



# EECS 230 Deep Learning

## Lecture 5: Training Neural Network



From last lectures:  
Shallow & Deep Neural network, Losses, Optimization

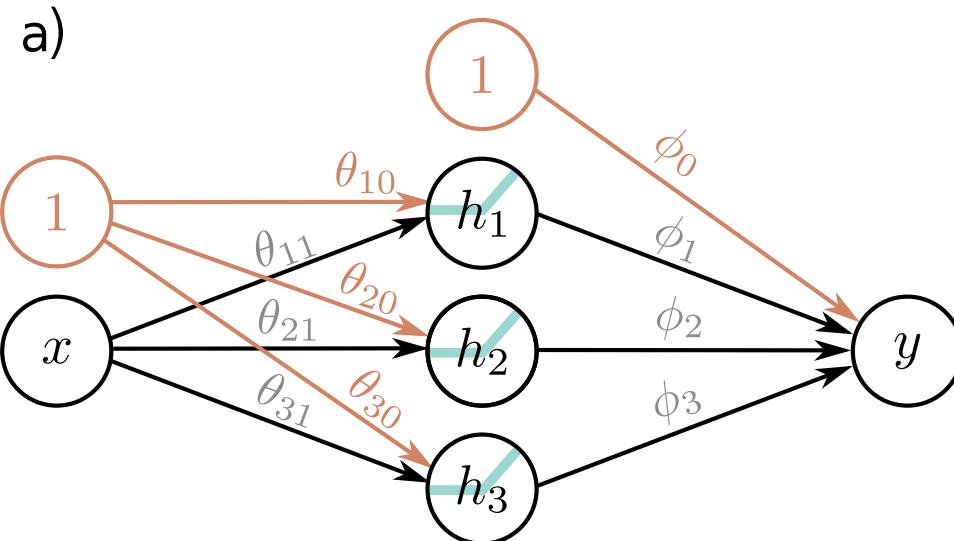
# Depicting shallow neural networks

$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

$$h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x]$$

$$h_3 = a[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x]$$

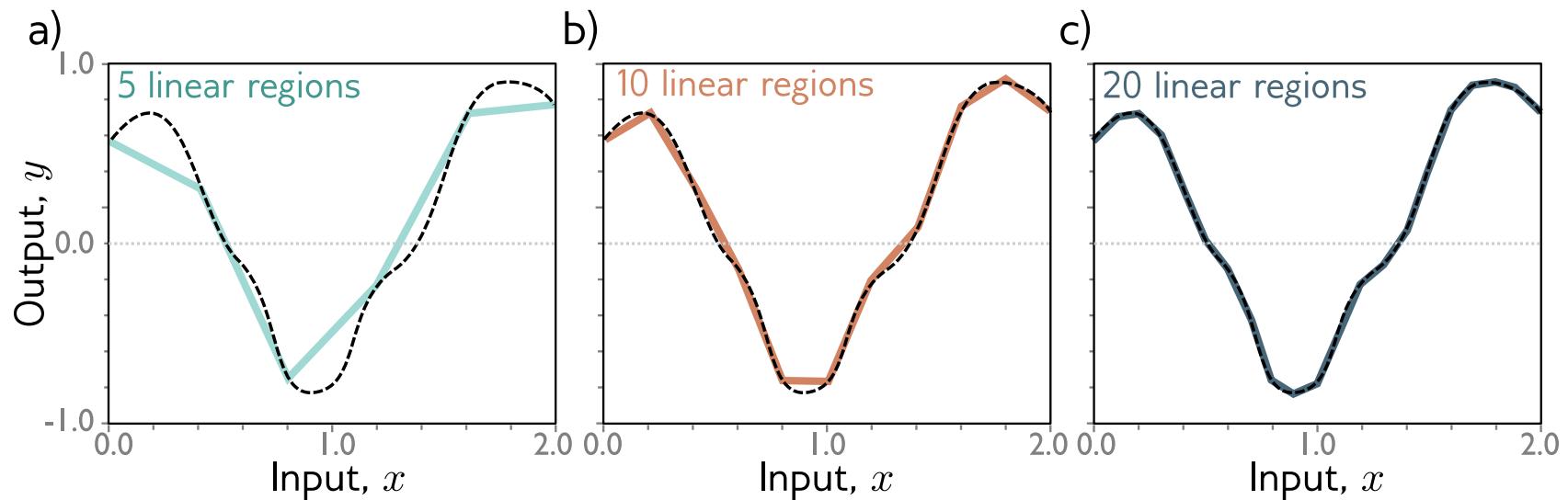
$$y = \phi_0 + \phi_1 h_1 + \phi_2 h_2 + \phi_3 h_3$$



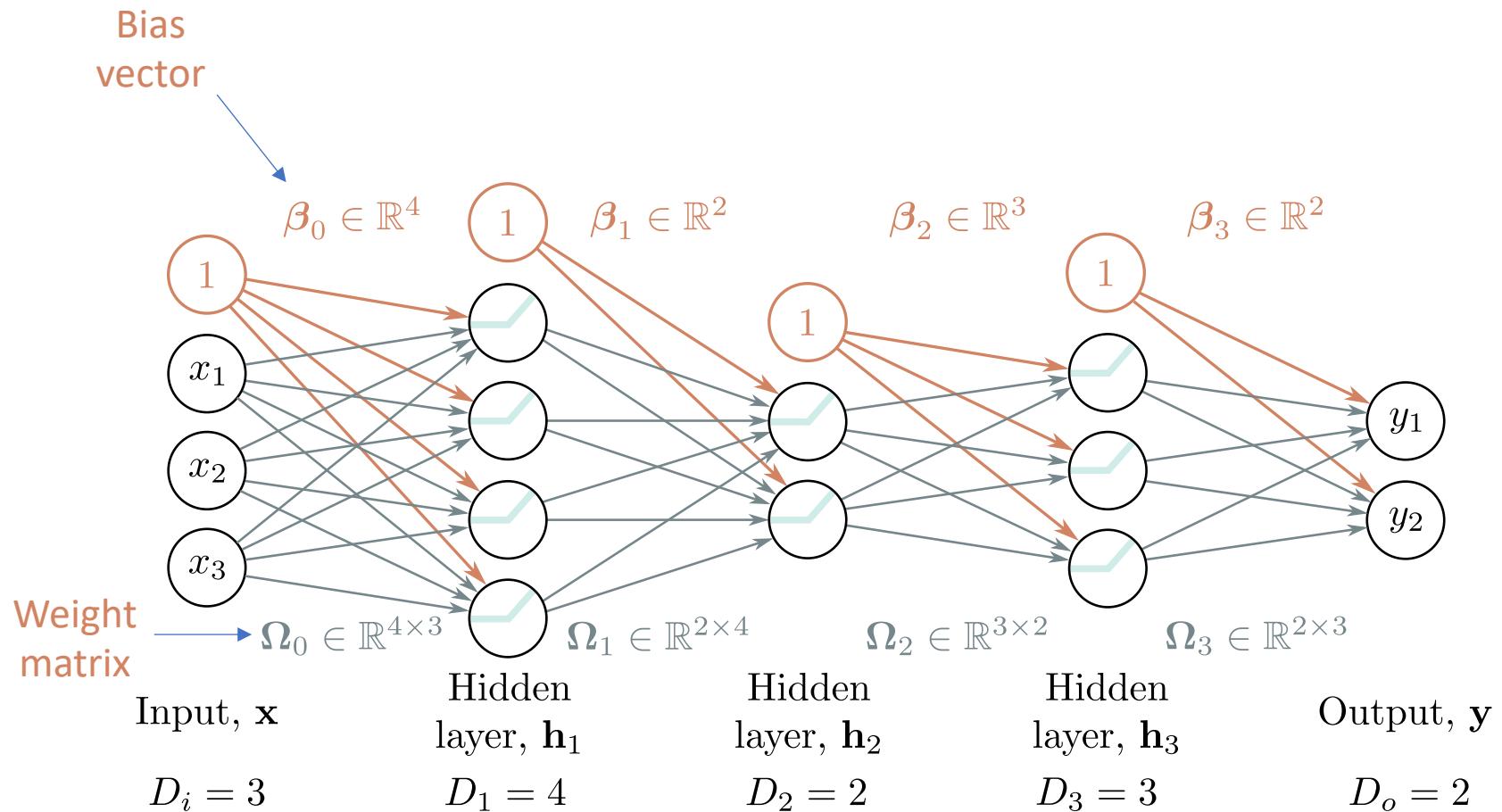
Each parameter multiplies its source and adds to its target

# With enough hidden units

❑ ... we can describe any 1D function to arbitrary accuracy



# Example of Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP)



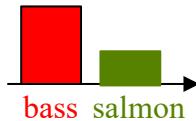
(binary case)

# Cross-Entropy Loss

(related to *logistic regression loss*)

Perceptron approximation:  $f(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}^i) = u(W^T X^i) \approx \sigma(W^T X^i)$

Consider two probability distributions  
over two classes (e.g. bass or salmon) :  $(\mathbf{y}, 1 - \mathbf{y})$  and  $(\sigma, 1 - \sigma)$



(binary)

**Cross-entropy loss:**

$$L(\mathbf{y}, \sigma) = -\mathbf{y} \ln \sigma - (1 - \mathbf{y}) \ln(1 - \sigma)$$

Distance between two distributions can be evaluated via **cross-entropy**  
(equivalent to *KL divergence* for fixed target)

$$H(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) := - \sum_k p_k \ln q_k$$

(general multi-class case)

# Cross-Entropy Loss

K-label perceptron's output:  $\bar{\sigma}(\mathbf{W}X^i)$  for example  $X^i$   $k$ -th index

Multi-valued label  $\mathbf{y}^i = k$  gives **one-hot** distribution  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^i = (0, 0, \textcircled{1}, 0, \dots, 0)$

Consider two probability distributions

over K classes (e.g. bass, salmon, sturgeon) :  $\bar{\mathbf{y}}^i$  and  $(\bar{\sigma}_1, \bar{\sigma}_2, \bar{\sigma}_3, \dots, \bar{\sigma}_K)$



$$\Pr(\mathbf{x}^i \in \text{Class } k \mid W) = \bar{\sigma}_k(WX^i)$$

**cross entropy**

$$\textbf{Total loss: } L(W) = \sum_{i \in \text{train}} \overbrace{\sum_k -\bar{\mathbf{y}}_k^i \ln \bar{\sigma}_k(WX^i)}$$

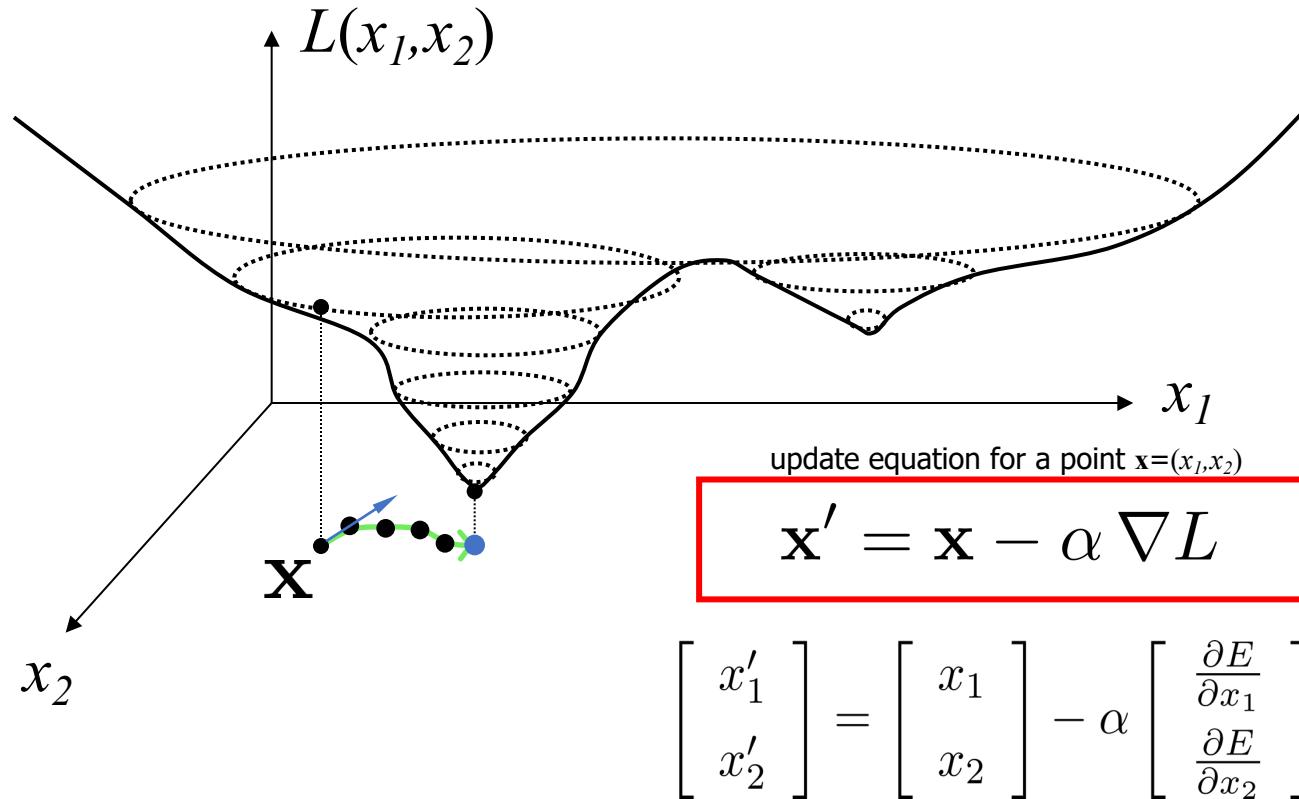
$\Rightarrow$

$$L(W) = - \sum_{i \in \text{train}} \ln \bar{\sigma}_{\mathbf{y}^i}(WX^i)$$

sum of **Negative Log-Likelihoods (NLL)**

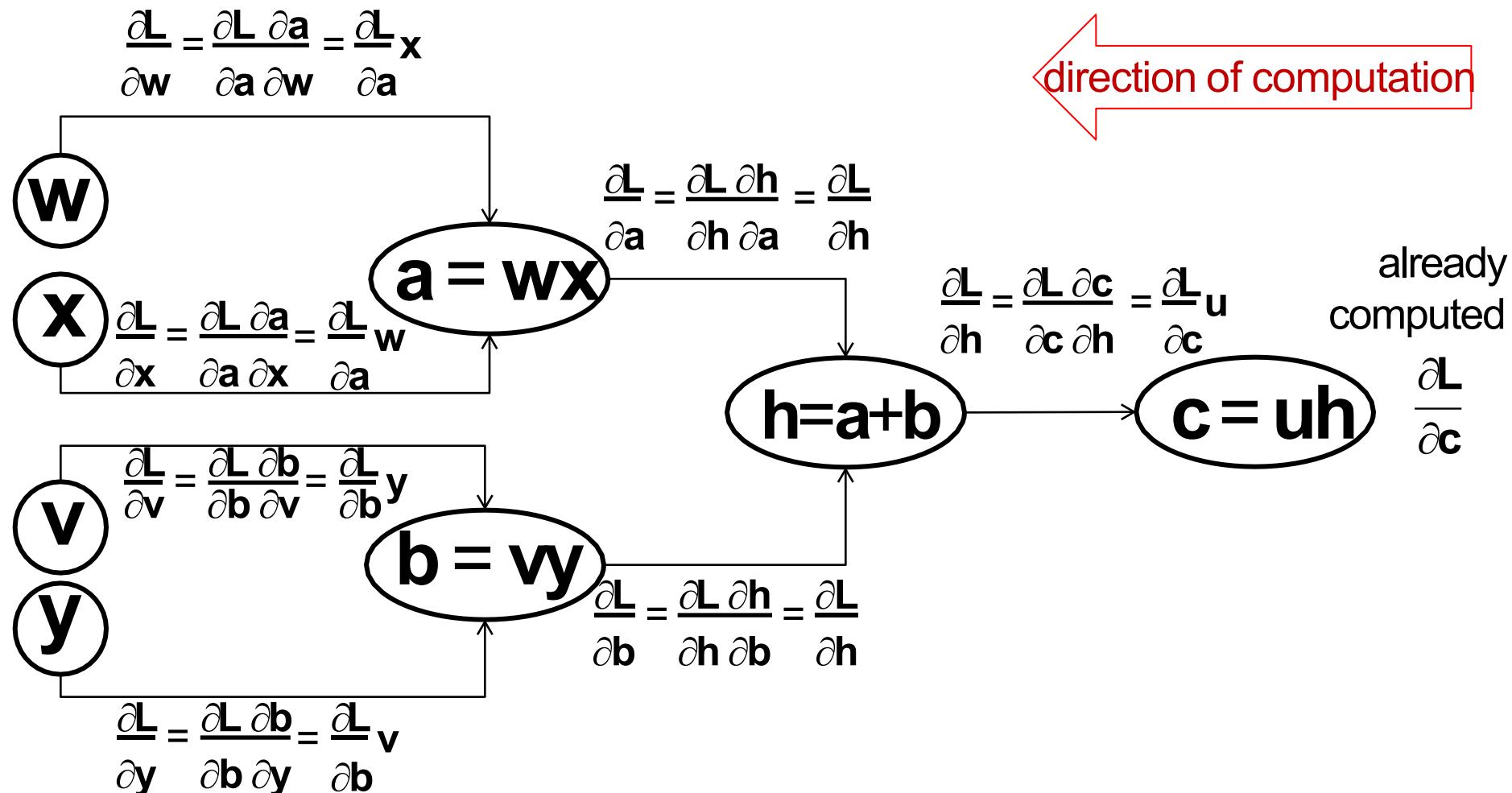
# From last lecture: Gradient Descent

□ Example: for a function of two variables



Stop at a local minima where  $\nabla L = \vec{0}$

# From last lecture: Backpropogation



- Some of these partial derivatives are intermediate
  - their values will not be used for gradient descent

# Today

- ❑ Deep learning hardware
- ❑ Deep learning software
- ❑ Tricks for training neural networks
  - ❑ Activation function
  - ❑ Data Preprocessing
  - ❑ Batch normalization
  - ❑ Transfer learning



