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■ Observed by Minsky and Papert, 1969, first "AI Winter"

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 6 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O | 9 |  | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 0 |  |  | 9 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
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- Softmax, arg $\max _{j} \frac{e^{a_{j}}}{\sum_{j} e^{a_{j}}}$
- "Smooth" version of arg max


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- Counter argument: implicitly extracted features are impossible to interpret
- Explainability



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- Input weights $w_{1}, \ldots, w_{m}$, bias $b$, output $z$, activation value $a$



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- For any layer $i$, for $k>m_{i}$, we set all of $w_{k j}^{\ell}, b_{k}^{\ell}, z_{k}^{\ell}, a_{k}^{\ell}$ to 0
- Matrix formulation

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
\bar{z}_{1}^{\ell} \\
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\cdots \\
\bar{z}_{m}^{\ell}
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- Each input $x_{i}$ incurs cost $C\left(x_{i}\right)$, total cost is $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} C\left(x_{i}\right)$
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- Complex dependency of $C$ on $w_{k j}^{\ell}, b_{k}^{\ell}$
- Many intermediate layers
- Many paths through these layers
- Use chain rule to decompose into local dependencies

■ $y=g(f(x)) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}=\frac{\partial g}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$

