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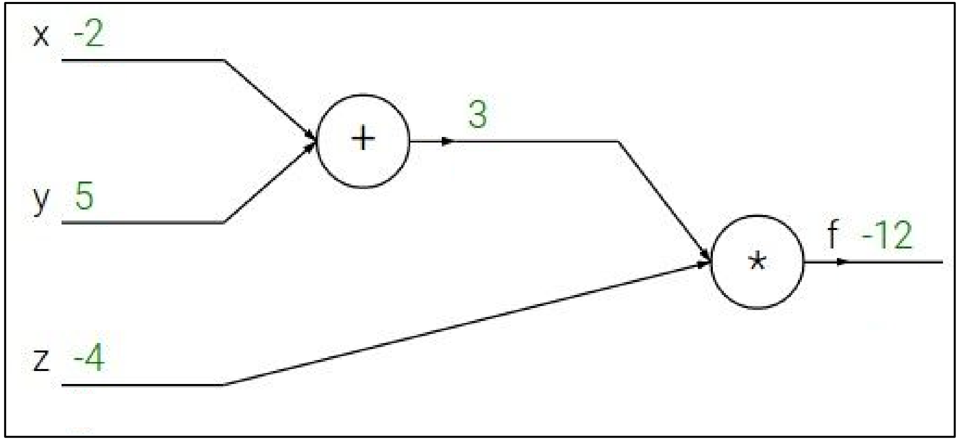

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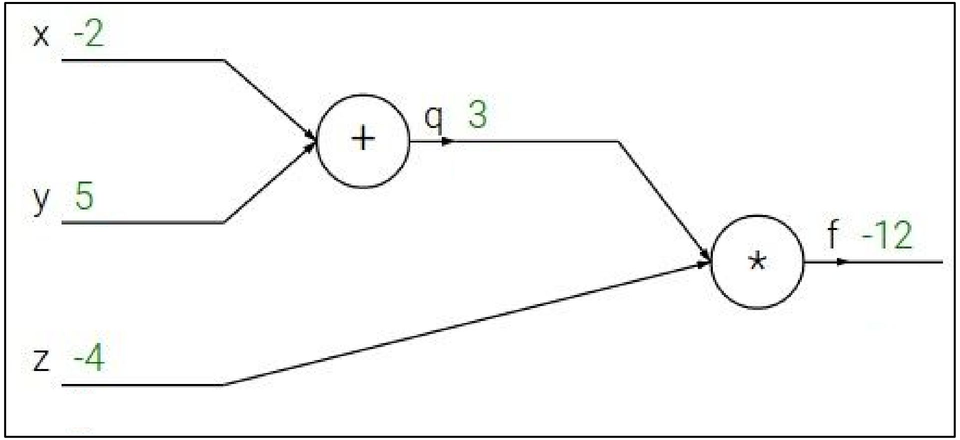

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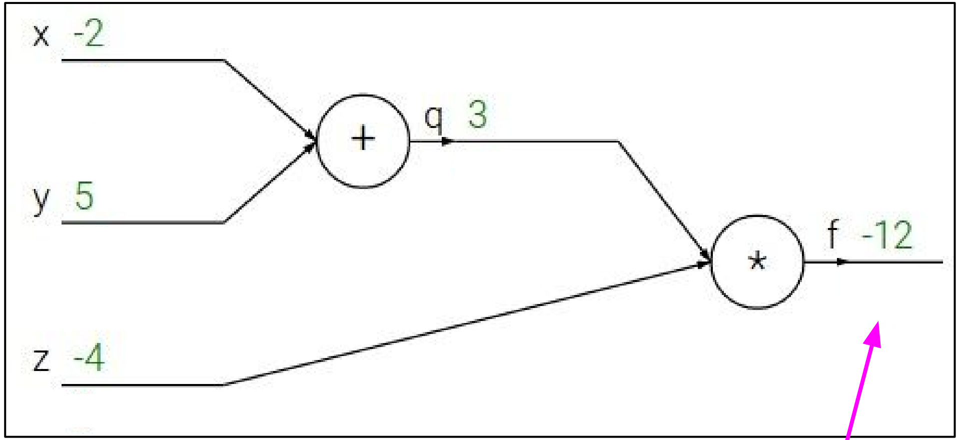

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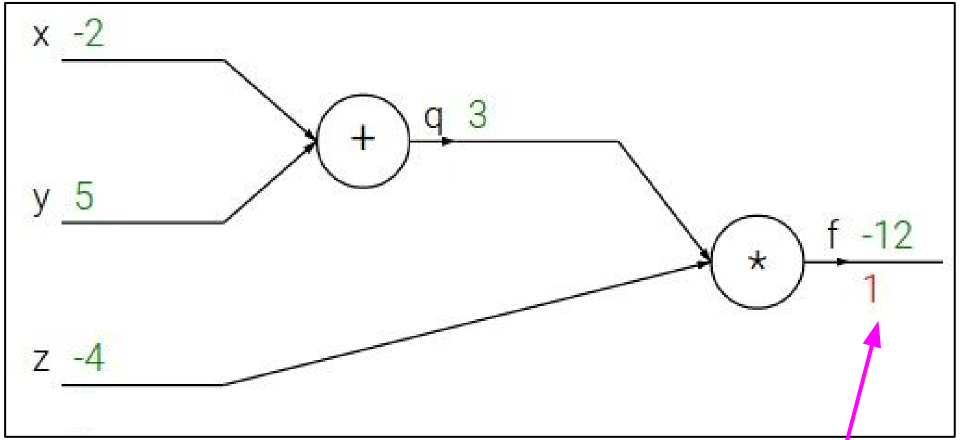

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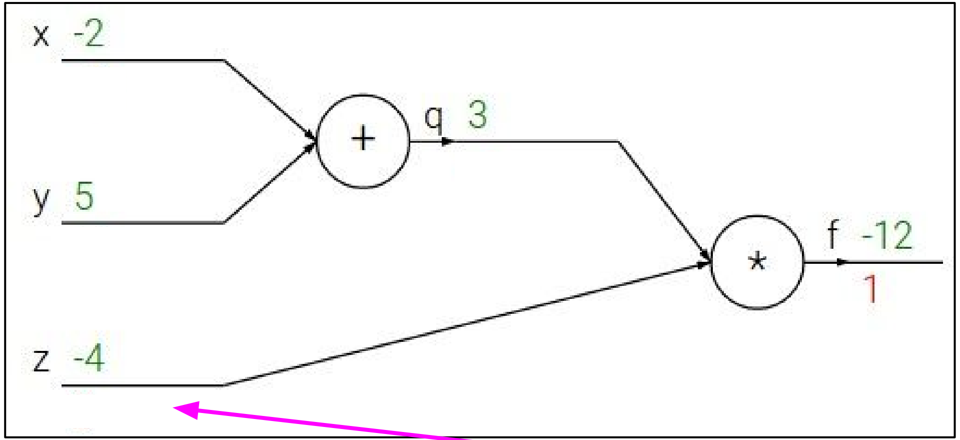

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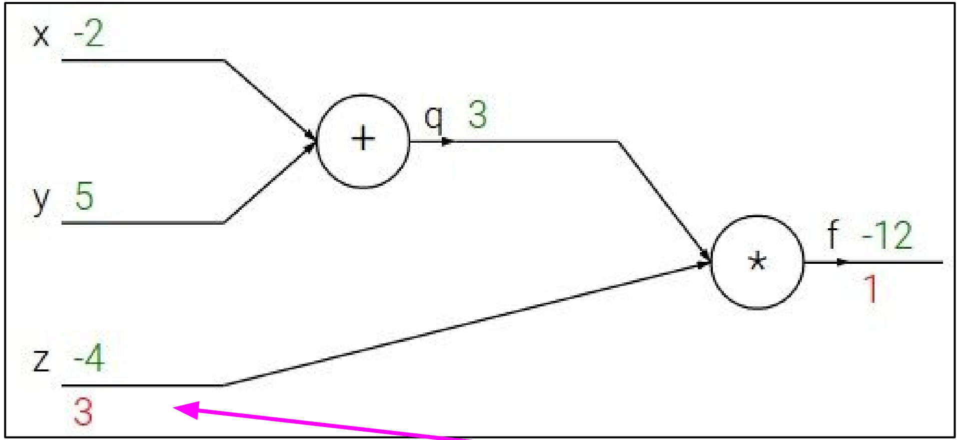

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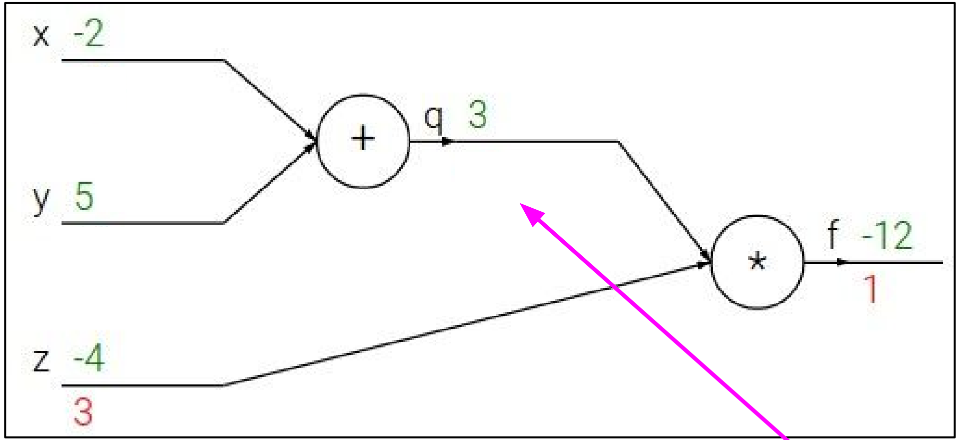

