

Part 3. Neural Network Approximation

(proof-trivial)

- Approximation (Representation)
- Generalization
- Optimization



Goal: $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \rightarrow$ neural network, $g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Population Risk $\int l(f(x), y) dP(x, y) \leftrightarrow \int l(g(x), y) dP(x, y)$

< upper bound: $l(\cdot, y)$ 1-Lipschitz: $\int (l(g(x), y) - l(f(x), y)) dP(x, y) \leq \int |g(x) - f(x)| dP(x, y)$
 lower bound: w.c. $|g-f|$ large $L_1(P)$, $L_1(\text{Uniform})$

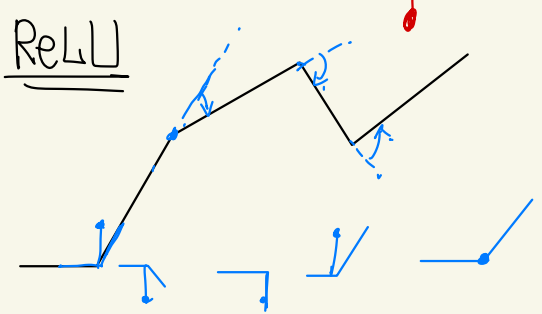
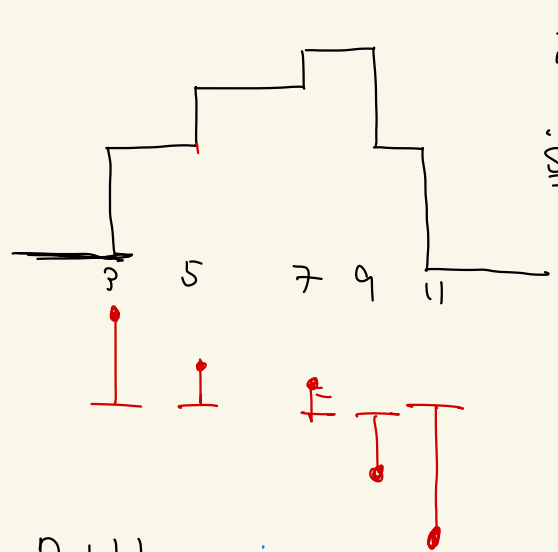
universal uniform
 $L_\infty(P)$ approximation

Deep Network: $x \mapsto A_L \sigma_{L-1}(\dots \sigma_1(A_1 x + b_1) \dots) + b_L$

Univariate

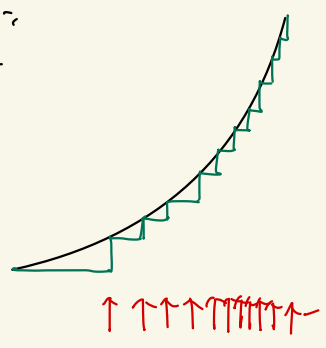
Step Activation

non-linearity/activation: ReLU $z \mapsto \max\{0, z\}$



$$x \mapsto 2 \cdot \mathbb{1}\{x-3 \geq 0\} + \mathbb{1}\{x-5 \geq 0\} + \mathbb{1}\{x-7 \geq 0\} + \dots$$

Smooth
 \rightarrow



Infinite width network

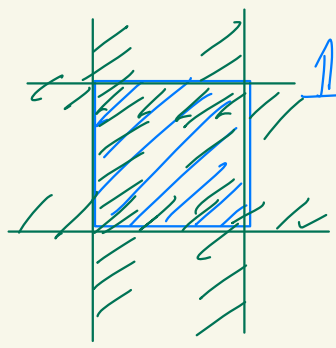
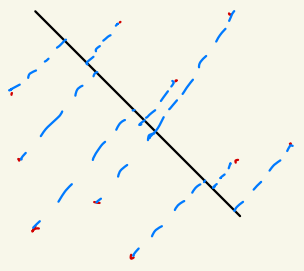
Lipschitz L : $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$
 $f(x) = f(0) + \int_0^x f'(b) db$
 $= f(0) + \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}\{x-b \geq 0\} f'(b) db$
 avg L / ε^2

change of slope

$$f(x) = f(0) + r(x) \cdot f'(0) + \int_0^\infty r(x-b) f''(b) \cdot db, \quad \text{avg } L / \varepsilon^2$$

