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COMP 5212
Machine Learning
Lecture 18

PGM \rightarrow HMM

Neural Networks, Backpropagation

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Logistic Function as a Graph

Computation Graph

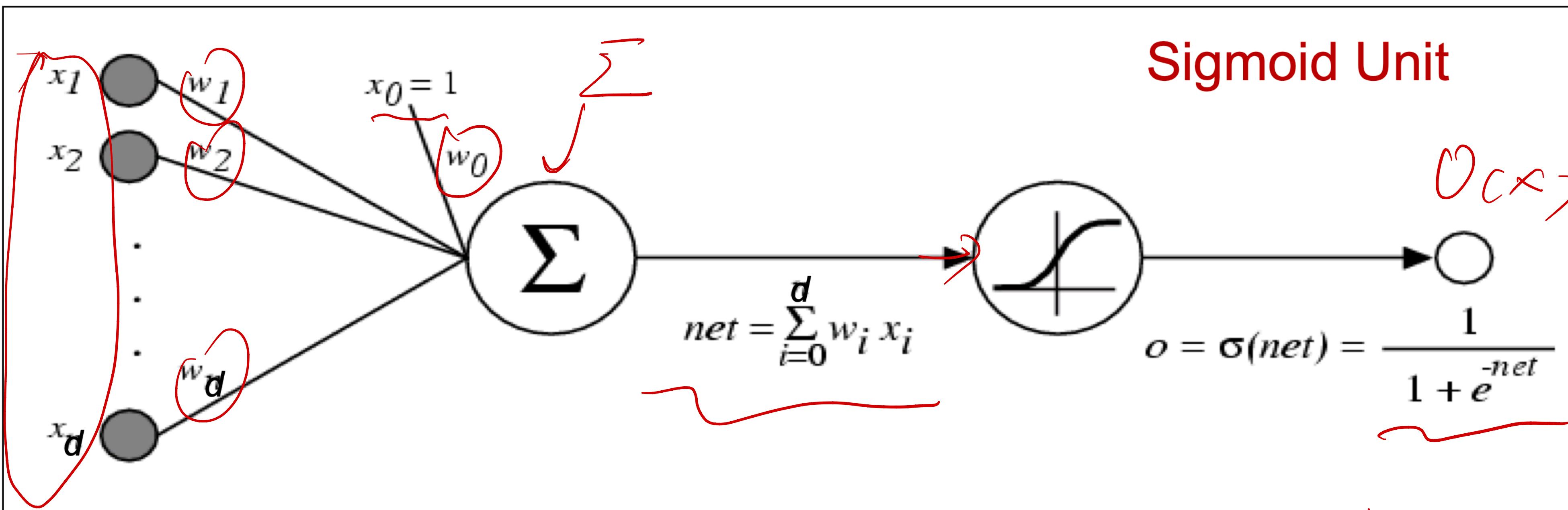
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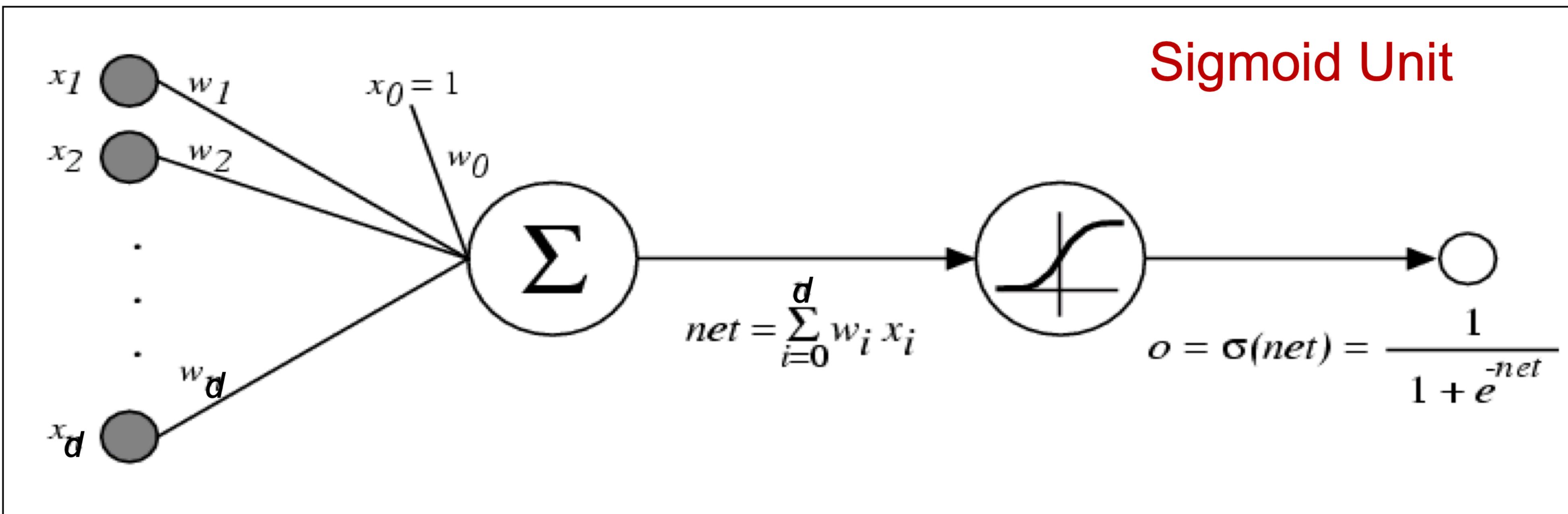
