## AStar BII Test Question 2

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A multilayer perceptron can be rewritten the following way.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{a}^{(l)} &= W^{(l)} \mathbf{a}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)} \\ &= W^{(l)} \cdot (W^{(l-1)} \mathbf{a}^{(l-2)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l-1)}) + \mathbf{b}^{(l)} \\ &= W^{(l)} W^{(l-1)} \mathbf{a}^{(l-2)} + (W^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)}) \\ &= \dots \\ &= \Omega_{(1)}^{(l)} \mathbf{a}^{(0)} + (\Omega_{(2)}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(1)} + \Omega_{(3)}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(2)} + \dots + \Omega_{(l)}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)}) \\ &= \Omega_{(1)}^{(l)} \mathbf{a}^{(0)} + \beta^{(l)} \\ \text{where} \quad \Omega_{(i)}^{(l)} &= W^{(l)} W^{(l-1)} \dots W^{(i)} \\ \beta^{(l)} &= \Omega_{(2)}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(1)} + \Omega_{(3)}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(2)} + \dots + \Omega_{(l)}^{(l)} \mathbf{b}^{(l-1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(l)} \end{split}$$

So, an equivalent single layer network would simply be such that.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = \Omega_{(1)}^{(l)}$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \beta^{(l)}$$

and in this case, l = 3, so

$$\begin{split} \tilde{W} &= \Omega_{(1)}^{(3)} \\ &= W^{(3)} W^{(2)} W^{(1)} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{b}} &= \beta^{(3)} \\ &= \Omega_{(2)}^{(3)} \mathbf{b}^{(1)} + \Omega_{(3)}^{(3)} \mathbf{b}^{(2)} + \mathbf{b}^{(3)} \\ &= W^{(3)} W^{(2)} \mathbf{b}^{(1)} + W^{(3)} \mathbf{b}^{(2)} + \mathbf{b}^{(3)} \end{split}$$