Multivariate

box



$\mathbb{1}_{\{\text{inside of the box}\}}$

2	3	2
3	4	3
2	3	2

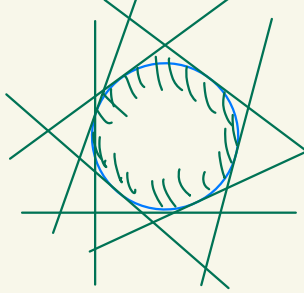
- ① product ★★
- ② threshold at 3.5

0	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

← add a layer

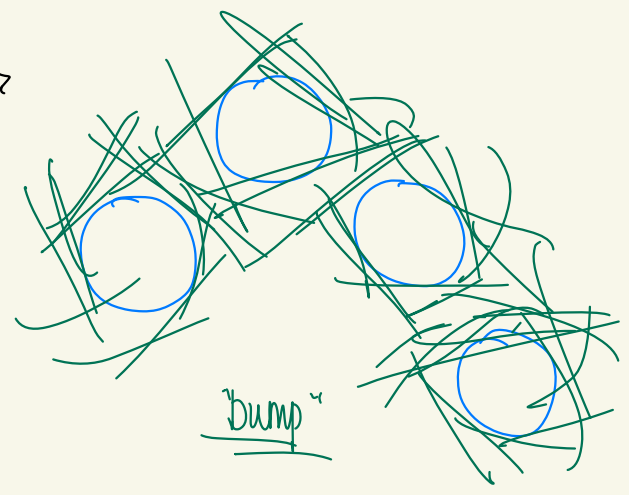
2 Layer

ball ("bump")



→ radial function 2^d nodes

RBF: convolve with f



"bump"

$$|f(x) - \int f(z) \cdot p(x-z) dz|$$

$$= |f(x) - \int f(x-z) \cdot p(z) dz|$$

$$= \left| \int f(x) p(z) dz - \int f(x-z) p(z) dz \right| \leq \int |f(x) - f(x-z)| p(z) dz$$

$$\left(\frac{d \cdot L}{\varepsilon} \right)^{O(d)} \quad (\text{Mhaskar-Mitchell '92})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \swarrow \text{box: } 3 \text{ layer} & \quad \left(\frac{L}{\varepsilon} \right)^{O(d)} \\ \swarrow \text{ball: } 2 \text{ layer RBF} & \quad \left(\frac{d \cdot L}{\varepsilon} \right)^{O(d)} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \infty$$

Univariate bump: $\cos x^p$

$$\mathbb{1}_{\{\|x\|_\infty \leq 1\}} = \prod_{i=1}^d \mathbb{1}_{\{|x_i| \leq 1\}}$$

$$\cos x \cdot \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \cos 2x + 1$$

$$\Downarrow \quad 2 \cos x_1 \cos x_2 = \cos(x_1 + x_2) + \cos(x_1 - x_2)$$

Polynomial

1885

Weierstrass Approximation Thm: polynomial can uniformly approximate continuous functions over compact sets.

Bernstein's proof

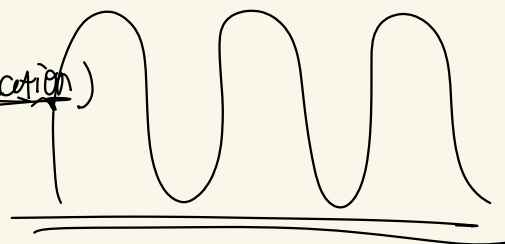
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Stone-Weierstrass thm : polynomial-like functions

approximate ctx functions

(closed under multiplication)

$$\sum \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

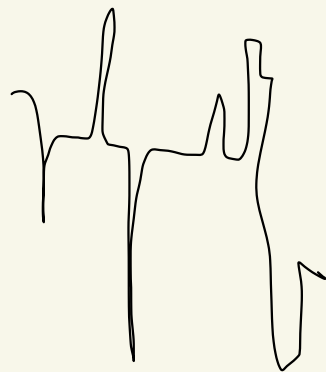


Thm (Hornik-Stinchcombe-White '89)

$$\sigma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \sigma(z) = 0, \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(z) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{H}_\sigma = \{ x \mapsto \sigma(\underline{a}^T x - b) : (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^{d+1} \}$$

$\text{span}\{\mathcal{H}_\sigma\}$ uniformly approximates ctx functions on compact sets



proof sketch: \mathcal{H}_{\cos} is closed $2 \cos a \cos b = \cos(a+b) + \cos(a-b)$

