

Introduction to Machine Learning:

Lecture 2 – Intro to Neural Networks

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Reminder: Logistic Regression

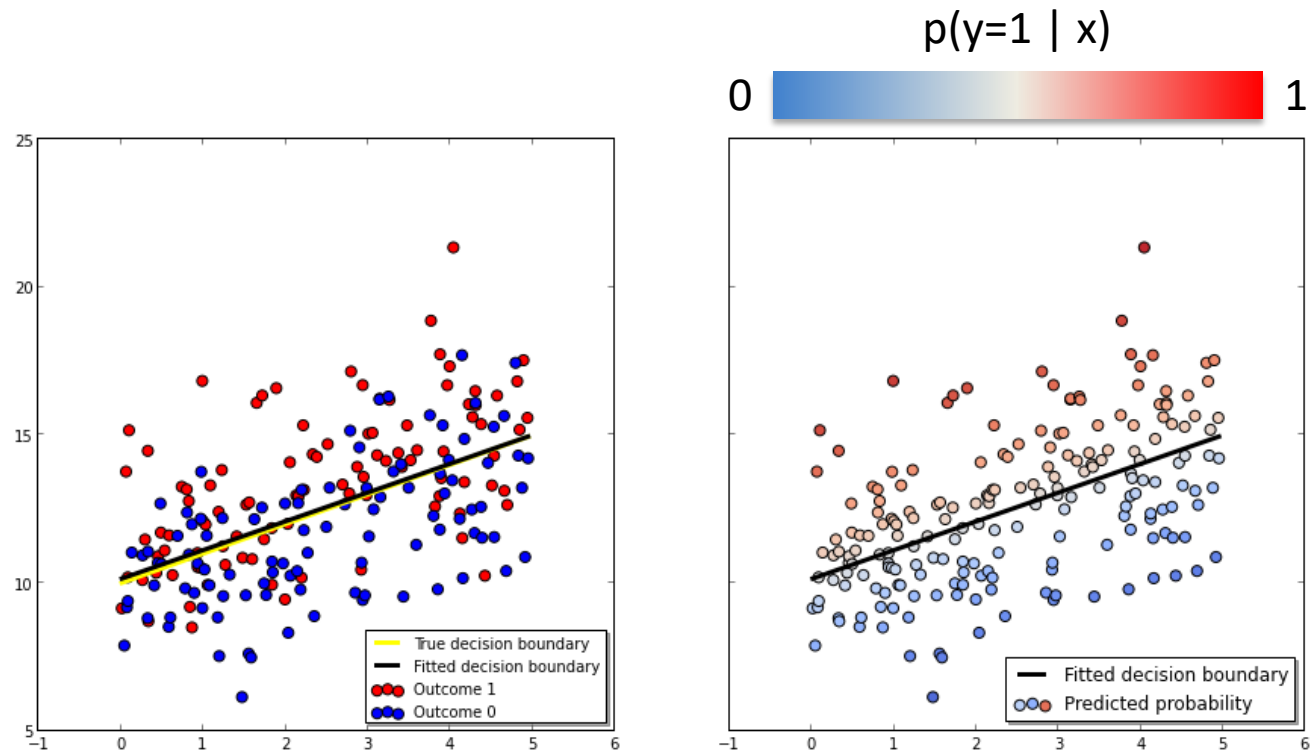
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Linear decision boundary:

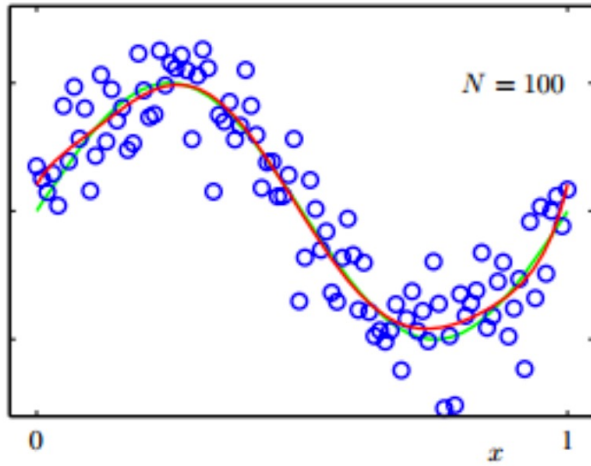
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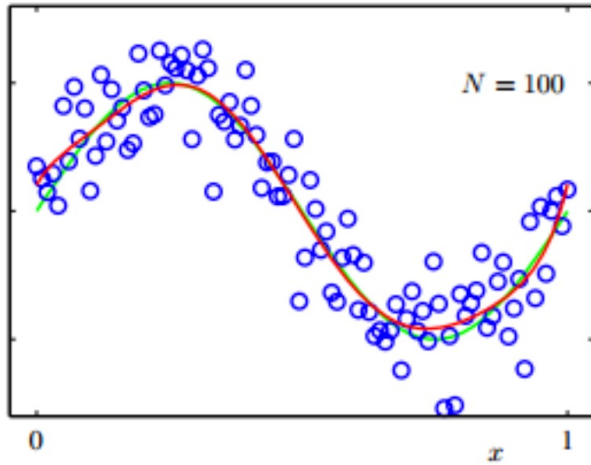


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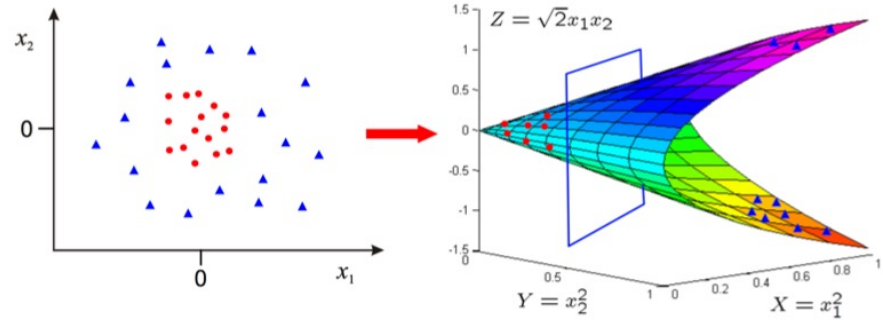


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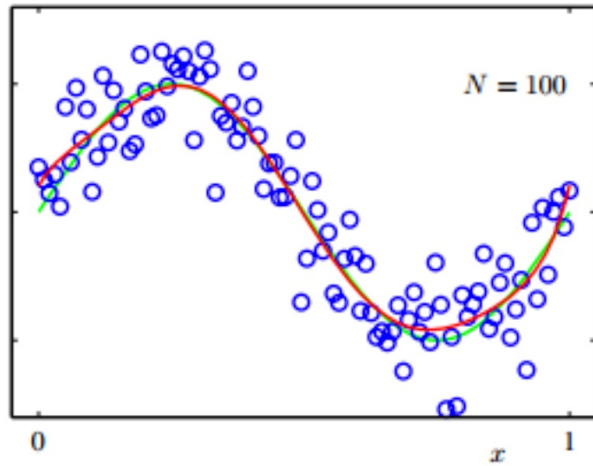
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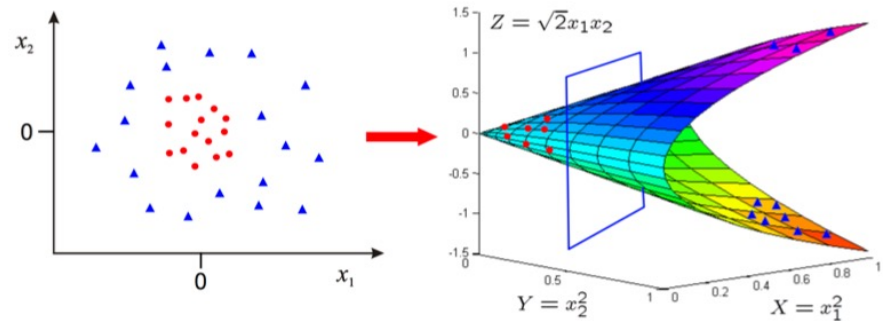
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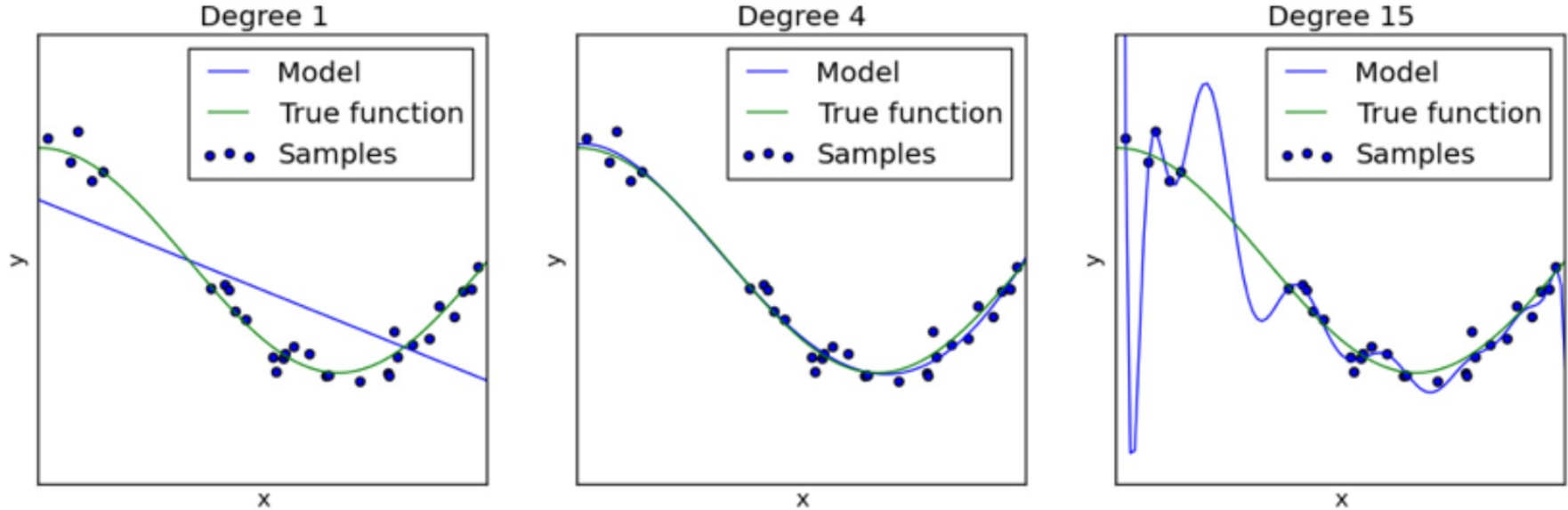


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- What basis functions to choose? *Overfit* with too much flexibility?

