

Neural Net Basics

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Review

Learning ≈ Looking for a Function

Speech Recognition

$$f(\text{[sound波形图]}) = \text{“你好”}$$

Handwritten Recognition

$$f(\text{[手写数字2]}) = \text{“2”}$$

Weather forecast

$$f(\text{[晴天图标]} \text{ Thursday}) = \text{“} \text{[下雨图标]} \text{ Saturday”}$$

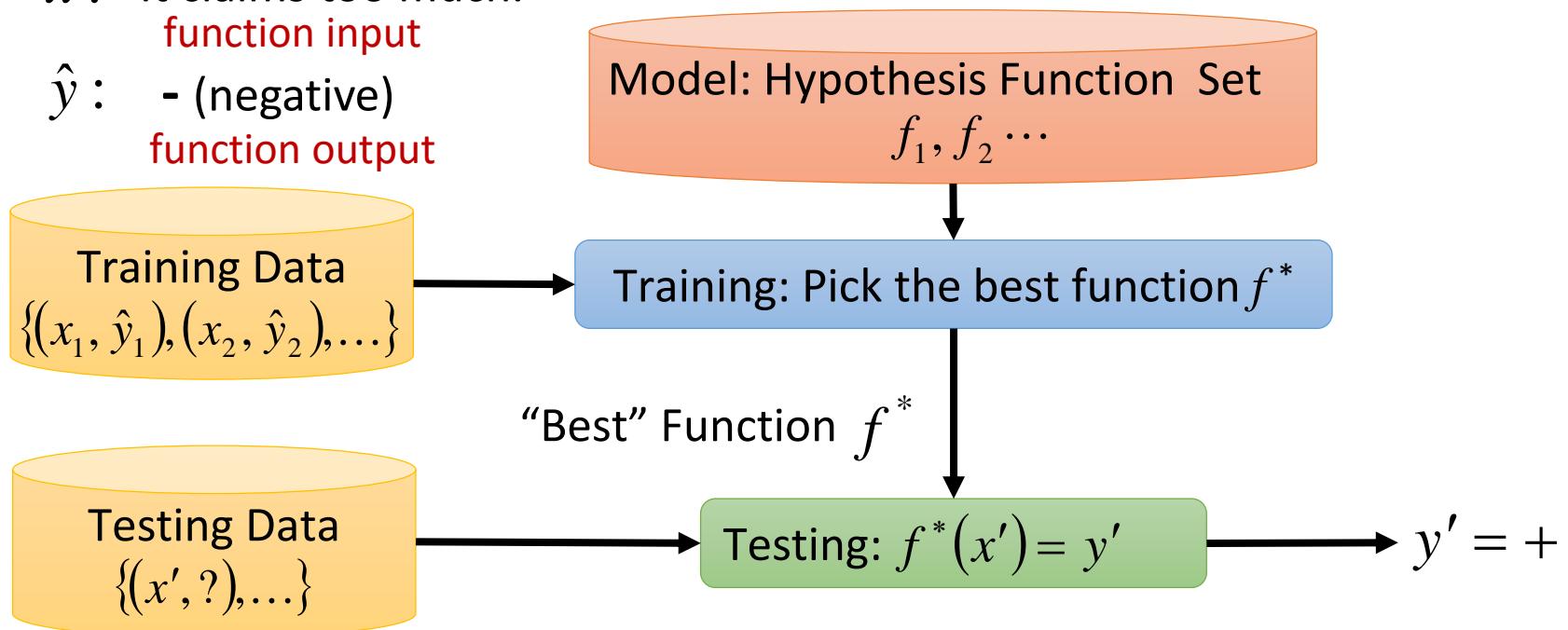
Play video games

$$f(\text{[游戏截图]}) = \text{“move left”}$$

Machine Learning Framework

x : “It claims too much.”
function input

\hat{y} : - (negative)
function output



Training is to pick the best function given the observed data

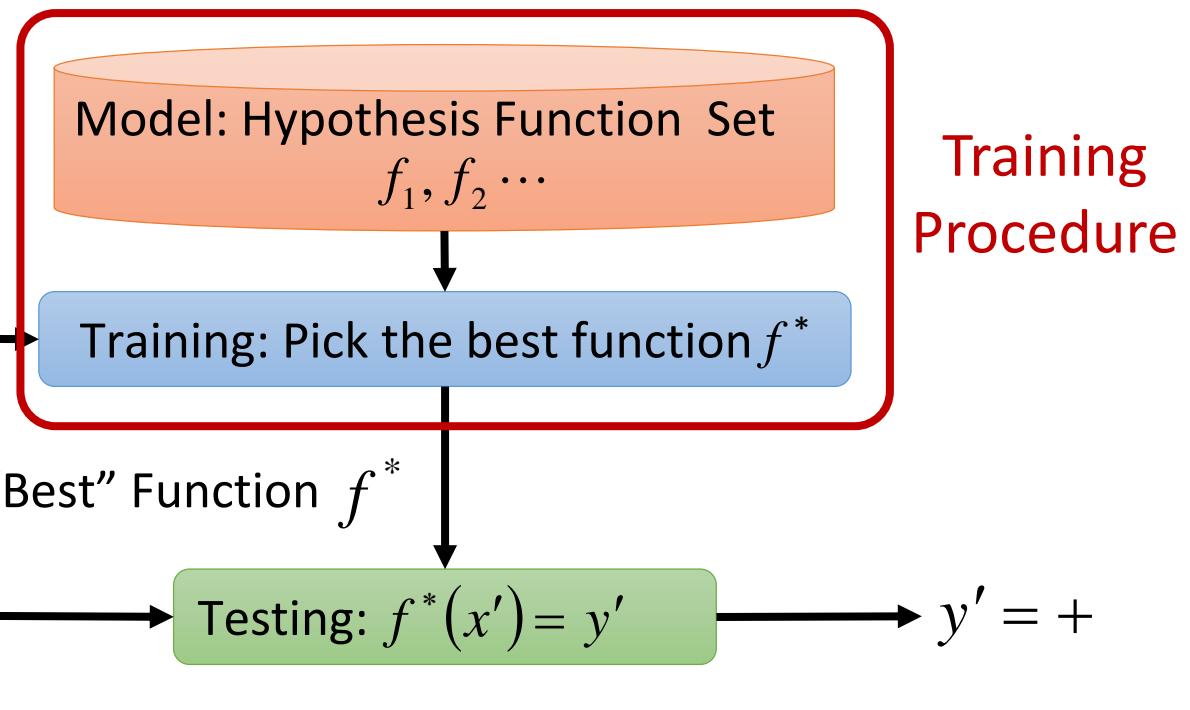
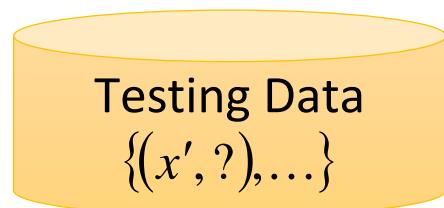
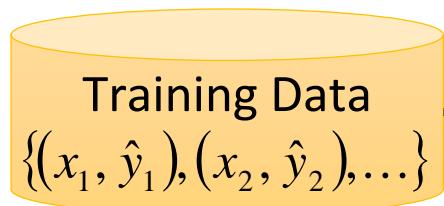
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How to Train a Model?

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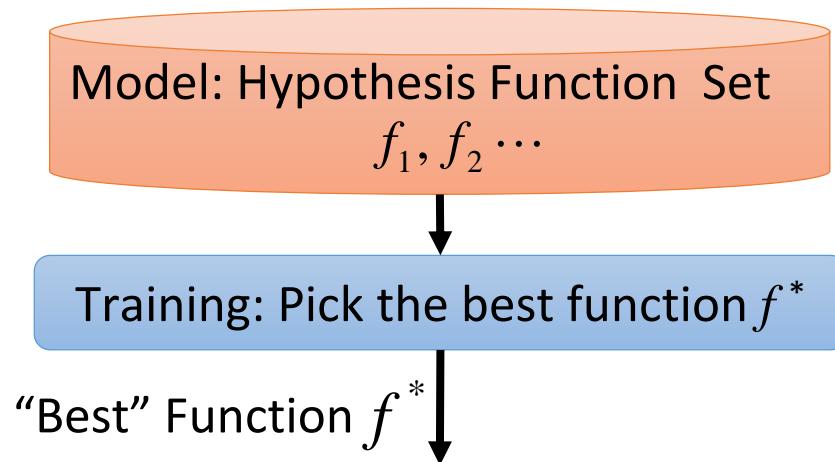
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Training Procedure



- Q1. What is the model? (function hypothesis set)
- Q2. What does a “good” function mean?
- Q3. How do we pick the “best” function?

Training Procedure Outline

① Model Architecture

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What is the Model?

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Classification Task

Sentiment Analysis

“這規格有誠意!” → +
“太爛了吧~” → -

Speech Phoneme Recognition



→ /h/

Handwritten Recognition



→ 2

Binary Classification

input object

Class A (yes)

Class B (no)

Multi-class Classification

input object

Class A

Class B

Class C

Some cases are not easy to be formulated as classification problems

Target Function

Classification Task

$$f(x) = y \quad \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \quad f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$$

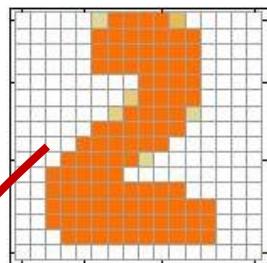
- x : input object to be classified → a N -dim vector
- y : class/label → a M -dim vector

Assume both x and y can be represented as fixed-size vectors

Vector Representation Example

Handwriting Digit Classification

x : image



16 x 16

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Each pixel corresponds to an element in the vector

1: for ink
0: otherwise
 $16 \times 16 = 256$ dimensions

$$f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$$

y : class/label

10 dimensions for digit recognition

“1”

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

“2”

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

“1” \rightarrow “1” or not
“2” \rightarrow “2” or not
“3” \rightarrow “3” or not

Vector Representation Example

Sentiment Analysis

x : word

“love”

Each element in the vector corresponds to a word in the vocabulary

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$ 1: indicates the word
0: otherwise
dimensions = size of vocab

$$f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$$

y : class/label

3 dimensions

(positive, negative, neutral)

“+”

$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

“?”

“-”

$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

“?”

“+” → “+” or not
“-” → “-” or not
“?” → “?” or not

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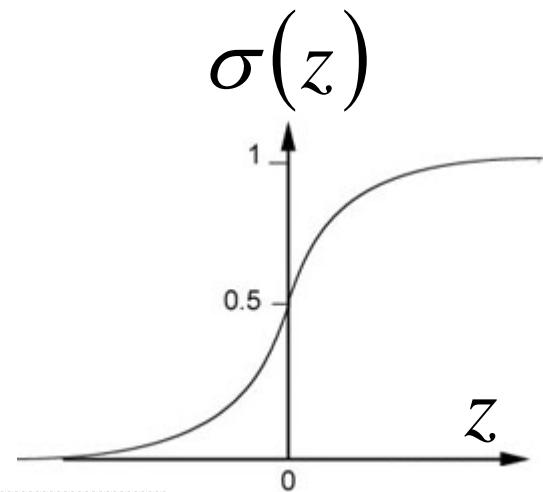
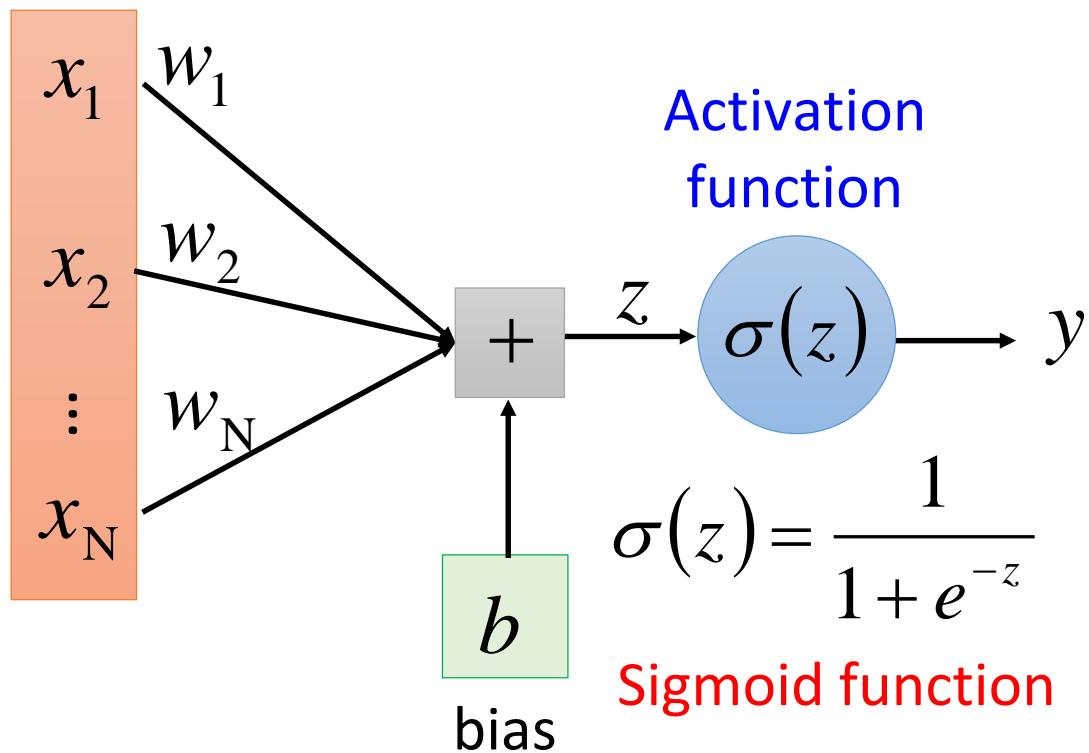
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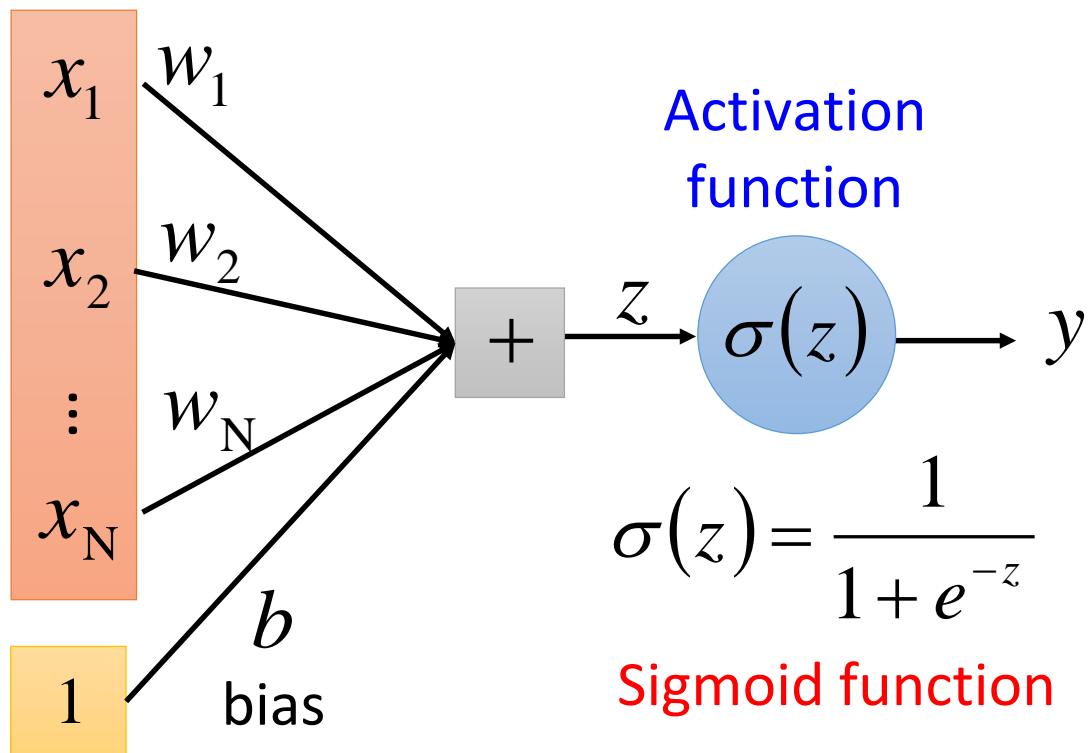
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A Single Neuron