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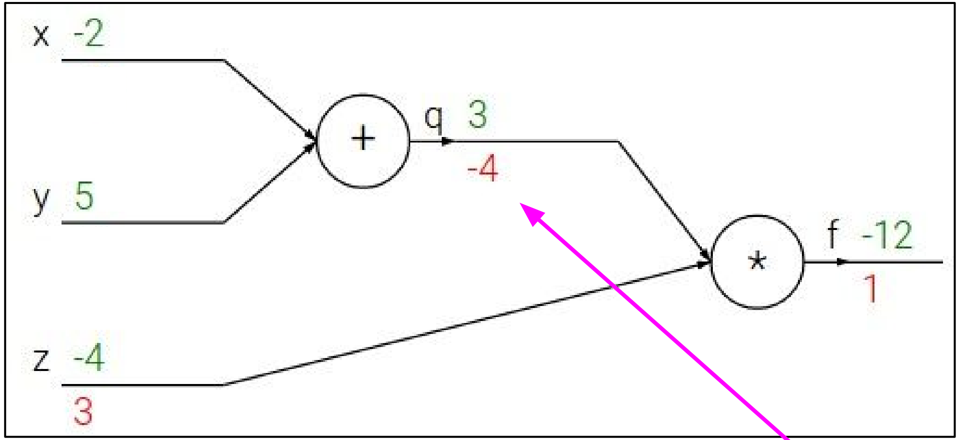

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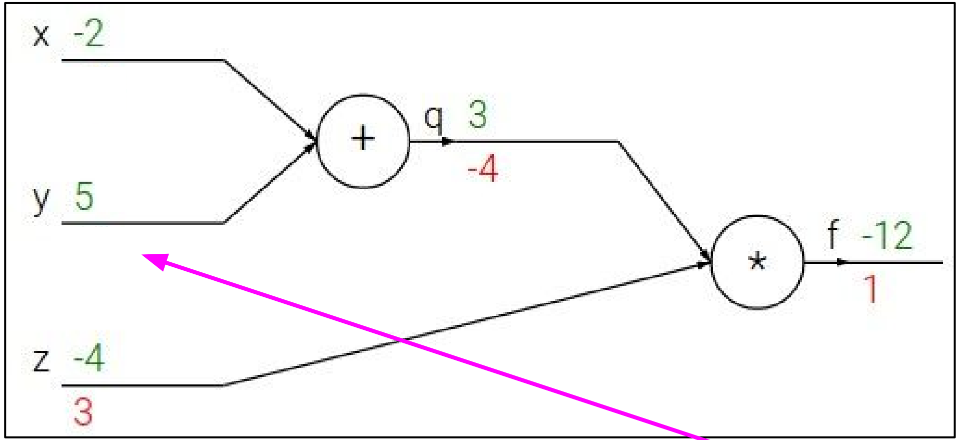

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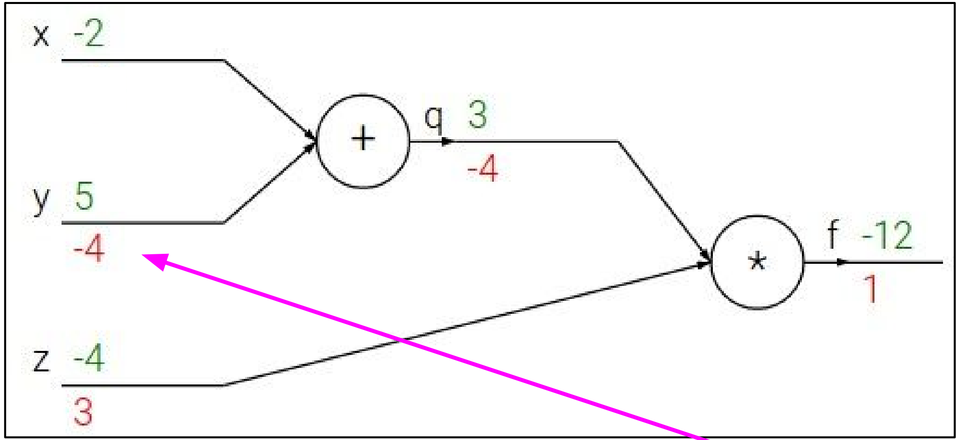

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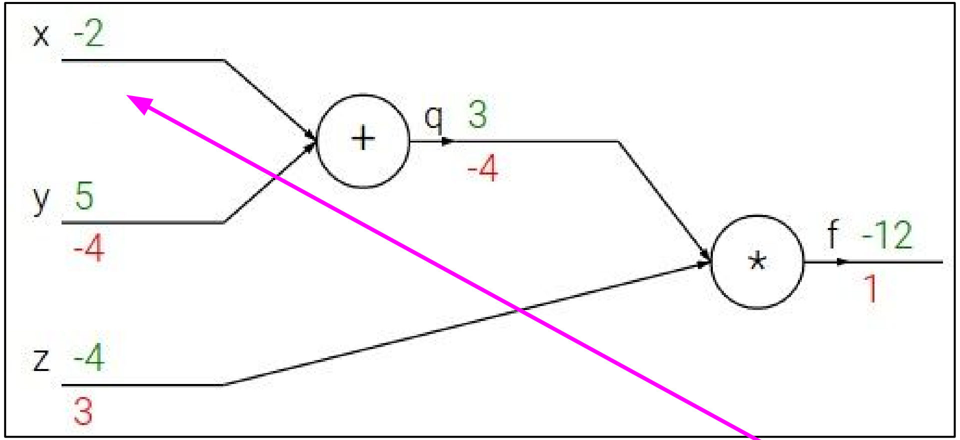

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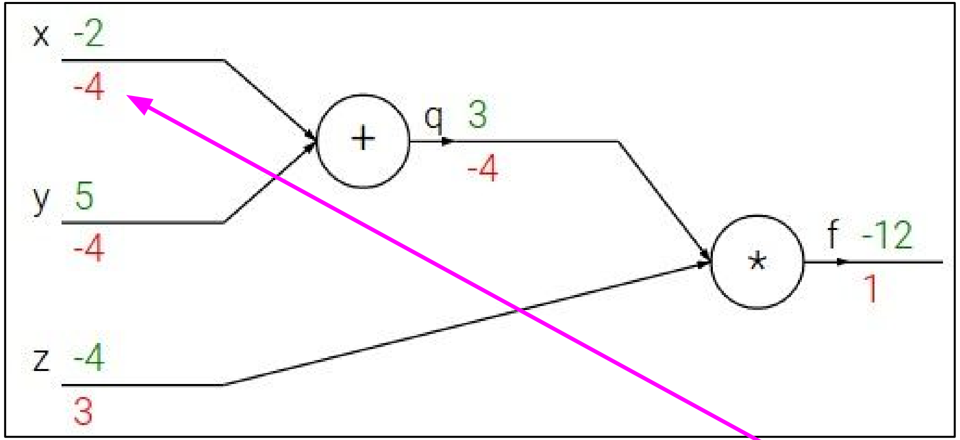

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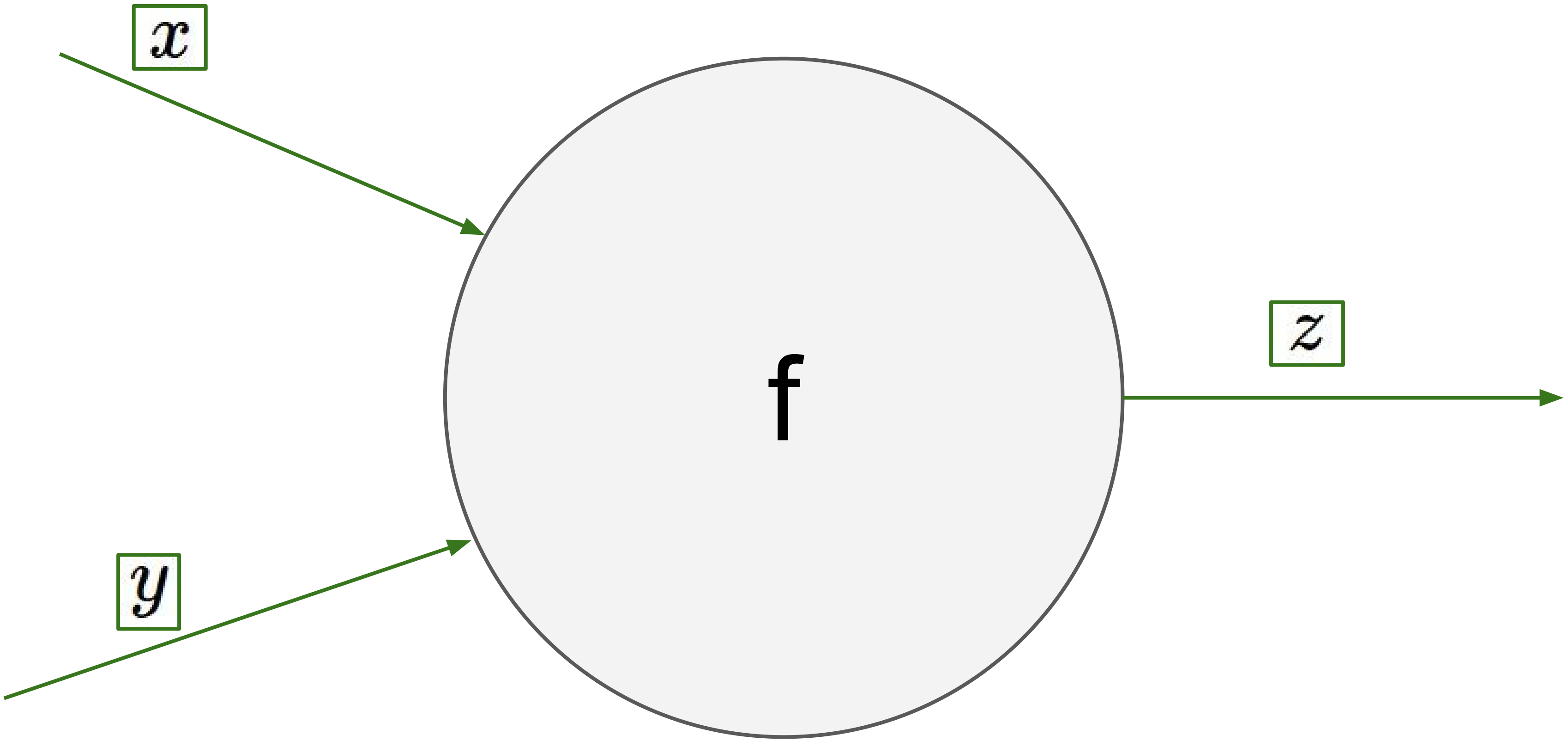