What is Overfitting



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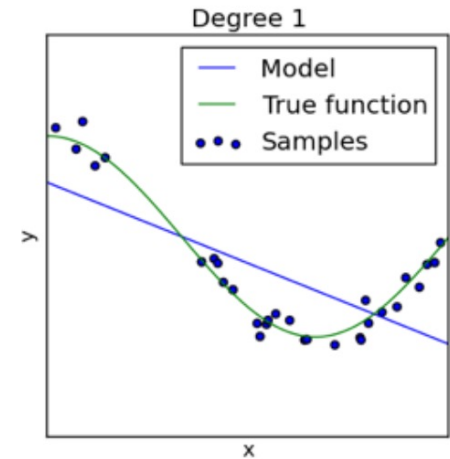
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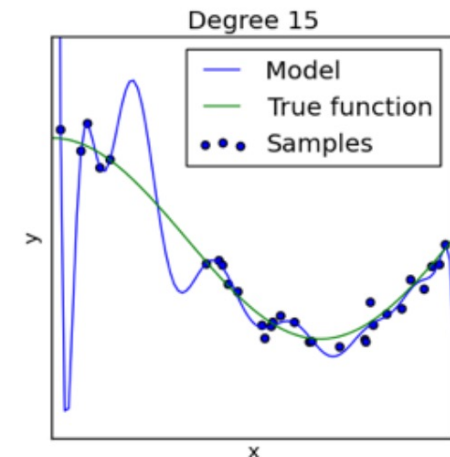
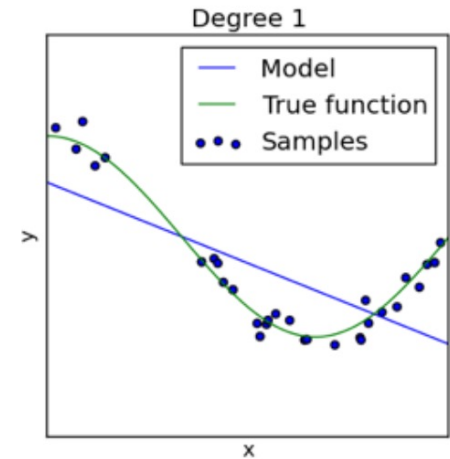
- Models allow us to **generalize** from data
- Different models generalize in different ways

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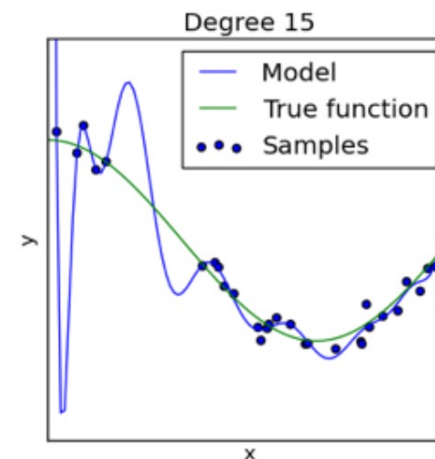
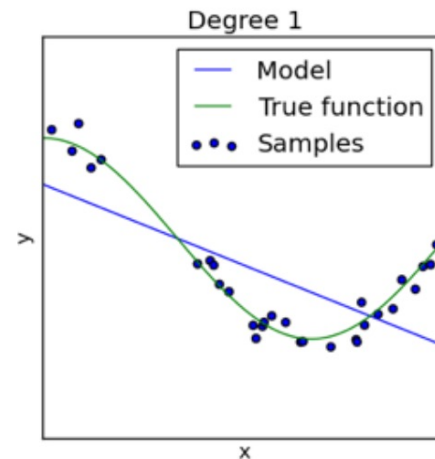
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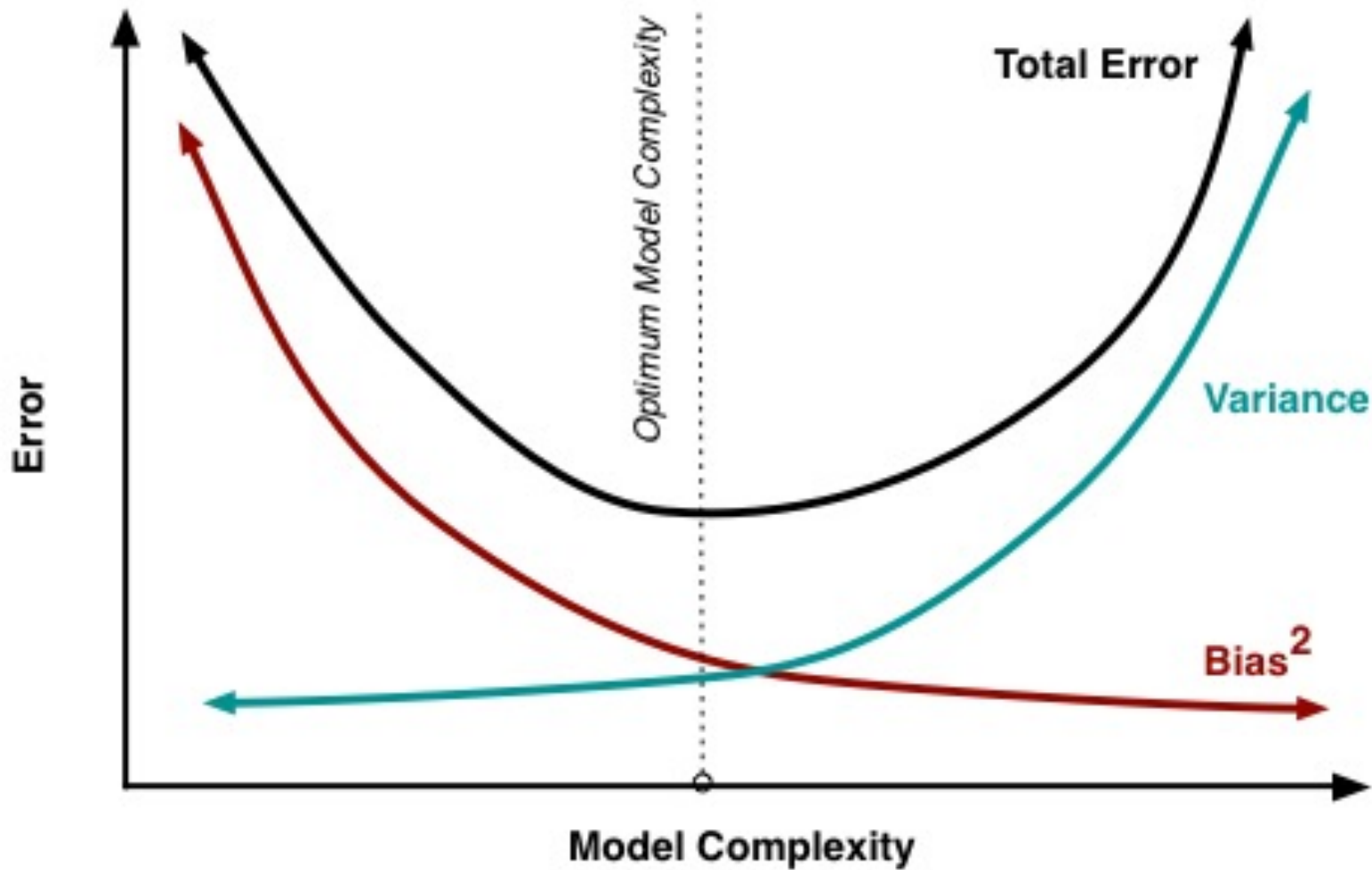
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 - As dataset size grows, can reduce variance! Use more complex model



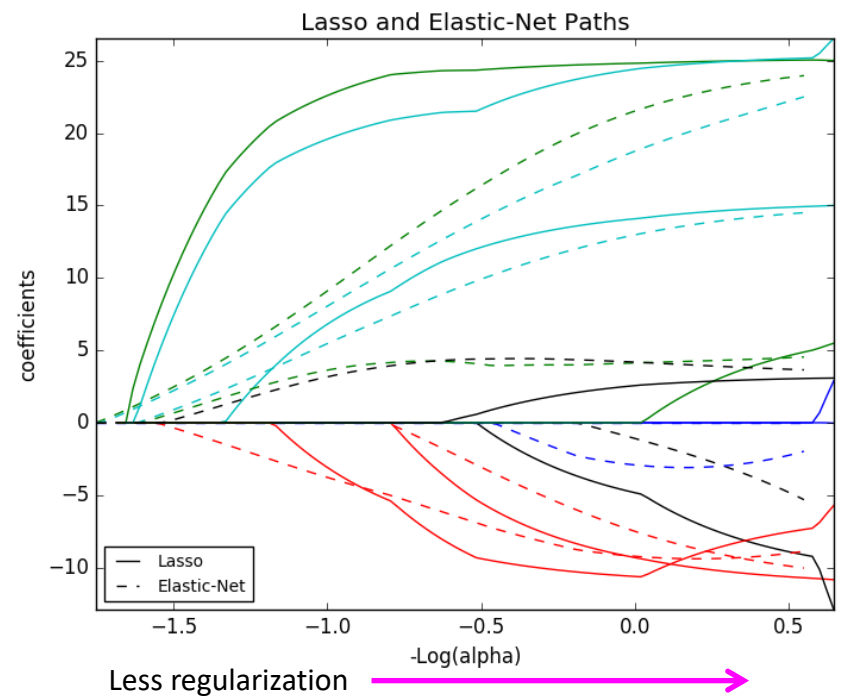
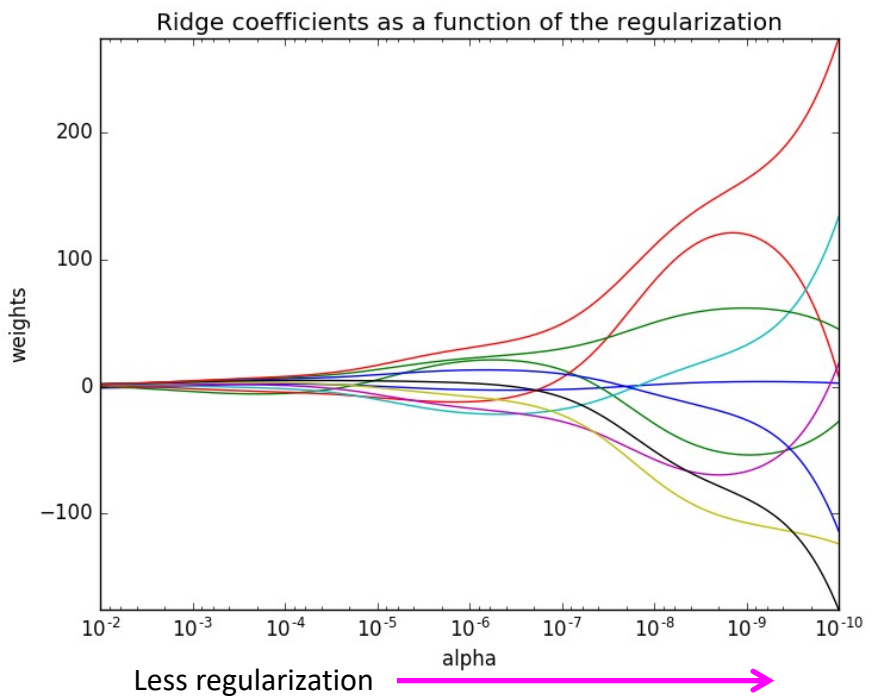
Bias Variance Tradeoff



$$L(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\mathbf{w})^2 + \alpha\Omega(\mathbf{w})$$

$$L2 : \Omega(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

$$L1 : \Omega(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{w}\|$$

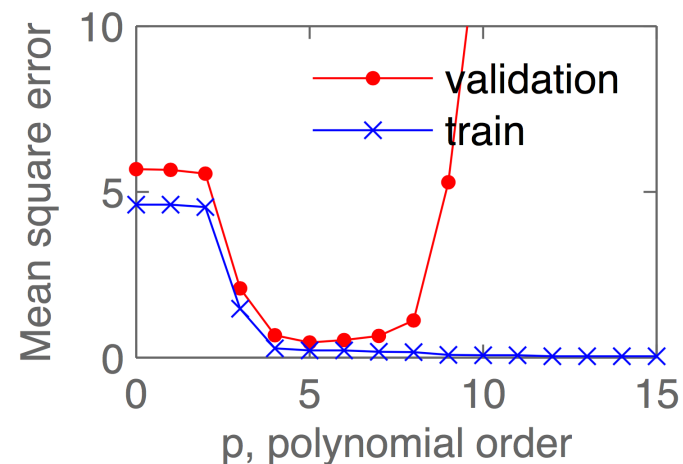
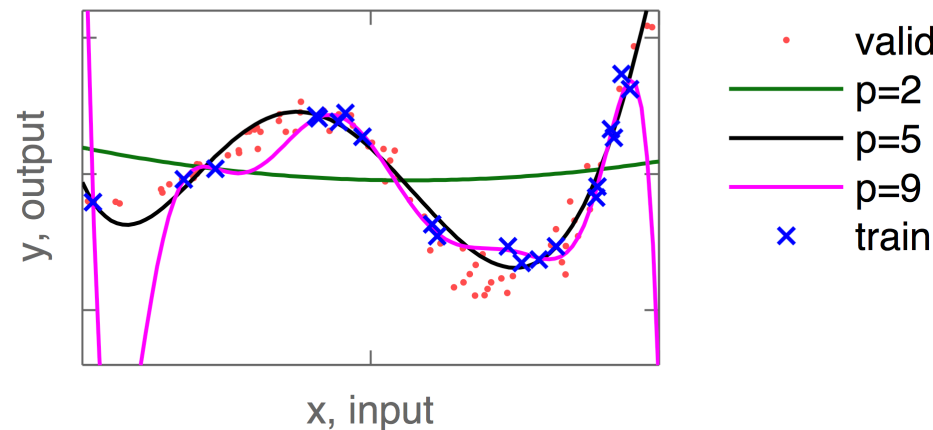


- L2 keeps weights small, L1 keeps weights sparse!
- But how to choose hyperparameter α ?

