# lecture 5: learning deep learning for vision

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#### outline

machine learning binary classification binary classification, again multi-class classification regression multiple layers

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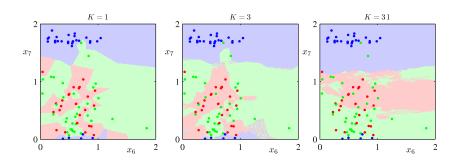
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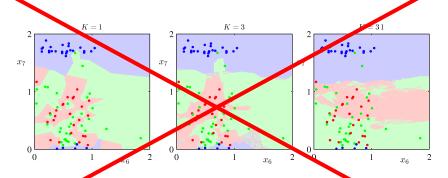
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## perceptron

[Rosenblatt 1962]



- perceptron, as introduced by Rosenblatt, refers to a wide range of network architectures, learning algorithms and hardware implementations
- due to Minsky and Papert, perceptron now refers to a binary linear classifier and an algorithm
- let's have a closer look at that

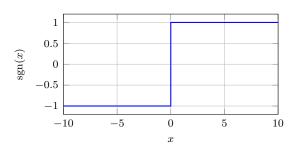
## perceptron model

ullet given input  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , the perceptron is a generalized linear model

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where  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is a weight (parameter) vector to be learned, and

$$\operatorname{sgn}(x) := \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} +1, & x \ge 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{array} \right.$$



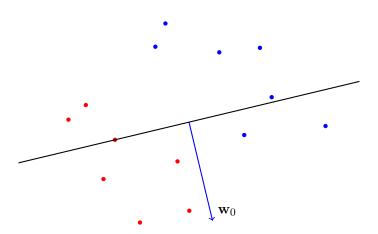
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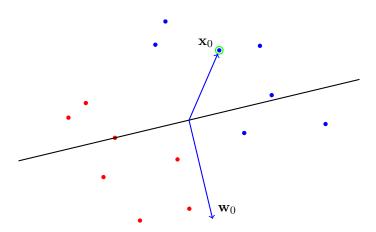
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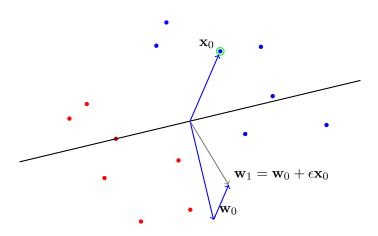




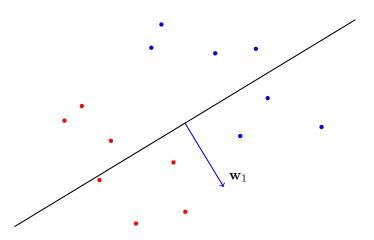
• initial parameter vector  $\mathbf{w}_0$ , normal to the decision boundary and pointing to the region to be classified as blue (+)



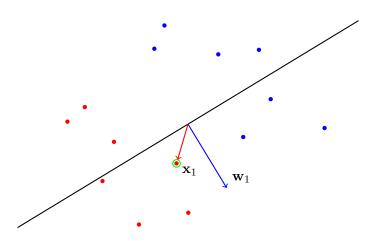
• pick a random point  $\mathbf{x}_0$  that is misclassified: blue (+) in red (-) region



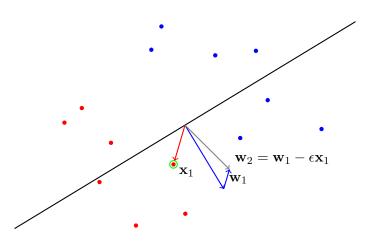
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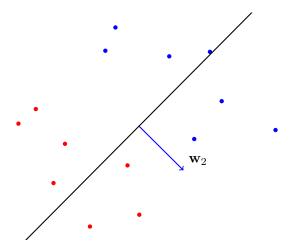
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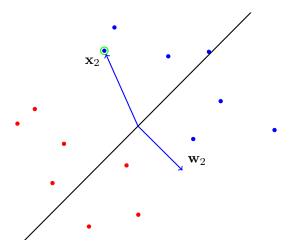
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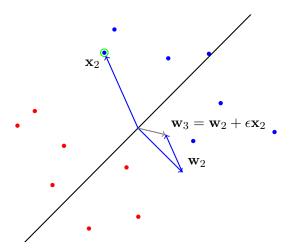
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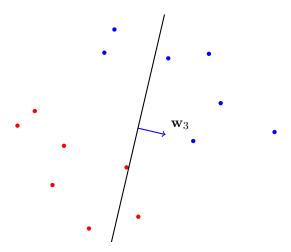
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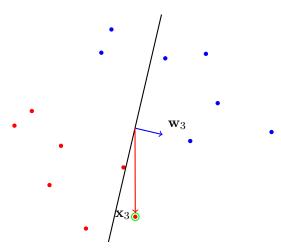
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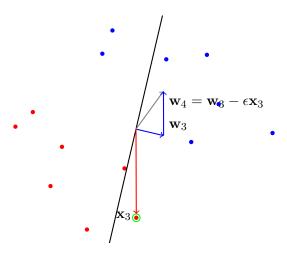
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• now at  $\mathbf{w}_3$ 



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• and we subtract

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[Boser et al. 1992]

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Boser, Guyon and Vapnik. COLT 1992. A Training Algorithm for Optimal Margin Classifiers.



