# Introduction to Deep Learning

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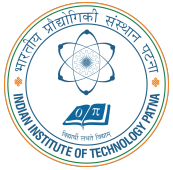


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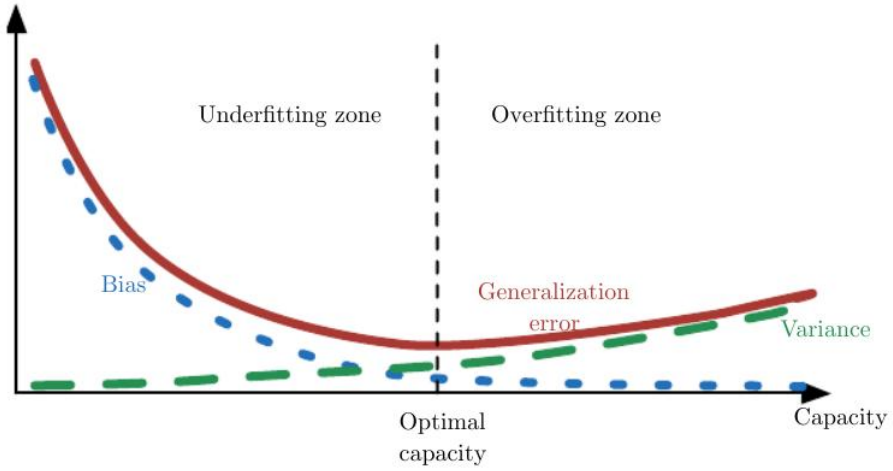
# Introduction

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

# Regularization in DL

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

# Trade off Bias and Variance





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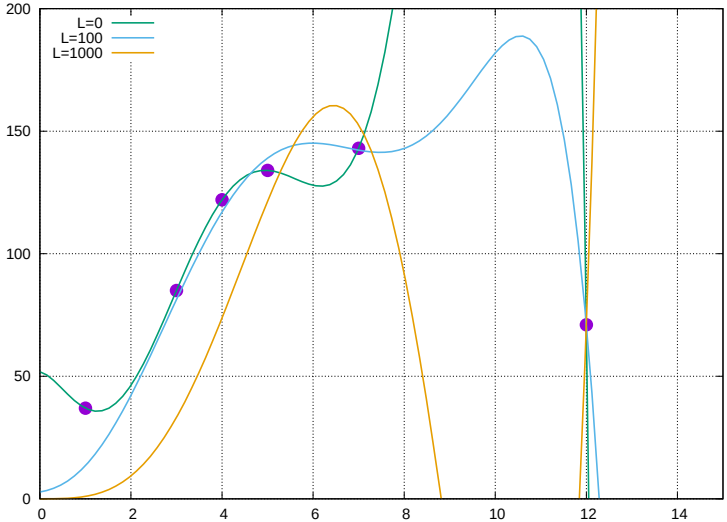
# Norm penalties

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

# Example: Weight decay



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- Assuming quadratic nature of curve in the neighborhood of

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  - $J(\mathsf{w})$ — unregularized cost
  - Perfect scenario for linear regression with MSE

# Jacobian & Hessian

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  - Jacobian of gradient
  - Symmetric

# Directional derivative

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

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

- If $f$ is differentiable at point $x$ then

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

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

# Quadratic approximation

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

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

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

  $$\alpha\tilde{\mathsf{w}} + \mathsf{H}(\tilde{\mathsf{w}} - \mathsf{w}^*) = 0 \Rightarrow (\mathsf{H} + \alpha\mathsf{I})\tilde{\mathsf{w}} = \mathsf{H}\mathsf{w}^* \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathsf{w}} = (\mathsf{H} + \alpha\mathsf{I})^{-1}\mathsf{H}\mathsf{w}^*$$

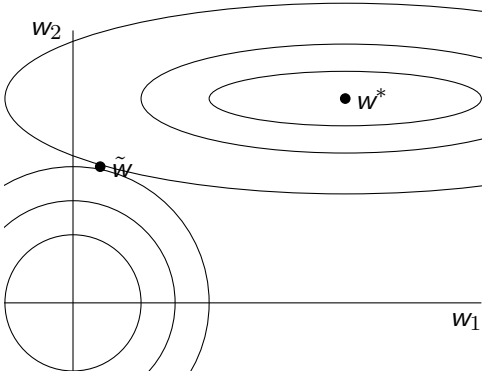
# Quadratic approximation (contd)

