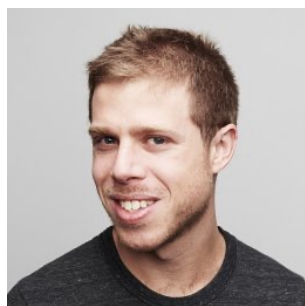


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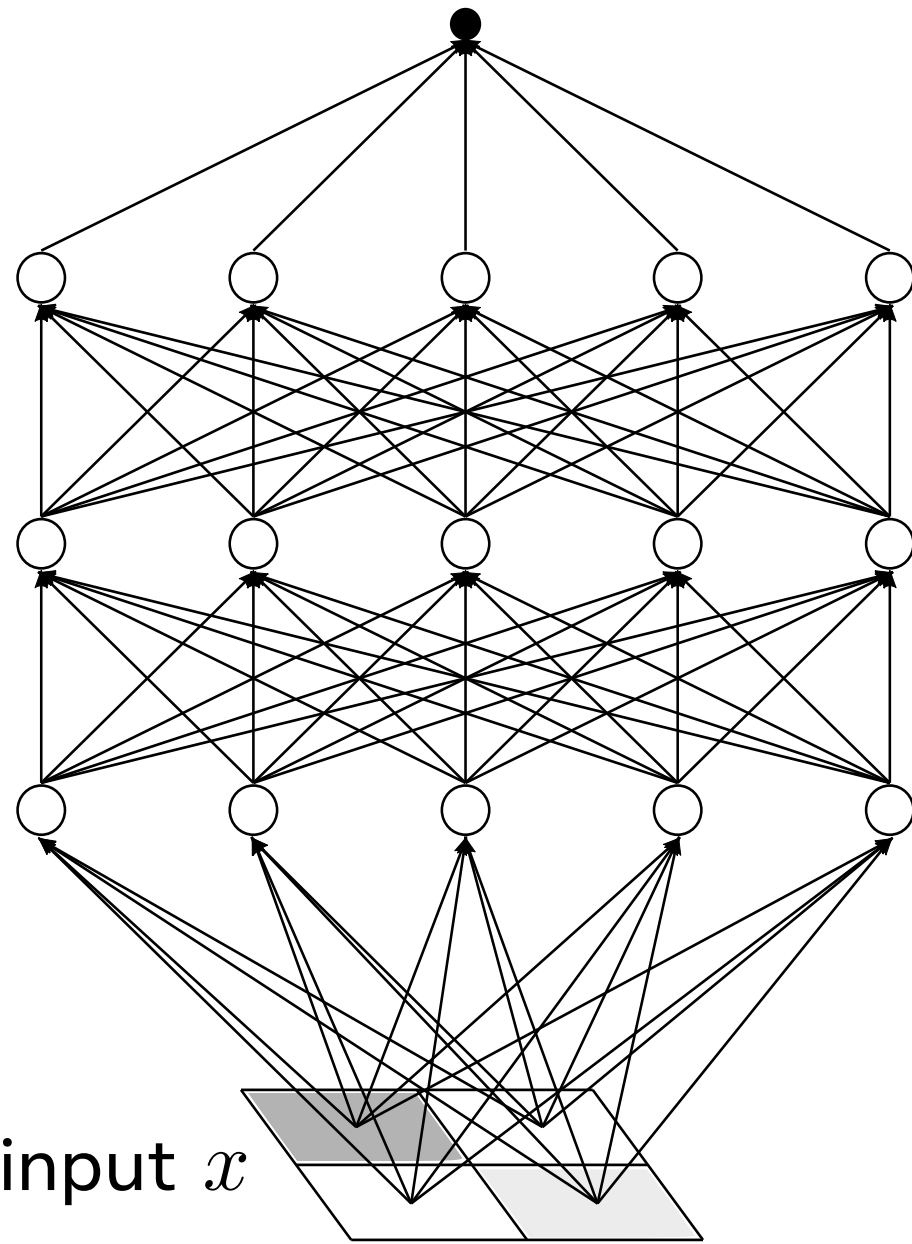
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Neural Networks

