

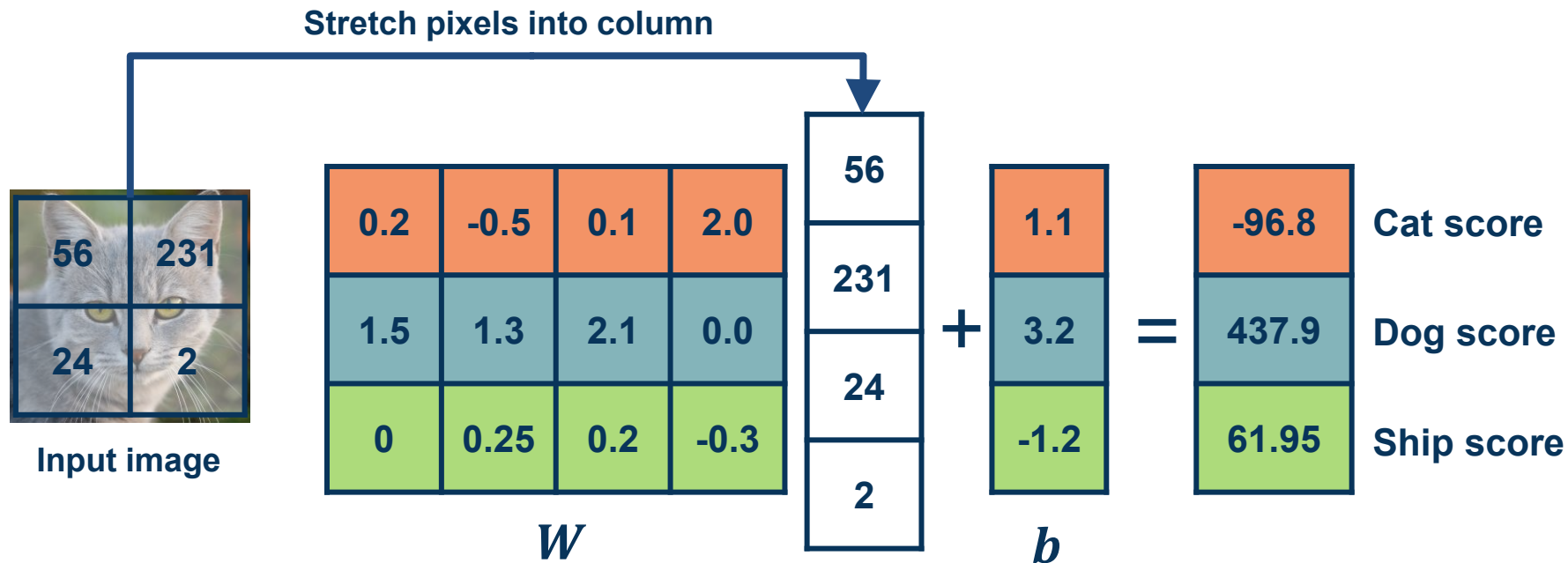
Topics:

- Backpropagation
- Matrix/Linear Algebra view

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- **Assignment 1 out!**
 - **Due Feb 4th**
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- **Resources:**
 - These lectures
 - [Matrix calculus for deep learning](#)
 - [Gradients notes](#) and [MLP/ReLU Jacobian notes](#).
 - **Topic OH:** Assignment 1
- **In-class Quiz (30 mins) – Feb 11**
- **Piazza: Project teaming thread**
 - **Project Proposal: Feb. 14th, Project Check-in: Mar. 14th.**
 - Project proposal overview during my OH (Thursday 2pm ET, recorded)

Example with an image with 4 pixels, and 3 classes (cat/dog/ship)



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- If we use the softmax function to convert scores to probabilities, the right loss function to use is **cross-entropy**
- Can be derived by looking at the distance between two probability distributions (output of model and ground truth)
- Can also be derived from a maximum likelihood estimation perspective

$$s = f(x, W) \quad \text{Scores}$$

$$P(Y = k|X = x) = \frac{e^{s_k}}{\sum_j e^{s_j}} \quad \text{Softmax Function}$$

$$L_i = -\log P(Y = y_i|X = x_i)$$

Maximize log-prob of correct class =
Maximize the log likelihood
= Minimize the negative log likelihood

- We can find the steepest descent direction by computing the **derivative (gradient)**:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

- Steepest descent direction is the **negative gradient**
- **Intuitively:** Measures how the function changes as the argument a changes by a small step size
 - As step size goes to zero
- **In Machine Learning:** Want to know how the **loss function** changes **as weights** are varied
 - Can consider each parameter separately by taking **partial derivative** of loss function with respect to that parameter

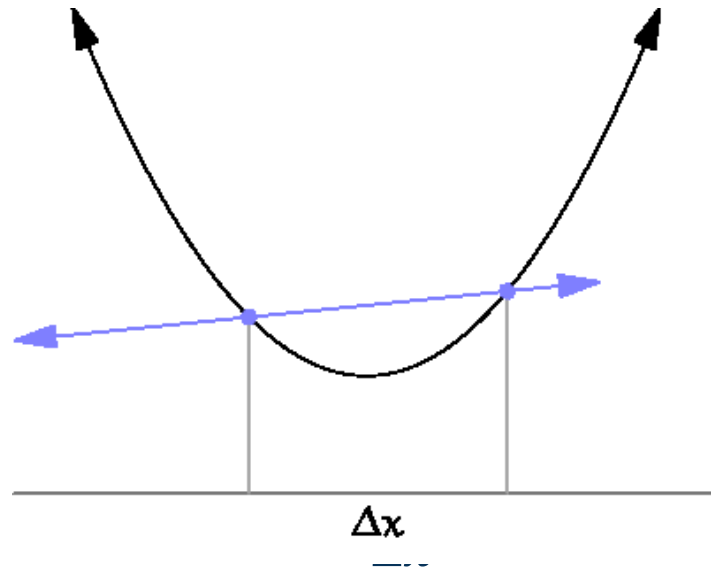


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- In Deep Learning, gradient descent on **Loss** with respect to **parameters/weights**,

$$\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ , } \mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_m} \right]$$

- Update rule is for each weight $\mathbf{w}_i = \mathbf{w}_i - \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i}$

- (but of course we can vectorize operations)

