

# CS 461: Machine Learning Principles

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Back Propagation Algorithm &  
Its Application to Deep Neural Net (DNN)

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$$y = \underbrace{w^*}_{\text{weights}} \cdot \phi(x)$$

Linear Modeling & Finding Global Minimum

So far, we have studied the functions for the task of regression and classification. They were **all linear functions**  $\hat{y} = w^t x$ . And algorithms to learn the functions from data. (MMSE, Logistic MLE, and SVM dual)

- Linear Regression:  $y = w^t x$

$$y = w^t \cdot x$$

$$y = w_k^t \cdot x$$

$$\begin{aligned} W^* &= \arg \min_w J(W) = \arg \min_w \|y - \Phi w\|^2 \\ &= \arg \min_w (y^t - w^t \Phi^t)(y - \Phi w) \\ &= \arg \min_w \|y\|^2 - 2y^t \Phi w + w^t \Phi^t \Phi w \end{aligned}$$

$J(w)$  based data

$$\nabla^2 J(w) \geq 0$$

$$\nabla J(w^*) = 0$$

$$\Phi^t \cdot \Phi \cdot w = \Phi^t \cdot y$$

## Hessian of Objective Function (Loss) & Convexity

- $\nabla^2 J(w) \geq 0 \leftrightarrow J(w)$  is convex.  $\leftrightarrow J(w)$  has a global minimum.
- if  $\nabla^2 J(w) \geq 0$  then  $\nabla J(w^*) = 0$  become a sufficient condition for  $w^*$  to be the global minimum.

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- Logistic Regression MLE:

$$P(t|w) = \prod_{n=1}^N \sigma(w^t x_n)^{t_n} (1 - \sigma(w^t x_n))^{1-t_n}$$

*arg min*  $J(\vec{w}) = -\ln P(t|w) = \sum_{n=1}^N -t_n \ln \sigma(w^t x_n) - (1 - t_n) \ln (1 - \sigma(w^t x_n))$

They are convex.

[convexity]

$$-\frac{\partial \ln \sigma(w^t x)}{\partial w_i} = -\frac{\sigma(w^t x)(1 - \sigma(w^t x))}{\sigma(w^t x)} x_i$$

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \ln \sigma(w^t x)}{\partial w_i \partial w_j} = \sigma(w^t x)(1 - \sigma(w^t x)) x_i x_j$$

At a data point  $x$  and current  $w$

$$\nabla f(x^*) = 0$$

$$\nabla^2 J(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f(w_1, w_2)}{\partial w_1 \partial w_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f(w_1, w_2)}{\partial w_1 \partial w_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f(w_1, w_2)}{\partial w_2 \partial w_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f(w_1, w_2)}{\partial w_2 \partial w_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- SVM dual:

$$\lambda_{n=1}^* = \arg \max_{\lambda^*} \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda^*_{n} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^N \lambda^*_n \lambda^*_m \cdot t_n \cdot t_m \cdot \kappa(x_n, x_m)$$

subject to  $0 \leq \lambda^*_n \leq C$

Semipositive Definite!

Handwritten notes:

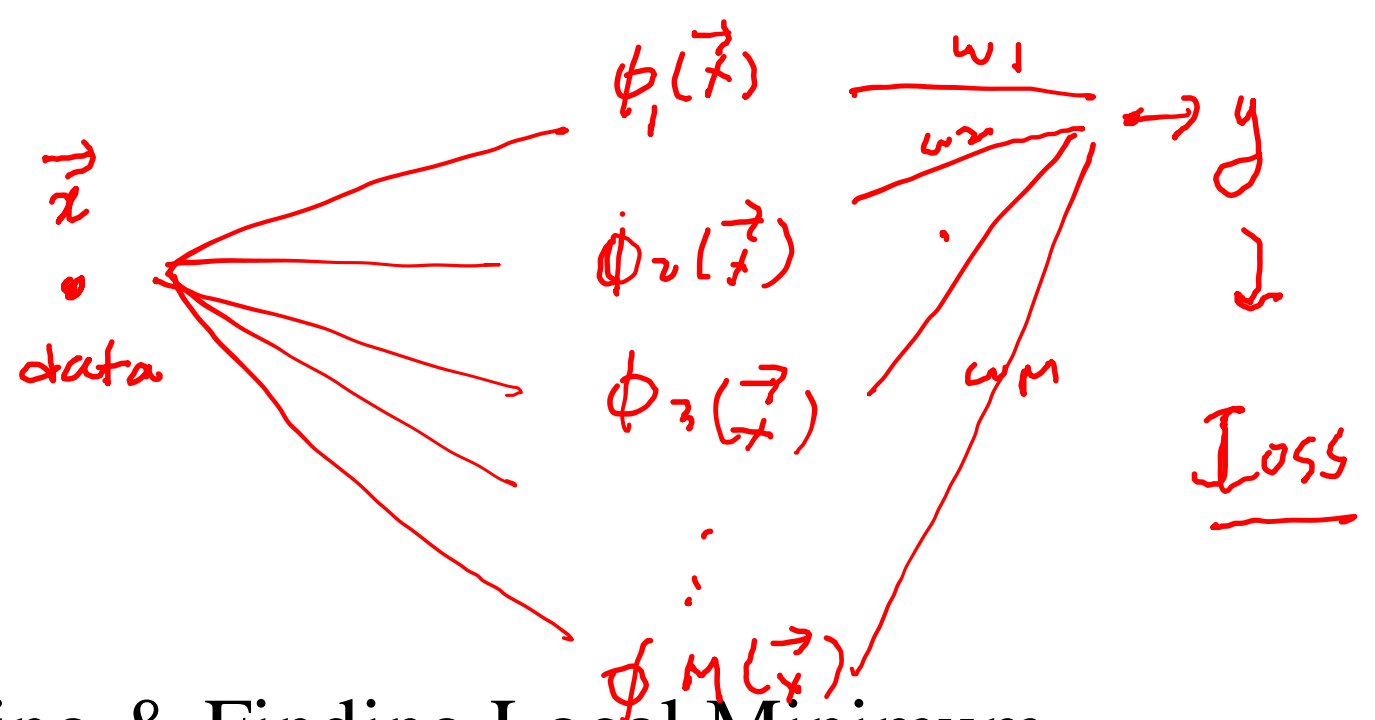
$$\nabla f(x^*) = -\frac{1}{2} [\lambda \dots] \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda^*_n \cdot t_n \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

For all linear regression, logistic regression, SVM,

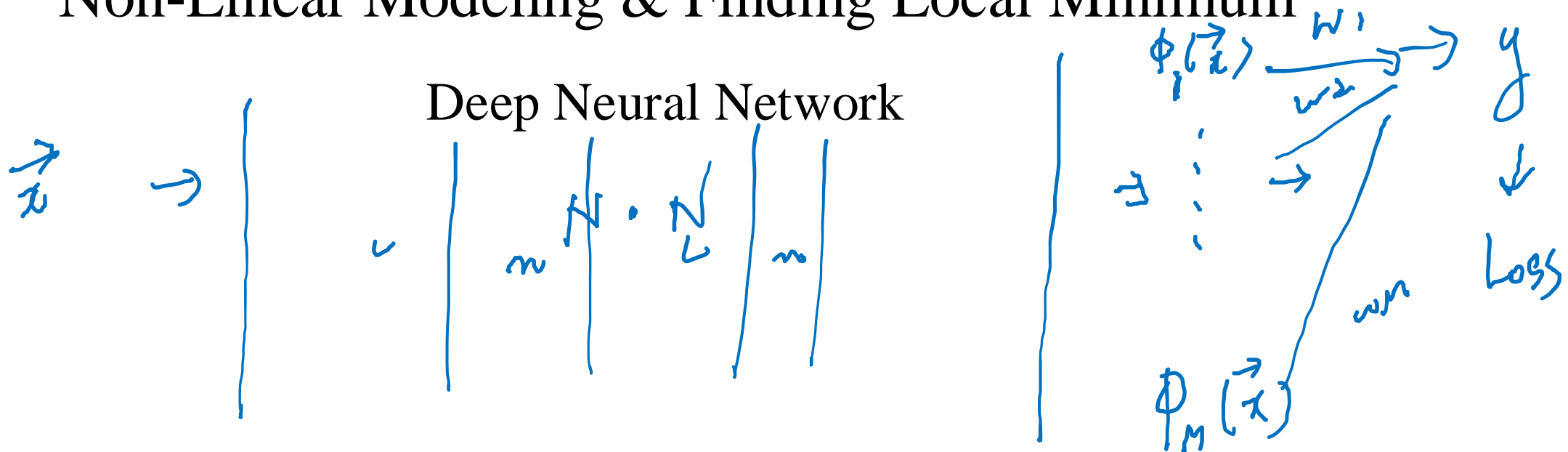
$\nabla J(w^*) = 0$  is a sufficient condition for the global optimum  $w^*$ .

However, why the methods to find were different?

- Normal Equation,
- Stochastic Gradient Descent,
- SMO (Sequential Minimum Optimization)



## Non-Linear Modeling & Finding Local Minimum



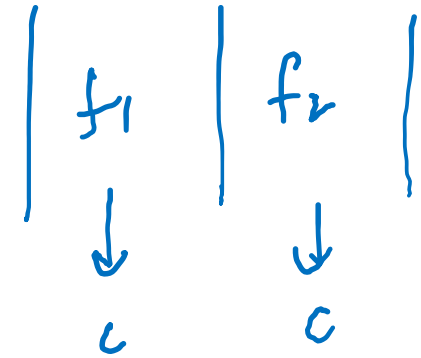


Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) also learn the heuristic functions  $y = f(x)$  for tasks such as classification and regression.

Common loss functions like Mean Squared Error (MSE), Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) for Logistic Regression, and Softmax for multiclass classification are compatible with DNNs. However, the learned function is no longer linear; instead, the network automatically learns a complex feature space through its layers, up to the last hidden layer. The function is a non-linear.

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the objective function for DNN is not convex any longer.  
Why?

