# What is Machine Learning?

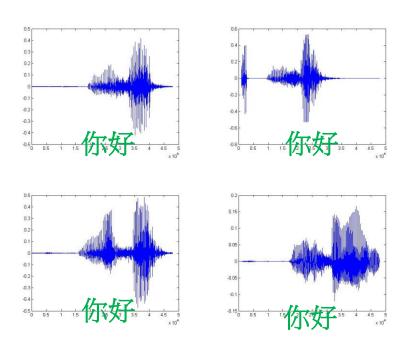
### You know how to program ...



- You can ask computers to do lots of things for you.
- However, computer can only do what you ask it to do.
- Computer can never solve the problem you can't solve.

## Some tasks are very complex

 One day, you are asked to write a program for speech recognition.

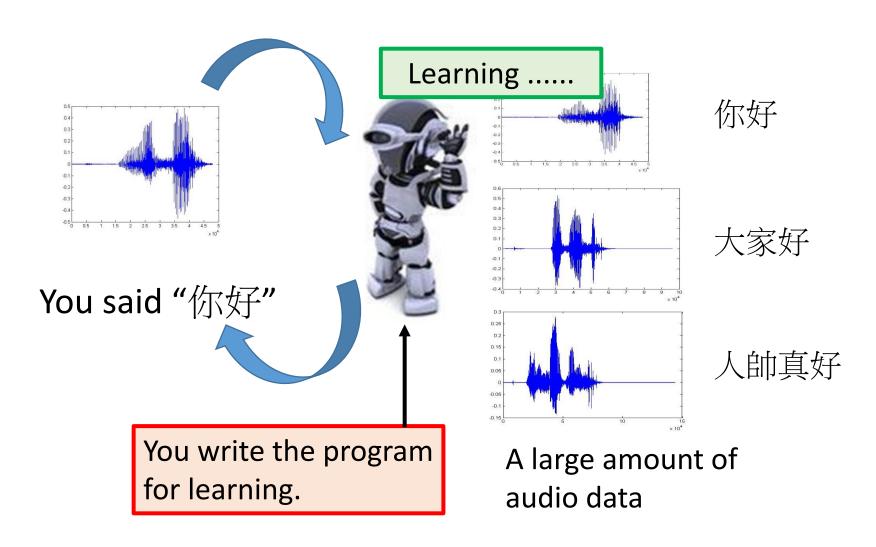


Find the common patterns from the left waveforms.

You quickly get lost in the exceptions and special cases.

It seems impossible to write a program for speech recognition.

## Let the machine learn by itself



## Learning ≈ Looking for a Function

Speech Recognition

Handwritten Recognition

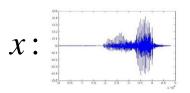
Weather forecast

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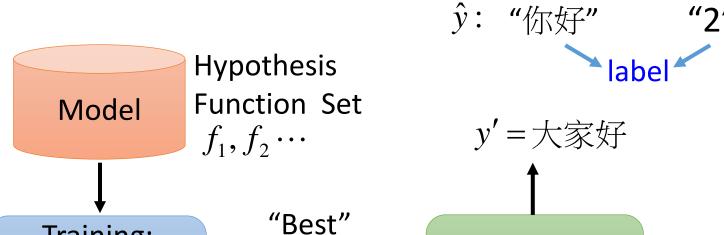
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#### Framework







Training:
Pick the best
Function f\*

Function

 $f^*$ 

x:function input  $\hat{y}$ :function output

Testing:

 $f^*(x') = y'$ 

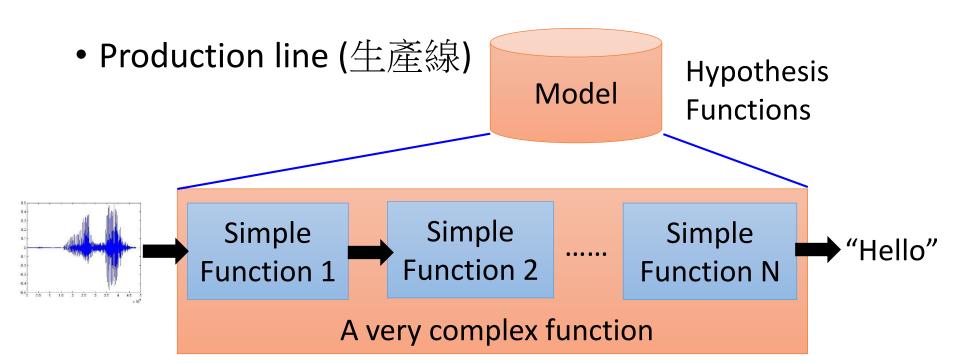
$$\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1), (x^2, \hat{y}^2), \ldots\}$$

**Training** 

Data

## Deep Learning

### What is Deep Learning?



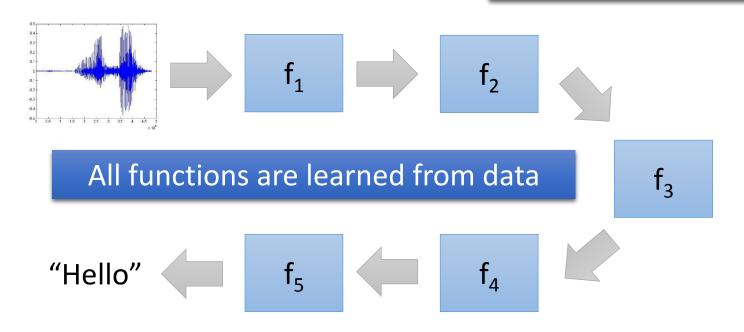
End-to-end training:

What each function should do is learned automatically

## Deep v.s. Shallow

- Speech Recognition
- Deep Learning

"Bye bye, MFCC"
- Deng Li in
Interspeech 2014



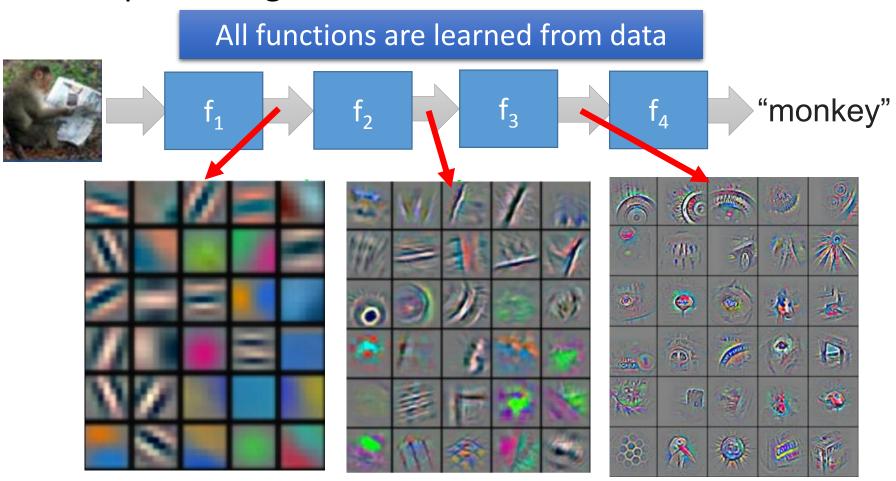
Less engineering labor, but machine learns more

## Deep v.s. Shallow

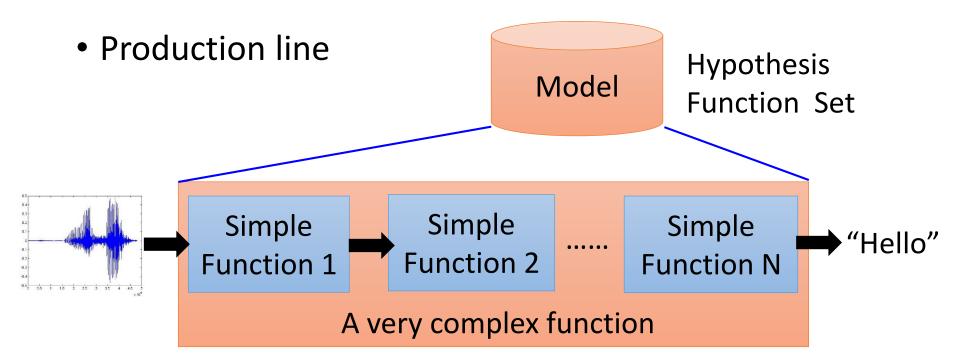
- Image Recognition

Reference: Zeiler, M. D., & Fergus, R. (2014). Visualizing and understanding convolutional networks. In *Computer Vision–ECCV* 2014 (pp. 818-833)

