

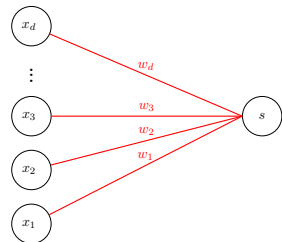
# Lecture 3 - Back Propagation

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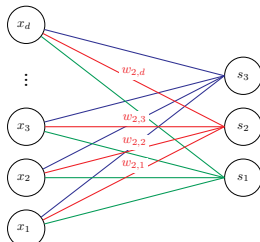
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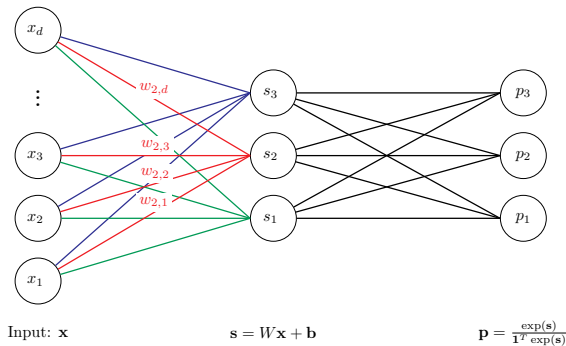
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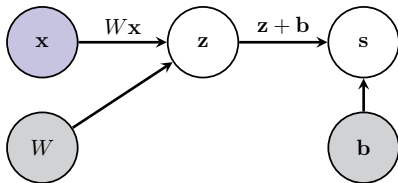
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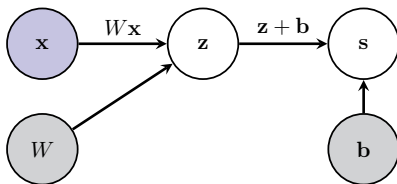


The computational graph:

- Represents order of computations.
- Displays the dependencies between the computed quantities.
- User input, parameters that have to be learnt.

Computational Graph helps automate gradient computations.

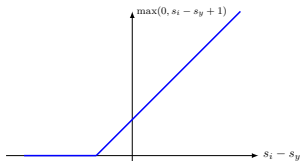
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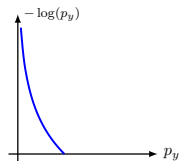
# Quality measures a.k.a. loss functions we've encountered

## Multi-class SVM loss



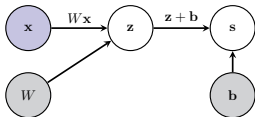
$$l_{\text{SVM}}(\mathbf{s}, y) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq y}}^C \max(0, s_j - s_y + 1)$$

## Cross-entropy loss

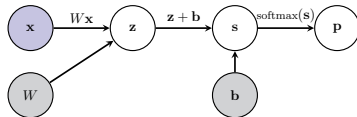


$$l_{\text{cross}}(\mathbf{p}, y) = -\log(p_y)$$

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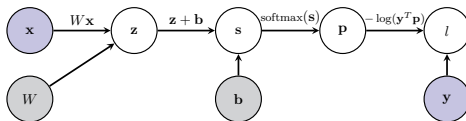
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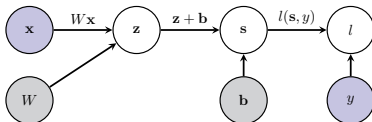
# Computational graph of the complete loss function

- Linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss

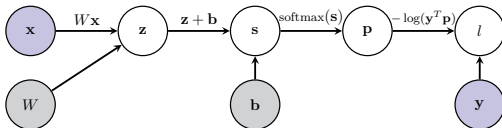


where  $y$  is the **1-hot response vector** induced by the label  $y$ .

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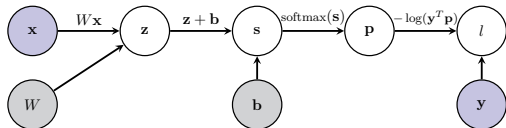


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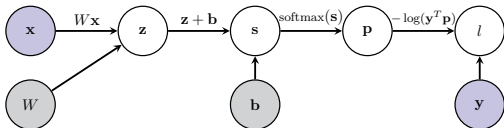
- Let  $l$  be the loss function defined by the computational graph.
- Find  $W, \mathbf{b}$  by optimizing

$$\arg \min_{W, \mathbf{b}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})$$

- Solve using a variant of **mini-batch gradient descent**  
 $\implies$  need to efficiently compute the gradient vectors

$$\nabla_W l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})|_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})|_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}}$$

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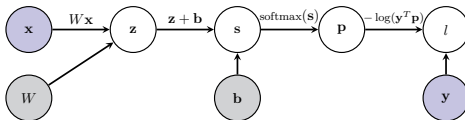
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- Answer: **Back Propagation**

# Today's lecture: Gradient computations in neural networks

- For our learning approach need to be able to compute gradients efficiently.
- BackProp is algorithm for achieving given the form of many of our classifiers and loss functions.



- BackProp relies on the **chain rule** applied to the **composition of functions**.
- Example: the composition of functions

$$l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{W}, \mathbf{b}) = -\log(\mathbf{y}^T \text{SoftMax}(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}))$$

**linear classifier** then **SoftMax** then **cross-entropy loss**

Chain Rule for functions with a scalar input and a scalar output

# Differentiation of the composition of functions

- Have two functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- Define  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as the composition of  $f$  and  $g$ :

$$h(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

- How do we compute

$$\frac{dh(x)}{dx} ?$$

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- Derivative of  $h$  w.r.t.  $x$  is given by the Chain Rule.

- **Chain Rule**

$$\frac{dh(x)}{dx} = \frac{df(y)}{dy} \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \quad \text{where } y = g(x)$$



# Example of the Chain Rule in action

- Have

$$g(x) = x^2, \quad f(x) = \sin(x)$$

- One composition of these two functions is

$$h(x) = f(g(x)) = \sin(x^2)$$

- According to the **chain rule**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dh(x)}{dx} &= \frac{df(y)}{dy} \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \quad \leftarrow \text{where } y = x^2 \\ &= \frac{d \sin(y)}{dy} \frac{dx^2}{dx} \\ &= \cos(y) 2x \\ &= 2x \cos(x^2) \quad \leftarrow \text{plug in } y = x^2 \end{aligned}$$

# The composition of $n$ functions

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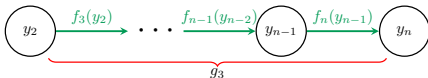
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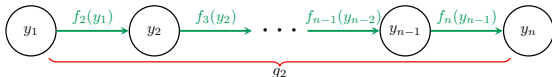
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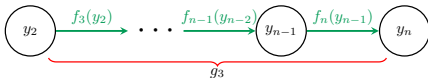
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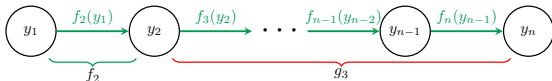
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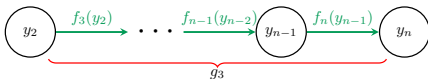
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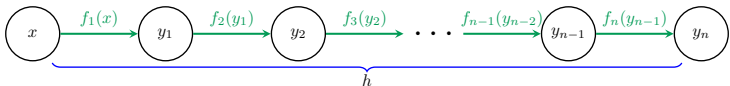


