

Artificial neural networks and backpropagation

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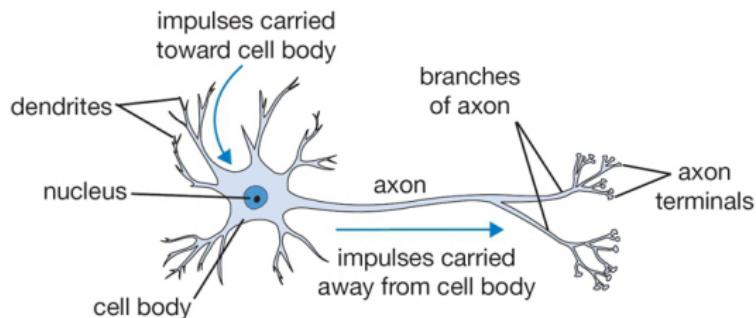
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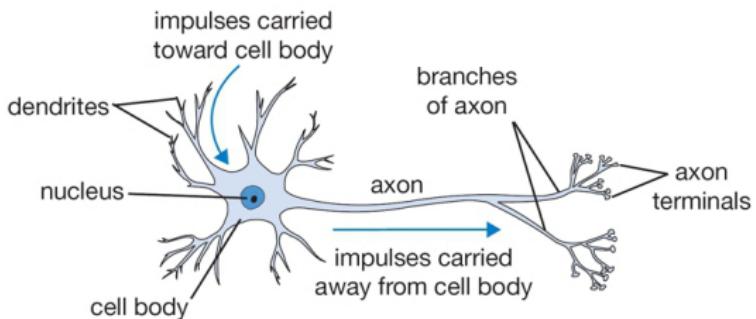
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Biological neuron



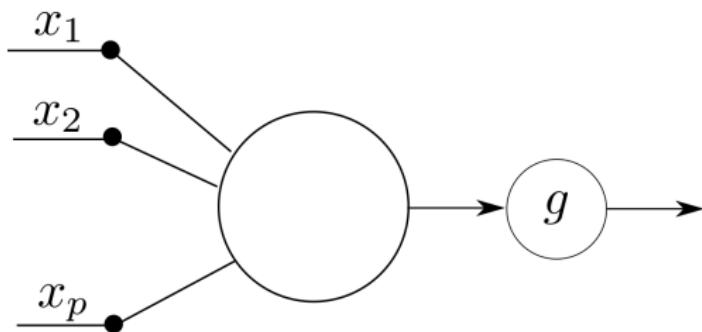
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Biological neuron



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- The neuron sends a signal through its axon if during a given interval of time the net input signal (sum of excitatory and inhibitory signals received through its dendrites) is larger than a threshold.

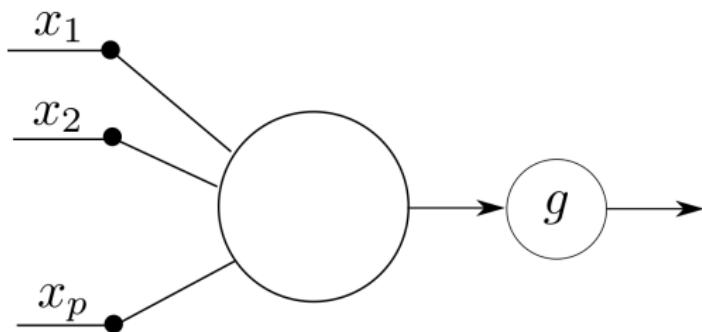
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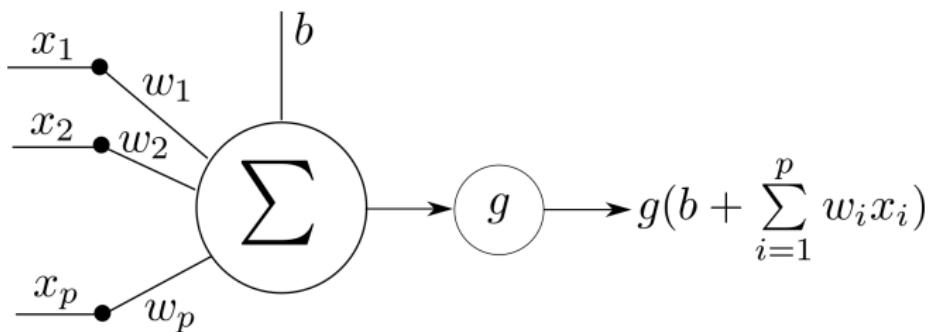


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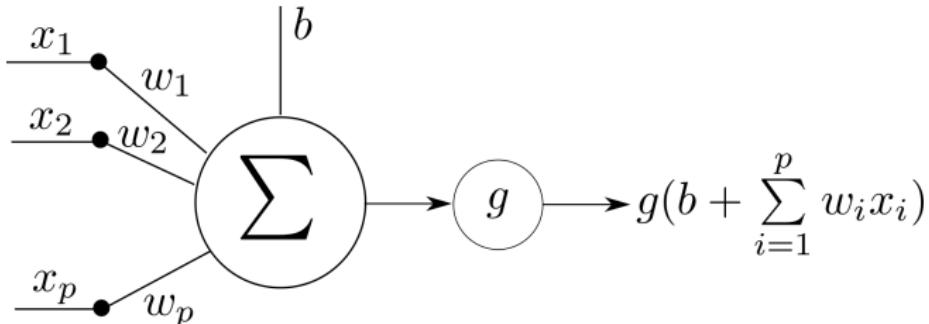
- The first artificial neuron model was proposed by [McCulloch and Pitts, 1943]
- Input and output signals were binary
- Input dendrites could be inhibitory or excitatory

Modern artificial neuron



- The neuron computes a linear combination of the **inputs** x_i
 - The **weights** w_i are multiplied with the inputs
 - The **bias** b can be interpreted as a threshold on the sum
- The **activation function** g somehow decides, depending on its input, if a signal (the neuron's **activation**) is produced

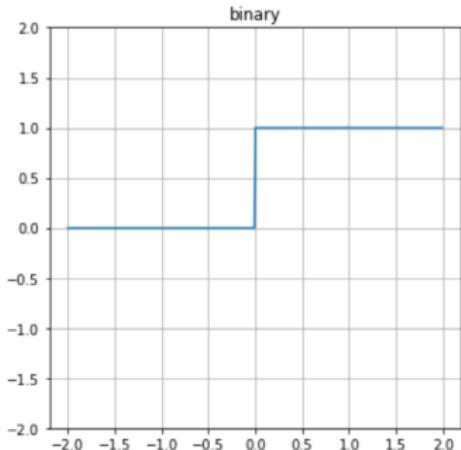
The role of the activation function



- The initial idea behind the activation function is that it works somehow as a gate
- If its input is “high enough”, then the neuron is activated, i.e. a signal (other than zero) is produced
- It can be interpreted as a source of abstraction: information considered as unimportant is ignored (or reduced)

Activation: binary

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

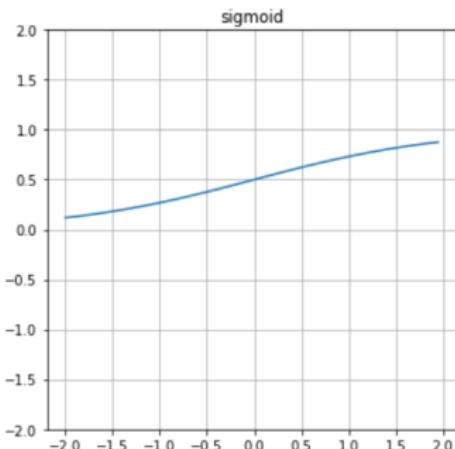


Remarks

- Biologically inspired
- + Simple to compute
- + High abstraction
- Gradient nil except on one point
- In practice, almost never used

Activation: sigmoid

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^x}{1 + e^x}$$

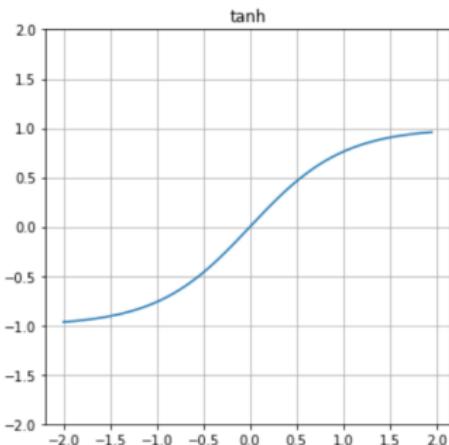


Remarks

- + Similar to binary activation, but with usable gradient
- Bijection between \mathbb{R} and $]0, 1[$: no loss of information
- Gradient tends to zero as we get away from zero
- More computationally intensive

Activation: hyperbolic tangent

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

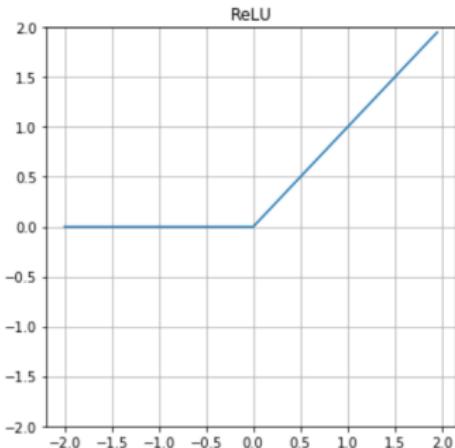


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Activation: rectified linear unit (ReLU)

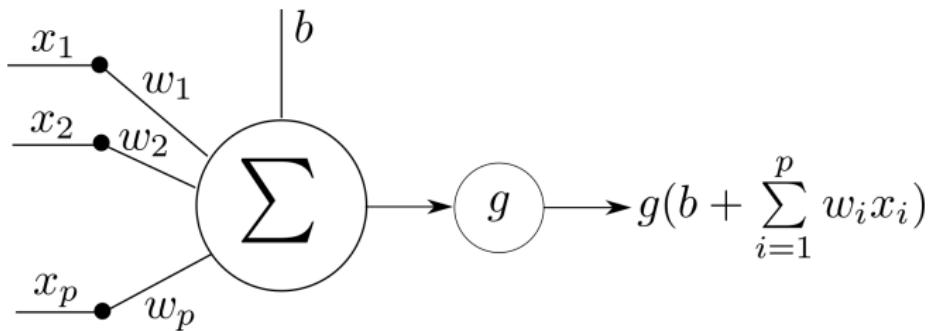
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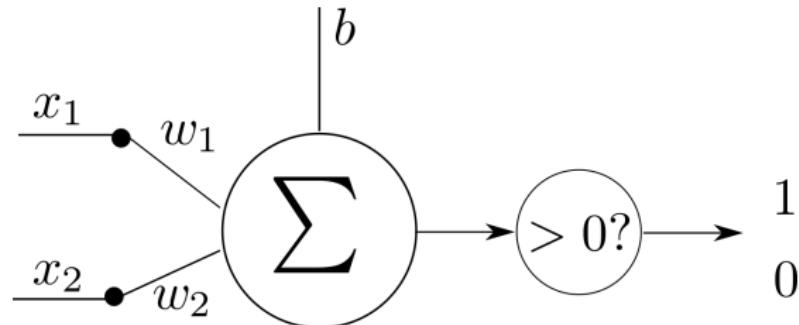
- + Usable gradient when activated
- + Fast to compute
- + High abstraction

What can an artificial neuron compute?



