

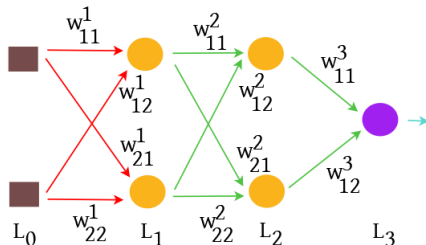
Deep Learning - Theory and Practice

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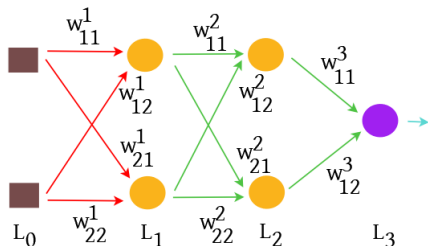
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Multi Layer Perceptron - Data Perspective



- **Input:** Training Data $D = \{(x^s, y^s)\}_{s=1}^S$.
- For each sample x^s the prediction $\hat{y}^s = \text{MLP}(x^s)$.
- **Error:** $e^s = E(y^s, \hat{y}^s)$.
- **Aim:** To minimize $\sum_{s=1}^S e^s$.

Multi Layer Perceptron - Data Perspective

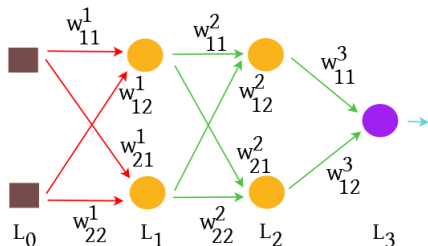


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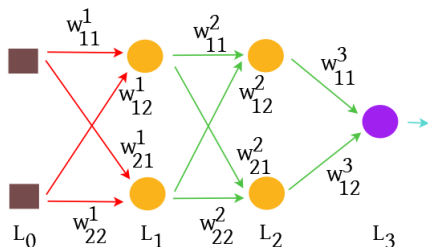


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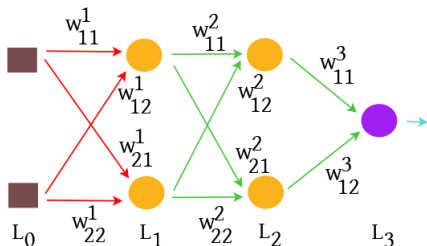


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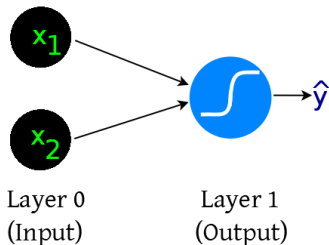
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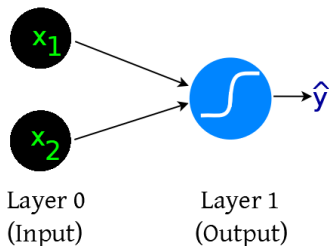
- Note:** The minimization is over the weights of the MLP W^1, \dots, W^L , where L denotes number of layers in MLP.

MLP - Data Perspective: A Simple Example



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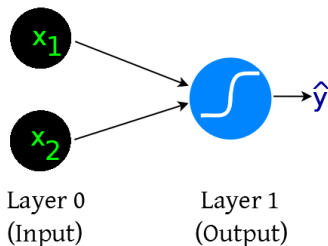


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Property of 0-1 sigmoid $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

- σ is continuous
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- $\sigma(z) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z \rightarrow -\infty \\ 1 & \text{if } z \rightarrow +\infty \end{cases}$

