

# CS 4803 / 7643: Deep Learning

Topics:

- Optimization
- Computing Gradients

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# Administrativa

- HW0 Reminder
  - Due: 09/05, 11:55pm
- A note on expectations
  - Act like a responsible adult
- Thursday 09/06
  - Guest Lecture by Peter Anderson
- No class next week
  - 09/11, 09/13
- HW1 out next week (09/11)

# Recap from last time

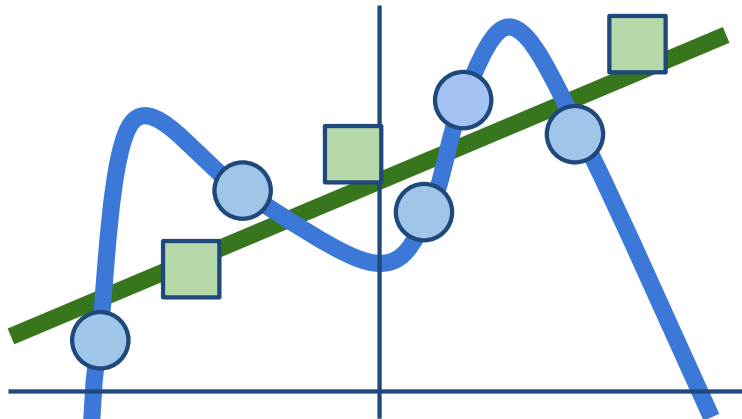
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**Occam's Razor:**  
"Among competing hypotheses,  
the simplest is the best"  
William of Ockham, 1285 - 1347

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## Simple examples

L2 regularization:  $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l W_{k,l}^2$

L1 regularization:  $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l |W_{k,l}|$

Elastic net (L1 + L2):  $R(W) = \sum_k \sum_l \beta W_{k,l}^2 + |W_{k,l}|$

## More complex:

Dropout

Batch normalization

Stochastic depth, fractional pooling, etc

# Neural networks: without the brain stuff

(**Before**) Linear score function:  $f = \underline{W} \underline{x}$

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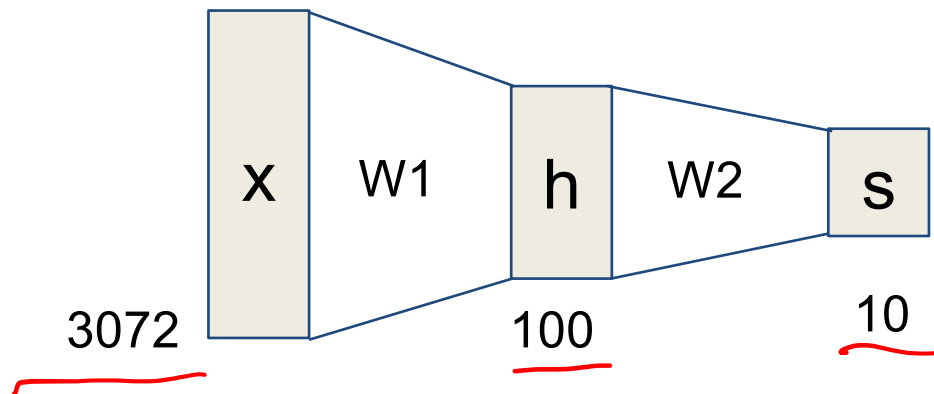
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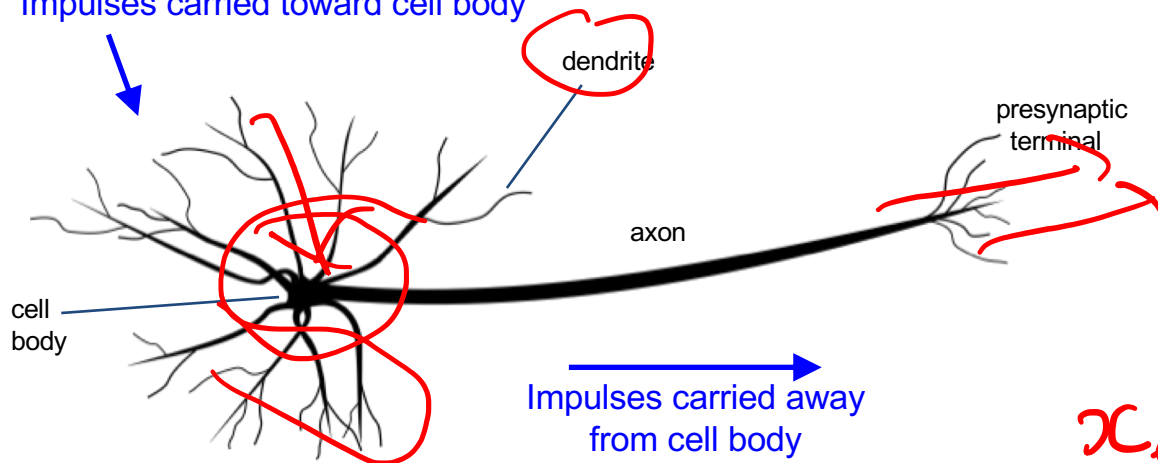
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or 3-layer Neural Network

$$f = W_3 \max(0, \underbrace{W_2}_{\text{max}} \underbrace{\max(0, W_1 x)}_{\text{max}})$$

Impulses carried toward cell body



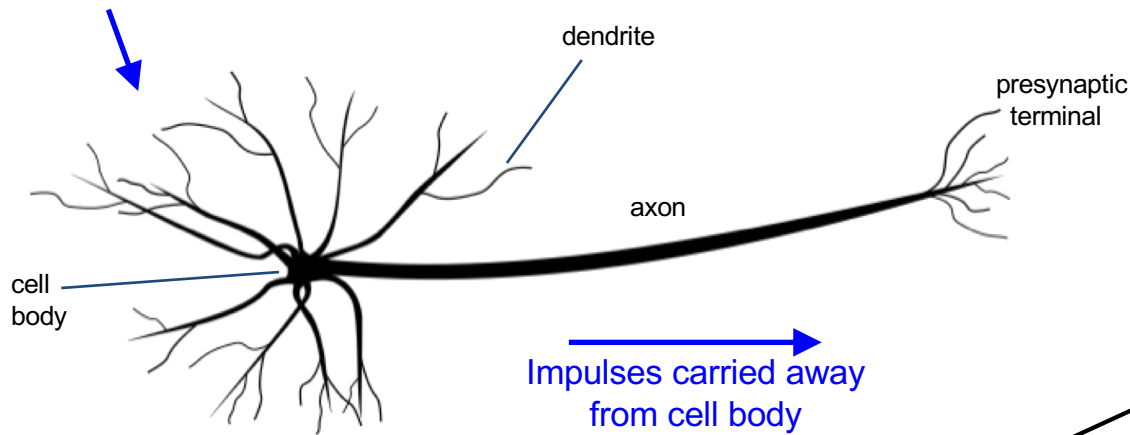
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$$a = \sum_j w_j x_j$$
$$= \underline{\underline{\vec{w}^T \vec{x}}}$$

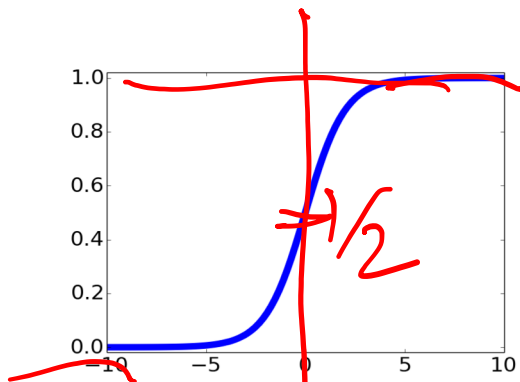


$$y = \underline{\underline{f(a)}}$$

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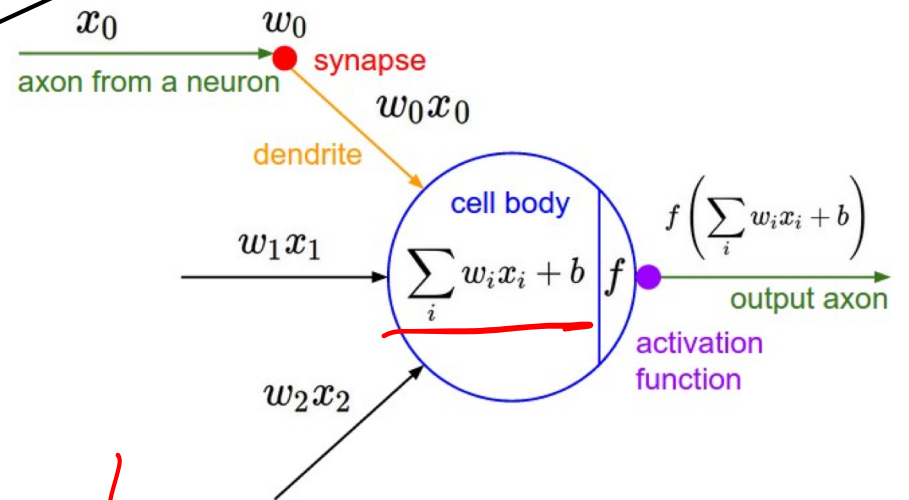
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sigmoid activation function

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

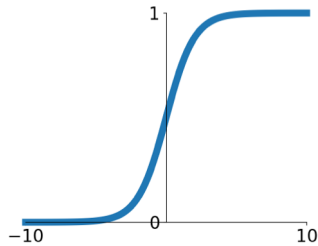
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# Activation functions

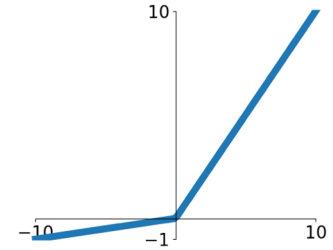
**Sigmoid**

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



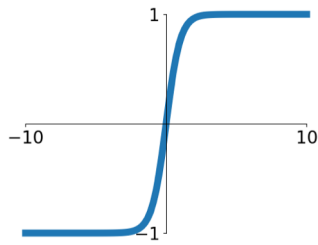
**Leaky ReLU**

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$



**tanh**

$$\tanh(x)$$

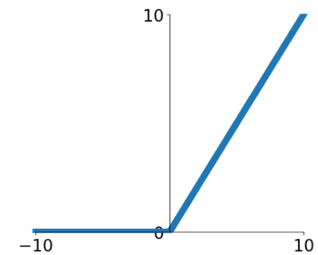


**Maxout**

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

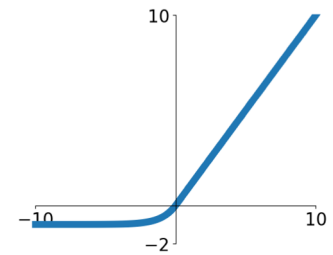
**ReLU**

$$\max(0, x)$$



**ELU**

$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

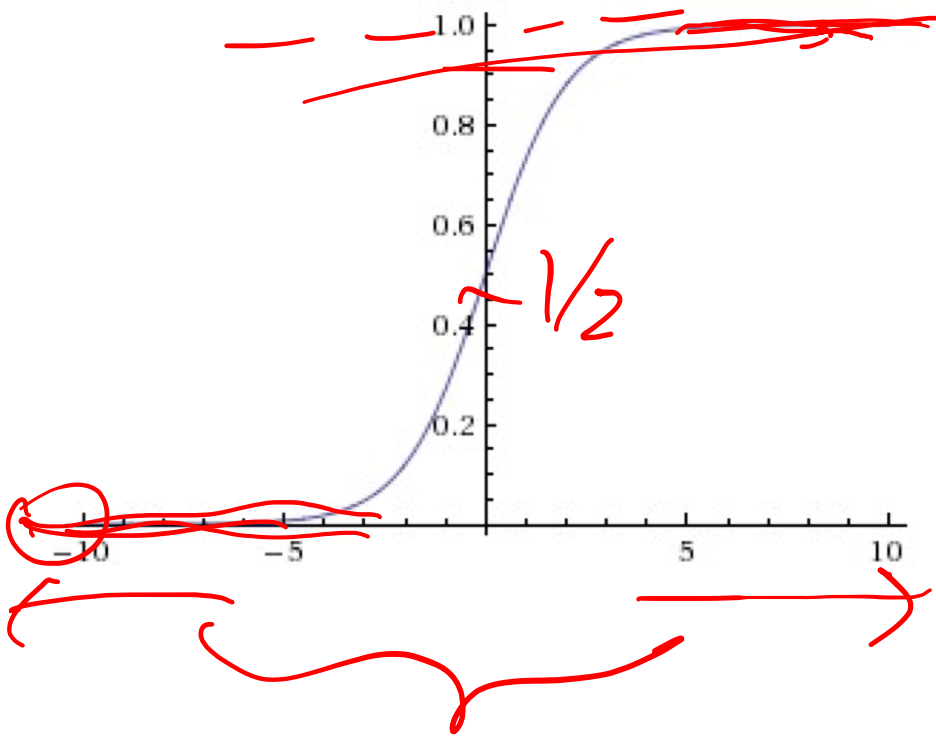


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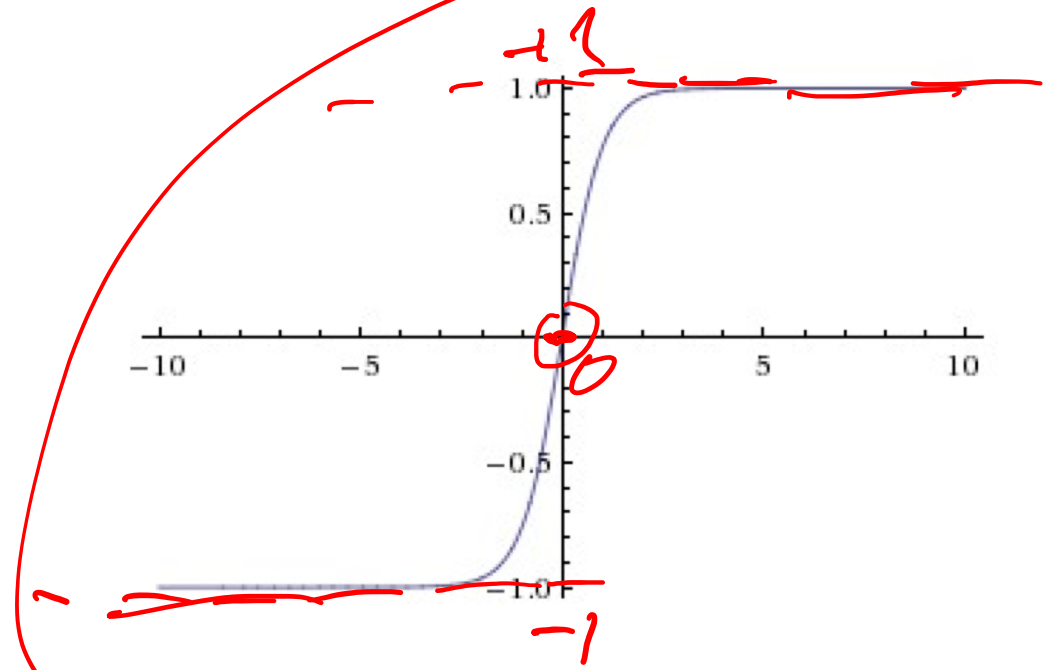
- sigmoid vs tanh

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

$$\tanh(a) = \frac{e^a - e^{-a}}{e^a + e^{-a}}$$



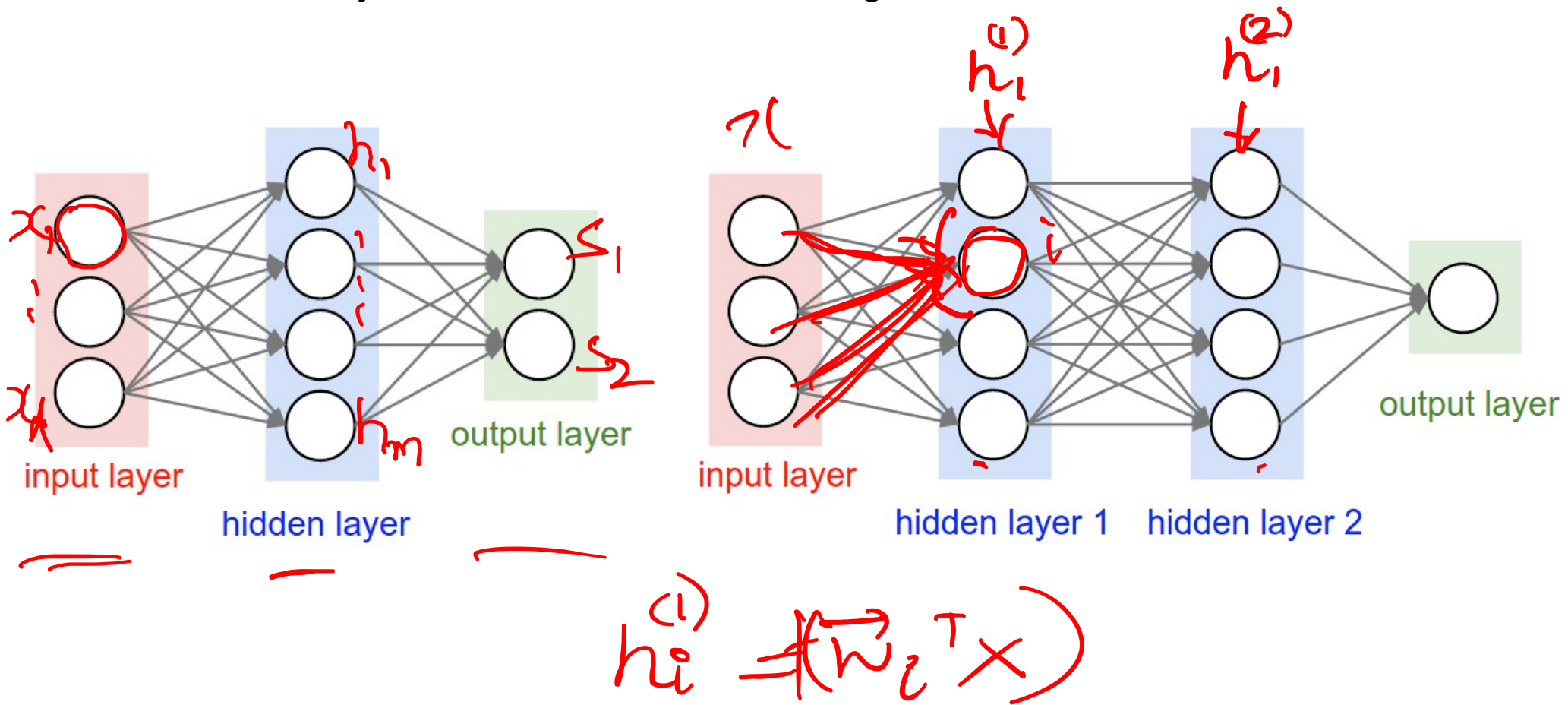
$$\sigma(\sigma(\sigma(a)))$$



$$\rightarrow = \underline{\underline{2\sigma(2a) - 1}}$$

# Multilayer Networks

- Cascade Neurons together
- The output from one layer is the input to the next
- Each Layer has its own sets of weights



# Plan for Today

- (Finish) Optimization
- Computing Gradients



# Optimization



Strategy: Follow the slope  $\min_w \underline{L(w; D)}$



## Strategy: Follow the slope

In 1-dimension, the derivative of a function:

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_d)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_i+h, \dots, x_d) - f(x)}{h}$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d} \end{bmatrix}$$