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+ activation functions often result in non-convex functions.

$$\underline{f_2(f_1(x))}$$

+ A composite function of convex functions is not always convex.  $f$

$$\text{ex) } f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad \underline{g(f(x))} = ? = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

When  $J(W)$  is non-convex

$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}^*) = 0$  is a necessary condition for  $\mathbf{x}^*$  to be a local minimum. It has multiple local minimum. Hence, hard to find a global minimum, especially when input to the function is multidimensional.

$$\underline{J(w)} \downarrow \textcircled{w}$$

Neural Networks are usually trained by using iterative and gradient based algorithms.

$$\nabla J(w^*) = 0$$

$$\underline{W_{t+1} = W_t - \eta \nabla J(W_t)}$$

"Stochastic Method"

$$\bullet w_0$$

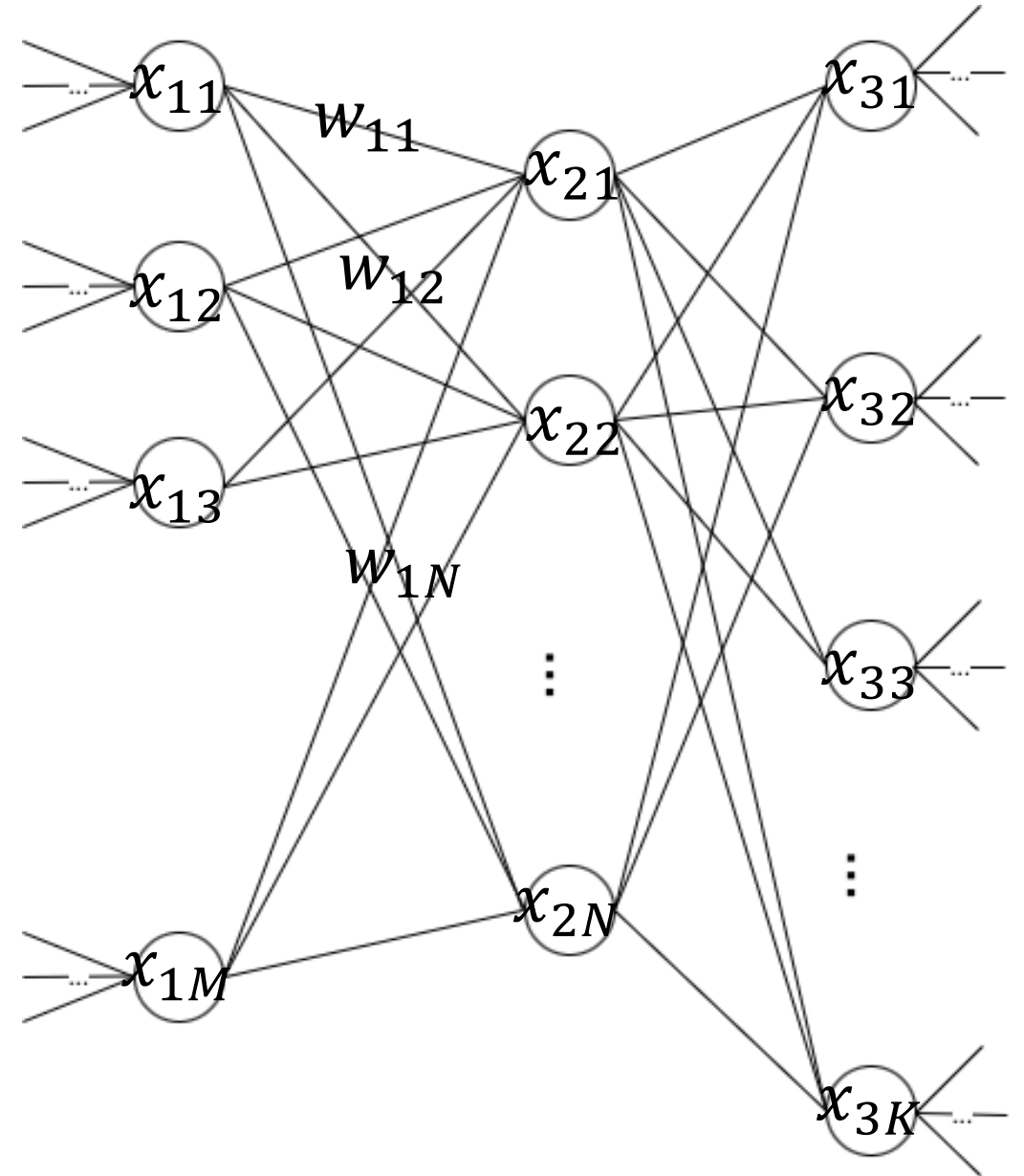
$$\bullet w_1 = w_0 - \underline{\eta \nabla J(w_t)}$$

How can we compute the gradient  $\nabla J(W)$ ?

$$\nabla_w J(w) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w_2} \\ \dots \\ \frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w_{M-1}} \\ \frac{\partial J(w)}{\partial w_M} \end{bmatrix}$$

# of parameters to learn

- AlexNet : 62.3M
- VGG-16: 138 M
- Chat-GPT2: 1.5 B



# Computing Gradient $\nabla J(W)$

## Backpropagation Algorithm

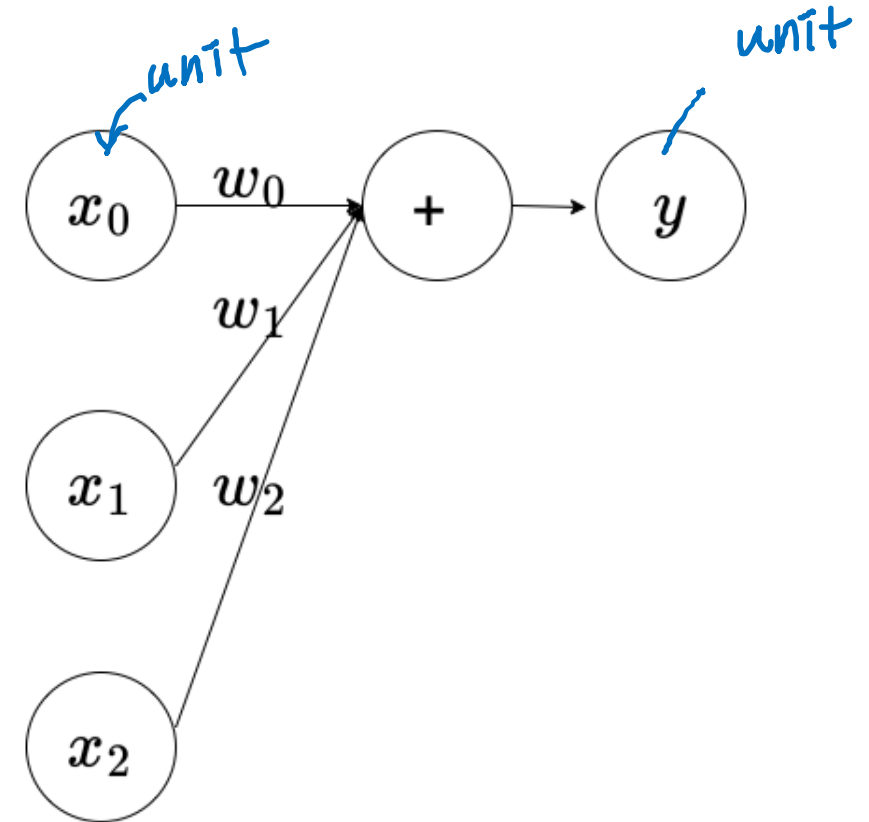
A function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$

A function  $X$  from  $Y$  where  $X$  is the domain and  $Y$  is codomain.

$f(x) = y$ ,  $y$  is the image of  $x$ .

Ex) **One Elementary Function** of DNN

$$y = w^t x$$





A function is called multivariable  
if its input is made up of multiple members.

A function  $f: X \subseteq \mathcal{R}^M \rightarrow Y$

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The range (or image) of  $f$  is the set of all images of  $A$ .

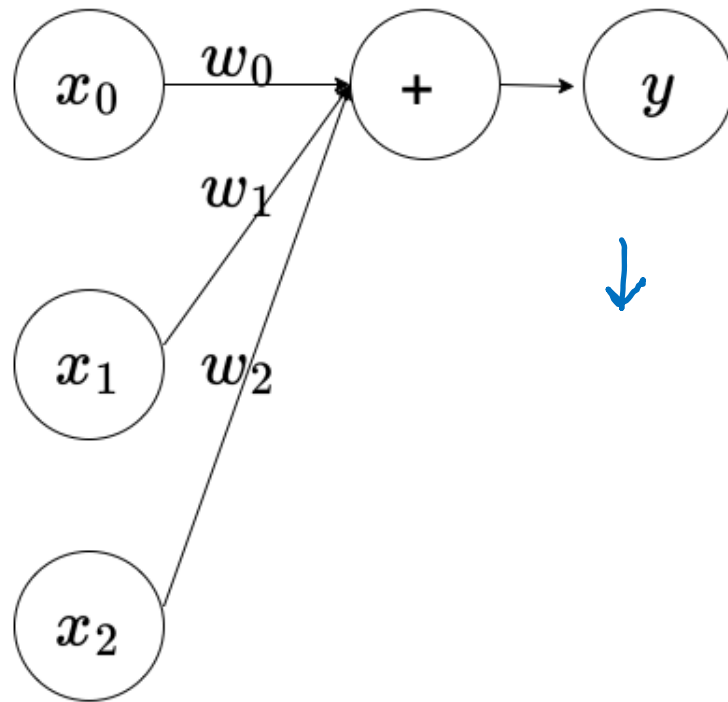
If the output function consists of multiple values,  
it is also be called multivariable,  
but these one are called vector valued functions.