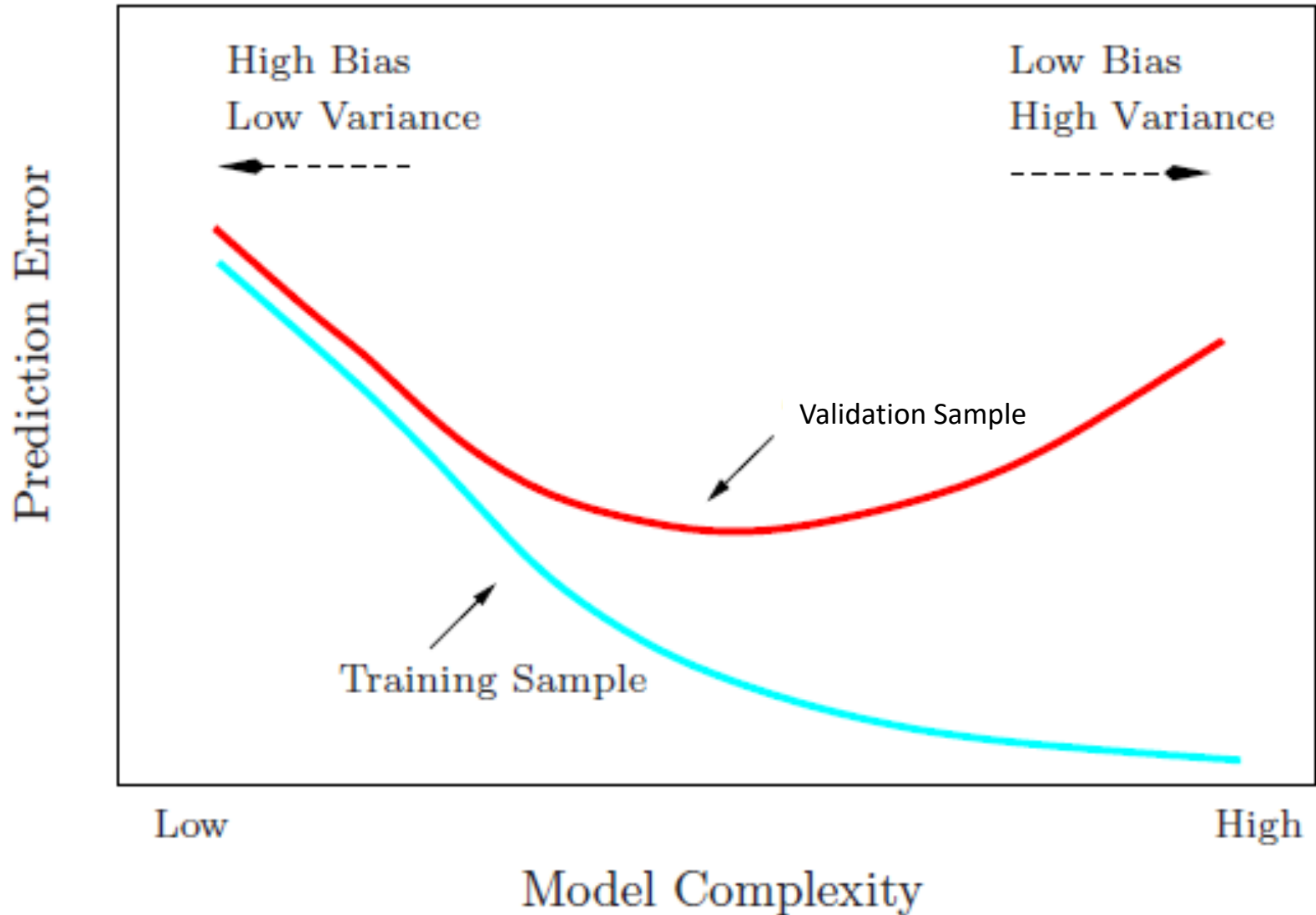
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- Split dataset into multiple parts
- **Training set**
 - Used to fit model parameters
- **Validation set**
 - Used to check performance on independent data and tune hyper parameters
- **Test set**
 - final evaluation of performance after all hyper-parameters fixed
 - Needed since we tune, or “peek”, performance with validation set



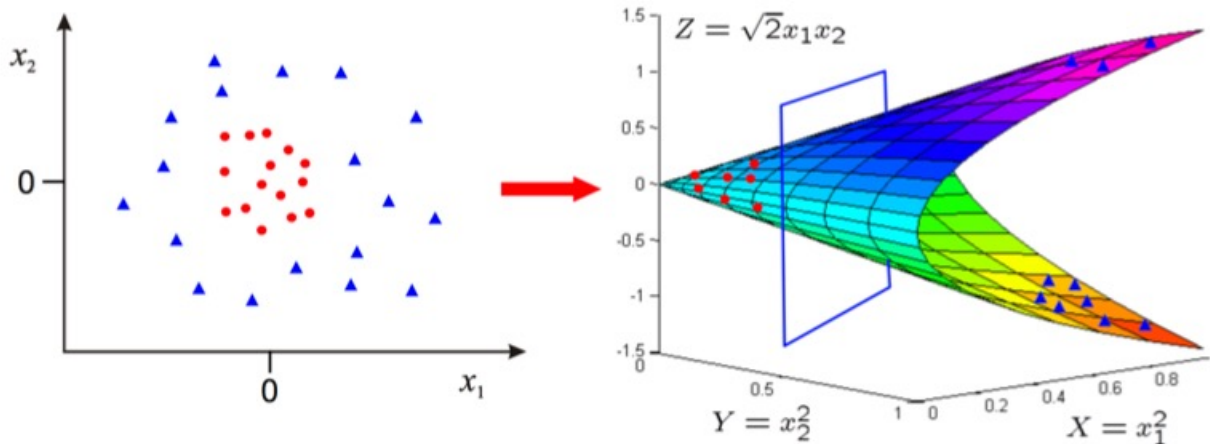
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- Combines basis selection & learning \rightarrow *Representation Learning*
- Several different approaches, focus here on neural networks
- Learning / optimization becomes more difficult

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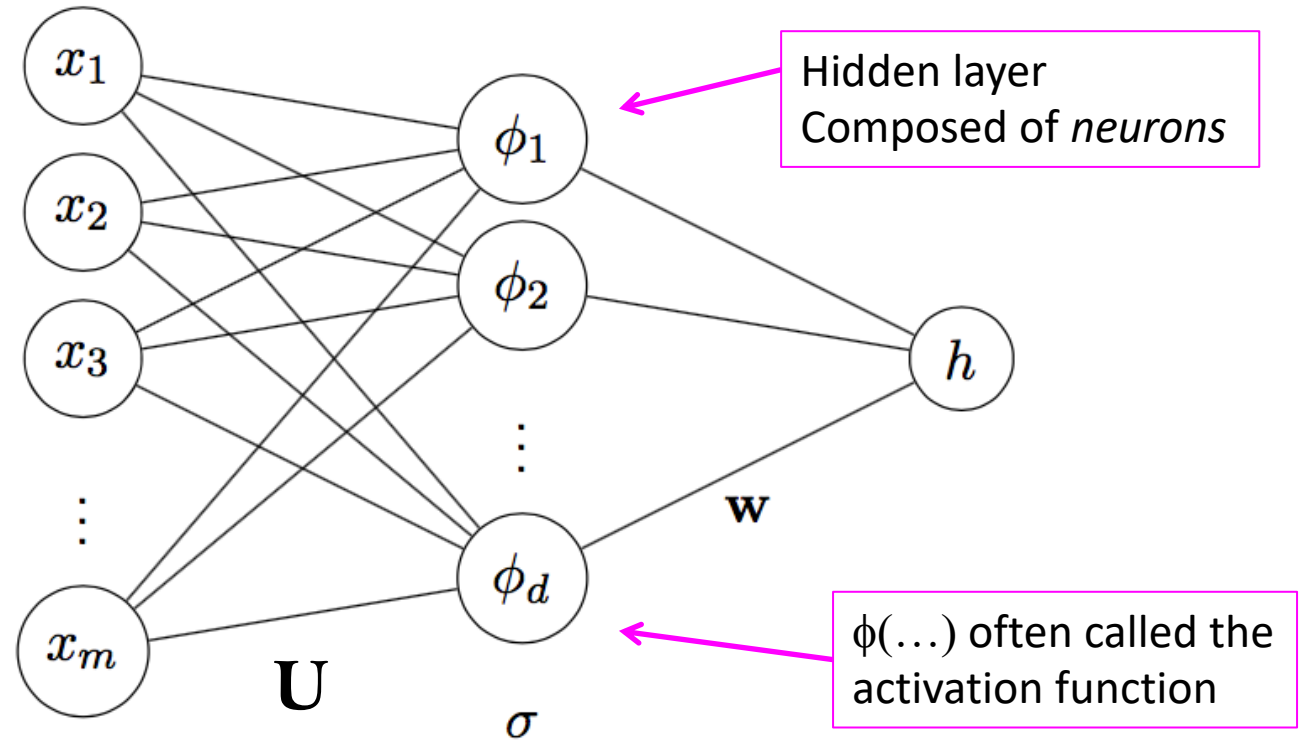
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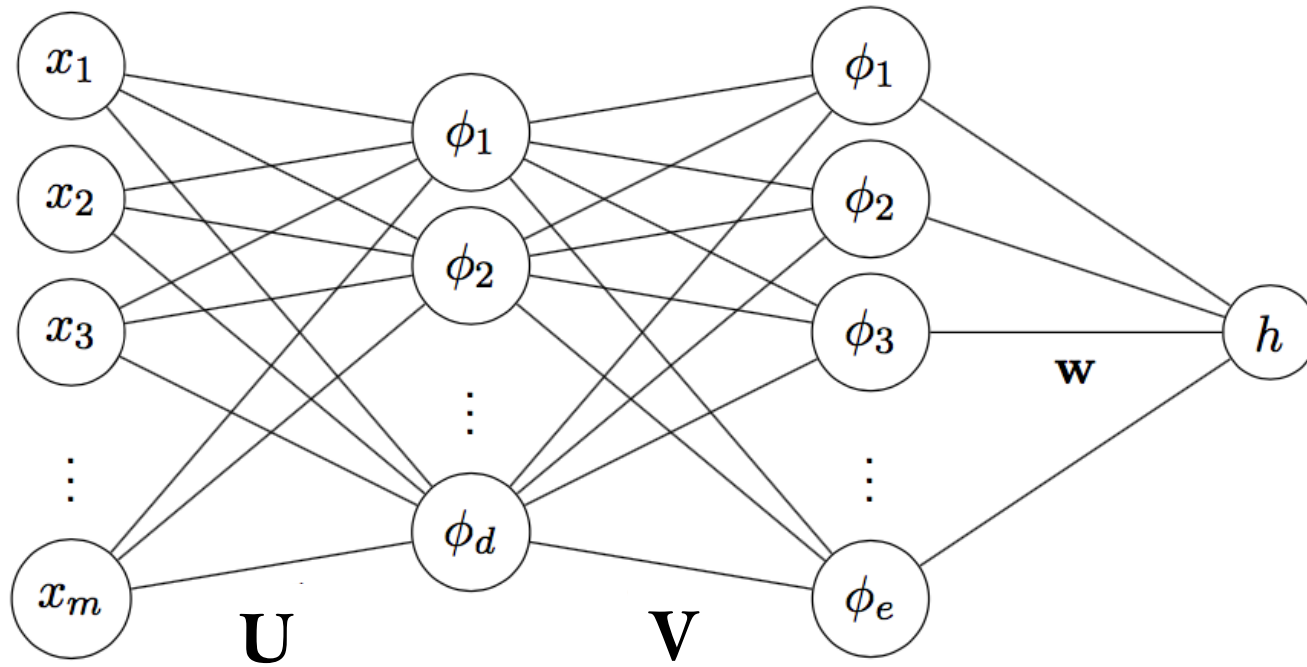
- Full model becomes

$$h(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{U}) = \mathbf{w}^T \phi(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{U})$$



$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x})$$

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- Multilayer NN
 - Each layer adapts basis functions based on previous layer

- Neural Network Model: $h(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^T \sigma(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x})$
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- Parameter update:

$$w \leftarrow w - \eta \frac{\partial L(w, U)}{\partial w}$$

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- How to compute gradients?

