

CS 4803 / 7643: Deep Learning

Topics:

- Optimization
- Computing Gradients

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- HW1 Reminder
 - Due: 09/26, 11:55pm
 - https://www.cc.gatech.edu/classes/AY2020/cs7643_fall/Z3o9P26CwTPZZMDXyWYDj3/hw1.pdf
 - https://www.cc.gatech.edu/classes/AY2020/cs7643_fall/Z3o9P26CwTPZZMDXyWYDj3/hw1-q8/
 - <https://evalai.cloudcv.org/web/challenges/challenge-page/431/leaderboard/1200>

Recap from last time

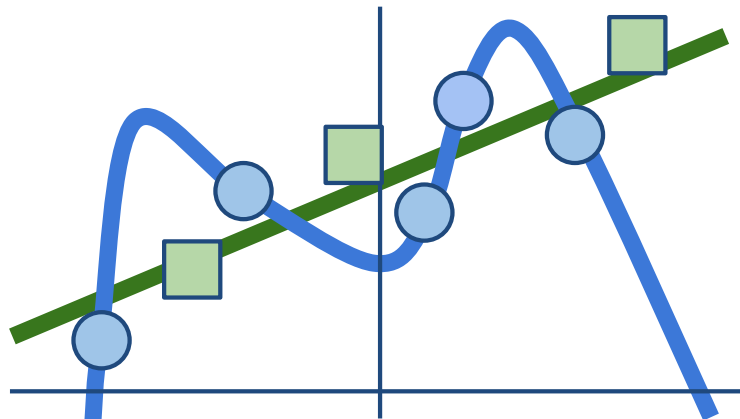
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Occam's Razor:

"Among competing hypotheses, the simplest is the best"

William of Ockham, 1285 - 1347

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Simple examples

L2 regularization: $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l W_{k,l}^2$

L1 regularization: $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l |W_{k,l}|$

Elastic net (L1 + L2): $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l \beta W_{k,l}^2 + |W_{k,l}|$

More complex:

Dropout

Batch normalization

Stochastic depth, fractional pooling, etc

So far: Linear Classifiers



Class
scores

$$f(x) = Wx$$



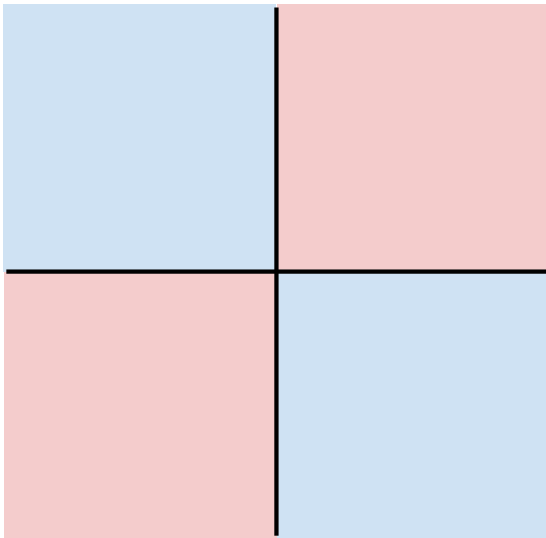
Hard cases for a linear classifier

Class 1:

First and third quadrants

Class 2:

Second and fourth quadrants

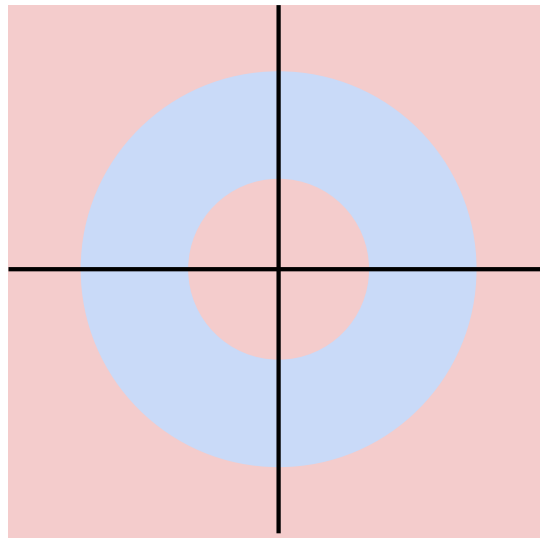


Class 1:

$1 \leq \text{L2 norm} \leq 2$

Class 2:

Everything else



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Three modes

Class 2:

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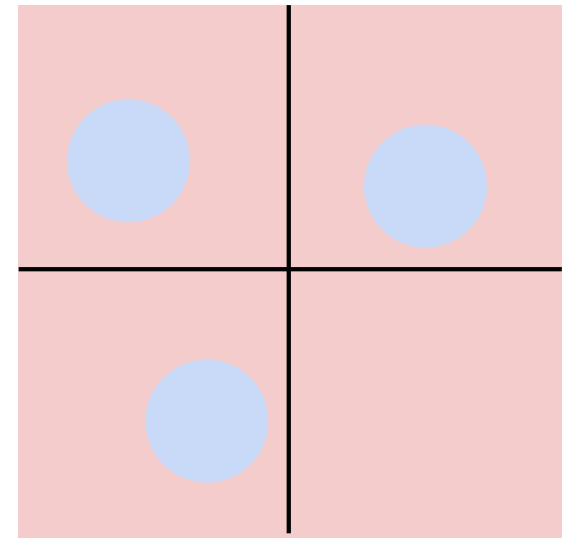
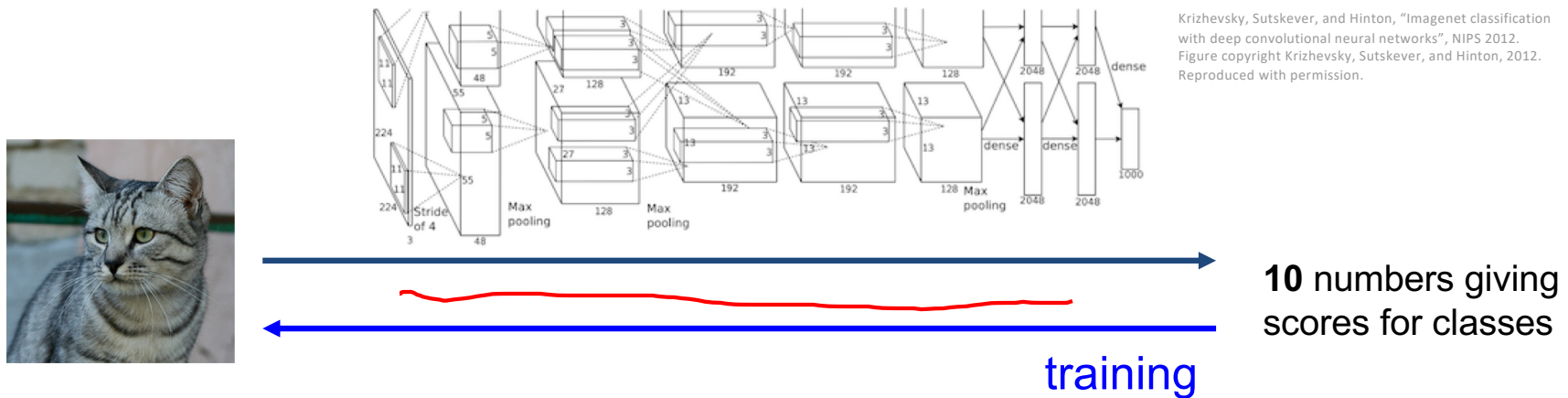
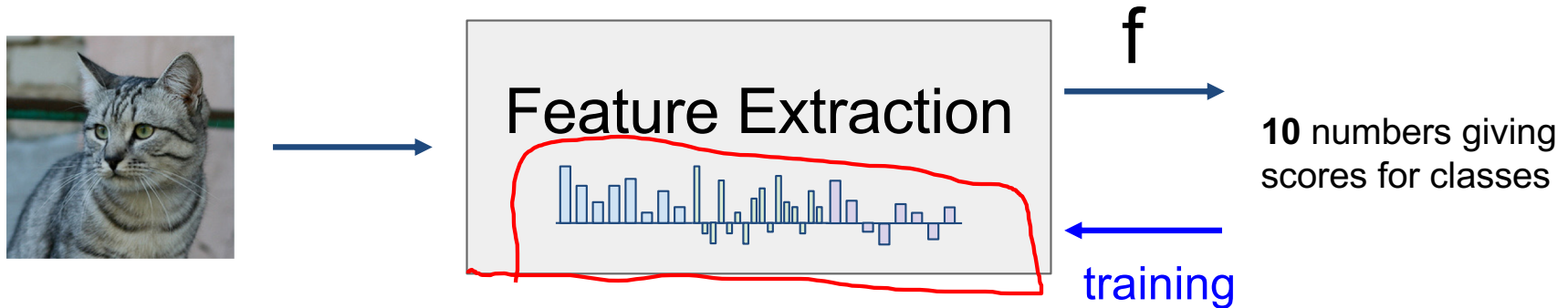


