

# Understanding Deep Neural Networks

## Chapter Three

# Backpropagation Algorithm

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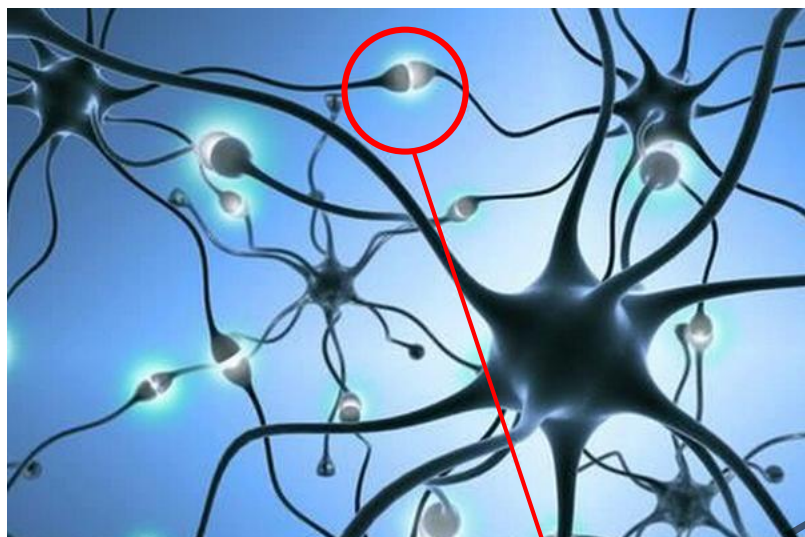
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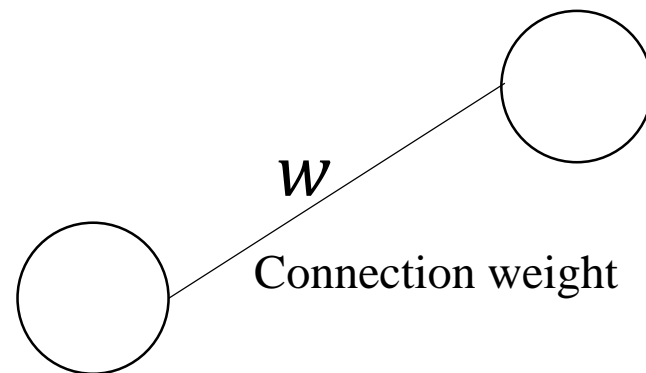
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# Computational Model of Synapse

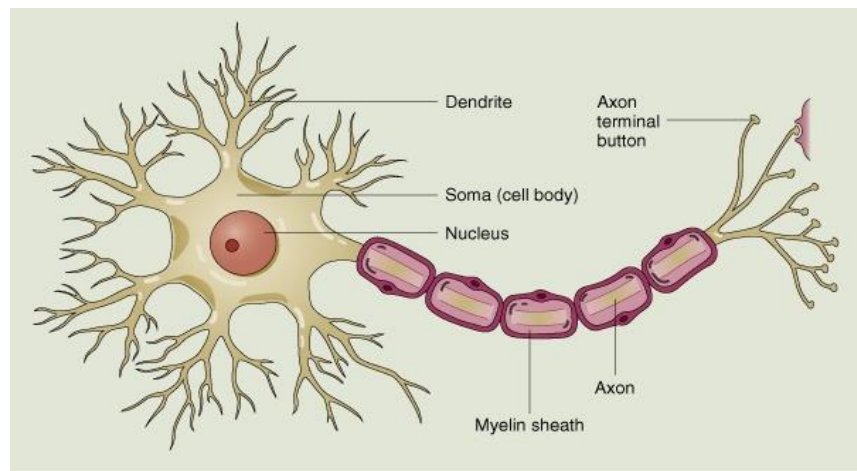


Synapse

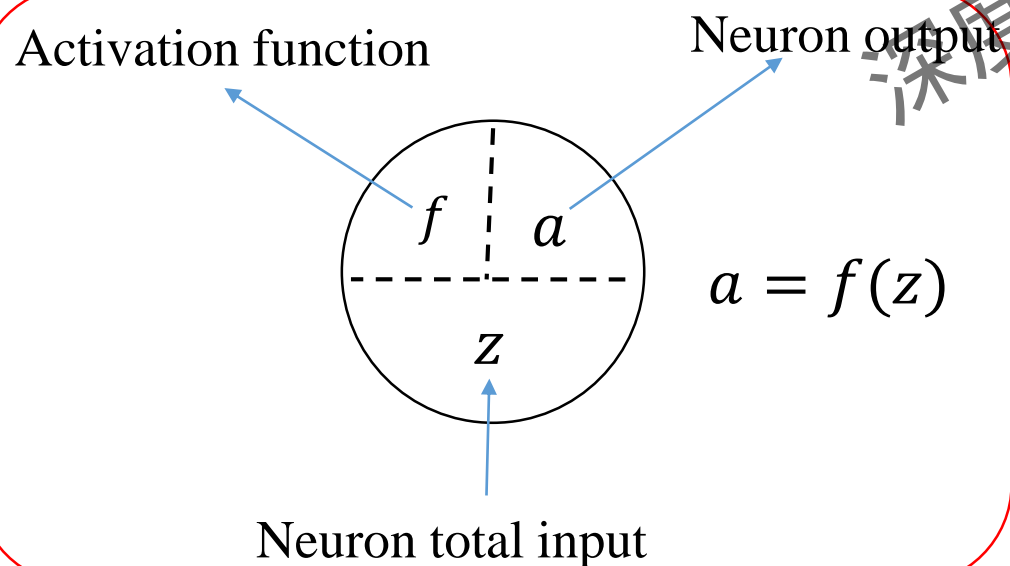
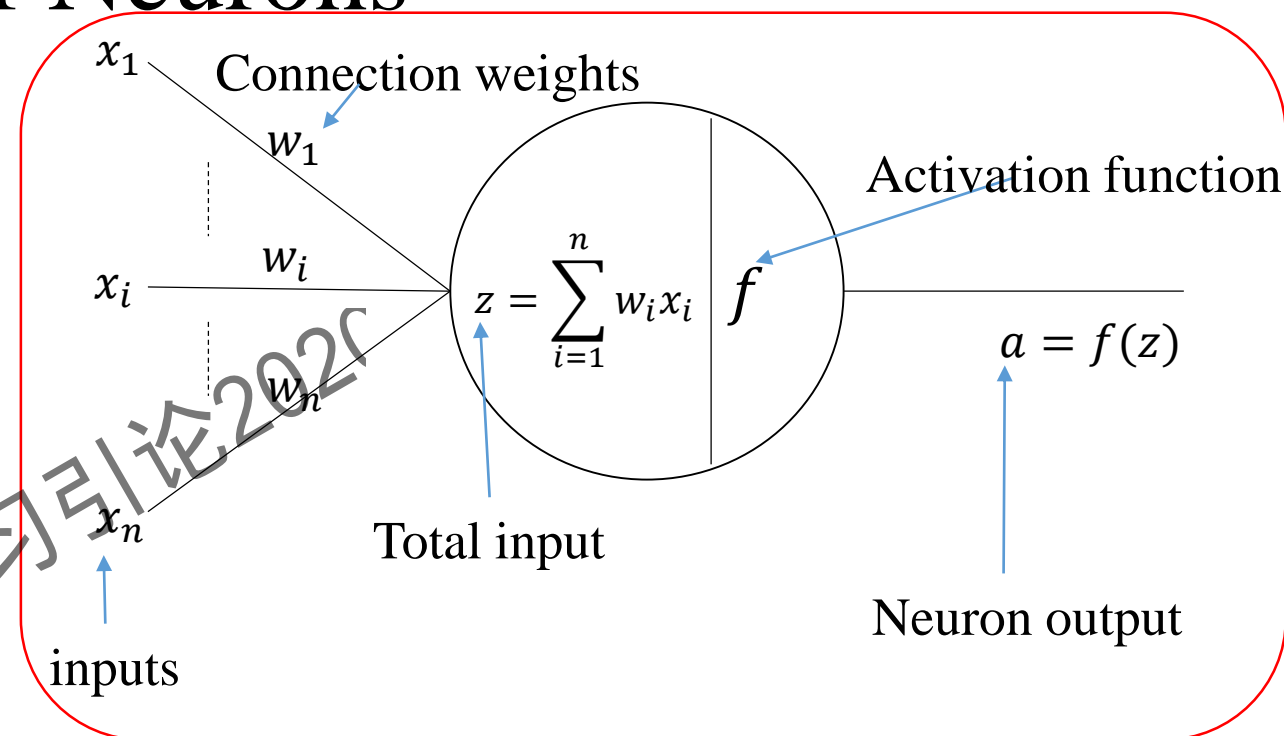


$w > 0$ , exciting connection  
 $w = 0$ , no connection  
 $w < 0$ , inhibition connection

# Computational Model of Neurons

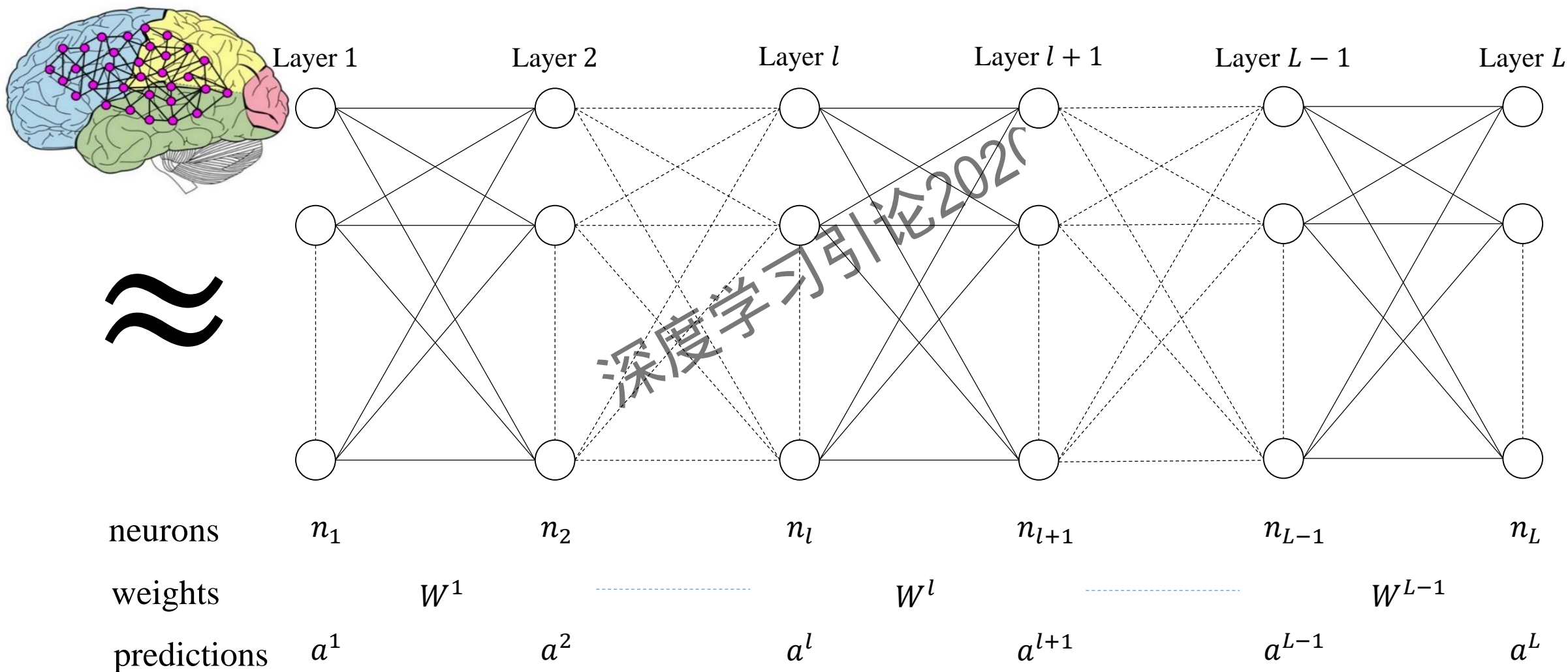


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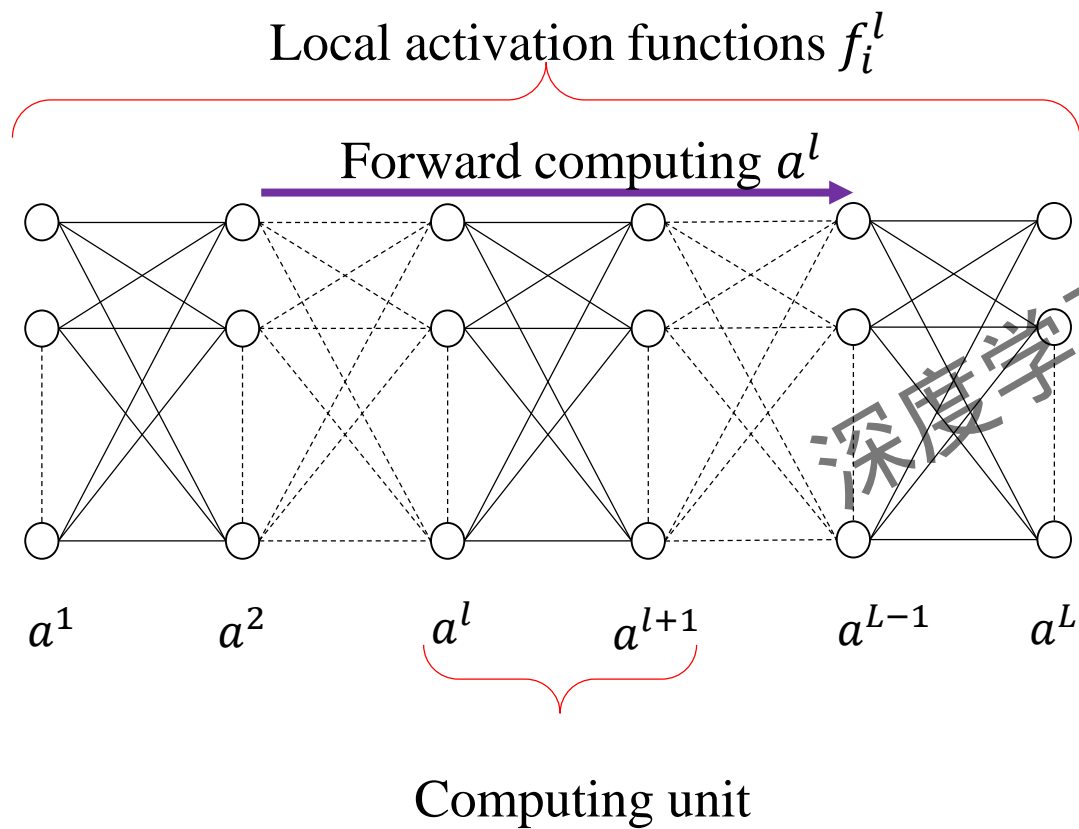


$$y = f(z) = f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i\right)$$
$$z = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i$$

