

Bootstrap

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Estimating the test error

So far, use **k-fold cross validation**. Some important limitations:

- What if you have a small dataset, e.g., 25 samples?
 - 80/20 split: only get to train each model on 20 samples.
 - Each model may underestimate error.
 - 5 samples in validation set.
 - Test error is informative, but how accurate is this number? (e.g., 1/5 correct vs. 13/50)
- Instead of the error for the entire dataset, what if I want to study the error for a *particular example* x ?

Bootstrap

Developed by Efron in 1979

How do I get confidence intervals on other statistics?

- A statistic is *any function of your dataset*.
 - Average house price (\bar{y}). Average square footage (\bar{x}_i).
 - Median or variance.
 - Average prediction error: $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$
 - Prediction on a specific data point: \hat{y}_i .
 - Prediction error on a specific data point ($y_i - \hat{y}_i$).
 - Eigenvalues of $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}$.

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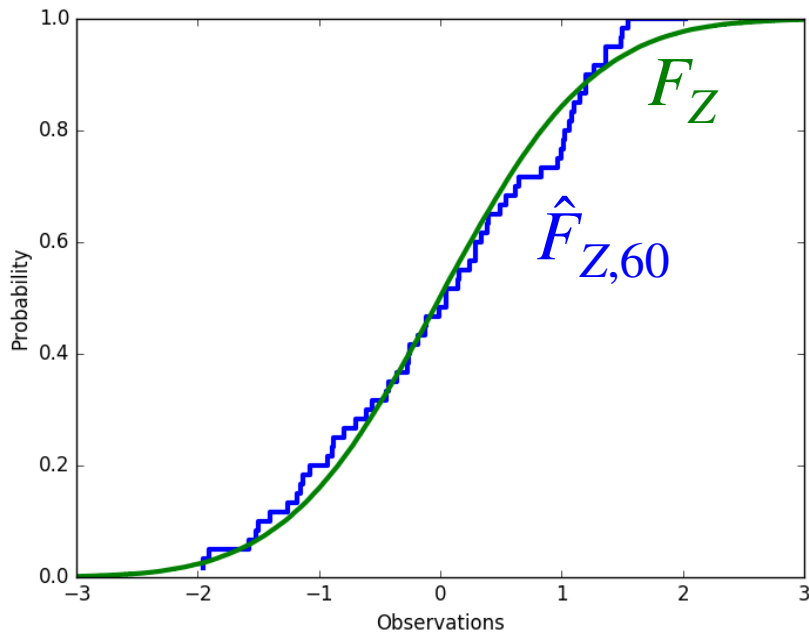
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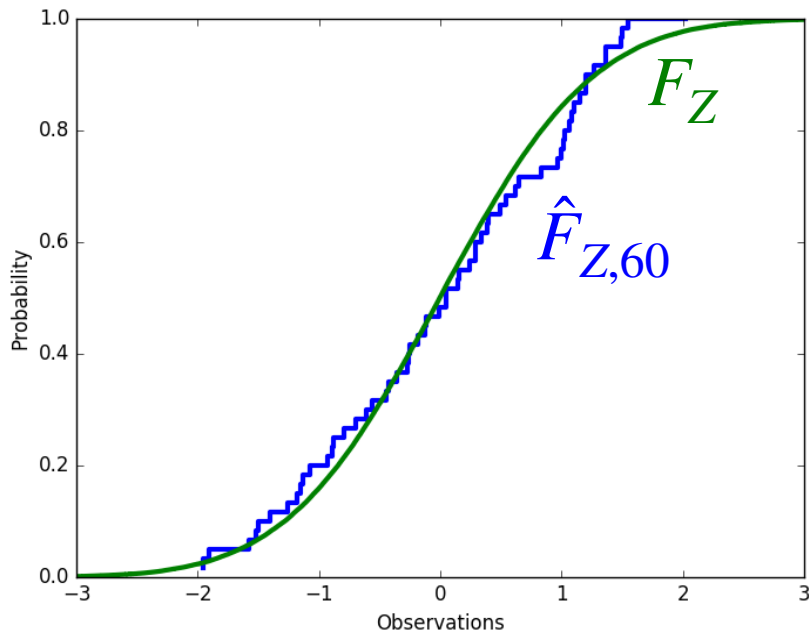
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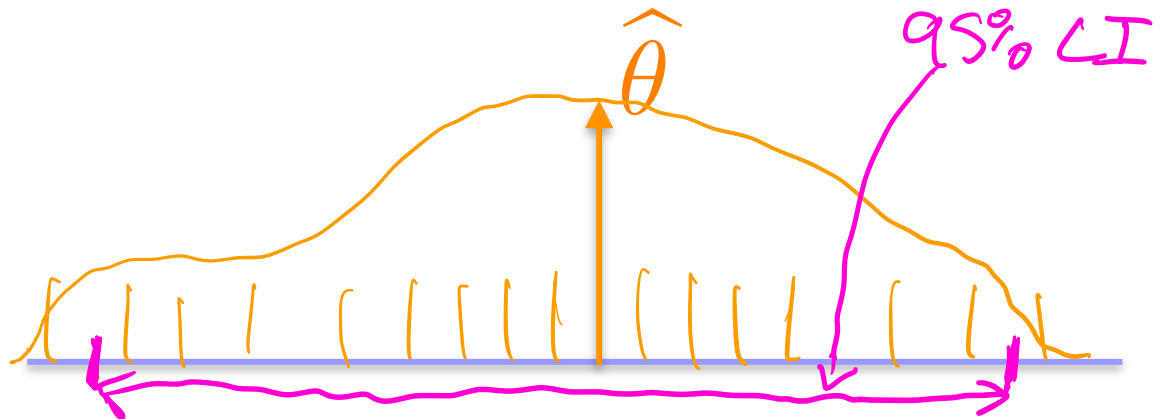
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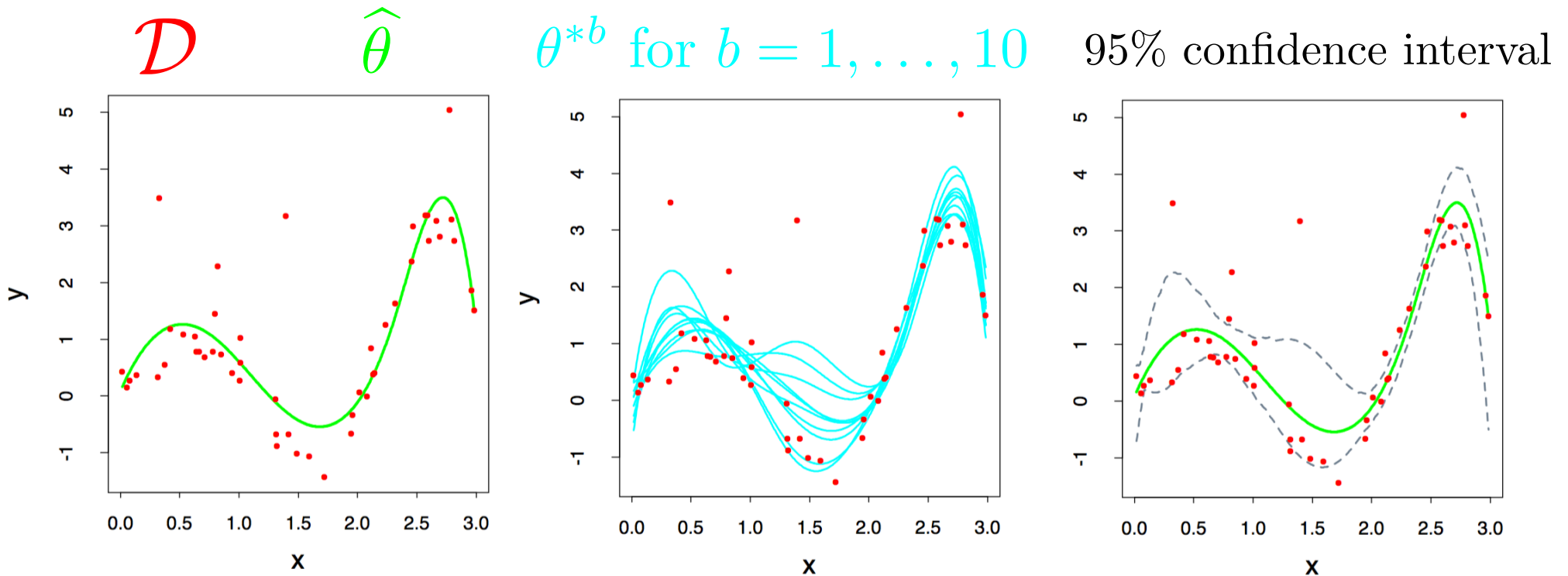
$$\sup_x |\hat{F}_n(x) - F(x)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$



