

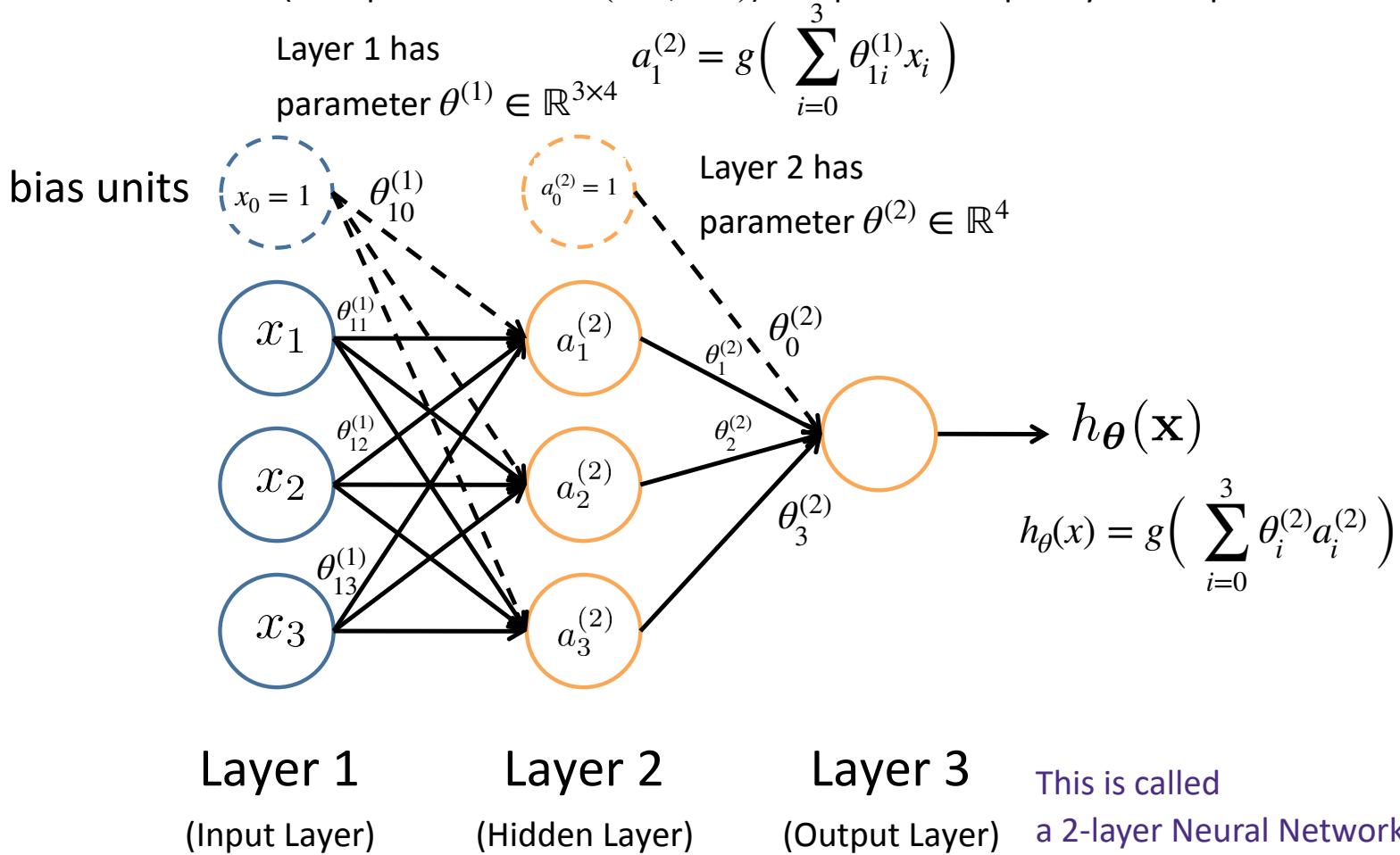
# Lecture 19: Neural Networks (continued)