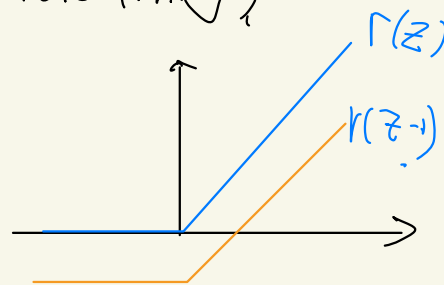
\mathcal{H}_{\cos} with $\text{span}\{\mathcal{H}_0\}$

uniformly approximate (univariate fitting)

$$* \mathcal{H}_{\exp}: \underline{e^a \cdot e^b = e^{a+b}} \quad \square$$

* Ueshima-Lin-Pinkus-Schölkopf '93:

HSW holds iff σ is not a polynomial



$$\sigma(z) \triangleq \underline{r(z) - r(z-1)}$$

(Barren '93) $x \mapsto \exp(i \underline{a}^T x) \Rightarrow \int \exp(i \underline{a}^T x) \tilde{f}(a) da$

Depths

$f(\|x\|^2)$

Radial functions

2 layer ReLU

with Lipschitz constant L .

$$* \underline{h(x) \approx_\epsilon \|x\|_2^2 = \sum x_i^2}$$

\rightarrow Layer 1 $\rightarrow d \cdot L / \epsilon$ ReLU

$$* \underline{g \approx_\epsilon f}$$

\rightarrow Layer 2 $\rightarrow L / \epsilon$ ReLU

$$\begin{aligned} |f(\|x\|^2) - g(h(x))| &\leq |f(\|x\|^2) - f(h(x))| + |f(h(x)) - g(h(x))| \\ &\leq L \cdot \underline{|\|x\|^2 - h(x)|} + \epsilon \leq O(\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

$g \circ h$ \rightarrow size: $\text{poly}(L, d, \frac{1}{\epsilon})$

However, (Thm) \exists radial function f

(Eldon-Shamir '15)

expressible with two layer ReLU of width $\text{poly}(d)$

s.t. every g with a single ReLU layer of width $2^{O(d)}$

satisfies

$$\int (f(x) - g(x))^2 dP(x) \geq \Omega(1)$$

A probability measure P

(Thm) (Daniely, 17') $(x, x') \sim P = \text{Uniform}(S^2)$

$$h(x, x') = \sin(\pi d^3 x^T x')$$

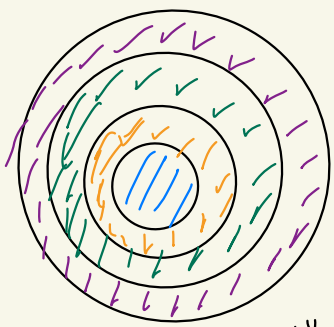
$\forall g$ with a single ReLU layer of width

$$d^{O(d)}$$

and weight magnitude $O(2^d)$

$$\int (h(x, x') - g(x, x'))^2 dP(x, x') \geq \Omega(1)$$

h can be approximated to accuracy ϵ by f with 2 layer ReLU of size $\text{poly}(d, \frac{1}{\epsilon})$



each shell approximation

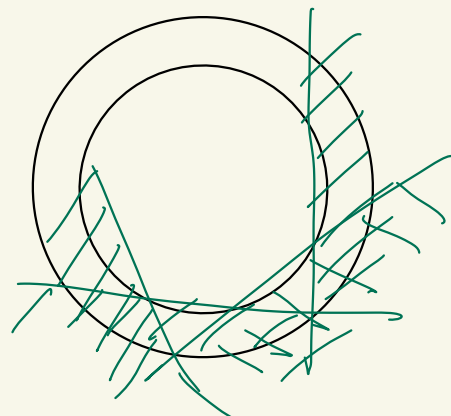
overall function

"shell"

Depth

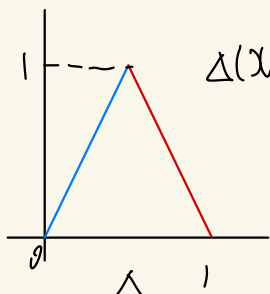
Benefits of depth.