Deep Learning



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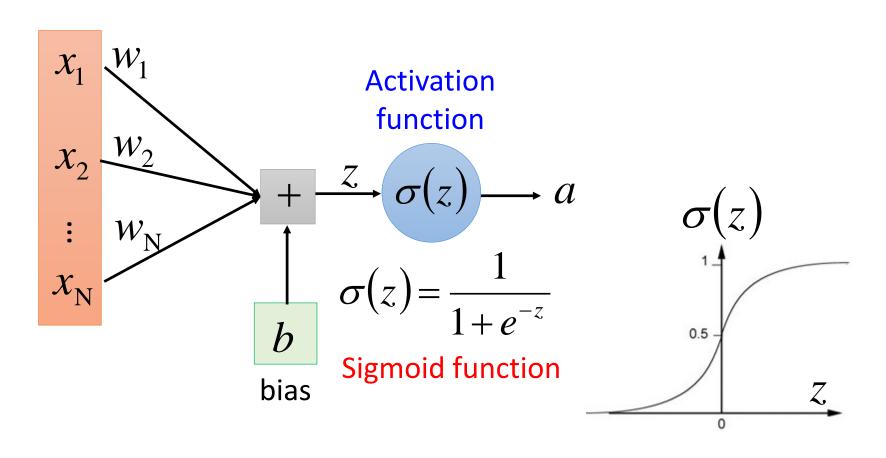
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 Deep learning usually referred to neural network based approach

#### A Neuron for Machine

#### Each neuron is a very simple function

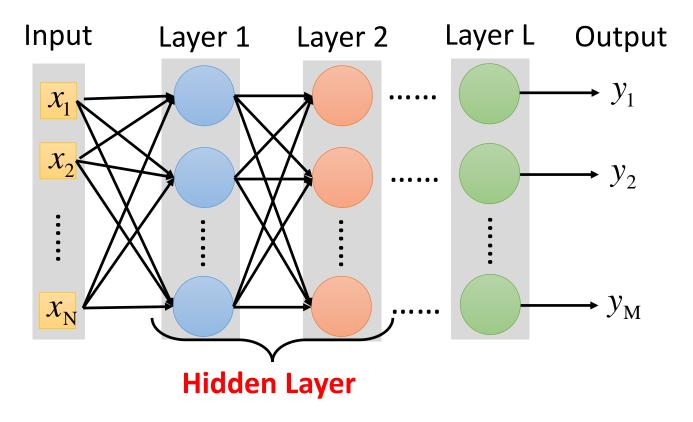


#### Deep Learning

A neural network is a complex function:

$$f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^M$$

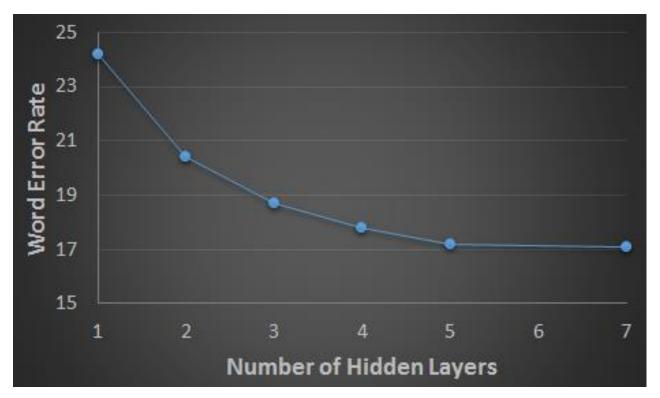
Cascading the neurons to form a neural network.
 Each layer is a simple function in the production line.



## Why Deep Learning?

Deeper is Better.

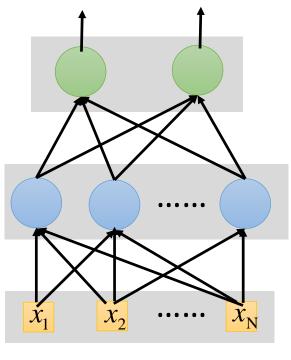
Speech recognition



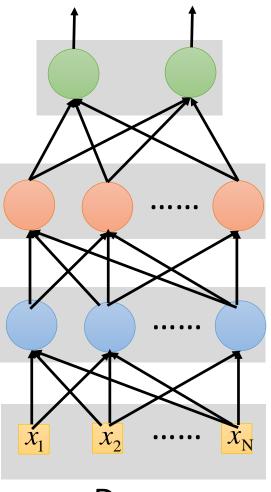
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## Why Deeper is Better?

Deep works better simply because it uses more parameters.



**Shallow** 

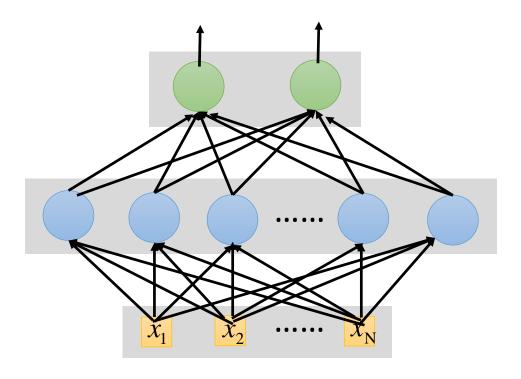


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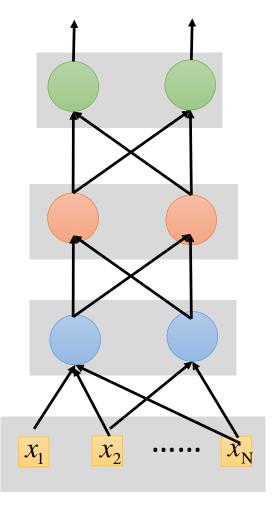
#### Fat + Short v.s. Thin + Tall

If they have the same parameters,

Which one is better?



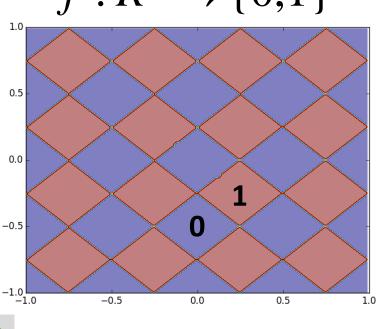


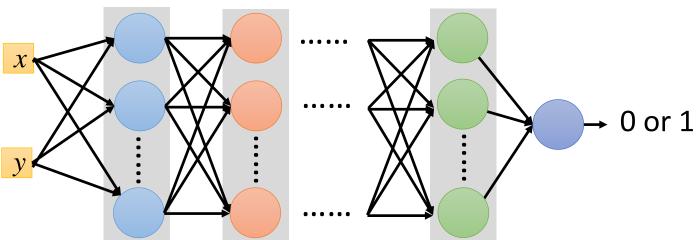


Deep

## Fat + Short v.s. Thin + Tall Toy Example $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \{0,1\}$

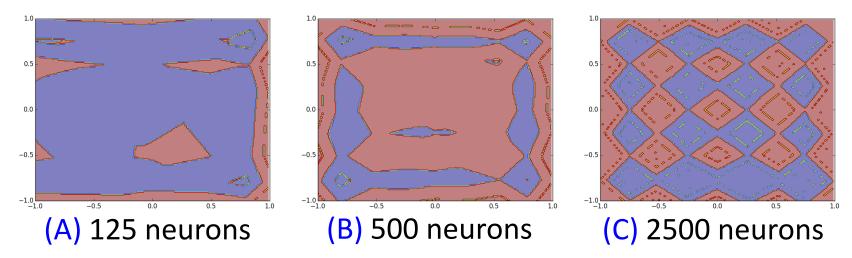
Sample 10,0000 points as training data



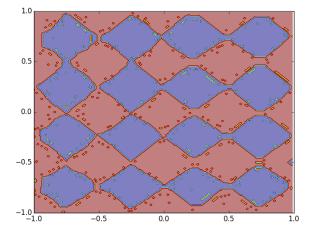


## Fat + Short v.s. Thin + Tall Toy Example

#### 1 hidden layer:



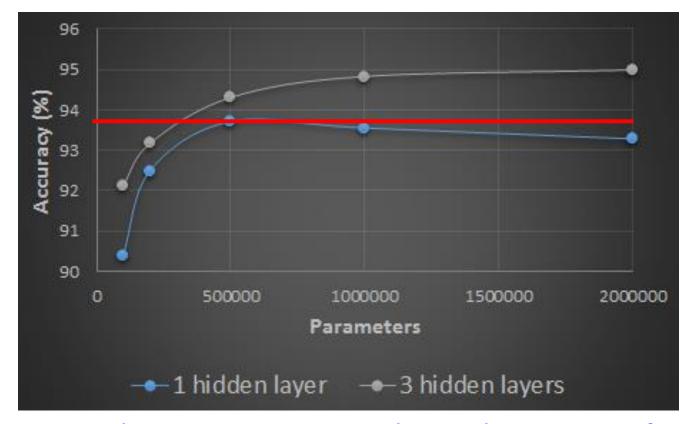
#### 3 hidden layers:



Q: the number of parameters close to (A), (B) or (C)?

