



Study of Neural Network Size Requirements for Approximating Functions Relevant to HEP

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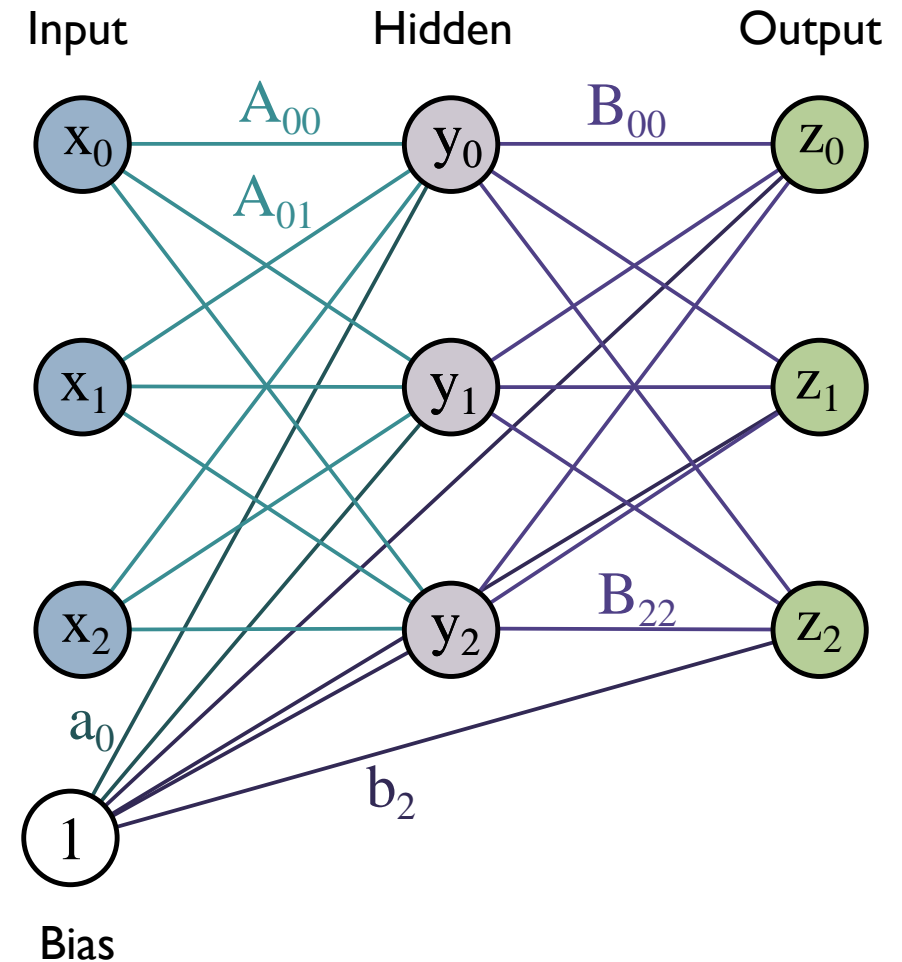
Deep Learning

- Neural networks as function approximator
- Learns from map of inputs and outputs
- Outputs given by

$$y_j = h \left(\sum_{i=0}^2 A_{ji} x_i + a_j \right)$$

$$z_k = \sum_{j=0}^2 B_{kj} y_j + b_k$$

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



Deep Learning in HEP

Inspiration

- Machine learning approaches are already used to solve classification problems in HEP
- “Searching for Exotic Particles in High-Energy Physics with Deep Learning” (P. Baldi et al., 2014)

Questions

- How big does the network have to be?
 - This effects how effectively we survey hyperparameter space
 - Too big – overfitting
 - Too small – can't fit

Deep Learning Study

- Examine basic functions
 - Vector to Vector
 - Vector to Vector²
 - Vector to |Vector|²
- Used toy model to generate reasonable parameters for momentum vectors
 - Inputs standardized for training
- Network training
 - GPUs
 - Keras with Theano
 - 5 trials (trained on 1 million samples, validated on 10,000)
 - MSE loss function
 - Adam optimizer with default parameters
 - Batch size: 1000 Epochs: 5000
 - Saved model from best epoch

Vector to Vector

Mapping a vector onto itself

The solution needs to satisfy...

