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Now we've seen that the error term for the output layer is

$$\delta_k = (y_k - \hat{y}_k) f'(a_k)$$

and the error term for the hidden layer is

$$\delta_j = \sum [w_{jk} \delta_k] f'(h_j)$$

For now we'll only consider a simple network with one hidden layer and one output unit. Here's the general algorithm for updating the weights with backpropagation:

- Set the weight steps for each layer to zero
  - The input to hidden weights  $\Delta w_{ij} = 0$
  - The hidden to output weights  $\Delta W_j = 0$
- For each record in the training data:
  - Make a forward pass through the network, calculating the output  $\hat{y}$
  - Calculate the error gradient in the output unit,  $\delta^o = (y - \hat{y}) f'(z)$  where  $z = \sum_j W_j a_j$ , the input to the output unit.
  - Propagate the errors to the hidden layer  $\delta_j^h = \delta^o W_j f'(h_j)$
  - Update the weight steps:
    - $\Delta W_j = \Delta W_j + \delta^o a_j$
    - $\Delta w_{ij} = \Delta w_{ij} + \delta_j^h a_i$
- Update the weights, where  $\eta$  is the learning rate and  $m$  is the number of records:
  - $W_j = W_j + \eta \Delta W_j / m$
  - $w_{ij} = w_{ij} + \eta \Delta w_{ij} / m$
- Repeat for  $e$  epochs.