

# Introduction to Deep Learning

## Chapter 2: MLP – Matrix Notation

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# LECTURE OUTLINE

This chapter introduces a compact way for representing feedforward neural networks: the matrix formalism from linear algebra.

- ➊ First, we explore networks with one hidden layer and one output unit.
- ➋ Next, we investigate networks with one hidden layer but multiple output units.
- ➌ Finally, we focus on multi-layer feedforward networks with an arbitrary number of hidden layers and output units.

# **Single Hidden Layer Networks for Regression and Binary Classification**

# SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS

- The input  $\mathbf{x}$  is a column vector with dimensions  $p \times 1$ .
- $\mathbf{W}$  is a weight matrix with dimensions  $p \times m$ :

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1,1} & w_{1,2} & \cdots & w_{1,m} \\ w_{2,1} & w_{2,2} & \cdots & w_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{p,1} & w_{p,2} & \cdots & w_{p,m} \end{pmatrix}$$

- For example, to obtain  $z_1$ , we pick the first column of  $\mathbf{W}$ :

$$\mathbf{w}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} w_{1,1} \\ w_{2,1} \\ \vdots \\ w_{p,1} \end{pmatrix}$$

and compute  $z_1 = \sigma(\mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{x} + b_1)$ , where  $b_1$  is the bias of the first hidden neuron and  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an activation function.

# SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS: NOTATION

## General notation:

- The network has  $m$  hidden neurons  $z_1, \dots, z_m$  with

$$z_j = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_j^\top \mathbf{x} + b_j)$$

- $z_{in,j} = \mathbf{W}_j^\top \mathbf{x} + b_j$
- $z_{out,j} = \sigma(z_{in,j}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_j^\top \mathbf{x} + b_j)$

for  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

# SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS: NOTATION

- Vectorized notation:

- $\mathbf{z}_{in} = (z_{in,1}, \dots, z_{in,m})^\top = \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$   
(Note:  $\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{W})^\top$ )

- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}_{out} = \sigma(\mathbf{z}_{in}) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$ , where the (hidden layer) activation function  $\sigma$  is applied element-wise to  $\mathbf{z}_{in}$ .

- Bias term:

- We sometimes omit the bias term by adding a constant feature to the input  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (1, x_1, \dots, x_p)$  and by adding the bias term to the weight matrix

$$\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = (\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_p).$$

- **Note:** For simplification purposes, we will not explicitly represent the bias term graphically in the following. However, the above “trick” makes it straightforward to represent it graphically.

# SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS: NOTATION

## General notation:

- For regression or binary classification: one output unit  $f$  where
  - $f_{in} = \mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{z} + c$  , i.e. a linear combination of derived features plus the bias term  $c$  of the output neuron, and
  - $f(\mathbf{x}) = f_{out} = \tau(f_{in}) = \tau(\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{z} + c)$  , where  $\tau$  is the output activation function.
- For regression  $\tau$  is the identity function.
- For binary classification,  $\tau$  is a sigmoid function.
- **Note:** The purpose of the hidden-layer activation function  $\sigma$  is to introduce non-linearities so that the network is able to learn complex functions whereas the purpose of  $\tau$  is merely to get the final score on the same scale as the target.

# SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS: NOTATION

## General notation: Multiple inputs

- It is possible to feed multiple inputs to a neural network simultaneously.
- The inputs  $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ , for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , are arranged as rows in the **design matrix  $\mathbf{X}$** .
  - $\mathbf{X}$  is a  $(n \times p)$ -matrix.
- The weighted sum in the hidden layer is now computed as  $\mathbf{XW} + \mathbf{B}$ , where,
  - $\mathbf{W}$ , as usual, is a  $(p \times m)$  matrix, and,
  - $\mathbf{B}$  is a  $(n \times m)$  matrix containing the bias vector  $\mathbf{b}$  (duplicated) as the rows of the matrix.
- The *matrix* of hidden activations  $\mathbf{Z} = \sigma(\mathbf{XW} + \mathbf{B})$ 
  - $\mathbf{Z}$  is a  $(n \times m)$  matrix.

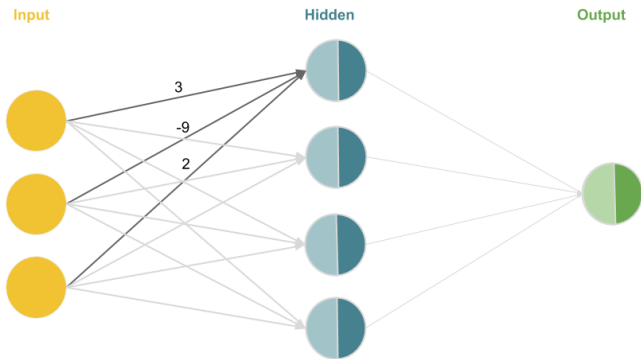


# SINGLE HIDDEN LAYER NETWORKS: NOTATION

- The final output of the network, which contains a prediction for each input, is  $\tau(\mathbf{Z}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{C})$ , where
  - $\mathbf{u}$  is the vector of weights of the output neuron, and,
  - $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $(n \times 1)$  matrix whose elements are the (scalar) bias  $c$  of the output neuron.

