

# CS7015 (Deep Learning): Lecture 4

## Feedforward Neural Networks, Backpropagation

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## References/Acknowledgments

See the excellent videos by Hugo Larochelle on Backpropagation

## Module 4.1: Feedforward Neural Networks (a.k.a. multilayered network of neurons)

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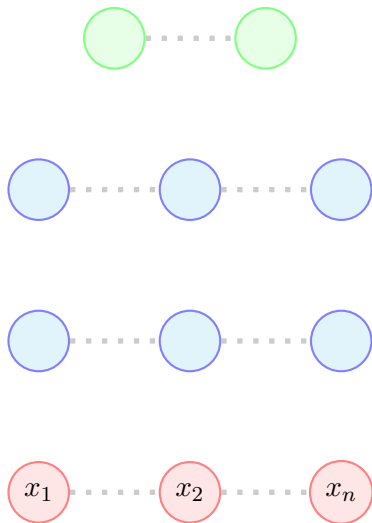
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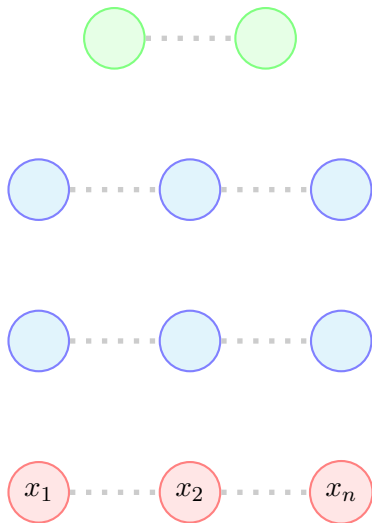
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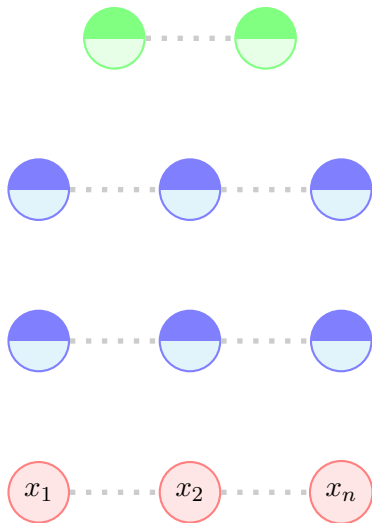




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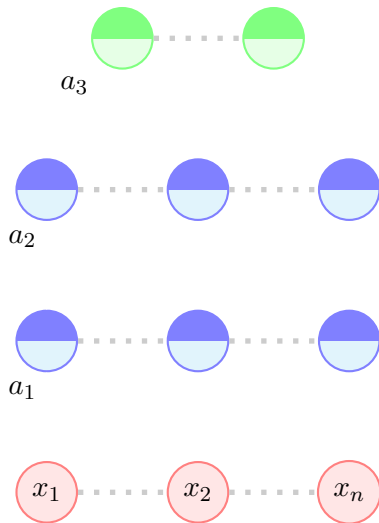


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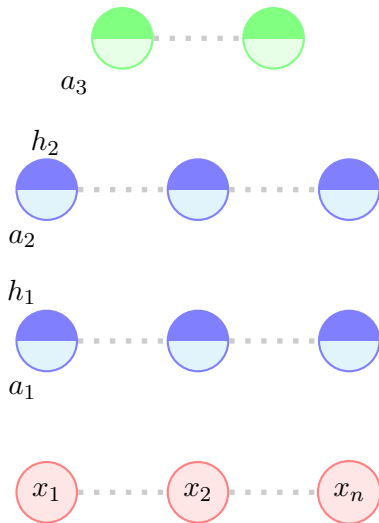


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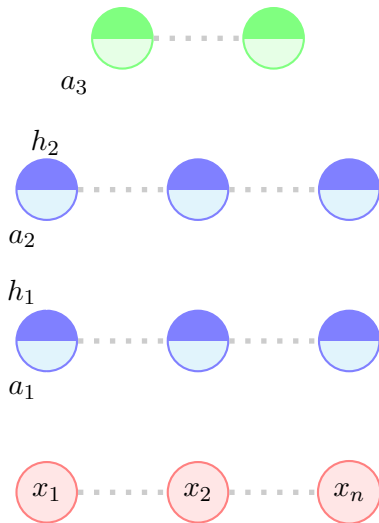


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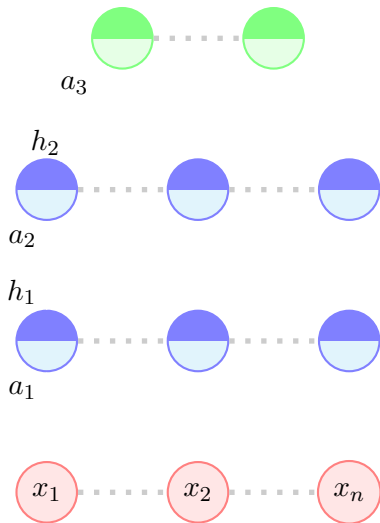
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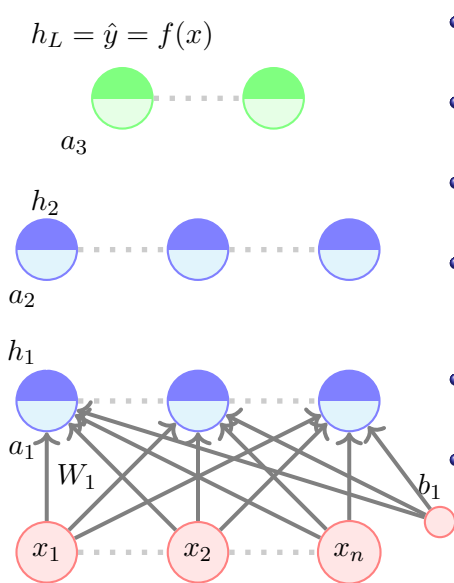


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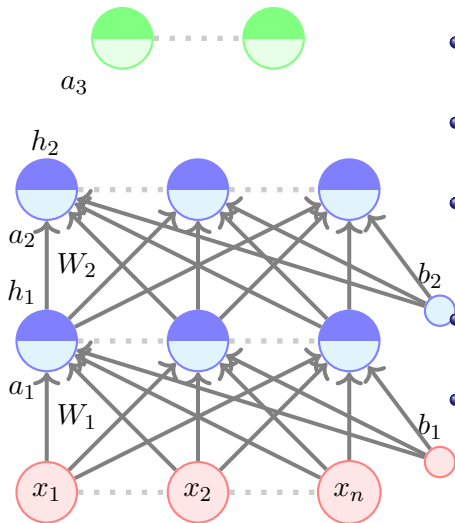
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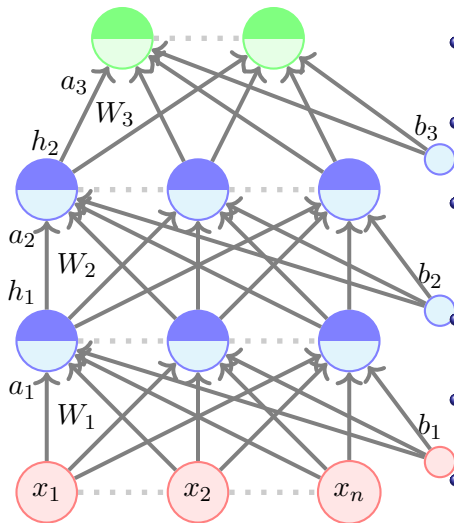


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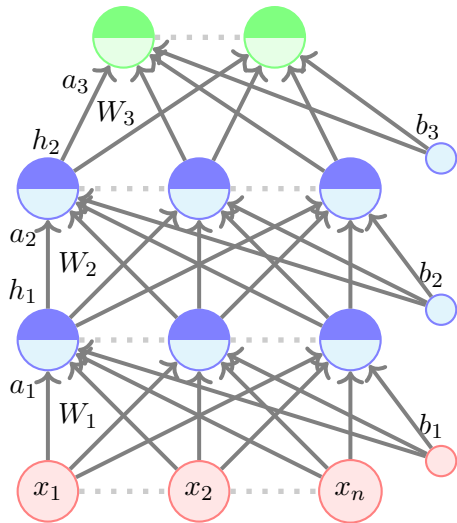


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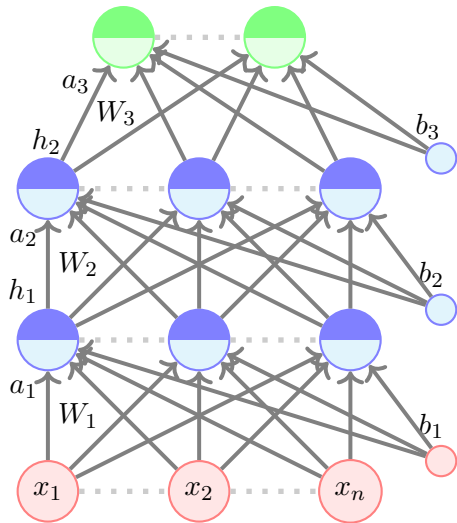
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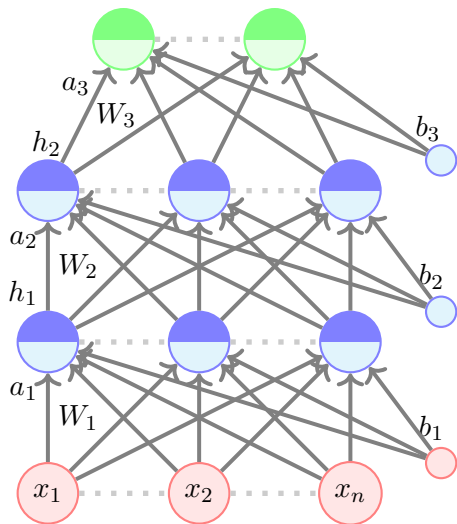
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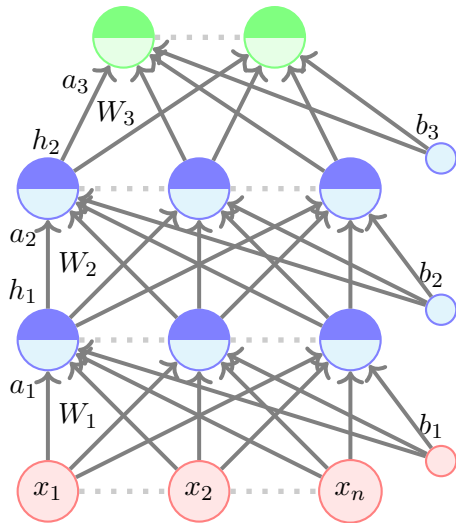
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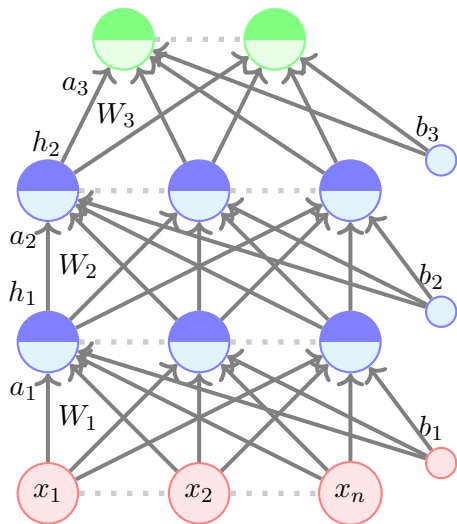
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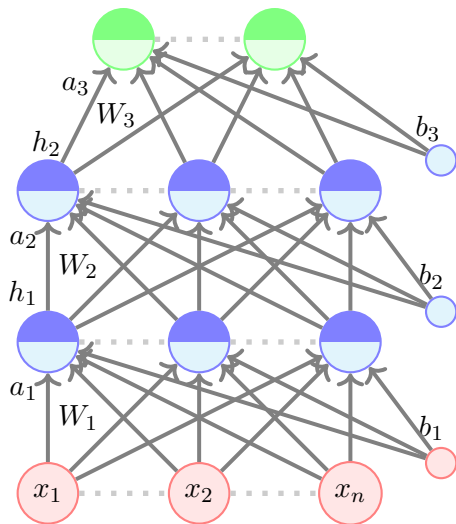
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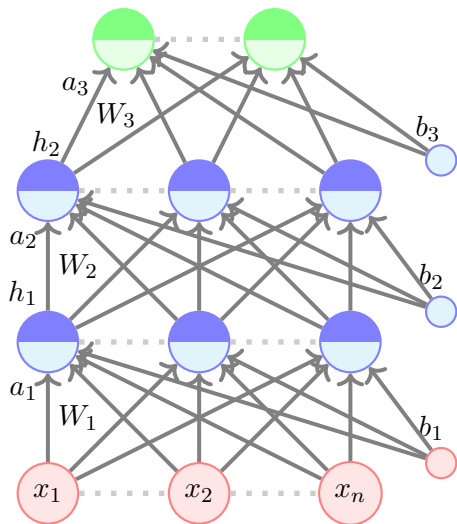
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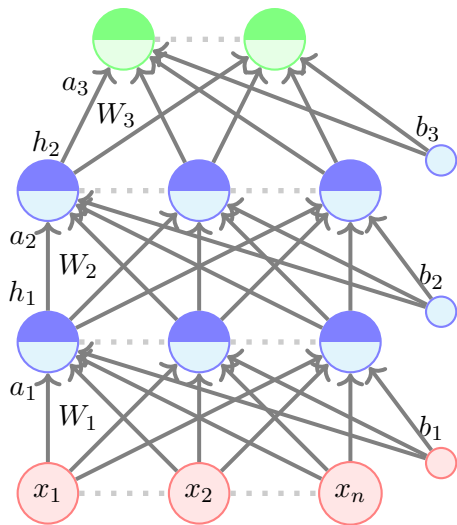
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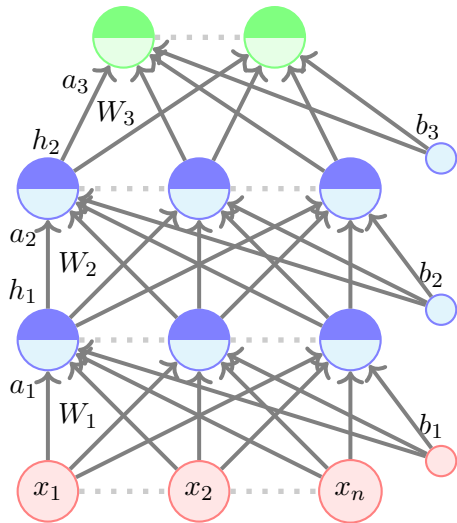
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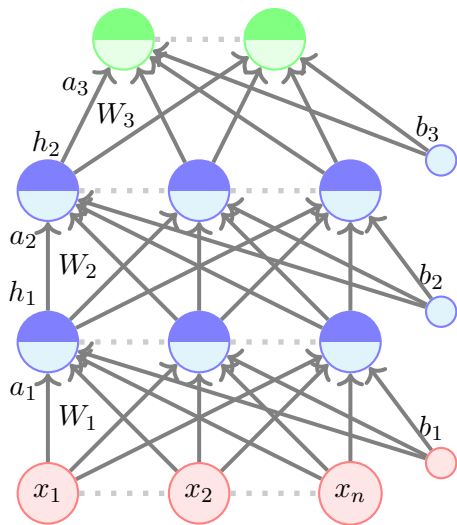
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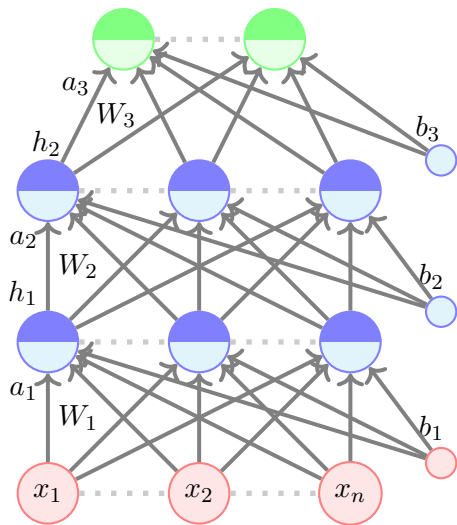