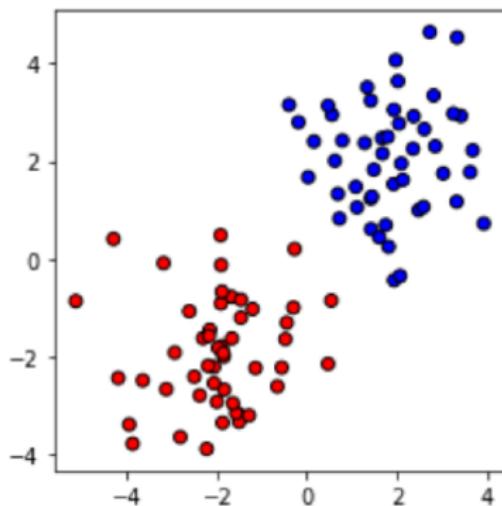
In \mathbb{R}^p , $b + \sum_{i=1}^p w_i x_i = 0$ corresponds to a hyperplane H . For a given point $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_p\}$, decisions are made according to the side of the hyperplane it belongs to.

Example in 2D

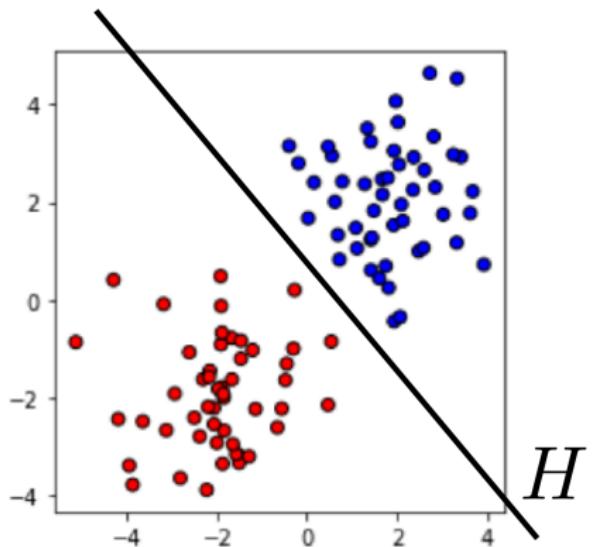


- $p = 2$: 2-dimensional inputs (can be represented on a screen!)
- Activation: binary
- Classification problem

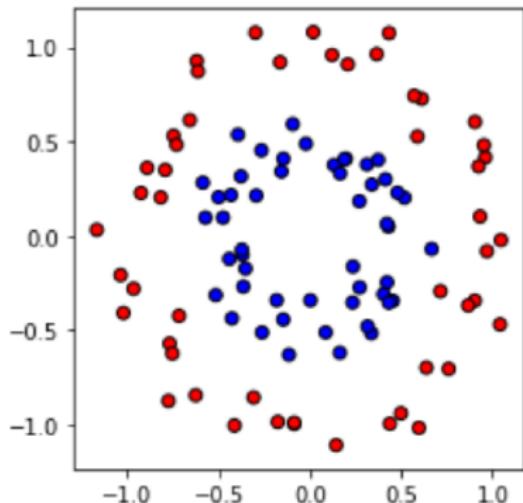
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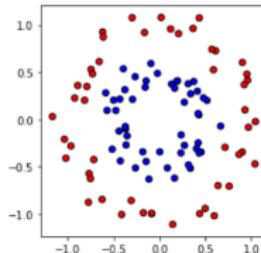
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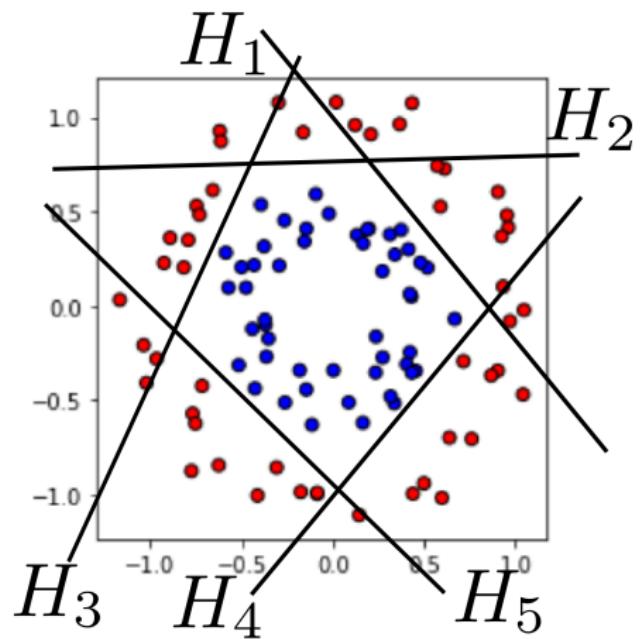


Solution?

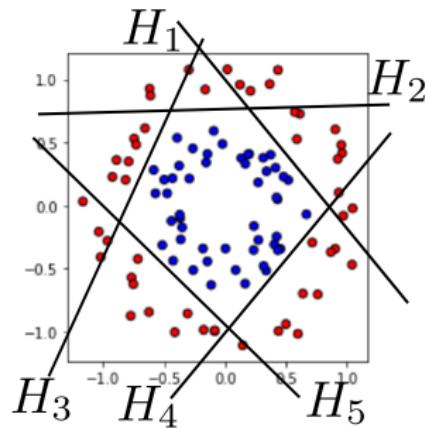
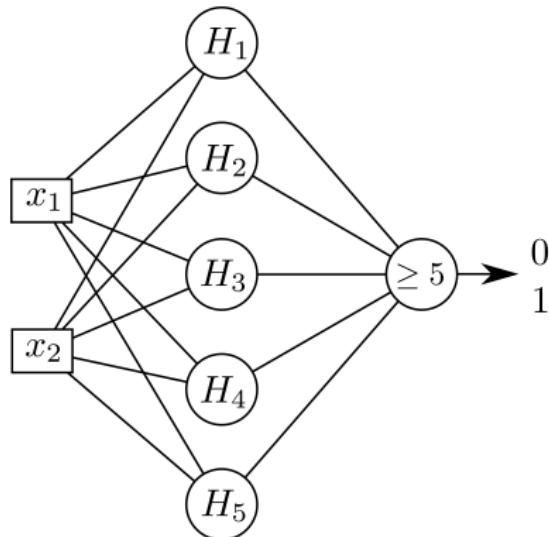


- Transform the input space, for example use a polar transformation
- Increase the number of input dimensions: for example add x_1^2, x_2^2, x_1x_2 to the initial features x_1, x_2
- Combine several neurons

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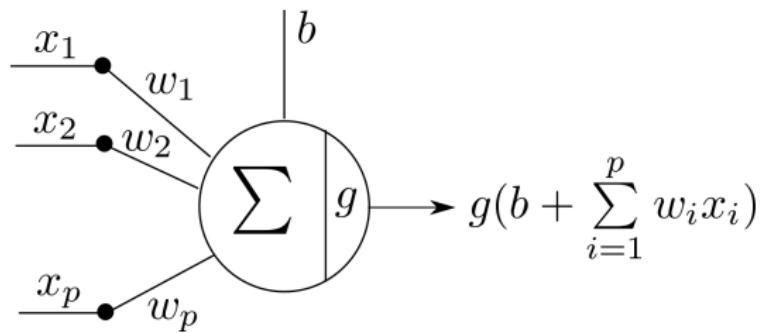
Solution with a simple neural network



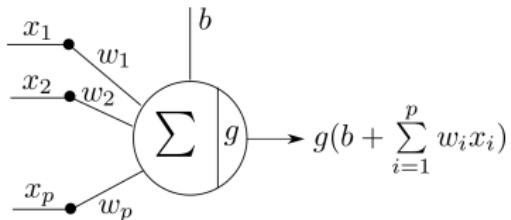
Intuition

Combining several neurons one can build complex classifiers.

