Backpropagation Intuition

- Each hidden node j is "responsible" for some fraction of the error $\delta_j^{(l)}$ in each of the output nodes to which it connects

- $\delta_j^{(l)}$ is divided according to the strength of the connection between hidden node and the output node

- Then, the "blame" is propagated back to provide the error values for the hidden layer

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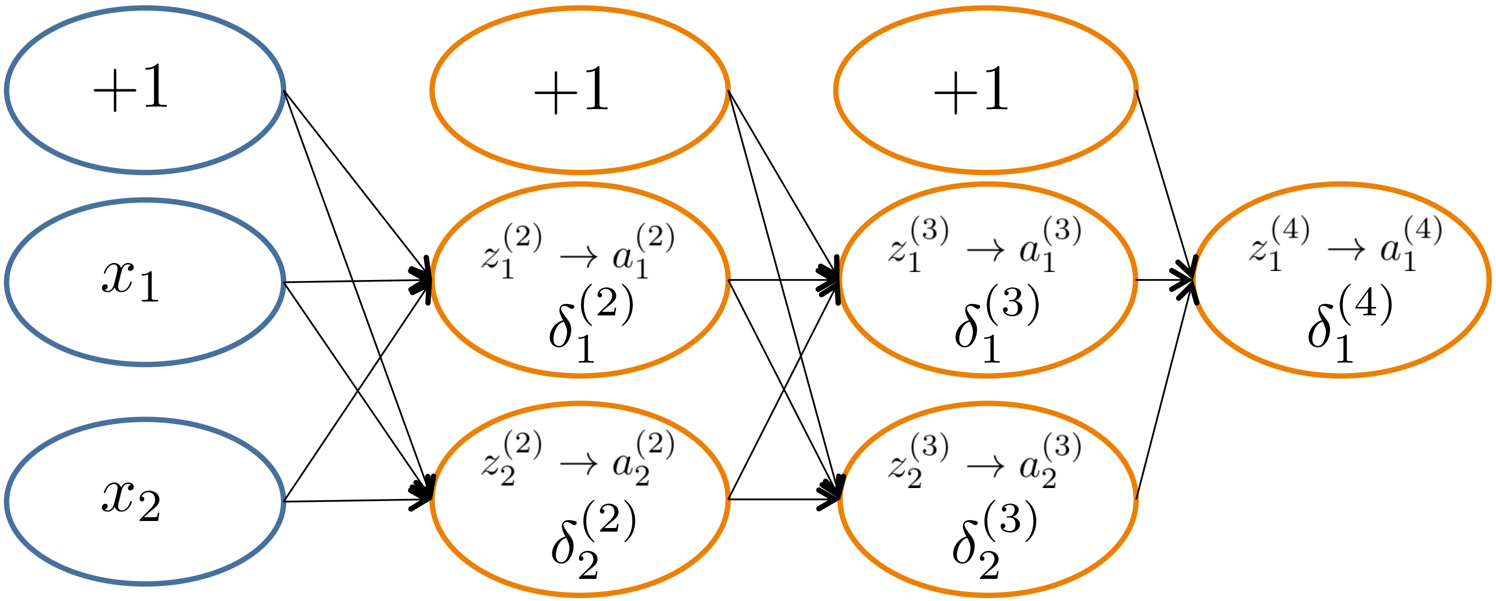

$\delta_j^{(l)} =$ "error" of node j in layer l

Formally, $\delta_j^{(l)} = \dfrac{\partial}{\partial z_j^{(l)}} \text{cost}(\mathbf{x}_i)$

$$\text{where } \text{cost}(\mathbf{x}_i) = y_i \log h_\Theta(\mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - h_\Theta(\mathbf{x}_i))$$

