

# **Neural Networks**

## **Learning the network: Part 3**

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Lecture 5

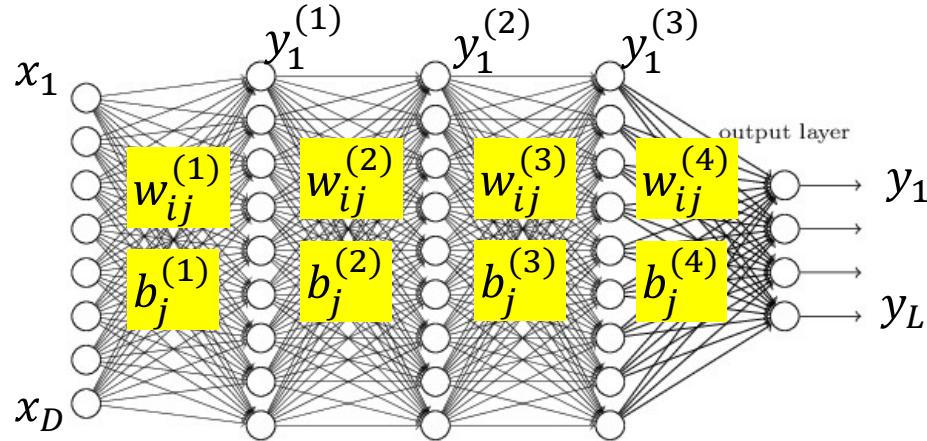
# Training neural nets through Empirical Risk Minimization: Problem Setup

- Given a training set of input-output pairs  $(X_1, d_1), (X_2, d_2), \dots, (X_T, d_T)$
- The divergence on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  instance is  $\text{div}(Y_i, d_i)$ 
  - $Y_i = f(X_i; W)$
- The loss (empirical risk)

$$\textit{Loss} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_i \text{div}(Y_i, d_i)$$

- Minimize  $\textit{Loss}$  w.r.t  $\{w_{ij}^{(k)}, b_j^{(k)}\}$  using gradient descent

# Notation



- The input layer is the 0<sup>th</sup> layer
- We will represent the output of the i-th perceptron of the k<sup>th</sup> layer as  $y_i^{(k)}$ 
  - **Input to network:**  $y_i^{(0)} = x_i$
  - **Output of network:**  $y_i = y_i^{(N)}$
- We will represent the weight of the connection between the i-th unit of the k-1th layer and the jth unit of the k-th layer as  $w_{ij}^{(k)}$ 
  - The bias to the jth unit of the k-th layer is  $b_j^{(k)}$

# Recap: Gradient Descent Algorithm

- Initialize: To minimize any function  $\text{Loss}(W)$  w.r.t  $W$ 
  - $W^0$
  - $k = 0$
- do
  - $W^{k+1} = W^k - \eta^k \nabla \text{Loss}(W^k)^T$
  - $k = k + 1$
- while  $|\text{Loss}(W^k) - \text{Loss}(W^{k-1})| > \varepsilon$

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- In order to minimize  $L(W)$  w.r.t.  $W$
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- do
  - For every component  $i$ 
    - $W_i^{k+1} = W_i^k - \eta^k \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_i}$  Explicitly stating it by component
  - $k = k + 1$
- while  $|L(W^k) - L(W^{k-1})| > \varepsilon$

# Training Neural Nets through Gradient Descent

Total training Loss:

$$Loss = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)$$

- Gradient descent algorithm:
- Initialize all weights and biases  $\{w_{ij}^{(k)}\}$ 
  - Using the extended notation: the bias is also a weight
- Do:
  - For every layer  $k$  for all  $i, j$ , update:
    - $w_{i,j}^{(k)} = w_{i,j}^{(k)} - \eta \frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
- Until  $Loss$  has converged

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- Computing the derivative

Total derivative:

$$\frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \frac{dDiv(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$$

# Training by gradient descent

- Initialize all weights  $\{w_{ij}^{(k)}\}$
- Do:
  - For all  $i, j, k$ , initialize  $\frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} = 0$
  - For all  $t = 1:T$ 
    - For every layer  $k$  for all  $i, j$ :
      - Compute  $\frac{dDiv(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
      - $\frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} += \frac{dDiv(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
    - For every layer  $k$  for all  $i, j$ :
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- So we must first figure out how to compute the derivative of divergences of individual training inputs

# Calculus Refresher: Basic rules of calculus

For any differentiable function

$$y = f(x)$$

with derivative

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

the following must hold for sufficiently small  $\Delta x$    $\Delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x$

For any differentiable function

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_M)$$

with partial derivatives

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_M}$$

the following must hold for sufficiently small  $\Delta x_1, \Delta x_2, \dots, \Delta x_M$

Both by the definition  
 $\Delta y = \nabla_x f \Delta x$

$$\Delta y \approx \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_2} \Delta x_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_M} \Delta x_M$$

# Calculus Refresher: Chain rule

For any nested function  $y = f(g(x))$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{df}{dg(x)} \frac{dg(x)}{dx}$$

Check - we can confirm that :  $\Delta y = \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x$

$$z = g(x) \rightarrow \Delta z = \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \Delta x$$

$$y = f(z) \rightarrow \Delta y = \frac{df}{dz} \Delta z = \frac{df}{dg(x)} \frac{dg(x)}{dx} \Delta x$$

# Calculus Refresher: Distributed Chain rule

$$y = f(g_1(x), g_2(x), \dots, g_M(x))$$

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Check:  $\Delta y = \frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x$       Let  $z_i = g_i(x)$

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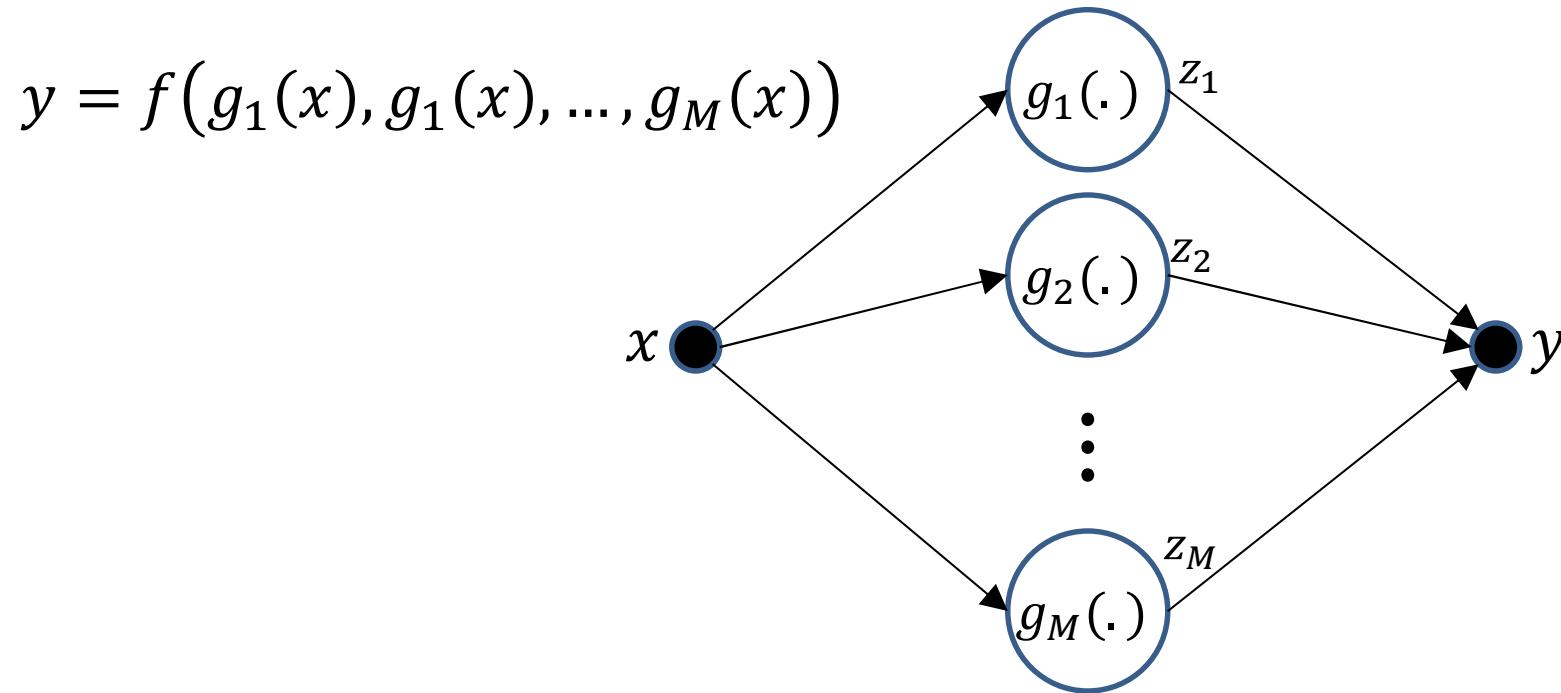
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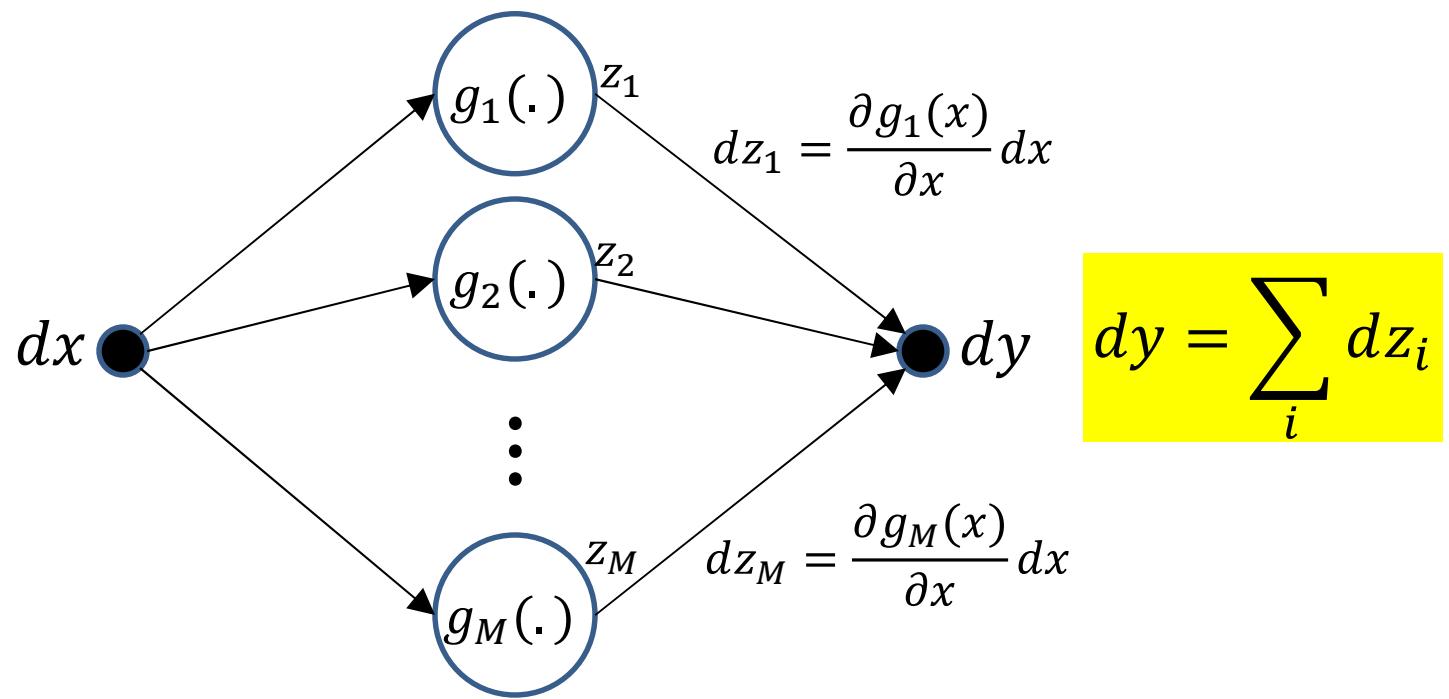
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# Distributed Chain Rule: Influence Diagram



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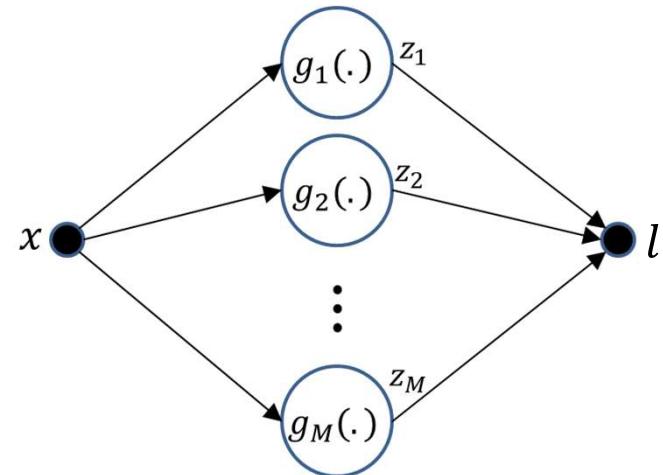
- Small perturbations in  $x$  cause small perturbations in each of  $g_1 \dots g_M$ , each of which individually additively perturbs  $y$

# Calculus Refresher: Chain rule summary

For any nested function  $l = f(y)$  where  $y = g(z)$

$$\frac{dl}{dz} = \frac{dl}{dy} \frac{dy}{dz}$$

For  $l = f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_M)$   
where  $z_i = g_i(x)$

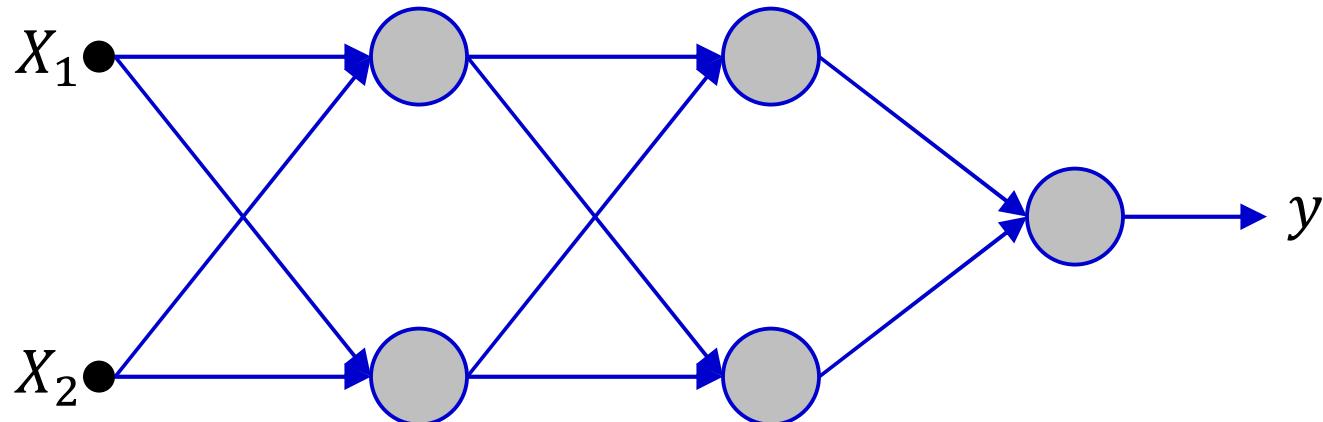


$$\frac{dl}{dx} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1} \frac{dz_1}{dx} + \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_2} \frac{dz_2}{dx} + \dots + \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_M} \frac{dz_M}{dx}$$

# Our problem for today

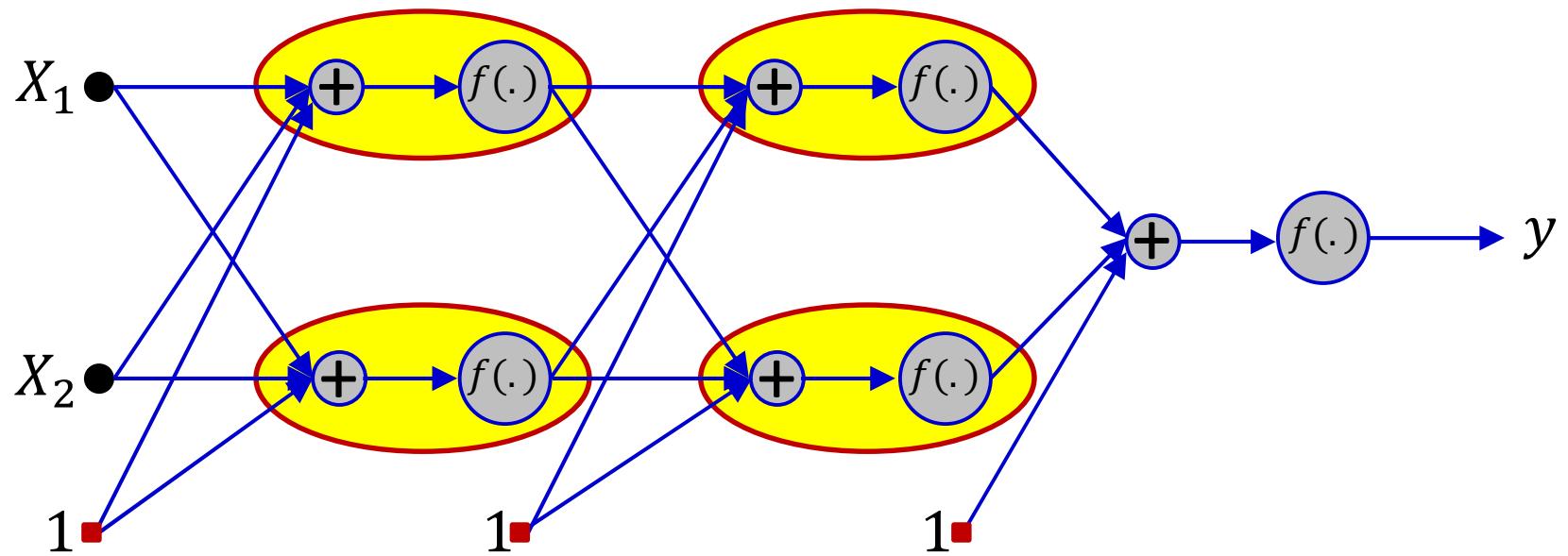
- How to compute  $\frac{d\text{Div}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{d})}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$  for a single data instance

# A first closer look at the network



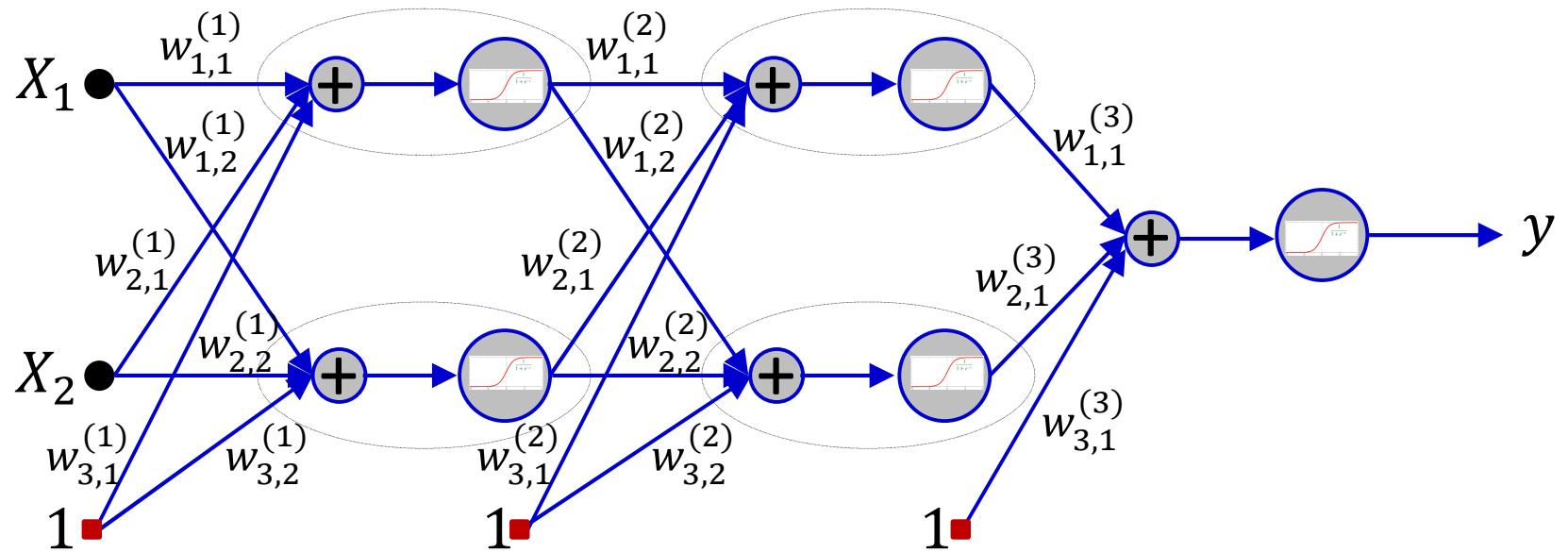
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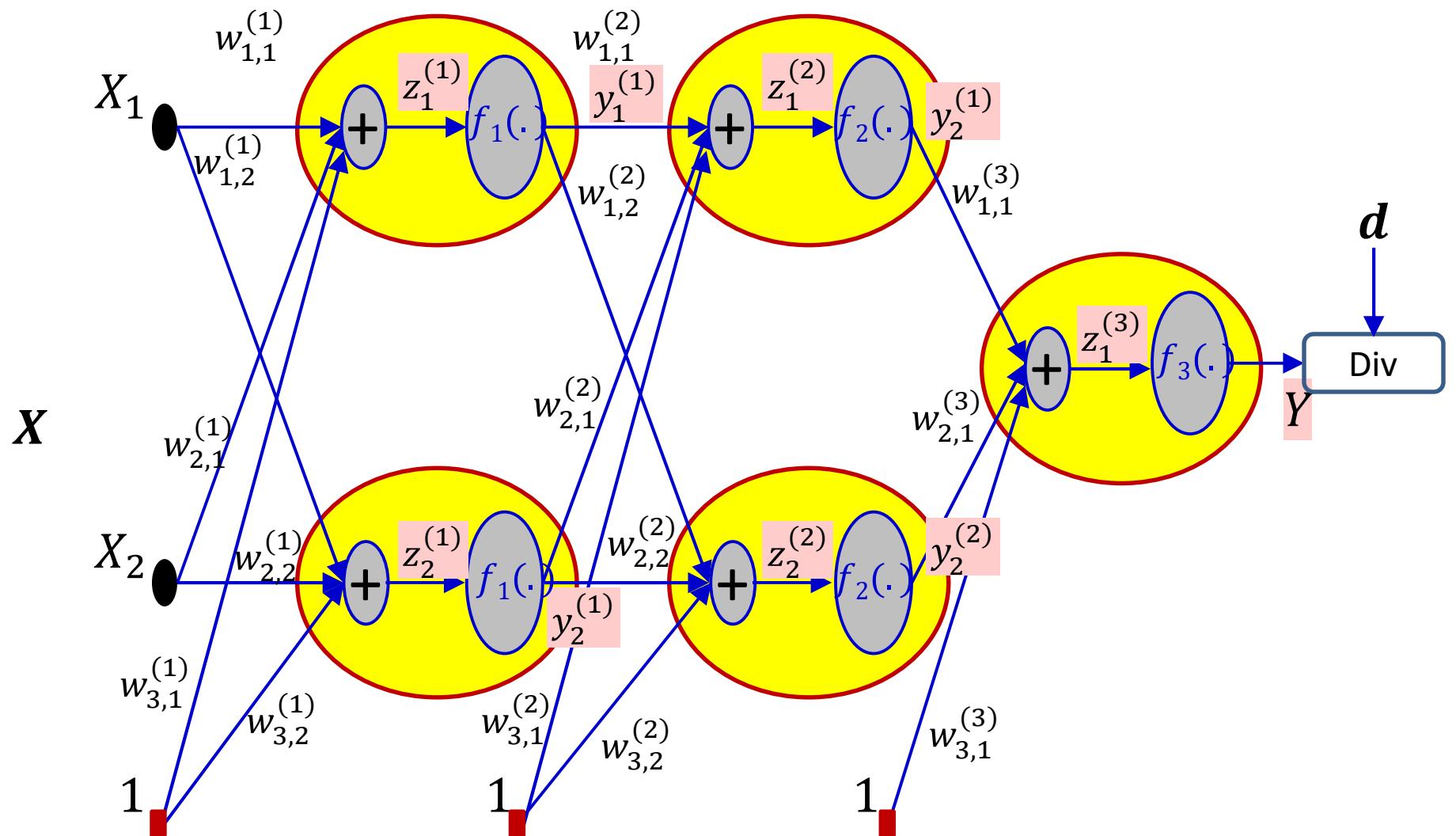
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- Explicitly separating the weighted sum of inputs from the activation

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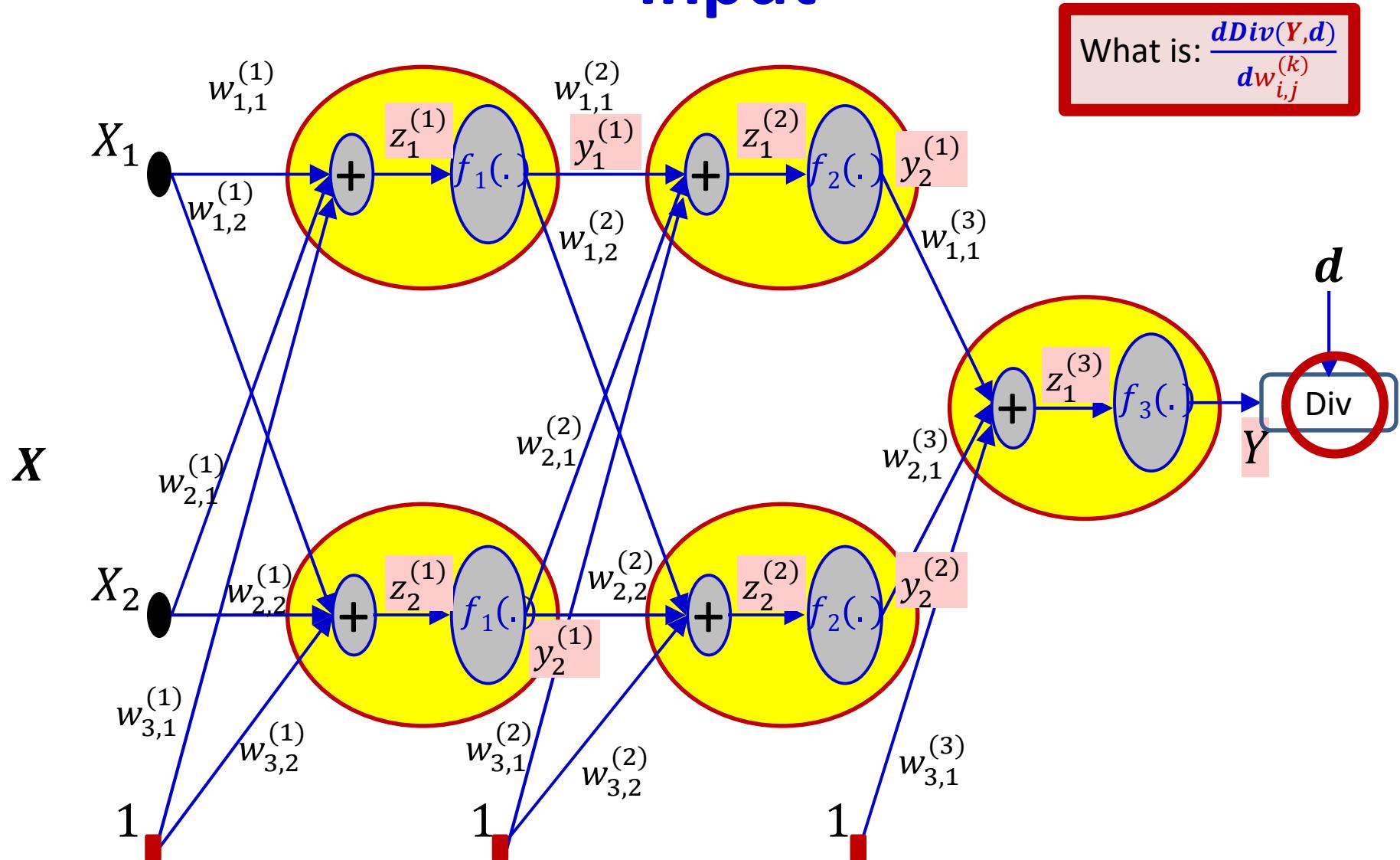


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- Expanded **with all weights shown**
- Let's label the other variables too...

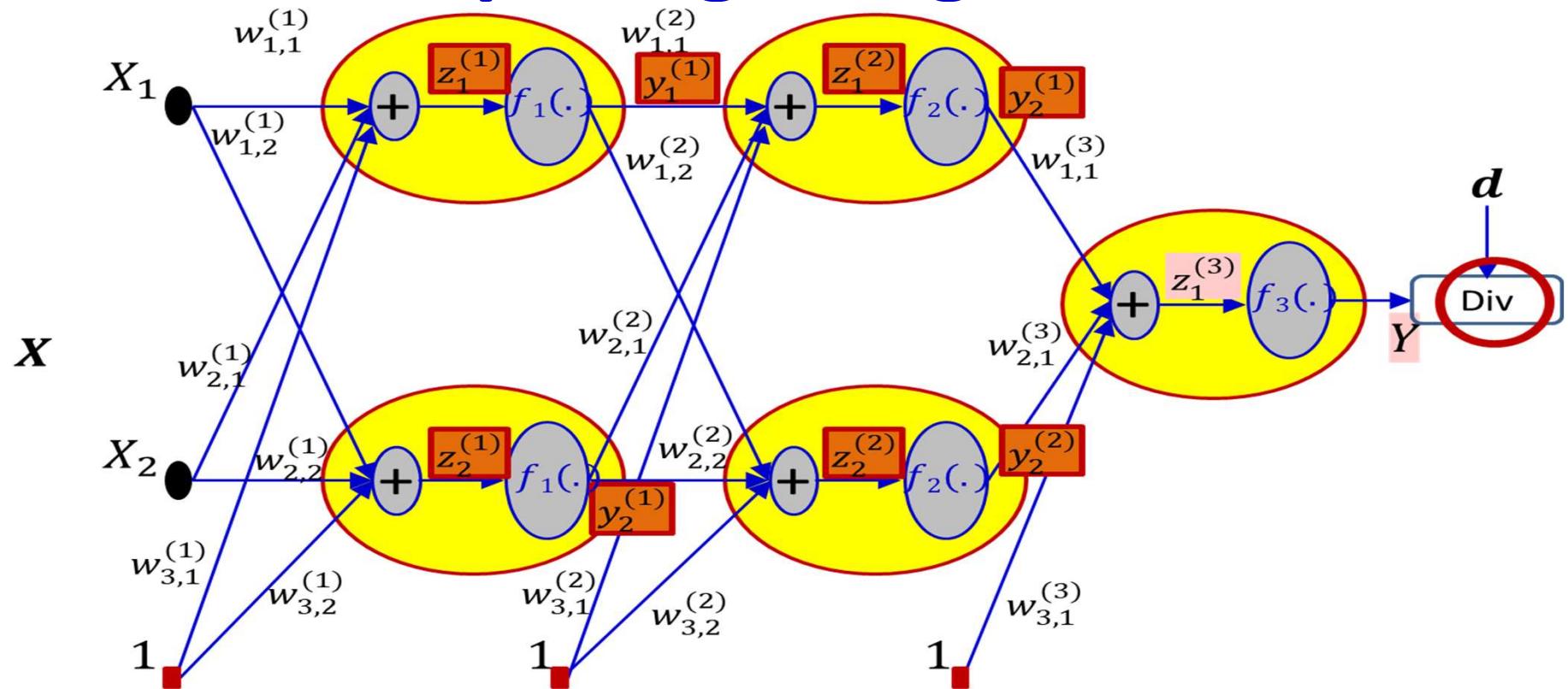
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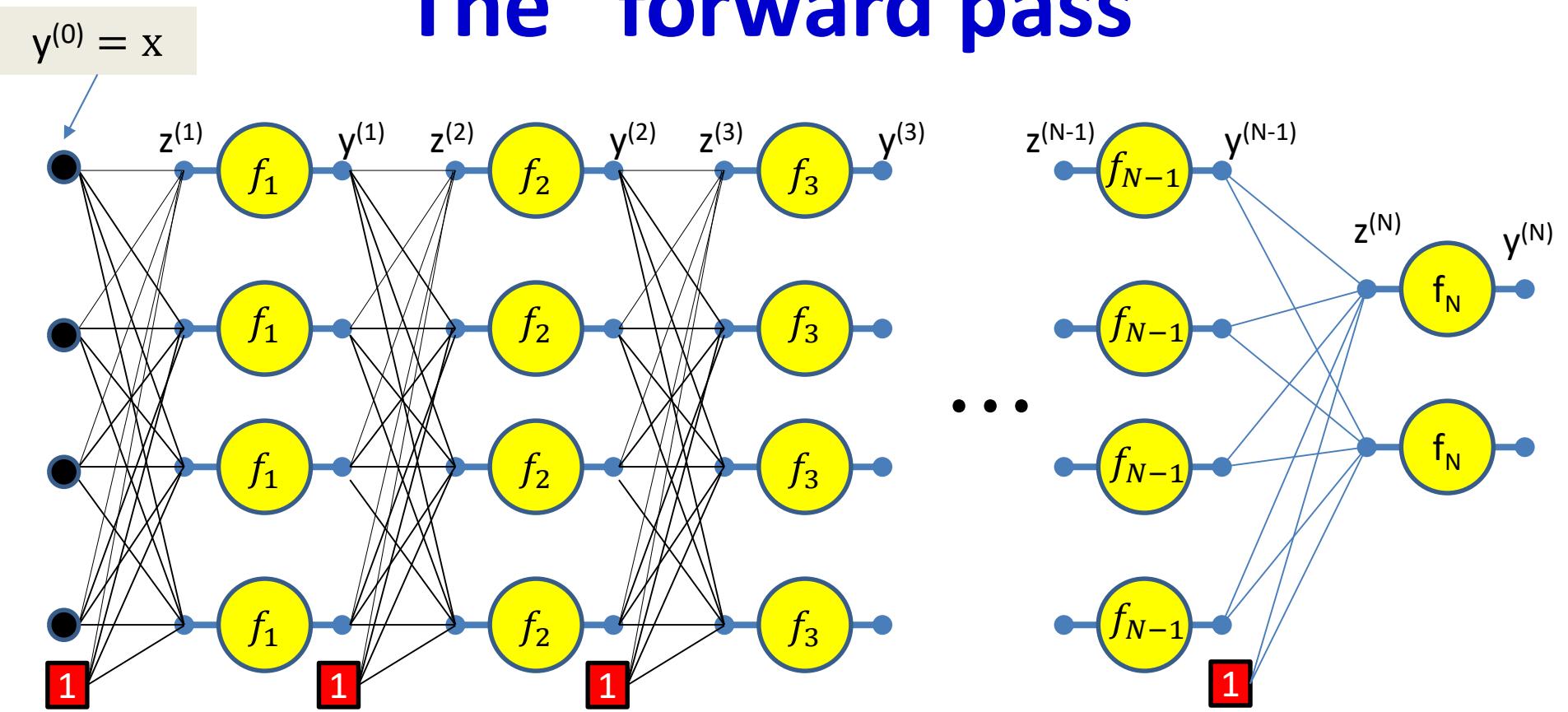


# Computing the gradient



- Note: computation of the derivative  $\frac{d\text{Div}(Y,d)}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$  requires intermediate and final output values of the network in response to the input

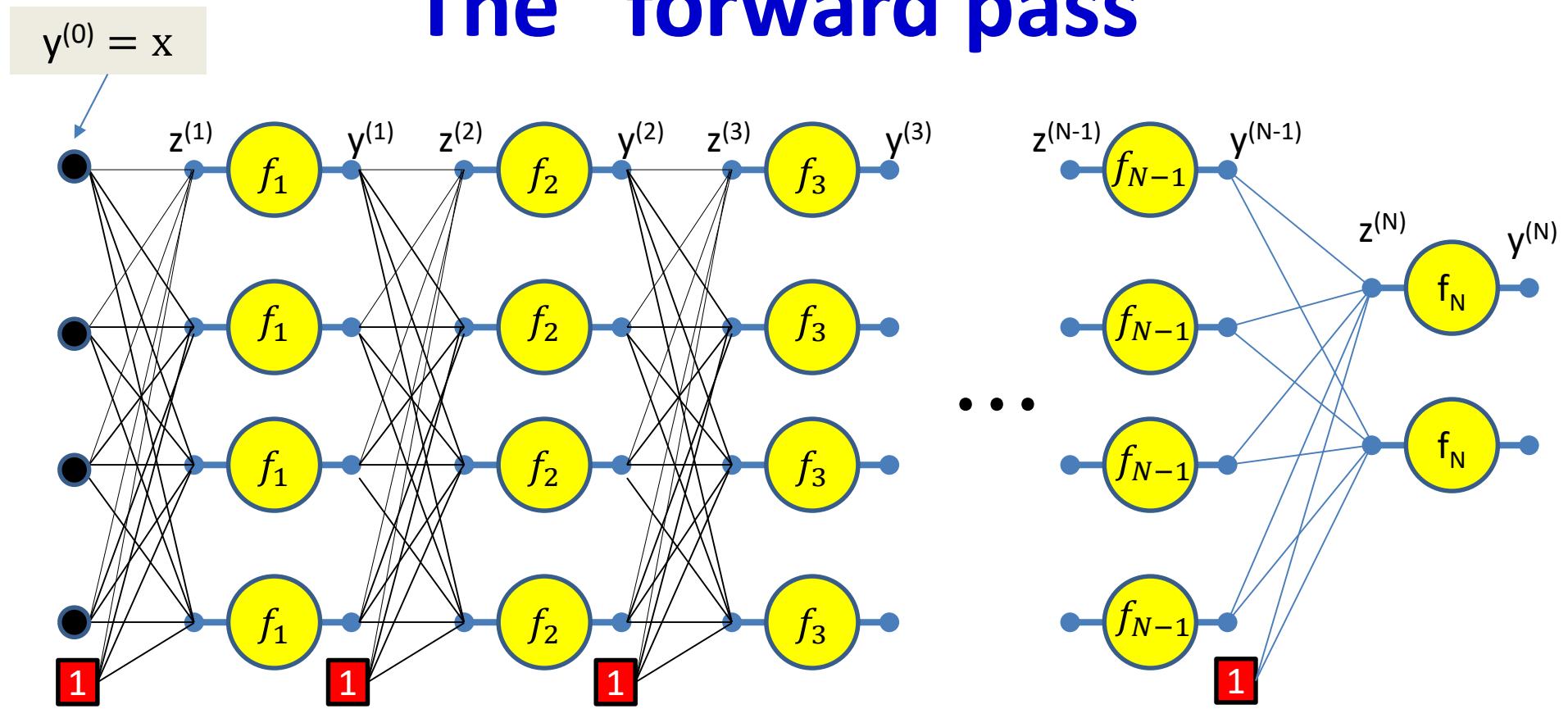
# The “forward pass”



We will refer to the process of computing the output from an input as  
the *forward pass*

We will illustrate the forward pass in the following slides

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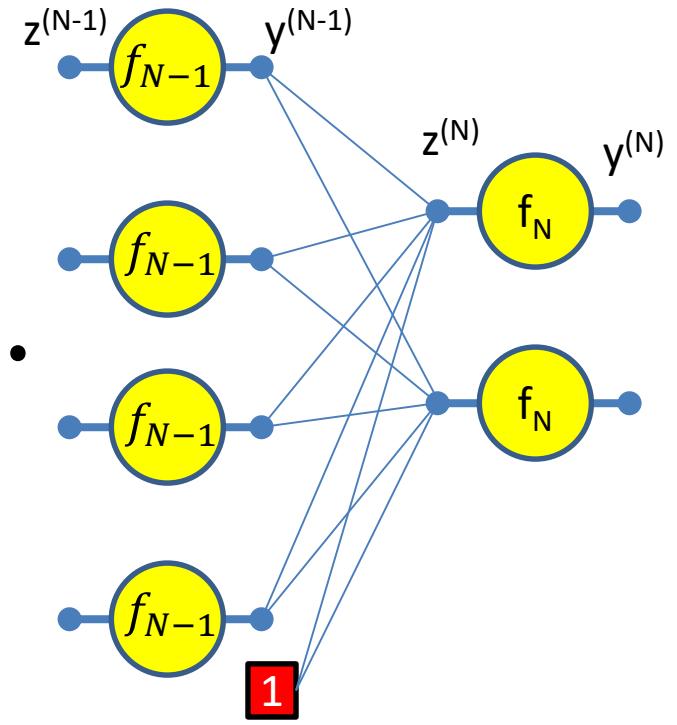
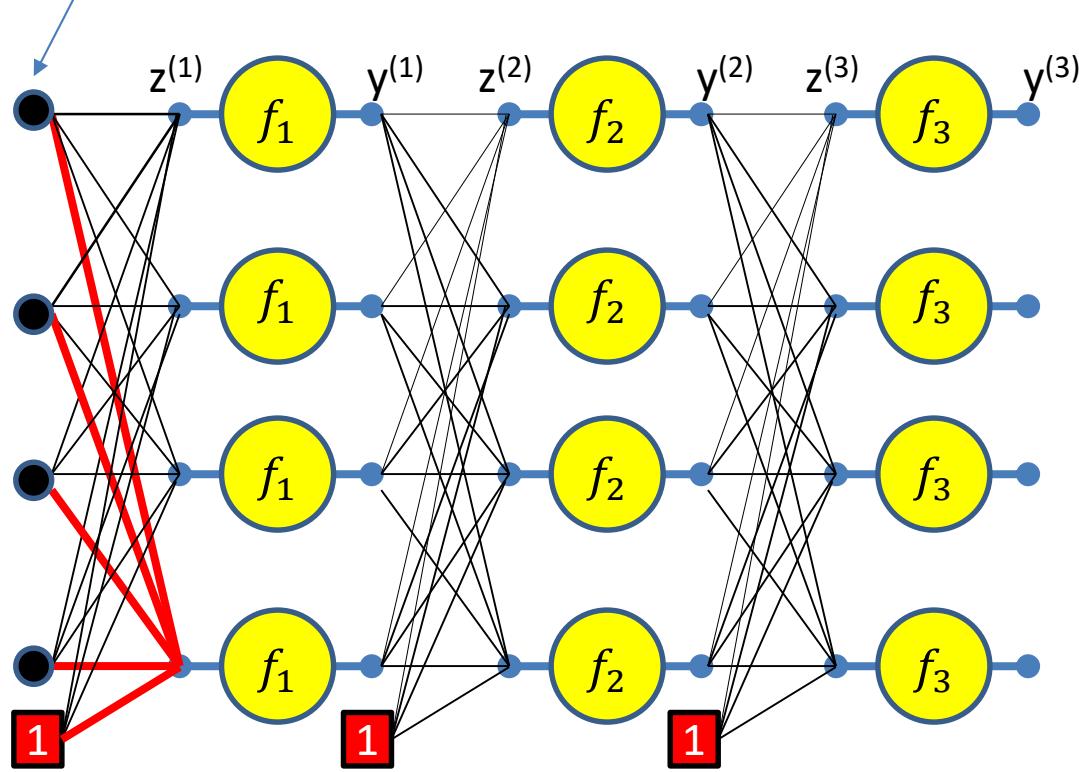


Setting  $y_i^{(0)} = x_i$  for notational convenience

Assuming  $w_{0j}^{(k)} = b_j^{(k)}$  and  $y_0^{(k)} = 1$  -- assuming the bias is a weight and extending the output of every layer by a constant 1, to account for the biases

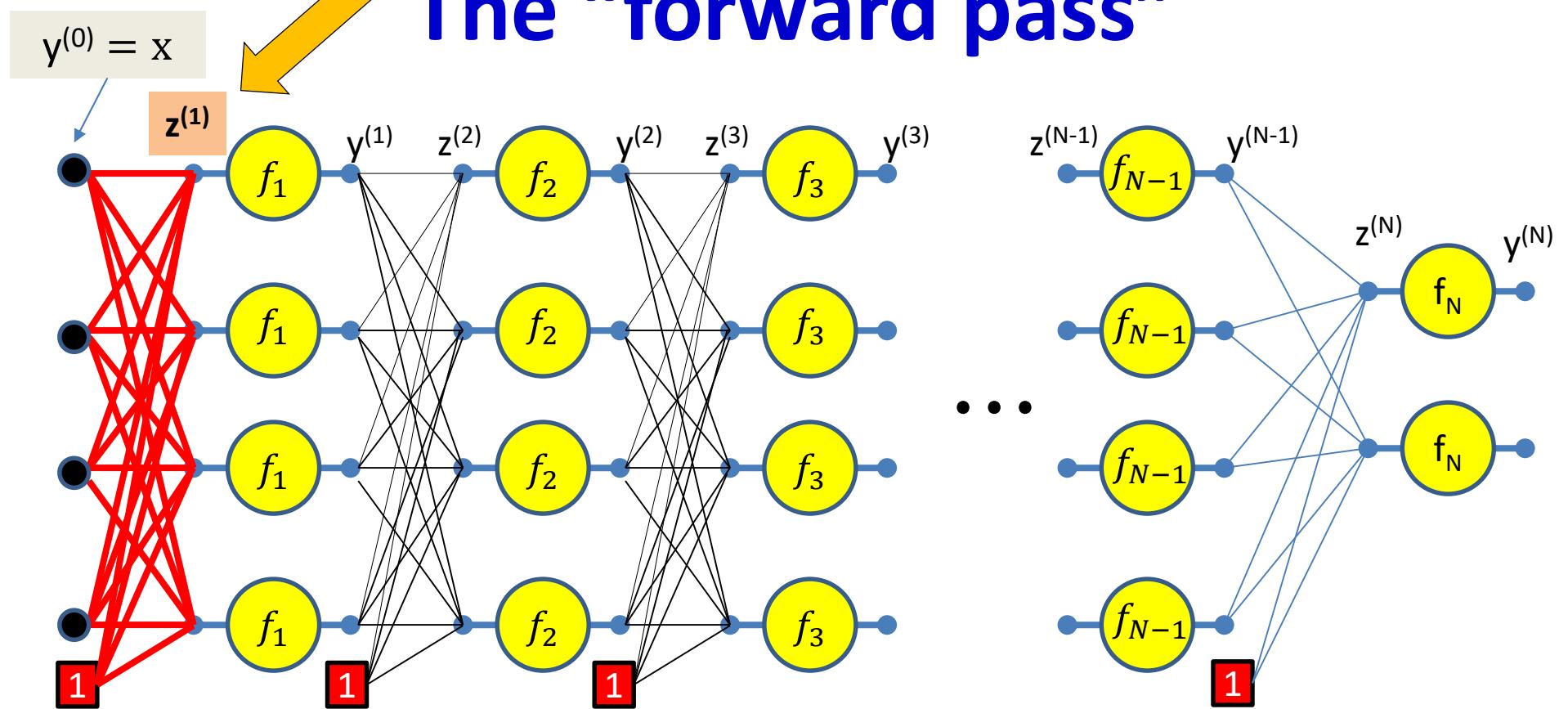
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$$y^{(0)} = x$$