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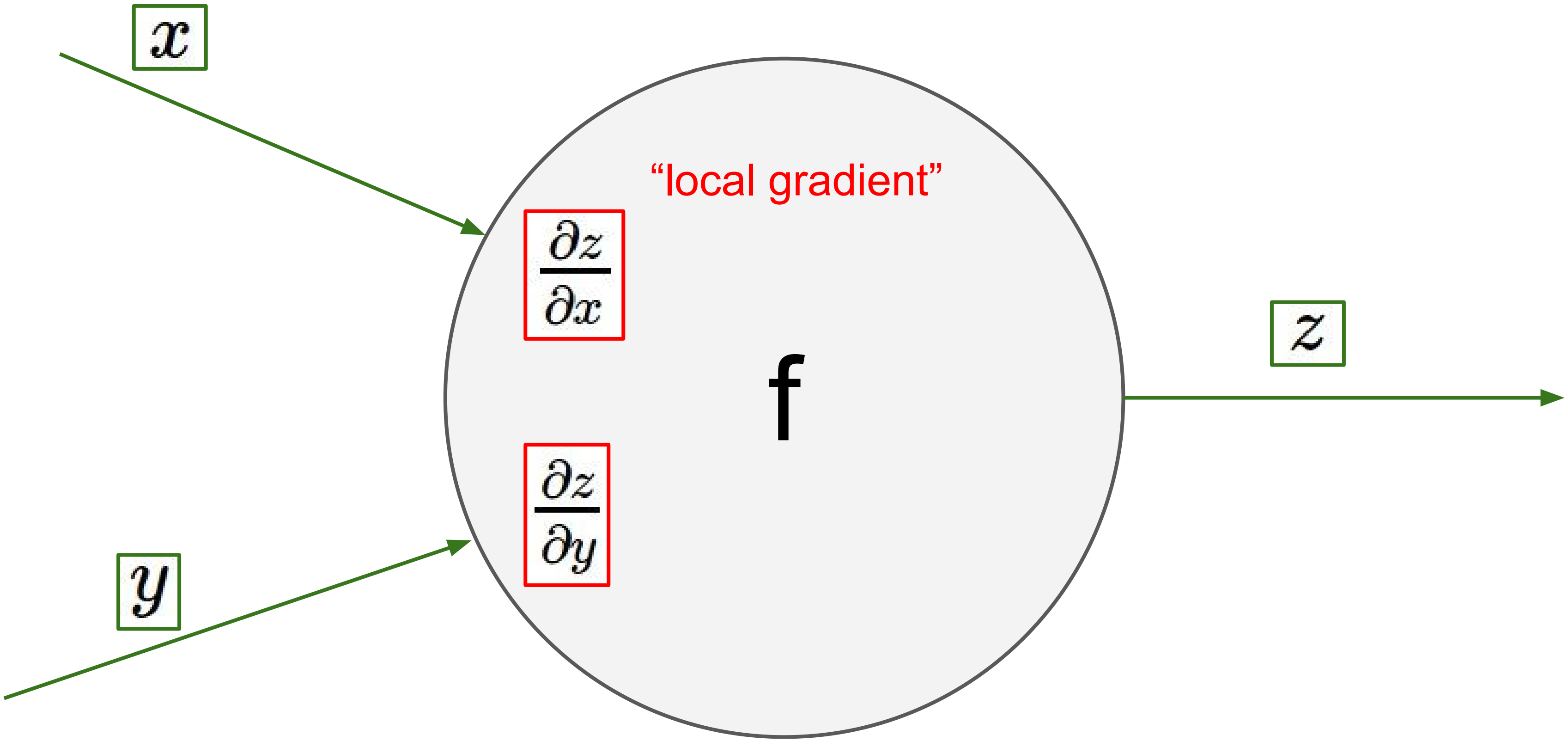
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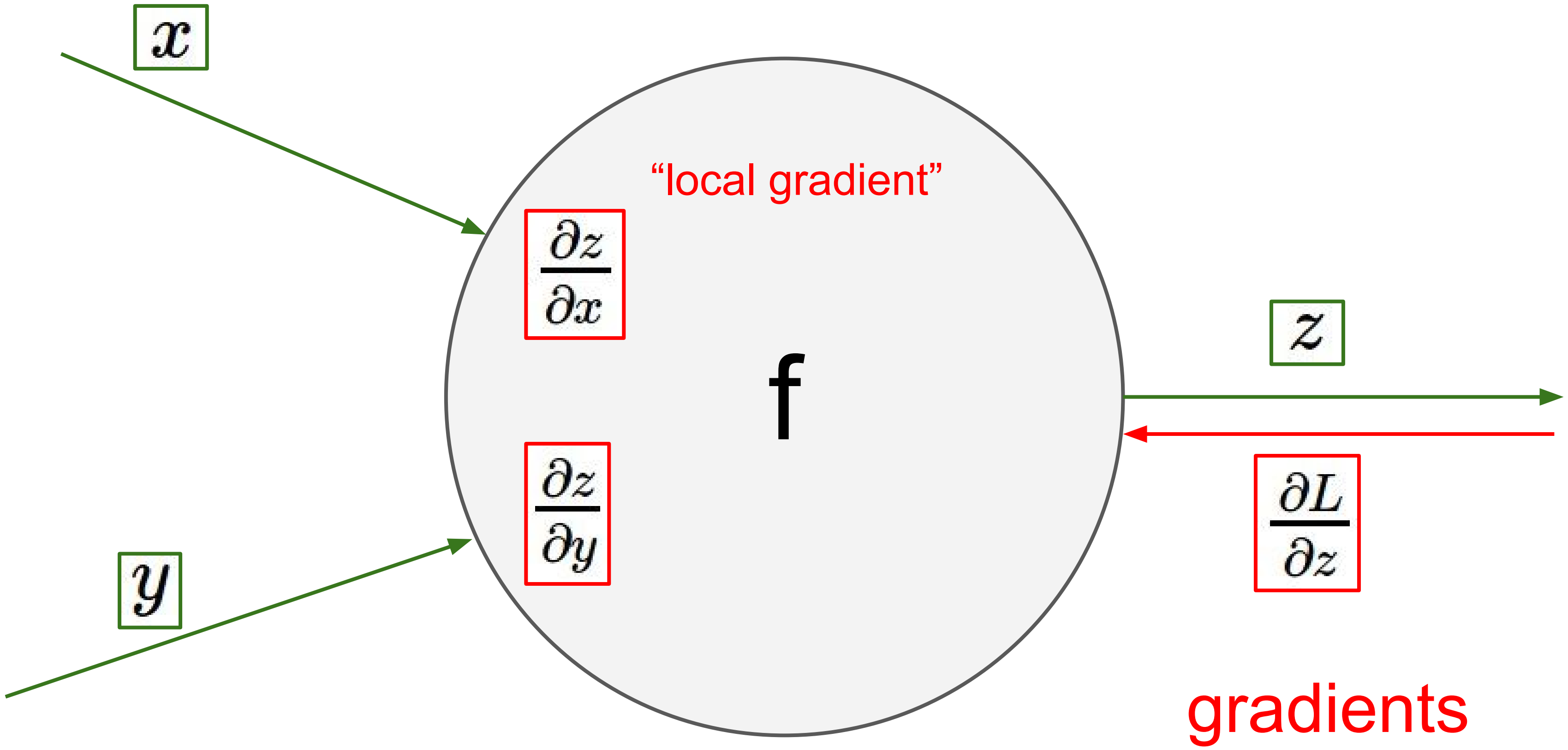
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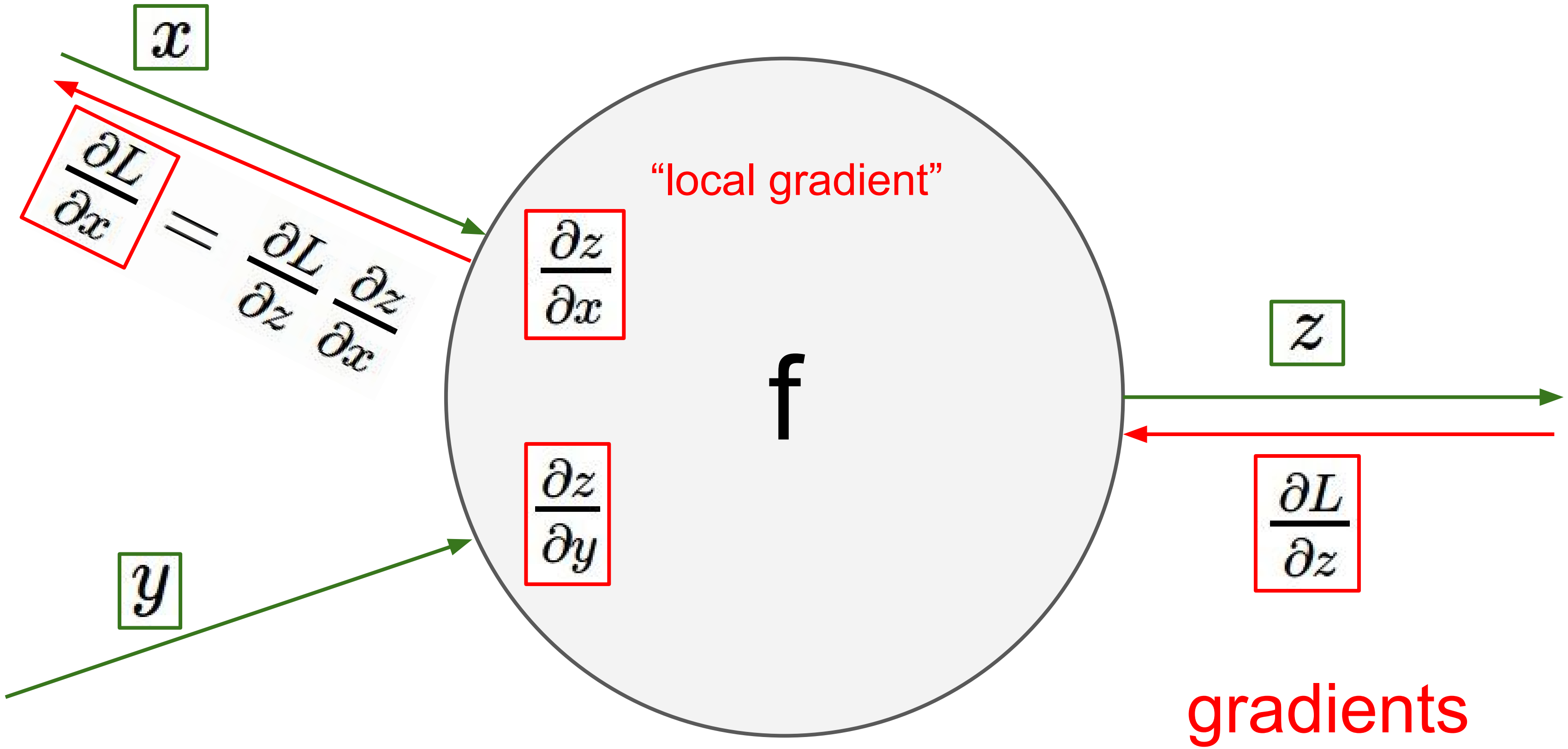
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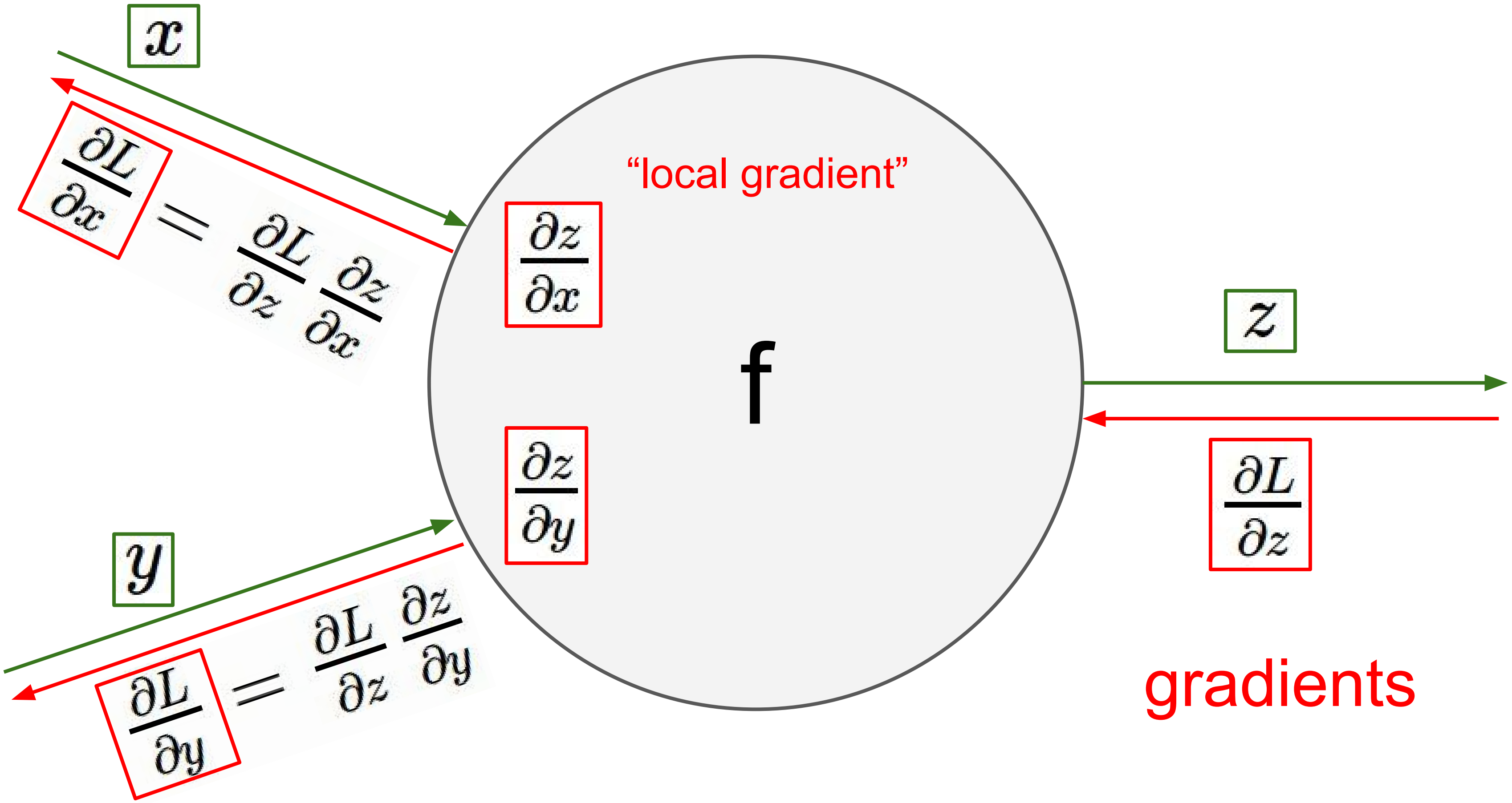