Applications

Common applications of the bootstrap:

- Estimate parameters that escape simple analysis, like the variance or median of an estimate.
- Confidence intervals.
- Estimates of error for a particular example:



Figures from Hastie et al

Takeaways

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Disadvantages:

- Very few meaningful finite-sample guarantees .
- Potentially **computationally intensive**.
- Reliability relies on test statistic and rate of convergence of empirical CDF to true CDF, which is unknown.
- Poor performance on “extreme statistics” (e.g., the max).

Not perfect, but better than nothing.

Risk prediction w/ logistic regression

- Boss gives you a bunch of data on loans defaulting or not:

$$\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n \quad x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad y_i \in \{-1, 1\}$$

- You model the data as: $P(Y = y|x, w) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y w^T x)}$

- Compute the maximum likelihood estimator:

$$\hat{w}_{MLE} = \arg \max_w \prod_{i=1}^n P(y_i|x_i, w)$$

- For a new loan application x , boss recommends to give loan if your model says they will repay it with probability $\geq .95$ (i.e. low risk):

$$\text{Give loan to } x \text{ if } \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\hat{w}_{MLE}^T x)} \geq .95$$

- One year later only half of loans are paid back and the bank folds. What might have happened?

How would you use the bootstrap to do this differently?

Questions?

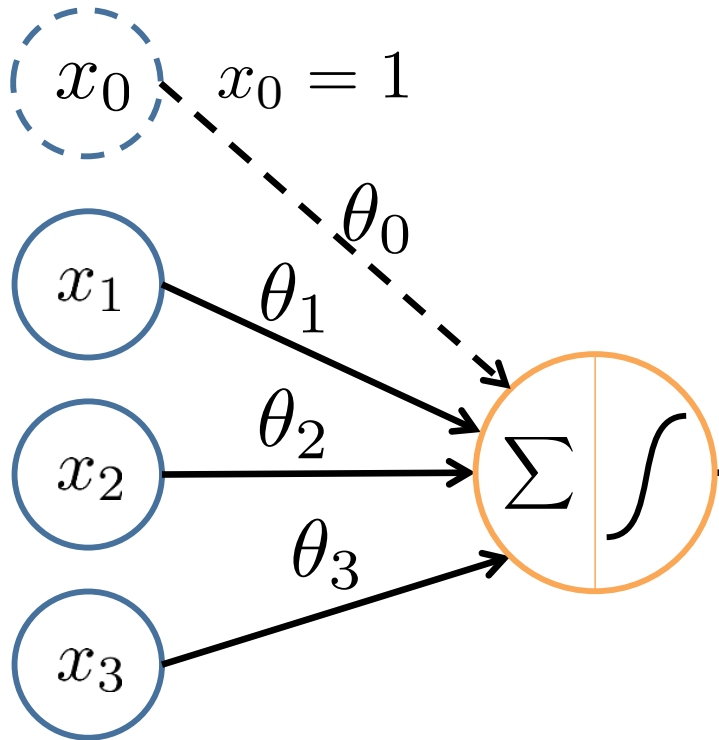
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Single Node

“bias unit”



$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \theta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\boldsymbol{\theta}^T \mathbf{x}}}$$

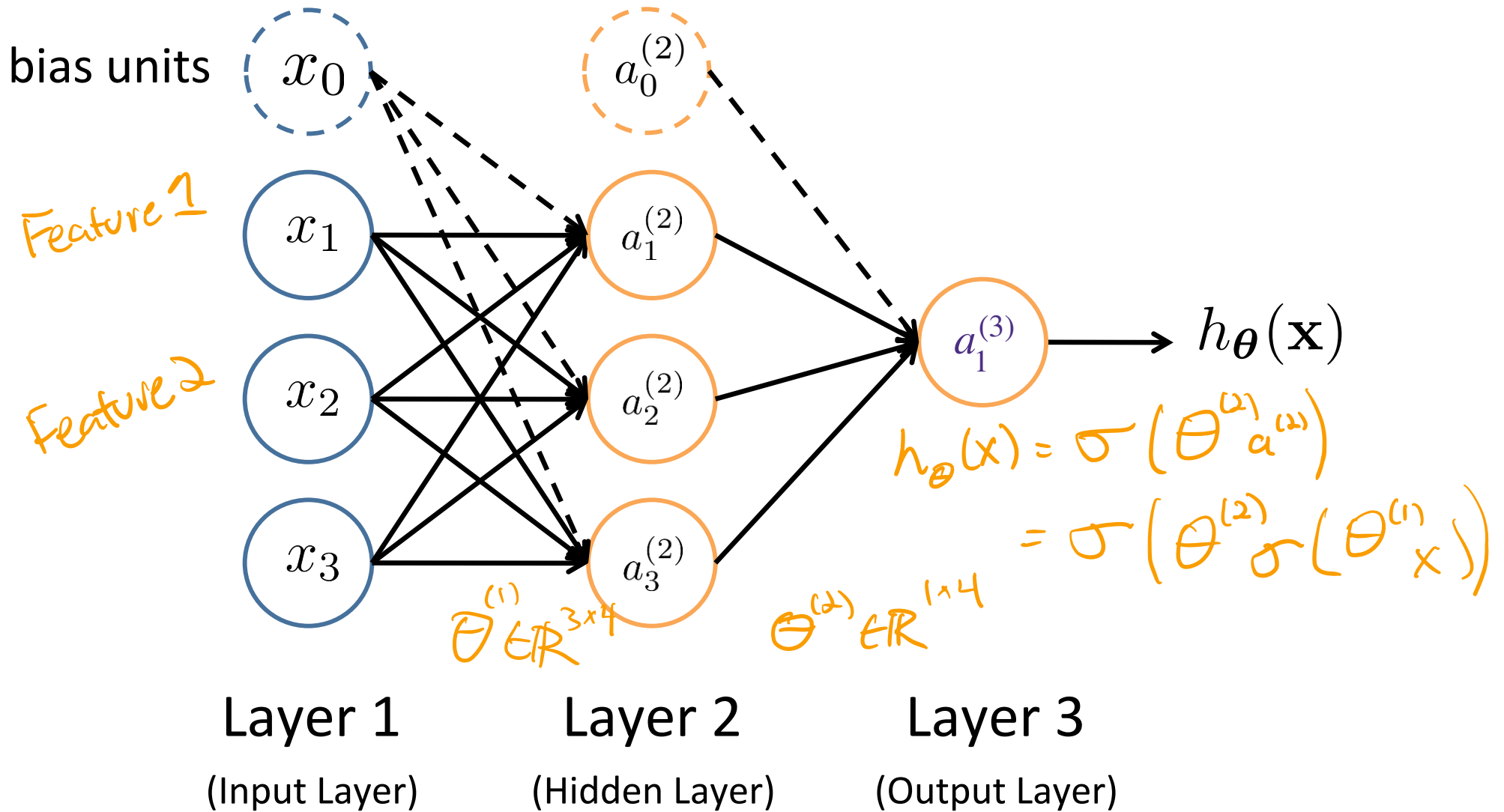
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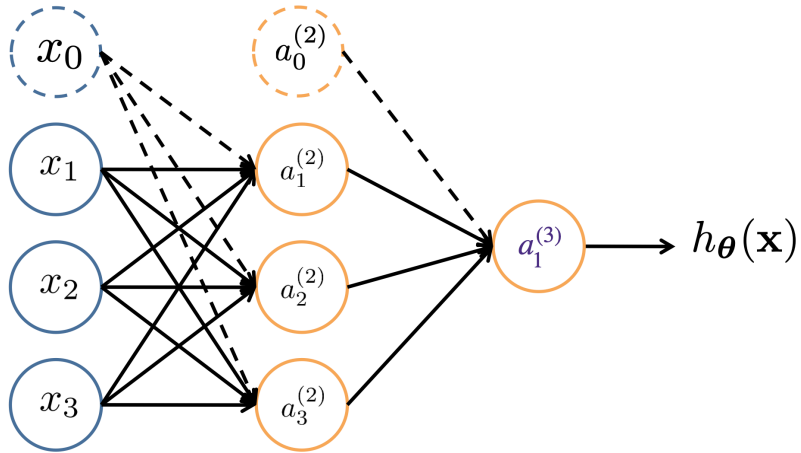
$$= P(Y=1 | X=x) = 1 - P(Y=0 | X=x)$$