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- Weights (and biases) of the network.



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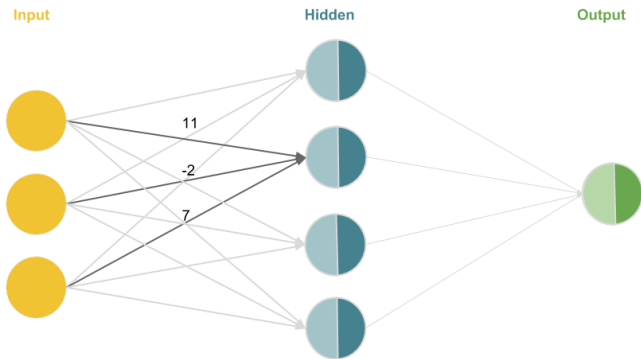
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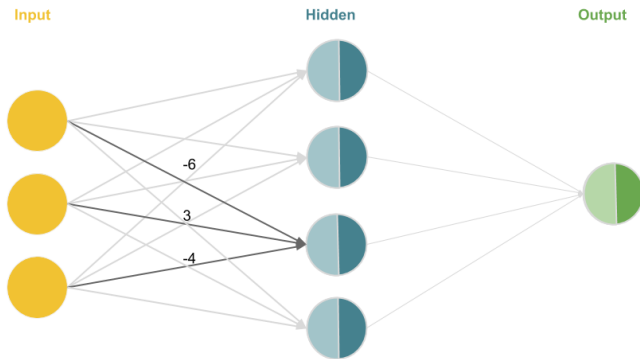
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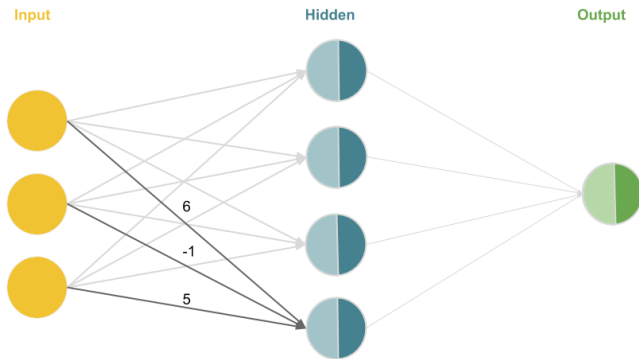
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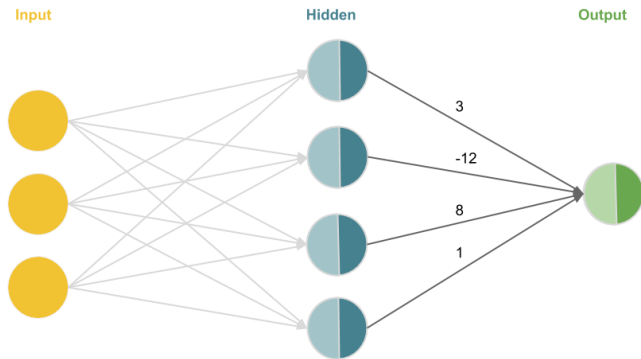
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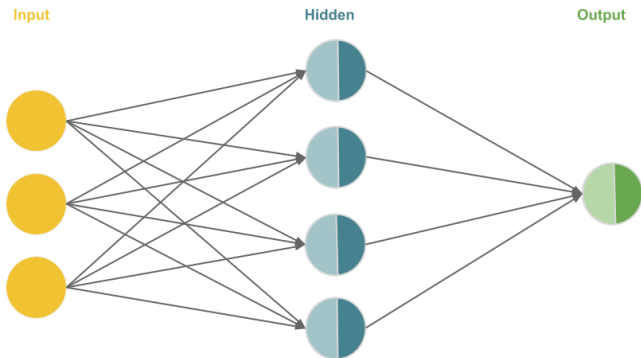
