

# CS 1678/2078 HW Backprop

## Abstract

In this assignment you will be computing the gradients of the weights of multi-layered neural network by hand. This serves as a precursor to part B of HW2 where you will be implementing backprop to train a multi-layered neural network. To submit this assignment, upload a .pdf to Gradescope containing your responses to the questions below. You are required to use L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X for your write up.

## 1 Partial Derivatives With a Single Sample (34 points)

Consider a neural network with two hidden layers and a linear output layer. The input to the network is a vector of length four, the first hidden layer has three hidden units, the second layer has two, and the last layer as a single unit. Each hidden layer uses the ReLU activation function.

For a single input  $x$  and target value  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , the loss function for the network is

$$l(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} (f(x, \theta) - y)^2,$$

with each layer computing,

$$h^i = f^i(h^{i-1}, W^i) = \sigma(h^{i-1}W^{i\top}),$$

where  $h^i \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n_i}$  and  $W^i \in \mathbb{R}^{n_i \times n_{i-1}}$ . Note that we dropped the dataset  $D$  in notation for the loss function  $l_D(\theta)$ . This just makes notation simpler for the assignment. Let the partial derivative of the loss with respect to  $f(x, \theta)$  be  $\delta$ , e.g.

$$\delta = \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial f(x, \theta)} = f(x, \theta) - y$$

1. What is the partial derivative of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to the weight  $W_{1,1}^3$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} &= \frac{\partial h^3}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^3} \\ &= \frac{\partial (h^2 W^{3\top})}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \delta \\ &= \delta \frac{\partial (h_{1,1}^2 W_{1,1}^3 + h_{1,2}^2 W_{1,2}^3)}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \\ &= \delta h_{1,1}^2 \end{aligned}$$

2. What is the partial derivative of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to the weight  $W_{1,2}^3$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,2}^3} &= \frac{\partial f^3(h^2, W^3)}{\partial W_{1,2}^3} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial f(x, \theta)} \\ &= \delta h_{1,2}^2 \end{aligned}$$

3. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W^3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W^3} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,2}^3} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \delta \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^2 & h_{1,2}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \delta h^2\end{aligned}$$

4. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h_{1,1}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} &= \frac{\partial f^3(h^2, W^3)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial f(x, \theta)} \\ &= \frac{\partial (h^2 W^{3\top})}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} \delta \\ &= \delta \frac{\partial (h_{1,1}^2 W_{1,1}^3 + h_{1,2}^2 W_{1,2}^3)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} \\ &= \delta W_{1,1}^3\end{aligned}$$

5. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^2} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,2}^2} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \delta \begin{bmatrix} W_{1,1}^3 & W_{1,2}^3 \end{bmatrix} = \delta W^3\end{aligned}$$

6. What is the derivative for the ReLU activation function  $\sigma(x) = \max(x, 0)$ ? You can use the notation that  $x > y$  evaluates to 1 if true and 0 if false.

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = x \geq 0$$

ReLU is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ , but in practice we use the subderivative (which is the answer above) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subderivative>. You could use  $x > 0$  or  $x \geq 0$  because both are valid subderivatives as  $x = 0$ .

7. What are the partial derivatives with respect to  $W_{1,j}^2$  for  $h_{1,1}^2 = f_1^2(h^1, W^2)$ ? You may use  $z^i = h^{i-1} W^{i\top}$  and  $z_{1,1}^i = h^{i-1} W_{1,\cdot}^{i\top}$  to simplify your answer.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} &= \frac{\partial \sigma(z_{1,1}^2)}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} \\
&= \frac{\partial z_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} \frac{\partial \sigma(z_{1,1}^2)}{\partial z_{1,1}^2} \\
&= \frac{\partial z_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \\
&= \frac{\partial (h_{1,1}^1 W_{1,1}^2 + h_{1,2}^1 W_{1,2}^2 + h_{1,3}^1 W_{1,3}^2)}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \\
&= \frac{\partial h_{1,j}^1 W_{1,j}^2}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \\
&= h_{1,j}^1 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \\
&= (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,j}^1 \text{ flipping sides for simpler connections in part 2}
\end{aligned}$$

8. What are the partial derivatives with respect to  $W_{2,j}^2$  for  $h_{1,1}^2 = f_1^2(h^1, W^2)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{2,j}^2} &= \frac{\partial (h_{1,1}^1 W_{1,1}^2 + h_{1,2}^1 W_{1,2}^2 + h_{1,3}^1 W_{1,3}^2)}{\partial W_{1,j}^2} (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \\
&= 0 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

