DATA ANALYTICS USING DEEP LEARNING

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LECTURE #13:TRAINING NEURAL NETWORKS (PT 2)

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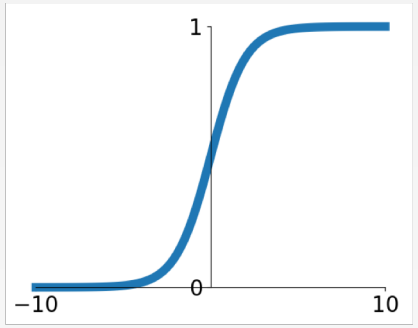
ADMINISTRIVIA

- Reminders
  - Assignment 1 grades released
  - Project progress reports due in two weeks
  - Assignment 2 due in three weeks

LAST TIME: ACTIVATION FUNCTIONS

Sigmoid

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



tanh

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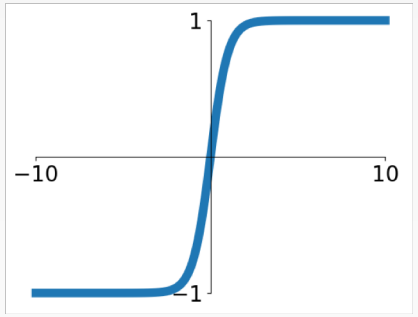

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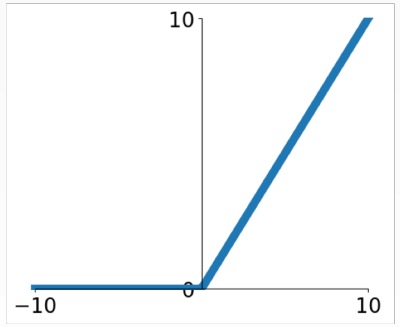
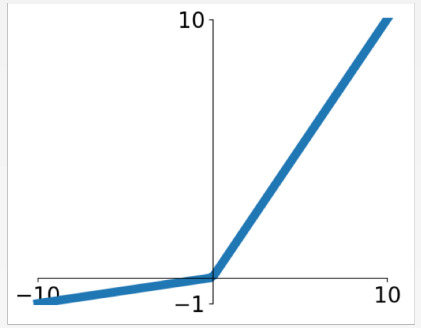


Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$



Maxout

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

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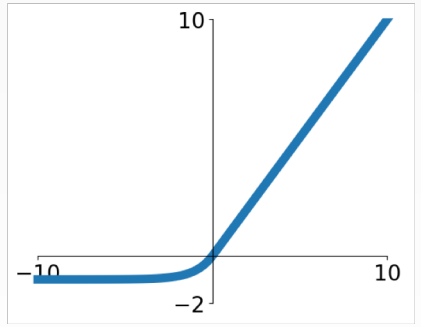

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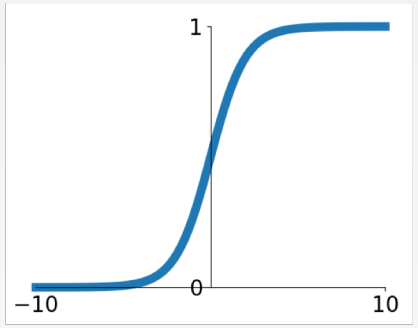

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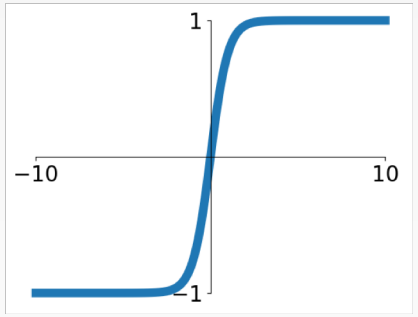

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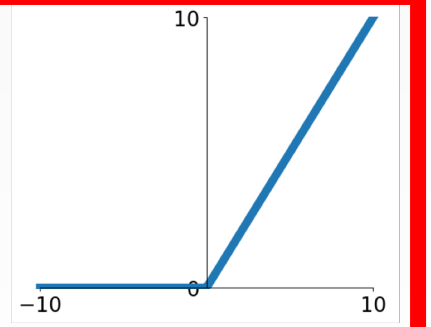
Good default choice



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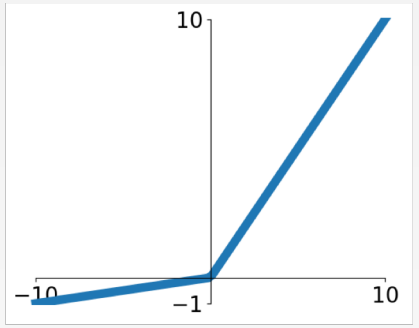

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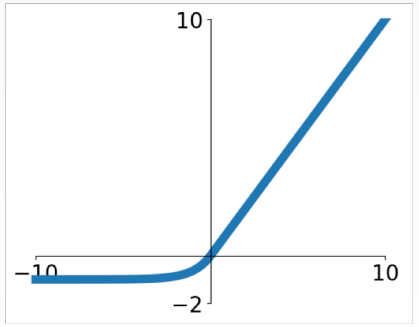
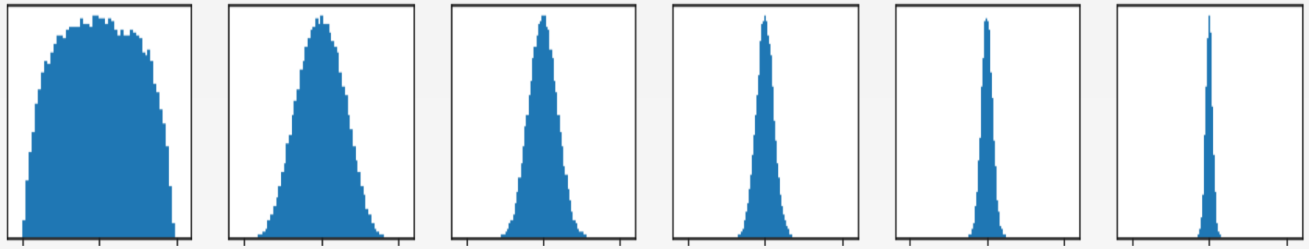
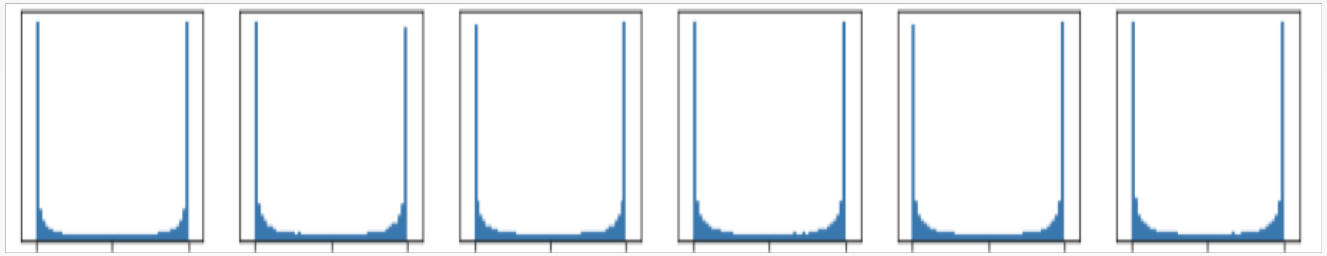


LAST TIME: WEIGHT INITIALIZATION



Initialization too small:
Activations go to zero, gradients also zero,
No learning =(



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Activations saturate (for tanh),
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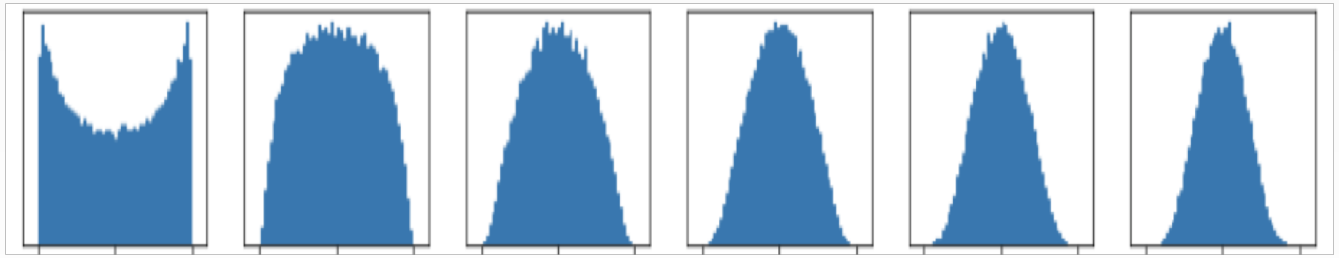
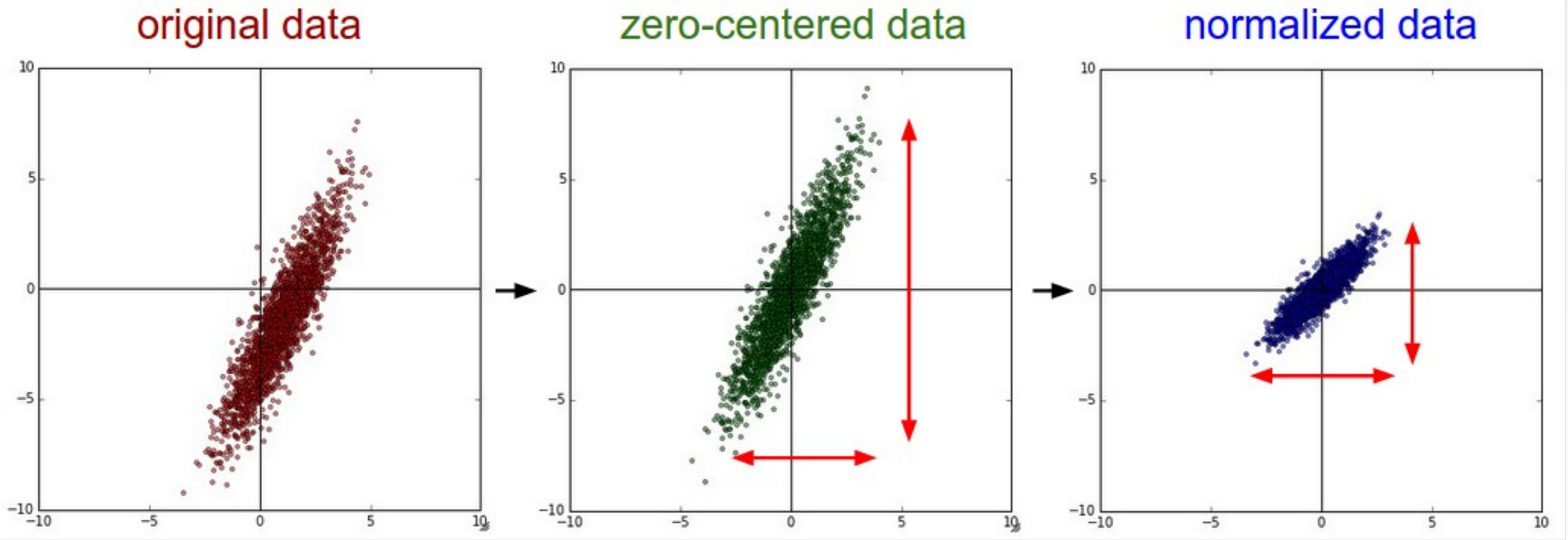


Initialization just right:
Nice distribution of activations at all layers,
Learning proceeds nicely

LAST TIME: DATA PREPROCESSING



LAST TIME: BATCH NORMALIZATION

[Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015]

Input: $x : N \times D$

Learnable scale and shift parameters:

$$\gamma, \beta : D$$

Learning $\gamma = \sigma$
$\beta = \mu$ will recover the identity function!

$$\mu_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i,j}$$

Per-channel mean, shape is D

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_{i,j} - \mu_j)^2$$

Per-channel var, shape is D

$$\hat{x}_{i,j} = \frac{x_{i,j} - \mu_j}{\sqrt{\sigma_j^2 + \varepsilon}}$$

Normalized x, Shape is N x D

$$y_{i,j} = \gamma_j \hat{x}_{i,j} + \beta_j$$

Output, Shape is N x D

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Improve your training error:
  - Optimizers
  - Learning rate schedules
- Improve your test error
  - Regularization
  - Choosing hyperparameters

OPTIMIZATION

OPTIMIZATION: SGD

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# Vanilla Gradient Descent

while True:
  weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)
  weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
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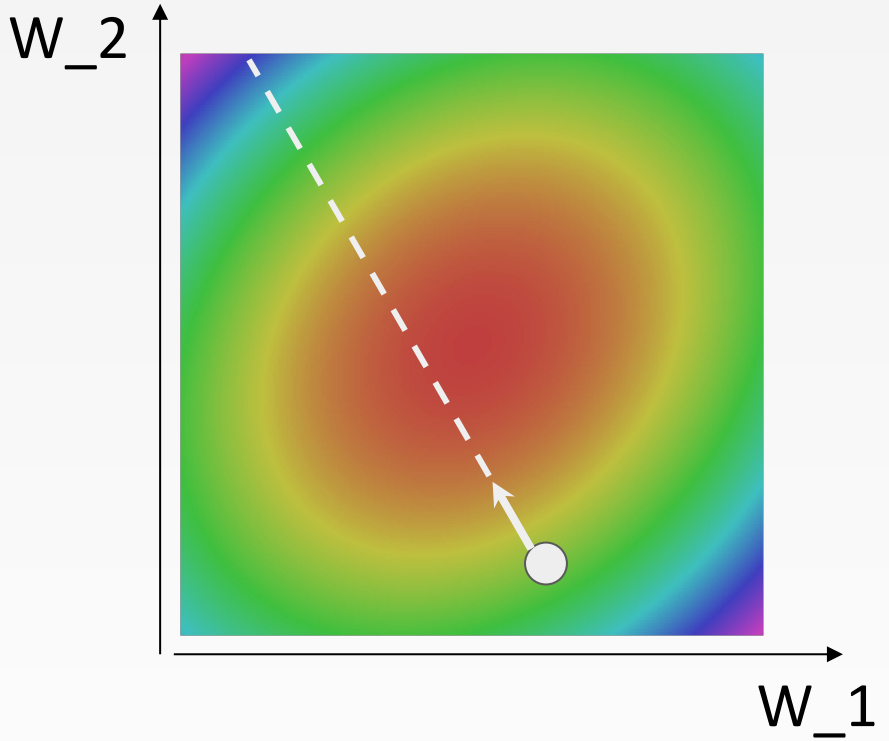

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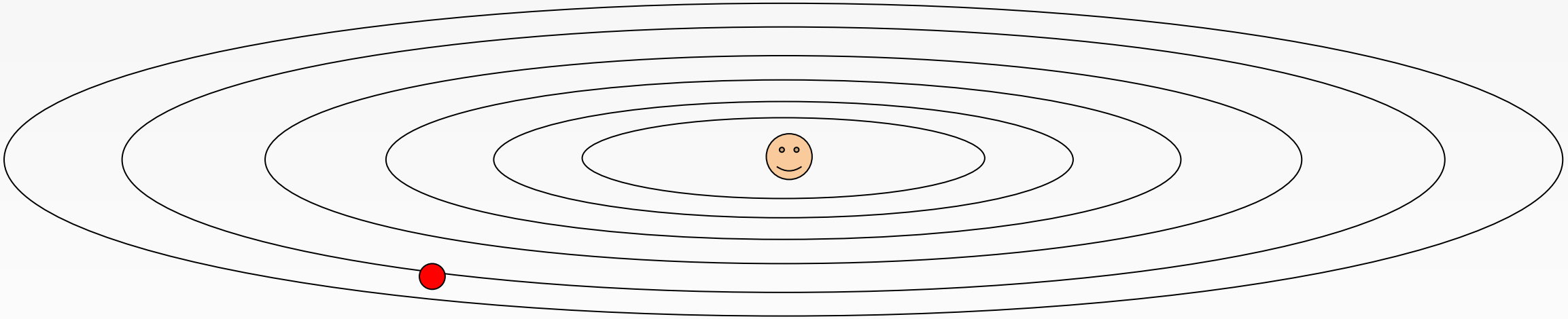

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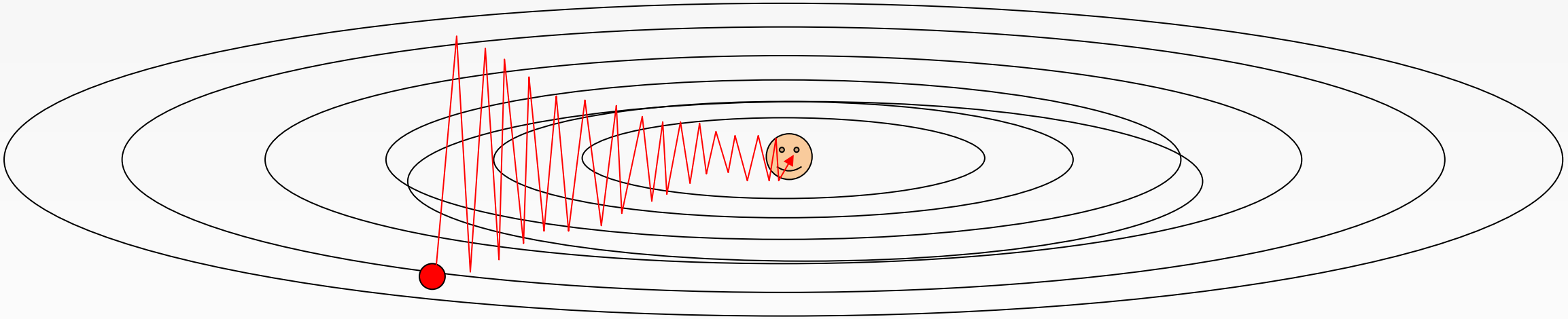
What does gradient descent do?
Very slow progress along shallow dimension, jitter along steep direction



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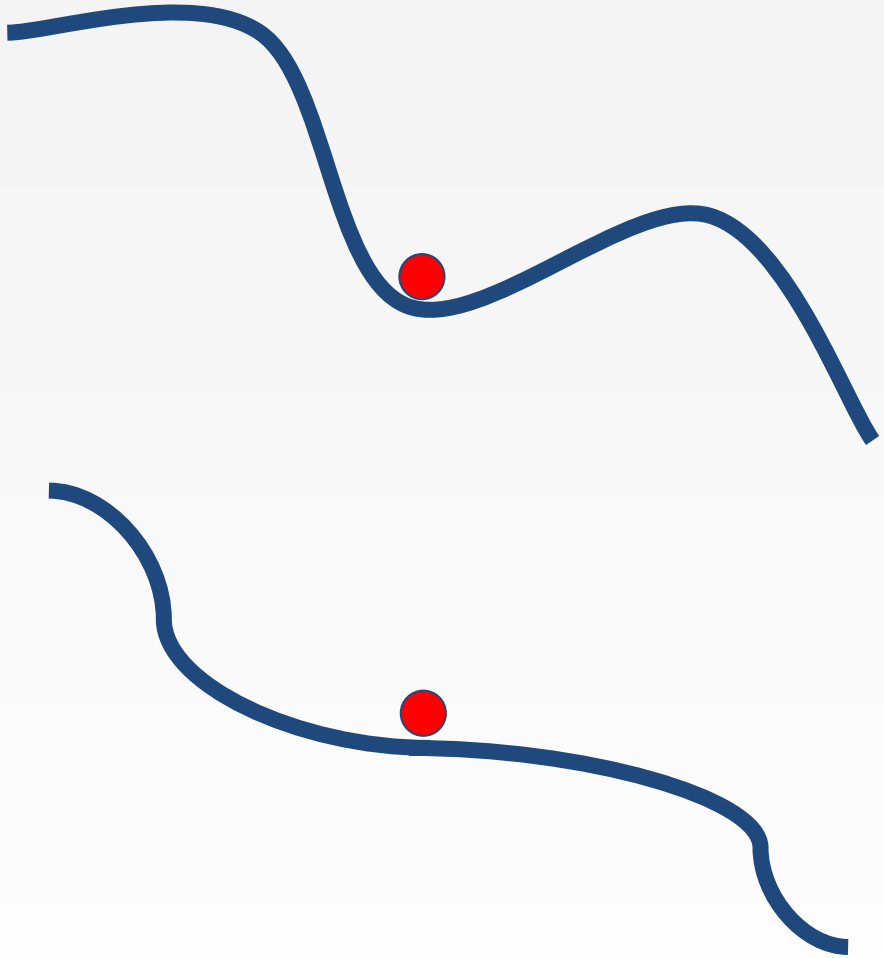
Zero gradient, gradient descent gets stuck



