Backpropagation Algorithm

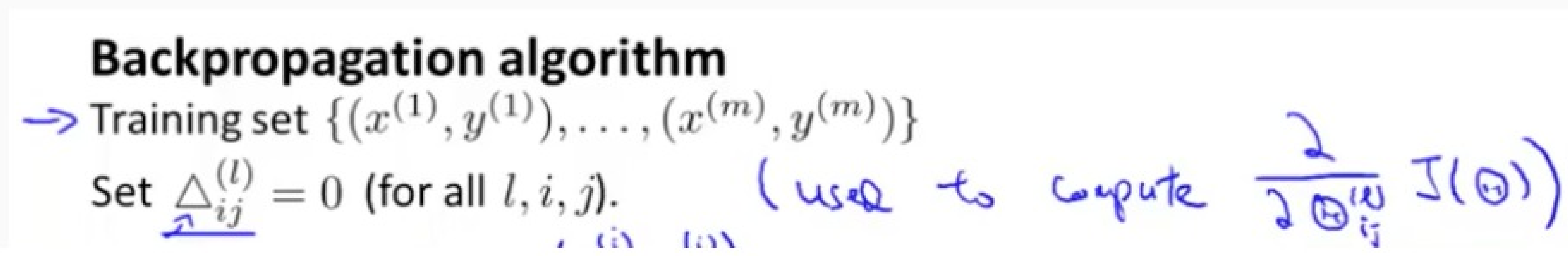
"Backpropagation" is neural-network terminology for minimizing our cost function, just like what we were doing with gradient descent in logistic and linear regression. Our goal is to compute:

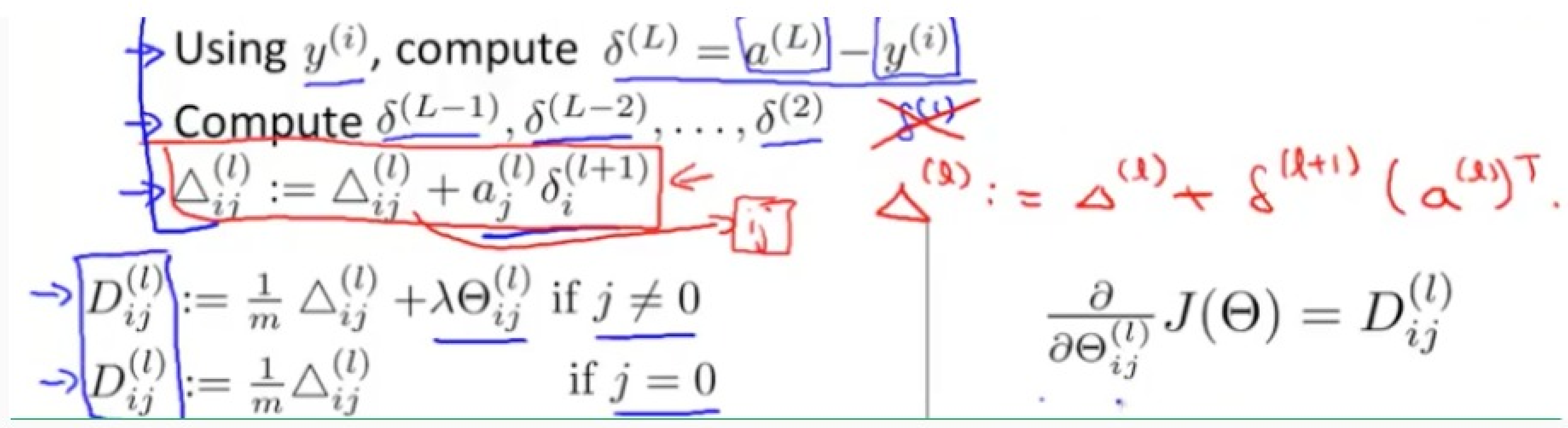
$\min_\Theta J(\Theta)$

That is, we want to minimize our cost function J using an optimal set of parameters in theta. In this section we'll look at the equations we use to compute the partial derivative of J(Θ):

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)}} J(\Theta)$$

To do so, we use the following algorithm:





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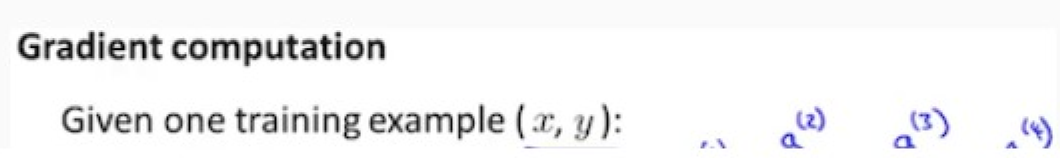
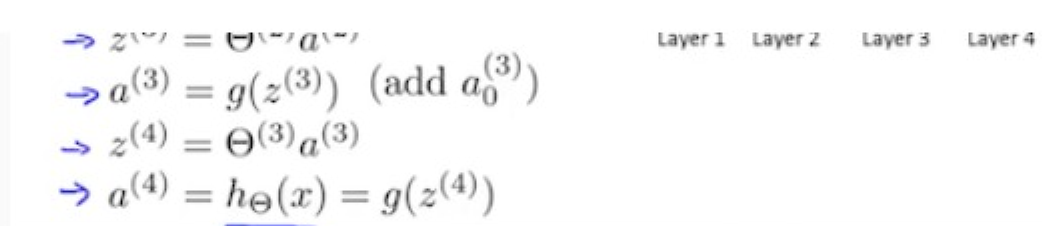
Given training set $\{(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}) \cdots (x^{(m)}, y^{(m)})\}$

- Set $\Delta_{i,j}^{(l)}$:= 0 for all (l,i,j), (hence you end up having a matrix full of zeros)

For training example t =1 to m:

1. Set $a^{(1)} := x^{(t)}$
2. Perform forward propagation to compute $a^{(l)}$ for l=2,3,…,L





4. Compute $\delta^{(L-1)}, \delta^{(L-2)}, \ldots, \delta^{(2)}$ using $\delta^{(l)} = ((\Theta^{(l)})^T \delta^{(l+1)})\ .*\ a^{(l)}\ .*\ (1 - a^{(l)})$

The delta values of layer l are calculated by multiplying the delta values in the next layer with the theta matrix of layer l. We then element-wise multiply that with a function called g', or g-prime, which is the derivative of the activation function g evaluated with the input values given by $z^{(l)}$.

The g-prime derivative terms can also be written out as:

$$g'(z^{(l)}) = a^{(l)}\ .*\ (1 - a^{(l)})$$

5. $\Delta_{i,j}^{(l)} := \Delta_{i,j}^{(l)} + a_j^{(l)} \delta_i^{(l+1)}$ or with vectorization, $\Delta^{(l)} := \Delta^{(l)} + \delta^{(l+1)} (a^{(l)})^T$

Hence we update our new Δ matrix.

- $D_{i,j}^{(l)} := \frac{1}{m} \left(\Delta_{i,j}^{(l)} + \lambda \Theta_{i,j}^{(l)} \right)$, if j≠0.
- $D_{i,j}^{(l)} := \frac{1}{m} \Delta_{i,j}^{(l)}$ If j=0

The capital-delta matrix D is used as an "accumulator" to add up our values as we go along and eventually compute our partial derivative. Thus we get $\frac{\partial}{\partial \Theta_{ij}^{(l)}} J(\Theta) = D_{ij}^{(l)}$

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