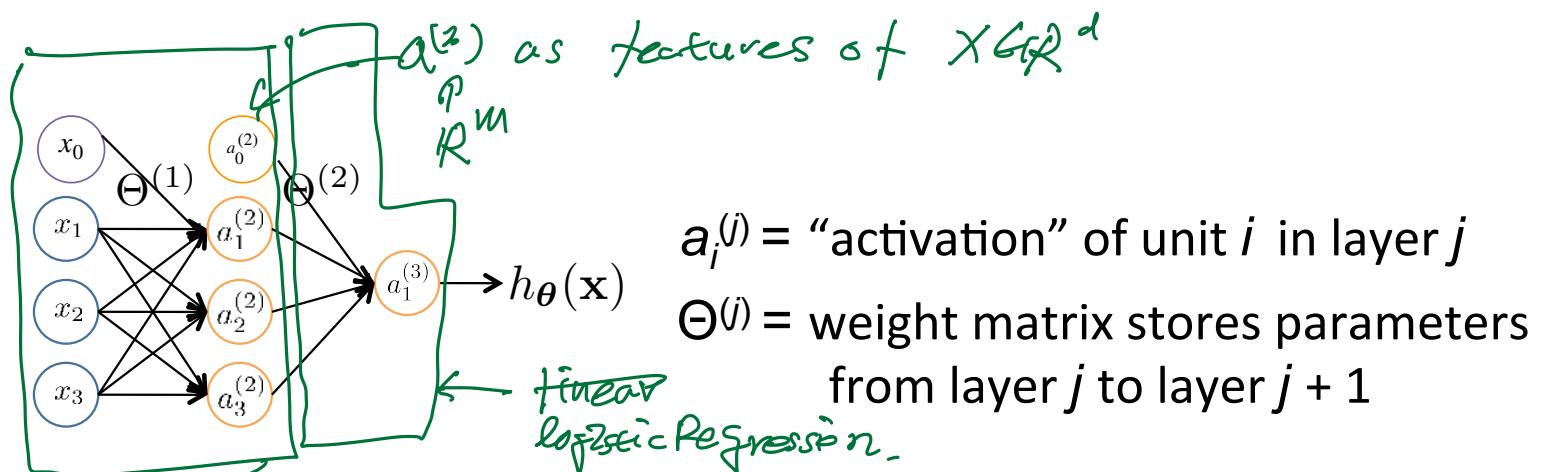
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<https://playground.tensorflow.org/>

# Neural Network composes simple functions to make complex functions

- Each layer performs simple operations
- Neural Network (with parameter  $\theta = (\theta^{(1)}, \theta^{(2)})$ ) composes multiple layers of operations





Representation learning.  $a_1^{(2)} = g(\Theta_{10}^{(1)}x_0 + \Theta_{11}^{(1)}x_1 + \Theta_{12}^{(1)}x_2 + \Theta_{13}^{(1)}x_3)$

$a_2^{(2)} = g(\Theta_{20}^{(1)}x_0 + \Theta_{21}^{(1)}x_1 + \Theta_{22}^{(1)}x_2 + \Theta_{23}^{(1)}x_3)$

$a_3^{(2)} = g(\Theta_{30}^{(1)}x_0 + \Theta_{31}^{(1)}x_1 + \Theta_{32}^{(1)}x_2 + \Theta_{33}^{(1)}x_3)$

$$h_\Theta(x) = a_1^{(3)} = g(\Theta_{10}^{(2)}a_0^{(2)} + \Theta_{11}^{(2)}a_1^{(2)} + \Theta_{12}^{(2)}a_2^{(2)} + \Theta_{13}^{(2)}a_3^{(2)})$$

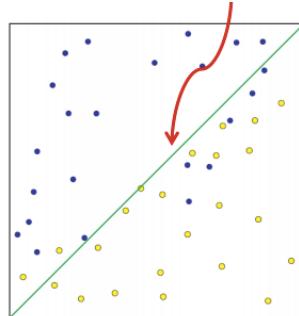
If network has  $s_j$  units in layer  $j$  and  $s_{j+1}$  units in layer  $j+1$ , then  $\Theta^{(j)}$  has dimension  $s_{j+1} \times (s_j + 1)$ .

$$\Theta^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 4} \quad \Theta^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 4}$$

