

Автоматическое дифференцирование







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I think the first 40 years or so of automatic differentiation was largely people not using it because they didn't believe such an algorithm could possibly exist.

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Рис. 2: Это не автоград

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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.

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Is it somehow connected with PCA?



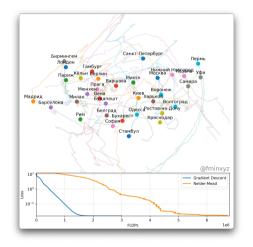


Рис. 3: Ссылка на анимацию



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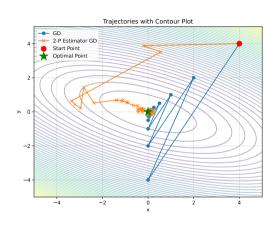


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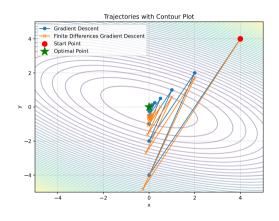


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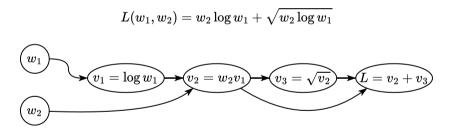
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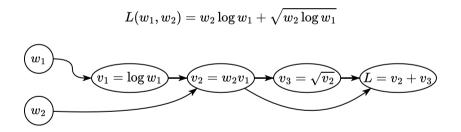
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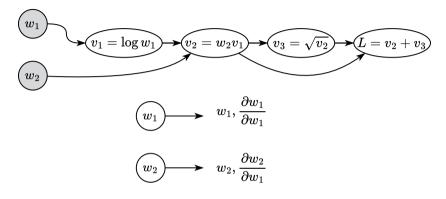


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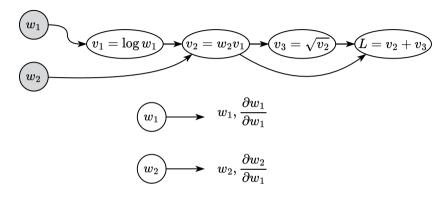


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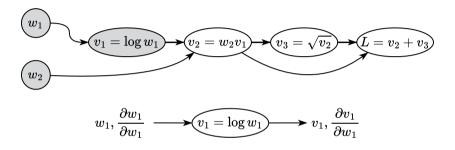


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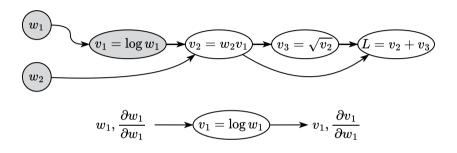


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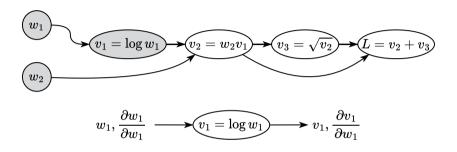


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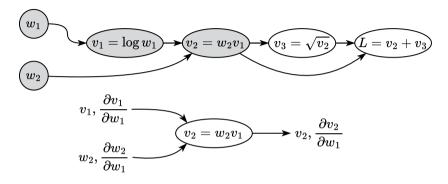


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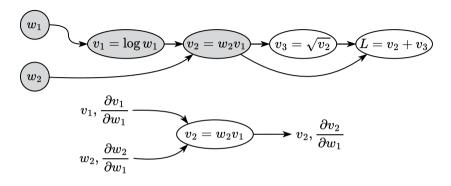


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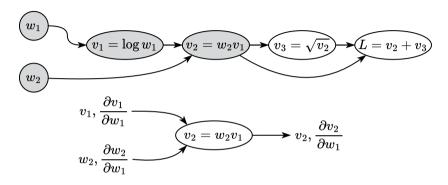


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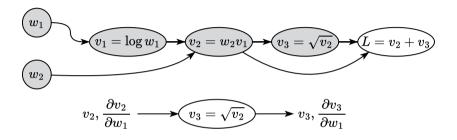


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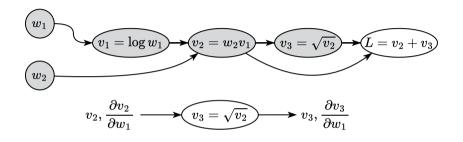


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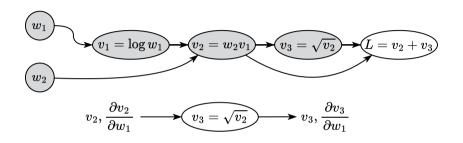


