## Intro to Neural Nets

Week 2: Mathematical Building Blocks & Working with Keras API

## Today's Agenda

#### 1. First Neural Net

• An ANN for the USPS (predicting digits from 28x28 pixel images).

#### 2. Building Blocks of NNs

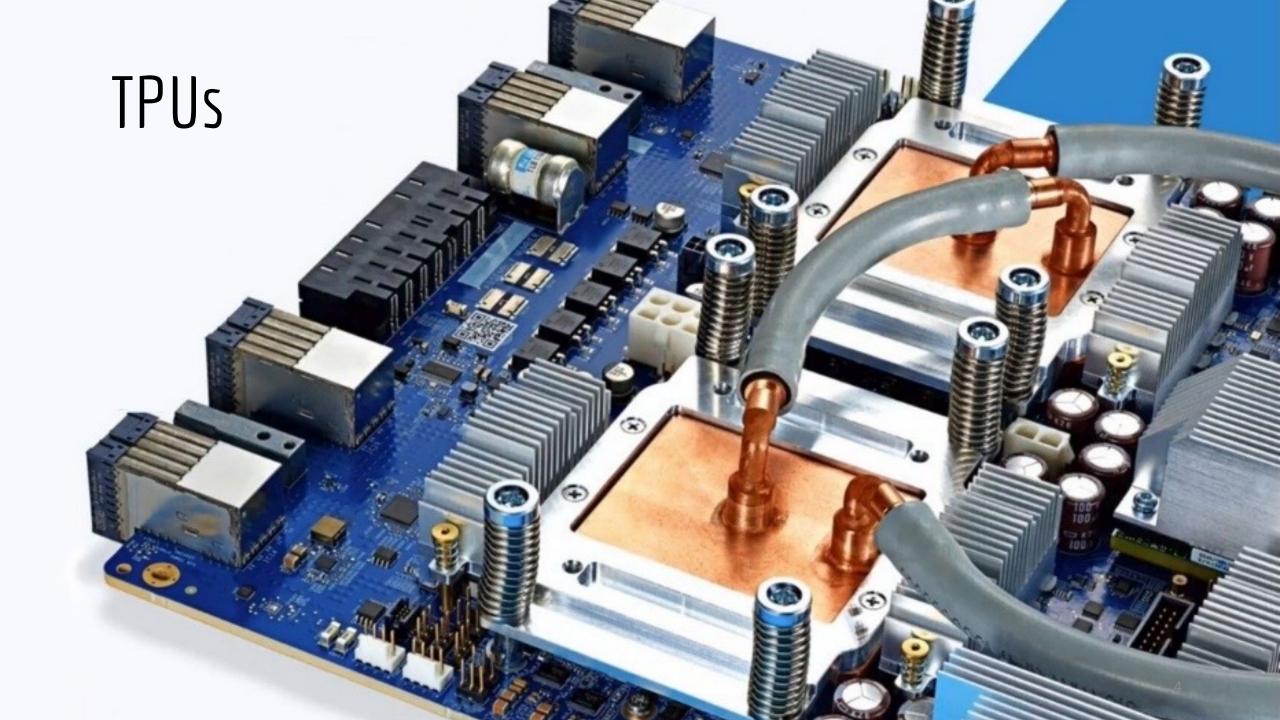
- Tensors (and relevant mathematical operations)
- Activation and Loss Functions
- Backpropagation: Derivatives, Gradients & the Chain Rule (with examples)

#### 3. Building a Linear Classifier

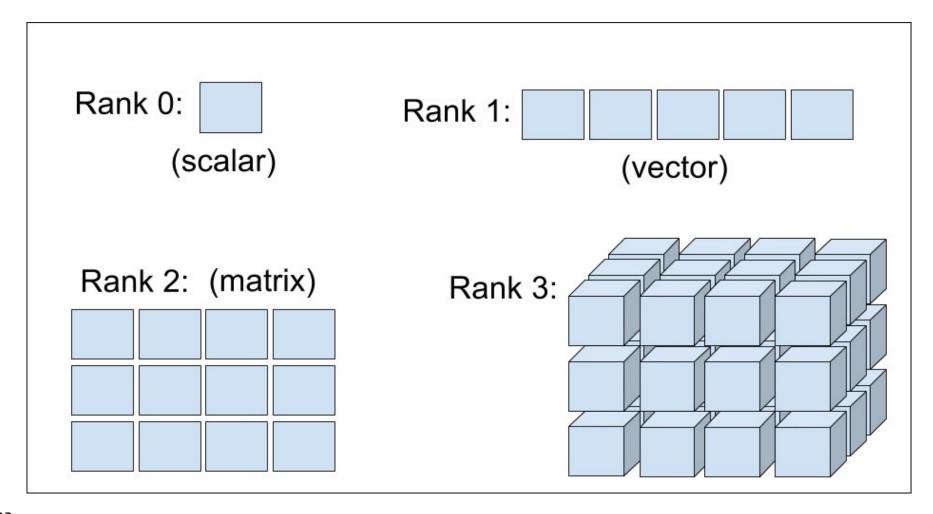
- Overview of Keras and Tensorflow.
- Implementing a linear classifier in Keras (now that we know the components).