# Example of 2-layer neural network in action

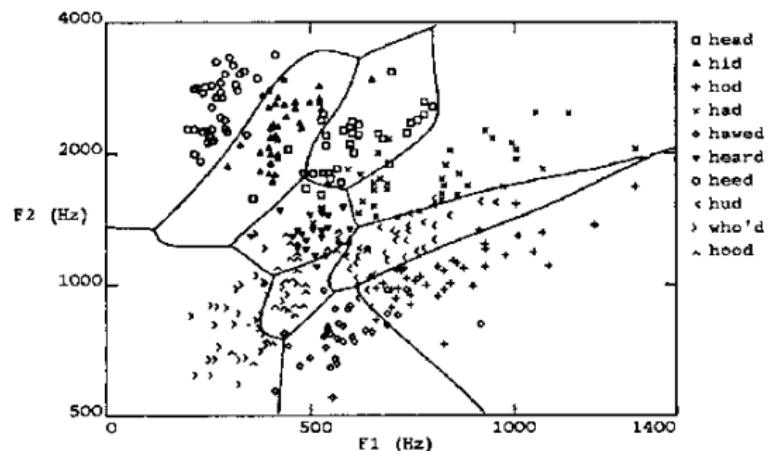
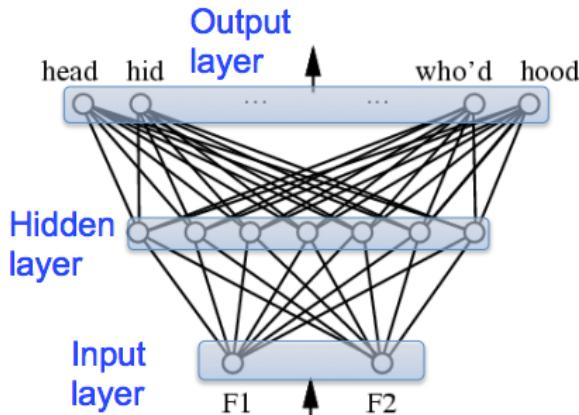
## Linear decision boundary

1-layer neural networks  
only represents linear classifiers



Example: 2-layer neural network trained to distinguish vowel sounds using 2 formants (features)

a highly non-linear decision boundary can be learned from 2-layer neural networks



# Neural Networks are arbitrary function approximators

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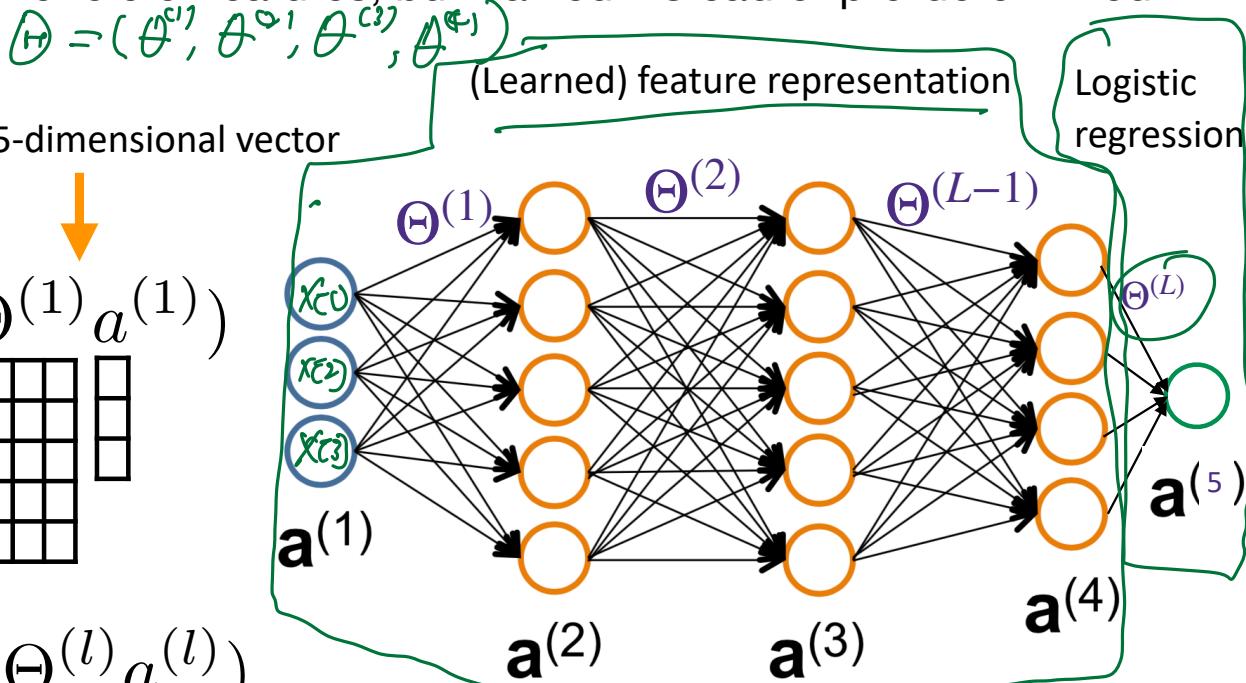
**Theorem 10** (Two-Layer Networks are Universal Function Approximators). *Let  $F$  be a continuous function on a bounded subset of  $D$ -dimensional space. Then there exists a two-layer neural network  $\hat{F}$  with a finite number of hidden units that approximate  $F$  arbitrarily well. Namely, for all  $x$  in the domain of  $F$ ,  $|F(x) - \hat{F}(x)| < \epsilon$ .*

Cybenko, Hornik (theorem reproduced from CML, Ch. 10)

But Deep Neural Networks have many powerful properties not yet understood theoretically.

