

## Measure error

- Prediction:  $p$
- True value:  $y$  (target)
- Loss Function  $L(p, y)$

Depends on weights:  $w_1, \dots, w_n$   
& biases:  $b_0, \dots, b_m$

Tells us how wrong  
our approximation is

## Updating weights and biases (make $p$ similar to $y$ )

Usually involves computing  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i}$ , for instance

$$w_i \mapsto w_i - 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i}, \quad b_j \mapsto b_j - 2 \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_j}$$

Hard to compute since  $p$  is a  
NN

## The chain rule

For  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . Let  $y(u(x))$ , then:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$

If  $y(u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x))$ , then:

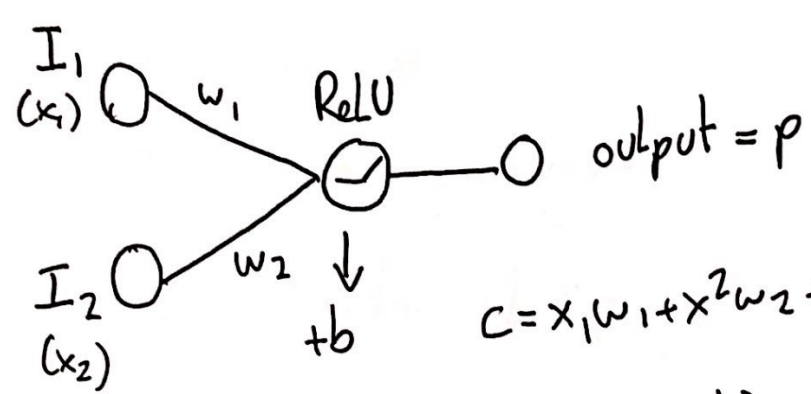
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du_1} \frac{du_1}{dx} + \frac{dy}{du_2} \frac{du_2}{dx} + \dots + \frac{dy}{du_n} \frac{du_n}{dx}$$

Most  
important  
formulas

Consider the NN

$$L = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N (p - y)^2$$

$C = (p - y)^2$



$$c = x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b = c(w_1, w_2, b)$$

$$p = \text{ReLU}(x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b) = \text{ReLU}(c)$$

By the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1}(p, y) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial w_1} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial w_1}}_{=0}$$

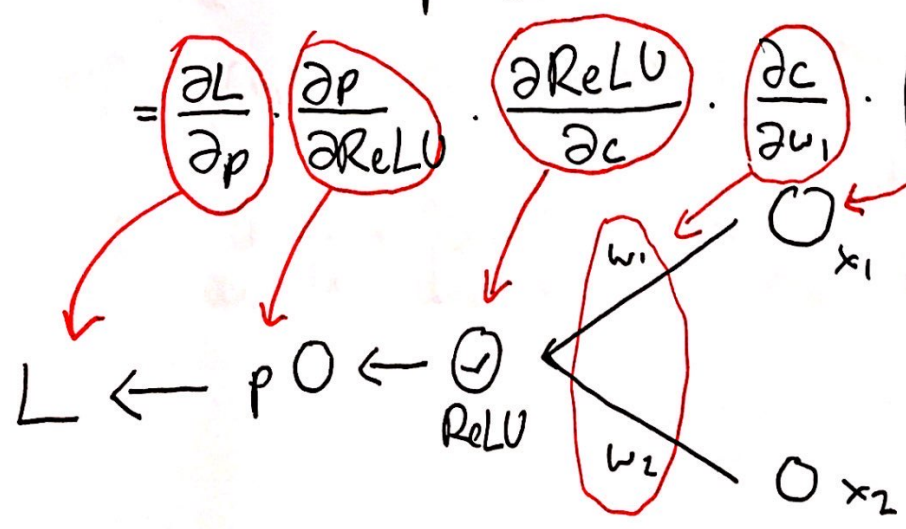
*y does not depend on  $w_1$*

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \text{ReLU}} \cdot \frac{\partial \text{ReLU}}{\partial w_1}$$

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \text{ReLU}} \cdot \frac{\partial \text{ReLU}}{\partial c} \cdot \frac{\partial c}{\partial w_1}$$

$$= \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial p}{\partial \text{ReLU}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial \text{ReLU}}{\partial c} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial c}{\partial w_1} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial w_1} + \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial w_1} + \frac{\partial b}{\partial w_1} \right)$$

$\underbrace{\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial w_1}}_{=0} \quad \underbrace{\frac{\partial b}{\partial w_1}}_{=0}$



*We are moving backwards!*

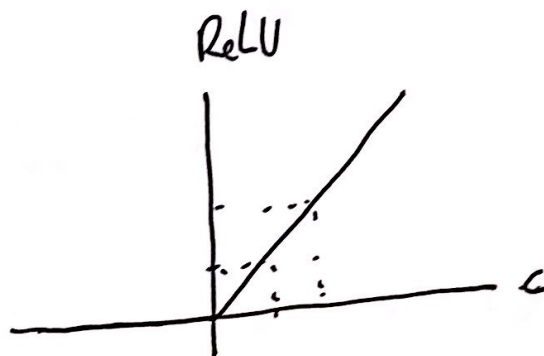
**BACKPROPAGATION**

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial \text{ReLU}} \cdot \frac{\partial \text{ReLU}}{\partial c} \cdot \frac{\partial c}{\partial w_1}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial p} = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N 2(p-y) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^N (p-y)$$

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial \text{ReLU}} = 1 \quad (p = \text{ReLU})$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{ReLU}}{\partial c} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } c \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } c < 0 \end{cases}$$



$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} (x_1 w_1 + x_2 w_2 + b) = x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_1} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^N (p-y) \cdot (1 \text{ if } c \geq 0, 0) \cdot x_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_2} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^N (p-y) \cdot (1 \text{ if } c \geq 0, 0) \cdot x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial b} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^N (p-y) \cdot (1 \text{ if } c \geq 0, 0)$$