## Let's Train our First NN





## Tensors



## Neuron / Network Components

#### X and Y are data

 These are input values and labels.

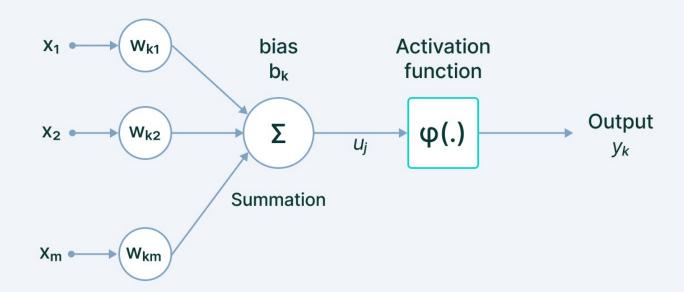
#### W and b are parameters

 These are values we 'learn' through the optimization process.

#### $\varphi(.)$ is a function we choose

• This is a hyper-parameter.

#### **Neuron**



## Neuron / Network Components

#### x and w are vectors for a node

 These vectors comprise matrices that represent a layer of nodes in the network.

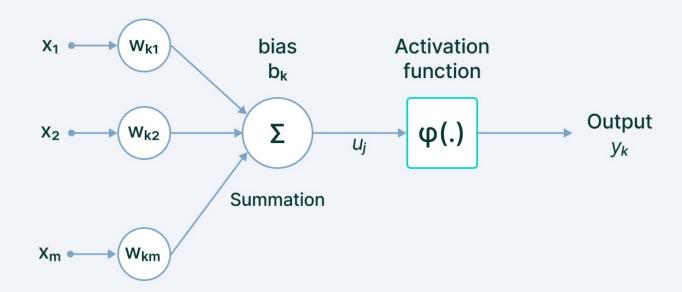
#### b and y are scalars for a node

 The set of all b's in a layer becomes a vector.

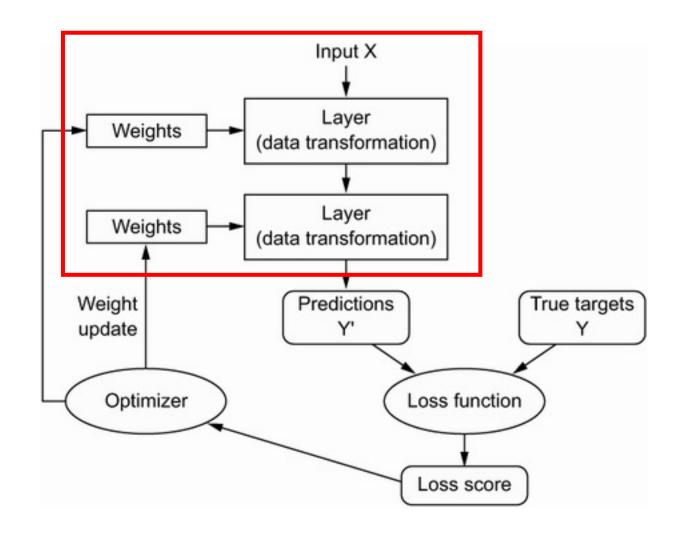
#### Nature of output, i.e., y

 Depends on position in the network, and what we are predicting

#### Neuron



## Forward Pass



## Multiplication

$$y_1 = \varphi \left( \mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}_1 + b_1 \right)$$

#### **Conformity of Shapes**

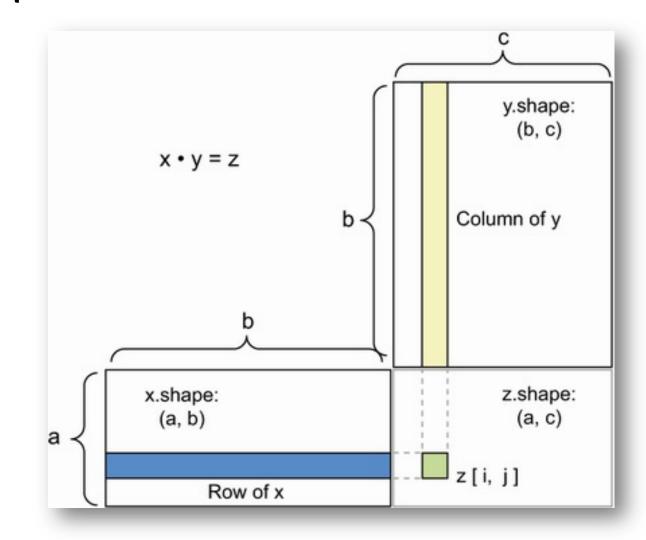
NCOL(X) == NROW(W)