Each neuron is a very simple function

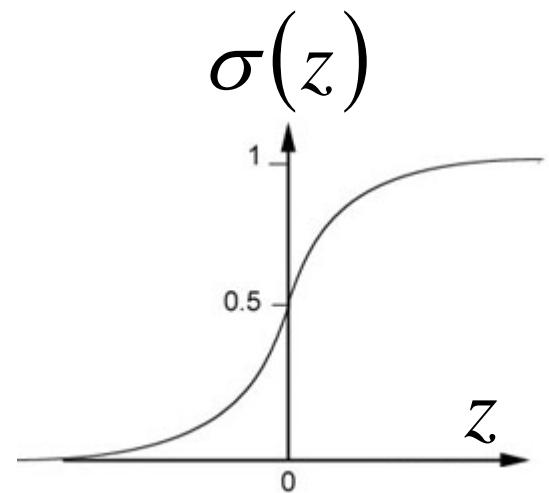
A Single Neuron



Activation
function

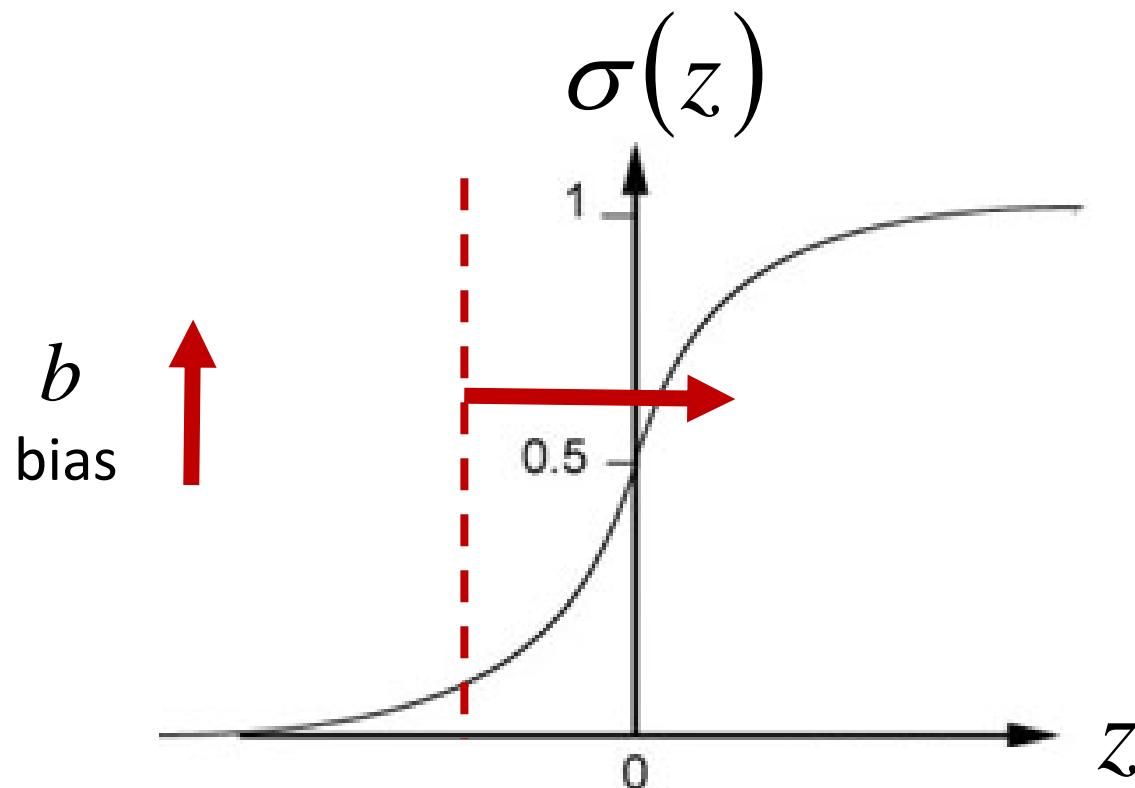
$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

Sigmoid function



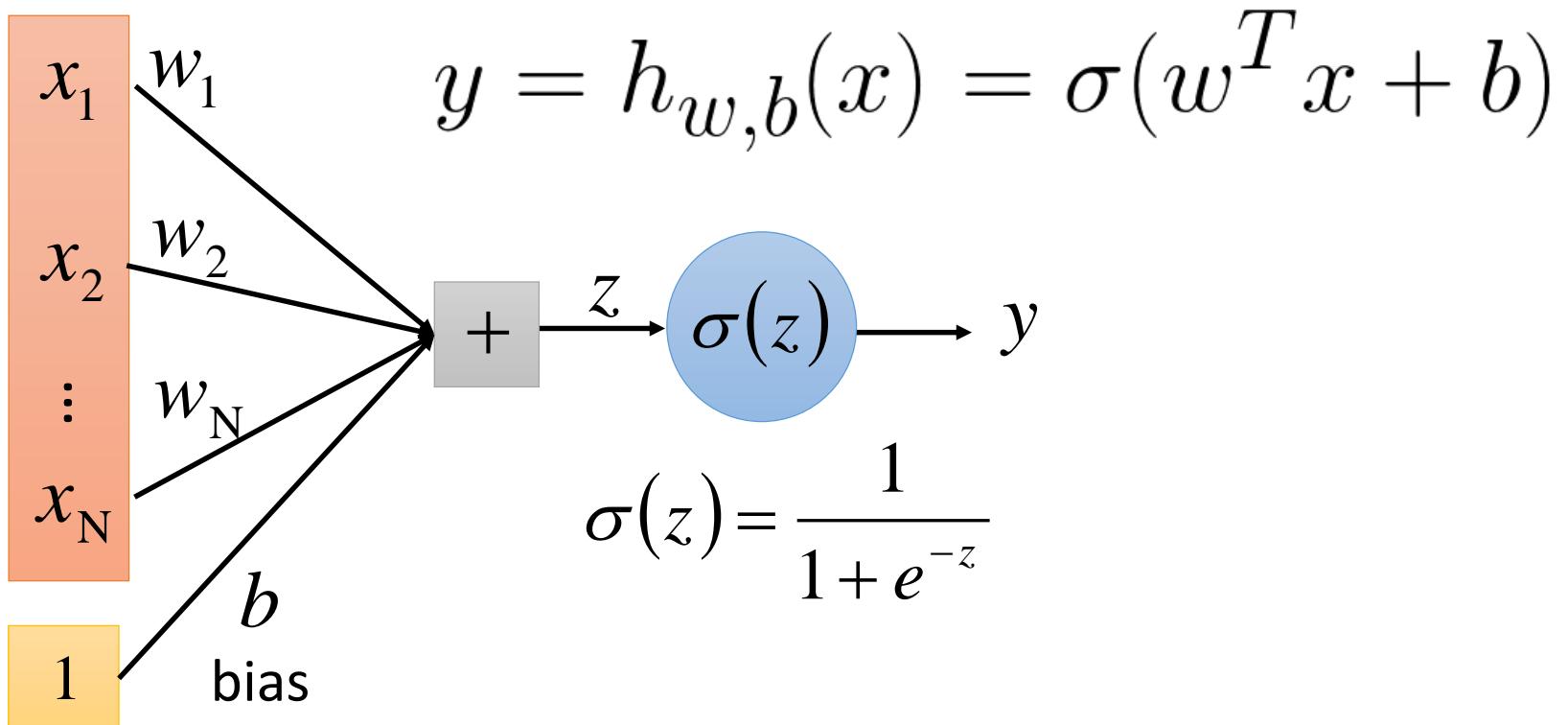
The bias term is an “always on” feature

Why Bias?



The bias term gives a class prior

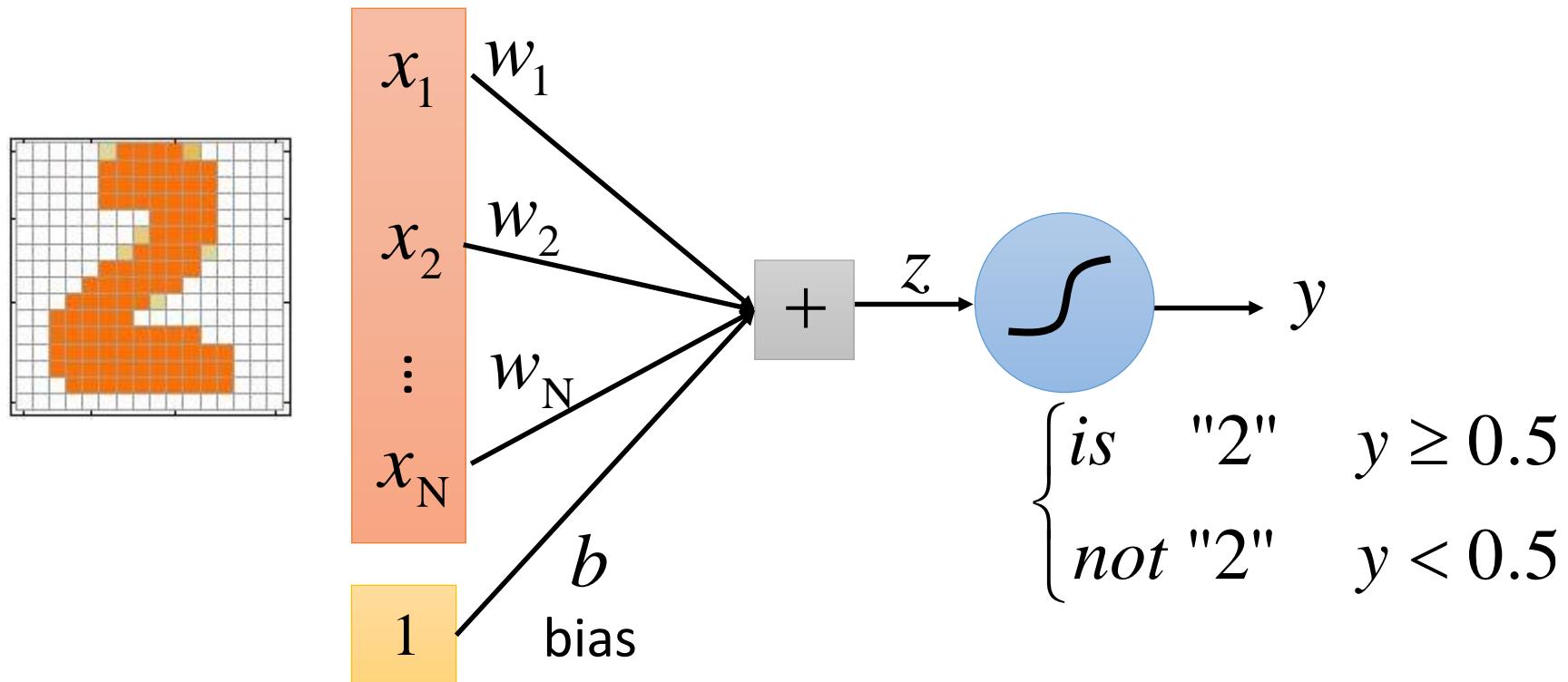
Model Parameters of A Single Neuron



w, b are the parameters of this neuron

A Single Neuron

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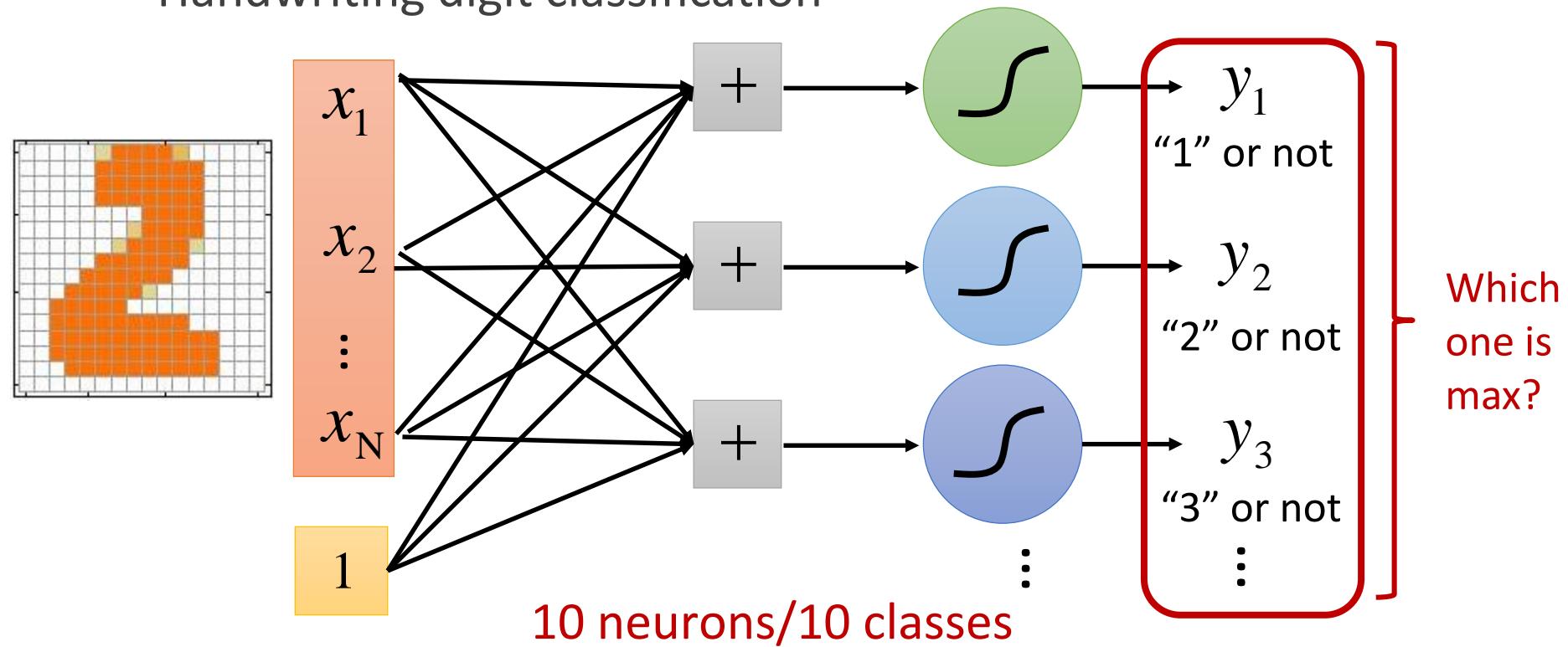


A single neuron can only handle binary classification

A Layer of Neurons

$$f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$$

Handwriting digit classification



A layer of neurons can handle multiple possible output,
and the result depends on the max one

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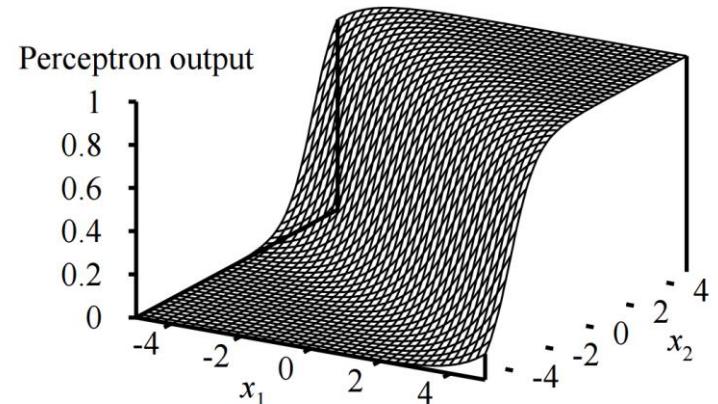
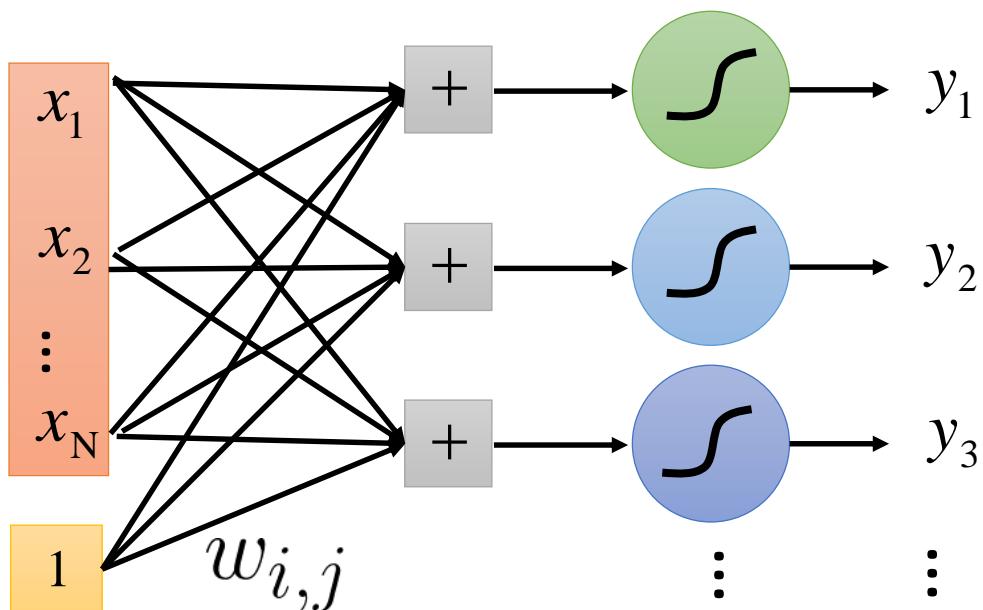
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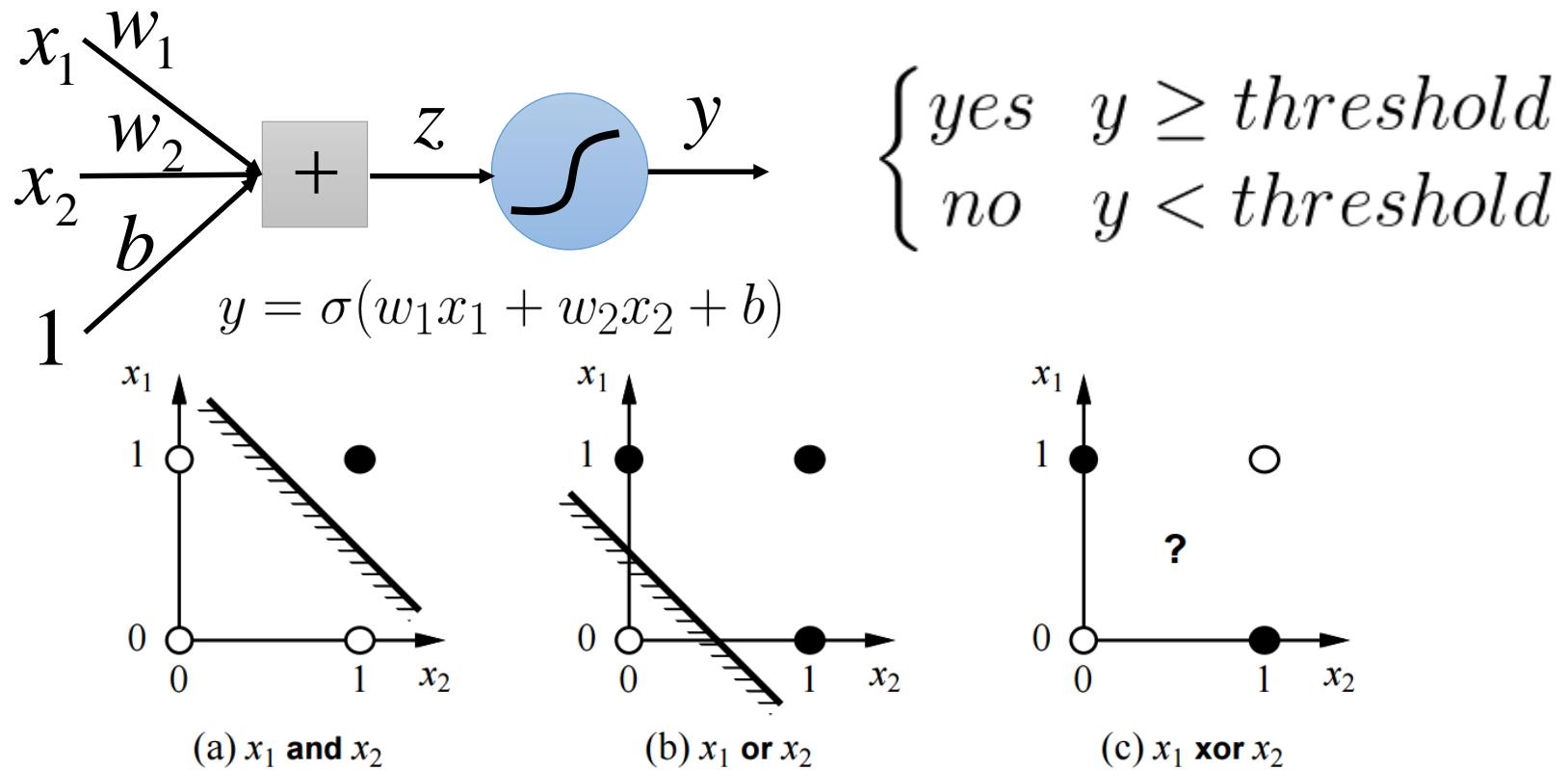
A Layer of Neurons – Perceptron