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In multiple dimensions, the **gradient** is the vector of ~~(partial derivatives)~~ along each dimension

The ~~slope in any direction~~ is the **dot product** of the direction with the gradient  
The ~~direction of steepest descent~~ is the **negative gradient**

# Gradient Descent

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# Vanilla Gradient Descent
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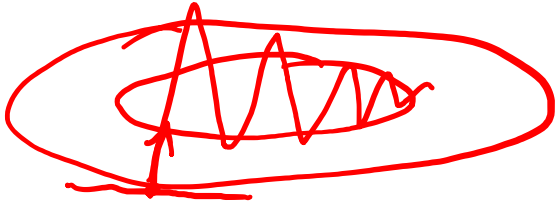
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while True:
```

```
    [weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)] ← backprop  
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```

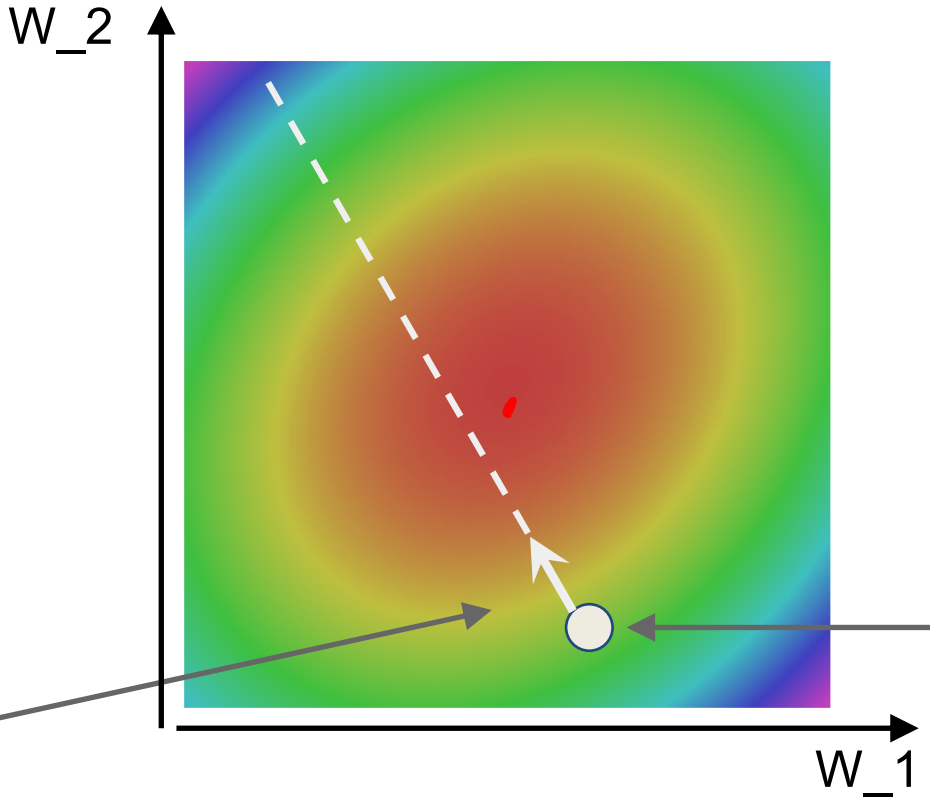
$$w^{(0)} = \text{init}$$

for  $t=1 \dots \text{times}$

$$\vec{w}^{(t+1)} = \vec{w}^t - \eta \nabla_{\vec{w}} L$$

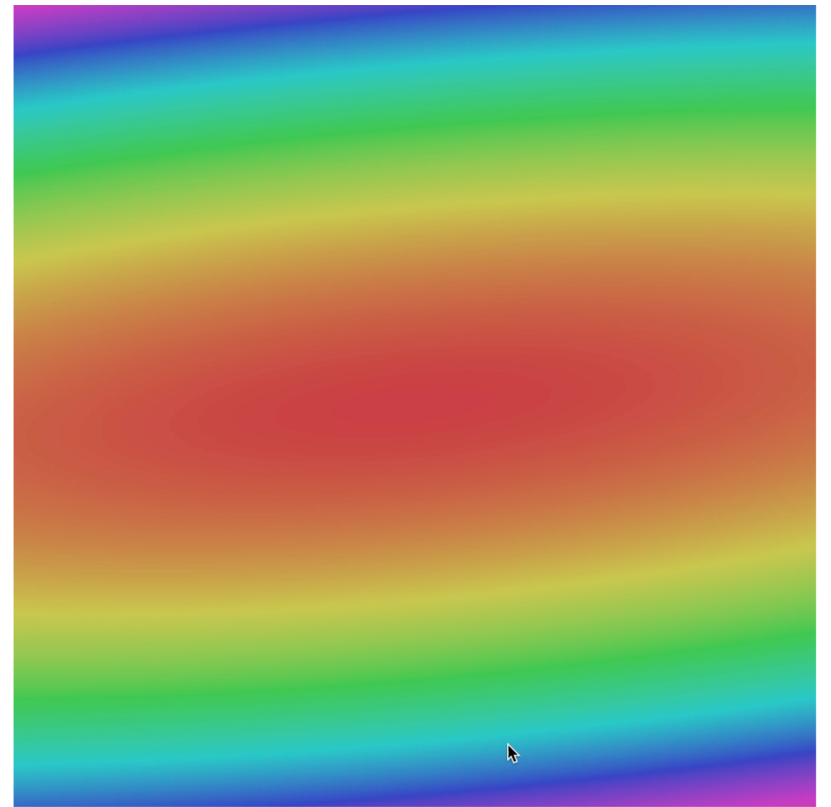
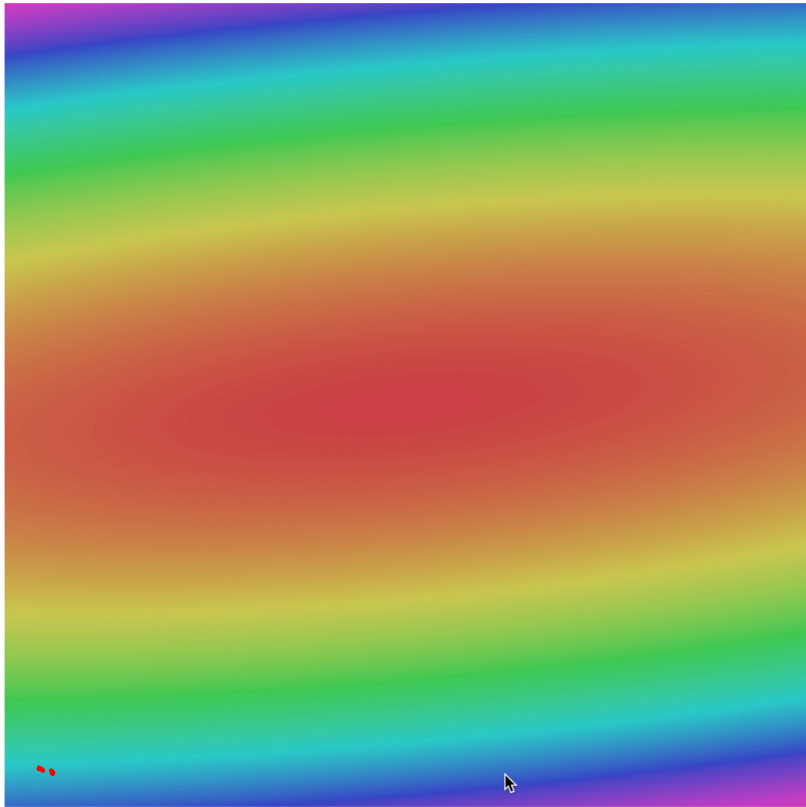
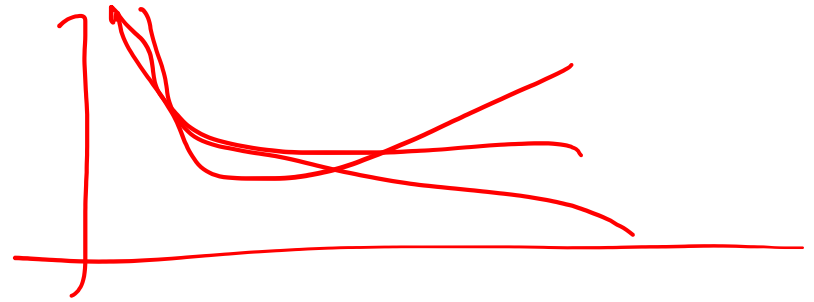
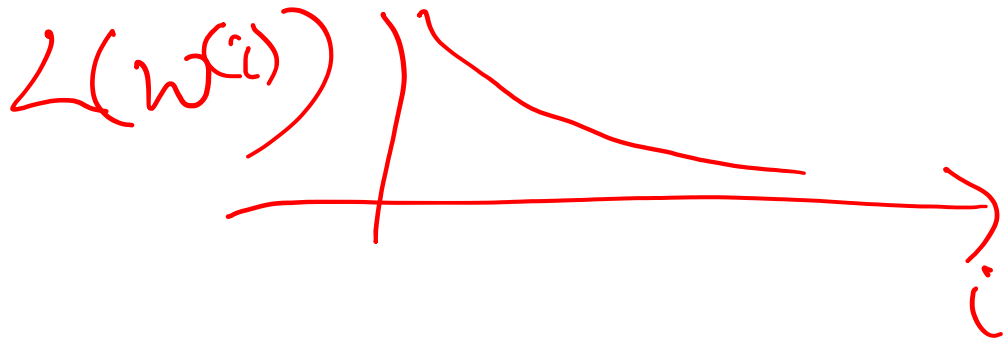


$$0.00001 w_1^2 + w_2^2$$



original W

negative gradient direction



# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

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Full sum expensive  
when N is large!

Approximate sum  
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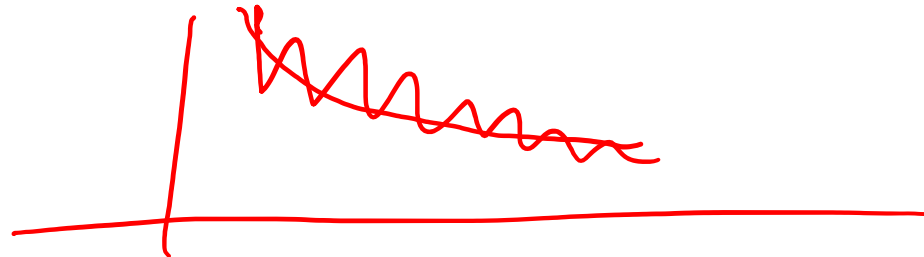
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while True:
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$$\approx E_{I \sim U(1, N)} [\nabla L_i]$$

$$I = i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$
$$I \sim U(1, N)$$



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$$\approx \mathbb{E}_{x, y \sim p^*} [L(x, y, W)]$$

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$$\nabla_W \int \sum_y L(x, y, W) p^*(x, y) dx$$

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$$= \mathbb{E}[\nabla_W L] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_W L_i$$

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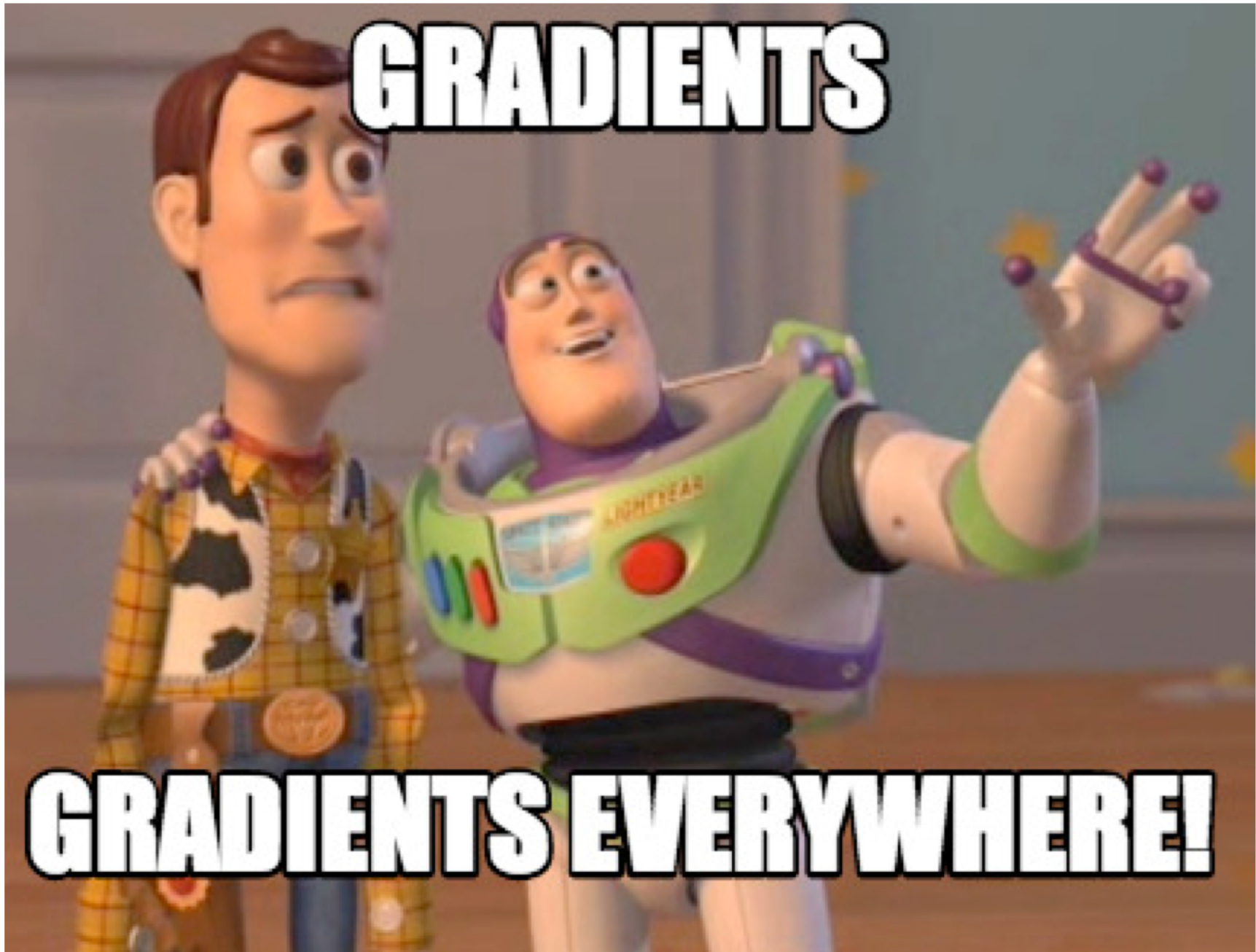
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$$l_1 = x$$

$$l_{n+1} = 4l_n(1 - l_n)$$

$$f(x) = l_4 = 64x(1-x)(1-2x)^2(1-8x+8x^2)^2$$

Manual  
Differentiation

$$f'(x) = 128x(1-x)(-8+16x)(1-2x)^2(1-8x+8x^2) + 64(1-x)(1-2x)^2(1-8x+8x^2)^2 - 64x(1-2x)^2(1-8x+8x^2)^2 - 256x(1-x)(1-2x)(1-8x+8x^2)^2$$

Coding

```
f(x):
v = x
for i = 1 to 3
    v = 4v(1 - v)
v
or, in closed-form,
f(x):
    64x (1-x) (1-2x)^2 (1-8x+8x^2)^2
```

Symbolic  
Differentiation  
of the Closed-form

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f'(x_0) = f'(x_0)
Exact
```

Automatic  
Differentiation

```
f'(x):
(v, v') = (x, 1)
for i = 1 to 3
    (v, v') = (4v(1-v), 4v'-8vv')
```

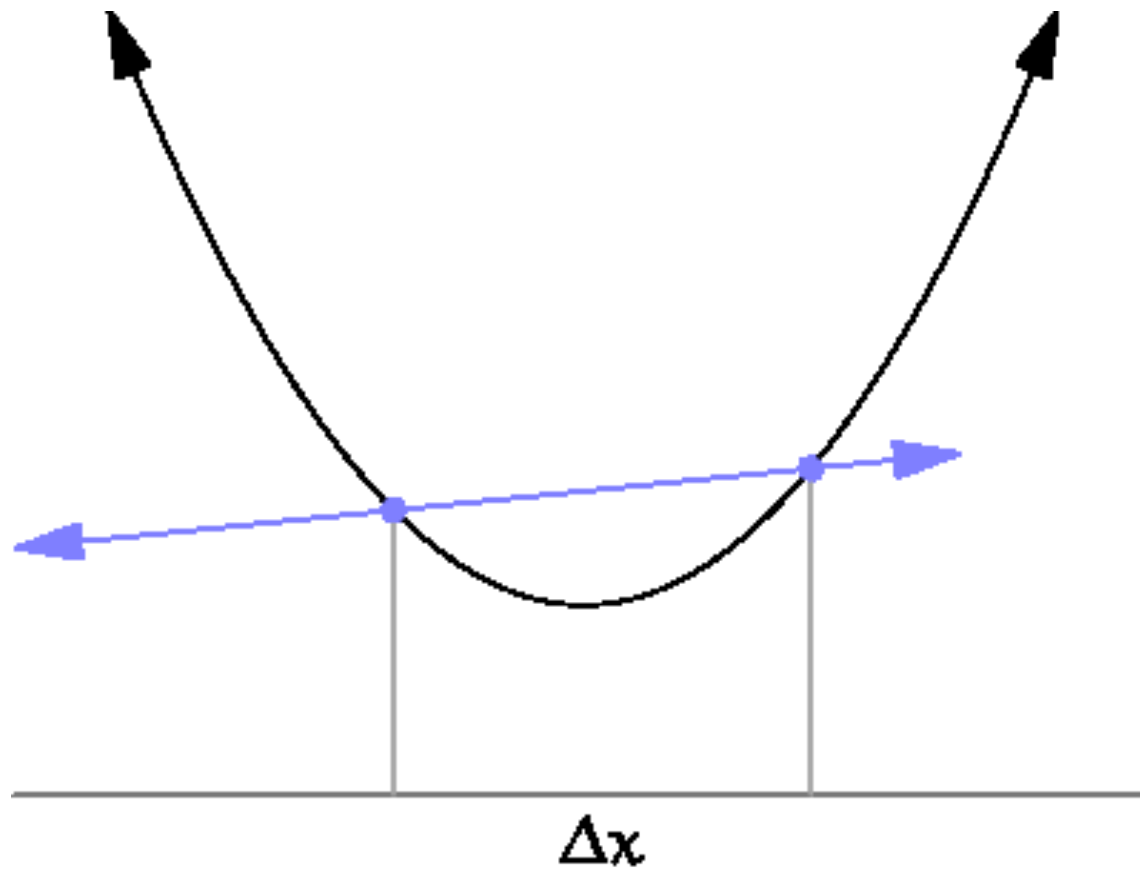
$f'(x_0) = f'(x_0)$   
Exact

Numerical  
Differentiation