#### Elements of Resulting Tensor are the Dot Product of X's Rows and Y's Columns

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$$Z[2,2] = X[2,:] \cdot Y[:,2]$$

#### We Use This for Multiplication Step

x\*w calculations.



## Addition + Broadcast

$$y_1 = \varphi \left( x_1 \cdot w_1 + b_1 \right)$$

### **Shape of the Two Tensors Needs to Conform**

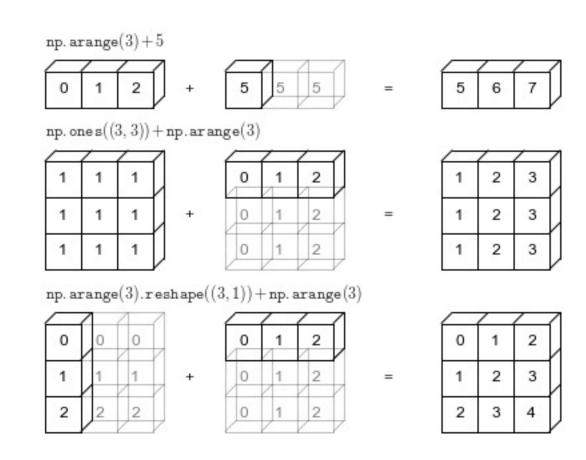
 A + B will only work if A is cleanly divisible by B (or vice versa)

#### **Sum the Element-wise Products**

Replicate B until it matches
 A's dimensions, then
 element-wise addition.

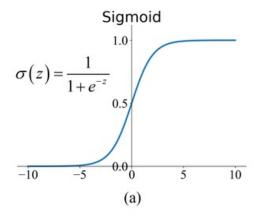
#### We Use This for the Addition Step

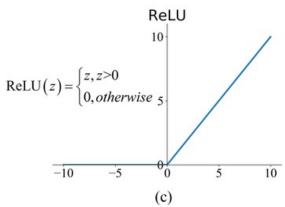
Add x\*w and b (bias)

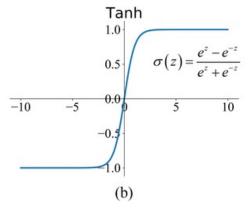


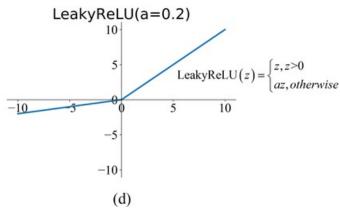
## **Activation Functions**

 $y_1 = \varphi \left( x_1 \cdot w_1 + b_1 \right)$ 









## We Know Enough for a Forward Pass

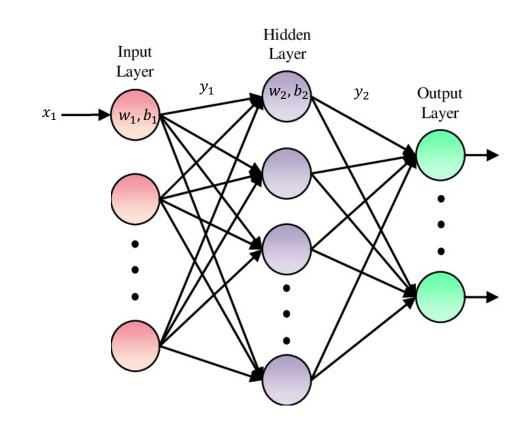
## **Calculate Output of Each Node Sequentially**

$$y_1 = \varphi \left( x_1 \cdot w_1 + b_1 \right)$$

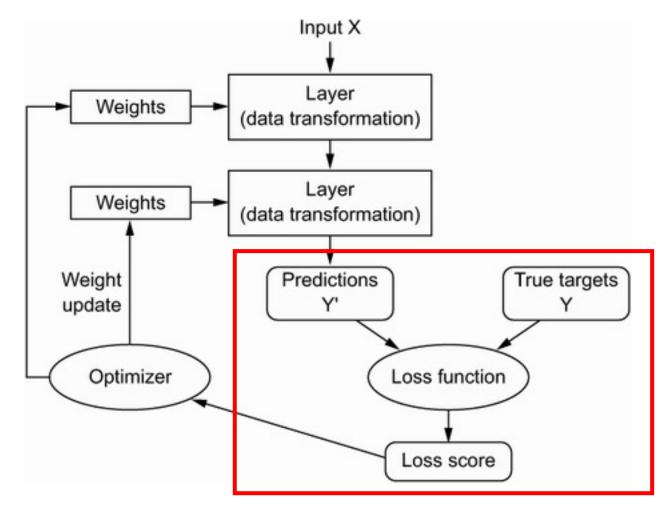
$$y_2 = \varphi \left( y_1 \cdot w_2 + b_2 \right)$$

