

# Neural Nets and Back Propagation

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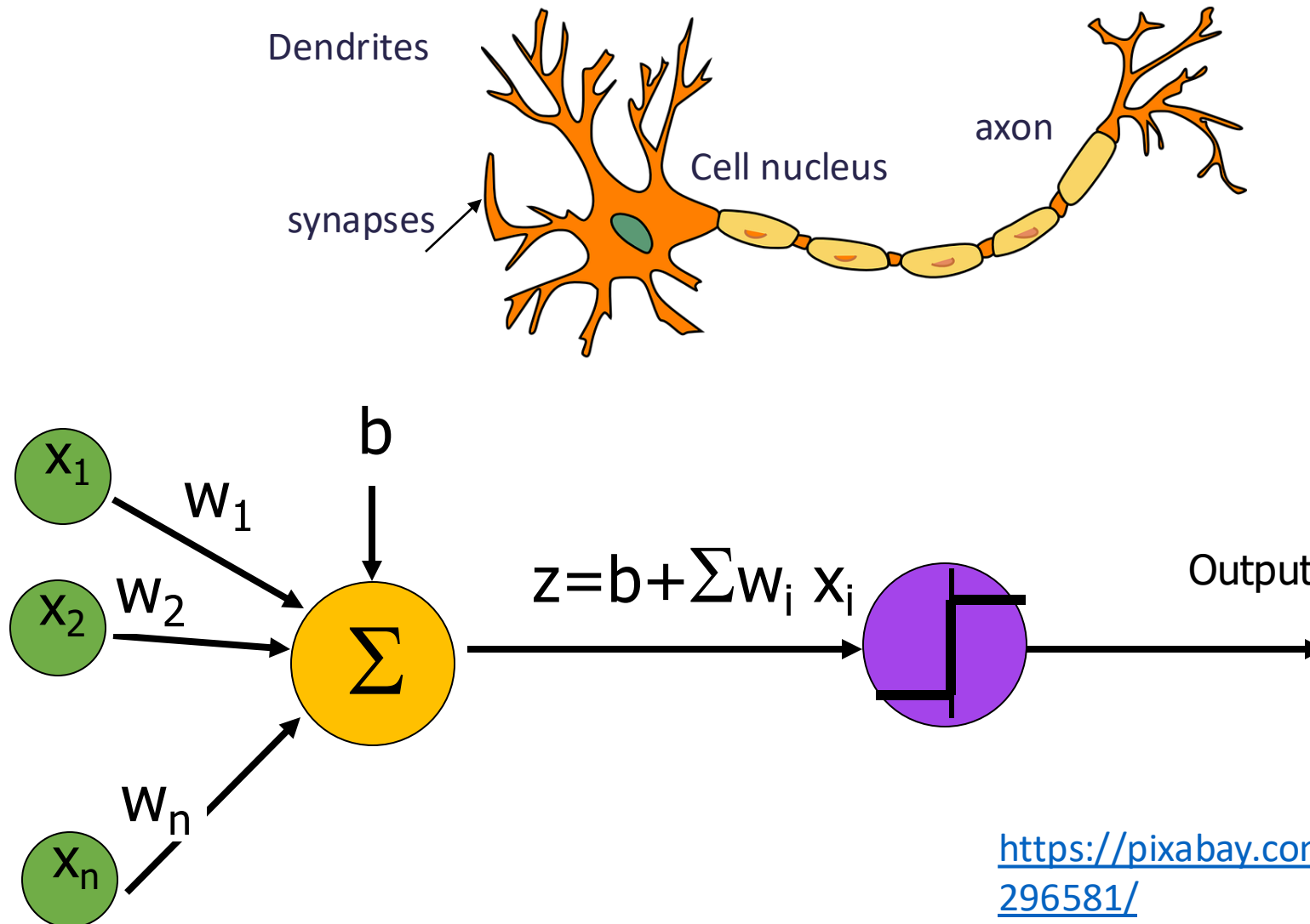
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# Plan

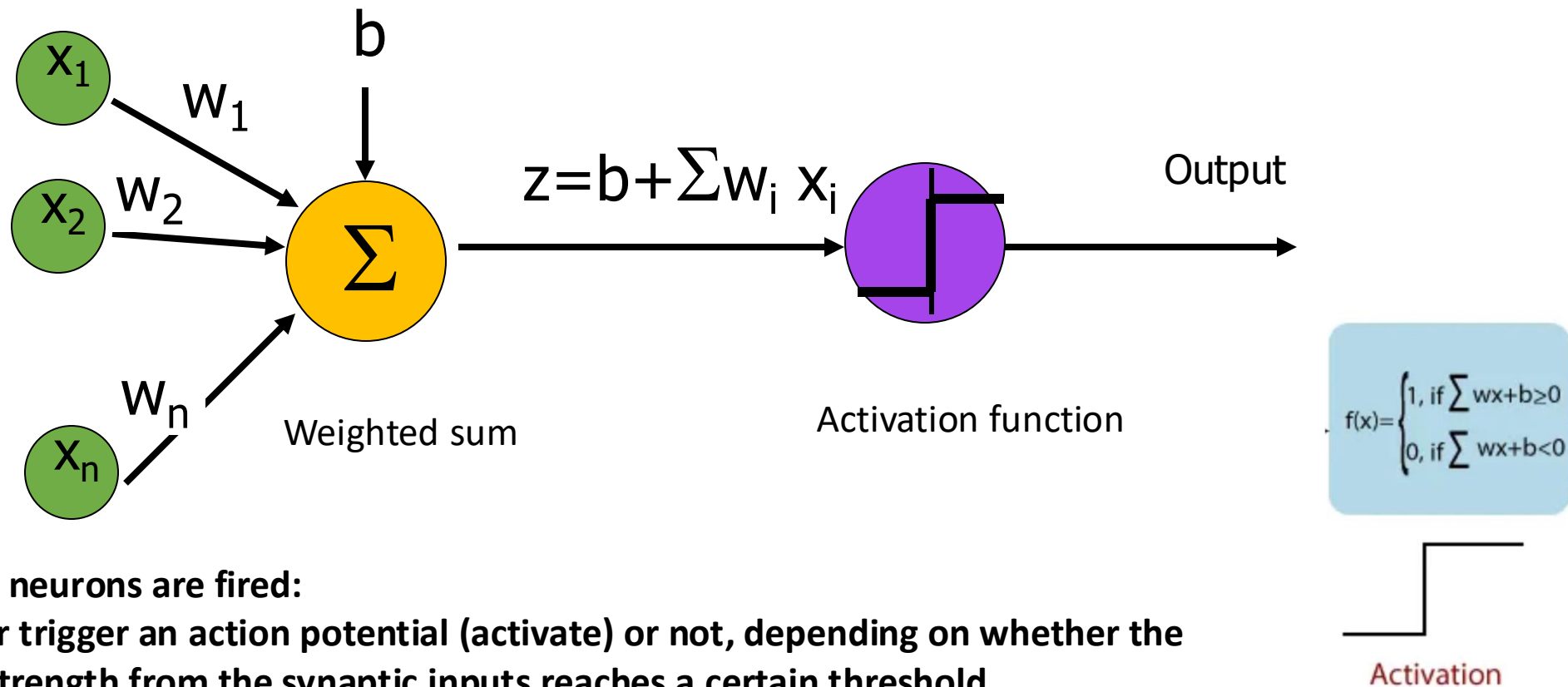
- Introduction to Neural Networks
- Backpropagation algorithm
- Learned representation/properties in deep learning
- Training techniques: "making it work"

# A perceptron: model of a neuron



Biology	Artificial NN
Dendrites	Inputs
Synapses	Weighted
Cell nucleus	Weight sum
Output	Axon

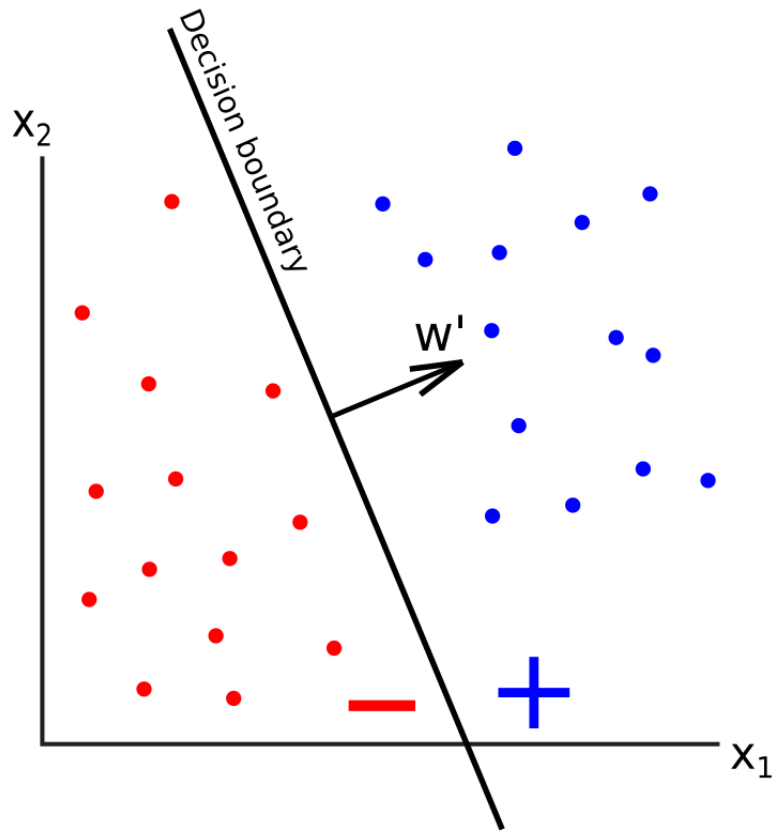
# Mathematical model: firing with binary actuation function (threshold-based)



**How biological neurons are fired:**

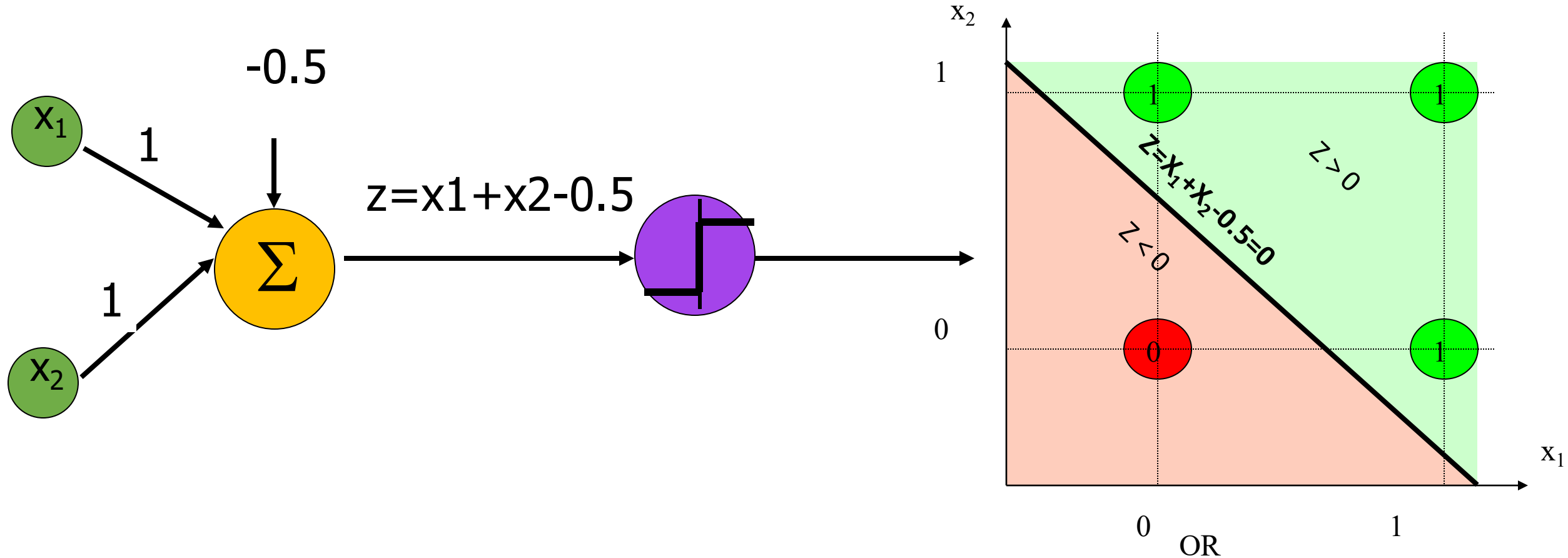
They can either trigger an action potential (activate) or not, depending on whether the overall signal strength from the synaptic inputs reaches a certain threshold.

# A perceptron: classifier with decision limit $z=0$

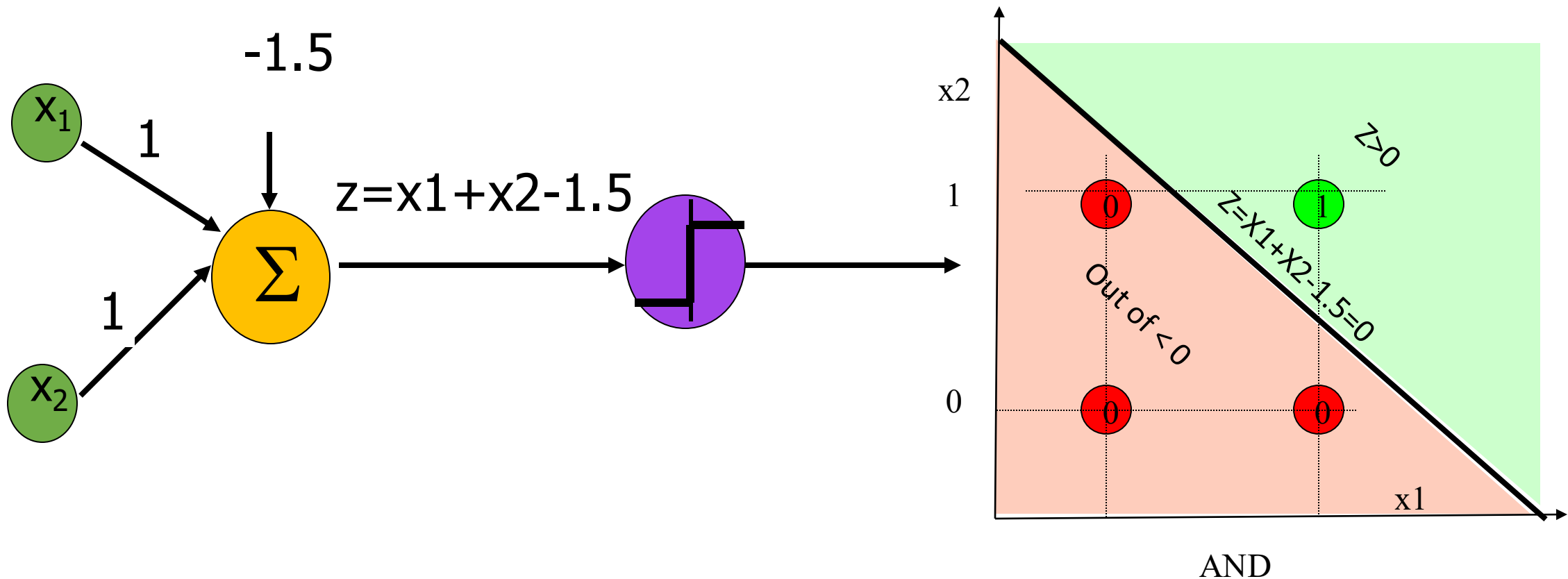


- Researchers in the field of artificial intelligence between the 1960s and 1980s were focused on logic and symbol manipulation.
- They attempted to use perceptron to represent and learn logical expressions.

# OR with a single threshold-based perceptron

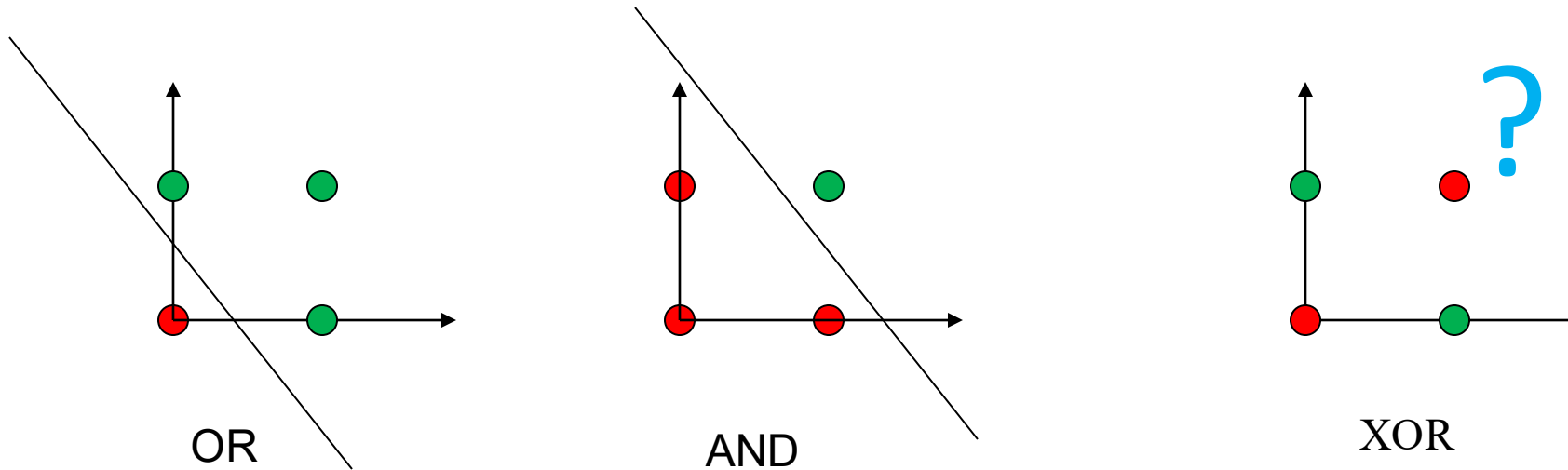


# AND with a single threshold-based perceptron



# Limitation of a single perceptron

- The problem with a single perceptron is that it can only handle problems where the data is linearly separable.
- XOR is not linearly separable and cannot be represented by a single perceptron

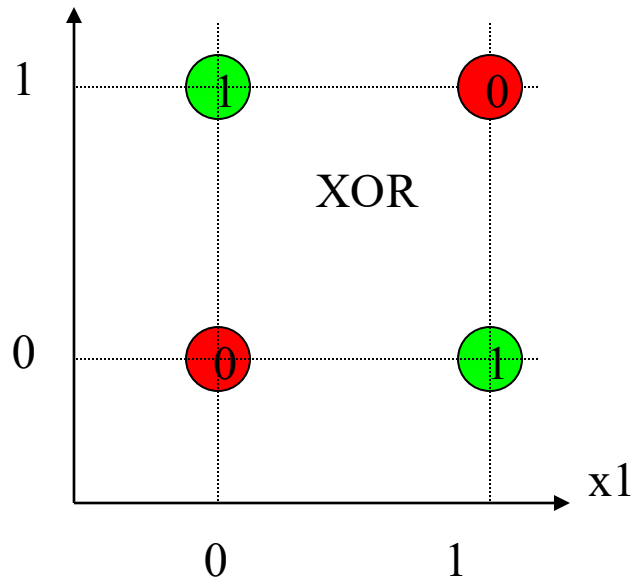




# Making XOR with help of AND and OR

$$\text{XOR}(x1, x2) \Leftrightarrow \text{OR}(x1, x2) \text{ AND NOT}(\text{AND}(x1, x2))$$

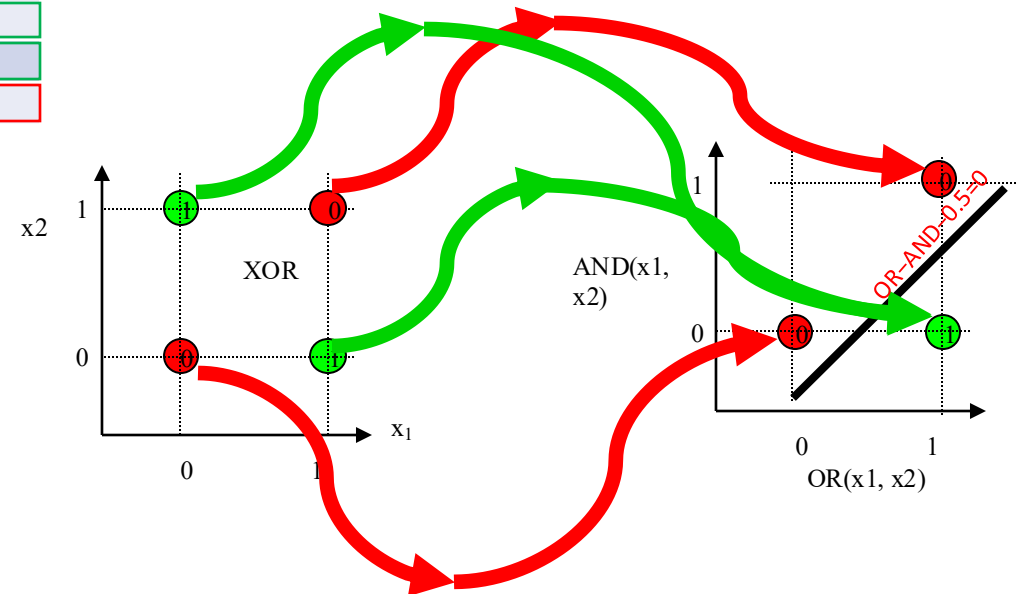
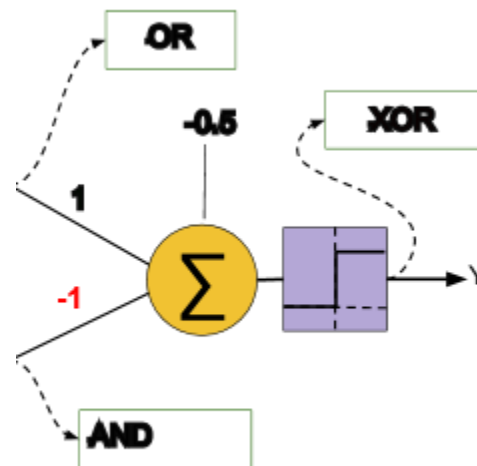
$$X1 \oplus X2 \Leftrightarrow (X1 \vee X2) \wedge \neg (X1 \wedge X2)$$



# Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

- We can use new axes to represent XOR: with OR and AND as new axes.

