

# Notes on neural networks

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## 1 Network equation

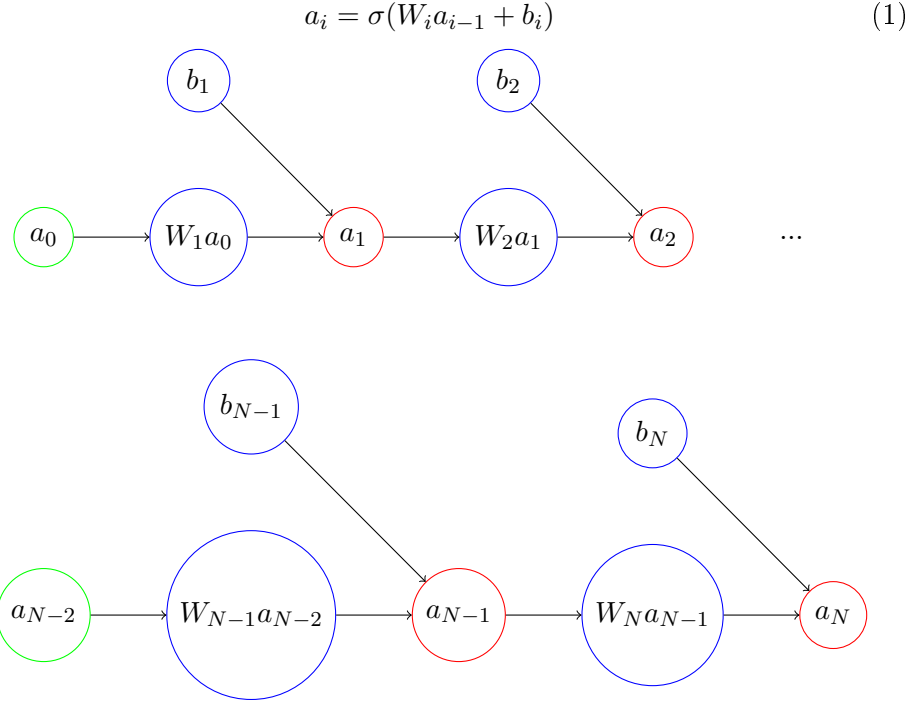
### 1.1 Simple single neuron network

I'll start with a simple network where each layer has only one neuron, one input and one output.

Denote:

- $a_0$  is the input of the network,
- $i$  is the  $i_{th}$  layer of the network, varying from 1 to N,
- $W_i$  with the  $i_{th}$  matrix (in this case scalar) of weights of the  $i_{th}$  layer,
- $b_i$  with the  $i_{th}$  vector (in this case scalar) of bias of the  $i_{th}$  layer,
- $a_i$  with the  $i_{th}$  vector (in this case scalar) of outputs of the  $i_{th}$  layer,

- $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$  so that



and denote the cost function

$$C(W) = \sum_{c=1}^C (a_{N,c} - y_c)^2 \quad (2)$$

The goal is to find the parameters of the network  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  that minimize the cost function.

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial W_1} = \sum_{c=1}^N 2 \quad (3)$$

## 2 Complete network

### 2.1 Activation function of one layer

$$a_n^k = \sigma\left(\sum_{l=1}^{N(k-1)} w_{n,l}^k a_l^{k-1} + b_n\right) \quad (4)$$

## 2.2 Cost function

Let:

- $T$ : the number of trials,
- $K$ : the number of layers of the network,
- $N(k)$ : the number of nodes in the  $k$  layer of the network,

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} (a_n^{N(K)} - y_n)^2 \quad (5)$$

### 2.2.1 Layer K: Last layer

let's try finding the derivatives with the weights of the last layer,  $K$  and lets denote the error of the  $n_{th}$  output with:

$$\epsilon_n = (a_n^K - y_n)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n \frac{\partial a_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n \frac{\partial \sigma(\sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n)}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x)) \quad (8)$$

$$z_n^K = \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \frac{\partial z_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{i=1}^T 2\epsilon_c a_c^K (1 - a_c^K) a_p^{K-1} \quad (11)$$

We've found the the derivatives for the weights of the last layer are:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{i=1}^T 2\epsilon_c a_c^K (1 - a_c^K) a_p^{K-1} \quad (12)$$

Let's define  $2\epsilon_c a_c^K (1 - a_c^K)$ , the back propagation of the error in  $c$  node of the last layer as  $e_c^K$ . Then:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{i=1}^T e_c a_p \quad (13)$$

### 2.2.2 Layer K - 1

let's try now with the derivatives of the layer before the last,  $K - 1$ :

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n \frac{\partial a_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (14)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n \frac{\partial \sigma(\sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n)}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (15)$$

$$z_n^K = \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \frac{\partial z_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \frac{\partial \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K \frac{\partial a_l^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (18)$$

$$z_l^{K-1} = \sum_{m=1}^{N(K-2)} w_{l,m}^{K-1} a_m^{K-2} + b_l \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1 - a_l^{K-1}) \frac{\partial z_l^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (20)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_n^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = a_p^{K-2} \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = w_{n,c}^K a_c^{K-1} (1 - a_c^{K-1}) a_p^{K-2} \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) w_{n,c}^K a_c^{K-1} (1 - a_c^{K-1}) a_p^{K-2} \quad (23)$$

We've found the the derivatives for the weights of layer before the last layer are:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) w_{n,c}^K a_c^{K-1} (1 - a_c^{K-1}) a_p^{K-2} \quad (24)$$

You can recognize in the equation the term  $2e_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K)$  to be what we first had defined as the propagation of the error in the  $K$  layer,  $e_n^K$ .