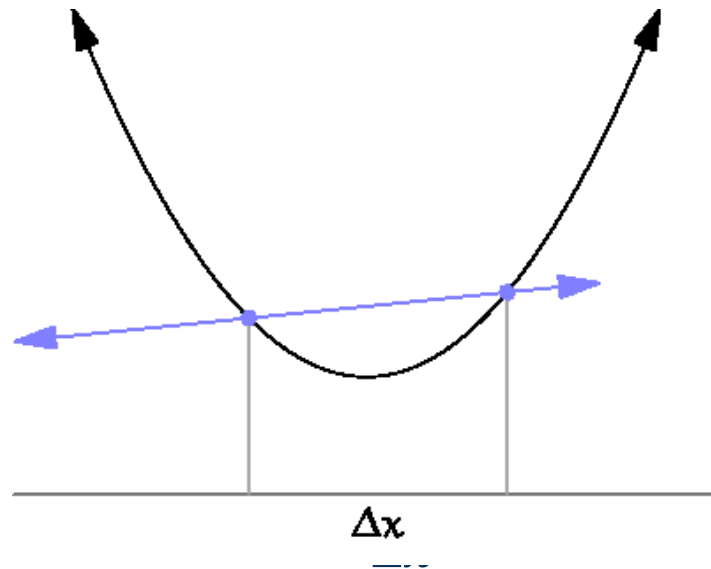


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The same two-layered neural network **corresponds to adding another weight matrix**

- ✦ We will prefer the linear algebra view, but use some terminology from neural networks (& biology)

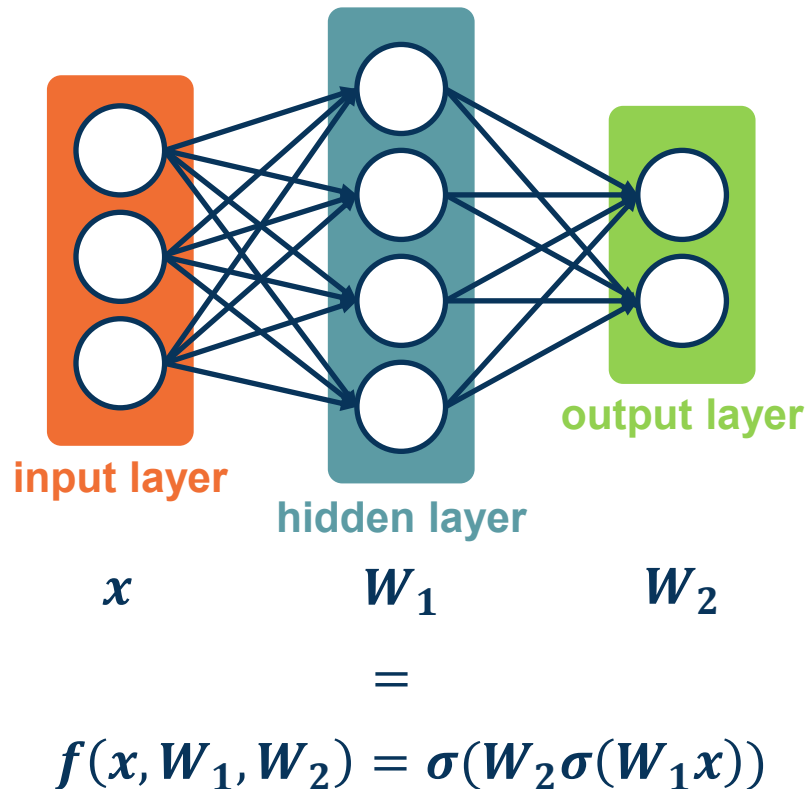


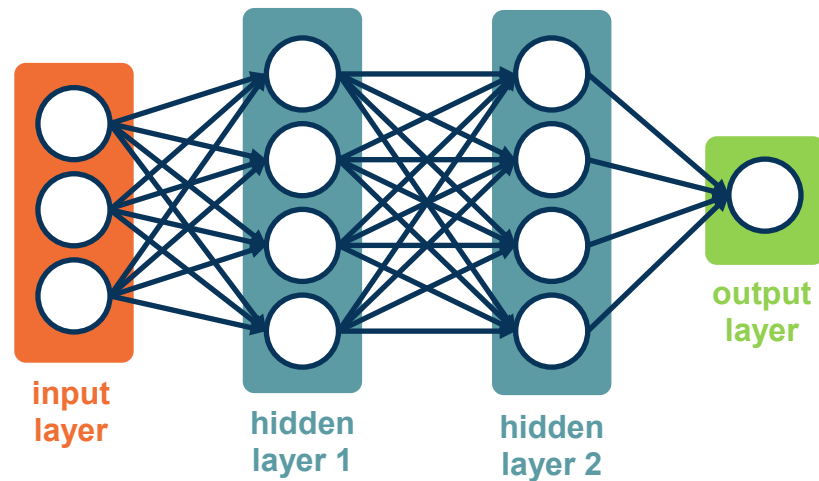
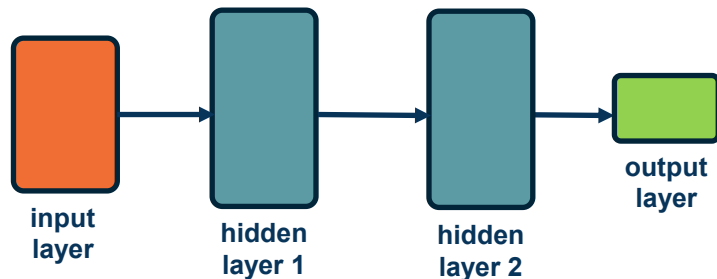
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Large (deep) networks can be built by adding more and more layers

Three-layered neural networks can represent **any function**

- ✦ The number of nodes could grow unreasonably (exponential or worse) with respect to the complexity of the function

We will show them **without edges**:

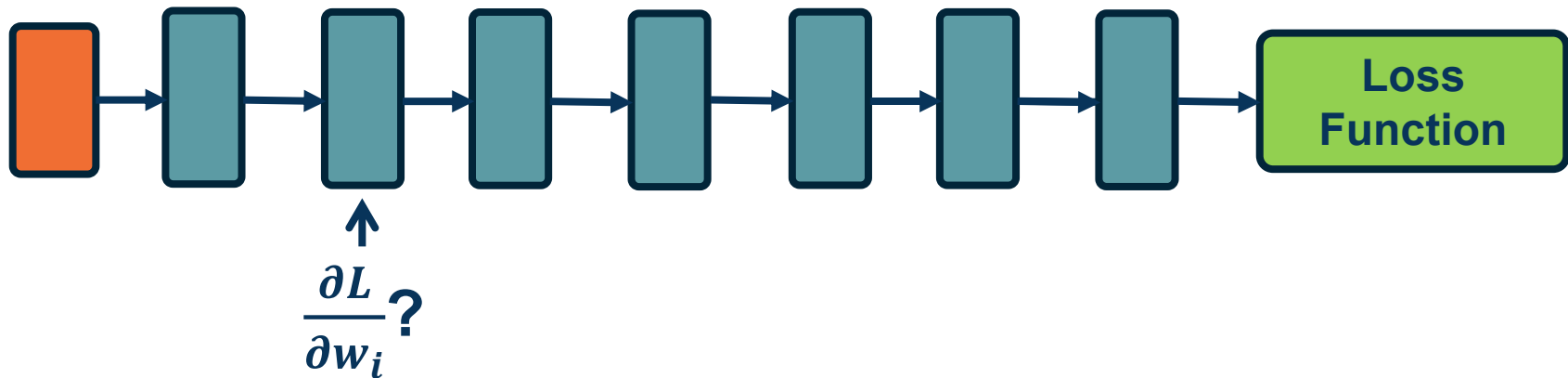


$$f(x, W_1, W_2, W_3) = \sigma(W_2 \sigma(W_1 x))$$

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Adding More Layers!

- We are learning **complex models** with significant amount of parameters (millions or billions)
- How do we compute the gradients of the **loss** (at the end) with respect to **internal** parameters?
- Intuitively, want to understand how **small changes** in weight deep inside **are propagated** to affect the **loss function** at the end

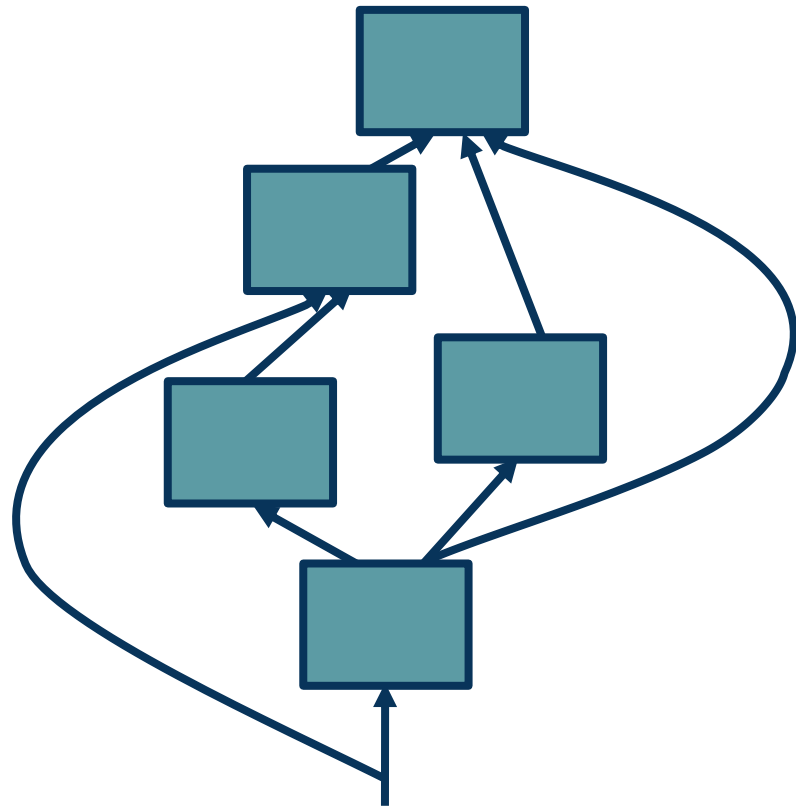


To develop a general algorithm for this, we will view the function as a **computation graph**

Graph can be any **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**

- Modules must be differentiable to support gradient computations for gradient descent

A **training algorithm** will then process this graph, **one module at a time**



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Step 1: Compute Loss on Mini-Batch: Forward Pass



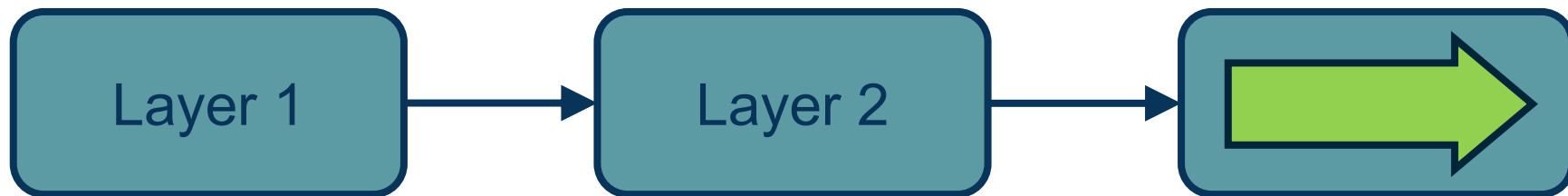
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Note that we must store the **intermediate outputs of all layers!**

- ⬢ This is because we will need them to **compute the gradients** (the gradient equations will have terms with the output values in them)

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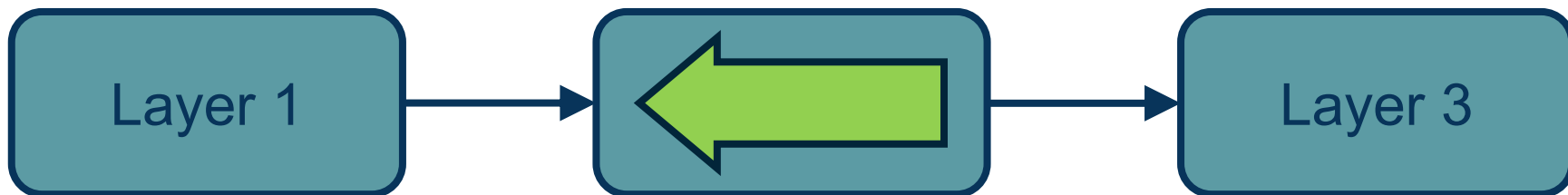
Step 2: Compute Gradients wrt parameters: **Backward Pass**



