

# Neural Networks

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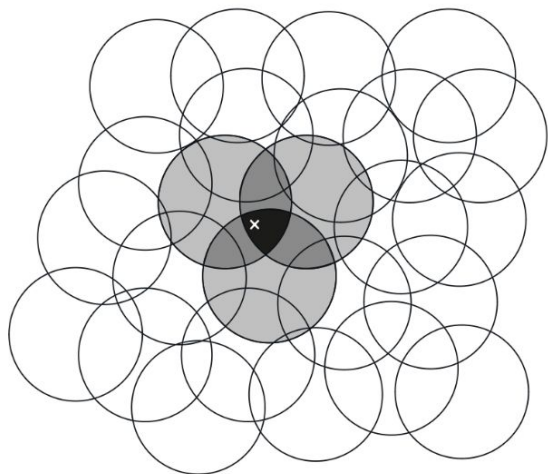
\*\* this lecture can be considered a complementary view of the Neural Networks course taught by prof. Vlad Miclea.

# Recap. Function approximation

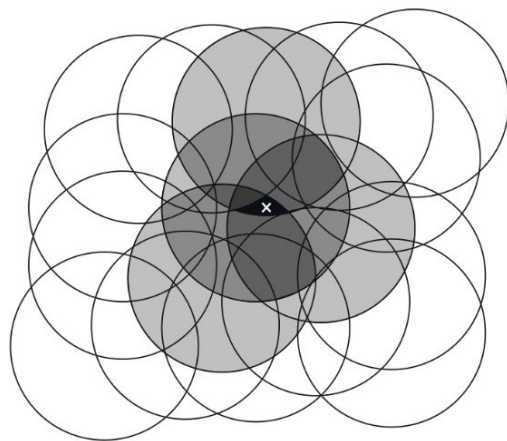
1. What is function approximation (in control / RL)?
2. Why bother with function approximation?
3. What types of function approximation are out there?



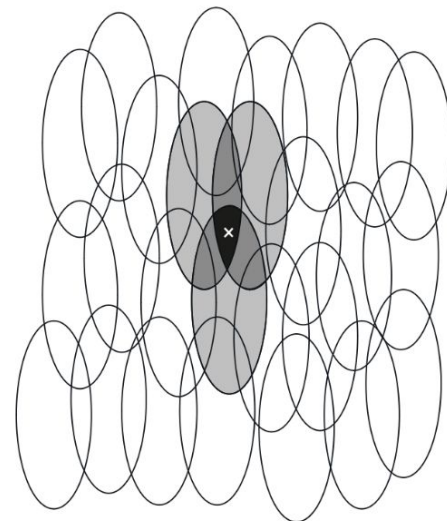
# Generalization with linear function approximation



Narrow generalization



Broad generalization



Asymmetric generalization

Feature design for function approximation affects the generalization of the estimator (Sutton, 2019).



# High-level goal

Represent and learn from data  $V(x)$ ,  $Q(x, u)$  and even  $h(x)$  using neural networks:

- $\tilde{V}(x; \theta)$
- $Q(x, u; \theta)$
- $\tilde{h}(x; \theta)$

Be able to compute the terms required to update the weights  $\theta$ :

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + \alpha_k \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \hat{Q}(x_k, u_k; \theta_k) \cdot \left[ r_{k+1} + \gamma \max_{u'} \hat{Q}(x_{k+1}, u'; \theta_k) - \hat{Q}(x_k, u_k; \theta_k) \right]$$

\* Notation will be slightly different for this course, eg. tilde instead of hat.



# Shallow neural networks

# Consider a *shallow* neural network

Let's go from a two-parameter linear model:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= f[x, \phi] \\ &= \phi_0 + \phi_1 x\end{aligned}$$

To something just a bit more complicated:

$$\begin{aligned}y &= f[x, \phi] \\ &= \phi_0 + \phi_1 \mathbf{a}[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x] + \phi_2 \mathbf{a}[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x] + \phi_3 \mathbf{a}[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x]\end{aligned}$$



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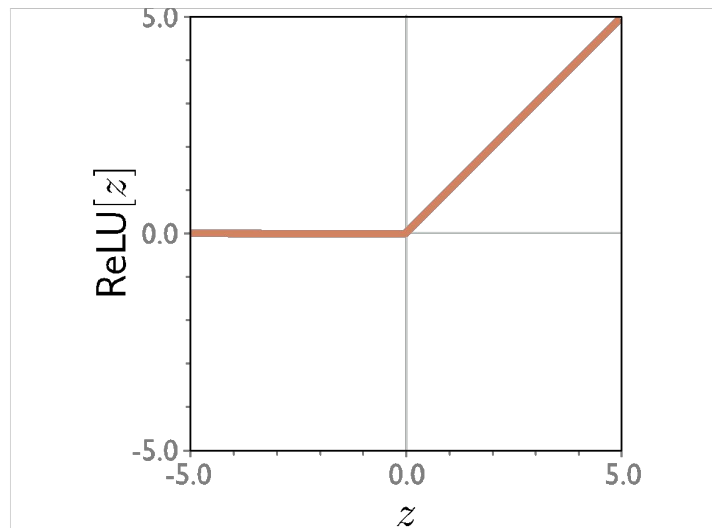
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activation function

$$a[z] = \text{ReLU}[z] = \begin{cases} 0 & z < 0 \\ z & z \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Rectified Linear Unit

(particular kind of activation function)





# Shallow neural network

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This model has 10 parameters:

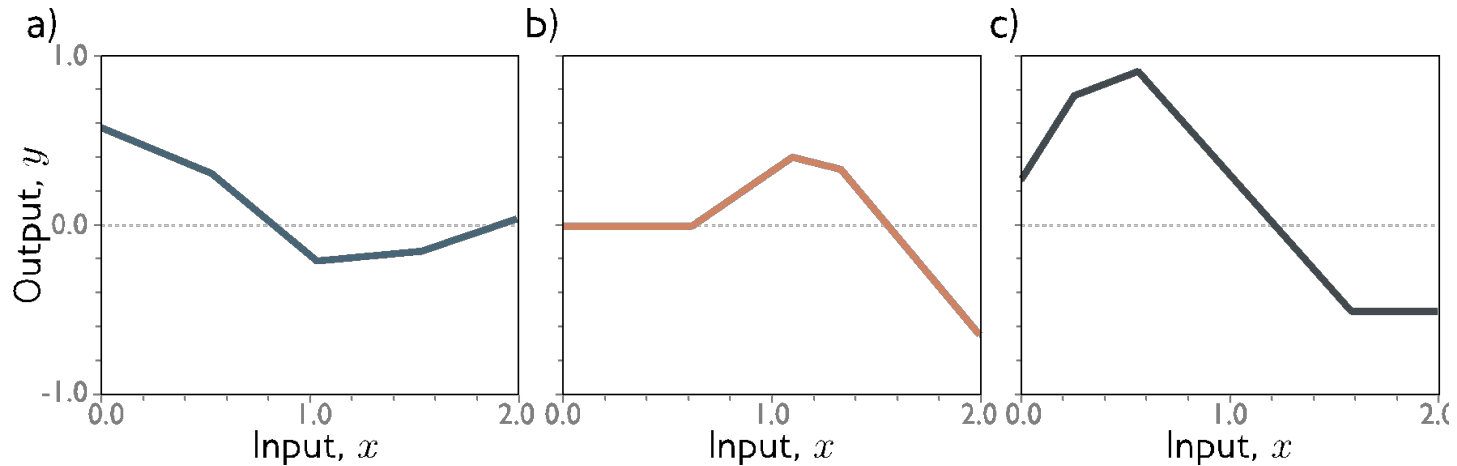
$$\phi = \{\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \theta_{10}, \theta_{11}, \theta_{20}, \theta_{21}, \theta_{30}, \theta_{31}\}$$

- Represents a family of functions
- Parameters determine particular function
- Given parameters can perform inference (run equation)
- Given training dataset:
  - Define loss function (eg.: least squares)
  - Change parameters to minimize loss function



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Piecewise linear functions with three joints



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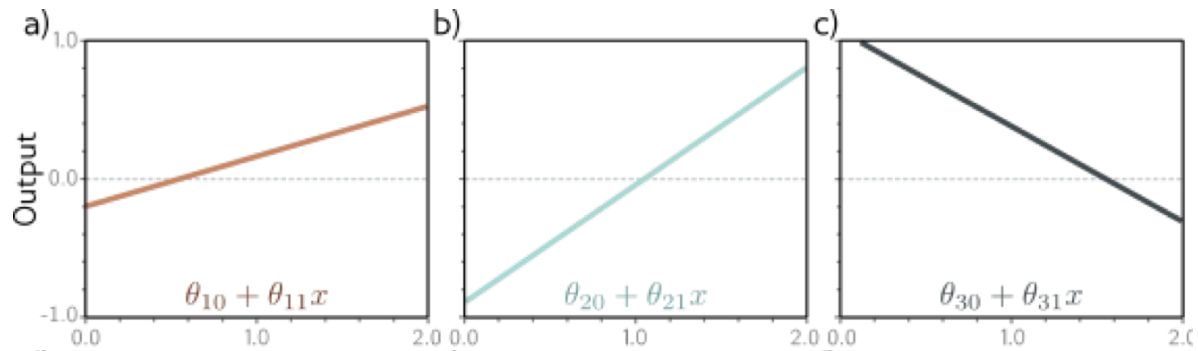
Break it down into two parts:

$$y = \phi_0 + \phi_1 h_1 + \phi_2 h_2 + \phi_3 h_3$$

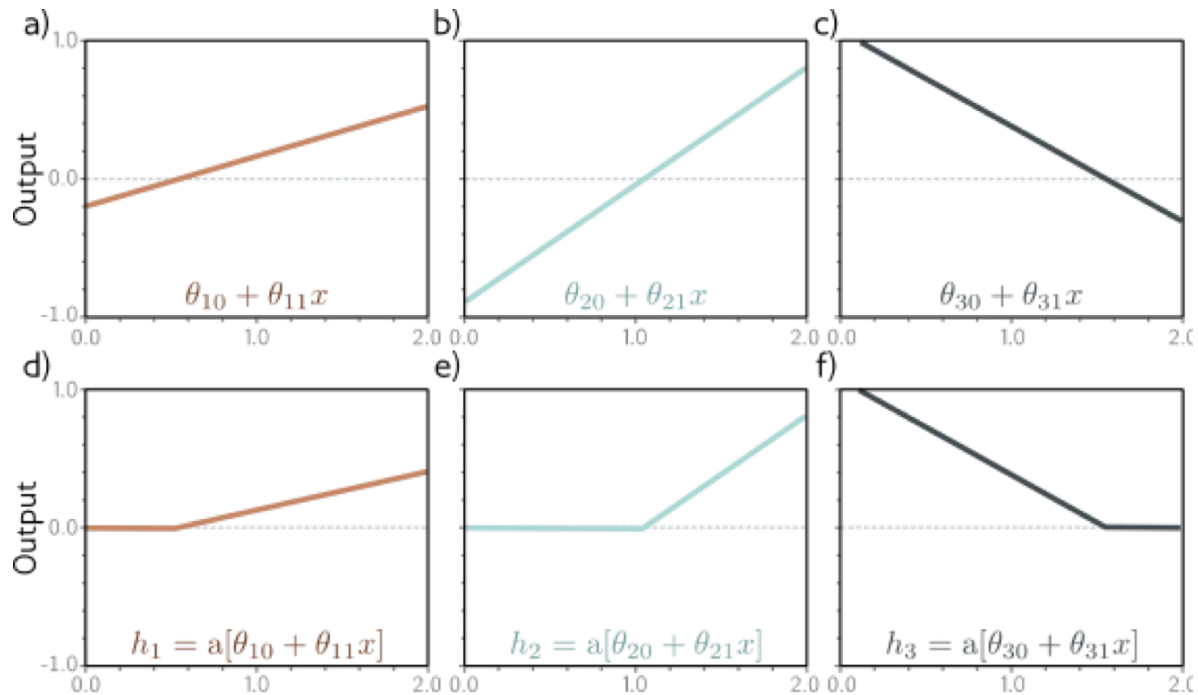
where:

$$\text{hidden units} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x] \\ h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x] \\ h_3 = a[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x] \end{array} \right.$$





1. Compute three linear functions

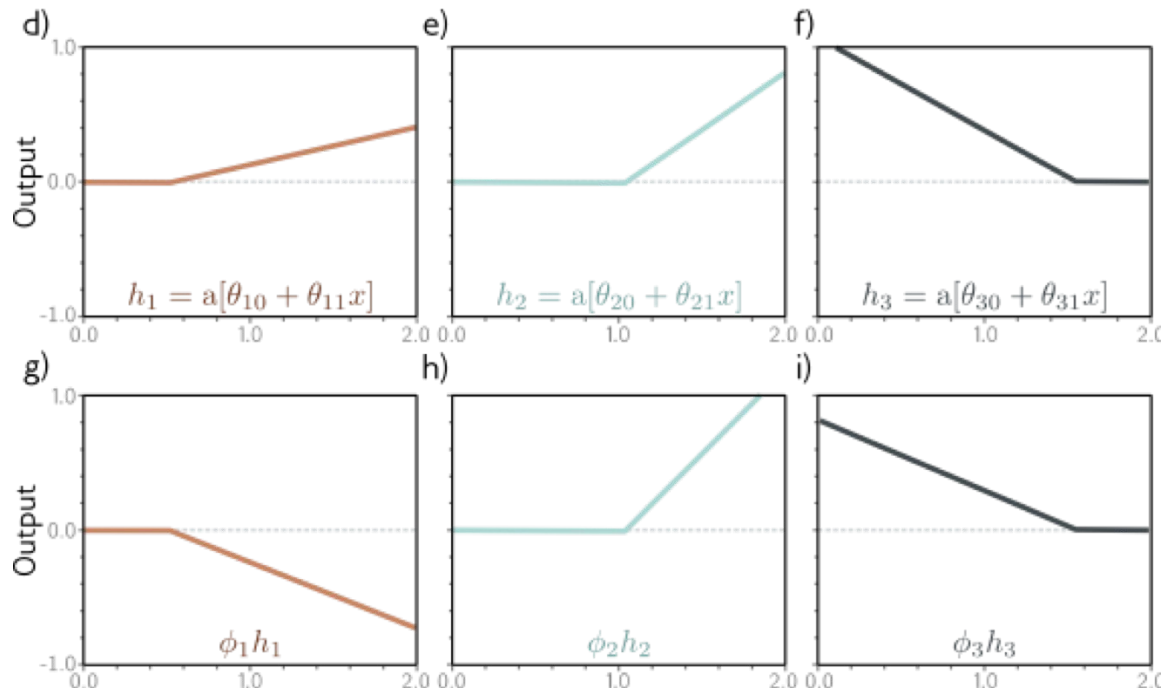


2. Pass through ReLU activations (hidden units)

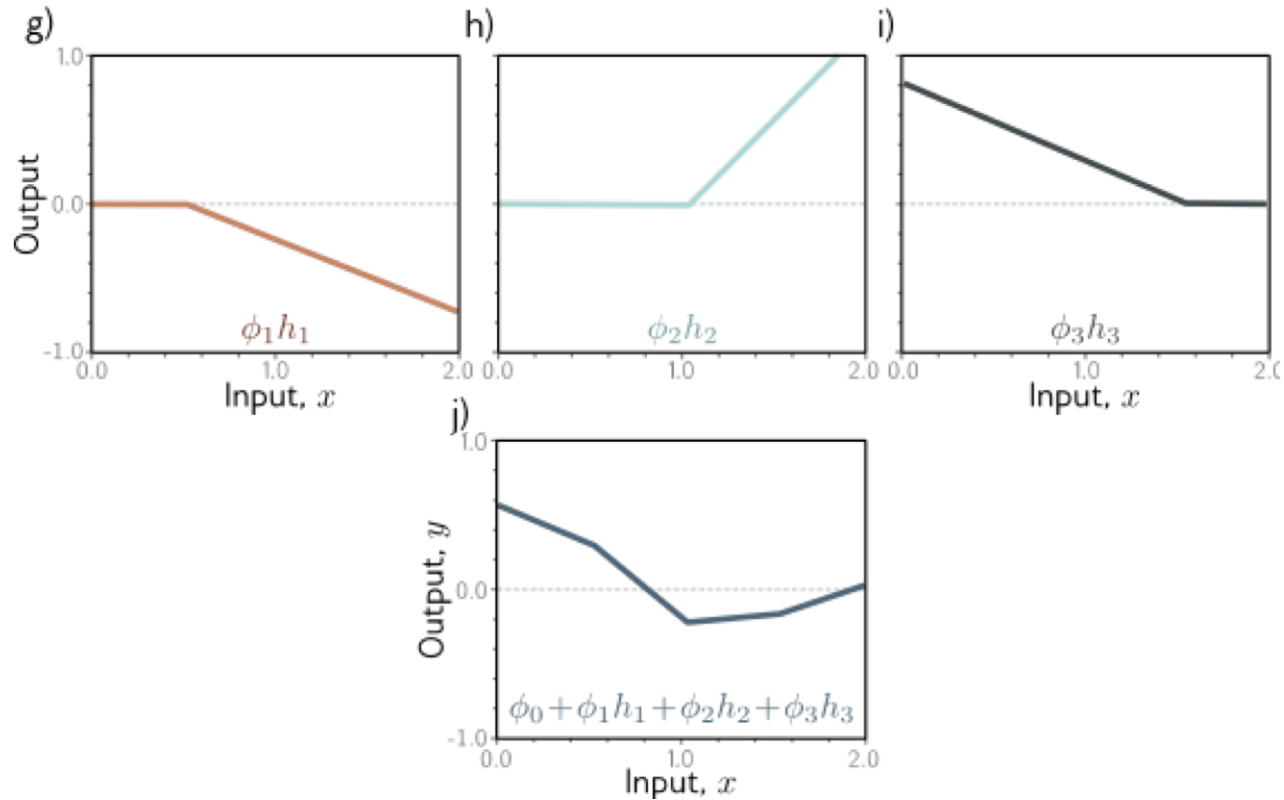
$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

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3. Weigh the hidden units

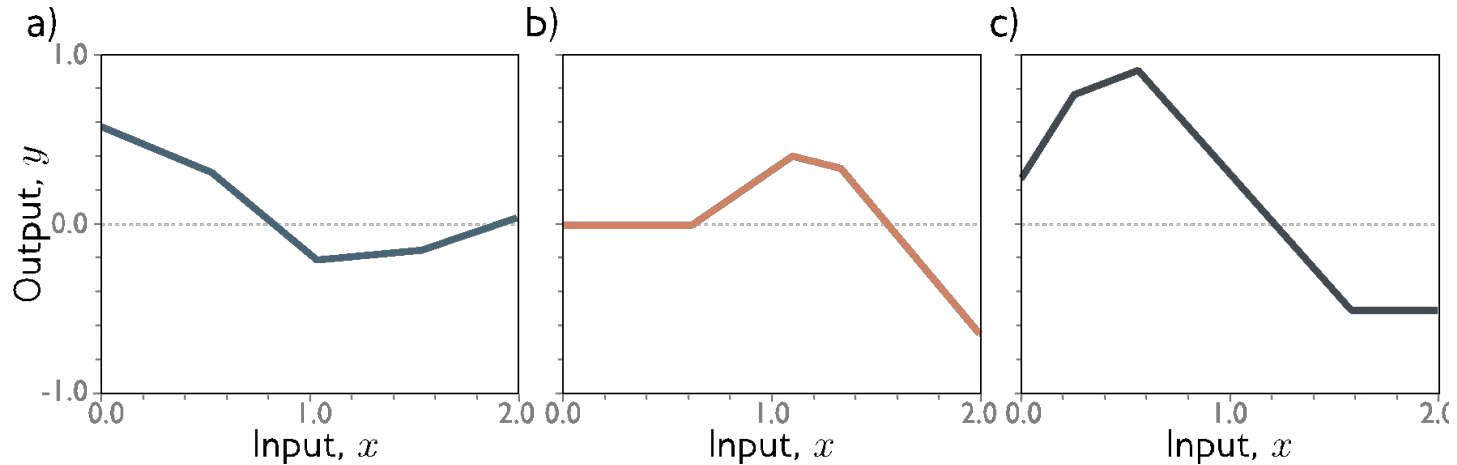


4. Sum the weighted activations

$$y = \phi_0 + \phi_1 h_1 + \phi_2 h_2 + \phi_3 h_3$$

# Shallow neural network

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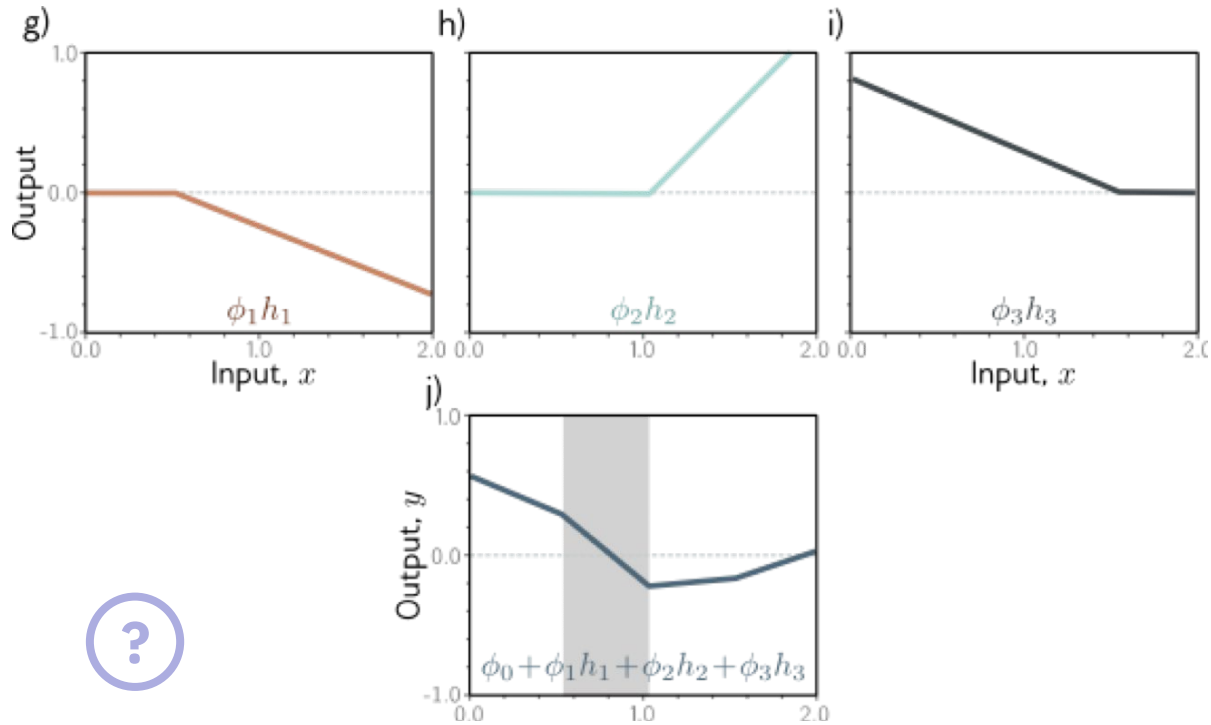


Piecewise linear functions





# Activation pattern: which hidden units are activated



Shaded region: unit 1 active, unit 2 inactive, unit 3 active



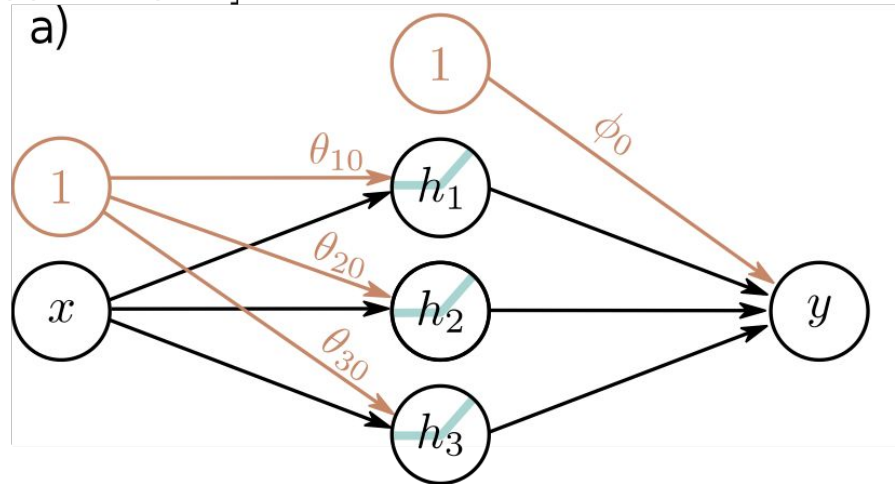
# Depicting neural networks

$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

$$h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x]$$

$$h_3 = a[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x]$$

$$y = \phi_0 + \phi_1 h_1 + \phi_2 h_2 + \phi_3 h_3$$



Each parameter multiplies its sources and adds to its target



# Universal approximation theorem

# Arbitrary number of hidden units

From 3 hidden units:

$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

$$h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x]$$

$$h_3 = a[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x]$$

$$y = \phi_0 + \phi_1 h_1 + \phi_2 h_2 + \phi_3 h_3$$

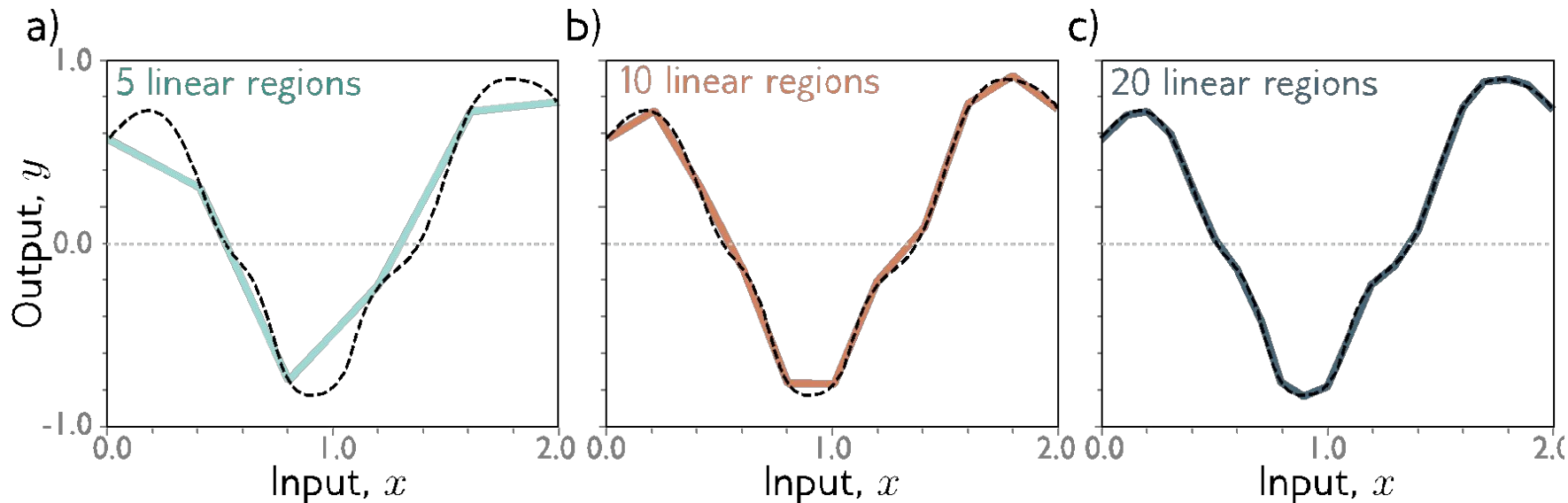
To  $D$  hidden units:

$$h_d = a[\theta_{d0} + \theta_{d1}x]$$

$$y = \phi_0 + \sum_{d=1}^D \phi_d h_d$$



# With enough hidden units...



... we can describe any 1D function to arbitrary accuracy!



# Universal approximation theorem

“a formal proof that, with enough hidden units, a shallow neural network can describe any continuous function on a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^D$  to arbitrary precision”

Hornik, 1990

\* without guaranteeing a construction though!

