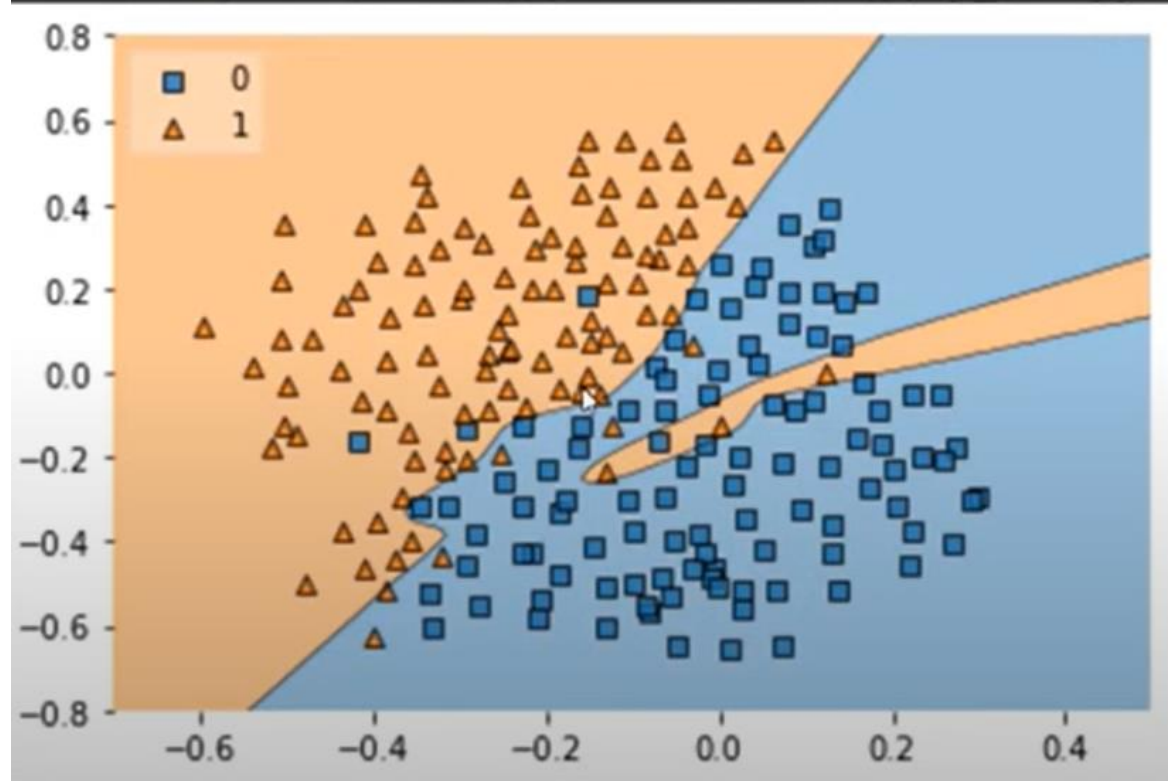
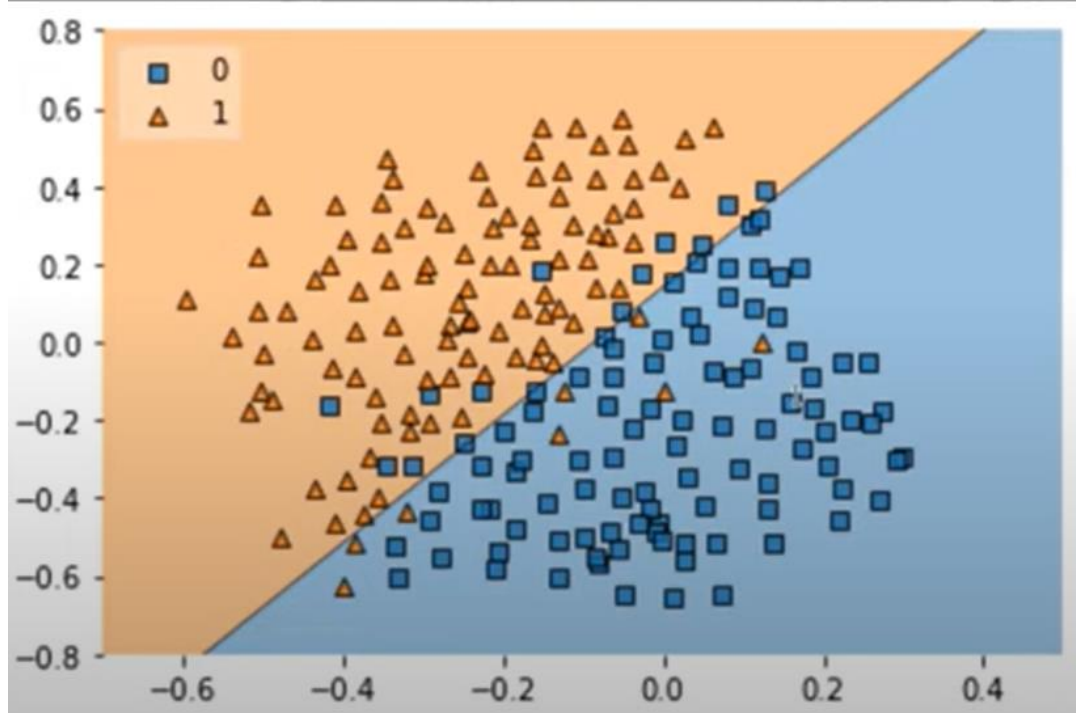
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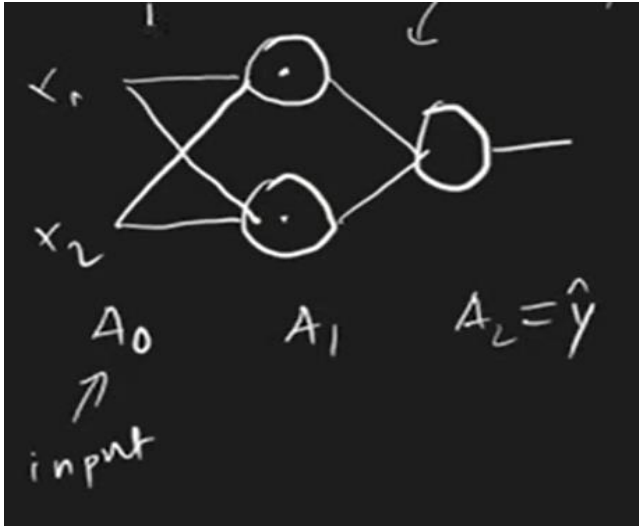