Output units all operate separately – no shared weights



Adjusting weights moves the location, orientation, and steepness of cliff

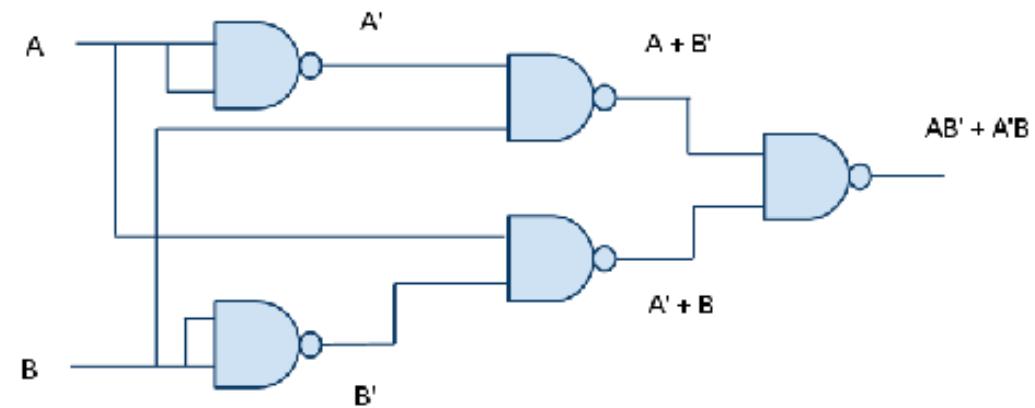
Expression of Perceptron



A perceptron can represent AND, OR, NOT, etc., but not **XOR** → linear separator

How to Implement XOR?

Input		Output
A	B	
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



$$A \oplus B = AB' + A'B$$

Multiple operations can produce more complicate output

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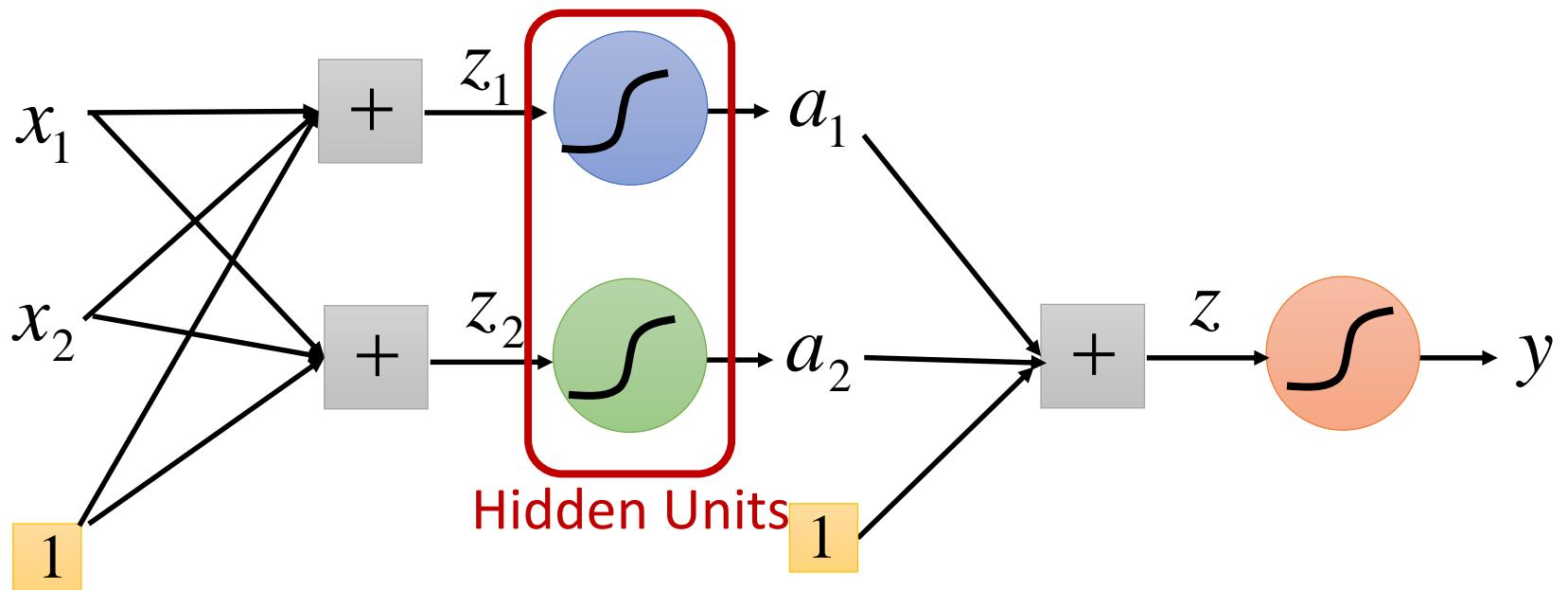
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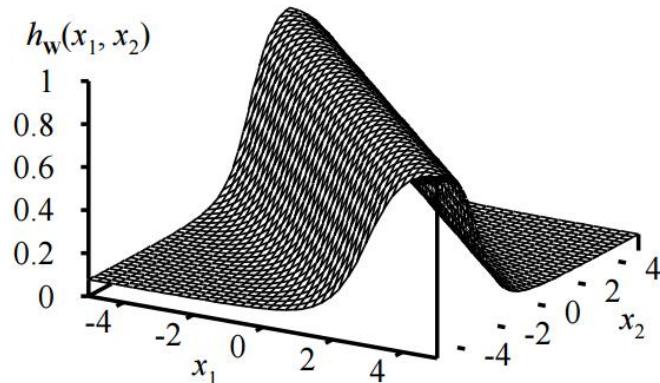
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Neural Networks – Multi-Layer Perceptron

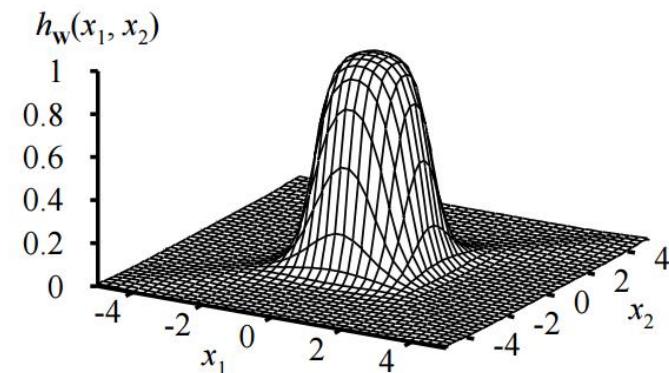


Expression of Multi-Layer Perceptron

Continuous function w/ 2 layers



Continuous function w/ 3 layers



Combine two opposite-facing threshold functions to make a **bump**

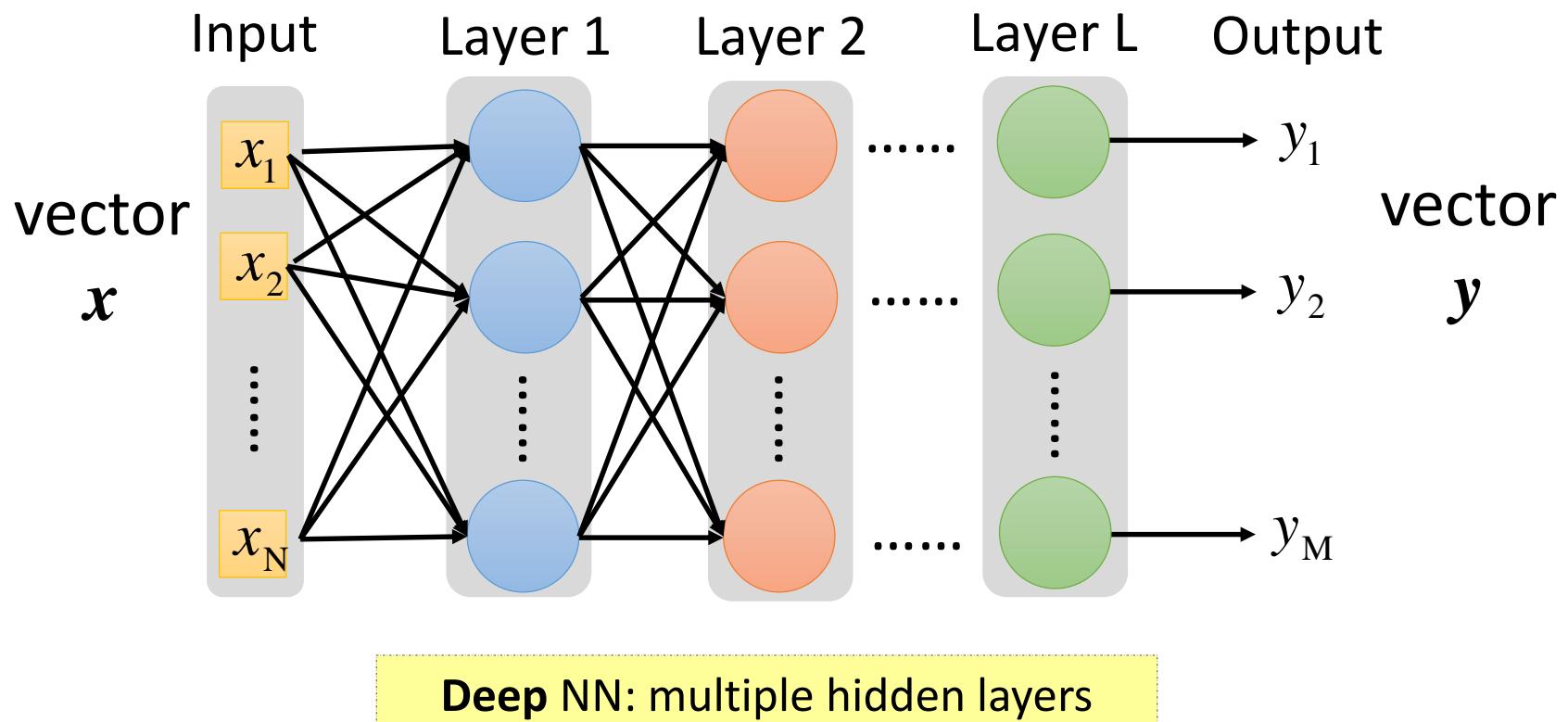
Combine two perpendicular ridges to make a **bump**

→ Add bumps of various sizes and locations to fit any surface

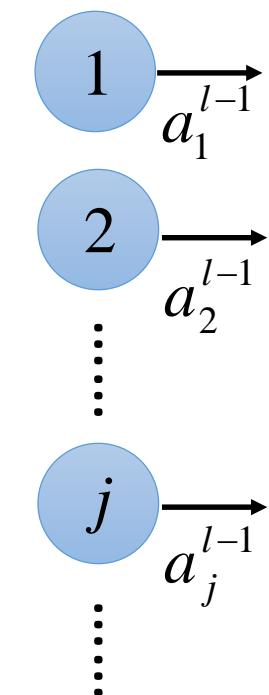
multiple layers enhance the model expression
→ the model can approximate more complex functions

Deep Neural Networks (DNN) $f : R^N \rightarrow R^M$

Fully connected feedforward network

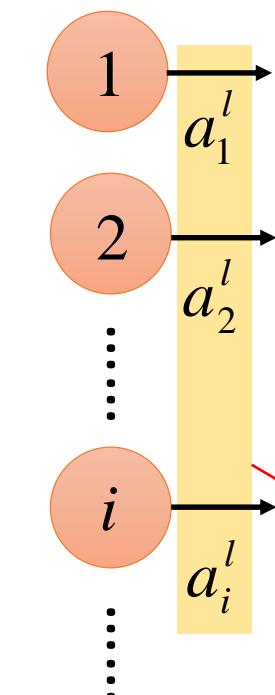


Notation Definition



Layer $l - 1$

N_{l-1} nodes



Layer l

N_l nodes

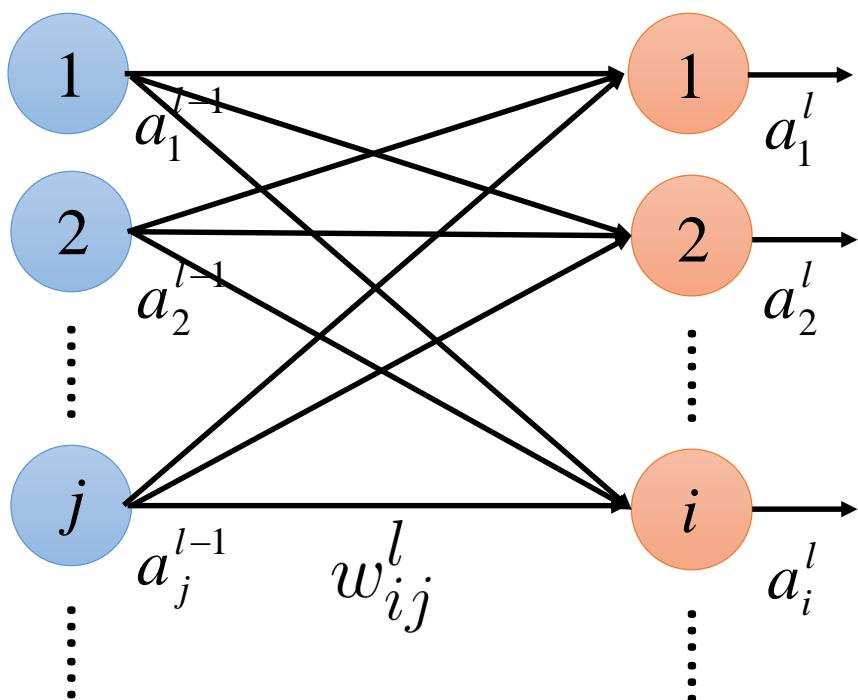
Output of a neuron:

a_i^l → layer l
 a_i^l → neuron i

$$a^l = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ a_i^l \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

output of one layer → a vector

Notation Definition



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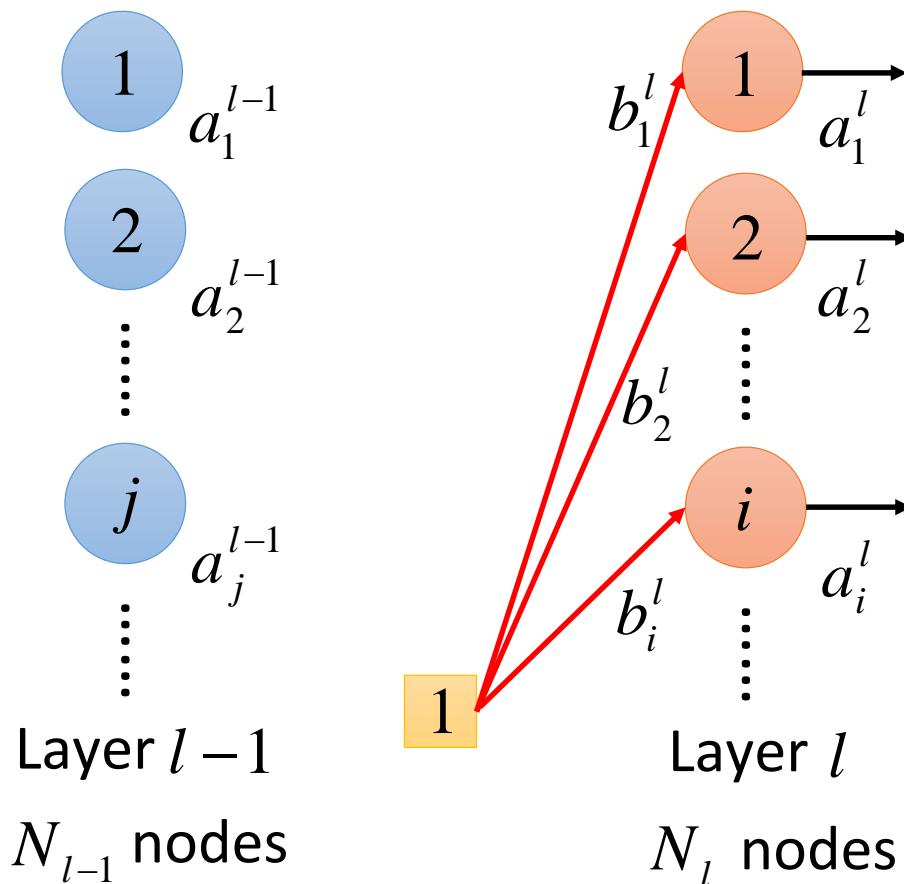
Layer l