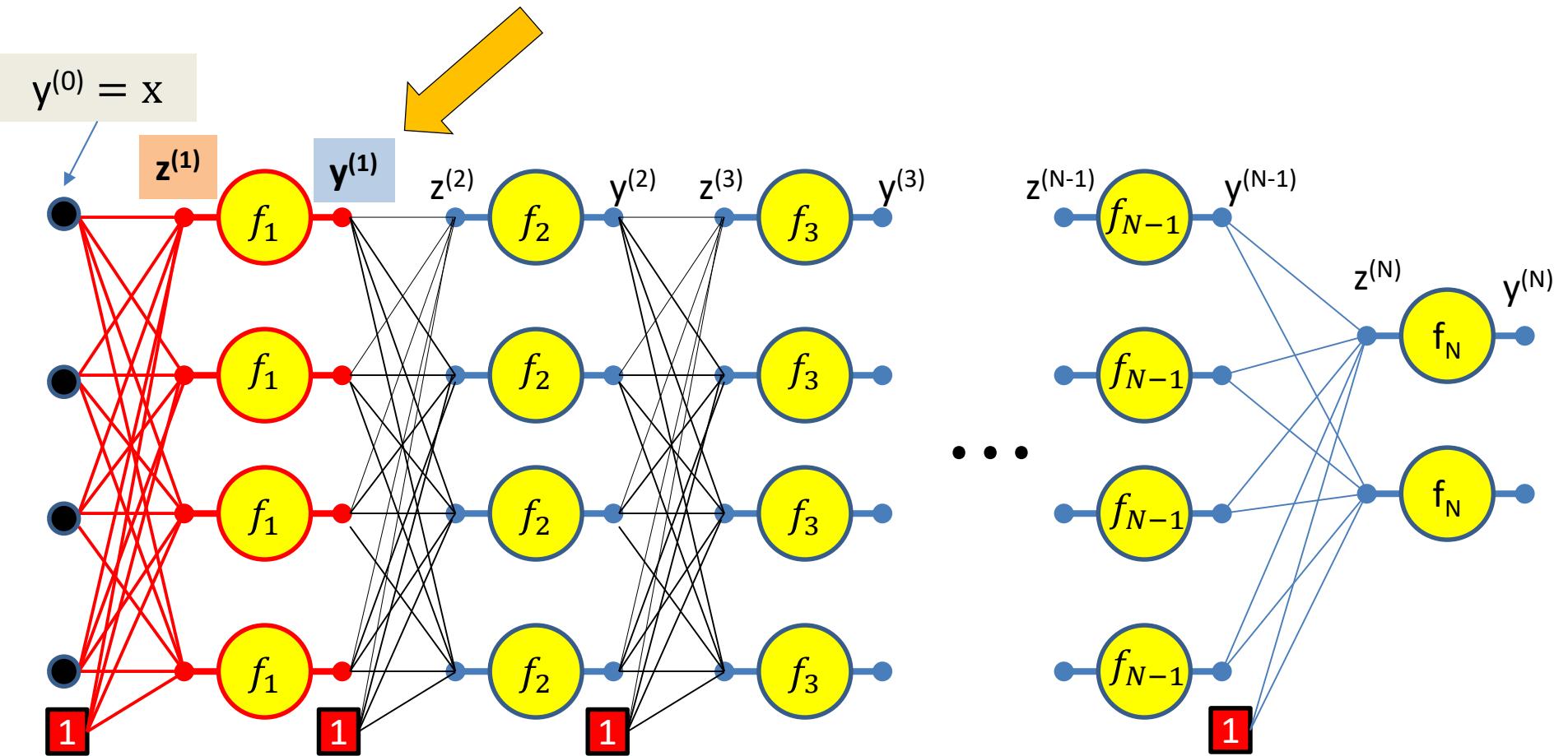


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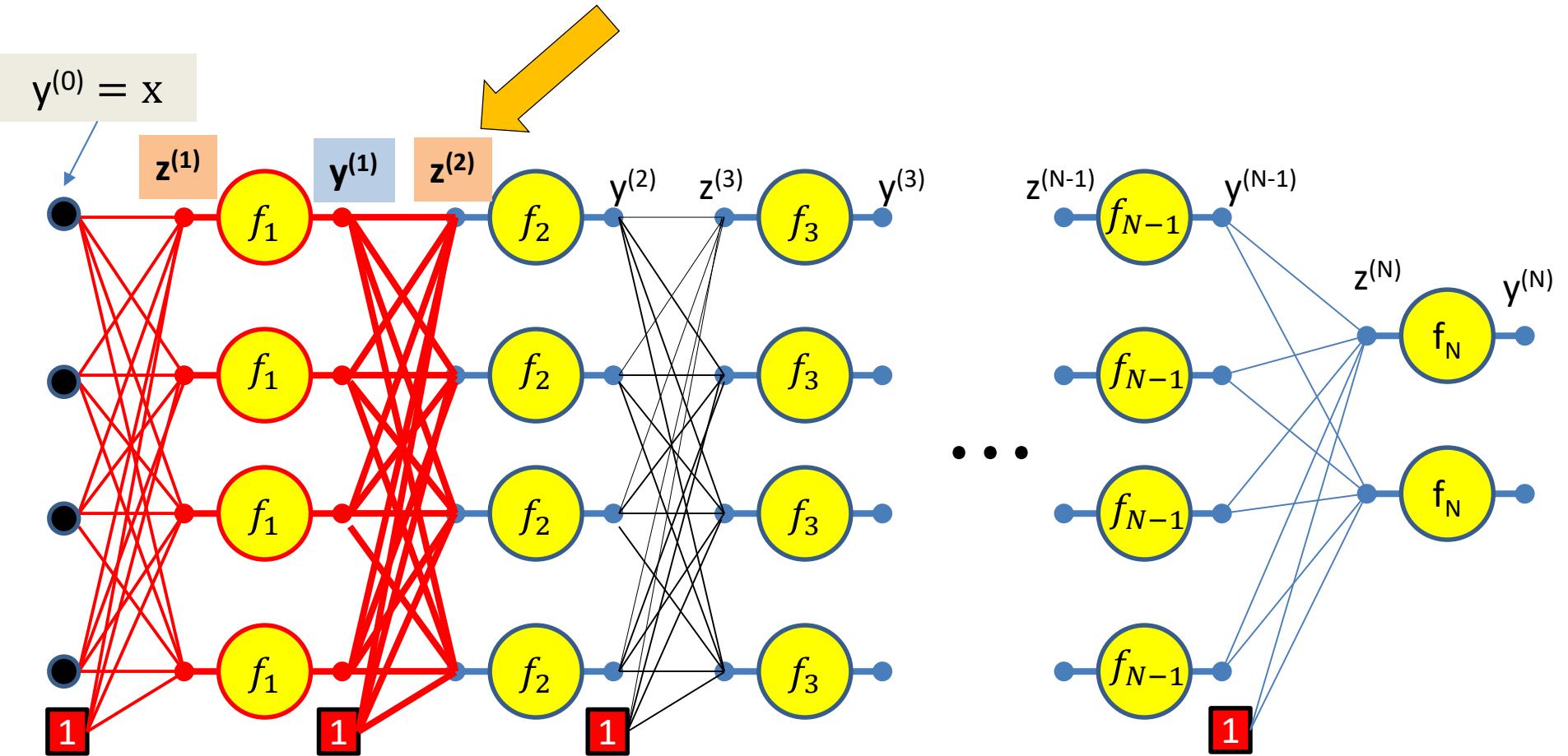


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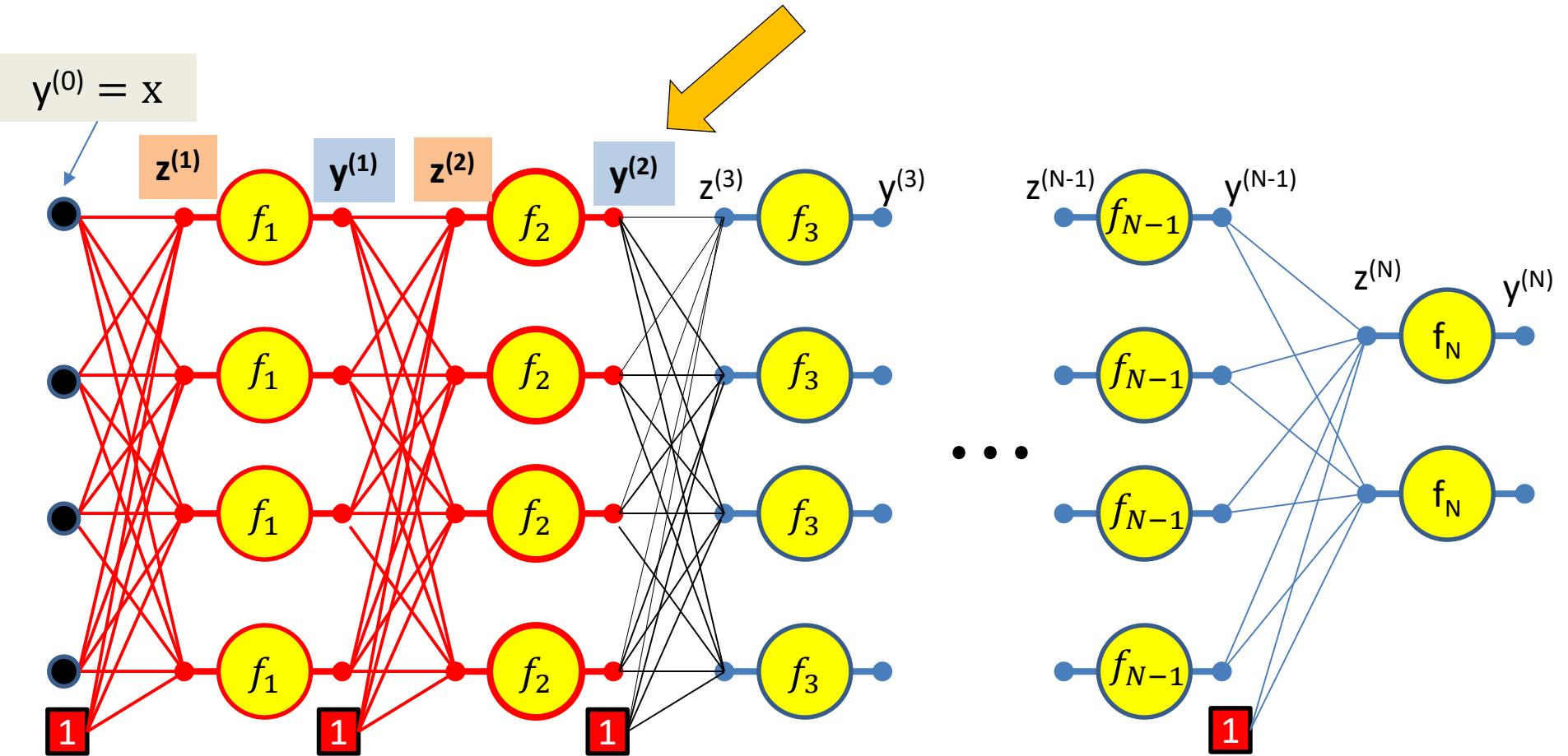
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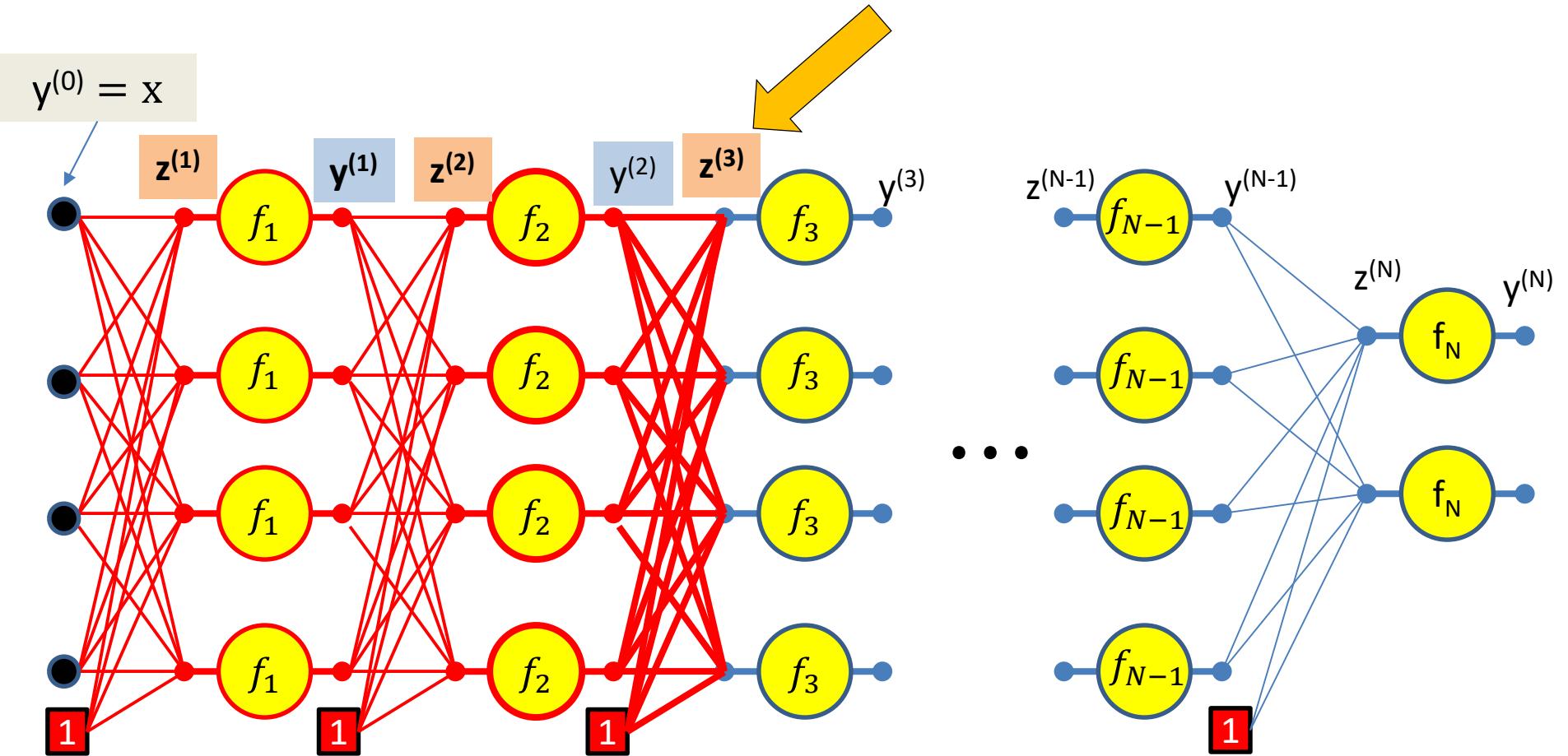


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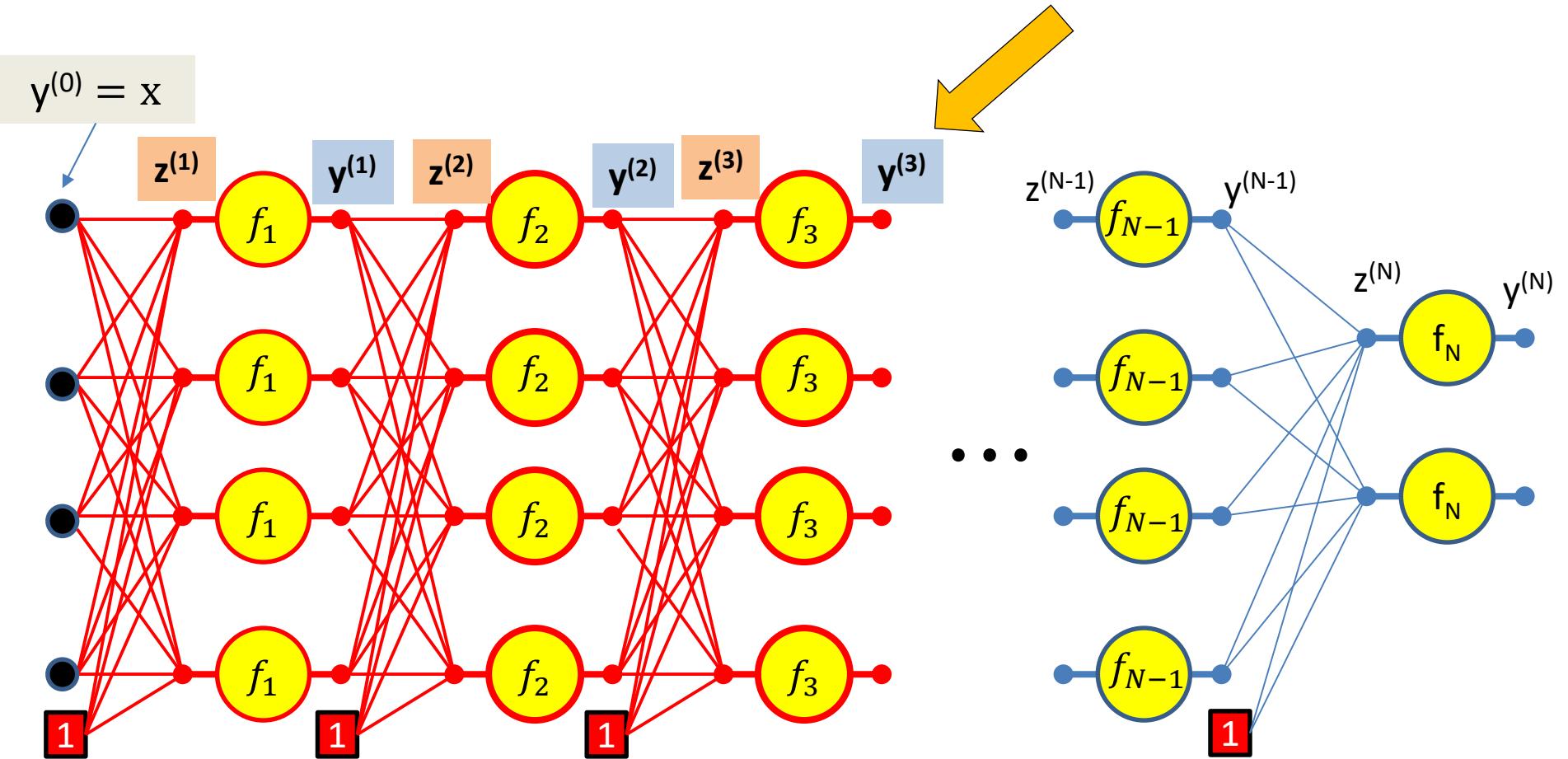
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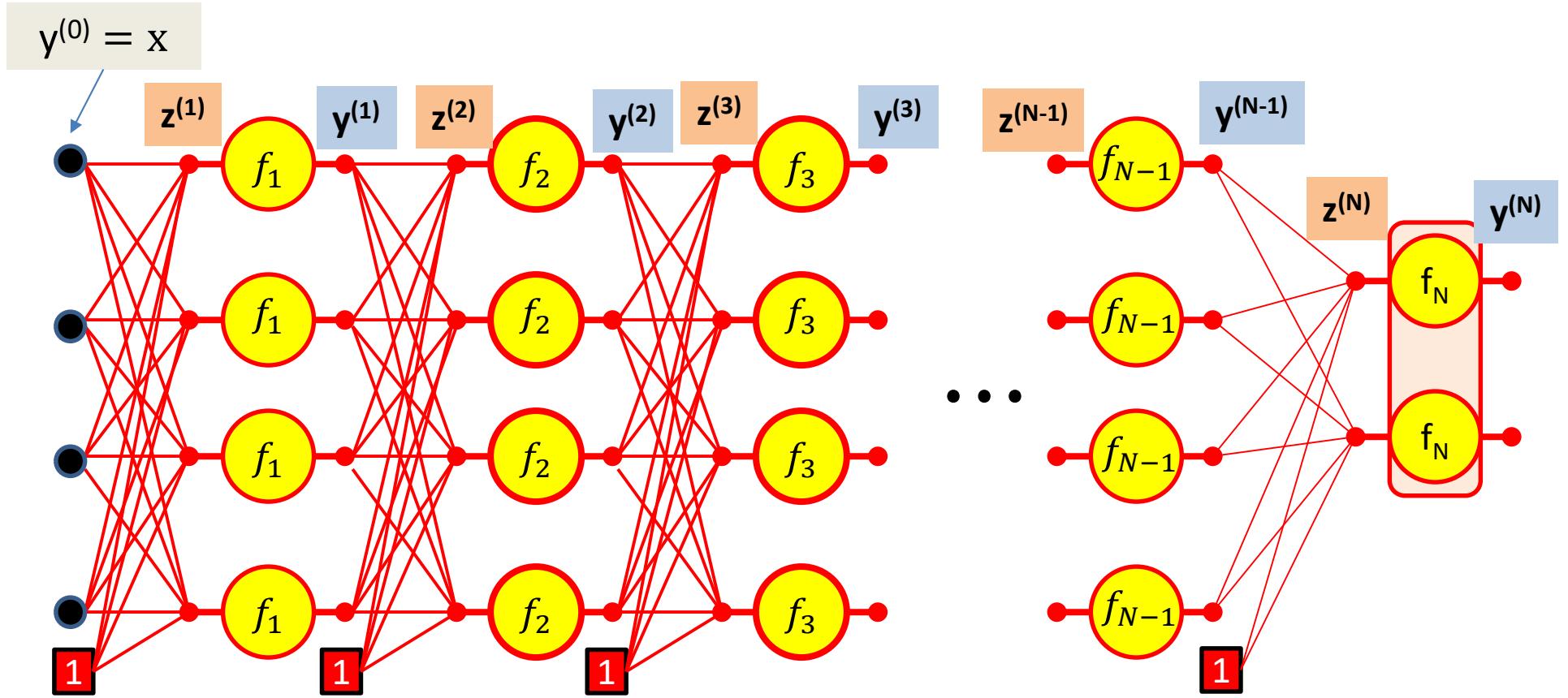
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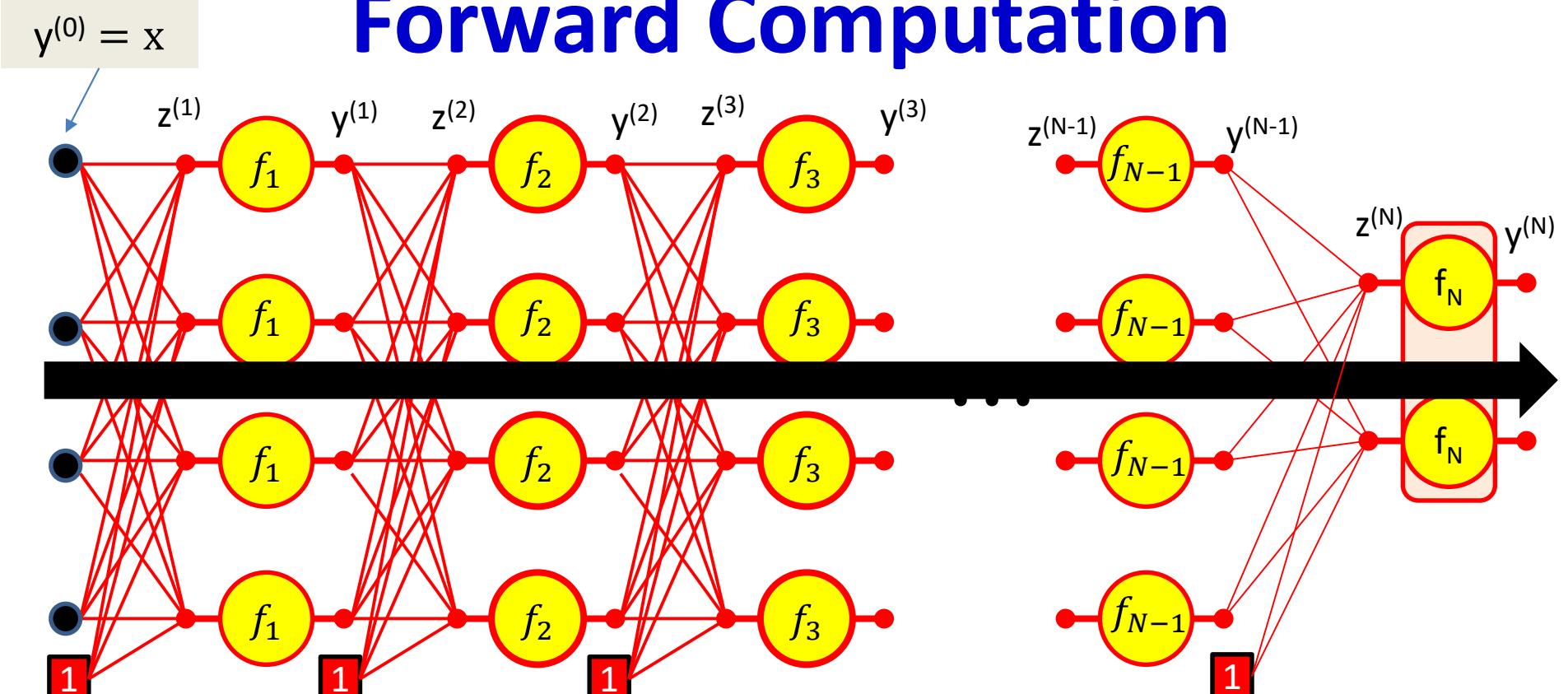
$\dots$



$$y_j^{(N-1)} = f_{N-1} \left( z_j^{(N-1)} \right) \quad z_j^{(N)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(N)} y_i^{(N-1)}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^{(N)} = f_N(\mathbf{z}^{(N)})$$

# Forward Computation



$$y_i^{(0)} = x_i$$

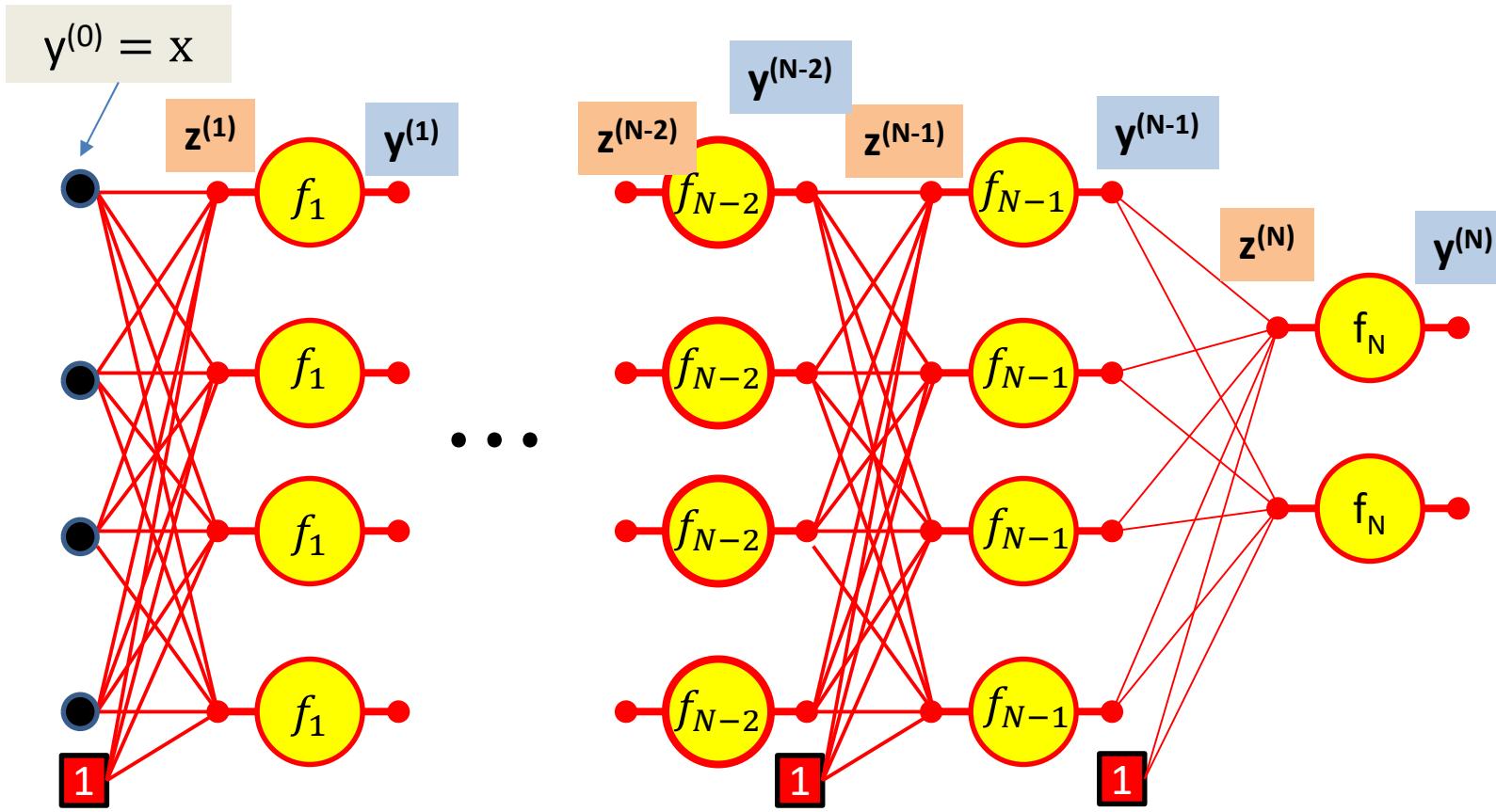
$$z_j^{(k)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$$

$$y_j^{(k)} = f_k(z_j^{(k)})$$

# Forward “Pass”

- Input:  $D$  dimensional vector  $\mathbf{x} = [x_j, j = 1 \dots D]$
- Set:
  - $D_0 = D$ , is the width of the 0<sup>th</sup> (input) layer
  - $y_j^{(0)} = x_j, j = 1 \dots D; y_0^{(k=1 \dots N)} = x_0 = 1$
- For layer  $k = 1 \dots N$ 
  - For  $j = 1 \dots D_k$   $D_k$  is the size of the kth layer
    - $z_j^{(k)} = \sum_{i=0}^{D_{k-1}} w_{i,j}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$
    - $y_j^{(k)} = f_k(z_j^{(k)})$
- Output:
  - $Y = y_j^{(N)}, j = 1..D_N$

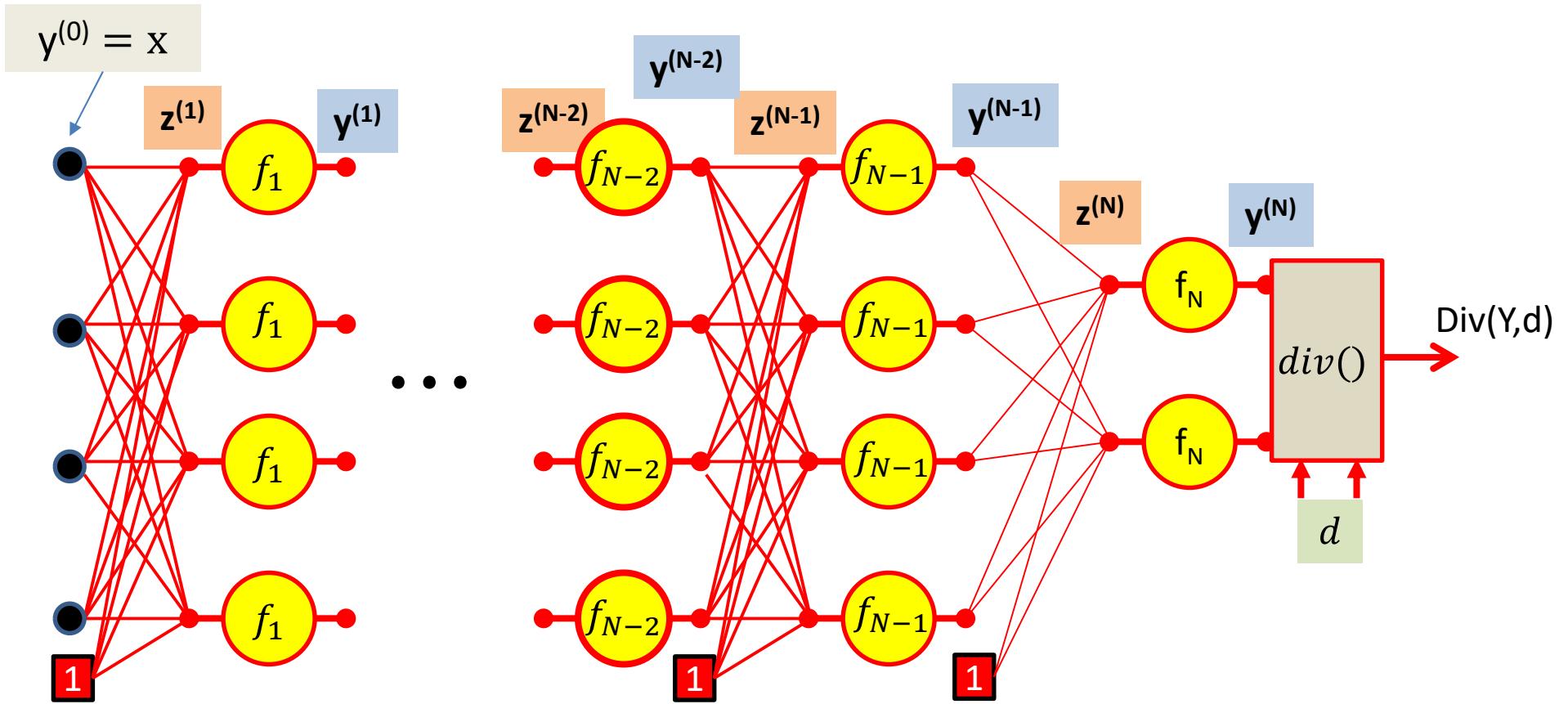
# Computing derivatives



We have computed all these intermediate values in the forward computation

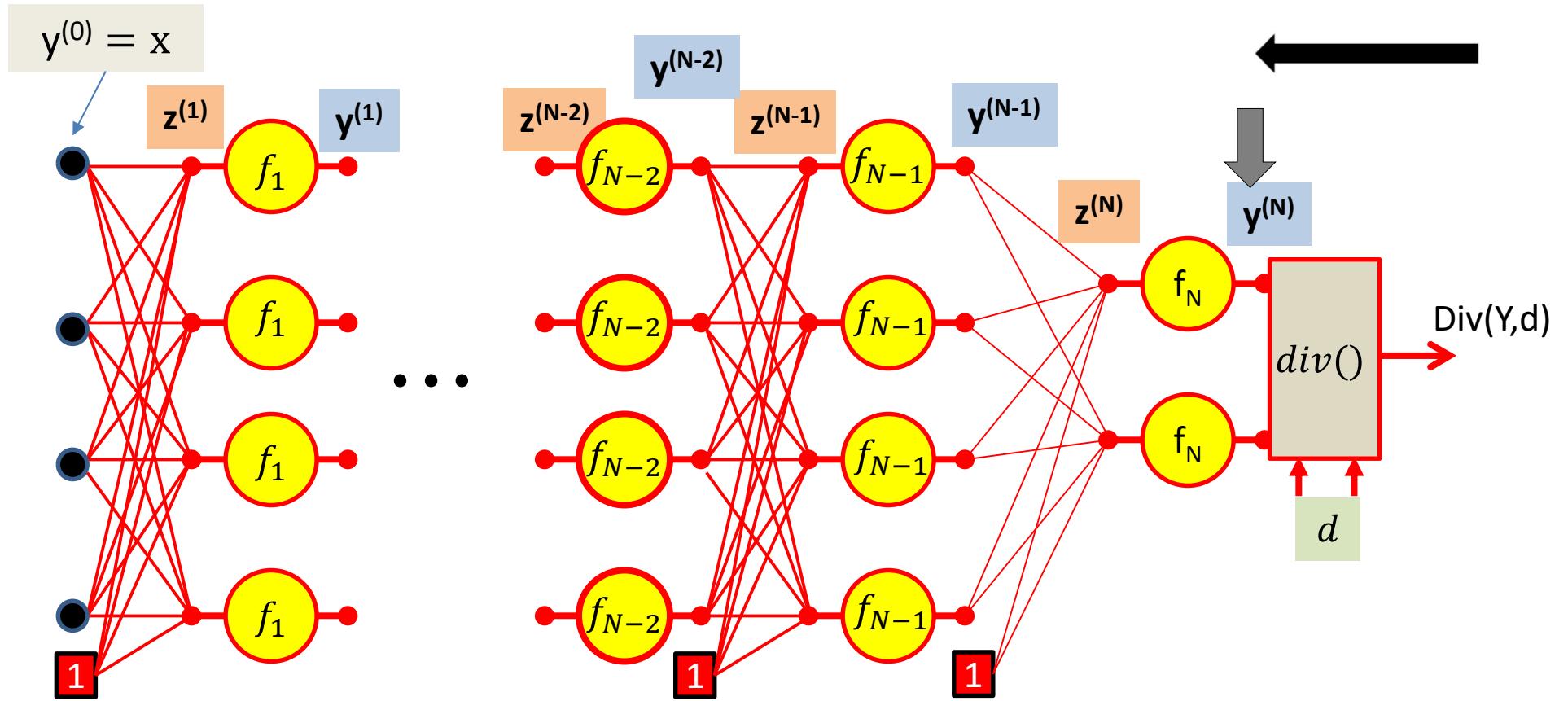
We must remember them - we will need them to compute the derivatives

# Computing derivatives



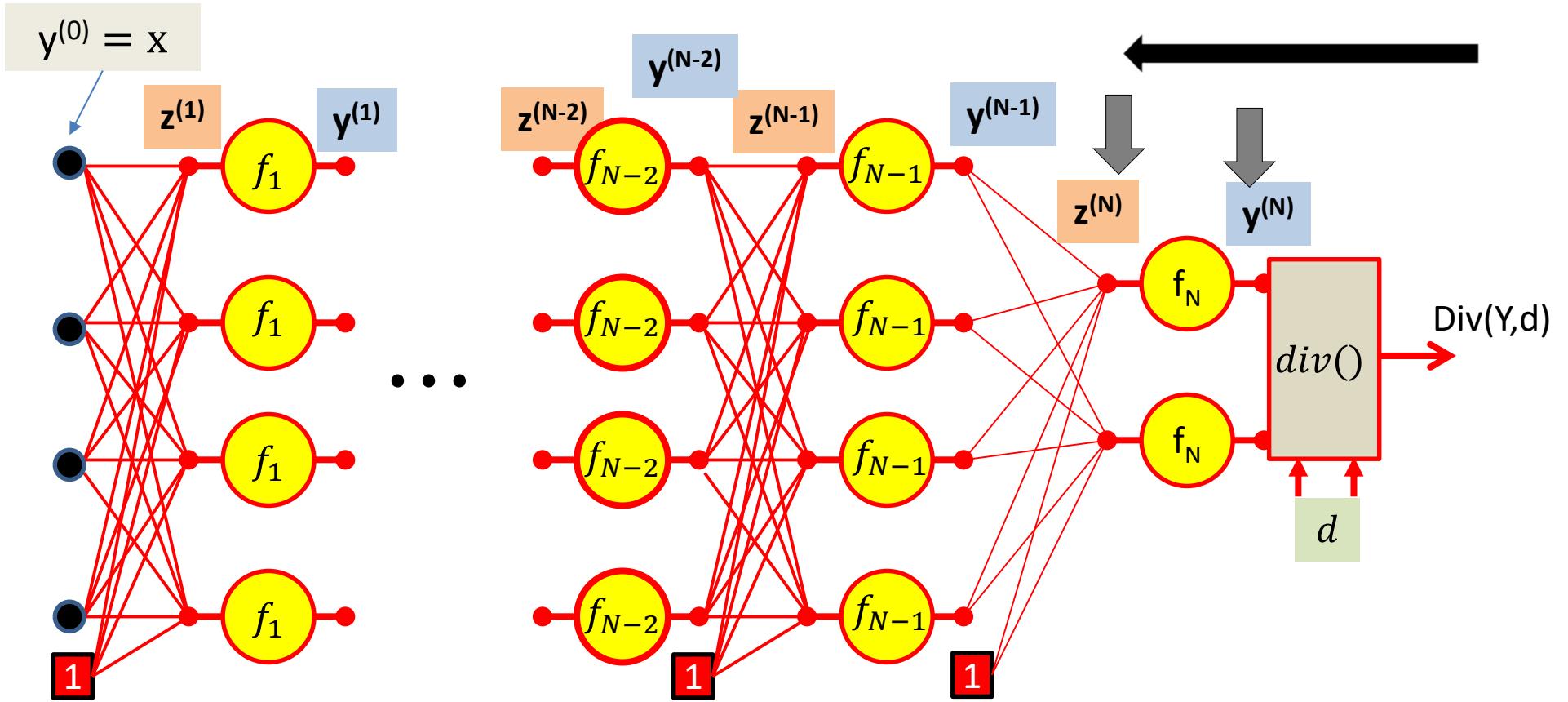
First, we compute the divergence between the output of the net  $y = y^{(N)}$  and the desired output  $d$

# Computing derivatives



We then compute  $\nabla_{Y^{(N)}} \text{div}(\cdot)$  the derivative of the divergence w.r.t. the final output of the network  $y^{(N)}$

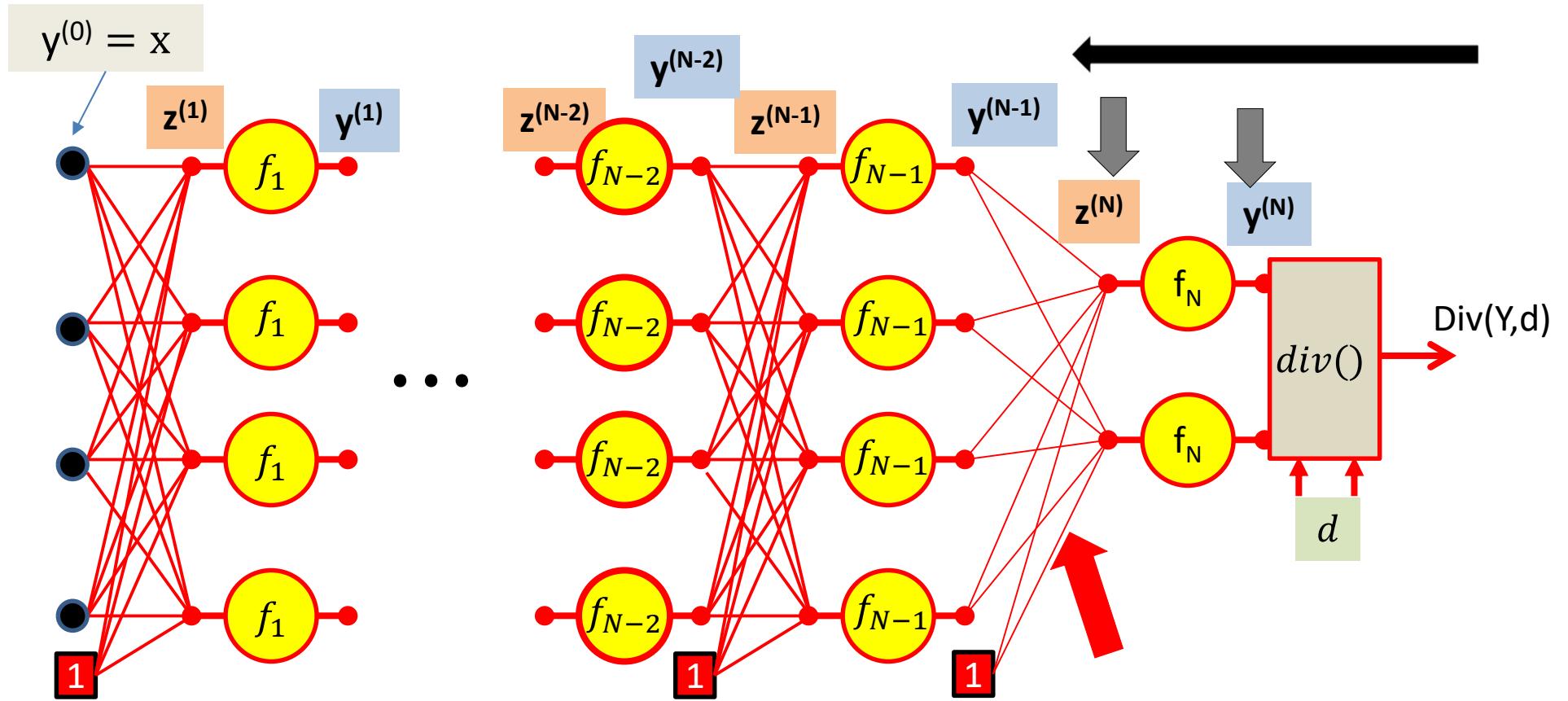
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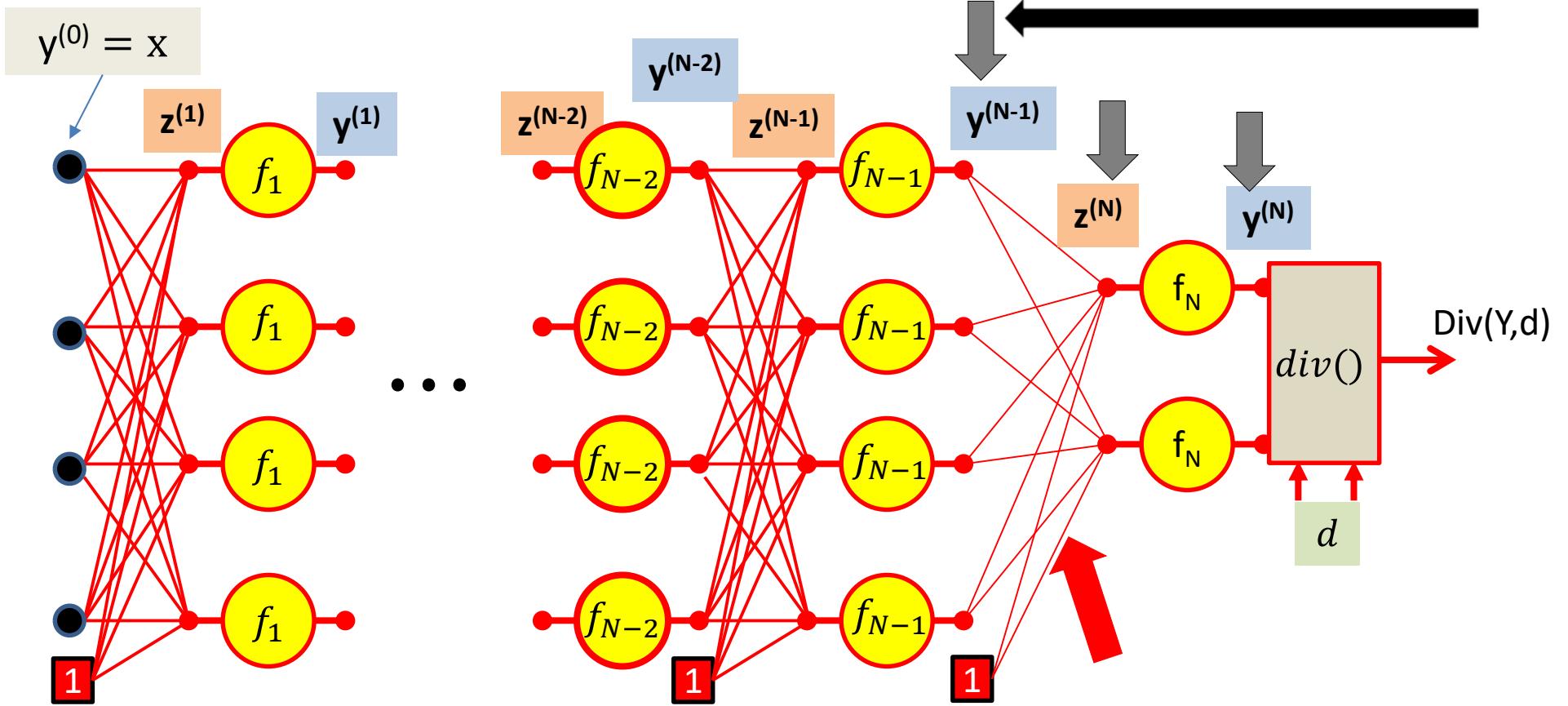
We then compute  $\nabla_{z^{(N)}} \text{div}(\cdot)$  the derivative of the divergence w.r.t. the *pre-activation affine combination*  $z^{(N)}$  using the chain rule