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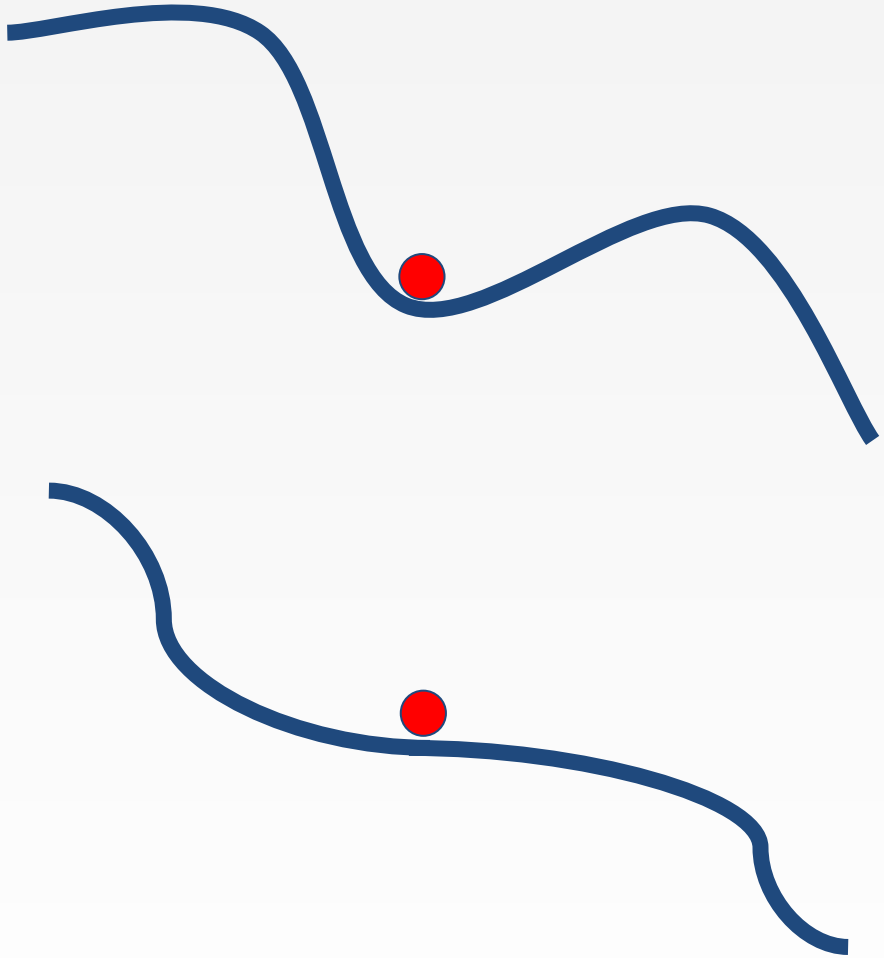
Saddle points much more common than local minima in high dimension



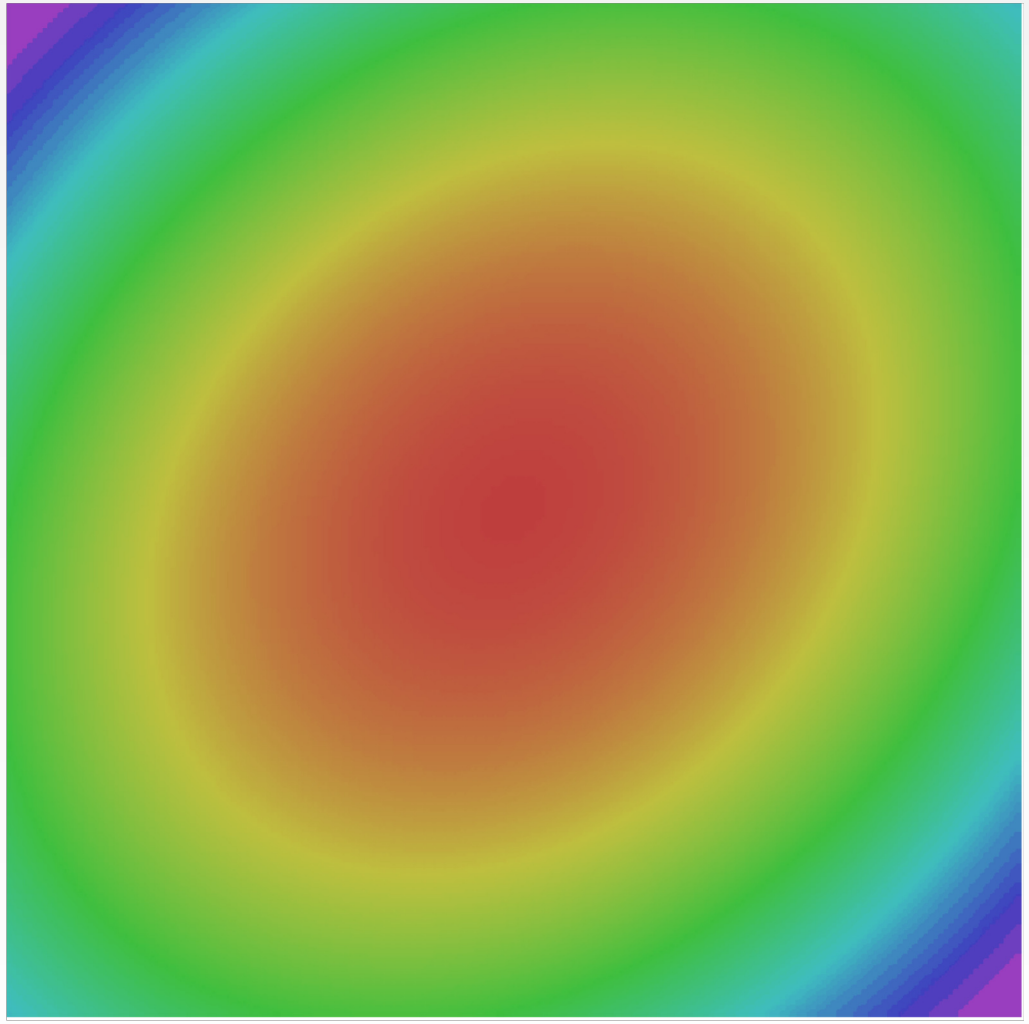
Dauphin et al, "Identifying and attacking the saddle point problem in high-dimensional non-convex optimization", NIPS 2014

OPTIMIZATION: PROBLEMS WITH SGD

Our gradients come from minibatches so they can be noisy!

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$$

$$\nabla_W L(W) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} \nabla_W L_i(x_i, y_i, W)$$



SGD + MOMENTUM

SGD

$$x_{t+1} = x_t - \alpha \nabla f(x_t)$$

```
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  x -= learning_rate * dx
```

SGD+Momentum

$$v_{t+1} = \rho v_t + \nabla f(x_t)$$
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```
vx = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  vx = rho * vx + dx
  x -= learning_rate * vx
```

- Build up “velocity” as a running mean of gradients
- Rho gives “friction”; typically rho=0.9 or 0.99

Sutskever et al, “On the importance of initialization and momentum in deep learning”, ICML 2013

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You may see SGD+Momentum formulated different ways, but they are equivalent - given same sequence of x

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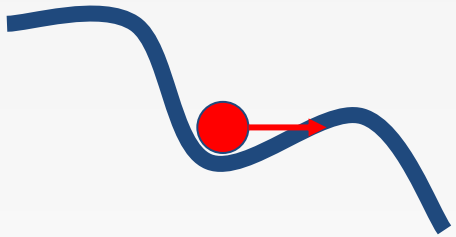
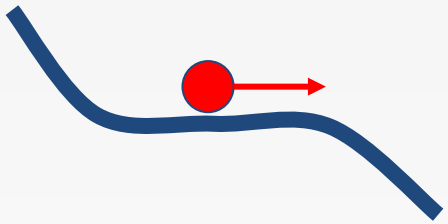
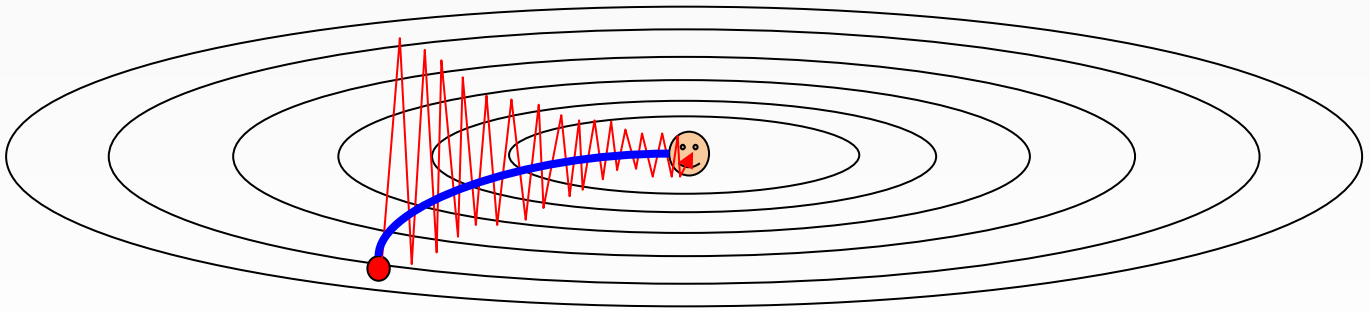
Local Minima



Saddle points



Poor Conditioning



Gradient Noise

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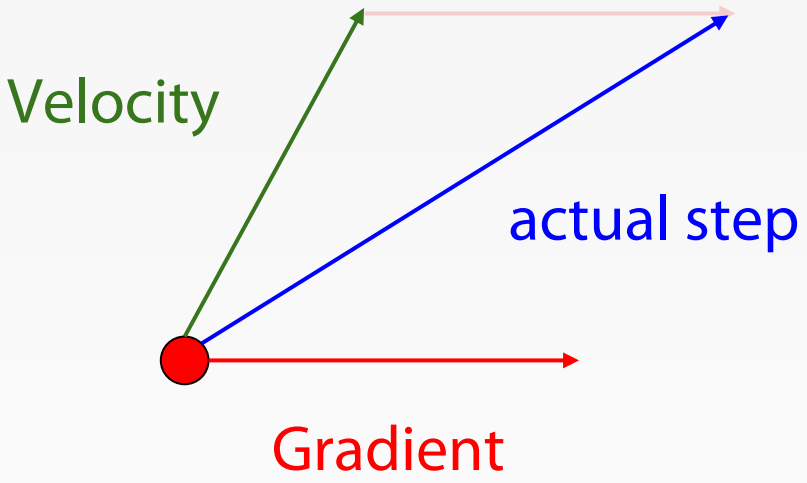
Momentum update:



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NESTEROV MOMENTUM

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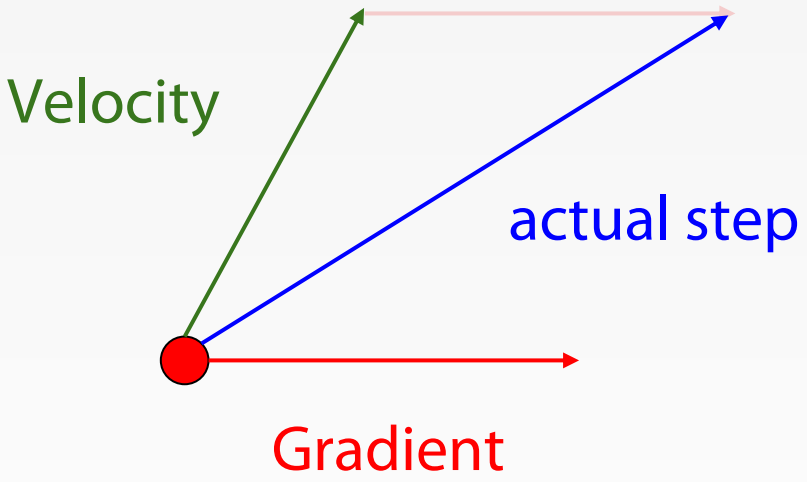

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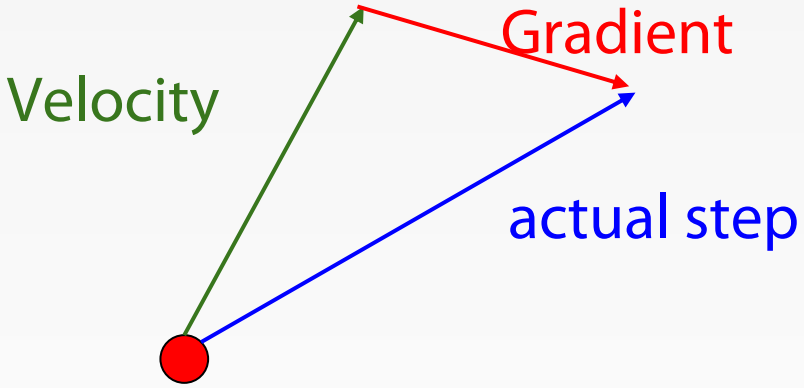

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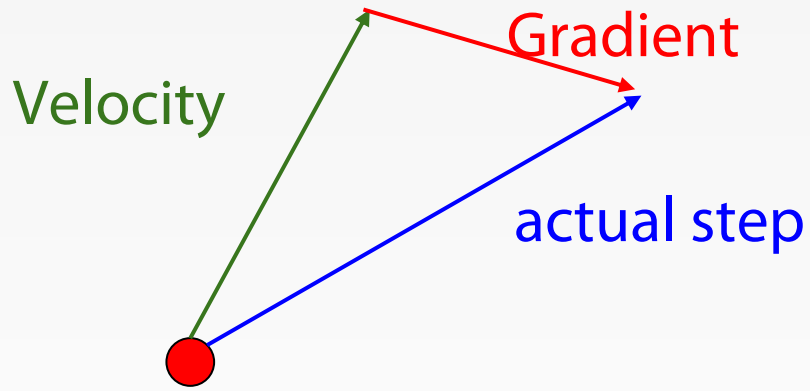

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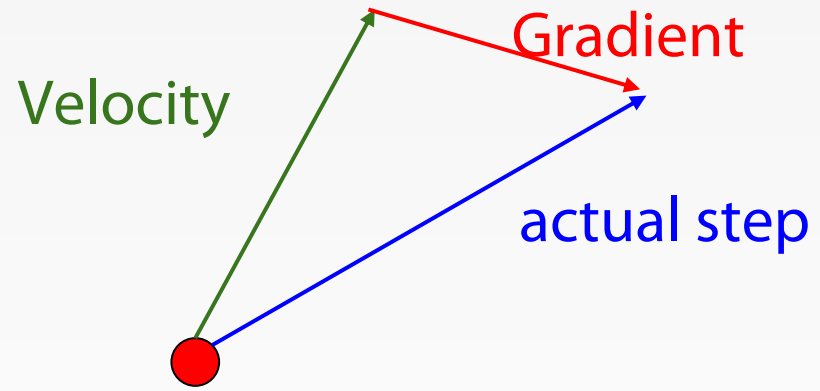

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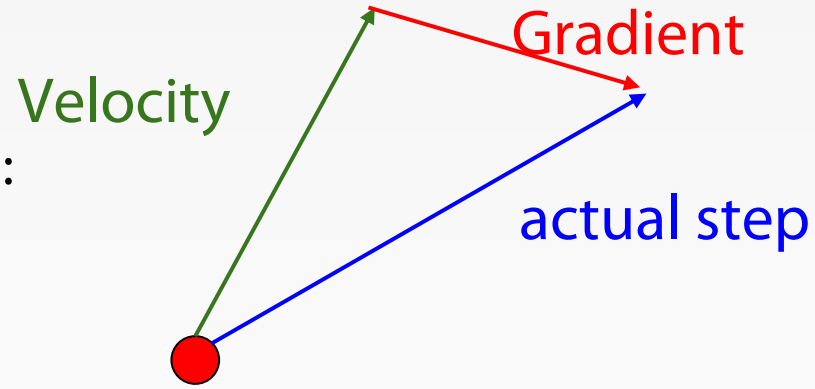

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old_v = v
v = rho * v - learning_rate * dx
x += -rho * old_v + (1 + rho) * v
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Nesterov

ADAGRAD

```
grad_squared = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  grad_squared += dx * dx
  x -= learning_rate * dx / (np.sqrt(grad_squared) + 1e-7)
```

Added element-wise scaling of the gradient based on the historical sum of squares in each dimension

"Per-parameter learning rates"
or "adaptive learning rates"

Duchi et al, "Adaptive subgradient methods for online learning and stochastic optimization", JMLR 2011

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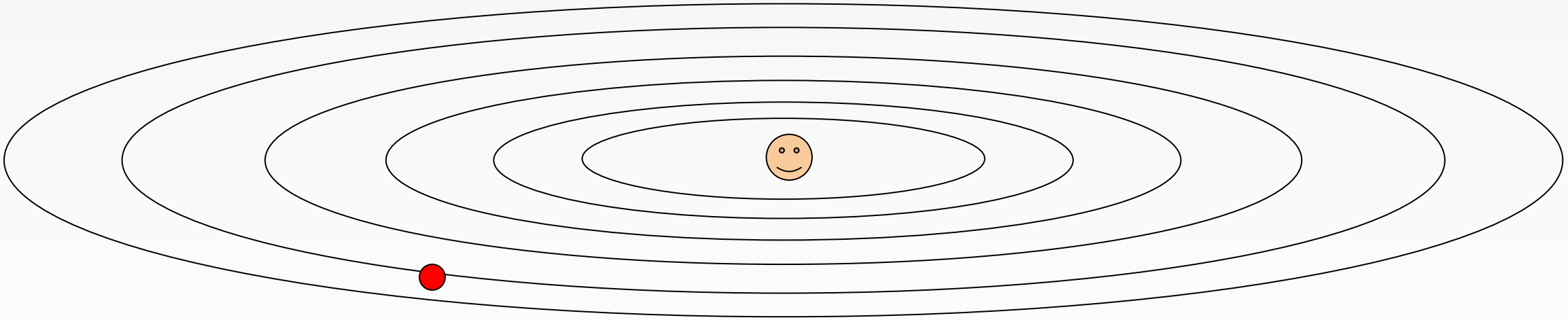

Q: What happens with AdaGrad?

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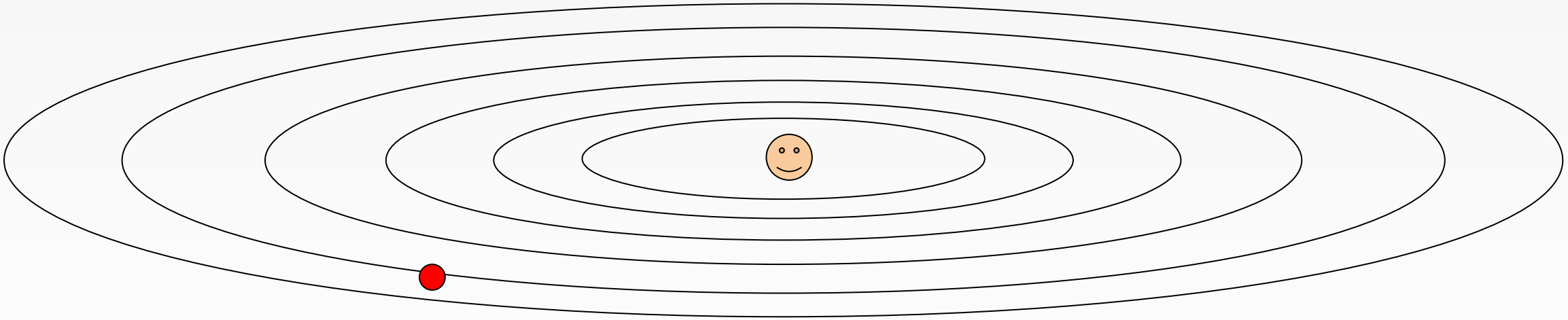

Q: What happens with AdaGrad?

Progress along “steep” directions is damped; progress along “flat” directions is accelerated

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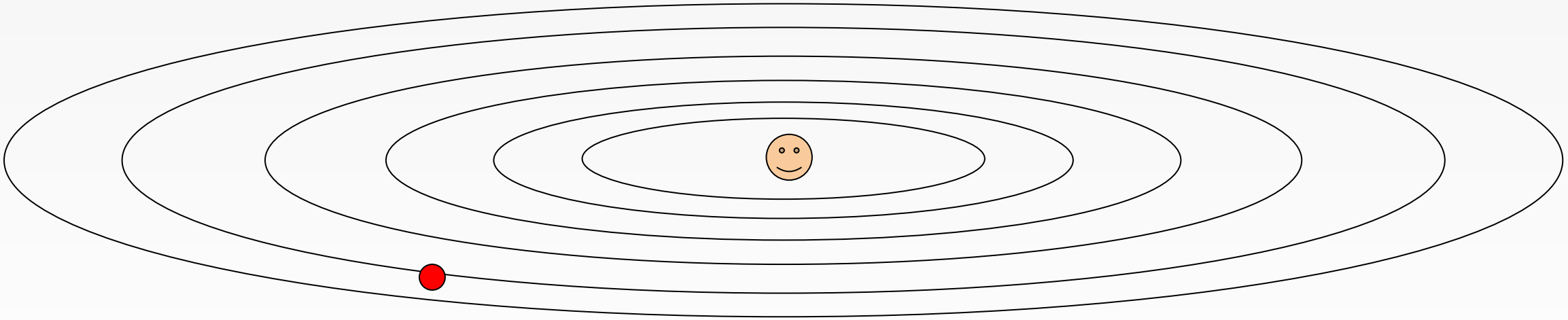

Q2: What happens to the step size over long time?

RMSPROP: "LEAKY ADAGRAD"

AdaGrad

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RMSProp

```
grad_squared = 0
while True:
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
  grad_squared = decay_rate * grad_squared + (1 - decay_rate) * dx * dx
  x -= learning_rate * dx / (np.sqrt(grad_squared) + 1e-7)
```

Tieleman and Hinton, 2012

RMSPROP

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RMSProp

ADAM (ALMOST)

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second_moment = 0
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Momentum

AdaGrad / RMSProp

Sort of like RMSProp with momentum

Q: What happens at first timestep?

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ADAM (FULL FORM)

```
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for t in range(1, num_iterations):
  dx = compute_gradient(x)
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  second_moment = beta2 * second_moment + (1 - beta2) * dx * dx
  first_unbias = first_moment / (1 - beta1 ** t)
  second_unbias = second_moment / (1 - beta2 ** t)
  x -= learning_rate * first_unbias / (np.sqrt(second_unbias) + 1e-7))
```

Momentum

Bias correction

AdaGrad / RMSProp

Bias correction for the fact that first and second moment estimates start at zero

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  first_unbias = first_moment / (1 - beta1 ** t)
  second_unbias = second_moment / (1 - beta2 ** t)
  x -= learning_rate * first_unbias / (np.sqrt(second_unbias) + 1e-7))
```

Momentum

Bias correction

AdaGrad / RMSProp

Bias correction for the fact that first and second moment estimates start at zero

Adam with beta1 = 0.9, beta2 = 0.999, and learning_rate = 1e-3 or 5e-4 is a great starting point for many models!