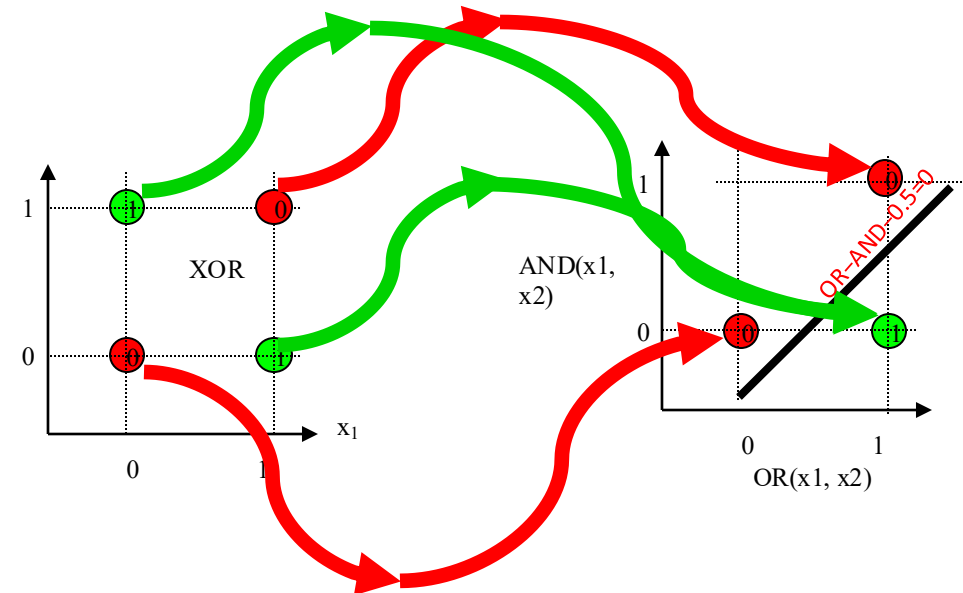
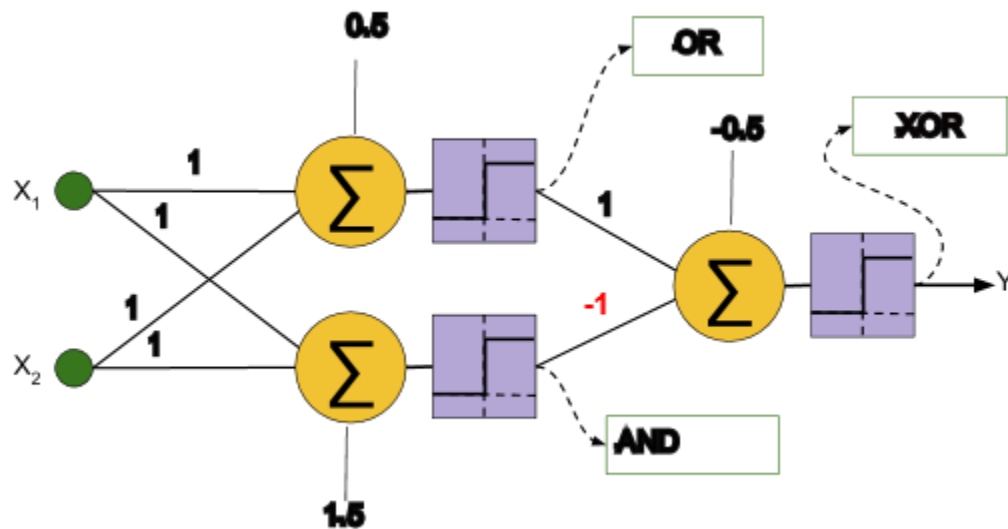
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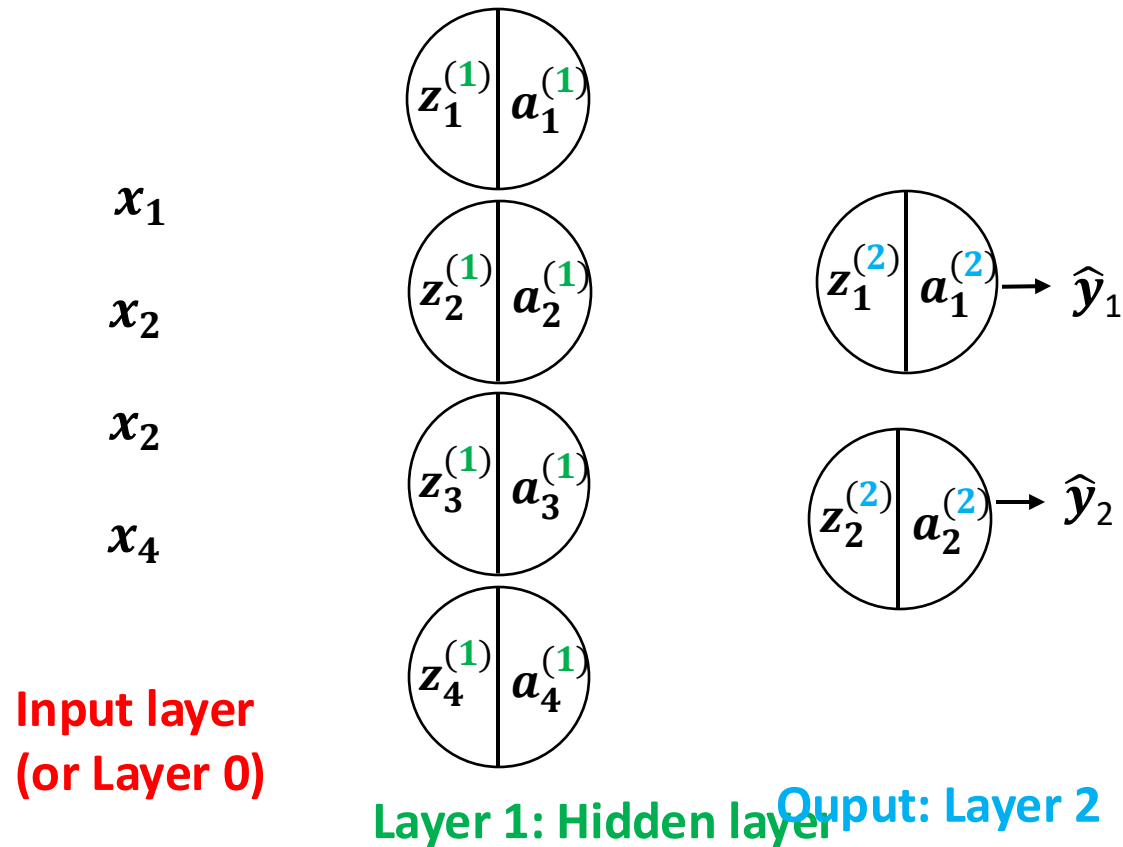
# Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)

- XOR can be represented by a two-layer neural network.
- We can stack layers: In the first layer, we calculate OR and AND, and in the second layer, we use the output of OR and AND as input to calculate the final output.

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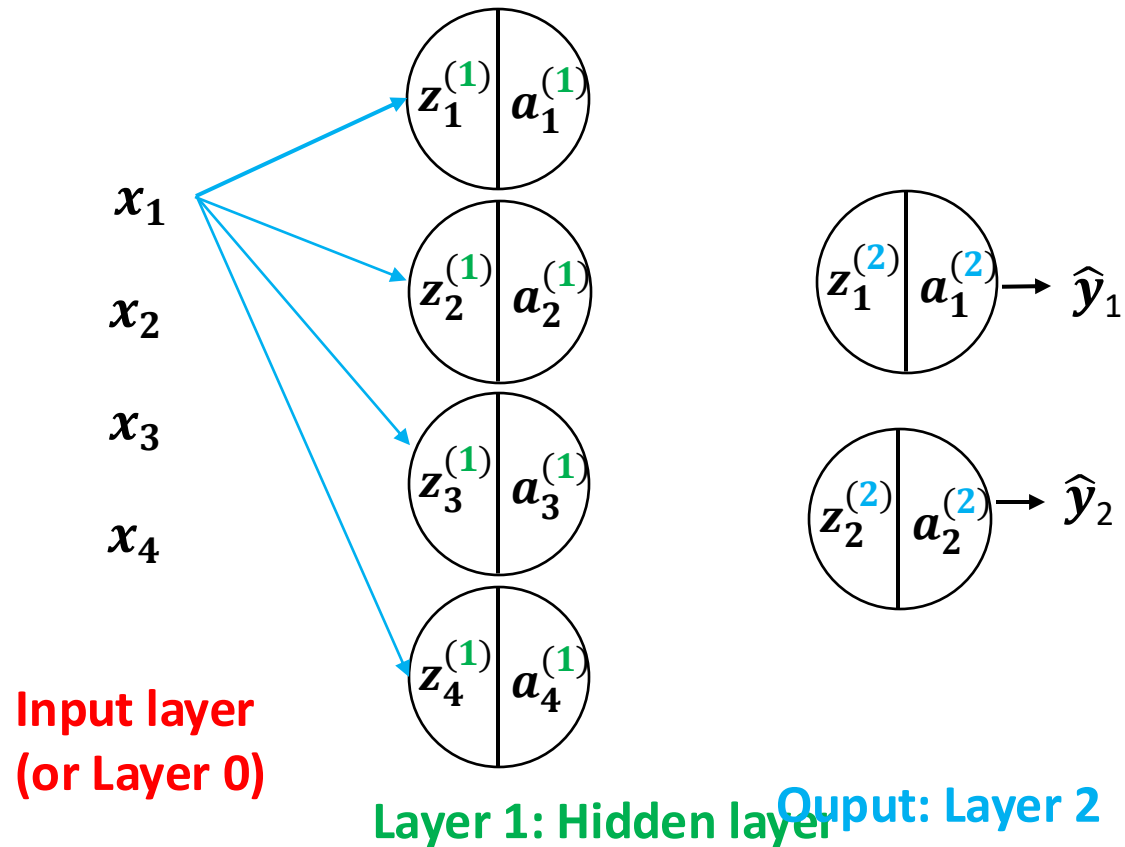
# Architecture of a Neural Network



A neural network consists of:

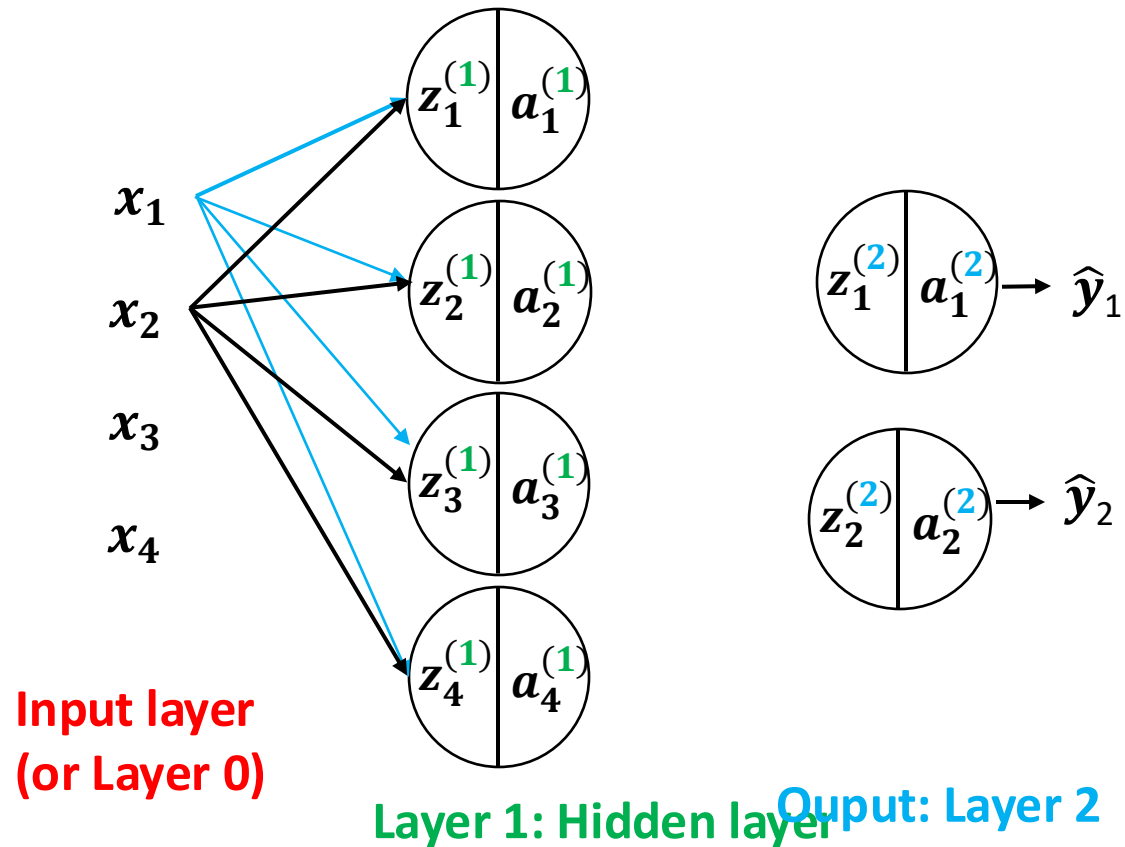
- Input layer: receives raw data
- Hidden layers: Performs calculations.
- Output layer: Returns the result.

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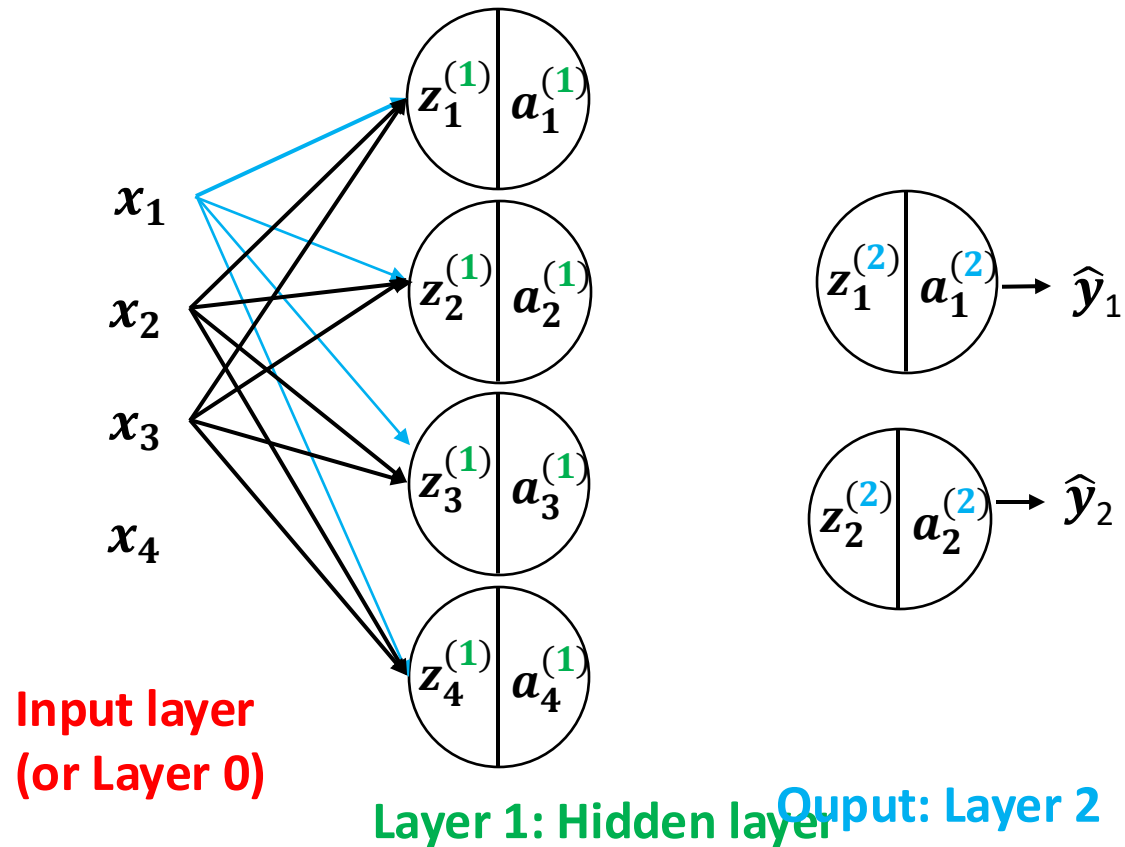
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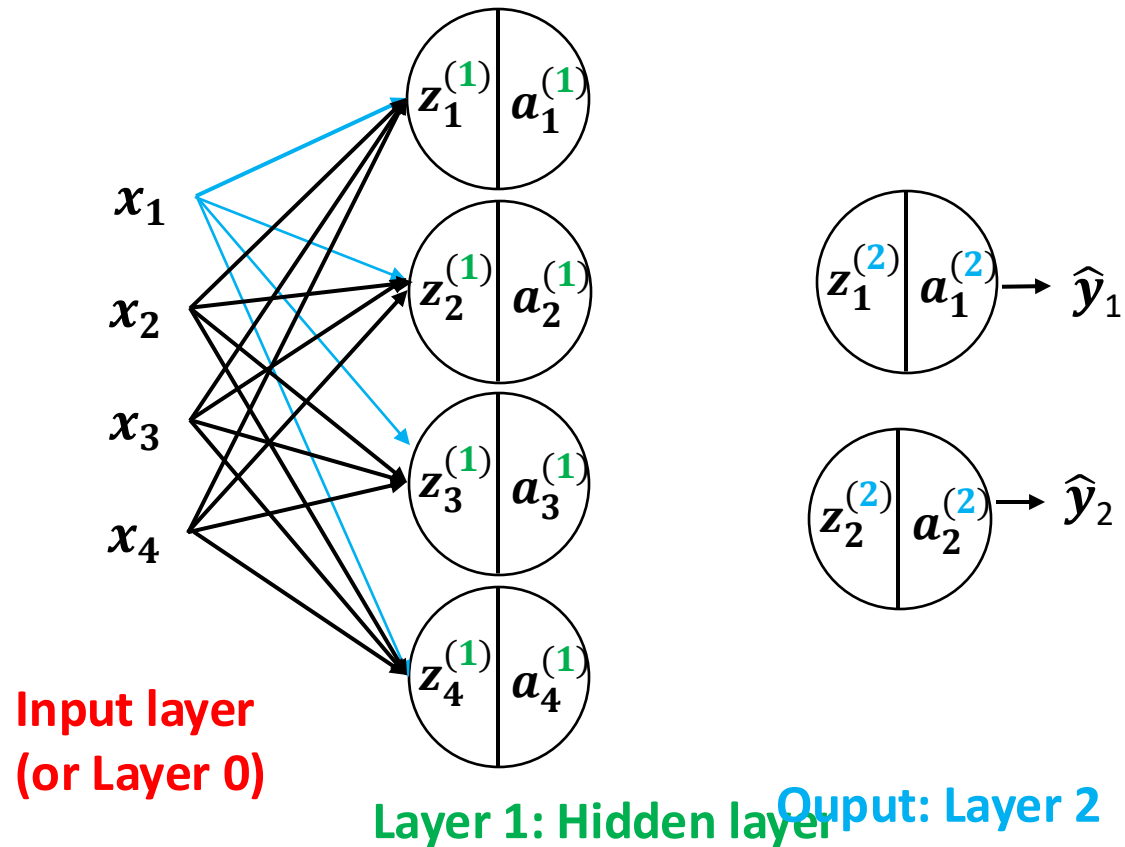
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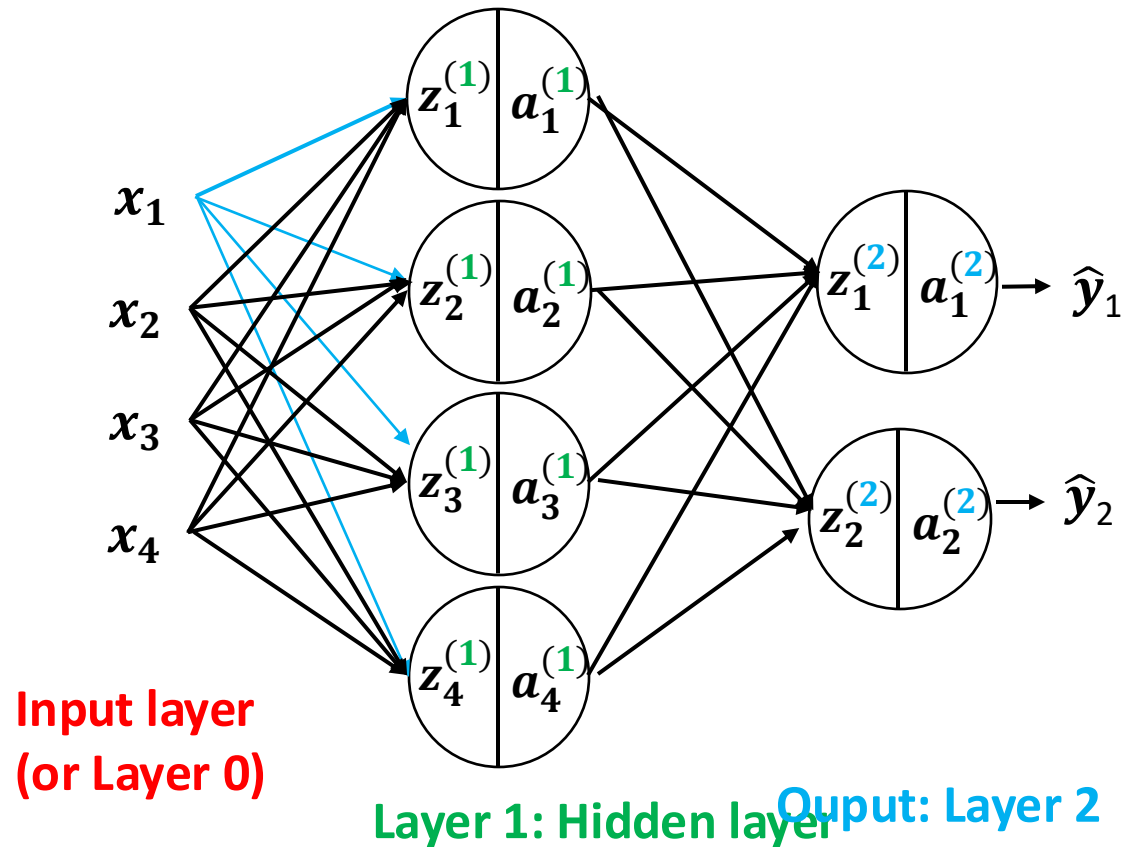
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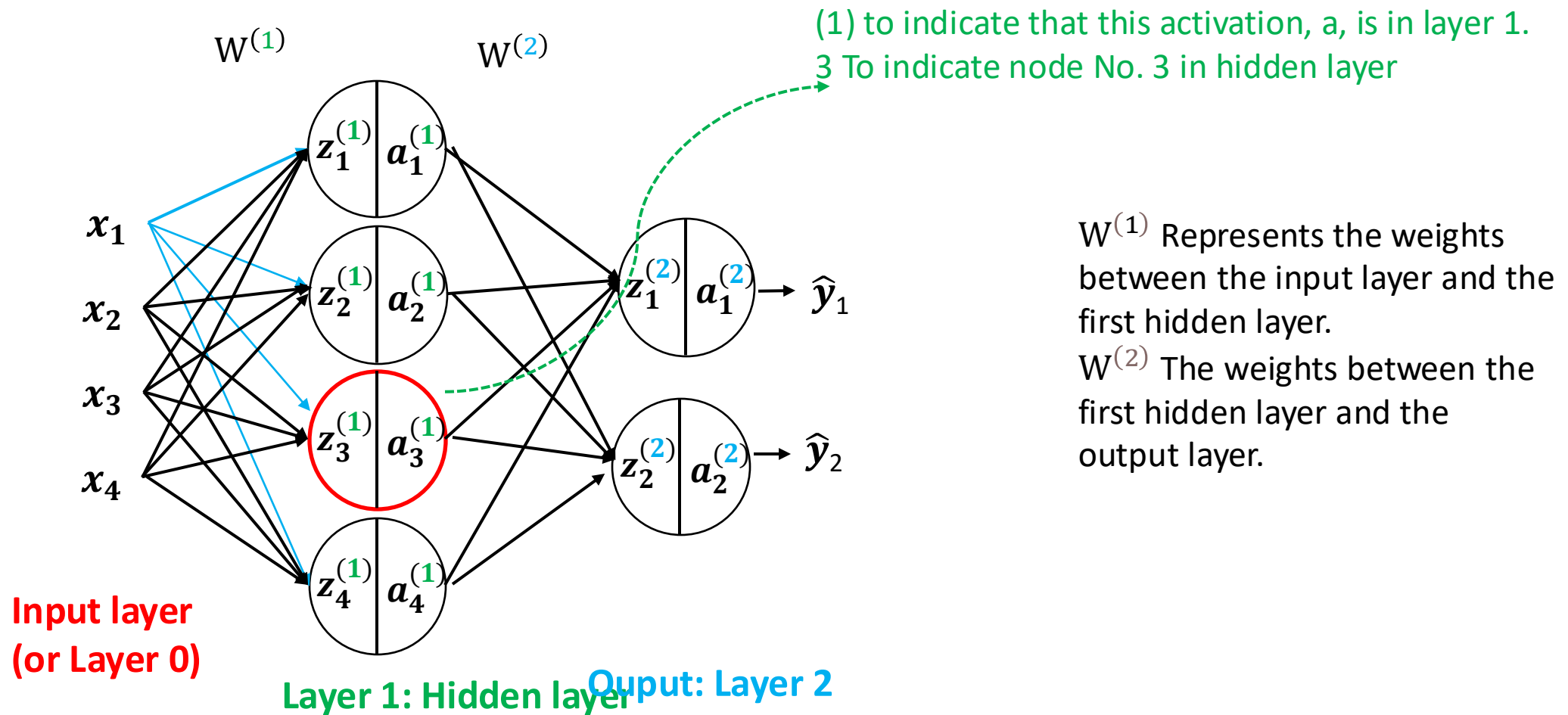


