# Assignment 3: Calculating Backward Pass Values in a Neural Network



## **Problem Statement 1**

You are given a neural network with the following structure:

• Input layer: 3 units

• Hidden layer 1: 2 units, ReLU activation

• Hidden layer 2: 2 units, ReLU activation

• Output layer: 1 unit, no activation

The loss function used is the squared loss:

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(y - \hat{y})^2$$

You are provided with the following forward pass values, weights, and biases:

## Forward Pass Values

$$Input : \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hidden Layer 1 Output : 
$$\mathbf{a^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hidden Layer 2 Output : 
$$\mathbf{a^{(2)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

Output : 
$$\hat{y} = 8$$

# Weights and Biases

$$\mathbf{W^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.3 \\ 0.4 & 0.5 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b^{(1)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{W^{(2)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.8 \\ 0.9 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b^{(2)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\mathbf{W^{(3)}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{b^{(3)}} = 0.5$$

The true output value is:

$$y = 10$$

#### Instructions

Calculate the backward pass values at every point in the network. Specifically, find the gradients of the loss with respect to:

- 1. The output of the last layer  $(\hat{y})$
- 2. The input to the last layer (before applying ReLU in the last layer)
- 3. The output of ReLU in the second hidden layer
- 4. The input to the second hidden layer (before applying ReLU in the second hidden layer)
- 5. The output of ReLU in the first hidden layer
- 6. The input to the first hidden layer (before applying ReLU in the first hidden layer)

### Problem Statement 2

Correct the following code snippet for the backward pass of the ReLU activation function:

```
def relu_backward(dA, Z):
    """
    Implementing the backward propagation for a single ReLU unit.

Arguments:
    dA -- post-activation gradient, of any shape
    Z -- activation input, of the same shape as dA

Returns:
    dZ -- gradient of the cost with respect to Z
    """

    dZ = np.array(dA, copy=True) # Copying dA to dZ

# When Z <= 0, setting dZ to 0
    dZ[Z <= 0] = 0

return dZ</pre>
```

Explain the modification made to ensure proper implementation.