



10-315  
Introduction to ML

Neural Networks

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# Outline

## Last time: Neural Networks

- Three-neuron network + optimization
- Neural network structure (adding more neurons)
- Forward pass and Backpropagation (scalar version)

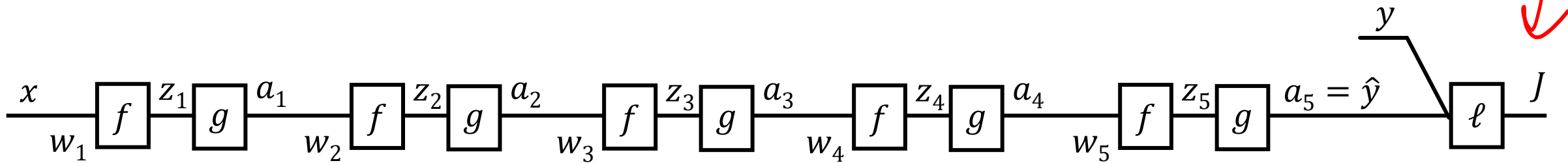
## Today: Neural Networks

- Calculus: multi-variate chain rule
- Backpropagation (vector version)
- Optimization intuition (sliders)
- Neural Network Properties and Intuition

# Forward Pass

$$\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( w_5 \cdot g \left( w_4 \cdot g \left( w_3 \cdot g \left( w_2 \cdot g(w_1 \cdot x) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

Width 1 deep network (no bias) (dumb but will help with calculus)



With a new data point  $(x, y)$ , we have our current weight values  
but we don't have  $\hat{y}$  (or any of the intermediate values  $z_\ell$  and  $a_\ell$ )  
or the value of our object function  $J$

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum J^{(i)}(\theta)$$

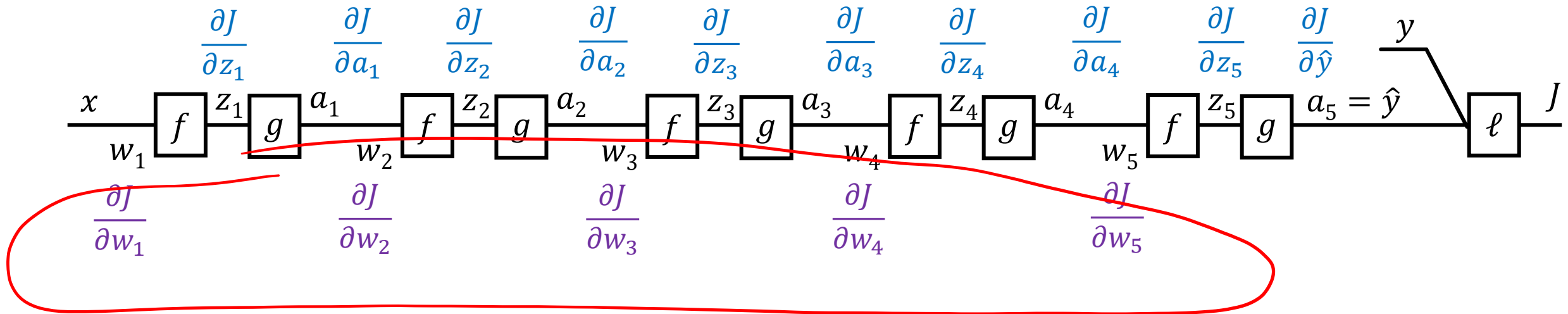
The forward pass propagates  $x$  (forward) through the network  
to give us these values

$$J^{(i)}(\theta) = \ell(x, \hat{y})$$

# Backpropagation

$$\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( w_5 \cdot g \left( w_4 \cdot g \left( w_3 \cdot g \left( w_2 \cdot g \left( w_1 \cdot x \right) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

Width 1 deep network (no bias) (dumb but will help with calculus)



To do gradient descent we need the partial derivative of the objective with respect to each parameter,  $w_{\ell} \leftarrow w_{\ell} - \alpha \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{\ell}}$

The backward pass propagates the change in the objective with respect to intermediate values ( $\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{\ell}}$  and  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial a_{\ell}}$ ) back through the network to produce each  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{\ell}}$

# Generic Layer Implementation (so-far)

Compute derivatives per layer, utilizing previous derivatives

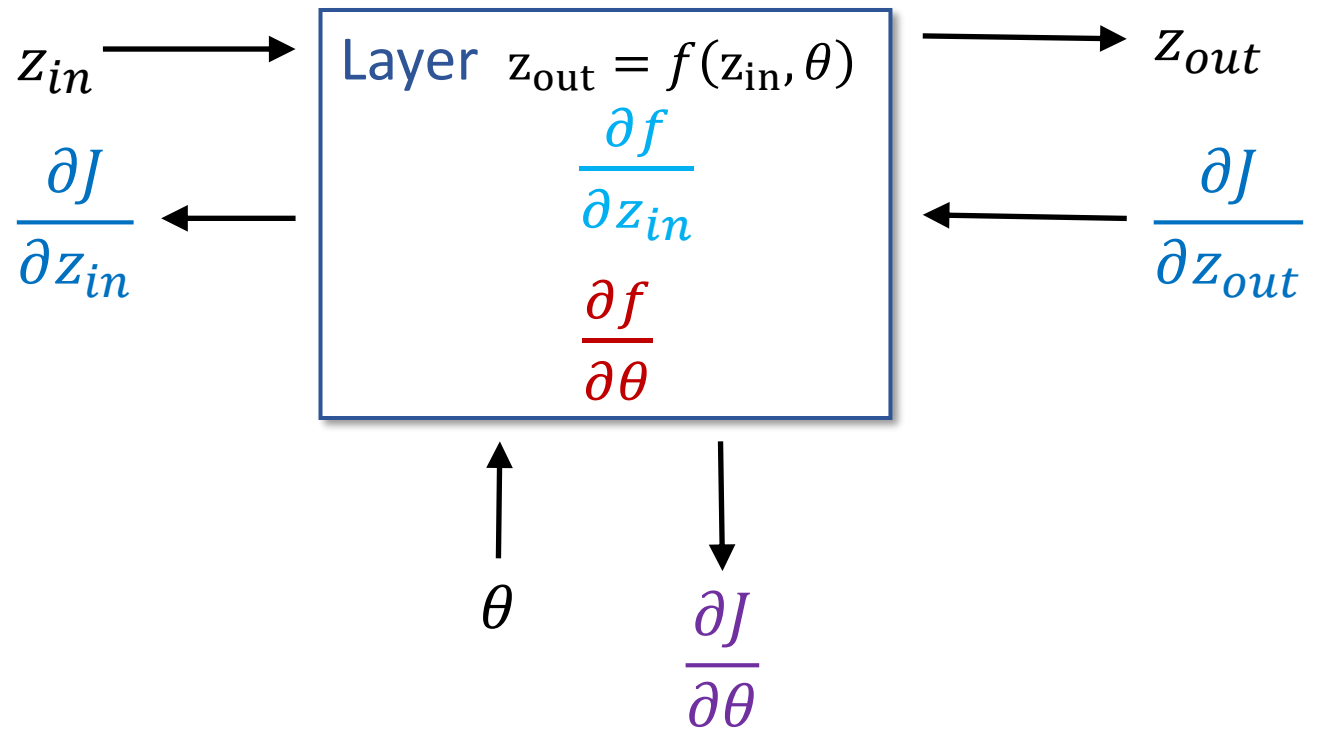
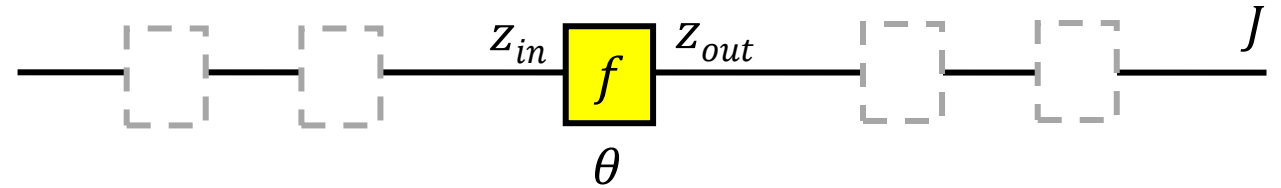
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Arbitrary layer:  $z_{out} = f(z_{in}, \theta)$

Need:

- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{in}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{out}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{in}}$

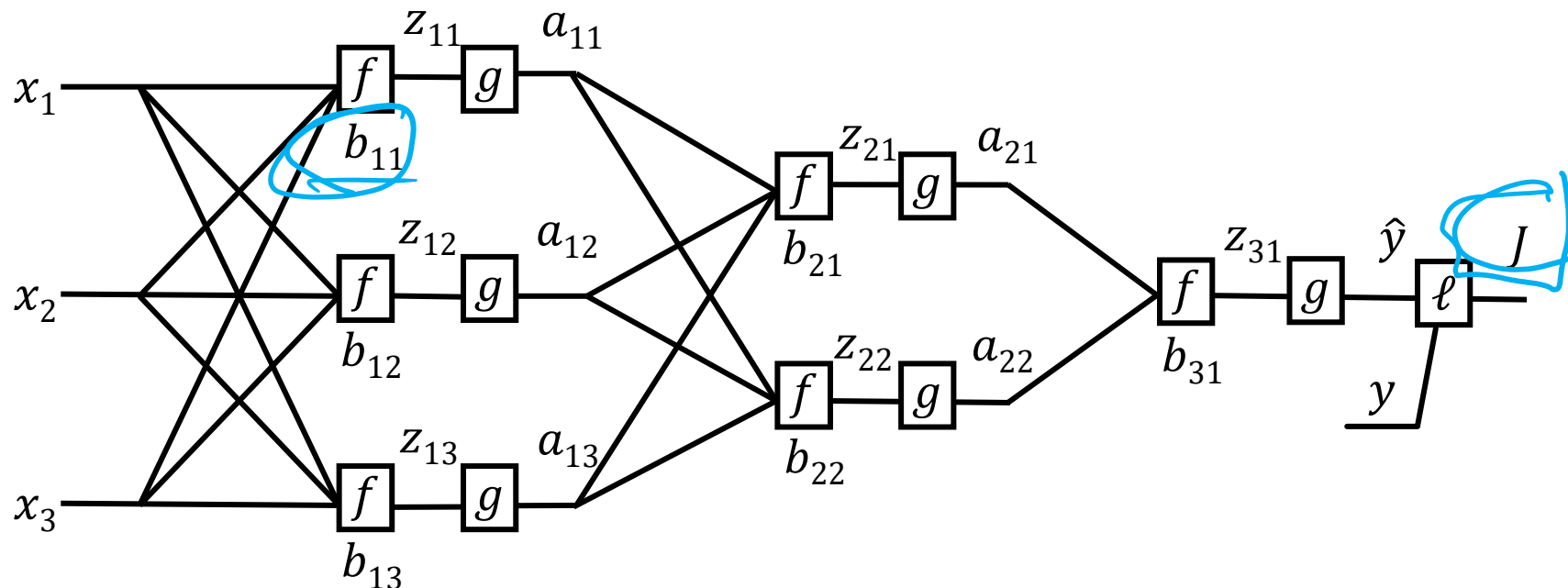
- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{out}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta}$



# Optimization

$$\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( b_{3,1} + \sum_k w_{3,1,k} g \left( b_{2,k} + \sum_i w_{2,k,i} g \left( b_{1,i} + \sum_j w_{1,i,j} x_j \right) \right) \right)$$

Tons of repeated partial derivatives



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{3,1}} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial a_{3,1}}{\partial z_{3,1}} \frac{\partial z_{3,1}}{\partial b_{3,1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{2,i}} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial a_{3,1}}{\partial z_{3,1}} \frac{\partial z_{3,1}}{\partial a_{2,i}} \frac{\partial a_{2,i}}{\partial z_{2,i}} \frac{\partial z_{2,i}}{\partial b_{2,i}}$$

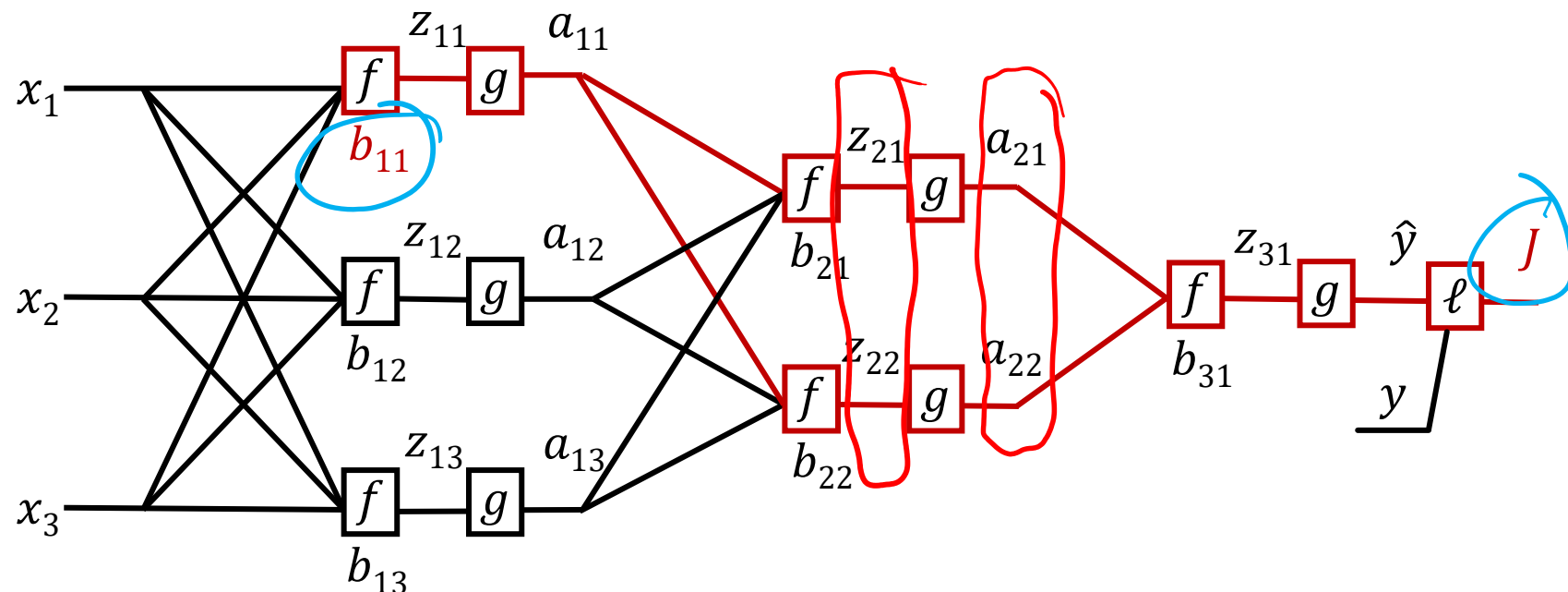
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{1,i}} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial a_{3,1}}{\partial z_{3,1}} \frac{\partial z_{3,1}}{\partial \mathbf{a}_2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial a_{1,i}} \frac{\partial a_{1,i}}{\partial z_{1,i}} \frac{\partial z_{1,i}}{\partial b_{1,i}}$$



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Calculus Time-out



Multivariate-chain rule

# Multivariable Chain Rule

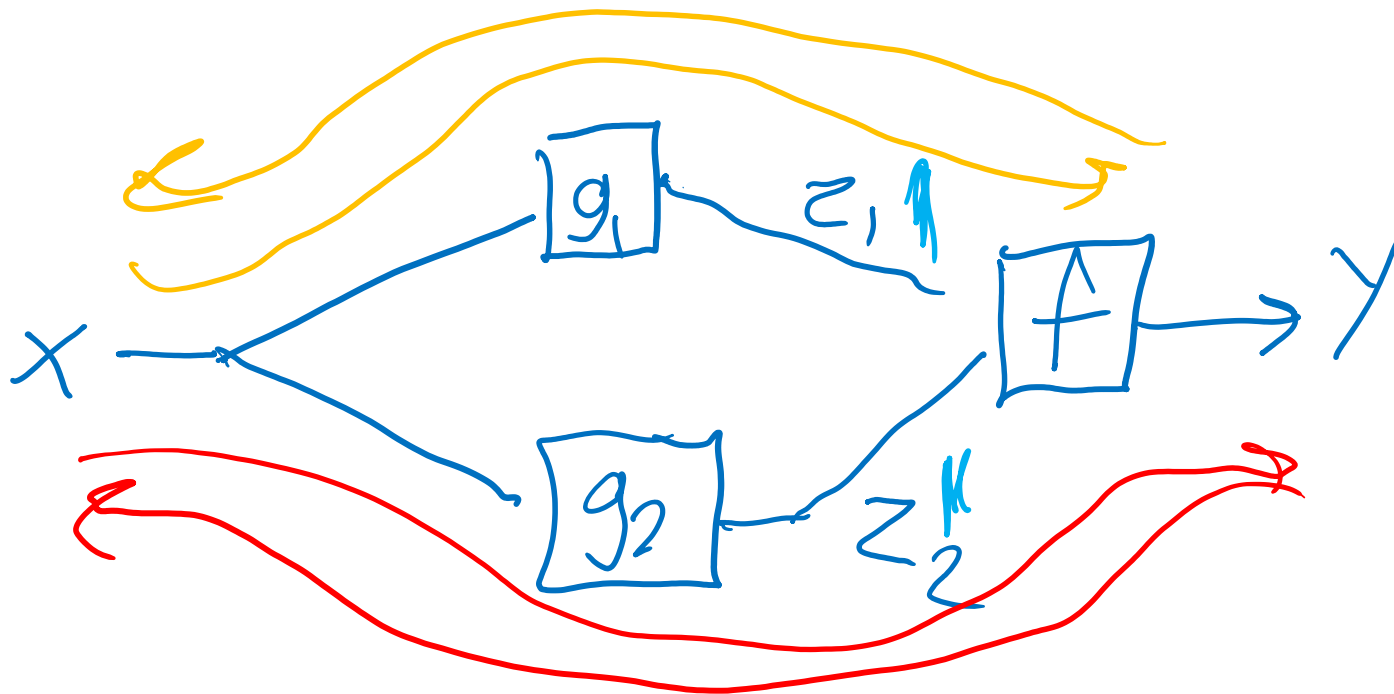
$$g_1(x) = 3x$$

$$g_2(x) = 5x$$

$$f(z_1, z_2) = 2z_1 + 7z_2$$

$$y = f(g_1(x), g_2(x))$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} &= \frac{\partial y}{\partial z_1} \frac{dz_1}{dx} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial z_2} \frac{dz_2}{dx} \\ &= (2)(3) + (7)(5) \\ &= 41\end{aligned}$$



Finite differences check

Let  $x = 10$  and  $\epsilon = 0.01$

$$f(10) = 2(3 \cdot 10) + 7(5 \cdot 10) = 410$$

$$f(10+\epsilon) = 2(3 \cdot 10.01) + 7(5 \cdot 10.01) \approx 410.41$$

$$\frac{f(10+\epsilon) - f(10)}{(10+\epsilon) - 10} = \frac{410.41 - 410}{0.01} = 41 \quad \checkmark$$