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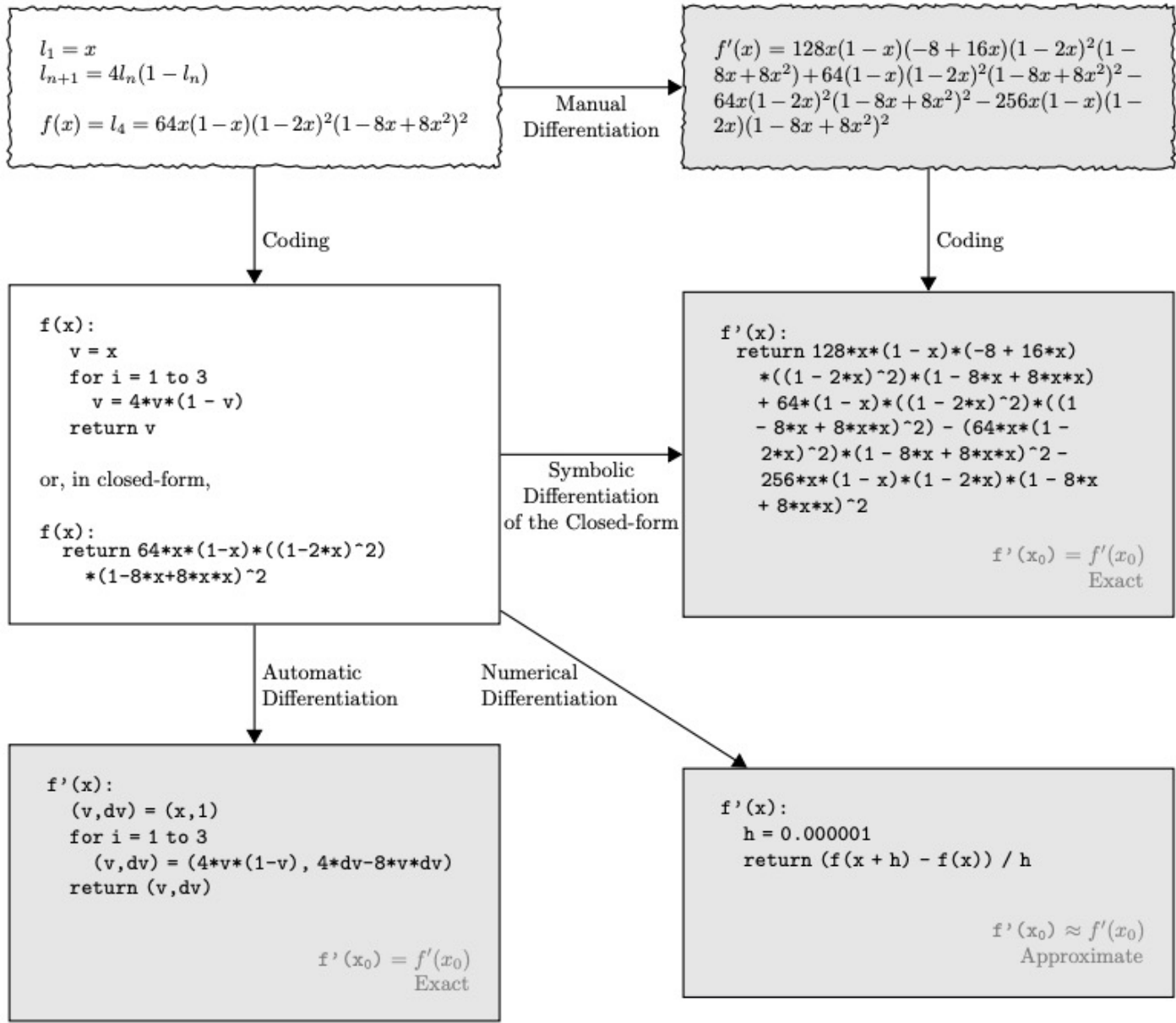
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Differentiation in Code



Baydin, Pearlmutter, Radul, Siskind. 2018. "Automatic Differentiation in Machine Learning: a Survey." Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)

Exact derivatives for gradient-based optimization come from running **differentiable code** via **automatic differentiation**

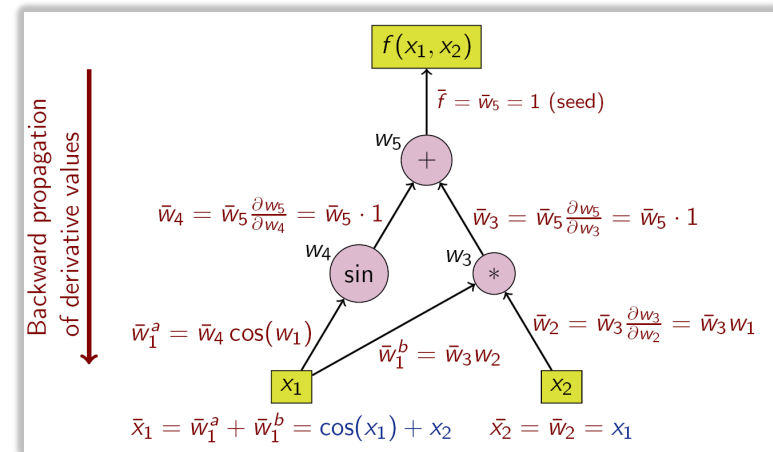
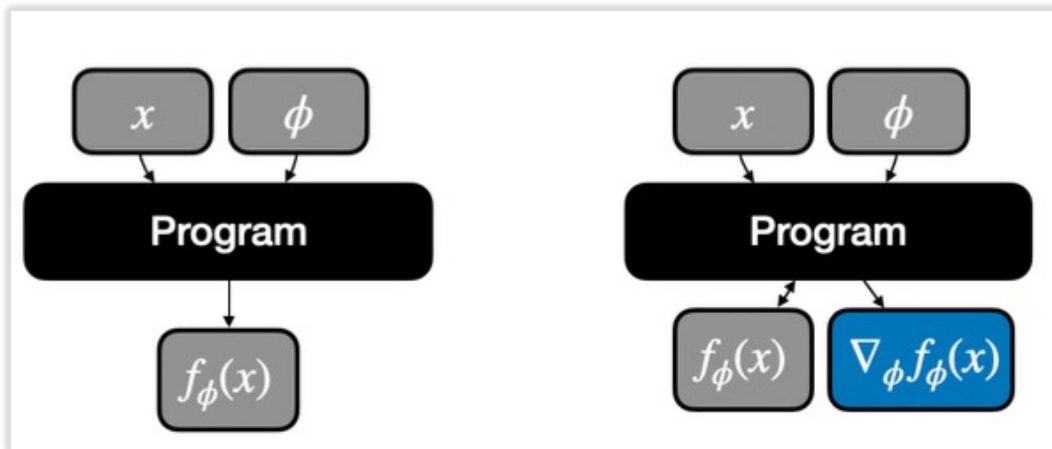


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- Loss function composed of layers of nonlinearity

$$L(\phi^N(\dots \phi^1(x)))$$

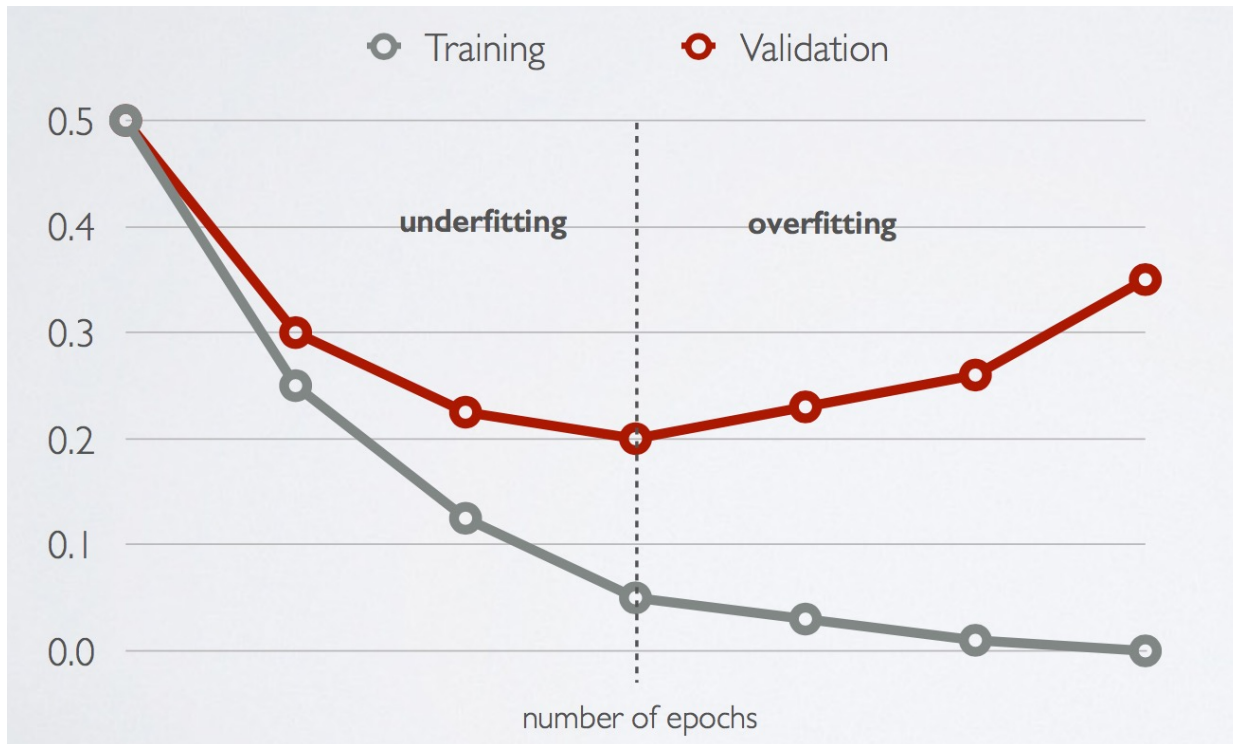
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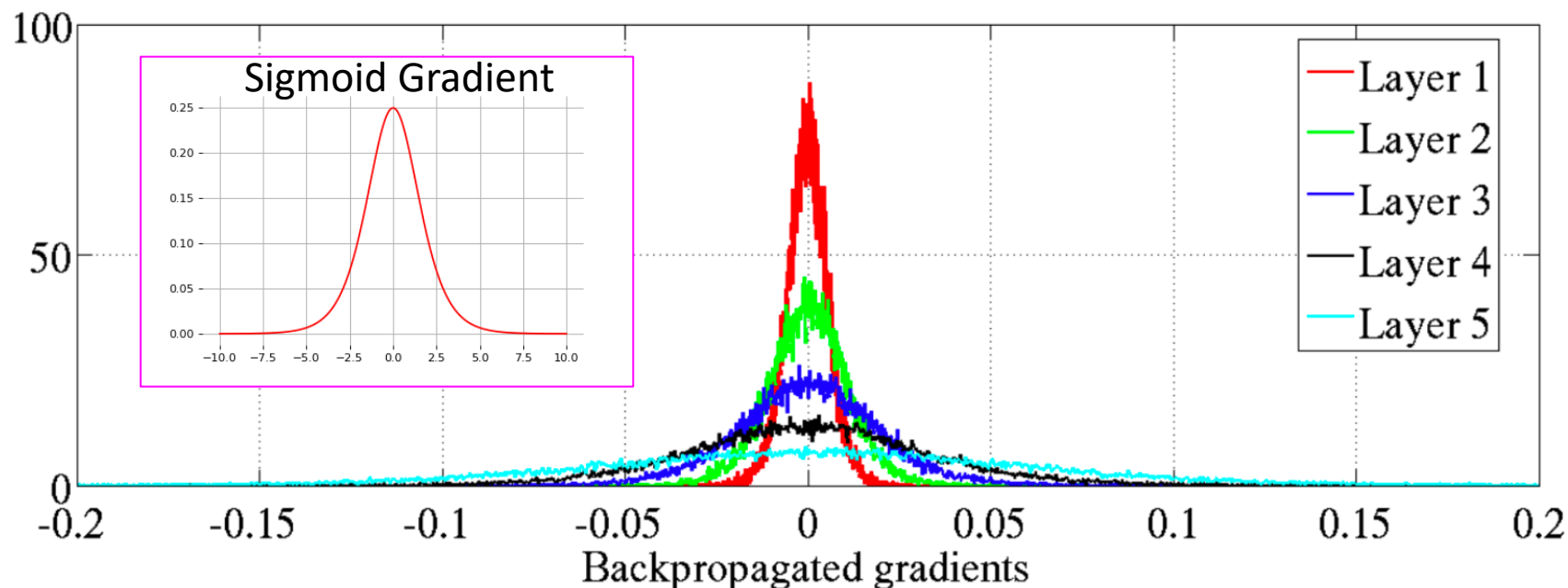
- Backward step (b-prop) $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi^a} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \phi_j^{(a+1)}}{\partial \phi_j^a} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_j^{(a+1)}}$

