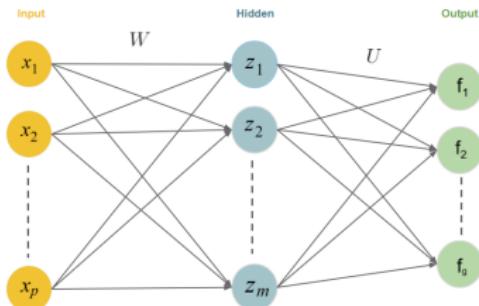


# Introduction to Machine Learning

## Neural Networks

### Single Hidden Layer Networks for Multi-Class Classification



#### Learning goals

- Neural network architectures for multi-class classification
- Softmax activation function
- Softmax loss

# 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).

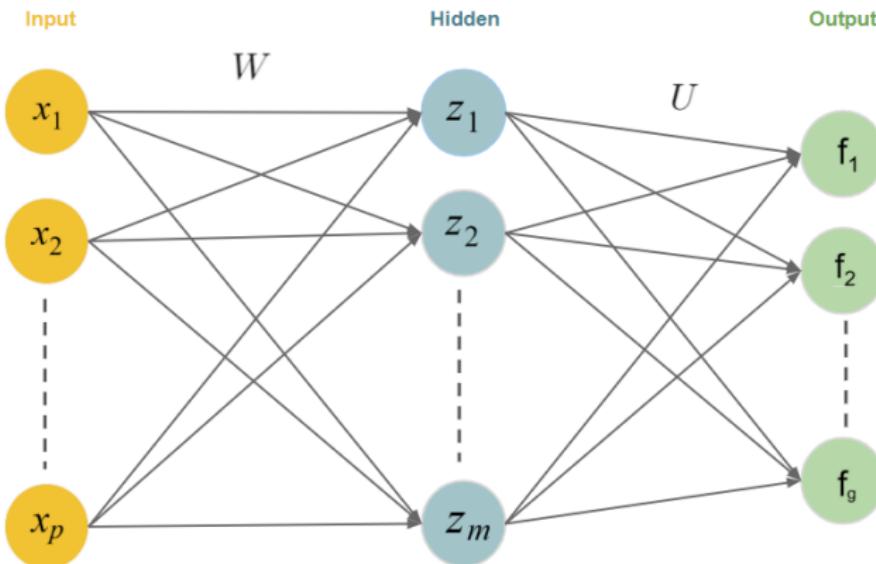
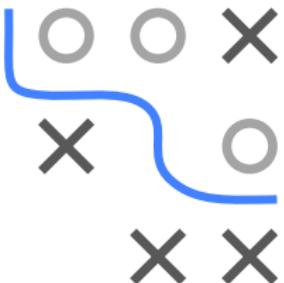


Diagram of a single hidden layer, feed-forward neural network for g-class classification problems (bias term omitted).

# 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

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

- Compute linear combinations of derived features  $z$ :

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



# MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION

- 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:

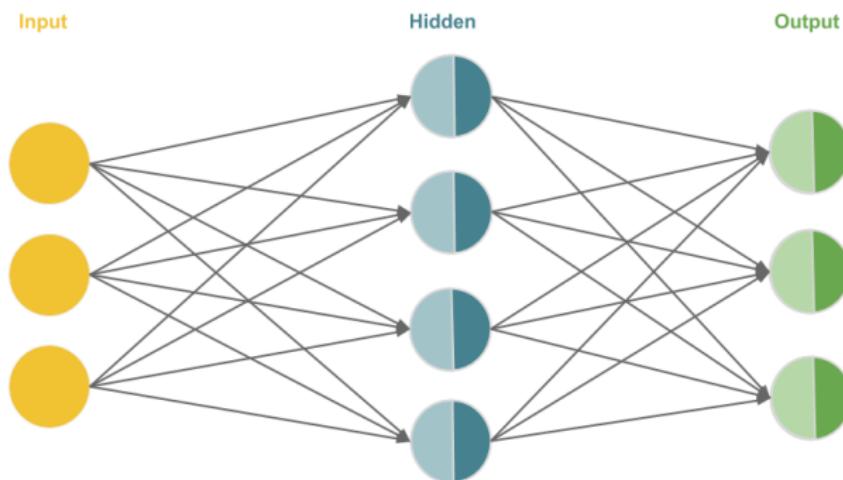
$$f_{out,k} = \tau_k(f_{in,k}) = \frac{\exp(f_{in,k})}{\sum_{k'=1}^g \exp(f_{in,k'})}$$



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

# MULTI-CLASS CLASSIFICATION: EXAMPLE

Forward pass (Hidden: Sigmoid, Output: Softmax).

