

# Deep Learning - Parameters and Functions

## Implicit Biases

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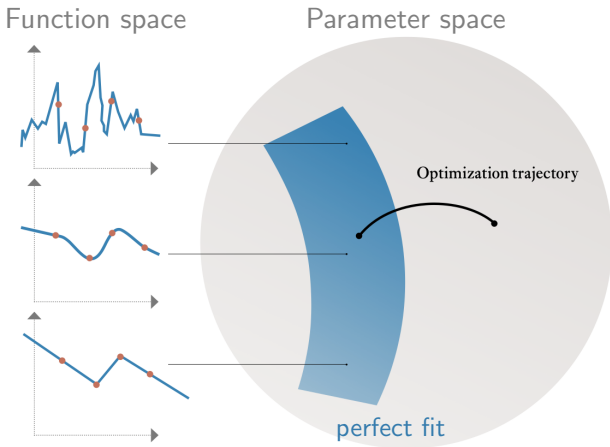
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- “Implicit Bias of Gradient Descent for Mean Squared Error Regression with Two-Layer Wide Neural Networks”



**Figure 1:** In an overparametrized model, there may be many different parameters and model functions that perfectly fit the training data

① Implicit Bias and Algorithmic Regularization

② Implicit Bias in Wide Shallow ReLU Networks

- Neural networks in practice are often overparameterized
  - Number of model parameters  $\gg$  Number of training samples
  - Can fit random labels
- Many global minima fit the training data perfectly
  - Most of them generalize horribly
- Nevertheless, deep models often generalize well, even without any explicit regularization
- The capacity of the hypothesis class alone does not explain this<sup>1</sup>

- One possible explanation is that optimization algorithms are implicitly biased towards selecting simple solutions
- **Question:** What kinds of minima does an optimization algorithm converge to?
  - Examples: maximum margin classifier, smooth interpolation, sparse function, ...
  - Depends on loss function, optimization algorithm, learning model, ...

- **Loss:**  $\ell_2$  loss (for regression); logistic loss (for classification).
- **Optimization algorithm:** gradient descent; stochastic gradient descent; mirror descent; steepest descent.
- **Learning model:** linear models; linear neural networks; neural networks; parametrization
- **Hyperparameters:** learning rate; initialization; mini-batch size;

Consider the following linear model with loss function  $\ell(y_1, y_2)$ :

$$L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(\langle x_i, w \rangle, y_i),$$

and the gradient descent iterations

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta \nabla L(w_t) = w_t - \eta \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_1 \ell(\langle x_i, w_t \rangle, y_i) \cdot x_i.$$



## Theorem 1 (Gunasekar et al. 2018a)

Consider a convex loss function  $\ell$  with a unique finite minimizer ( $\ell(y_1, y_2) = 0$  iff  $y_1 = y_2$ ). Assume that the gradient descent iteration converges to the global minimum of  $L(w)$  with zero loss, i.e.,  $L(w_t) \rightarrow 0$ . Then the algorithm returns the unique solution of following constrained optimization problem:

$$\min_w \|w - w_0\|_2 \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \langle x_i, w \rangle = y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (1)$$

The key idea is that the gradients are restricted to a  $n$ -dimensional subspace that is spanned by  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$  and is independent of  $w$ .

## Gradient Descent.

- Let  $w_\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w_t$ . By assumption,  $\langle x_i, w \rangle = y_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ . The gradient descent iteration gives

$$\begin{aligned} w_\infty &= w_0 - \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \eta \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_1 \ell(\langle x_i, w_t \rangle, y_i) \cdot x_i \\ &= w_0 - \eta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \nabla_1 \ell(\langle x_i, w_t \rangle, y_i). \end{aligned}$$

- The constrained optimization problem (1) is strongly convex. The first order optimality condition is

$$\begin{cases} w - w_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i = 0, \\ \langle x_i, w \rangle = y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

- Setting  $\lambda_i = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \nabla_1 \ell(\langle x_i, w_t \rangle, y_i)$ , one has that  $w_\infty$  satisfies (2). So  $w_\infty$  is the solution of problem (1).  $\square$

Given a strongly convex and differentiable potential  $\phi$ , the mirror descent updates are:

$$w_{t+1} = \arg \min_w \eta \langle w, \nabla L(w_t) \rangle + D_\phi(w, w_t),$$

where  $D_\phi(w, w') = \phi(w) - \phi(w') - \langle \nabla \phi(w'), w - w' \rangle$  is the Bregman divergence with respect to  $\phi$ .