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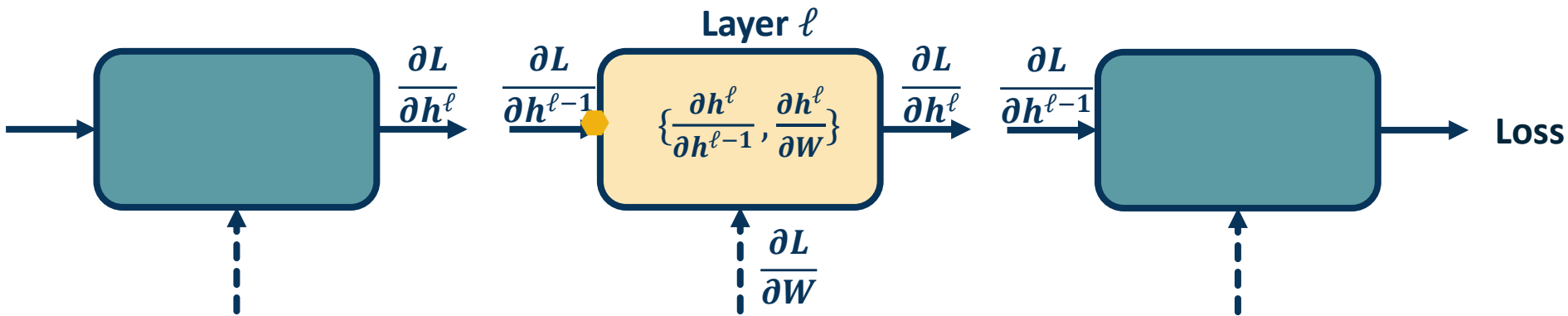
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- We want to compute: $\left\{ \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} \right\}$



- We will use the *chain rule* to do this:

Chain Rule: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^\ell} \frac{\partial h^\ell}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^\ell} \frac{\partial h^\ell}{\partial W}$$

Step 1: Compute Loss on Mini-Batch: **Forward Pass**

Step 2: Compute Gradients wrt parameters: **Backward Pass**

Step 3: Use **gradient** to update **all parameters** at the end



$$w_i = w_i - \alpha \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i}$$

Backpropagation is the application of gradient descent to a computation graph via the chain rule!



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Backpropagation: a simple example

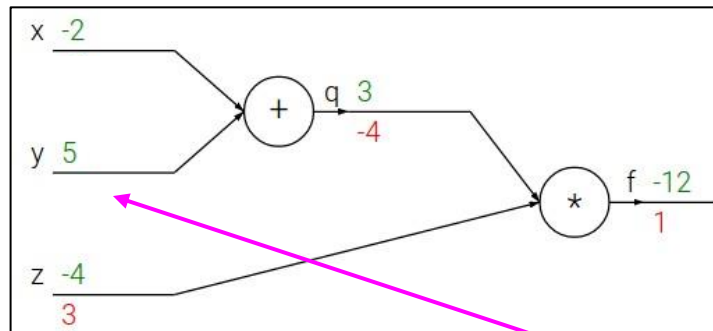
$$f(x, y, z) = (x + y)z$$

e.g. $x = -2, y = 5, z = -4$

$$q = x + y \quad \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$f = qz \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} = z, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = q$$

Want: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$



Chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial y}$$

Upstream
gradient

Local
gradient

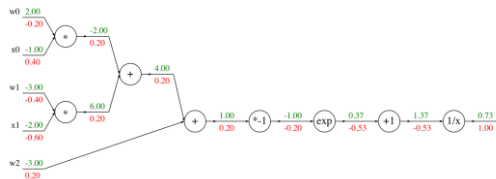
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

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Deep Learning = Differentiable Programming

- Computation = Graph
 - Input = Data + Parameters
 - Output = Loss
 - Scheduling = Topological ordering
- What do we need to do?
 - Generic code for representing the graph of modules
 - Specify modules (both forward and backward function)
 - Backpropagation implementation on the graph

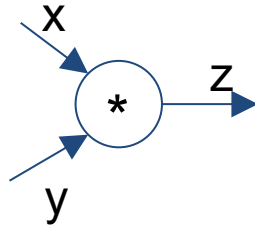
Modularized implementation: forward / backward API



Graph (or Net) object (*rough psuedo code*)

```
class ComputationalGraph(object):  
    #...  
    def forward(inputs):  
        # 1. [pass inputs to input gates...]  
        # 2. forward the computational graph:  
        for gate in self.graph.nodes_topologically_sorted():  
            gate.forward()  
        return loss # the final gate in the graph outputs the loss  
    def backward():  
        for gate in reversed(self.graph.nodes_topologically_sorted()):  
            gate.backward() # little piece of backprop (chain rule applied)  
        return inputs_gradients
```

Modularized implementation: forward / backward API



(x,y,z are scalars)

```
class MultiplyGate(object):  
    def forward(x,y):  
        z = x*y  
        return z  
    def backward(dz):  
        # dx = ... #todo  
        # dy = ... #todo  
        return [dx, dy]
```

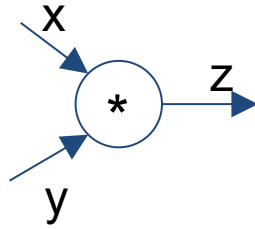
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z}$$

Arrows from this box point to the `dz` parameter in the `backward` method and the `dx, dy` return values.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x}$$

An arrow from this box points to the `dx` element of the `[dx, dy]` return list.



























Modularized implementation: forward / backward API

































(x,y,z are scalars)

```
class MultiplyGate(object):  
    def forward(x,y):  
        z = x*y  
        self.x = x # must keep these around!  
        self.y = y  
        return z  
    def backward(dz):  
        dx = self.y * dz # [dz/dx * dL/dz]  
        dy = self.x * dz # [dz/dy * dL/dz]  
        return [dx, dy]
```