# Computing derivatives



Continuing on, we will compute  $\nabla_{W^{(N)}} \text{div}(\cdot)$  the derivative of the divergence with respect to the weights of the connections to the output layer

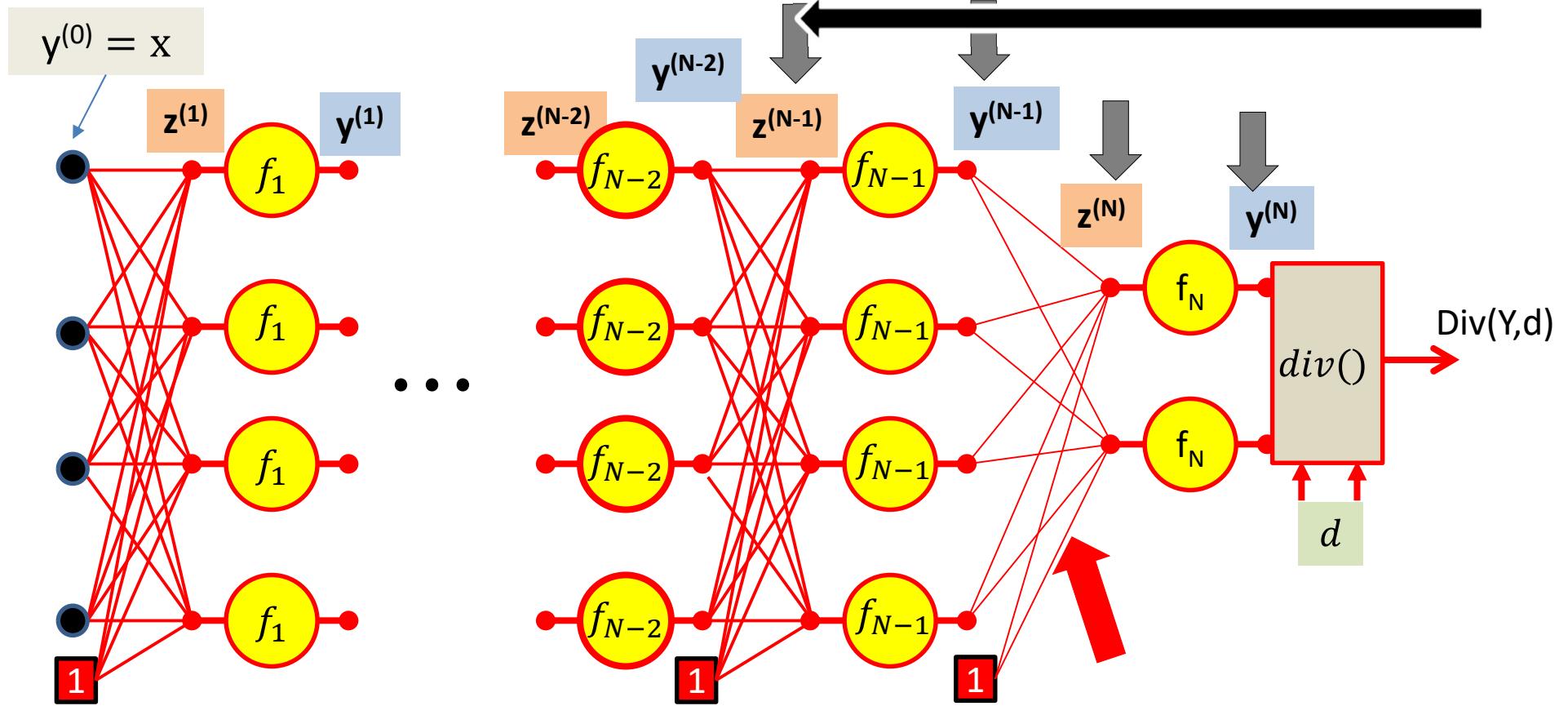
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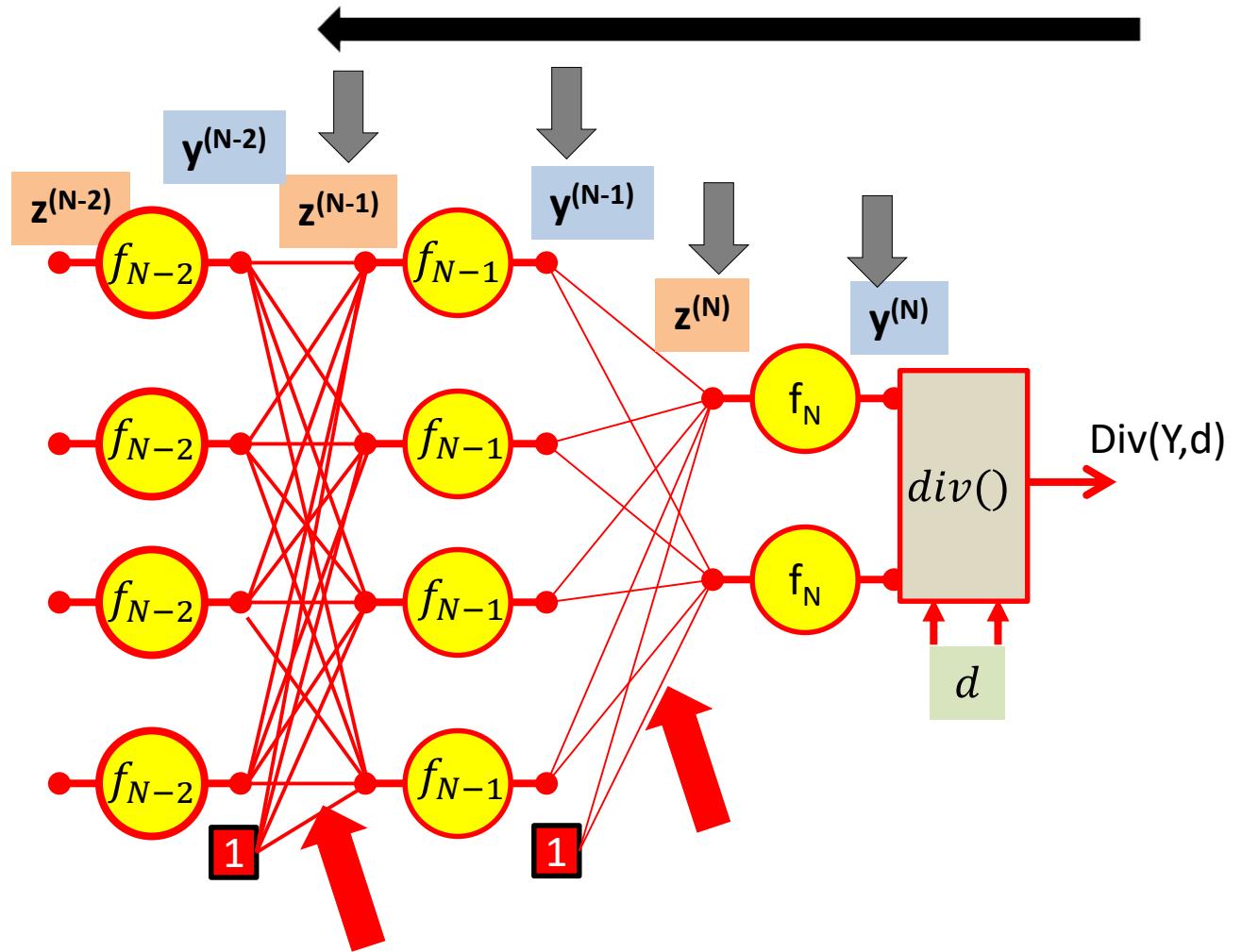
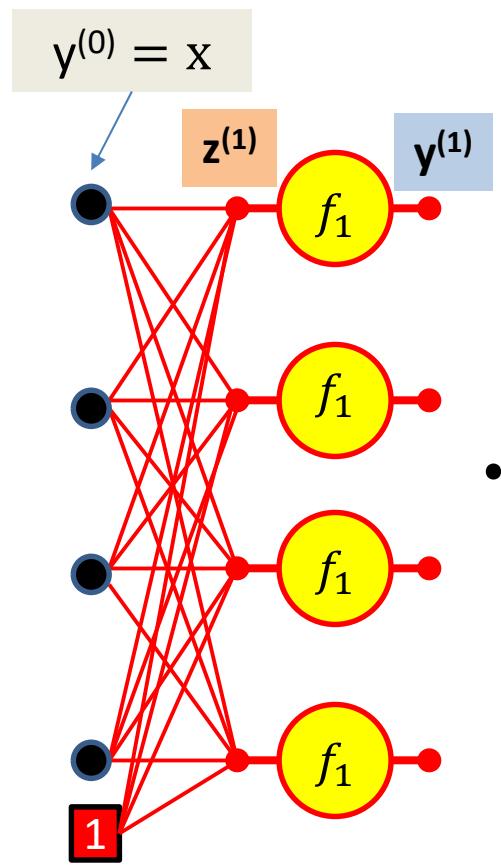
Then continue with the chain rule to compute  $\nabla_{Y^{(N-1)}} \text{div}(\cdot)$  the derivative of the divergence w.r.t. the output of the N-1th layer

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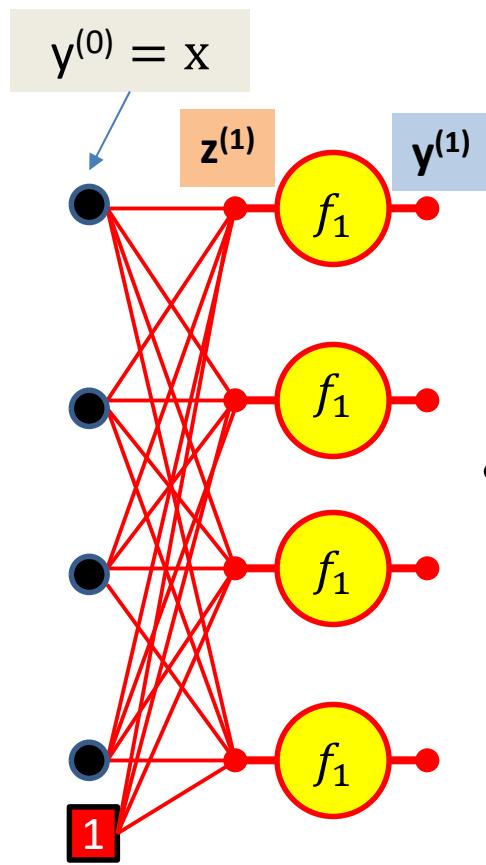
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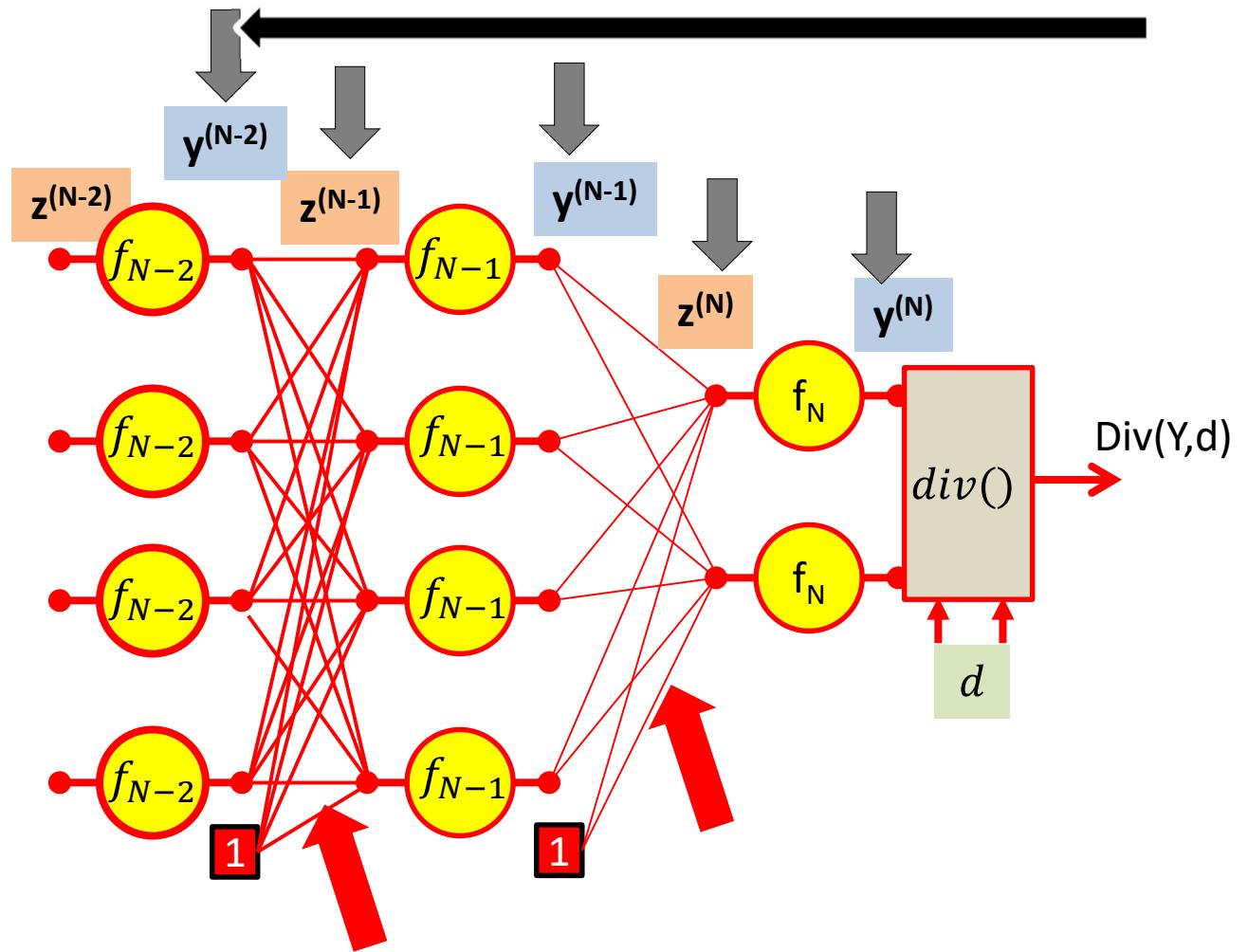


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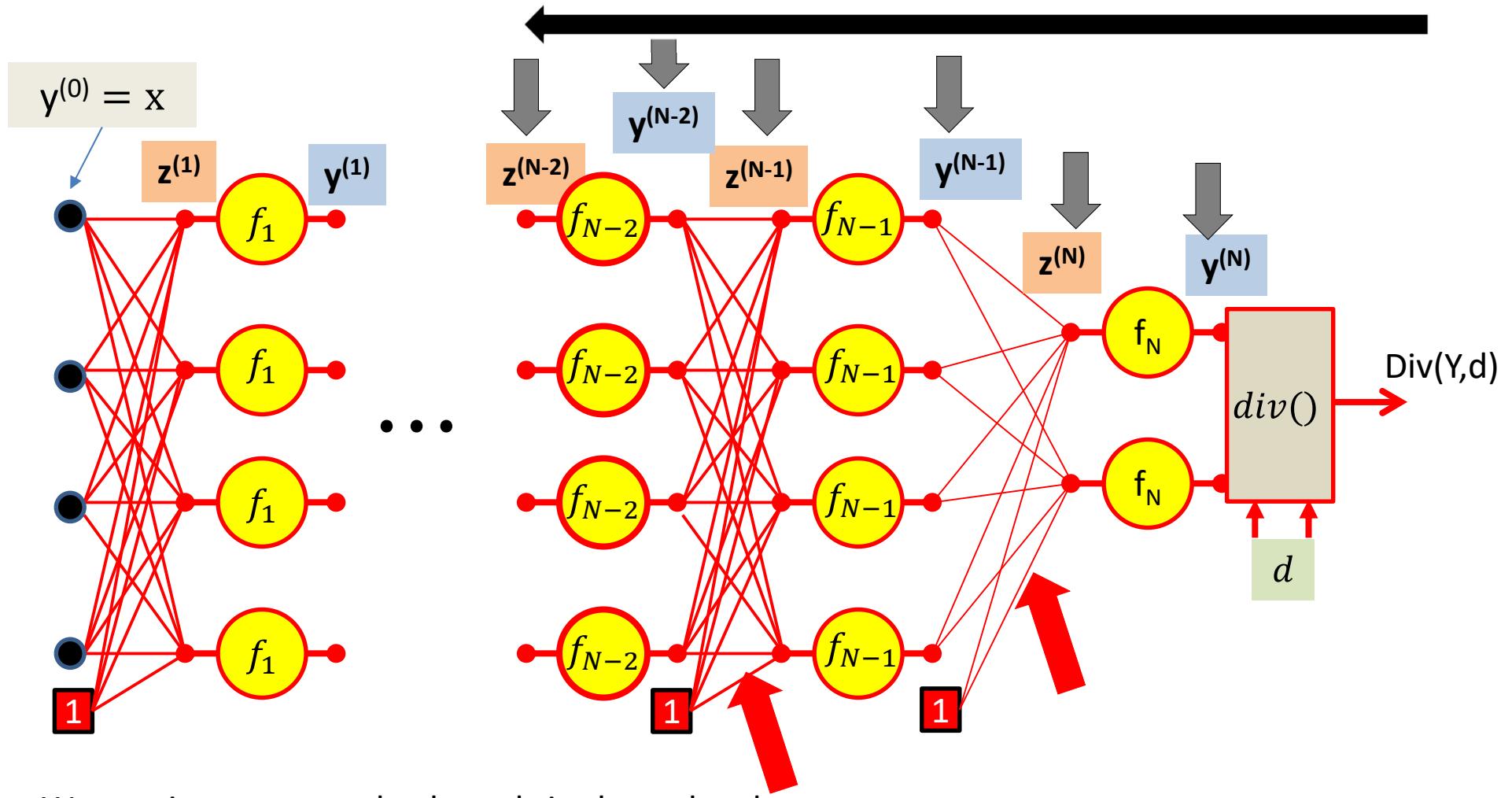


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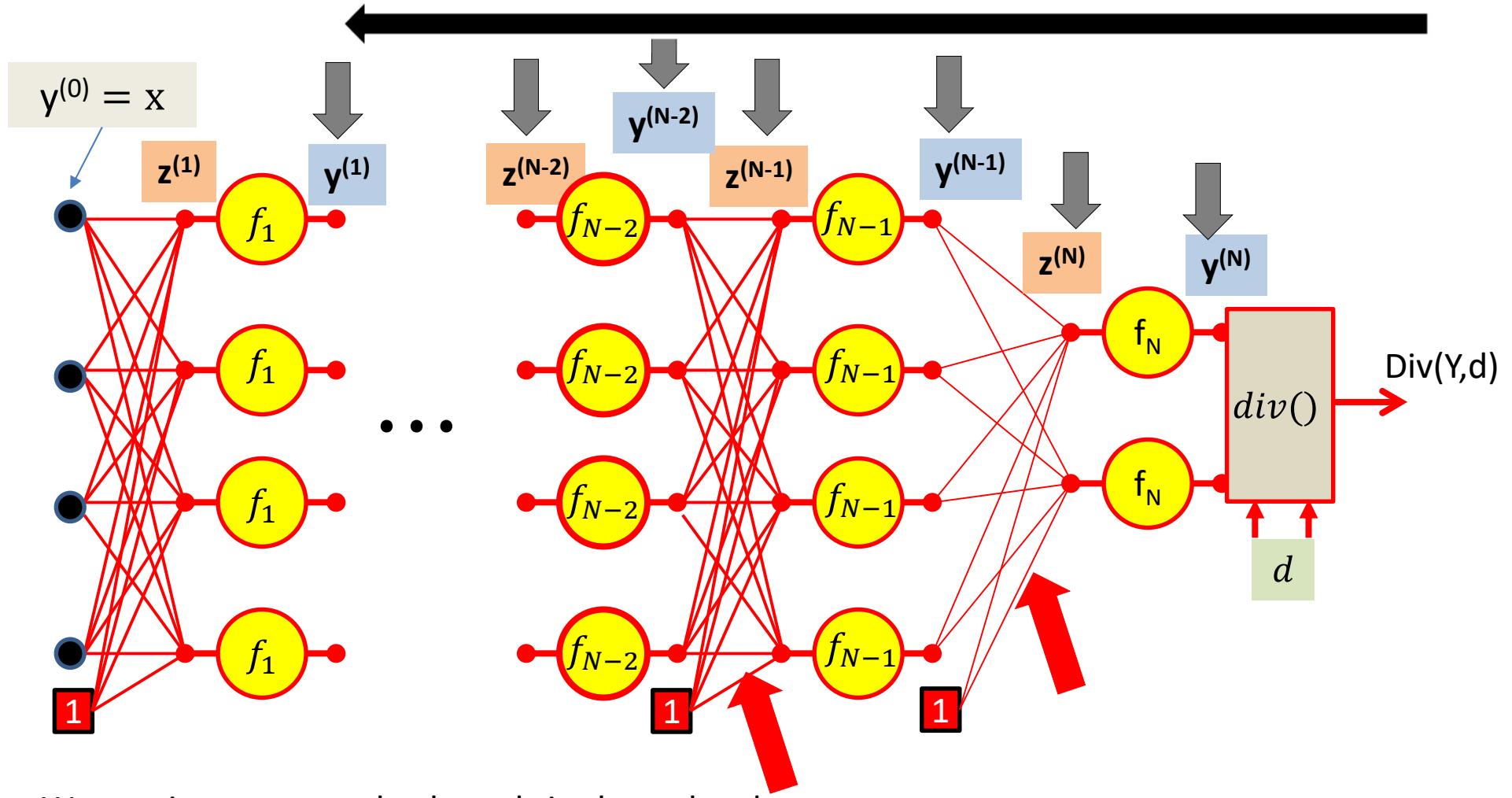
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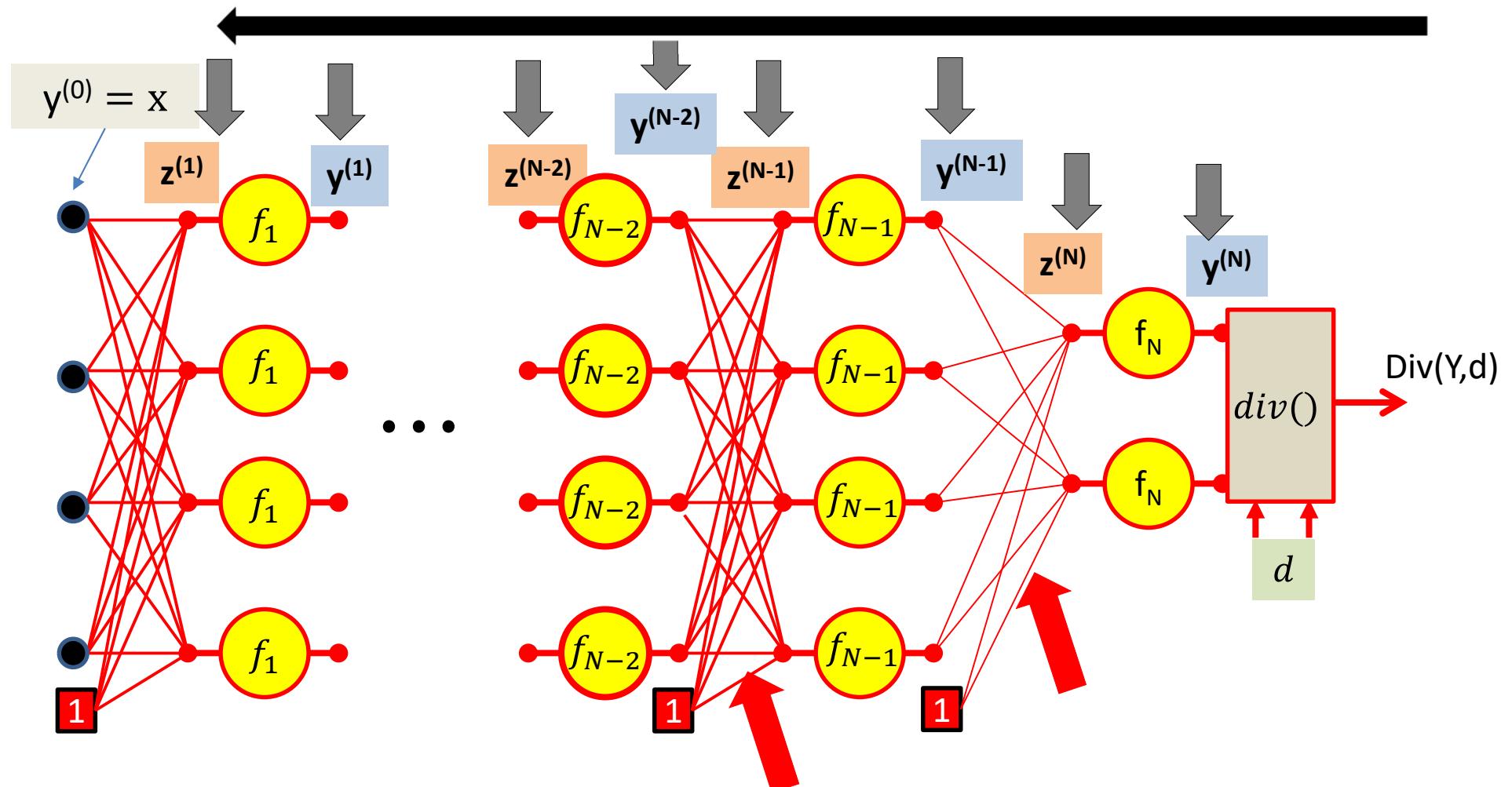
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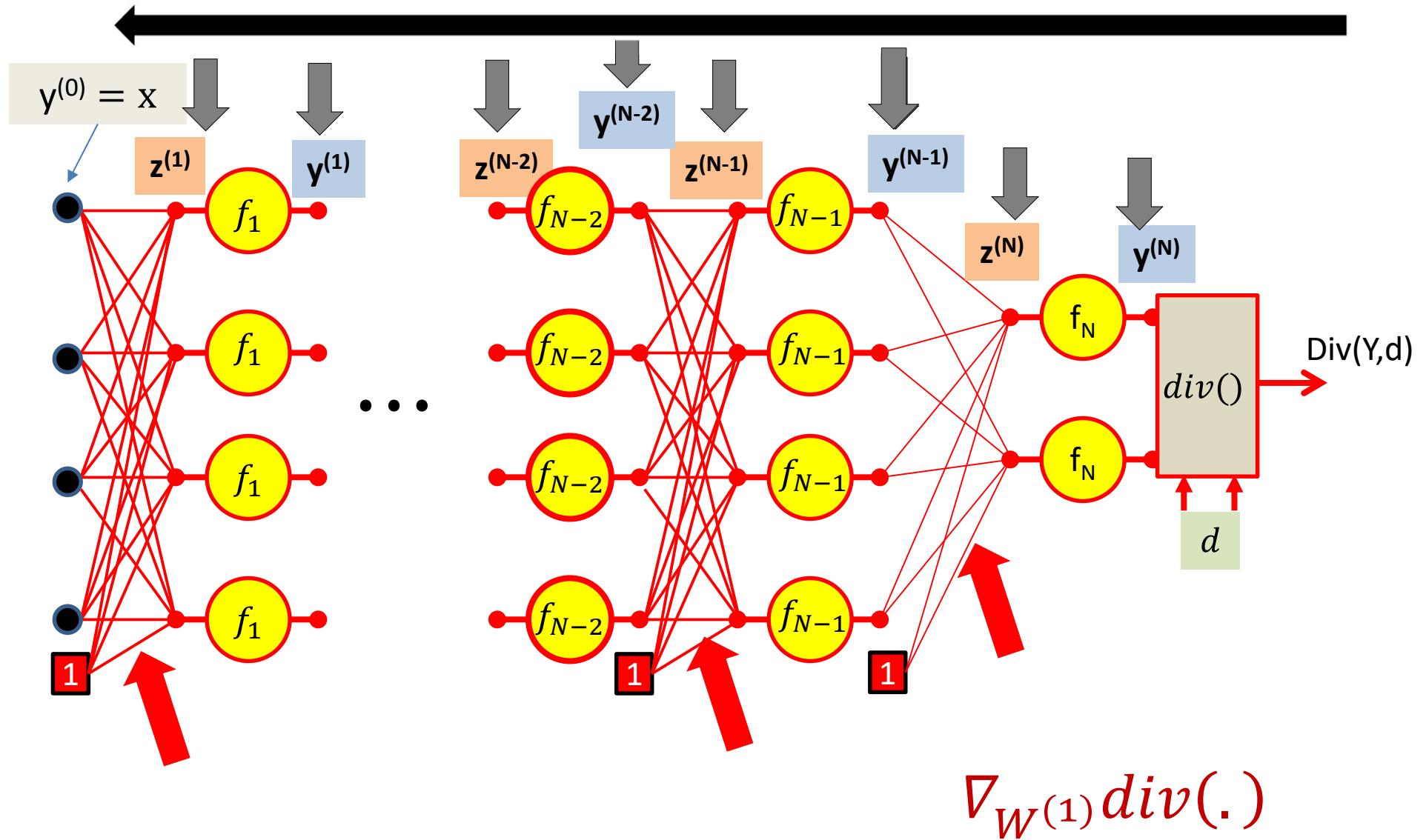
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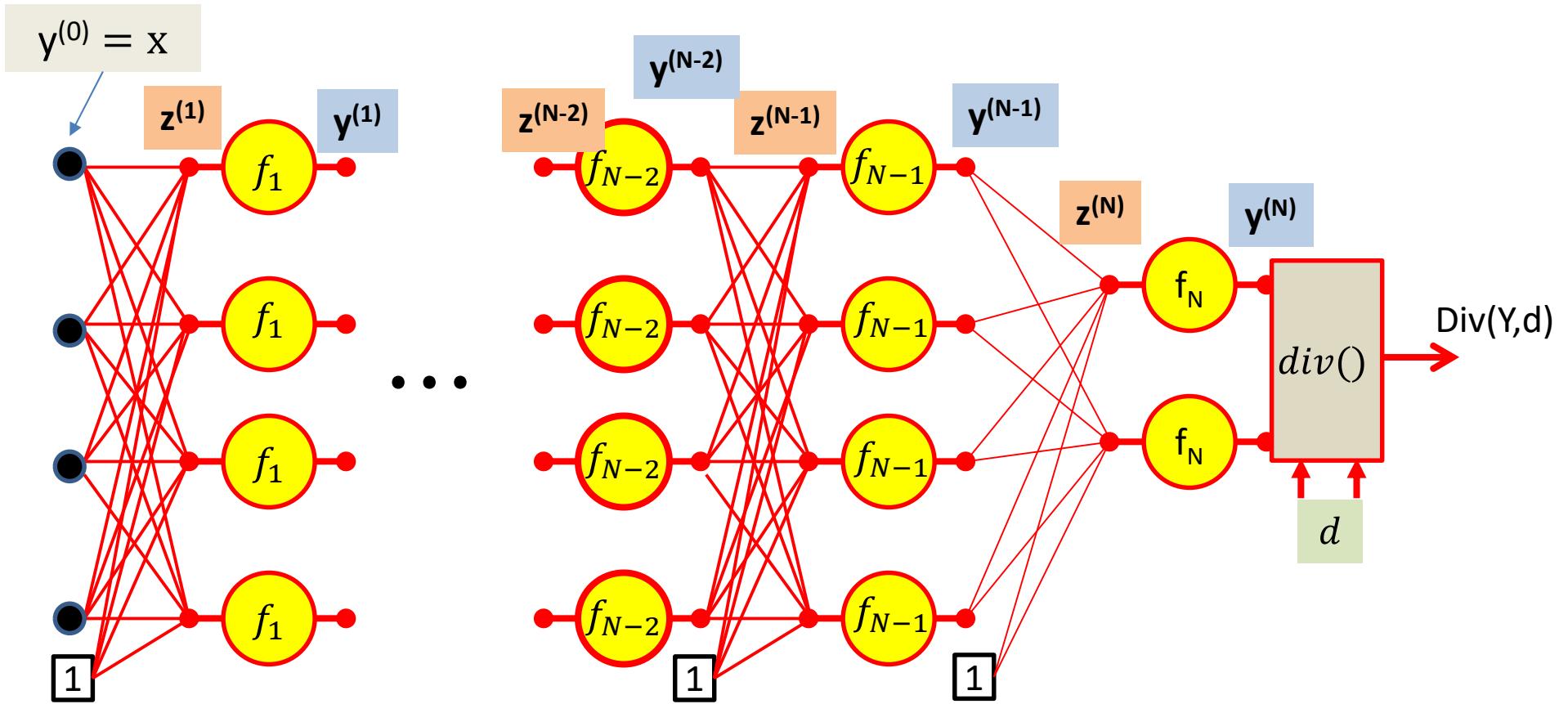


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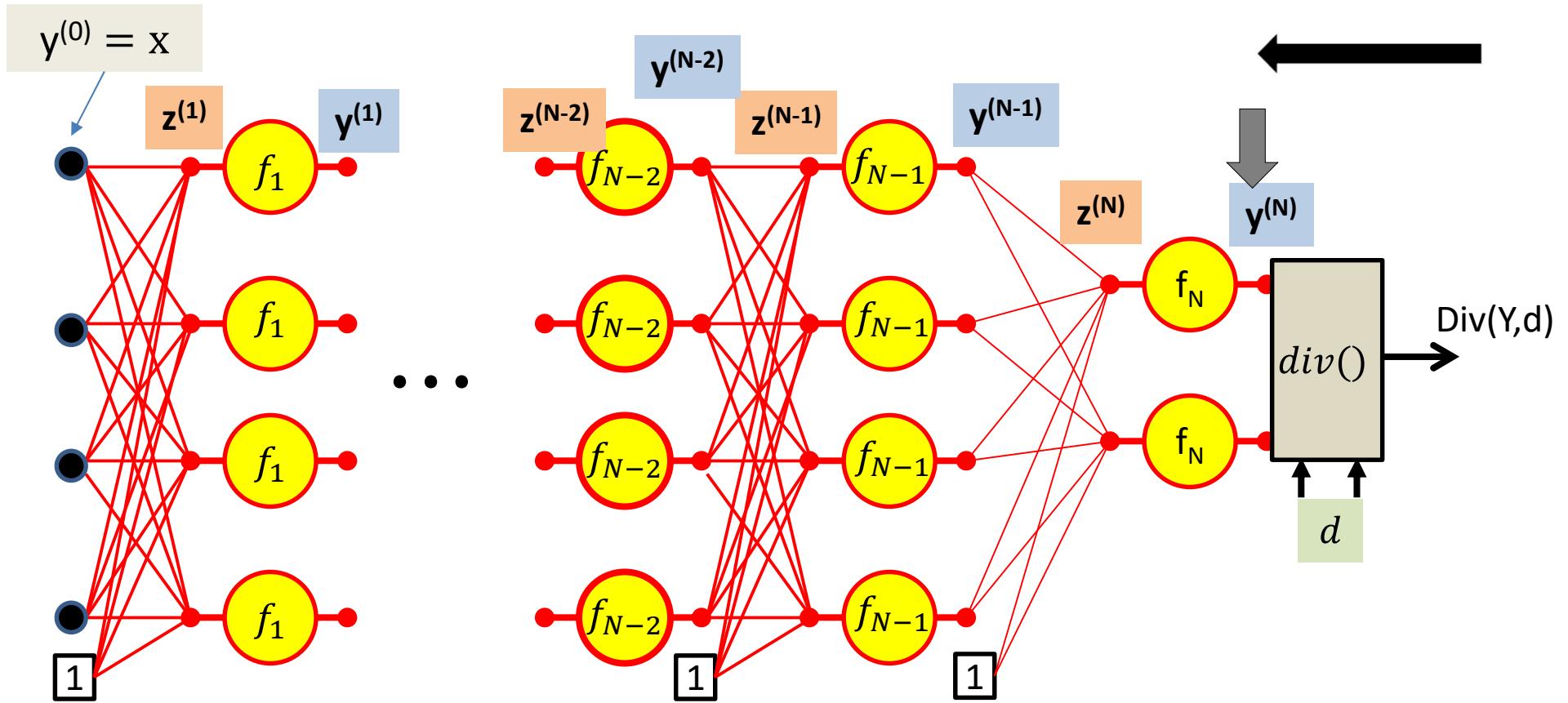
# Backward Gradient Computation

- Let's actually see the math..

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The derivative w.r.t the actual output of the final layer of the network is simply the derivative w.r.t to the output of the network

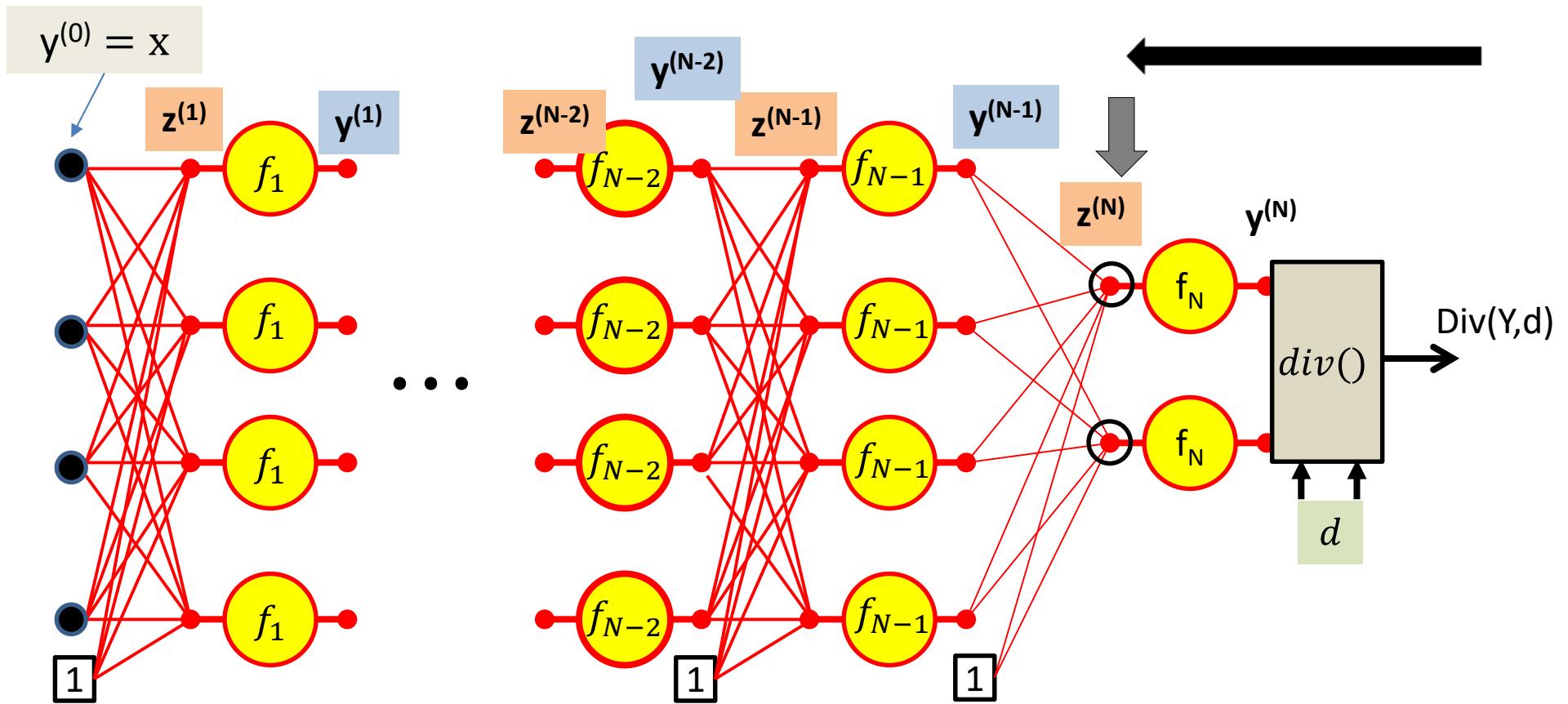
$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y_i}$$

# Calculus Refresher: Chain rule

For any nested function  $l = f(y)$  where  $y = g(z)$

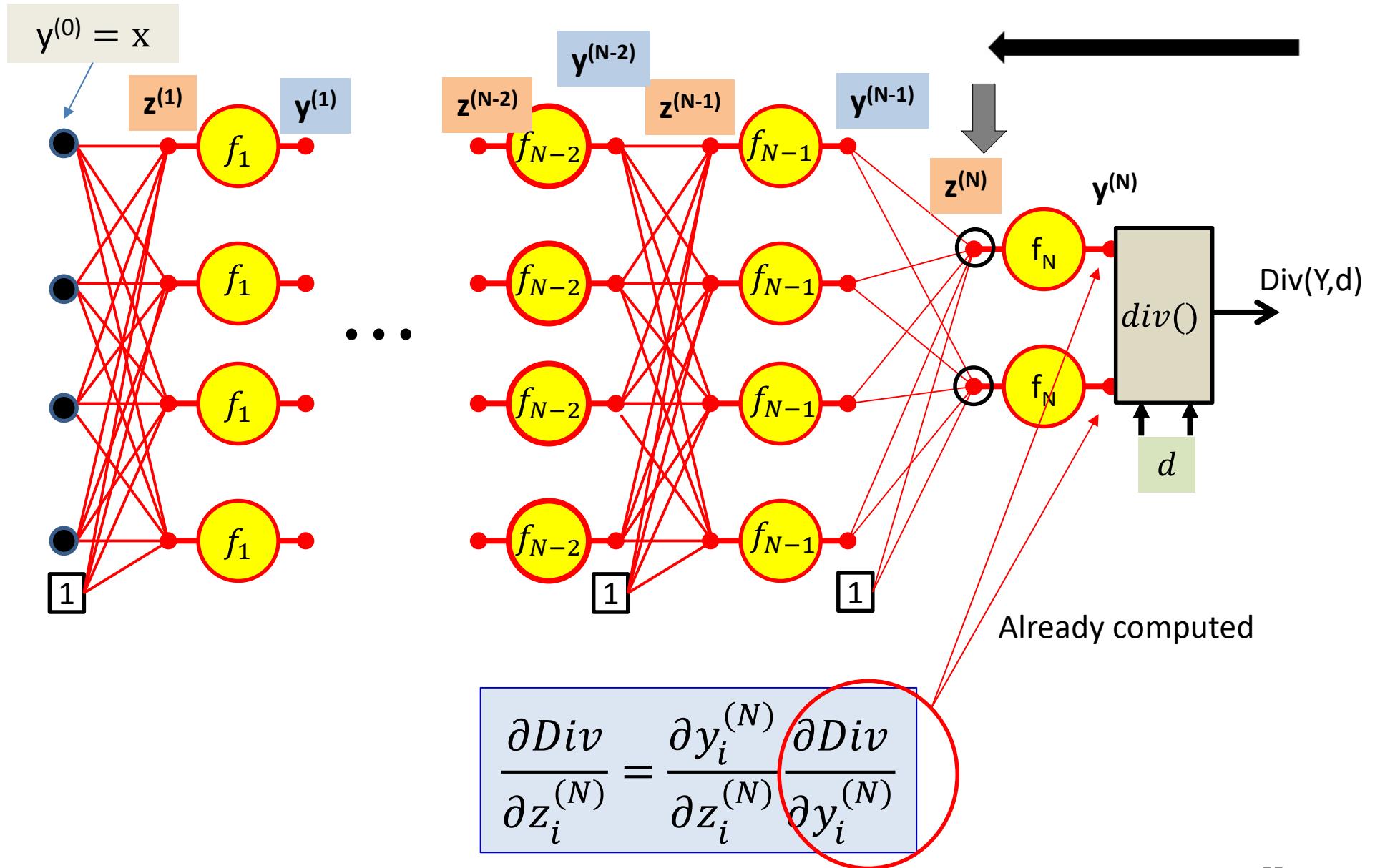
$$\frac{dl}{dz} = \frac{dl}{dy} \frac{dy}{dz}$$

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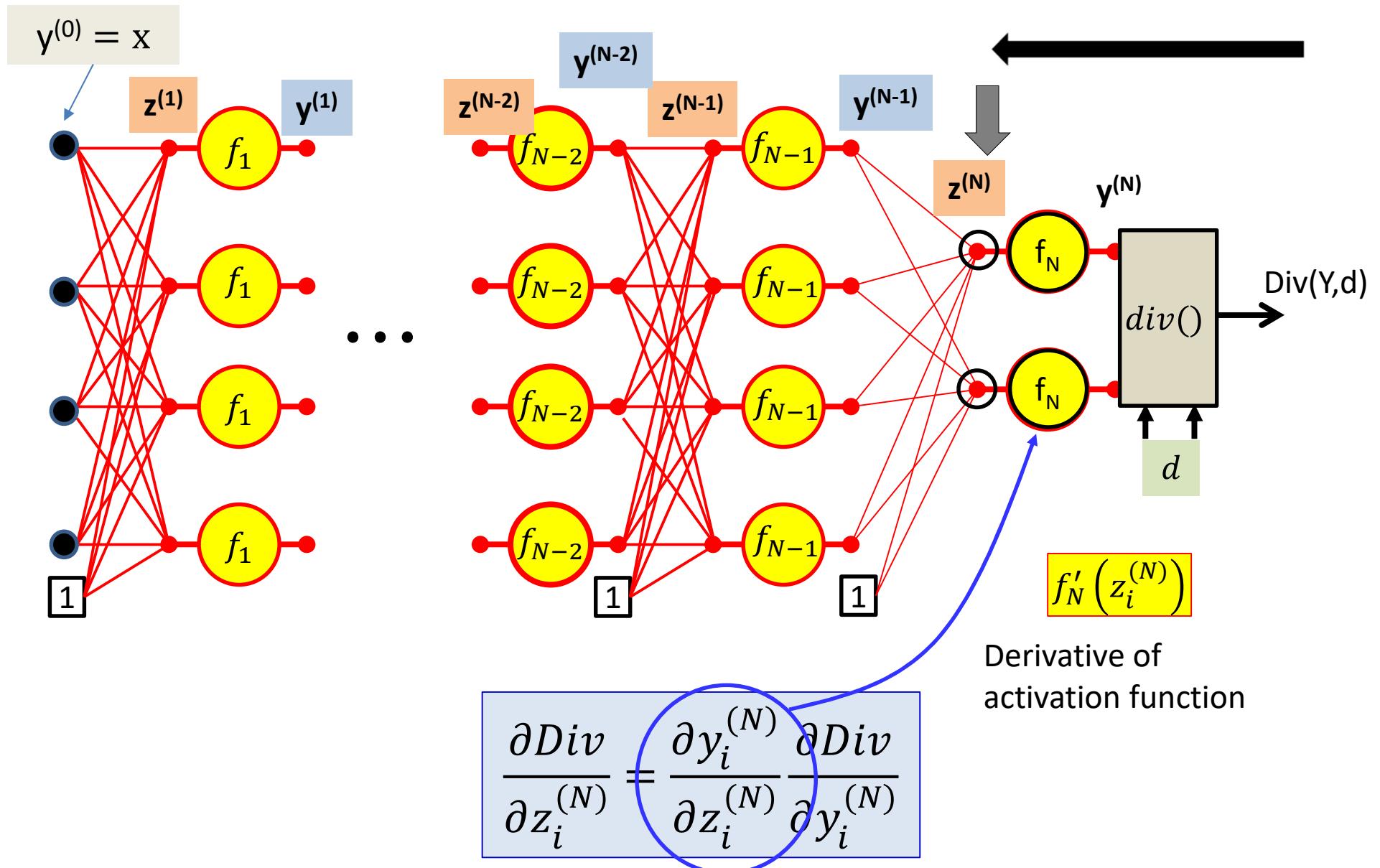