9. What are the partial derivatives with respect to  $W^2$  for  $h_{1,1}^2 = f_1^2(h^1, W^2)$ ?

$$\frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W^2} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{1,1}^2} & \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{1,2}^2} & \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{1,3}^2} \\ \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{2,1}^2} & \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{2,2}^2} & \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial W_{2,3}^2} \end{bmatrix} = (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^1 & h_{1,2}^1 & h_{1,3}^1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,\cdot}^1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

10. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W_{i,j}^2$ ? Note that using scalar notation we express  $h^3$  as

$$h_{1,1}^3 = \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} h_{1,q}^2 W_{1,q}^3 = \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} \sigma \left( \sum_{r=1}^{n_1} h_{1,r}^1 W_{q,r}^2 \right) W_{1,q}^3.$$

You can use this expression as a starting point for the derivative if you are not comfortable with linear algebra.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{W_{i,j}^2} &= \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^3} \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^3}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \\
&= \delta \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} h_{1,q}^2 W_{1,q}^3 \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2 W_{1,q}^3}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2 W_{1,q}^3}{\partial h_{1,q}^2} \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 \underbrace{\frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2}{\partial W_{i,j}^2}}_{=0 \text{ if } q \neq i, \text{ see \#10}} \\
&= \delta W_{1,i}^3 \frac{\partial h_{1,i}^2}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \\
&= \delta W_{1,i}^3 (z_{1,i}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,j}^1
\end{aligned}$$

11. What are the partial derivatives with respect to  $W^2$  for  $l(\theta)$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W^2} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,2}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,3}^2} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,2}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,3}^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \delta \begin{bmatrix} W_{1,1}^3 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,1}^1 & W_{1,1}^3 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,2}^1 & W_{1,1}^3 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,3}^1 \\ W_{1,2}^3 (z_{1,2}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,1}^1 & W_{1,2}^3 (z_{1,2}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,2}^1 & W_{1,2}^3 (z_{1,2}^2 \geq 0) h_{1,3}^1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \delta \begin{bmatrix} W_{1,1}^3 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \\ W_{1,2}^3 (z_{1,2}^2 \geq 0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^1 & h_{1,2}^1 & h_{1,3}^1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0))^\top h^1
\end{aligned}$$

12. What are the partial derivatives of  $h_{1,1}^2$  with respect to  $h_{1,j}^1$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial h_{1,1}^2}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} &= \frac{\partial \sigma(z_{1,1}^2)}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} = \frac{\partial \sigma(z_{1,1}^2)}{\partial z_{1,1}^2} \frac{\partial z_{1,1}^2}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} \\
&= (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \frac{\partial (h_{1,1}^1 W_{1,1}^2 + h_{1,2}^1 W_{1,2}^2 + h_{1,3}^1 W_{1,3}^2)}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} \\
&= (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \frac{\partial h_{1,j}^1 W_{1,j}^2}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} \\
&= (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) W_{1,j}^2
\end{aligned}$$

13. What are the partial derivatives of  $h_{1,i}^2$  with respect to  $h^1$ ?

$$\frac{\partial h_{1,i}^2}{\partial h^1} = [(z_{1,i}^2 \geq 0) W_{i,1}^2 \quad (z_{1,i}^2 \geq 0) W_{i,2}^2 \quad (z_{1,i}^2 \geq 0) W_{i,3}^2]$$

14. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h_{1,j}^1$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} &= \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^3} \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^3}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} \\
&= \delta \frac{\partial}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} h_{1,q}^2 W_{1,q}^3 \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} W_{1,q}^3 \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2}{\partial h_{1,q}^2} \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} W_{1,q}^3 \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 \frac{\partial h_{1,q}^2}{\partial h_{1,j}^1} \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 (z_{1,q}^2 \geq 0) W_{q,j}^2 \\
&= \delta [W_{1,1}^3 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0) \quad W_{1,1}^3 (z_{1,1}^2 \geq 0)] \begin{bmatrix} W_{1,j}^2 \\ W_{2,j}^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,j}^2
\end{aligned}$$

15. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h^1$ ?

