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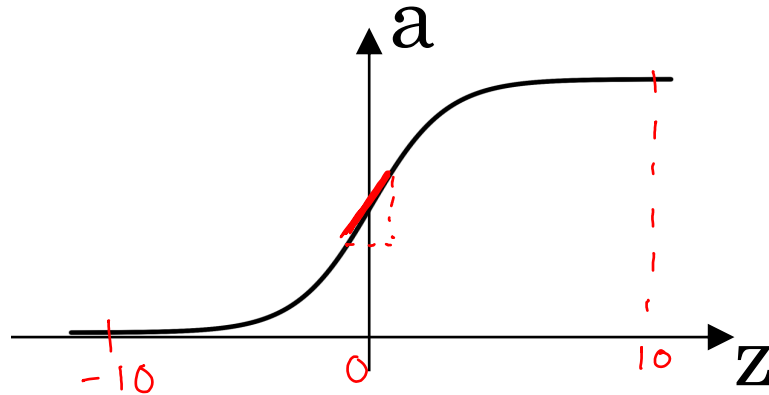
One hidden layer  
Neural Network

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Derivatives of  
activation functions

# Sigmoid activation function

When you do back prop,  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial a}$ , you need to compute derivative of Activations "a", ie,  $g(z)$



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

Say  $z=10$

$$g(z) \approx 1$$

$$\frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} = 1 \cdot (1-1) \approx 0$$

which is true as slope  $\approx 0$  at  $z=10$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial a} \rightarrow \frac{\partial a}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} = \text{slope of } g(z) \text{ or "a" at pt "z"}$$

$$\frac{\partial ((1+e^{-z})^{-1})}{\partial z} = \cancel{1} (1+e^{-z})^{-2} \cdot e^{-z} \cdot \cancel{(-1)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right)$$

$$g'(z) = a(1-a)$$

$$z = -10, g(z) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} = 0 \cdot (1-0) = 0$$

$$\text{If } z=0, g(z) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{then } \frac{\partial g(z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

# Tanh activation function

$$1 - (\tanh(z))^2$$

$$1 - \left[ \frac{1}{1+e^{-2z}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{2z}} \right]^2$$

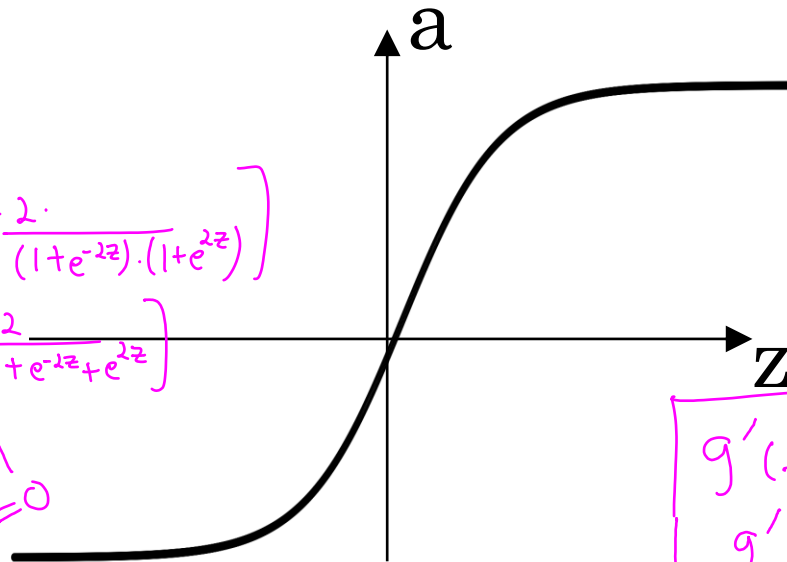
$$1 - \left[ \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{-2z}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{2z}} \right)^2 - \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{1+e^{-2z}} \cdot \frac{1}{1+e^{2z}}}{(1+e^{-2z}) \cdot (1+e^{2z})} \right]$$

$$1 - \left[ (1+e^{-2z})^{-2} + (1+e^{2z})^{-2} - \frac{2}{2+e^{-2z}+e^{2z}} \right]$$