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# Why activation function needed?



# Ideal activation function

- Non linear

# Ideal activation function

- Differentiable

# Ideal activation function

- Computationally inexpensive

# Ideal activation function

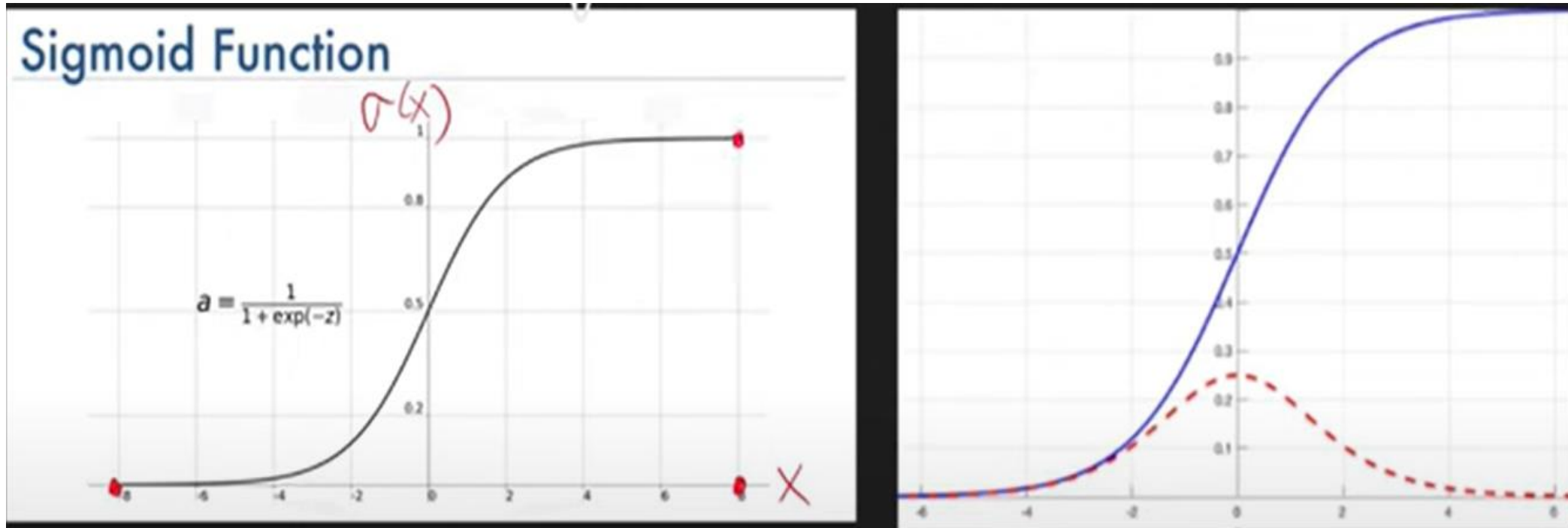
- Zero-centered (Normalized)



# Ideal activation function

- None Saturating
  - Vanishing gradient

# Sigmoid Activation Function

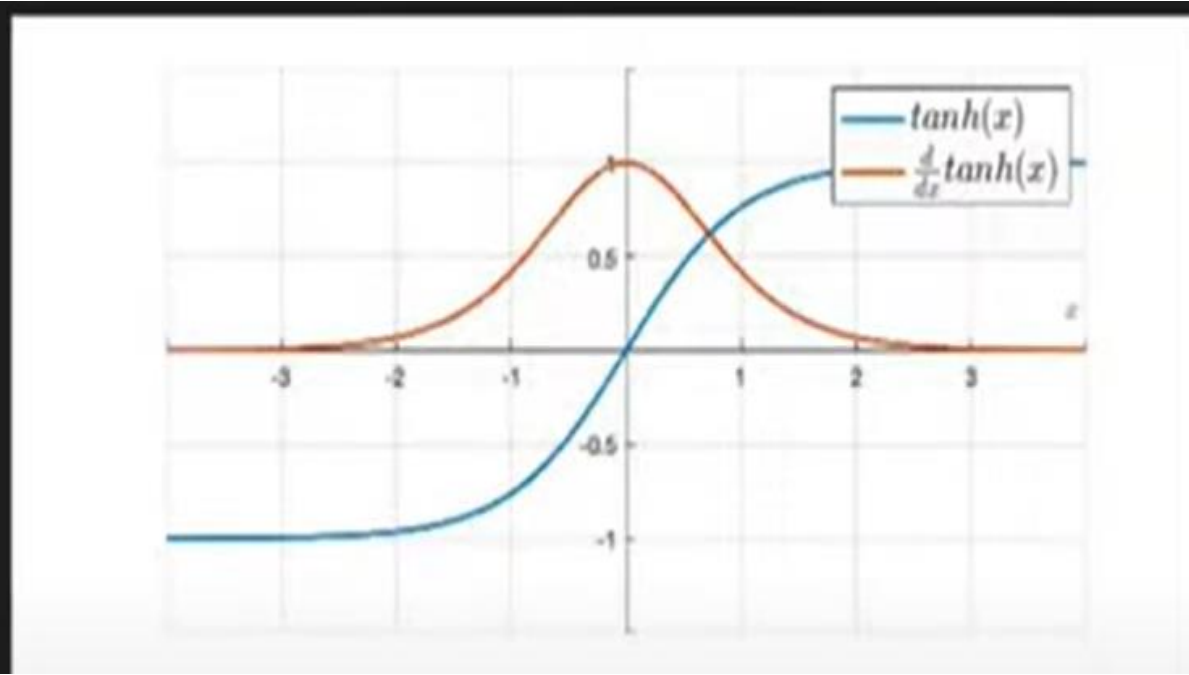
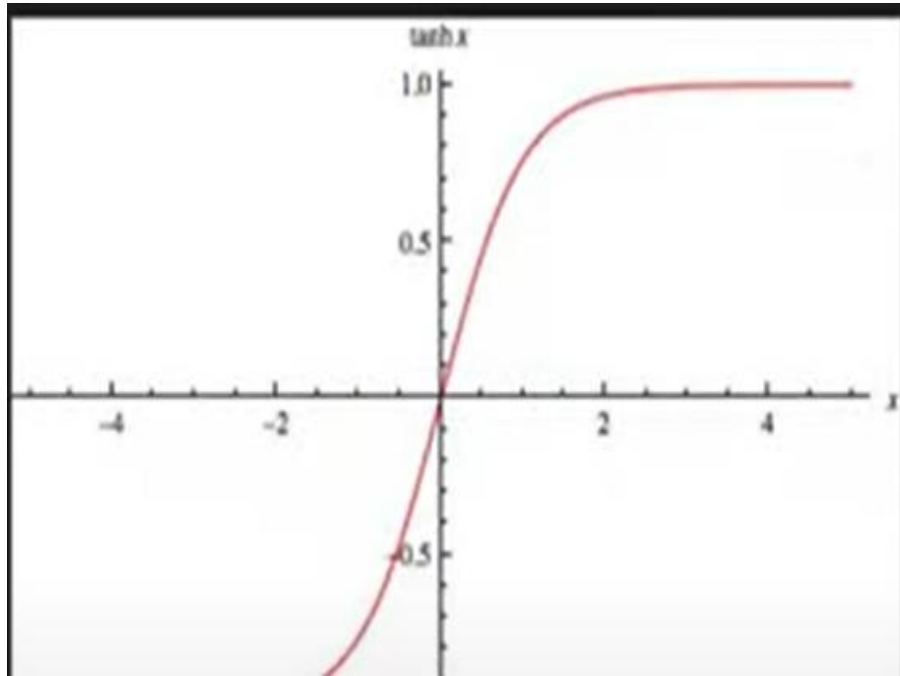