Kingma and Ba, "Adam: A method for stochastic optimization", ICLR 2015

ADAM

SGD

SGD+Momentum

RMSProp

Adam

LEARNING RATE SCHEDULES

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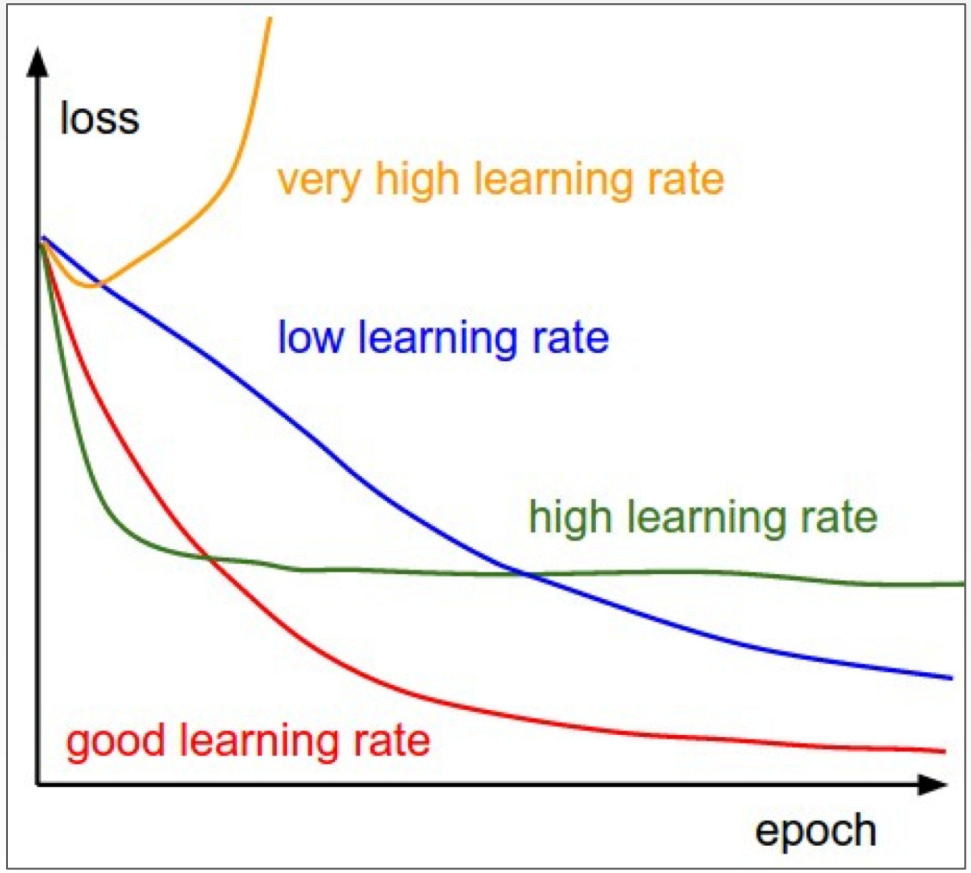

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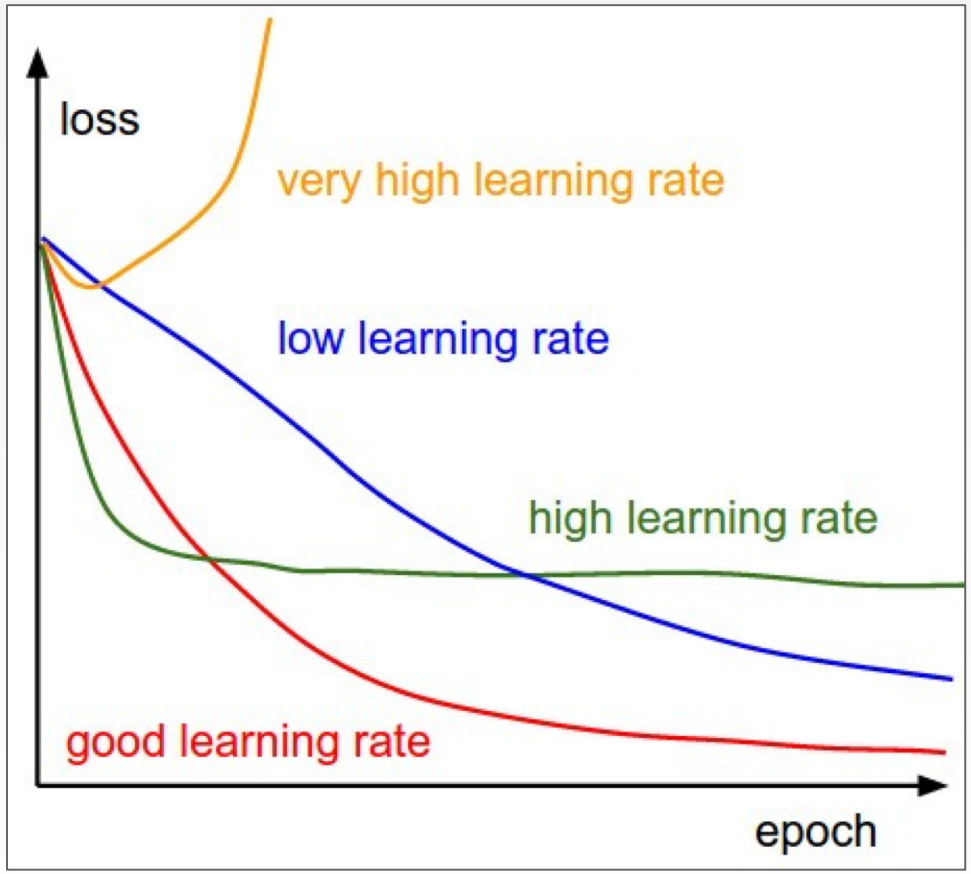

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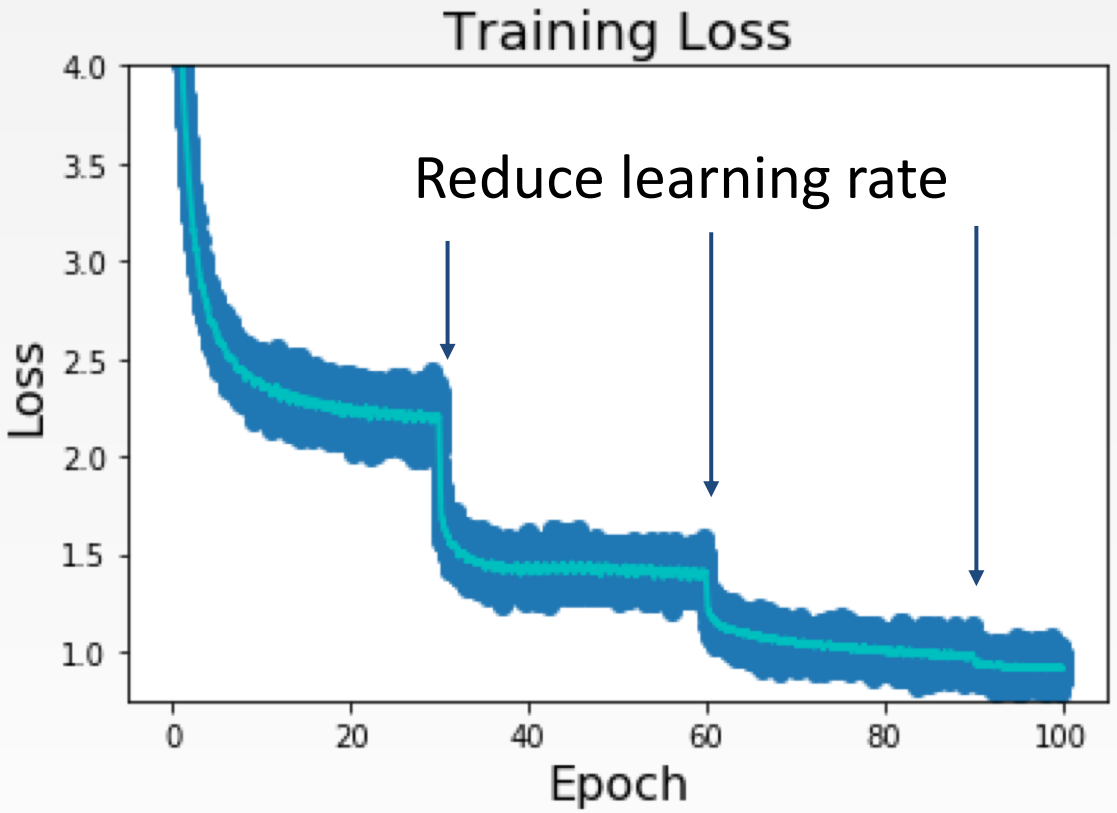
A: All of them! Start with large learning rate and decay over time

LEARNING RATE DECAY



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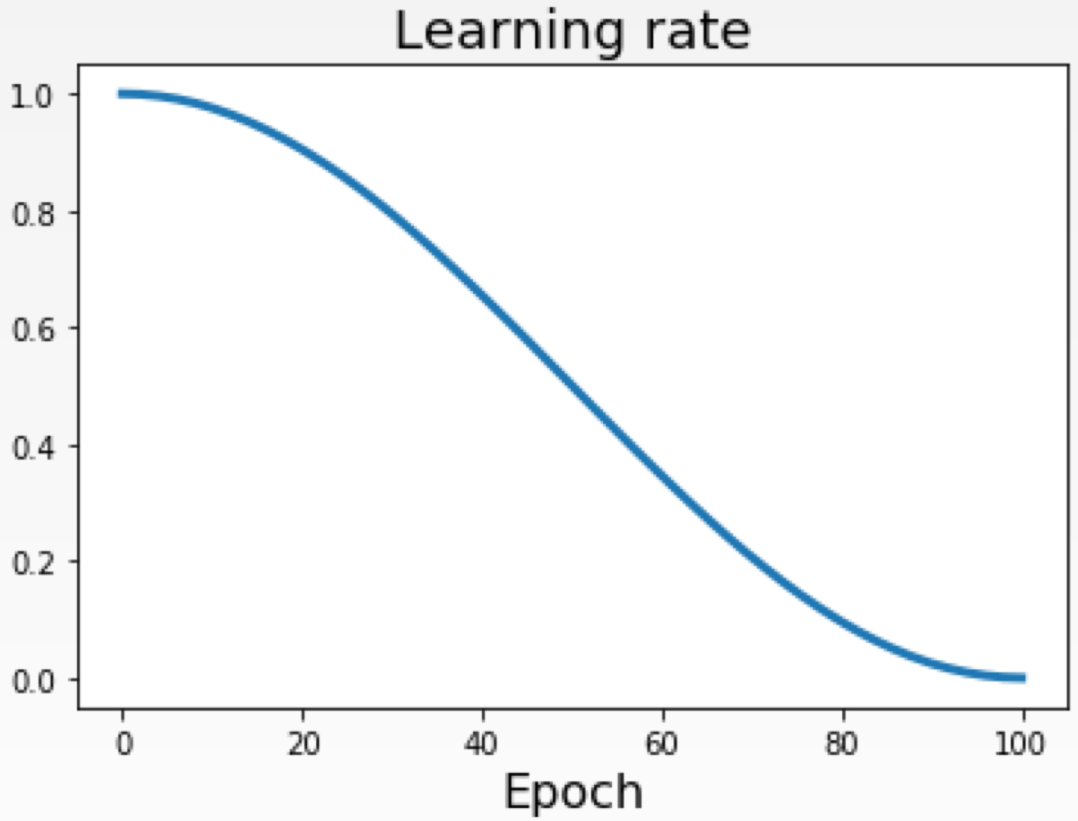

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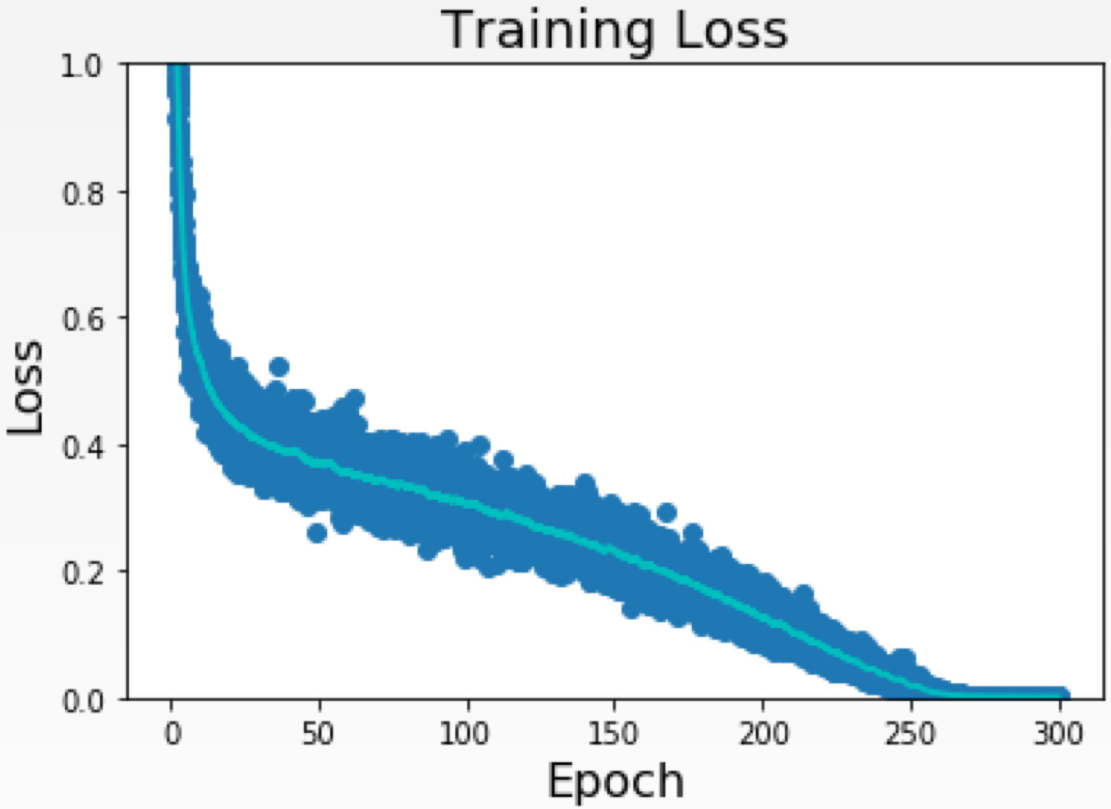

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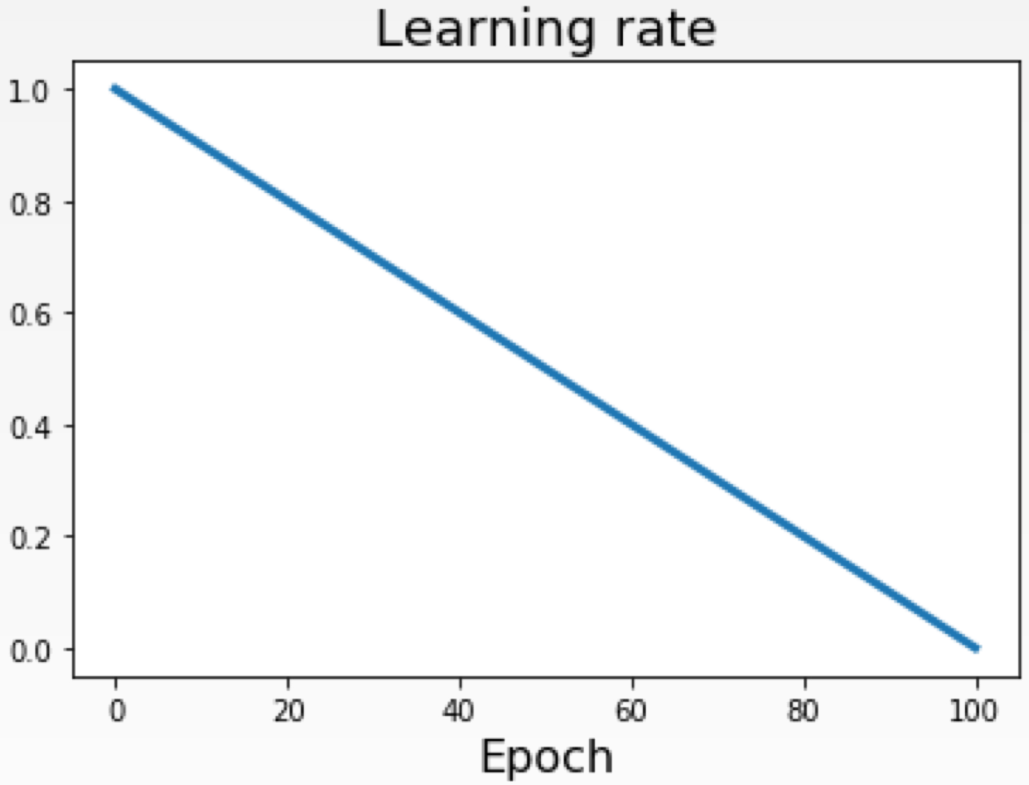

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Devlin et al, "BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding", 2018

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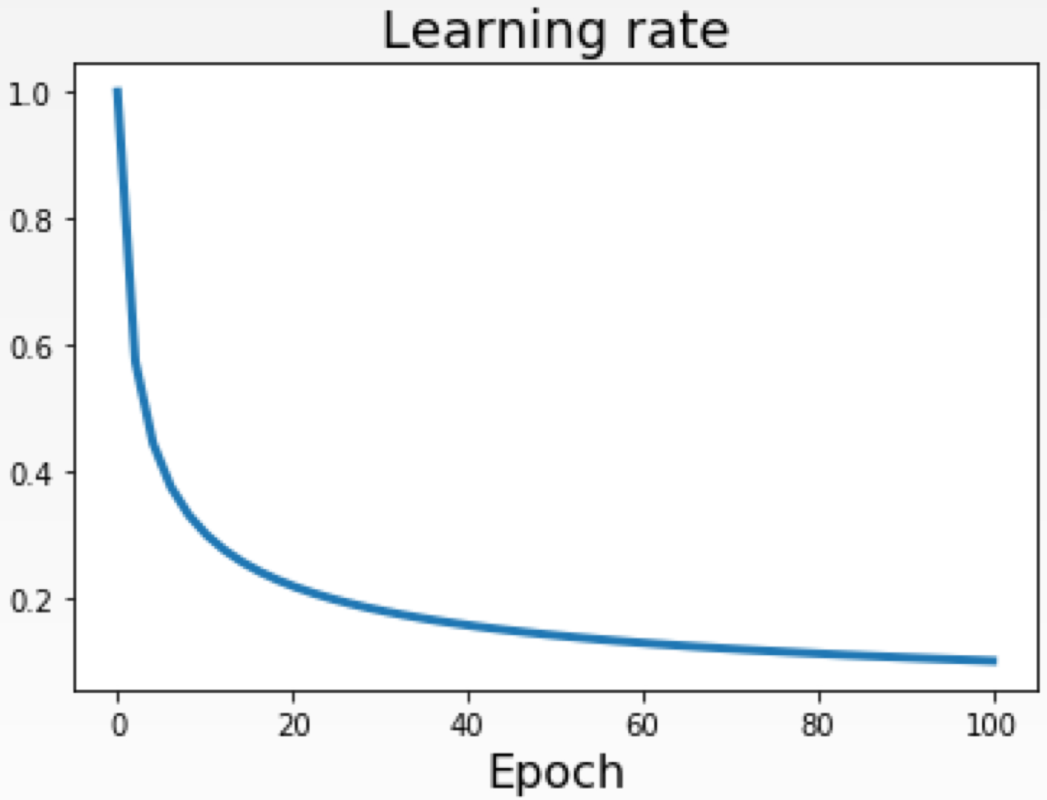

