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Deep Learning



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Lecture 5: A Review of Artificial Neural Networks (4)

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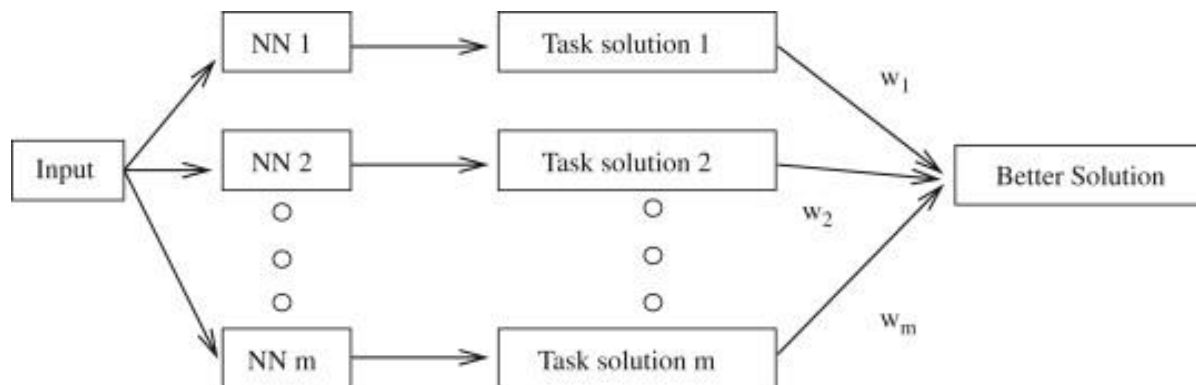
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Model Ensembles

- One reliable approach to improving the performance of Neural Networks
 - Train multiple independent models
 - At test time average their predictions
- **Disadvantage**
 - Take longer to evaluate on test example



Model Ensembles

1. Same model, different initializations

- Use cross-validation to determine the best hyperparameters
- train multiple models with different random initialization
- **Danger:** variety is only due to initialization.

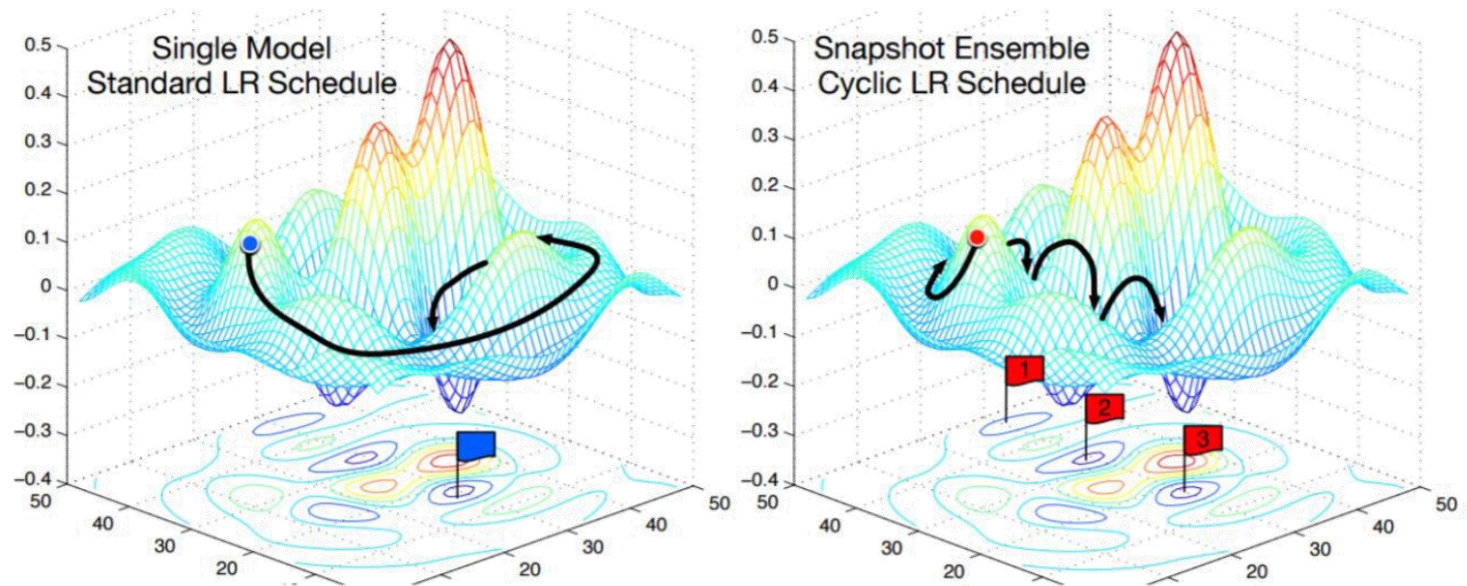
2. Top models discovered during cross-validation.