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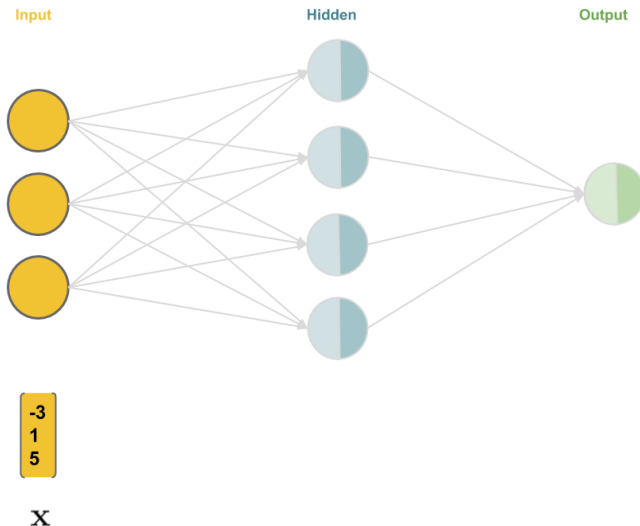
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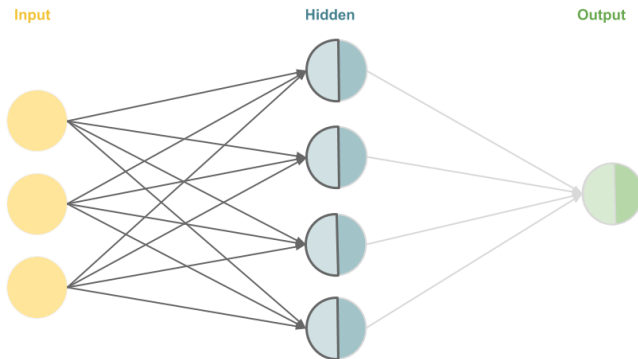
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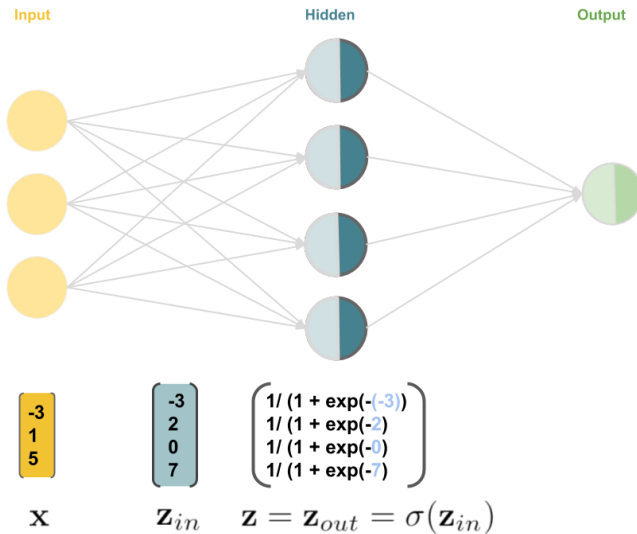
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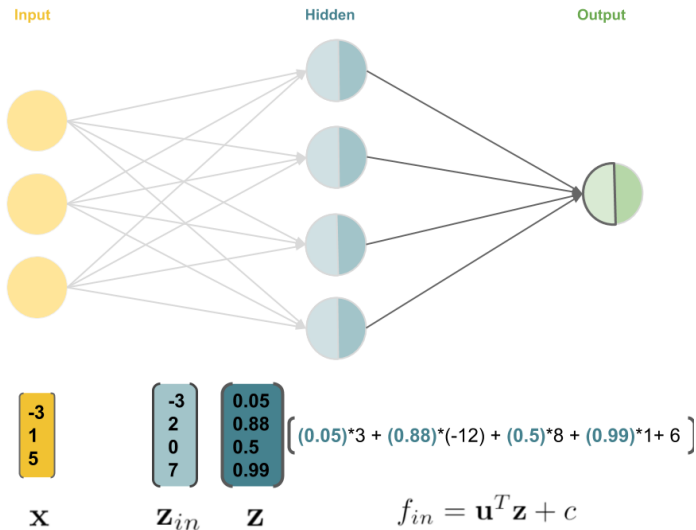
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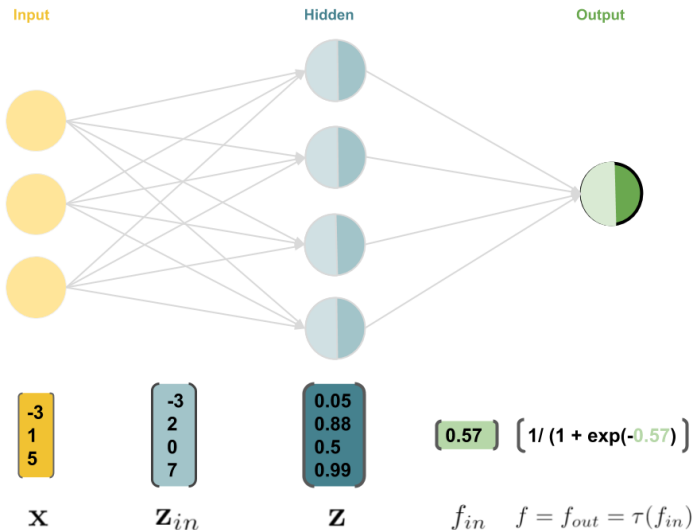
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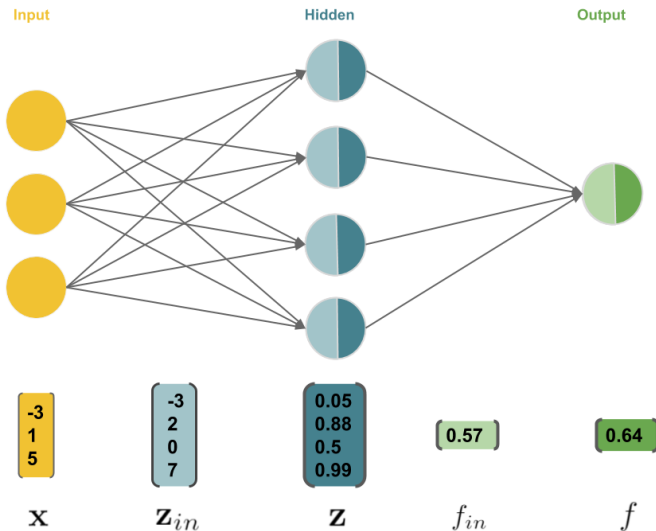
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# HIDDEN LAYER: ACTIVATION FUNCTION