Sigmoid (logistic) activation function: $g(z) = \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$

Neural Network

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





$a_i^{(j)}$ = “activation” of unit i in layer j
 $\Theta^{(j)}$ = weight matrix stores parameters from layer j to layer $j + 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Multi-layer Neural Network - Binary Classification

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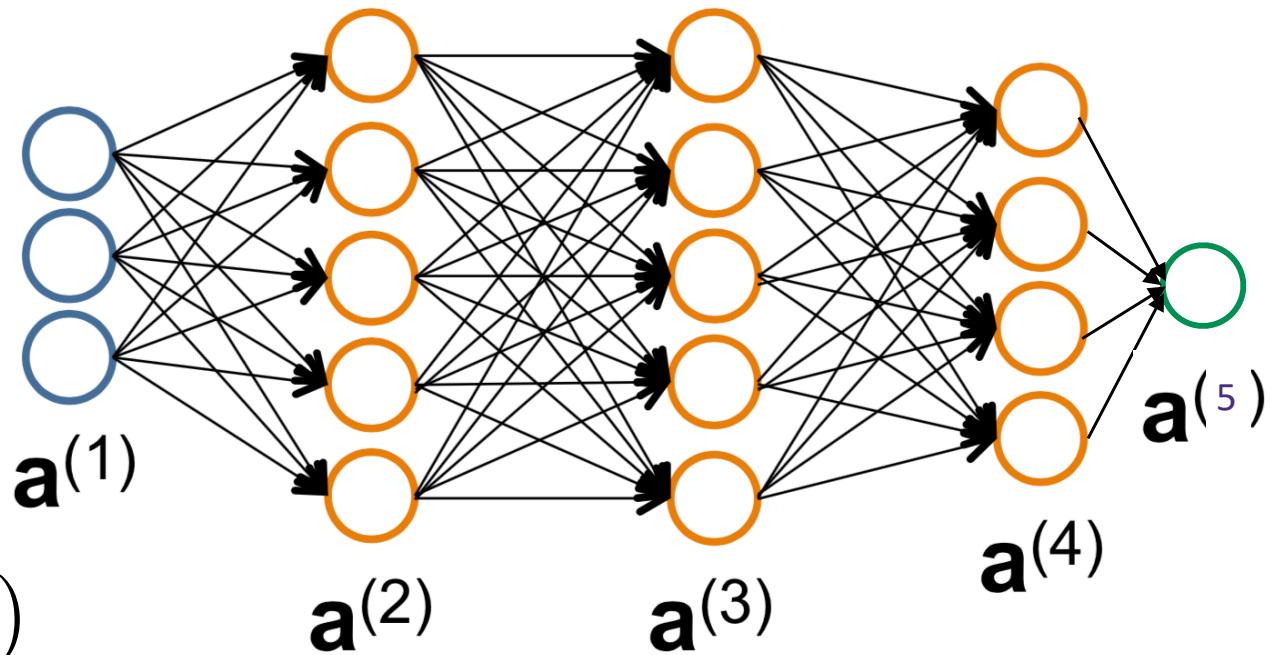
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"Binary Cross Entropy"

