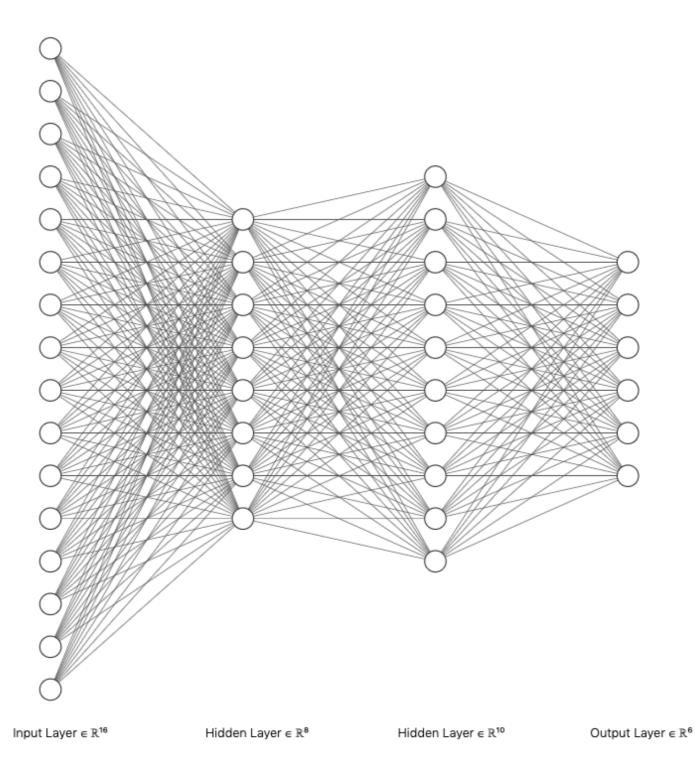
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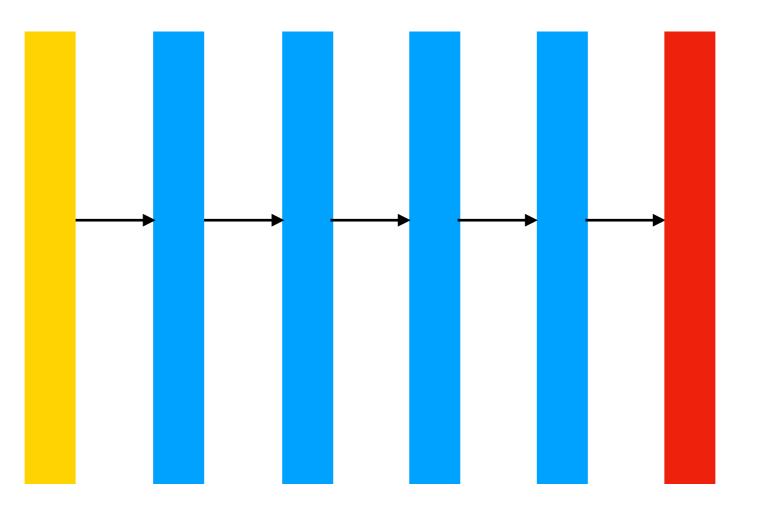
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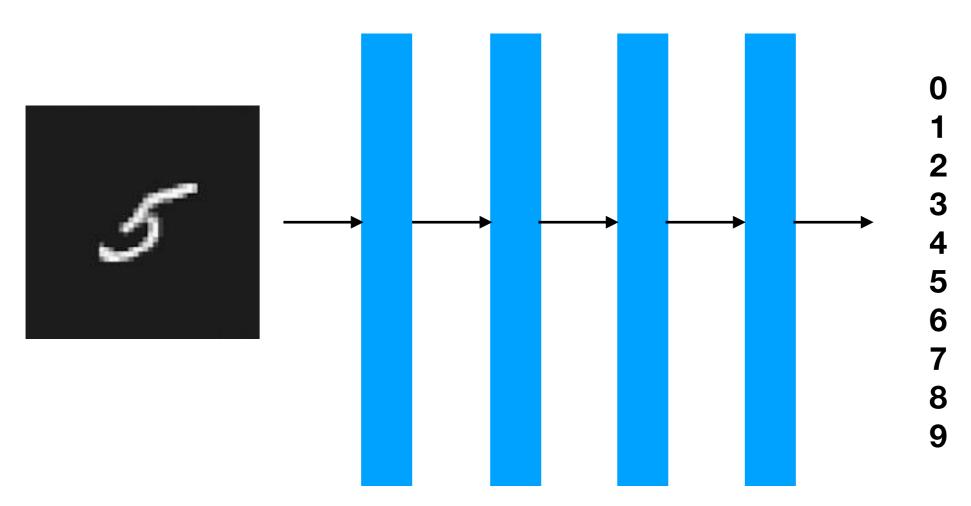