The first order optimality condition for the parameter update gives

$$\nabla \phi(w_{t+1}) = \nabla \phi(w_t) - \eta \nabla L(w_t).$$

Examples of  $\phi$ :

- $\ell_2$  norm:  $\phi(w) = \frac{1}{2} \|w\|_2^2$ , which leads to gradient descent;
- unnormalized negative entropy:  $\phi(w) = \sum_i w_i \log w_i - w_i$ .

## Theorem 2 (Gunasekar et al. 2018a)

*For any strongly convex potential  $\phi$ . Assume that the mirror descent iteration converges to the global minimum of  $L(w)$  with zero loss, i.e.,  $L(w_t) \rightarrow 0$ . Then the algorithm returns the solution of following constrained optimization problem:*

$$\min_w D_\phi(w, w_0) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \langle x_i, w \rangle = y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \quad (3)$$

The key idea is that  $\nabla\phi(w_{t+1})$  (called dual iterates) are restricted to a  $n$ -dimensional manifold  $\nabla\phi(w_0) + \text{span}(\{x_i\})$ .

### Mirror Descent.

The constrained optimization problem (3) is strongly convex. The first order optimality condition of the problem is

$$\begin{cases} \nabla\phi(w) - \nabla\phi(w_0) + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i = 0, \\ \langle x_i, w \rangle = y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla\phi(w_{t+1}) &= \nabla\phi(w_t) - \eta \nabla L(w_t) \\ \nabla\phi(w_\infty) &= \nabla\phi(w_0) - \eta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \nabla_1 \ell(\langle x_i, w_t \rangle, y_i). \end{aligned}$$

One sees that  $w_\infty$  satisfies (4). So  $w_\infty$  is the solution of (3).  $\square$

## Reparametrization and change of geometry

- $D_\phi$  can be approximated locally by a quadratic function

$$D_\phi(w, w') = (w - w')^T \nabla^2 \phi(w'')(w - w').$$

- If we use  $D_\phi(w, w') = (w - w')^T K(w - w')$ , the mirror descent iterations become:

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta K^{-1} \nabla L(w_t).$$

- For mirror descent we have the update rule:

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta (\nabla^2 \phi(w''))^{-1} \nabla L(w_t).$$

- If step size goes to 0, we have the following gradient flow:

$$\dot{w}_t = -(\nabla^2 \phi(w_t))^{-1} \nabla L(w_t).$$

## Reparametrization and change of geometry

- Consider the least squares problem and reparametrization:

$$L(w) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\langle x_i, u \rangle - y_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|Xu - y\|_2^2,$$

where  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$  and  $u = (w_1^2, \dots, w_d^2)$  is the entry-wise square of  $w$ .

- The gradient flow over  $w$  is

$$\dot{w}(t) = -\nabla_w L(w(t)).$$

- If we consider the space of  $u$ , the above iteration becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}(t) &= D_w \cdot \dot{w}(t) = -D_w \cdot \nabla_w L(w(t)) \\ &= -2D_w \cdot D_w \cdot X^T (Xu - y) \\ &= -2D_u \cdot X^T (Xu - y) \\ &= -2D_u \cdot \nabla_u L(u(t)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $D_u = \text{diag}(u)$  and  $D_w = \text{diag}(w)$ .