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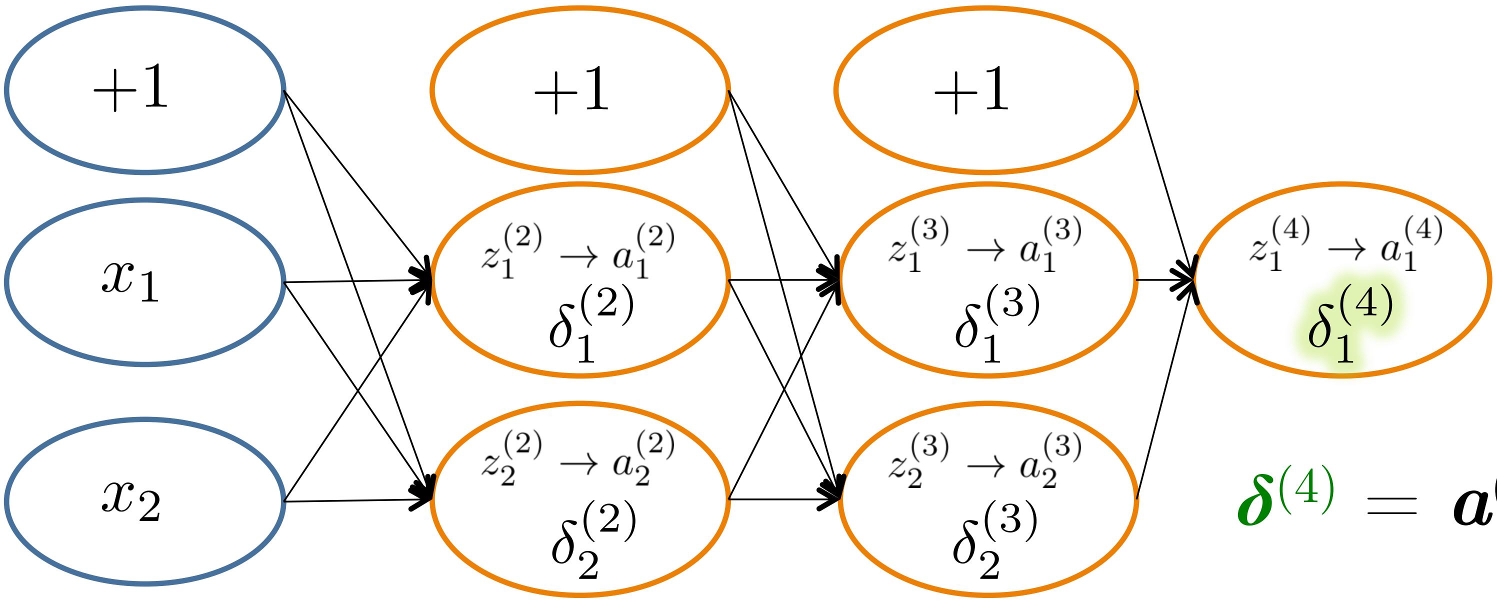

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(4)} = \boldsymbol{a}^{(4)} - \mathbf{y}$$

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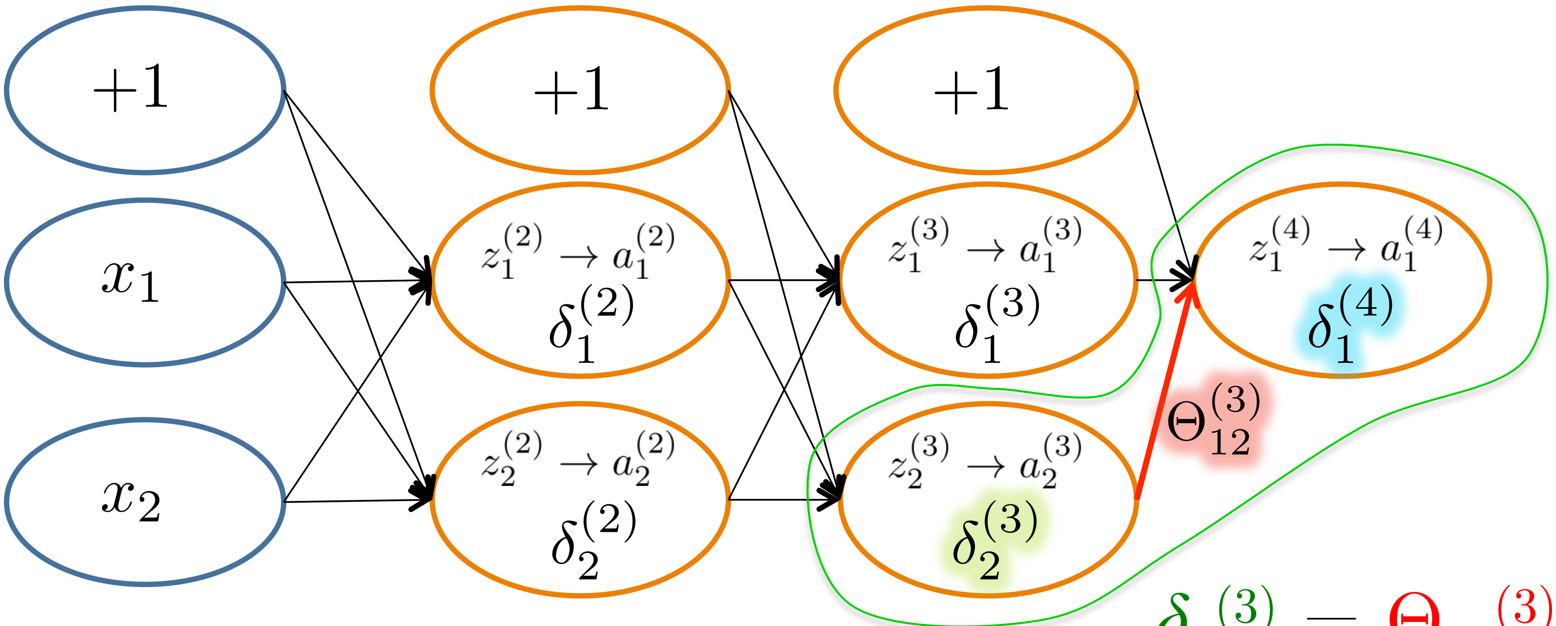

