

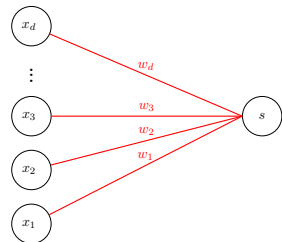
Lecture 3 - Back Propagation

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Linear with 1 output



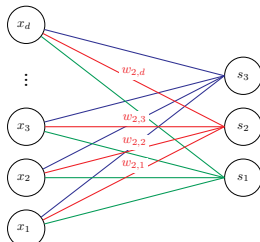
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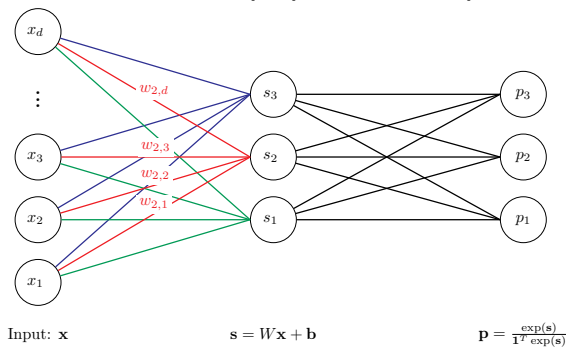
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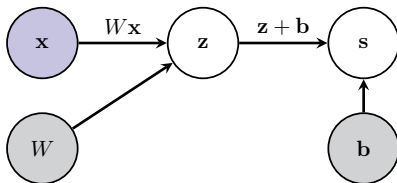
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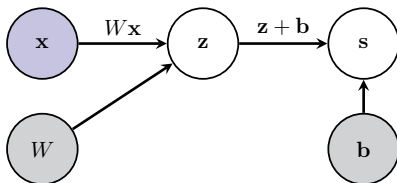


The computational graph:

- Represents order of computations.
- Displays the dependencies between the computed quantities.
- User input, parameters that have to be learnt.

Computational Graph helps automate gradient computations.

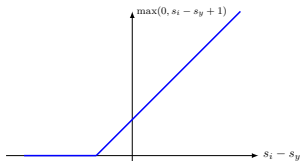
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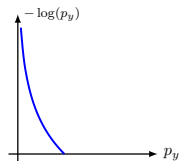
Quality measures a.k.a. loss functions we've encountered

Multi-class SVM loss



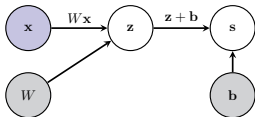
$$l_{\text{SVM}}(\mathbf{s}, y) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq y}}^C \max(0, s_j - s_y + 1)$$

Cross-entropy loss

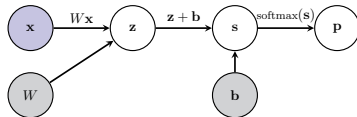


$$l_{\text{cross}}(\mathbf{p}, y) = -\log(p_y)$$

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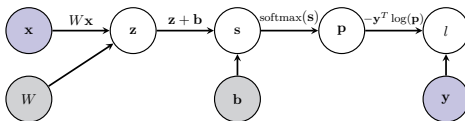
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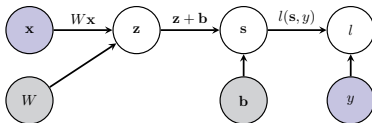
Computational graph of the complete loss function

- Linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss

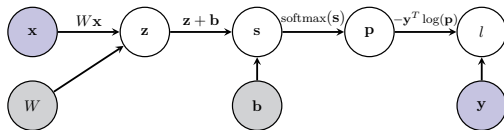


where y is the **1-hot response vector** induced by the label y .

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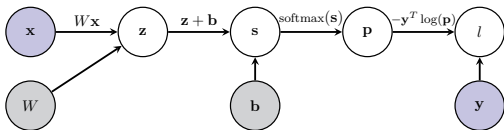


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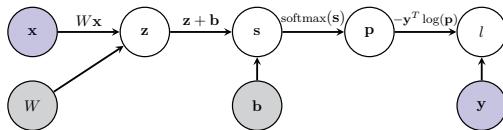
- Let l be the loss function defined by the computational graph.
- Find W, \mathbf{b} by optimizing

$$\arg \min_{W, \mathbf{b}} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})$$

- Solve using a variant of **mini-batch gradient descent**
 \implies need to efficiently compute the gradient vectors

$$\nabla_W l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})|_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{b}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})|_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}}$$

How do we compute these gradients?



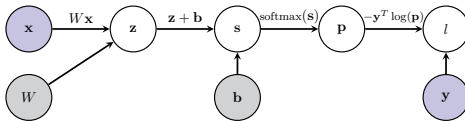
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- Answer: **Back Propagation**

Today's lecture: Gradient computations in neural networks

- For our learning approach need to be able to compute gradients efficiently.
- **BackProp algorithm:** efficient gradient calculations for many of our classifiers and loss functions.



- BackProp relies on the **chain rule** applied to the **composition of functions**.
- Example: the composition of functions

$$l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b}) = -\mathbf{y}^T \log(\text{SoftMax}(W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}))$$

linear classifier then **SoftMax** then **cross-entropy loss**

Chain Rule for functions with a **scalar input** and a **scalar output**

Differentiation of the composition of functions

- Have two functions $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.
- Define $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as the composition of f and g :

$$h(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

- How do we compute

$$\frac{dh(x)}{dx} ?$$

- Use the chain rule.

- Have functions $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and define $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

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- Derivative of h w.r.t. x is given by the Chain Rule.

- **Chain Rule**

$$\frac{dh(x)}{dx} = \frac{df(y)}{dy} \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \quad \text{where } y = g(x)$$

Example of the Chain Rule in action

- Have

$$g(x) = x^2, \quad f(x) = \sin(x)$$

- One composition of these two functions is

$$h(x) = f(g(x)) = \sin(x^2)$$

- According to the **chain rule**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dh(x)}{dx} &= \frac{df(y)}{dy} \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \quad \leftarrow \text{where } y = x^2 \\ &= \frac{d \sin(y)}{dy} \frac{dx^2}{dx} \\ &= \cos(y) 2x \\ &= 2x \cos(x^2) \quad \leftarrow \text{plug in } y = x^2 \end{aligned}$$

The composition of n functions

- Have functions $f_1, \dots, f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
- Define function $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as the composition of f_j 's

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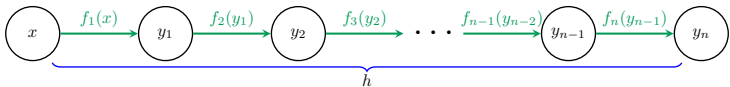
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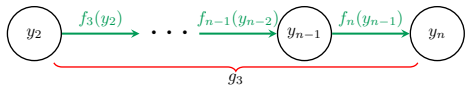
Computational graph for h



Chain Rule for the composition of n functions

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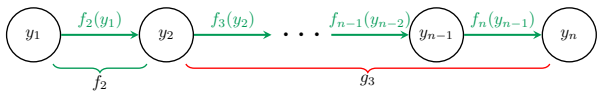
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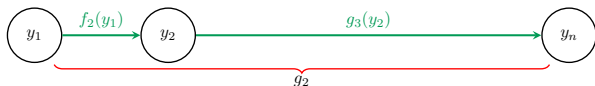
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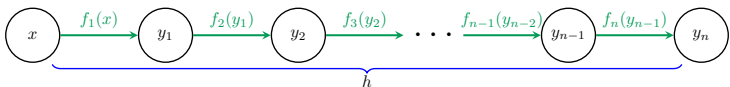
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The Chain Rule for the composition of n functions