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

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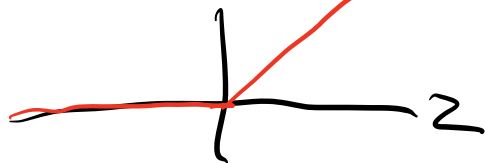
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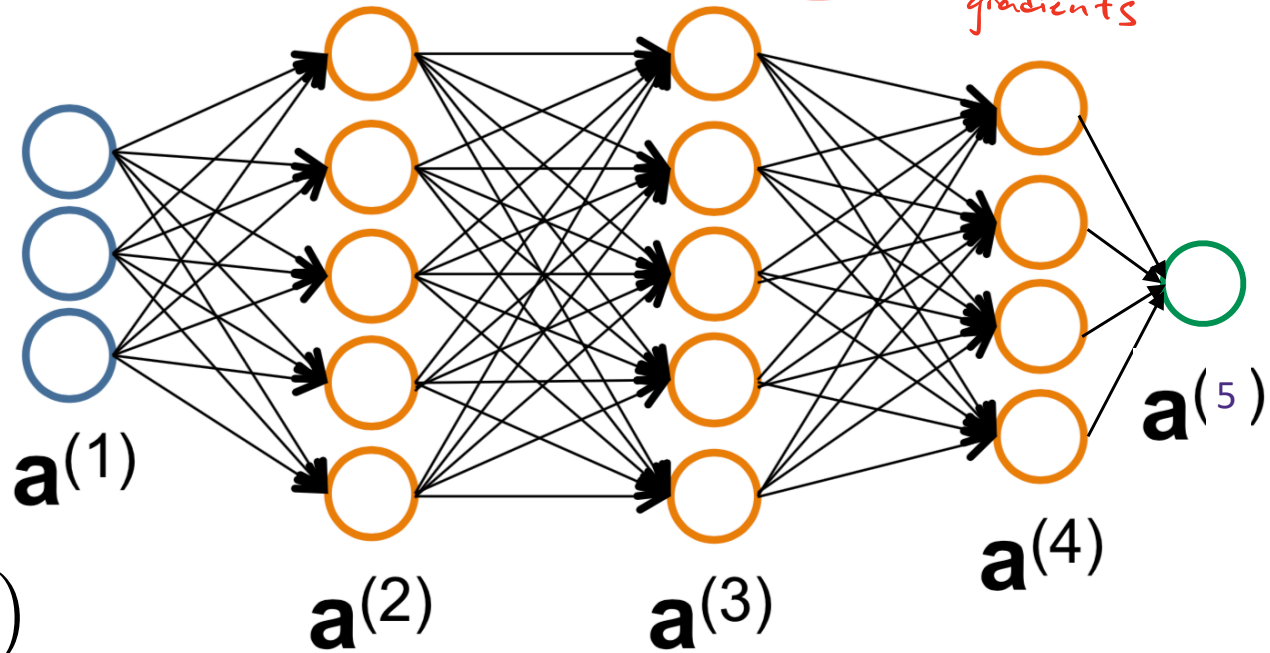
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Trainability: $\sigma(z)$

Helpful gradients
Very small or 0 gradients



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

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ReLU Binary Logistic Regression

Multiple Output Units: One-vs-Rest



Pedestrian



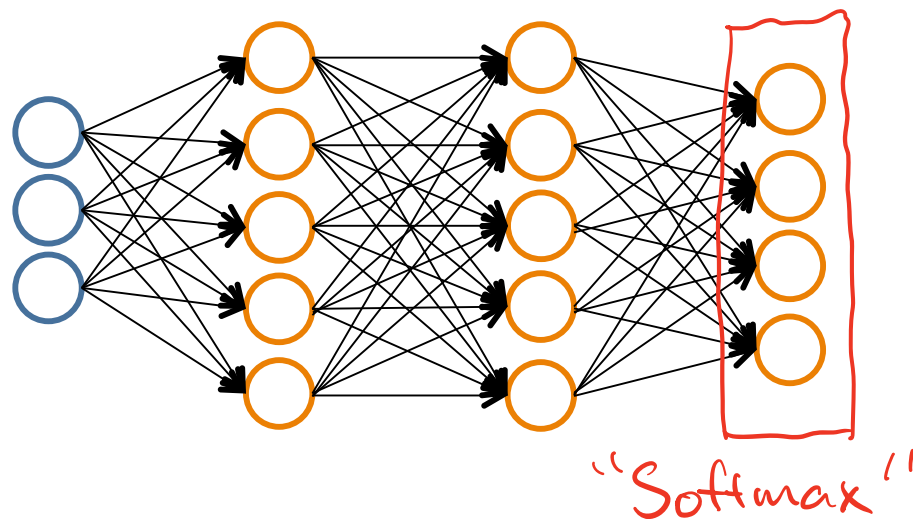
Car



Motorcycle



Truck



$$h_{\Theta}(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathbb{R}^K$$

Multi-class
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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

