An Intro to Deep Learning for NLP

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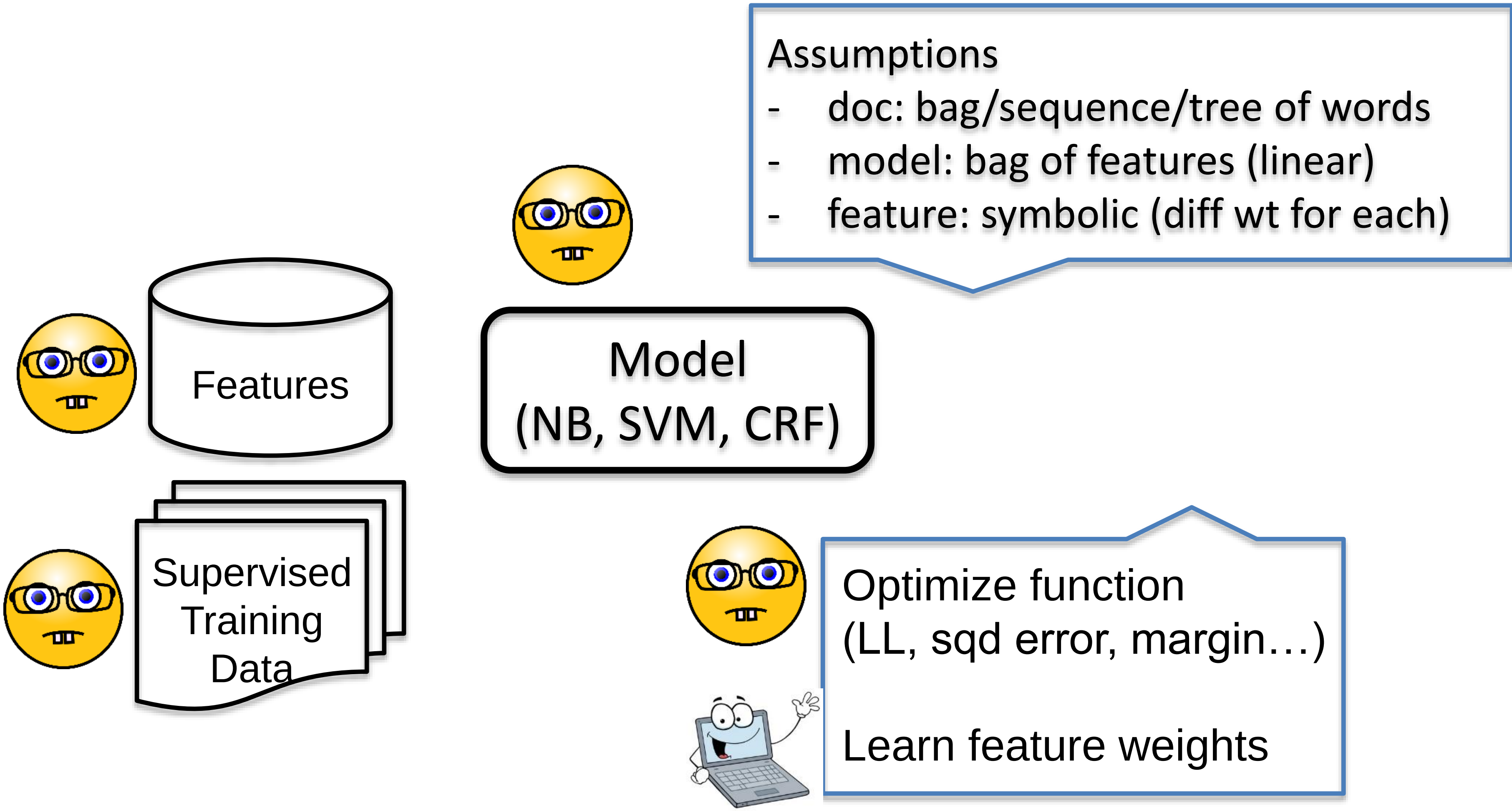
NLP before DL #1



NLP before DL #2

z_1 z_2 …

Assumptions
- doc/query/word is a vector of numbers
- dot product can compute similarity
  - via distributional hypothesis