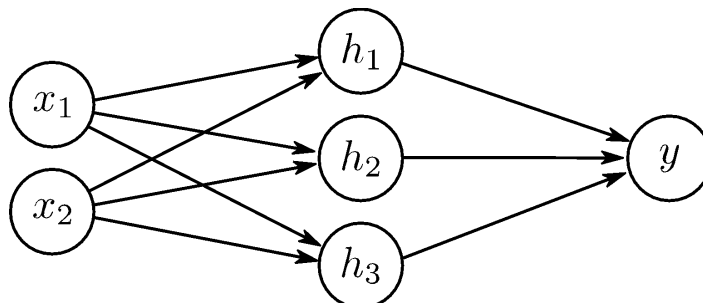
# Multivariate *inputs*

$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x_1 + \theta_{12}x_2]$$

$$h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x_1 + \theta_{22}x_2]$$

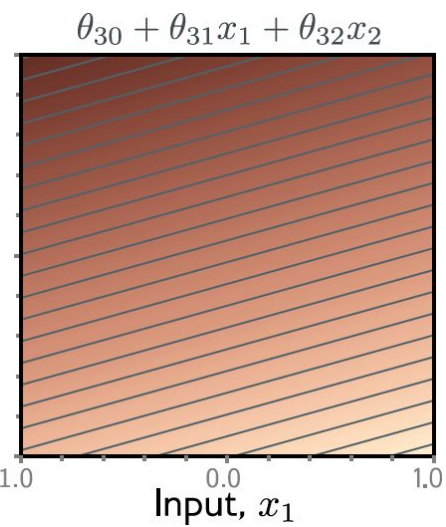
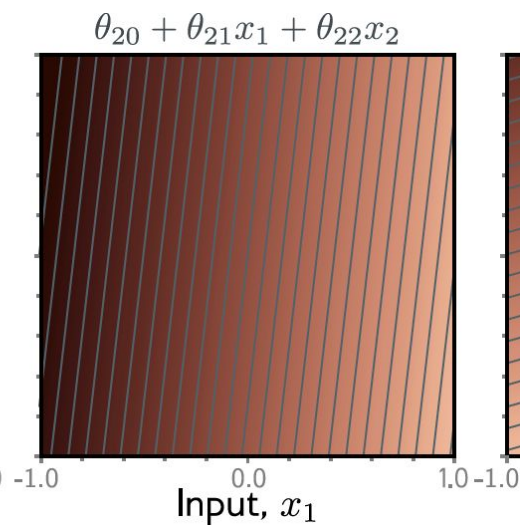
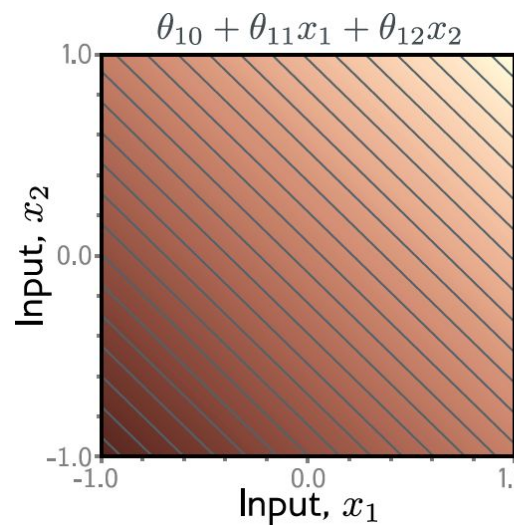
$$h_3 = a[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x_1 + \theta_{32}x_2]$$

$$y = \phi_0 + \phi_1h_1 + \phi_2h_2 + \phi_3h_3$$

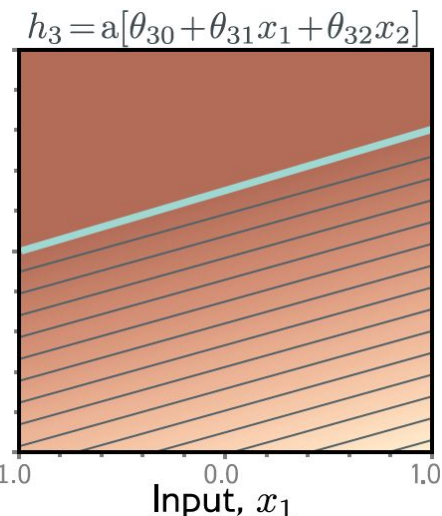
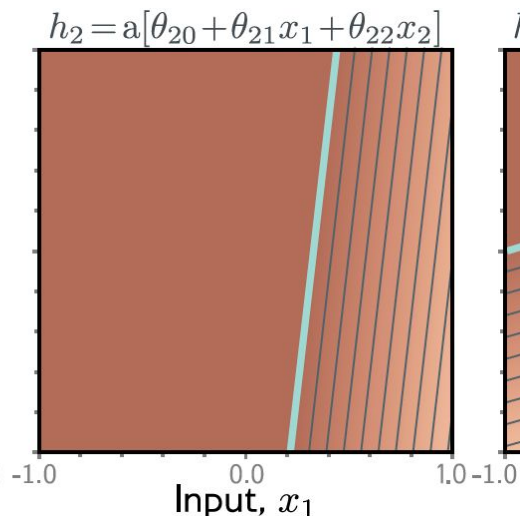
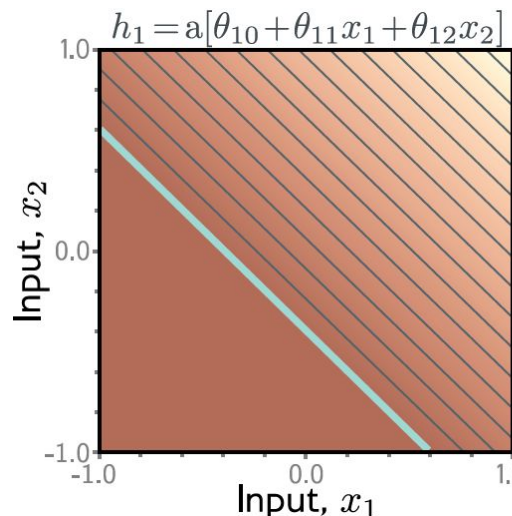
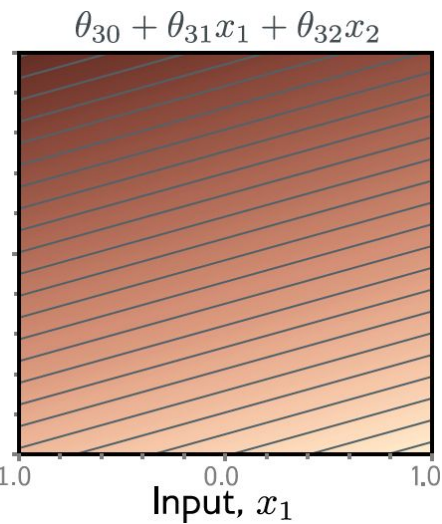
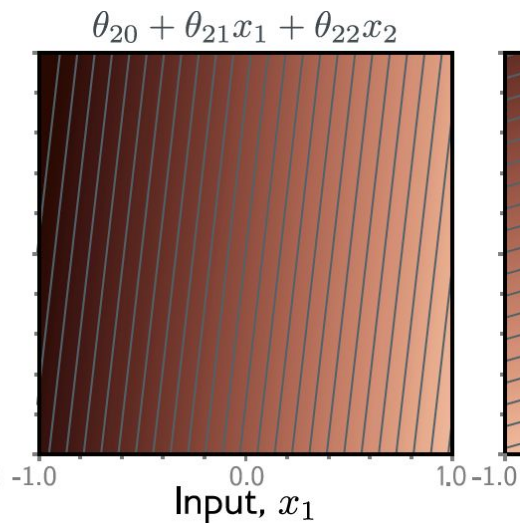
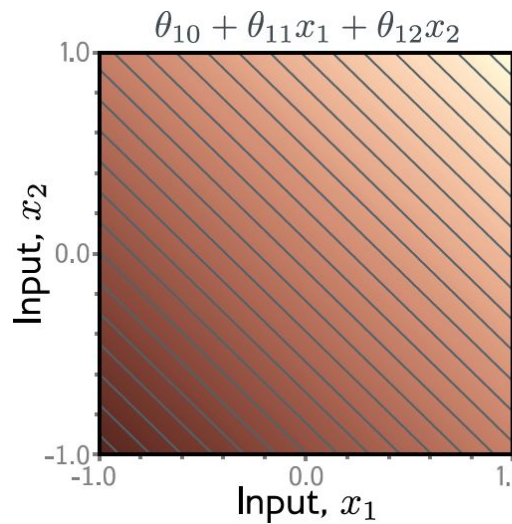


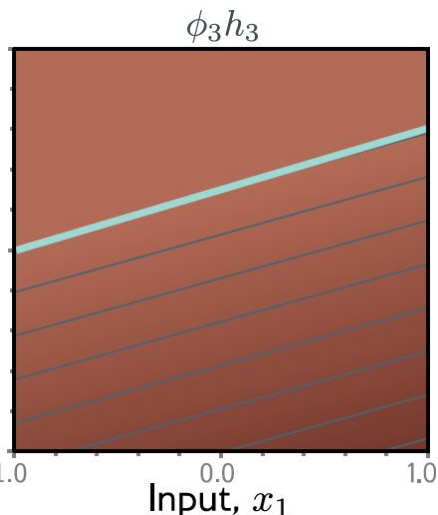
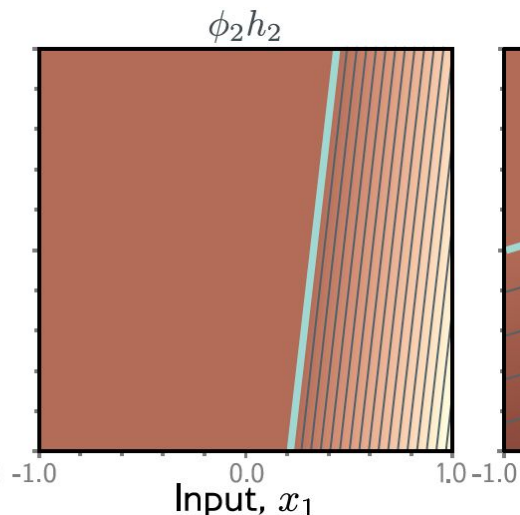
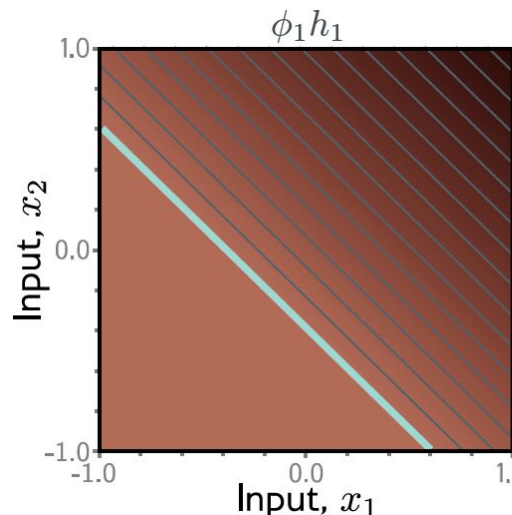
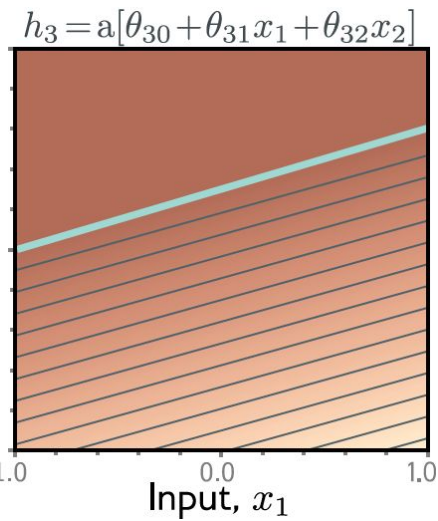
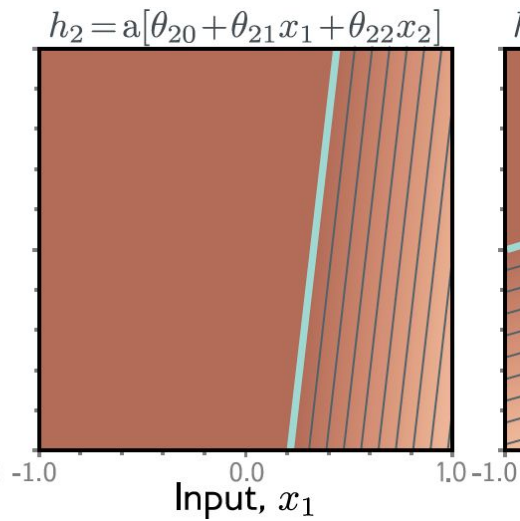
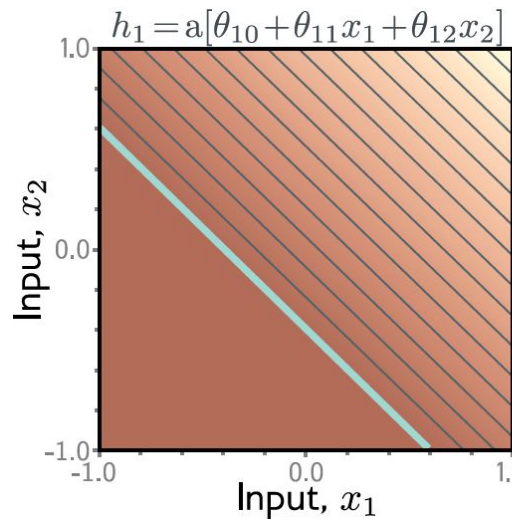
2 inputs, 3 hidden units, 1 output

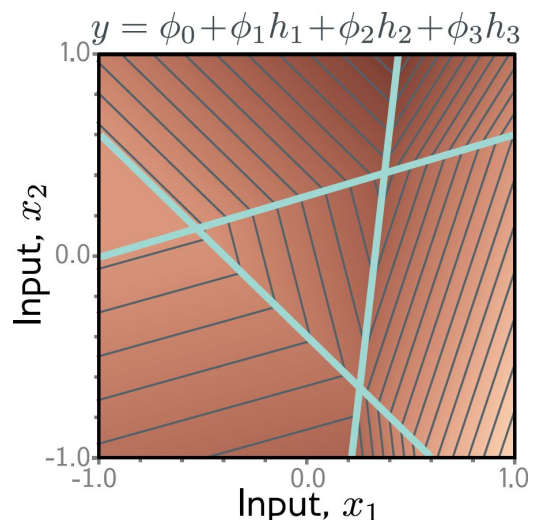
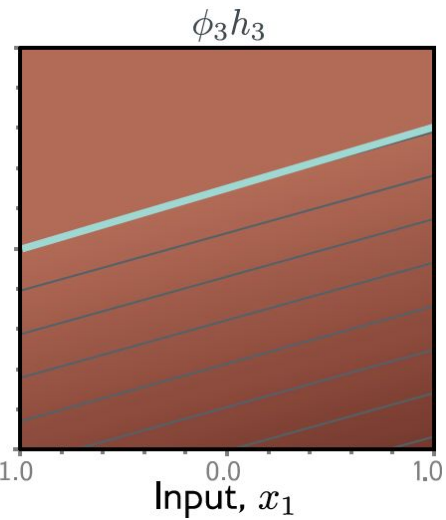
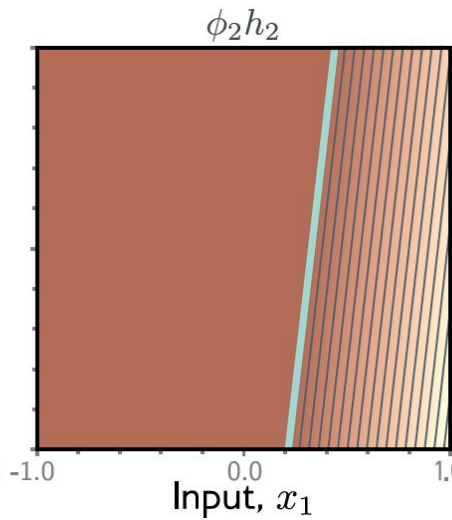
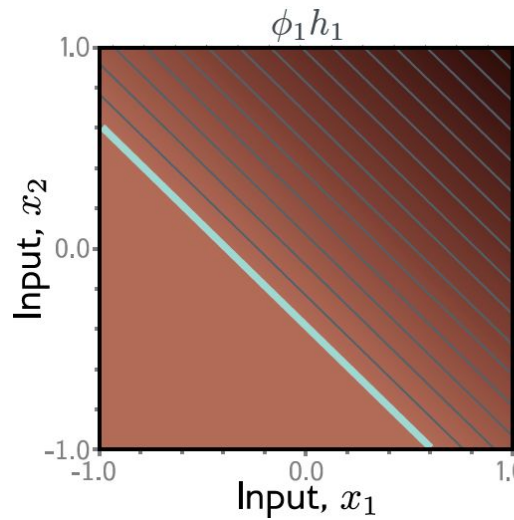


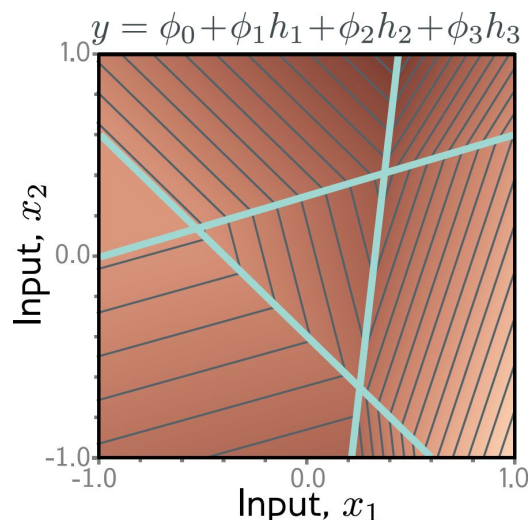
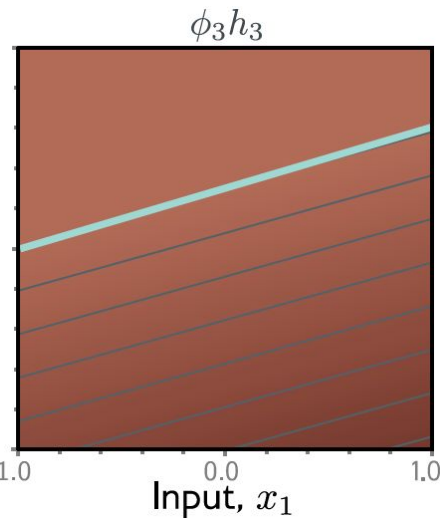
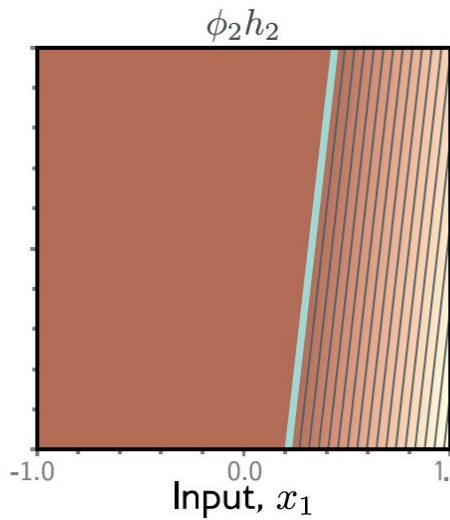
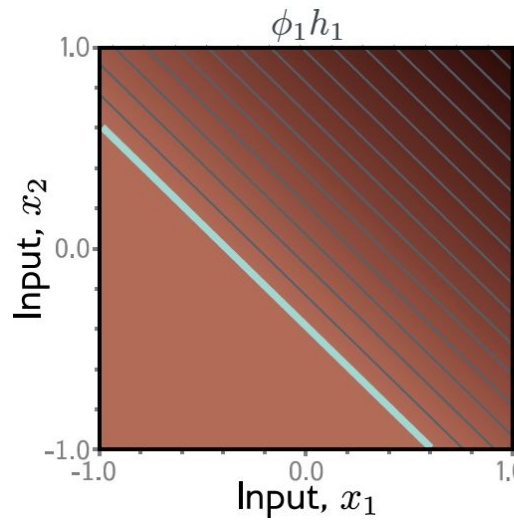






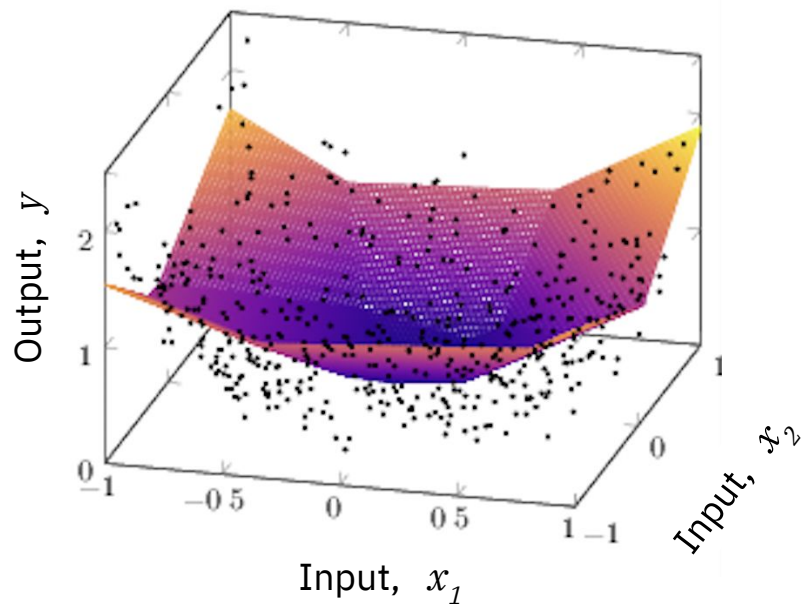
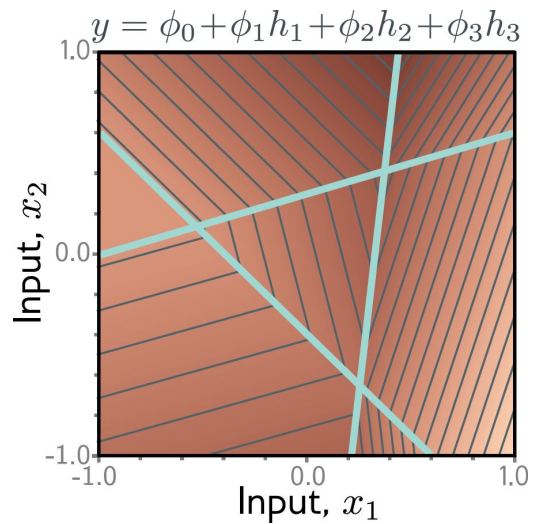




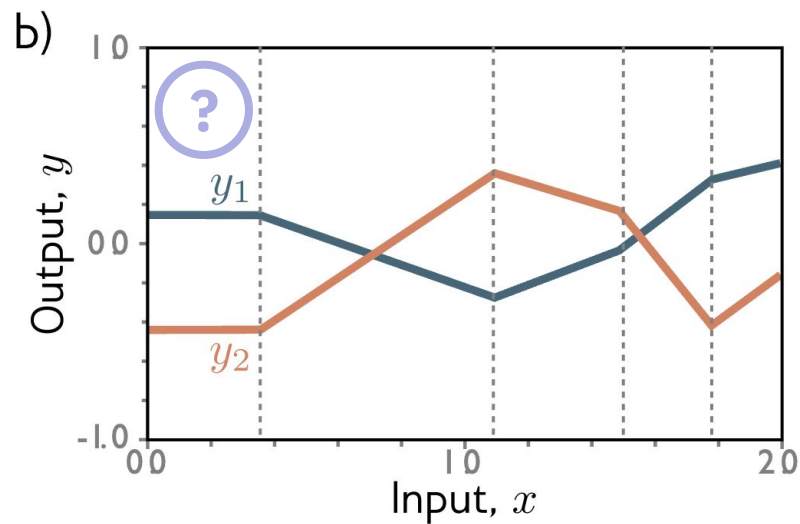
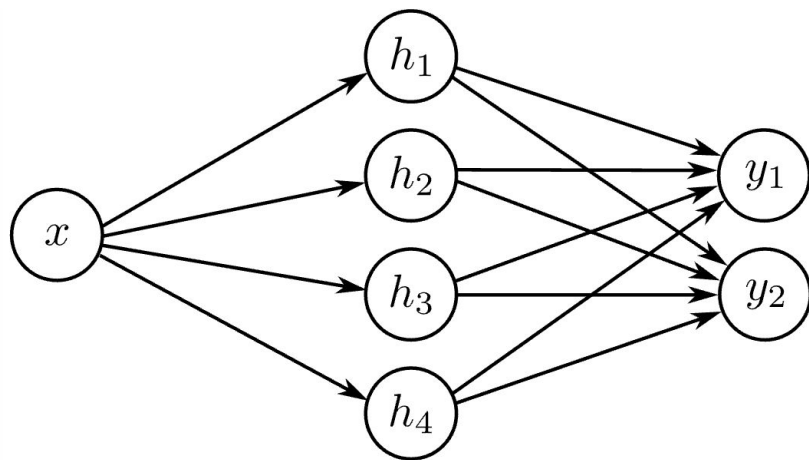


Convex polygons

# Function space / Data space

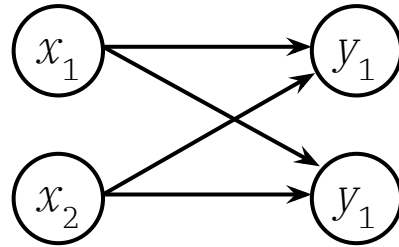


# Multivariate *outputs*



**Functional** *vs.* **Representational**

# The *representation* view. Linear model



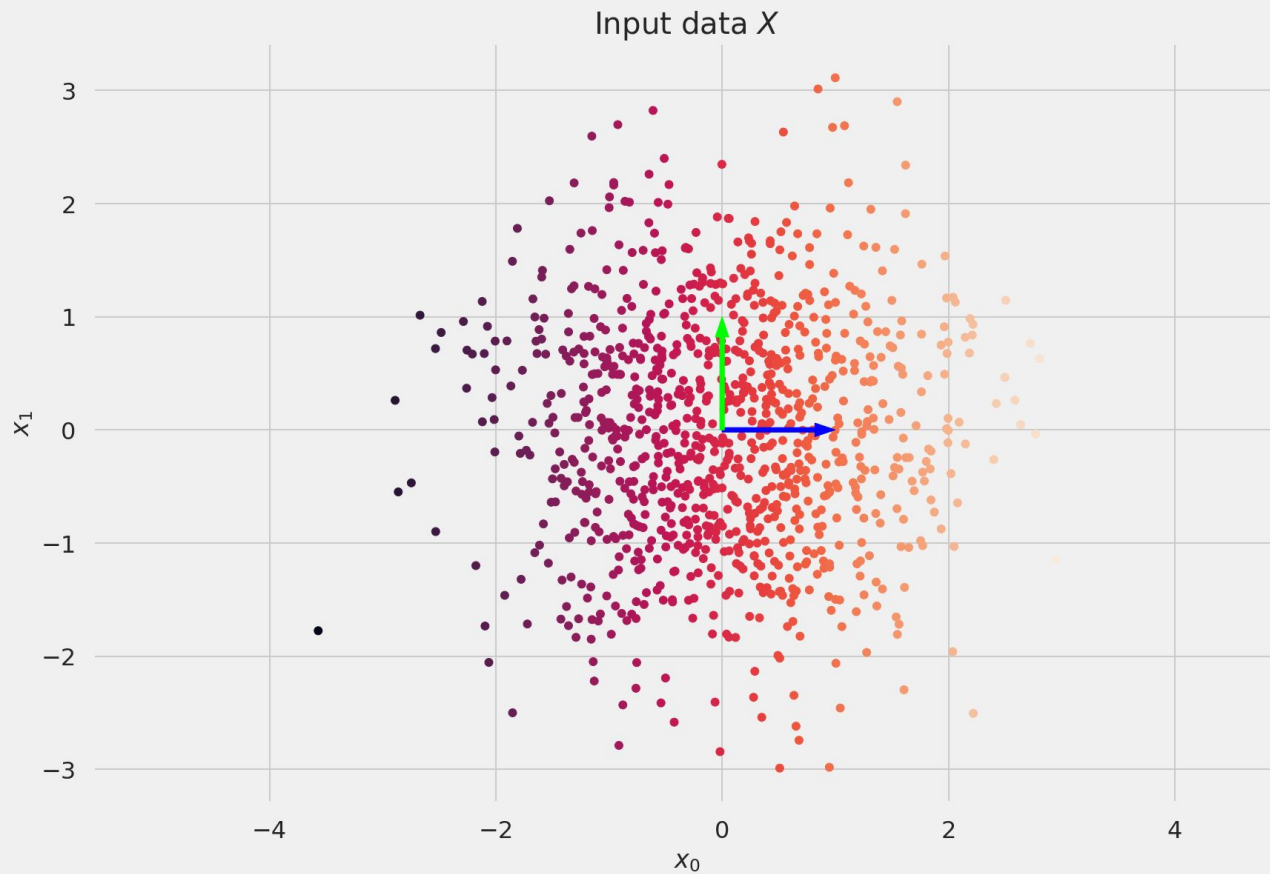
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{\Theta}\mathbf{x}, \text{ that is } y_1 = \theta_{11}x_1 + \theta_{12}x_2, \dots$$

A linear model with four weights.  
Also can be seen as two stacked "neurons" without activation functions.