Compact representation



Notations



With

$$\mathbf{w} = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ \vdots \\ w_p \end{pmatrix} = (w_1, \dots, w_p)^T$$

and

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{pmatrix} = (x_1, \dots, x_p)^T$$

We can simply write:

$$g(b + \sum_{i=1}^p w_i x_i) = g(b + \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

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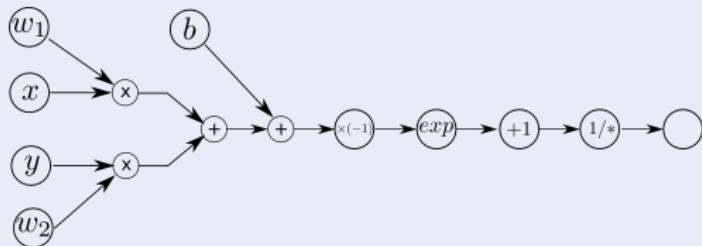
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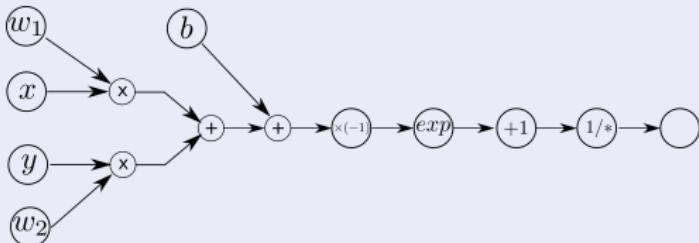
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Computational graph



Computational graph

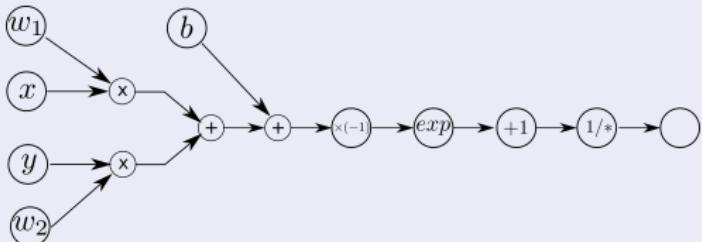


Definition

A computational graph is an acyclic directed graph such that:

- A node is a mathematical operator
- To each edge is associated a value
- Each node can compute the values of its output edges from the values of its input edges
 - Nodes without input edges are *input nodes*. They represent the input values of the graph.
 - Similarly, output values can be held in the *output nodes*.

Computational graph



- In this course, we will only consider *acyclic* computational graphs.
- Computing a *forward pass* through the graph means choosing its input values, and then progressively computing the values of all edges.

Computational graph example

Computational graph of:

$$\sigma(w_1x + w_2y + b)$$

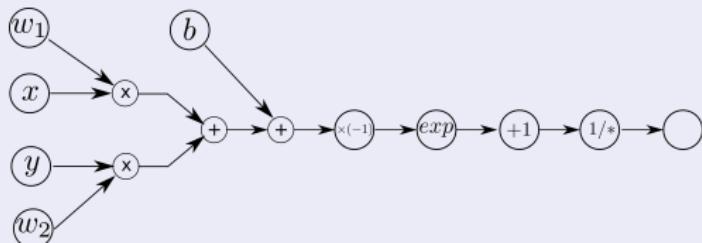
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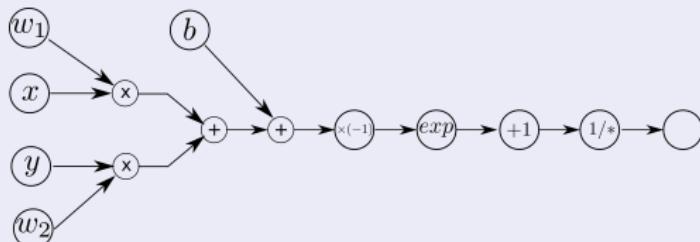


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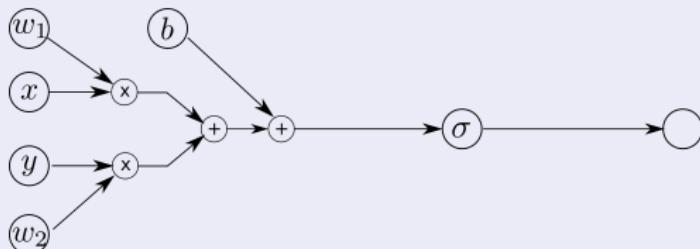
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The graph can be represented at different levels of detail:



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Neural network (NN)

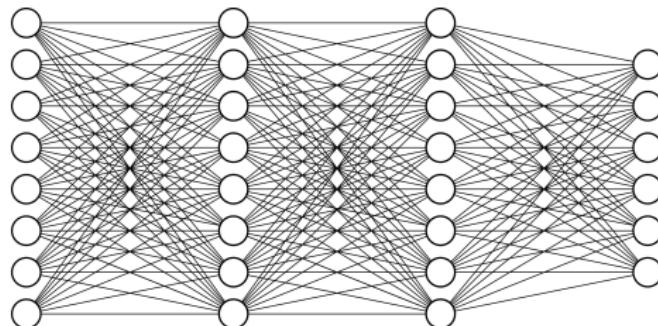
Definitions

- An artificial neural network is a computational graph, where the nodes are artificial neurons
- The **input layer** is the set of neurons without incoming edges.
- The **output layer** is the set of neurons without outgoing edges.

Network layers

Definition

- Neurons are usually organized in **layers**
- Any layers other than input and output layers are called **hidden layers**



Other types of neural networks

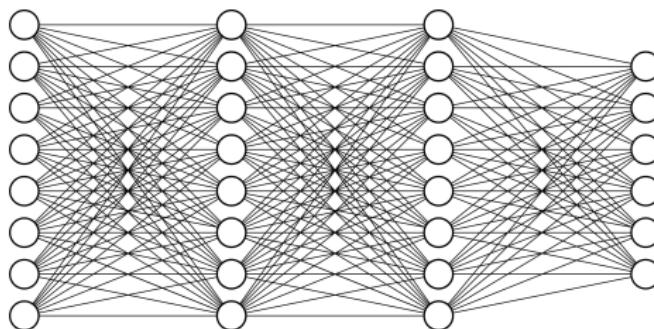
In the following of this course, except when otherwise specified, all NNs will be feed-forward. Indeed, this is the preferred type of NN for image processing.

What about other architectures?

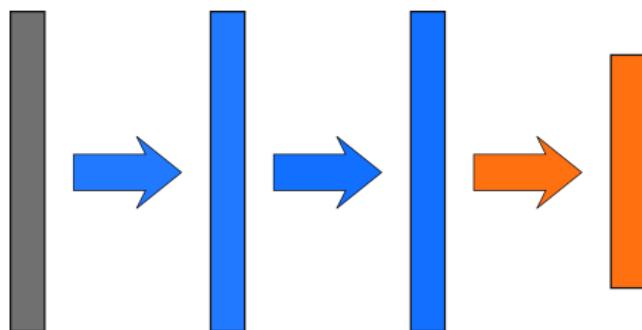
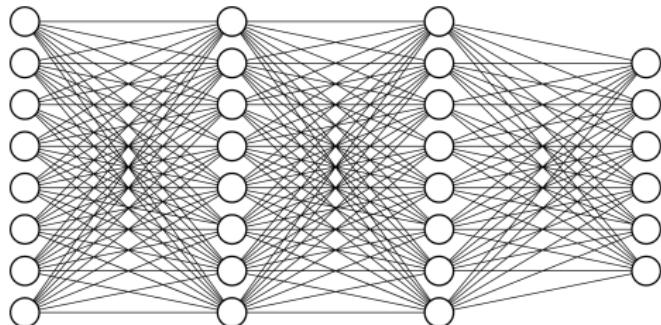
- Recurrent neural networks (RNN)
 - Long short-term memory networks (LSTM)
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- + More powerful than feed-forward NNs
- Complex dynamics; more difficult to train
- Mainly used for processing temporal data

Fully-connected layer

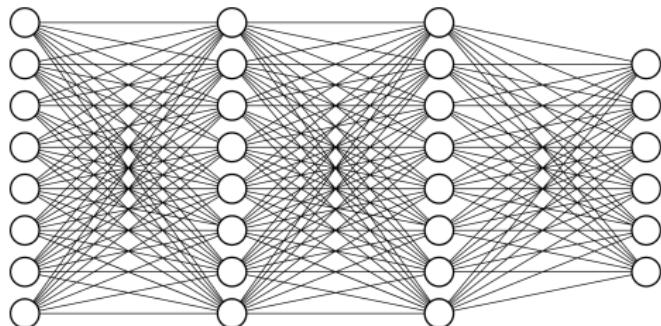
- A layer is said to be fully-connected (FC) if each of its neurons is connected to all the neurons of the previous layer
- If a FC layer contains r neurons, and the previous layer q , then its weights are a 2D dimensional array (a matrix) of size $q \times r$



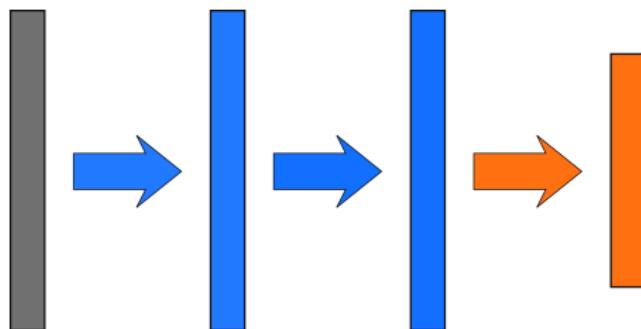
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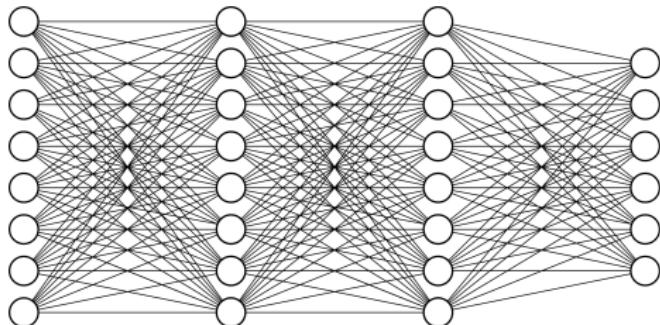
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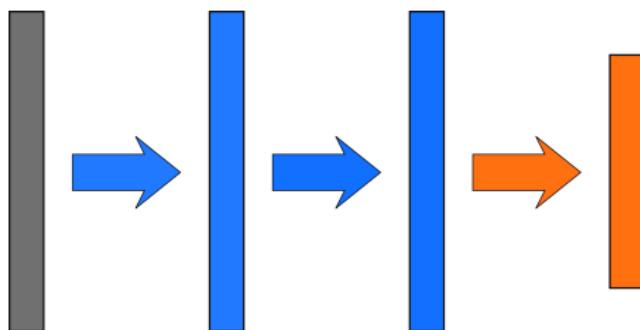
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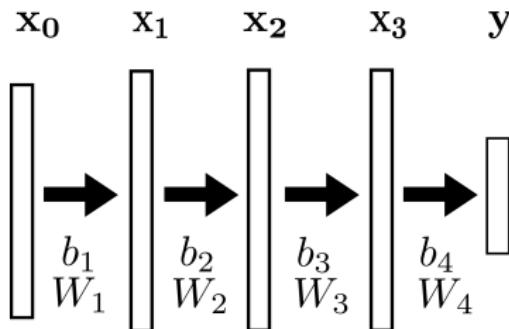
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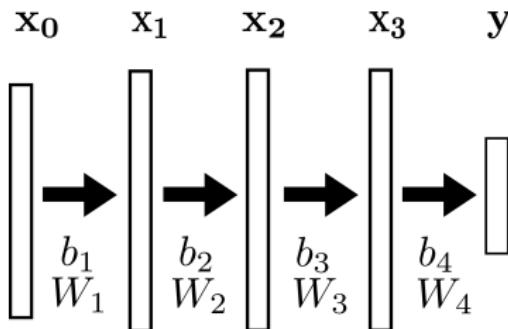