## Reparametrization and change of geometry

If we let  $\phi(u) = \sum_{i=1}^d (u_i \log u_i - u_i)$ , then we have

$$(\nabla^2 \phi(u(t)))^{-1} = D_u.$$

Then we can show that the following two iterations are equivalent:

1. Gradient descent under square parametrization;
2. Mirror descent under  $\phi(u)$ .

According to the implicit bias of mirror descent,  $u(t)$  converges to the solution of the following optimization problem:

$$\min_u D_\phi(u, u_0) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \langle x_i, u \rangle = y_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

If  $u_0 = \alpha \mathbf{1}$ : as  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $D_\phi(u, u_0) \rightarrow C_\alpha \|u\|_1$ .



In classification problems, gradient descent on linear models converges to the  $\ell_2$  maximum margin solution if training data is linearly separable<sup>2</sup>

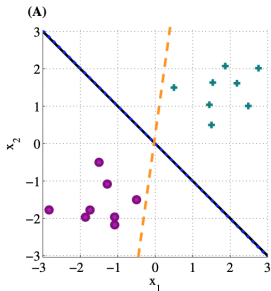


Figure 2: Implicit bias of gradient descent for classification problems.

## Classification: Linear Classifier

- Consider binary classification problem  $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$
- Linear decision boundaries  $f(x) = \langle x_i, w \rangle$
- Decision rule  $\hat{y}(x) = \text{sign}(f(x))$
- Consider the exponential loss function  $\ell(y_1, y_2) = \exp(-y_1 y_2)$ ,

$$L(w) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(\langle x_i, w \rangle, y_i)$$

- Gradient descent iteration

$$w_{t+1} = w_t - \eta \nabla L(w_t) = w_t - \eta \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(\langle x_i, w_t \rangle, y_i) (-x_i y_i)$$

- If the dataset is linearly separable,  $L(w) \rightarrow 0$  only as  $\|w\| \rightarrow \infty$ .
- Study the limit direction  $\bar{w}_\infty = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w_t}{\|w_t\|}$ .

## Theorem 3 (Soudry et al. 2018)

*For any dataset which is linearly separable, suitable learning rate  $\eta$ , and any starting point  $w_0$ ,  $\frac{w_t}{\|w_t\|}$  converges to the unique solution of the SVM problem:*

$$\max_w \min_i y_i \langle x_i, w \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|w\|_2 \leq 1.$$

## Proof idea.

- Suppose  $\frac{w_t}{\|w_t\|}$  converges to some limit  $\bar{w}_\infty$ , so  
 $w_t = g(t)\bar{w}_\infty + \rho(t)$  with  $g(t) \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\rho(t)}{g(t)} = 0$ .
- The gradient at  $w_t$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla L(w_t) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \exp(-w_t^T x_i) x_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \exp(-g(t)\bar{w}_\infty^T x_i) \exp(-\rho(t)^T x_i) x_i\end{aligned}$$

- As  $g(t) \rightarrow \infty$ , only those samples with the largest exponents will contribute to the gradient. So  $w_t$  are asymptotically dominated by a non-negative linear combination of support vectors. These are precisely the KKT conditions for the SVM problem.  $\square$

# Classification: Steepest Descent

Steepest descent with respect to a generic norm is given by:

$$w_{t+1} = w_t + \eta_t \Delta w_t, \text{ where } \Delta w_t = \arg \min \langle \nabla L(w_t), v \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|v\|^2.$$

For classification problem we consider the exponential loss.

## Theorem 4 (Gunasekar et al. 2018a)

*For any dataset which is linearly separable, any norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , suitable learning rate  $\eta$  and any starting point  $w_0$ ,  $\frac{w_t}{\|w_t\|}$  converges to the solution of the optimization problem:*

$$\max_w \min_i y_i \langle x_i, w \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|w\| \leq 1.$$

# Implicit Bias for Linear Networks

- Deep linear networks can be regarded as parameterizations of linear models.
- Gunasekar et al. 2018b showed that gradient descent on full-width linear convolutional networks of depth  $L$  converges to a linear predictor related to the  $\ell_{2/L}$  penalty in frequency domain.
- And gradient descent on fully-connected linear networks converges to  $\ell_2$  maximum margin solution regardless of depth.
- This elucidates the impact of the network architectures.
- The approximation ability may be the same, but the implicit bias of gradient descent is different.

