

# Natural Language Processing

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Lecture 4: Text classification with Neural Networks

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# Logistics

- Quiz 1 is due tonight (11:59 pm)
  - Quiz 2 will be out this Friday (due next Monday Feb 5).
- Homework 1 is out & due next Tuesday, Feb 6 (11:59 pm)
  - Homework 2 will be out early next week.
- Info about the Annotation Project and final project/survey will be released gradually starting next week.
- Tonight Lecture: Text Classification with Neural Networks

# Binary logistic regression

$$P(y = 1 \mid x, \beta) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^F x_i \beta_i\right)}$$

output space                     $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$

# Multiclass logistic regression

$$P(Y = y \mid X = x; \beta) = \frac{\exp(x^\top \beta_y)}{\sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \exp(x^\top \beta_{y'})}$$

output space

$$\mathcal{Y} = \{1, \dots, K\}$$

# Features

- As a discriminative classifier, logistic regression doesn't assume features are independent.
- Its power partly comes in the ability to create richly expressive features without the burden of independence.
- We can represent text through features that are not just the identities of individual words, but any feature that is scoped over **the entirety of the input**.

features

contains like

has word that shows up in positive sentiment dictionary

review begins with “I like”

at least 5 mentions of positive affectual verbs (like, love, etc.)

# Logistic regression

- We want to find the value of  $\beta$  that leads to the **highest** value of the conditional log likelihood:

$$\ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(y_i | x_i, \beta)$$

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**Algorithm 2** Logistic regression stochastic gradient descent

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1: Data: training data  $x \in \mathbb{R}^F, y \in \{0, 1\}$ 
2:  $\beta = 0^F$ 
3: while not converged do
4:   for  $i = 1$  to  $N$  do
5:      $\beta_{t+1} = \beta_t + \alpha (y_i - \hat{p}(x_i)) x_i$ 
6:   end for
7: end while
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# L2 regularization

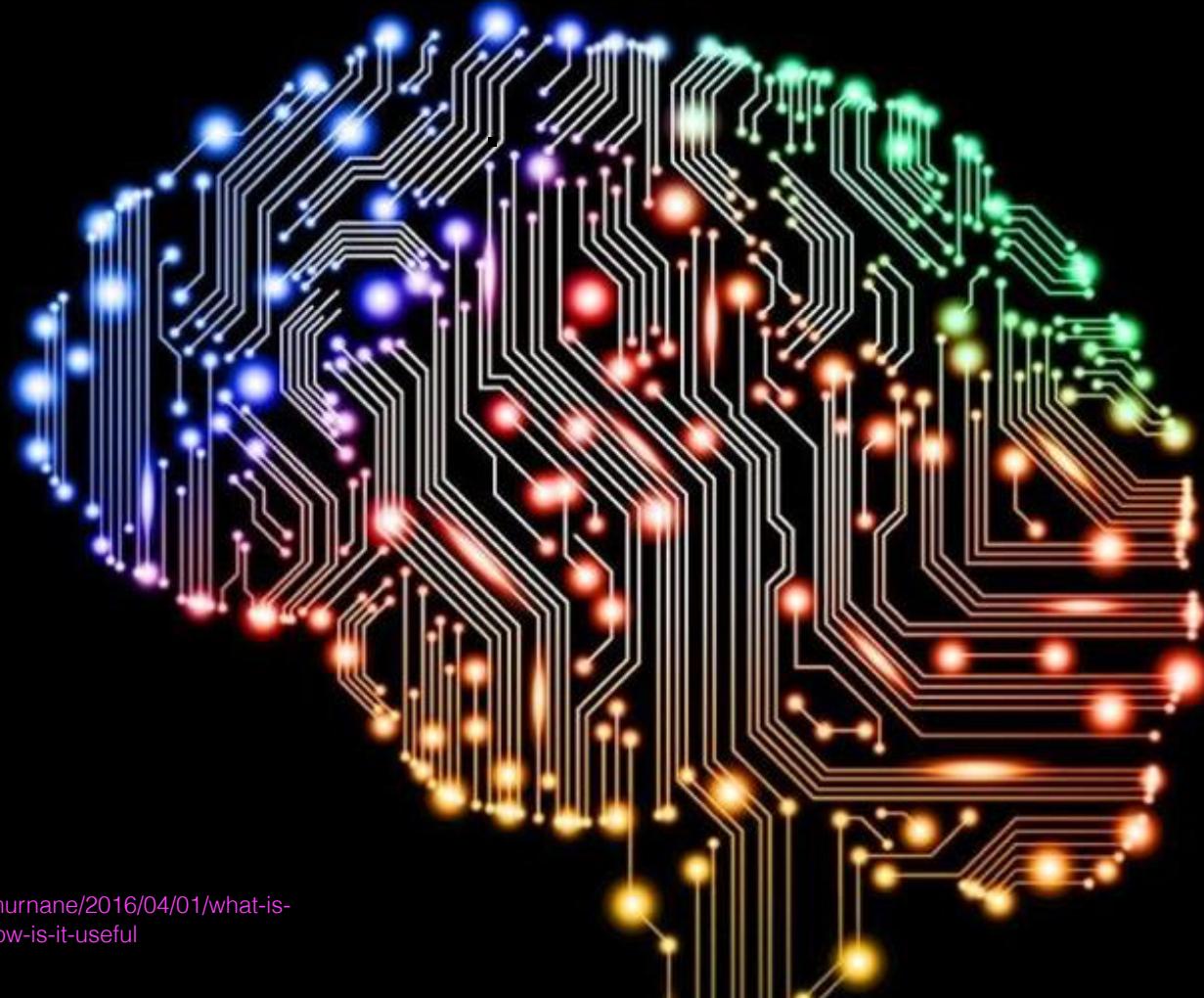
$$\ell(\beta) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \log P(y_i | x_i, \beta)}_{\text{we want this to be high}} - \underbrace{n \sum_{j=1}^F \beta_j^2}_{\text{but we want this to be small}}$$

- We can do this by changing the function we're trying to optimize by adding a penalty for having values of  $\beta$  that are high
- This is equivalent to saying that each  $\beta$  element is drawn from a Normal distribution centered on 0.
- $n$  controls how much of a penalty to pay for coefficients that are far from 0 (optimize on development data)

# L1 regularization

$$\ell(\beta) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N \log P(y_i | x_i, \beta)}_{\text{we want this to be high}} - \underbrace{\eta \sum_{j=1}^F |\beta_j|}_{\text{but we want this to be small}}$$

- L1 regularization encourages coefficients to be **exactly** 0.
- $\eta$  again controls how much of a penalty to pay for coefficients that are far from 0 (optimize on development data)



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/kevinnmurnane/2016/04/01/what-is-deep-learning-and-how-is-it-useful>

# History of NLP

- Foundational insights, 1940s/1950s
- Two camps (symbolic/stochastic), 1957-1970
- Four paradigms (stochastic, logic-based, NLU, discourse modeling), 1970-1983
- Empiricism and FSM (1983-1993)
- Field comes together (1994-1999)
- Machine learning (2000–today)
- Neural networks (~2014–today)

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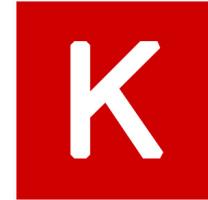
# Neural networks in NLP

- Language modeling [Mikolov et al. 2010]
- Text classification [Kim 2014; Iyyer et al. 2015]
- Syntactic parsing [Chen and Manning 2014, Dyer et al. 2015, Andor et al. 2016]
- CCG super tagging [Lewis and Steedman 2014]
- Machine translation [Cho et al. 2014, Sustkever et al. 2014]
- (for overview, see Goldberg 2017, 1.3.1)