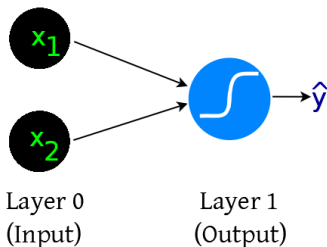
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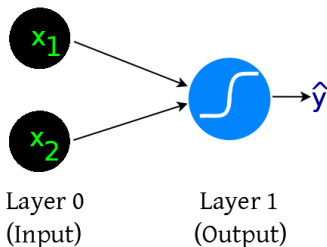
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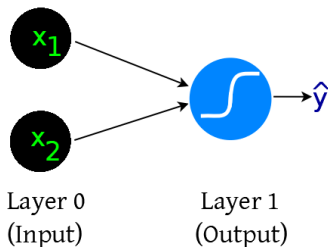
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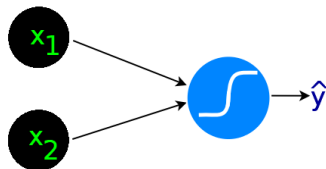
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- Popularly called the **squared error**.

MLP - Data Perspective: A Simple Example



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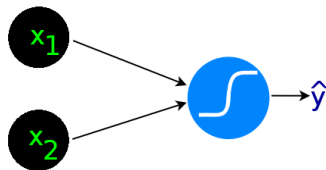
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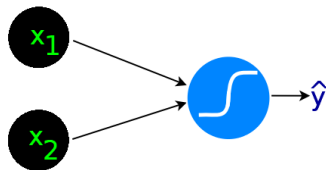
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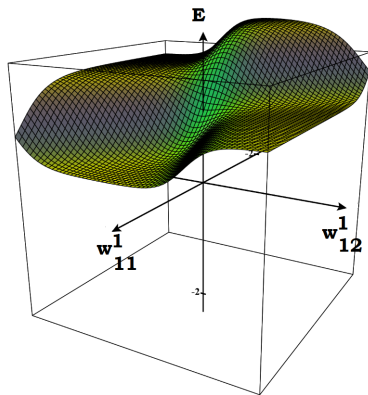
- Aim: To minimize the total error (or loss), which is

$$\min_{w_{11}^1, w_{12}^1} E = \sum_{i=1}^4 \left(y^i - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-[w_{11}^1 x_1^i + w_{12}^1 x_2^i])} \right)^2$$

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Visualizing the loss surface:

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Optimization Concepts

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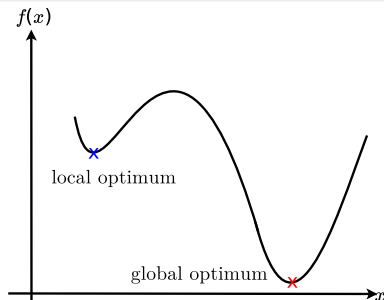
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- f is called **objective function** and \mathcal{C} is called **feasible set**.
- Let $f^* = \min_{x \in \mathcal{C}} f(x)$ denote the **optimal objective function value**.
- **Optimal Solution Set** $S^* = \{x \in \mathcal{C} : f(x) = f^*\}$.
- Let us denote by x^* an optimal solution in S^* .

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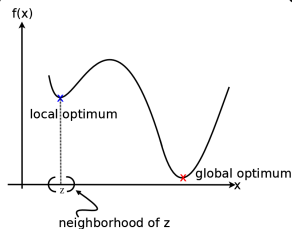
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ϵ - Neighborhood of $z \in \mathcal{C}$

$$\mathcal{N}(z, \epsilon) = \{u \in \mathcal{C} : \text{dist}(z, u) \leq \epsilon\}.$$

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- **General Assumption:** $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$.

High Dimensional Representation - Notations

- Gradient of a function $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ at a point x

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix}$$

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- $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$.
- $f : \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

Directional derivative

Let $f : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined over $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$. Let $x \in \text{int}(\mathcal{C})$. Let $0 \neq d \in \mathbb{R}^d$. If the limit

$$\lim_{\alpha \downarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \alpha d) - f(x)}{\alpha}$$

