

# Forward vs Backward Propagation

# Forward Propagation

- Forward Propagation is the way to move from the Input layer (left) to the Output layer (right) in the neural network.
- Each layer consists of neurons that perform a weighted sum of inputs followed by an activation function.
- Forward propagation calculates the activations of neurons layer by layer until the final output is produced.

## Formulas:

### 1. Weighted Sum (Z):

$$Z^{[l]} = W^{[l]} A^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]}$$

Where:

- $Z^{[l]}$  is the weighted sum at layer  $l$ .
- $W^{[l]}$  is the weight matrix for layer  $l$ .
- $A^{[l-1]}$  is the activation from the previous layer  $l - 1$ .
- $b^{[l]}$  is the bias vector for layer  $l$ .

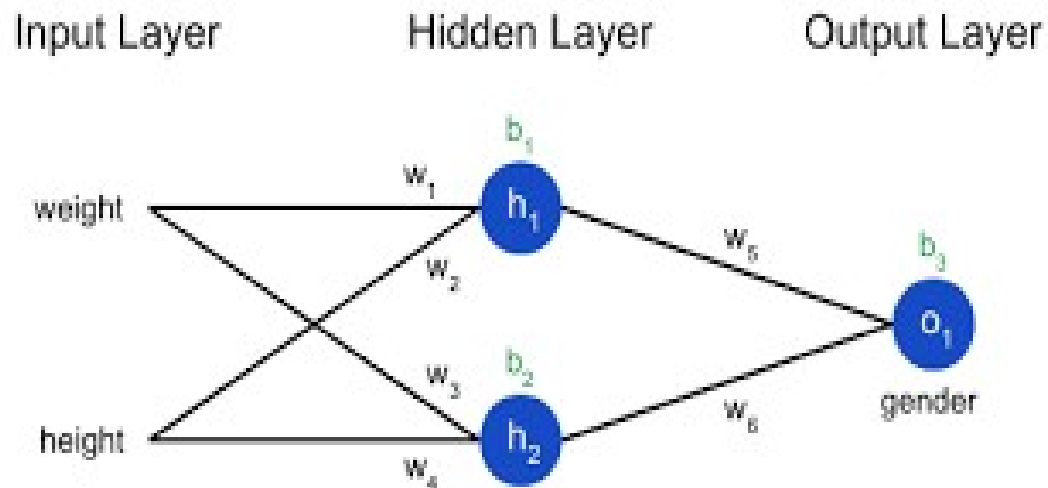
### 2. Activation (A):

$$A^{[l]} = g^{[l]}(Z^{[l]})$$

Where  $g^{[l]}$  is the activation function of layer  $l$ .

### Example:

- Suppose we have a simple neural network with 1 input layer, 1 hidden layer with 2 neurons, and 1 output layer with one neuron.
- Forward propagation would involve calculating the activations step by step from the input to the output layer using the defined formulas.



### 11.1.1.1 One Output Node

We start with the network in Figure 11.1 as an example. The network receives three inputs  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and has a first hidden layer with two nodes  $h_1^{(1)}, h_2^{(1)}$ , a second hidden layer with two nodes  $h_1^{(2)}, h_2^{(2)}$ , and a final output layer with one node  $o$ . We assign the *ReLU* activation function to the hidden units, and define weights as shown in Figure 11.1.

The two hidden nodes in the first hidden layer are characterized by the following equations:

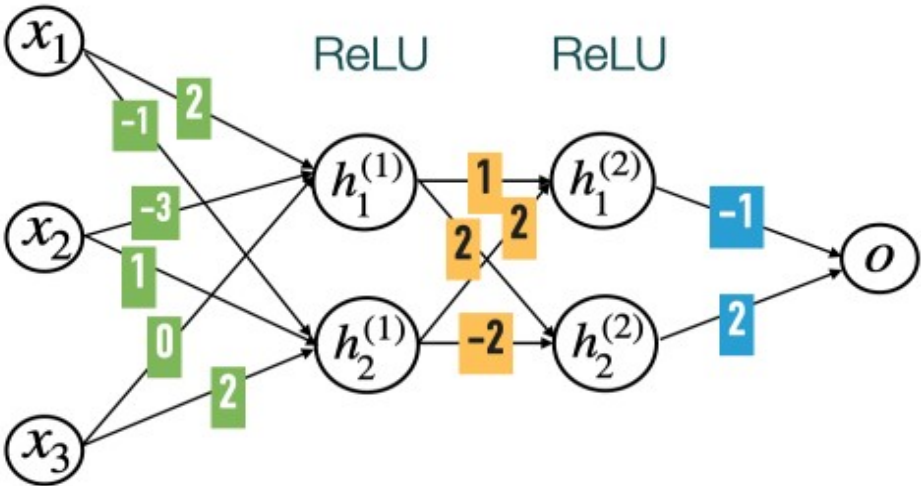
$$\begin{aligned} h_1^{(1)} &= \text{ReLU}(2x_1 - 3x_2) \\ h_2^{(1)} &= \text{ReLU}(-x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3) \end{aligned} \tag{11.1}$$