Image features vs Neural Nets



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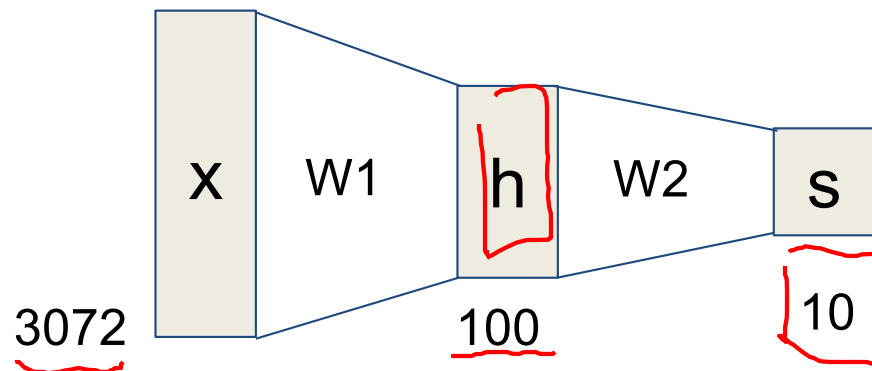
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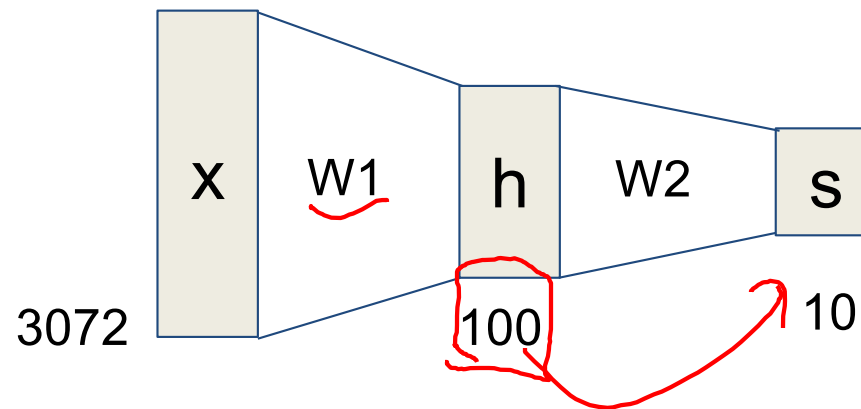
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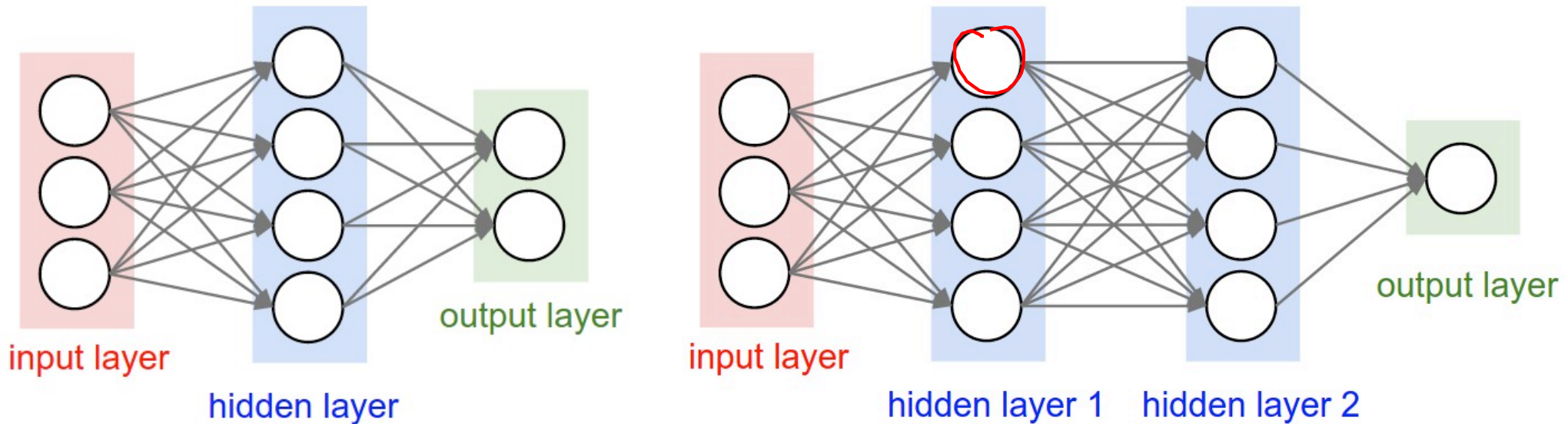
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or 3-layer Neural Network

$$f = \underbrace{W_3 \max(0, W_2 \max(0, W_1 x))}$$

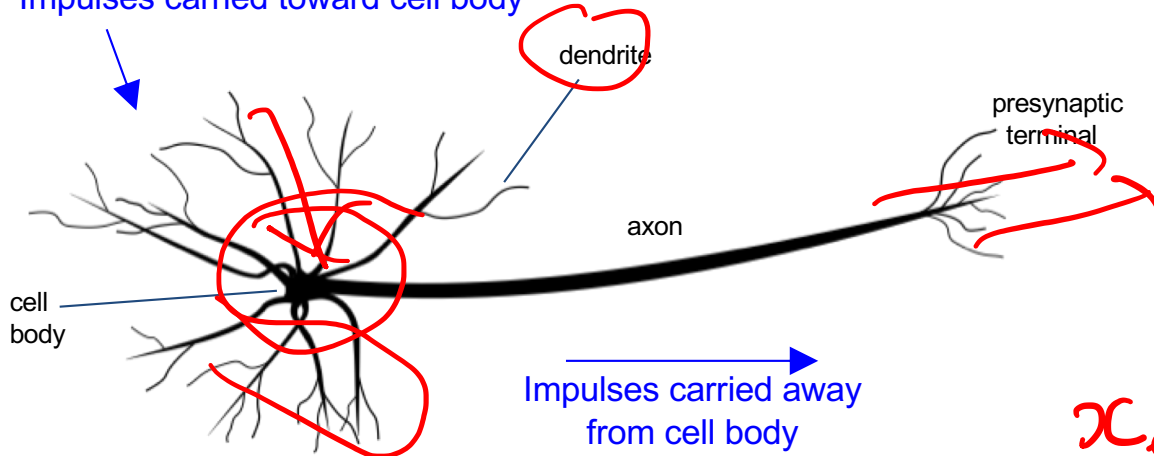
Multilayer Networks

MLP

- Cascaded “neurons”
- The output from one layer is the input to the next
- Each layer has its own sets of weights

