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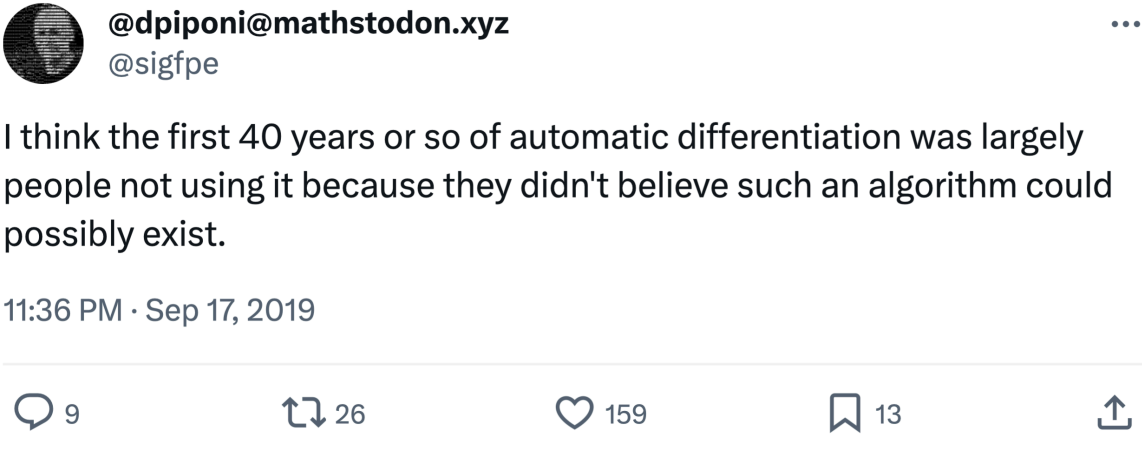

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- Typically, first-order methods perform much better in huge-scale optimization, while second-order methods require too much memory.

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Link to a nice visualization ♣, where one can see, that gradient-free methods handle this problem much slower, especially in higher dimensions.

> **Question**
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> Is it somehow connected with PCA?

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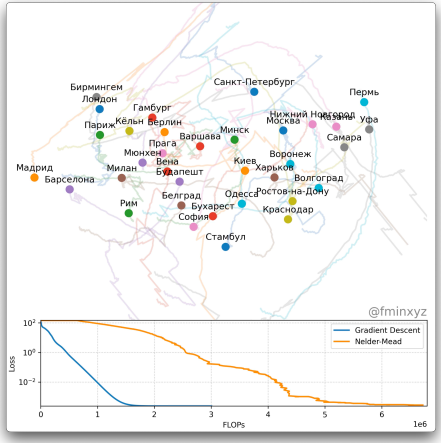

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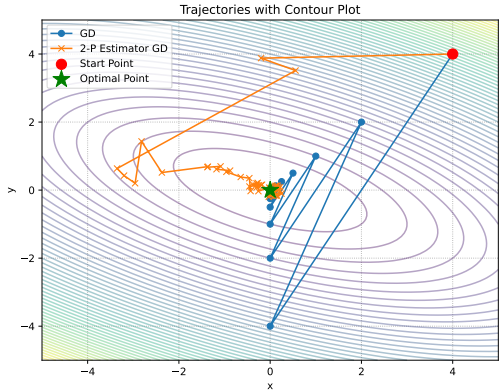

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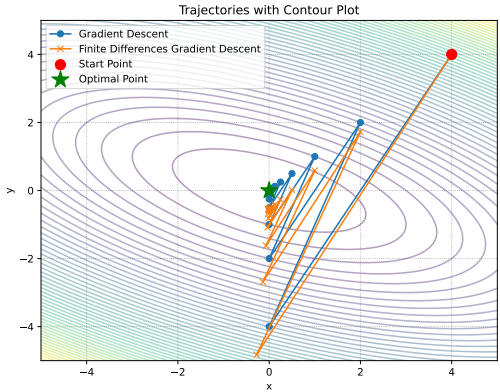
Open In Colab ♣



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For 2-point estimators, you can't make the dependence better than on $\sqrt{n}$!

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Theorem

There is an algorithm to compute $\nabla_w L$ in $\mathcal{O}(T)$ operations. [2]

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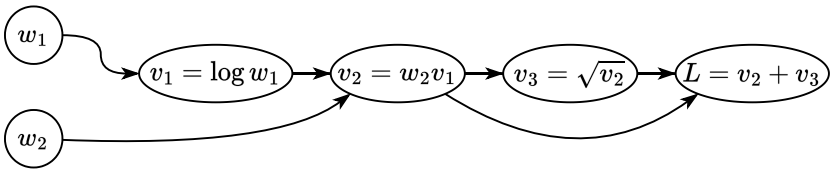

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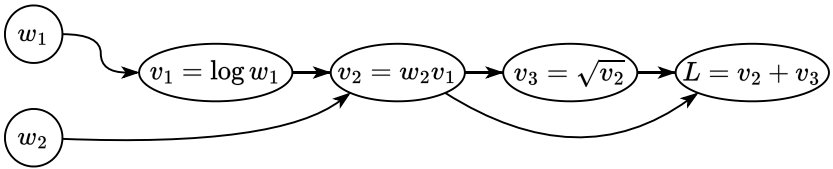

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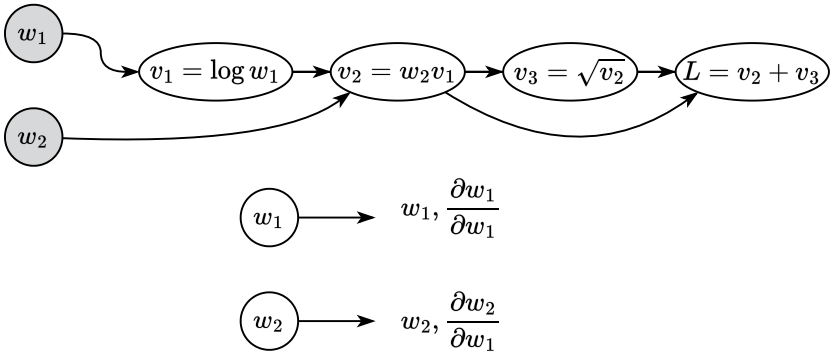