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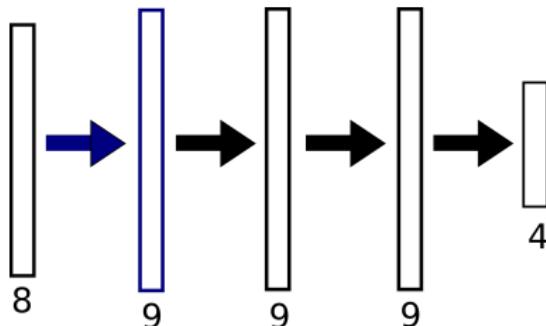
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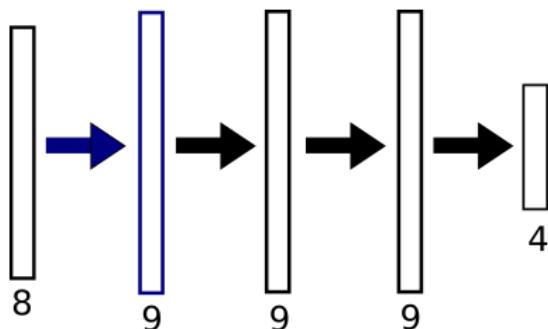
What would happen if all activation functions g_i were equal to the identity function?

Number of parameters



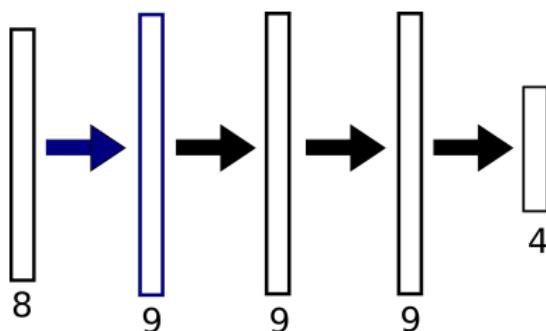
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A/ 270
B/ 274
C/ 301
D/ 39

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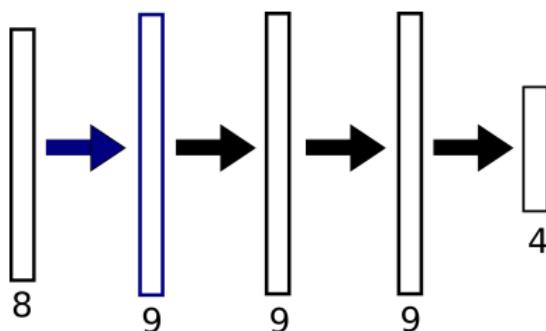
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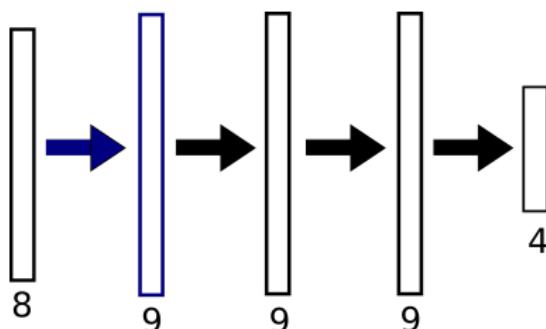
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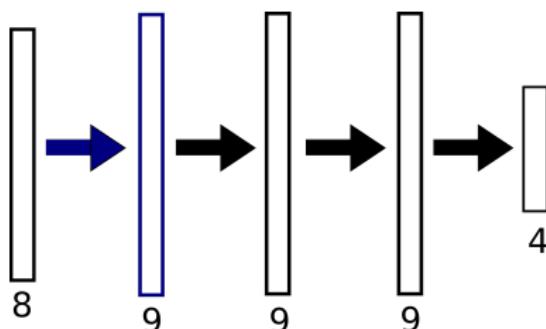
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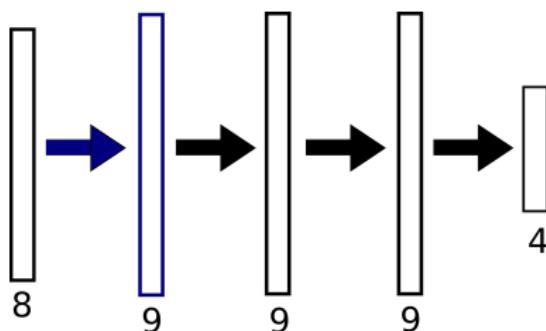
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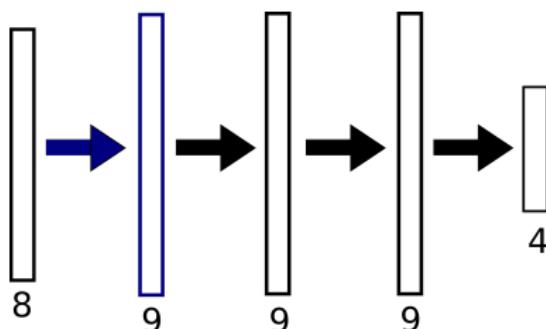
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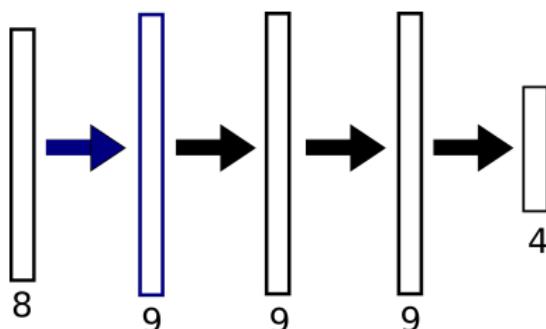
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- Total: 301 parameters

Batch processing

In a learning context, one may want to process n vectors of length p at the same time. They can be grouped into a matrix \mathbf{X} of size $n \times p$. The n corresponding outputs \mathbf{y}_i can also be grouped into a matrix \mathbf{Y} . The resulting equations are:

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This can accelerate processing thanks to hardware architectures such as Graphical Processing Units (GPUs) but can also play an important role in optimization.

From neurons to arrays

- Neurons are organized into arrays (0-D, 1-D, 2-D, 3-D ...)
- Artificial neural networks can be seen as computational graphs processing arrays

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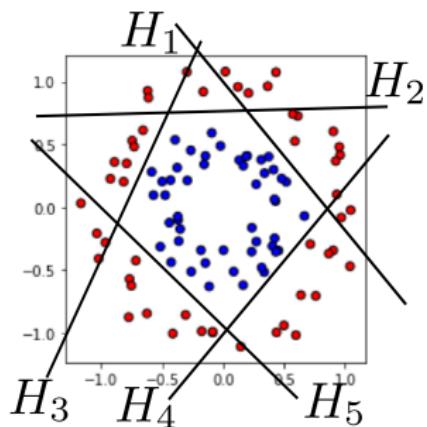
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A composition of differentiable functions

- The functions composing an artificial neural network are differentiable (almost everywhere), so that it can be optimized via gradient descent. Therefore, an ANN is differentiable (almost everywhere).
- In fact, any continuous function on a closed bounded domain can be approached within any error margin by an artificial neural network.

Universal approximation theorem

- We have previously seen that a neuron can be used as a linear classifier and that combining several of them one can build complex classifiers
- We will see that this observation can be generalized



Universal approximation theorem

Let f be a **continuous** real-valued function of $[0, 1]^p$ ($p \in \mathbb{N}^*$) and ϵ a strictly positive real. Let g be a non-constant, increasing, bounded real function (*the activation function*).

Then there exists an integer q , real vectors $\{\mathbf{w}_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq q}$ of \mathbb{R}^p , and reals $\{b_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq q}$ and $\{v_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq q}$ such that for all \mathbf{x} in $[0, 1]^p$:

$$\left| f(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{i=1}^q v_i g(\mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{x} + b_i) \right| < \epsilon$$

A first version of this theorem, using sigmoidal activation functions, was proposed by [Cybenko, 1989]. The version above was demonstrated by [Hornik, 1991].

Universal approximation theorem: what does it mean?

$$\left| f(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{i=1}^q v_i g(\mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{x} + b_i) \right| < \epsilon$$

This means that function f can be approximated with a neural network containing:

- an input layer of size p ;
- a hidden layer containing q neurons with activation function g , weights \mathbf{w}_i and biases b_i ;
- an output layer containing a single neuron, with weights v_i (and an identity activation function).

Universal approximation theorem in practice

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Introduction

- We have seen that NNs have a lot of potential. However, how can the parameters $\theta = (\mathbf{W}_i, \mathbf{b}_i)$ be set?
- What is our objective ?

Supervised learning problem

We recall that our training set contains n samples:

$$(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathcal{Y}$$

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Choosing a loss function

- The choice of the loss function depends on the type of problem (regression or classification) and is tightly linked to the application.

The standard loss for regression problems: Squared error loss

In the regression case, we have $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{R}$.

Squared error loss

$$l(f_{\theta}(x), y) = (f_{\theta}(x) - y)^2$$

Binary cross-entropy

In the simplest classification case, we have $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}$.