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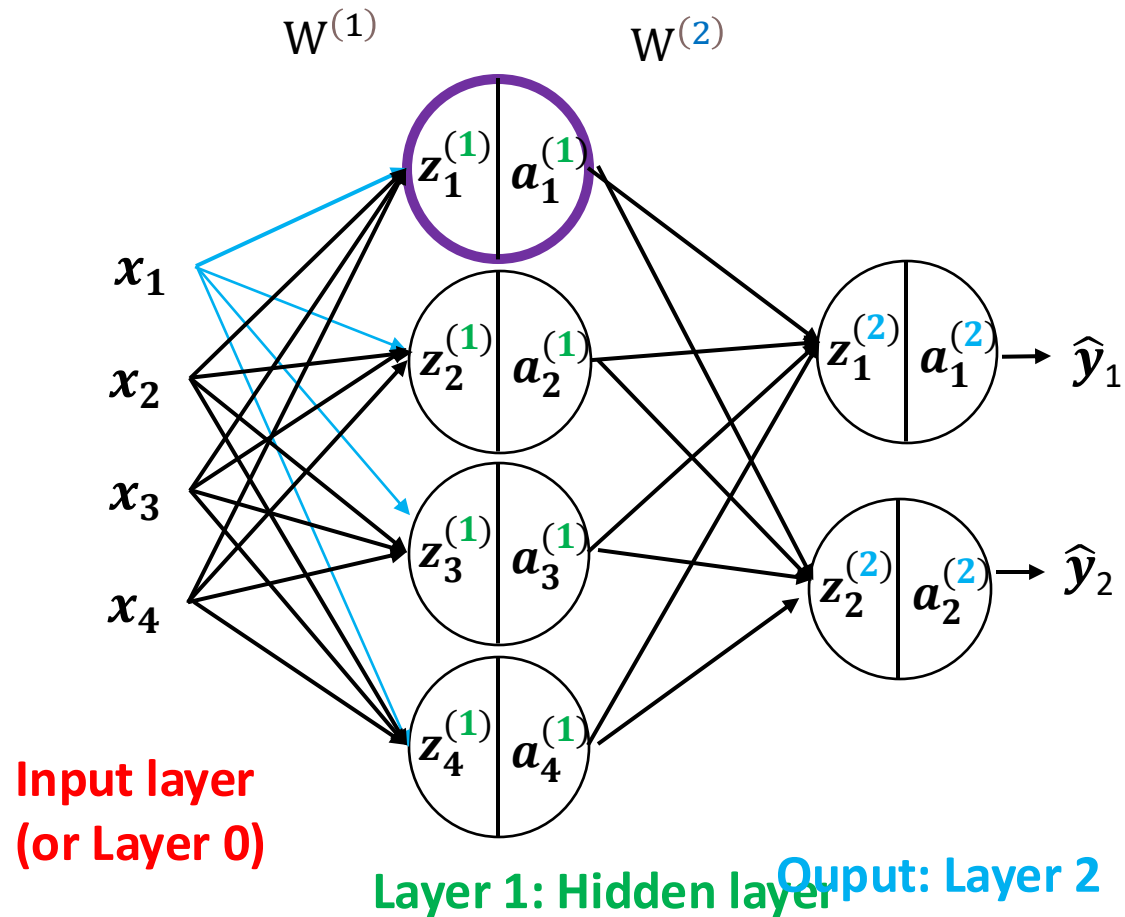


The weights between the neurons in different layers represent the strength of the connection between them.

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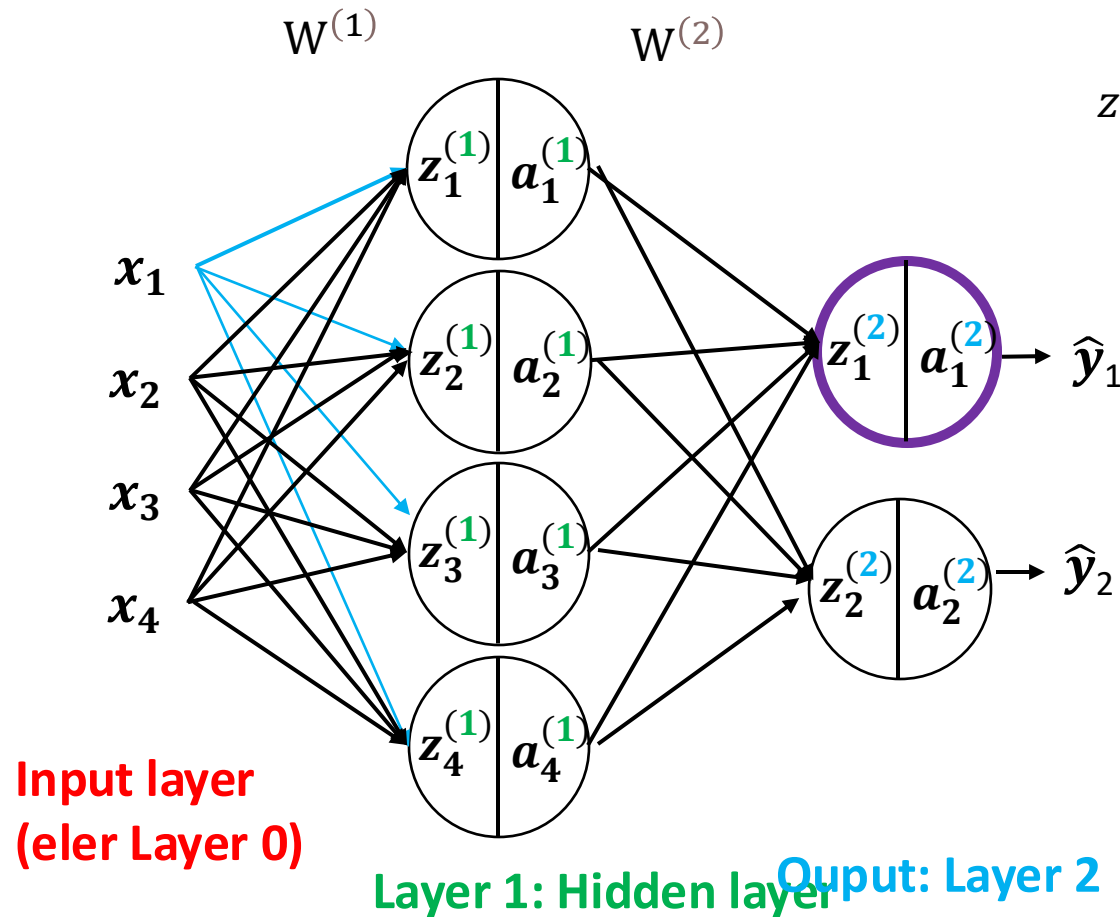


$$z_1^{(1)} = w_{1,1}^{(1)} \cdot x_1 + w_{2,1}^{(1)} \cdot x_2 + w_{3,1}^{(1)} \cdot x_3 + w_{4,1}^{(1)} \cdot x_4 + b_1^{(1)}$$

$$a_1^{(1)} = f(z_1^{(1)})$$

$f(\cdot)$  is an activation function  
For example, sigmoid

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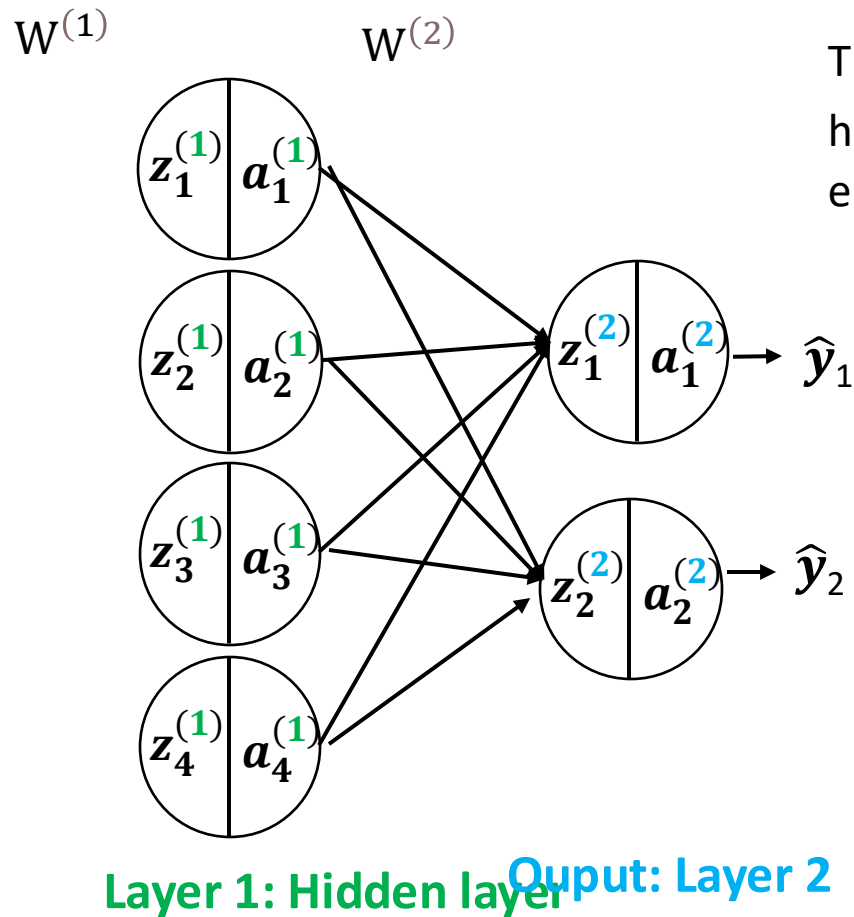


$$z_1^{(2)} = w_{1,1}^{(2)} \cdot a_1^{(1)} + w_{2,1}^{(2)} \cdot a_2^{(1)} + w_{3,1}^{(2)} \cdot a_3^{(1)} + w_{4,1}^{(2)} \cdot a_4^{(1)} + b_1^{(2)}$$

$$\hat{y}_1 = a_1^{(2)} = f(z_1^{(2)})$$

$z_1^{(2)}$  Represents the weighted sum of activations from the first hidden layer (layer 1) to the first output node in the output layer. (layer 2).

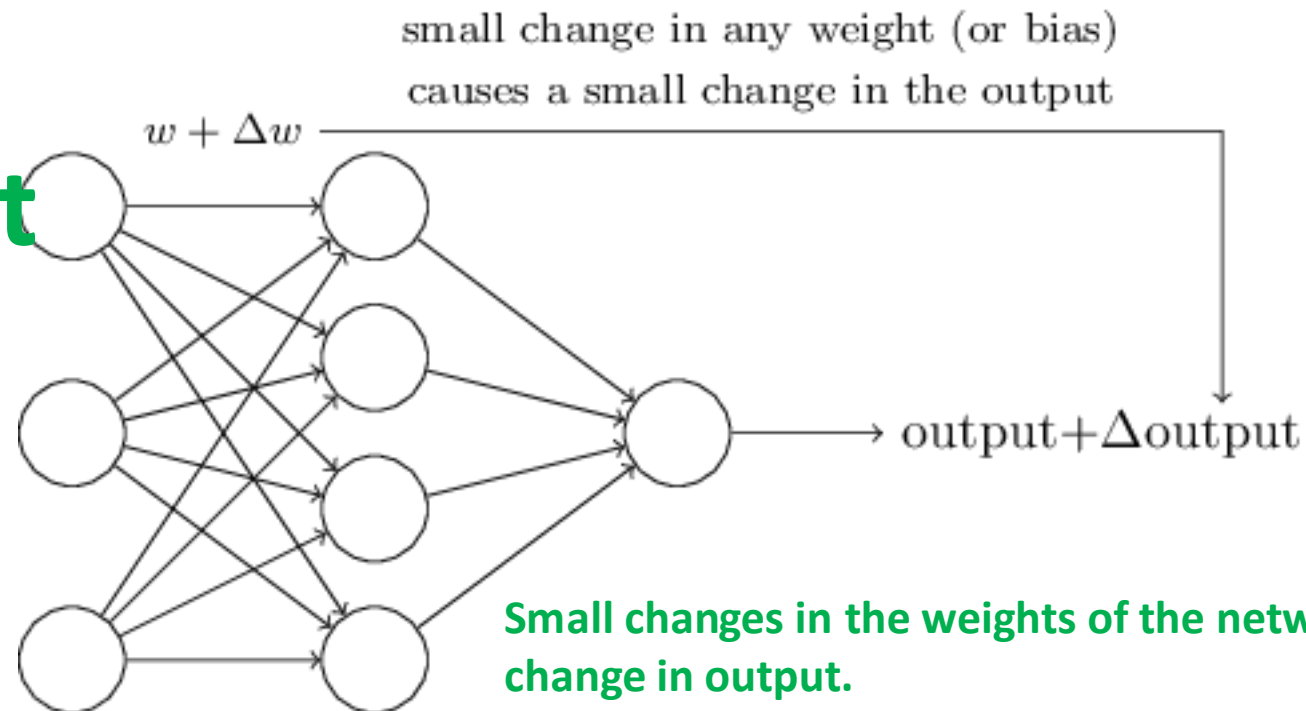
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This looks like logistic regression, but with 'features' that we hopefully will learn (i.e.,  $(a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, a_3^{(1)}, a_4^{(1)})$ ) and NOT engineered by us (i.e.,  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ ).