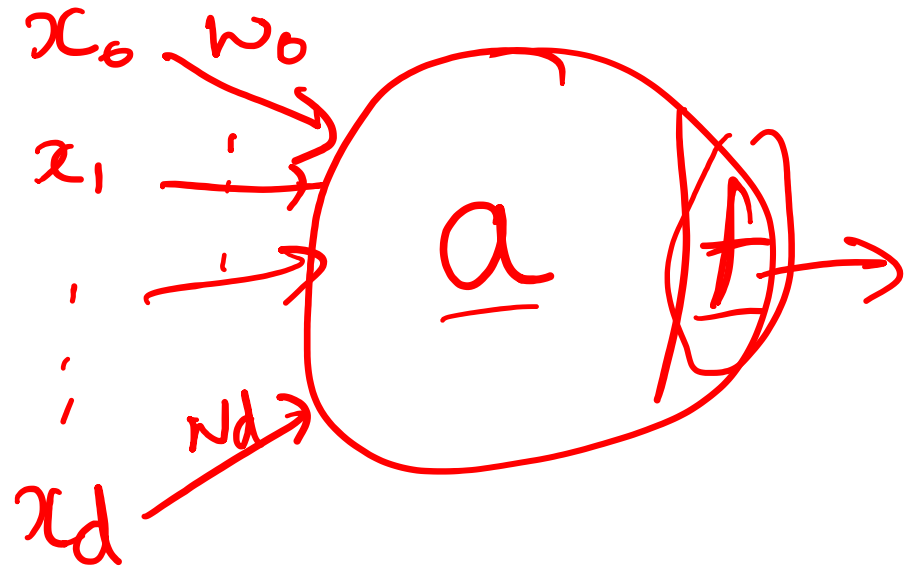


Impulses carried toward cell body



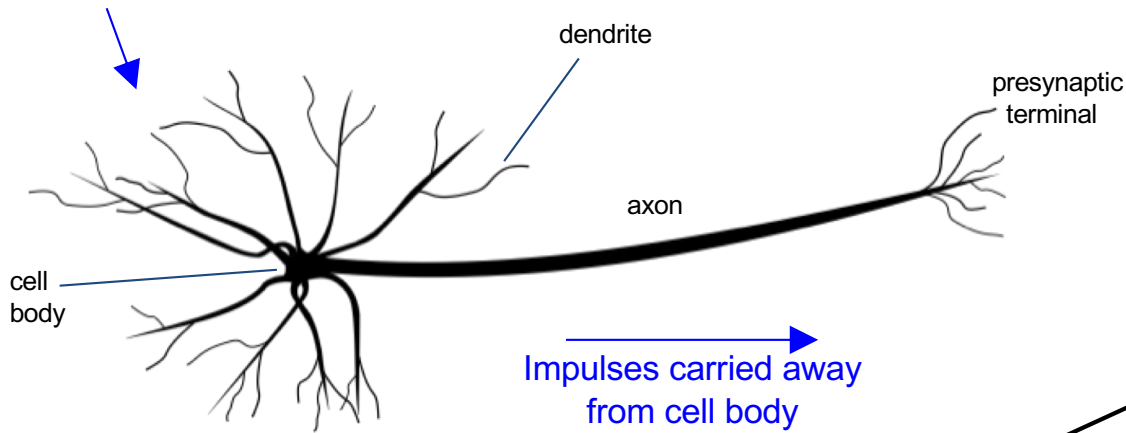
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$$a = \sum_j w_j x_j$$
$$= \underline{\vec{w}^T \vec{x}}$$

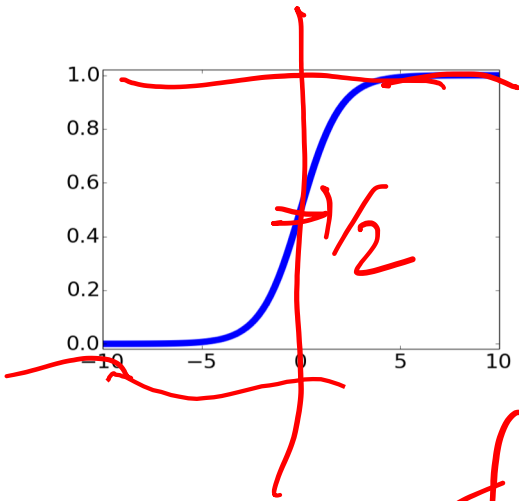


$$y = f(a)$$

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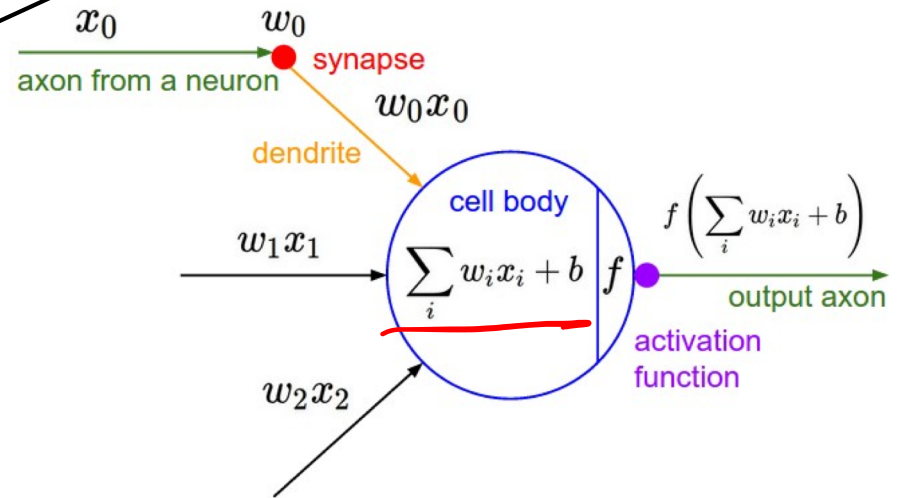
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sigmoid activation function

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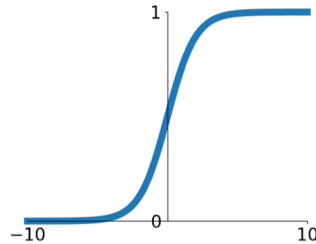
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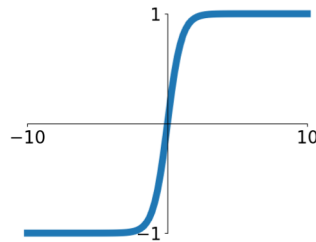
Sigmoid

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



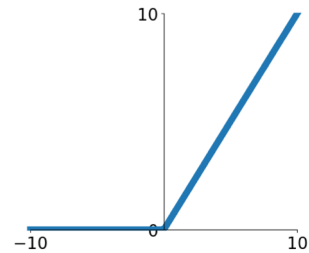
tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



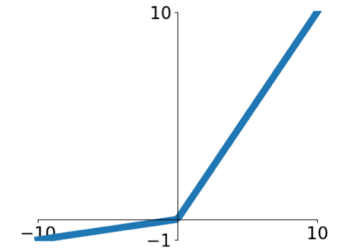
ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