Summary so far:

- Have function h defined as the composition: (assuming $y_0 = x$)

$$y_n = h(y_0) = (f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1)(y_0)$$

- Define **intermediary outputs** as

$$y_j = (f_j \circ f_{j-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1)(y_0) = f_j(y_{j-1})$$

- Define h in terms of g_j 's applied to **intermediary outputs**:

$$\begin{aligned} h(y_0) &= y_n = g_j(y_{j-1}) \\ &= (f_n \circ f_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{j+1} \circ f_j)(y_{j-1}) \\ &= (g_{j+1} \circ f_j)(y_{j-1}) \end{aligned}$$

The Chain Rule for the composition of n functions

Can recursively apply the **Chain Rule** to compute derivative of h w.r.t. x :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dh(x)}{dx} &= \frac{dg_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } h = g_1 \\ &= \frac{d(g_2 \circ f_1)(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } g_1 = g_2 \circ f_1 \\ &= \frac{dg_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply chain rule \& } y_1 = f_1(x) \\ &= \frac{d(g_3 \circ f_2)(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } g_2 = g_3 \circ f_2 \\ &= \frac{dg_3(y_2)}{dy_2} \frac{df_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply chain rule \& } y_2 = f_2(y_1) \\ &\vdots \\ &= \frac{dg_n(y_{n-1})}{dy_{n-1}} \frac{df_{n-1}(y_{n-2})}{dy_{n-2}} \dots \frac{df_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} \\ &= \frac{df_n(y_{n-1})}{dy_{n-1}} \frac{df_{n-1}(y_{n-2})}{dy_{n-2}} \dots \frac{df_2(y_1)}{dy_1} \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{Apply } g_n = f_n \\ &= \frac{dy_n}{dy_{n-1}} \frac{dy_{n-1}}{dy_{n-2}} \dots \frac{dy_2}{dy_1} \frac{dy_1}{dx} && \leftarrow \text{as } y_j = f_j(y_{j-1})\end{aligned}$$

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Compute gradient of h at a point x^*

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- Have a value for $x = x^*$
- Want to compute

$$\left. \frac{dh(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=x^*}$$

- Can either compute it with
 - Forward mode auto-diff **or**
 - Reverse mode auto-diff a.k.a. **Back-Propagation** (algorithm consisting of a **Forward** and **Backward** pass).

Forward mode auto-diff to compute

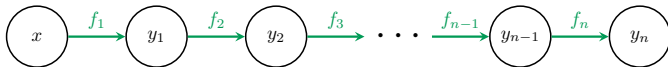
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Path graph: Forward mode auto-diff



- Initialize

$$g = \left. \frac{df_1(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=x^*} \quad \text{and} \quad y^* = f_1(x^*)$$

- Then

for $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ (i.e. compute local gradient, accumulate & compute local fn)

$$g = \left. \frac{df_j(y_{j-1})}{dy_{j-1}} \right|_{y_{j-1}=y^*} \times g \quad \text{and} \quad y^* = f_j(y^*)$$

Note: $g = \left. \frac{dy_j}{dx} \right|_{x=x^*}$ at end of each iteration

At end of for-loop g corresponds to $\left. \frac{dh(x)}{dx} \right|_{x=x^*}$

Reverse mode auto-diff (aka back-propagation) to compute

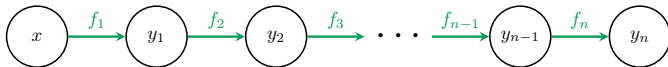
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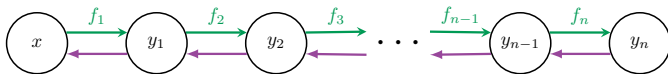
Evaluate $h(x^*)$ and keep track of the intermediary results

- Compute $y_1^* = f_1(x^*)$.
- Then
for $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$

$$y_j^* = f_j(y_{j-1}^*)$$

- Keep a record of y_1^*, \dots, y_n^* .

Path graph: Back-Propagation - Backward Pass

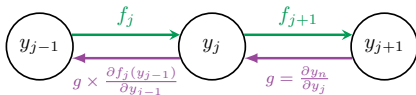


Compute local derivatives of f_j and aggregate:

- Set $g = 1$.
- for $j = n, n - 1, \dots, 2$

$$g = g \times \left. \frac{df_j(y_{j-1})}{dy_{j-1}} \right|_{y_{j-1}=y_{j-1}^*}$$

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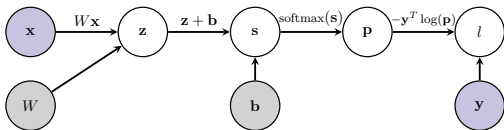
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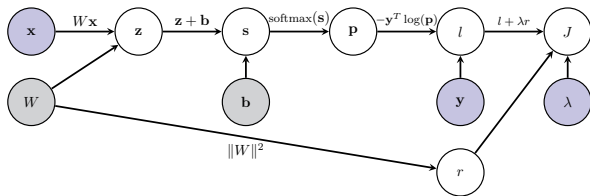
Problem 1: But what if I don't have a path graph?



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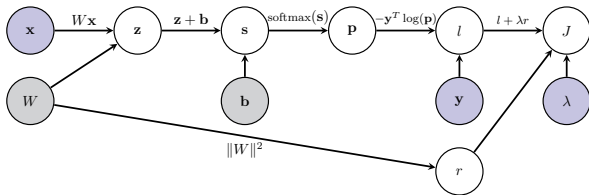


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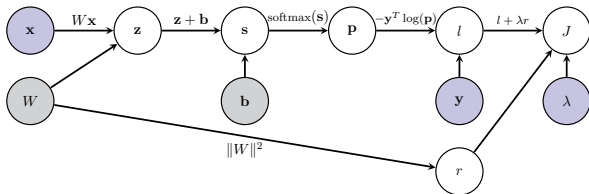


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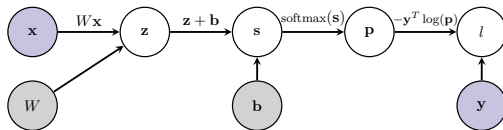


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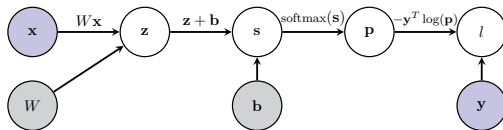
- Nearly all of the inputs and intermediary outputs are **vectors** or **matrices**.
- How are the derivatives defined in this case?

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Chain Rule for functions with **vector inputs** and **vector outputs**

Chain Rule for vector input and output

- Have two functions $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$.
- Define $h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$ as the composition of f and g :

$$h(\mathbf{x}) = (f \circ g)(\mathbf{x}) = f(g(\mathbf{x}))$$

- Consider

$$\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- How is it defined and computed?
- What's the chain rule for vector valued functions?

Brief technical interlude: Layout Convention for Matrix Calculus

- Let \mathbf{y} be a vector of length m , \mathbf{x} be a vector of length n
- There are two conventions for writing $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$
 - **Numerator layout** (aka Jacobian formulation) ($m \times n$)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Denominator layout** (aka Hessian formulation) ($n \times m$)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_n} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_n} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_m}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

What about the gradients?

- If you chose **numerator layout** for $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ then the gradient $\frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ should be a row vector.
- If you chose **denominator layout** for $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ then the gradient $\frac{\partial y}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ should be a column vector.