# Neural networks

- Discrete, high-dimensional representation of inputs (one-hot vectors) -> low-dimensional “distributed” representations.
- Static representations -> contextual representations, where representations of words are sensitive to local context.
- Non-linear interactions of input features
- Multiple layers to capture hierarchical structure

# Neural network libraries



# Logistic regression

$$P(\hat{y} = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^F x_i \beta_i\right)}$$

*not*

*bad*

*movie*

| x | $\beta$ |
|---|---------|
| 1 | -0.5    |
| 1 | -1.7    |
| 0 | 0.3     |

# SGD

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**Algorithm 2** Logistic regression stochastic gradient descent

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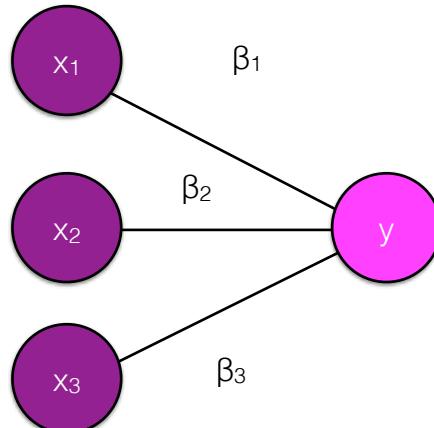
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Calculate the derivative of some loss function with respect to parameters we can change, update accordingly to make predictions on training data **a little less wrong next time.**

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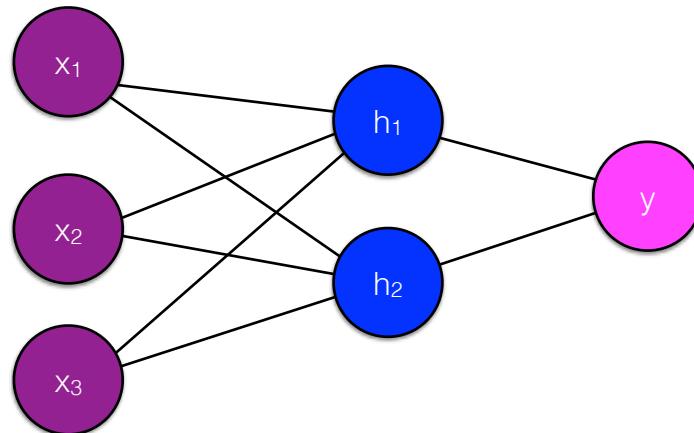
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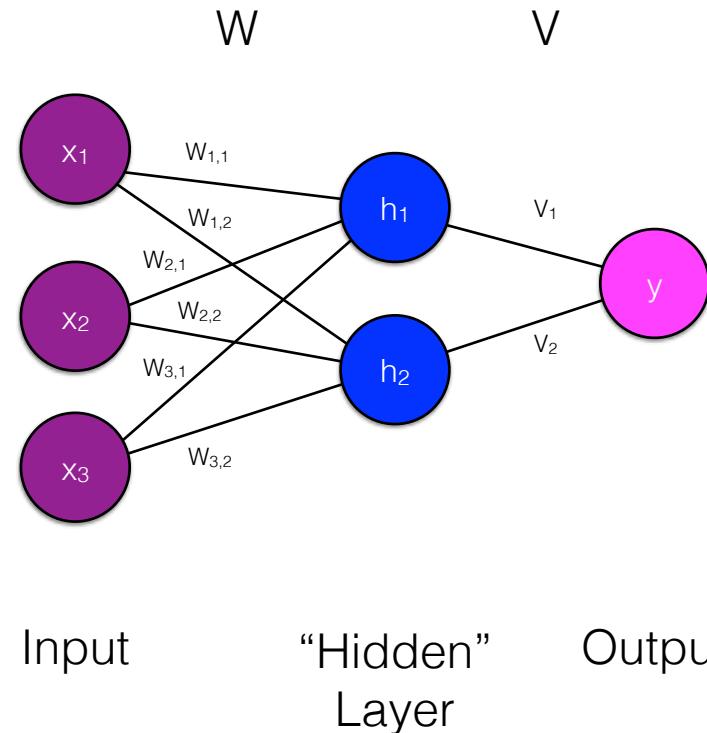
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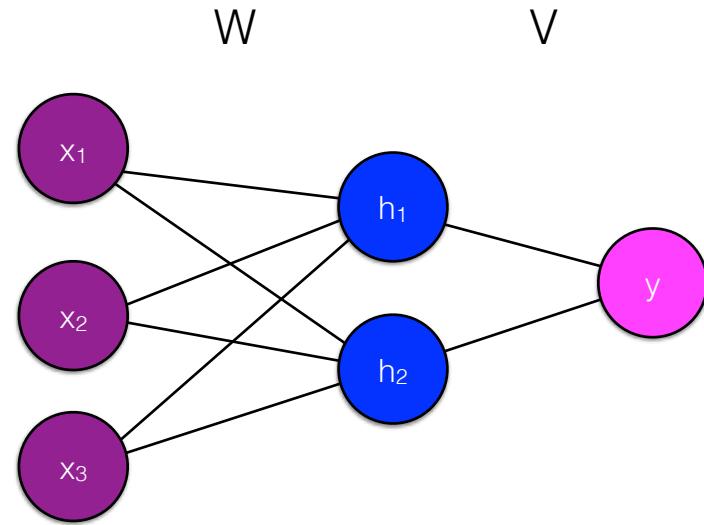
# Feedforward neural network

- Input and output are mediated by at least one hidden layer.
- a.k.a. Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP)



\*For simplicity, we're leaving out the bias term, but assume most layers have them as well.

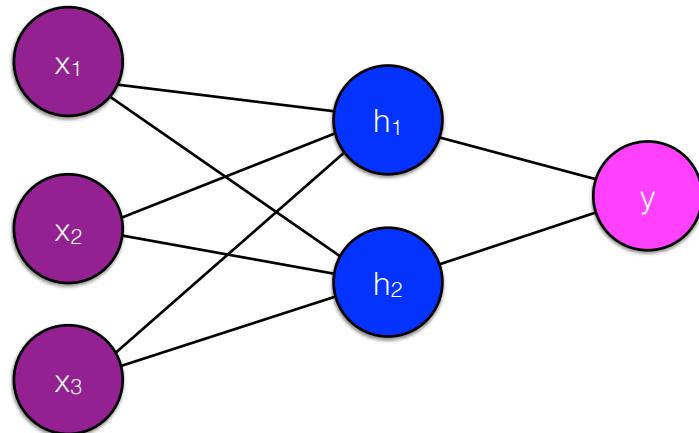




|              | x | W    |      | V    | y |
|--------------|---|------|------|------|---|
| <i>not</i>   | 1 | -0.5 | 1.3  | 4.1  | 1 |
| <i>bad</i>   | 1 | 0.4  | 0.08 | -0.9 |   |
| <i>movie</i> | 0 | 1.7  | 3.1  |      |   |