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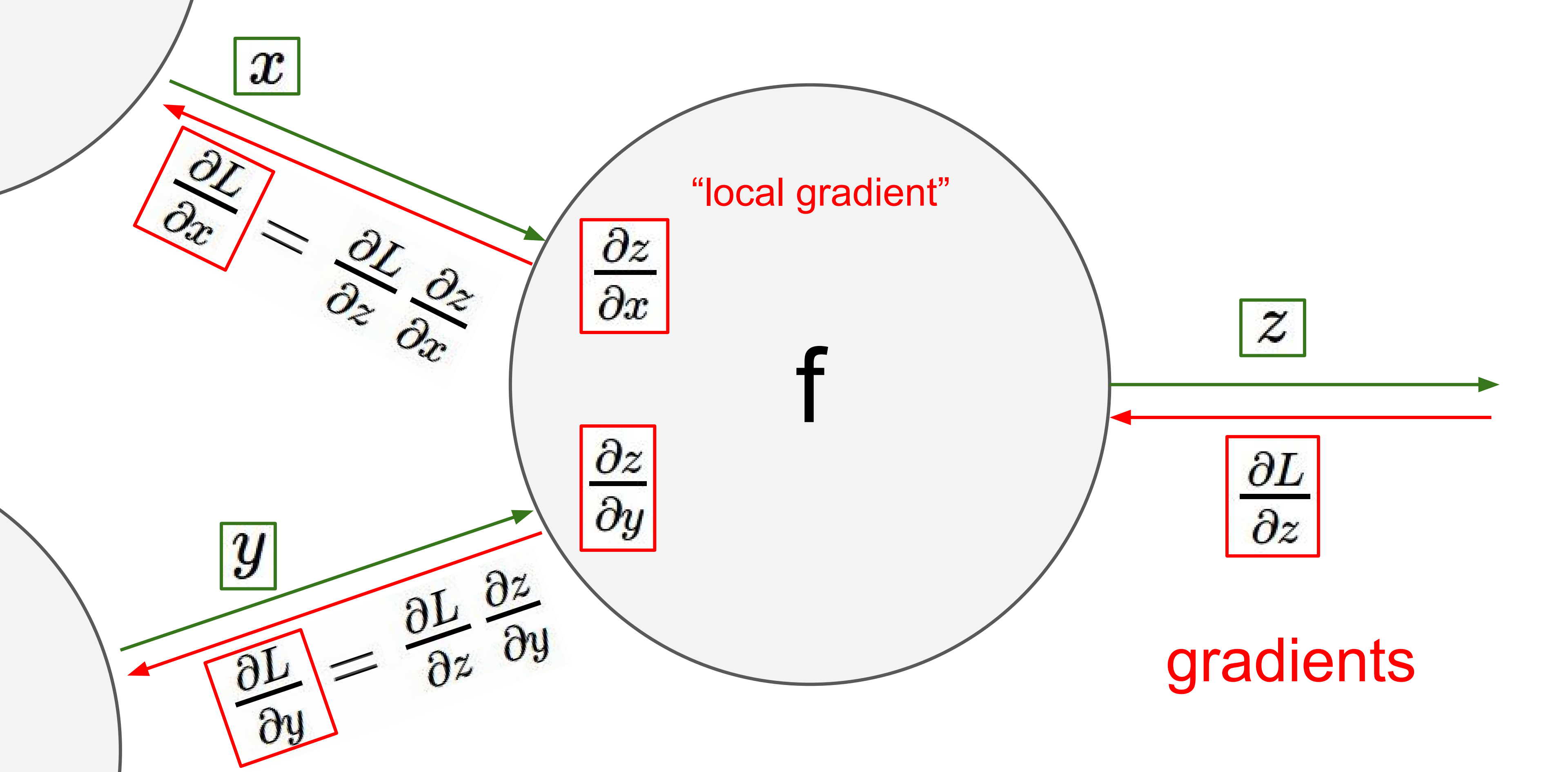
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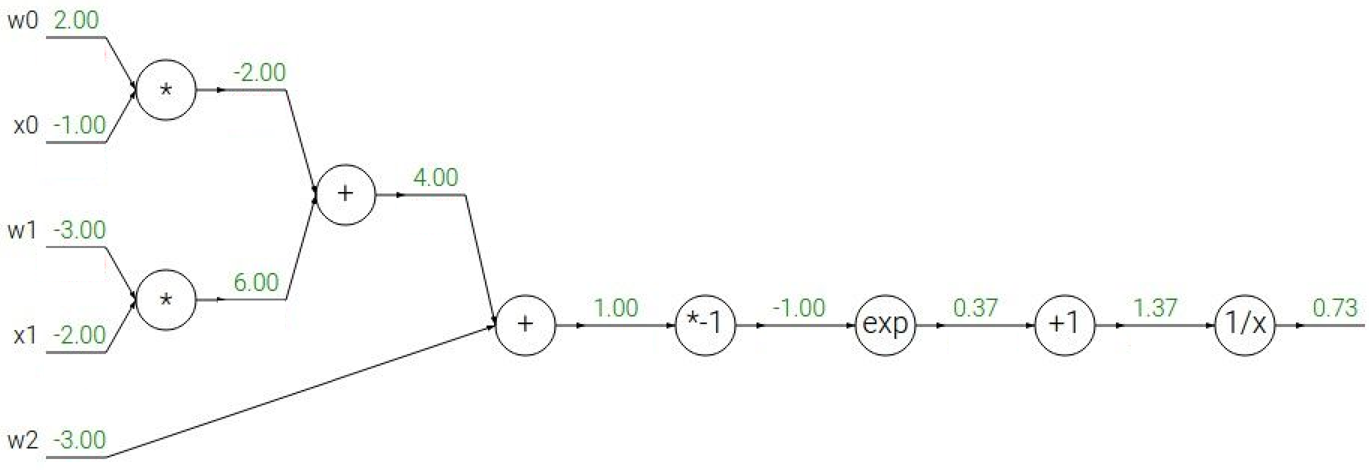