- Use cross-validation to determine the best hyperparameters
- pick the top few (e.g. 10) models to form the ensemble
- **Danger:** including suboptimal models

Model Ensembles

3. Different checkpoints of a single model

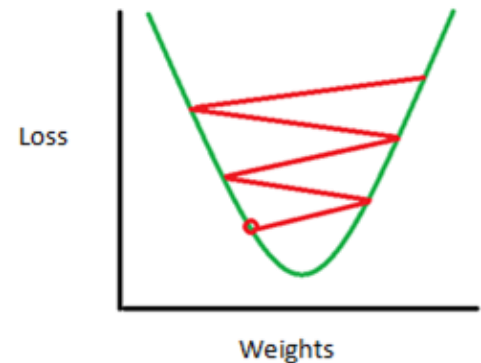
- taking different checkpoints of a single network over time
- when training is very expensive
- **Danger:** lack of variety



Model Ensembles

4. Running average of parameters during training

- **Averaging** the state of the network over last several iterations
- Maintain a second copy of the network's weights with exponentially decaying sum of previous weights
- **Smoothed version** of the weights over last few steps almost always achieves better validation error
- **Why?**
- Network is jumping around the mode
- Higher chance of being nearer the mode



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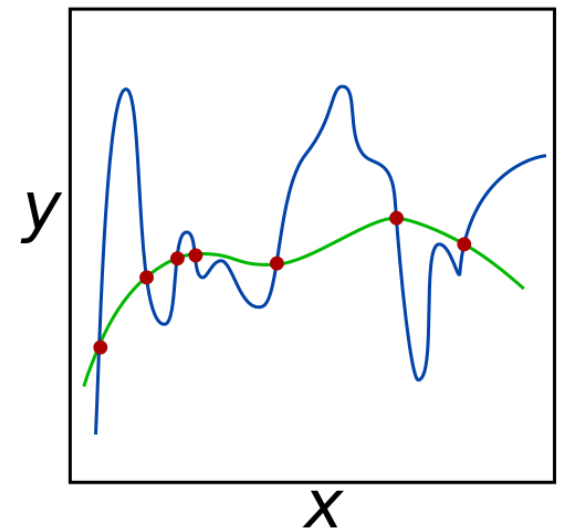
Regularization

- Definition

- A process of introducing additional information in order to **solve an ill-posed problem** or to **prevent overfitting**.

- Usage

- Learn simpler models
- Induce models to be sparse
- Introduce group structure into the learning problem
- ...



Regularization

- A regularization term (or regularizer) $R(f)$ is added to a loss function
 - V : loss function
 - $f(x)$: predicted value
 - λ : A parameter which controls the importance of the regularization term

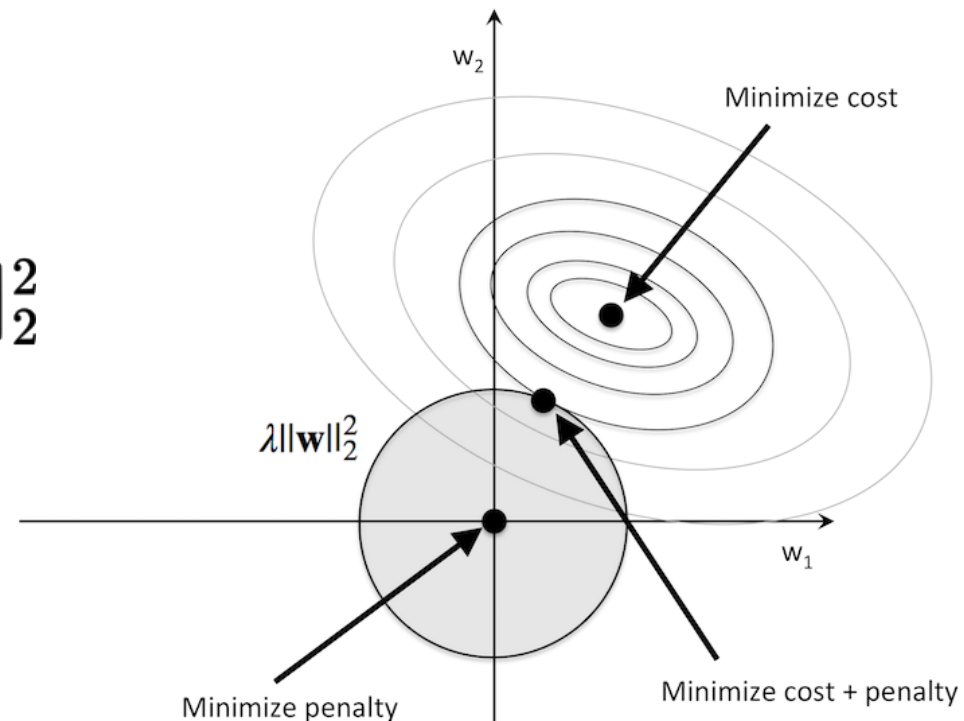
$$\min_f \sum_{i=1}^n V(f(x_i), y_i) + \lambda R(f)$$

- Regularization introduces a penalty for exploring certain regions of the function space
 - used to build the model, which can improve generalization.