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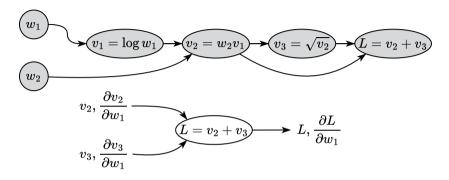


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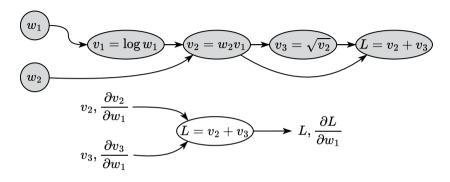


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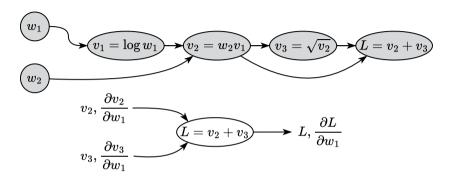


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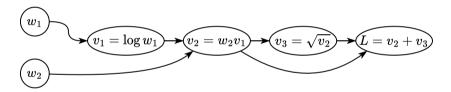
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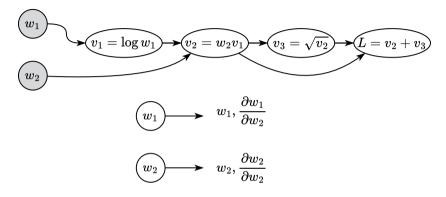
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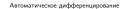
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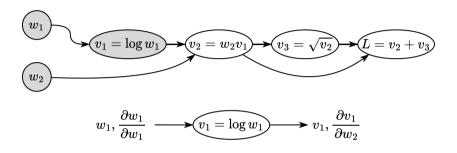
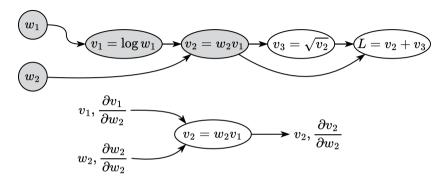


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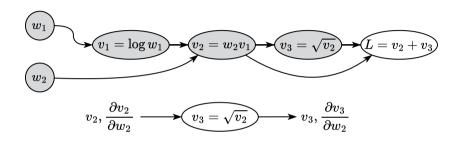
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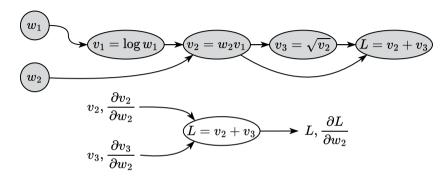


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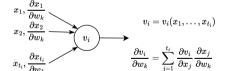


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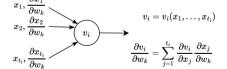
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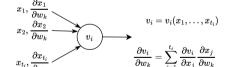
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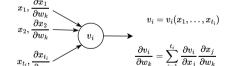
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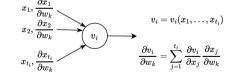
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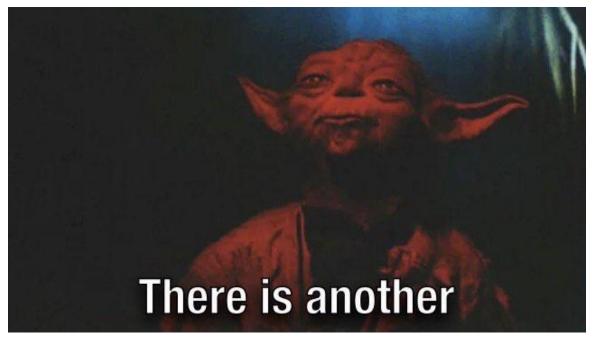
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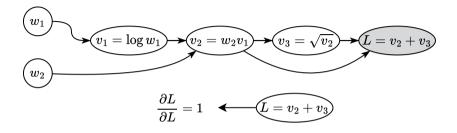


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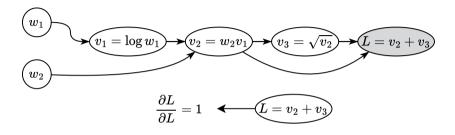


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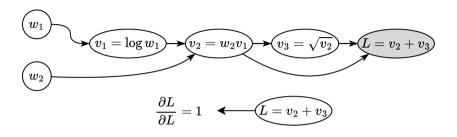