Example: Caffe layers

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 absval_layer.cpp	dismantle layer headers	a year ago				
 absval_layer.cu	dismantle layer headers	a year ago				
 accuracy_layer.cpp	dismantle layer headers	a year ago				
 argmax_layer.cpp	dismantle layer headers	a year ago				
 base_conv_layer.cpp	enable dilated deconvolution	a year ago				
 base_data_layer.cpp	Using default from proto for prefetch	3 months ago				
 base_data_layer.cu	Switched multi-GPU to NCCL	3 months ago				
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 bias_layer.cpp	Remove incorrect cast of gemm int arg to Dtype in BiasLayer	a year ago				
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 cudnn_1cn_layer.cpp	dismantle layer headers	a year ago
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Caffe Sigmoid Layer

```
1 #include <cmath>
2 #include <vector>
3
4 #include "caffe/layers/sigmoid_layer.hpp"
5
6 namespace caffe {
7
8 template <typename Dtype>
9 inline Dtype sigmoid(Dtype x) {
10     return 1. / (1. + exp(-x));
11 }
12
13 template <typename Dtype>
14 void SigmoidLayer<Dtype>::Forward_cpu(const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& bottom,
15     const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& top) {
16     const Dtype* bottom_data = bottom[0]->cpu_data();
17     Dtype* top_data = top[0]->mutable_cpu_data();
18     const int count = bottom[0]->count();
19     for (int i = 0; i < count; ++i) {
20         top_data[i] = sigmoid(bottom_data[i]);
21     }
22 }
23
24 template <typename Dtype>
25 void SigmoidLayer<Dtype>::Backward_cpu(const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& top,
26     const vector<bool>& propagate_down,
27     const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& bottom) {
28     if (propagate_down[0]) {
29         const Dtype* top_data = top[0]->cpu_data();
30         const Dtype* top_diff = top[0]->cpu_diff();
31         Dtype* bottom_diff = bottom[0]->mutable_cpu_diff();
32         const int count = bottom[0]->count();
33         for (int i = 0; i < count; ++i) {
34             const Dtype sigmoid_x = top_data[i];
35             bottom_diff[i] = top_diff[i] * sigmoid_x * (1. - sigmoid_x);
36         }
37     }
38 }
39
40 #ifdef CPU_ONLY
41 STUB_GPU(SigmoidLayer);
42 #endif
43
44 INSTANTIATE_CLASS(SigmoidLayer);
45
46 } // namespace caffe
```

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$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$(1 - \sigma(x)) \sigma(x) * \text{top_diff} \text{ (chain rule)}$$

- Neural networks involves composing simple functions into a **computation graph**
- Optimization (updating weights) of this graph is through backpropagation
 - Recursive algorithm: Gradient descent (partial derivatives) plus chain rule
- Remaining questions:
 - How does this work with vectors, matrices, tensors?
 - Across a composed function?
 - How can we implement this algorithmically to make these calculations automatic? **Automatic Differentiation**

**Linear
Algebra
View:
Vector and
Matrix Sizes**

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & \cdots & w_{1m} & b1 \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & \cdots & w_{2m} & b2 \\ w_{31} & w_{32} & \cdots & w_{3m} & b3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

W

x

Sizes: $[c \times (m + 1)]$ $[(m + 1) \times 1]$

Where c is number of classes

m is dimensionality of input

Closer Look at a Linear Classifier

Conventions:

- Size of derivatives for scalars, vectors, and matrices:

Assume we have scalar $s \in \mathbb{R}^1$, vector $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$, i.e. $v = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m]^T$ and matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{m_1 \times m_2}$

	S $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$	V $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$	M $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$
S	$\frac{\partial s_1}{\partial s_2}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{\partial s}{\partial v}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{\partial s}{\partial M}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$
V	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial s}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$	$\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial v_2}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$	Tensors
M	$\frac{\partial M}{\partial s}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$		

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- What is the size of $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial s}$? $\mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ (column vector of size m)

- What is the size of $\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{v}}$? $\mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}$ (row vector of size m)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial s} \\ \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial s} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial v_m}{\partial s} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial s}{\partial v_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial s}{\partial v_m} \end{bmatrix}$$

Conventions:

- What is the size of $\frac{\partial v^1}{\partial v^2}$? A matrix:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Col } j \\ \text{Row } i \end{array} \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} \frac{\partial v_1^1}{\partial v_1^2} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial v_i^1}{\partial v_1^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial v_i^1}{\partial v_j^2} & \dots & \frac{\partial v_i^1}{\partial v_{m_2}^2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{array} \right]_{m_1 \times m_2}$$

- This matrix of partial derivatives is called a **Jacobian**

(Note this is slightly different convention than on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacobian_matrix)). Also, computationally other conventions are used.

Conventions:

- What is the size of $\frac{\partial s}{\partial M}$? A matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial m_{[1,1]}} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial s}{\partial m_{[i,j]}} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note this is slightly different convention than on [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matrix_calculus)). Also, computationally other conventions are used.

Example 1:

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ x^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2x \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 2:

$$y = w^T x = \sum_k w_k x_k$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \left[\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_m} \right]$$

$$= [w_1, \dots, w_m]$$

$$= w^T$$

because

$$\frac{\partial (\sum_k w_k x_k)}{\partial x_i} = w_i$$

Example 3:

$$y = Wx$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = W$$

$$\text{Row } i \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & w_{ij} & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad y_i = \sum_j w_{ij} x_j$$

Example 4:

$$\frac{\partial (wAw)}{\partial w} = 2w^T A \text{ (assuming } A \text{ is symmetric)}$$

What is the size of $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$?

Remember that loss is a **scalar** and W is a matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & \cdots & w_{1m} & b_1 \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & \cdots & w_{2m} & b_2 \\ w_{31} & w_{32} & \cdots & w_{3m} & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian is also a matrix:

$$\begin{matrix} & & & W & & \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{1m}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{21}} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{2m}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{3m}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_3} \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Batches of data are **matrices** or **tensors** (multi-dimensional matrices)

Examples:

- Each instance is a vector of size m , our batch is of size $[B \times m]$
- Each instance is a matrix (e.g. grayscale image) of size $W \times H$, our batch is $[B \times W \times H]$
- Each instance is a multi-channel matrix (e.g. color image with R,B,G channels) of size $C \times W \times H$, our batch is $[B \times C \times W \times H]$

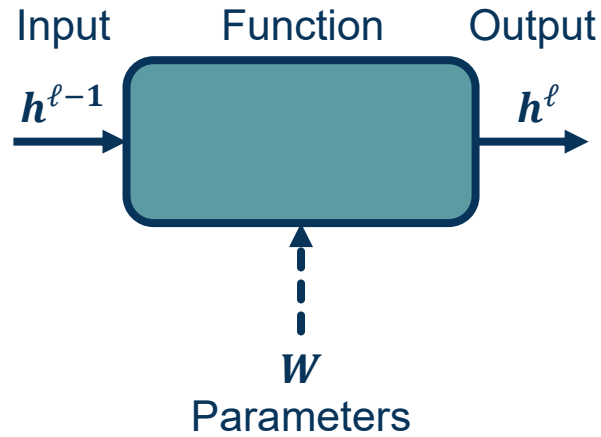
Jacobians become tensors which is complicated