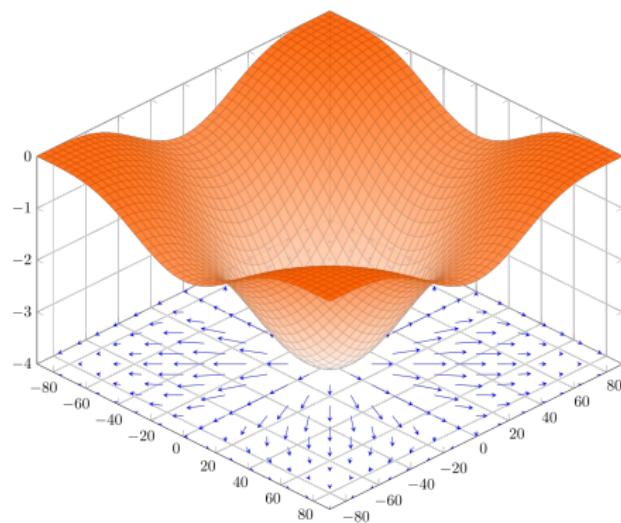
Binary cross-entropy loss

$$l(f_{\theta}(x), y) = -y \log(f_{\theta}(x)) - (1 - y) \log(1 - f_{\theta}(x))$$

- For this expression to be mathematically sound, $f_{\theta}(x)$ must belong to $]0, 1[$. In practice, in the case of NN, this can be achieved by using a sigmoid as last activation.
- Note that the expression above is equivalent to:

$$l(f_{\theta}(x), y) = \begin{cases} -\log(1 - f_{\theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 0 \\ -\log(f_{\theta}(x)) & \text{if } y = 1 \end{cases}$$

How to minimize the loss?



Definition: gradient

Let L be a differentiable function from \mathbb{R}^n into \mathbb{R} . Its gradient ∇L is:

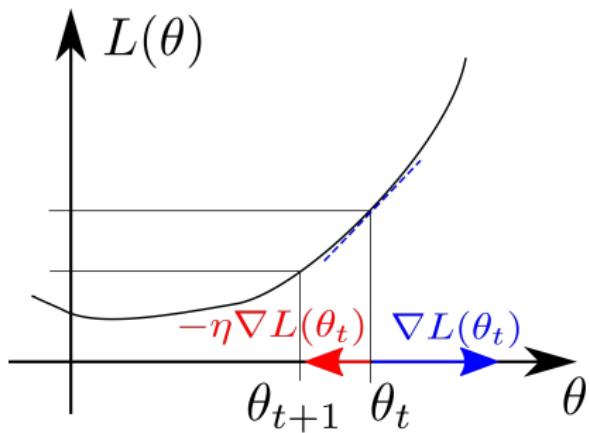
$$\nabla L(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}_n}(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Gradient descent in the scalar case



$$\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla L(\theta_t)$$

L is called the **learning rate**.

Gradient descent

Definition

Gradient descent is an optimization algorithm. For a differentiable function L , a positive real η (the **learning rate**) and a starting point θ_0 , it computes a sequence of values:

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{N} : \theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla L(\theta_t)$$

Property

For a given t , if η is small enough, then:

$$L(\theta_{t+1}) \leq L(\theta_t)$$

Gradient descent is an essential tool in optimization.

Gradient descent: stopping criteria

In practice:

$$\forall t \in [0, \dots, E - 1] : \quad \theta_{t+1} = \theta_t - \eta \nabla L(\theta_t)$$

- Choose E (the number of epochs) based on experience
- Track the quality of the model using a validation dataset and stop when the validation loss does not improve

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- A computation on the whole training set leads to a single update of the model parameters - convergence can therefore be slow.

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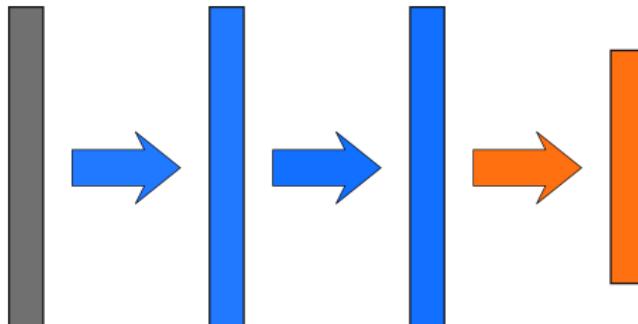
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Gradient descent applied to neural networks



- In the case of neural networks, the loss L depends on each parameter θ_i via the composition of several functions.
- Analytical derivation is possible, but complex - and has to be re-computed when the network architecture is modified
- Using the chain rule theorem leads to an efficient solution: **backpropagation**.

Chain rule theorem

Let f_1 and f_2 be two differentiable real functions ($\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$). Then for all x in \mathbb{R} :

$$(f_2 \circ f_1)'(x) = (f'_2 \circ f_1)(x) \cdot f'_1(x)$$

Leibniz notation

Let us introduce variables x , y and z :

$$x \xrightarrow{f_1} y \xrightarrow{f_2} z$$

Then:

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

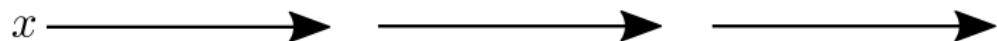
The backpropagation algorithm

- The backpropagation algorithm is used in a neural network to efficiently compute the partial derivatives of the loss with respect to each parameter of the network.
- One can trace the origins of the method to the sixties
- It was first applied to NN in the eighties
[Werbos, 1982, LeCun, 1985]

The backpropagation algorithm: intuition

- Given a computational graph, the main idea is to compute the local derivatives during a forward pass
- Then, during a backward pass, the partial derivatives of the loss with respect to each parameter are computed

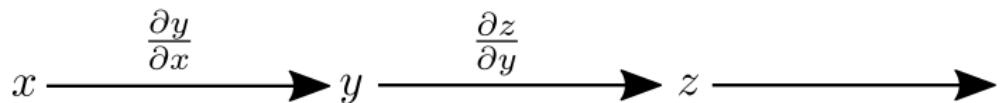
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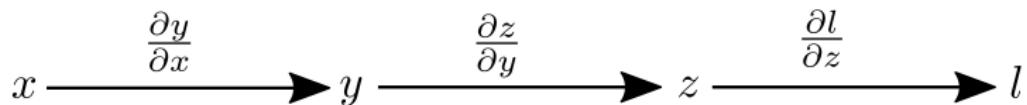
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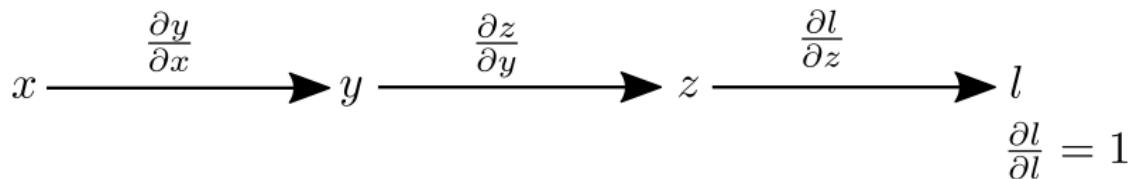
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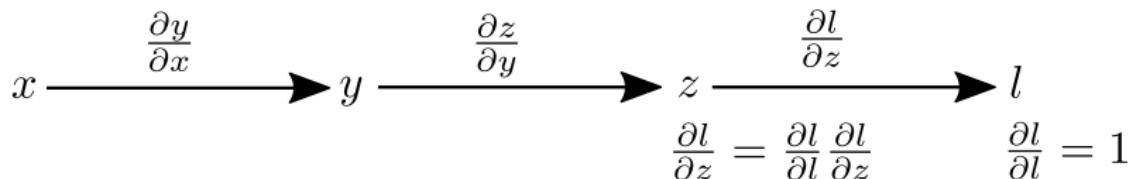
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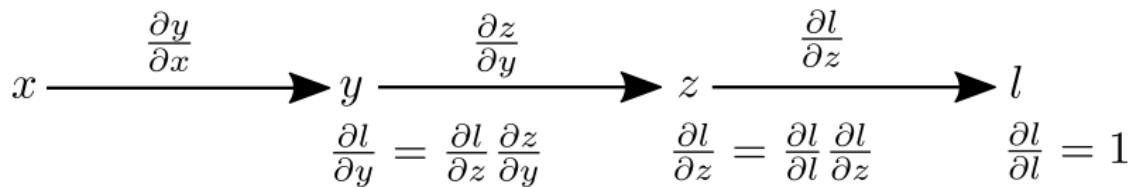
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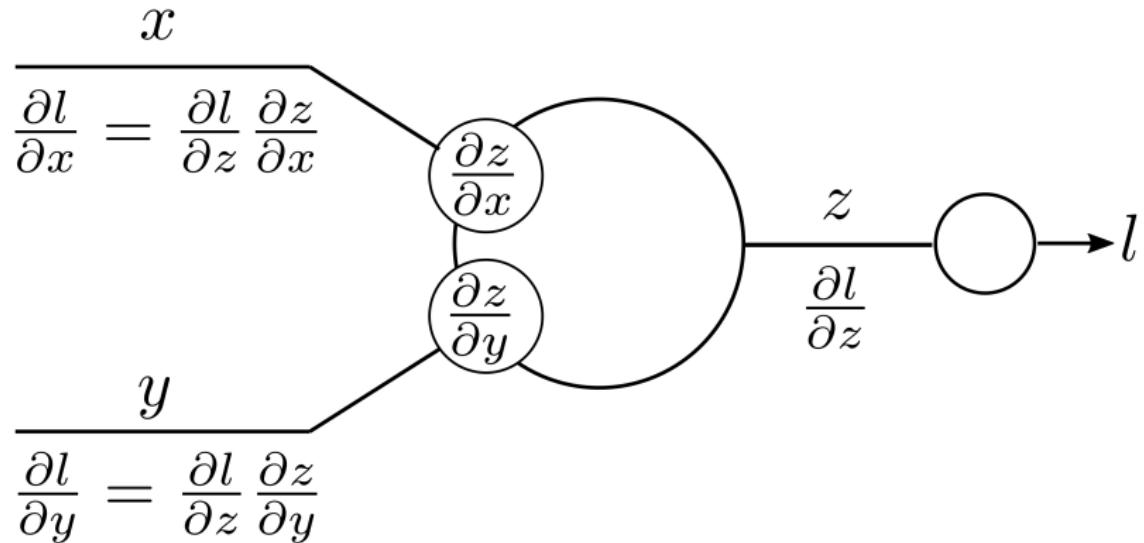
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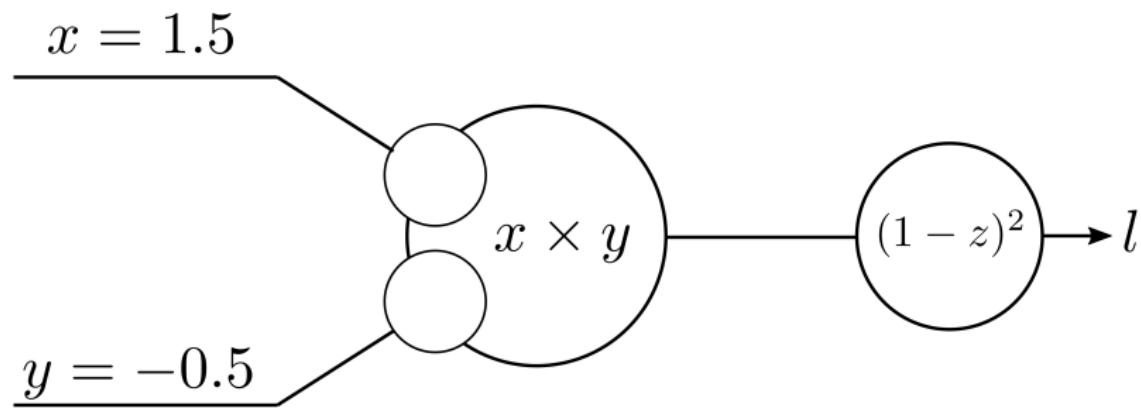
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$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} & & \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} & & \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} & \\ x & \xrightarrow{} & y & \xrightarrow{} & z & \xrightarrow{} & l \\ \frac{\partial l}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} & & \frac{\partial l}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} & & \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial l} \frac{\partial l}{\partial z} & & \frac{\partial l}{\partial l} = 1 \end{array}$$