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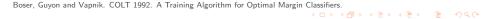
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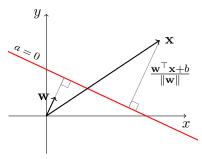
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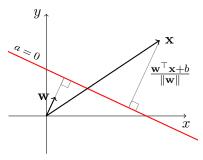
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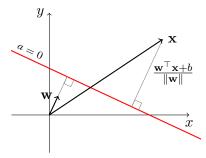
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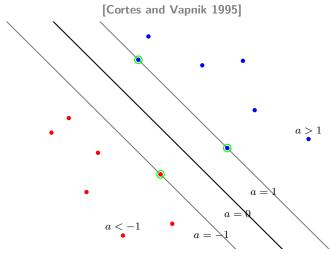
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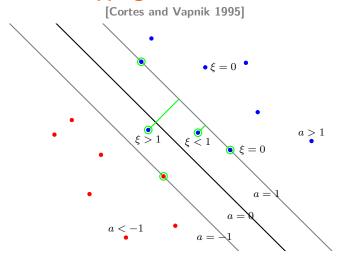
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 assuming that all training samples can be correctly classified is unrealistic





• introduce slack variables  $\xi_i \geq 0$  that should be minimized;  $\xi_i \leq 1$  for correctly classified samples,  $\xi_i = 0$  beyond the margin

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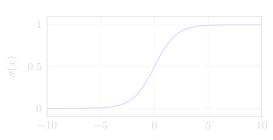
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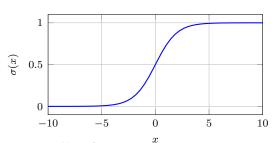
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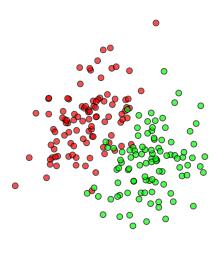
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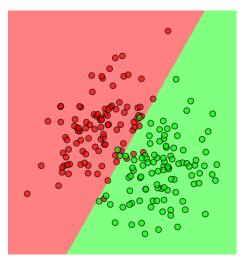
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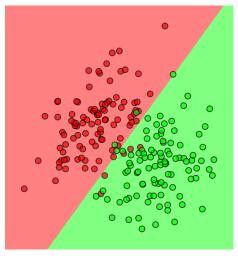




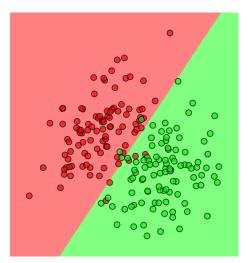
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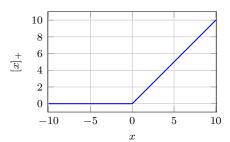
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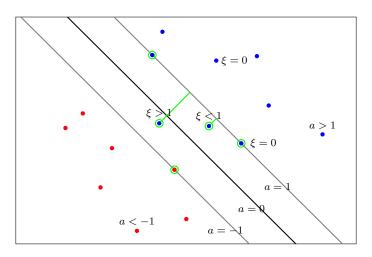
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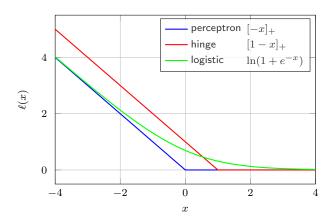
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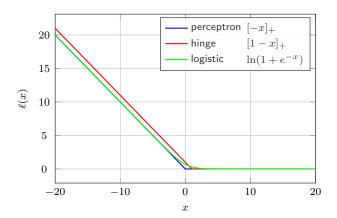
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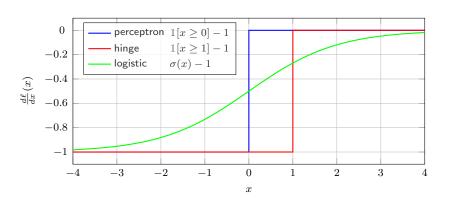


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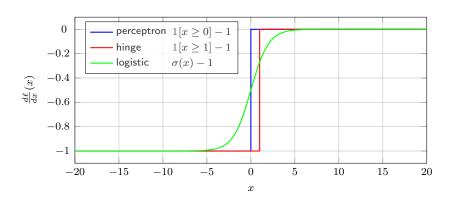
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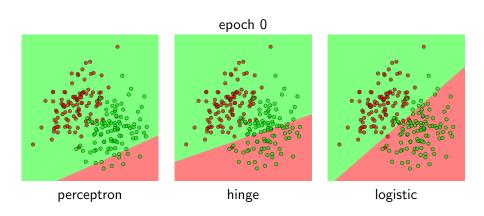
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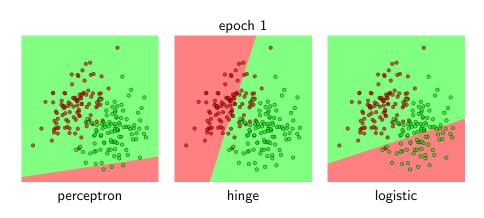
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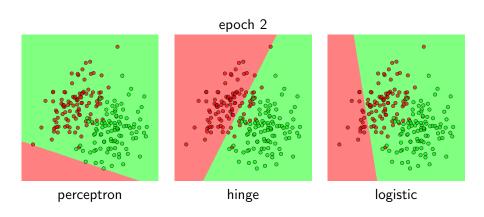
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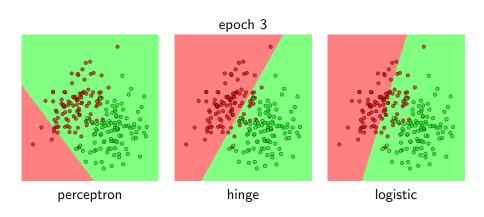
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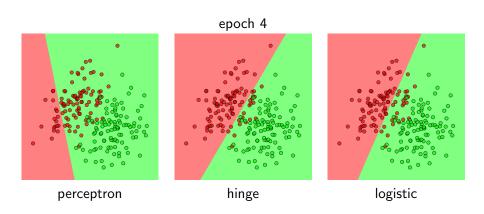
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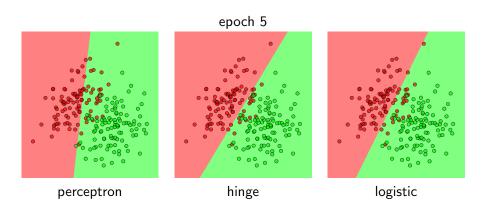


