$$\begin{split} \hat{y} &= \sigma(W^{(2)}\dot{x}^{(1)} + b^{(2)}) = \sigma(W^{(2)}\sigma(W^{(1)}\vec{x}^{(0)} + \vec{b}^{(1)}) + b^{(2)}) \\ \text{with } W^{(2)} &= \begin{bmatrix} w_1^{(2)} & w_2^{(2)} & w_3^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}, \ \vec{b}^{(1)} &= \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{(1)} \\ b_2^{(1)} \\ b_3^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}, \ \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \\ \text{and } W^{(1)} &= \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^{(1)} & w_{12}^{(1)} \\ w_{21}^{(1)} & w_{22}^{(1)} \\ w_{31}^{(1)} & w_{32}^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\implies \hat{y} = \sigma(w_1^{(2)}x_1^{(1)} + w_2^{(2)}x_2^{(1)} + w_3^{(2)}x_3^{(1)} + b^{(2)}) \text{ and} \\ x_1^{(1)} &= \sigma(w_{11}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{12}^{(1)}x_2 + b_1^{(1)}) \\ x_2^{(1)} &= \sigma(w_{21}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{22}^{(1)}x_2 + b_2^{(1)}) \\ x_3^{(1)} &= \sigma(w_{31}^{(1)}x_1 + w_{32}^{(1)}x_2 + b_3^{(1)}) \end{split}$$

To simplify the calculation of the gradient, I will use  $\vec{z}^{(1)}$  and  $\vec{z}^{(2)}$  that are defined as:

$$\vec{z}^{(2)} = W^{(2)} \vec{x}^{(1)} + b^{(2)}$$
 and  $\vec{z}^{(1)} = W^{(1)} \vec{x}^{(0)} + \vec{b}^{(1)}$ 

I define the cost function to be optimised by the neural network as:

$$Cost(\vec{C}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{1}{2} (\hat{y}(\vec{C}, i) - y_i)^2$$

This means that for every data point, we obtain an individual cost  $Cost(\vec{C}, i)$  which we average out to calculate the total cost. This means that for calculating the gradient, we calculate the gradient for every point (or only a select few in case of SGD) and average all these vectors to find the next step.

The chosen activation function has a very useful property for calculating the derivative. Namely,  $\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$ 

$$\begin{split} \Delta_{b^{(2)}} &= \frac{\partial \text{Cost}(\vec{C},i)}{\partial b^{(2)}} = (\hat{y}(\vec{C},i) - y_i)\sigma'(W^{(2)}\vec{x}^{(1)} + b^{(2)}) = (\hat{y}(\vec{C},i) - y_i)\sigma(z^{(2)})(1 - \sigma(z^{(2)})) \\ \Delta_{w_j^{(2)}} &= \frac{\partial \text{Cost}(\vec{C},i)}{\partial w_j^{(2)}} (\hat{y}(\vec{C},i) - y_i)\sigma'(z^{(2)}) \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial w_j^{(2)}} = \Delta_{b^{(2)}} \cdot x_j^{(1)} \\ \Delta_{b_j^{(1)}} &= \frac{\partial \text{Cost}(\vec{C},i)}{\partial b_j^{(1)}} = (\hat{y}(\vec{C},i) - y_i)\sigma'(z^{(2)}) \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial x_j^{(1)}} \frac{\partial x_j^{(1)}}{\partial b_j^{(1)}} = \Delta_{b^{(2)}} \cdot w_j^2 \sigma'(\vec{z}_j^{(1)}) = \Delta_{b^{(2)}} \cdot w_j^2 \sigma(\vec{z}_j^{(1)})(1 - \sigma(\vec{z}_j^{(1)})) \\ \Delta_{w_{jl}^{(1)}} &= (\hat{y}(\vec{C},i) - y_i)\sigma'(z^{(2)}) \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial x_j^{(1)}} \frac{\partial x_j^{(1)}}{\partial w_{jl}^{(1)}} = \Delta_{b_j^{(1)}} \cdot x_l \end{split}$$