## Fat + Short v.s. Thin + Tall Hand-writing digit classification

Same parameters



Deeper: Using less parameters to achieve the same performance

## Fat + Short v.s. Thin + Tall Speech Recognition

Word error rate (WER)

Multiple layers

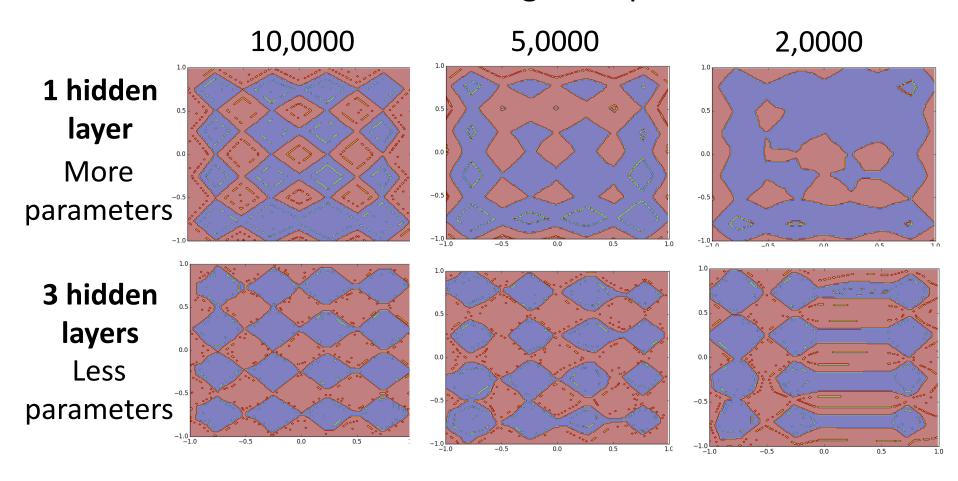
1 hidden layer

LxN	DBN-PT (%)	1xN	DBN-PT (%)
1×2k	24.2		
$2\times2k$	20.4		
$3\times2k$	18.4		
4×2 k	17.8		
$5\times2k$	17.2	1×3,772	22.5
$7 \times 2 k$	17.1	1×4,634	22.6
		1×16K	22.1

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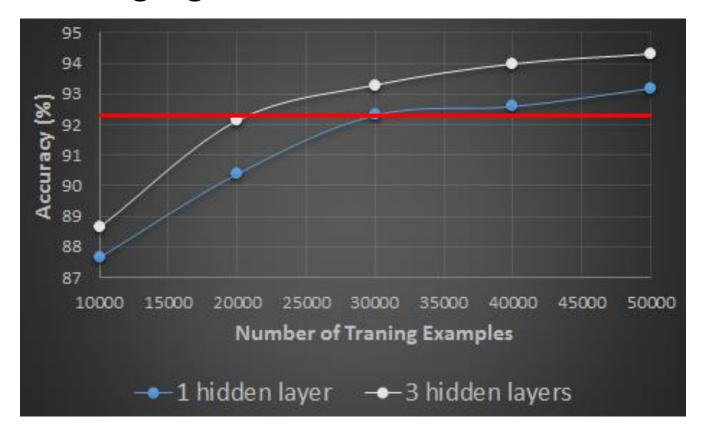
### Size of Training Data

Different numbers of training examples



#### Size of Training Data

Hand-writing digit classification



Deeper: Using less training data to achieve the same performance

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$$f($$
  $\geqslant$   $)=$  "2"

Weather forecast

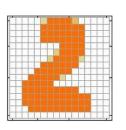
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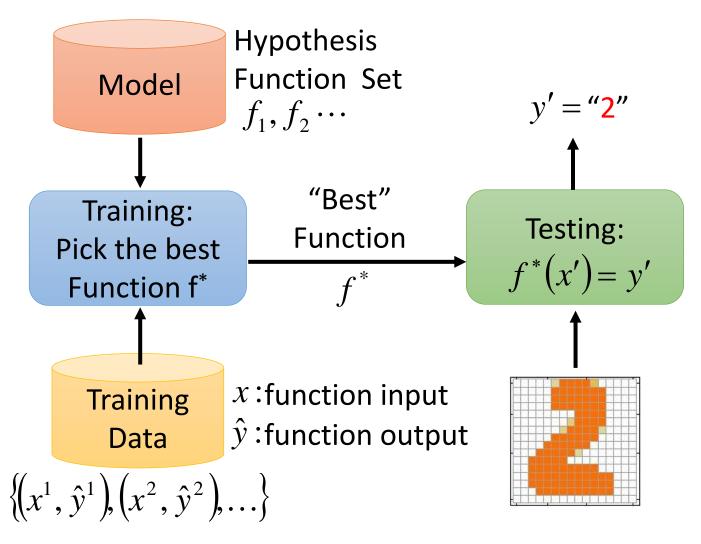
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#### Framework

x:



 $\hat{y}$ : "2" (label)



#### Outline

1. What is the model (function hypothesis set)?

2. What is the "best" function?

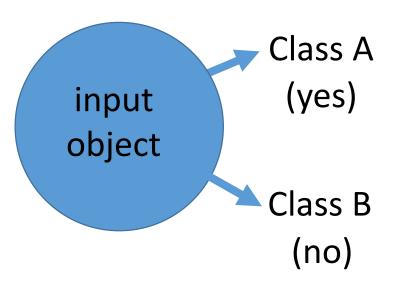
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## Task Considered Today

#### Classification

#### **Binary Classification**

Only two classes



#### Spam filtering

- Is an e-mail spam or not?
- Recommendation systems
  - recommend the product to the customer or not?
- Malware detection
  - Is the software malicious or not?
- Stock prediction
  - Will the future value of a stock increase or not?

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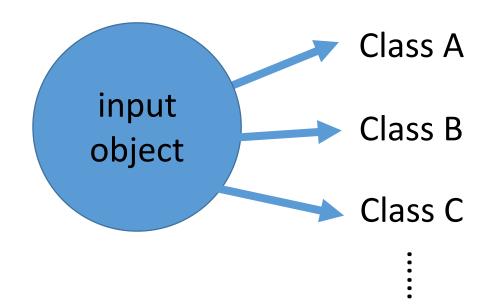
#### **Binary Classification**

Only two classes

Class A (yes) object Class B (no)

#### Multi-class Classification

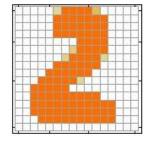
More than two classes



#### Multi-class Classification

Handwriting Digit Classification

Input:



Class: "1", "2", ...., "9", "0"

10 classes

• Image Recognition

Input:



Class: "dog", "cat", "book", ....

Thousands of classes

## 1. What is the model?

## What is the function we are looking for?

classification

$$y = f(x) \qquad f: R^N \to R^M$$

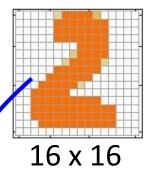
- x: input object to be classified
- y: class
- Assume both x and y can be represented as fixed-size vector
  - x is a vector with N dimensions, and y is a vector with M dimensions

## What is the function we are looking for?

#### Handwriting Digit Classification

 $f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^M$ 

#### x: image



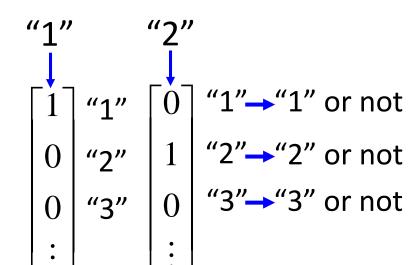
Each pixel corresponds to an element in the vector

0: otherwise 1 16 x 16 = 256 dimensions

1: for ink,

#### y: class

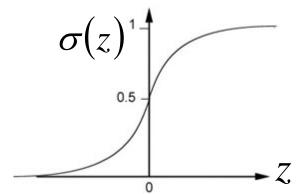
10 dimensions for digit recognition

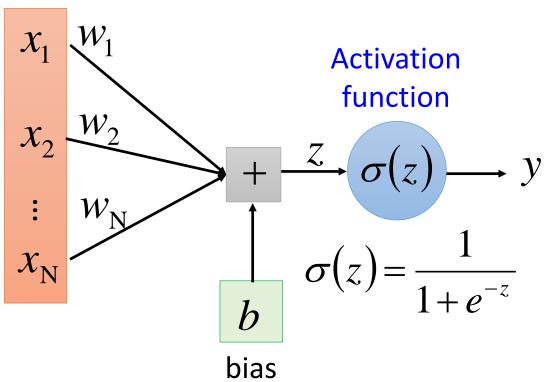


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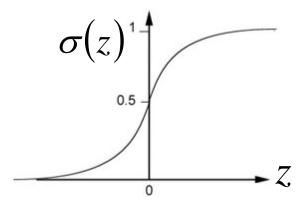
$$f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}$$