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# Implicit bias of gradient descent

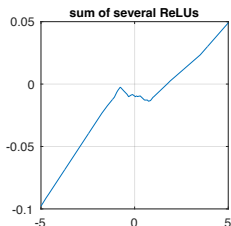
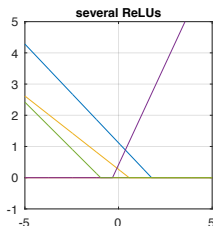
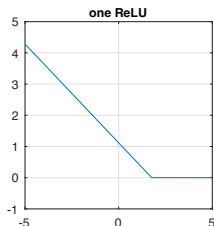
- Consider a **shallow ReLU network** with  $n$  hidden units,

$$f(x, \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i^{(2)} [\langle W_i^{(1)}, x \rangle + b_i^{(1)}]_+ + b^{(2)}.$$

- Initialize the parameters by independent samples of  $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{B})$ .
- For data  $\{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^M$ , select a function by **gradient descent** minimization of the squared error  $L(\theta) = \sum_{j=1}^M \|f(x_j, \theta) - y_j\|^2$ .



- Consider first the univariate setting,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- A rectified linear unit  $[w_i x + b_i]_+$  has breakpoint at  $c_i = -b_i/w_i$ .
- A density  $p_{\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{B}}$  induces a breakpoint density  $p_{\mathcal{C}}$ .



# Implicit bias of GD in wide ReLU networks

## Theorem 5 (Univariate regression)

- Consider a feedforward network with a single input unit, a hidden layer of  $n$  rectified linear units, skip connections, and a single linear output unit.
- Assume standard parametrization and that for each hidden unit the input weight and bias are initialized from a sub-Gaussian  $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{B})$  with joint density  $p_{\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{B}}$ .
- Then, for any finite data set  $\{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^M$  and sufficiently large  $n$  optimization of the MSE by full-batch gradient descent with sufficiently small step size converges to a parameter  $\theta^*$  for which the output function  $f(x, \theta^*)$  attains zero training error.
- Moreover,

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## Theorem 5 (Univariate regression)

letting

$$\zeta(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |W|^3 p_{W,B}(W, -Wx) dW$$

and  $S = \text{supp}(\zeta) \cap [\min_i x_j, \max_i x_j]$ , we have

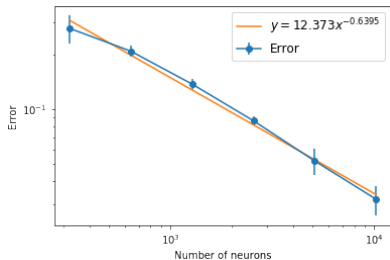
$$\|f(x, \theta^*) - g^*(x)\|_2 = O(n^{-\frac{1}{2}}), \quad x \in S$$

with high probability over the random initialization  $\theta_0$ , where  $g^*$  solves following variational problem:

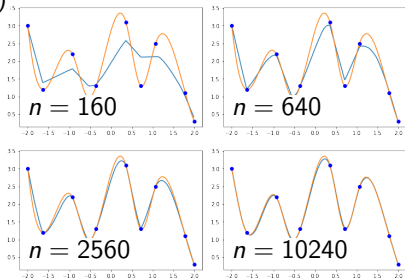
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{g \in C^2(S)} \int_S \frac{1}{\zeta(x)} (g''(x) - f''(x, \theta_0))^2 dx \\ \text{subject to } g(x_j) = y_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, M. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