- Compute parameter gradients $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}^a} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \phi_j^a}{\partial \mathbf{w}^a} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \phi_j^a}$

- Repeat gradient update of weights to reduce loss
 - Each iteration through dataset is called an epoch
- Use validation set to examine for overtraining, and determine when to stop training

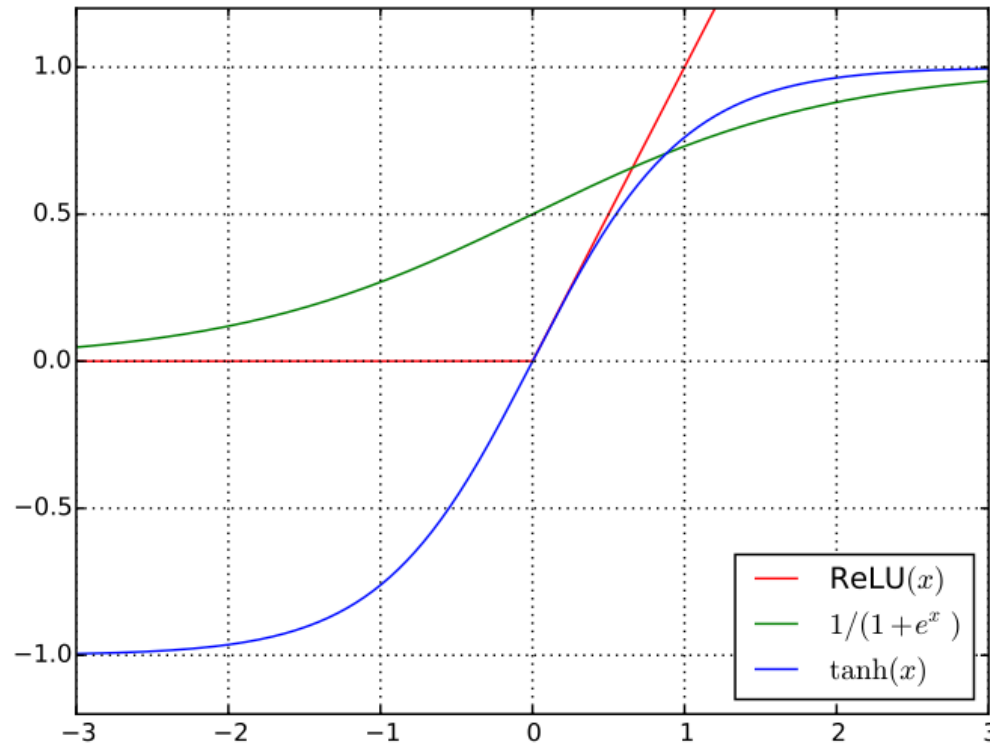


- Major challenge in DL: Vanishing Gradients
- Small gradients slow down / block, stochastic gradient descent \rightarrow Limits ability to learn!



Backpropagated gradients normalized histograms (Glorot and Bengio, 2010).

Gradients for layers far from the output vanish to zero.



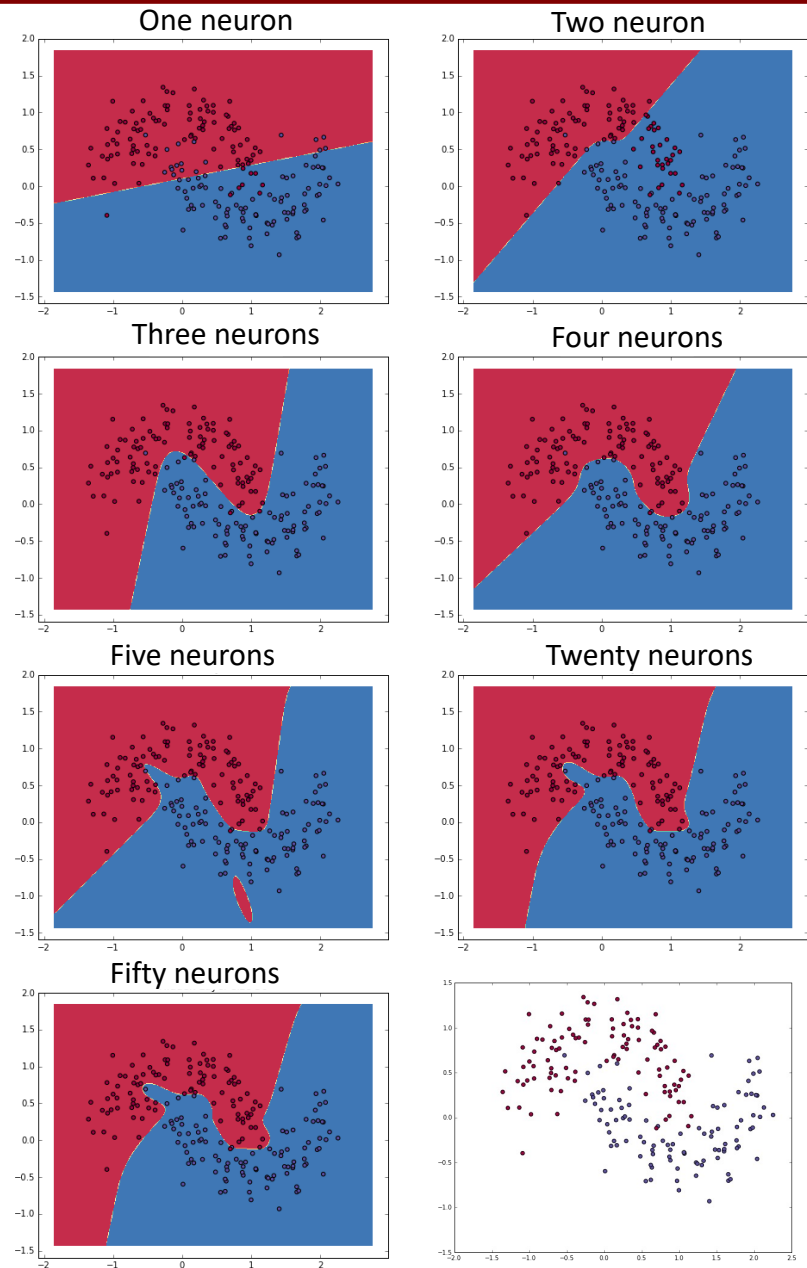
- **Vanishing gradient problem**

- Derivative of sigmoid
Nearly 0 when x is far from 0!
- Can make gradient descent hard!

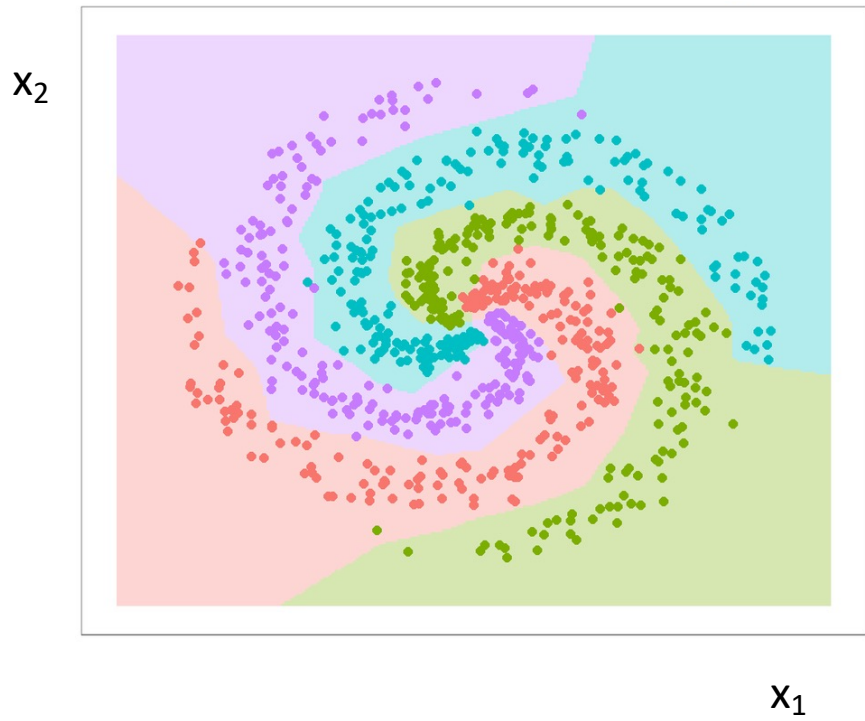
- **Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)**

- $\text{ReLU}(x) = \max\{0, x\}$
- Derivative is constant!
$$\frac{\partial \text{ReLU}(x)}{\partial x} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- ReLU gradient doesn't vanish