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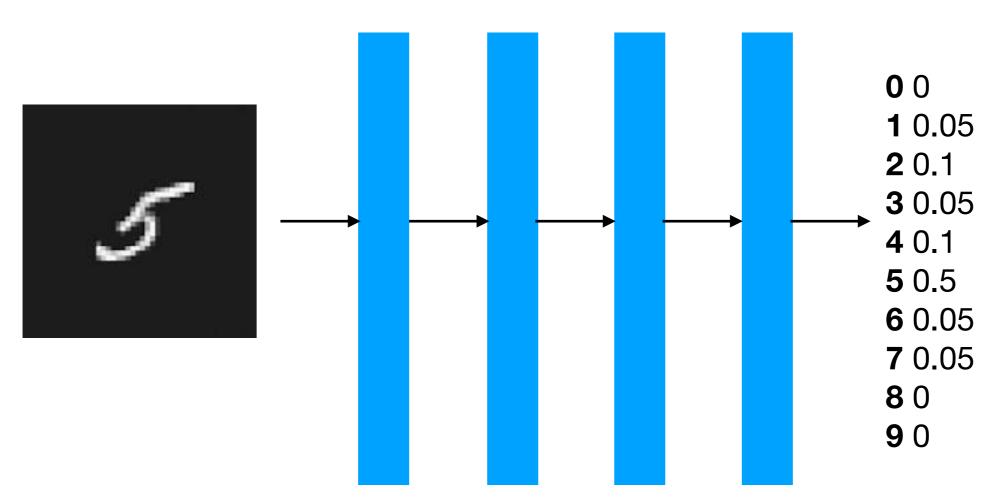
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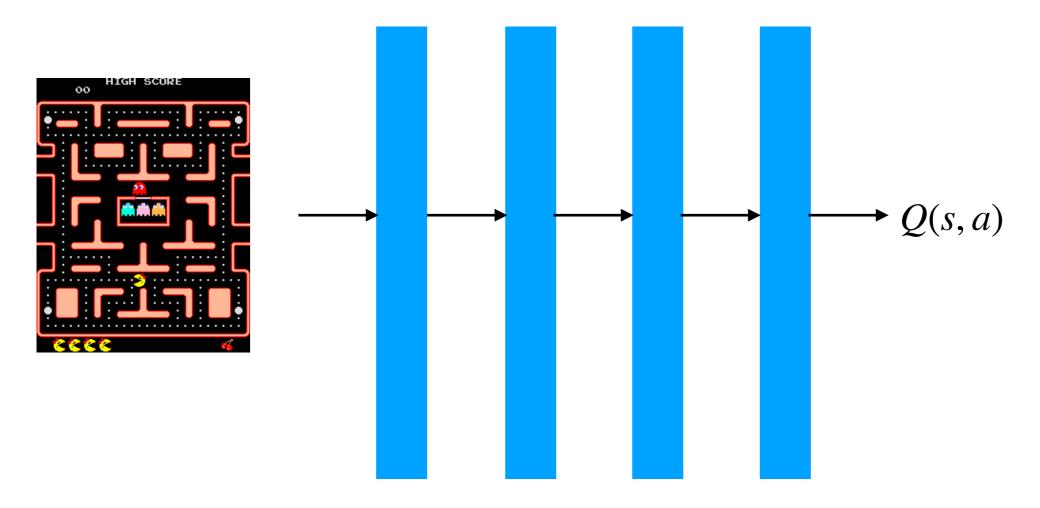