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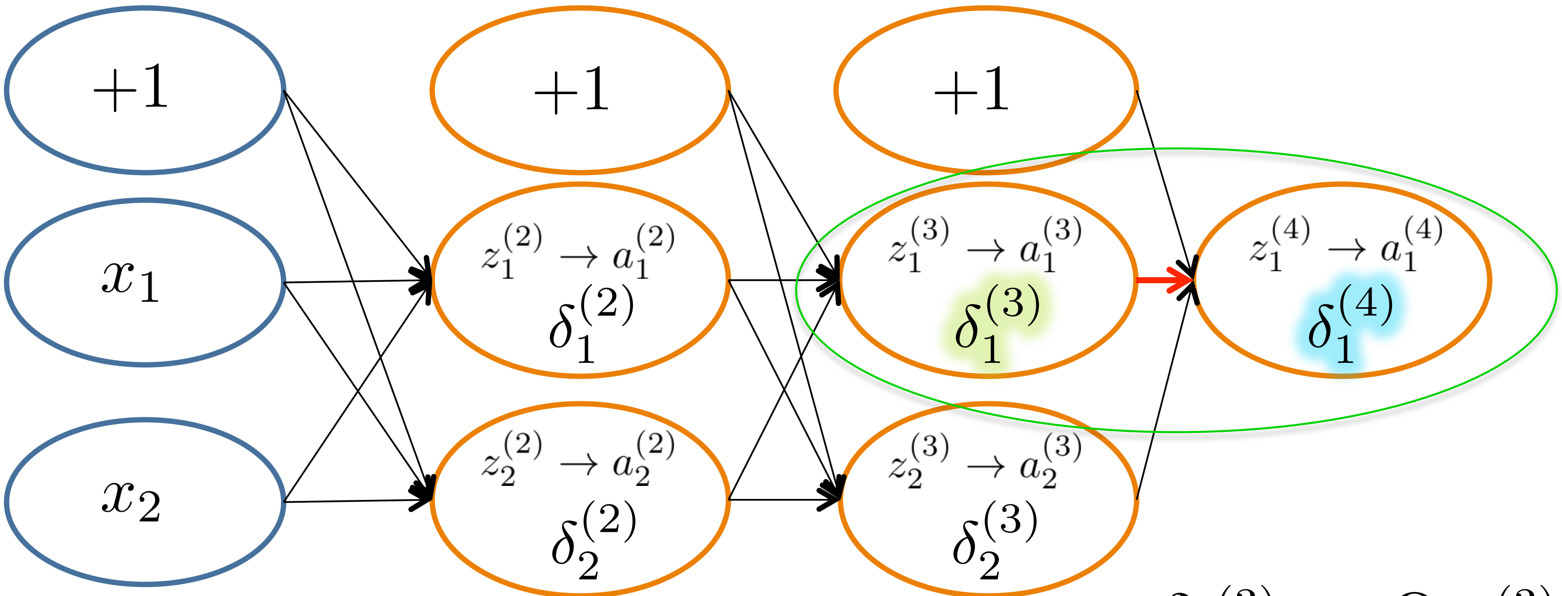