- **Advantage**
- $[0,1]$ , non linear function , differentiable
- **Disadvantage**
- Saturating function, Not used in hidden layers, used in output layer
- None zero centered  $\rightarrow$  slow convergence
- Computationally expensive

Handwritten notes on a blackboard:

- $\sigma$
- $\sigma$
- $\sigma$
- $\sigma$
- $\vdots$
- $128 \text{ nl}$
- $z_{31} = (a_{21})$
- $\partial w_{21}$

# Tanh Activation Function



$$f(x) = \frac{(e^x - e^{-x})}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$f'(x) = (1 - \tanh^2(x))$$

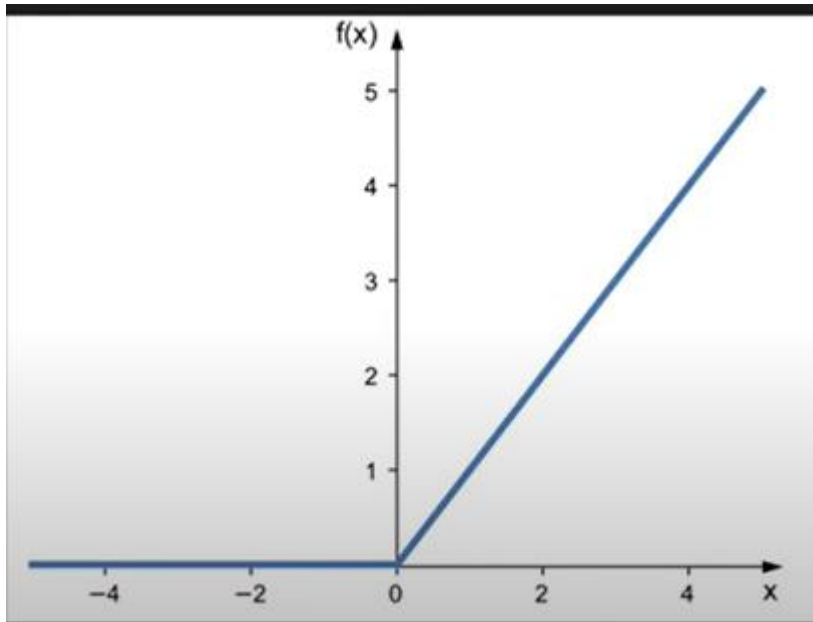
- **Advantages:**

- Non Linear
- Differentiable
- Zero-centered

- **Disadvantages:**

- Saturating function → vanishing Gradient problem
- Computationally Expensive → slow

# Relu Activation Function



$$f(x) = \max(0, x)$$

$$\underline{f(x) = x}$$

- Advantage:
  - Non Linear
  - Non saturated in +ve region
  - Computationally Inexpensive
  - Convergence → faster

Disadvantage

Not completely differentiable

$X < 0 \rightarrow 0$

$X > 0 \rightarrow 1$

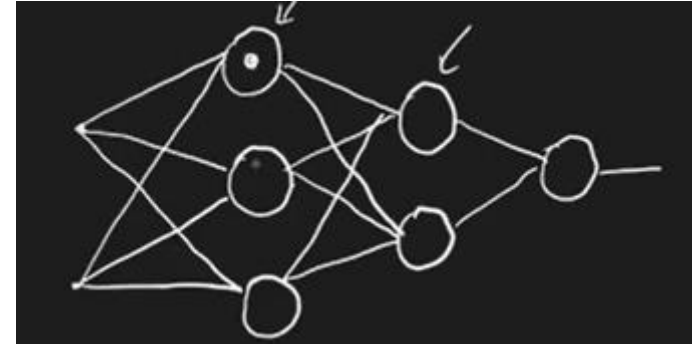
Not zero centered → batch normalization

Dying relu problem

Best choice for hidden Layers

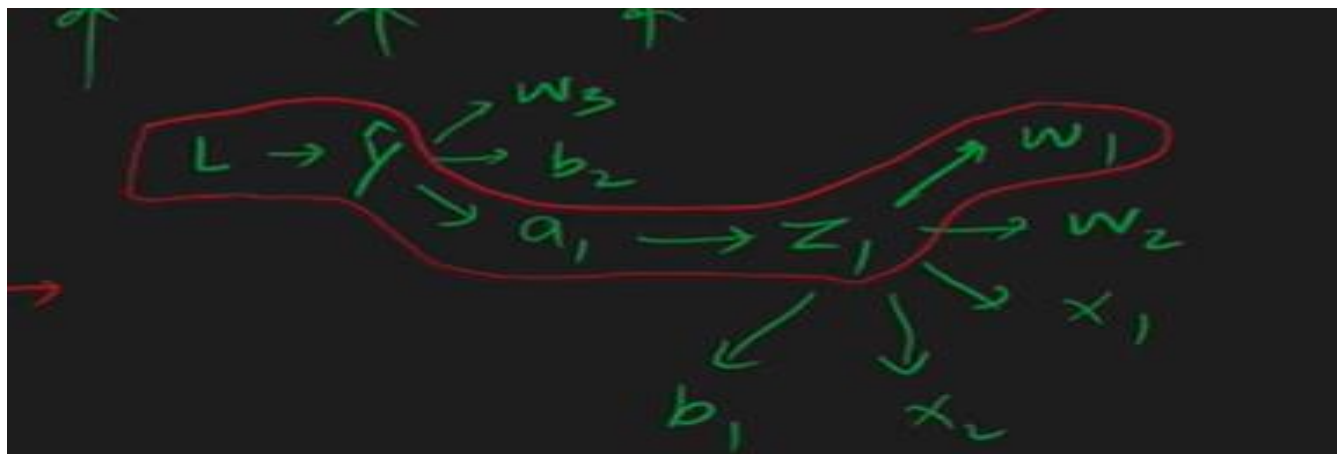
# Dying Relu Problem

- Relu  $\rightarrow$  vanishing Gradient problem  $\rightarrow$  output of some neuron become zero, whatever the input is  $\rightarrow$  Dead Neuron



$$a_1 = \max(0, z_1) = 0$$
$$z_1 = [w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + b_1] < 0$$
$$\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_1} = 0$$

$$w_1 = w_1 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}$$
$$w_2 = w_2 - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2}$$