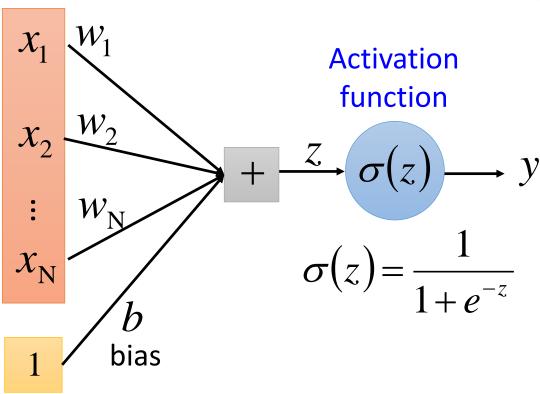




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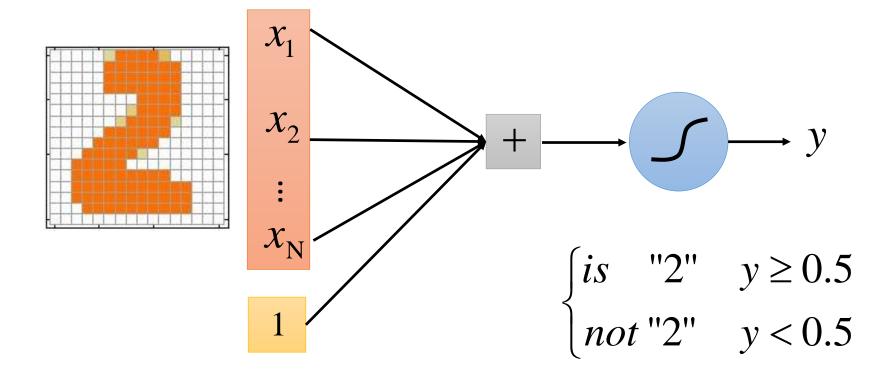
$$f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}$$





#### Single Neuron $f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}$

 Single neuron can only do binary classification, cannot handle multi-class classification

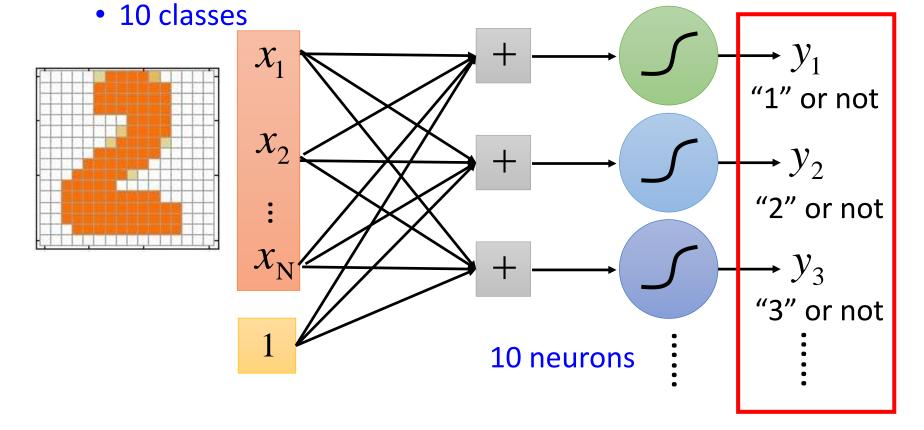


## A Layer of Neuron $f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^M$

Handwriting digit classification

• Classes: "1", "2", ...., "9", "0"

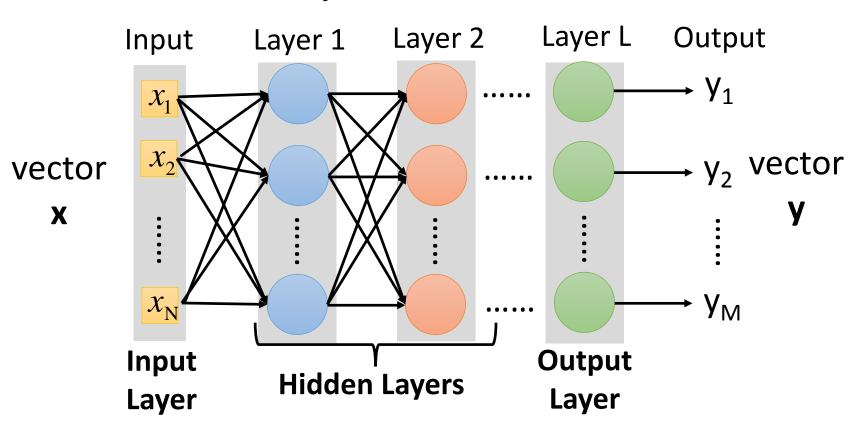
If  $y_2$  is the max, then the image is "2".



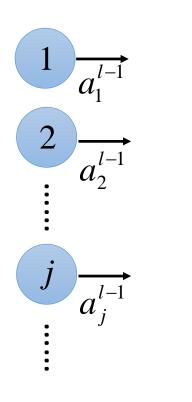
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## Neural Network as Model