# Deep Learning Hardware

# Inside a computer

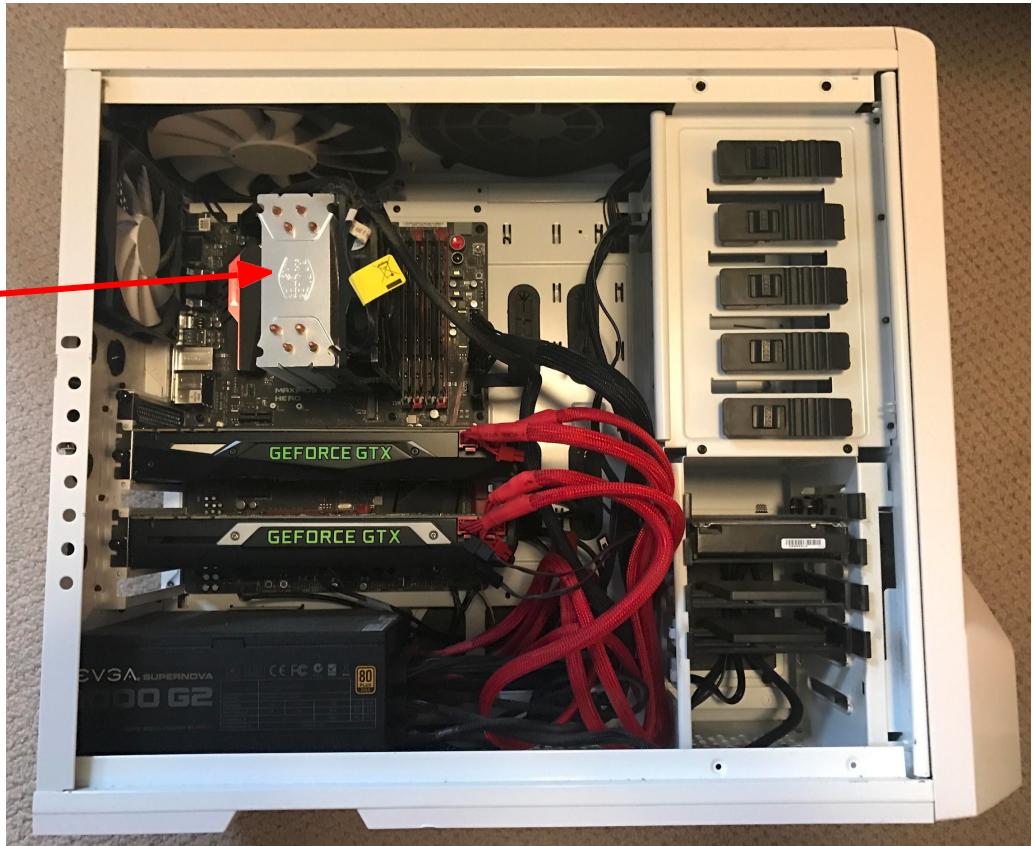


# Spot the CPU!

(central processing unit)



This image is licensed under [CC-BY 2.0](#)

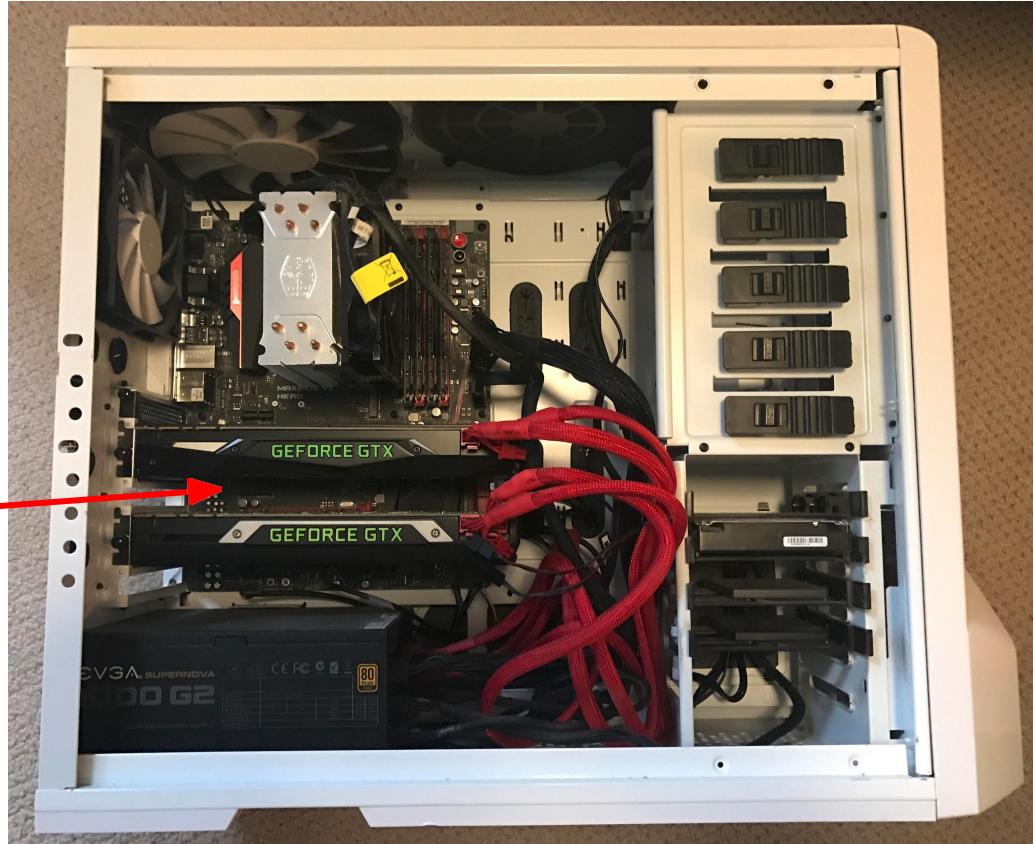


# Spot the GPUs!

(graphics processing unit)



This image is licensed under [CC-BY 2.0](#)

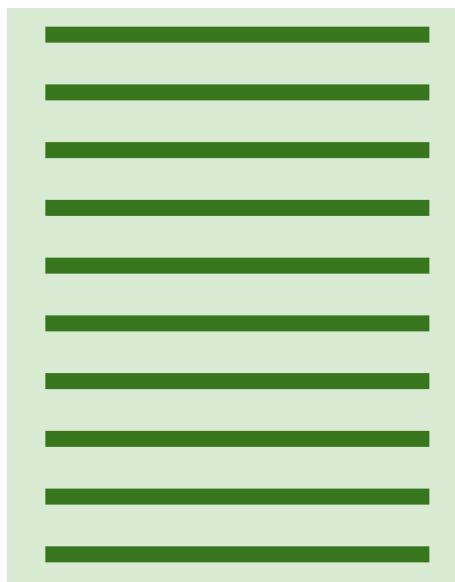


# CPU vs GPU

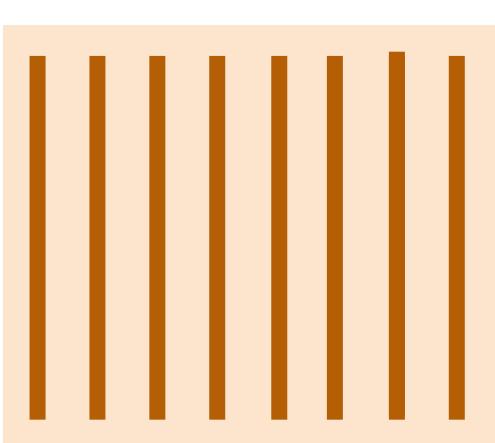
	Cores	Clock Speed	Memory	Price	Speed (throughput)	
<b>CPU</b> (Intel Core i9-7900k)	10	4.3 GHz	System RAM	\$385	~640 GFLOPS FP32	<b>CPU:</b> Fewer cores, but each core is much faster and much more capable; great at sequential tasks
<b>GPU</b> (NVIDIA RTX 3090)	10496	1.6 GHz	24 GB GDDR6X	\$1499	~35.6 TFLOPS FP32	<b>GPU:</b> More cores, but each core is much slower and “dumber”; great for parallel tasks

# Example: Matrix Multiplication

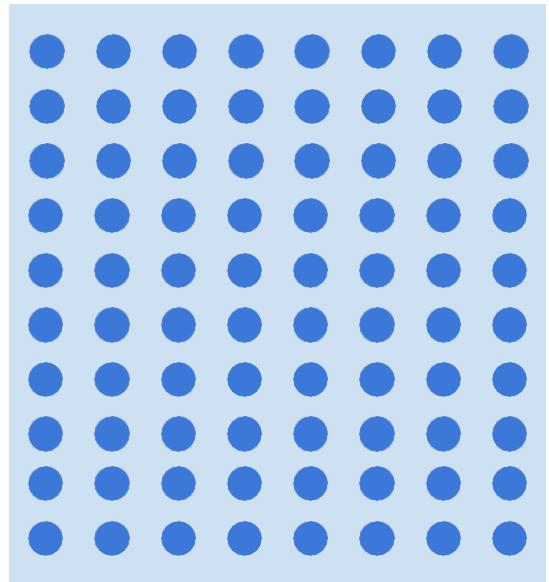
$A \times B$



$B \times C$



$A \times C$

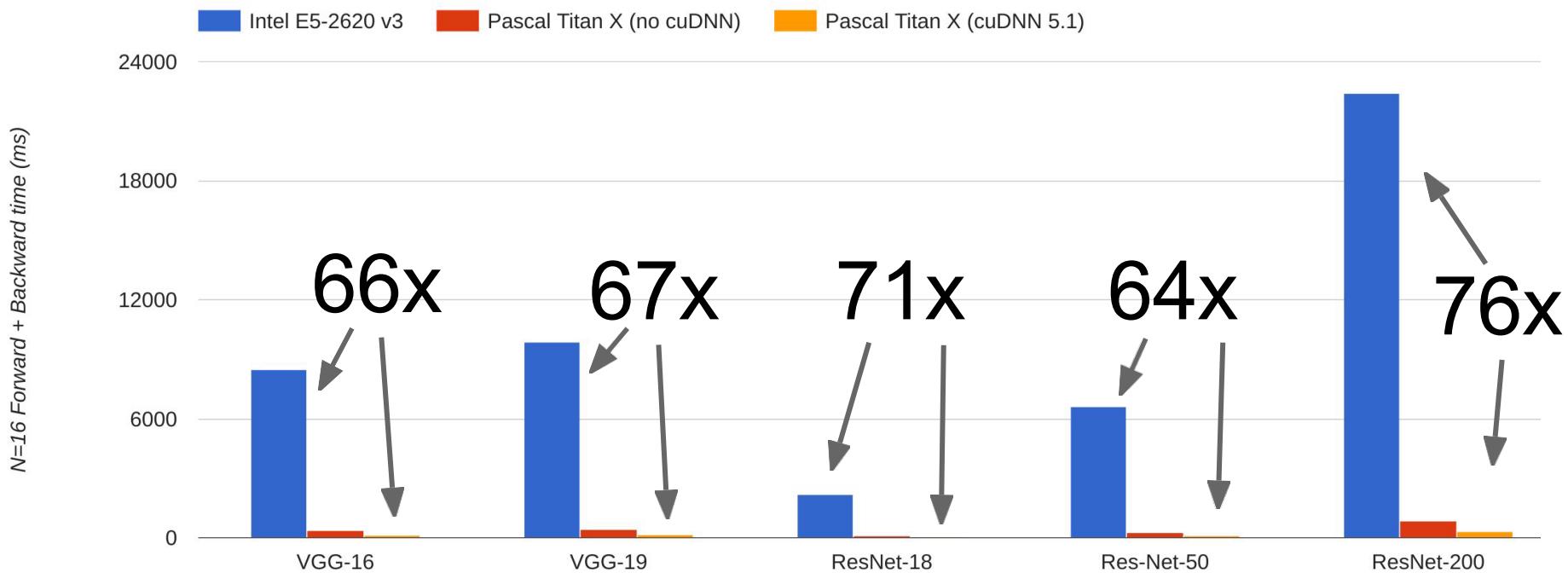


=

cuBLAS::GEMM (GEneral Matrix-to-matrix Multiply)

# CPU vs GPU in practice

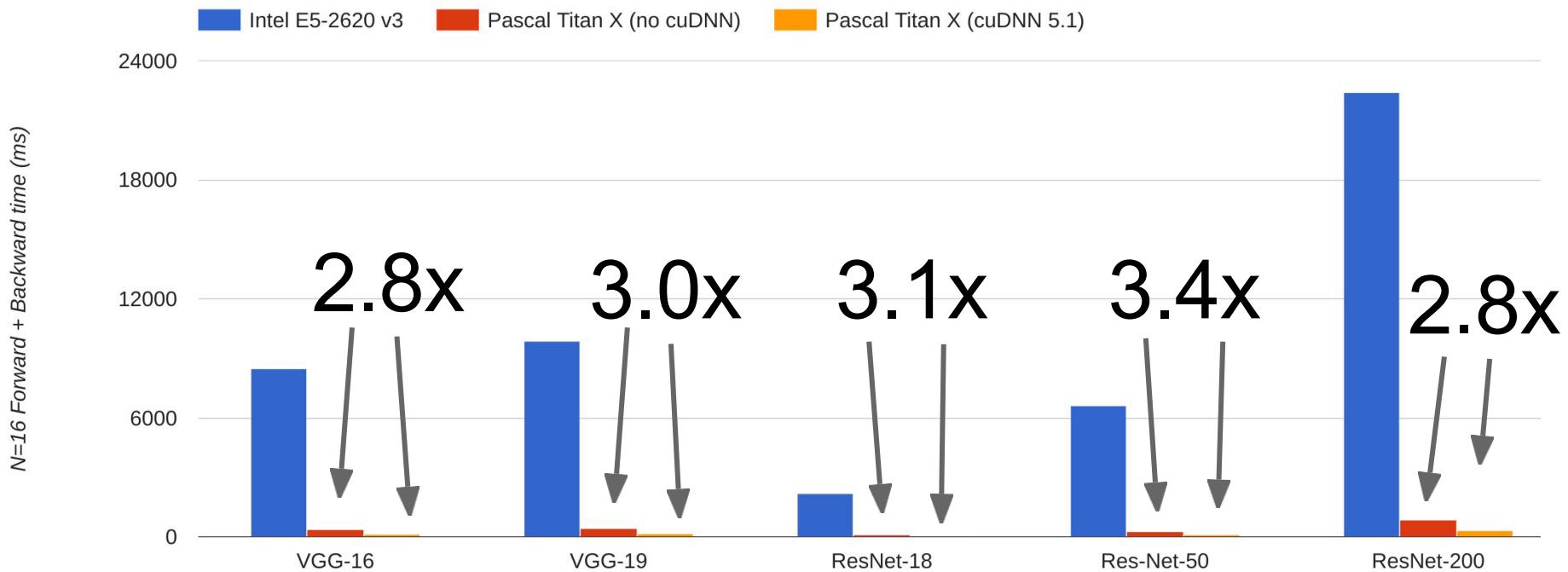
(CPU performance not well-optimized, a little unfair)



Data from <https://github.com/jcjohnson/cnn-benchmarks>

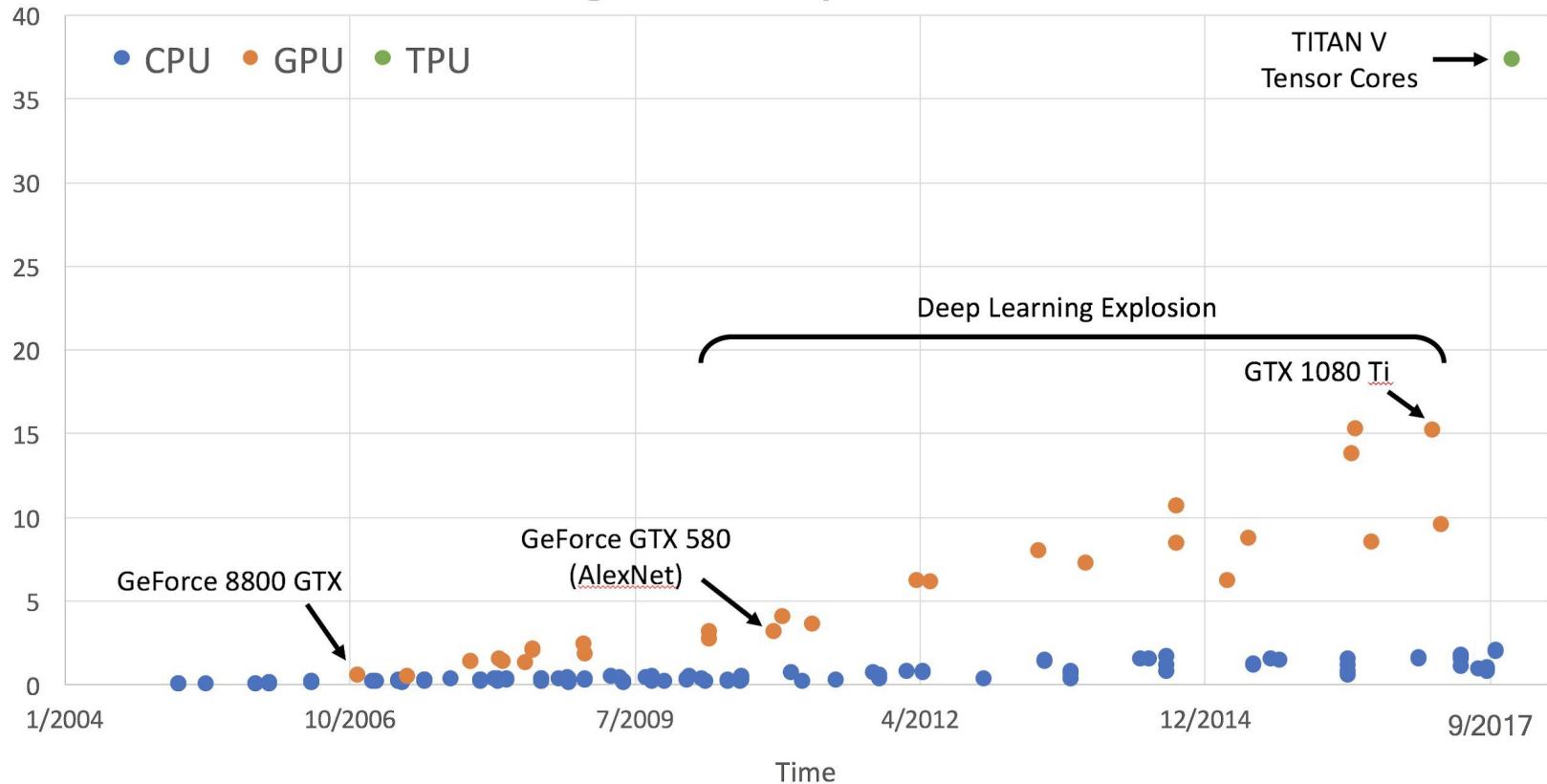
# CPU vs GPU in practice

cuDNN much faster than  
“unoptimized” CUDA



Data from <https://github.com/jcjohnson/cnn-benchmarks>

## GigaFLOPs per Dollar



# CPU vs GPU

	Cores	Clock Speed	Memory	Price	Speed
<b>CPU</b> (Intel Core i7-7700k)	10	4.3 GHz	System RAM	\$385	~640 <b>G</b> FLOPs FP32
<b>GPU</b> (NVIDIA RTX 3090)	10496	1.6 GHz	24 GB GDDR 6X	\$1499	~35.6 <b>T</b> FLOPs FP32
<b>GPU</b> (Data Center) NVIDIA A100	6912 CUDA, 432 Tensor	1.5 GHz	40/80 GB HBM2	\$3/hr (GCP)	~9.7 TFLOPs FP64 ~20 TFLOPs FP32 ~312 TFLOPs FP16
<b>TPU</b> Google Cloud TPUv3	2 Matrix Units (MXUs) per core, 4 cores	?	128 GB HBM	\$8/hr (GCP)	~420 TFLOPs (non-standard FP)