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$$w_{ij}^l \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{layer } l-1 \\ \text{to layer } l \\ \text{from neuron } j \text{ (layer } l-1\text{)} \\ \text{to neuron } i \text{ (layer } l\text{)} \end{array}$$
$$N_{l-1} \quad W^l = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^l & w_{12}^l & \cdots \\ w_{21}^l & w_{22}^l & \cdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots \end{bmatrix} N_l$$

weights between two layers
→ a matrix

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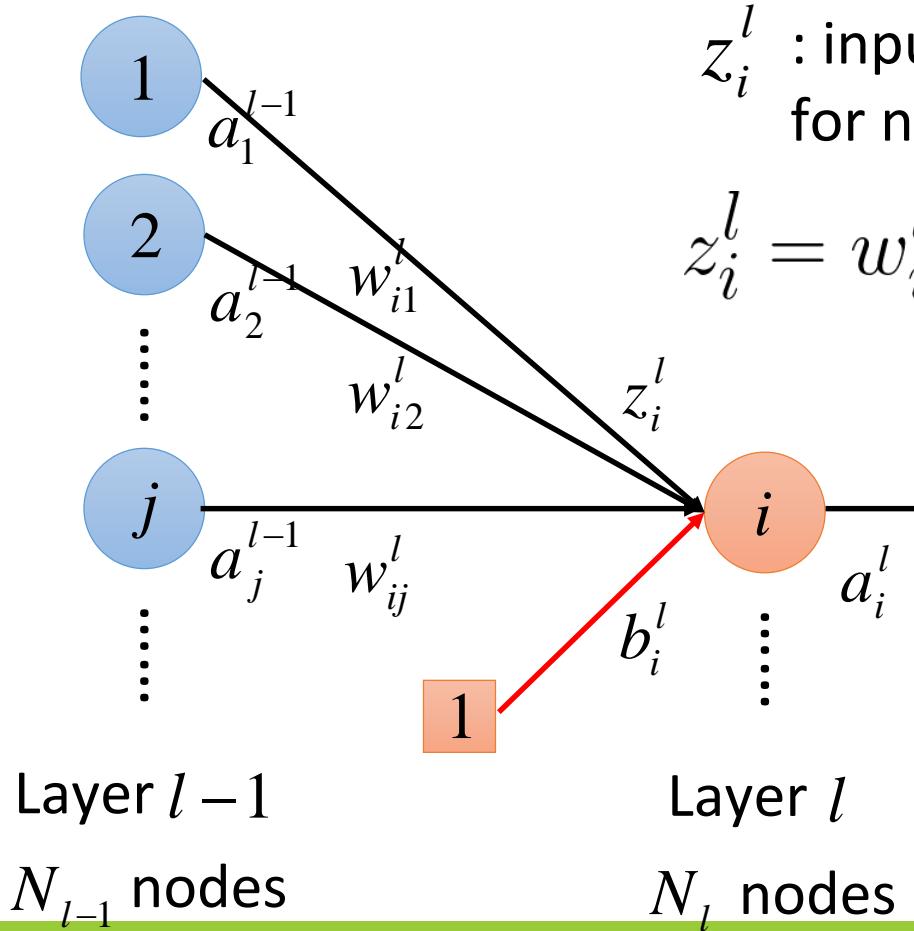


b_i^l : bias for neuron i at layer l

$$b^l = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ b_i^l \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

bias of all neurons at each layer
→ a vector

Notation Definition



z_i^l : input of the activation function
for neuron i at layer l

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

$$N_{l-1}$$

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

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activation function
input at each layer
→ a vector

Notation Summary

a_i^l : output of a neuron

w_{ij}^l : a weight

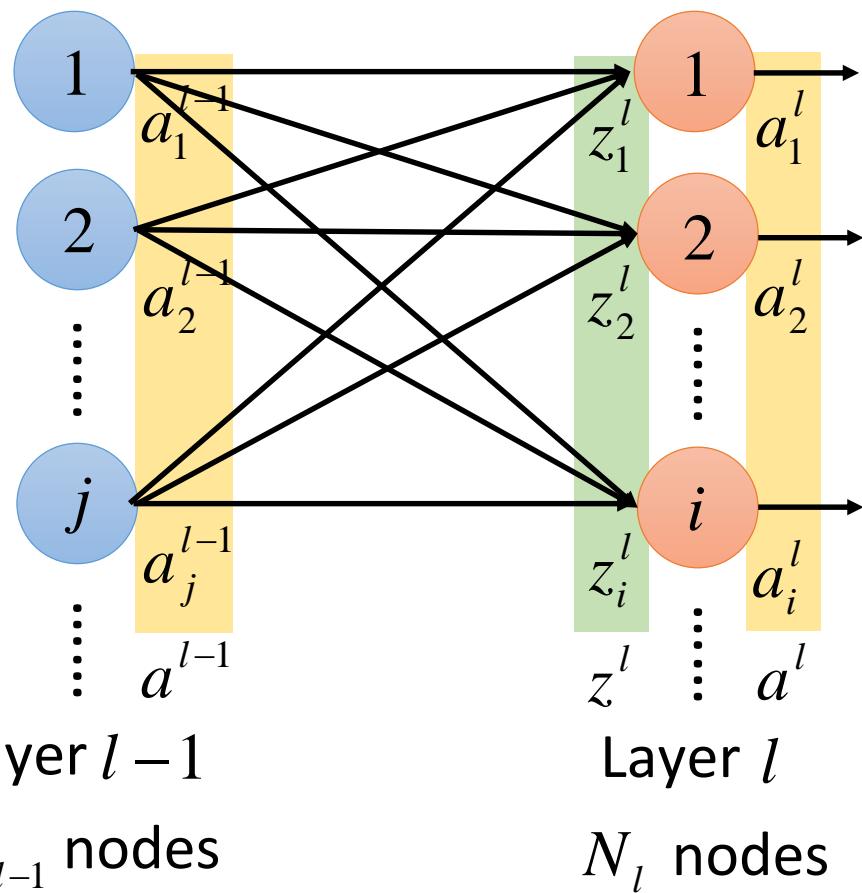
a^l : output vector of a layer W^l : a weight matrix

z_i^l : input of activation
function

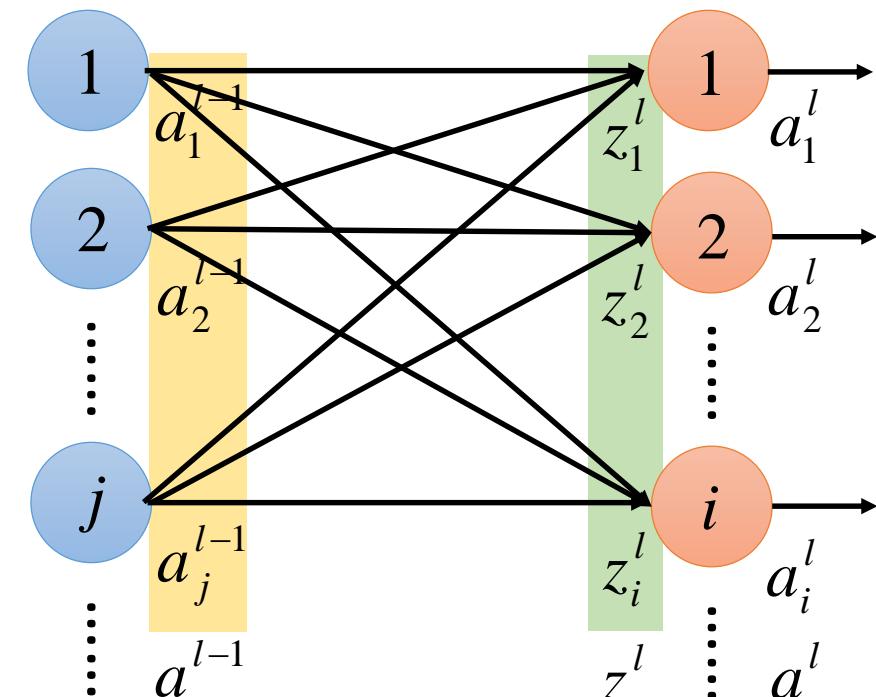
b_i^l : a bias

z^l : input vector of activation
function for a layer b^l : a bias vector

Layer Output Relation



Layer Output Relation – from a to z



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

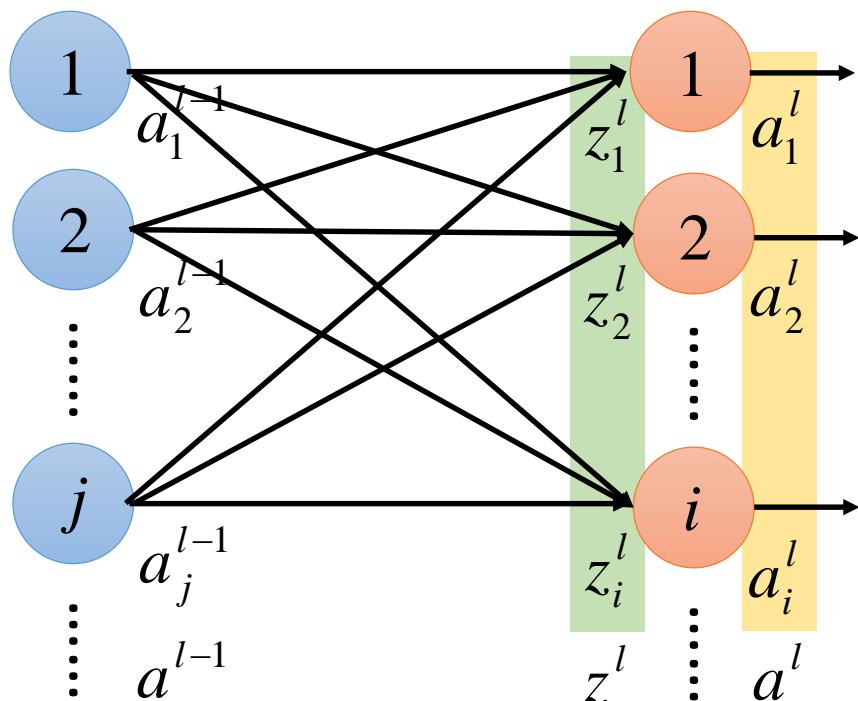
Layer l
 N_l nodes

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^l &= w_{11}^1 a_1^{l-1} + w_{12}^1 a_2^{l-1} + \cdots + b_1^l \\ &\vdots \\ z_i^l &= w_{i1}^1 a_1^{l-1} + w_{i2}^1 a_2^{l-1} + \cdots + b_i^l \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

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$$z^l = W^l a^{l-1} + b^l$$

Layer Output Relation – from z to a



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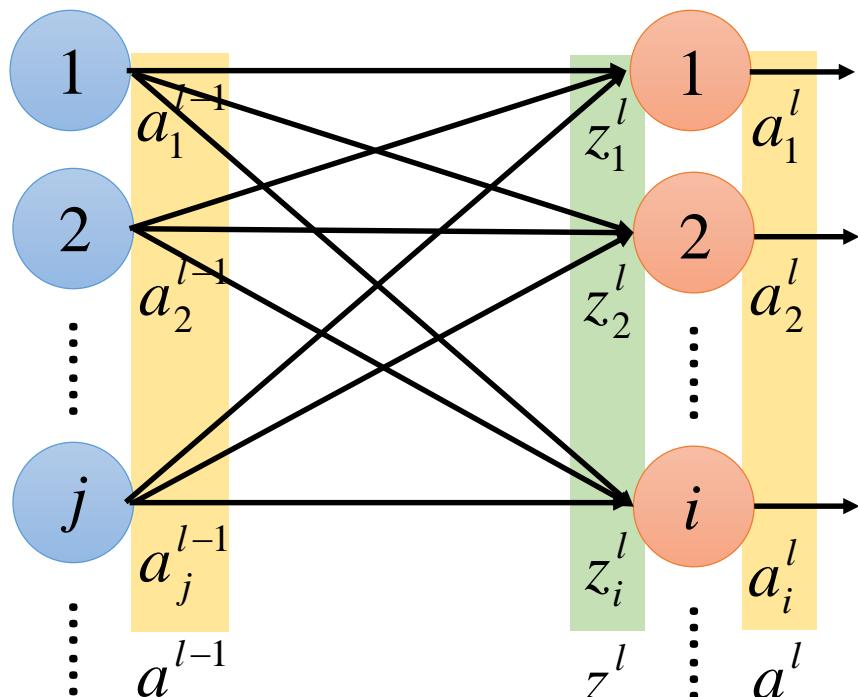
Layer l
 N_l nodes

$$a_i^l = \sigma(z_i^l)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1^l \\ a_2^l \\ \vdots \\ a_i^l \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(z_1^l) \\ \sigma(z_2^l) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(z_i^l) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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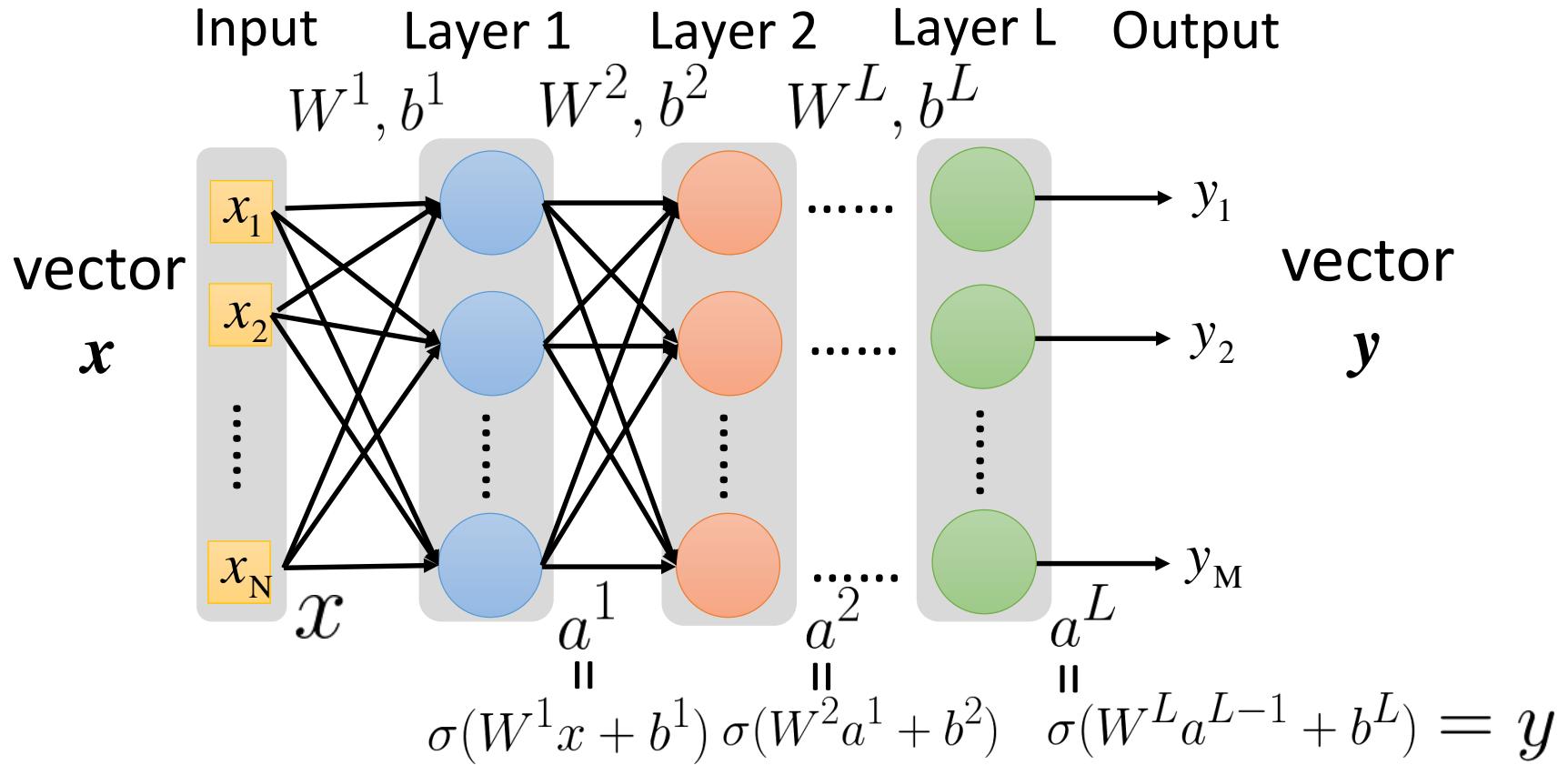
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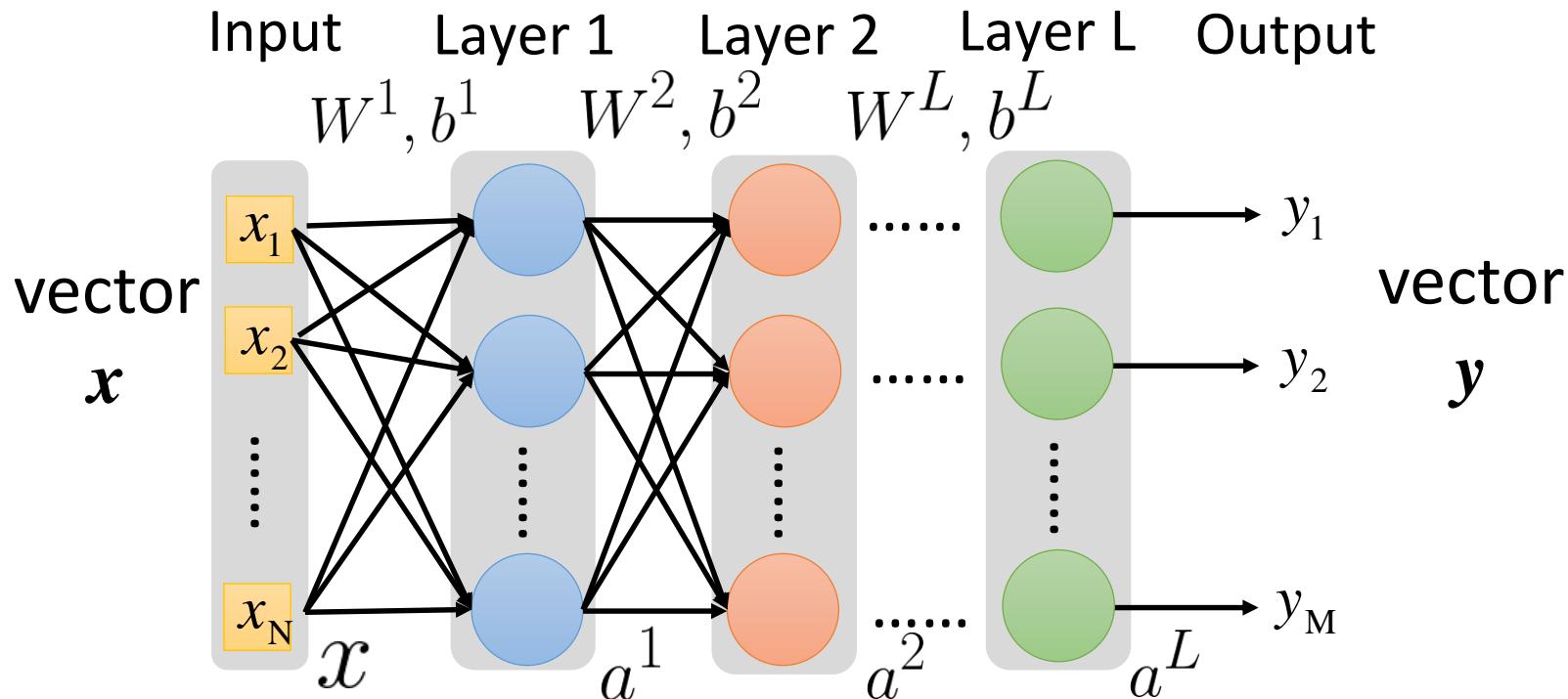
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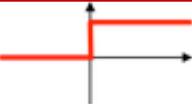
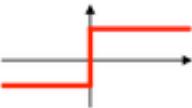
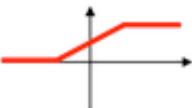
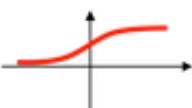
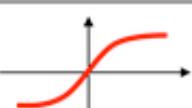
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$$y = f(x) = \sigma(W^L \cdots \sigma(W^2 \sigma(W^1 x + b^1) + b^2) \cdots + b^L)$$