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**Eventually We Obtain Model's Predictions** 



## Calculate Loss



### Loss Functions

#### **Cross-Entropy / Log-Loss**

$$H_p(q) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i \cdot log(p(y_i)) + (1 - y_i) \cdot log(1 - p(y_i))$$

- Typical for binary outcomes. Value grows exponentially larger as the predicted probability moves away from the true 0,1 label.
- Multi-category outcomes have an analogous loss function known as multi-class cross-entropy.

#### MAE / L1 Loss

$$MAE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |y_i - \hat{y}_i|}{n}$$

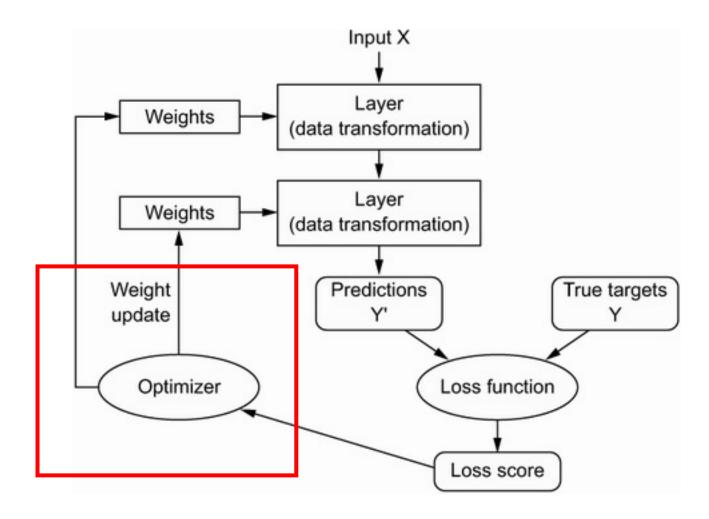
 Typical for continuous outcomes.
 Errors are penalized homogenously, in magnitude and direction. This should look familiar!

#### MSE / Quadratic / L2 Loss

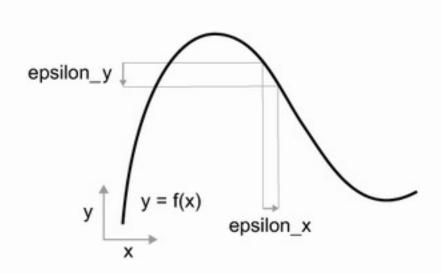
$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{n}$$

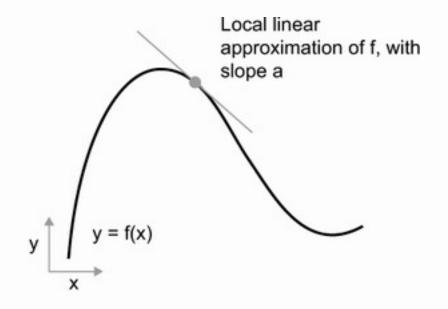
 Typical for continuous outcomes, larger errors penalized exponentially more. This should look familiar!