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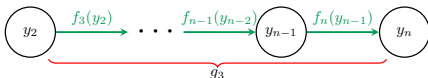


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- As  $y_j = f_j(y_{j-1})$  and  $y_0 = x$  then

$$y_n = g_j(y_{j-1}) \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$



- Apply the **Chain Rule**:

- For  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy_n}{dy_{j-1}} &= \frac{dg_j(y_{j-1})}{dy_{j-1}} = \frac{d(g_{j+1} \circ f_j)(y_{j-1})}{dy_{j-1}} = \frac{dg_{j+1}(y_j)}{dy_j} \frac{df_j(y_{j-1})}{dy_{j-1}} \\ &= \frac{dy_n}{dy_j} \frac{dy_j}{dy_{j-1}} \end{aligned}$$

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Recursively applying this fact gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dh(x)}{dx} &= \frac{dg_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } h = g_1 \\ &= \frac{d(g_2 \circ f_1)(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } g_1 = g_2 \circ f_1 \\ &= \frac{dg_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply chain rule \& } y_1 = f_1(x) \\ &= \frac{d(g_3 \circ f_2)(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } g_2 = g_3 \circ f_2 \\ &= \frac{dg_3(y_2)}{dy_2} \frac{df_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply chain rule \& } y_2 = f_2(y_1) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= \frac{dg_n(y_{n-1})}{dy_{n-1}} \frac{df_{n-1}(y_{n-2})}{dy_{n-2}} \dots \frac{df_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} \\ &= \frac{df_n(y_{n-1})}{dy_{n-1}} \frac{df_{n-1}(y_{n-2})}{dy_{n-2}} \dots \frac{df_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } g_n = f_n\end{aligned}$$

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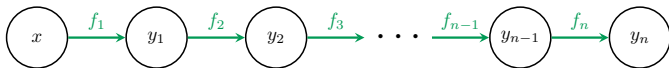
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- Have a value for  $x = x^*$
- Want to (efficiently) compute

$$\left. \frac{dh(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=x^*}$$

- Use the **Back-Propagation** algorithm.
- It consists of a **Forward** and **Backward** pass.

# Back-Propagation for path graphs: Forward Pass



Evaluate  $h(x^*)$  and keep track of the intermediary results

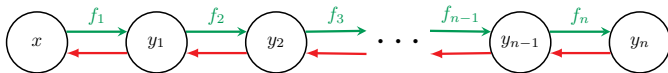
- Compute  $y_1^* = f_1(x^*)$ .

- for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$

$$y_j^* = f_j(y_{j-1}^*)$$

- Keep a record of  $y_1^*, \dots, y_n^*$ .

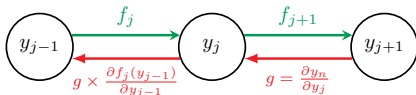
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Compute local  $f_j$  gradients and aggregate:

- Set  $g = 1$ .
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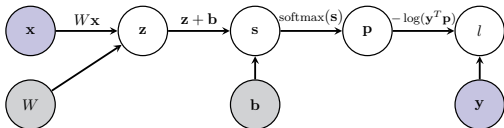
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**Note:**  $g = \left. \frac{d y_n}{d y_{j-1}} \right|_{y_{j-1}=y_{j-1}^*}$  at end of each iteration

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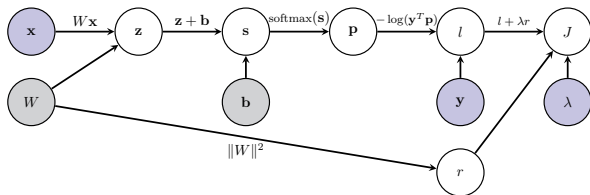
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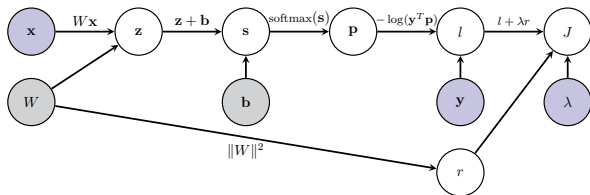


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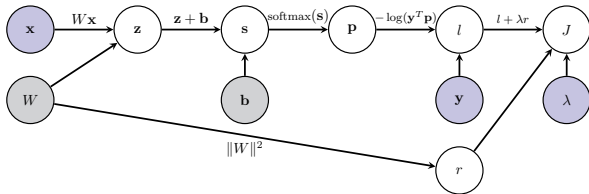
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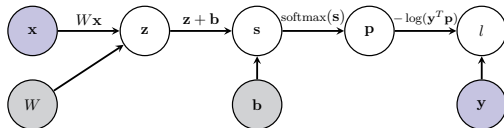
## Problem 2: Don't have scalar inputs and outputs



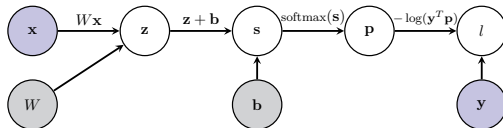
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- Nearly all of the inputs and intermediary outputs are **vectors** or **matrices**.
- How are the derivatives defined in this case?



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Chain Rule for functions with vector inputs and vector outputs

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$$h(\mathbf{x}) = (f \circ g)(\mathbf{x}) = f(g(\mathbf{x}))$$

- Consider

$$\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- How is it defined and computed?
- What's the chain rule for vector valued functions?

# Chain Rule for vector input and output

- Let  $\mathbf{y} = h(\mathbf{x})$  where each  $h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$  then

$$\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_c}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_c}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{this is a Jacobian matrix}$$

and is a matrix of size  $c \times d$ .

- Chain Rule** says if  $h = f \circ g$  ( $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$ ) then

$$\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

where  $\mathbf{z} = g(\mathbf{x})$  and  $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{z})$ .

- Both  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$  ( $c \times m$ ) and  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$  ( $m \times d$ ) defined sllly to  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ .

# Chain Rule for vector input and scalar output

The cost functions we will examine usually have a scalar output

- Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$s = g(\mathbf{z})$$

- The **Chain Rule** says gradient of output w.r.t. input

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_1} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_d} \right) \leftarrow \text{for consistency gradient def corresponds to Jacobian def.}$$

is given by a gradient times a Jacobian:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}}}_{1 \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m \times d}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial z_1} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial z_m} \right), \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial z_m}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_m}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Two intermediary vector inputs and scalar output

- $f_1 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_1}, f_2 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $m = m_1 + m_2$ )

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = f_1(\mathbf{x}),$$

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = f_2(\mathbf{x})$$

$$s = g(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) = g(\mathbf{v}) \quad \text{where } \mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- **Chain Rule** says gradient of the output w.r.t. the input

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_1} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_d} \right)$$

is given by:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{v}}}_{1 \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m \times d}$$

But

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \left( \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_1} \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\implies$

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{v}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}}_{1 \times m_1} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m_1 \times d} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}}_{1 \times m_2} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m_2 \times d}$$



- $f_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, t$  and  $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $m = m_1 + \dots + m_t$ )

$$\mathbf{z}_i = f_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, t$$

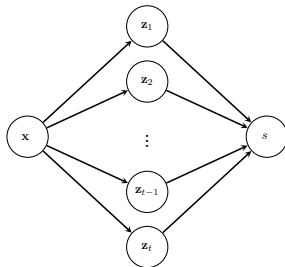
$$s = g(\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t)$$

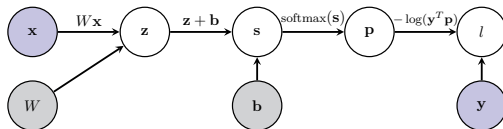
- Consequence of the **Chain Rule**

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- **Computational graph interpretation:** Let  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{x}}$  be children nodes of  $\mathbf{x}$  then

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$



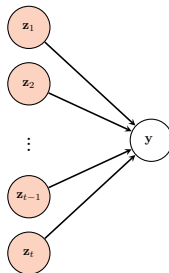


- Back-propagation when the computational graph is **not a path graph**.
- Derivative computations when the inputs and outputs are not scalars. ✓
- Will now describe Back-prop for non-path graphs.