- It is important to note that if the hidden layer does not have a non-linear activation, the network can only learn linear decision boundaries.
- For simplification purposes, we drop the bias terms in notation and let  $\sigma = \text{id}$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}f(\mathbf{x}) &= \tau(\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{z}) = \tau(\mathbf{u}^\top \sigma(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x})) \\&= \tau(\mathbf{u}^\top \sigma(\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x})) \\&= \tau(\mathbf{u}^\top \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{x}) = \tau(\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{u}$ . It can be seen that  $f(\mathbf{x})$  can only yield a linear decision boundary.

# Single Hidden Layer Networks for Multi-Class Classification

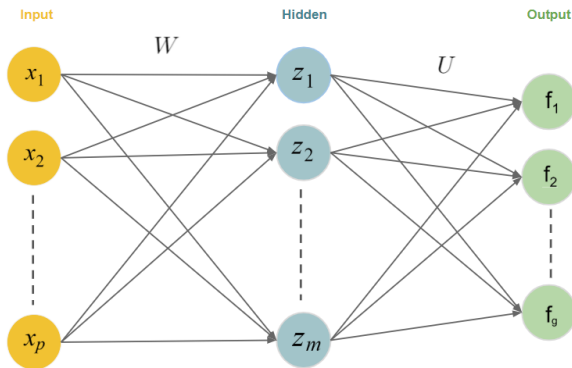
# MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION

- We have only considered regression and binary classification problems so far.
- How can we get a neural network to perform multiclass classification?



# MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION

- The first step is to add additional neurons to the output layer.
- Each neuron in the layer will represent a specific class (number of neurons in the output layer = number of classes).



**Figure:** Structure of a single hidden layer, feed-forward neural network for  $g$ -class classification problems (bias term omitted).

# MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION

## Notation:

- For  $g$ -class classification,  $g$  output units:

$$\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_g)$$

- $m$  hidden neurons  $z_1, \dots, z_m$ , with

$$z_j = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_j^\top \mathbf{x}), \quad j = 1, \dots, m.$$

- Compute linear combinations of derived features  $z$ :

$$f_{in,k} = \mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{z}, \quad \mathbf{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_m)^\top, \quad k = 1, \dots, g$$

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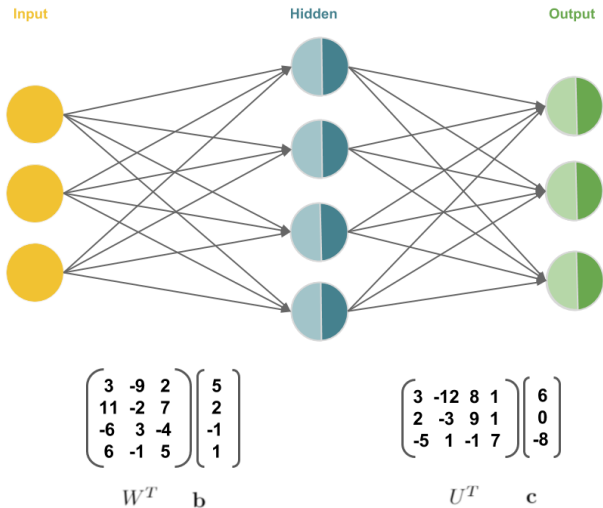
- The second step is to apply a softmax activation function to the output layer.
- This gives us a probability distribution over  $g$  different possible classes:

$$f_{out,k} = \tau_k(f_{in,k}) = \frac{\exp(f_{in,k})}{\sum_{k'=1}^g \exp(f_{in,k'})}$$

- This is the same transformation used in softmax regression!
- Derivative  $\frac{\delta \tau(\mathbf{f}_{in})}{\delta \mathbf{f}_{in}} = \text{diag}(\tau(\mathbf{f}_{in})) - \tau(\mathbf{f}_{in})\tau(\mathbf{f}_{in})^\top$
- It is a “smooth” approximation of the argmax operation, so  $\tau((1, 1000, 2)^\top) \approx (0, 1, 0)^\top$  (picks out 2nd element!).