W

V

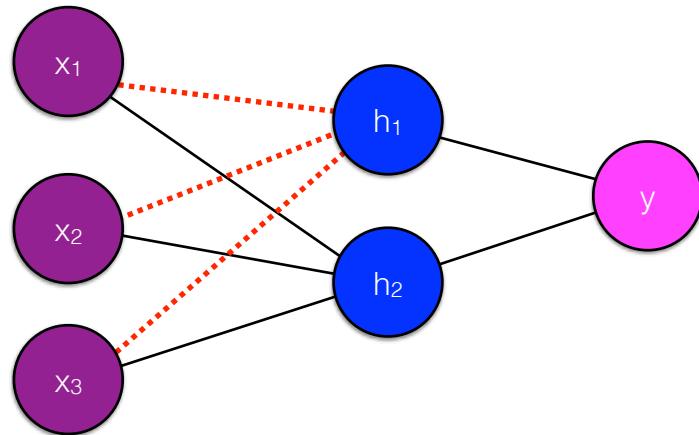


$$h_j = f \left( \sum_{i=1}^F x_i W_{i,j} \right)$$

the hidden nodes are  
completely determined by the  
input and weights

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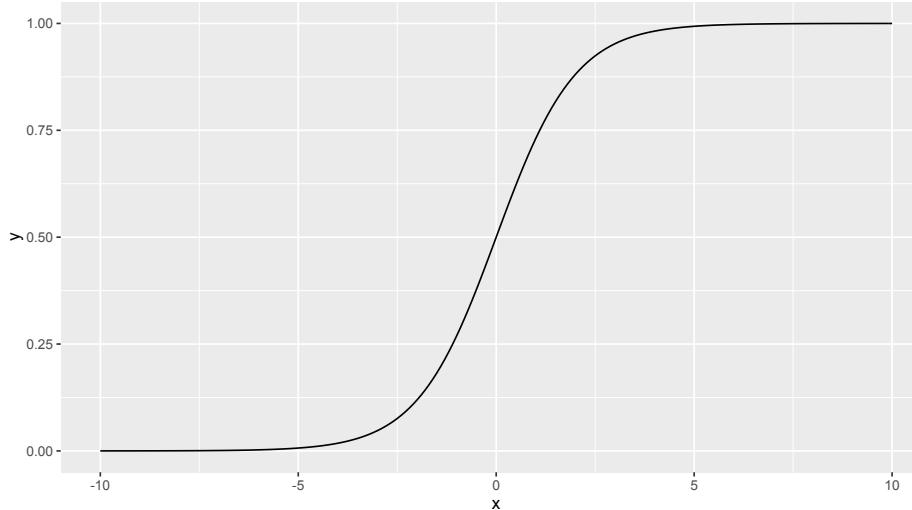
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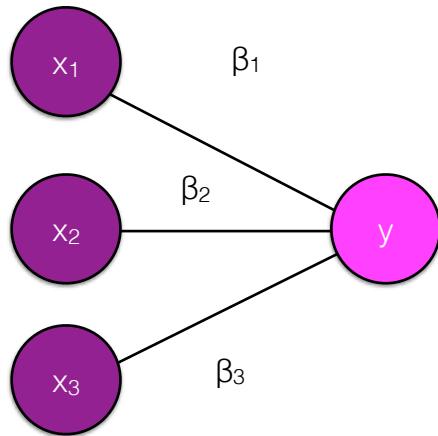
$$h_1 = f \left( \sum_{i=1}^F x_i W_{i,1} \right)$$

# Activation functions

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}$$



# Logistic regression



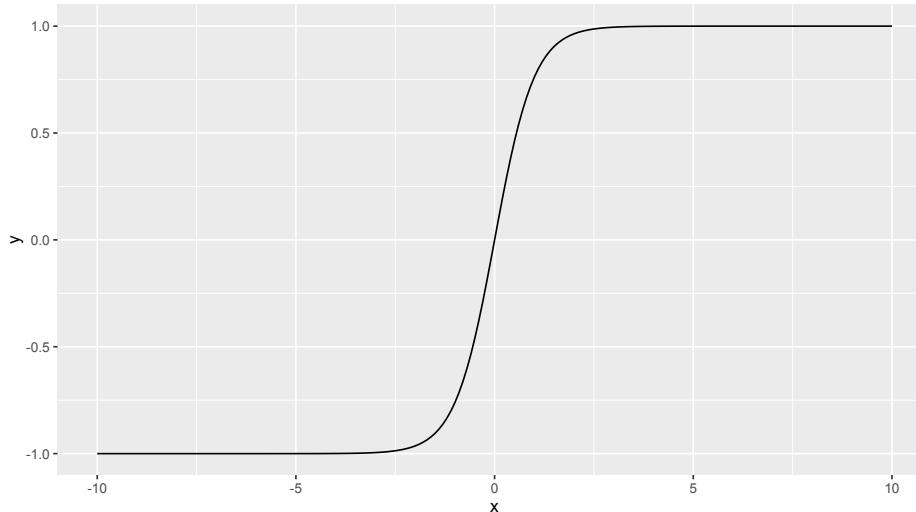
$$P(\hat{y} = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^F x_i \beta_i\right)}$$

$$P(\hat{y} = 1) = \sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^F x_i \beta_i\right)$$

We can think about logistic regression as a neural network with no hidden layers

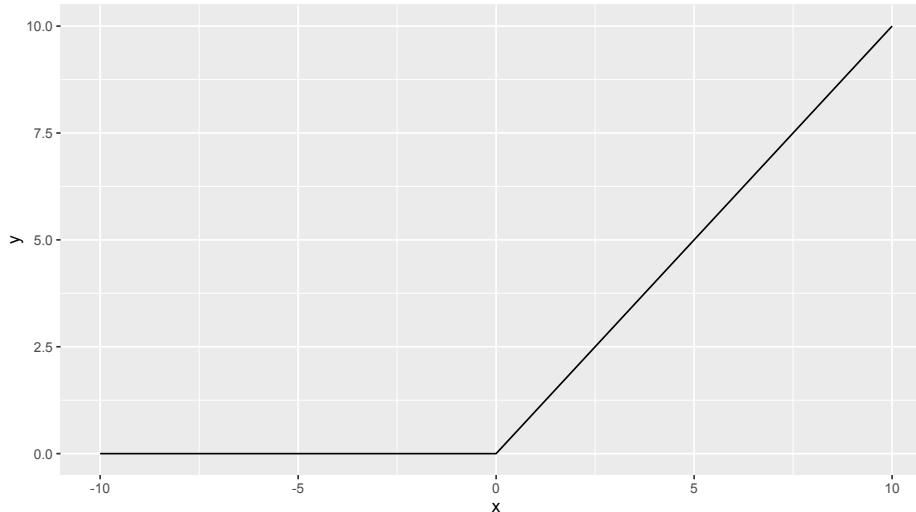
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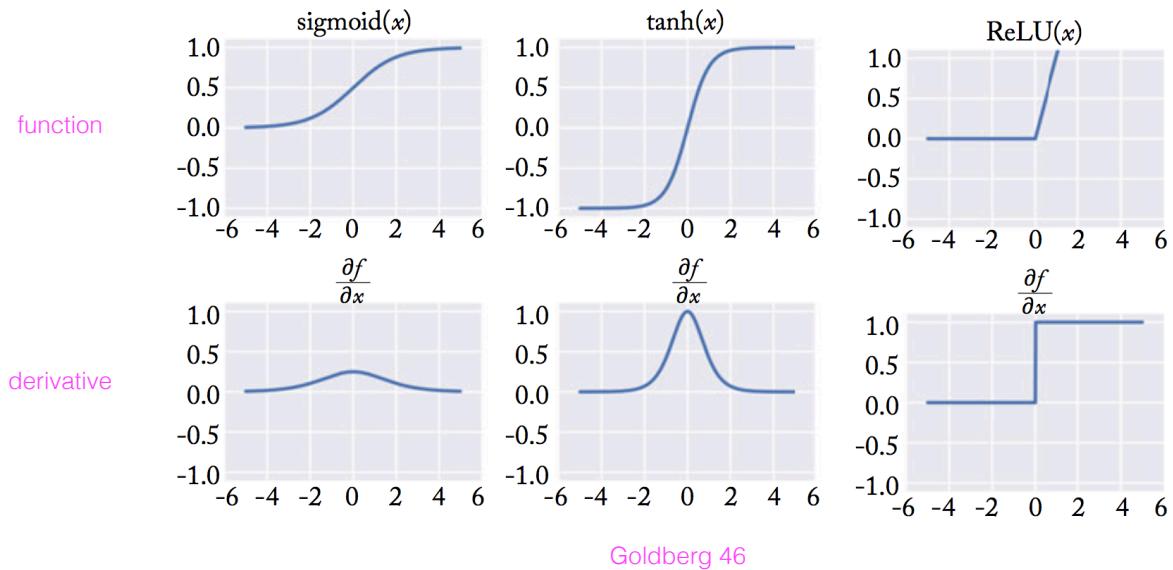
$$\tanh(z) = \frac{\exp(z) - \exp(-z)}{\exp(z) + \exp(-z)}$$