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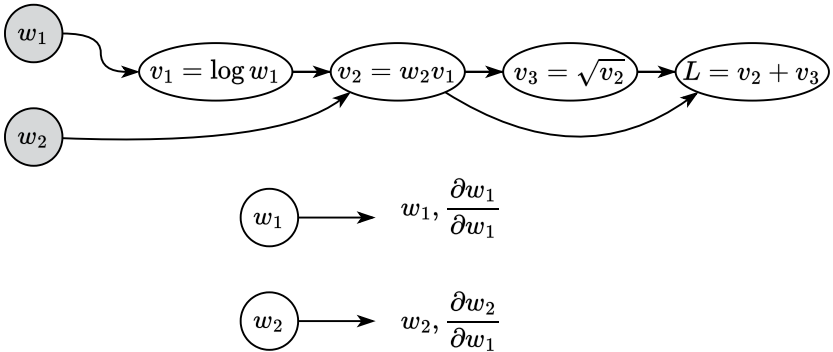

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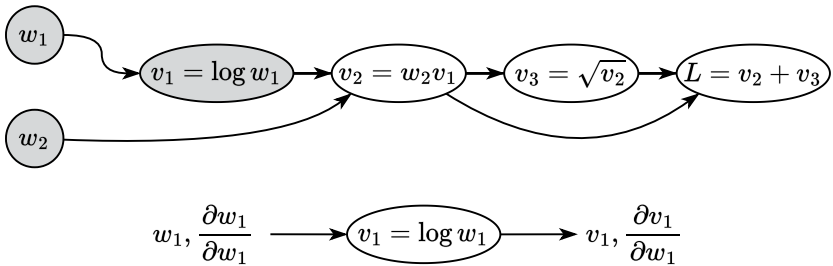

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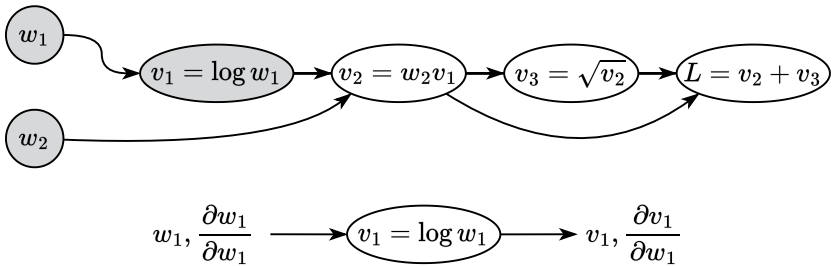

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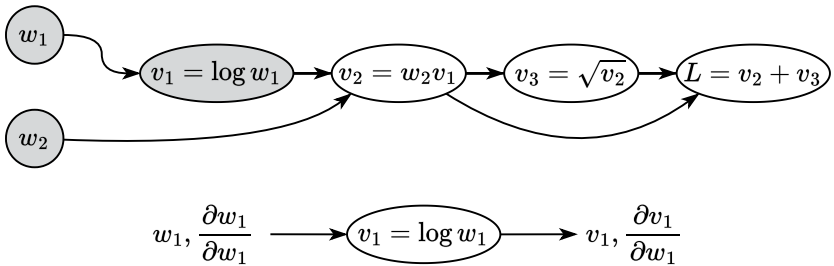

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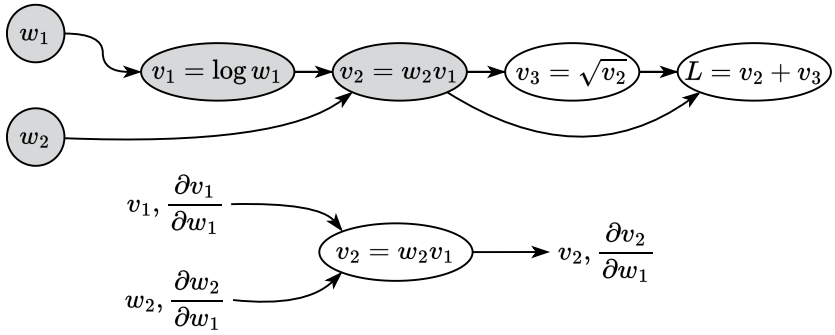

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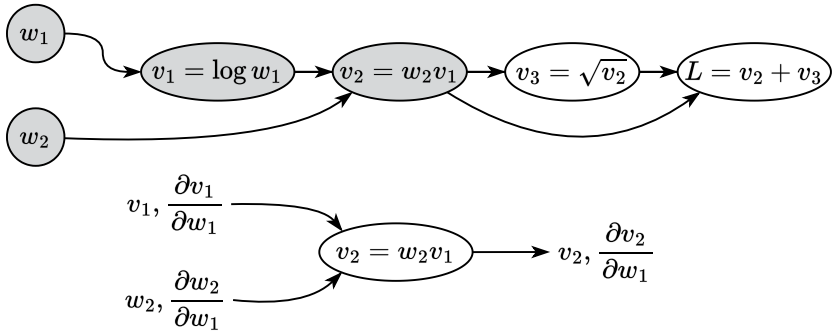

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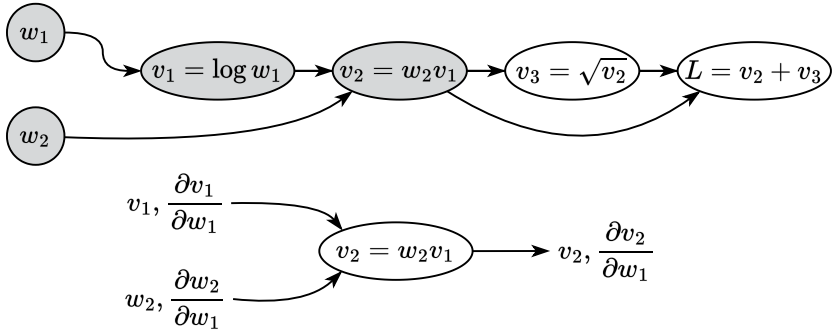

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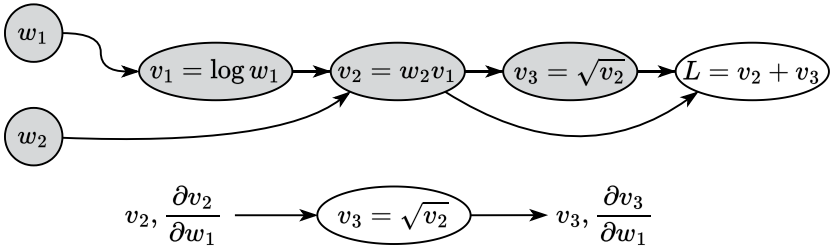

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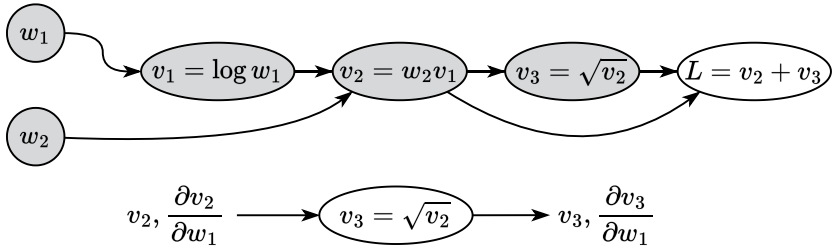