$$\delta_2{}^{(3)} = \Theta_{12}{}^{(3)} \times \delta_1{}^{(4)}$$

$$\delta_1{}^{(3)} = \Theta_{11}{}^{(3)} \times \delta_1{}^{(4)}$$

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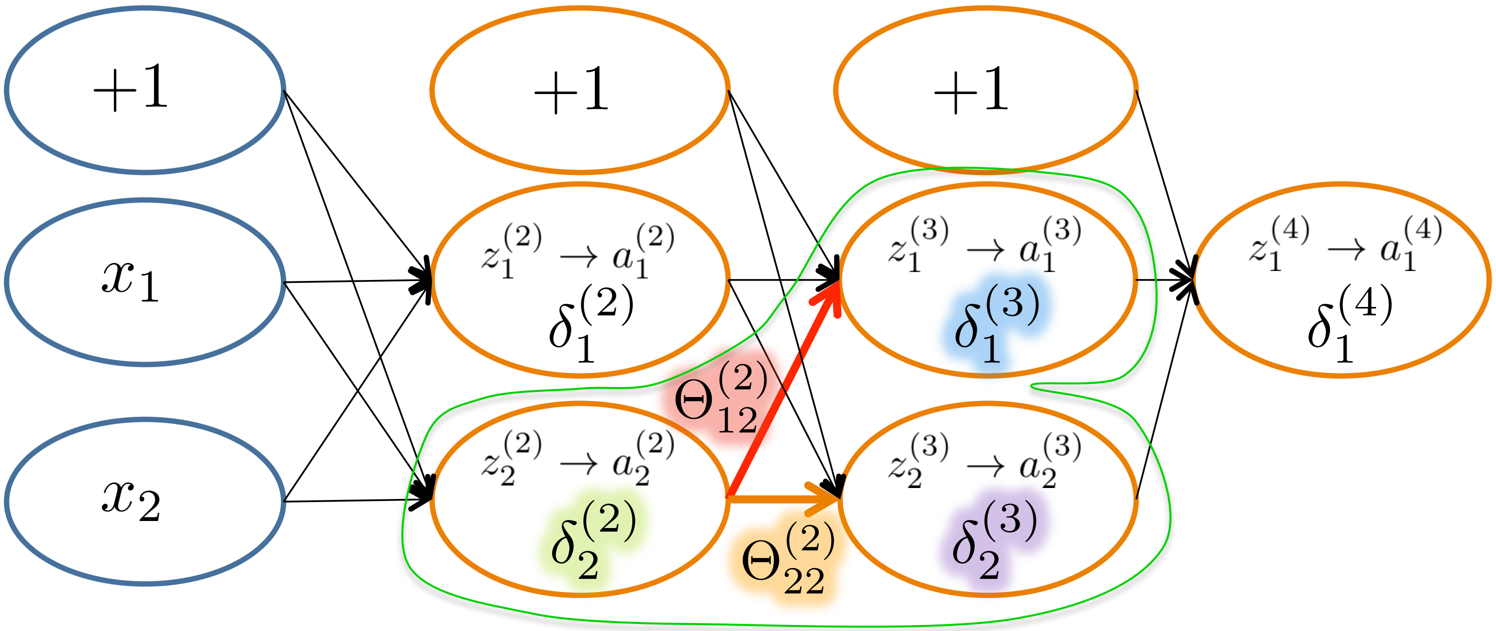

$$\delta_2^{(2)} = \Theta_{12}^{(2)} \times \delta_1^{(3)} + \Theta_{22}^{(2)} \times \delta_2^{(3)}$$

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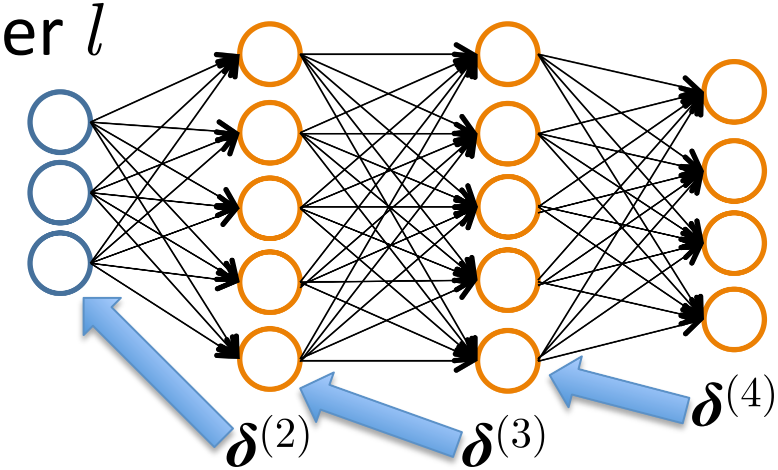
Backpropagation: Gradient Computation