# Activation functions

$$\text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z)$$



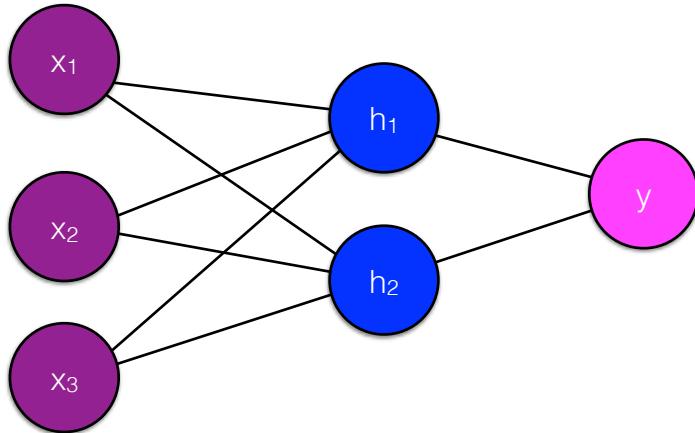


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- ReLU and tanh are both used extensively in modern systems.
- Sigmoid is useful for final layer to scale output between 0 and 1, but is not often used in intermediate layers.

W

V

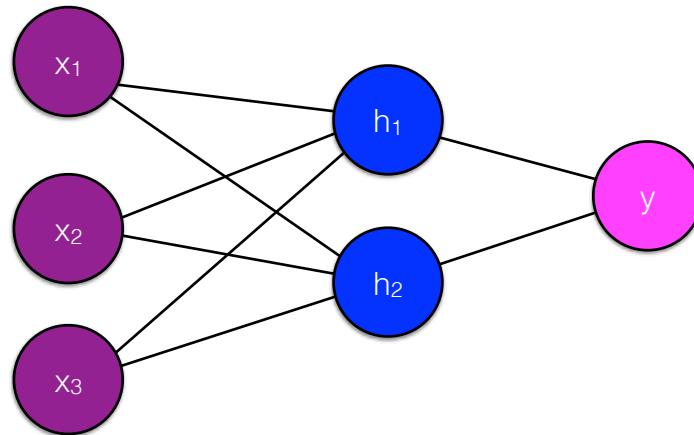


$$h_1 = \sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^F x_i W_{i,1} \right) \quad \hat{y} = \sigma [V_1 h_1 + V_2 h_2]$$

$$h_2 = \sigma \left( \sum_{i=1}^F x_i W_{i,2} \right)$$

W

V



$$\hat{y} = \sigma \left[ V_1 \left( \sigma \left( \sum_i^F x_i W_{i,1} \right) \right) + V_2 \left( \sigma \left( \sum_i^F x_i W_{i,2} \right) \right) \right]$$

we can express  $y$  as a function only of the input  $x$  and the weights  $W$  and  $V$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma \left[ V_1 \underbrace{\left( \sigma \left( \sum_i^F x_i W_{i,1} \right) \right)}_{h_1} + V_2 \underbrace{\left( \sigma \left( \sum_i^F x_i W_{i,2} \right) \right)}_{h_2} \right]$$

This is hairy, but **differentiable**

Backpropagation: Given training samples of  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pairs, we can use stochastic gradient descent to find the values of  $W$  and  $V$  that minimize the loss.

# Chain Rule (reminder)

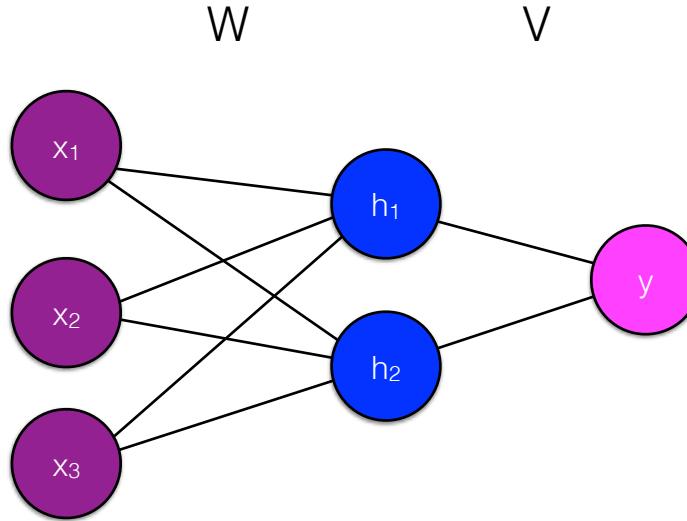
$$f(x) = u(v(x))$$

$$f(x) = u(v(w(x)))$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{du}{dv} \frac{dv}{dx}$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{du}{dv} \frac{dv}{dw} \frac{dw}{dx}$$

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Neural networks are a series of functions chained together

$$xW \rightarrow \sigma(xW) \rightarrow \sigma(xW)V \rightarrow \sigma(\sigma(xW)V)$$

The loss is another function chained on top

$$\log(\sigma(\sigma(xW)V))$$

# Chain rule

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial V} \log (\sigma (\sigma (xW) V))$$

Let's take the likelihood for a single training example with label  $y = 1$ ; we want this value to be as high as possible

$$= \frac{\partial \log (\sigma (\sigma (xW) V))}{\partial \sigma (\sigma (xW) V)} \frac{\partial \sigma (\sigma (xW) V)}{\partial \sigma (xW) V} \frac{\partial \sigma (xW) V}{\partial V}$$

$$= \overbrace{\frac{\partial \log (\sigma (hV))}{\partial \sigma (hV)}}^A \overbrace{\frac{\partial \sigma (hV)}{\partial hV}}^B \overbrace{\frac{\partial hV}{\partial V}}^C$$

# Chain rule

$$= \overbrace{\frac{\partial \log(\sigma(hV))}{\partial \sigma(hV)}}^A \overbrace{\frac{\partial \sigma(hV)}{\partial hV}}^B \overbrace{\frac{\partial hV}{\partial V}}^C$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sigma(hV)}}_A \times \underbrace{\sigma(hV)}_B \times \underbrace{(1 - \sigma(hV))}_C \times h$$

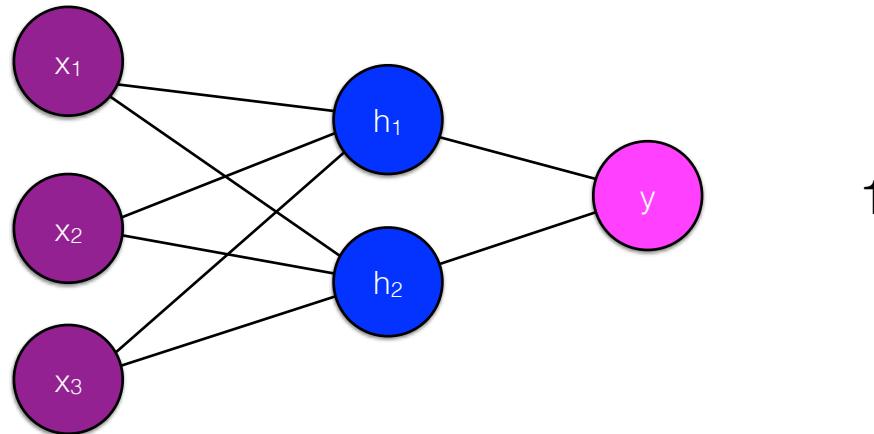
$$= (1 - \sigma(hV))h$$

$$= (1 - \hat{y})h$$

# Neural networks

- Tremendous flexibility on design choices (exchange feature engineering for model engineering)
- Articulate model structure and use the chain rule to derive parameter updates.