Activation Function $\sigma(\cdot)$

Activation function	Equation	Example	1D Graph
Unit step (Heaviside)	$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0, \\ 0.5, & z = 0, \\ 1, & z > 0, \end{cases}$	Perceptron variant	
Sign (Signum)	$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} -1, & z < 0, \\ 0, & z = 0, \\ 1, & z > 0, \end{cases}$	Perceptron variant	
Linear	$\phi(z) = z$	Adaline, linear regression	
Piece-wise linear	$\phi(z) = \begin{cases} 1, & z \geq \frac{1}{2}, \\ z + \frac{1}{2}, & -\frac{1}{2} < z < \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & z \leq -\frac{1}{2}, \end{cases}$	Support vector machine	
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bounded
function

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boolean

linear

non-linear

Non-Linear Activation Function

Sigmoid

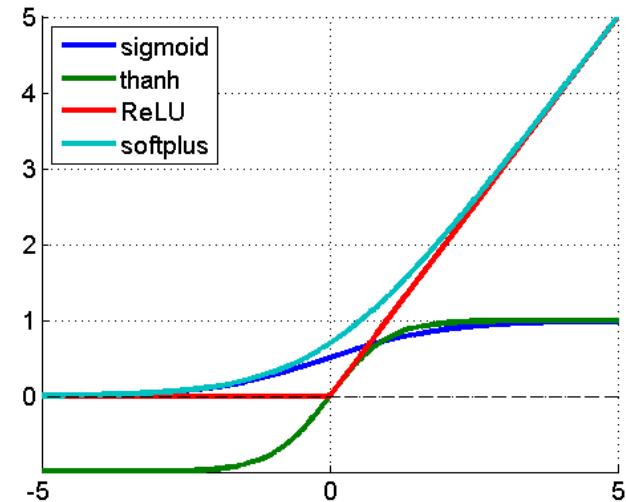
$$\text{sigmoid}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

Tanh

$$\tanh(x) = \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

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



Non-linear functions are frequently used in neural net

Why Non-Linearity?

Function approximation

- **Without non-linearity**, deep neural networks work the same as linear transform

$$W_1(W_2 \cdot x) = (W_1 W_2)x = Wx$$

- **With non-linearity**, networks with more layers can approximate more complex function



What does the “Good” Function mean?

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Function = Model Parameters

$$y = f(x) = \sigma(W^L \cdots \sigma(W^2 \sigma(W^1 x + b^1) + b^2) \cdots + b^L)$$

function set

different parameters W and $b \rightarrow$ different functions

Formal definition

$f(x; \theta)$ model parameter set

$$\theta = \{W^1, b^1, W^2, b^2, \dots, W^L, b^L\}$$

pick a function $f =$ pick a set of model parameters θ

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Model Parameter Measurement

Define a function to measure the quality of a parameter set θ

- Evaluating by a loss/cost/error function $C(\theta)$ → how bad θ is
- Best model parameter set

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

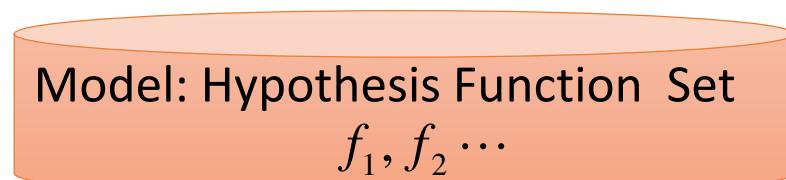
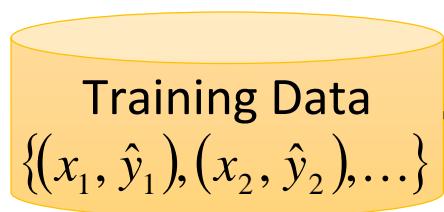
- Evaluating by an objective/reward function $O(\theta)$ → how good θ is
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$$\theta^* = \arg \max_{\theta} O(\theta)$$

Loss Function Example

x : “It claims too much.”
function input

\hat{y} : - (negative)
function output



Training: Pick the best function f^*

“Best” Function f^*

A “Good” function: $f(x; \theta) \sim \hat{y} \rightarrow \|\hat{y} - f(x; \theta)\| \approx 0$

Define an example loss function: $C(\theta) = \sum_k \|\hat{y}_k - f(x_k; \theta)\|$
sum over the error of all training samples

Frequent Loss Function

Square loss

$$C(\theta) = (1 - \hat{y}f(x; \theta))^2$$

Hinge loss

$$C(\theta) = \max(0, 1 - \hat{y}f(x; \theta))$$

Logistic loss

$$C(\theta) = -\hat{y} \log(f(x; \theta))$$

Cross entropy loss

$$C(\theta) = -\sum \hat{y} \log(f(x; \theta))$$

Others: large margin, etc.

How can we Pick the “Best” Function?

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Problem Statement

Given a loss function and several model parameter sets

- Loss function: $C(\theta)$
- Model parameter sets: $\{\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots\}$

Find a model parameter set that minimizes $C(\theta)$

How to solve this optimization problem?

1) Brute force – enumerate all possible θ

2) Calculus – $\frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0$

Issue: whole space of $C(\theta)$ is unknown



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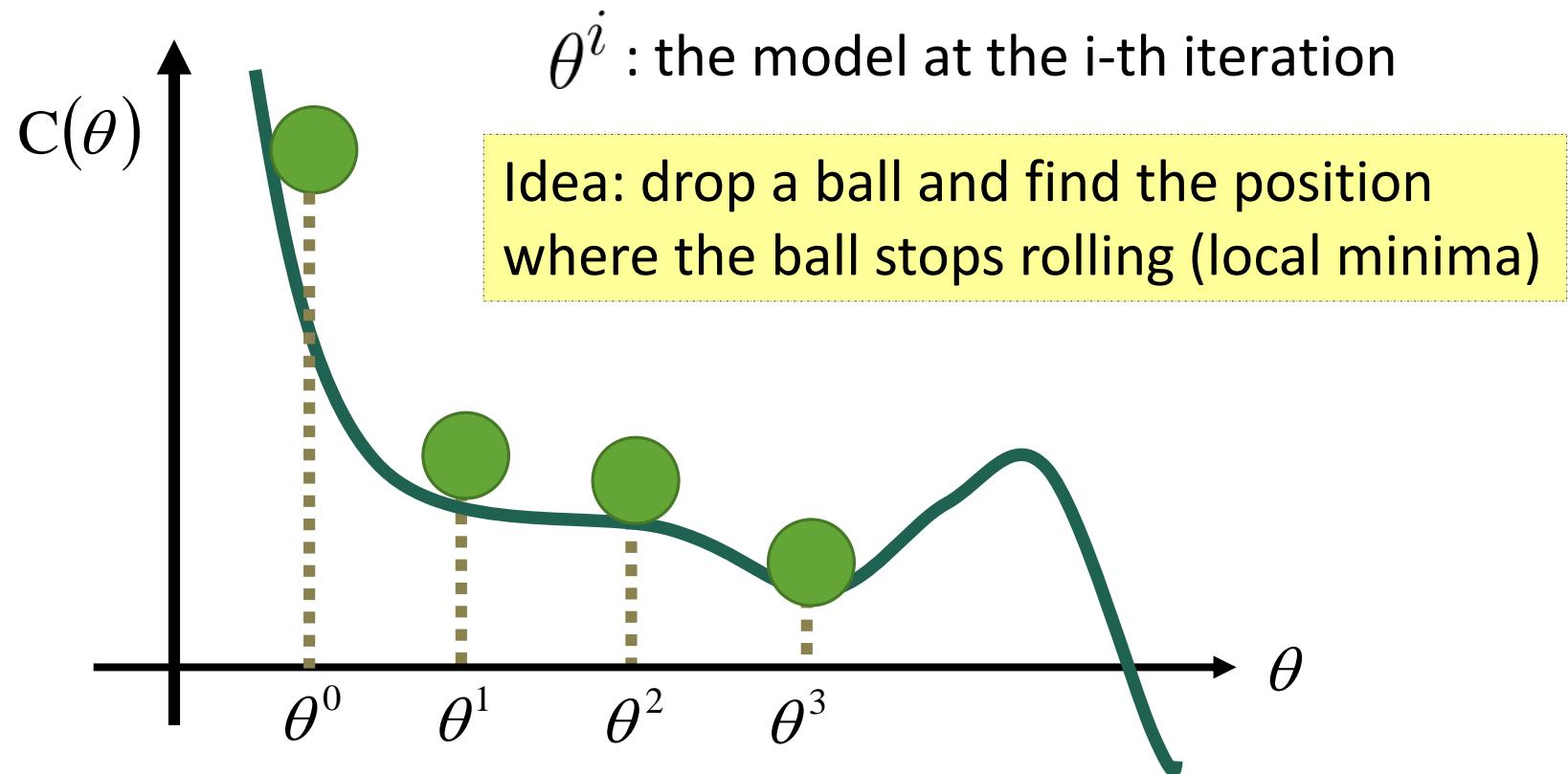
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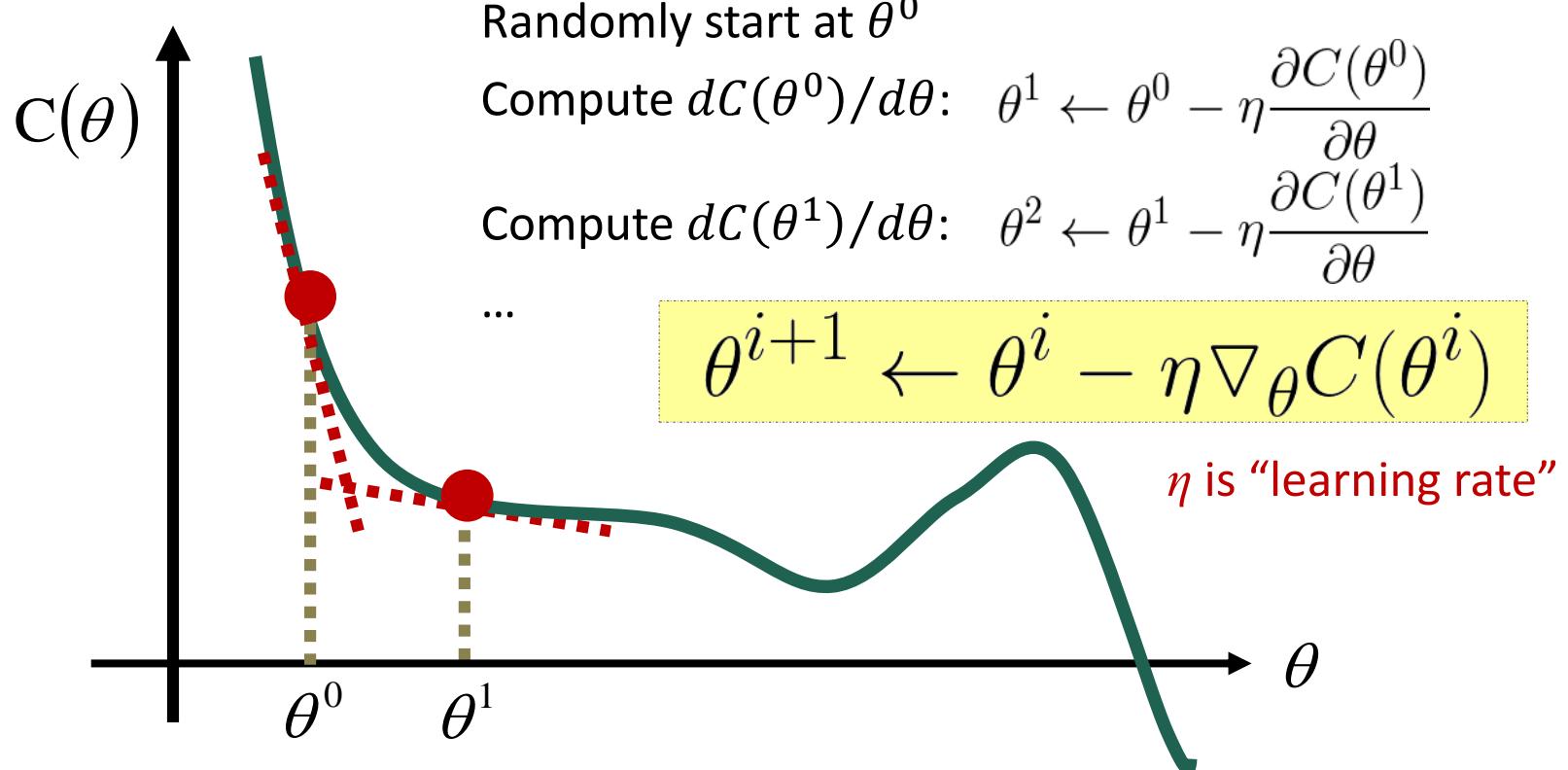
Gradient Descent for Optimization