LHS

To prove LHS = RHS  
 put  $z=0$ , LHS = RHS = 1  
 put  $z=100$ , LHS = RHS = 0

Hence proved



$$g(z) = \tanh(z)$$

$$g'(z) = 1 - (\tanh(z))^2$$

$$g'(z) = 1 - a^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dz} g(z) = \text{slope of } g(z) \text{ at "z"}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+e^{-2z}} - \frac{1}{e^{2z}+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+e^{-2z}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{2z}}$$

$$= \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{-2z}} \right) - \frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{2z}} \right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{d}{dz} (1+e^{-2z})^{-1}}_{\textcircled{A}} - \underbrace{\frac{d}{dz} (1+e^{2z})^{-1}}_{\textcircled{B}}$$

$$\textcircled{A} \quad (-1)(1+e^{-2z})^{-2} \cdot e^{-2z} \cdot (-2)$$

$$= 2(1+e^{-2z})^{-2} \cdot e^{-2z}$$

$$\textcircled{B} \quad (-1)(-1) \cdot (1+e^{2z})^{-2} \cdot e^{2z} \cdot 2$$

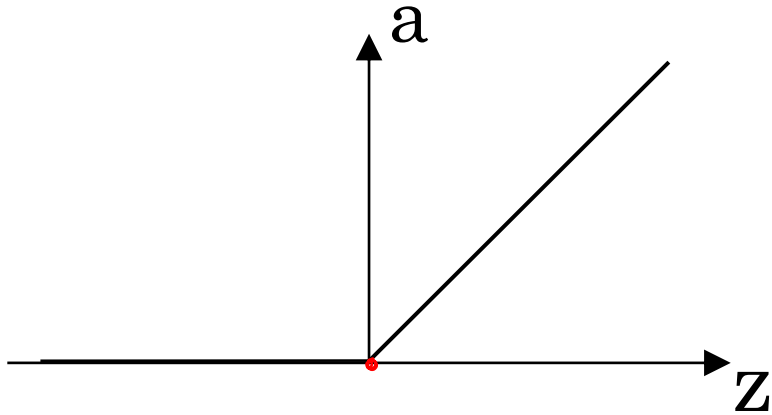
$$= 2(1+e^{2z})^{-2} \cdot e^{2z}$$

$$A + B$$

$$= 2 \left[ (1+e^{-2z})^{-2} \cdot e^{-2z} + (1+e^{2z})^{-2} \cdot e^{2z} \right]$$

RHS

# ReLU and Leaky ReLU



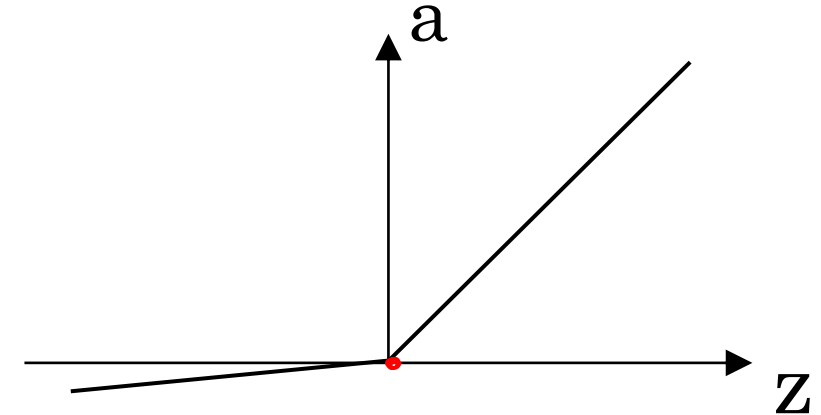
ReLU

$$g(z) = \max(0, z)$$

$$g'(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } z > 0 \end{cases}$$

undefined at  $z=0$

↳ Highly unlikely  
to have hidden unit  
w/ value 0.0000...



Leaky ReLU

$$g(z) = \max(0.01 \cdot z, z)$$

$$g'(z) = \begin{cases} 0.01 & \text{if } z < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } z > 0 \end{cases}$$

undefined at  $z=0$

whenever  $z=0$ , then  
By default make  $g'(z)=1$   
(It's fine, no big deal)