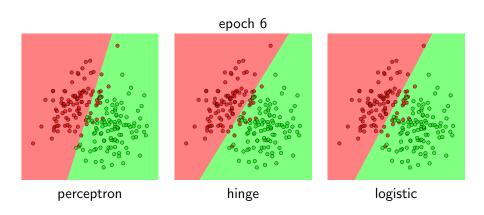


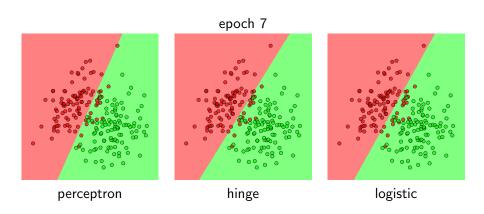


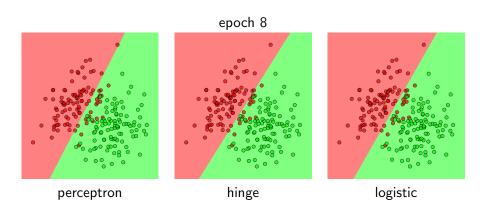


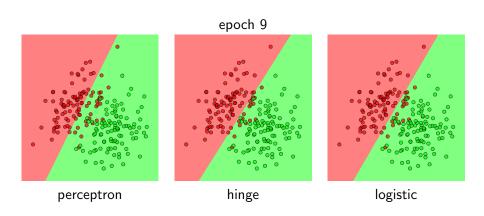












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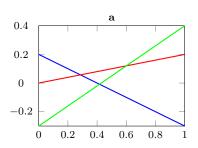
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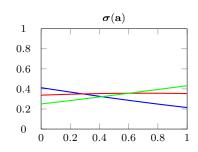
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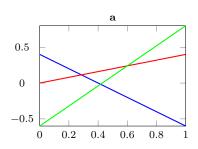
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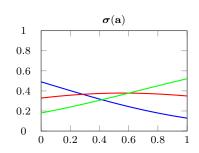




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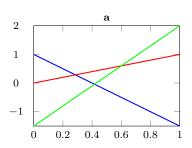
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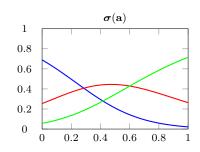




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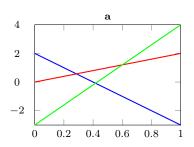
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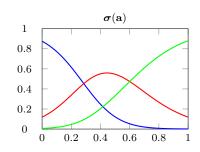




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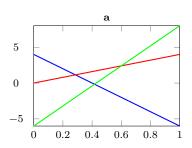
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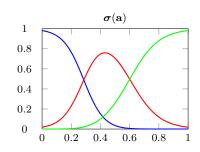




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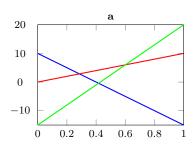
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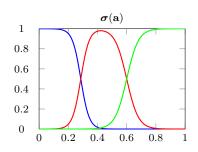




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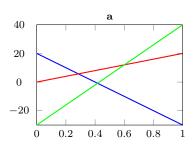
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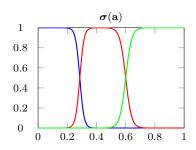




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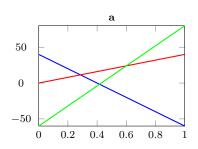
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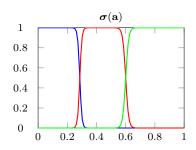




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#### multiclass SVM

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- several extensions, e.g. Weston and Watkins

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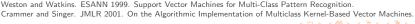
similar to the previous approximation of cross-entropy, plus margin

Crammer and Singer

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penalizes all labels that have better activation than the correct one

both interpretable with simple derivatives

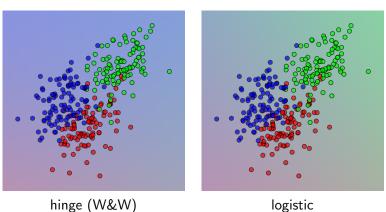




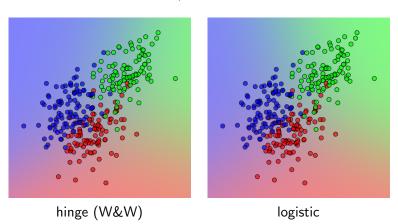
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- we now apply logistic regression and SVM (W&W) to classify three classes in 2d
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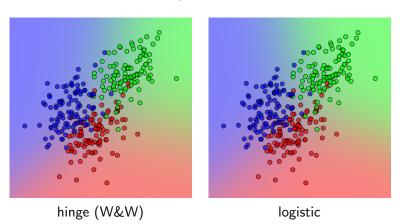
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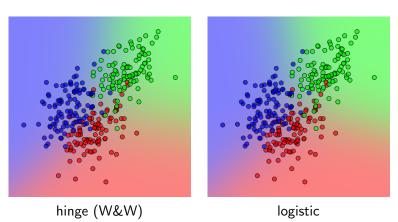
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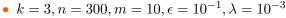
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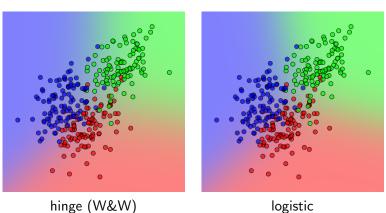
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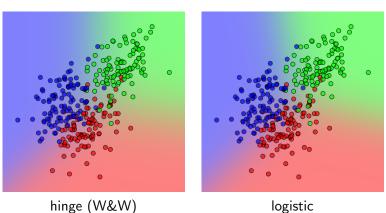