and the two hidden nodes in the second hidden layer are characterized by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} h_1^{(2)} &= \text{ReLU}(h_1^{(1)} + 2h_2^{(1)}) \\ h_2^{(2)} &= \text{ReLU}(2h_1^{(1)} - 2h_2^{(1)}) \end{aligned} \tag{11.2}$$

and the output node is characterized by the following equation:

$$o = -h_1^{(2)} + 2h_2^{(2)}$$



Therefore, if we know the input values  $x_1, x_2, x_3$ , we can first calculate the values  $h_1^{(1)}, h_2^{(1)}$ , then using these values, calculate  $h_1^{(2)}, h_2^{(2)}$ , and finally using these values, we can calculate the output  $o$  of the network.

# Backward Propagation

- process of moving from the right to left i.e backward from the Output to the Input layer.
- uses the chain rule to compute the gradient efficiently.
- adjusts the neural network's weights to minimize the difference b/w predicted and actual output (i.e., the loss).
- After performing forward propagation and obtaining the output, backpropagation computes gradients layer by layer, starting from the output layer back to the input layer.
- These gradients are then used in optimization algorithms like gradient descent to update the weights and biases iteratively.

## Formulas:

### 1. Output Layer Error (dZ):

$$dZ^{[L]} = A^{[L]} - Y$$

Where  $A^{[L]}$  is the activation of the output layer and  $Y$  is the actual output (target).

### 2. Gradient of Weights and Biases (dW, db):

$$dW^{[l]} = \frac{1}{m} dZ^{[l]} A^{[l-1]T}$$

$$db^{[l]} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m dZ^{[l](i)}$$

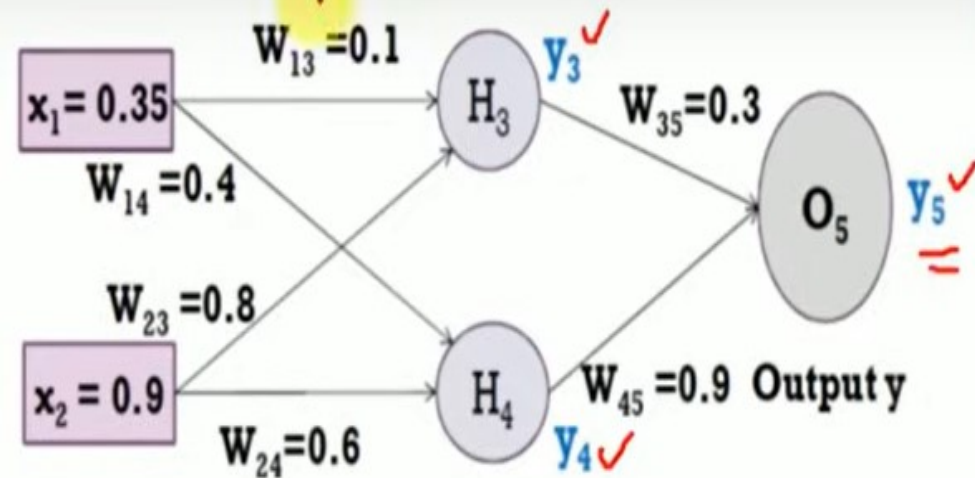
Where  $m$  is the number of examples in the training set.