Neural Network Decision Boundaries



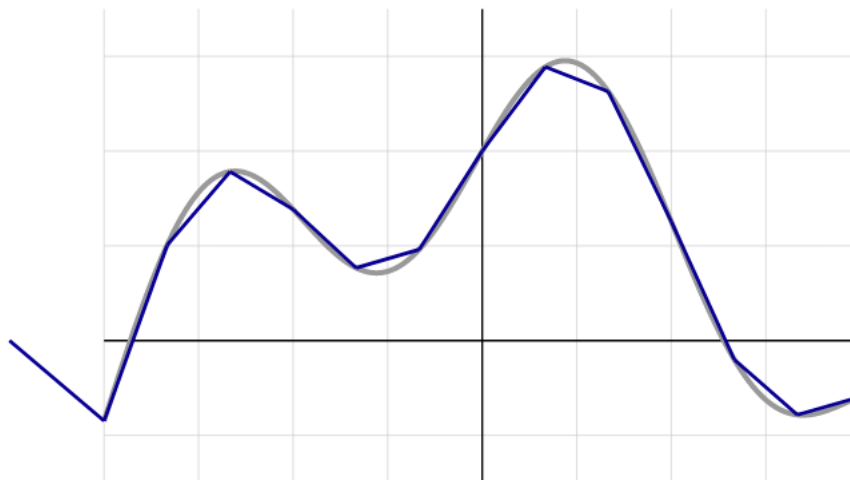
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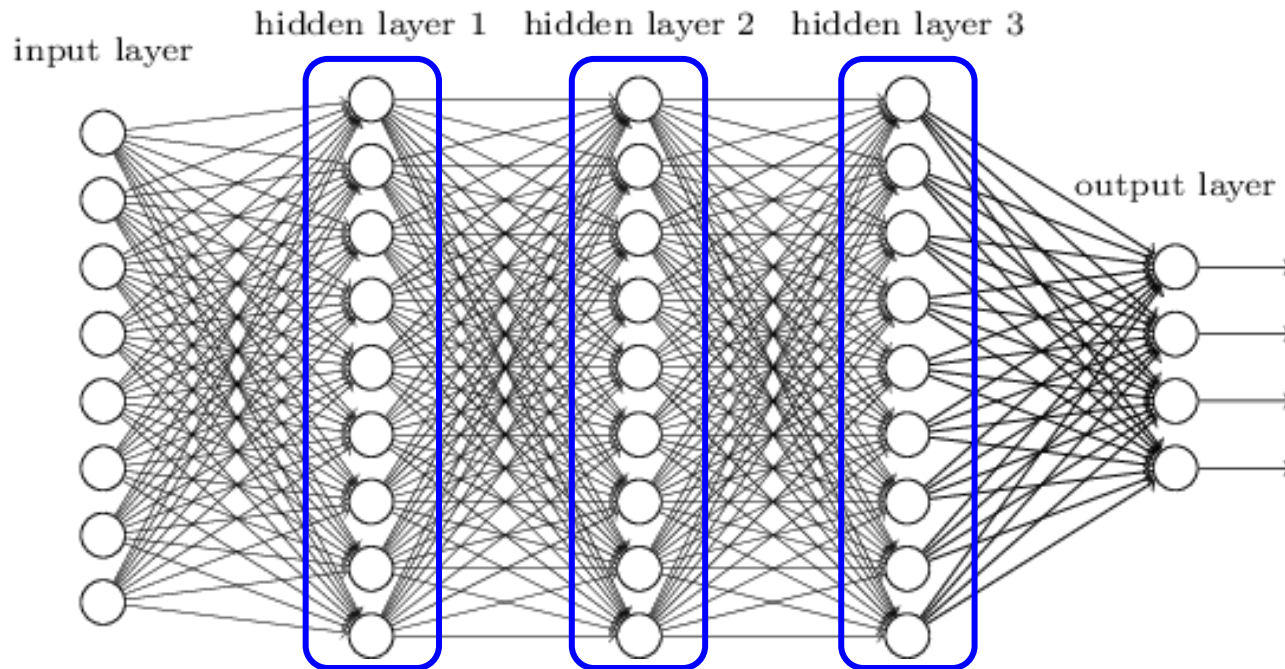
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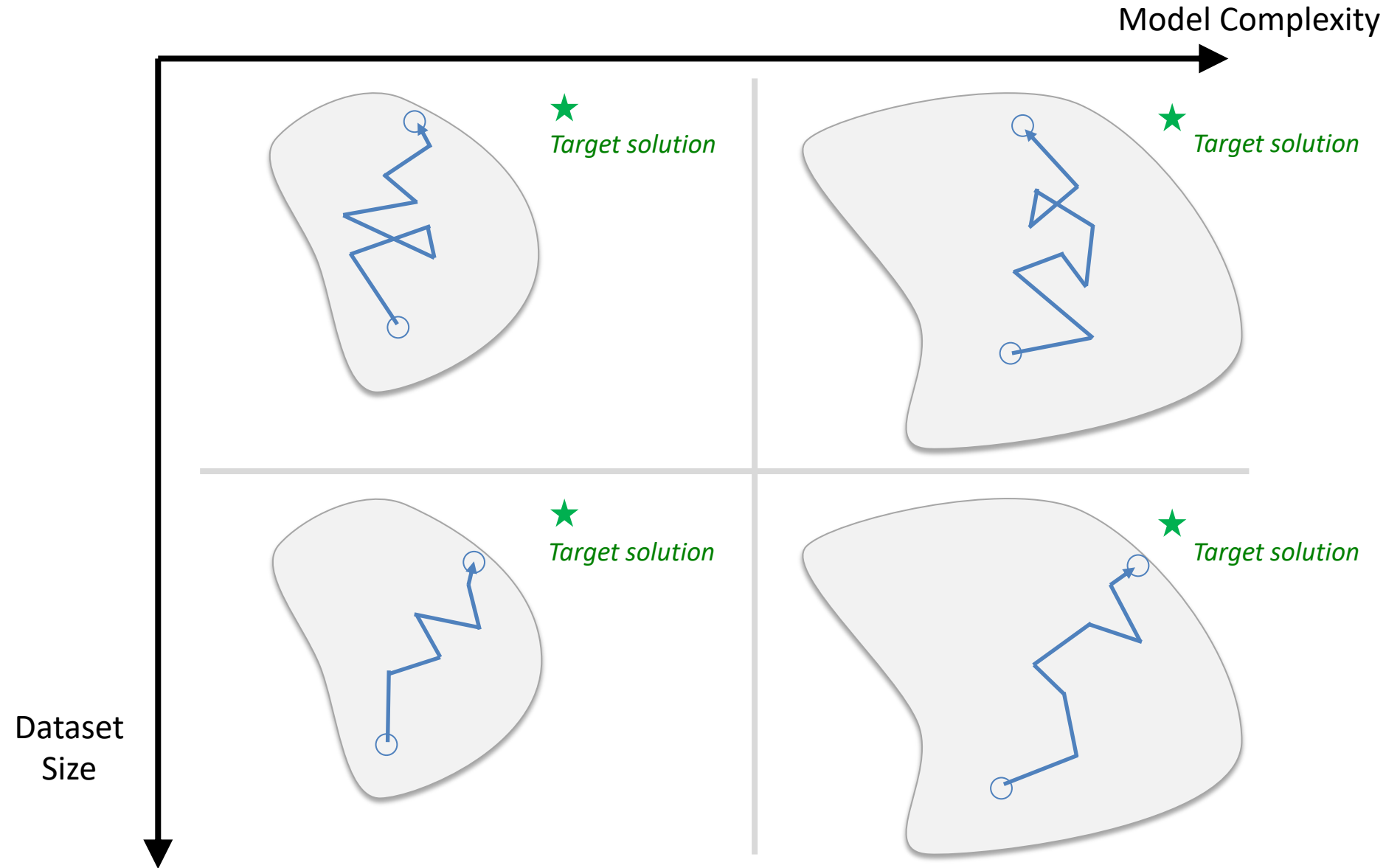
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- Better approximation requires larger hidden layer, this theorem says nothing about relation between the two.
- Can make training error as low as we want by using a larger hidden layer. Result states nothing about test error
- Doesn't say how to find parameters for this approximation



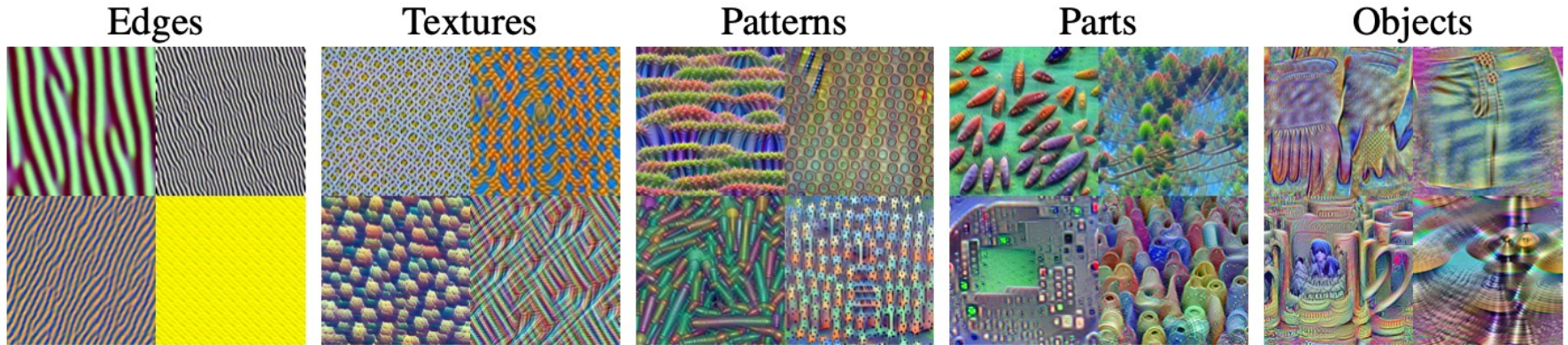
- As data complexity grows, need exponentially large number of neurons in a single-layer network to capture all structure in data
- Deep networks **factorize the learning** of structure across layers
- Difficult to train, recently possible with large datasets, fast computing (GPU/TPU) & new training algs. / network structures

More Complex Models – Bigger Search Space

More Data – Find Better Solutions

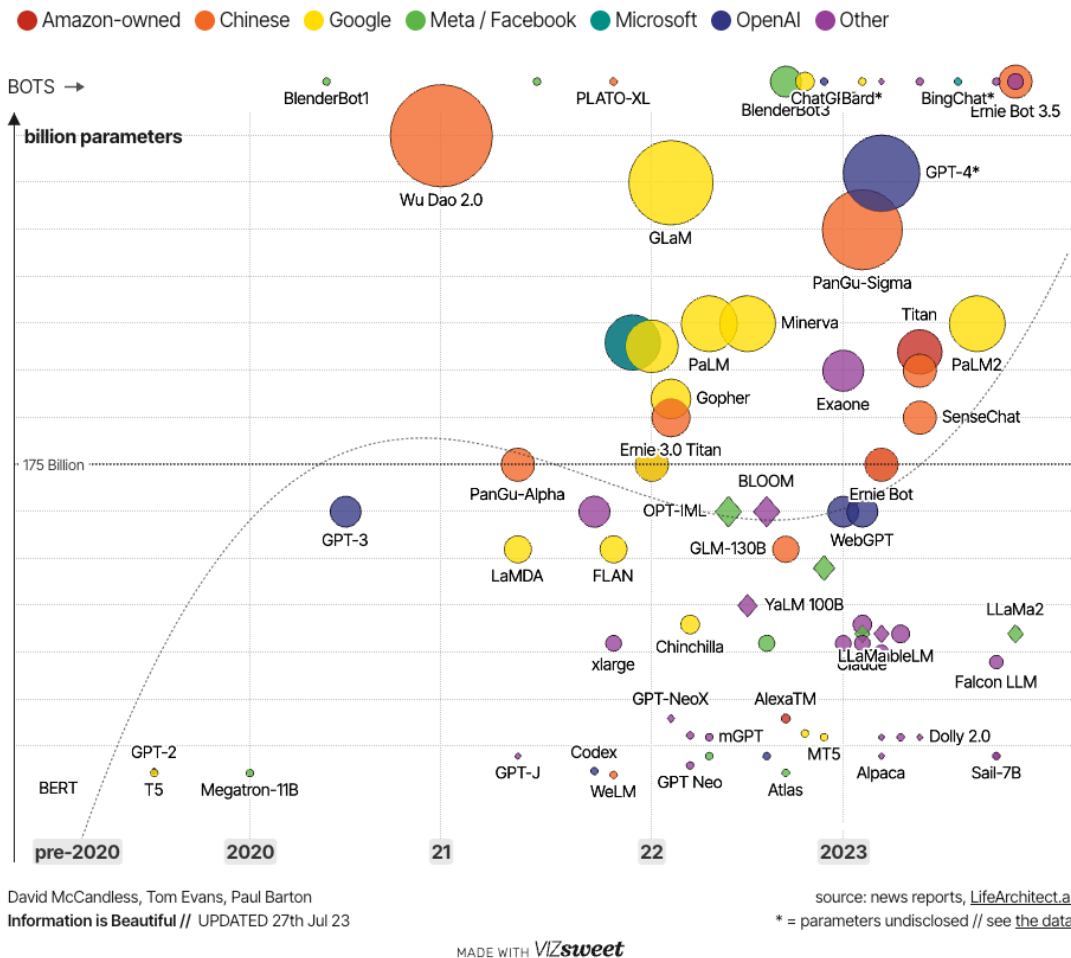


Hierarchical Learning of Features

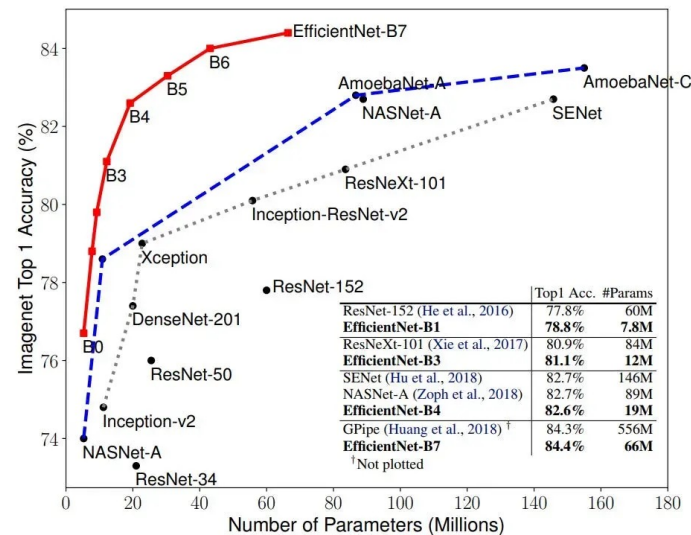
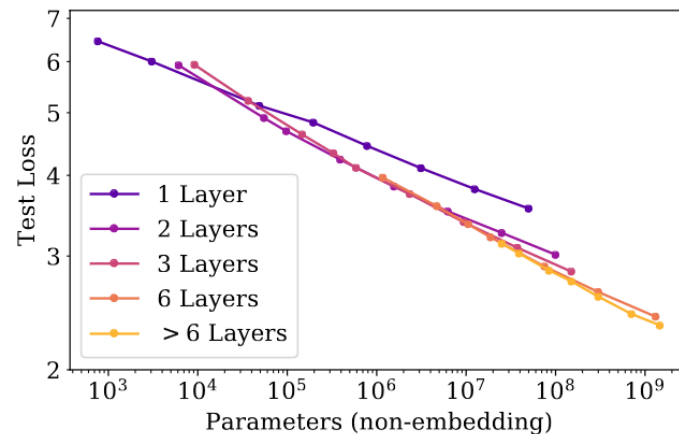


