



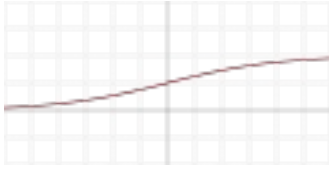
Backpropagation through Time

A Mathematical Overview

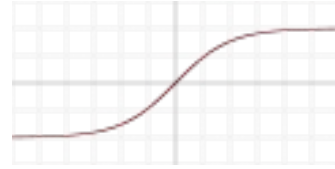


A Neural Network

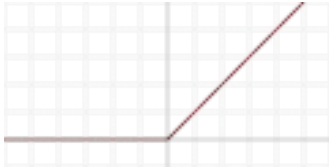
Activation Functions



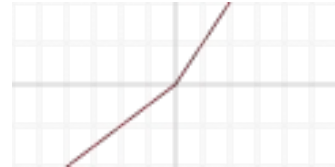
Sigmoid



Tanh



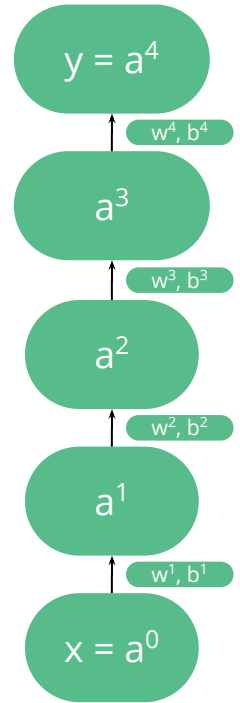
Relu



Leaky Relu

Notation

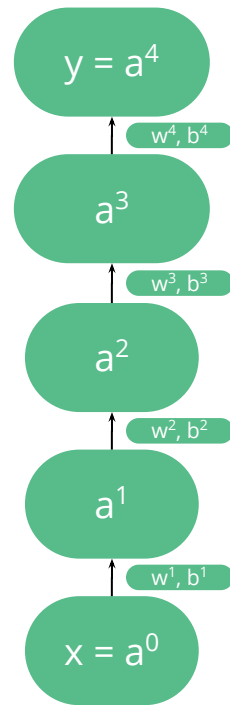
- Three Hidden Layer Neural Network
- $x \rightarrow$ Input and $y \rightarrow$ Output
- $w \rightarrow$ Weight and $b \rightarrow$ Bias



Notation

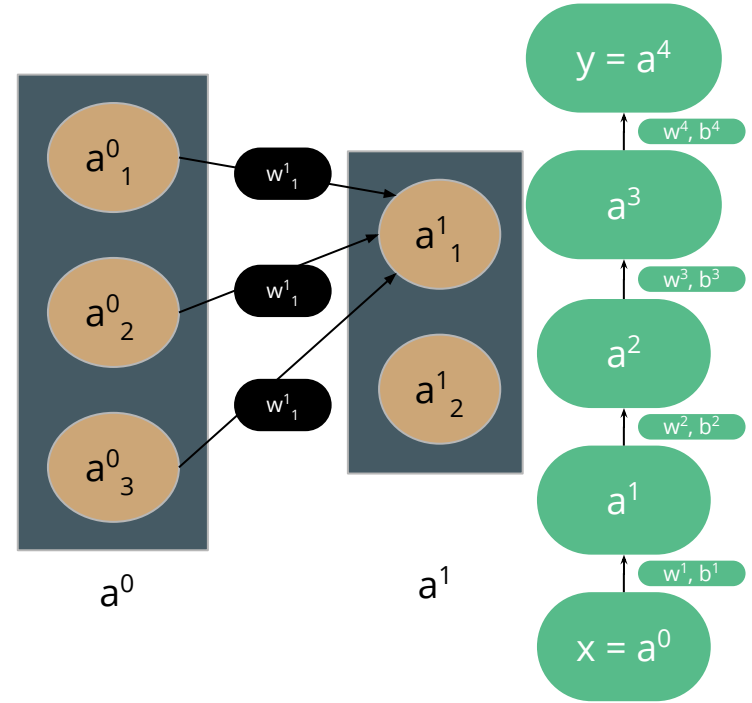
For a single data point

- Vectors $\rightarrow x, a^1, a^2, a^3, y$
- Vectors $\rightarrow b^1, b^2, b^3, b^4$
- Matrices $\rightarrow w^1, w^2, w^3, w^4$



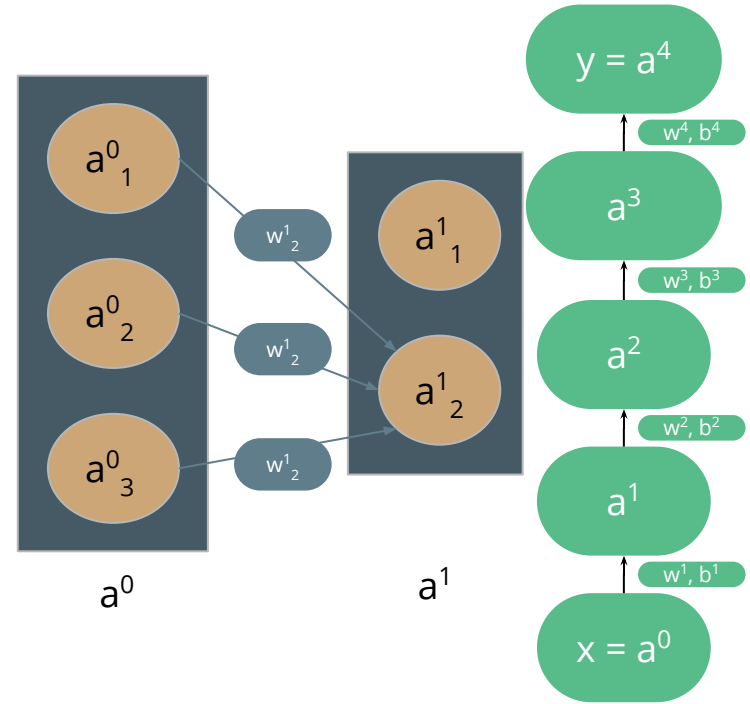
Forward Pass

- $a^1_1 = f(w^1_{11}a^0_1 + w^1_{12}a^0_2 + w^1_{13}a^0_3)$
- f : Non Linear Activation Function



Forward Pass

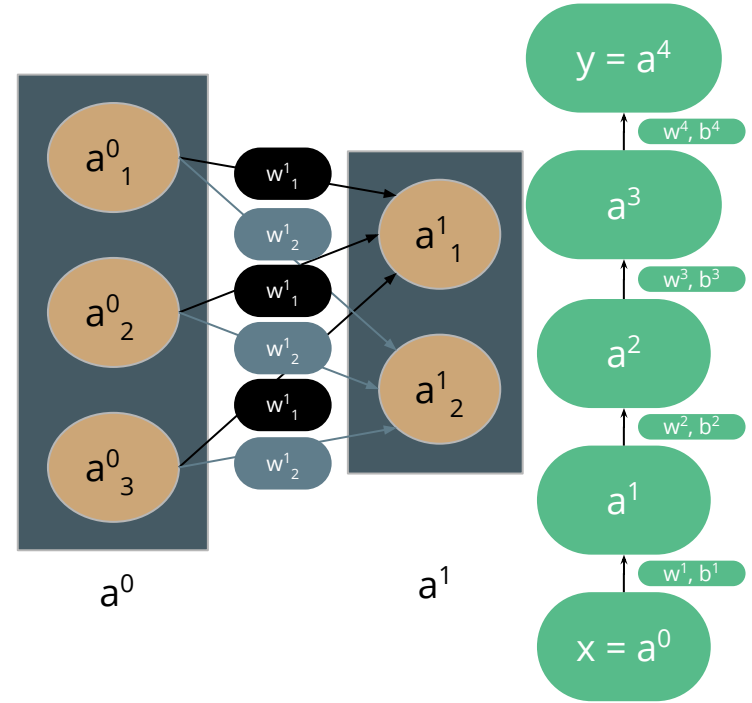
- $a^1_2 = f(w^1_{21}a^0_1 + w^1_{22}a^0_2 + w^1_{23}a^0_3)$



Forward Pass

Collecting the two

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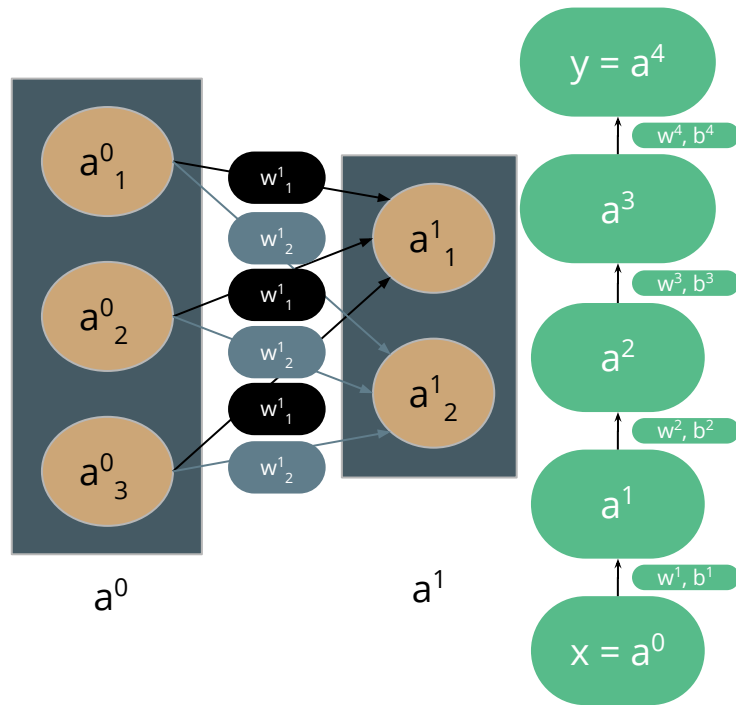
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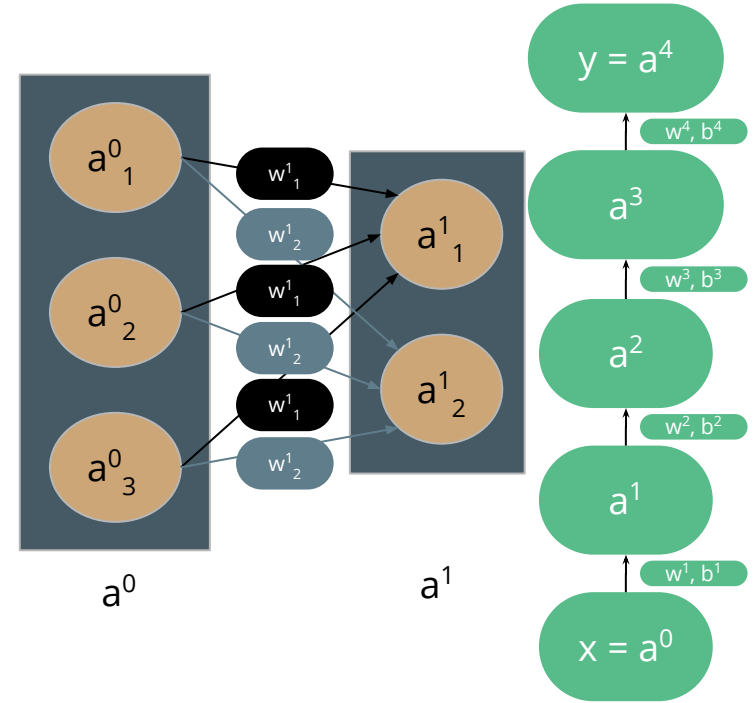
is the same as

- $z^1_1 = w^1_{11}a^0_1 + w^1_{12}a^0_2 + w^1_{13}a^0_3$
- $a^1_1 = f(z^1_1)$
- $z^1_2 = w^1_{21}a^0_1 + w^1_{22}a^0_2 + w^1_{23}a^0_3$
- $a^1_2 = f(z^1_2)$



