

## 5 Fully Connected Neural Networks

### 84 Example (Concrete Strength)

- Use linear regression to predict the compressive strength of concrete using the features listed in the file `Concrete_train`<sup>8</sup>. Compare the speeds of the Adam optimizer to stochastic gradient descent (SGD). Would you characterize linear regression as under or over-fitting the data.
- Add one or more 8 node (output) fully-connected layers and repeat part (a).
- Add one or more 8 node (output) fully-connected layers separated by ReLU activation layers and repeat part (a).

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Since the composition of linear functions is linear, not much is gained by stacking linear layers.

### 85 Example (Stacking Linear Layers)

$$\mathbf{X} \rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{W}_0} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_1 \rightarrow \boxed{\mathbf{w}_1} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{y}}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_0$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{Z}_1\mathbf{w}_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{y}} &= \mathbf{X}\mathbf{W}_0\mathbf{w}_1 \\ &= \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{W}_0\mathbf{w}_1$ . Thus, two stacked linear layers can be represented by a single linear layer.

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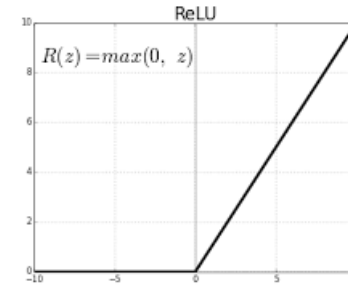
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To increase the learning capacity of a network, linear layers must be separated by nonlinear layers. One of the simplest possible nonlinear layers is the **ReLU layer**.

### 86 Definition (ReLU)

Rectified Linear Units (ReLU's) are among the simplest of nonlinear functions:

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



### 87 Example (ReLU)

Assume  $\mathbf{Y} = \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{X})$  where  $\mathbf{X}$  is the input data shown below. Determine  $\mathbf{Y}$ .

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
3.1	-1.2	0.1			
-4.4	-0.2	0.4			

### 88 Definition (Fully-Connected (Dense) Regression Networks)

A **fully-connected (dense) regression network** is a neural network consisting of  $L$  linear layers separated by nonlinear layers such as the ReLU layer. Each linear layer has  $N_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots, L-1$ , **nodes** (also called **outputs**).