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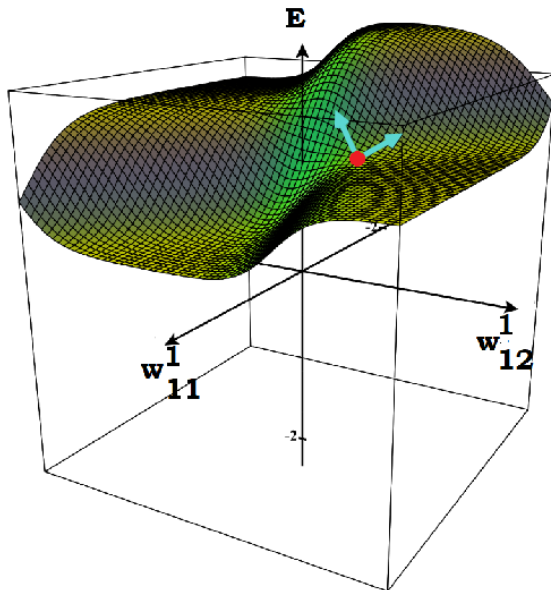
Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$. Then $\text{int}(\mathcal{C})$ is defined by:

$$\text{int}(\mathcal{C}) = \{x \in \mathcal{C} : B(x, \epsilon) \subseteq \mathcal{C}, \text{ for some } \epsilon > 0\},$$

where $B(x, \epsilon)$ is the open ball centered at x with radius ϵ given by

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Note: If all partial derivatives of f exist at x , then $f'(x; d) = \langle \nabla f(x), d \rangle$, where $\nabla f(x) = \left[\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \quad \dots \quad \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_d} \right]^\top$.

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Note: A natural candidate for a descent direction is $d = -\nabla f(x)$.

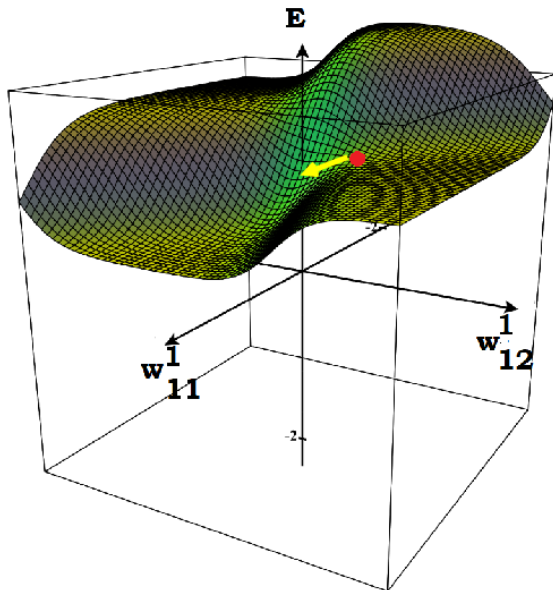
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 - ▶ Check for some stopping criterion and break from loop.

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Homework: Compare the structure of this algorithm with the Perceptron training algorithm and try to understand the perceptron update rule from an optimization perspective.

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Gradient Descent:

- ▶ Function values $E(w^t)$ exhibit $O(1/\sqrt{k})$ convergence under minor assumptions and the assumption of existence of a local optimum.
- ▶ $O(1/k^2)$ convergence possible.
- ▶ Linear convergence also possible for strongly convex and smooth function $E(w)$.
- ▶ Arbitrary accuracy possible $|W(w^{gd}) - E(w^*)| \approx O(10^{-15})$.

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Gradient Descent:

- ▶ Blind to structure of $E(w)$.
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$\nabla_w e^{j_k}(w^k)$: Gradient at point w^k , of e^{j_k} with respect to w . Takes only $O(d)$ time.

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For smooth functions, $O(1/k)$ convergence possible (in theory!).

Typical choice: $\gamma_k = \frac{1}{k+1}$.