We mainly use “numerator layout” but may not be entirely consistent across all lectures and assignment instructions.

Chain Rule for vector input and output

- Let $\mathbf{y} = h(\mathbf{x})$ where each $h : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$ then

$$\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_c}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_c}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{this is a Jacobian matrix}$$

and is a matrix of size $c \times d$.

- Chain Rule** says if $h = f \circ g$ ($g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^c$) then

$$\frac{\partial h(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

where $\mathbf{z} = g(\mathbf{x})$ and $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{z})$.

- Both $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$ ($c \times m$) and $\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ ($m \times d$) defined sllly to $\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$.

Chain Rule for vector input and scalar output

The cost functions we will examine usually have a **scalar** output

- Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{x})$$

$$s = g(\mathbf{z})$$

- The **Chain Rule** says gradient of output w.r.t. input

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial x_1} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_d} \right) \leftarrow \text{for consistency gradient def corresponds to Jacobian def.}$$

is given by a gradient times a Jacobian:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}}}_{1 \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m \times d}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial z_1} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial z_m} \right), \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial z_m}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial z_m}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix}$$

Technical Interlude

Forward & Reverse Mode derivative calculations

Chain Rule for vector input and scalar output

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$s = g(f(f(f(\mathbf{x}))))$$

Apply the chain rule recursively to get:

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_3}}_{1 \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_3}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m \times d}$$

where $\mathbf{z}_1 = f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{z}_2 = f(\mathbf{z}_1)$ and $\mathbf{z}_3 = f(\mathbf{z}_2)$.

Forward Mode calculation of the gradient

In **forward mode** calculate the gradient at \mathbf{x}^* ordering the matrix multiplications as

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_3}}_{1 \times m} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_3}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}}_{m \times m} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}}_{m \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m \times d} \right) \right) \right)$$

Reverse Mode calculation of the gradient

In **reverse mode** calculate the gradient at \mathbf{x}^* ordering the matrix multiplications as

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left(\left(\left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_3}}_{1 \times m} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_3}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}}_{m \times m} \right) \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}}_{m \times m} \right) \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m \times d} \right)$$

Flops for Forward Vs Reverse Mode

What is computational complexity of computing $\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$??

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Forward mode

Vs

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Forward mode $\propto 2m^2d + md$

Reverse Mode $\propto 2m^2 + md$

If d large \implies **Forward mode** much more expensive than **Reverse mode**

End of this interlude

Two intermediary vector inputs and scalar output

- $f_1 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_1}, f_2 : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_2}$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($m = m_1 + m_2$)

$$\mathbf{z}_1 = f_1(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{z}_2 = f_2(\mathbf{x})$$

$$s = g(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2)$$

- **Chain Rule** says gradient of the output w.r.t. the input

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial x_1} \quad \cdots \quad \frac{\partial s}{\partial x_d} \right)$$

is given by

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}}_{1 \times m_1} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m_1 \times d} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}}_{1 \times m_2} \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_2}{\partial \mathbf{x}}}_{m_2 \times d}$$

- $f_i : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m_i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, t$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($m = m_1 + \dots + m_t$)

$$\mathbf{z}_i = f_i(\mathbf{x}), \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, t$$

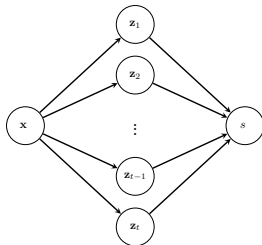
$$s = g(\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_t)$$

- Consequence of the **Chain Rule**

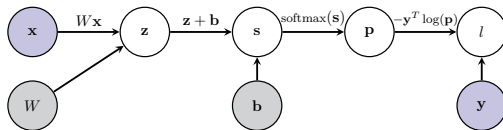
$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}_i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$

- **Computational graph interpretation:** Let $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{x}}$ be children nodes of \mathbf{x} then

$$\frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \sum_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathbf{x}}} \frac{\partial s}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$$



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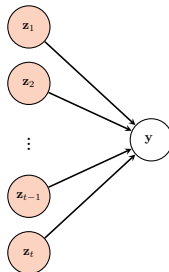


- Back-propagation when the computational graph is **not a path graph**.
- Derivative computations when the inputs and outputs are not scalars. ✓
- Will now describe Back-prop for non-path graphs.

Back-propagation for non-path computational graphs

- Have node y .
- Denote the set of y 's parent nodes by \mathcal{P}_y and their values by

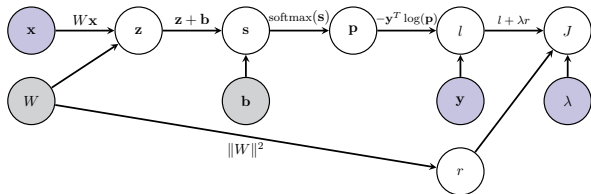
$$V_{\mathcal{P}_y} = \{\mathbf{z}.\text{value} \mid \mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{P}_y\}$$



- Given $V_{\mathcal{P}_y}$ can apply the function $f_{\mathbf{z}}$

$$y.\text{value} = f_y(V_{\mathcal{P}_y})$$

Results that we need but already know



- Consider node W in the above graph. Its children are $\{z, r\}$. Applying the chain rule

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial W} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial W}$$

- In general for node c with children specified by \mathcal{C}_c :

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial c} = \sum_{u \in \mathcal{C}_c} \frac{\partial J}{\partial u} \frac{\partial u}{\partial c}$$

Pseudo-Code for the Generic Forward Pass

procedure EVALUATEGRAPHFN(G)

$\mathcal{S} = \text{GetStartNodes}(G)$

for $s \in \mathcal{S}$ **do**

 ComputeBranch(s, G)

end for

end procedure

▷ G is the computational graph

▷ a start node has no parent and its value is already set

procedure COMPUTEBRANCH(s, G)

$\mathcal{C}_s = \text{GetChildren}(s, G)$

for each $n \in \mathcal{C}_s$ **do**

if ! n .computed **then**

$\mathcal{P}_n = \text{GetParents}(n, G)$

if CheckAllNodesComputed(\mathcal{P}_n) **then** ▷ Or not all parents of children are computed

$f_n = \text{GetNodeFn}(n)$

$n.value = f_n(\mathcal{P}_n)$

$n.computed = \text{true}$

 ComputeBranch(n, G)

end if

end if

end for

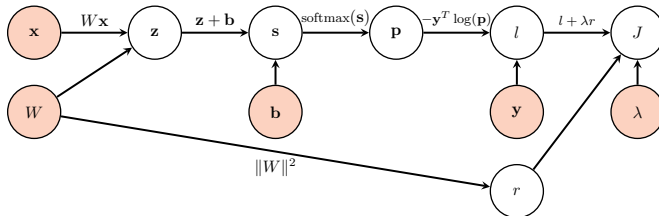
end procedure

▷ recursive fn evaluating nodes

▷ Try to evaluate each children node

▷ Unless child is already computed

Identify Start Nodes



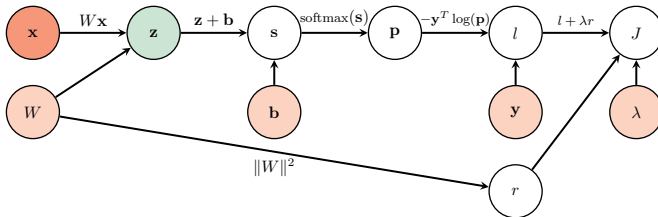
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Order in which nodes are evaluated



