

# Backpropagation

Note:  $z_j^l = \left( \sum_k w_{jk}^l a_k^{l-1} \right) + b_j^l$

$$a_k^{l-1} = \sigma(z_k^{l-1})$$

To compute  $\nabla L$ , we must compute:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{jk}^l} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^l} \cdot \frac{\partial z_j^l}{\partial w_{jk}^l} = d_j^l a_j^{l-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_j^l} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^l} \cdot \frac{\partial z_j^l}{\partial b_j^l} = d_j^l$$

$$d_j^l = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^l}$$

sometimes  
called "error"

## Final Layer ( $l = F$ )

Consider  $L$  as a fxn of the nodes in the final layer  $a_1^F, \dots, a_n^F$ .

$$a_j^F = \sigma(z_j^F)$$

$$d_j^F = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^F} = \sum_k \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_k^F} \frac{\partial a_k^F}{\partial z_j^F}$$

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_j^F} \frac{\partial a_j^F}{\partial z_j^F}$$

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_j^F} \sigma'(z_j^F)$$

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial a_j^F}$  depends on choice of loss fcn  
 $\sigma'$  depends on choice of activation

$$\vec{d}^F = \begin{bmatrix} d_1^F \\ d_2^F \\ \vdots \\ d_n^F \end{bmatrix}$$

$n$  nodes in the final layer

$$\boxed{\vec{d}^F = \nabla_{a^F} L \odot \sigma'(\vec{z}^F)}$$



## Intermediate Layers ( $l=2, 3, \dots, F-1$ )

$$d_j^l = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^l}$$

Question: Where do  $z_j^l$ 's appear?

→ In  $a_j^l$ 's, which appear in  $z_j^{l+1}$ 's

$$d_j^l = \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^l} = \sum_k \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_k^{l+1}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_k^{l+1}}{\partial z_j^l}$$

Sum over nodes in  $l+1$  layer

$$= \sum_k d_k^{l+1} \cdot \frac{\partial z_k^{l+1}}{\partial z_j^l}$$

$$z_k^{l+1} = \sum_j w_{kj}^{l+1} a_j^l + b_k^{l+1}$$

Sum over nodes in  $l^{\text{th}}$  layer

$$= \sum_j w_{kj}^{l+1} \sigma(z_j^l) + b_k^{l+1}$$

$$\frac{\partial z_k^{l+1}}{\partial z_j^l} = w_{kj}^{l+1} \sigma'(z_j^l)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_j^l = \sum_k w_{kj}^{l+1} d_k^{l+1} \sigma'(z_j^l)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{d}^l = \left( (W^{l+1})^T \vec{d}^{l+1} \right) \odot \sigma'(\vec{z}^l)}$$