**CPU:** Fewer cores, but each core is much faster and much more capable; great at sequential tasks

**GPU:** More cores, but each core is much slower and “dumber”; great for parallel tasks

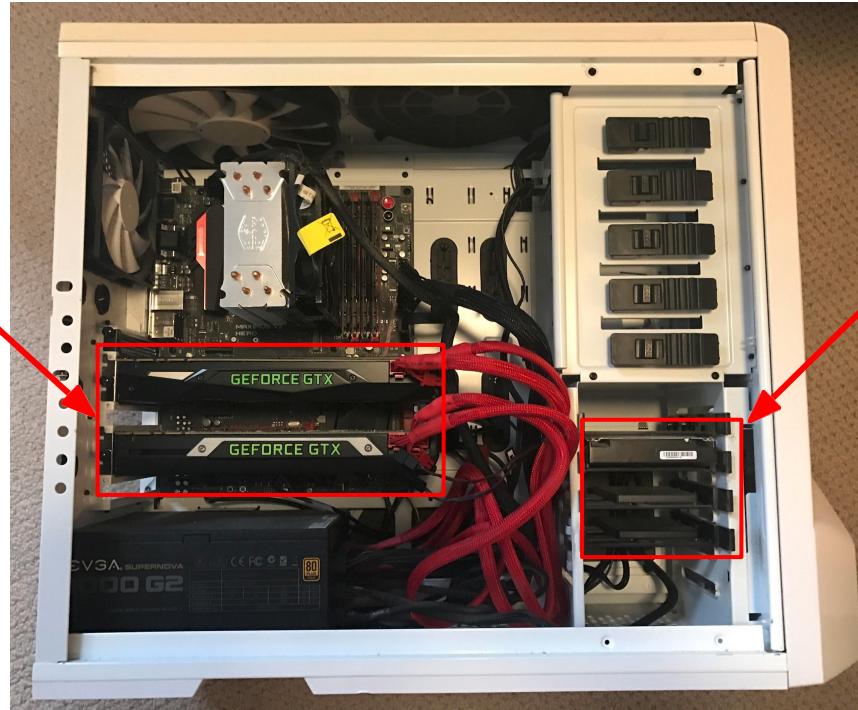
**TPU:** Specialized hardware for deep learning

# Programming GPU

- CUDA (NVIDIA only)
  - Write C-like code that runs directly on the GPU
  - Optimized APIs: cuBLAS, cuFFT, cuDNN, etc
- OpenCL
  - Similar to CUDA, but runs on anything
  - Usually slower on NVIDIA hardware
- HIP <https://github.com/ROCm-Developer-Tools/HIP>
  - New project that automatically converts CUDA code to something that can run on AMD GPUs

# CPU / GPU Communication

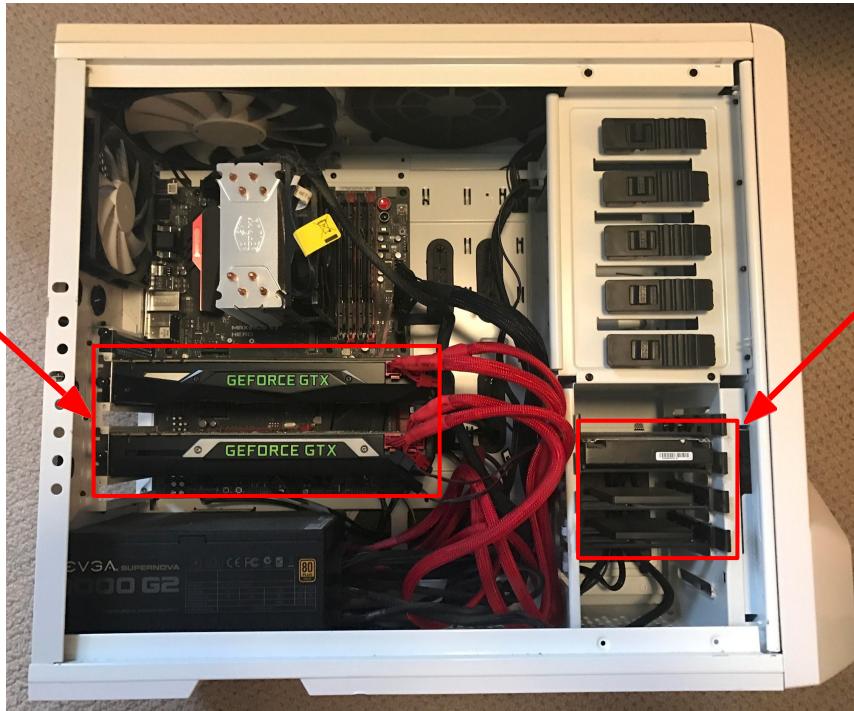
Model  
is here



Data is here

# CPU / GPU Communication

Model  
is here



Data is here

If you aren't careful, training can bottleneck on reading data and transferring to GPU!

## Solutions:

- Read all data into RAM
- Use SSD instead of HDD
- Use multiple CPU threads to prefetch data



# Deep Learning Software

# A zoo of frameworks!

Caffe  
(UC Berkeley)



Torch  
(NYU / Facebook)



Theano  
(U Montreal)



Caffe2  
(Facebook)  
mostly features absorbed  
by PyTorch

PyTorch  
(Facebook)

TensorFlow  
(Google)

PaddlePaddle  
(Baidu)

Chainer  
(Preferred Networks)  
The company has officially migrated its research  
infrastructure to PyTorch

MXNet  
(Amazon)

Developed by U Washington, CMU, MIT,  
Hong Kong U, etc but main framework of  
choice at AWS

CNTK  
(Microsoft)

JAX  
(Google)

And others...

# A zoo of frameworks!

Caffe  
(UC Berkeley)



Caffe2  
(Facebook)

mostly features absorbed  
by PyTorch

Torch  
(NYU / Facebook)

We'll focus on this



PyTorch  
(Facebook)

Theano  
(U Montreal)



TensorFlow  
(Google)

PaddlePaddle  
(Baidu)

Chainer  
(Preferred Networks)  
The company has officially migrated its research infrastructure to PyTorch

MXNet  
(Amazon)

Developed by U Washington, CMU, MIT,  
Hong Kong U, etc but main framework of  
choice at AWS

CNTK  
(Microsoft)

JAX  
(Google)

And others...

# Deep Learning Framework

- (1) Quick to develop and test new ideas
- (2) Automatically compute gradients
- (3) Run it all efficiently on GPU (wrap cuDNN, cuBLAS, OpenCL, etc)

# Computational Graphs

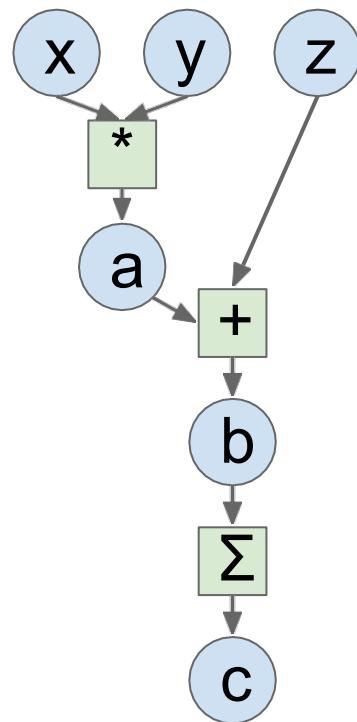
## Numpy

```
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(0)

N, D = 3, 4

x = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randn(N, D)
z = np.random.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = np.sum(b)
```



# Computational Graphs

## Numpy

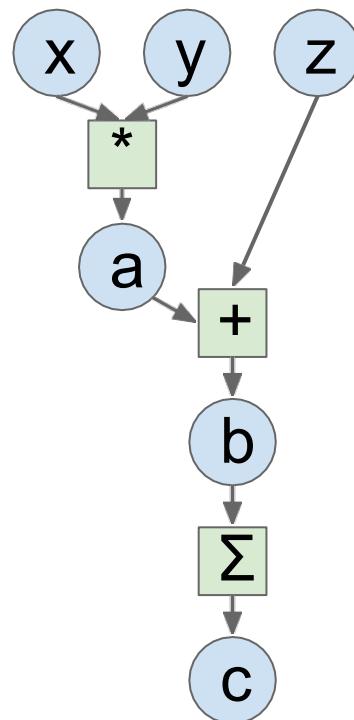
```
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(0)

N, D = 3, 4

x = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randn(N, D)
z = np.random.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = np.sum(b)

grad_c = 1.0
grad_b = grad_c * np.ones((N, D))
grad_a = grad_b.copy()
grad_z = grad_b.copy()
grad_x = grad_a * y
grad_y = grad_a * x
```



# Computational Graphs

## Numpy

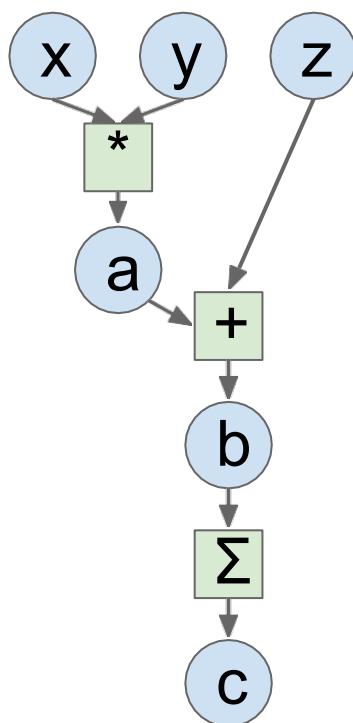
```
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(0)

N, D = 3, 4

x = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randn(N, D)
z = np.random.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = np.sum(b)

grad_c = 1.0
grad_b = grad_c * np.ones((N, D))
grad_a = grad_b.copy()
grad_z = grad_b.copy()
grad_x = grad_a * y
grad_y = grad_a * x
```



## Good:

Clean API, easy to write numeric code

## Bad:

- Have to compute our own gradients
- Can't run on GPU

# Computational Graphs

## Numpy

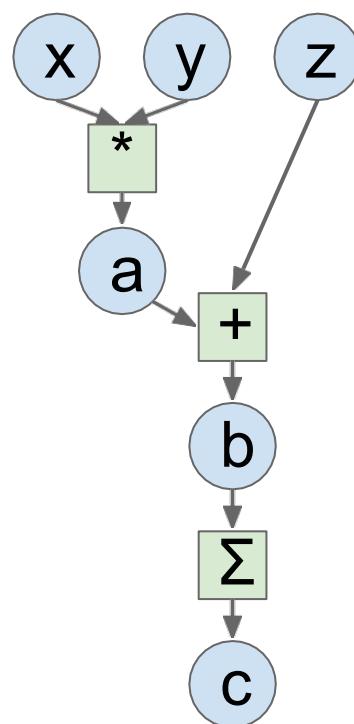
```
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(0)

N, D = 3, 4

x = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randn(N, D)
z = np.random.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = np.sum(b)
```

```
grad_c = 1.0
grad_b = grad_c * np.ones((N, D))
grad_a = grad_b.copy()
grad_z = grad_b.copy()
grad_x = grad_a * y
grad_y = grad_a * x
```



## PyTorch

```
import torch

N, D = 3, 4
x = torch.randn(N, D)
y = torch.randn(N, D)
z = torch.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = torch.sum(b)
```

Looks exactly like numpy!

# Computational Graphs

## Numpy

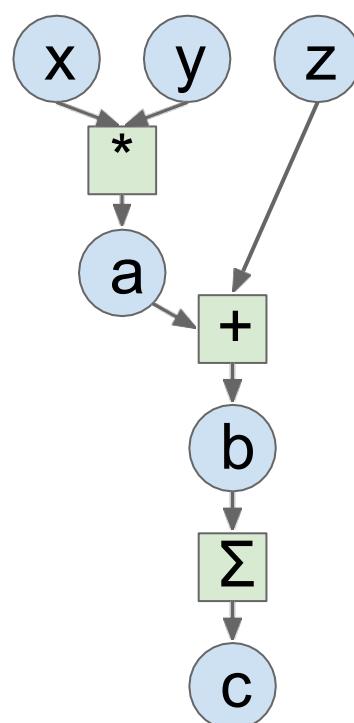
```
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(0)

N, D = 3, 4

x = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randn(N, D)
z = np.random.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = np.sum(b)

grad_c = 1.0
grad_b = grad_c * np.ones((N, D))
grad_a = grad_b.copy()
grad_z = grad_b.copy()
grad_x = grad_a * y
grad_y = grad_a * x
```



## PyTorch

```
import torch

N, D = 3, 4
x = torch.randn(N, D, requires_grad=True)
y = torch.randn(N, D)
z = torch.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = torch.sum(b)

c.backward()
print(x.grad)
```

PyTorch handles gradients for us!

# Computational Graphs

## Numpy

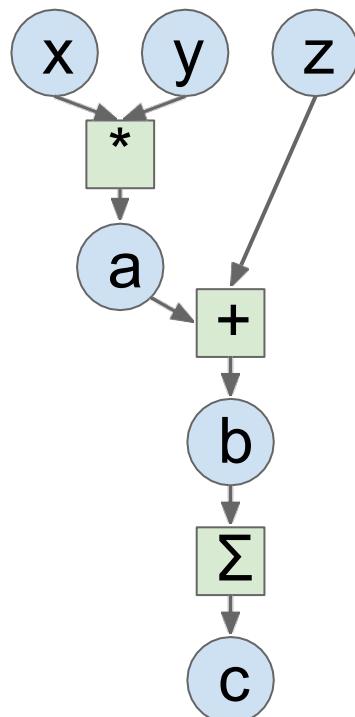
```
import numpy as np
np.random.seed(0)

N, D = 3, 4

x = np.random.randn(N, D)
y = np.random.randn(N, D)
z = np.random.randn(N, D)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = np.sum(b)

grad_c = 1.0
grad_b = grad_c * np.ones((N, D))
grad_a = grad_b.copy()
grad_z = grad_b.copy()
grad_x = grad_a * y
grad_y = grad_a * x
```



## PyTorch

```
import torch
device = 'cuda:0'
N, D = 3, 4
x = torch.randn(N, D, requires_grad=True,
                device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D, device=device)
z = torch.randn(N, D, device=device)

a = x * y
b = a + z
c = torch.sum(b)

c.backward()
print(x.grad)
```

Trivial to run on GPU - just construct arrays on a different device!

PyTorch  
(More details)

# Pytorch fundamental concepts

- ❑ **torch.Tensor**: Like a numpy array, but can run on GPU
- ❑ **torch.autograd**: Package for building computational graphs out of Tensors, and automatically computing gradients
- ❑ **torch.nn.Module**: A neural network layer; may store state or learnable weights

# Pytorch:Tensor

Running example: Train  
a two-layer ReLU  
network on random data  
with L2 loss

```
import torch

device = torch.device('cpu')

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in, device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out, device=device)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, device=device)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, device=device)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    h = x.mm(w1)
    h_relu = h.clamp(min=0)
    y_pred = h_relu.mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    grad_y_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
    grad_w2 = h_relu.t().mm(grad_y_pred)
    grad_h_relu = grad_y_pred.mm(w2.t())
    grad_h = grad_h_relu.clone()
    grad_h[h < 0] = 0
    grad_w1 = x.t().mm(grad_h)

    w1 -= learning_rate * grad_w1
    w2 -= learning_rate * grad_w2
```

# Pytorch:Tensor

Create random tensors  
for data and weights



```
import torch

device = torch.device('cpu')

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in, device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out, device=device)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, device=device)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, device=device)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    h = x.mm(w1)
    h_relu = h.clamp(min=0)
    y_pred = h_relu.mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    grad_y_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
    grad_w2 = h_relu.t().mm(grad_y_pred)
    grad_h_relu = grad_y_pred.mm(w2.t())
    grad_h = grad_h_relu.clone()
    grad_h[h < 0] = 0
    grad_w1 = x.t().mm(grad_h)

    w1 -= learning_rate * grad_w1
    w2 -= learning_rate * grad_w2
```

# Pytorch:Tensor

Forward pass: compute predictions and loss



```
import torch

device = torch.device('cpu')

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in, device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out, device=device)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, device=device)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, device=device)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    h = x.mm(w1)
    h_relu = h.clamp(min=0)
    y_pred = h_relu.mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    grad_y_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
    grad_w2 = h_relu.t().mm(grad_y_pred)
    grad_h_relu = grad_y_pred.mm(w2.t())
    grad_h = grad_h_relu.clone()
    grad_h[h < 0] = 0
    grad_w1 = x.t().mm(grad_h)

    w1 -= learning_rate * grad_w1
    w2 -= learning_rate * grad_w2
```

# Pytorch:Tensor

Backward pass:  
manually compute  
gradients



```
import torch

device = torch.device('cpu')

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in, device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out, device=device)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, device=device)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, device=device)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    h = x.mm(w1)
    h_relu = h.clamp(min=0)
    y_pred = h_relu.mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    grad_y_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
    grad_w2 = h_relu.t().mm(grad_y_pred)
    grad_h_relu = grad_y_pred.mm(w2.t())
    grad_h = grad_h_relu.clone()
    grad_h[h < 0] = 0
    grad_w1 = x.t().mm(grad_h)

    w1 -= learning_rate * grad_w1
    w2 -= learning_rate * grad_w2
```