$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial y_i^{(N)}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

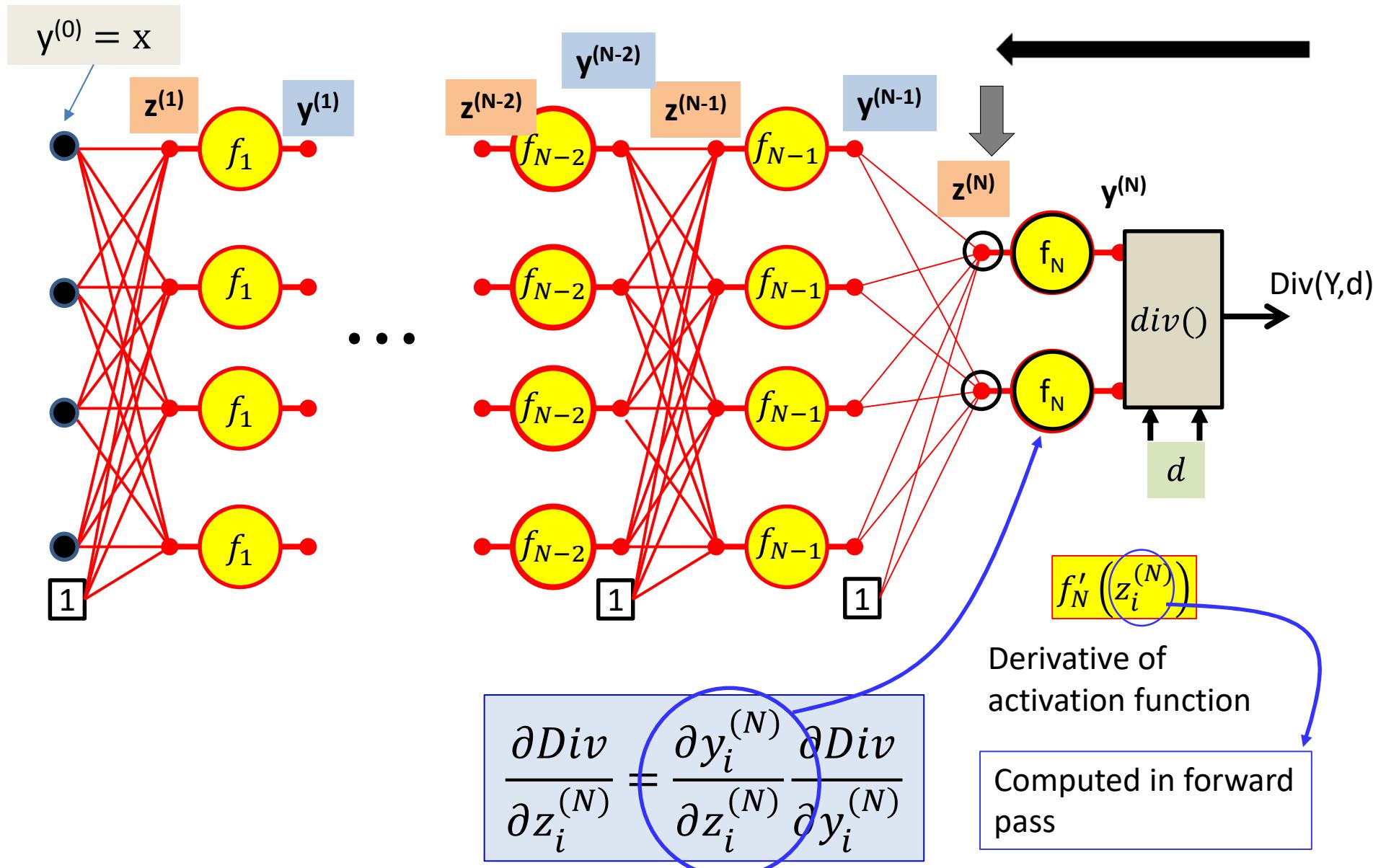
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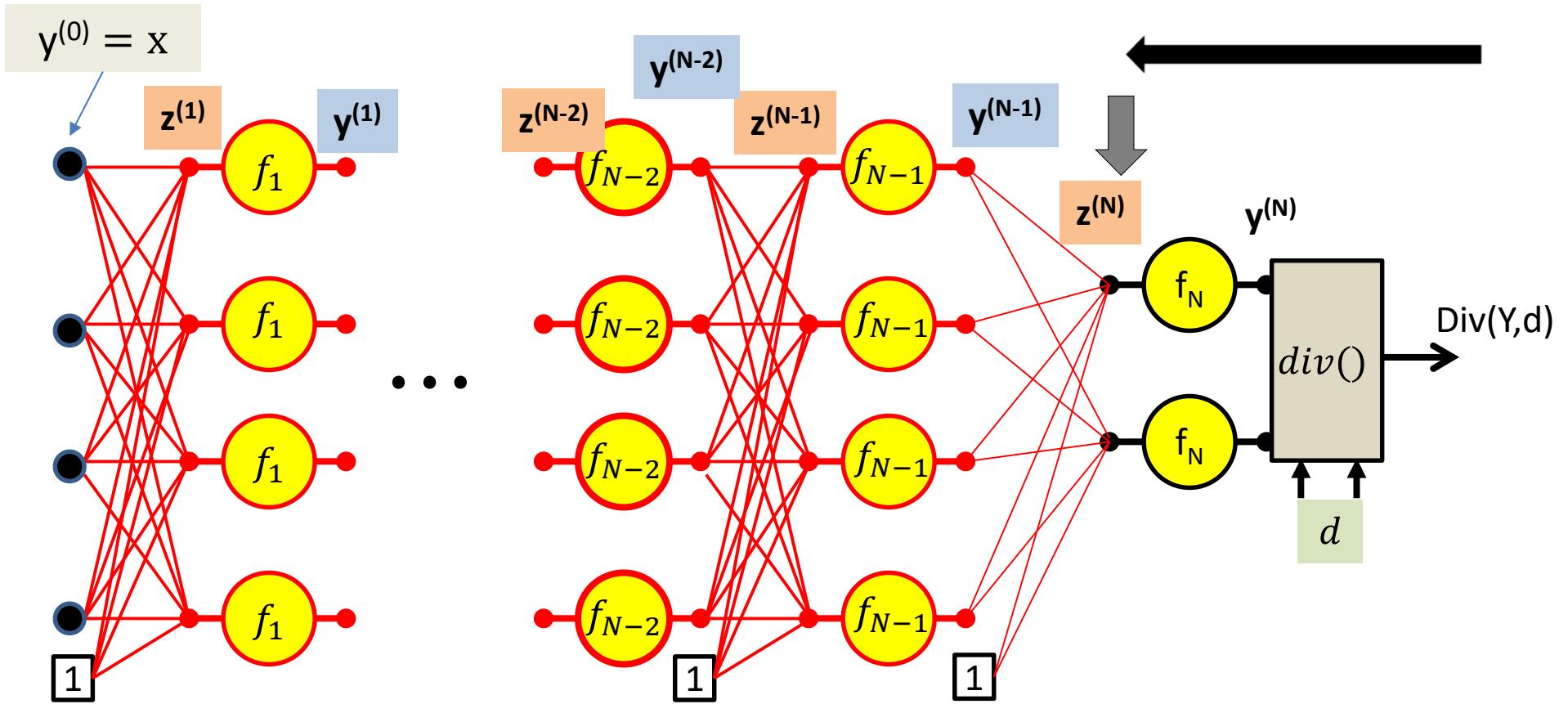
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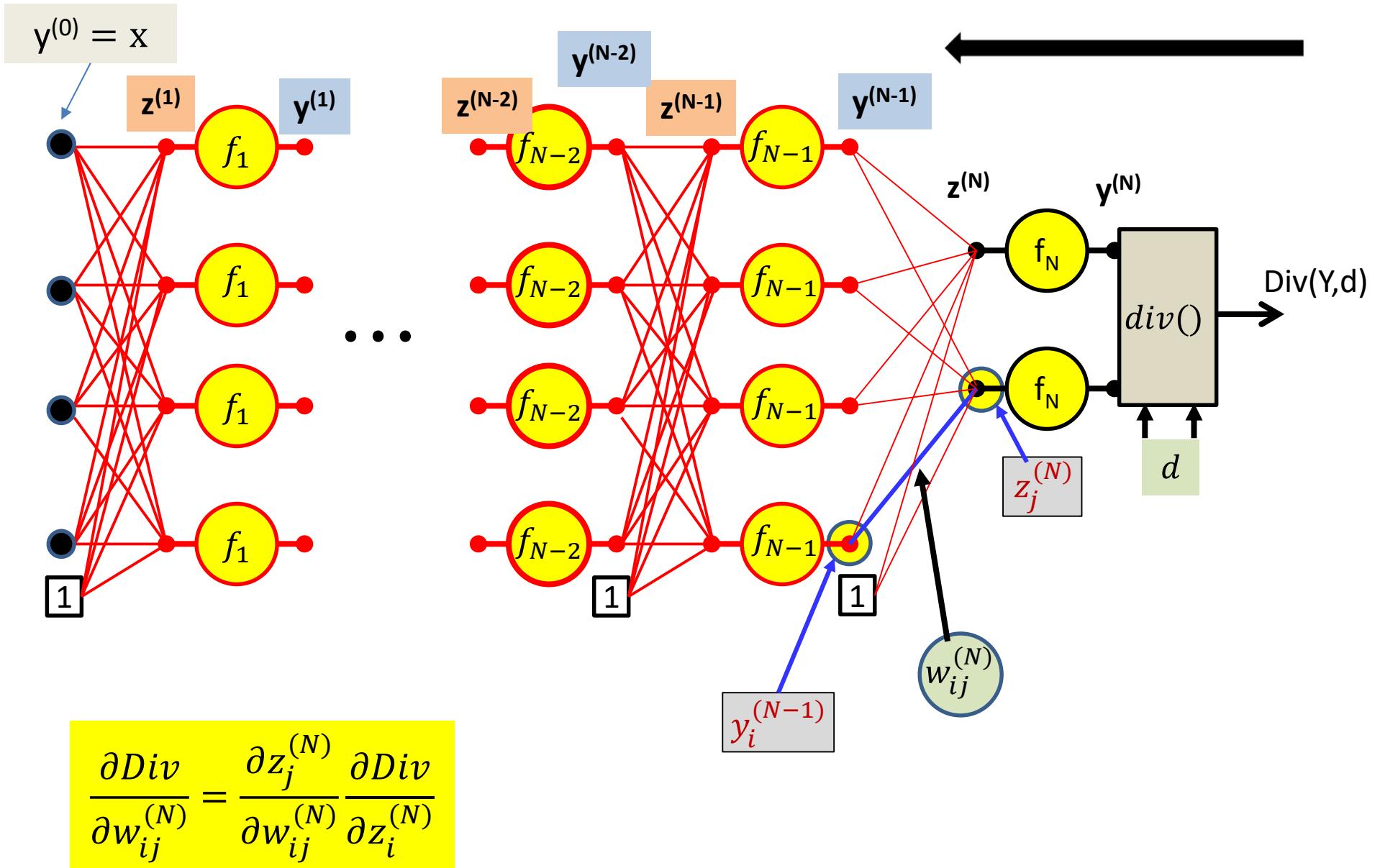


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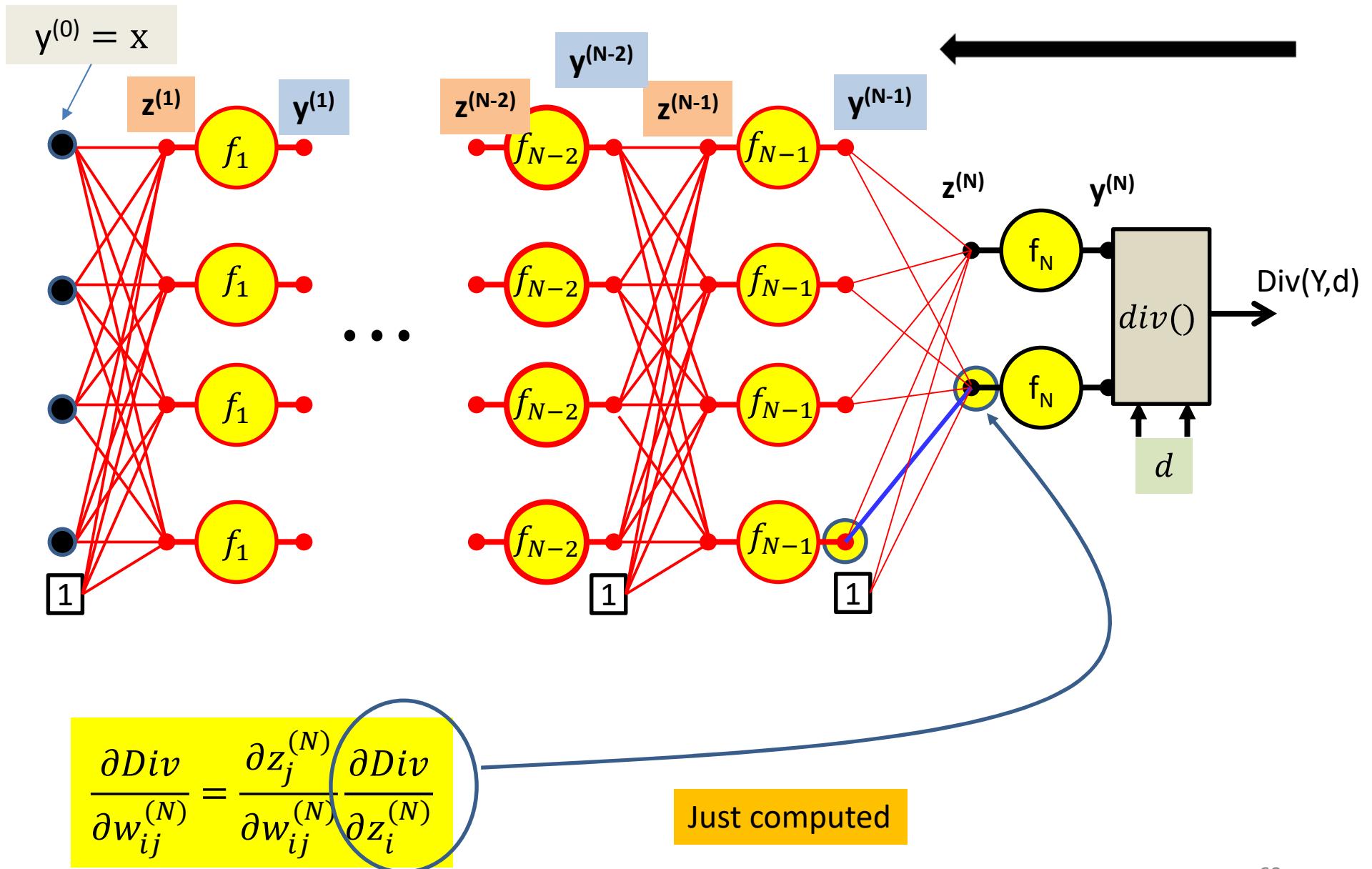


$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = f'_N(z_i^{(N)}) \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

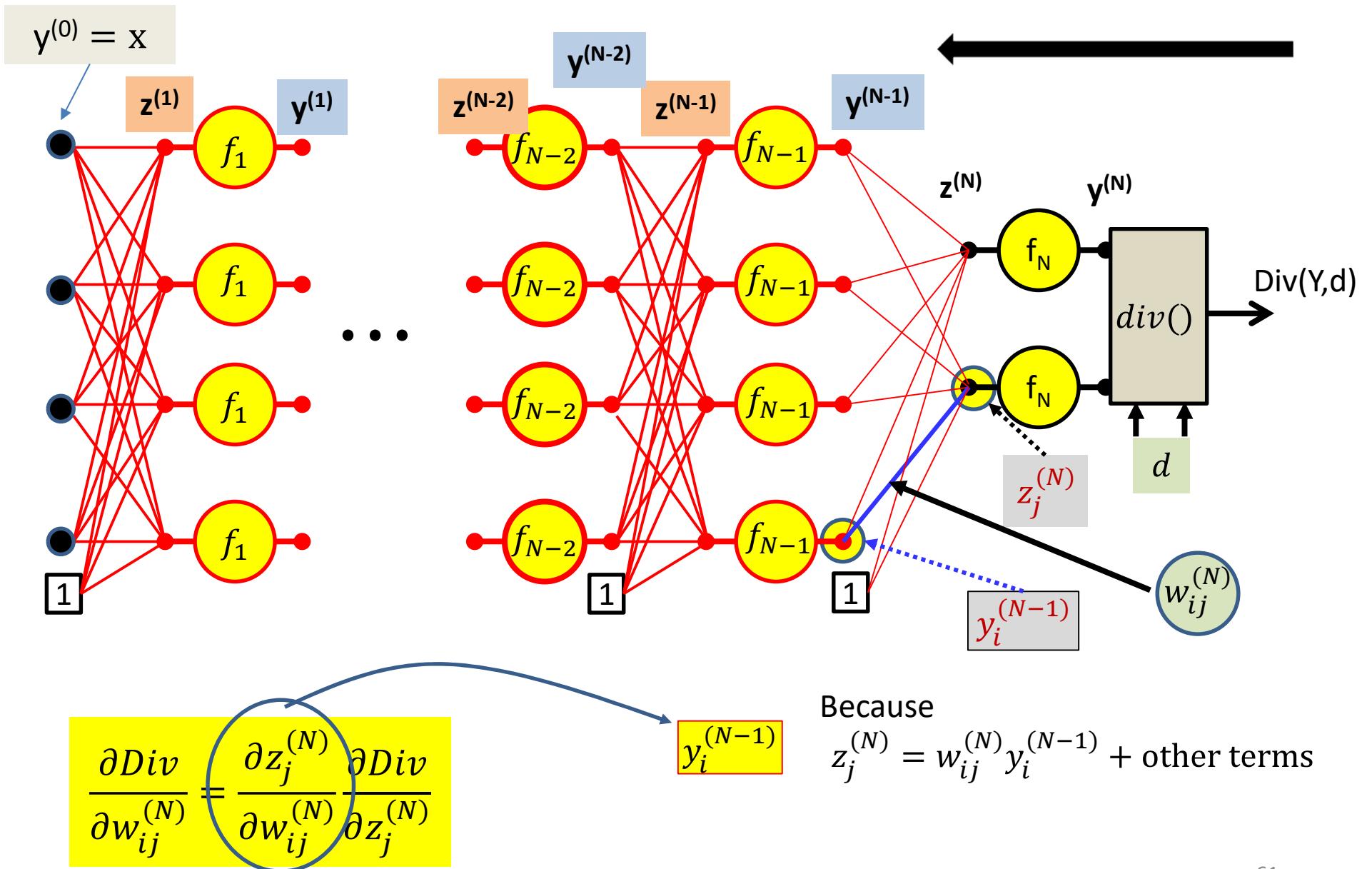
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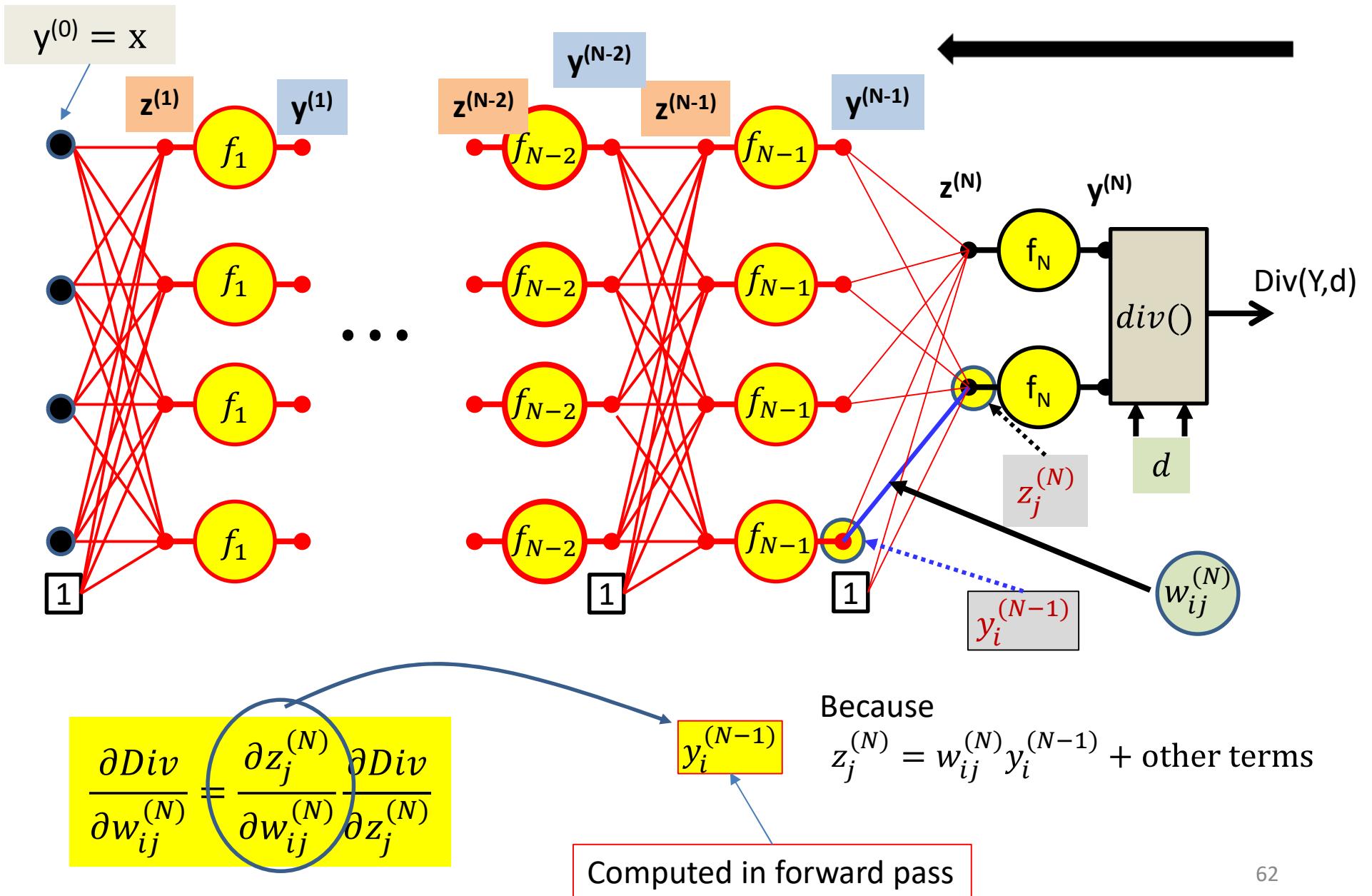
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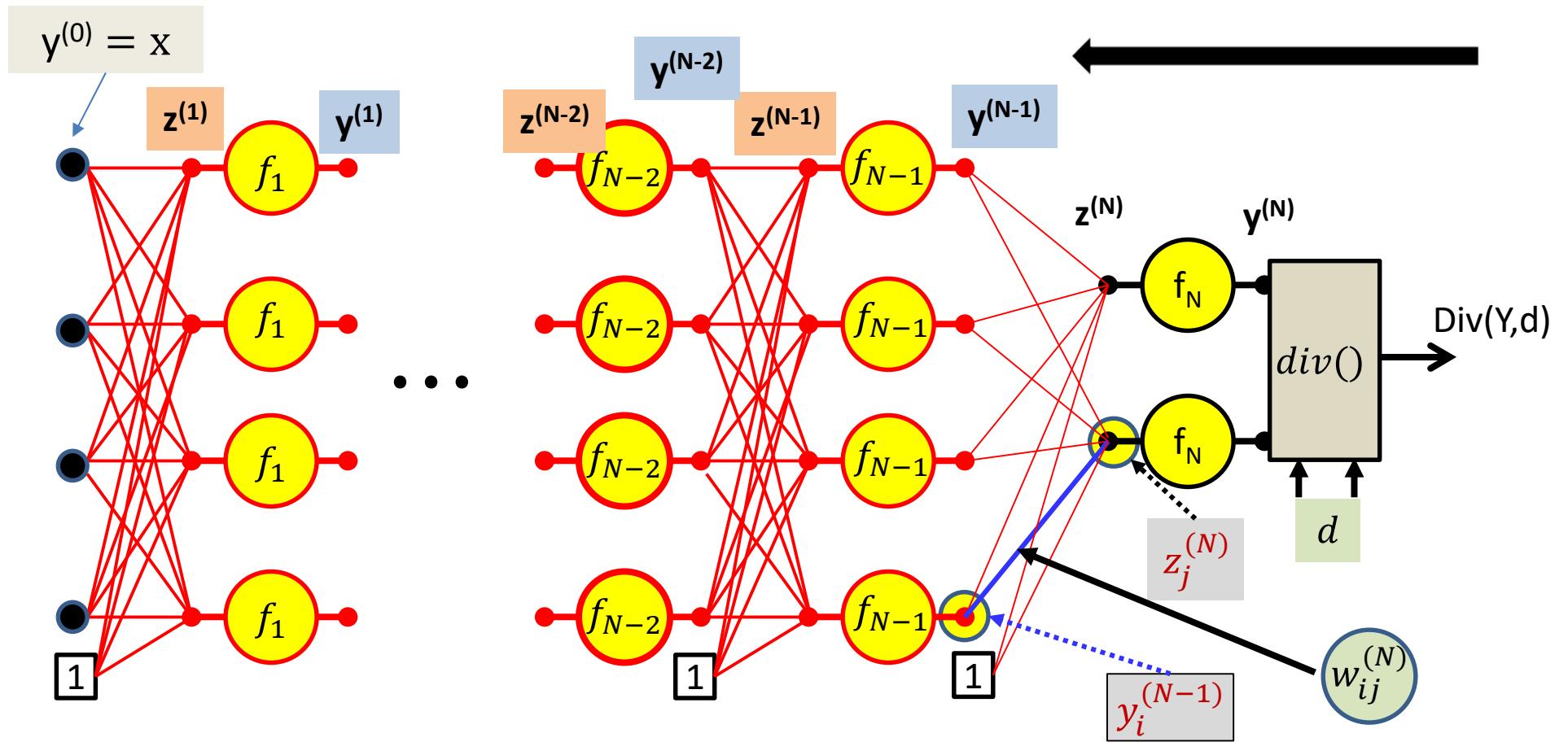


Because  

$$z_j^{(N)} = w_{ij}^{(N)} y_i^{(N-1)} + \text{other terms}$$

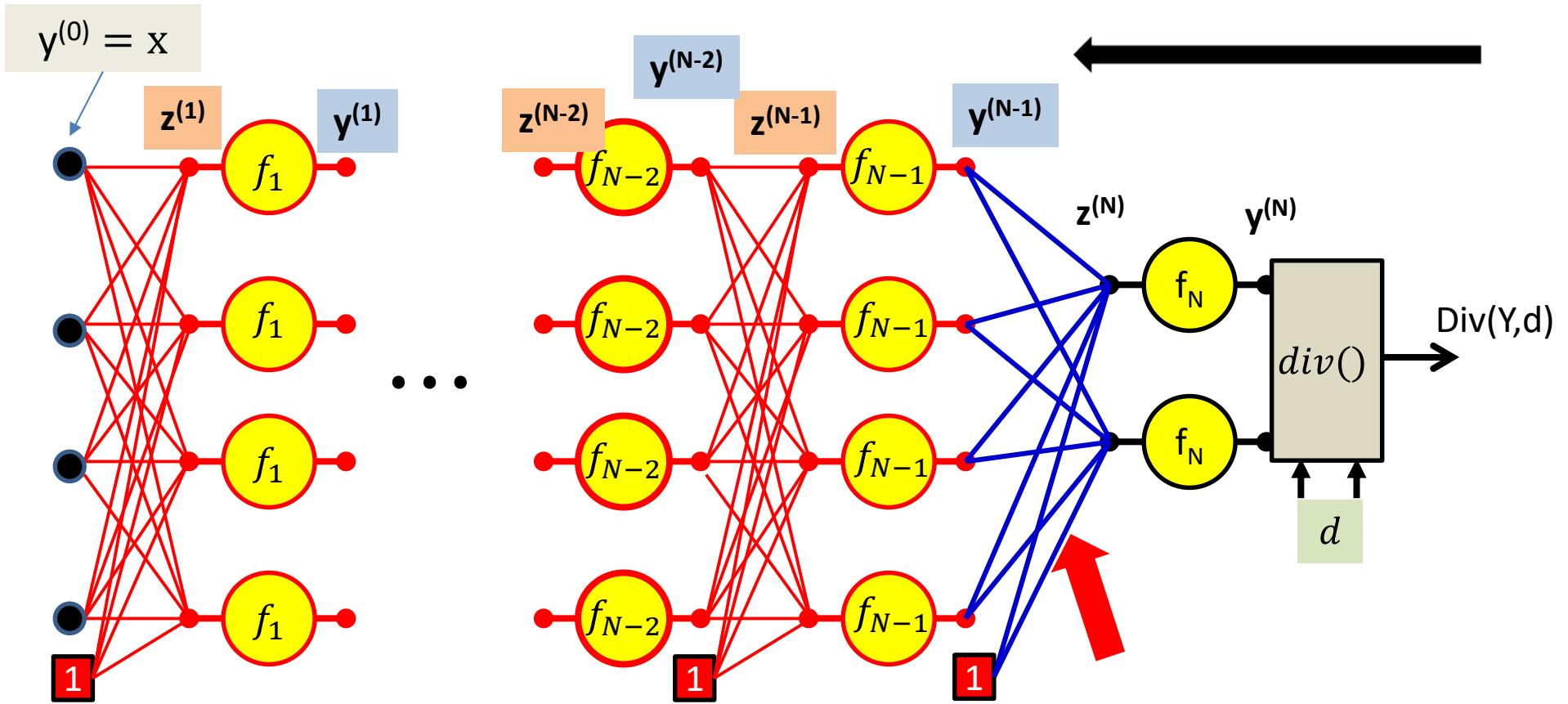
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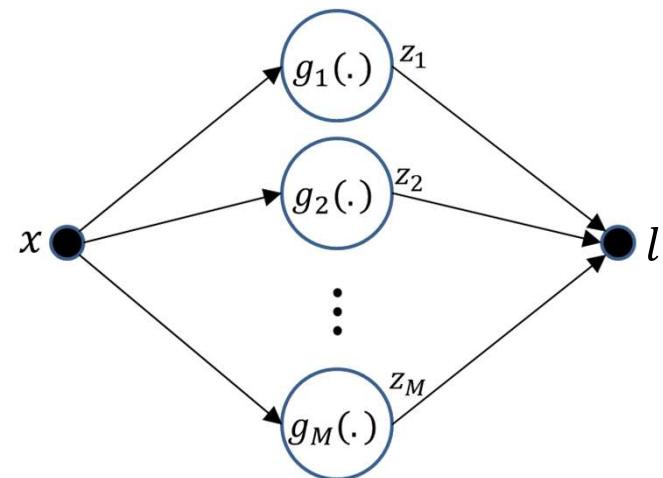


$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ij}^{(N)}} = y_i^{(N-1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(N)}}$$

For the bias term  $y_0^{(N-1)} = 1$

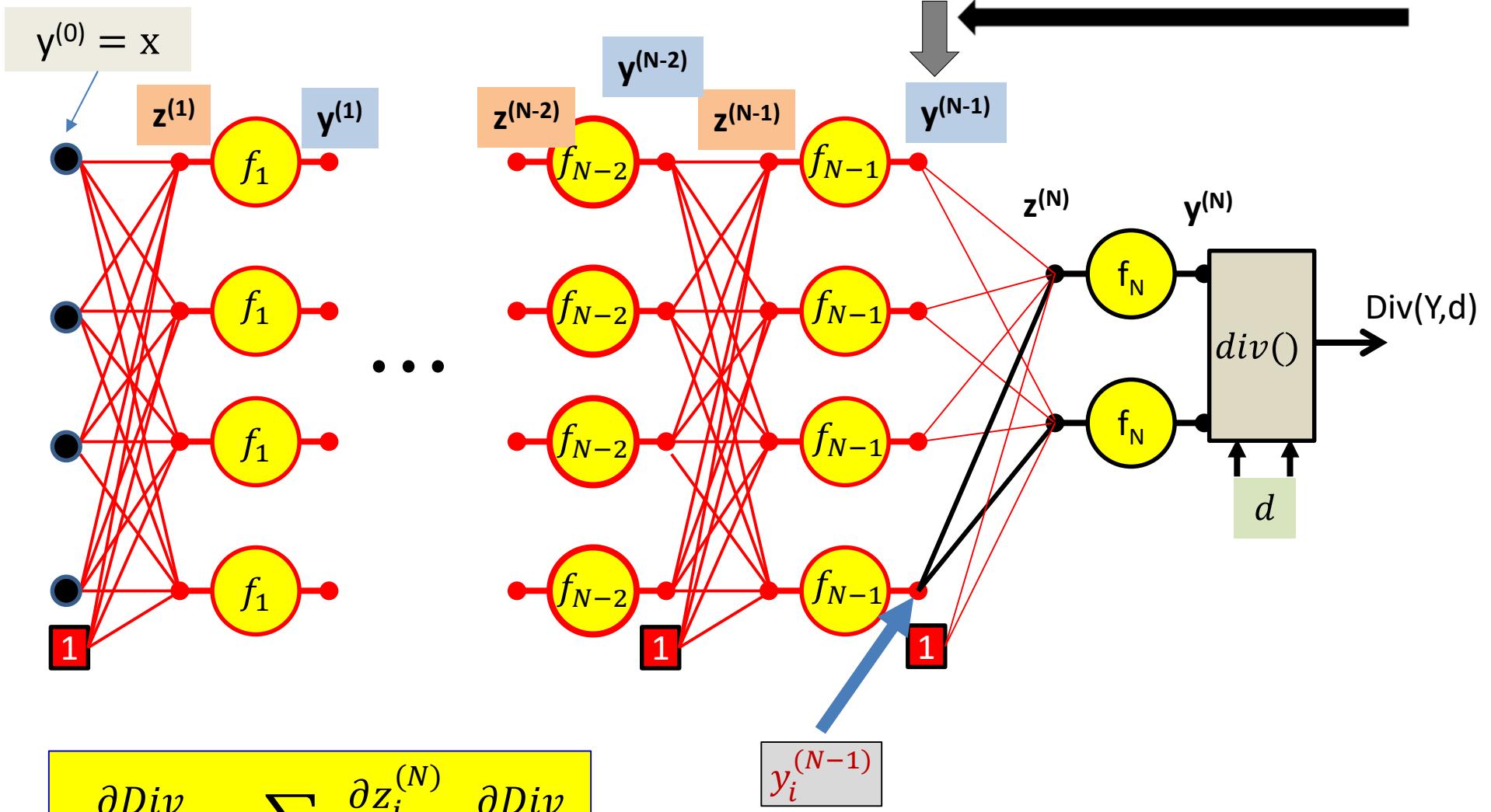
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For  $l = f(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_M)$   
where  $z_i = g_i(x)$



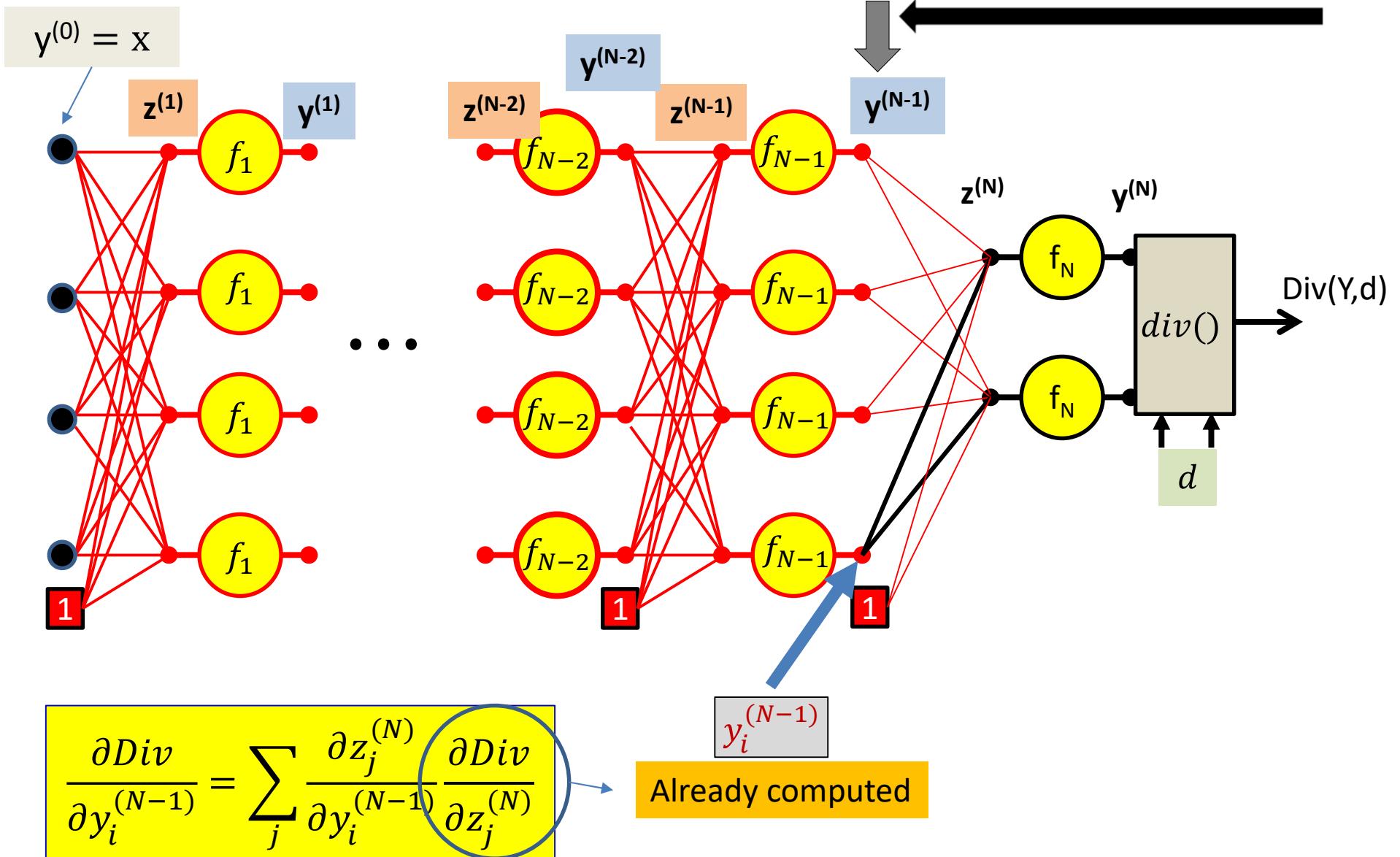
$$\frac{dl}{dx} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_1} \frac{dz_1}{dx} + \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_2} \frac{dz_2}{dx} + \cdots + \frac{\partial l}{\partial z_M} \frac{dz_M}{dx}$$

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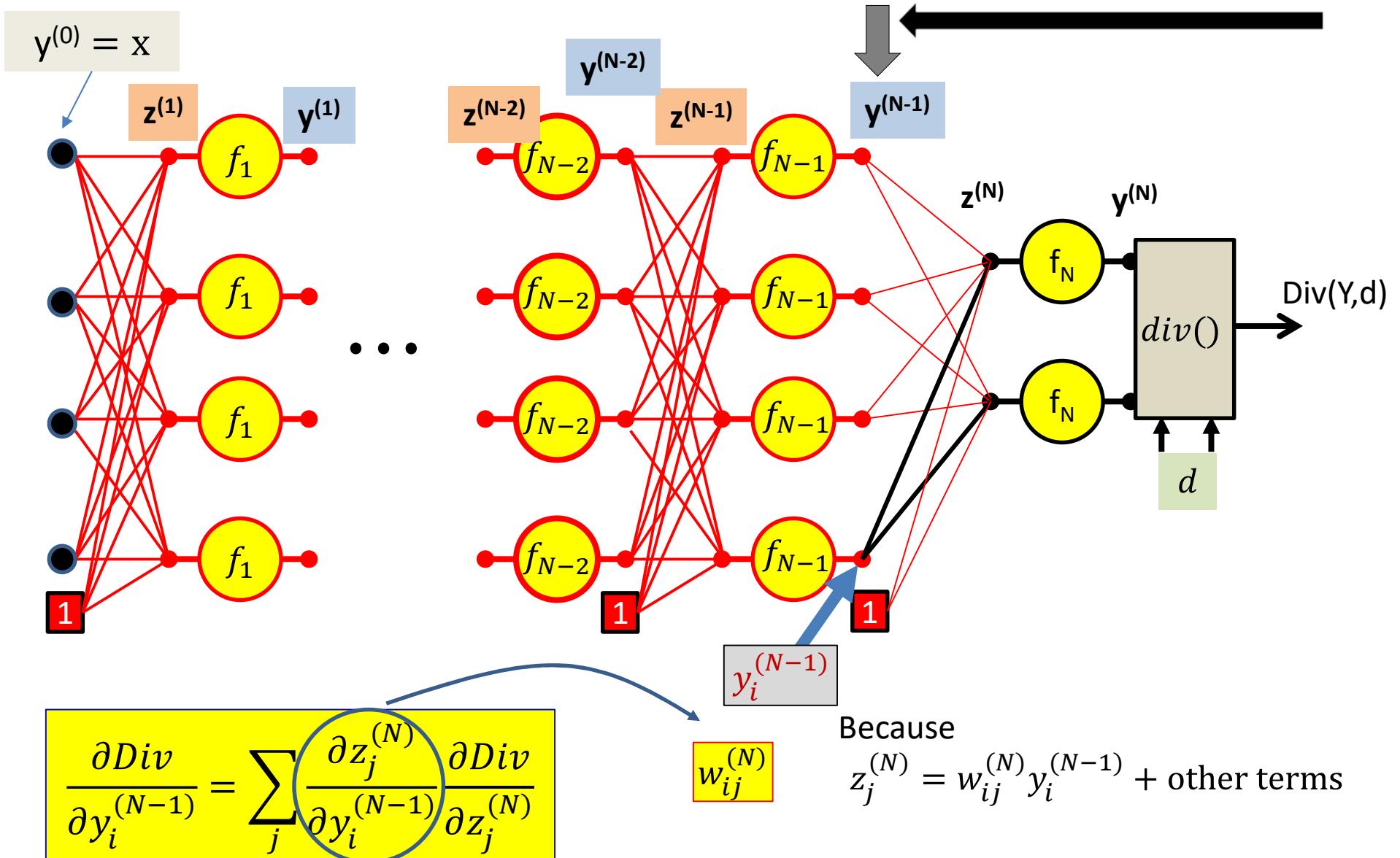


$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(N-1)}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial z_j^{(N)}}{\partial y_i^{(N-1)}} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(N)}}$$