Leaky ReLU

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

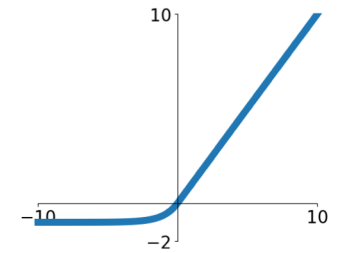


Maxout

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

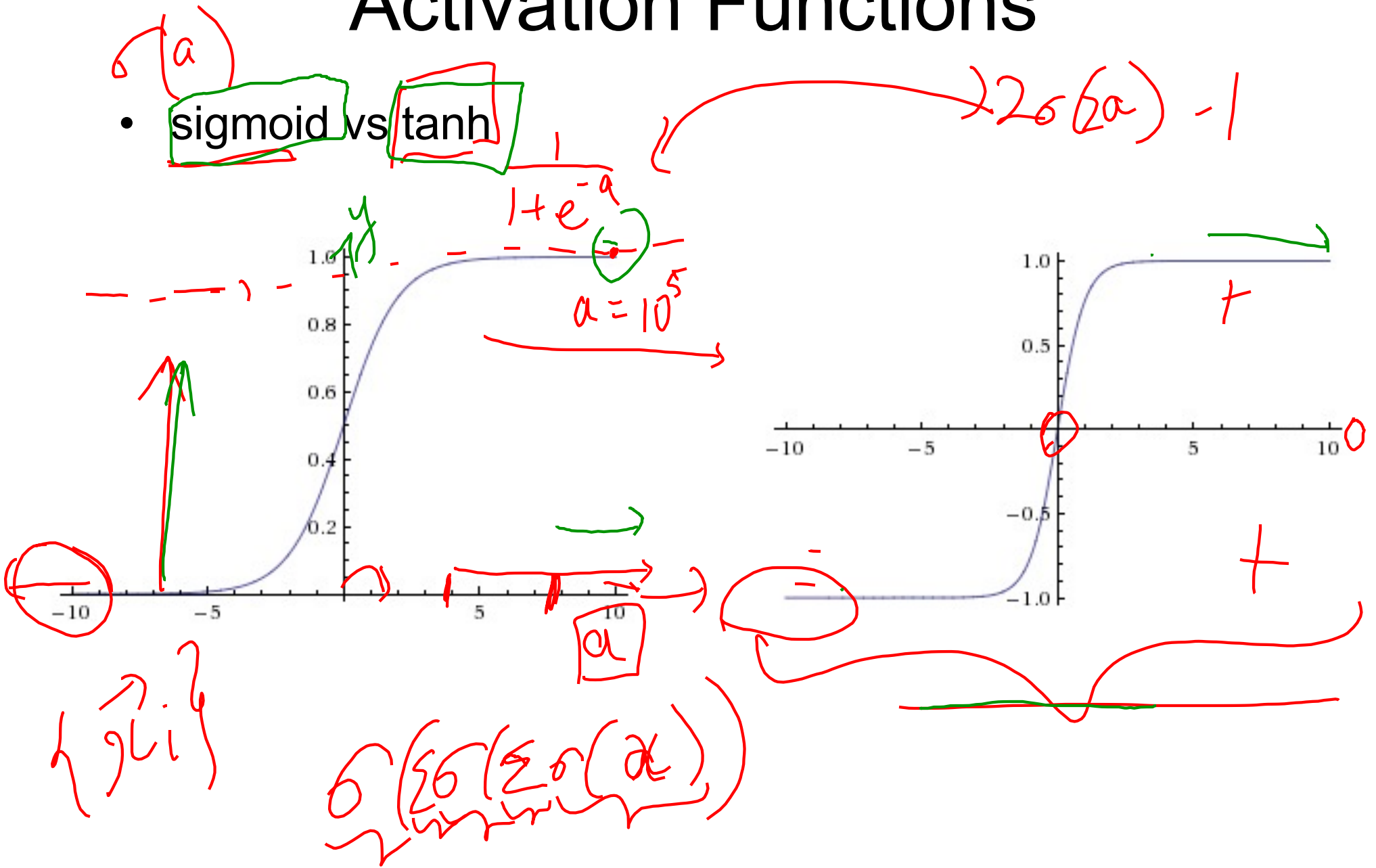
ELU

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



Activation Functions

- sigmoid vs tanh



A quick note

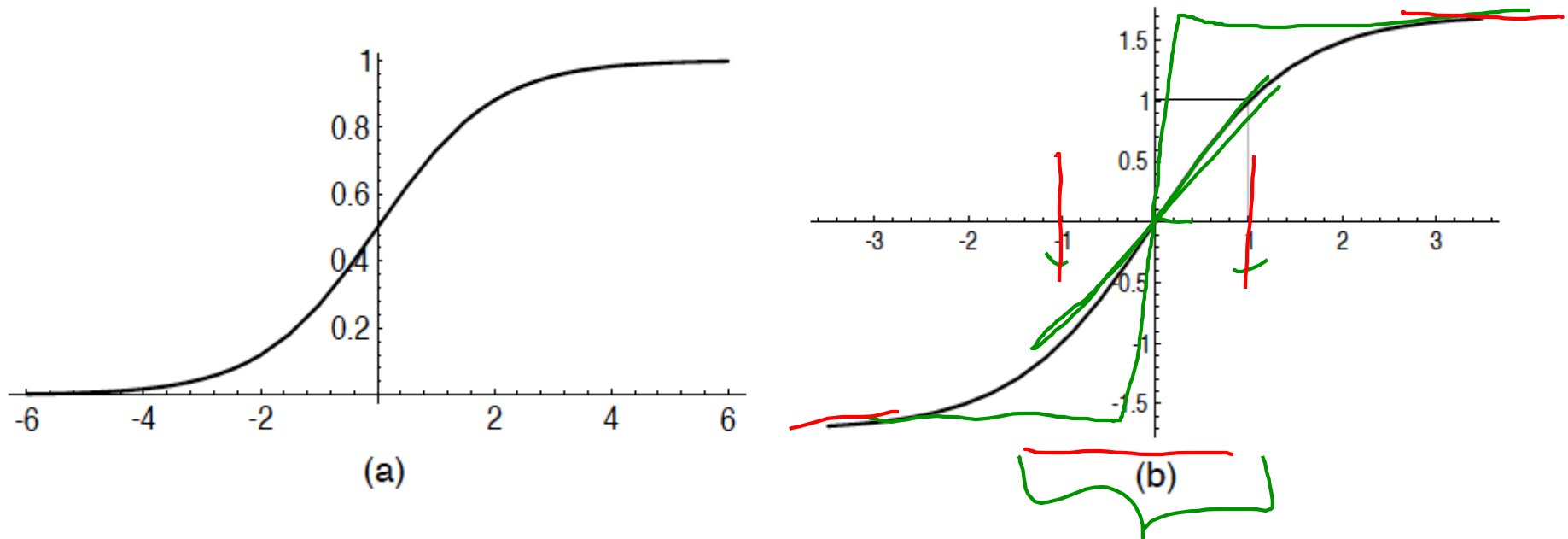
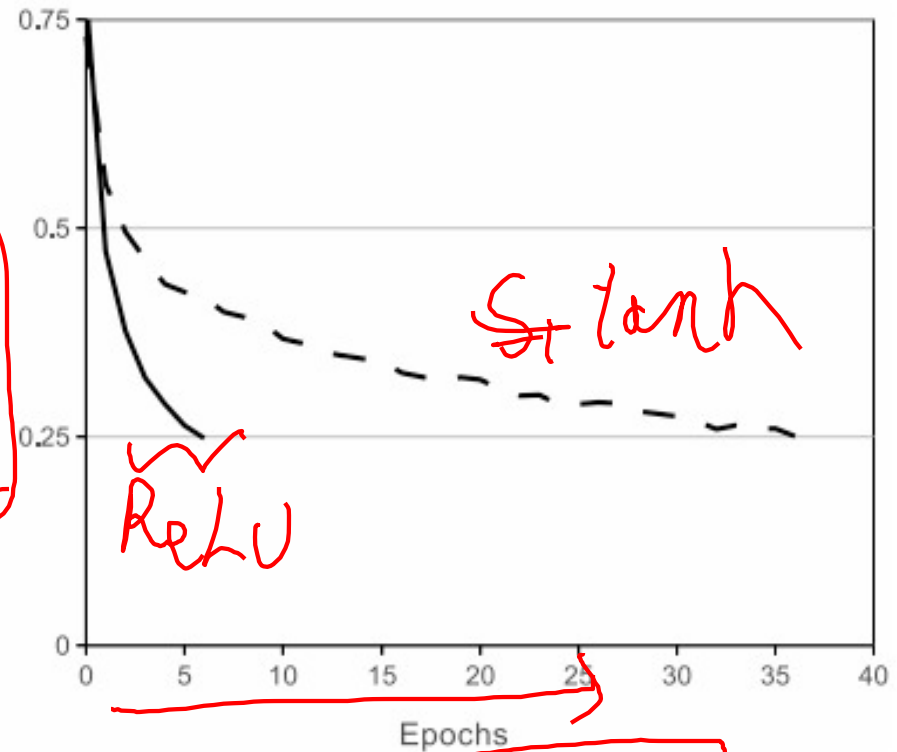
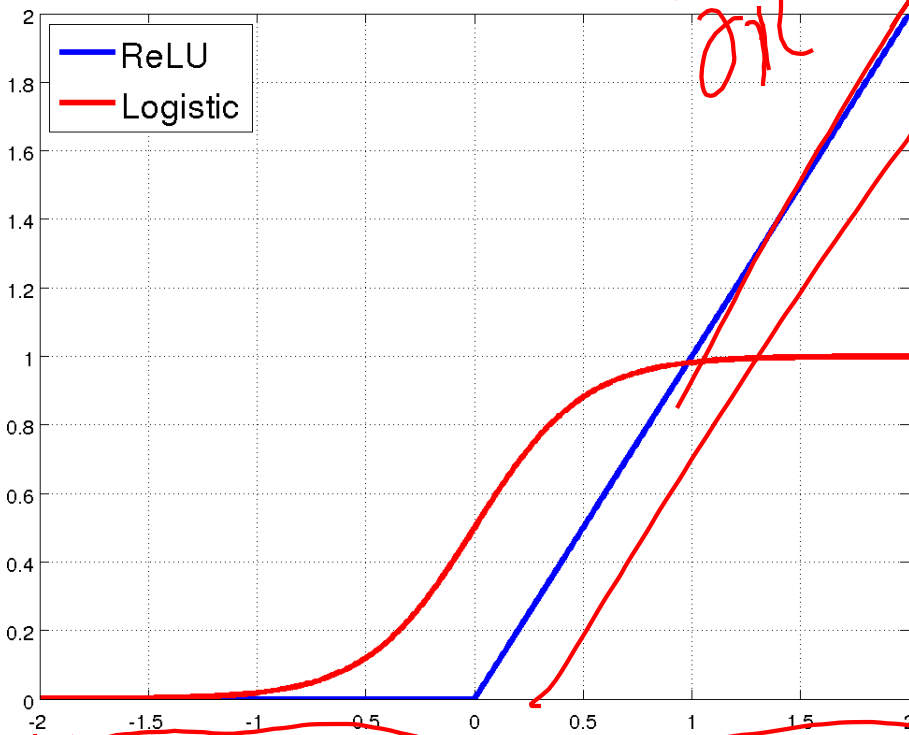


Fig. 4. (a) Not recommended: the standard logistic function, $f(x) = 1/(1 + e^{-x})$. (b) Hyperbolic tangent, $f(x) = 1.7159 \tanh(\frac{2}{3}x)$.

Rectified Linear Units (ReLU)



[Krizhevsky et al., NIPS12]

Plan for Today

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Optimization

Supervised Learning

- Input: x (images, text, emails...)
- Output: y (spam or non-spam...)
- (Unknown) Target Function
 - $f: X \rightarrow Y$ (the “true” mapping / reality)
- Data
 - $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_N, y_N)$

→ Linear → NN

- Model / Hypothesis Class