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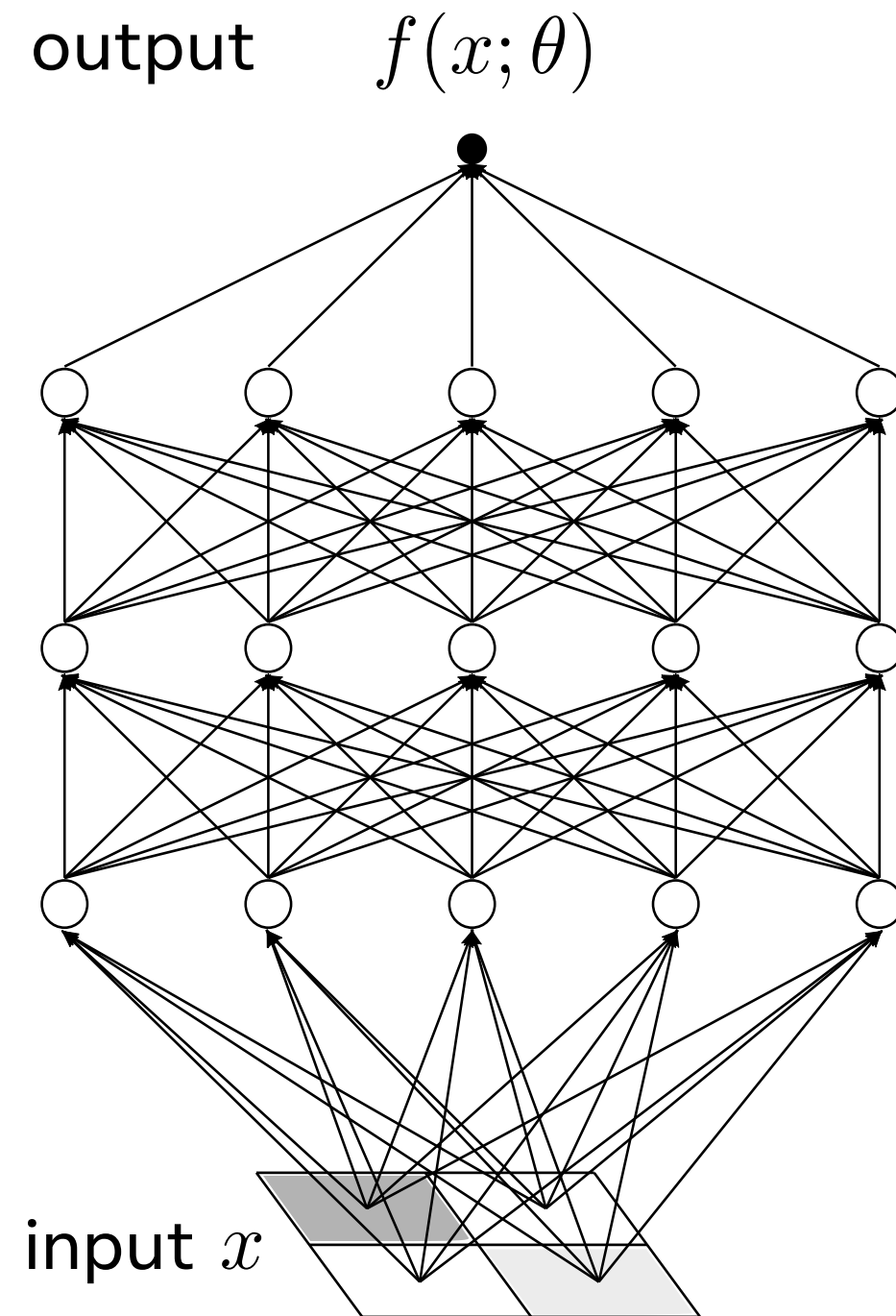
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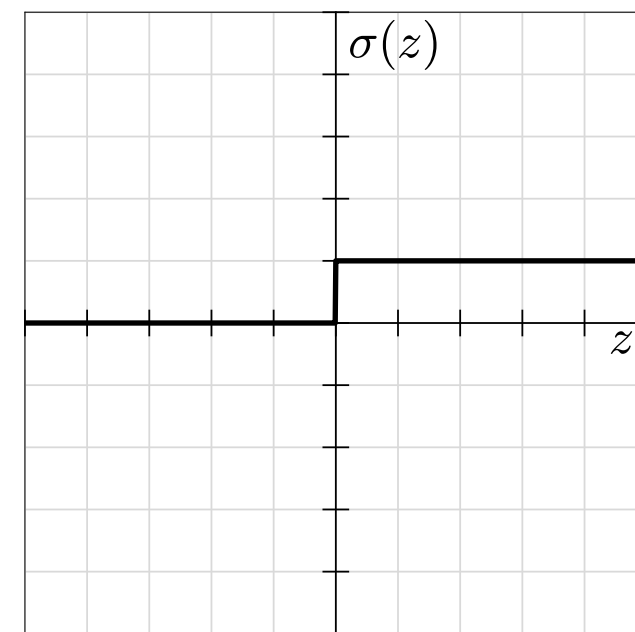
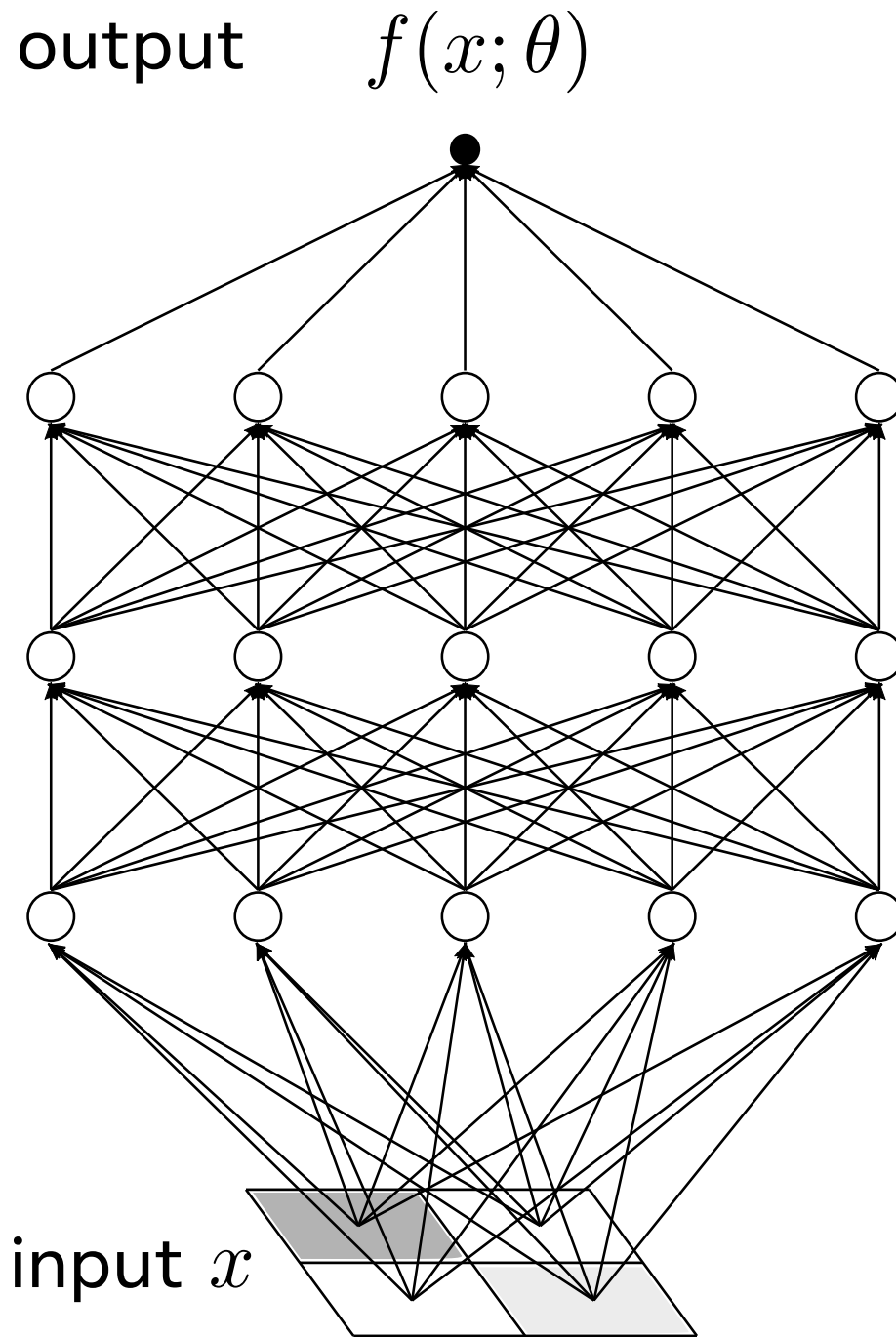
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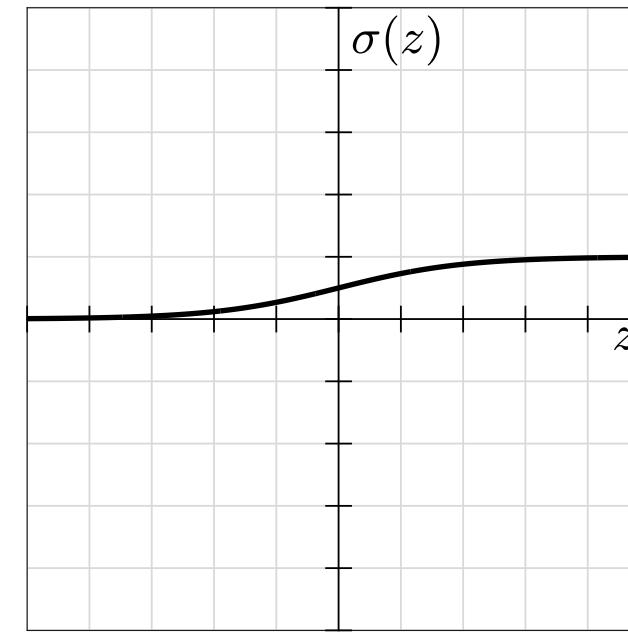
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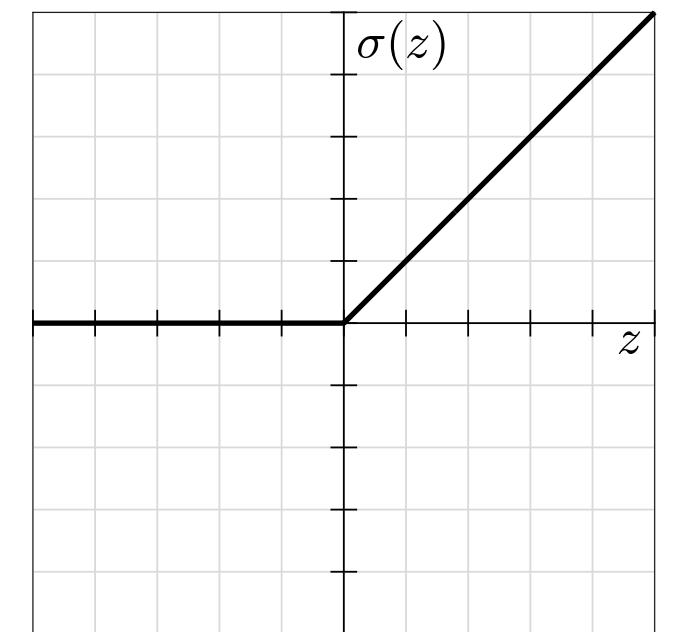
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sigmoid