### 3. Backpropagation through Layers:

$$dZ^{[l-1]} = W^{[l]T} dZ^{[l]} * g'^{[l-1]}(Z^{[l-1]})$$

Where  $g'^{[l-1]}$  is the derivative of the activation function in layer  $l - 1$ .





$$\text{Error} = y_{\text{target}} - y_5 = -0.19$$

$$0.5 - 0.69$$

- Forward Pass: Compute output for  $y_3$ ,  $y_4$  and  $y_5$ .

$$a_j = \sum_i (w_{i,j} * x_i) \quad y_j = F(a_j) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a_j}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= (w_{13} * x_1) + (w_{23} * x_2) \\ &= (0.1 * 0.35) + (0.8 * 0.9) = 0.755 \\ y_3 &= f(a_1) = 1 / (1 + e^{-0.755}) = 0.68 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= (w_{14} * x_1) + (w_{24} * x_2) \\ &= (0.4 * 0.35) + (0.6 * 0.9) = 0.68 \\ y_4 &= f(a_2) = 1 / (1 + e^{-0.68}) = 0.6637 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &= (w_{35} * y_3) + (w_{45} * y_4) \\ &= (0.3 * 0.68) + (0.9 * 0.6637) = 0.801 \\ y_5 &= f(a_3) = 1 / (1 + e^{-0.801}) = 0.69 \text{ (Network Output)} \end{aligned}$$

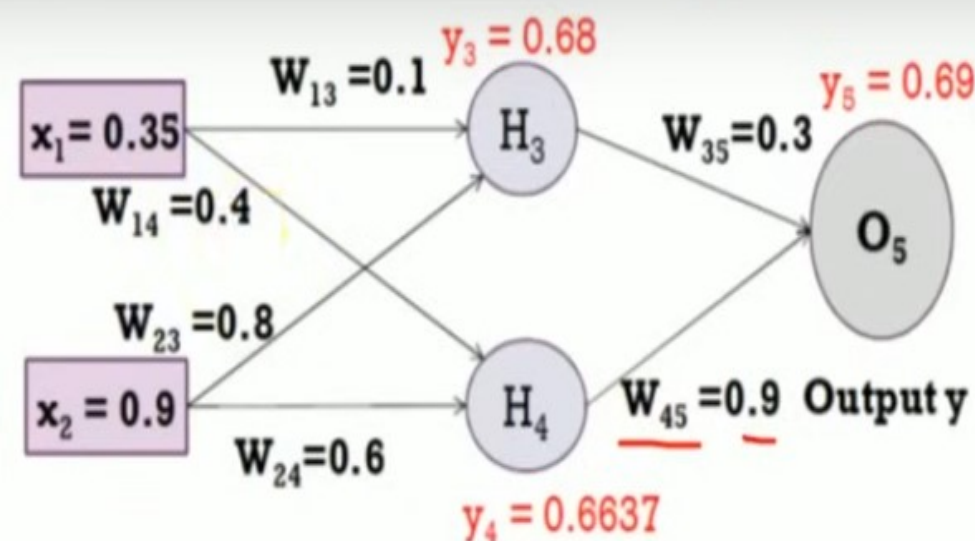
- Each weight changed by:

$$\Delta w_{ji} = \eta \delta_j o_i$$

$$\delta_j = o_j(1 - o_j)(t_j - o_j) \quad \text{if } j \text{ is an output unit}$$

$$\delta_j = o_j(1 - o_j) \sum_k \delta_k w_{kj} \quad \text{if } j \text{ is a hidden unit}$$

- where  $\eta$  is a constant called the learning rate
- $t_j$  is the correct teacher output for unit  $j$
- $\delta_j$  is the error measure for unit  $j$



- Backward Pass: Compute  $\delta_3$ ,  $\delta_4$  and  $\delta_5$ .