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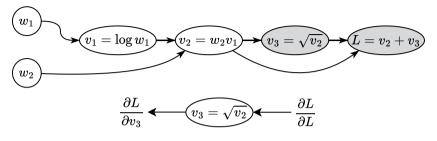


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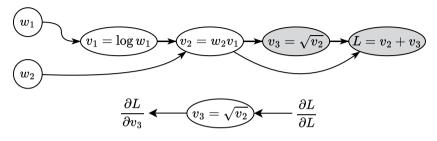


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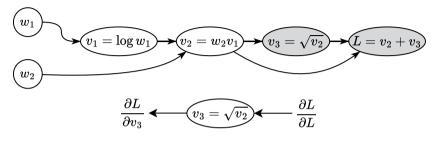


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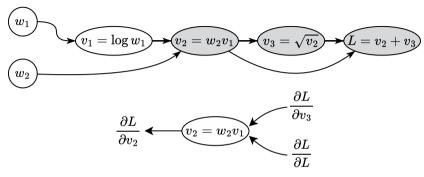


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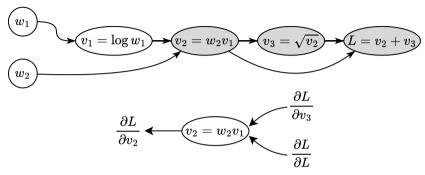
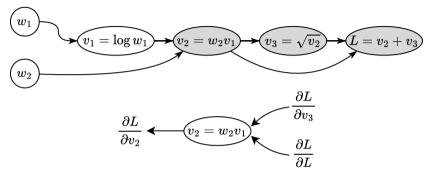


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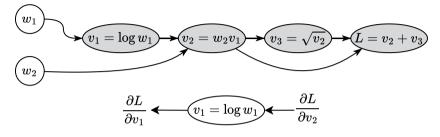


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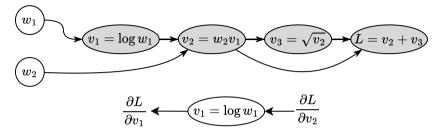


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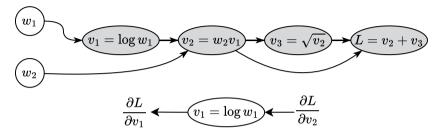


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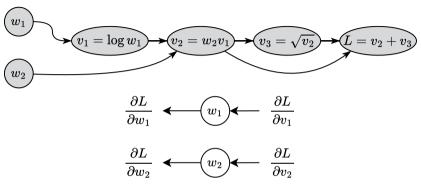


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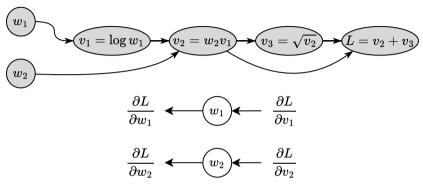


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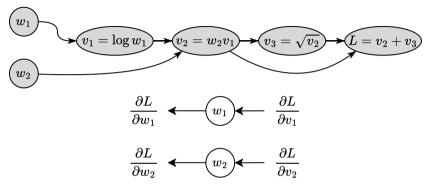


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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_1} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_1} \frac{1}{w_1} \qquad \qquad \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_2} \frac{\partial v_2}{\partial w_2} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial v_1} v_1$$



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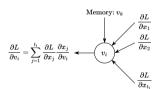
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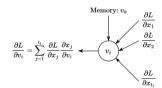
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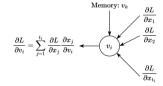
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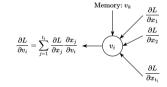
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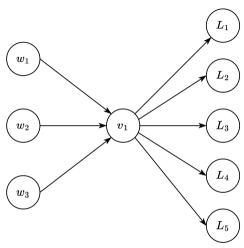
#### BACKWARD PASS

For  $i = N, \dots, 1$ :

• Compute the derivative  $\overline{v_i}$  using the backward chain rule and information from all of its children (outputs)  $(x_1, \ldots, x_{t_i})$ :

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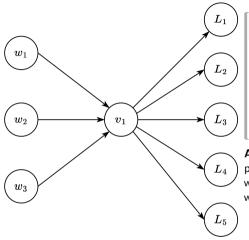


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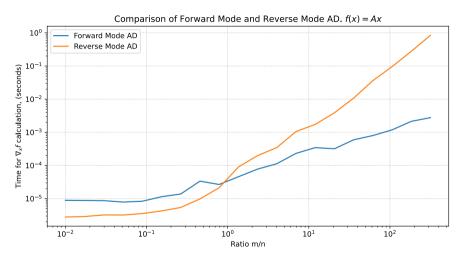


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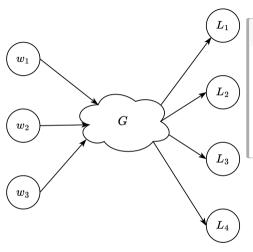
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**Answer** Note, that the reverse mode computational time is proportional to the number of outputs here, while the forward mode works proportionally to the number of inputs there. This is why it would be a good idea to consider the forward mode AD.