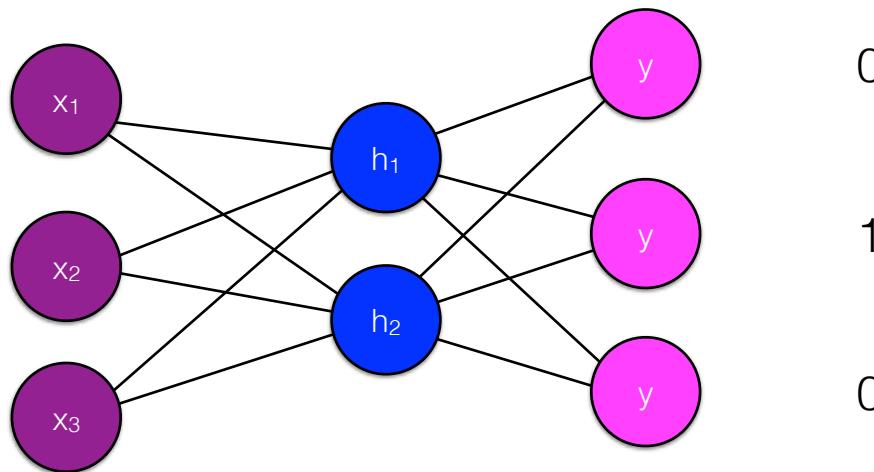
# Neural network structures



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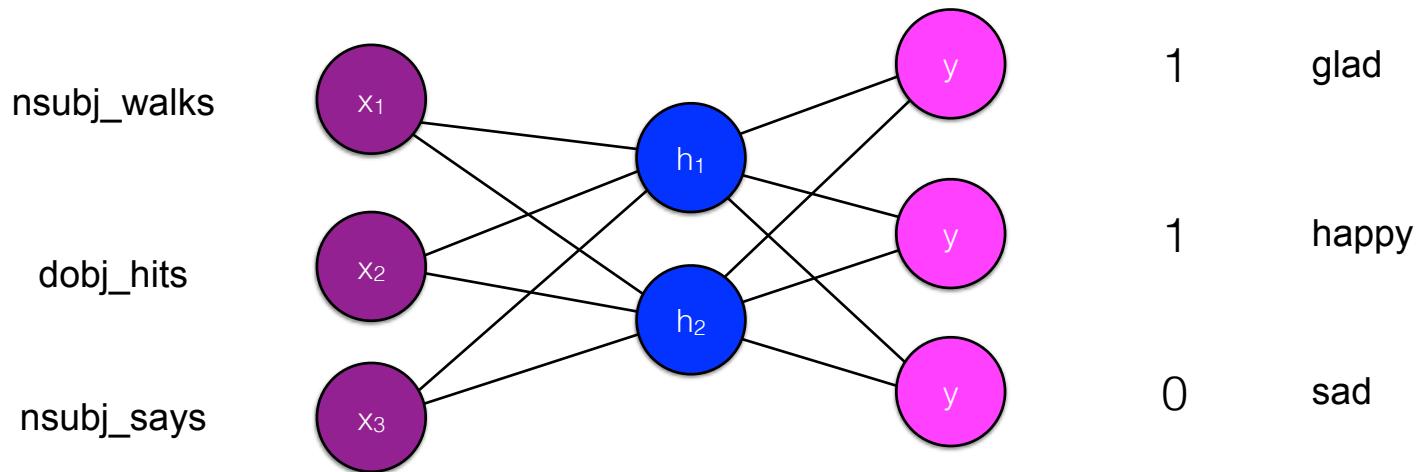
Output one real value; sigmoid function  
for output gives single probability  
between 0 and 1

# Neural network structures



Multiclass: output 3 values, only one = 1 in training data; softmax function for output gives probability between 0 and 1 for each class (all class probabilities sum to 1); classes **compete** with each other.

# Neural network structures



output 3 values, several = 1 in training data; sigmoid function for *each* output gives probability of presence of that label; classes do not compete with each other since multiple can be present together.

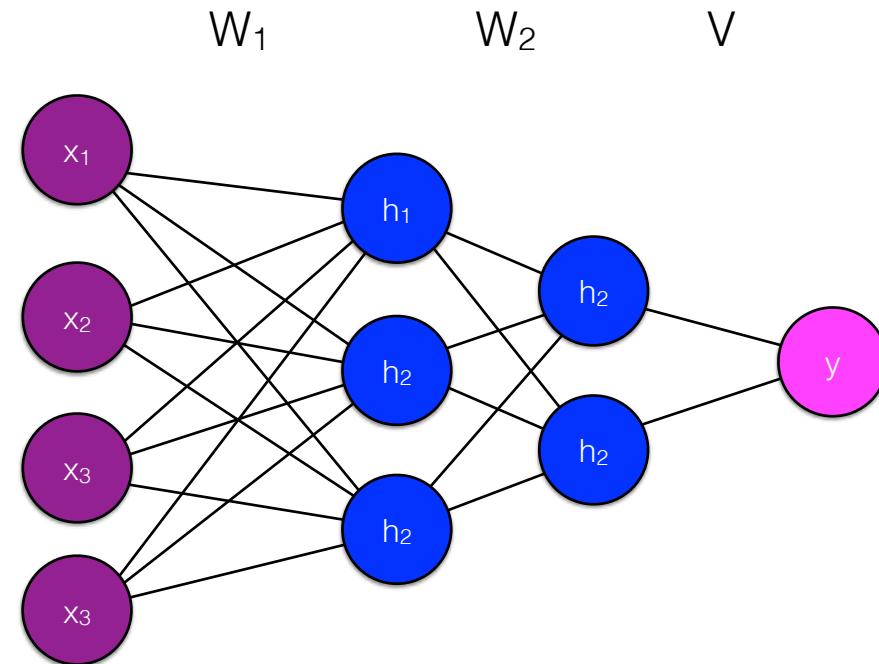
# Regularization

- Increasing the number of parameters = increasing the possibility for **overfitting** to training data

# Regularization

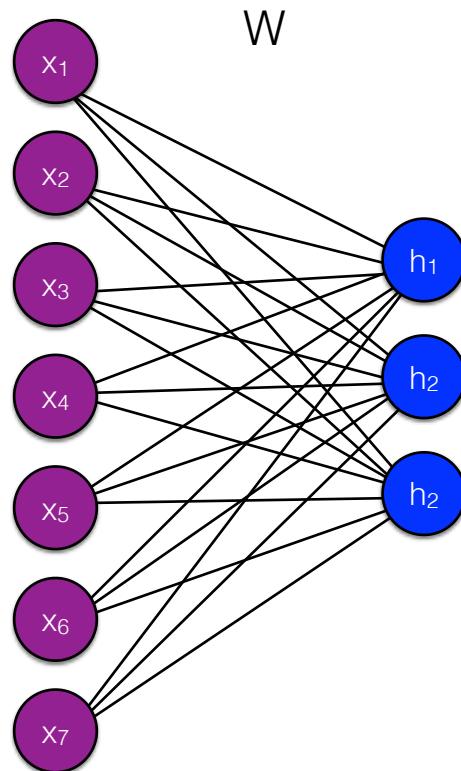
- L2 regularization: penalize W and V for being too large
- Dropout: when training on a  $\langle x, y \rangle$  pair, randomly remove some node and weights.
- Early stopping: Stop backpropagation before the training error is too small.