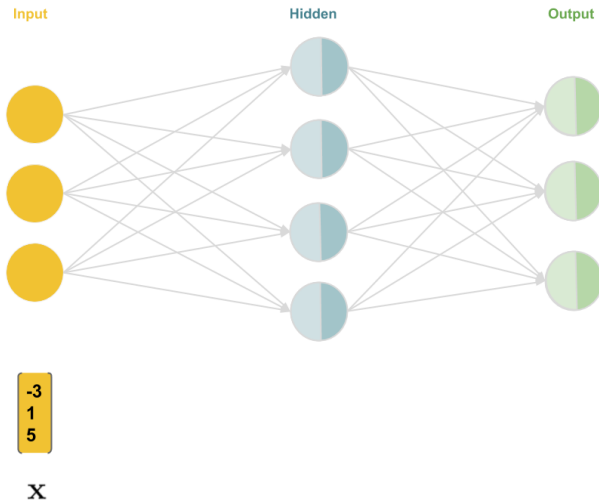
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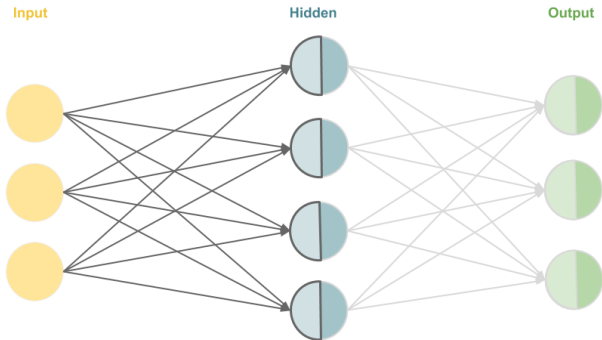
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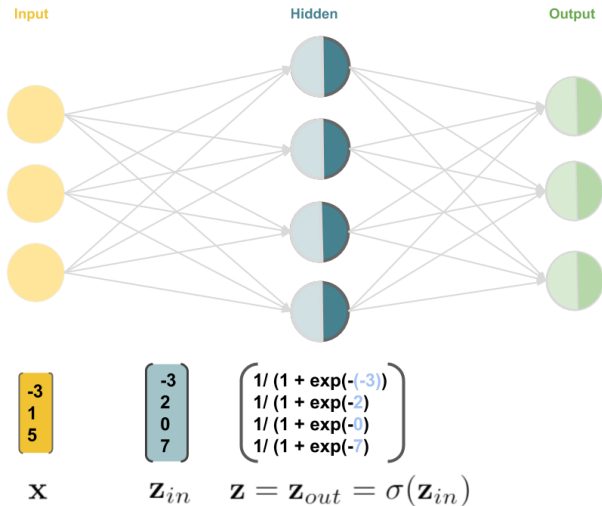
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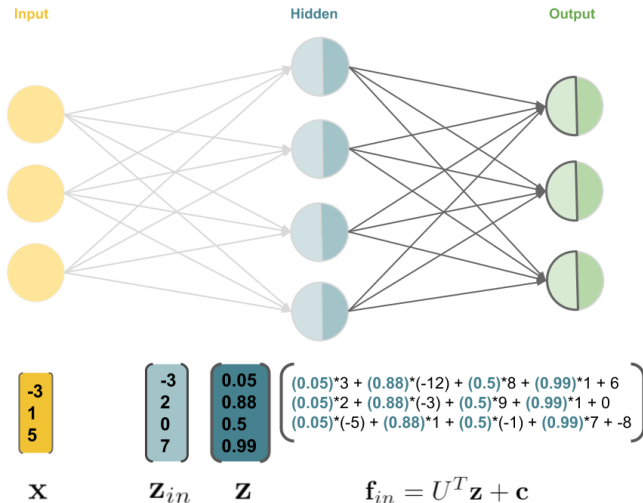
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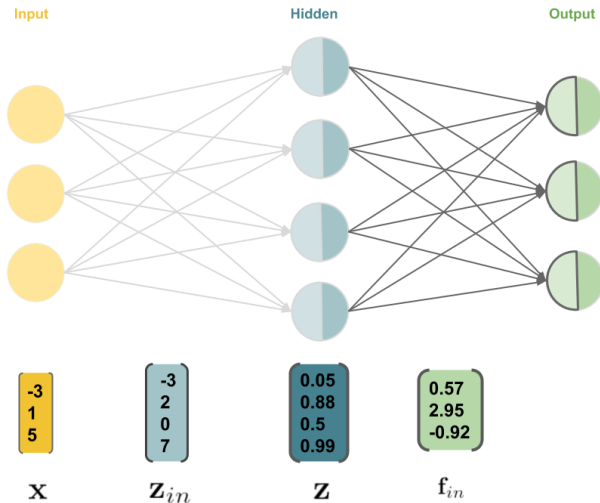
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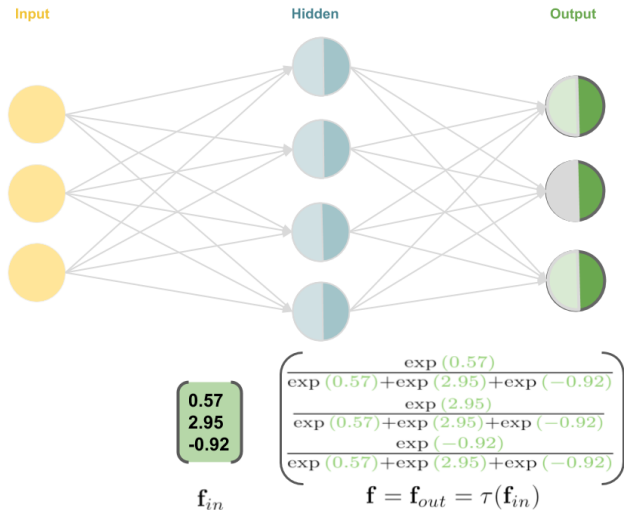
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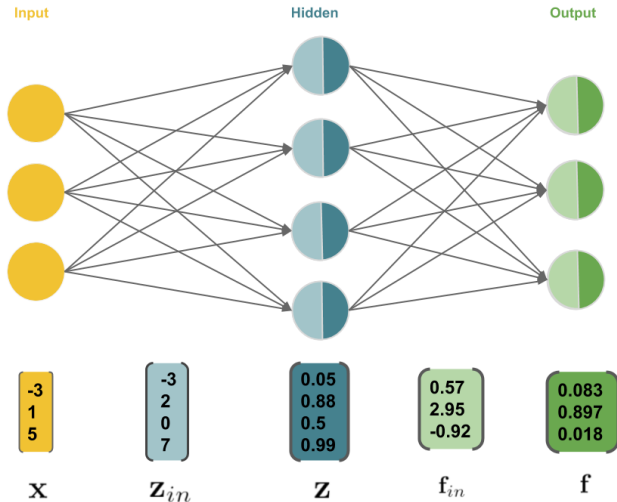
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# SOFTMAX LOSS