Back-propagation for non-path computational graphs

- Have node  $y$ .
- Denote the set of  $y$ 's parent nodes by  $\mathcal{P}_y$  and their values by

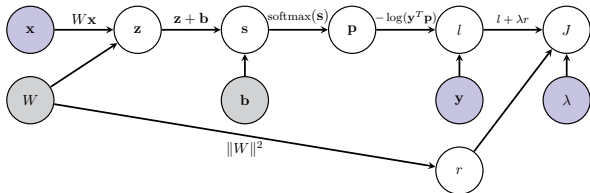
$$V_{\mathcal{P}_y} = \{\mathbf{z}.\text{value} \mid \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{P}_y\}$$



- Given  $V_{\mathcal{P}_y}$  can apply the function  $f_{\mathbf{z}}$

$$\mathbf{y}.\text{value} = f_{\mathbf{y}}(V_{\mathcal{P}_y})$$

# Results that we need but already know



- Consider node  $W$  in the above graph. Its children are  $\{z, r\}$ . Applying the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial W} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial W}$$

- In general for node  $c$  with children specified by  $\mathcal{C}_c$ :

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial c} = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{C}_c} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial c}$$

# Pseudo-Code for the Generic Forward Pass

**procedure** EVALUATEGRAPHFN( $G$ )

$\mathcal{S} = \text{GetStartNodes}(G)$

**for**  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  **do**

        ComputeBranch( $s, G$ )

**end for**

**end procedure**

▷  $G$  is the computational graph

▷ a start node has no parent and its value is already set

**procedure** COMPUTEBRANCH( $s, G$ )

$\mathcal{C}_s = \text{GetChildren}(s, G)$

**for each**  $n \in \mathcal{C}_s$  **do**

**if** ! $n$ .computed **then**

$\mathcal{P}_n = \text{GetParents}(n, G)$

**if** CheckAllNodesComputed( $\mathcal{P}_n$ ) **then** ▷ Or not all parents of children are computed

$f_n = \text{GetNodeFn}(n)$

$n.value = f_n(\mathcal{P}_n)$

$n.computed = \text{true}$

                ComputeBranch( $n, G$ )

**end if**

**end if**

**end for**

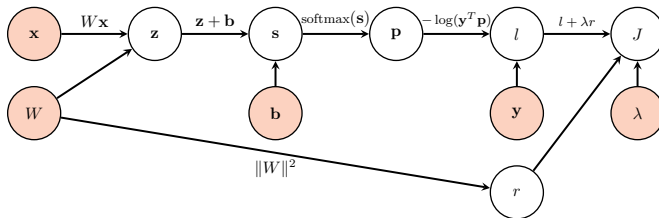
**end procedure**

▷ recursive fn evaluating nodes

▷ Try to evaluate each children node

▷ Unless child is already computed

## Identify Start Nodes



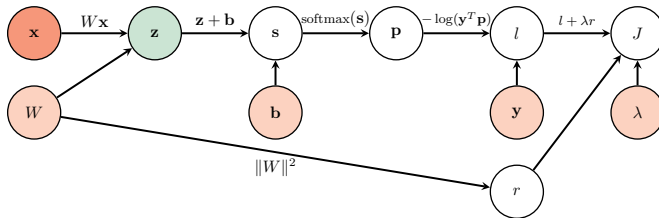
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procedure EVALUATEGRAPHFN(G)  ▷ G is the computational graph
  S = GetStartNodes(G)
  for s ∈ S do
    ComputeBranch(s, G)
  end for
end procedure
  
```

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procedure COMPUTEBRANCH(s, G)
  Cs = GetChildren(s, G)
  for each n ∈ Cs do
    if !n.computed then
      Pn = GetParents(n, G)
      if CheckAllNodesComputed(Pn) then
        fn = GetNodeFn(n)
        n.value = fn(Pn)
        n.computed = true
        ComputeBranch(n, G)
      end if
    end if
  end for
end procedure
  
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## Order in which nodes are evaluated



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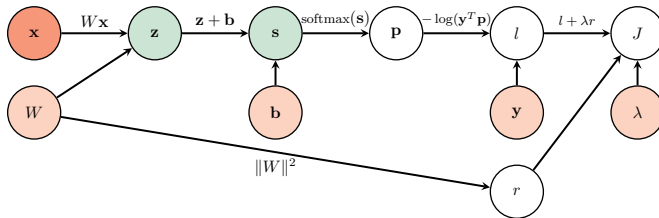
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procedure COMPUTEBRANCH( $s, G$ )
     $C_s = \text{GetChildren}(s, G)$ 
    for each  $n \in C_s$  do
        if  $\neg n.\text{computed}$  then
             $\mathcal{P}_n = \text{GetParents}(n, G)$ 
            if  $\text{CheckAllNodesComputed}(\mathcal{P}_n)$  then
                 $f_n = \text{GetNodeFn}(n)$ 
                 $n.\text{value} = f_n(\mathcal{P}_n)$ 
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                 $\text{ComputeBranch}(n, G)$ 
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        end if
    end for
end procedure
    
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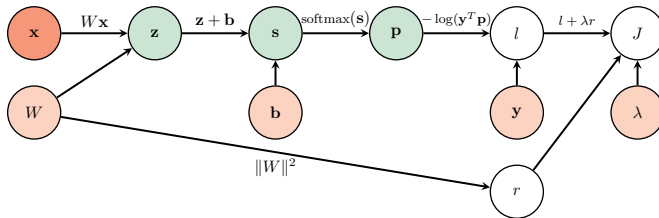
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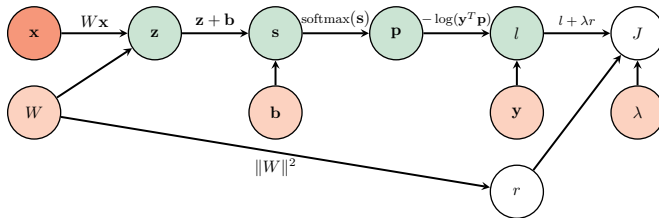
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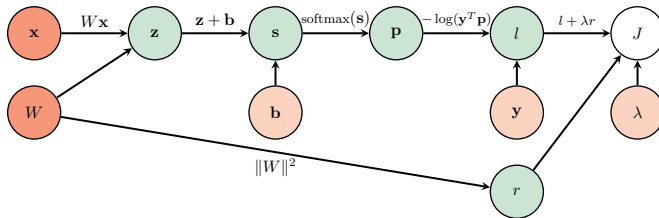
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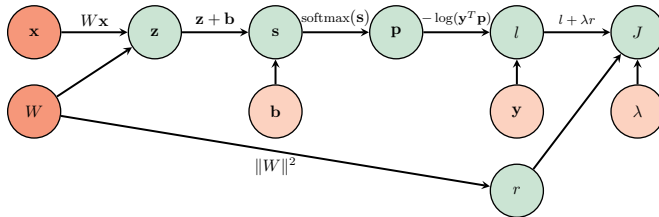
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         $n.\text{computed} = \text{true}$ 
         $\text{ComputeBranch}(n, G)$ 
      end if
    end if
  end for
end procedure
    
```