A function  $f: X \subseteq \mathcal{R} \rightarrow Y \subseteq \mathcal{R}^N$

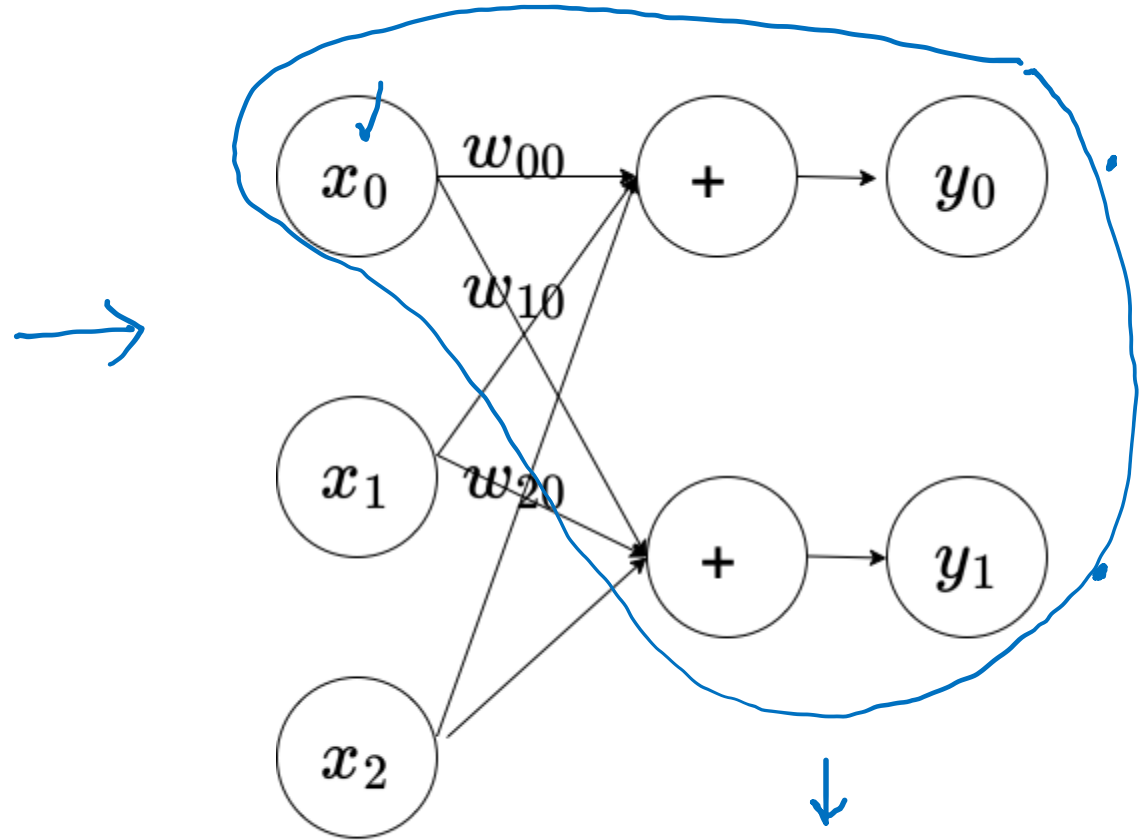
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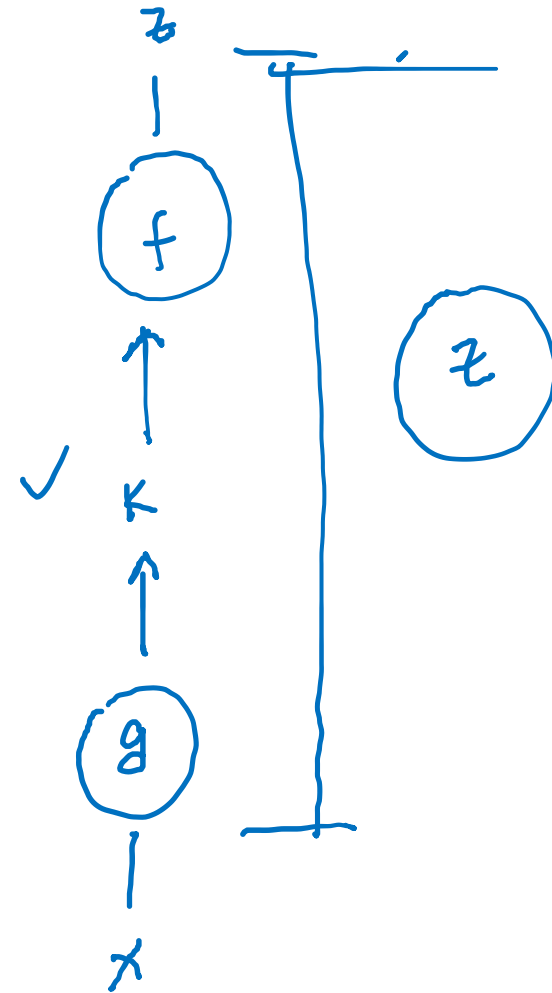


Multivariable Function



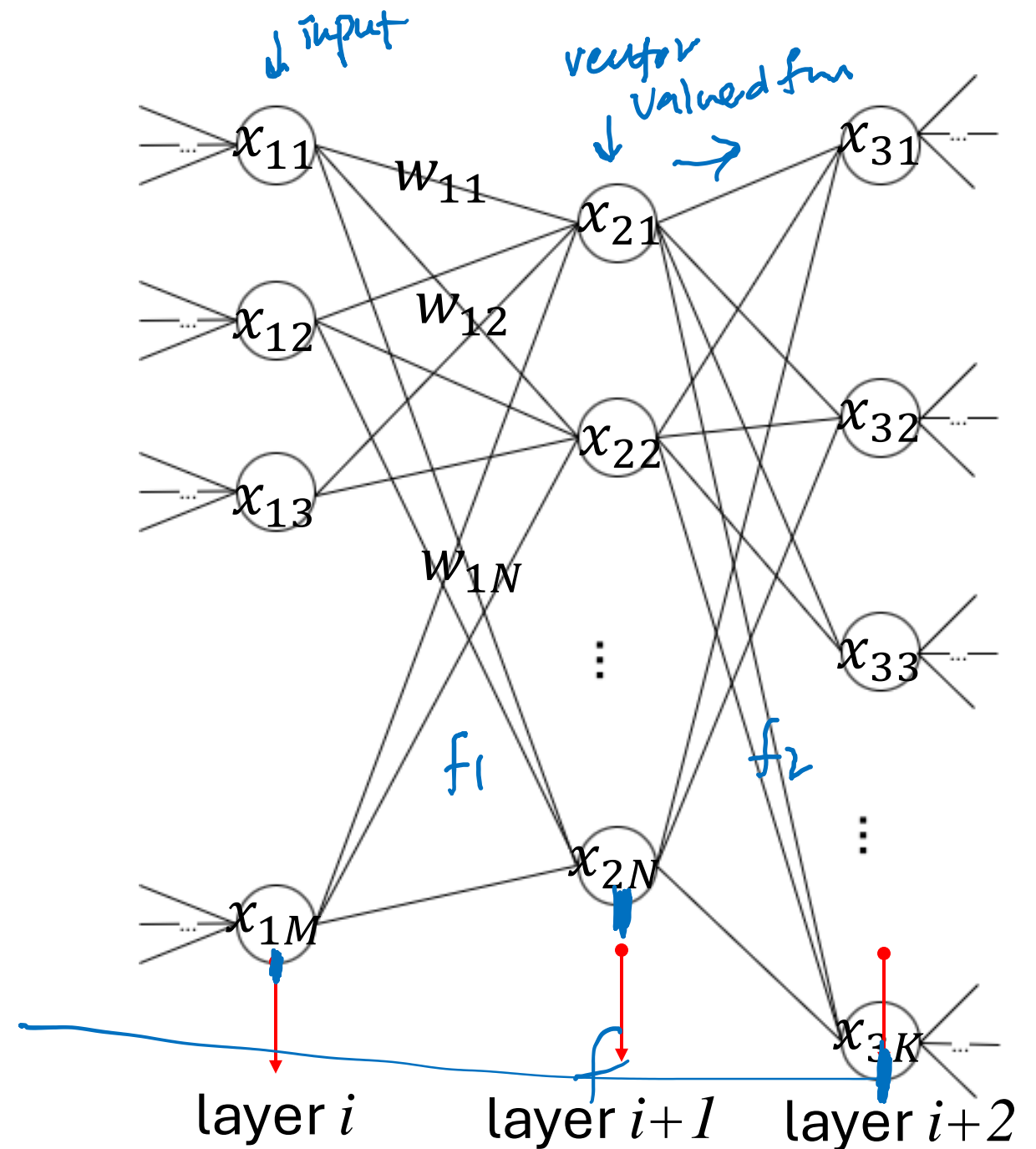
Multivariable and Vector Valued Function

A composite function  $f \circ g: X \rightarrow Y$  :  
 where  $g: X \rightarrow Z$  and  $f: Z \rightarrow Y$



$$f = f_2( ( f_1(x) ) )$$

- DNN is a large composite function consisting of many elementary Vector Valued Functions.
- Each vector-valued function becomes one layer.
- The chain structure gives the depth.



# Derivative & Partial Derivative

The derivative at point  $x_0$  of a scalar function  $f$  :

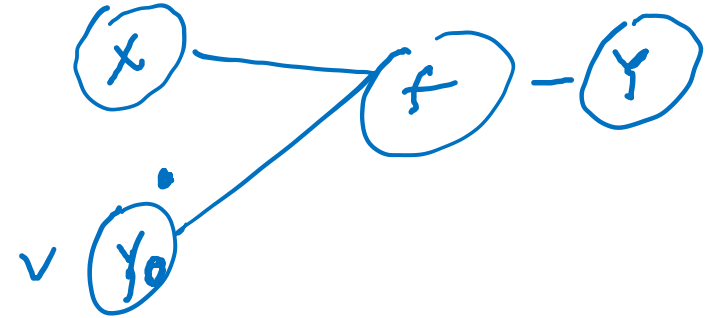
$$f'(x_0) = \frac{df(x_0)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

Δy  
Δx

The **partial derivative** of a function with two variables  $f(x, y)$  r. t  $x$  at point  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

$$f_x(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x_0, y_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h, y_0) - f(x_0, y_0)}{h}$$

$f'(x)$



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DNN's  $J(w)$  represents a multivariate function, so we need to compute the partial derivatives.



The second or higher order derivatives can be defined.