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- Restrictions on γ_k similar to that in SGD.
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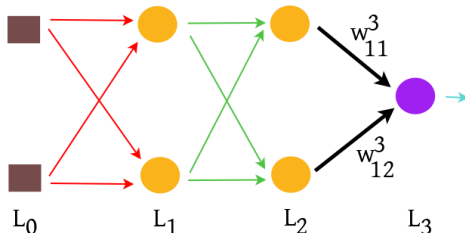
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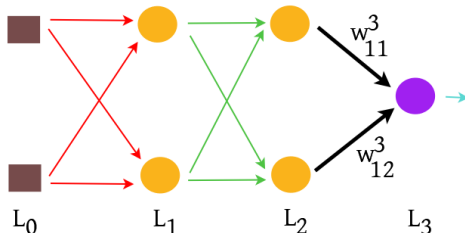
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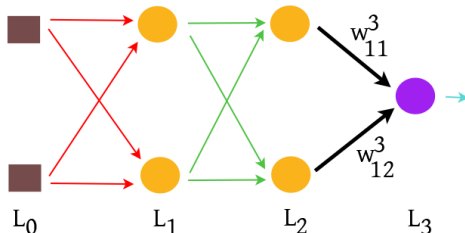
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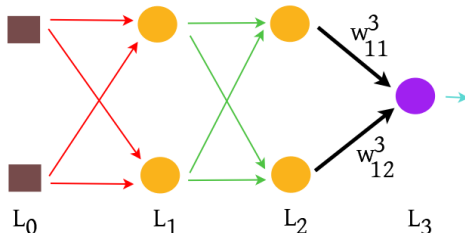
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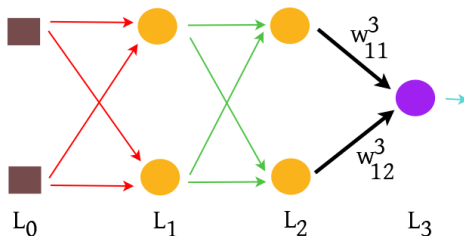
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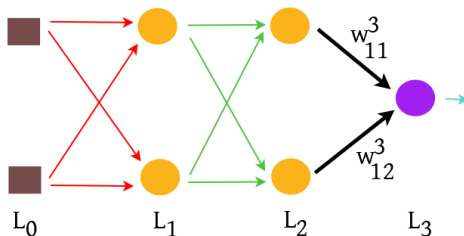
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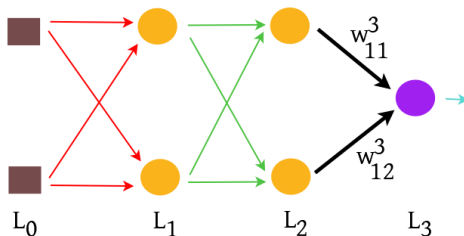
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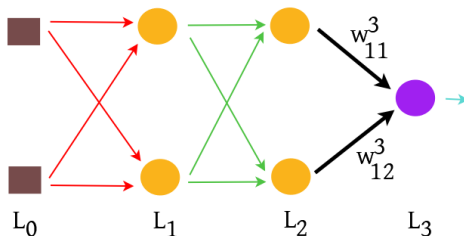
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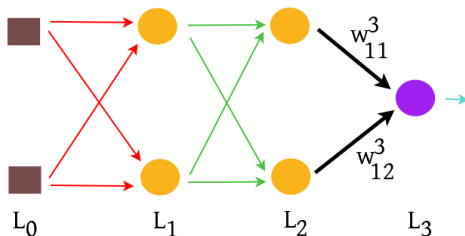
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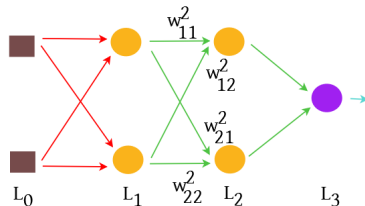