# Multi-layer Neural Network - Binary Classification in $\{0,1\}$

$L$ -th layer plays the role of features, but trained instead of pre-determined



This is a 5-dimensional vector

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(\Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)})$$

Scalar function  $g$   
is applied  
coordinate-wise

$$\vdots$$
  
$$a^{(l+1)} = g(\Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)})$$
  
$$\vdots$$

$$\hat{y} = g(\Theta^{(L)} a^{(L)})$$

Cross entropy loss:

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

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

Binary Logistic Regression  
with learned feature  $a^{(4)}$

# Multi-layer Neural Network - Binary Classification

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

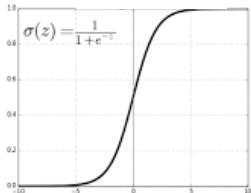
$$a^{(2)} = \sigma(\Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)})$$

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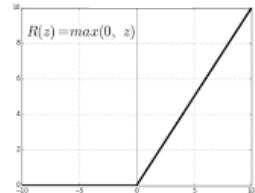
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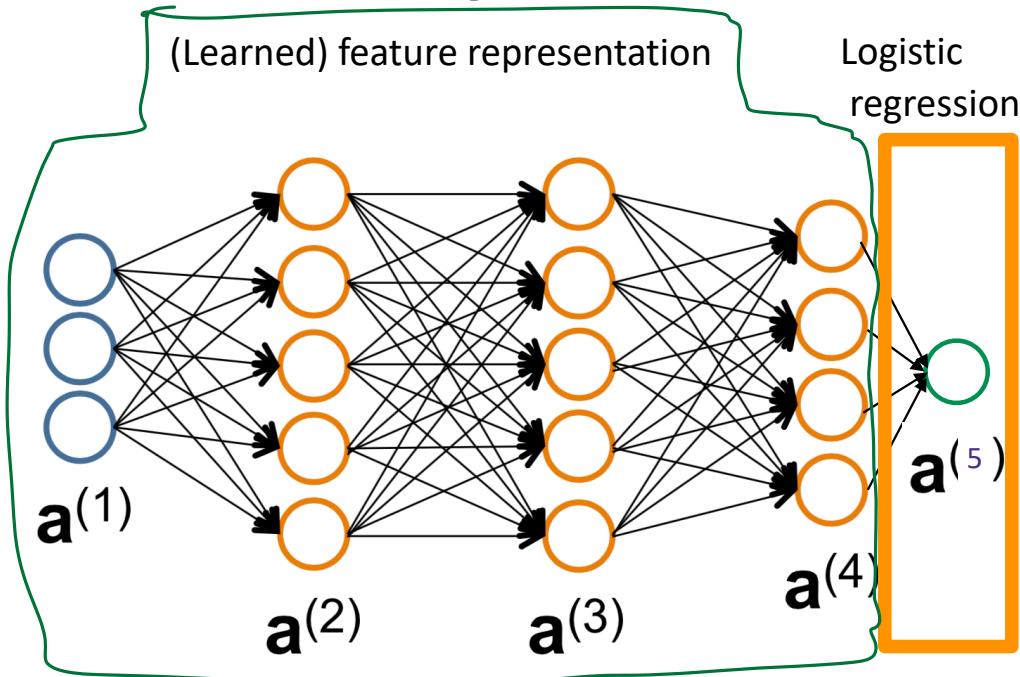
Sigmoid



ReLU



- Why is ReLU better than sigmoid?