$$AB = I \quad Ba + b = 0$$

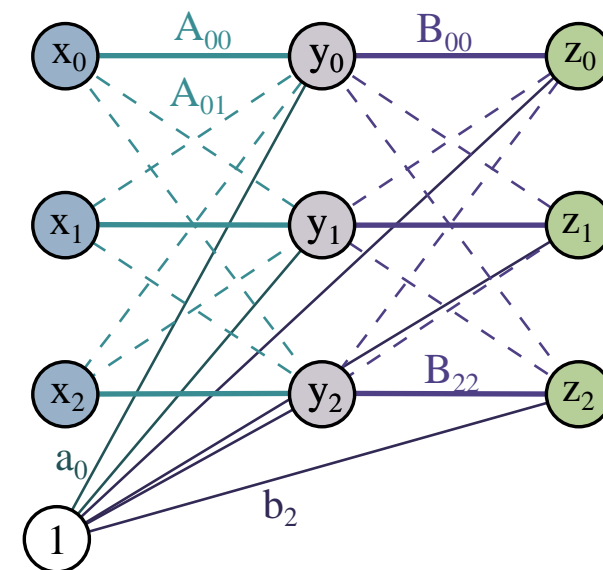
Obvious solution:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad a = \begin{bmatrix} -x_{0,min} \\ -x_{1,min} \\ -x_{2,min} \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} +x_{0,min} \\ +x_{1,min} \\ +x_{2,min} \end{bmatrix}$$

What the NN training actually found (one trial):

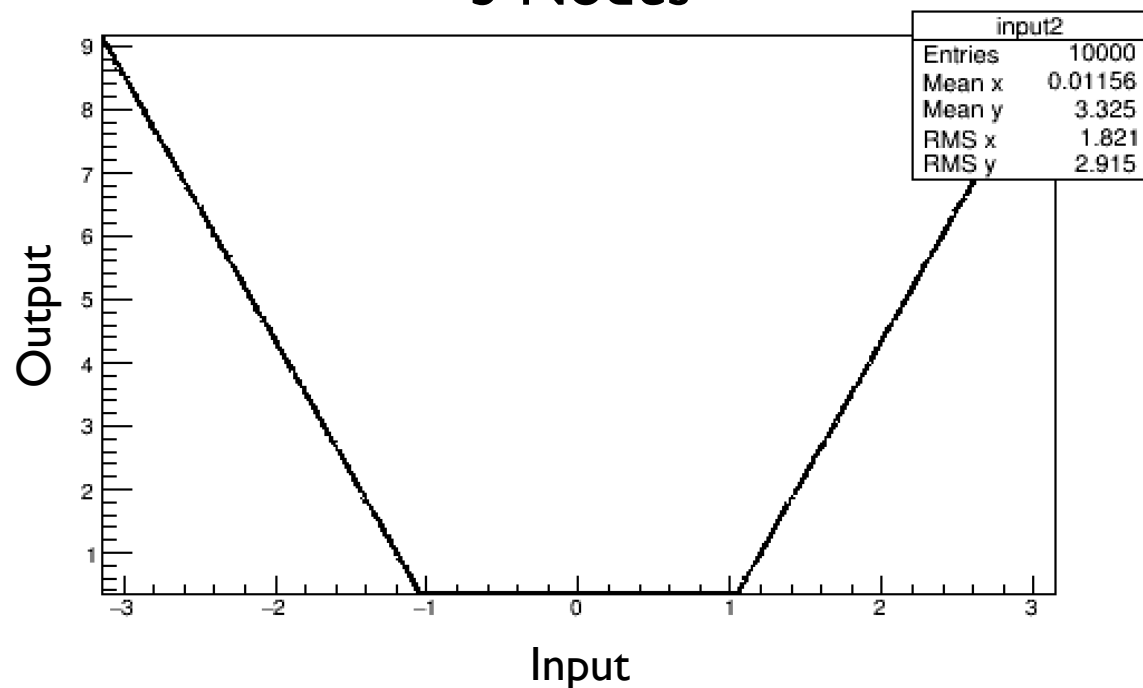
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.711 & 0.279 & 0.266 \\ 0.023 & 0.494 & -0.102 \\ -0.091 & 0.354 & 0.471 \end{bmatrix} \quad a = \begin{bmatrix} 1.474 \\ 1.929 \\ 1.448 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1.313 & -0.182 & -0.782 \\ -0.009 & 1.754 & 0.386 \\ 0.260 & -1.354 & 1.682 \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -2.294 \\ -1.154 \\ -2.203 \end{bmatrix}$$

NN finds a correct solution even if it is not the simplest solution (fewest non-zero weights).

