

# Introduction to Deep Learning

## Regularization



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# Introduction

- In machine learning, target is to make an algorithm performs well not only on training data but also on new data
- Many strategies exist to reduce test error at the cost of training error
- Any modification we make to a learning algorithm that is intended to reduce its generalization error but not its training error
- Objectives
  - To encode prior knowledge
  - Constraints and penalties are designed to express generic preference for simpler model

# Regularization in DL

- In DL regularization works by trading increased bias for reduced variance
- Consider the following scenario
  - Excluded the true data generating process
    - Underfitting, inducing bias
  - Matched the true data generating process
    - Desired one
  - Included the generating process but also many other generating process
    - Overfitting, variance dominates
  - Goal of regularizer is to take an model overfit zone to desired zone

# Norm penalties

- Most of the regularization approaches are based on limiting the capacity of the model
- Objective function becomes  $\tilde{J}(\theta; X, y) = J(\theta; X, y) + \alpha\Omega(\theta)$ 
  - $\alpha$  — Hyperparameter denotes relative contribution
  - Minimization of  $\tilde{J}$  implies minimization of  $J$
  - $\Omega$  penalizes only the weight of affine transform
    - Bias remain unregularized
    - Regularizing bias may lead to underfitting

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- Assuming quadratic nature of curve in the neighborhood of  $w^* = \arg \min_w J(w)$ 
  - $J(w)$  — unregularized cost
  - Perfect scenario for linear regression with MSE

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  - **Symmetric**

# Directional derivative

- The directional derivative of a scalar function  $f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  along a vector  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  is given by

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{v}) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

- If  $f$  is differentiable at point  $\mathbf{x}$  then

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

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- If  $\epsilon$  is the learning rate, then  $f(x^{(0)} - \epsilon g) \approx f(x^{(0)}) - \epsilon g^T g + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon^2 g^T H g$

# Quadratic approximation

- Let  $w^* = \arg \min_w J(w)$  be optimum weights for minimal unregularized cost
- If the objective function is quadratic then

$$\hat{J}(\theta) = J(w^*) + \frac{1}{2}(w - w^*)^T H (w - w^*)$$

- $H$  is the Hessian matrix of  $J$  with respect to  $w$  at  $w^*$
- No first order term as  $w^*$  is minimum
- $H$  is positive semidefinite
- Minimum of  $\hat{J}$  occurs when  $\nabla_w \hat{J}(w) = H(w - w^*) = 0$
- With weight decay we have
$$\alpha \tilde{w} + H(\tilde{w} - w^*) = 0 \Rightarrow (H + \alpha I)\tilde{w} = Hw^* \Rightarrow \tilde{w} = (H + \alpha I)^{-1}Hw^*$$



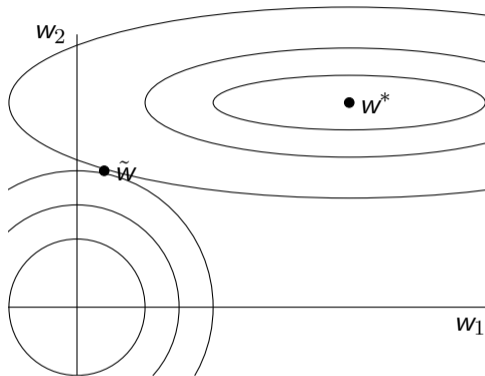
# Quadratic approximation (contd)

- As  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , regularized solution  $\tilde{w}$  approaches to  $w^*$
- As  $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - $H$  is symmetric, therefore  $H = Q\Lambda Q^T$ . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{w} &= (Q\Lambda Q^T + \alpha I)^{-1} Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\ &= [Q(\Lambda + \alpha I)Q^T]^{-1} Q\Lambda Q^T w^* \\ &= Q(\Lambda + \alpha I)^{-1} \Lambda Q^T w^*\end{aligned}$$