# The *representation* view. Linear model



# The *representation* view. Linear model

- Our model is:  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{\Theta}\mathbf{x}$
- What is  $\mathbf{\Theta}$  doing to  $\mathbf{x}$  ?
- Let's perform *singular value decomposition*\* for some intuition:

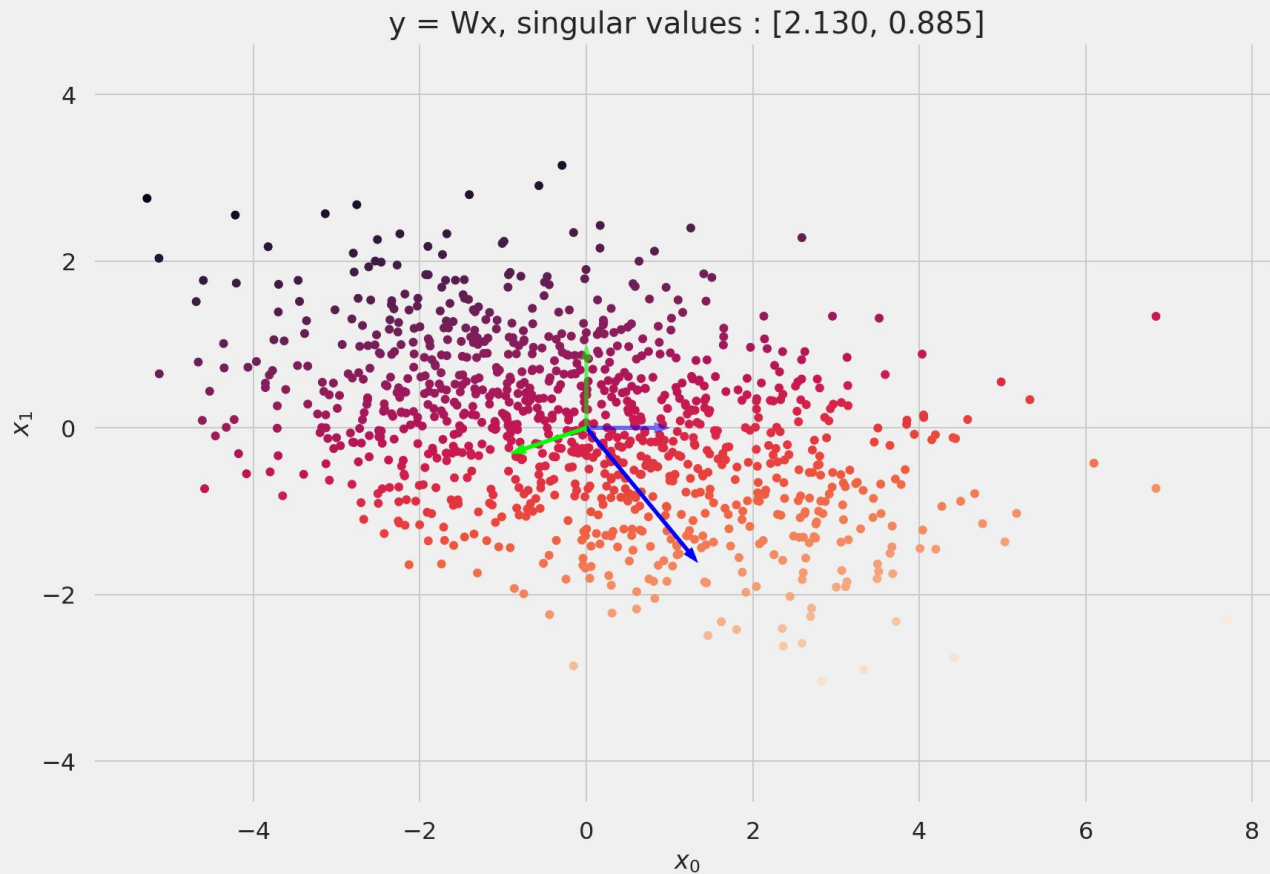
$$\mathbf{\Theta} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{V}^T$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.19 & 1.84 \\ -0.97 & -0.93 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.83 & -0.55 \\ -0.55 & -0.83 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{rotation}} \times \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 2.17 & 0.00 \\ 0.00 & 0.74 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{scale}} \times \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0.32 & 0.94 \\ 0.94 & -0.32 \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{reflection}}$$

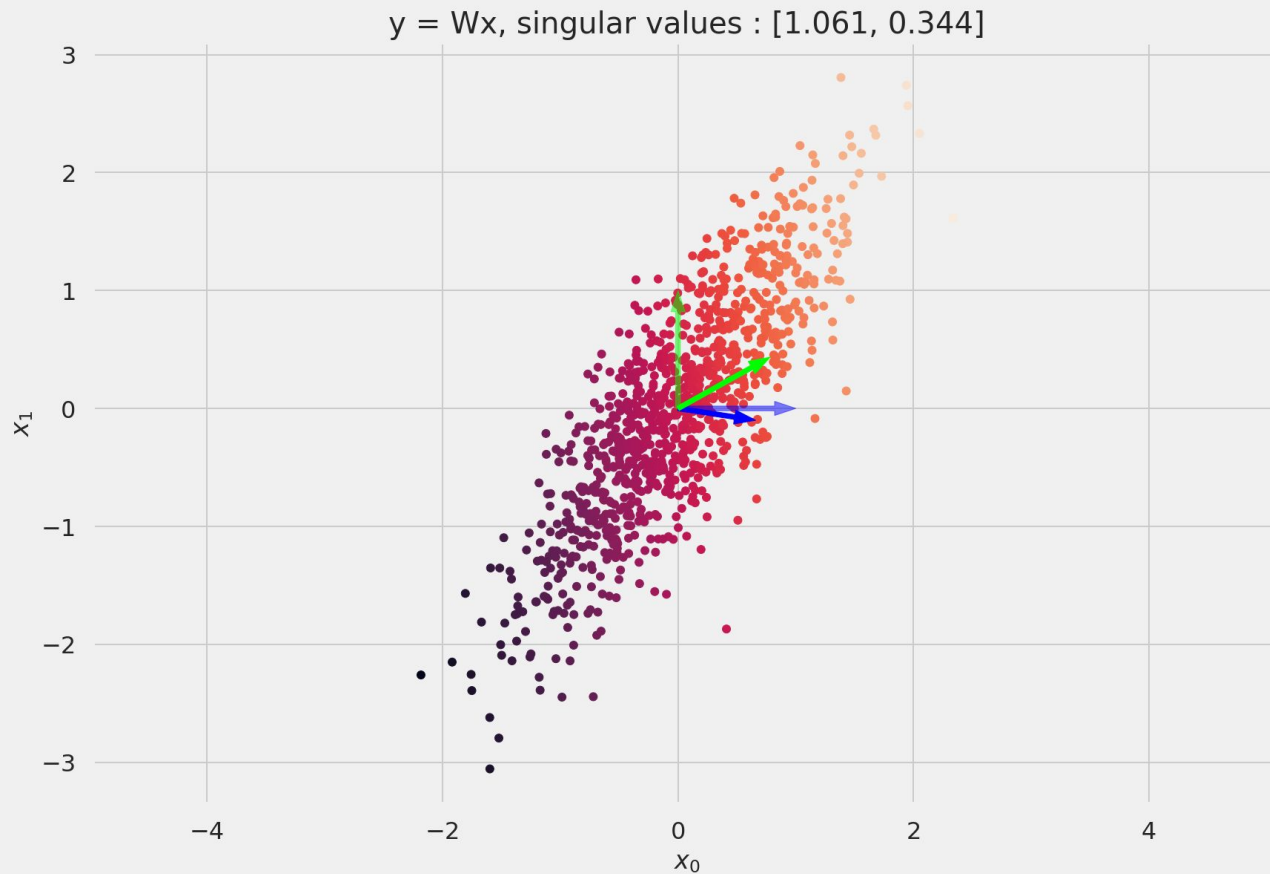
\* Deisenroth, *Mathematics for Deep Learning*, ch. 4.



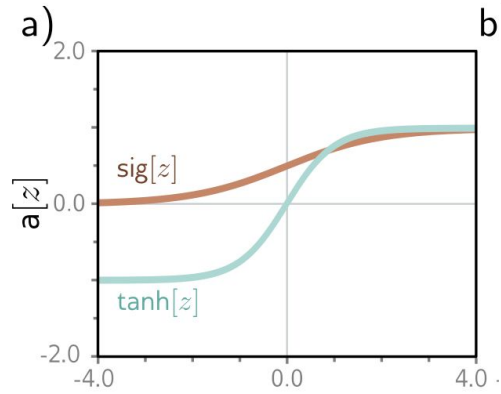
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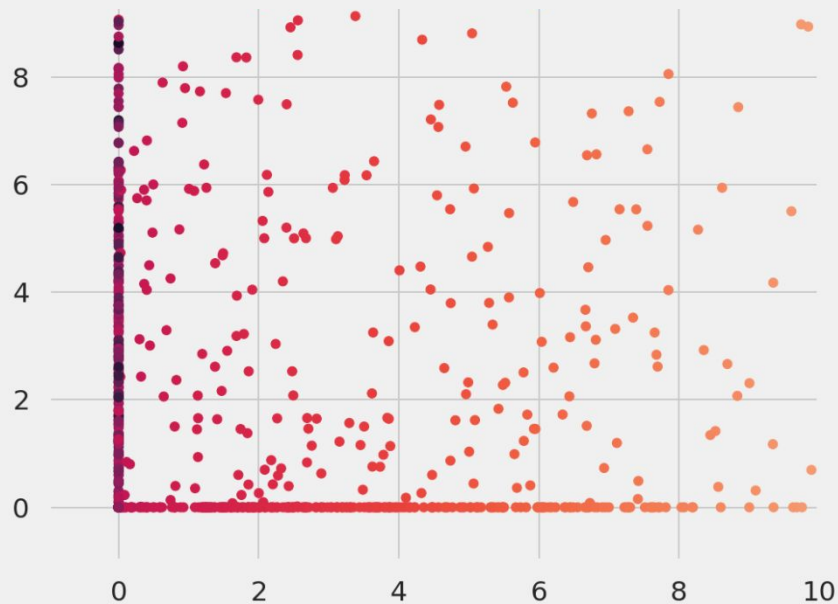
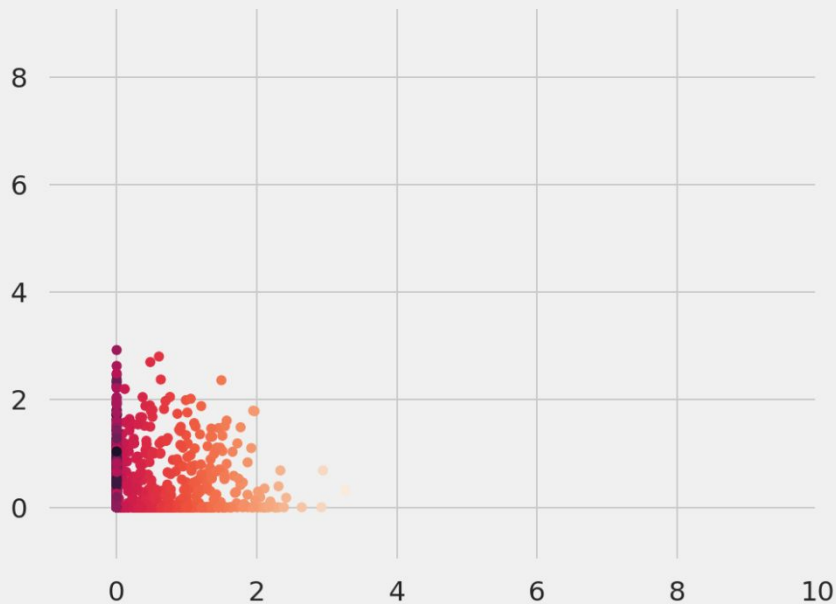
# The *representation* view. Linear model



# The *representation* view. Activation functions

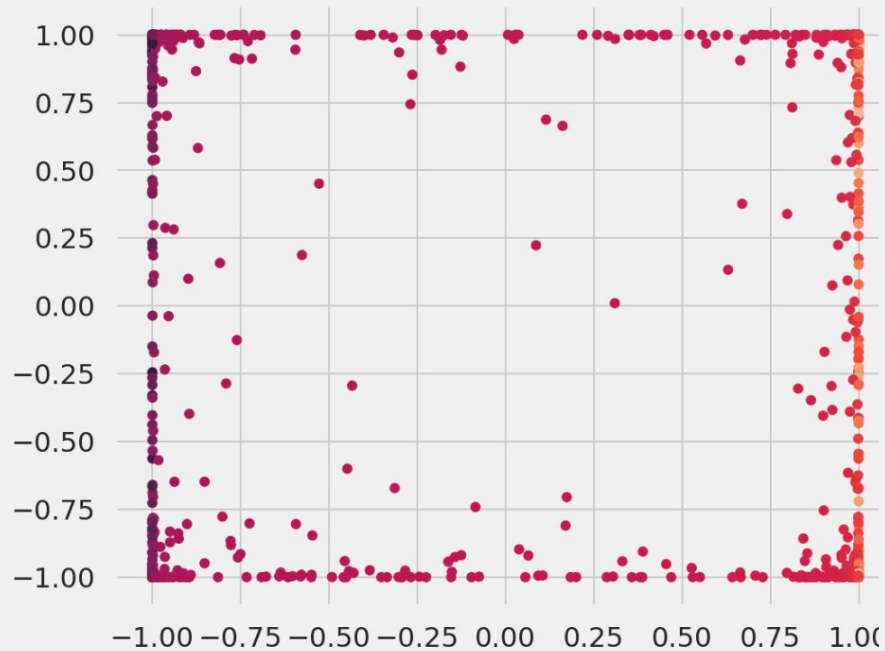
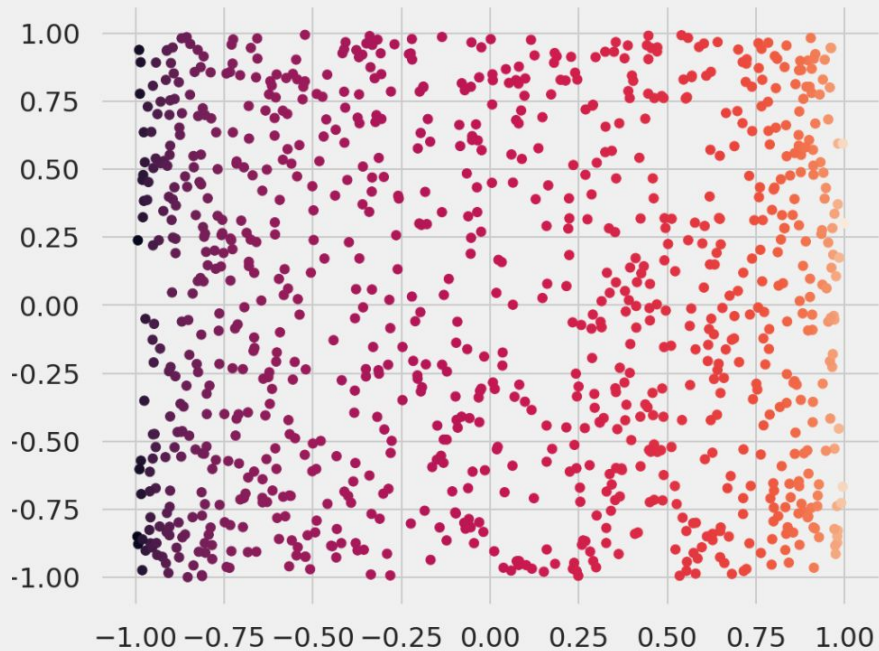


# The representation view. *Non*-linear model | ReLU



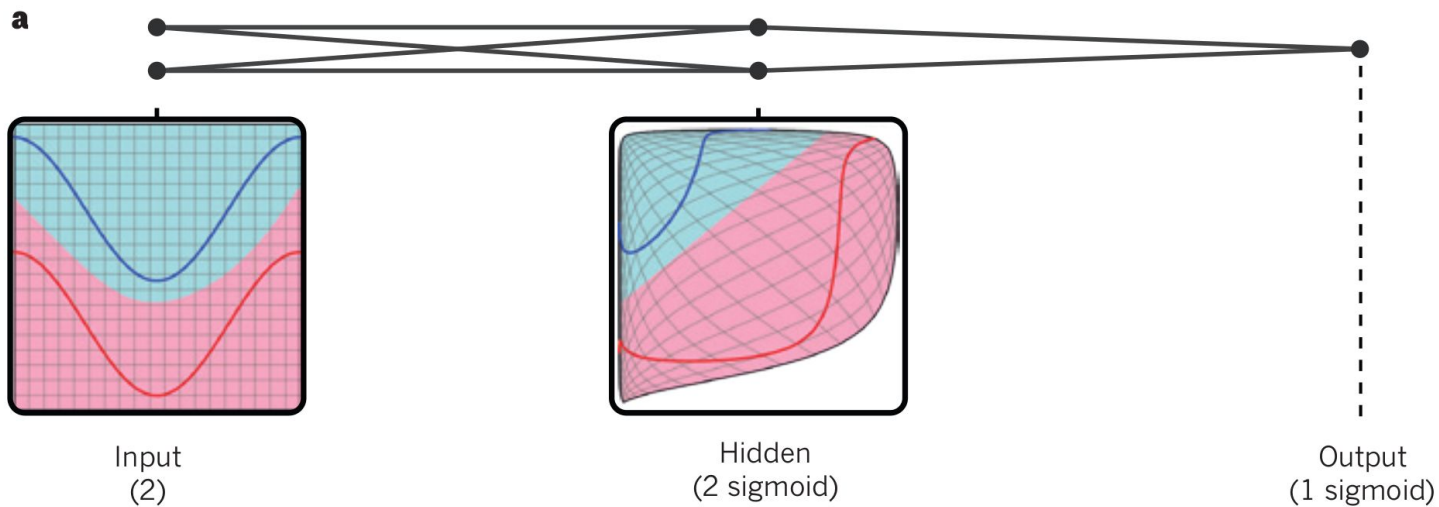
ReLU(**Sx**) activation function with two different scale factors S

# The representation view. *Non*-linear model | tanh



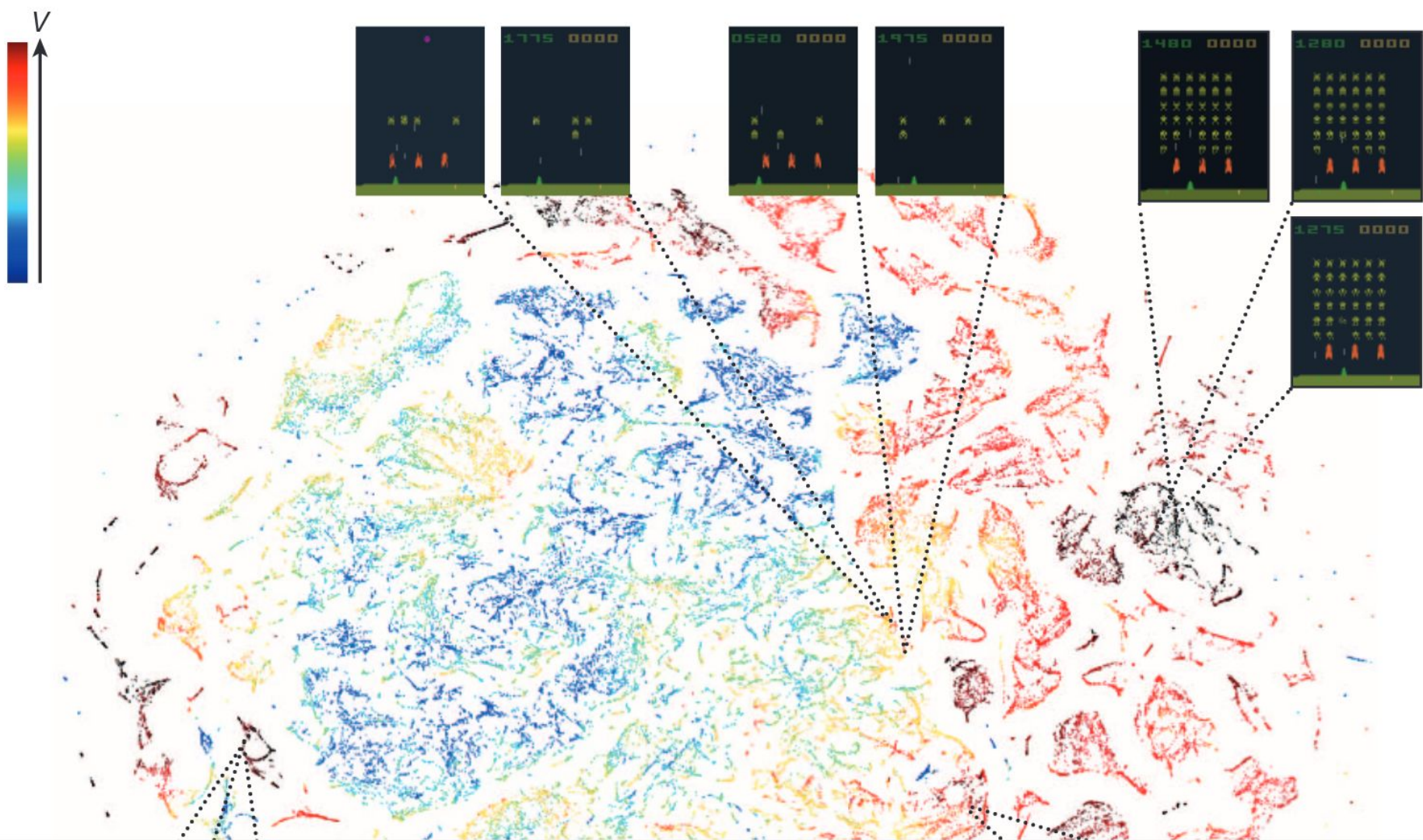
tanh( $S\mathbf{x}$ ) activation function with two different scale factors  $S$

# The representation view. *Warping* space



A neural network with two inputs, two hidden units and one output “warps” space so that data can become linearly separable.





# Functional view

- Usually well defined (eg. “linear regions”)
- Useful for the theory of neural networks
- Better at explaining the preference for *deep* neural networks

# Representation view

- Not well defined (in general)
- Many methods in the literature describe themselves as “learning representations”
- Drove the research in *transfer* and *self-supervised* learning for some time
- Shows up in natural language processing also, see “thought vectors”
- Neural network depth associated with learning *hierarchical representations*

# *Deep* Neural Networks

# Reading suggestion

Check 4.1 and 4.2 in your textbook\* for a discussion on a special case of deep neural networks not covered in these slides.

\* Simon J.D. Prince, [\*Understanding Deep Learning\*](#).

# Two-layer networks

$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

$$h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x]$$

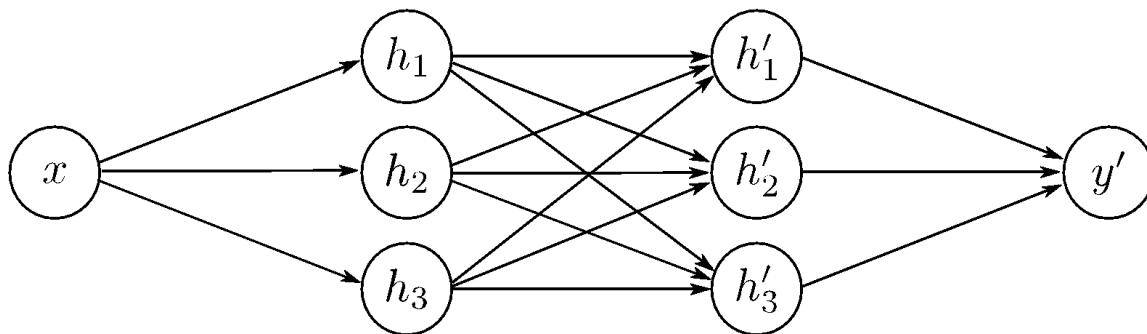
$$h_3 = a[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x]$$

$$h'_1 = a[\psi_{10} + \psi_{11}h_1 + \psi_{12}h_2 + \psi_{13}h_3]$$

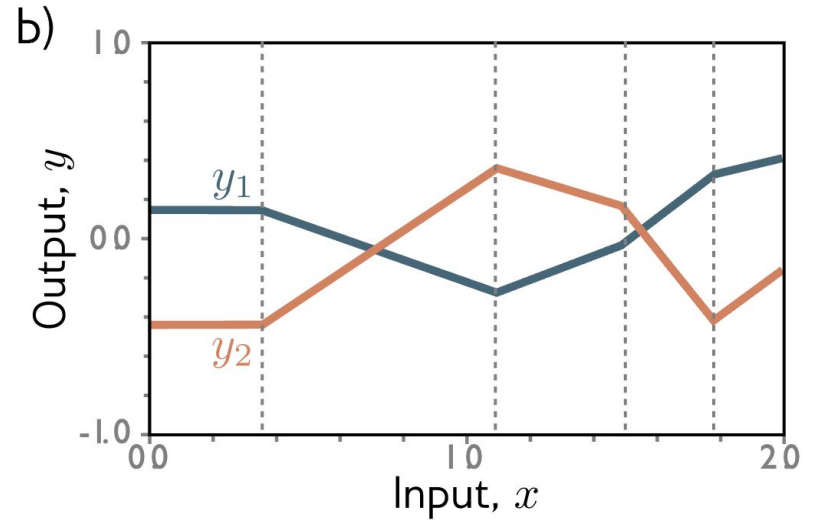
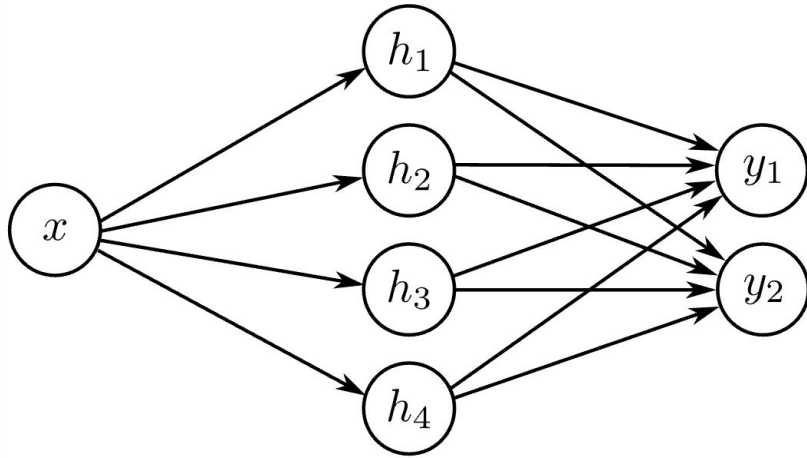
$$h'_2 = a[\psi_{20} + \psi_{21}h_1 + \psi_{22}h_2 + \psi_{23}h_3]$$