```
f'(x):
h = 0.000001
(f(x+h) - f(x)) / h
f'(x_0) ≈ f'(x_0)
Approximate
```

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$L(w)$

current  $W$ :

$\vec{w}$

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
0.78,  
0.12,  
0.55,  
2.81,  
-3.1,  
-1.5,  
0.33,...]

**loss 1.25347**

$L(\vec{w})$

gradient  $dW$ :

[?,  
?,  
?,  
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**loss 1.25322**

**gradient dW:**

[?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,  
?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
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**loss 1.25322**

**gradient dW:**

[-2.5,  
?,  
?,

$$(1.25322 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = -2.5$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,  
?,...]

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**loss 1.25353**

**gradient dW:**

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?,...]

current W:

[0.34,  
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loss 1.25347

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0.33,...]

loss 1.25353

gradient dW:

[-2.5,  
0.6,  
?,  
?,

$$(1.25353 - 1.25347) / 0.0001 = 0.6$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,...]

**current W:**

[0.34,  
-1.11,  
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**loss 1.25347**

**W + h (third dim):**

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?,  
?

$$(1.25347 - 1.25347)/0.0001 = 0$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

?,...]

# Numerical vs Analytic Gradients

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

**Numerical gradient:** slow :(, approximate :(, easy to write :)  
**Analytic gradient:** fast :), exact :), error-prone :(

In practice: Derive analytic gradient, check your implementation with numerical gradient.

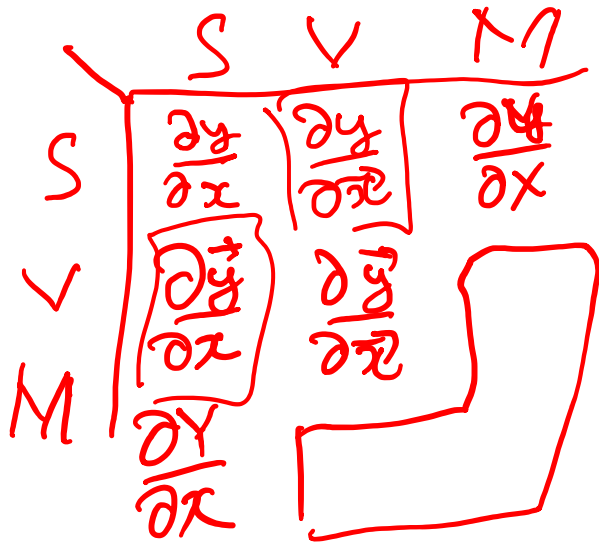
This is called a gradient check.