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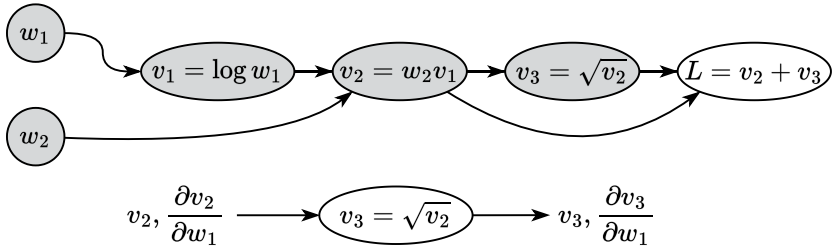

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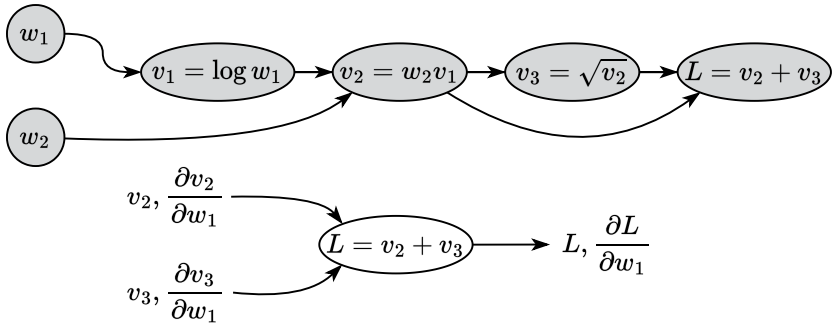

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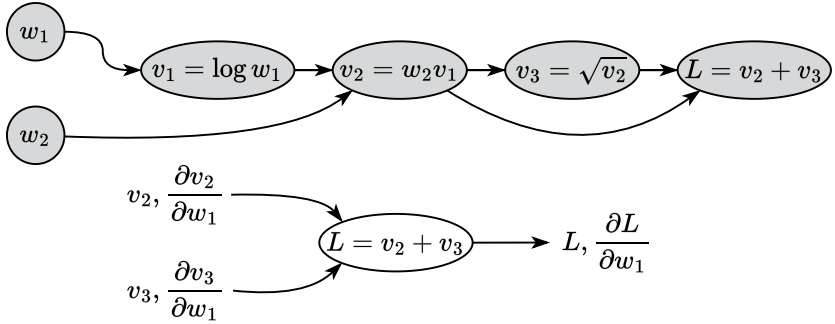

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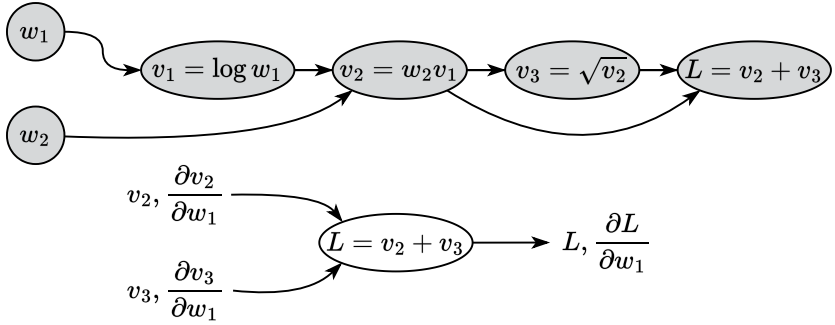

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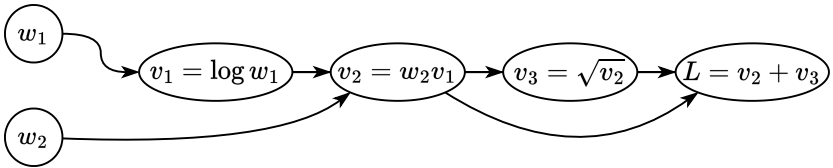

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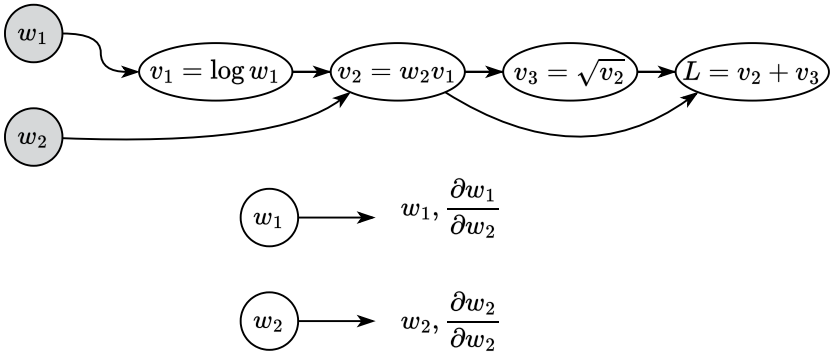

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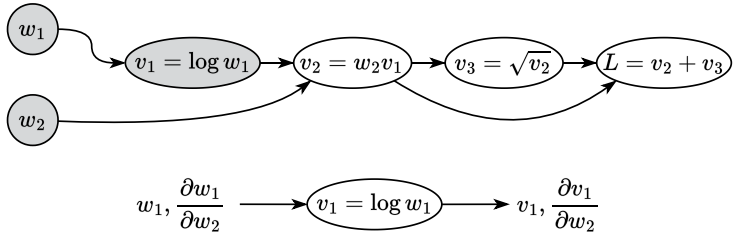

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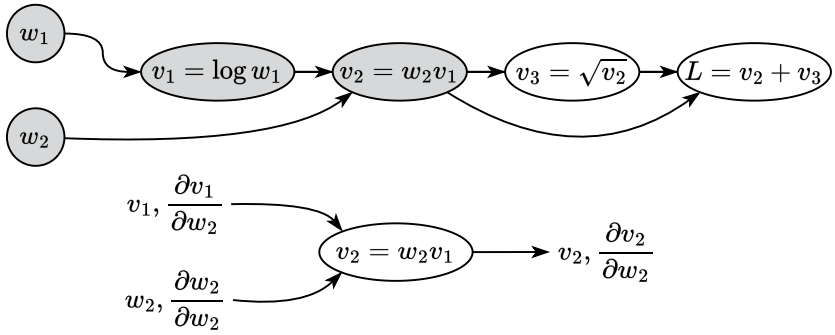

