# Neural Network: Diagram and Dry Run Calculations

## 1 Neural Network Diagram

The neural network consists of an input layer with 4 nodes, a hidden layer with 3 nodes (using ReLU activation), and an output layer with 1 node (summing the hidden layer outputs). The weights  $W \in R^{3\times 4}$  connect the input to the hidden layer, and biases  $b \in R^3$  are added to the hidden layer pre-activations. The output y is the sum of the hidden layer activations, and the loss is  $L = y^2$ .

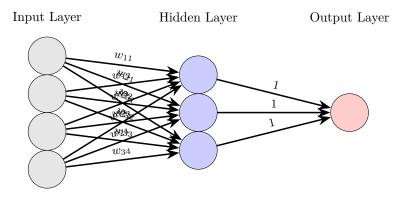


Figure 1: Neural network architecture: 4 input nodes, 3 hidden nodes with ReLU activation, and 1 output node.

## 2 Equations

The following equations govern the neural network's forward and backward passes.

#### 2.1 Forward Pass

• Linear transformation:

$$z = Wx + b$$

where  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{3\times 4}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^3$ .

 $\bullet$  Activation function (ReLU):

$$a = \text{ReLU}(z) = \max(0, z)$$

• Output (sum of activations):

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{3} a_i$$

• Loss function:

$$L = y^2$$

## 2.2 Backward Pass

• Gradient of loss w.r.t. output:

$$\frac{dL}{dy} = 2y$$

• Gradient of output w.r.t. activations:

$$\frac{dy}{da} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix} \in R^3$$

• Gradient of loss w.r.t. activations:

$$\frac{dL}{da} = \frac{dL}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{da}$$

• Gradient of activations w.r.t. pre-activations (ReLU derivative):

$$\frac{da}{dz} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z_i > 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• Gradient of loss w.r.t. pre-activations:

$$\frac{dL}{dz} = \frac{dL}{da} \cdot \frac{da}{dz}$$

• Gradient of loss w.r.t. weights:

$$\frac{dL}{dW} = \frac{dL}{dz} \cdot x^T$$

• Gradient of loss w.r.t. biases:

$$\frac{dL}{db} = \frac{dL}{dz}$$

## 2.3 Parameter Updates

• Update weights:

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \cdot \frac{dL}{dW}$$

• Update biases:

$$b \leftarrow b - \eta \cdot \frac{dL}{db}$$

where  $\eta = 0.001$  is the learning rate.

## 3 Dry Run Calculations

We perform a dry run for two iterations of gradient descent, using the following initial parameters:

- Inputs:  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^T$
- Weights:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.6 & 0.7 & 0.8 \\ 0.9 & 1.0 & 1.1 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Biases:  $b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}^T$
- Learning rate:  $\eta = 0.001$

## Iteration 1

### 3.1.1 Forward Pass

Step 1: Compute z = Wx + b:

$$Wx = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \cdot 1 + 0.2 \cdot 2 + 0.3 \cdot 3 + 0.4 \cdot 4 \\ 0.5 \cdot 1 + 0.6 \cdot 2 + 0.7 \cdot 3 + 0.8 \cdot 4 \\ 0.9 \cdot 1 + 1.0 \cdot 2 + 1.1 \cdot 3 + 1.2 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 + 0.4 + 0.9 + 1.6 \\ 0.5 + 1.2 + 2.1 + 3.2 \\ 0.9 + 2.0 + 3.3 + 4.8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.0 \\ 7.0 \\ 11.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = Wx + b = \begin{bmatrix} 3.0 \\ 7.0 \\ 11.0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.2 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3.1 \\ 7.2 \\ 11.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Compute a = ReLU(z): Since  $z_i > 0$  for all i, ReLU(z) = z:

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 3.1 \\ 7.2 \\ 11.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Compute  $y = \sum a_i$ : y = 3.1 + 7.2 + 11.3 = 21.6

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Step 4: Compute loss  $L = y^2$ :

$$L = 21.6^2 = 466.56$$

#### 3.1.2 Backward Pass

Step 5: Gradient of loss w.r.t. y:

$$\frac{dL}{dy} = 2y = 2 \cdot 21.6 = 43.2$$

Step 6: Gradient of y w.r.t. a:

$$\frac{dy}{da} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 7: Gradient of loss w.r.t. a:

$$\frac{dL}{da} = \frac{dL}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{da} = 43.2 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 43.2\\43.2\\43.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 8: Gradient of a w.r.t. z: Since  $z = \begin{bmatrix} 3.1 & 7.2 & 11.3 \end{bmatrix}^T$ , all  $z_i > 0$ :

$$\frac{da}{dz} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 9: Gradient of loss w.r.t. z:

$$\frac{dL}{dz} = \frac{dL}{da} \cdot \frac{da}{dz} = \begin{bmatrix} 43.2\\43.2\\43.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 10: Gradient of loss w.r.t. weights:

$$\frac{dL}{dW} = \frac{dL}{dz} \cdot x^T = \begin{bmatrix} 43.2 \\ 43.2 \\ 43.2 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 43.2 & 86.4 & 129.6 & 172.8 \\ 43.2 & 86.4 & 129.6 & 172.8 \\ 43.2 & 86.4 & 129.6 & 172.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 11: Gradient of loss w.r.t. biases:

$$\frac{dL}{db} = \frac{dL}{dz} = \begin{bmatrix} 43.2\\43.2\\43.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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#### 3.1.3 Parameter Updates