Forward Pass

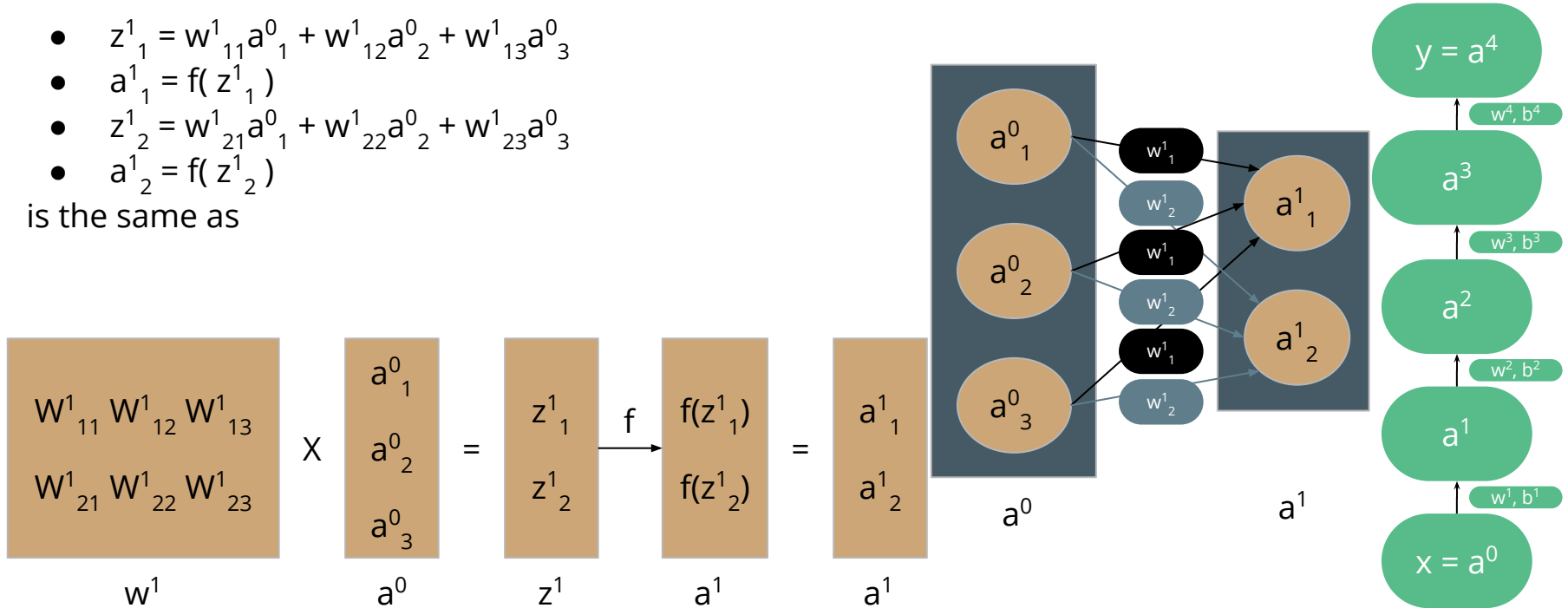
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Forward Pass

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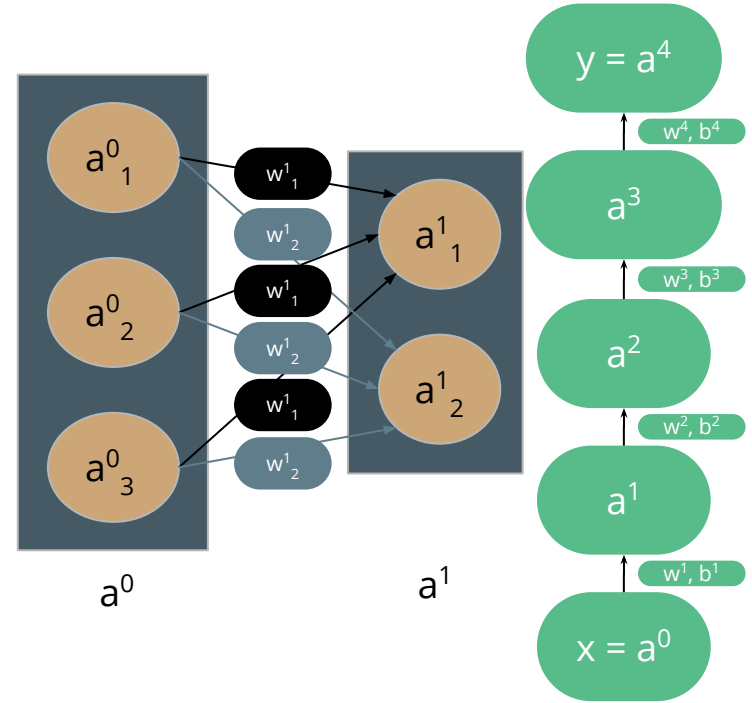


Forward Pass

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- $a^1_1 = f(z^1_1)$
- $z^1_2 = w^1_{21}a^0_1 + w^1_{22}a^0_2 + w^1_{23}a^0_3$
- $a^1_2 = f(z^1_2)$

is the same as

- $z^1 = w^1 * a^0$
- $a^1 = f(z^1)$



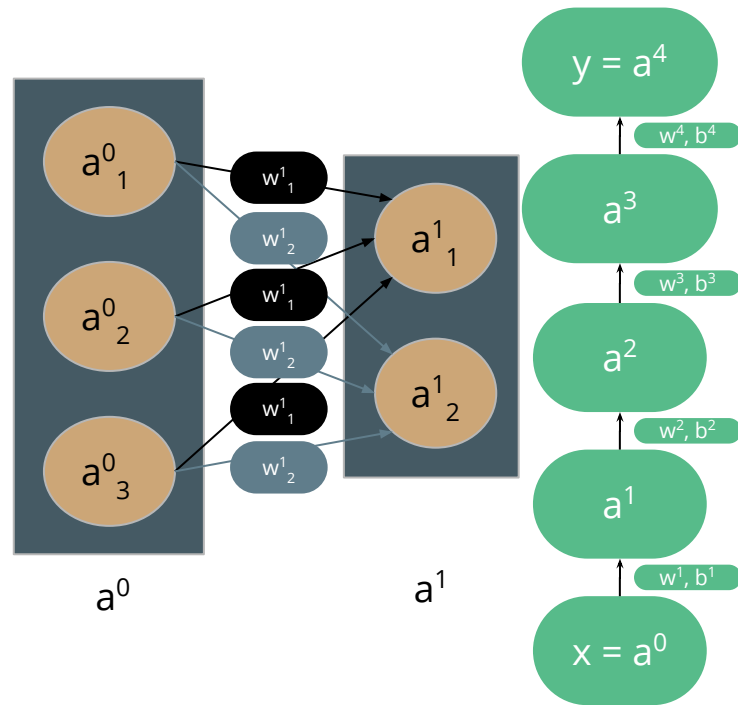
Forward Pass

Adding in the bias term as well

- $z^1_1 = w^1_{11}a^0_1 + w^1_{12}a^0_2 + w^1_{13}a^0_3 + b^1_1$
- $a^1_1 = f(z^1_1)$
- $z^1_2 = w^1_{21}a^0_1 + w^1_{22}a^0_2 + w^1_{23}a^0_3 + b^1_2$
- $a^1_2 = f(z^1_2)$

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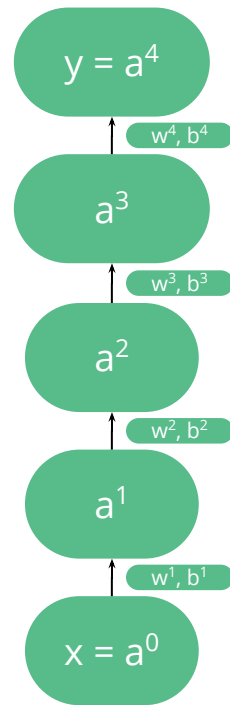
- $z^1 = w^1 * a^0 + b^1$
- $a^1 = f(z^1)$



Forward Pass

The complete forward pass

- $a^0 = x$
- $z^1 = w^1 * a^0 + b^1$
- $a^1 = f(z^1)$
- $z^2 = w^2 * a^1 + b^2$
- $a^2 = f(z^2)$
- $z^3 = w^3 * a^2 + b^3$
- $a^3 = f(z^3)$
- $z^4 = w^4 * a^3 + b^4$
- $a^4 = f(z^4)$
- $y = a^4$



Forward Pass

The Input

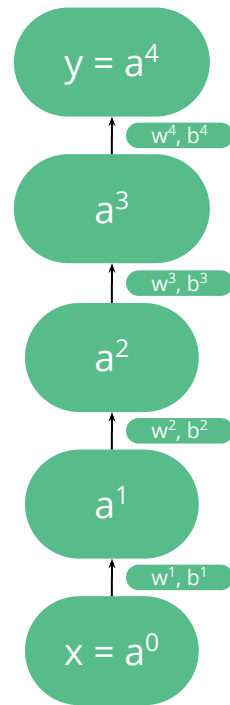
- $a^0 = x$

For $l = 1, \dots, L$ layers

- $z^l = w^l * a^{l-1} + b^l$
- $a^l = f(z^l)$

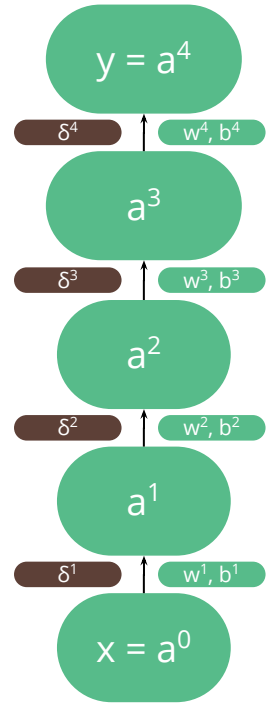
Finally

- $y = a^L$



Notation

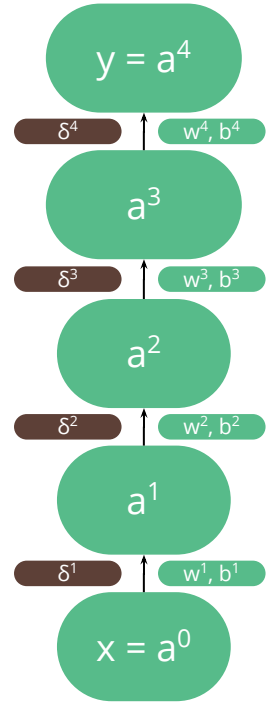
- $t \rightarrow$ Ground Truth Output
- $C \rightarrow$ Cost Function
- $\delta \rightarrow$ Gradient



The Cost Function

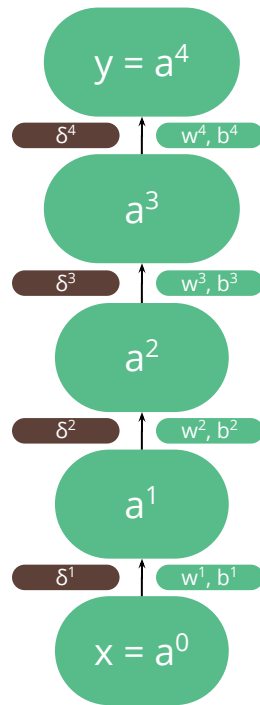
For a scalar output

- Mean Squared Error: $C = \frac{1}{2} * (y - t)^2$
- Cross Entropy: $C = t * \ln(y) + (1-t) * \ln(1-y)$



Backpropagation

- Goal: Compute $\partial C / \partial w$ and $\partial C / \partial b$
- Why: Use them for Stochastic Gradient Descent
- Define: $\delta^l = \partial C / \partial z^l$



Backward Pass

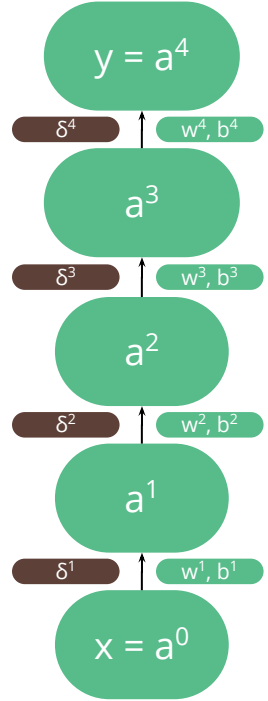
$$\delta^4 = \partial C / \partial z^4 = \partial C / \partial y * \partial y / \partial z^4$$

Now

- $\partial C / \partial y = (y - t)$
- $\partial y / \partial z^4 = \partial a^4 / \partial z^4 = f'(z^4)$

where $f'(\cdot)$ is derivative of $f(\cdot)$ w.r.t (\cdot)

$$\Rightarrow \delta^4 = (y - t) * f'(z^4)$$



Backward Pass

$$\delta^3 = \partial C / \partial z^3$$

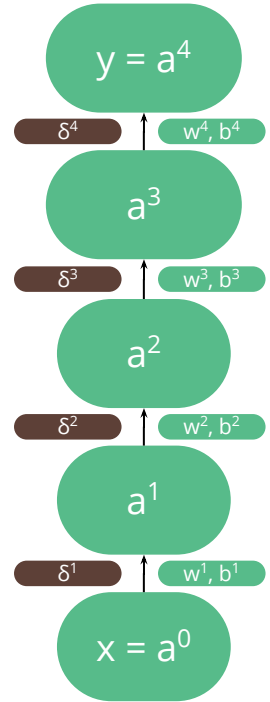
Now

- $z^4_1 = \dots + w^4_{1j} * f(z^3_j) + \dots$
- $z^4_k = \dots + w^4_{kj} * f(z^3_j) + \dots$

i.e. all elements of z^4 depend on z^3_j

Thus, by chain rule we can say that

$$\delta^3_j = \partial C / \partial z^3_j = \sum_k \partial C / \partial z^4_k * \partial z^4_k / \partial z^3_j$$