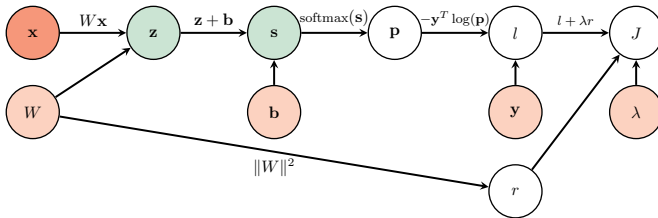
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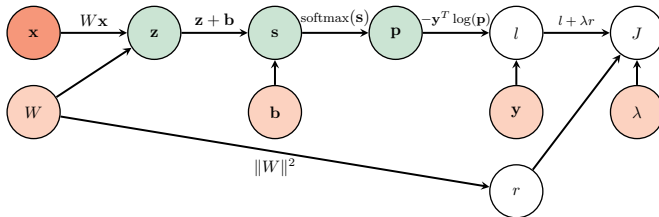
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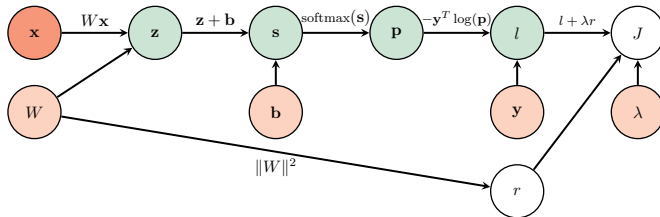
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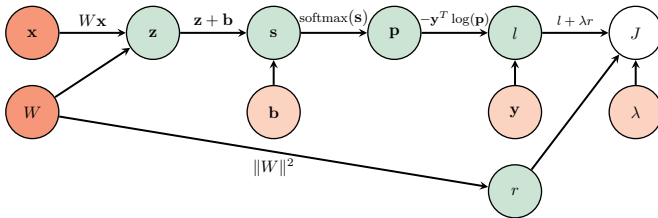
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  for s ∈ S do
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procedure COMPUTEBRANCH(s, G)
  Cs = GetChildren(s, G)
  for each n ∈ Cs do
    if !n.computed then
      Pn = GetParents(n, G)
      if CheckAllNodesComputed(Pn) then
        fn = GetNodeFn(n)
        n.value = fn(Pn)
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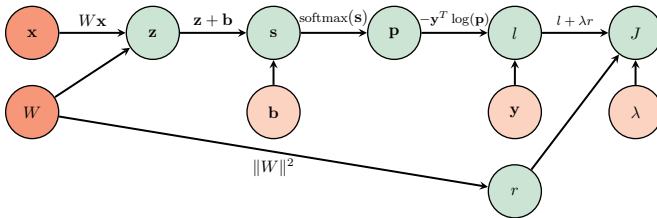
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Pseudo-Code for the Generic Backward Pass

procedure PERFORMBACKPASS(G)

$J = \text{GetResultNode}(G)$

 BackOp(J , G)

end procedure

▷ node with the value of cost function

▷ Start the Backward-pass

procedure BACKOP(s , G)

$C_s = \text{GetChildren}(s, G)$

if $C_s = \emptyset$ **then**

$s.\text{Grad} = 1$

end if

▷ At the result node

if AllGradientsComputed(C_s) **then**

$s.\text{Grad} = 0$

▷ Have computed all $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{c}}$ where $\mathbf{c} \in C_s$

for each $\mathbf{c} \in C_s$ **do**

$s.\text{Grad} += \mathbf{c}.\text{Grad} * \mathbf{c}.\text{s}.\text{Jacobian}$

▷ $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}} += \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}}{\partial \mathbf{s}}$

end for

$s.\text{GradComputed} = \text{true}$

end if

for each $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_s$ **do**

▷ Compute the Jacobian of f_s w.r.t. each parent node

$s.\mathbf{p}.\text{Jacobian} = \frac{\partial f_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathcal{P}_s)}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$

▷ $\frac{\partial f_s(\mathcal{P}_s)}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$

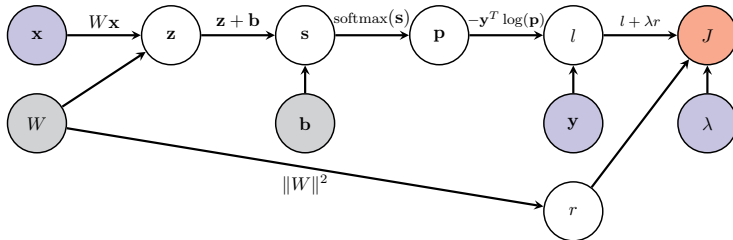
 BackOp(\mathbf{p} , G)

end for

end procedure

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Identify Result Node



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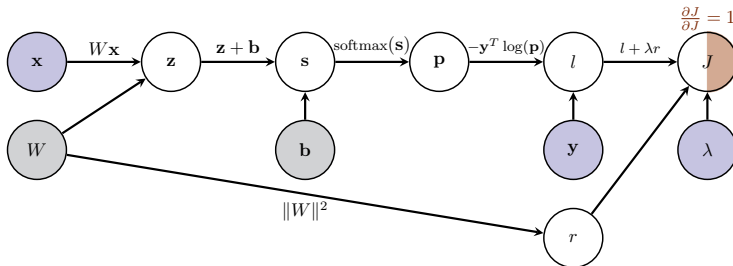
procedure PERFORMBACKPASS(G)
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end procedure
    
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procedure BACKOP(s, G)
  Cs = GetChildren(s, G)  $\triangleright$  At the result node
  if Cs =  $\emptyset$  then
    s.Grad = 1
  else
    if AllGradientsComputed(Cs) then  $\triangleright$  All  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial c}$  computed where  $c \in C_s$ 
      s.Grad = 0
      for each c  $\in C_s$  do
        s.Grad += c.Grad * c.s.Jacobian  $\triangleright \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} += \frac{\partial J}{\partial c} \frac{\partial c}{\partial s}$ 
      end for
      s.GradComputed = true
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of current node