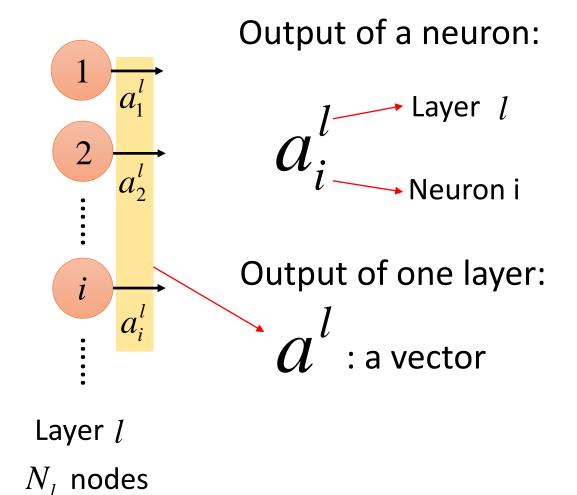
 $f: \mathbb{R}^N \to \mathbb{R}^M$ 

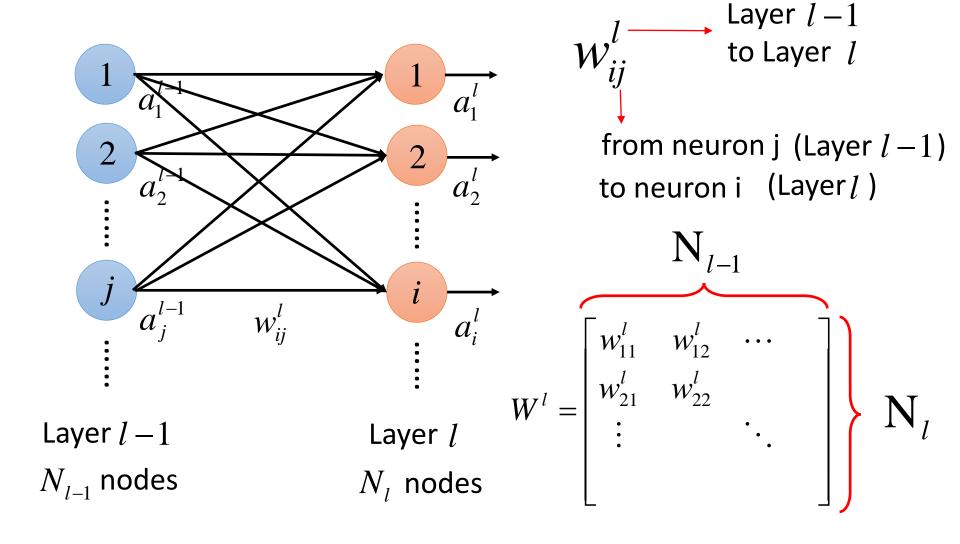


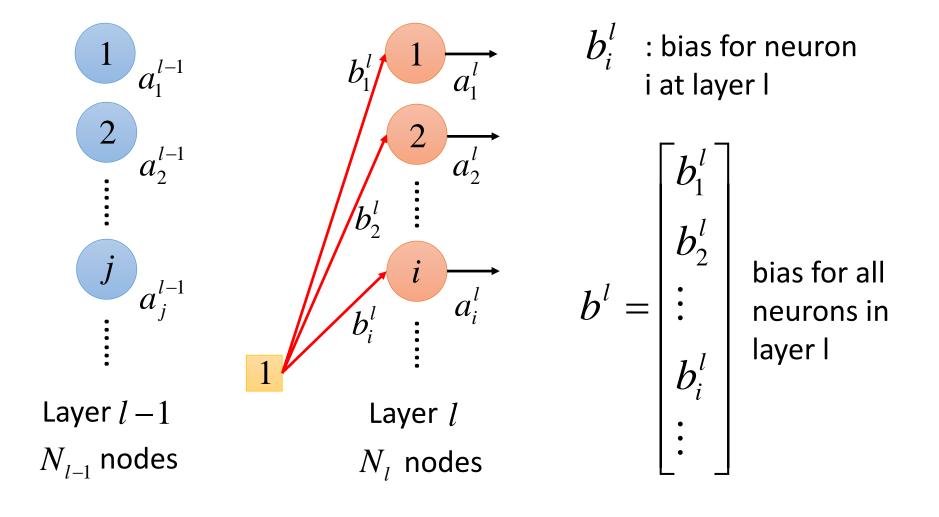
- > Fully connected feedforward network
- ➤ Deep Neural Network: many hidden layers

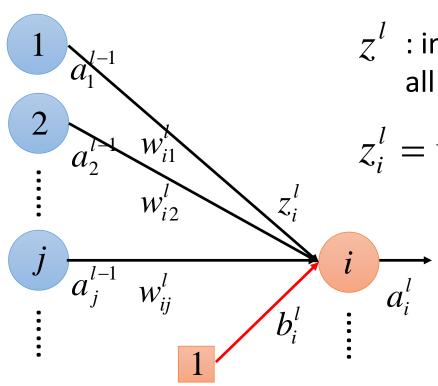


Layer l-1 $N_{l-1}$  nodes









 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}_i^l$ : input of the activation function for neuron i at layer I

 $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}^l$  : input of the activation function all the neurons in layer I

$$z_i^l = w_{i1}^l a_1^{l-1} + w_{i2}^l a_2^{l-1} \dots + b_i^l$$

$$z_i^l = \sum_{j=1}^{N_{l-1}} w_{ij}^l a_j^{l-1} + b_i^l$$

Layer l-1 Layer l

 $N_{l-1}$  nodes  $N_l$  nodes

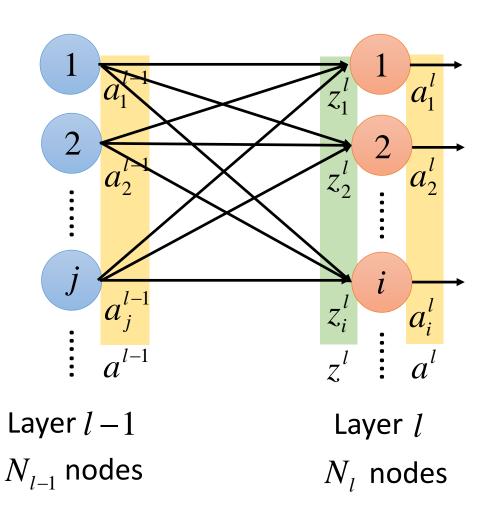
## Notation - Summary

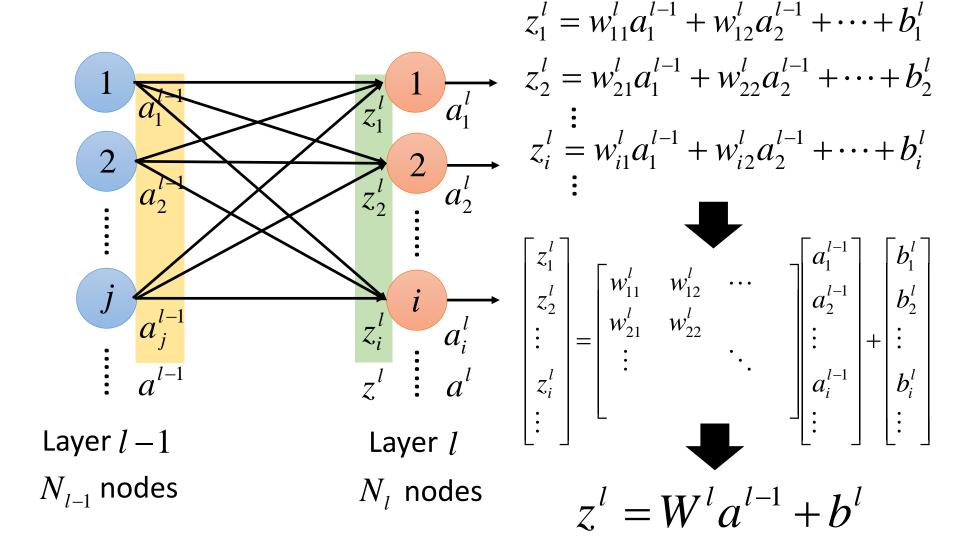
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a_i^l :output of a neuron w_{ij}^l : a weight
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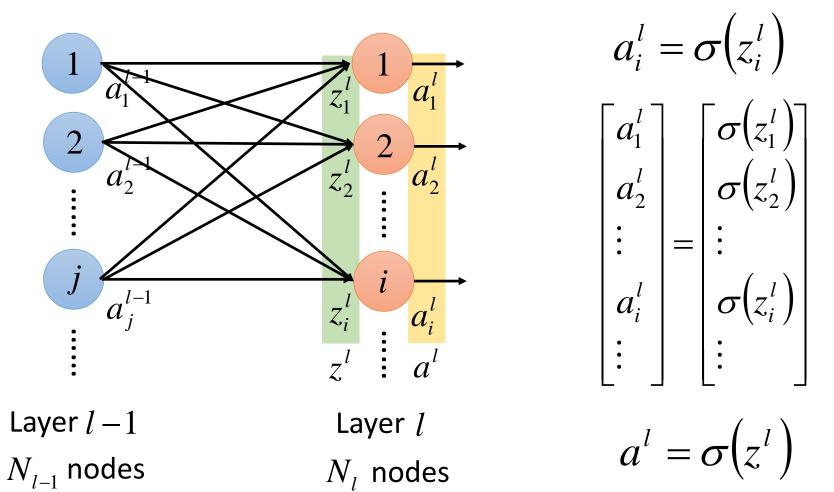
$$a^l$$
 :output of a layer  $\mathbf{W}^l$  : a weight matrix

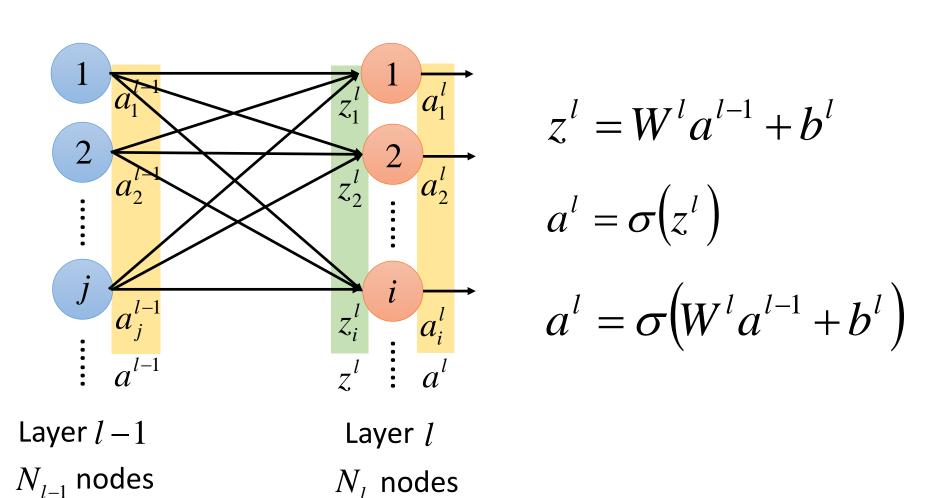
$$oldsymbol{\mathcal{Z}}_i^l$$
 : input of activation  $oldsymbol{b}_i^l$  : a bias function

$$\mathcal{Z}^l$$
 : input of activation  $b^l$  : a bias vector function for a layer