Using matrix expression from previous answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,2}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,3}^1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= [\delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,1}^2 \quad \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,2}^2 \quad \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,3}^2] \\
&= \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) [W_{\cdot,1}^2 \quad W_{\cdot,2}^2 \quad W_{\cdot,3}^2] \\
&= \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W^2
\end{aligned}$$

Scalar version:

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^1} = \delta [\sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 (z_{1,q}^2 \geq 0) W_{q,1}^2 \quad \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 (z_{1,q}^2 \geq 0) W_{q,2}^2 \quad \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 (z_{1,q}^2 \geq 0) W_{q,3}^2]$$

16. What is the partial derivative of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W_{i,j}^1$ ? Notice that  $h_{1,i}^1$  is the only term of  $h^1$  that has dependence on  $W_{i,j}^1$ . We have also already derived the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial h_{1,j}^1}{\partial W_{j,k}^1}$  when  $i = 2$ , so we can reuse that result here.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{i,j}^1} &= \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,i}^1} \frac{\partial h_{1,i}^1}{\partial W_{i,j}^1} \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 (z_{1,q}^2 \geq 0) W_{q,i}^2 \frac{\partial h_{1,i}^1}{\partial W_{i,j}^1} \\
&= \delta \sum_{q=1}^{n_2} W_{1,q}^3 (z_{1,q}^2 \geq 0) W_{q,i}^2 h_{1,j}^0 \\
&= \delta (W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,i}^2 h_{1,j}^0
\end{aligned}$$

17. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W^1$ ? For conciseness you may use leave your answer in terms of  $\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,j}^1}$ . For further ease of notation, you can write these partial derivatives as  $\partial_{h_{1,j}^1} l(\theta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W^1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,2}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,3}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,4}^1} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,1}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,2}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,3}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,4}^1} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{3,1}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{3,2}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{3,3}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{3,4}^1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^1}{\partial W_{1,1}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^1}{\partial W_{1,2}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^1}{\partial W_{1,3}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^1}{\partial W_{1,4}^1} \\ \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,2}^1}{\partial W_{2,1}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,2}^1}{\partial W_{2,2}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,2}^1}{\partial W_{2,3}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,2}^1}{\partial W_{2,4}^1} \\ \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,3}^1}{\partial W_{3,1}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,3}^1}{\partial W_{3,2}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,3}^1}{\partial W_{3,3}^1} & \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta) \frac{\partial h_{1,3}^1}{\partial W_{3,4}^1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,1}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,1}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,1}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,2}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,1}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,3}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,1}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,4}^0 \\ \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,2}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,1}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,2}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,2}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,2}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,3}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,2}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,4}^0 \\ \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,3}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,1}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,3}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,2}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,3}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,3}^0 & \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,3}^1 \geq 0) h_{1,4}^0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{h_{1,1}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,1}^1 \geq 0) \\ \partial_{h_{1,2}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,2}^1 \geq 0) \\ \partial_{h_{1,3}^1} l(\theta)(z_{1,3}^1 \geq 0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^0 & h_{1,2}^0 & h_{1,3}^0 & h_{1,4}^0 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= (\partial_{h^1} l(\theta) \odot (z^1 \geq 0))^\top h^1
\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Partial Derivatives for a Batch of Data (16 points)

Instead of computing derivatives for a single data point at a time, it is faster to compute a derivatives for a mini-batch of  $m$  data points. First consider a mini-batch size of  $m = 2$ , e.g.,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ ,  $h^1 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 3}$ ,  $h^2 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ ,  $h^3 \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 1}$ . Let

$$l_k(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} (h_{k,1}^3 - y_{k,1})^2.$$

The loss function is now

$$l(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m l_k(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m (h_{k,1}^3 - y_{k,1})^2.$$

1. What is the partial derivative of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h^3 = f(x, \theta)$ ? Express your final answer using vector notation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta &= \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^3} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^3} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,1}^3} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} (h_{1,1}^3 - y_1)/m \\ (h_{2,1}^3 - y_1)/m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

2. What is the partial derivative of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W_{1,1}^3$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1})^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} (h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1})^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial (h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1})^2}{\partial h_{i,1}^3} \frac{\partial h_{i,1}^3}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1}) \frac{\partial h_{i,1}^3}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i \frac{\partial h_{i,1}^3}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i h_{i,1}^2 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 & \delta_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^2 \\ h_{2,1}^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \delta^\top h_{\cdot,1}^2
\end{aligned}$$

We can also get here a little more directly by realizing this answer is just the average of the partial derivatives from each data point. Let  $l_i(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1})^2$ , thus  $l(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m l_i(\theta)$ .

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} l_i(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1}) h_{i,1}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \delta_i h_{i,1}^2$$

We can apply this principle to compute all partial derivatives with respect to each weight below.

3. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W^3$ ? Express the final answer using vector notation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W^3} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^3} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,2}^3} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \delta^\top h_{\cdot,1}^2 & \delta^\top h_{\cdot,2}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \delta^\top \begin{bmatrix} h_{\cdot,1}^2 & h_{\cdot,2}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \delta^\top h^2
\end{aligned}$$

4. What are the partial derivatives  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h_{1,1}^2$ ? Express the final answer using vector notation.