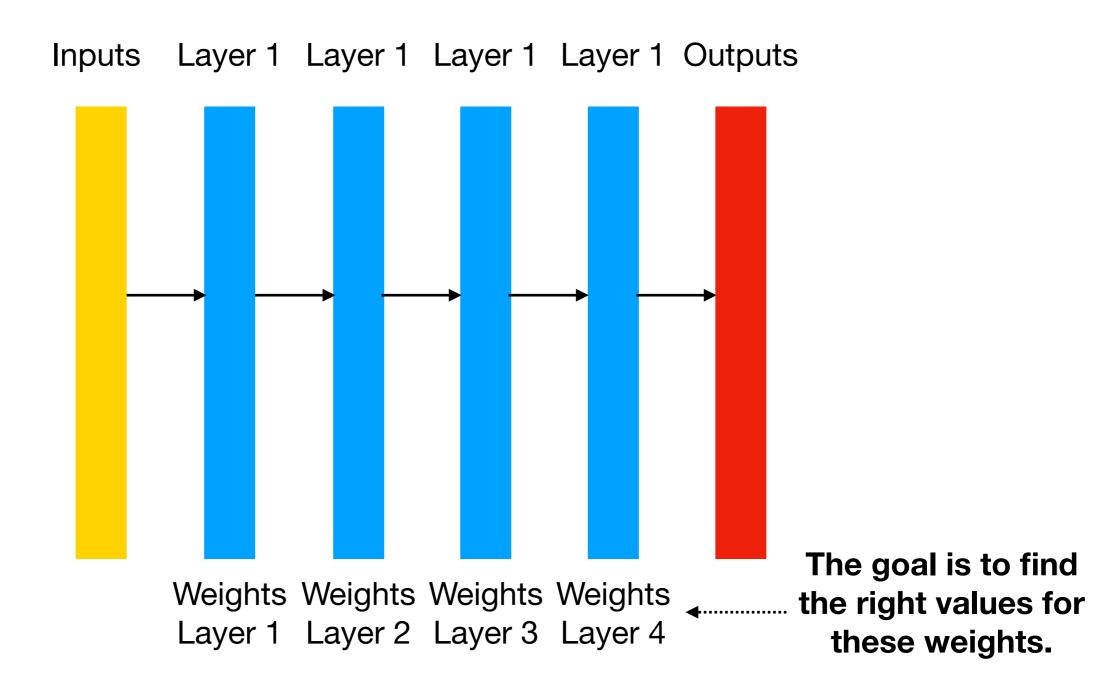


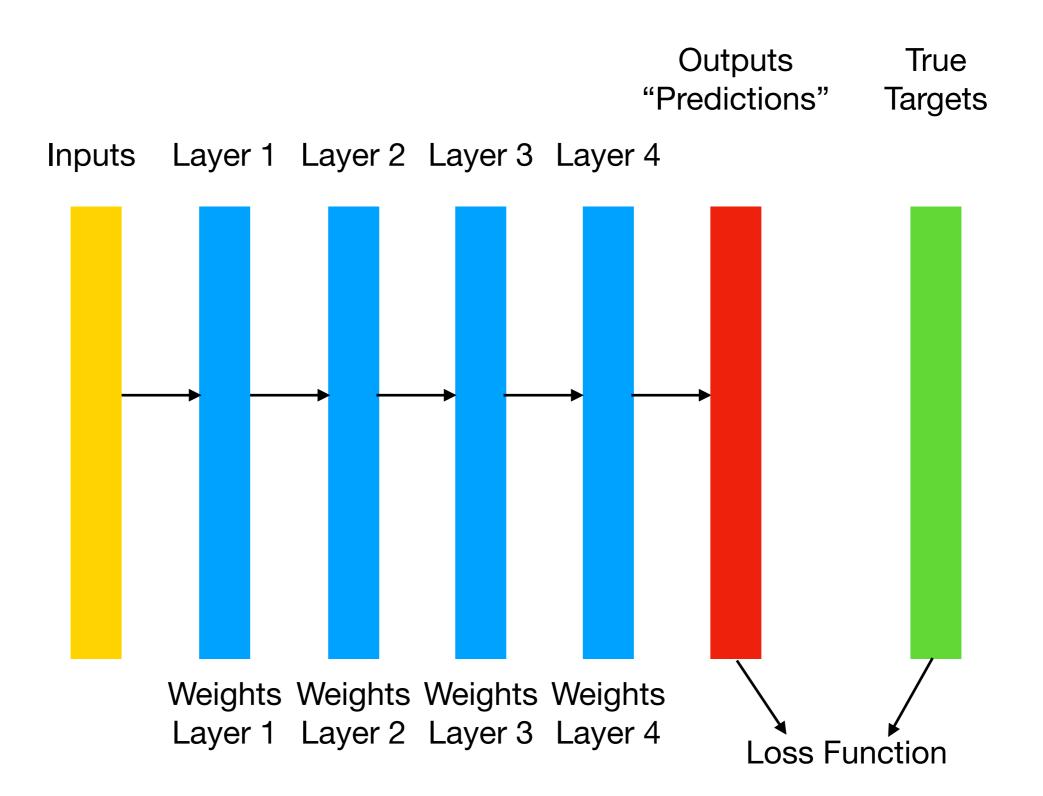


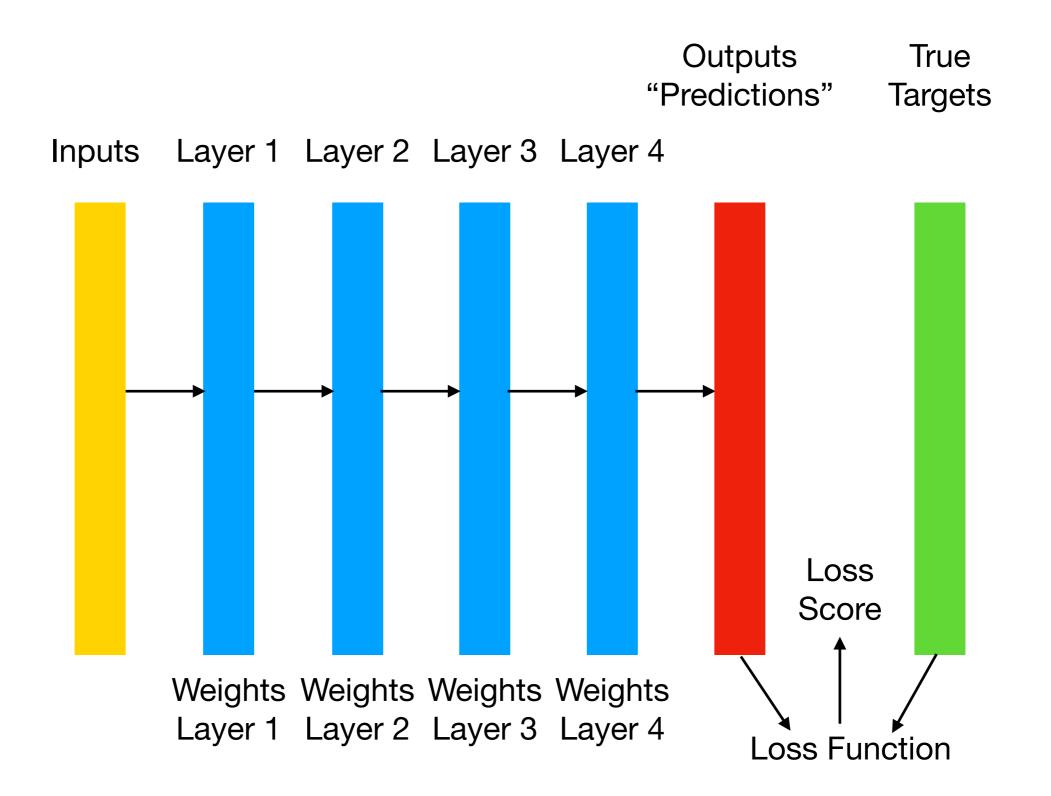