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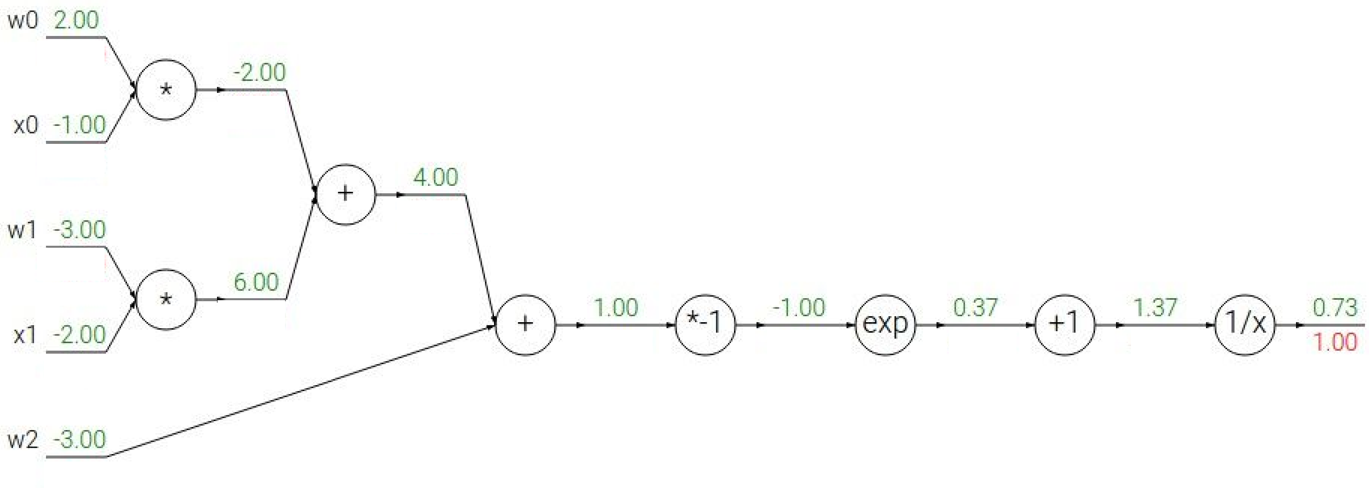

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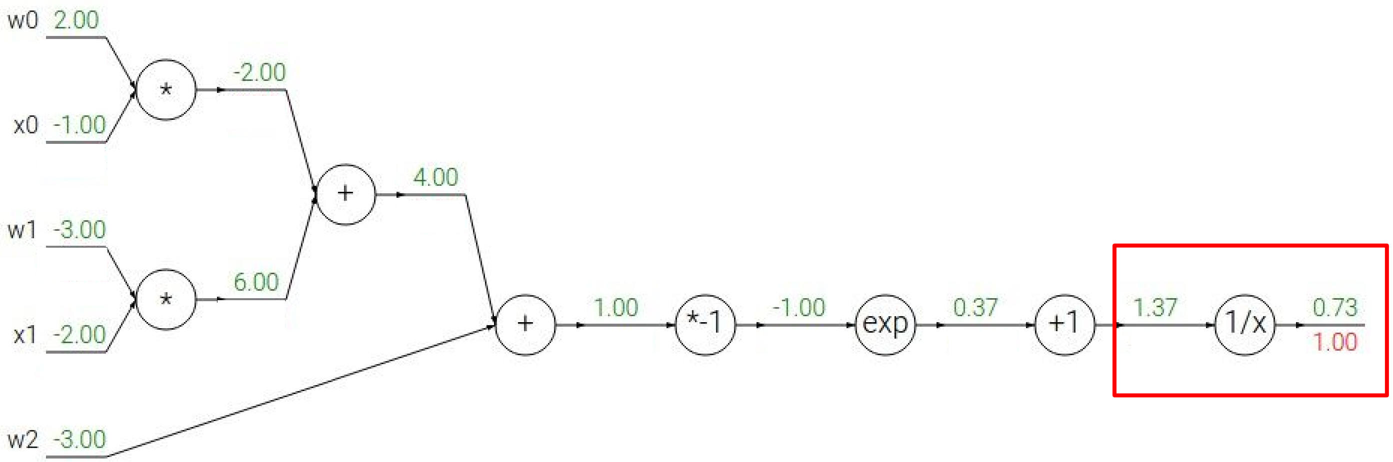

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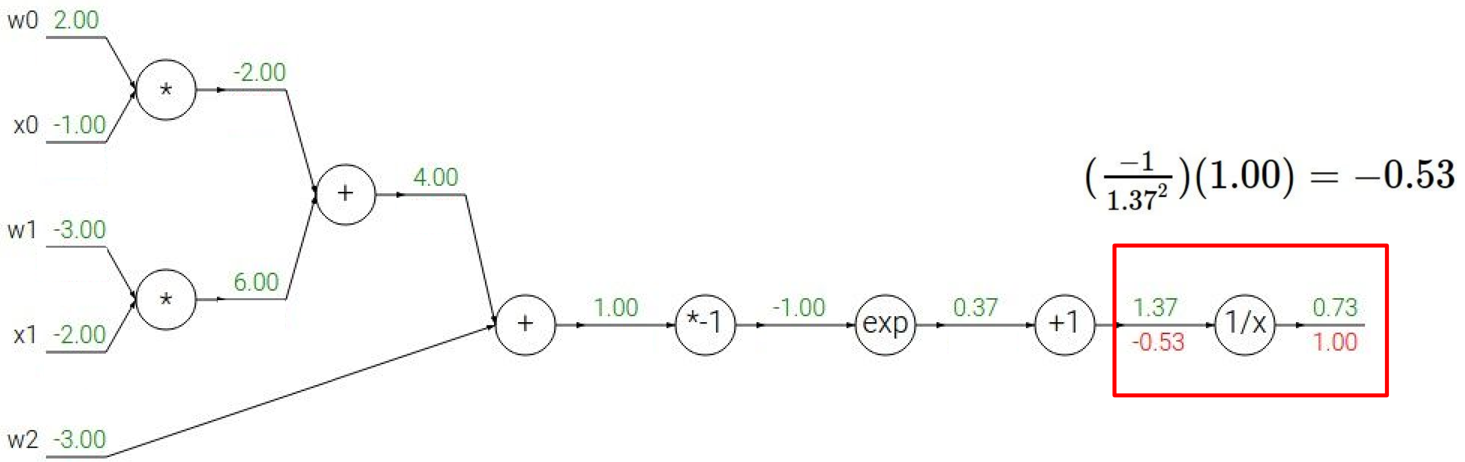

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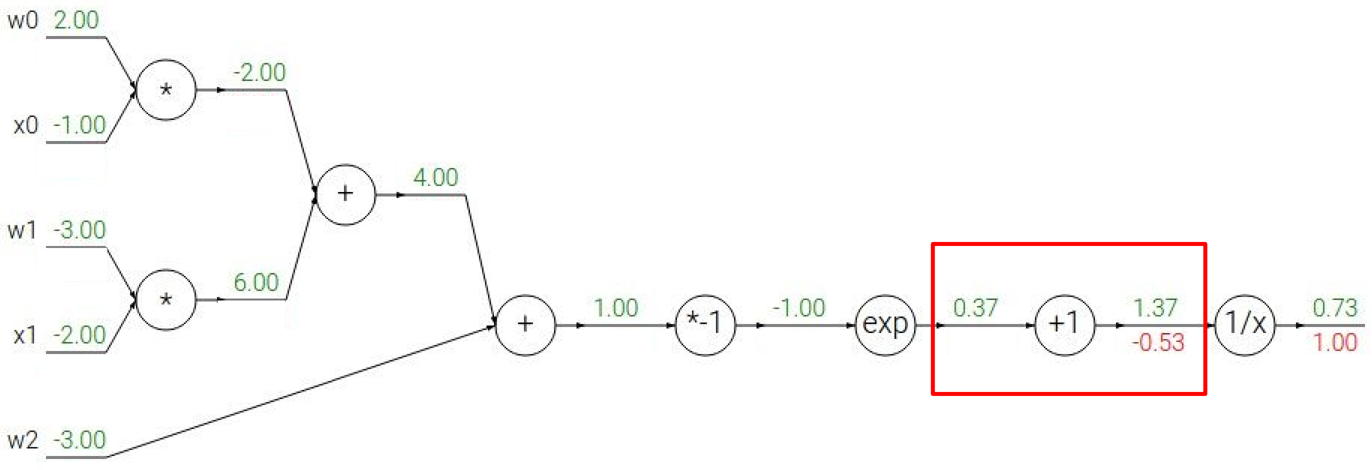

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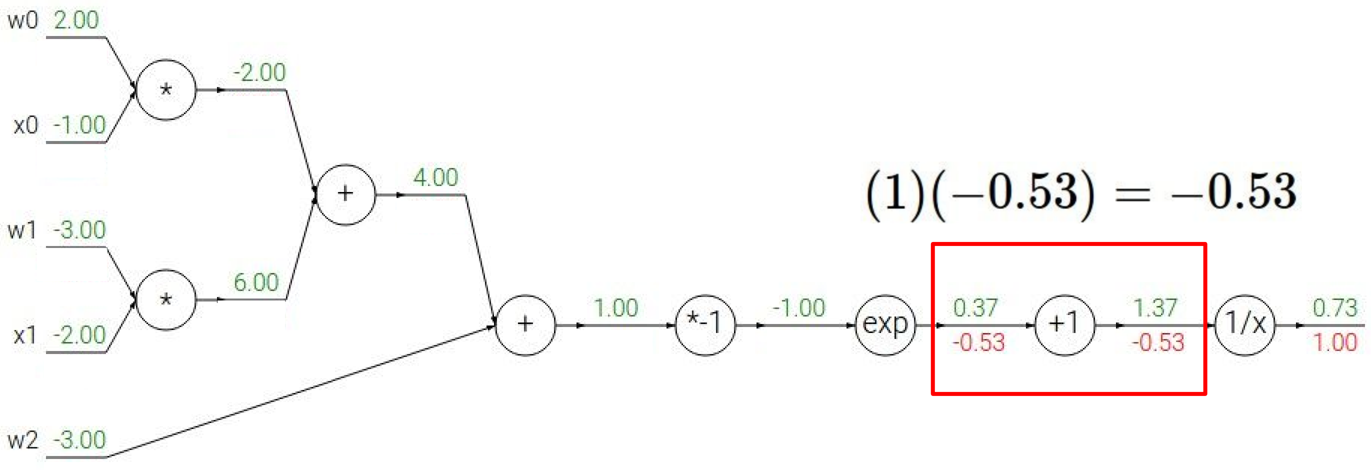