# Computational Model of Neural Networks

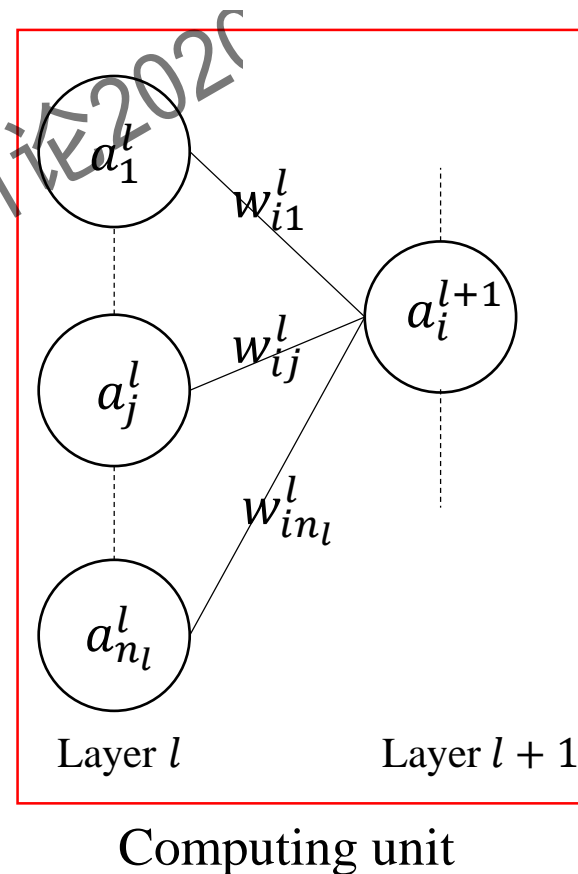


# Forward Computing

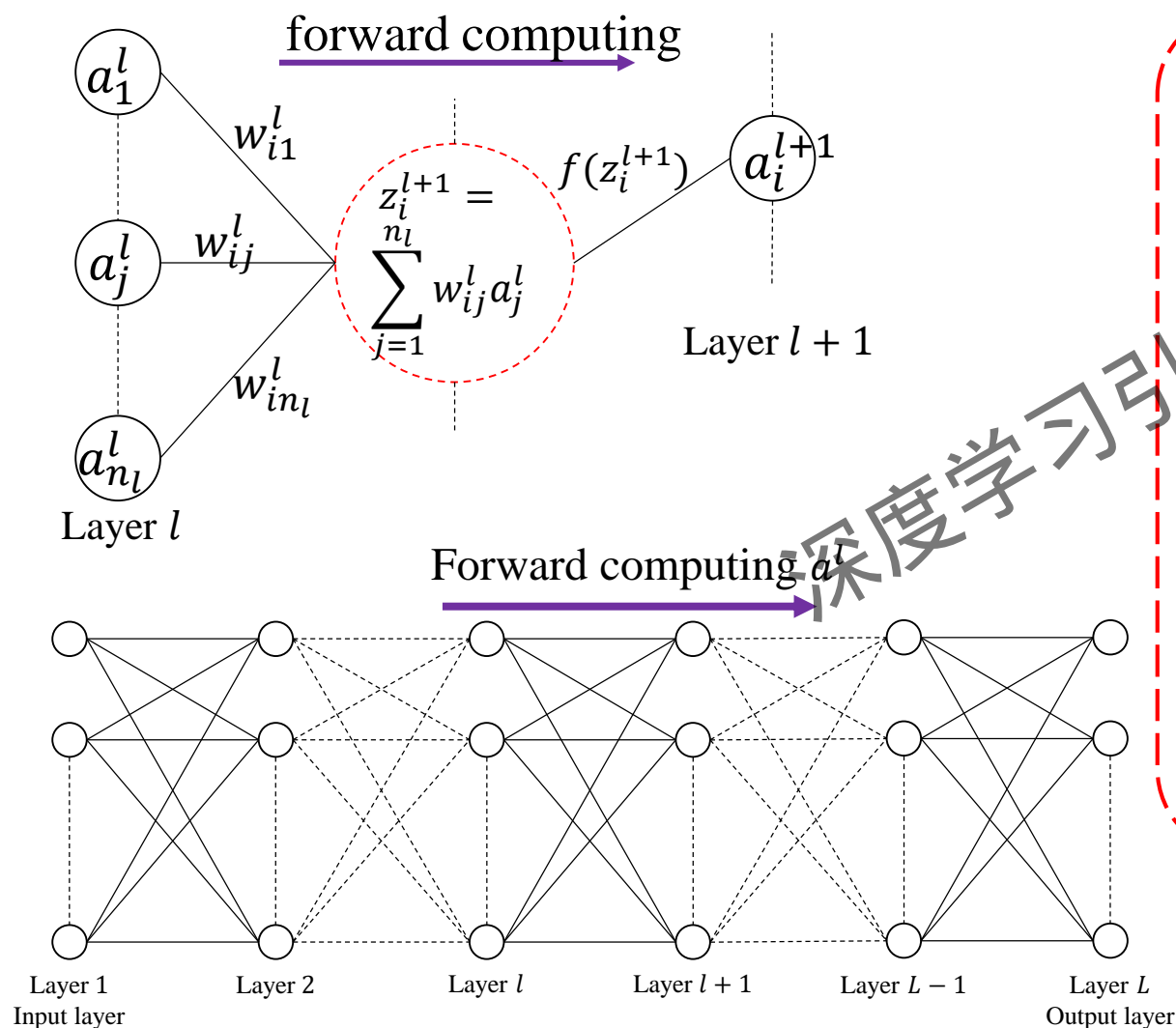


$l + 1$  layer  $i^{th}$  neuron

$$a_i^{l+1} = f_i^{l+1}(z_i^{l+1})$$



# One page to understand forward computing



Component form

$$\begin{cases} a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1}) \\ z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l \end{cases}$$

$$a_i^{l+1} = f\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l\right)$$

Vector form

$$\begin{cases} a^{l+1} = f(z^{l+1}) \\ z^{l+1} = w^l a^l \end{cases}$$

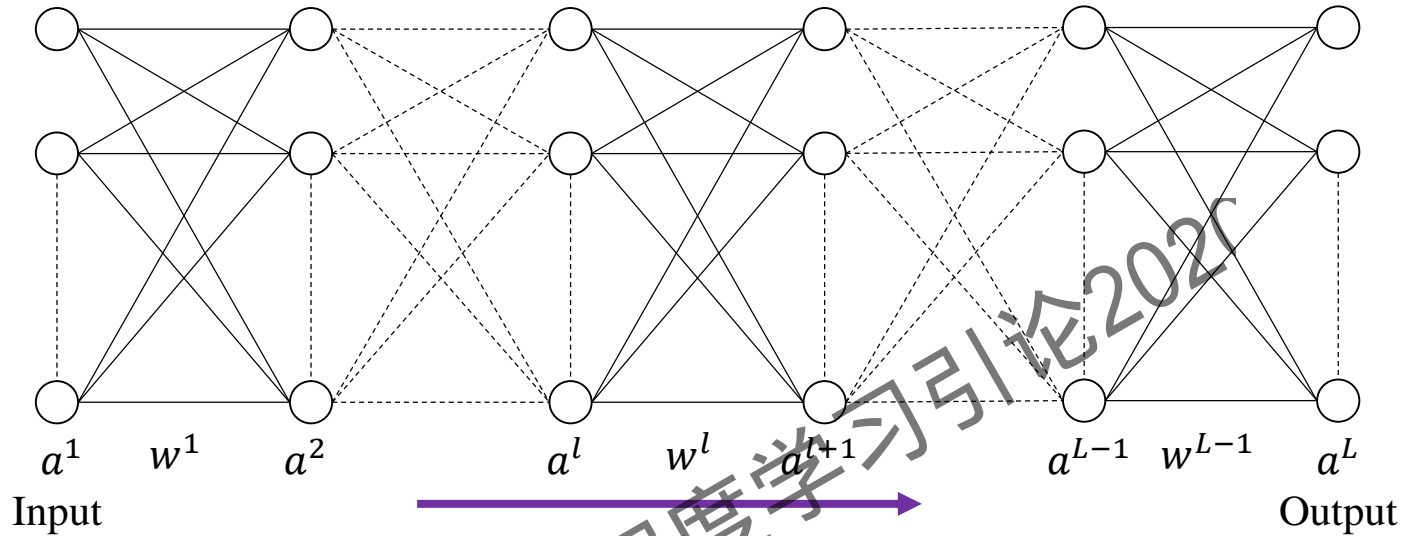
Algorithm:

Input  $W^l, a^l$   
 for  $l = 1:L$   
 $a^{l+1} = fc(W^l, a^l)$   
 return

Function  $fc(W^l, a^l)$

for  $i = 1:n_{l+1}$   
 $z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l$   
 $a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1})$   
 end

# Nonlinear Mapping / Dynamical Systems



A neural network can be looked as a nonlinear mapping or a dynamical system.

$$a^L = f \left( W^{L-1} f \left( W^{L-2} f \left( W^{L-3} \dots f(W^1 a^1) \right) \right) \right)$$

$R^{n_1}$

$R^{n_L}$

Nonlinear mapping

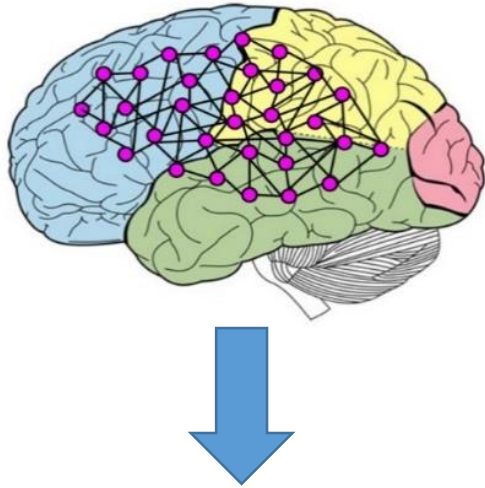
$$a_i^{l+1} = f \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l \right) \xrightarrow{l \rightarrow t} a_i(t+1) = f \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_t} w_{ij}(t) a_j(t) \right)$$

Discrete time dynamical system



# Computational Model of Neural Networks

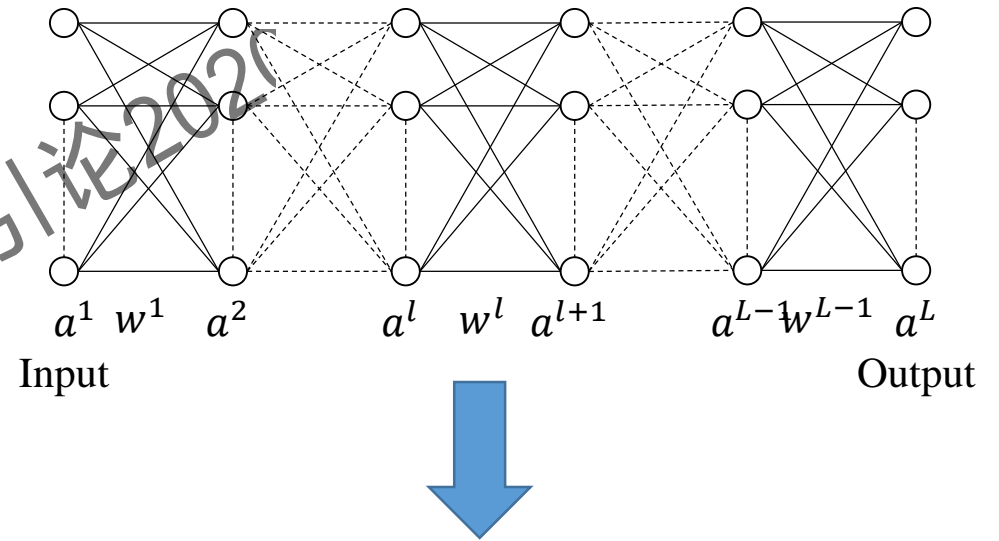
Biological neural network



Biological Intelligence

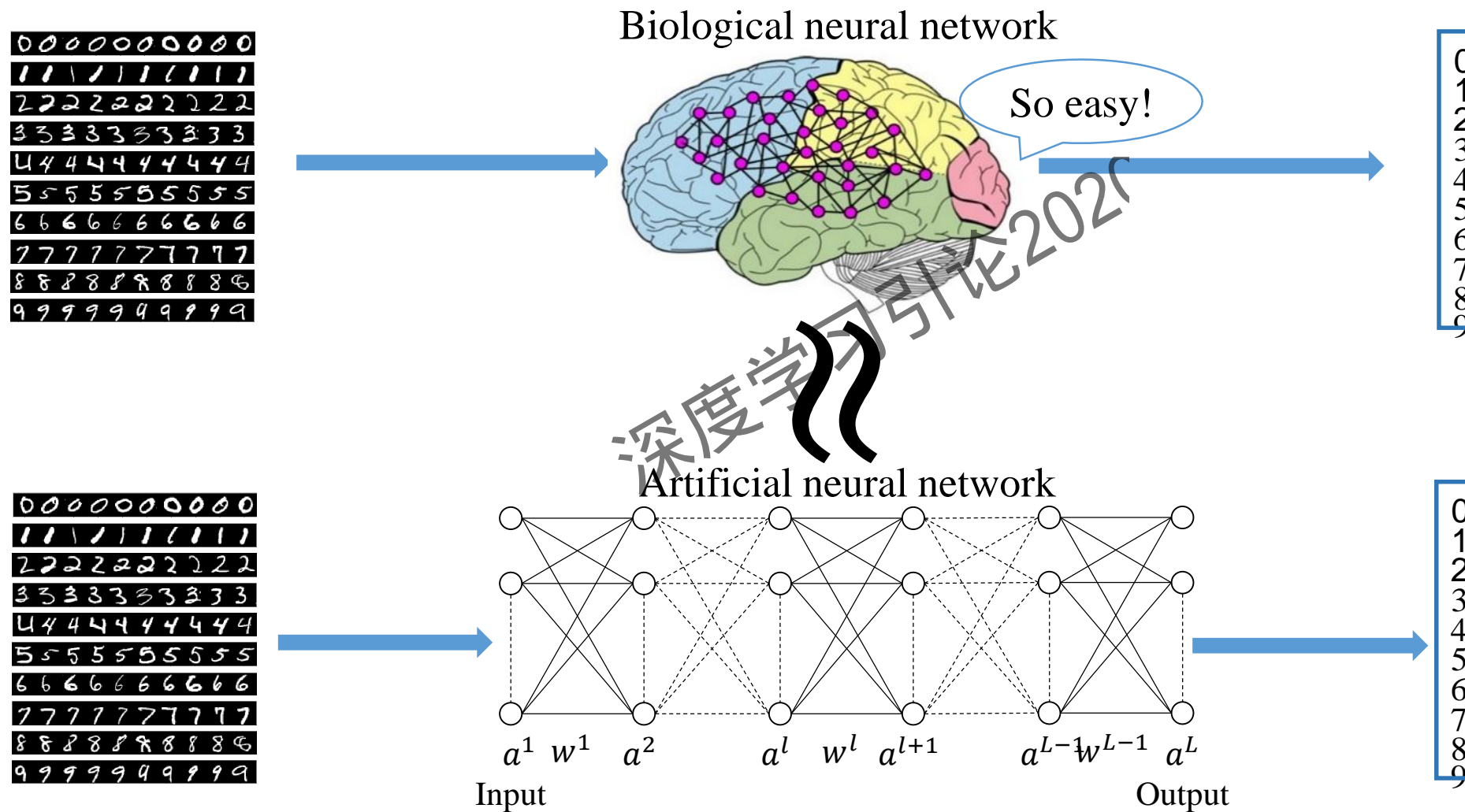
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Artificial neural network