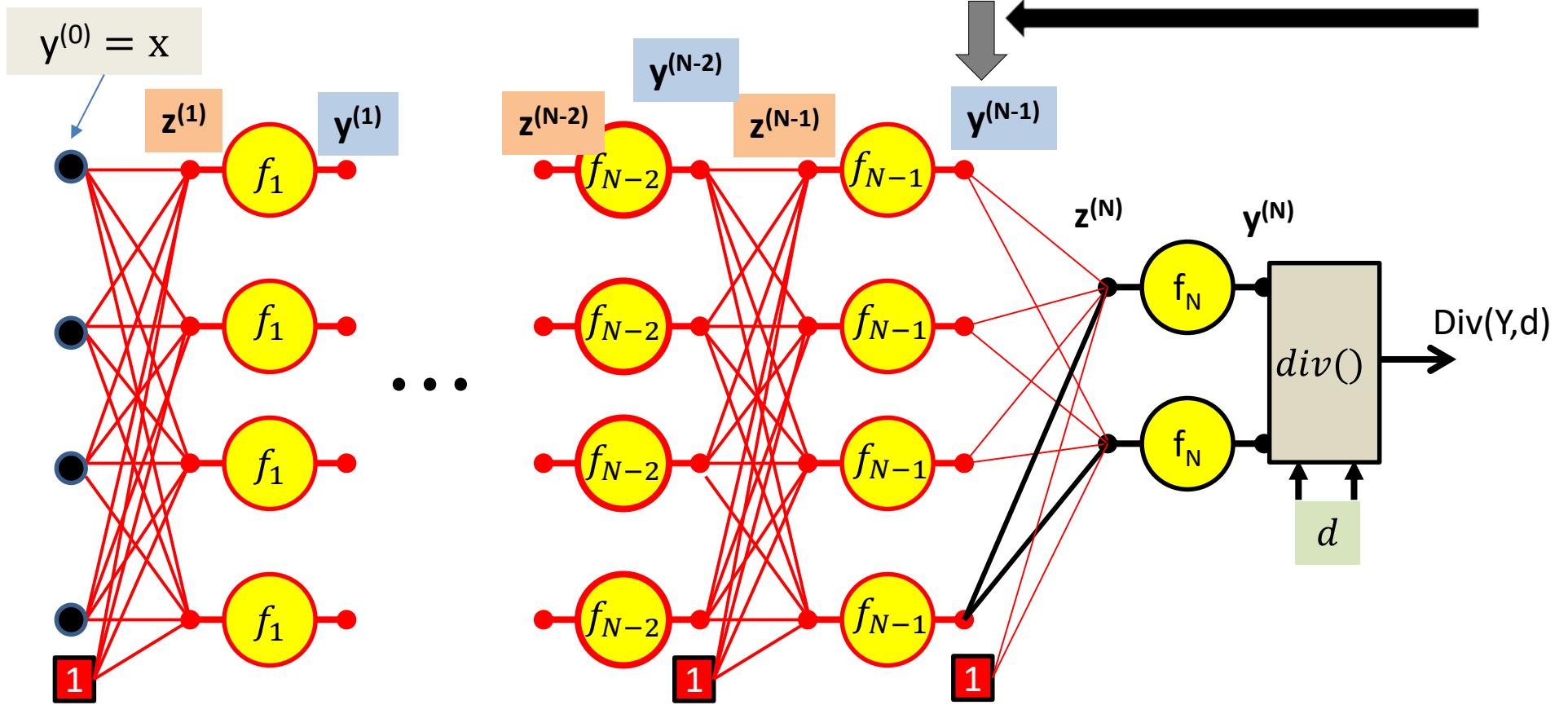
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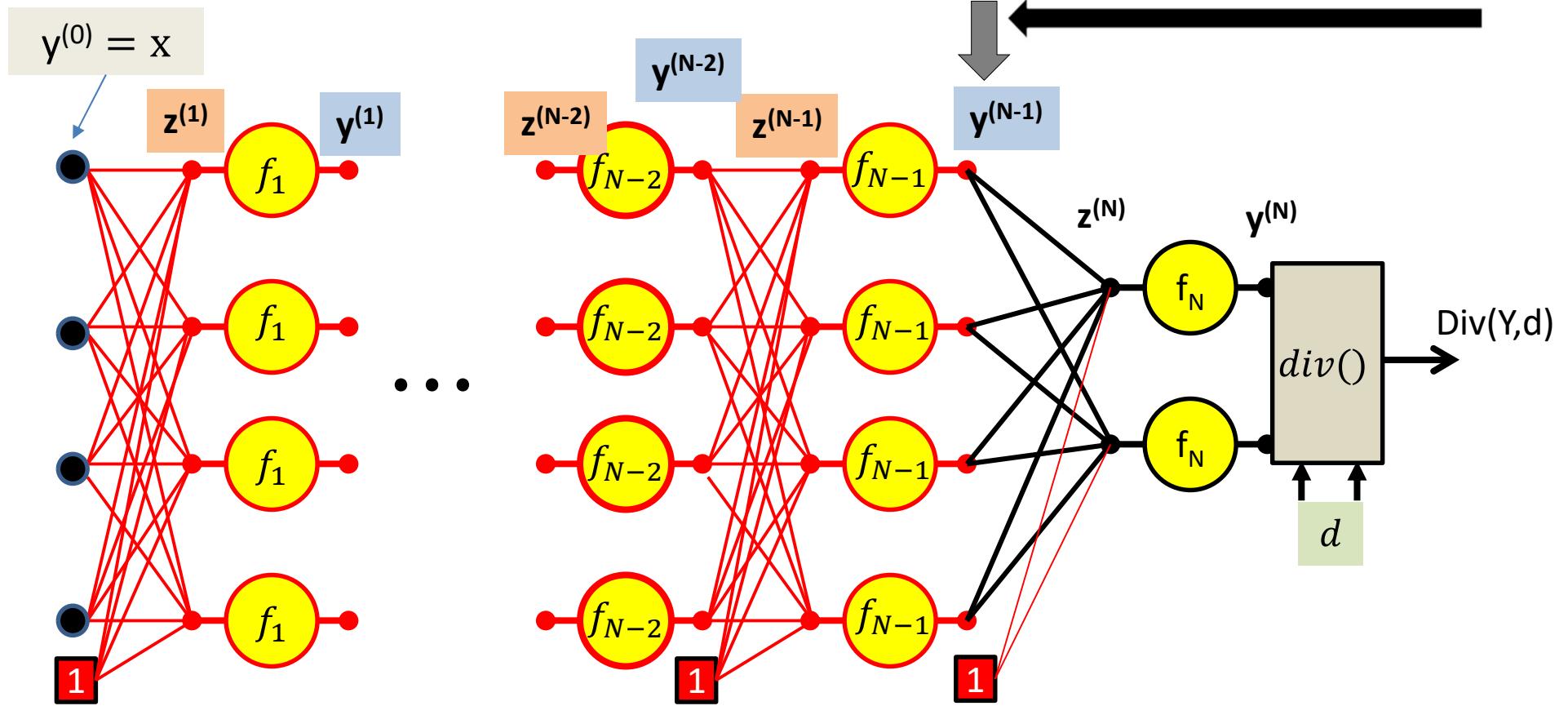


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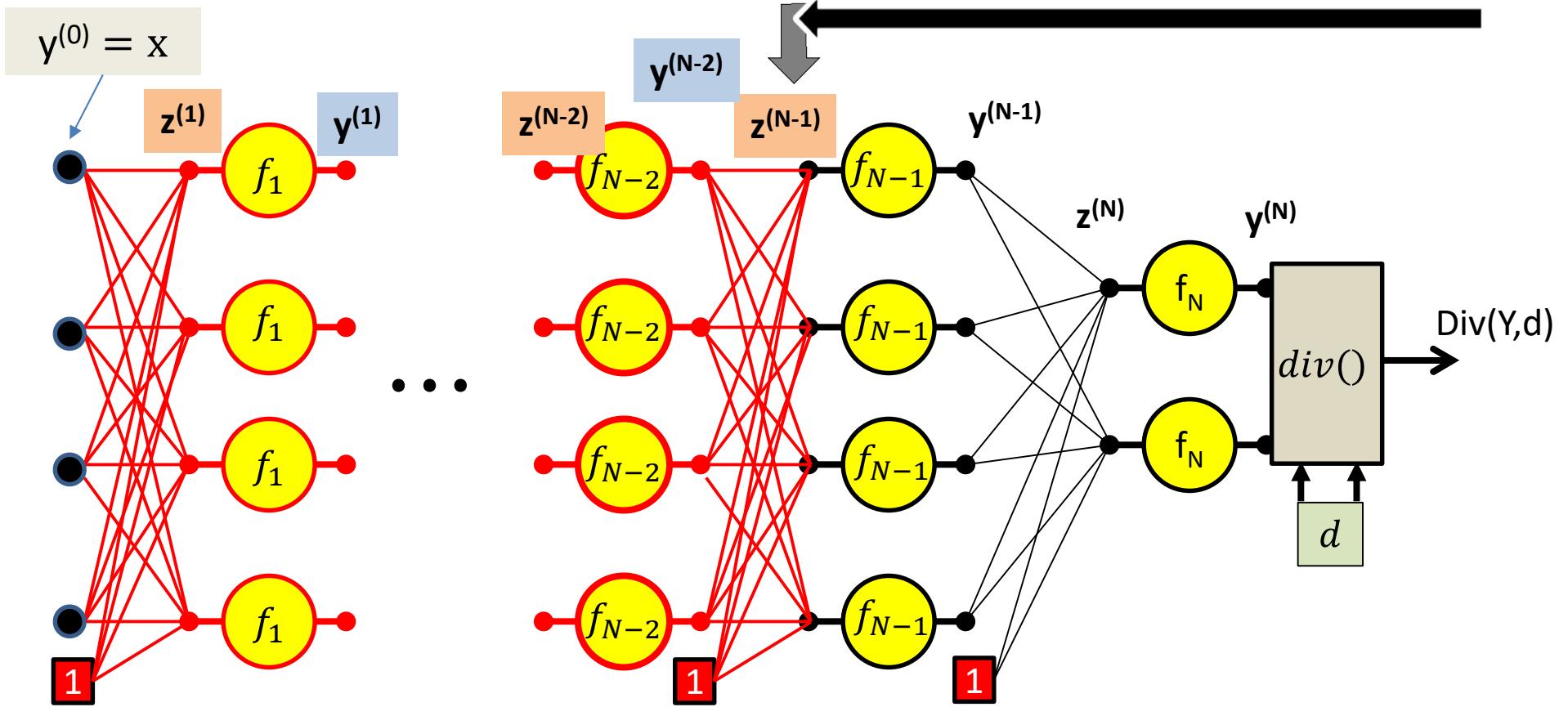
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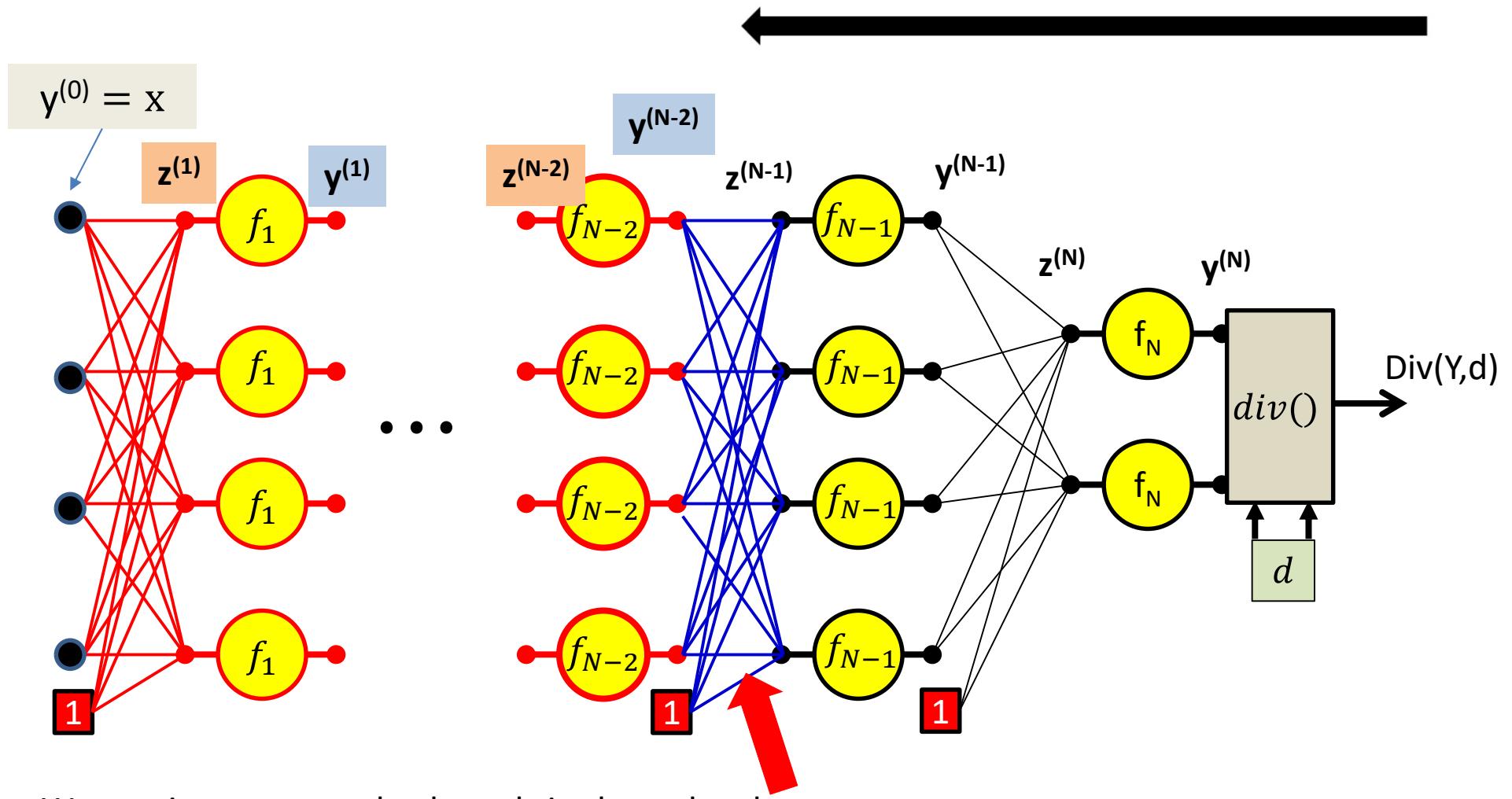
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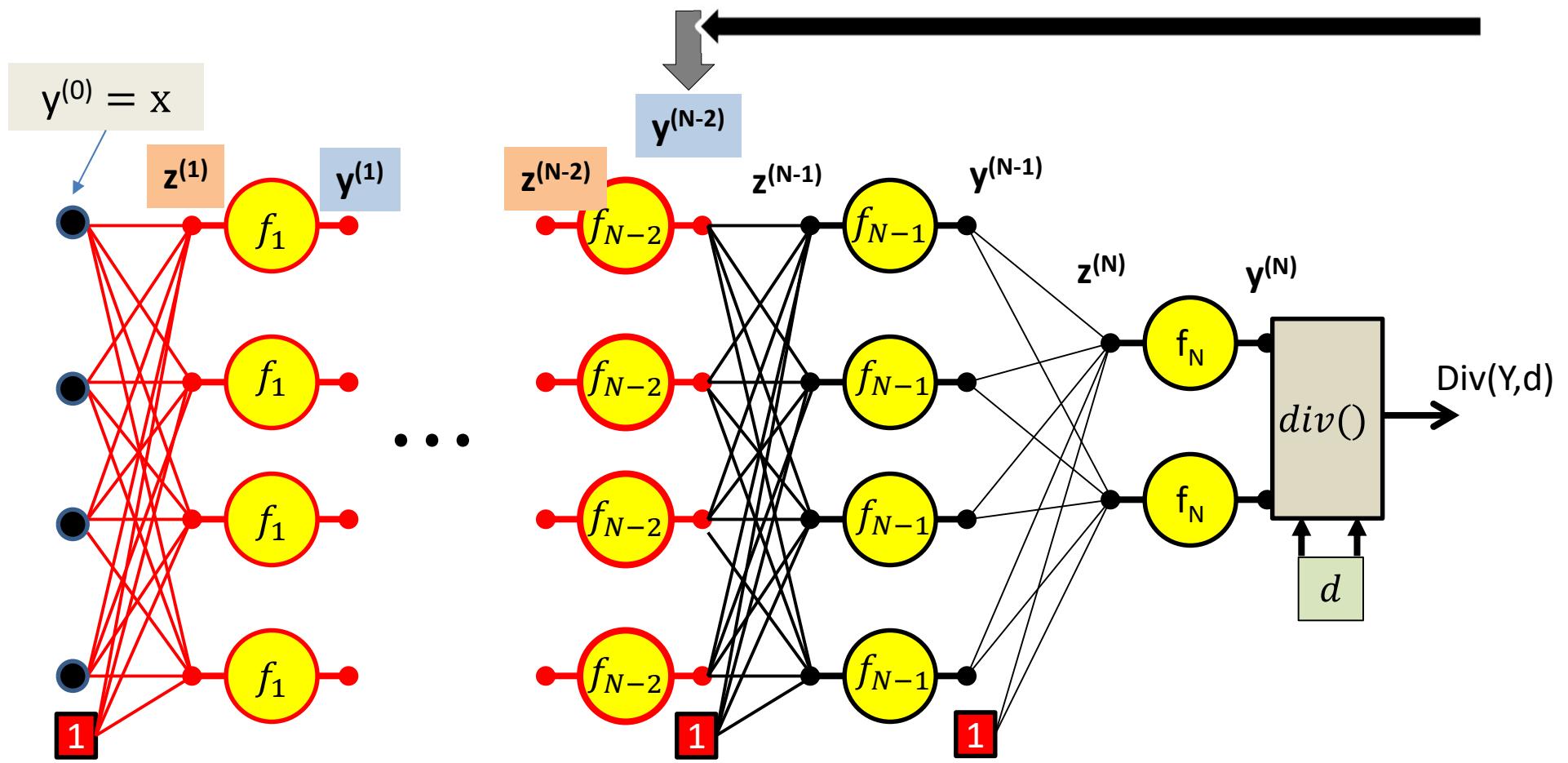
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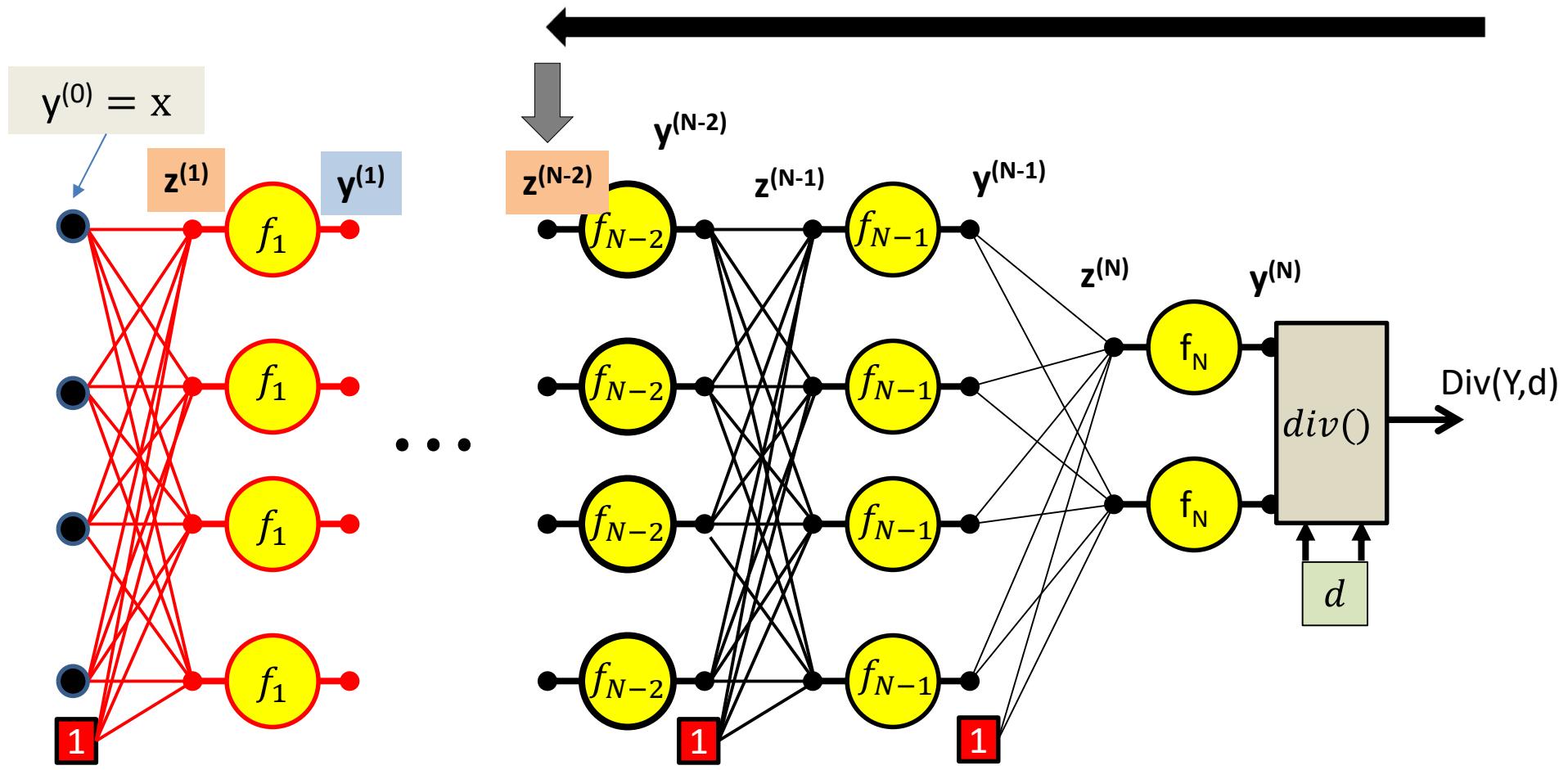
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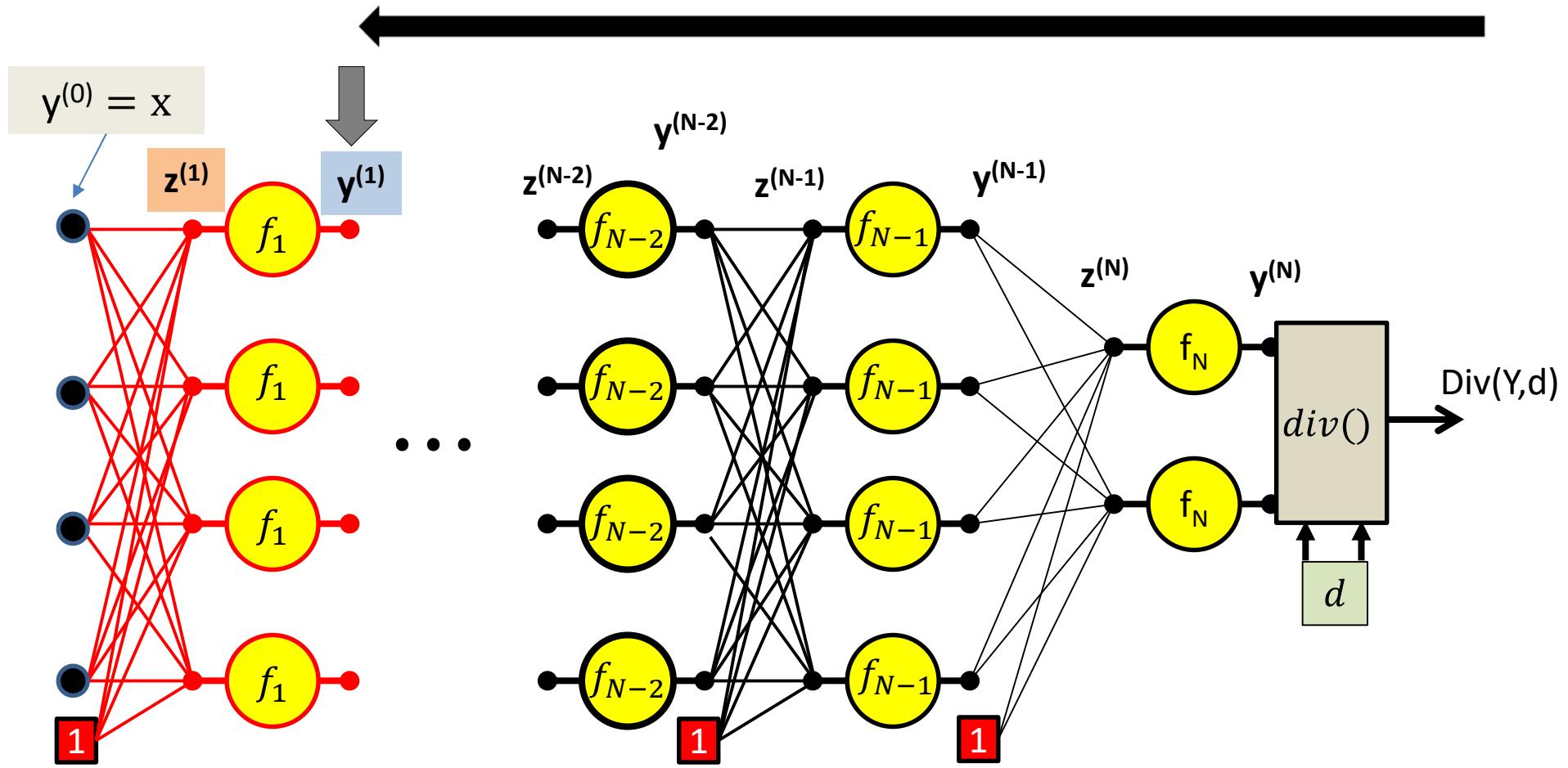
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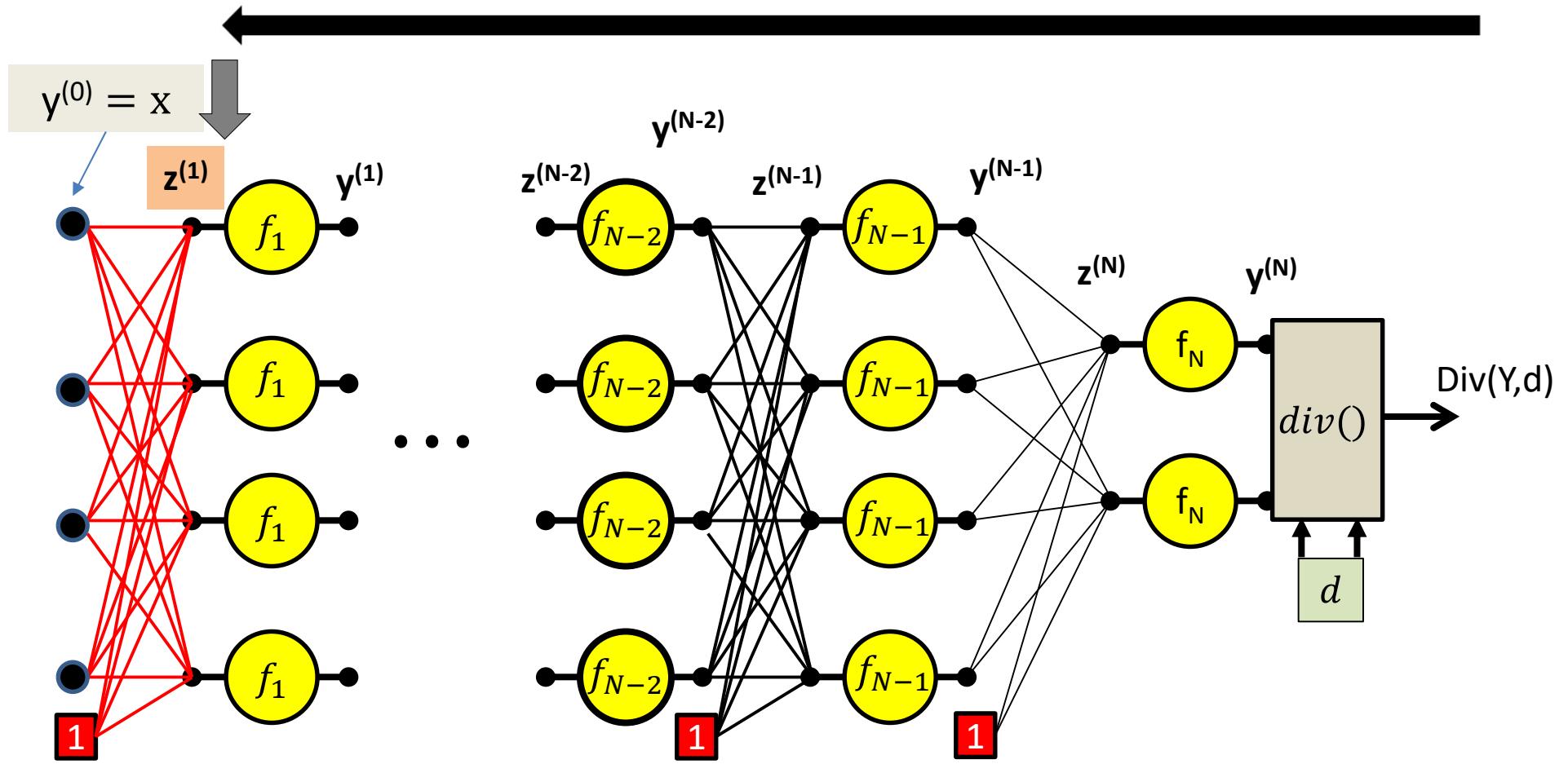
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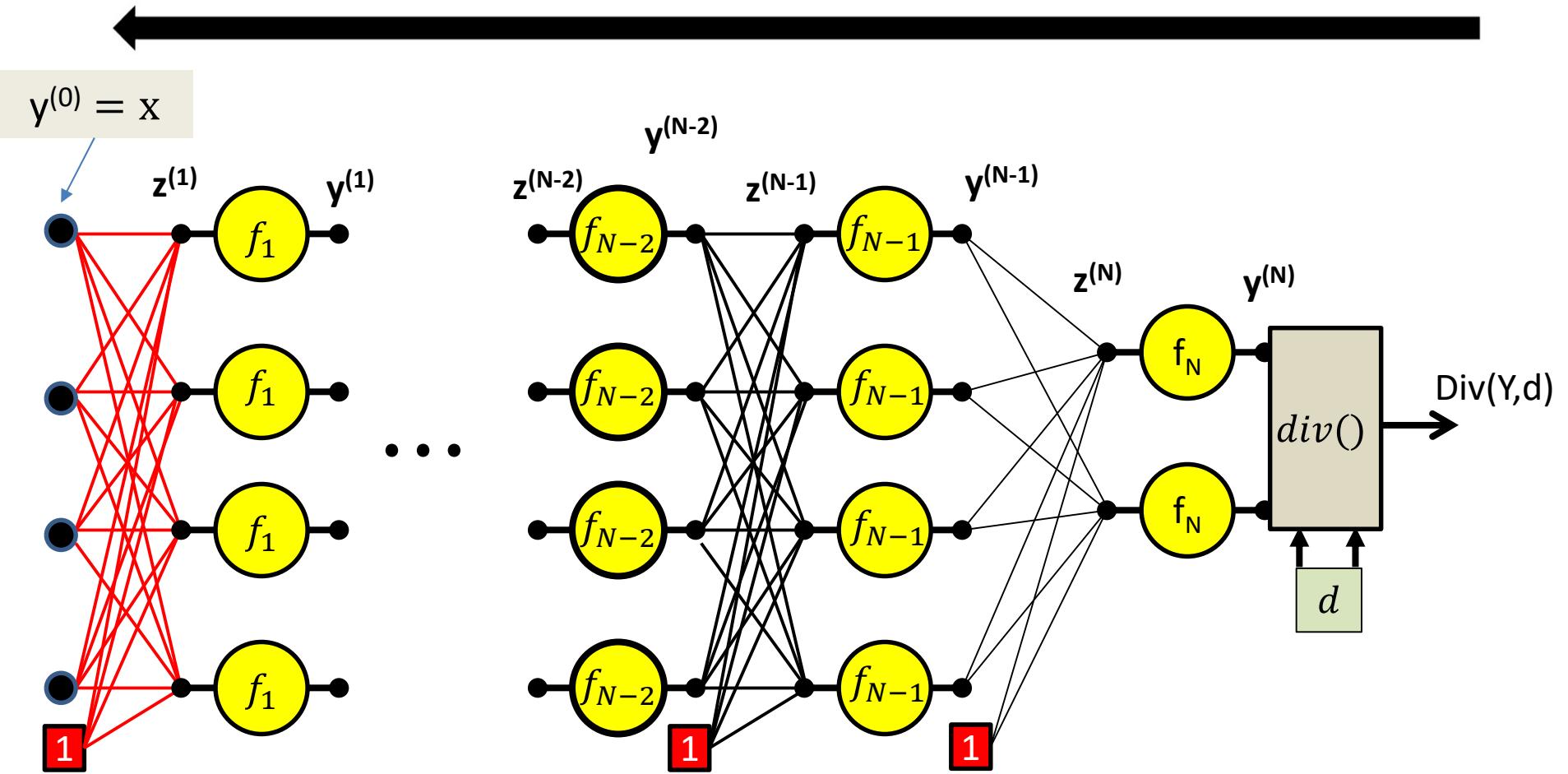
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$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_1^{(1)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(2)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(2)}}$$



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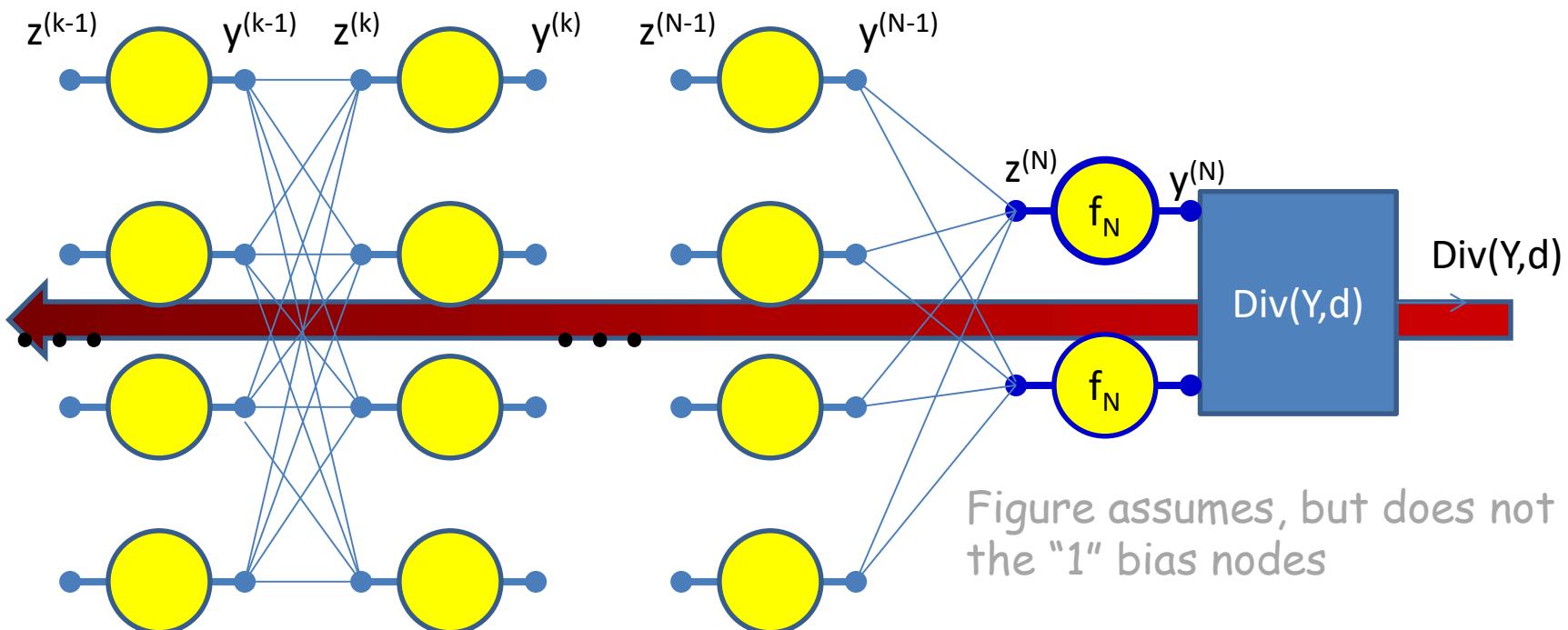
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$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ij}^{(1)}} = y_i^{(0)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(1)}}$$

# Gradients: Backward Computation



Initialize: Gradient  
w.r.t network output

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = f'_k(z_i^{(N)}) \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

For  $k = N - 1..0$   
For  $i = 1: \text{layer width}$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$$

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$$\forall j \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(k+1)}} = y_i^{(k)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$$

# Backward Pass

- Output layer ( $N$ ) :
  - For  $i = 1 \dots D_N$ 
    - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y_i}$  [This is the derivative of the divergence]
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Called “**Backpropagation**” because the derivative of the loss is propagated “backwards” through the network

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Very analogous to the forward pass:

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Backward weighted combination of next layer

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Backward equivalent of activation

- $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(k)}} = y_i^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} \text{ for } j = 0 \dots D_{k-1}$

Using notation  $\dot{y} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y}$  etc (overdot represents derivative of  $\text{Div}$  w.r.t variable)

- Output layer ( $N$ ) :

- For  $i = 1 \dots D_N$

- $\dot{y}_i^{(N)} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i}$

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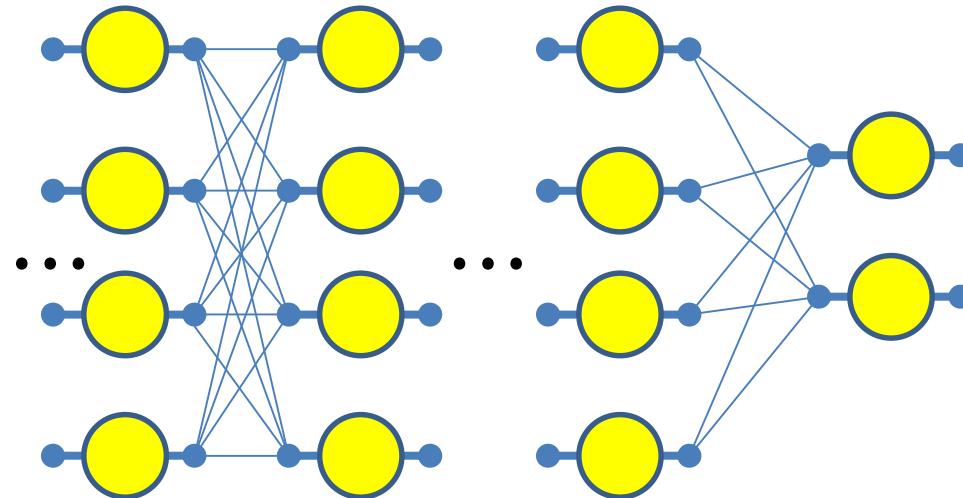
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# For comparison: the forward pass again

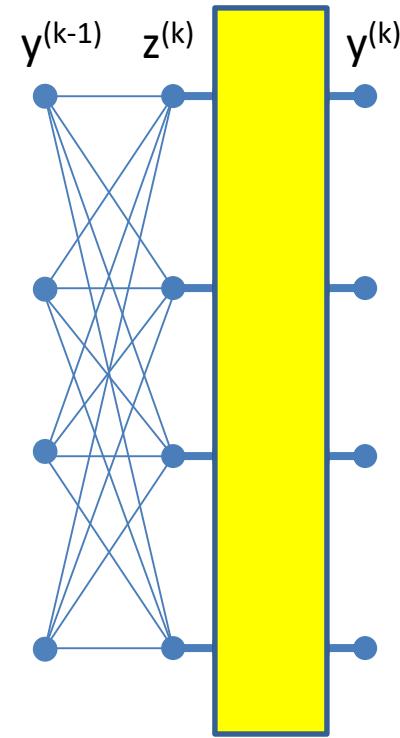
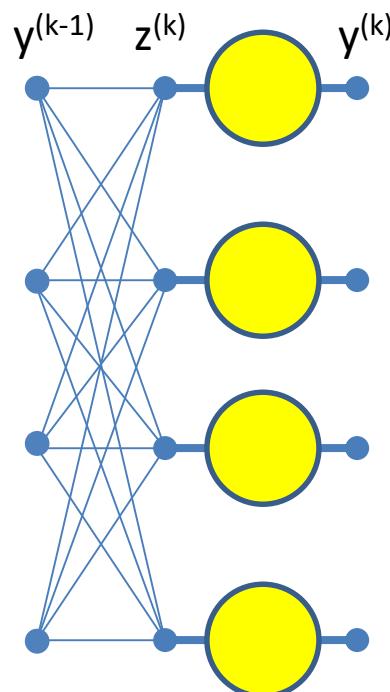
- Input:  $D$  dimensional vector  $\mathbf{x} = [x_j, j = 1 \dots D]$
- Set:
  - $D_0 = D$ , is the width of the 0<sup>th</sup> (input) layer
  - $y_j^{(0)} = x_j, j = 1 \dots D; y_0^{(k=1\dots N)} = x_0 = 1$
- For layer  $k = 1 \dots N$ 
  - For  $j = 1 \dots D_k$ 
    - $z_j^{(k)} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_k} w_{i,j}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$
    - $y_j^{(k)} = f_k(z_j^{(k)})$
- Output:
  - $Y = y_j^{(N)}, j = 1..D_N$

# Special cases



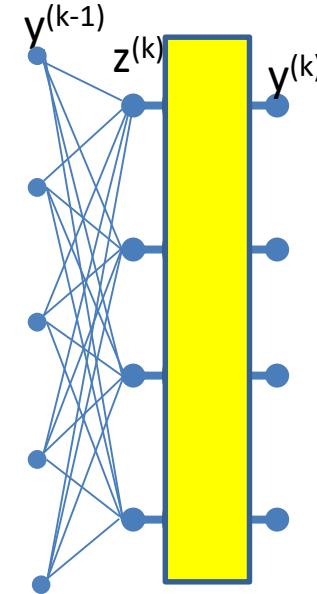
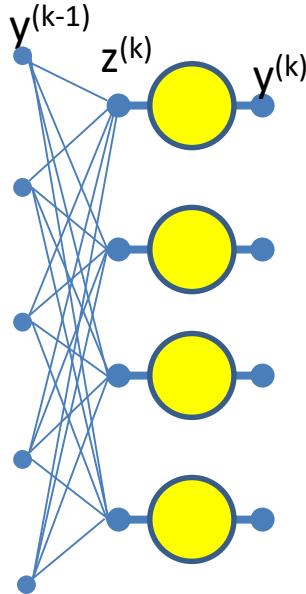
- Have assumed so far that
  1. The computation of the output of one neuron does not directly affect computation of other neurons in the same (or previous) layers
  2. Inputs to neurons only combine through weighted addition
  3. Activations are actually differentiable
    - All of these conditions are frequently not applicable
- Will not discuss all of these in class, but explained in slides
  - Will appear in quiz. Please read the slides

# Special Case 1. Vector activations



- Vector activations: all outputs are functions of all inputs

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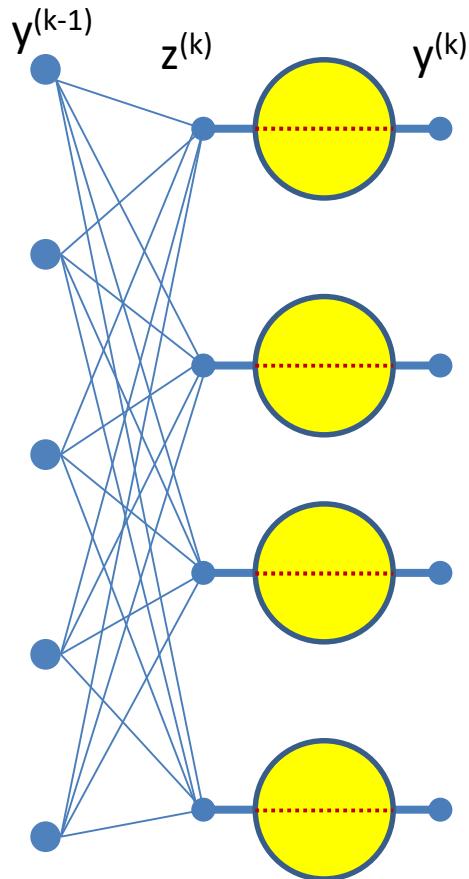
Scalar activation: Modifying a  $z_i$  only changes corresponding  $y_i$

$$y_i^{(k)} = f(z_i^{(k)})$$

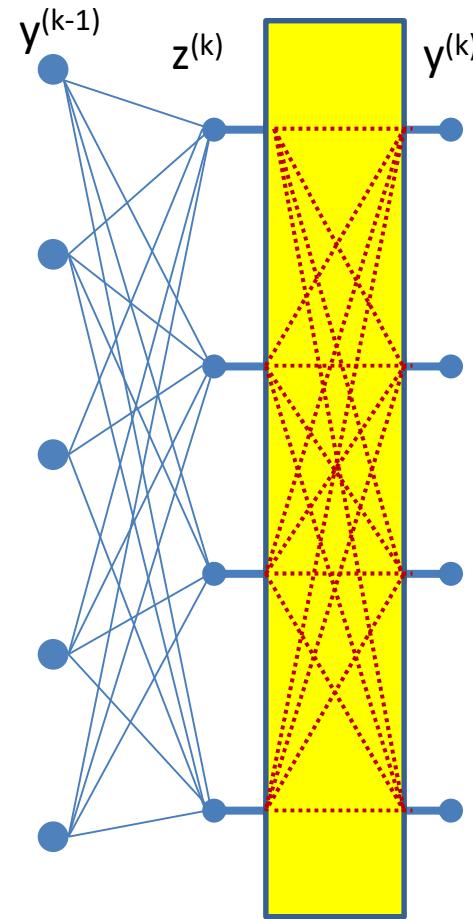
Vector activation: Modifying a  $z_i$  potentially changes all,  $y_1 \dots y_M$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_M^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = f \left( \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_D^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

# “Influence” diagram

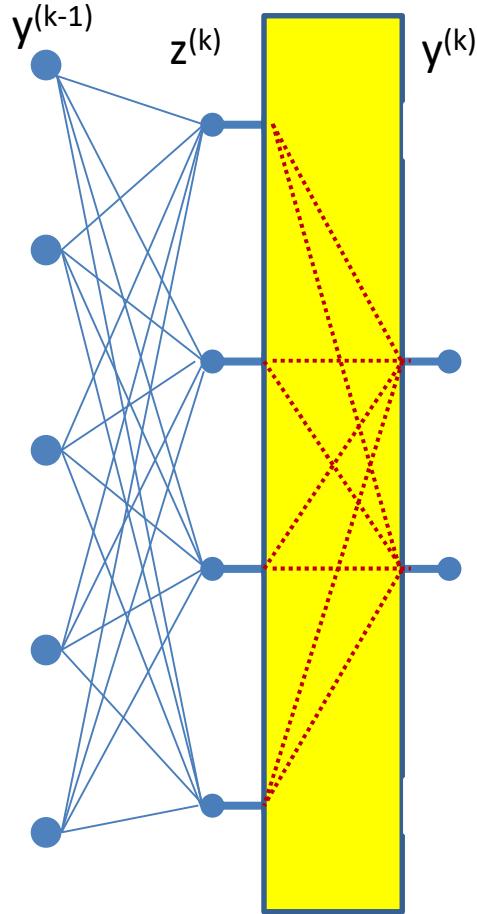
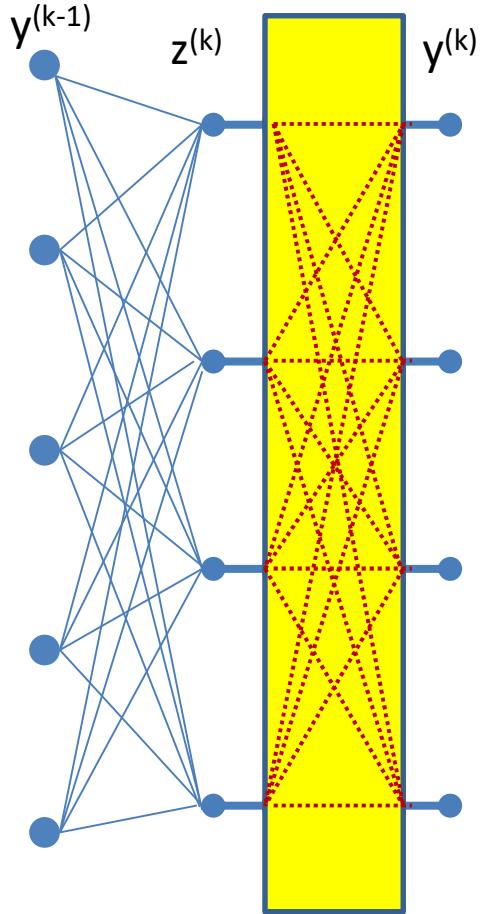


Scalar activation: Each  $z_i$  influences *one*  $y_i$



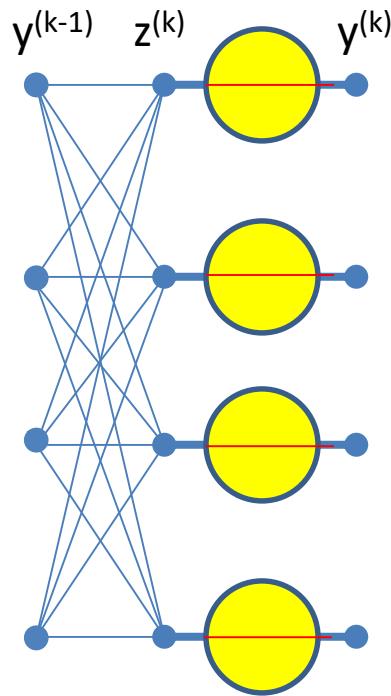
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# The number of outputs



- Note: The number of outputs ( $y^{(k)}$ ) need not be the same as the number of inputs ( $z^{(k)}$ )
  - May be more or fewer