# Deeper networks

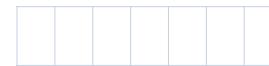


Talk to your neighbor!

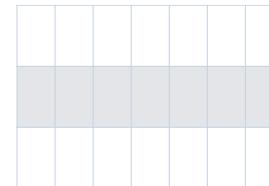
# Densely connected layer



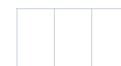
x



W



h



$$h = \sigma(xW)$$

# Convolutional networks

- With convolution networks, the **same** operation (i.e., the same set of parameters) is applied to **different** regions of the input

# 2D Convolution

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

blurring



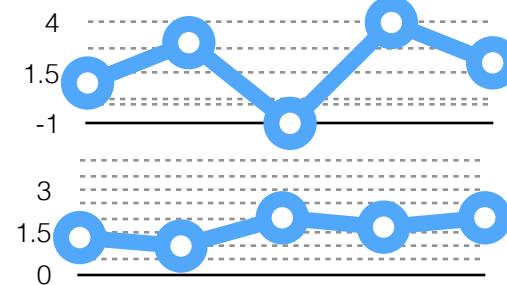
# 1D Convolution

convolution  $K$

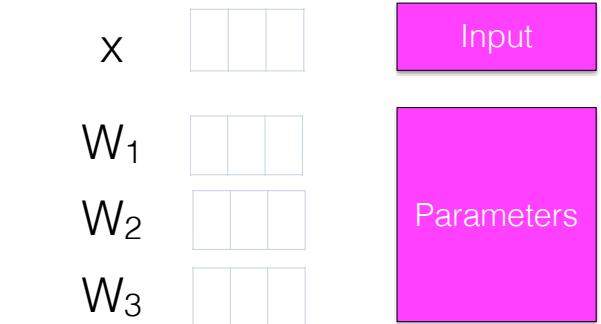
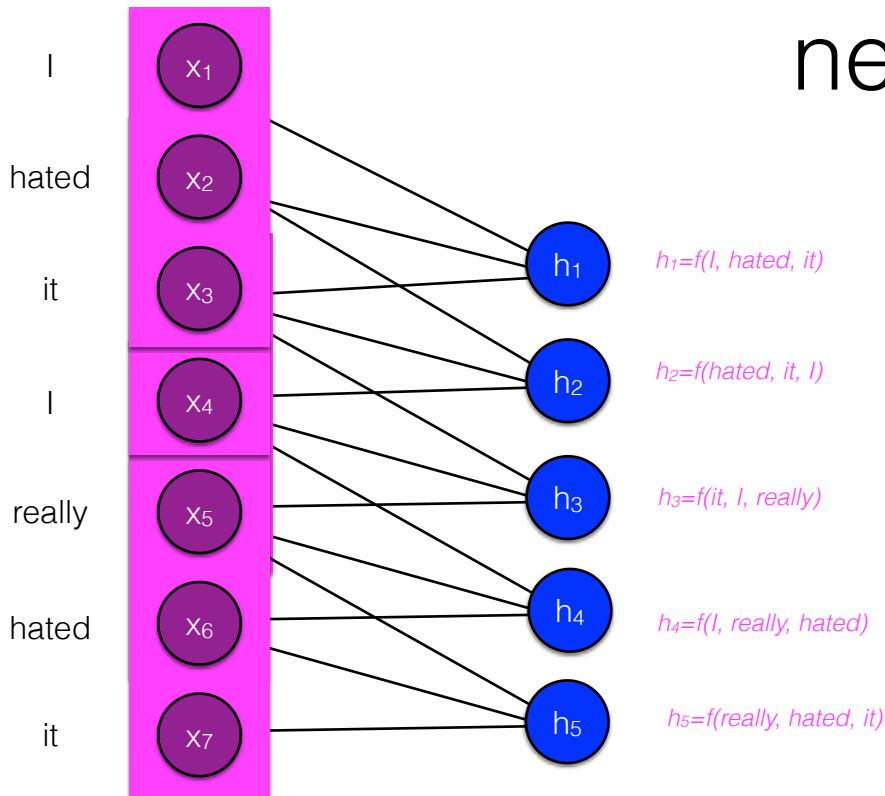
$\times$

|     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 1/3 | 1/3 | 1/3 |
|     |     |     |
| 0   | 1   | 3   |
| -1  | 4   | 2   |
| 0   |     |     |

|                 |   |   |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|---|
| 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ | 1 | 2 | 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ | 2 |
|-----------------|---|---|-----------------|---|



# Convolutional networks

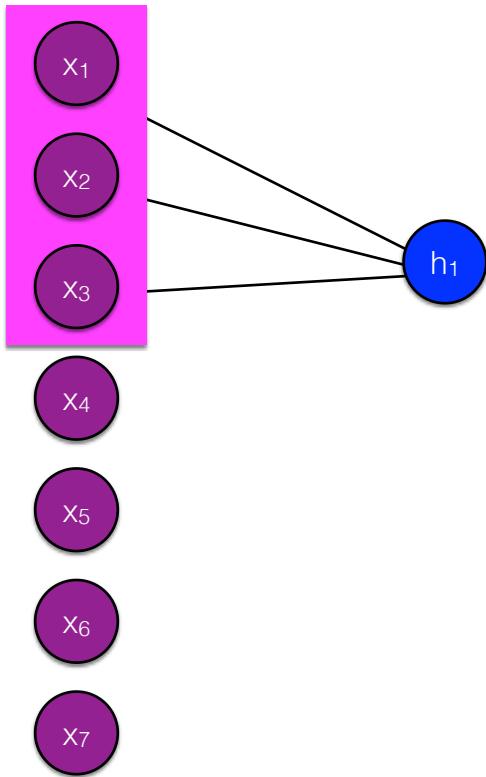


$$h_1 = \sigma(x_1 W_1 + x_2 W_2 + x_3 W_3)$$

# Indicator vector

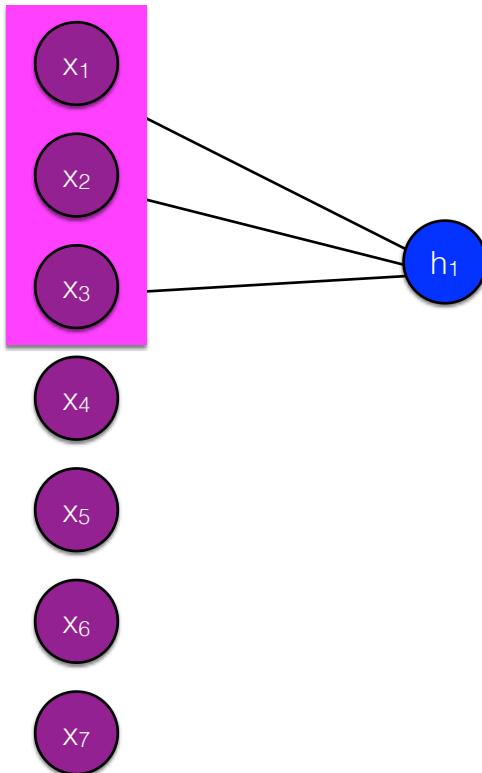
- Every token is a V-dimensional vector (size of the vocab) with a single 1 identifying the word