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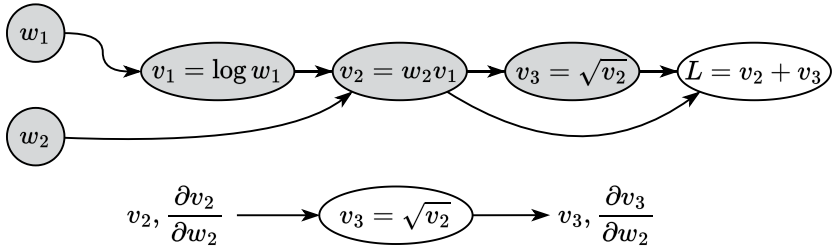

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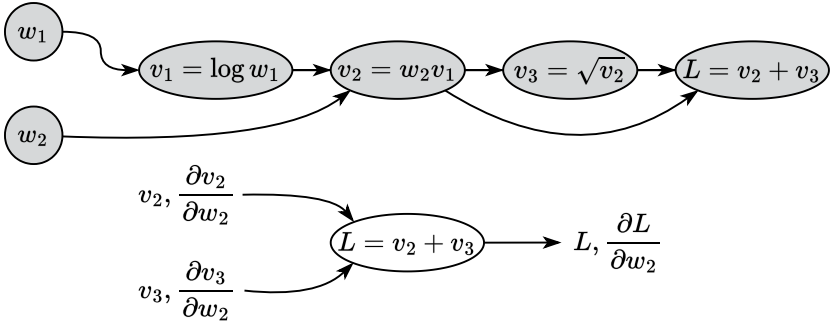

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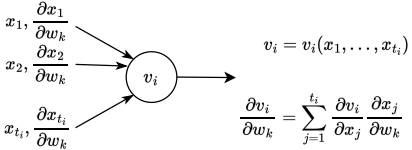

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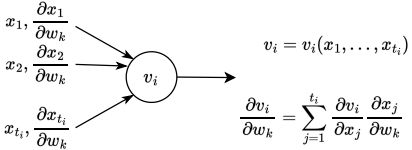

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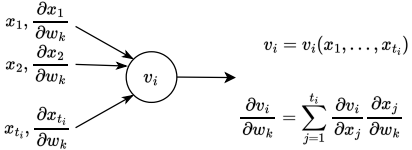

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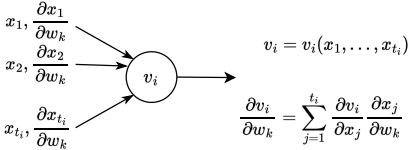

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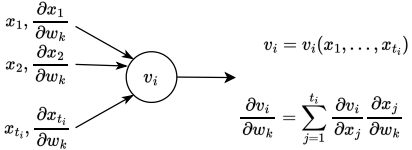

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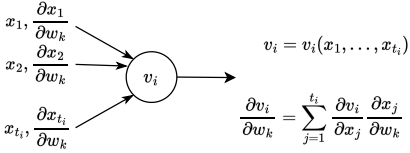

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Note, that this approach does not require storing all intermediate computations, but one can see, that for calculating the derivative $\dfrac{\partial L}{\partial w_k}$ we need $\mathcal{O}(T)$ operations. This means, that for the whole gradient, we need $d\mathcal{O}(T)$ operations, which is the same as for finite differences, but we do not have stability issues, or inaccuracies now (the formulas above are exact).


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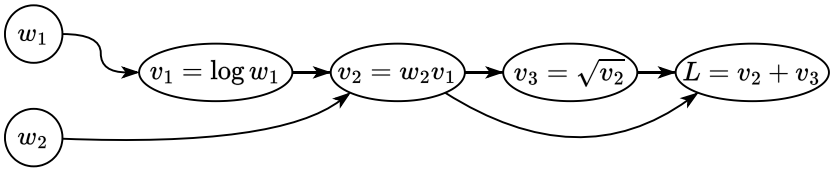

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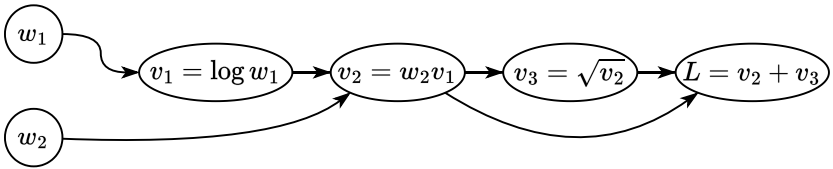

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Assume, that we have some values of the parameters w_1, w_2 and we have already performed a forward pass (i.e. single propagation through the computational graph from left to right). Suppose, also, that we somehow saved all intermediate values of v_i. Let's go from the end of the graph to the beginning and calculate the derivatives $\dfrac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}, \dfrac{\partial L}{\partial w_2}$:

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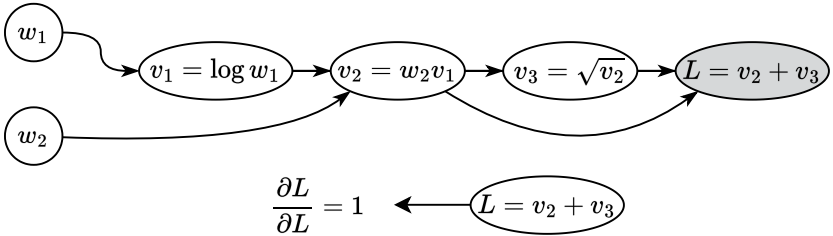

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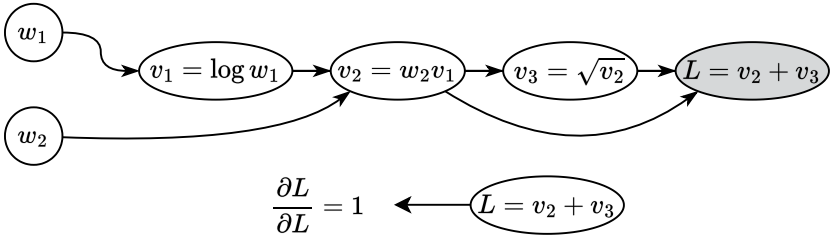

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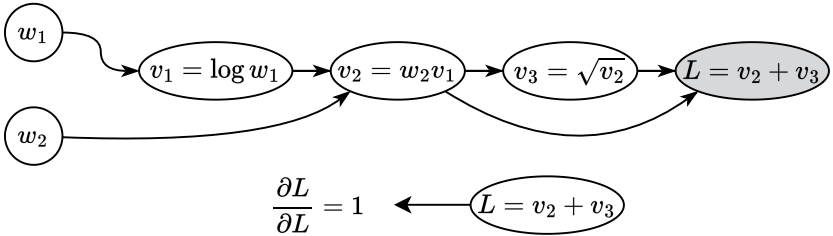