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# Matrix/Vector Derivatives Notation



$x, y \in \mathbb{R}^1$   
 $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$   $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^c$   
 $X, Y \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_c}{\partial x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\downarrow$  num = dim 1  
 $\rightarrow$  den = dim 2

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \vec{x}} = \left[ \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_d} \right]$$

# Matrix/Vector Derivatives Notation

$$\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} = \begin{matrix} \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ i & - & j \\ \left[ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \right] & & \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} | \\ \text{row} \\ | \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} | \\ \text{col} \\ | \end{matrix} \quad \left. \vphantom{\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j}} \right\} c \times d$$

$$\frac{\partial (x^T \vec{w})}{\partial \vec{w}} = \left[ \frac{\partial (x^T \vec{w})}{\partial w_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial (x^T \vec{w})}{\partial w_d} \right]$$

$$= x^T \quad \left[ x_1 \quad \dots \quad x_d \right] = x^T$$

# Vector Derivative Example

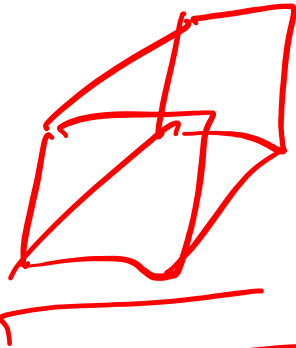
$$\frac{\partial (w^T A x)}{\partial \vec{w}} = \underline{w^T A}$$

$$y_i = \sum_j a_{ij} x_j$$

$$\vec{y} = \underline{A x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} = A \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} a_{ij} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]$$

# Extension to Tensors



$$x \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1 \times d_2 \times \dots \times d_n}$$

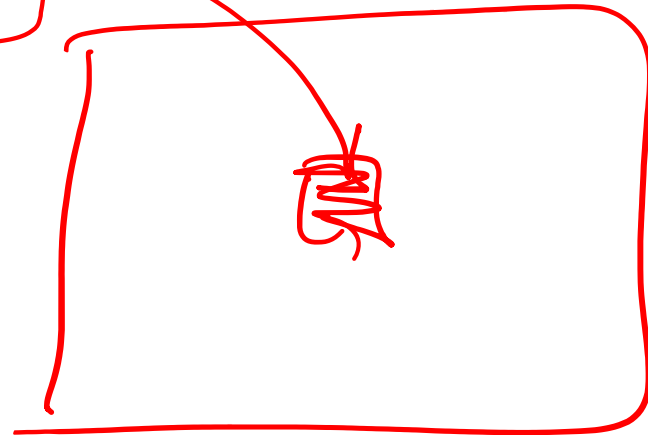
