

Introduction to intelligent systems

# *Automatic differentiation*

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# Overview

➊ Automatic differentiation

➋ Dual numbers

➌ PyTorch

➍ Tasks

## Feedback group

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## Learning objectives

- I Automatic differentiation: Forward and reverse accumulation.
  - II Computation graphs.
  - II Automatic differentiation in Pytorch.
  - II Implementation of neural networks in Pytorch.
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- I Understand the concepts and definitions, and know their application. Reason about the concepts in the context of an example. Use correct technical terminology.
  - II As above plus: Read, manipulate, and work with technical definitions and expressions (mathematical and Python code). Carry out practical computations. Interpret and evaluate results.

## Automatic differentiation

## Gradient descent

Initialize  $x_0$

Repeat,  $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\underbrace{x_{t+1}}_{\text{new parameter value}} = \underbrace{x_t}_{\text{old parameter value}} - \underbrace{\alpha}_{\text{step size}} \cdot \underbrace{\nabla f(x_t)}_{\text{gradient}}$$

until convergence

Definition of gradient

$$\nabla f(x, y, \dots) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

## Symbolic, numerical, and automatic differentiation

- Symbolic** Automatic manipulation of mathematical expressions to get derivatives (e.g. Mathematical, Maple)
- Numerical** Approximation of derivatives by finite differences
- Automatic** Automatic computation of the derivative of a compound expression by applying the chain rule

## The chain rule

Derivative of composition of functions,  $z(x) = (f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$

$$z' = (f \circ g)' = (f' \circ g) \cdot g'$$

In Leibnitz's notation

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{df}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

where  $z = f(y)$  and  $y = g(x)$



## Chain rule for functions of multiple variables

Function of two variables  $z(t) = f(x(t), y(t))$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$$

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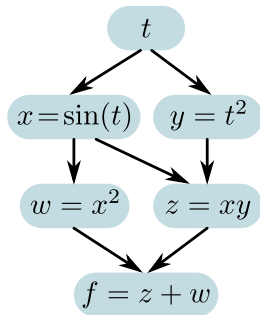
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dz}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (y + 2x) \cdot \cos(t) + x \cdot (2t)\end{aligned}$$

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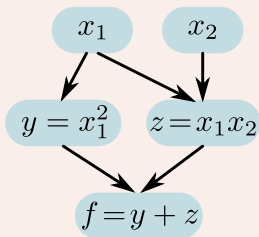
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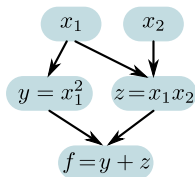


## Forward accumulation

### Function and derivatives

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^2 + x_1 \cdot x_2$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = 2x_1 + x_2, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = x_1, \quad \nabla f(3, 4) = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$



Evaluate  $f(3, 4)$

$$x_1 = 3$$

$$x_2 = 4$$

$$y = x_1^2$$

$$z = x_1 x_2$$

$$f = y + z$$

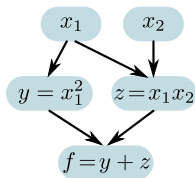


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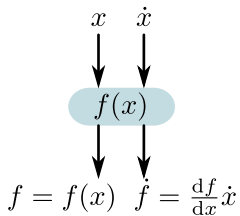
$$\dot{y} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} \dot{x}_1 = 2x_1 \cdot \dot{x}_1 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 = 6$$

$$\dot{z} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1} \dot{x}_1 + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2} \dot{x}_2 = x_2 \cdot \dot{x}_1 + x_1 \cdot \dot{x}_2 = 4 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 0 = 4$$

$$\dot{f} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \dot{y} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \dot{z} = 1 \cdot \dot{y} + 1 \cdot \dot{z} = 1 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 4 = \underline{10}$$

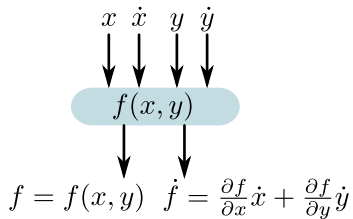
## Forward accumulation

Function of one variable



## Forward accumulation

Function of multiple variables



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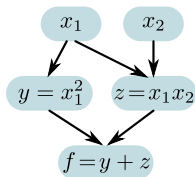
- Direct application of chain rule (going from input to output)
- Computation involves one forward pass through the graph per derivative
- Computationally expensive with many inputs

## Reverse accumulation

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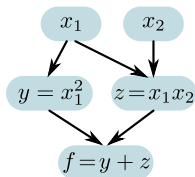
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$$\bar{f} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial f} = 1$$

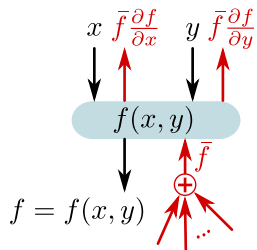
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$$\bar{x}_1 = \bar{y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_1} + \bar{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1} = \bar{y} \cdot 2 \cdot x_1 + \bar{z} \cdot x_2 = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 4 = 10$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = \bar{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2} = \bar{x}_2 + \bar{z} \cdot x_1 = 0 + 1 \cdot 3 = 3$$