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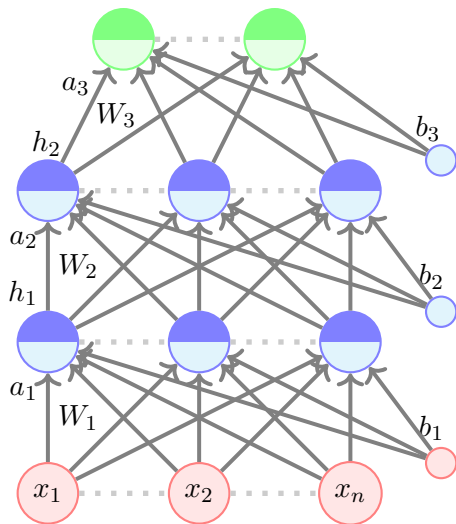
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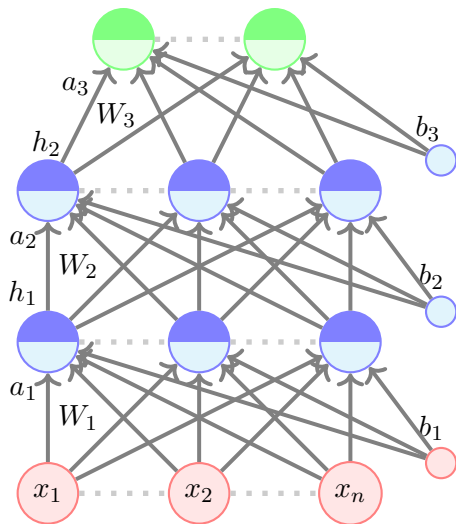
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- **Objective/Loss/Error function:** Say,

$$\min \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2$$

*In general,  $\min \mathcal{L}(\theta)$*

where  $\mathcal{L}(\theta)$  is some function of the parameters

## Module 4.2: Learning Parameters of Feedforward Neural Networks (Intuition)

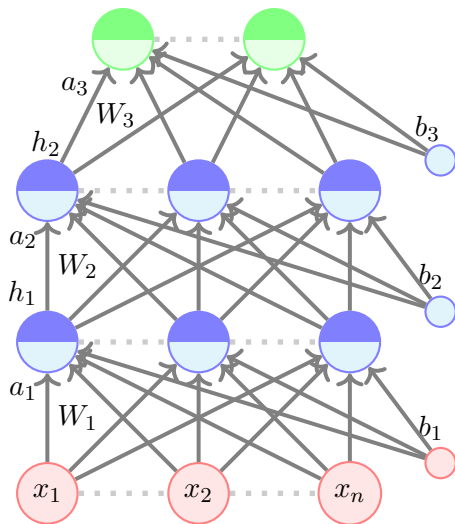


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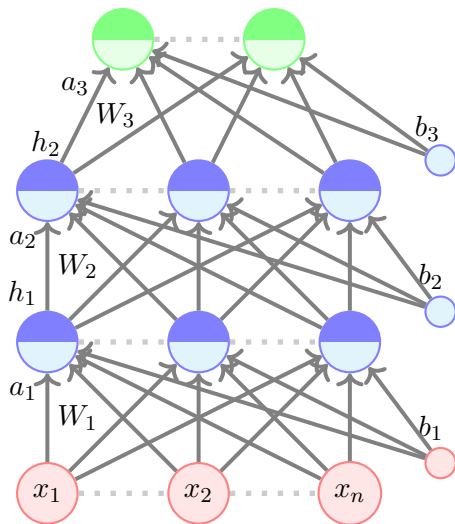
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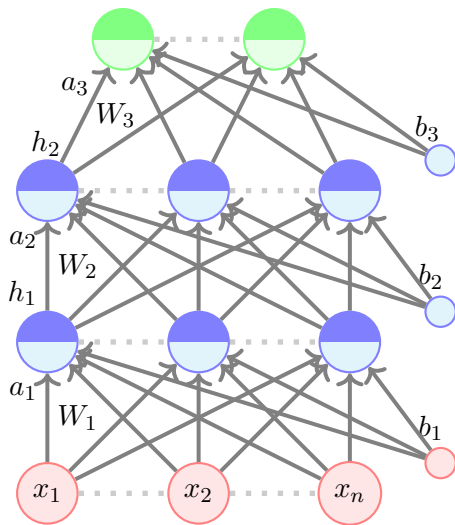
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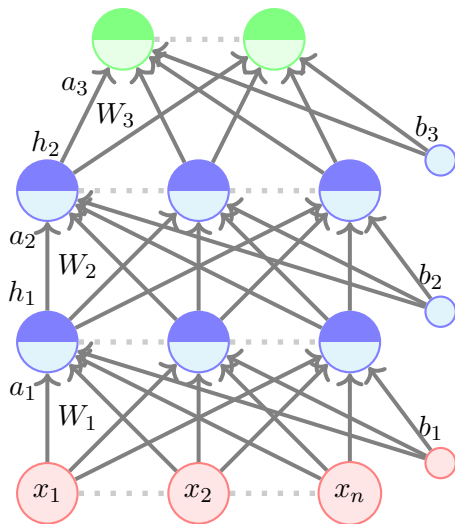
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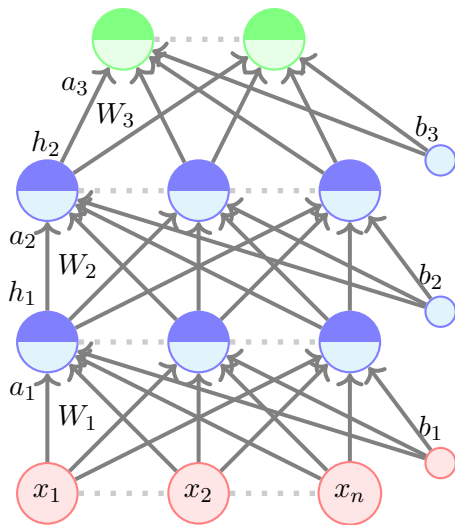
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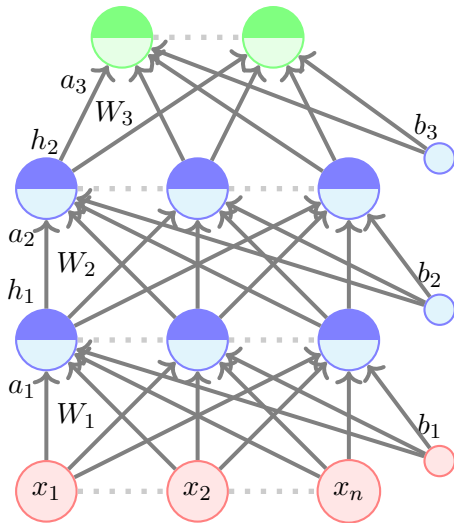
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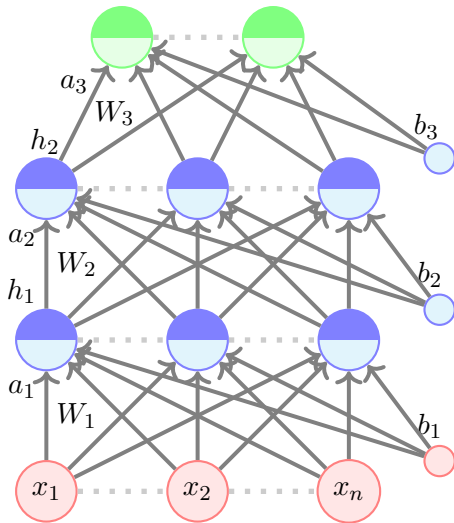
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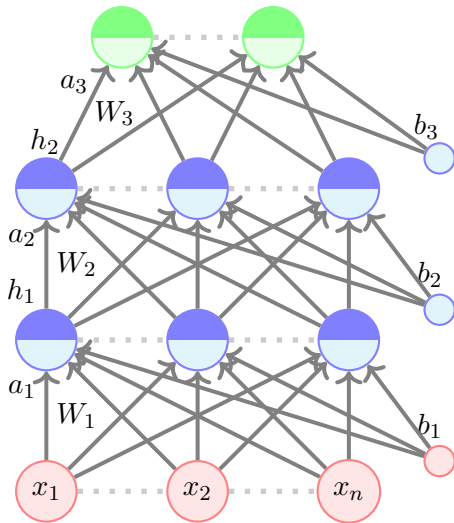
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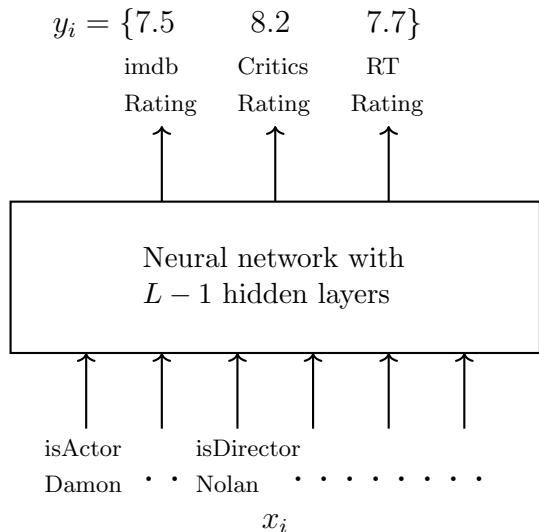


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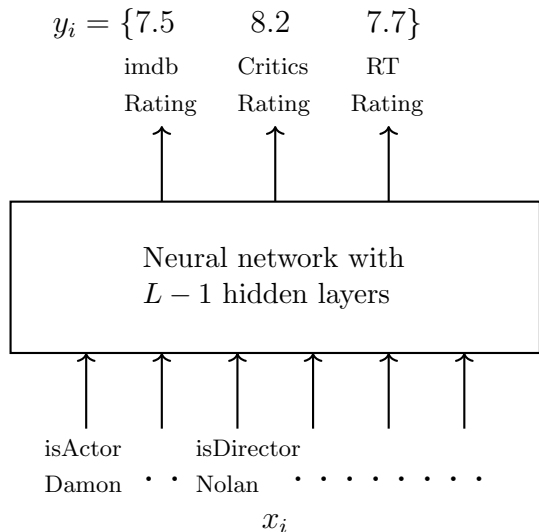
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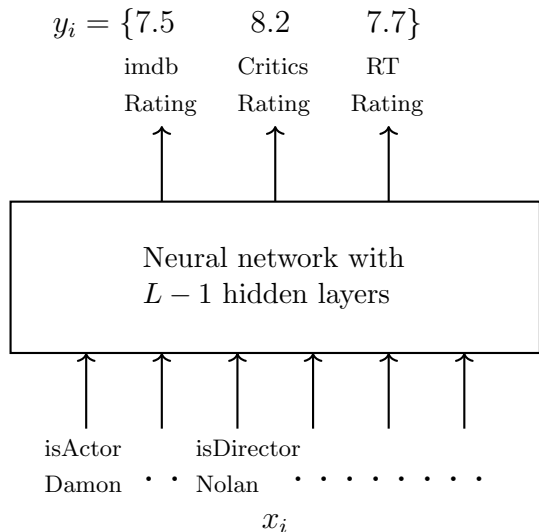
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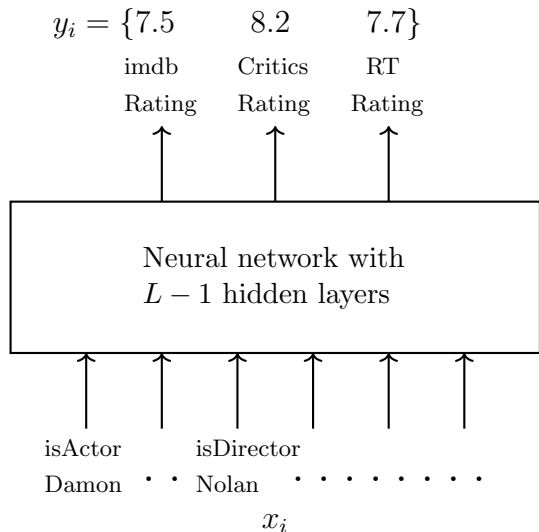
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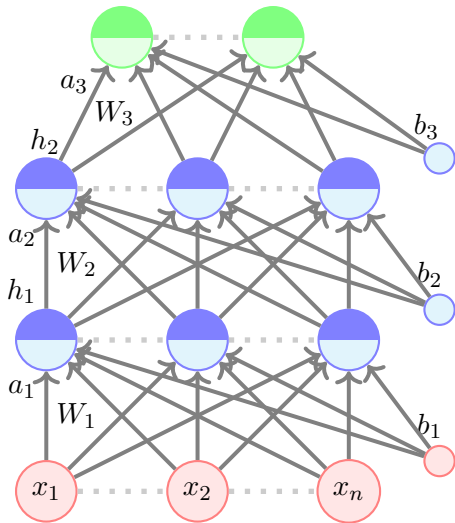
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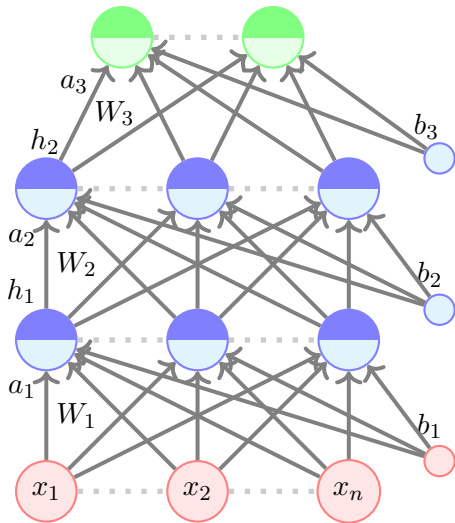
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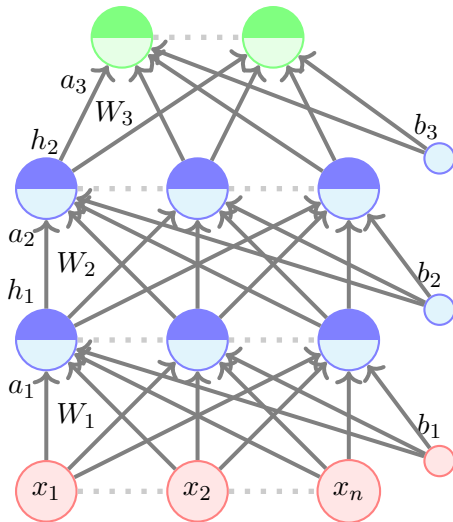


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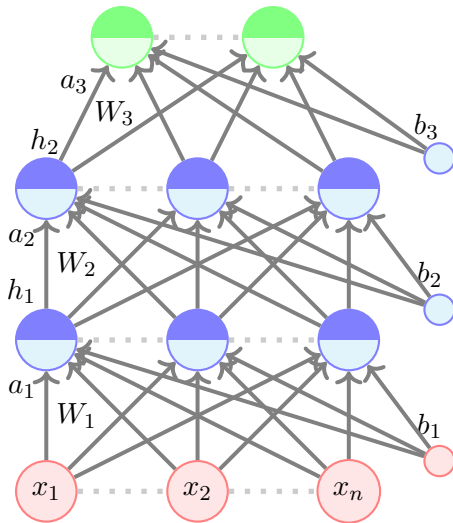
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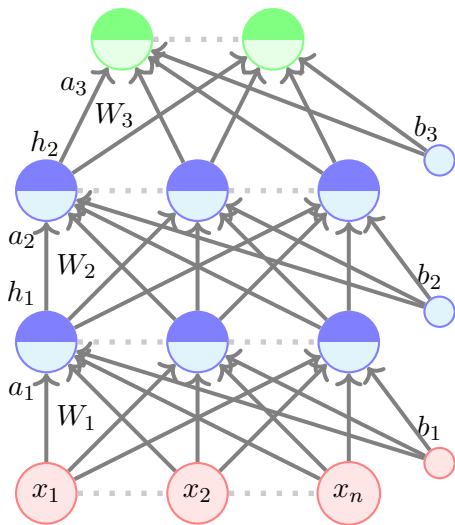
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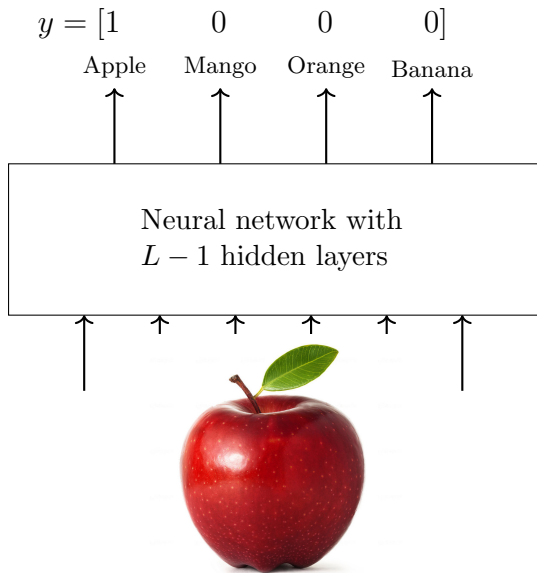
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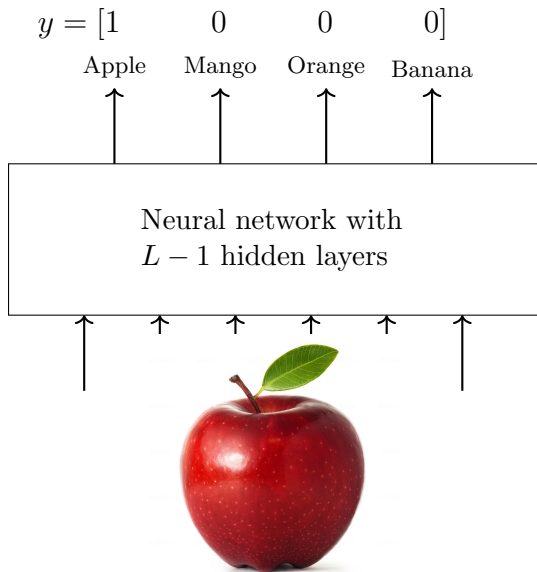
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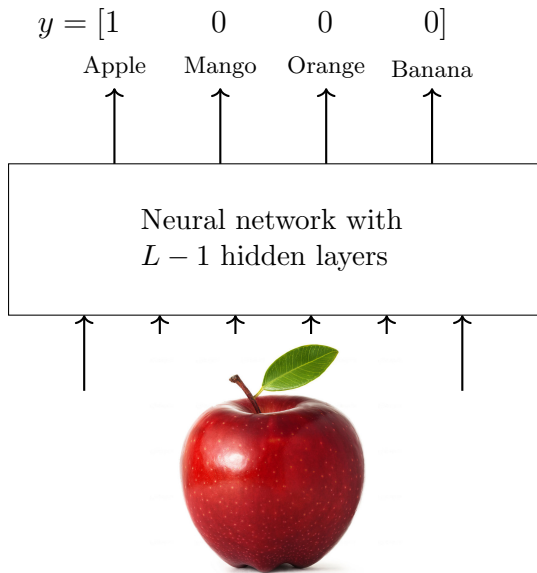


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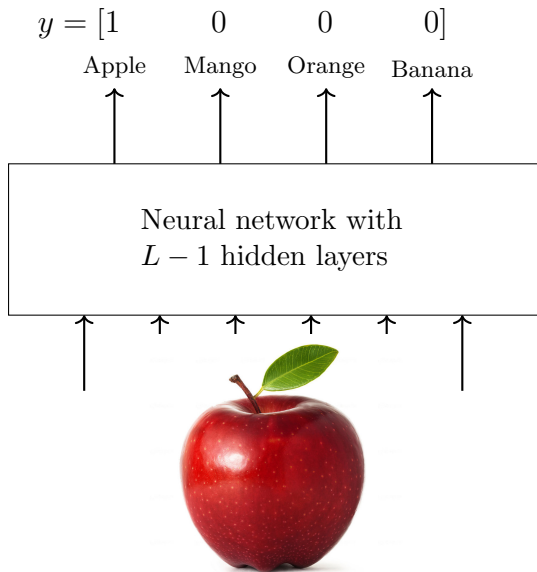


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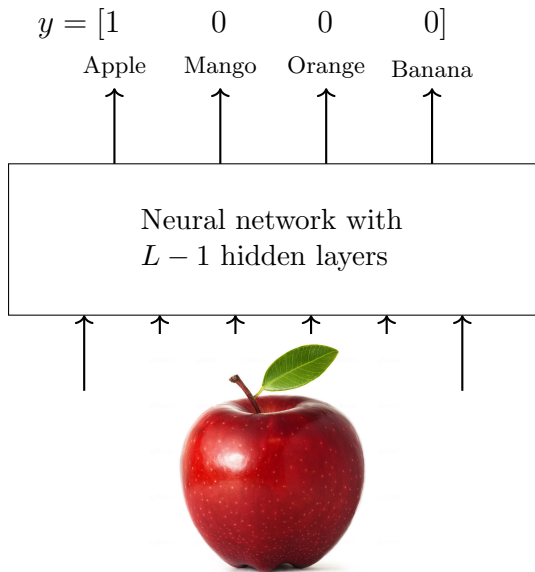