Controlling the capacity of Neural Networks to prevent overfitting

1. L2 regularization (Tikhonov regularization or Weight decay)
 - The most common form of regularization

$$\min_f \sum_{i=1}^n V(f(x_i), y_i) + \lambda \|w\|_2^2$$

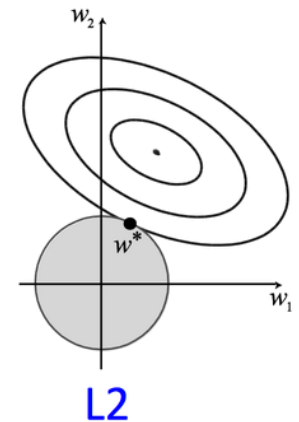
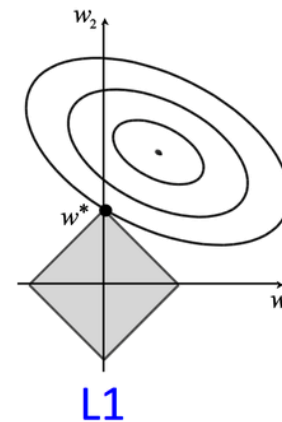


Controlling the capacity of Neural Networks to prevent overfitting

2. L1 regularization

- Relatively common form of regularization
- Leads the weight vectors to become sparse
 - Very close to exactly zero
- Using only a sparse subset of their most important inputs

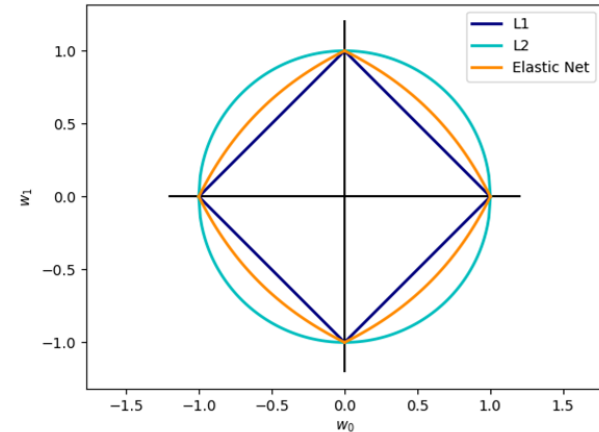
$$\min_f \sum_{i=1}^n V(f(x_i), y_i) + \lambda \|w\|_1$$



Controlling the capacity of Neural Networks to prevent overfitting

3. Elastic net regularization

- L1 + L2



4. Max norm constraints

- Enforce an absolute upper bound on the magnitude of the weight vector for every neuron
- Clamping the weight vector w of every neuron to satisfy $\|w\|_2 < c$
- Network cannot “explode” even when the learning rates are set too high

5. Dropout

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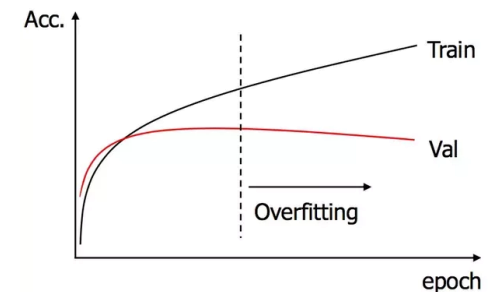
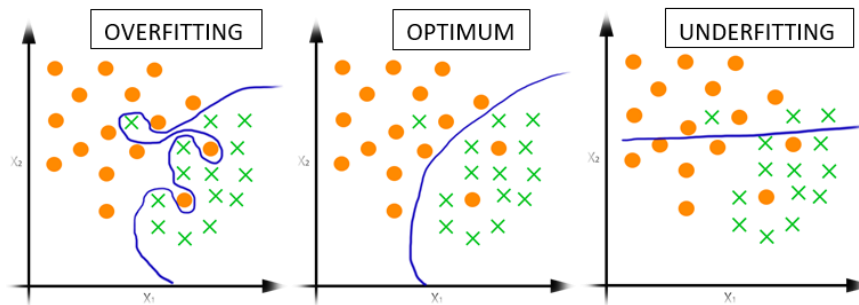
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Dropout

- Dropout can be considered as a bagging technique
 - Averages over a large amount of models with tied parameters.
- Dropout can generate smoother objective surface
- A pretrain technique
 - we may pretrain a DNN using dropout to quickly find a relatively good initial point
 - Then fine-tune the DNN without using dropout