# Numerical illustration

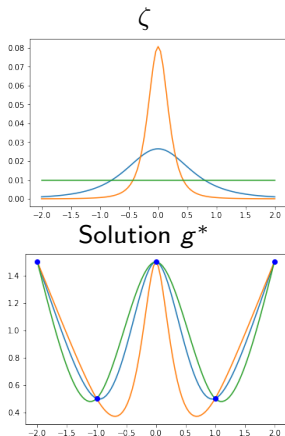
Uniform error between  $g^*$  and  $f(\cdot, \theta^*)$



—  $f(\cdot, \theta^*)$  —  $g^*$



# The curvature penalty function



- The reciprocal curvature penalty is 
$$\zeta(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |W|^3 p_{W,B}(W, -Wx) dW.$$
- We obtain the explicit form of  $\zeta$  for various initialization procedures.
- We obtain parameter initialization procedures leading to any desired  $\zeta$ .

# Explicit form of the curvature penalty

## Theorem 6 (Curvature penalty for various initializations)

1. *Gaussian initialization.* Assume that  $\mathcal{W}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are independent,  $\mathcal{W} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2)$  and  $\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_b^2)$ . Then  $\zeta$  is given by
$$\zeta(x) = \frac{2\sigma_w^3\sigma_b^3}{\pi(\sigma_b^2+x^2\sigma_w^2)^2}.$$
2. *Binary-uniform initialization.* Assume that  $\mathcal{W}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are independent,  $\mathcal{W} \in \{-1, 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{U}(-a_b, a_b)$  with  $a_b \geq L$ . Then  $\zeta$  is constant on  $[-L, L]$ .
3. *Uniform initialization.* Assume that  $\mathcal{W}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are independent,  $\mathcal{W} \sim \mathcal{U}(-a_w, a_w)$  and  $\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{U}(-a_b, a_b)$  with  $\frac{a_b}{a_w} \geq L$ . Then  $\zeta$  is constant on  $[-L, L]$ .

# Gaussian initialization

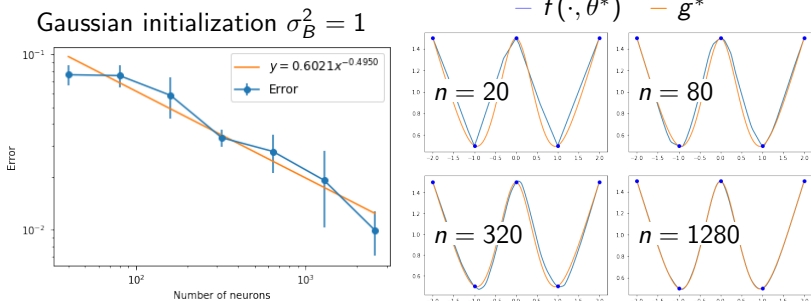


Figure 3: Initialization  $W \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $B \sim N(0, 1)$ .

# Sharp Gaussian initialization

Gaussian initialization  $\sigma_B^2 = 0.1$

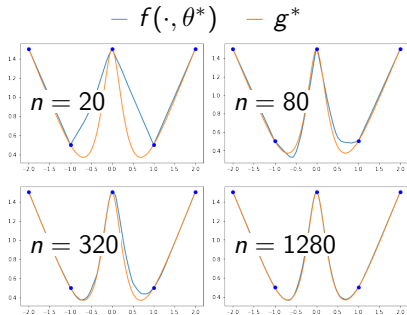
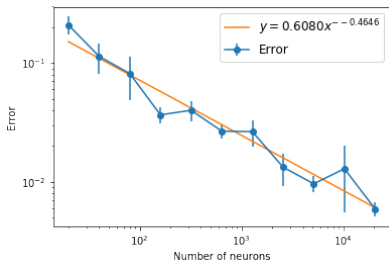


Figure 4: Initialization  $W \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $B \sim N(0, 0.1)$ . In this case  $\zeta$  that is more peaked at  $x = 0$ . Solutions more curvy around  $x = 0$ .