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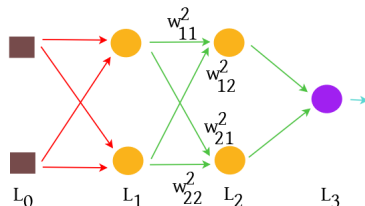
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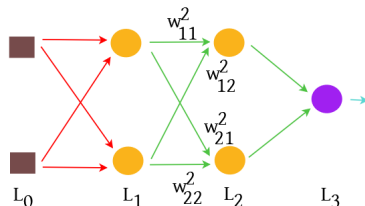
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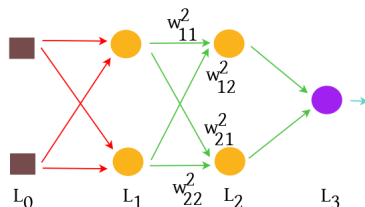
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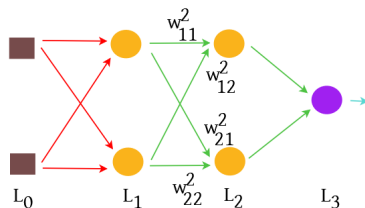
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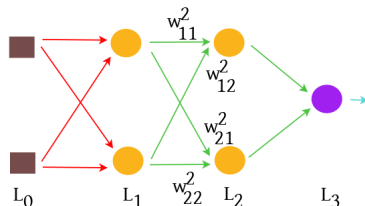
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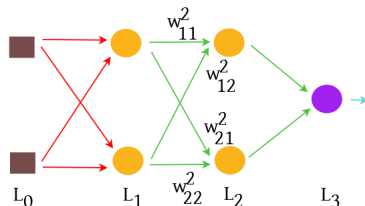
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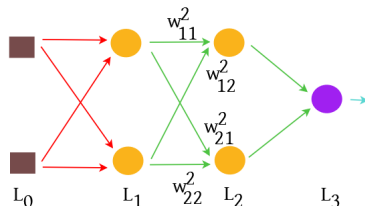
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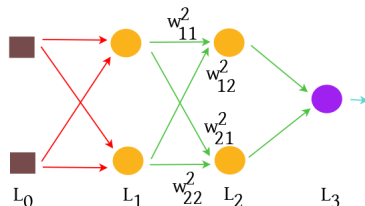
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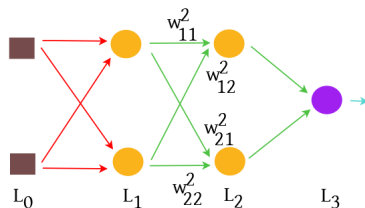
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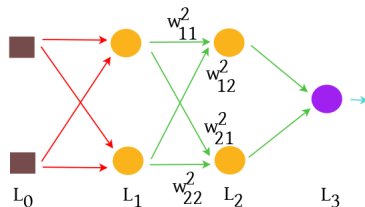
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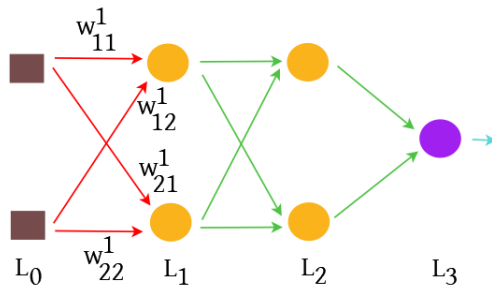