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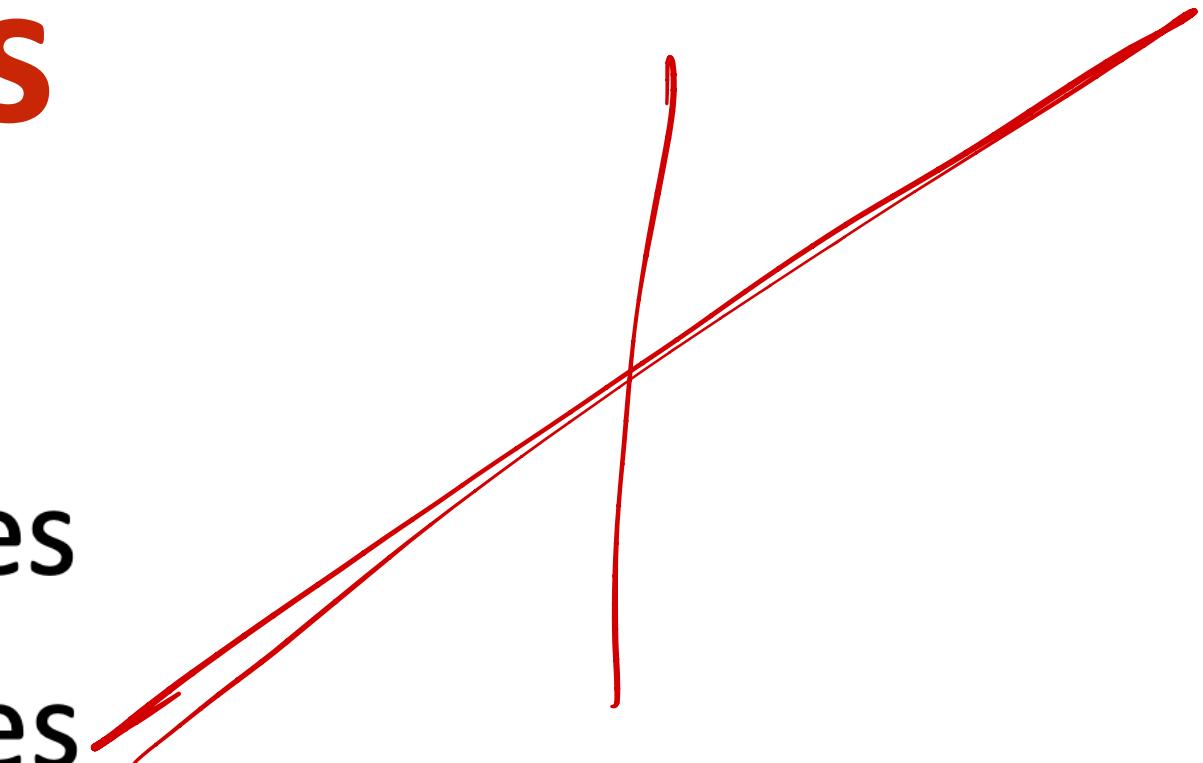
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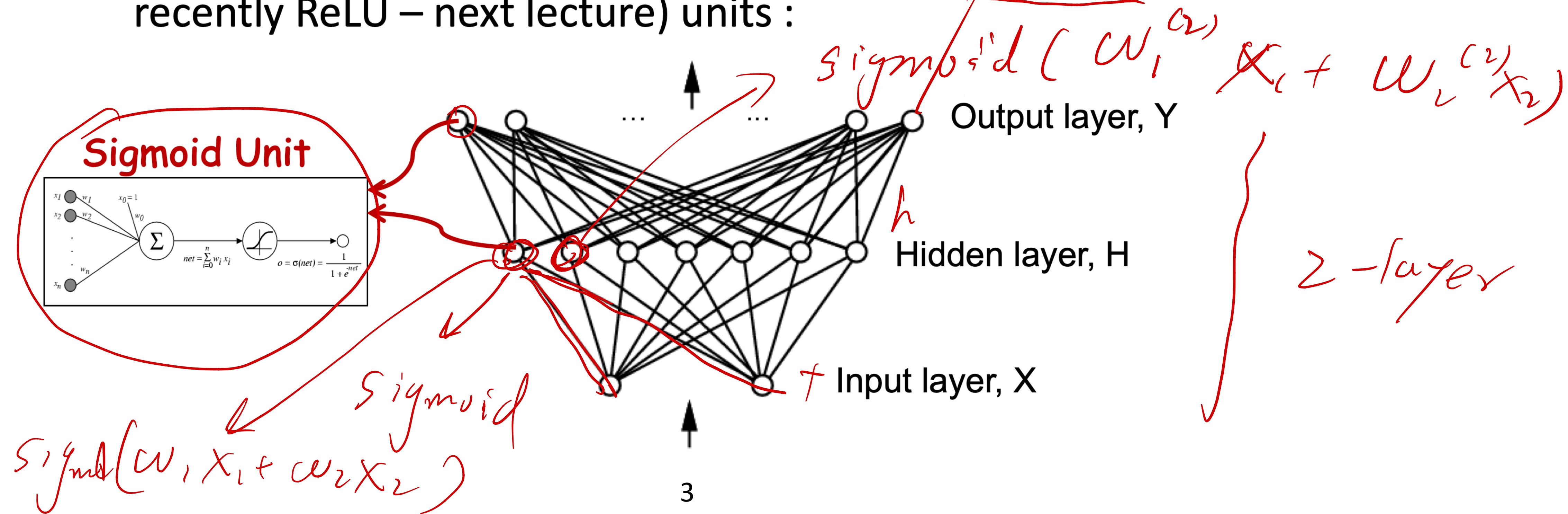
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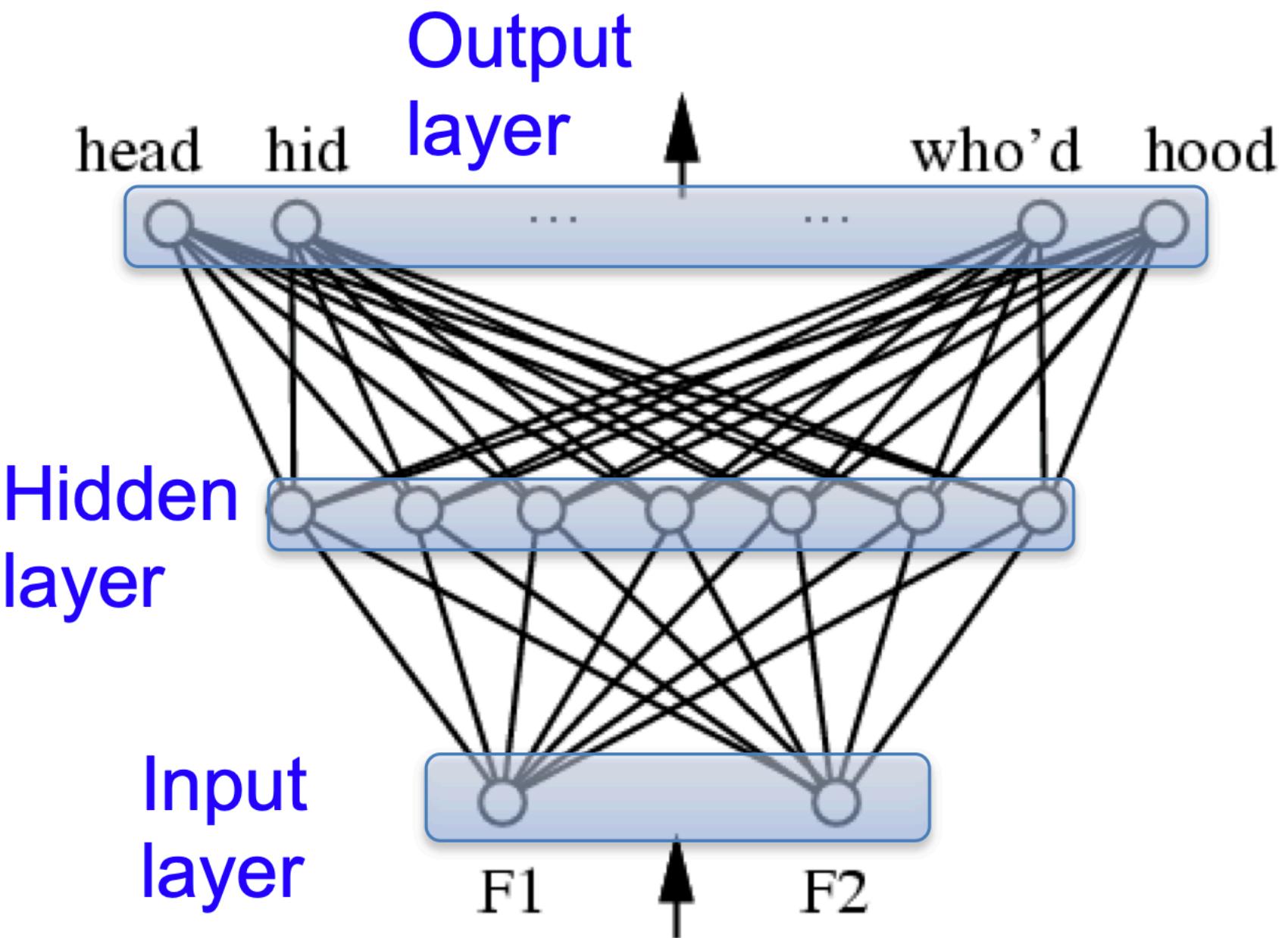
PGM:
 random variable
 $e \sim P_{\text{Cat}}(x)$
 deterministic