# Pseudo-Code for the Generic Backward Pass

**procedure** PERFORMBACKPASS( $G$ )

$J = \text{GetResultNode}(G)$

    BackOp( $J$ ,  $G$ )

**end procedure**

▷ node with the value of cost function

▷ Start the Backward-pass

**procedure** BACKOP( $s$ ,  $G$ )

$C_s = \text{GetChildren}(s, G)$

**if**  $C_s = \emptyset$  **then**

$s.\text{Grad} = 1$

**end if**

**if** AllGradientsComputed( $C_s$ ) **then**

$s.\text{Grad} = 0$

**for each**  $c \in C_s$  **do**

$s.\text{Grad} += c.\text{Grad} * c.s.\text{Jacobian}$

**end for**

$s.\text{GradComputed} = \text{true}$

**end if**

**for each**  $p \in \mathcal{P}_s$  **do**

$s.p.\text{Jacobian} = \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{P}_s)}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$

        BackOp( $p$ ,  $G$ )

**end for**

**end procedure**

▷ At the result node

▷ Have computed all  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{c}}$  where  $\mathbf{c} \in C_s$

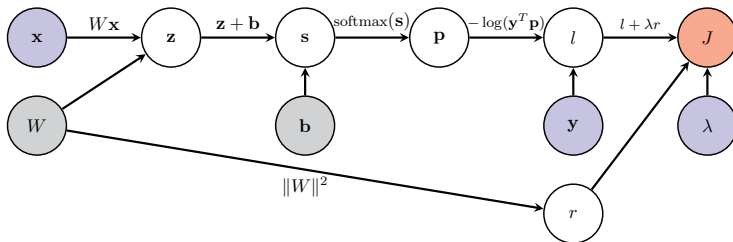
$$\triangleright \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}} += \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{s}}$$

▷ Compute the Jacobian of  $f_{\mathbf{s}}$  w.r.t. each parent node

$$\triangleright \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{s}}(\mathcal{P}_s)}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Identify Result Node



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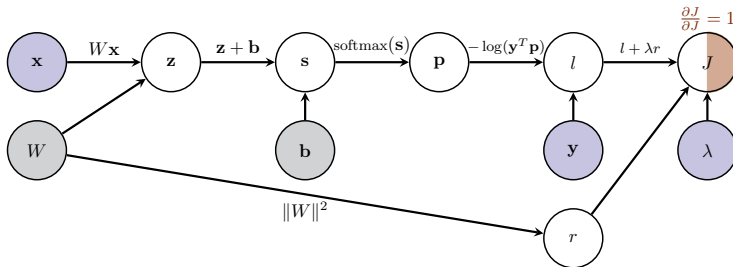
procedure PERFORMBACKPASS(G)
  J = GetResultNode(G)  $\triangleright$  node with the value of the cost function
  BackOp(J, G)  $\triangleright$  Start the Backward-pass
end procedure
  
```

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procedure BACKOP(s, G)
  Cs = GetChildren(s, G)
  if Cs =  $\emptyset$  then  $\triangleright$  At the result node
    s.Grad = 1
  else
    if AllGradientsComputed(Cs) then  $\triangleright$  All  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial c}$  computed where  $c \in C_s$ 
      s.Grad = 0
      for each c  $\in C_s$  do
        s.Grad += c.Grad * c.s.Jacobian  $\triangleright \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} += \sum \frac{\partial J}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial s}$ 
      end for
      s.GradComputed = true
    end if
  end if
  for each p  $\in P_s$  do  $\triangleright$  Compute Jacobian of fs w.r.t. each parent node
    s.p.Jacobian =  $\frac{\partial f_s(p_s)}{\partial p}$   $\triangleright \frac{\partial f_s(p_s)}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial s}{\partial p}$ 
    BackOp(p, G)
  end for
end procedure
  
```

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of current node



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procedure PERFORMBACKPASS(G)
  J = GetResultNode(G)  $\triangleright$  node with the value of cost function
  BackOp(J, G)  $\triangleright$  Start the Backward-pass
end procedure
    
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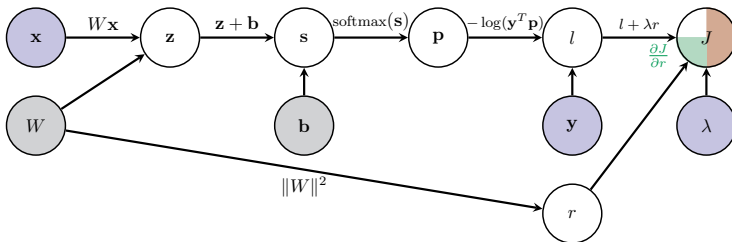
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      end for
      s.GradComputed = true
    end if
  end if
  for each p  $\in P_s$  do  $\triangleright$  Compute Jacobian of  $f_s$  w.r.t. each parent node
    s.p.Jacobian =  $\frac{\partial f_s(p_s)}{\partial p}$   $\triangleright \frac{\partial f_s(p_s)}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial s}{\partial p}$ 
    BackOp(p, G)
  end for
end procedure
    
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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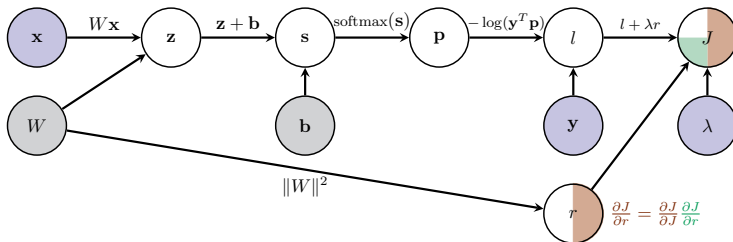
procedure PERFORMBACKPASS(G)
   $J = \text{GetResultNode}(G)$   $\triangleright$  node with the value of cost function
  BackOp( $J$ , G)  $\triangleright$  Start the Backward-pass
end procedure
  
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procedure BACKOP( $s$ , G)
   $C_s = \text{GetChildren}(s, G)$ 
  if  $C_s = \emptyset$  then  $\triangleright$  At the result node
     $s.\text{Grad} = 1$ 
  else
    if AllGradientsComputed( $C_s$ ) then  $\triangleright$  All  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial c}$  computed where  $c \in C_s$ 
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      for each  $c \in C_s$  do
         $s.\text{Grad} += c.\text{Grad} * c.s.\text{Jacobian}$   $\triangleright \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} += \frac{\partial J}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial s}$ 
      end for
       $s.\text{GradComputed} = \text{true}$ 
    end if
  end if
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    BackOp( $p$ , G)
  end for
end procedure
  