$$y \in \mathbb{R}^{c_1 \times c_2 \times \dots \times c_m}$$

$$y\text{-vec} = \underline{Y(\cdot)}$$

$$x\text{-vec} = \underline{X(\cdot)}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial Y}{\partial x} [i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m] \\ \frac{\partial X}{\partial x} [j_1, \dots, j_n] \end{array} \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial y\text{-vec}}{\partial x\text{-vec}}$$



# Chain Rule: Composite Functions

$$L(x) = f(g(x)) = (f \circ g)(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= g_l(g_{l-1} \dots g_1(x)) \\ &= \underline{(g_l \circ g_{l-1} \dots \circ g_1)}(x) \end{aligned}$$

# Chain Rule: Scalar Case

$$\underline{x} \rightarrow z \rightarrow \underline{y} = f(g(x))$$

$$z = g(x)$$

$$y = f(z)$$

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

# Chain Rule: Vector Case

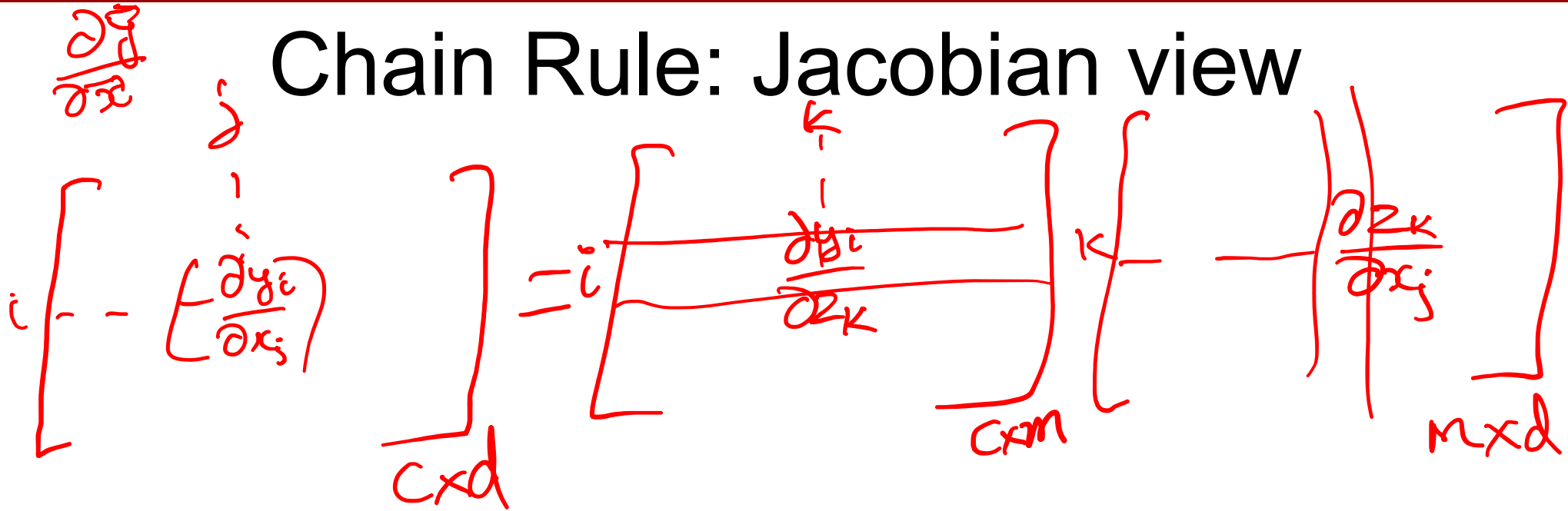
$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow y \in \mathbb{R}^c$$

$$\vec{z} = g(\vec{x})$$
$$g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\vec{y} = f(\vec{z})$$
$$f: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$$

$$\frac{\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}}}{J_{f \circ g}} = \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{z}}}{J_f} \cdot \frac{\frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{x}}}{J_g}$$

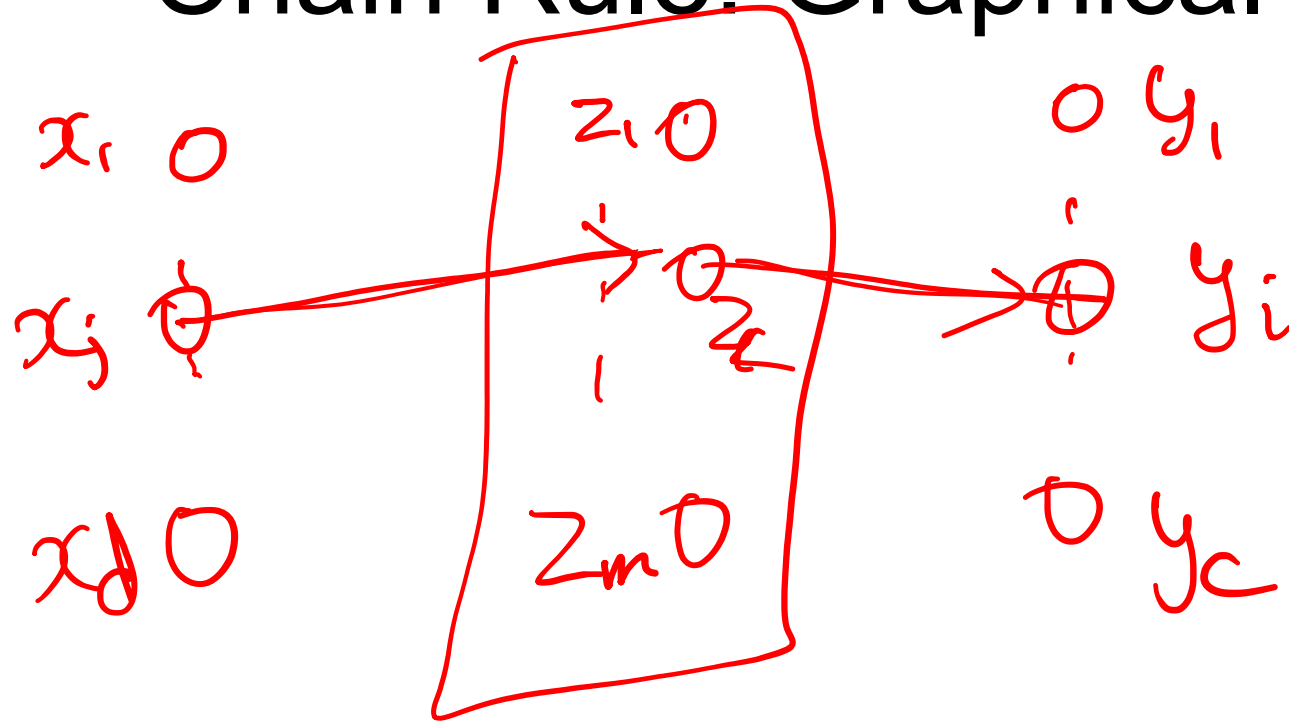
# Chain Rule: Jacobian view



$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j}$$



# Chain Rule: Graphical view



$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{\text{paths}} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j}$$

# Linear Classifier: Logistic Regression

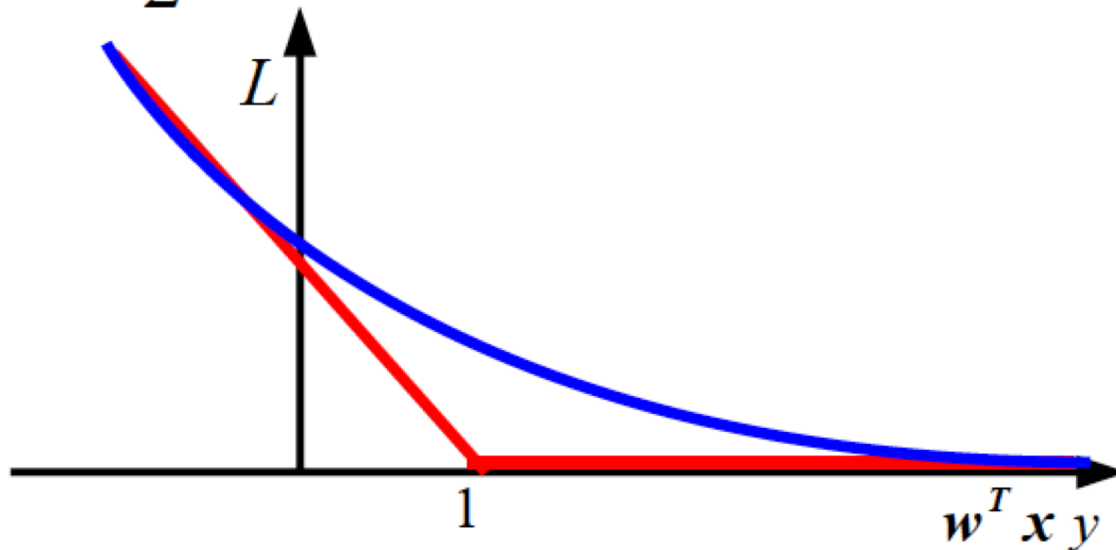
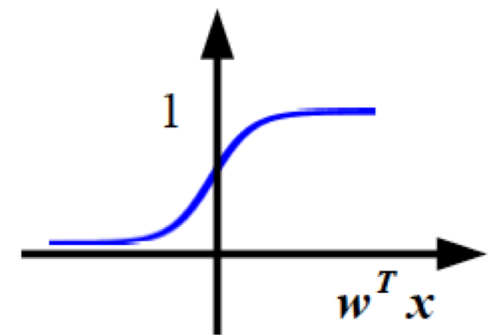
Input:  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D$

Binary label:  $y \in \{-1, +1\}$