# Multivariable Chain Rule

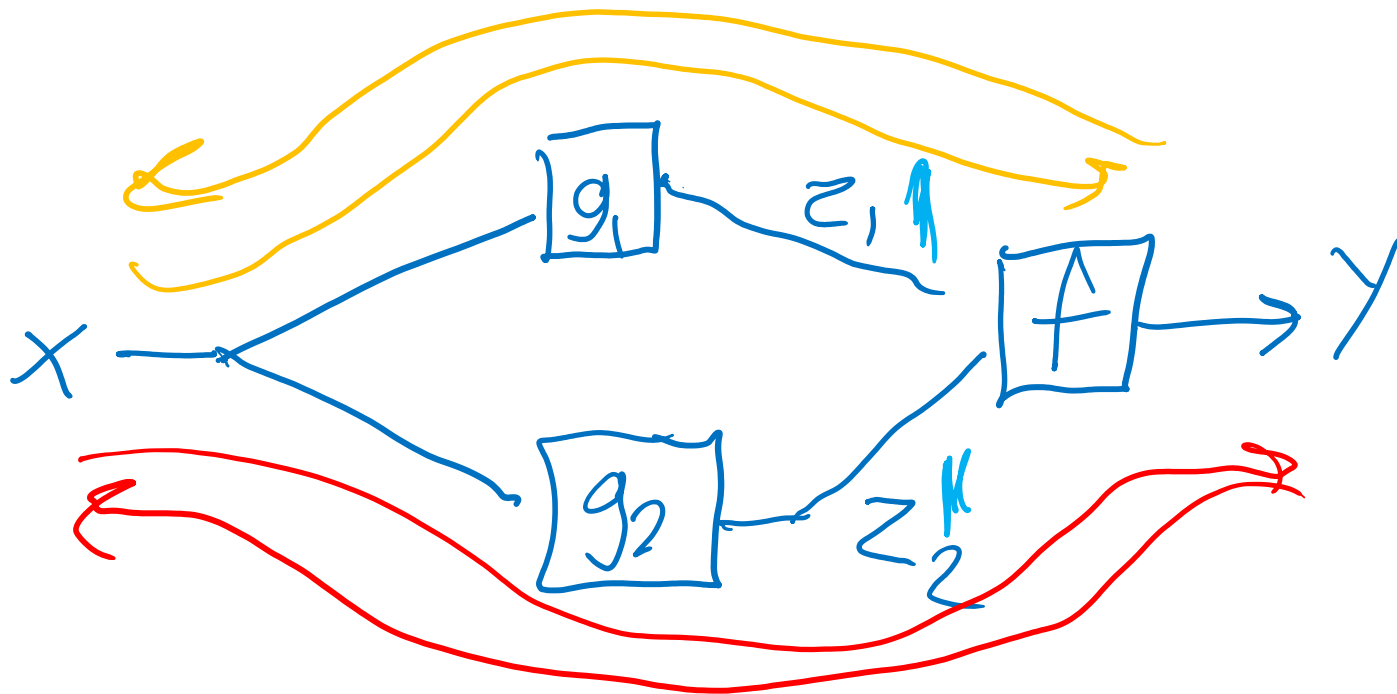
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Finite differences check

$$f(x) = 2(3x) + 7(5x) = 41x$$

$$f(x+\epsilon) = 2(3(x+\epsilon)) + 7(5(x+\epsilon))$$

$$= 6x + 6\epsilon + 35x + 35\epsilon = 41x + 41\epsilon$$

$$\frac{f(x+\epsilon) - f(x)}{(x+\epsilon) - x} = \frac{(41x + 41\epsilon) - 41x}{\epsilon} = 41$$

## Exercise: Multivariable Chain Rule

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x}$$

$$z_1 = g_1(x) = \sin(x) \quad \partial g_1 / \partial x = \cos x$$

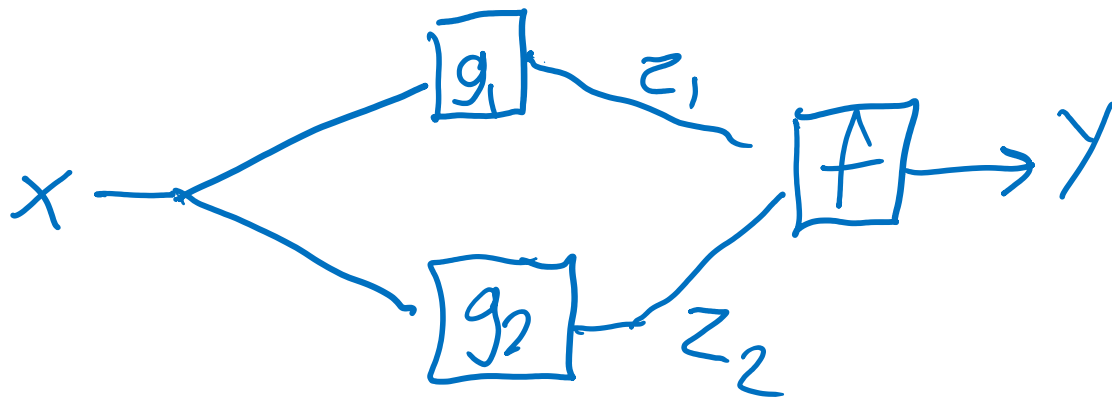
$$z_2 = g_2(x) = x^3 \quad \partial g_2 / \partial x = 3x^2$$

$$y = f(z_1, z_2) = z_1^4 e^{z_2} + 5z_1 + 7z_2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} = 4z_1^3 e^{z_2} + 5 + 0$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} = z_1^4 e^{z_2} + 0 + 7$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = (4z_1^3 e^{z_2} + 5) \cos x + (z_1^4 e^{z_2} + 7) \cdot 3x^2$$



# Multivariable Chain Rule

$$z_1 = g_1(x) = \sin(x)$$

$$z_2 = g_2(x) = x^3$$

$$y = f(z_1, z_2) = z_1 z_2$$

$$\partial g_1 / \partial x = \cos x$$

$$\partial g_2 / \partial x = 3x^2$$

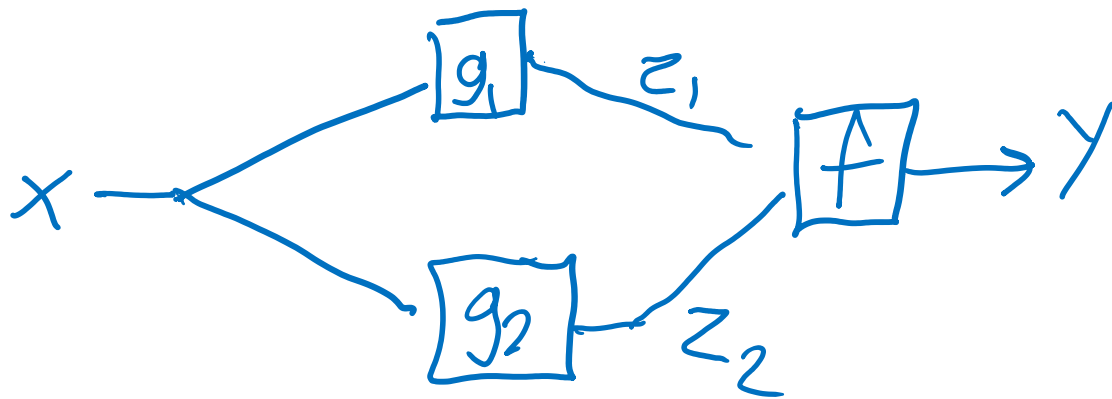
$$\frac{df}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial g_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} = z_2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} = z_1$$

$$\frac{df}{dx} = z_2 \frac{dz_1}{dx} + z_1 \frac{dz_2}{dx}$$

Product Rule!



# Calculus Chain Rule

$$x \xrightarrow{g} z \xrightarrow{f} y$$

Scalar:

$$y = f(z)$$

$$z = g(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} \frac{dz}{dx}$$

Multivariate:

$$\underline{y} = f(\underline{z})$$

$$\underline{z} = g(\underline{x})$$

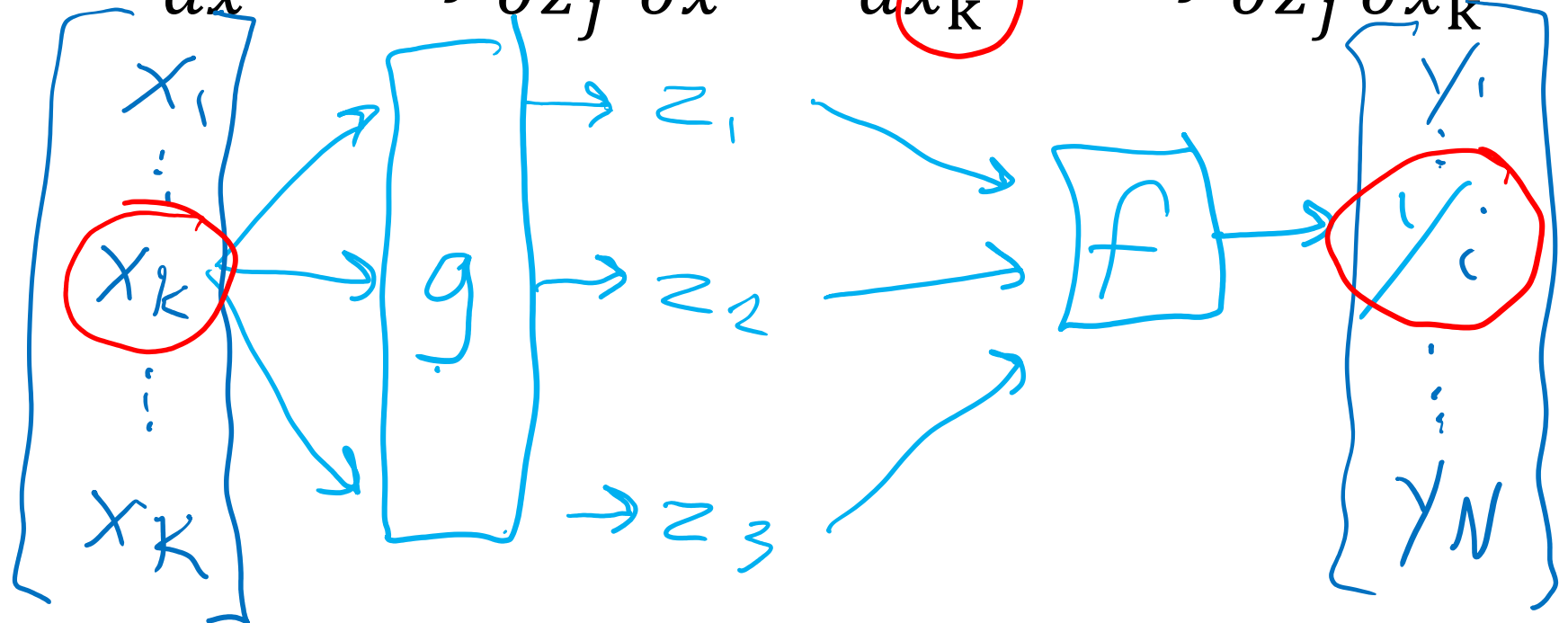
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sum_j \frac{\partial y}{\partial z_j} \frac{\partial z_j}{\partial x}$$

Multivariate:

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{z} = g(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\frac{dy_i}{dx_k} = \sum_j \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_j} \frac{\partial z_j}{\partial x_k}$$



# Multivariable Chain Rule

|                                                                                          | Numerator layout                                                                                                                                                                  | Denominator layout                                                                                                                                                                | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\frac{d}{dt} f(g(t), h(t))$                                                             | $\frac{df}{dg} \frac{dg}{dt} + \frac{df}{dh} \frac{dh}{dt}$                                                                                                                       | Same                                                                                                                                                                              | $f : (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}$<br>$g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$                               |
| $\frac{d}{dt} f(g_1(t), \dots, g_N(t))$                                                  | $\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{df}{dg_i} \frac{dg_i}{dt}$                                                                                                                                    | Same                                                                                                                                                                              | $h : (\mathbb{R} \times \dots \times \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}$<br>$f_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \ \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$                       |
| $\frac{d}{dt} f(\mathbf{g}(t))$                                                          | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial t}$                                                                                                   | $\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}}$                                                                                                   | $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$<br>$t \in \mathbb{R}$                                                                             |
| $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{v}))$                         | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}} \boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{v}}}$                                                                                  | $\boxed{\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{v}}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}}$                                                                                  | $f : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$<br>$\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^M$                                                                |
| $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}} f(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{v}), \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{v}))$ | $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{h}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{v}}$ | $\frac{\partial \mathbf{g}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{g}} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{h}}$ | $h : \mathbb{R}^K \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^M$<br>$f : \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^K, \mathbf{g} : \mathbb{R}^M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$ |



Backpropagation (vector version)

# Network Optimization

$$J(\mathbf{w}) = z_4$$

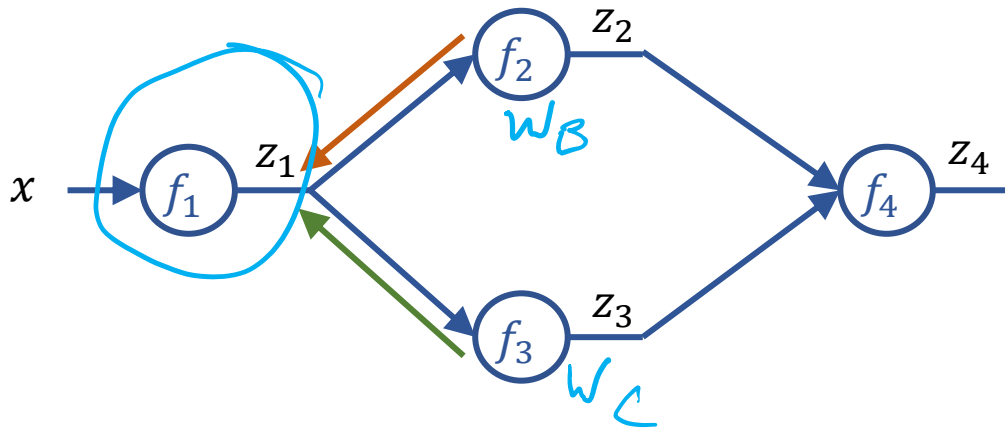
$$z_4 = f_4(w_D, \underline{w_E}, z_2, z_3)$$

$$z_3 = f_3(w_C, z_1)$$

$$z_2 = f_2(w_B, z_1)$$

$$z_1 = f_1(w_A, x)$$

Need multivariate chain rule!



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_E} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial z_4}{\partial w_E}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_D} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial z_4}{\partial w_D}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_3} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial z_4}{\partial z_3}$$
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_2} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial z_4}{\partial z_2}$$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_B} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial w_B}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial z_1} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial z_3}{\partial z_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_A} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_A}$$

# Generic Layer Implementation (updated)

Compute derivatives per layer, utilizing previous derivatives

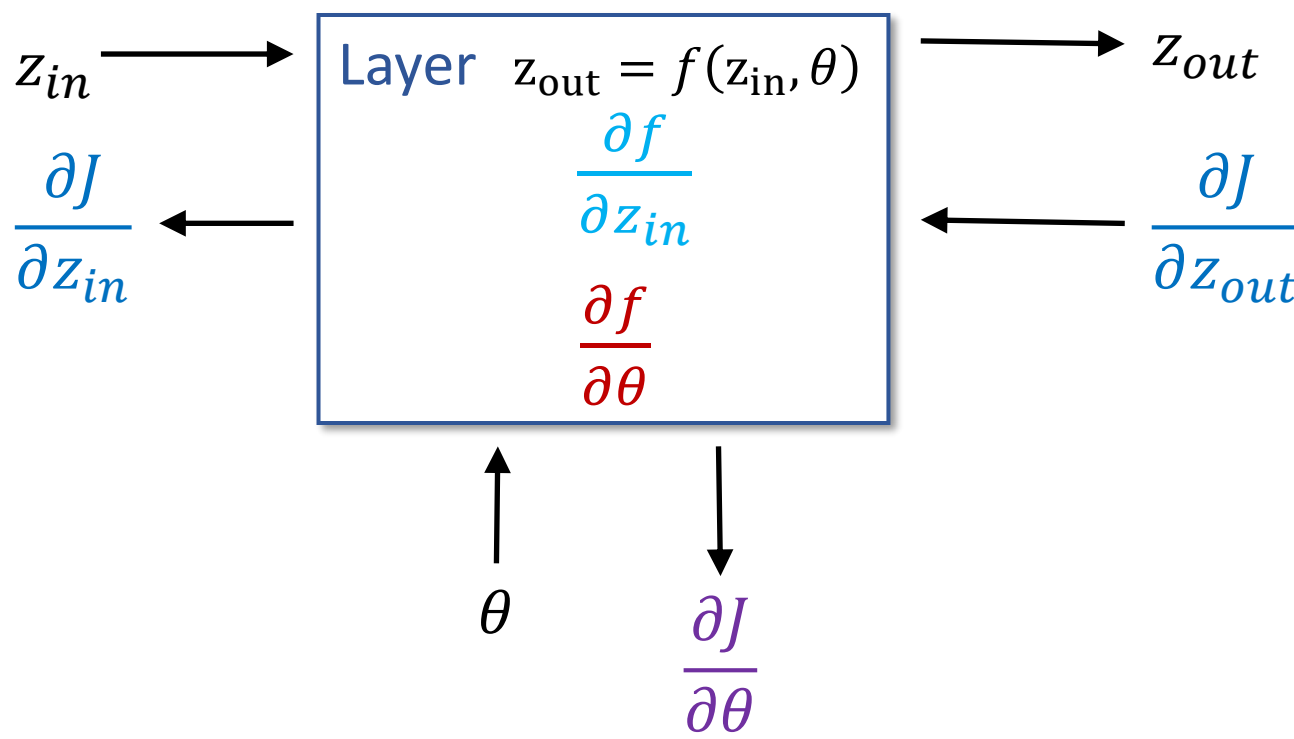
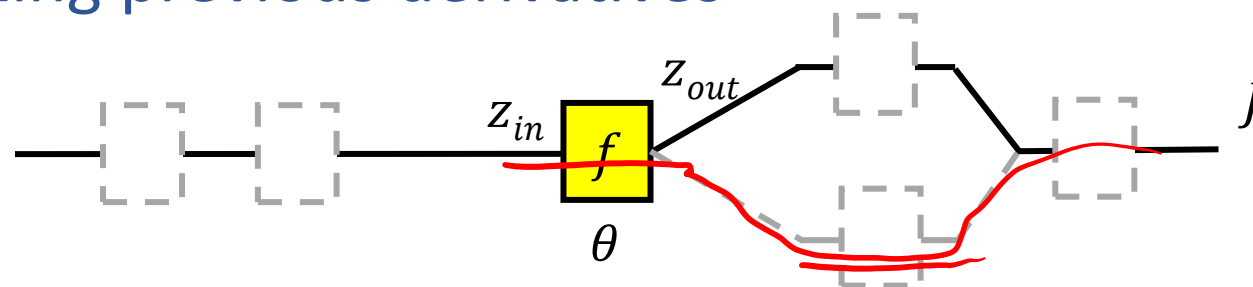
Objective:  $J(\theta)$

Arbitrary layer:  $z_{out} = f(z_{in}, \theta)$

Need:

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{in}} + &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{out}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_{in}} \\ \blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta} + &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{out}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta} \end{aligned}$$

init to zero



# Generic Layer Implementation (vector output version)

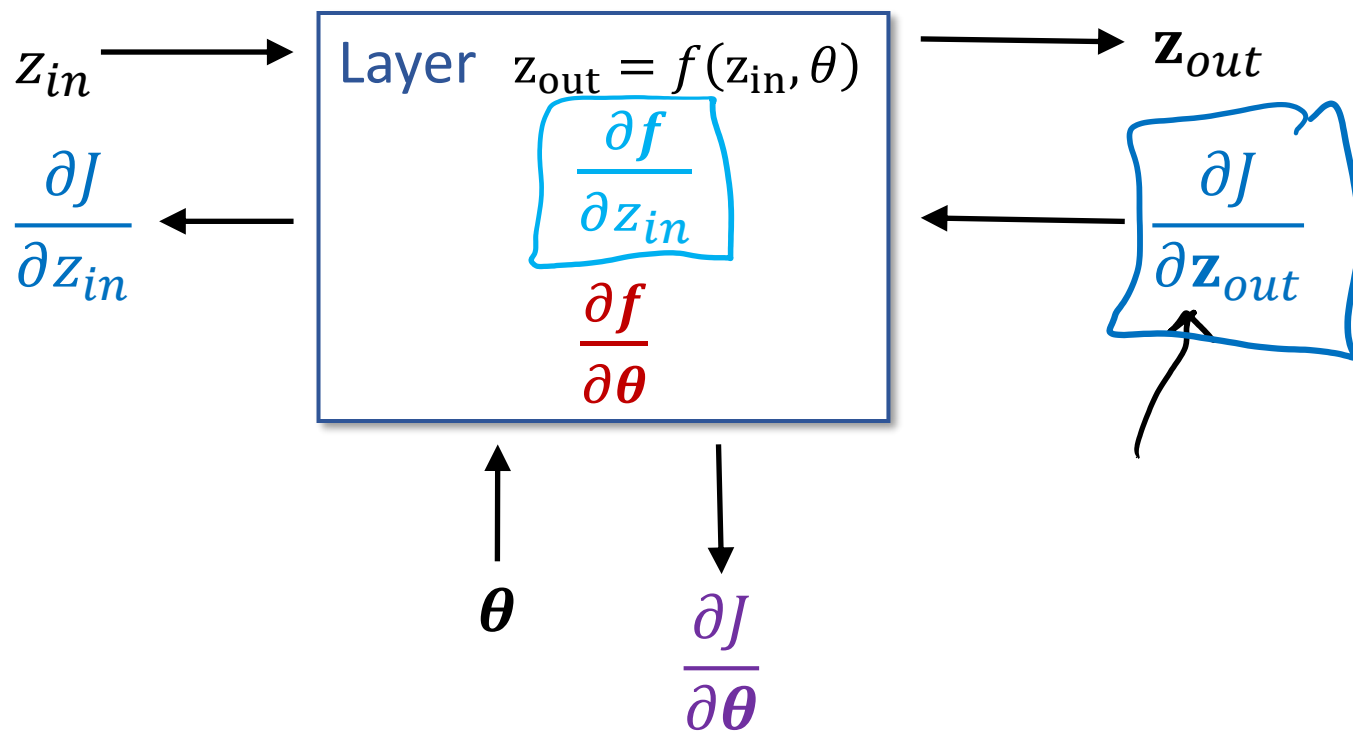
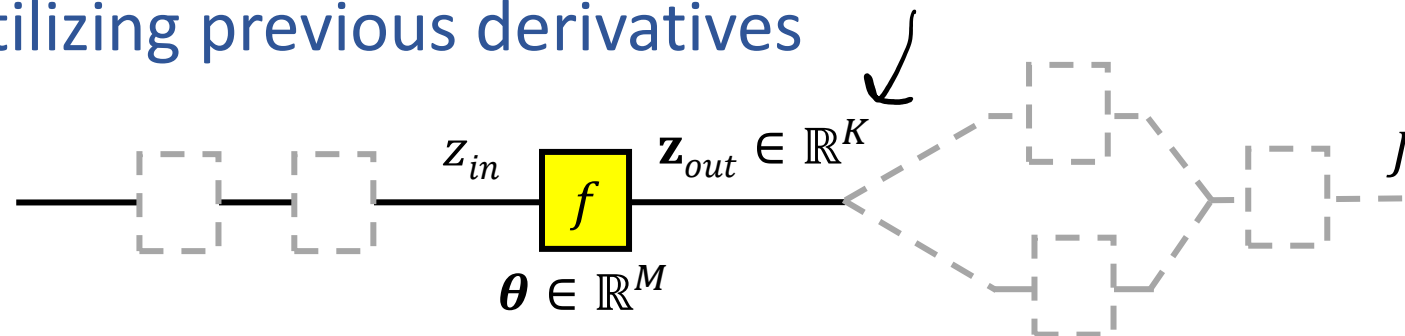
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Objective:  $J(\theta)$

Arbitrary layer:  $\mathbf{z}_{\text{out}} = f(\mathbf{z}_{\text{in}}, \theta)$

Need:

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{in}}} &= \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}_k} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_k}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{in}}} \\ \blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_j} &= \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}_k} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_k}{\partial \theta_j} \end{aligned}$$



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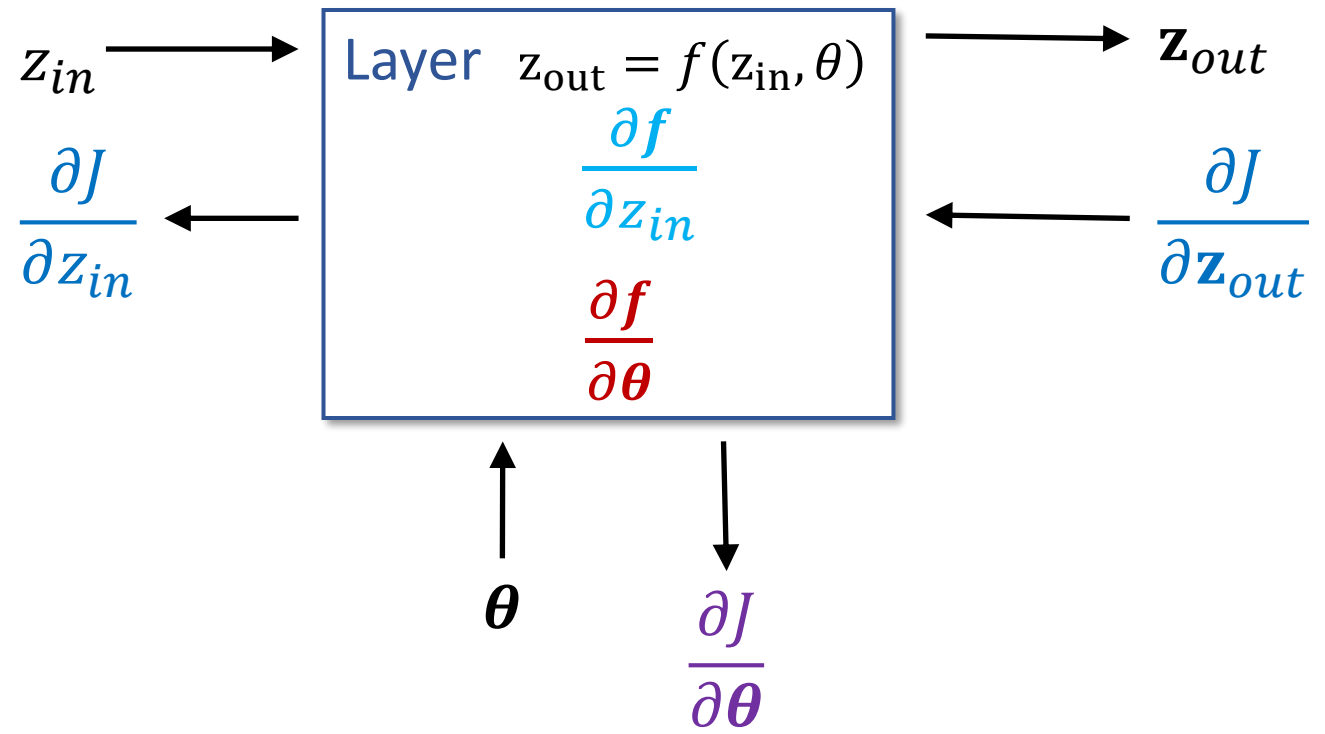
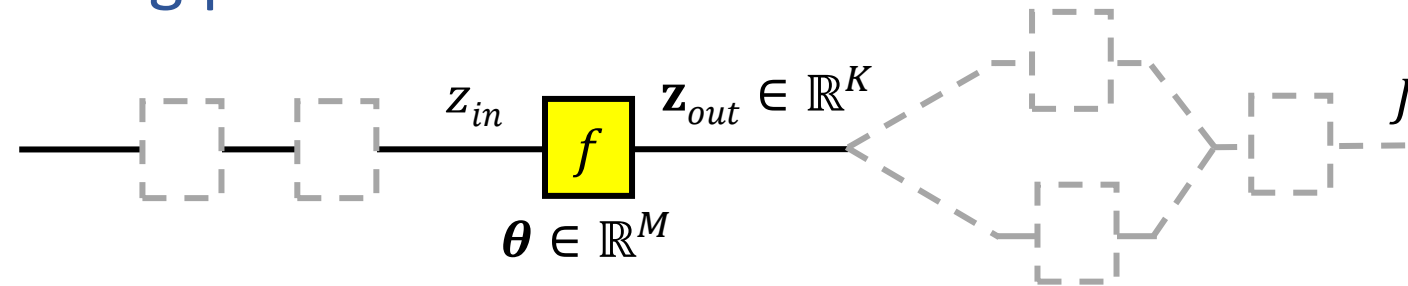
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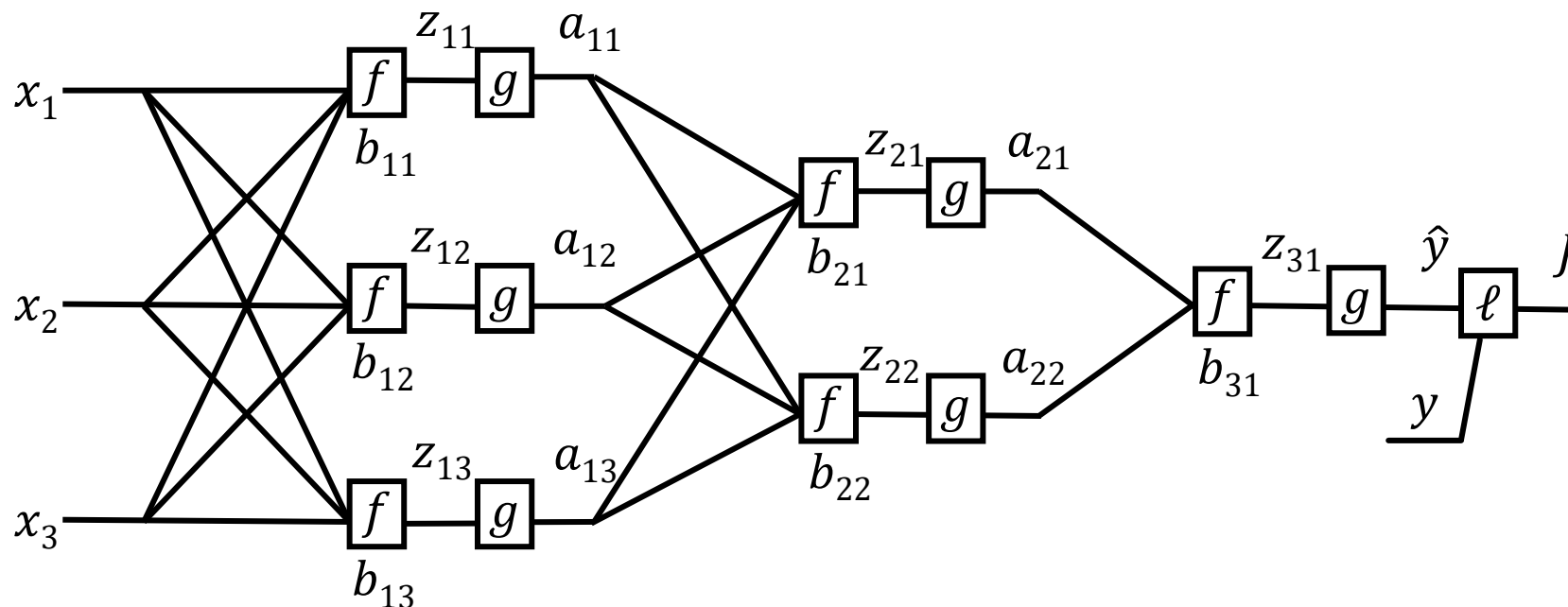
- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{in}}} = \sum_k \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{out},k}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{out},k}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{in}}}$
- $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \theta_j} = \sum_k \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{\text{out},k}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_j}$



# Optimization

$$\hat{y} = h_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = g \left( b_{3,1} + \sum_k w_{3,1,k} g \left( b_{2,k} + \sum_i w_{2,k,i} g \left( b_{1,i} + \sum_j w_{1,i,j} x_j \right) \right) \right)$$

Where do we need chain rule?



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{3,1}} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial a_{3,1}}{\partial z_{3,1}} \frac{\partial z_{3,1}}{\partial b_{3,1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{2,i}} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial a_{3,1}}{\partial z_{3,1}} \frac{\partial z_{3,1}}{\partial a_{2,i}} \frac{\partial a_{2,i}}{\partial z_{2,i}} \frac{\partial z_{2,i}}{\partial b_{2,i}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{1,i}} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial a_{3,1}}{\partial z_{3,1}} \frac{\partial z_{3,1}}{\partial \mathbf{a}_2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial a_{1,i}} \frac{\partial a_{1,i}}{\partial z_{1,i}} \frac{\partial z_{1,i}}{\partial b_{1,i}}$$

# Linear Layer Implementation

Compute derivatives per layer

Objective:  $J(\theta)$

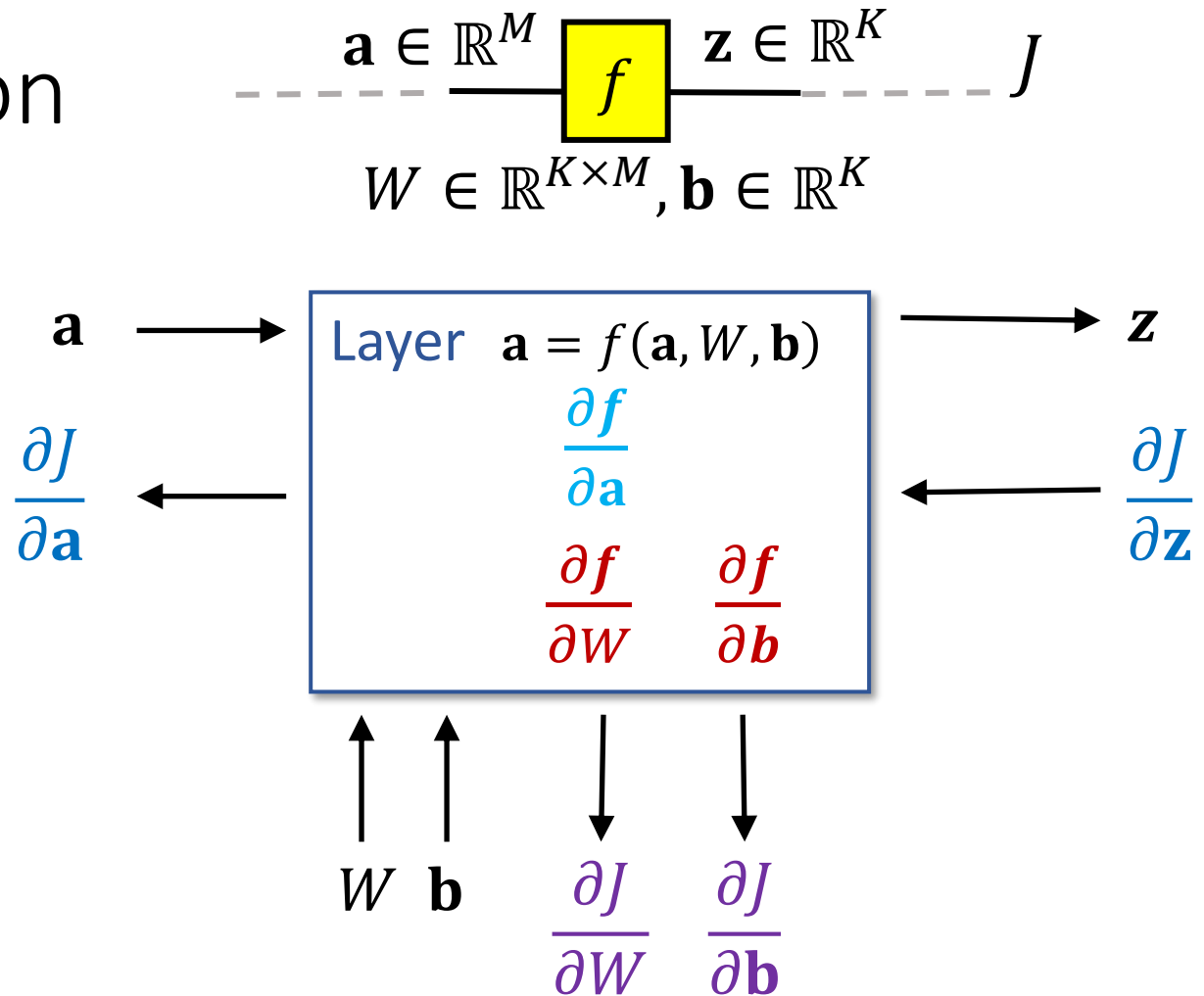
Layer:  $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{a}, W, \mathbf{b}) = W\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

Scalar version (no formatting)

$$\blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial a_j} =$$

$$\blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{i,j}} =$$

$$\blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial b_i} =$$



$$\mathbf{z} = W\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$z_k = b_k + \sum_j W_{k,j} a_j$$

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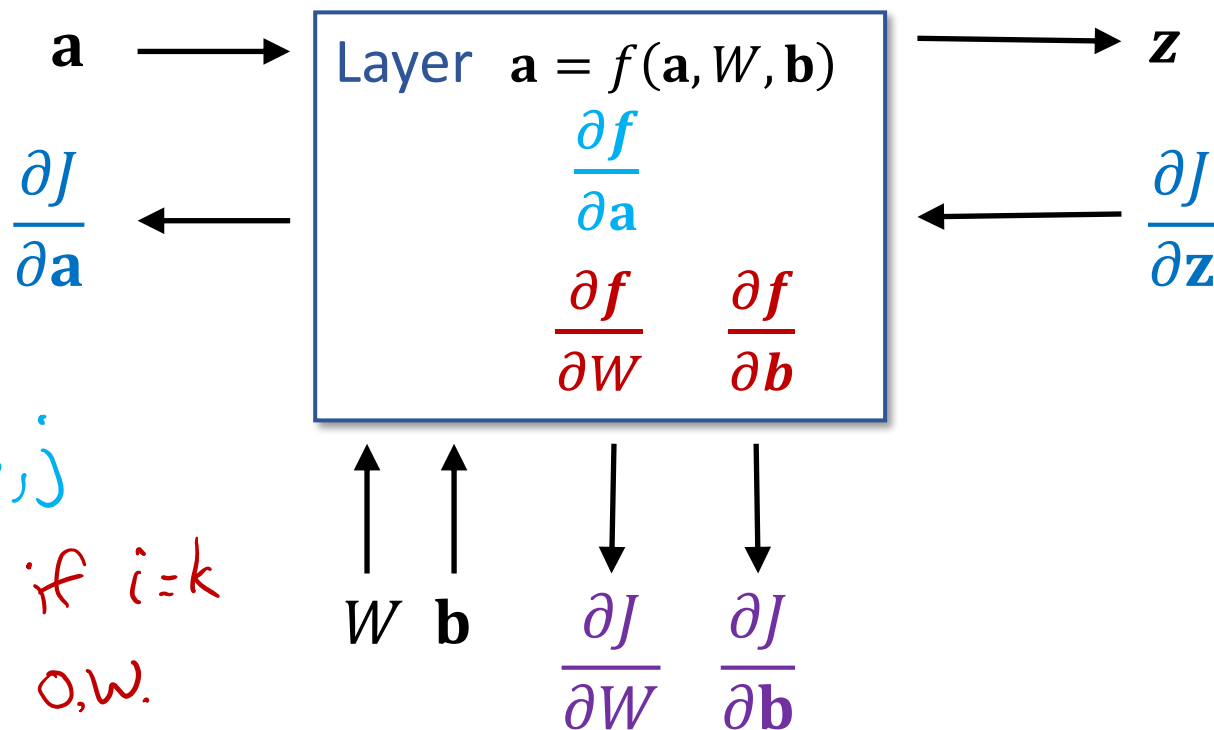
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- $$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{i,j}} = \sum_k \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_k} \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial W_{i,j}} = \sum_k \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_k} \begin{cases} a_j & \text{if } i=k \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$
- $$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_i} = \sum_k \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_k} \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial b_i} = \sum_k \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_k} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i=k \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^M \text{---} \boxed{f} \text{---} \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^K \text{---} J \\ W \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times M}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^K \end{array}$$



$$\mathbf{z} = W\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\longrightarrow z_k = b_k + \sum_j W_{k,j} a_j$$