Some gradient descent algorithm use the second order derivative information, but today we are going to focus on computing **first order derivatives**.

$$f''(x_0) = \frac{d^2 f(x_0)}{dx^2}$$

Scalar function

$$f_{xx}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x^2}$$

The function multiple variable

$$f_{xy}(x_0, y_0) = \frac{\partial^2 f(x_0, y_0)}{\partial x \partial y}$$

$$g(x) = x$$

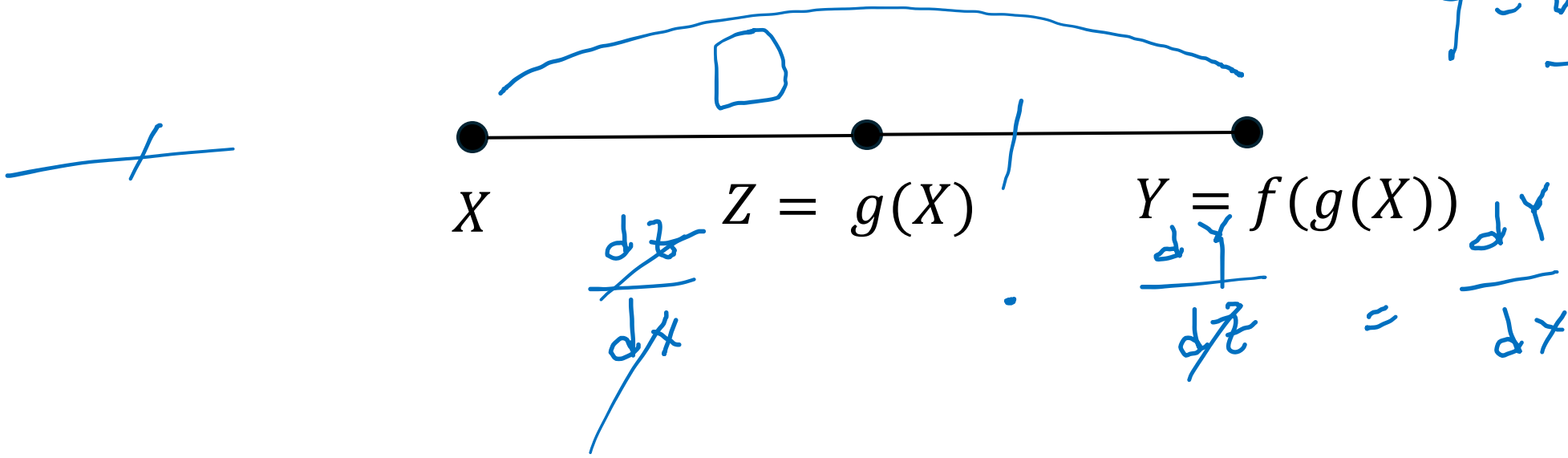
$$f(z) = z^2$$

$$f(g(x)) = x^2$$

## Chain Rule

Computing the Derivative of Composite Functions

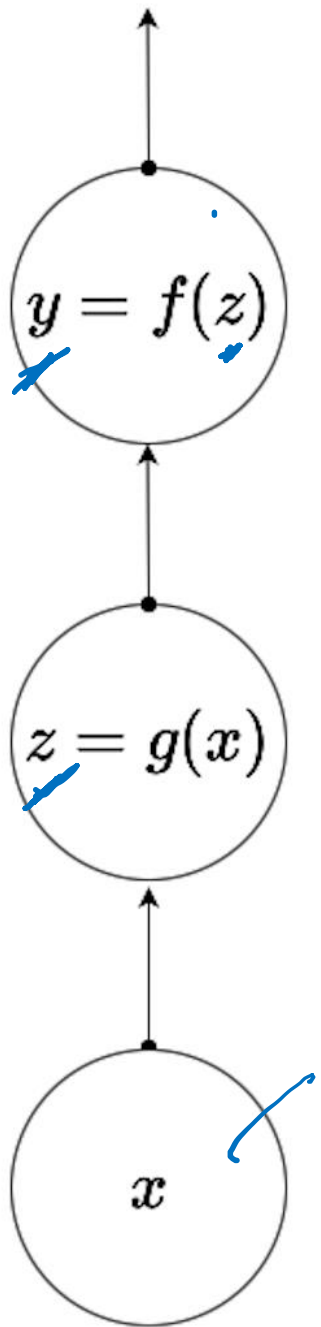
$$y' = w(x)$$



## Chain Rule for Scalar Functions

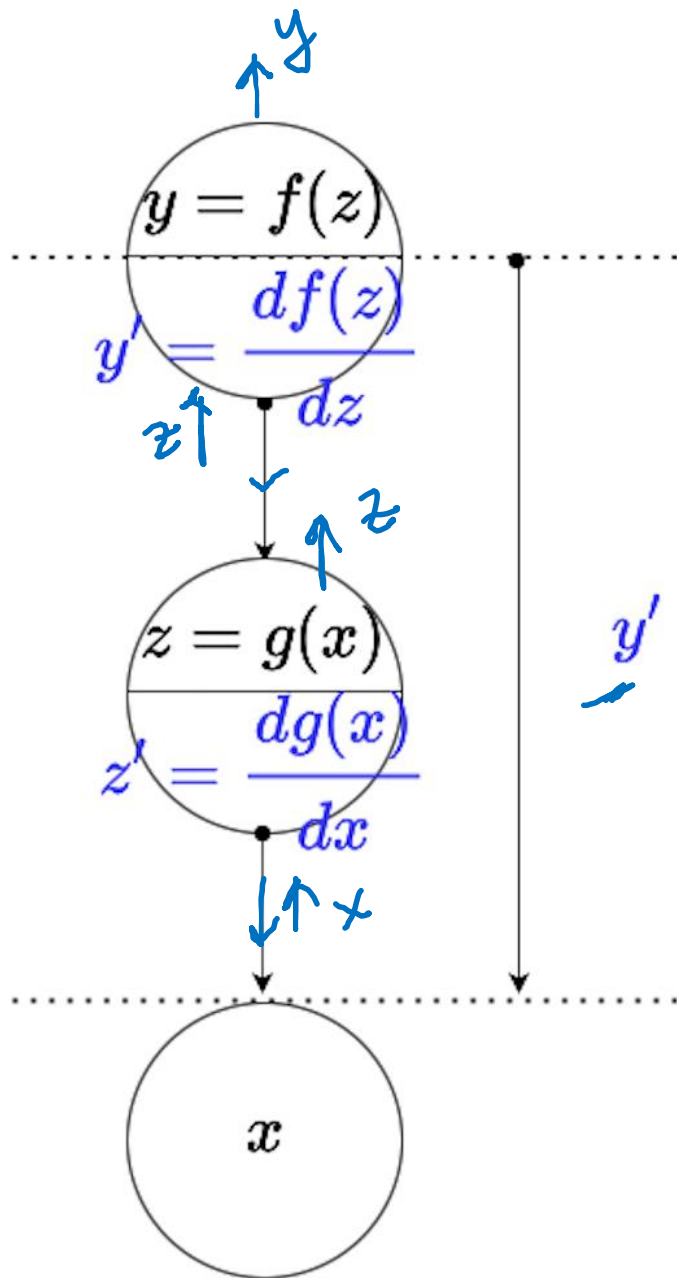
Let  $z = g(x)$  and  $y = f(z)$ ,

Then  $\frac{d(f \circ g(x))}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dx} \cdot \frac{dy}{dz}$



- The feedforward direction to compute a composite function  $f \circ g$

Unit.



- The backward direction to compute the derivative of composite function

def backward( $\bar{y}$ )

out =  $\frac{df \circ g(x)}{dx}$

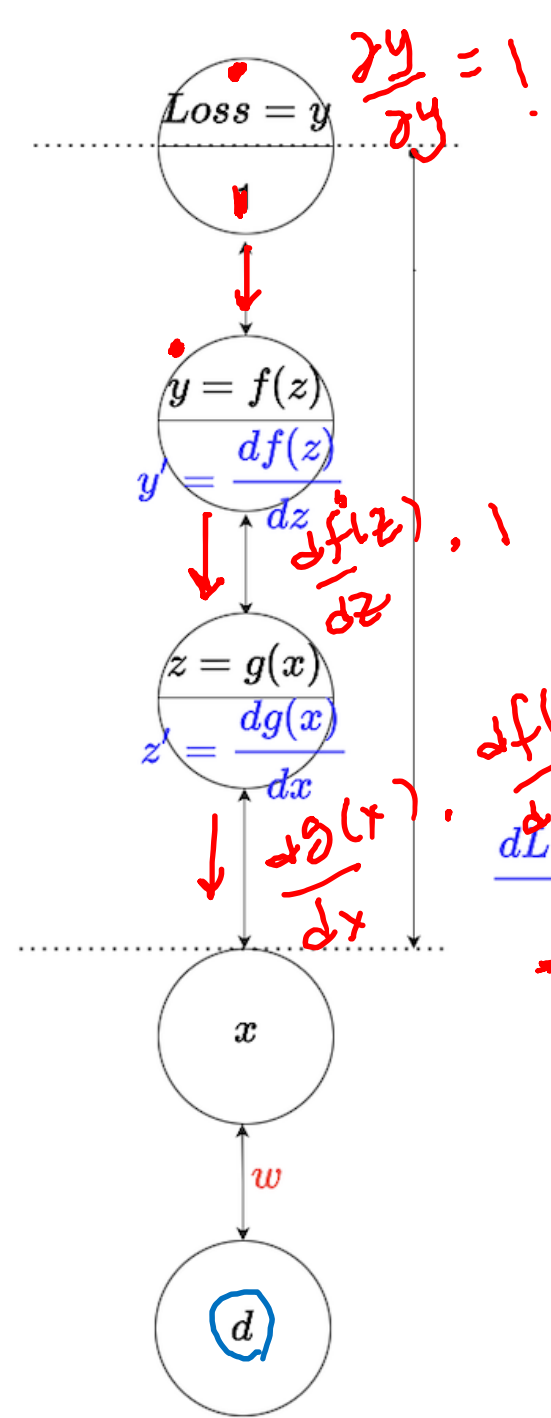
Handwritten diagram:  $\bar{y}$  (input)  $\rightarrow$   $\bar{z}$  (my dev)

$$y' = \frac{df(g(x))}{dx} = \underbrace{\frac{df(z)}{dz}}_{\text{input}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{dg(x)}{dx}}_{\text{output}}$$

$$\frac{d \text{Loss}}{dw} = \frac{d \text{Loss}}{dx} \cdot \left( \frac{dx}{dw} \right)$$

- Computing Gradients in a Neural Net:

Q: How can we compute the  $\frac{d \text{Loss}}{dw}$  by using  $\frac{d \text{Loss}}{dx}$ ?