- Neural networks - Represent f by network of sigmoid (more recently ReLU – next lecture) units :



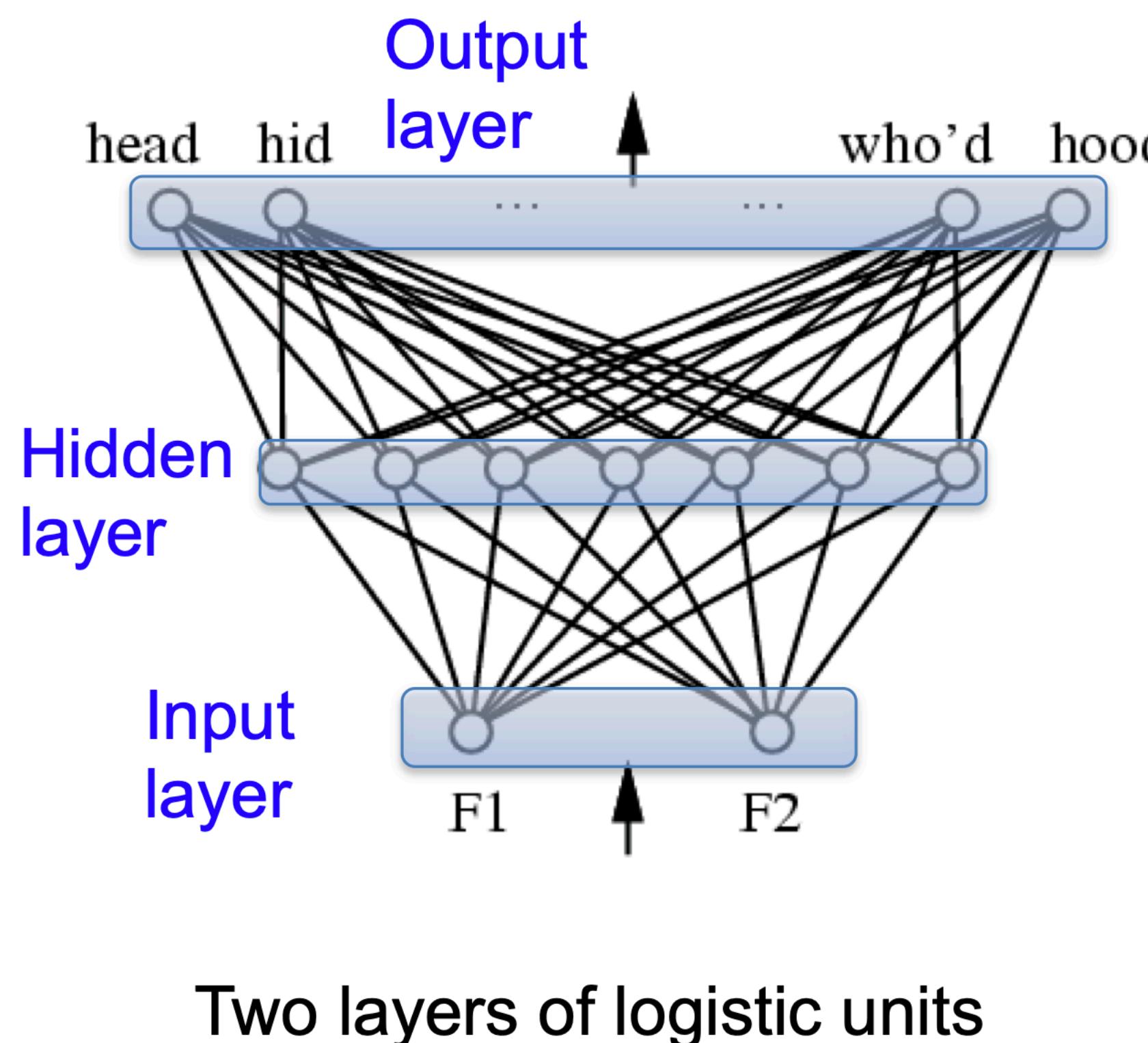
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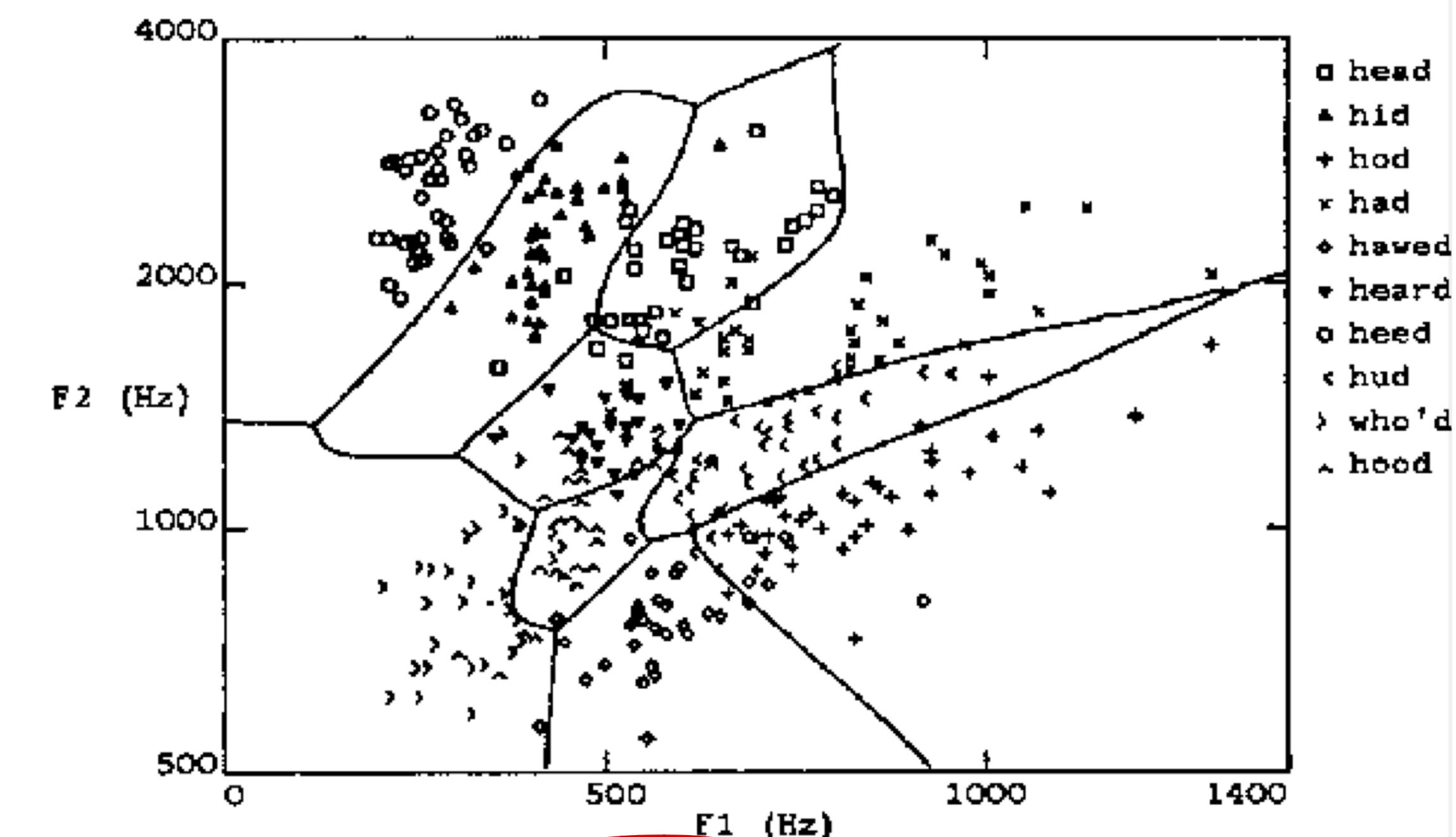
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Universal function approximators



Highly non-linear decision surface

More Applications

Neural Network
trained to drive a
car!



Expressive Capabilities of ANNs

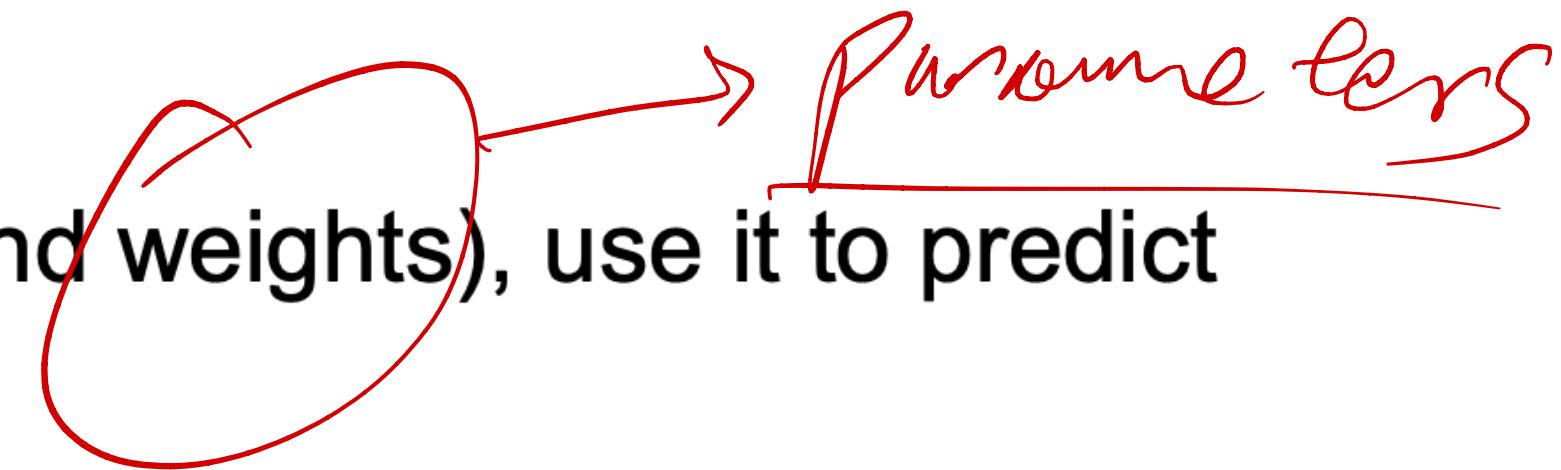
Continuous functions:

- Every bounded continuous function can be approximated with arbitrarily small error, by network with one hidden layer [Cybenko 1989; Hornik et al. 1989]
- Any function can be approximated to arbitrary accuracy by a network with two hidden layers [Cybenko 1988].