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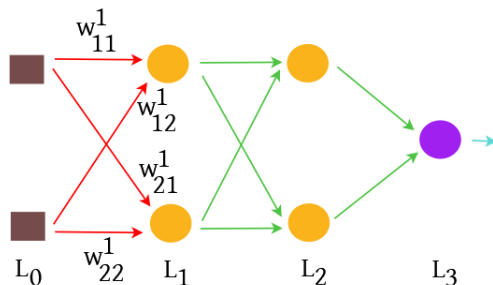
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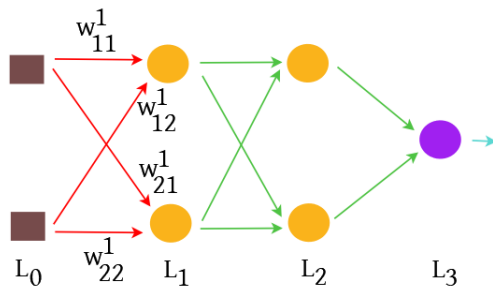
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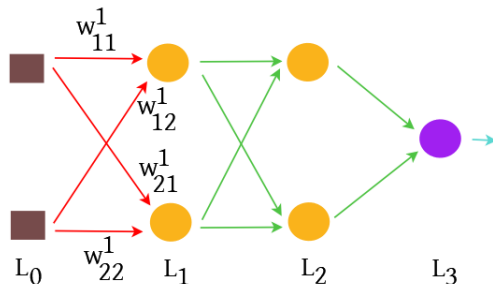
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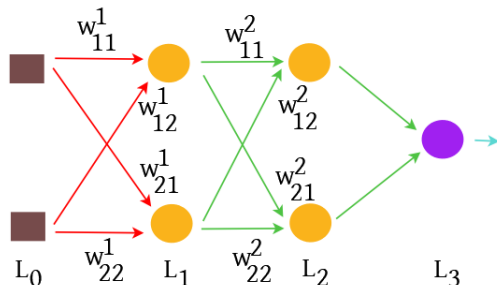
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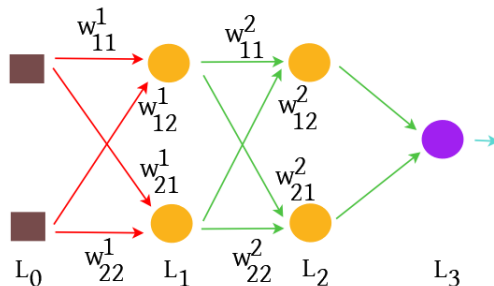
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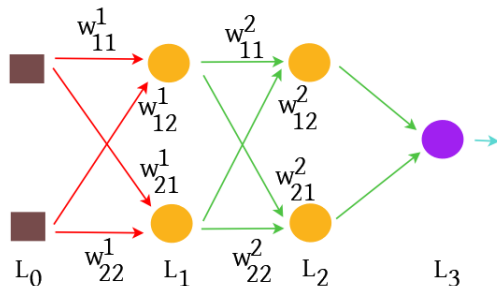
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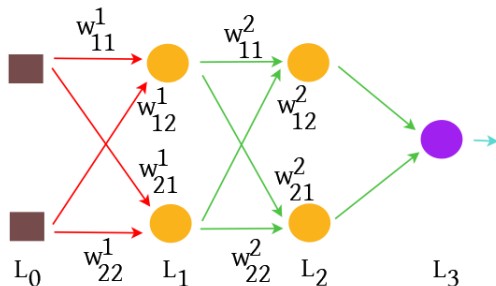
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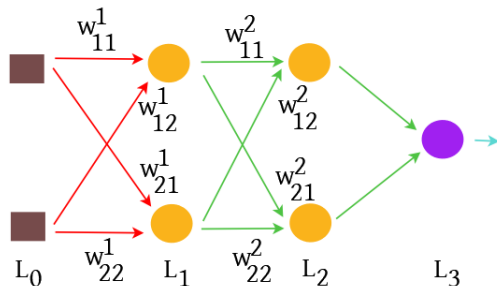
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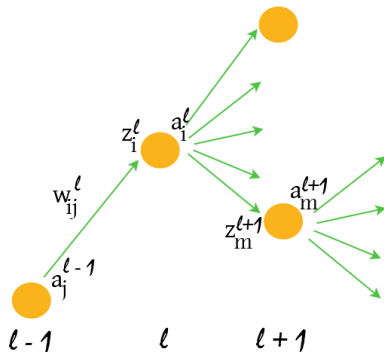
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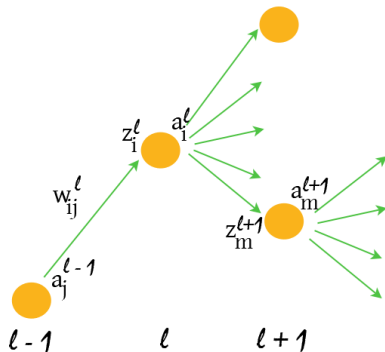
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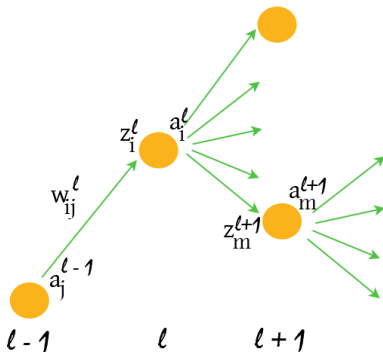