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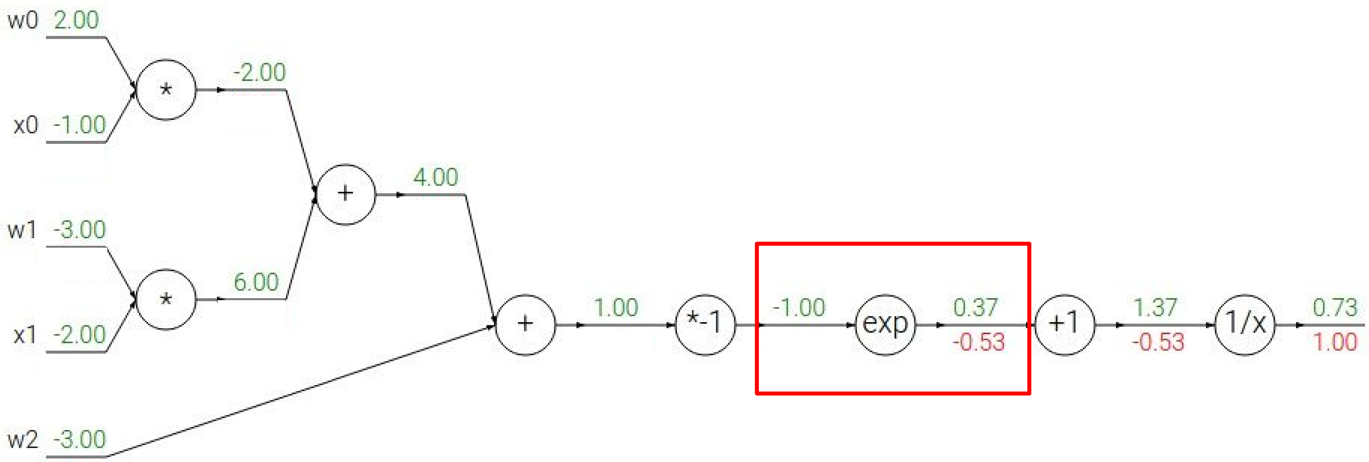

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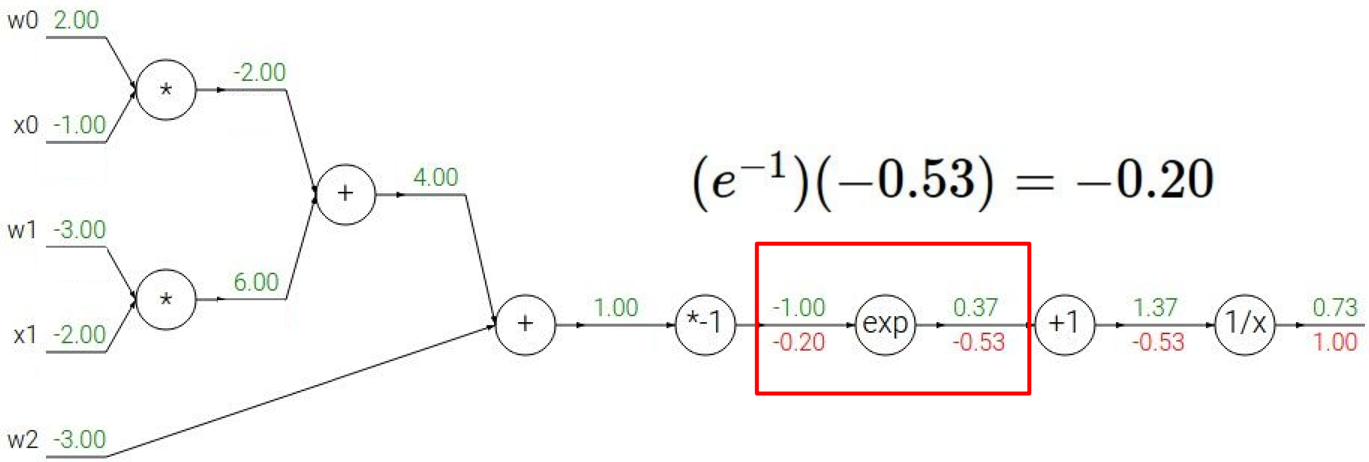

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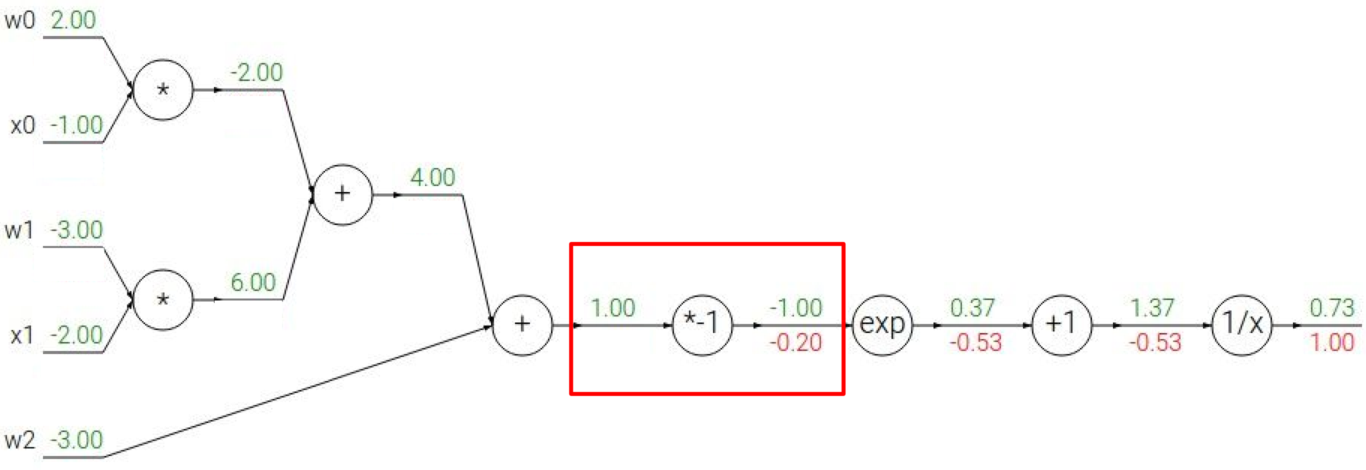

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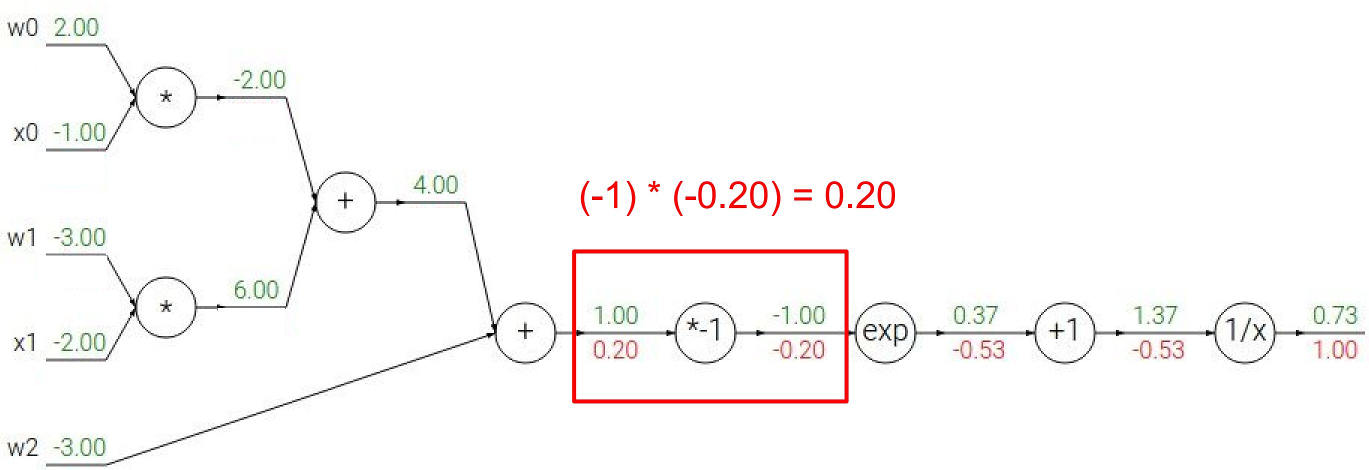

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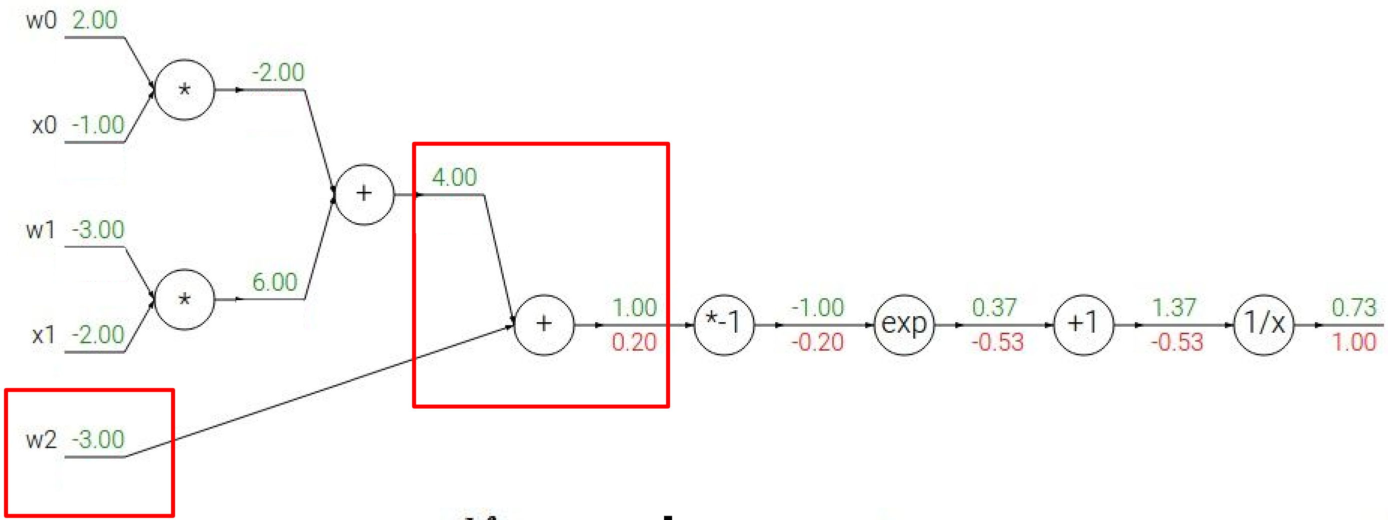