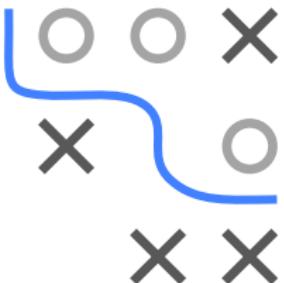


$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -9 & 2 \\ 11 & -2 & 7 \\ -6 & 3 & -4 \\ 6 & -1 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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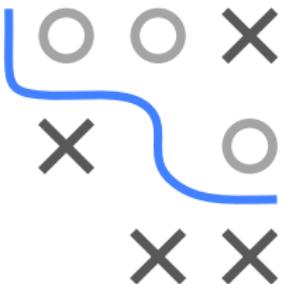
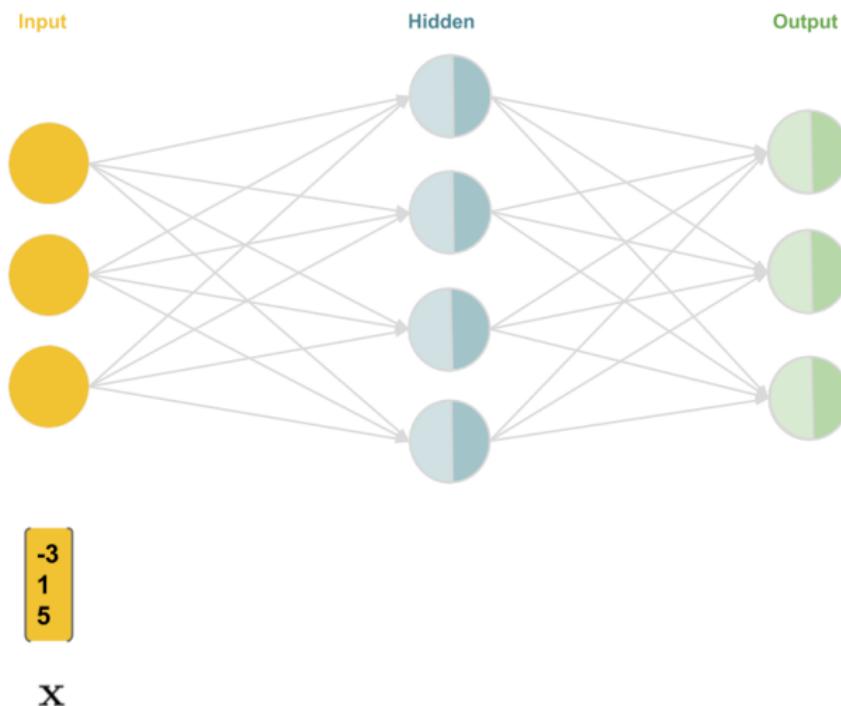
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & -12 & 8 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 9 & 1 \\ -5 & 1 & -1 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 0 \\ -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

