

# Backporpagation

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# reference

<http://cs231n.github.io/optimization-2>

Book 『Deep Learning from Scratch』

# How to update the gradient

Calculus

backpropagation

etc.

# Backpropagation

: a way of computing gradients of expressions through recursive application of **chain rule**

$\nabla f(x)$  : the gradient of  $f$  at  $x$  (where  $x$  is a vector of inputs)

# Gradient

Calculus

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$\nabla f(x)$  : the vector of partial derivatives

$$\nabla f = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] = [y, x]$$

e.g.

$$f(x, y) = \max(x, y) \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = 1 \ (x \geq y) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = 1 \ (y \geq x)$$

The (sub)gradient is 1 on the input that was larger and 0 on the other input

# Chain Rule

$$f(x, y, z) = (x + y)z$$

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$$q = x + y \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} = z, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = q$$

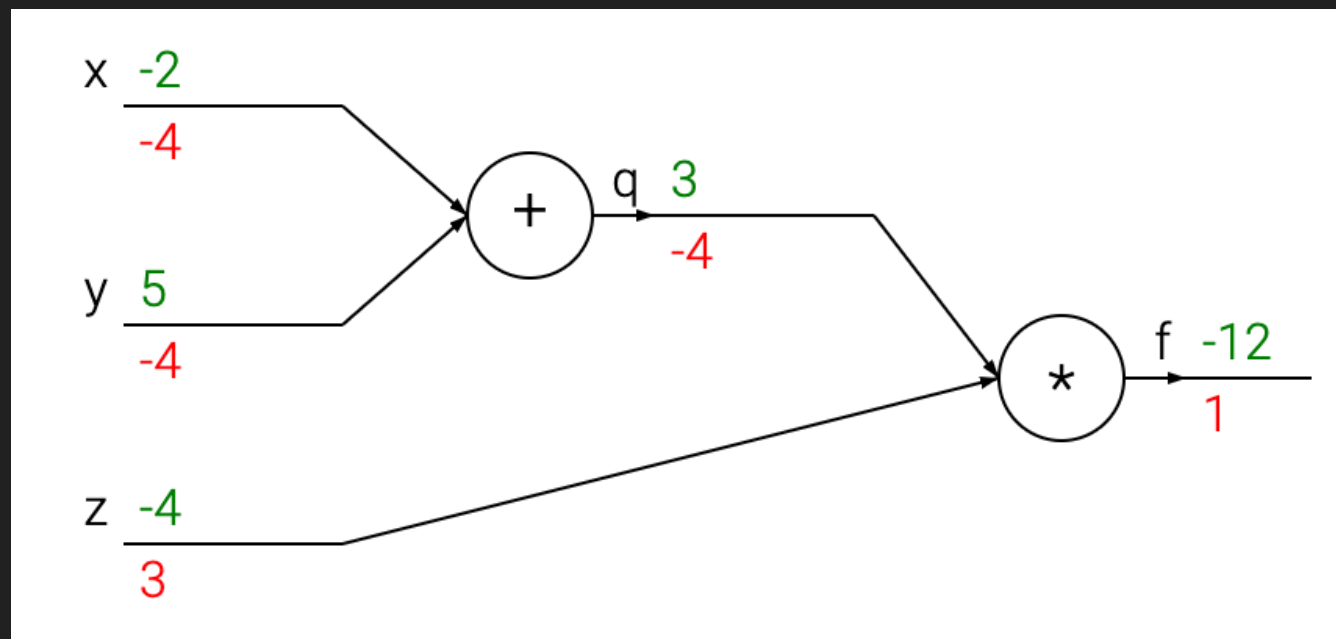
$$f = qz \quad \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 1, \quad \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} = 1$$

We don't necessarily care about the gradient on the intermediate value  $q$ -the value of  $\frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$  is not useful. Instead, we are ultimately interested in the gradient of  $f$  with respect to its inputs  $x, y, z$ .

**chain rule** -> the correct way to "chain" these gradient expressions together is through multiplication.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial x}$$

$$f(x, y, z) = (x + y)z$$



forward

backward - backpropagation

# Backpropagation

- A beautifully local process

Every gate in a circuit diagram gets some inputs and can right away compute two things:

1. Its output value
2. The *local* gradient of its inputs with respect to its output value

=> This extra multiplication (for each input) due to the chain rule can turn a single and relatively useless gate into a cog in a complex circuit such as an entire neural network.



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