

# Gradients and Computational Graph

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## 1 Computational Graph

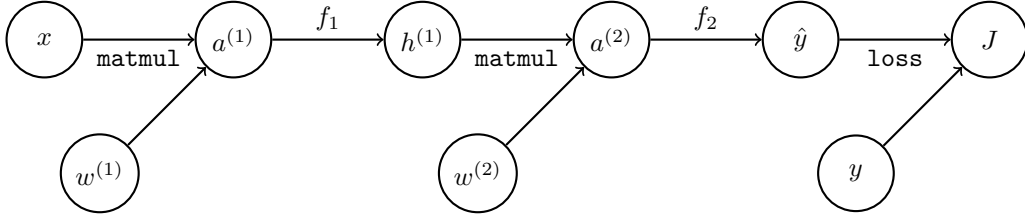


Figure 1: Reference Computational Graph for 2 Layer DNN

## 2 Forward Propagation

### 2.1 Shapes

$$\begin{aligned}x &\in \mathbb{R}^D \\w^{(1)} &\in \mathbb{R}^{D \times M} \\w^{(2)} &\in \mathbb{R}^{M \times K} \\y &\in \mathbb{R}^K\end{aligned}$$

### 2.2 Equations

$$a^{(1)} = w^{(1)T} \cdot x \quad \left[ a^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^M \right] \quad (1)$$

$$h^{(1)} = f_1(a^{(1)}) \quad \left[ h^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^M \right] \quad (2)$$

$$a^{(2)} = w^{(2)T} \cdot h^{(1)} \quad \left[ a^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^K \right] \quad (3)$$

$$\hat{y} = f_2(a^{(2)}) \quad \left[ \hat{y} \in \mathbb{R}^K \right] \quad (4)$$

$$J = \mathcal{L}(y, \hat{y}) \quad (5)$$

### 3 Backward Propagation

#### 3.1 Gradient of a scalar with respect to a vector

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad z \in \mathbb{R} \quad (6)$$

Abstraction 1:

$$(\nabla_x z)_i = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_i} \quad (7)$$

Chain Rule:

$$\nabla_x z = \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)^T \nabla_y z \quad (8)$$

Where,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$  is the Jacobian Matrix and

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m} \quad (9)$$

#### 3.2 Gradient of a scalar with respect to a tensor

$X$  and  $Y$  are tensors in multiple dimensions.

Abstraction 1:

$$(\nabla_X z)_i = \frac{\partial z}{\partial X_i} \quad (10)$$

Chain Rule:

$$\nabla_X z = \sum_j (\nabla_X Y_j) \frac{\partial z}{\partial Y_j} \quad (11)$$

#### 3.3 Equations

$$\nabla_{\hat{y}} J = \nabla_{\hat{y}} \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}, y) \quad [\nabla_{\hat{y}} J \in \mathbb{R}^K] \quad (12)$$

$$\nabla_{a^{(2)}} J = \left( \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \right)^T \nabla_{\hat{y}} J \quad \left[ \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times K}, \quad \nabla_{a^{(2)}} J \in \mathbb{R}^K \right] \quad (13)$$

$$\nabla_{w^{(2)}} J = \sum_j \left( \nabla_{w^{(2)}} Y_j \right) \frac{\partial J}{\partial Y_j} \quad \square \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$