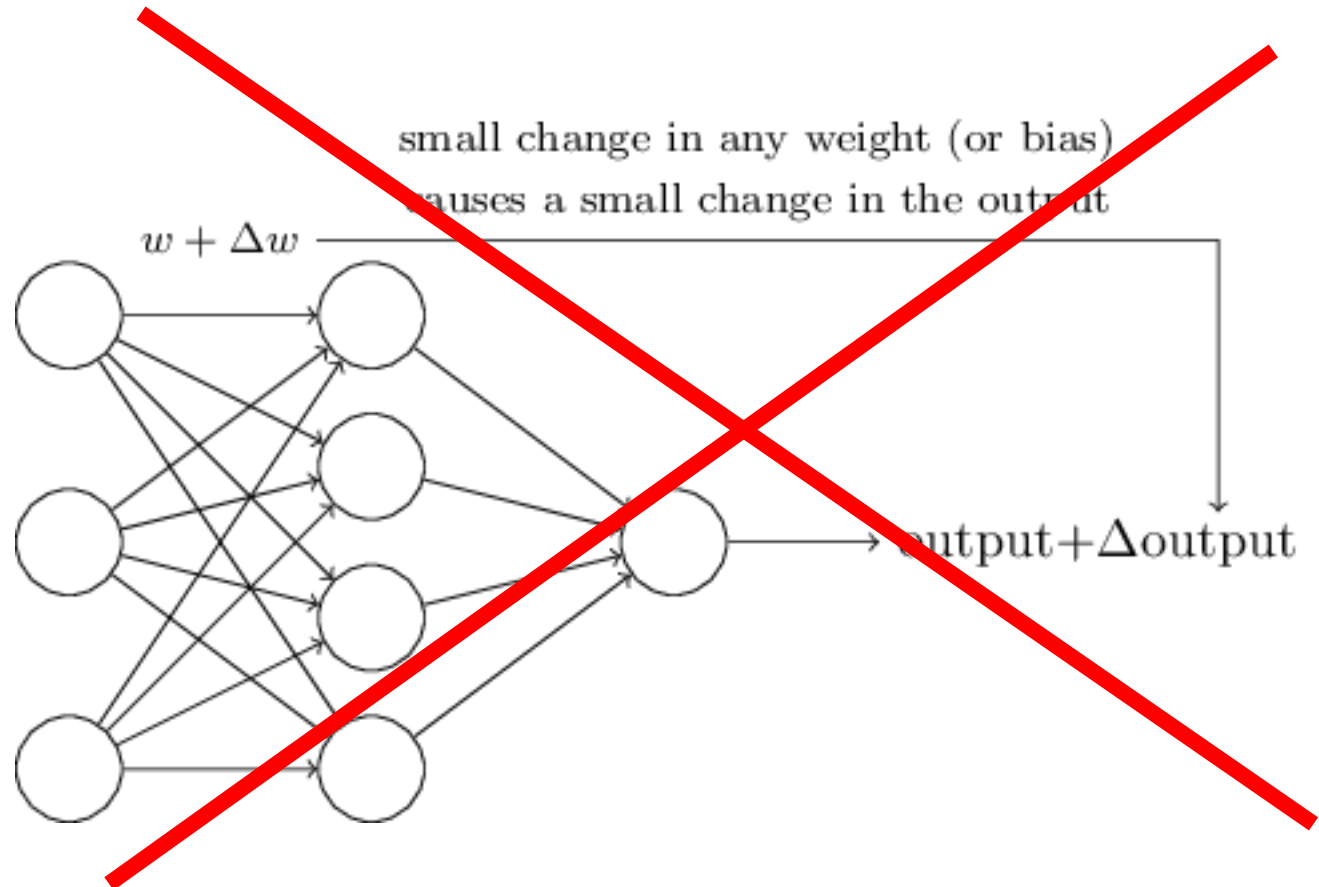
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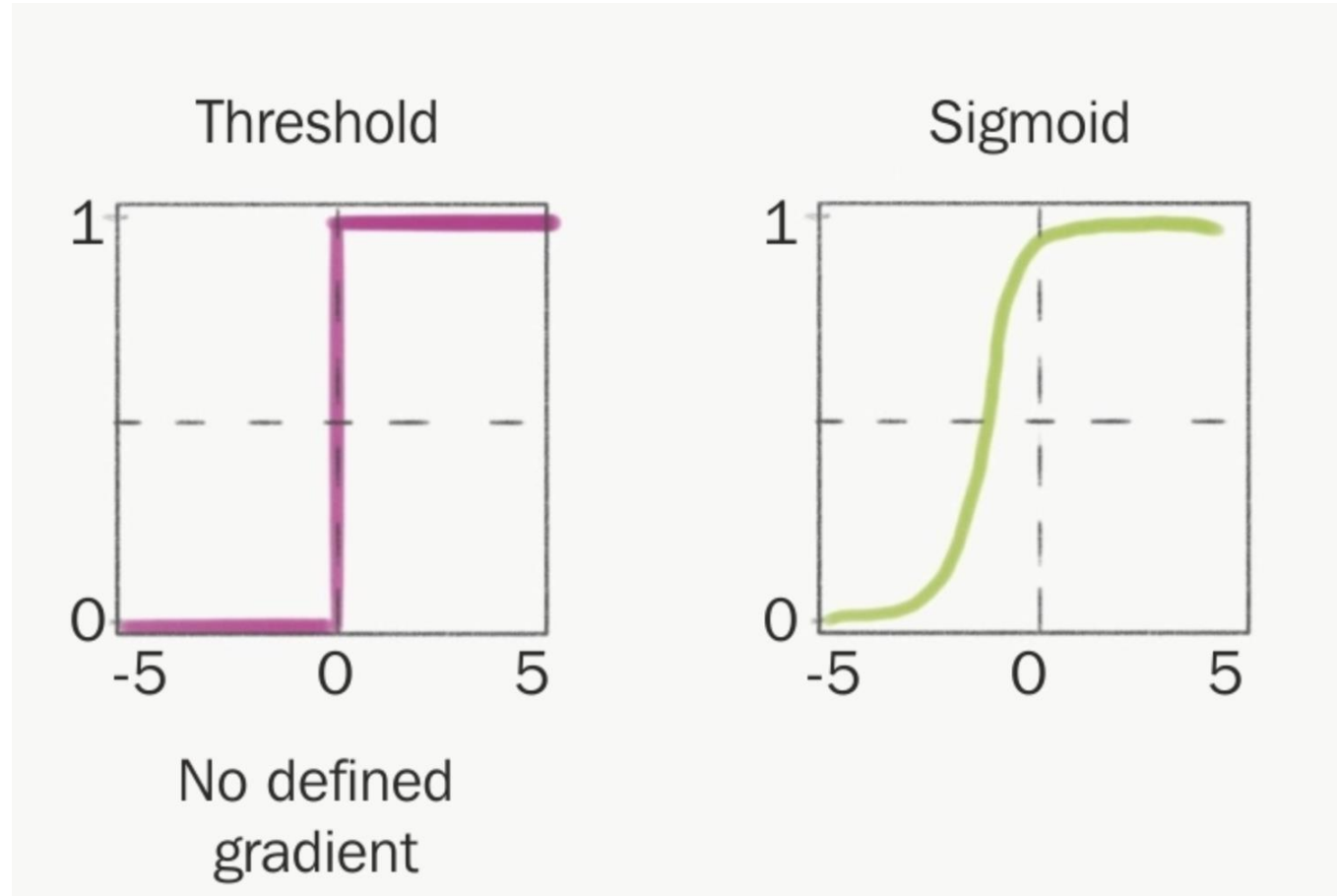
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**What we have**



Small changes in the weights of the network => lead to a big change in output !!

# Sigmoid: is a smooth feature

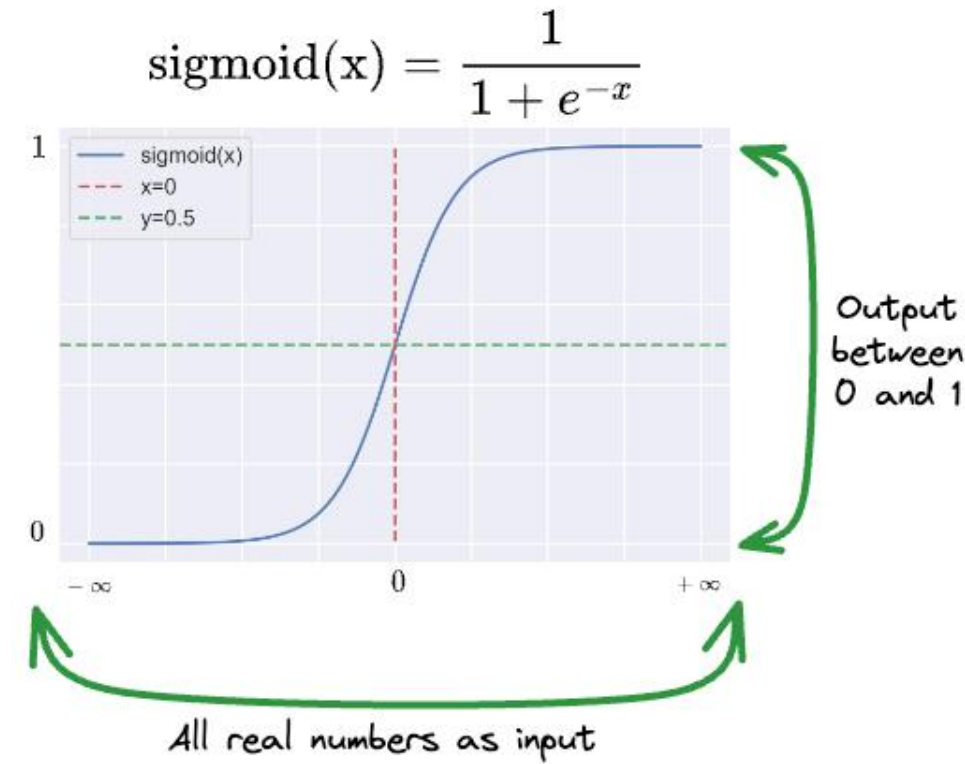


The sigmoid function is differentiable, which makes it possible to see the effect of changes in output



# Sigmoid

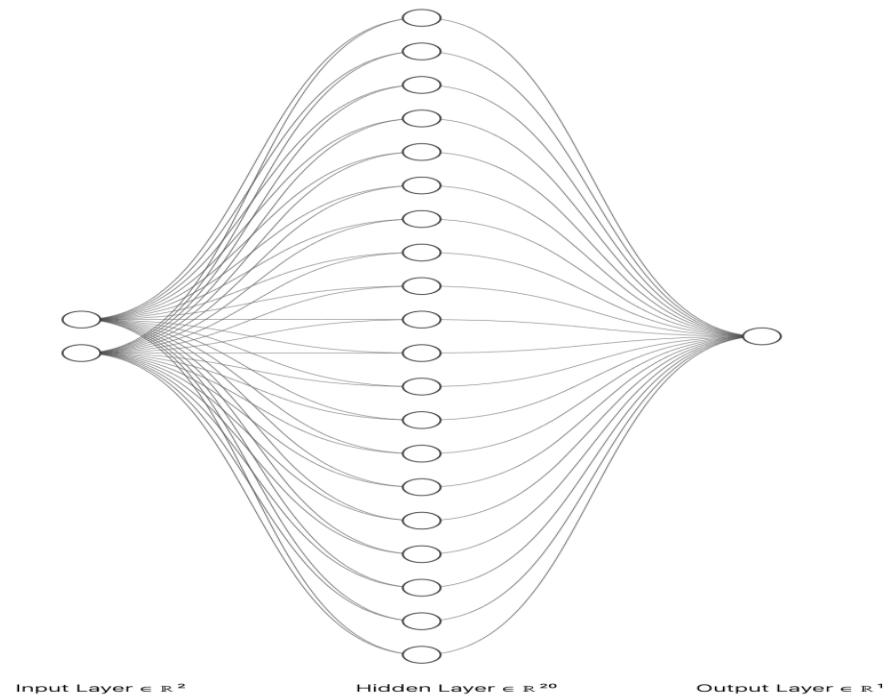
- Intuitive for classification: Can be "translated" into a probability of belonging to a class.
- **Regression:** For tasks such as predicting continuous values (e.g., house prices), a binary output is not suitable.



# Disadvantage 2: Composition of Linear Classifiers is still linear

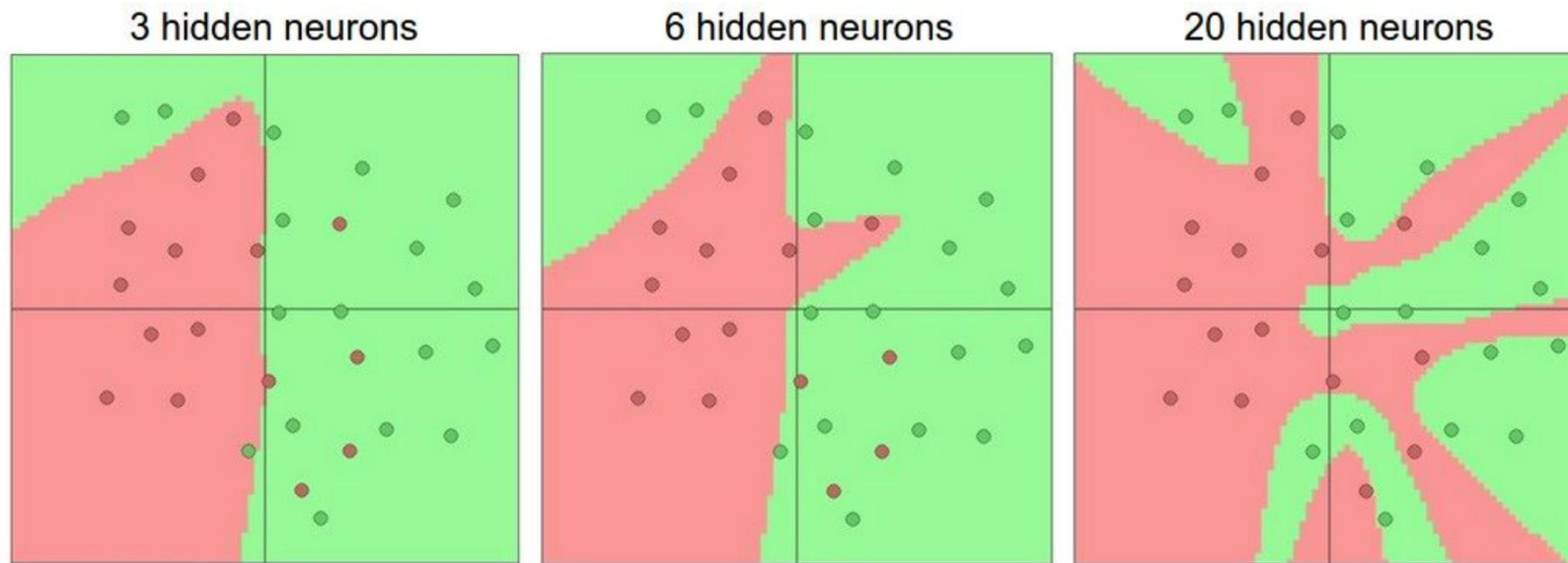
- **Composition of Linear Classifiers :**
  - Although stacking linear Classifiers can create a more complex decision-making function,
  - the decision limit will still be linear with respect to the input functions.
- It cannot find a complex decision-making boundary that is not linear

# Universal approximation theorem



Theorem: "We can approximate any continuous function by using a neural network with one hidden layer, a nonlinear activation function, and an infinite number of nodes"

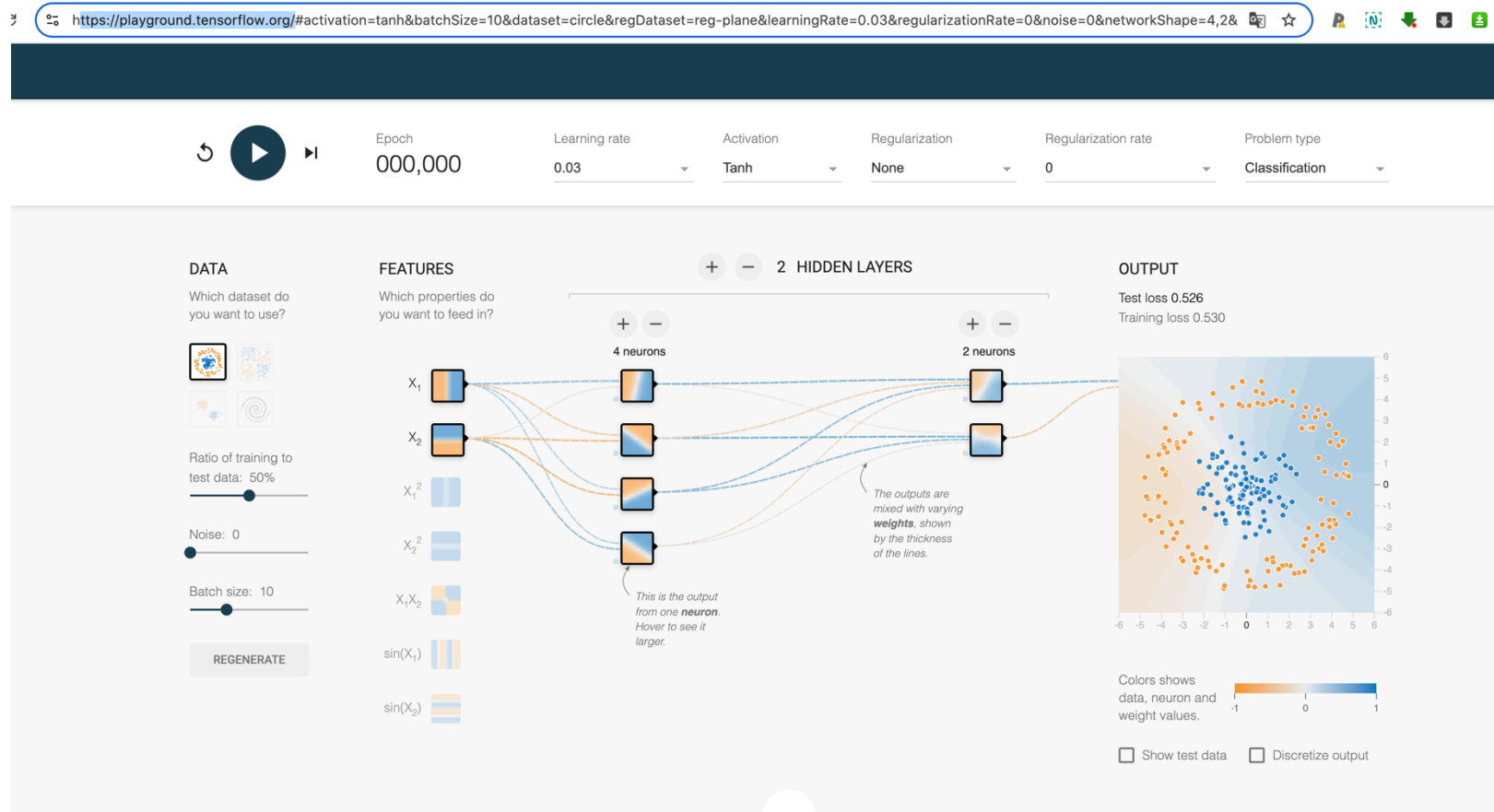
# Universal approximation theorem: Decision limits for neural networks



[https://storage1.ucsd.edu/slides/CSE152/L6\\_NeuralNetwork.html#/--DecisionBoundariesofNeuralNetworks\\_2](https://storage1.ucsd.edu/slides/CSE152/L6_NeuralNetwork.html#/--DecisionBoundariesofNeuralNetworks_2)

# Demo: Testing the effect of the number of nodes in the hidden layer

- <https://playground.tensorflow.org/>



# Loss function for regression problems: Mean Squared Error (MSE)

- $$L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( y_i - \hat{y}_i \right)^2$$

L is avg mean square error(MSE).

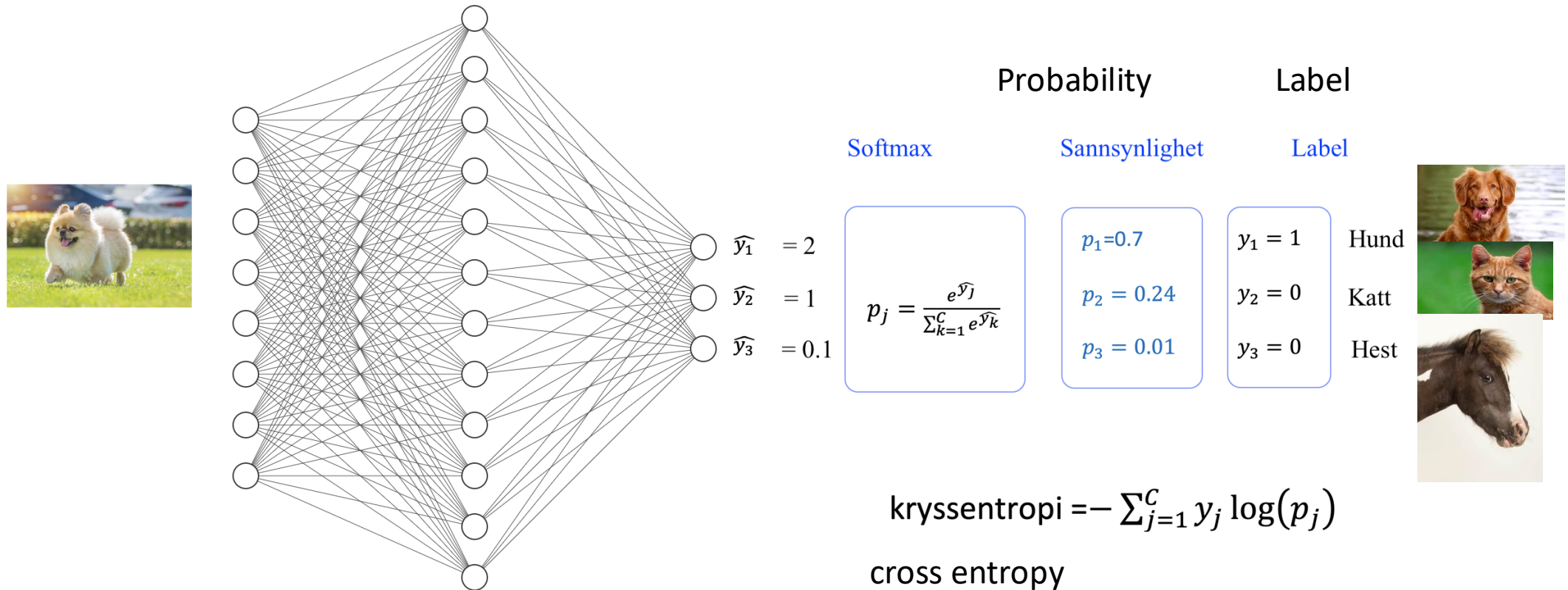
n is number of examples in the data

$y_i$  is the ground truth for the **i –th** example.

$\hat{y}_i$  is the predicted value for the **i –th example**.

$(y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$  is the squared difference between the true value and the predicted value.