# Pytorch:Tensor

Gradient descent  
step on weights

```
import torch

device = torch.device('cpu')

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in, device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out, device=device)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, device=device)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, device=device)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    h = x.mm(w1)
    h_relu = h.clamp(min=0)
    y_pred = h_relu.mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    grad_y_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
    grad_w2 = h_relu.t().mm(grad_y_pred)
    grad_h_relu = grad_y_pred.mm(w2.t())
    grad_h = grad_h_relu.clone()
    grad_h[h < 0] = 0
    grad_w1 = x.t().mm(grad_h)

    w1 -= learning_rate * grad_w1
    w2 -= learning_rate * grad_w2
```

# Pytorch:Tensor

To run on GPU, just use a different device!



```
import torch

device = torch.device('cuda:0')

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in, device=device)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out, device=device)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, device=device)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, device=device)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    h = x.mm(w1)
    h_relu = h.clamp(min=0)
    y_pred = h_relu.mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    grad_y_pred = 2.0 * (y_pred - y)
    grad_w2 = h_relu.t().mm(grad_y_pred)
    grad_h_relu = grad_y_pred.mm(w2.t())
    grad_h = grad_h_relu.clone()
    grad_h[h < 0] = 0
    grad_w1 = x.t().mm(grad_h)

    w1 -= learning_rate * grad_w1
    w2 -= learning_rate * grad_w2
```

# Pytorch:Autograd

Creating Tensors with  
requires\_grad=True enables  
autograd

Operations on Tensors with  
requires\_grad=True cause PyTorch  
to build a computational graph

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = x.mm(w1).clamp(min=0).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

# Pytorch:Autograd

Forward pass looks exactly the same as before, but we don't need to track intermediate values - PyTorch keeps track of them for us in the graph

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = x.mm(w1).clamp(min=0).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

# Pytorch:Autograd

Compute gradient of loss  
with respect to w1 and w2

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = x.mm(w1).clamp(min=0).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

# Pytorch:Autograd

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = x.mm(w1).clamp(min=0).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

Make gradient step on weights, then zero them. Torch.no\_grad means “don’t build a computational graph for this part”

# Pytorch:Autograd

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = x.mm(w1).clamp(min=0).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

PyTorch methods that end in underscore modify the Tensor in-place; methods that don't return a new Tensor



# PyTorch: New Autograd Functions

Define your own autograd functions by writing forward and backward functions for Tensors

Use ctx object to “cache” values for the backward pass, just like cache objects from A2

```
class MyReLU(torch.autograd.Function):
    @staticmethod
    def forward(ctx, x):
        ctx.save_for_backward(x)
        return x.clamp(min=0)

    @staticmethod
    def backward(ctx, grad_y):
        x, = ctx.saved_tensors
        grad_input = grad_y.clone()
        grad_input[x < 0] = 0
        return grad_input
```

# PyTorch: New Autograd Functions

Define your own autograd functions by writing forward and backward functions for Tensors

Use ctx object to “cache” values for the backward pass, just like cache objects from A2

Define a helper function to make it easy to use the new function

```
class MyReLU(torch.autograd.Function):
    @staticmethod
    def forward(ctx, x):
        ctx.save_for_backward(x)
        return x.clamp(min=0)

    @staticmethod
    def backward(ctx, grad_y):
        x, = ctx.saved_tensors
        grad_input = grad_y.clone()
        grad_input[x < 0] = 0
        return grad_input

def my_relu(x):
    return MyReLU.apply(x)
```

# PyTorch: New Autograd Functions

```
class MyReLU(torch.autograd.Function):
    @staticmethod
    def forward(ctx, x):
        ctx.save_for_backward(x)
        return x.clamp(min=0)

    @staticmethod
    def backward(ctx, grad_y):
        x, = ctx.saved_tensors
        grad_input = grad_y.clone()
        grad_input[x < 0] = 0
        return grad_input

def my_relu(x):
    return MyReLU.apply(x)
```

Can use our new autograd function in the forward pass

```
N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = my_relu(x.mm(w1)).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

# PyTorch: New Autograd Functions

```
def my_relu(x):
    return x.clamp(min=0)
```

In practice you almost never need to define new autograd functions! Only do it when you need custom backward. In this case we can just use a normal Python function

```
N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)
w1 = torch.randn(D_in, H, requires_grad=True)
w2 = torch.randn(H, D_out, requires_grad=True)

learning_rate = 1e-6
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = my_relu(x.mm(w1)).mm(w2)
    loss = (y_pred - y).pow(2).sum()

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        w1 -= learning_rate * w1.grad
        w2 -= learning_rate * w2.grad
        w1.grad.zero_()
        w2.grad.zero_()
```

# PyTorch: nn

Higher-level wrapper for working with neural nets

Use this! It will make your life easier

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-2
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        for param in model.parameters():
            param -= learning_rate * param.grad
    model.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

Define our model as a sequence of layers; each layer is an object that holds learnable weights



```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-2
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        for param in model.parameters():
            param -= learning_rate * param.grad
    model.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

Forward pass: feed data to model, and compute loss

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-2
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        for param in model.parameters():
            param -= learning_rate * param.grad
    model.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

Forward pass: feed data to model, and compute loss

torch.nn.functional has useful helpers like loss functions

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-2
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        for param in model.parameters():
            param -= learning_rate * param.grad
    model.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

Backward pass: compute gradient with respect to all model weights (they have `requires_grad=True`)

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-2
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward() # Backward pass

    with torch.no_grad():
        for param in model.parameters():
            param -= learning_rate * param.grad
    model.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-2
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()

    with torch.no_grad():
        for param in model.parameters():
            param -= learning_rate * param.grad
    model.zero_grad()
```

Make gradient step on  
each model parameter  
(with gradients disabled)



# PyTorch: nn

Use an **optimizer** for different update rules

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-4
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(),
                             lr=learning_rate)

for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()

    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

```
import torch

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H),
    torch.nn.ReLU(),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

learning_rate = 1e-4
optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(),
                             lr=learning_rate)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()
```

```
optimizer.step()
optimizer.zero_grad()
```

After computing gradients, use  
optimizer to update params  
and zero gradients



# PyTorch: nn Define new Modules

A PyTorch **Module** is a neural net layer; it inputs and outputs Tensors

Modules can contain weights or other modules

You can define your own Modules using autograd!

```
import torch

class TwoLayerNet(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, H, D_out):
        super(TwoLayerNet, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out)

    def forward(self, x):
        h_relu = self.linear1(x).clamp(min=0)
        y_pred = self.linear2(h_relu)
        return y_pred

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = TwoLayerNet(D_in, H, D_out)

optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn Define new Modules

Define our whole model  
as a single Module

```
import torch

class TwoLayerNet(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, H, D_out):
        super(TwoLayerNet, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out)

    def forward(self, x):
        h_relu = self.linear1(x).clamp(min=0)
        y_pred = self.linear2(h_relu)
        return y_pred

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = TwoLayerNet(D_in, H, D_out)

optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

## Define new Modules

Initializer sets up two children (Modules can contain modules)

```
import torch

class TwoLayerNet(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, H, D_out):
        super(TwoLayerNet, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out)

    def forward(self, x):
        h_relu = self.linear1(x).clamp(min=0)
        y_pred = self.linear2(h_relu)
        return y_pred

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = TwoLayerNet(D_in, H, D_out)

optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn Define new Modules

Define forward pass using child modules

No need to define backward - autograd will handle it

```
import torch

class TwoLayerNet(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, H, D_out):
        super(TwoLayerNet, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out)

    def forward(self, x):
        h_relu = self.linear1(x).clamp(min=0)
        y_pred = self.linear2(h_relu)
        return y_pred

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = TwoLayerNet(D_in, H, D_out)

optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

## Define new Modules

Construct and train an instance of our model

```
import torch

class TwoLayerNet(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, H, D_out):
        super(TwoLayerNet, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, H)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out)

    def forward(self, x):
        h_relu = self.linear1(x).clamp(min=0)
        y_pred = self.linear2(h_relu)
        return y_pred

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = TwoLayerNet(D_in, H, D_out)

optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)

    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn Define new Modules

Very common to mix and match  
custom Module subclasses and  
Sequential containers

```
import torch

class ParallelBlock(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, D_out):
        super(ParallelBlock, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, D_out)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, D_out)
    def forward(self, x):
        h1 = self.linear1(x)
        h2 = self.linear2(x)
        return (h1 * h2).clamp(min=0)

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    ParallelBlock(D_in, H),
    ParallelBlock(H, H),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

## Define new Modules

Define network component  
as a Module subclass



```
import torch

class ParallelBlock(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, D_out):
        super(ParallelBlock, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, D_out)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, D_out)
    def forward(self, x):
        h1 = self.linear1(x)
        h2 = self.linear2(x)
        return (h1 * h2).clamp(min=0)

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    ParallelBlock(D_in, H),
    ParallelBlock(H, H),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: nn

## Define new Modules

Stack multiple instances of the component in a sequential



```
import torch

class ParallelBlock(torch.nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, D_in, D_out):
        super(ParallelBlock, self).__init__()
        self.linear1 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, D_out)
        self.linear2 = torch.nn.Linear(D_in, D_out)
    def forward(self, x):
        h1 = self.linear1(x)
        h2 = self.linear2(x)
        return (h1 * h2).clamp(min=0)

N, D_in, H, D_out = 64, 1000, 100, 10
x = torch.randn(N, D_in)
y = torch.randn(N, D_out)

model = torch.nn.Sequential(
    ParallelBlock(D_in, H),
    ParallelBlock(H, H),
    torch.nn.Linear(H, D_out))

optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(), lr=1e-4)
for t in range(500):
    y_pred = model(x)
    loss = torch.nn.functional.mse_loss(y_pred, y)
    loss.backward()
    optimizer.step()
    optimizer.zero_grad()
```

# PyTorch: Pretrained Models

Super easy to use pretrained models with torchvision

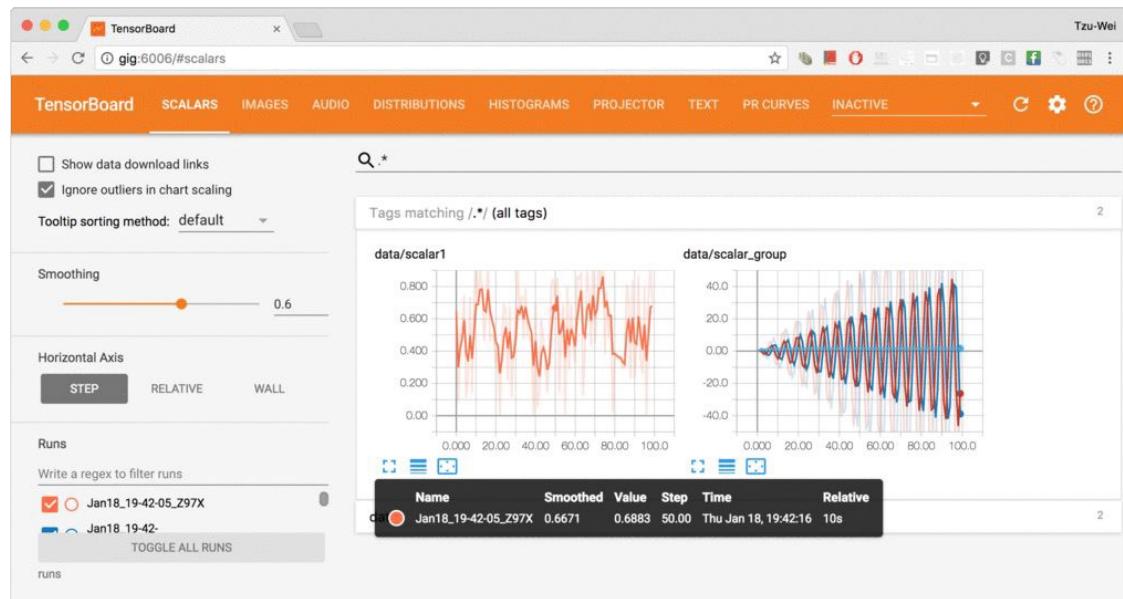
<https://github.com/pytorch/vision>

```
import torch
import torchvision

alexnet = torchvision.models.alexnet(pretrained=True)
vgg16 = torchvision.models.vgg16(pretrained=True)
resnet101 = torchvision.models.resnet101(pretrained=True)
```

# PyTorch: torch.utils.tensorboard

A python wrapper around  
Tensorflow's web-based  
visualization tool.



[This image](#) is licensed under [CC-BY 4.0](#); no changes were made to the image

# PyTorch: Computational Graphs

input image

loss

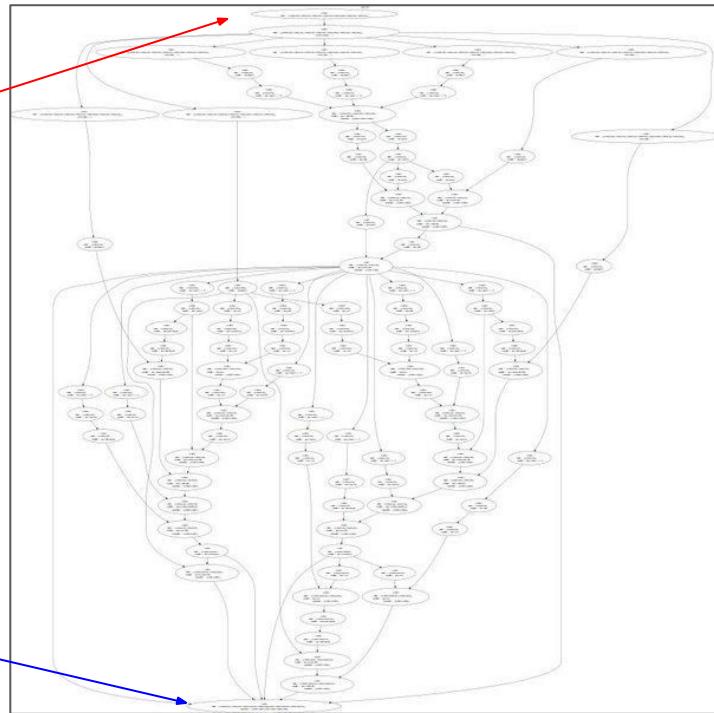
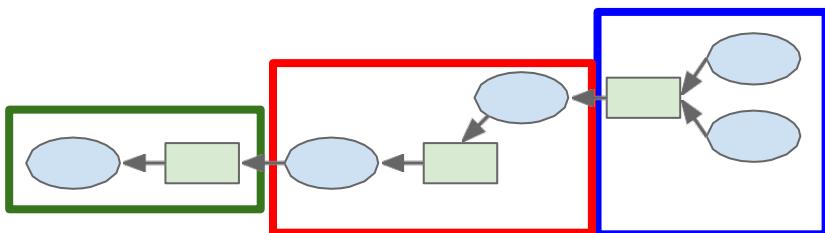


Figure reproduced with permission from a [Twitter post](#) by Andrej Karpathy.

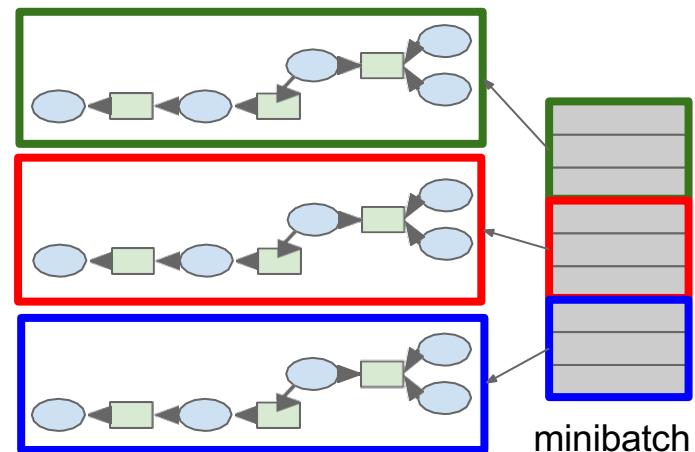
# Model Parallel vs. Data Parallel

Model parallelism:  
split computation  
graph into parts &  
distribute to GPUs/  
nodes



Model Parallel

Data parallelism: split  
minibatch into chunks &  
distribute to GPUs/ nodes



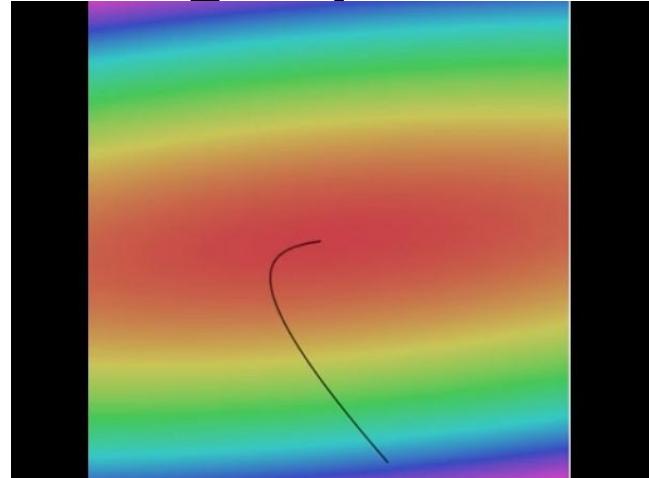
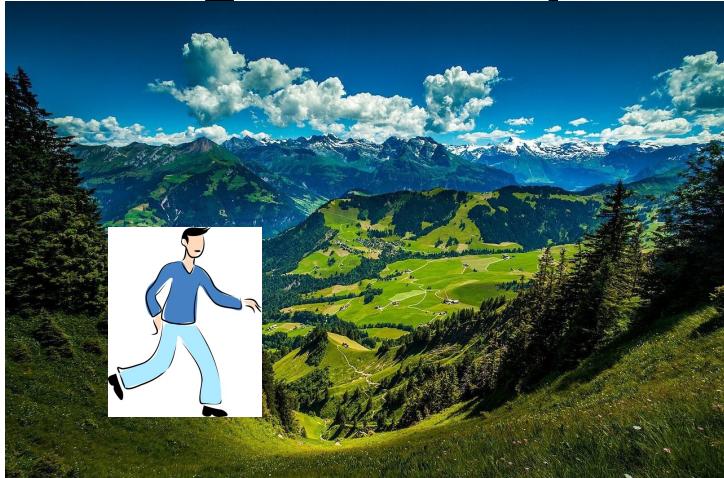
Data Parallel