Depth

Benefits of Depth



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- Structure of the networks, and the node connectivity can be adapted for problem at hand

- Moving inductive bias from feature engineering to model design

- *Inductive bias:*
Knowledge about the problem

- *Feature engineering:*
Hand crafted variables

- *Model design:*
The data representation and the structure of the machine learning model / network

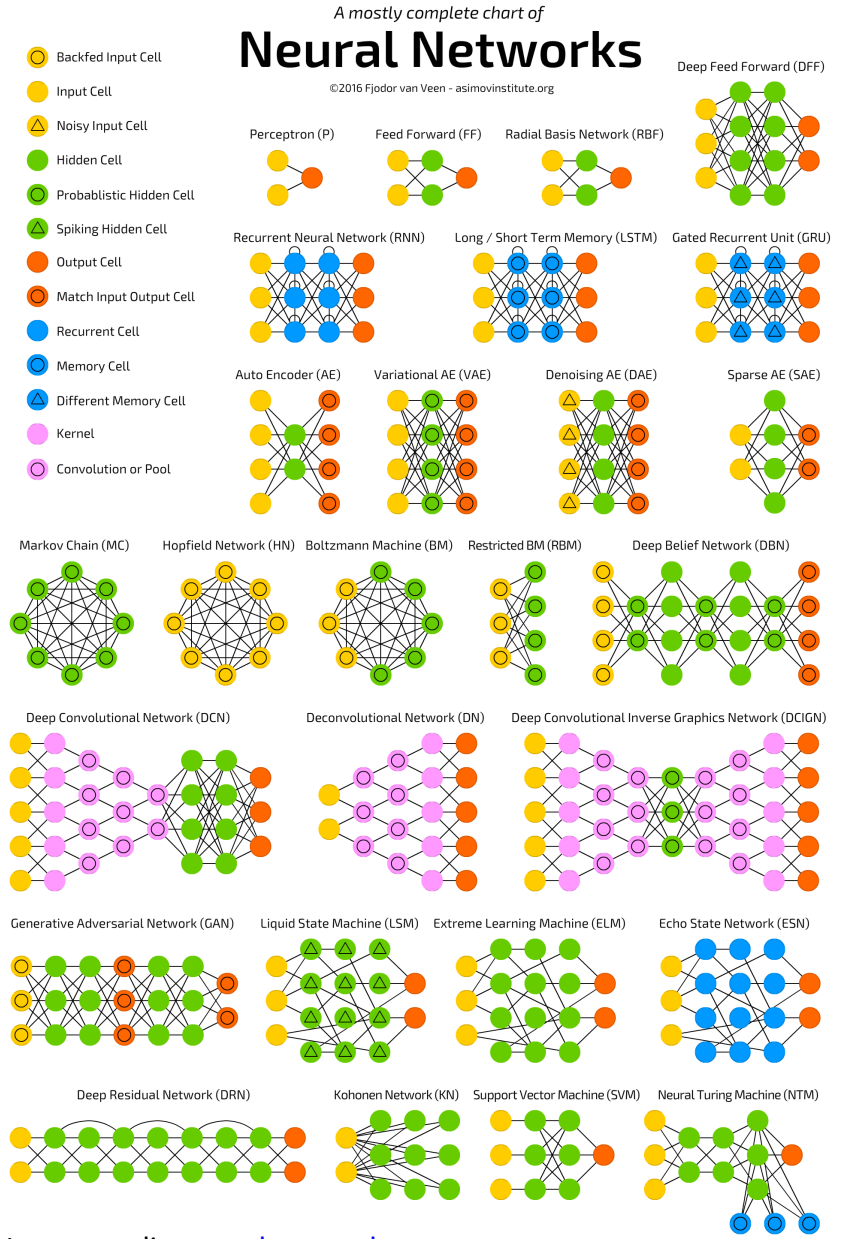


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- Over-parametrizing a deep model often improves test performance, contrary to bias-variance tradeoff prediction

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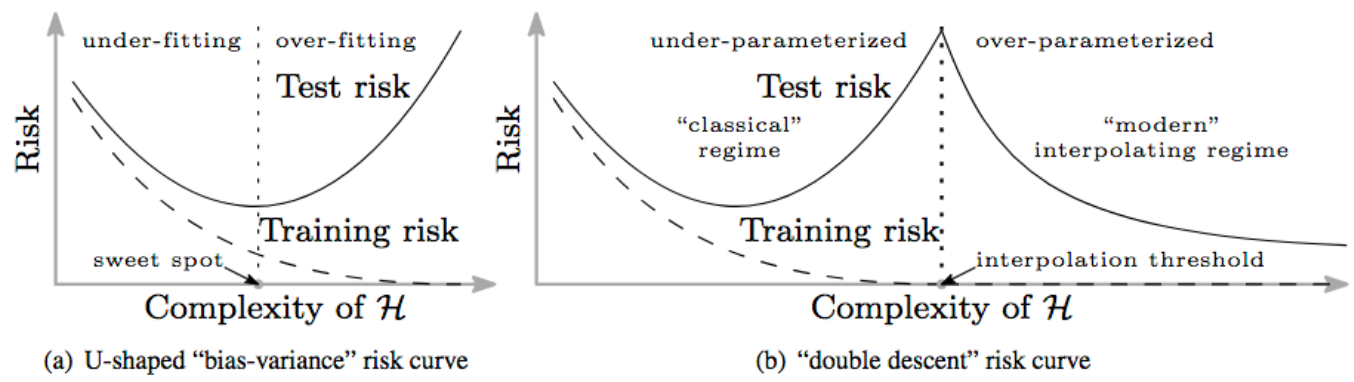
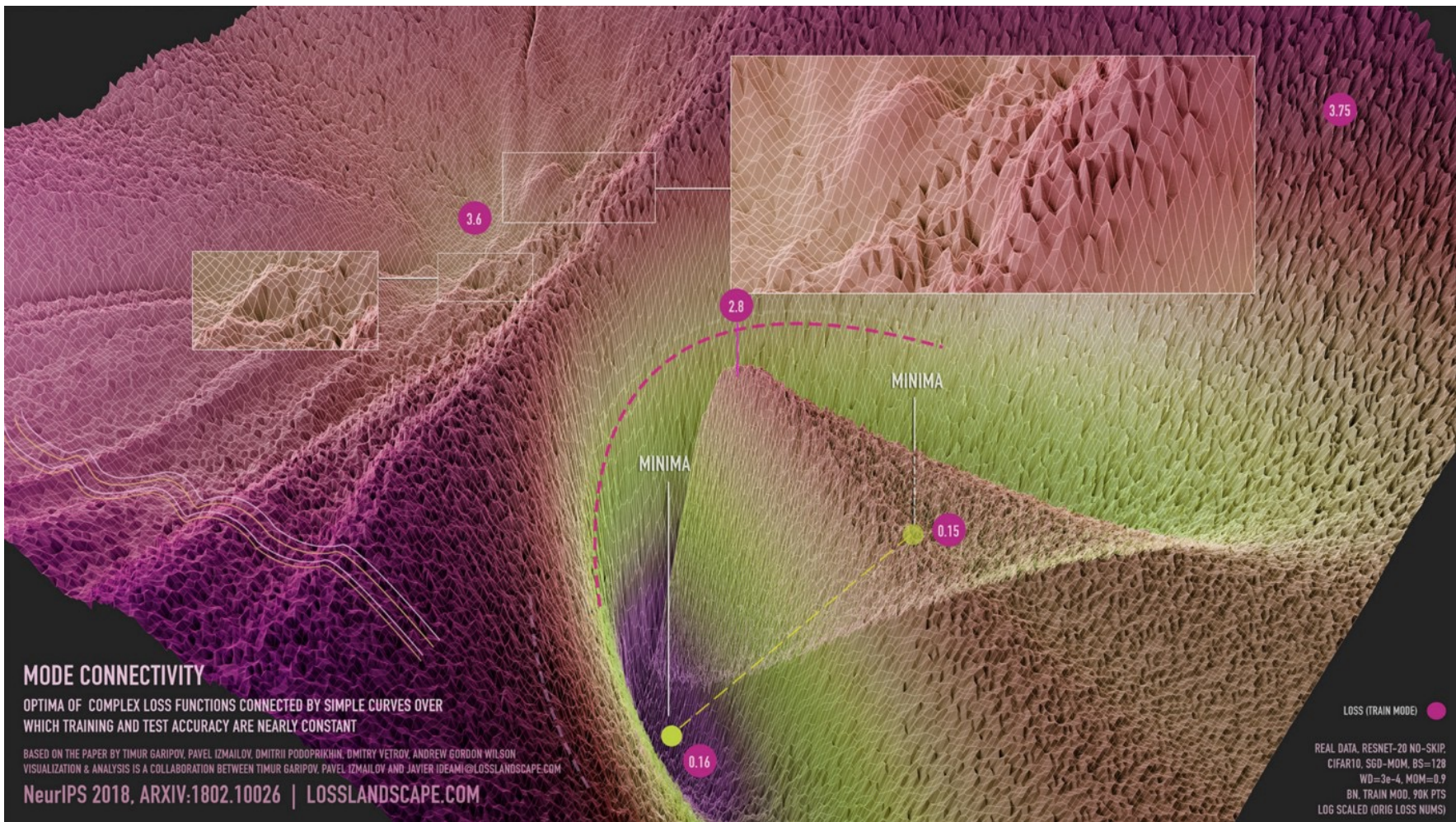


Figure 1: Curves for training risk (dashed line) and test risk (solid line). (a) The classical *U-shaped risk curve* arising from the bias-variance trade-off. (b) The *double descent risk curve*, which incorporates the U-shaped risk curve (i.e., the “classical” regime) together with the observed behavior from using high complexity function classes (i.e., the “modern” interpolating regime), separated by the interpolation threshold. The predictors to the right of the interpolation threshold have zero training risk.