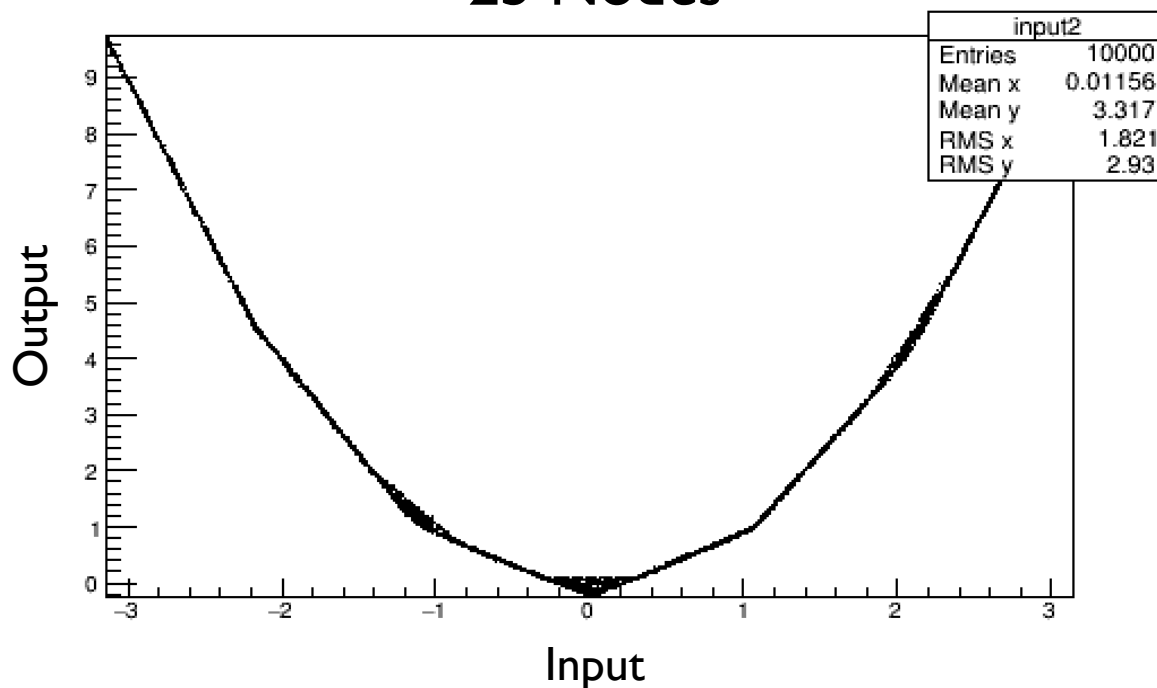


Vector to Vector²

3 Nodes

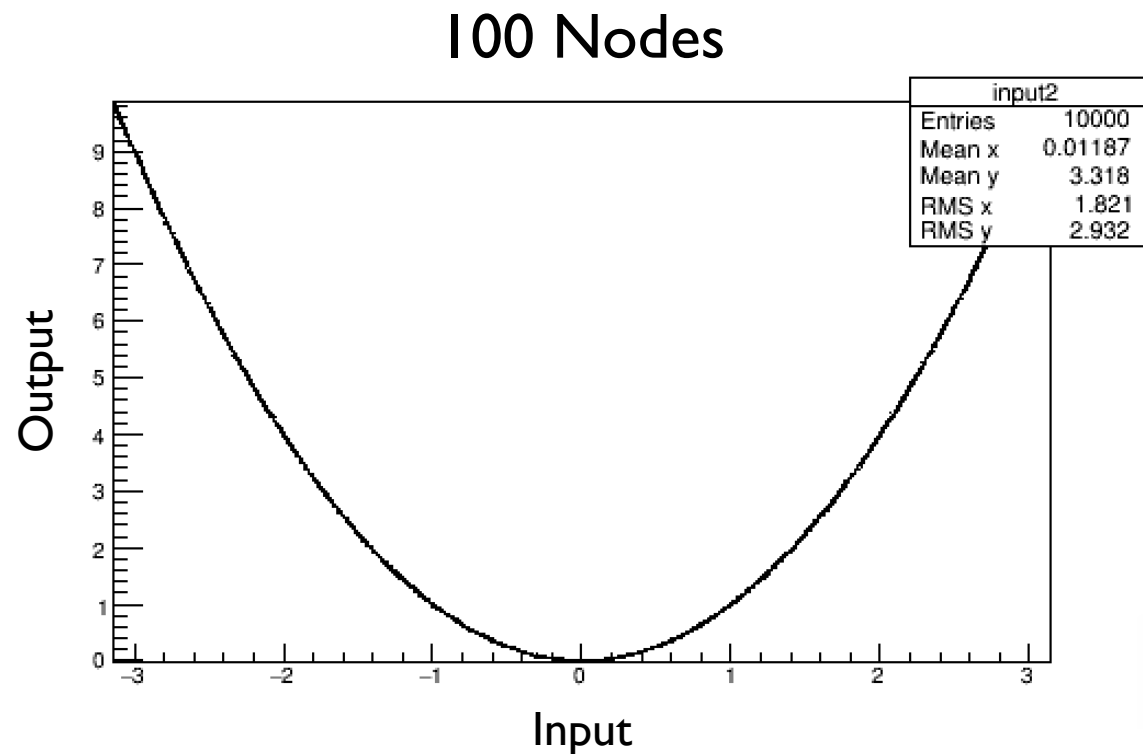


25 Nodes



In networks with few nodes, we can see the segments used to approximate the function.