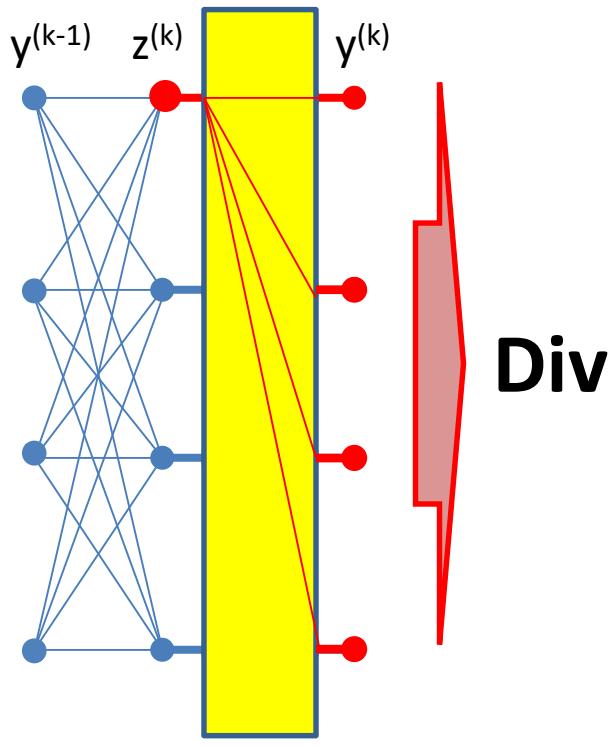
# Scalar Activation: Derivative rule



$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{dy_i^{(k)}}{dz_i^{(k)}}$$

- In the case of *scalar* activation functions, the derivative of the error w.r.t to the input to the unit is a simple product of derivatives

# Derivatives of vector activation



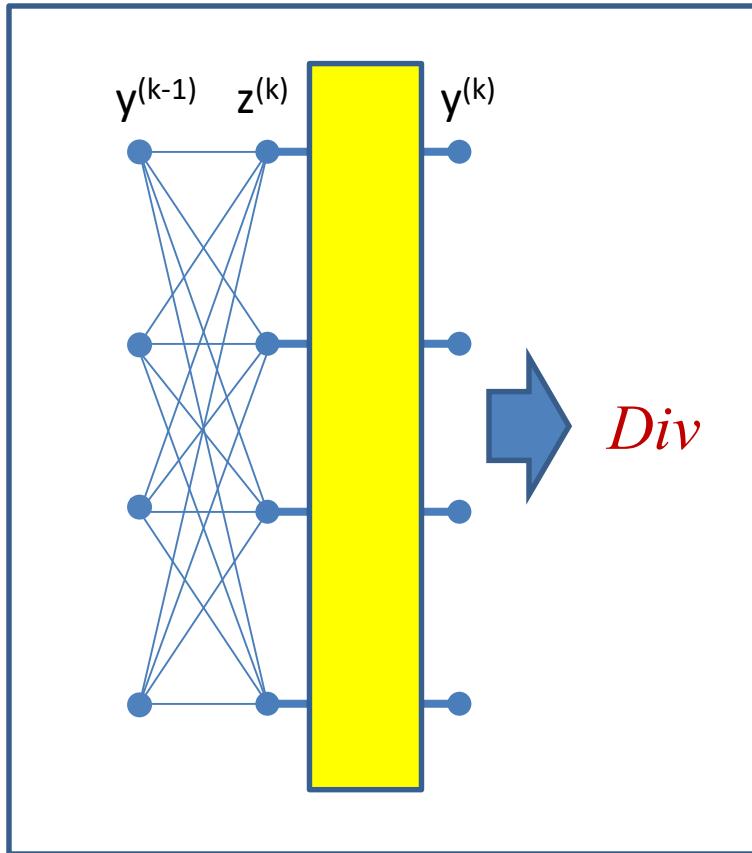
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Note: derivatives of scalar activations are just a special case of vector activations:

$$\frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = 0 \text{ for } i \neq j$$

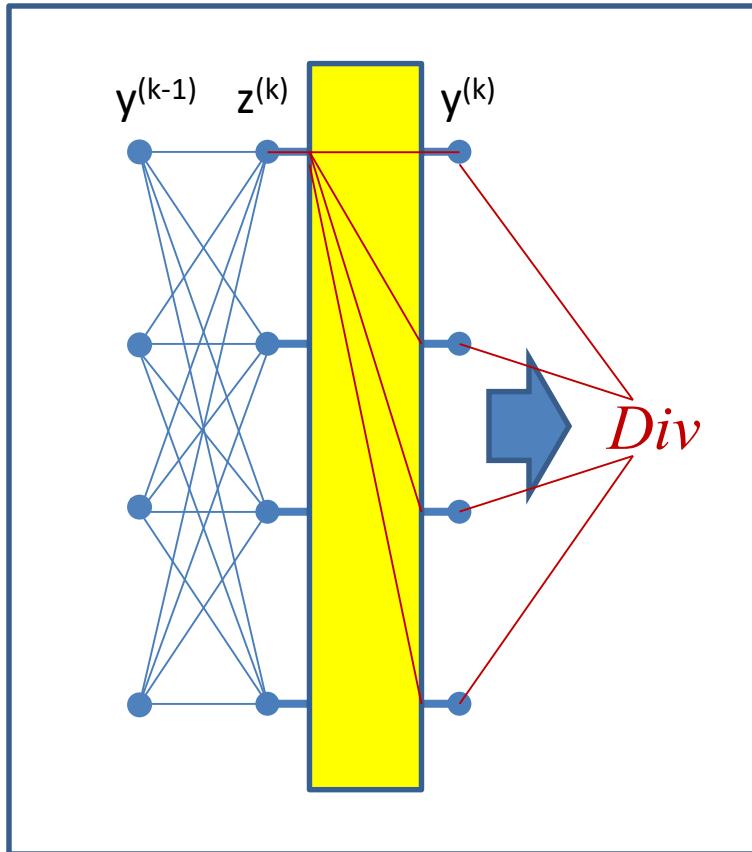
- For *vector* activations the derivative of the error w.r.t. to any input is a sum of partial derivatives
  - Regardless of the number of outputs  $y_j^{(k)}$

# Example Vector Activation: Softmax



$$y_i^{(k)} = \frac{\exp(z_i^{(k)})}{\sum_j \exp(z_j^{(k)})}$$

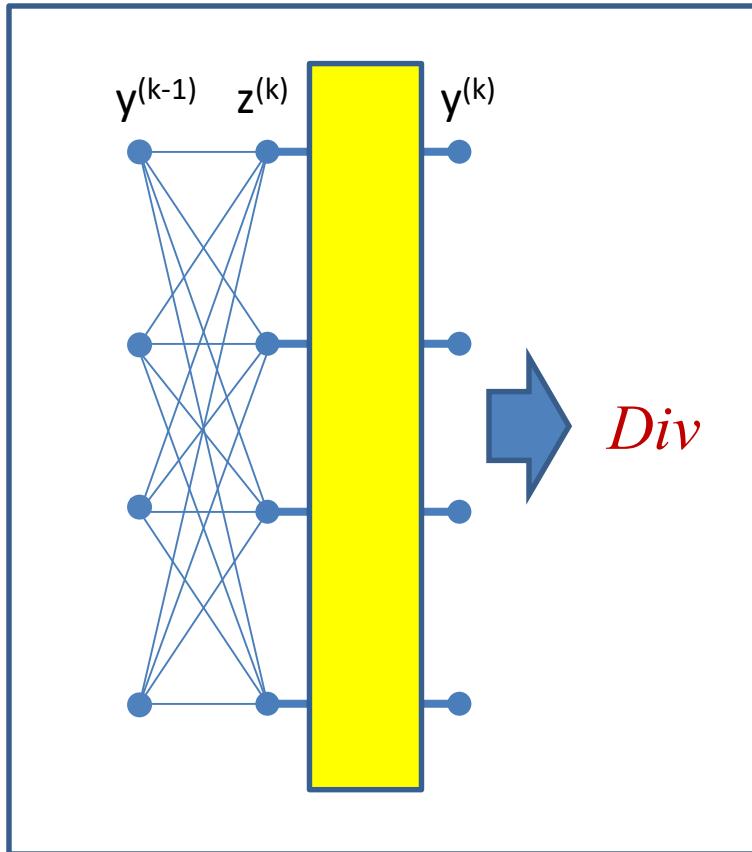
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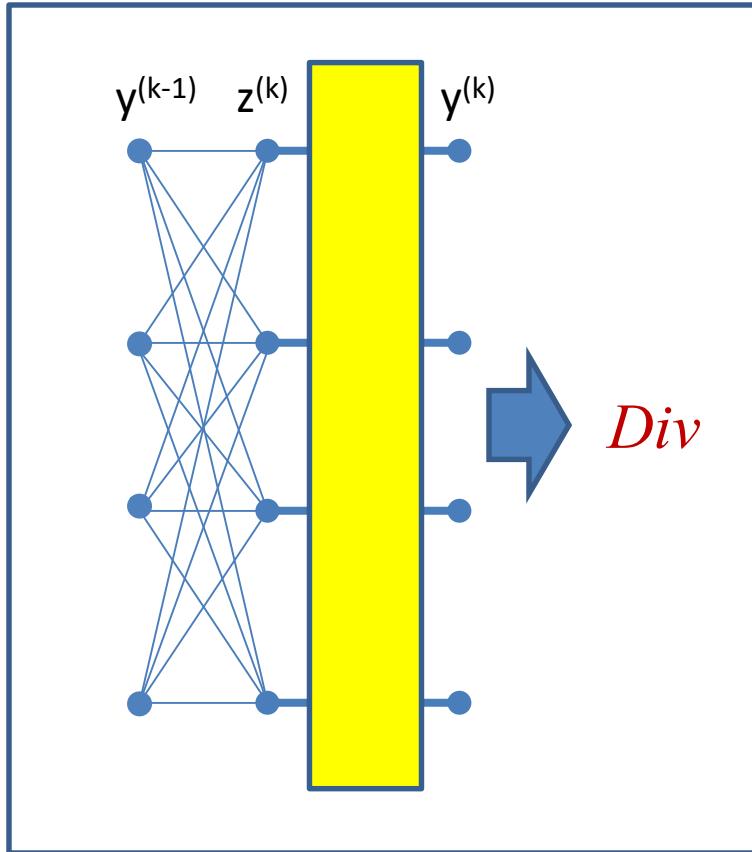


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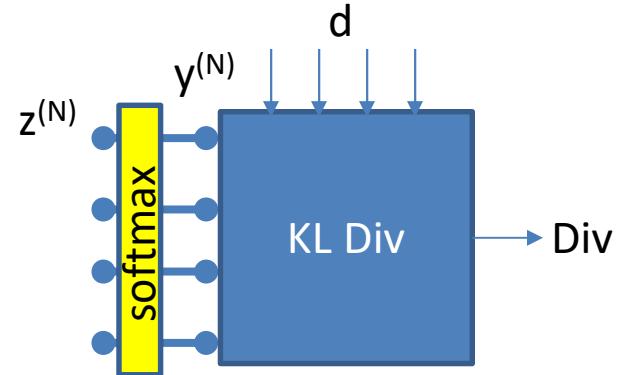
- For future reference
- $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta:  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $i = j$ ,  $0$  if  $i \neq j$

# Backward Pass for softmax output layer

- Output layer ( $N$ ) :
  - For  $i = 1 \dots D_N$ 
    - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y_i}$
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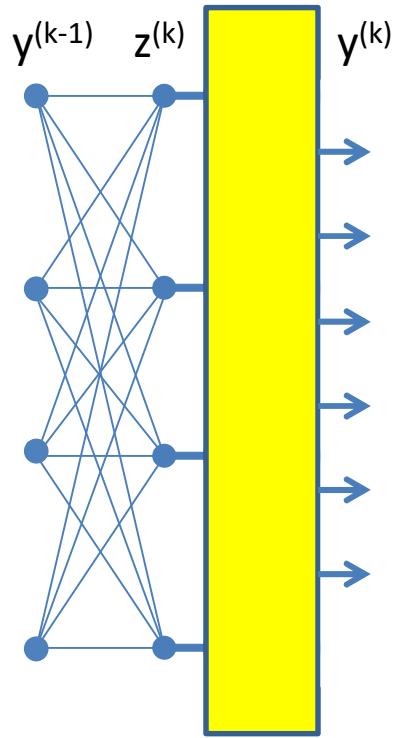
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# Special cases

- Examples of vector activations and other special cases on slides
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  - Will appear in quiz!

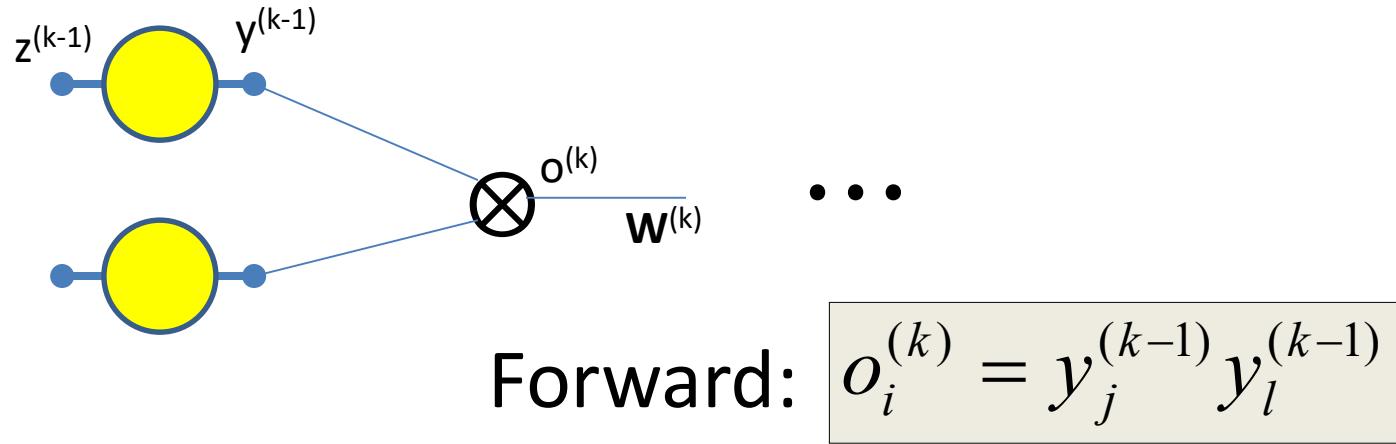
# Vector Activations



$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_M^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = f \left( \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_D^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

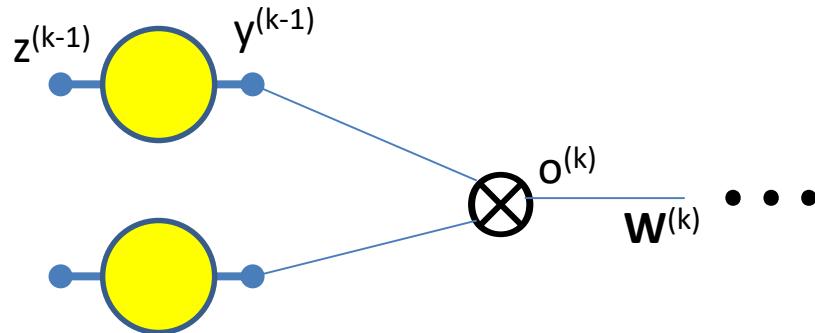
- In reality the vector combinations can be anything
  - E.g. linear combinations, polynomials, logistic (softmax), etc.

# Special Case 2: Multiplicative networks



- Some types of networks have *multiplicative* combination
  - In contrast to the *additive* combination we have seen so far
- Seen in networks such as LSTMs, GRUs, attention models, etc.

# Backpropagation: Multiplicative Networks



Forward:

$$o_i^{(k)} = y_j^{(k-1)} y_l^{(k-1)}$$

Backward:

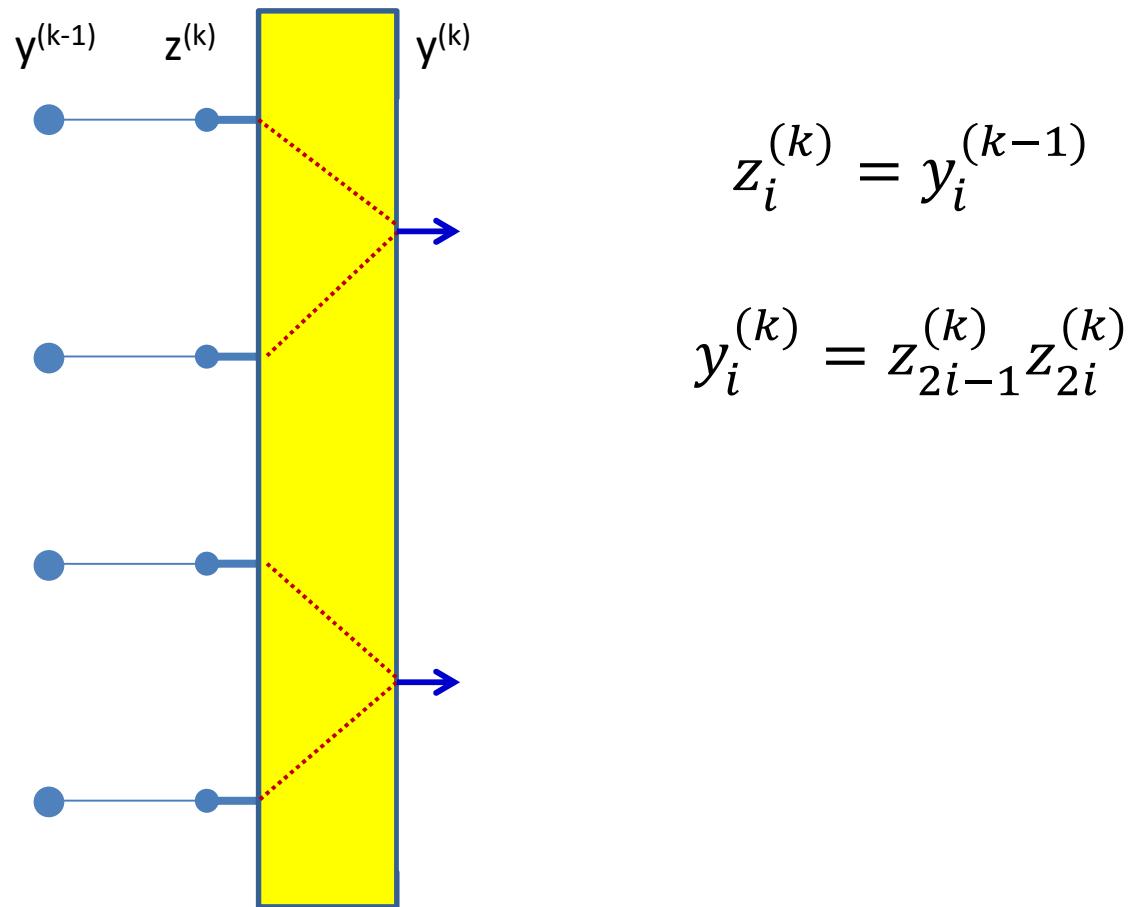
$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial o_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_j^{(k-1)}} = \frac{\partial o_i^{(k)}}{\partial y_j^{(k-1)}} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial o_i^{(k)}} = y_l^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial o_i^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_l^{(k-1)}} = y_j^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial o_i^{(k)}}$$

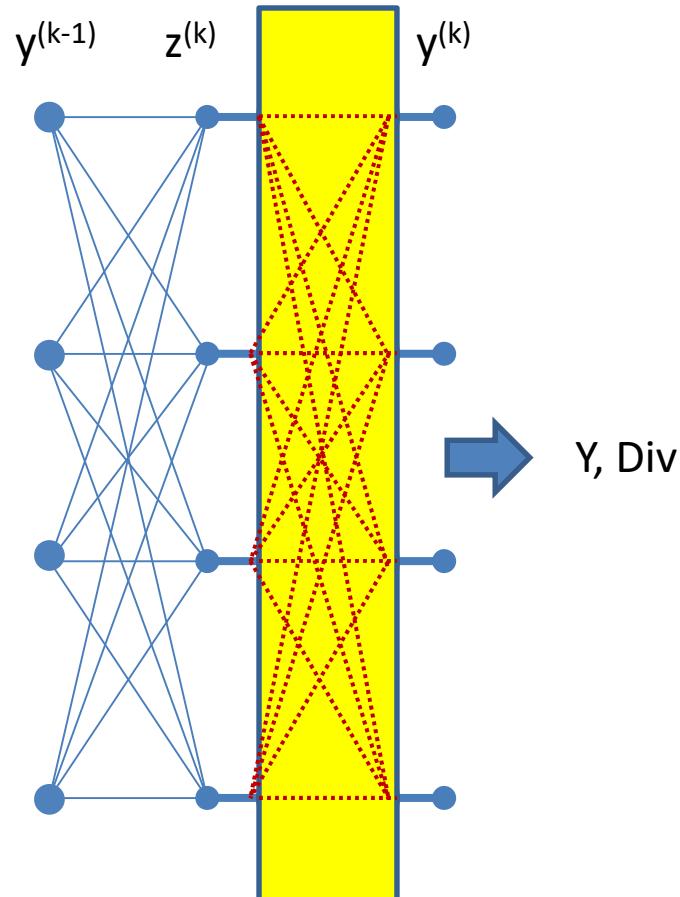
- Some types of networks have *multiplicative* combination

# Multiplicative combination as a case of vector activations



- A layer of multiplicative combination is a special case of vector activation

# Multiplicative combination: Can be viewed as a case of vector activations



$$z_i^{(k)} = \sum_j w_{ji}^{(k)} y_j^{(k-1)}$$

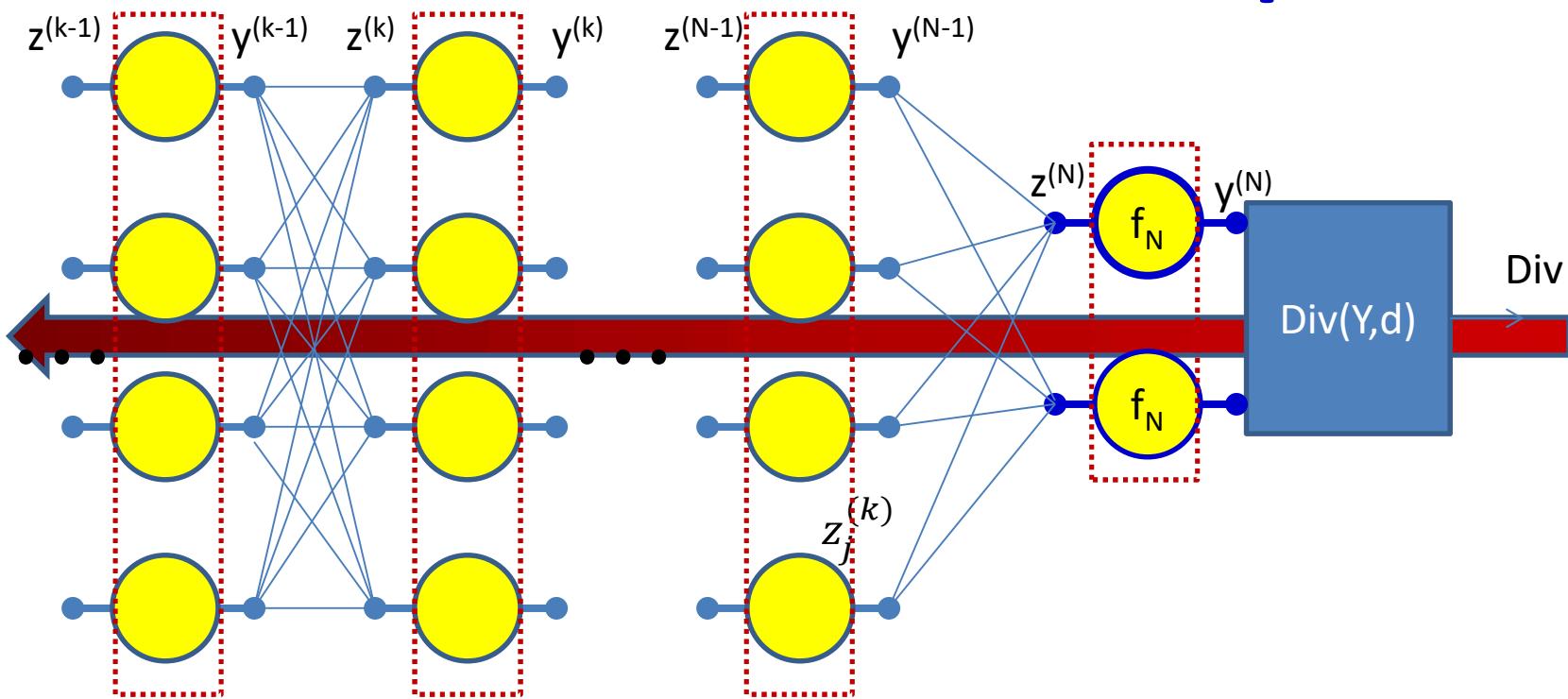
$$y_i^{(k)} = \prod_l (z_l^{(k)})^{\alpha_{li}^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} = \alpha_{ji}^{(k)} (z_j^{(k)})^{\alpha_{ji}^{(k)} - 1} \prod_{l \neq j} (z_l^{(k)})^{\alpha_{li}^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} = \sum_i \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}}$$

- A layer of multiplicative combination is a special case of vector activation

# Gradients: Backward Computation



For  $k = N \dots 1$

For  $i = 1 : \text{layer width}$

If layer has vector activation

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_j^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}}$$

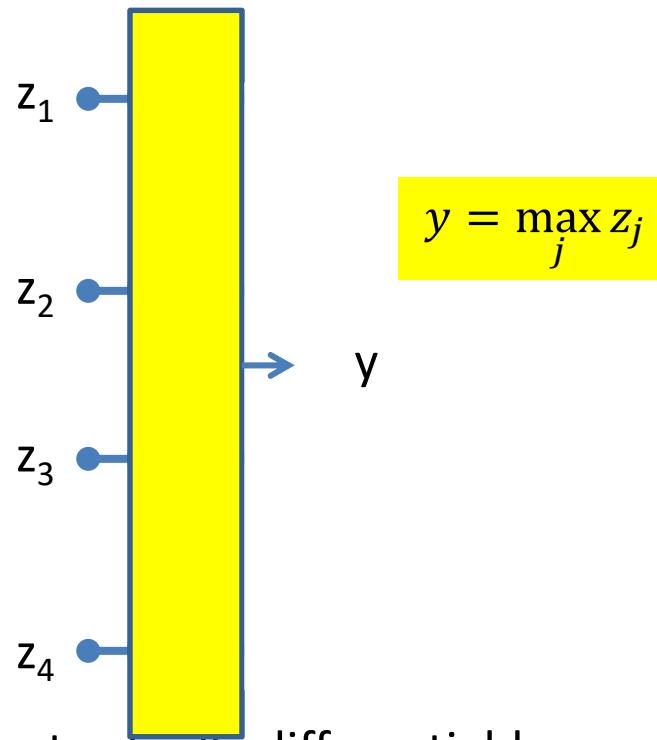
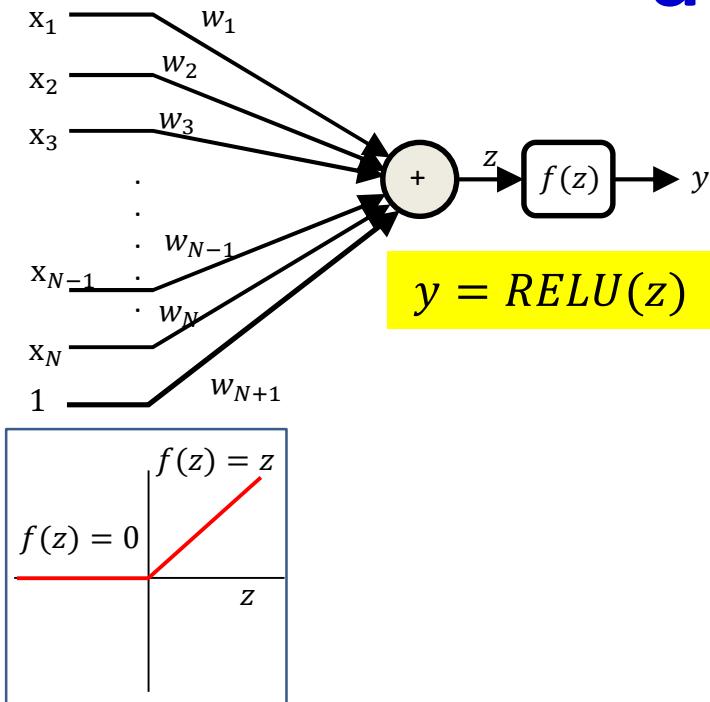
Else if activation is scalar

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(k-1)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}}$$

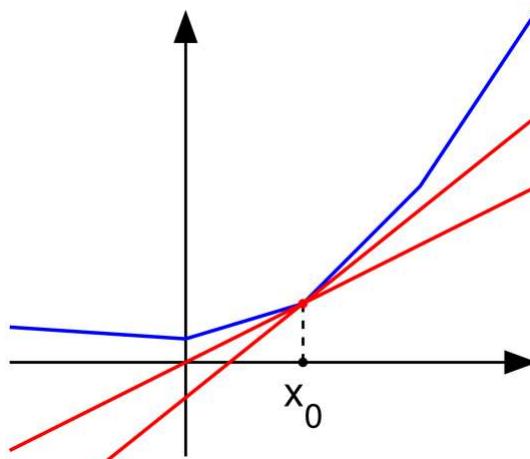
$$\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial w_{ij}^{(k)}} = y_i^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}}$$

# Special Case : Non-differentiable activations



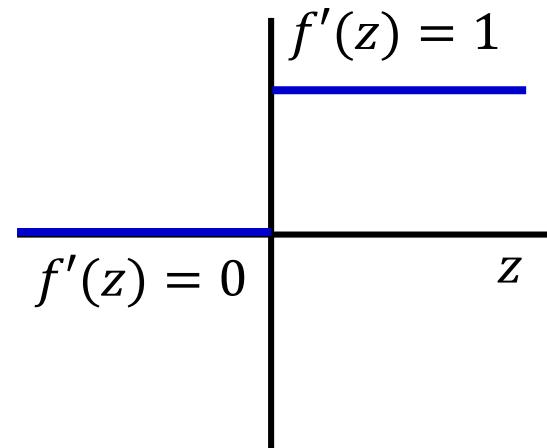
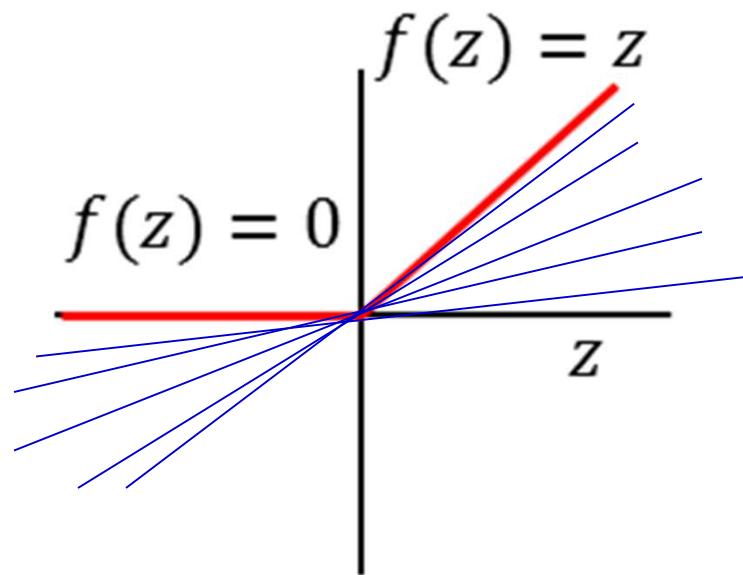
- Activation functions are sometimes not actually differentiable
  - E.g. The RELU (Rectified Linear Unit)
    - And its variants: leaky RELU, randomized leaky RELU
  - E.g. The “max” function
- Must use “subgradients” where available
  - Or “secants”

# The subgradient



- A subgradient of a function  $f(x)$  at a point  $x_0$  is any vector  $v$  such that
$$(f(x) - f(x_0)) \geq v^T(x - x_0)$$
  - Any direction such that moving in that direction increases the function
- Guaranteed to exist only for convex functions
  - “bowl” shaped functions
  - For non-convex functions, the equivalent concept is a “quasi-secant”
- The subgradient is a direction in which the function is guaranteed to increase
- If the function is differentiable at  $x_0$ , the subgradient is the gradient
  - The gradient is not always the subgradient though

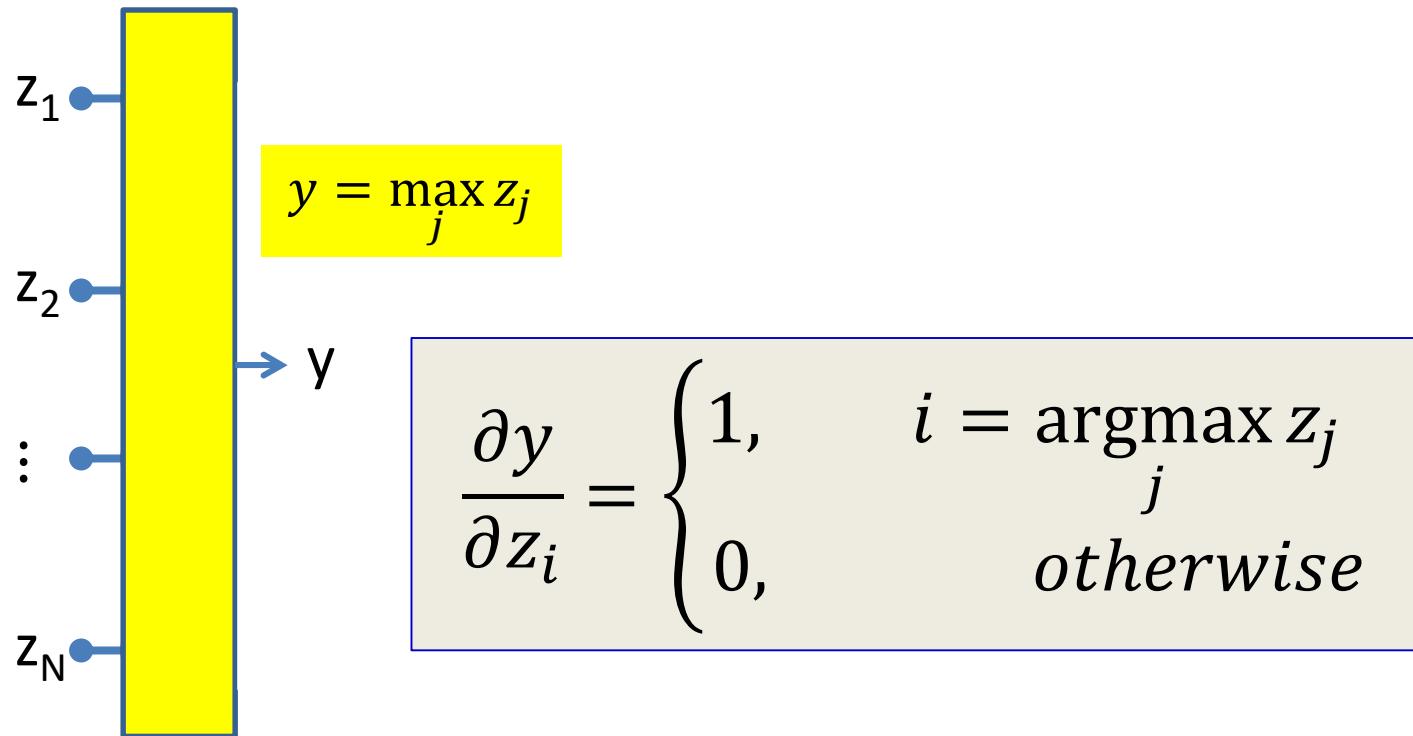
# Subgradients and the RELU



$$f'(z) = \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0 \\ 1, & z \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

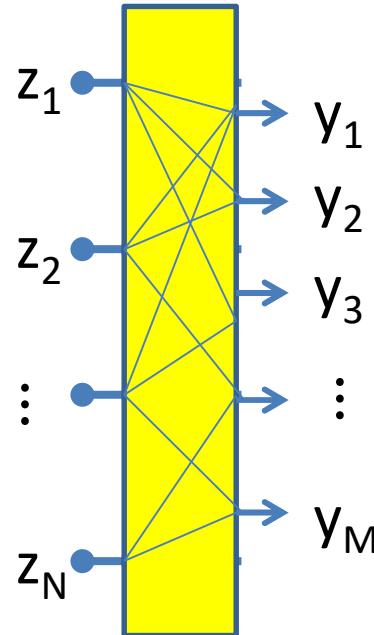
- The *subderivative* of a RELU is the slope of any line that lies entirely under it
  - The subgradient is a generalization of the subderivative
  - At the differentiable points on the curve, this is the same as the gradient
- Can use any subgradient at 0
  - Typically, will use the equation given

# Subgradients and the Max



- Vector equivalent of subgradient
  - 1 w.r.t. the largest incoming input
    - Incremental changes in this input will change the output
  - 0 for the rest
    - Incremental changes to these inputs will not change the output

# Subgradients and the Max



$$y_i = \max_{l \in \mathcal{S}_j} z_l$$

$$\frac{\partial y_j}{\partial z_i} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = \operatorname{argmax}_{l \in \mathcal{S}_j} z_l \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Multiple outputs, each selecting the max of a different subset of inputs
  - Will be seen in convolutional networks
- Gradient for any output:
  - 1 for the specific component that is maximum in corresponding input subset
  - 0 otherwise

# Backward Pass: Recap

- Output layer ( $N$ ) :
    - For  $i = 1 \dots D_N$ 
      - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}(Y, d)}{\partial y_i}$
      - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(N)}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} \quad OR \quad \sum_j \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_j^{(N)}} \frac{\partial y_j^{(N)}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} \quad (\text{vector activation})$
      - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial w_{ji}^{(N)}} = y_j^{(N-1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} \quad \text{for } j = 0 \dots D_k$
  - For layer  $k = N - 1$  down to 1
    - For  $i = 1 \dots D_k$ 
      - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$
      - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} \quad OR \quad \sum_j \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial y_j^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} \quad (\text{vector activation})$
      - $\frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial w_{ji}^{(k)}} = y_j^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial \text{Div}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} \quad \text{for } j = 0 \dots D_k$
- These may be subgradients

# Overall Approach

- For each data instance
  - **Forward pass:** Pass instance forward through the net. Store all intermediate outputs of all computation.
  - **Backward pass:** Sweep backward through the net, iteratively compute all derivatives w.r.t weights
- Actual loss is the sum of the divergence over all training instances

$$\text{Loss} = \frac{1}{|\{X\}|} \sum_X \text{Div}(Y(X), d(X))$$

- Actual gradient is the sum or average of the derivatives computed for each training instance

$$\nabla_W \text{Loss} = \frac{1}{|\{X\}|} \sum_X \nabla_W \text{Div}(Y(X), d(X)) \quad W \leftarrow W - \eta \nabla_W \text{Loss}^T$$

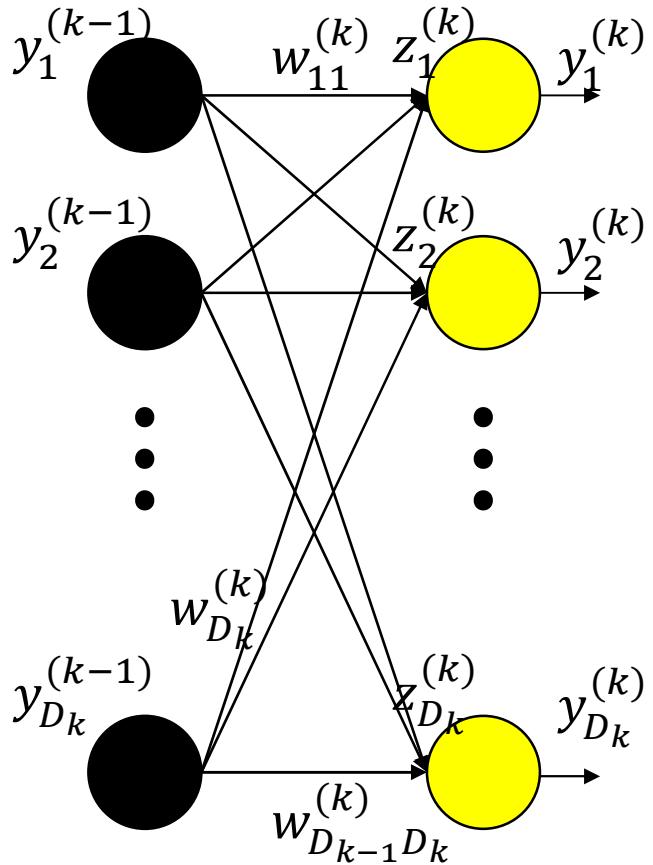
# Training by BackProp

- Initialize weights  $\mathbf{W}^{(k)}$  for all layers  $k = 1 \dots K$
- Do: (*Gradient descent iterations*)
  - Initialize  $\text{Loss} = 0$ ; For all  $i, j, k$ , initialize  $\frac{d\text{Loss}}{d\mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)}} = 0$
  - For all  $t = 1:T$  (*Iterate over training instances*)
    - **Forward pass:** Compute
      - Output  $\mathbf{Y}_t$
      - $\text{Loss} += \text{Div}(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)$
    - **Backward pass:** For all  $i, j, k$ :
      - Compute  $\frac{d\text{Div}(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)}{d\mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
      - $\frac{d\text{Loss}}{d\mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)}} += \frac{d\text{Div}(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)}{d\mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
    - For all  $i, j, k$ , update:
$$\mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)} = \mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)} - \frac{\eta}{T} \frac{d\text{Loss}}{d\mathbf{w}_{i,j}^{(k)}}$$
  - Until  $\text{Loss}$  has converged

# Vector formulation

- For layered networks it is generally simpler to think of the process in terms of vector operations
  - Simpler arithmetic
  - Fast matrix libraries make operations *much* faster
- We can restate the entire process in vector terms
  - This is what is *actually* used in any real system

# Vector formulation



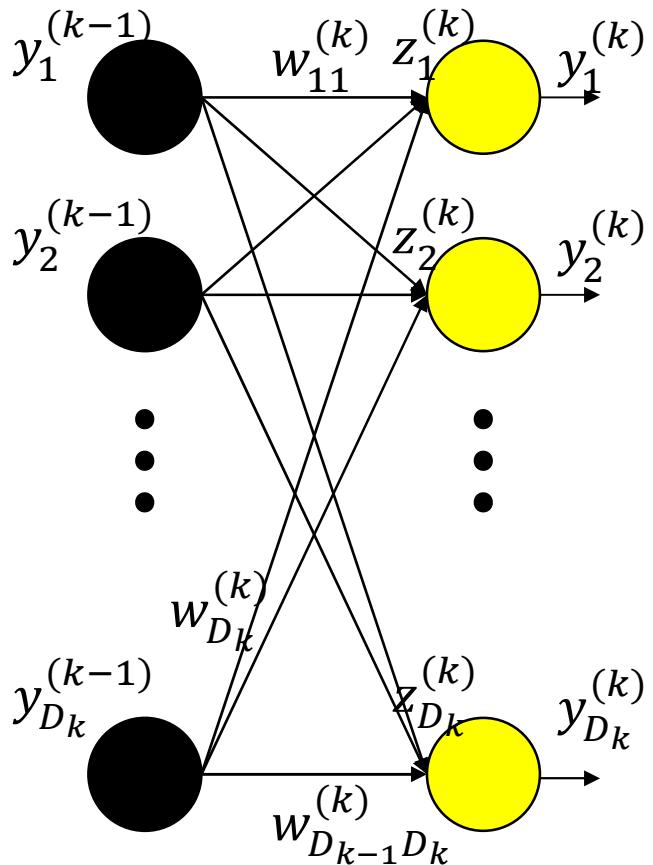
$$\mathbf{z}_k = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_k = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^{(k)} & w_{21}^{(k)} & \vdots & w_{D_{k-1}1}^{(k)} \\ w_{12}^{(k)} & w_{22}^{(k)} & \vdots & w_{D_{k-1}2}^{(k)} \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{1D_k}^{(k)} & w_{2D_k}^{(k)} & \dots & w_{D_{k-1}D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b}_k = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{(k)} \\ b_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ b_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Arrange the *inputs* to neurons of the  $k$ th layer as a vector  $\mathbf{z}_k$
- Arrange the outputs of neurons in the  $k$ th layer as a vector  $\mathbf{y}_k$
- Arrange the weights to any layer as a matrix  $\mathbf{W}_k$ 
  - Similarly with biases

# Vector formulation



$$\mathbf{z}_k = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_k = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^{(k)} & w_{21}^{(k)} & \vdots & w_{D_{k-1}1}^{(k)} \\ w_{12}^{(k)} & w_{22}^{(k)} & \vdots & w_{D_{k-1}2}^{(k)} \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{1D_k}^{(k)} & w_{2D_k}^{(k)} & \dots & w_{D_{k-1}D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

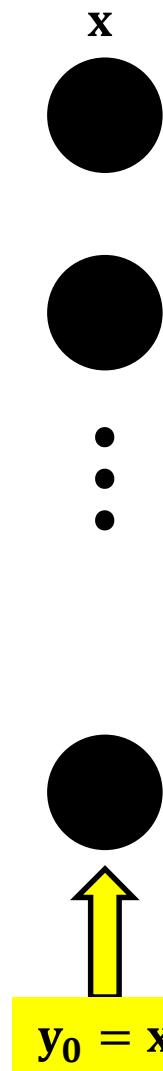
$$\mathbf{b}_k = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{(k)} \\ b_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ b_{D_{k+1}}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The computation of a single layer is easily expressed in matrix notation as (setting  $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$ ):

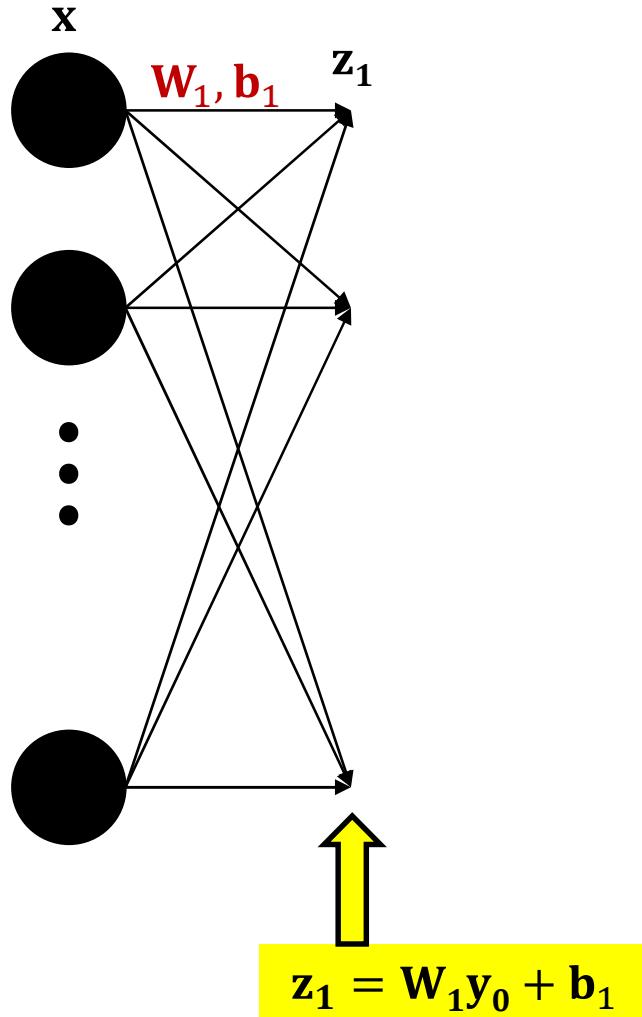
$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = f_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$$