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Inverse sqrt: $\alpha_t = \alpha_0/\sqrt{t}$

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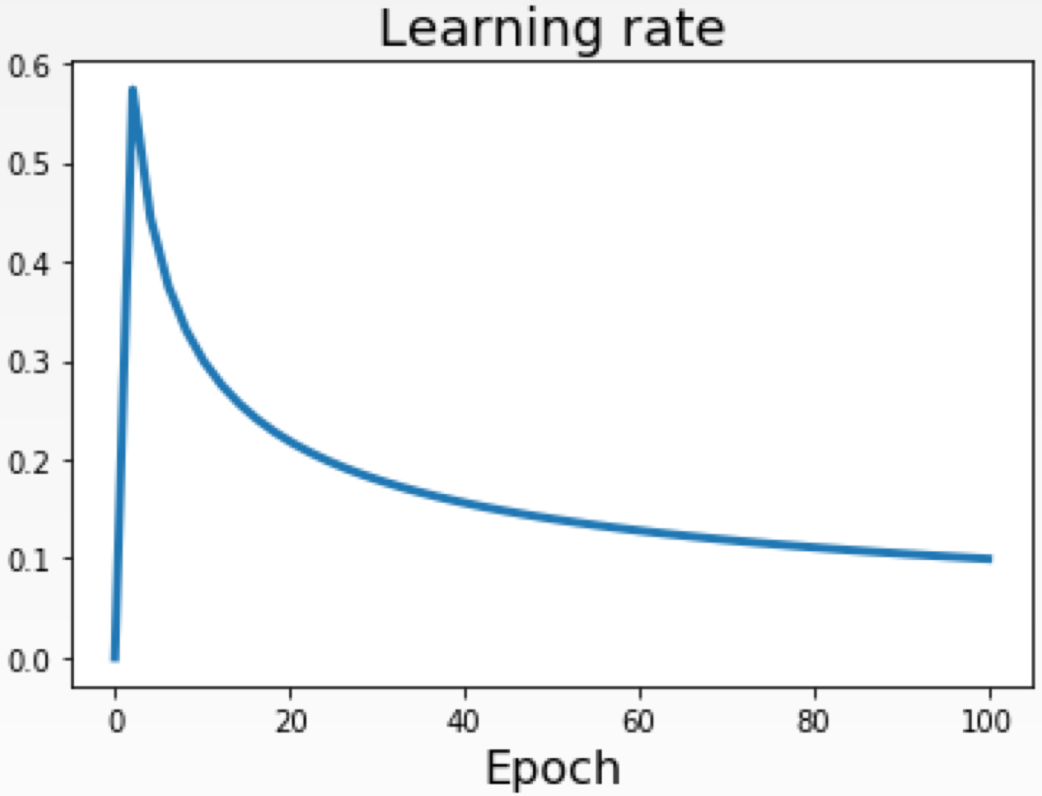
Vaswani et al, "Attention is all you need", NIPS 2017

LEARNING RATE DECAY: LINEAR WARMUP

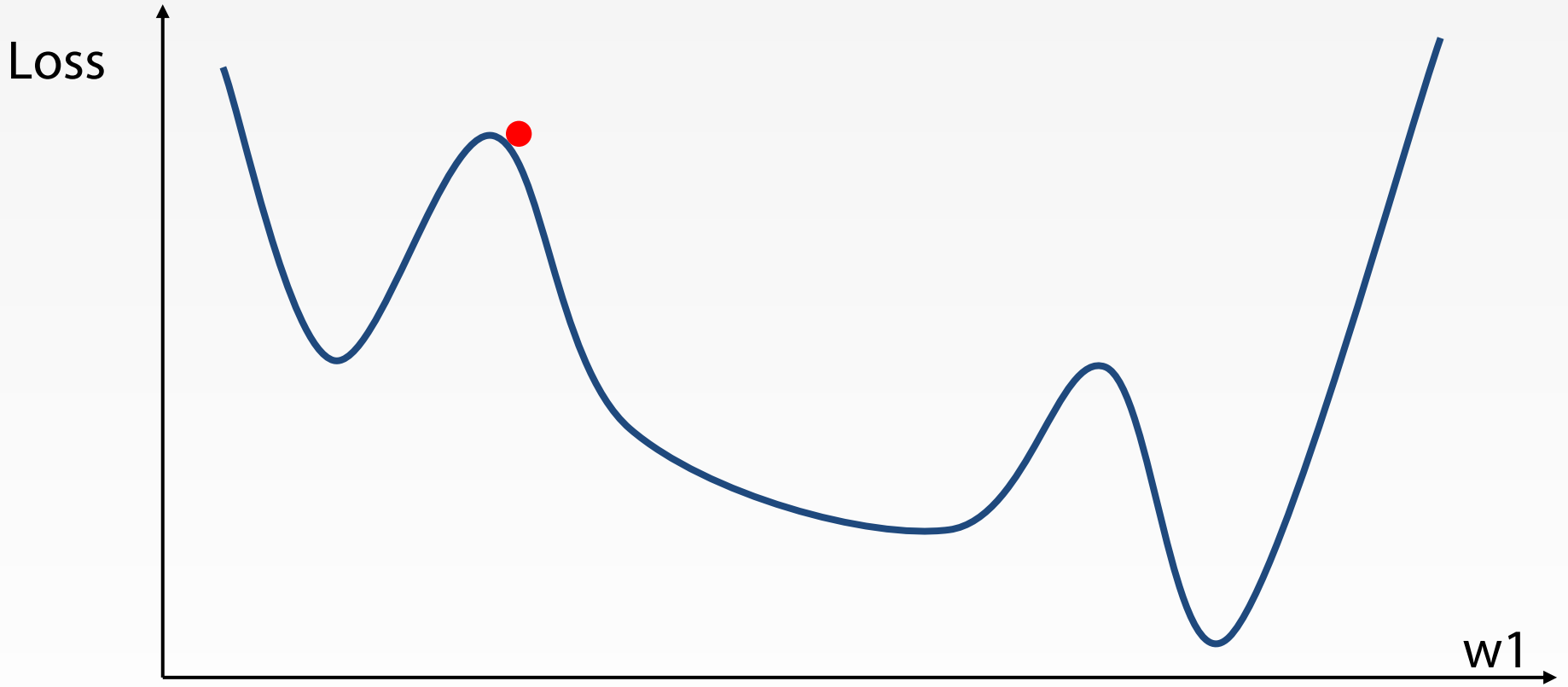


High initial learning rates can make loss explode; linearly increasing learning rate from 0 over the first ~5000 iterations can prevent this

Empirical rule of thumb: If you increase the batch size by N, also scale the initial learning rate by N

Goyal et al, "Accurate, Large Minibatch SGD: Training ImageNet in 1 Hour", arXiv 2017

FIRST-ORDER OPTIMIZATION



FIRST-ORDER OPTIMIZATION

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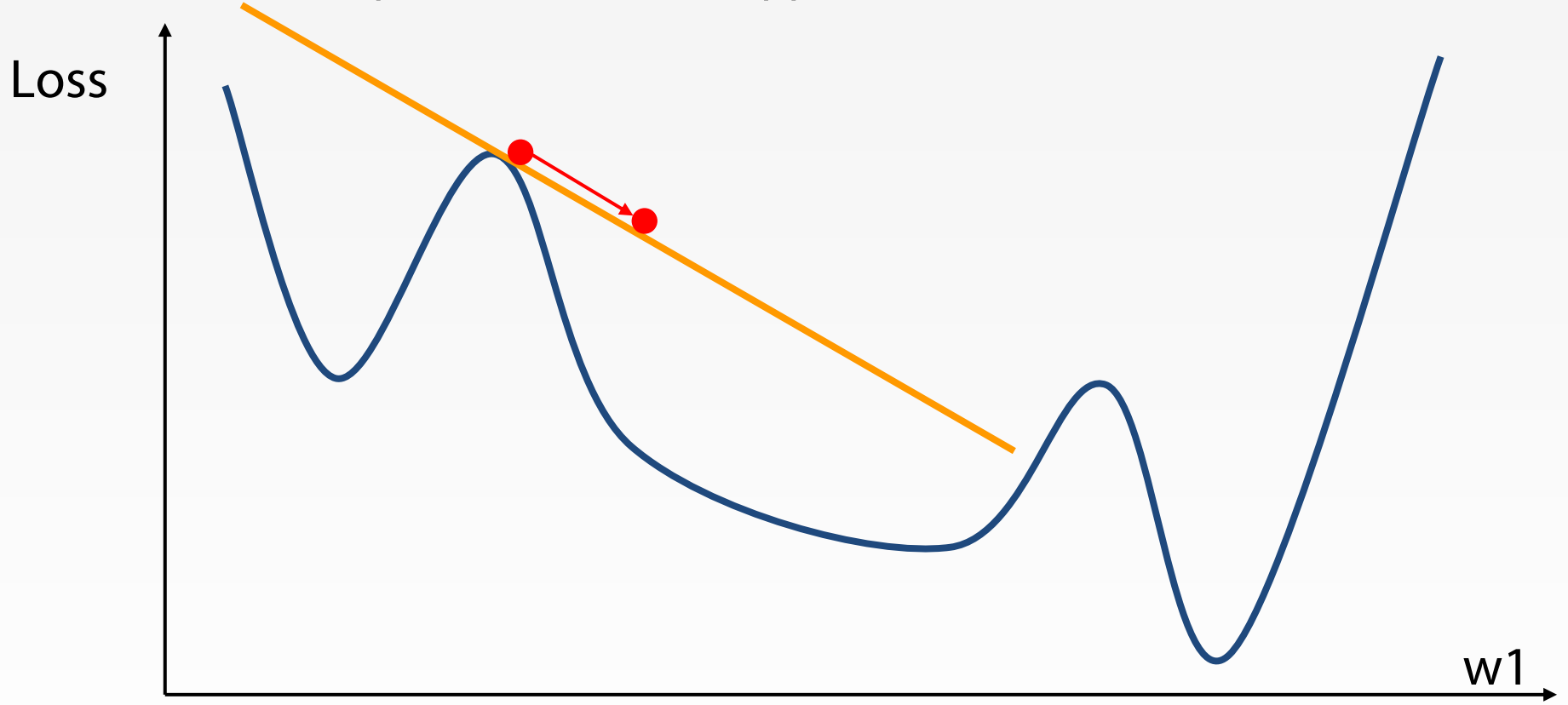
(2) Step to minimize the approximation



SECOND-ORDER OPTIMIZATION

(1) Use gradient **and Hessian** to form **quadratic** approximation
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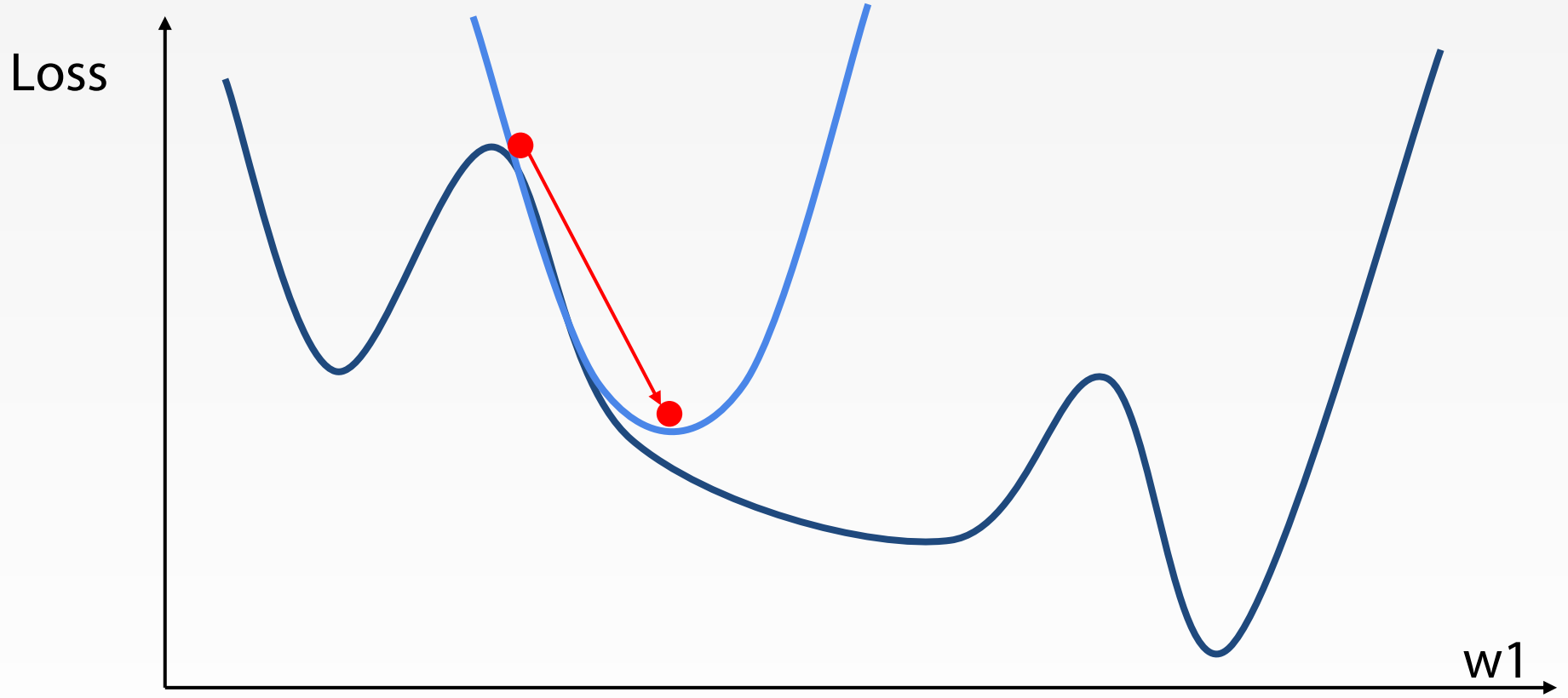

SECOND-ORDER OPTIMIZATION

second-order Taylor expansion:

$$J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \approx J(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^\top \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} J(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)^\top \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$$

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Hessian has O(N^2) elements
Inverting takes O(N^3)
N = (Tens or Hundreds of) Millions

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Quasi-Newton methods (**BGFS** most popular):

instead of inverting the Hessian (O(n^3)), approximate inverse Hessian with rank 1 updates over time (O(n^2) each).

L-BFGS (Limited memory BFGS):

Does not form/store the full inverse Hessian.

L-BFGS

Usually works very well in full batch, deterministic mode

i.e. if you have a single, deterministic f(x) then L-BFGS will probably work very nicely

Does not transfer very well to mini-batch setting. Gives bad results. Adapting second-order methods to large-scale, stochastic setting is an active area of research.

Le et al, “On optimization methods for deep learning, ICML 2011”
Ba et al, “Distributed second-order optimization using Kronecker-factored approximations”, ICLR 2017

IN PRACTICE

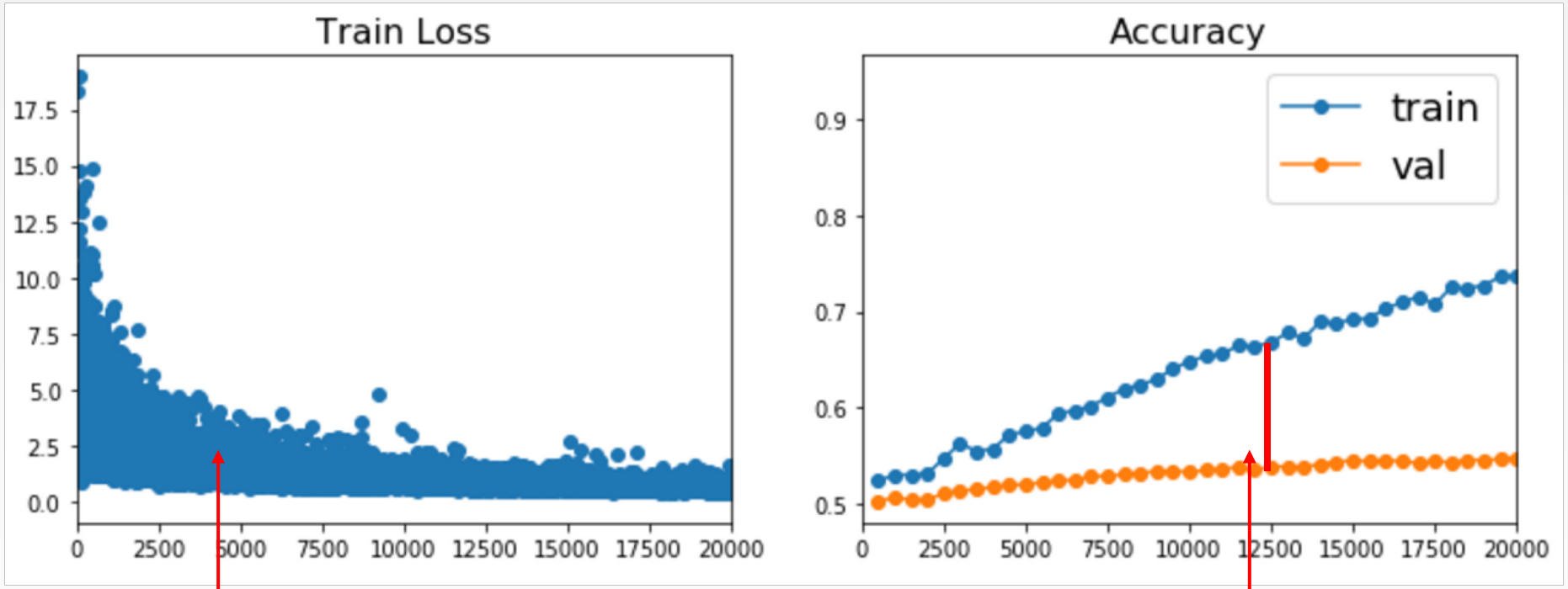
- **Adam** is a good default choice in many cases; it often works ok even with constant learning rate

- **SGD+Momentum** can outperform Adam but may require more tuning of LR and schedule
  Try cosine schedule, very few hyperparameters!

- If you can afford to do full batch updates then try out **L-BFGS**
  (and don't forget to disable all sources of noise)

TEST ERROR

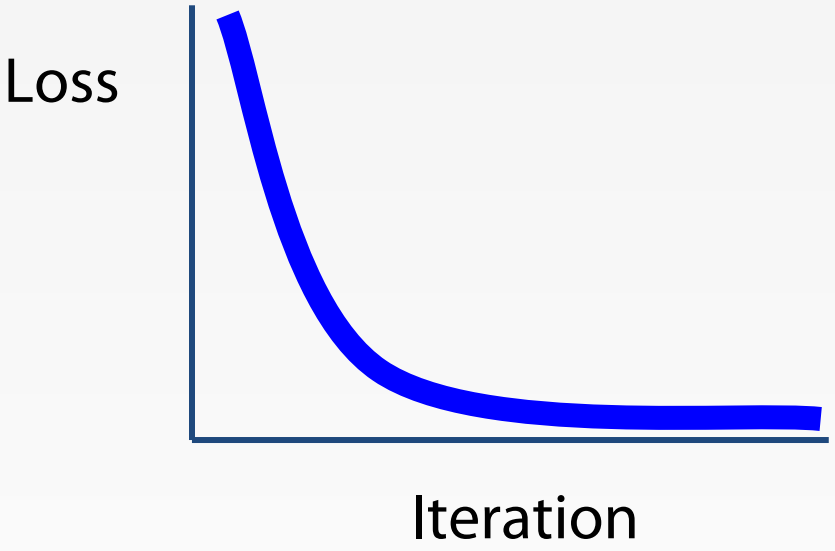
BEYOND TRAINING ERROR

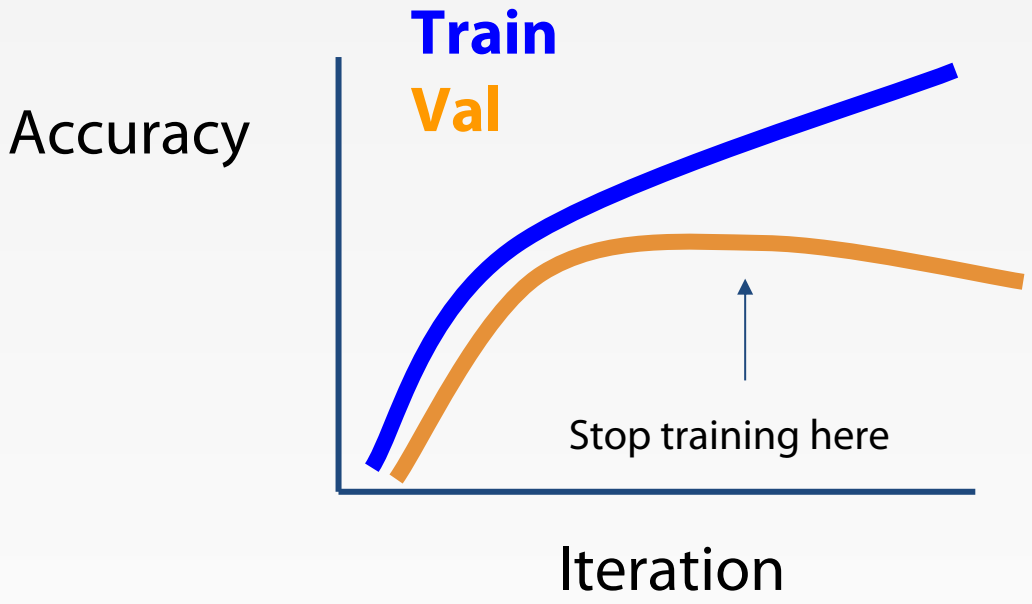


Better optimization algorithms help reduce training loss

But we really care about error on new data - how to reduce the gap?