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when motorcycle

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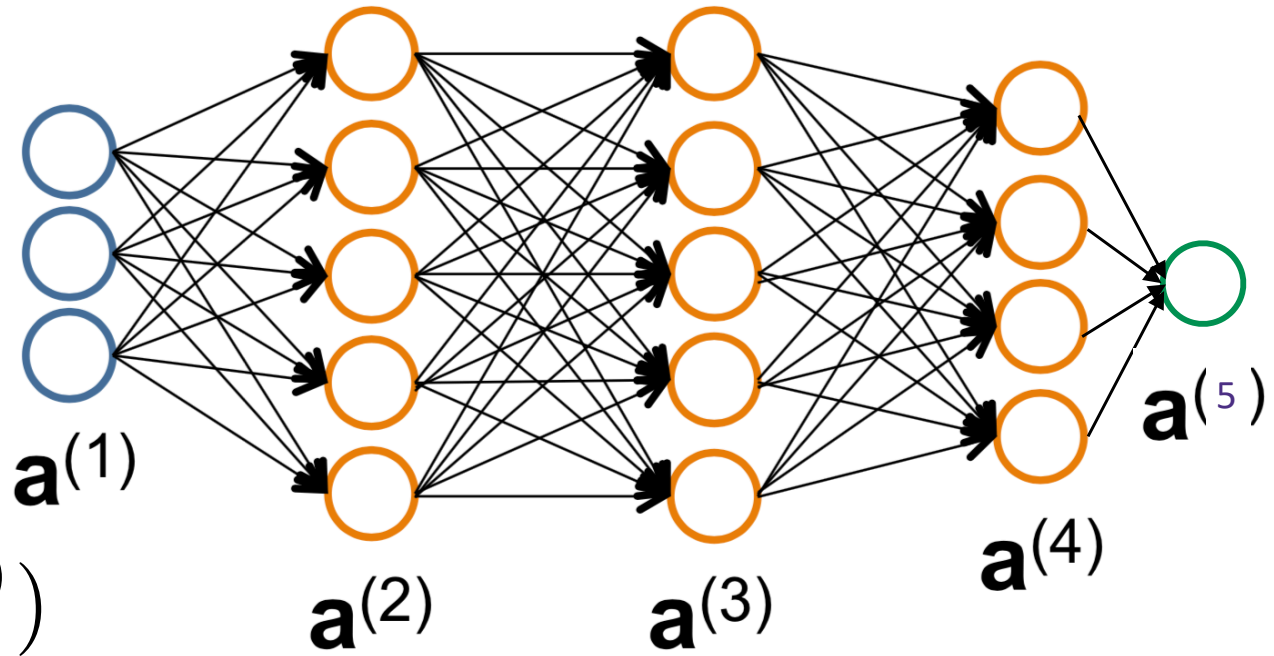
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$$a^{(l+1)} = g(\Theta^{(l)} a^{(l)})$$

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Linear on
output layer



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

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

Regression

Neural Networks are arbitrary function approximators

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 , $|F(x) - \hat{F}(x)| < \epsilon$.

One hidden layer

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

Build a pulse

$$h_{\theta}(x) = a_1(x) + a_2(x) + a_3(x) + a_4(x)$$

$$g(x) = \max\{0, x\}$$

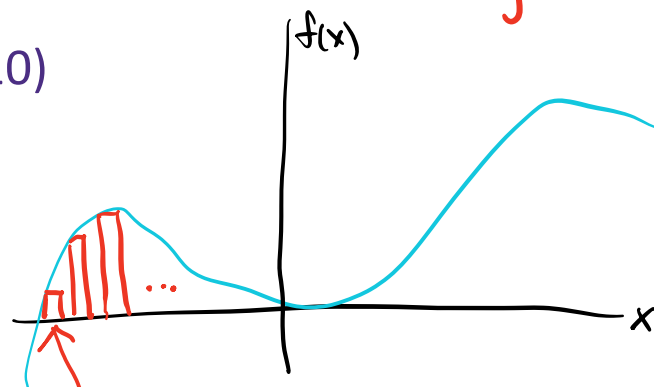
$$a_1(x) = g(2(x+1))$$

$$a_2(x) = -g(2(x+\frac{1}{2}))$$

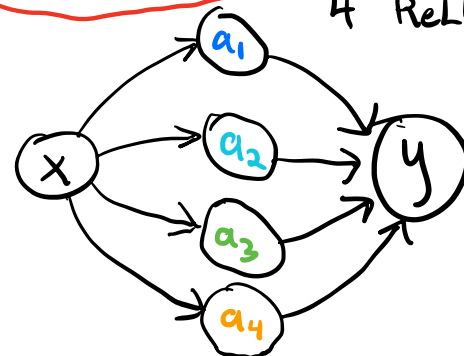
$$a_1(x) + a_2(x)$$

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Can build one pulse w/ 4 ReLU units