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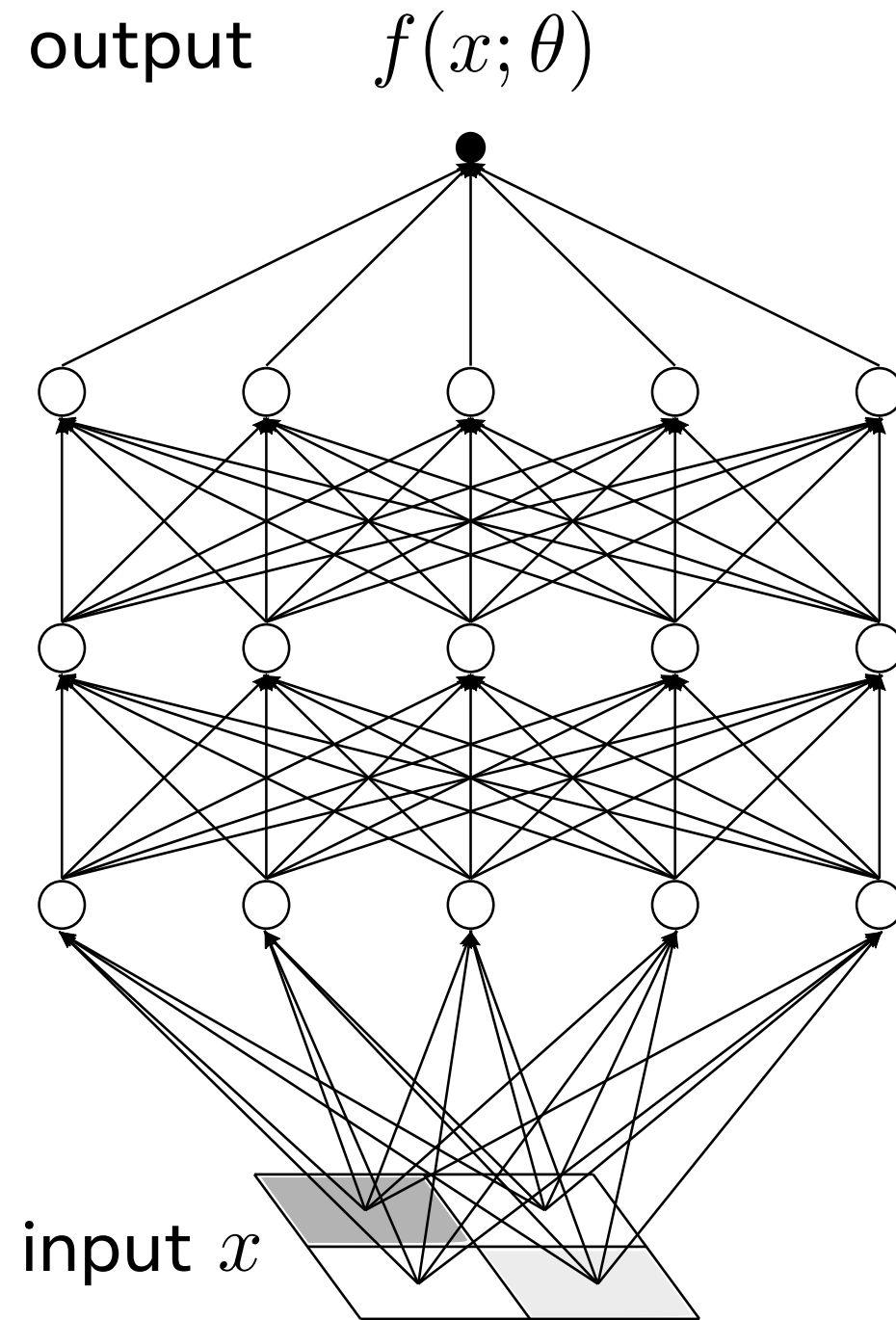
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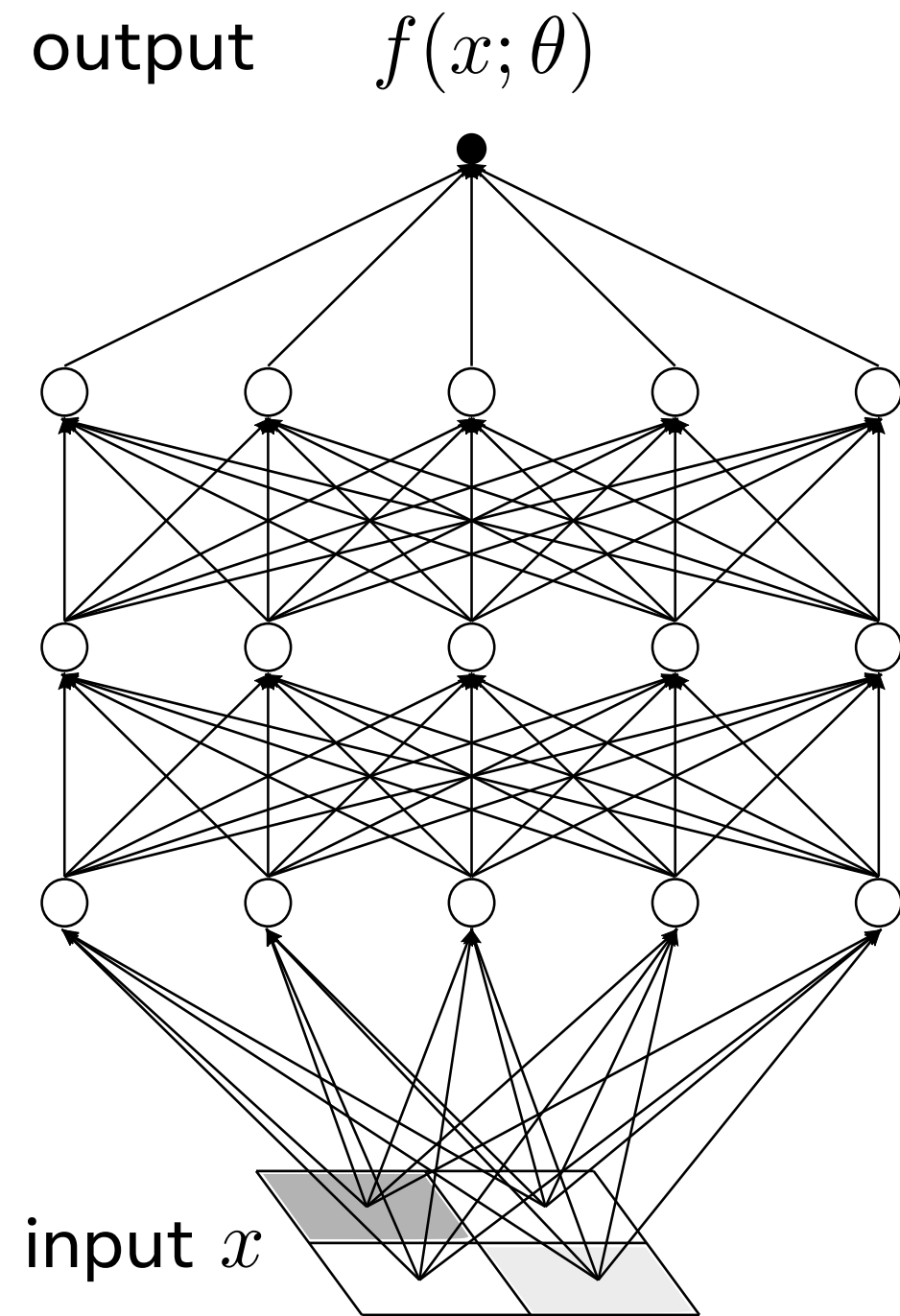
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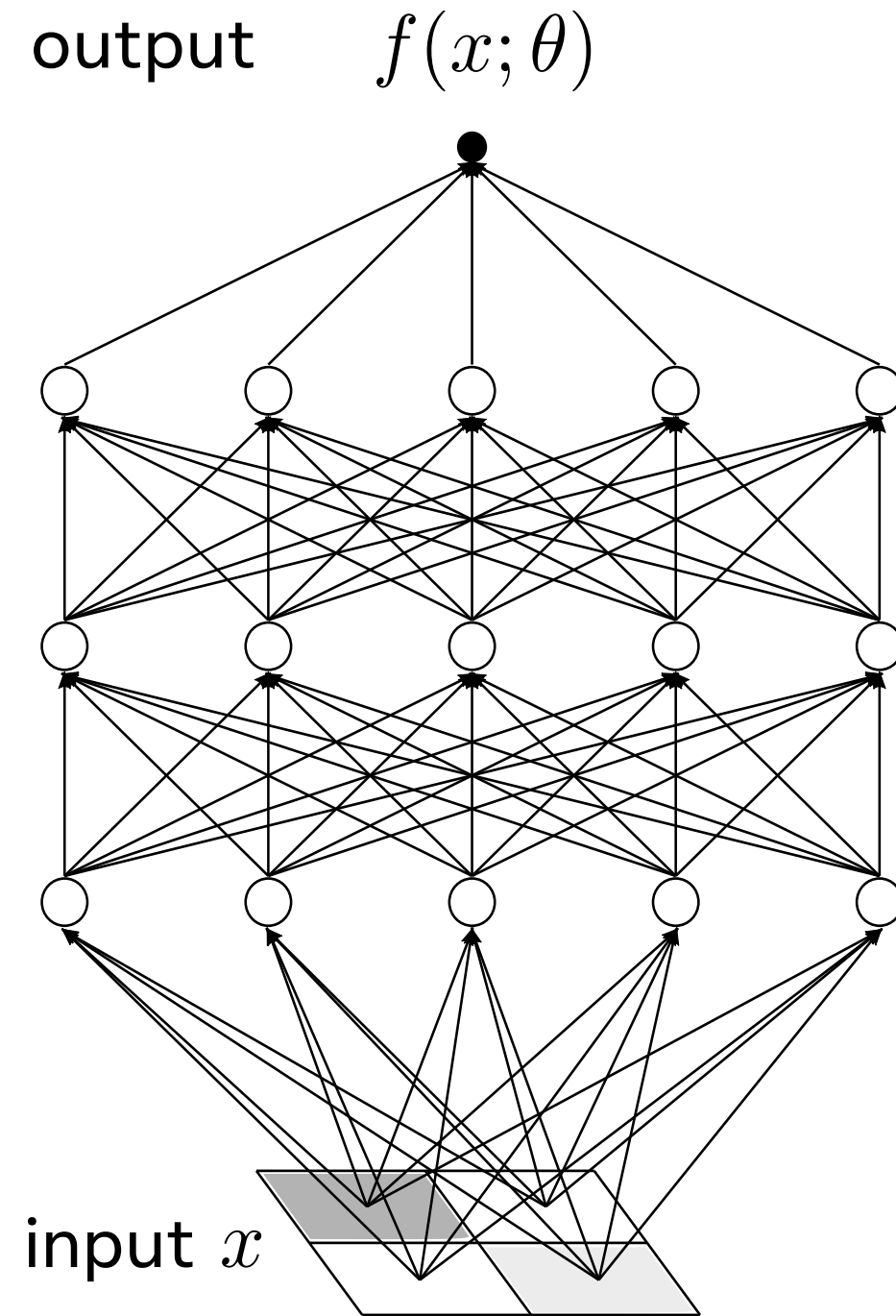
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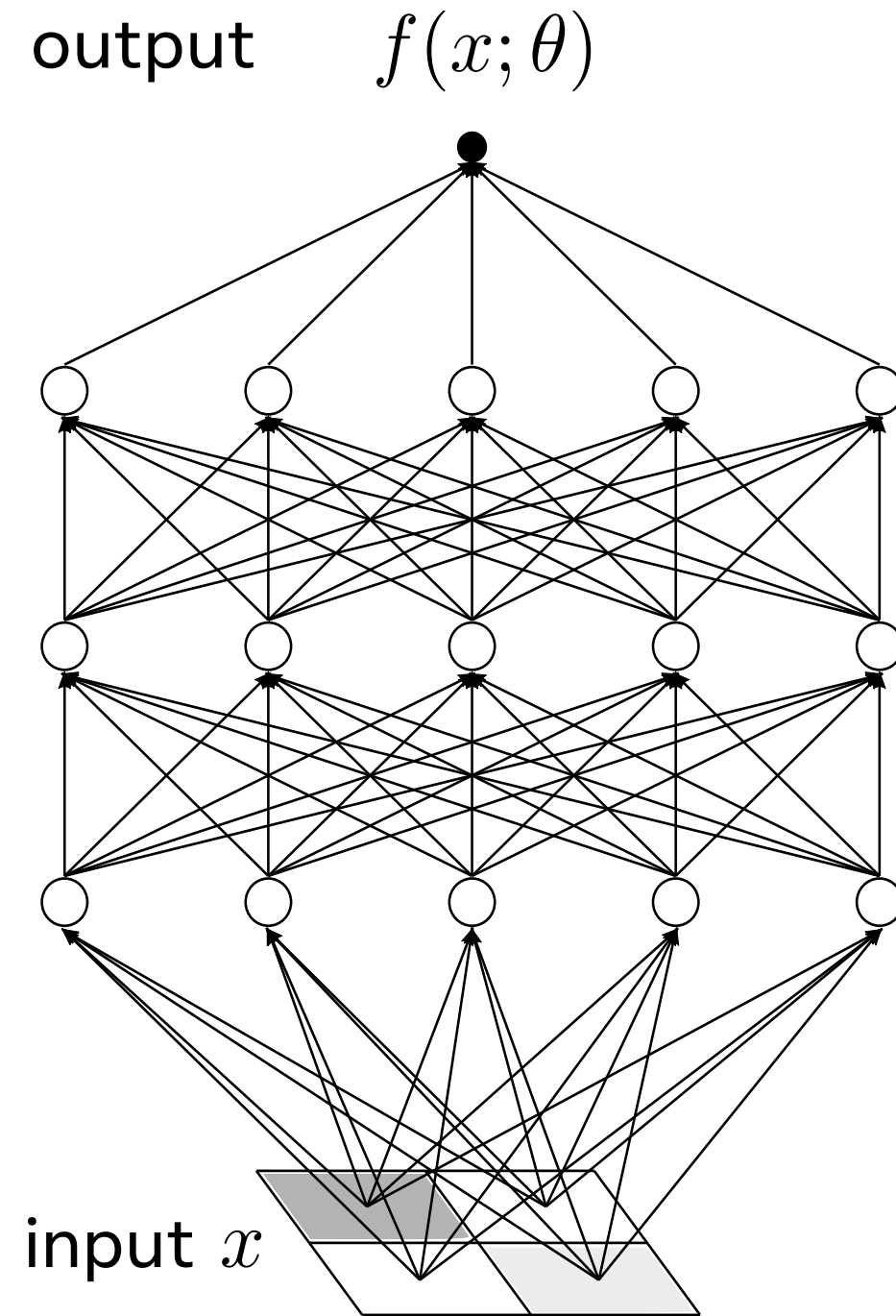