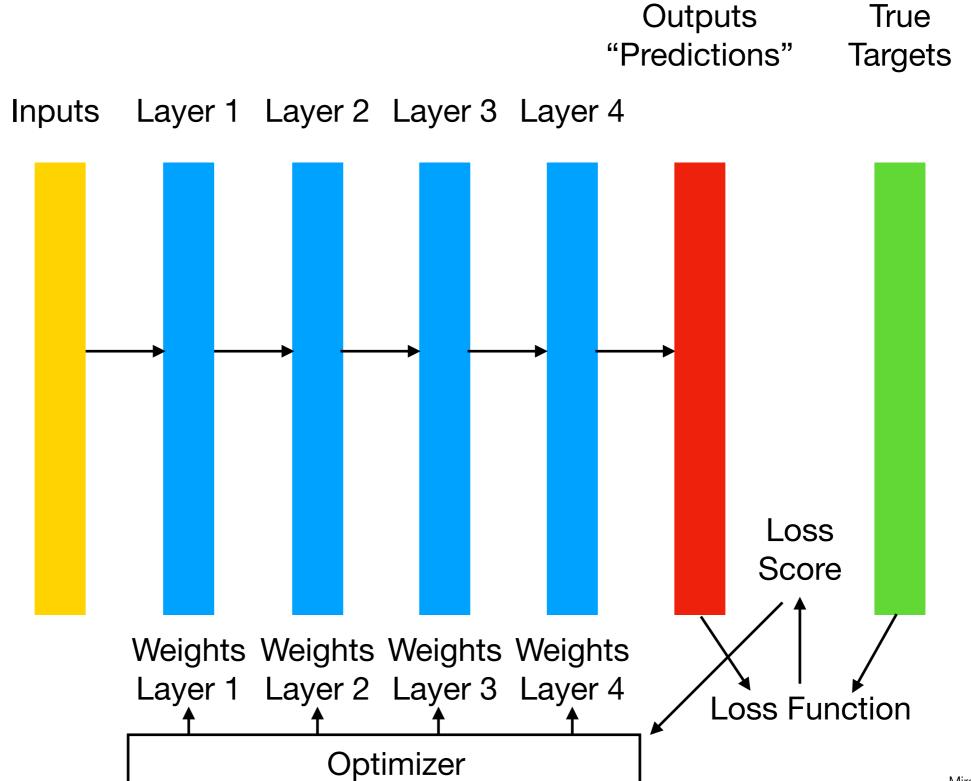
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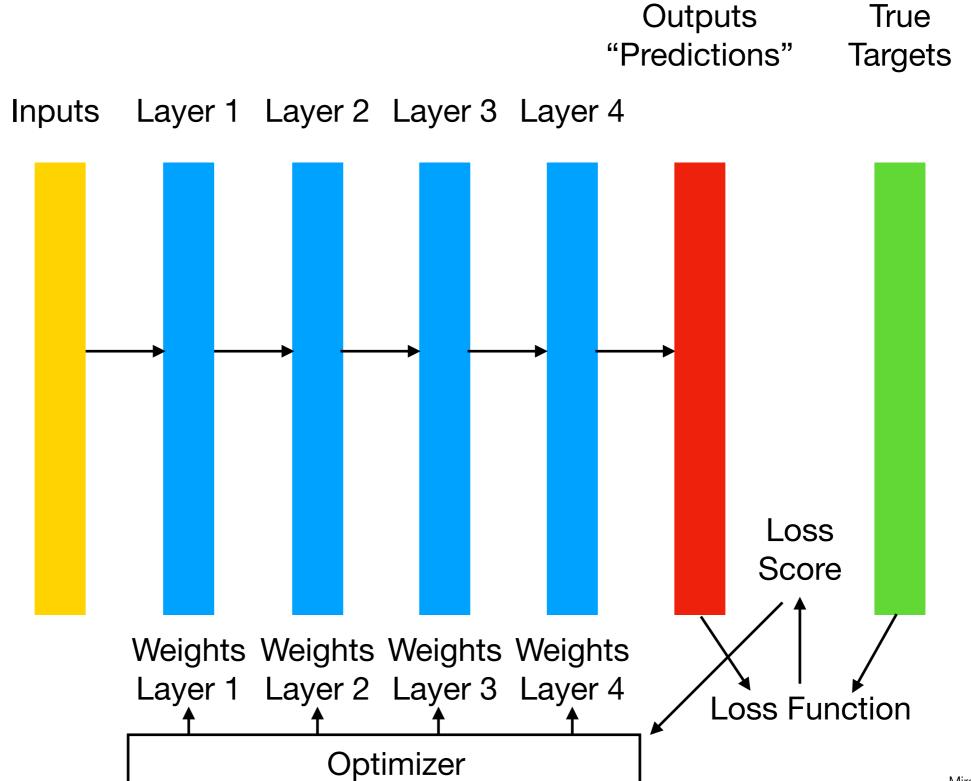