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of current node



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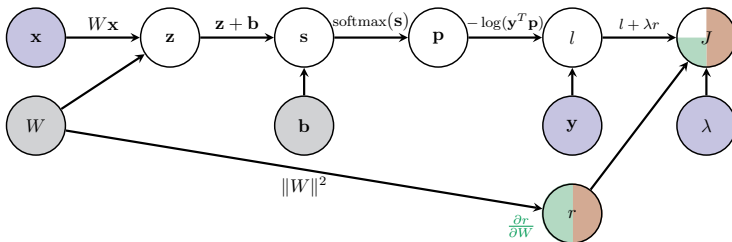
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end procedure
    
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procedure BACKOP(s, G)
  Cs = GetChildren(s, G)
  if Cs = {} then  $\triangleright$  At the result node
    s.Grad = 1
  else
    if AllGradientsComputed(Cs) then  $\triangleright$  All  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial c}$  computed where  $c \in C_s$ 
      s.Grad = 0
      for each c  $\in C_s$  do
        s.Grad += c.Grad * c.s.Jacobian  $\triangleright \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} += \frac{\partial J}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial s}$ 
      end for
      s.GradComputed = true
    end if
  end if
  for each p  $\in P_s$  do  $\triangleright$  Compute Jacobian of  $f_s$  w.r.t. each parent node
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    BackOp(p, G)
  end for
end procedure
    
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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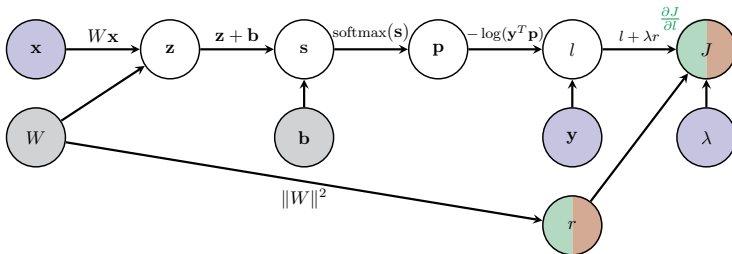
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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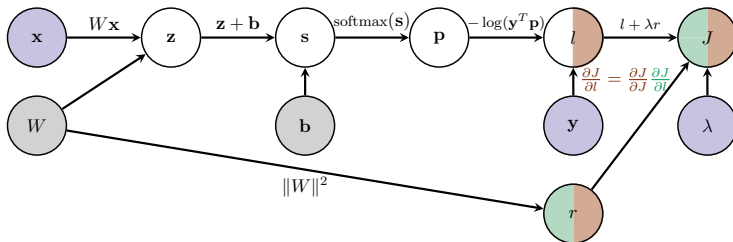
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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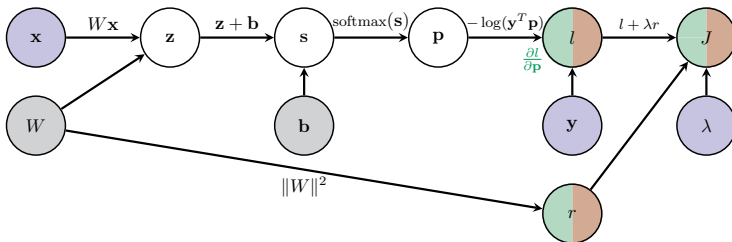
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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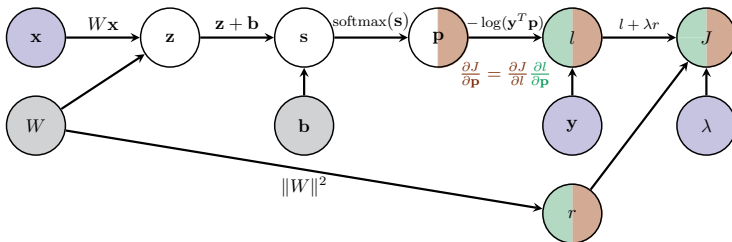
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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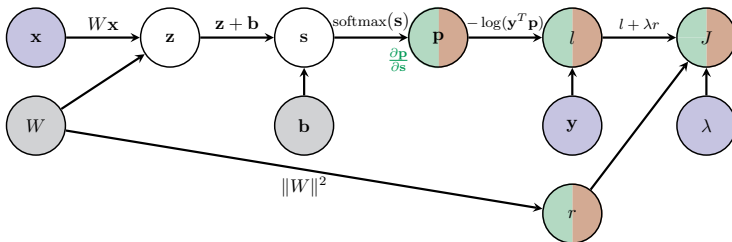
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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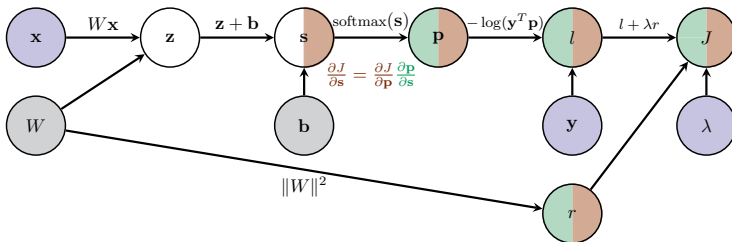
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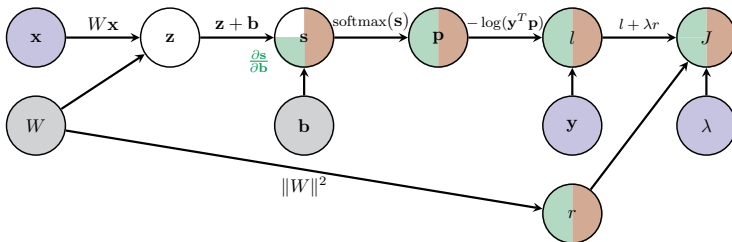
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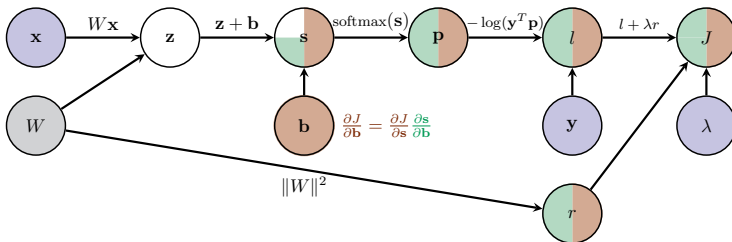
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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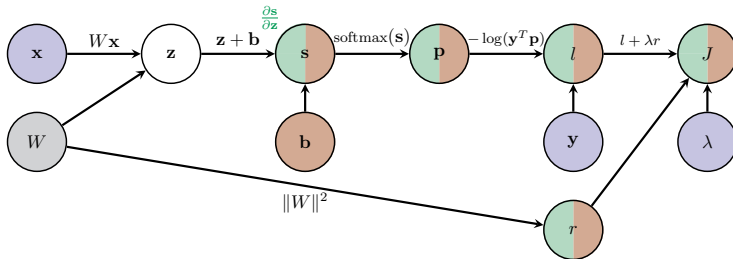
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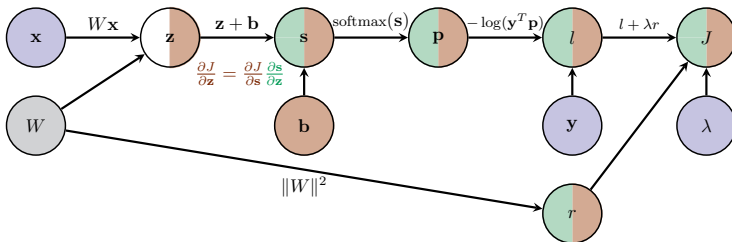
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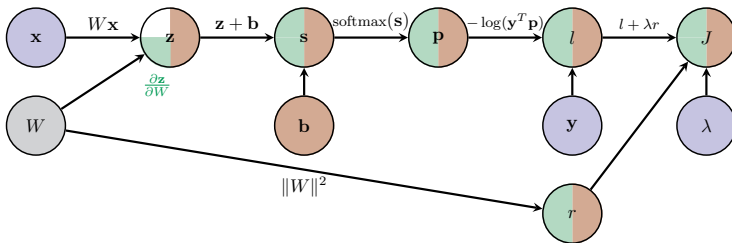
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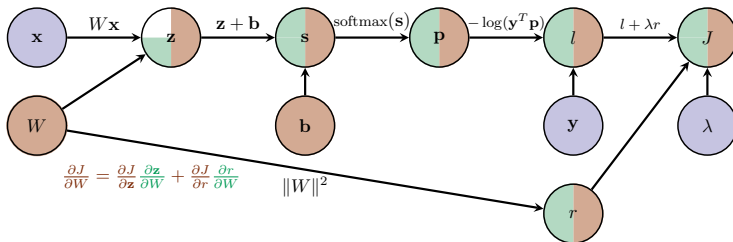
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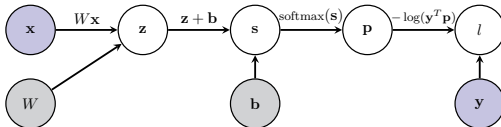
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# Issues we need to sort out