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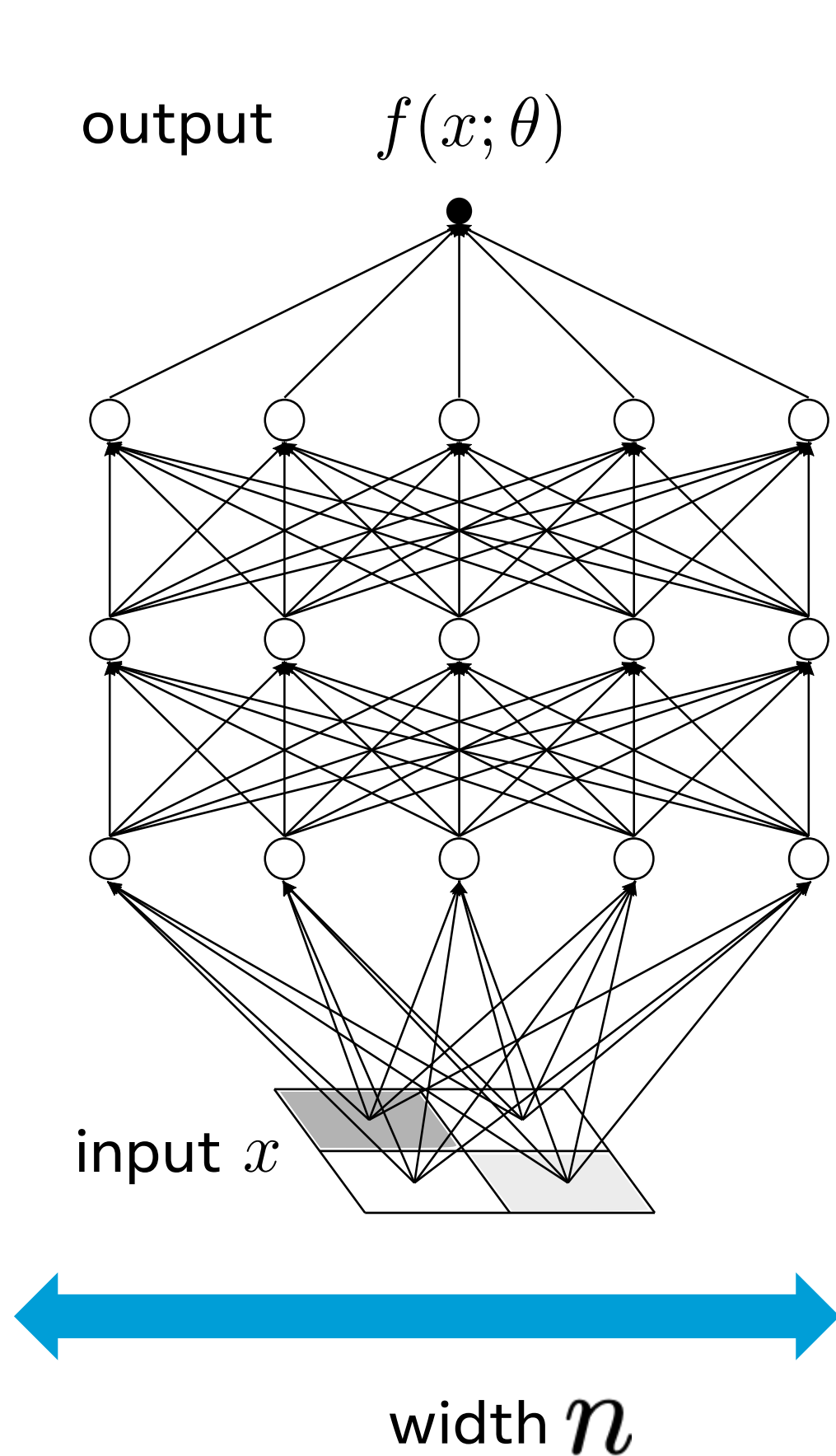
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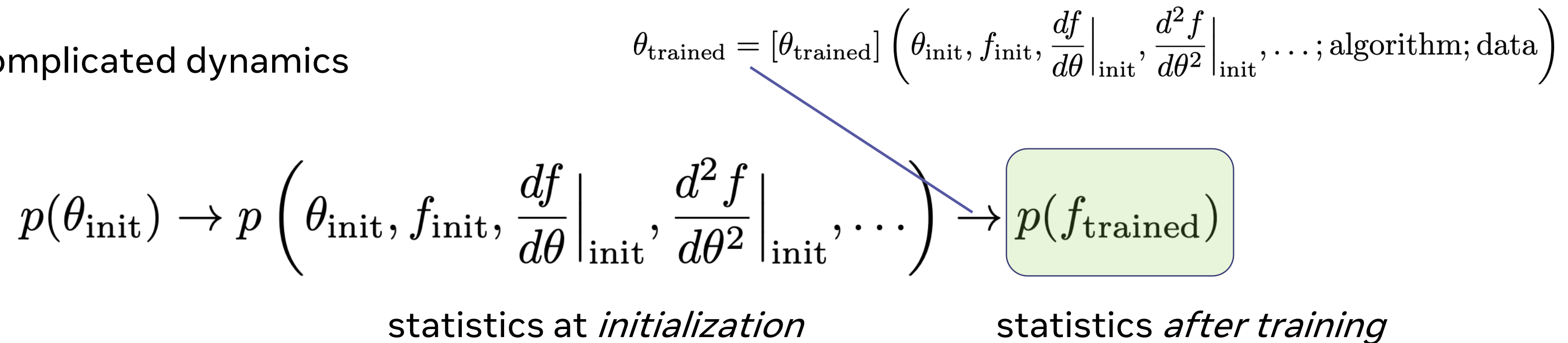
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“Statistics become *sparse* & dynamics can be truncated”