EARLY STOPPING: ALWAYS DO THIS





Stop training the model when accuracy on the validation set decreases
Or train for a long time, but always keep track of the model snapshot that worked best on val

MODEL ENSEMBLES

1. Train multiple independent models
2. At test time average their results

   (Take average of predicted probability distributions, then choose argmax)

Enjoy 2% extra accuracy.

MODEL ENSEMBLES: TIPS AND TRICKS

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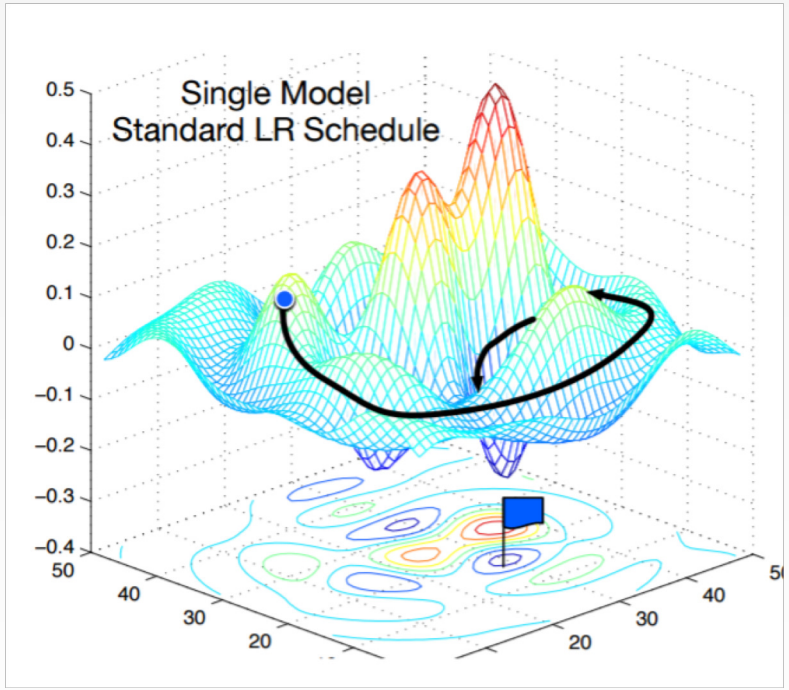

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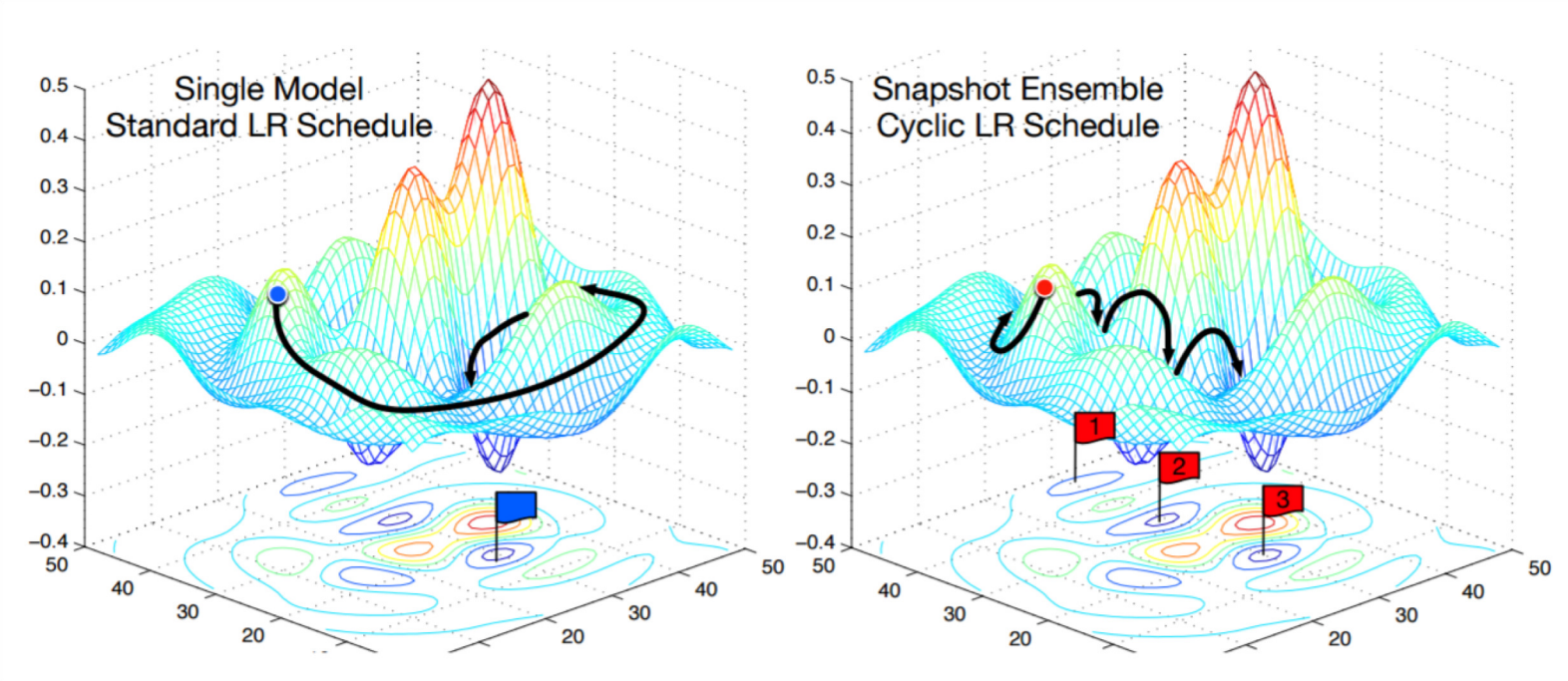

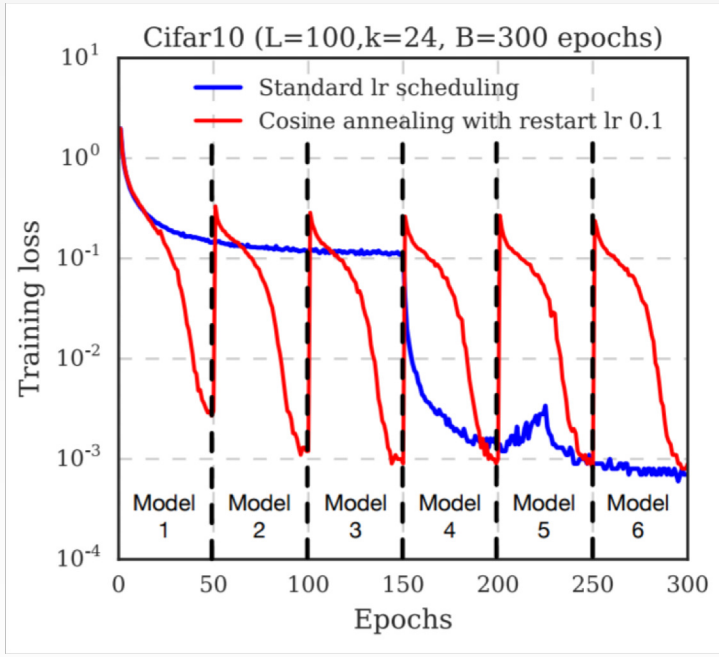

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Cyclic learning rate schedules can make this work even better!

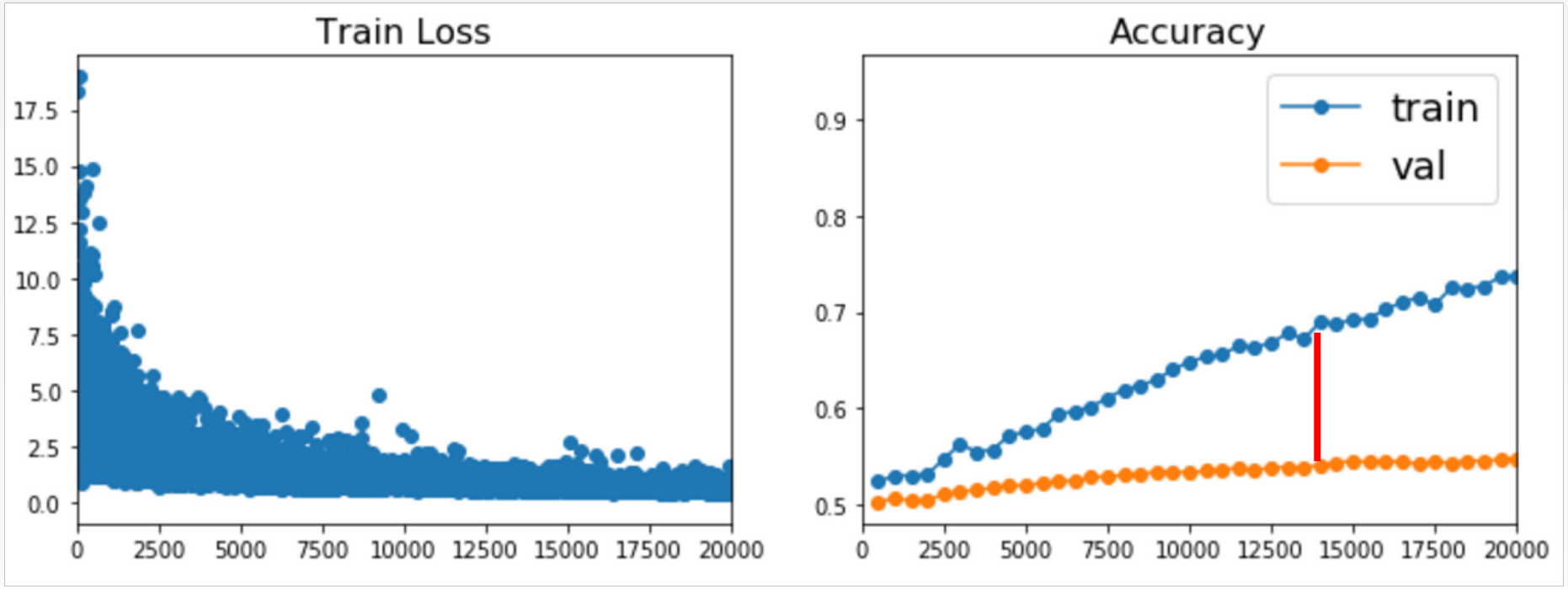
MODEL ENSEMBLES: TIPS AND TRICKS

Instead of using actual parameter vector, keep a moving average of the parameter vector and use that at test time (Polyak averaging)

```
while True:
  data_batch = dataset.sample_data_batch()
  loss = network.forward(data_batch)
  dx = network.backward()
  x += - learning_rate * dx
  x_test = 0.995*x_test + 0.005*x # use for test set
```

Polyak and Juditsky, "Acceleration of stochastic approximation by averaging", SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization, 1992.

HOW TO IMPROVE SINGLE-MODEL PERFORMANCE?



Regularization

REGULARIZATION

REGULARIZATION: ADD TERM TO LOSS

$$L = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\sum_{j\neq y_i}\max(0, f(x_i; W)_j - f(x_i; W)_{y_i} + 1) + \lambda R(W)$$

In common use:

L2 regularization $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l W_{k,l}^2$ (Weight decay)

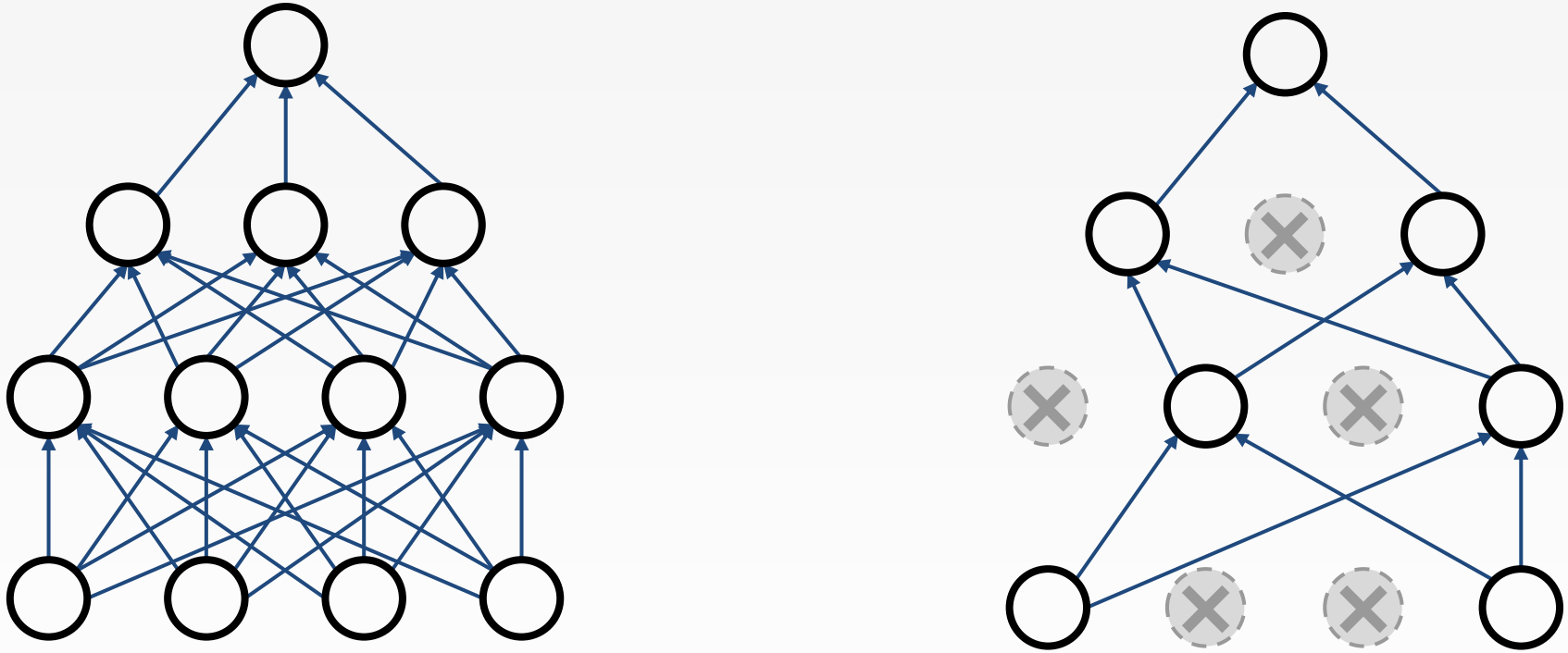
L1 regularization $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l |W_{k,l}|$

Elastic net (L1 + L2) $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l \beta W_{k,l}^2 + |W_{k,l}|$

REGULARIZATION: DROPOUT

In each forward pass, randomly set some neurons to zero

Probability of dropping is a hyperparameter; 0.5 is common



Srivastava et al, "Dropout: A simple way to prevent neural networks from overfitting", JMLR 2014

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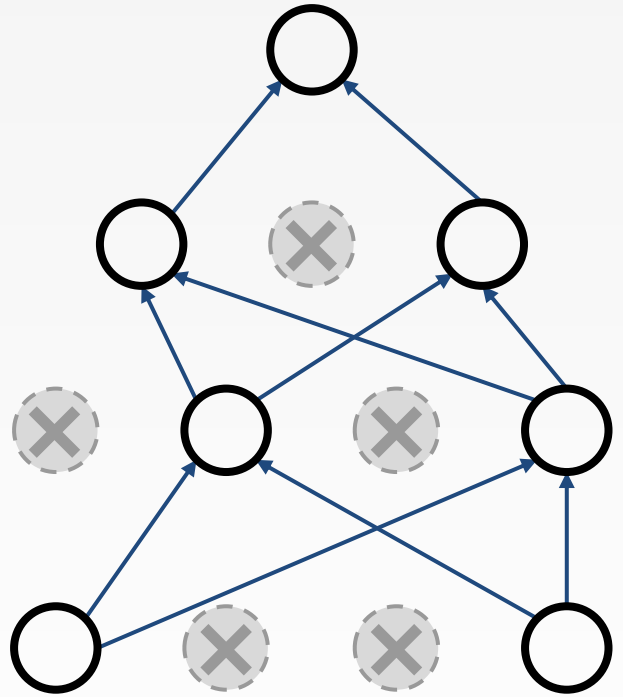
Example forward pass with a 3-layer network using dropout



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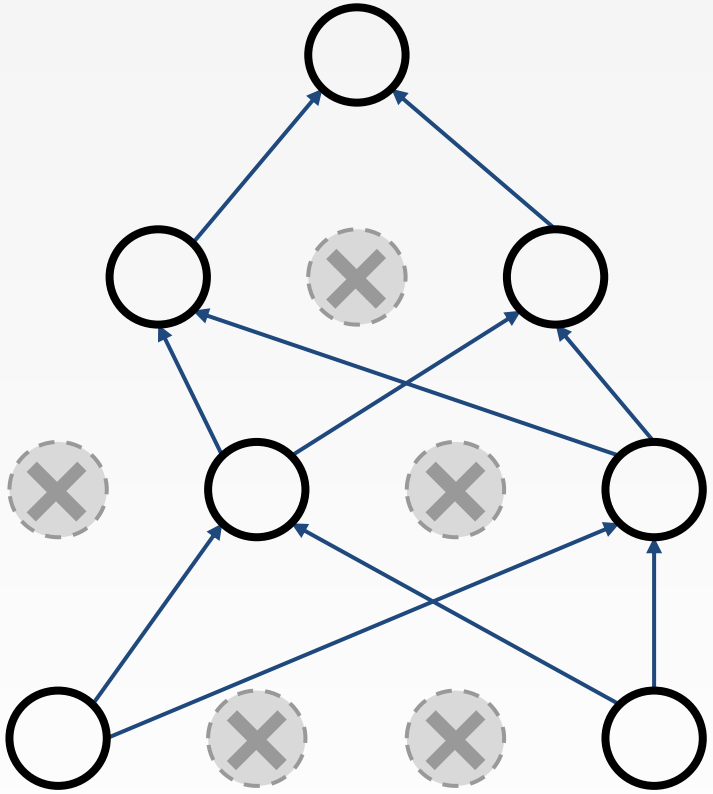
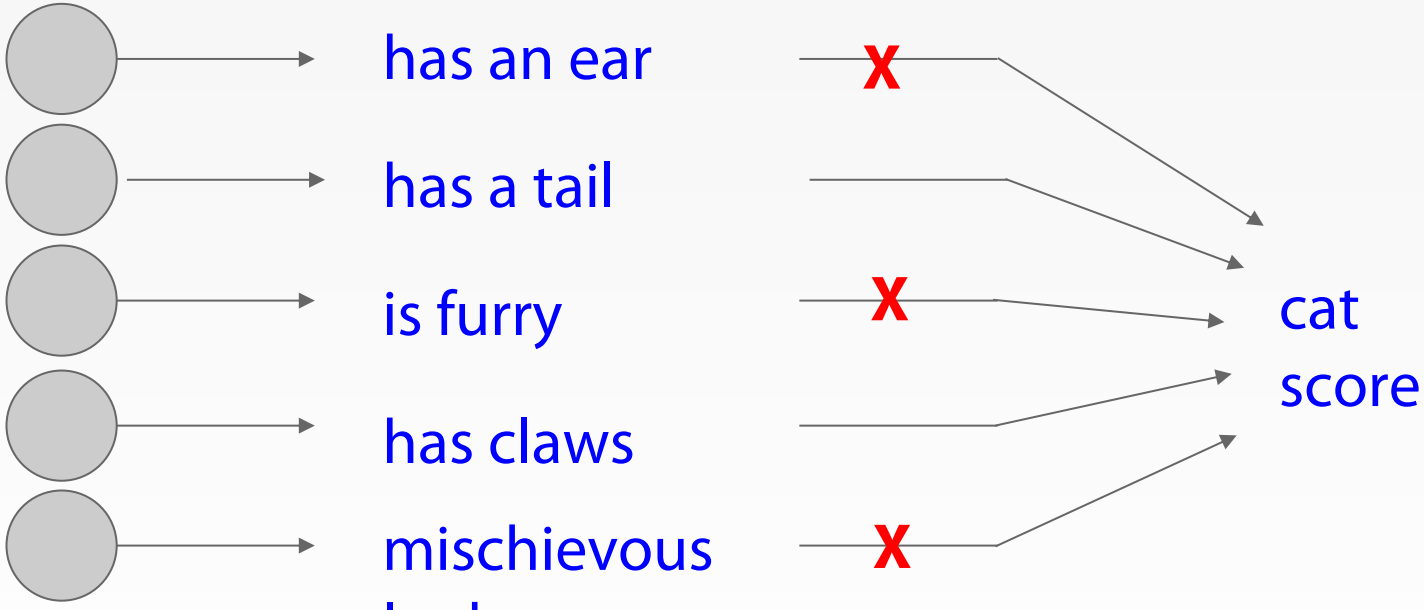


Forces the network to have a redundant representation;
Prevents co-adaptation of features



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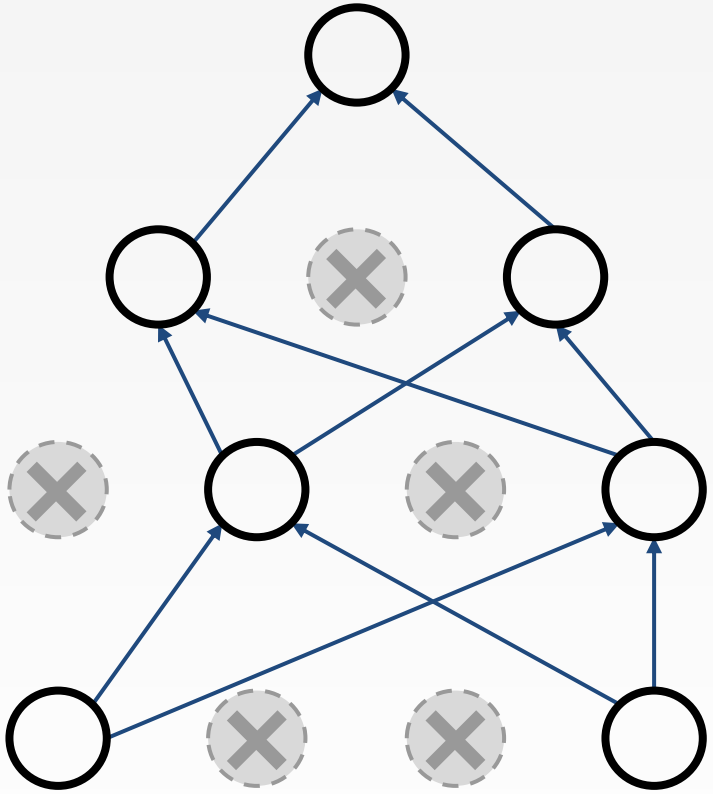

Another interpretation:

Dropout is training a large **ensemble** of models (that share parameters).