$$h'_3 = a[\psi_{30} + \psi_{31}h_1 + \psi_{32}h_2 + \psi_{33}h_3]$$

$$y' = \phi'_0 + \phi'_1 h'_1 + \phi'_2 h'_2 + \phi'_3 h'_3$$



# Remember *shallow* network with two outputs



# Deep networks are just function composition!

$$h_1 = a[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

$$h_2 = a[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x]$$

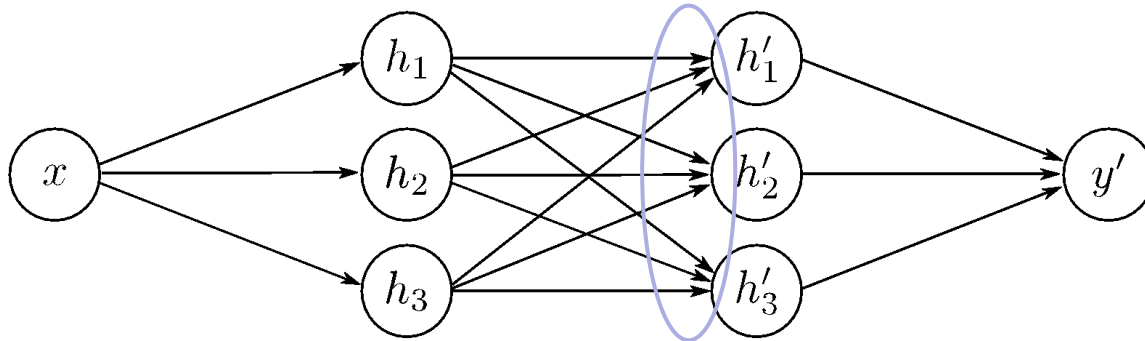
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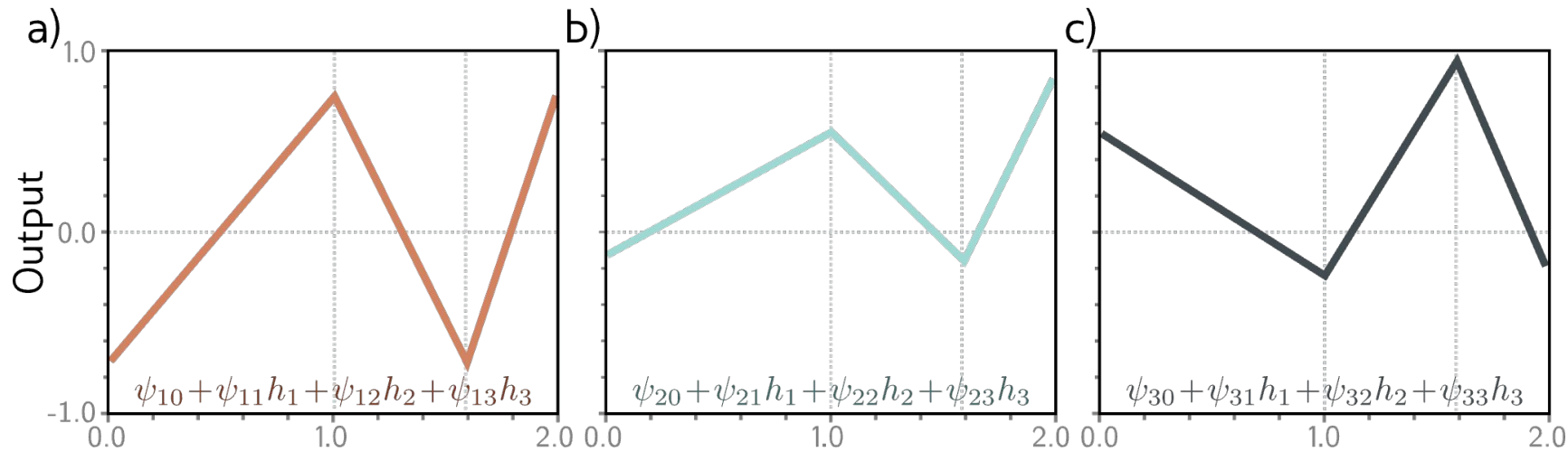
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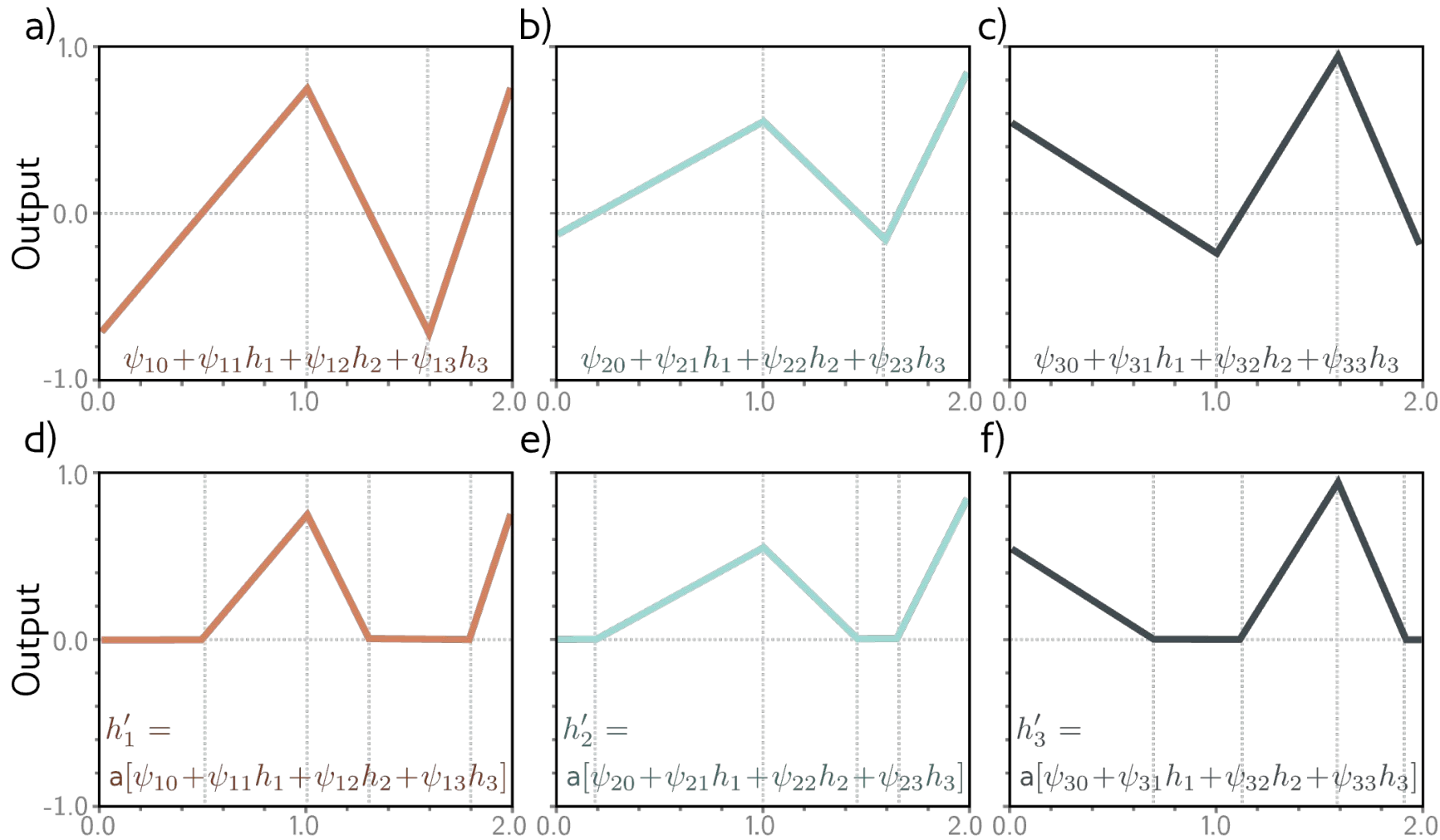
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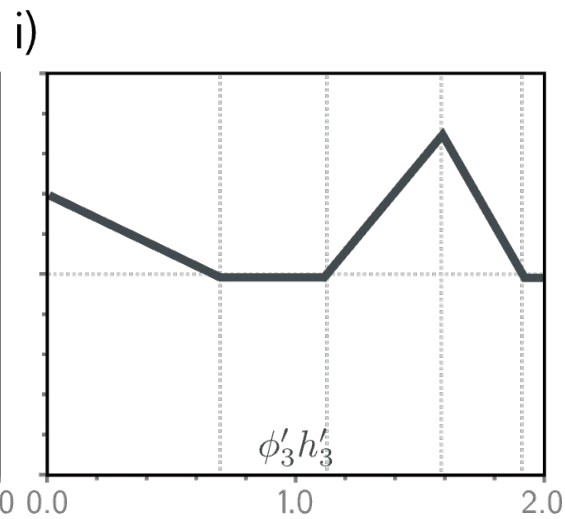
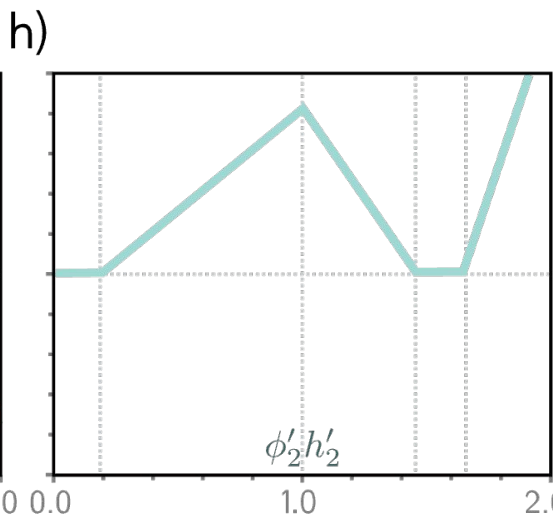
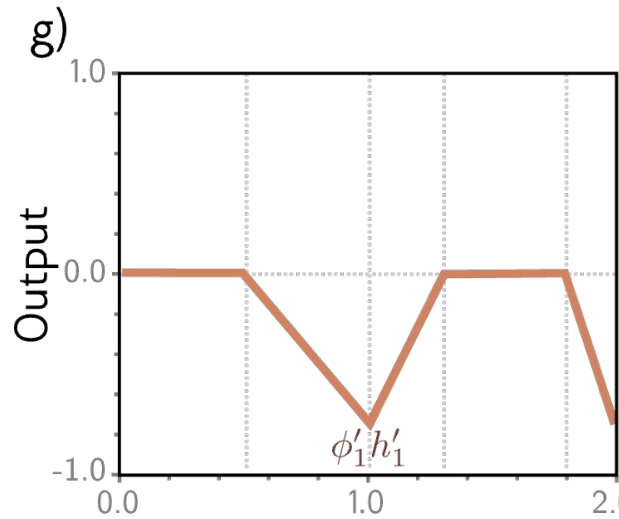
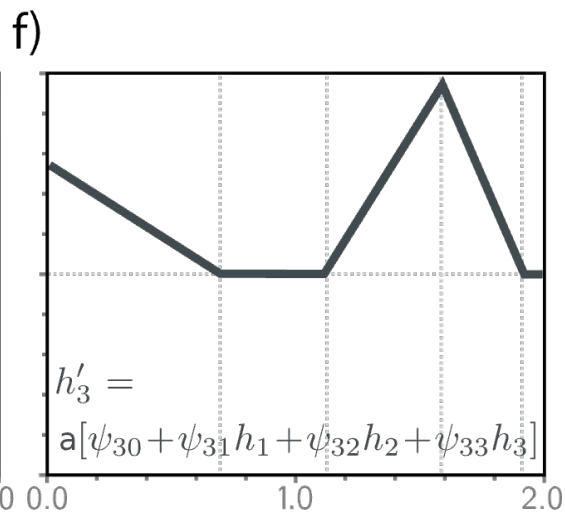
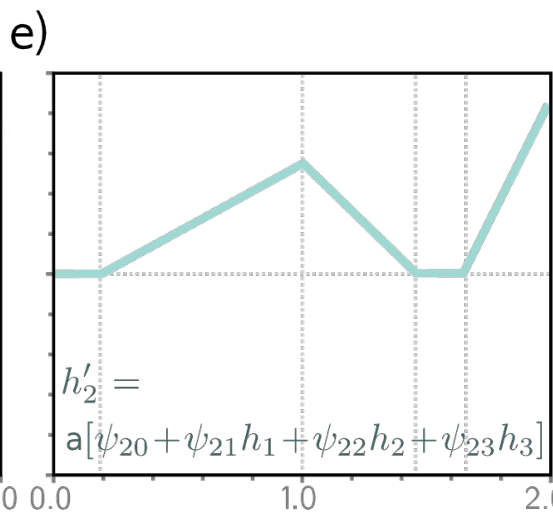
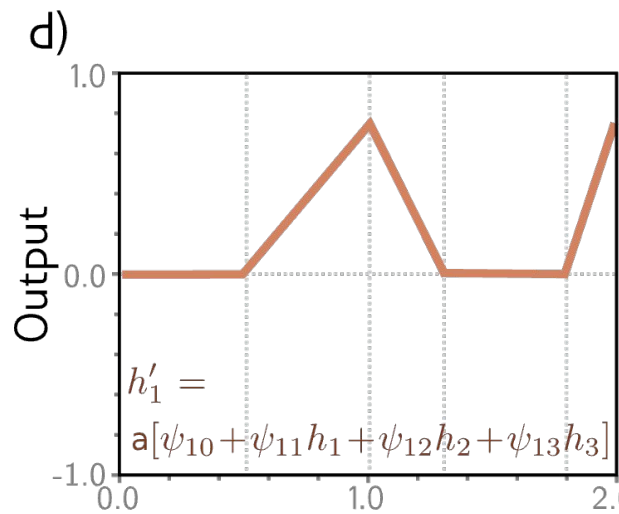
Consider the pre-activations at the second hidden units.  
At this point, it's a one-layer network with three outputs.

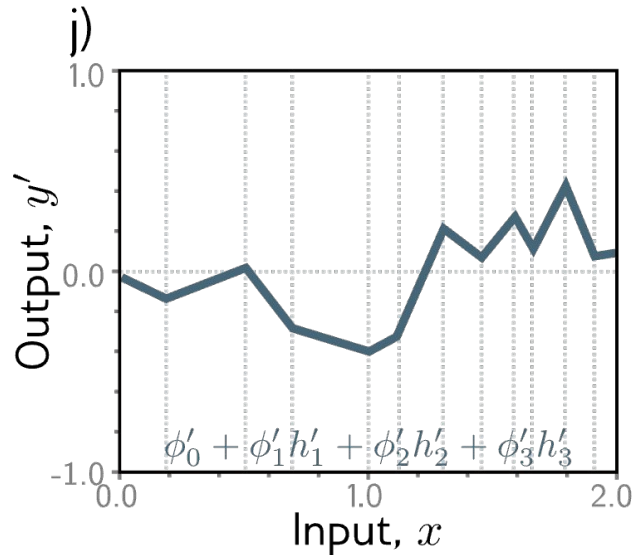
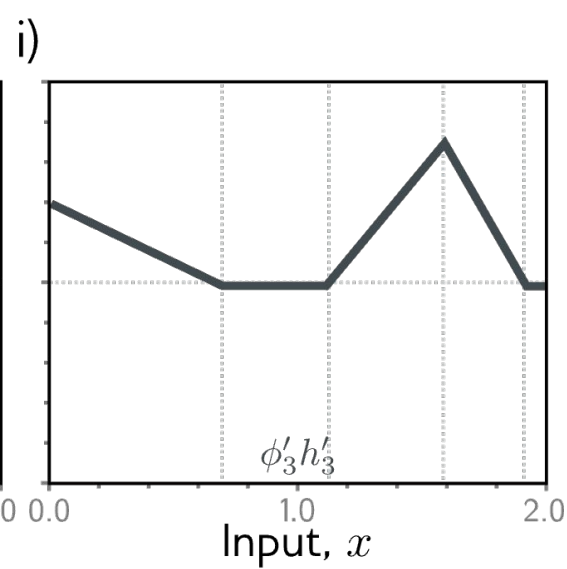
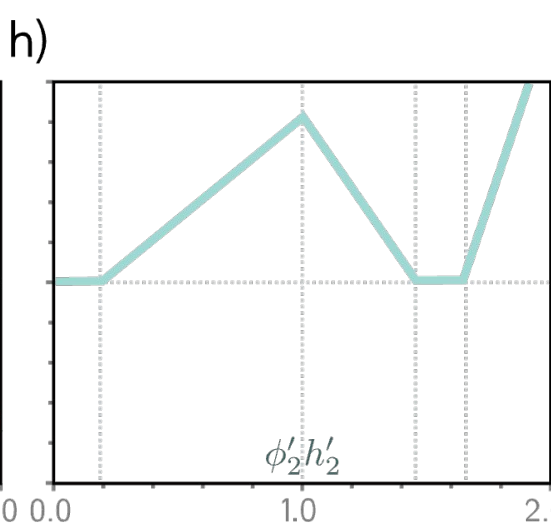
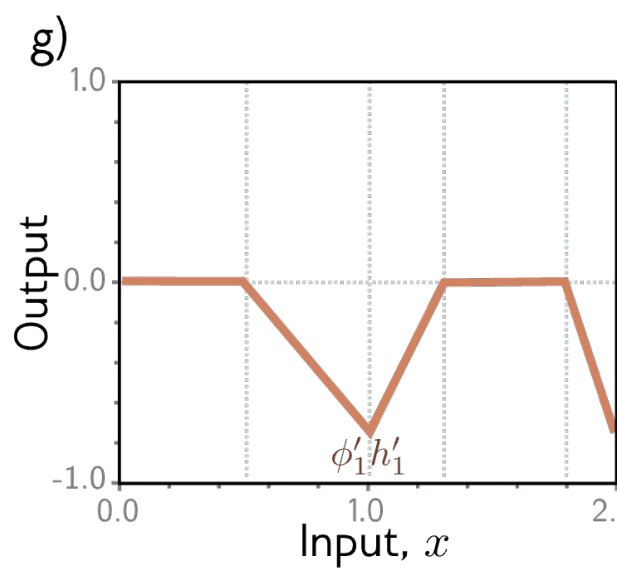












# Hyperparameters

- $K$  layers: network depth
- $D_k$  hidden units / layer: network width
- We choose these hyperparameters before training.
- And we usually search for the best values by retraining with different hyperparameters.



# Notation change #1

$$h_1 = \mathbf{a}[\theta_{10} + \theta_{11}x]$$

$$h_2 = \mathbf{a}[\theta_{20} + \theta_{21}x]$$

$$h_3 = \mathbf{a}[\theta_{30} + \theta_{31}x]$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{10} \\ \theta_{20} \\ \theta_{30} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{11} \\ \theta_{21} \\ \theta_{31} \end{bmatrix} x \right]$$

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$$y' = \phi'_0 + \phi'_1 h'_1 + \phi'_2 h'_2 + \phi'_3 h'_3$$



$$y' = \phi'_0 + [\phi'_1 \quad \phi'_2 \quad \phi'_3] \begin{bmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \\ h'_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Notation change #2

$$\begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{10} \\ \theta_{20} \\ \theta_{30} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{11} \\ \theta_{21} \\ \theta_{31} \end{bmatrix} x \right] \longrightarrow \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\theta}x]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \\ h'_3 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{a} \left[ \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{10} \\ \psi_{20} \\ \psi_{30} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \psi_{11} & \psi_{12} & \psi_{13} \\ \psi_{21} & \psi_{22} & \psi_{23} \\ \psi_{31} & \psi_{32} & \psi_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{bmatrix} \right] \longrightarrow \mathbf{h}' = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\psi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{h}]$$

$$y' = \phi'_0 + [\phi'_1 \quad \phi'_2 \quad \phi'_3] \begin{bmatrix} h'_1 \\ h'_2 \\ h'_3 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow y = \phi'_0 + \phi' \mathbf{h}'$$



## Notation change #3 (multivariate inputs)

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\theta}x] \longrightarrow \mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_0\mathbf{x}]$$

$$\mathbf{h}' = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\psi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Psi}\mathbf{h}] \longrightarrow \mathbf{h}_2 = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1\mathbf{h}_1]$$

$$y = \phi'_0 + \phi'\mathbf{h}' \longrightarrow y = \beta_2 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2\mathbf{h}_2$$

## Notation change #3

$$\mathbf{h} = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\theta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\theta}x] \longrightarrow$$

Bias vector  $\beta_0$

Weight matrix  $\Omega_0$

$$\mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_0 \mathbf{x}]$$

$$\mathbf{h}' = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\psi}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Psi} \mathbf{h}] \longrightarrow$$

$$\mathbf{h}_2 = \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 \mathbf{h}_1]$$

$$y = \phi'_0 + \phi' \mathbf{h}' \longrightarrow$$

$$y = \beta_2 + \Omega_2 \mathbf{h}_2$$

# General equation for deep networks

$$\mathbf{h}_1 = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_0 \mathbf{x}]$$

$$\mathbf{h}_2 = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 \mathbf{h}_1]$$

$$\mathbf{h}_3 = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2 \mathbf{h}_2]$$

⋮

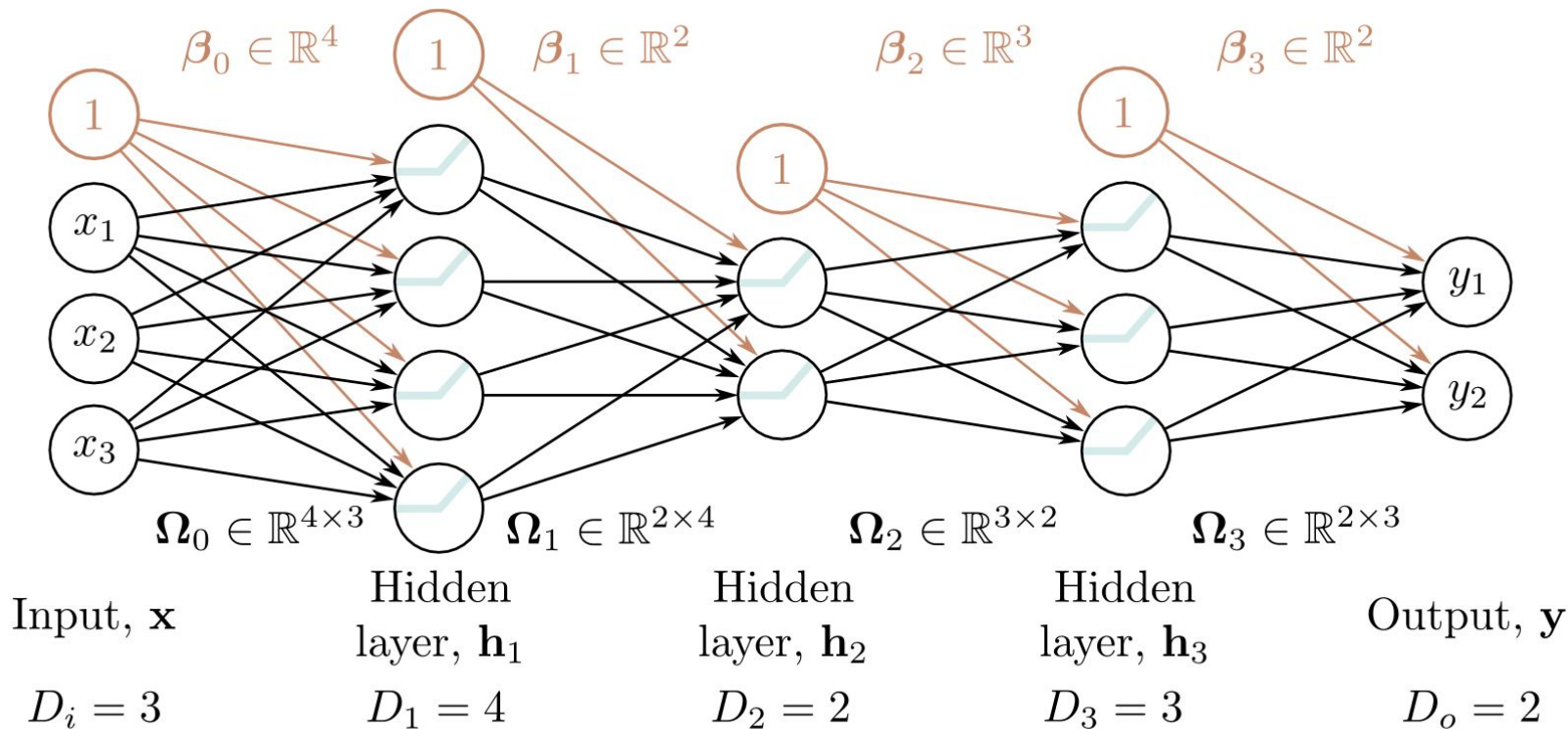
$$\mathbf{h}_K = \mathbf{a}[\boldsymbol{\beta}_{K-1} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{K-1} \mathbf{h}_{K-1}]$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_K + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_K \mathbf{h}_K,$$

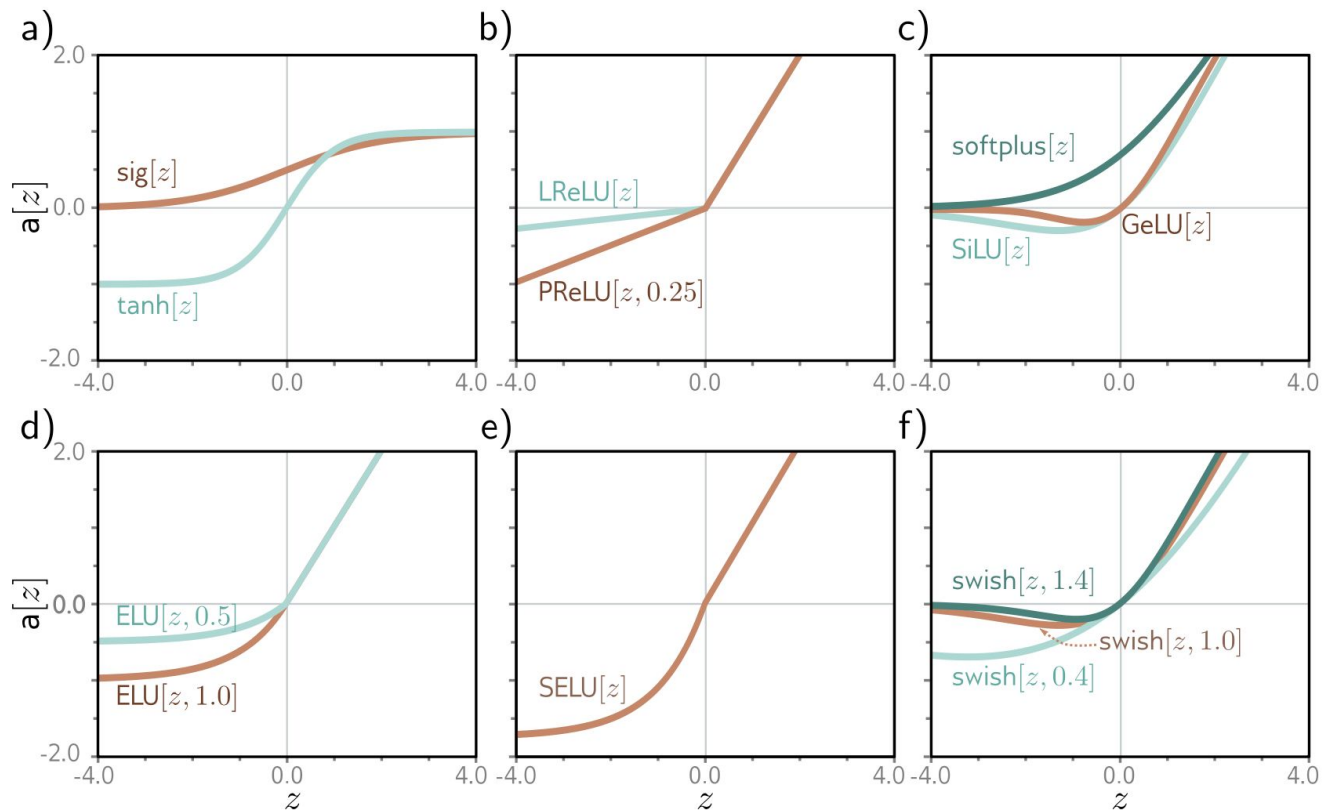
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$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_K + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_K \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\beta}_{K-1} + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_{K-1} \mathbf{a} [\dots \boldsymbol{\beta}_2 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_2 \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_1 \mathbf{a} [\boldsymbol{\beta}_0 + \boldsymbol{\Omega}_0 \mathbf{x}]] \dots]]]$$

...also known as an MLP (multi-layer perceptron)



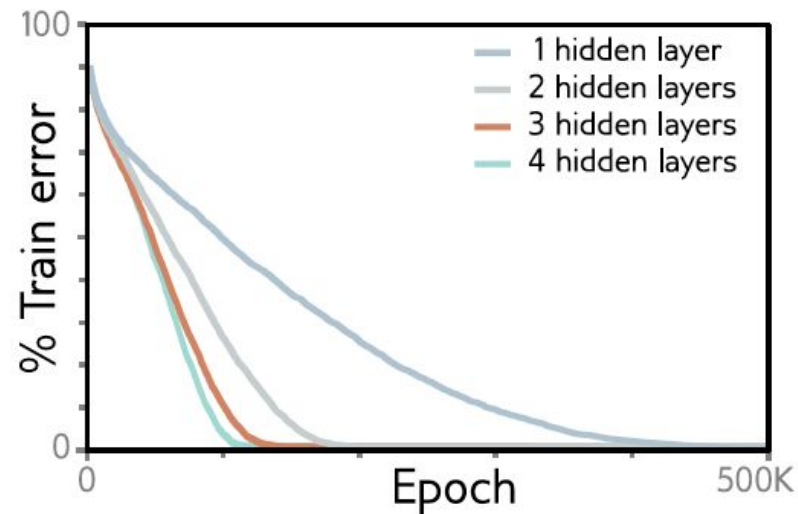
# Activation functions



# Depth efficiency of neural networks

# Shallow vs. deep networks

**Figure 20.2** MNIST-1D training. Four fully connected networks were fit to 4000 MNIST-1D examples with random labels using full batch gradient descent, He initialization, no momentum or regularization, and learning rate 0.0025. Models with 1,2,3,4 layers had 298, 100, 75, and 63 hidden units per layer and 15208, 15210, 15235, and 15139 parameters, respectively. All models train successfully, but deeper models require fewer epochs.