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} e_n^K w_{n,c}^K a_c^{K-1} (1 - a_c^{K-1}) a_p^{K-2} \quad (25)$$

and define

$$e_c^{K-1} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} e_n^K w_{n,c}^K a_c^{K-1} (1 - a_c^{K-1}) \quad (26)$$

so that:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{i=1}^T e_c^{K-1} a_p^{K-2} \quad (27)$$

### 2.2.3 Layer K-2

let's try now with the derivatives of two layers before the last,  $K - 2$ :

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n \frac{\partial a_n^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \quad (28)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n \frac{\partial \sigma(\sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n)}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \frac{\partial (\sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} + b_n)}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \quad (30)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \left( \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K \frac{\partial a_l^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \right) \quad (31)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \left( \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1 - a_l^{K-1}) \frac{\partial \sum_{m=1}^{N(K-2)} w_{l,m}^{K-1} a_m^{K-2} + b_m^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \right) \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \left( \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1 - a_l^{K-1}) \sum_{m=1}^{N(K-2)} w_{l,m}^{K-1} \frac{\partial a_m^{K-2}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \right) \quad (33)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = & \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1 - a_l^{K-1}) \sum_{m=1}^{N(K-2)} w_{l,m}^{K-1} a_m^{K-2} (1 - a_m^{K-2}) \\ & \frac{\partial \sum_{o=1}^{N(K-3)} w_{m,o}^{K-2} a_o^{K-3} + b_m^{K-2}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1 - a_l^{K-1}) w_{l,c}^{K-1} a_c^{K-2} (1 - a_c^{K-2}) a_p^{K-3} \quad (35)$$

So the derivative of the layer  $K - 2$  is:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1 - a_n^K) \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1 - a_l^{K-1}) w_{l,c}^{K-1} a_c^{K-2} (1 - a_c^{K-2}) a_p^{K-3} \quad (36)$$

switching the summatories with  $n$  and  $l$ :

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} \sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1-a_n^K) w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1-a_l^{K-1}) w_{l,c}^{K-1} a_c^{K-2} (1-a_c^{K-2}) a_p^{K-3} \quad (37)$$

you can see that the term

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N(K)} 2\epsilon_n a_n^K (1-a_n^K) w_{n,l}^K a_l^{K-1} (1-a_l^{K-1}) \quad (38)$$

is the propagation of the error to the  $l$  element of the  $K-1$  layer,  $e_l^{K-1}$ . Then you can write:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = \sum_{i=1}^T \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} e_l^{K-1} w_{l,c}^{K-1} a_c^{K-2} (1-a_c^{K-2}) a_p^{K-3} \quad (39)$$

and denote

$$e_c^{K-2} = \sum_{l=1}^{N(K-1)} e_l^{K-1} w_{l,c}^{K-1} a_c^{K-2} (1-a_c^{K-2}) \quad (40)$$

as the propagation of the error to the  $c$  node of the  $K-2$  layer so that:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-2}} = e_c^{K-2} a_p^{K-3} \quad (41)$$

### 2.3 Generic activation function

$$z_i^k = \sum_{j=1}^{N(k-1)} w_{i,j}^k a_j^{k-1} + b_i^k \quad (42)$$

$$a_i^k = \alpha(z_i^k) \quad (43)$$

$$C = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} (a_i - y_{i,t})^2 \quad (44)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \frac{\partial \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} (a_i^K - y_{i,t})^2}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (45)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} (a_i^K - y_{i,t})^2}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (46)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} \frac{\partial (a_i^K - y_{i,t})^2}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (47)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} 2(a_i^K - y_{i,t}) \frac{da_i^K}{dz_i^K} \frac{\partial z_i^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (48)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_i^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \frac{\partial \sum_{j=1}^{L(n-1)} w_{j,i}^n a_j^{n-1} + b_i^n}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (49)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_i^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{j=1}^{N(K-1)} \frac{\partial w_{i,j}^K a_j^{K-1} + b_i^K}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (50)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} 2(a_i^K - y_{i,t}) \frac{da_i^K}{dz_i^K} \sum_{j=1}^{N(K-1)} \frac{\partial (w_{i,j}^K a_j^{K-1} + b_i^K)}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (51)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} = \sum_{t=1}^T 2(a_c^K - y_{c,t}) \frac{da_c^K}{dz_c^K} a_p^{K-1} \quad (52)$$



$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \frac{\partial \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} (a_i^K - y_{i,t})^2}{\partial w_{c,p}^K} \quad (53)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} 2(a_i^K - y_{i,t}) \frac{da_i^K}{dz_i^K} \sum_{j=1}^{N(K-1)} \frac{\partial(w_{i,j}^K a_j^{K-1} + b_i^K)}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (54)$$

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$$\frac{\partial z_j^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \frac{\partial \sum_{n=1}^{N(K-2)} w_{j,n}^{K-1} a_n^{K-2} + b_j^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (58)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_j^{K-1}}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{n=1}^{N(K-2)} \frac{\partial(w_{j,n}^{K-1} a_n^{K-2} + b_j^{K-1})}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (59)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} 2(a_i^K - y_{i,t}) \frac{da_i^K}{dz_i^K} \sum_{j=1}^{N(K-1)} w_{i,j}^K \frac{da_j^{K-1}}{dz_j^{K-1}} \sum_{n=1}^{N(K-2)} \frac{\partial(w_{j,n}^{K-1} a_n^{K-2} + b_j^{K-1})}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} \quad (60)$$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_{c,p}^{K-1}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i=1}^{N(K)} 2(a_i^K - y_{i,t}) \frac{da_i^K}{dz_i^K} w_{i,c}^K \frac{da_c^{K-1}}{dz_c^{K-1}} a_p^{K-2} \quad (61)$$