Each binary mask is one model

An FC layer with 4096 units has
$2^{4096} \sim 10^{1233}$ possible masks!
Only $\sim 10^{82}$ atoms in the universe...

DROPOUT: TEST TIME

Dropout makes our output random!

Output (label) Input (image)

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

Random dropout mask

Want to "average out" the randomness at test-time

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

But this integral seems hard …

DROPOUT: TEST TIME

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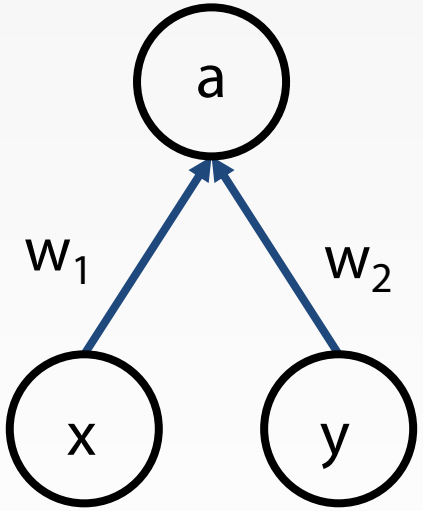

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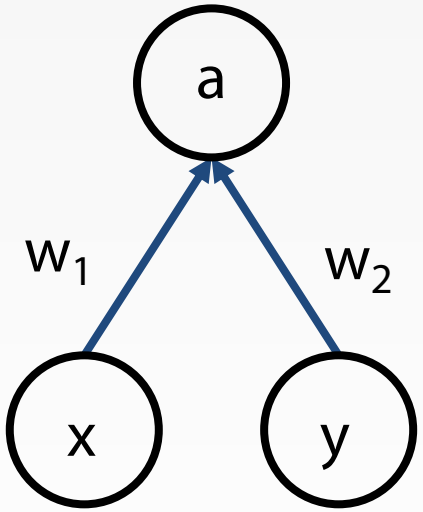

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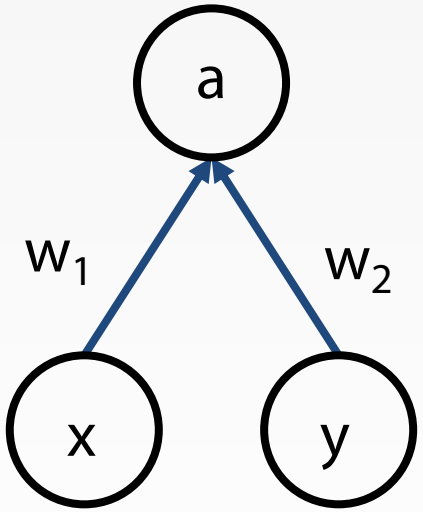

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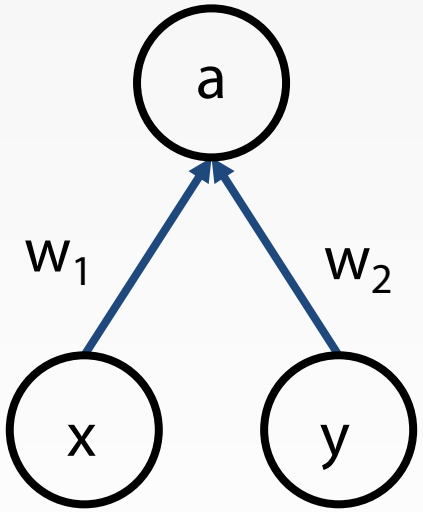

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At test time, **multiply** by dropout probability

DROPOUT: TEST TIME

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  out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3
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At test time all neurons are active always

=> We must scale the activations so that for each neuron:

output at test time = expected output at training time

DROPOUT: SUMMARY

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drop in forward pass

scale at test time

MORE COMMON: "INVERTED DROPOUT"