For output unit:

$$\delta_5 = y(1-y) (y_{\text{target}} - y) = 0.69 * (1 - 0.69) * (0.5 - 0.69) = -0.0406$$

For hidden unit:

$$\delta_3 = y_3(1-y_3) w_{35} * \delta_5 = 0.68 * (1 - 0.68) * (0.3 * -0.0406) = -0.00265$$

Compute new weights

$$\Delta w_{ji} = \eta \delta_j o_i$$

$$\Delta w_{45} = \eta \delta_5 y_4 = 1 * -0.0406 * 0.6637 = -0.0269$$

$$w_{45}(\text{new}) = \Delta w_{45} + w_{45}(\text{old}) = -0.0269 + (0.9) = 0.8731$$

$$\delta_4 = y_4(1-y_4) w_{45} * \delta_5 = 0.6637 * (1 - 0.6637) * (0.9 * -0.0406) = -0.0082$$

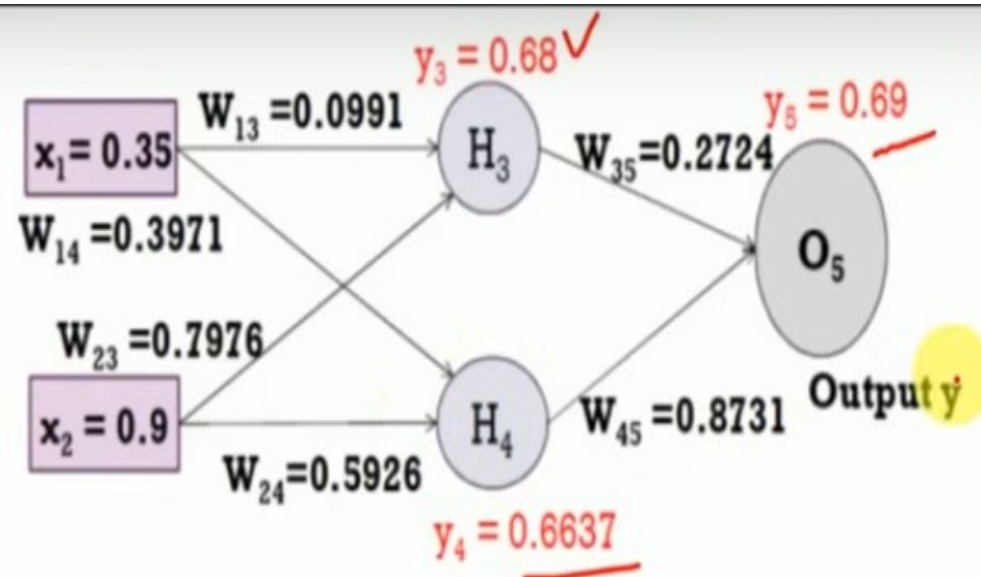
$$\Delta w_{14} = \eta \delta_4 x_1 = 1 * -0.0082 * 0.35 = -0.00287$$

$$w_{14}(\text{new}) = \Delta w_{14} + w_{14}(\text{old}) = -0.00287 + 0.4 = 0.3971$$



- Similarly, update all other weights

<b>i</b>	<b>j</b>	<b><math>w_{ij}</math></b>	<b><math>\delta_j</math></b>	<b><math>x_i</math></b>	<b><math>\eta</math></b>	<b>Updated <math>w_{ij}</math></b>
1	3	0.1	-0.00265	0.35	1	0.0991
2	3	0.8	-0.00265	0.9	1	0.7976
1	4	0.4	-0.0082	0.35	1	0.3971
2	4	0.6	-0.0082	0.9	1	0.5926
3	5	0.3	-0.0406	0.68	1	0.2724
4	5	0.9	-0.0406	0.6637	1	0.8731



$$\text{Error} = y_{\text{target}} - y_5 = -0.182$$

- Forward Pass: Compute output for  $y_3$ ,  $y_4$  and  $y_5$ .

$$a_j = \sum_j (w_{i,j} * x_i) \quad y_j = F(a_j) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-a_j}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= (w_{13} * x_1) + (w_{23} * x_2) \\ &= (0.0991 * 0.35) + (0.7976 * 0.9) = 0.7525 \\ y_3 &= f(a_1) = 1 / (1 + e^{-0.7525}) = \underline{0.6797} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= (w_{14} * x_1) + (w_{24} * x_2) \\ &= (0.3971 * 0.35) + (0.5926 * 0.9) = 0.6723 \\ y_4 &= f(a_2) = 1 / (1 + e^{-0.6723}) = \underline{0.6620} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &= (w_{35} * y_3) + (w_{45} * y_4) \\ &= (0.2724 * 0.6797) + (0.8731 * 0.6620) = 0.7631 \\ y_5 &= f(a_3) = 1 / (1 + e^{-0.7631}) = \underline{0.6820} \text{ (Network Output)} \end{aligned}$$