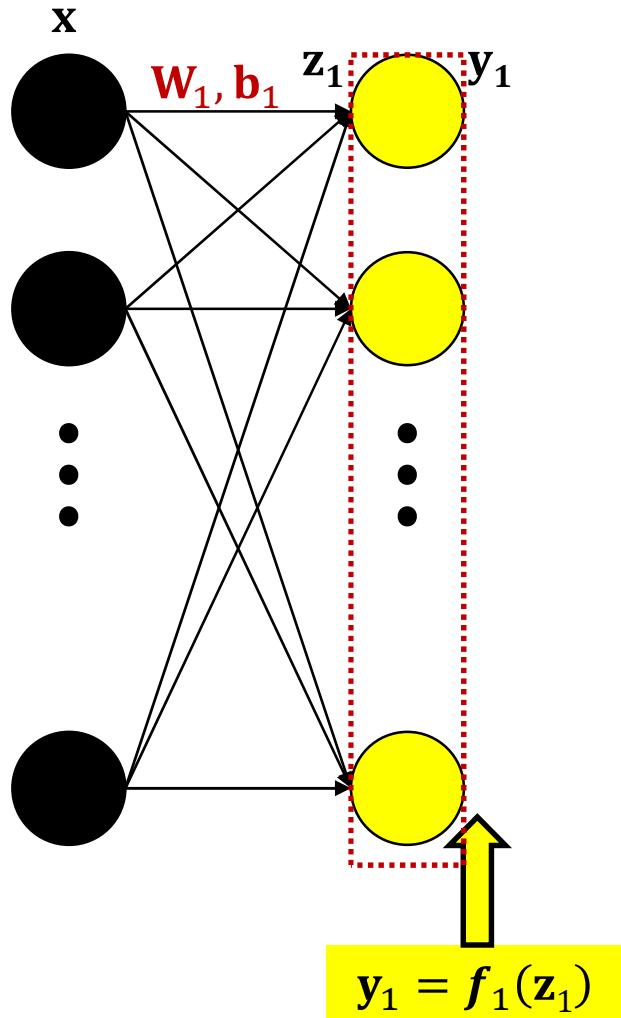
# The forward pass: Evaluating the network



# The forward pass



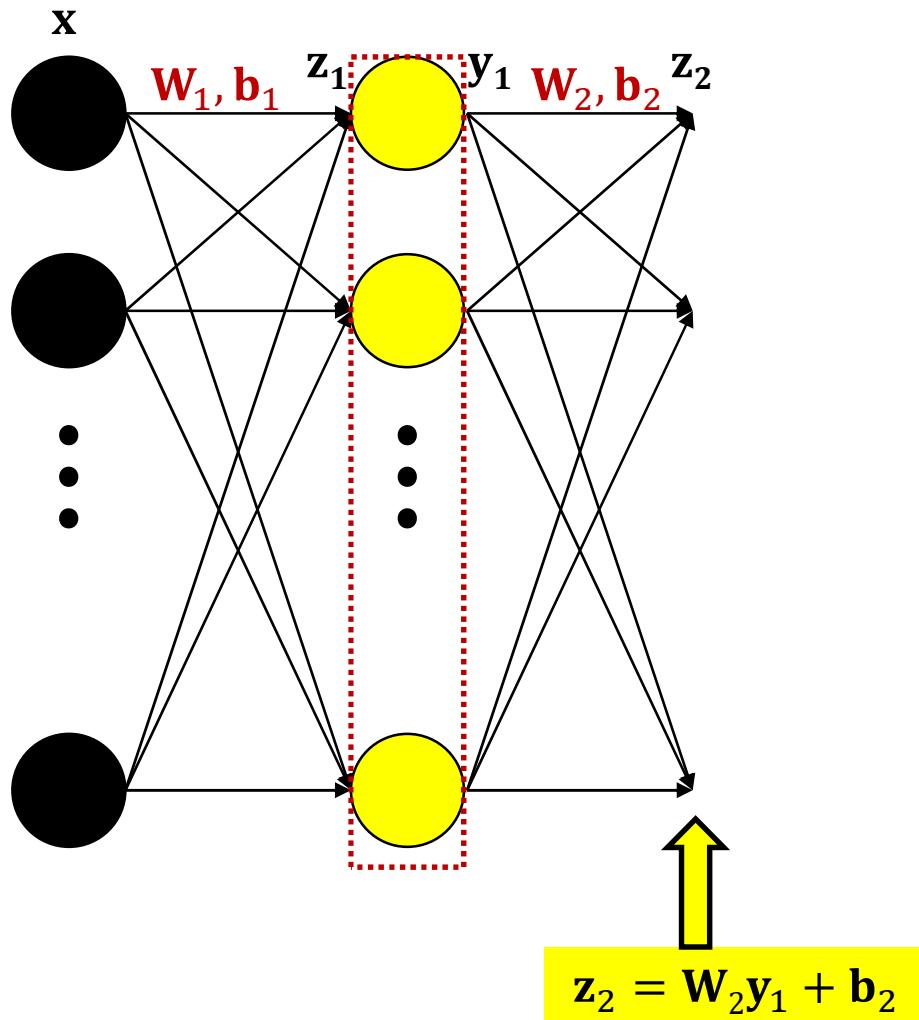
# The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$y_1 = f_1(W_1 x + b_1)$$

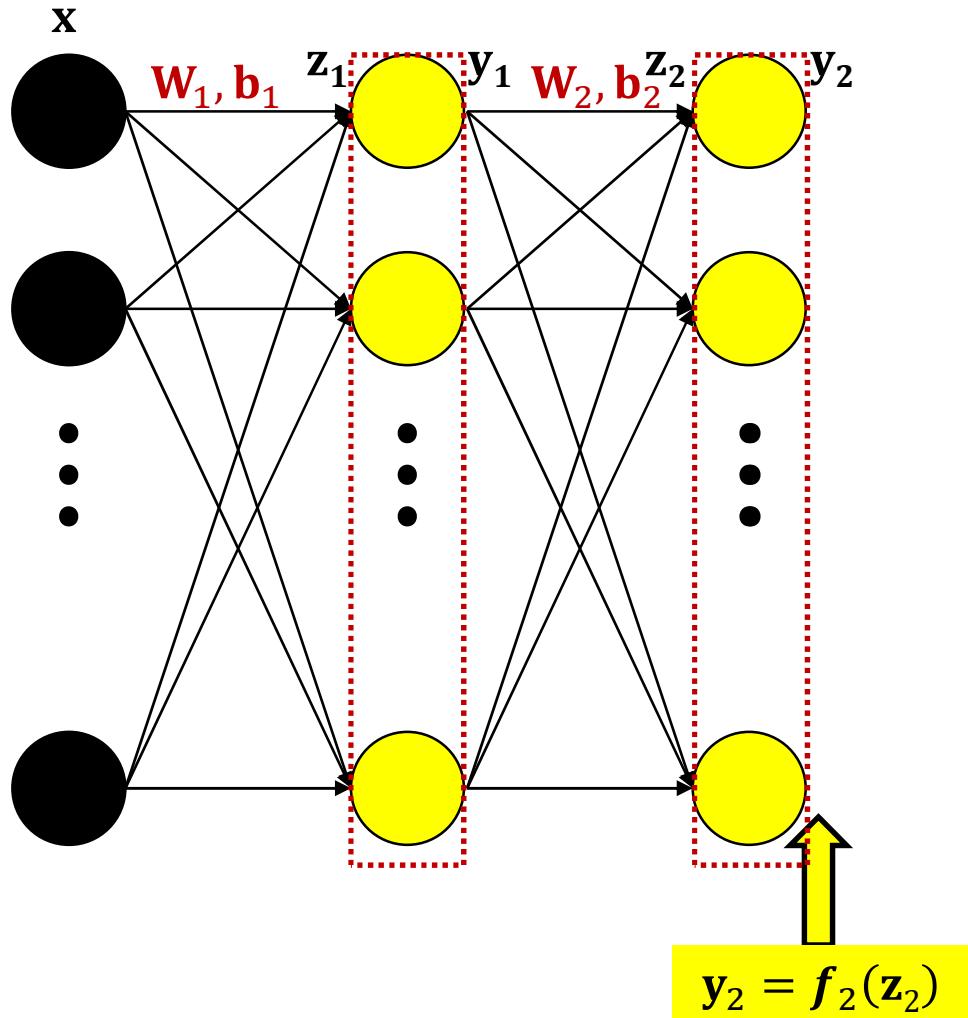
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# The Complete computation

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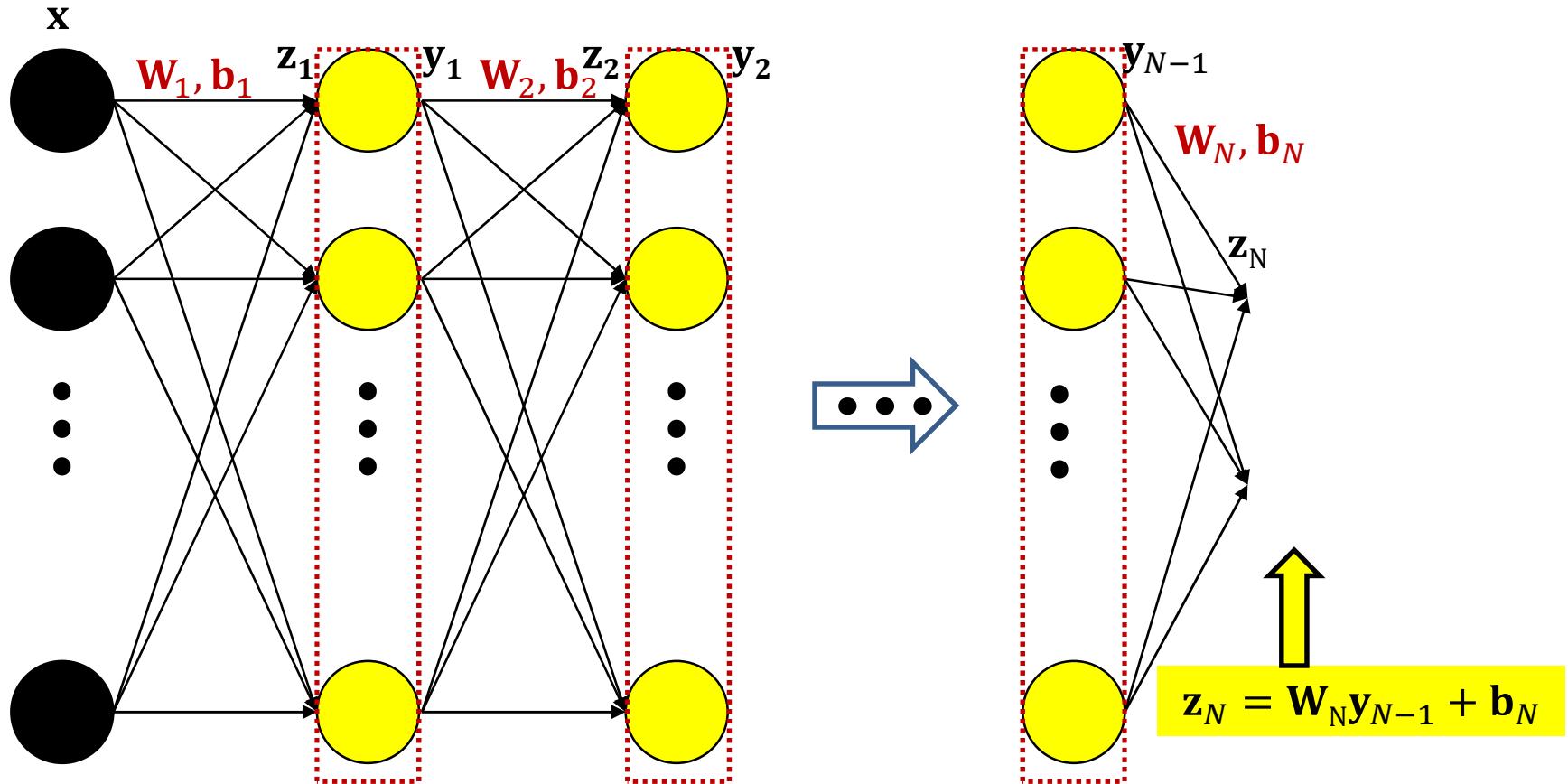
# The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$y_2 = f_2(W_2 f_1(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2)$$

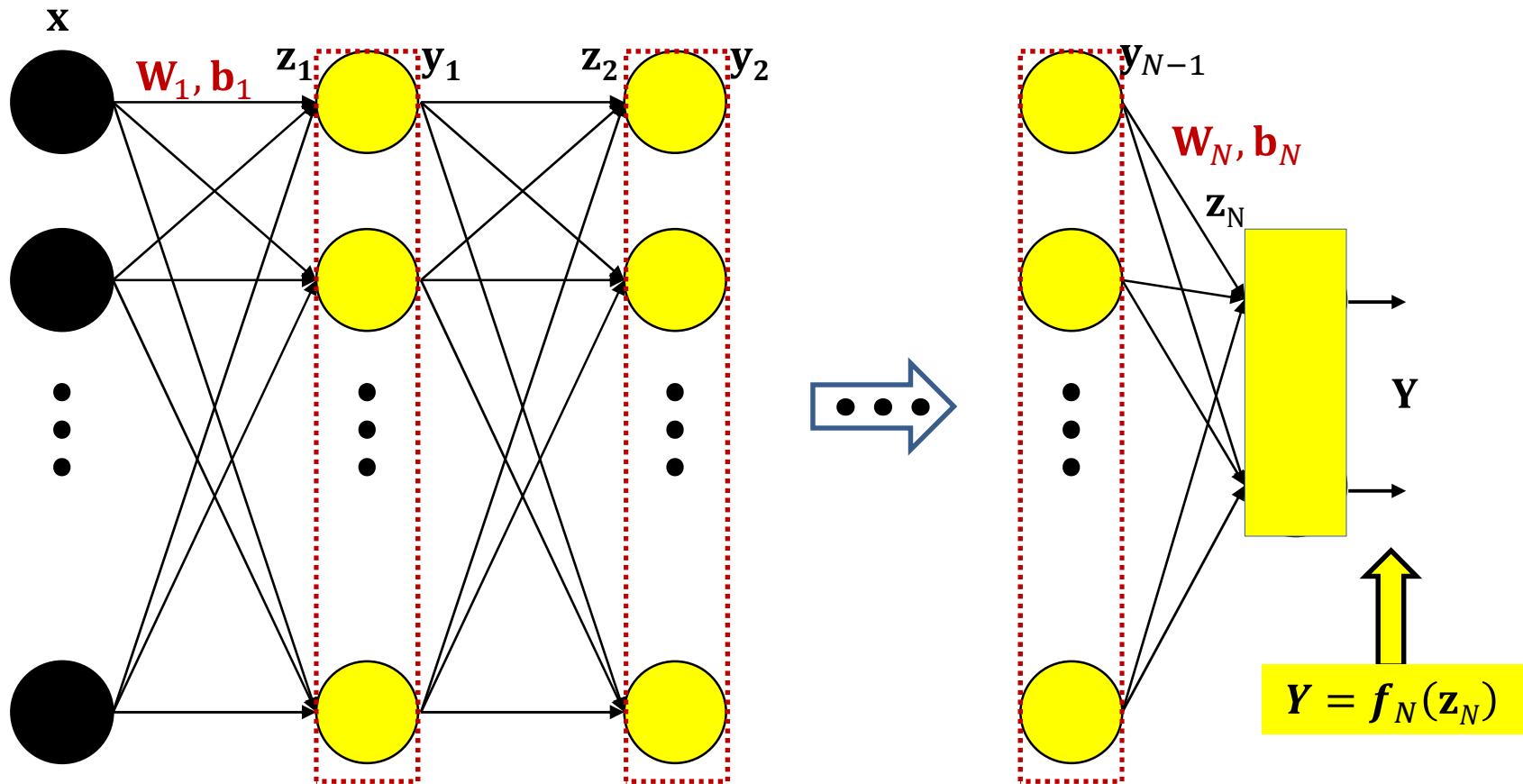
# The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$z_N = W_N f_{N-1}(\dots f_2(W_2 f_1(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2) \dots) + b_N$$

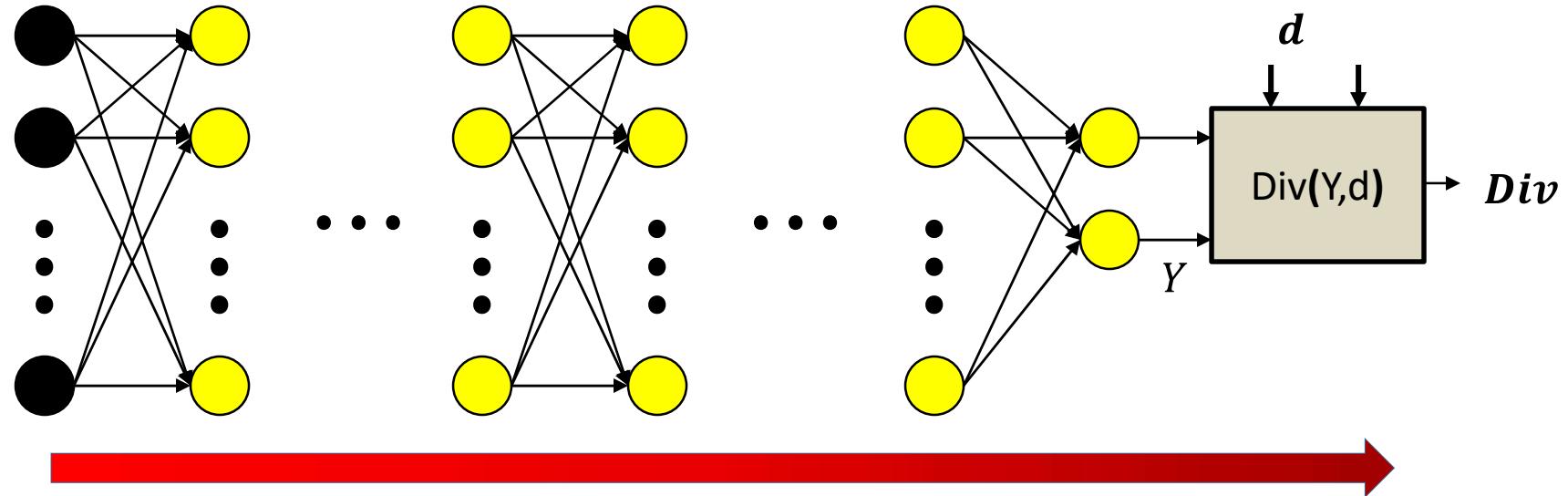
# The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$Y = f_N(W_N f_{N-1}(\dots f_2(W_2 f_1(W_1 x + b_1) + b_2) \dots) + b_N)$$

# Forward pass



## Forward pass:

Initialize

$$\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$$

For  $k = 1$  to  $N$ :

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = f_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$$

Output

$$Y = \mathbf{y}_N$$

# The Forward Pass

- Set  $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$
- Iterate through layers:
  - For layer  $k = 1$  to  $N$ :

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = f_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$$

- Output:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}_N$$

# The Backward Pass

- Have completed the forward pass
- Before presenting the backward pass, some more calculus...
  - *Vector* calculus this time

# Vector Calculus Notes 1: Definitions

- A derivative is a multiplicative factor that multiplies a perturbation in the input to compute the corresponding perturbation of the output
- For a scalar function of a vector argument

$$y = f(\mathbf{z})$$
$$\Delta y = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} y \Delta \mathbf{z}$$

- If  $\mathbf{z}$  is an  $R \times 1$  vector,  $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} y$  is a  $1 \times R$  vector
  - The shape of the derivative is the transpose of the shape of  $\mathbf{z}$
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} y^T$  is called the gradient of  $y$  w.r.t  $\mathbf{z}$

# Vector Calculus Notes 1: Definitions

- For a *vector* function of a vector argument

$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_M \end{bmatrix} = f \left( \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_D \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{y} = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathbf{y} \Delta \mathbf{z}$$

- If  $\mathbf{z}$  is an  $R \times 1$  vector, and  $\mathbf{y}$  is an  $L \times 1$   $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathbf{y}$  is an  $L \times R$  matrix
  - Or the dimensions won't match
- $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \mathbf{y}$  is called the *Jacobian* of  $\mathbf{y}$  w.r.t  $\mathbf{z}$

# Calculus Notes: The Jacobian

- The derivative of a vector function w.r.t. vector input is called a *Jacobian*
- It is the matrix of partial derivatives given below

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_M \end{bmatrix} = f \left( \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_D \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Using vector notation

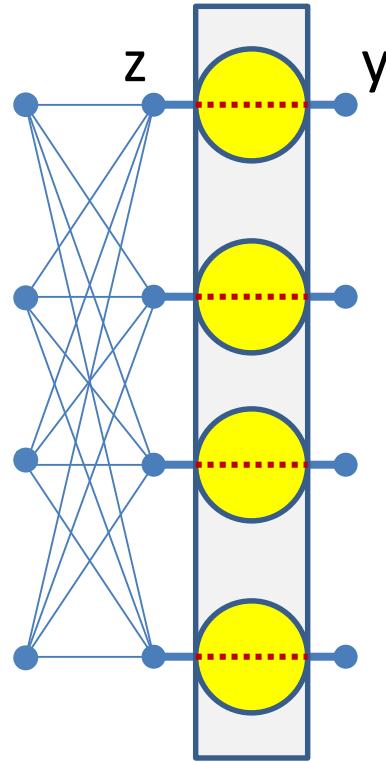
$$\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{z})$$

$$J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_D} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_D} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_D} \end{bmatrix}$$

Check:

$$\Delta \mathbf{y} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) \Delta \mathbf{z}$$

# Jacobians can describe the derivatives of neural activations w.r.t their input

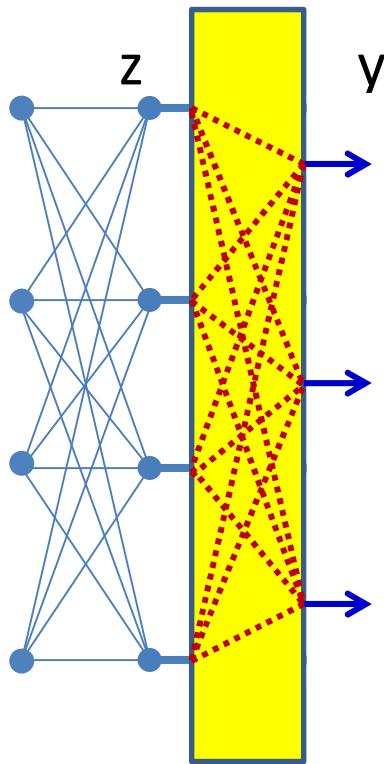


$$y_i = f(z_i)$$

$$J_y(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} f'(z_1) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & f'(z_2) & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & f'(z_M) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **For scalar activations (shorthand notation):**
  - Jacobian is a diagonal matrix
  - Diagonal entries are individual derivatives of outputs w.r.t inputs

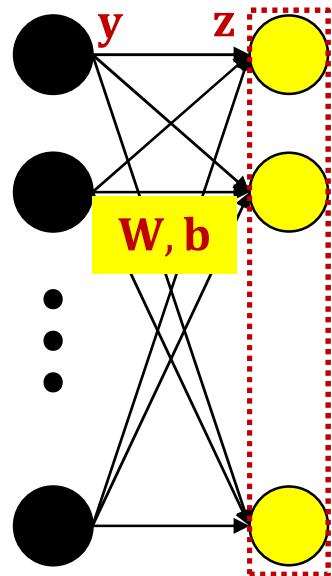
# For *Vector* activations



$$J_y(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_D} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_D} \\ \dots & \dots & \ddots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_D} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Jacobian is a full matrix
  - Entries are partial derivatives of individual outputs w.r.t individual inputs

# Special case: Affine functions



$$z(y) = Wy + b$$



$$\nabla_y z = J_z(y) = W$$

- Matrix  $W$  and bias  $b$  operating on vector  $y$  to produce vector  $z$
- The Jacobian of  $z$  w.r.t  $y$  is simply the matrix  $W$

## Vector Calculus Notes 2: Chain rule

- For nested functions we have the following chain rule

$$y = y(z(x)) \quad \rightarrow \quad \nabla_x y = \nabla_z y \nabla_x z$$

Check

$$\Delta y = \nabla_z y \Delta z$$

$$\Delta z = \nabla_x z \Delta x$$

$$\Delta y = \nabla_z y \nabla_x z \Delta x = \nabla_x y \Delta x$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

## Vector Calculus Notes 2: Chain rule

- Chain rule for Jacobians:
- **For vector functions of vector inputs:**

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{x})) \quad \rightarrow \quad J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}) = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z})J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Check

$$\Delta \mathbf{y} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z})\Delta \mathbf{z}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{z} = J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta \mathbf{x}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{y} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z})J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta \mathbf{x} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta \mathbf{x}$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

## Vector Calculus Notes 2: Chain rule

- *Combining Jacobians and Gradients*
- **For scalar functions of vector inputs ( $\mathbf{z}()$  is vector):**

$$D = D(y(\mathbf{z})) \rightarrow \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} D = \nabla_y(D) J_y(\mathbf{z})$$

Check

$$\Delta D = \nabla_y(D) \Delta \mathbf{y}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{y} = J_y(\mathbf{z}) \Delta \mathbf{z}$$

$$\Delta D = \nabla_y(D) J_y(\mathbf{z}) \Delta \mathbf{z} = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} D \Delta \mathbf{z}$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

## Vector Calculus Notes 2: Chain rule

- For nested functions we have the following chain rule

$$D = D \left( \mathbf{y}_N \left( \mathbf{z}_N \left( \mathbf{y}_{N-1} \left( \mathbf{z}_{N-1} \left( \dots \mathbf{y}_1 \left( \mathbf{z}_1(\mathbf{x}) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_N} D \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} \mathbf{y}_N \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} \mathbf{z}_N \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} \mathbf{y}_{N-1} \dots \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_1} \mathbf{y}_1 \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{z}_1$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

## Vector Calculus Notes 2: Chain rule

- For nested functions we have the following chain rule

$$D = D \left( \underbrace{y_N}_{\text{blue}} \left( \underbrace{z_N}_{\text{red}} \left( \underbrace{y_{N-1}}_{\text{blue}} \left( \underbrace{z_{N-1}}_{\text{red}} \left( \dots y_1 \left( z_1(\mathbf{x}) \right) \right) \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} D = \underbrace{\nabla_{y_N} D}_{\text{blue}} \underbrace{\nabla_{z_N} y_N}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{\nabla_{y_{N-1}} z_N}_{\text{blue}} \underbrace{\nabla_{z_{N-1}} y_{N-1}}_{\text{red}} \dots \underbrace{\nabla_{z_1} y_1}_{\text{blue}} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} z_1$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

# More calculus: Special Case

- Scalar functions of Affine functions

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$D = f(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)\mathbf{W}$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} D = \mathbf{y} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)$$

Derivatives w.r.t  
parameters

- Note: the derivative shapes are the *transpose* of the shapes of  $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

# More calculus: Special Case

- Scalar functions of Affine functions

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$D = f(\mathbf{z})$$

- Writing the transpose

$$\mathbf{z}^\top = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{W}^\top + \mathbf{b}^\top$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}^\top} \mathbf{z}^\top = \mathbf{y}^\top$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}^\top} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}^\top} D \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{W}^\top} \mathbf{z}^\top = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}^\top} D \quad \mathbf{y}^\top$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} D = (\nabla_{\mathbf{W}^\top} D)^\top = \mathbf{y} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} D$$

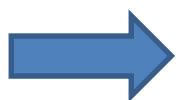
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} D = \mathbf{y} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} (D)$$

# Special Case: Application to a network

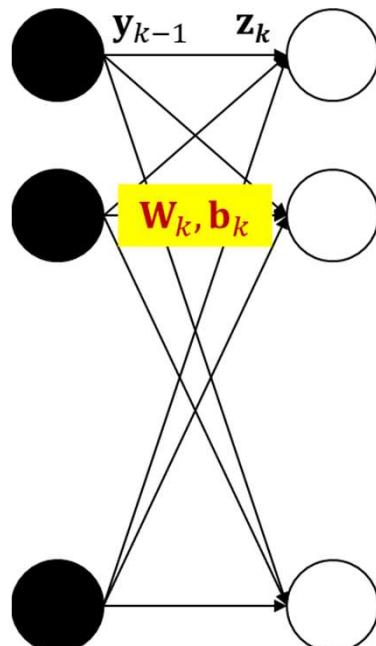
- Scalar functions of Affine functions

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$Div = Div(\mathbf{z})$$



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} Div \mathbf{W}$$



$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

The divergence is a scalar function of  $\mathbf{z}_k$

Applying the above rule

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div \mathbf{W}_k$$

# Special Case: Application to a network

- Scalar functions of Affine functions

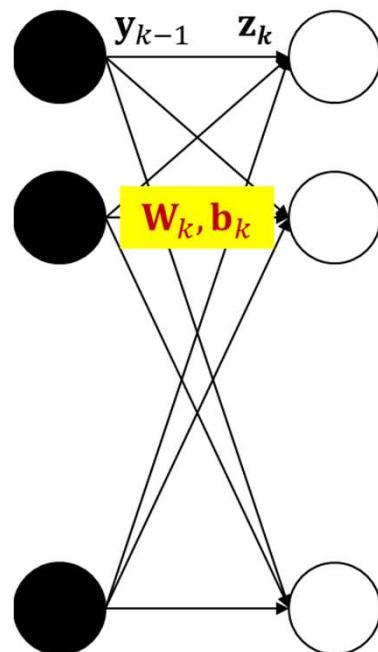
$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$Div = Div(\mathbf{z})$$



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} Div$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} Div = \mathbf{y} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} Div$$

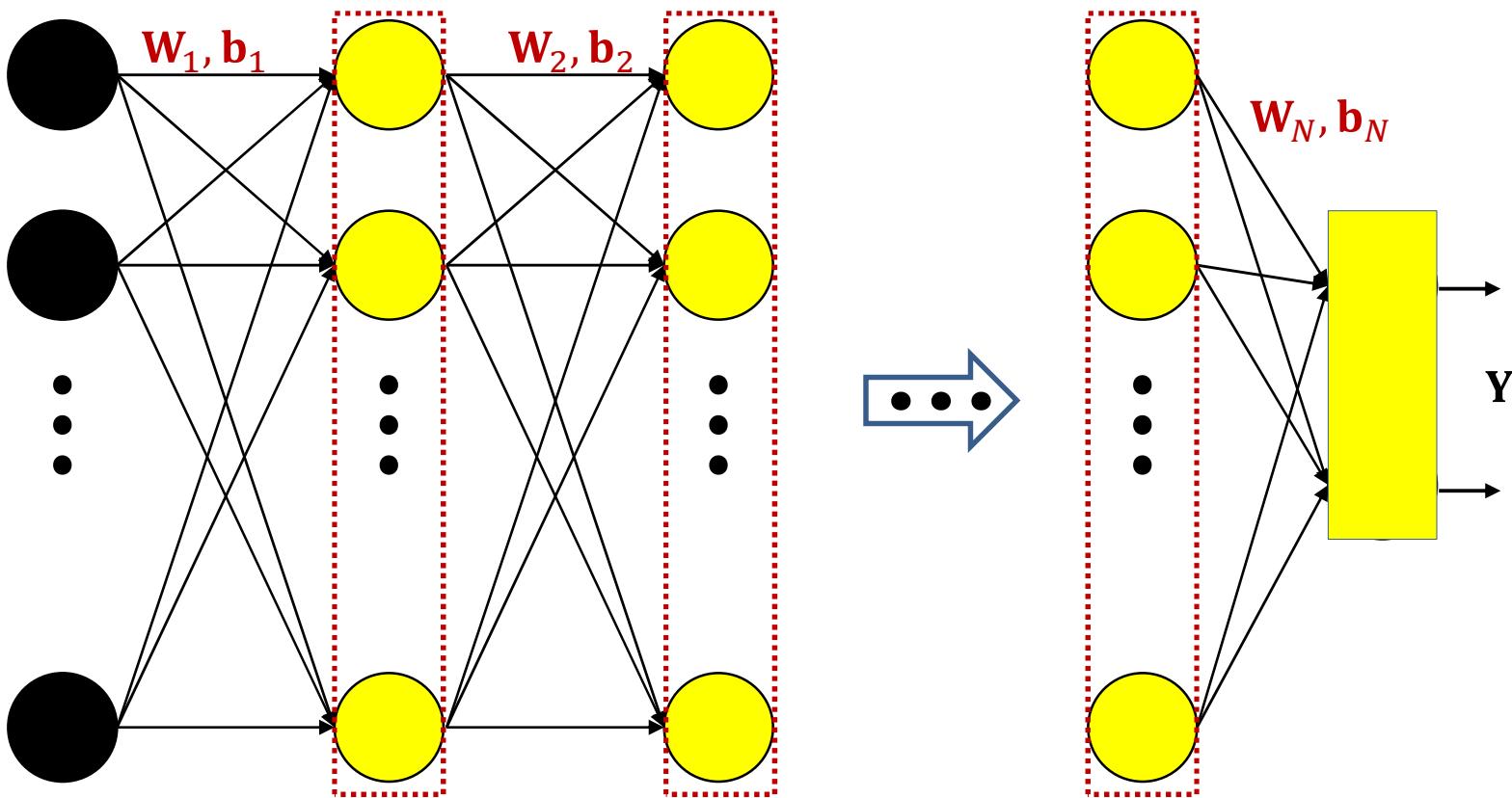


$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} D = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$

# The backward pass



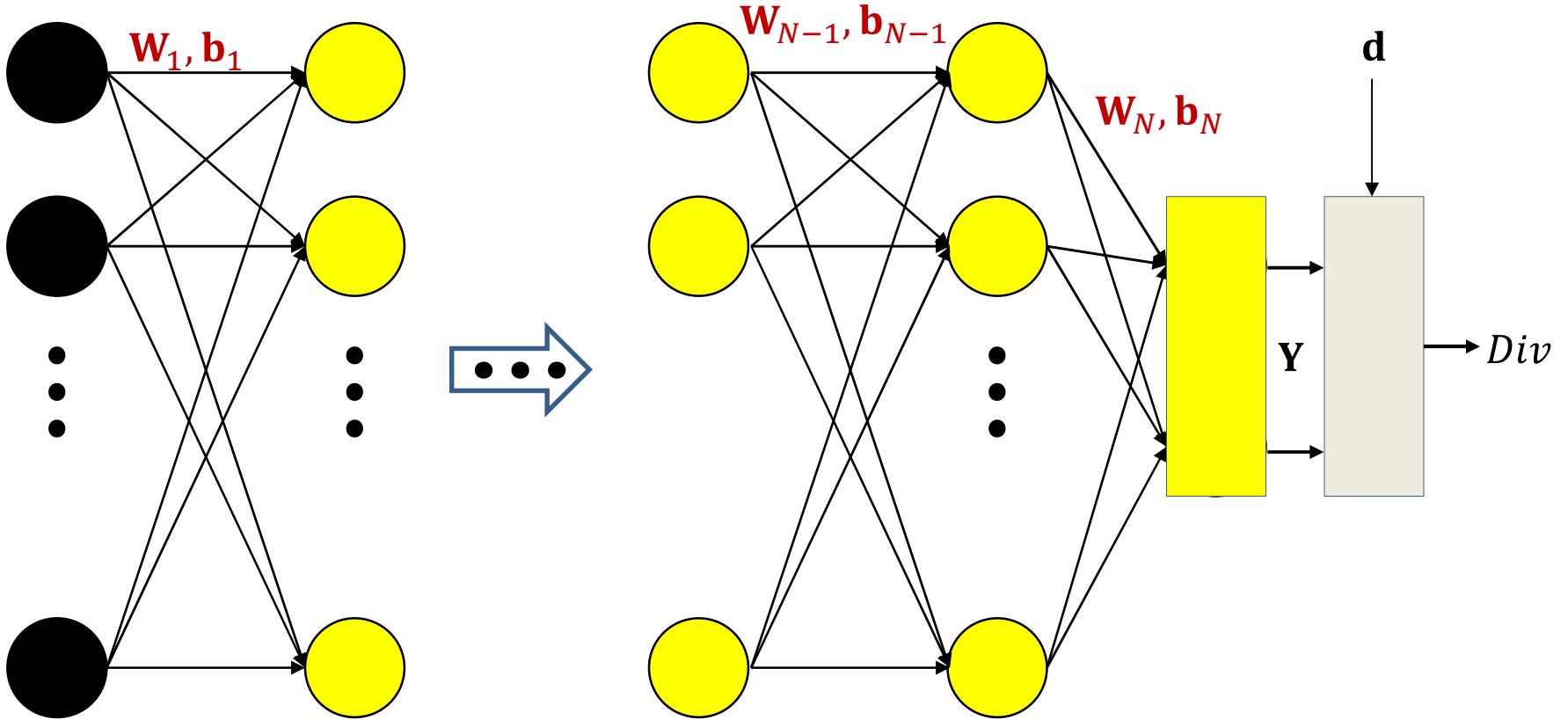
- The network is a nested function

$$Y = f_N(\mathbf{W}_N f_{N-1}(\dots f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2) \dots) + \mathbf{b}_N)$$

- The divergence for any  $\mathbf{x}$  is also a nested function

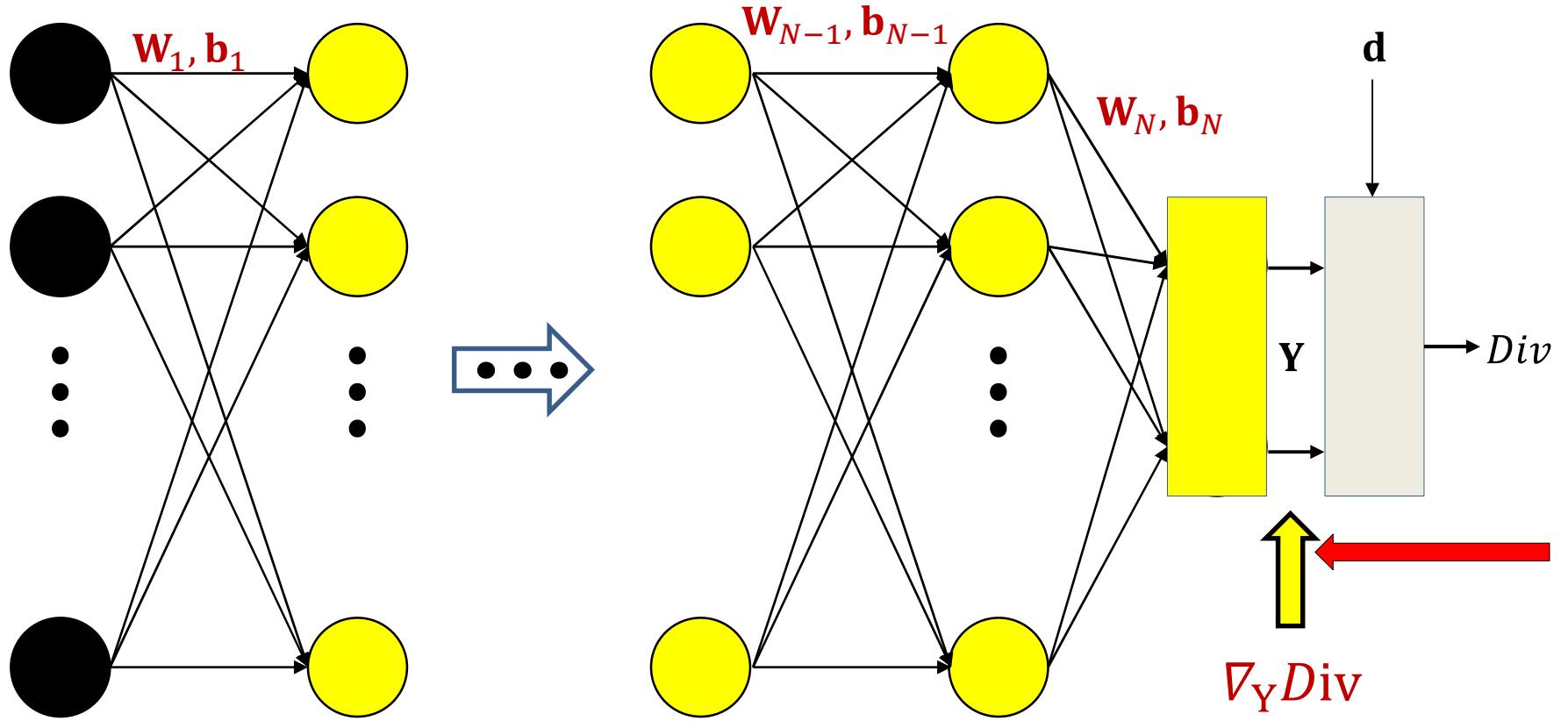
$$\text{Div}(Y, d) = \text{Div}(f_N(\mathbf{W}_N f_{N-1}(\dots f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2) \dots) + \mathbf{b}_N), d)$$

# The backward pass



In the following slides we will also be using the notation  $\nabla_z \mathbf{Y}$  to represent the derivative of any  $\mathbf{Y}$  w.r.t any  $z$

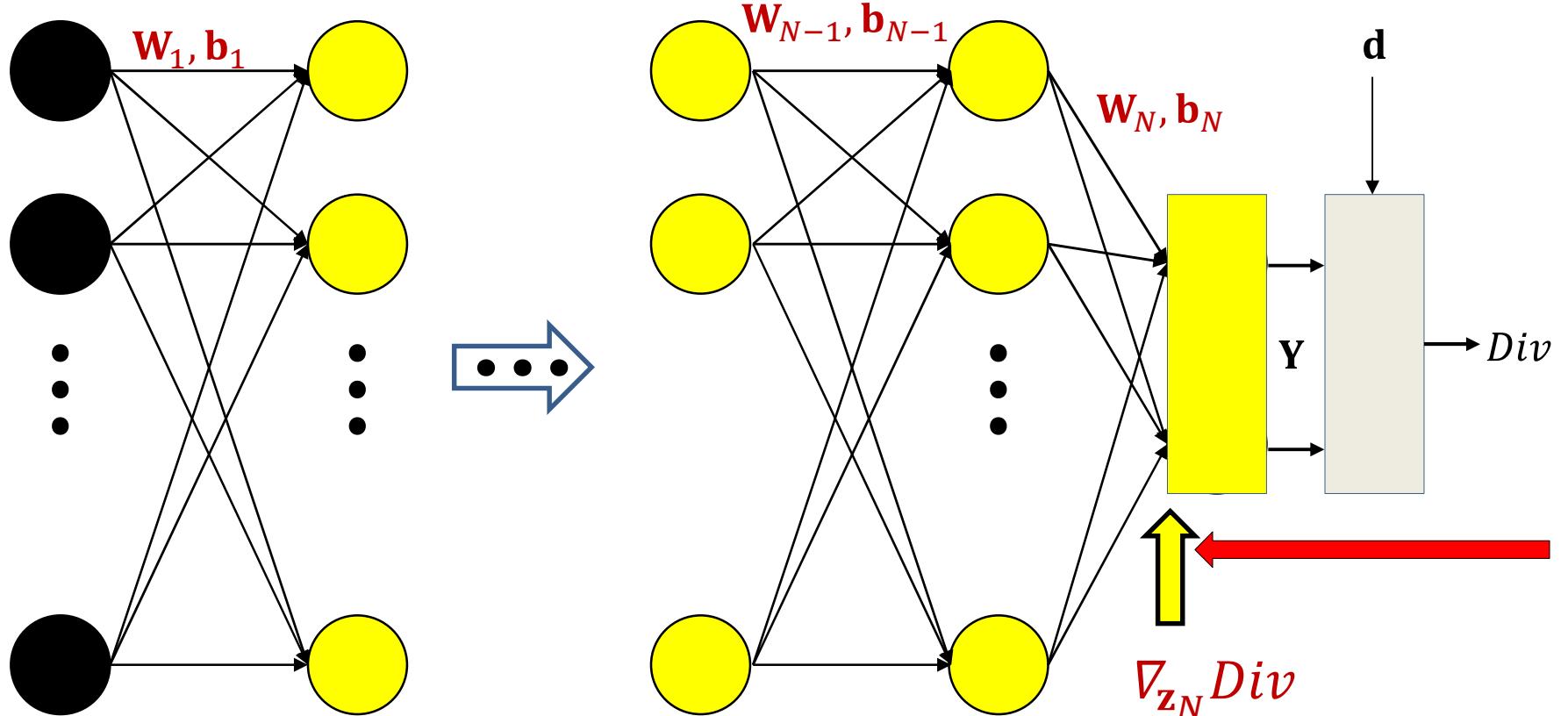
# The backward pass



First compute the derivative of the divergence w.r.t.  $\mathbf{Y}$ .  
The actual derivative depends on the divergence function.