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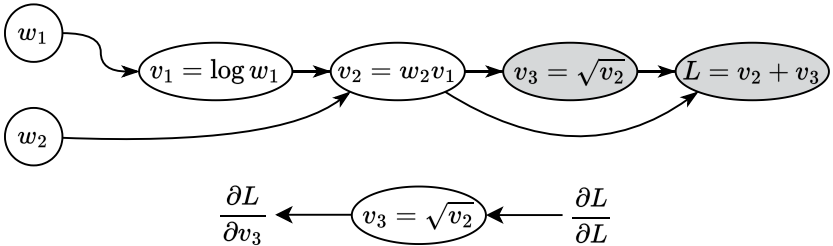

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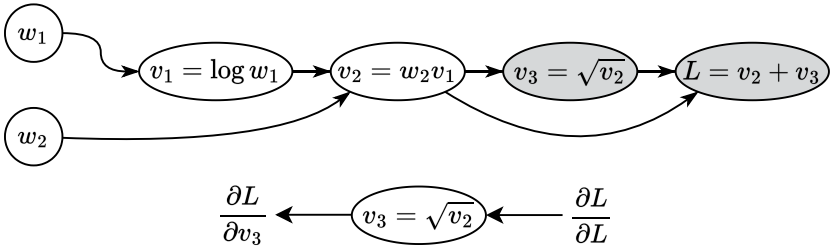

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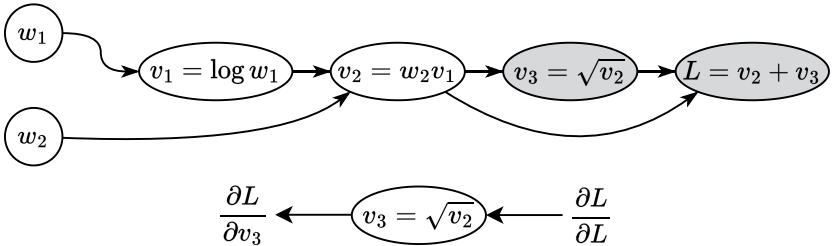

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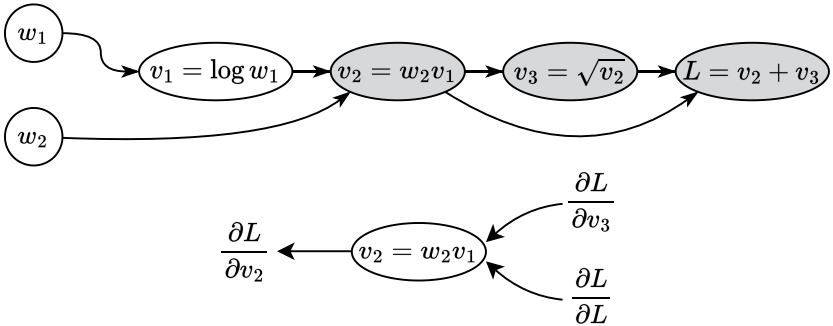

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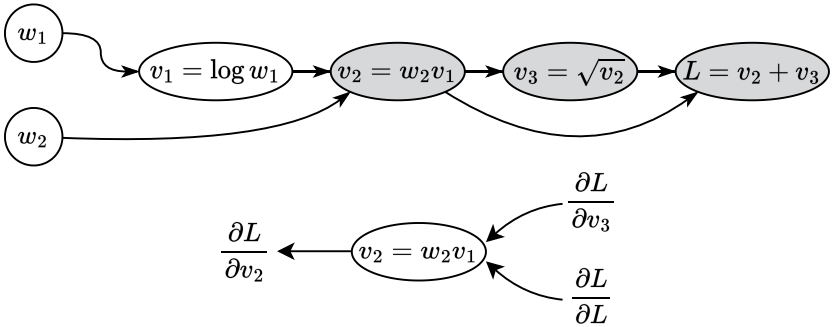

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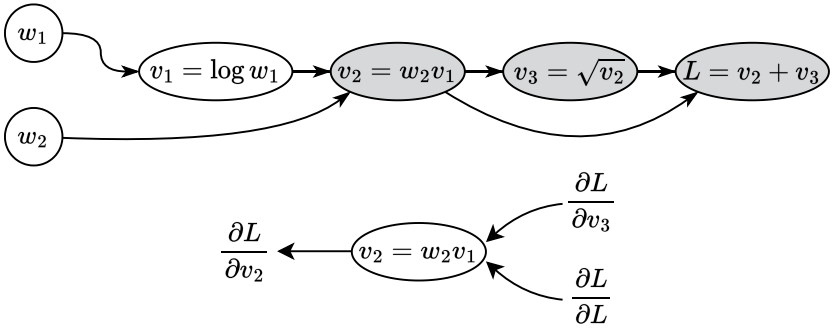

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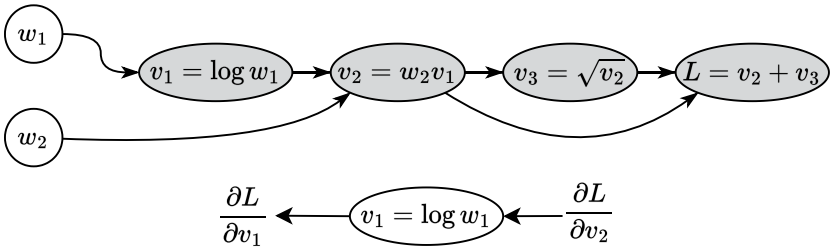

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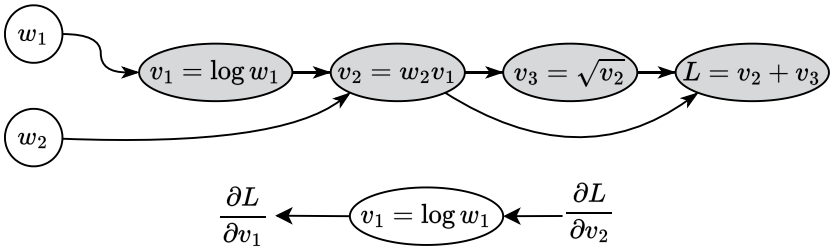