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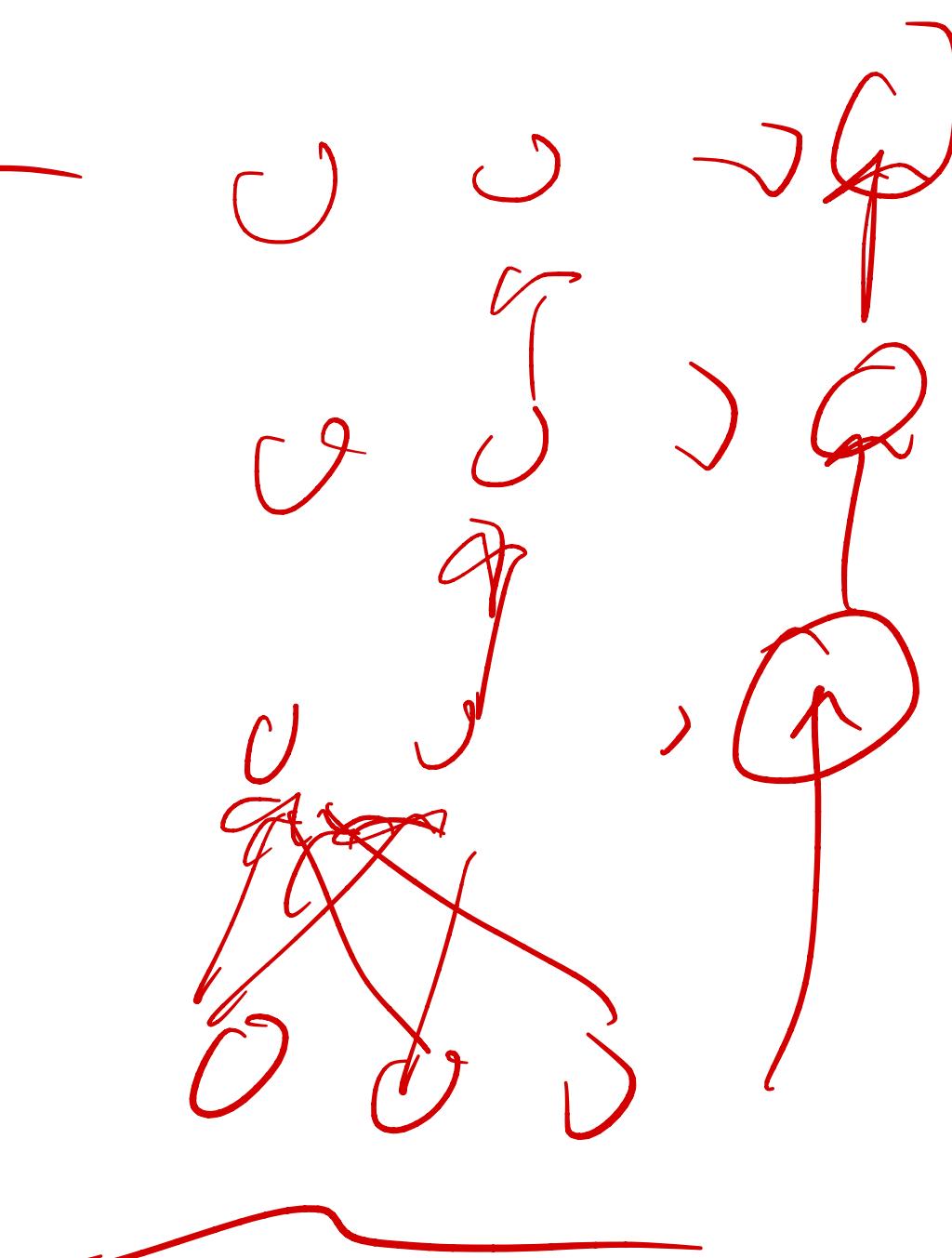
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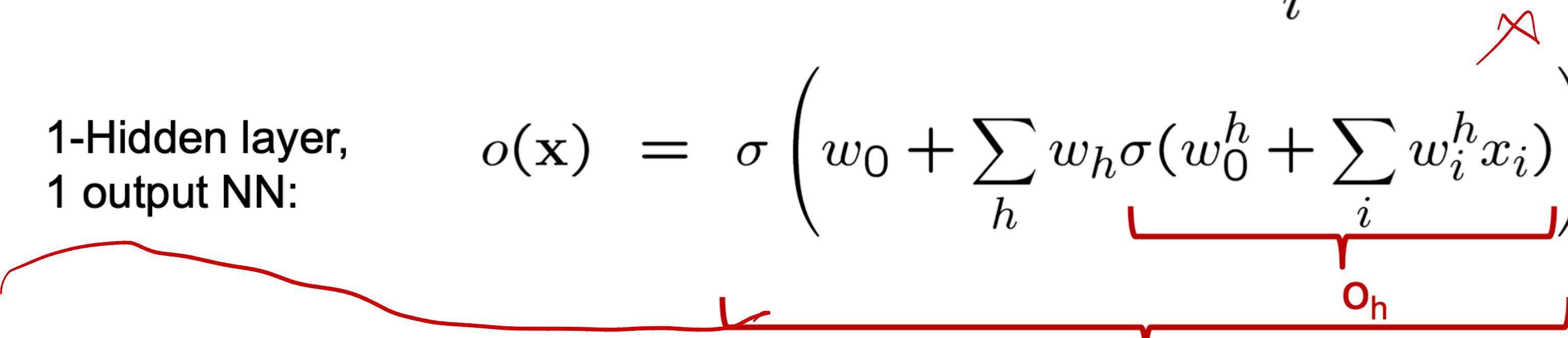
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1-Hidden layer,
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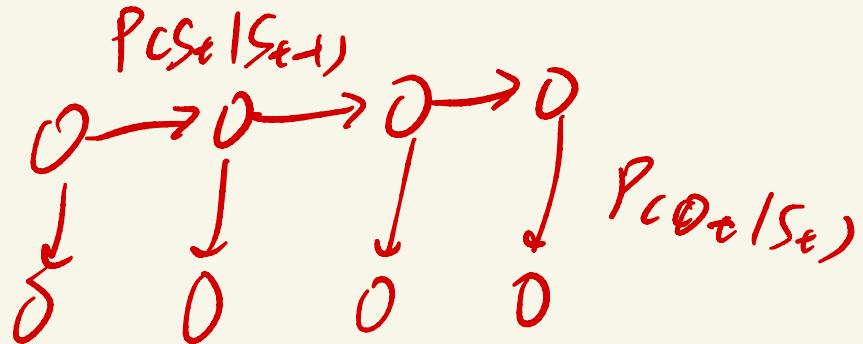
$$o(x) = \sigma \left(w_0 + \sum_h w_h \sigma(w_0^h + \sum_i w_i^h x_i) \right)$$


Objective Functions for NNs

- Regression:
 - Use the same objective as Linear Regression
 - Quadratic loss (i.e. mean squared error) *MSE*
- Classification:
 - Use the same objective as Logistic Regression
 - Cross-entropy (i.e. negative log likelihood) *NLL*
 - This requires probabilities, so we add an additional “softmax” layer at the end of our network