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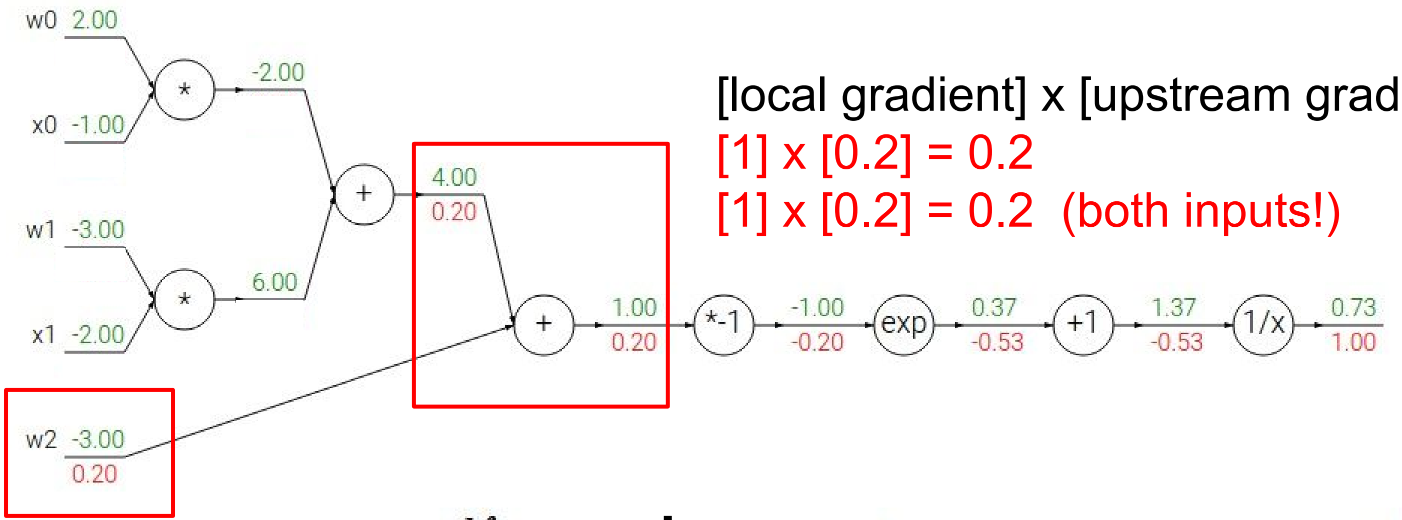

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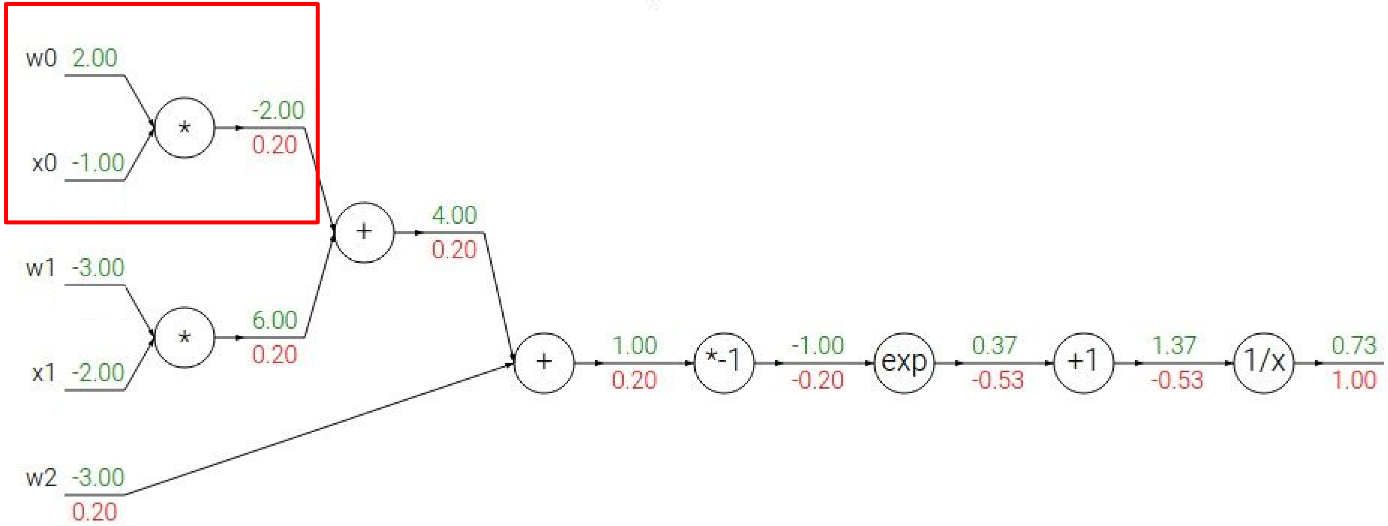

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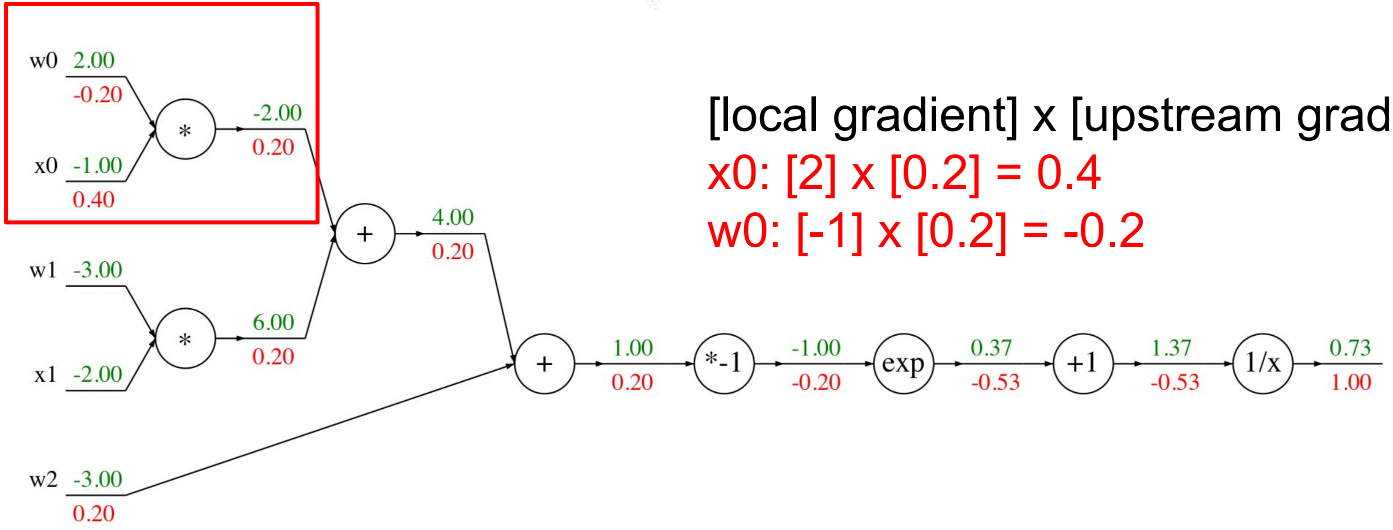

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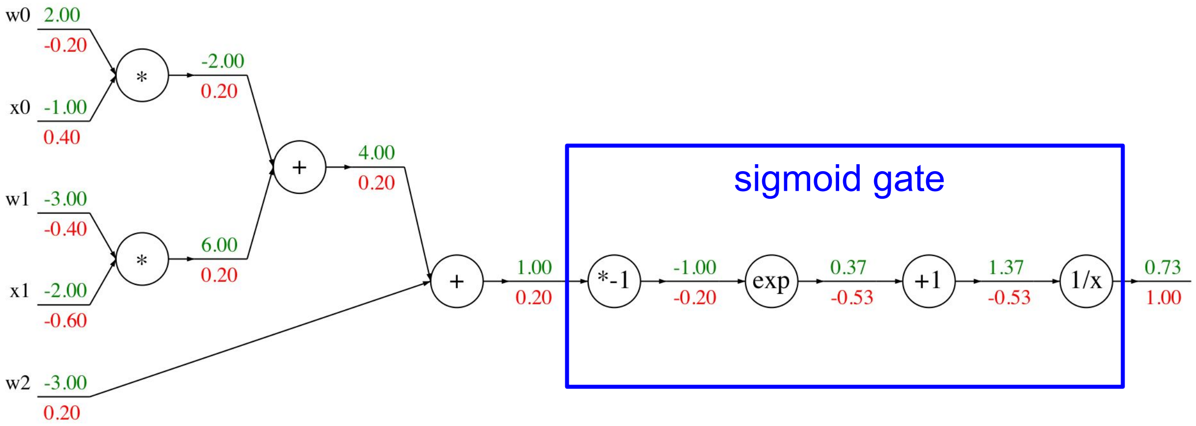

$$f(w,x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-(w_0x_0+w_1x_1+w_2)}}$$

$$\boxed{\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}}$$ sigmoid function