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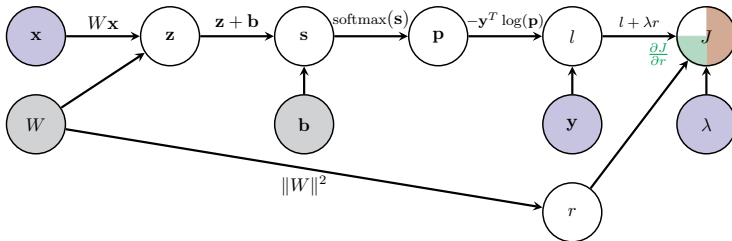
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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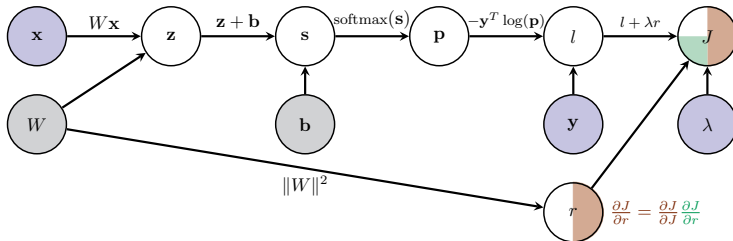
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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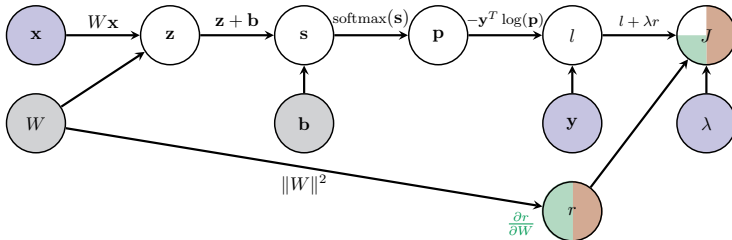
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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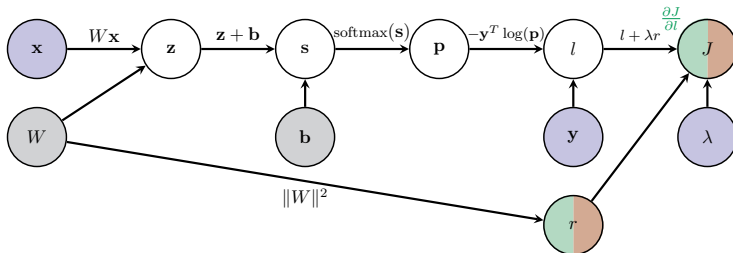
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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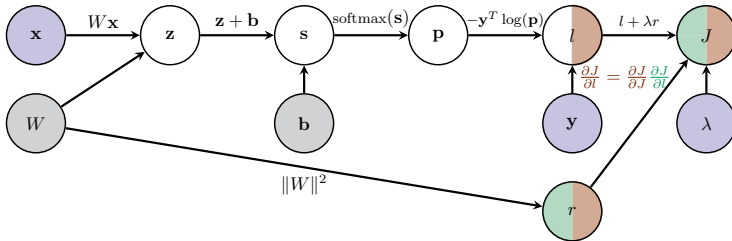
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of current node



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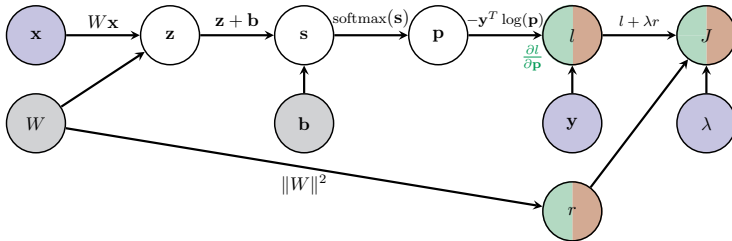
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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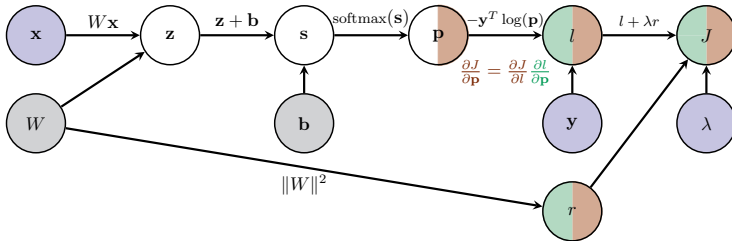
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of current node



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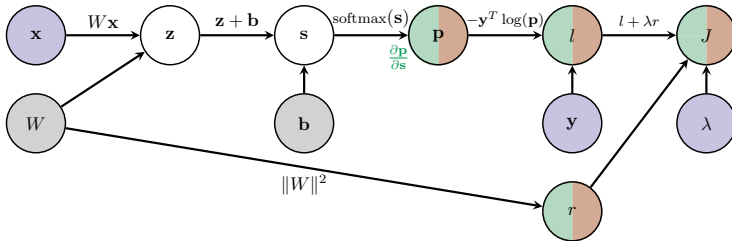
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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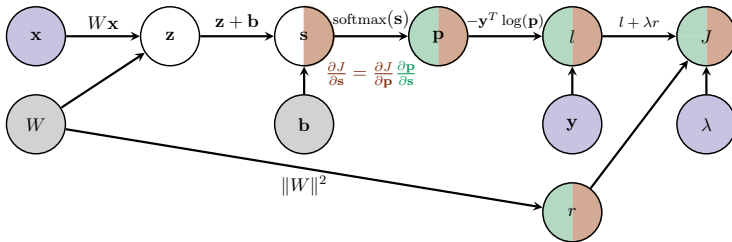
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of current node



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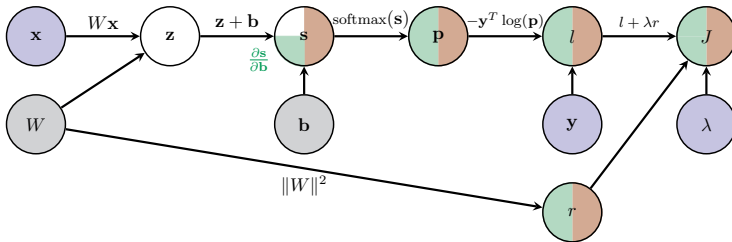
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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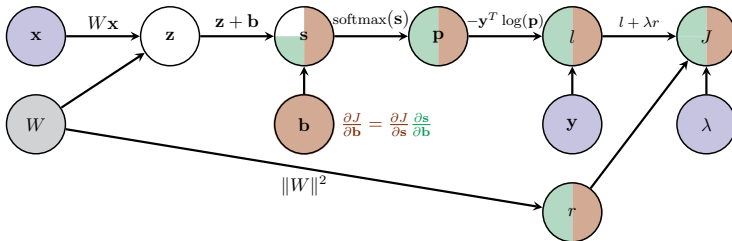
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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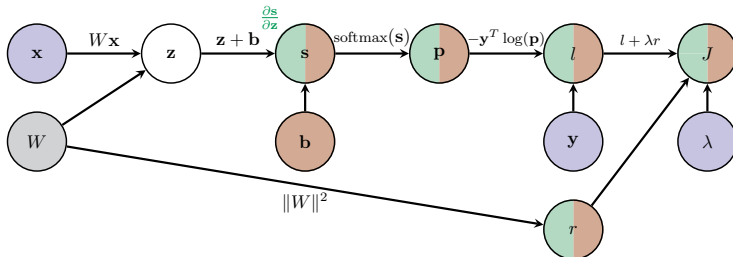
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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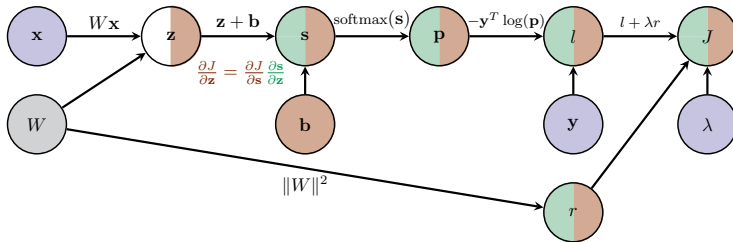
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

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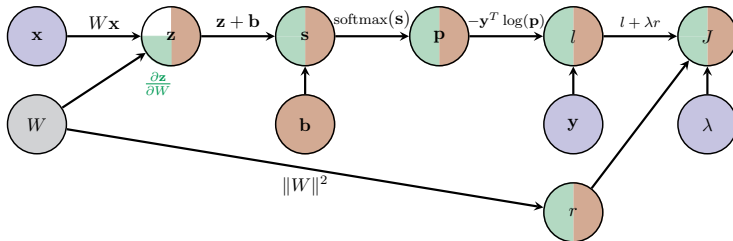
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of current node w.r.t. one parent