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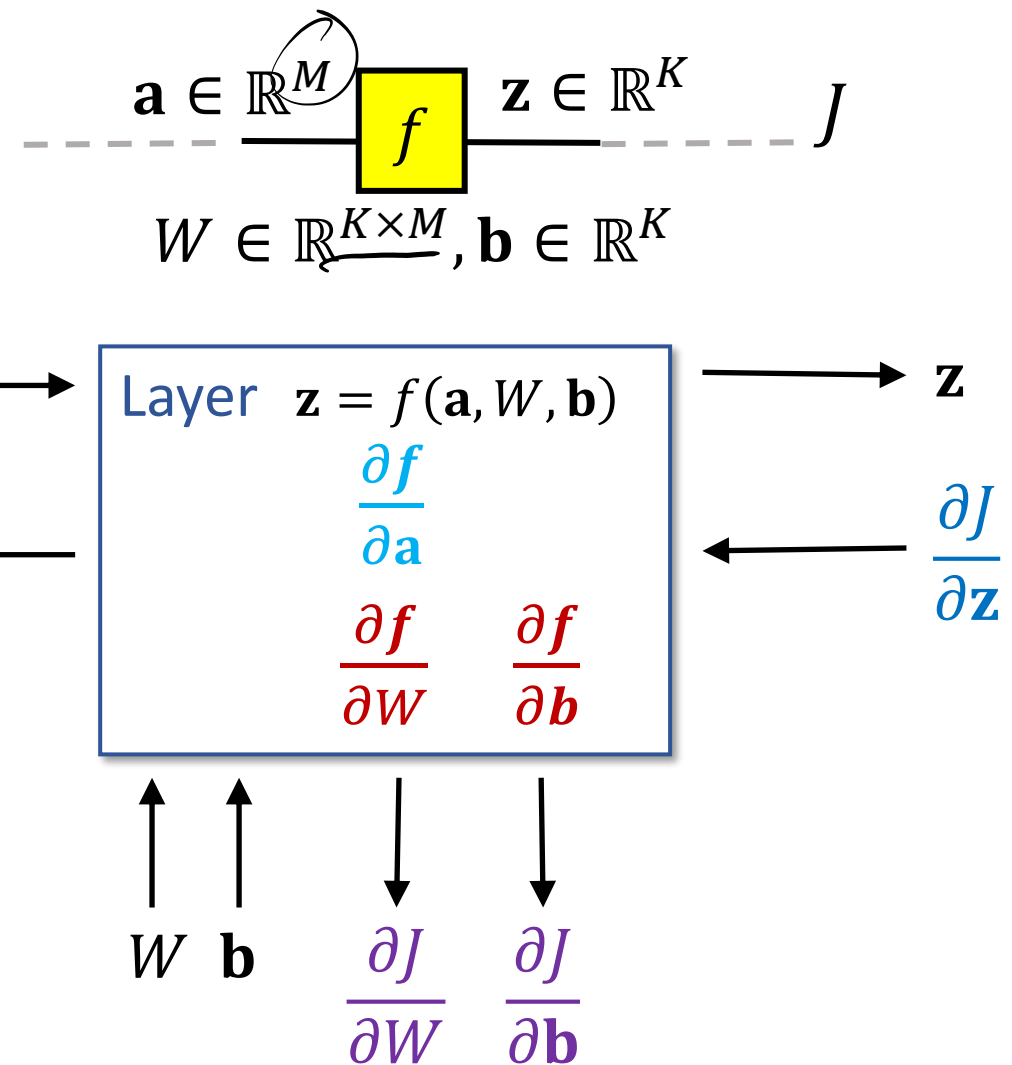
(Numerator format)

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{z}}} \frac{d\tilde{\mathbf{z}}}{d\tilde{\mathbf{a}}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{z}}} W$$

$[1 \times M]$        $[1 \times K]$      $[K \times M]$   
 $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{a}}$      $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{z}}}$      $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{\mathbf{a}}}$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$



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Compute derivatives per layer

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Layer:  $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{a}, W, \mathbf{b}) = W\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$

(Numerator format)

$$\begin{matrix} [1 \times M] & [1 \times K][K \times M] & [1 \times K][K \times M] \\ \blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{a}} & = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{a}} & = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} W \end{matrix}$$

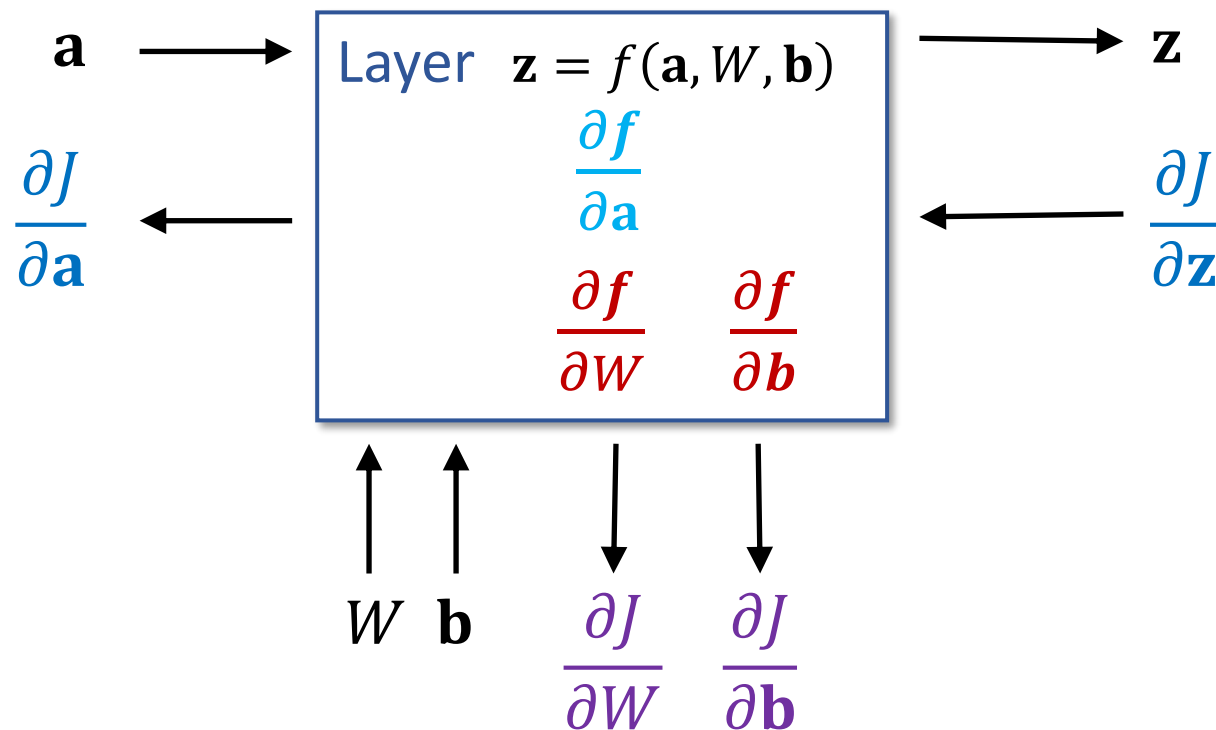
Fixed dimensions to  
be outer product

$$\begin{matrix} [M \times K] & [1 \times K][? \times ?] & [1 \times K][M \times 1] & [M \times 1][1 \times K] \\ \blacksquare \frac{\partial J}{\partial W} & = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial W} & = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \mathbf{a} & = \mathbf{a} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \end{matrix}$$

Broken!

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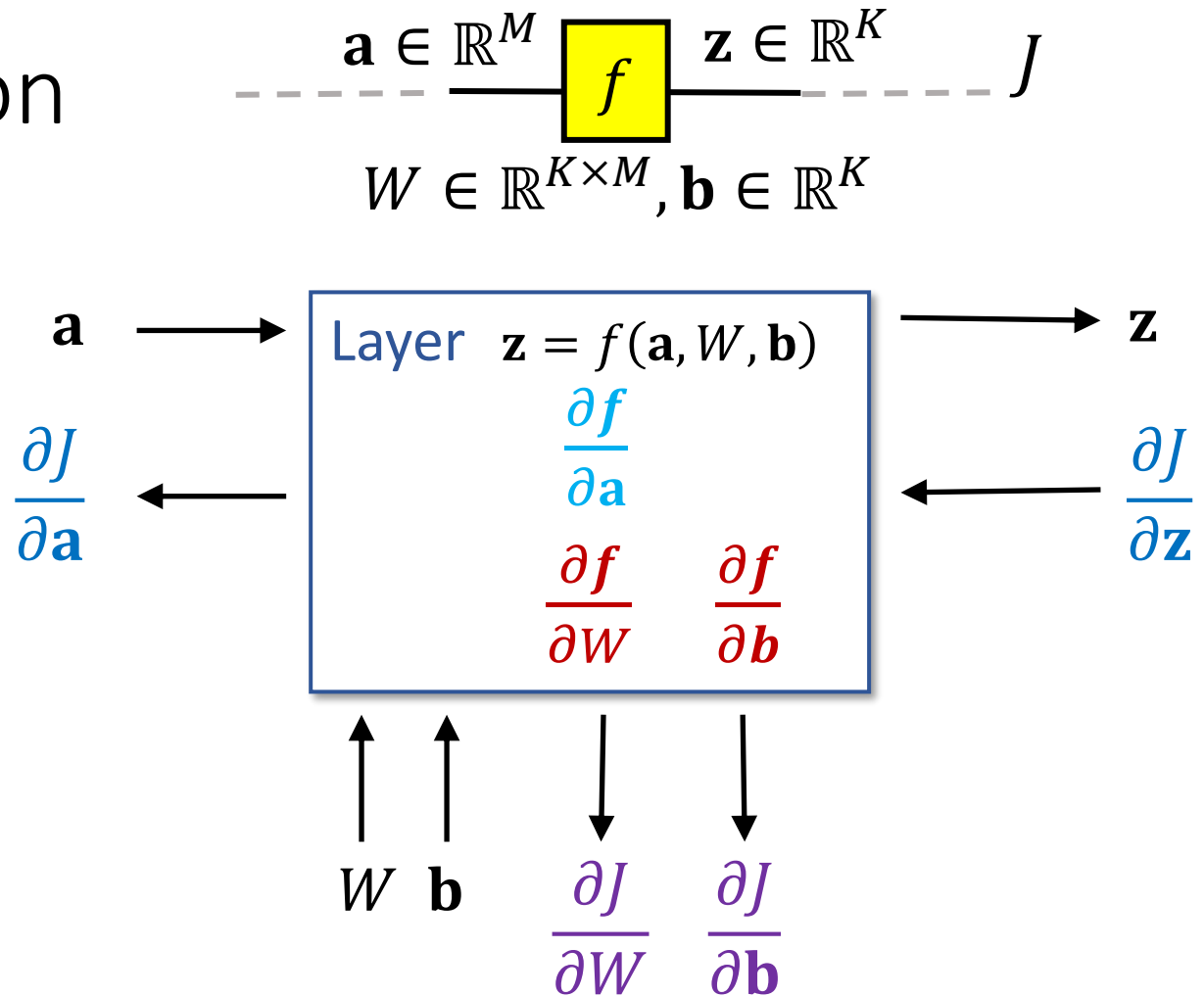
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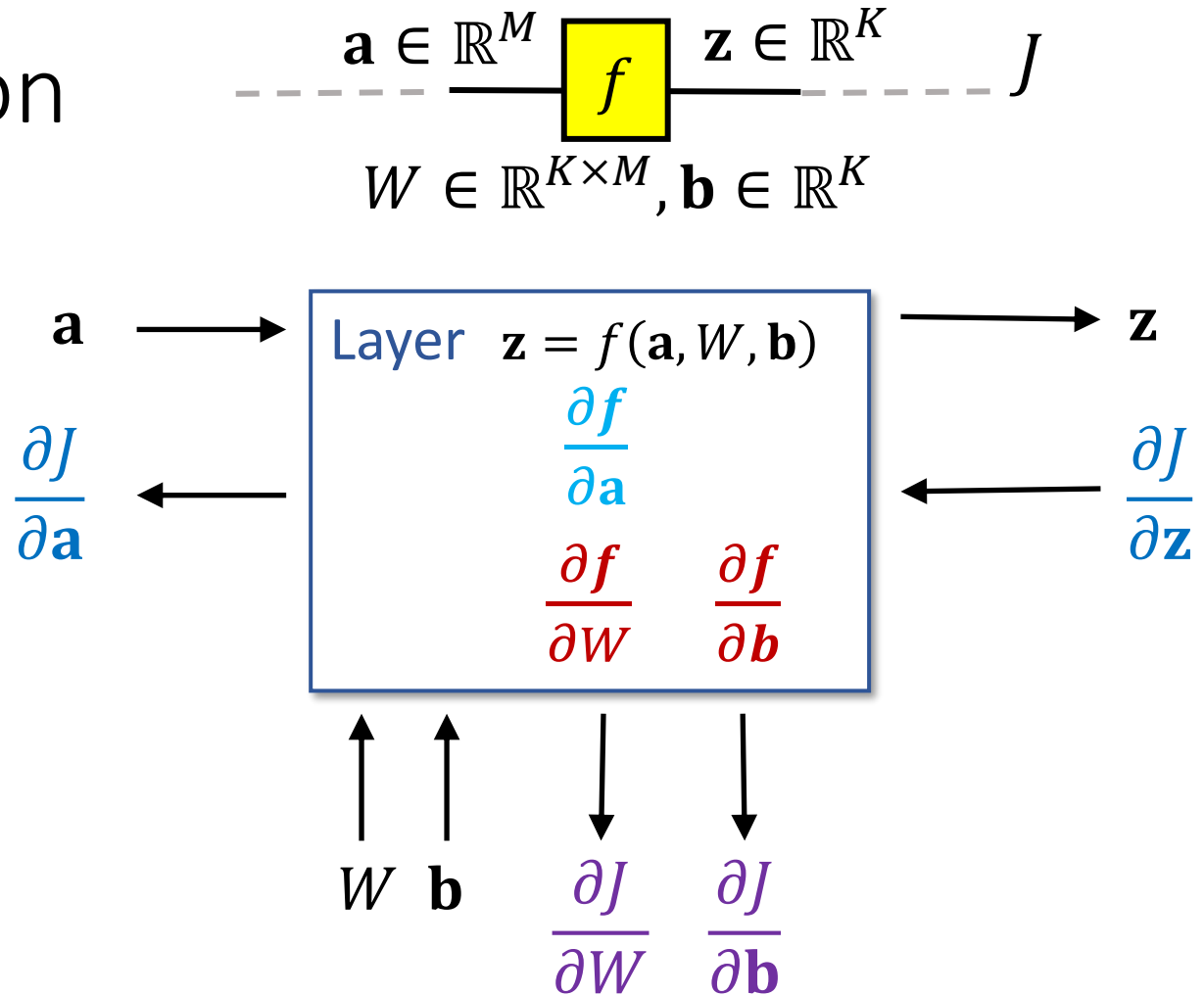
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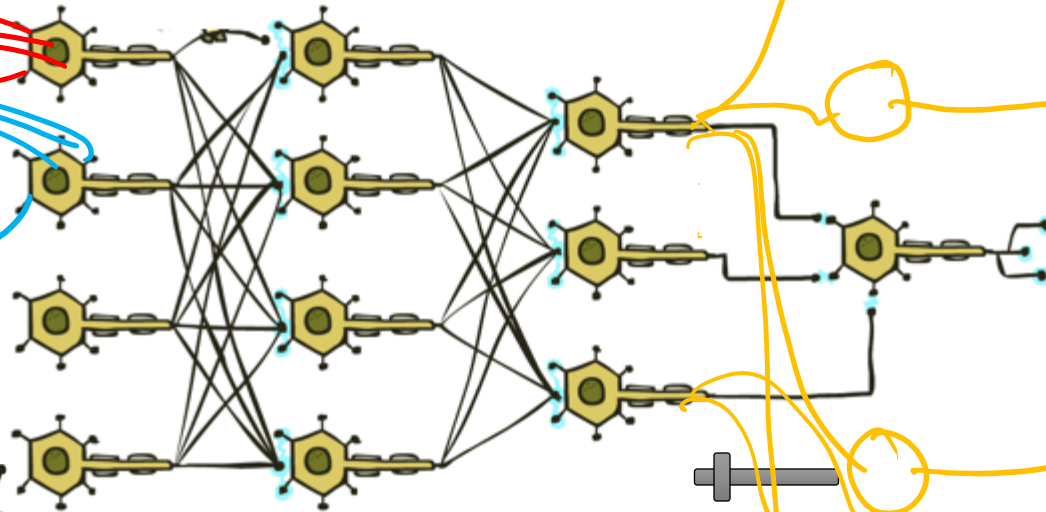
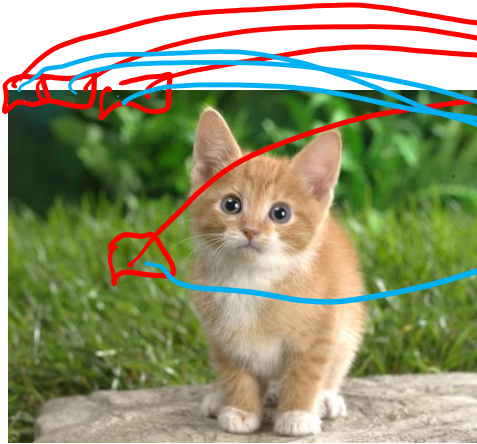
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$\hat{y}$

Input  
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DOG



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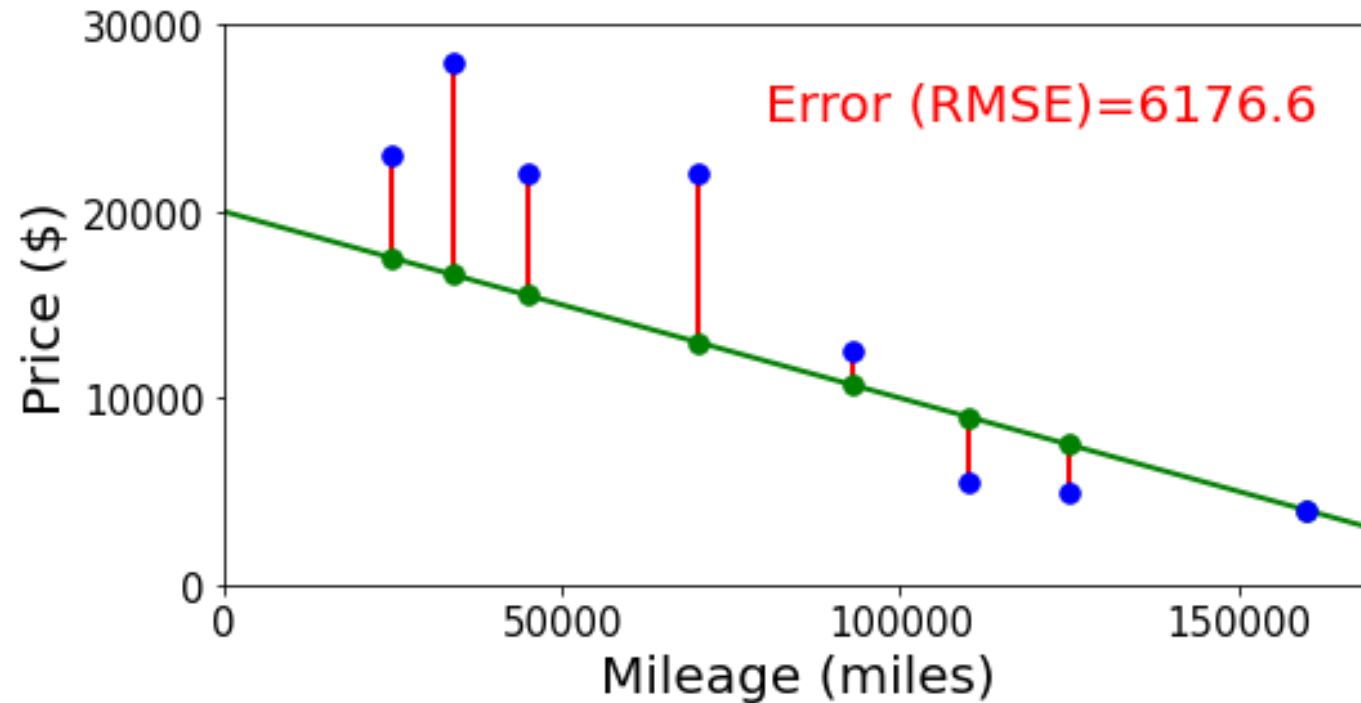
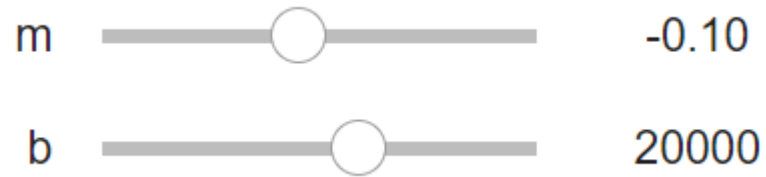