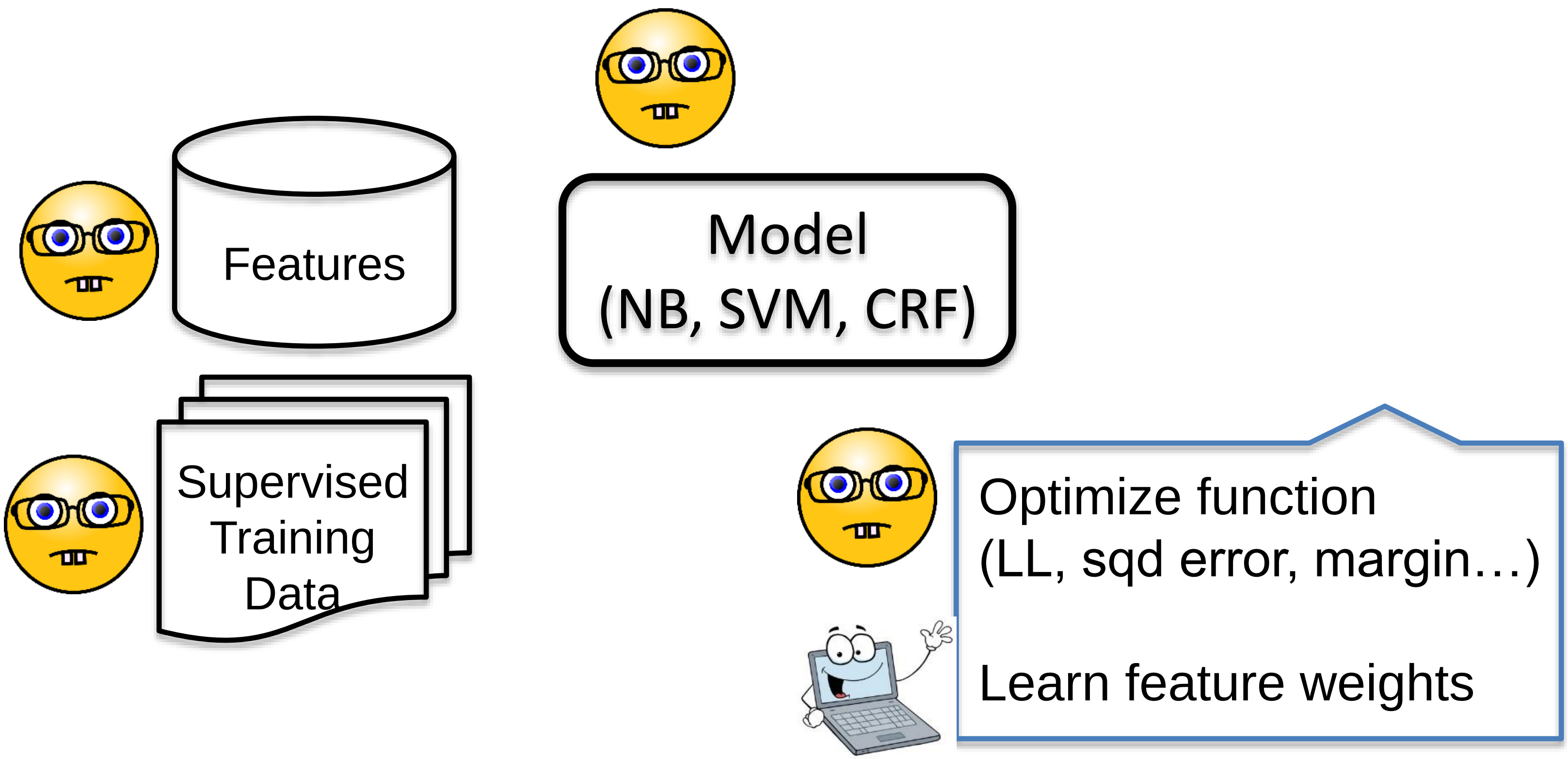
Model
(MF, LSA, IR)