## Backpropagation

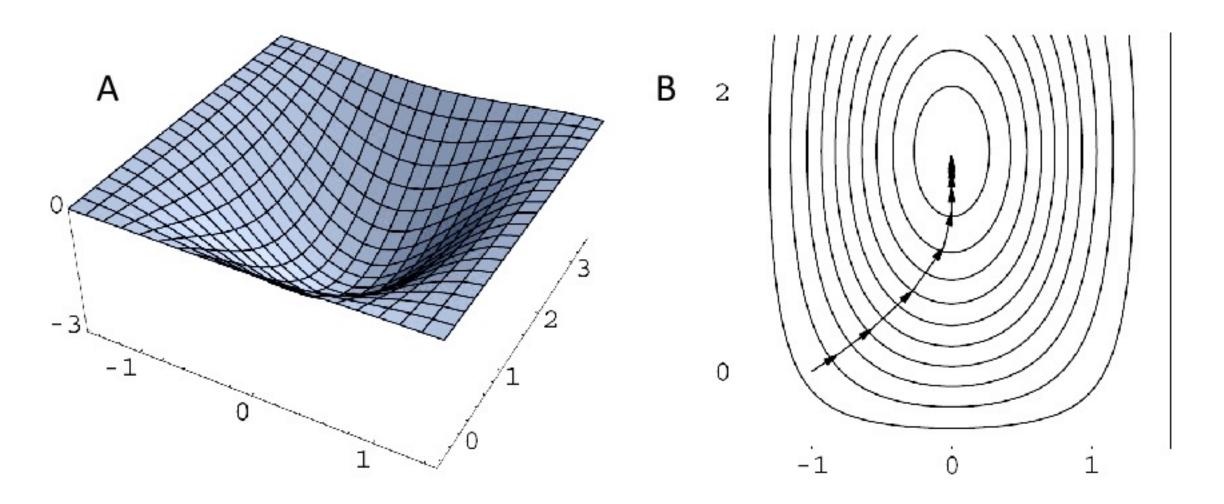


## Derivative = "Rate" of Change

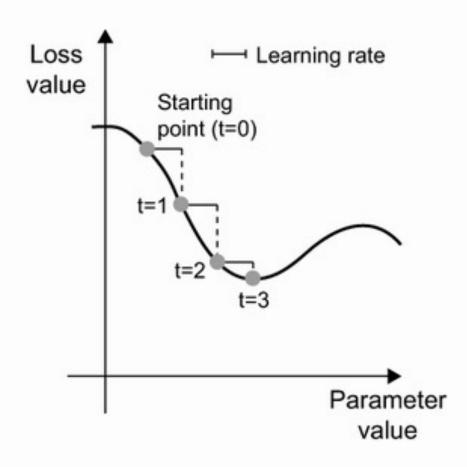




## Gradient = Derivative in Multiple Dimensions



## Gradient Descent

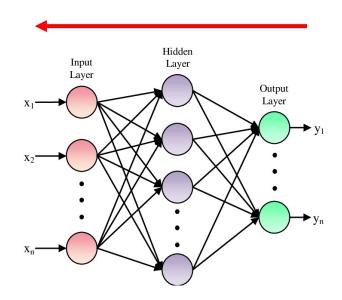


## Derivatives of Loss w.r.t All Parameters

## Recall that Each Node's Output Can be Expressed as a Function of the Prior Nodes' Outputs

$$y_1 = \varphi \left( x_1 \cdot w_1 + b_1 \right)$$

$$y_2 = \varphi \left( y_1 \cdot w_2 + b_2 \right)$$

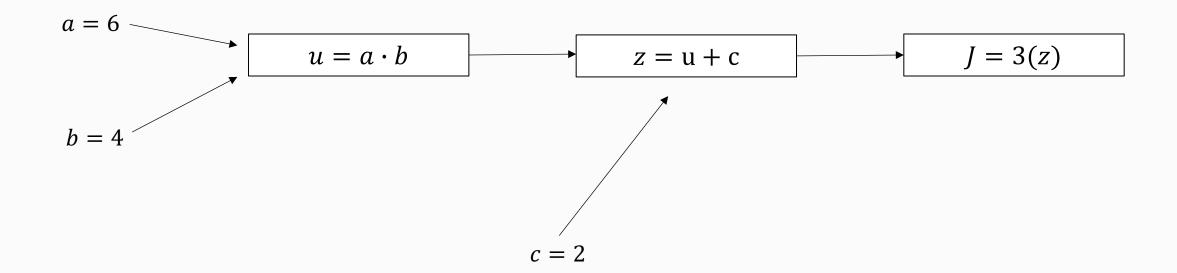


### Start at the final nodes in the network and work backwards

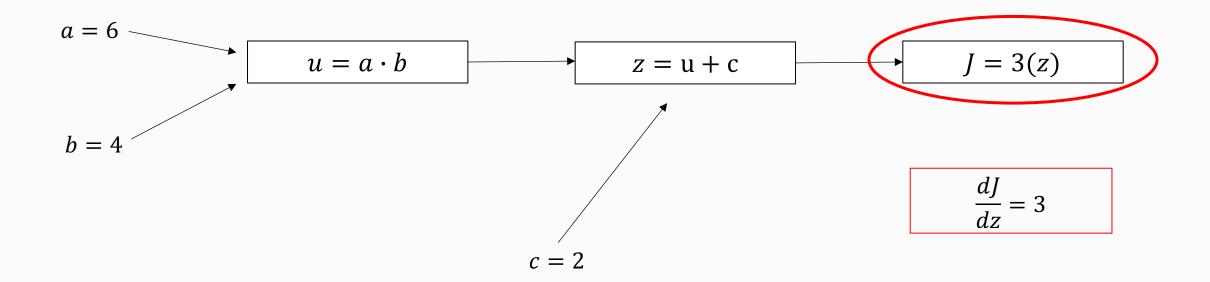
- We calculate partial derivatives w.r.t. their inputs / weights.
- Then, use those partial derivatives and work backward into earlier layers to get partial derivatives w.r.t. their inputs / weights, and so on.