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Parametric function



$$P(S_t | S_{t+1}) = NN^{(c_1)}(S_{t+1}, \mathcal{Y}_t)$$

$$P(O_t | S_t) = NN^{(c_2)}(S_t)$$

Neural HMM

Gradient descent for training NNs

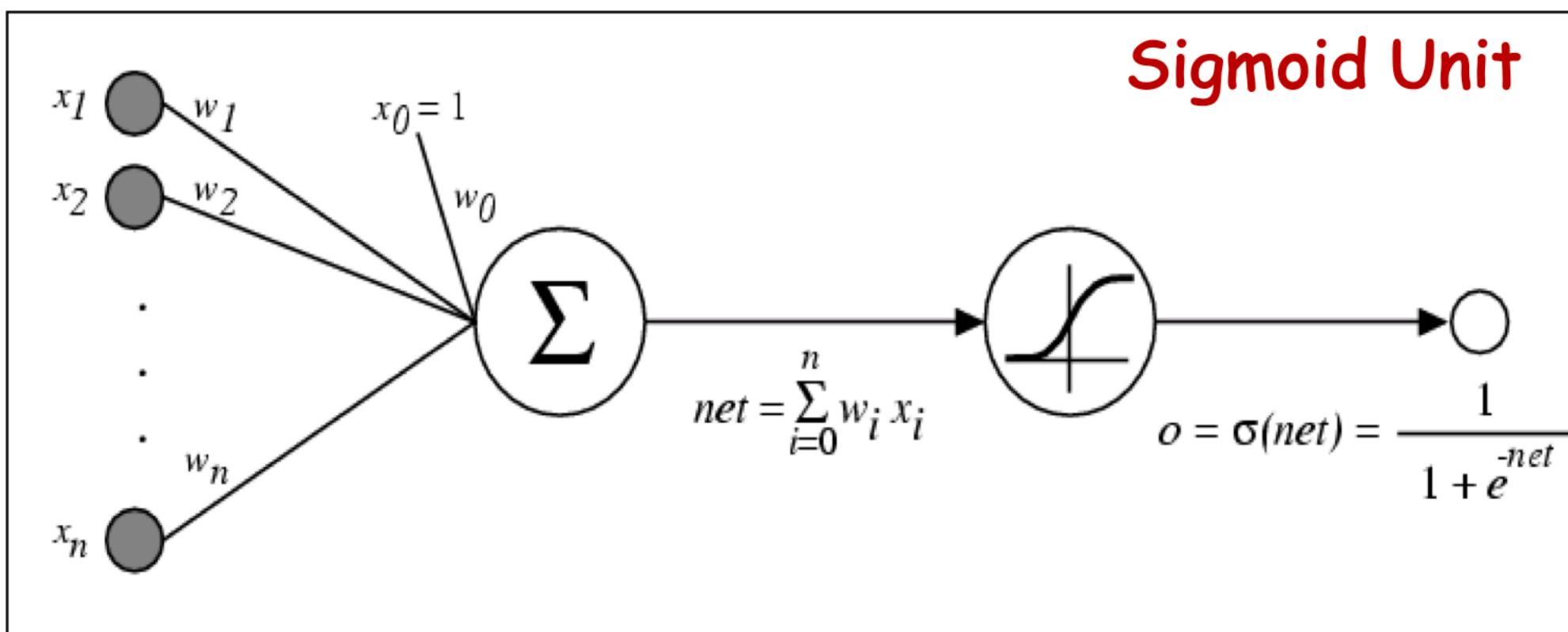
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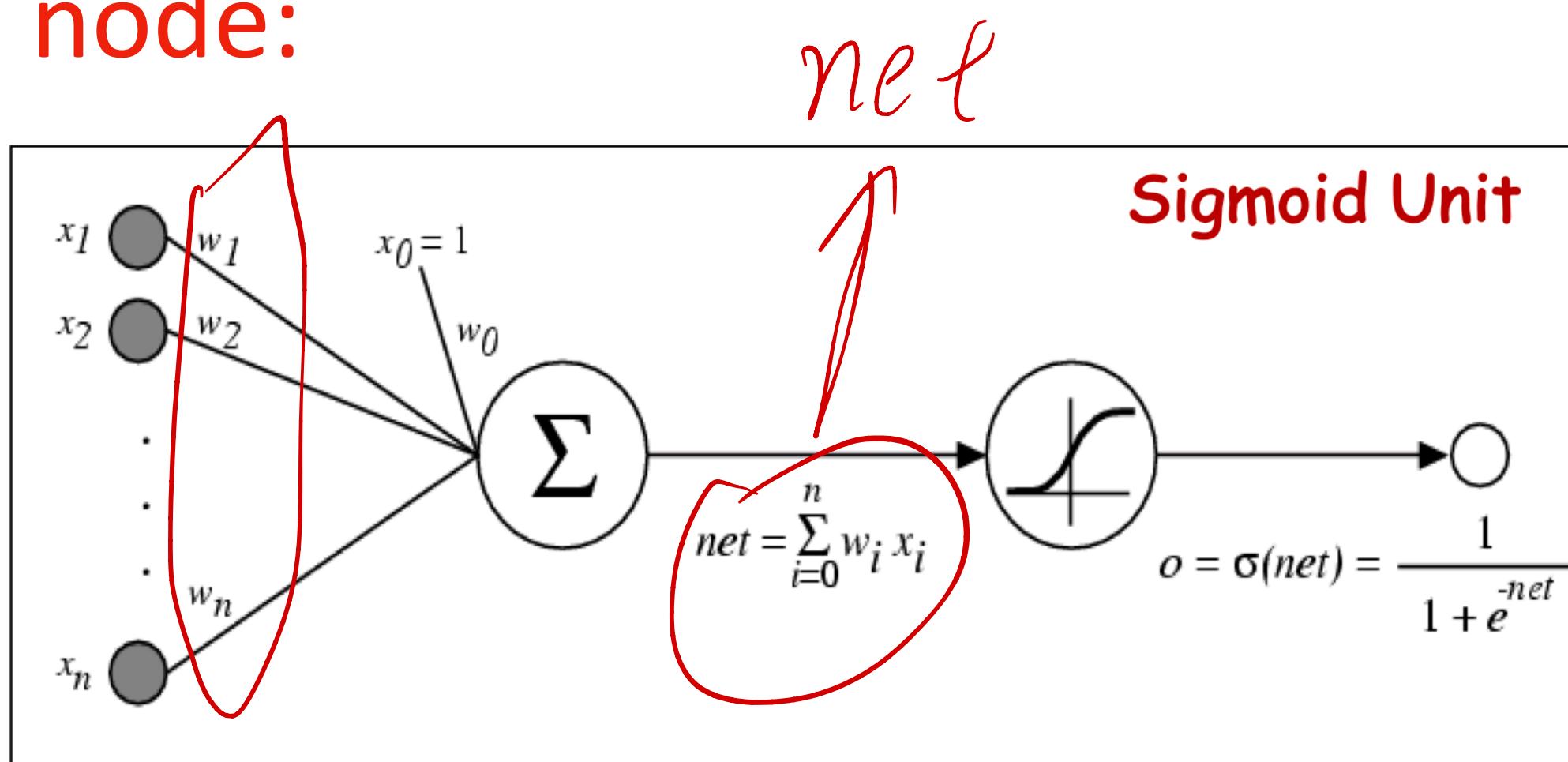
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backward()

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$$\ell = \frac{1 + e^{-net}}{1 + e^{net}}$$