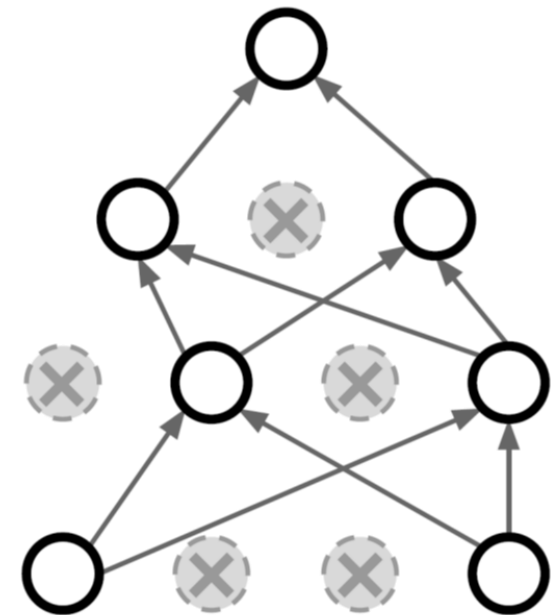
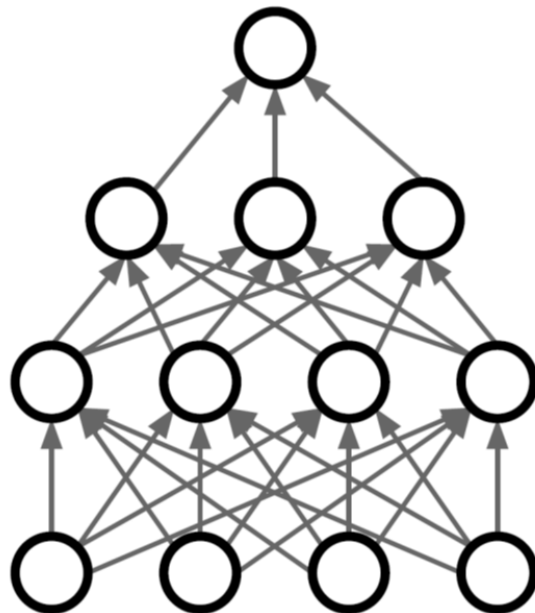
Dropout

- Deep neural nets with a large number of parameters are very powerful machine learning systems
- **Overfitting** is a serious problem in Deep networks
- Large networks model ensembles are slow to use
 - Difficult to deal with overfitting by combining many different large neural nets
- Dropout is a technique for addressing this problem.



Dropout

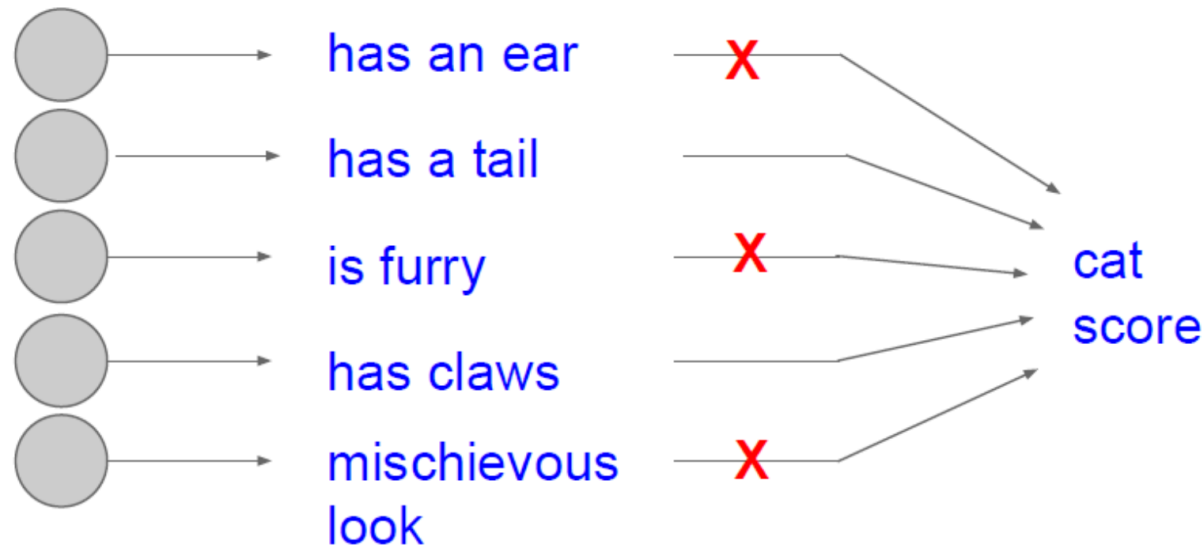
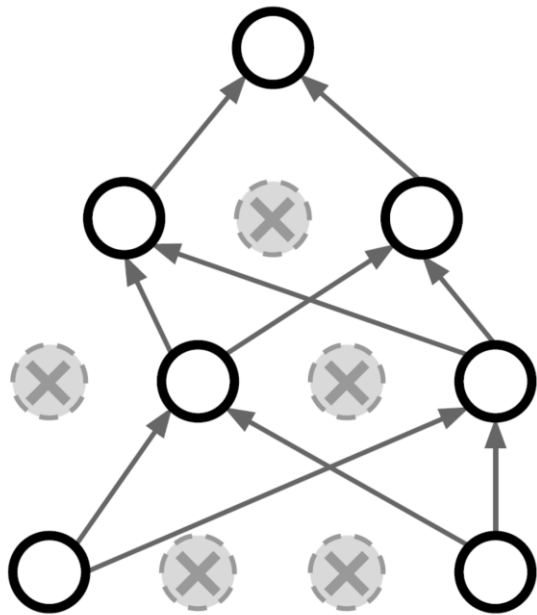
- The term **dropout** refers to dropping out units
 - Randomly set some neurons to zero
 - Probability of retaining is a hyperparameter
 - $p = 0.5$ is common