- The loss function for a softmax classifier is

$$L(y, f(\mathbf{x})) = - \sum_{k=1}^g [y = k] \log \left( \frac{\exp(f_{in,k})}{\sum_{k'=1}^g \exp(f_{in,k'})} \right)$$

$$\text{where } [y = k] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

- This is equivalent to the cross-entropy loss when the label vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is one-hot coded (e.g.  $\mathbf{y} = (0, 0, 1, 0)^\top$ ).
- Optimization: Again, there is no analytic solution.

# Multi-Layer Feedforward Neural Networks

# FEEDFORWARD NEURAL NETWORKS

- We will now extend the model class once again, such that we allow an arbitrary amount of / (hidden) layers.
- The general term for this model class is (multi-layer) **feedforward networks** (inputs are passed through the network from left to right, no feedback-loops are allowed)

# FEEDFORWARD NEURAL NETWORKS

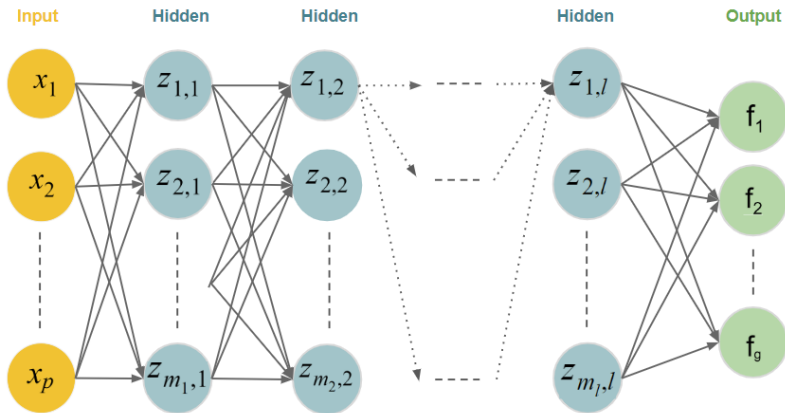
- We can characterize those models by the following chain structure:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \tau \circ \phi \circ \sigma^{(l)} \circ \phi^{(l)} \circ \sigma^{(l-1)} \circ \phi^{(l-1)} \circ \dots \circ \sigma^{(1)} \circ \phi^{(1)}$$

where  $\sigma^{(i)}$  and  $\phi^{(i)}$  are the activation function and the weighted sum of hidden layer  $i$ , respectively.  $\tau$  and  $\phi$  are the corresponding components of the output layer.

- Each hidden layer has:
  - an associated weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}^{(i)}$ , bias  $\mathbf{b}^{(i)}$  and activations  $\mathbf{z}^{(i)}$  for  $i \in \{1 \dots l\}$
  - $\mathbf{z}^{(i)} = \sigma^{(i)}(\phi^{(i)}) = \sigma^{(i)}(\mathbf{W}^{(i)T} \mathbf{z}^{(i-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(i)})$ , where  $\mathbf{z}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}$ .
- Again, without non-linear activations in the hidden layers, the network can only learn linear decision boundaries.

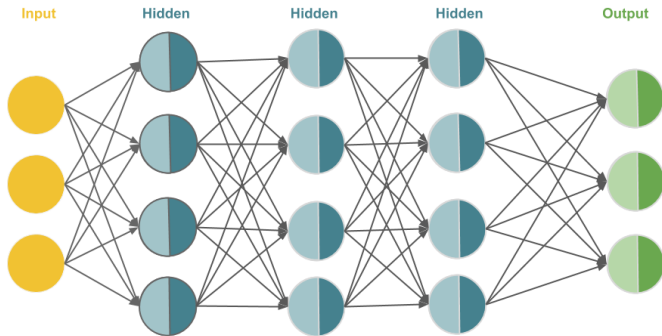
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**Figure:** Structure of a deep neural network with  $l$  hidden layers (bias terms omitted).