2. Neural Networks at Large Width

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These “calculations” involve RG flow (next section)

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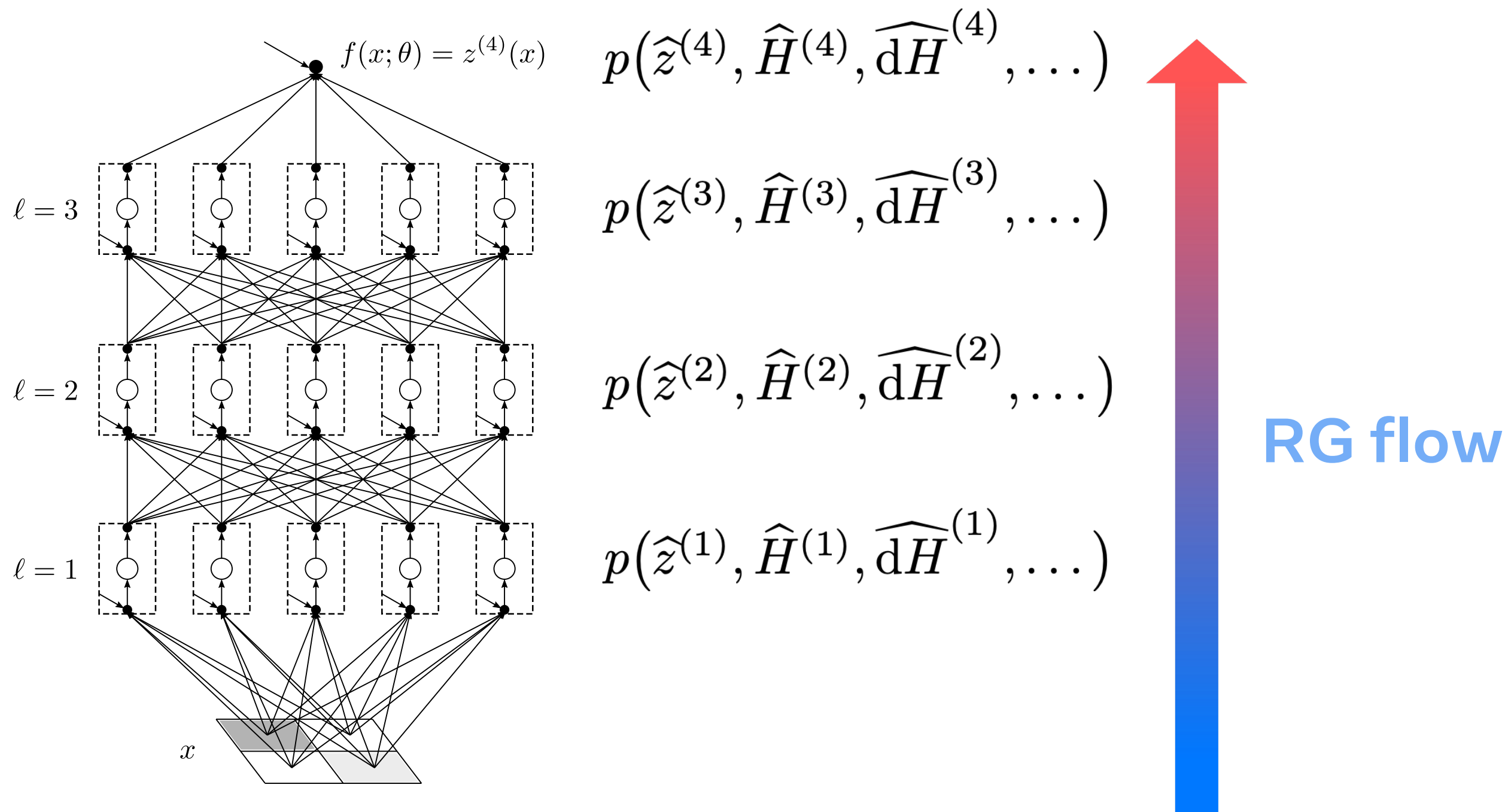
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Nearly-Gaussian [§4, §8, § 11.2, & §∞.3 of [arXiv:2106.10165](https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.10165)]

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$$\mathbb{E} \left[b_{i_1}^{(1)} b_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} C_b, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[W_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(1)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \frac{C_W}{n_0}$$

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“Wick contraction”

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(1)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(b_{i_1}^{(1)} + \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_0} W_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)} x_{j_1} \right) \left(b_{i_2}^{(1)} + \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_0} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(1)} x_{j_2} \right) \right]$$

$$= C_b \delta_{i_1 i_2} + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{n_0} \frac{C_W}{n_0} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} x_{j_1} x_{j_2}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[b_{i_1}^{(1)} b_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} C_b, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[W_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(1)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \frac{C_W}{n_0}$$

Statistics of $\widehat{z}_i^{(1)} = b_i^{(1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} W_{ij}^{(1)} x_j$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(1)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(b_{i_1}^{(1)} + \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_0} W_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)} x_{j_1} \right) \left(b_{i_2}^{(1)} + \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_0} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(1)} x_{j_2} \right) \right] \\ &= C_b \delta_{i_1 i_2} + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{n_0} \frac{C_W}{n_0} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[b_{i_1}^{(1)} b_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} C_b, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[W_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(1)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \frac{C_W}{n_0}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(1)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(b_{i_1}^{(1)} + \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_0} W_{i_1 j_1}^{(1)} x_{j_1} \right) \left(b_{i_2}^{(1)} + \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_0} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(1)} x_{j_2} \right) \right] \\ &= C_b \delta_{i_1 i_2} + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{n_0} \frac{C_W}{n_0} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} x_{j_1} x_{j_2} \\ &= \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[C_b + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} x_j^2 \right) \right] \equiv \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

Statistics of $\hat{z}_i^{(1)} = b_i^{(1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} W_{ij}^{(1)} x_j$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\hat{z}_{i_1}^{(1)} \hat{z}_{i_2}^{(1)} \right] = G^{(1)} \delta_{i_1 i_2}$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\hat{z}_{i_1}^{(1)} \hat{z}_{i_2}^{(1)} \hat{z}_{i_3}^{(1)} \hat{z}_{i_4}^{(1)} \right] = \left(G^{(1)} \right)^2 \left(\delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{i_3 i_4} + \delta_{i_1 i_3} \delta_{i_2 i_4} + \delta_{i_1 i_4} \delta_{i_2 i_3} \right)$$

...

$$p\left(\hat{z}^{(1)}\right) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2G^{(1)}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \left(\hat{z}_i^{(1)} \right)^2 \right] = \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2G^{(1)}} \left(\hat{z}_i^{(1)} \right)^2 \right] \right\}$$

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- Neurons don't talk to each other; they are statistically independent.
- We marginalized over/integrated out $b_i^{(1)}$ and $W_{ij}^{(1)}$.
- Two interpretations:
 - (i) outputs of one-layer networks; or
 - (ii) preactivations in the first layer of deeper networks.

Statistics of $\widehat{z}_i^{(2)} = b_i^{(2)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} W_{ij}^{(2)} \sigma \left(\widehat{z}_j^{(1)} \right)$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(2)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(2)} \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[\left(b_{i_1}^{(2)} + \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} W_{i_1 j_1}^{(2)} \sigma \left(\widehat{z}_{j_1}^{(1)} \right) \right) \left(b_{i_2}^{(2)} + \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_1} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(2)} \sigma \left(\widehat{z}_{j_2}^{(1)} \right) \right) \right]$$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[b_{i_1}^{(2)} b_{i_2}^{(2)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} C_b, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[W_{i_1 j_1}^{(2)} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(2)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \frac{C_W}{n_1}$$

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Wick $= C_b \delta_{i_1 i_2} + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{n_1} \frac{C_W}{n_1} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \mathbb{E} \left[\sigma \left(\widehat{z}_{j_1}^{(1)} \right) \sigma \left(\widehat{z}_{j_2}^{(1)} \right) \right]$

arrange $= \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[C_b + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \mathbb{E} \left[\sigma \left(\widehat{z}_j^{(1)} \right) \sigma \left(\widehat{z}_j^{(1)} \right) \right] \right) \right]$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[b_{i_1}^{(2)} b_{i_2}^{(2)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} C_b, \quad \mathbb{E} \left[W_{i_1 j_1}^{(2)} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(2)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \frac{C_W}{n_1}$$

Statistics of $\hat{z}_i^{(2)} = b_i^{(2)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} W_{ij}^{(2)} \sigma(\hat{z}_j^{(1)})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{E} \left[\hat{z}_{i_1}^{(2)} \hat{z}_{i_2}^{(2)} \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(b_{i_1}^{(2)} + \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} W_{i_1 j_1}^{(2)} \sigma(\hat{z}_{j_1}^{(1)}) \right) \left(b_{i_2}^{(2)} + \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_1} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(2)} \sigma(\hat{z}_{j_2}^{(1)}) \right) \right] \\
 &= C_b \delta_{i_1 i_2} + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{n_1} \frac{C_W}{n_1} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \mathbb{E} \left[\sigma(\hat{z}_{j_1}^{(1)}) \sigma(\hat{z}_{j_2}^{(1)}) \right] \\
 &= \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[C_b + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \mathbb{E} \left[\sigma(\hat{z}_j^{(1)}) \sigma(\hat{z}_j^{(1)}) \right] \right) \right] \\
 &= \delta_{i_1 i_2} [C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(1)}}] \equiv \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$p(\hat{z}^{(1)}) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2G^{(1)}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} (\hat{z}_i^{(1)})^2 \right] = \prod_{i=1}^{n_1} \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2G^{(1)}} (\hat{z}_i^{(1)})^2 \right] \right\}$$

$$\langle f(z) \rangle_G \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi G}} \int dz f(z) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2G}}$$

Statistics of $\hat{z}_i^{(2)} = b_i^{(2)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} W_{ij}^{(2)} \sigma(\hat{z}_j^{(1)})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\hat{z}_{i_1}^{(2)} \hat{z}_{i_2}^{(2)} \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(b_{i_1}^{(2)} + \sum_{j_1=1}^{n_1} W_{i_1 j_1}^{(2)} \sigma(\hat{z}_{j_1}^{(1)}) \right) \left(b_{i_2}^{(2)} + \sum_{j_2=1}^{n_1} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(2)} \sigma(\hat{z}_{j_2}^{(1)}) \right) \right] \\ &= C_b \delta_{i_1 i_2} + \sum_{j_1, j_2=1}^{n_1} \frac{C_W}{n_1} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \mathbb{E} \left[\sigma(\hat{z}_{j_1}^{(1)}) \sigma(\hat{z}_{j_2}^{(1)}) \right] \\ &= \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[C_b + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} \mathbb{E} \left[\sigma(\hat{z}_j^{(1)}) \sigma(\hat{z}_j^{(1)}) \right] \right) \right] \\ &= \delta_{i_1 i_2} [C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(1)}}] \equiv \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

- **Recursive.**

- $\mathbb{E} \left[W_{i_1 j_1}^{(2)} W_{i_2 j_2}^{(2)} \right] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \delta_{j_1 j_2} \frac{C_W}{n_1}$ width-scaling was important.