Unsupervised
Co-occurrence
Data

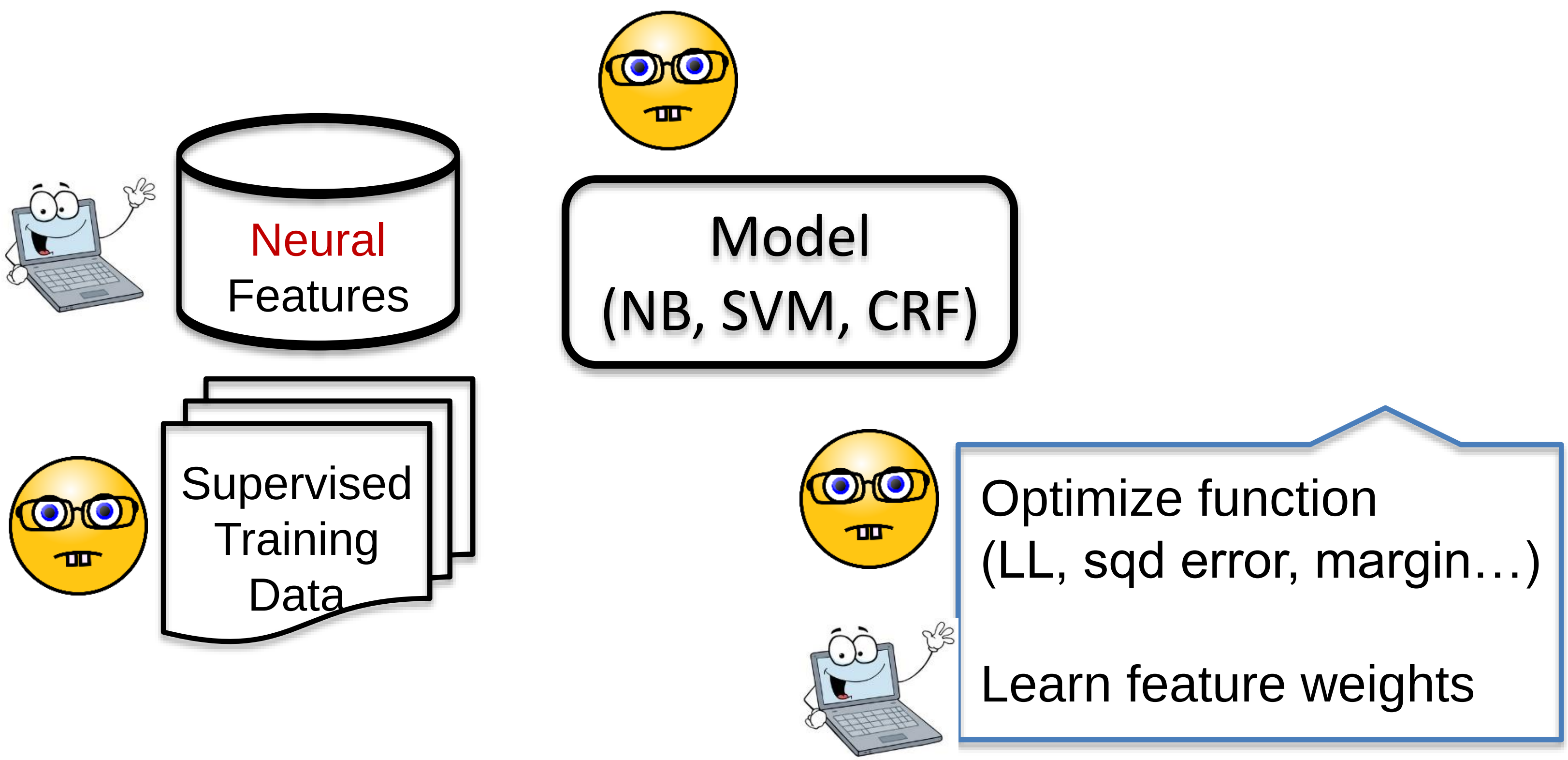
Optimize function
(LL, sqd error, margin…)

Learn vectors

NLP with DL


Features
Supervised Training Data
Model
(NB, SVM, CRF)
Optimize function
(LL, sqd error, margin…)
Learn feature weights

NLP with DL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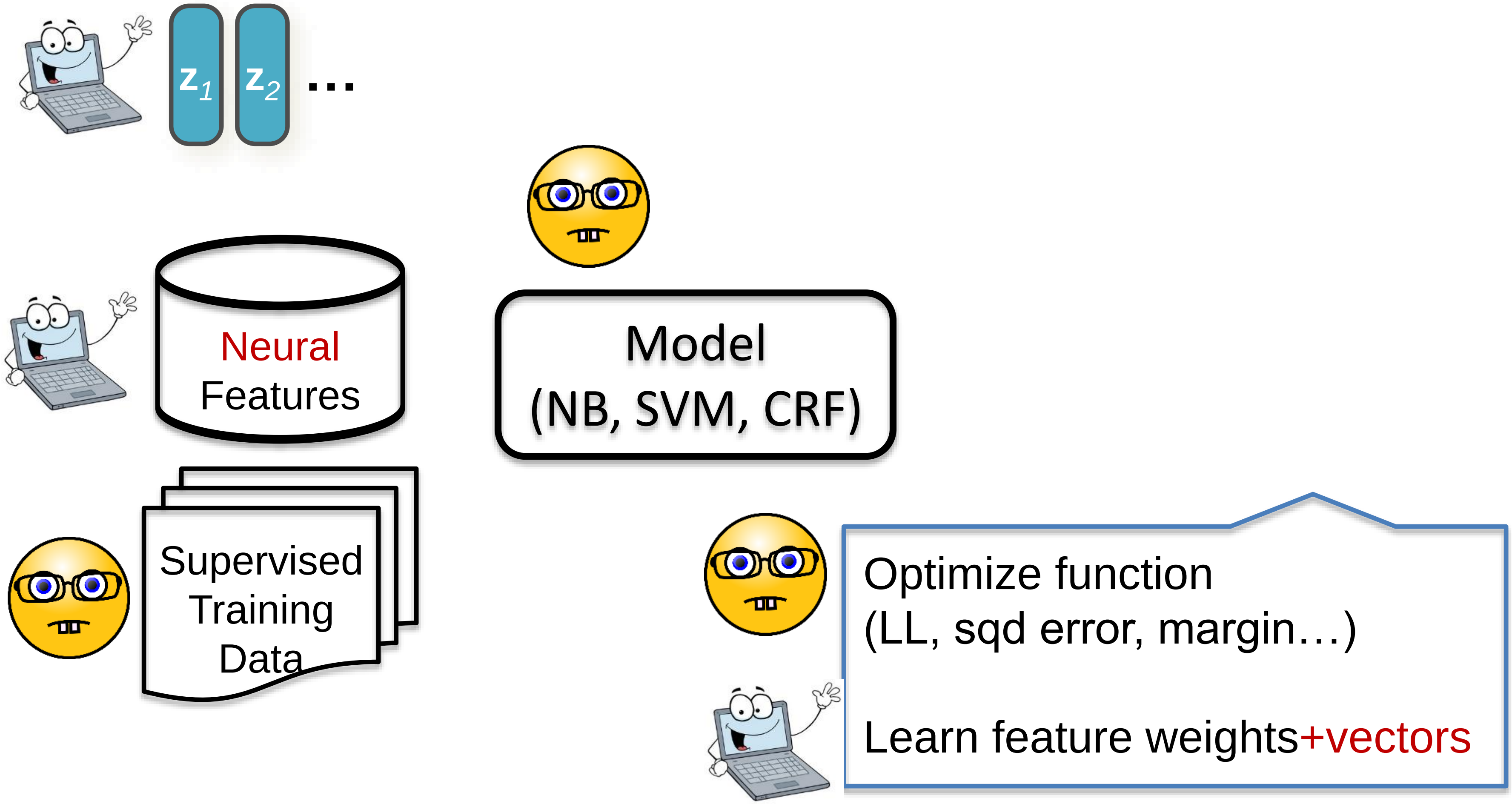