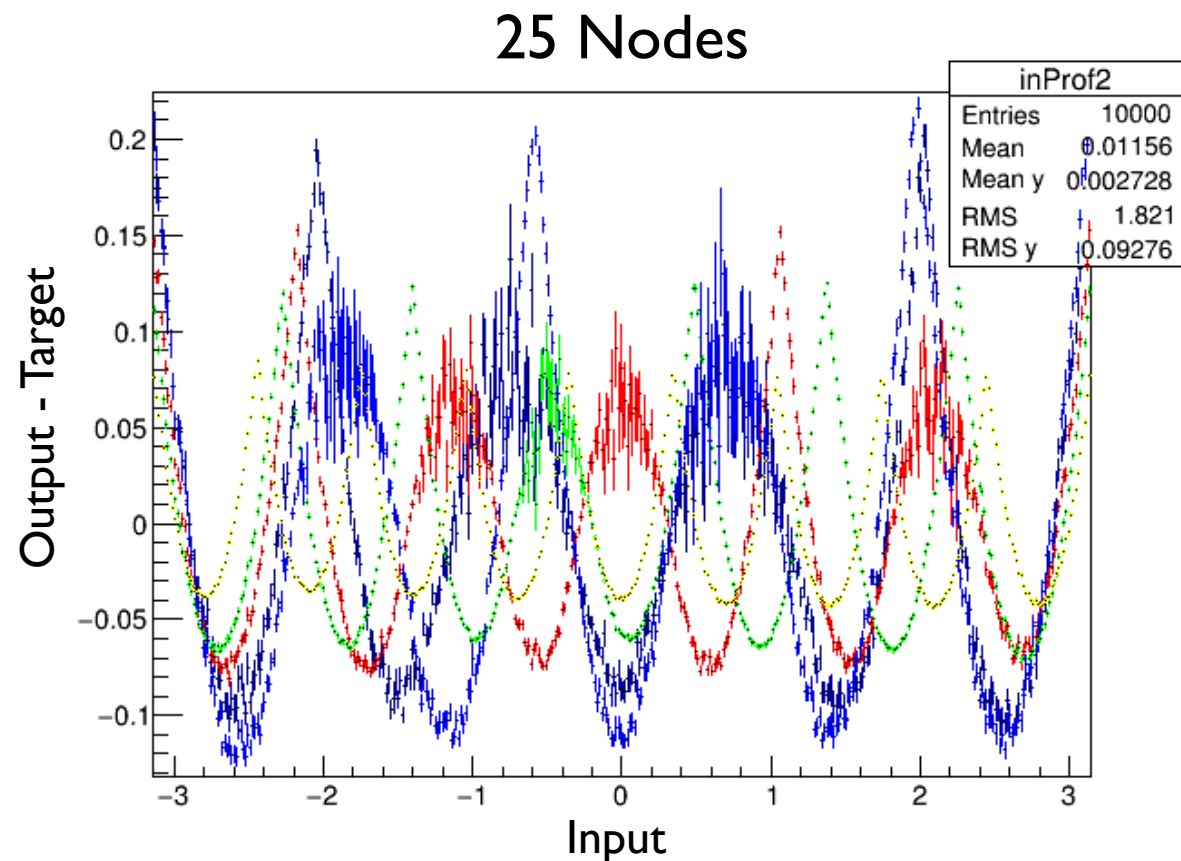
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As the number of nodes increases, the curve becomes smoother.
This indicates a better approximation of the function V^2 .