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# Neural Networks

Building on optimization for linear and logistic regression

- Selling my car

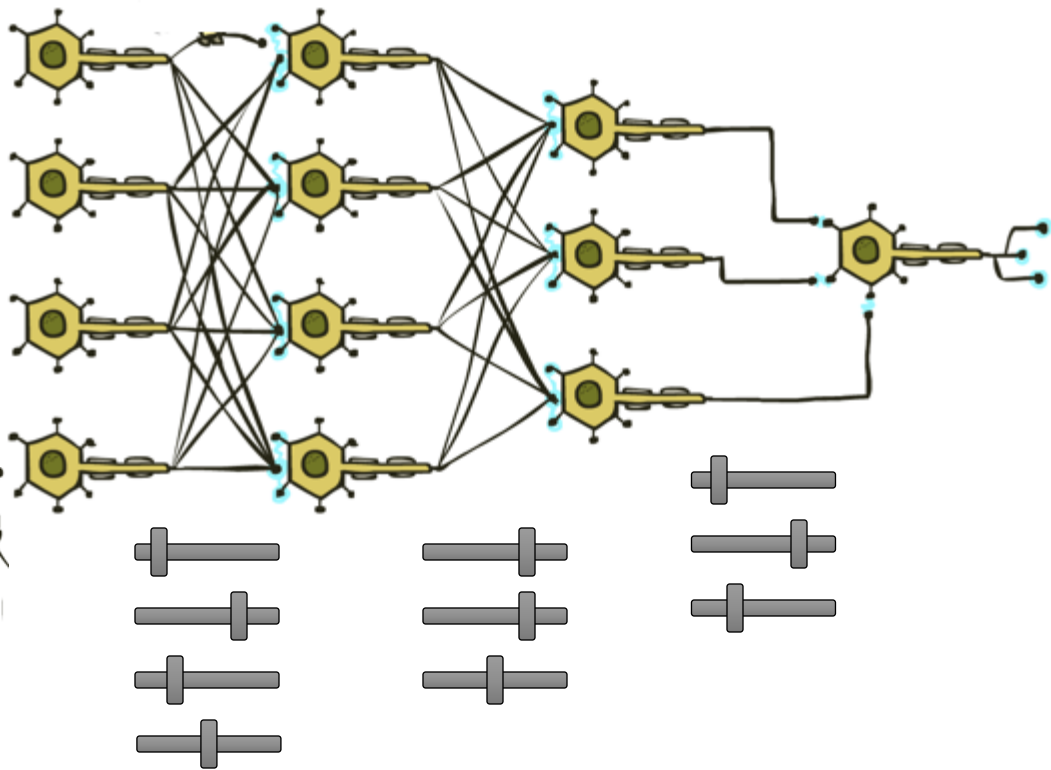


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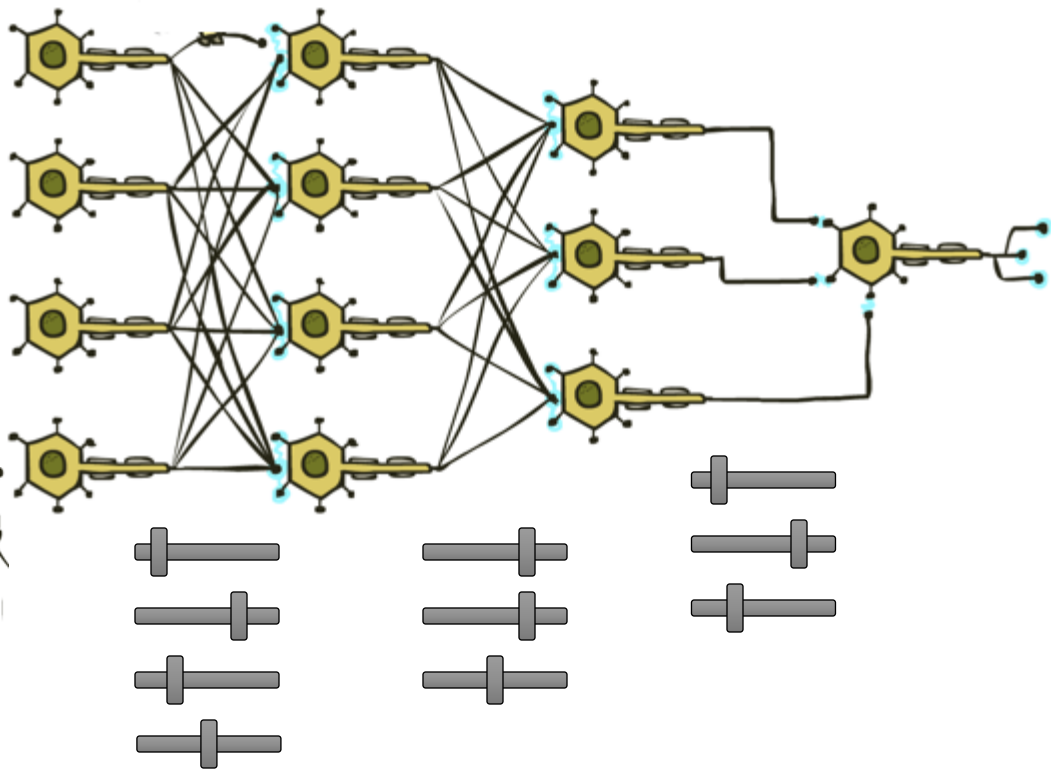


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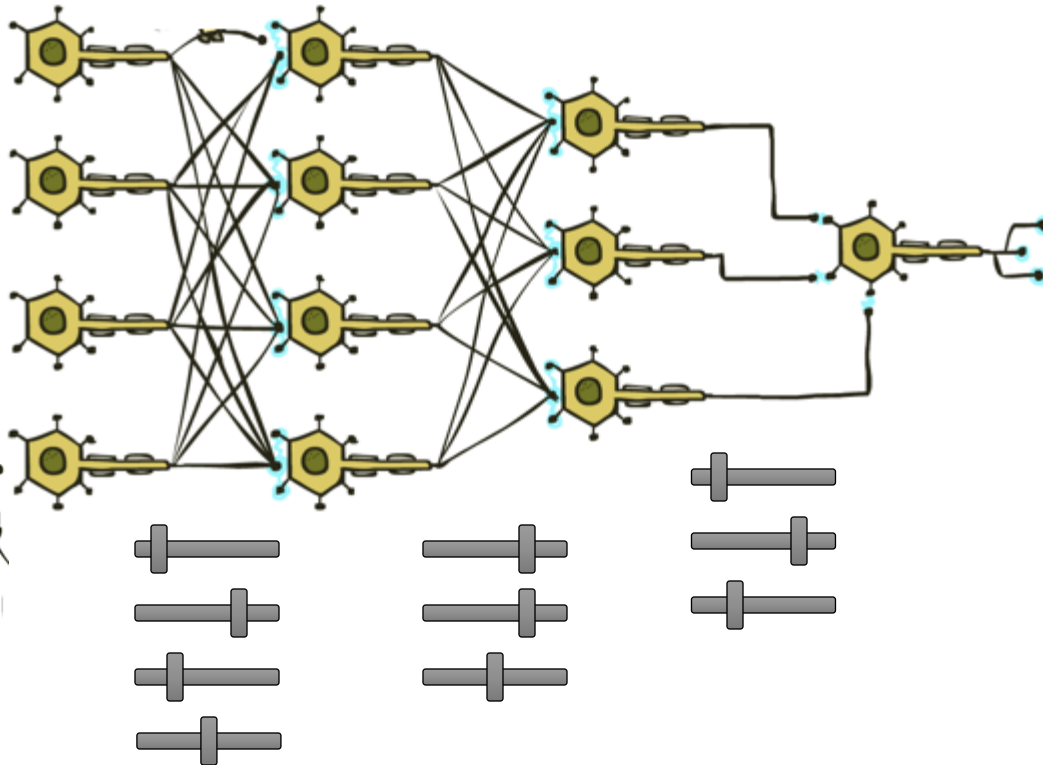
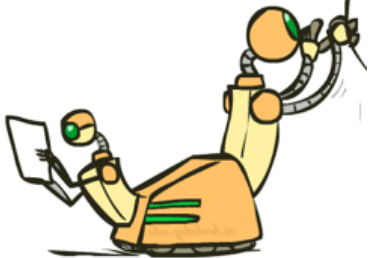
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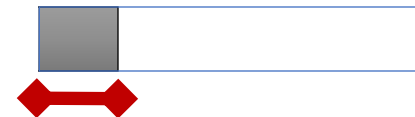
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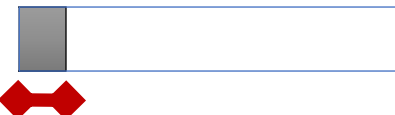
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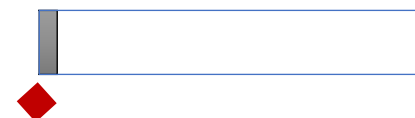
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# Outline

## Last time: Neural Networks

- Three-neuron network + optimization
- Neural network structure (adding more neurons)
- Forward pass and Backpropagation (scalar version)

## Today: Neural Networks

- Calculus: multi-variate chain rule
- Backpropagation (vector version)
- Optimization intuition (sliders)
- Neural Network Properties and Intuition

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lin reg vs net  
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## Example

What happens with you add to linear functions together?

- Adding two lines?  $h(x) = f_1(x, w_1, b_1) + f_2(x, w_2, b_2)$
- Adding two planes?

$$\begin{aligned} &= w_1 x + b_1 + w_2 x + b_2 \\ &= (w_1 + w_2)x + (b_1 + b_2) \end{aligned}$$



# Objective Function is Not Convex

| Objective function for... | Convex? | Closed-form solution? |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Linear regression         | ✓       | ✓                     |
| Logistic regression       | ✓       | ✗                     |
| Neural networks           | ✗       | ✗                     |

# Optimization

## Convex function

If  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex, then:

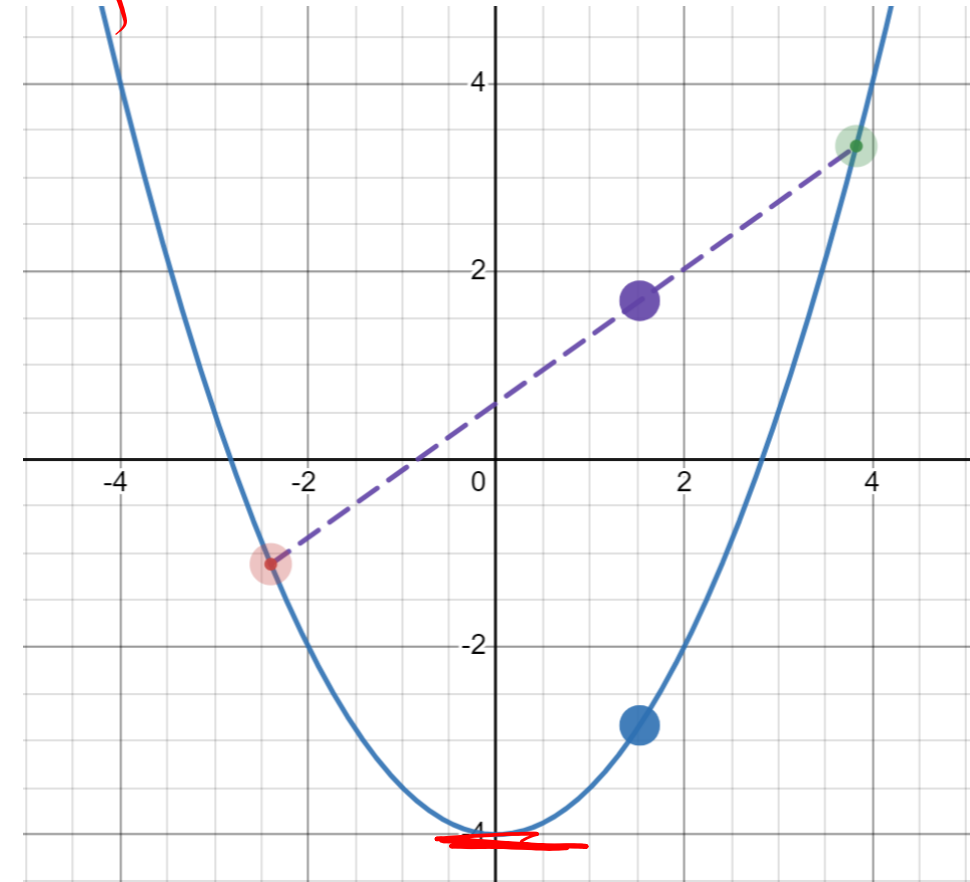
- $f(\alpha \mathbf{x} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{z}) \leq \alpha f(\mathbf{x}) + (1 - \alpha) f(\mathbf{z})$   
 $\forall 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$

## Convex optimization

If second derivative is  $\geq 0$   
everywhere then function is  
convex

If  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is convex, then:

- Every local minimum is also a  
global minimum 😊



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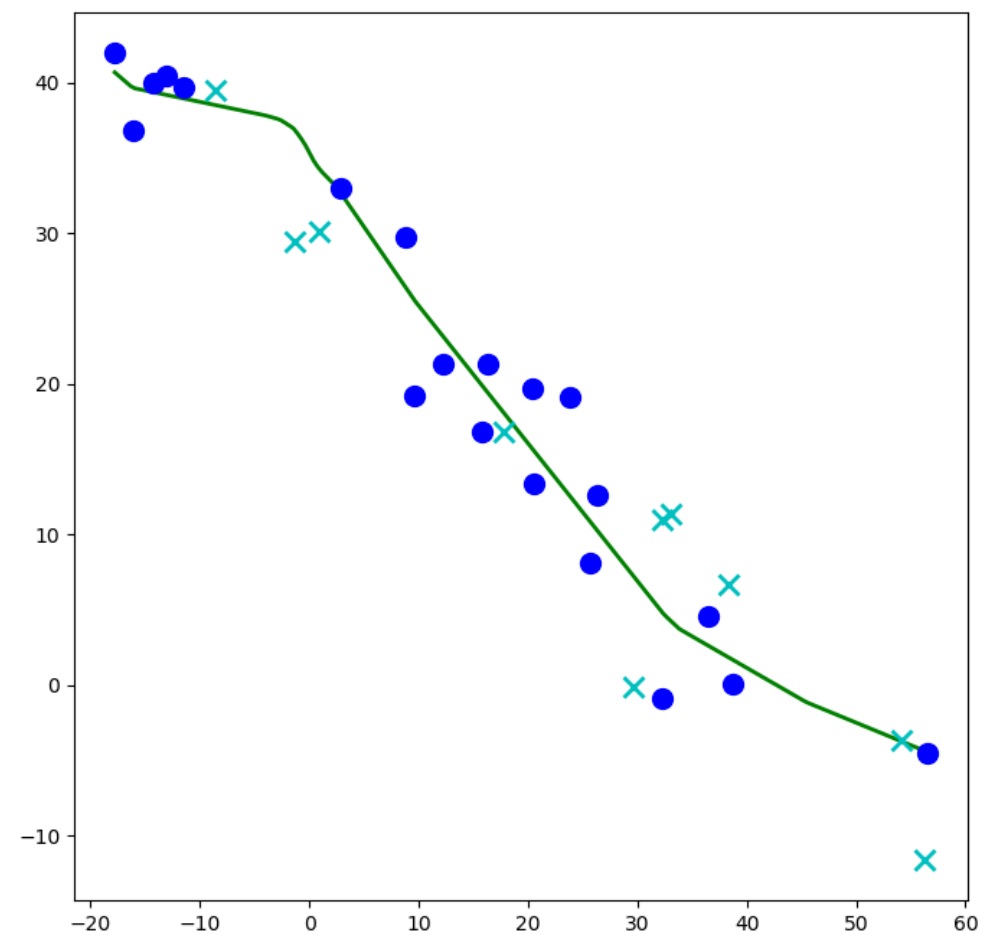
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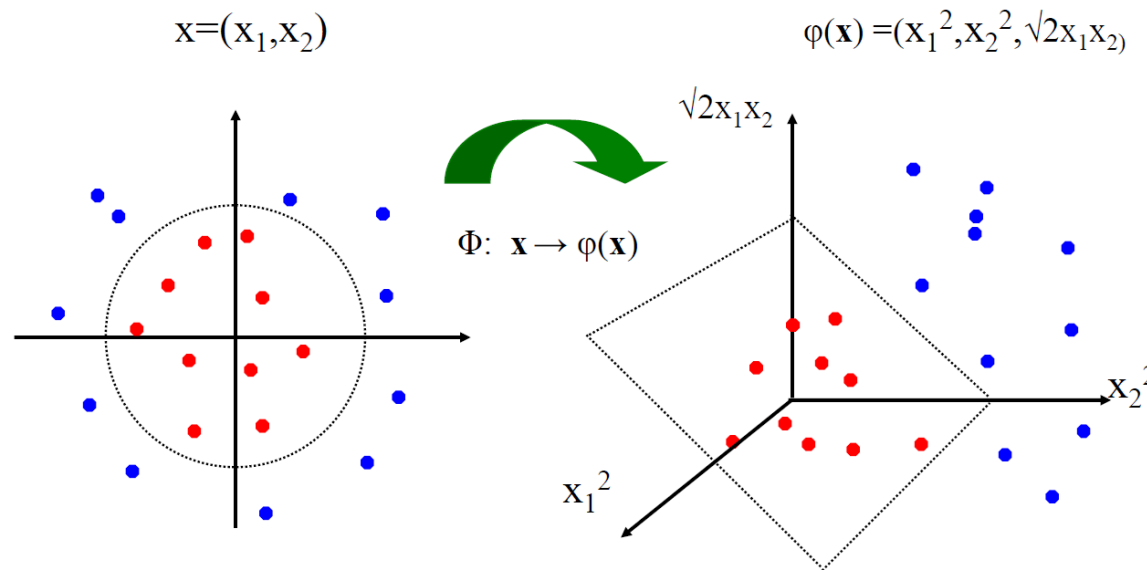
# Network to Approximate a 1-D Function