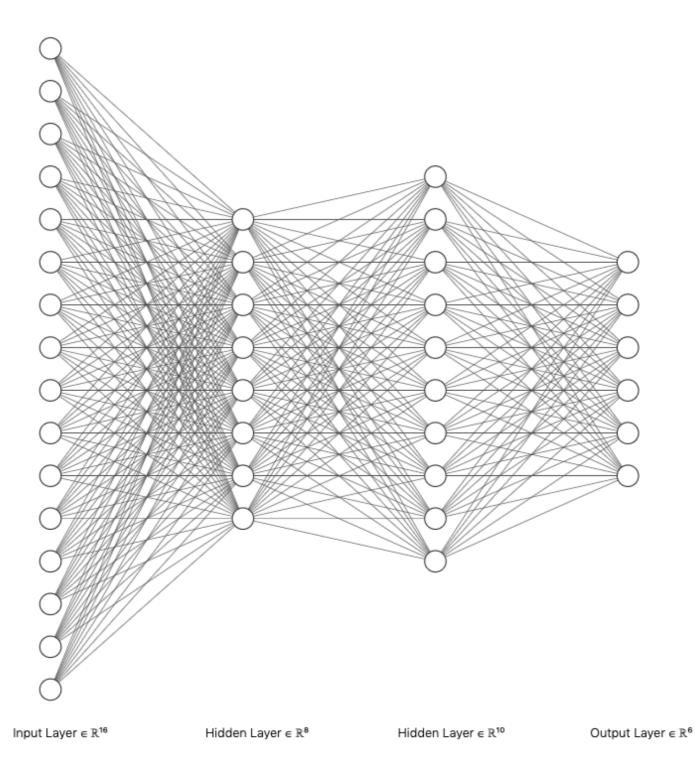




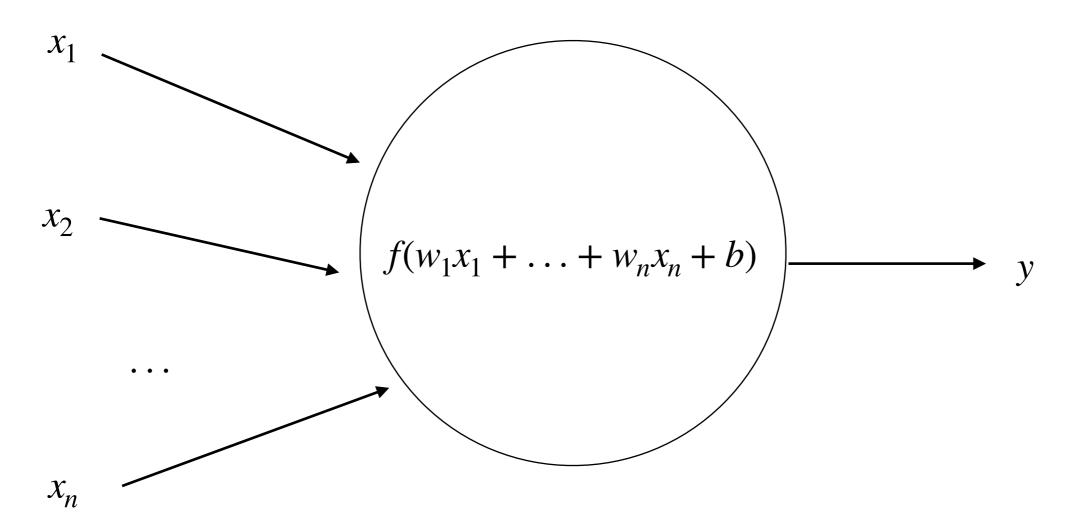








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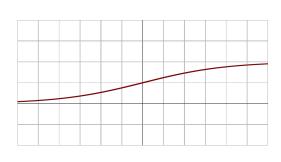
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Activations Functions

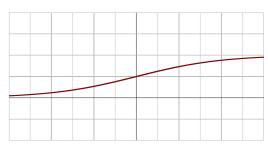
- ▶ They are generally used to add non-linearity.
- ▶ Examples:
 - ▶ Rectified Linear Unit: it returns the max between 0 and the value in input. In other words, given the value z in input it returns max(0,z).



Logistic sigmoid: given the value in input z, it returns $\frac{1}{1+e^z}$.