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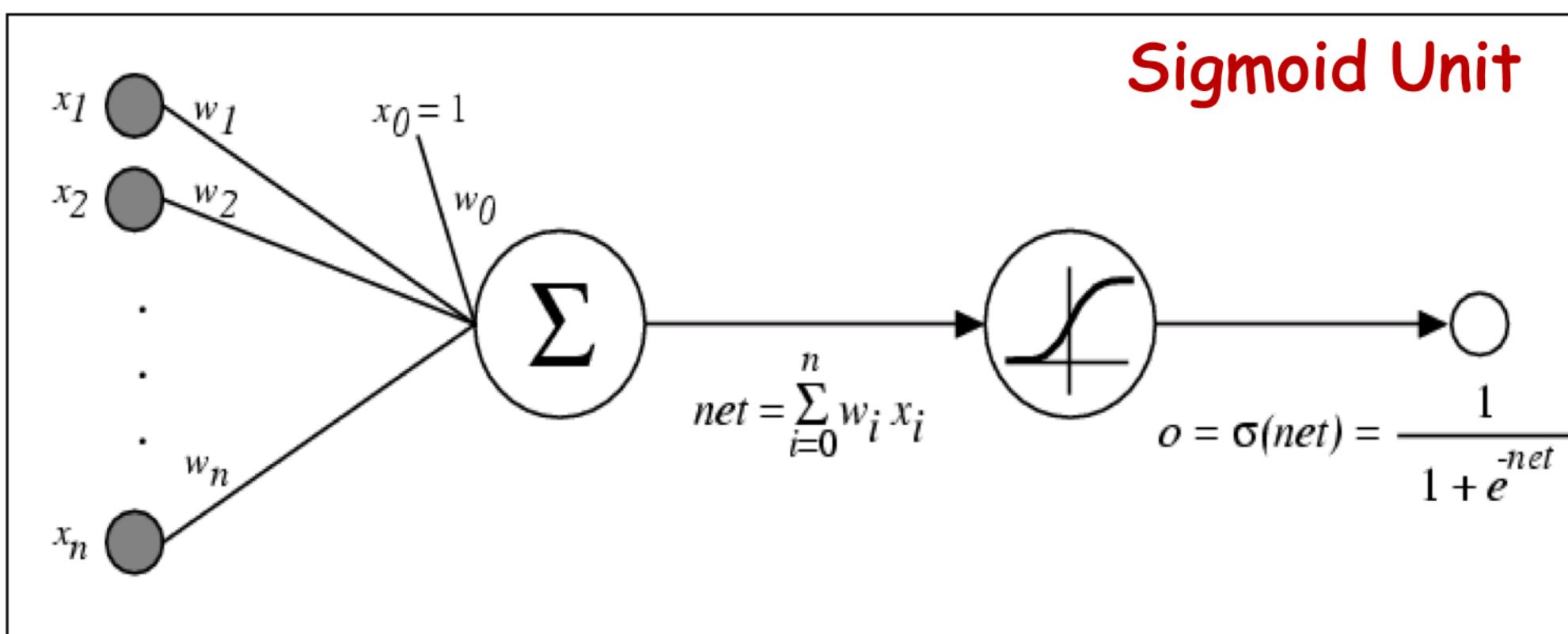
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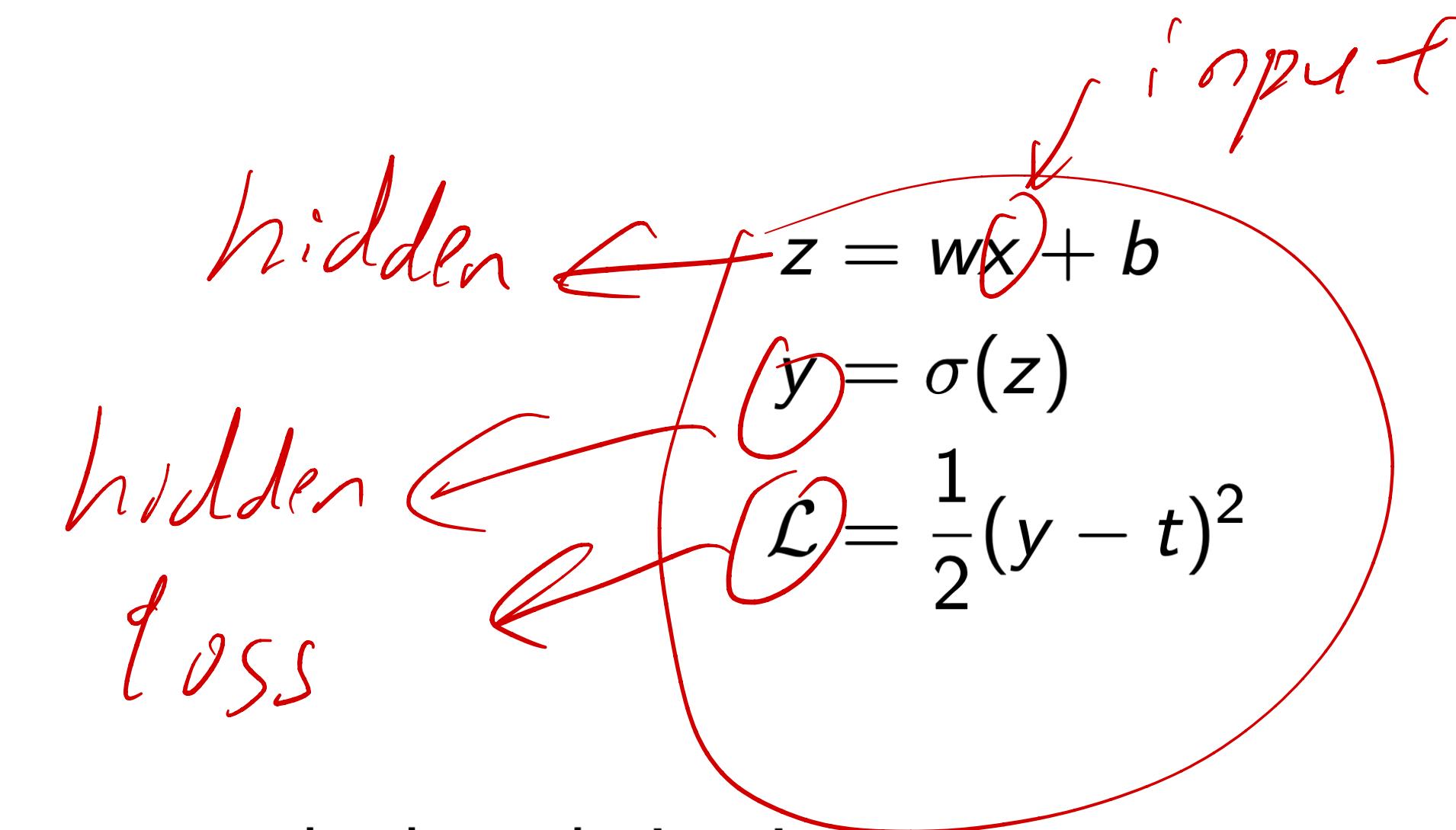
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Example:



Let's compute the loss derivatives.

Example of Chain Rule

$$y = \sigma(wx + b) - t$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2}(\sigma(wx + b) - t)^2 \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial w} \left[\frac{1}{2}(\sigma(wx + b) - t)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (\sigma(wx + b) - t)^2 \\ &= (\sigma(wx + b) - t) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (\sigma(wx + b) - t) \\ &= (\sigma(wx + b) - t) \sigma'(wx + b) \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (wx + b) \\ &= (\sigma(wx + b) - t) \sigma'(wx + b) x\end{aligned}$$

$$L = y^2$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial w}$$

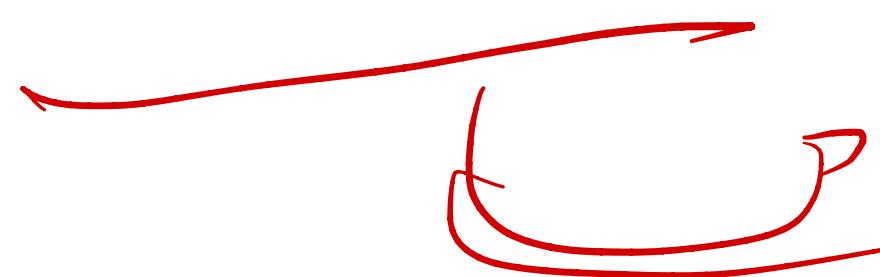
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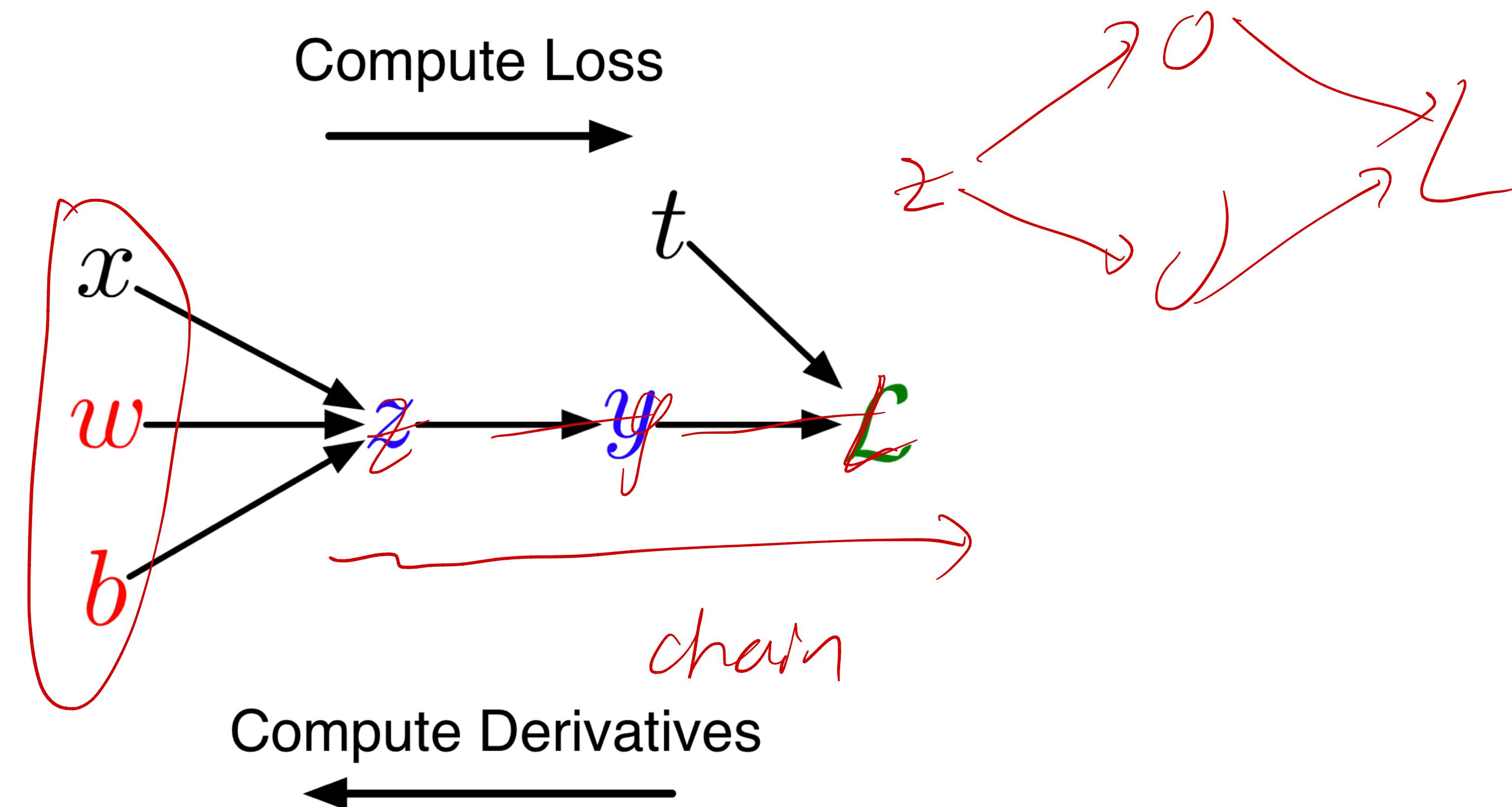
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The goal isn't to obtain closed-form solutions, but to be able to write a program that efficiently computes the derivatives