## Computation Graphs

$$J = 3(a \cdot b + c)$$

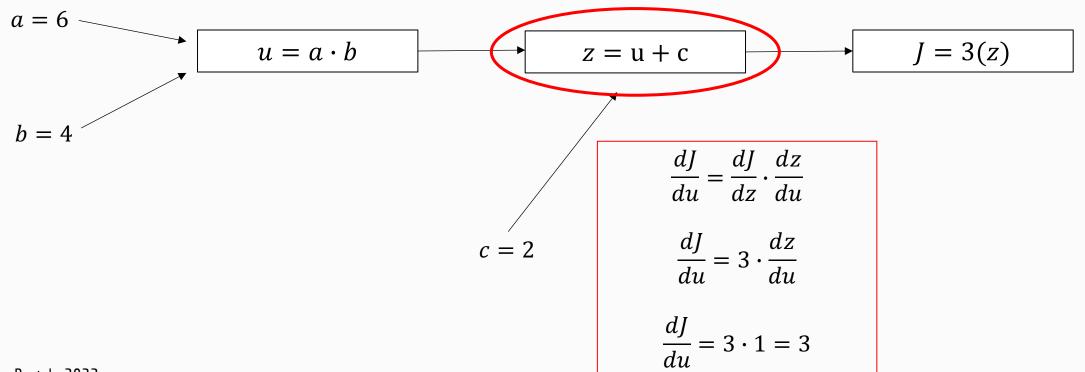


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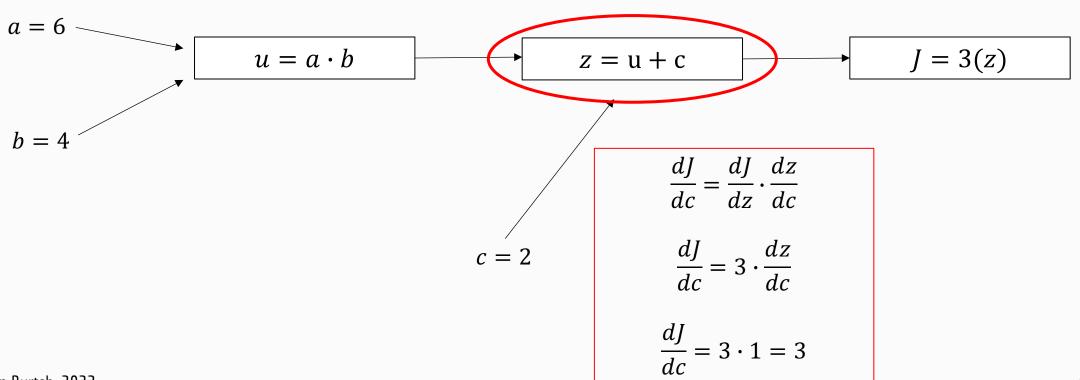
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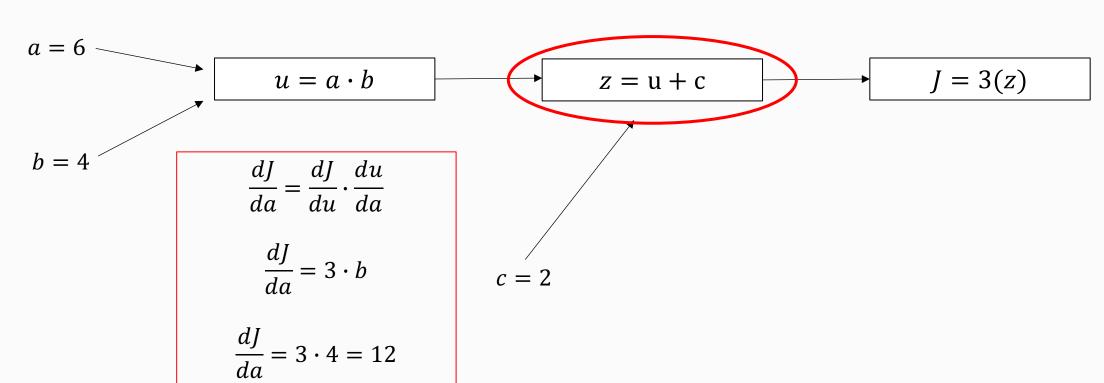