Parameters:  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^D$

Output prediction:  $p(y=1|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}}$

Loss:  $L = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 - \lambda \log(p(y|\mathbf{x}))$



Log Loss

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# Convolutional network (AlexNet)

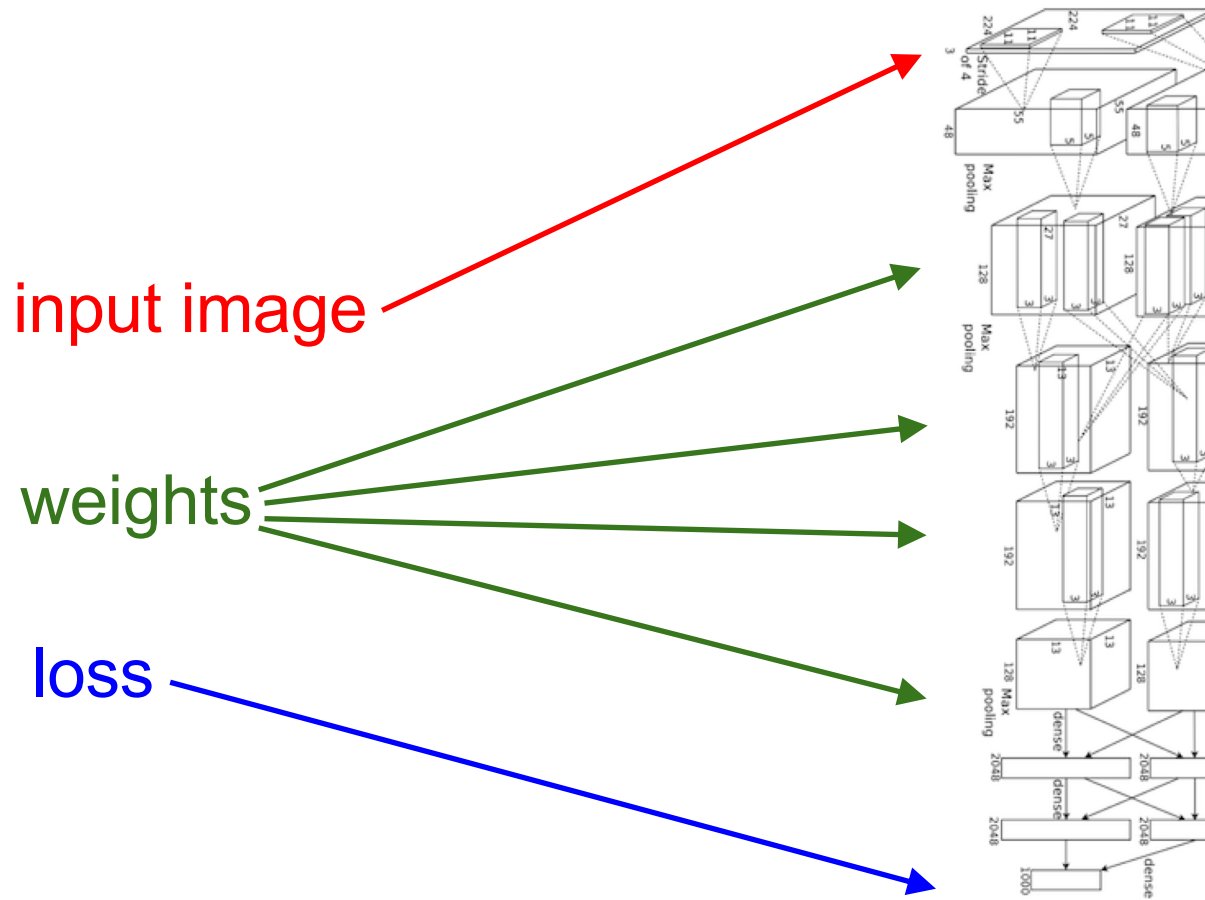


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# Neural Turing Machine

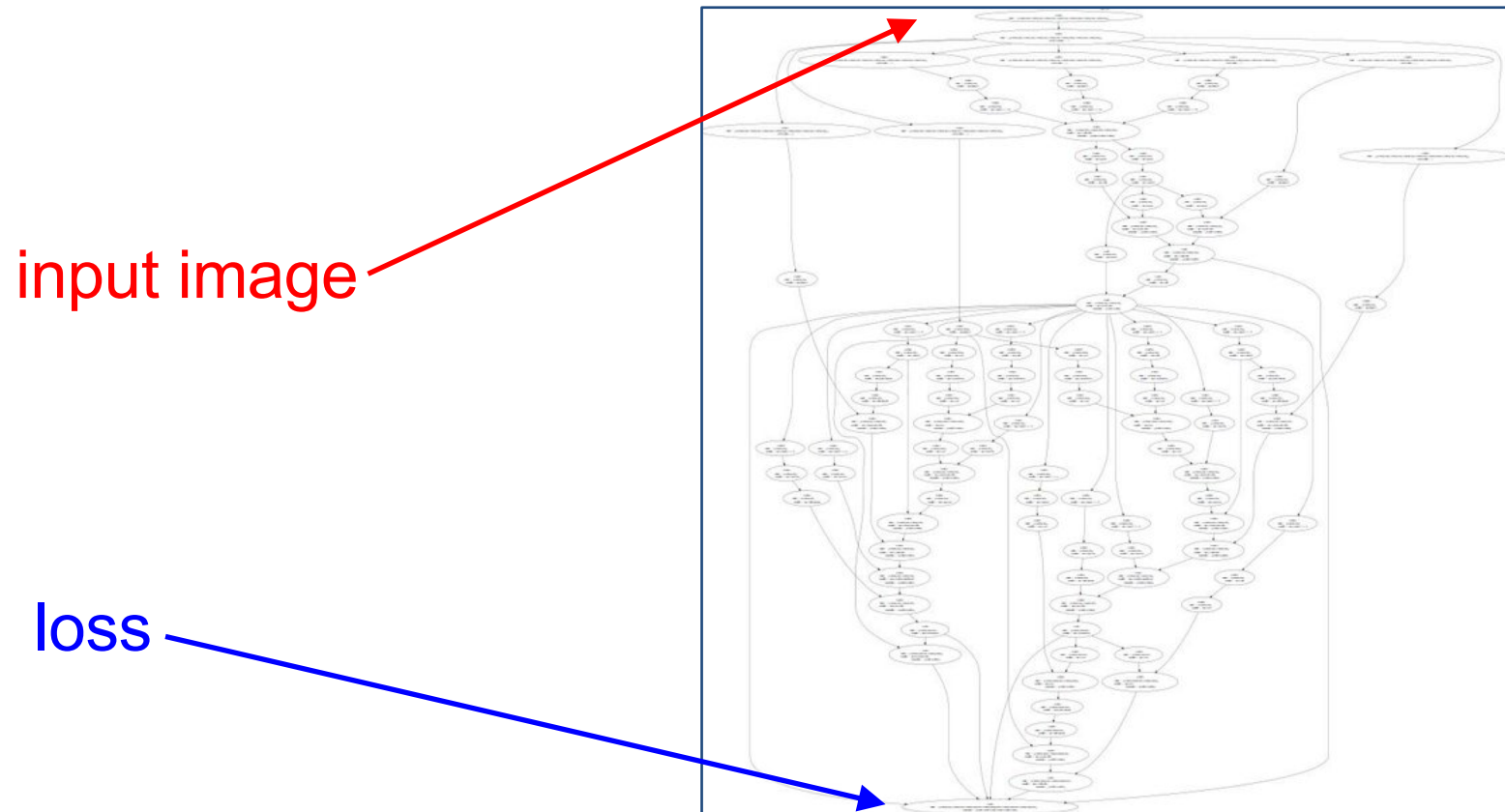
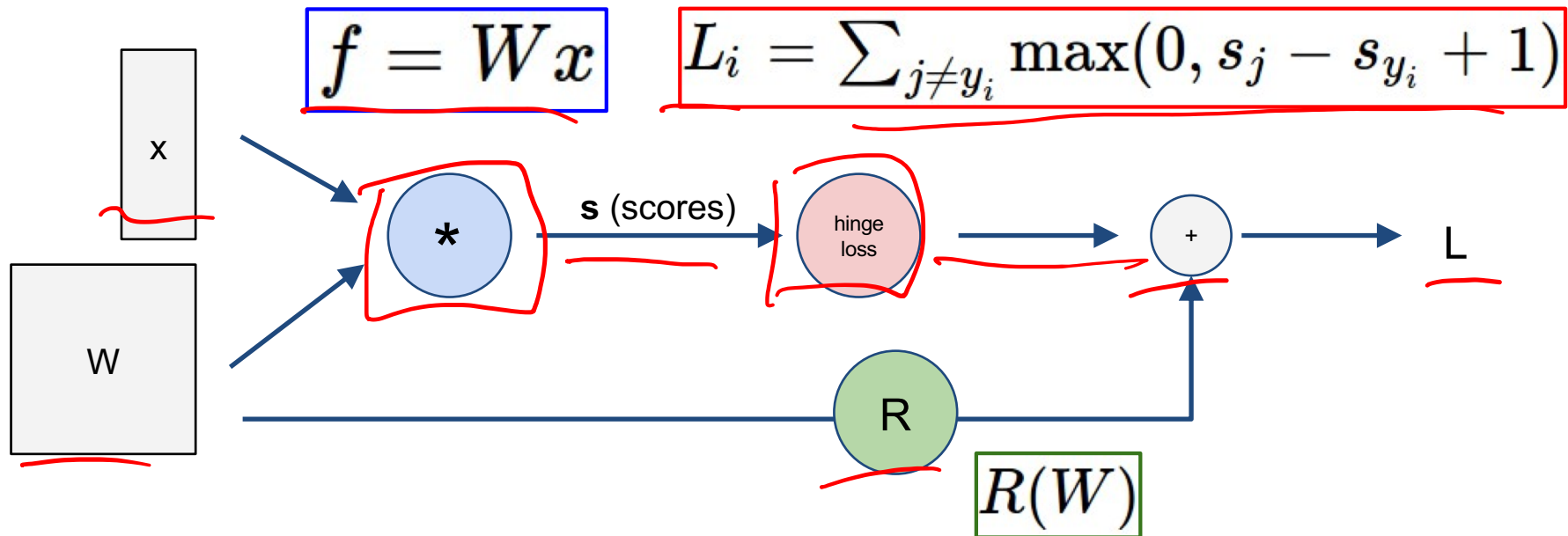


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# How do we compute gradients?

- Analytic or “Manual” Differentiation
- Symbolic Differentiation
- Numerical Differentiation
- Automatic Differentiation
  - Forward mode AD
  - Reverse mode AD
    - aka “backprop”

# Computational Graph

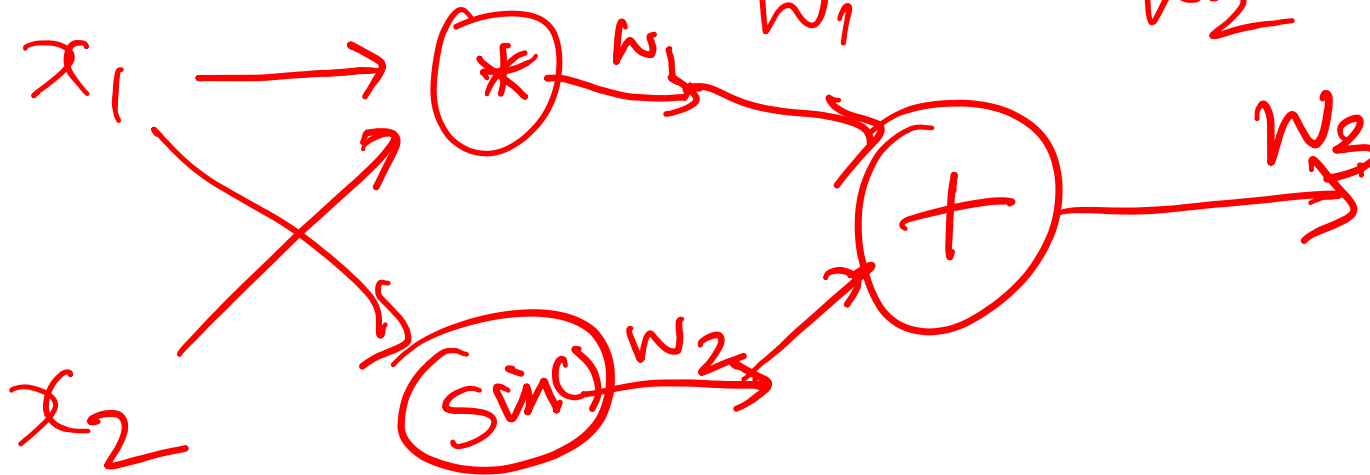




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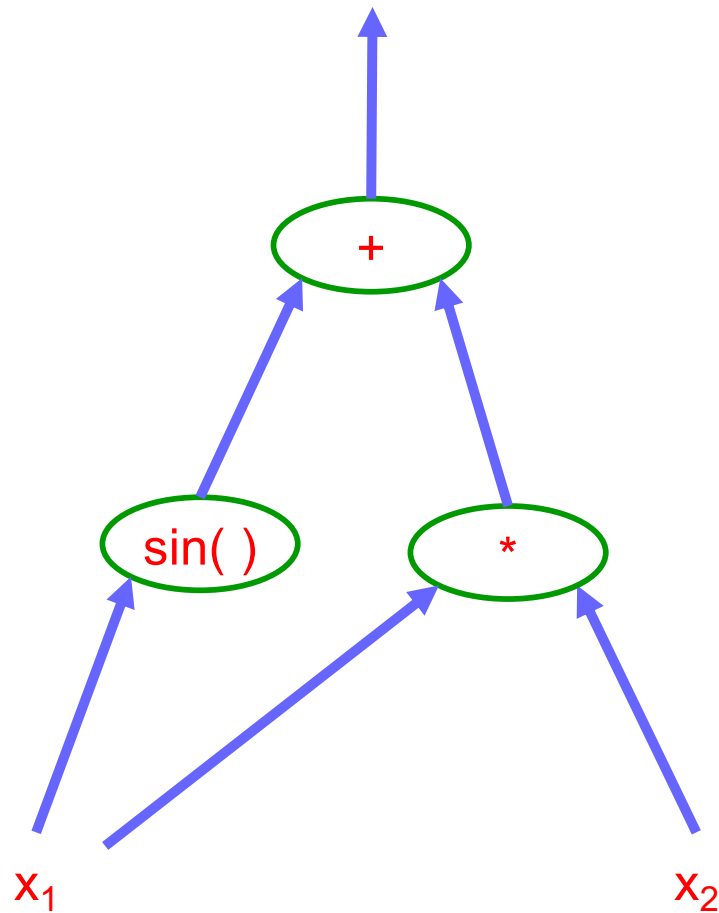
- Notation

$$\underline{f(x_1, x_2)} = \underbrace{x_1 x_2}_{w_1} + \underbrace{\sin(x_1)}_{w_2}$$



# Example

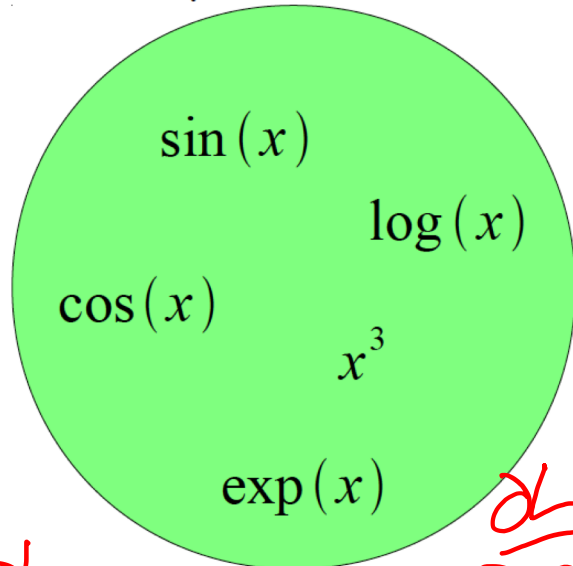
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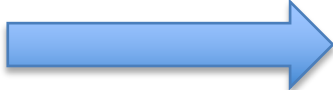


# Logistic Regression as a Cascade

Given a library of simple functions

$$P(Y=1 | \vec{x}_i, \vec{w})$$



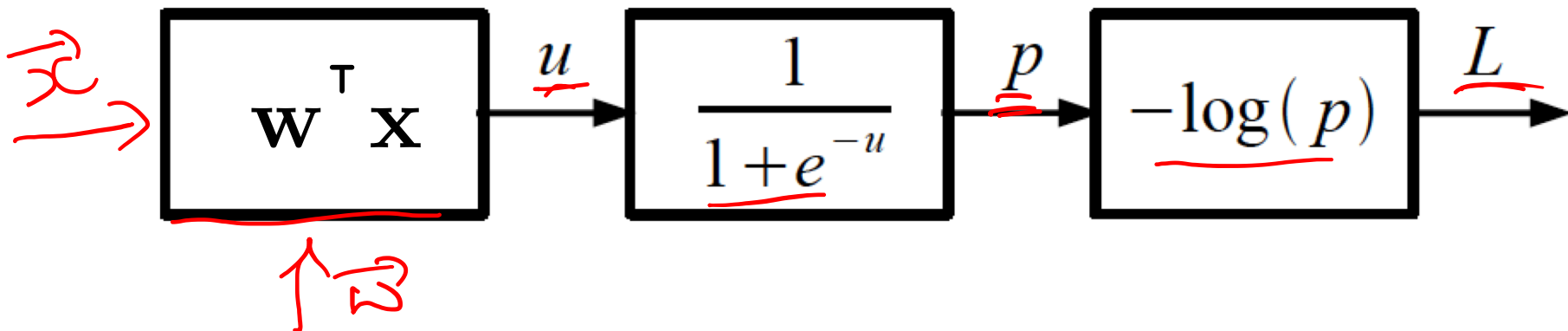
Compose into a  
  
 complicate function

$$-\log \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}}} \right)$$

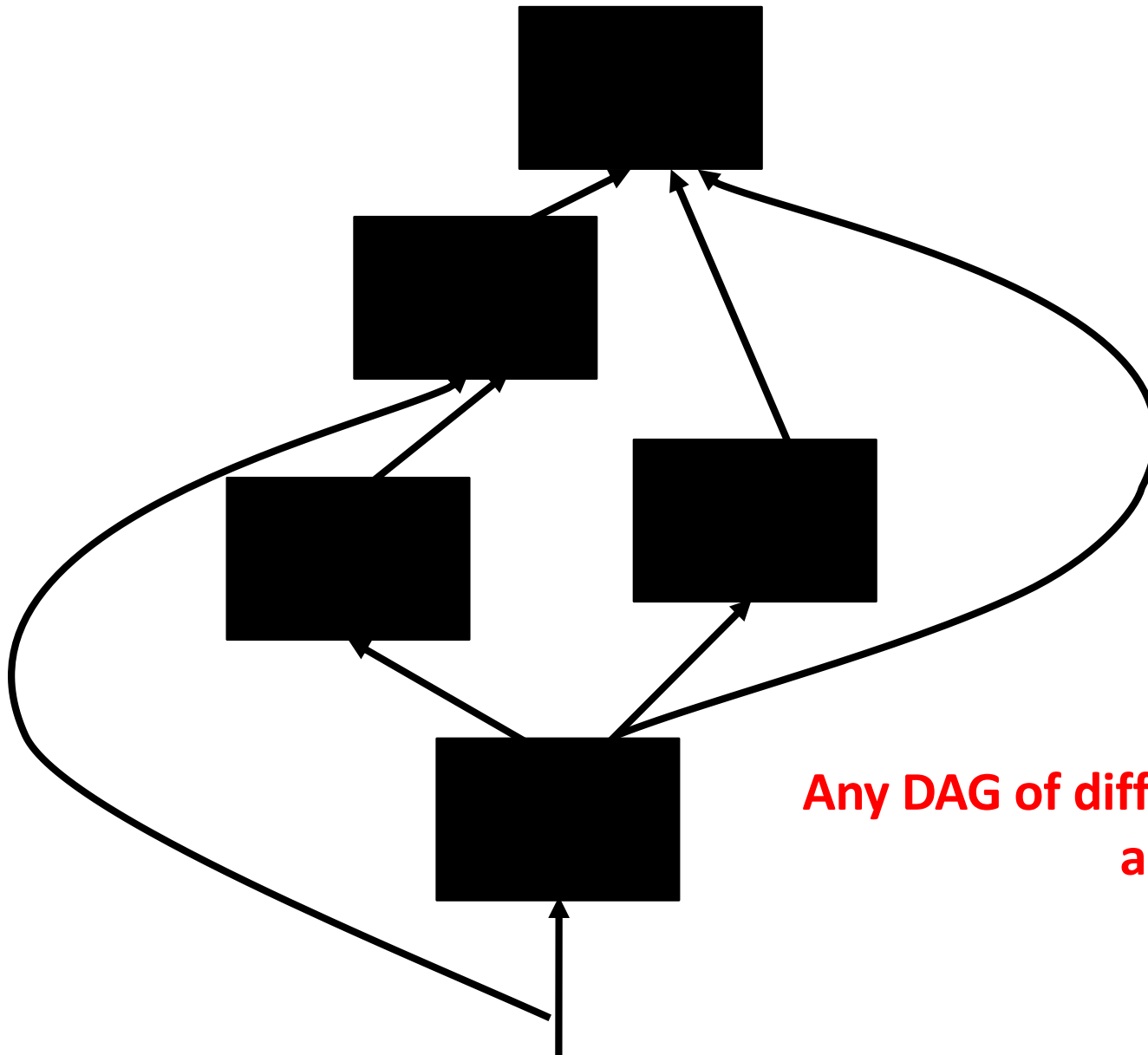
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial u}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \right] = \frac{-1}{p} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial L} = 1$$

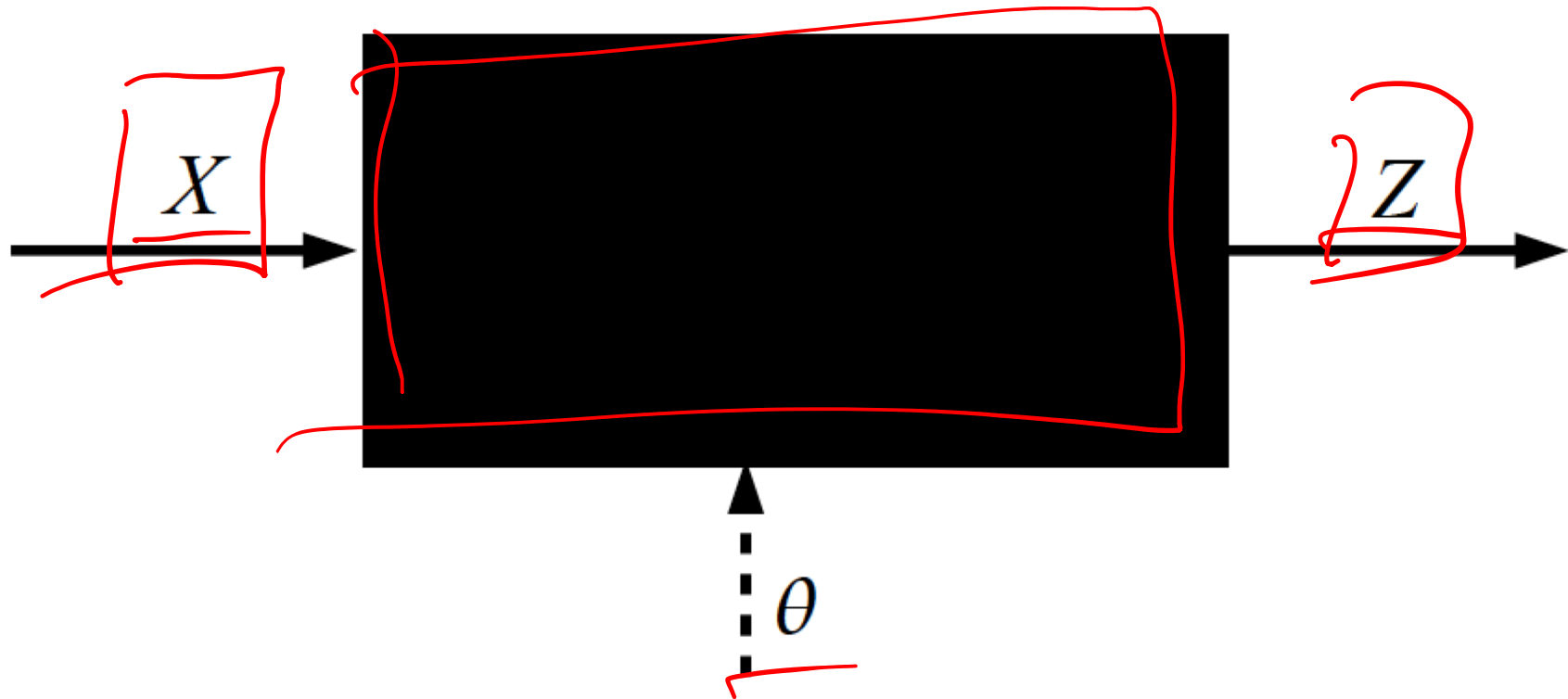


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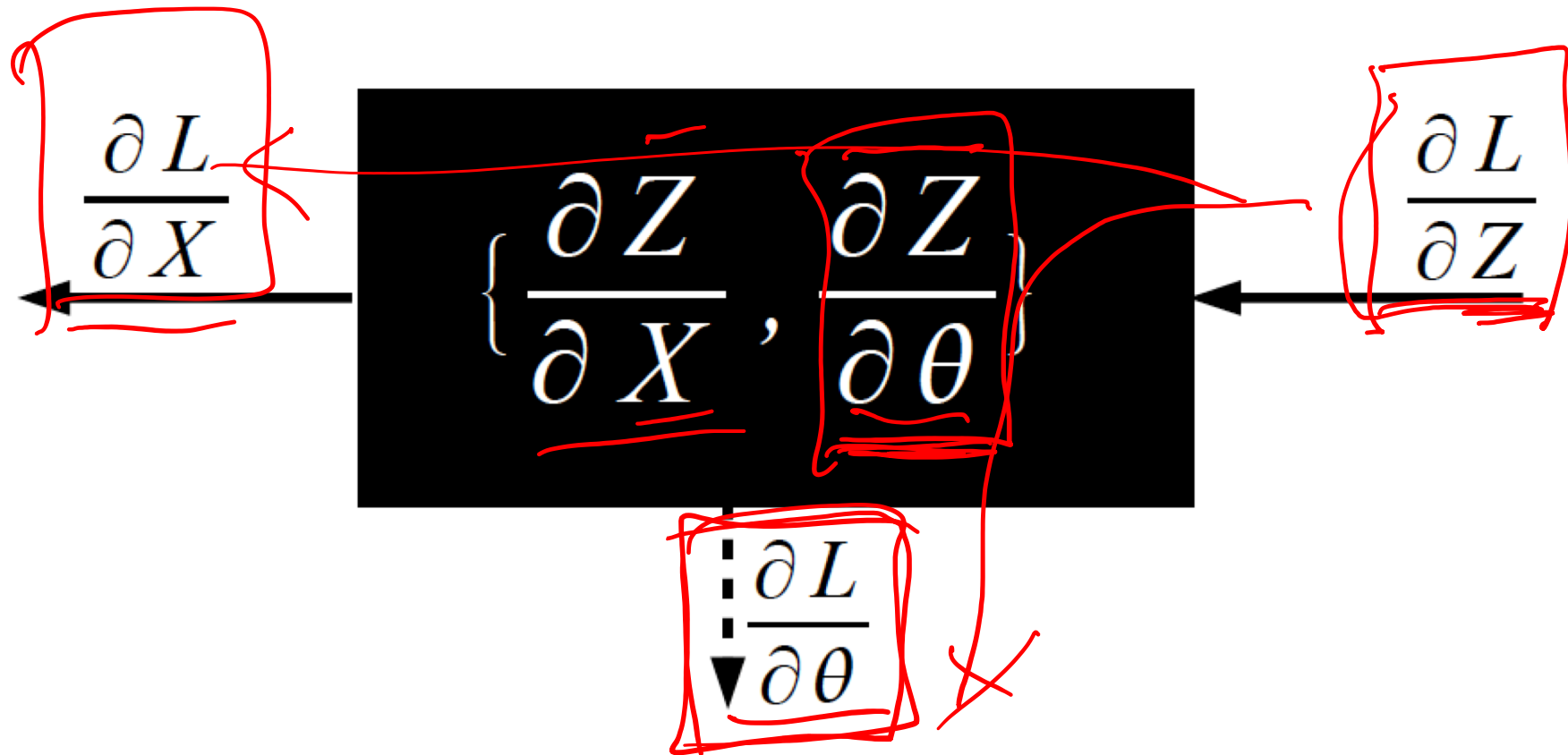