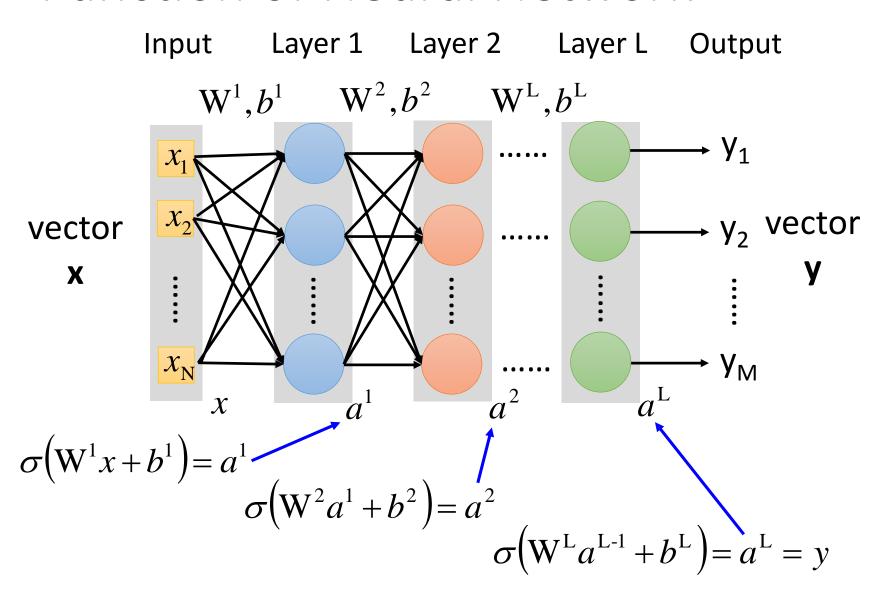








## Function of Neural Network



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Layer 1 Layer 2 Layer L Input Output  $\mathbf{W}^1, b^1 \qquad \mathbf{W}^2, b^2 \qquad \mathbf{W}^L, b^L$ y₂ vector vector X

$$y = f(x)$$

$$= \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{L} \dots \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{2} \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{1} x + b^{1}) + b^{2}) \dots + b^{L})$$

# 2. What is the "best" function?

## Best Function = Best Parameters

$$y = f(x) = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^L \dots \sigma(\mathbf{W}^2 \sigma(\mathbf{W}^1 x + b^1) + b^2) \dots + b^L)$$

function set

because different parameters W and b lead to different function

#### Formal way to define a function set:

$$f(x; \theta) \rightarrow \text{parameter set}$$
  
 $\theta = \{W^1, b^1, W^2, b^2 \cdots W^L, b^L\}$ 

Pick the "best" function f\*



Pick the "best" parameter set  $\theta^*$ 

### Cost Function

- Define a function for parameter set  $C(\theta)$ 
  - $C(\theta)$  evaluate how bad a parameter set is
  - The best parameter set  $\theta^*$  is the one that minimizes  $C(\theta)$

$$\theta^* = \arg\min_{\theta} C(\theta)$$

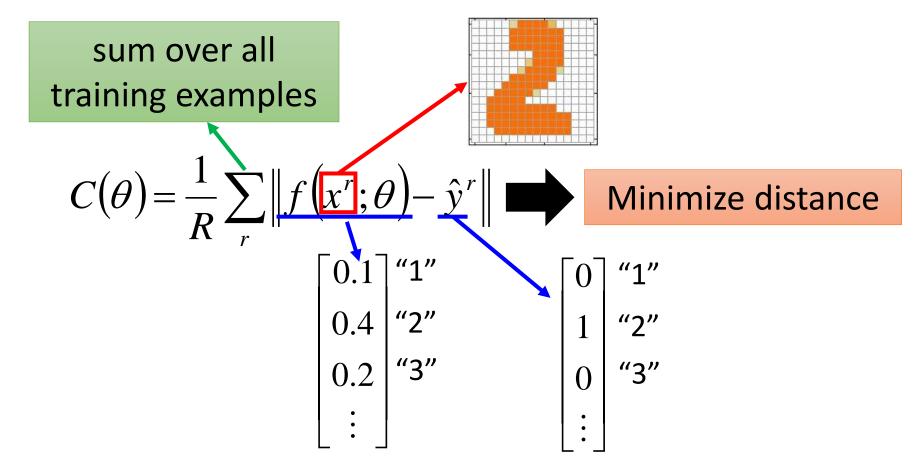
- $C(\theta)$  is called **cost/loss/error function** 
  - If you define the goodness of the parameter set by another function  $O(\theta)$
  - $O(\theta)$  is called objective function

## Cost Function

#### Given training data:

$$\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1)...(x^r, \hat{y}^r)...(x^R, \hat{y}^R)\}$$

#### Handwriting Digit Classification



# 3. How to pick the "best" function?

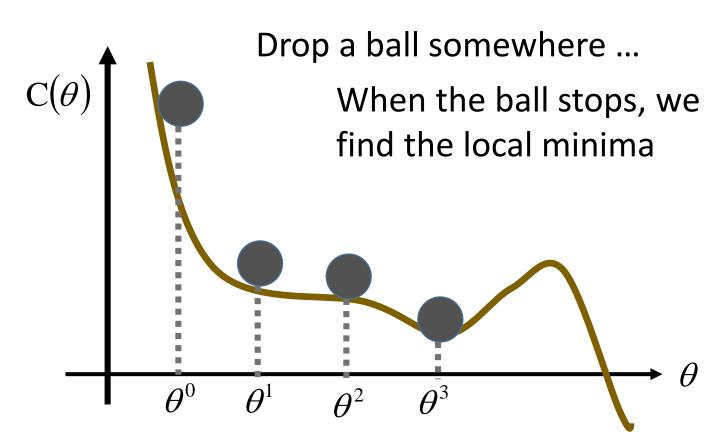
**Gradient Descent** 

## Statement of Problems

- Statement of problems:
  - There is a function C(θ)
    - θ represents parameter set
    - $\theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \dots \}$
  - Find  $\theta^*$  that minimizes  $C(\theta)$
- Brute force?
  - Enumerate all possible  $\theta$
- Calculus?
  - Find  $\theta^*$  such that  $\left. \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1} \right|_{\theta = \theta^*} = 0, \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2} \right|_{\theta = \theta^*} = 0, \dots$

### Gradient Descent – Idea

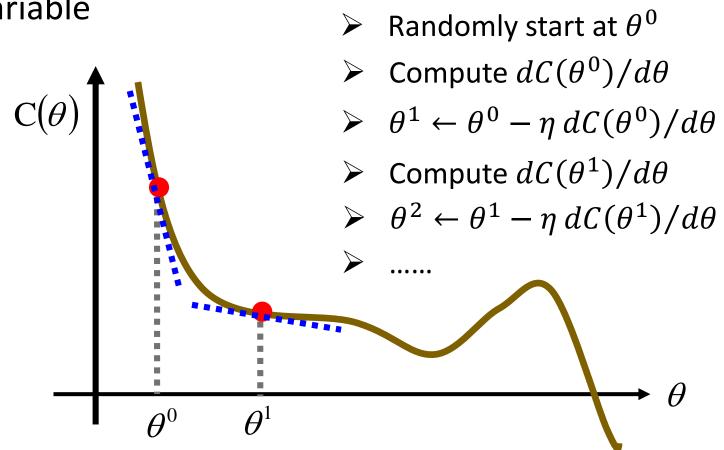
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## Gradient Descent – Idea

η is called "learning rate"

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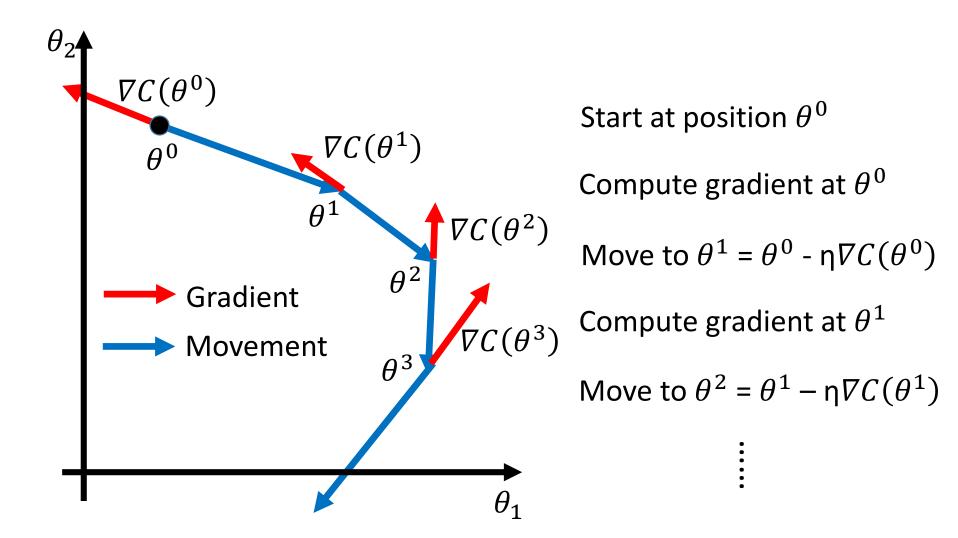
## **Gradient Descent**