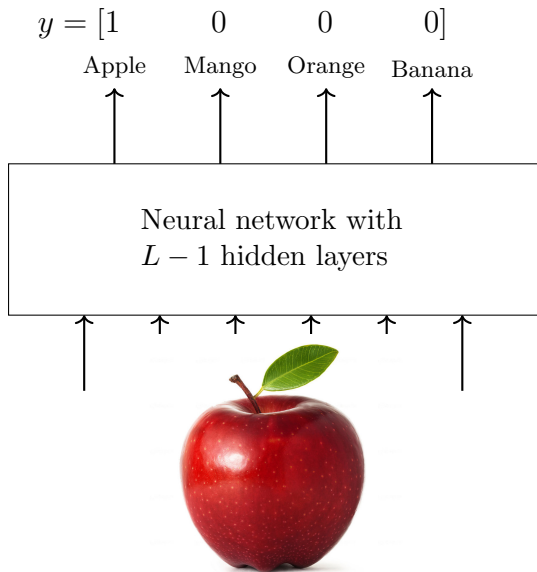
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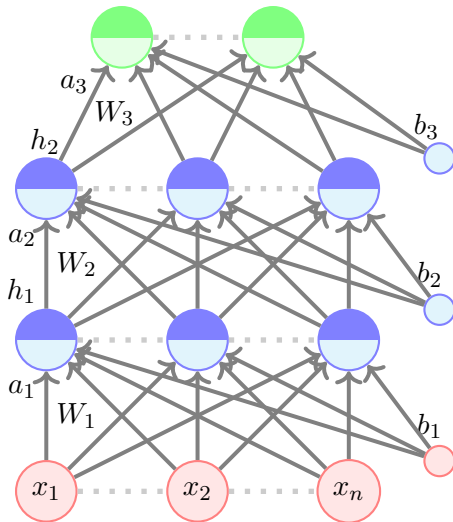
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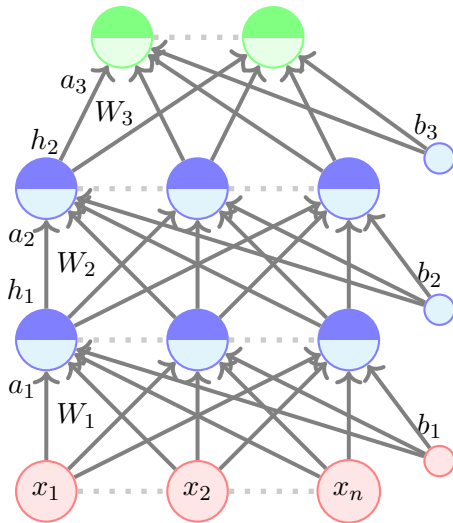
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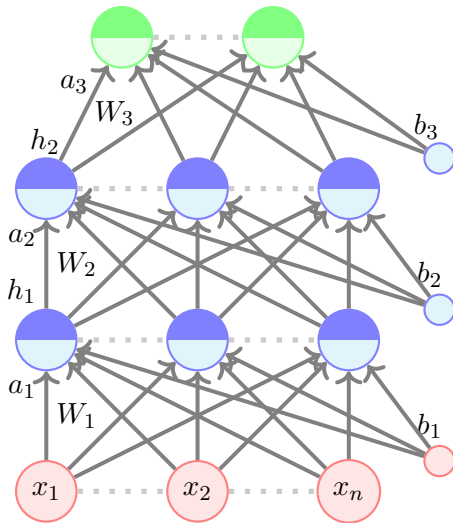
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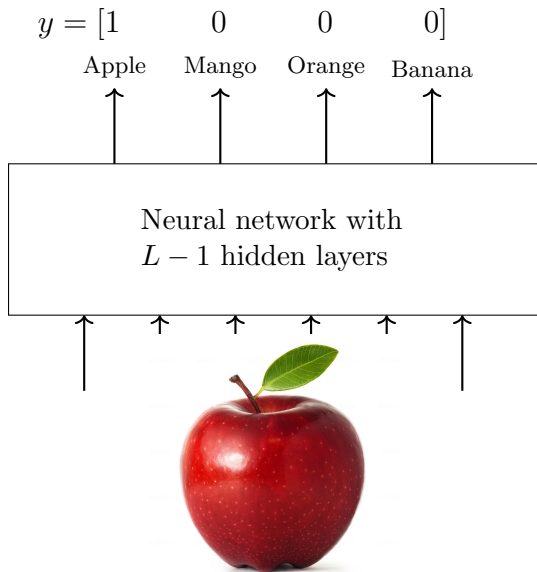
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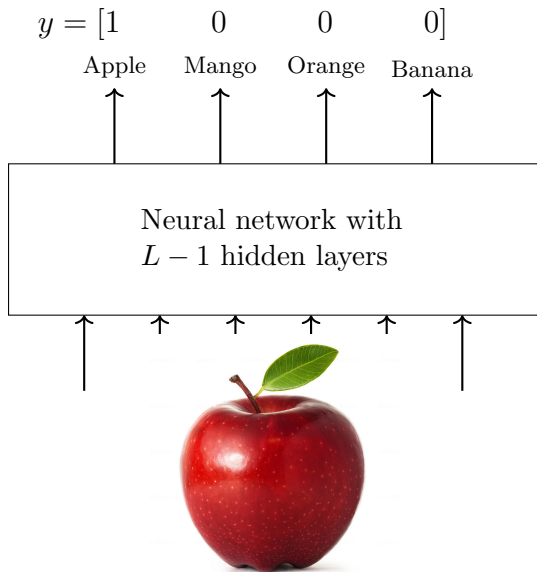
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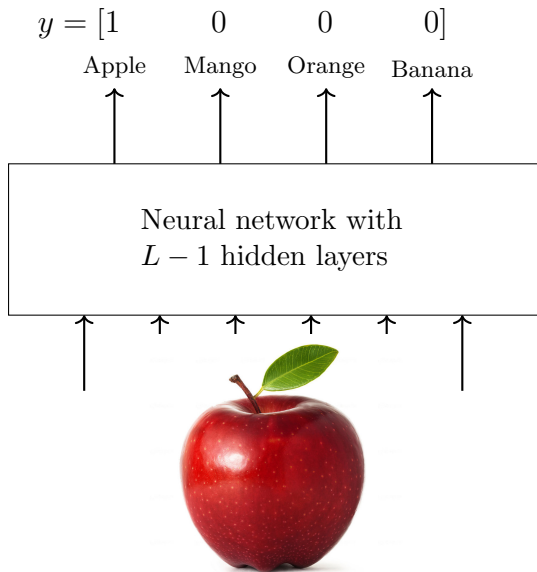
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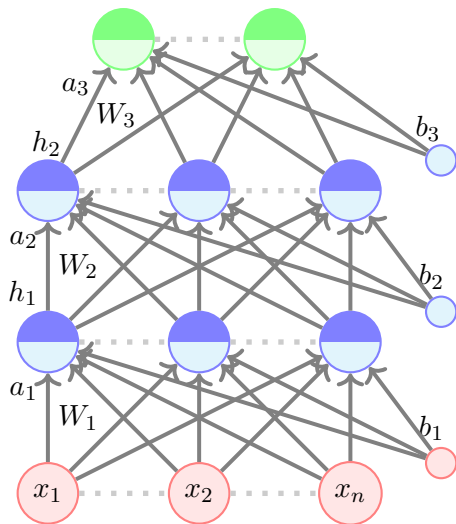
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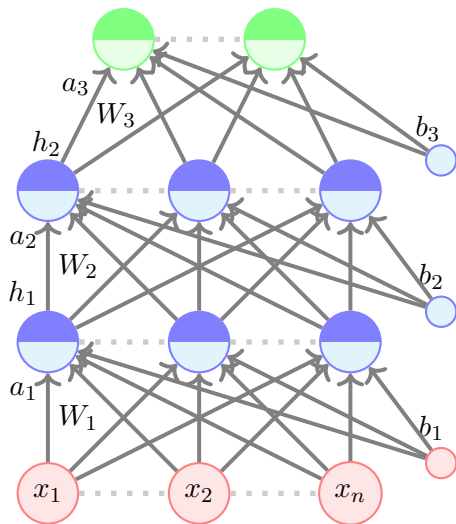
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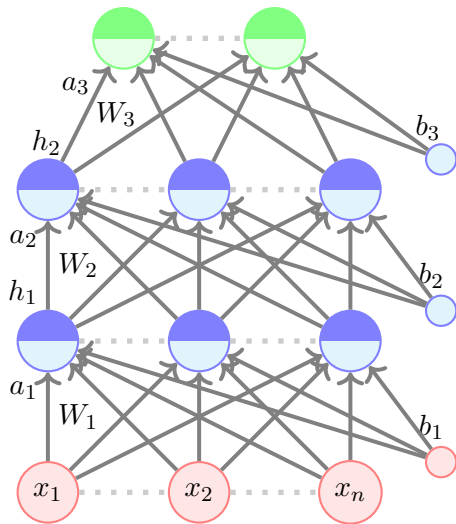
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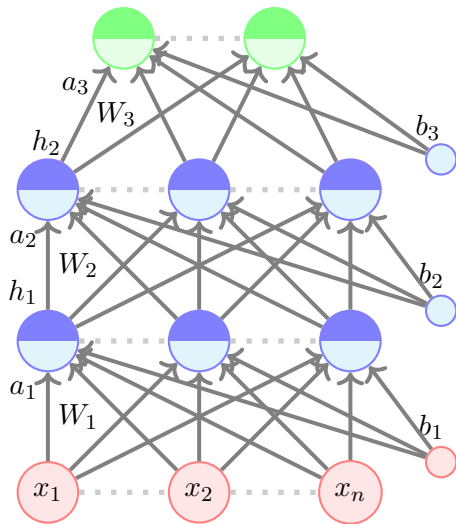
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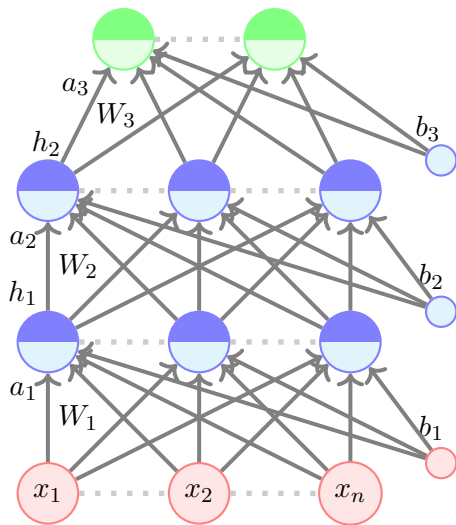
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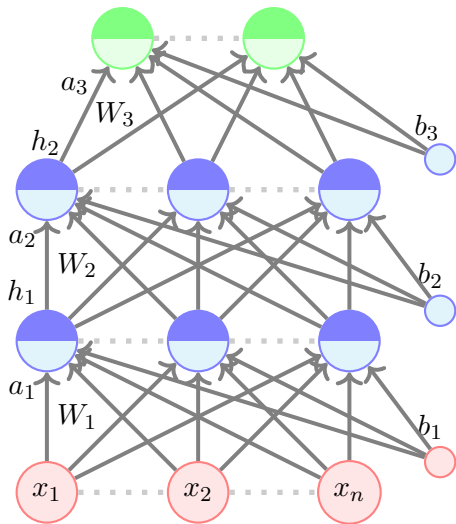
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## Module 4.4: Backpropagation (Intuition)



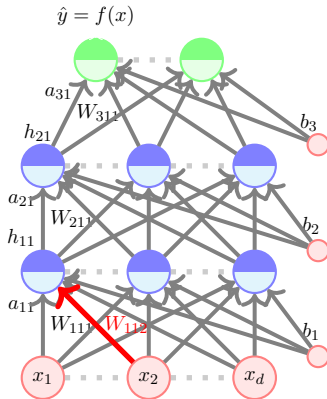
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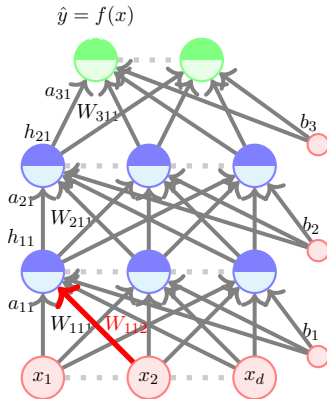
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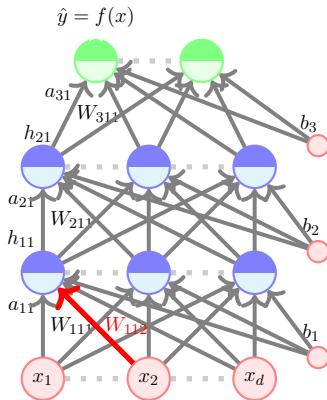
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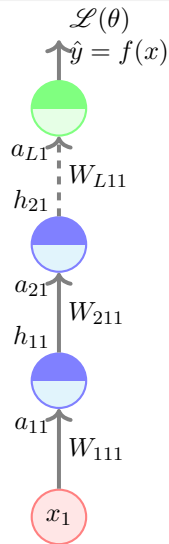
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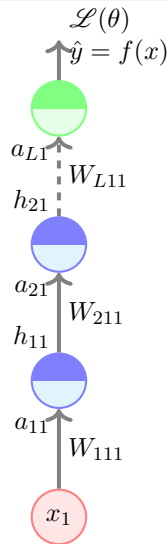
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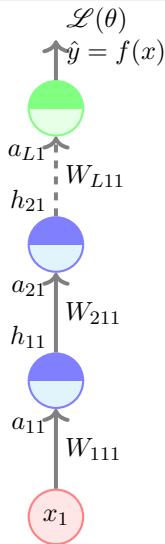


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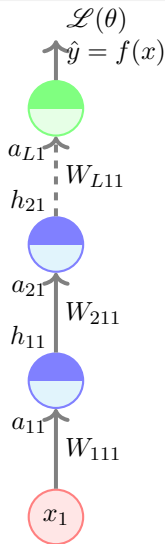




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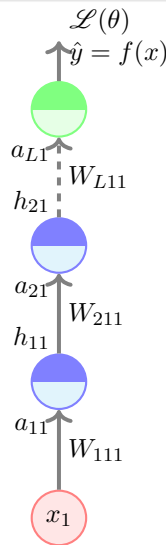
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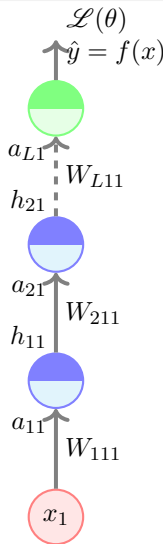
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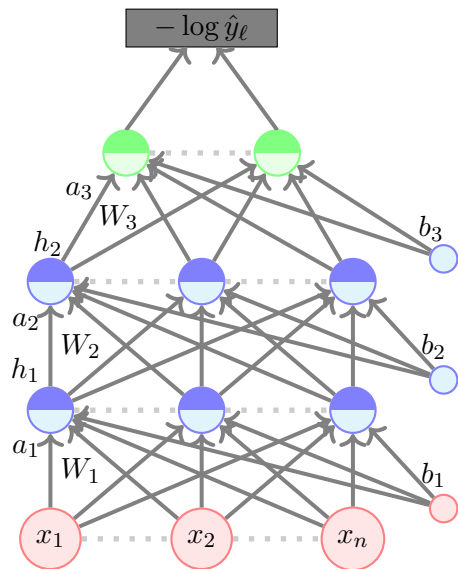
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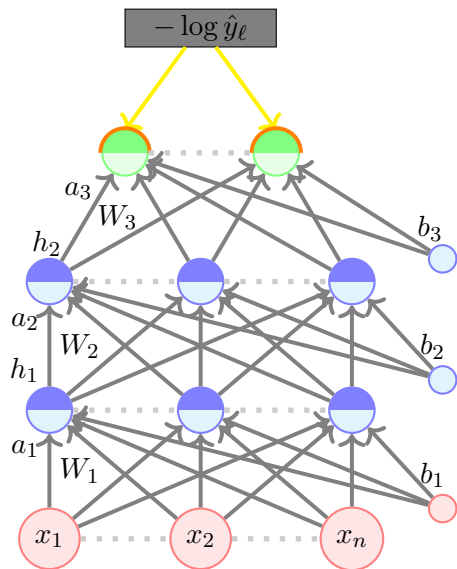


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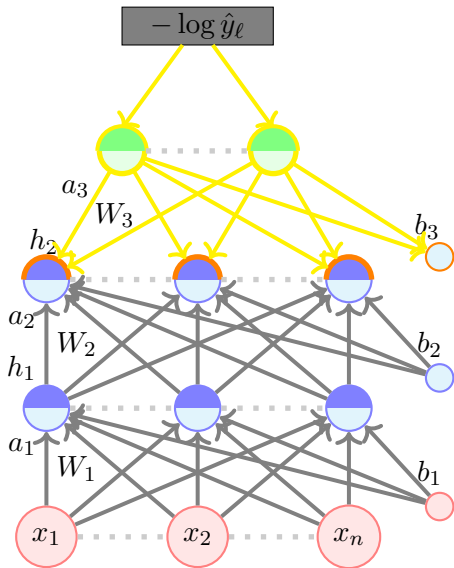


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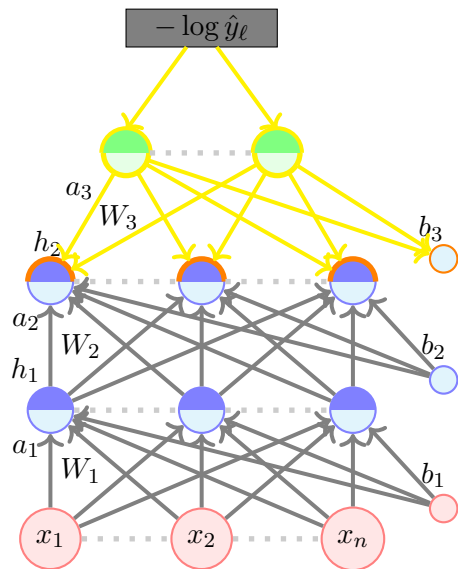


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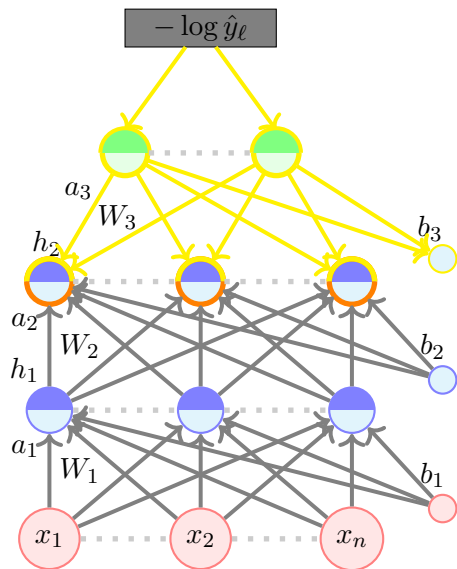