Training Neural Networks

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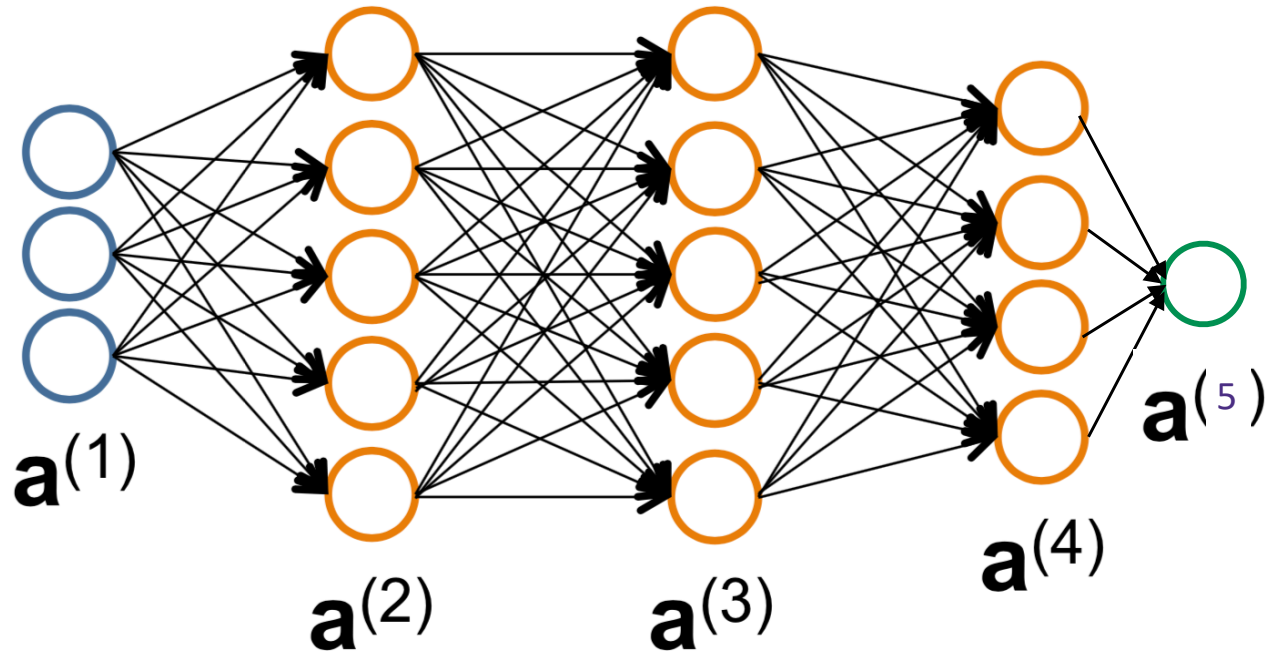
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(ultimately, just the chain rule)

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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
```

```
# 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

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**, **batchsize**, **momentum** all 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!*

Common training issues

Training is too slow:

- Use larger step sizes, develop step size reduction schedule
- Use GPU resources
- Change batch size
- Use momentum and more exotic 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

Common training issues

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

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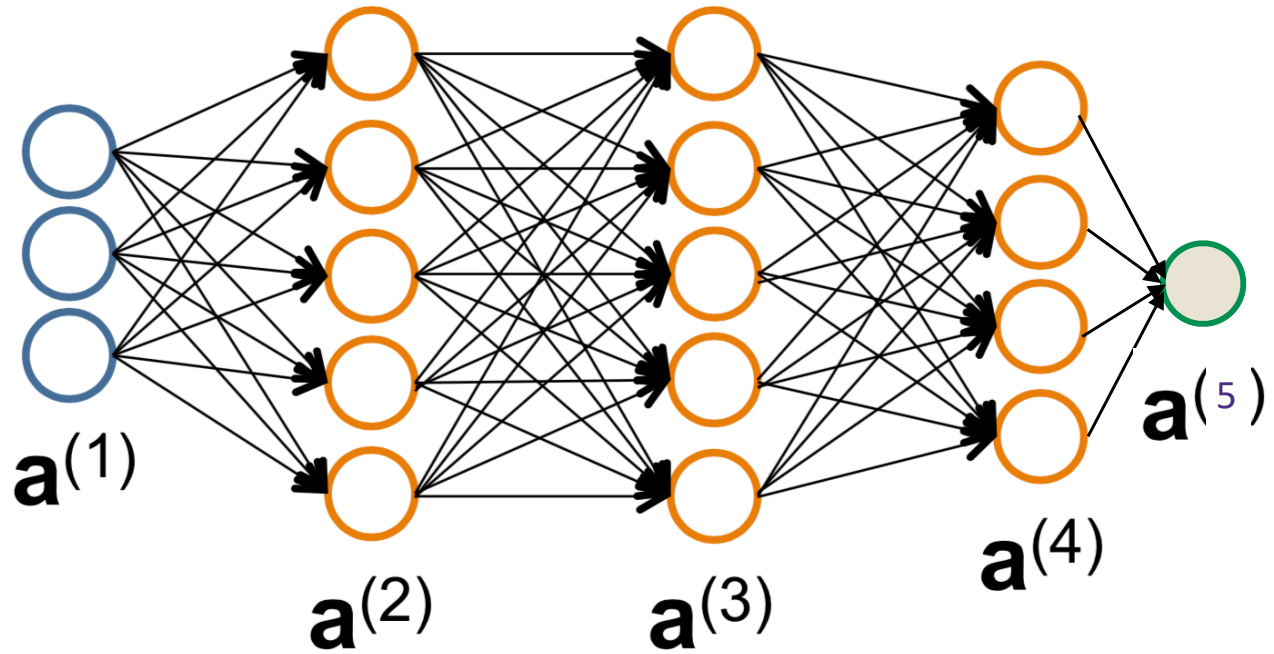
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$$\frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} = \frac{\partial L(y, \hat{y})}{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_i^{(l+1)}}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} =: \delta_i^{(l+1)} \cdot a_j^{(l)}$$