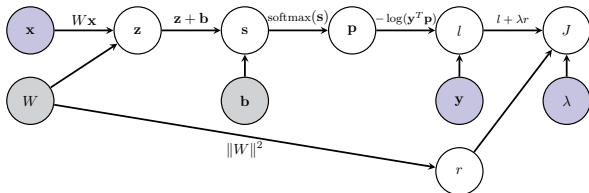


- Back-propagation when the computational graph is **not a path graph**. ✓
- Derivative computations when the inputs and outputs are not scalars. ✓
- Let's now compute some gradients!



# Example of Back-Prop in action

Compute gradients for

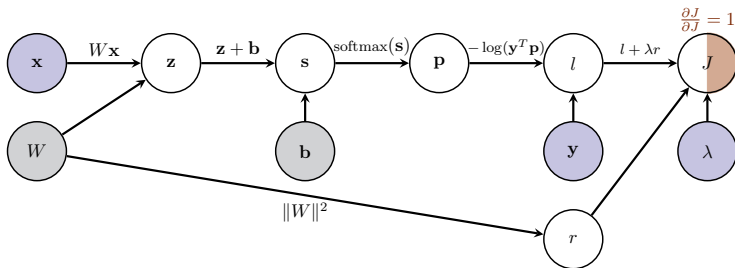


**linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss +  
Regularization**

- Assume the forward pass has been completed.
- $\implies$  value for every node is known.

# Generic Backward Pass: Gradient of current node

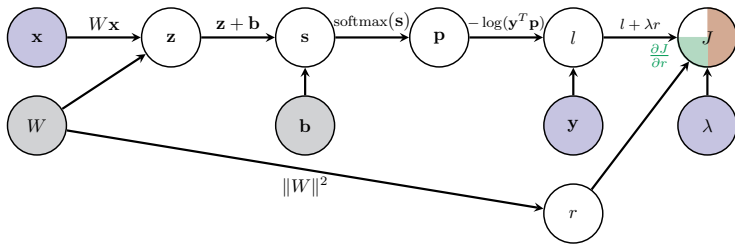
## Compute Gradient of node $J$



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial J} = 1$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

**Compute Jacobian of node  $J$  w.r.t. its parent  $r$**

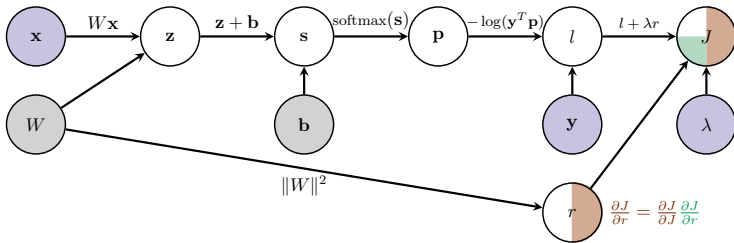


$$J = l + \lambda r$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial r} = \lambda$$

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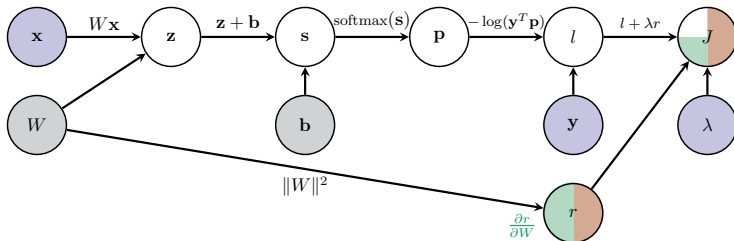


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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

**Compute Jacobian of node  $r$  w.r.t. its parent  $W$**

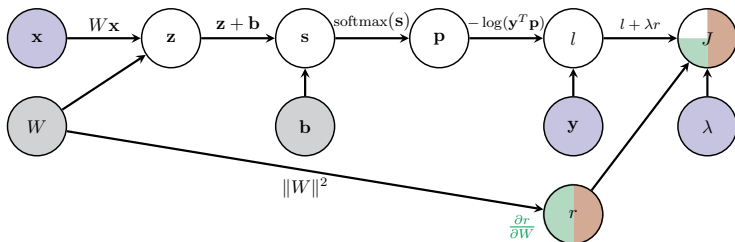


$$r = \sum_{i,j} W_{ij}^2$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial W} = ?$$

Derivative of a scalar w.r.t. a matrix

# Generic Backward Pass: Compute Jacobian



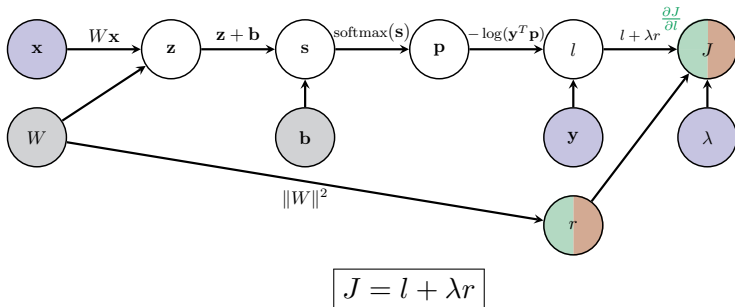
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- Jacobian to compute:  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial W} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{11}} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{12}} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{1d}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{C1}} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{C2}} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{Cd}} \end{pmatrix}$  ( $W$  is  $C \times d$ )
- The individual derivatives:  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{ij}} = 2W_{ij}$
- Putting it together in matrix notation