# The loss of multiclass classification: cross-entropy loss



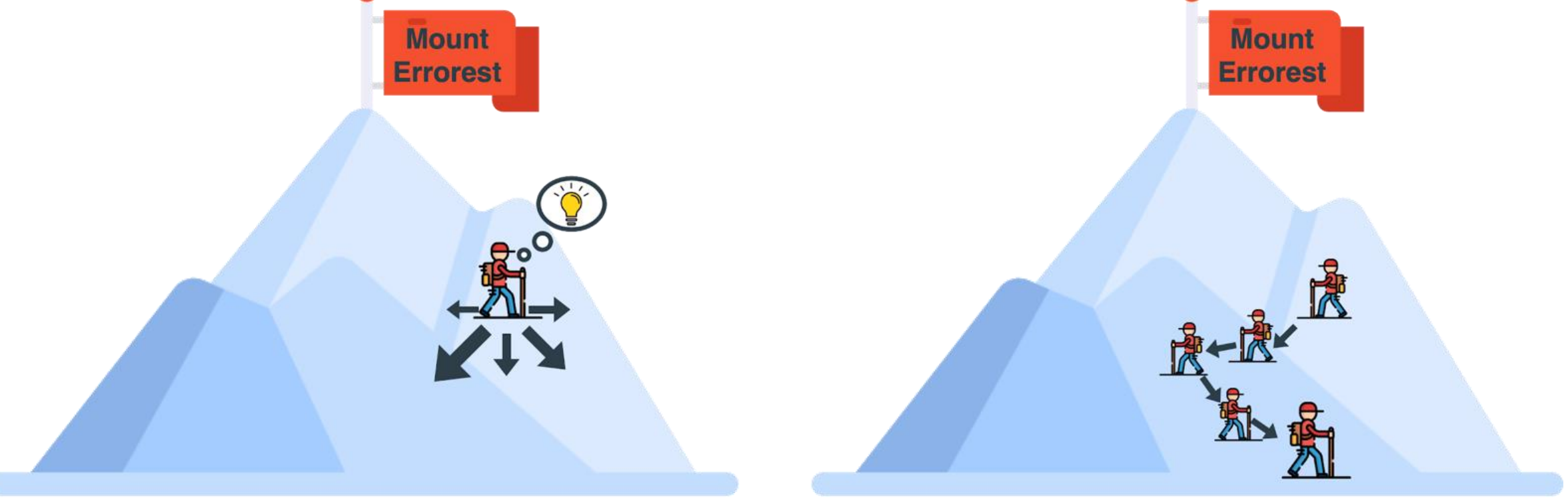
Cross-entropy loss for an example

# Cross-entropy loss for multiple samples (entire dataset)

- $\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^C y_j^{(i)} \log(p_j^{(i)})$
- $N$  is number of examples in the dataset,
- $y_j^{(i)}$  the true label for the  $i$ -th sample for class  $j$ .
- $p_j^{(i)}$  is prob for example “ $i$ ” to belong to class “ $j$ ” using softmax

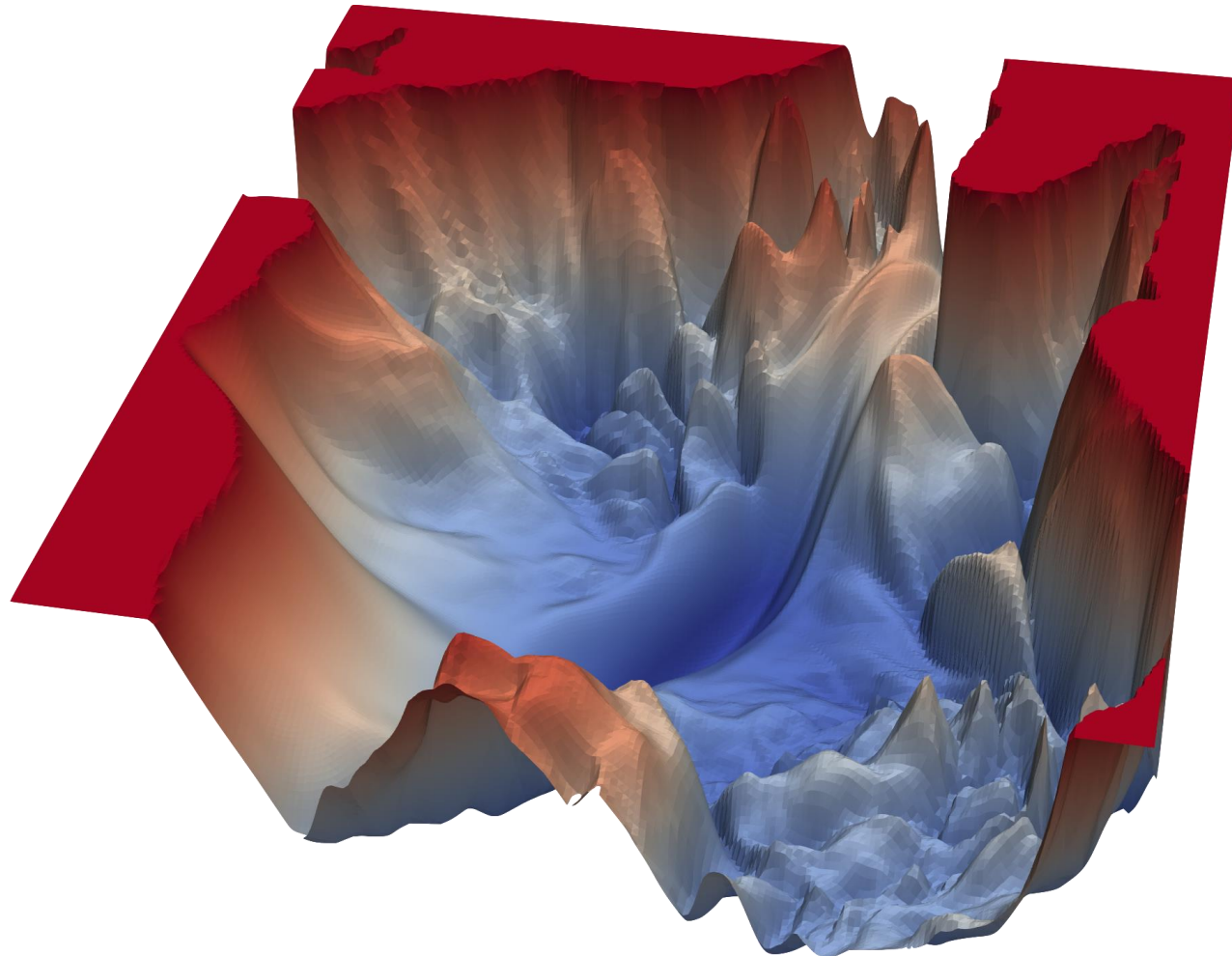


How can we reduce the loss  
function in NN? The answer:  
backpropagation



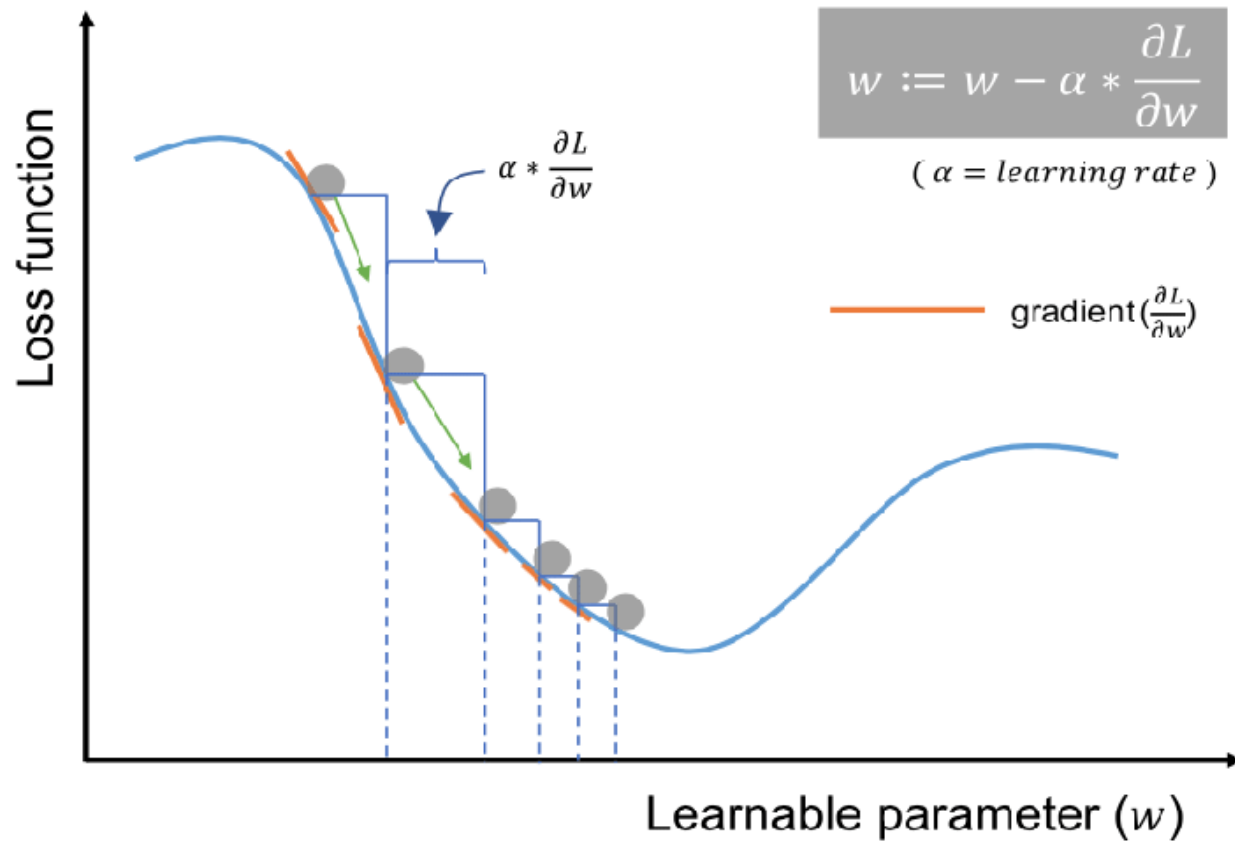
- Imagine you're standing on top of a mountain on a foggy day, and your goal is to get to the bottom.
- But because of the fog, you can only see a little around you, so you can't see all the way down.
- To get down, you start walking in the direction where the hill slopes the most downwards.
- You take small steps in that direction, constantly checking where it is steeper downhill, and adjust your course accordingly.
- As you take more steps, you'll get closer to the bottom, even if you can't see the entire route right away.

# Example of a true loss function



Li, Hao, et al. "Visualizing the loss landscape of neural nets." Advances in neural information processing systems 31 (2018).

# Gradient descent



Gradient:  
Derived from  
Loss with  
respect to  
weight

# Backpropagation with an example

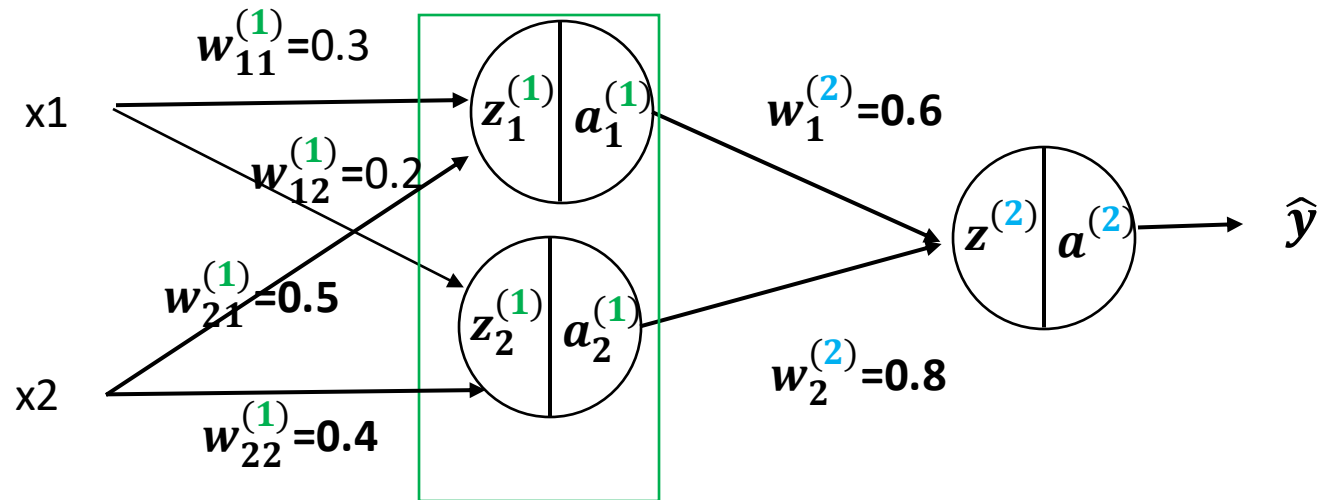
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- You are responsible for analysing the energy consumption of a building to ensure that it becomes more energy-efficient and sustainable.
- The goal is to predict the daily energy consumption in the building based on two important factors:

**1. Outside temperature (X1) - in degrees Celsius.**

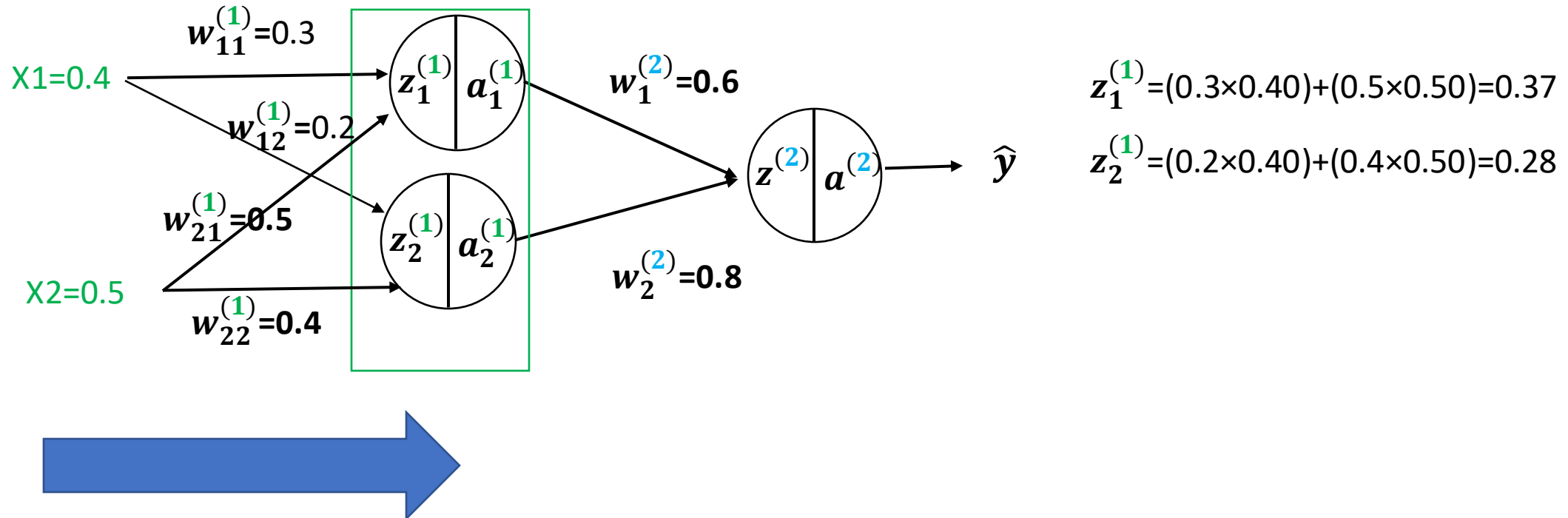
**2. Number of people in the building (X2) - the number of people in the building per day.**

# Initialization of scales



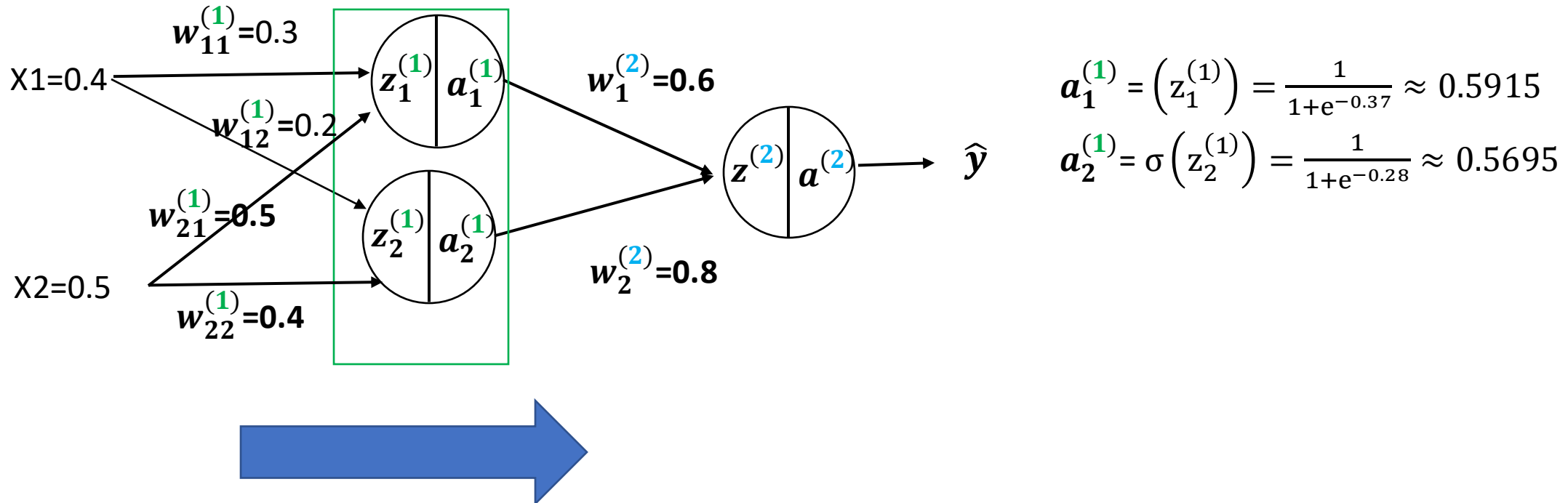
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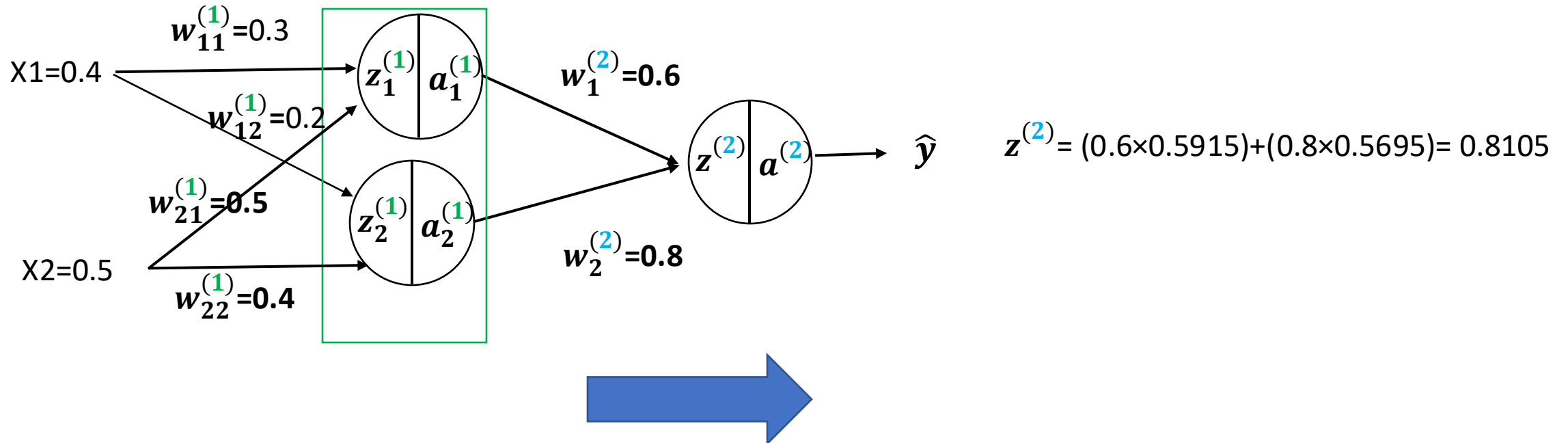
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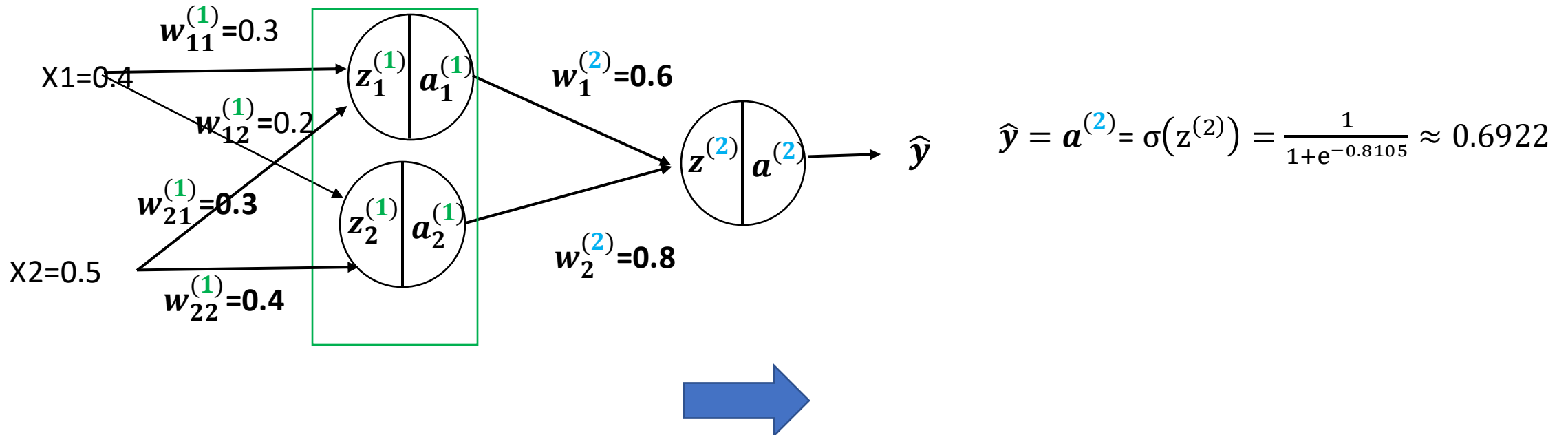
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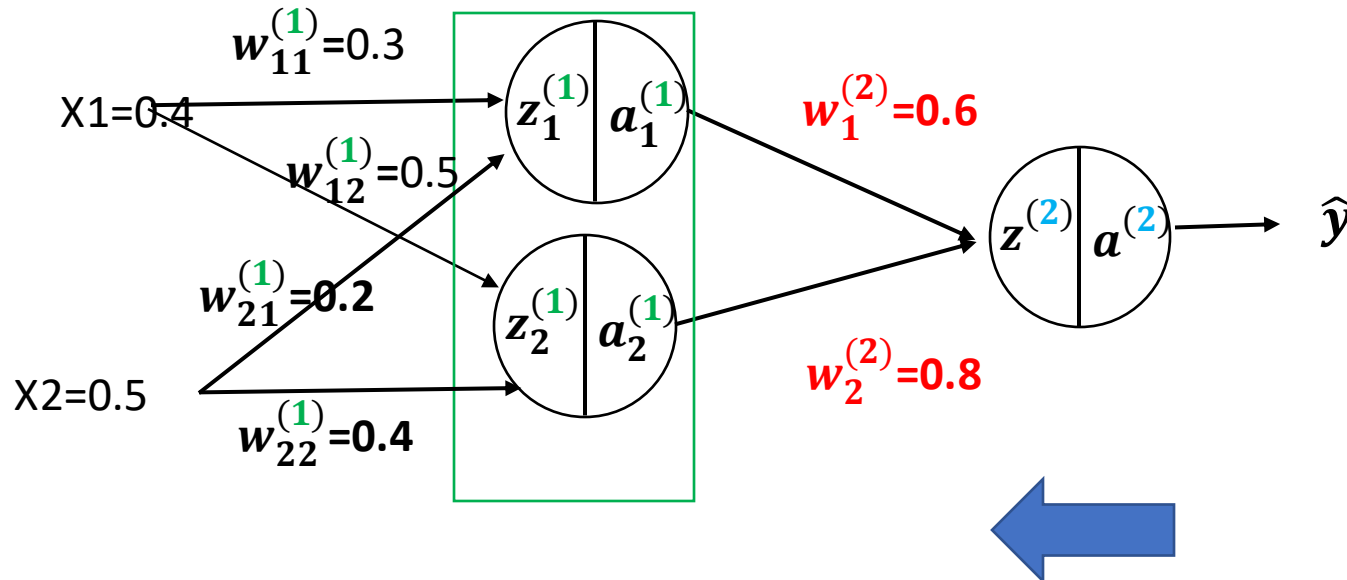


$$\text{MSE} = \frac{1}{2} (0.27 - 0.6922)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (-0.4222)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.1783 = 0.08915$$