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

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

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

# $L^2$ Norm: Geometrical interpretation



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

# $L^1$ regularization

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

# Constrained optimization

- Cost function regularized by norm penalty is given by

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

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

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

- If there exists a solution then

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

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

# Constraint optimization (contd.)

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

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

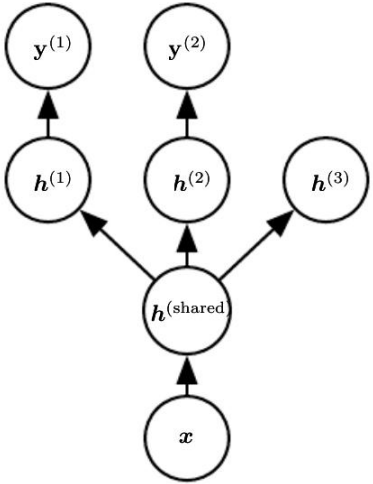
  - Solution to the constrained problem

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

# Dataset augmentation

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

# Multitask learning





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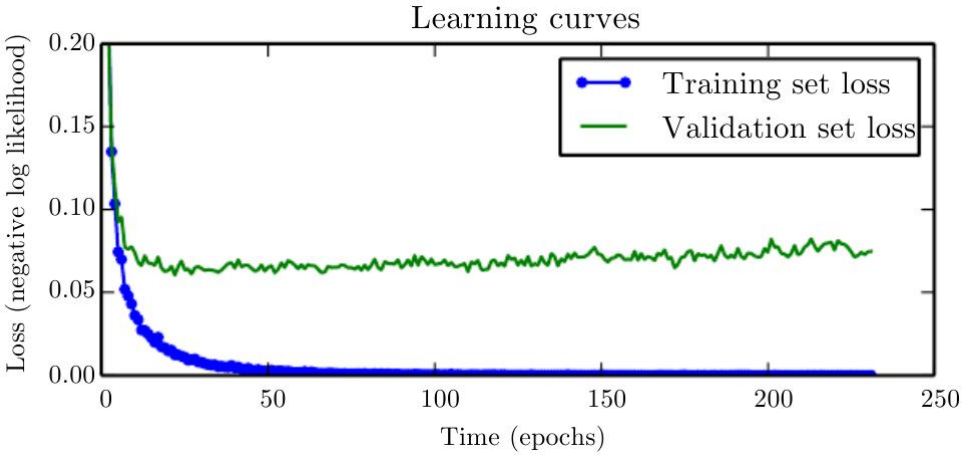



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# Early stopping approach

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

# Early stopping (contd)

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

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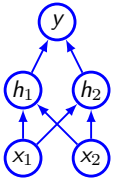
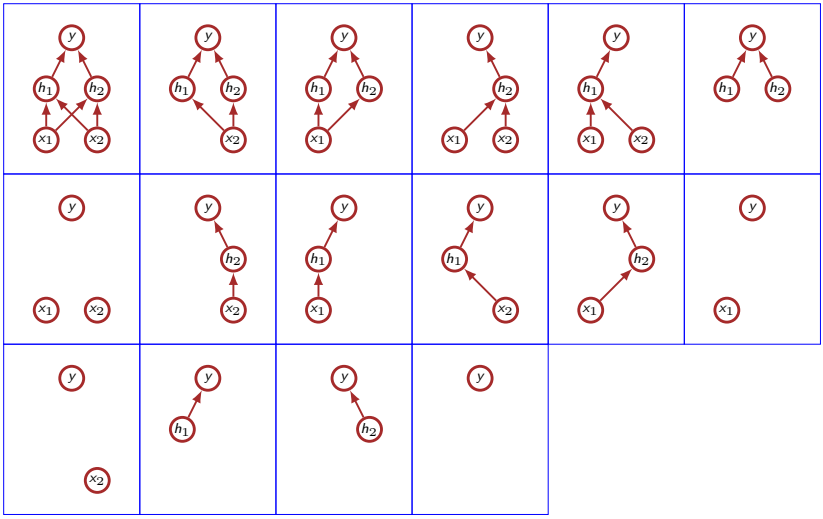
- If $\epsilon_i$ and $\epsilon_j$ are uncorrelated, ie. $c = 0$, then expected mse will be $\frac{v}{k}$ - Significant reduction in error
- If $\epsilon_i$ and $\epsilon_j$ are correlated, ie. $c = v$, then expected mse will be $v$ - No change in error

# Dropout

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

# Dropout: sub-networks



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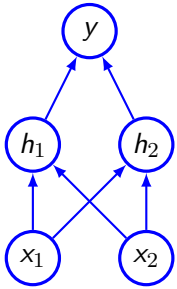
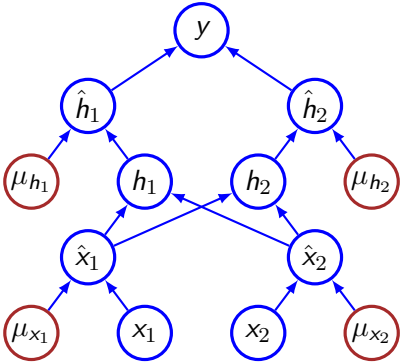
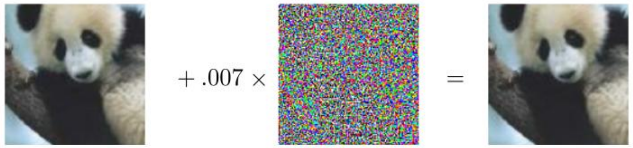
- $\mu_u$ denotes the binary mask for node $u$



# Adversarial training

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

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# Summary

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