[Srivastava et al, 2014]

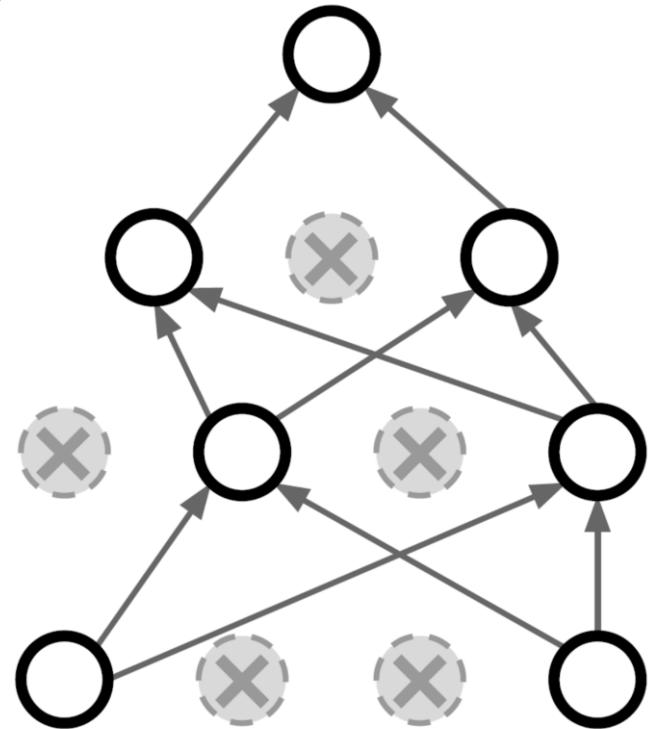
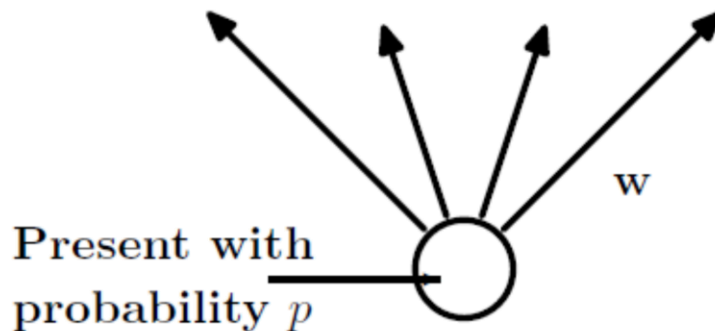
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- How can this possibly be a good idea?
 - Forces the network to have a redundant representation
 - Prevents co-adaptation of features



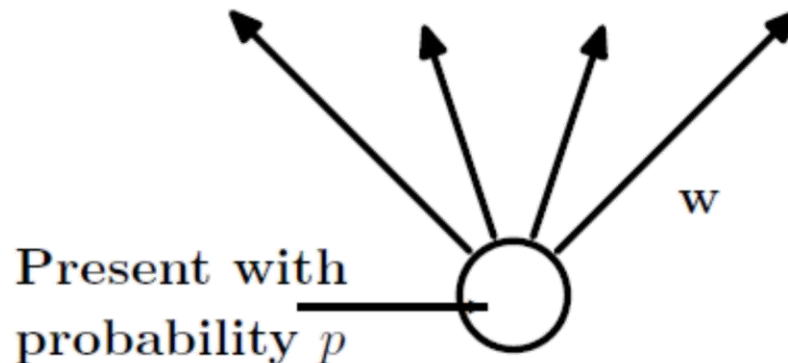
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- How can this possibly be a good idea?
 - A neural net with n units, can be seen as a collection of 2^n possible thinned neural networks
 - A large ensemble of models
 - These networks all share weights
 - Each binary mask is one model
 - An FC layer with 4096 units
 - $2^{4096} \sim 10^{1233}$ possible masks



Dropout

- In the simplest case, each unit is retained with a fixed probability p independent of other units.
- p can be chosen using a validation set or can simply be set at 0.5.
- For the input units, however, the optimal probability of retention is usually closer to 1 than to 0.5.