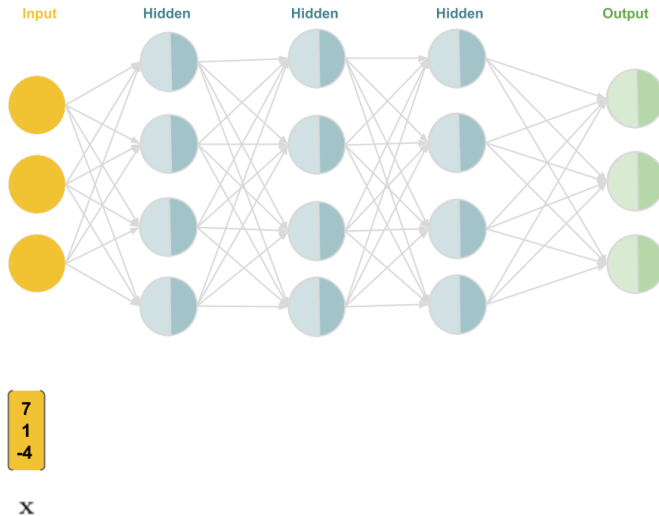
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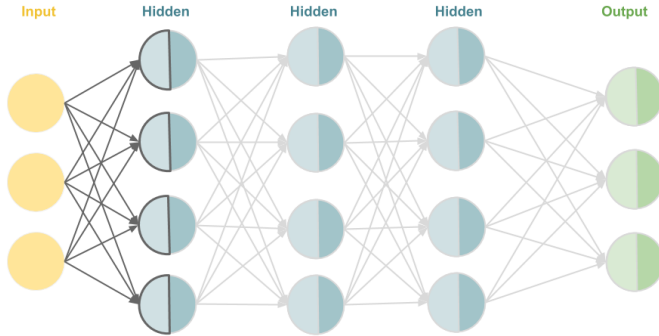
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$(W^{(1)})^T \quad \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \quad (W^{(2)})^T \quad \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \quad (W^{(3)})^T \quad \mathbf{b}^{(3)} \quad U^T \quad \mathbf{c}$

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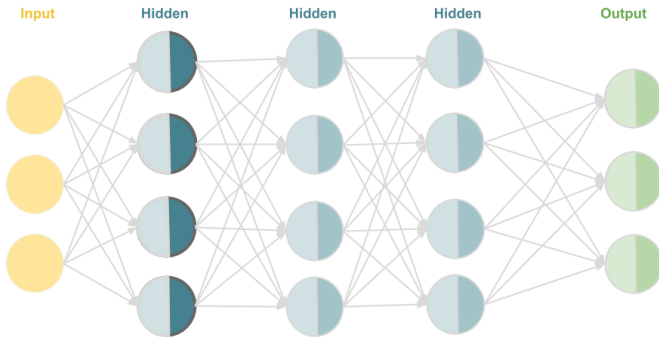


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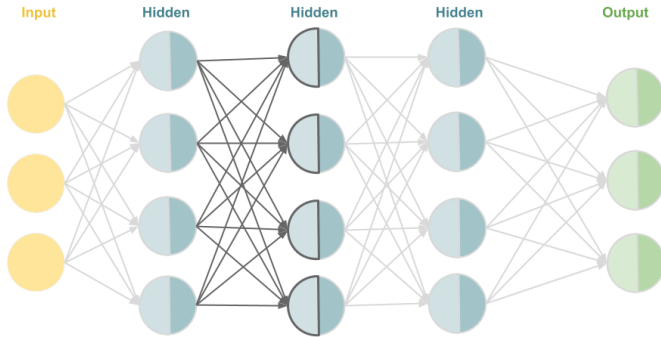
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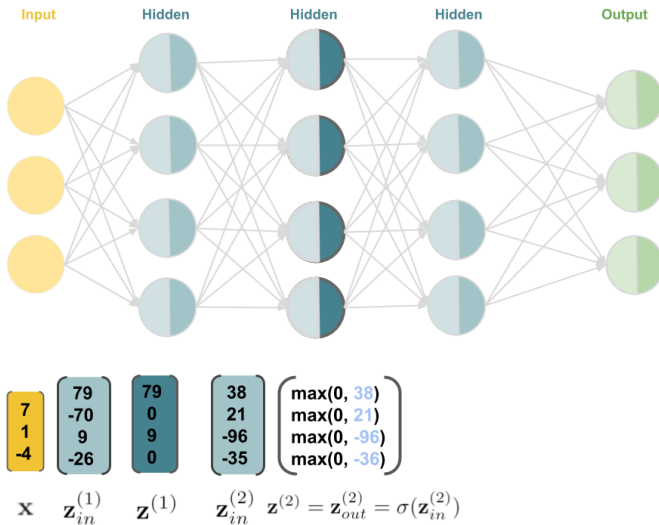
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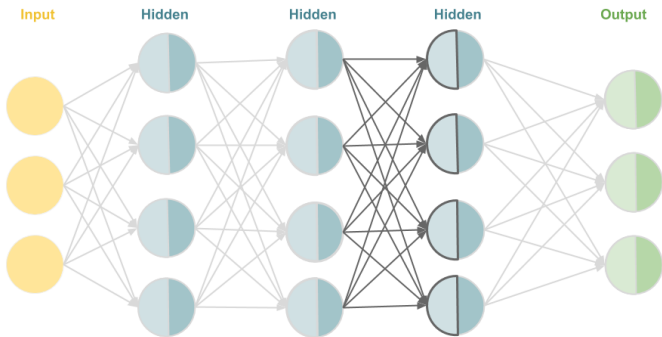