**Any DAG of differentiable modules is allowed!**

# Key Computation: Forward-Prop



# Key Computation: Back-Prop



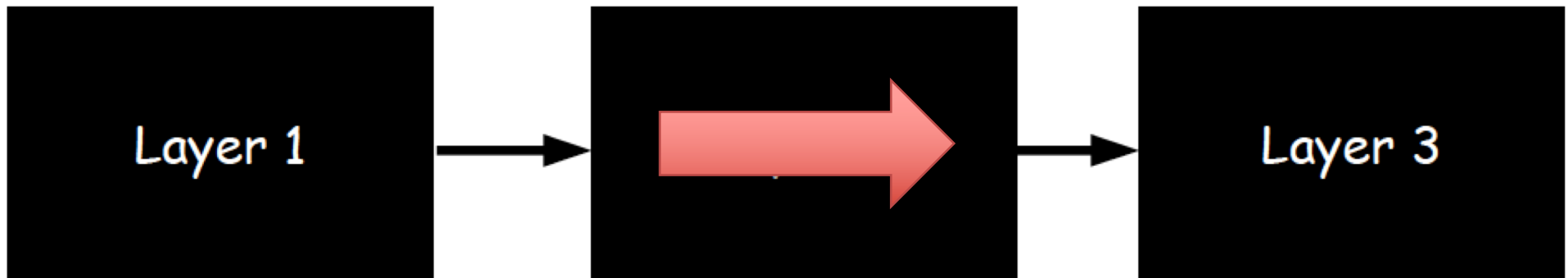
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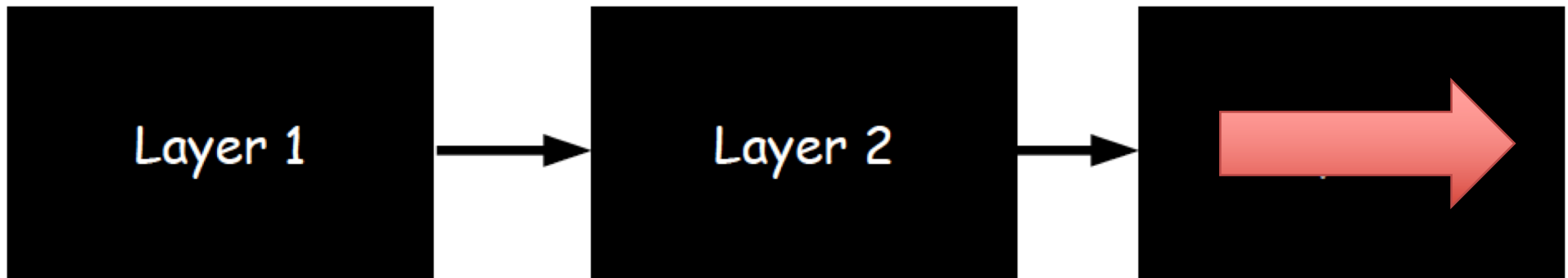
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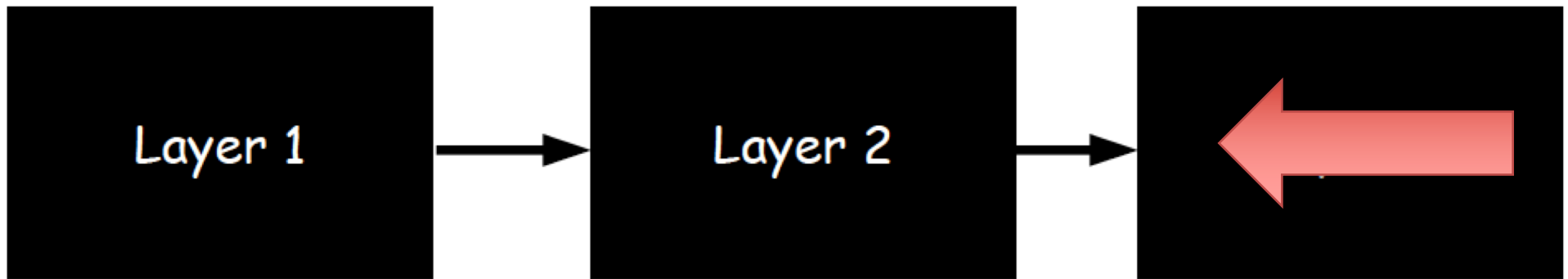
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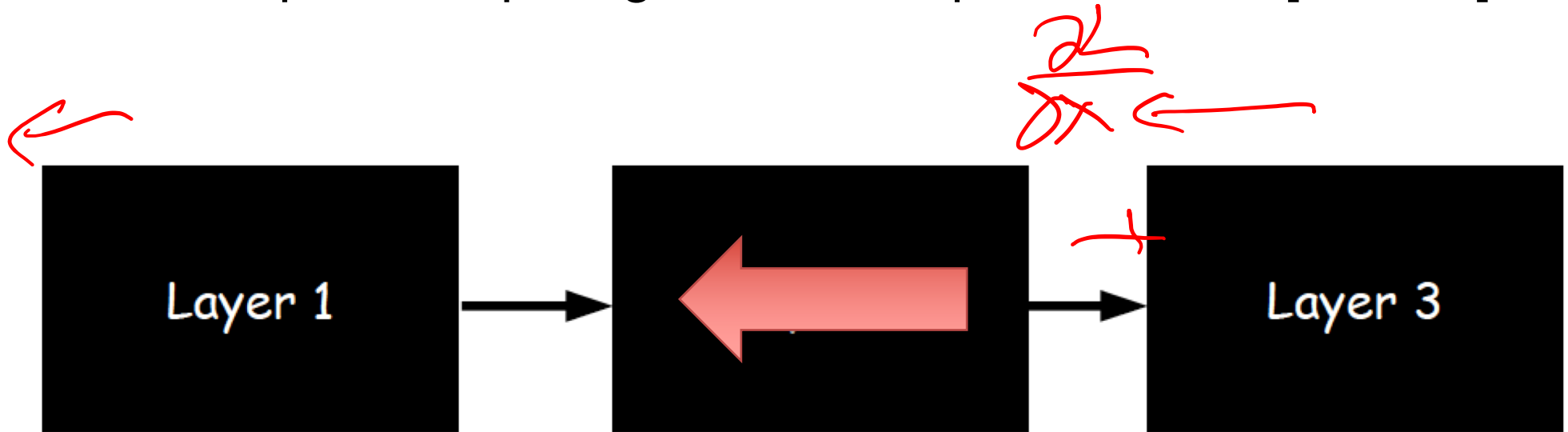
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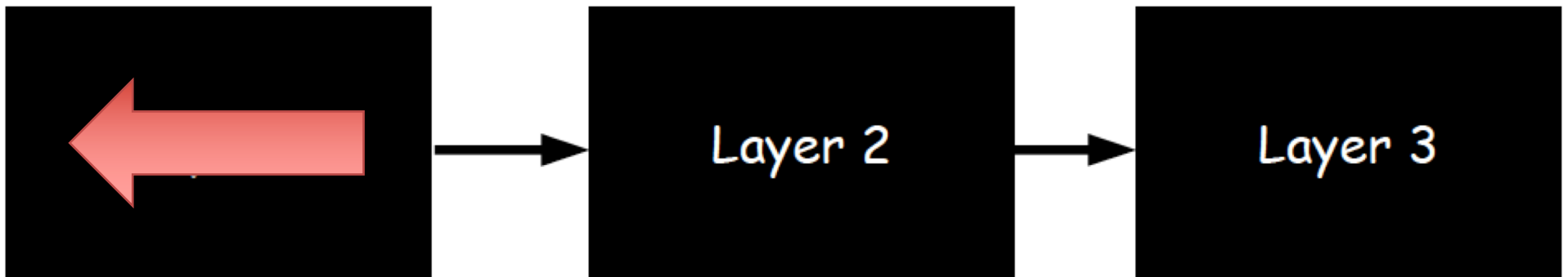
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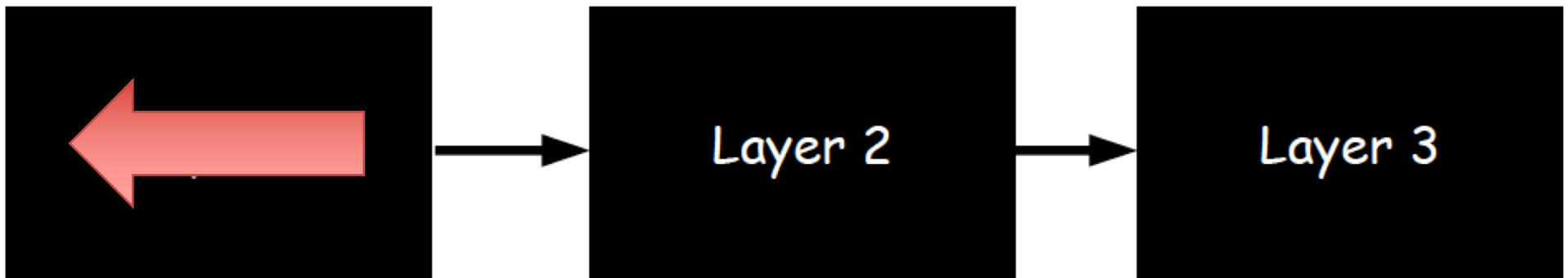
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- Step 3: Use gradient to update parameters



$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \frac{dL}{d\theta}$$

The equation is underlined in red.

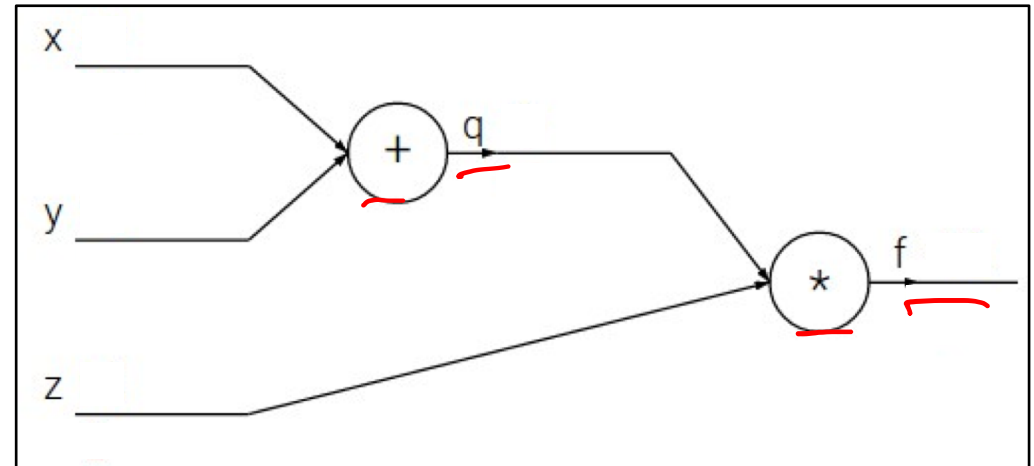
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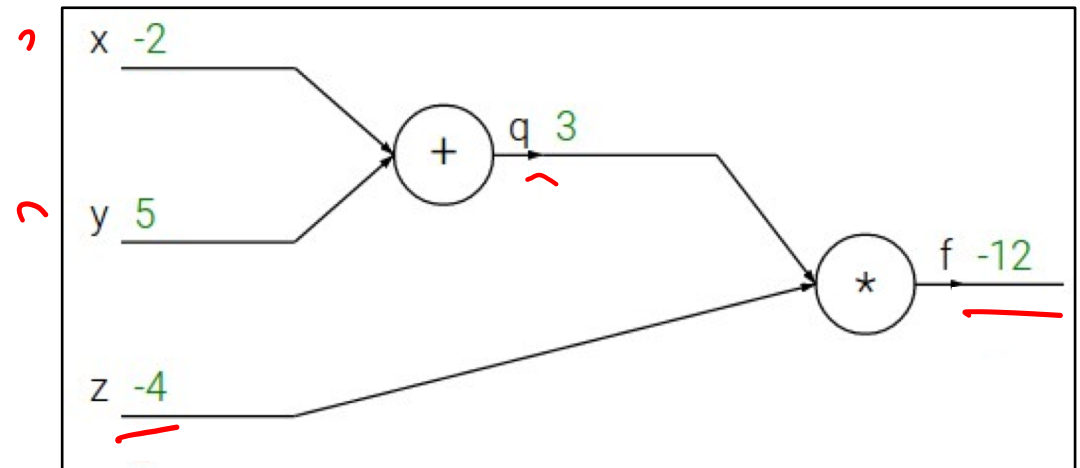
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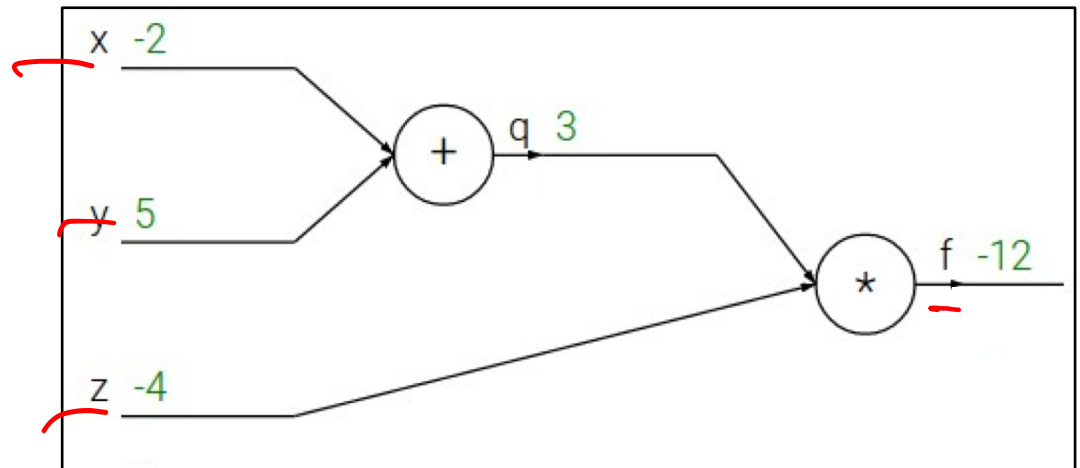




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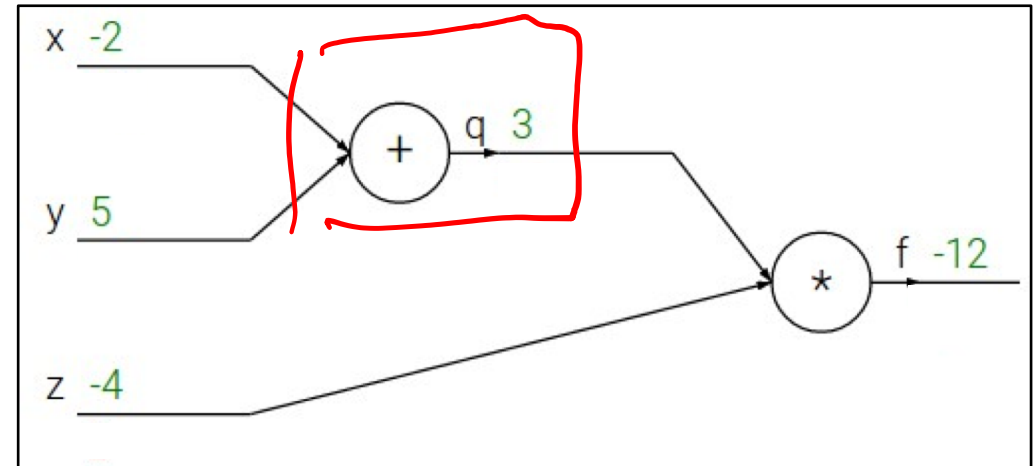
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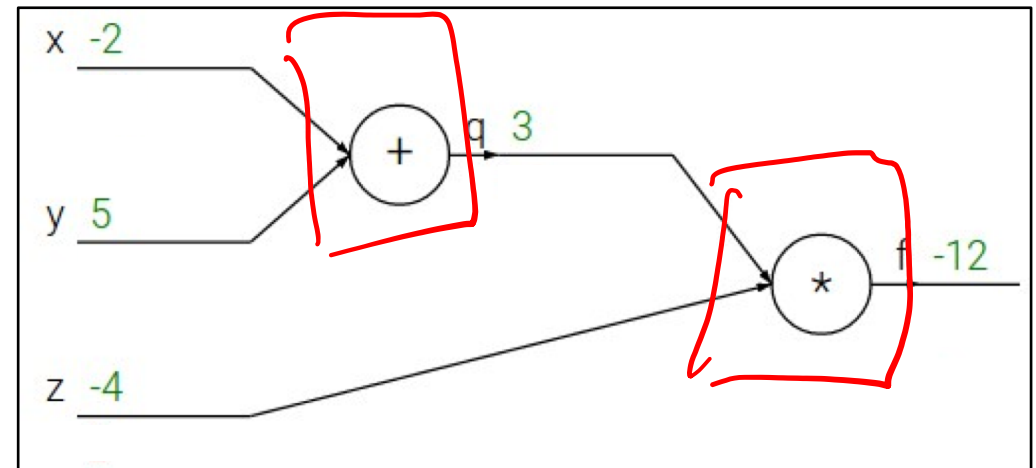
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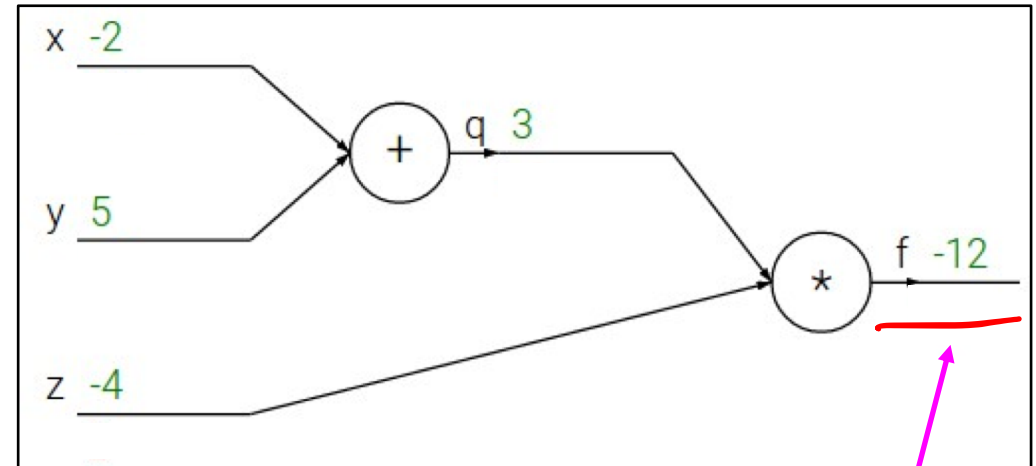
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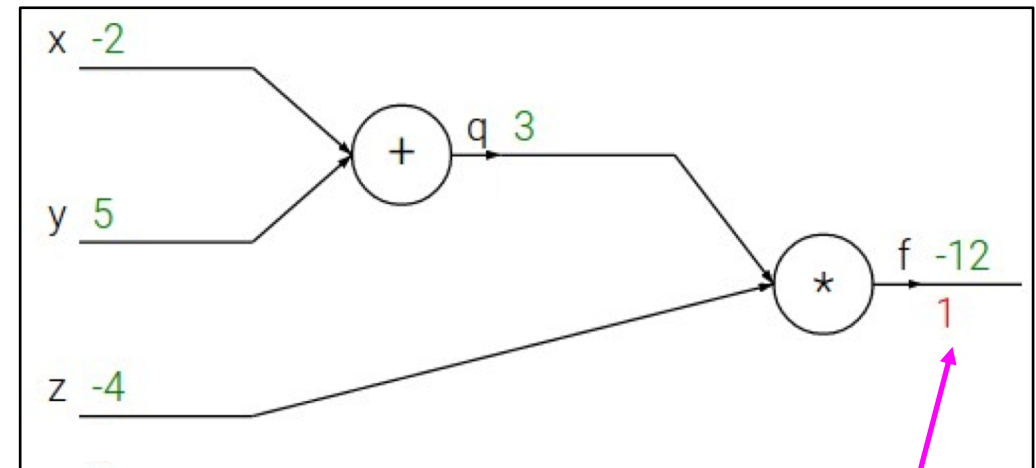
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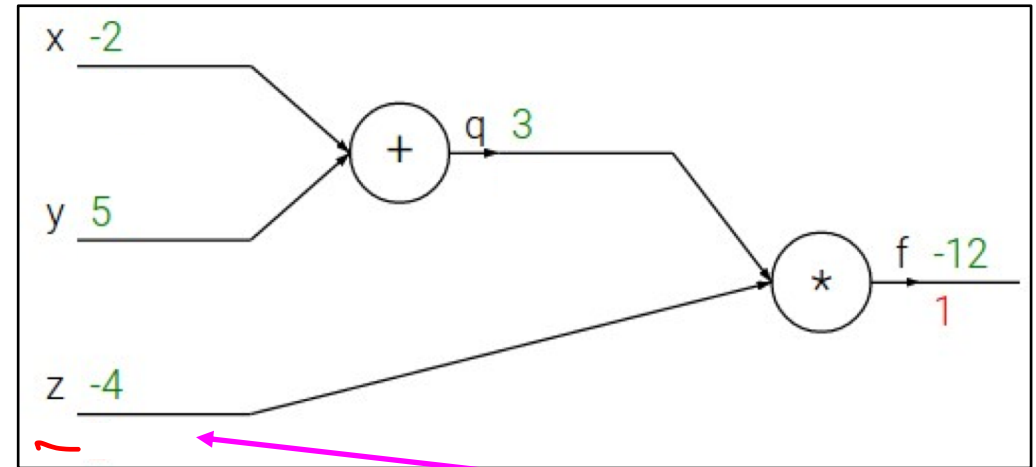
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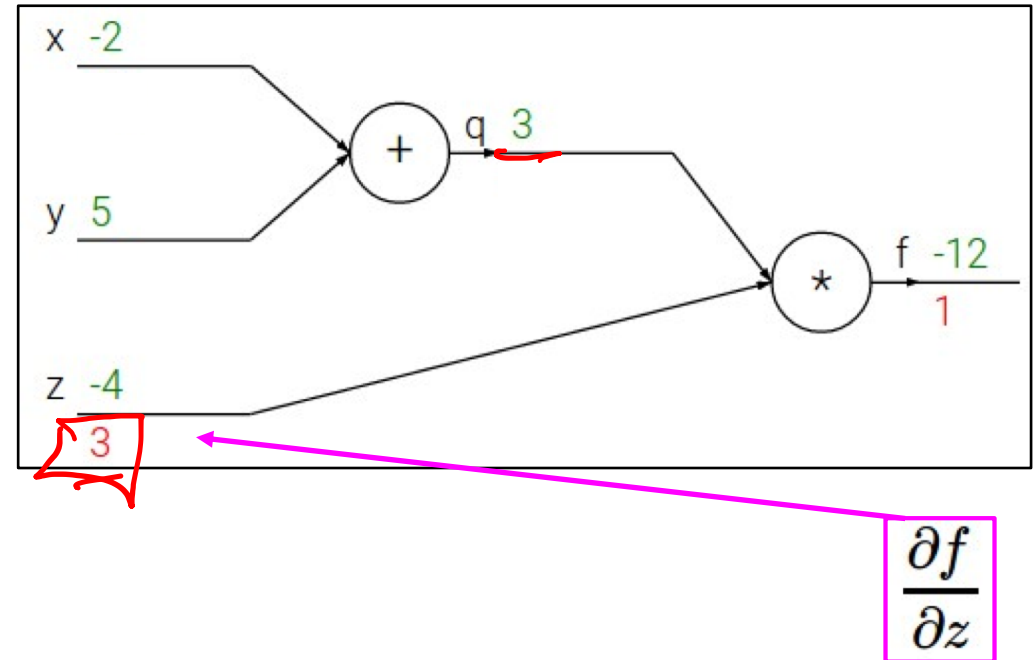
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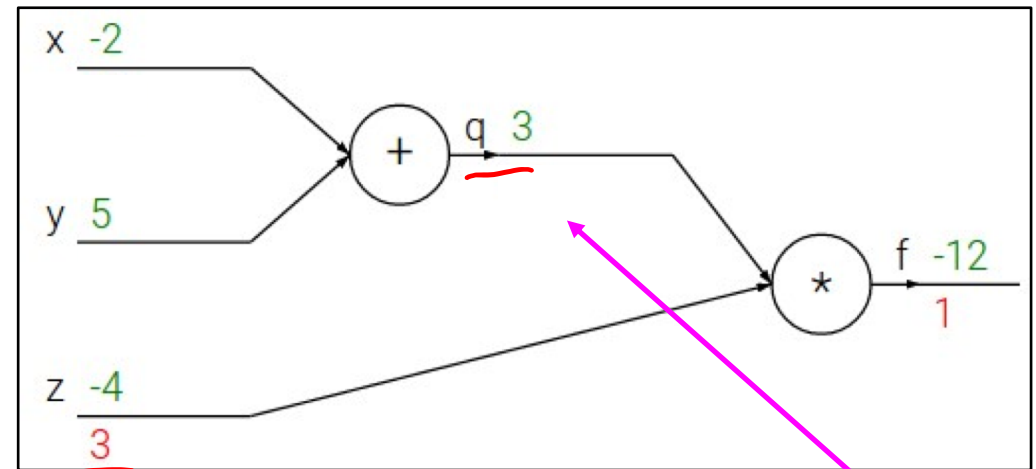
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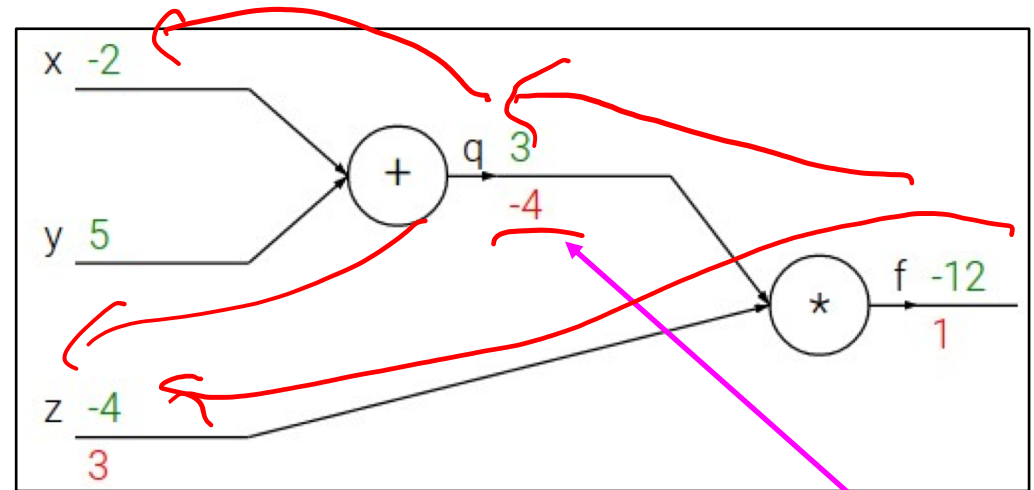
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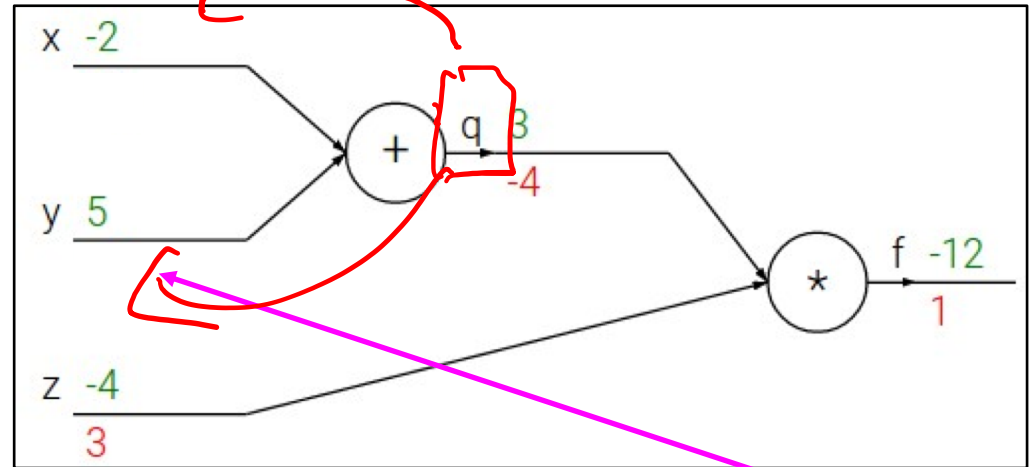