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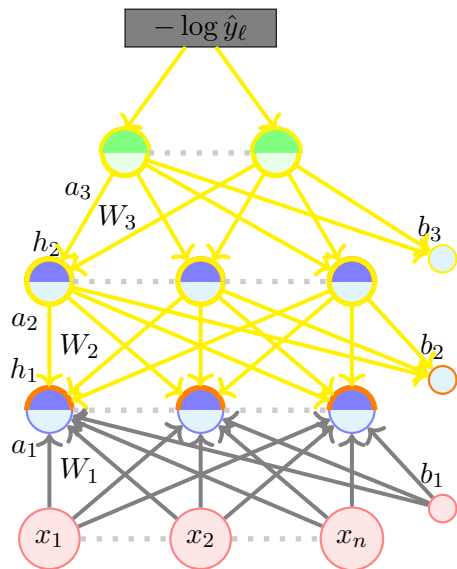




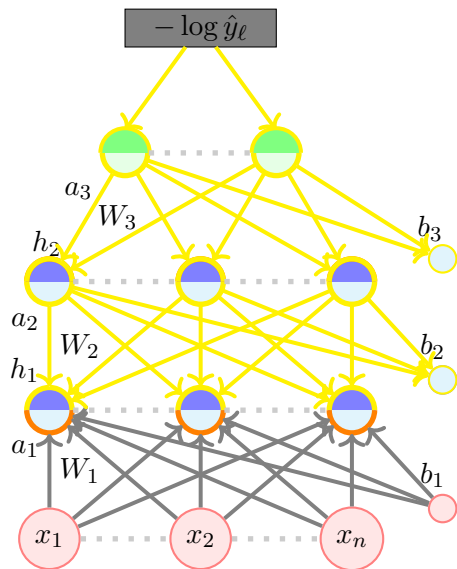
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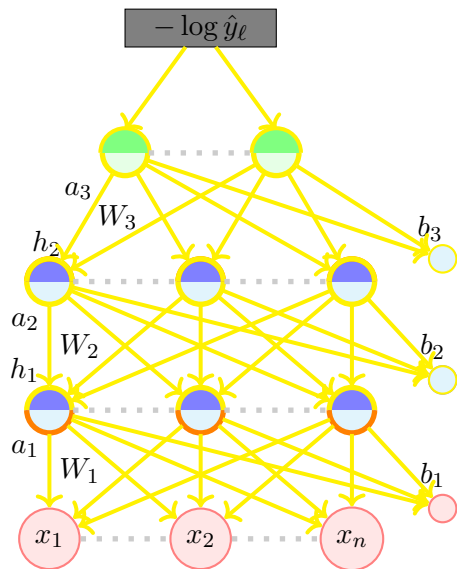
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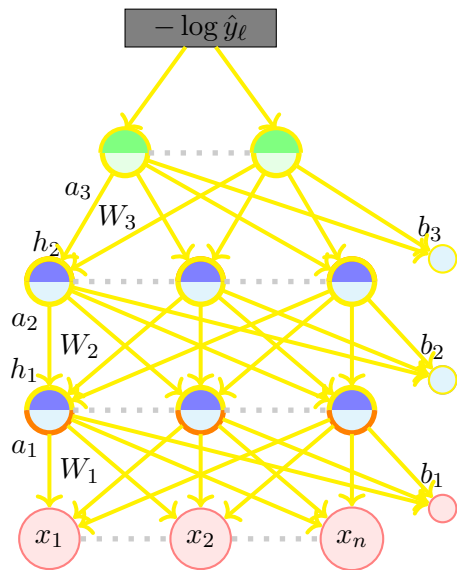


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## Module 4.5: Backpropagation: Computing Gradients w.r.t. the Output Units

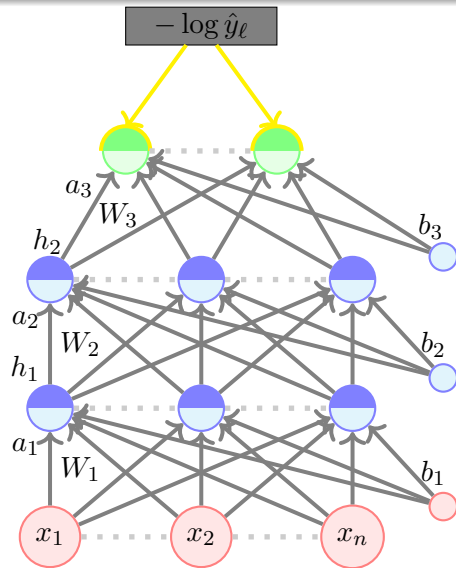
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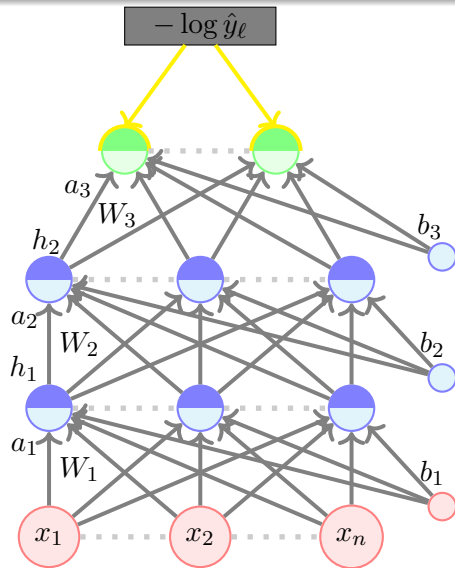
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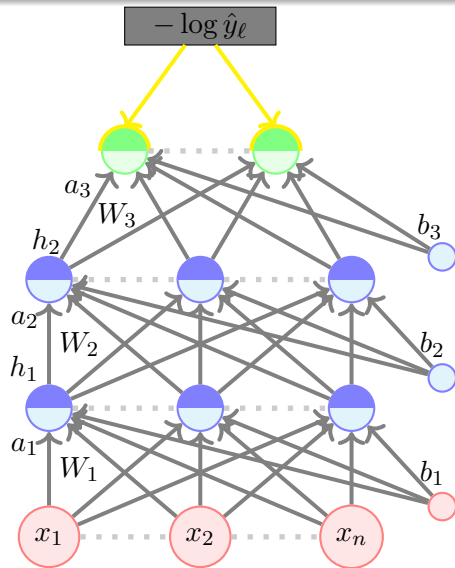
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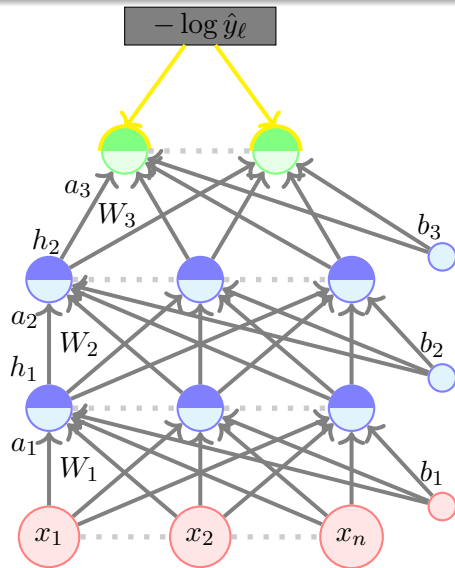




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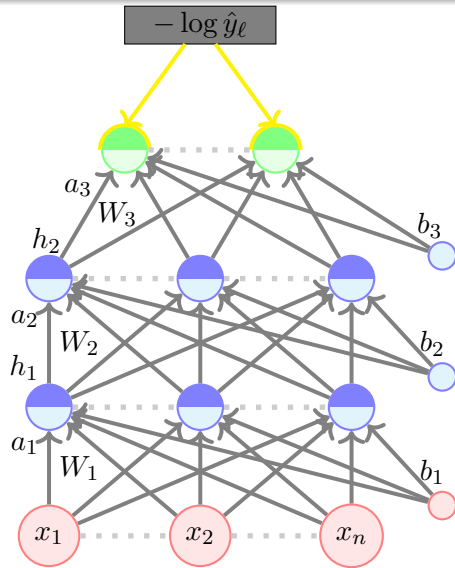
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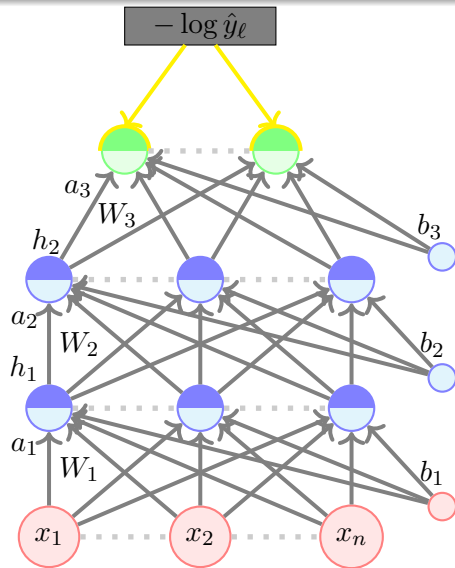
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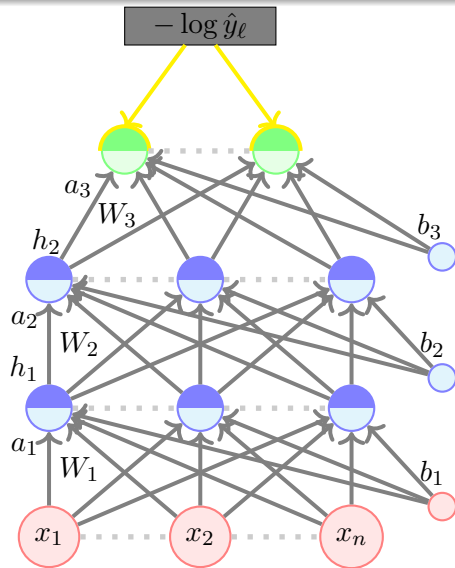


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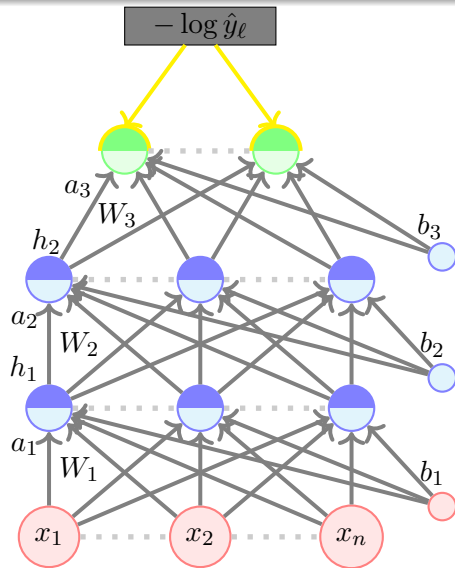
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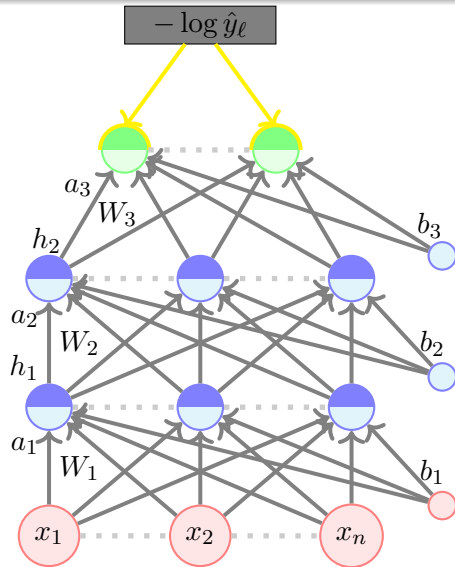
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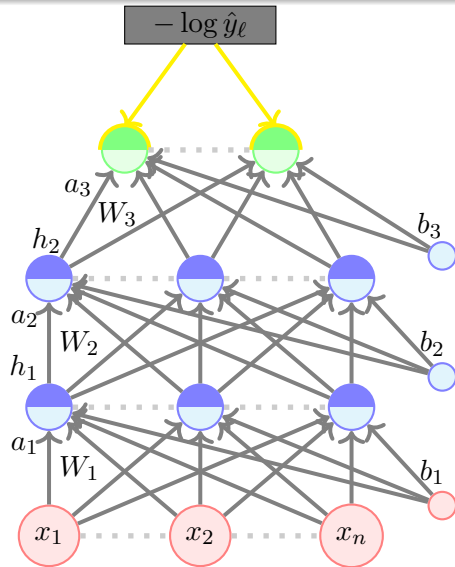


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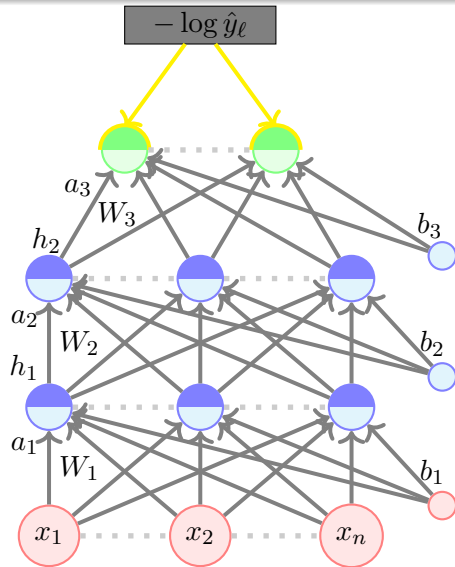
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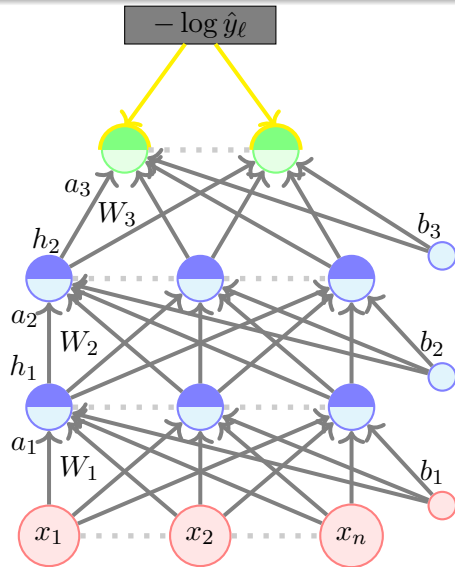




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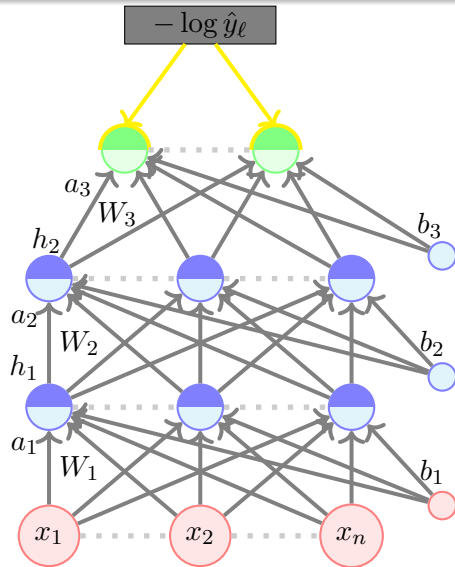
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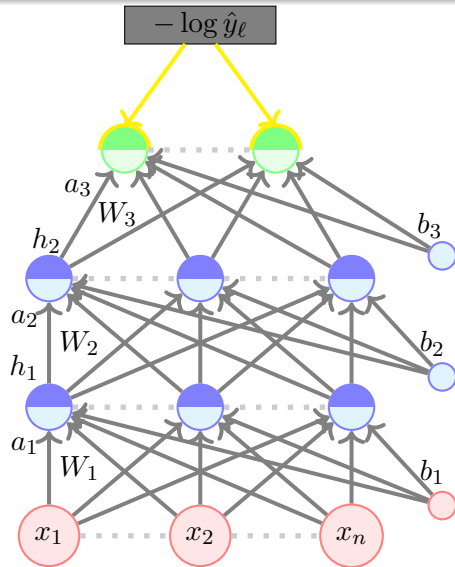
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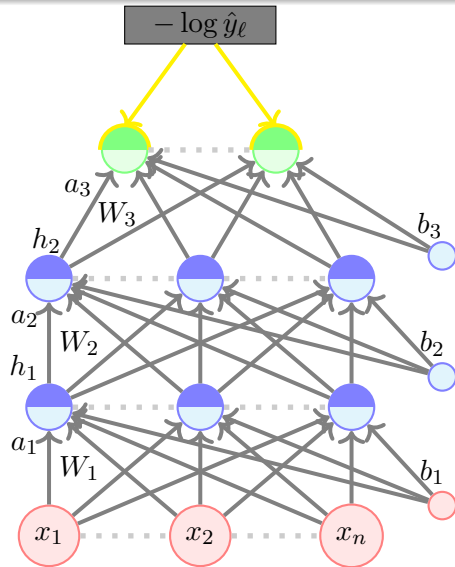
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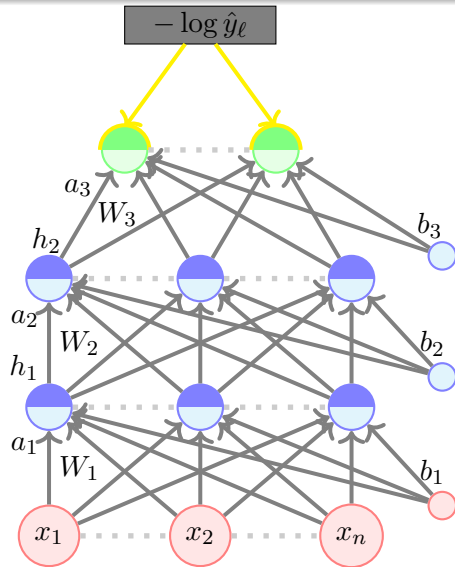
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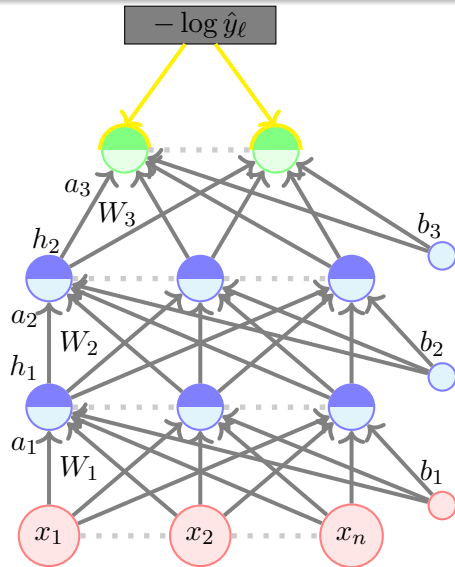
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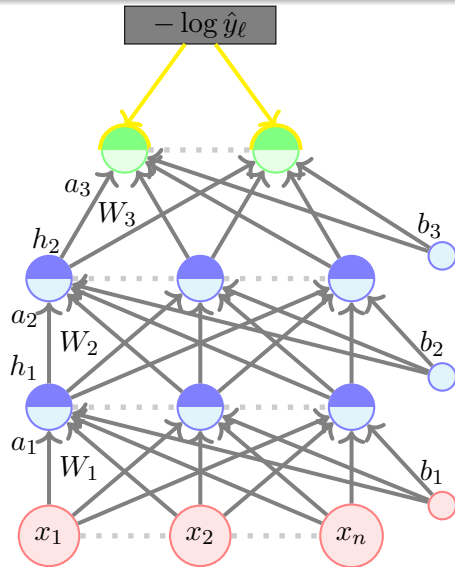
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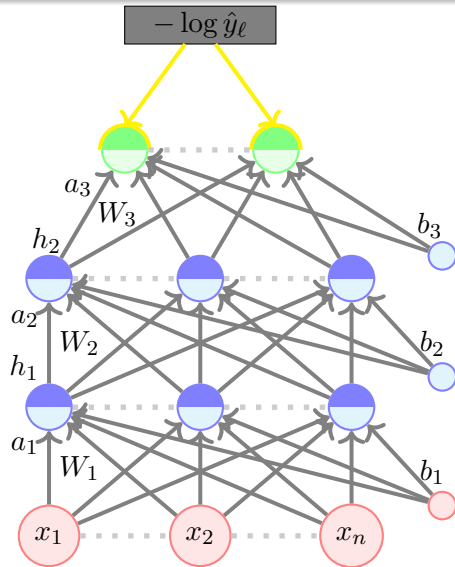
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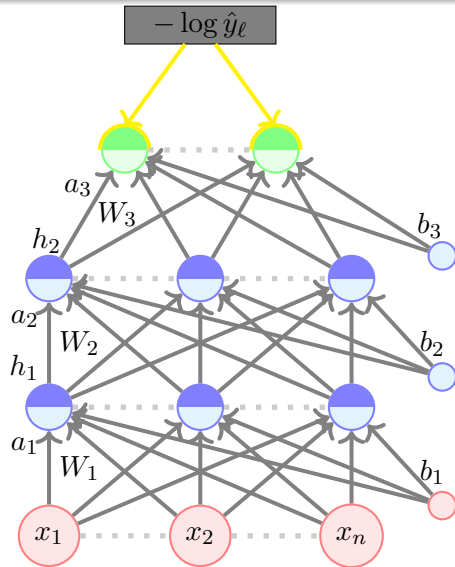