 - $\{h: X \rightarrow Y\}$
 - e.g. $y = h(x) = \text{sign}(w^T x)$

- Loss Function
 - How good is a model wrt my data D ?

→ hinge
→ softmax CE

- Learning = Search in hypothesis space
 - Find best h in model class.

Demo Time

- <https://playground.tensorflow.org>

Strategy: **Follow the slope**

$$\min_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w}, D) \leftarrow$$
$$\underline{L(\vec{w})} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i L_i(w)$$



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$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_d)}{\partial x_i} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_i+h, \dots, x_d) - f(x_1, \dots, x_d)}{h}$$

$\nabla f = \left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d} \right]$ Gradient

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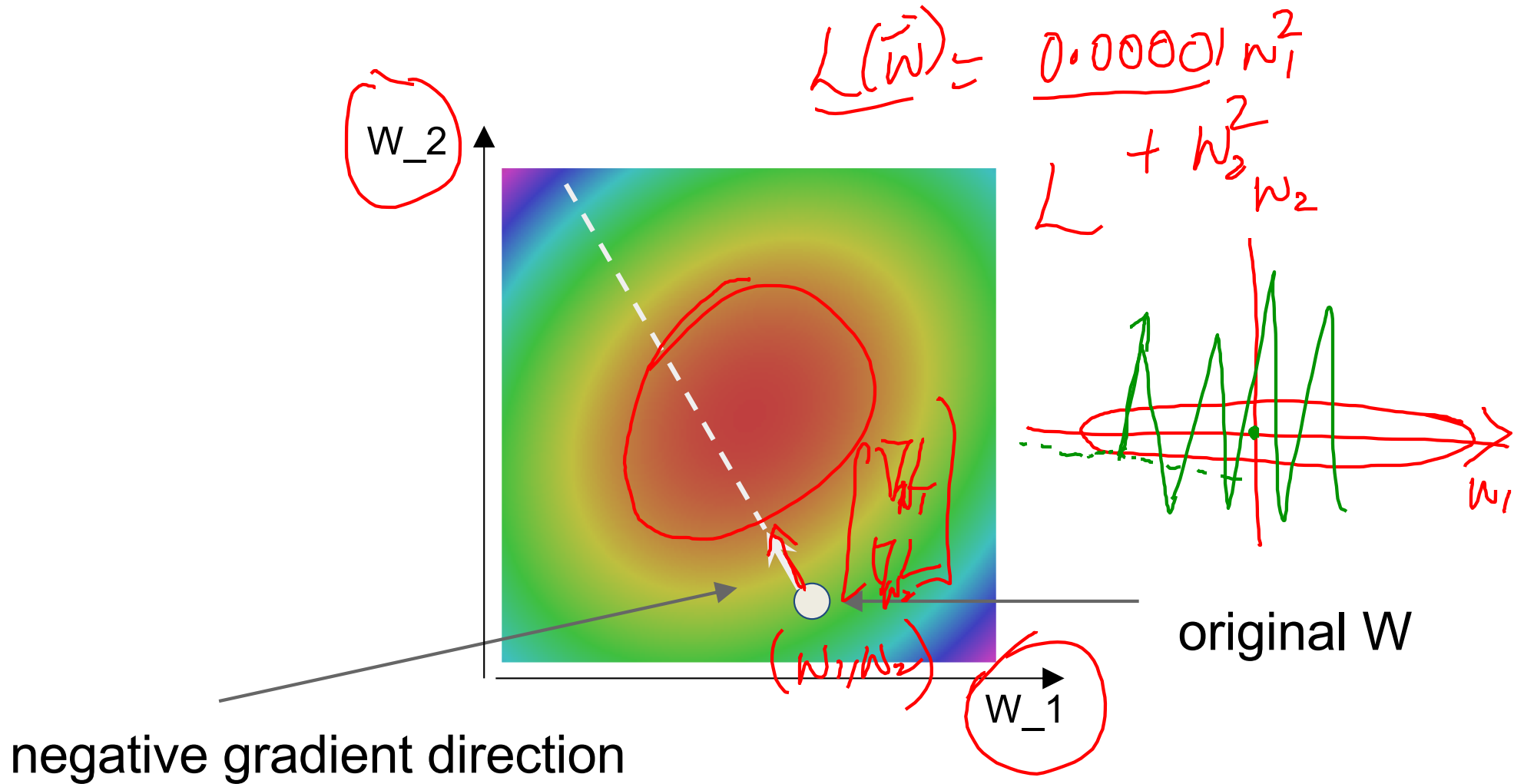
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In multiple dimensions, the **gradient** is the vector of (partial derivatives) along each dimension