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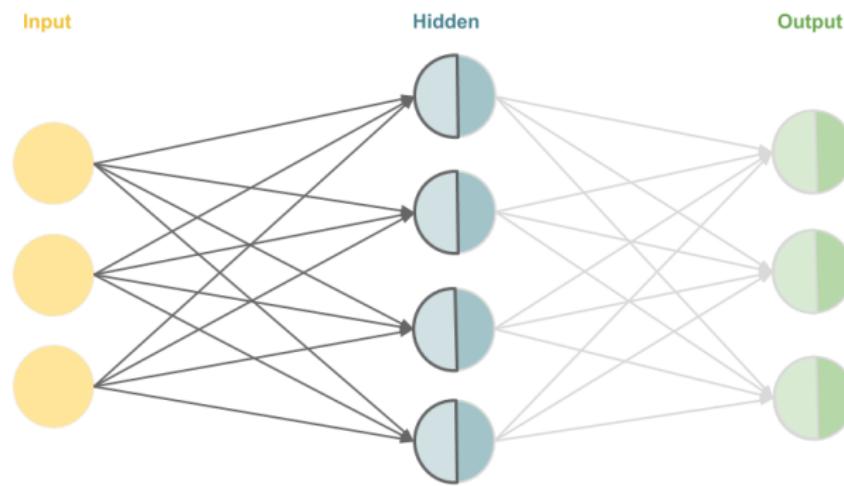
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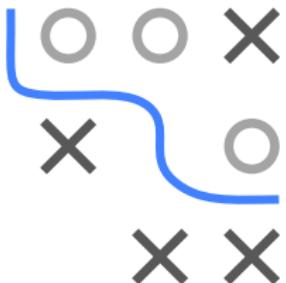
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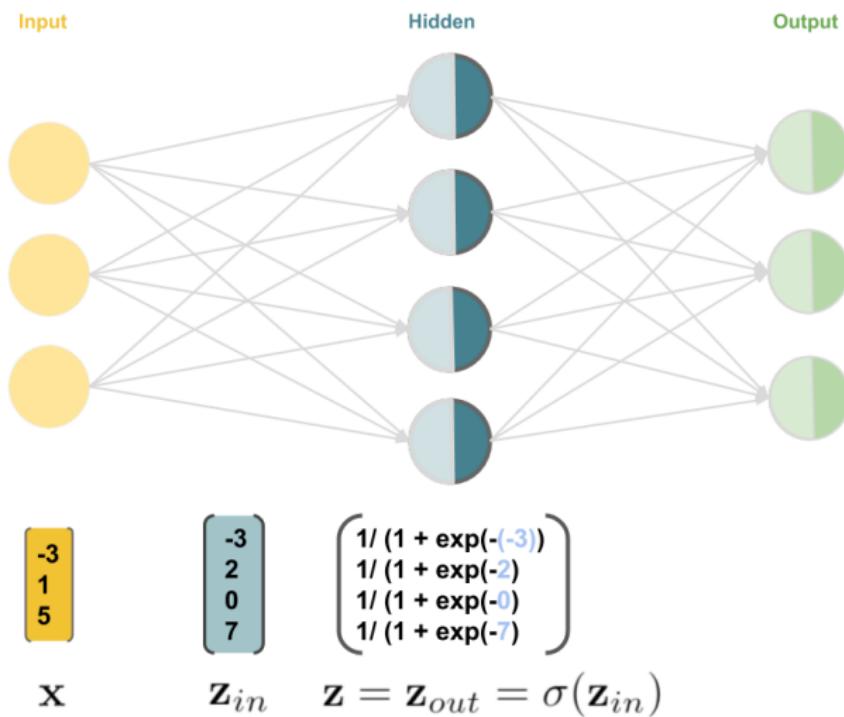
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$$\mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{z}_{in} = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}$$



