

Gradient checking

- *General principle :*
 - $\frac{\partial f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \dots, \theta_n)}{\partial \theta_i} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i + \epsilon, \dots, \theta_n) - f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i - \epsilon, \dots, \theta_n)}{2\epsilon}$
 - **concatenate** $W^{[1]}, b^{[1]} \dots, W^{[L]}, b^{[L]}$ and reshape into a vector $\Theta = \theta_1, \dots, \theta_L$
 - $\mathcal{J}(W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}, \dots, W^{[L]}, b^{[L]}) = \mathcal{J}(\Theta) = \mathcal{J}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_L)$
 - reshape $dW^{[1]}, db^{[1]} \dots, dW^{[L]}, db^{[L]}$ into a vector $d\Theta$
 - Is $d\Theta$ the gradient of the cost function $\mathcal{J}(\Theta)$
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Implement grad check

- *for each i :*
 - $d\Theta_{approx}^{[i]} = \frac{\mathcal{J}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i + \epsilon, \dots, \theta_L) - \mathcal{J}(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i - \epsilon, \dots, \theta_L)}{2\epsilon} \approx d\Theta^{[i]} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \theta_i}$
 - $d\Theta_{approx} \approx? d\Theta$
 - check if $\frac{\|d\Theta_{approx} - d\Theta\|_2}{\|d\Theta_{approx}\|_2 + \|d\Theta\|_2} \approx \begin{cases} 10^{-7}, & \text{good} \\ 10^{-5} & \\ 10^{-3}, & \text{worry} \end{cases}, \text{ when } \epsilon = 10^{-7}$
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Notes

- **Don't use in training, only to debug**
- If algorithm fails, look at components $d\Theta_{approx}^{[i]}$ and $d\Theta^{[i]}$ to find out differences
- Remember regularization
 - $\mathcal{J}(w^{[1]}, b^{[1]}, \dots, w^{[L]}, b^{[L]}) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \mathcal{L}(\hat{y}^{(i)}, y^{(i)}) + \frac{\lambda}{2m} \sum_{l=1}^L \|w^{[l]}\|^2$
 - $d\Theta = \text{grads of } \mathcal{J}$
- Don't work with dropout
- When $w, b \approx 0$ grads check is fine, but fails after some iteration
 - Run grad check at random initialization
 - perhaps run again after some training