## Reverse accumulation



## Reverse accumulation

- Direct application of chain rule (going from output to input)
- Computation involves one backward pass through the graph to compute all derivatives
- Requires a bit more “book-keeping” to keep track of dependencies and trace the graph backwards



## Dual numbers

## Complex and dual numbers

### $\mathbb{C}$ : Complex numbers

$$a + ib$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

Addition

$$(a + ib) + (c + id) = a + c + i(b + d)$$

Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}(a + ib)(c + id) &= ac + iad + ibc + i^2 bd \\ &= (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc)\end{aligned}$$

### $\mathbb{D}$ : Dual numbers

$$a + \epsilon b$$

$$\epsilon^2 = 0$$

Addition

$$(a + \epsilon b) + (c + \epsilon d) = a + c + \epsilon(b + d)$$

Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}(a + \epsilon b)(c + \epsilon d) &= ac + \epsilon ad + \epsilon bc + \epsilon^2 bd \\ &= ac + \epsilon(ad + bc)\end{aligned}$$

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Evaluating  $f(x)$  on  $x = a + \epsilon$  we get

$$f(a + \epsilon) = (a + \epsilon)^2 = a^2 + 2a\epsilon + \epsilon^2 = \underbrace{a^2}_{f(a)} + \epsilon \underbrace{2a}_{f'(a)}$$

The dual part happens to be  $f'(a) = 2a$ . Coincidence?

Exercise:  $f(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

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$$\begin{aligned} f(a + \epsilon) &= A(a + \epsilon)^2 + B(a + \epsilon) + C \\ &= A(a^2 + 2a\epsilon + \epsilon^2) + B(a + \epsilon) + C \\ &= \underbrace{(Aa^2 + Ba + C)}_{f(a)} + \epsilon \underbrace{(2Aa + B)}_{f'(a)} \end{aligned}$$

## Taylor series

Taylor series around  $a$

$$f(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

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Inserting  $x = a + \epsilon$

$$\begin{aligned} f(a + \epsilon) &= f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}\epsilon + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}\epsilon^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}\epsilon^3 + \dots \\ &= f(a) + \epsilon f'(a) \end{aligned}$$



PyTorch

## Demonstration

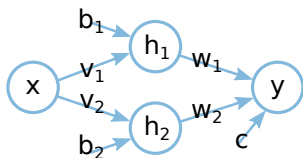
## Demo: PyTorch

```
>>> import torch
>>> x1 = torch.tensor(3., requires_grad=True)
>>> x2 = torch.tensor(4., requires_grad=True)
>>> f = x1**2+x1*x2
>>> f.backward()
>>> x1.grad
tensor(10.)
>>> x2.grad
tensor(3.)
```

## Neural network notebook

Cost function

$$E = \sum_{n=1}^N (y(n) - \hat{y}(n))^2$$



Network structure

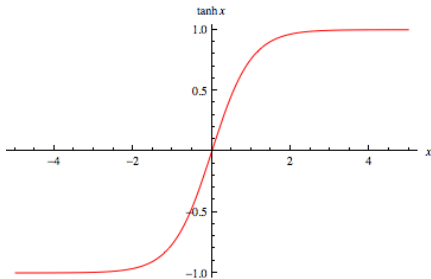
$$\hat{y}(n) = w_1 h_1(n) + w_2 h_2(n) + c$$

$$h_1(n) = \tanh(v_1 x(n) + b_1)$$

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Model parameters

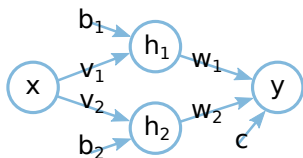
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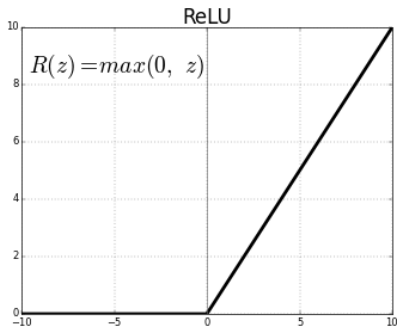
$$\hat{y}(n) = w_1 h_1(n) + w_2 h_2(n) + c$$

$$h_1(n) = \text{ReLU}(v_1 x(n) + b_1)$$

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## Tasks

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1. Work through introduction to PyTorch notebooks  
See `09-PyTorchTutorial1.ipynb` and `09-PyTorchTutorial2.ipynb` on the fileshare
2. Work through introduction to PyTorch notebooks  
See `09-TwoLayerNet-x.ipynb` on the fileshare
3. Experiment with the neural network challenge notebook  
See `09-NeuralNetworkChallenge.ipynb` on the fileshare
4. Today's feedback group
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## Lab report

- Lab 4: Neural networks (Deadline: Thursday 9 November 20:00)