# Shallow vs. deep networks

The best results are obtained by deep networks with many layers:

- 50-1000 layers for most applications
- Over ~10-15 layers additional tricks are required (normalisation, residual connections)
- Best results in:
  - Computer vision
  - Natural language processing
  - Graph neural networks
  - Generative models
  - Reinforcement learning (ongoing research)



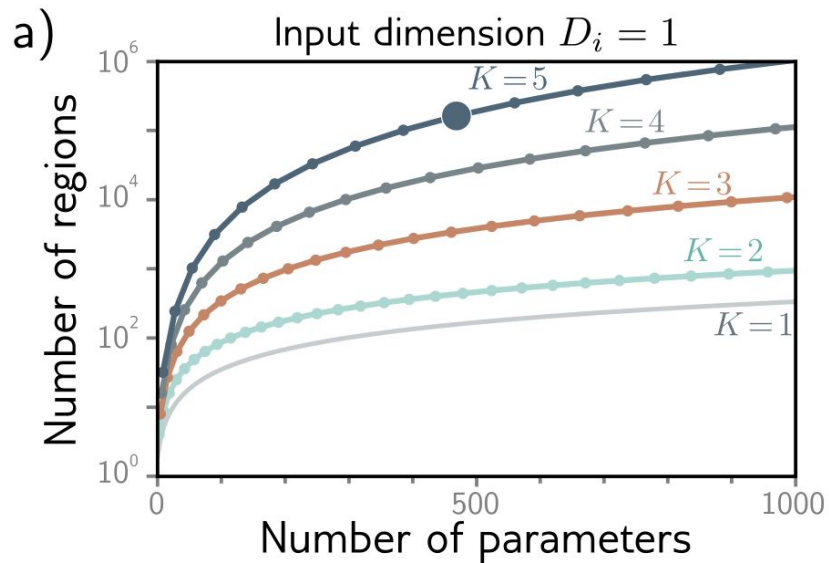


# 1. Function approximation capacity

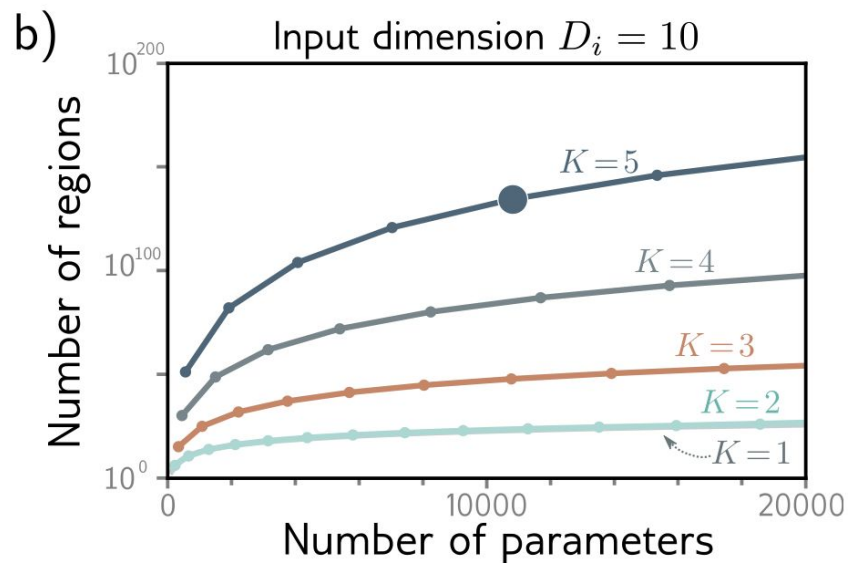
- Both shallow and deep neural networks obey the [universal approximation theorem](#).
- Does it mean that one layer is enough?!



## 2. Number of linear regions per parameter



5 layers (up to)  
marker: 10 hidden units per layer  
471 parameters  
161,501 linear regions

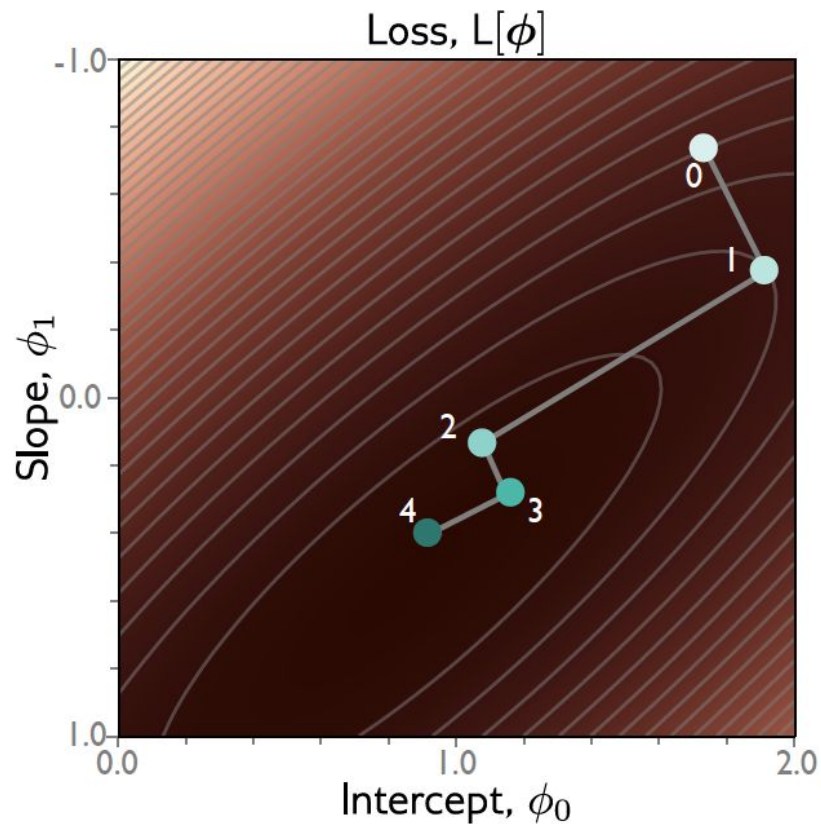


5 layers (up to)  
marker: 50 hidden units per layer  
10,801 parameters  
 $10^{134}$  linear regions



# Loss functions

# Training a simple model



1. Define a loss function
2. Compute the change in parameters required to make the loss smaller
3. Apply the change and get new parameters
4. Repeat from (2)



# Loss function

- Training dataset of  $I$  pairs of input/output examples:

$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^I$$

- Loss function or cost function measures how bad the model is:

$$L \left[ \underbrace{\phi, f[\mathbf{x}, \phi]}_{\text{model}}, \underbrace{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^I}_{\text{train data}} \right]$$



# Loss function

- Training dataset of  $I$  pairs of input/output examples:

$$\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^I$$

- Loss function or cost function measures how bad model is:

$$L[\phi]$$

Returns a scalar that is smaller when model maps inputs to outputs better



# Loss function as an optimization objective

$$L \left[ \underbrace{\phi, f[\mathbf{x}, \phi]}_{\text{model}}, \underbrace{\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^I}_{\text{train data}} \right]$$

Find the parameters that minimize the loss:

$$\phi = \operatorname{argmin}_{\phi} [ L(\phi) ]$$



# Example:

$$L(\phi) = \mathbb{E}[r + \gamma \max_u Q(x', u'; \phi) - Q(x, u; \phi)]^2$$

target



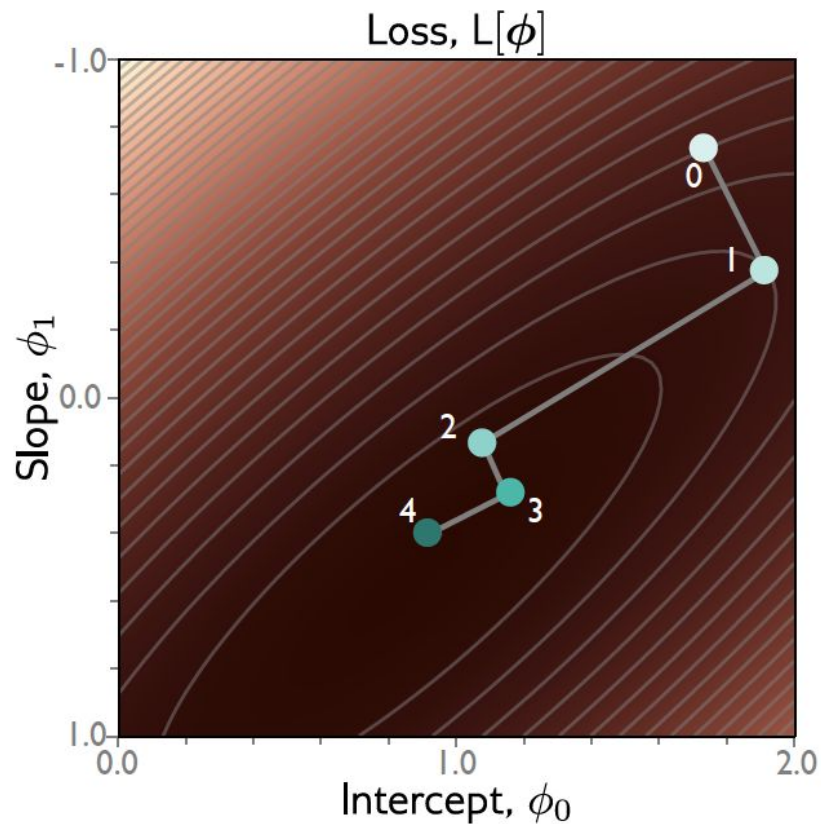
current estimate





# Computing gradients

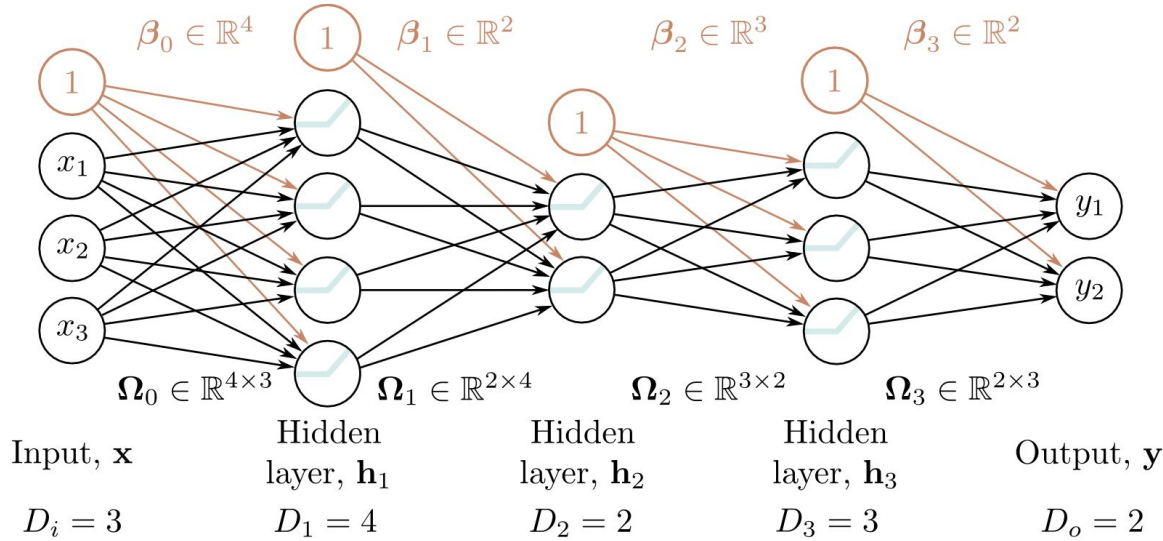
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# Neural network



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$$\mathbf{h}_2 = \mathbf{a}[\beta_1 + \Omega_1 \mathbf{h}_1]$$

$$\mathbf{h}_3 = \mathbf{a}[\beta_2 + \Omega_2 \mathbf{h}_2]$$

$$\mathbf{f}[\mathbf{x}, \phi] = \beta_3 + \Omega_3 \mathbf{h}_3$$



# Setup

Loss, sum of individual terms:

$$L[\phi] = \sum_{i=1}^I \ell_i = \sum_{i=1}^I l[f[\mathbf{x}_i, \phi], y_i]$$

SGD algorithm

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}_t} \frac{\partial \ell_i[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$

Parameters

$$\phi = \{\beta_0, \Omega_0, \beta_1, \Omega_1, \beta_2, \Omega_2, \beta_3, \Omega_3\}$$

How to compute gradients?

$$\frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_k} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \Omega_k}$$



# Big deal?

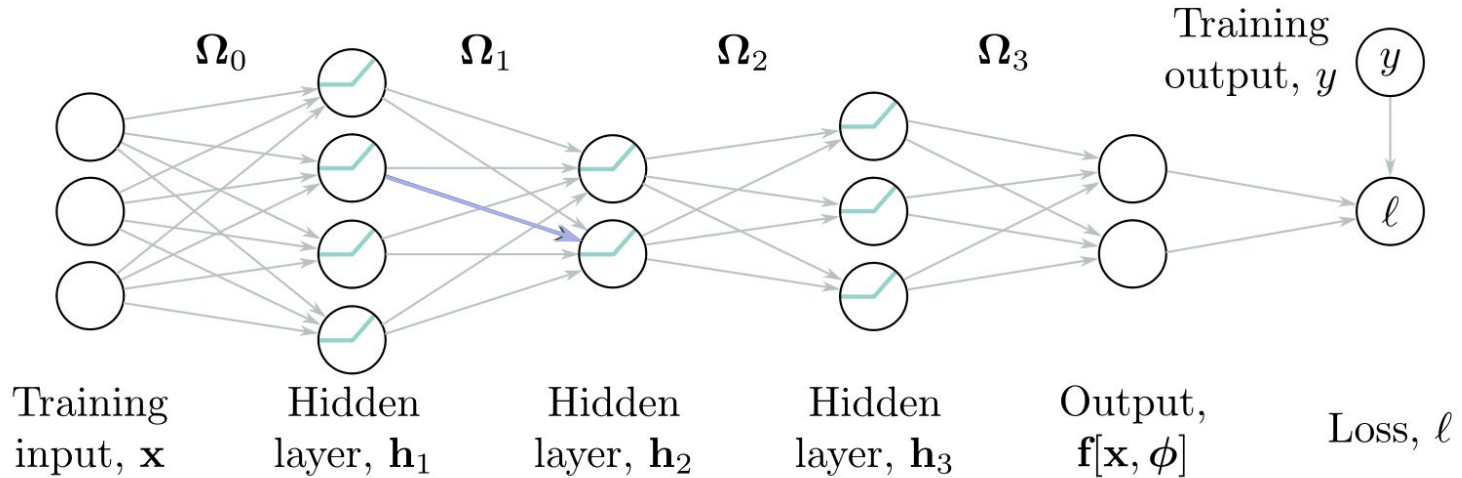
$$\begin{aligned}y' = & \phi'_0 + \phi'_1 \mathbf{a} [\psi_{10} + \psi_{11} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{10} + \theta_{11} x] + \psi_{12} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{20} + \theta_{21} x] + \psi_{13} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{30} + \theta_{31} x]] \\ & + \phi'_2 \mathbf{a} [\psi_{20} + \psi_{21} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{10} + \theta_{11} x] + \psi_{22} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{20} + \theta_{21} x] + \psi_{23} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{30} + \theta_{31} x]] \\ & + \phi'_3 \mathbf{a} [\psi_{30} + \psi_{31} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{10} + \theta_{11} x] + \psi_{32} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{20} + \theta_{21} x] + \psi_{33} \mathbf{a} [\theta_{30} + \theta_{31} x]]\end{aligned}$$

Huge equation, and we need to compute derivatives:

- for every parameter
- for every point in the batch
- for every iteration of SGD



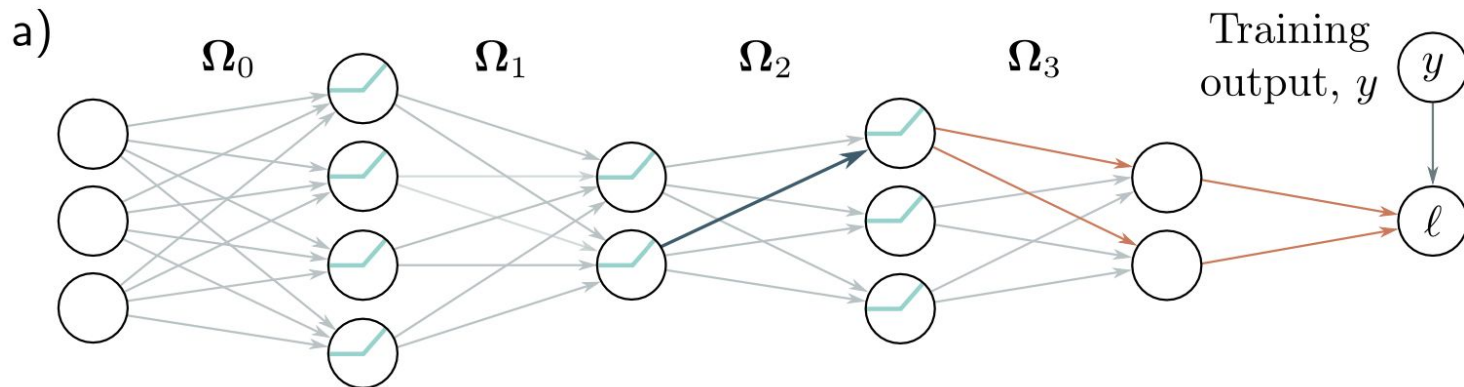
# Backpropagation algorithm. Forward pass



- Blue weight multiplies activation (ReLU output) in previous layer
- We want to know how change in blue weight affects loss
- If we double activation in previous layer, weight will have twice the effect
- Conclusion: we need to know the activations at each layer.



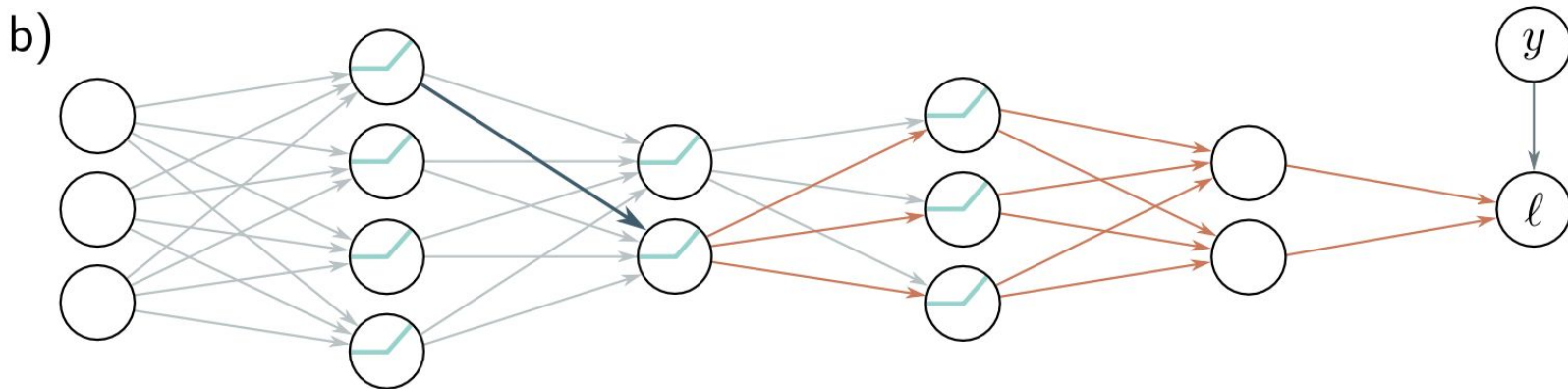
# Backpropagation algorithm. Backward pass



To compute how a small change in a weight feeding into  $\mathbf{h}_3$  modifies the loss, we need:

- How  $\mathbf{h}_3$  changes the model output
- How the output changes the loss

# Backpropagation algorithm. Backward pass

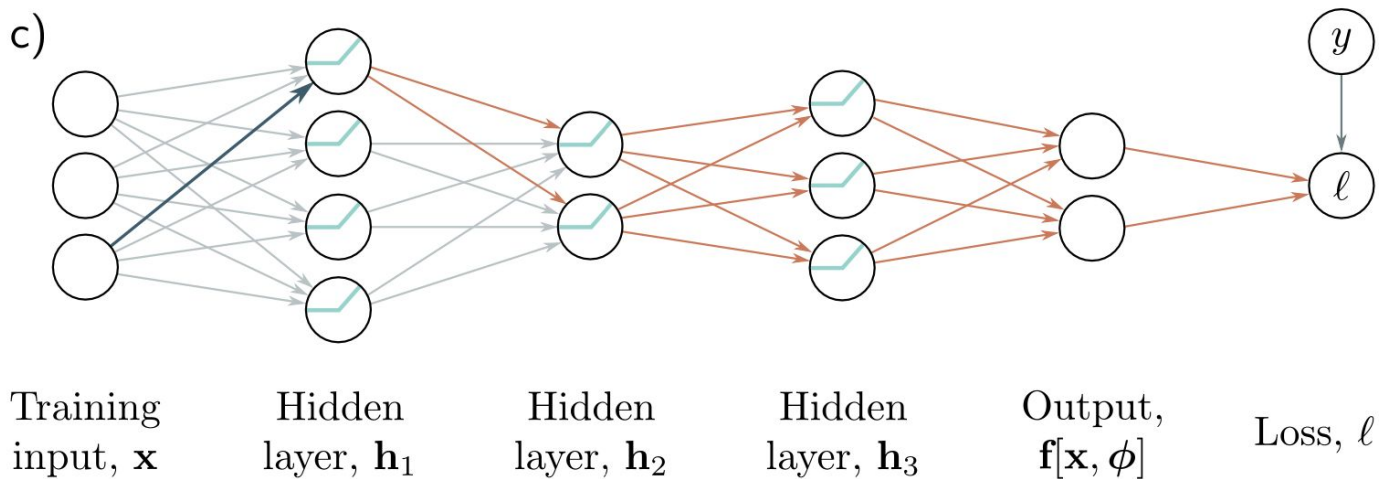


To compute how a small change in a weight feeding into  $\mathbf{h}_2$  modifies the loss, we need:

- How a change in layer  $\mathbf{h}_2$  affects  $\mathbf{h}_3$
- How  $\mathbf{h}_3$  changes the model output
- How the output changes the loss



# Backpropagation algorithm. Backward pass



To compute how a small change in a weight feeding into  $\mathbf{h}_2$  modifies the loss, we need:

- How a change in layer  $\mathbf{h}_1$  affects  $\mathbf{h}_2$
- How a change in layer  $\mathbf{h}_2$  affects  $\mathbf{h}_3$
- How  $\mathbf{h}_3$  changes the model output
- How the output changes the loss



# Toy example

$$f[x, \phi] = \beta_3 + \omega_3 \cdot \cos \left[ \beta_2 + \omega_2 \cdot \exp \left[ \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot \sin [\beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x] \right] \right]$$

$$l_i = (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2$$

- A series of functions composed with each other
- Unlike in neural networks it consists of scalars and not vectors and matrices
- The “activation functions” are just sin, exp, cos



# Toy example

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Derivatives of the activation functions

$$\frac{\partial \cos[z]}{\partial z} = -\sin[z] \quad \frac{\partial \exp[z]}{\partial z} = \exp[z] \quad \frac{\partial \sin[z]}{\partial z} = \cos[z]$$

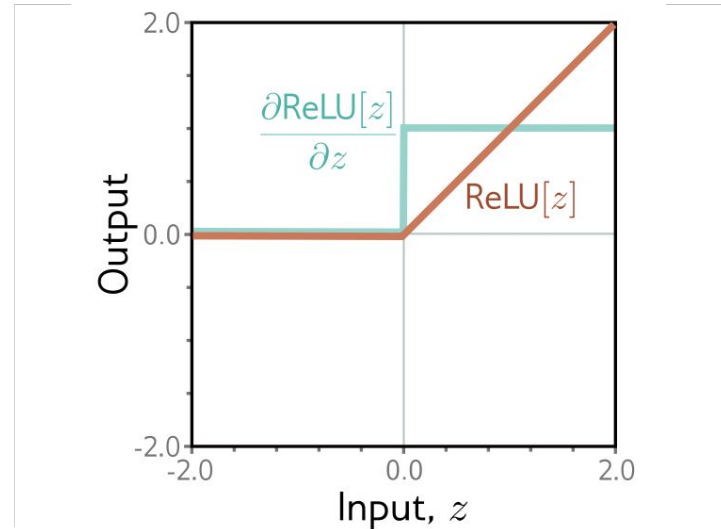




# Warmup! Derivative of ReLU

$$a[z] = \text{ReLU}[z] = \begin{cases} 0 & z < 0 \\ z & z \geq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Rectified Linear Unit



$$\mathbb{I}[z > 0]$$



# Toy example

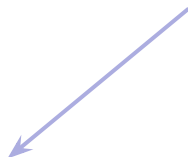
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$$\ell_i = (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2$$

We want to compute:

$$\frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_0}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \omega_0}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_1}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \omega_1}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_2}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \omega_2}, \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_3}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \omega_3}$$

How does a small change in  $\beta_2$  change the loss  $\ell_i$  for the  $i$ 'th example?