- Instead, flatten input to a vector and get a vector of derivatives!
- This can also be done for partial derivatives between two vectors, two matrices, or two tensors

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \cdots & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

Flatten 

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} \\ x_{12} \\ \vdots \\ x_{21} \\ x_{22} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n1} \\ \vdots \\ x_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$



Define:

$$h_i^l = w_i^T h^{l-1}$$

$$h^l = W h^{l-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow w_i^T \rightarrow \\ \\ \end{array} \right] & \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \\
 |h^l| \times 1 & |h^l| \times |h^{l-1}| & |h^{l-1}| \times 1
 \end{array}$$

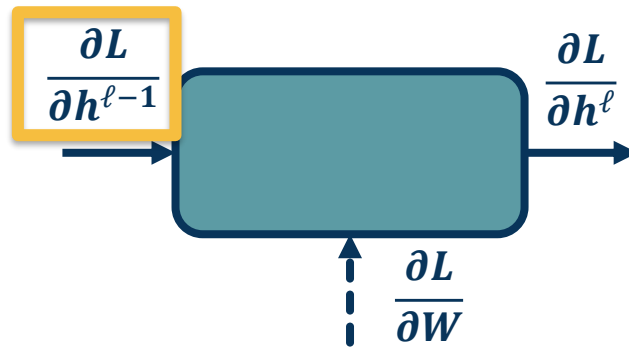
Fully Connected (FC) Layer: Forward Function

$$h^\ell = Wh^{\ell-1}$$

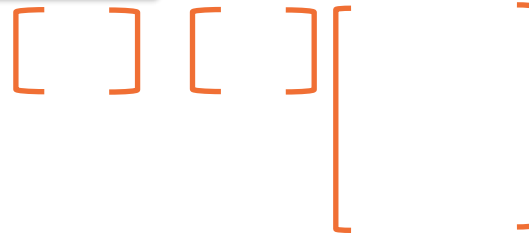
$$\frac{\partial h^\ell}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = W$$

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^\ell} \frac{\partial h^\ell}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}$$



$$1 \times |h^{\ell-1}| \quad 1 \times |h^\ell| \quad |h^\ell| \times |h^{\ell-1}|$$

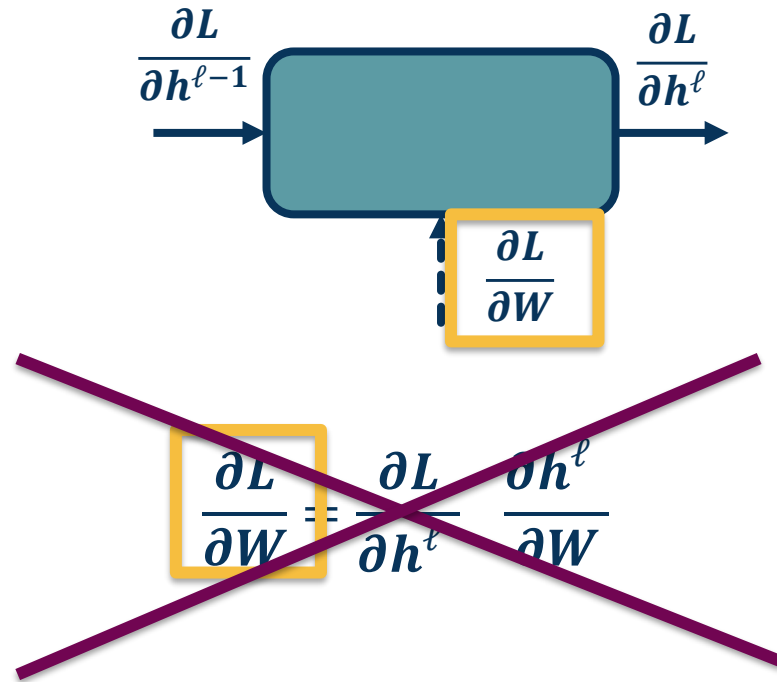
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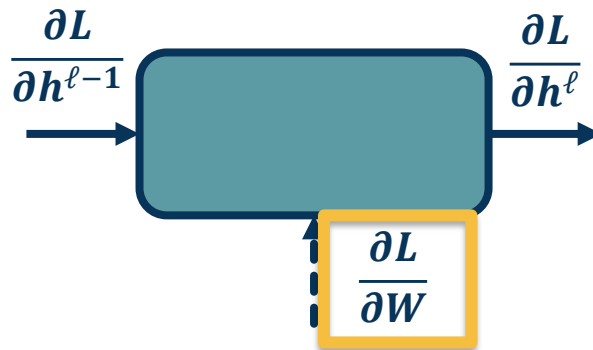
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Find $\frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial w_i^T}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow w_i^T \rightarrow \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h^{\ell} = W h^{\ell-1}$$

Fully Connected (FC) Layer

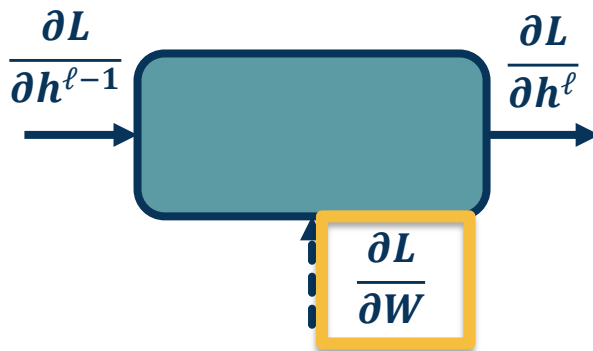
$$\mathbf{h}^\ell = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^\ell}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}} = \mathbf{W}$$

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$$\mathbf{h}_i^\ell = \mathbf{w}_i^T \mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i^\ell}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i^T} = \mathbf{h}^{(\ell-1),T}$$



$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i^T} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{h}^\ell} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^\ell}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i^T}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow 0 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i^\ell}{\partial \mathbf{w}_i^T} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow 0 \rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

$$1 \times |\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}| \quad 1 \times |\mathbf{h}^\ell| \quad |\mathbf{h}^\ell| \times |\mathbf{h}^{\ell-1}|$$

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}}$$

Iterate and populate
Note can simplify/vectorize!