- **Weight decay rescale  $w^*$  along the eigen vector of  $H$** 
  - Component of  $w^*$  that is aligned to  $i$ -th eigen vector, will be rescaled by a factor of  $\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \alpha}$
  - $\lambda_i \gg \alpha$  – regularization effect is small

# $L^2$ Norm: Geometrical interpretation



# Linear regression

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- The gradient will be  $\nabla_w \tilde{J}(w; X, y) = \alpha \text{sign}(w) + \nabla_w J(w; X, y)$ 
  - Gradient does not scale linearly compared to  $L^2$  regularization
- Taylor series expansion with approximation provides  $\nabla_w \hat{J}(w) = H(w - w^*)$
- Simplification can be made by assuming  $H$  to be diagonal
  - Apply PCA on the input dataset

# $L^1$ regularization

- Quadratic approximation of  $L^1$  regularization objective function becomes  $\hat{J}(w; X, y) = J(w^*; X, y) + \sum_i \left[ \frac{1}{2} H_{i,i} (w_i - w_i^*)^2 + \alpha |w_i| \right]$
- So, analytical solution in each dimension will be  $w_i = \text{sign}(w_i^*) \max \left\{ |w_i^*| - \frac{\alpha}{H_{i,i}}, 0 \right\}$
- Consider the situation when  $w_i^* > 0$ 
  - If  $w_i^* \leq \frac{\alpha}{H_{i,i}}$ , optimal value for  $w_i$  will be 0 under regularization
  - If  $w_i^* > \frac{\alpha}{H_{i,i}}$ ,  $w_i$  moves towards 0 with a distance equal to  $\frac{\alpha}{H_{i,i}}$



# Constrained optimization

- Cost function regularized by norm penalty is given by

$$\tilde{J}(\theta; X, y) = J(\theta; X, y) + \alpha\Omega(\theta)$$

- Let us assume  $f(x)$  needs to be optimized under a set of equality constraints  $g^{(i)}(x) = 0$  and inequality constraints  $h^{(j)}(x) \leq 0$ , then generalized Lagrangian is then defined as

$$L(x, \lambda, \alpha) = f(x) + \sum_i \lambda_i g^{(i)}(x) + \sum_j \alpha_j h^{(j)}(x)$$

- If there exists a solution then

$$\min_x \max_{\lambda} \max_{\alpha \geq 0} L(x, \lambda, \alpha) = \min_x f(x)$$

- This can be solved by  $\nabla_{x, \lambda, \alpha} L(x, \lambda, \alpha) = 0$

# Constraint optimization (contd.)

- Suppose  $\Omega(\theta) < k$  needs to be satisfied. Then regularization equation becomes

$$L(\theta, \alpha; X, y) = J(\theta; X, y) + \alpha(\Omega(\theta) - k)$$

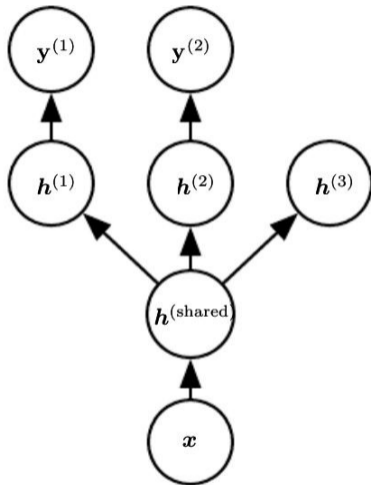
- Solution to the constrained problem

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \max_{\alpha > 0} L(\theta, \alpha)$$