Let $\delta_j^{(l)}$ = "error" of node j in layer l



(#layers L = 4)

Element-wise product .*

Backpropagation

- $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(4)} = \boldsymbol{a}^{(4)} - \mathbf{y}$
- $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(3)} = (\Theta^{(3)})^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\delta}^{(4)} \; .\!* \; g'(\mathbf{z}^{(3)})$
- $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(2)} = (\Theta^{(2)})^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\delta}^{(3)} \; .\!* \; g'(\mathbf{z}^{(2)})$
- (No $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(1)}$)

$g'(\mathbf{z}^{(3)}) = \mathbf{a}^{(3)} \; .\!* \; (1 - \mathbf{a}^{(3)})$

$g'(\mathbf{z}^{(2)}) = \mathbf{a}^{(2)} \; .\!* \; (1 - \mathbf{a}^{(2)})$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_{ij}^{(l)}} J(\Theta) = a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}$$ (ignoring λ; if $\lambda = 0$)

Backpropagation

Set $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = 0 \quad \forall l, i, j$ (Used to accumulate gradient)

For each training instance $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$:

Set $\mathbf{a}^{(1)} = \mathbf{x}_i$

Compute $\{\mathbf{a}^{(2)}, \ldots, \mathbf{a}^{(L)}\}$ via forward propagation

Compute $\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(L)} = \mathbf{a}^{(L)} - y_i$

Compute errors $\{\boldsymbol{\delta}^{(L-1)}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{\delta}^{(2)}\}$

Compute gradients $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = \Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}$

Compute avg regularized gradient $D_{ij}^{(l)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + \lambda\Theta_{ij}^{(l)} & \text{if } j \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{n}\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\boldsymbol{D}^{(l)}$ is the matrix of partial derivatives of $J(\Theta)$

Note: Can vectorize $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = \Delta_{ij}^{(l)} + a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}$ as $\boldsymbol{\Delta}^{(l)} = \boldsymbol{\Delta}^{(l)} + \boldsymbol{\delta}^{(l+1)} \mathbf{a}^{(l)\mathsf{T}}$

Training a Neural Network via Gradient Descent with Backprop

Given: training set $\{(\mathbf{x}_1, y_1), \ldots, (\mathbf{x}_n, y_n)\}$
Initialize all $\Theta^{(l)}$ randomly (NOT to 0!)
Loop // each iteration is called an epoch

Set $\Delta_{ij}^{(l)} = 0 \quad \forall l, i, j$ (Used to accumulate gradient)

For each training instance $(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)$:

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Backpropagation

Update weights via gradient step $\Theta_{ij}^{(l)} = \Theta_{ij}^{(l)} - \alpha D_{ij}^{(l)}$

Until weights converge or max #epochs is reached

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Backprop Issues

"Backprop is the cockroach of machine learning. It's ugly, and annoying, but you just can't get rid of it."

