

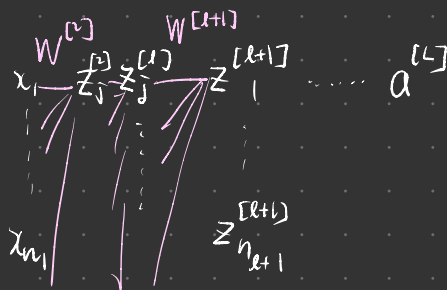
Week 2 Assignment

1. Read [Deep Learning: An Introduction for Applied Mathematicians](#). Consider a network as defined in (3.1) and (3.2). Assume that $n_L = 1$, find an algorithm to calculate $\nabla a^{[L]}(x)$.

Consider $\begin{cases} a^{[1]} = x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1} \\ a^{[l]} = \sigma(W^{[l]} a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l} \end{cases}$ for $l = 2, \dots, L$

Define $z^{[l]} = W^{[l]} a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l}$, then $a^{[l]} = \sigma(z^{[l]})$
 $g^{[l]} = (g_1^{[l]}, g_2^{[l]}, \dots, g_{n_l}^{[l]}) = \left(\frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z_1^{[l]}}, \frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z_2^{[l]}}, \dots, \frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z_{n_l}^{[l]}} \right)$

Fixed j -th neuron of l -th layer: ($l = L-1, \dots, 2$)



$$\begin{aligned} g_j^{[l]} &= \frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z_j^{[l]}} = \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} \frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z_k^{[l+1]}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_k^{[l+1]}}{\partial z_j^{[l]}} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} g_k^{[l+1]} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j^{[l]}} \left(\sum_{r=1}^{n_l} W_{kr}^{[l+1]} a_r^{[l]} + b_k^{[l+1]} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} g_k^{[l+1]} \left(\sum_{r=1}^{n_l} \frac{\partial z_k^{[l+1]}}{\partial a_r^{[l]}} \cdot \frac{\partial a_r^{[l]}}{\partial z_j^{[l]}} \right) = \sigma'(z_j^{[l]}) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} g_k^{[l+1]} \left(\sum_{r=1}^{n_l} W_{kr}^{[l+1]} \cdot (\sigma'(z_r^{[l]}) \cdot \delta_{rj}) \right) \quad \text{where } \delta_{rj} \text{ is Kronecker delta} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} g_k^{[l+1]} \cdot \left(W_{kj}^{[l+1]} \sigma'(z_j^{[l]}) \right) = \sigma'(z_j^{[l]}) \sum_{k=1}^{n_{l+1}} W_{kj}^{[l+1]} g_k^{[l+1]} \\ &= \left((W_j^{[l+1]})^T g^{[l+1]} \right) \cdot \sigma'(z_j^{[l]}) \quad \text{where } x \cdot y \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ is defined by } (x \cdot y)_i = x_i y_i \\ &\quad \text{the pairwise component multiplication.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{g^{[l]}} = \left(\underline{(W^{[l+1]})^T g^{[l+1]}} \right) \cdot \underline{\sigma'(z^{[l]})}$$

$\begin{matrix} n_l & n_{l+1} \times n_l & n_{l+1} & n_l \end{matrix}$

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Note that $g^{[L]} = \frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z^{[L]}} = \sigma'(z^{[L]}) \in \mathbb{R}$

Next, focus on 2nd layer: $z_j^{[2]} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} W_{ji}^{[2]} x_i + b_j^{[2]} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z_j^{[2]}}{\partial x_i} = W_{ji}^{[2]}$

$$\frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} \frac{\partial a^{[L]}}{\partial z_j^{[2]}} \cdot \frac{\partial z_j^{[2]}}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_2} g_j^{[2]} W_{ji}^{[2]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\nabla_x a^{[L]}(x)} = (g^{[2]})^T W^{[2]} \quad (**)$$

By (*) & (**), we can formulate an algorithm for calculating $\nabla_x a^{[L]}(x)$.