# Multilayer Networks

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#### Input

Vector *x*<sub>1</sub> . . . *x*<sub>d</sub>

inputs encoded as real numbers



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multiply inputs by weights 2



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Activation

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$$
f(z) \equiv \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)}
$$

pass through nonlinear sigmoid

### Why is it called activation?



#### In the shallow end

- This is still logistic regression
- Engineering features *x* is difficult (and requires expertise)
- Can we learn how to represent inputs into final decision?

#### Better name: non-linearity



• Logistic / Sigmoid

$$
f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \qquad (1)
$$

• tanh

$$
f(x) = \tanh(x) = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2x}} - 1
$$
\n(2)

• ReLU

$$
f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ x & \text{for } x \ge 0 \end{cases}
$$
 (3)

• SoftPlus:  $f(x) = \ln(1+e^x)$ 



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Putting it all together:

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- Going forward, we'll set  $\lambda = 0$ , as adding it back in is relatively simple

## Gradient Descent

Goal

Optimize *J* with respect to variables *W* and *b*



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(chain rule)

#### Partial Derivatives

• For weights, the partial derivatives are

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ji}^{(l)}} J(W, b; x, y) = a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}
$$
\n(10)

• For the bias terms, the partial derivatives are

$$
\frac{\partial}{\partial b_j^{(l)}} J(W, b; x, y) = \delta_h^{(l+1)}
$$
\n(11)

• But this is just for a single example . . .

#### Full Gradient Descent Algorithm

- 1. Initialize  $U^{(l)}$  and  $V^{(l)}$  as zero
- 2. For each example  $i = 1...m$ 
	- 2.1 Use backpropagation to compute  $\nabla_W J$  and  $\nabla_b J$
	- 2.2 Update weight shifts  $U^{(l)} = U^{(l)} + \nabla_{W^{(l)}} J(W, b; x, y)$
	- 2.3 Update bias shifts  $V^{(l)} = V^{(l)} + \nabla_{b^{(l)}} J(W, b; x, y)$
- 3. Update the parameters

$$
W^{(l)} = W^{(l)} - \alpha \left[ \left( \frac{1}{m} U^{(l)} \right) \right]
$$
\n
$$
b^{(l)} = b^{(l)} - \alpha \left[ \frac{1}{m} V^{(l)} \right]
$$
\n(12)\n(13)

4. Repeat until weights stop changing

## But it is not perfect

- Compare against baselines: randomized features, nearest-neighbors, linear models
- Optimization is hard (alchemy)
- Models are often not interpretable
- Requires specialized hardware and tons of data to scale