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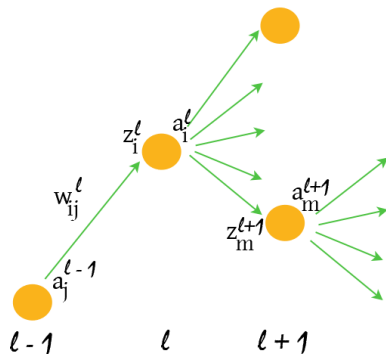
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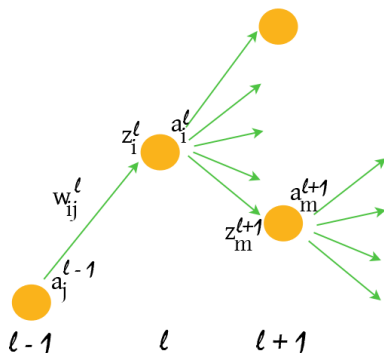
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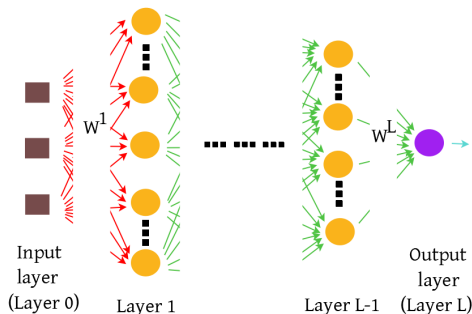
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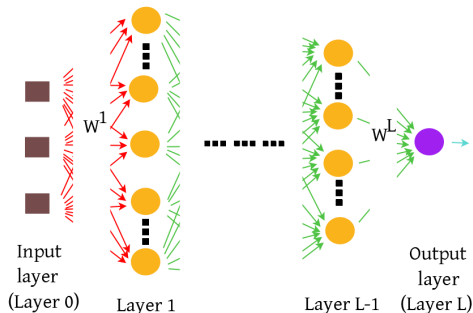
- $\frac{\partial e}{\partial a_i^L} =: \frac{\partial e}{\partial \hat{y}_i}$ denotes the gradient term with respect to a i -th neuron in the last (L -th) layer.
- So far we have considered squared error function.
- We will see more examples of constructing appropriate error functions and the corresponding gradient computation.