Assume that θ has only one variable



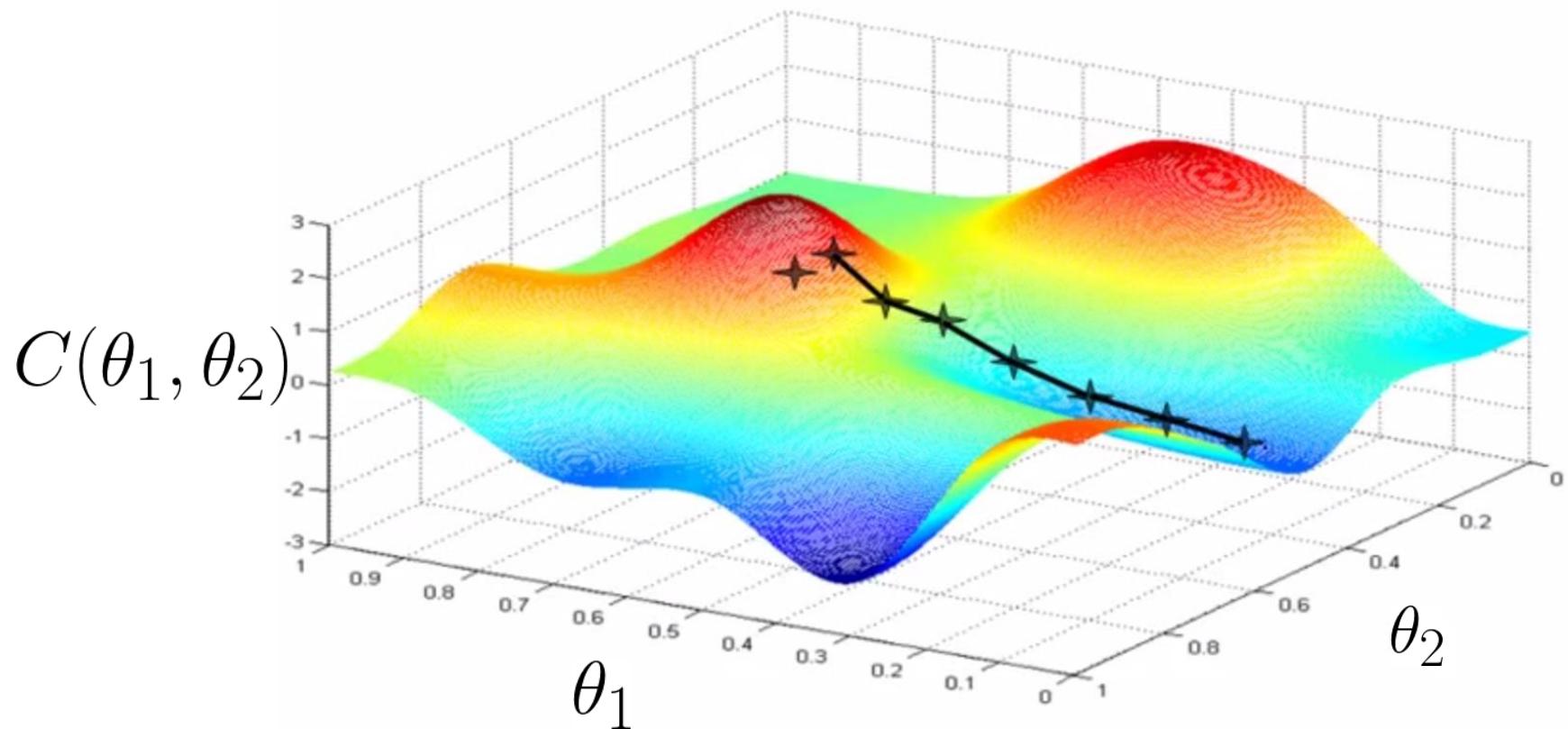
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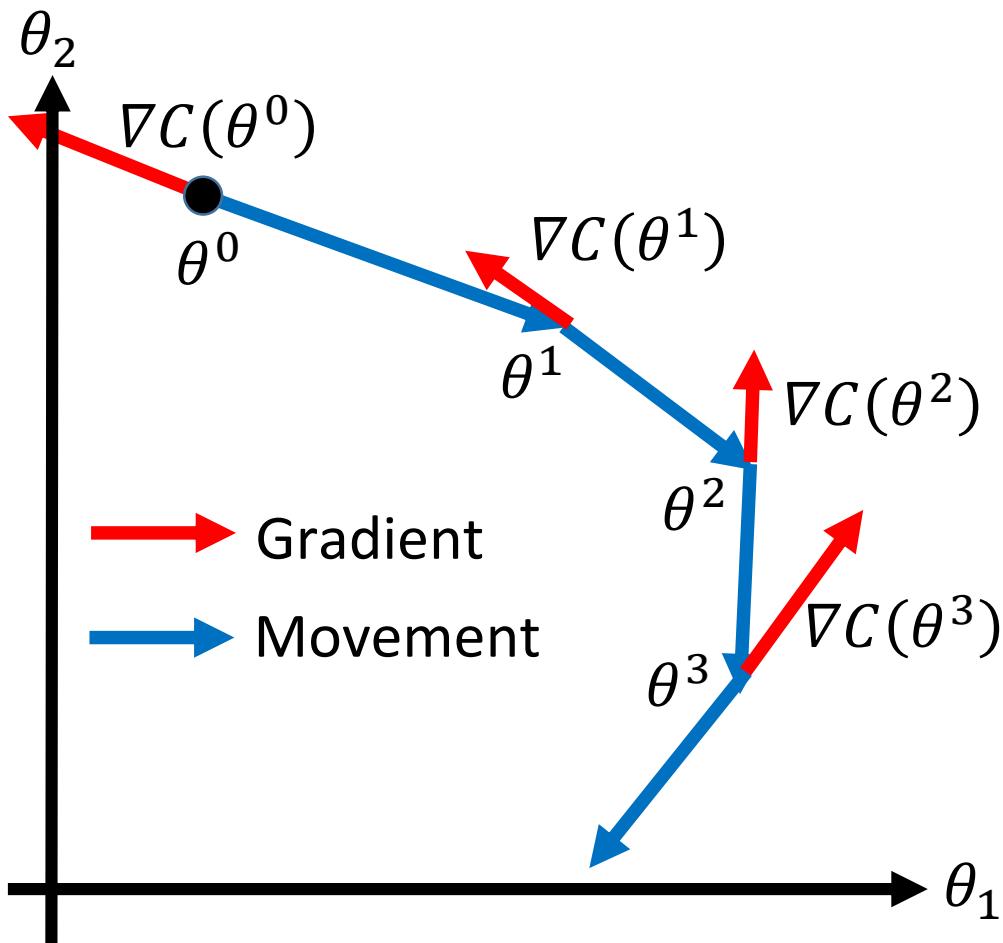
- Randomly start at θ^0 : $\theta^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1^0 \\ \theta_2^0 \end{bmatrix}$
- Compute the gradients of $C(\theta)$ at θ^0 : $\nabla_{\theta} C(\theta^0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C(\theta_1^0)}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta_2^0)}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix}$
- Update parameters:

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

$$\theta^{i+1} \leftarrow \theta^i - \eta \nabla_{\theta} C(\theta^i)$$

- Compute the gradients of $C(\theta)$ at θ^1 : $\nabla_{\theta} C(\theta^1) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C(\theta_1^1)}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta_2^1)}{\partial \theta_2} \end{bmatrix}$

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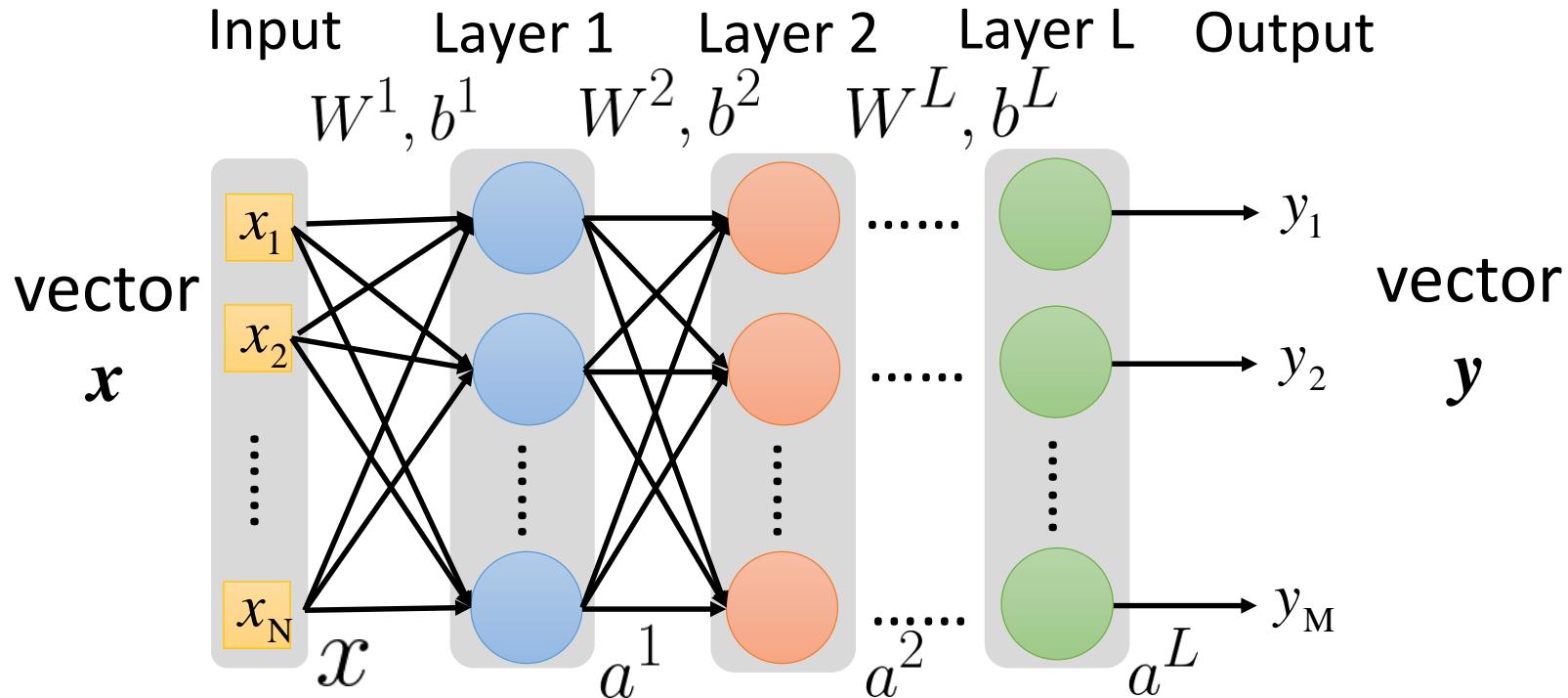


Algorithm

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Initialization: start at  $\theta^0$ 
while( $\theta^{(i+1)} \neq \theta^i$ )
{
    compute gradient at  $\theta^i$ 
    update parameters
     $\theta^{i+1} \leftarrow \theta^i - \eta \nabla_{\theta} C(\theta^i)$ 
}
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Revisit Neural Network Formulation

Fully connected feedforward network



$$y = f(x) = \sigma(W^L \cdots \sigma(W^2 \sigma(W^1 x + b^1) + b^2) \cdots + b^L)$$

Gradient Descent for Neural Network

$$y = f(x) = \sigma(W^L \cdots \sigma(W^2 \sigma(W^1 x + b^1) + b^2) \cdots + b^L)$$

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$$\nabla C(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}^l} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial b_i^l} \end{bmatrix}$$

Algorithm

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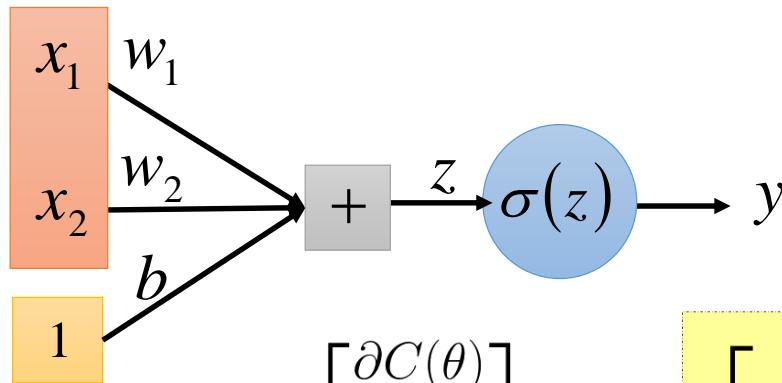
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Gradient Descent for Optimization

Simple Case

$$y = f(x; \theta) = \sigma(Wx + b)$$

$$\theta = \{W, b\} = \{w_1, w_2, b\}$$



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$$\nabla_{\theta} C(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_2} \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial b} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Gradient Descent for Optimization

Simple Case – Three Parameters & Square Error Loss

Update three parameters for t -th iteration

$$w_1^{(t+1)} = w_1^{(t)} - \eta \frac{\partial C(\theta^{(t)})}{\partial w_1}$$

$$w_2^{(t+1)} = w_2^{(t)} - \eta \frac{\partial C(\theta^{(t)})}{\partial w_2}$$

$$b^{(t+1)} = b^{(t)} - \eta \frac{\partial C(\theta^{(t)})}{\partial b}$$

Square error loss

$$C(\theta) = \sum_{\forall x} \|\hat{y} - f(x; \theta)\| = (\hat{y} - f(x; \theta))^2$$

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Simple Case – Square Error Loss

Square Error Loss

$$\frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} (f(x; \theta) - \hat{y})^2$$

$$= 2(f(x; \theta) - \hat{y}) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} f(x; \theta)$$

$$f(x; \theta) = \sigma(Wx + b)$$

$$= 2(\sigma(Wx + b) - \hat{y}) \boxed{\frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} \sigma(Wx + b)}$$

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Simple Case – Square Error Loss

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(Wx + b)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial \sigma(Wx + b)}{\partial (Wx + b)} \frac{\partial (Wx + b)}{\partial w_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \text{ chain rule } \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} = [1 - g(z)]g(z) \text{ sigmoid func}$$

$$= [1 - \sigma(Wx + b)]\sigma(Wx + b) \boxed{\frac{\partial (Wx + b)}{\partial w_1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial (Wx + b)}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial (w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + b)}{\partial w_1} = x_1$$

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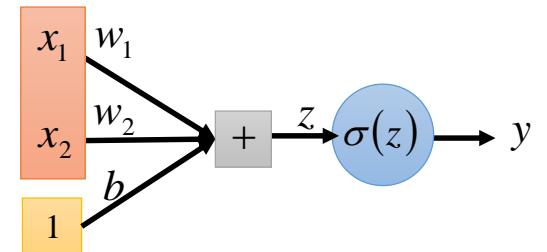
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Optimization Algorithm

Algorithm

Initialization: set the parameters θ, b at random

while(stopping criteria not met)

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}

Computing the gradient includes millions of parameters.
To compute it efficiently, we use **backpropagation**.

Gradient Descent Issue

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

Training Data
 $\{(x_1, \hat{y}_1), (x_2, \hat{y}_2), \dots\}$

$$C(\theta) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \|f(x_k; \theta) - \hat{y}_k\| = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k C_k(\theta)$$

$$\nabla C(\theta^i) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \nabla C_k(\theta^i)$$

After seeing all training samples, the model can be updated → slow

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Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

Gradient Descent

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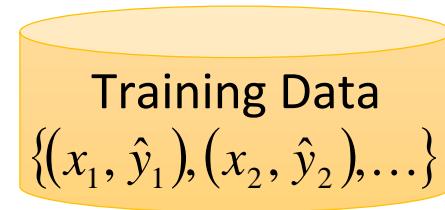
Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- Pick a training sample x_k

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

- If all training samples have same probability to be picked

$$E[\nabla C_k(\theta^i)] = \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \nabla C_k(\theta^i)$$



The model can be updated after seeing one training sample → faster

Epoch Definition

When running SGD, the model starts θ^0

$$\text{pick } x_1 \quad \theta^1 = \theta^0 - \eta \nabla C_1(\theta^0)$$

$$\text{pick } x_2 \quad \theta^2 = \theta^1 - \eta \nabla C_2(\theta^1)$$

⋮

$$\text{pick } x_k \quad \theta^k = \theta^{k-1} - \eta \nabla C_k(\theta^{k-1})$$

⋮

$$\text{pick } x_K \quad \theta^K = \theta^{K-1} - \eta \nabla C_K(\theta^{K-1})$$

Training Data

$\{(x_1, \hat{y}_1), (x_2, \hat{y}_2), \dots\}$

see all training samples once

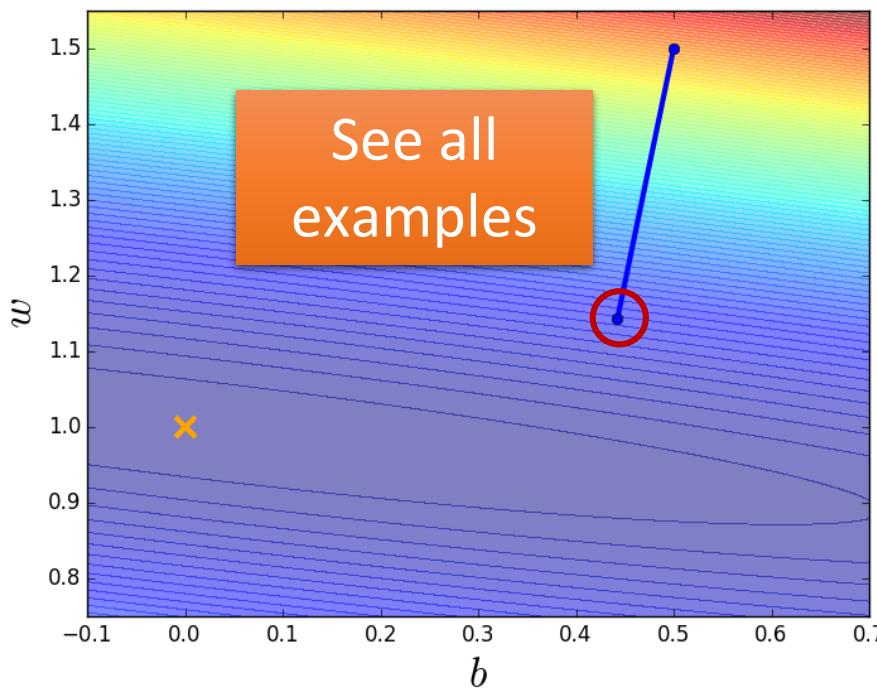
→ one epoch

$$\text{pick } x_1 \quad \theta^{K+1} = \theta^K - \eta \nabla C_1(\theta^K)$$

Gradient Descent v.s. SGD

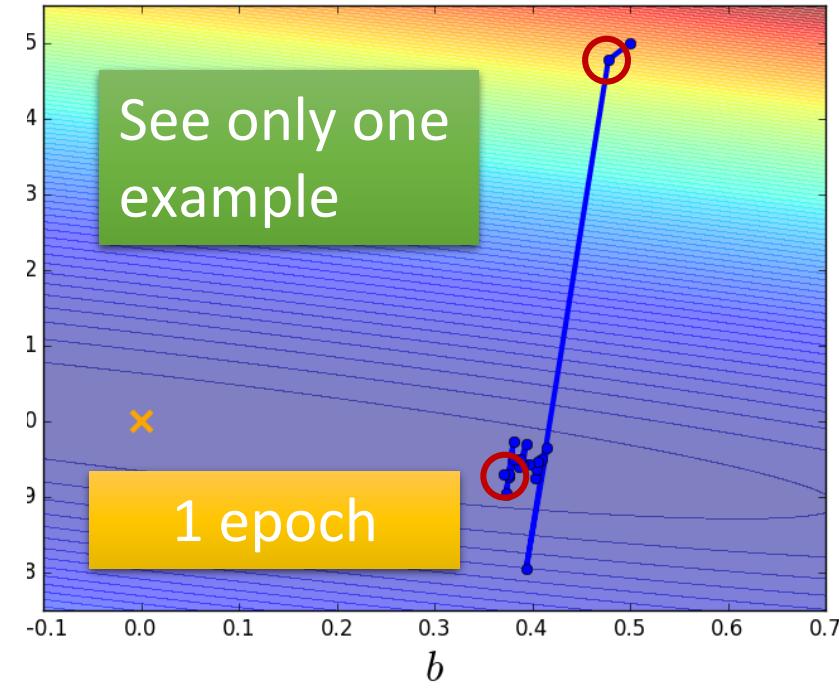
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Update after seeing all examples



Stochastic Gradient Descent

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



SGD approaches to the target point faster than gradient descent

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Batch Gradient Descent

$$\theta^{i+1} = \theta^i - \eta \frac{1}{K} \sum_k \nabla C_k(\theta^i)$$

Use all K samples in each iteration

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- Pick a training sample x_k $\theta^{i+1} = \theta^i - \eta \nabla C_k(\theta^i)$

Use 1 samples in each iteration

Mini-Batch SGD

- Pick a set of B training samples as a batch b

B is “batch size”

$$\theta^{i+1} = \theta^i - \eta \frac{1}{B} \sum_{x_k \in b} \nabla C_k(\theta^i)$$

Use all B samples in each iteration

Mini-Batch SGD

Algorithm 8.1 Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) update at training iteration k

Require: Learning rate ϵ_k .