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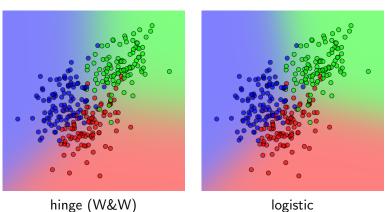


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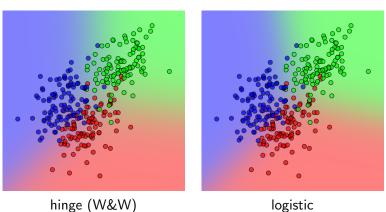
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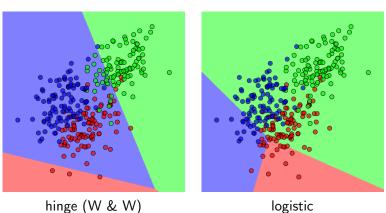
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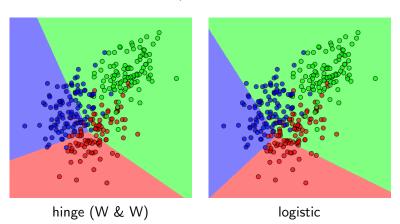
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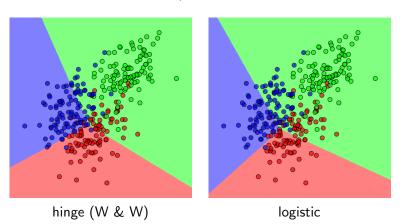
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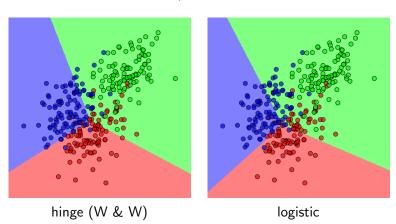
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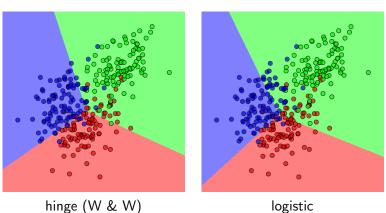
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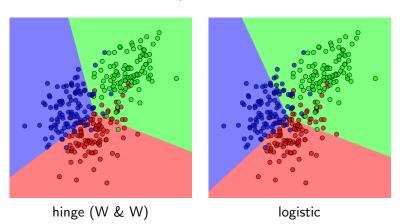
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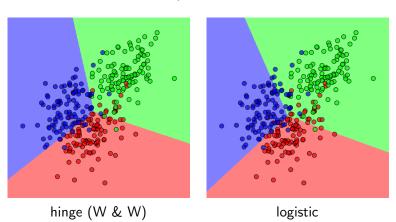
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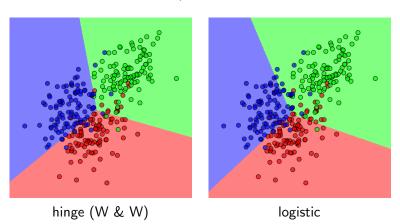
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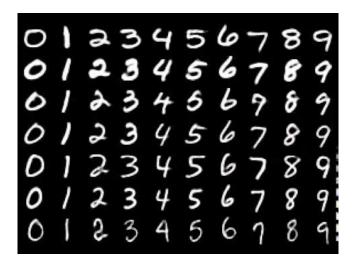
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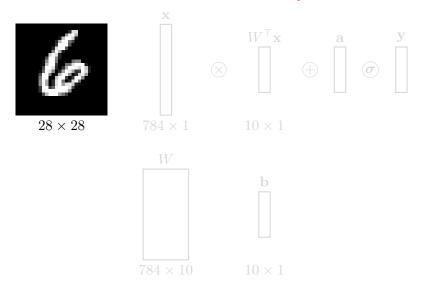
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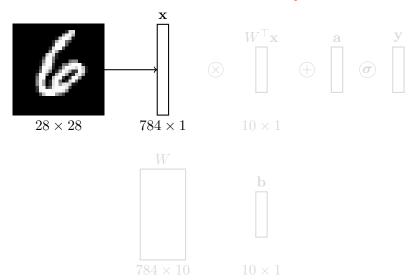


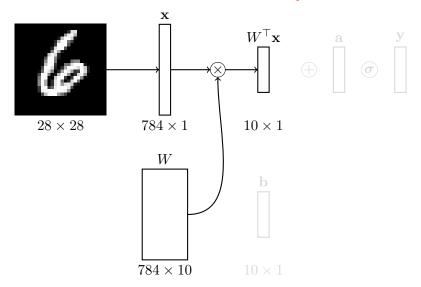
ullet 10 classes, 60k training images, 10k test images, 28 imes 28 images

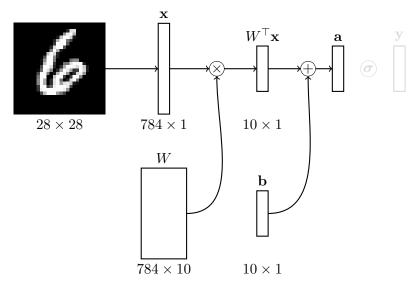
### from images to vectors

- all classifiers considered so far work with vectors
- we have seen how to extract a descriptor—a vector—from an image
- however, the point now is how to learn to extract a descriptor
- so we start from raw pixels: a gray-scale input image is just a  $28\times28$  matrix, and we vectorize it into  $784\times1$