#### Step 12: Update weights:

$$\eta \cdot \frac{dL}{dW} = 0.001 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 43.2 & 86.4 & 129.6 & 172.8 \\ 43.2 & 86.4 & 129.6 & 172.8 \\ 43.2 & 86.4 & 129.6 & 172.8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0432 & 0.0864 & 0.1296 & 0.1728 \\ 0.0432 & 0.0864 & 0.1296 & 0.1728 \\ 0.0432 & 0.0864 & 0.1296 & 0.1728 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.6 & 0.7 & 0.8 \\ 0.9 & 1.0 & 1.1 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.0432 & 0.0864 & 0.1296 & 0.1728 \\ 0.0432 & 0.0864 & 0.1296 & 0.1728 \\ 0.0432 & 0.0864 & 0.1296 & 0.1728 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 & 0.1136 & 0.1704 & 0.2272 \\ 0.4568 & 0.5136 & 0.5704 & 0.6272 \\ 0.8568 & 0.9136 & 0.9704 & 1.0272 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 13: Update biases:

$$\eta \cdot \frac{dL}{db} = 0.001 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 43.2 \\ 43.2 \\ 43.2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0432 \\ 0.0432 \\ 0.0432 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.2 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.0432 \\ 0.0432 \\ 0.0432 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 \\ 0.1568 \\ 0.2568 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 14: Loss:

$$Loss = 466.56$$

## 3.2 Iteration 2

#### 3.2.1 Forward Pass

Step 1: Compute z = Wx + b:

$$Wx = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 \cdot 1 + 0.1136 \cdot 2 + 0.1704 \cdot 3 + 0.2272 \cdot 4 \\ 0.4568 \cdot 1 + 0.5136 \cdot 2 + 0.5704 \cdot 3 + 0.6272 \cdot 4 \\ 0.8568 \cdot 1 + 0.9136 \cdot 2 + 0.9704 \cdot 3 + 1.0272 \cdot 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 + 0.2272 + 0.5112 + 0.9088 \\ 0.4568 + 1.0272 + 1.7112 + 2.5088 \\ 0.8568 + 1.8272 + 2.9112 + 4.1088 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.704 \\ 5.704 \\ 9.704 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = Wx + b = \begin{bmatrix} 1.704 \\ 5.704 \\ 9.704 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 \\ 0.1568 \\ 0.2568 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7608 \\ 5.8608 \\ 9.9608 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 2: Compute a = ReLU(z): Since  $z_i > 0$  for all i, ReLU(z) = z:

$$a = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7608 \\ 5.8608 \\ 9.9608 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 3: Compute  $y = \sum a_i$ :

$$y = 1.7608 + 5.8608 + 9.9608 = 17.5824$$

Step 4: Compute loss  $L = y^2$ :

$$L = 17.5824^2 = 309.139$$

#### 3.2.2 Backward Pass

Step 5: Gradient of loss w.r.t. y:

$$\frac{dL}{du} = 2 \cdot 17.5824 = 35.1648$$

Step 6: Gradient of y w.r.t. a:

$$\frac{dy}{da} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Step 7: Gradient of loss w.r.t. a:

$$\frac{dL}{da} = 35.1648 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648 \\ 35.1648 \\ 35.1648 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Step 8: Gradient of** a w.r.t. z: Since  $z = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7608 & 5.8608 & 9.9608 \end{bmatrix}^T$ , all  $z_i > 0$ :

$$\frac{da}{dz} = \begin{bmatrix} 1\\1\\1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 9: Gradient of loss w.r.t. z:

$$\frac{dL}{dz} = \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648\\ 35.1648\\ 35.1648 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 10: Gradient of loss w.r.t. weights:

$$\frac{dL}{dW} = \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648 \\ 35.1648 \\ 35.1648 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648 & 70.3296 & 105.4944 & 140.6592 \\ 35.1648 & 70.3296 & 105.4944 & 140.6592 \\ 35.1648 & 70.3296 & 105.4944 & 140.6592 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 11: Gradient of loss w.r.t. biases:

$$\frac{dL}{db} = \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648\\ 35.1648\\ 35.1648 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 3.2.3 Parameter Updates

Step 12: Update weights:

$$\eta \cdot \frac{dL}{dW} = 0.001 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648 & 70.3296 & 105.4944 & 140.6592 \\ 35.1648 & 70.3296 & 105.4944 & 140.6592 \\ 35.1648 & 70.3296 & 105.4944 & 140.6592 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0351648 & 0.0703296 & 0.1054944 & 0.1406592 \\ 0.0351648 & 0.0703296 & 0.1054944 & 0.1406592 \\ 0.0351648 & 0.0703296 & 0.1054944 & 0.1406592 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 & 0.1136 & 0.1704 & 0.2272 \\ 0.4568 & 0.5136 & 0.5704 & 0.6272 \\ 0.8568 & 0.9136 & 0.9704 & 1.0272 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.0351648 & 0.0703296 & 0.1054944 & 0.1406592 \\ 0.0351648 & 0.0703296 & 0.1054944 & 0.1406592 \\ 0.0351648 & 0.0703296 & 0.1054944 & 0.1406592 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0216352 & 0.0432704 \\ 0.4216352 & 0.4432704 \\ 0.8216352 & 0.8432704 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 13: Update biases:

$$\eta \cdot \frac{dL}{db} = 0.001 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 35.1648 \\ 35.1648 \\ 35.1648 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0351648 \\ 0.0351648 \\ 0.0351648 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0568 \\ 0.1568 \\ 0.2568 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.0351648 \\ 0.0351648 \\ 0.0351648 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0216352 \\ 0.1216352 \\ 0.2216352 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 14: Loss:

$$Loss = 309.139$$

## 4 Final Parameters

After two iterations, the final parameters are:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0216352 & 0.0432704 & 0.0649056 & 0.0865408 \\ 0.4216352 & 0.4432704 & 0.4649056 & 0.4865408 \\ 0.8216352 & 0.8432704 & 0.8649056 & 0.8865408 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0216352\\ 0.1216352\\ 0.2216352 \end{bmatrix}$$