Statistics of

$$\widehat{z}_i^{(\ell+1)} = b_i^{(\ell+1)} + \sum_{j=1}^{n_1} W_{ij}^{(\ell+1)} \sigma \left(\widehat{z}_j^{(\ell)} \right)$$

Two-point:

$$G^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(\ell)}} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Statistics of Other Stuffs

Two-point:

$$G^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z)\sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(\ell)}} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

Four-point:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n_\ell} V^{(\ell+1)} &= \frac{1}{n_\ell} C_W^2 \left[\langle \sigma(z)\sigma(z)\sigma(z)\sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(\ell)}} - \langle \sigma(z)\sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(\ell)}}^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{C_W^2}{4n_{\ell-1}} \frac{V^{(\ell)}}{(G^{(\ell)})^4} \left\langle \sigma(z)\sigma(z) \left(z^2 - G^{(\ell)} \right) \right\rangle_{G^{(\ell)}}^2 + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

NTK mean:

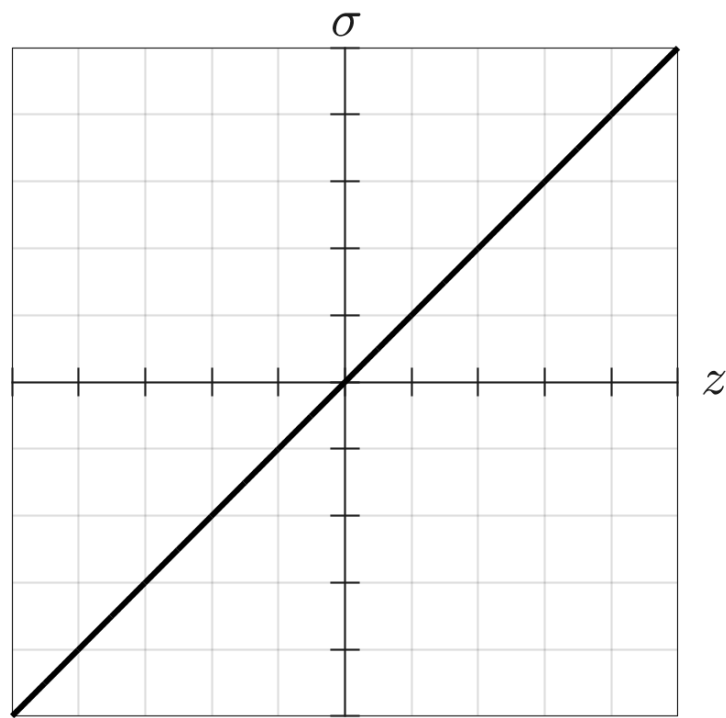
$$H^{(\ell+1)} = \lambda_b + \lambda_W \langle \sigma(z)\sigma(z) \rangle_{G^{(\ell)}} + C_W H^{(\ell)} \langle \sigma'(z)\sigma'(z) \rangle_{G^{(\ell)}} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

...

3b. Criticality

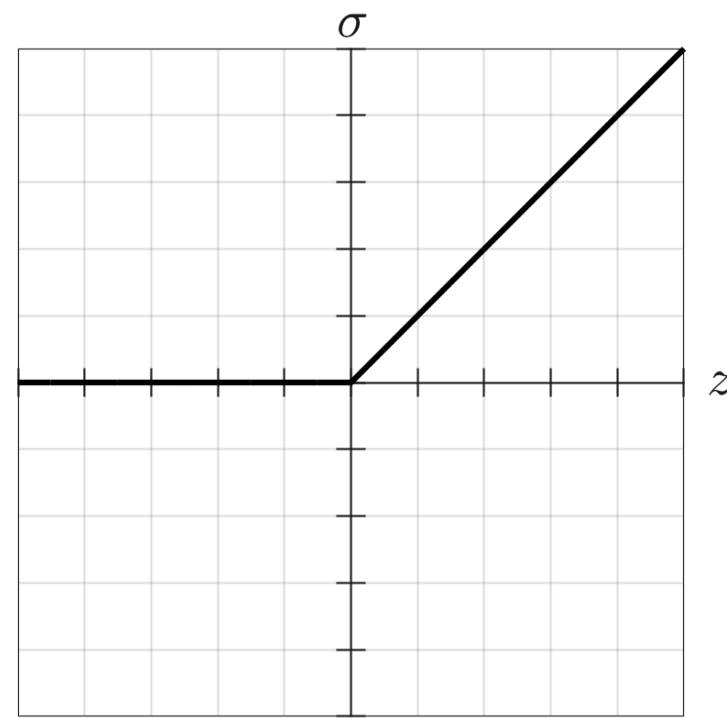
E.g., Scale-Invariant Activation Functions

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$



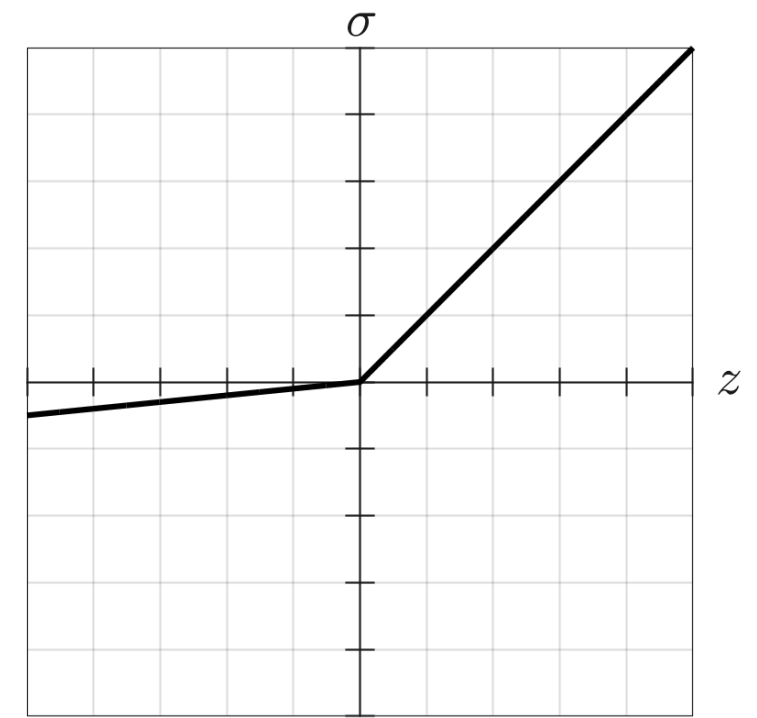
linear

$$a_+ = 1, a_- = 1$$



ReLU

$$a_+ = 1, a_- = 0$$



leaky ReLU

$$a_+ = 1, a_- = 0.1$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(\ell)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(\ell)}] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(\ell)} = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[K^{(\ell)} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

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$$\boxed{K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}}$$

$$\langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_K \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \sigma(z) \sigma(z) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}}$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(\ell)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(\ell)}] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(\ell)} = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[K^{(\ell)} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$\boxed{K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_K &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \sigma(z) \sigma(z) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K}} \left[a_+^2 \int_0^{\infty} dz z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} + a_-^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 dz z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(\ell)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(\ell)}] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(\ell)} = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[K^{(\ell)} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}$$

$$\langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_K \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \sigma(z) \sigma(z) e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K}} \left[a_+^2 \int_0^{\infty} dz z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} + a_-^2 \int_{-\infty}^0 dz z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} \right]$$

$$\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K}} \left[\frac{a_+^2}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} + \frac{a_-^2}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz z^2 e^{-\frac{z^2}{2K}} \right]$$

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Kernel Recursion

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Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(\ell)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(\ell)}] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(\ell)} = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[K^{(\ell)} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$\boxed{K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}}$$

$$\langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_K = A_2 K \quad \text{with} \quad A_2 \equiv \frac{a_+^2 + a_-^2}{2}$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

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$$K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W A_2 K^{(\ell)}$$

Kernel Recursion

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$$K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}$$

Let me simplify further $C_b = 0, \chi \equiv C_W A_2$

$$K^{(\ell+1)} = \cancel{C_b} + \underbrace{C_W A_2}_{\equiv \chi} K^{(\ell)}$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

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Kernel Recursion

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$$K^{(\ell+1)} = C_b + C_W \langle \sigma(z) \sigma(z) \rangle_{K^{(\ell)}}$$

Let me simplify further $C_b = 0, \chi \equiv C_W A_2$

$$K^{(\ell+1)} = \chi K^{(\ell)}$$

$$\longrightarrow K^{(\ell)} = \chi^{\ell-1} K^{(1)}$$

$$K^{(1)} = \cancel{C_b} + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} x_j^2 \right)$$

Kernel Recursion

$$\sigma(z) = \begin{cases} a_+ z, & z \geq 0, \\ a_- z, & z < 0. \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\widehat{z}_{i_1}^{(\ell)} \widehat{z}_{i_2}^{(\ell)}] = \delta_{i_1 i_2} G^{(\ell)} = \delta_{i_1 i_2} \left[K^{(\ell)} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right]$$

$$K^{(\ell)} = \chi^{\ell-1} K^{(1)}$$

$$\chi \equiv C_W A_2 = C_W \left(\frac{a_+^2 + a_-^2}{2} \right)$$

$$K^{(1)} = \cancel{C_b} + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} x_j^2 \right)$$