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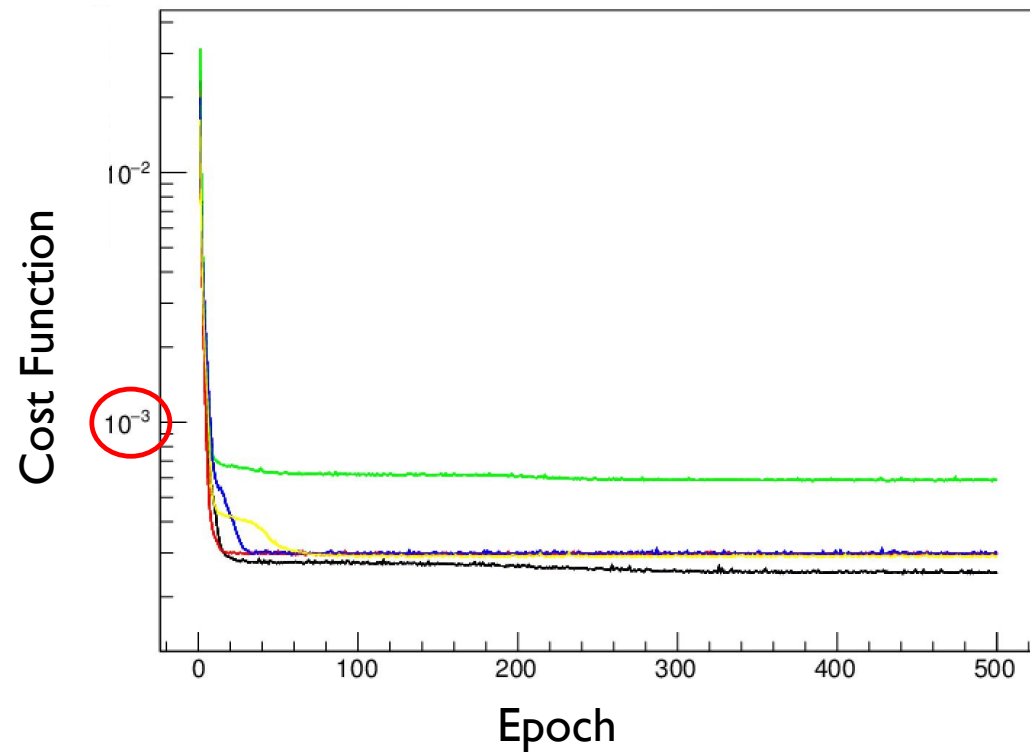
- Zero crossings correspond to the segments used to approximate V^2
- Divided among the 3 variables (not always evenly)
- Suspect this is from ReLU case where all inputs < 0 and gradient becomes 0.
- Initial weights also play a role