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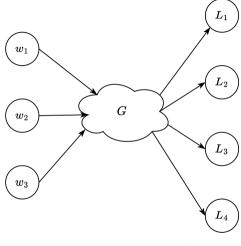
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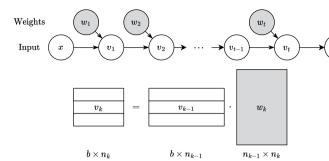
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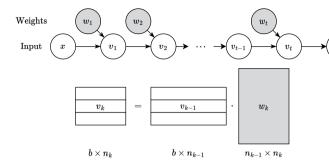
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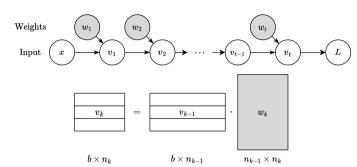


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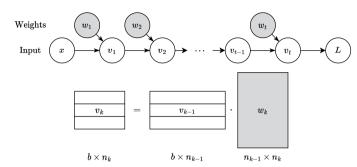


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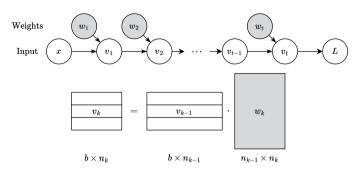


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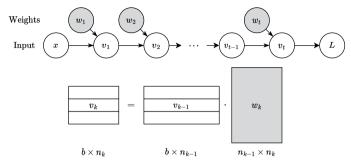


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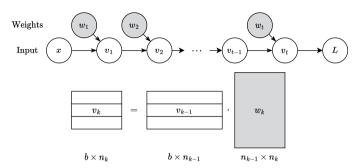


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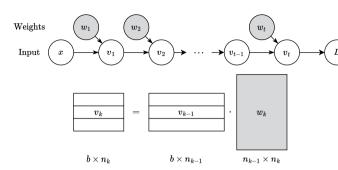
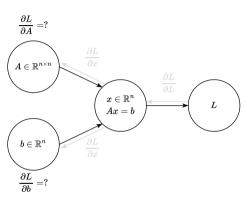


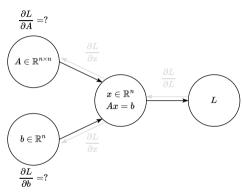
Рис. 29: Feedforward neural network architecture





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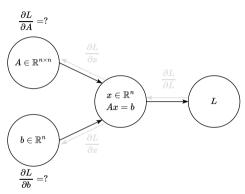


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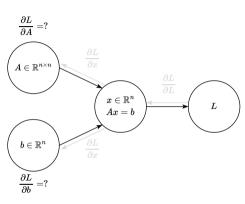
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Given the linear system, we have:

$$Ax = b$$
 
$$dAx + Adx = db \rightarrow dx = A^{-1}(db - dAx)$$



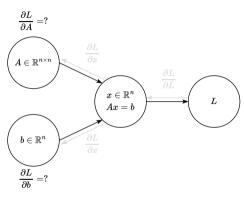


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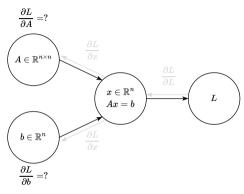
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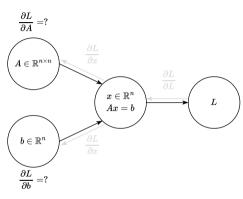
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Автоматическое дифференцирование



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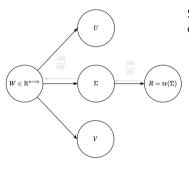
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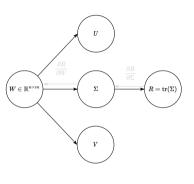
Suppose, we have the rectangular matrix  $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , which has a singular value decomposition:

$$W = U \Sigma V^T, \quad U^T U = I, \quad V^T V = I, \quad \Sigma = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{\min(m,n)})$$