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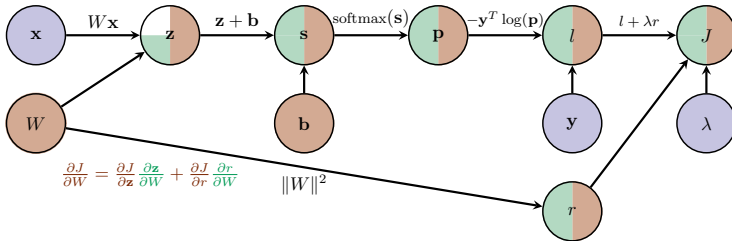
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of current node



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial W} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial W}$$

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end if

end if

for each $p \in P_s$ **do** \triangleright Compute Jacobian of f_s w.r.t. each parent node

$s.p.\text{Jacobian} = \frac{\partial f_s(P_s)}{\partial p}$

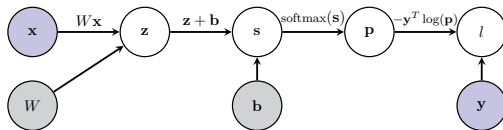
$\triangleright \frac{\partial f_s(P_s)}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial s}{\partial p}$

$\text{BackOp}(p, G)$

end for

end procedure

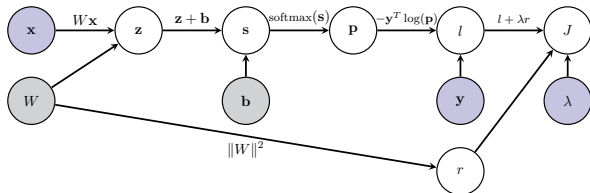
Issues we need to sort out



- Back-propagation when the computational graph is **not a path graph**. ✓
- Derivative computations when the inputs and outputs are not scalars. ✓
- Let's now compute some gradients!

Example of Back-Prop in action

Compute gradients for

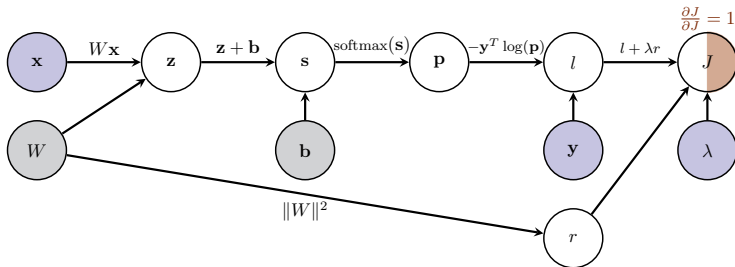


**linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss +
Regularization**

- Assume the forward pass has been completed.
- \implies value for every node is known.

Generic Backward Pass: Gradient of current node

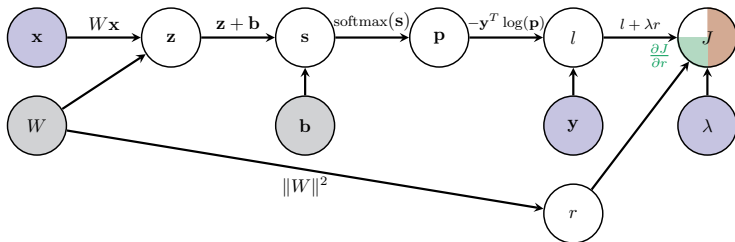
Compute Gradient of node J



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial J} = 1$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node J w.r.t. its parent r

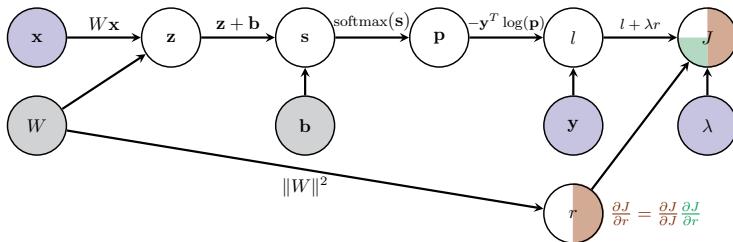


$$J = l + \lambda r$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial r} = \lambda$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of node r

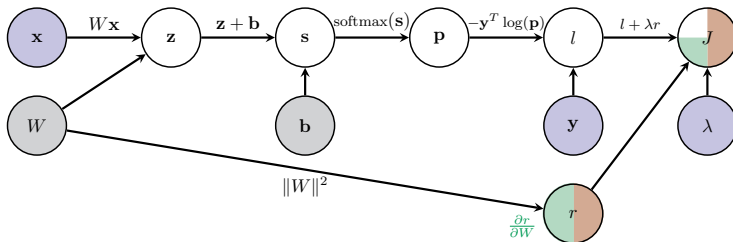


$$J = l + \lambda r$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial r} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial J} \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} = \lambda$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node r w.r.t. its parent W

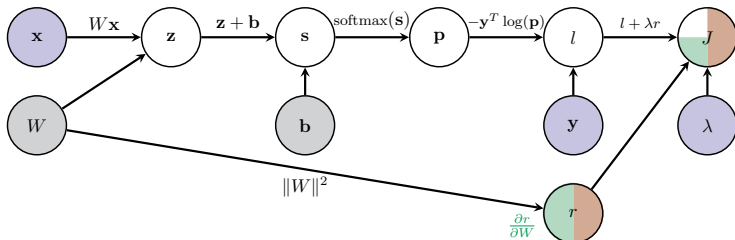


$$r = \sum_{i,j} W_{ij}^2$$

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial W} = ?$$

Derivative of a scalar w.r.t. a matrix

Generic Backward Pass: Compute Jacobian



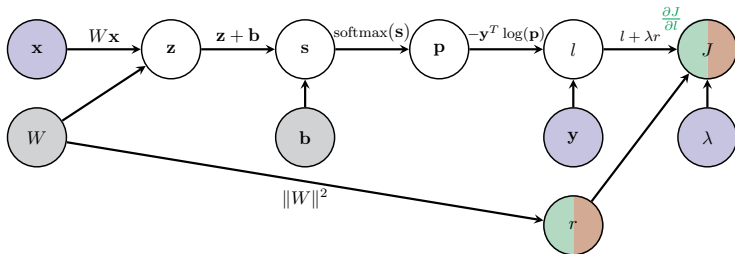
$$r = \sum_{i,j} W_{ij}^2$$

- Jacobian to compute: $\frac{\partial r}{\partial W} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{11}} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{12}} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{1d}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{C1}} & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{C2}} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{Cd}} \end{pmatrix}$ (W is $C \times d$)
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial r}{\partial W_{ij}} = 2W_{ij}$
- Putting it together in matrix notation

$$\frac{\partial r}{\partial W} = 2W$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node J w.r.t. its parent l

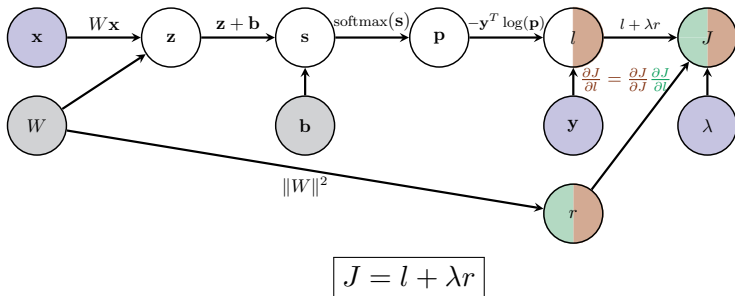


$$J = l + \lambda r$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = 1$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