# Tricks for training neural networks

# Where we are now...

## Learning network parameters through optimization



```
# Vanilla Gradient Descent

while True:
    weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```

Landscape image is [CC0 1.0](#) public domain  
Walking man image is [CC0 1.0](#) public domain

Where we are now...

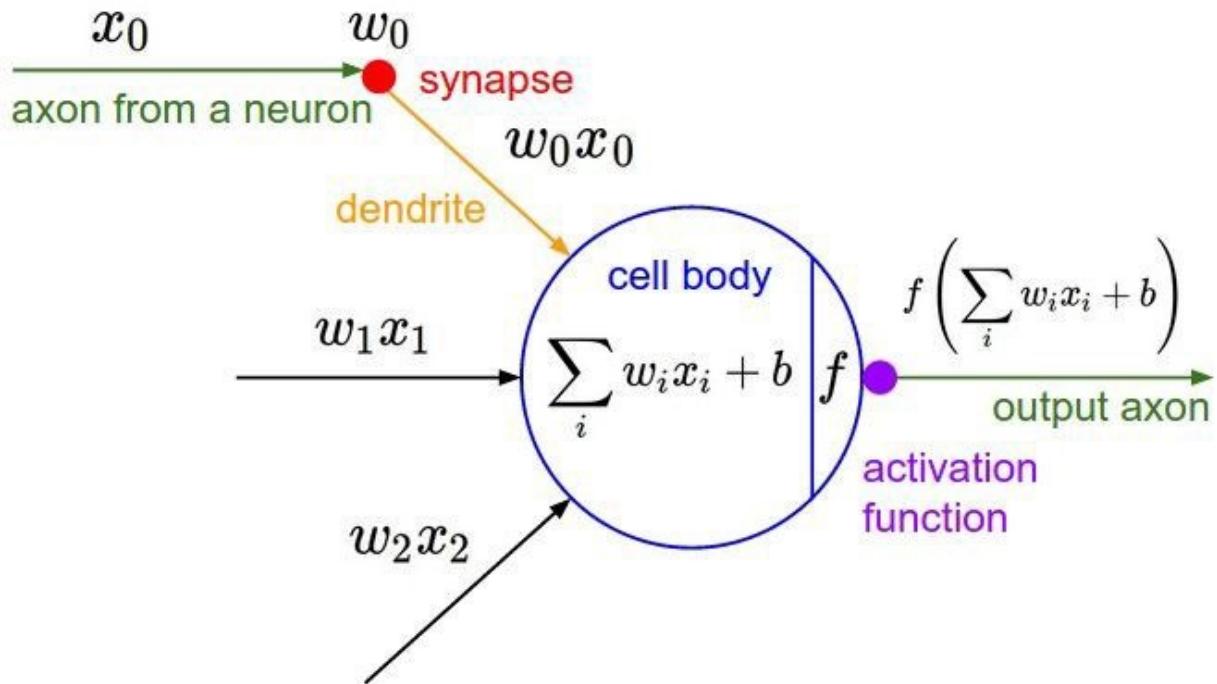
## Mini-batch SGD

Loop:

1. **Sample** a batch of data
2. **Forward** prop it through the graph  
(network), get loss
3. **Backprop** to calculate the gradients
4. **Update** the parameters using the gradient

# Activation Functions

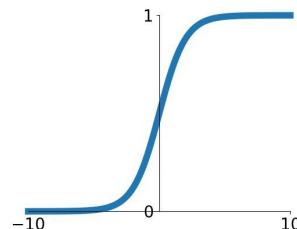
# Activation Functions



# Activation Functions

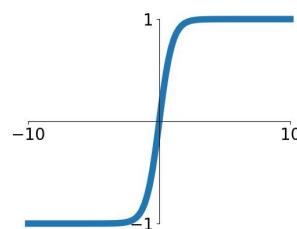
**Sigmoid**

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



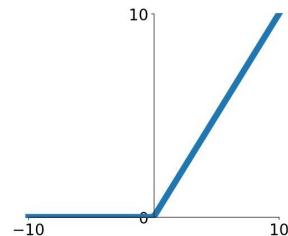
**tanh**

$$\tanh(x)$$



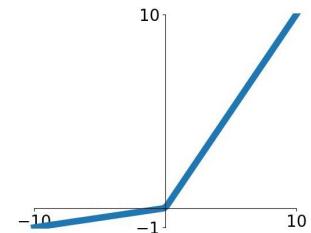
**ReLU**

$$\max(0, x)$$



**Leaky ReLU**

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

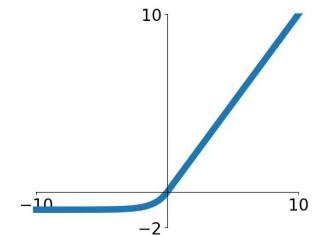


**Maxout**

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

**ELU**

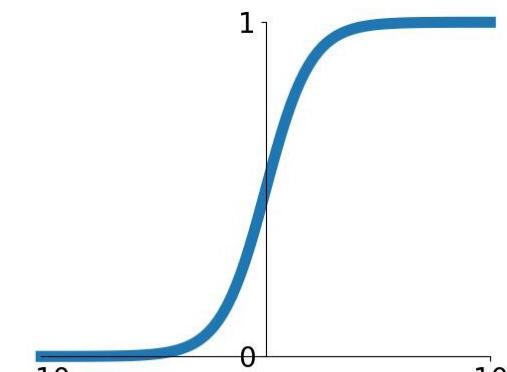
$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



# Activation Functions

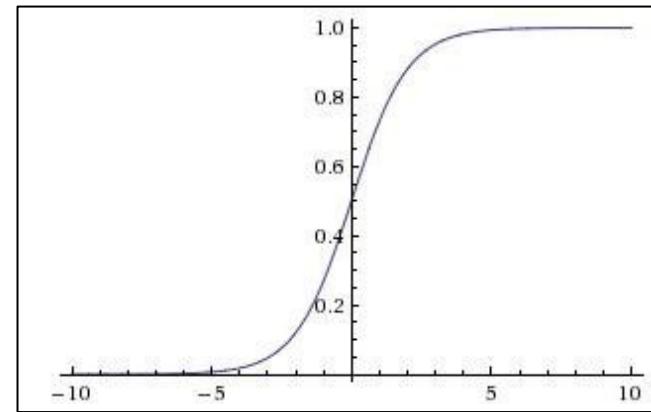
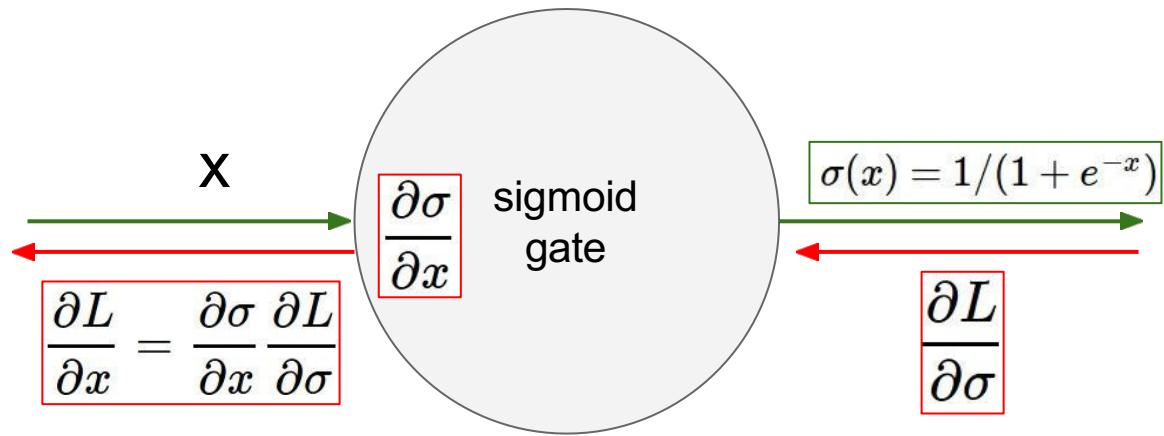
$$\sigma(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$$

- Squashes numbers to range [0,1]
- Historically popular since they have nice interpretation as a saturating “firing rate” of a neuron



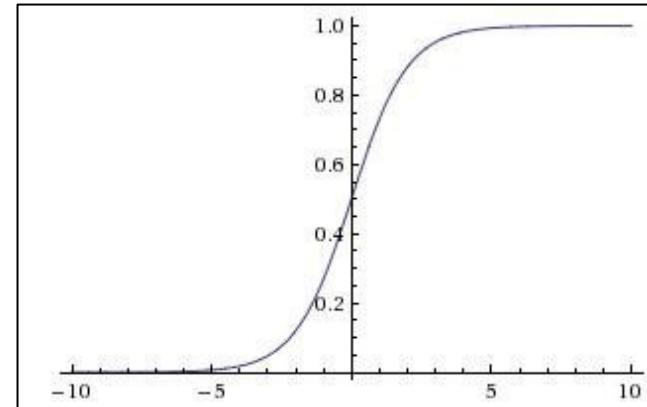
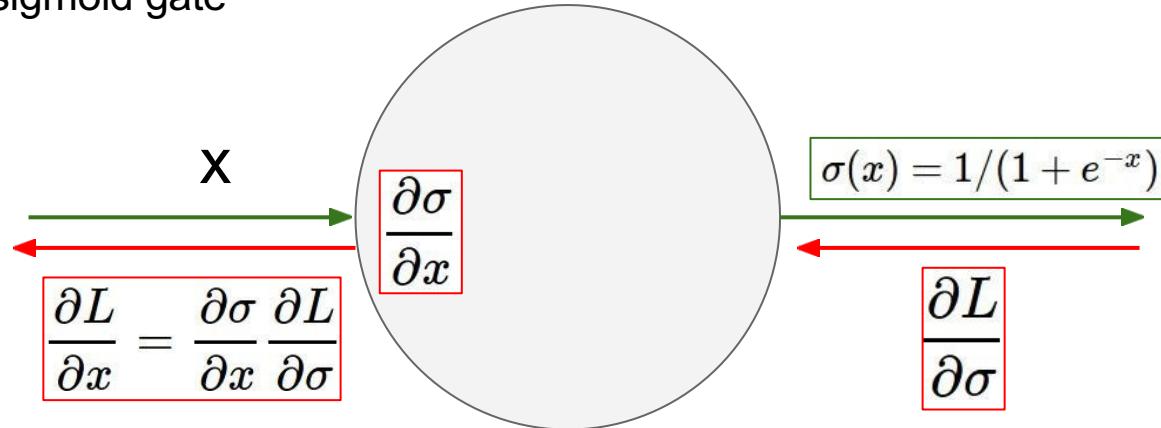
1. Saturated neurons “kill” the gradients

**Sigmoid**



$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

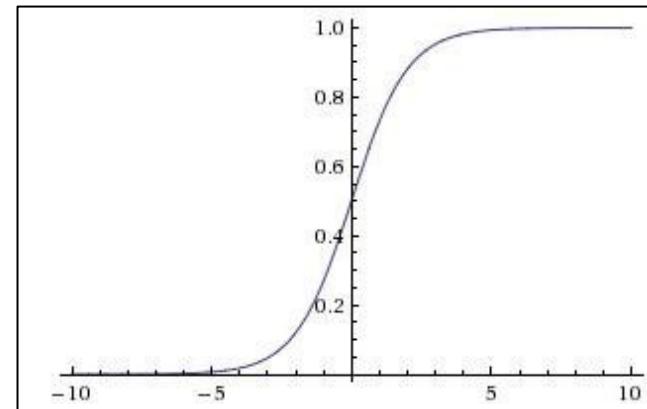
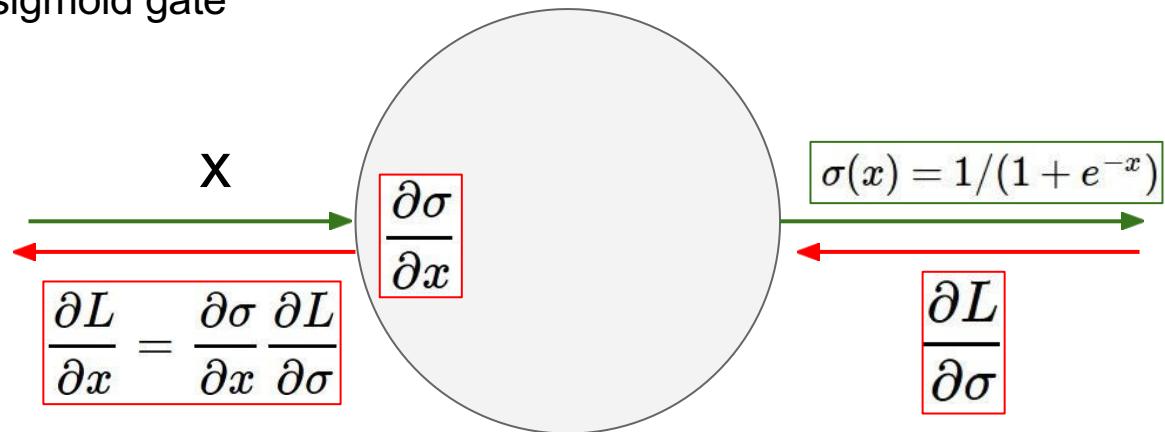
sigmoid gate



What happens when  $x = -10$ ?

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

sigmoid gate



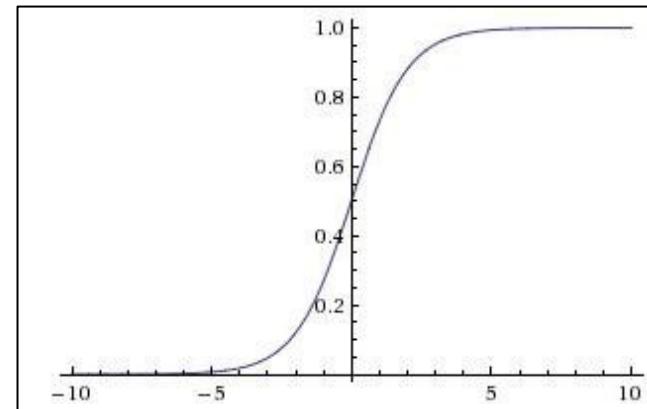
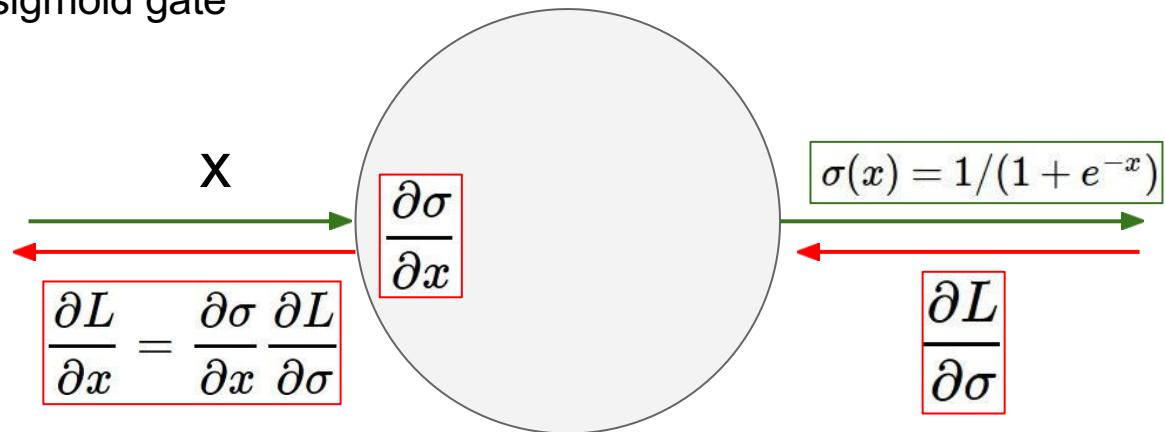
What happens when  $x = -10$ ?

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

$$\sigma(x) = \sim 0$$

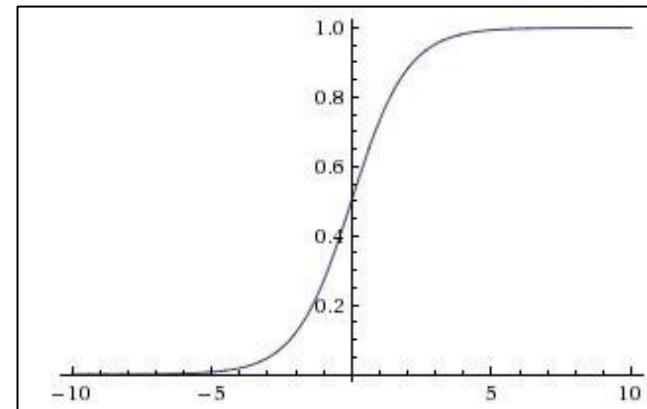
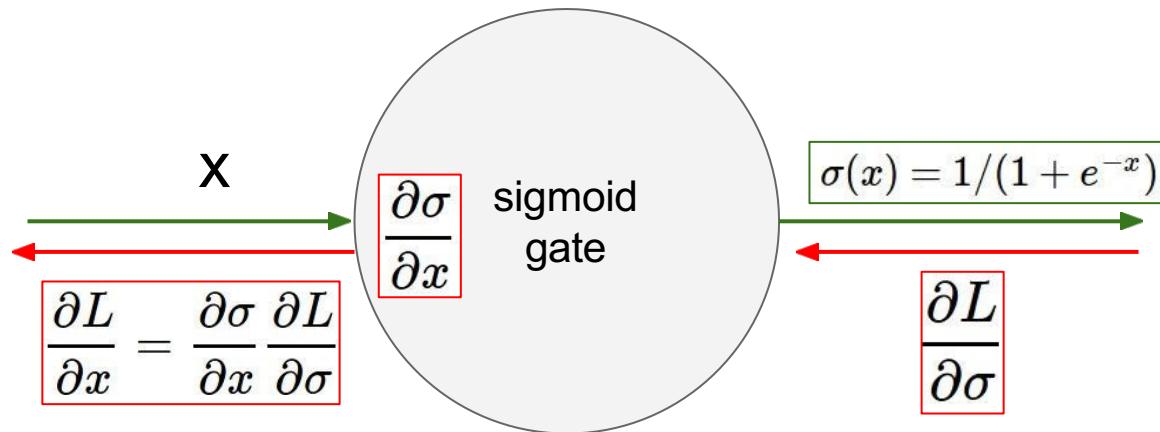
$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x)) = 0(1 - 0) = 0$$

sigmoid gate



$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

- What happens when  $x = -10$ ? **What happens when  $x = 0$ ?**



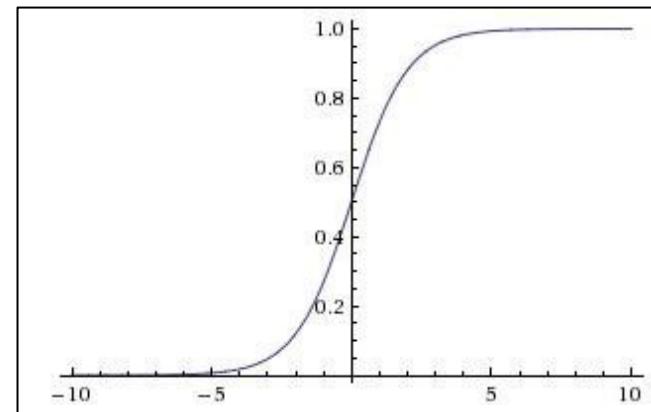
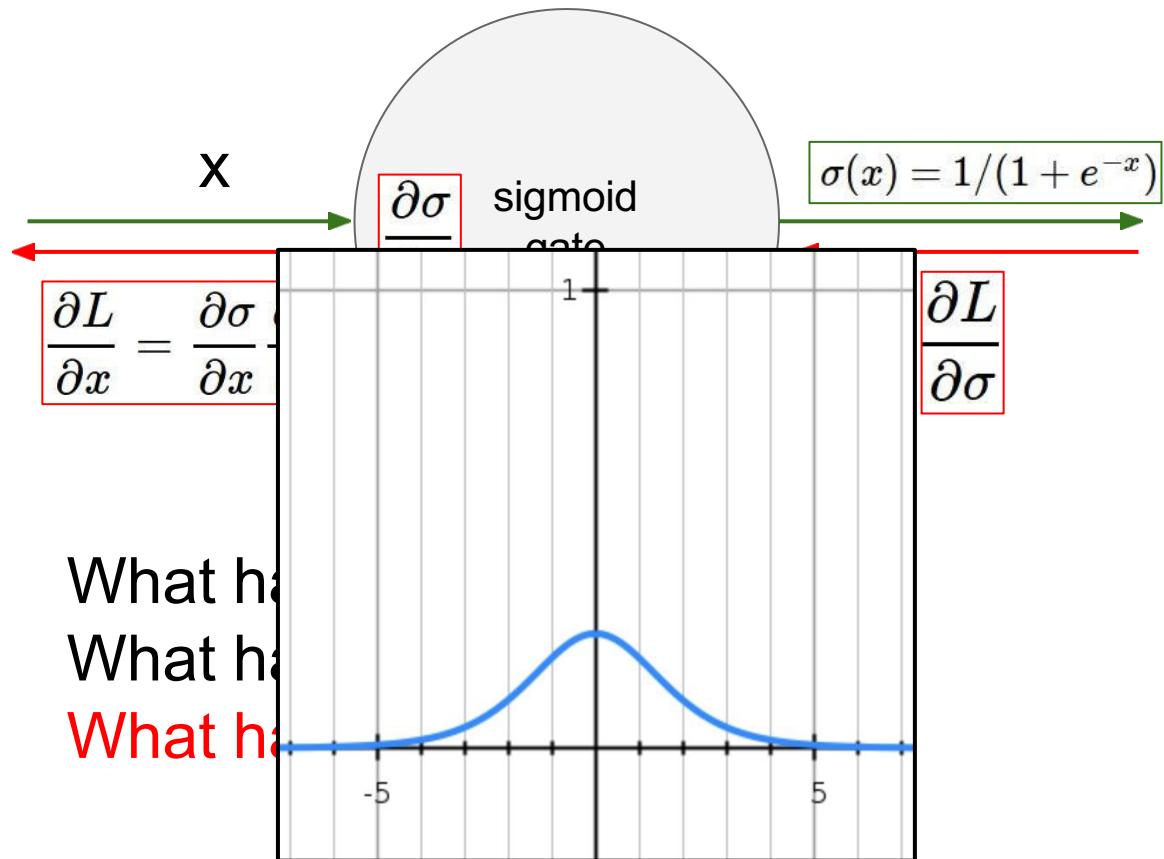
What happens when  $x = -10$ ?

What happens when  $x = 0$ ?

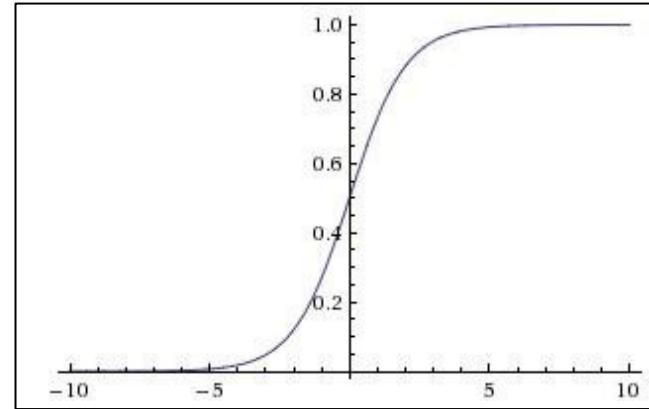
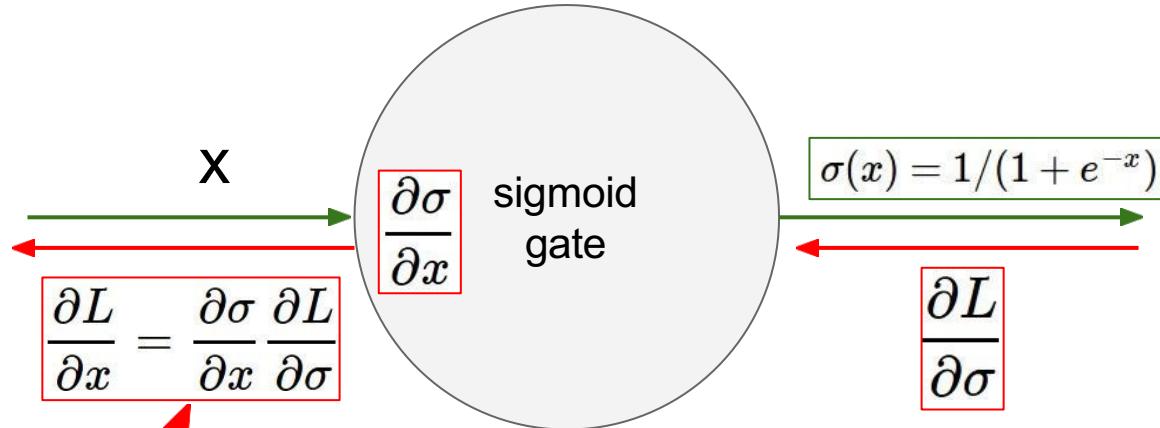
**What happens when  $x = 10$ ?**

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$

$$\sigma(x) = \sim 1 \quad \frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x)) = 1(1 - 1) = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x) (1 - \sigma(x))$$



Why is this a problem?

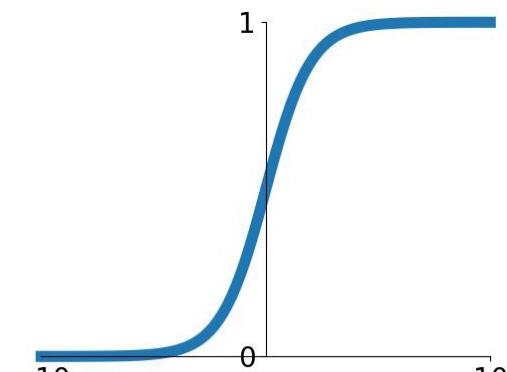
If all the gradients flowing back will be zero and weights will never change

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(x)}{\partial x} = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$$

# Activation Functions

$$\sigma(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$$

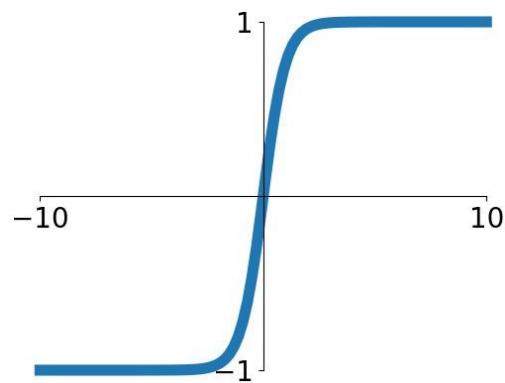
- Squashes numbers to range [0,1]