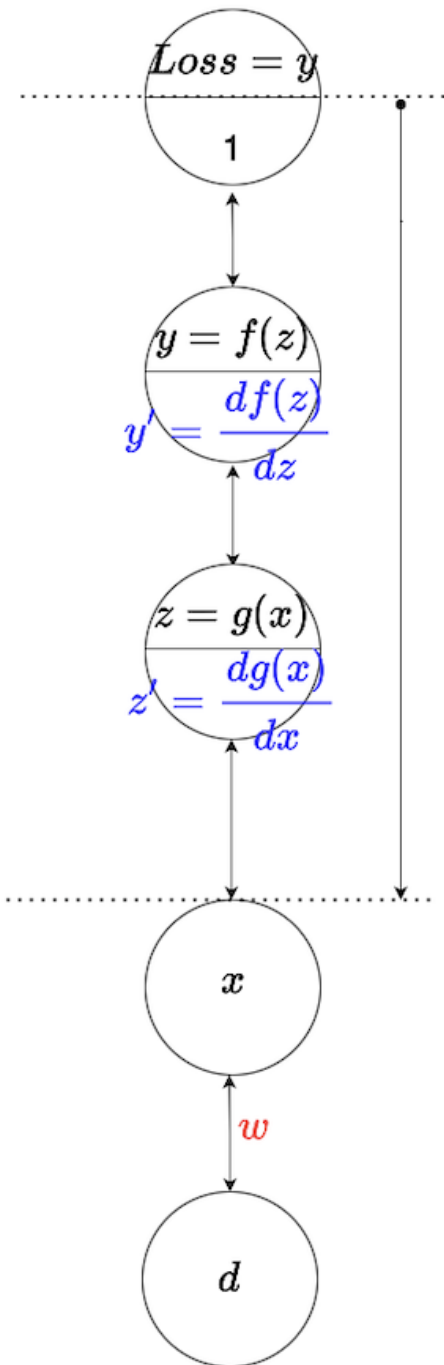
$$\frac{d \text{Loss}(x)}{dx} = 1 \cdot \frac{df(z)}{dz} \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d \text{Loss}}{dw} = \frac{d \text{Loss}}{dx} \cdot$$

$$\frac{dx}{dw}$$

$$x = w \cdot d$$

$$\frac{dx}{dw} = d$$



- Computing Gradients in a Neural Net:

$$\frac{dLoss}{dw} = \frac{dLoss}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dw} = \frac{dLoss}{dx} \cdot d$$

$$\frac{dLoss(x)}{dx} = 1 \cdot \frac{df(z)}{dz} \cdot \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \quad \checkmark$$

## Chain Rule for Multivariable Functions

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

Let  $w = f(x, y)$ , where  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$

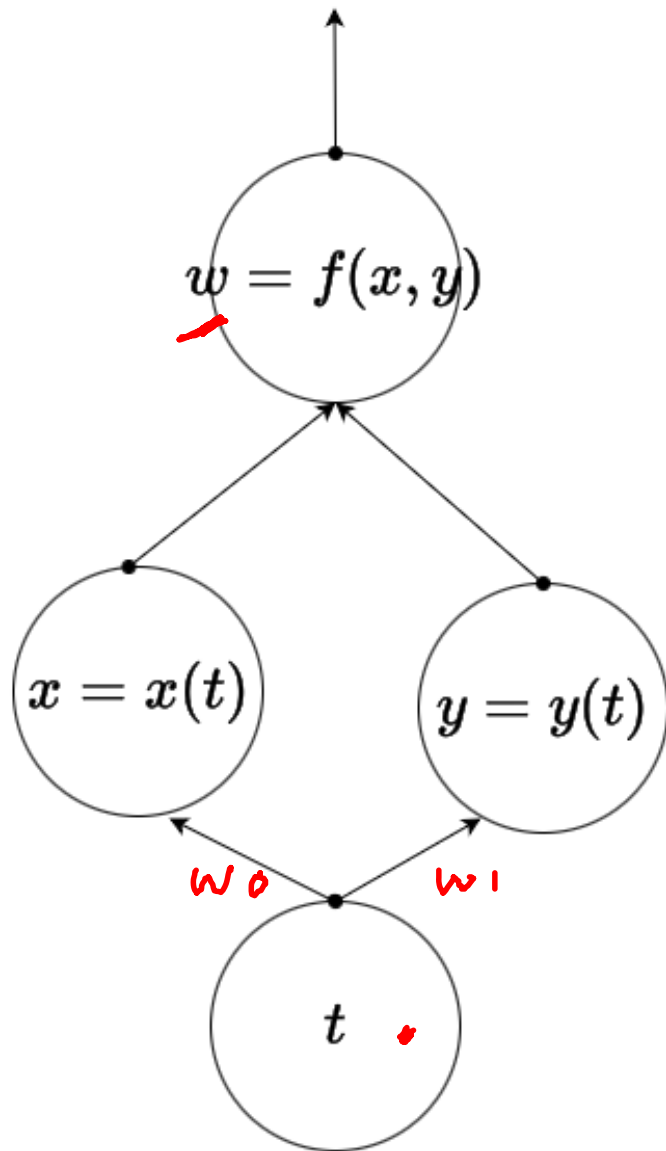
Then

$$\frac{df(x, y)}{dt} = \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Diagram illustrating the chain rule dependencies:

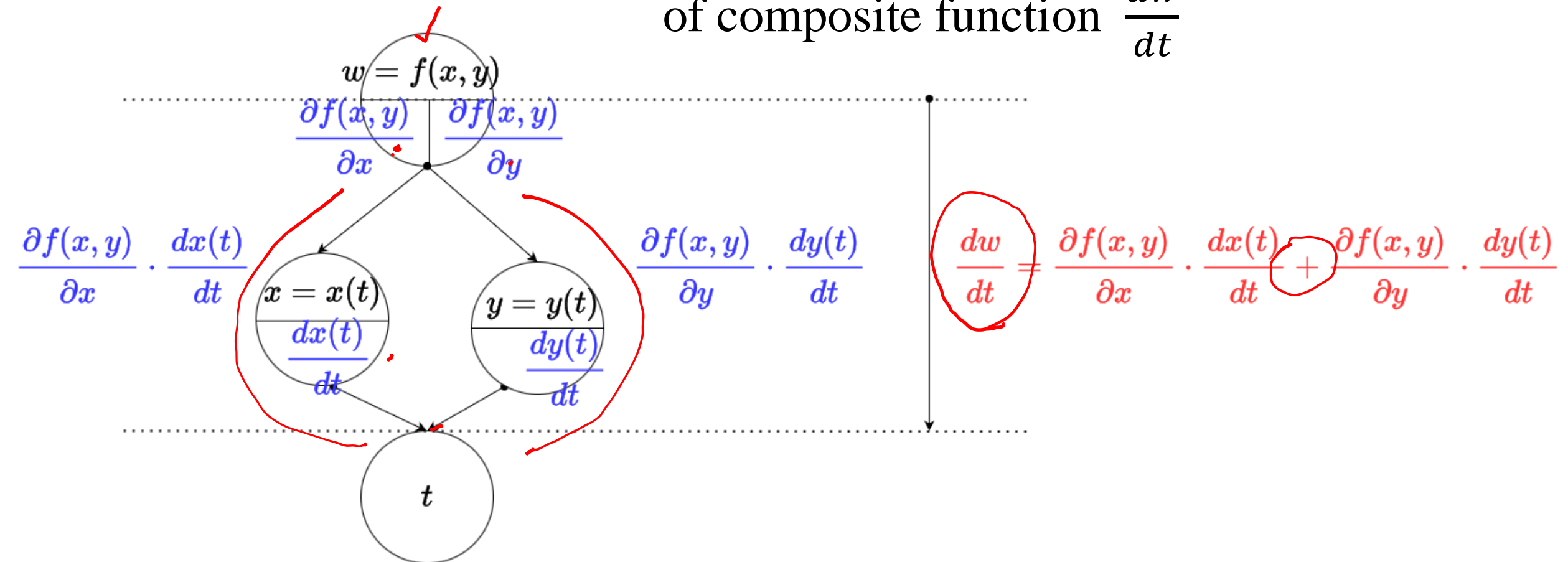
- $t$  (independent variable) branches into  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$ .
- $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  both depend on  $w = f(x, y)$ .