| vocab item | indicator |
|------------|-----------|
| a          | 0         |
| aa         | 0         |
| aal        | 0         |
| aalii      | 0         |
| aam        | 0         |
| aardvark   | 1         |
| aardwolf   | 0         |
| aba        | 0         |



|       | $X$  | $W$ |  |  |  |   |     |      |      |      |      |
|-------|--|-----|--|--|--|---|-----|------|------|------|------|
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| 1     |  |     |  |  |  |   |     |      |      |      |      |
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| -3.1  |  |     |  |  |  |   |     |      |      |      |      |
| -2.7  |  |     |  |  |  |   |     |      |      |      |      |
| 1.4   |  |     |  |  |  |   |     |      |      |      |      |
| 0.1   |  |     |  |  |  |   |     |      |      |      |      |
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$X$        $W$

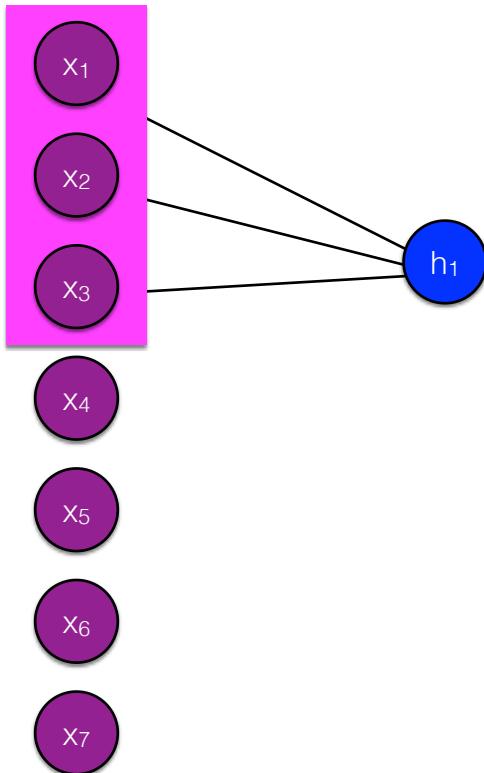
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| $x_2$ | 0<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 |
| $x_3$ | 0<br>0<br>1<br>0<br>0<br>0<br>0 |

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| $w_1$ | 3.1<br>-2.7<br>1.4<br>-0.7<br>-1.4<br>9.2<br>-3.1<br>1.4<br>0.1<br>0.3<br>-0.4<br>-2.4<br>-4.7<br>5.7 |
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For indicator vectors, we're just adding these numbers together

$$h_1 = \sigma(W_{1,x_1^{id}} + W_{2,x_2^{id}} + W_{3,x_3^{id}})$$

(Where  $x_n^{id}$  specifies the location of the 1 in the vector — i.e., the vocabulary id)



$X$                            $W$

|       |                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| $x_1$ | 0.4<br>0.8<br>1.2<br>-1.3<br>0.4  |
| $x_2$ | 0.2<br>-5.3<br>-1.2<br>5.3<br>0.4 |
| $x_3$ | 2.6<br>2.7<br>-3.2<br>6.2<br>1.9  |

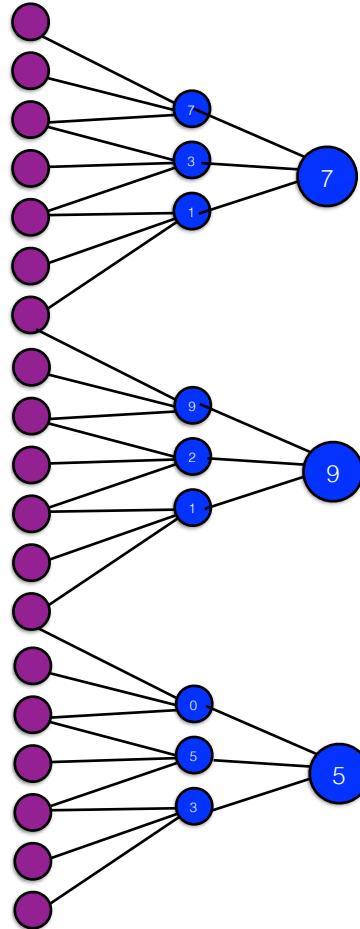
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|-------|-----------------------------------|
| $x_1$ | 0.2<br>-5.3<br>-1.2<br>5.3<br>0.4 |
| $x_2$ | -2.7<br>1.4<br>-0.7<br>-1.4       |
| $x_3$ | 9.2<br>-3.1<br>1.4<br>0.1         |

|       |                                    |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| $w_1$ | 3.1<br>-2.7<br>1.4<br>-0.7<br>-1.4 |
| $w_2$ | -2.7<br>1.4<br>0.1                 |
| $w_3$ | 9.2<br>-3.1<br>1.4<br>0.1          |

For dense input vectors (e.g., embeddings), full dot product

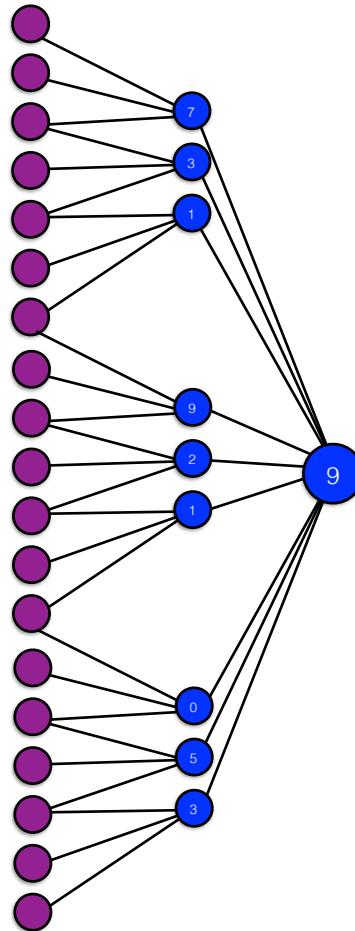
$$h_1 = \sigma(x_1 W_1 + x_2 W_2 + x_3 W_3)$$

# Pooling



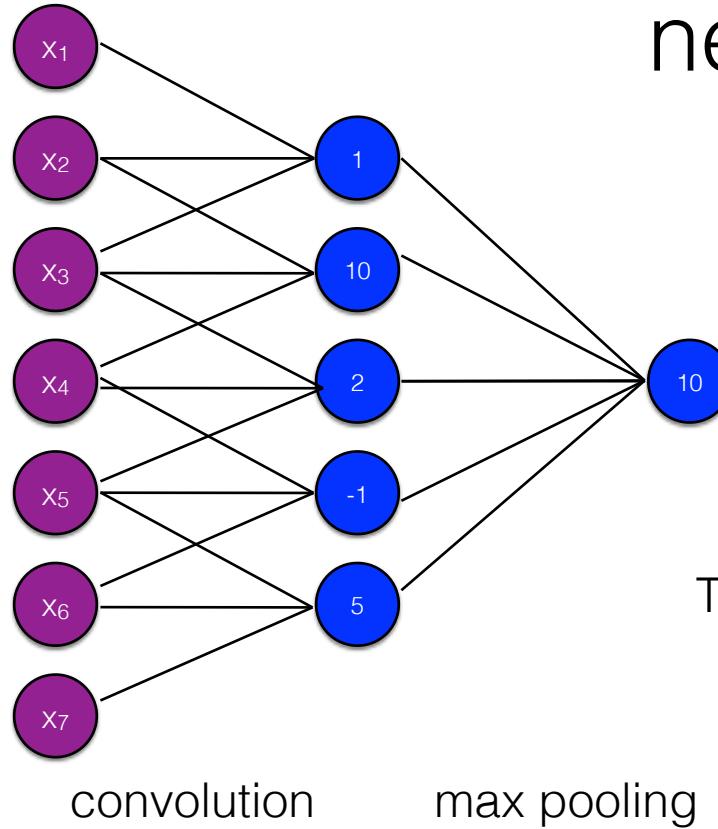
- Down-samples a layer by selecting a single point from some set
- **Max-pooling** selects the largest value