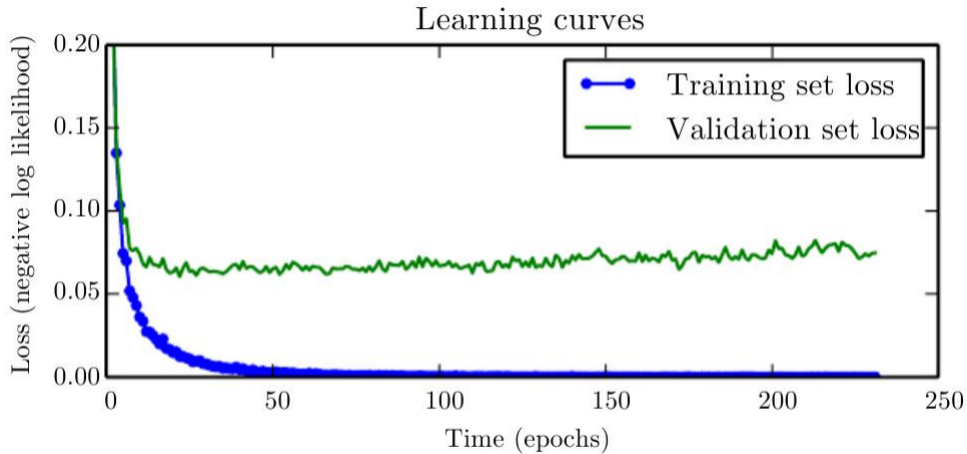
# Dataset augmentation

- If data are limited, fake data can be added to training set
  - Computer vision problem
  - Speech recognition
- Easiest for classification problem
- Very effective in object recognition problem
  - Translating
  - Rotating
  - Scaling
    - Need to be careful for 'b' and 'd' or '6' and '9'
- Injecting noise to input data can be viewed as data augmentation

# Multitask learning



# Early stopping



# Early stopping approach

- Initialize the parameters
- Run training algorithm for  $n$  steps and update  $i = i + n$
- Compute error on the validation set ( $v'$ )
- If  $v'$  is less than previous best, then update the same. Start step 2 again
- If  $v'$  is more than the previous best, then increment the count that stores the number of such occurrences. If the count is less than a threshold go to step 2, otherwise exit.

# Early stopping (contd)

- Number of training step is a hyperparameter
  - Most hyperparameters that control model capacity have U-shaped curve
- Additional cost for this approach is to store the parameters
- Requires a validation set
  - It will have two passes
    - First pass uses only training data for update of the parameters
    - Second pass uses both training and validation data for update of the parameters
  - Possible strategies
    - Initialize the model again, retrain on all data, train for the same number of steps as obtained by early stopping in pass 1
    - Keep the parameters obtained from the first round, continue training using all data until the loss is less than the training loss at the early stopping point
- It reduces computational cost as it limits the number of iteration
- Provides regularization without any penalty

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# Early stopping as regularizer (contd)

- Assuming  $w^{(0)} = 0$  and  $\epsilon$  is small value such that  $|1 - \epsilon\lambda_i| < 1$
- From  $L^2$  regularization, we have

$$Q^T \tilde{w} = (\Lambda + \alpha I)^{-1} \Lambda Q^T w^*$$

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- Therefore we have,  $(I - \epsilon\Lambda)^\tau = (\Lambda + \alpha I)^{-1} \alpha$
- Hence,  $\tau \approx \frac{1}{\epsilon\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \approx \frac{1}{\tau\epsilon}$



# Bagging

- Also known as Bootstrap aggregating
- Reduces generalization error by combining several models
- Train multiple models then vote on output for the test example
  - Also known as model averaging, ensemble method
- Suppose we have  $k$  regression model and each model makes an error  $\epsilon_i$  such that  $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i) = 0$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i^2) = v$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\epsilon_i\epsilon_j) = c$
- Error made by average prediction  $\frac{1}{k} \sum_i \epsilon_i$
- Expected mean square error