**We need to change the weights to reduce the error**

We will find a direction for updating the weights so that the "error" is reduced.  
How change in weight affects Loss → Answer: Derivative of Loss with respect to weight: Called backpropagation

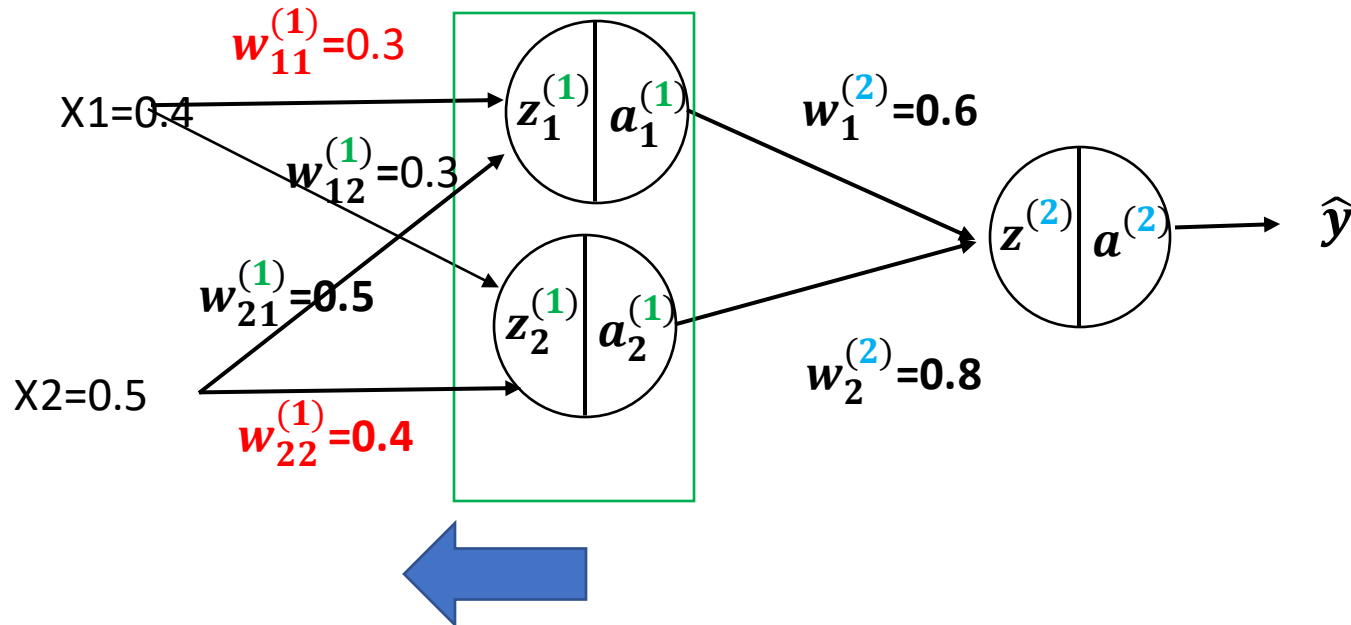
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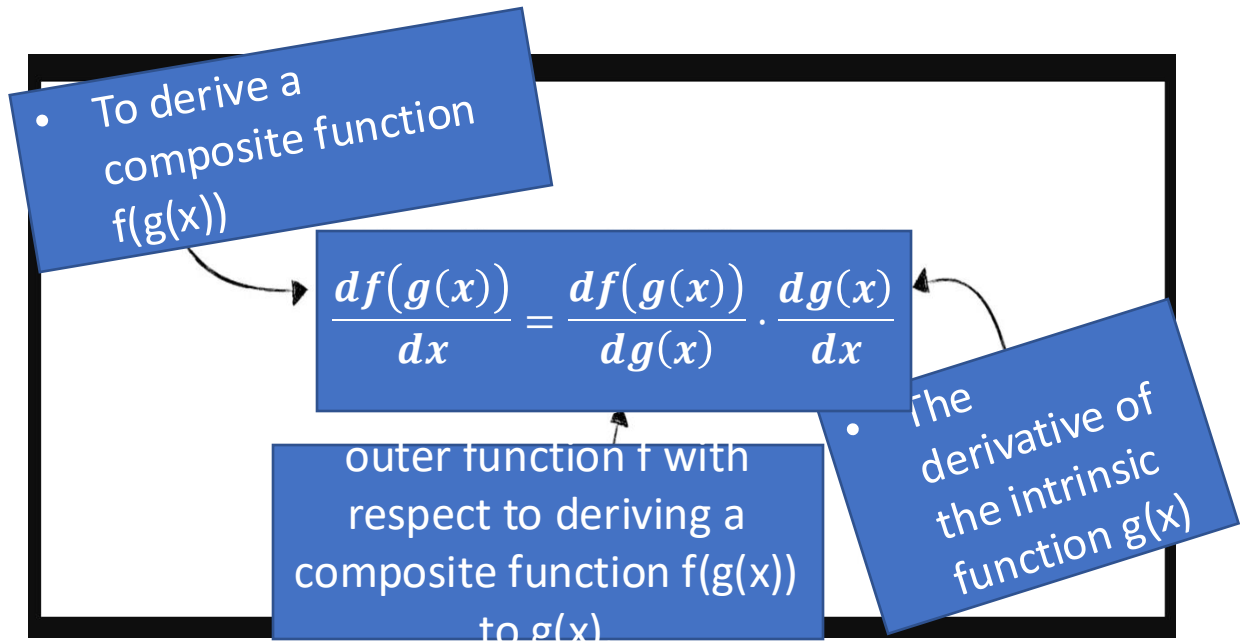
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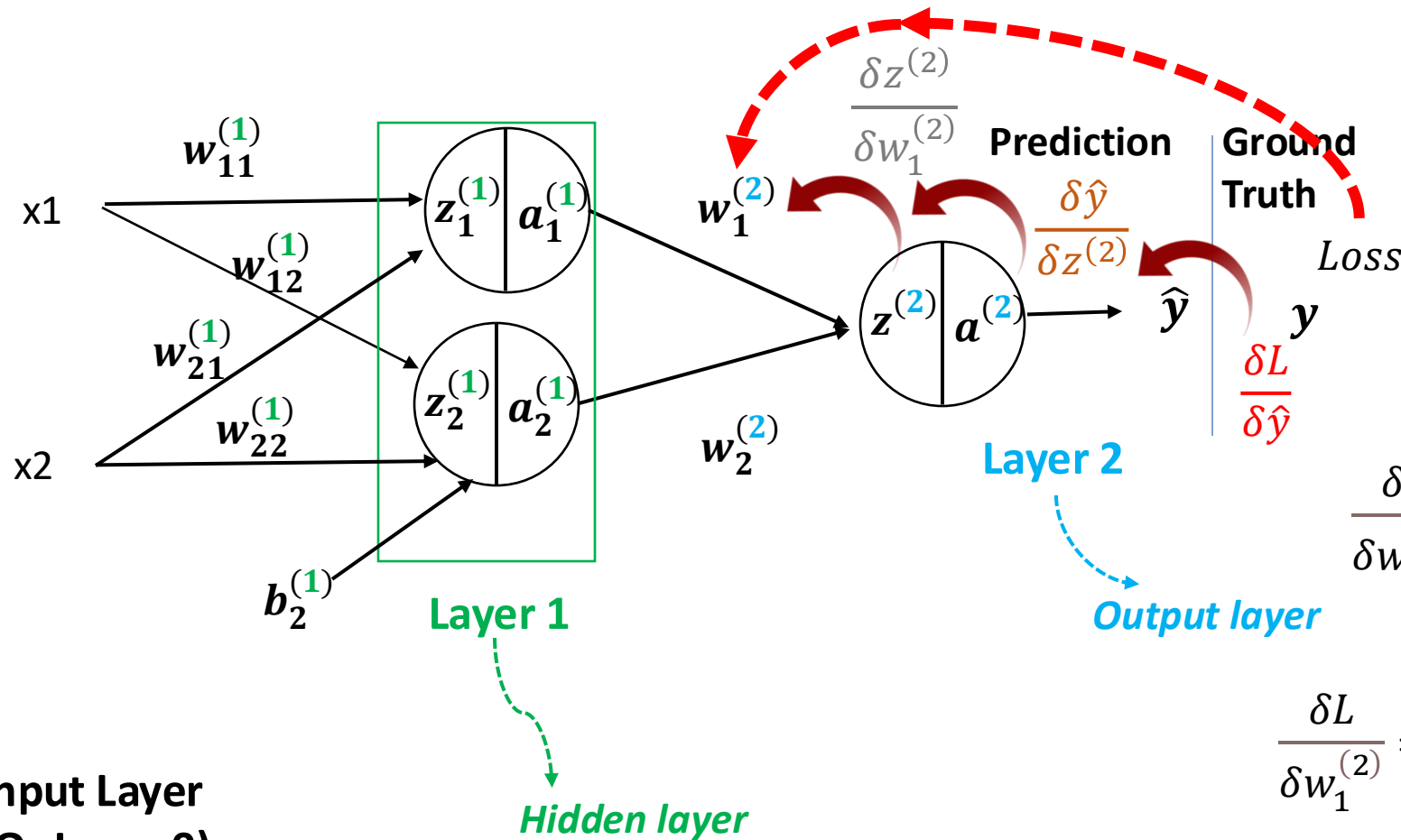
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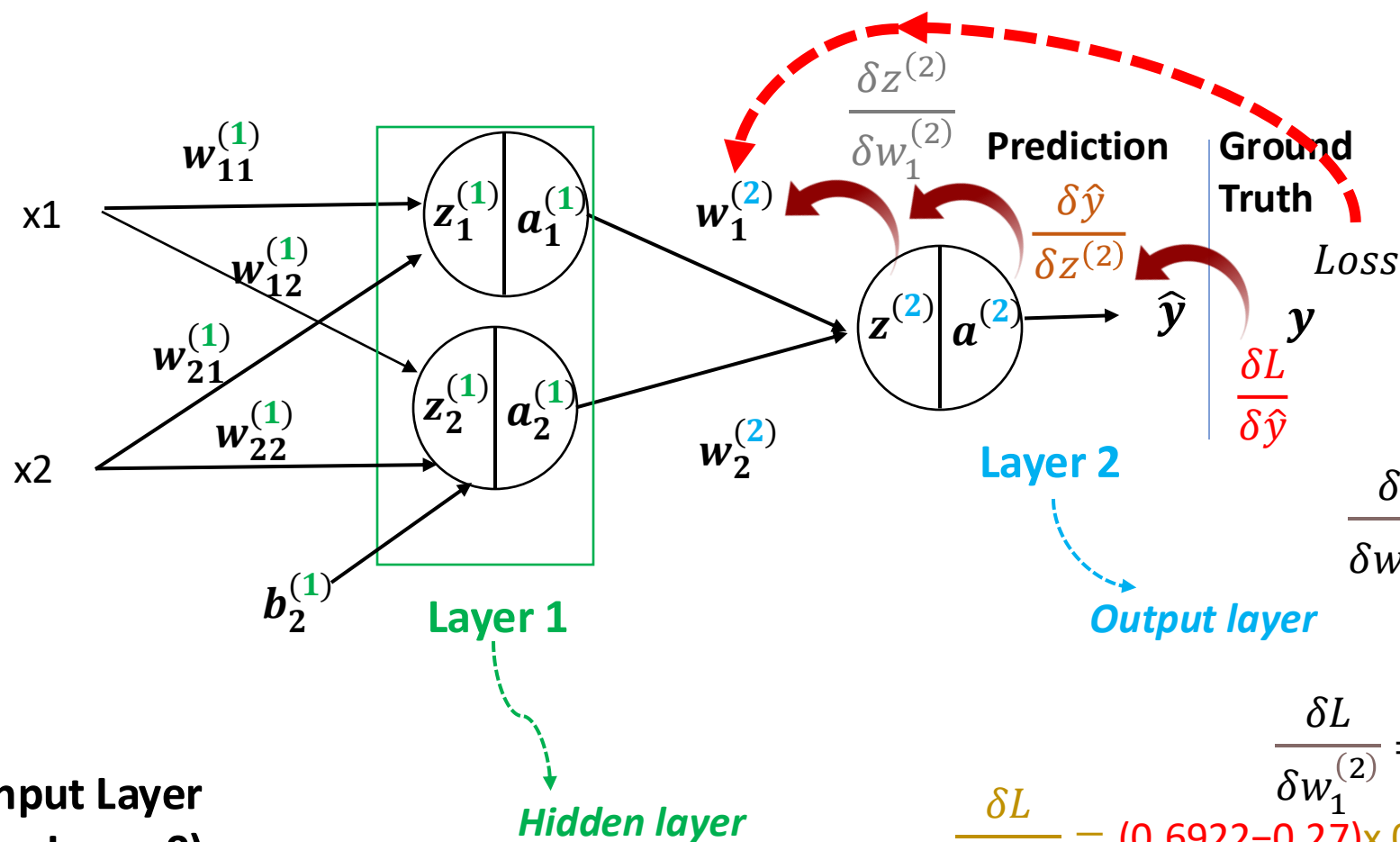
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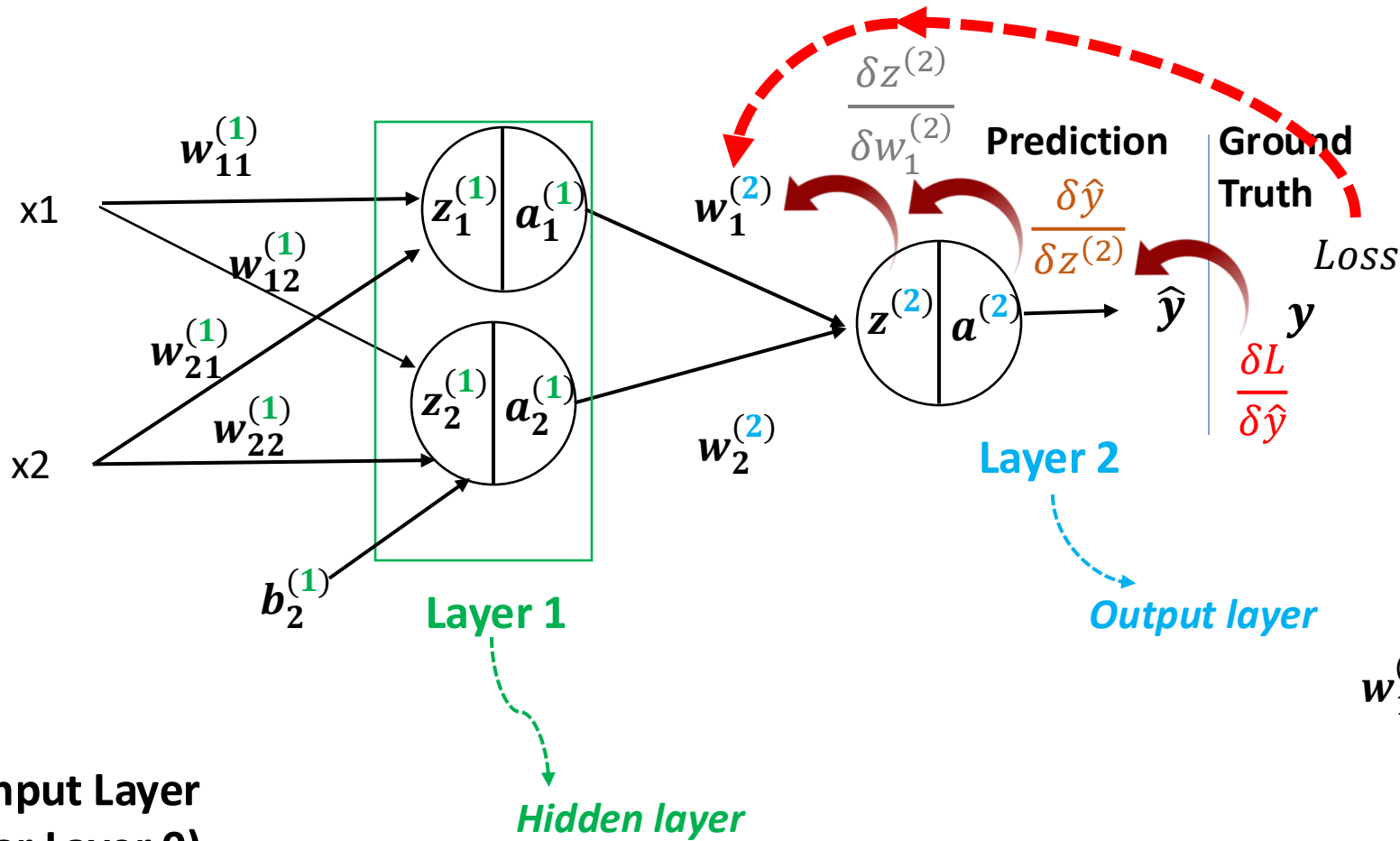
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$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_1^{(2)}} = (0.6922 - 0.27) \times 0.6922 \times (1 - 0.6922) \times 0.5915 = 0.0532$$