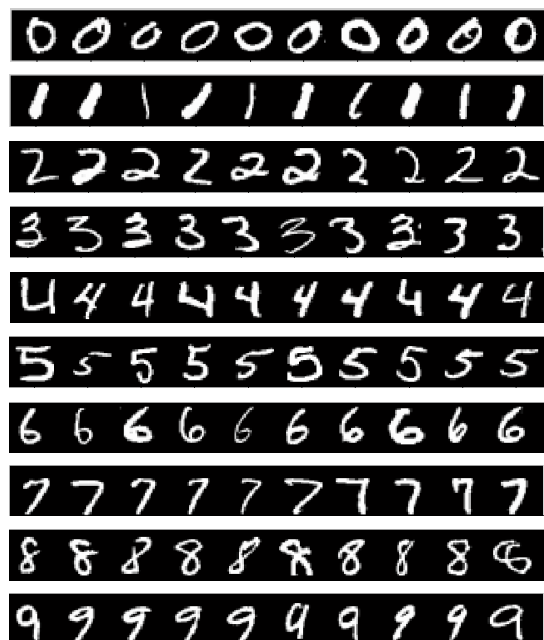


Artificial Intelligence

# Handwritten digits recognition



# Handwritten digits recognition

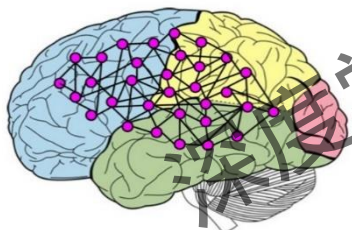


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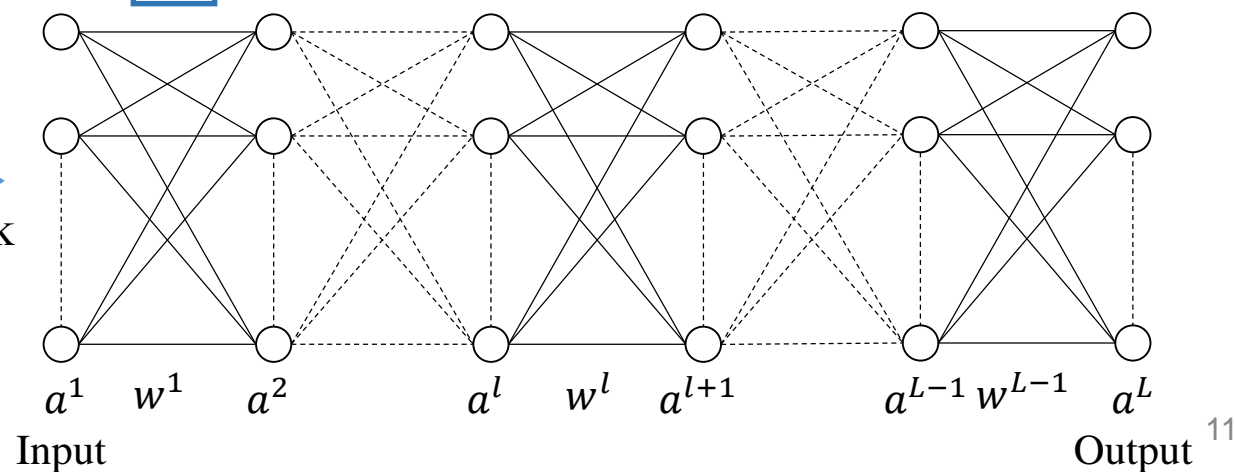
The human brain is so powerful so that any child can recognize the handwritten digits easily.  
Two important factors:

1. The brain has the structured ability.
2. **Learning ability.**

**Next: How to develop learning methods to train the artificial network model?**



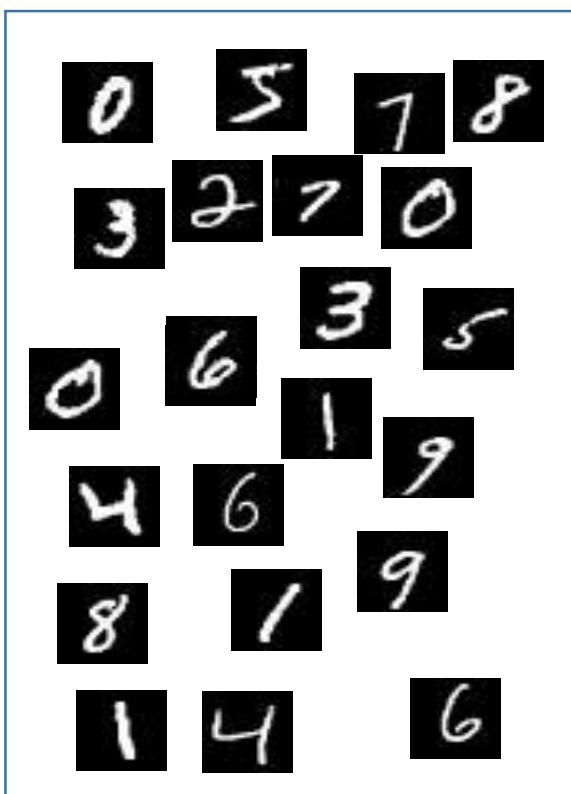
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# Network Performance: Cost Function



Training Data



Training



Good Performance!  
*The father knows the  
correct answer.*

**Supervised Learning**

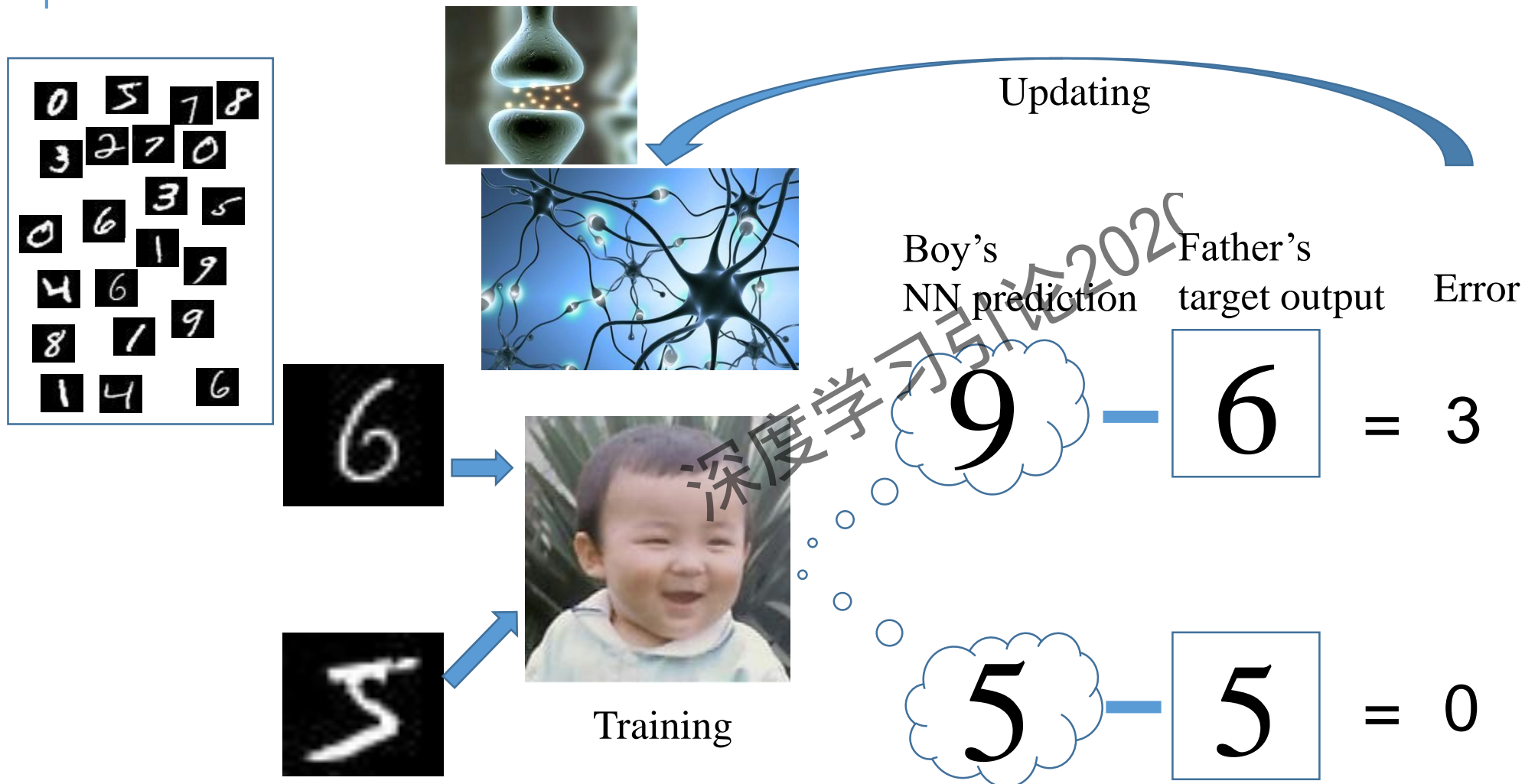
Two important factors:

1. There must be a measure to measure the correctness between correct answer and the boy's real output. -----  
**Performance function.**
2. There must be a mechanism to change the knowledge system of the boy. ----  
**Learning algorithm.**

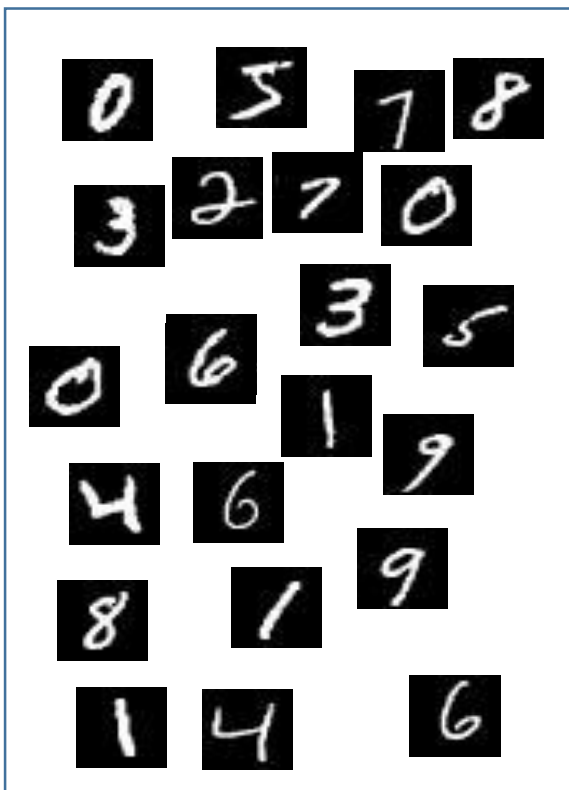
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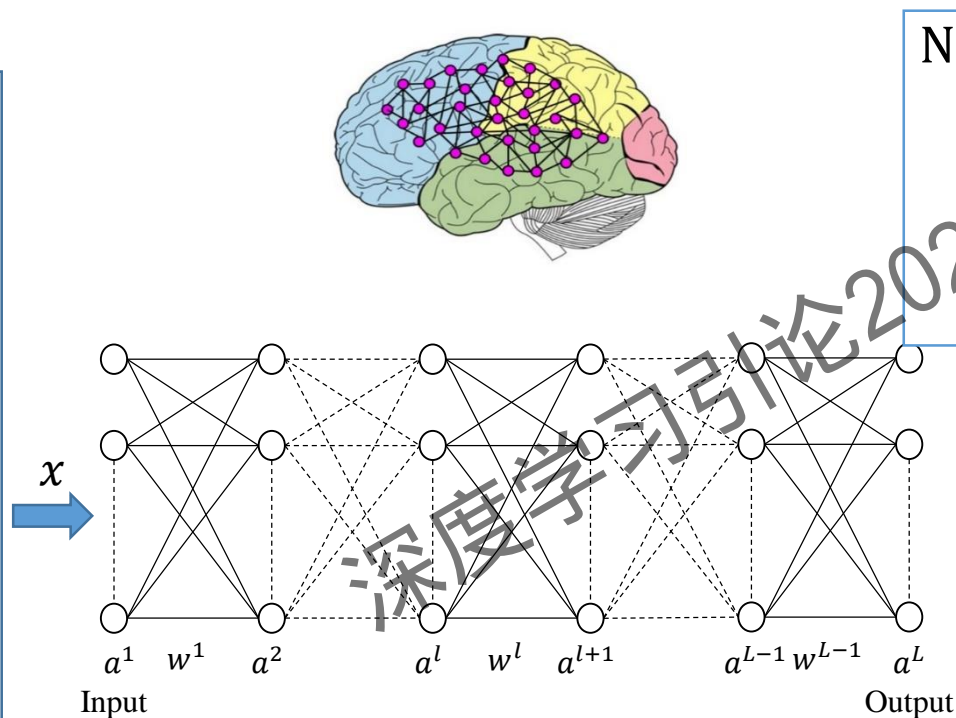
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Training Data Set



updating the weights: Learning algorithm

Network prediction

$$a^L = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^L \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

Target

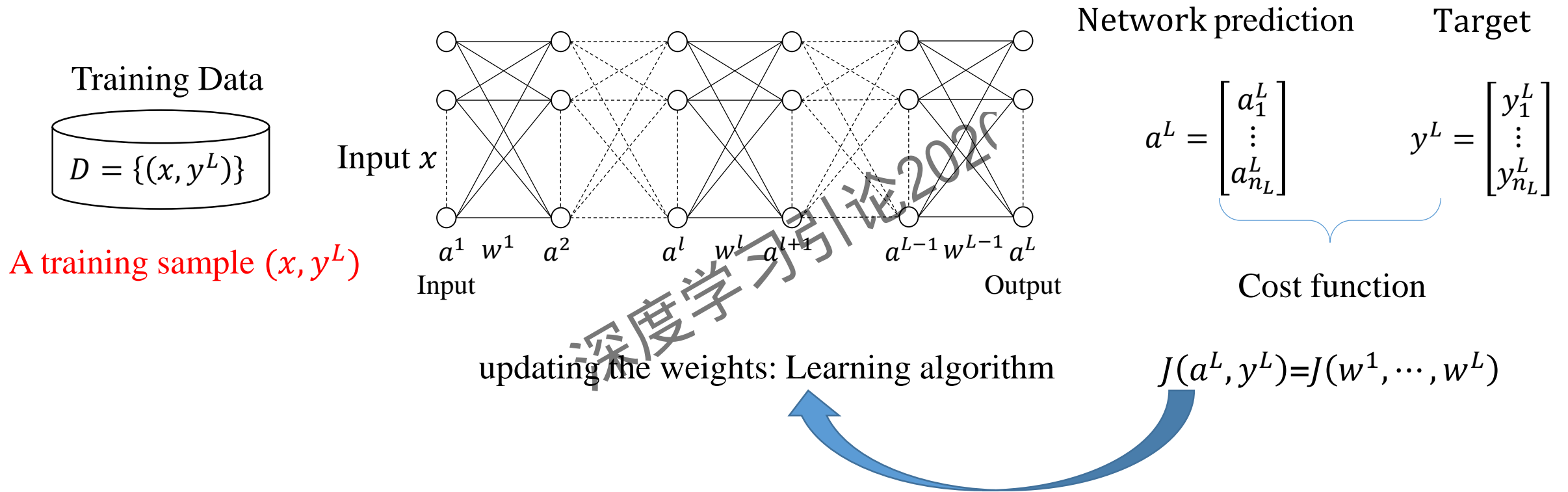
$$y^L = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^L \\ \vdots \\ y_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

$$J(a^L, y^L)$$

Performance function  $J(a^L, y^L)$ , or **cost function**, is used to describe the distance between  $a^L$  and  $y^L$ .  $J(a^L, y^L)$  is indeed a function of  $(w^1, \dots, w^L)$ , i. e.,  
$$J = J(w^1, \dots, w^L).$$