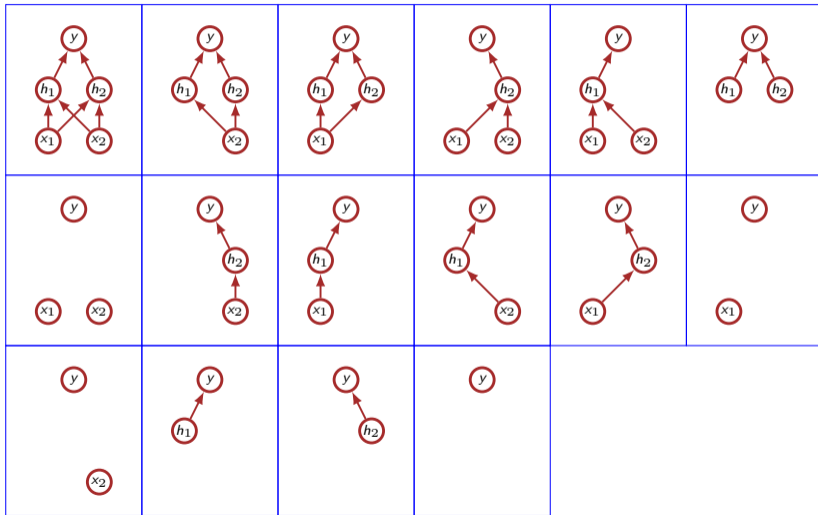
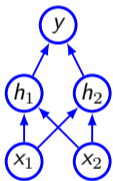
$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{k} \sum_i \epsilon_i \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{k^2} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_i \left( \epsilon_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j \right) \right] = \frac{v}{k} + \frac{k-1}{k} c$$

- If  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\epsilon_j$  are uncorrelated, ie.  $c = 0$ , then expected mse will be  $\frac{v}{k}$  - Significant reduction in error
- If  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\epsilon_j$  are correlated, ie.  $c = v$ , then expected mse will be  $v$  - No change in error

# Dropout

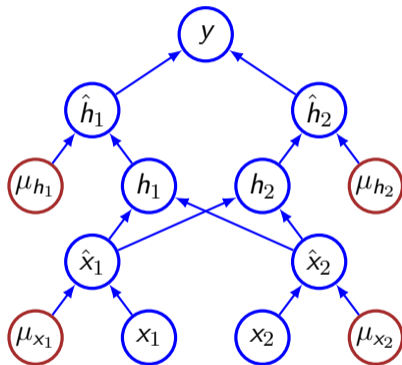
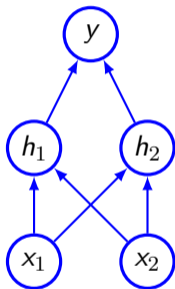
- It can be treated as a method of making bagging practical for ensembles of many large neural networks
  - Bagging is impractical with large number of models
  - Dropout is capable of handling exponentially many networks
- It trains the ensemble consisting of all subnetworks that can be formed by removing non-output units for the base network
- Removal of a node can be realized by multiplying it with 0, hence, binary mask is used
- Typically, dropout probability for input layer is low ( $\sim 0.2$ ). Hidden layer can have high probability ( $\sim 0.5$ )
- Dropout is not used after training when making a prediction with the fit network.
- If a unit is retained with probability  $p$  during training, the outgoing weights of that unit are multiplied by  $p$  at test time

# Dropout: sub-networks



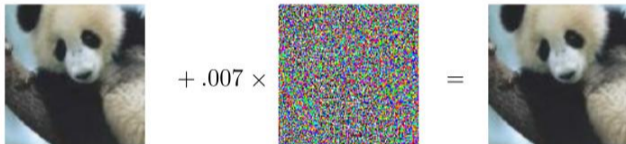
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- $\mu_u$  denotes the binary mask for node  $u$



# Adversarial training

- It is expected that outcome of an example to be constant in the close vicinity of the training data
- Small change in input can lead to misclassification because linearity with high coefficient



# Summary

- Goal of regularization techniques is to reduce generalization error. Large data sets help in generalization
- Increasing the number of units in hidden layer increases the model capacity. Increasing the depth helps in reducing the number of units in intermediate layers.
- Common approaches for regularization
  - Penalty based
  - Ensemble method
  - Introducing stochasticity to inputs and weights