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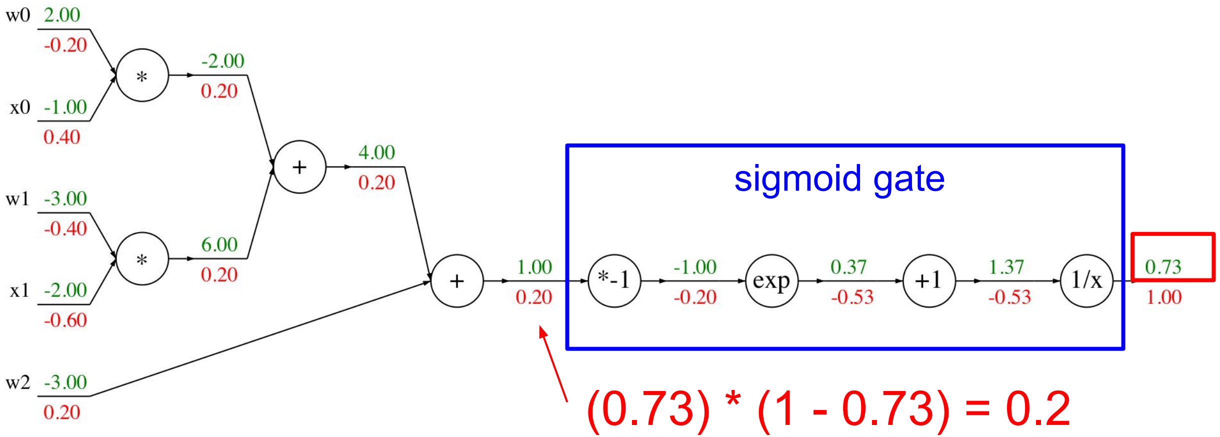
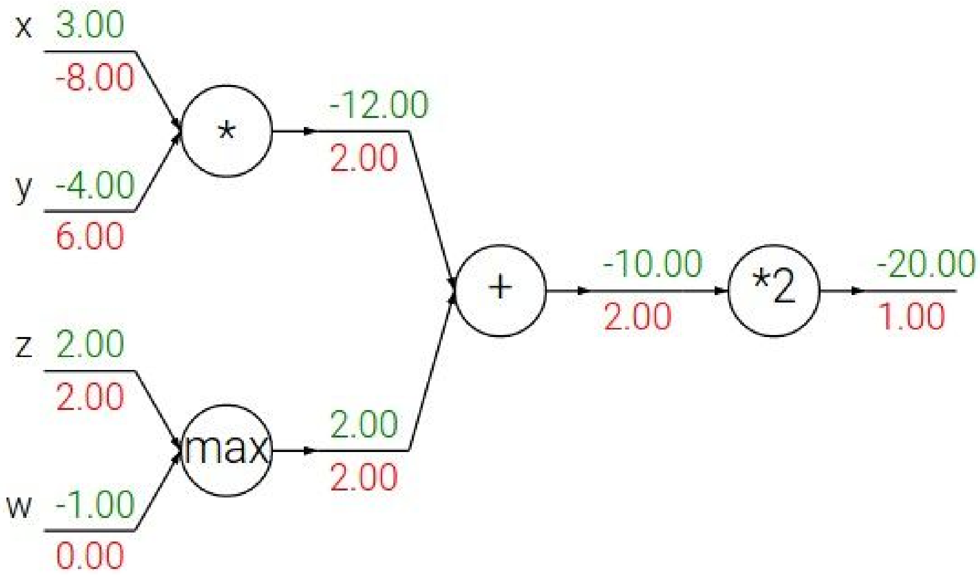


(0.73) * (1 - 0.73) = 0.2

Patterns in backward flow

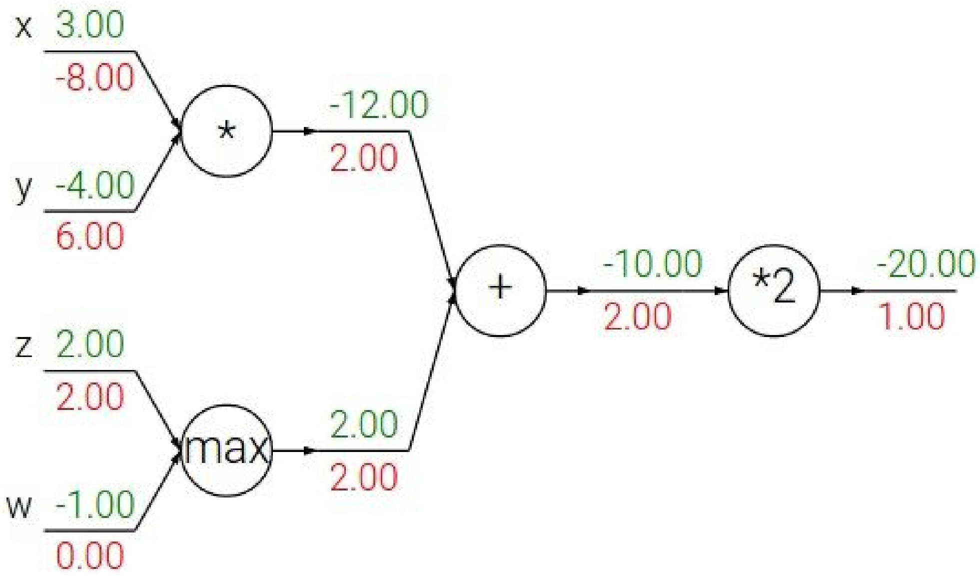
add gate: gradient distributor



Patterns in backward flow

add gate: gradient distributor

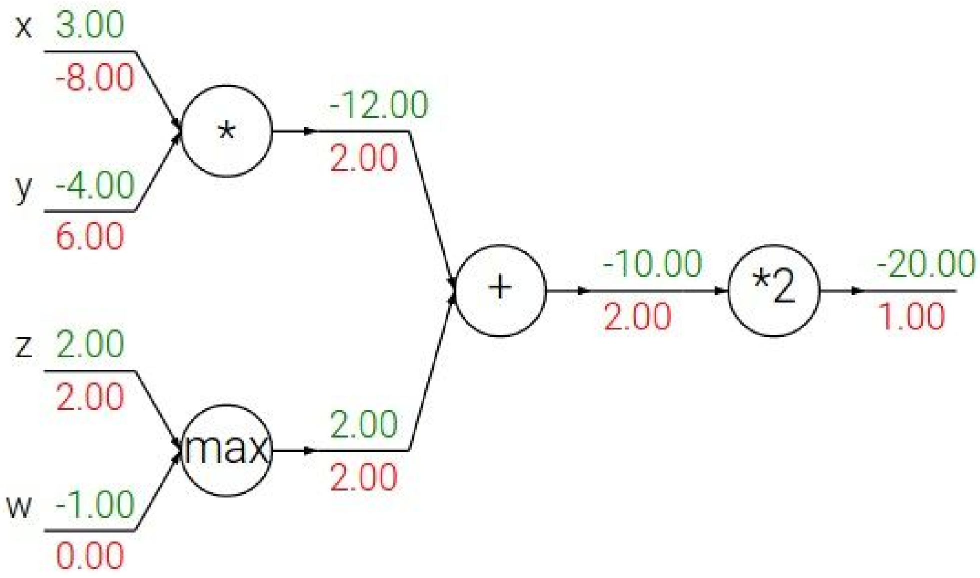
Q: What is a **max** gate?



Patterns in backward flow

add gate: gradient distributor

max gate: gradient router

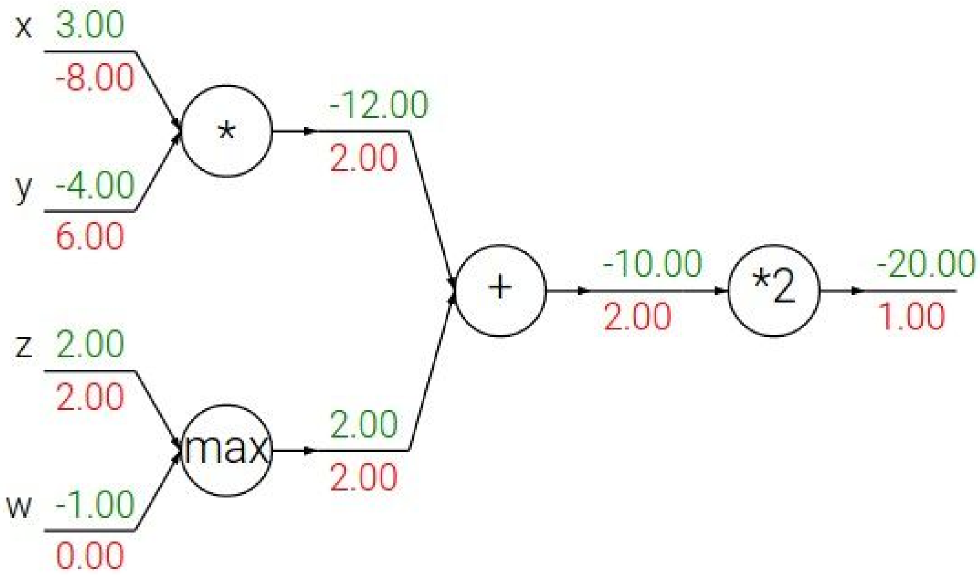


Patterns in backward flow

add gate: gradient distributor

max gate: gradient router

Q: What is a **mul** gate?

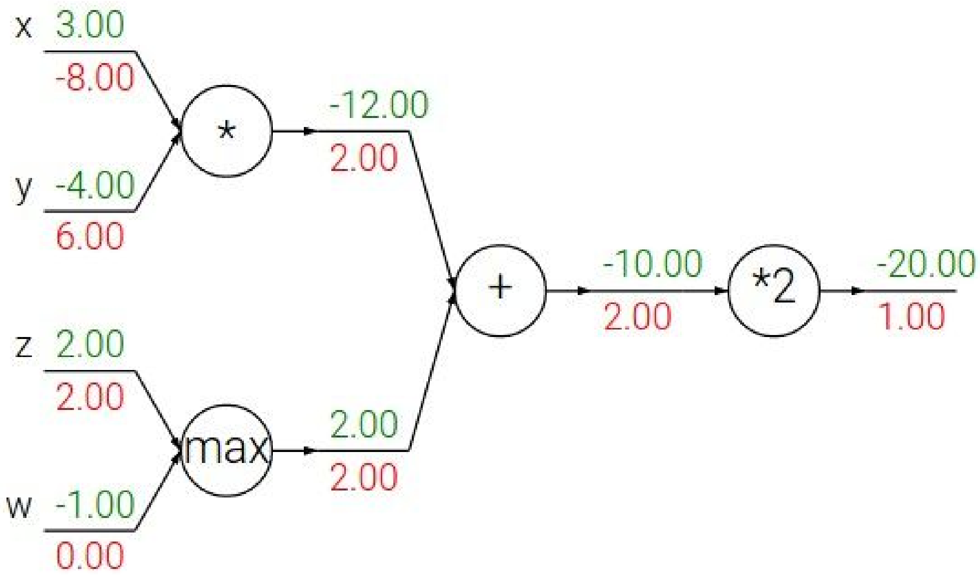


Patterns in backward flow

add gate: gradient distributor

max gate: gradient router

mul gate: gradient switcher



Gradients add at branches