# Supervised Learning

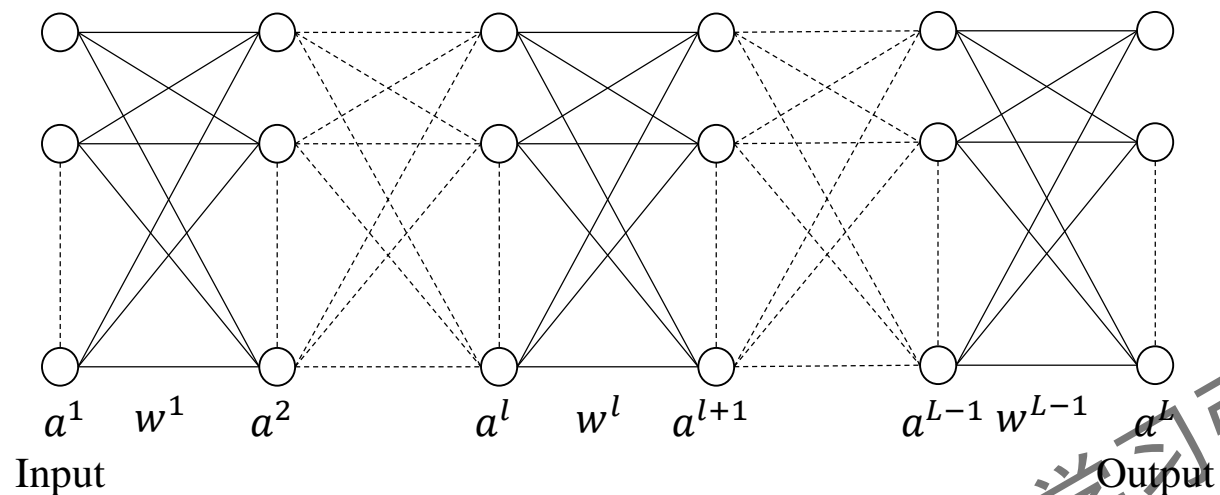


In supervised learning, each training sample contains input and the associated target output.

**Problem: How to construct a cost function?**



# Network Performance: Cost Function



A cost function  $J$  describes the performance of the network. If the  $J$  is small, it implies that the network prediction  $a^L$  close to the target  $y^L$ , the network is called in good performance. Since  $J$  is a function with variables  $(w^1, \dots, w^L)$ , good performance means to find suitable  $(w^1, \dots, w^L)$  such that  $J$  is small. The process of looking for suitable  $(w^1, \dots, w^L)$  is called network learning.

**Problem: How to learn?**

Target

Network prediction

$$y^L = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^L \\ \vdots \\ y_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

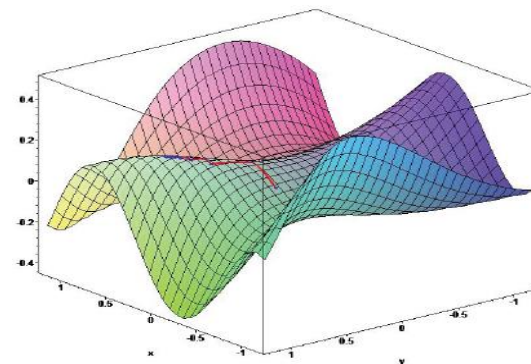
$$a^L = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^L \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

There are many ways to construct cost functions.

A frequently used cost is as follows:

$$e_j = a_j^L - y_j^L$$
$$J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} e_j^2 = J(w^1, \dots, w^L)$$

Clearly,  $J$  is a function of  $w^1, \dots, w^L$ .



# Network Performance: Cost Function

Learning is a process such that  $a^L$  is close to  $y^L$ , i.e., the cost function  $J$  reaches minimum. A cost function  $J = J(w^1, \dots, w^{L-1})$  is a function with variables  $w^l (l = 1, \dots, L)$ , thus the network learning is to looking for some  $w^l (l = 1, \dots, L)$ .

Target

$$y^L = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^L \\ \vdots \\ y_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

Network prediction

$$a^L = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^L \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

A frequently used cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} e_j^2 = J(w^1, \dots, w^L)$$

$J$  is a function of  $w^1, \dots, w^L$ .

Learning = Looking for minimum points  $w^l (l = 1, \dots, L)$  of  $J$

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# Minimum Points

General Nonlinear function

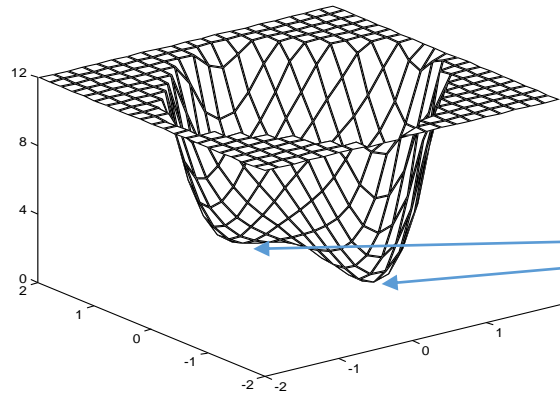
$$J(w), w \in R^n$$

$w^*$  is a minimum point if

$$J(w^*) \leq J(w)$$

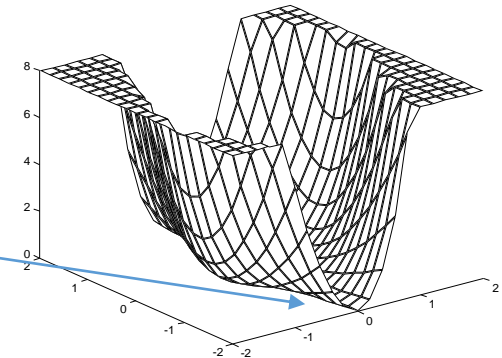
for any  $w$  that very close to  $w^*$ .

$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_2 - w_1)^4 + 8w_1w_2 - w_1 + w_2 + 3$$

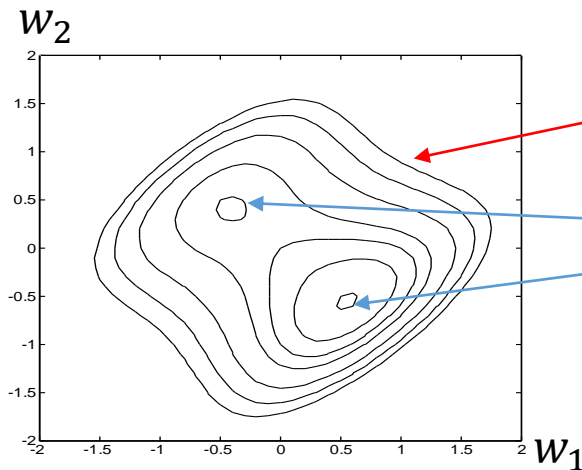


Minima

$$J(w_1, w_2) = (w_1^2 - 1.5w_1w_2 + 2w_2^2)w_1^2$$

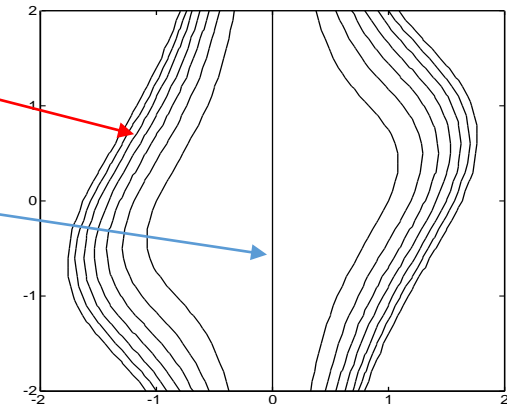


Contour



Minimum points

Problem:  
How to find the minimum points?

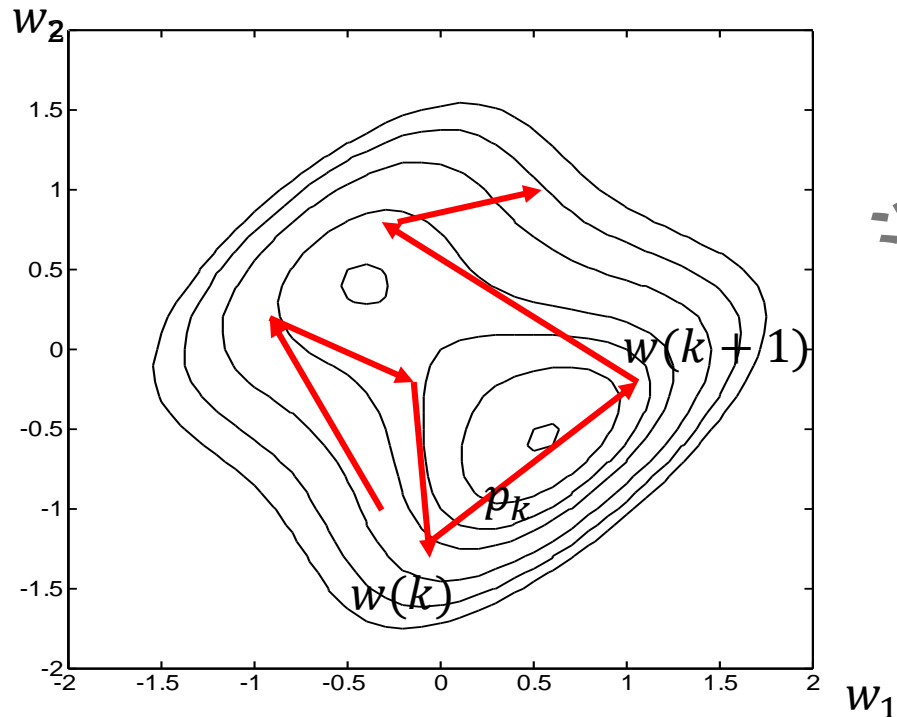


# Iteration Method

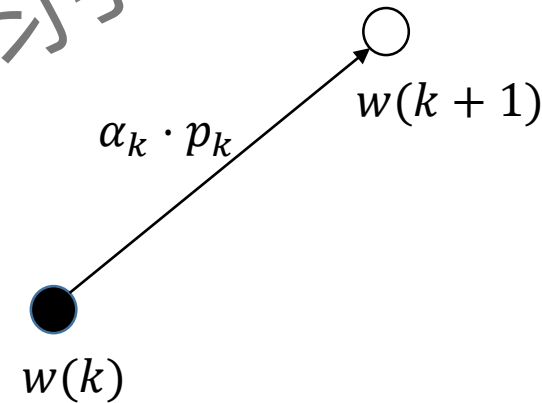
Finding a minimum point step by step

$$w(k+1) = w(k) + \alpha_k \cdot p_k$$

To begin the iteration, you must need a given starting point  $w_0$ .



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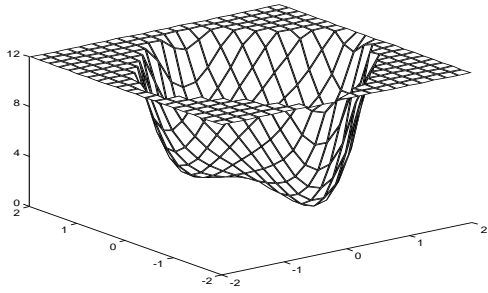


$p_k$  is called searching direction

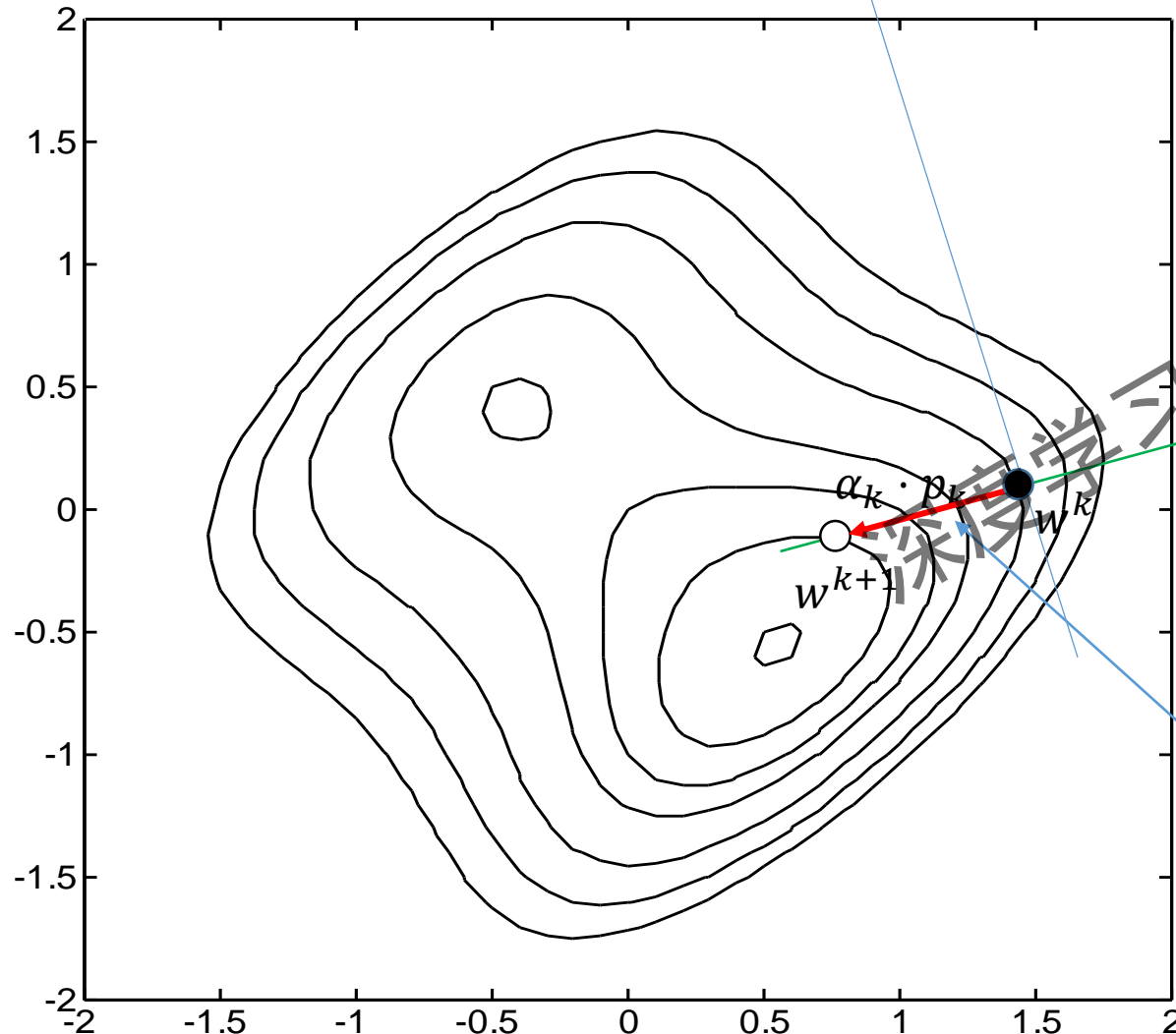
$\alpha_k$  is learning rate at step  $k$ .