Cross entropy loss:

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

$$\sigma(z) = \max\{0, z\} \quad g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

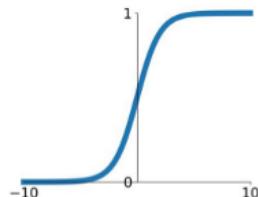
Binary  
Logistic  
Regression

# Nonlinear activation function

- popular choices of activation function includes

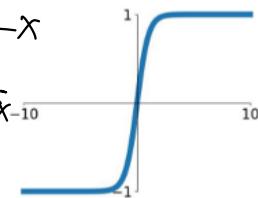
**Sigmoid**

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



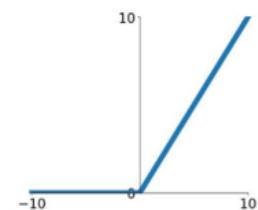
**tanh**

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

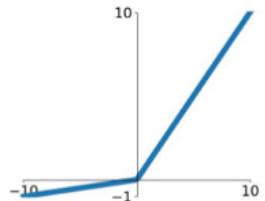


**ReLU**

$$\max(0, x)$$

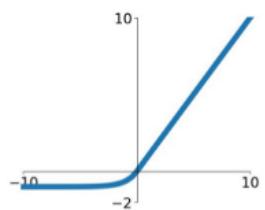


**Leaky ReLU**  
 $\max(0.1x, x)$



**ELU**

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



- Why is ReLU better than Sigmoid?
- Why is ELU better than ReLU?

# K-class Classification: multiple output units



Pedestrian



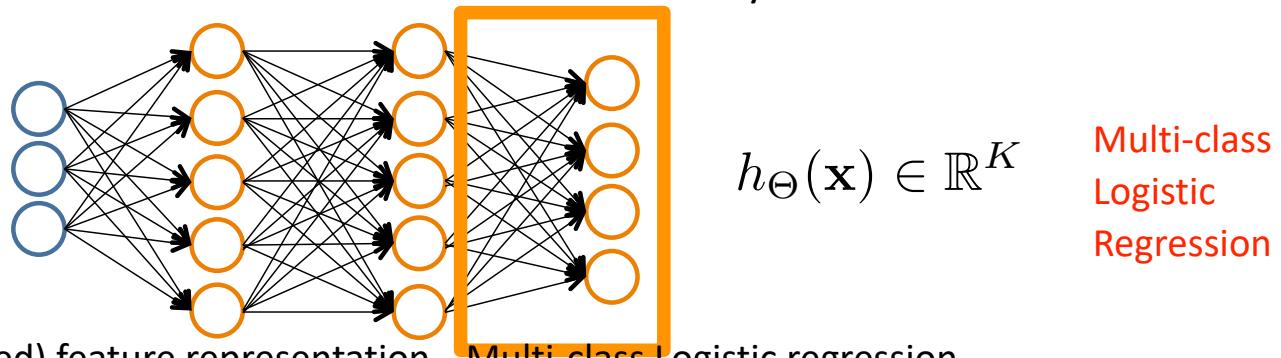
Car



Motorcycle



Truck



We want:

$$h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

when pedestrian

$$h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

when car

$$h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

when motorcycle

$$h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

when truck

Multi-class  
Logistic  
Regression

# Multi-layer Neural Network - Regression

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$a^{(2)} = \sigma(\Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)})$$

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$$a^{(l+1)} = \sigma(\Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)})$$

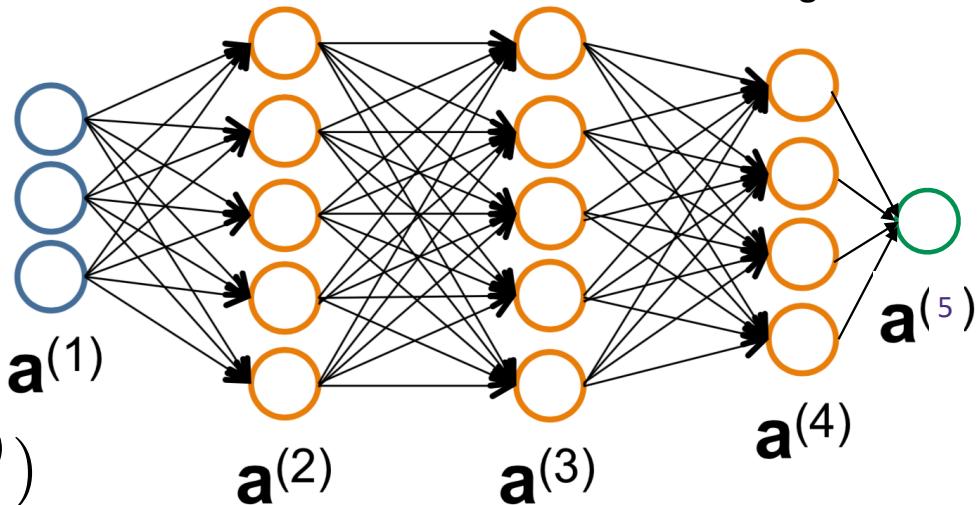
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$$\hat{y} = \Theta^{(L)} a^{(L)}$$