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

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

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

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

Backprop

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

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

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

⋮

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

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

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

⋮

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

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

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

Recursive Algorithm!

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

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

Backpropagation

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

For each training instance (\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) :

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

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

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

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

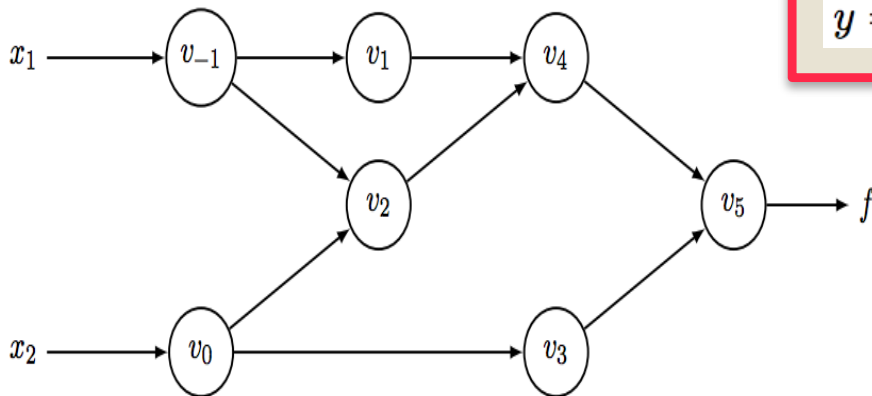
Compute gradients $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = \Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}$

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

$\mathbf{D}^{(l)}$ is the matrix of partial derivatives of $J(\Theta)$

Autodiff

Backprop for this simple network architecture is a special case of *reverse-mode auto-differentiation*:



$$y = f(x_1, x_2) = \ln(x_1) + x_1 x_2 - \sin(x_2)$$

Forward Primal Trace

$v_{-1} = x_1$	$= 2$
$v_0 = x_2$	$= 5$
$v_1 = \ln v_{-1}$	$= \ln 2$
$v_2 = v_{-1} \times v_0$	$= 2 \times 5$
$v_3 = \sin v_0$	$= \sin 5$
$v_4 = v_1 + v_2$	$= 0.693 + 10$
$v_5 = v_4 - v_3$	$= 10.693 + 0.959$
$y = v_5$	$= 11.652$

Reverse Adjoint (Derivative) Trace

$\bar{x}_1 = \bar{v}_{-1}$	$= 5.5$
$\bar{x}_2 = \bar{v}_0$	$= 1.716$
$\bar{v}_{-1} = \bar{v}_{-1} + \bar{v}_1 \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial v_{-1}}$	$= \bar{v}_{-1} + \bar{v}_1 / v_{-1} = 5.5$
$\bar{v}_0 = \bar{v}_0 + \bar{v}_2 \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial v_0}$	$= \bar{v}_0 + \bar{v}_2 \times v_{-1} = 1.716$
$\bar{v}_{-1} = \bar{v}_2 \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial v_{-1}}$	$= \bar{v}_2 \times v_0 = 5$
$\bar{v}_0 = \bar{v}_3 \frac{\partial v_3}{\partial v_0}$	$= \bar{v}_3 \times \cos v_0 = -0.284$
$\bar{v}_2 = \bar{v}_4 \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial v_2}$	$= \bar{v}_4 \times 1 = 1$
$\bar{v}_1 = \bar{v}_4 \frac{\partial v_4}{\partial v_1}$	$= \bar{v}_4 \times 1 = 1$
$\bar{v}_3 = \bar{v}_5 \frac{\partial v_5}{\partial v_3}$	$= \bar{v}_5 \times (-1) = -1$
$\bar{v}_4 = \bar{v}_5 \frac{\partial v_5}{\partial v_4}$	$= \bar{v}_5 \times 1 = 1$
$\bar{v}_5 = \bar{y}$	$= 1$

This is the special sauce in Tensorflow, PyTorch, Theano, ...