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  H1 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W1, X) + b1) # no scaling necessary
  H2 = np.maximum(0, np.dot(W2, H1) + b2)
  out = np.dot(W3, H2) + b3
```

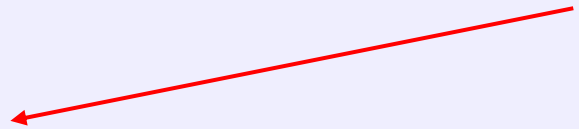

test time is unchanged!

REGULARIZATION: A COMMON PATTERN

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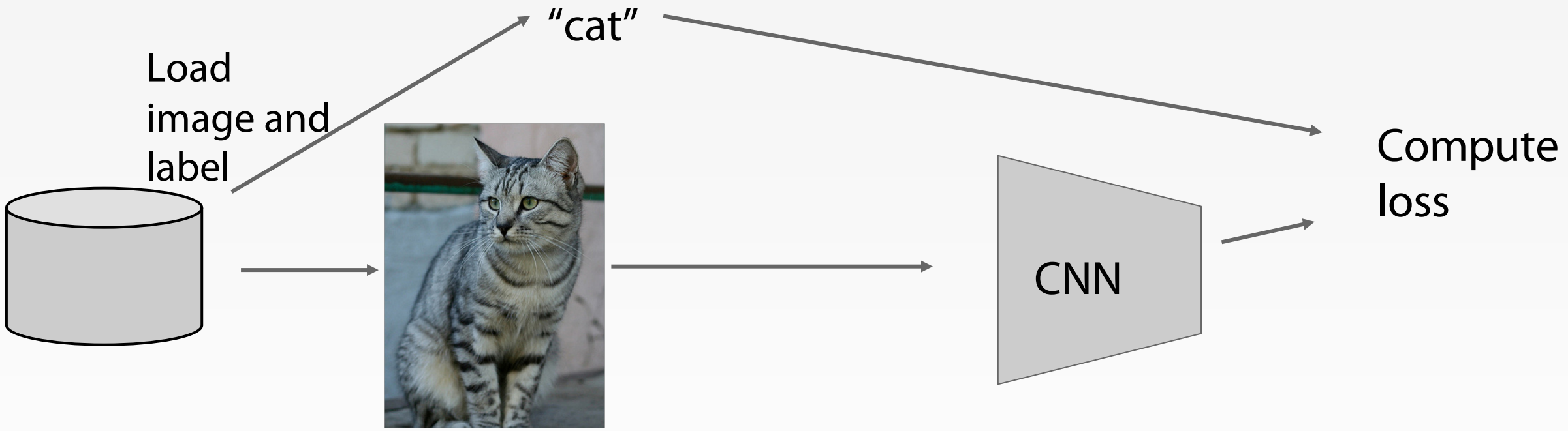
Example: Batch Normalization

Training: Normalize using stats from random minibatches

Testing: Use fixed global stats to normalize

REGULARIZATION: DATA AUGMENTATION



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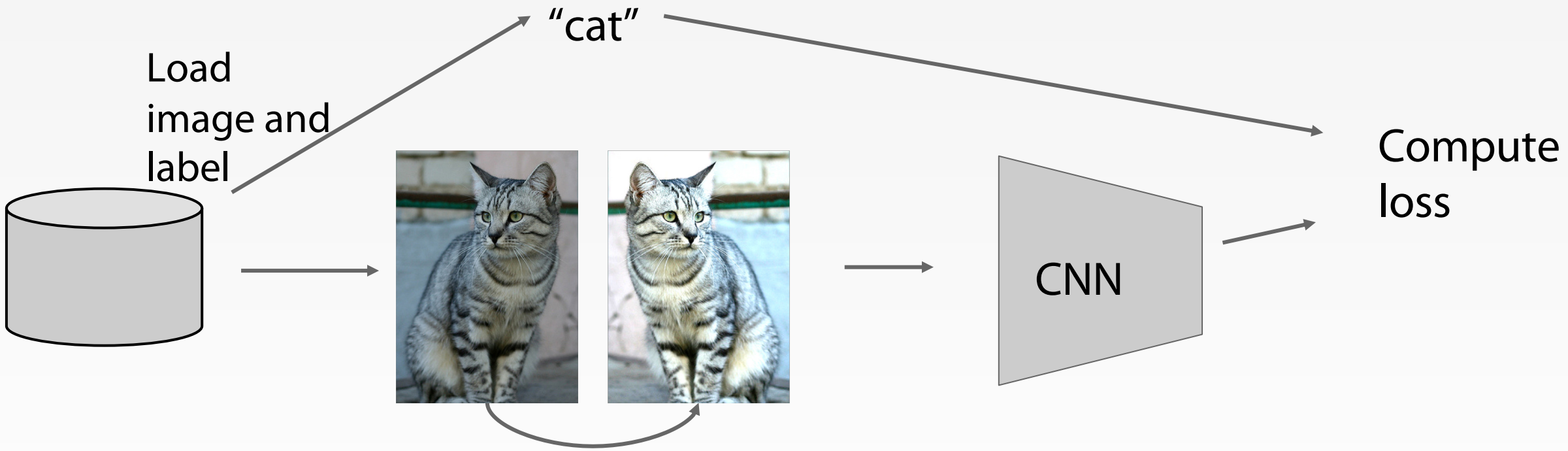


DATA AUGMENTATION

Horizontal Flips

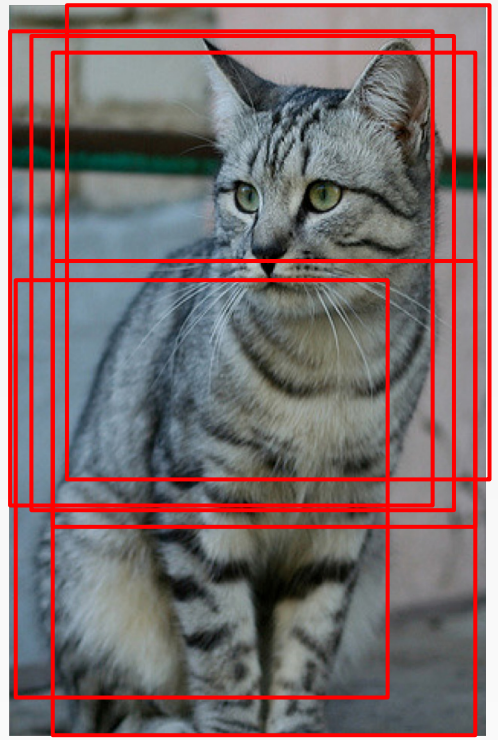
DATA AUGMENTATION

Random crops and scales

Training: sample random crops / scales

ResNet:

1. Pick random L in range [256, 480]
2. Resize training image, short side = L
3. Sample random 224 x 224 patch



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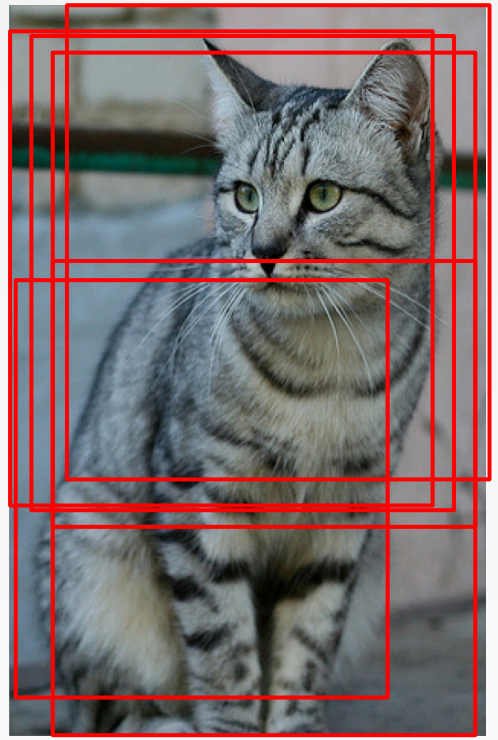

Testing: average a fixed set of crops

ResNet:

1. Resize image at 5 scales: {224, 256, 384, 480, 640}
2. For each size, use 10 224 x 224 crops: 4 corners + center, + flips

DATA AUGMENTATION

Color Jitter

Simple: Randomize
contrast and brightness

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More Complex:

1. Apply PCA to all [R, G, B] pixels in training set
2. Sample a "color offset" along principal component directions
3. Add offset to all pixels of a training image

(*[Krizhevsky et al. 2012],* ResNet, etc)

DATA AUGMENTATION

Get creative for your problem!

Random mix/combinations of :

- translation
- rotation
- stretching
- shearing,
- lens distortions, … (go crazy)

REGULARIZATION: A COMMON PATTERN

Training: Add random noise

Testing: Marginalize over the noise

Examples:

Dropout

Batch Normalization

Data Augmentation

REGULARIZATION: DROPCONNECT

Training: Drop connections between neurons (set weights to 0)

Testing: Use all the connections

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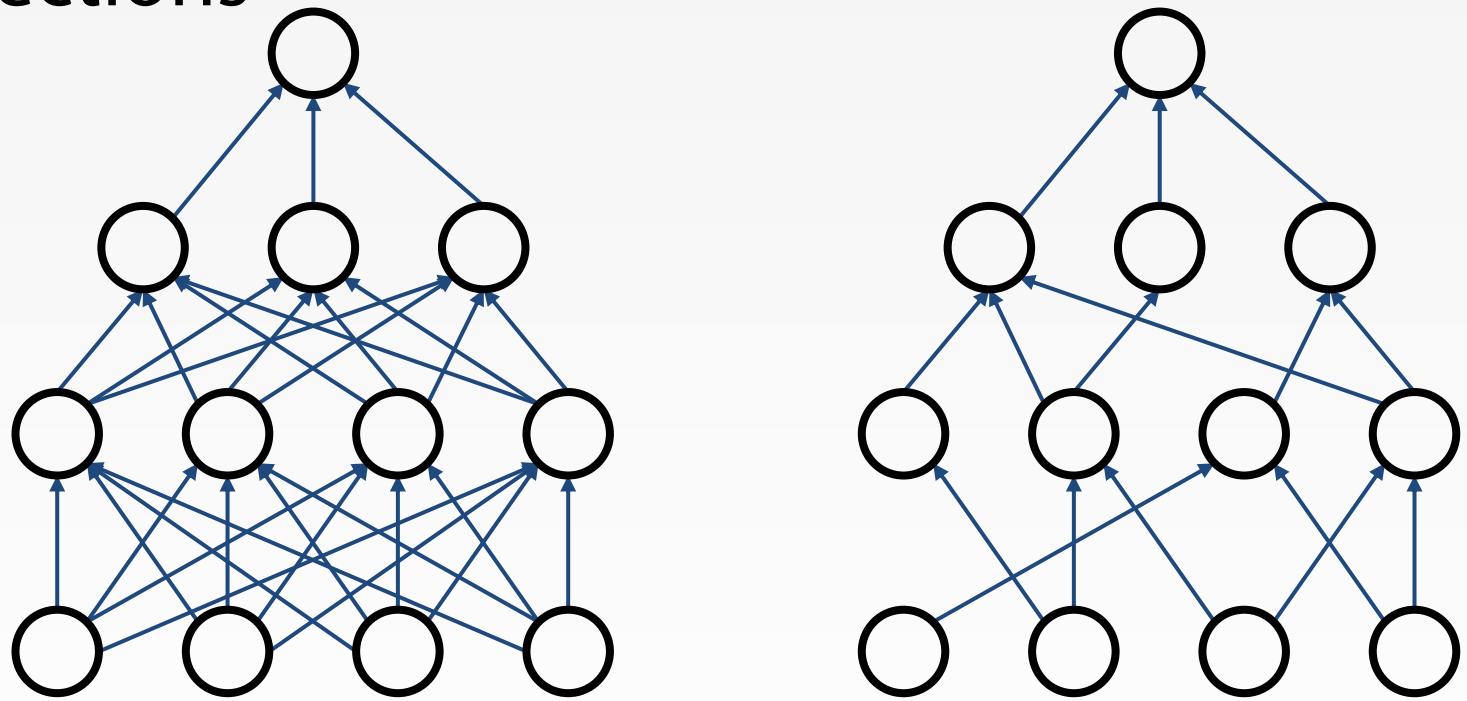

Wan et al, “Regularization of Neural Networks using DropConnect”, ICML 2013

REGULARIZATION: FRACTIONAL MAX POOLING

Training: Use randomized pooling regions

Testing: Average predictions from several regions

Examples:

Dropout
Batch Normalization
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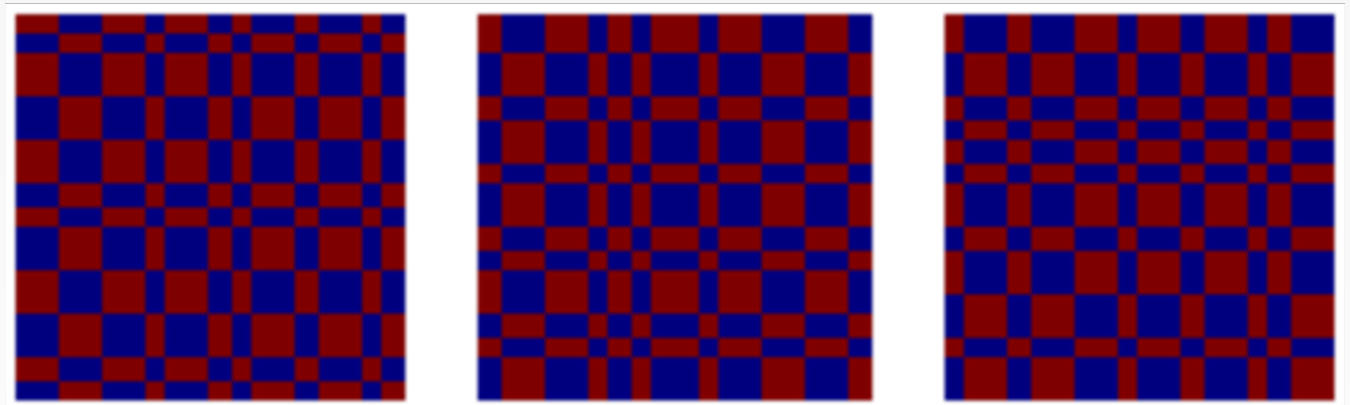
DropConnect
Fractional Max Pooling



Graham, “Fractional Max Pooling”, arXiv 2014

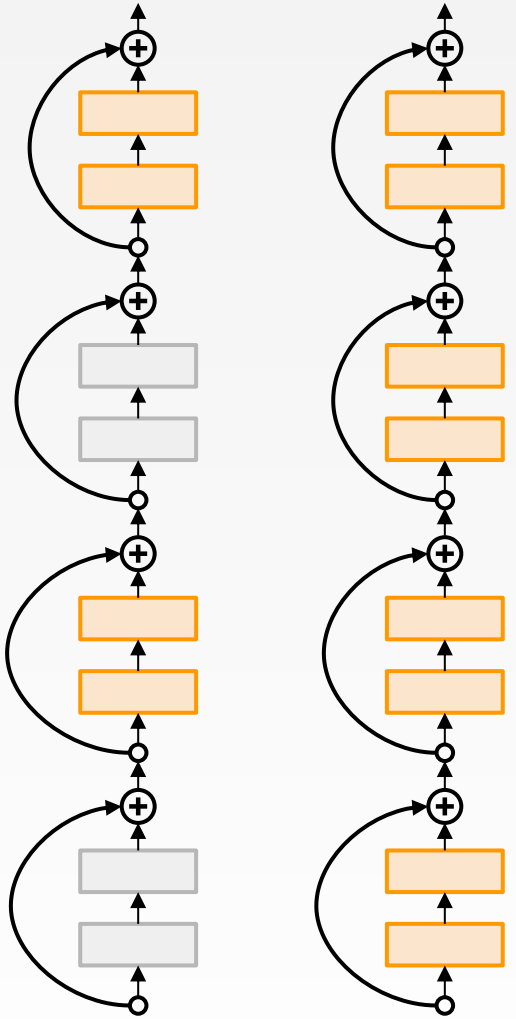
REGULARIZATION: STOCHASTIC DEPTH

Training: Skip some layers in the network

Testing: Use all the layers

Examples:

Dropout
Batch Normalization
Data Augmentation
DropConnect
Fractional Max Pooling
Stochastic Depth



Huang et al, "Deep Networks with Stochastic Depth", ECCV 2016

REGULARIZATION: CUTOUT

Training: Train on random blends of images

Testing: Use full image

Examples:

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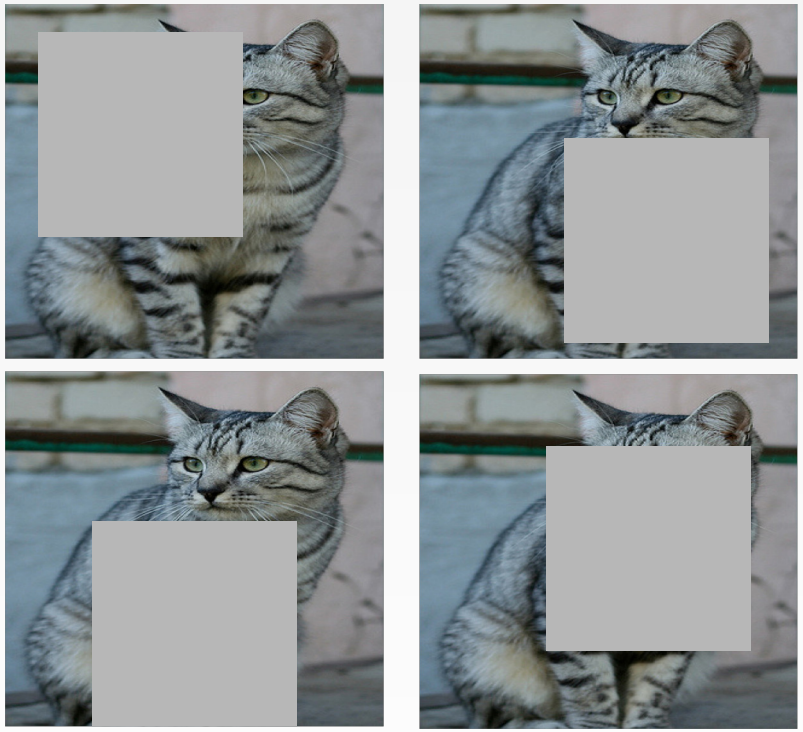
Cutout



Works very well for small datasets like CIFAR, less common for large datasets like ImageNet

DeVries and Taylor, "Improved Regularization of Convolutional Neural Networks with Cutout", arXiv 2017

REGULARIZATION: MIXUP

Training: Set random image regions to zero

Testing: Use original images

Examples:

Dropout
Batch Normalization
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DropConnect
Fractional Max Pooling
Stochastic Depth
Cutout
Mixup

CNN

Target label:
cat: 0.4
dog: 0.6

Randomly blend the pixels of pairs of training images, e.g. 40% cat, 60% dog

Zhang et al, "*mixup*: Beyond Empirical Risk Minimization", ICLR 2018

REGULARIZATION: SUMMARY

Training: Add random noise

Testing: Marginalize over the noise

