

back propagation

↳ algorithm to compute Gradient

↳ propagate backwards = spreading backwards

Steps of back-prop:

1. forward propagate a training example

2. evaluate it's quality / accuracy:

↳ compute **Cost** (Sum of Squared difference from output to correct)

The Cost Vector encodes:

↳ if weight / biases should increase / decrease
↳ the importance of each weight / bias

$$-\nabla C(\dots) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.16 \\ 0.72 \\ -0.93 \\ \vdots \\ 0.04 \\ 1.64 \\ 1.52 \end{bmatrix}$$

All weights and biases

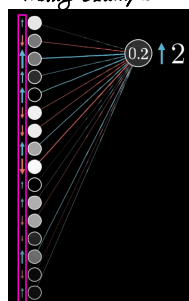
if weight has high number the network is more sensitive for it

← less important
← more important

where is biggest bang for buck

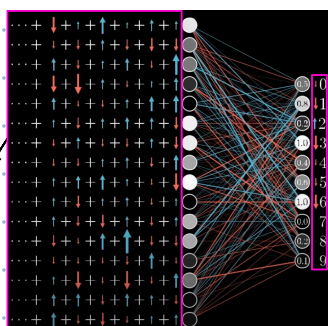
3. Go backwards through the layers & shift the weights

training example 2 → goal: high activity output neuron 2
Low activity all others



→ indicates how to shift weight

→ add all shifts for total Gradient



Sum of shifts

↳ repeat this for all layers

4. repeat the process of discovering the shifts for other training examples

5. take the average shift over all training data for weights of new Gradient

↳ if it would just have the shifts for "training example 2" it just could predict handwritten 2's → model would be overfitted

	2	5	0	4	1	9	Average over all training data
w_0	-0.08	+0.02	-0.02	+0.11	-0.05	-0.14	...
w_1	-0.11	+0.11	+0.07	+0.02	+0.09	+0.05	...
w_2	-0.07	-0.04	-0.01	+0.02	+0.13	-0.15	...
...
$w_{13,001}$	+0.13	+0.08	-0.06	-0.09	-0.02	+0.04	...

$$\Rightarrow -\nabla C(\vec{w}) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.08 \\ +0.12 \\ -0.06 \\ \vdots \\ +0.04 \end{bmatrix} = \text{new / trained Gradient}$$

6. evaluate the accuracy of new Gradient