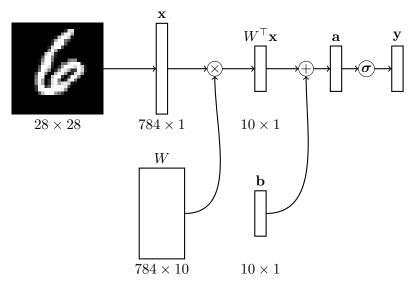




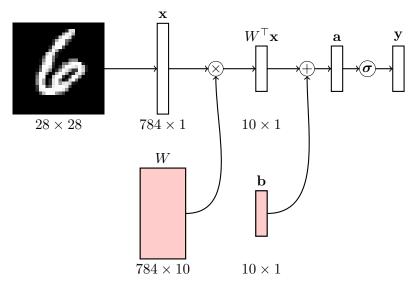






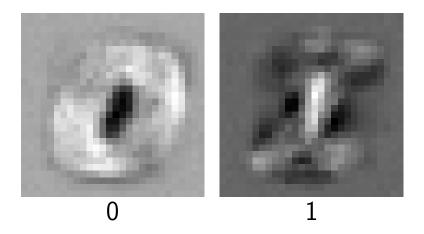




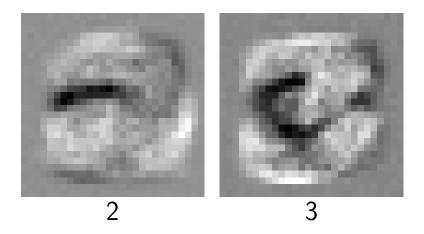


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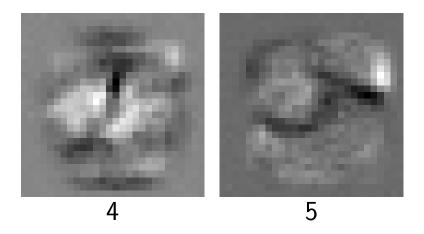
- ullet the columns of W are multiplied with  ${f x}$ ; they live in the same space
- we can reshape each one back from  $784\times 1$  to  $28\times 28:$  it should look like a digit



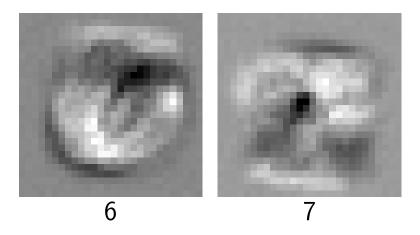
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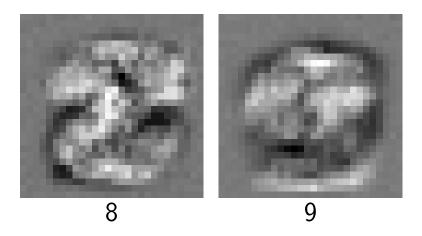
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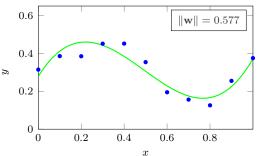
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### polynomial curve fitting



ullet linear model with parameters  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ 

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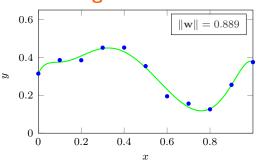
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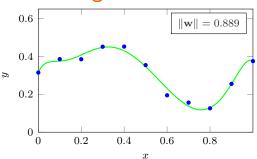
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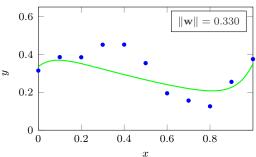
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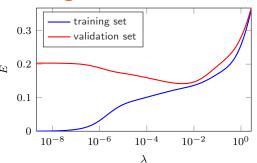
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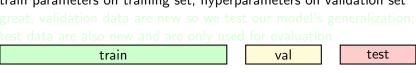
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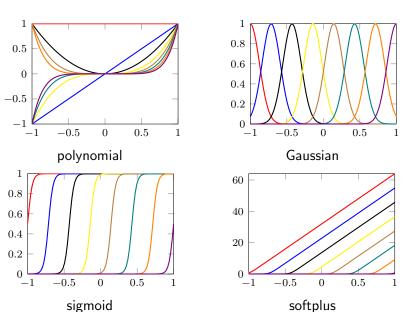
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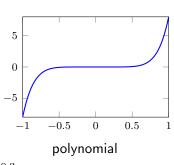
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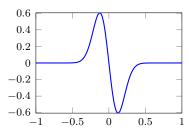
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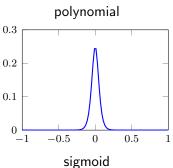
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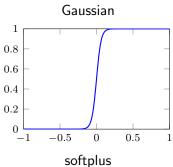


#### basis function derivatives









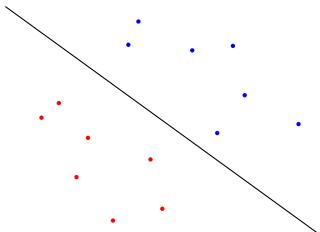


#### basis functions

- we want basis functions to cover the entire space so that any arbitrary input can be expressed as a linear of combination of such functions
- the Gaussian is localized, the others have larger support
- polynomials and their derivatives can get extremely large; the range of all the others can be easily controlled
- the derivatives of the Gaussian and sigmoid are localized; the derivative softplus is nonzero over half of the space

