

Question 2

For network 2, given any input vector $\vec{a_2}$, we can get the output vector $\vec{o_2}$ which equals:

$$\vec{o_2} = \tilde{W} \vec{a_2} + \tilde{b} \quad (1)$$

For network 1, given any input vector $\vec{a_1}$, we can also get the hidden layer outputs $\vec{h_{11}}, \vec{h_{12}}$, as well as the final output $\vec{o_1}$:

$$\vec{h_{11}} = W^{(1)} \vec{a_1} + \vec{b}^{(1)} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{h_{12}} &= W^{(2)} \vec{h_{11}} + \vec{b}^{(2)} \\ &= W^{(2)} (W^{(1)} \vec{a_1} + \vec{b}^{(1)}) + \vec{b}^{(2)} \\ &= (W^{(2)} W^{(1)}) \vec{a_1} + W^{(2)} \vec{b}^{(1)} + \vec{b}^{(2)} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{o_1} &= W^{(3)} \vec{h_{12}} + \vec{b}^{(3)} \\ &= W^{(3)} (W^{(2)} W^{(1)} \vec{a_1} + W^{(2)} \vec{b}^{(1)} + \vec{b}^{(2)}) + \vec{b}^{(3)} \\ &= (W^{(3)} W^{(2)} W^{(1)}) \vec{a_1} + W^{(3)} W^{(2)} \vec{b}^{(1)} + W^{(3)} \vec{b}^{(2)} + \vec{b}^{(3)} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Since network 1 and network2 are equivalent, $\vec{o_2}$ is identical to $\vec{o_1}$.

Combining equation (1) and equation (4), we get the following equation:

$$\tilde{W} \vec{a_2} + \tilde{b} = (W^{(3)} W^{(2)} W^{(1)}) \vec{a_1} + (W^{(3)} W^{(2)} \vec{b}^{(1)} + W^{(3)} \vec{b}^{(2)} + \vec{b}^{(3)})$$

Then we get the result:

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{W} = W^{(3)} W^{(2)} W^{(1)} \\ \tilde{b} = (W^{(3)} W^{(2)} \vec{b}^{(1)} + W^{(3)} \vec{b}^{(2)} + \vec{b}^{(3)}) \end{cases}$$