Dropout

- At test time
 - It is not feasible to explicitly average the predictions from exponentially many thinned models

$$\boxed{y} = f_W(\boxed{x}, \boxed{z})$$

Output (label) Input (image) Random mask

- Want to “average out” the randomness at test-time

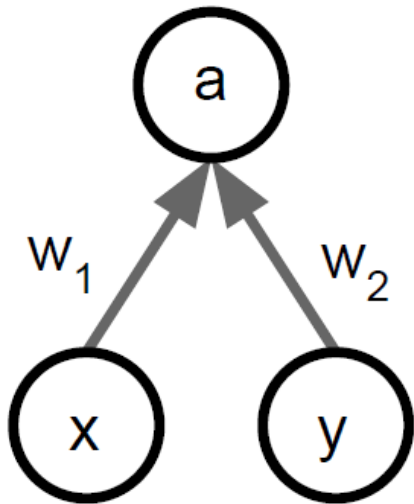
$$y = f(x) = E_z[f(x, z)] = \int p(z) f(x, z) dz$$

- But this integral seems hard ...

Dropout

- Want to approximate the integral
 - Consider a single neuron

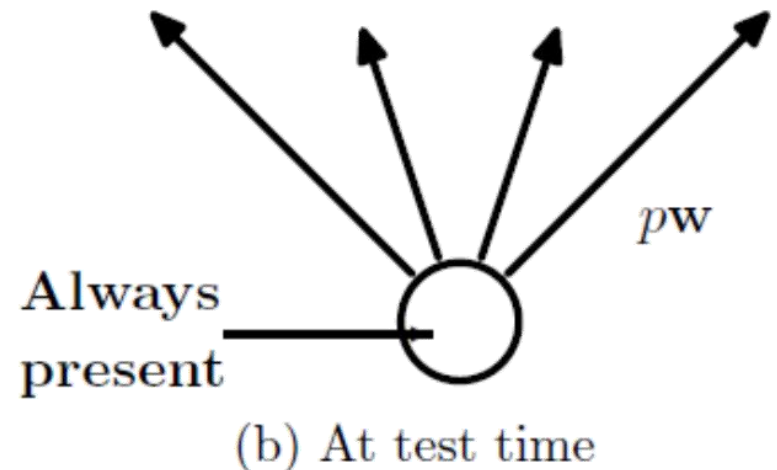
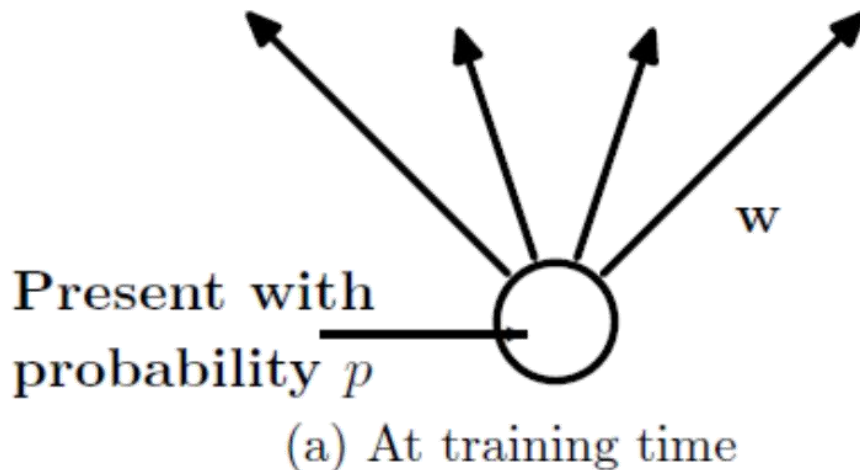
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$$\begin{aligned} E[a] &= \frac{1}{4}(w_1x + w_2y) + \frac{1}{4}(w_1x + 0y) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{4}(0x + 0y) + \frac{1}{4}(0x + w_2y) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(w_1x + w_2y) \end{aligned}$$

Dropout

- Idea
 - Use a single neural net at test time without dropout
 - Multiply each weight by dropout probability



Dropout (MNIST)

Method	Unit Type	Architecture	Error %
Standard Neural Net (Simard et al., 2003)	Logistic	2 layers, 800 units	1.60
SVM Gaussian kernel	NA	NA	1.40
Dropout NN	Logistic	3 layers, 1024 units	1.35
Dropout NN	ReLU	3 layers, 1024 units	1.25
Dropout NN + max-norm constraint	ReLU	3 layers, 1024 units	1.06
Dropout NN + max-norm constraint	ReLU	3 layers, 2048 units	1.04
Dropout NN + max-norm constraint	ReLU	2 layers, 4096 units	1.01
Dropout NN + max-norm constraint	ReLU	2 layers, 8192 units	0.95
Dropout NN + max-norm constraint (Goodfellow et al., 2013)	Maxout	2 layers, (5×240) units	0.94
DBN + finetuning (Hinton and Salakhutdinov, 2006)	Logistic	500-500-2000	1.18
DBM + finetuning (Salakhutdinov and Hinton, 2009)	Logistic	500-500-2000	0.96
DBN + dropout finetuning	Logistic	500-500-2000	0.92
DBM + dropout finetuning	Logistic	500-500-2000	0.79

Dropout (TIMIT)

Method	Phone Error Rate%
NN (6 layers) (Mohamed et al., 2010)	23.4
Dropout NN (6 layers)	21.8
DBN-pretrained NN (4 layers)	22.7
DBN-pretrained NN (6 layers) (Mohamed et al., 2010)	22.4
DBN-pretrained NN (8 layers) (Mohamed et al., 2010)	20.7
mcRBM-DBN-pretrained NN (5 layers) (Dahl et al., 2010)	20.5
DBN-pretrained NN (4 layers) + dropout	19.7
DBN-pretrained NN (8 layers) + dropout	19.7

Table 7: Phone error rate on the TIMIT core test set.