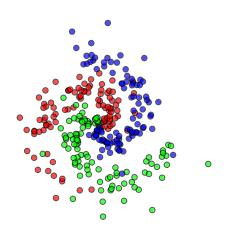
# multiple layers

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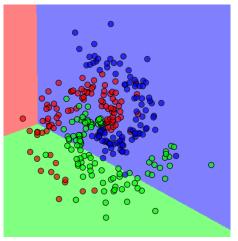


- two point sets  $X_1, X_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  are linearly separable iff there is  $\mathbf{w}, b$  such that  $\mathbf{w}^\top x_1 < b < \mathbf{w}^\top x_2$  for  $\mathbf{x}_1 \in X_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in X_2$
- or, they can be separated by a perceptron

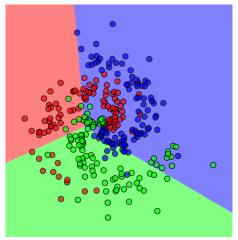
# non-linearly separable classes



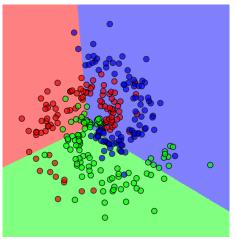
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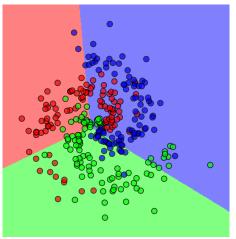
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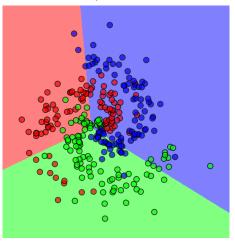
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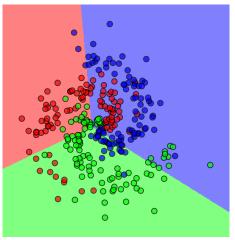
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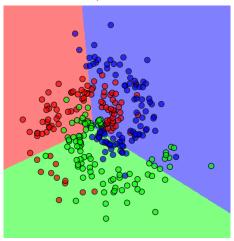
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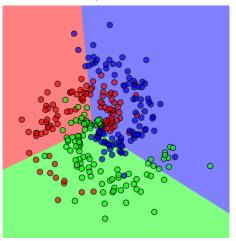
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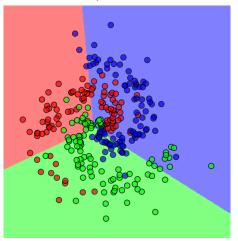
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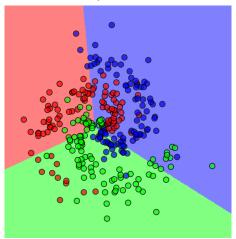
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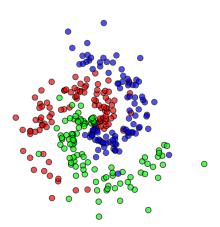


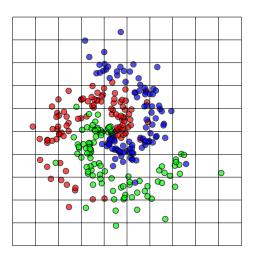
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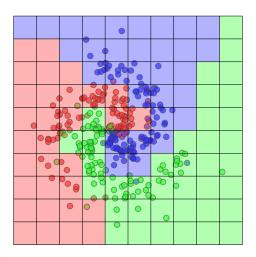




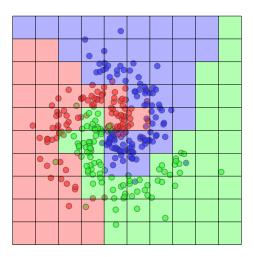


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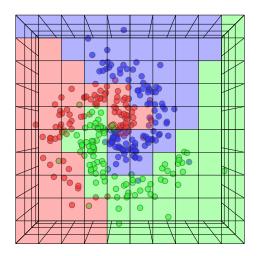


• and a (Gaussian?) basis function centered at every cell



ullet then, a linear classifier can separate the 3 classes in 100 dimensions!

# the curse of dimensionality



• but, in 3 dimensions we would need 1000 basis functions; and remember, a  $320\times200$  image is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^{64,000}$ 

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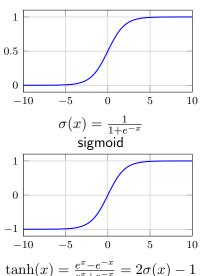
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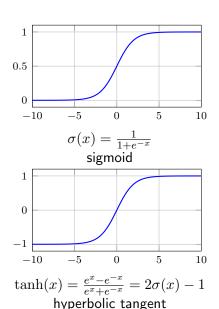
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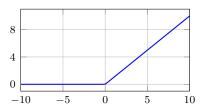
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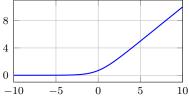
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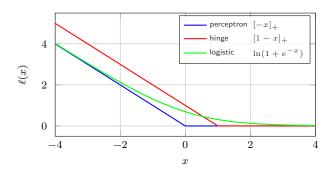