What do shallow representations do exceptionally badly?



$$x \mapsto \mathbb{1}\{\|x\| \in [1 - \frac{1}{d}, 1]\}$$

fraction



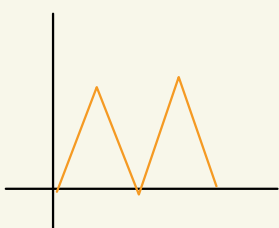
$$\Delta(x) = r(2x) - r(4x-2)$$

$$\Delta(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ 2(1-x), & x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$$

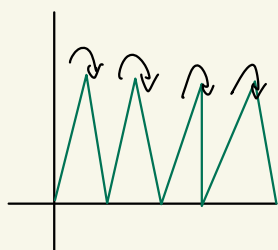


Composition:

$$f(\Delta(x)) = \begin{cases} x \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \Rightarrow f(2x) = f \text{ squeezed into } [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ x \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \Rightarrow f(2(1-x)) = f \text{ reversed, squeeze} \end{cases}$$



$$\Delta^2 = \Delta \circ \Delta$$



Δ^K : $O(K)$ layer & nodes $\Rightarrow O(2^K)$ humps (oscillation)

Thm (Telgarsky '15) k : # of layer,

\exists ReLU network $f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$ with $\begin{cases} 4 \text{ distinct parameters} \\ 3k^2+9 \text{ nodes} \\ 2k^2+9 \text{ layers} \end{cases}$

s.t. \forall ReLU network $g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

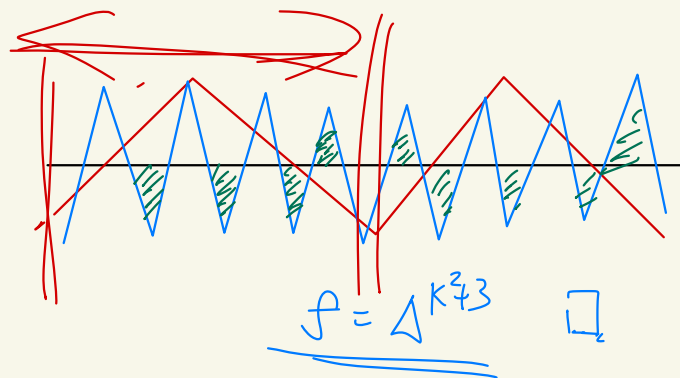
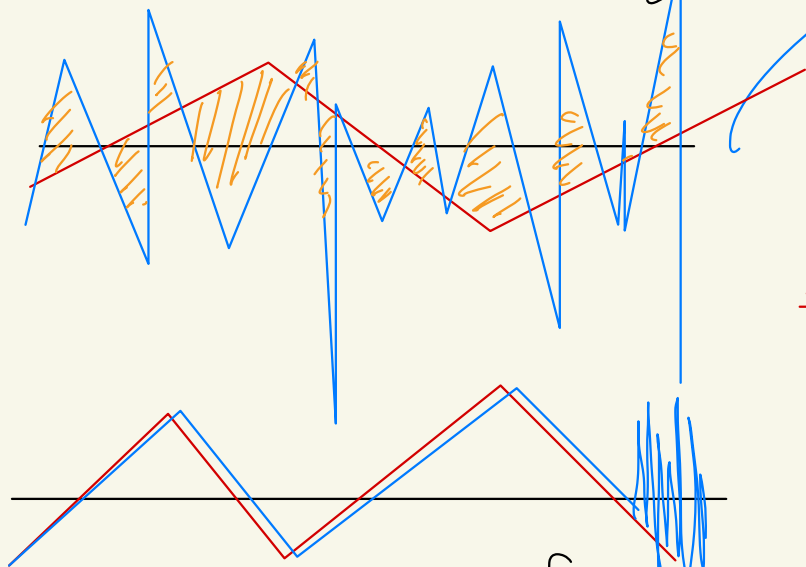
with $\leq k$ layer, $\leq 2^k$ nodes

$$\Rightarrow \int_{[0,1]} |f(x) - g(x)| dx \geq \frac{1}{32}$$

Proof: 1. g with few oscillations \times

2. $f = \Delta^{k^2+3}$: regular oscillatory f

3. width m
depth L } $< o(m^L)$



Depth $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Radical function} \\ \Delta^{k^2+3} \text{ function} \end{array} \right.$

$\frac{O(k^2)}{O(k)} \rightarrow \frac{O(1)}{O(2^k)}$
if $O(k)$ depth $O(2^k)$ width

$$\int_{[0,1]} |f-g| \times$$

$L_\infty \checkmark$

$L_1 \checkmark$

$\Delta^k: 2^k$ -Lipschitz

non-realistic

Sobolev Spaces