Problem: How to get the searching direction  $p_k$ ?

# Steepest Descent Method



Slowest changing direction



Fastest increasing direction

Gradient:

$$g_k = \nabla J(w) \Big|_{w(k)} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial w} \Big|_{w(k)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_n} \end{pmatrix} \Big|_{w(k)}$$

Steepest Descent Algorithm:

$$p_k = -g_k$$

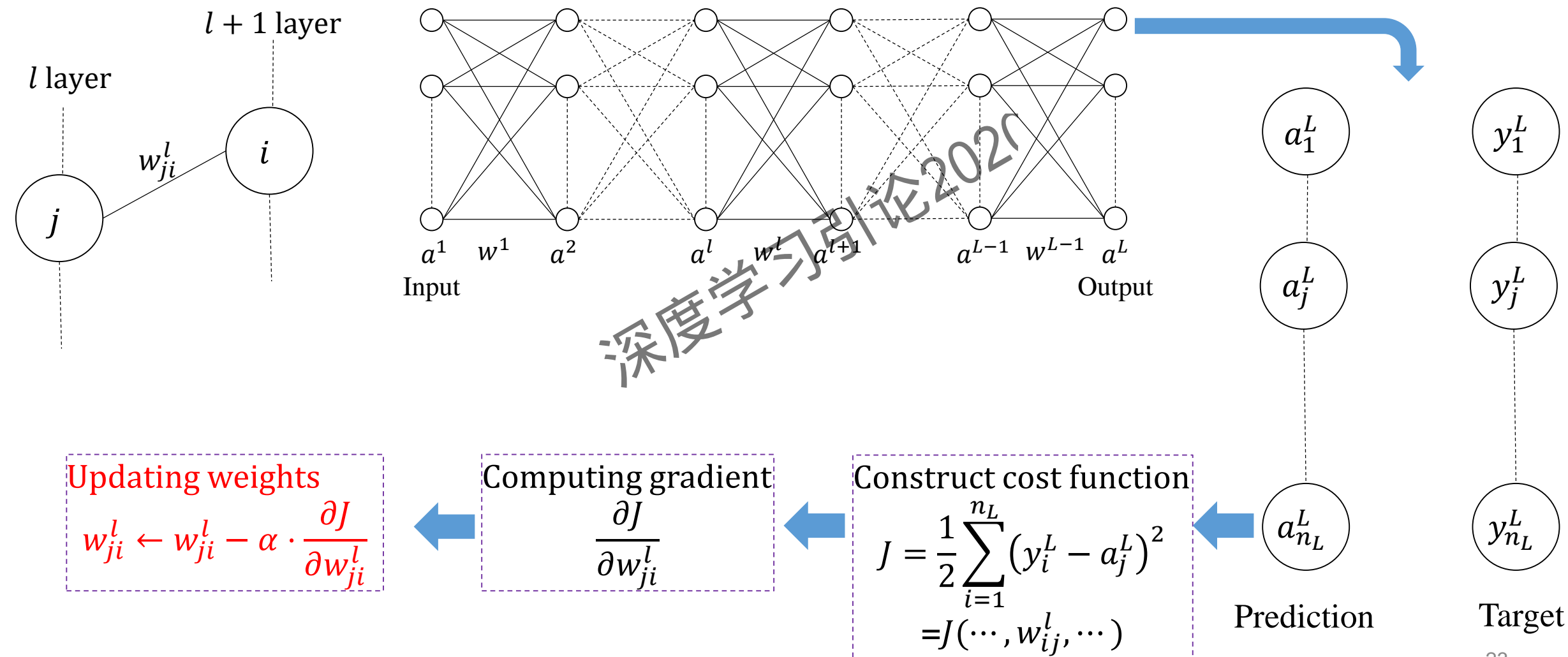
$$w(k+1) = w(k) - \alpha_k \cdot g_k$$

or

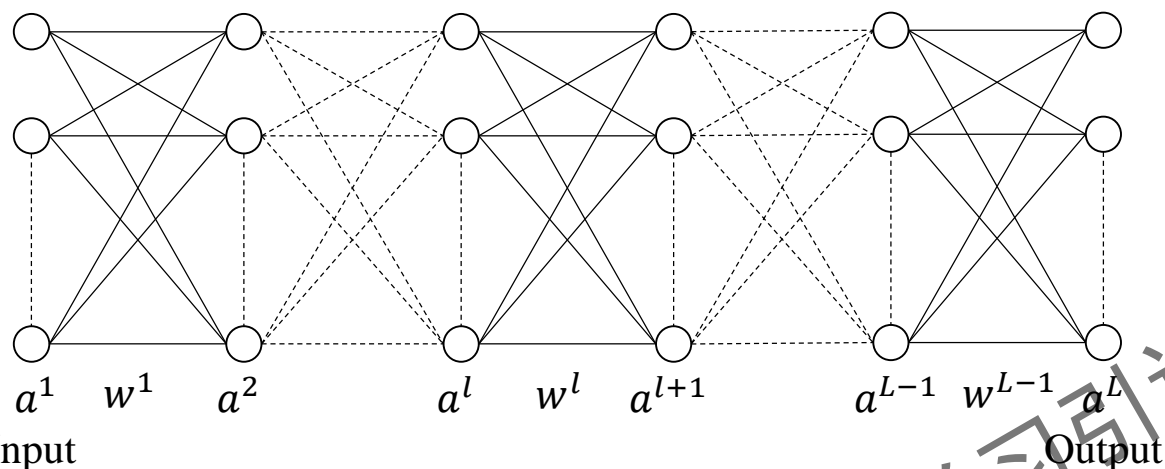
$$w(k+1) = w(k) - \alpha_k \cdot \frac{\partial J}{\partial w} \Big|_{w(k)}$$

Steepest descent direction

# Steepest Descent Method



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Steepest Descent Method

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} e_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} (a_j^L - y_j^L)^2 = J(\dots, w_{ji}^l, \dots)$$

1. Computing

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$$

2. Updating

$$w_{ji}^l \leftarrow w_{ji}^l - \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$$

Target

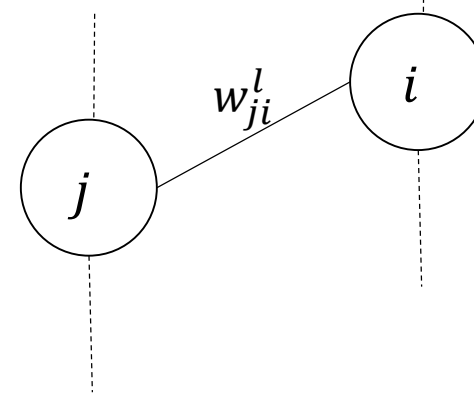
$$y^L = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^L \\ \vdots \\ y_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

Prediction

$$a^L = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^L \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_L}^L \end{bmatrix}$$

$l + 1$  layer

$l$  layer



$$a^L = f(W^{L-1}a^{L-1}) = f\left(W^{L-1}f\left(W^{L-2}f\left(W^{L-3}\dots f(W^1a^1)\right)\right)\right)$$

**Problem:** How to compute  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$ ?

Answer:

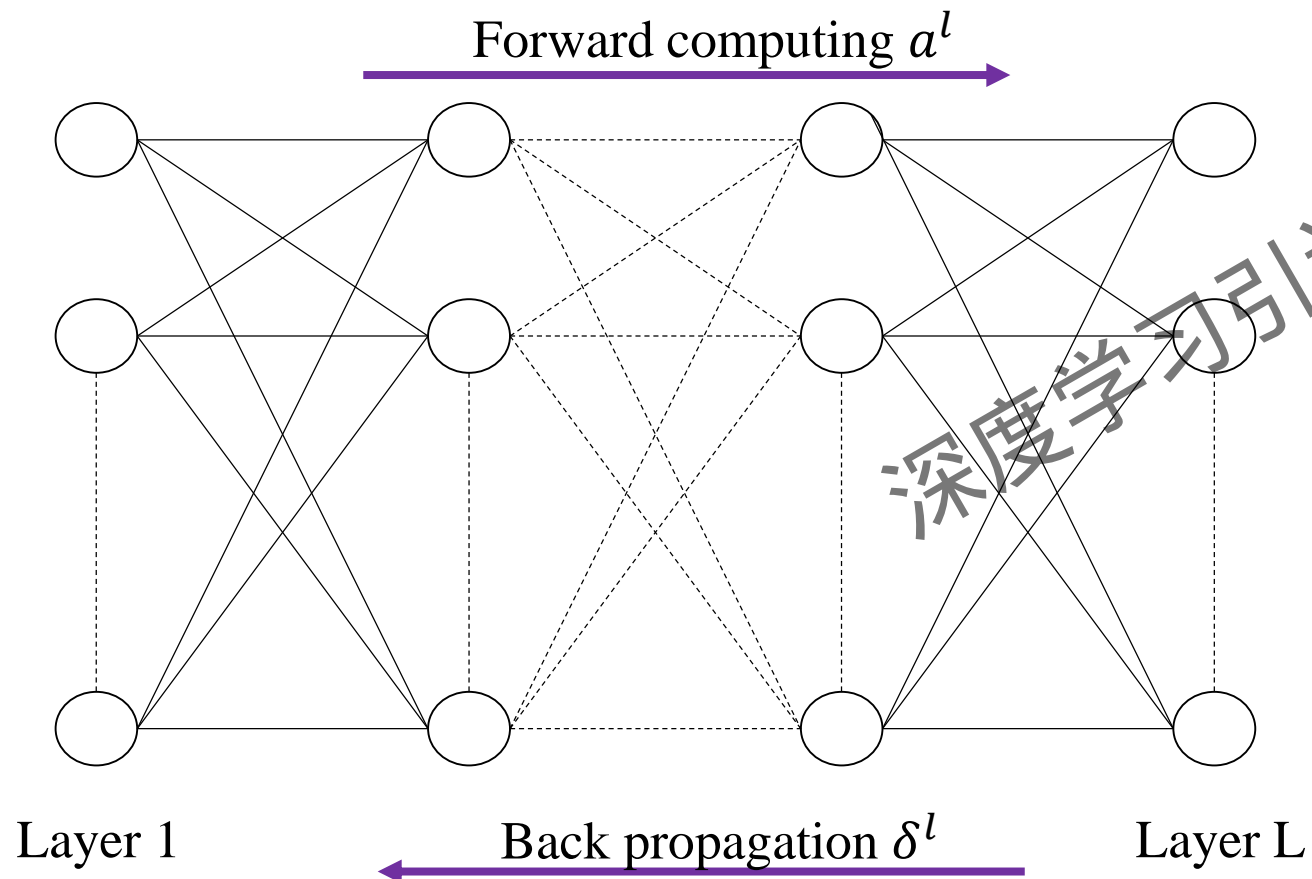
Using the well-known BP method.



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# Backpropagation



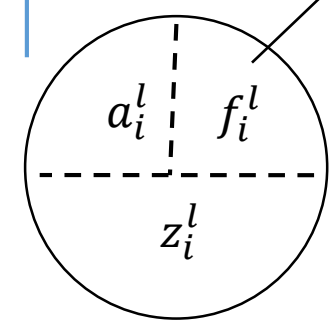
Backpropagation is a  
efficient way to calculate

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$$

Cost function:

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} e_j^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} (a_j^L - y_j^L)^2$$

Local function defined on neuron

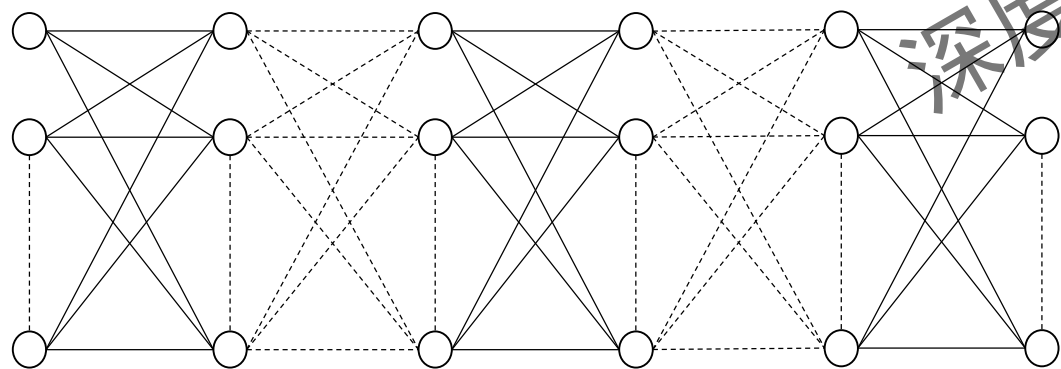
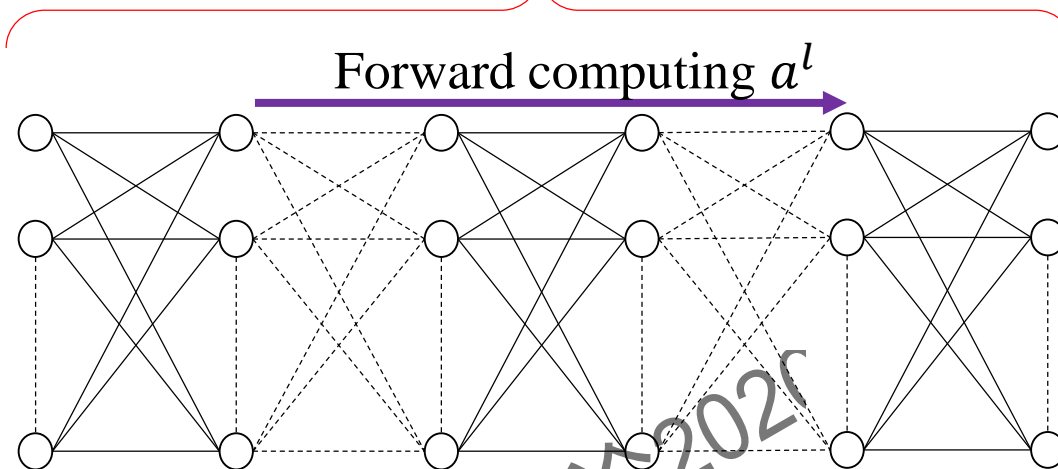


$$a_i^l = f_i^l(z_i^l)$$

$$a^l = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^l \\ a_2^l \\ \vdots \\ a_{n_l}^l \end{bmatrix}$$

$l$  layer  $i^{th}$  neuron

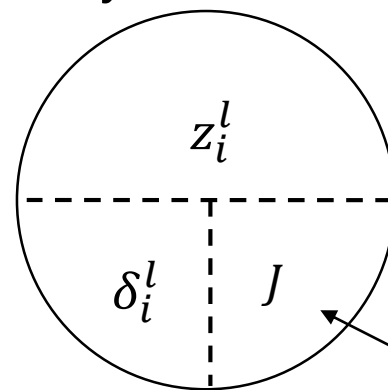
Local activation function  $f_i^l$



Backpropagation  $\delta^l$

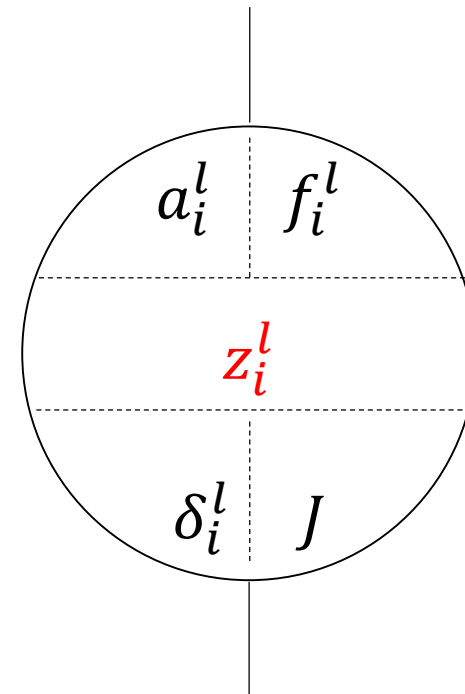
Global cost function  $J$

$l$  layer  $i^{th}$  neuron  $\delta_i^l = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i^l}$



$$\delta^l = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_1^l \\ \delta_2^l \\ \vdots \\ \delta_{n_l}^l \end{bmatrix}$$

Global function defined on network



$l + 1$  layer

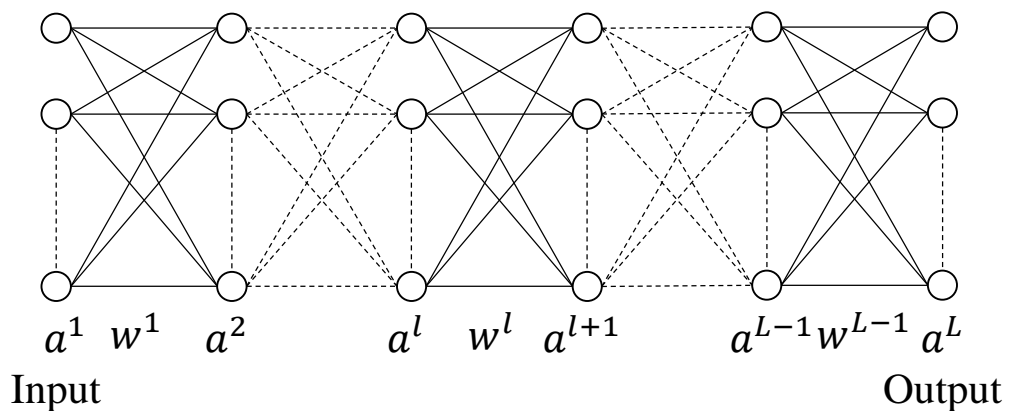
Problem 1:

What's the relation between  $\delta_i^{l+1}$  and  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$ ?