Linear model

(Learned) feature representation

Logistic regression



Square loss:

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$\sigma(z) = \max\{0, z\}$$

# Questions?

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# Training Neural Networks

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$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$\underline{z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

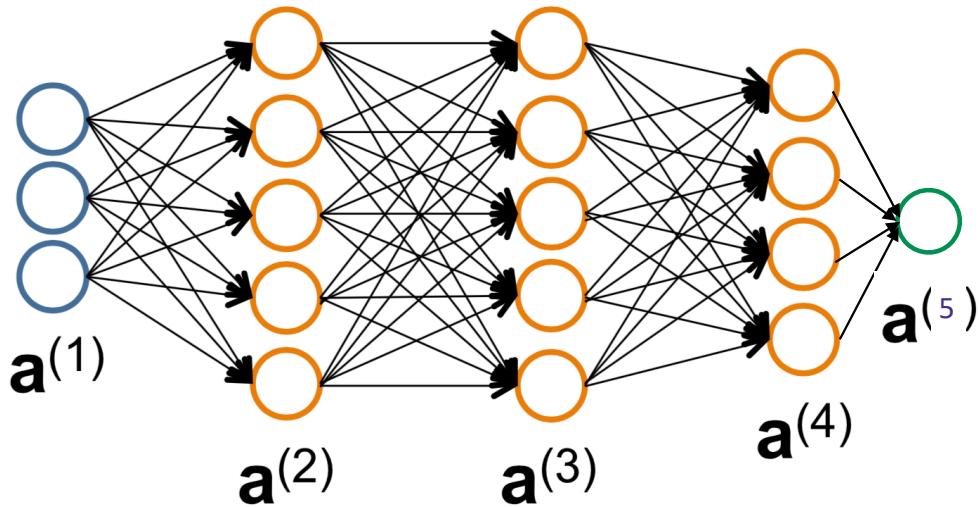
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$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g(z^{(l+1)})$$

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$$\hat{y} = g(\Theta^{(L)} a^{(L)})$$



$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

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

Gradient Descent:  $\Theta^{(l)} \leftarrow \Theta^{(l)} - \eta \nabla_{\Theta^{(l)}} L(y, \hat{y}) \quad \forall l$

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Seems simple enough, what do packages like PyTorch, Tensorflow, Theano, Cafe, MxNet provide?

1. Automatic differentiation
  1. Given a NN, compute the gradient automatically
  2. Compute the gradient efficiently
2. Convenient libraries
  1. Set-up NN
  2. Choose algorithms (SGD, Adam, etc.) for Training
  3. Hyper-parameter Tuning
3. GPU support
  1. Linear algebraic operations

## Gradient Descent:

Seems simple enough,  
Theano, Cafe, MxNet

### 1. Automatic differentiation

### 2. Convenient libraries

```
class Net(nn.Module):

    def __init__(self):
        super(Net, self).__init__()
        # 1 input image channel, 6 output channels, 3x3 square convolution
        # kernel
        self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 6, 3)
        self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(6, 16, 3)
        # an affine operation: y = Wx + b
        self.fc1 = nn.Linear(16 * 6 * 6, 120)  # 6*6 from image dimension
        self.fc2 = nn.Linear(120, 84)
        self.fc3 = nn.Linear(84, 10)

    def forward(self, x):
        # Max pooling over a (2, 2) window
        x = F.max_pool2d(F.relu(self.conv1(x)), (2, 2))
        # If the size is a square you can only specify a single number
        x = F.max_pool2d(F.relu(self.conv2(x)), 2)
        x = x.view(-1, self.num_flat_features(x))
        x = F.relu(self.fc1(x))
        x = F.relu(self.fc2(x))
        x = self.fc3(x)
        return x
```

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# create your optimizer
optimizer = optim.SGD(net.parameters(), lr=0.01)

# in your training loop:
optimizer.zero_grad()    # zero the gradient buffers
output = net(input)
loss = criterion(output, target)
loss.backward()
optimizer.step()          # Does the update
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# Common training issues

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## Neural networks are **non-convex**

- For large networks, **gradients** can **blow up** or **go to zero**. This can be helped by **batchnorm** or **ResNet** architecture
- **Stepsize** and **batchsize** have large impact on optimizing the training error *and* generalization performance
- Fancier alternatives to SGD (Adagrad, Adam, LAMB, etc.) can significantly improve training
- Overfitting is common and not undesirable: typical to achieve 100% training accuracy even if test accuracy is just 80%
- Making the network *bigger* may make training *faster!*
- Start from a code that someone else has tried and tested

# Common training issues

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Training is too slow:

- Use larger step sizes, develop step size reduction schedule
- Use GPU resources
- Change batch size
- Use momentum and more advanced optimizers (e.g., Adam)
- Apply batch normalization
- Make network larger or smaller (# layers, # filters per layer, etc.)