Kernel Recursion

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$$\chi \equiv C_W A_2 = C_W \left(\frac{a_+^2 + a_-^2}{2} \right)$$

$$K^{(1)} = \cancel{C_b} + C_W \left(\frac{1}{n_0} \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} x_j^2 \right)$$

- $\chi > 1$: exploding signal

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Kaiming init. for ReLU

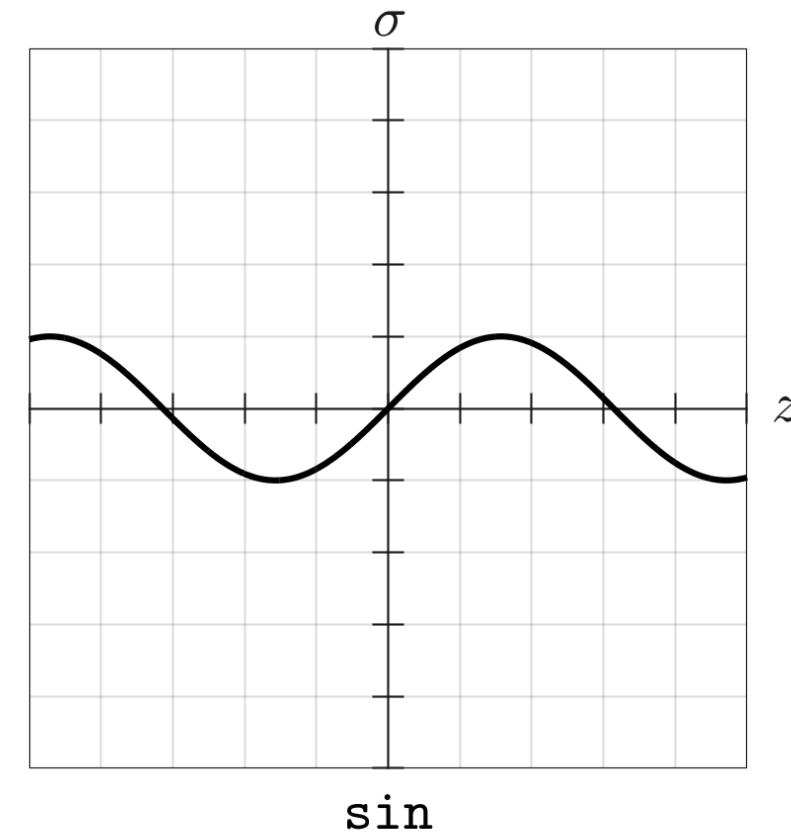
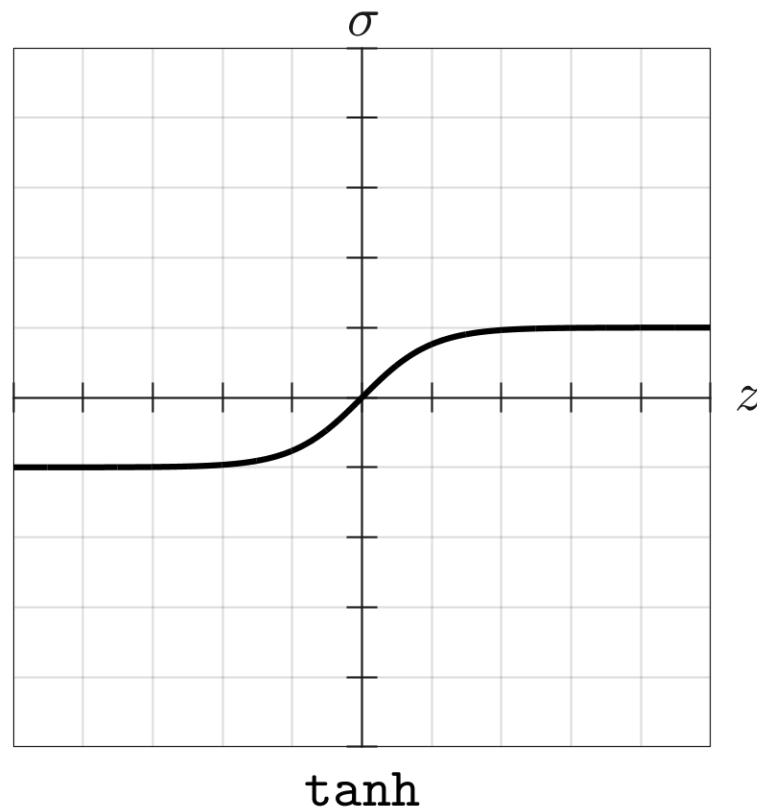
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Scale-Invariant Universality Class

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Aside from differences in order-one coefficients, they all behave similarly when networks become deep.

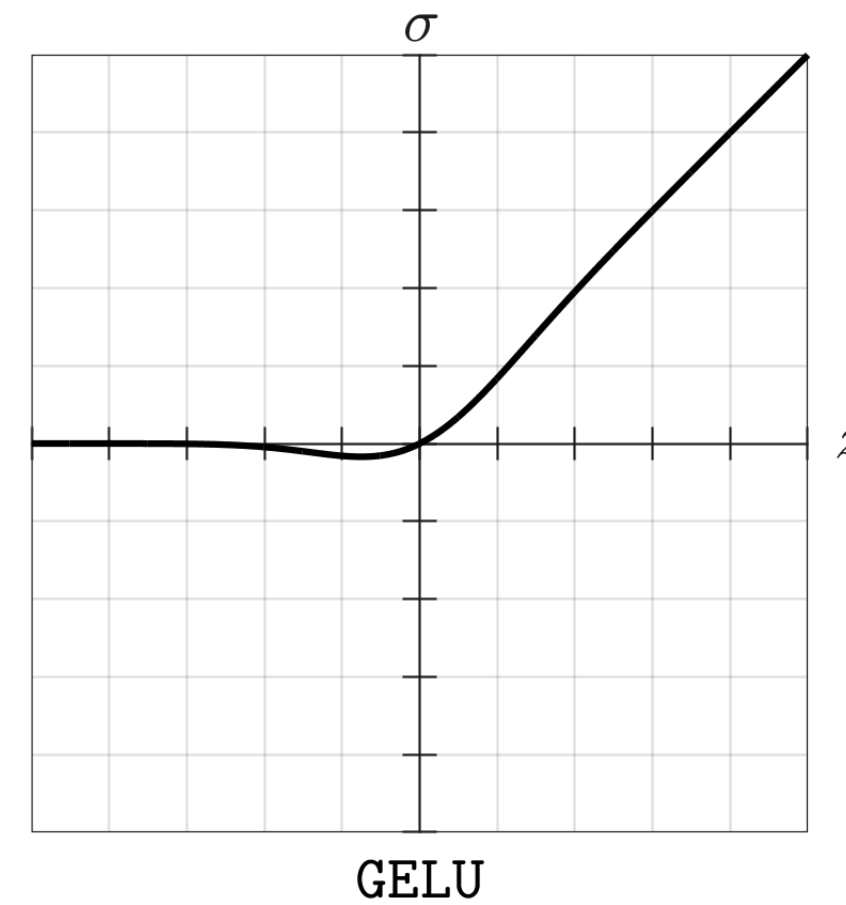
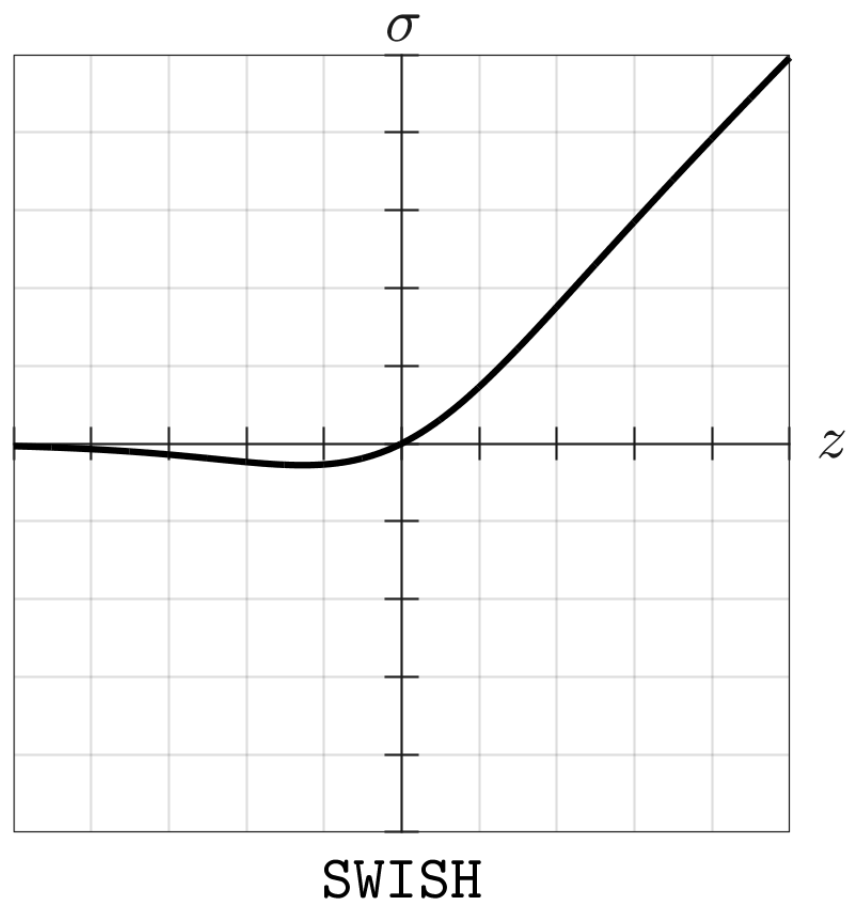
$K^* = 0$ Universality Class: \tanh, \sin, \dots



$$(C_b, C_W)^{\text{critical}} = (0, 1)$$

at which we have a fixed point $K^* = 0$ with $\chi_{\parallel}(K^*) = \chi_{\perp}(K^*) = 1$