-Geoff Hinton

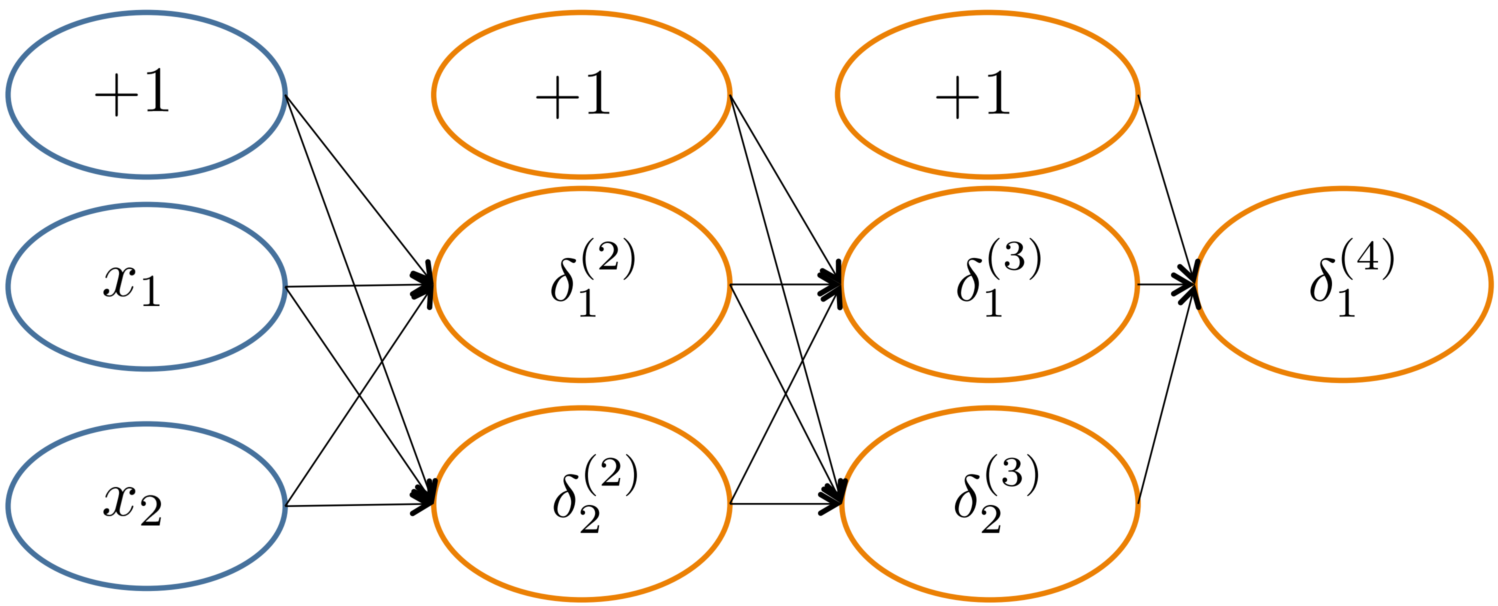
Problems:

- black box
- local minima

Implementation Details

Random Initialization

- Important to randomize initial weight matrices
- Can't have uniform initial weights, as in logistic regression
  - Otherwise, all updates will be identical & the net won't learn



Implementation Steps

- Implement backprop to compute `DVec`
  - `DVec` is the unrolled $\{D^{(1)}, D^{(2)}, \dots\}$ matrices
- Implement numerical gradient checking to compute `gradApprox`
- Make sure `DVec` has similar values to `gradApprox`
- Turn off gradient checking. Using backprop code for learning.

Important: Be sure to disable your gradient checking code before training your classifier.

- If you run the numerical gradient computation on every iteration of gradient descent, your code will be very slow

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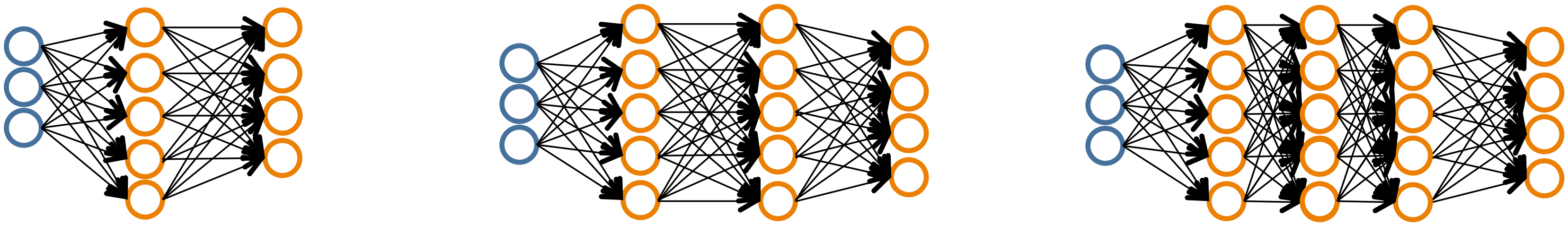
Putting It All Together

Training a Neural Network

Pick a network architecture (connectivity pattern between nodes)



- # input units = # of features in dataset
- # output units = # classes

Reasonable default: 1 hidden layer

- or if >1 hidden layer, have same # hidden units in every layer (usually the more the better)

Training a Neural Network

1. Randomly initialize weights
2. Implement forward propagation to get $h_\Theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$ for any instance $\mathbf{x}_i$
3. Implement code to compute cost function $J(\Theta)$
4. Implement backprop to compute partial derivatives $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta^{(l)}_{jk}} J(\Theta)$
5. Use gradient checking to compare $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta^{(l)}_{jk}} J(\Theta)$ computed using backpropagation vs. the numerical gradient estimate.
   - Then, disable gradient checking code
6. Use gradient descent with backprop to fit the network

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