1. Similarly to the previous example:

$$\begin{split} W &= U \Sigma V^T \\ dW &= dU \Sigma V^T + U d\Sigma V^T + U \Sigma dV^T \\ U^T dW V &= U^T dU \Sigma V^T V + U^T U d\Sigma V^T V + U^T U \Sigma dV^T V \\ U^T dW V &= U^T dU \Sigma + d\Sigma + \Sigma dV^T V \end{split}$$





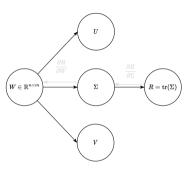
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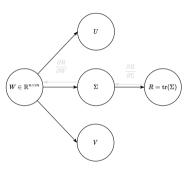
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3. At the same time, the matrix  $d\Sigma$  is diagonal, which means (look at the 1.) that

$$\operatorname{diag}(U^T dWV) = d\Sigma$$

Here on both sides, we have diagonal matrices.

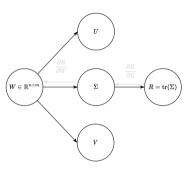




4. Now, we can decompose the differential of the loss function as a function of  $\Sigma$  - such problems arise in ML problems, where we need to restrict the matrix rank:

$$\begin{split} dL &= \left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}, d\Sigma \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}, \mathsf{diag}(U^T dWV) \right\rangle \\ &= \mathsf{tr} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}^T \mathsf{diag}(U^T dWV) \right) \end{split}$$

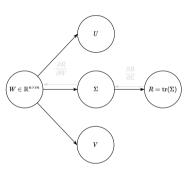




5. As soon as we have diagonal matrices inside the product, the trace of the diagonal part of the matrix will be equal to the trace of the whole matrix:

$$\begin{split} dL &= \operatorname{tr} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}^T \operatorname{diag}(U^T dW V) \right) \\ &= \operatorname{tr} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}^T U^T dW V \right) \\ &= \left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}, U^T dW V \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle U \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma} V^T, dW \right\rangle \end{split}$$





6. Finally, using another parametrization of the differential

$$\left\langle U \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma} V^T, dW \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}, dW \right\rangle$$
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = U \frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma} V^T,$$

This nice result allows us to connect the gradients  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$  and  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}$ .



## Hessian vector product without the Hessian

When you need some information about the curvature of the function you usually need to work with the hessian. However, when the dimension of the problem is large it is challenging. For a scalar-valued function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , the Hessian at a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is written as  $\nabla^2 f(x)$ . A Hessian-vector product function is then able to evaluate

$$v \mapsto \nabla^2 f(x) \cdot v$$

for any vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . We have to use the identity

$$\nabla^2 f(x)v = \nabla[x \mapsto \nabla f(x) \cdot v] = \nabla g(x),$$

where  $q(x) = \nabla f(x)^T \cdot v$  is a new vector-valued function that dots the gradient of f at x with the vector v.

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def hvp(f, x, v):

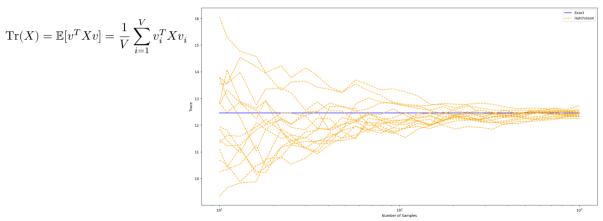
return grad(lambda x: jnp.vdot(grad(f)(x), v))(x)



## **Hutchinson Trace Estimation** <sup>2</sup>

This example illustrates the estimation the Hessian trace of a neural network using Hutchinson's method, which is an algorithm to obtain such an estimate from matrix-vector products:

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,



## **Activation checkpointing**

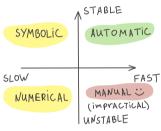
The animated visualization of the above approaches  $\mathbf{Q}$ 

An example of using a gradient checkpointing **Q** 



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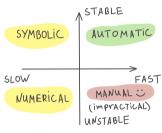
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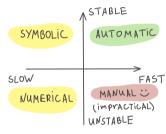
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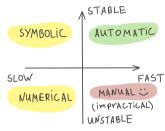
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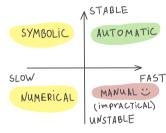
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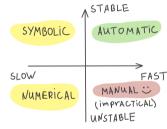


Рис. 33: Different approaches for taking derivatives



## Code

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