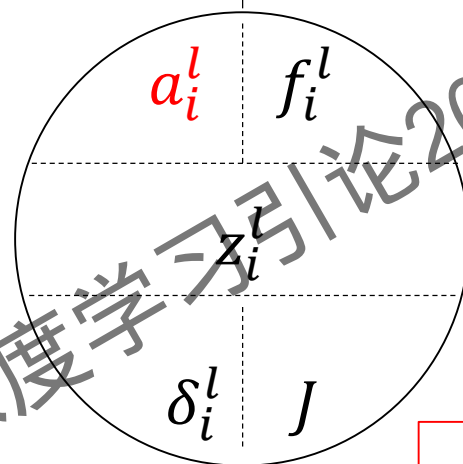
definition

$$\delta_i^{l+1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i^{l+1}}$$

$J(W^1, \dots, W^{L-1})$



$l$  layer

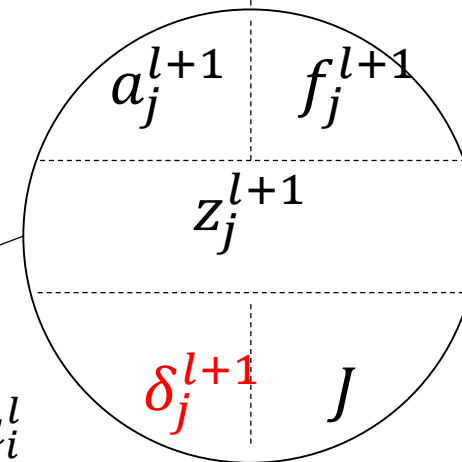


$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$$

$$w_{ji}^l$$

$$z_j^{l+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_l} w_{ji}^l a_i^l$$

$l + 1$  layer



Relation between  $\delta_i^l$  and  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \delta_j^{l+1} \cdot a_i^l$$

Why?

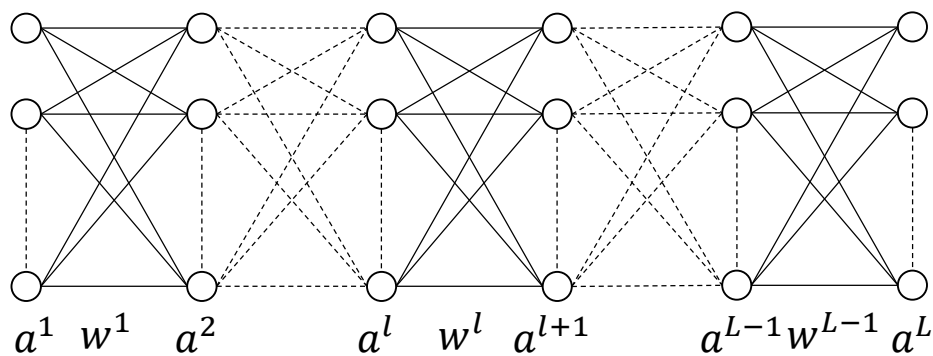
$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_j^{l+1}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_j^{l+1}}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \delta_j^{l+1} \cdot a_i^l$$

$l + 1$  layer

definition

$$\delta_i^{l+1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i^{l+1}}$$

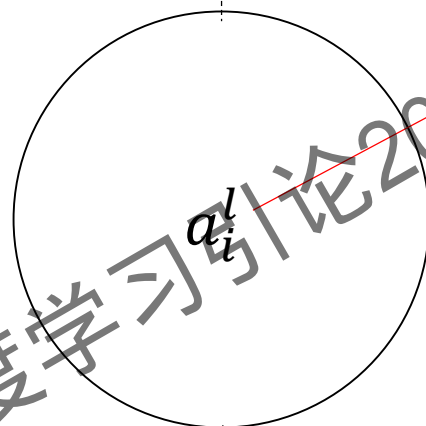
$J(W^1, \dots, W^{L-1})$



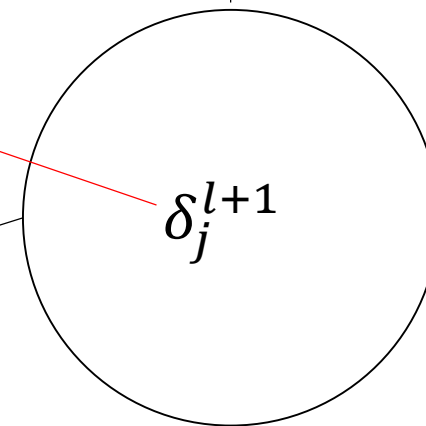
Input

Output

$l$  layer



$l + 1$  layer



$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \delta_j^{l+1} \cdot a_i^l$$

$w_{ji}^l$

Relation between  $\delta_i^{l+1}$  and  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \delta_j^{l+1} \cdot a_i^l$$

## Problem 2:

How to calculate the last layer's  $\delta_i^L$  ?

By definition

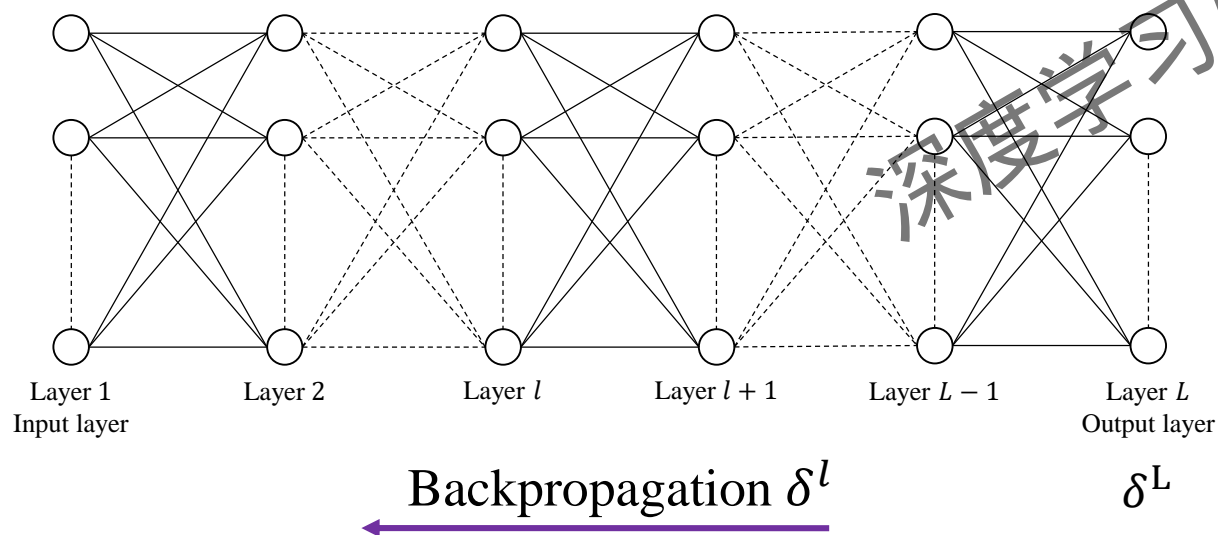
$$\delta_i^L = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i^L}$$

If

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} (a_j^L - y_j^L)^2$$

then,

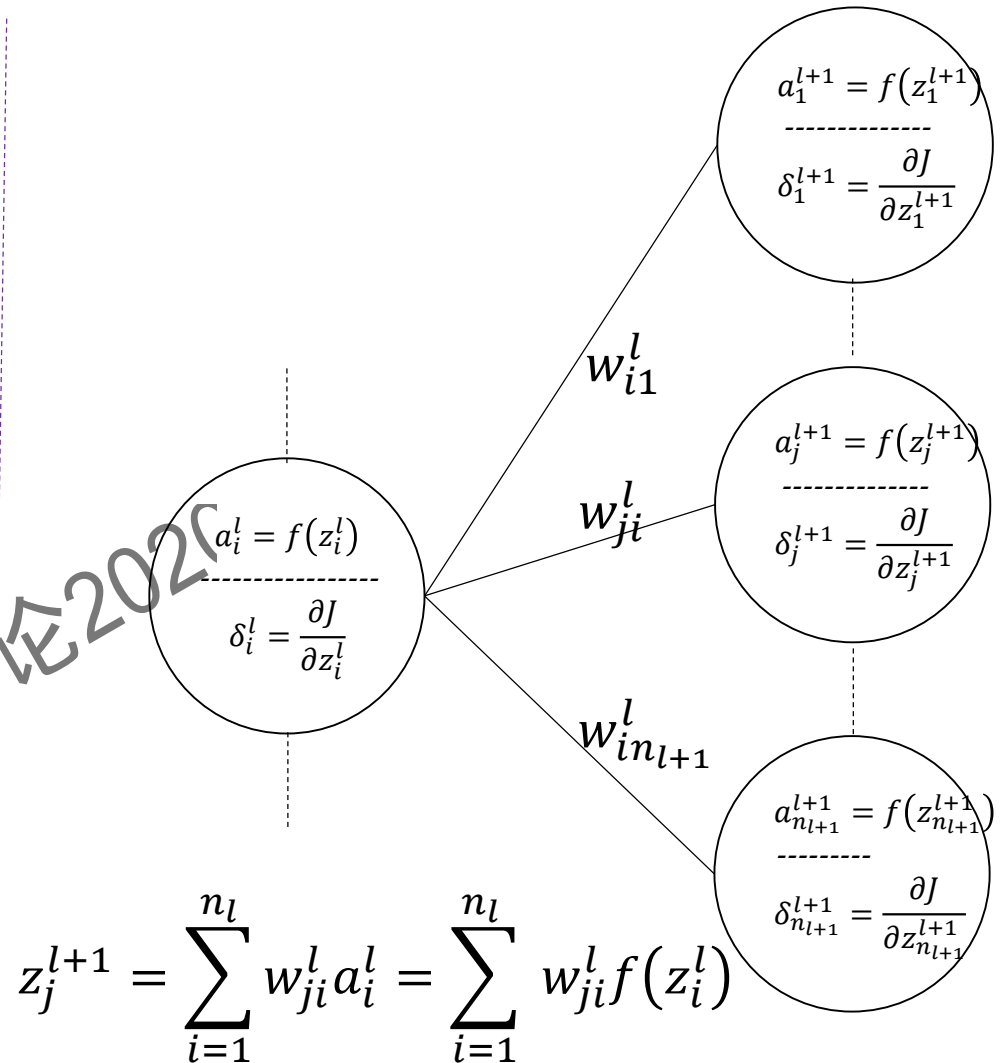
$$\delta_i^L = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i^L} = (a_i^L - y_i^L) \cdot \frac{\partial a_i^L}{\partial z_i^L} = (a_i^L - y_i^L) \cdot f'(z_i^L)$$