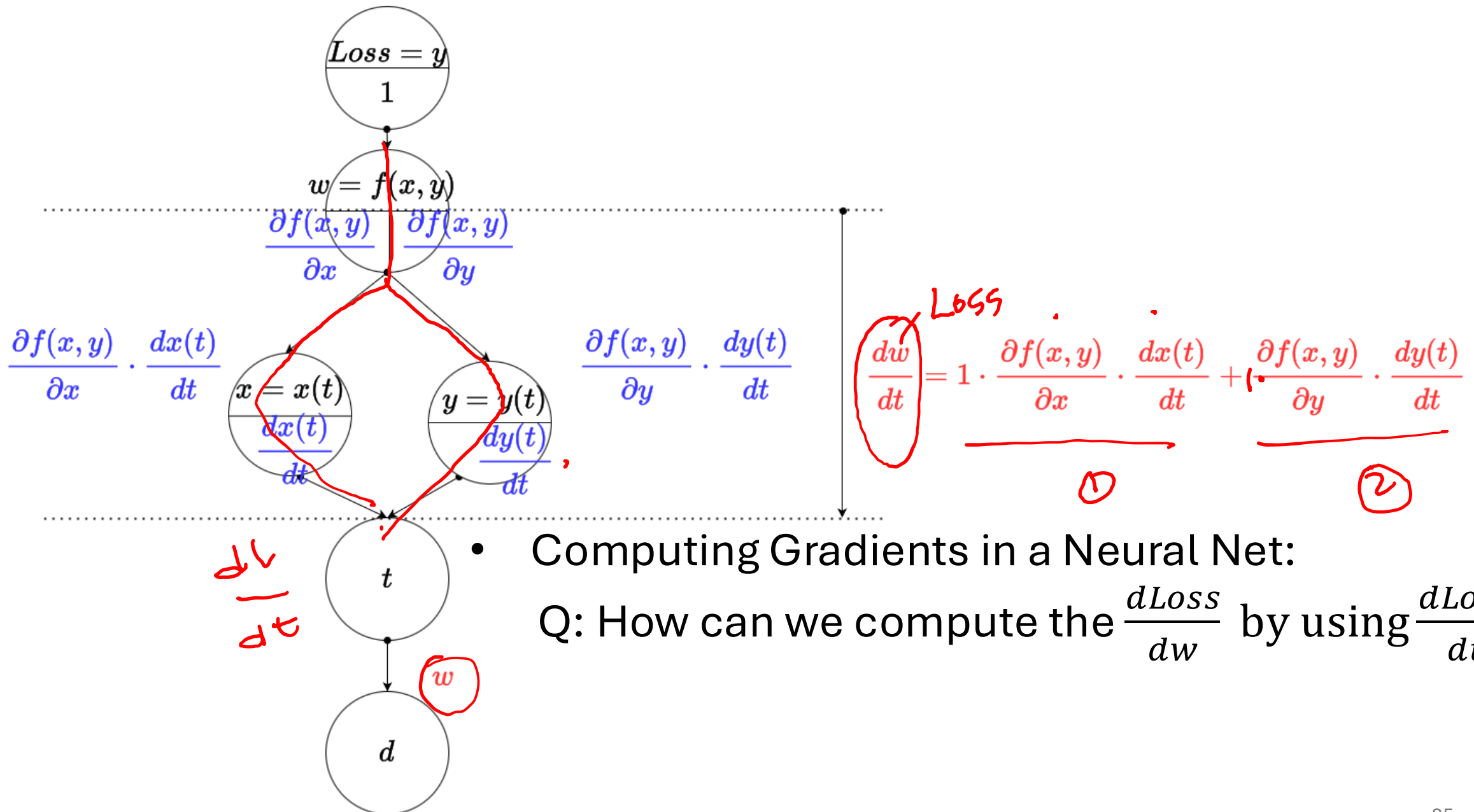




- The feedforward direction to compute a composite function  $w(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$

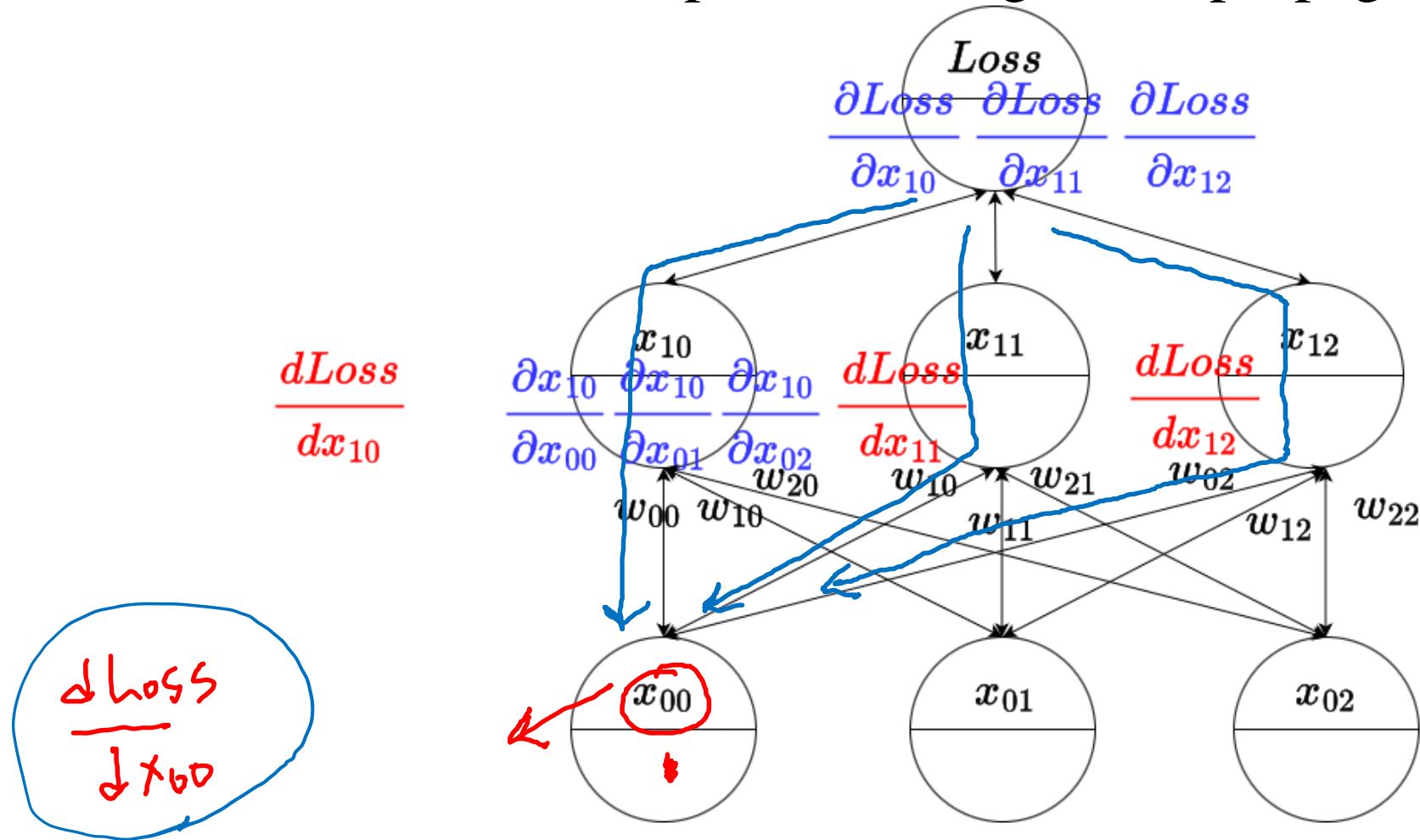
- The backward direction to compute the derivate of composite function  $\frac{dw}{dt}$



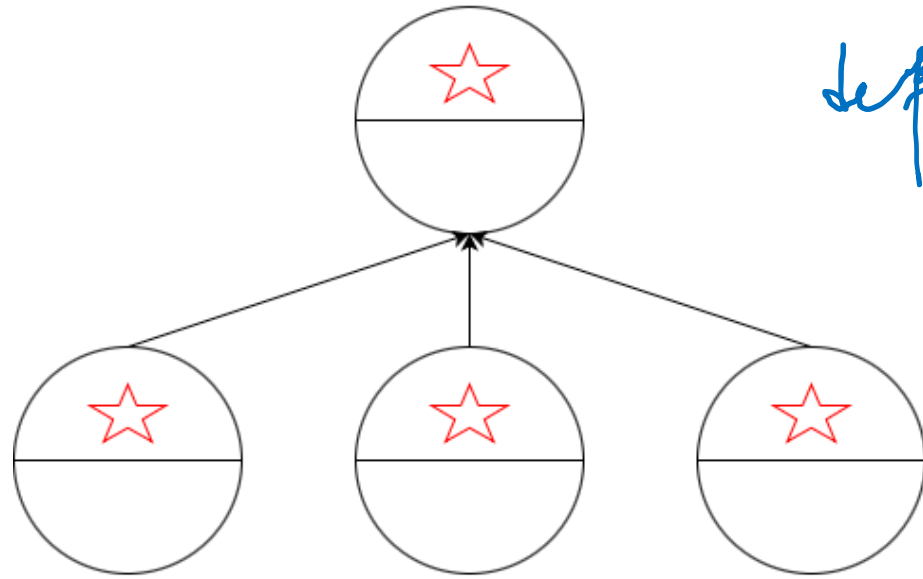


At a Certain  $W$ ,  $[W_{t+1} = W_t - \eta \nabla J(W_t)]$

The Derivative of Loss at Each Node is Updated through Backpropagation.



$$\frac{dLoss}{dx_{00}} = \frac{dx_{10}}{dx_{00}} \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial x_{10}} + \frac{dx_{11}}{dx_{00}} \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial x_{11}} + \frac{dx_{12}}{dx_{00}} \frac{\partial Loss}{\partial x_{12}}$$



Feedforward Update  
(For Inference)

class unit () { memory.

def forward ()  
operation (input, output)

def feedback ()

• location  
cal information

• input, localized inf

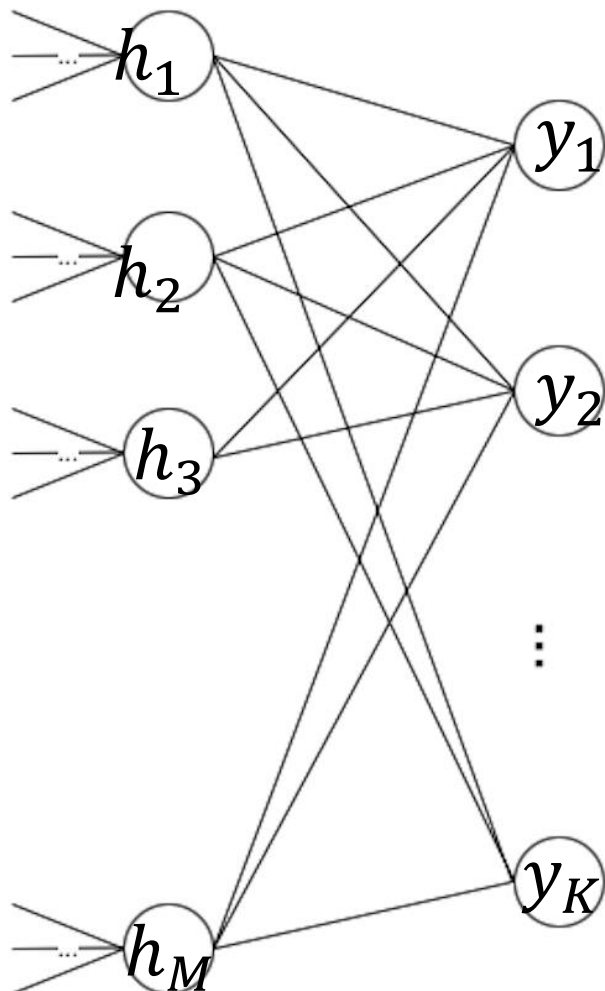
• out

Feedbackward Update  
(For Computing Gradient)