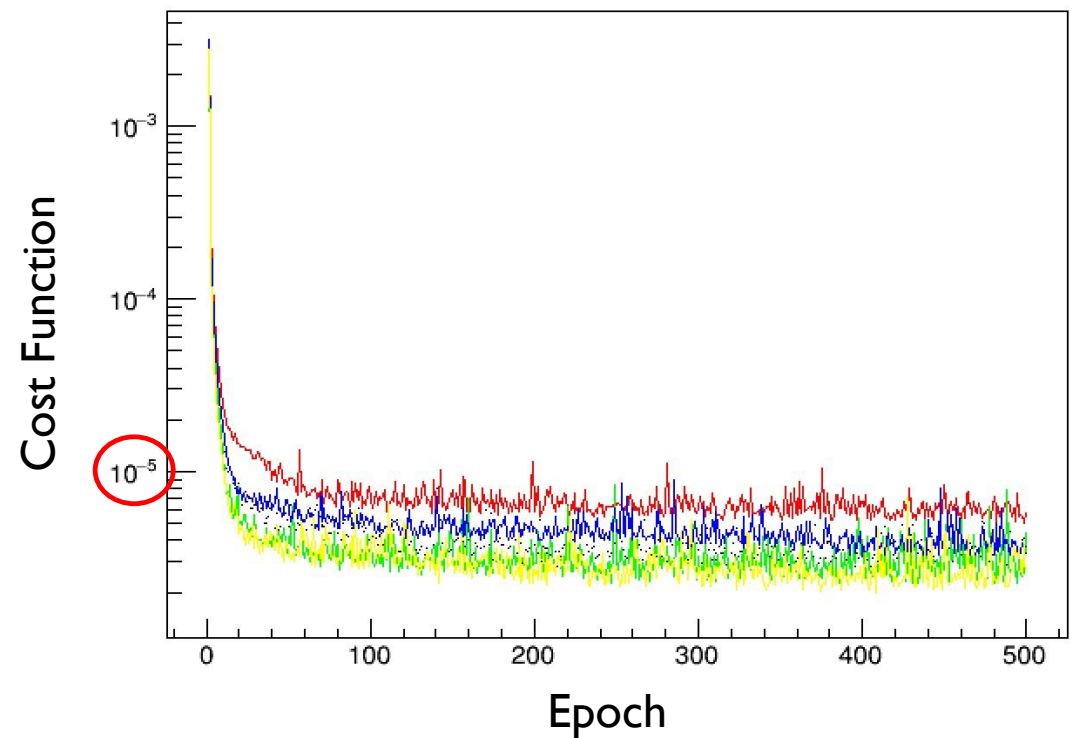
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Network performances

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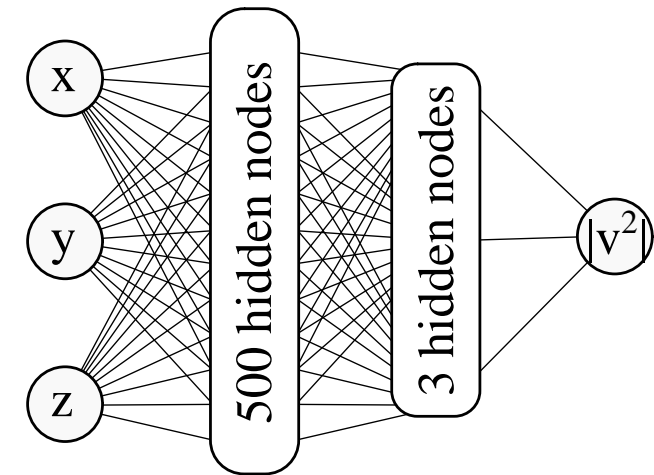
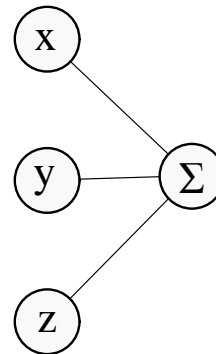
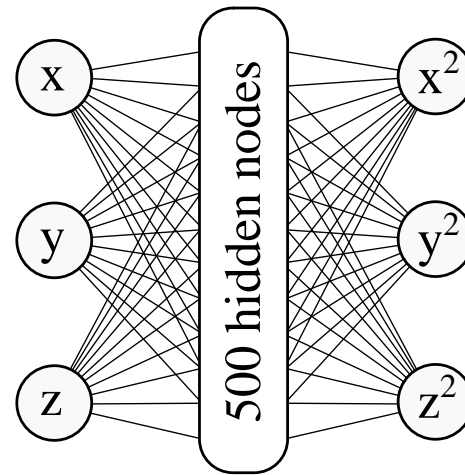