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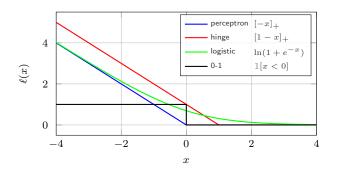
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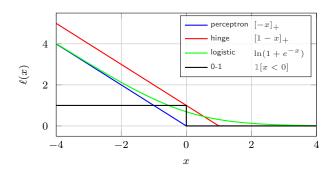
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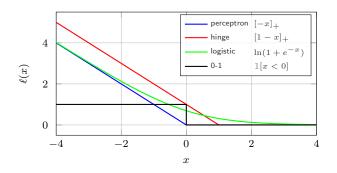
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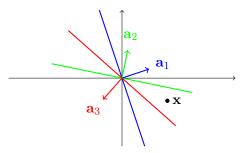
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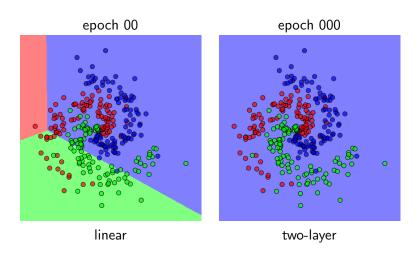
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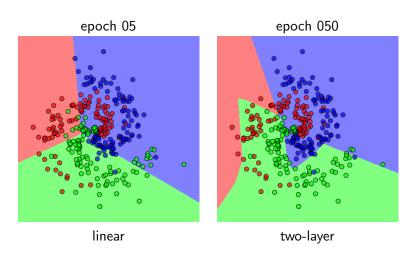
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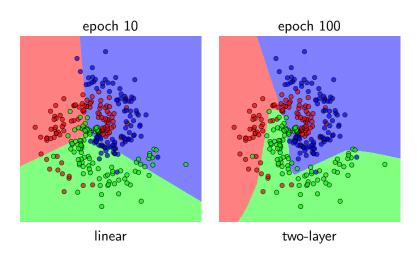
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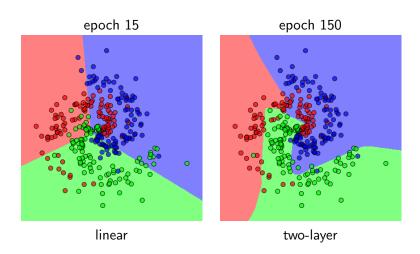


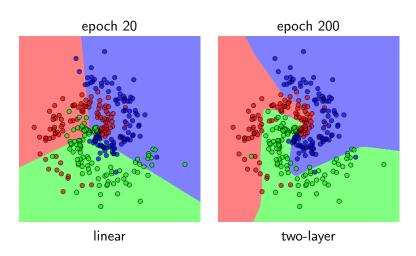
- in LSH, we used a number of random projections followed by  $\operatorname{sgn}$  to produce a binary code as a description of  $\mathbf x$
- here, we use again a number of (initially) random projections followed by relu instead, acting like a switch: half space is zeroed out, the other half passes through
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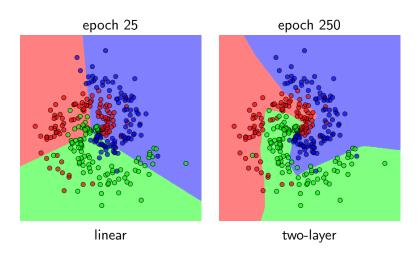