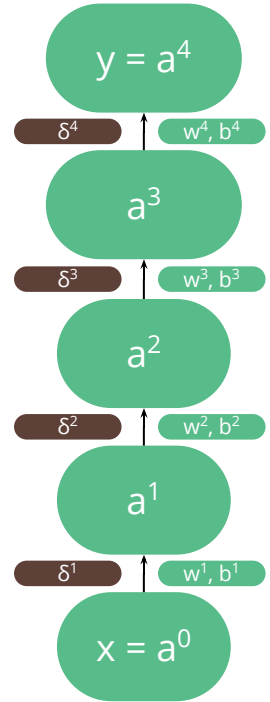
Backward Pass

$$\delta_j^3 = \partial C / \partial z_j^3 = \sum_k \partial C / \partial z_k^4 * \partial z_k^4 / \partial z_j^3$$
$$\Rightarrow \delta_j^3 = \sum_k \partial C / \partial z_k^4 * \partial z_k^4 / \partial a_j^3 * \partial a_j^3 / \partial z_j^3$$

Now

- $\partial C / \partial z_k^4 = \delta_k^4$
- $\partial z_k^4 / \partial a_j^3 = w_{kj}^4$ [As $z_k^4 = \dots + w_{kj}^4 * a_j^3 + \dots$]
- $\partial a_j^3 / \partial z_j^3 = f'(z_j^3)$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_j^3 = \left(\sum_k \delta_k^4 * w_{kj}^4 \right) * f'(z_j^3)$$

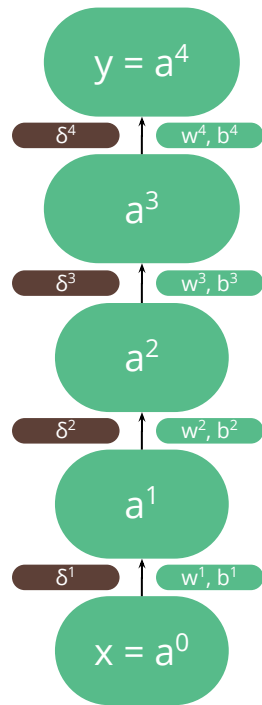
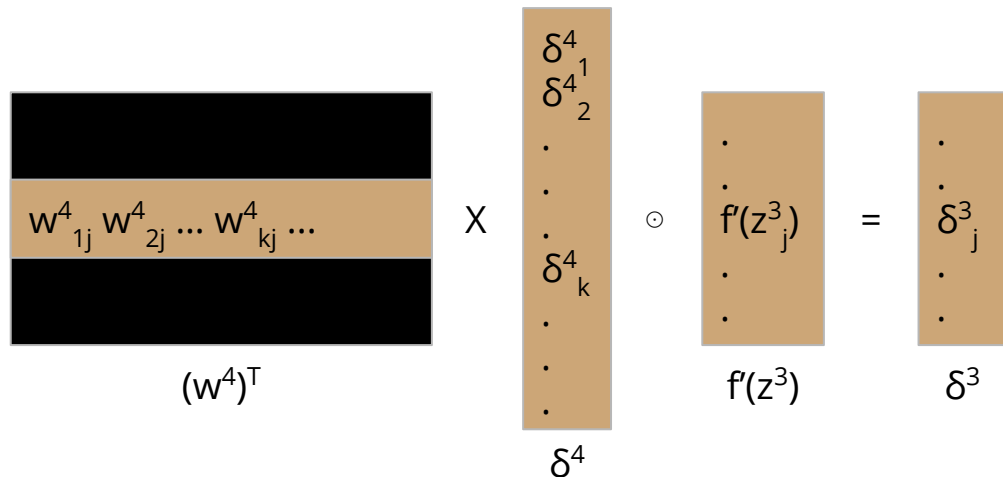


Backward Pass

$$\delta_j^3 = \left(\sum_k \delta_k^4 * w_{kj}^4 \right) * f'(z_j^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^3 = (w^4)^T * \delta^4 \odot f'(z^3)$$

where \odot = Element-wise product



Backward Pass

Hence we have

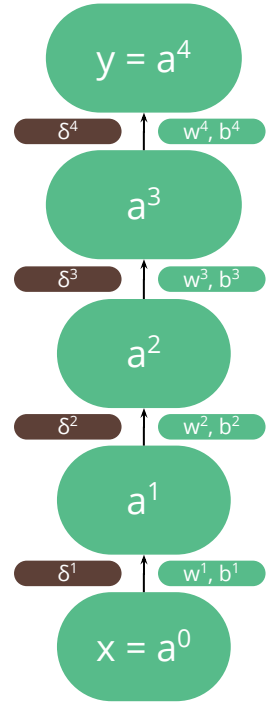
- $\delta^4 = (y - t) * f'(z^4)$
- $\delta^3 = (w^4)^T * \delta^4 \odot f'(z^3)$
- $\delta^2 = (w^3)^T * \delta^3 \odot f'(z^2)$
- $\delta^1 = (w^2)^T * \delta^2 \odot f'(z^1)$

Or in general

$$\delta^l = (w^{l+1})^T * \delta^{l+1} \odot f'(z^l) \quad \text{for } l = 1, 2, \dots, L-1$$

$$\delta^L = \nabla_y C \odot f'(z^L)$$

where $\nabla_y C$ is derivative of cost wrt output



Backward Pass

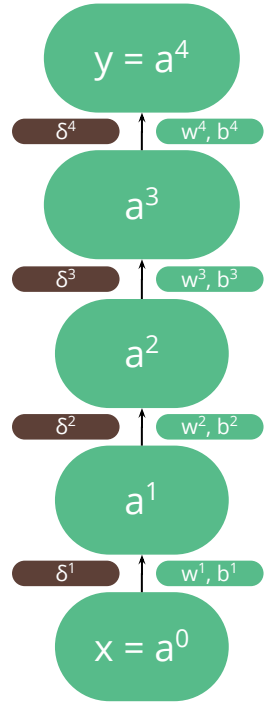
Now for our main objectives: $\partial C / \partial w_{jk}^l$ and $\partial C / \partial b_j^l$

$$\partial C / \partial w_{jk}^l = \partial C / \partial z_j^l * \partial z_j^l / \partial w_{jk}^l$$

Since

- $\partial C / \partial z_j^l = \delta_j^l$
 - $\partial z_j^l / \partial w_{jk}^l = a_k^{l-1}$
- [As $z_j^l = \dots + w_{jk}^l * a_k^{l-1} + \dots$]

$$\Rightarrow \partial C / \partial w_{jk}^l = \delta_j^l a_k^{l-1}$$



Backward Pass

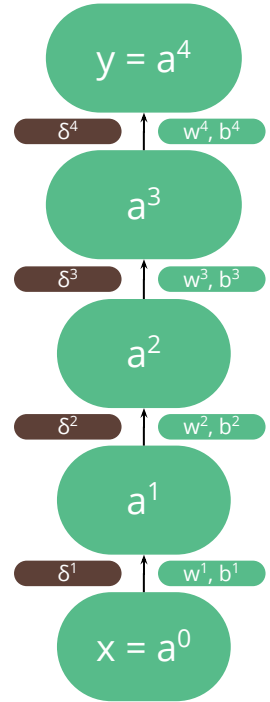
$$\partial C / \partial w_{jk}^l = \delta_j^l a^{l-1}_k$$

Or in general

$$\partial C / \partial w^l = \delta^l * (a^{l-1})^T \text{ for } l = 1, \dots, L$$

$$\begin{matrix} \delta_1^l a^{l-1}_1 & \dots & \delta_1^l a^{l-1}_m \\ \cdot & & \cdot \\ \cdot & & \cdot \\ \delta_n^l a^{l-1}_1 & \dots & \delta_n^l a^{l-1}_m \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \delta_1^l \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \delta_n^l \end{matrix} \times \begin{matrix} a^{l-1}_1 & \dots & a^{l-1}_m \end{matrix}$$

$\partial C / \partial w^l \qquad \qquad \delta^l \qquad \qquad (a^{l-1})^T$



Backward Pass

Also

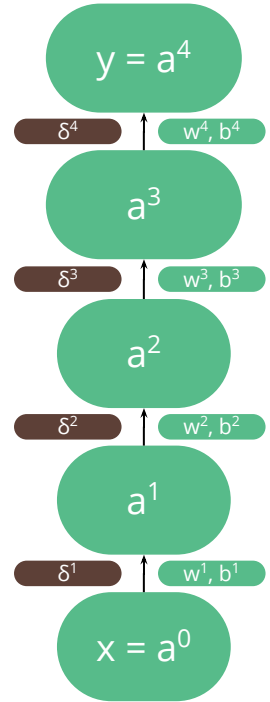
$$\partial C / \partial b_j^l = \partial C / \partial z_j^l * \partial z_j^l / \partial b_j^l$$

Since

- $\partial C / \partial z_j^l = \delta_j^l$
- $\partial z_j^l / \partial b_j^l = 1$ [As $z_j^l = \dots + b_j^l$]

$$\Rightarrow \partial C / \partial b_j^l = \delta_j^l$$

Or in general $\partial C / \partial b^l = \delta^l$ for $l = 1, \dots, L$



Backward Pass

In general:

$\delta^L = \nabla_y C \odot f'(z^L)$ where $\nabla_y C$ is derivative of cost wrt output

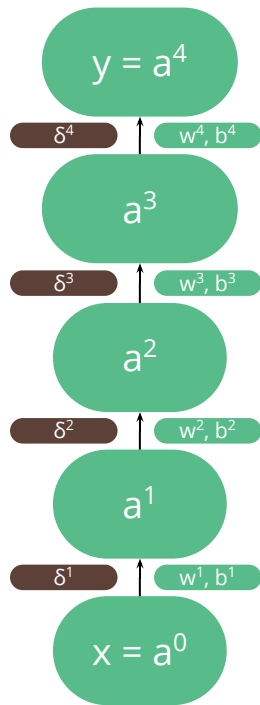
Then for $l = 1, 2, \dots, L-1$

$\delta^l = (w^{l+1})^T * \delta^{l+1} \odot f'(z^l)$ where \odot stands for element wise product

Finally for $l = 1, \dots, L$

$$\partial C / \partial w^l = \delta^l * (a^{l-1})^T$$

$$\partial C / \partial b^l = \delta^l$$



Summary

Forward Pass

The Input

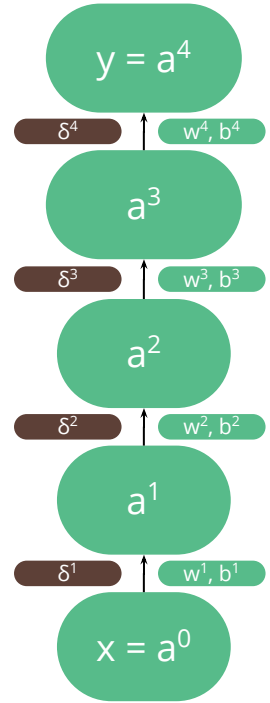
- $a^0 = x$

For $l = 1, \dots, L$ layers

- $z^l = w^l * a^{l-1} + b^l$
- $a^l = f(z^l)$

Finally

- $y = a^L$



Backward Pass

$$\delta^L = \nabla_y C \odot f'(z^L)$$

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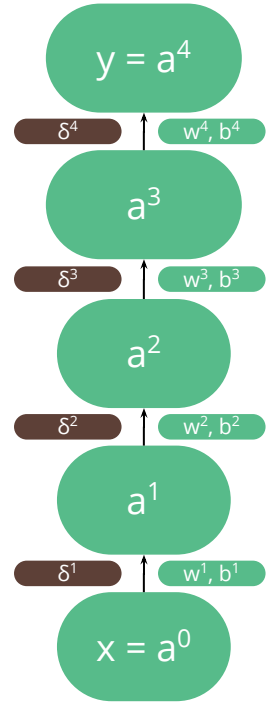
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Finally for $l = 1, \dots, L$

$$\partial C / \partial w^l = \delta^l \star (a^{l-1})^T$$

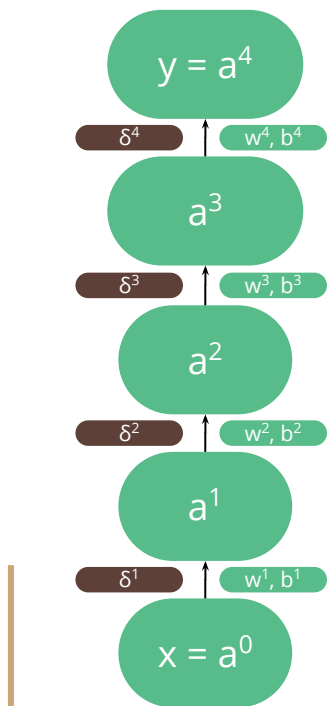
$$\partial C / \partial b^l = \delta^l$$