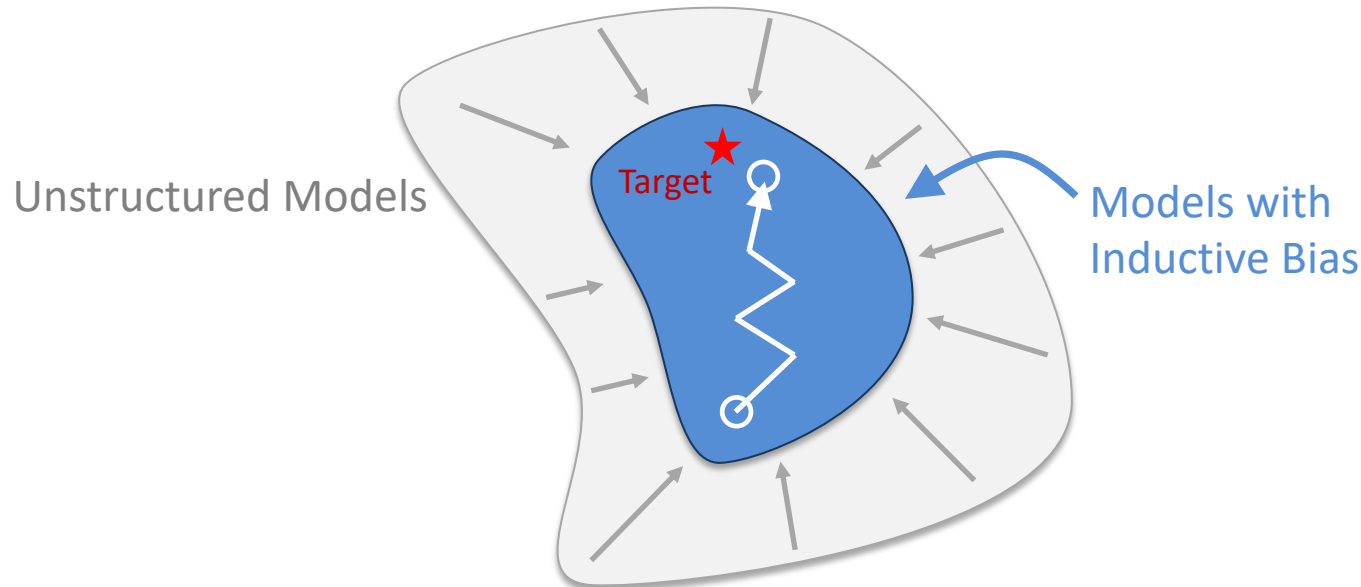
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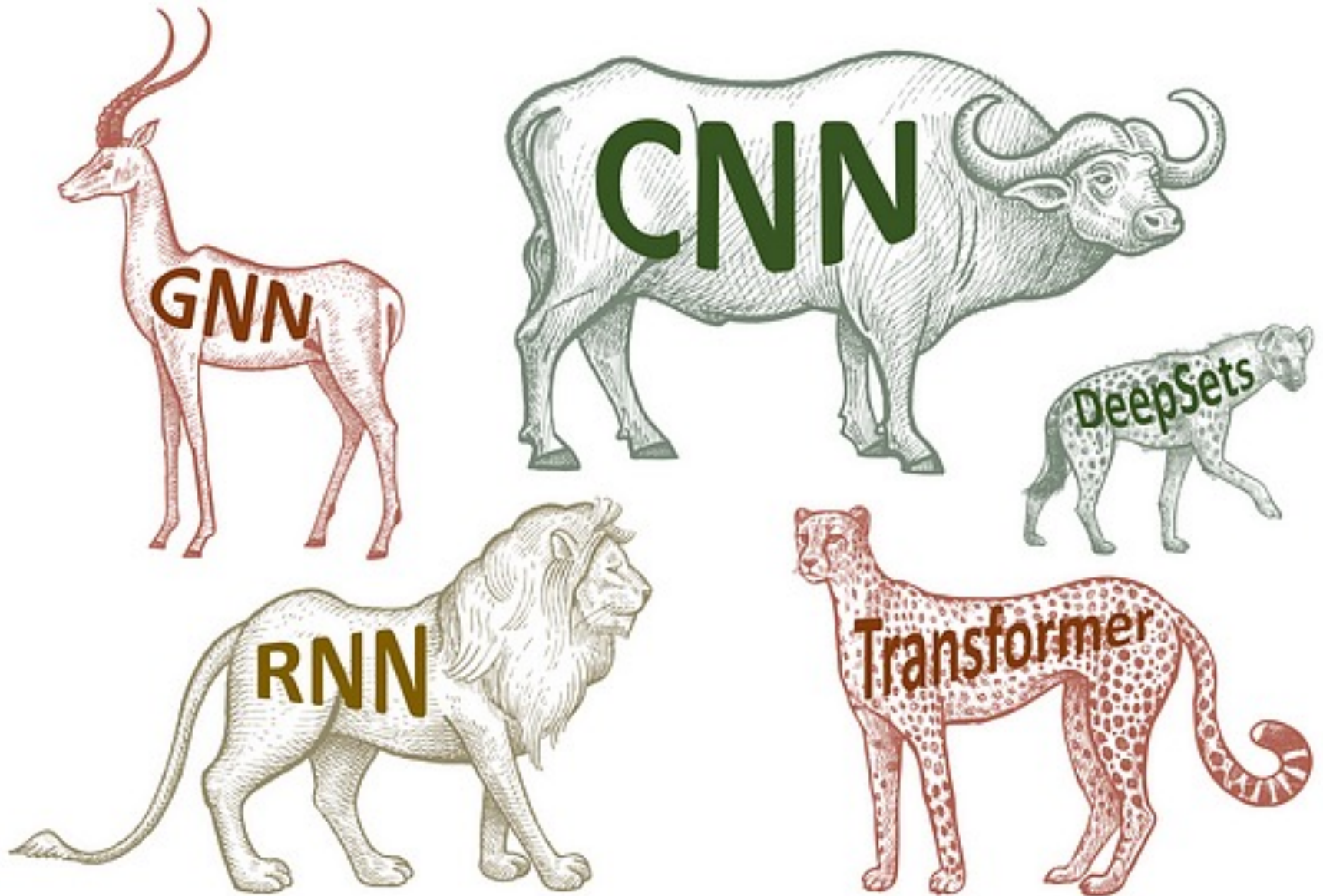


Choosing the right function...

- We know a lot about our data
 - What transformations shouldn't affect predictions
 - Symmetries, structures, geometry, ...
- **Inductive Bias:** we can match models to this knowledge
 - Throw out irrelevant functions we know aren't the solution
 - Bias the learning process towards good solutions



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- Neural Networks allow us to combine non-linear basis selection with feature learning
- But must keep in mind the bias-variance tradeoff and how models will generalize
- Deep neural networks allow learning complex function by hierarchically structuring the feature learning, and we can use inductive bias (knowledge) to define models that are well adapted to our problem

Backup

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Exact derivatives for gradient-based optimization come from running **differentiable code** via **automatic differentiation**

$$f(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

↓ **automatic
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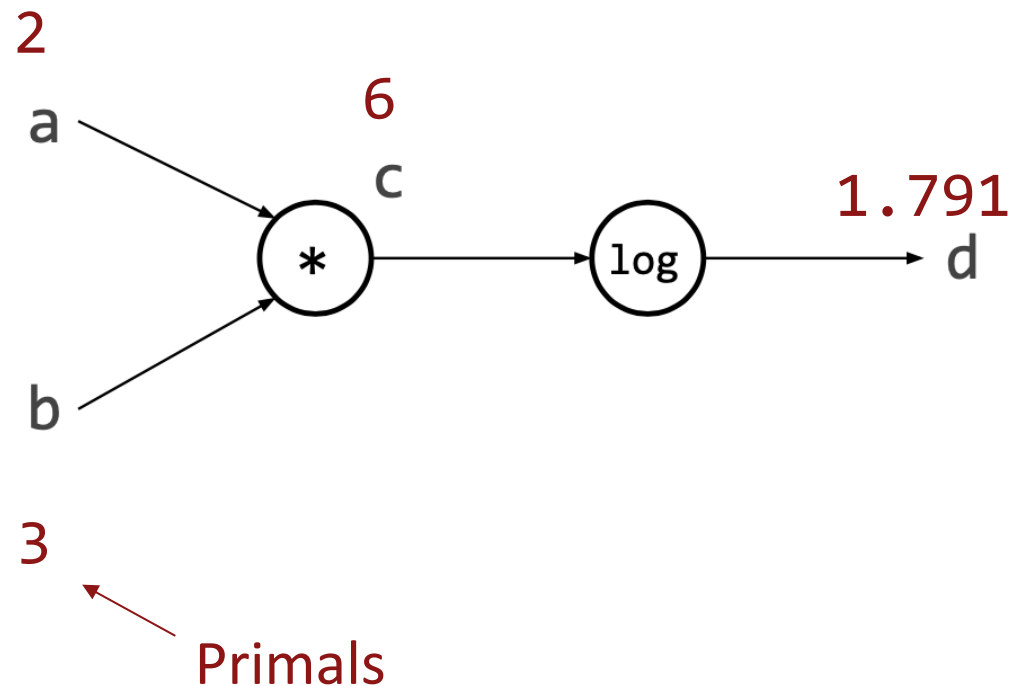
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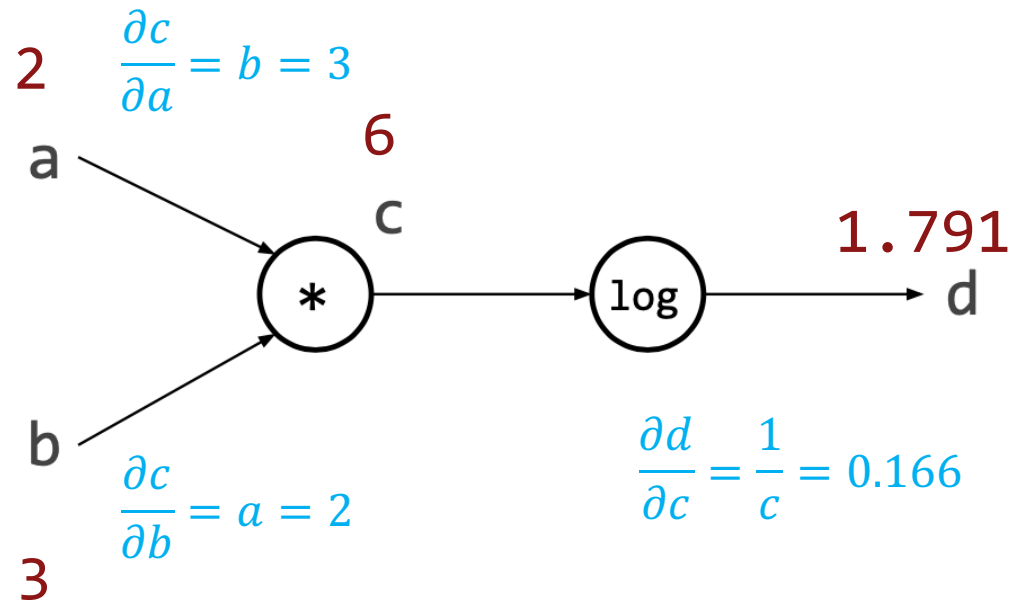


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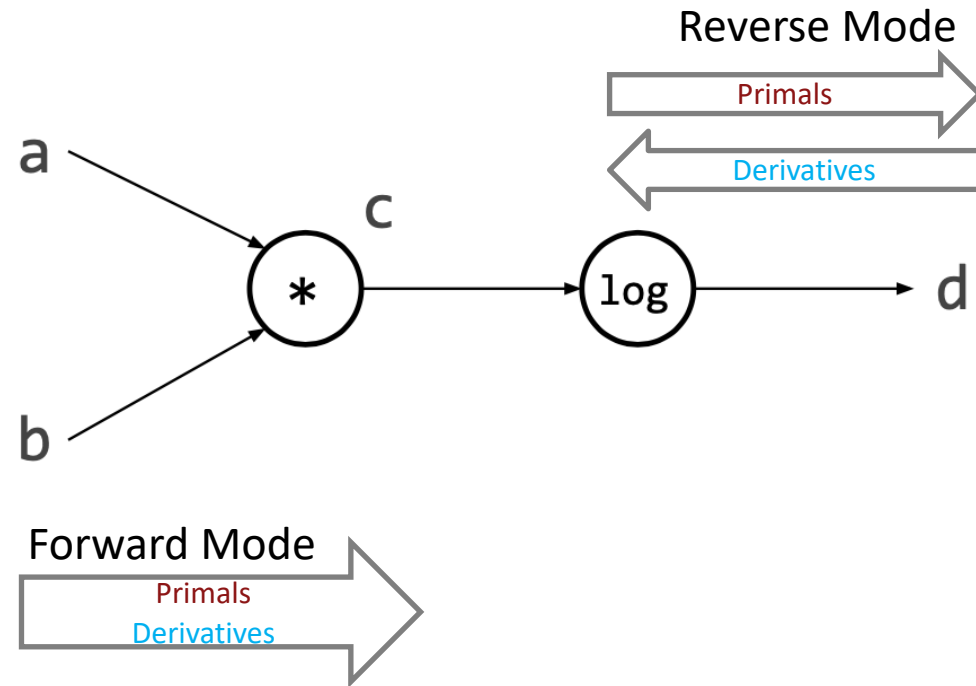
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