# backpropagation : new weight



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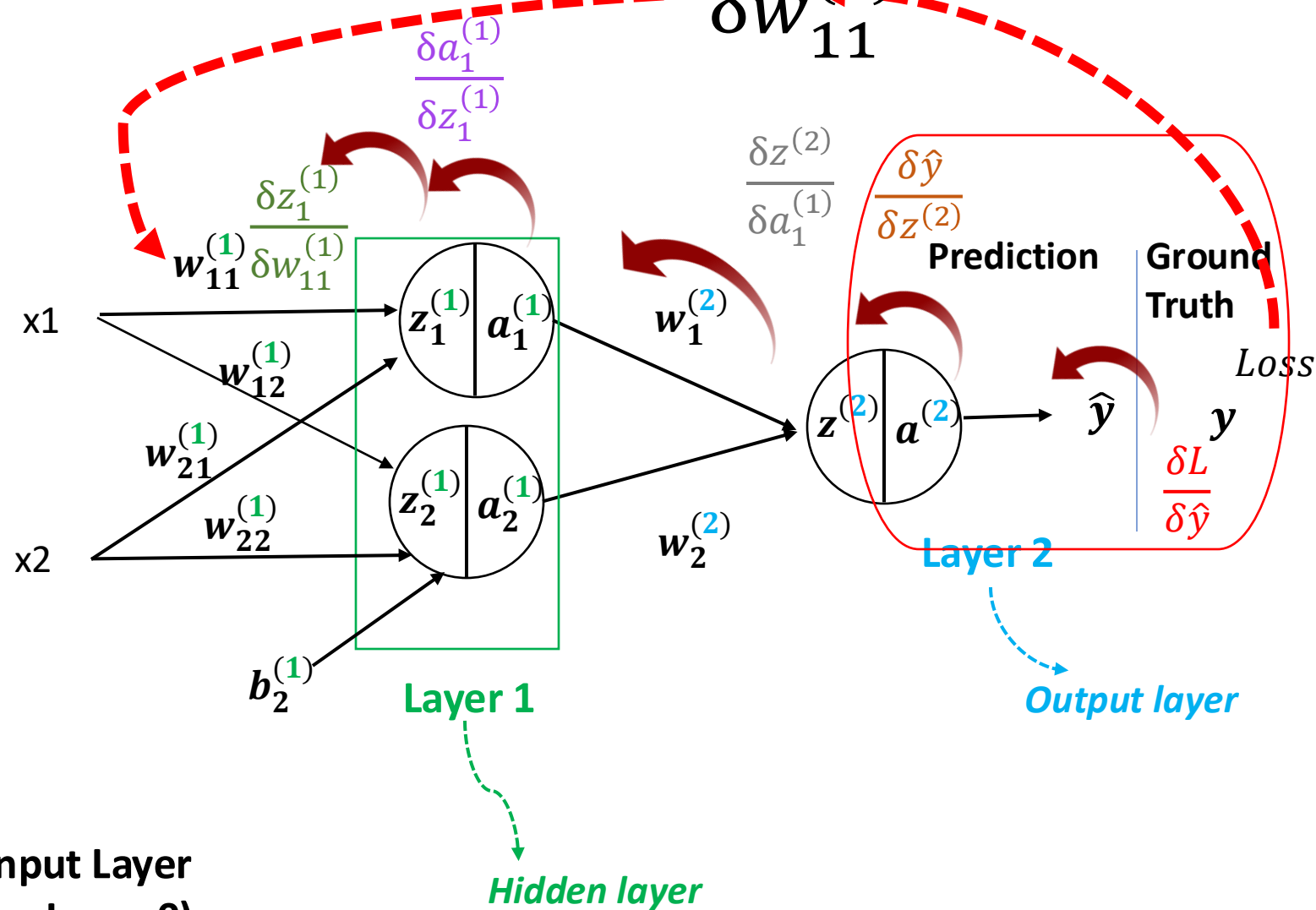
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$$w_{1,new}^{(2)} = w_{1,old}^{(2)} - \eta \frac{\delta L}{\delta w_1^{(2)}}$$

$$w_{1,new}^{(2)} = 0.6 - 0.01 \times 0.0532 = 0.599468$$

# Computation of $\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}}$



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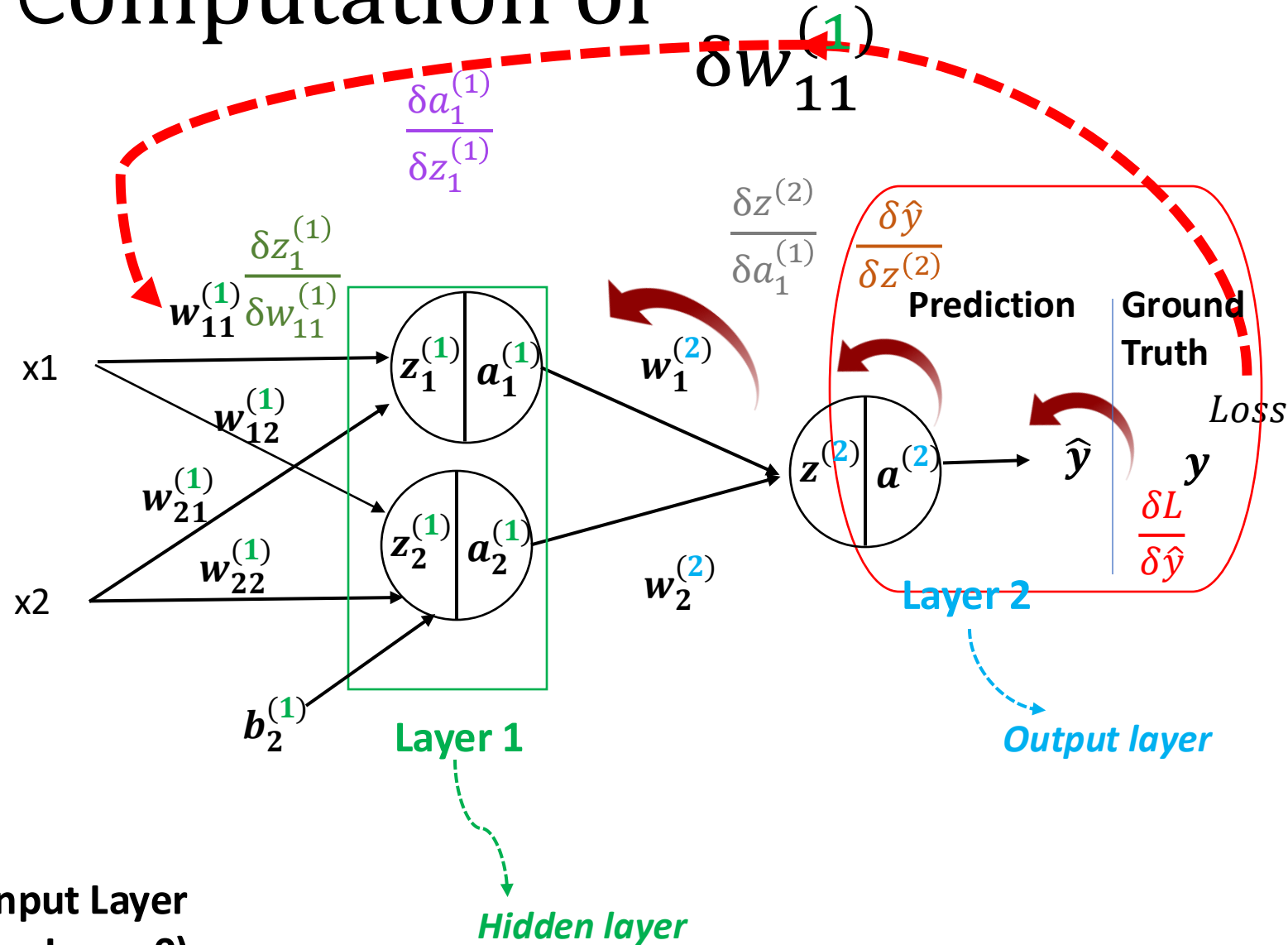
$$z^{(2)} = w_1^{(2)} \cdot a_1^{(1)} + b_1^{(1)}$$

$$a_1^{(1)} = \sigma(z^{(1)})$$

$$z^{(1)} = w_{11}^{(1)} \cdot x_1 + w_{21}^{(1)} \cdot x_2 + b_1^1$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}} = \boxed{\frac{\delta L}{\delta \hat{y}} \frac{\delta \hat{y}}{\delta z^{(2)}}} \frac{\delta z^{(2)}}{\delta a_1^{(1)}} \frac{\delta a_1^{(1)}}{\delta z_1^{(1)}} \frac{\delta z_1^{(1)}}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}}$$

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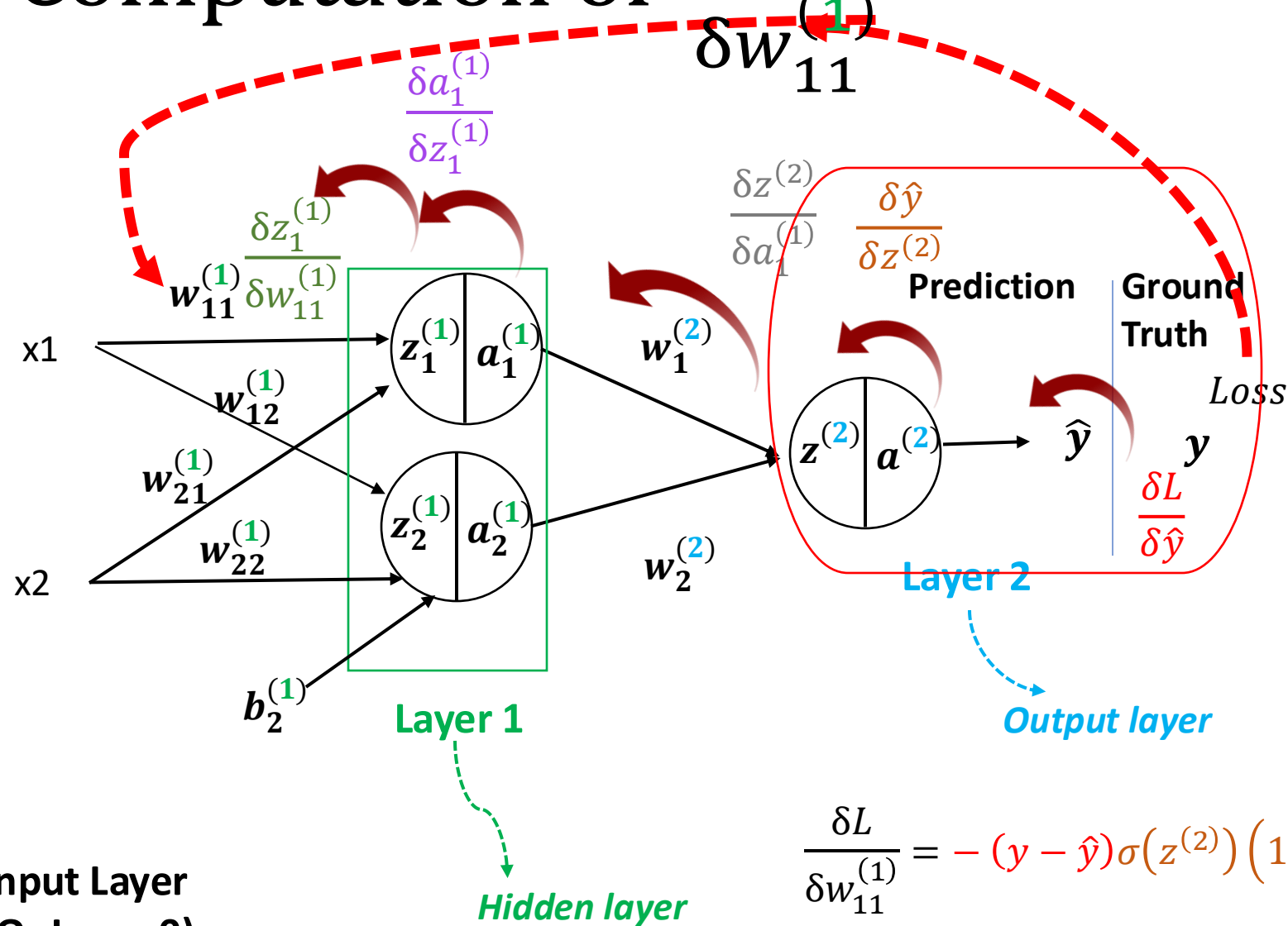
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$$z^{(1)} = w_{11}^{(1)} \cdot x_1 + w_{21}^{(1)} \cdot x_2 + b_1^1$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}} = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \hat{y}} \frac{\delta \hat{y}}{\delta z^{(2)}} \frac{\delta z^{(2)}}{\delta a_1^{(1)}} \frac{\delta a_1^{(1)}}{\delta z_1^{(1)}} \frac{\delta z_1^{(1)}}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}}$$

# Computation of $\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}}$



$$L(y, \hat{y}) = (y - \hat{y})^2$$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(z^{(2)})$$

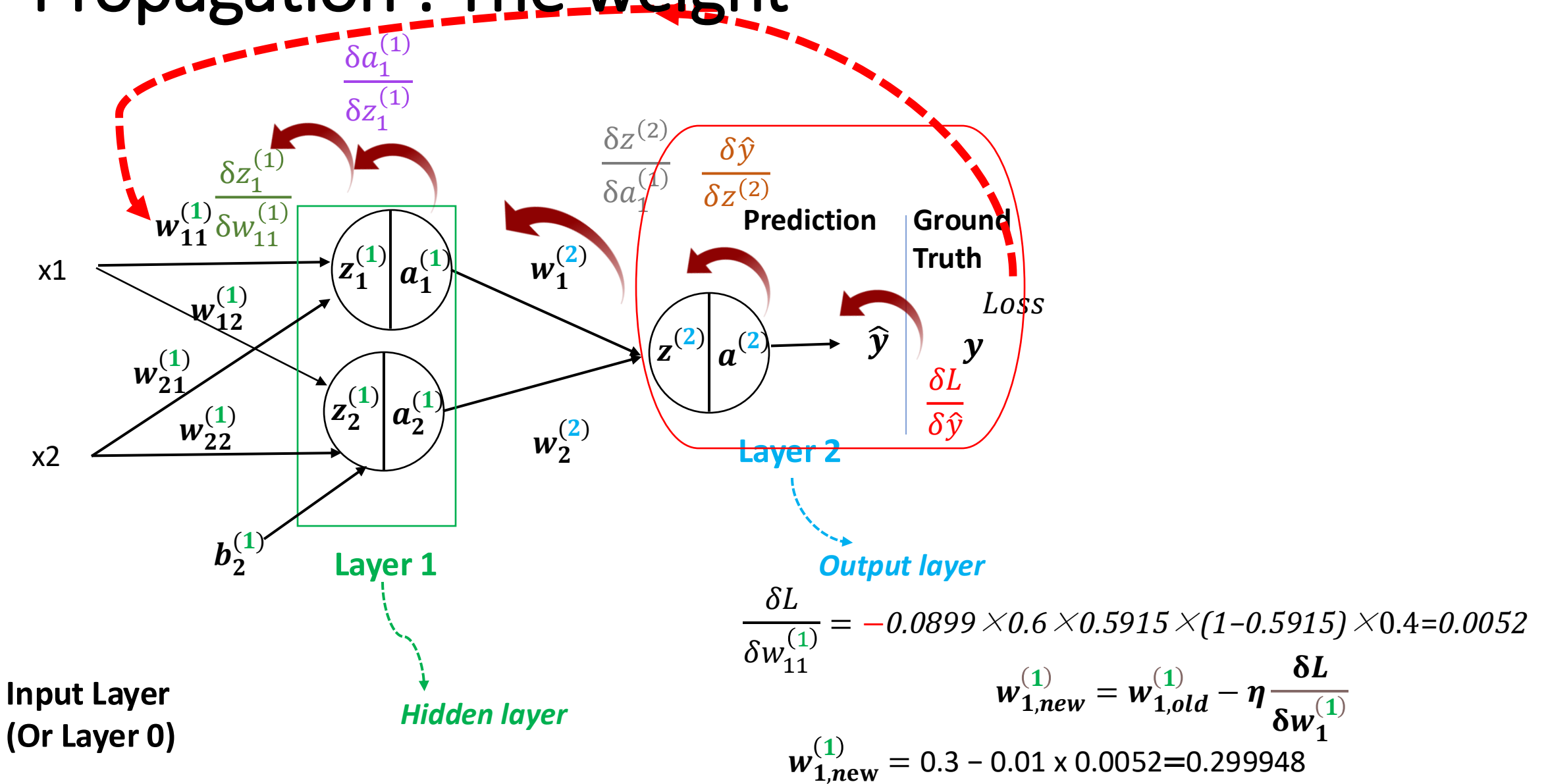
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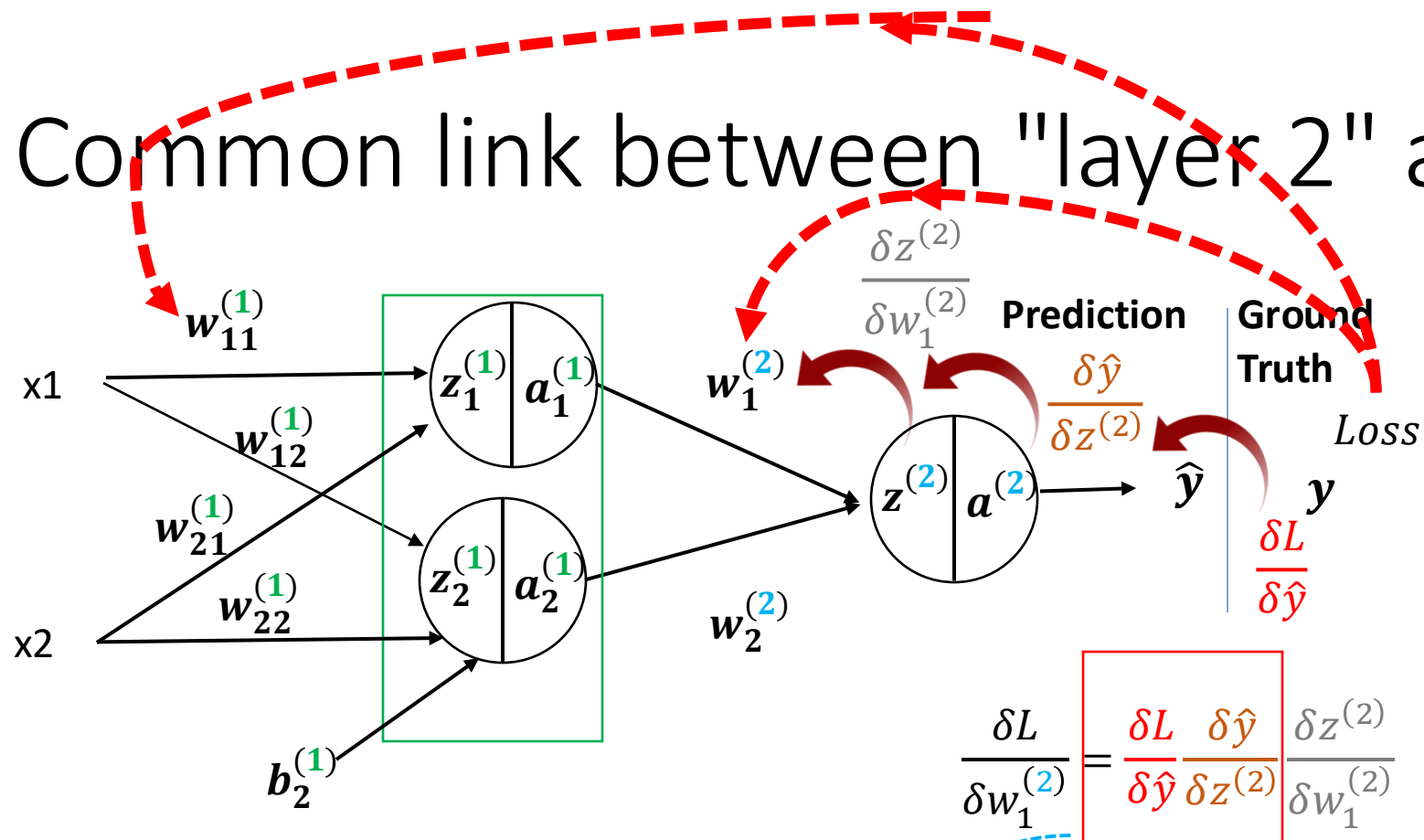
$$z^{(1)} = w_{11}^{(1)} \cdot x_1 + w_{21}^{(1)} \cdot x_2 + b_1^{(1)}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}} = -(y - \hat{y}) \sigma(z^{(2)}) (1 - \sigma(z^{(2)})) w_1^{(2)} \sigma(z^{(1)}) (1 - \sigma(z^{(1)})) x_1$$

# Propagation : The weight



# Common link between "layer 2" and "layer 1"



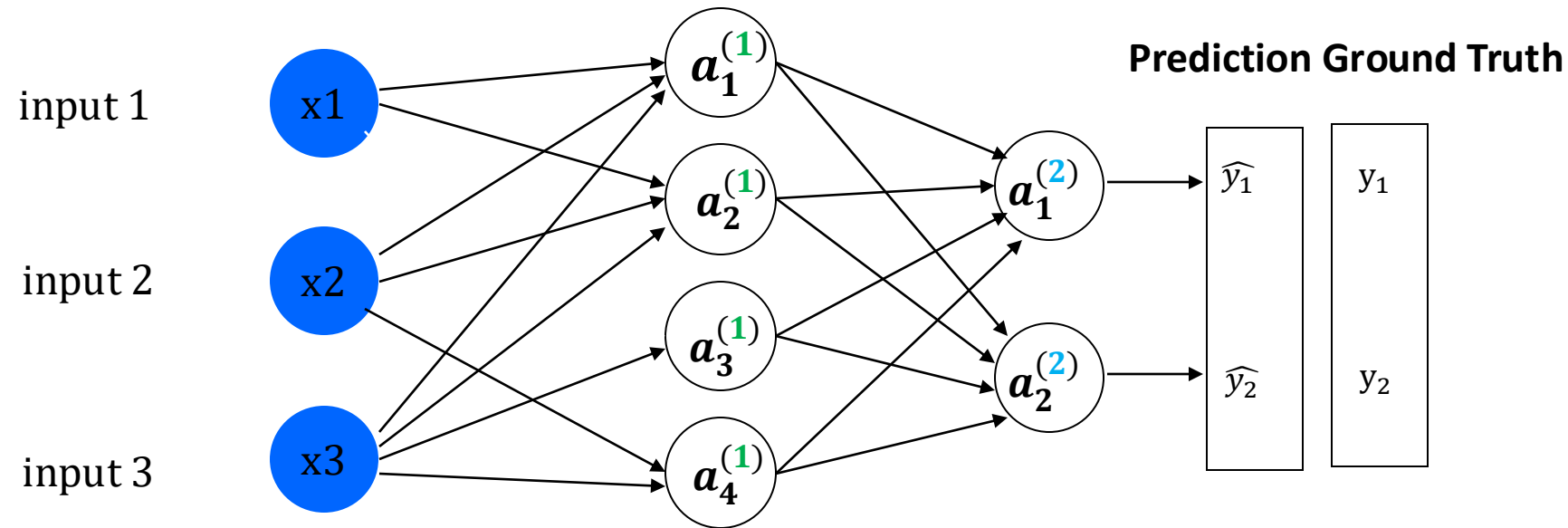
We can create a recursive algorithm that does this.