- Historically popular since they have nice interpretation as a saturating “firing rate” of a neuron



1. Saturated neurons “kill” the gradients
2.  $\exp()$  is a bit expensive

**Sigmoid**

# Activation Functions

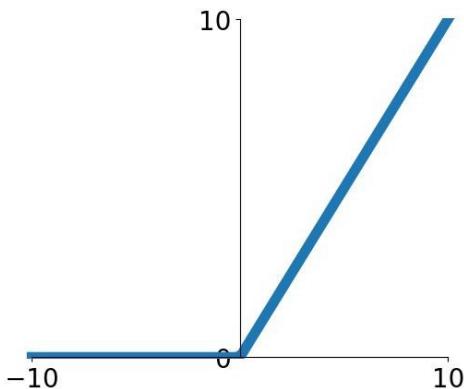


$\tanh(x)$

- Squashes numbers to range [-1,1]
- still kills gradients when saturated :(

[LeCun et al., 1991]

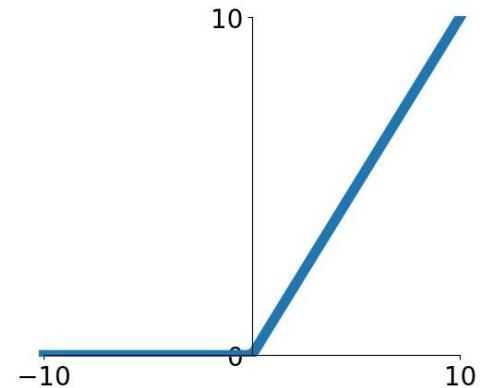
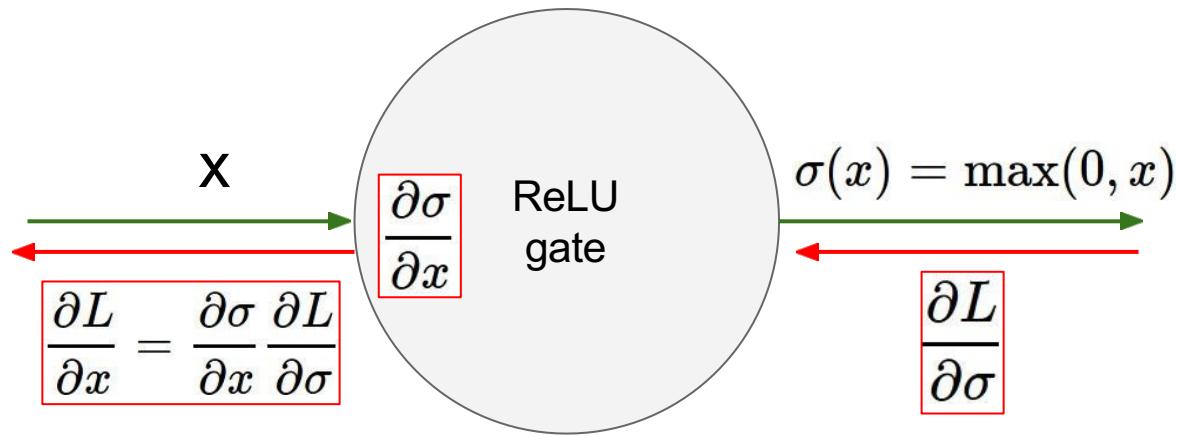
# Activation Functions



- Does not saturate (in +region)
- Very computationally efficient
- Converges much faster than sigmoid/tanh in practice (e.g. 6x)

**ReLU**  
(Rectified Linear Unit)

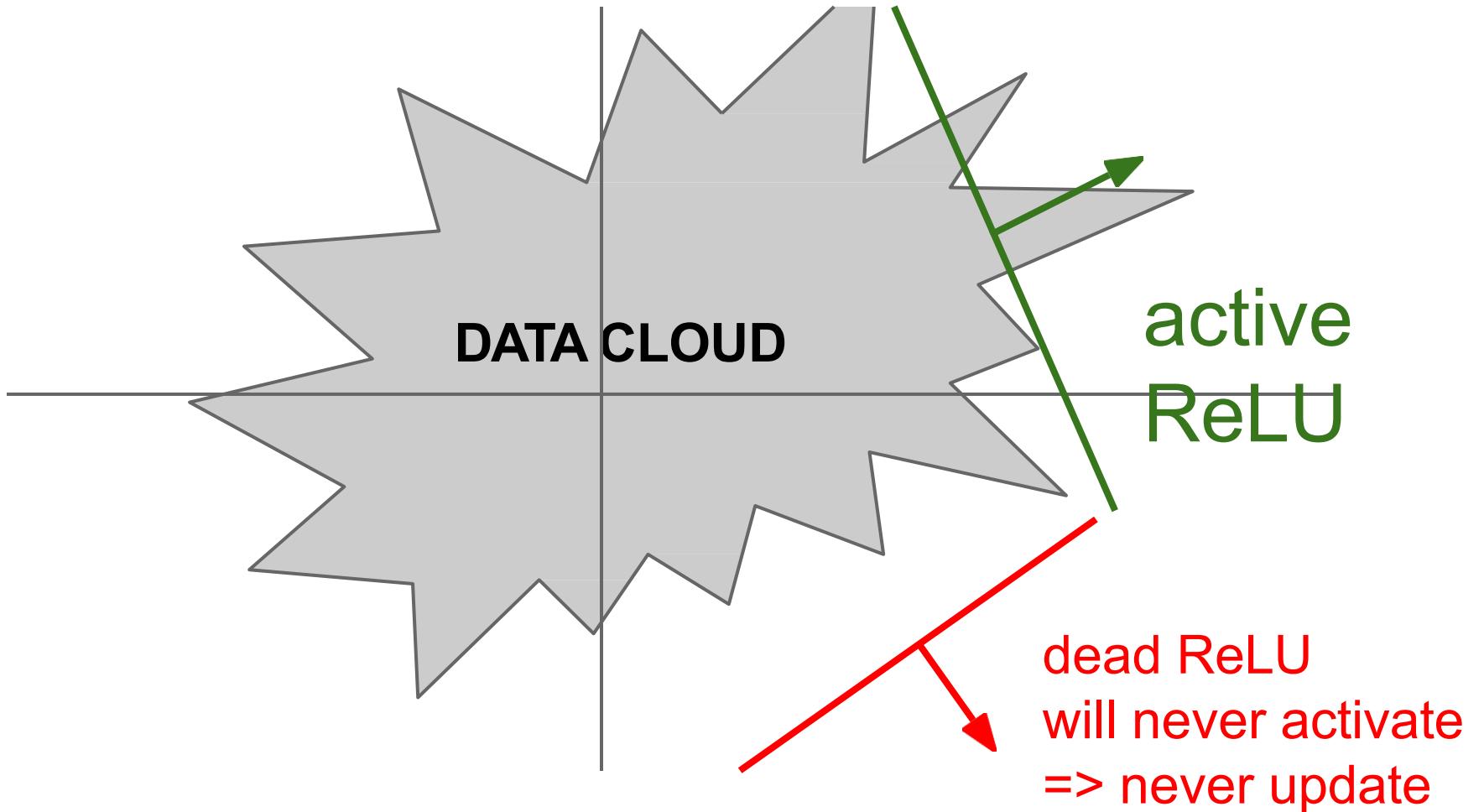
[Krizhevsky et al., 2012]

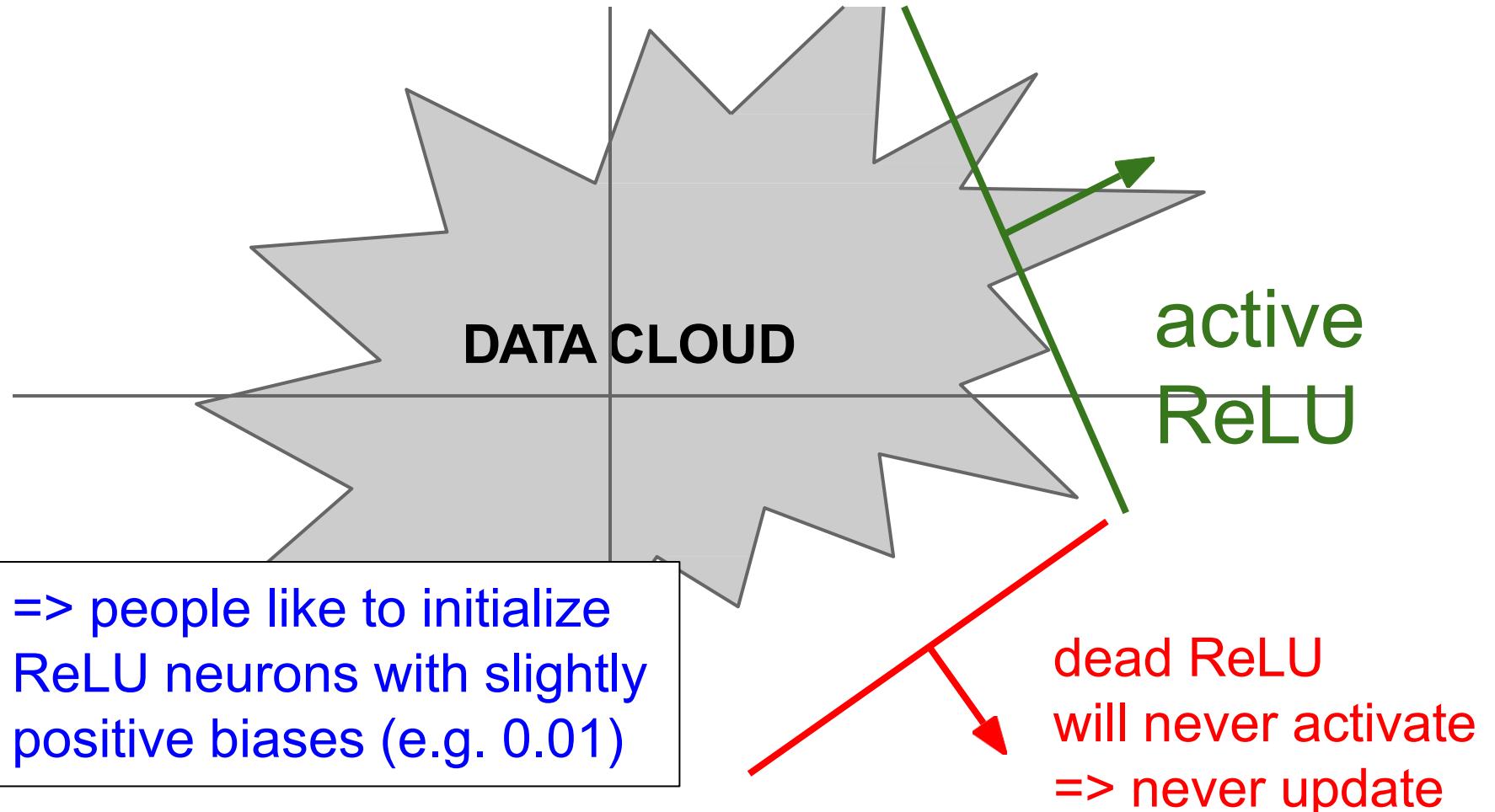


What happens when  $x = -10$ ?

What happens when  $x = 0$ ?

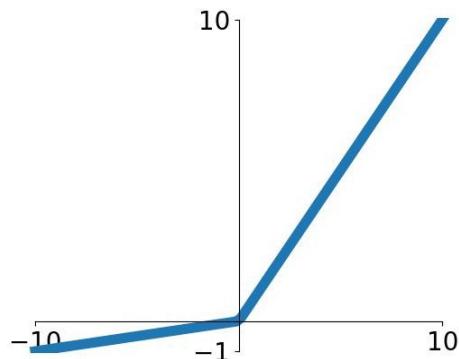
What happens when  $x = 10$ ?





# Activation Functions

[Mass et al., 2013]  
[He et al., 2015]



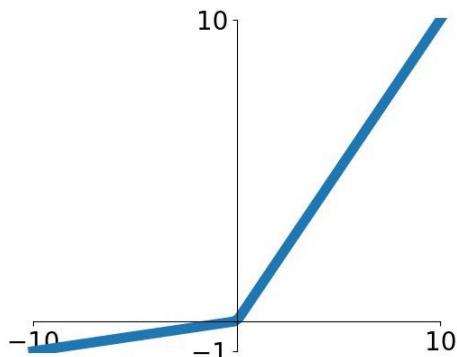
- Does not saturate
- Computationally efficient
- Converges much faster than sigmoid/tanh in practice! (e.g. 6x)
- **will not “die”.**

## Leaky ReLU

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

# Activation Functions

[Mass et al., 2013]  
[He et al., 2015]



## Leaky ReLU

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

- Does not saturate
- Computationally efficient
- Converges much faster than sigmoid/tanh in practice! (e.g. 6x)
- **will not “die”.**

## Parametric Rectifier (PReLU)

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

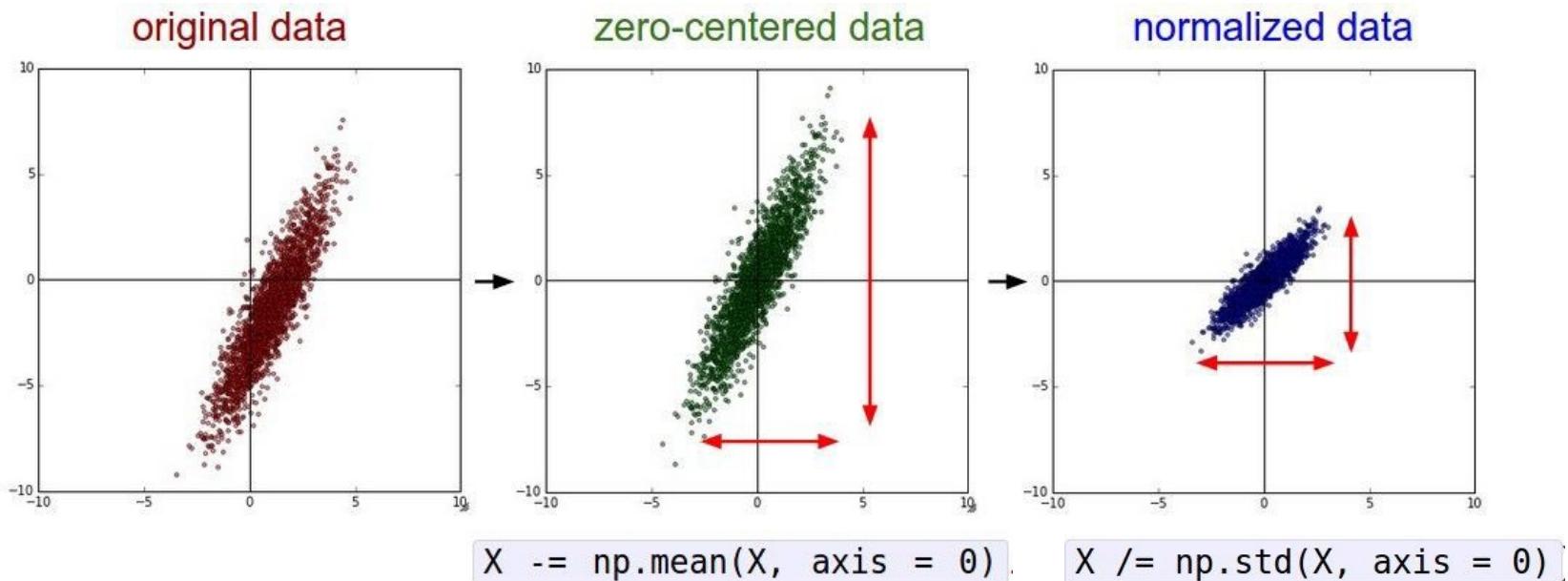
backprop into  $\alpha$   
(parameter)

## TLDR: In practice:

- Use ReLU. Be careful with your learning rates
- Try out Leaky ReLU
  - To squeeze out some marginal gains
- Don't use sigmoid or tanh

# Data Preprocessing

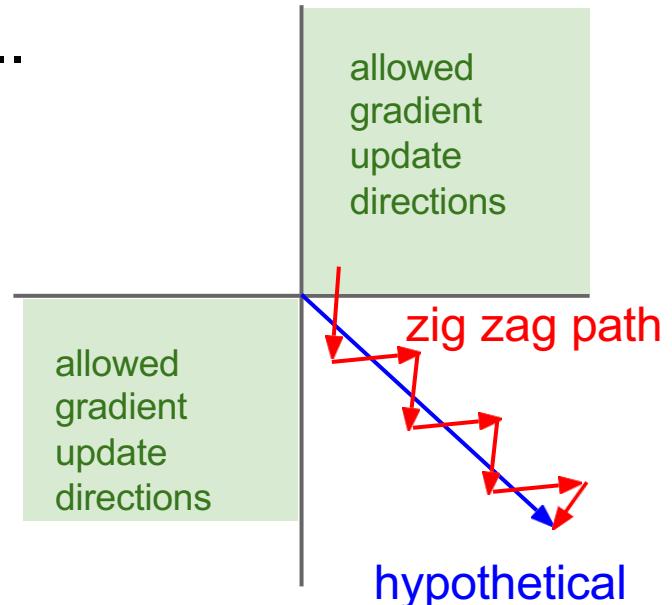
# Data Preprocessing



(Assume  $X$  [NxD] is data matrix,  
each example in a row)

Remember: Consider what happens when the input to a neuron is always positive...

$$f \left( \sum_i w_i x_i + b \right)$$

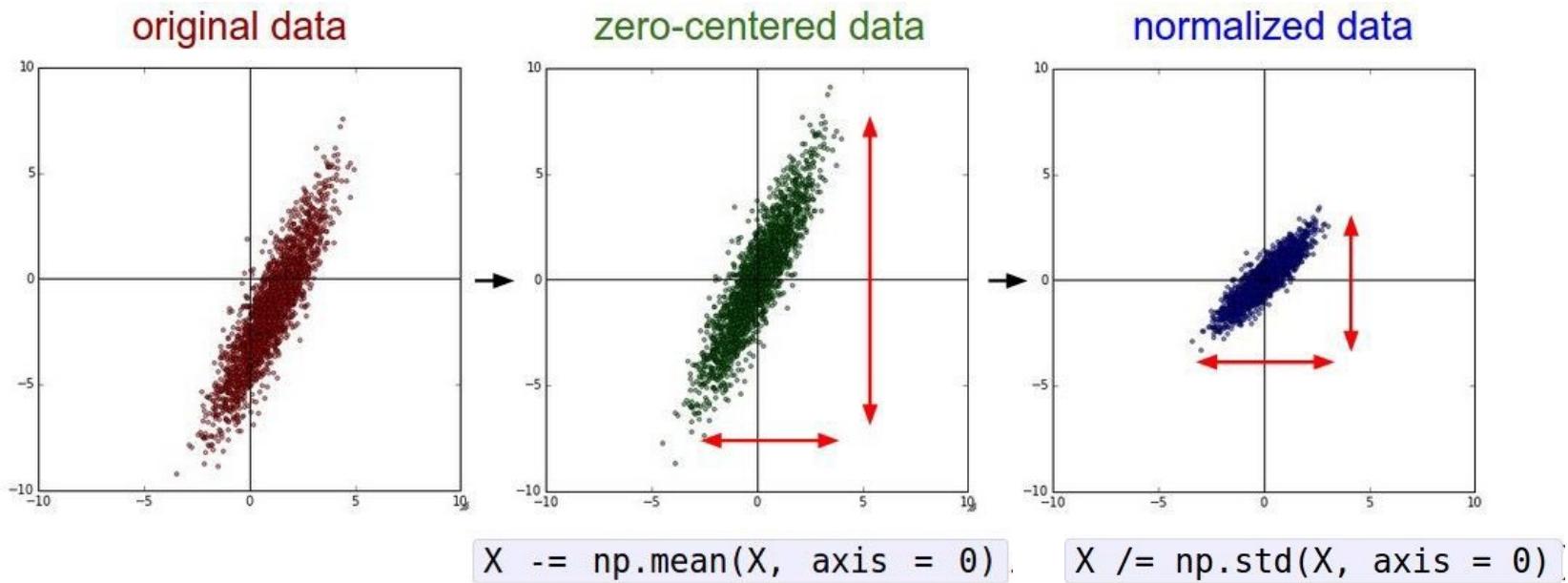


What can we say about the gradients on  $w$ ?

Always all positive or all negative :(

(this is also why you want zero-mean data!)

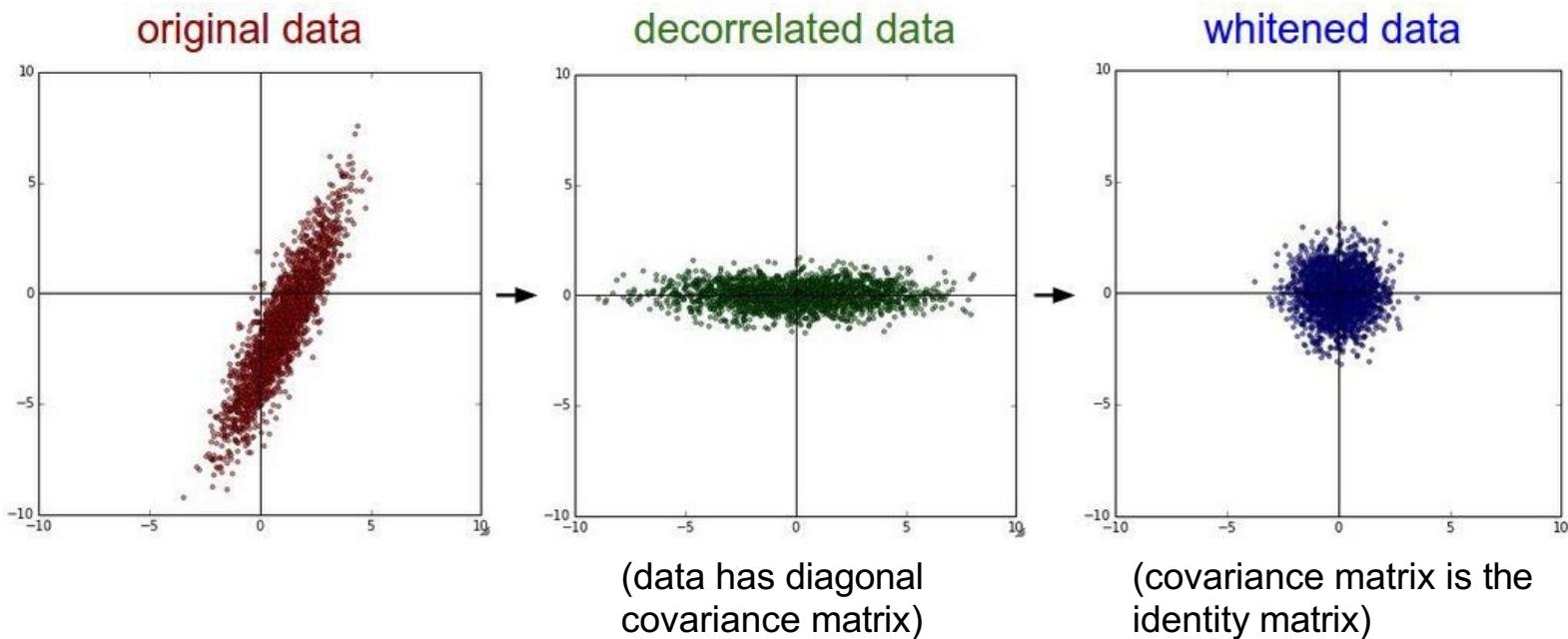
# Data Preprocessing



(Assume X [NxD] is data matrix, each example in a row)

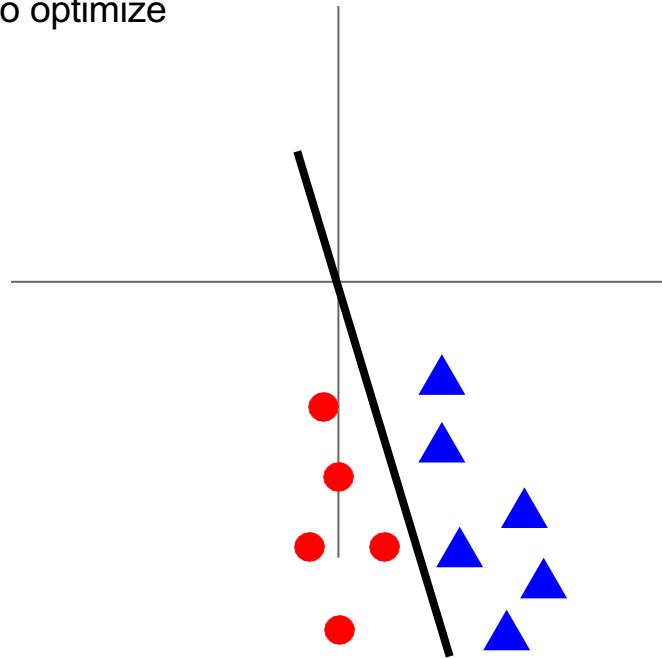
# Data Preprocessing

In practice, you may also see **PCA** and **Whitening** of the data

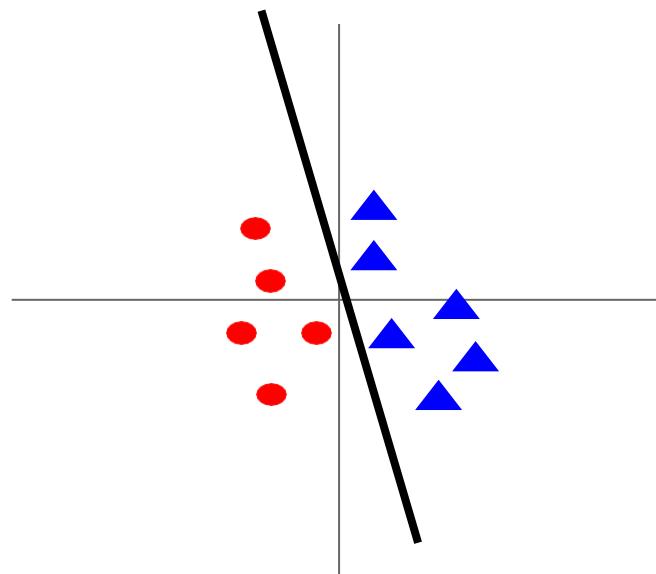


# Data Preprocessing

**Before normalization:** classification loss very sensitive to changes in weight matrix; hard to optimize



**After normalization:** less sensitive to small changes in weights; easier to optimize



# TLDR: In practice for Images: center only

e.g. consider CIFAR-10 example with [32,32,3] images

- Subtract the mean image (e.g. AlexNet)  
(mean image = [32,32,3] array)
- Subtract per-channel mean (e.g. VGGNet)  
(mean along each channel = 3 numbers)
- Subtract per-channel mean and  
Divide by per-channel std (e.g. ResNet)  
(mean along each channel = 3 numbers)

Not common  
to do PCA or  
whitening

# Batch Normalization

# Batch Normalization

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

“you want zero-mean unit-variance activations? just make them so.”