# Linear Classifiers for Nonlinear Data

Linear classifiers have linear decision boundaries

Feature mapping can convert nonlinear data to higher dimensions

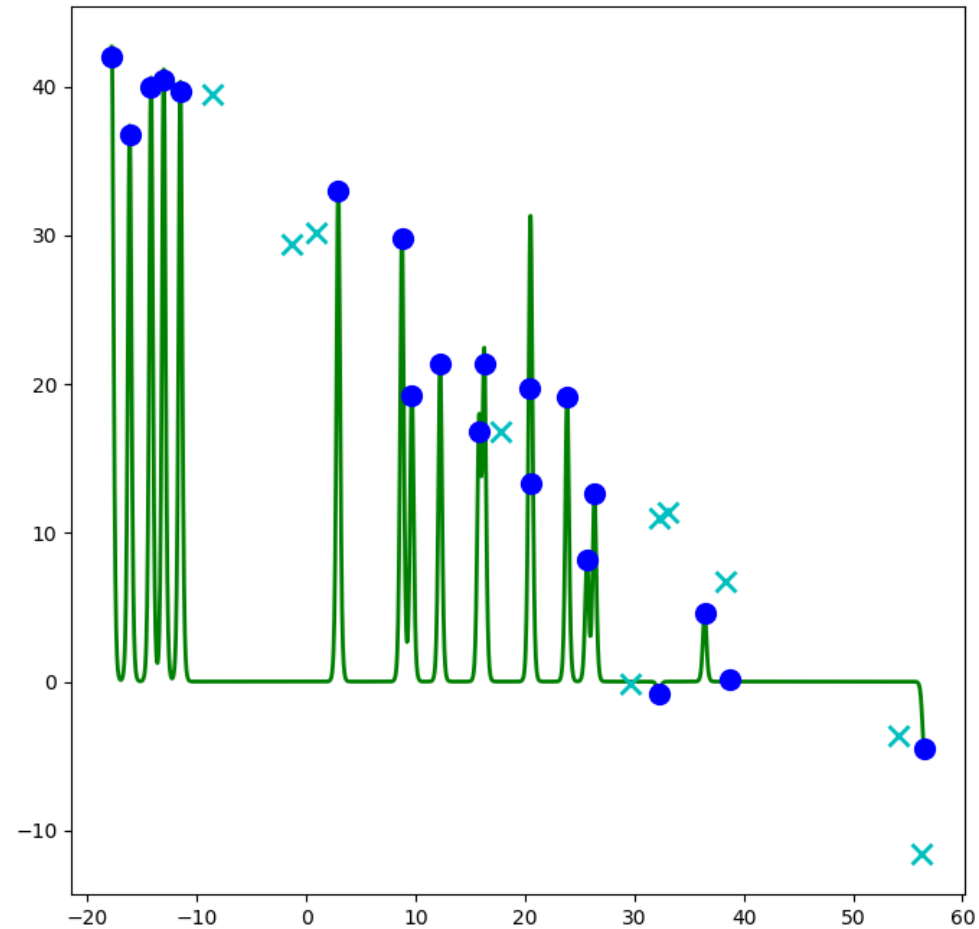
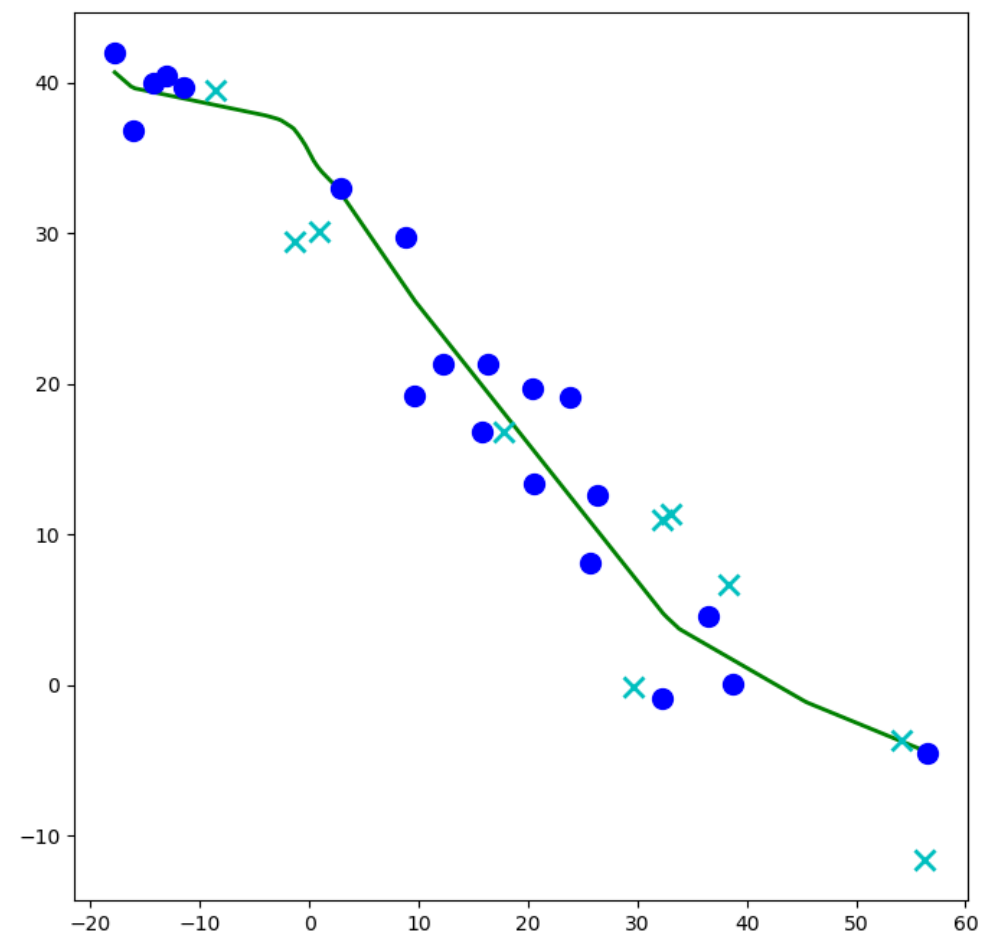


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Today, instead of choosing a feature mapping function, we'll use neural networks to learn nonlinear decision boundaries.

- We'll quickly shift this to doing nonlinear regression too!

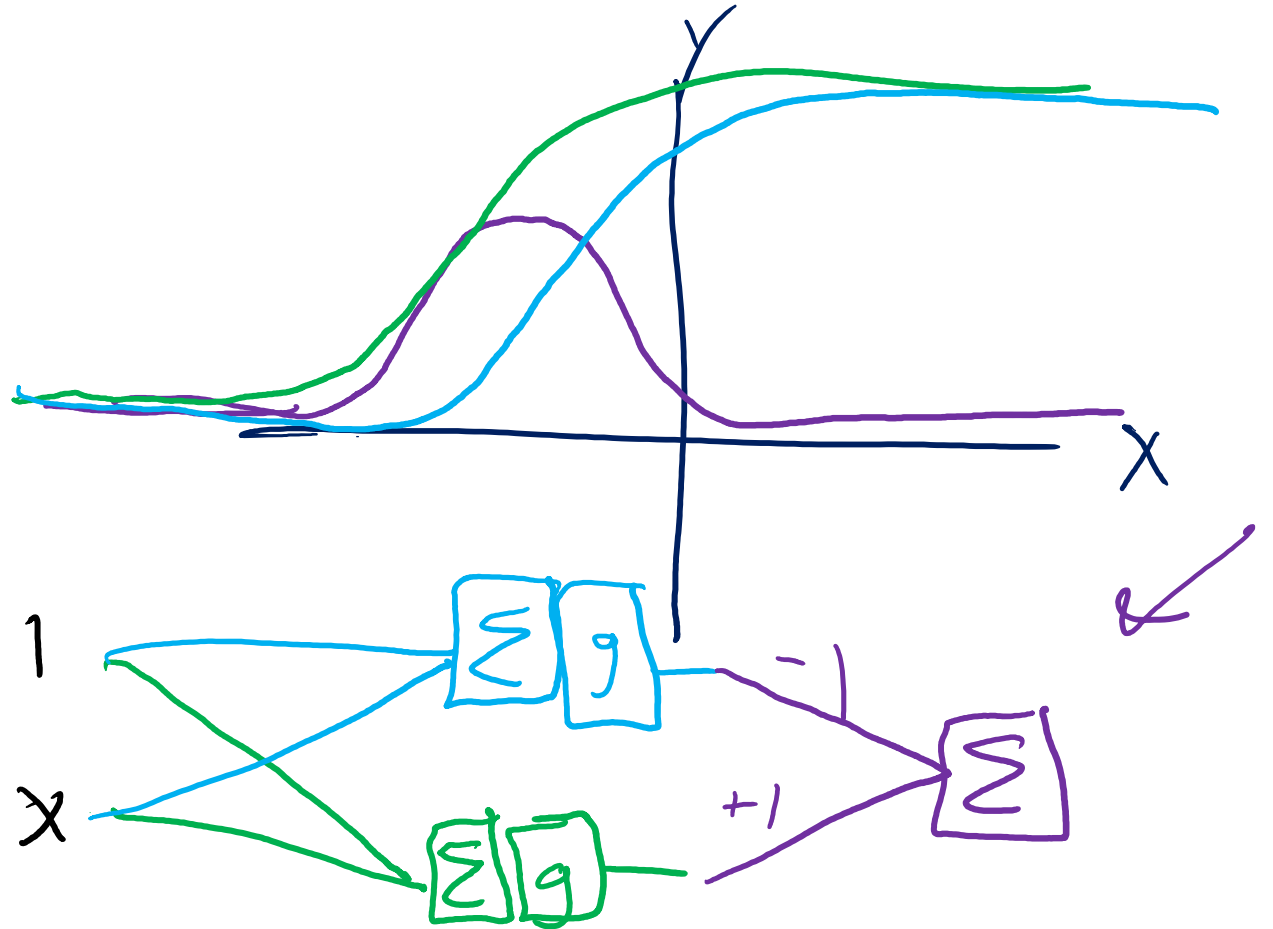
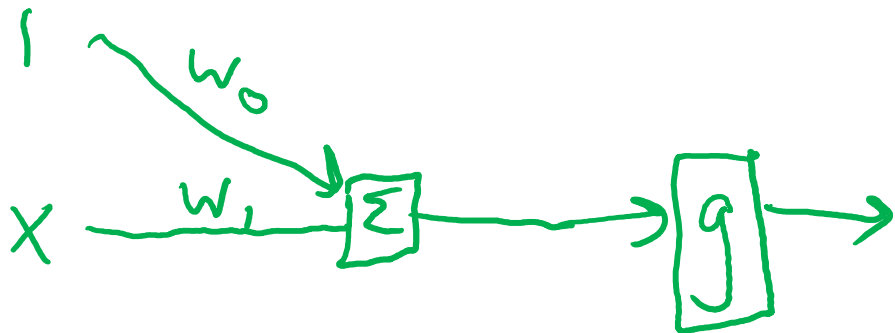
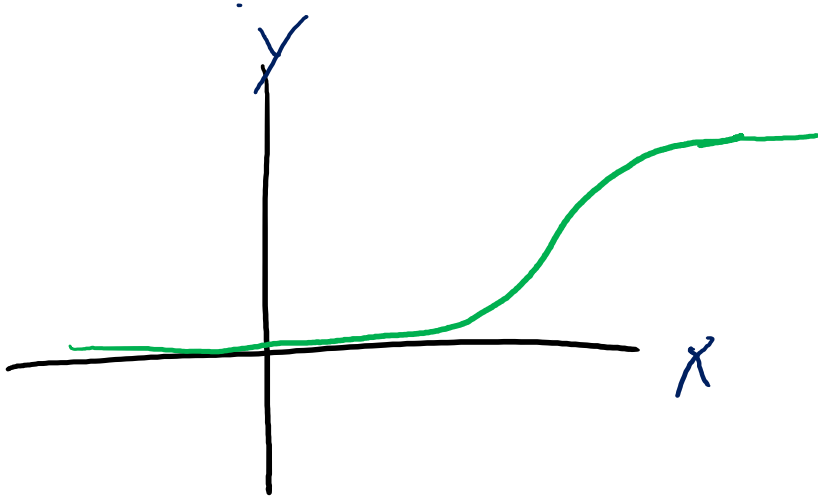
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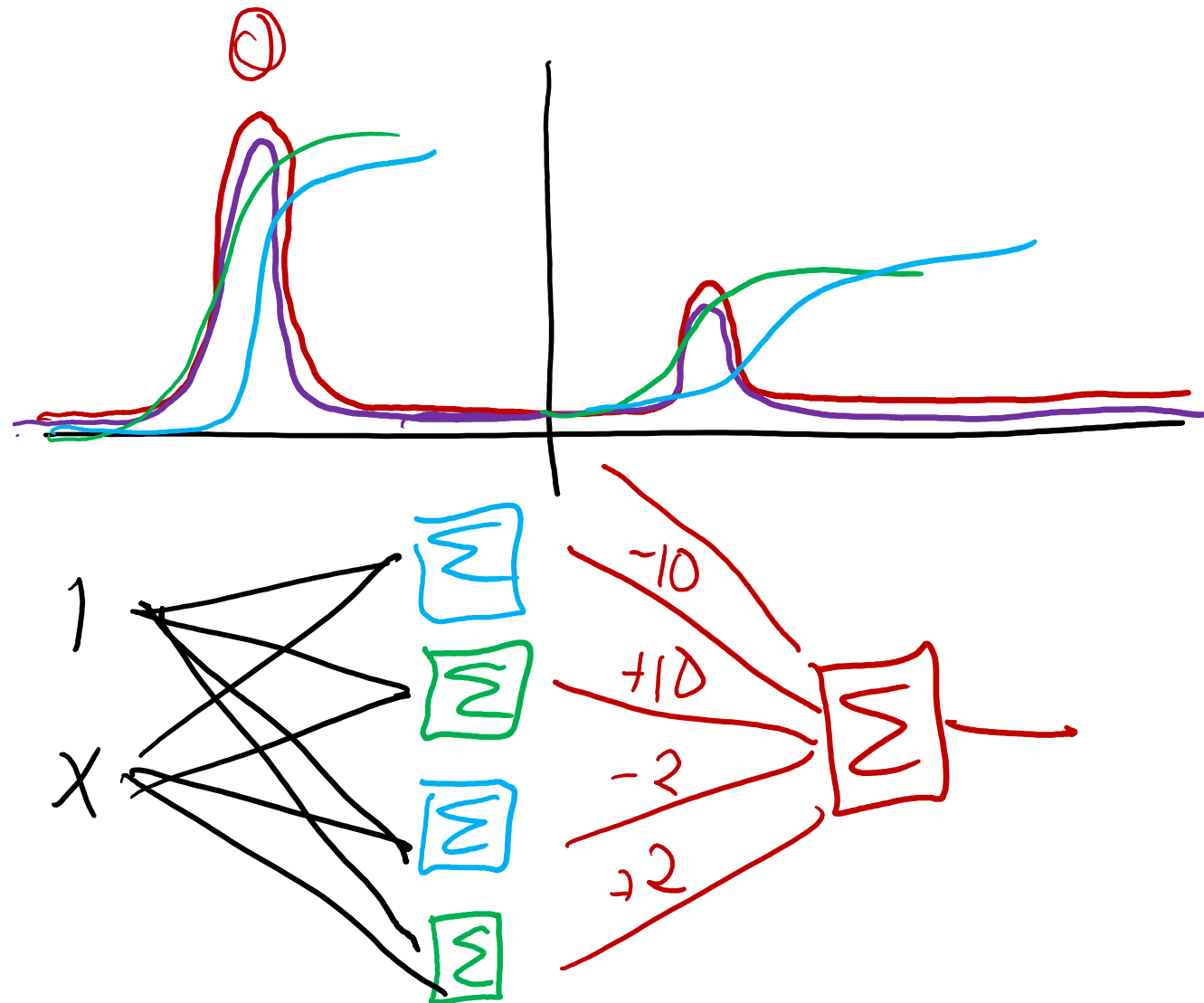
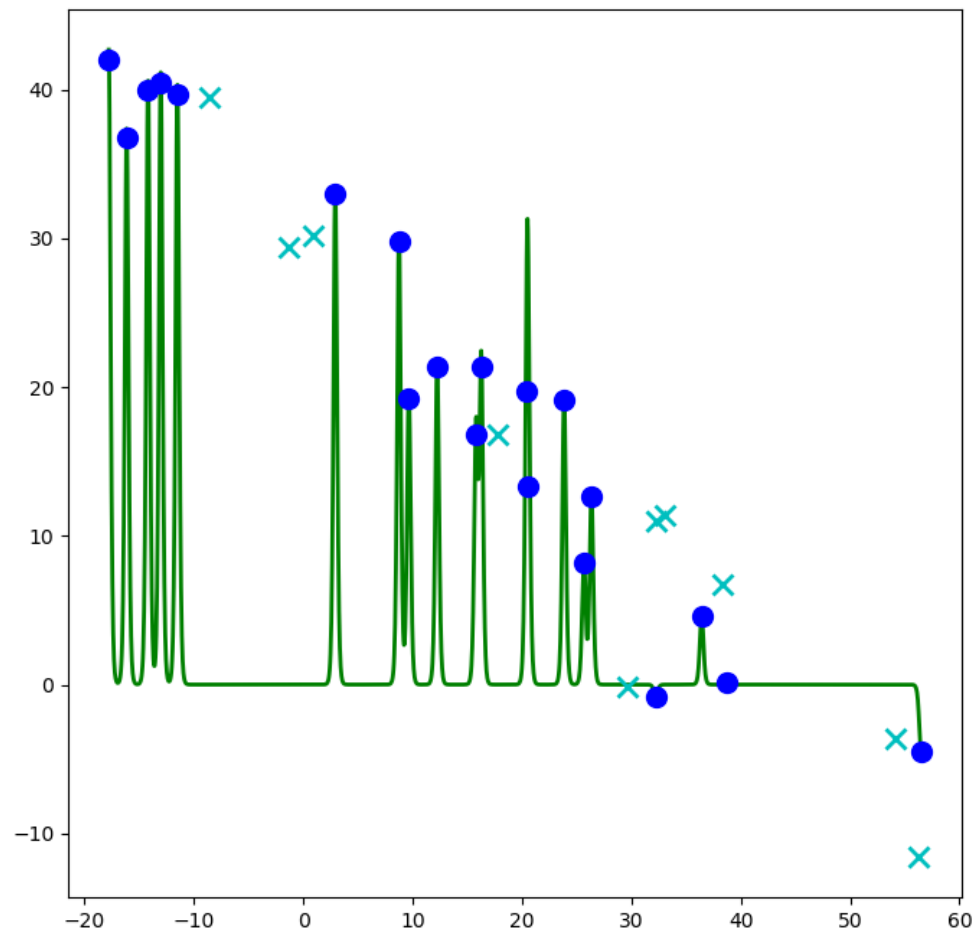
Design a network to approximate this function using:

Linear, Sigmoid, Step, or ReLU





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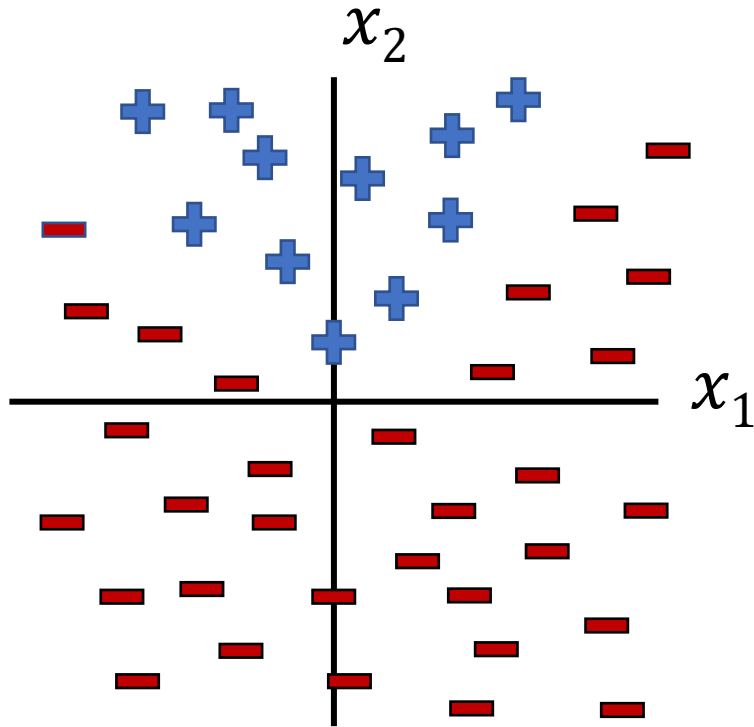
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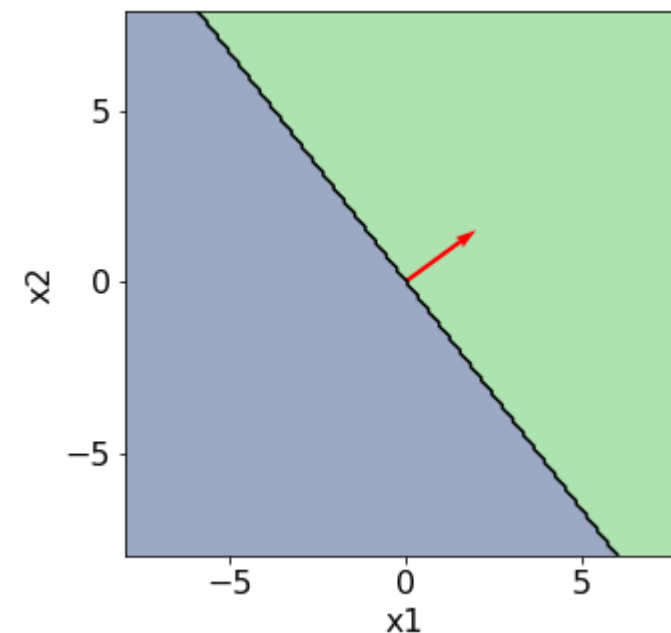
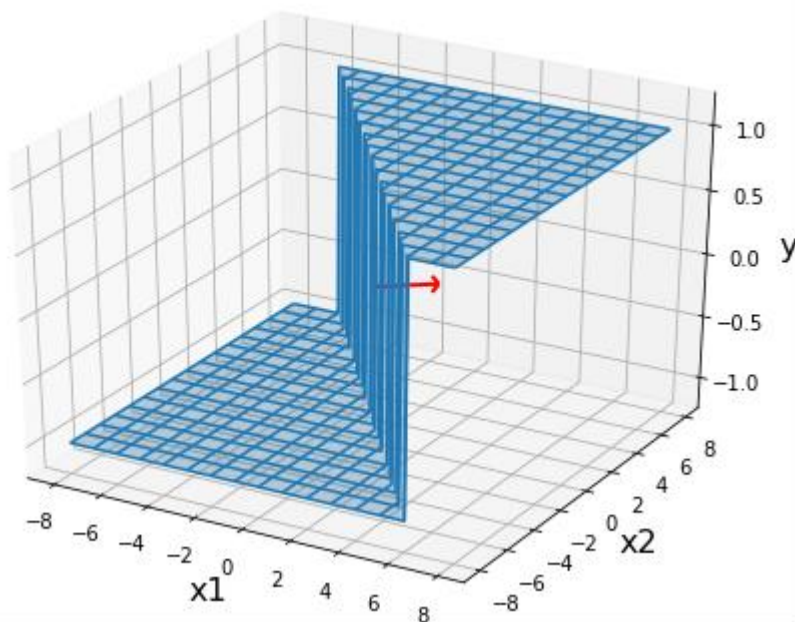
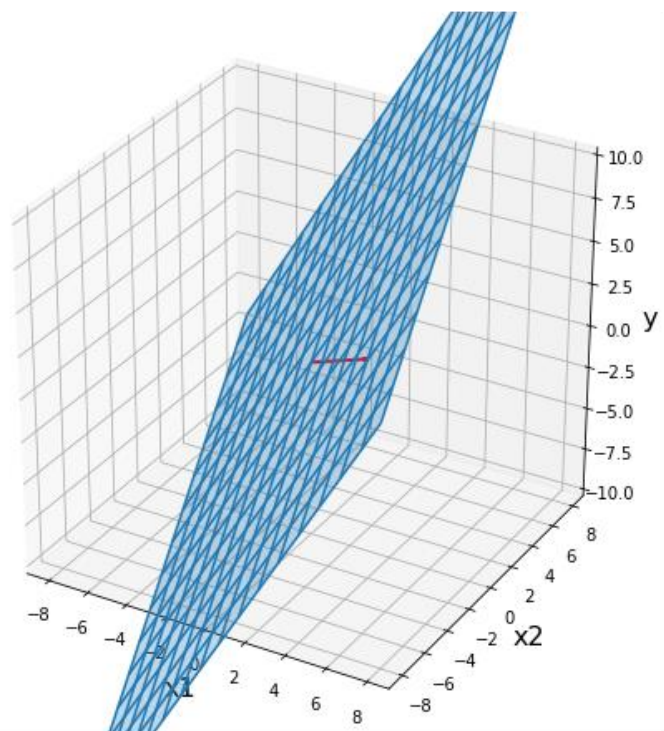


# Perceptron

Classification: Hard threshold on linear model

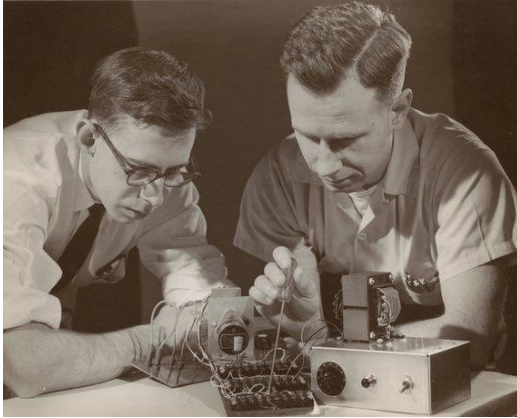
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# Perceptron History

## Frank Rosenblatt, 1957



*The New Yorker*, December 6, 1958 P. 44

Talk story about the perceptron, a new electronic brain which hasn't been built, but which has been successfully simulated on the I.B.M. 704. Talk with Dr. Frank Rosenblatt, of the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, who is one of the two men who developed the prodigy; the other man is Dr. Marshall C. Yovits, of the Office of Naval Research, in Washington. Dr. Rosenblatt defined the perceptron as the first non-biological object which will achieve an organization o its external environment in a meaningful way. It interacts with its environment, forming concepts that have not been made ready for it by a human agent. If a triangle is held up, the perceptron's eye picks up the image & conveys it along a random succession of lines to the response units, where the image is registered. It can tell the difference betw. a cat and a dog, although it wouldn't be able to tell whether the dog was to theleft or right of the cat. Right now it is of no practical use, Dr. Rosenblatt conceded, but he said that one day it might be useful to send one into outer space to take in impressions for us.



## Exercise

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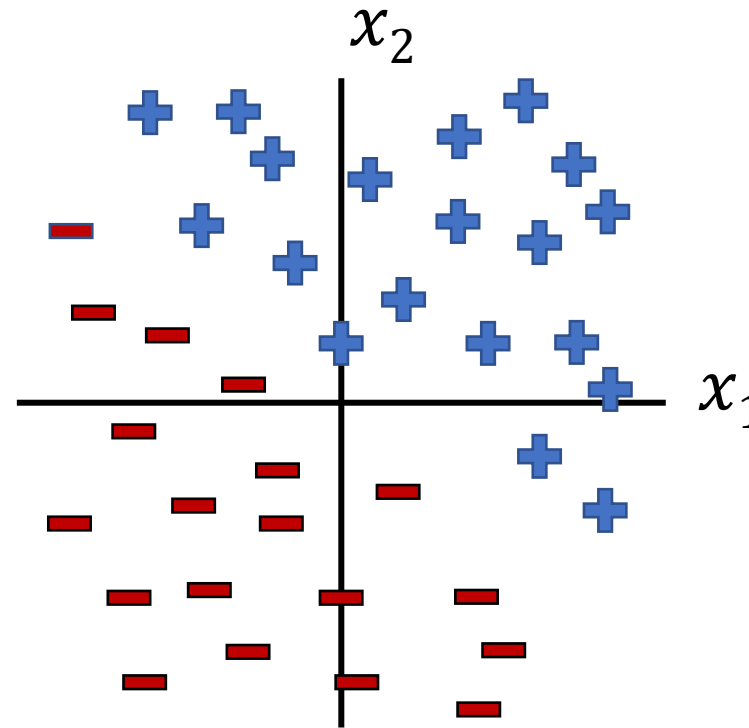
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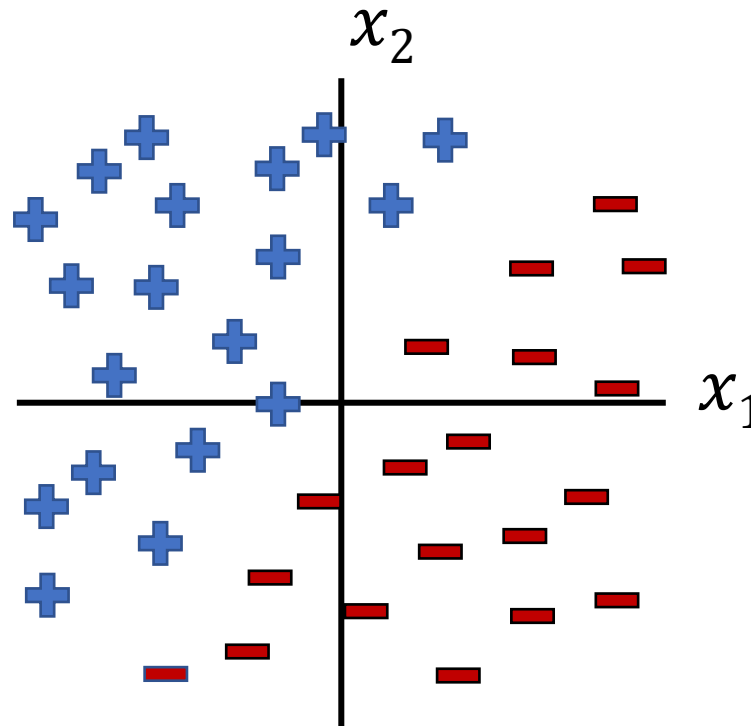
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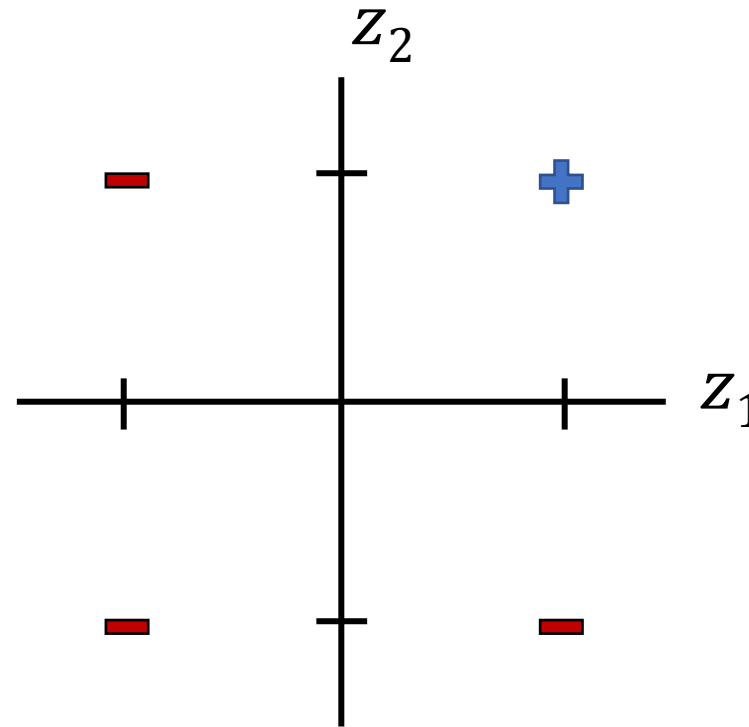
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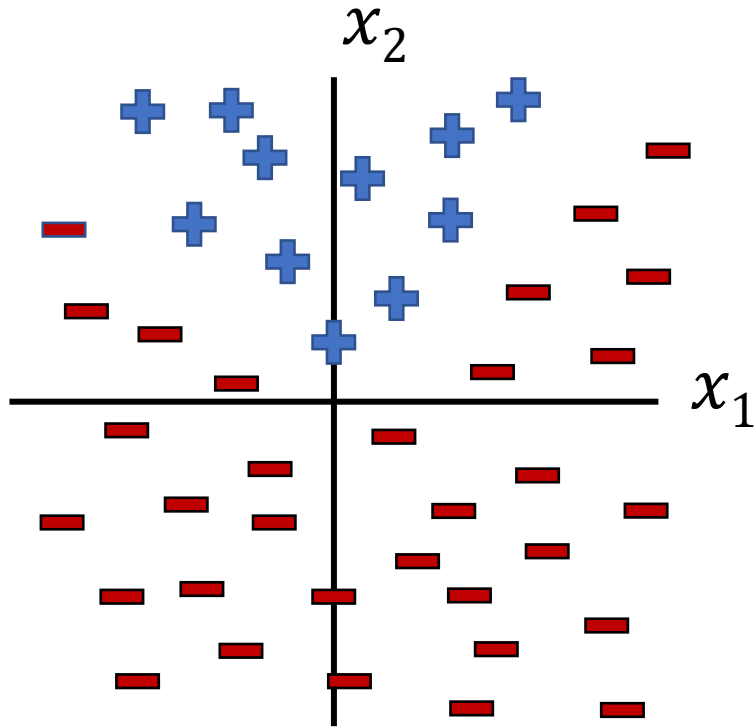