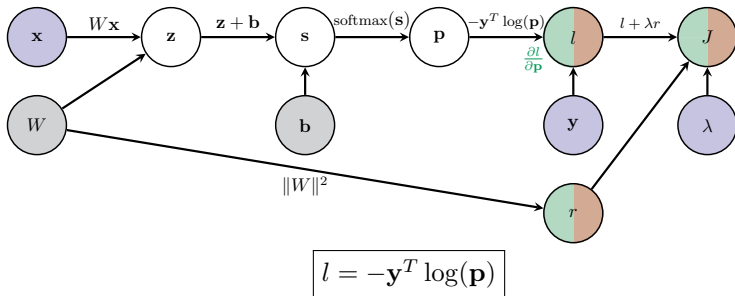
Compute Gradient of node l



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial J} \frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = 1$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node l w.r.t. its parent p

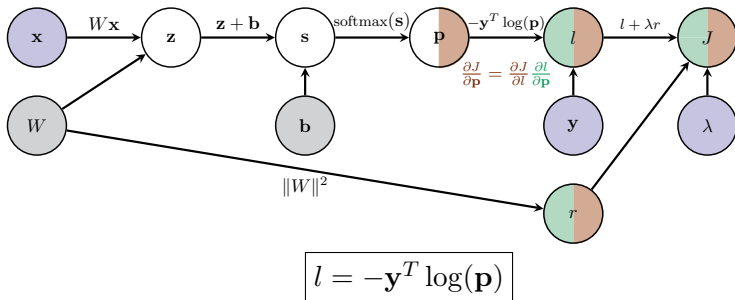


- The Jacobian we want to compute: $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = \left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial p_1}, \frac{\partial l}{\partial p_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial l}{\partial p_C} \right)$
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial l}{\partial p_i} = -\frac{y_i}{p_i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, C$
- Putting it together:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = -\mathbf{y}^T \text{diag}(\mathbf{p})^{-1}$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

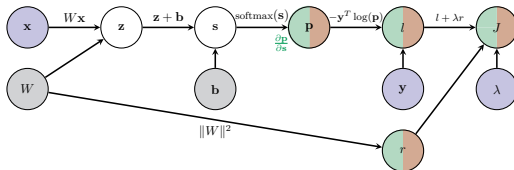
Compute Gradient of node p



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial l} \frac{\partial l}{\partial p}$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node p w.r.t. its parent s



$$\mathbf{p} = \exp(\mathbf{s}) / (\mathbf{1}^T \exp(\mathbf{s}))$$

- The Jacobian we need to compute: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial s_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial s_C} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial p_C}{\partial s_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial p_C}{\partial s_C} \end{pmatrix}$

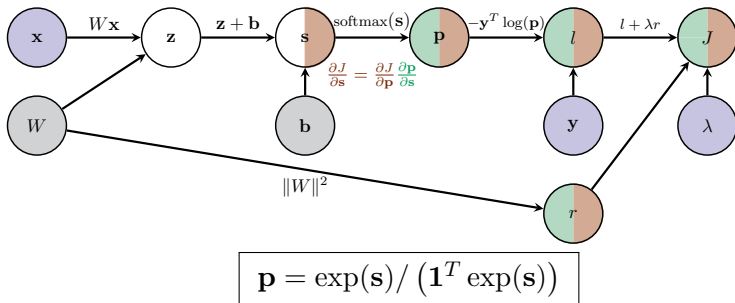
- The individual derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial s_j} = \begin{cases} p_i(1 - p_i) & \text{if } i = j \\ -p_i p_j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Putting it together in vector notation: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

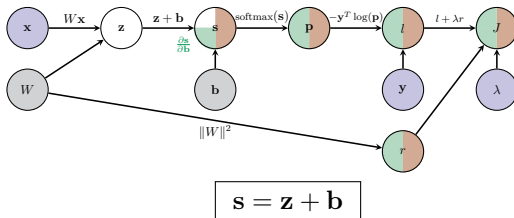
Compute Gradient of node s



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial s}$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

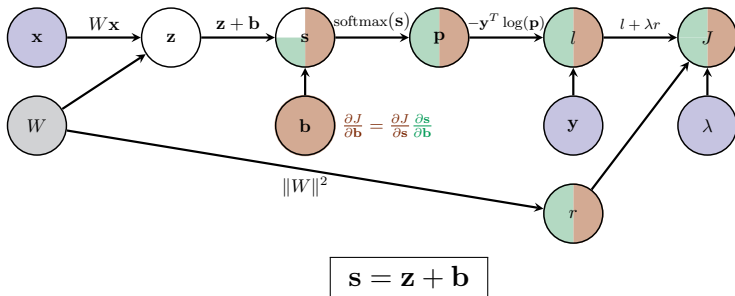
Compute Jacobian of node s w.r.t. its parent b



- The Jacobian we need to compute: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial b_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial b_C} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial b_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial b_C} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial b_j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = I_C \leftarrow \text{the identity matrix of size } C \times C$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of node b

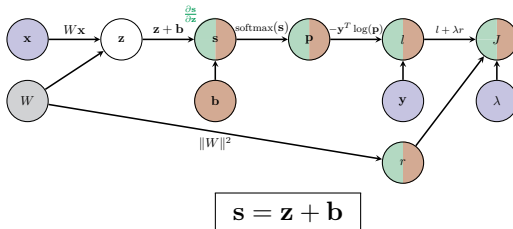


gradient needed for mini-batch g.d. training as \mathbf{b} parameter of the model \rightarrow

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

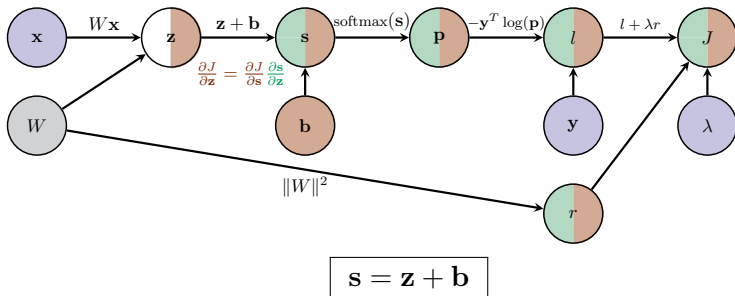
Compute Jacobian of node s w.r.t. its parent z



- The Jacobian we need to compute: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_1}{\partial z_C} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial s_C}{\partial z_C} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial s_i}{\partial z_j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
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Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

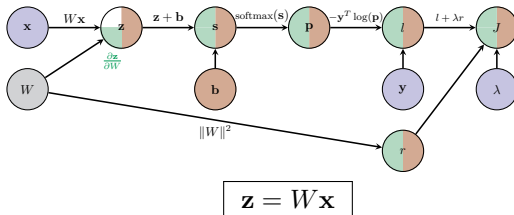
Compute Gradient of node z



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial z}$$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node z w.r.t. its parent W



- No consistent definition for “Jacobian” of vector w.r.t. matrix.
- Instead re-arrange W ($C \times d$) into a vector $\text{vec}(W)$ ($Cd \times 1$)

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1^T \\ \mathbf{w}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_C^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{then} \quad \text{vec}(W) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{w}_1 \\ \mathbf{w}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{w}_C \end{pmatrix}$$

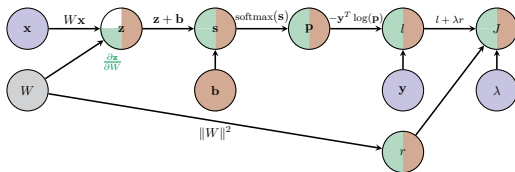
- Then

$$\mathbf{z} = \left(I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T \right) \text{vec}(W)$$

where \otimes denotes the **Kronecker product** between two matrices.