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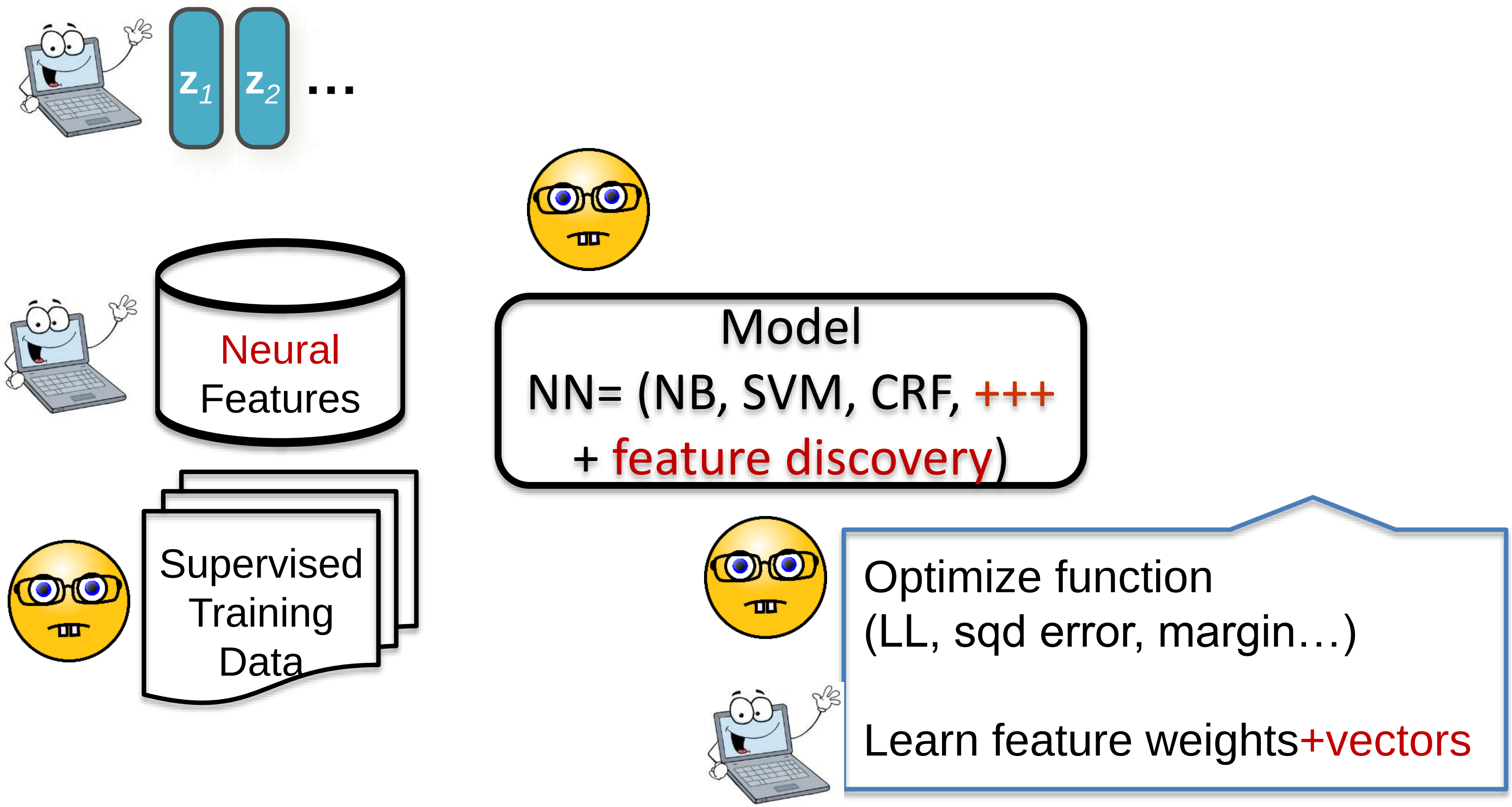
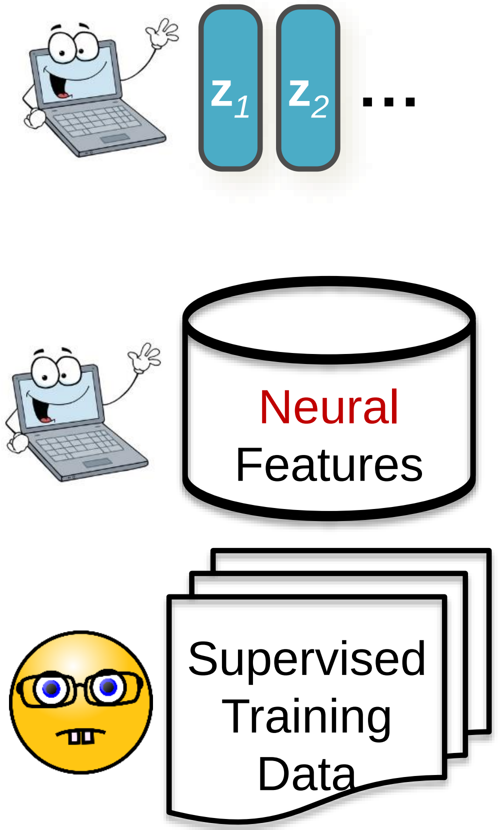
NLP with DL



