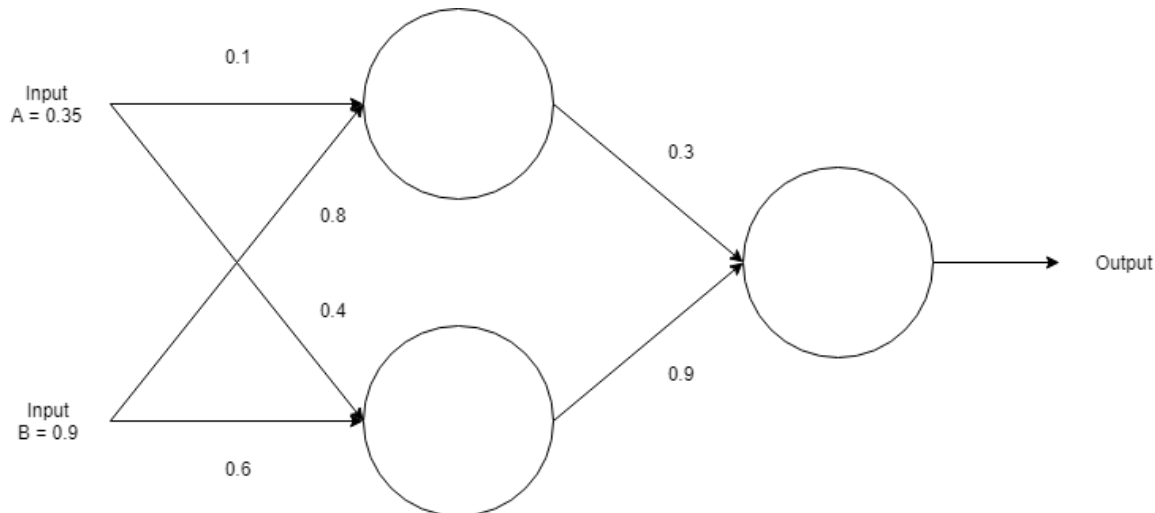


Back Propagation Example¹



Assume a sigmoid activation function and

- 1) Perform a forward pass on the network
- 2) Perform a reverse pass (training) once (target = 0.5)
- 3) Perform a further forward pass and comment on the result

1)
Input to top neuron = $(0.35 \times 0.1) + (0.9 \times 0.8) = 0.755$. $\sigma(0.755) = 0.6803$
Input to bottom neuron = $(0.35 \times 0.4) + (0.9 \times 0.6) = 0.68$. $\sigma(0.68) = 0.6637$
Input to final neuron = $(0.68 \times 0.3) + (0.6637 \times 0.9) = 0.80133$. $\sigma(0.80133) = 0.69$

2)
Output error, $\delta = (\text{target} - \text{output}) \times \text{derivative of sigmoid function}$
 $= (\text{target} - \text{output}) \times (1 - \text{output}) \times (\text{output})$
 $= (0.69 - 0.5) \times (1 - 0.69) \times 0.69$
 $= -0.0406$

Adjusted weight for output layer:

$w1^+ = w1 + (\delta \times \text{input}) = 0.3 + (-0.0406 \times 0.68) = 0.272392$
 $w2^+ = w2 + (\delta \times \text{input}) = 0.9 + (-0.0406 \times 0.6637) = 0.87305$

Output errors for hidden layer:

$\delta_1 = \delta \times w1 = -0.0406 \times 0.272392 \times (1 - 0.69) \times 0.69 = -0.002406$
 $\delta_2 = \delta \times w2 = -0.0406 \times 0.873050 \times (1 - 0.69) \times 0.69 = -0.007916$

Adjusted weights for hidden layer

$w3^+ = 0.1 + (-0.002406 \times 0.35) = 0.0916$
 $w4^+ = 0.8 + (-0.002406 \times 0.90) = 0.7978$
 $w5^+ = 0.4 + (-0.007916 \times 0.35) = 0.3972$
 $w5^+ = 0.6 + (-0.007916 \times 0.90) = 0.5928$

3)

¹ Christopher MacLeod, An Introduction to Practical Neural Networks and Genetic Algorithms For Engineers and Scientist