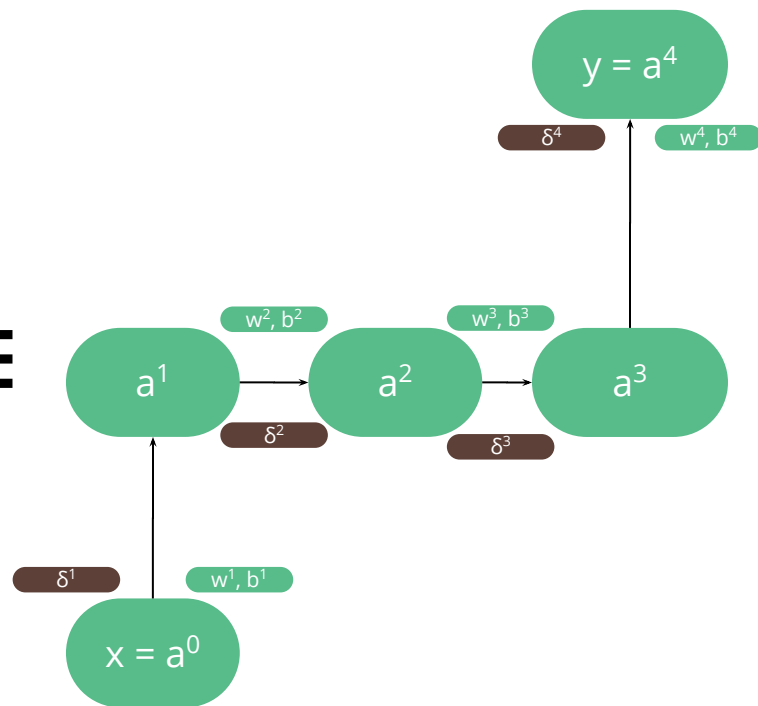


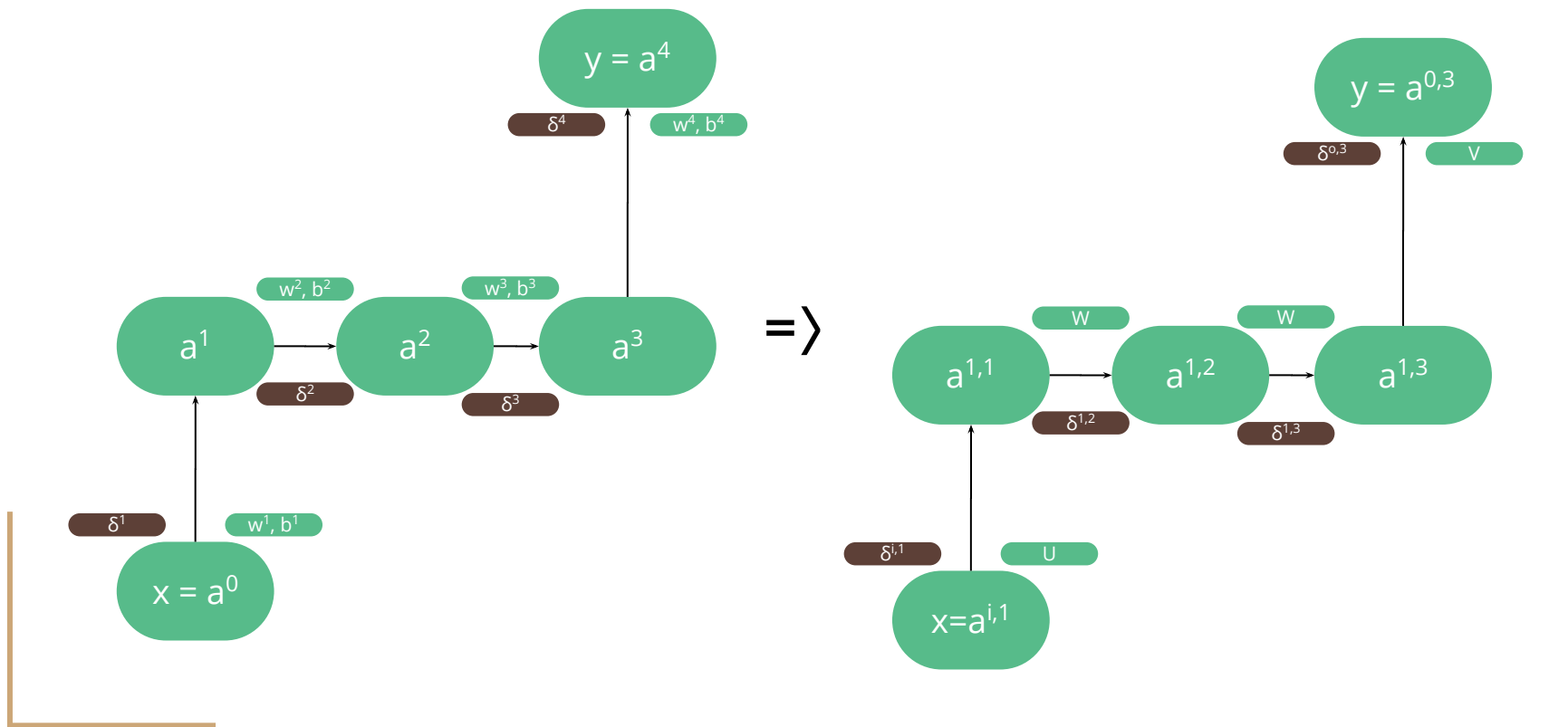
A SISO Recurrent Neural Network





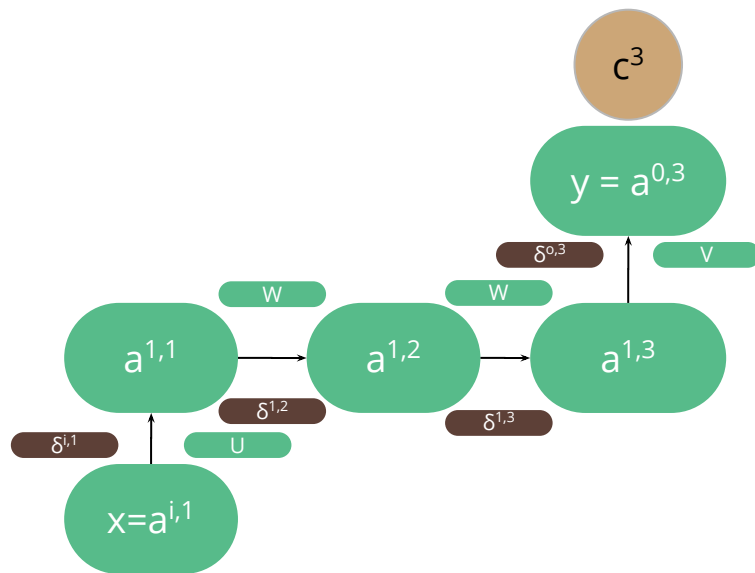
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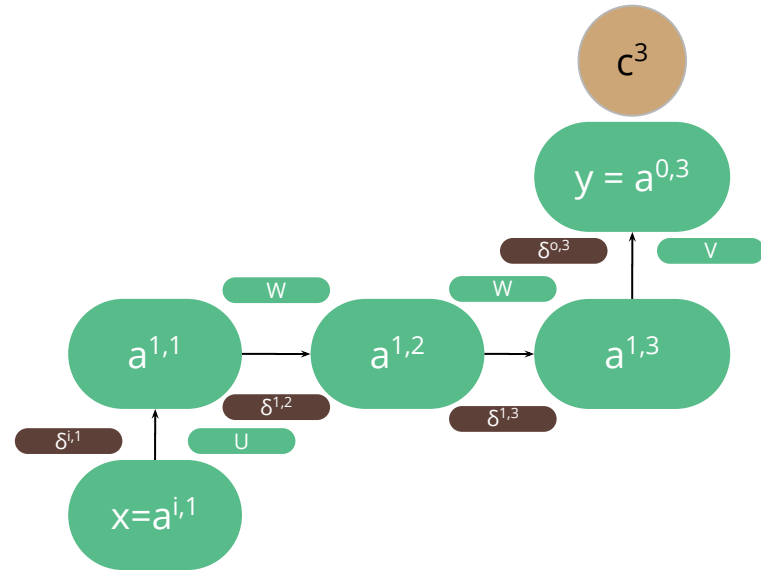
Notation

- In $(a)^{(b),(c)}$:
 - a refers to some quantity
 - b refers to the layer of the network
 - c refers to the time step
- We exclude bias for simplicity
- $i \rightarrow$ input and $o \rightarrow$ output
- Cost Function $C \rightarrow C^3$

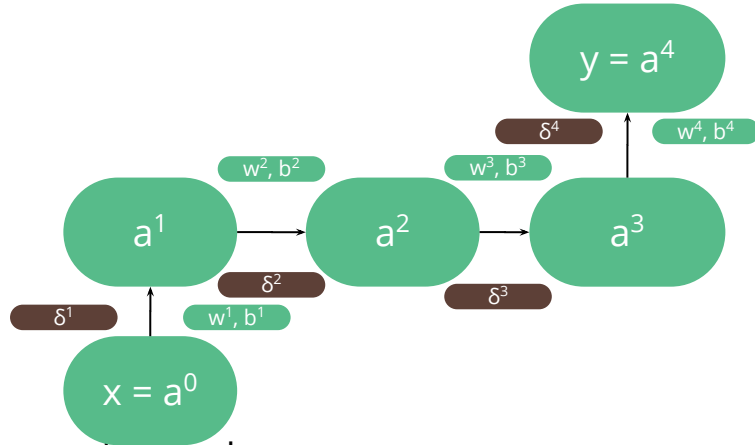


Forward Pass

- $a^{i,1} = x$
- $z^{1,1} = U a^{i,1}$
- $a^{1,1} = f(z^{1,1})$
- $z^{1,2} = W a^{1,1}$
- $a^{1,2} = f(z^{1,2})$
- $z^{1,3} = W a^{1,2}$
- $a^{1,3} = f(z^{1,3})$
- $z^{0,3} = V a^{1,3}$
- $a^{0,3} = f(z^{0,3})$
- $y = a^{0,3}$

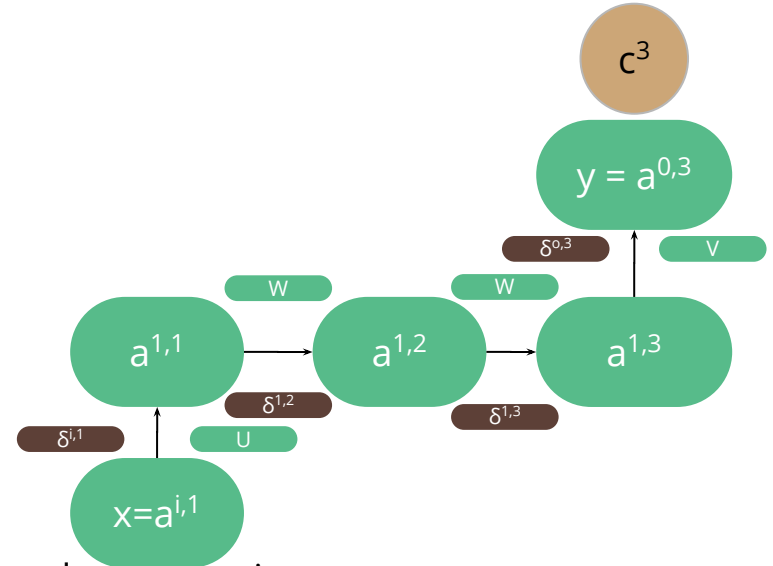


Backward Pass



From earlier we have

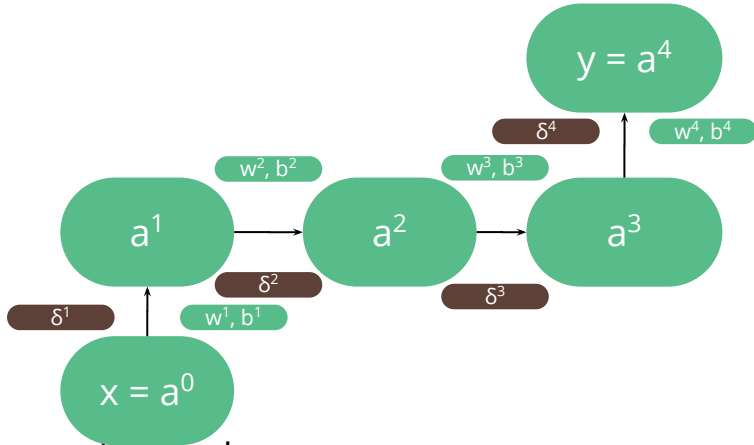
- $\delta^4 = \nabla_y C * f'(z^4)$
- $\delta^3 = (w^4)^T * \delta^4 \odot f'(z^3)$
- $\delta^2 = (w^3)^T * \delta^3 \odot f'(z^2)$
- $\delta^1 = (w^2)^T * \delta^2 \odot f'(z^1)$



