

Given some non-linear function  $g$ , calculate  $\nabla_w y$ . Don't forget to use  $\delta$ 's.

**Solution:** The output  $y$  is given by the function:

$$y = g(s_y) = g(w_{hy}h + w_{xy}x) = g(w_{hy}g(s_h) + w_{xy}x) = g(w_{hy}g(w_{xh}x) + w_{xy}x)$$

To calculate  $\nabla y$  we need all the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial w_h}$ ,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial w_{hy}}$ ,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial w_{xy}}$ . We'll start with the ones closest to the output.

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial w_{hy}} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial s_y} \cdot \frac{\partial s_y}{\partial w_{hy}} = g'(s_y)h = \delta_y h$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial w_{xy}} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial s_y} \cdot \frac{\partial s_y}{\partial w_{xy}} = g'(s_y)x = \delta_y x$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial w_{xh}} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial s_y} \cdot \frac{\partial s_y}{\partial w_{xh}} = g'(s_y) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{xh}}(w_{hy}h + w_{xy}x)$$

$$= g'(s_y) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s_h}(w_{hy}g(s_h)) \frac{\partial s_h}{\partial w_{xh}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial w_{xh}} w_{xy}x \right)$$

$$= w_{hy}g'(s_y)g'(s_h) \frac{\partial s_h}{\partial w_{xh}}$$

$$= w_{hy}g'(s_y)g'(s_h) \frac{\partial(w_{xh}x)}{\partial w_{xh}}$$

$$= w_{hy}g'(s_y)g'(s_h)x = w_{hy}\delta_y g'(s_h)x$$