Backpropagation through a neuron



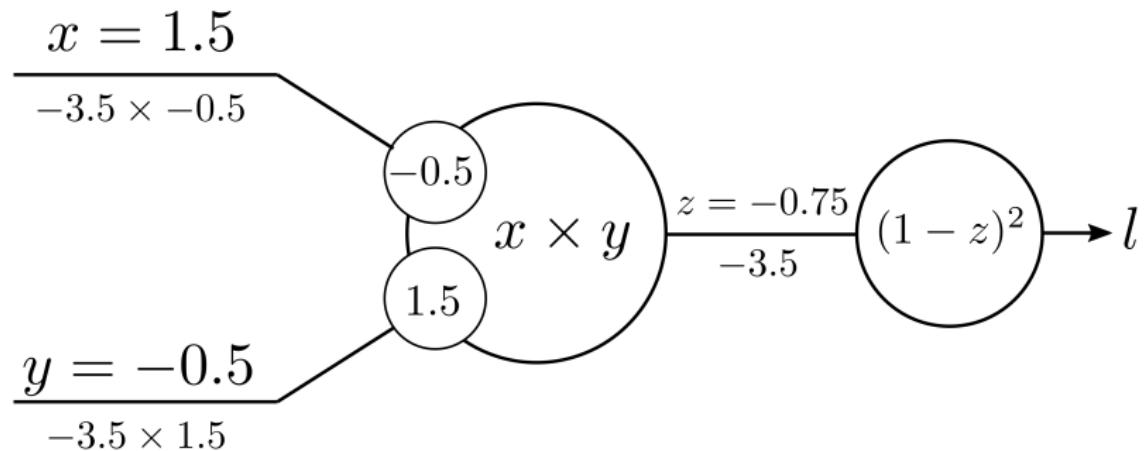
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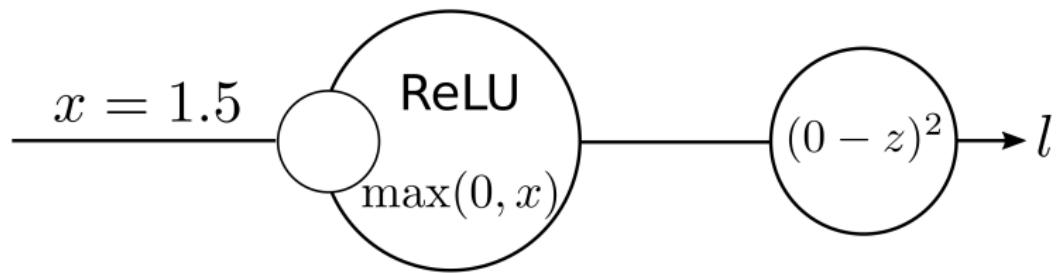
$\frac{\partial l}{\partial x}$ is equal to:

- A/ 1.75
- B/ -2.25
- C/ -1.5
- D/ 0.75

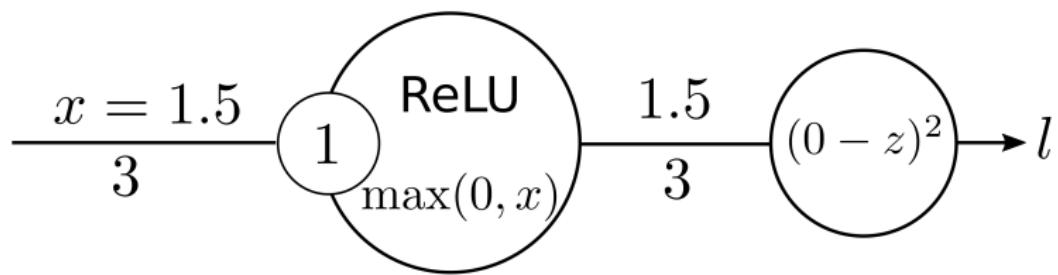
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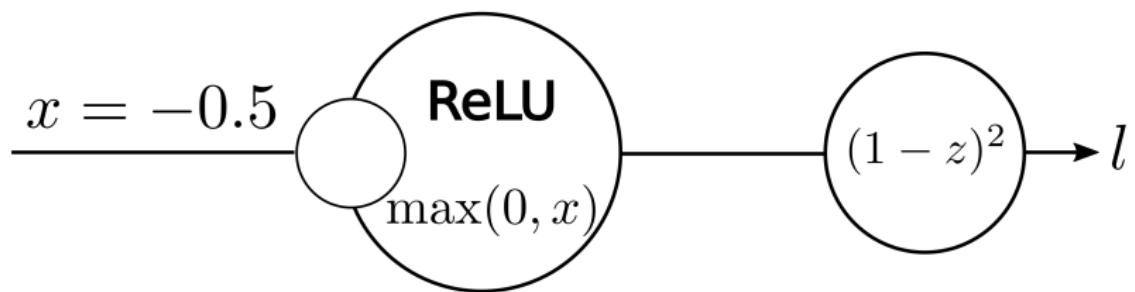
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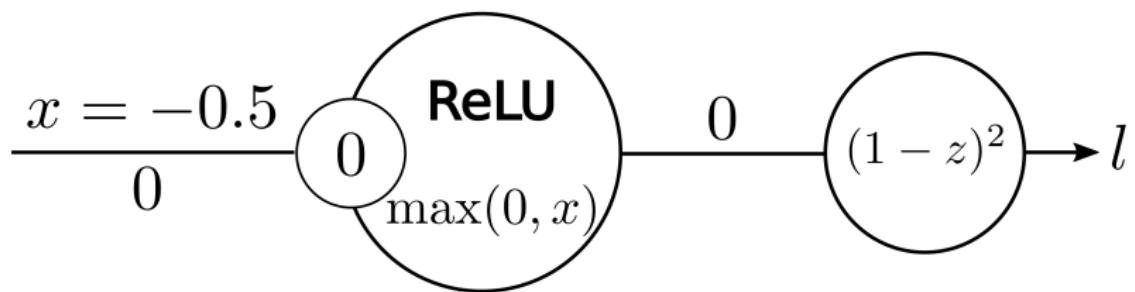
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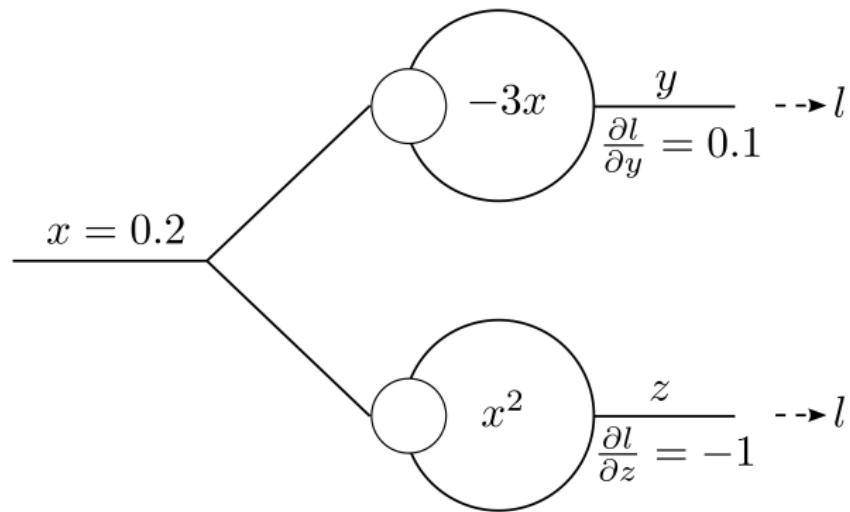
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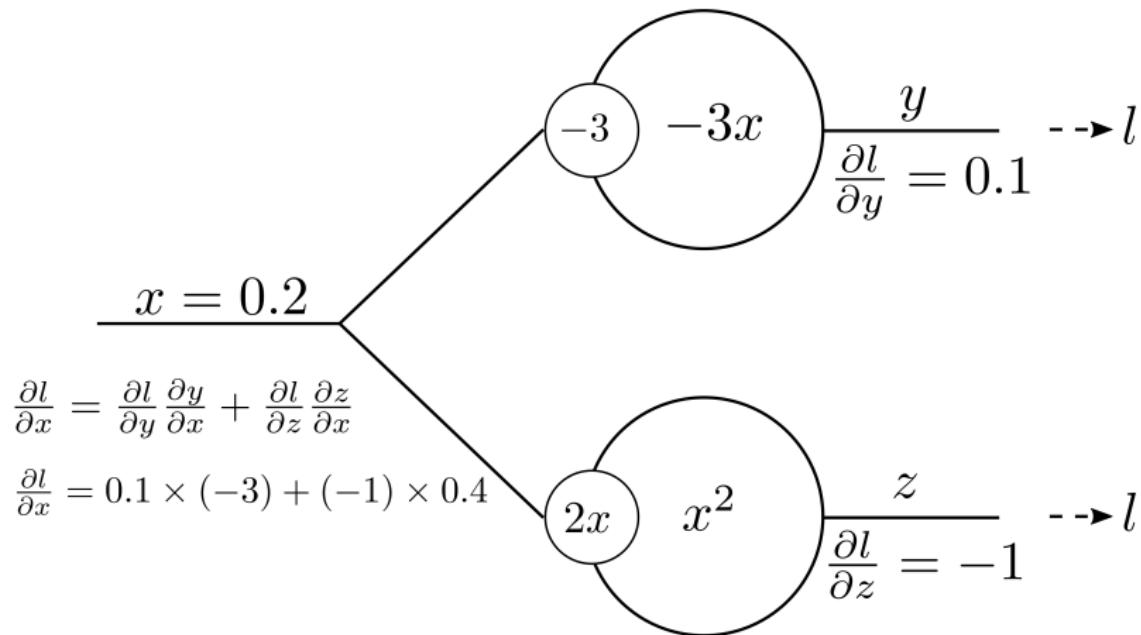
Exercise 4