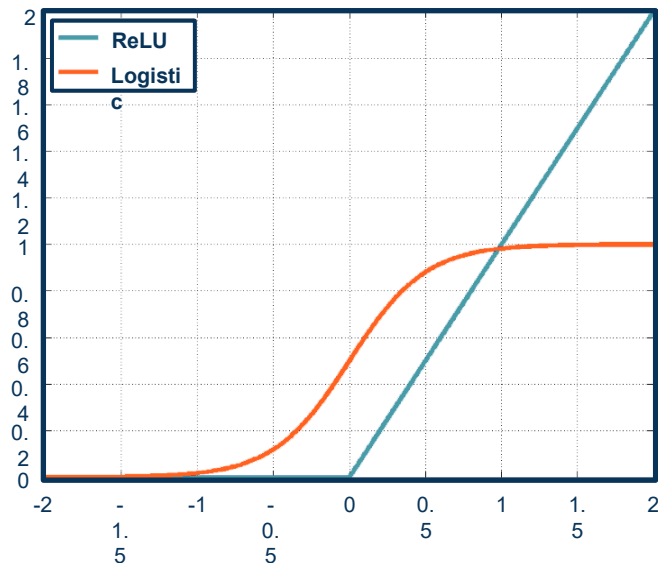
Fully Connected (FC) Layer

We can employ **any differentiable (or piecewise differentiable) function**

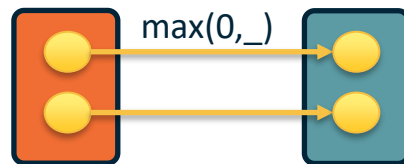
A common choice is the **Rectified Linear Unit**

- Provides non-linearity but better gradient flow than sigmoid
- Performed **element-wise**

How many parameters for this layer?



$$h^\ell = \max(0, h^{\ell-1})$$



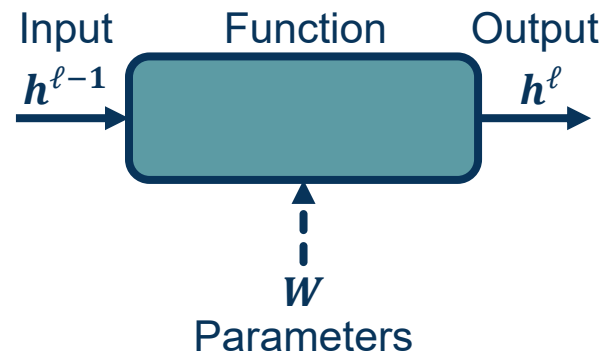
Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU)

Full Jacobian of ReLU layer is **large**
(output dim x input dim)

- But again it is **sparse**
- Only **diagonal values non-zero** because it is element-wise
- An output value affected only by **corresponding input value**

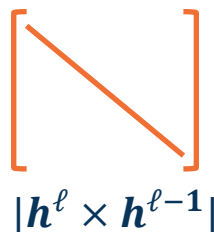
Max function **funnels gradients through selected max**

- Gradient will be **zero** if input ≤ 0



Forward: $h^l = \max(0, h^{l-1})$

Backward: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{l-1}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^l} \frac{\partial h^l}{\partial h^{l-1}}$



For diagonal

$$\frac{\partial h^l}{\partial h^{l-1}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h^{l-1} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4D input x:

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$f(x) = \max(0, x)$$

(elementwise)

4D output z:

 $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ What does $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ look like?

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[dz/dx] [dL/dz]

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For element-wise ops, jacobian is **sparse**: off-diagonal entries always zero!
Never **explicitly** form Jacobian -- instead use elementwise multiplication

- Neural networks involves composing simple functions into a **computation graph**
- Optimization (updating weights) of this graph is through backpropagation
 - Recursive algorithm: Gradient descent (partial derivatives) plus chain rule
- Remaining questions:
 - How does this work with vectors, matrices, tensors?
 - Across a composed function? **Next!**
 - How can we implement this algorithmically to make these calculations automatic? **Automatic Differentiation**

Composition of Functions: $f(g(x)) = (f \circ g)(x)$

A complex function (e.g. defined by a neural network):

$$f(x) = g_{\ell} (g_{\ell-1} (\dots g_1(x)))$$

$$f(x) = g_{\ell} \circ g_{\ell-1} \dots \circ g_1(x)$$

(Many of these will be parameterized)

(Note you might find the opposite notation as well!)

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^1 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{g}_1} \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^1 \xrightarrow{\mathbf{g}_2} \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{g}_2(\mathbf{g}_1(\mathbf{x}))$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} * \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$



Scalar Multiplication

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^c \\
 & \mathbf{g}_1 & & \mathbf{g}_2 & \\
 & \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m & & \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c &
 \end{array}$$

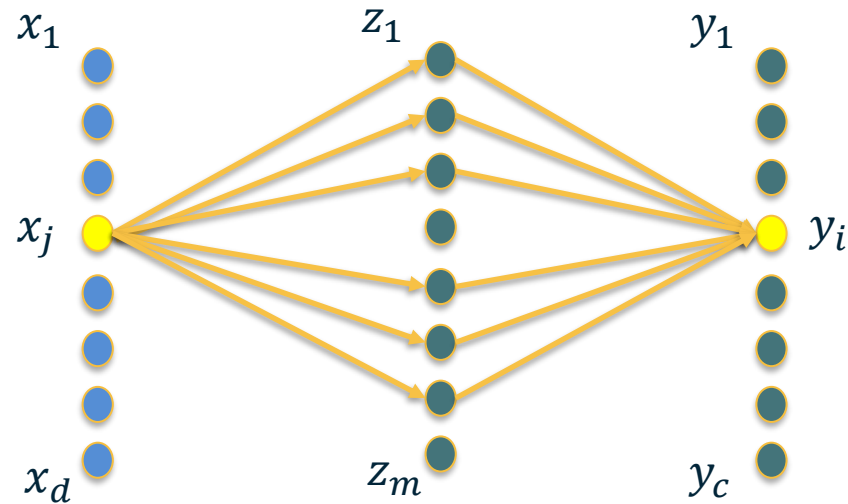
$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{z}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{x}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$J_{g_1 \circ g_2}$
 J_{g_1}
 J_{g_2}