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta z^{(2)}} = \delta^{(2)}$$

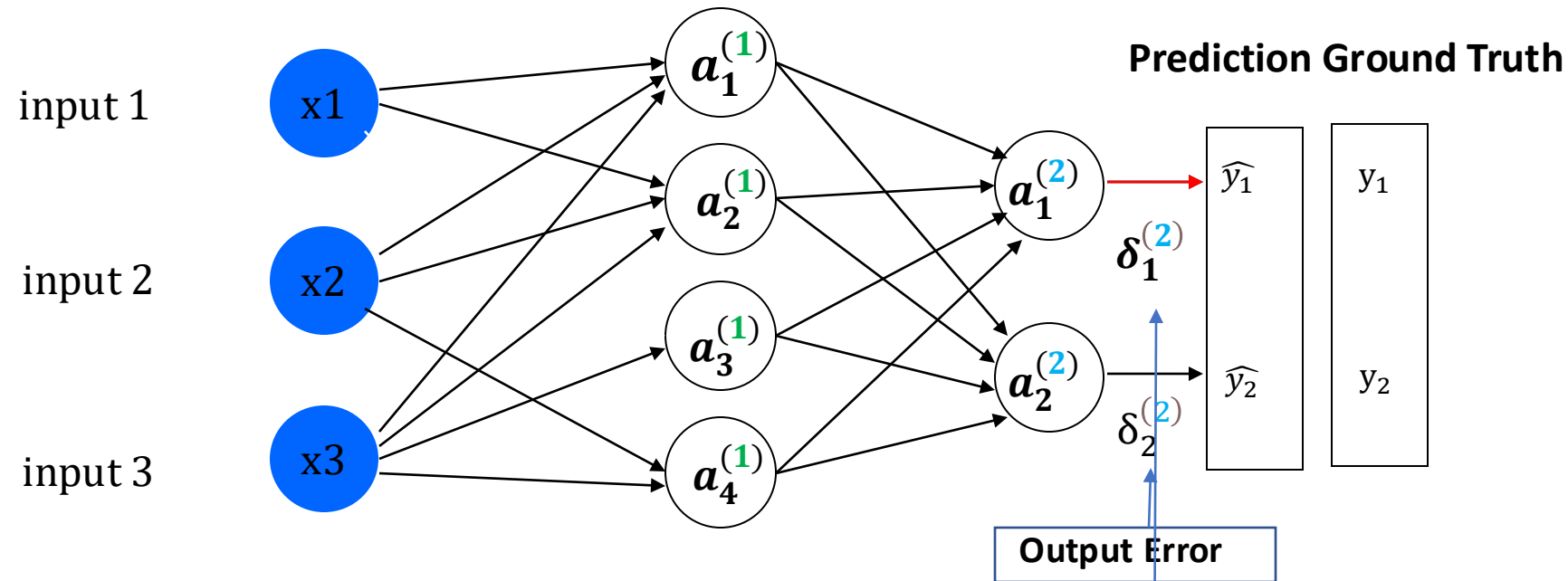
$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_1^{(2)}} = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \hat{y}} \frac{\delta \hat{y}}{\delta z^{(2)}} \frac{\delta z^{(2)}}{\delta w_1^{(2)}}$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}} = \frac{\delta L}{\delta \hat{y}} \frac{\delta \hat{y}}{\delta z^{(2)}} \frac{\delta z^{(2)}}{\delta a_1^{(1)}} \frac{\delta a_1^{(1)}}{\delta z_1^{(1)}} \frac{\delta z_1^{(1)}}{\delta w_{11}^{(1)}}$$

# Delta rule for recursive update of the gradient



# Delta in layer 2



Calculate delta for each output layer

$$\delta_k^{(2)} = \hat{y}_k(1 - \hat{y}_k)(\hat{y}_k - y_k)$$

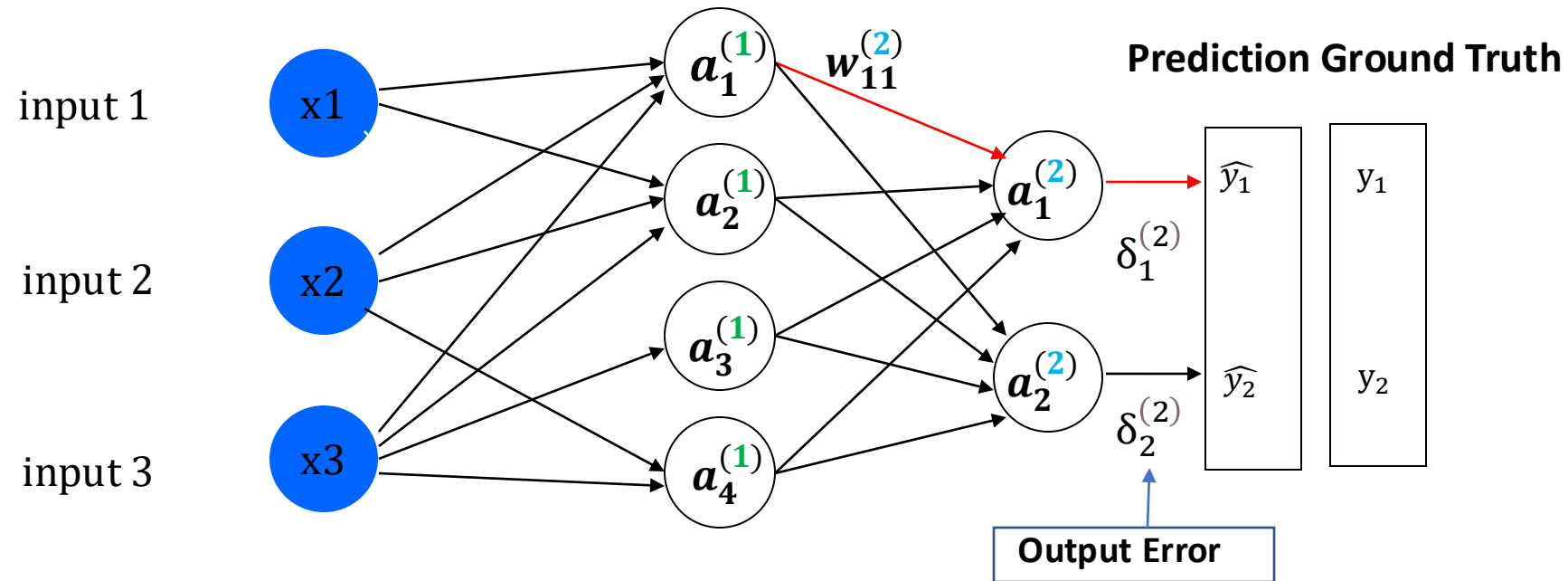
for example  $\delta_1^{(2)} = \underbrace{\hat{y}_1(1 - \hat{y}_1)}_{\text{The derivative of the activation function applied to Node 1}} \underbrace{(\hat{y}_1 - y_1)}_{\text{The derivative of the error component 1}}$

The derivative of  
The activation function applied to Node

The derivative of the error  
component 1

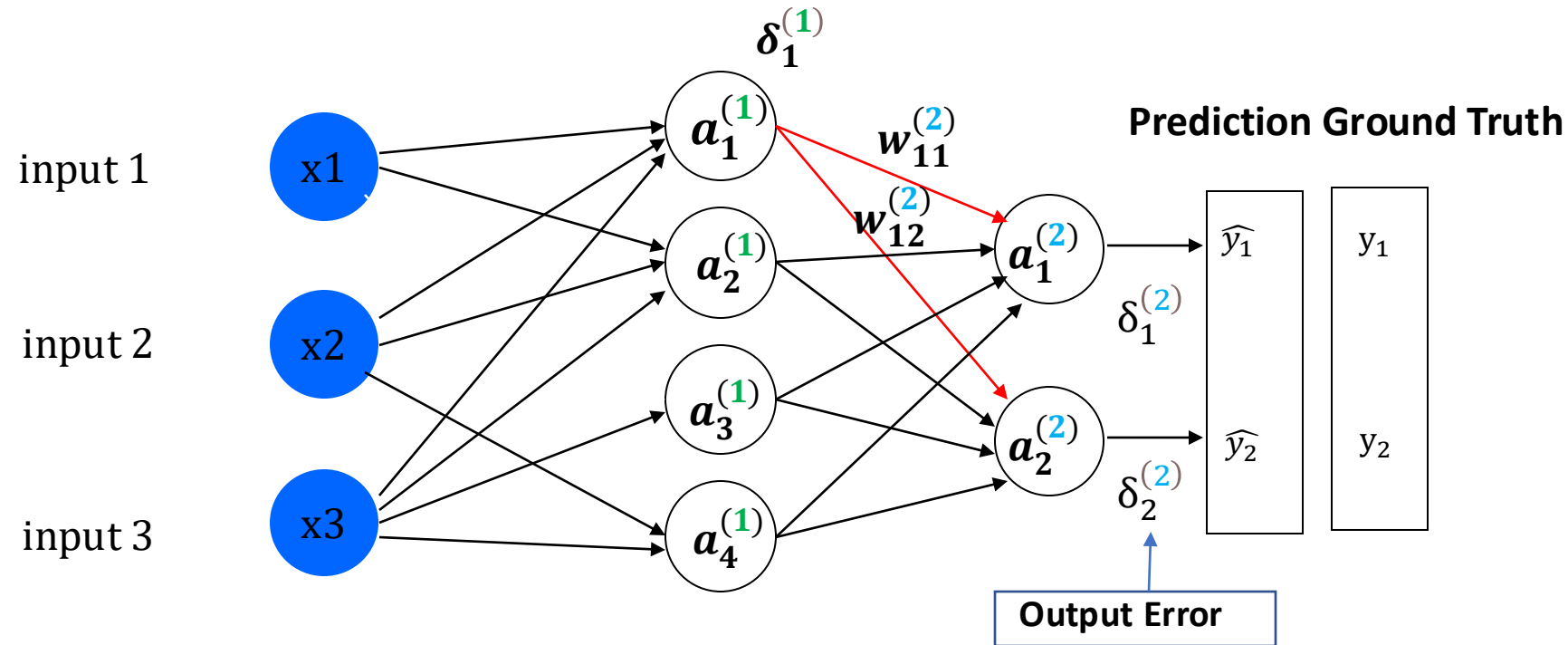


# Gradient using delta



$$w_{11,\text{new}}^{(2)} = w_{11,\text{old}}^{(2)} - \eta \cdot \delta_1^{(2)} \cdot a_1^{(1)}$$

# Delta in layer 1



for example

$$\delta_1^{(1)} = a_1^{(1)} (1 - a_1^{(1)}) \left( w_{11}^{(2)} \delta_1^{(2)} + w_{12}^{(2)} \delta_2^{(2)} \right)$$

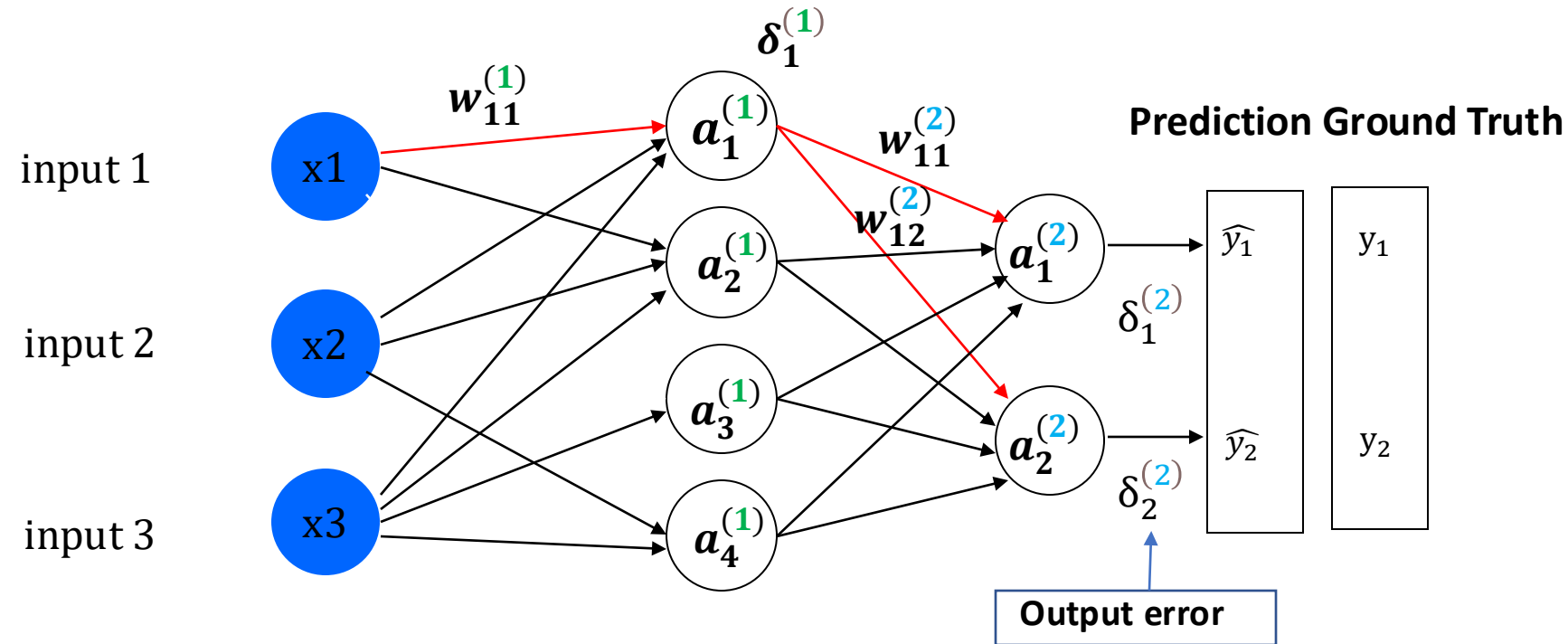
Calculate delta error for each output layer (output error)

$$\delta_j^{(l)} = a_j^{(l)} \cdot (1 - a_j^{(l)}) \cdot \left( \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} w_{jk}^{(l+1)} \right)$$

The derivative of the activation function applied to the node

weighted sum of delta from the next layer

# Gradient using delta



for example

$$w_{11,\text{new}}^{(1)} = w_{11,\text{old}}^{(1)} - \eta \cdot \delta_1^{(1)} \cdot x_1$$

# A recursive algorithm for delta refresh

- Error calculation: (Last layer  $L$ ), where we make predictions  $\hat{y}_i$

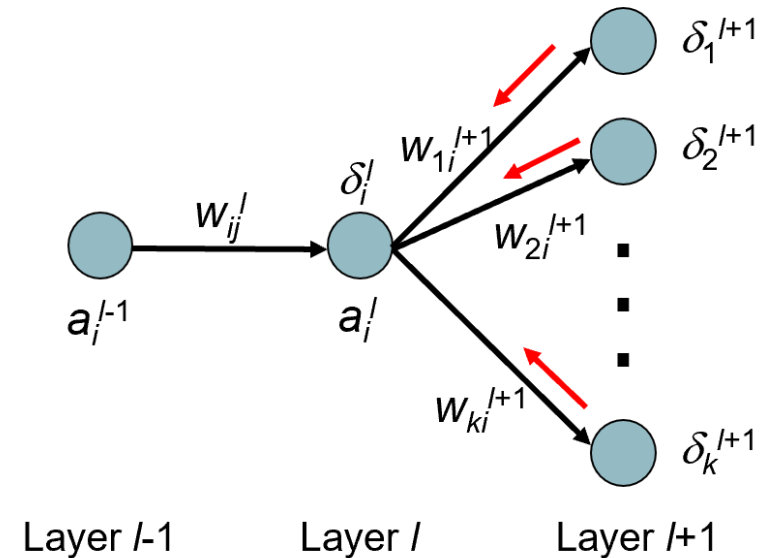
$$\delta_i^{(L)} = (\hat{y}_i - y_i) \cdot \hat{y}_i \cdot (1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

Error calculation: For any hidden layer  $l < L$

$$\delta_j^{(l)} = \underbrace{a_j^{(l)} \cdot (1 - a_j^{(l)})}_{\text{the derivative of the activation function (for a sigmoid activation function)}} \cdot \underbrace{\left( \sum_k \delta_k^{(l+1)} w_{jk}^{(l+1)} \right)}_{\text{weighted total delta from the next team}}$$

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**weighted total delta from the next team**

- Weight update formulas

$$w_{ij, \text{new}}^{(l)} = w_{ij, \text{old}}^{(l)} - \eta \cdot \delta_j^{(l)} \cdot a_i^{(l-1)}$$

- $\eta$  is learning rate
- $\delta_j^{(l)}$  is delta error from node  $j$  (i layer  $l$ )
- $a_i^{(l-1)}$  is activation from node  $i$  (i layer  $l - 1$ )

- Specific Case for the Input Layer ( $a_i^{(0)} = x_i$ )  

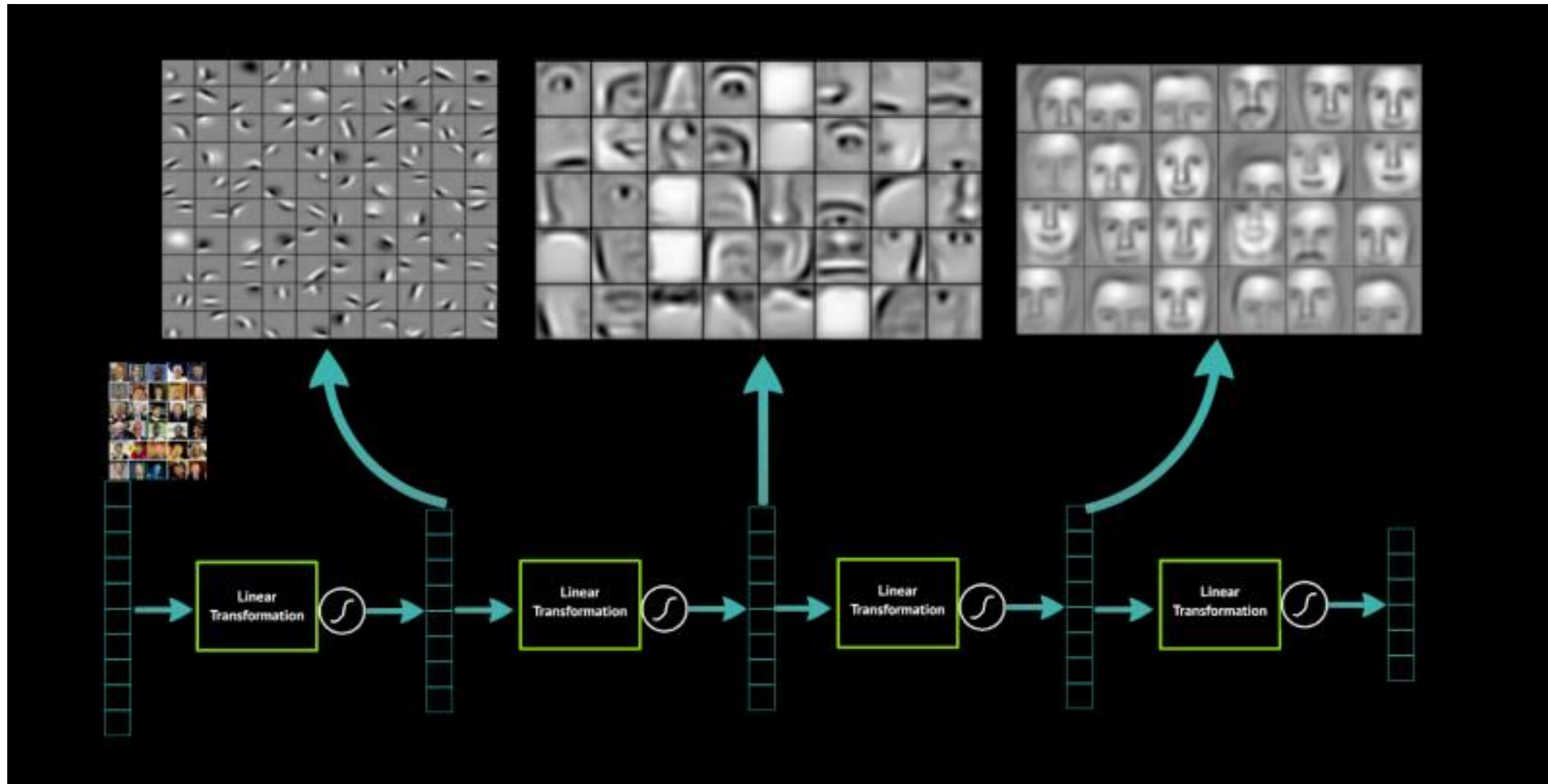
$$w_{ij, \text{new}}^{(1)} = w_{ij, \text{old}}^{(1)} - \eta \cdot \delta_j^{(1)} \cdot x_i$$

# Deep Neural Networks: Learned Representations

What is meant by learned representations, and how do we learn useful representations?

# What is a Learned Representation?

- In deep learning, each layer of a neural network learns to transform input data.
- Early layers teach simple patterns like edges, while deeper layers capture more abstract concepts.
- Multiple layers allow the learning of hierarchical representations, from simple to complex.



<https://devblogs.nvidia.com/parallelforall/deep-learning-nutshell-core-concepts/>

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Slightly positive  
activation examples

**Maximum** activation  
examples



**Positive** optimized

- To find the image on the right, the authors took a node high up in the network, they optimised the input to maximise the activation of that node.
- They also searched the dataset for natural images that caused a high activation in that particular node.

<https://distill.pub/2017/feature-visualization/>



Thank You