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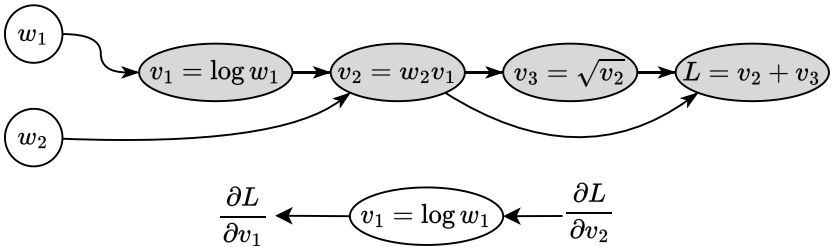

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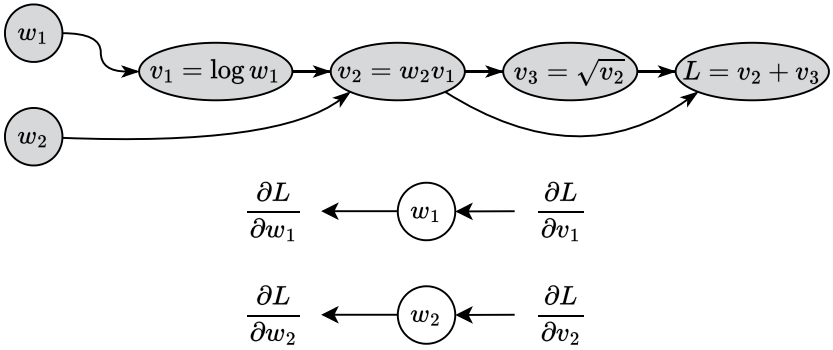

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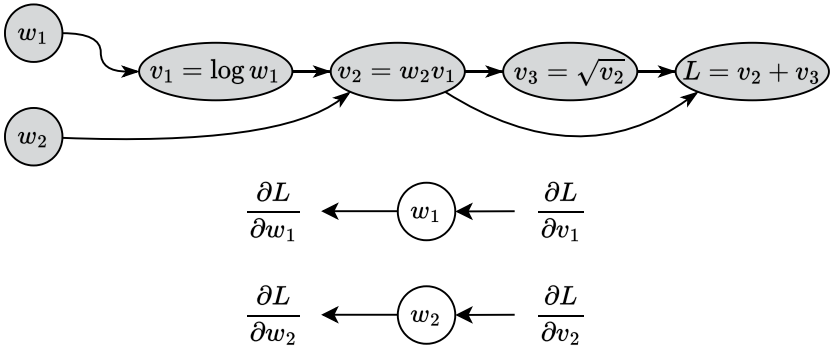

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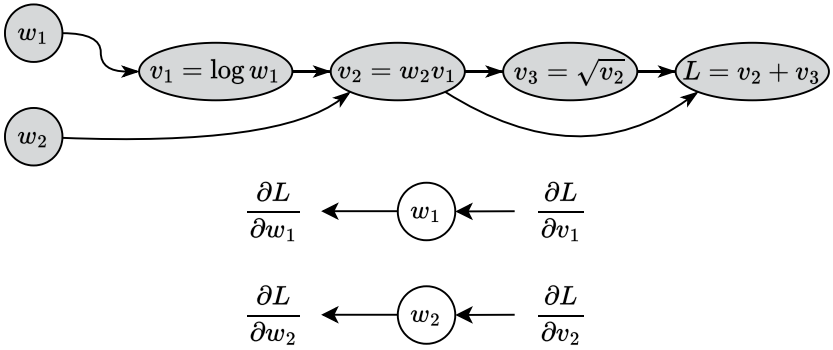

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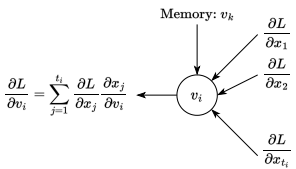

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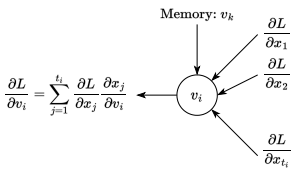

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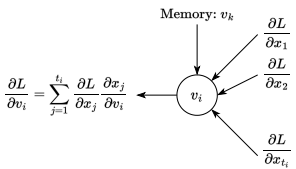

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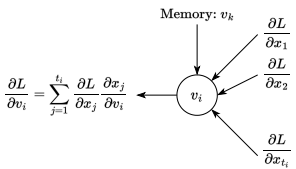

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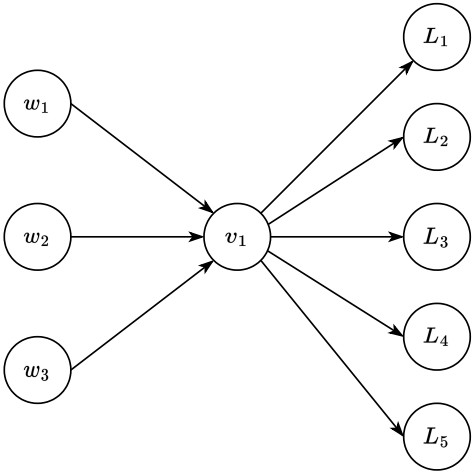

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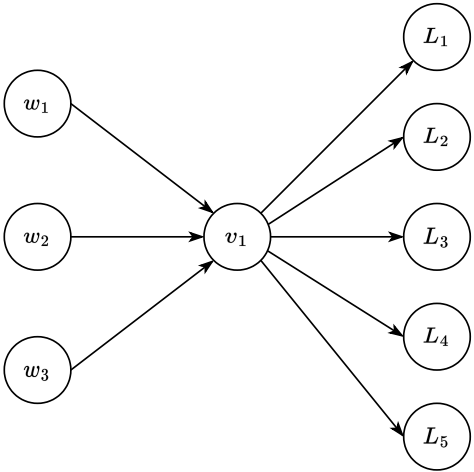

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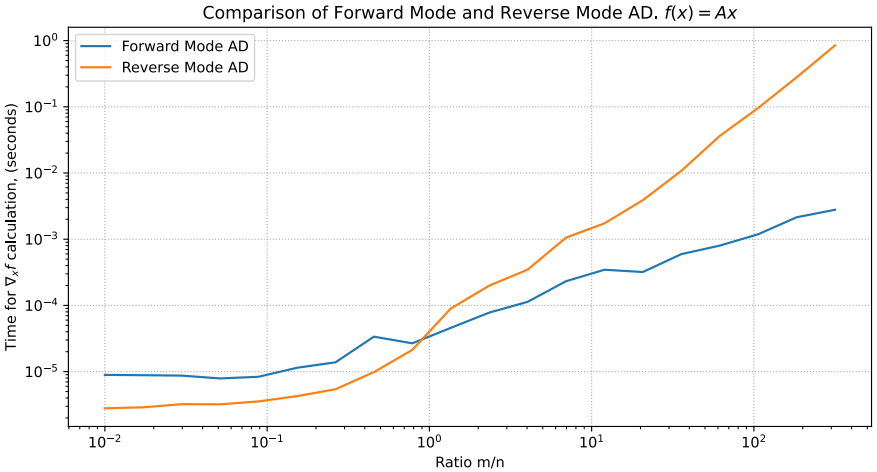