Test accuracy is low

- Try modifying all of the above, plus changing other hyperparameters

# Questions?

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# Back Propagation

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# Forward Propagation

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

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$$a^{(l)} = g(z^{(l)})$$

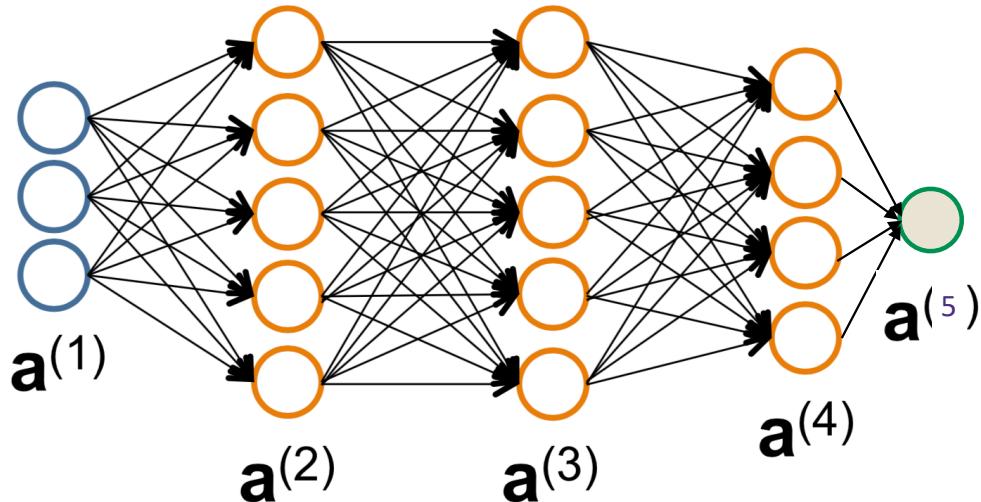
$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g(z^{(l+1)})$$

⋮

$$\hat{y} = a^{(L+1)}$$

- We are not writing the intercept at each layer for simplicity
- To compute gradients, we first run forward pass to get the intermediate representations  $\{a^{(2)}, \dots, a^{(L)}\}$



$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

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

# Backprop

$$a^{(1)} = x \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

⋮

$$a^{(l)} = g(z^{(l)})$$

$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g(z^{(l+1)})$$

⋮

$$\hat{y} = a^{(L+1)}$$

- Parameters:  $\Theta^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}, \Theta^{(2)}, \dots, \Theta^{(L-1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$
- Naive implementation takes  $O(L^2)$  time, as each layer requires a full forward pass (with  $O(L)$  operations) and some backward pass
- Backprop requires only  $O(L)$  operations

**Train by Stochastic Gradient Descent:**

$$\Theta_{i,j}^{(l)} \leftarrow \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)} - \eta \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}}$$

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

# Backprop

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

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$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

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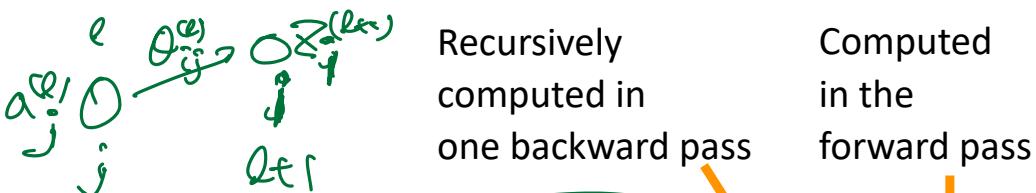
$$a^{(l)} = g(z^{(l)})$$

$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g(z^{(l+1)})$$

⋮

$$\hat{y} = a^{(L+1)}$$



• Chain rule with  $z_i^{(\ell+1)} = \Theta_{i,j}^{(\ell)} a_j^{(\ell)}$

$$\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} =: \delta_i^{(l+1)} \cdot a_j^{(l)}$$

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$$\delta_i^{(l+1)} \triangleq \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}$$