Require: Initial parameter $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

while stopping criterion not met **do**

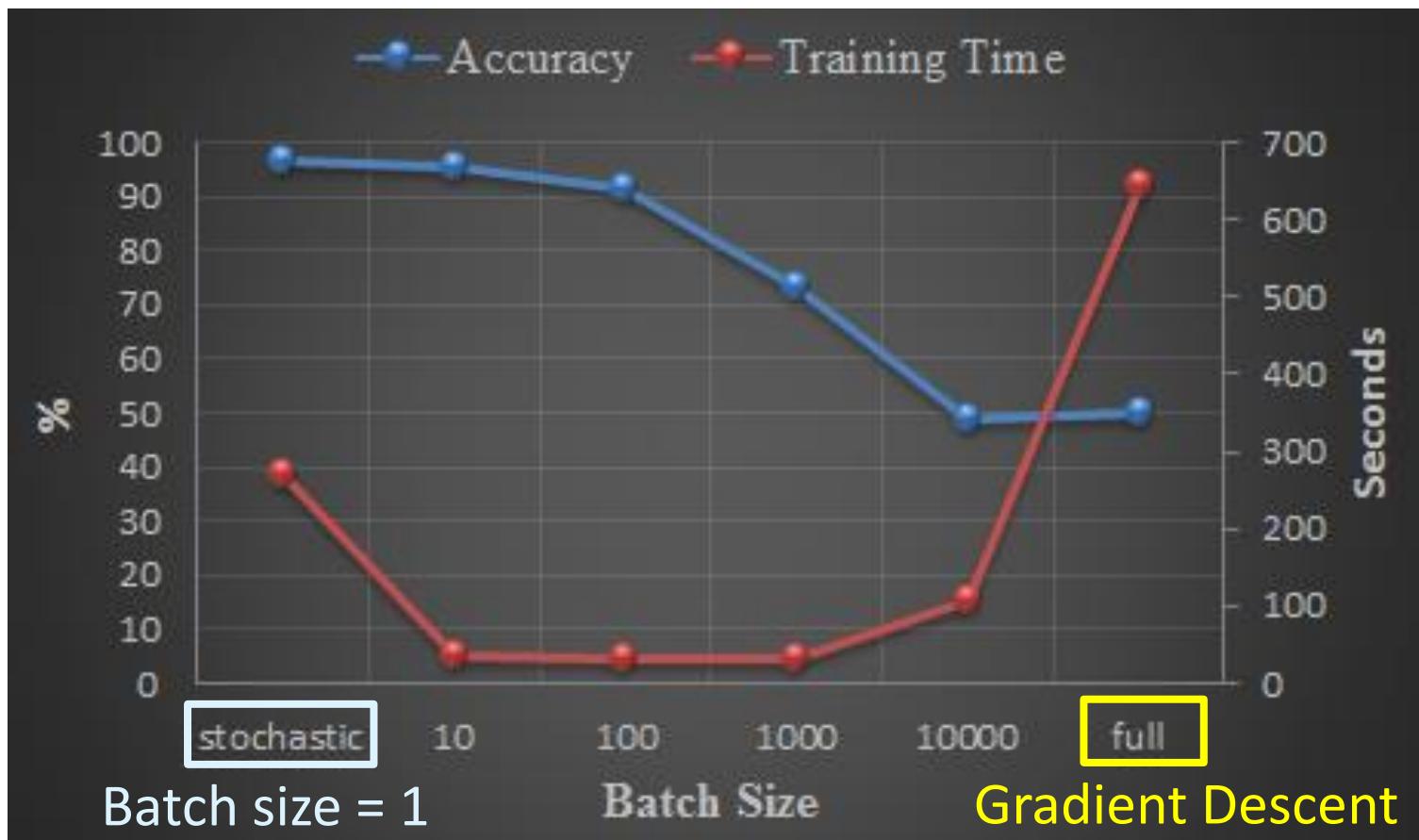
 Sample a minibatch of m examples from the training set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m)}\}$ with corresponding targets $\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$.

 Compute gradient estimate: $\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow +\frac{1}{m} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sum_i L(f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}; \boldsymbol{\theta}), \mathbf{y}^{(i)})$

 Apply update: $\boldsymbol{\theta} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{\theta} - \epsilon \hat{\mathbf{g}}$

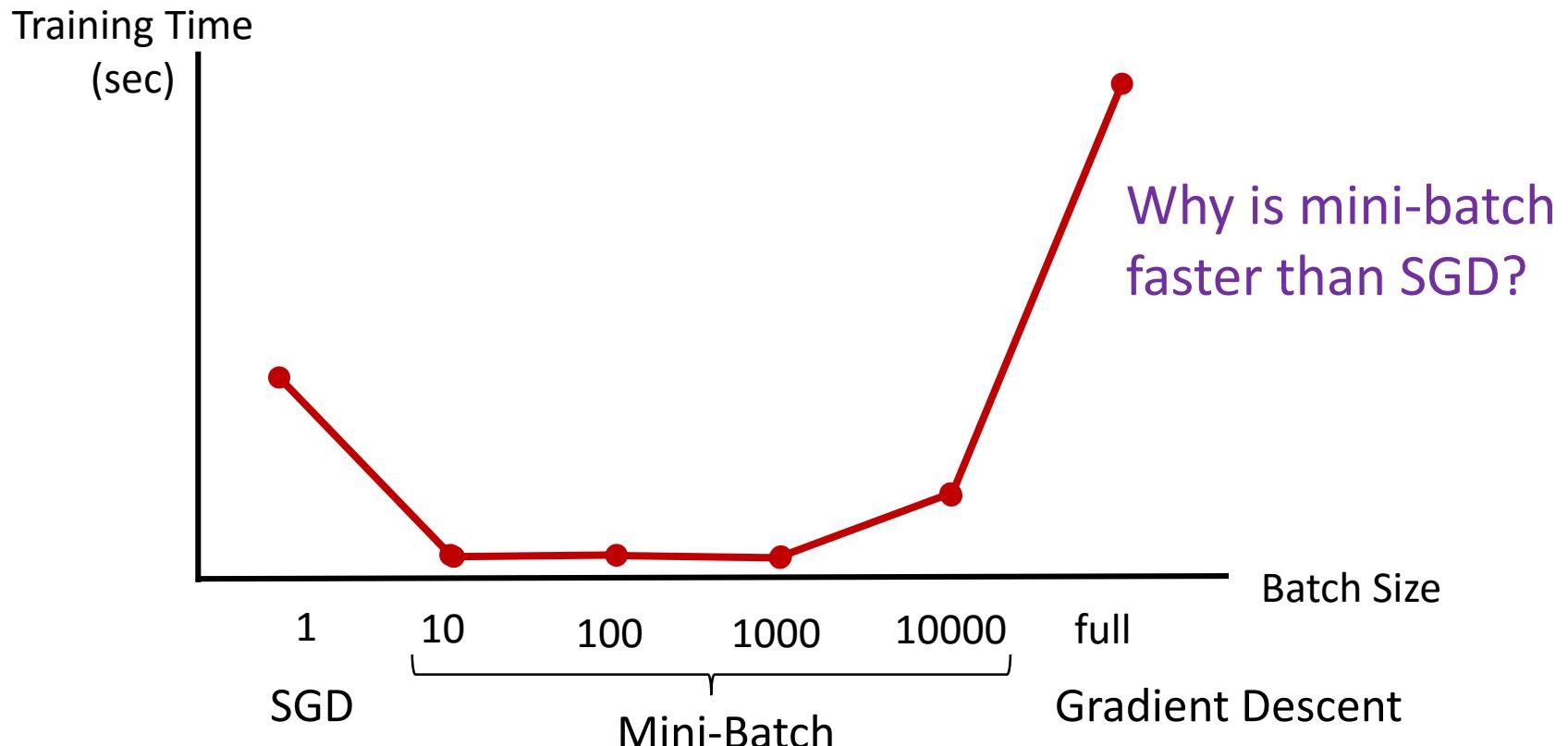
end while

Batch v.s. Mini-Batch Handwritting Digit Classification



Gradient Descent v.s. SGD v.s. Mini-Batch

Training speed: mini-batch > SGD > Gradient Descent



Why is mini-batch faster than SGD?

SGD v.s. Mini-Batch

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

$$z^1 = \begin{matrix} W^1 \\ x \end{matrix}$$
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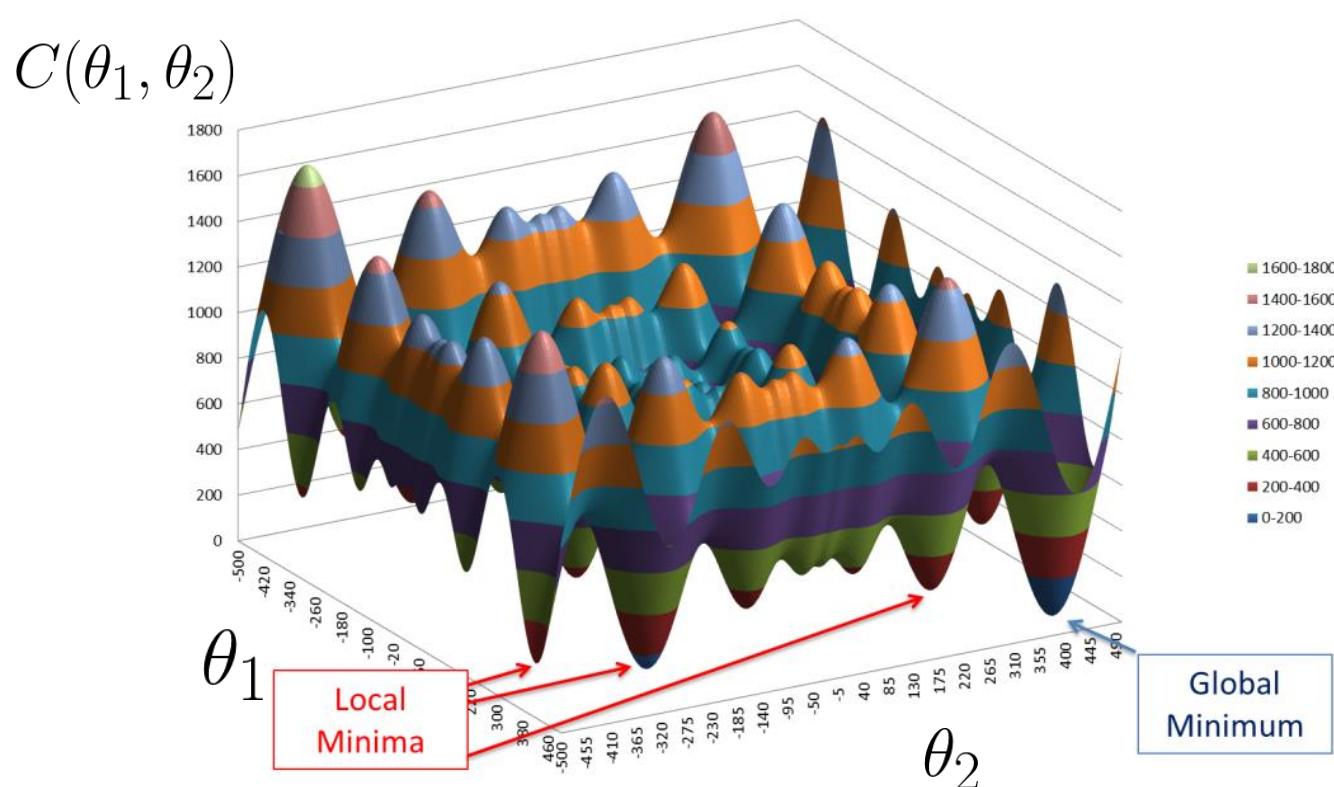
Mini-Batch SGD

$$\begin{matrix} z^1 & z^1 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} W^1 \\ \text{matrix} \\ x & x \end{matrix}$$

Modern computers run matrix-matrix multiplication faster than matrix-vector multiplication

Big Issue: Local Optima

Example of Complex Optimization Problem: Schwefel's Function



Neural networks has no guarantee for obtaining global optimal solution

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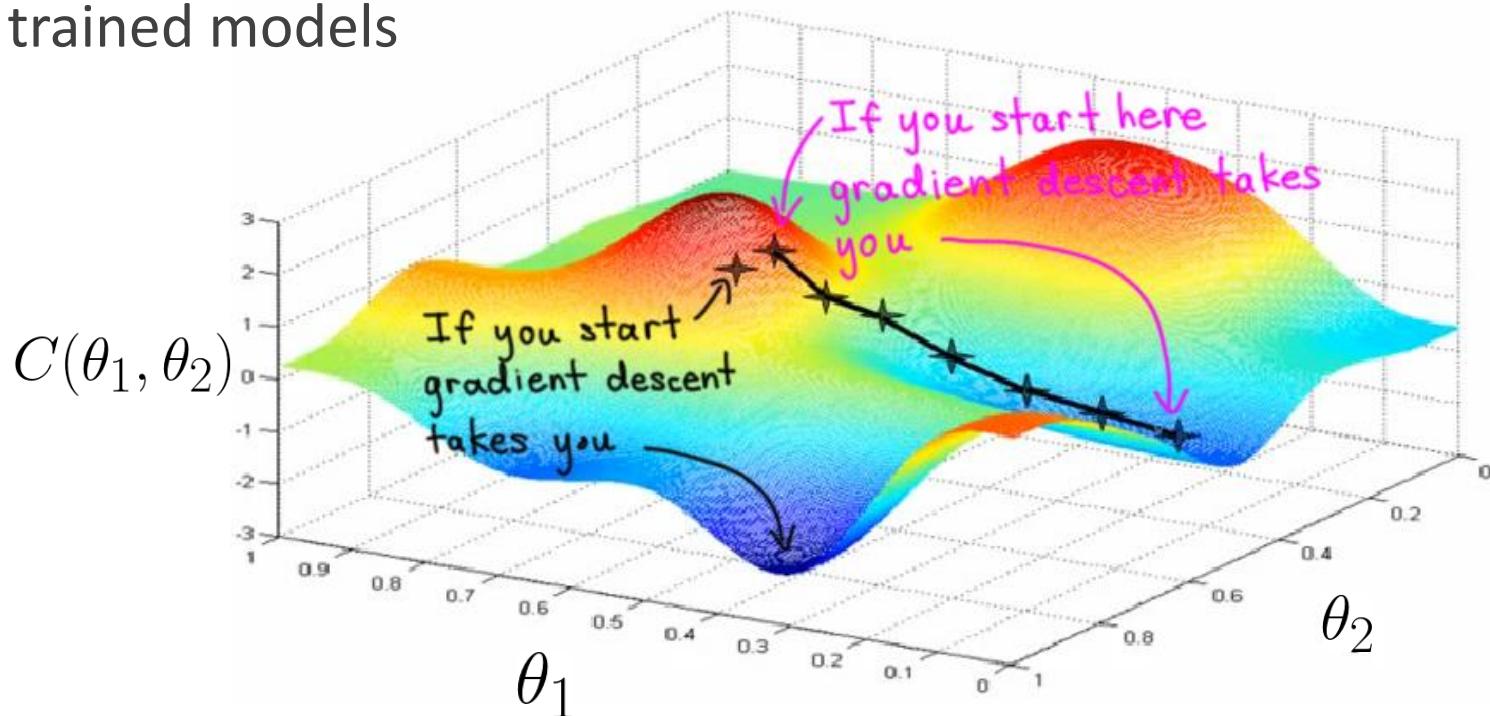
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Initialization