By analogy we arrive at

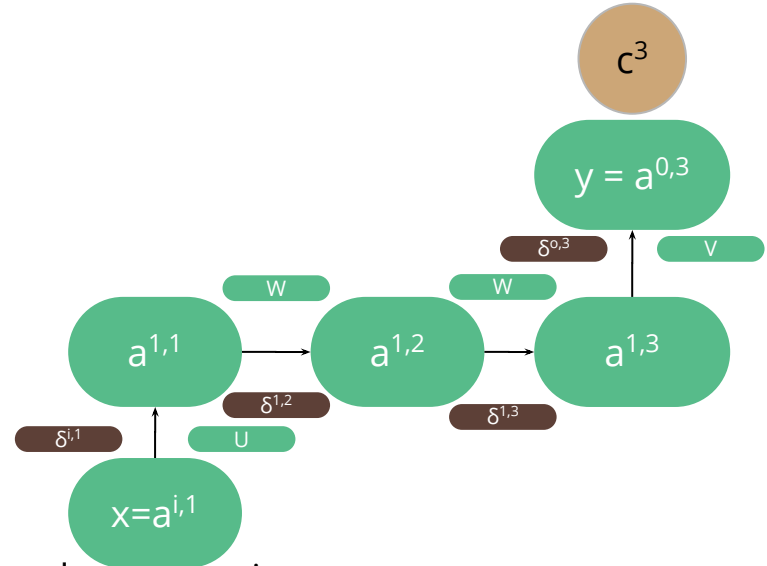
- $\delta^{0,3} = \nabla_y C^3 * f'(z^{0,3})$
- $\delta^{1,3} = V^T * \delta^{0,3} \odot f'(z^{1,3})$
- $\delta^{1,2} = W^T * \delta^{1,3} \odot f'(z^{1,2})$
- $\delta^{i,1} = U^T * \delta^{1,2} \odot f'(z^{i,1})$

Backward Pass



From earlier we have

- $\partial C / \partial w^4 = \delta^4 * (a^3)^T$
- $\partial C / \partial w^3 = \delta^3 * (a^2)^T = \partial C / \partial z^3 * \partial z^3 / \partial w^3$
- $\partial C / \partial w^2 = \delta^2 * (a^1)^T = \partial C / \partial z^2 * \partial z^2 / \partial w^2$
- $\partial C / \partial w^1 = \delta^1 * (a^0)^T$



By analogy we arrive at

- $\partial C / \partial V = \delta^{0,3} * (a^{1,3})^T$
- $\partial C / \partial U = \delta^{i,1} * (a^{i,1})^T$
- $\partial C / \partial W = ?$

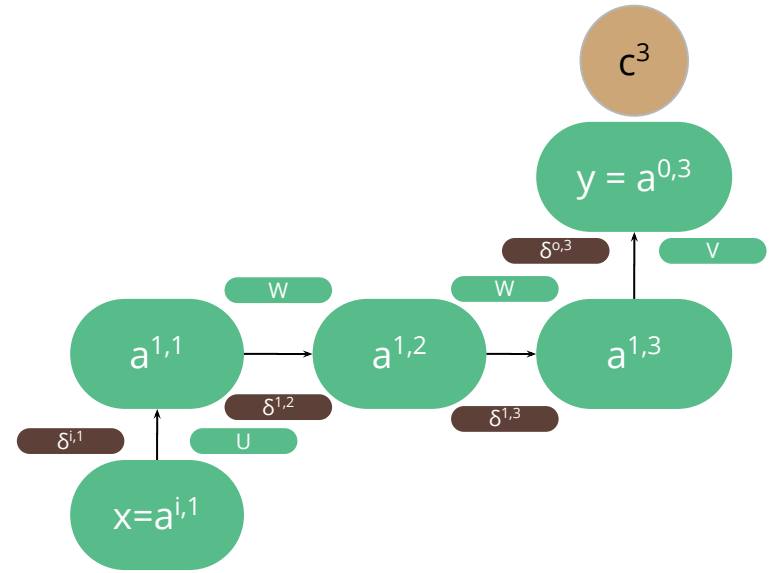
Backward Pass

As W influences both $z^{1,2}$ and $z^{1,3}$,
$$\partial C / \partial W = \partial C / \partial z^{1,3} * \partial z^{1,3} / \partial W + \partial C / \partial z^{1,2} * \partial z^{1,2} / \partial W$$

Now using the trick that all terms in $\partial C / \partial W$ are of the form $\delta_{\text{current layer}} * (a_{\text{prev layer}})^T$

Hence we get

$$\partial C / \partial W = \delta^{1,3} * (a^{1,2})^T + \delta^{1,2} * (a^{1,1})^T$$



Summary

Forward Pass

For T time steps:

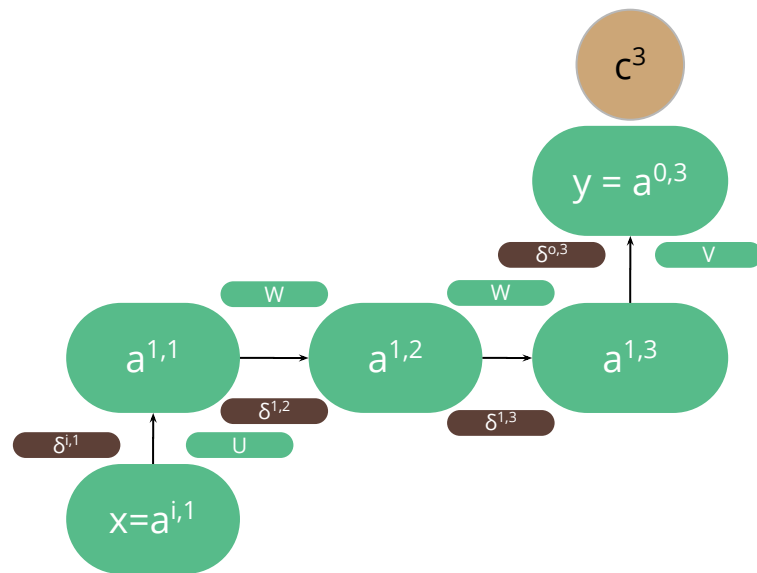
- $a^{i,1} = x$
- $z^{1,1} = U * a^{i,1}$
- $a^{1,1} = f(z^{1,1})$

For $t = 2, \dots, T$

- $z^{1,t} = W * a^{1,t-1}$
- $a^{1,t} = f(z^{1,t})$

For output

- $z^{0,T} = V * a^{1,T}$
- $a^{0,T} = f(z^{0,T})$
- $y = a^{0,T}$



Backward Pass

From output

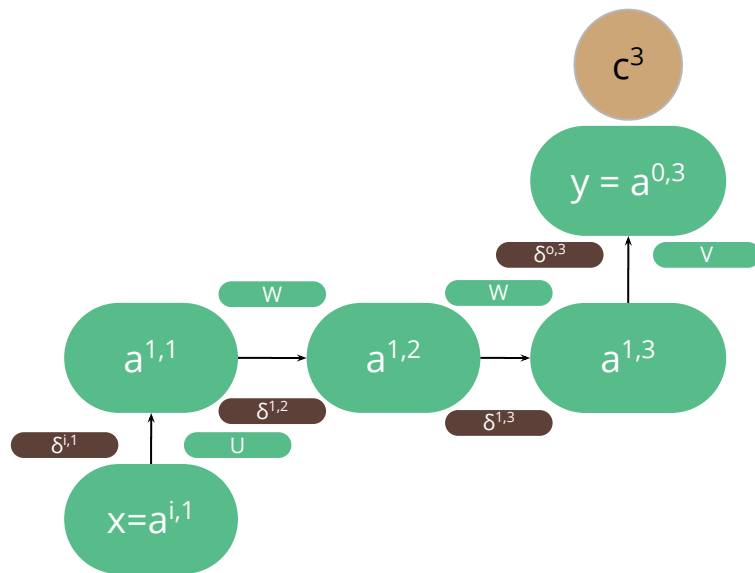
- $\delta^{0,T} = \nabla_y C^T \odot f'(z^{0,T})$
- $\delta^{1,T} = V^T * \delta^{0,T} \odot f'(z^{1,T})$

And for $t = T-1, \dots, 1$

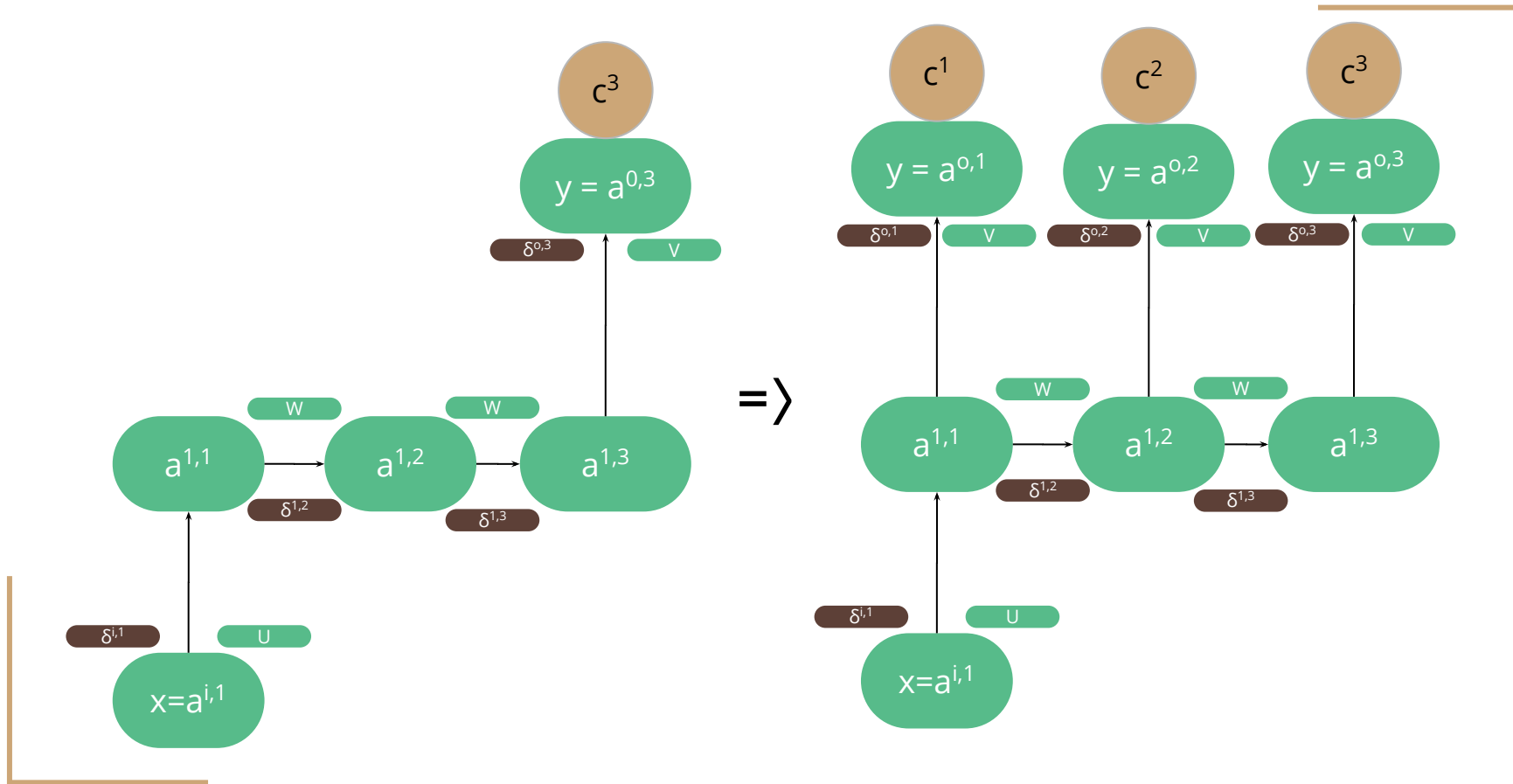
- $\delta^{1,t} = W^T * \delta^{1,t+1} \odot f'(z^{1,t})$