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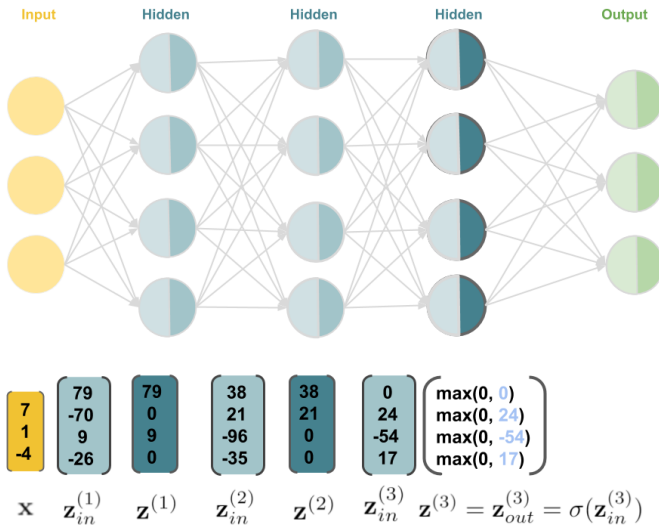
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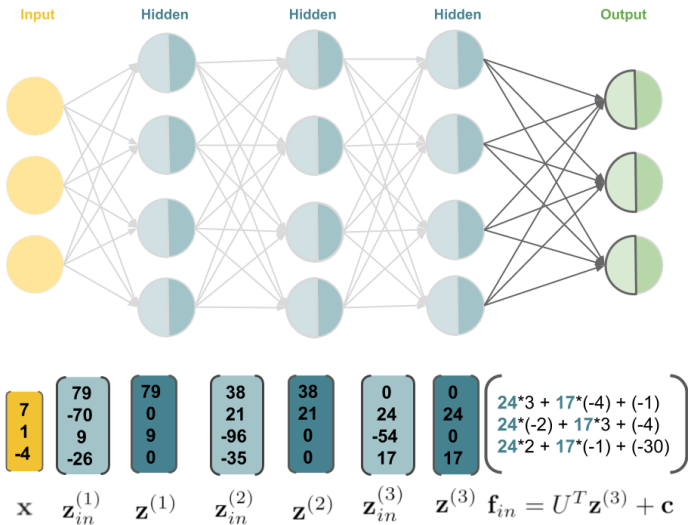
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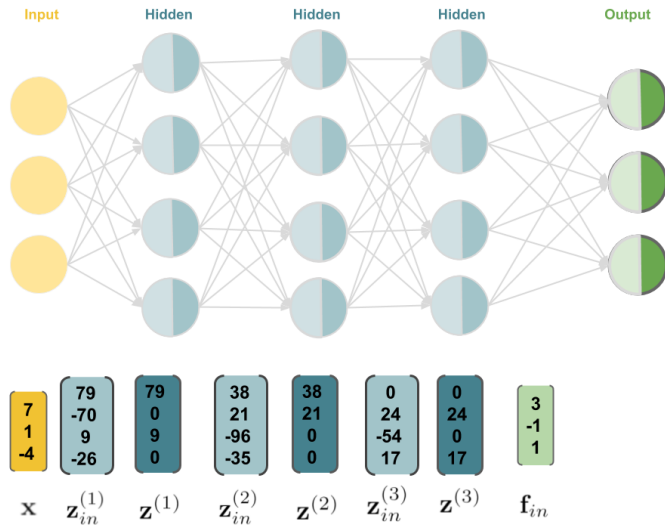




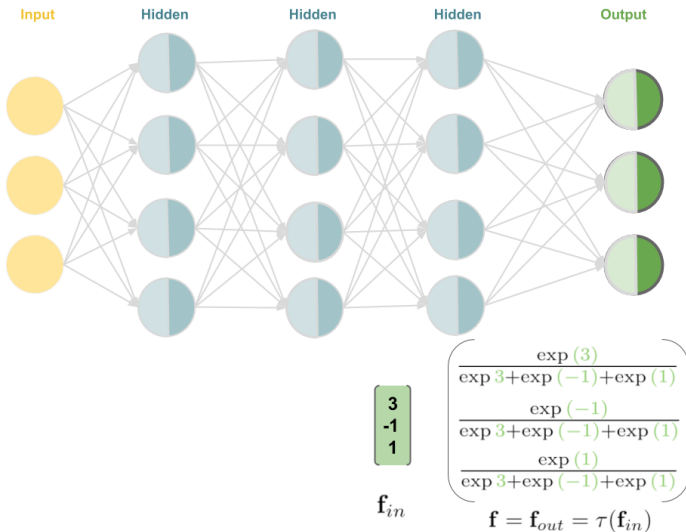
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