# Gradients of composite functions

$$f[x, \phi] = \beta_3 + \omega_3 \cdot \cos \left[ \beta_2 + \omega_2 \cdot \exp \left[ \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot \sin[\beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x] \right] \right]$$

$$\ell_i = (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2$$

Calculating expressions by hand:

- Some expressions are very complicated
- There are some redundancies

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \omega_0} = & -2 \left( \beta_3 + \omega_3 \cdot \cos \left[ \beta_2 + \omega_2 \cdot \exp \left[ \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot \sin[\beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x_i] \right] \right] - y_i \right) \\ & \cdot \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \cdot x_i \cdot \cos[\beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x_i] \cdot \exp \left[ \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot \sin[\beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x_i] \right] \\ & \cdot \sin \left[ \beta_2 + \omega_2 \cdot \exp \left[ \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot \sin[\beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x_i] \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$



# Forward pass

$$f[x, \phi] = \beta_3 + \omega_3 \cdot \cos \left[ \beta_2 + \omega_2 \cdot \exp \left[ \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot \sin \left[ \beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x \right] \right] \right]$$

$$l_i = (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2$$

1. Write this as series of intermediate calculations

$$f_0 = \beta_0 + \omega_0 \cdot x_i$$

$$f_2 = \beta_2 + \omega_2 \cdot h_2$$

$$h_1 = \sin[f_0]$$

$$h_3 = \cos[f_2]$$

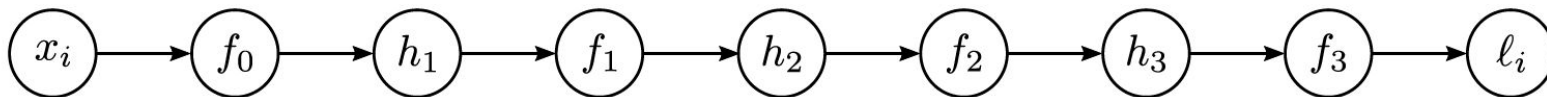
2. Compute these intermediate quantities

$$f_1 = \beta_1 + \omega_1 \cdot h_1$$

$$f_3 = \beta_3 + \omega_3 \cdot h_3$$

$$h_2 = \exp[f_1]$$

$$l_i = (f_3 - y_i)^2.$$



# Backward pass

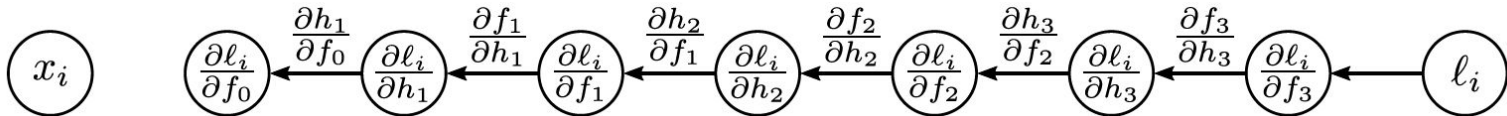
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$$l_i = (f[x_i, \phi] - y_i)^2$$

1. Compute the derivatives of the loss with respect to these intermediate quantities, in

*reverse order.*

$$\frac{\partial l_i}{\partial f_3}, \quad \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial h_3}, \quad \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial f_2}, \quad \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial h_2}, \quad \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial f_1}, \quad \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial h_1}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial l_i}{\partial f_0}$$





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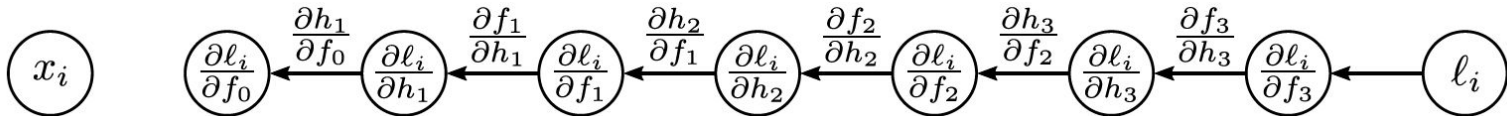
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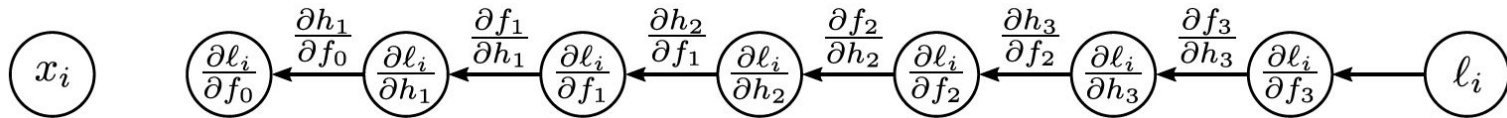
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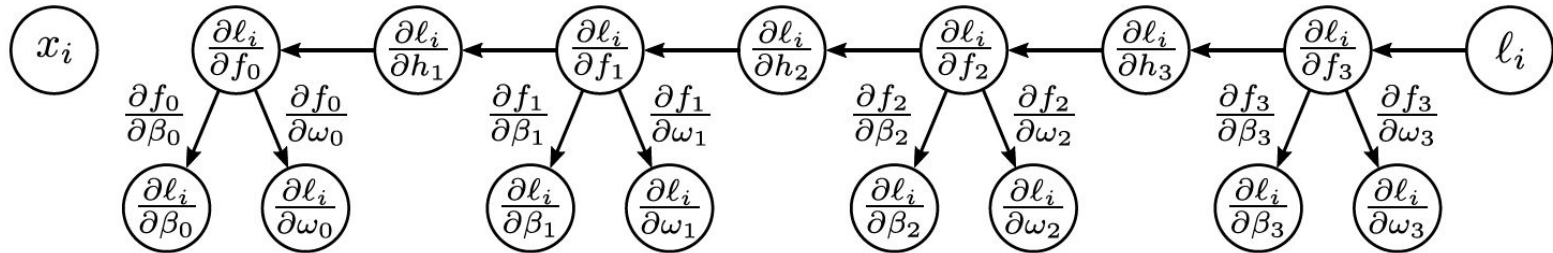
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# Reading suggestion

Check 7.4 in your textbook for a discussion on the extension to matrix calculus.

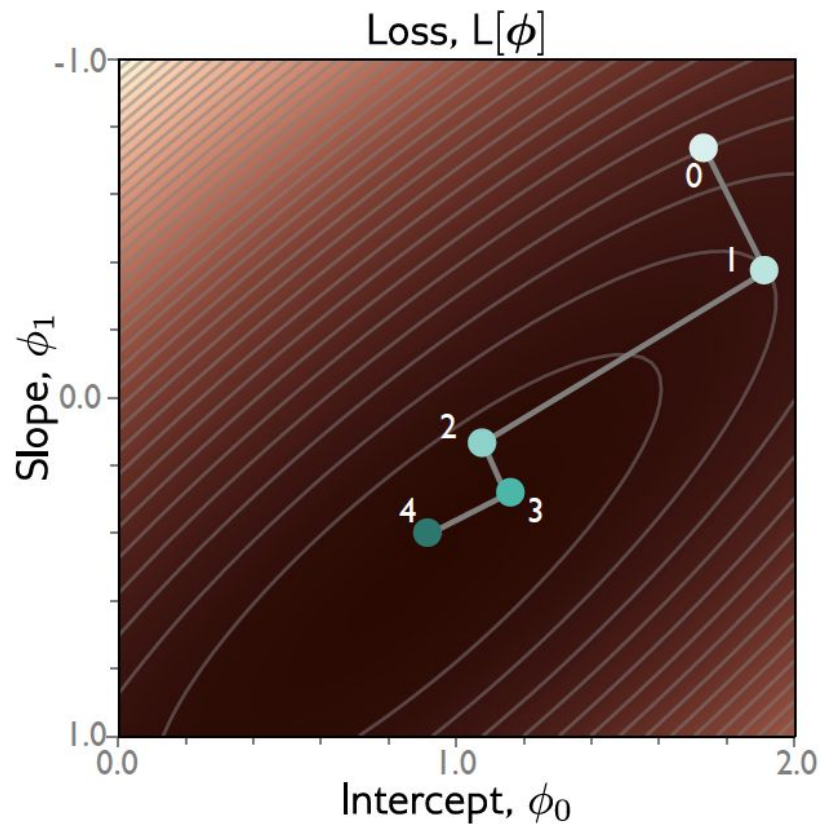
# Automatic (or algorithmic) differentiation

- Modern deep learning frameworks compute derivatives [automatically](#)
- You just have to specify the model and the loss
- How?
  - Each component knows how to compute its own derivative
    - ReLU knows how to compute deriv of output w.r.t. input
    - Linear function knows how to compute deriv of output w.r.t. input
    - Linear function knows how to compute deriv of output w.r.t. parameter
  - You specify the order of the components
  - It can compute the chain of derivatives
- Works with branches as long as it's still an acyclic graph
- [In a nutshell](#): AD takes a program which computes a value and automatically constructs a procedure for computing derivatives of that value.



**Optimisation**

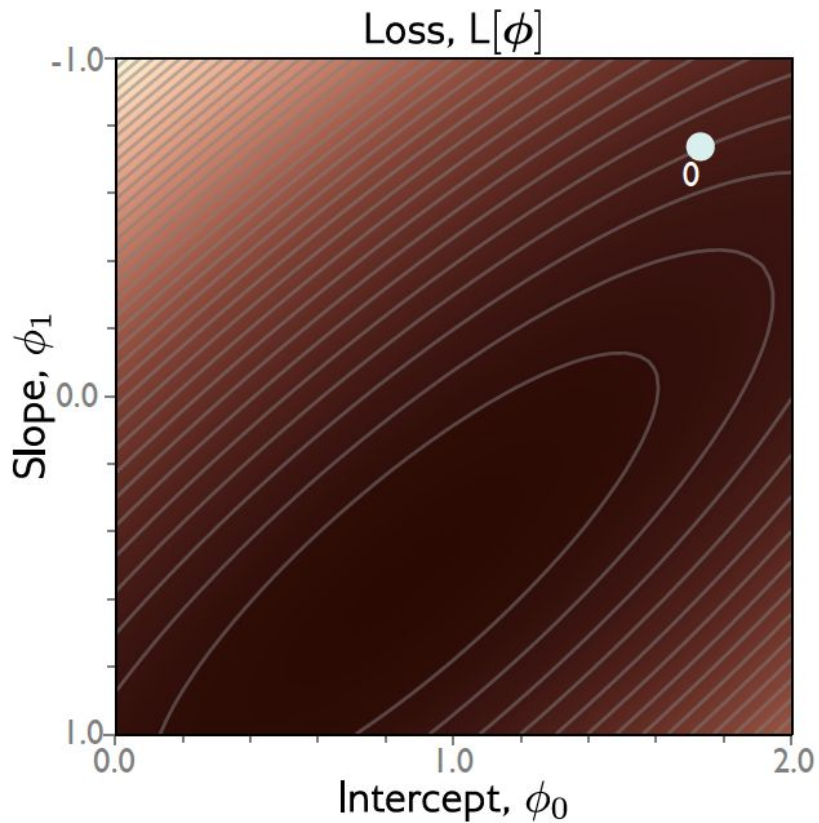
# Training a simple model



1. Define a loss function
2. Compute the change in parameters required to make the loss smaller
3. Apply the change and get new parameters
4. Repeat from (2)

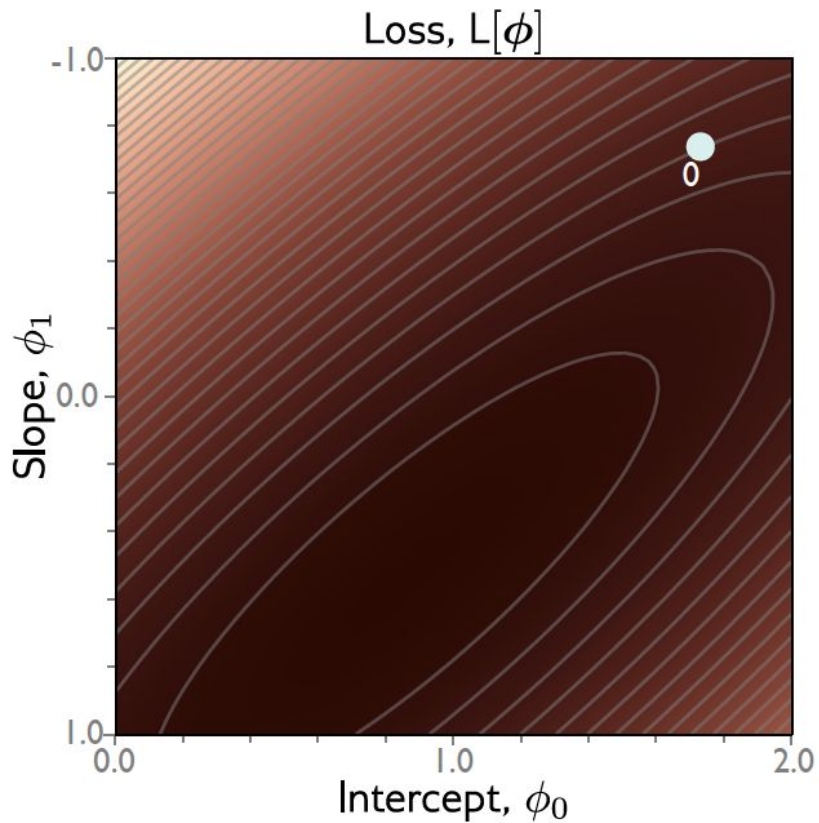


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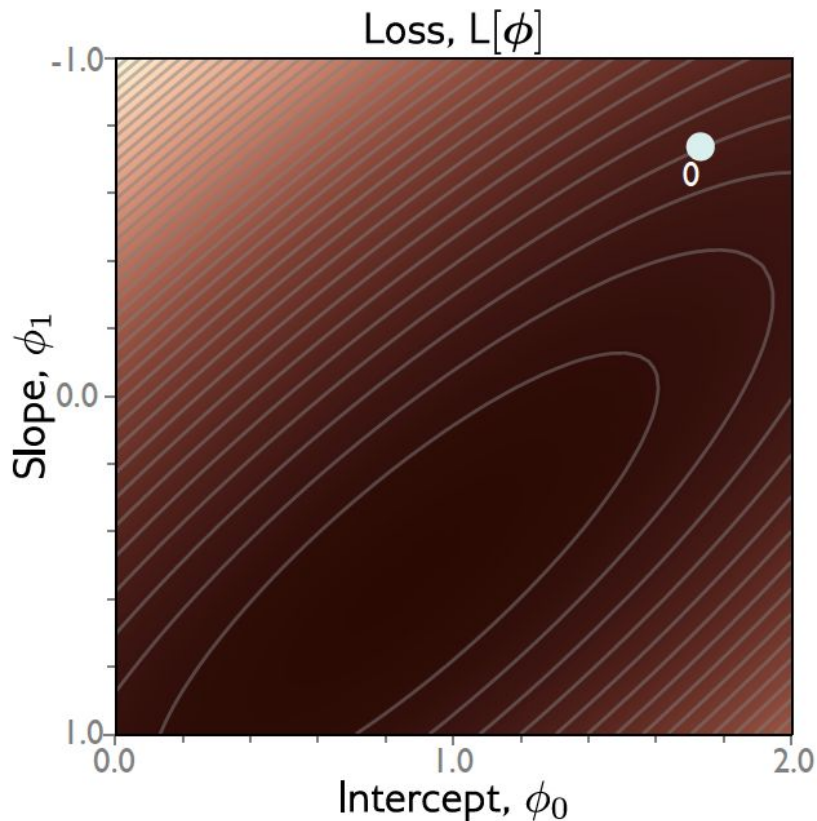


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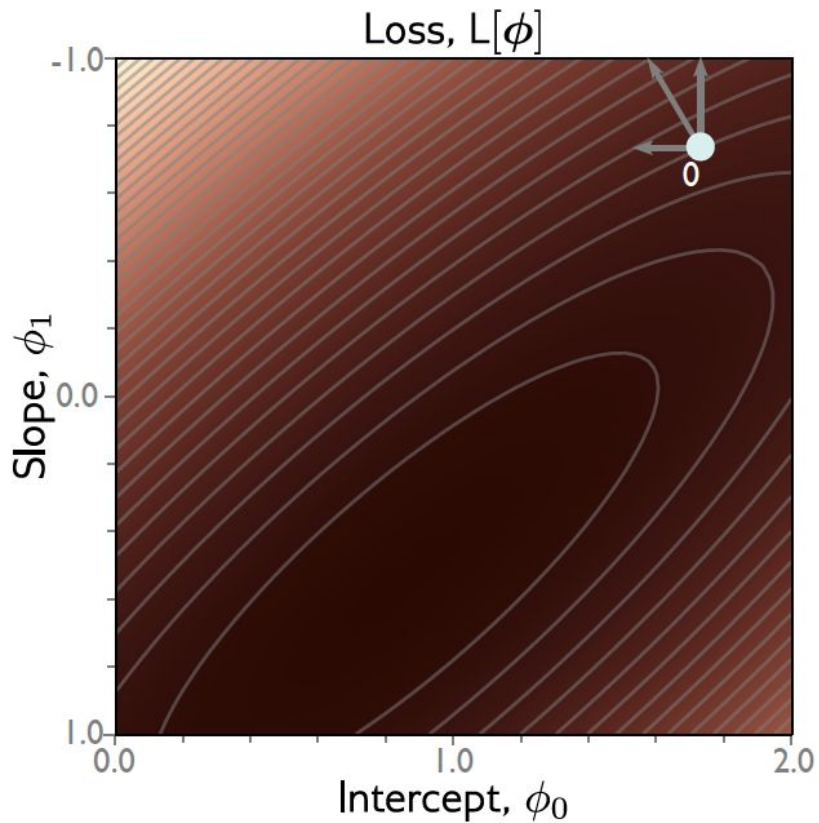