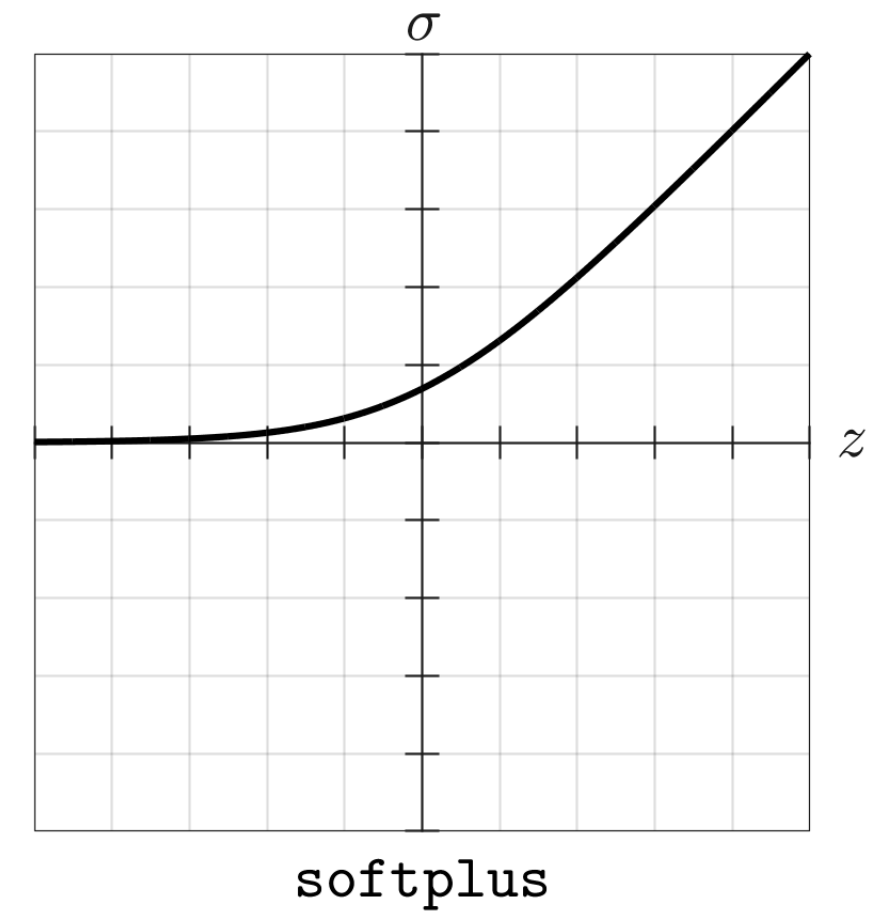
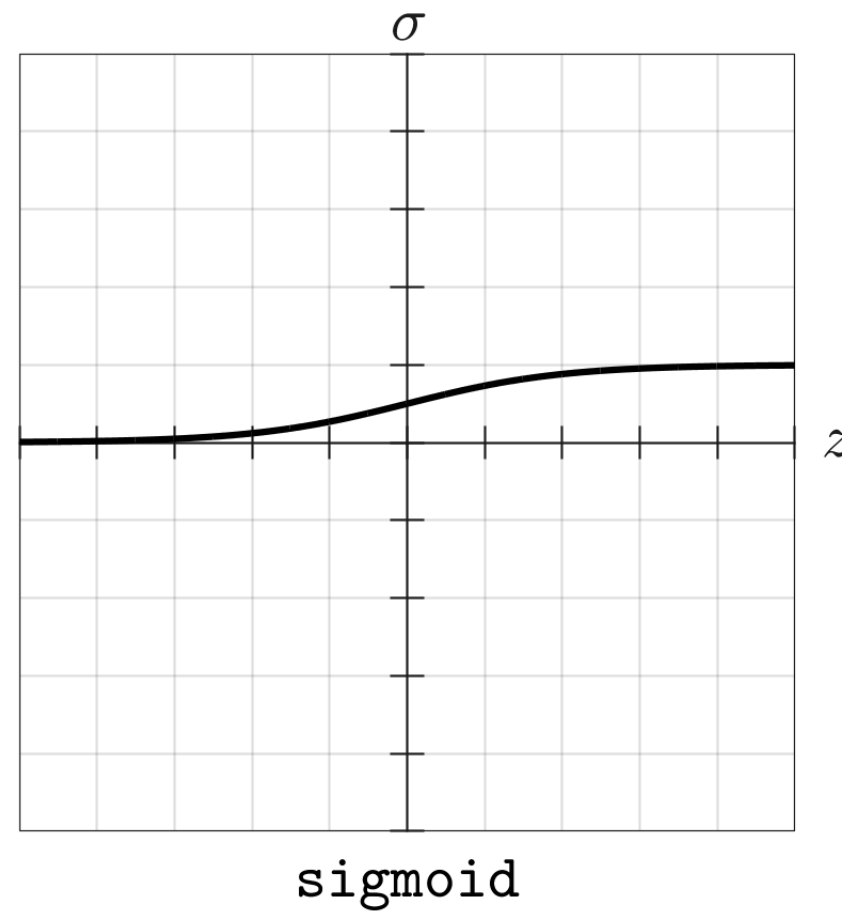
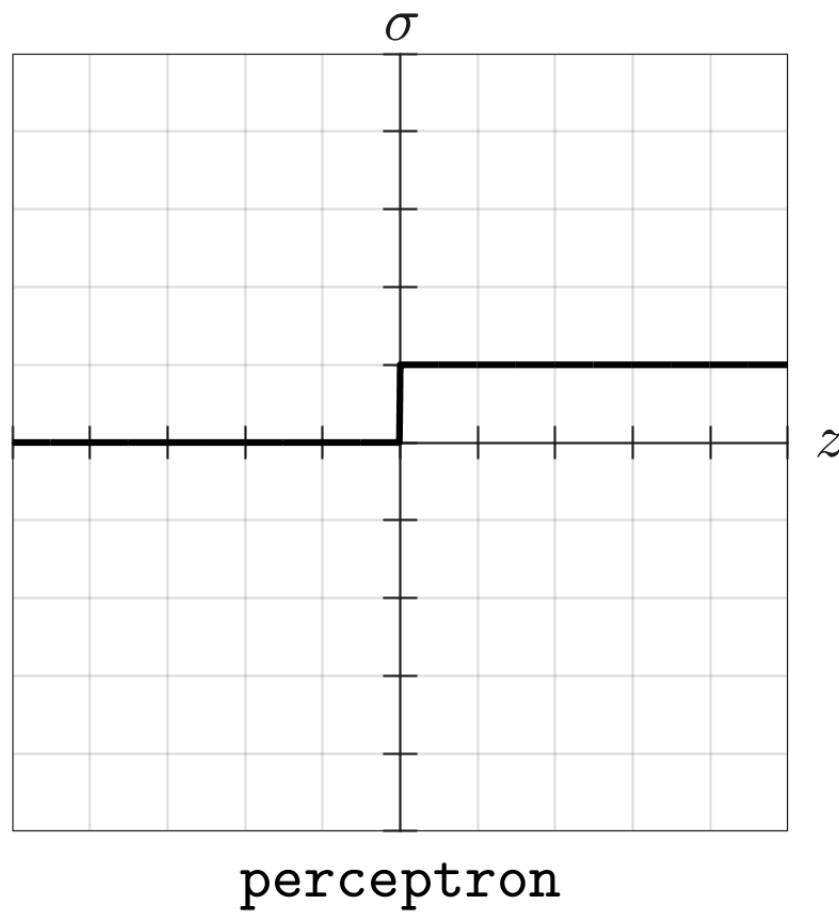
Half-Stable Universality Class: GELU, SWISH,



$$(C_b, C_W)^{\text{critical}} \approx (0.55514317, 1.98800468)$$

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No Criticality, No Deep Learning: perceptron, sigmoid, softplus, ...



$$\chi_{\parallel}(K^*) = \chi_{\perp}(K^*) = 1 \quad \text{unsatisfiable}$$

Never again for deep learning

Four-Point Recursion

$$\text{finite-width effects} \propto \frac{\text{depth}}{\text{width}}$$

Two Endnotes

Preceding discussions assume the neural-tangent scaling of various hyperparameters; for more general cases including the maximal-update scaling, see:

[arXiv:2210.04909](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.04909) (S. Yaida, “Meta-Principled Family of Hyperparameter Scaling Strategies”) interpolates the neural-tangent scaling @ $s = 0$ and the mean-field/maximal-update scaling @ $s = 1$

In order to keep representation-learning ability,

we should keep $\gamma = \frac{L}{n^{1-s}}$ fixed in scaling up the model

- depth~width for the neural-tangent scaling strategy
(γ is a coupling constant)
- depth=fixed for the mean-field/maximal-update scaling strategy
(intrinsically strongly-coupled)

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[arXiv:2304.02034](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.02034)

(Emily Dinan, S. Yaida, Susan Zhang, “Effective Theory of Transformers at Initialization”)