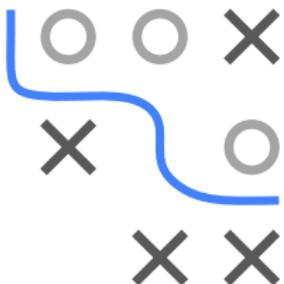
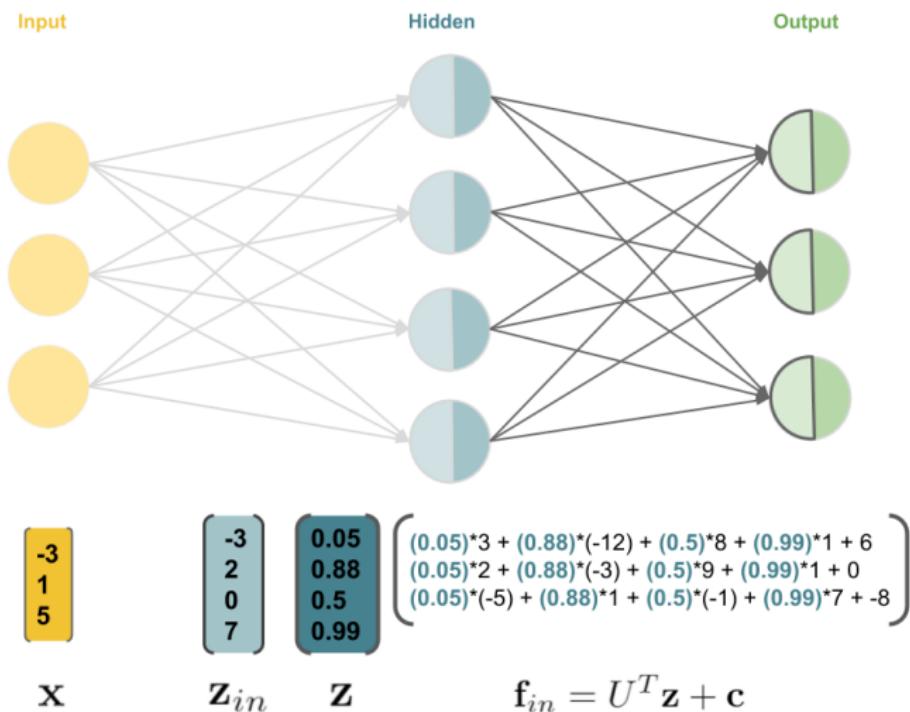
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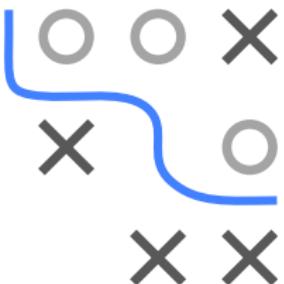
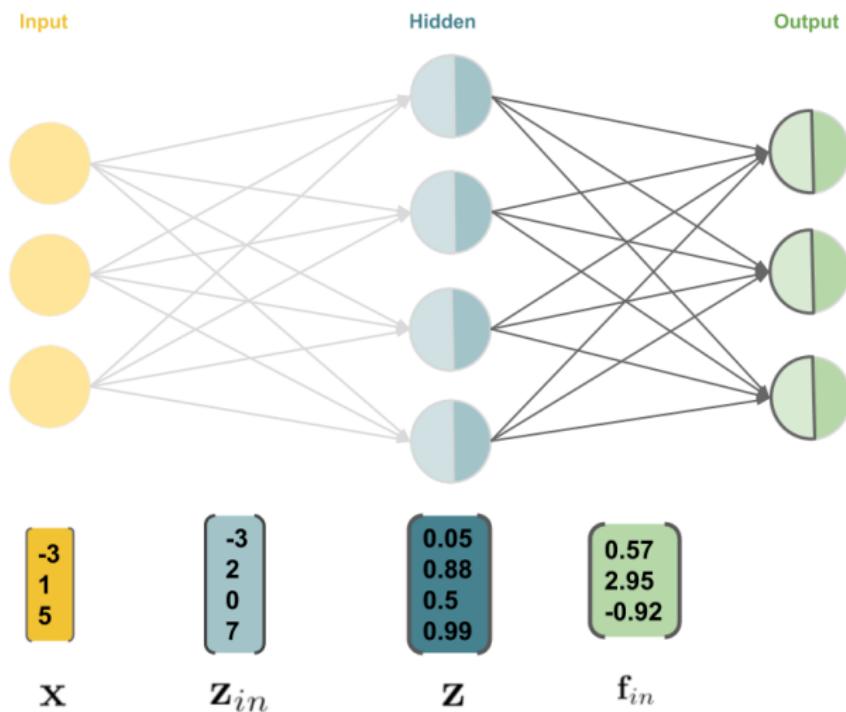
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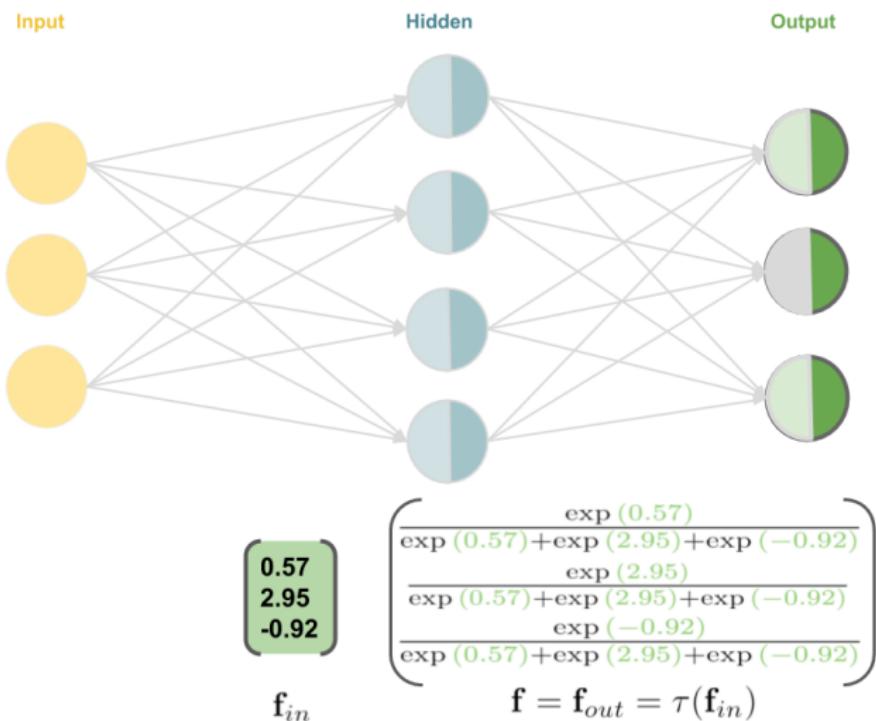
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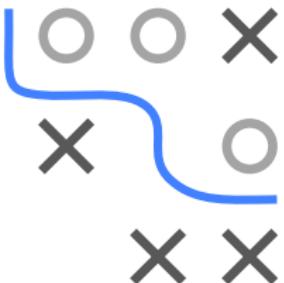