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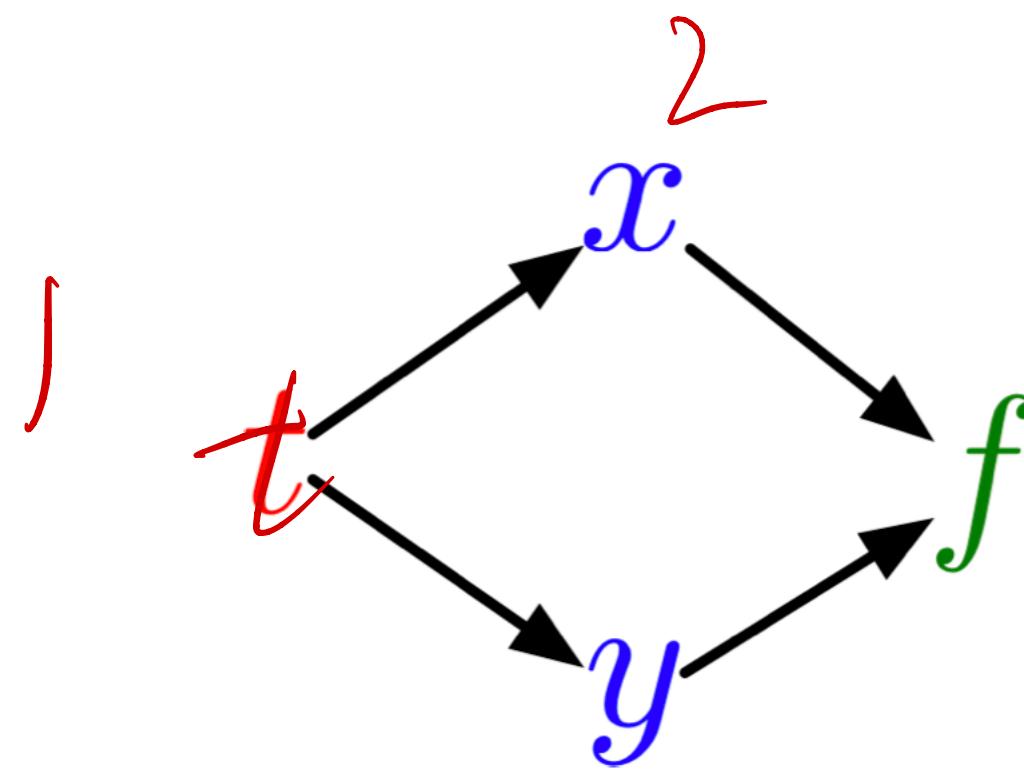
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 &\quad \bar{b} = \bar{z}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dl}{dx} = \infty$$

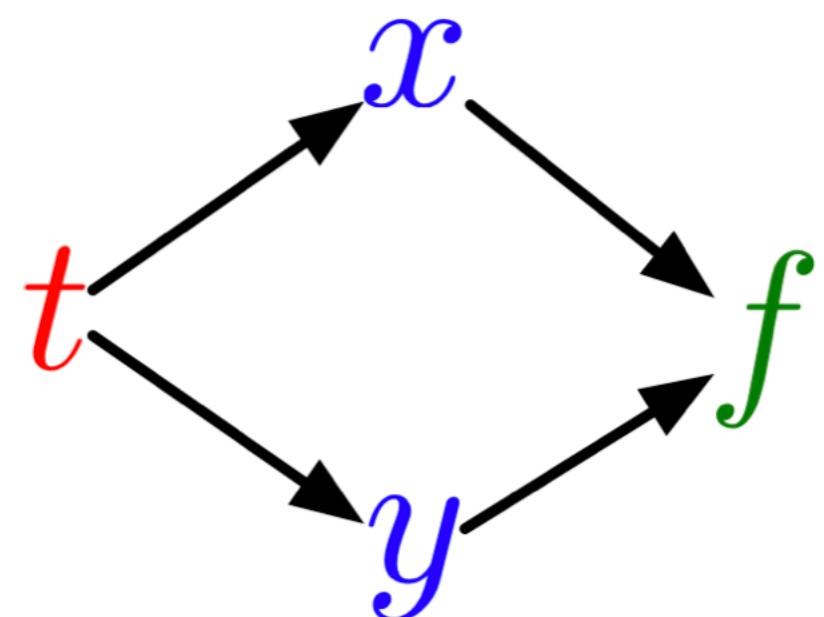
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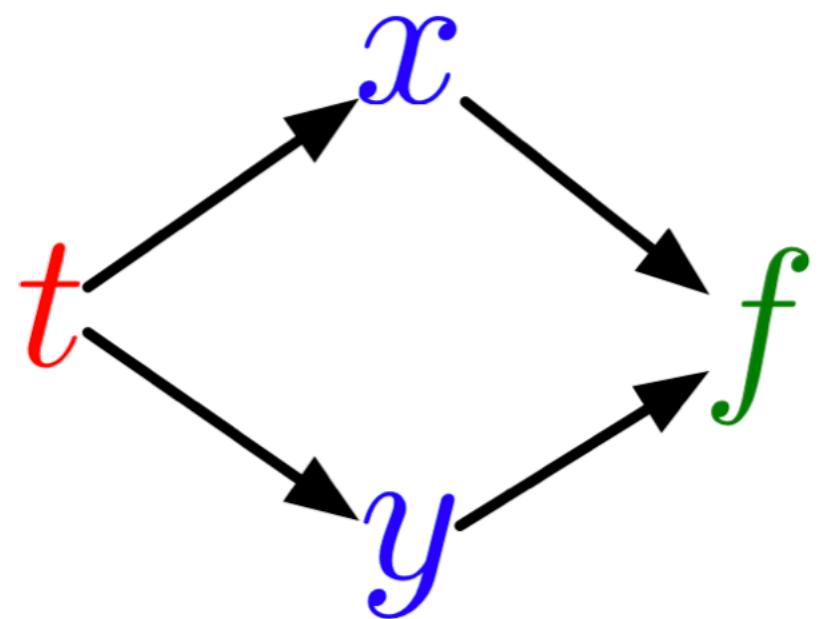
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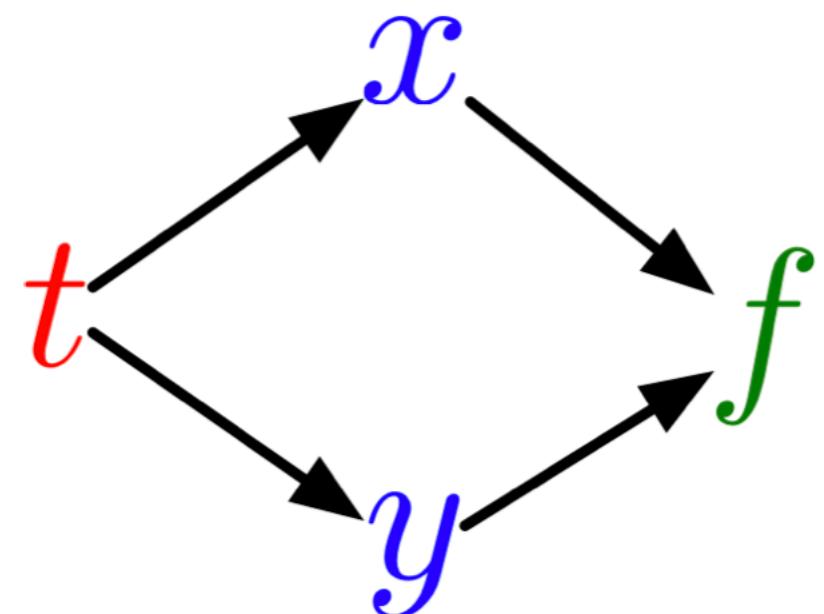
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$$f(x^{(t)}, y^{(t)}, z^{(t)}, a, b, c) \quad \frac{df}{dt}$$