$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial a_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial a_1} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_2}$$

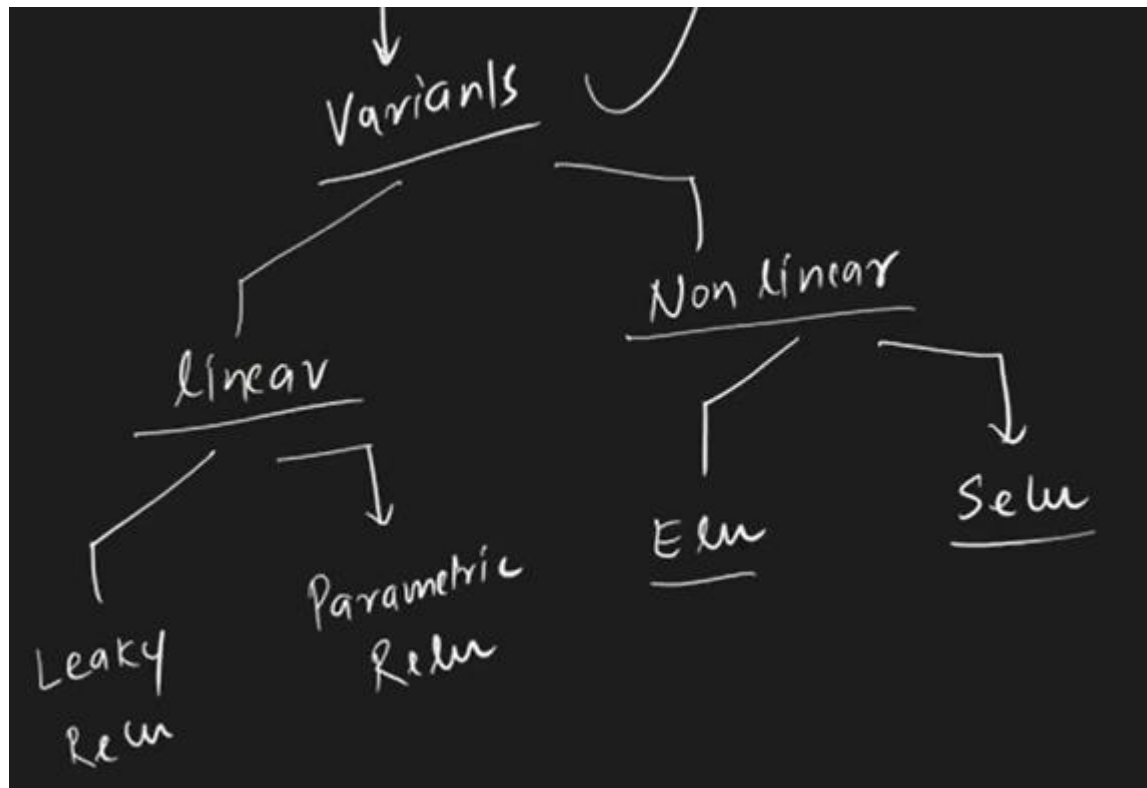


$$z_1 = w_1 x_1 + \overset{\downarrow}{w_2} x_2 + b_1 < 0$$

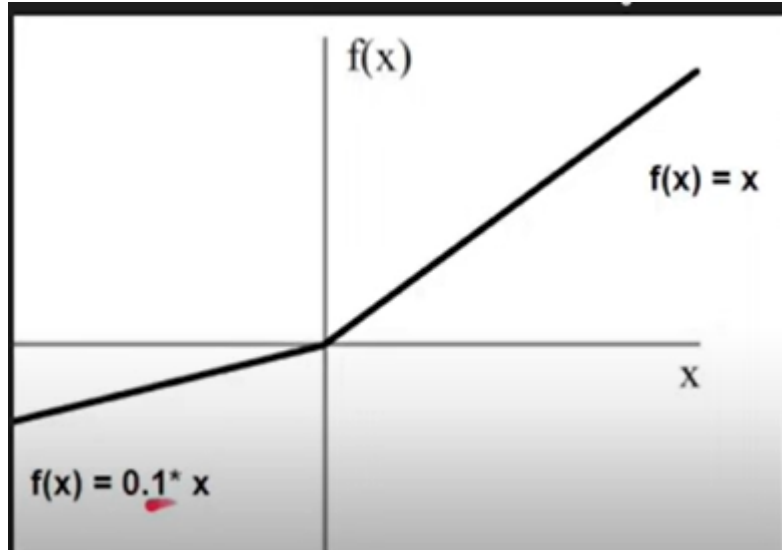
- Reason of become negative