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial W} = 2W$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

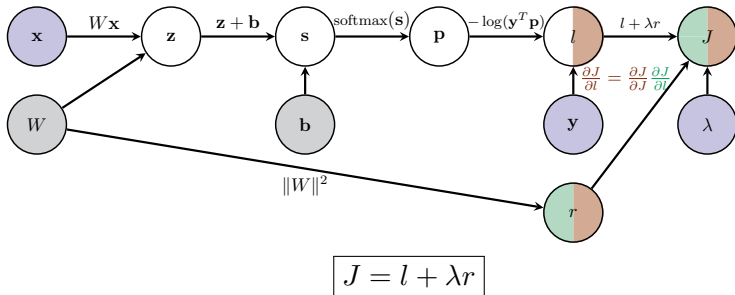
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# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node $l$

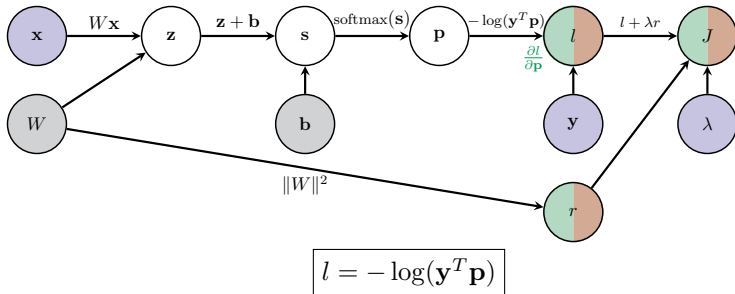


$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial J} \frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = 1$$



# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

**Compute Jacobian of node  $l$  w.r.t. its parent  $p$**

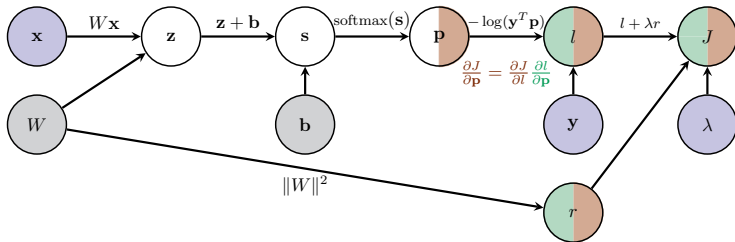


- The Jacobian we want to compute:  $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \left( \frac{\partial l}{\partial p_1}, \frac{\partial l}{\partial p_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial l}{\partial p_C} \right)$
- The individual derivatives:  $\frac{\partial l}{\partial p_i} = -\frac{y_i}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{p}}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, C$
- Putting it together:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\mathbf{y}^T}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{p}}$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node p

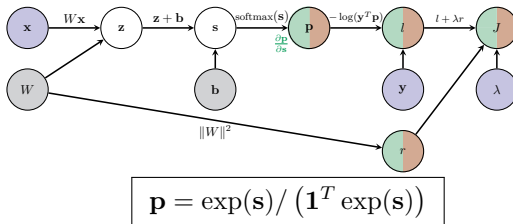


$$l = -\log(\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{p})$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial l} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

**Compute Jacobian of node p w.r.t. its parent s**



- The Jacobian we need to compute:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial s_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial s_C} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial p_C}{\partial s_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial p_C}{\partial s_C} \end{pmatrix}$

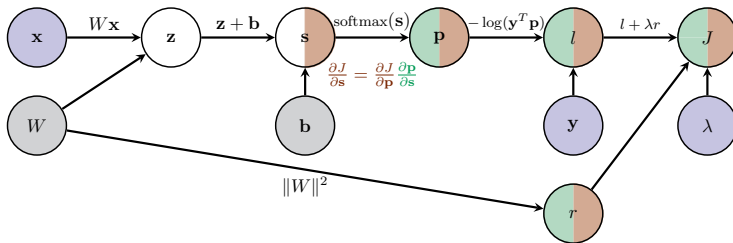
- The individual derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial s_j} = \begin{cases} p_i(1 - p_i) & \text{if } i = j \\ -p_i p_j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Putting it together in vector notation:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node s

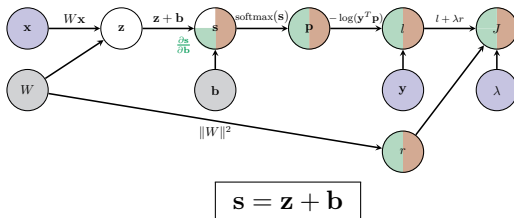


$$p = \exp(s) / (1^T \exp(s))$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s}$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

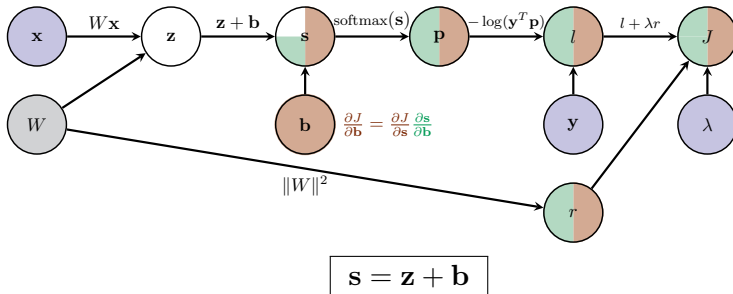
**Compute Jacobian of node s w.r.t. its parent b**



- The Jacobian we need to compute:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial b_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial b_C} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial b_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial b_C} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives:  $\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial b_j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = I_C \quad \leftarrow \text{the identity matrix of size } C \times C$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node b

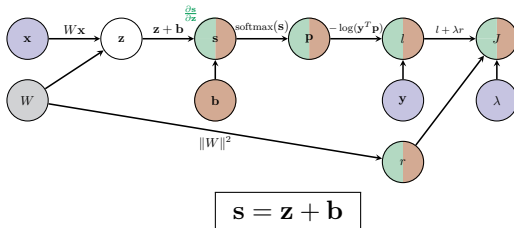


gradient needed for mini-batch g.d.training as  $\mathbf{b}$  parameter of the model  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

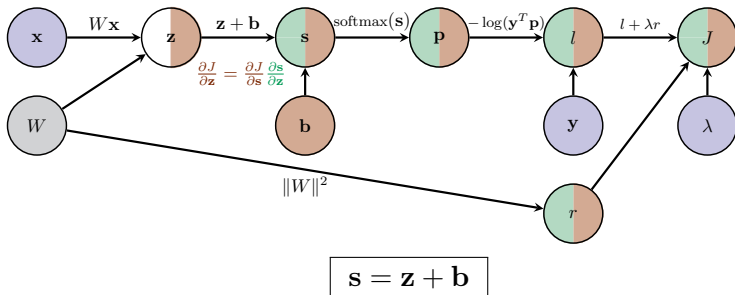
**Compute Jacobian of node  $s$  w.r.t. its parent  $z$**



- The Jacobian we need to compute:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial z_C} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial z_C} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives:  $\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial z_j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = I_C \quad \leftarrow \text{the identity matrix of size } C \times C$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node z