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- **Training:** stochastic behavior in the forward pass
 - Add some kind of randomness

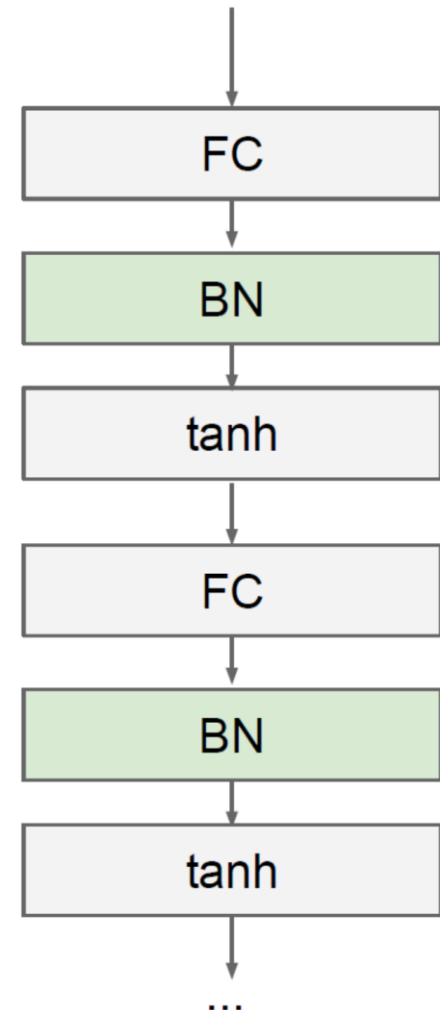
$$y = f_W(x, z)$$

- **Testing:** the noise is marginalized
 - Average out randomness
 - **Analytically:** as is the case with dropout when multiplying by p
 - **Numerically:** e.g. via sampling, by performing several forward passes with different random decisions and then averaging them

$$y = f(x) = E_z[f(x, z)] = \int p(z)f(x, z)dz$$

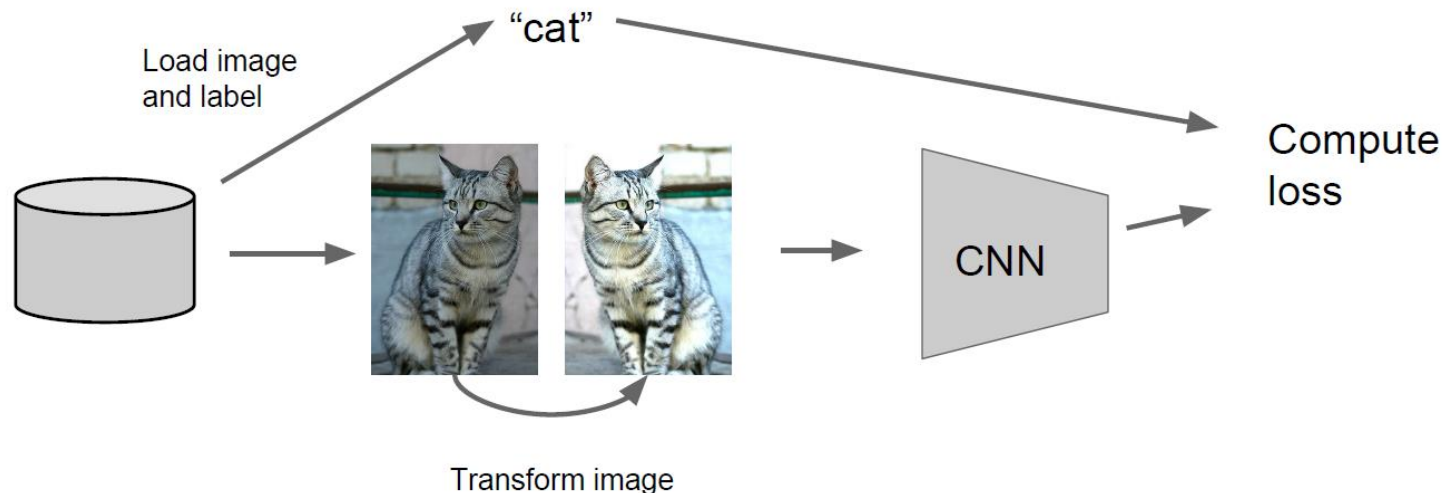
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- **Example: Batch Normalization**
 - **Training** (kind of randomness)
 - Normalize using stats from random minibatches
 - **Testing** (Average out randomness)
 - Use fixed stats to normalize