Finally the gradients are

- $\partial C / \partial V = \delta^{0,T} * (a^{1,T})^T$
- $\partial C / \partial U = \delta^{1,1} * (a^{i,1})^T$
- $\partial C / \partial W = \sum_{t=2}^T \delta^{1,t} * (a^{1,t-1})^T$



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Forward Pass

Input

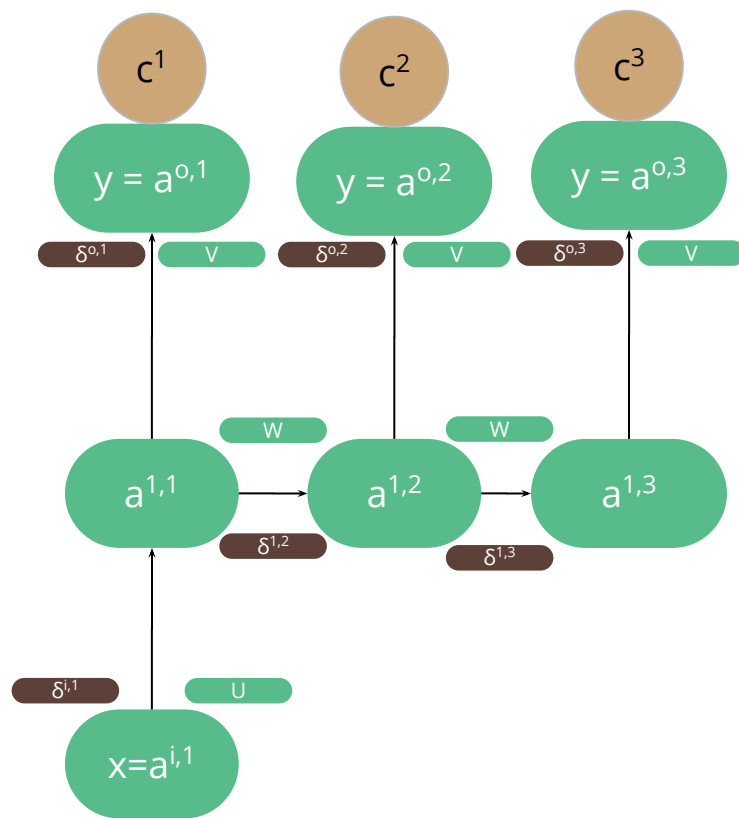
- $a^{i,1} = x$
- $z^{1,1} = U * a^{i,1}$
- $a^{1,1} = f(z^{1,1})$

Hidden (for $t = 2, \dots, T$)

- $z^{1,t} = W * a^{1,t-1}$
- $a^{1,t} = f(z^{1,t})$

Output (for $t = 1, \dots, T$)

- $z^{0,t} = V * a^{1,t}$
- $a^{0,t} = f(z^{0,t})$
- $y^t = a^{0,t}$

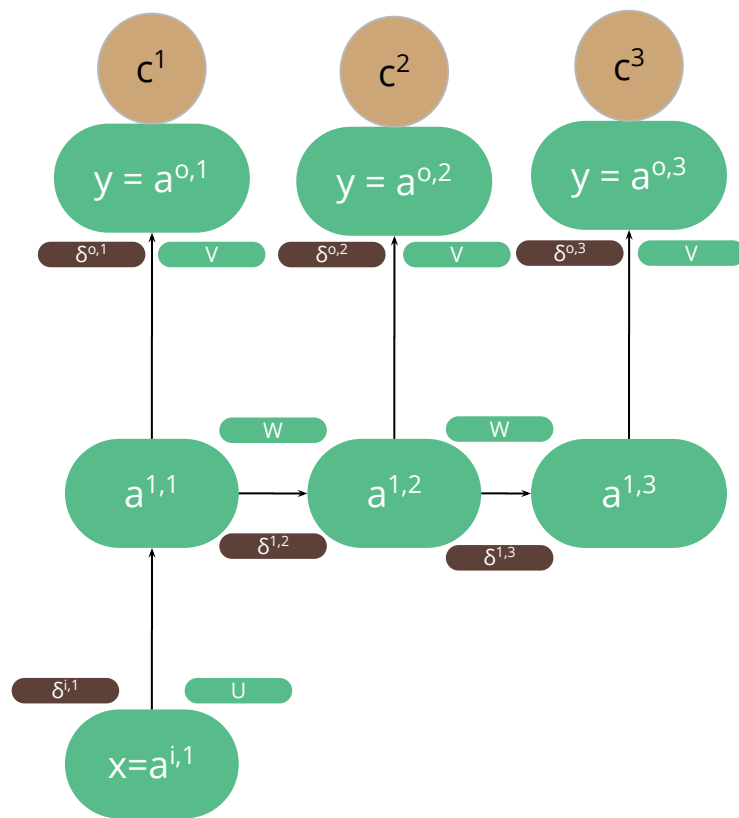


The Cost Function

- $c^1 = \frac{1}{2} * (y^1 - t^1)^2$
- $c^2 = \frac{1}{2} * (y^2 - t^2)^2$
- $c^3 = \frac{1}{2} * (y^3 - t^3)^2$

$$c = c^1 + c^2 + c^3$$

This can be extended for any other cost function and for T timesteps



Backward Pass

$$\delta^{0,3} = \partial c / \partial z^{0,3} = \partial c^3 / \partial z^{0,3}$$

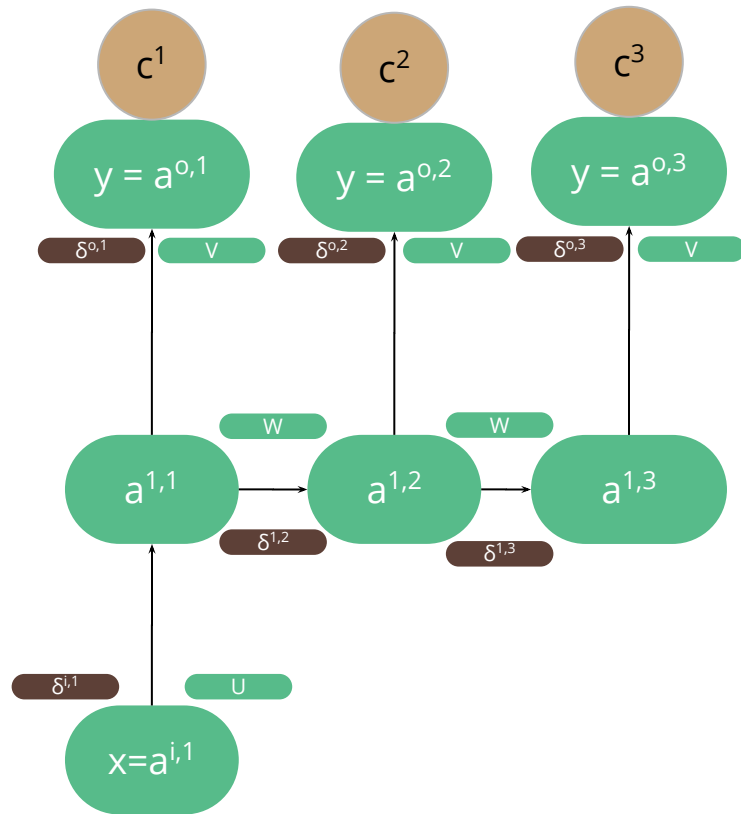
[As c^1 and c^2 don't depend on $z^{0,3}$]

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{0,3} = \partial c^3 / \partial z^{0,3} = \partial c^3 / \partial a^{0,3} * \partial a^{0,3} / \partial z^{0,3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{0,3} = \nabla_{y^3} c^3 \odot f'(z^{0,3})$$

We thus arrive at

- $\delta^{0,1} = \nabla_{y^1} c^1 \odot f'(z^{0,1})$
- $\delta^{0,2} = \nabla_{y^2} c^2 \odot f'(z^{0,2})$
- $\delta^{0,3} = \nabla_{y^3} c^3 \odot f'(z^{0,3})$



Backward Pass

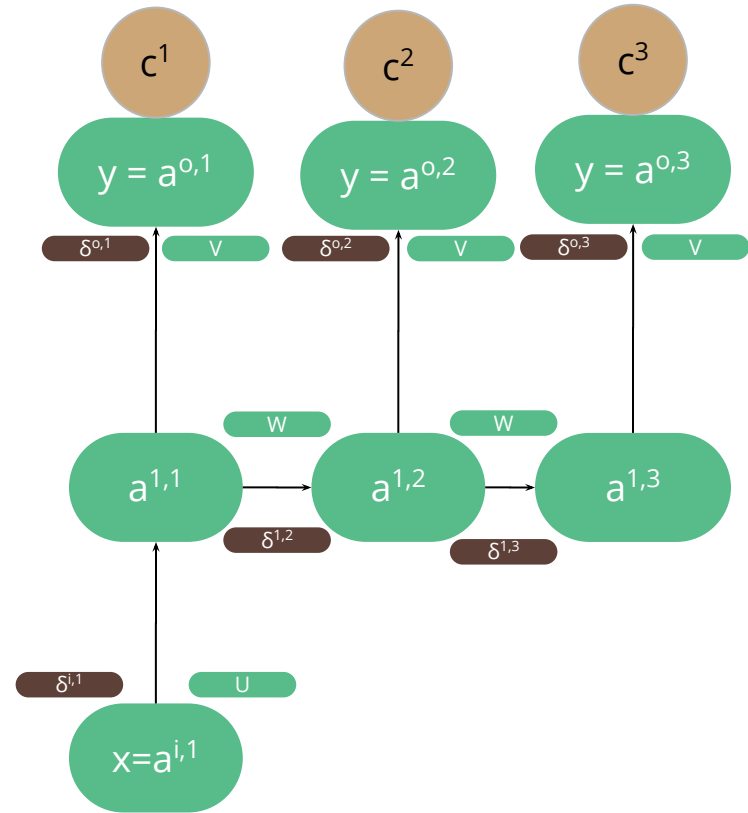
$$\delta^{1,3} = \partial c / \partial z^{1,3} = \partial c^3 / \partial z^{1,3}$$

[As c^1 and c^2 don't depend on $z^{1,3}$]

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{1,3} = \partial c^3 / \partial z^{0,3} * \partial z^{0,3} / \partial z^{1,3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{1,3} = V^T \delta^{0,3} \odot f'(z^{1,3})$$

[As all δ are of the form (Outgoing Weight)^T
(Outgoing δ) \odot f' (Weighted Inputs)]



Backward Pass

$$\delta^{1,2} = \partial c / \partial z^{1,2} = \partial c^2 / \partial z^{1,2} + \partial c^3 / \partial z^{1,2}$$

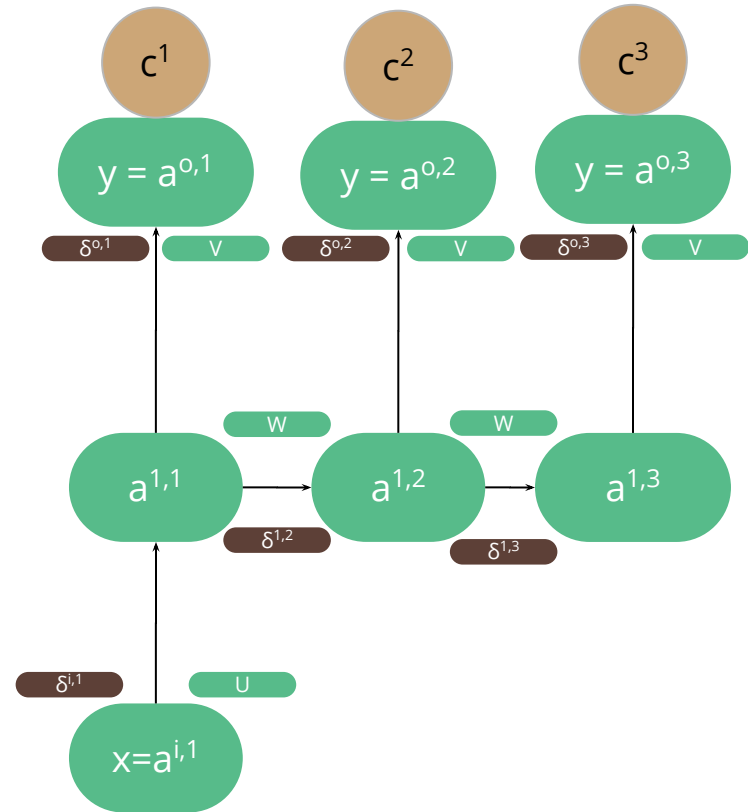
[As c^1 does not depend on $z^{1,2}$]