$$a_i^L = f(z_i^L)$$

$L$  layer  $i^{th}$  neuron

### Relation between $\delta_i^l$ and $\delta_j^{l+1}$



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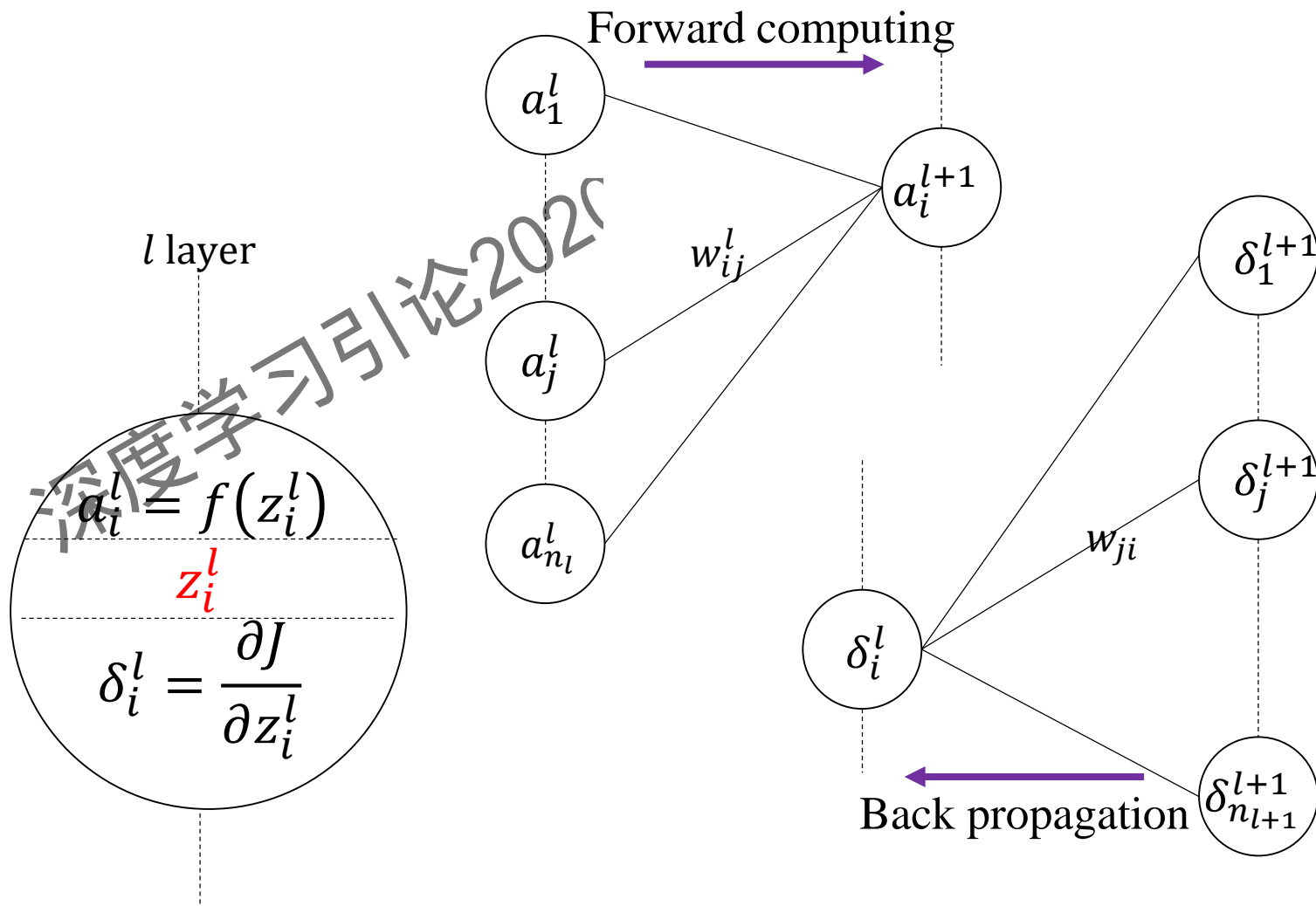
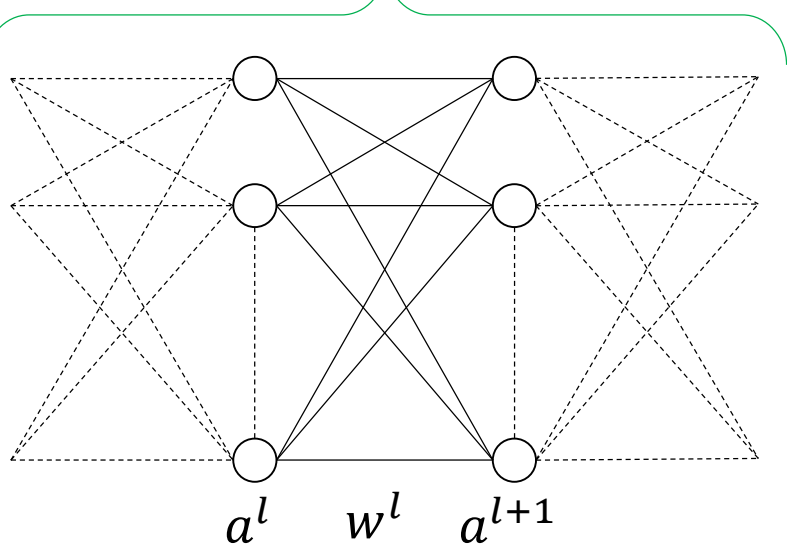


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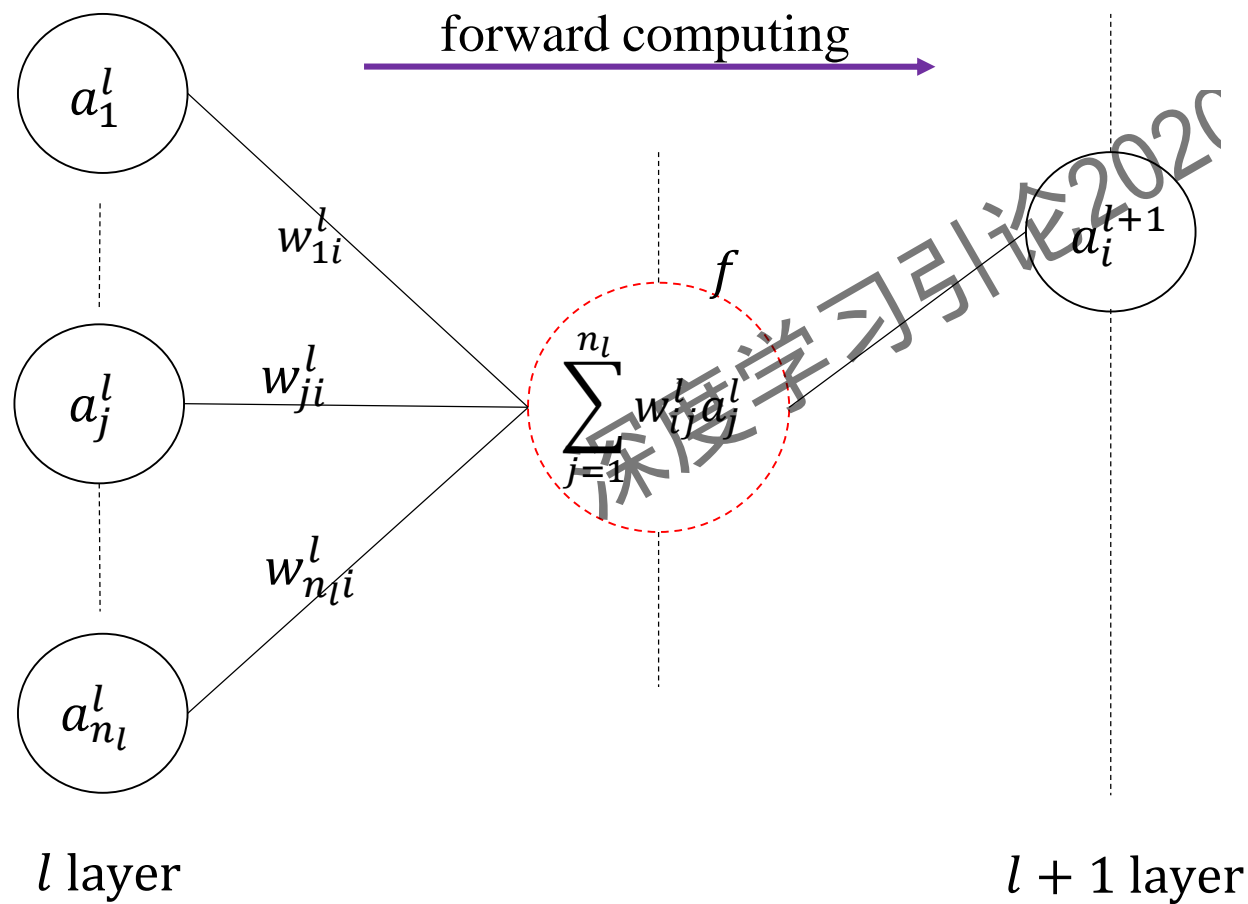
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$$a_i^{l+1} = f \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l \right)$$

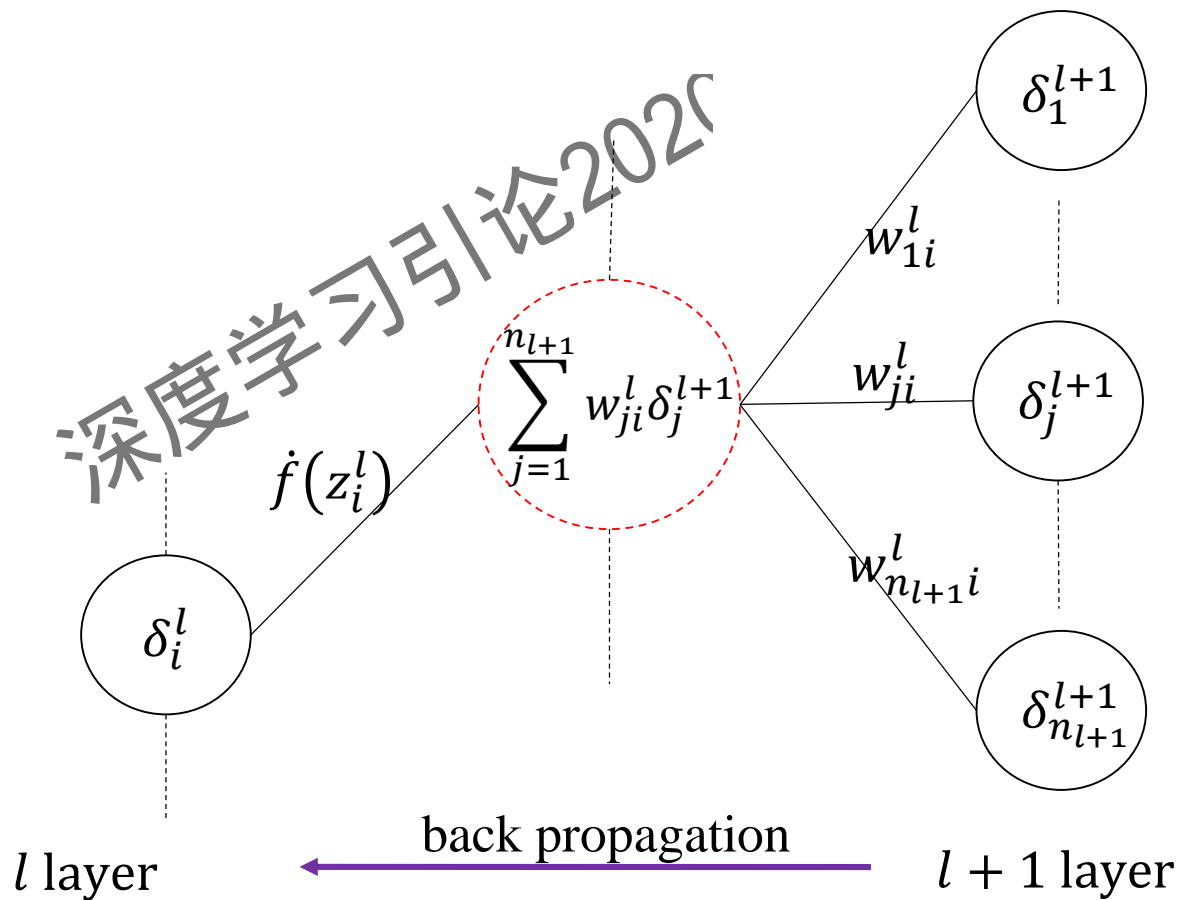
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$$a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1})$$

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$$\delta_i^l = \dot{f}(z_i^l) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_{l+1}} w_{ji}^l \delta_j^{l+1} \right)$$



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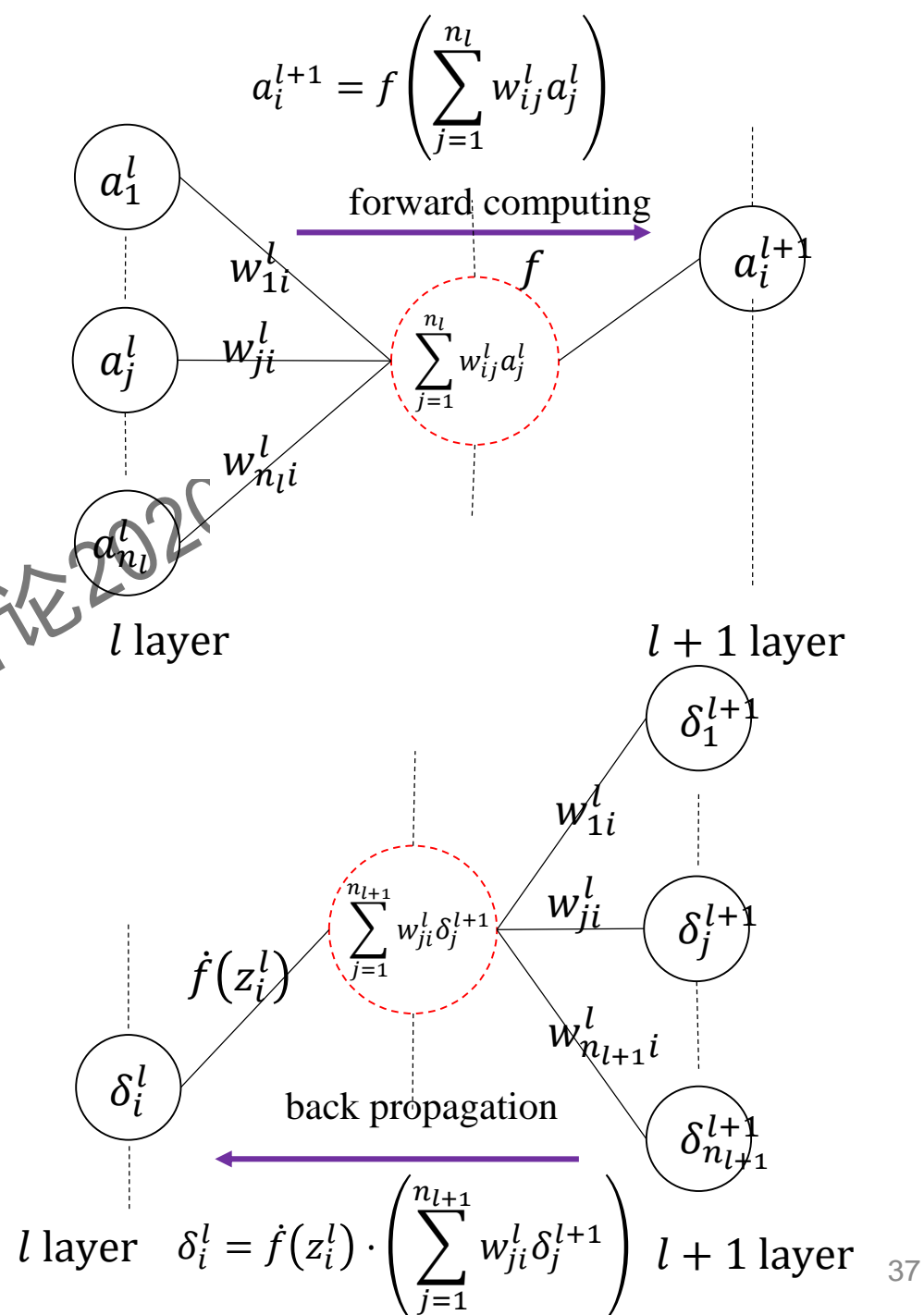
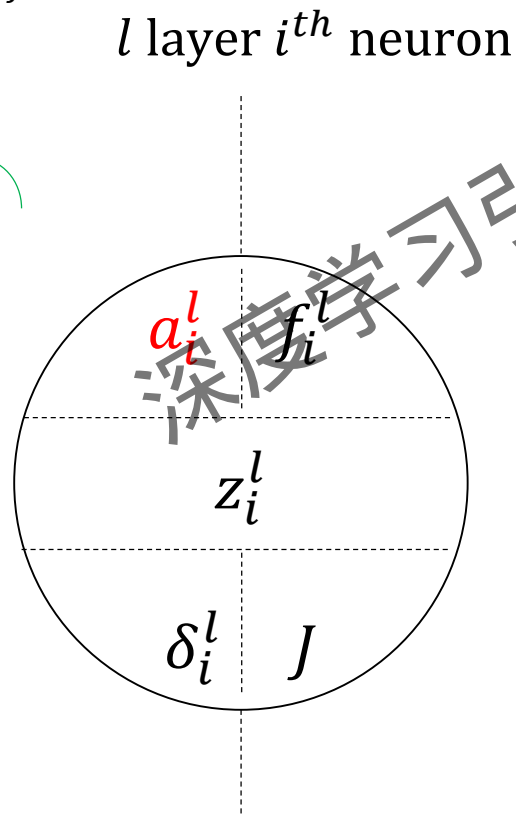
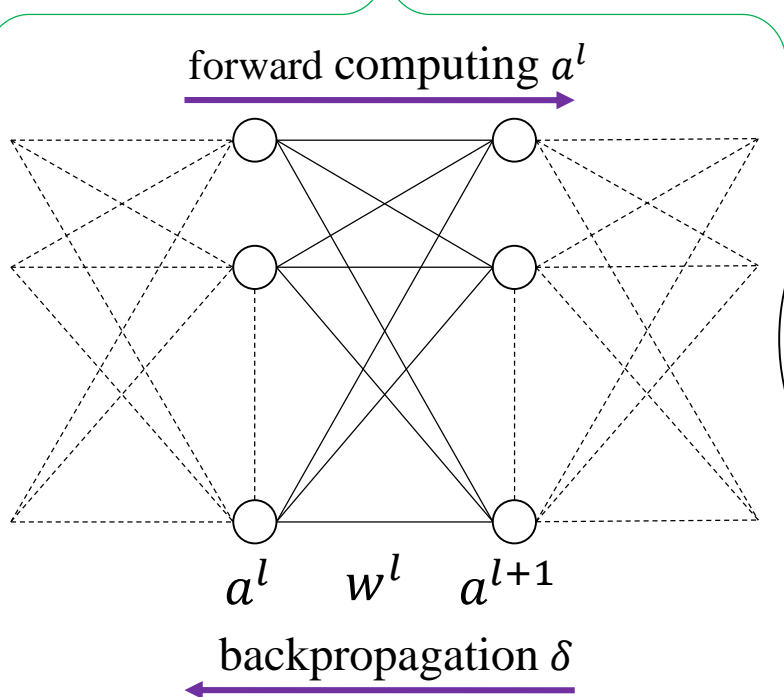
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# Only One Page to Understand BP