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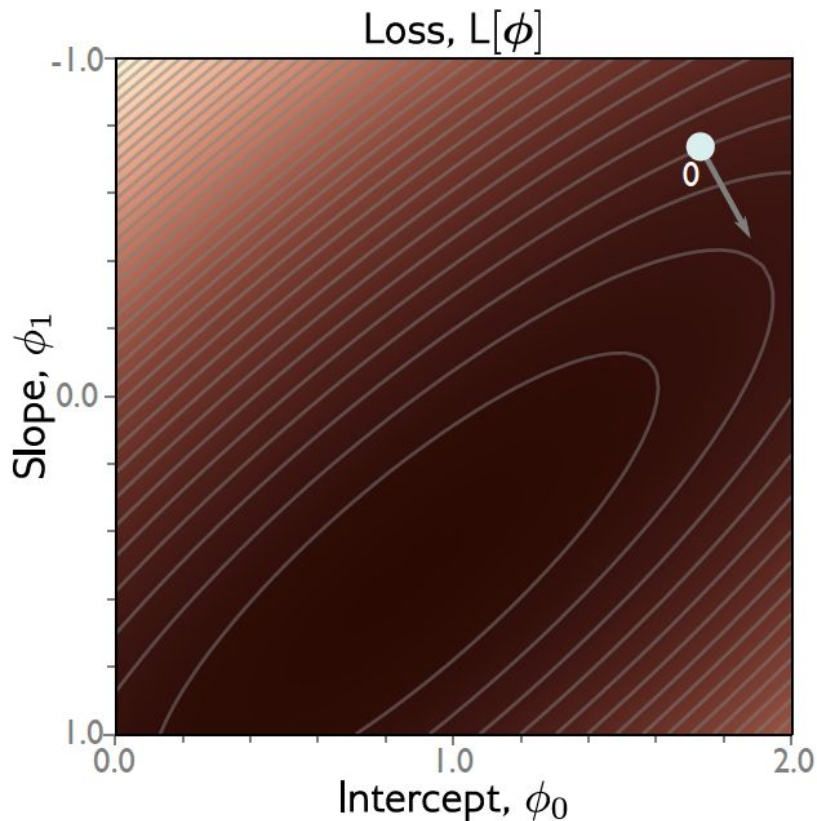
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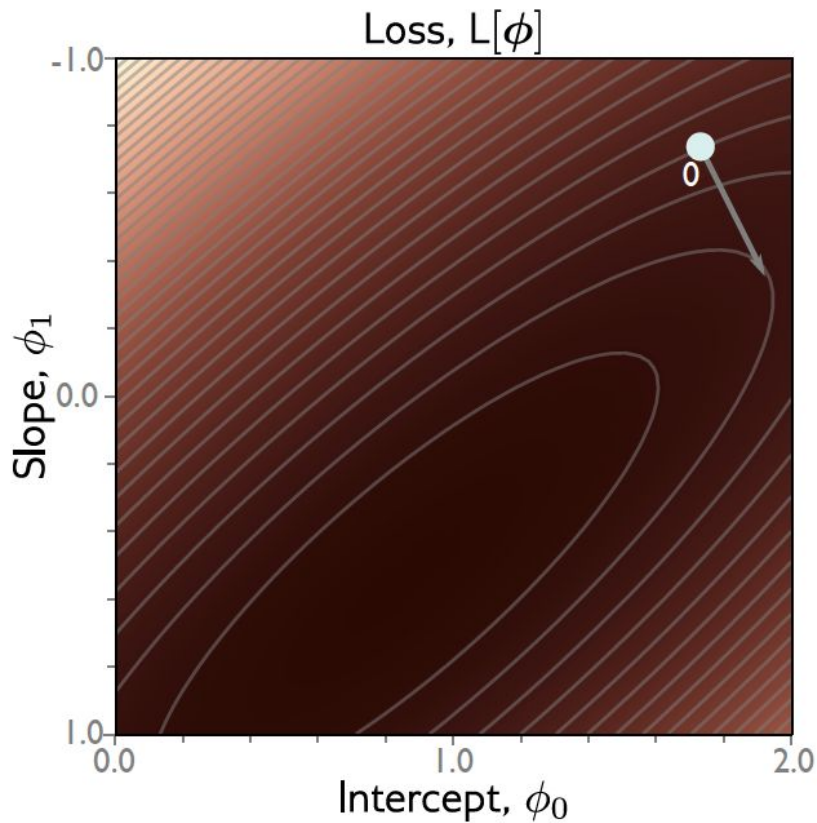
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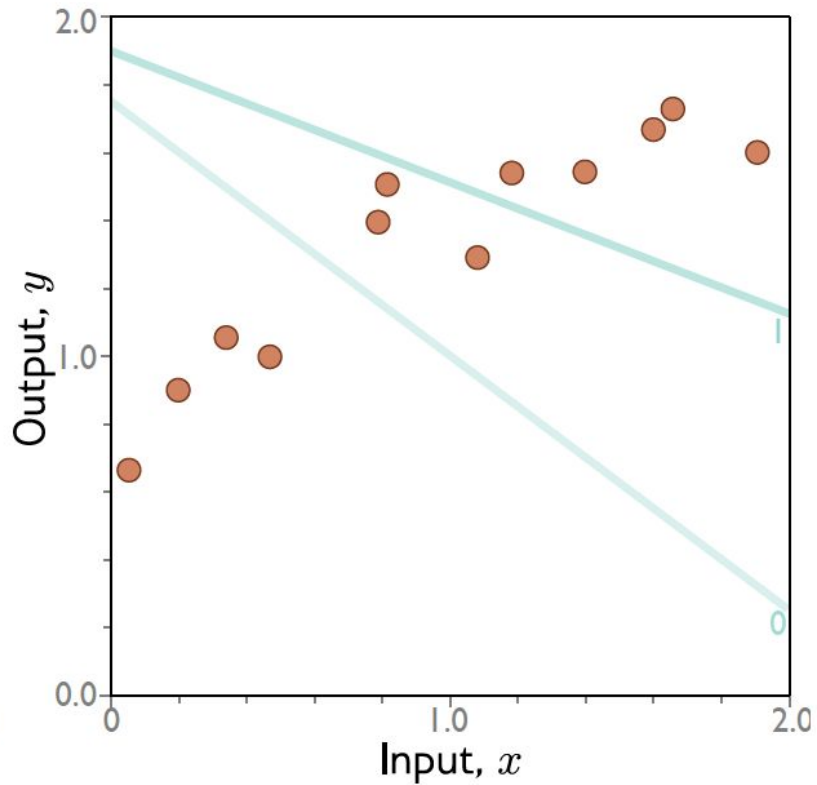
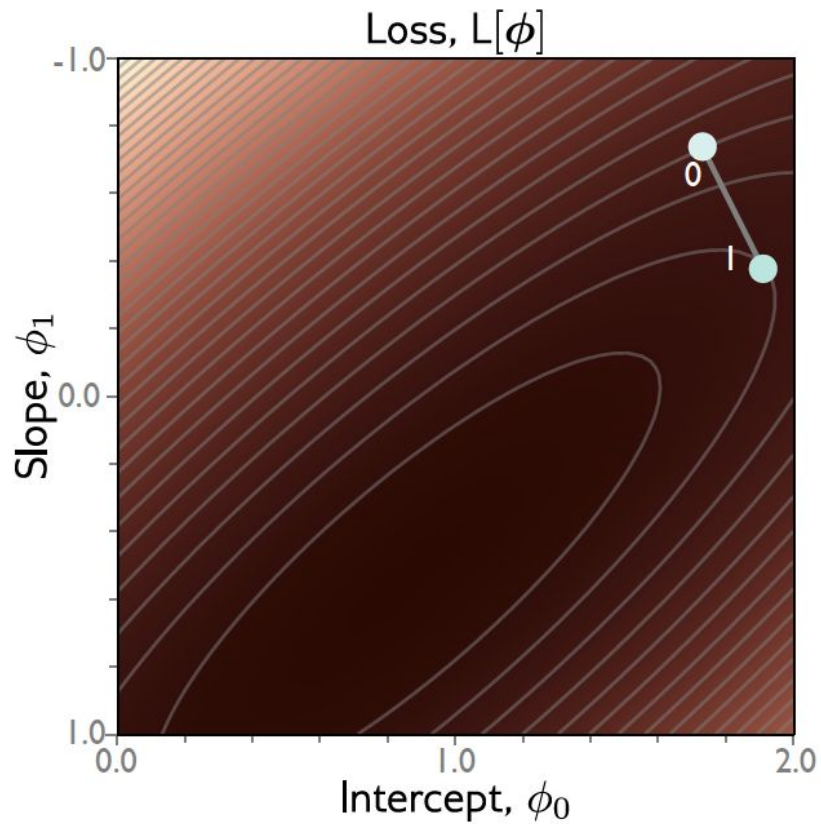
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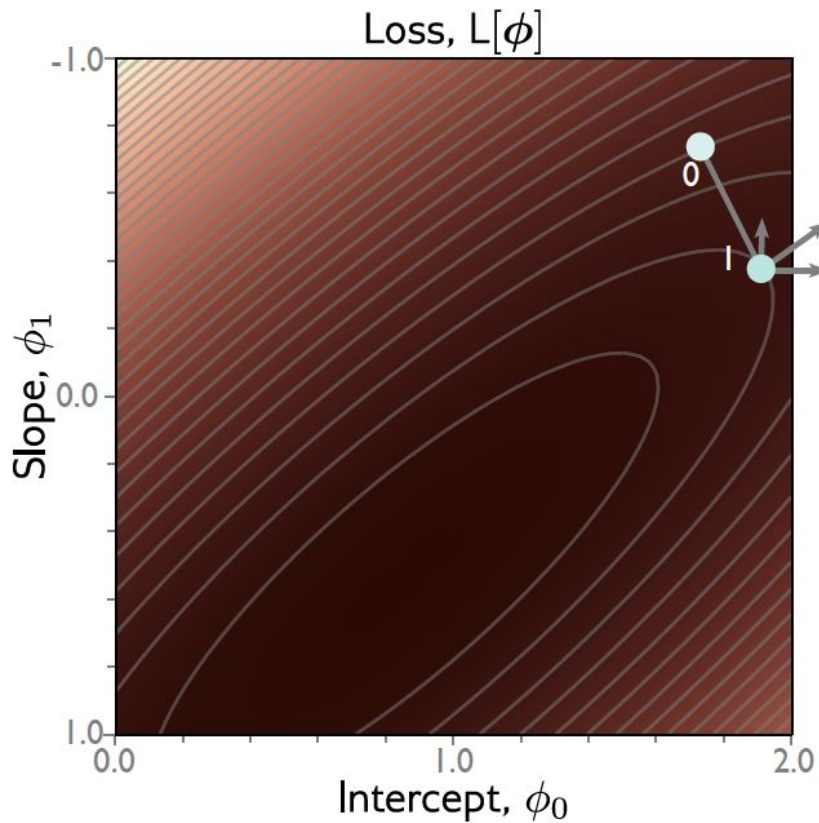
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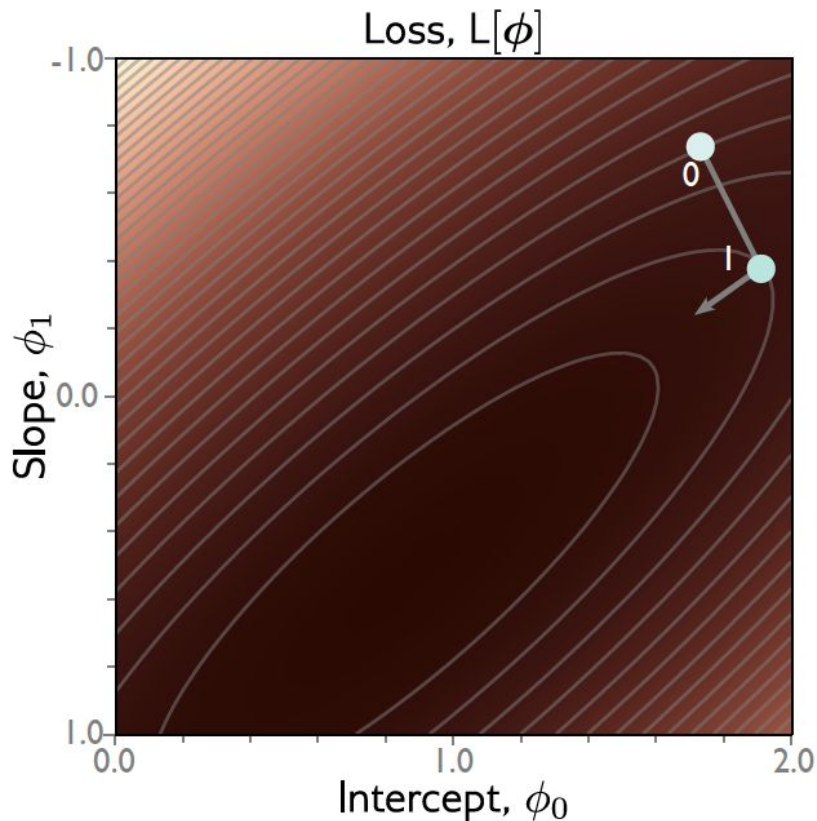
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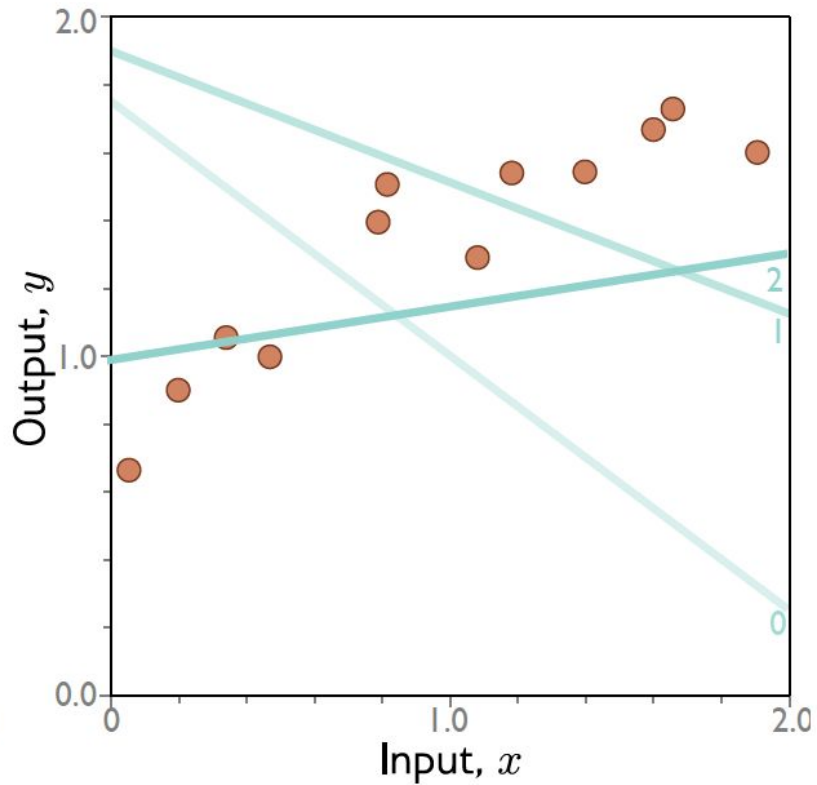
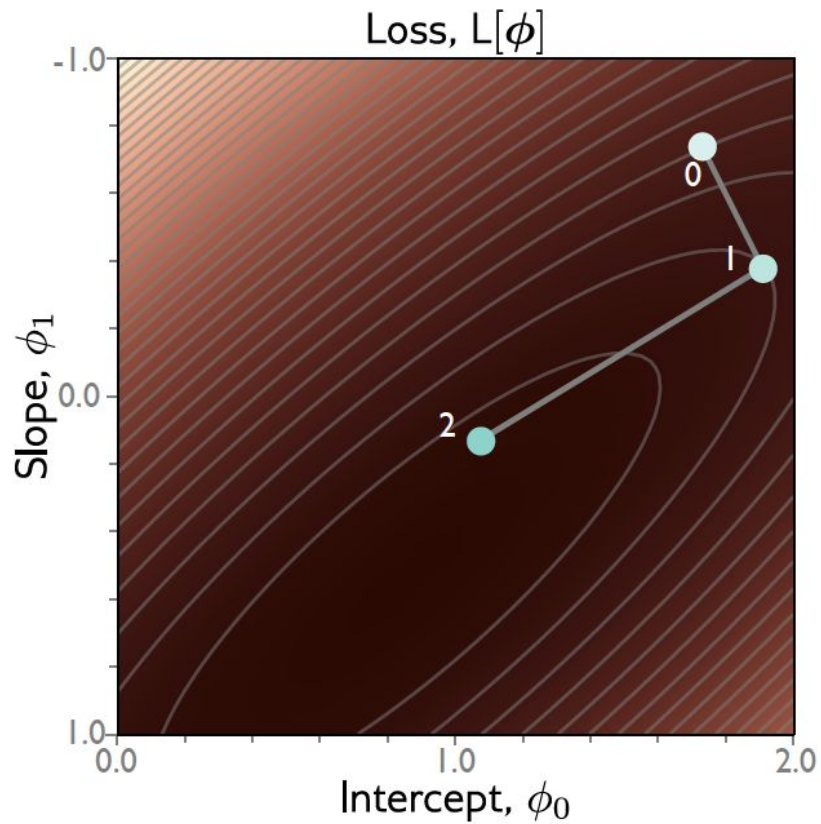
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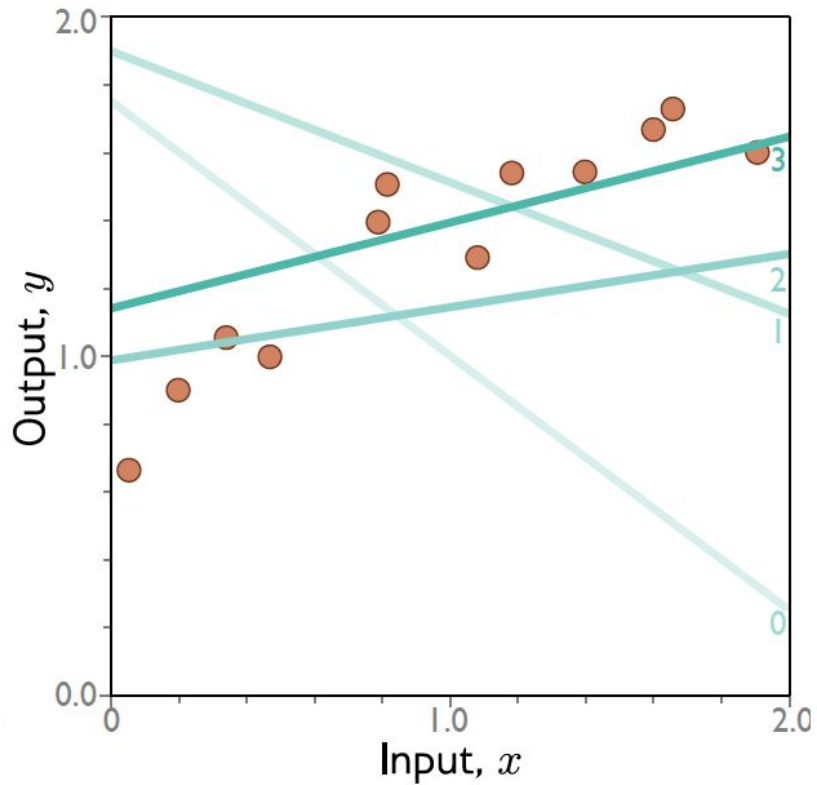
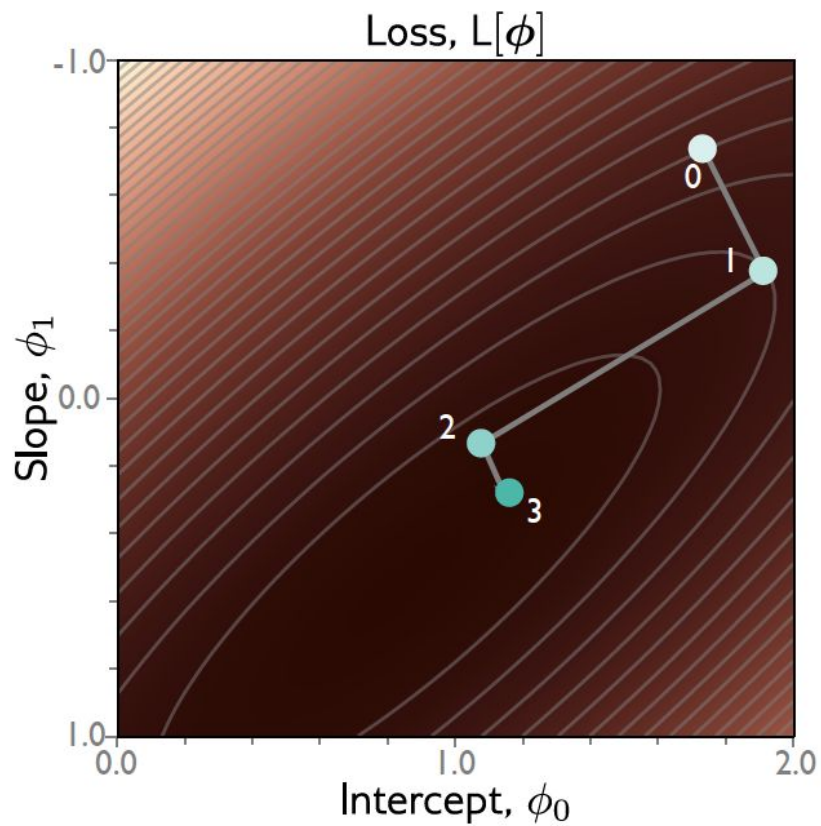
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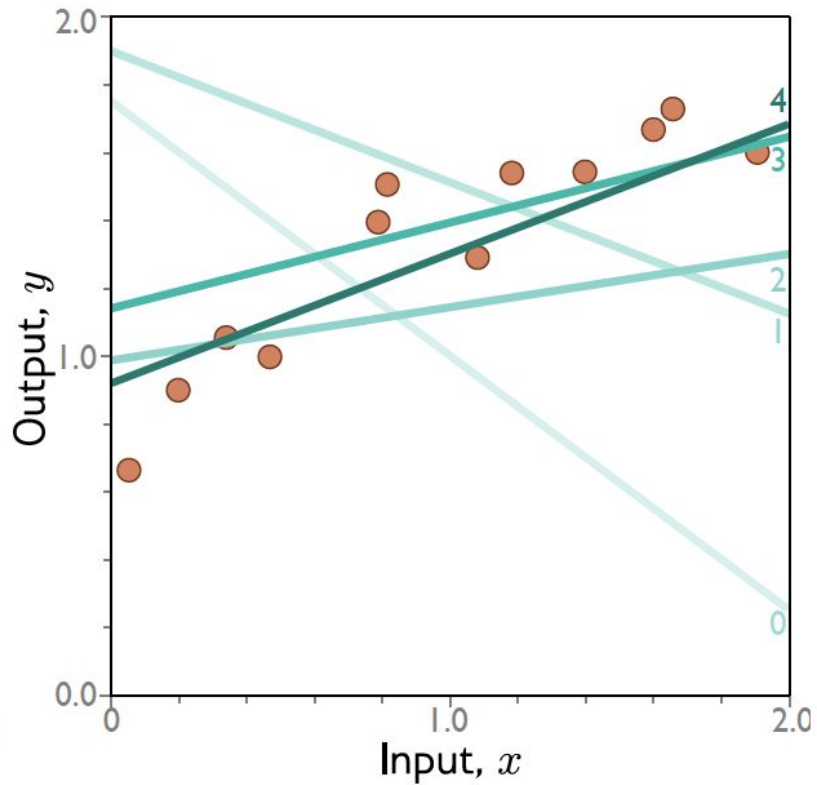
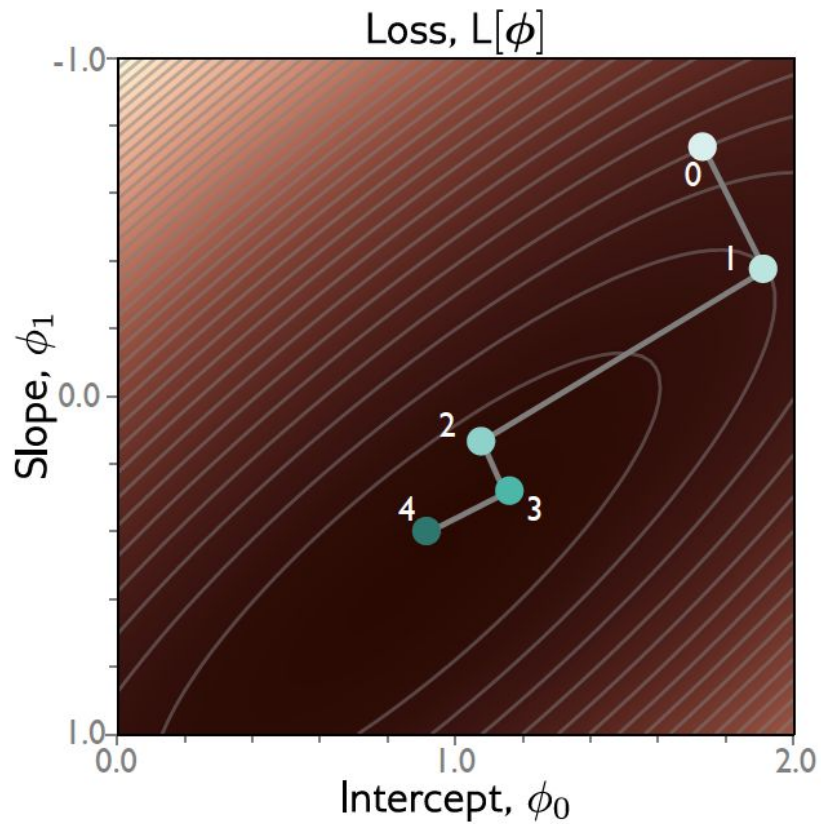




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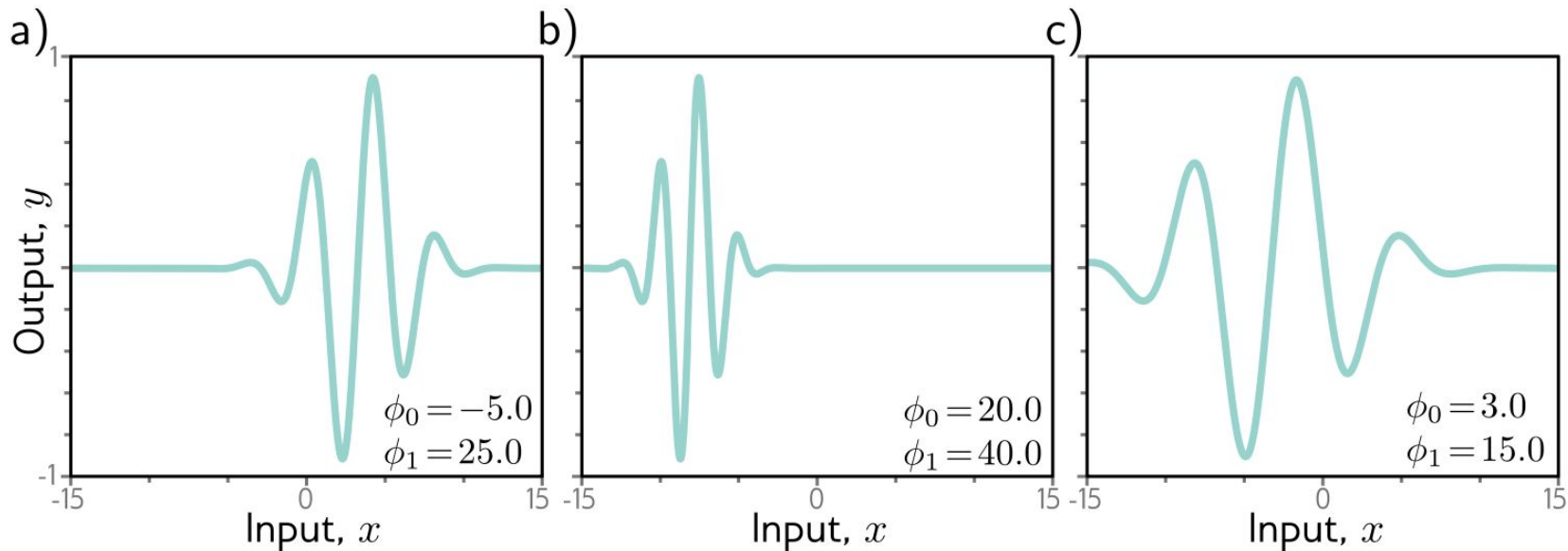


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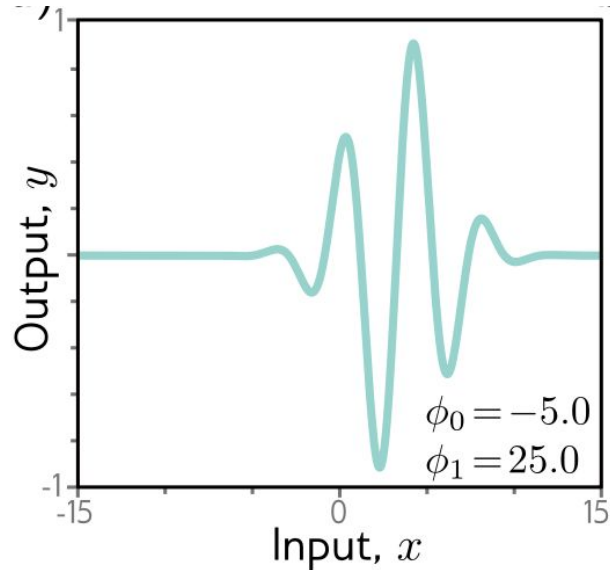
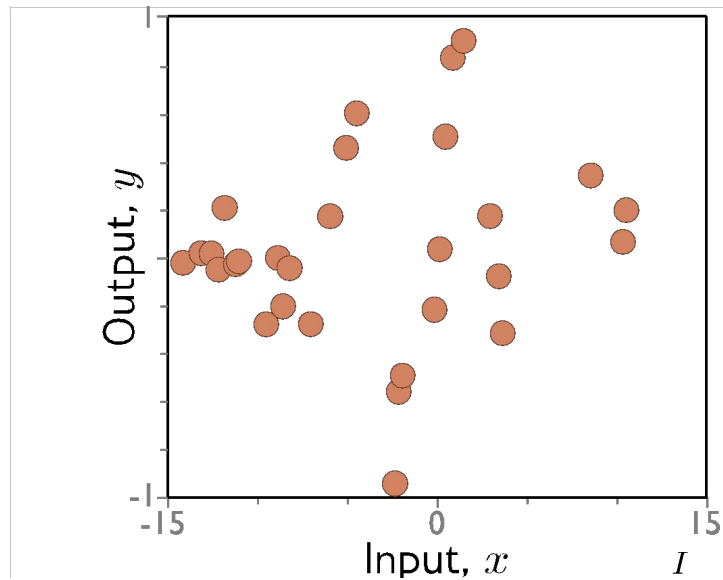
# Non-convex case. Gabor model

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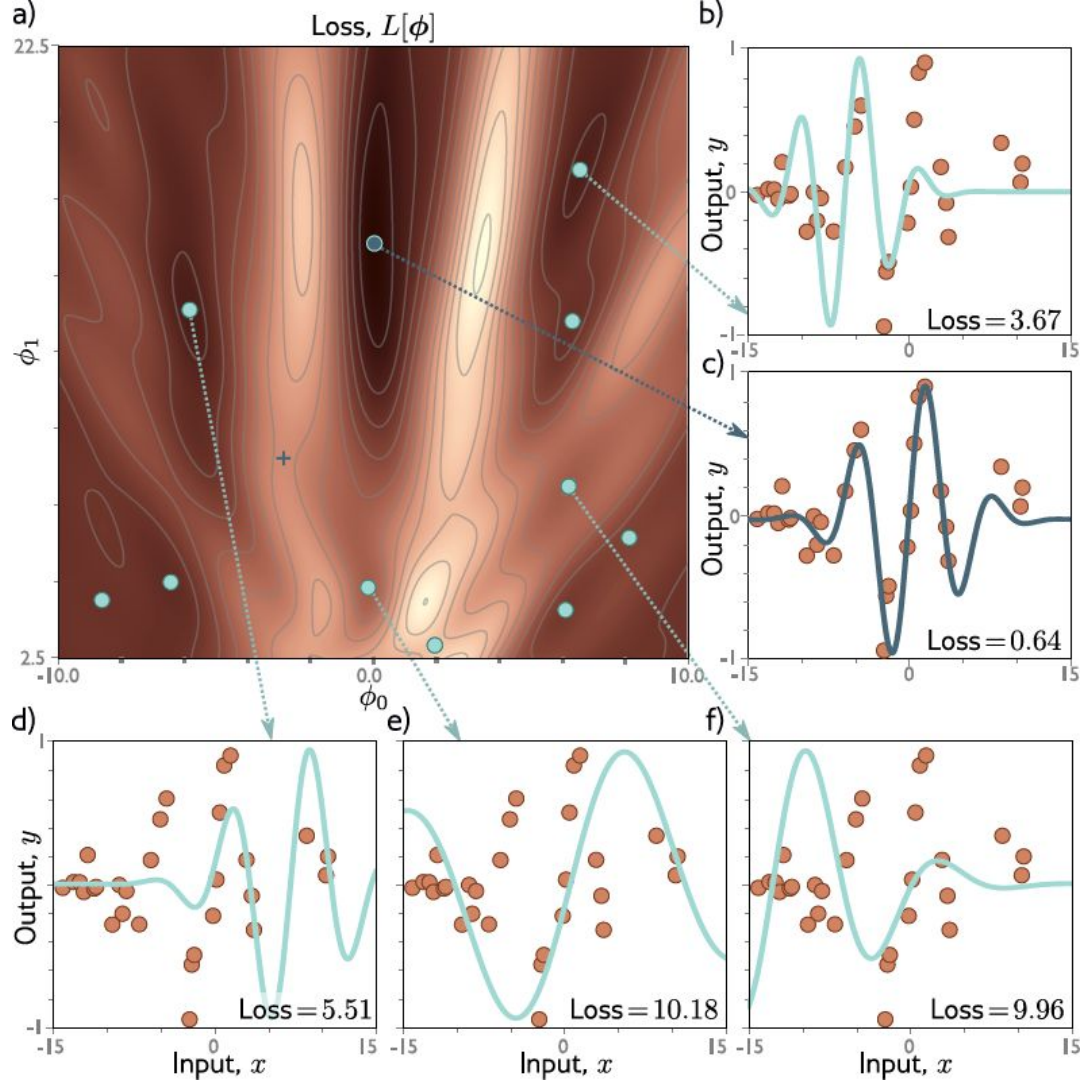


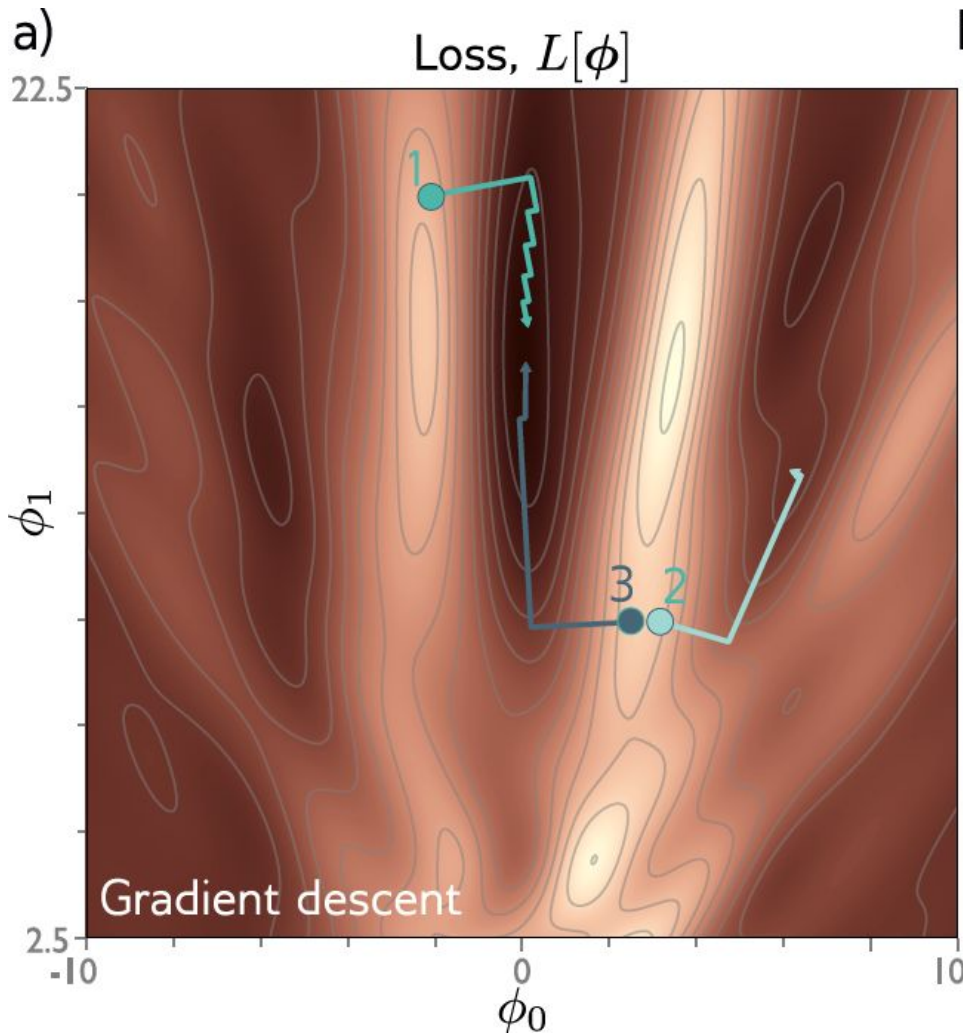
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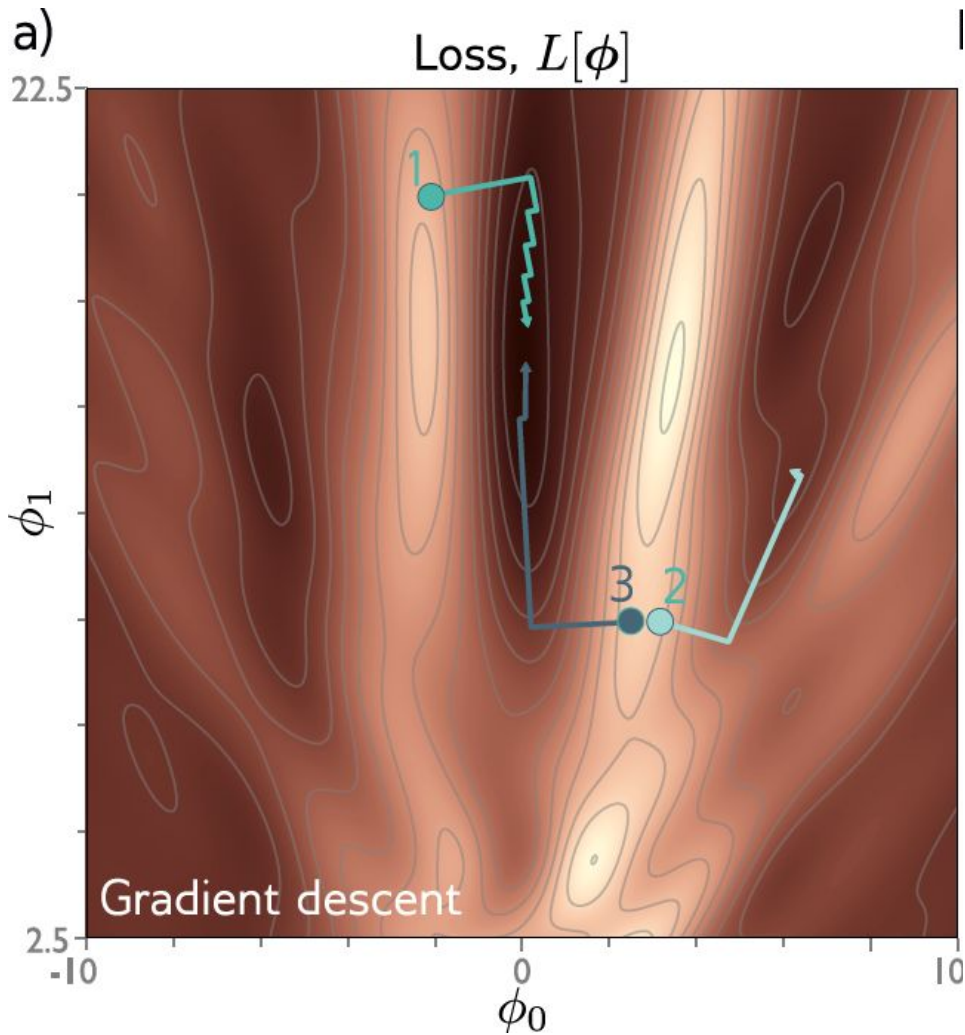