z_1 z_2 …
Neural Features
Supervised Training Data
Model
NN= (NB, SVM, CRF, +++
+ feature discovery)
Optimize function
(LL, sqd error, margin…)
Learn feature weights+vectors

NLP with DL



Assumptions
- doc/query/word is a vector of numbers
- doc: bag/sequence/tree of words
- feature: neural (weights are shared)
- model: bag/seq of features (non-linear)

Model

NN= (NB, SVM, CRF, +++

+ feature discovery)

Optimize function
(LL, sqd error, margin…)

Learn feature weights+vectors

Meta-thoughts

Features

- Learned
- in a task specific end2end way
- not limited by human creativity

Everything is a "Point"

- Word embedding
- Phrase embedding
- Sentence embedding
- Word embedding in context of sentence
- Etc

- Also known as dense/distributed representations

Points are good → reduce sparsity by wt sharing

a single (complex) model can handle all pts

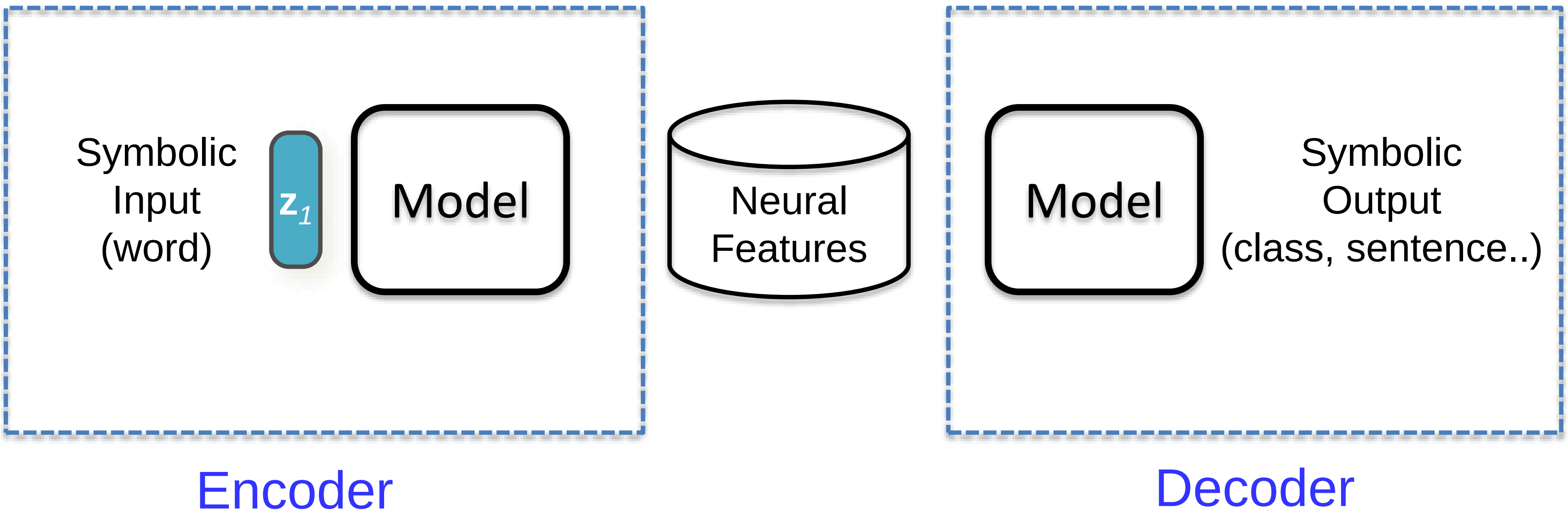
Universal Representations

- Non-linearities
  - Allow complex functions
- Put anything computable in the loss function
  - Any additional insight about data/external knowledge

Make symbolic operations continuous

- Symbolic → continuous
  - Yes/No →
    - (number between 0 and 1)
  - Good/bad →
    - (number between -1 and 1)
  - Either remember or forget →
    - partially remember
  - Select from n things →
    - weighted avg over n things

Encoder-Decoder



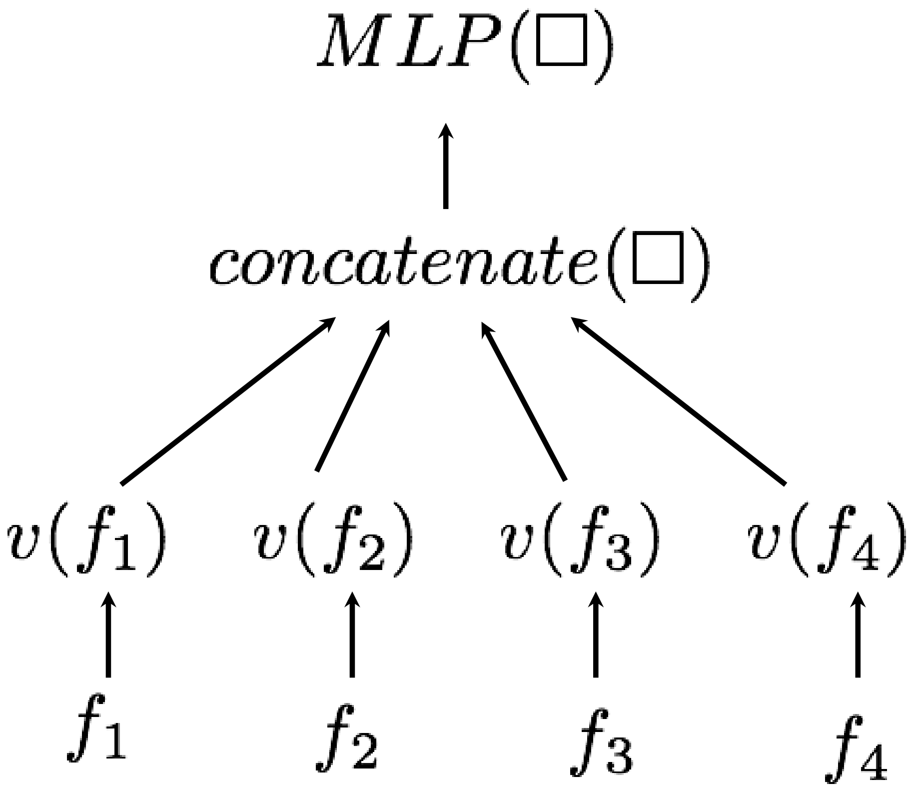
Different assumptions on data create different architectures

Building Blocks

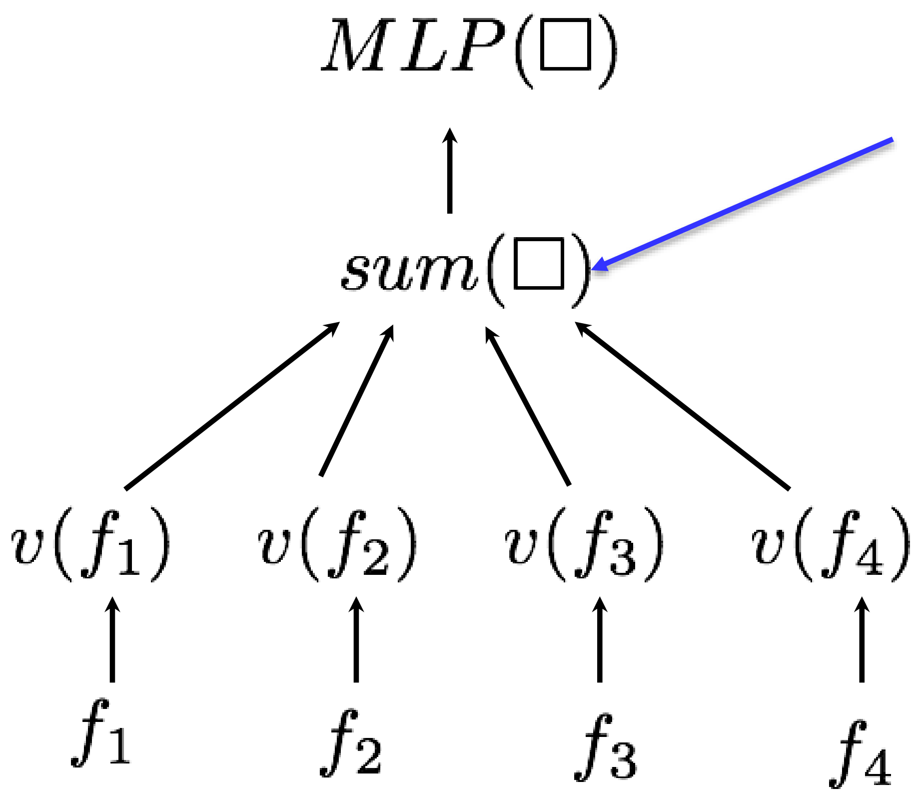
+   ;   .