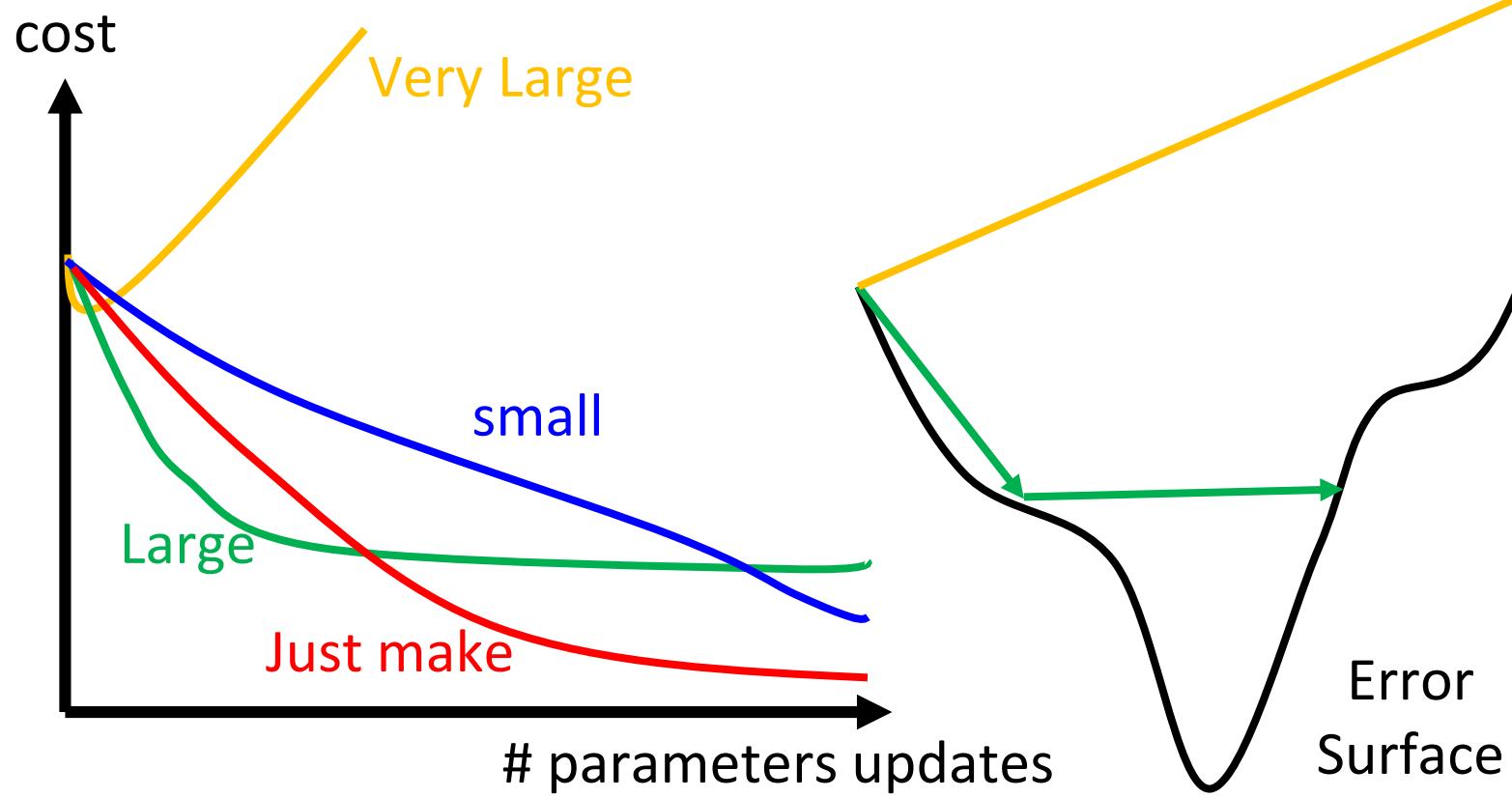
Different initialization parameters may result in different trained models



Do not initialize the parameters equally → set them randomly

Learning Rate

$$\theta^{i+1} \leftarrow \theta^i - \eta \nabla_{\theta} C(\theta^i)$$



Tips for Mini-Batch Training

Shuffle training samples before every epoch

- the network might memorize the order you feed the samples

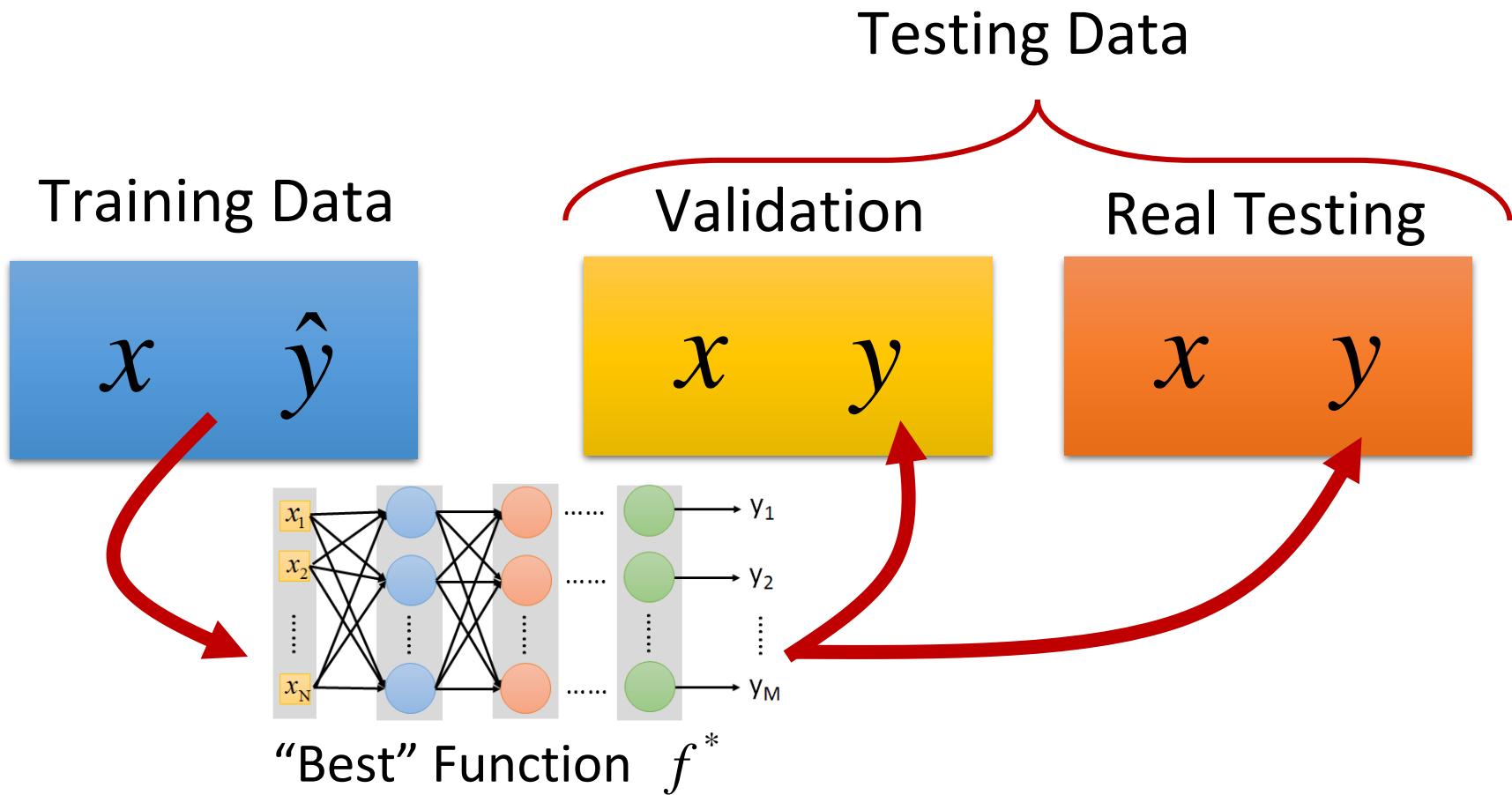
Use a fixed batch size for every epoch

- enable fast implementation of matrix multiplication for calculations

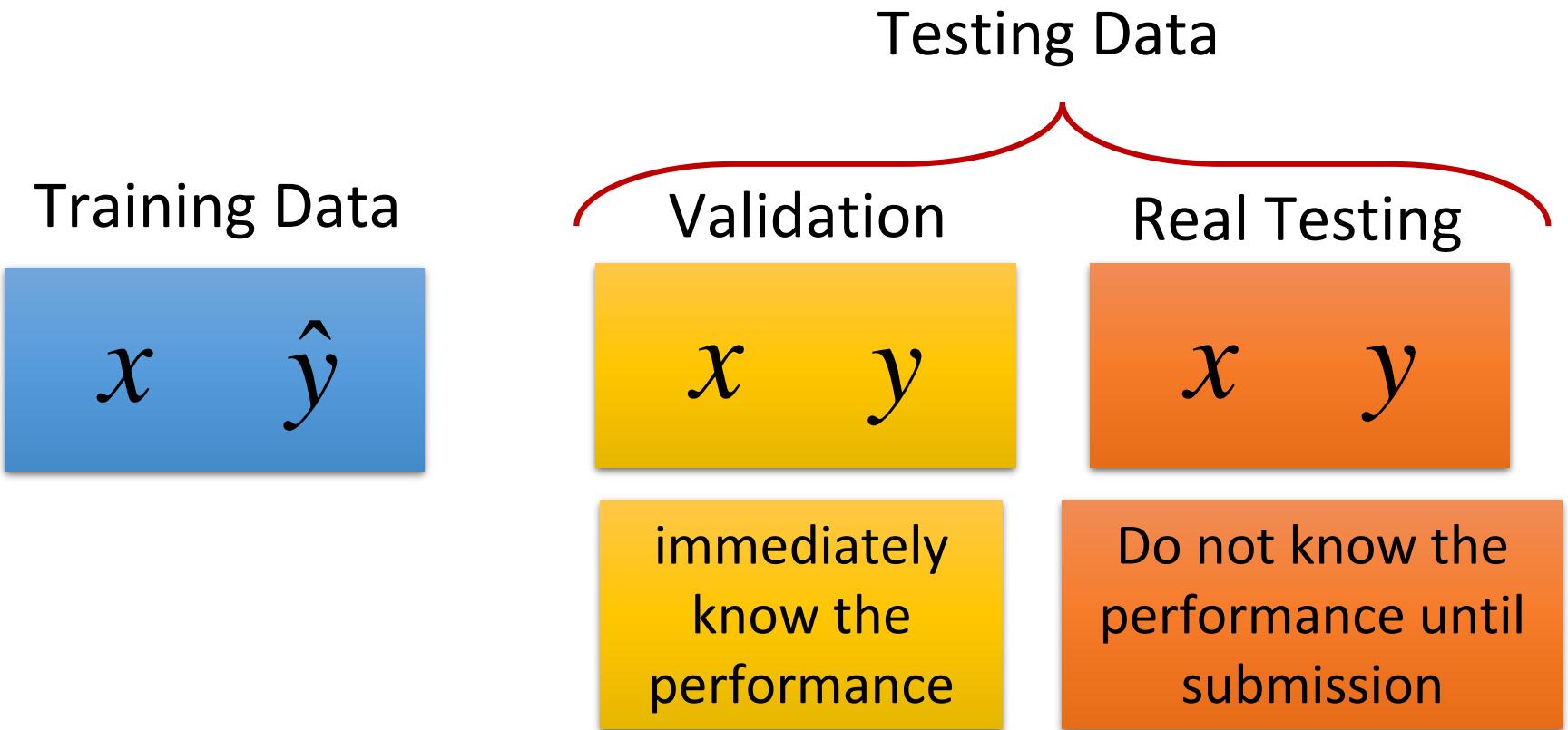
Adapt the learning rate to the batch size

- larger batch → smaller learning rate

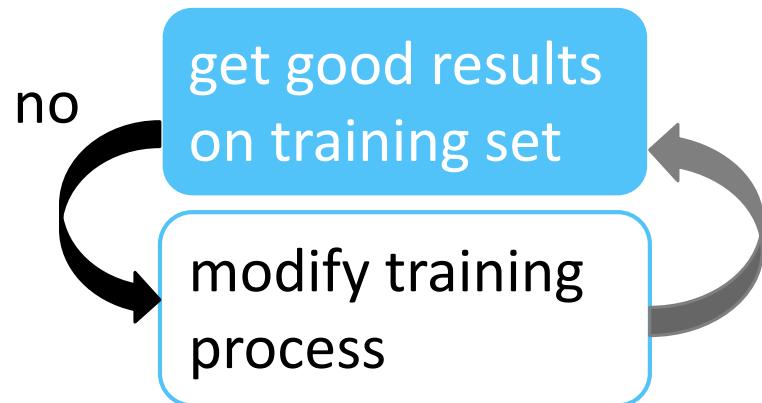
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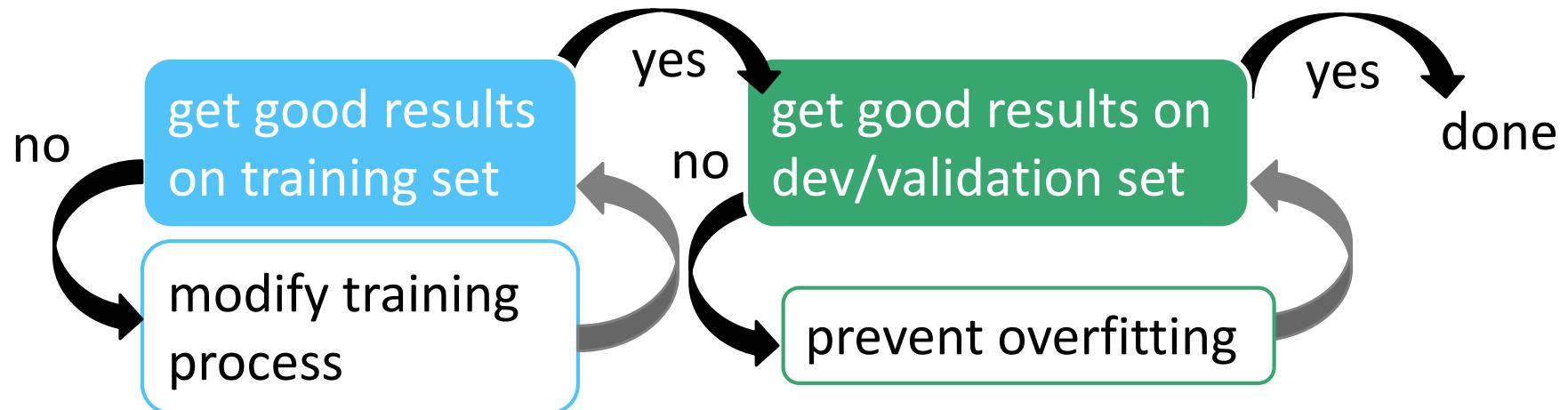
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Possible reasons

- no good function exists: bad hypothesis function set
 - reconstruct the model architecture
- cannot find a good function: local optima
 - change the training strategy

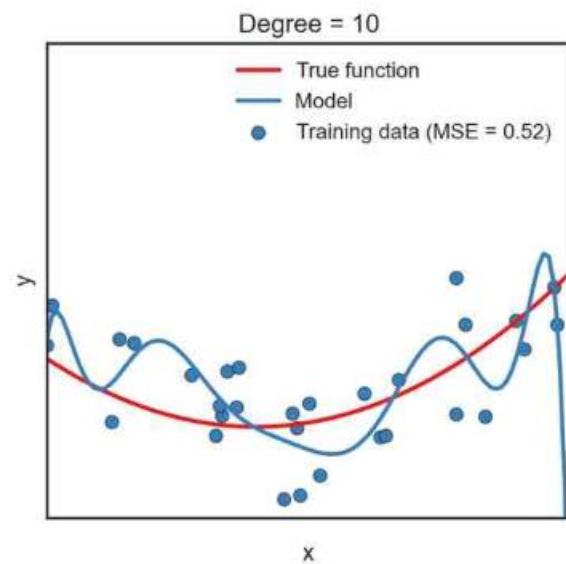
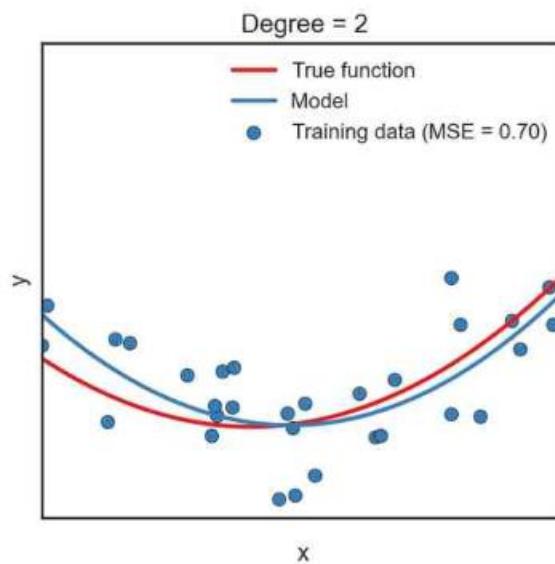
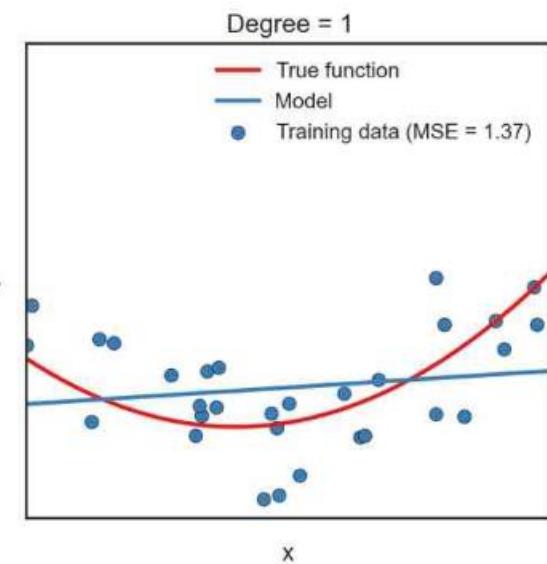
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Better performance on training but worse performance on dev → overfitting

Overfitting

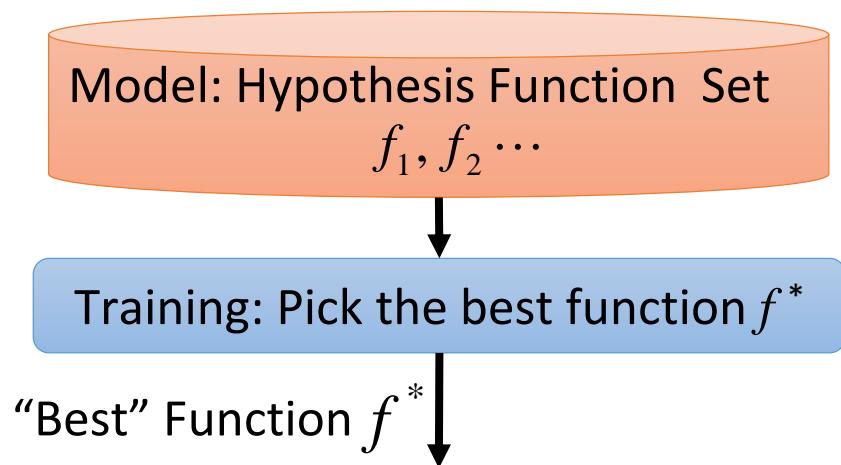
Fitting training data



Possible solutions

- more training samples
- some tips: dropout, etc.

Concluding Remarks



Q1. What is the model?

Model Architecture

Q2. What does a “good” function mean?

Loss Function Design

Q3. How do we pick the “best” function?

Optimization