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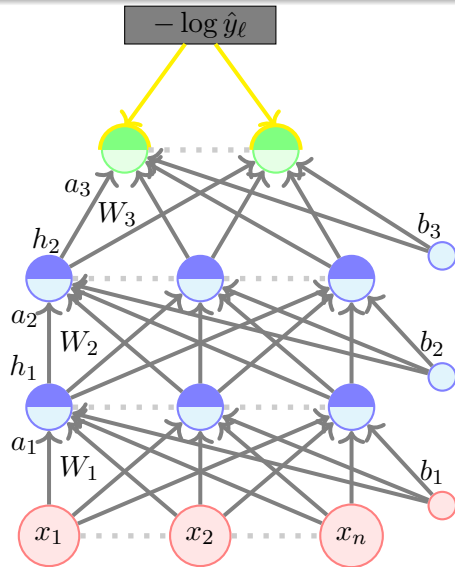
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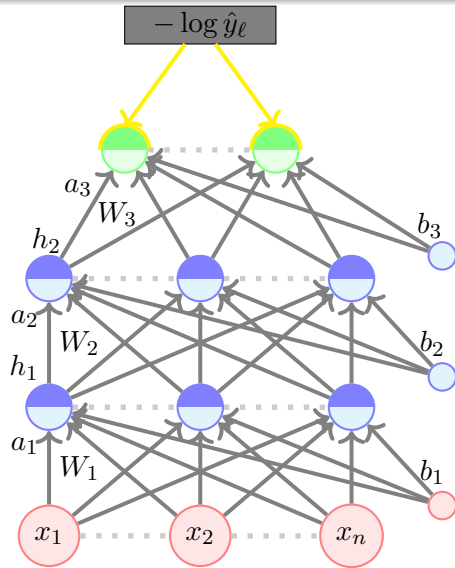


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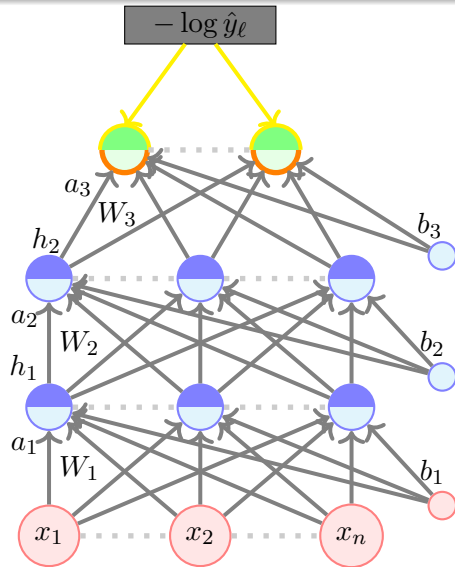
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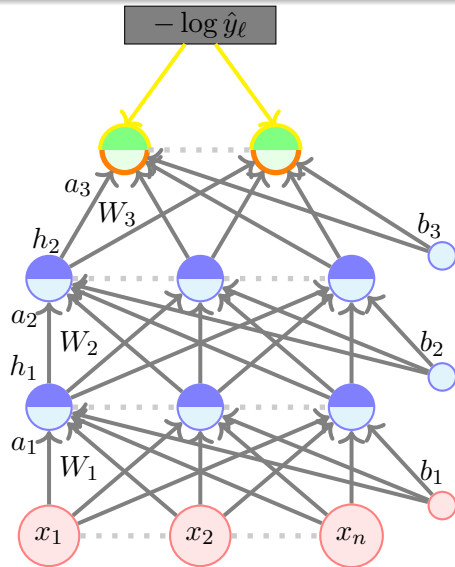
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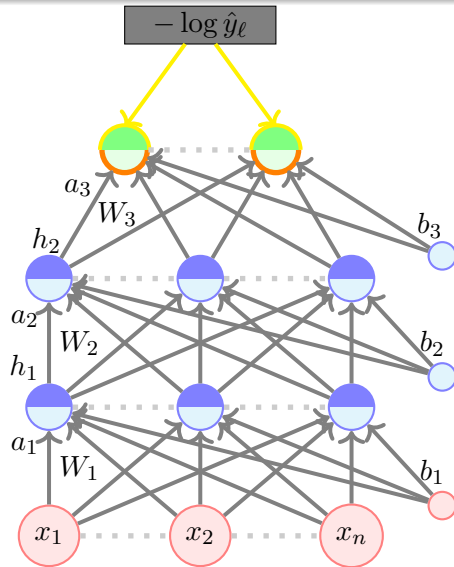
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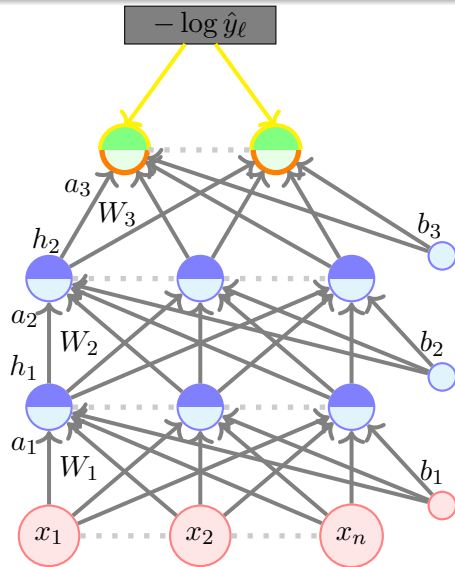
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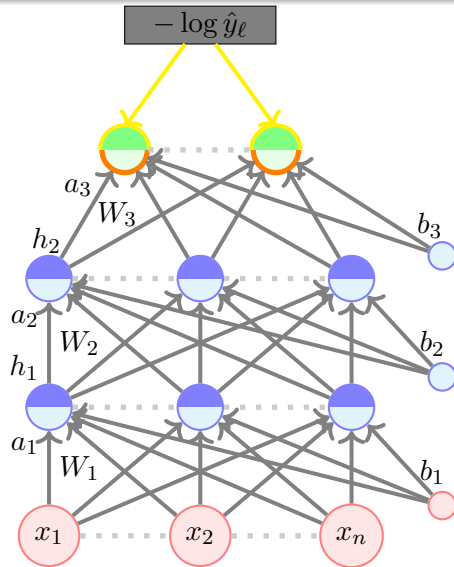


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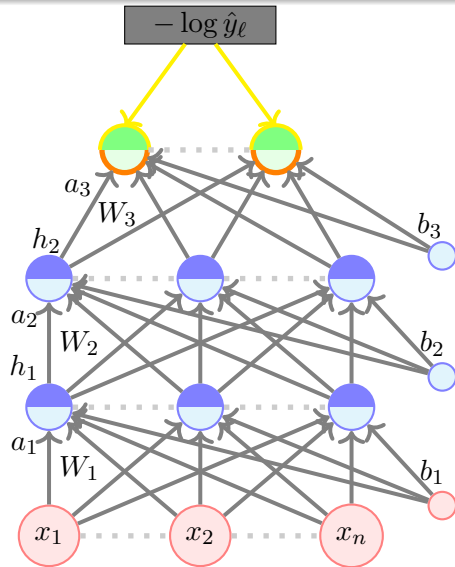
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Having established this, we will now derive the full expression on the next slide



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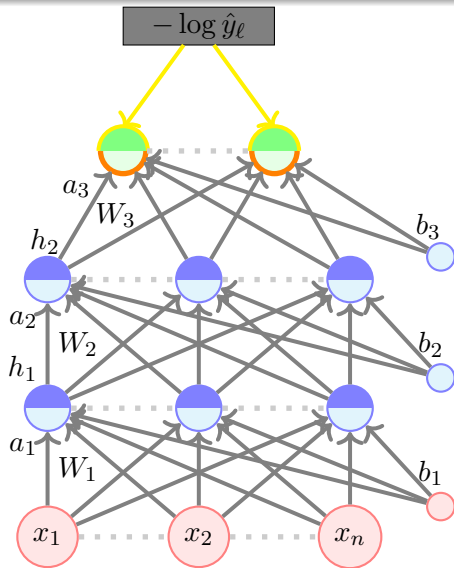
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So far we have derived the partial derivative w.r.t. the  $i$ -th element of  $\mathbf{a}_L$

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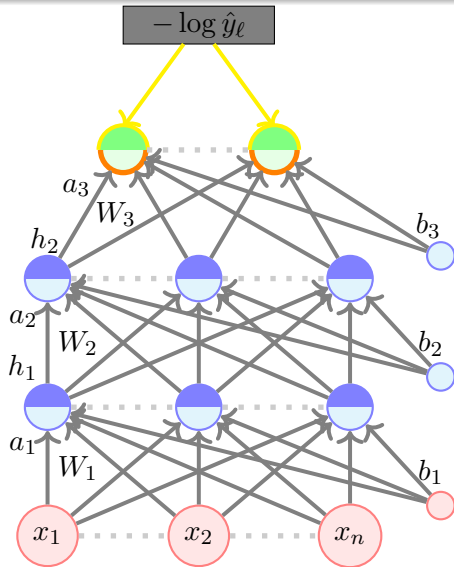


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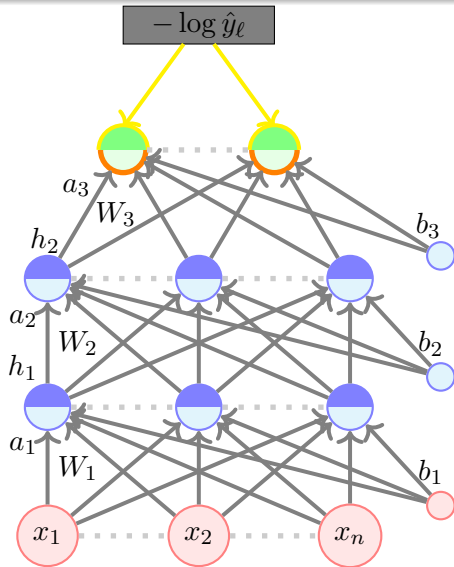


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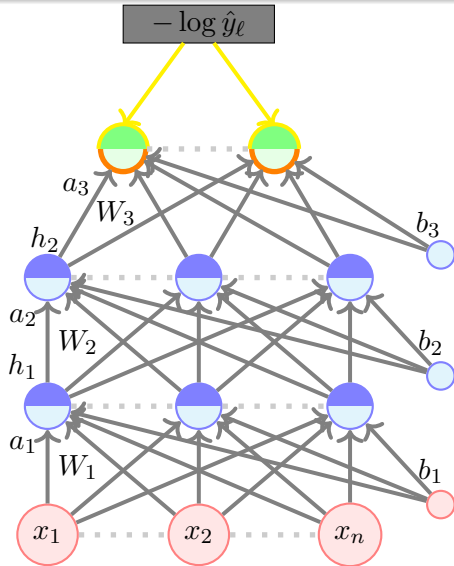


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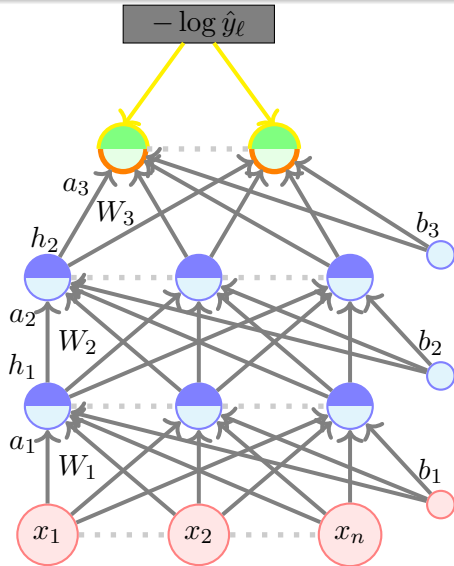


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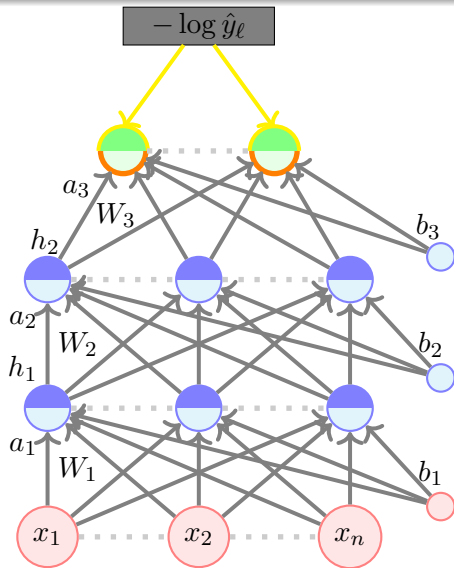


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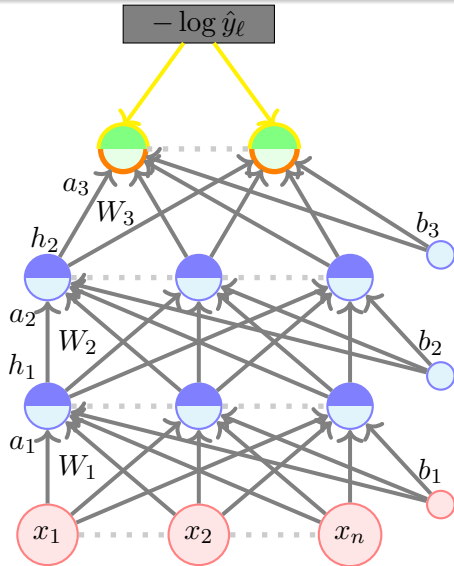


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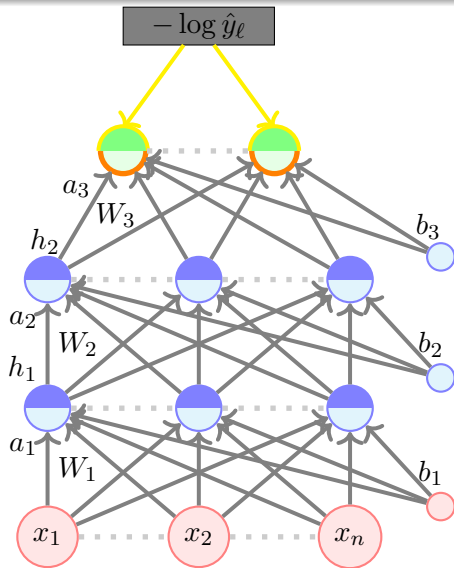


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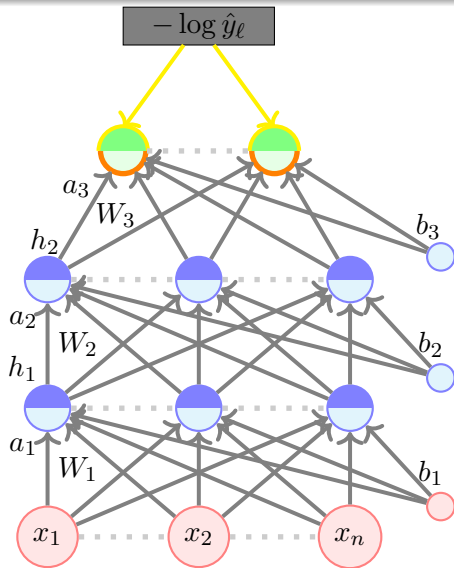


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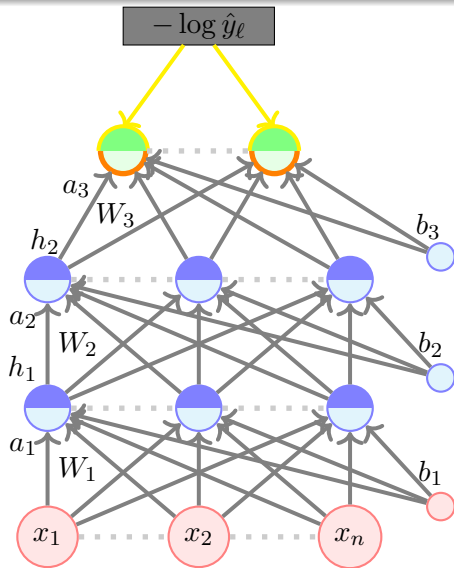


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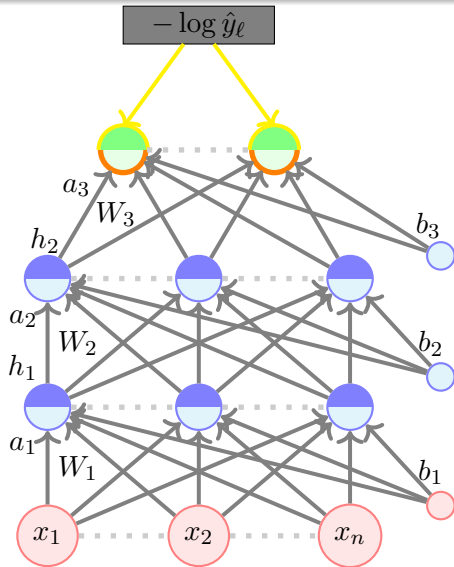


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## Module 4.6: Backpropagation: Computing Gradients w.r.t. Hidden Units

## Quantities of interest (roadmap for the remaining part):

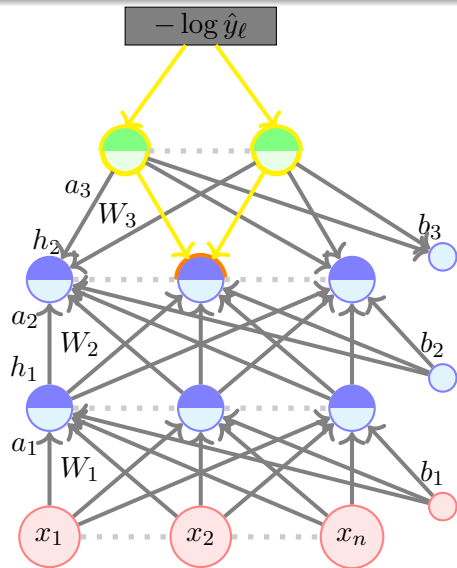
- Gradient w.r.t. output units
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- Gradient w.r.t. weights and biases

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial W_{111}}}_{\text{Talk to the weight directly}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial a_3}}_{\text{Talk to the output layer}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial a_2}}_{\text{Talk to the previous hidden layer}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial h_1} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial a_1}}_{\text{Talk to the previous hidden layer}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial W_{111}}}_{\text{and now talk to the weights}}$$

- Our focus is on *Cross entropy loss* and *Softmax* output.