Quizz

What's the value of $\frac{\partial l}{\partial x}$?

Exercise 4: solution



Vector calculus

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Jacobian

$$J(V) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \mathbf{y}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial y_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial V_1}{\partial y_p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial V_q}{\partial y_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial V_q}{\partial y_p} \end{pmatrix}$$

Matrix calculus

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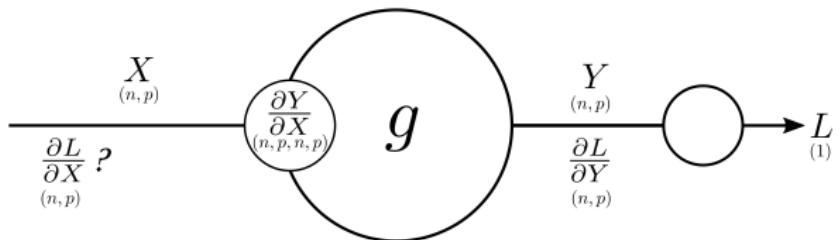
$$\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{R}^{(m,n)} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{(p,q)}$$

$$\mathbf{X} \longmapsto \mathcal{M}(M)$$

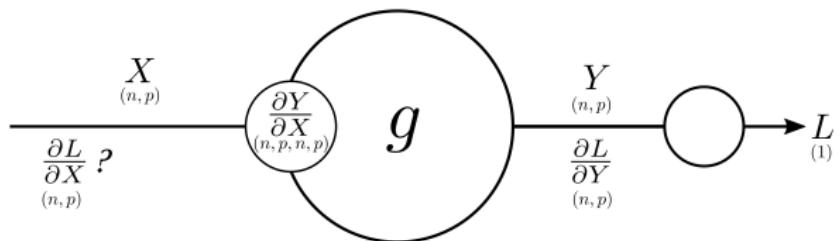
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{1,1}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{1,q}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{p,q}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_{p,q}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \end{pmatrix}$$

This is an array of size (m, n, p, q) .

Backpropagation through an activation function g

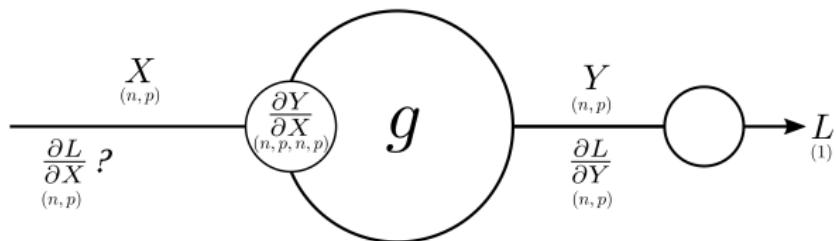


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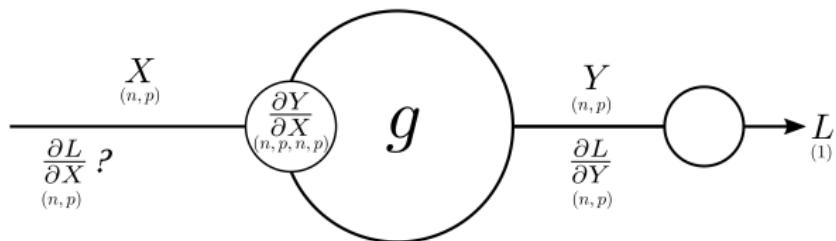
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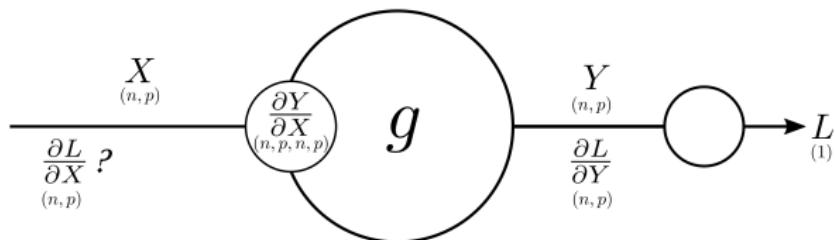
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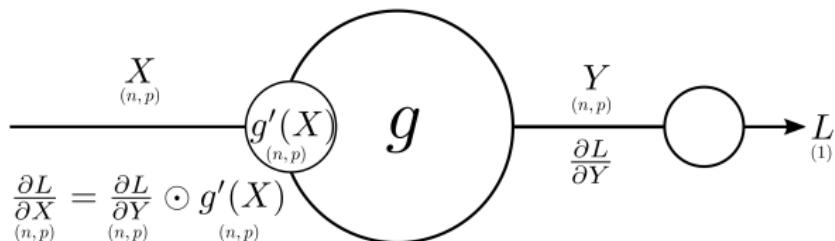


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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{X}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{Y}} \odot g'(\mathbf{X}),$$

where \odot is the term by term matrix multiplication or Hadamard matrix multiplication.