- Suppose that  $\theta$  has two variables  $\{\theta_1, \theta_2\}$
- ightharpoonup Randomly start at  $\theta^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^0 \\ \theta_2^0 \end{bmatrix}$
- ightharpoonup Compute the gradients of  $C(\theta)$  at  $\theta^0$ :  $\nabla C(\theta^0) = \begin{vmatrix} \partial C(\theta_1^0)/\partial \theta_1 \\ \partial C(\theta_2^0)/\partial \theta_2 \end{vmatrix}$
- Update parameters

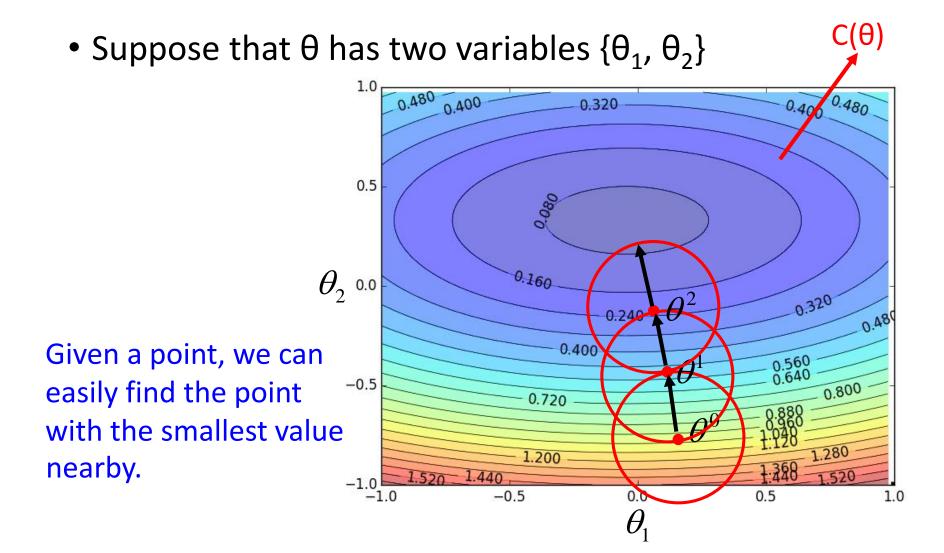
$$\begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^1 \\ \theta_2^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^0 \\ \theta_2^0 \end{bmatrix} - \eta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C(\theta_1^0)}{\partial C(\theta_2^0)} / \frac{\partial \theta_1}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix} \implies \theta^1 = \theta^0 - \eta \nabla C(\theta^0)$$

- **>** .....

## **Gradient Descent**



## Formal Derivation of Gradient Descent



## Gradient Descent for Neural Network

Compute 
$$\nabla C(\theta^0)$$
  
 $\theta^1 = \theta^0 - \eta \nabla C(\theta^0)$   
Compute  $\nabla C(\theta^1)$   
 $\theta^2 = \theta^1 - \eta \nabla C(\theta^1)$ 

Starting Parameters

$$\theta^0 \longrightarrow \theta^1 \longrightarrow \theta^2 \longrightarrow \dots$$

$$\nabla C(\theta)$$

$$\theta = \left\{ \mathbf{W}^1, b^1, \mathbf{W}^2, b^2, \dots, \mathbf{W}^l, b^l, \dots, \mathbf{W}^L, b^L \right\}$$

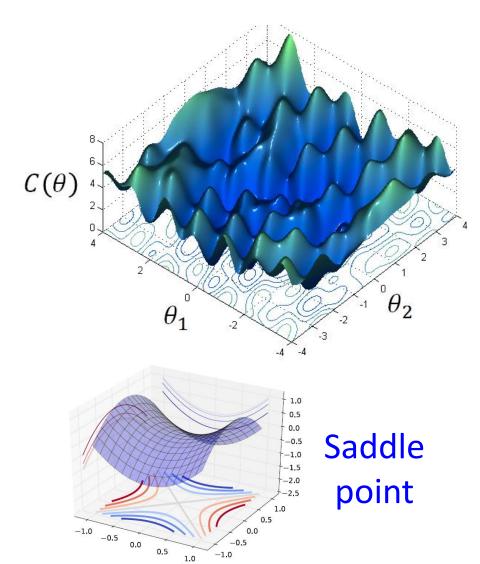
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}^{l}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{C}(\theta)}{\partial b_{i}^{l}} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^l & w_{12}^l & \cdots \\ w_{21}^l & w_{22}^l \\ \vdots & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

Millions of parameters .....

To compute the gradients efficiently, we use **backpropagation**.

## Stuck at local minima?



- Who is Afraid of Non-Convex Loss Functions?
- http://videolectures.ne t/eml07\_lecun\_wia/
- Deep Learning: Theoretical Motivations
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# 3. How to pick the "best" function?

Practical Issues for neural network

## Practical Issues for neural network

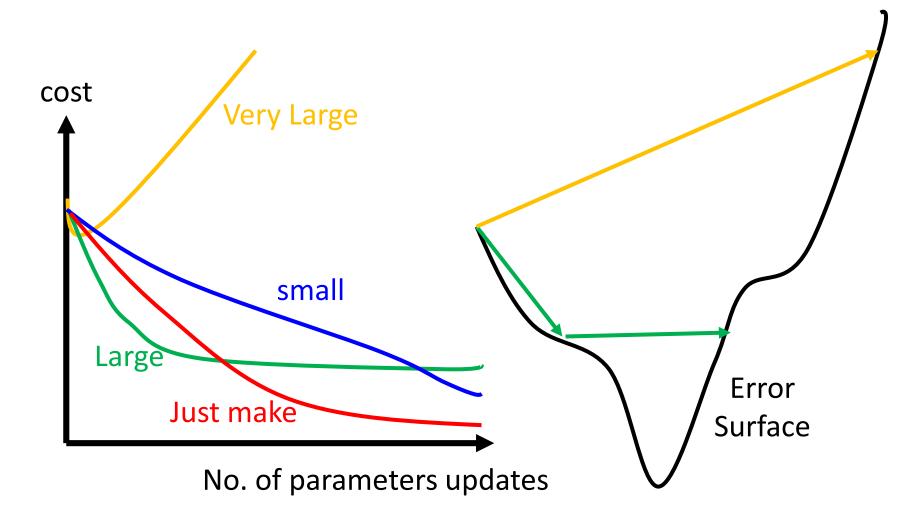
- Parameter Initialization
- Learning Rate
- Stochastic gradient descent and Mini-batch
- Recipe for Learning

### Parameter Initialization

- For gradient Descent, we need to pick an initialization parameter  $\theta^0$ .
- The initialization parameters have some influence to the training.
  - We will go back to this issue in the future.
- Suggestion today:
  - Do not set all the parameters  $\theta^0$  equal
  - Set the parameters in  $\theta^0$  randomly

$$\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla C(\theta^{i-1})$$

• Set the learning rate η carefully



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Set the learning rate η carefully

#### Toy Example

$$x \xrightarrow{w} + z \xrightarrow{z} y$$

$$y = z$$

$$\theta^* = \begin{bmatrix} w = 1 \\ b = 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

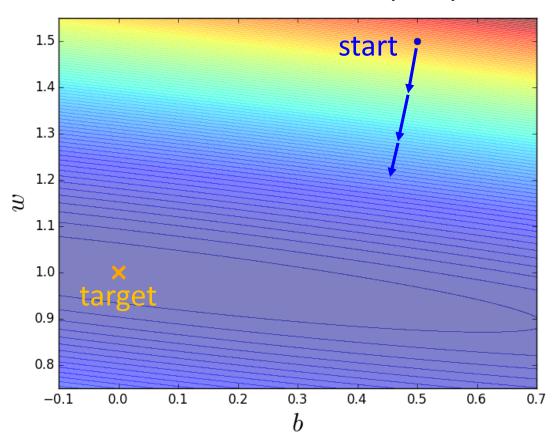
#### Training Data (20 examples)

x = [0.0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6.5, 7.0, 7.5, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 9.5]y = [0.1, 0.4, 0.9, 1.6, 2.2, 2.5, 2.8, 3.5, 3.9, 4.7, 5.1, 5.3, 6.3, 6.5, 6.7, 7.5, 8.1, 8.5, 8.9, 9.5]