# Global pooling

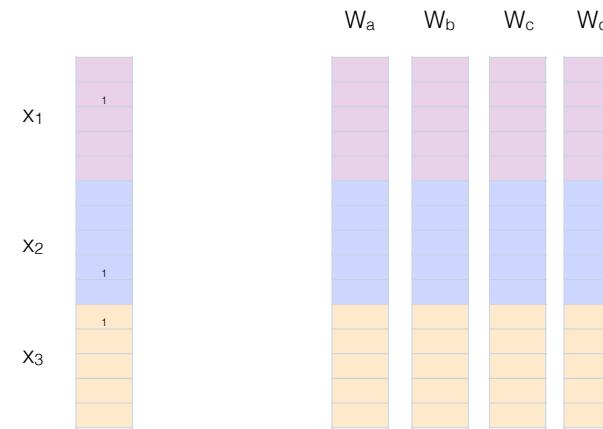
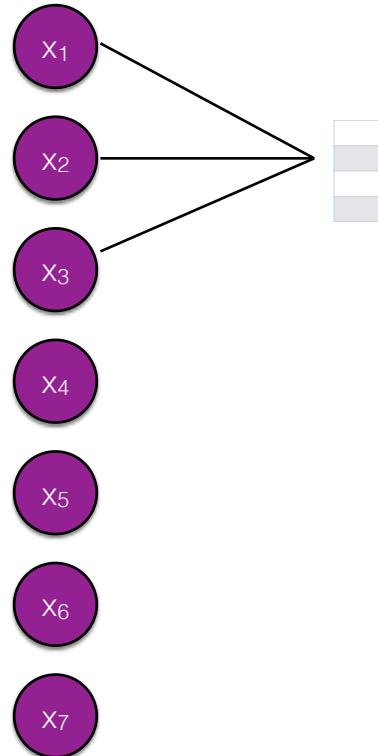


- Down-samples a layer by selecting a single point from some set
- **Max-pooling over time** (global max pooling) selects the largest value over an entire sequence
- Very common for NLP problems.

# Convolutional networks



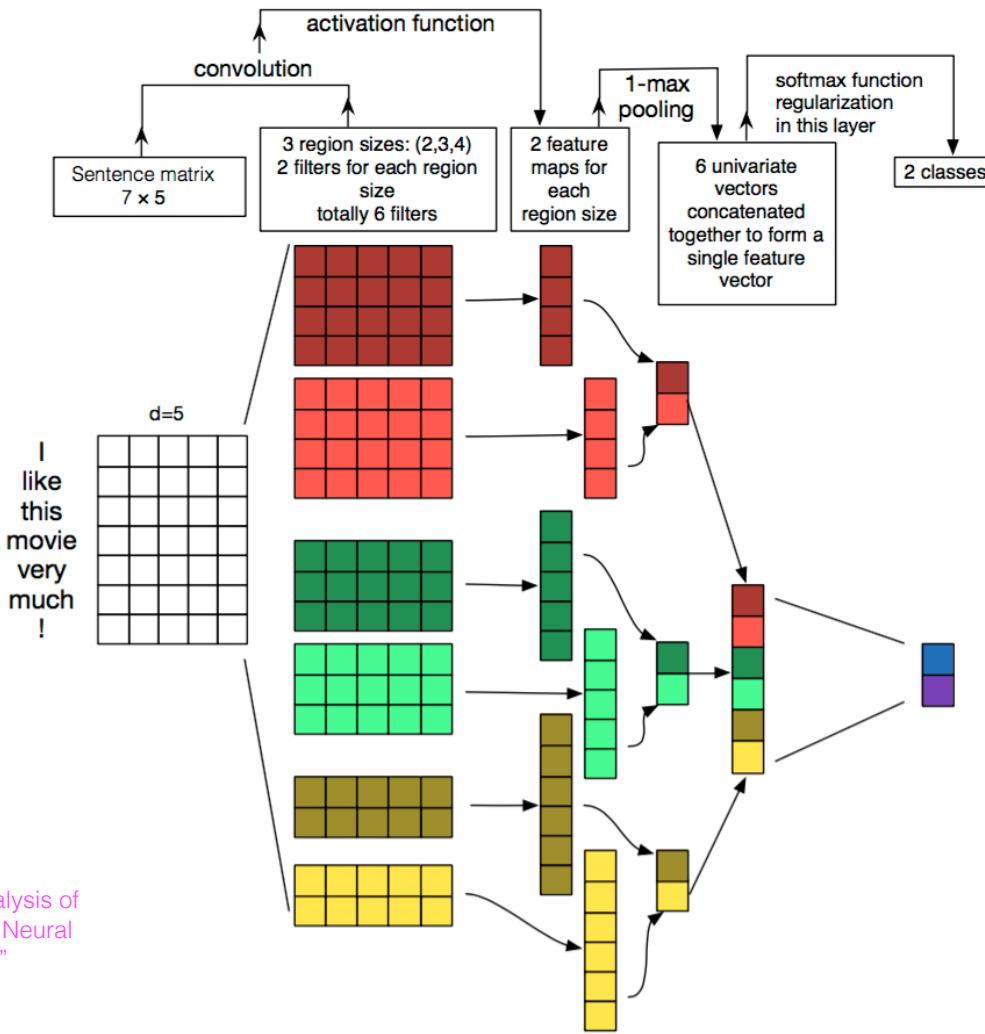
We can specify multiple filters; each filter is a separate set of parameters to be learned



$$h_1 = \sigma(x^\top W) \in R^4$$

# Convolutional networks

- With max pooling, we select a single number **for each filter** over all tokens
- (e.g., with 100 filters, the output of max pooling stage = 100-dimensional vector)
- If we specify multiple filters, we can also scope each filter **over different window sizes**



Zhang and Wallace 2016, "A Sensitivity Analysis of (and Practitioners' Guide to) Convolutional Neural Networks for Sentence Classification"

# CNN as important ngram detector

Higher-order ngrams are much more informative than just unigrams (e.g., “i don’t like this movie” [“I”, “don’t”, “like”, “this”, “movie”])

We can think about a CNN as providing a mechanism for detecting important (sequential) ngrams without having the burden of creating them as unique features

|          | unique types |
|----------|--------------|
| unigrams | 50921        |
| bigrams  | 451,220      |
| trigrams | 910,694      |
| 4-grams  | 1,074,921    |

Unique ngrams (1-4) in Cornell movie review dataset

# Logistics

- Quiz 1 is due tonight (11:59 pm)
  - Quiz 2 will be out this Friday (due next Monday Feb 5).
- Homework 1 is out & due next Tuesday, Feb 6 (11:59 pm)
  - Homework 2 will be out early next week.
- Next Lecture: Text Classification with Contextual Embedding, BERT, etc.