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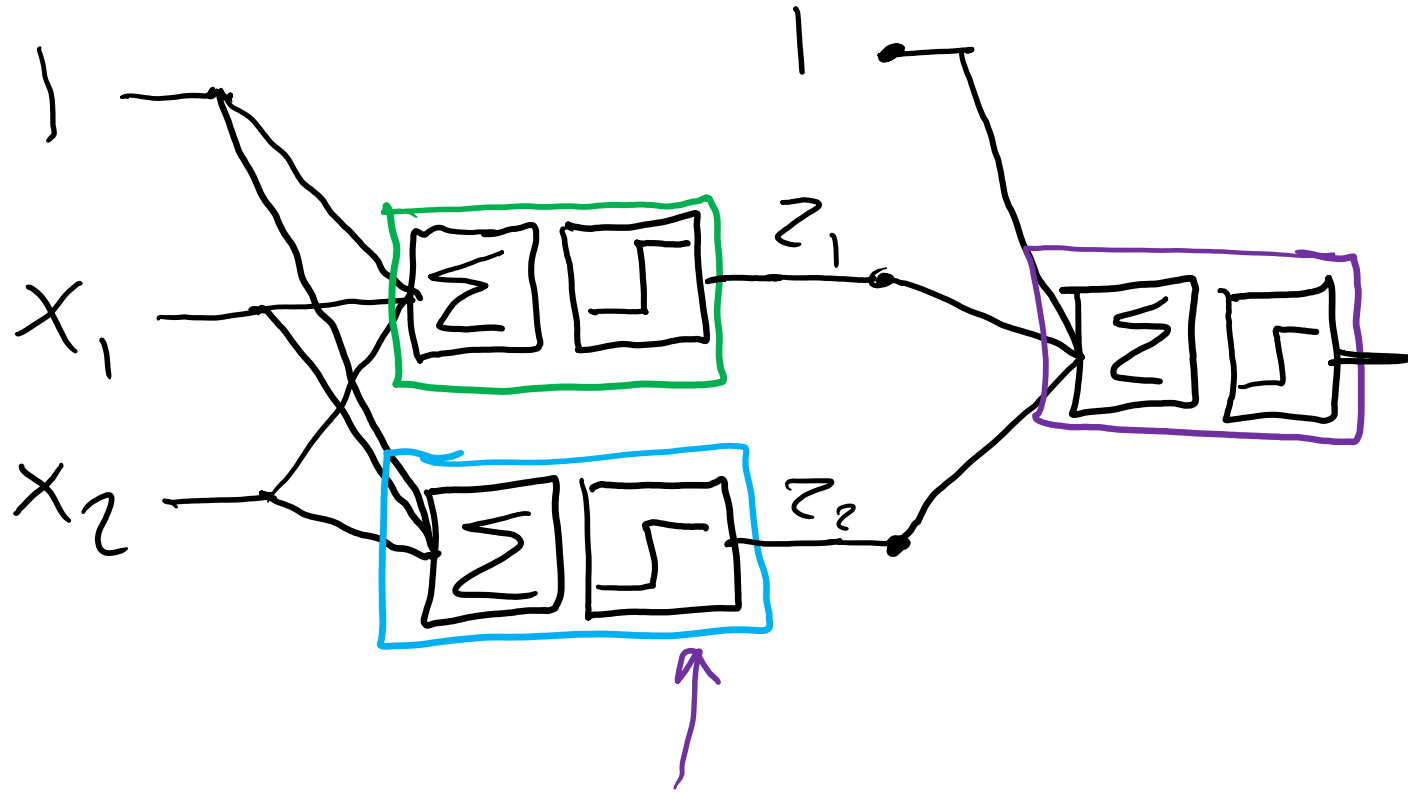
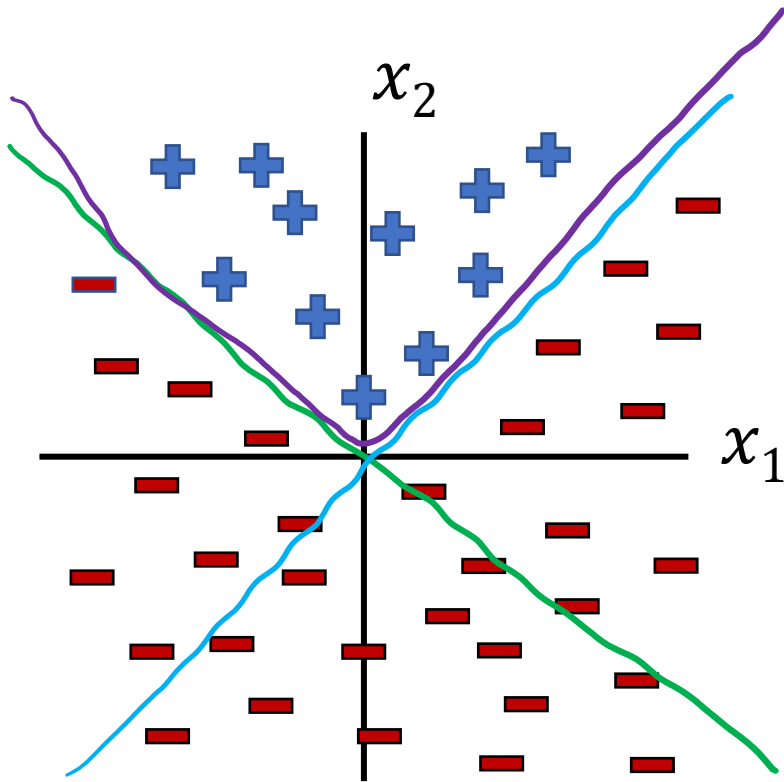
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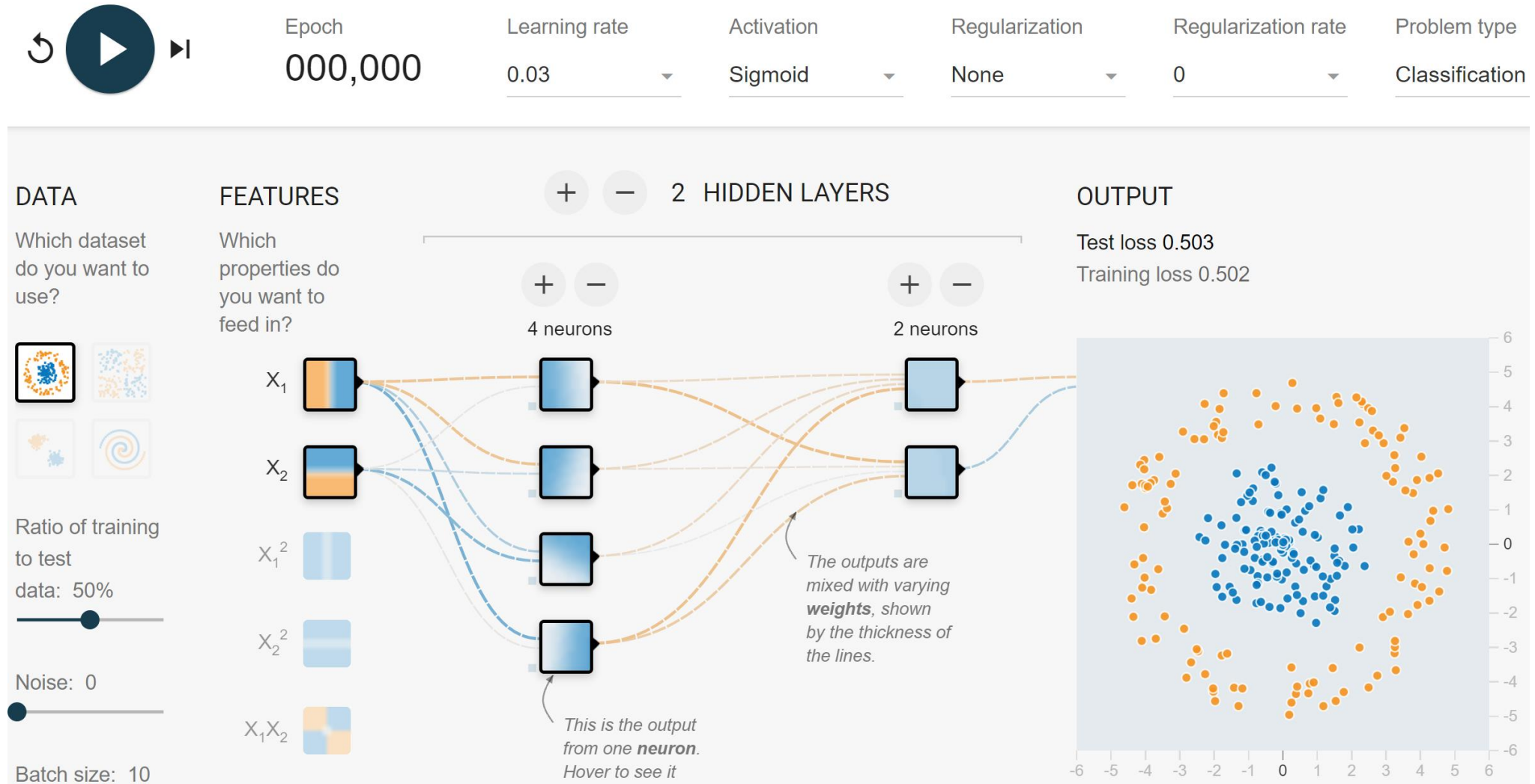
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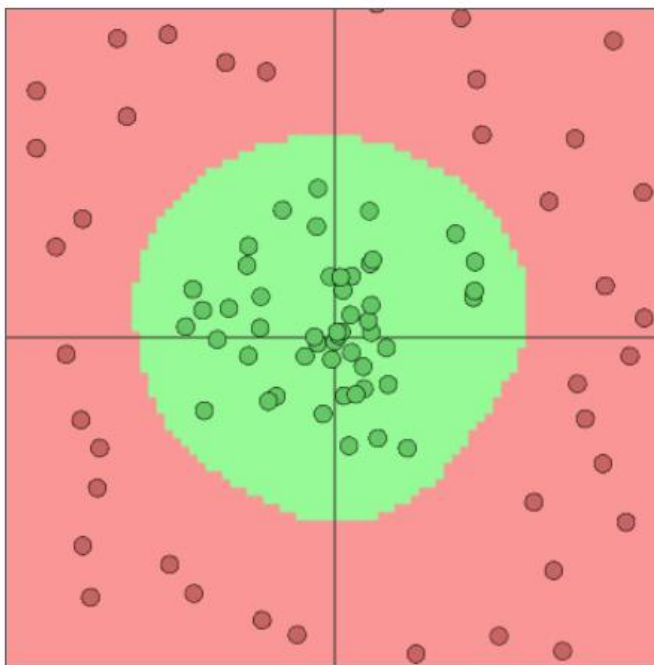
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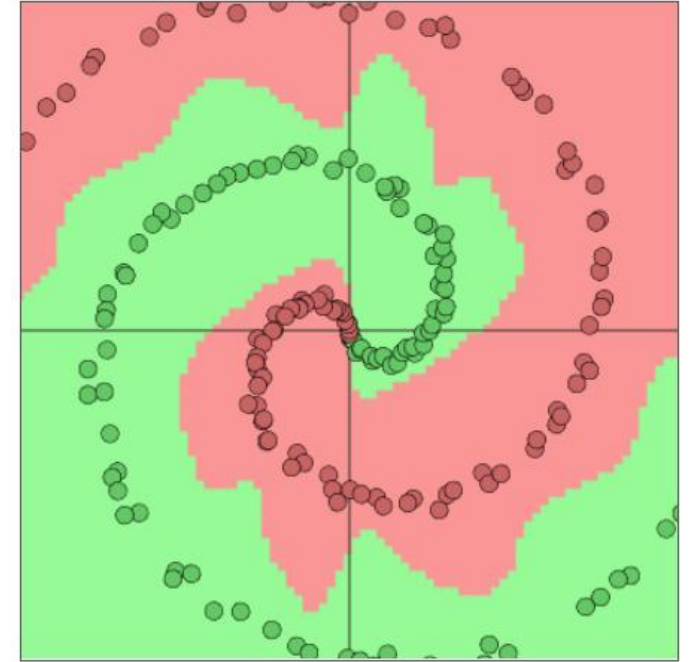
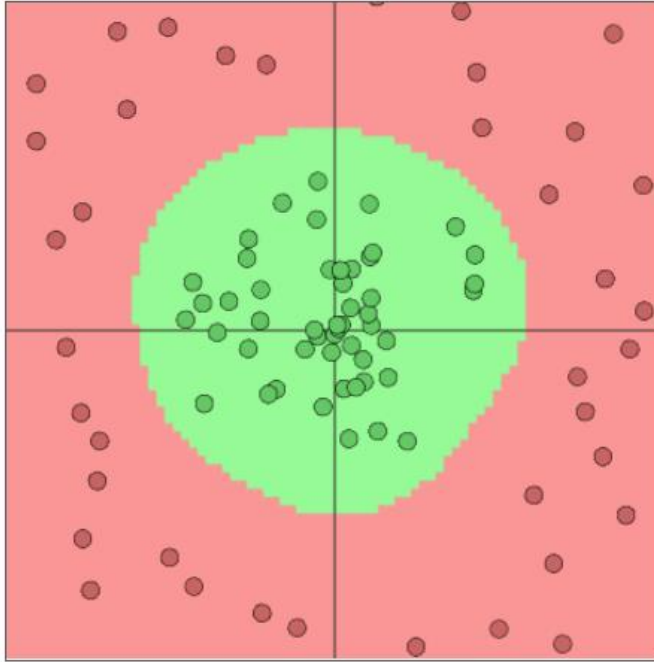
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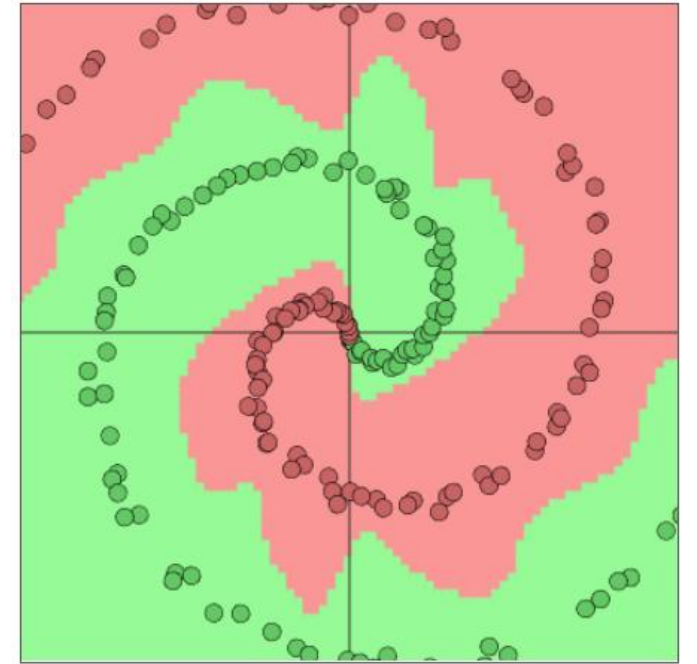
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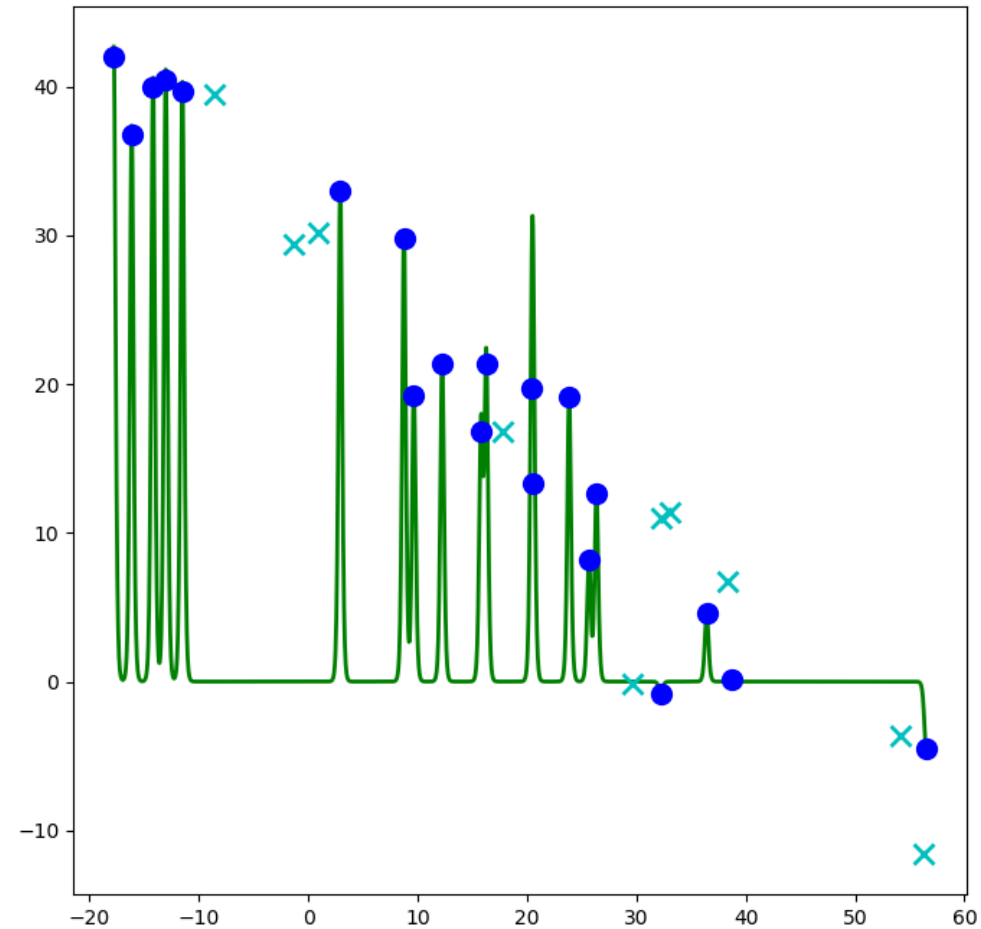
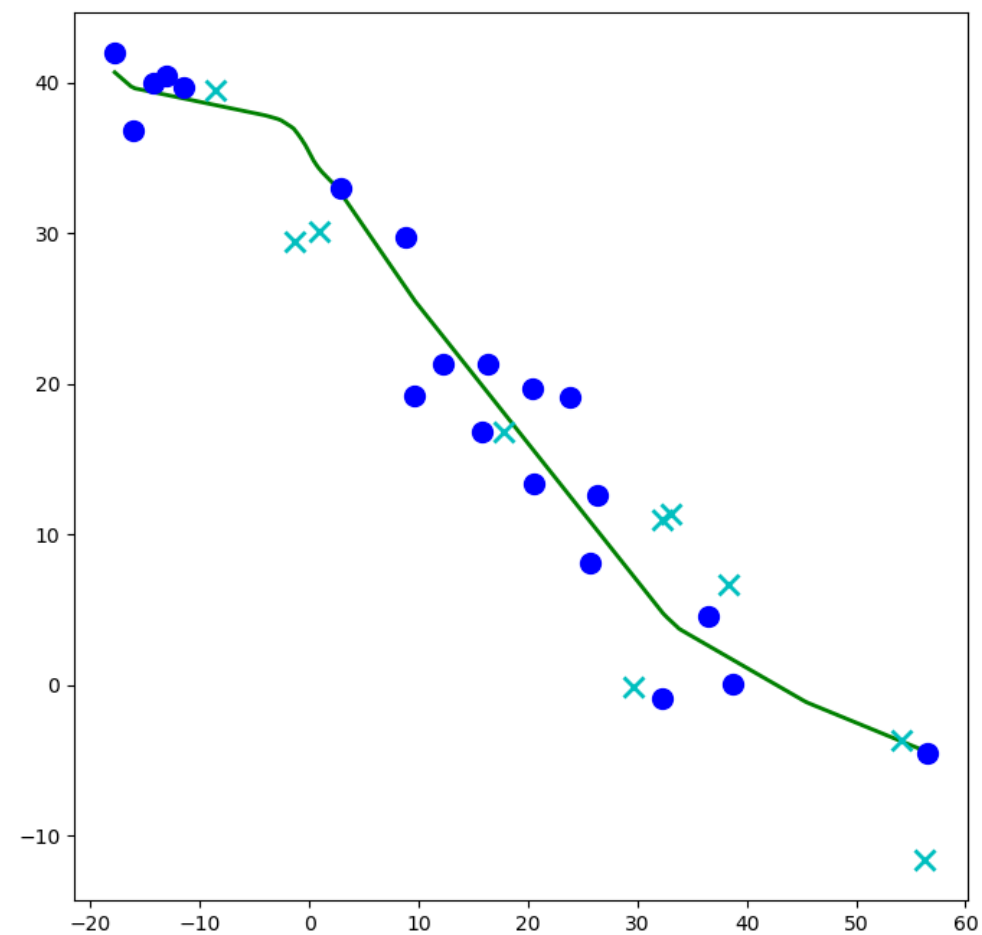
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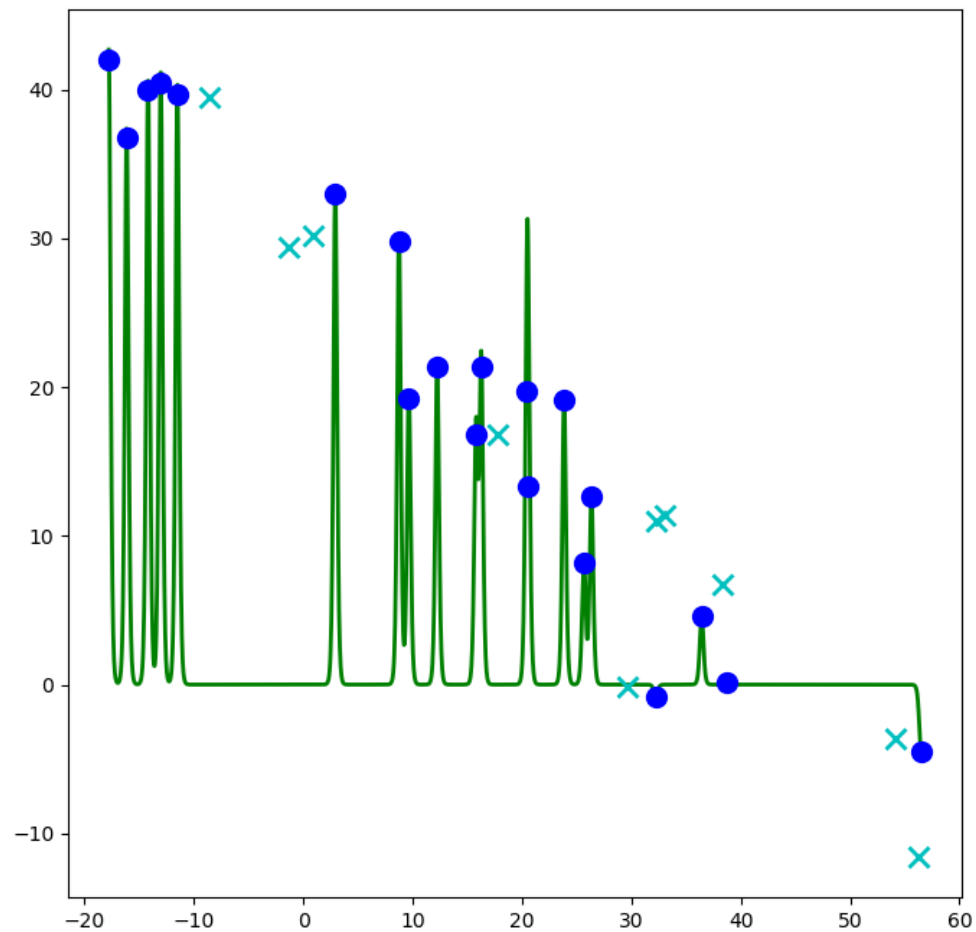
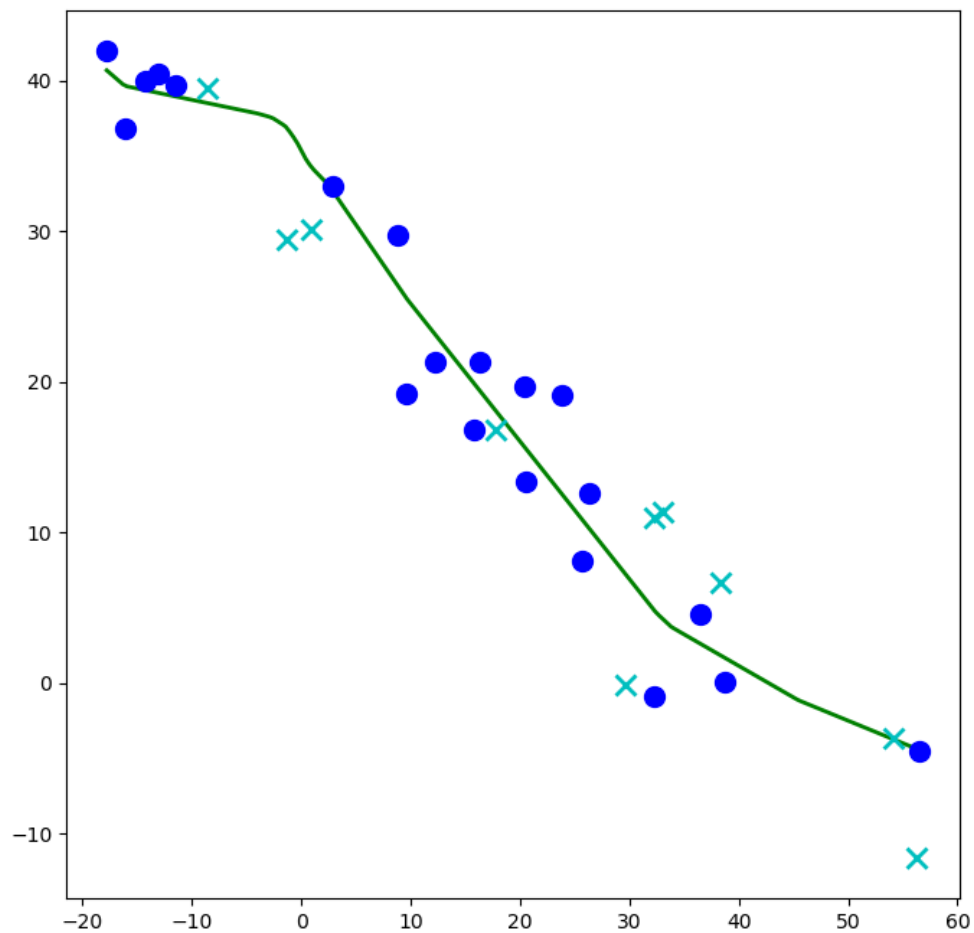
## Underfitting (check this first!)

- Evidence: poor training loss (and poor validation loss)
  - Note: Compare with human performance as a baseline, i.e., make sure the task isn't impossible for a human (with unlimited resources)
- Try: Adding more capacity to network (wider or deeper)
  - But how do we choose a new network structure?

## Overfitting

- Evidence: good training loss, but poor validation loss
- Evidence: really large parameter values
- Try: Regularization (we'll learn about this soon!)
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