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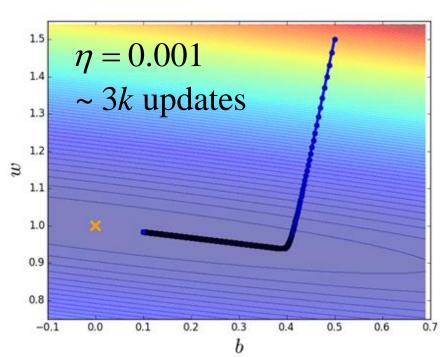
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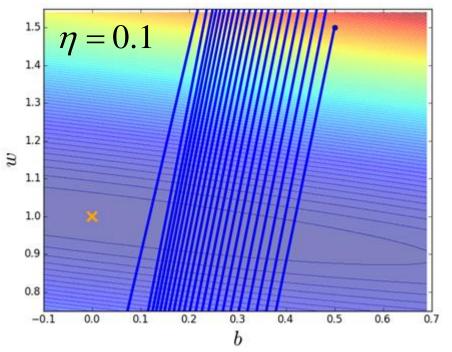
Error Surface: C(w,b)

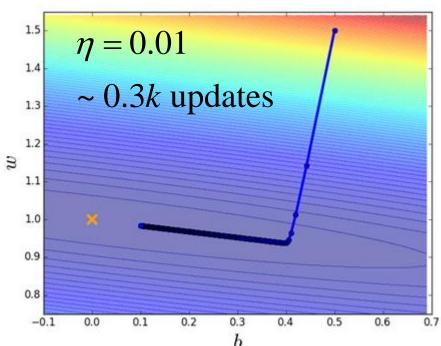


#### Toy Example

Different learning rate η







## Stochastic Gradient Descent and Mini-batch

$$\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla C(\theta^{i-1})$$

$$C(\theta) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r} ||f(x^{r}; \theta) - \hat{y}^{r}||$$
$$= \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r} C^{r}(\theta)$$

$$\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla C(\theta^{i-1}) \qquad \nabla C(\theta^{i-1}) = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r} \nabla C^{r}(\theta^{i-1})$$

### Stochastic Gradient Descent

Faster!

Better!

Pick an example x<sup>r</sup>

$$\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla C^{r} (\theta^{i-1})$$

If all example x<sup>r</sup> have equal probabilities to be picked

$$E\left[\nabla C^{r}(\theta^{i-1})\right] = \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r} \nabla C^{r}(\theta^{i-1})$$

## Stochastic Gradient Descent and Mini-batch

#### What is epoch?

Training Data: 
$$\{(x^1, \hat{y}^1), (x^2, \hat{y}^2), \dots (x^r, \hat{y}^r), \dots (x^R, \hat{y}^R)\}$$

When using stochastic gradient descent

Starting at 
$$\theta_0$$
 pick  $\mathbf{x}^1$   $\theta^1 = \theta^0 - \eta \nabla C^1 (\theta^0)$  pick  $\mathbf{x}^2$   $\theta^2 = \theta^1 - \eta \nabla C^2 (\theta^1)$  . Seen all the pick  $\mathbf{x}^r$   $\theta^r = \theta^{r-1} - \eta \nabla C^r (\theta^{r-1})$  examples once . One epoch pick  $\mathbf{x}^R$   $\theta^R = \theta^{R-1} - \eta \nabla C^R (\theta^{R-1})$ 

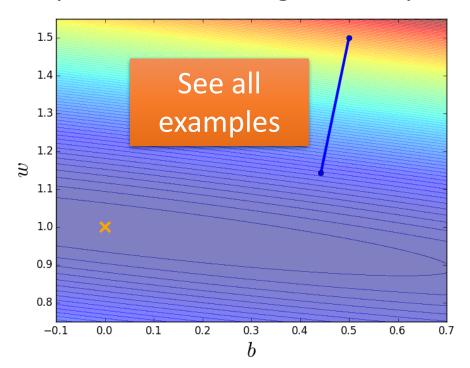
pick 
$$x^1$$
  $\theta^{R+1} = \theta^R - \eta \nabla C^1(\theta^R)$ 

## Stochastic Gradient Descent and Mini-batch

#### Toy Example

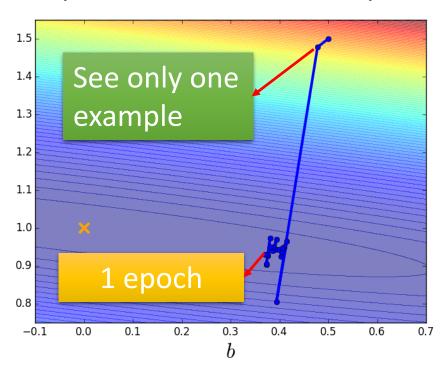
#### **Gradient Descent**

Update after seeing all examples



#### Stochastic Gradient Descent

If there are 20 examples, update 20 times in one epoch.



## Stochastic Gradient Descent and Mini-batch

#### Gradient Descent

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#### Stochastic Gradient Descent

Pick an example x<sub>r</sub>

$$\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \nabla C^{r} (\theta^{i-1})$$

#### Mini Batch Gradient Descent

Pick B examples as a batch b

B is batch size

Shuffle your data

$$\theta^{i} = \theta^{i-1} - \eta \frac{1}{B} \sum_{x_r \in b} \nabla C^r (\theta^{i-1})$$

Average the gradient of the examples in the batch b

## Stochastic Gradient Descent and Mini-batch

Handwriting Digit Classification



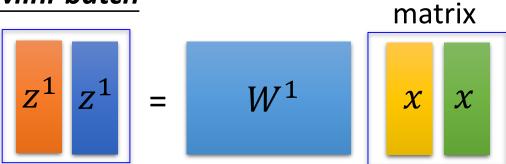
## Stochastic Gradient Descent and Mini-batch

 Why mini-batch is faster than stochastic gradient descent?

#### Stochastic Gradient Descent

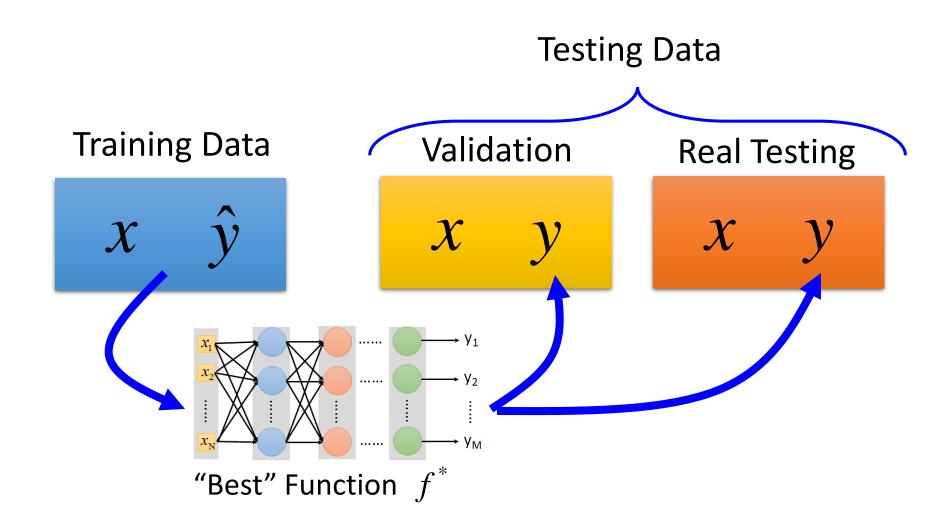
$$z^1 = W^1 \qquad x \qquad z^1 = W^1 \qquad x \qquad \dots$$

#### Mini-batch



Practically, which one is faster?

## Recipe for Learning



## Recipe for Learning - Overfitting

You pick a "best" parameter set θ\*

Training Data: 
$$\{...(x^r, \hat{y}^r)...\} \longrightarrow \forall r: f(x^r; \theta^*) = \hat{y}^r$$

However,

Testing Data: 
$$\{...x^u...\} \qquad f(x^u;\theta^*) \neq \hat{y}^u$$

Training data and testing data have different distribution.

Training Data:



Testing Data:



## Recipe for Learning - Overfitting

Panacea: Have more training data

We will go back to this issue in the future.

## Concluding Remarks

> Learning Rate

> Recipe for Learning

1. What is the model (function hypothesis set)? **Neural Network** 2. What is the "best" function? **Cost Function** 3. How to pick the "best" function? **Gradient Descent** > Parameter Initialization

> Stochastic gradient descent, Mini-batch