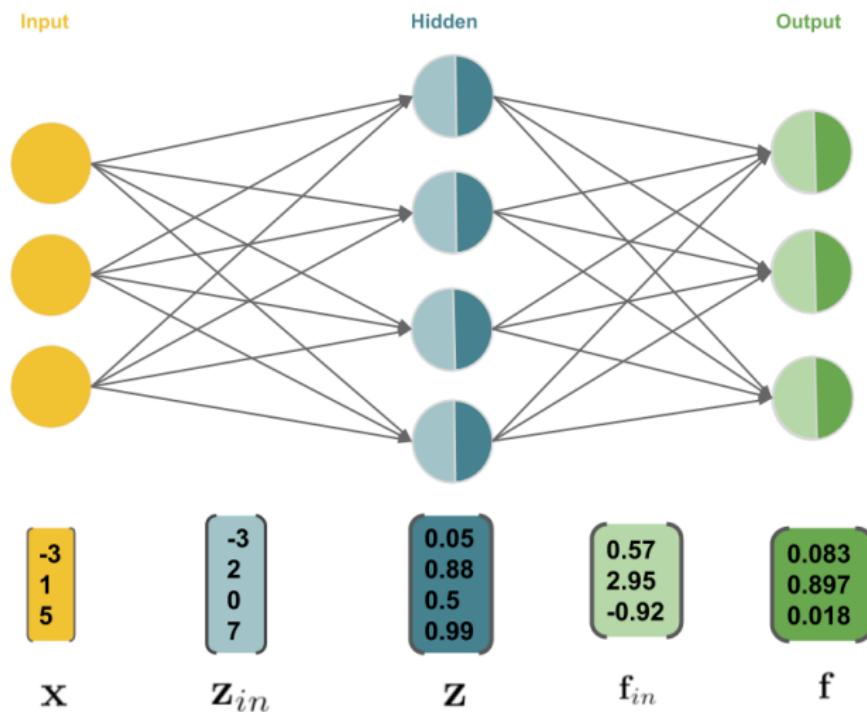
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# OPTIMIZATION: SOFTMAX LOSS

- The loss function for a softmax classifier is

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

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.  $\mathbf{y} = (0, 0, 1, 0)^T$ ).
- Optimization: Again, there is no analytic solution.