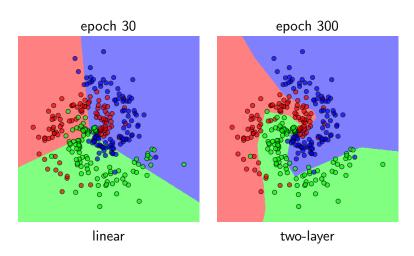


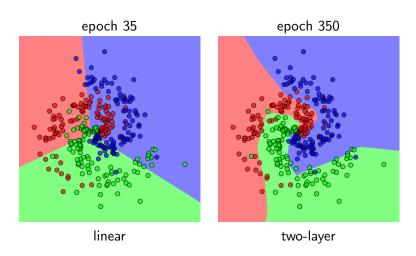


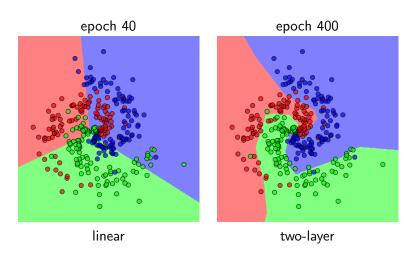


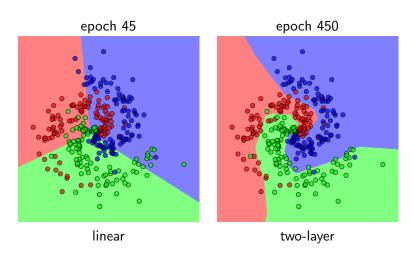




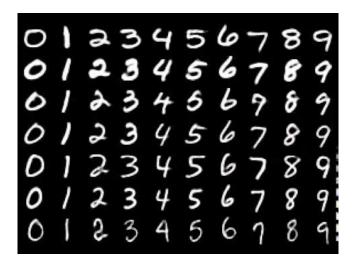




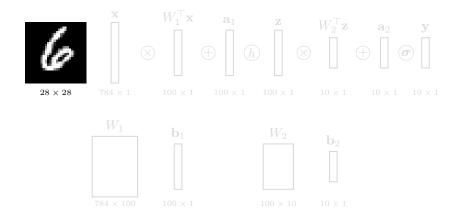




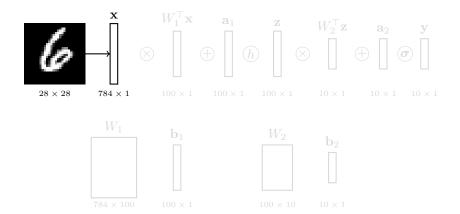
## **MNIST** digits dataset



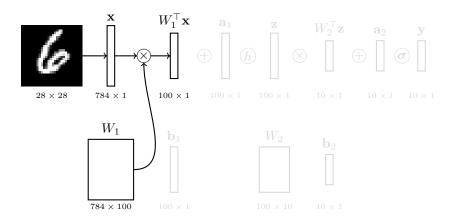
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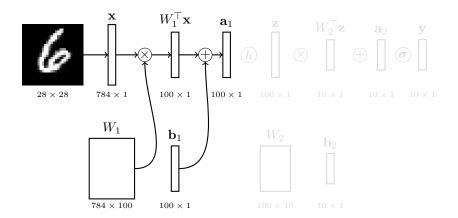
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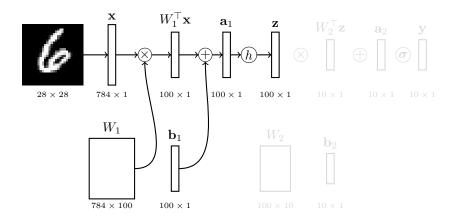
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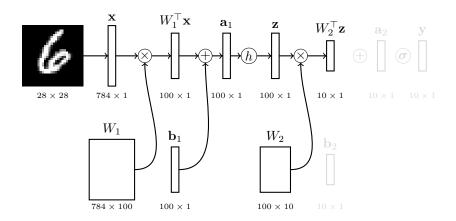
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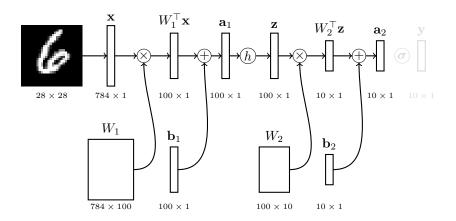
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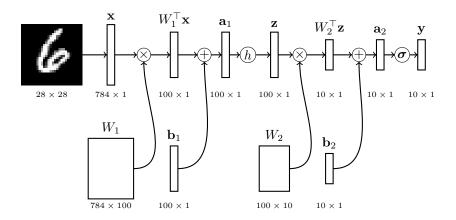
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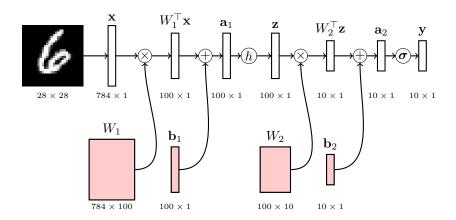
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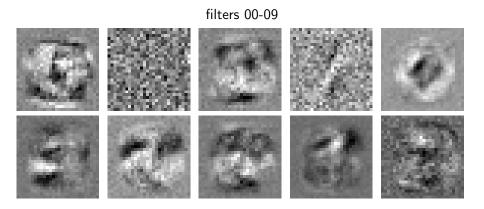
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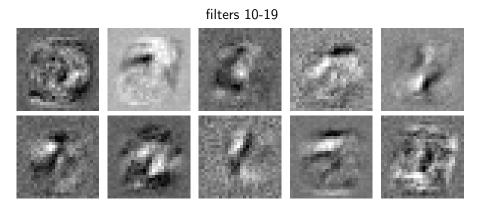
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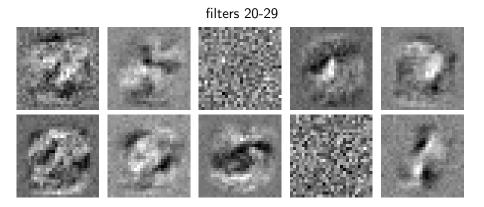
- the columns of  $W_1$  are multiplied with  $\mathbf{x}$ ; they live in the same space, as in the linear classifier
- we can reshape each one back from  $784 \times 1$  to  $28 \times 28$ : but now it shouldn't look like a digit; rather, like a pattern that might help in recognizing digits
- these patterns are shared: once the activations are computed, they can be used in the next layer to score any of the digits
- the columns of  $W_2$  are in an 100-dimensional space that we can't make much sense of now; but we'll revisit this later



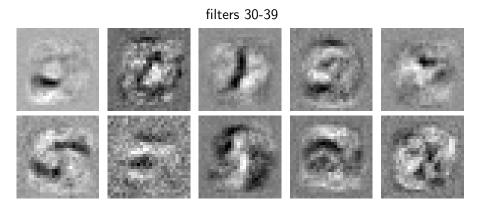
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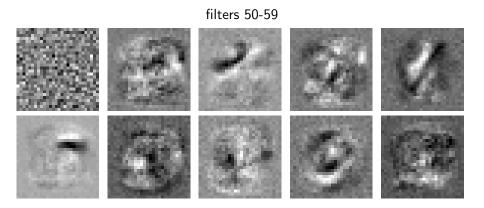
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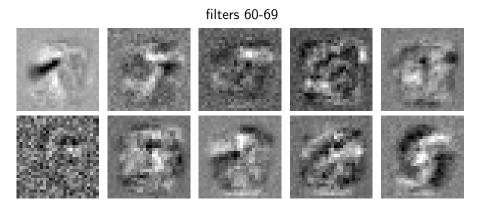
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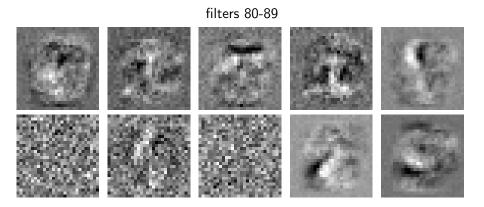
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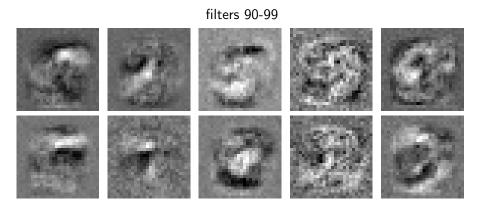
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#### summary

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- · stochastic gradient descent optimization
- multi-class classification, softmax and MNIST
- linear regression, basis functions, overfitting, validation, hyperparameter optimization
- learning basis functions, two-layer networks, activation functions, connection to classifier loss functions
- why relu makes sense