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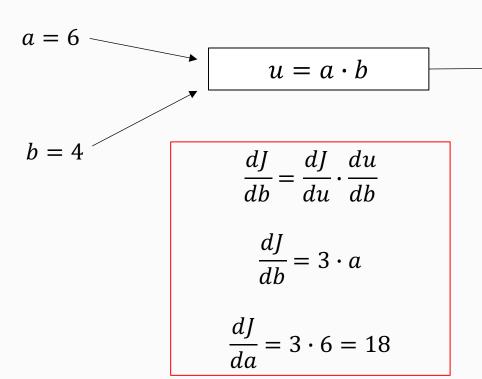
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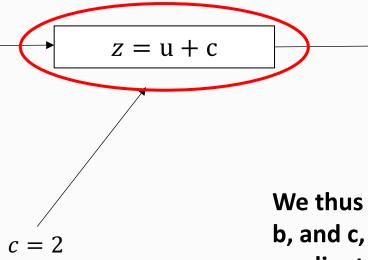
$$\frac{dJ}{da} = 12$$

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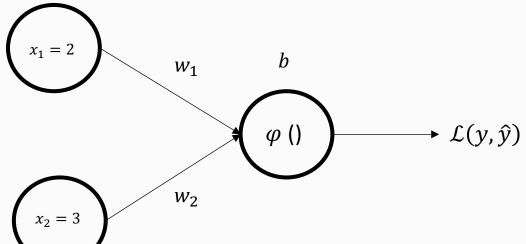
J=3(z)





We thus update our parameters, a, b, and c, subtracting each's gradients\*epsilon from its current value. Epsilon is the learning rate.

## Single Node with Sigmoid & Cross-Entropy Loss (i.e., Logistic Regression)



Remember that  $\varphi$  here is just a placeholder for the argument to the loss function. It happens to be a sigmoid transformation of 'something', i.e.,  $\varphi(wx+b)$ , but it doesn't really matter. We just represent it with some variable name and calculate an expression for the derivative.

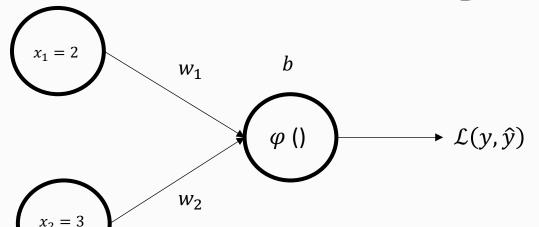
$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\varphi} = -\frac{y}{\varphi} + \frac{1-y}{1-\varphi}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\varphi} = \frac{\varphi(1-y) - y(1-\varphi)}{\varphi(1-\varphi)}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\varphi} = \frac{\varphi - \varphi y - y + \varphi y}{\varphi(1-\varphi)}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\varphi} = \frac{\varphi - y}{\varphi(1-\varphi)}$$

## Single Node with Sigmoid & Cross-Entropy Loss (i.e., Logistic Regression)



Now we calculate derivative of the sigmoid with respect to its argument, z.

$$\begin{split} \varphi(z) &= (1 + e^{-z})^{-1} \\ \varphi'(z) &= -1 \cdot (1 + e^{-z})^{-2} \cdot (0 + e^{-z} \cdot -1) \\ \varphi'(z) &= (1 + e^{-z})^{-2} \cdot e^{-z} \\ \varphi'(z) &= \varphi(z) \cdot (1 - \varphi(z)) \end{split}$$

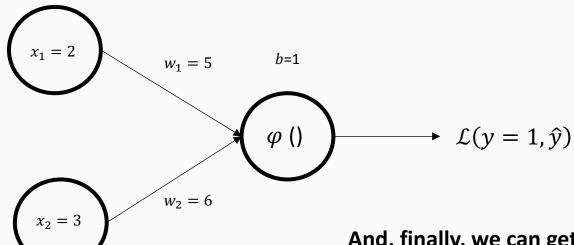
$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dz} = \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{d\varphi} \cdot \frac{d\varphi}{dz}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dz} = \frac{\varphi - y}{\varphi(1 - y)} \cdot \frac{d\varphi}{dz}$$

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$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dz} = \varphi - y$$

# Single Node with Sigmoid & Cross-Entropy Loss (i.e., Logistic Regression)



And, finally, we can get gradient of loss with respect to weights and bias. For example, for the first weight...

Evaluate  $\varphi$  based on current values of parameters and the data.

Finally, update the weights...