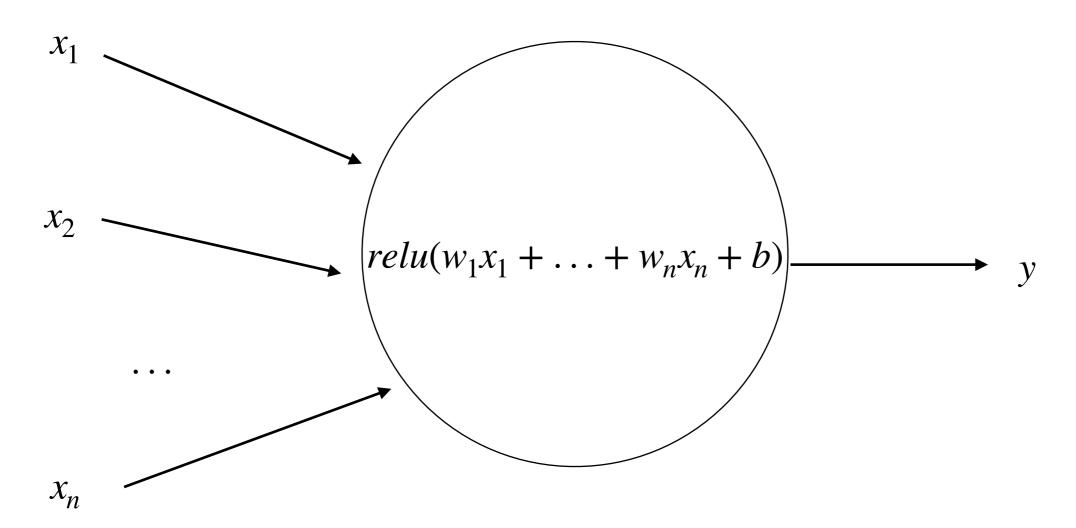


Arctan: given the value in input z, it returns $tan^{-1}(z)$.



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Note that here the function in input of relu is 1-dimensional.

Softmax Function

- ▶ Another function that we will use is softmax.
- ▶ But please note that softmax is not like the activation functions that we discussed before. The activations functions that we discussed before take in input real numbers and returns a real number.
- \blacktriangleright A softmax function receives in input a vector of real numbers of dimension n and returns a vector of real numbers of dimension n.
- ▶ Softmax: given a vector of real numbers in input \mathbf{z} of dimension n, it normalises it into a probability distribution consisting of n probabilities proportional to the exponentials of each element z_i of the vector \mathbf{z} . More formally,

$$softmax(\mathbf{z})_{i} = \frac{e^{z_{i}}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} e^{z_{j}}} \text{ for } i = 1,..n.$$

Gradient-based Optimization

- ▶ We will now discuss a high-level description of the learning process of the network, usually called *gradient-based optimization*.
- ▶ Each neural layer transforms his input layer as follows:

$$output = f(w_1x_1 + \ldots + w_nx_n + b)$$

▶ And in the case of a relu function, we will have

$$output = relu(w_1x_1 + \ldots + w_nx_n + b)$$

Note that this is a simplified notation for one layer, it should be $w_{1,i}$ for layer i.

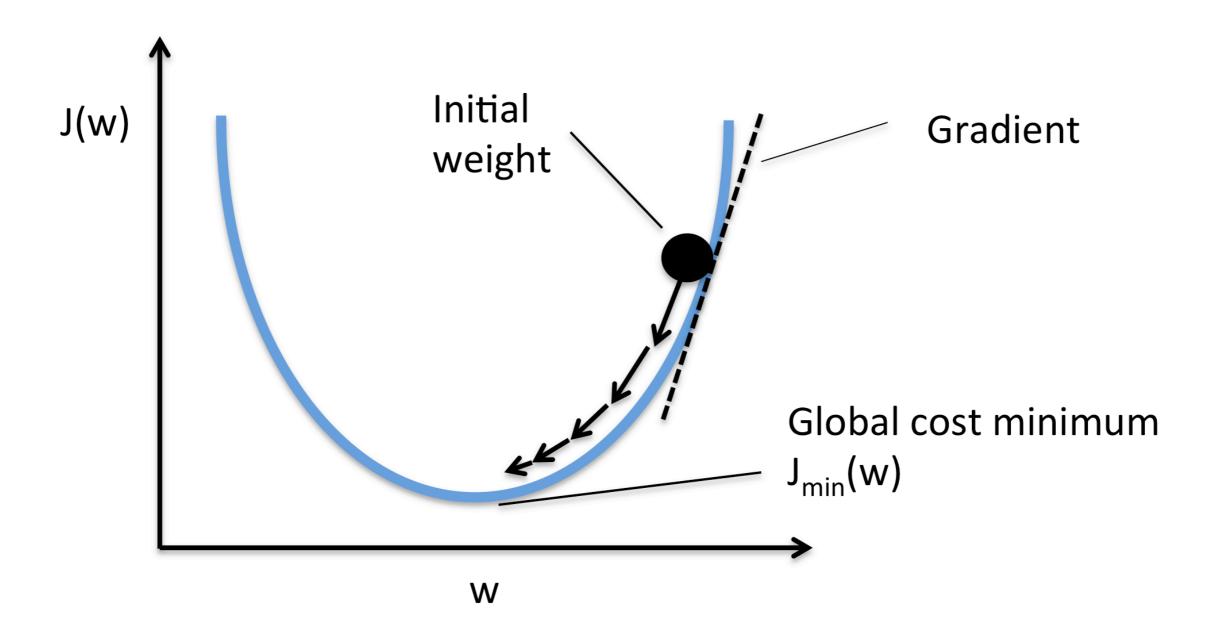
Gradient-based Optimisation

- ▶ The learning is based on the gradual adjustment of the weight based on a feedback signal, i.e., the loss described above.
- ▶ The training is based on the following training loop:
 - ightharpoonup Draw a batch of training examples $m extbf{x}$ and corresponding targets $m extbf{y}_{target}$.
 - ightharpoonup Run the network on m f X (forward pass) to obtain predictions $m f y_{pred}$.
 - ▶ Compute the loss of the network on the batch, a measure of the mismatch between \mathbf{y}_{pred} and \mathbf{y}_{target} .
 - ▶ Update all weights of the networks in a way that reduces the loss of this batch.