Multi Layer Perceptron for Prediction Tasks



- **Input:** Training Data $D = \{(x^i, y^i)\}_{i=1}^S$, $x^i \in \mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, $y \in \mathcal{Y}$, $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, S\}$ and MLP architecture parametrized by weights w .
- **Aim of training MLP:** To learn a parametrized map $h_w : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ such that for the training data D , we have $y^i = h_w(x^i)$, $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, S\}$.
- **Aim of using the trained MLP model:** For an unseen sample $\hat{x} \in \mathcal{X}$, predict $\hat{y} = h_w(\hat{x}) = \text{MLP}(\hat{x}; w)$.

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Methodology for training MLP

- Design a suitable loss (or error) function $e : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ to compare the actual label y^i and the prediction \hat{y}^i made by MLP using $e(y^i, \hat{y}^i)$, $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, S\}$.
- Usually the error is parametrized by the weights w of the MLP and is denoted by $e(\hat{y}^i, y^i; w)$.
- Use Gradient descent/SGD/mini-batch SGD to minimize the total error:

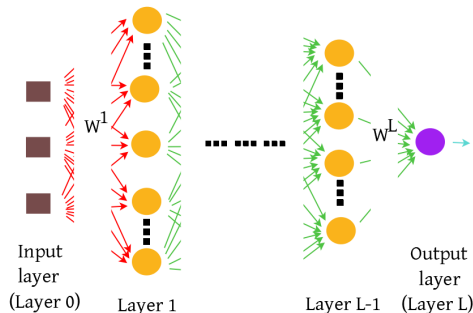
$$E = \sum_{i=1}^S e(\hat{y}^i, y^i; w) =: \sum_{i=1}^S e^i(w).$$

Stochastic Gradient Descent for training MLP

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MLP architecture, max epochs K , learning rates γ_k , $\forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$.
- Start with $w^0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$.
- For $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, K$
 - ▶ Choose a sample $j_k \in \{1, \dots, S\}$.
 - ▶ Find $\hat{y}^{j_k} = \text{MLP}(x^{j_k}; w^k)$. (forward pass)
 - ▶ Compute error $e^{j_k}(w^k)$.
 - ▶ Compute error gradient $\nabla_w e^{j_k}(w^k)$ using **backpropagation**.
 - ▶ Update: $w^{k+1} \leftarrow w^k - \gamma_k \nabla_w e^{j_k}(w^k)$.
- **Output:** $w^* = w^{K+1}$.

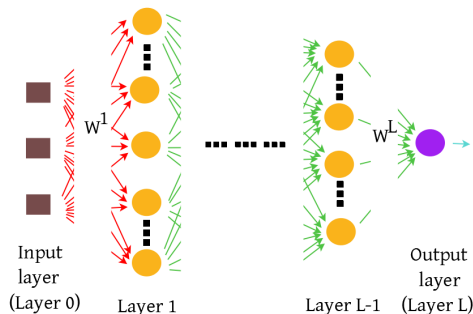
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Recall forward pass: For an arbitrary sample (x, y) from training data D , and the MLP with weights $w = (W^1, W^2 \dots, W^L)$, the prediction \hat{y} is computed using forward pass as:

$$\hat{y} = \text{MLP}(x; w) = \phi(W^L \phi(W^{L-1} \dots \phi(W^1 x) \dots)).$$

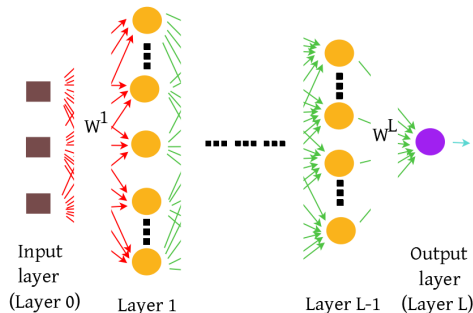
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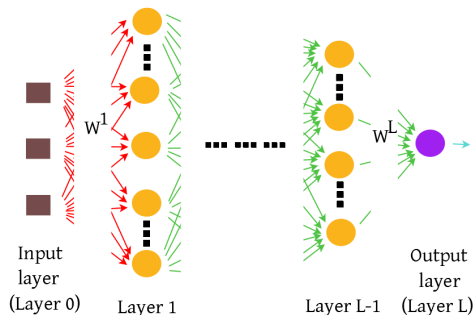


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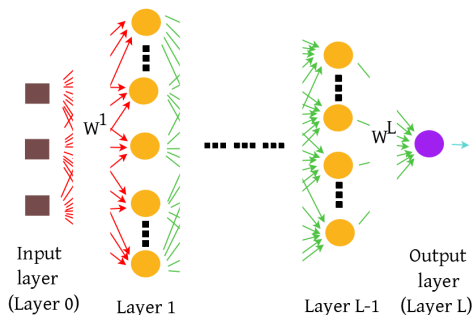


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- **Task considered so far:** $\mathcal{Y} = \{+1, -1\}$.
- Corresponds to two-class (or binary) classification.
- Usually a single neuron at the last (L -th) layer of MLP, with logistic sigmoid function $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, 1)$ with $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$, for some $z \in \mathbb{R}$.
- **Prediction:** $\text{MLP}(\hat{x}; w) = \sigma(W^L a^{L-1})$, followed by a thresholding function.

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