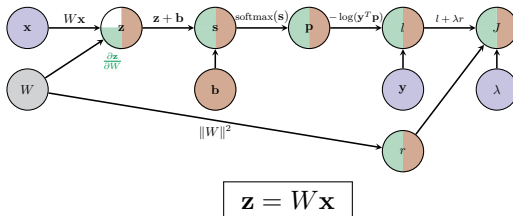


$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$$



# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node  $z$  w.r.t. its parent  $W$



- No consistent definition for “Jacobian” of vector w.r.t. matrix.
- Instead re-arrange  $W$  ( $C \times d$ ) into a vector  $\text{vec}(W)$  ( $Cd \times 1$ )

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^T \\ \mathbf{w}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_C^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{then} \quad \text{vec}(W) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1 \\ \mathbf{w}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_C \end{pmatrix}$$

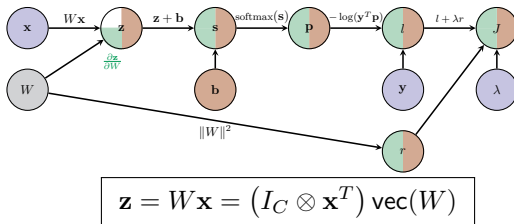
- Then

$$\mathbf{z} = \left( I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T \right) \text{vec}(W)$$

where  $\otimes$  denotes the **Kronecker product** between two matrices.

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

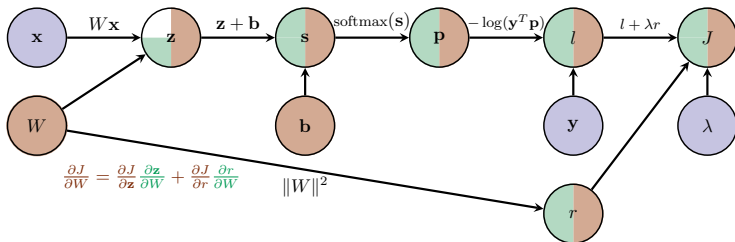
Compute Jacobian of node  $z$  w.r.t. one parent  $W$



- Let  $\mathbf{v} = \text{vec}(W)$ . Jacobian to compute:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial v_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial v_{dC}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial z_C}{\partial v_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_C}{\partial v_{dC}} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives:  $\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial v_j} = \begin{cases} x_{j-(i-1)d} & \text{if } (i-1)d + 1 \leq j \leq id \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation:  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T$

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node $W$



$$\mathbf{z} = W\mathbf{x} = (I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T) \text{vec}(W)$$

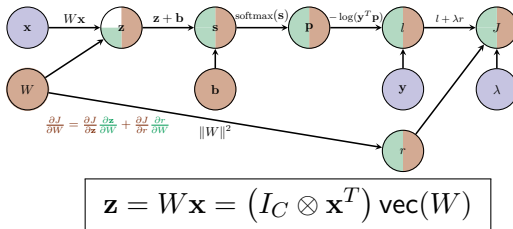
gradient needed for learning  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial J}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} \\
 &= (g_1 \mathbf{x}^T \quad g_2 \mathbf{x}^T \quad \cdots \quad g_C \mathbf{x}^T) + 2\lambda \text{vec}(W)^T
 \end{aligned}$$

if we set  $\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$ .

# Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

## Compute Gradient of node $W$



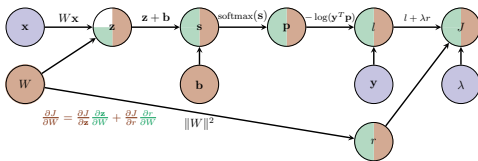
Can convert

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} = (g_1 \mathbf{x}^T \quad g_2 \mathbf{x}^T \quad \cdots \quad g_C \mathbf{x}^T) + 2\lambda \text{vec}(W)^T$$

(where  $\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$ ) from a vector ( $1 \times Cd$ ) back to a 2D matrix ( $C \times d$ ):

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \mathbf{x}^T \\ g_2 \mathbf{x}^T \\ \vdots \\ g_C \mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} + 2\lambda W = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda W$$

# Aggregating the Gradient computations



**linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization**

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \left( -\frac{\mathbf{y}^T}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{p}} \right) \leftarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$

$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{g} \left( \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p} \mathbf{p}^T \right) \leftarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}}$$

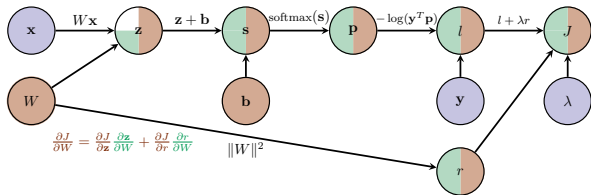
$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{g} \mathbf{I}_C \leftarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{g}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda \mathbf{W}$$

# Aggregating the Gradient computations



**linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization**

1. Let

$$\mathbf{g} = -\frac{\mathbf{y}^T}{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{p}} \left( \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p} \mathbf{p}^T \right) = -(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T \quad \leftarrow \text{easy to show this last simplification}$$

2. The gradient of  $J$  w.r.t. the bias vector is the  $1 \times C$  vector

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{g}$$

3. The gradient of  $J$  w.r.t. the weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}$  is the  $C \times d$  matrix

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda \mathbf{W}$$

# Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

- Have explicitly described the gradient computations for one training example  $(\mathbf{x}, y)$ .
- In general, want to compute the gradients of the cost function for a mini-batch  $\mathcal{D}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} J(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b}) &= L(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b}) + \lambda \|W\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b}) + \lambda \|W\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- The gradients we need to compute are

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W$$

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$

# Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

## linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization

- Compute gradient of  $L(\mathcal{D}^{(t)}, W, \mathbf{b})$  w.r.t.  $W, \mathbf{b}$ :

- Set all entries in  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$  to zero.

- for each  $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}^{(t)}$

1. Evaluate  $\mathbf{p} = \text{SoftMax}(W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$

2. Let

$$\mathbf{g} = -(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T$$

3. Add gradient of  $l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})$  w.r.t.  $\mathbf{b}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} += \mathbf{g}$$

4. Add gradient of  $l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})$  w.r.t.  $W$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} += \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T$$

- Divide by the number of entries in  $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$ :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} /= |\mathcal{D}^{(t)}|, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} /= |\mathcal{D}^{(t)}|$$

- Add the gradient for the regularization term

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W, \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$



# Matlab Efficient Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

- Let  $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_{n_b}, \mathbf{y}_{n_b})\}$  be the data in the mini-batch  $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$ .
  - Gather all  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 's from the batch into a matrix, similarly for  $\mathbf{y}_i$ 's

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{batch}} = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_{n_b} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Y}_{\text{batch}} = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{y}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{y}_{n_b} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

- Complete the **forward pass**

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{batch}} = \text{SoftMax} \left( W \mathbf{X}_{\text{batch}} + \mathbf{b} \mathbf{1}_{n_b}^T \right)$$

- Complete the **backward pass**

- Set

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{batch}} = -(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{batch}} - \mathbf{P}_{\text{batch}})$$

- Then

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \frac{1}{n_b} \mathbf{G}_{\text{batch}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{batch}}^T, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{n_b} \mathbf{G}_{\text{batch}} \mathbf{1}_{n_b}$$

- Add the gradient for the regularization term

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W, \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$