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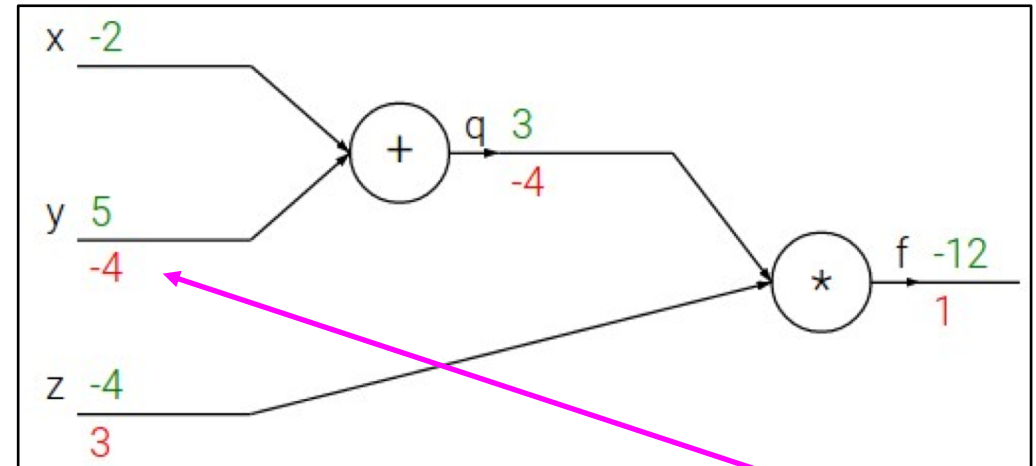
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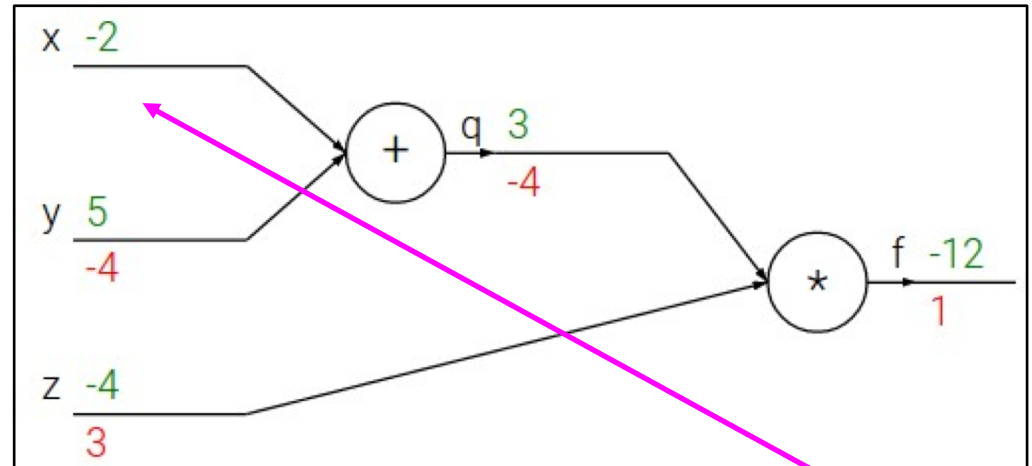
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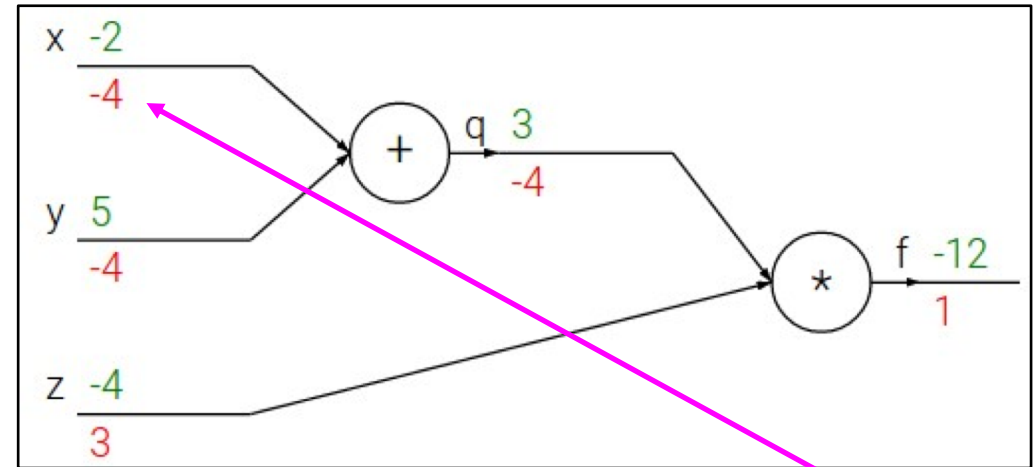
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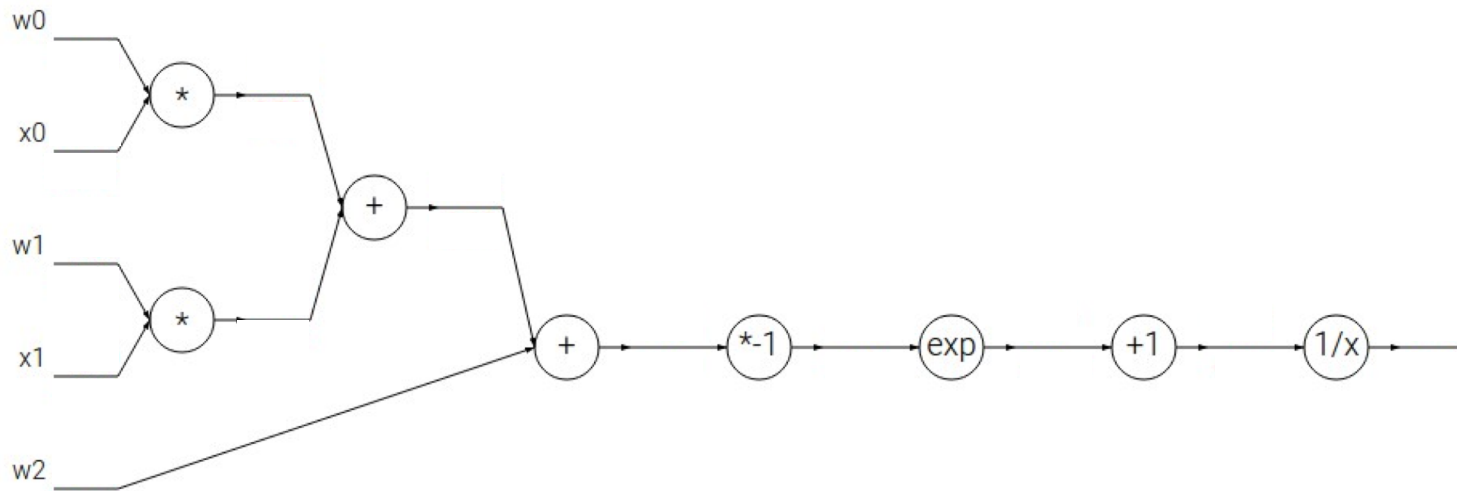
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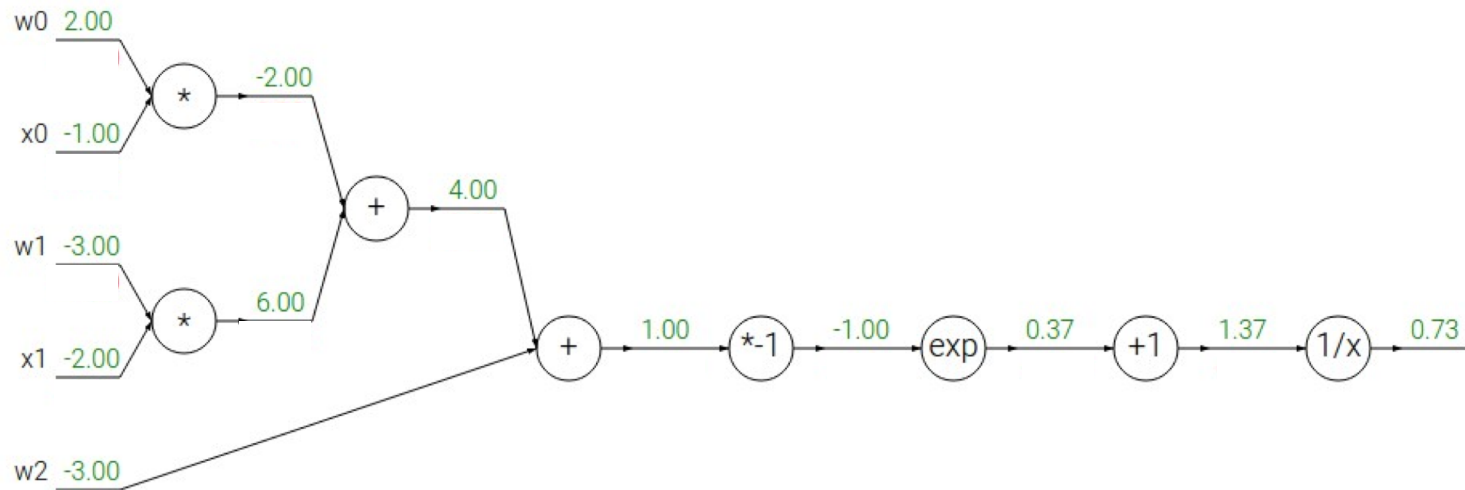
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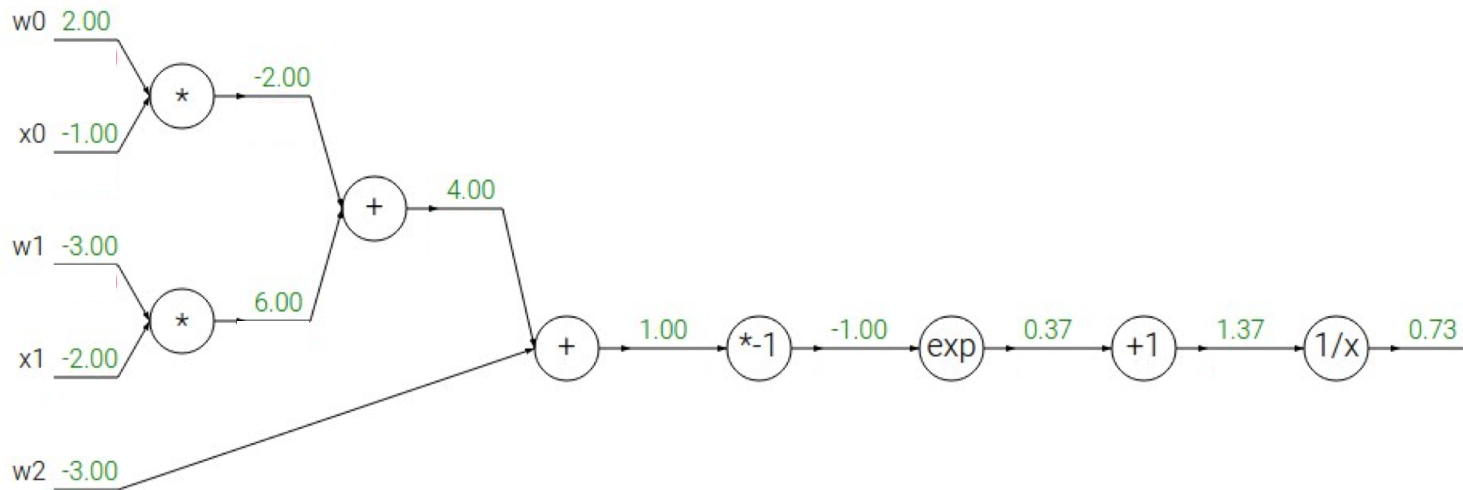
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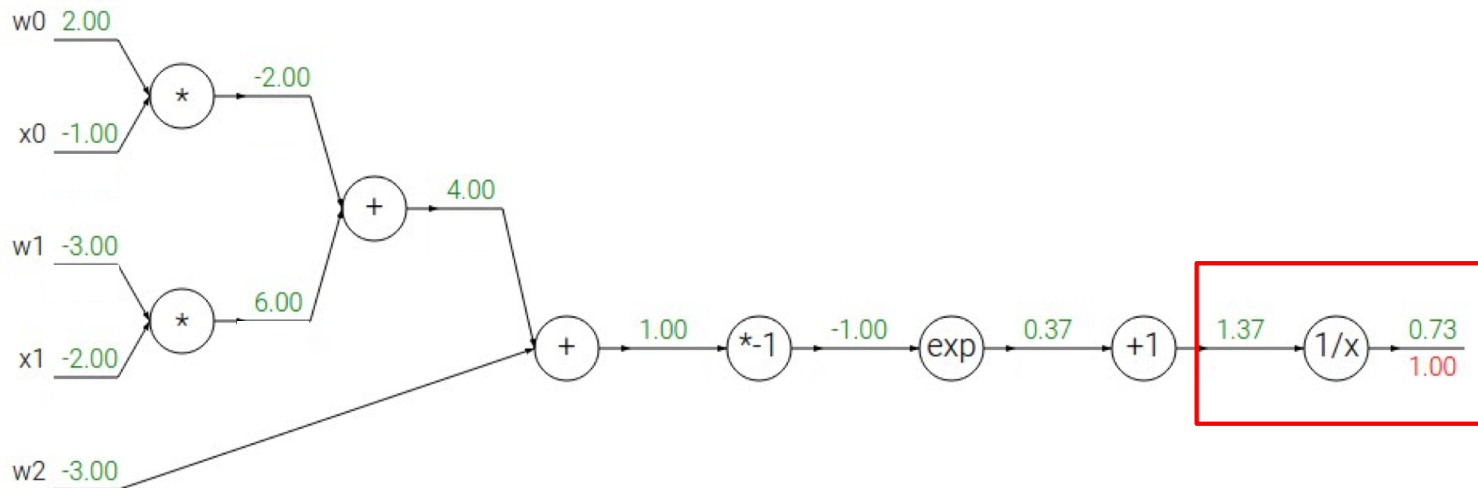
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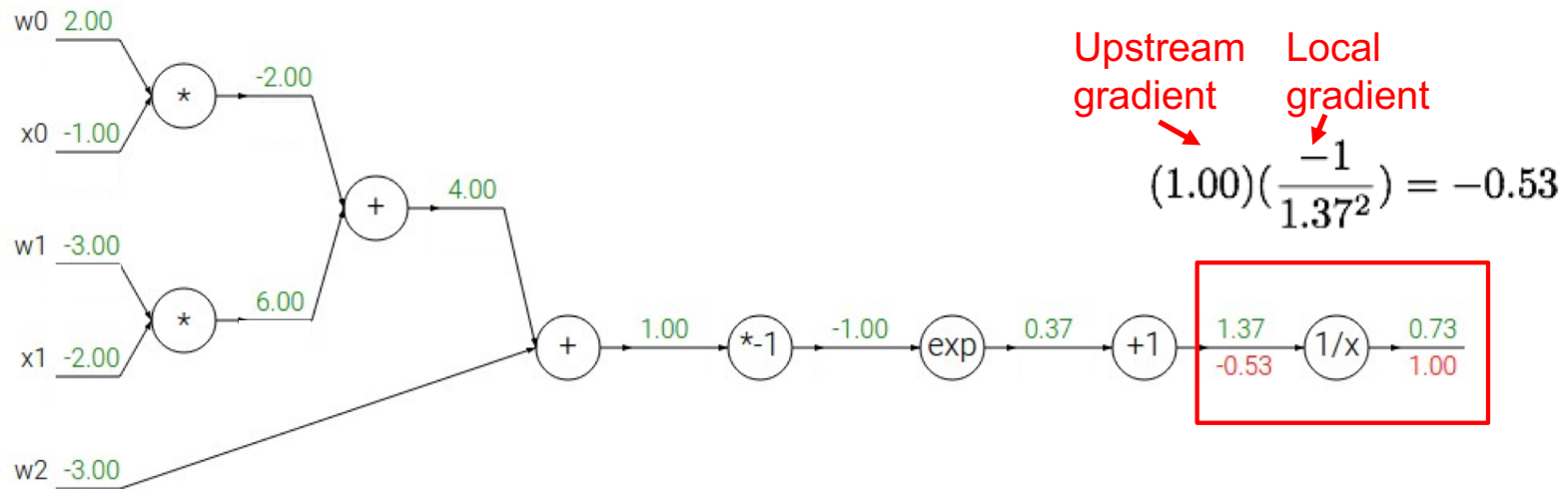
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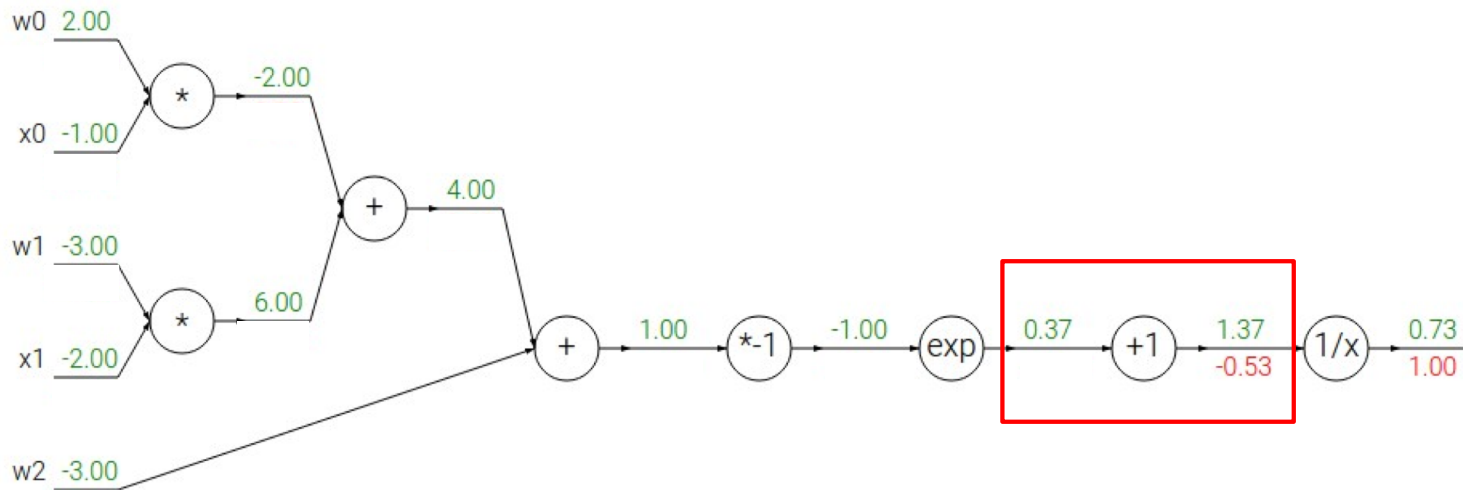
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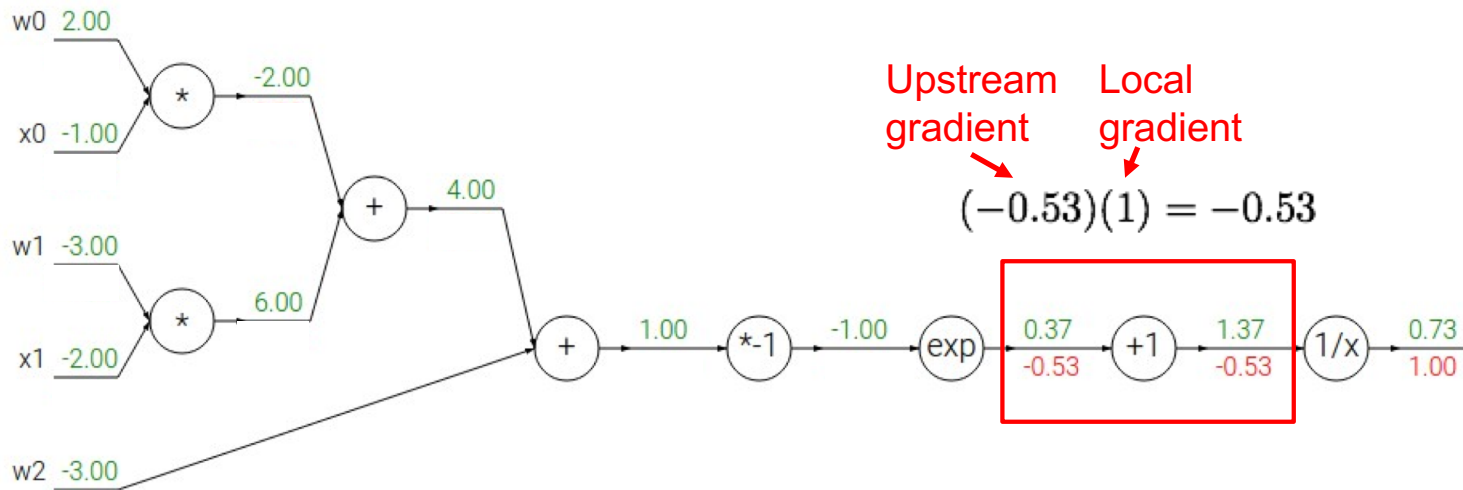
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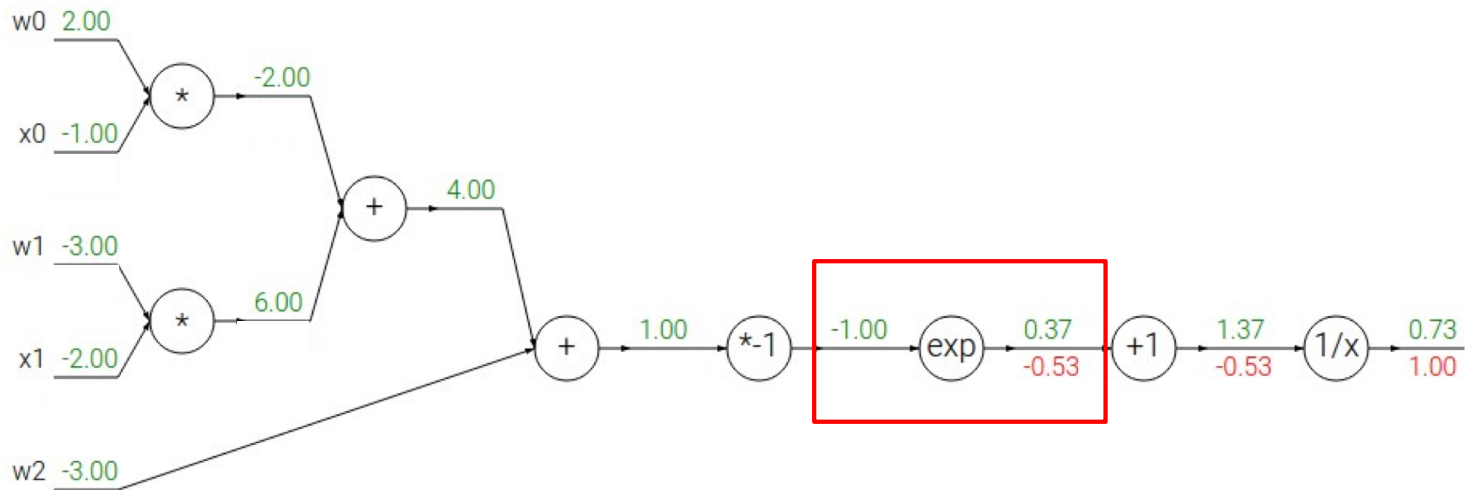
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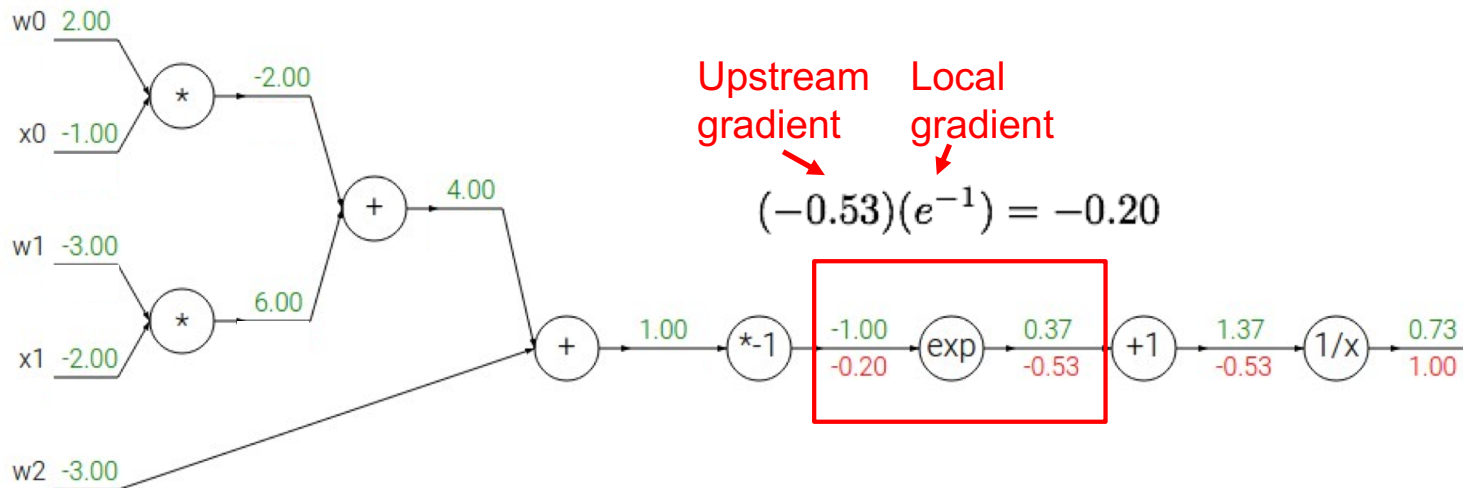
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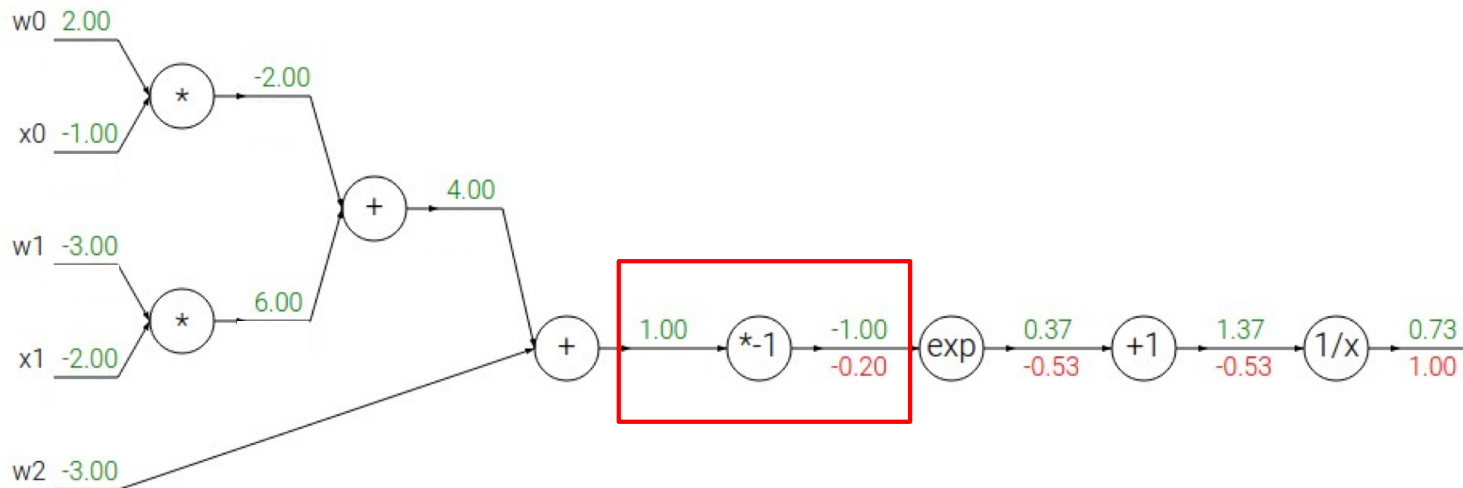
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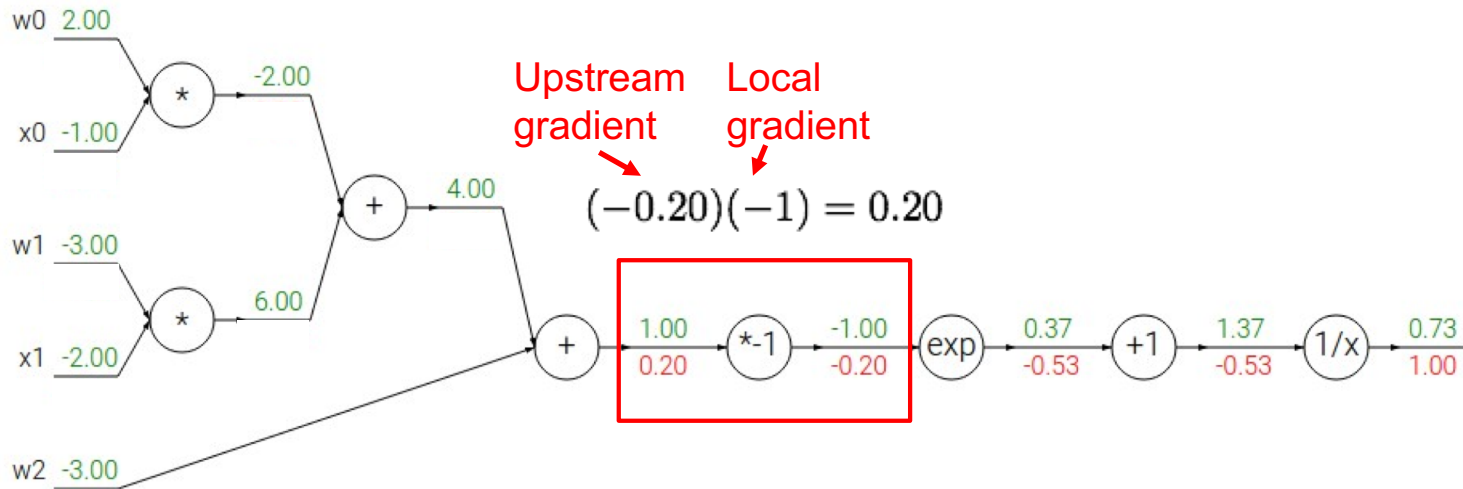
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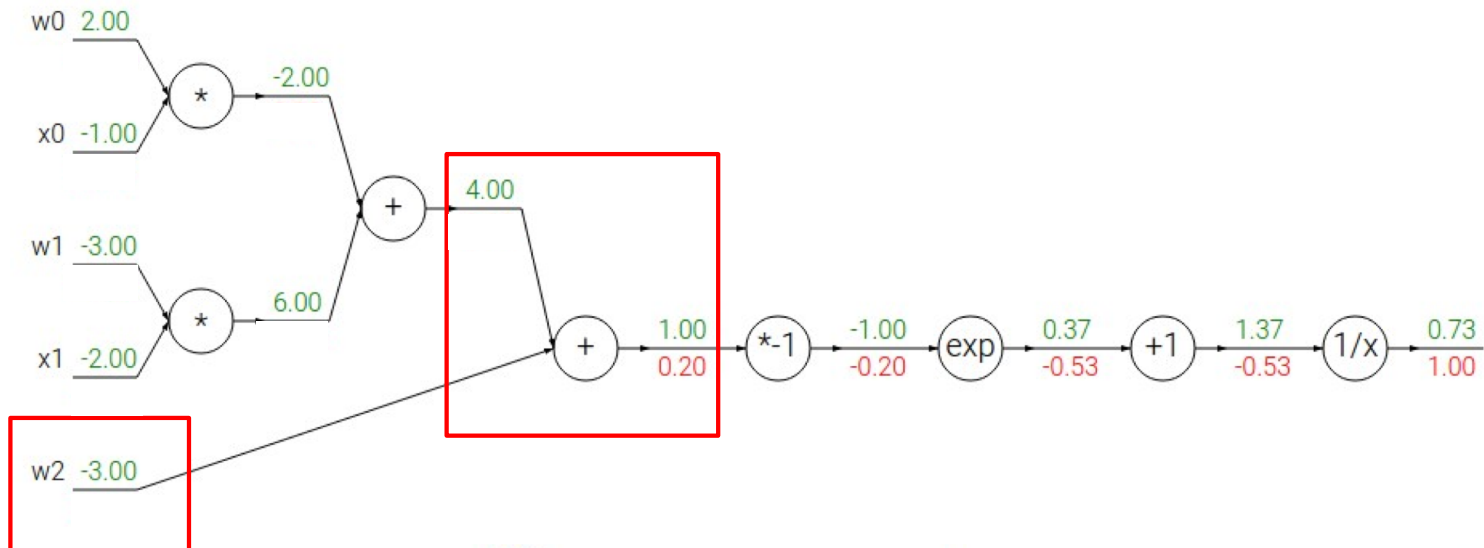
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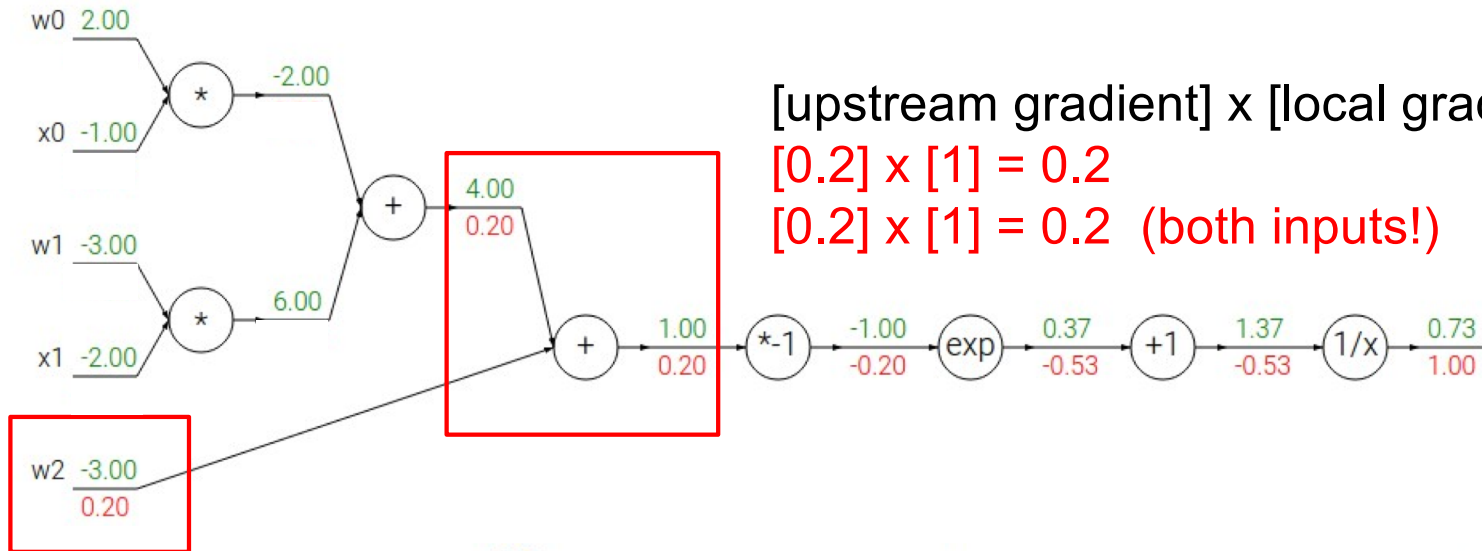
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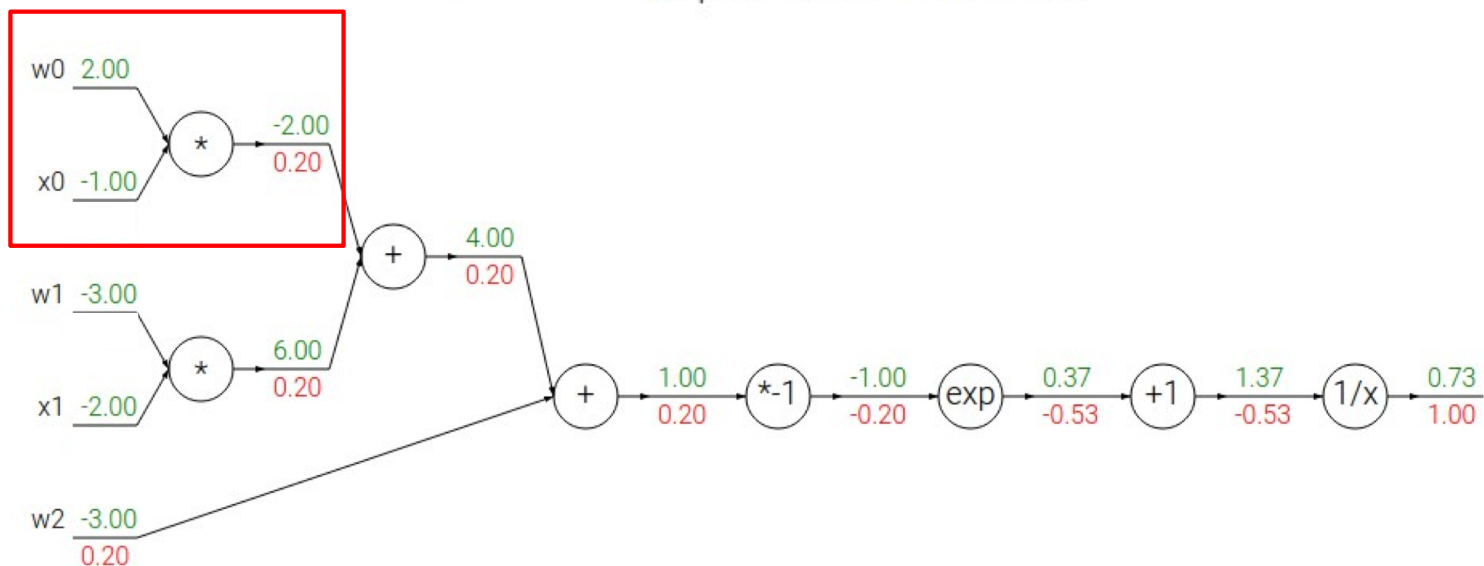


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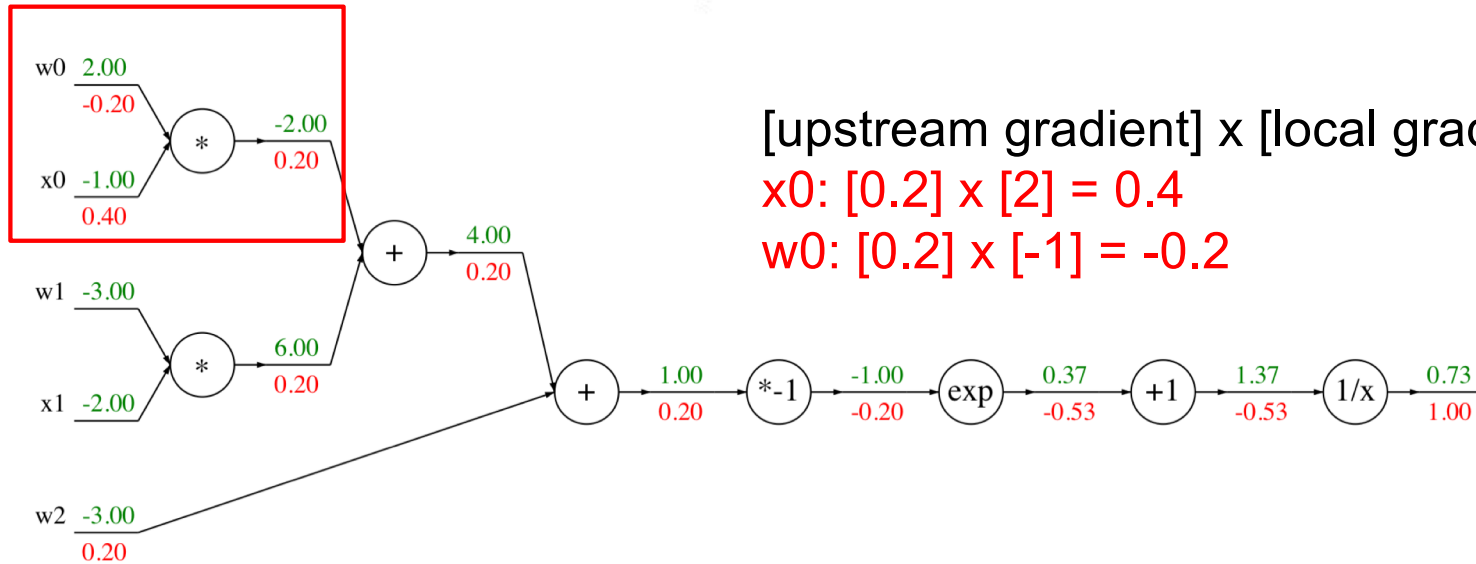
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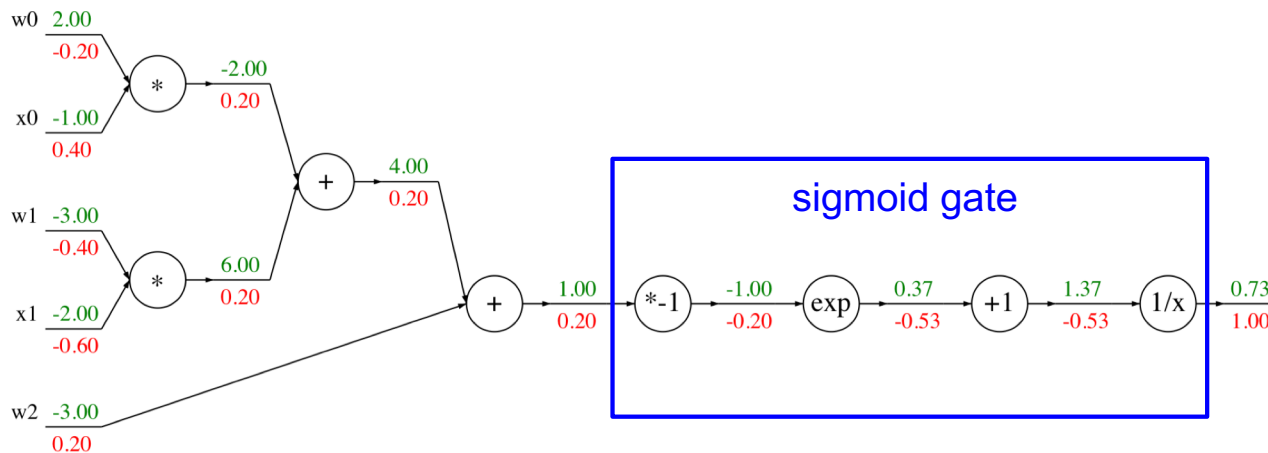
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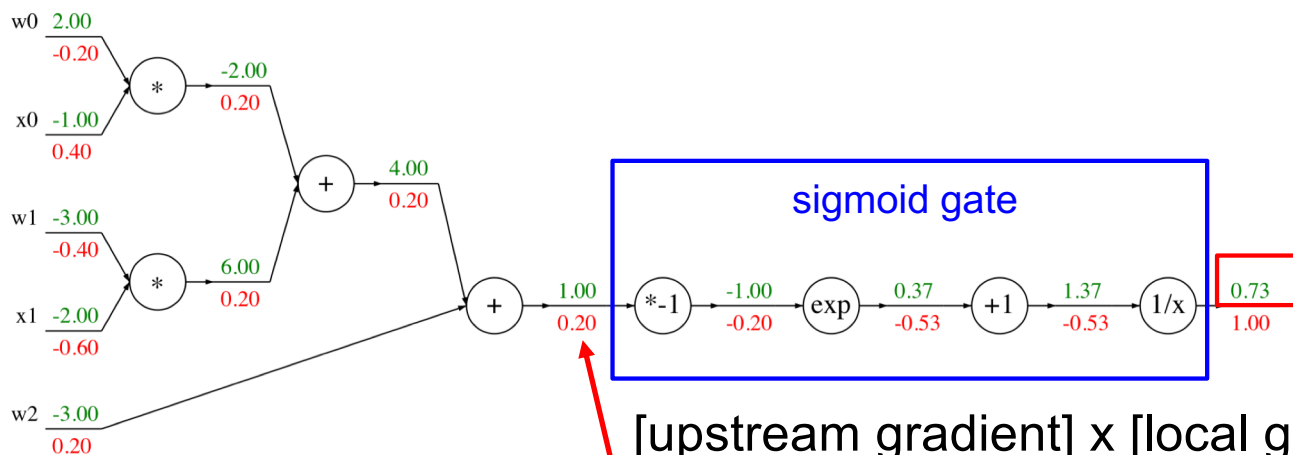
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