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{1,2} = \partial c^2 / \partial z^{0,2} * \partial z^{0,2} / \partial z^{1,2} + \partial c^3 / \partial z^{1,3} * \partial z^{1,3} / \partial z^{1,2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{1,2} = V^T \delta^{0,2} \odot f'(z^{1,2}) + W^T \delta^{1,3} \odot f'(z^{1,2})$$

[As all δ are of the form (Outgoing Weight)^T (Outgoing δ) \odot f' (Weighted Inputs)]

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{1,2} = (V^T \delta^{0,2} + W^T \delta^{1,3}) \odot f'(z^{1,2})$$



Backward Pass

We thus arrive at

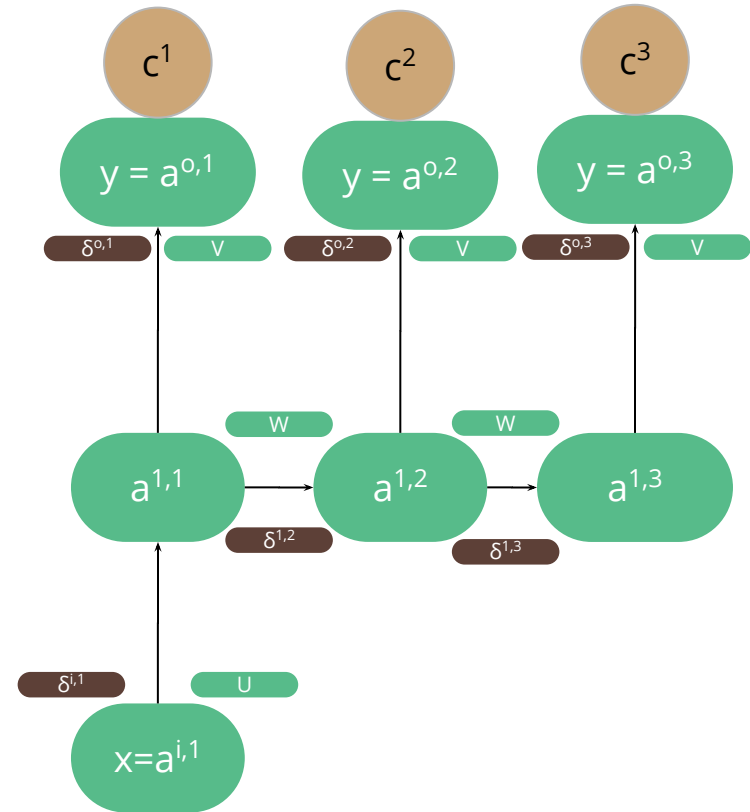
- $\delta^{1,3} = V^T \delta^{0,3} \odot f'(z^{1,3})$
- $\delta^{1,2} = (V^T \delta^{0,2} + W^T \delta^{1,3}) \odot f'(z^{1,2})$
- $\delta^{i,1} = (V^T \delta^{0,1} + W^T \delta^{1,2}) \odot f'(z^{1,1})$

Now we can compute derivatives with respect to weights

$$\partial c / \partial V = \partial c^1 / \partial V + \partial c^2 / \partial V + \partial c^3 / \partial V$$

$$\Rightarrow \partial c / \partial V = \delta^{0,3} * (a^{1,3})^T + \delta^{0,2} * (a^{1,2})^T + \delta^{0,1} * (a^{1,1})^T$$

[As each of these derivative terms is equal to $\delta_{\text{out}} * a_{\text{in}}^T$]

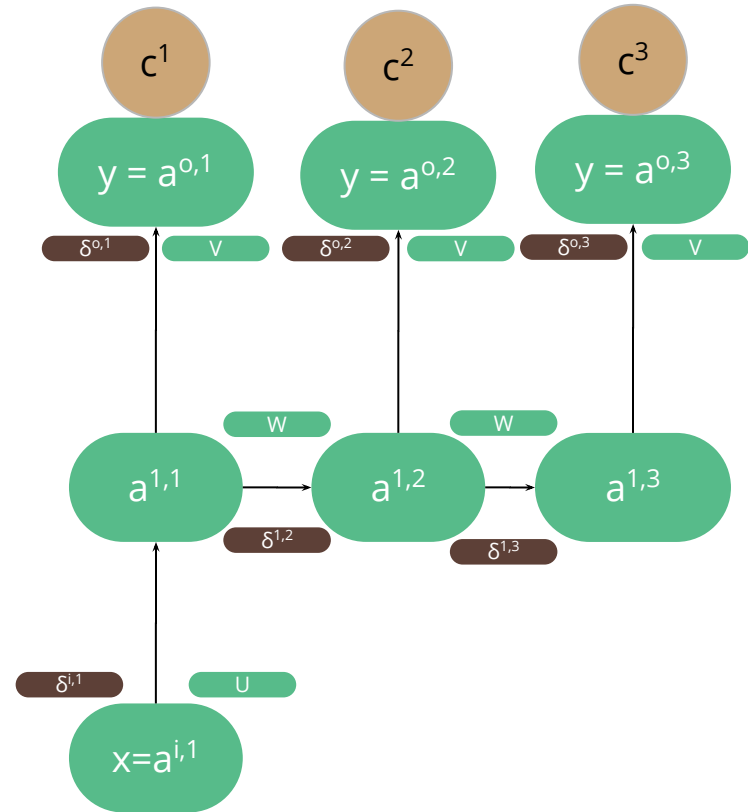


Backward Pass

We thus arrive at

- $\partial c / \partial V = \delta^{0,3} * (a^{1,3})^T + \delta^{0,2} * (a^{1,2})^T + \delta^{0,1} * (a^{1,1})^T$
- $\partial c / \partial W = \delta^{1,3} * (a^{1,2})^T + \delta^{1,2} * (a^{1,1})^T$
- $\partial c / \partial U = \delta^{i,1} * (a^{i,1})^T$

[As each of these derivative terms is equal to $\delta_{out} * a_{in}^T$]



Summary

Forward Pass

Input

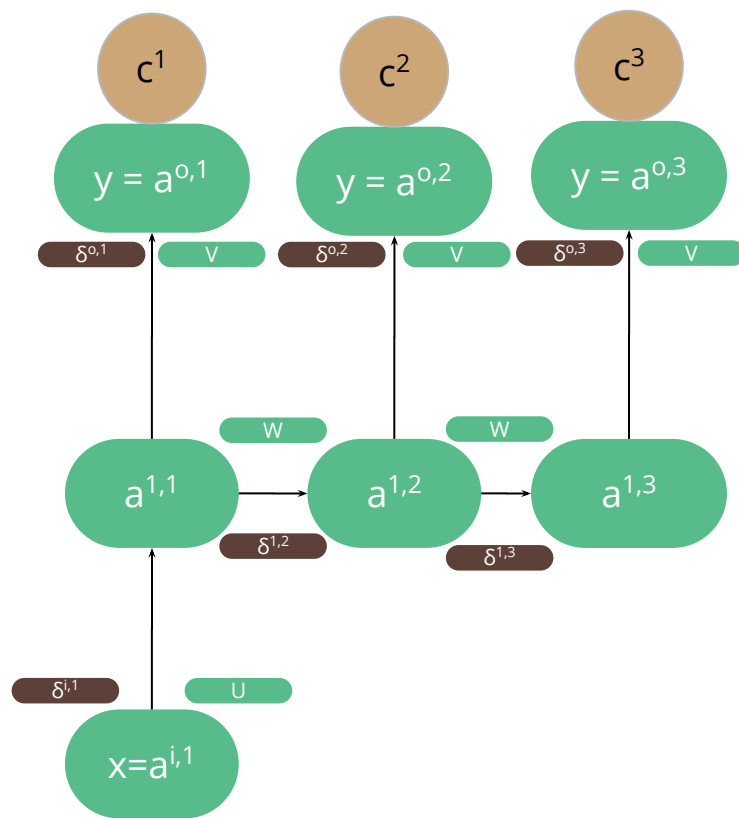
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- $a^{1,1} = f(z^{1,1})$

Hidden (for $t = 2, \dots, T$)

- $z^{1,t} = W * a^{1,t-1}$
- $a^{1,t} = f(z^{1,t})$

Output (for $t = 1, \dots, T$)

- $z^{0,t} = V * a^{1,t}$
- $a^{0,t} = f(z^{0,t})$
- $y^t = a^{0,t}$



Backward Pass

Output [For all $t = 1, \dots, T$]

- $\delta^{o,t} = \nabla_{y^t} c^t \odot f'(z^{o,t})$

Hidden [For all $t = 1, \dots, T-1$]

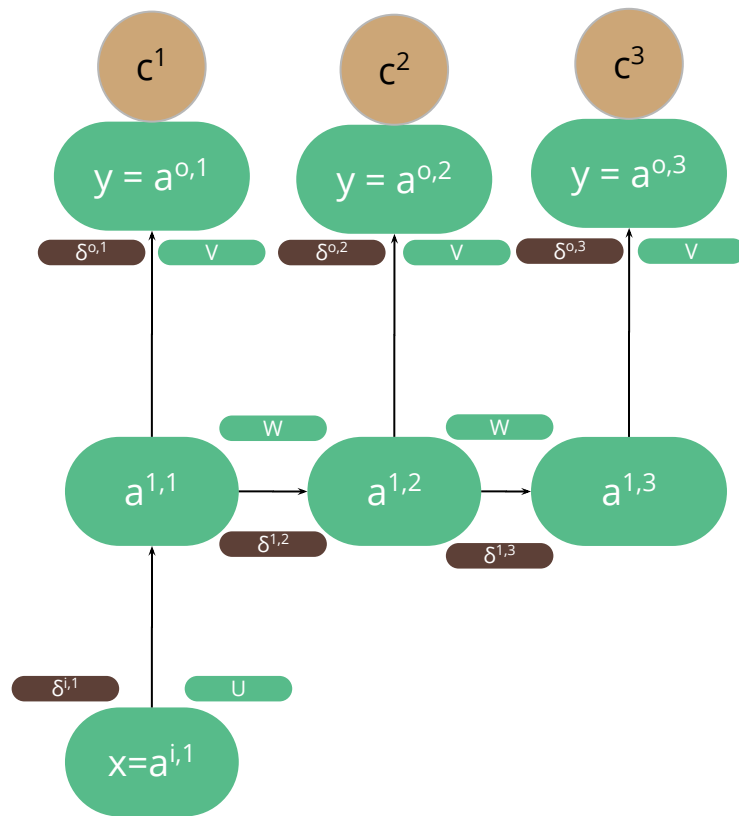
- $\delta^{1,T} = V^T \delta^{o,T} \odot f'(z^{1,T})$
- $\delta^{1,t} = (V^T \delta^{o,t} + W^T \delta^{1,t+1}) \odot f'(z^{1,t})$

Input

- $\delta^{i,1} = (V^T \delta^{o,1} + W^T \delta^{1,2}) \odot f'(z^{i,1})$

Weights

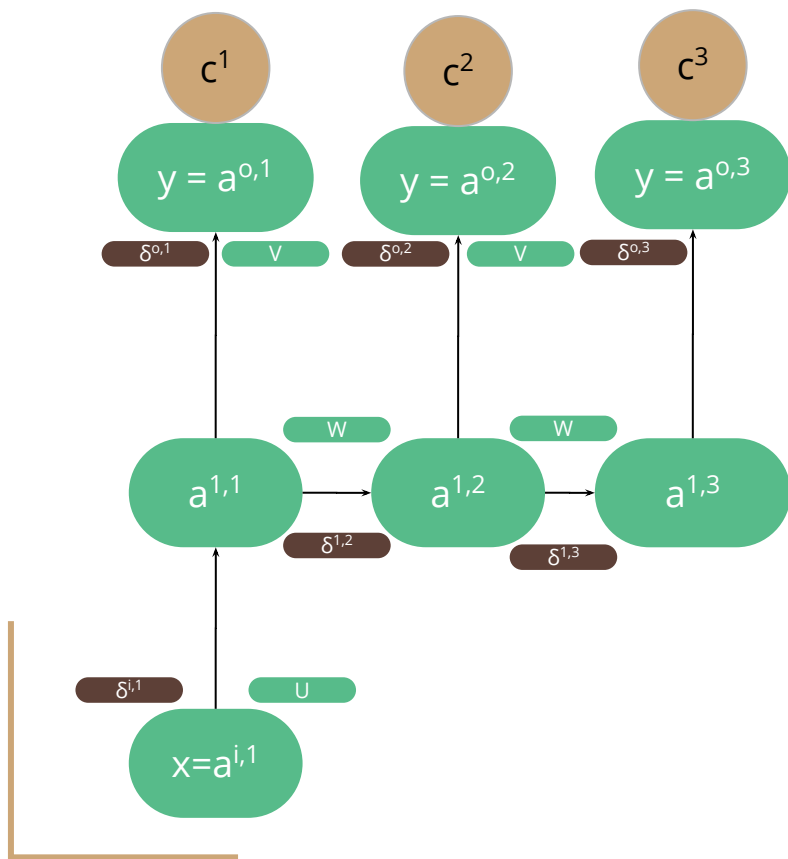
- $\partial c / \partial V = \sum_{t=1}^T \delta^{o,t} \star (a^{1,t})^T$
- $\partial c / \partial W = \sum_{t=2}^T \delta^{1,t} \star (a^{1,t-1})^T$
- $\partial c / \partial U = \delta^{i,1} \star (a^{i,1})^T$