# Backprop

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

$$a^{(l)} = q(z^{(l)})$$

$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$\hat{y} = a^{(L+1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} =: \delta_i^{(l+1)} \cdot a_j^{(l)}$$

chain rule

$$\underline{\delta_i^{(l)}} \triangleq \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l)}} = \sum_k \underbrace{\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_k^{(l+1)}}}_{\triangleq \delta_k^{(\ell+1)}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial z_k^{(l+1)}}{\partial z_i^{(l)}}}_{\Theta_{k,i}^{(l)} g'(z_i^{(l)})}$$

$$z_k^{(\ell+1)} = \sum_{i=1}^m \Theta_{k,i}^{(l)} g(z_i^{(l)})$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} \cdot g(z^{(l)})$$

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

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

$$\delta_i^{(l+1)} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}$$

# Backprop

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$$\begin{aligned}\boxed{\delta_i^{(l)}} &= \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l)}} = \sum_k \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_k^{(l+1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_k^{(l+1)}}{\partial z_i^{(l)}} \\ &= \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} \cdot \Theta_{k,i}^{(l)} \underbrace{g'(z_i^{(l)})}_{\text{Computed in the forward pass}} \\ &= \boxed{a_i^{(l)}(1 - a_i^{(l)})} \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} \cdot \underline{\Theta_{k,i}^{(l)}}\end{aligned}$$

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y})$$

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

$$\delta_i^{(l+1)} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}$$

$$g'(z) = g(z)(1 - g(z))$$

# Backprop

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

⋮

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$$\delta_i^{(l)} = a_i^{(l)}(1 - a_i^{(l)}) \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} \cdot \Theta_{k,i}^{(l)}$$

- We can recursively compute all  $\delta^{(\ell)}$ 's in a single backward pass
- And compute all gradients via

$$\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} =: \delta_i^{(l+1)} \cdot a_j^{(l)}$$

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# Backprop

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

⋮

$$a^{(l)} = g(z^{(l)})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_i^{(L+1)} &= \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(L+1)}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i^{(L+1)}} [y \log(g(z^{(L+1)})) + (1-y)\log(1-g(z^{(L+1)}))] \\ &= \frac{y}{g(z^{(L+1)})} g'(z^{(L+1)}) - \frac{1-y}{1-g(z^{(L+1)})} g'(z^{(L+1)}) \\ &= y - g(z^{(L+1)}) = y - a^{(L+1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g(z^{(l+1)})$$

⋮

$$\begin{aligned}a^{(L+1)} &= g(z^{(L+1)}) \\ \hat{y} &= a^{(L+1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} =: \delta_i^{(l+1)} \cdot a_j^{(l)}$$

$$\delta_i^{(l)} = a_i^{(l)}(1 - a_i^{(l)}) \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} \cdot \Theta_{k,i}^{(l)}$$

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = y \log(\hat{y}) + (1-y)\log(1-\hat{y})$$

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \quad \delta_i^{(l+1)} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}$$

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# Backprop

Recursive Algorithm!

$$a^{(1)} = x$$

$$z^{(2)} = \Theta^{(1)} a^{(1)}$$

$$a^{(2)} = g(z^{(2)})$$

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$$a^{(l)} = g(z^{(l)})$$

$$z^{(l+1)} = \Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)}$$

$$a^{(l+1)} = g(z^{(l+1)})$$

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$$\hat{y} = a^{(L+1)}$$

$$\delta^{(L+1)} = y - a^{(L+1)}$$

$$\delta_i^{(l)} = a_i^{(l)}(1 - a_i^{(l)}) \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} \cdot \Theta_{k,i}^{(l)}$$

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# Backpropagation

Set  $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = 0 \quad \forall l, i, j$  (Used to accumulate gradient)

For each training instance  $(x_k, y_k)$

Set  $\mathbf{a}^{(1)} = x_k$

Compute  $\{\mathbf{a}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{a}^{(L)}\}$  via forward propagation

Compute  $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(L)} = \mathbf{a}^{(L)} - y_k$

Compute errors  $\{\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(L-1)}, \dots, \boldsymbol{\delta}^{(2)}\}$

Compute gradients  $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = \Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}$

Compute avg regularized gradient  $D_{ij}^{(l)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} \Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + \lambda \Theta_{ij}^{(l)} & \text{if } j \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{n} \Delta_{ij}^{(l)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Intercept do not have regularizer

Average loss +  $\ell_2$  regularizer

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n L(y_k, \hat{y}) + \lambda \|\Theta\|_2^2$$

# Questions?

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