100 Nodes



Vector to $|\text{Vector}|^2$

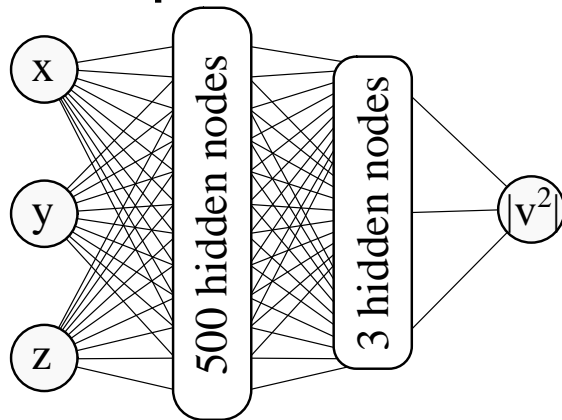
- Intuitive Strategy
 - Use the best networks from V to V^2
 - One layer with 500 nodes
 - Add a summation layer that adds the V^2 outputs
 - One layer with 3 nodes



Vector to $|\text{Vector}|^2$

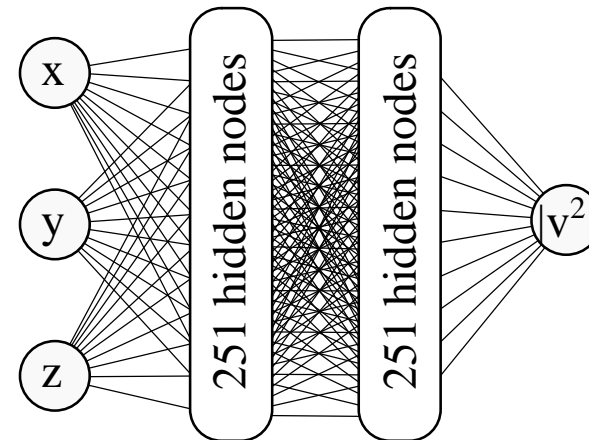
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■ Alternative Strategies

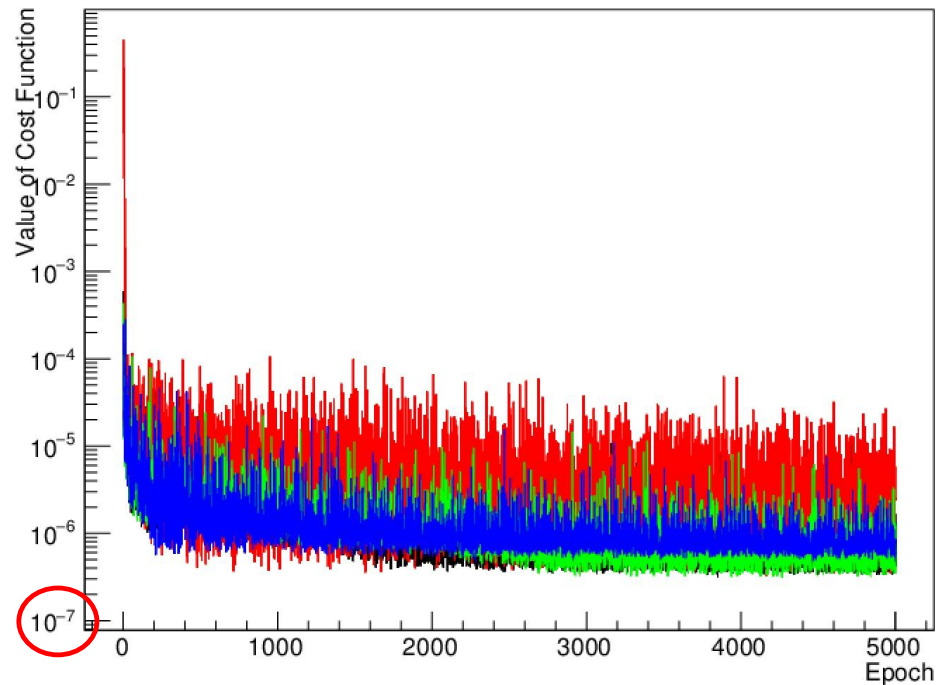
- Tried many, for example, add a layer, but keep the total nodes constant