Figure 27: ♣ This graph nicely illustrates the idea of choice between the modes. The $n = 100$ dimension is fixed and the graph presents the time needed for Jacobian calculation w.r.t. x for $f(x) = Ax$

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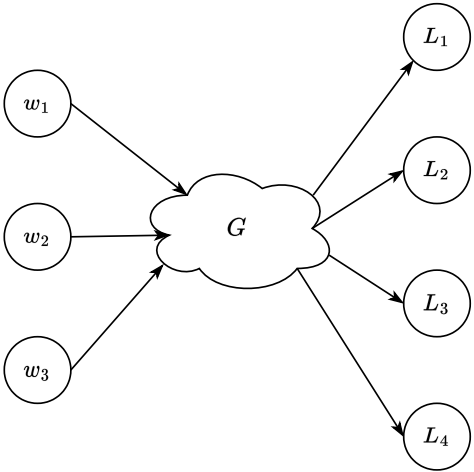

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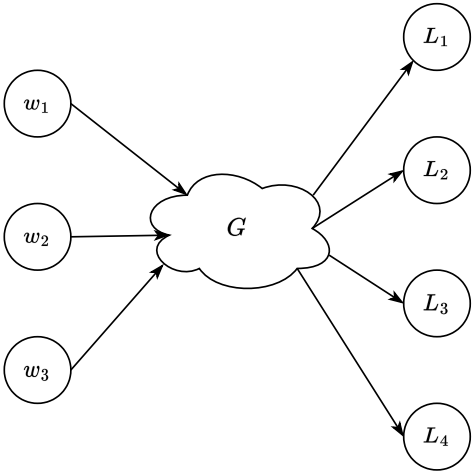

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Answer It is generally impossible to say it without some knowledge about the specific structure of the graph G. Note, that there are also plenty of advanced approaches to mix forward and reverse mode AD, based on the specific G structure.

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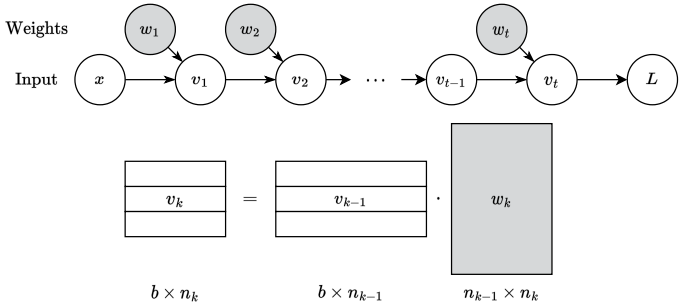

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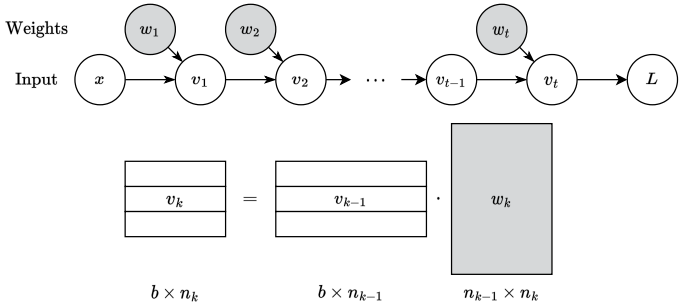

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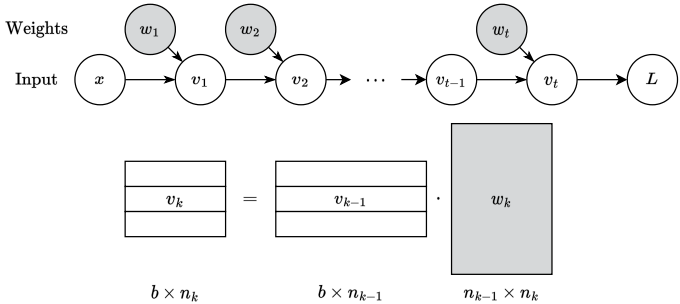

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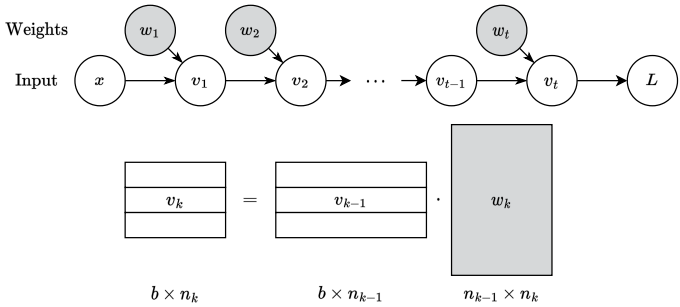

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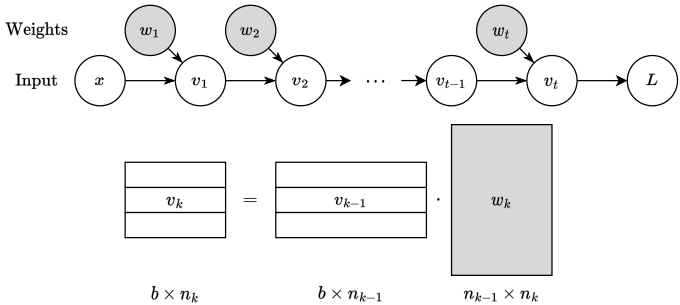

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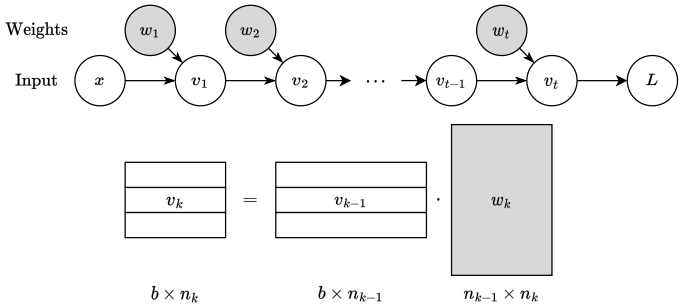