Matrix Multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} = \sum_k \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} * \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j}$$



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k paths

$$h^0 \in \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow h^1 \in \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow h^l \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

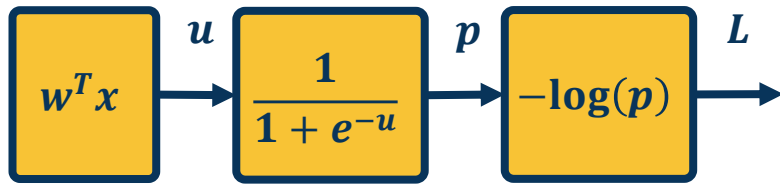
$$\frac{\partial h^l}{\partial h^1} = \frac{\partial h^l}{\partial h^{l-1}} \frac{\partial h^{l-1}}{\partial h^{l-2}} \dots \frac{\partial h^2}{\partial h^1}$$

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$$h^0 \in \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow h^1 \in \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow h^l \in \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow L \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^1} \right] = \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^l} \right] \left[\frac{\partial h^l}{\partial h^{l-1}} \right] \left[\frac{\partial h^{l-1}}{\partial h^{l-2}} \right] \dots \left[\frac{\partial h^2}{\partial h^1} \right]$$

Which directions is more efficient to multiply?



$$\bar{L} = 1$$

$$\bar{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} = -\frac{1}{p}$$

where $p = \sigma(w^T x)$ and $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$

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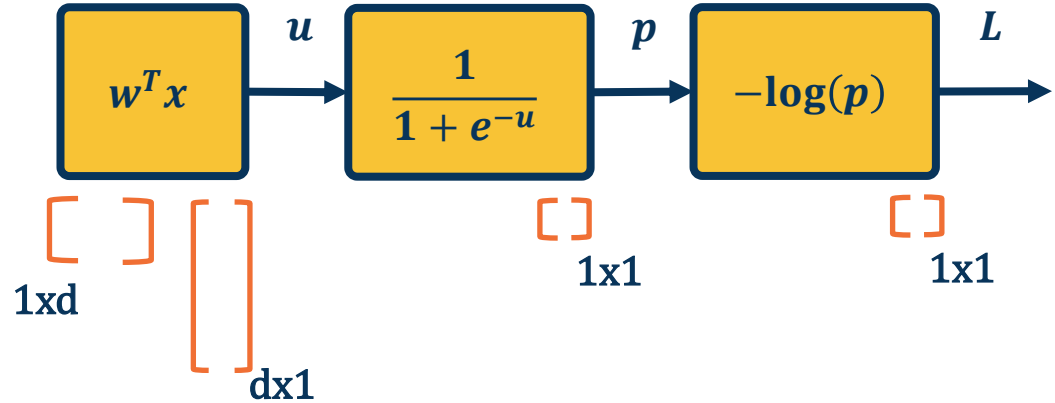
We can do this in a combined way to see all terms together:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{w} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial w} = -\frac{1}{\sigma(w^T x)} \sigma(w^T x) (1 - \sigma(w^T x)) x^T \\ &= -\left(1 - \sigma(w^T x)\right) x^T \end{aligned}$$

This effectively shows gradient flow along path from L to w

Example Gradient Computations

The chain rule can be computed as a **series of scalar, vector, and matrix linear algebra operations**

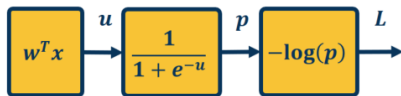


Extremely efficient in graphics processing units (GPUs)

$$\bar{w} = - \frac{1}{\sigma(w^T x)} \sigma(w^T x) (1 - \sigma(w^T x)) x^T$$

Dimensional analysis below the equation:

- $\frac{1}{\sigma(w^T x)}$: 1×1 scalar
- $\sigma(w^T x)$: 1×1 scalar
- $(1 - \sigma(w^T x))$: 1×1 scalar
- x^T : $1 \times d$ row vector



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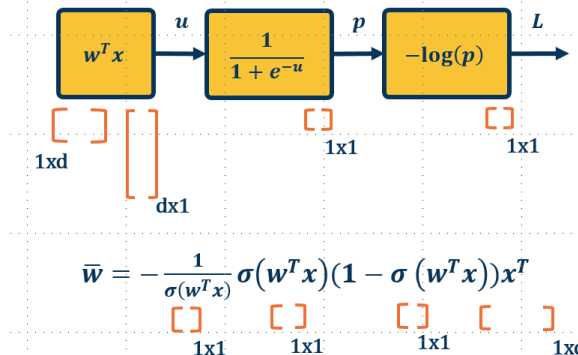
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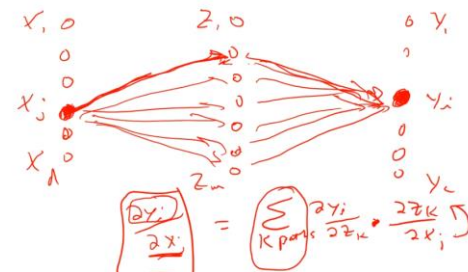
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Computation Graph / Global View of Chain Rule

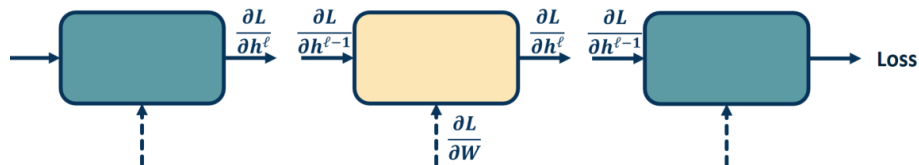


Computational / Tensor View



Graph View

● We want to compute: $\left\{ \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} \right\}$



Backpropagation View (Recursive Algorithm)

Different Views of Equivalent Ideas

- **Backpropagation:** Recursive, modular algorithm for chain rule + gradient descent
- **When we move to vectors and matrices:**
 - Composition of functions (scalar)
 - Composition of functions (vectors/matrices)
 - Jacobian view of chain rule
 - Can view entire set of calculations as linear algebra operations (matrix-vector or matrix-matrix multiplication)
- **Automatic differentiation:**
 - Reduction of modules to simple operations we know (simple multiplication, etc.)
 - Automatically build computation graph in background as write code
 - Automatically compute gradients via backward pass