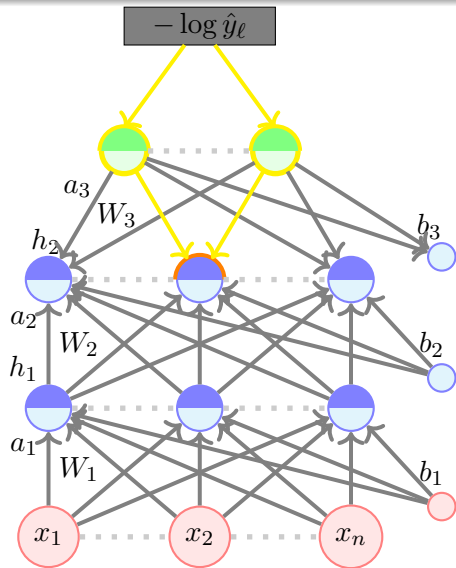


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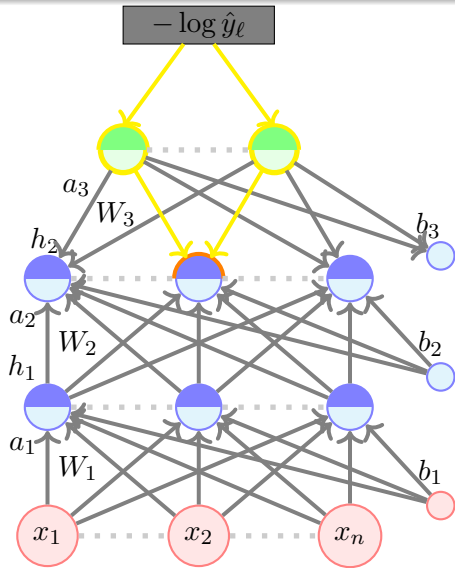


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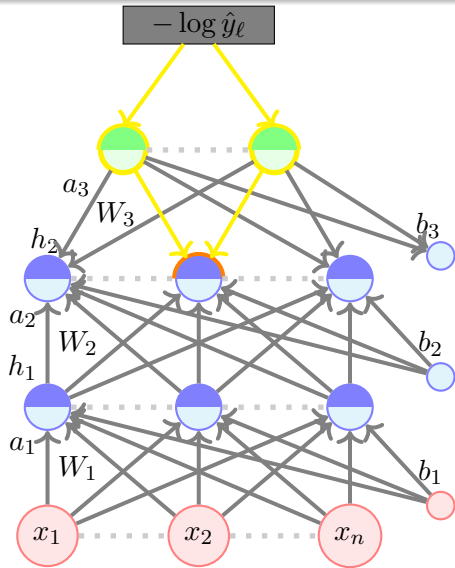


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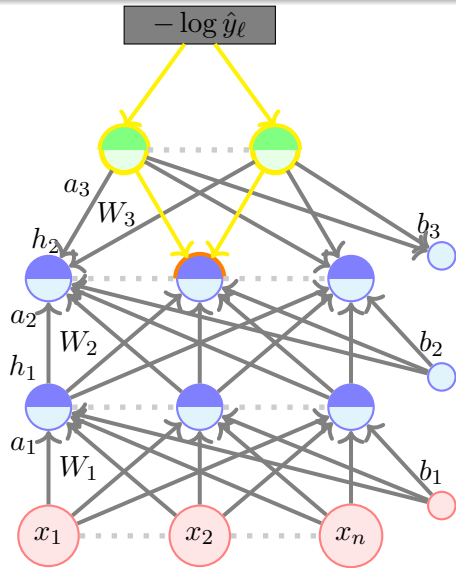


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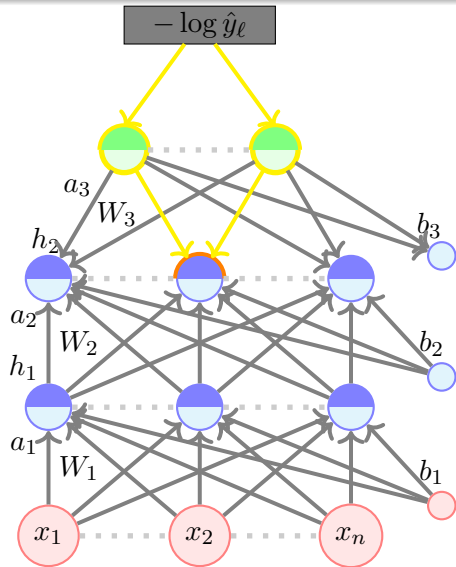
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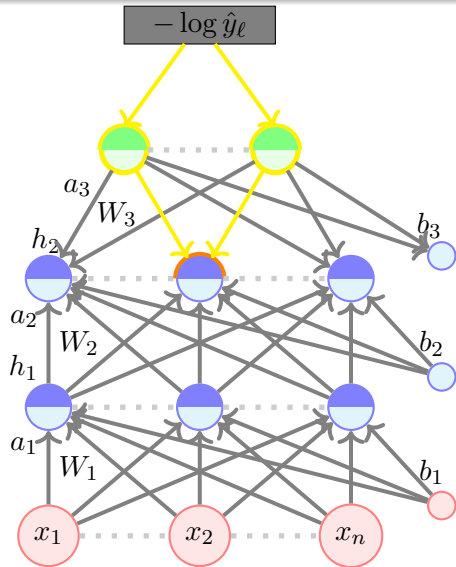
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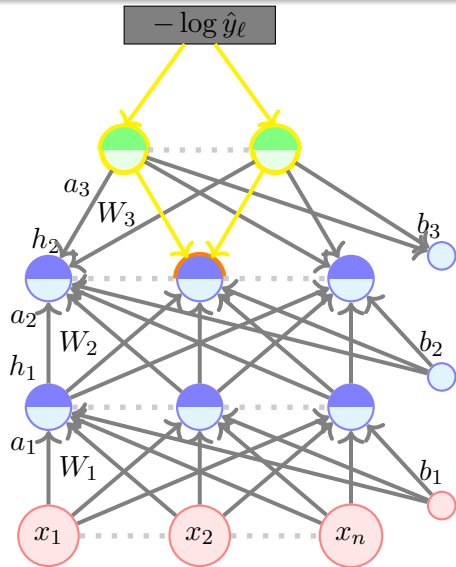
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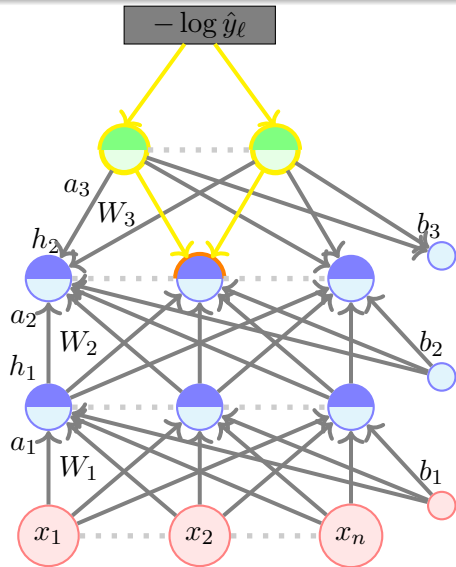
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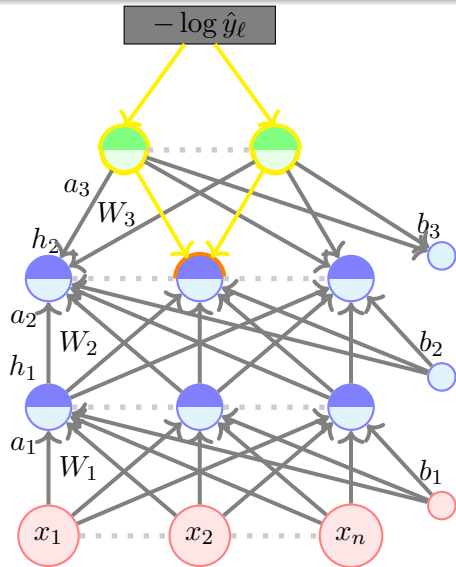


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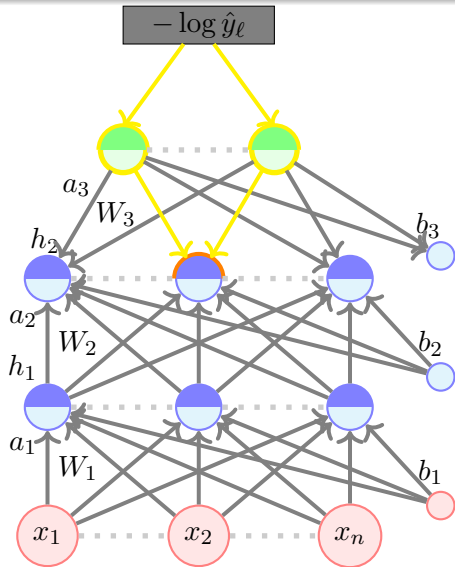


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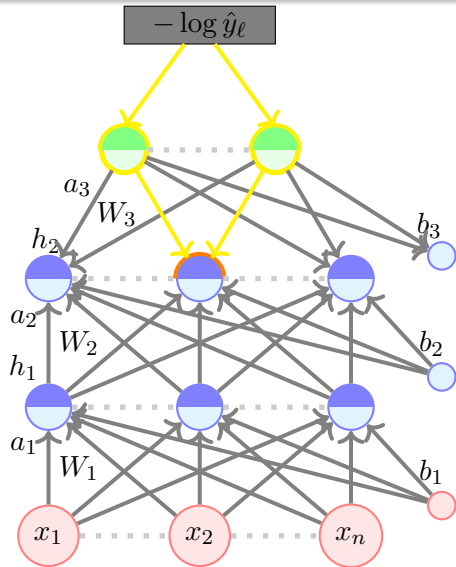


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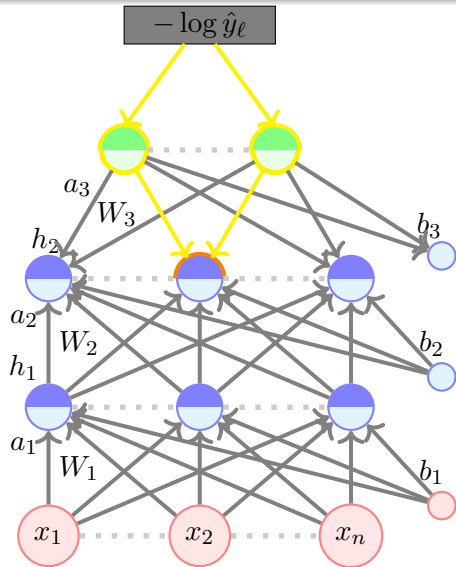


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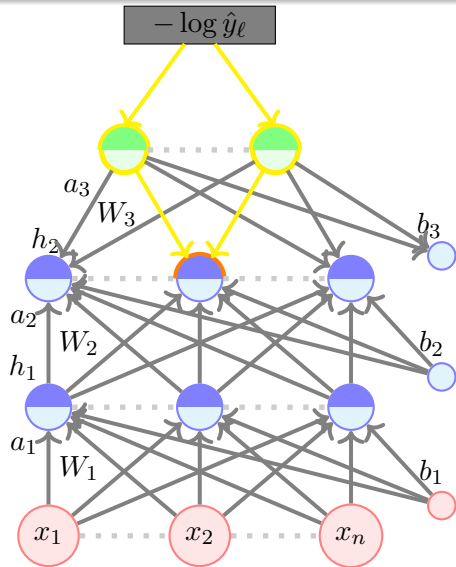


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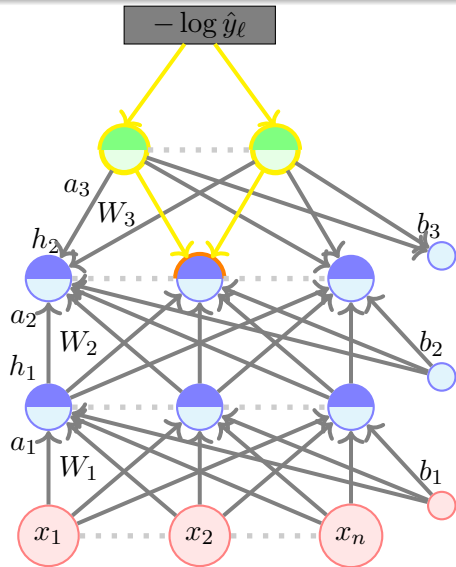


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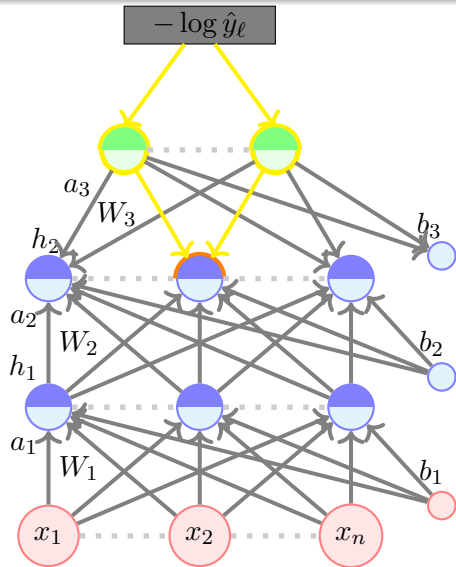
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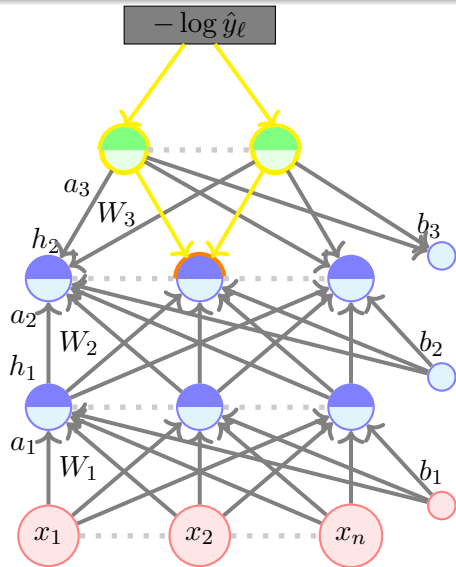
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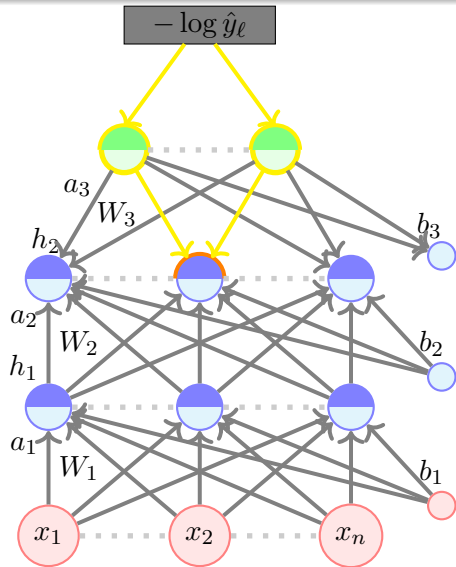
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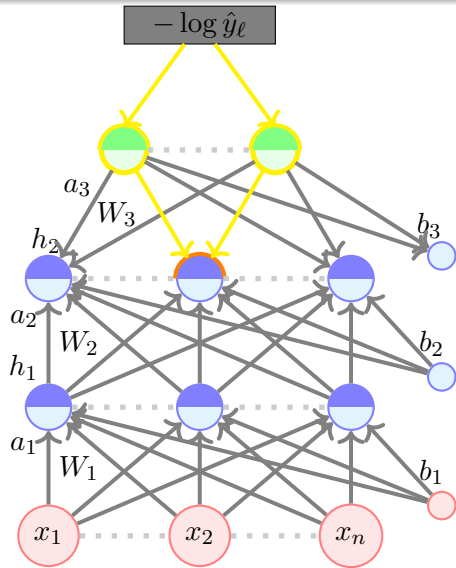
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$$a_{i+1} = W_{i+1} h_{ij} + b_{i+1}$$

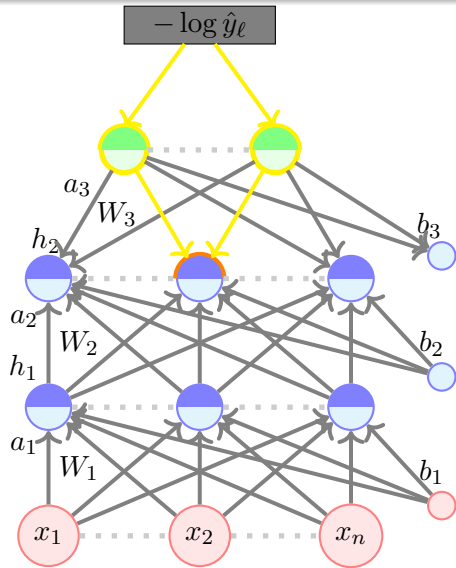
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial h_{ij}} &= \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i+1,m}} \frac{\partial a_{i+1,m}}{\partial h_{ij}} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i+1,m}} W_{i+1,m,j}\end{aligned}$$

Now consider these two vectors,

$$\nabla_{a_{i+1}} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i+1,1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i+1,k}} \end{bmatrix}; W_{i+1, \cdot, j} = \begin{bmatrix} W_{i+1,1,j} \\ \vdots \\ W_{i+1,k,j} \end{bmatrix}$$