The slope in any direction is the **dot product** of the direction with **the gradient**
The direction of steepest descent is the **negative gradient**

<http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/VisualizingTheGradientVector/>



$$\min_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w})$$

Gradient Descent

```
# Vanilla Gradient Descent
```

```
while True:
```

```
    weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)
```

```
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
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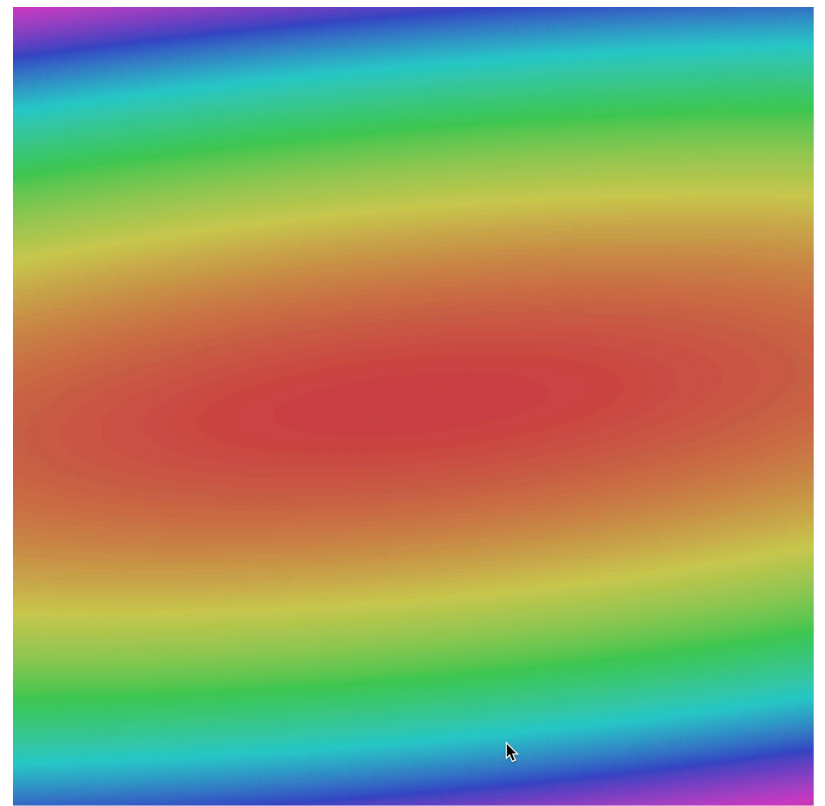
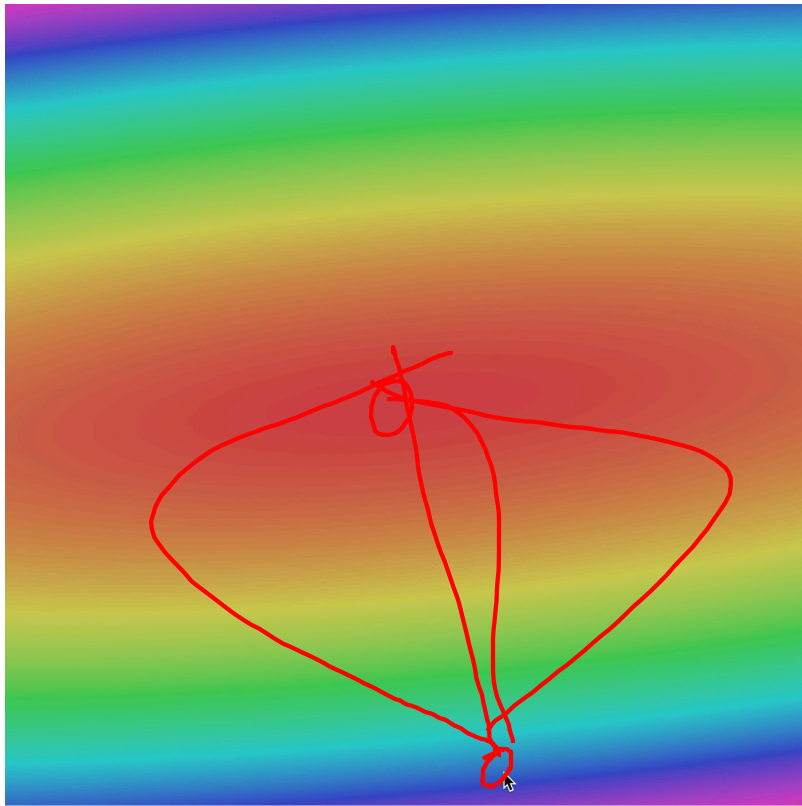
$\vec{w}^{(0)}$ = Initialize

for $t=1, \dots, \text{times}$

$$\vec{w}^{(t+1)} = \vec{w}^{(t)} - \eta \nabla_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w}^{(t)})$$

step-size / Learning rate

0.001



Gradient Descent has a problem

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    data_batch = sample_training_data(data, 256) # sample 256 examples
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$N = 1000$

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\approx mean-over- $B(\cdot)$

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$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i(x_i, y_i, W) \approx \mathbb{E}_{x, y \sim p^*} [L(w, x, y)]$$
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The diagram illustrates the relationship between the empirical loss function and its stochastic gradient. The first equation shows the loss function $L(W)$ as the average of individual loss functions $L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$ over N samples. This is approximated by the expected value of the loss function $L(w, x, y)$ over the data distribution p^* . The second equation shows the gradient of the loss function $\nabla_W L(W)$ as the average of the gradients of the individual loss functions $\nabla_W L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$. This is approximated by the expected value of the gradient of the loss function $\nabla_w L(w, x, y)$ over the data distribution p^* . Red handwritten annotations highlight the approximation symbols and the expected value notation. Green arrows indicate the flow of information from the empirical loss to the expected loss and from the empirical gradient to the expected gradient. A red box labeled 'B' is also present at the bottom left.

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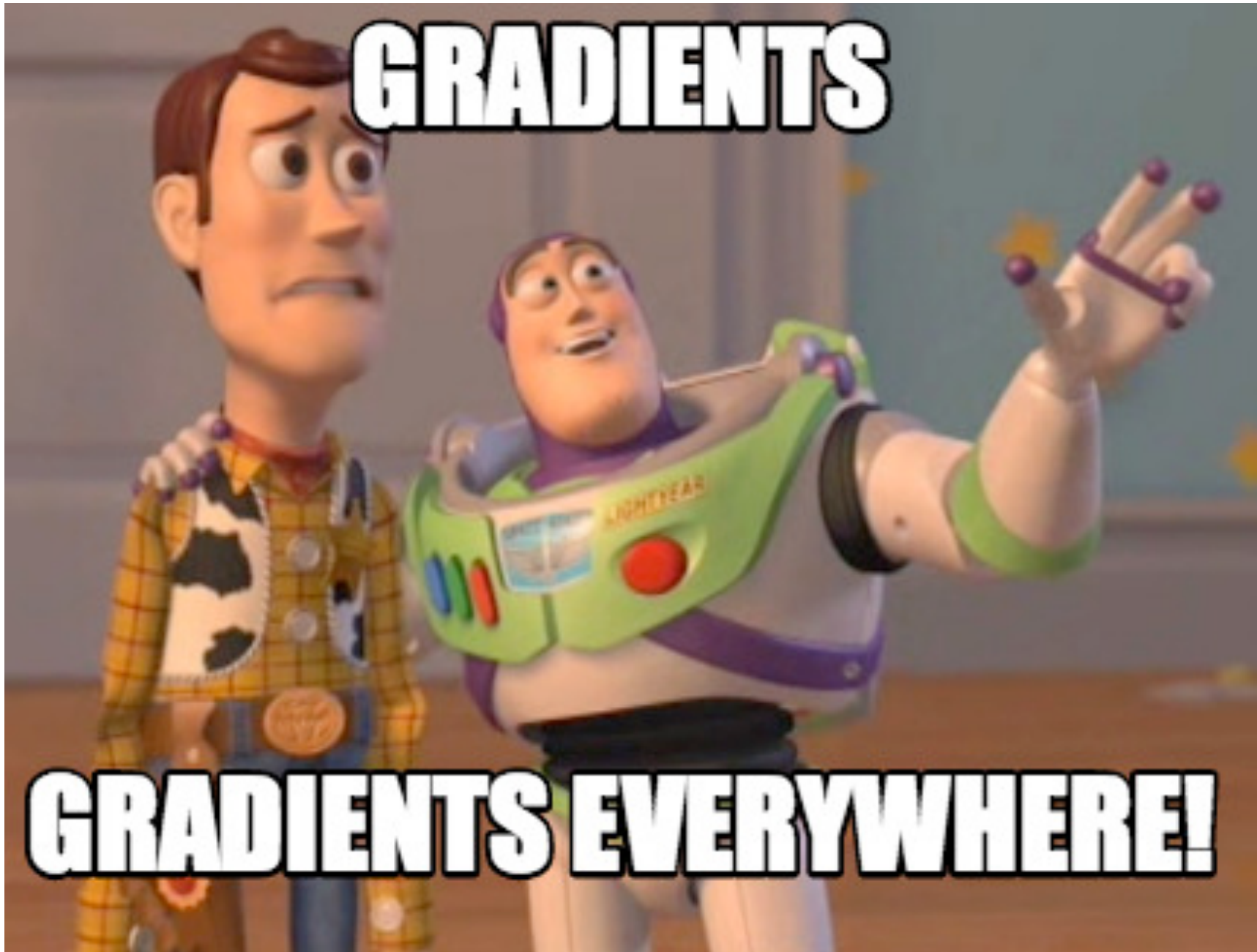
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How do we compute gradients?