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Jacobian of node z w.r.t. one parent W

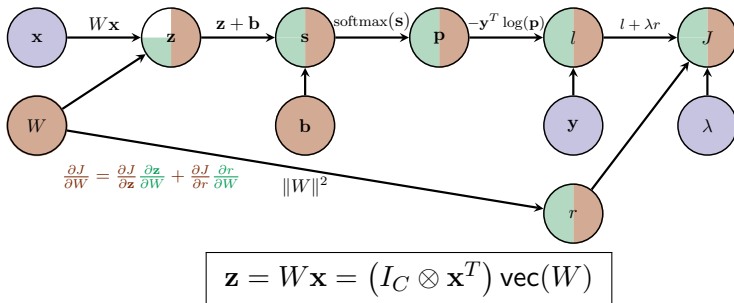


$$\mathbf{z} = W\mathbf{x} = (I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T) \text{vec}(W)$$

- Let $\mathbf{v} = \text{vec}(W)$. Jacobian to compute: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial v_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial v_{dC}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial z_C}{\partial v_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial z_C}{\partial v_{dC}} \end{pmatrix}$
- The individual derivatives: $\frac{\partial z_i}{\partial v_j} = \begin{cases} x_{j-(i-1)d} & \text{if } (i-1)d + 1 \leq j \leq id \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- In vector notation: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{v}} = I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T$

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of node W



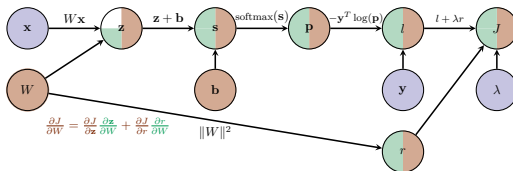
gradient needed for learning \rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial r} \frac{\partial r}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} \\ &= (g_1 \mathbf{x}^T \quad g_2 \mathbf{x}^T \quad \cdots \quad g_C \mathbf{x}^T) + 2\lambda \text{vec}(W)^T \end{aligned}$$

if we set $\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$.

Generic Backward Pass: Order of computations

Compute Gradient of node W



$$\mathbf{z} = W\mathbf{x} = (I_C \otimes \mathbf{x}^T) \text{vec}(W)$$

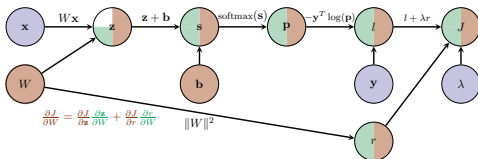
Can convert

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \text{vec}(W)} = (g_1 \mathbf{x}^T \quad g_2 \mathbf{x}^T \quad \cdots \quad g_C \mathbf{x}^T) + 2\lambda \text{vec}(W)^T$$

(where $\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$) from a vector ($1 \times Cd$) back to a 2D matrix ($C \times d$):

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 \mathbf{x}^T \\ g_2 \mathbf{x}^T \\ \vdots \\ g_C \mathbf{x}^T \end{pmatrix} + 2\lambda W = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda W$$

Aggregating the Gradient computations



linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization

$$\mathbf{g} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial l} = 1$$

$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{p}} = -\mathbf{y}^T \text{diag}(\mathbf{p})^{-1} \leftarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{p}}$$

$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \frac{\partial \mathbf{p}}{\partial \mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{g} \left(\text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T \right) \leftarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{s}}$$

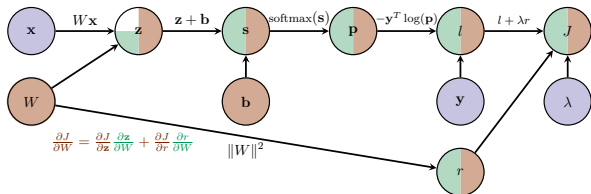
$$\mathbf{g} \leftarrow \mathbf{g} \frac{\partial \mathbf{s}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{g} \mathbf{I}_C \leftarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{g}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda \mathbf{W}$$

Aggregating the Gradient computations



linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization

1. Let

$$\mathbf{g} = -\mathbf{y}^T \text{diag}(\mathbf{p})^{-1} \left(\text{diag}(\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{p}\mathbf{p}^T \right) = -(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T \quad \leftarrow \text{easy to show this last simplification}$$

2. The gradient of J w.r.t. the bias vector is the $1 \times C$ vector

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \mathbf{g}$$

3. The gradient of J w.r.t. the weight matrix W is the $C \times d$ matrix

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T + 2\lambda W$$

Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

- Have explicitly described the gradient computations for one training example (\mathbf{x}, y) .
- In general, want to compute the gradients of the cost function for a mini-batch \mathcal{D} .

$$\begin{aligned} J(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b}) &= L(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b}) + \lambda \|W\|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b}) + \lambda \|W\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

- The gradients we need to compute are

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W$$

$$\frac{\partial J(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L(\mathcal{D}, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}} \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$

Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

linear scoring function + SoftMax + cross-entropy loss + Regularization

- Compute gradient of $L(\mathcal{D}^{(t)}, W, \mathbf{b})$ w.r.t. W, \mathbf{b} :

- Set all entries in $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$ and $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$ to zero.

- for each $(\mathbf{x}, y) \in \mathcal{D}^{(t)}$

1. Evaluate $\mathbf{p} = \text{SoftMax}(W\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b})$

2. Let

$$\mathbf{g} = -(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p})^T$$

3. Add gradient of $l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})$ w.r.t. \mathbf{b}

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} += \mathbf{g}$$

4. Add gradient of $l(\mathbf{x}, y, W, \mathbf{b})$ w.r.t. W :

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} += \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{x}^T$$

- Divide by the number of entries in $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} /= |\mathcal{D}^{(t)}|, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} /= |\mathcal{D}^{(t)}|$$

- Add the gradient for the regularization term

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W, \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$

Efficient Gradient Computations for a mini-batch

- Let $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{y}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{x}_{n_b}, \mathbf{y}_{n_b})\}$ be the data in the mini-batch $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$.
 - Gather all \mathbf{x}_i 's from the batch into a matrix, similarly for \mathbf{y}_i 's

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{batch}} = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{x}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{x}_{n_b} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{Y}_{\text{batch}} = \begin{pmatrix} \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathbf{y}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{y}_{n_b} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{pmatrix}$$

- Complete the **forward pass**

$$\mathbf{P}_{\text{batch}} = \text{SoftMax} \left(W \mathbf{X}_{\text{batch}} + \mathbf{b} \mathbf{1}_{n_b}^T \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{SoftMax applied independently to each column}$$

- Complete the **backward pass**

- Set

$$\mathbf{G}_{\text{batch}} = -(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{batch}} - \mathbf{P}_{\text{batch}})$$

- Then

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \frac{1}{n_b} \mathbf{G}_{\text{batch}} \mathbf{X}_{\text{batch}}^T, \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{n_b} \mathbf{G}_{\text{batch}} \mathbf{1}_{n_b}$$

- Add the gradient for the regularization term

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} + 2\lambda W, \quad \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}$$