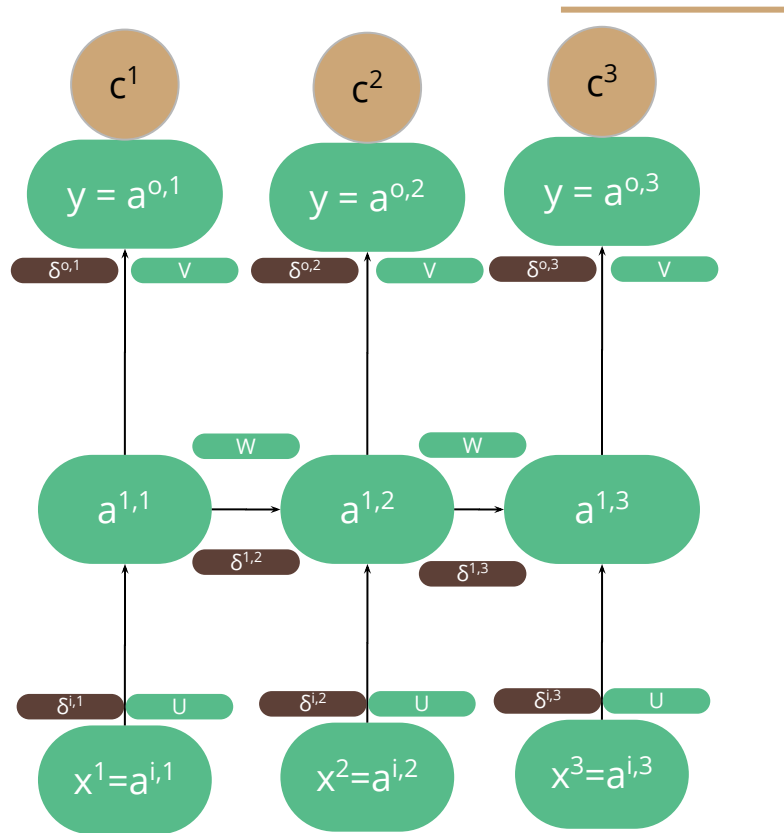


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Forward Pass

First Input

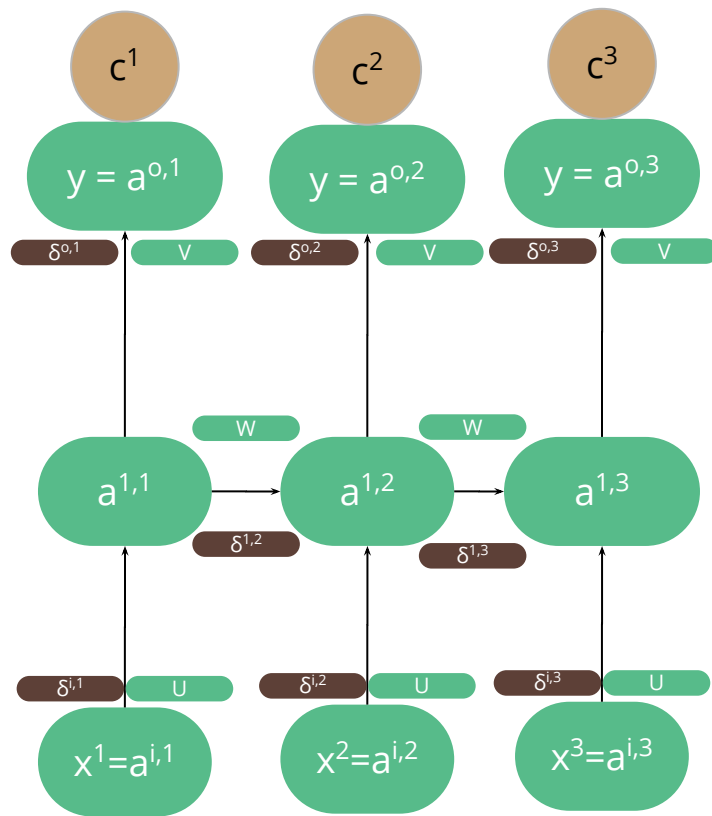
- $a^{i,1} = x^1$
- $z^{1,1} = U * a^{i,1}$
- $a^{1,1} = f(z^{1,1})$

Remaining Inputs (for $t = 2, \dots, T$)

- $a^{i,t} = x^t$
- $z^{1,t} = U * a^{i,t} + W * a^{1,t-1}$
- $a^{1,t} = f(z^{1,t})$

Output (for $t = 1, \dots, T$)

- $z^{0,t} = V * a^{1,t}$
- $a^{0,t} = f(z^{0,t})$
- $y^t = a^{0,t}$
- $c^t = \frac{1}{2}(y^t - t^t)^2$

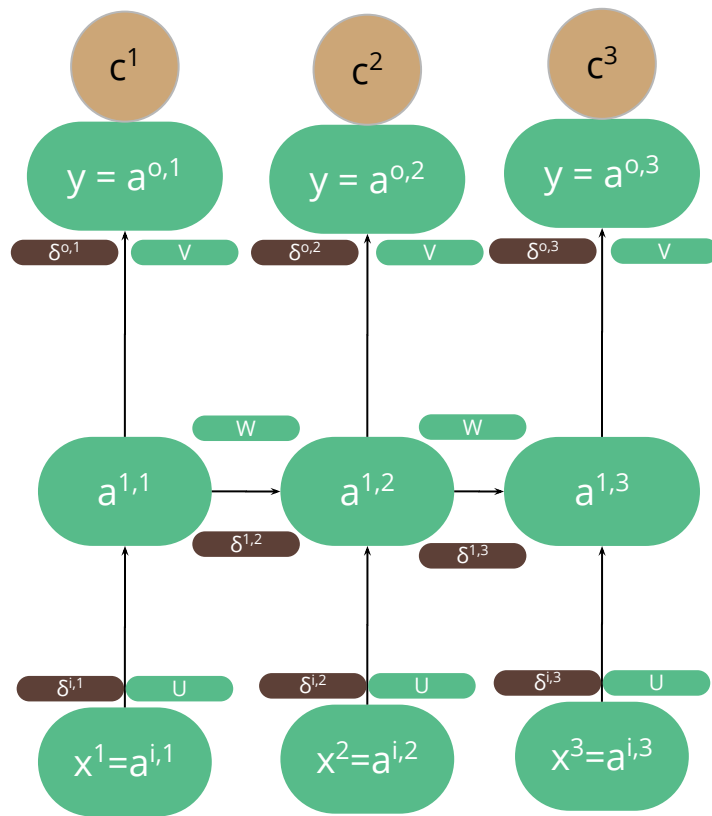


Backward Pass

If we extrapolate the derivatives from the SIMO Recurrent Neural Network, we would notice that the only changes lie in the introduction of $\delta^{i,2}$, $\delta^{i,3}$, ...

These would, however be equal to $\delta^{1,2}$, $\delta^{1,3}$, ... as the same derivative flows through all paths connected to a single layer [i.e. $\delta^{1,t} = \delta^{i,t}$]

These new terms would only change the derivative with respect to U, adding extra terms in a similar manner the SIMO model did for V



Backward Pass

Output [For all $t = 1, \dots, T$]

- $\delta^{o,t} = \nabla_{y^t} c^t \odot f'(z^{o,t})$

Hidden [For all $t = 1, \dots, T-1$]

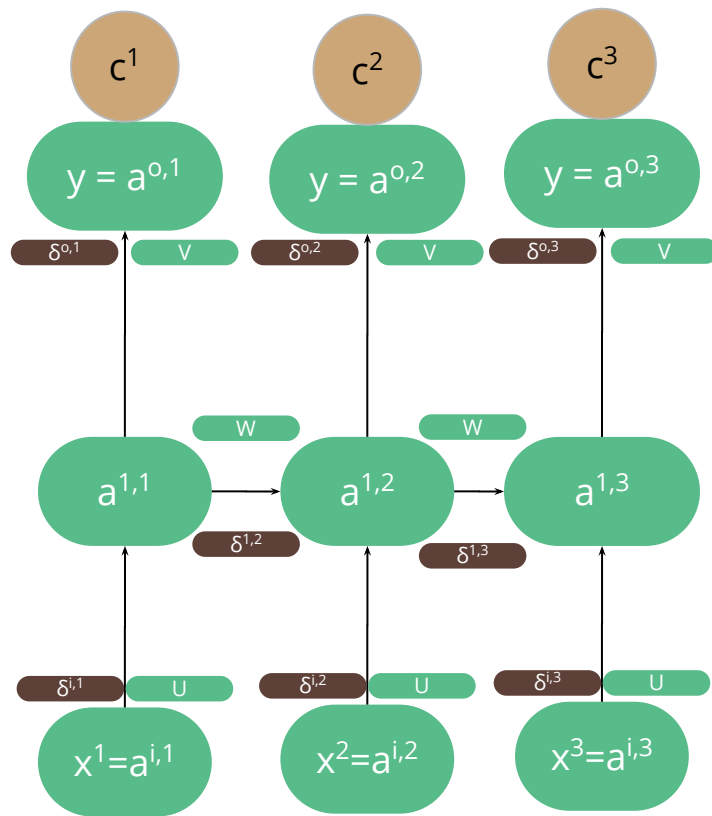
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- $\delta^{1,t} = (V^T \delta^{o,t} + W^T \delta^{1,t+1}) \odot f'(z^{1,t})$

Input [For all $t = 1, \dots, T$]

- $\delta^{i,t} = \delta^{1,t}$

Weights

- $\partial c / \partial V = \sum_{t=1}^T \delta^{o,t} \star (a^{1,t})^T$
- $\partial c / \partial W = \sum_{t=2}^T \delta^{1,t} \star (a^{1,t-1})^T$
- $\partial c / \partial U = \sum_{t=1}^T \delta^{i,t} \star (a^{i,t})^T$

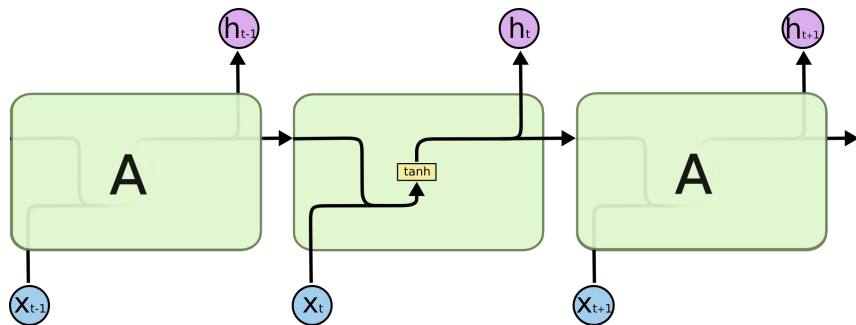


LSTM Models

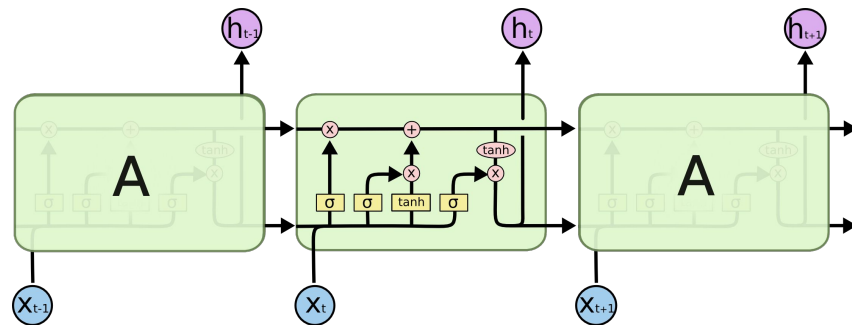
The Issue with RNNs

- Problem: RNNs Cannot Handle Long Term Dependencies
- Solution: Long Short Term Memory Networks (LSTMs) are a special kind of RNN, capable of learning long-term dependencies

RNN vs LSTM



RNN



LSTM

Notation



Neural Network
Layer



Pointwise
Operation



Vector
Transfer



Concatenate



Copy

The Cell State

- The cell state is kind of like a conveyor belt. It runs straight down the entire chain, with only some minor linear interactions
- It's very easy for information to just flow along it unchanged

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LSTM Variants

Seq2Seq Models

Seq2Seq with Attention Models