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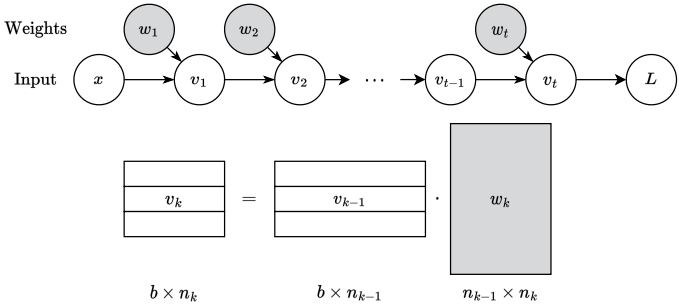

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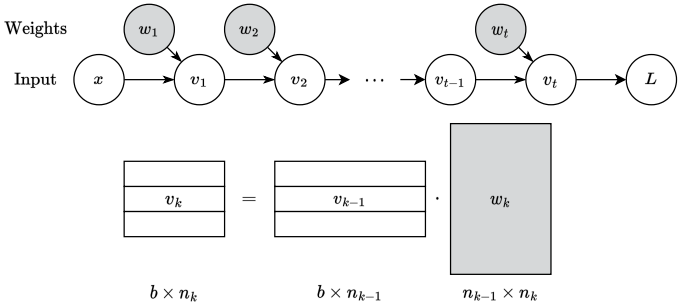

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Neural network training dynamics via Hessian spectra and hvp [3]

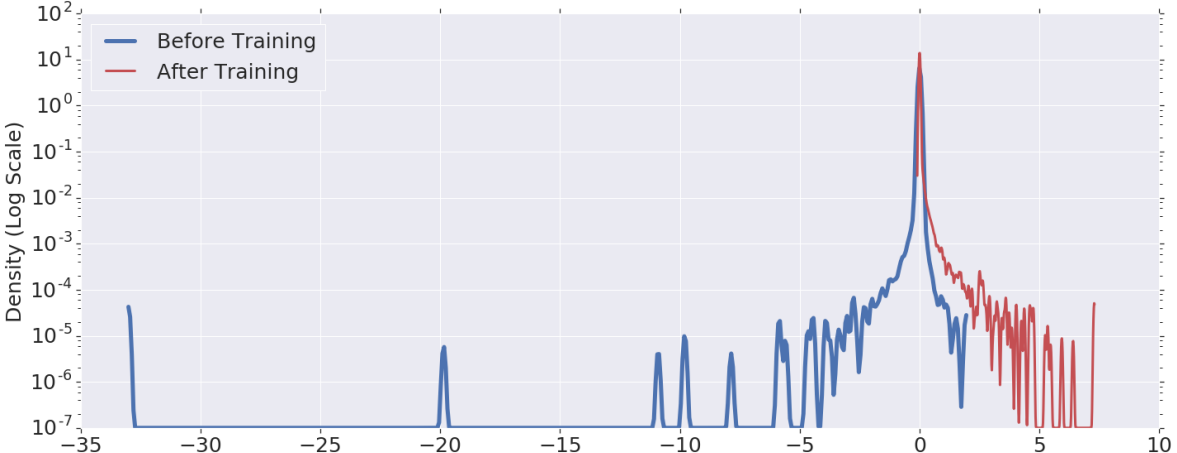

Figure 30: Large negative eigenvalues disappeared after training for ResNet-32

[3] An Investigation into Neural Net Optimization via Hessian Eigenvalue Density

Hutchinson Trace Estimation [4]

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Let $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be a random vector such that $\mathbb{E}[vv^T] = I$. Then,

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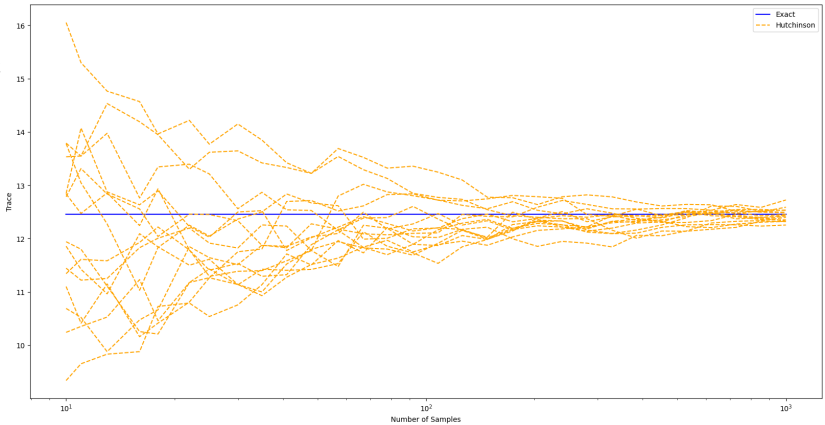

Figure 31: Source

[4] A stochastic estimator of the trace of the influence matrix for Laplacian smoothing splines - M.F. Hutchinson, 1990

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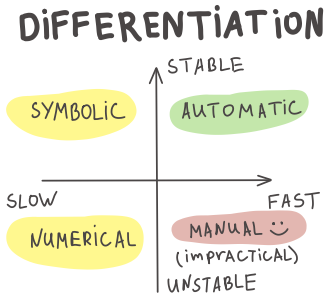

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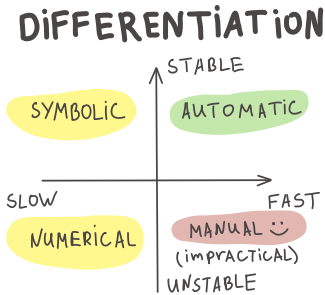

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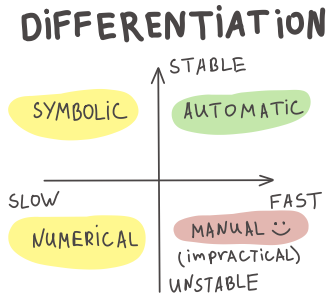

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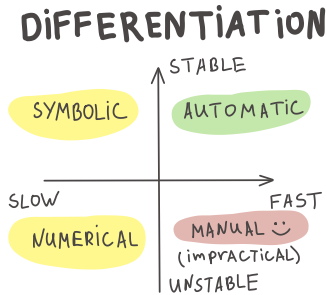

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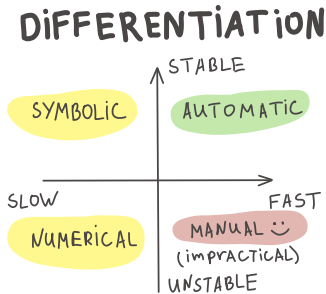

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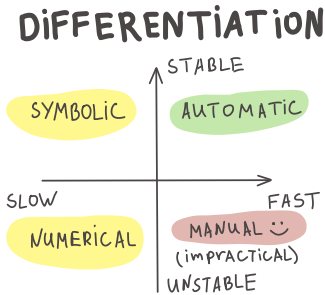

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Теоремы

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