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_1} = \frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dz} \cdot \frac{dz}{dw_1}$$

$$\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_1} = (\varphi - y) \cdot x_1$$

$$w_{1,new} = w_{1,old} - (\frac{d\mathcal{L}}{dw_{1,old}} \cdot \varepsilon)$$

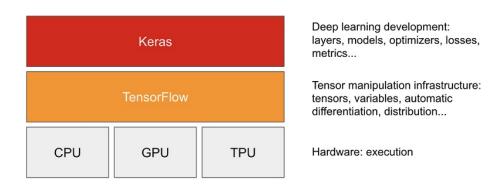
## Keras and Tensorflow

#### 1. Tensorflow

• A Python platform for working with tensors, implementing automatic differentiation, providing access to repositories of (well-known) pre-trained models.

#### 2. Keras

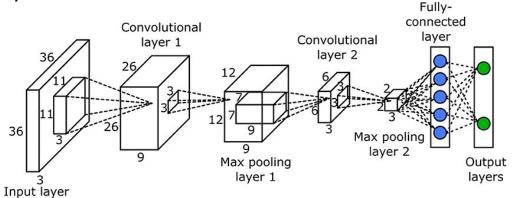
- A higher-level API that wraps common usage patterns with Tensorflow functions, pre-defined loss functions, optimization algorithms, etc.
- Keras simplifies data scientists' interaction with Tensorflow.



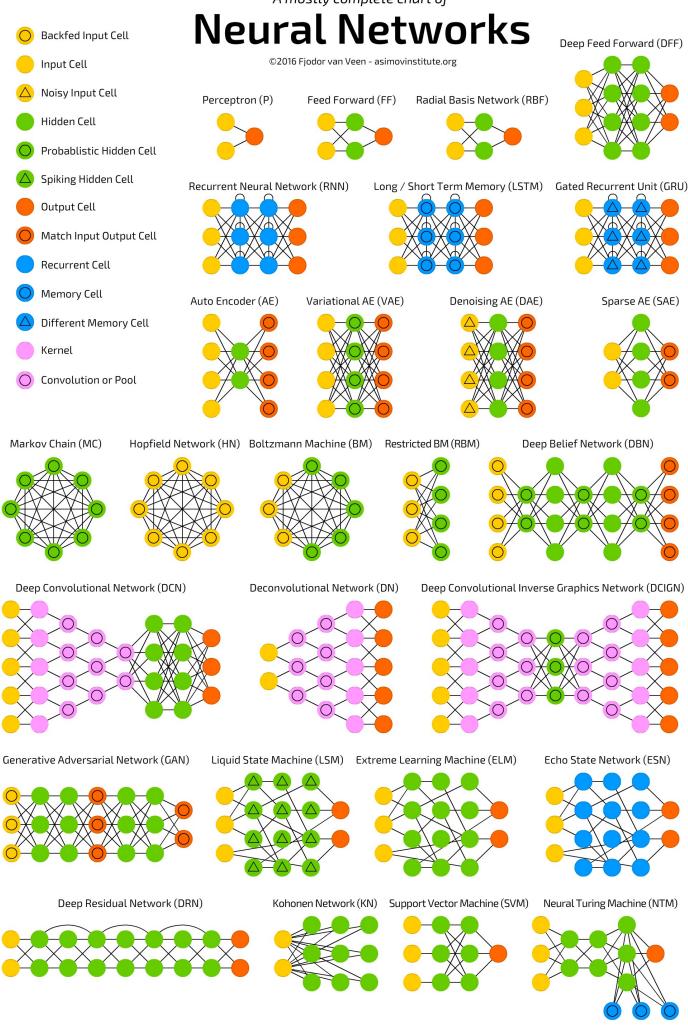
## The Layer

#### Layers are the Key Building Block of NNs in Keras

- There are a few subclasses of the Layers class: e.g., Dense is the one we have seen so far layers.Dense().
- There are many more, though. See: <a href="https://keras.io/api/layers/">https://keras.io/api/layers/</a>.
- Most notably, there are pre-processing layers, convolutional layers, attention layers, etc.
- These are different architectural components that can be mixed and matched to create different network topologies.
- It's possible to make custom layers, as is shown in the book, e.g., "SimpleDense()", but we won't need this immediately.



#### A mostly complete chart of



## Recap

#### **Building Blocks of NNs**

- Tensors and Tensor Operations
- Activation Functions
- Loss Functions
- Backpropagation: Derivatives, Gradients & the Chain Rule

#### **Procedure of Minibatch Stochastic Gradient Descent**

- Grab a batch of observations (samples)
- Predict their labels using current weights / bias terms.
- Calculate loss value.
- Calculate gradient of loss w.r.t. all weight / bias terms.
- Update each weight by subtracting its gradient\*learning rate
- Cycle over the whole training dataset (each cycle is an epoch) repeatedly, until loss is small.