- With the presented bias description we can formulate heuristics for parameter initialization either to ease optimization or also to induce specific smoothness priors on the solutions.
- In particular, any curvature penalty  $1/\zeta$  can be implemented by an appropriate choice of the initialization distribution.

### Proposition 7 (Constructing any curvature penalty)

*Given any function  $\varrho: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , satisfying  $Z = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\varrho} < \infty$ , if we set the density of  $\mathcal{C}$  as  $p_{\mathcal{C}}(x) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{1}{\varrho(x)}$  and make  $\mathcal{W}$  independent of  $\mathcal{C}$  with non-vanishing second moment, then*

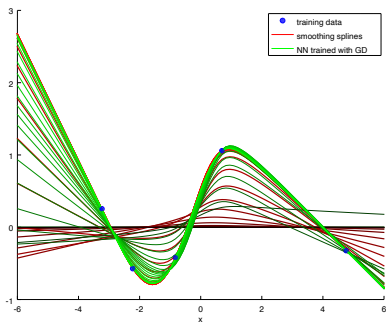
$$(\mathbb{E}(W^2 | \mathcal{C} = x) p_{\mathcal{C}}(x))^{-1} = (\mathbb{E}(W^2) p_{\mathcal{C}}(x))^{-1} \propto \varrho(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

# Optimization trajectory in function space

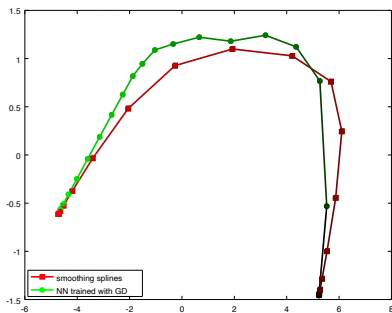
- Optimization trajectory described by smoothing splines

$$\min_{g \in C^2(S)} \sum_{j=1}^M [g(x_j) - y_j]^2 + \frac{1}{\bar{\eta}t} \int_S \frac{1}{\zeta(x)} (g''(x) - f''(x, \theta_0))^2 dx.$$

Trajectories of functions



2D PCA of the trajectories



## Early stopping and spectral bias

- The result can be interpreted in combination with early stopping.
- The training trajectory is approximated by a smoothing spline, meaning that the network will filter out high frequencies which are usually associated to noise in the training data.
- This behavior is sometimes referred to as a spectral bias<sup>3</sup>.

# Generalization to multivariate regression

## Theorem 8 (Multivariate regression)

- Use the same network setting as in Theorem 5 except that the number of input units changes to  $d$ .
- Assume that for each hidden unit the input weight and bias are initialized from a sub-Gaussian  $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{B})$  where  $\mathcal{W}$  is a  $d$ -dimensional random vector and  $\mathcal{B}$  is a random variable.
- Let  $\mathcal{U} = \|\mathcal{W}\|_2$ ,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{W}/\|\mathcal{W}\|_2$ ,  $\mathcal{C} = -\mathcal{B}/\|\mathcal{W}\|_2$ , and let  $p_{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}}$  be the joint density of  $(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C})$ .
- Then, for any finite data set  $\{(\mathbf{x}_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^M$  and sufficiently large  $n$  optimization of the MSE by full-batch gradient descent with sufficiently small step size converges to a parameter  $\theta^*$  for which  $f(\cdot, \theta^*)$  attains zero training error.
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letting  $\zeta(\mathbf{V}, c) = p_{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{V}, c) \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{U}^2 | \mathcal{V} = \mathbf{V}, \mathcal{C} = c)$ , we have

$$\|f(\mathbf{x}, \theta^*) - g^*(\mathbf{x})\|_2 = O(n^{-\frac{1}{2}}), \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

(the 2-norm over  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ) whp over  $\theta_0$ , where  $g^*$  solves