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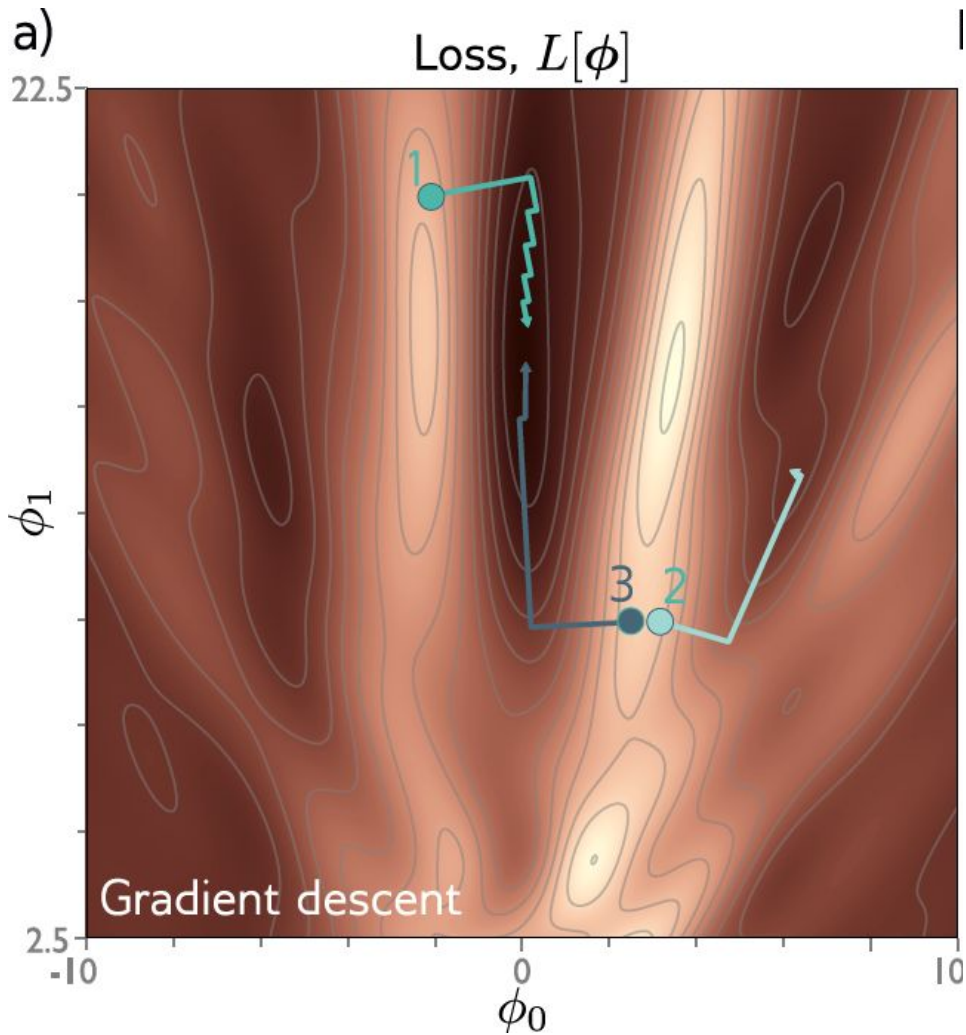


- Gradient descent gets to the global minimum if we start in the right “valley”
- Otherwise, descent to a local minimum
- Or get stuck near a saddle point



## Solution: add noise!

- Stochastic gradient descent
- Compute gradient based on only a subset of points – a mini-batch
- Work through dataset sampling without replacement
- One pass through the data is called an epoch



Stochastic gradient descent

Before (full batch descent)

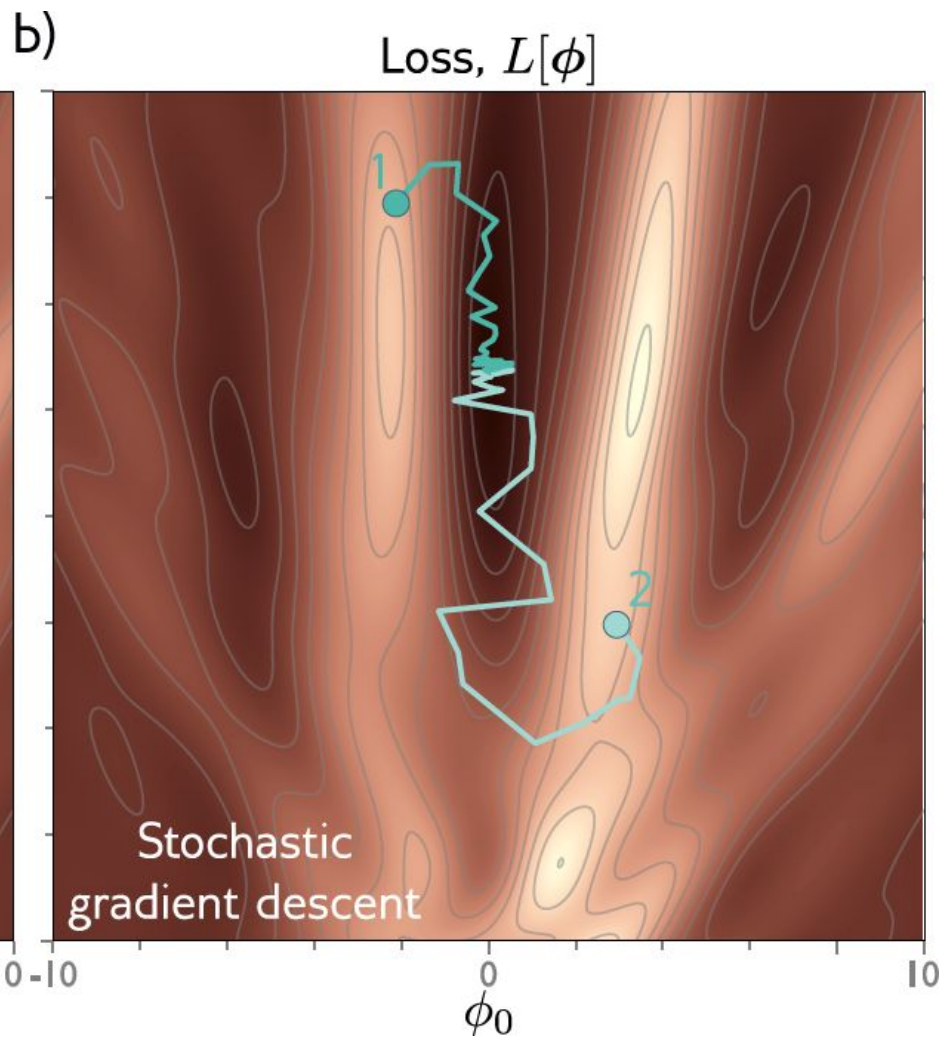
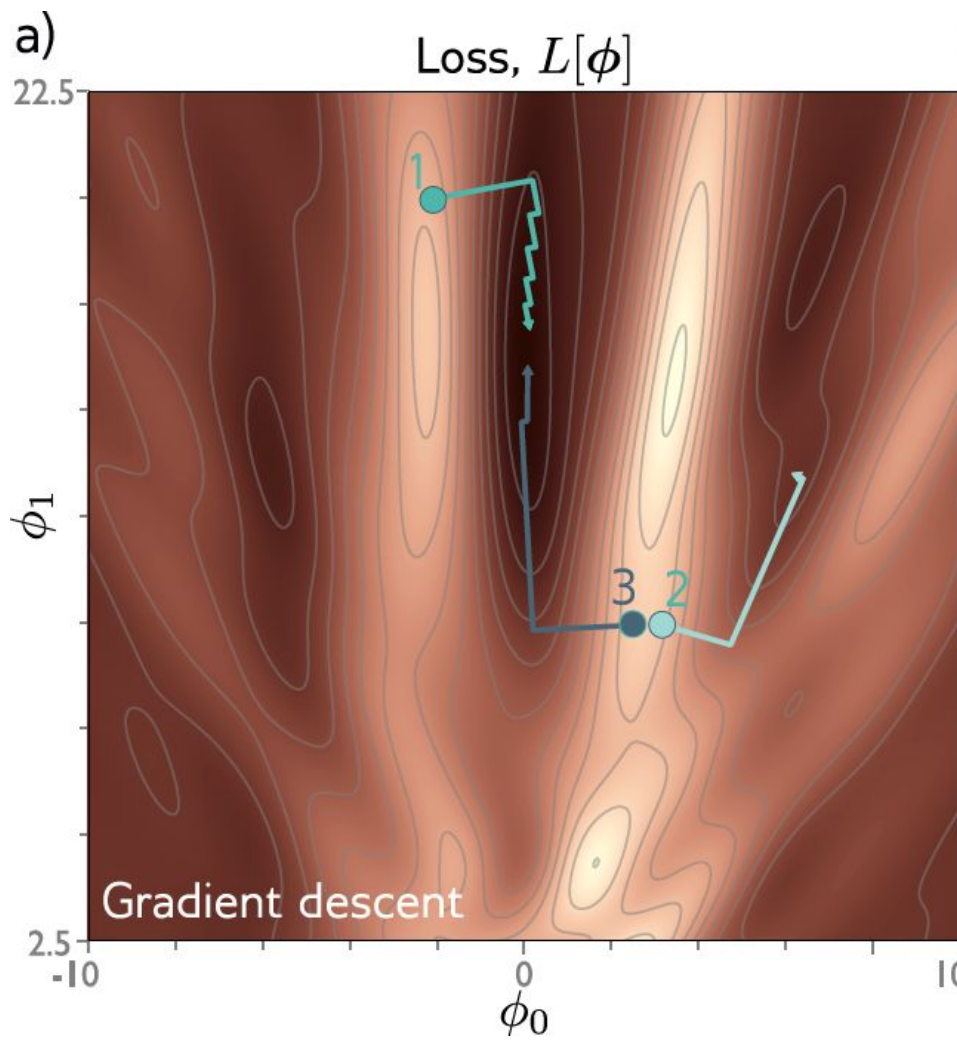
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After (SGD)

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Fixed learning rate  $\alpha$

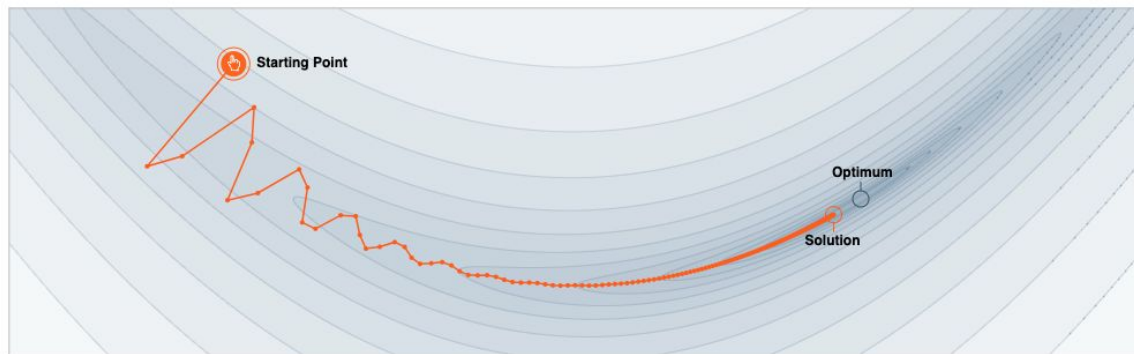




# Properties of SGD

- Can escape from local minima
  - Adds noise, but still sensible updates as based on part of data
  - Uses all data equally
  - Less computationally expensive
  - Seems to find better solutions
- 
- Doesn't converge in traditional sense
  - Learning rate schedule – decrease learning rate over time

# Momentum



Step-size  $\alpha = 0.02$



Momentum  $\beta = 0.99$



We often think of Momentum as a means of dampening oscillations and speeding up the iterations, leading to faster convergence. But it has other interesting behavior. It allows a larger range of step-sizes to be used, and creates its own oscillations. What is going on?

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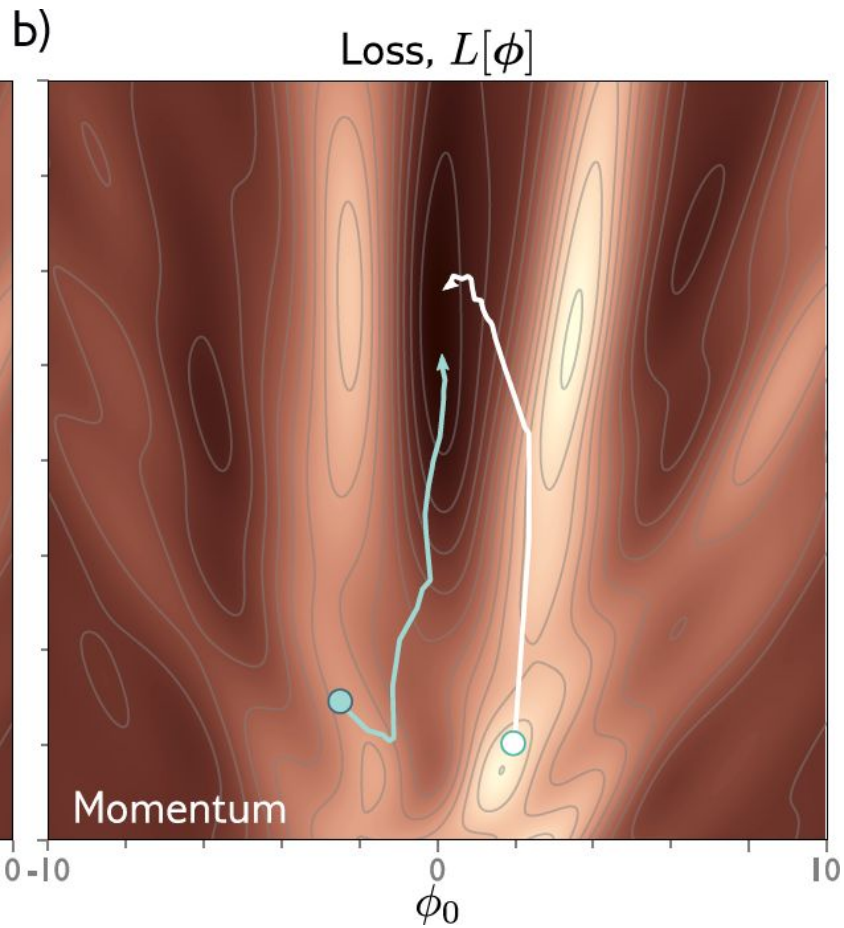
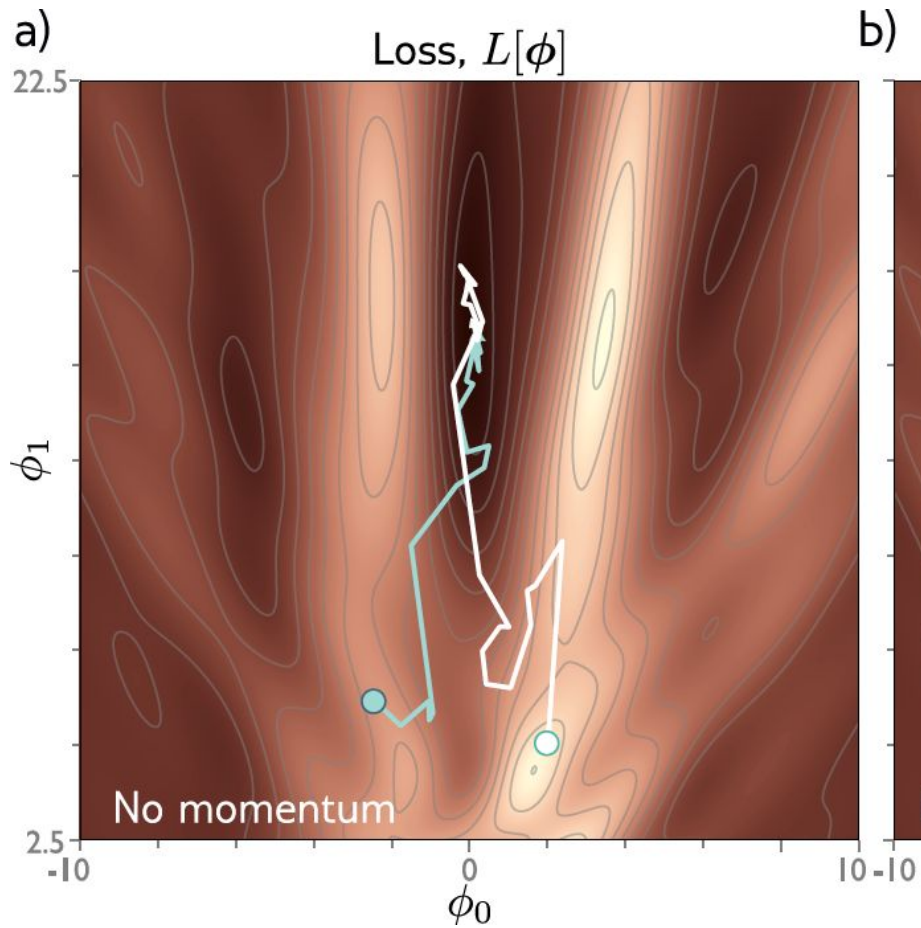


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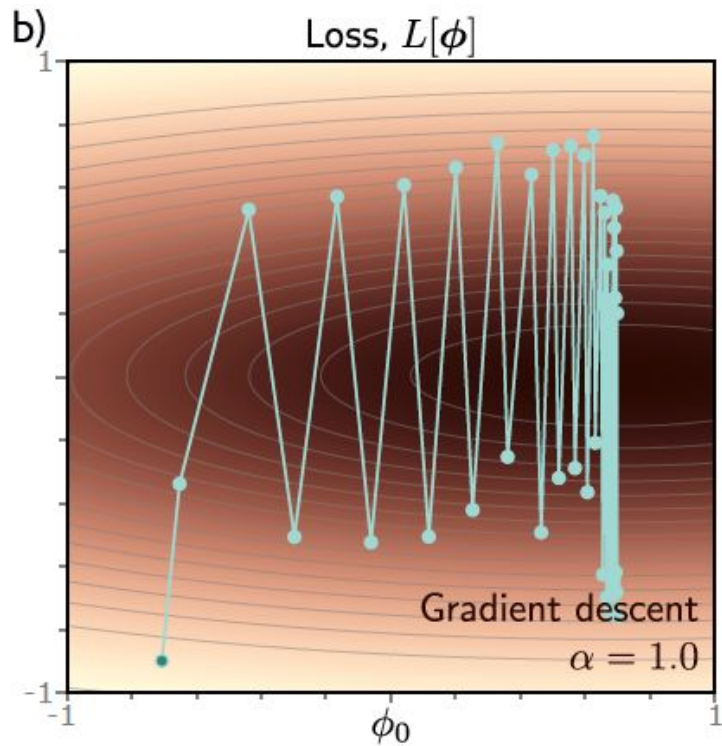
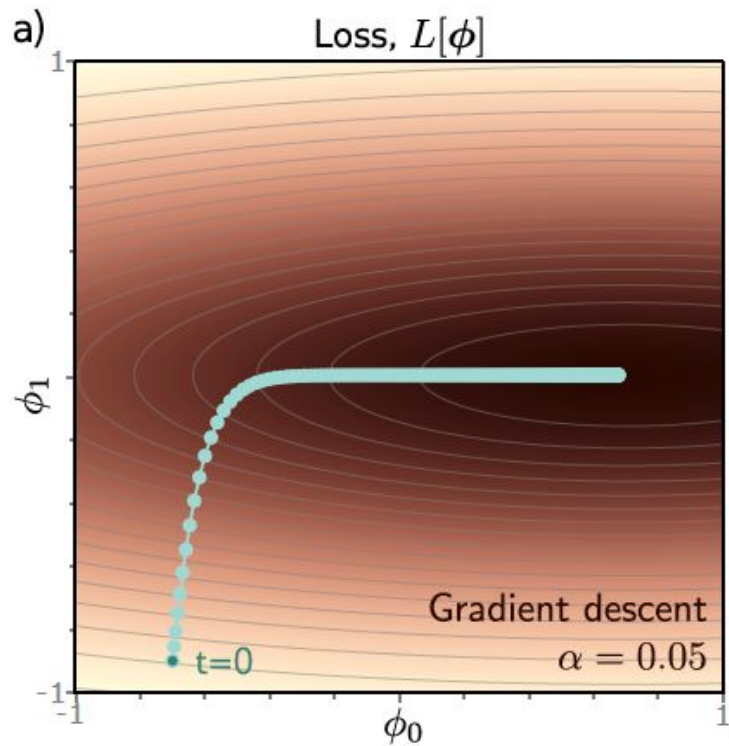
Weighted sum of this gradient and previous gradient

$$\mathbf{m}_{t+1} \leftarrow \beta \cdot \mathbf{m}_t + (1 - \beta) \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}_t} \frac{\partial \ell_i[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \cdot \mathbf{m}_{t+1}$$



# Adaptive moment estimation. Adam



# Normalized gradients

Measure mean and pointwise squared gradient

$$\mathbf{m}_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]^2}{\partial \phi}$$

Normalize:

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \cdot \frac{\mathbf{m}_{t+1}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v}_{t+1} + \epsilon}}$$

# Normalized gradients

Measure mean and pointwise squared gradient

$$\mathbf{m}_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]^2}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\mathbf{m}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.0 \\ -2.0 \\ 5.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 9.0 \\ 4.0 \\ 25.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Normalize:

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \cdot \frac{\mathbf{m}_{t+1}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v}_{t+1} + \epsilon}}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{m}_{t+1}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{v}_{t+1} + \epsilon}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0 \\ -1.0 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Normalized gradients

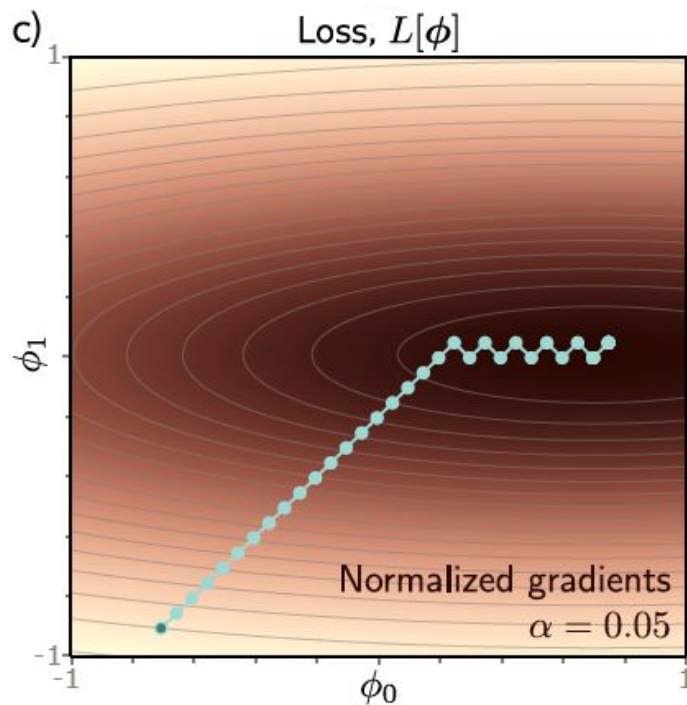
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Normalize:

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# Normalized gradients

Compute mean and pointwise squared gradients with momentum

$$\mathbf{m}_{t+1} \leftarrow \beta \cdot \mathbf{m}_t + (1 - \beta) \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$
$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \leftarrow \gamma \cdot \mathbf{v}_t + (1 - \gamma) \left( \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi} \right)^2$$

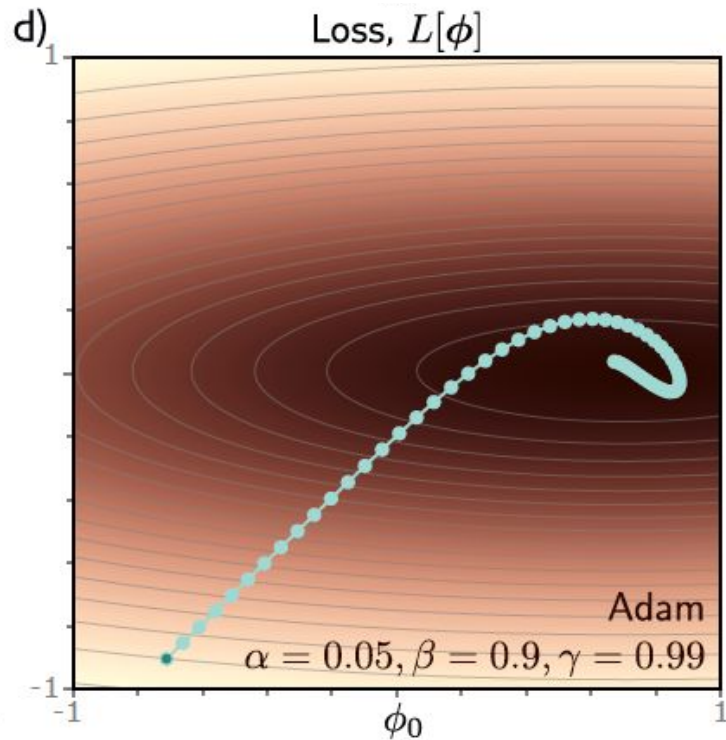
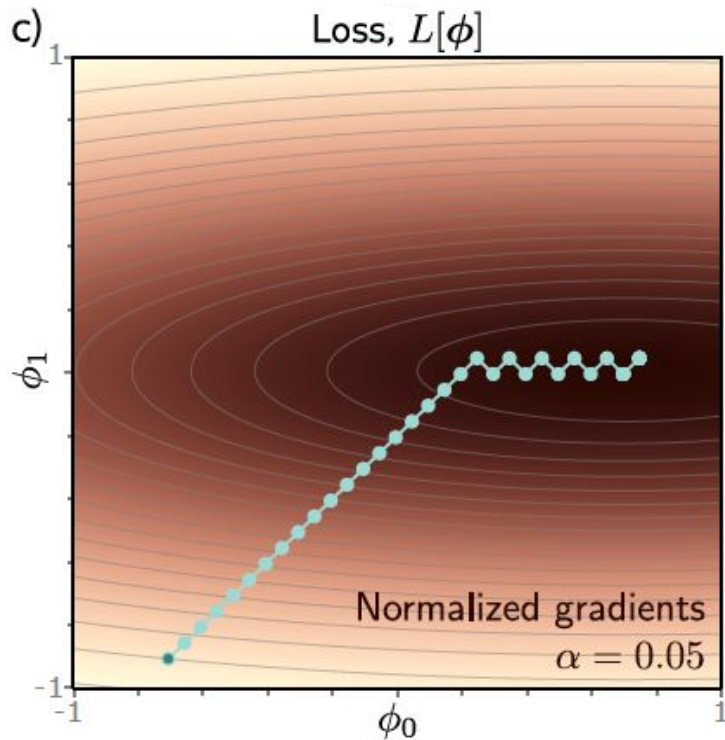
Moderate near start of the sequence

$$\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{m}_{t+1}}{1 - \beta^{t+1}}$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{t+1} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{v}_{t+1}}{1 - \gamma^{t+1}}$$

Update the parameters

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \cdot \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t+1}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{t+1} + \epsilon}}$$

# Adaptive moment estimation. Adam



# RMSprop (precursor to Adam)

Compute ~~mean and~~ pointwise squared gradients with momentum

$$\mathbf{m}_{t+1} \leftarrow \beta \cdot \mathbf{m}_t + (1 - \beta) \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \leftarrow \gamma \cdot \mathbf{v}_t + (1 - \gamma) \left( \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi} \right)^2$$

Update the parameters

$$\phi_{t+1} \leftarrow \phi_t - \alpha \cdot \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_{t+1}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{t+1} + \epsilon}} \frac{\partial L[\phi_t]}{\partial \phi}$$

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Please send unstructured feedback, since this is a new version of the lecture!