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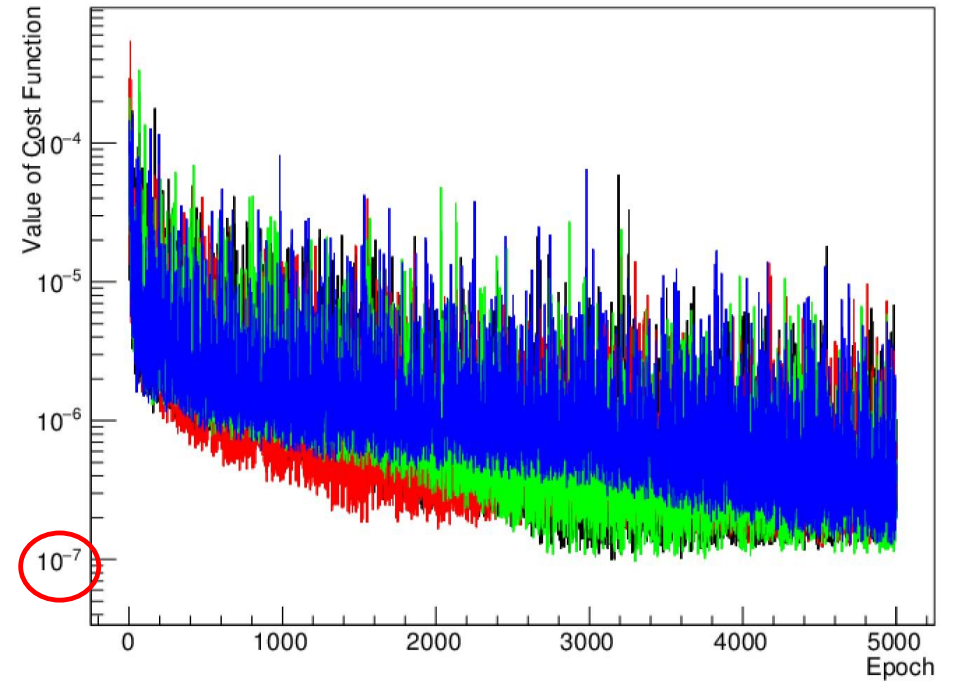
Intuitive

Validation Plot for Two Layer Network with 500 Nodes and 3 Nodes



Alternative

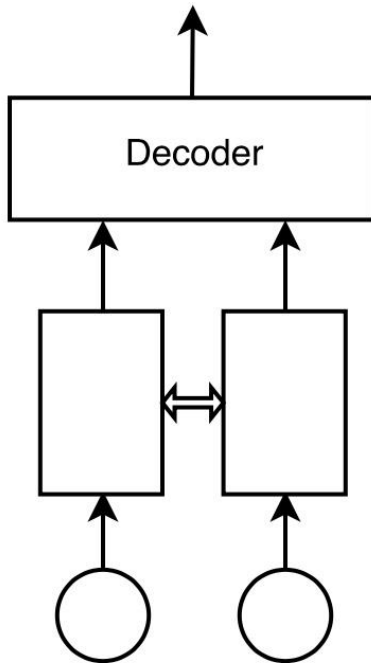
Validation Plot for Two Layer Network with 251 Nodes



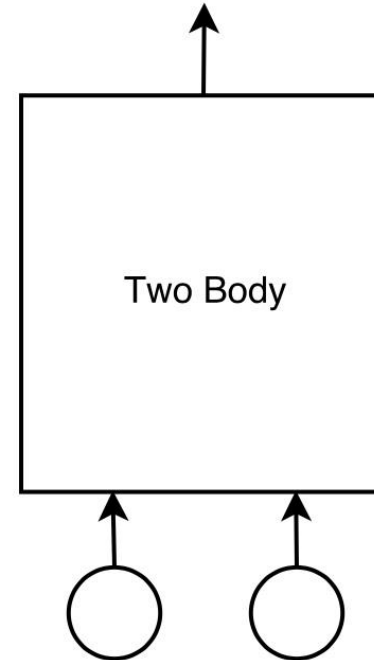
Future Work

Ask questions similar to Vector to $|\text{Vector}|^2$ experiment, but this time taking multiple four vectors as inputs.

Intuitive



Unstructured



Conclusions

- NN's find solutions to problems that aren't always the most intuitive
- It is important to understand the fundamentals of NN behavior before applying them to more complicated problems
 - We can develop better intuition for creating networks that work for HEP analysis
- Do we guide the network towards the solutions we'd like or give it free reign?



Questions?

