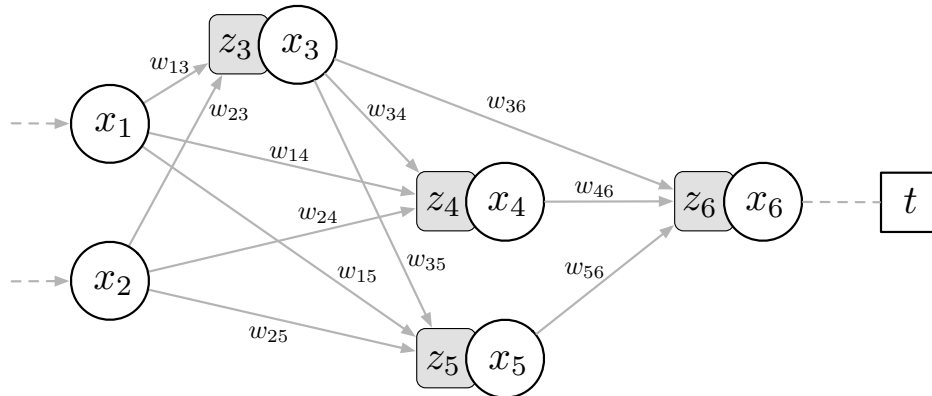


Gradient Descent and Error Backpropagation

Question 1: Backpropagation by Hand

This question involves the neural network shown below, with two input neurons, three hidden neurons, and one output neuron. For neuron j , its input current is z_j , its bias is b_j , and its activity is denoted x_j . All neurons use the same activation function, $\sigma(\cdot)$, except for the output neuron, which uses $\rho(\cdot)$. The connection weight **from** neuron i **to** neuron j is denoted w_{ij} . For example, the activity of neuron 5 can be calculated using, $x_5 = \sigma(w_{15}x_1 + w_{25}x_2 + w_{35}x_3 + b_5)$.



- a) For the network above, suppose your cost function is the “Itakura-Saito distance”, defined as

$$L(x, t) = \frac{t}{x} - \ln \frac{t}{x} - 1,$$

and the activation function for the output node is $\rho(z) = z^2$. Derive an expression for $\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_6}$, the gradient of the cost with respect to the input current to the output neuron. Show your work, and simplify your answer as much as possible.

- b) Write down an expression for the update you would apply to the connection weight w_{46} . You may use your answer to question **a**. Be as explicit as possible.
- c) Write down an expression for the update you would apply to the bias b_6 . You may use your answer to question **a**. Be as explicit as possible.
- d) Write an expression for $\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_3}$. Again, you may use your answer to question **a**. Show your work and simplify the formula as much as possible.

Submit your answers as a PDF file in Kritik. Make sure that nothing in the file can be used to identify you. Remember, the peer-assessment process is anonymous.