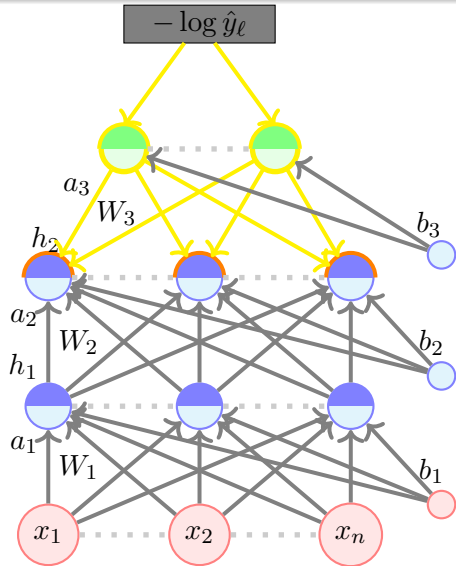
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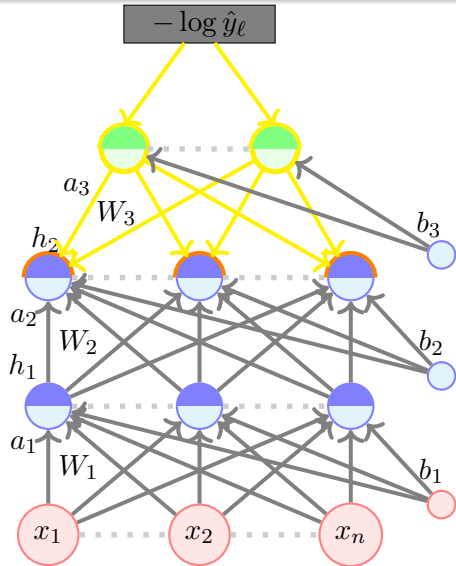
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We can now write the gradient w.r.t.  $h_i$

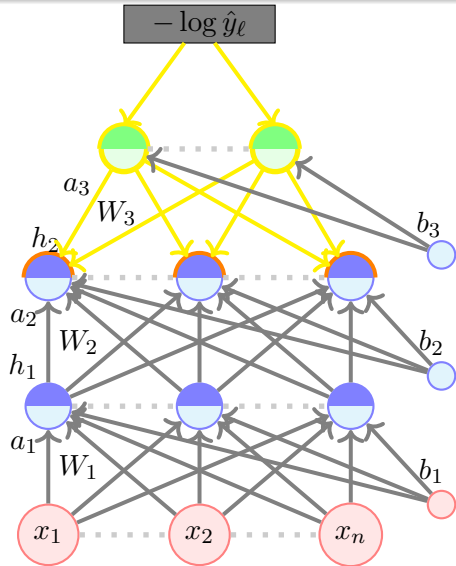
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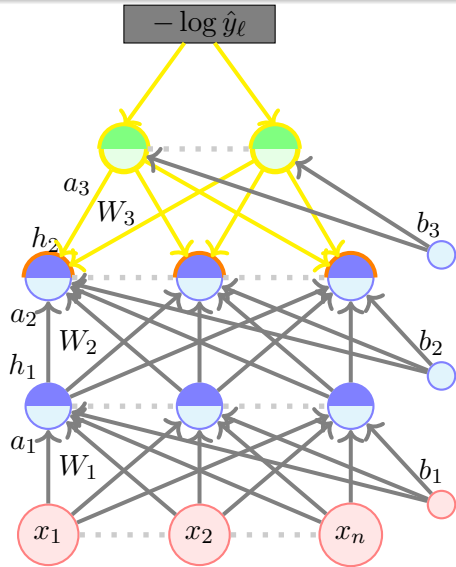




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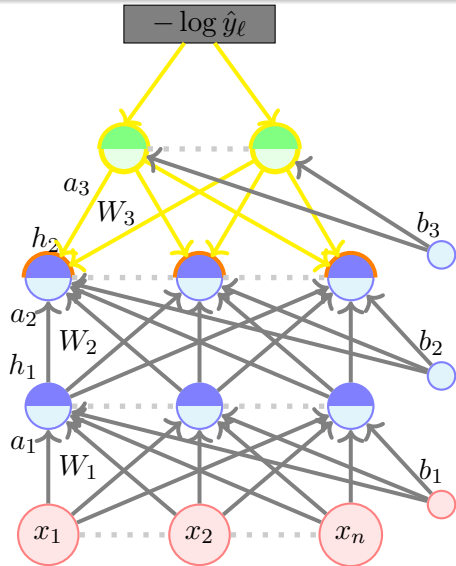
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{h}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial h_{i1}} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$



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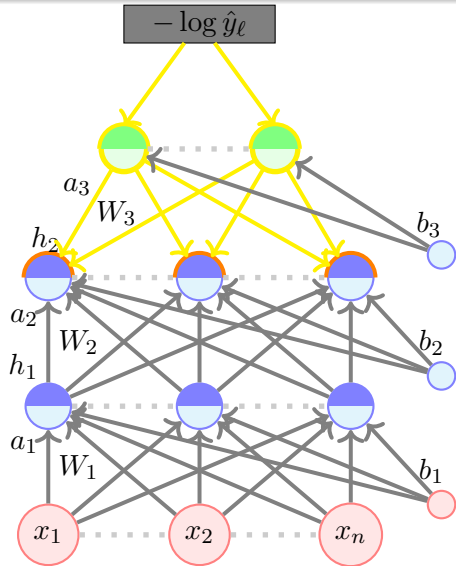
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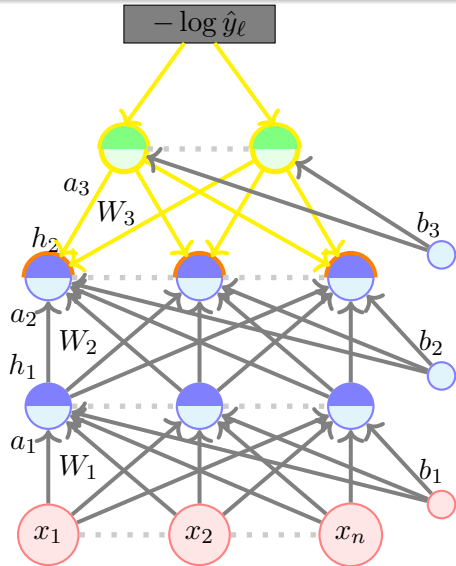
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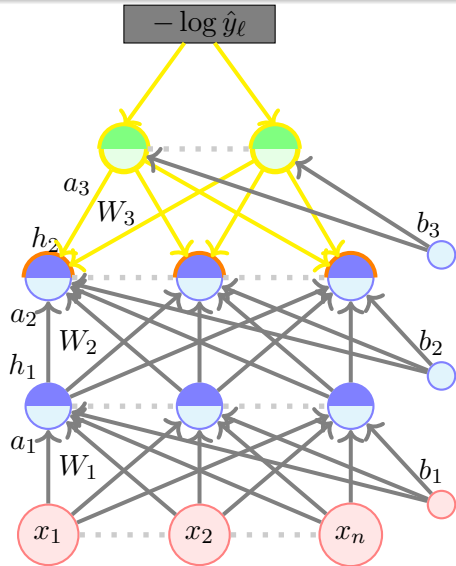
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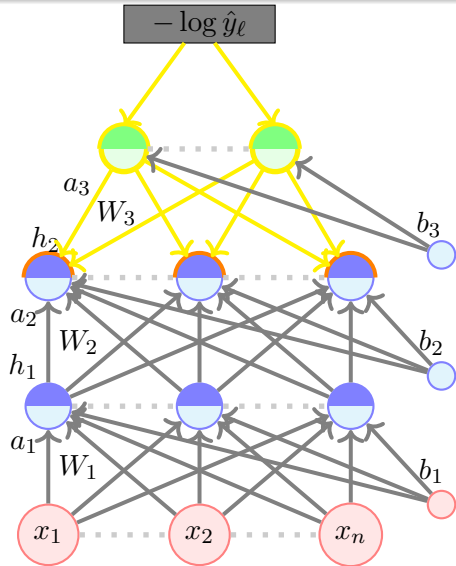
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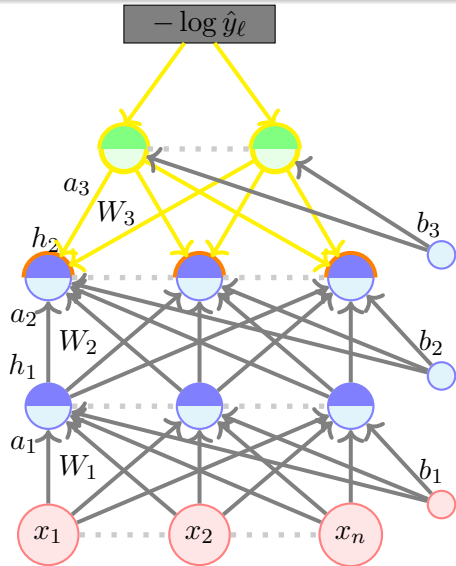
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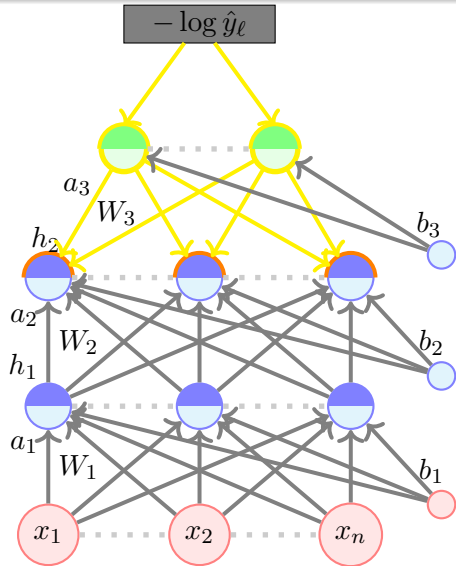
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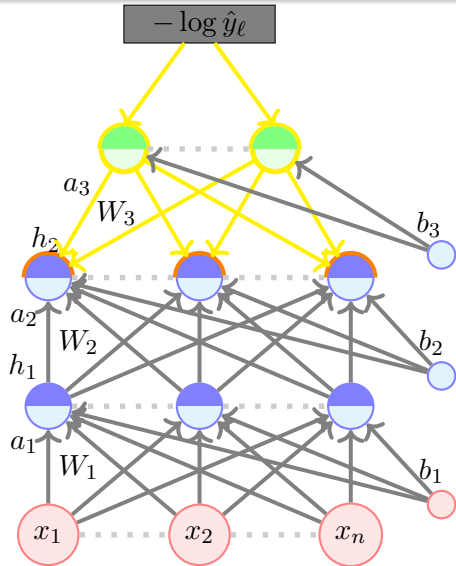


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- We are almost done except that we do not know how to calculate  $\nabla_{a_{i+1}} \mathcal{L}(\theta)$  for  $i < L-1$

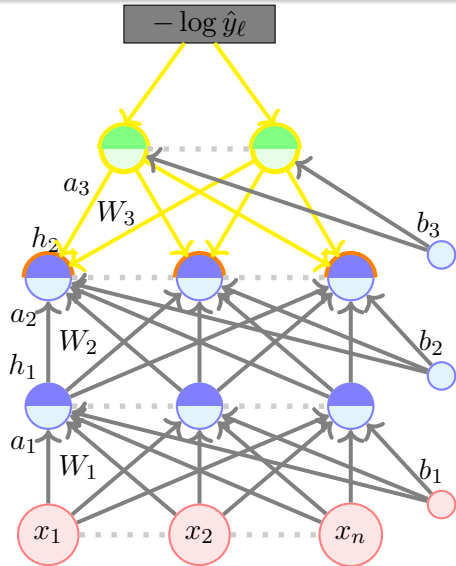


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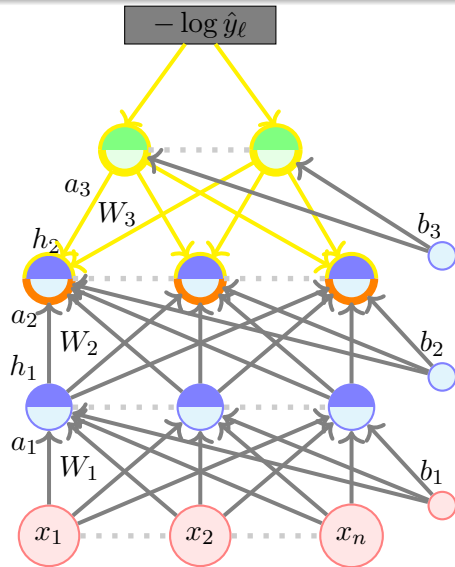
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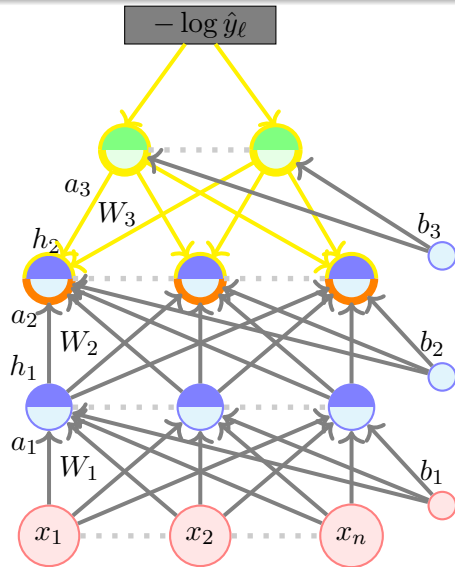
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- We will see how to compute that



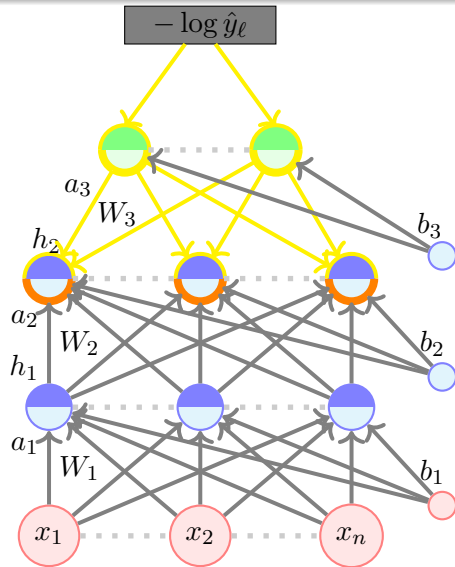
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta)$$



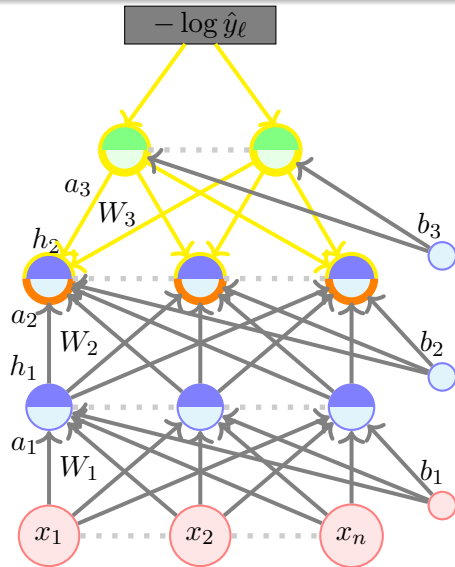
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$



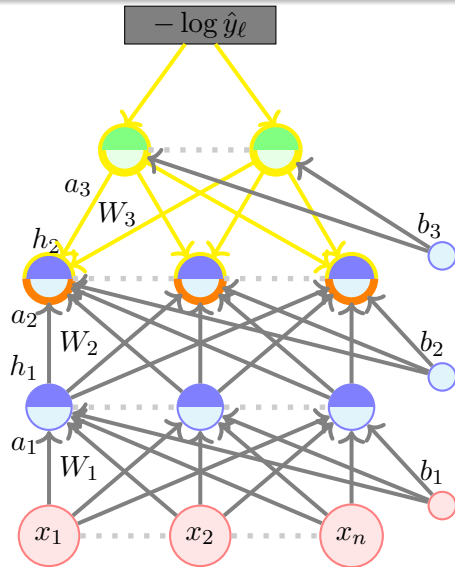
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i1}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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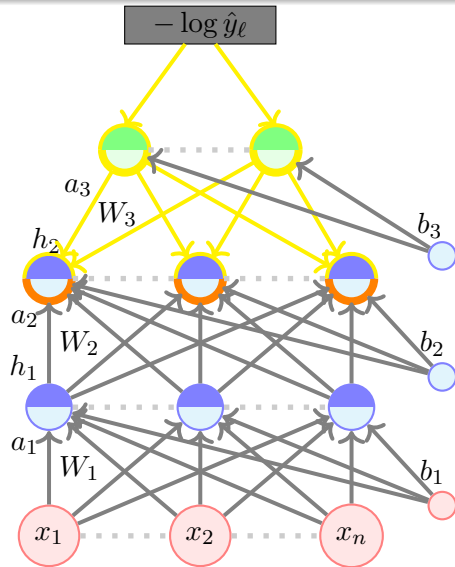


$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{in}} \end{bmatrix}$$



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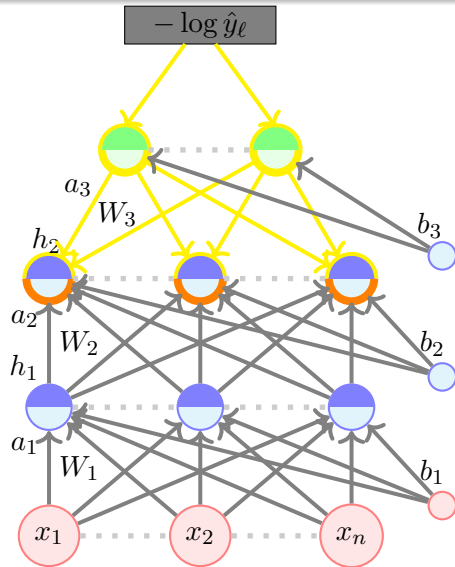
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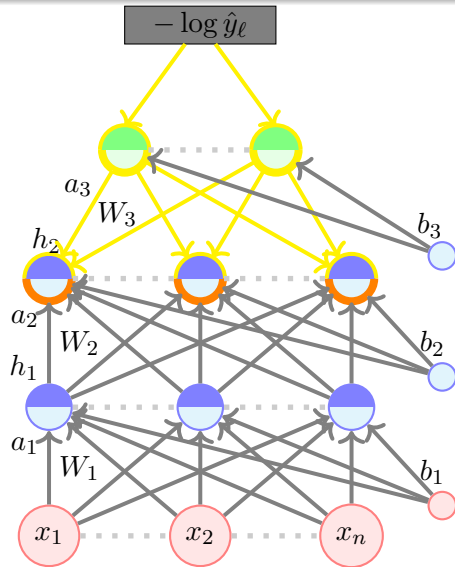
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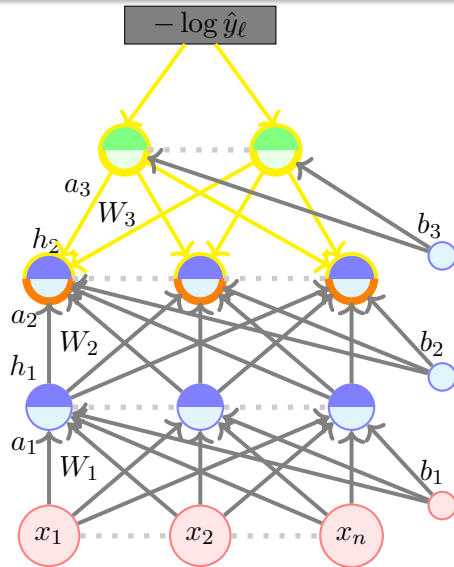