Matrix-mult   gate   non-linearity

x;y



x+y



Can also try
Dimension-wise
Max
(later weighted sum)

Concat vs. Sum

- **Concatenating** feature vectors: the "roles" of each vector is retained.

$$concat\,(v(\text{"}the\text{"}), v(\text{"}thirsty\text{"}), v(\text{"}dog\text{"}))$$

prev word — current word — next word

- Different features can have vectors of different dim.
- Fixed number of features in each example (need to feed into a fixed dim layer).

Concat vs. Sum

- **Summing** feature vectors: "bag of features"

$$sum\left(v(\text{"}the\text{"}), v(\text{"}thirsty\text{"}), v(\text{"}dog\text{"})\right)$$

word word word

- Different feature vectors should have same dim.
- **Can encode a bag of arbitrary number of features.**

x.y

- degree of closeness
- alignment

- Uses
  - question aligns with answer //QA
  - sentence aligns with sentence //paraphrase
  - word aligns with (~important for) sentence //attention

$g(Ax+b)$

- 1-layer MLP
- Take x
  - project it into a different space //relevant to task
  - add some scalar bias (only increases/decreases it)
  - convert into a required output

- 2-layer MLP
  - Common way to convert input to output

Loss Functions

Cross Entropy
Binary Cross Entropy
Max Margin

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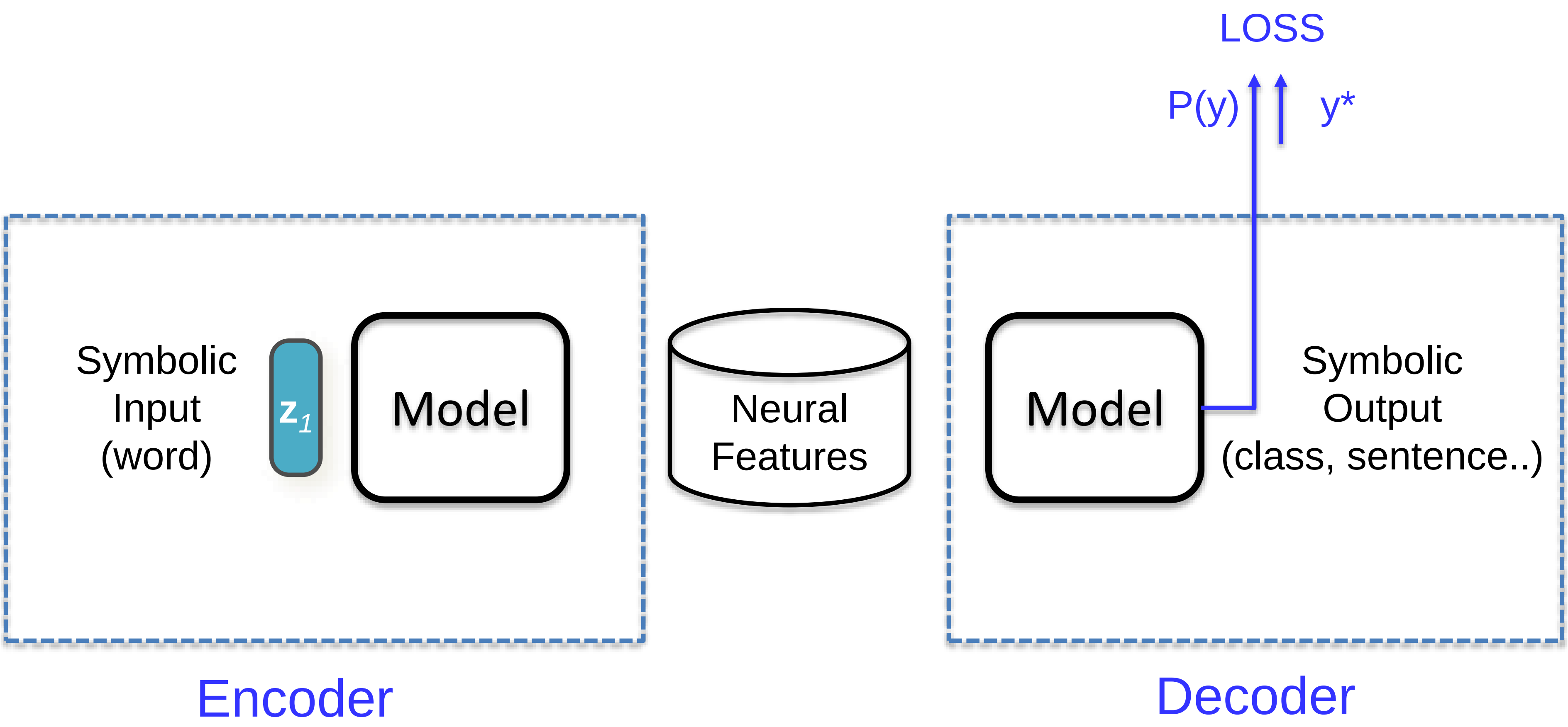