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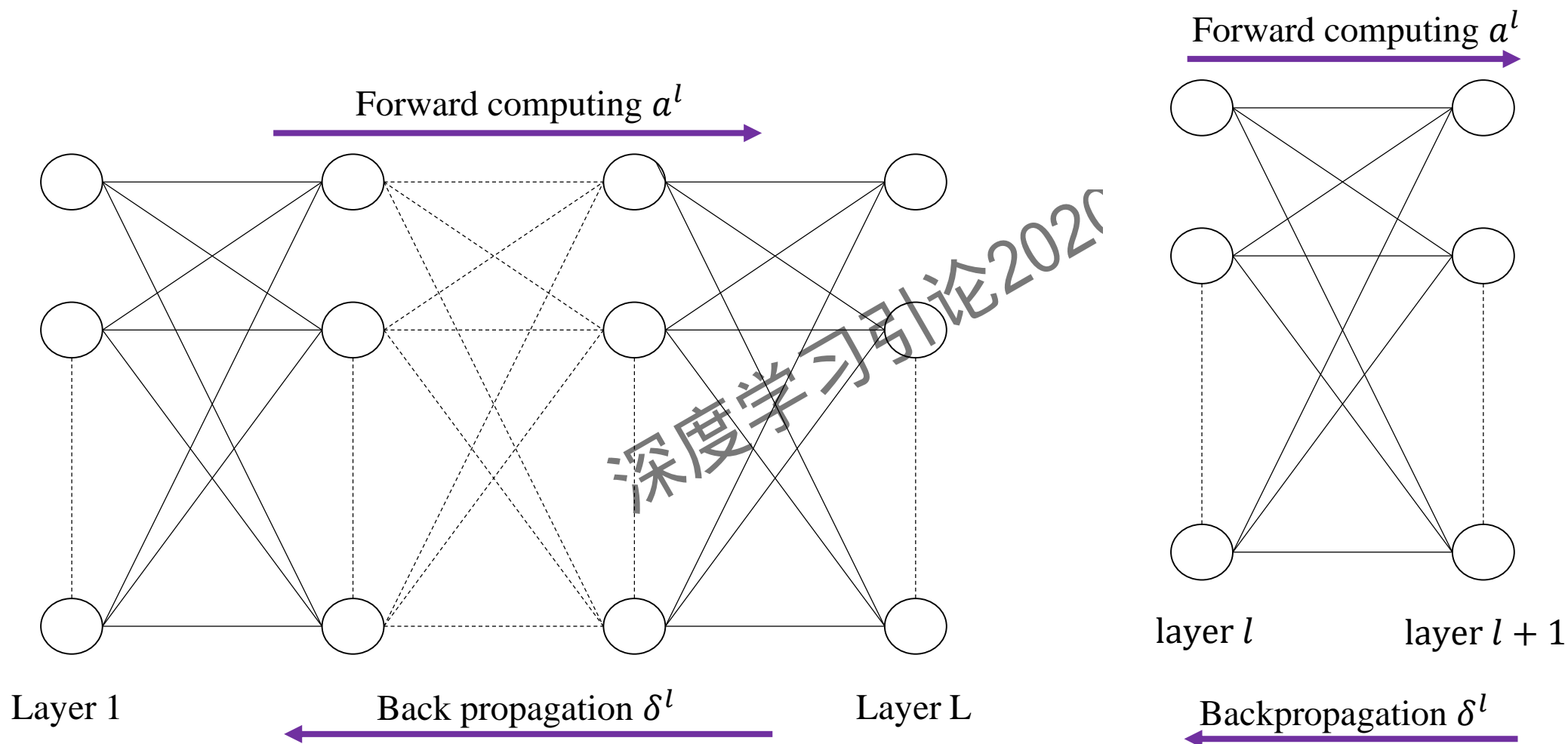
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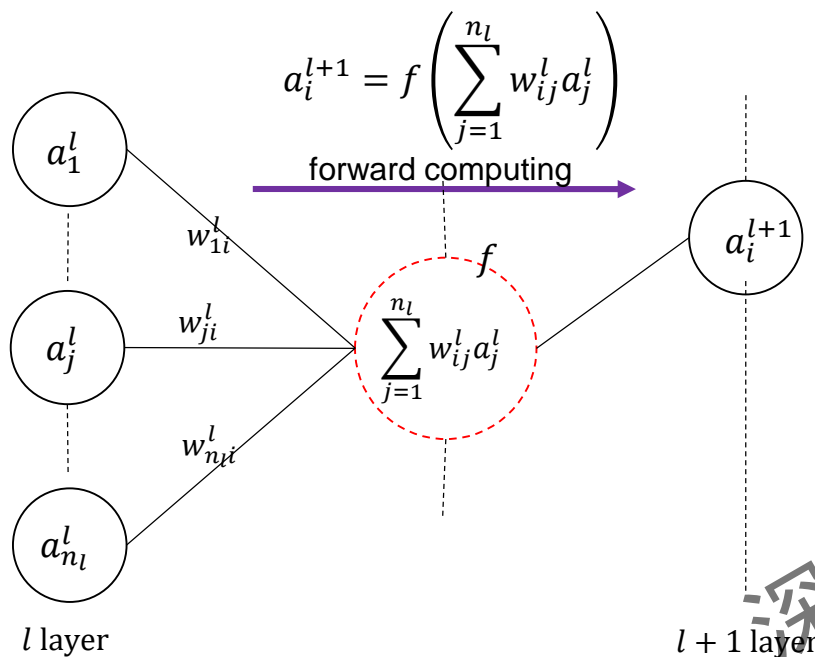
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# The BP Algorithm



# The BP Algorithm



function  $fc(W^l, a^l)$

for  $i = 1:n_{l+1}$

$$z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l$$

$$a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1})$$

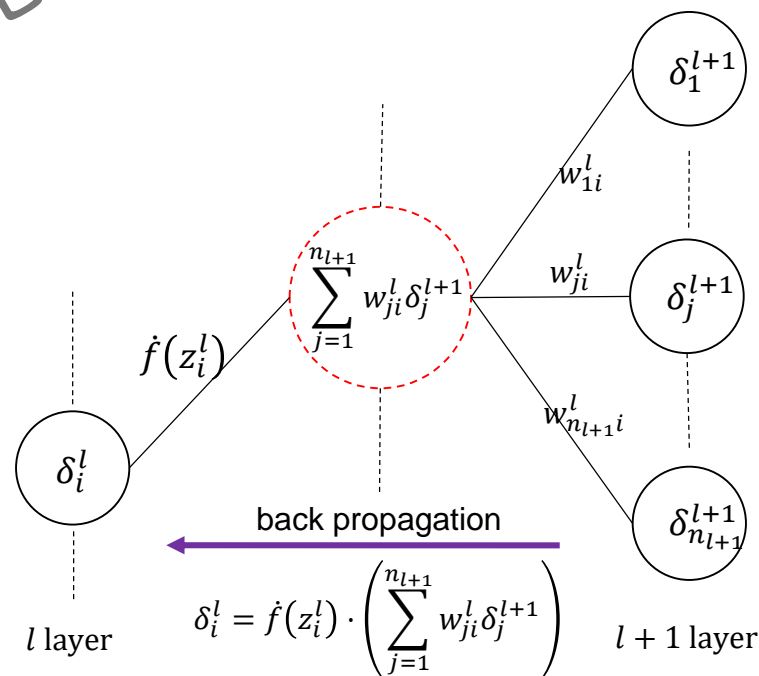
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function  $bc(W^l, \delta^{l+1})$

for  $i = 1:n_l$

$$\delta_i^l = \dot{f}(z_i^l) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_{l+1}} w_{ji}^l \delta_j^{l+1} \right)$$

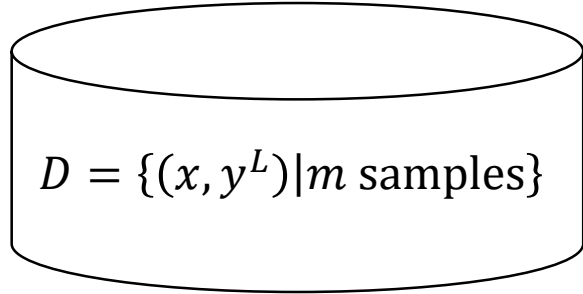
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# The BP Algorithm

Training Data



$x$ : input sample  
 $y^L$ : target output

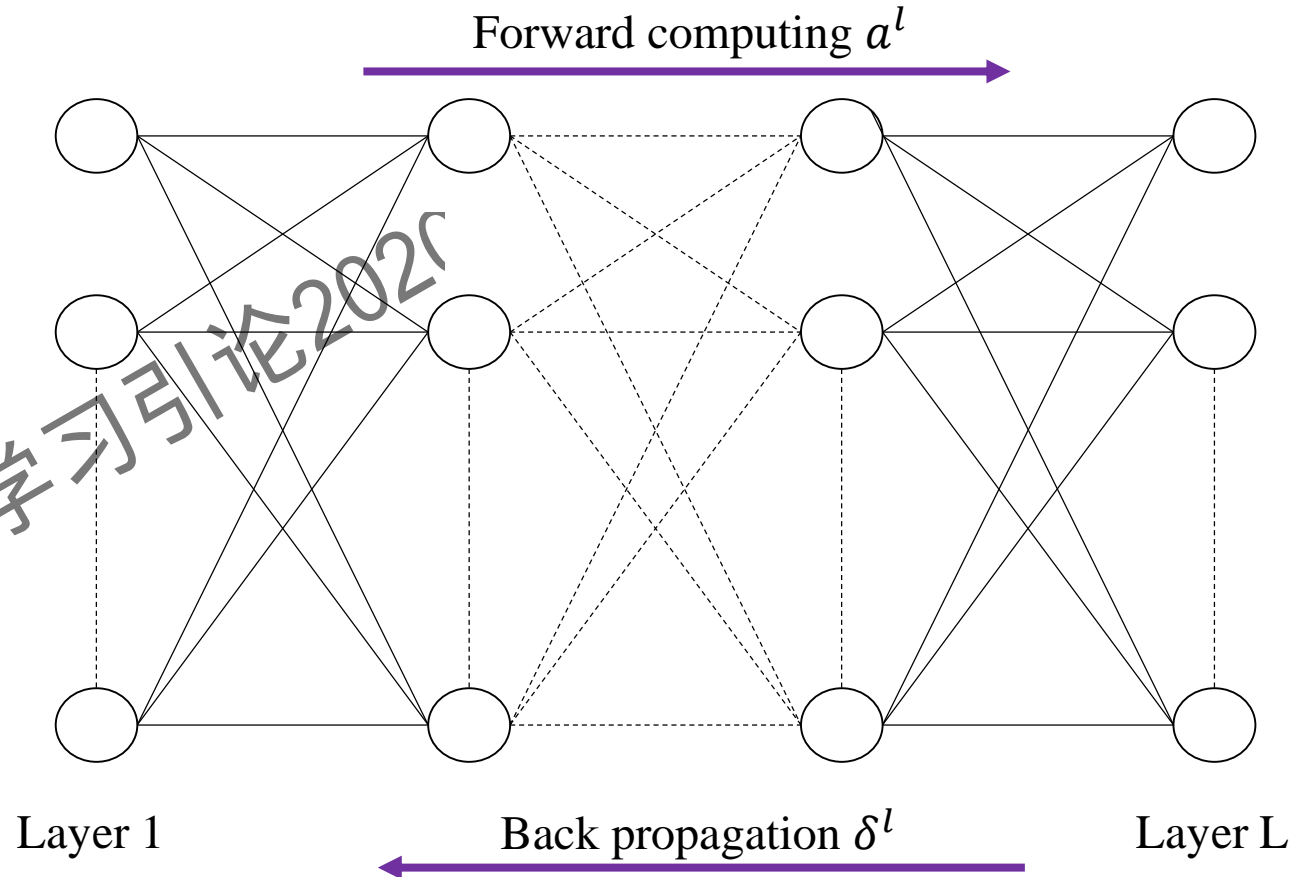
There are two ways to train the network.

1. Online training: For each sample  $(x, y) \in D$ , define a cost function, for example, as

$$J(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} (a_j^L - y_j^L)^2$$

2. Batch training: Define cost function as

$$J = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{(x, y) \in D} J(x, y)$$



# The BP Algorithm

## Online BP Algorithm:

Step 1. Input the training data set  $D = \{(x, y^L)\}$

Step 2. Initial each  $w_{ij}^l$ , and choose a learning rate  $\alpha$ .

Step 3. Choose a sample  $(x, y^L) \in D$ , define  $J(x, y^L)$ , set  $a^1 = x$

for  $l = 1:L$

$fc(w^l, a^l)$ ;

end

$$\delta^L = \frac{\partial J(x, y^L)}{\partial z^L};$$

for  $l = L - 1:1$

$bc(w^l, \delta^{l+1})$ ;

end

Step 4. Updating

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \delta_j^{l+1} \cdot a_i^l$$

$$w_{ji}^l \leftarrow w_{ji}^l - \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial J(x, y)}{\partial w_{ji}^l}$$

Step 5. Return to Step 3 until each  $w^l$  converge.

function  $fc(w^l, a^l)$

for  $i = 1:n_{l+1}$

$$z_i^{l+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_l} w_{ij}^l a_j^l$$

$$a_i^{l+1} = f(z_i^{l+1})$$

end

Relationship:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w_{ji}^l} = \delta_j^{l+1} \cdot a_i^l$$

function  $bc(w^l, \delta^{l+1})$

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$$\delta_i^l = f'(z_i^l) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n_{l+1}} w_{ji}^l \delta_j^{l+1} \right)$$

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# The BP Algorithm

## Batch BP Algorithm:

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# Assignment

## Assignment 1: Encoding the BP algorithms.

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*Thanks*

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