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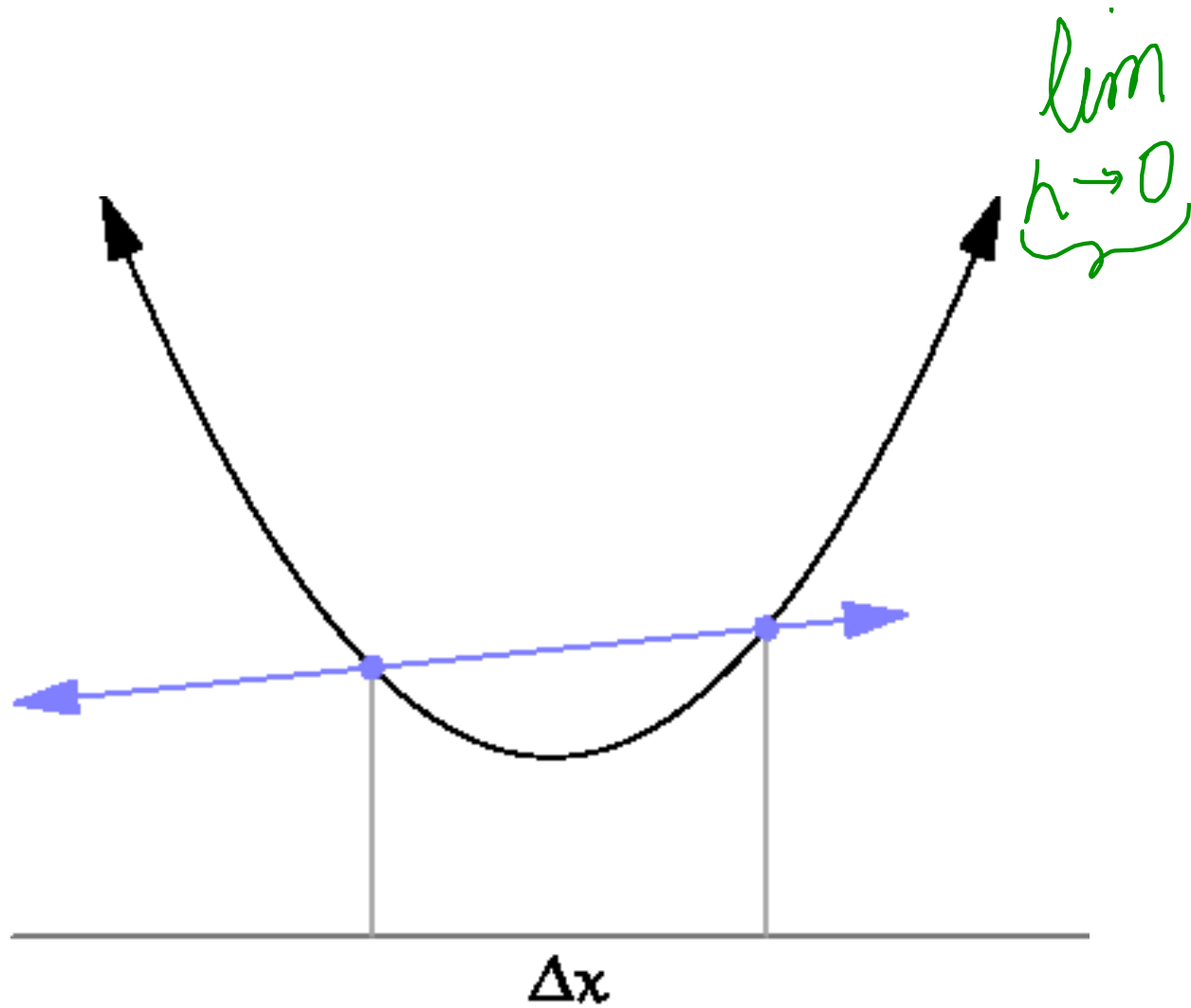
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current W:

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33, ...]

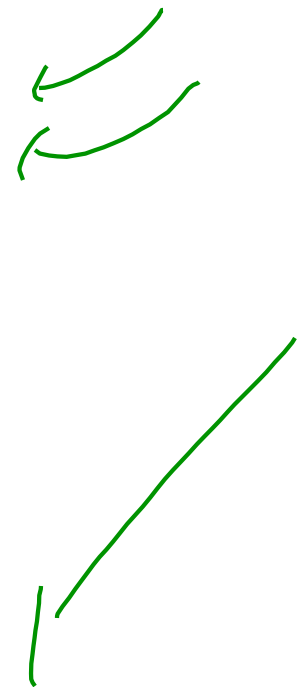
loss 1.25347

$h(w)$

$$\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} \dots \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_f} \right)$$

gradient dW:

[?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?, ...]



current W:

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

$L(\vec{w})$

W + h (first dim):

[0.34 + **0.0001**,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25322

$L(\vec{w}_1 + h, \vec{w}_2 - h)$

gradient dW:

[?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,...]

current W:

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

W + h (first dim):

[0.34 + **0.0001**,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25322

gradient dW:

[-2.5,
?,
?,

$$(1.25322 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = -2.5$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,
?,...]

current W:

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

W + h (second dim):

[0.34,
-1.11 + 0.0001,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25353

gradient dW:

[-2.5,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,...]

current W:

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

W + h (second dim):

[0.34,
-1.11 + **0.0001**,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25353

gradient dW:

[-2.5,
0.6,
?,
?,

$$(1.25353 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = 0.6$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,...]

current W:

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

W + h (third dim):

[0.34,
-1.11,
0.78 + **0.0001**,
0.12,
0.55,
2.81,
-3.1,
-1.5,
0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

gradient dW:

[-2.5,
0.6,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,
?,...]

current W:

[0.34,
 -1.11,
 0.78,
 0.12,
 0.55,
 2.81,
 -3.1,
 -1.5,
 0.33,...]

d

loss 1.25347

W + h (third dim):

[0.34,
 -1.11,
 0.78 + **0.0001**,
 0.12,
 0.55,
 2.81,
 -3.1,
 -1.5,
 0.33,...]

loss 1.25347

2x L(W)

gradient dW:

[-2.5,
 0.6,
0,
 ?,
 ?

$$(1.25347 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = 0$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

2d L(W)

Numerical vs Analytic Gradients

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Numerical gradient: slow :(), approximate :(), easy to write :)
Analytic gradient: fast :), exact :), error-prone :(