## Output Layers of DNN and Gradient Descent

## [1] MMSE Loss for Regression

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In regression modeling,

(1)  $\vec{y} = f(\vec{x}) + \varepsilon$  where  $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$   
then  $y \sim \mathcal{N}(f(x), \Sigma)$

(2) For MLE,  
Take a NLL (negative log likelihood)



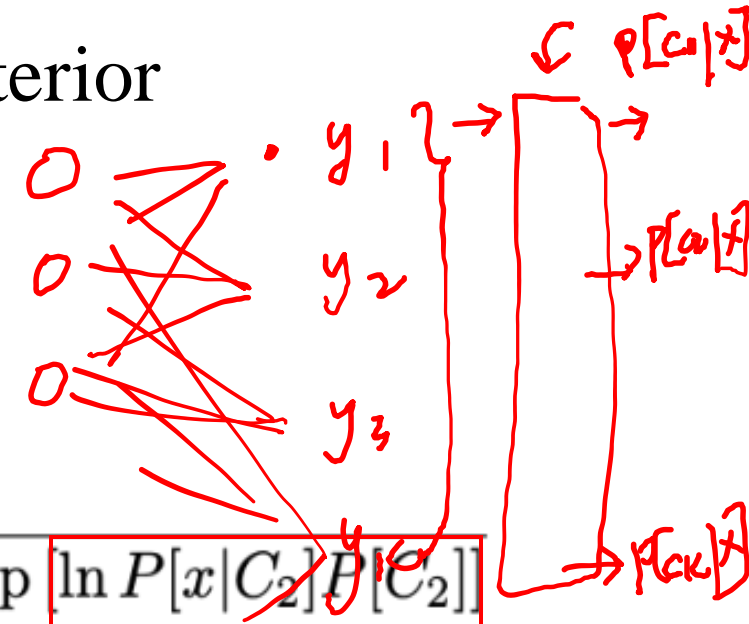
## [2] Softmax for Multiple Classification

K-class → # K discriminant

## SoftMax Representation of Multiclass Posterior

$$P[C_0|x] = \frac{P[x|C_0]P[C_0]}{P[x|C_0]P[C_0] + P[x|C_1]P[C_1] + P[x|C_2]P[C_2]}$$

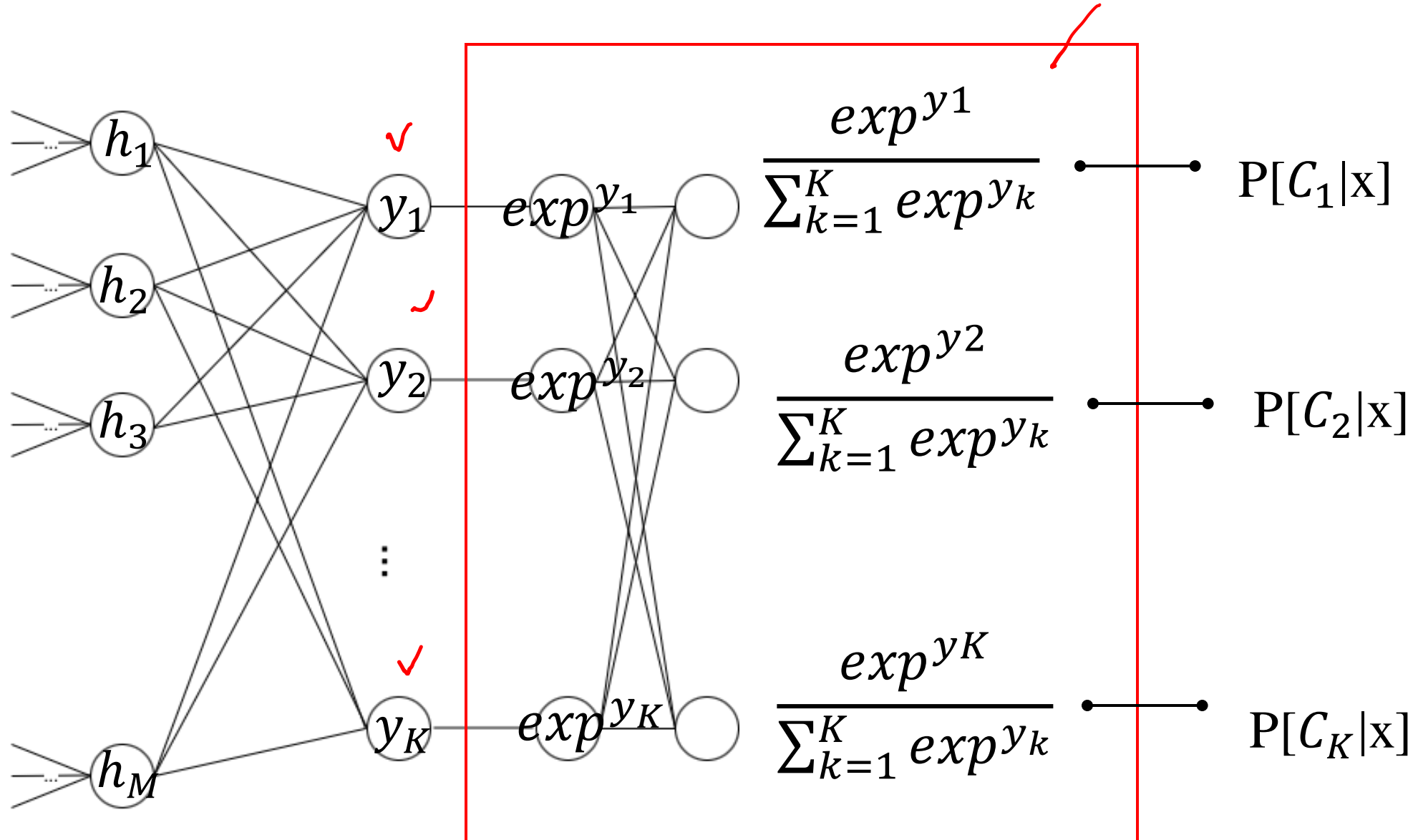
$$P[C_0|x] = \frac{\exp[\ln P[x|C_0]P[C_0]]}{\exp[\ln P[x|C_0]P[C_0]] + \exp[\ln P[x|C_1]P[C_1]] + \exp[\ln P[x|C_2]P[C_2]]}$$



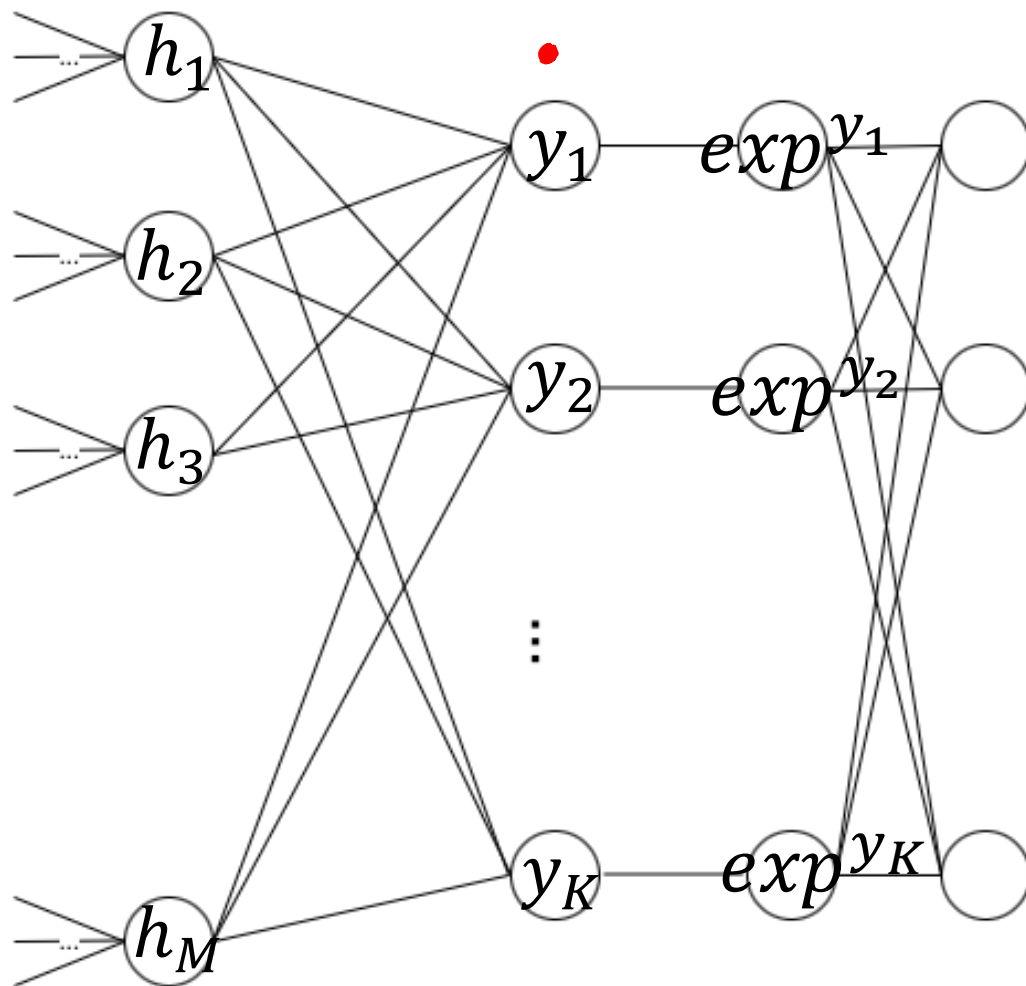
+ K= 3 discriminant functions

The posterior will be designed with softmax &  $K = 3$  linear function of  $x$   
&  $K = 3$  linear function of  $\phi(x)$

## [2] SoftMax Output for Multiclass Classification



### [3] SoftMax Unit and MLE Loss



$$P[T|W, x] = \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{k=1}^K P[C_k|W, x_n]^{t_{nk}}$$

$$J(W) = -\ln P[T|W, x] = -\sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^K t_{nk} \ln P[C_k|W, x_n]$$

Once we know  $\frac{dJ}{dy_j}$ ,  
we can compute the gradients  
of other units by backpropagation.