  - Learning Rate become very high
  - High negative bias

# Solutions:

- Set Low learning rate
- Set +ve value of bias  $\rightarrow$  0.01
- Don't use Relu  $\rightarrow$  use its variants
-



# Leaky Relu



$$f(z) = \max(0.01z, z)$$

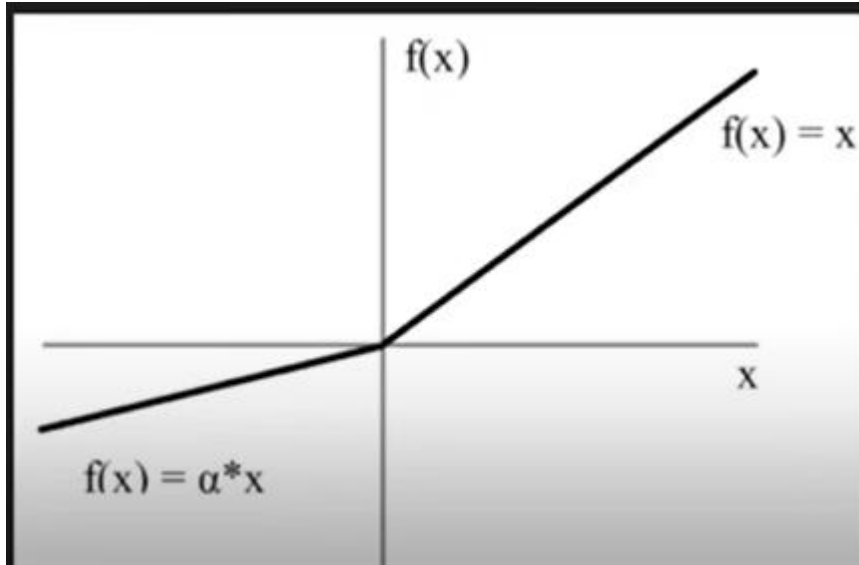
$$f'(z) \quad \begin{array}{l} z \geq 0 \rightarrow 1 \\ z < 0 \rightarrow 0.01 \end{array}$$