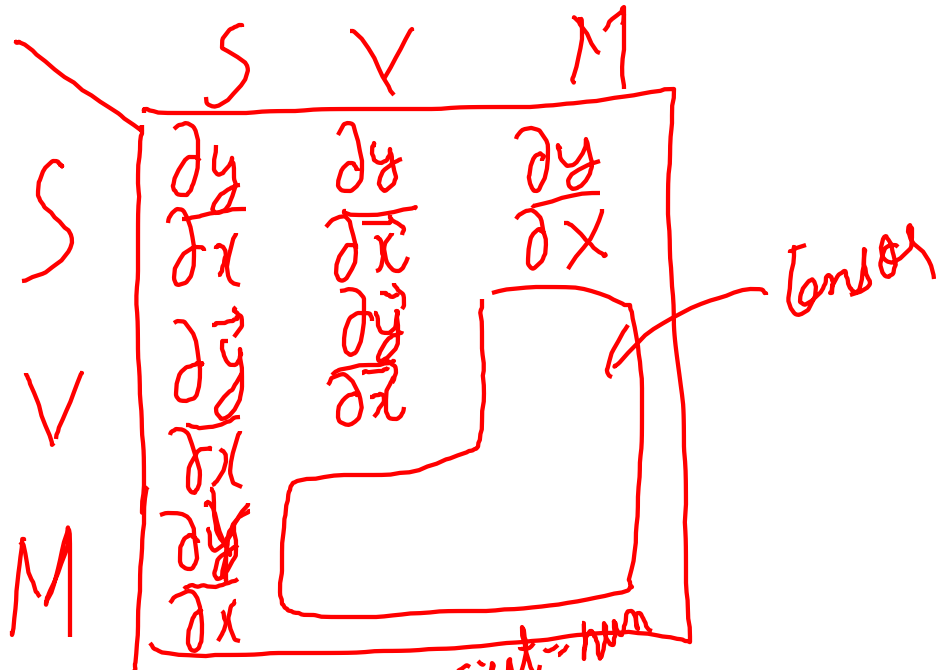
In practice: Derive analytic gradient, check your implementation with numerical gradient.

This is called a **gradient check**.

How do we compute gradients?

- Analytic or “Manual” Differentiation
- Symbolic Differentiation
- Numerical Differentiation
- Automatic Differentiation
 - Forward mode AD
 - Reverse mode AD
 - aka “backprop”

Vector/Matrix Derivatives Notation



$$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_c}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix} \quad c \times 1$$

num = dim 1

$$\text{num} = \text{dim } 1 = \text{col}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \vec{x}} = \left[\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_d} \right]$$

[C-gradient] →

Vector/Matrix Derivatives Notation

$$\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial x_d} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix is annotated with a vertical arrow on the left labeled i , a horizontal arrow at the top labeled j , and a small d at the top right. A large bracket on the right side is labeled $c \times d$.

Vector Derivative Example

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = \vec{w}^T \vec{x}$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^d w_i x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \vec{x}} = \left[\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_d} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial (\sum w_i x_i)}{\partial x_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial (\vec{w}^T \vec{x})}{\partial \vec{x}}$$

$$\left[w_1 \quad \dots \quad w_d \right]$$

\vec{w}^T

Vector Derivative Example

$$\frac{\partial (w^T A \vec{x})}{\partial \vec{w}} = 2w^T A$$

$$y_i = \sum_j a_{ij} x_j$$

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^c$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{c \times d}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{y} \end{bmatrix} = A \vec{x}$$

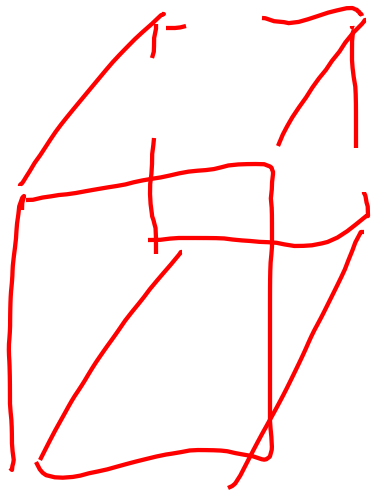
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \right] = a_{ij}$$

Extension to Tensors

$$X \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \dots d_m}$$

$$Y \in \mathbb{R}^{c_1 \dots c_n}$$



$$y\text{-vec} = Y(:, :)$$

$$x\text{-vec} = X(:, :)$$

$$\frac{\partial Y [i_1 \dots i_n]}{\partial X [j_1 \dots j_m]}$$

$$\frac{\partial y\text{-vec}}{\partial x\text{-vec}} = \left[\right]$$

Chain Rule: Composite Functions

$$f(g(x)) = (f \circ g)(x)$$

$$L(w) = g_l \circ g_{l-1} \circ g_{l-2} \dots \circ g_1(w)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = (g_l \circ \dots \circ g_1)'(w)$$