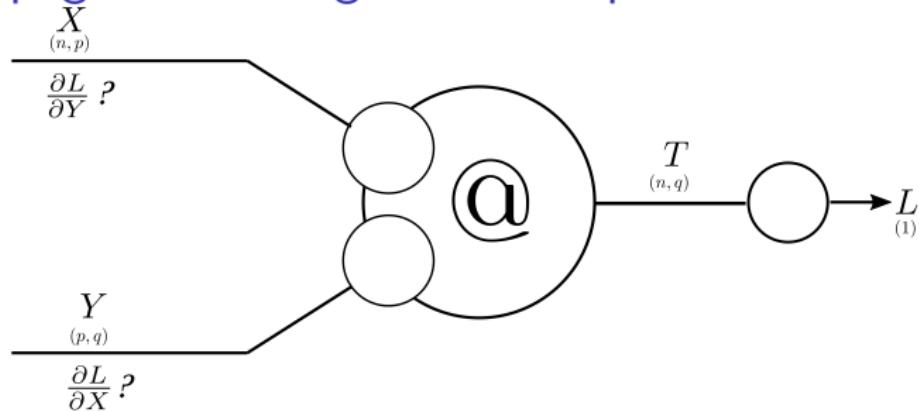
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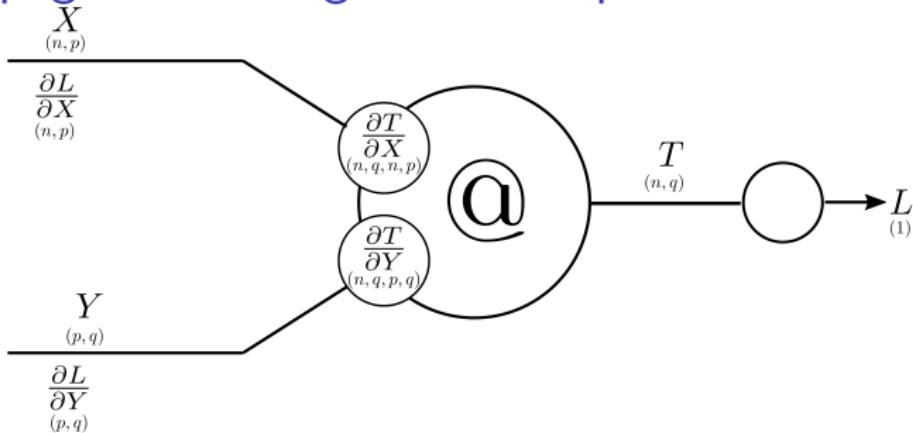
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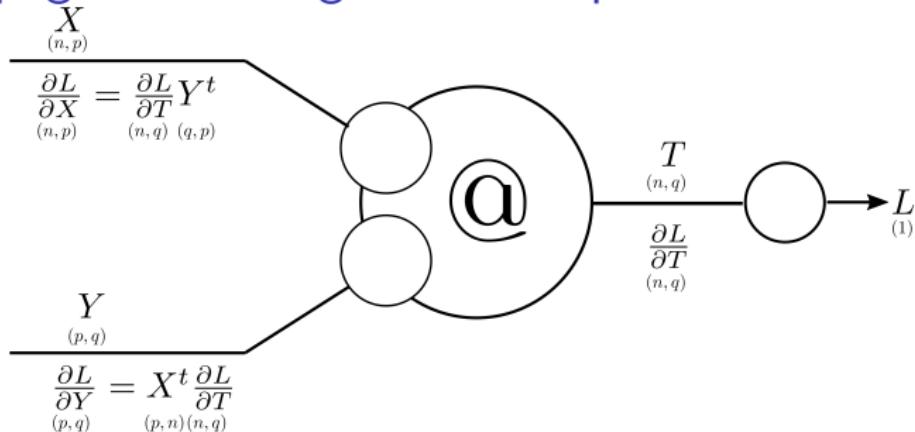
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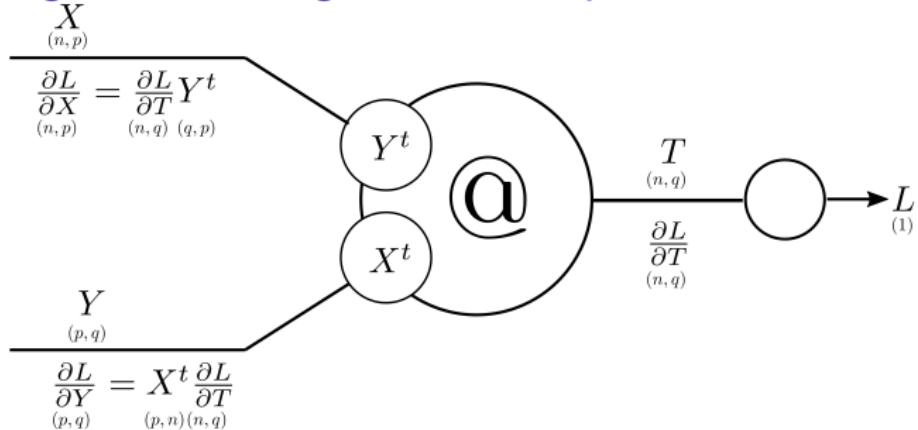
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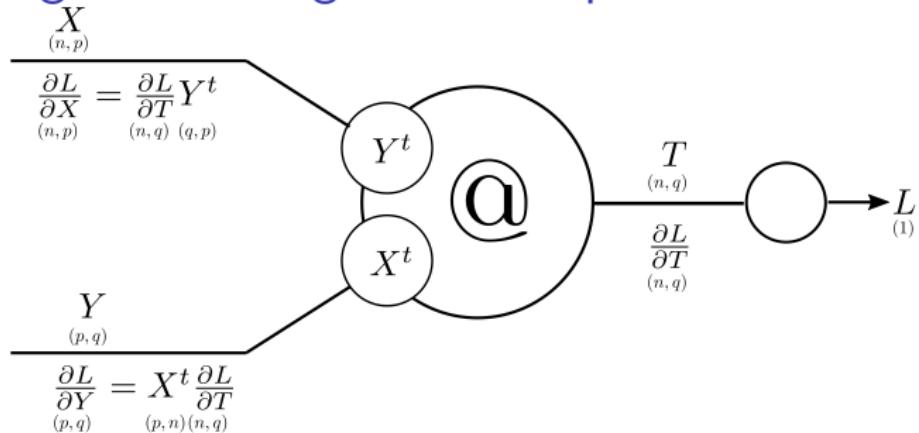
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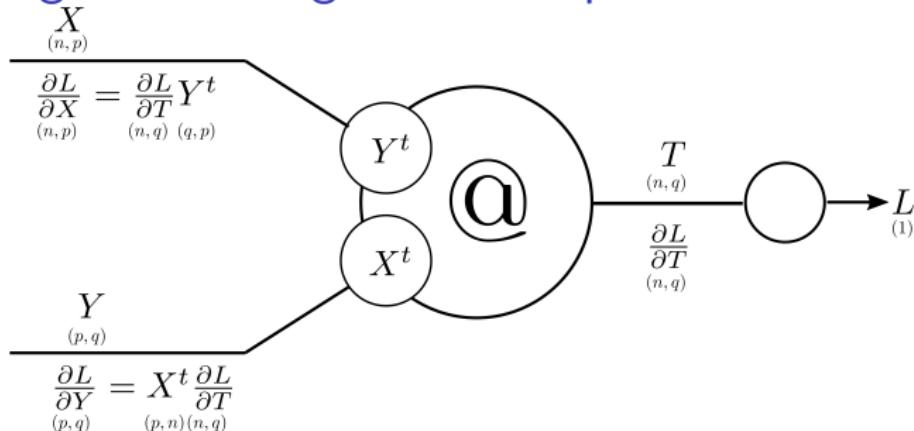


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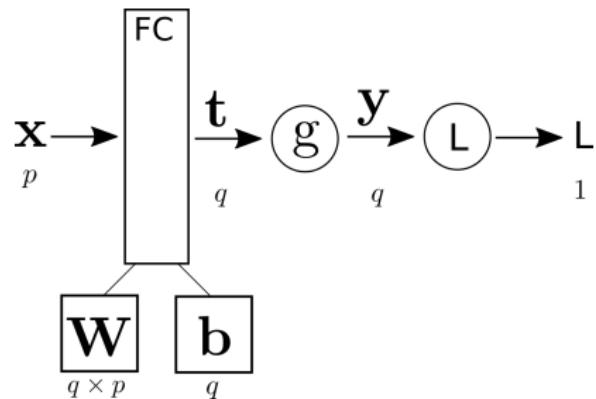
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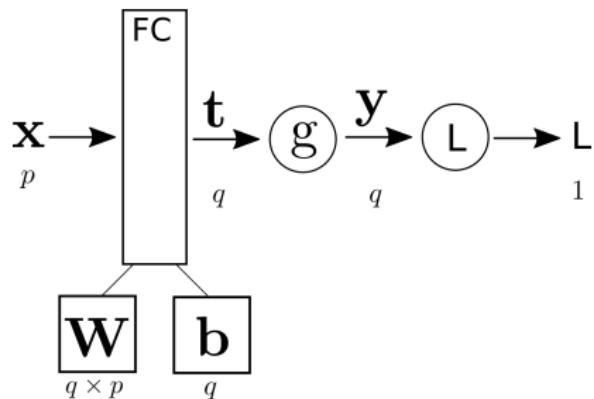
Backpropagation through a fully connected layer



Setup:

$$p, q \in \mathbb{N}^*$$
$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$$
$$\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}^p$$
$$\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^q$$
$$L \in \mathbb{R}$$

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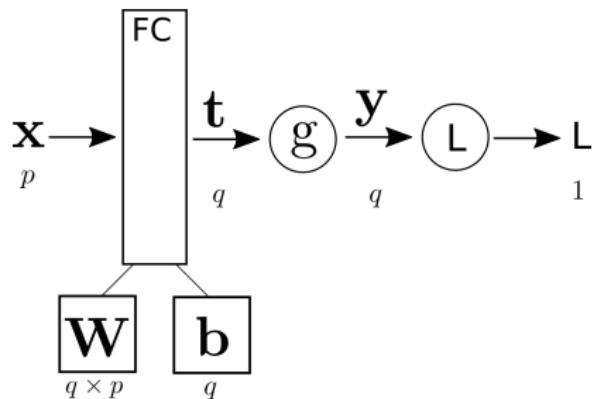
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Local gradients:

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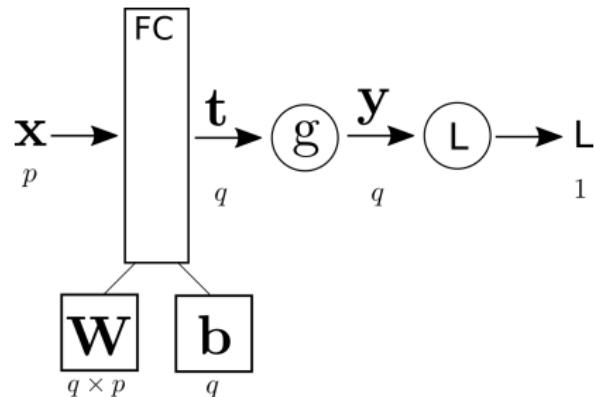
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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{t}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{x}^t$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{t}}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = Id_{(q)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{t}} = g'(\mathbf{t})$$

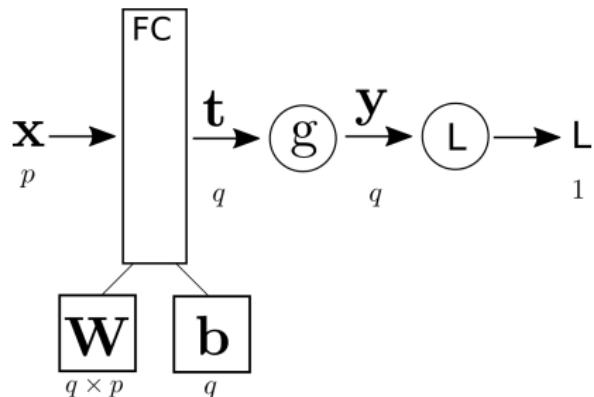
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Backpropagation:

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} &= I d^t \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{t}} \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \odot g'(\mathbf{t})\end{aligned}$$

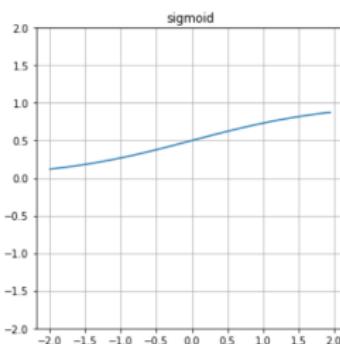
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Network parameters initialization

General idea

Inputs of activation functions should be in a range such that gradients are high.



- Bias are set to zero
- If weights are also initialized to zero, then in each layer the activations will remain equal – symmetry will never be broken
- Empirical solutions are based on a gaussian distribution of the weights, with *small* standard deviation.

Network parameters initialization: current practice

- [Glorot and Bengio, 2010]: they empirically show that a standard deviation of $1/\sqrt{n}$ gives good results (where n is the number of inputs of a neuron)
- [He et al., 2015]: in the case of ReLU activations, they recommend a $2/\sqrt{n}$ standard deviation

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Conclusion

We have seen:

- What is an artificial neuron and an artificial neural network (NN)
- The (potential) power of a NN
- The backpropagation algorithm
- NN learning basics

Next step:

- Application to images

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