Stochastic Gradient Descent

- ▶ Given a differentiable function, it's theoretically possible to find its minimum analytically.
- ▶ However, the function is intractable for real networks. The only way is to try to approximate the weights using the procedure described above.
- ▶ More precisely, since it is a *differentiable* function, we can use the gradient, which provides an efficient way to perform the correction mention before.

Gradient-based Optimisation



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Stochastic Gradient Descent

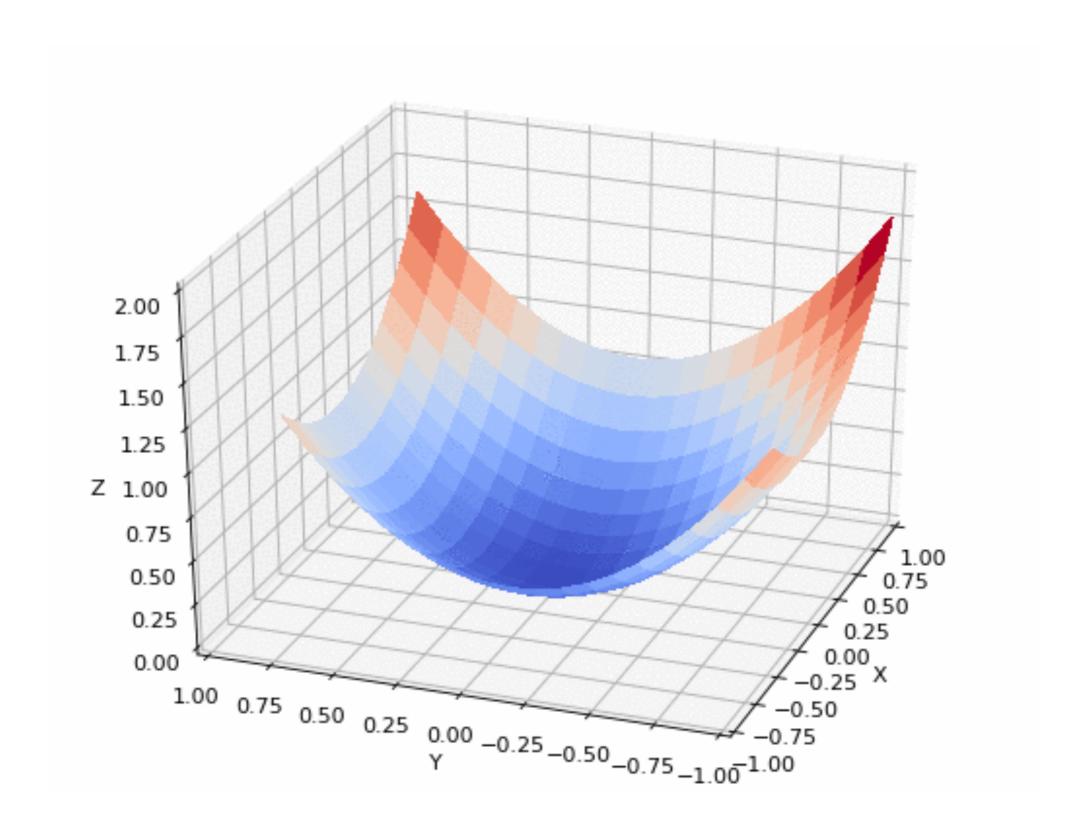
▶ More formally:

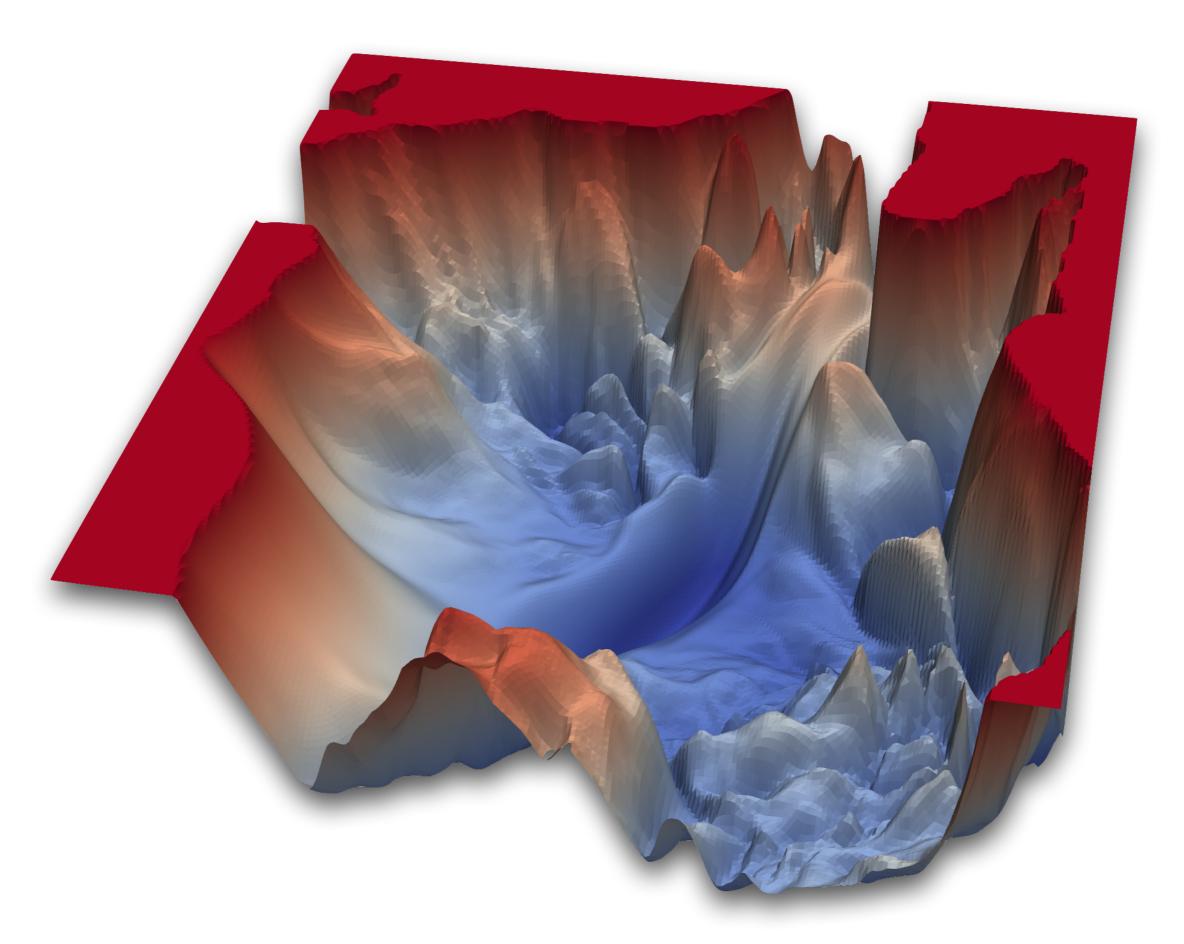
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- ▶ Compute the gradient of the loss with regard to the network's parameters (backward pass).
- Move the parameters in the opposite direction from the gradient with: $w_j \leftarrow w_j + \Delta w_j = w_j \eta \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_j}$ where J is the loss (cost) function.
- \blacktriangleright If you have a batch of samples of dimension k:

$$w_j \leftarrow w_j + \Delta w_j = w_j - \eta \ average(\frac{\partial J_k}{\partial w_j}) \ \text{for all the k samples of the batch}.$$

Stochastic Gradient Descent

- ▶ This is called the mini-batch stochastic gradient descent (mini-batch SGD).
- ▶ The loss function J is a function of $f(\mathbf{x})$, which is a function of the weights.
 - \blacktriangleright Essentially, you calculate the value $f(\mathbf{x})$, which is a function of the weights of the network.
 - ▶ Therefore, by definition, the derivative of the loss function that you are going to apply will be a function of the weights.
- ▶ The term stochastic refers to the fact that each batch of data is drawn randomly.
- ▶ The algorithm described above was based on a simplified model with a single function in a sense.
- ▶ You can think about a network composed of three layers, e.g., three tensor operations on the network itself.





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Backpropagation Algorithm

Suppose that you have three tensor operations/layers f, g, h with weights \mathbf{W}^1 , \mathbf{W}^2 and \mathbf{W}^3 respectively for the first, second, third layer. You will have the following function:

$$y_{pred} = f(\mathbf{W}^1, \mathbf{W}^2, \mathbf{W}^3, \mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{W}^3, g(\mathbf{W}^2, h(\mathbf{W}^1)), \mathbf{x})$$

with f() the *rightmost* function/layer and so on. In other words, the input layer is connected to h(), which is connected to g(), which is connected to f(), which returns the final result.

- ▶ A network is a sort of chain of layers. You can derive the value of the "correction" by applying the chain rule of the derivatives backwards.
 - ▶ Remember the chain rule (f(g(x)))' = f'(g(x))g'(x).

Backpropagation Algorithm

- ▶ The update of the weights starts from the right-most layer back to the left-most layer. For this reason, this is called backpropagation algorithm.
- ▶ More specifically, backpropagation starts with the calculation of the gradient of final loss value and works backwards from the right-most layers to the left-most layers, applying the chain rule to compute the contribution that each weight had in the loss value.
- ▶ Nowadays, we do not calculate the partial derivates manually, but we use frameworks like TensorFlow that supports symbolic differentiation for the calculation of the gradient.
- ▶ TensorFlow supports the automatic updates of the weights described above.
- ▶ There are various potential deep learning frameworks, namely Pytorch, Theano, etc.
- ▶ More theoretical details can be found in:

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