Common Loss Functions

- Binary Cross Entropy (2 class classification)

  Loss = -y*log p(y) – (1-y*)log(1-p(y))

- Categorical Cross Entropy (multi class class.)

$$Loss = -\sum_k y_k^* \log(p(y_k))$$

- Log Likelihood

$$p(y^*)$$

Common Loss Functions

- Max Margin

  Loss = max(0, 1-(score(y*)-score(y_{best})))

- Ranking loss (max margin: x ranked over x')

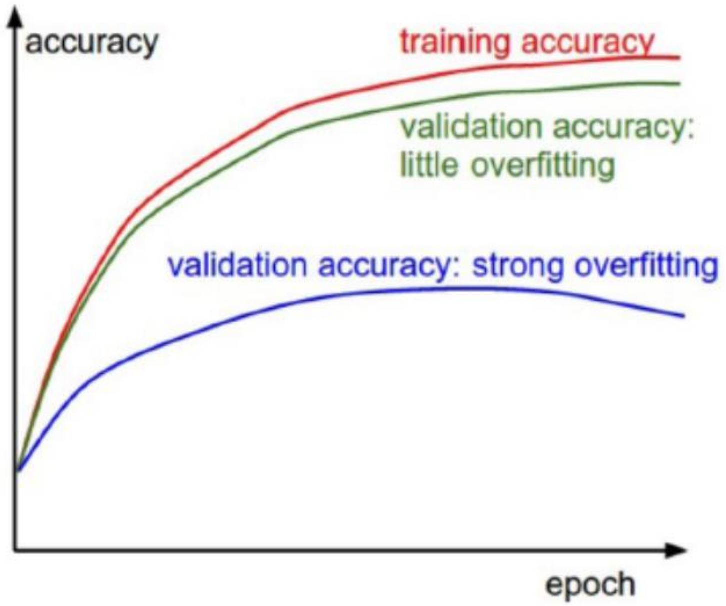
  Loss = max(0, 1-(score(x)-score(x')))

Regularization

- L1
- L2
- Elastic Net
- DropOut
- Batch Normalization
- Layer Normalization
- Problem-specific regularizations
- Early Stopping
- https://towardsdatascience.com/different-normalization-layers-in-deep-learning-1a7214ff71d6

Some Practical Advice

- Gradient check on small data
- Overfit without regularization on small data.
- Decay learning rate with time
- Regularize
- Always check learning curves



Optimization

- Stochastic Gradient Descent
- Mini-Batch Gradient Descent
- AdaGrad
- AdaDelta
- RMSProp
- Adam

Image 2: SGD without momentum

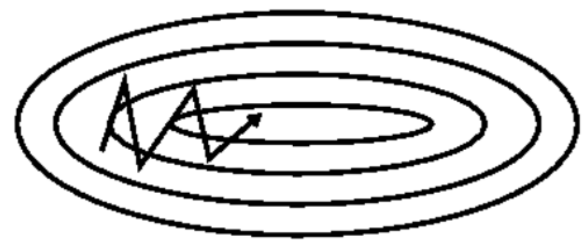


Image 3: SGD with momentum

Learning rate schedules

https://ruder.io/optimizing-gradient-descent/

Glorot/Xavier Initialization (tanh)

- Initializing W matrix of dimensionality d_{in}xd_{out}

$$W \sim U\left[-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{d_{in}+d_{out}}}, +\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{d_{in}+d_{out}}}\right],$$

He's Initialization (tanh)

$$W \sim G(0, \frac{2}{d_{in}+d_{out}})$$

Batching

- Padding

Vanishing and Exploding Gradients

- Clipping