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$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta)$$

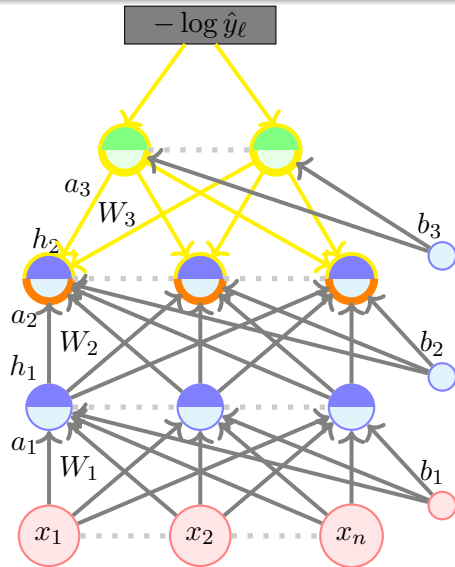


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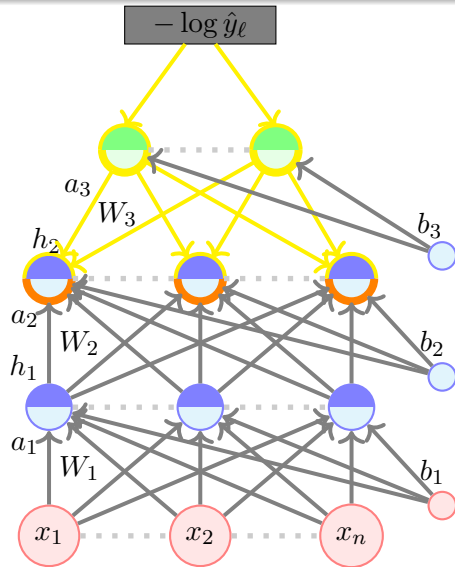


$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{in}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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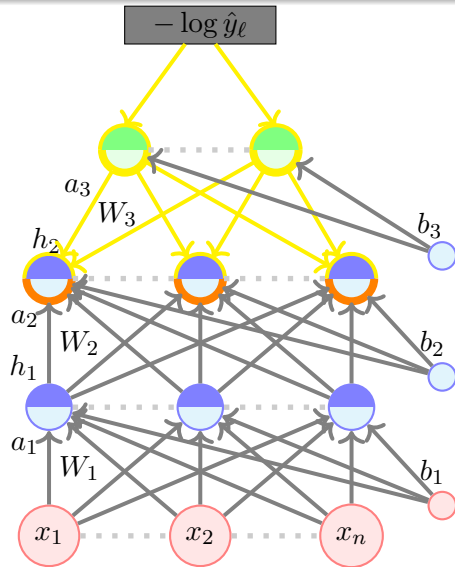


$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{in}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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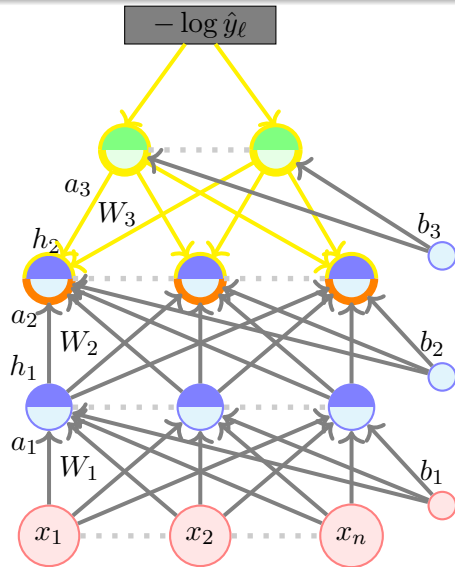


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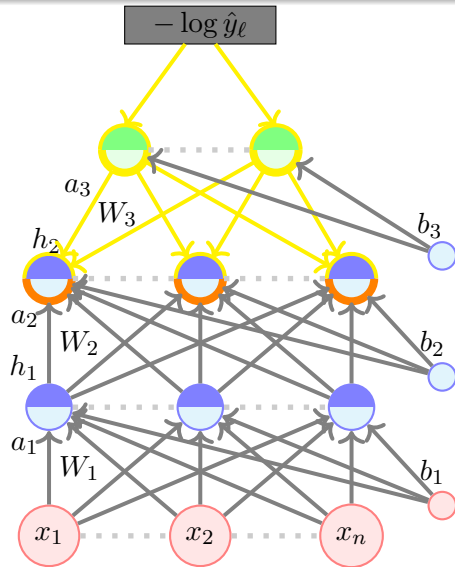
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{a}_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{i1}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial a_{in}} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$= \nabla_{h_i} \mathcal{L}(\theta) \odot [\dots, g'(a_{ik}), \dots]$$





# Module 4.7: Backpropagation: Computing Gradients w.r.t. Parameters

## Quantities of interest (roadmap for the remaining part):

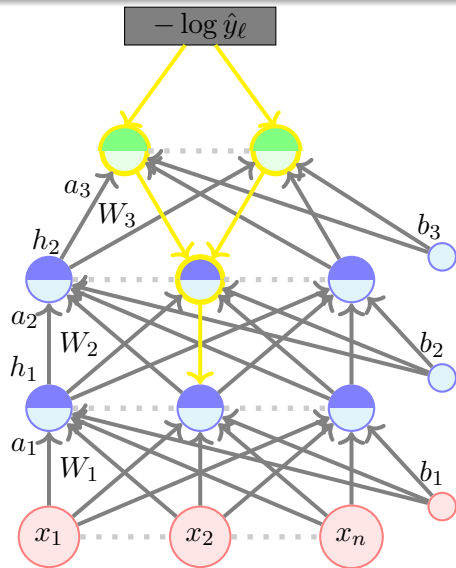
- Gradient w.r.t. output units
- Gradient w.r.t. hidden units
- Gradient w.r.t. weights and biases

$$\underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial W_{111}}}_{\text{Talk to the weight directly}} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial \hat{y}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial a_3}}_{\text{Talk to the output layer}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial a_2}}_{\text{Talk to the previous hidden layer}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial h_1} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial a_1}}_{\text{Talk to the previous hidden layer}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial W_{111}}}_{\text{and now talk to the weights}}$$

- Our focus is on *Cross entropy loss* and *Softmax* output.

Recall that,

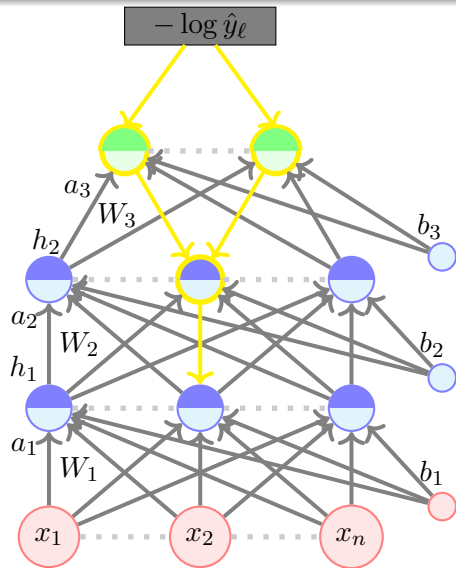
$$\mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{b}_k + W_k \mathbf{h}_{k-1}$$



Recall that,

$$\mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{b}_k + W_k \mathbf{h}_{k-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial a_{ki}}{\partial W_{kij}} = h_{k-1,j}$$

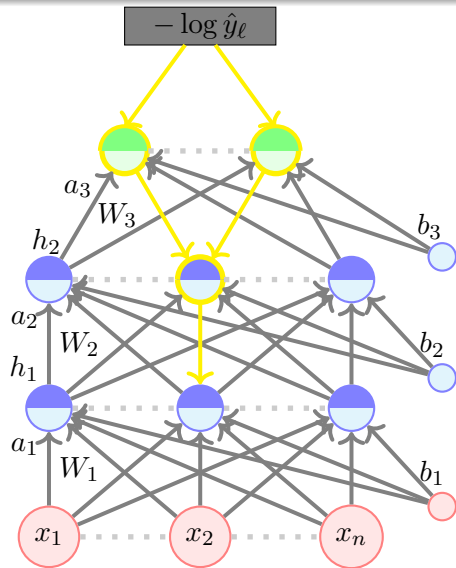


Recall that,

$$\mathbf{a}_k = \mathbf{b}_k + W_k \mathbf{h}_{k-1}$$

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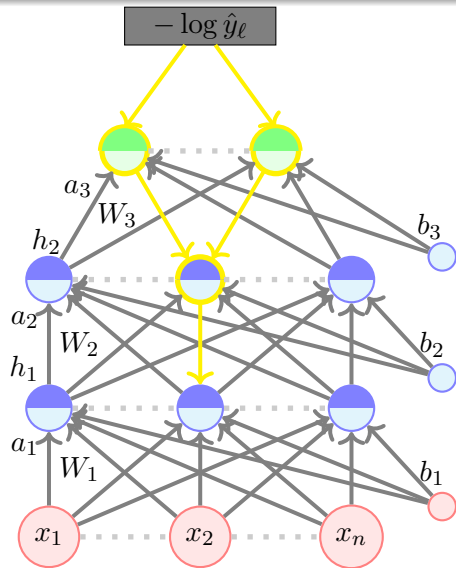


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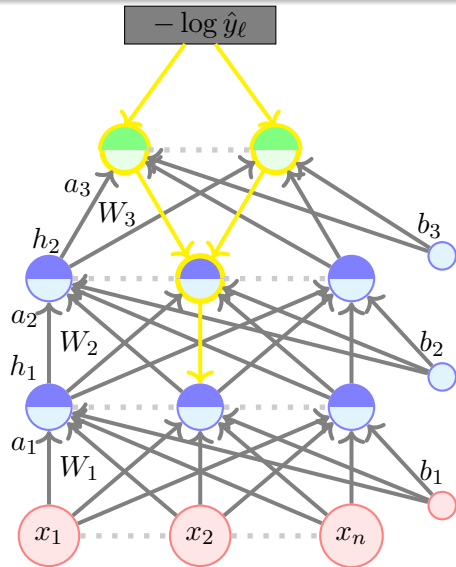


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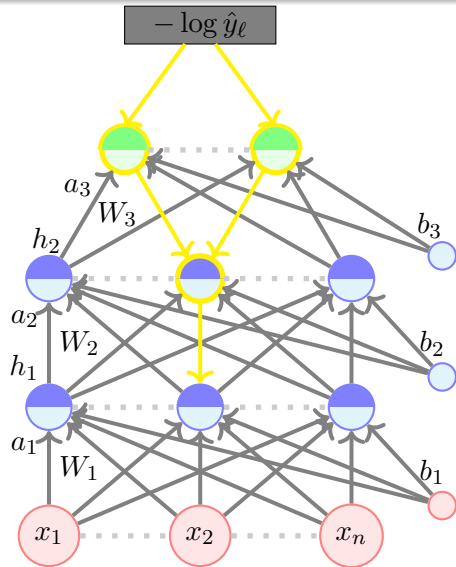
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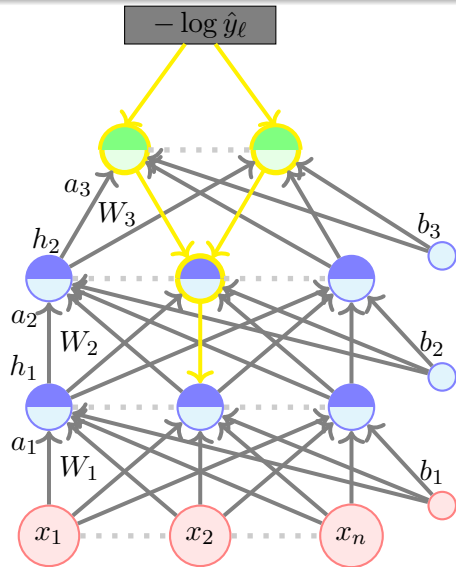
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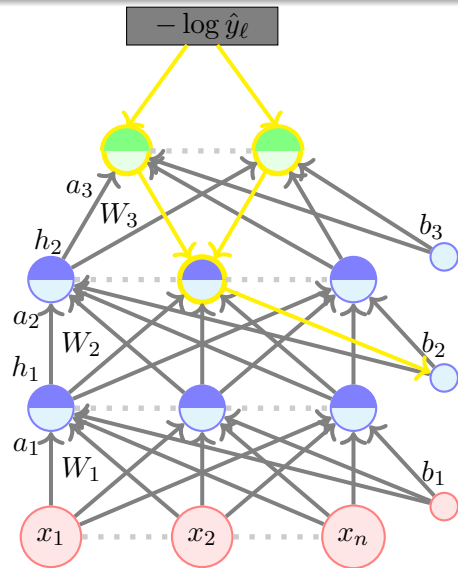
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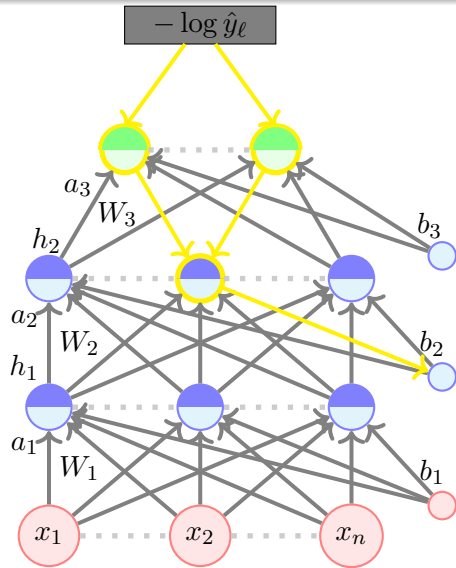
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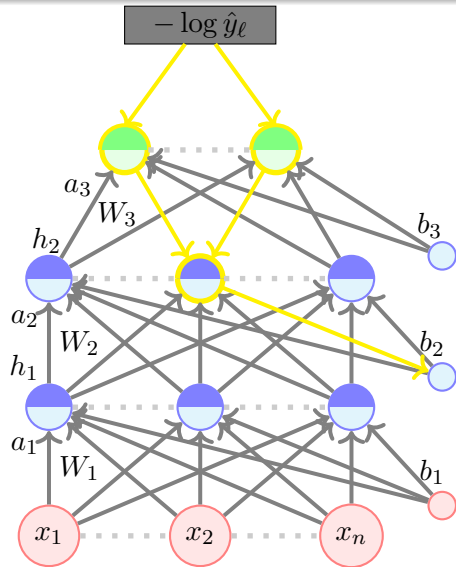
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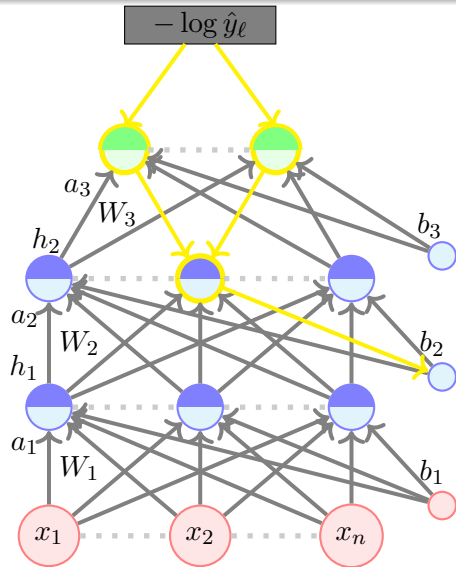
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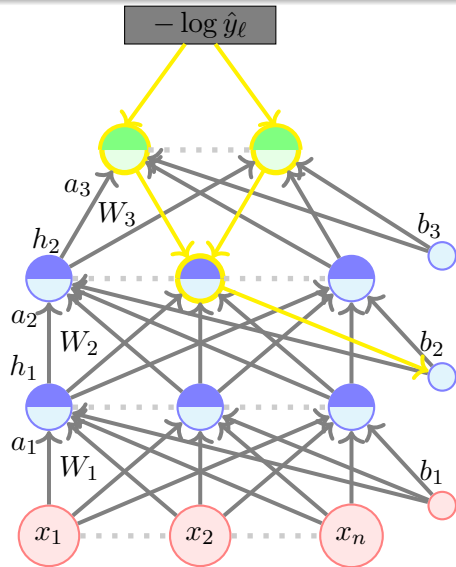


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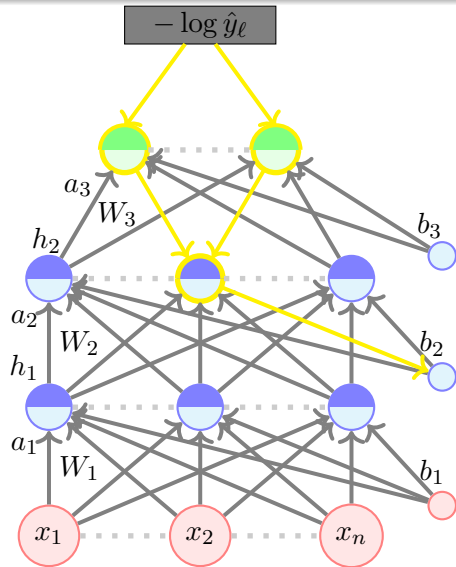
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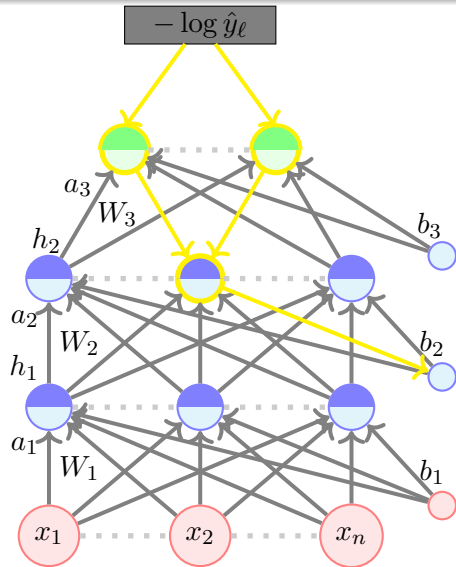
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## Module 4.8: Backpropagation: Pseudo code

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## Module 4.9: Derivative of the activation function

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