N.B: The gradient is the transpose of the derivative

# The backward pass



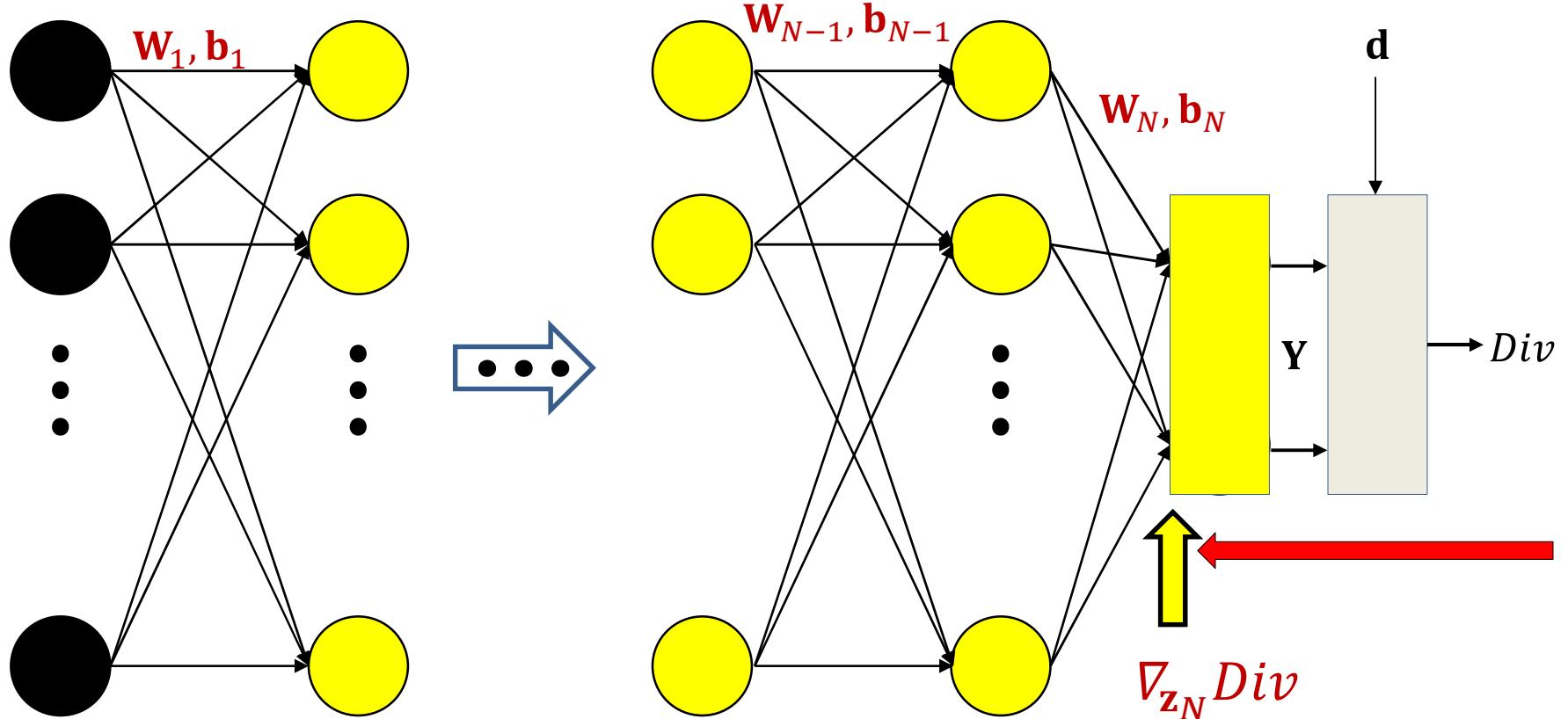
The divergence is a nested function:  $Div(\mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{z}_N))$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{Y}} Div \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} \mathbf{Y}$$

Already computed

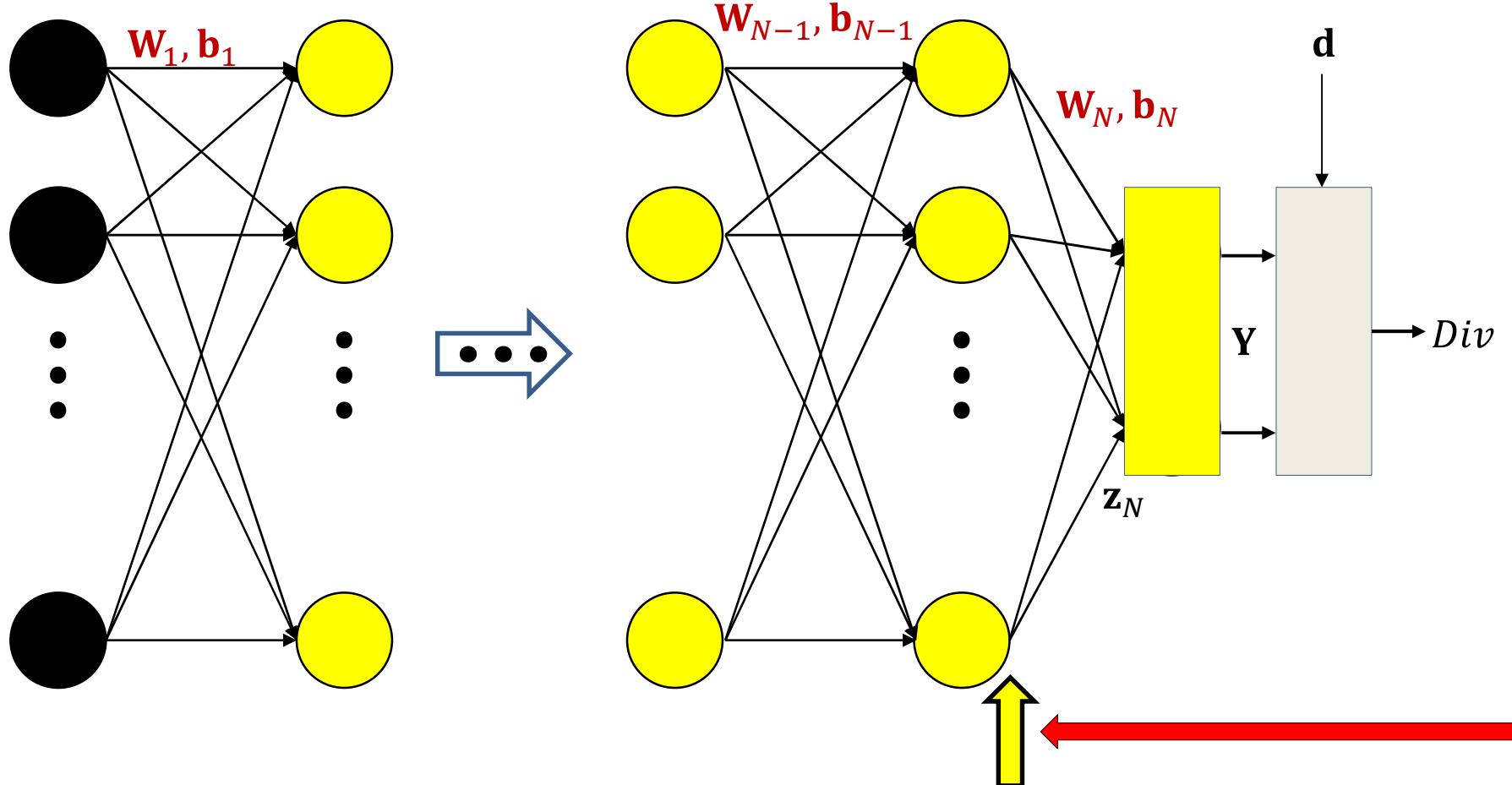
New term

# The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div = \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{Y}} Div}_{\text{Already computed}} \underbrace{J_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{z}_N)}_{\text{New term}}$$

# The backward pass

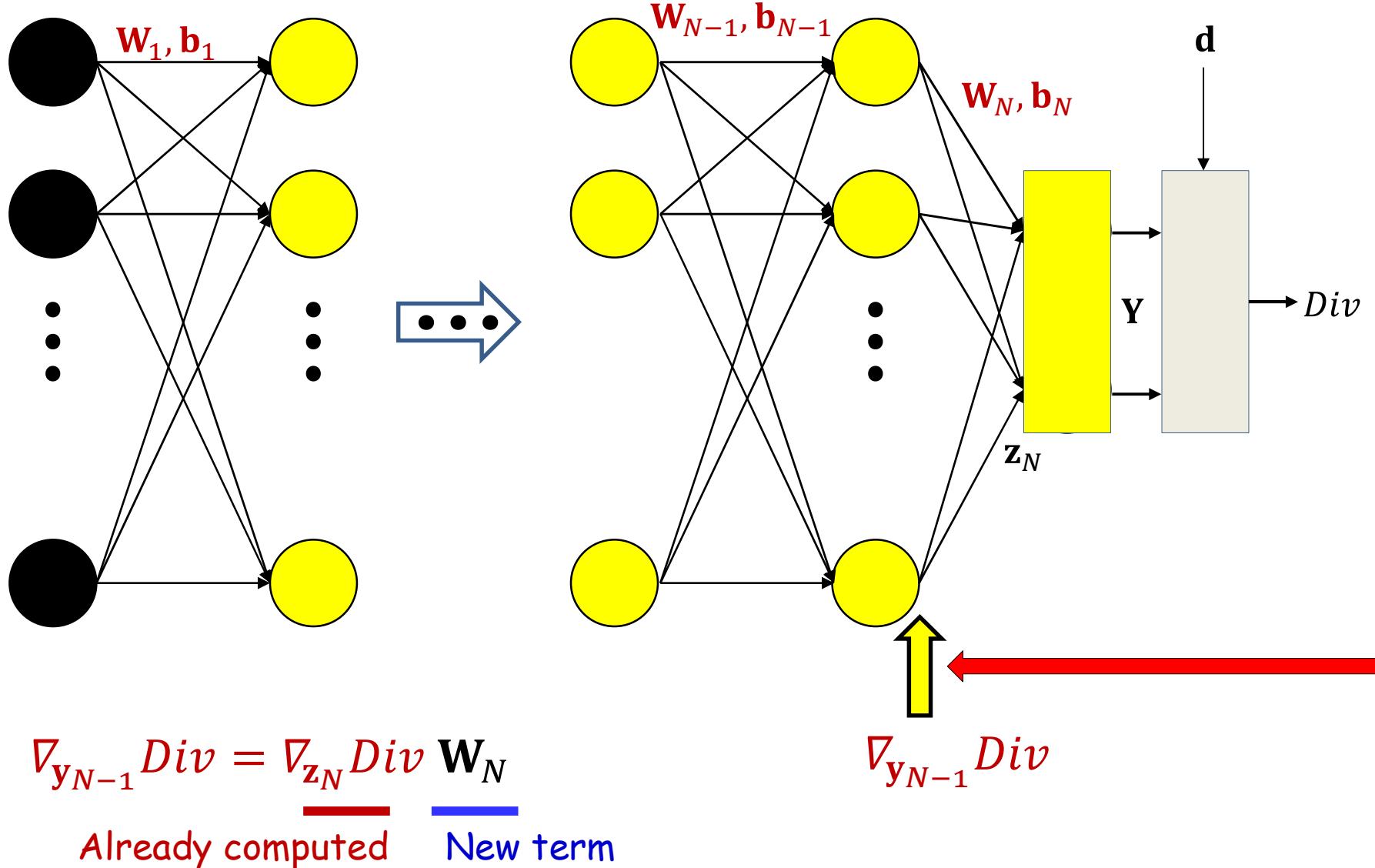


$$\nabla_{y_{N-1}} \text{Div} = \nabla_{z_N} \text{Div} \cdot \nabla_{y_{N-1}} z_N$$

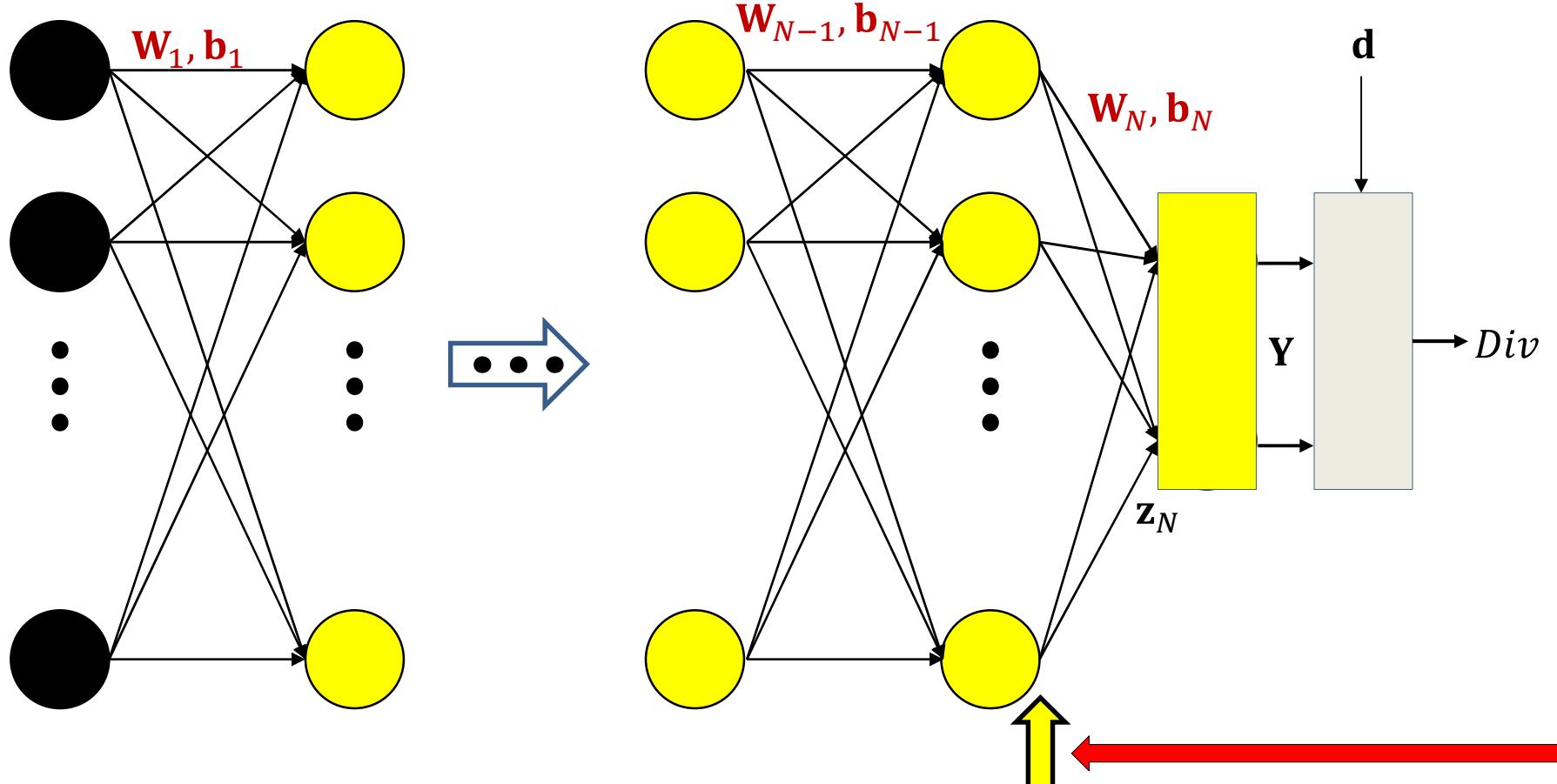
The divergence is a nested function:  $\text{Div}( z_N(y_{N-1}) )$

$$z_N = W_N y_{N-1} + b_N \quad \Rightarrow \quad \nabla_{y_{N-1}} z_N = W_N$$

# The backward pass



# The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} \text{Div} = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} \text{Div} \mathbf{W}_N$$

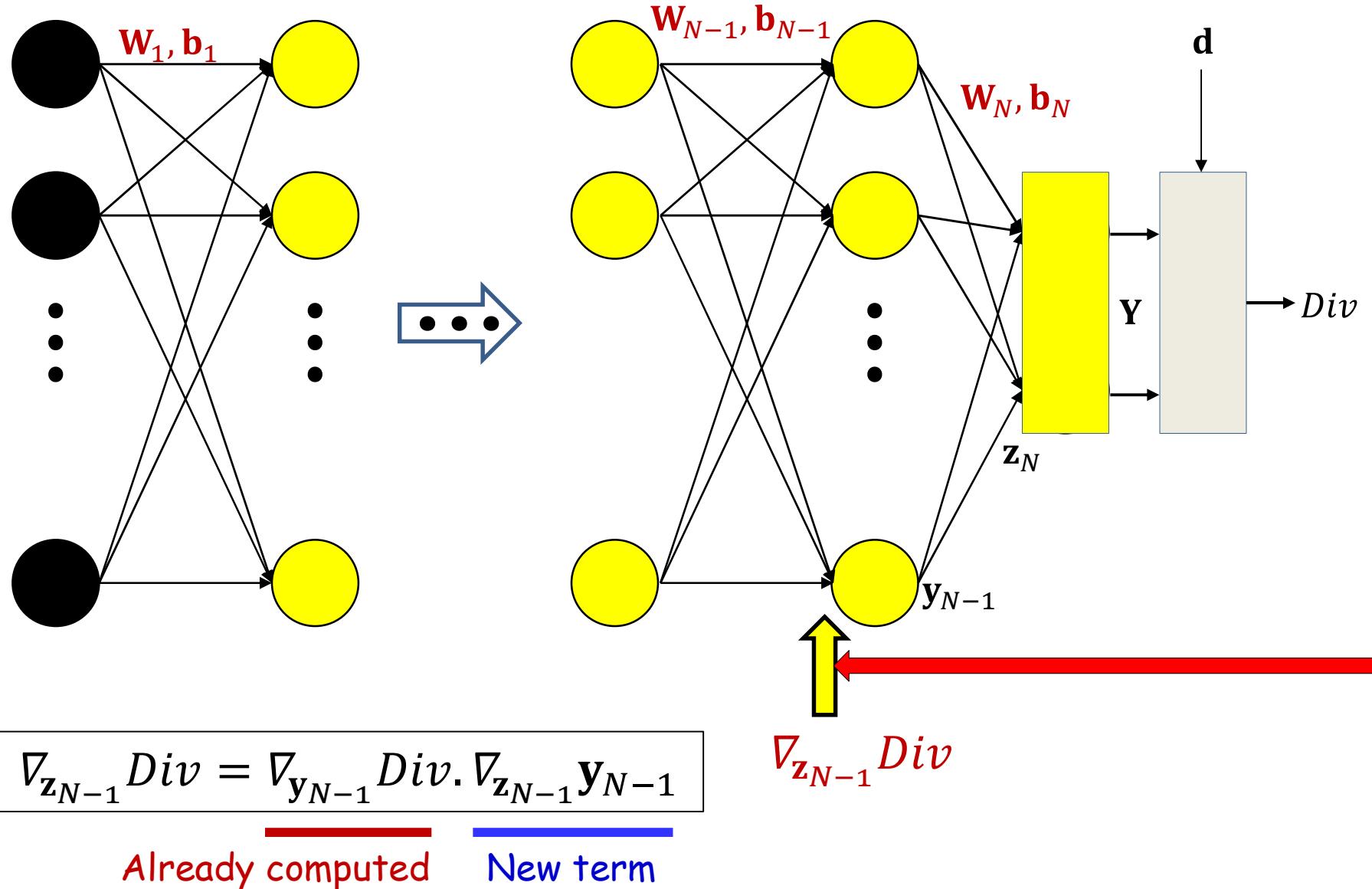
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} \text{Div}$$

$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$
$\text{Div} = \text{Div}(\mathbf{z})$

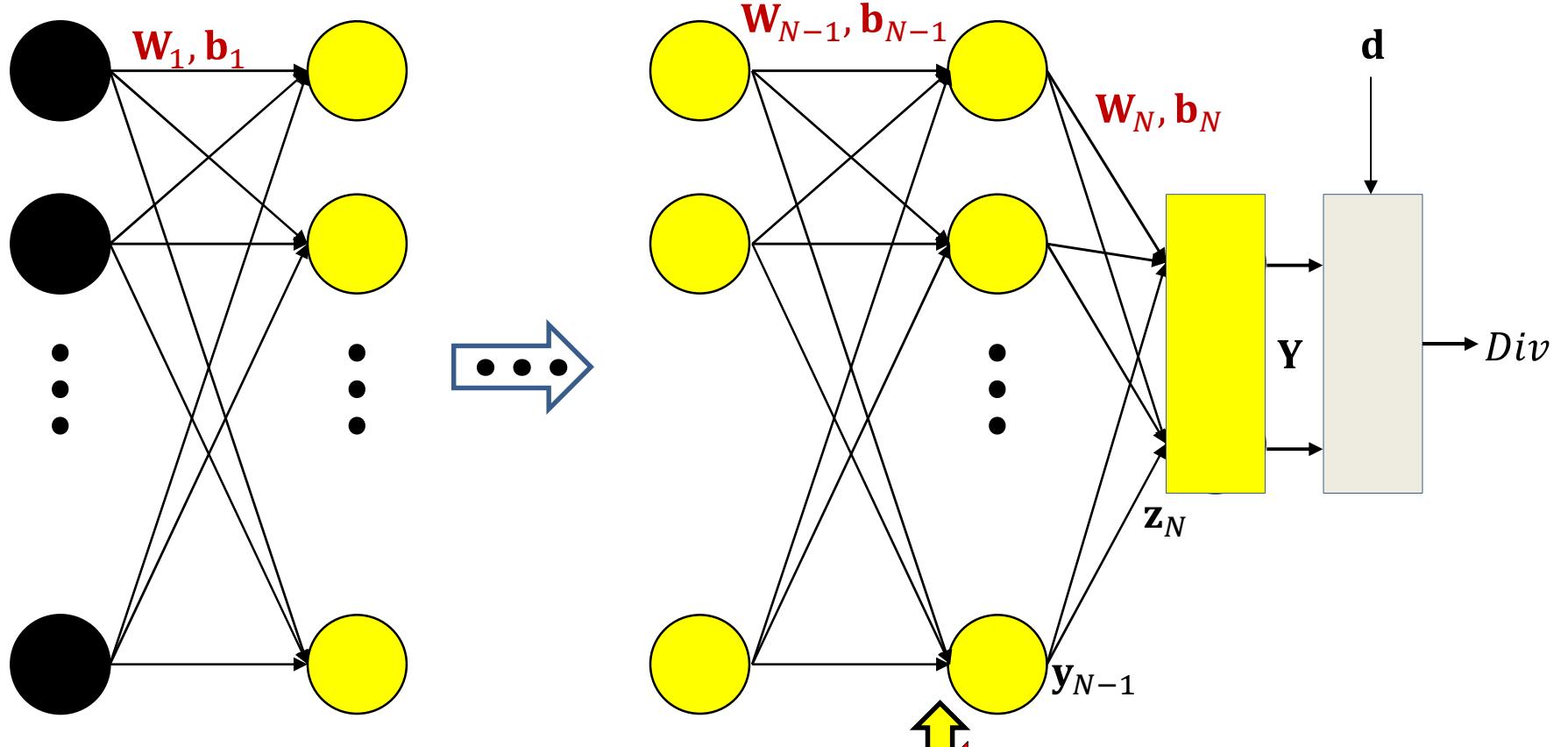
$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} \text{Div} = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \text{Div}$
$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} \text{Div} = \mathbf{y} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \text{Div}$

$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_N} \text{Div} = \mathbf{y}_{N-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} \text{Div}$
$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_N} \text{Div} = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} \text{Div}$

# The backward pass



# The backward pass

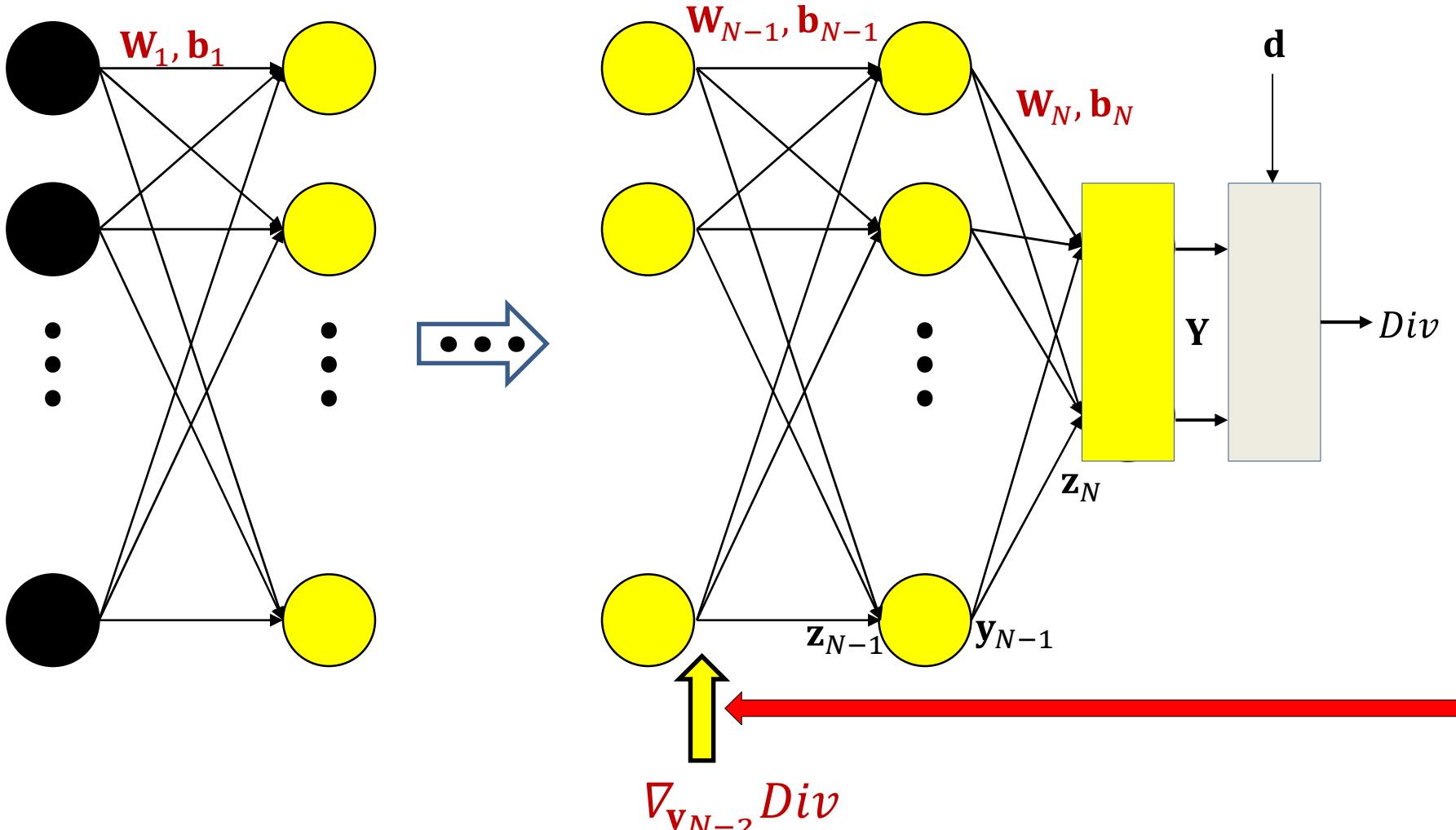


$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} \text{Div} = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} \text{Div} J_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}}(\mathbf{z}_{N-1})$$

The Jacobian will be a diagonal matrix for scalar activations

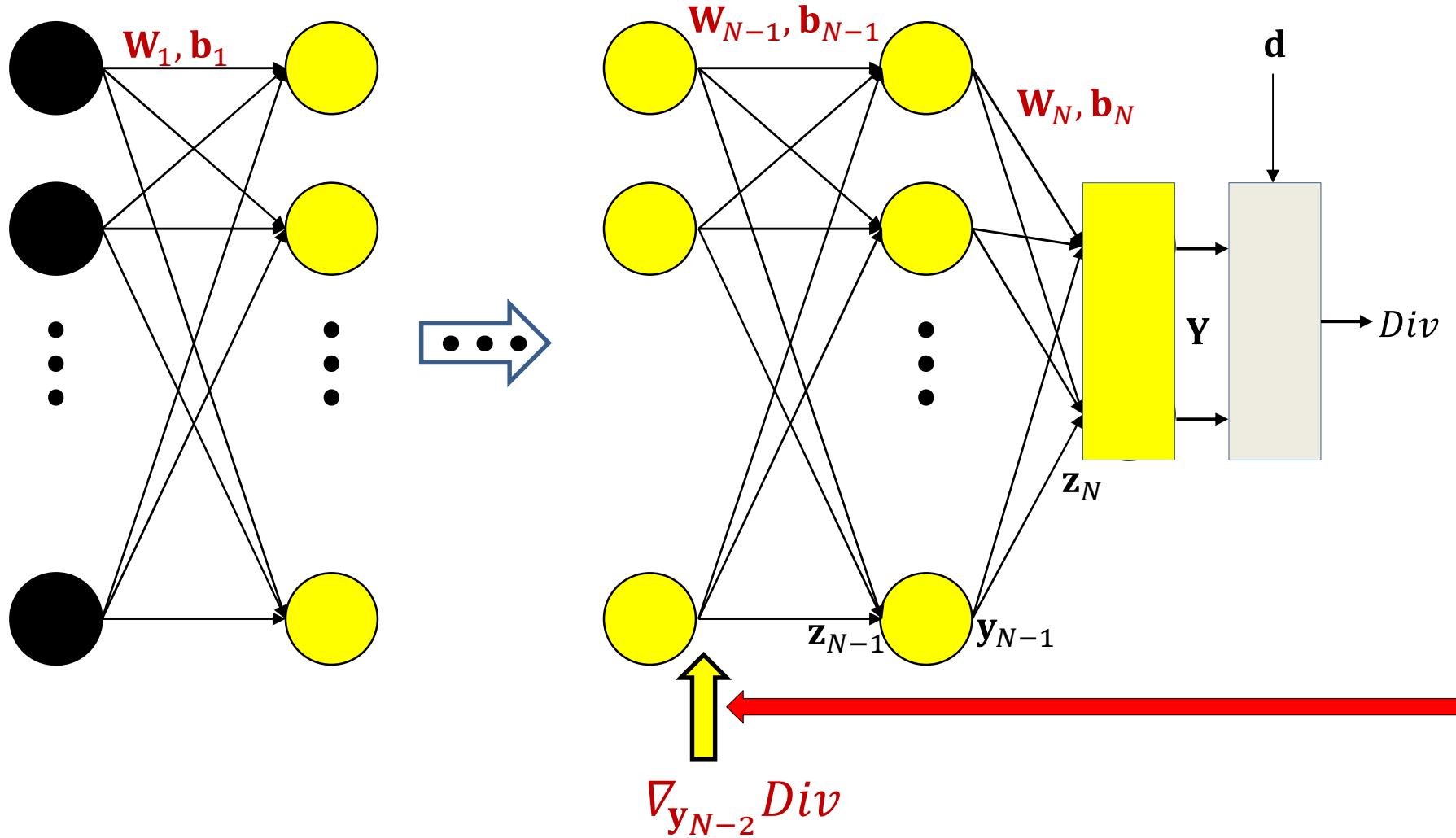
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} \text{Div}$$

# The backward pass



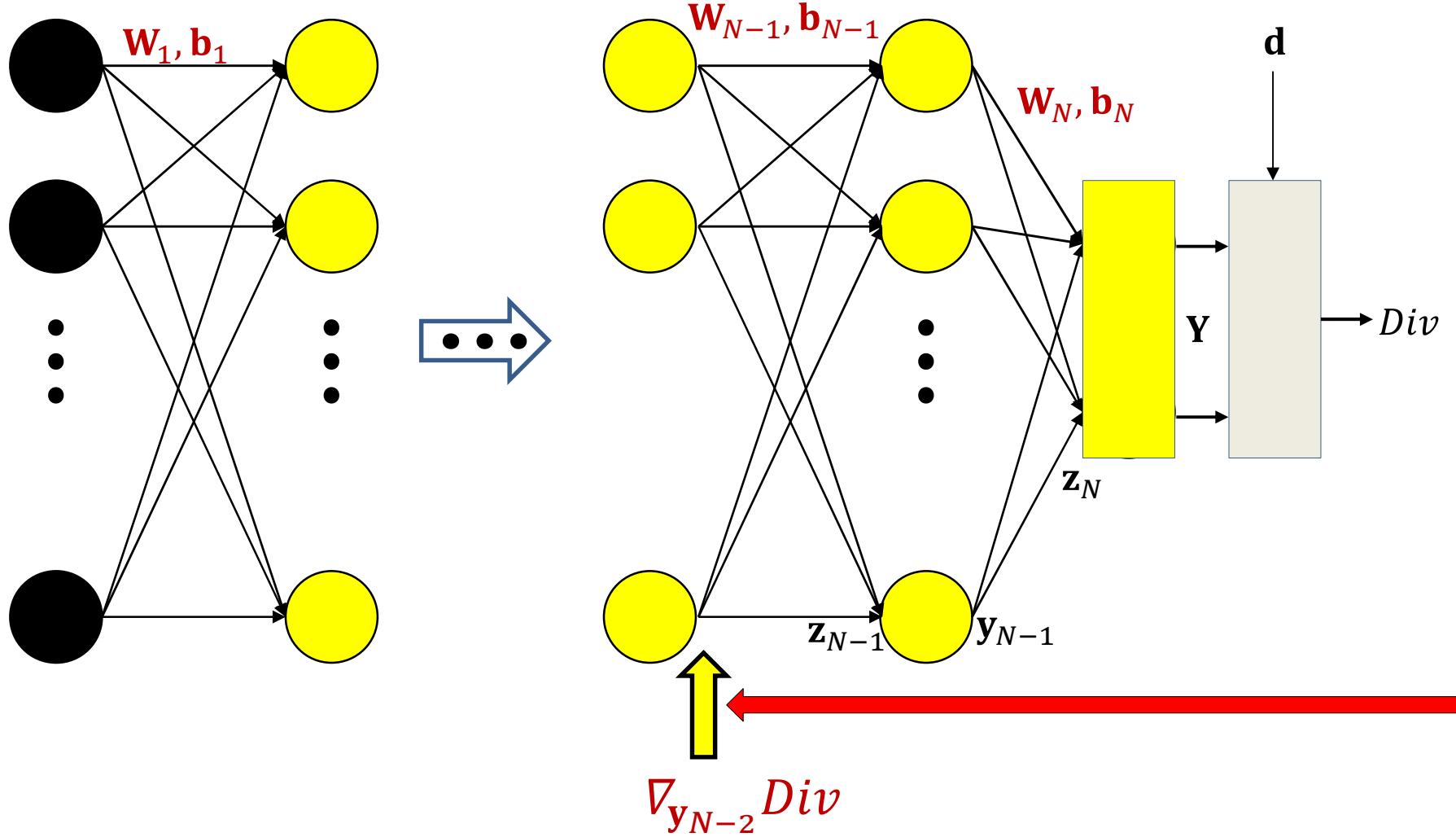
$$\nabla_{y_{N-2}} Div = \nabla_{z_{N-1}} Div \cdot \nabla_{y_{N-2}} z_{N-1}$$

# The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-2}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div \mathbf{W}_{N-1}$$

# The backward pass

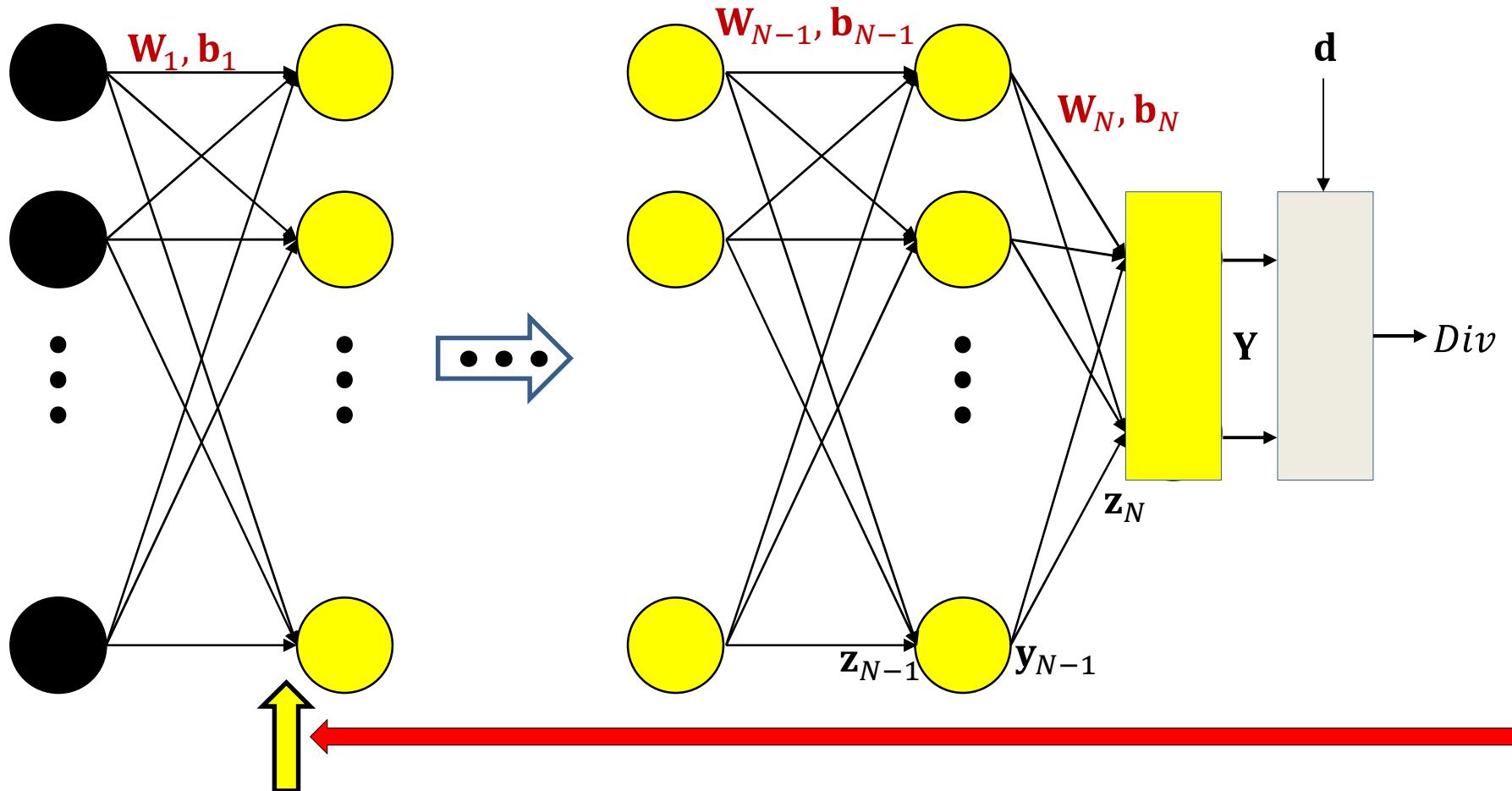


$$\nabla_{y_{N-2}} Div = \nabla_{z_{N-1}} Div \quad W_{N-1}$$

$$\nabla_{W_{N-1}} Div = y_{N-2} \nabla_{z_{N-1}} Div$$

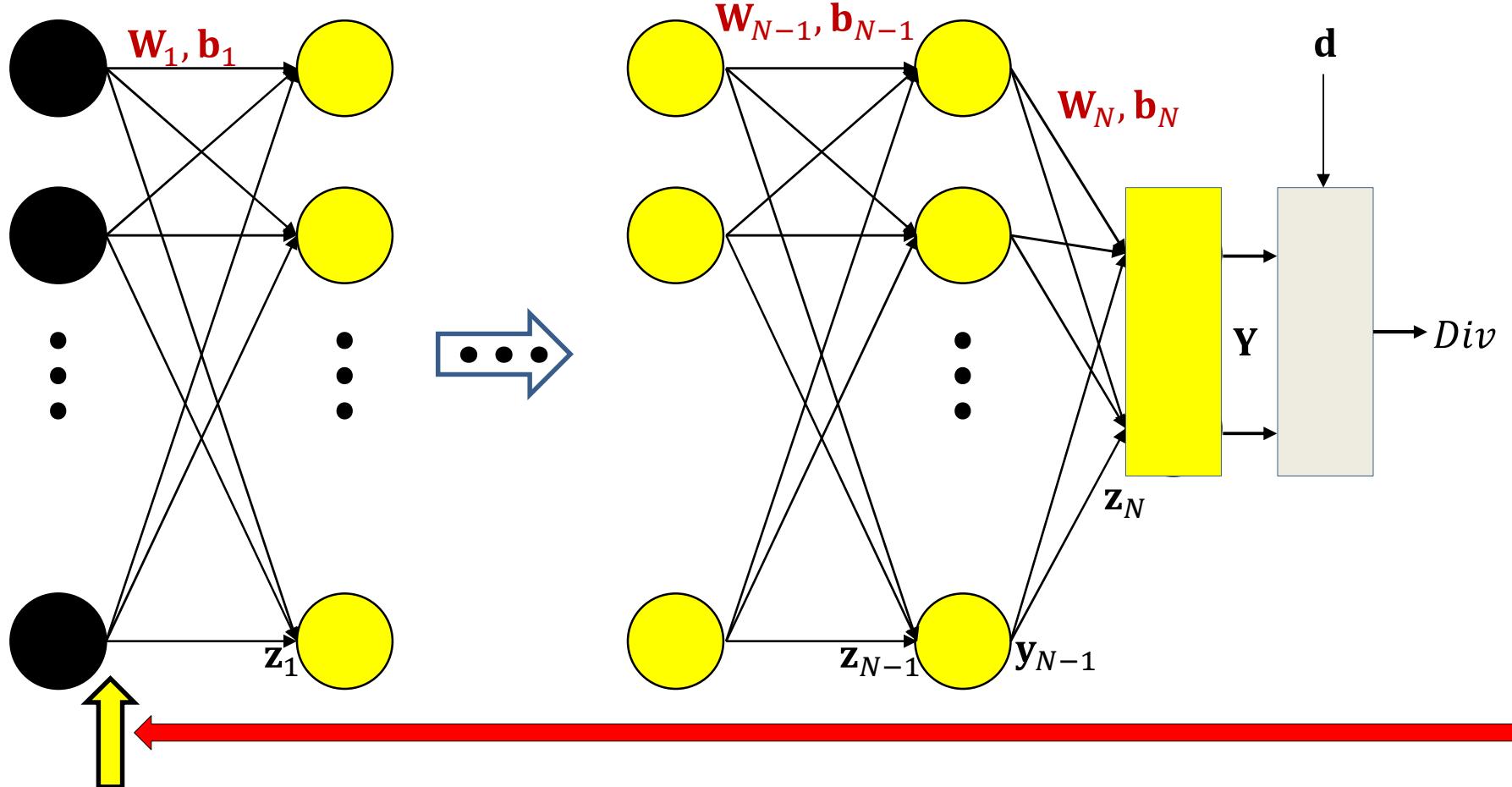
$$\nabla_{b_{N-1}} Div = \nabla_{z_{N-1}} Div$$

# The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_1} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_1} Div J_{\mathbf{y}_1}(\mathbf{z}_1)$$

# The backward pass



$$\nabla_{W_1} \text{Div} = \mathbf{x} \nabla_{z_1} \text{Div}$$

$$\nabla_{b_1} \text{Div} = \nabla_{z_1} \text{Div}$$

In some problems we will also want to compute the derivative w.r.t. the input

# The Backward Pass

- Set  $\mathbf{y}_N = Y, \mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$
- Initialize: Compute  $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_N} Div = \nabla_Y Div$
- For layer  $k = N$  down to 1:
  - Compute  $J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$ 
    - Will require intermediate values computed in the forward pass
  - Backward recursion step:
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div \mathbf{W}_k$$
  - Gradient computation:
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Div = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$

# The Backward Pass

- Set  $\mathbf{y}_N = Y, \mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$
- Initialize: Compute  $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_N} Div = \nabla_Y Div$
- For layer  $k = N$  down to 1:
  - Compute  $J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$ 
    - Will require intermediate values computed in the forward pass
  - Backward recursion step: Note analogy to forward pass
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div \mathbf{W}_k$$
  - Gradient computation:
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Div = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$

# For comparison: The Forward Pass

- Set  $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$
- For layer  $k = 1$  to  $N$  :

– Forward recursion step:

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = f_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$$

- Output:

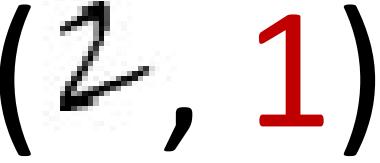
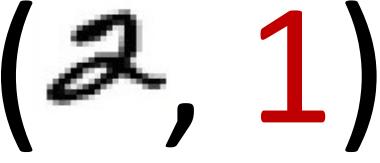
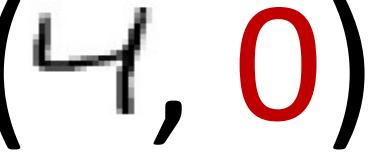
$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}_N$$

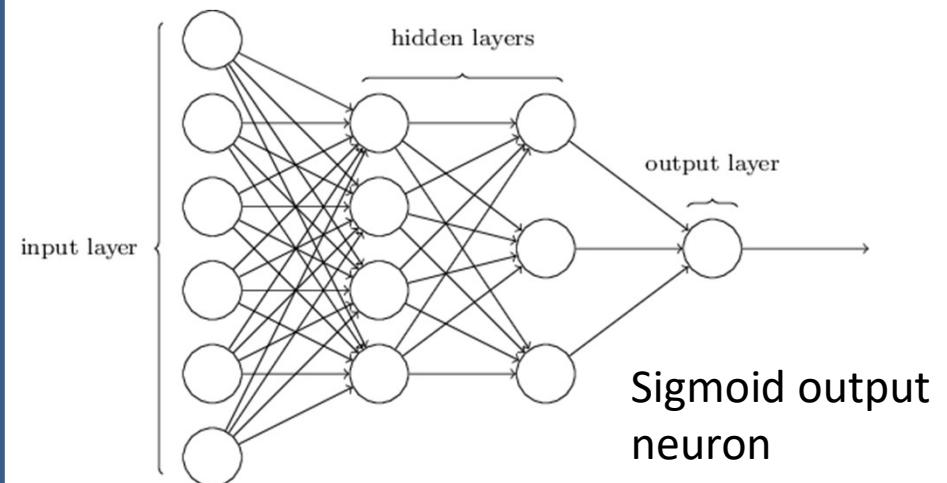
# Neural network training algorithm

- Initialize all weights and biases ( $\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_N, \mathbf{b}_N$ )
- Do:
  - $Loss = 0$
  - For all  $k$ , initialize  $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss = 0, \nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Loss = 0$
  - For all  $t = 1:T$  # Loop through training instances
    - Forward pass : Compute
      - Output  $\mathbf{Y}(X_t)$
      - Divergence  $Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)$
      - $Loss += Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)$
    - Backward pass: For all  $k$  compute:
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{k+1}} Div \mathbf{W}_{k+1}$
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t) = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div; \nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t) = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss += \nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t); \nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Loss += \nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div(\mathbf{Y}_t, \mathbf{d}_t)$
    - For all  $k$ , update:
$$\mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{W}_k - \frac{\eta}{T} (\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss)^T; \quad \mathbf{b}_k = \mathbf{b}_k - \frac{\eta}{T} (\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Loss)^T$$
  - Until  $Loss$  has converged

# Setting up for digit recognition

Training data

(  , 0)	(  , 1)
(  , 1)	(  , 0)
(  , 0)	(  , 1)

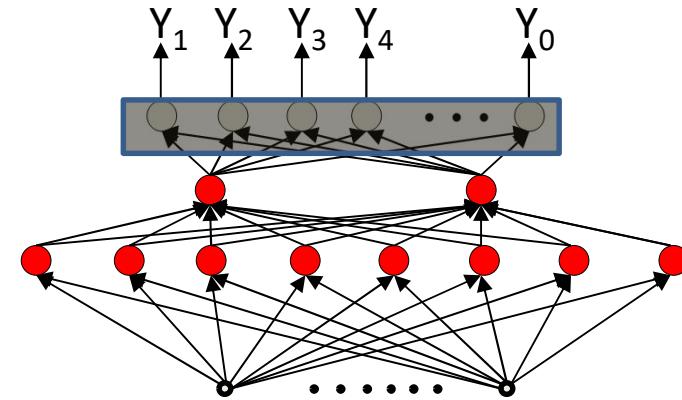


- Simple Problem: Recognizing “2” or “not 2”
- Single output with sigmoid activation
  - $Y \in (0,1)$
  - $d$  is either 0 or 1
- Use KL divergence
- Backpropagation to compute derivatives
  - To apply in gradient descent to learn network parameters

# Recognizing the digit

Training data

(5, 5)	(2, 2)
(2, 2)	(4, 4)
(0, 0)	(2, 2)



- More complex problem: Recognizing digit
- Network with 10 (or 11) outputs
  - First ten outputs correspond to the ten digits
    - Optional 11th is for none of the above
- Softmax output layer:
  - Ideal output: One of the outputs goes to 1, the others go to 0
- Backpropagation with KL divergence
  - To compute derivatives for gradient descent updates to learn network

# Story so far

- Neural networks must be trained to minimize the average divergence between the output of the network and the desired output over a set of training instances, with respect to network parameters.
- Minimization is performed using gradient descent
- Gradients (derivatives) of the divergence (for any individual instance) w.r.t. network parameters can be computed using backpropagation
  - Which requires a “forward” pass of inference followed by a “backward” pass of gradient computation
- The computed gradients can be incorporated into gradient descent

# Issues

- Convergence: How well does it learn
  - And how can we improve it
- How well will it generalize (outside training data)
- What does the output really mean?
- *Etc..*

# Next up

- Convergence and generalization