To make the answer simple, we first show the partial derivatives for  $h_{1,1}^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} (h_{i,1}^3 - y_{i,1})^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} (h_{1,1}^3 - y_{1,1})^2 \\
&= \delta_1 \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^3}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} \\
&= \delta_1 W_{1,1}^3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{\cdot,1}^2} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,1}^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 W_{1,1}^3 \\ \delta_2 W_{1,1}^3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \delta W_{1,1}^3
\end{aligned}$$

5. What are the partial derivatives  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h^2$ ? Express the final answer using vector notation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^2} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,2}^2} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,2}^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 W_{1,1}^3 & \delta_1 W_{1,2}^3 \\ \delta_2 W_{1,1}^3 & \delta_2 W_{1,2}^3 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1 \\ \delta_2 \end{bmatrix} [W_{1,1}^3 \quad W_{1,2}^3] \\
&= \delta W^3
\end{aligned}$$

6. What is the partial derivative of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W_{i,j}^2$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m (h_{k,1}^3 - y_{k,1})^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial (h_{k,1}^3 - y_{k,1})^2}{\partial h_{k,1}^3} \frac{\partial h_{k,1}^3}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^m \delta_k \frac{\partial h_{k,1}^3}{\partial W_{i,j}^2} \quad \text{now plug in answer from part 1} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^m \delta_k W_{1,i}^3 (z_{k,i}^2 \geq 0) h_{k,j}^1 \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^m \partial_{h_{k,i}^2} l(\theta) (z_{k,i}^2 \geq 0) h_{k,j}^1 \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{h_{1,i}^2} l(\theta) (z_{1,i}^2 \geq 0) & \partial_{h_{2,i}^2} l(\theta) (z_{2,i}^2 \geq 0) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,j}^1 \\ h_{2,j}^1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,i}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,i}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,j}^1
\end{aligned}$$

7. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $W^2$ ? Express your answer using vector notation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W^2} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,2}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{1,3}^2} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,1}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,2}^2} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial W_{2,3}^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,1}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,1}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,1}^1 & \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,1}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,1}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,2}^1 & \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,1}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,1}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,3}^1 \\ \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,2}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,2}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,1}^1 & \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,2}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,2}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,2}^1 & \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,2}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,2}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h_{\cdot,3}^1 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,1}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,1}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top \\ \left( \partial_{h_{\cdot,2}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{\cdot,2}^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top \end{bmatrix} [h_{\cdot,1}^1 \quad h_{\cdot,2}^1 \quad h_{\cdot,3}^1] \\
&= \left( \partial_{h^2} l(\theta) \odot (z^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h^1 \\
&= \left( \delta W^3 \odot (z^2 \geq 0) \right)^\top h^1
\end{aligned}$$

8. What are the partial derivatives of  $l(\theta)$  with respect to  $h^1$ ? Express your answer using vector notation. You can use  $\partial_{h^2} l(\theta) = \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^2}$  to simplify your answer.



Starting with derivative with respect to  $h_{1,1}^1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^1} &= \sum_{k=1}^m \delta_k \frac{\partial h_{k,1}^3}{\partial h_{1,1}^1} \\
&= \delta_1 \frac{\partial h_{1,1}^3}{\partial h_{1,1}^1} \\
&= (\delta_1 W^3 \odot (z_{1,\cdot}^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,1}^2 \\
&= (\partial_{h_{1,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{1,\cdot}^2 \geq 0)) W_{\cdot,1}^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h^1} &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,1}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,2}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{1,3}^1} \\ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,1}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,2}^1} & \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial h_{2,3}^1} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \left( \partial_{h_{1,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{1,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) W_{\cdot,1}^2 & \left( \partial_{h_{1,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{1,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) W_{\cdot,2}^2 & \left( \partial_{h_{1,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{1,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) W_{\cdot,3}^2 \\ \left( \partial_{h_{2,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{2,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) W_{\cdot,1}^2 & \left( \partial_{h_{2,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{2,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) W_{\cdot,2}^2 & \left( \partial_{h_{2,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{2,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) W_{\cdot,3}^2 \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \left( \partial_{h_{1,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{1,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) \\ \left( \partial_{h_{2,\cdot}^2} l(\theta) \odot (z_{2,\cdot}^2 \geq 0) \right) \end{bmatrix} [W_{\cdot,1}^2 \quad W_{\cdot,2}^2 \quad W_{\cdot,3}^2] \\
&= (\partial_{h^2} l(\theta) \odot (z^2 \geq 0)) W^2
\end{aligned}$$