Non saturated

Easily computed

- No dying
- Close to zero

# Parametric Relu

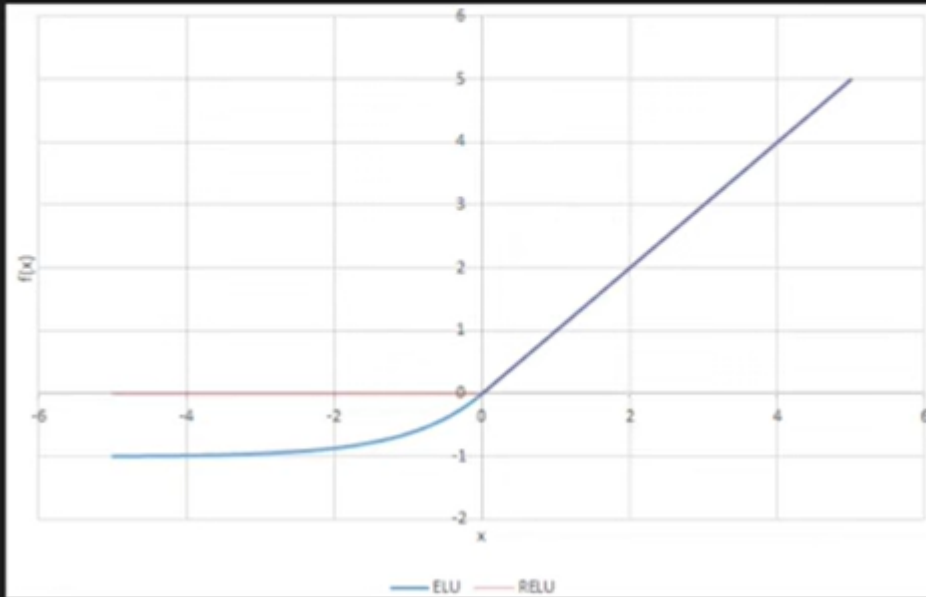


$a$  is trainable parameter

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \underline{ax} & \text{otherwise} \\ 0.01x \end{cases}$$

## Elu - Exponential Linear Unit

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$$\text{ELU}(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

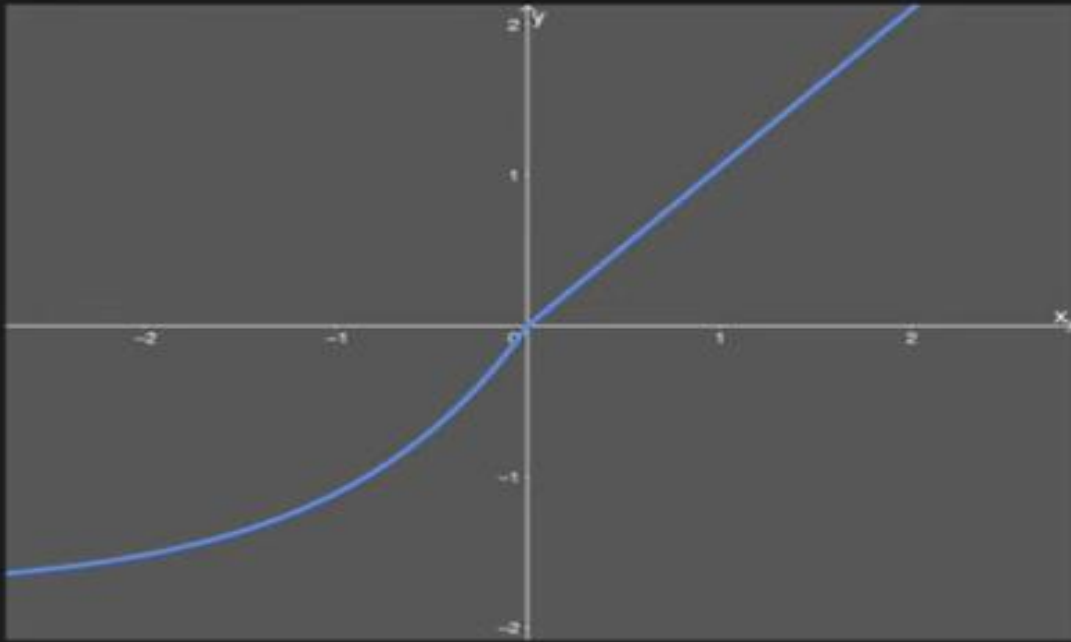
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$$\text{ELU}'(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \text{ELU}(x) + \alpha & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Close to zero center – faster
- Always continuous and differentiable
- Computationally inexpensive

# Selu - Scaled Exponential Linear Unit

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$$\text{SELU}(x) = \lambda \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha e^x - \alpha & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha \approx 1.6732632423543772848170429916717$$

$$\lambda \approx 1.0507009873554804934193349852946$$

$$\text{SELU}'(x) = \lambda \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \alpha e^x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Self normalize
- Mean  $\rightarrow$  zero standard deviation =1