Examples:

Dropout
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Fractional Max Pooling
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Mixup

- Consider dropout for large fully-connected layers
- Batch normalization and data augmentation almost always a good idea
- Try cutout and mixup especially for small classification datasets

CHOOSING HYPER-PARAMETERS

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Step 1: Check initial loss

Turn off weight decay, sanity check loss at initialization
e.g. log(C) for softmax with C classes

CHOOSING HYPERPARAMETERS

Step 1: Check initial loss
Step 2: Overfit a small sample

Try to train to 100% training accuracy on a small sample of training data (~5-10 minibatches); fiddle with architecture, learning rate, weight initialization

Loss not going down? LR too low, bad initialization
Loss explodes to Inf or NaN? LR too high, bad initialization

CHOOSING HYPERPARAMETERS

Step 1: Check initial loss
Step 2: Overfit a small sample
Step 3: Find LR that makes loss go down

Use the architecture from the previous step, use all training data, turn on small weight decay, find a learning rate that makes the loss drop significantly within ~100 iterations

Good learning rates to try: 1e-1, 1e-2, 1e-3, 1e-4

CHOOSING HYPERPARAMETERS

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Step 4: Coarse grid, train for ~1-5 epochs

Choose a few values of learning rate and weight decay around what worked from Step 3, train a few models for ~1-5 epochs.

Good weight decay to try: 1e-4, 1e-5, 0

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Step 5: Refine grid, train longer

Pick best models from Step 4, train them for longer (~10-20 epochs) without learning rate decay

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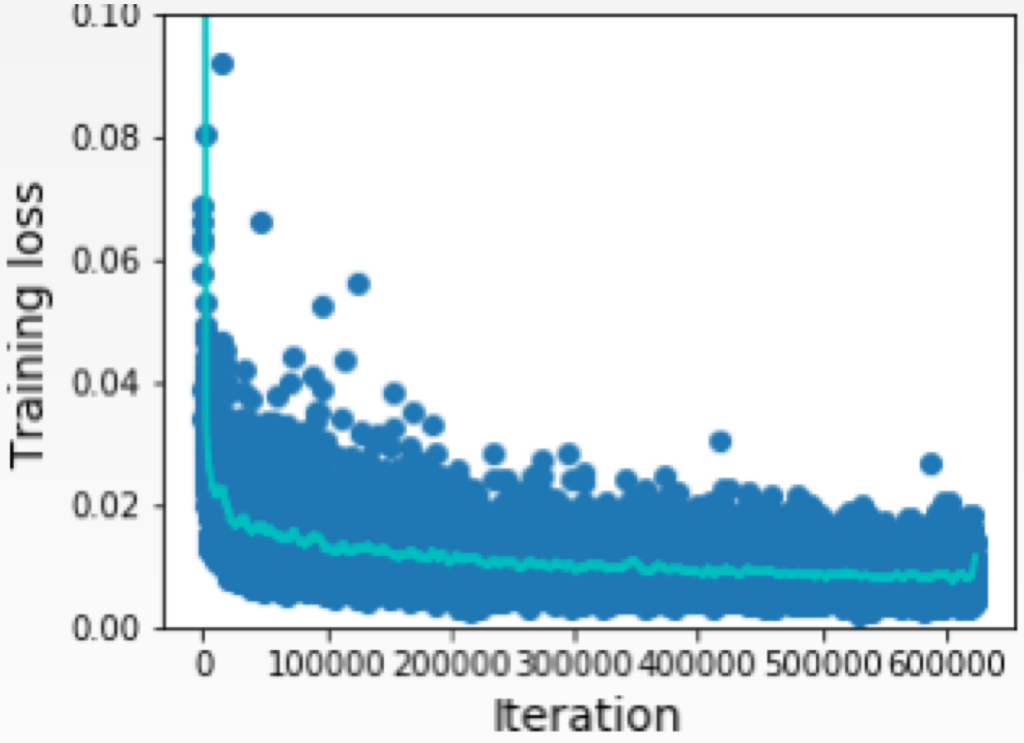
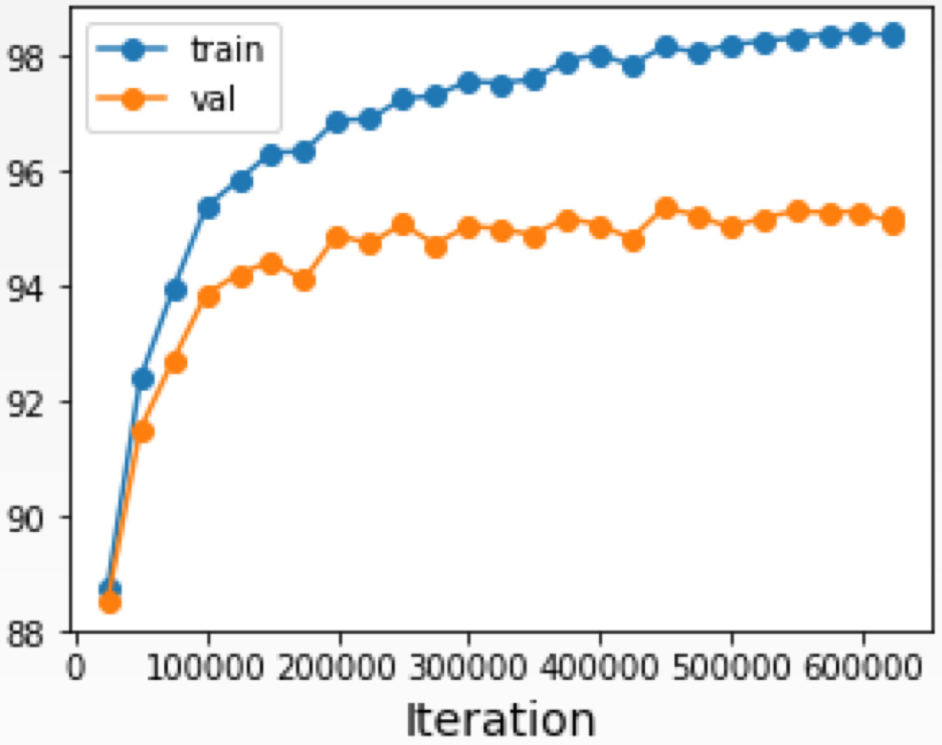
LOOK AT LEARNING CURVES!

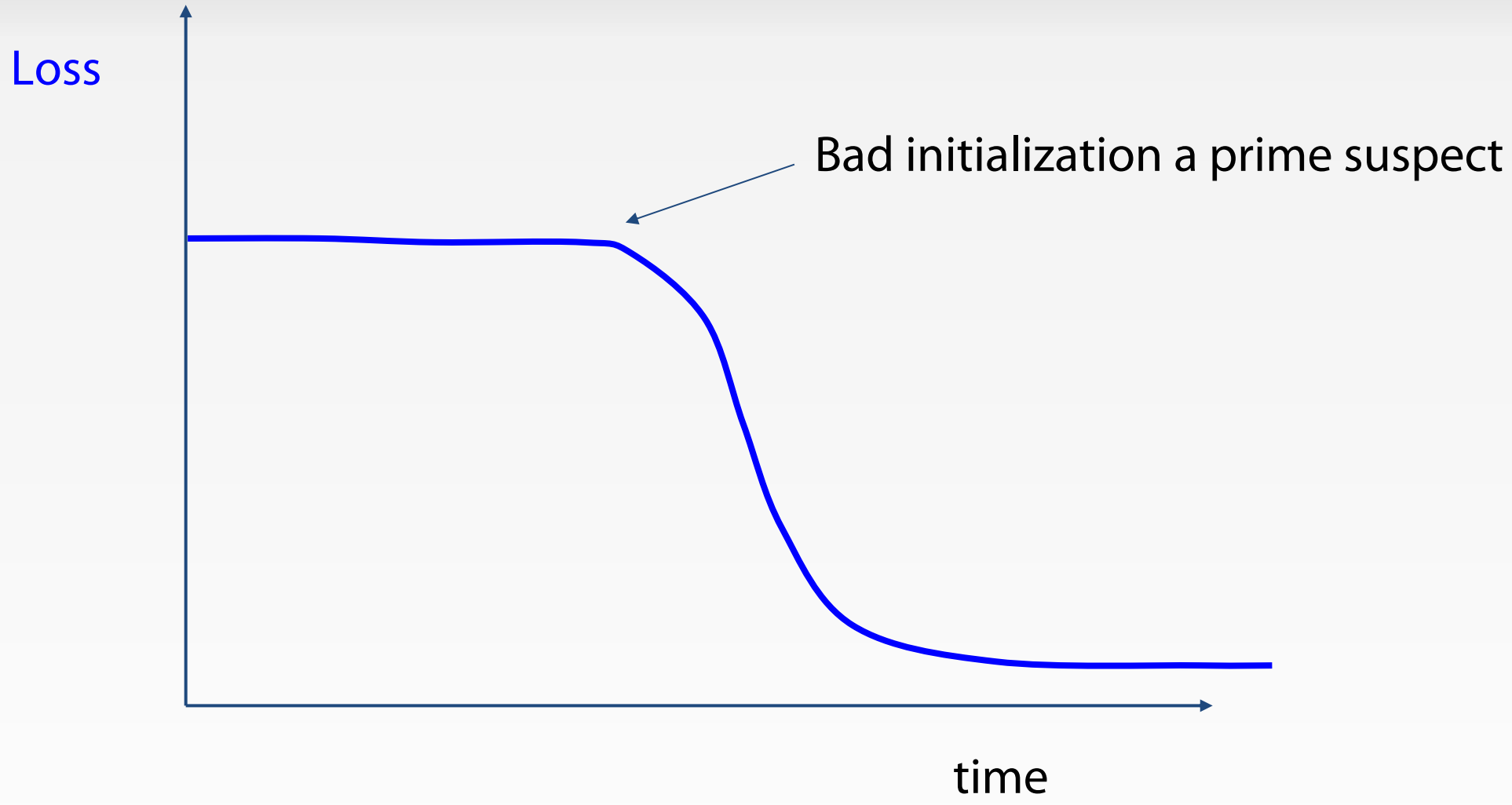
Training Loss

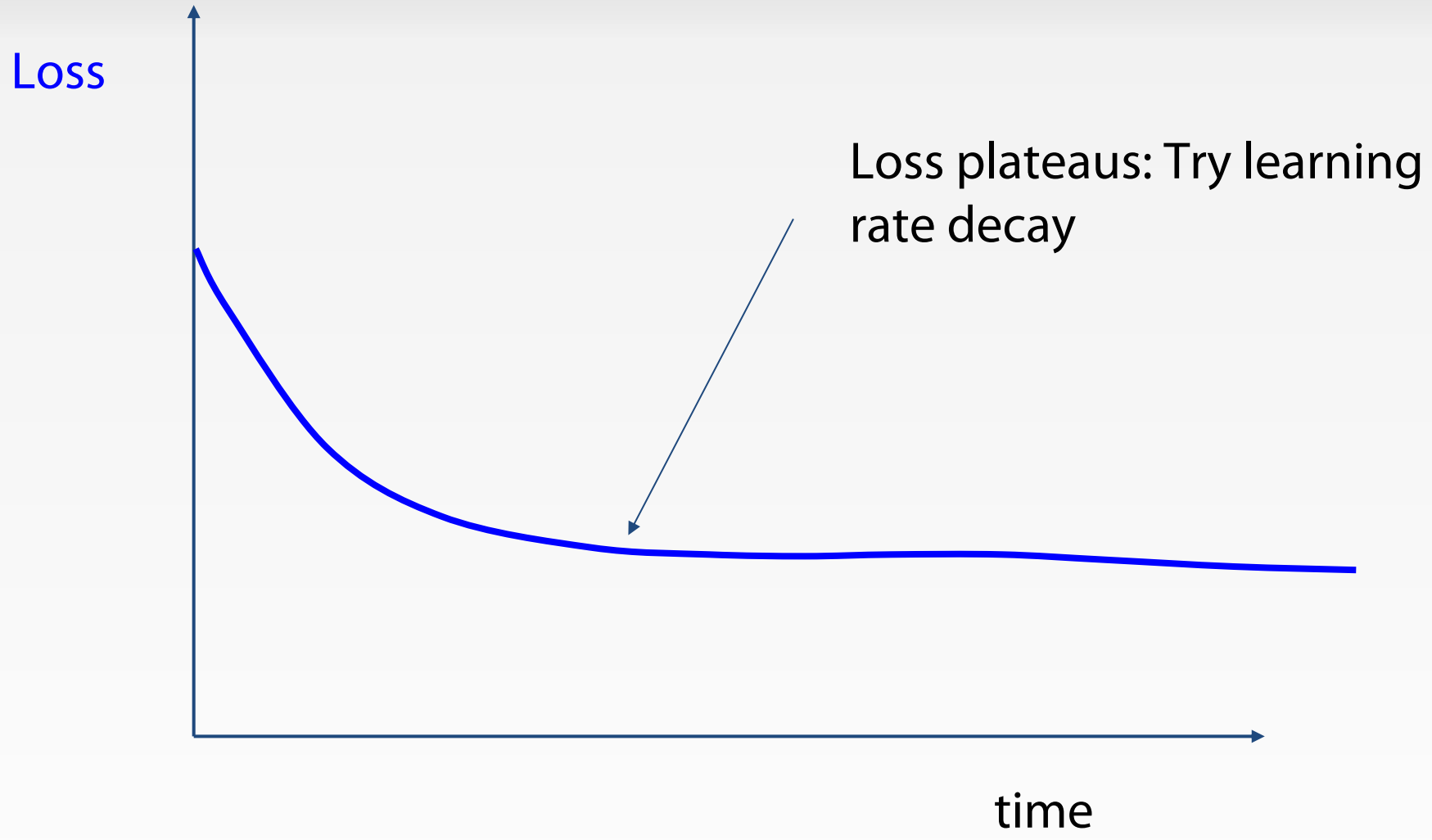


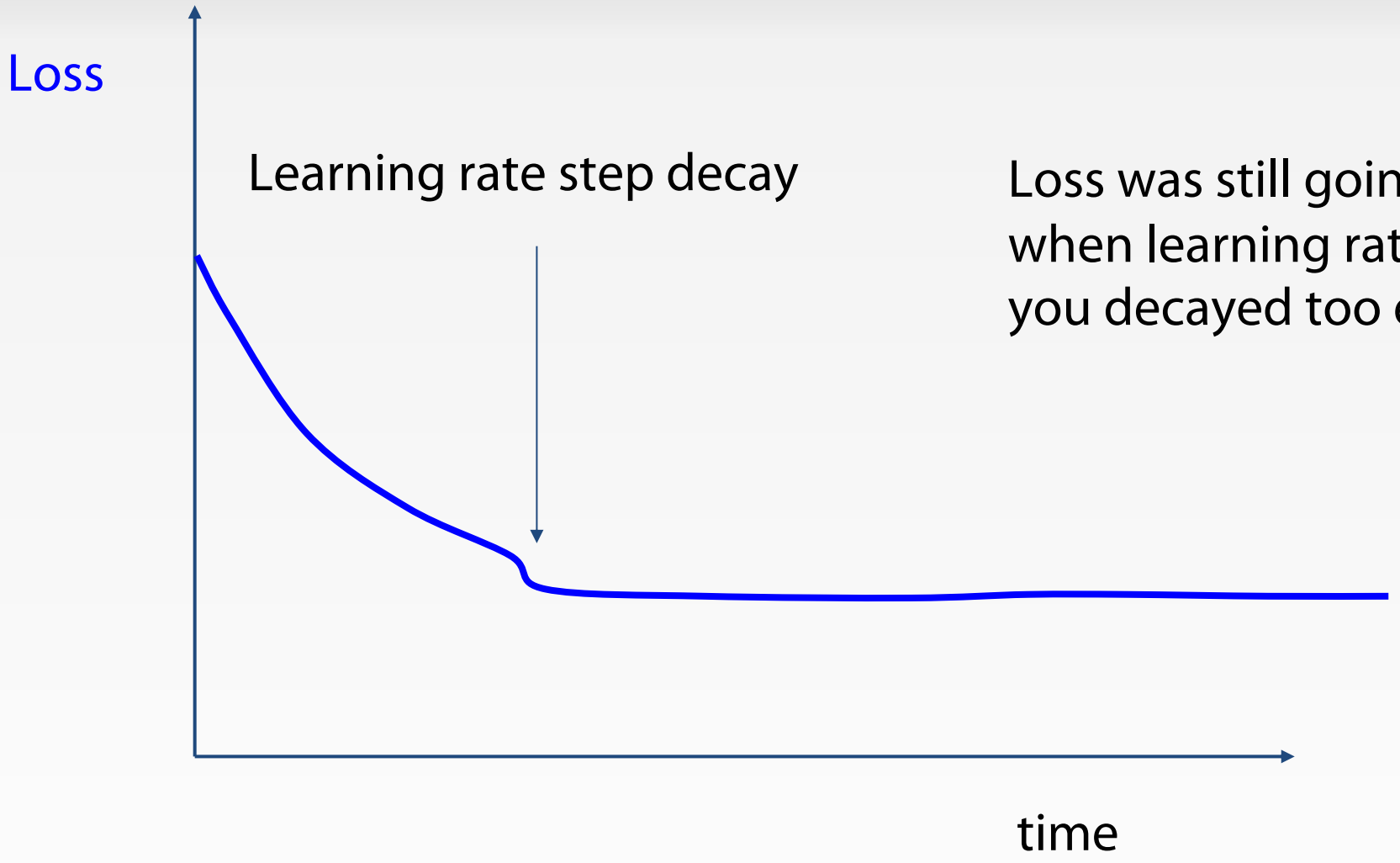
Train / Val Accuracy

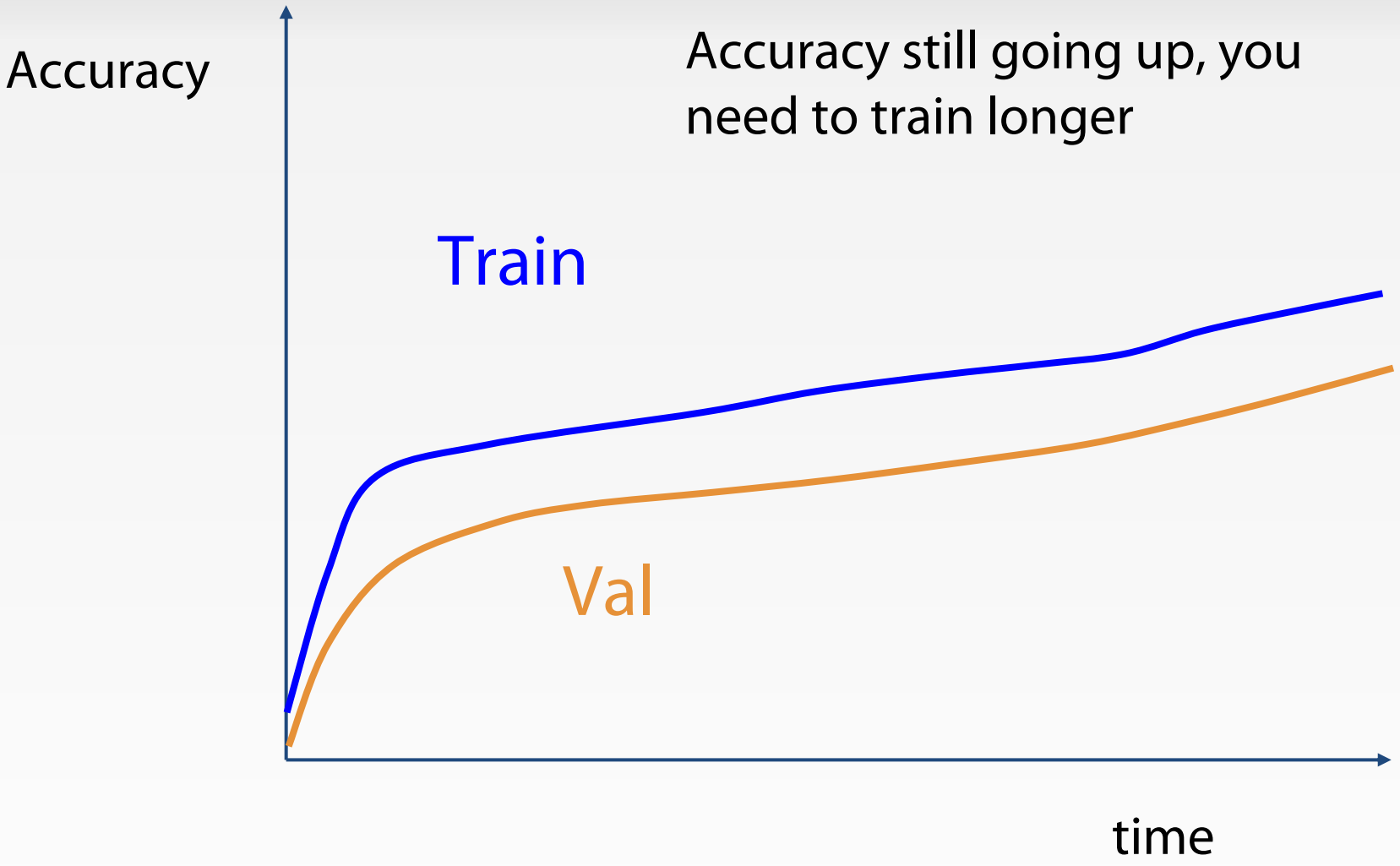


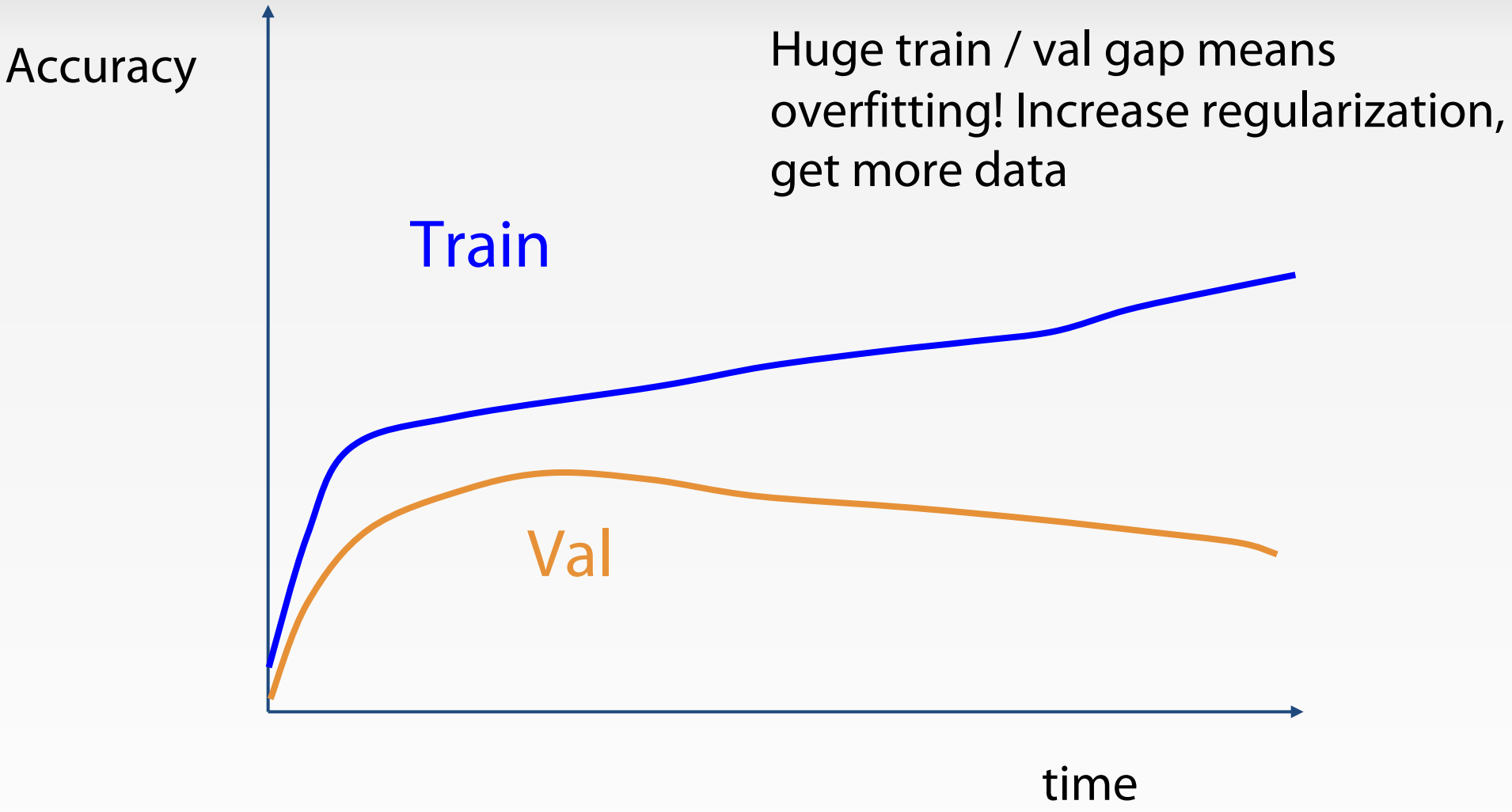
Losses may be noisy, use a scatter plot and also plot moving average to see trends better


Loss
Bad initialization a prime suspect
time

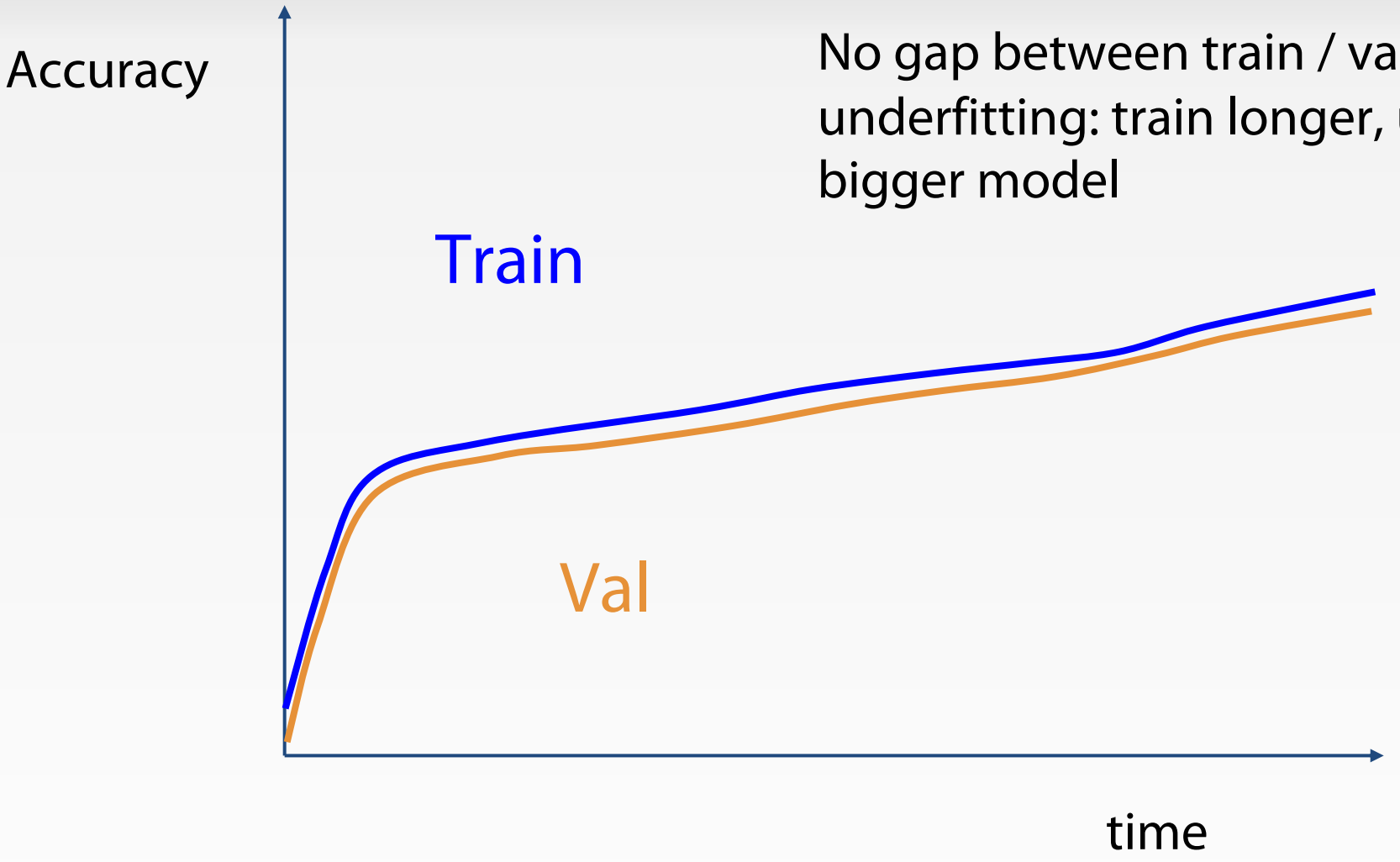

Loss
Loss plateaus: Try learning rate decay
time


Loss
Learning rate step decay
Loss was still going down when learning rate dropped, you decayed too early!
time


Accuracy
Accuracy still going up, you need to train longer
Train
Val
time



Huge train / val gap means overfitting! Increase regularization, get more data



No gap between train / val means underfitting: train longer, use a bigger model

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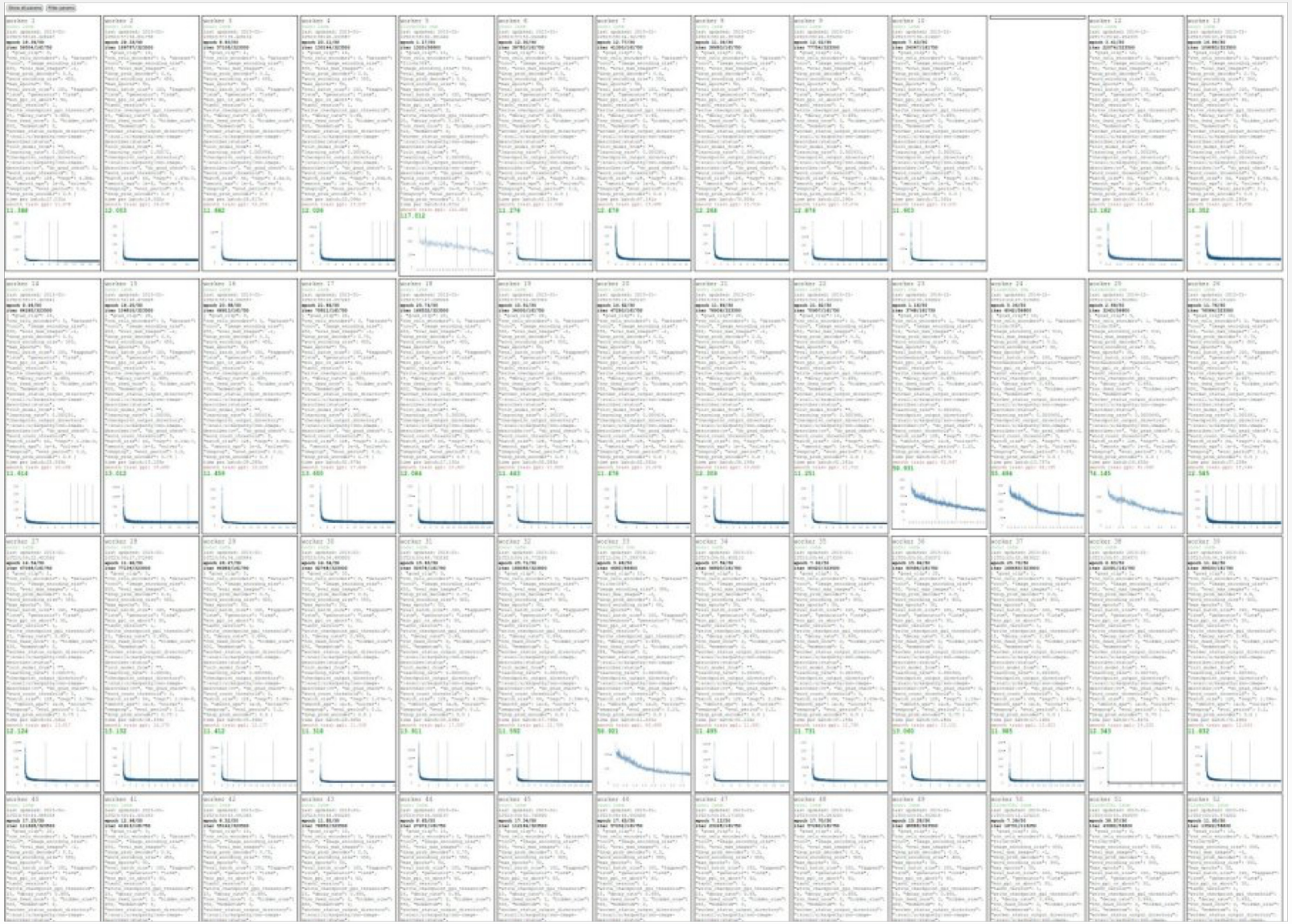
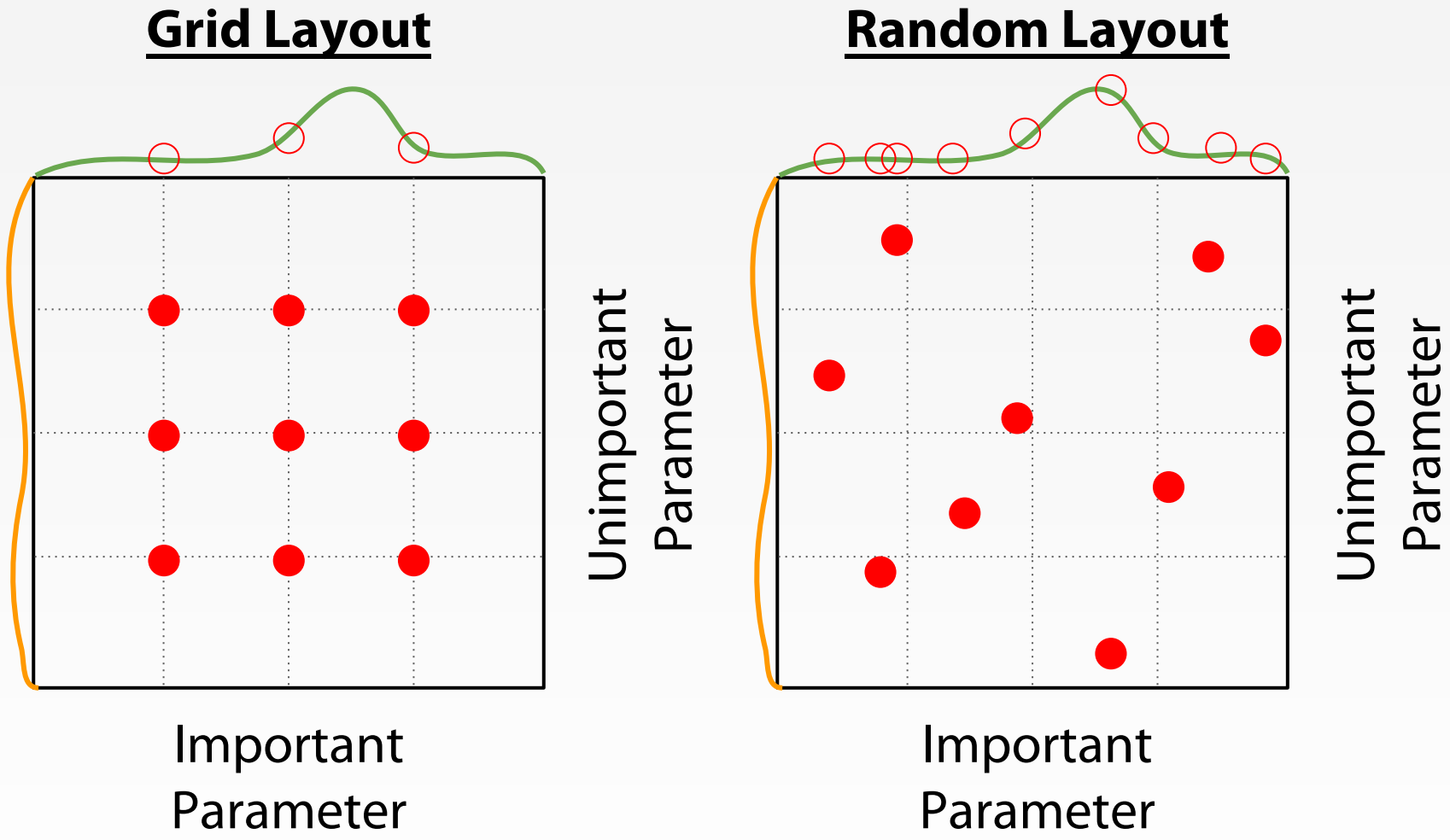
Step 7: GOTO step 5

CROSS-VALIDATION "COMMAND CENTER"



RANDOM SEARCH VS. GRID SEARCH



Random Search for Hyper-Parameter Optimization, Bergstra and Bengio, 2012

TRACK RATIO OF WEIGHT UPDATES/ WEIGHT MAGNITUDES

```
# assume parameter vector W and its gradient vector dW
param_scale = np.linalg.norm(W.ravel())
update = -learning_rate*dW # simple SGD update
update_scale = np.linalg.norm(update.ravel())
W += update # the actual update
print update_scale / param_scale # want ~1e-3
```

ratio between the updates and values: ~ 0.0002 / 0.02 = 0.01 (about okay)
want this to be somewhere around 0.001 or so

HYPERPARAMETERS TO PLAY WITH

- network architecture
- learning rate, its decay schedule, update type
- regularization (e.g., dropout strength)

neural networks practitioner
music = loss function

SUMMARY

- Improve your training error:
  - Optimizers
  - Learning rate schedules
- Improve your test error
  - Regularization
  - Choosing hyperparameters