Regularization: A common pattern

- Example: Data Augmentation
 - Training (kind of randomness)
 - Transform image (Horizontal Flips, Random crops, ...)
 - Testing (Average out randomness)
 - Sample random Transform



Regularization: A common pattern

- ResNet
 - **Training** : sample random crops / scales
 - Pick random L in range [256, 480]
 - Resize training image, short side = L
 - Sample random 224 x 224 patch
 - **Testing** : average a fixed set of crops
 - Resize image at 5 scales: {224, 256, 384, 480, 640}
 - For each size, use 10 224 x 224 crops: 4 corners + center, + flips

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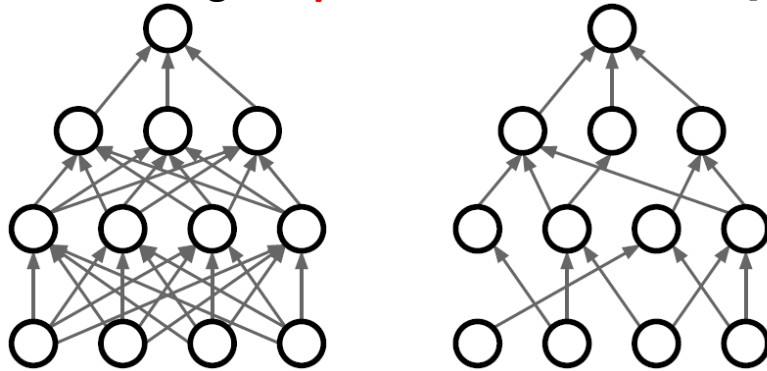
Get creative for your problem!

- Random mix/combinations of
 - Translation
 - contrast and brightness
 - rotation
 - stretching
 - shearing
 - lens distortions, ...

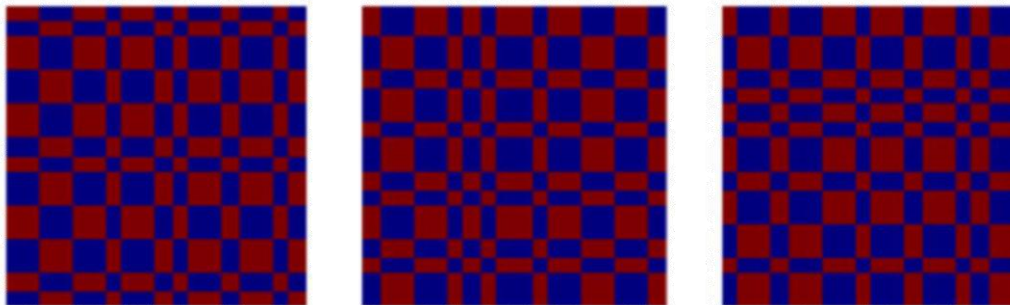
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- Other Examples

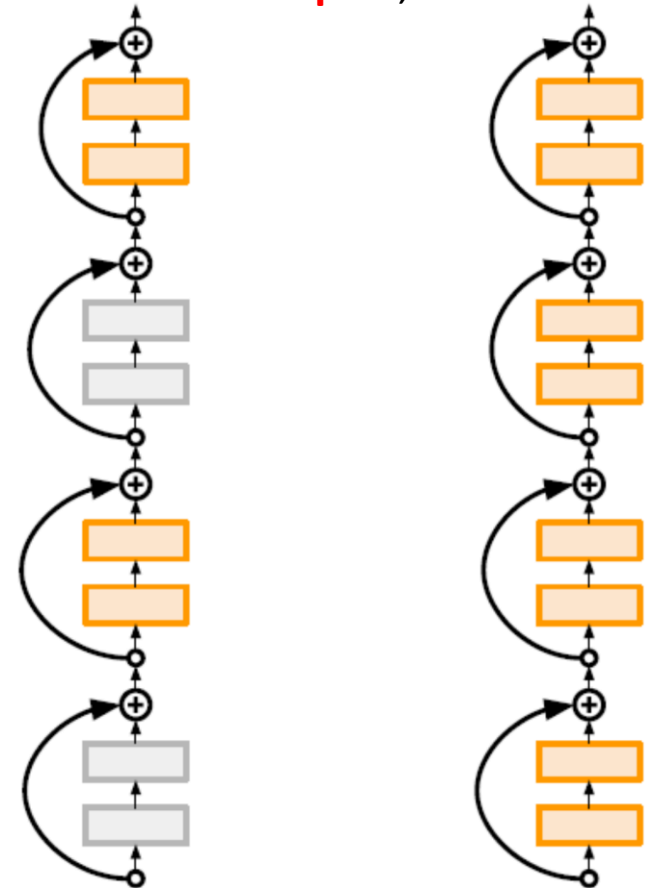
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