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{g \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}^d)} & \int_{\text{supp}(\zeta)} \frac{1}{\zeta(\mathbf{V}, c)} \left( \mathcal{R}\{(-\Delta)^{(d+1)/2}(g - f(\cdot, \theta_0))\}(\mathbf{V}, c) \right)^2 d\mathbf{V}dc \\ \text{s.t.} & \quad g(\mathbf{x}_j) = y_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, M, \\ & \quad \mathcal{R}\{(-\Delta)^{(d+1)/2}(g - f(\cdot, \theta_0))\}(\mathbf{V}, c) = 0, \quad (\mathbf{V}, c) \notin \text{supp}(\zeta). \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathcal{R}$  is the Radon transform,  $\mathcal{R}\{f\}(\omega, b) := \int_{\langle \omega, \mathbf{x} \rangle = b} f(\mathbf{x}) ds(\mathbf{x})$ , and the power of the negative Laplacian  $(-\Delta)^{(d+1)/2}$  is the operator defined in Fourier domain by  $(-\Delta)^{(d+1)/2} f(\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \|\boldsymbol{\xi}\|^{d+1} \widehat{f}(\boldsymbol{\xi})$ .

# Generalization to other activation functions

## Theorem 9 (Different activation functions)

- Use the same setting as in Theorem 5 except that we use the activation function  $\phi$  instead of ReLU.
- Suppose that  $\phi$  is a Green's function of a linear operator  $L$ , i.e.  $L\phi = \delta$ , where  $\delta$  denotes the Dirac delta function.
- Assume that the activation function  $\phi$  is homogeneous of degree  $k$ , i.e.  $\phi(ax) = a^k\phi(x)$  for all  $a > 0$ .
- Then we can find a function  $p$  satisfying  $Lp \equiv 0$  and adjust training data  $\{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^M$  to  $\{(x_j, y_j - p(x_j))\}_{j=1}^M$ .

## Generalization to other activation functions

### Theorem 9 (Different activation functions)

After that, the statement in Theorem 5 holds with

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{g \in C^2(S)} \quad & \int_S \frac{1}{\zeta(x)} [L(g(x) - f(x, \theta_0))]^2 dx \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & g(x_j) = y_j - p(x_j), \quad j = 1, \dots, M, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\zeta(x) = p_C(x) \mathbb{E}(\mathcal{W}^{2k} | \mathcal{C} = x)$$

and  $S = \text{supp}(\zeta) \cap [\min_i x_i, \max_i x_i]$ .

From Theorem 5 we can extract generalization results such as

- In the univariate noiseless model for a target  $g_0$  on  $[a, b]$ , if  $\zeta$  uniform, then

$$\|g^* - g_0\|_\infty \leq C \|g_0^{(4)}\|_\infty h^4$$

where  $g^{(4)}$  is the fourth derivative of  $g_0$  and  $h = \max_i x_{i+1} - x_i$ .

- For univariate noisy models with  $y_j = g_0(x_j) + \epsilon_j$ ,  $\epsilon_j$  independent zero mean with variance  $\sigma^2$ , if  $x_i$  uniform partition and  $\zeta$  uniform, using early stopping with  $t = \Theta(M^{4/5})$ , then

$$\mathbb{E}\|g^* - g_0\|_2^2 = O(M^{-4/5})$$





- Similar observations can be obtained in more general settings such as non-uniform training inputs, non-constant  $\zeta$







- Zhang et al. 2019 described the implicit bias of gradient descent in the kernel regime as minimizing a kernel norm from initialization, subject to fitting the training data.
- Savarese et al. 2019 showed infinite-width networks with 2-norm weight regularization represent functions with smallest 1-norm of the second derivative, an example of which are [linear splines](#).
- Williams et al. 2019 showed a similar result for univariate shallow ReLU nets training only the output layer from zero initialization.

- Gradient descent training of overparametrized ReLU networks is biased towards functions with low curvature.
- The parameter initialization procedure determines the curvature penalty function  $1/\zeta$ .
- Generalizations to multivariate ReLU networks, different activation functions, and optimization trajectories.

- Spectral bias
- Implicit bias in mildly overparametrized nets
- Other optimizers and stability
- Role of the data

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