consider a batch of activations at some layer. To make each dimension zero-mean unit-variance, apply:

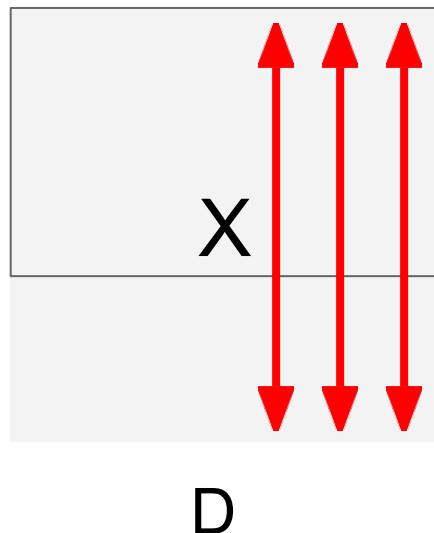
$$\hat{x}^{(k)} = \frac{x^{(k)} - \text{E}[x^{(k)}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[x^{(k)}]}}$$

this is a vanilla  
differentiable function...

# Batch Normalization

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

**Input:**  $x : N \times D$



$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,j}$$

Per-channel mean,  
shape is D

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{i,j} - \mu_j)^2$$

Per-channel var,  
shape is D

$$\hat{x}_{i,j} = \frac{x_{i,j} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \varepsilon}}$$

Normalized x,  
Shape is N x D

# Batch Normalization

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

**Input:**  $x : N \times D$

**Learnable scale and shift parameters:**

$\gamma, \beta : D$

Learning  $\gamma = \sigma$ ,  
 $\beta = \mu$  will recover the identity function!

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,j}$$

Per-channel mean,  
shape is D

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{i,j} - \mu_j)^2$$

Per-channel var,  
shape is D

$$\hat{x}_{i,j} = \frac{x_{i,j} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \epsilon}}$$

Normalized x,  
Shape is  $N \times D$

$$y_{i,j} = \gamma_j \hat{x}_{i,j} + \beta_j$$

Output,  
Shape is  $N \times D$

# Batch Normalization: Test-Time

Estimates depend on minibatch;  
can't do this at test-time!

**Input:**  $x : N \times D$

**Learnable scale and shift parameters:**

$\gamma, \beta : D$

Learning  $\gamma = \sigma$ ,  
 $\beta = \mu$  will recover the identity function!

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_{i,j}$$

Per-channel mean,  
shape is D

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_{i,j} - \mu_j)^2$$

Per-channel var,  
shape is D

$$\hat{x}_{i,j} = \frac{x_{i,j} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \varepsilon}}$$

Normalized x,  
Shape is  $N \times D$

$$y_{i,j} = \gamma_j \hat{x}_{i,j} + \beta_j$$

Output,  
Shape is  $N \times D$

# Batch Normalization: Test-Time

**Input:**  $x : N \times D$

$$\mu_j = \text{(Running) average of values seen during training}$$

Per-channel mean,  
shape is D

**Learnable scale and shift parameters:**

$$\gamma, \beta : D$$

$$\sigma_j^2 = \text{(Running) average of values seen during training}$$

Per-channel var,  
shape is D

During testing batchnorm becomes a linear operator!  
Can be fused with the previous fully-connected or conv layer

$$\hat{x}_{i,j} = \frac{x_{i,j} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \varepsilon}}$$

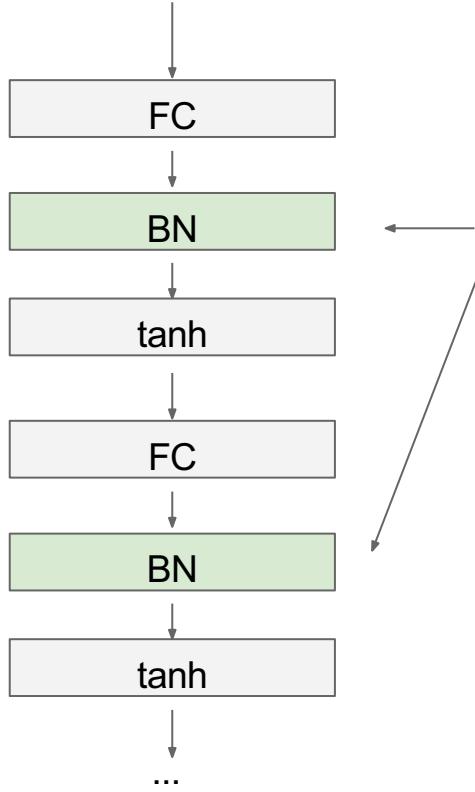
Normalized x,  
Shape is N x D

$$y_{i,j} = \gamma_j \hat{x}_{i,j} + \beta_j$$

Output,  
Shape is N x D

# Batch Normalization

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

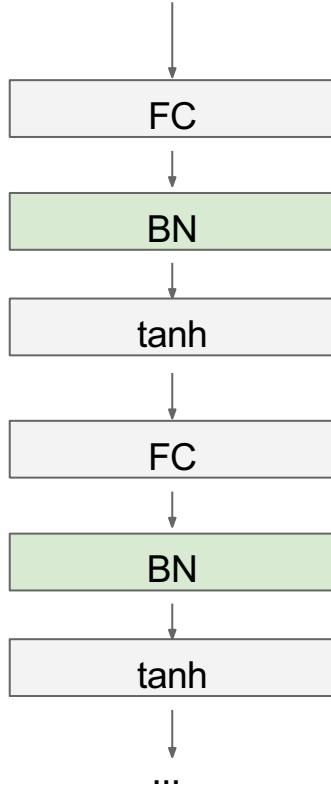


Usually inserted after Fully Connected or Convolutional layers, and before nonlinearity.

$$\hat{x}^{(k)} = \frac{x^{(k)} - \text{E}[x^{(k)}]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[x^{(k)}]}}$$

# Batch Normalization

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]



- Makes deep networks **much** easier to train!
- Improves gradient flow
- Allows higher learning rates, faster convergence