## Sofmax Derivative r.t $y_j$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y_j} = \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_{n1}P[C_j|x_n, W] + \dots + t_{nj}(P[C_j|x_n, W] - 1) + t_{nK}P[C_j|x_n, W]\}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y_j} = \sum_{n=1}^N \{P[C_j|x_n, W] - t_{nj}\}$$

## SoftMax Derivative [Slide Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>]



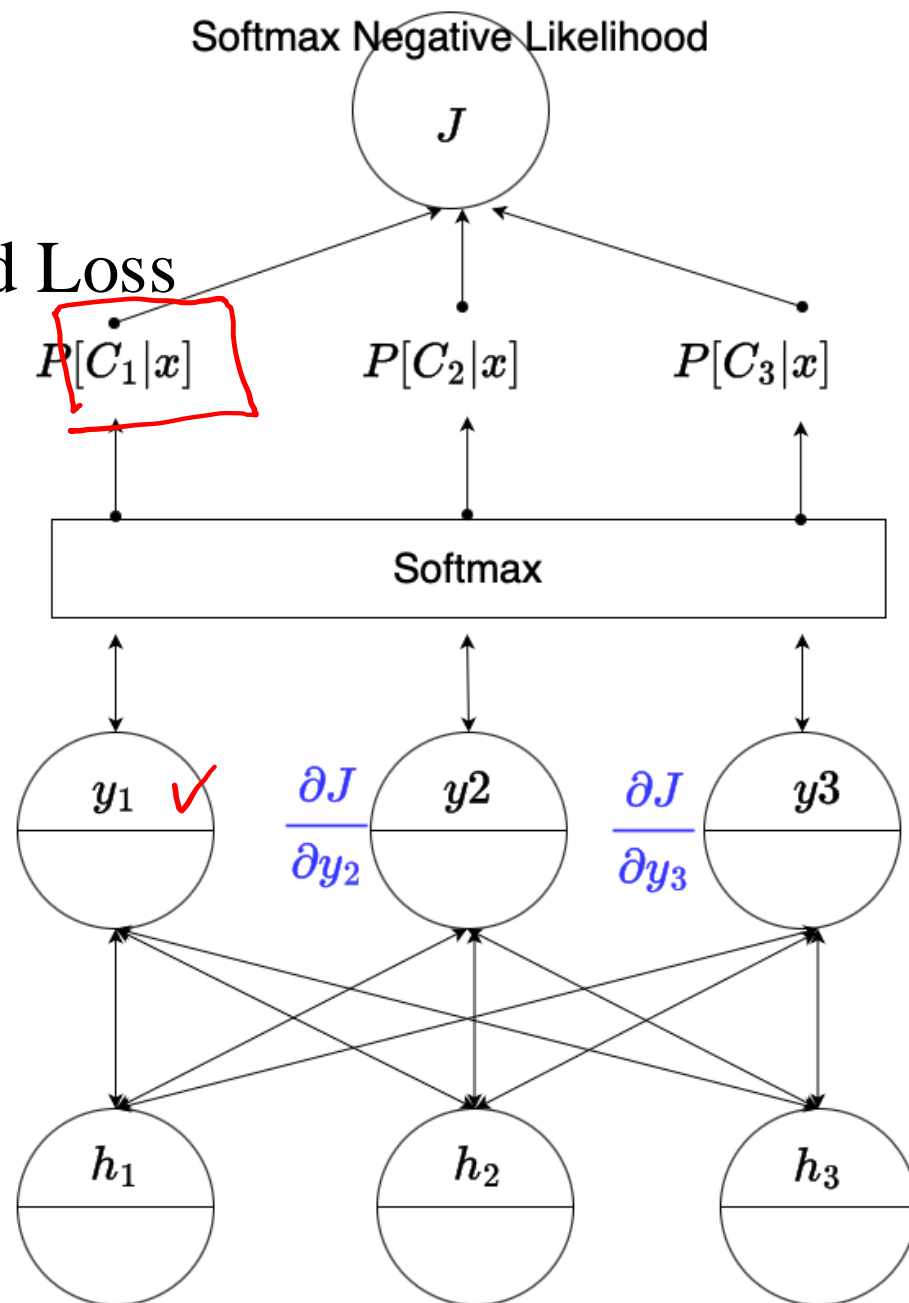
$$\nabla_{W_j} P[C_j|x] = P[C_j|x] \cdot (1 - P[C_j|x])\phi(x)$$

$$\nabla_{W_i} P[C_j|x] = P[C_j|x] \cdot (-P[C_i|x])\phi(x)$$

+ we can compute the  $P[C_j|x]$  at current  $W$ !

The derivatives of Softmax Negative Likelihood Loss : they backpropagated throughout the network to compute the gradients of the network units. The parameters connected to the units are updated based on the updated gradients.

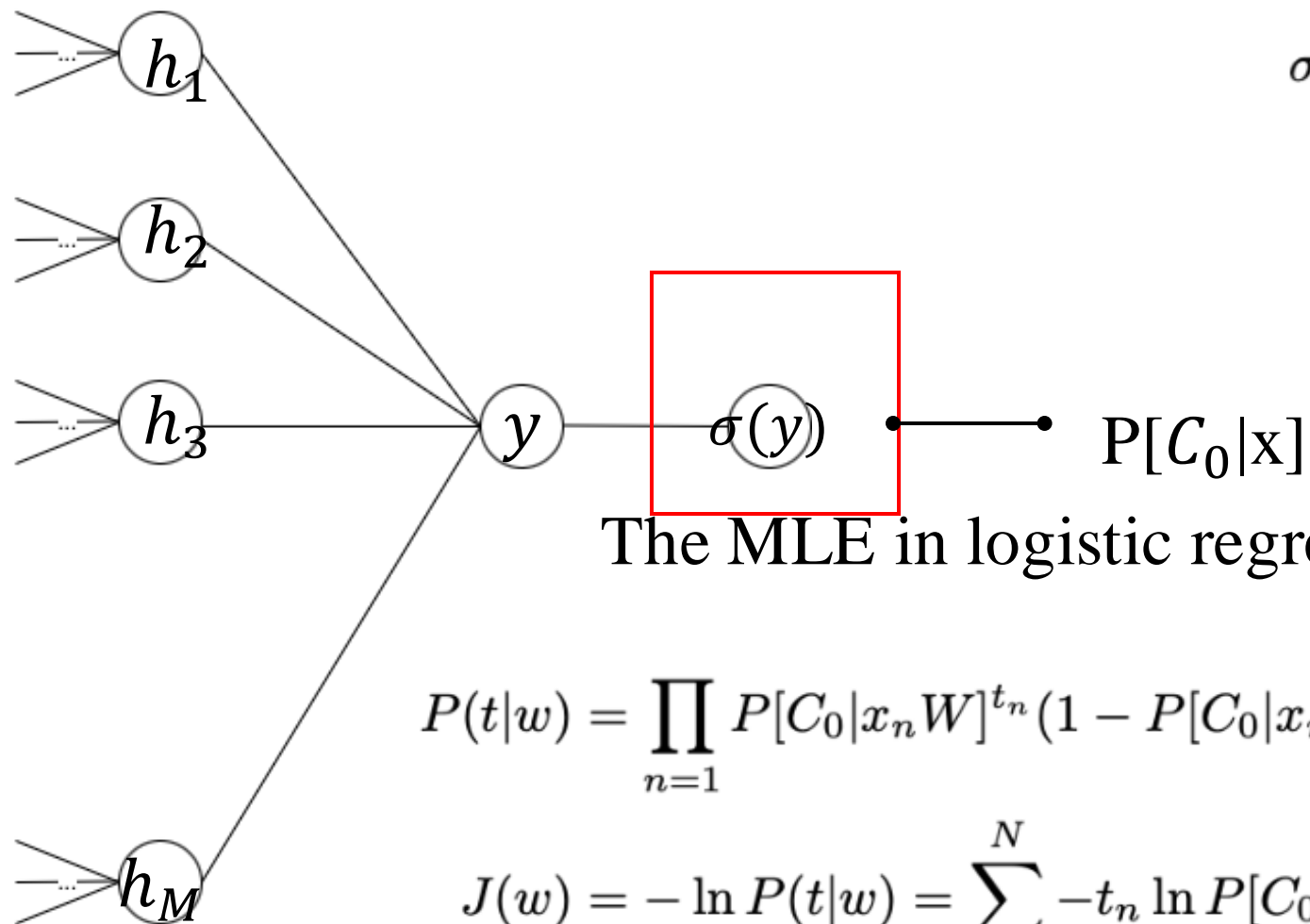
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y_1} = P[C_1|x] - t_1$$



## [2] Logistic Regression for Binary Classification



### [3] Sigmoid Unit for Binary Classification



$$\sigma(y) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp -y} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp -w^t h}$$

The MLE in logistic regression modeling,

$$P(t|w) = \prod_{n=1} P[C_0|x_n W]^{t_n} (1 - P[C_0|x_n W])^{1-t_n}$$

$$J(w) = -\ln P(t|w) = \sum_{n=1}^N -t_n \ln P[C_0|x_n W] - (1 - t_n) \ln (1 - P[C_0|x_n W])$$

KL divergence!  
Why?

# Logistic Regression Derivative r.t $y$

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$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial y} = \sum_{n=1}^N -t_n(1 - \sigma(y|x_n)) - (1 - t_n)(-\sigma(y|x_n))$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^N \sigma(y|x_n) - t_n$$

The derivatives of Sigmoid Negative Likelihood Loss  
: it is backpropagated throughout the network  
to compute the gradients of the network units.  
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