- Networks become more robust to initialization
- Acts as regularization during training
- Zero overhead at test-time: can be fused with conv!
- Behaves differently during training and testing: this is a very common source of bugs!

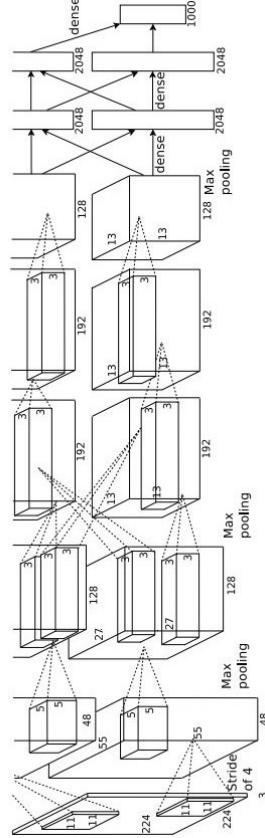
# Transfer learning

“You need a lot of data if you want to  
train/use CNNs”

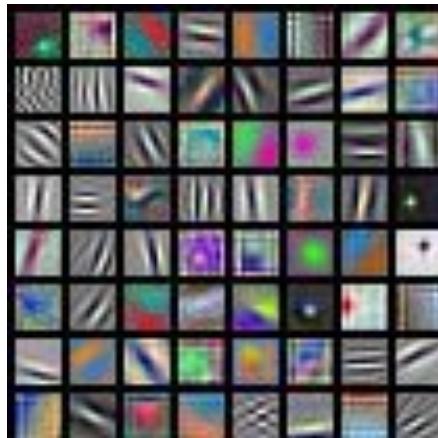
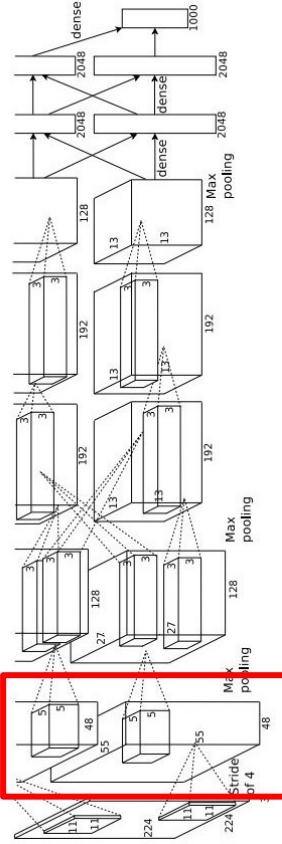
“You need a lot of data if you want to  
train/use CNNs”

**BUSTED**

# Transfer Learning with CNNs



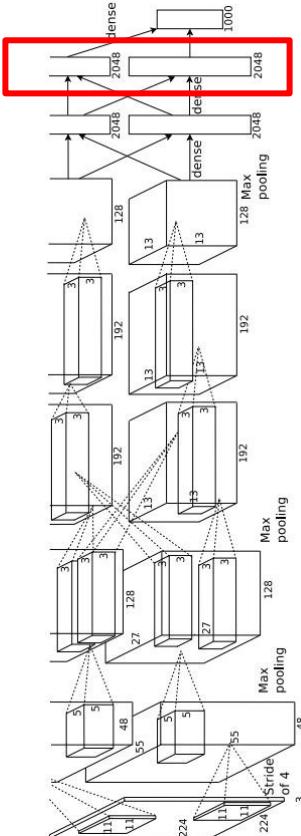
# Transfer Learning with CNNs



AlexNet:  
64 x 3 x 11 x 11

(More on this in Lecture 13)

# Transfer Learning with CNNs



Test image

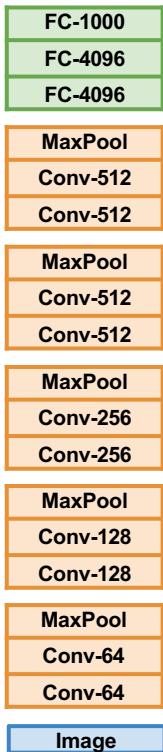
L2 Nearest neighbors in feature space



(More on this in Lecture 13)

# Transfer Learning with CNNs

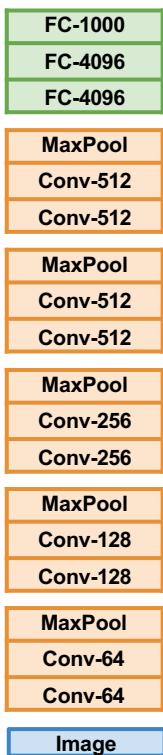
## 1. Train on Imagenet



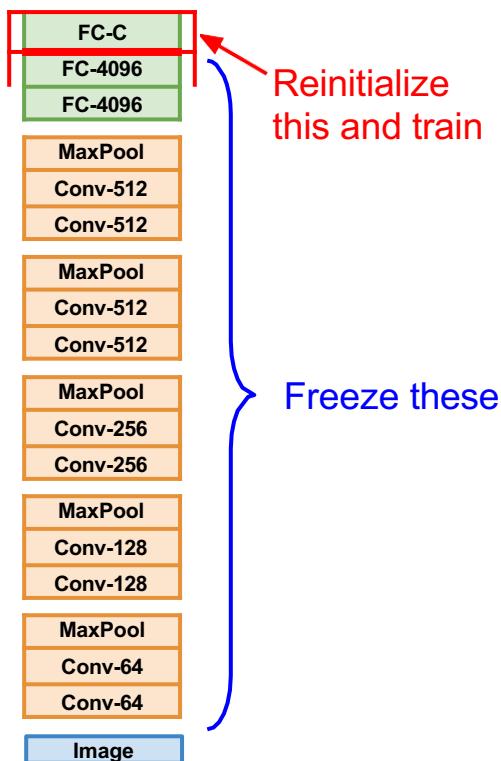
Donahue et al, "DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition", ICML 2014  
Razavian et al, "CNN Features Off-the-Shelf: An Astounding Baseline for Recognition", CVPR Workshops 2014

# Transfer Learning with CNNs

1. Train on Imagenet



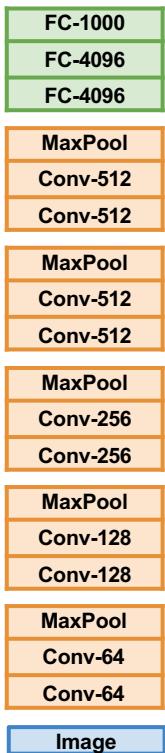
2. Small Dataset (C classes)



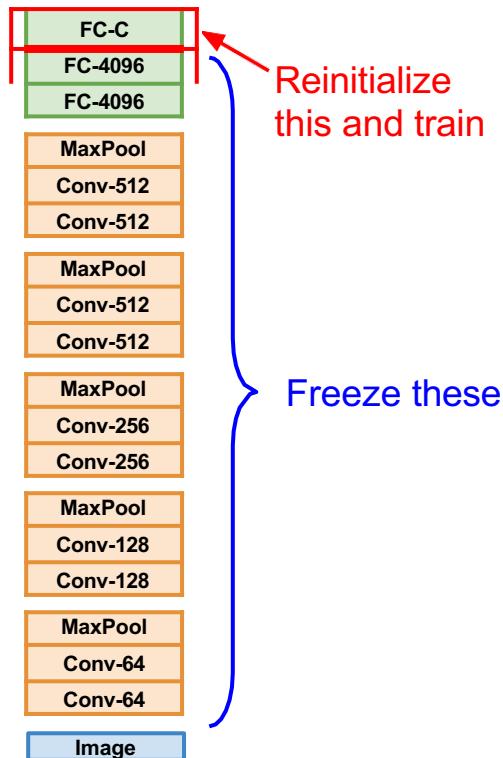
Donahue et al, "DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition", ICML 2014  
Razavian et al, "CNN Features Off-the-Shelf: An Astounding Baseline for Recognition", CVPR Workshops 2014

# Transfer Learning with CNNs

1. Train on Imagenet

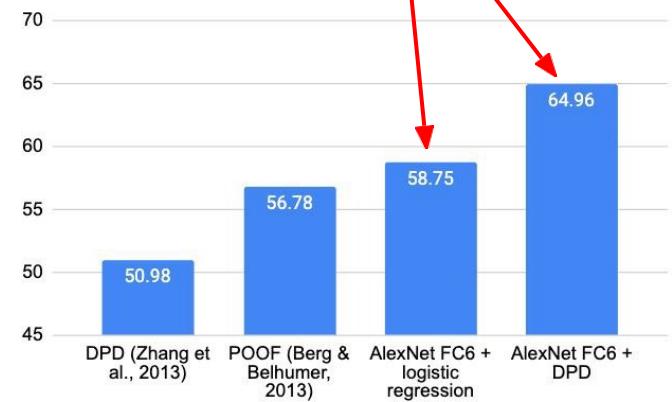


2. Small Dataset (C classes)



Donahue et al, "DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition", ICML 2014  
Razavian et al, "CNN Features Off-the-Shelf: An Astounding Baseline for Recognition", CVPR Workshops 2014

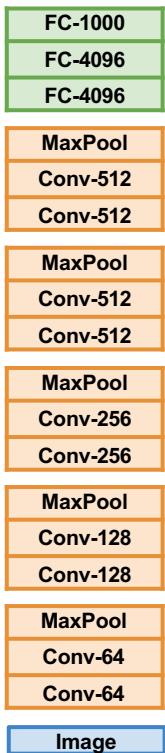
Finetuned from AlexNet



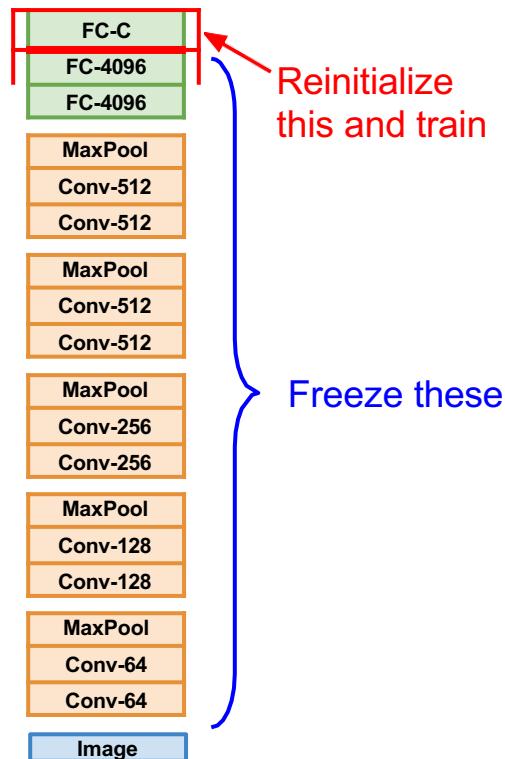
Donahue et al, "DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition", ICML 2014

# Transfer Learning with CNNs

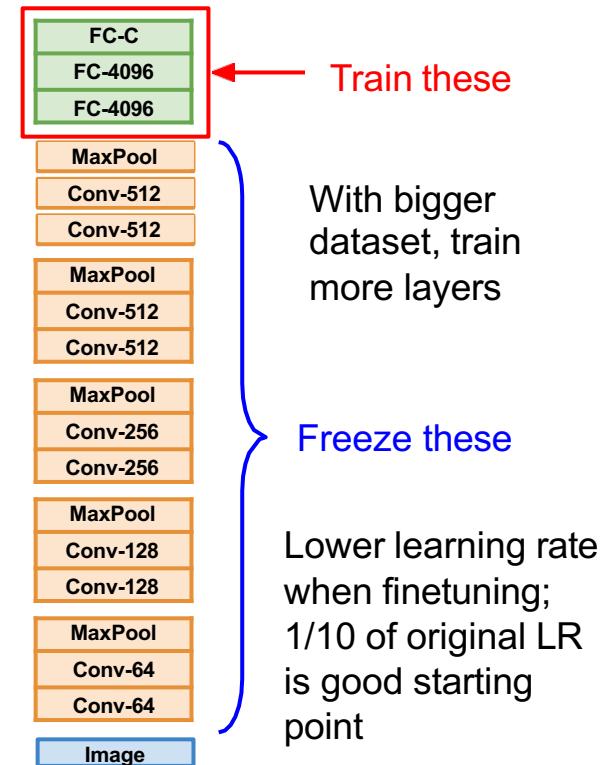
## 1. Train on Imagenet



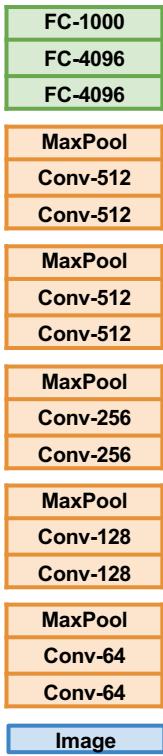
## 2. Small Dataset (C classes)



## 3. Bigger dataset



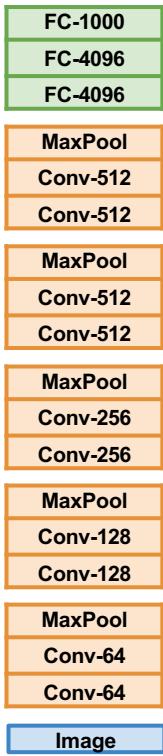
Donahue et al, "DeCAF: A Deep Convolutional Activation Feature for Generic Visual Recognition", ICML 2014  
Razavian et al, "CNN Features Off-the-Shelf: An Astounding Baseline for Recognition", CVPR Workshops 2014



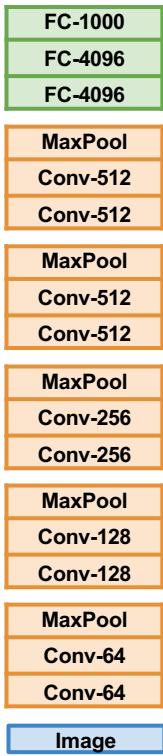
More specific

More generic

	<b>very similar dataset</b>	<b>very different dataset</b>
<b>very little data</b>	?	?
<b>quite a lot of data</b>	?	?



	<b>very similar dataset</b>	<b>very different dataset</b>
<b>very little data</b>	Use Linear Classifier on top layer	?
<b>quite a lot of data</b>	Finetune a few layers	?



More specific  
More generic

	<b>very similar dataset</b>	<b>very different dataset</b>
<b>very little data</b>	Use Linear Classifier on top layer	You're in trouble... Try linear classifier from different stages
<b>quite a lot of data</b>	Finetune a few layers	Finetune a larger number of layers

## Summary

We looked in detail at:

## TLDRs

- Activation Functions (use ReLU)
- Data Preprocessing (images: subtract mean)
- Batch Normalization (use this!)
- Transfer learning (use this if you can!)