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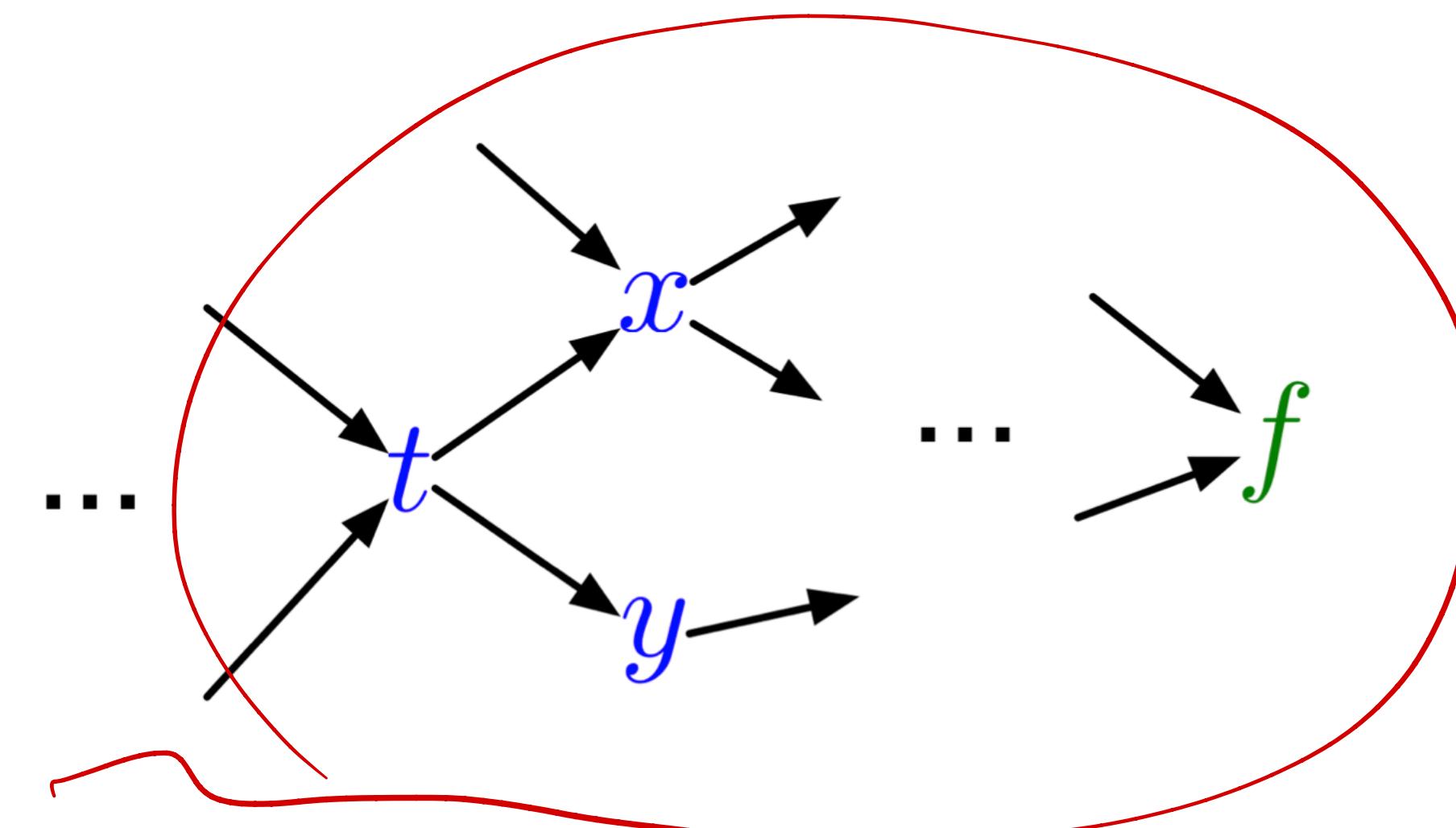
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{df}{dt} &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt} \\ &= (ye^{xy}) \cdot (-\sin t) + (1 + xe^{xy}) \cdot 2t\end{aligned}$$

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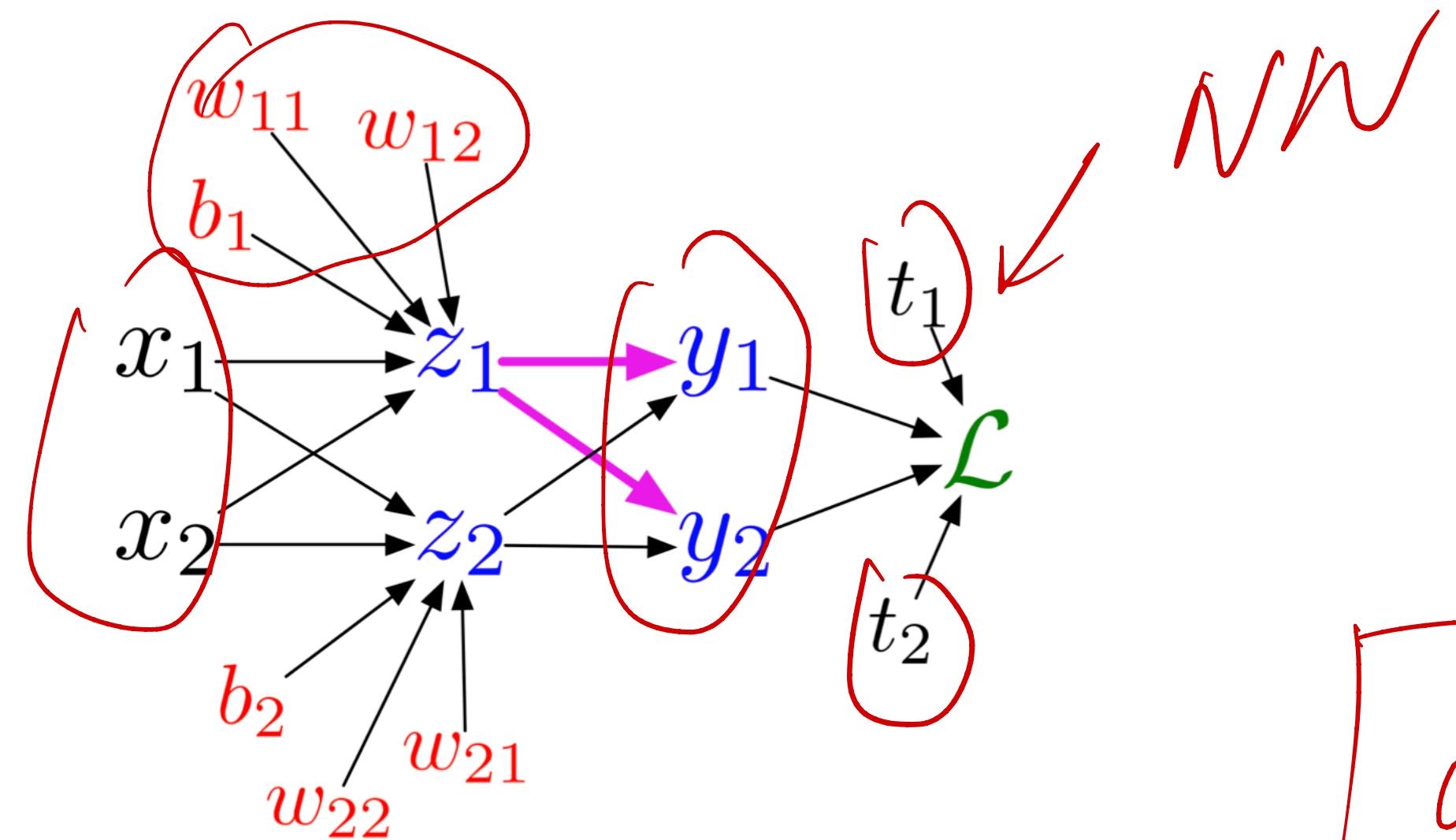
Mathematical expressions
to be evaluated

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

Values already computed
by our program



Another Example



$$z_\ell = \sum_j w_{\ell j} x_j + b_\ell$$

$$y_k = \frac{e^{z_k}}{\sum_\ell e^{z_\ell}}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = - \sum_k t_k \log y_k$$

Cross Entropy

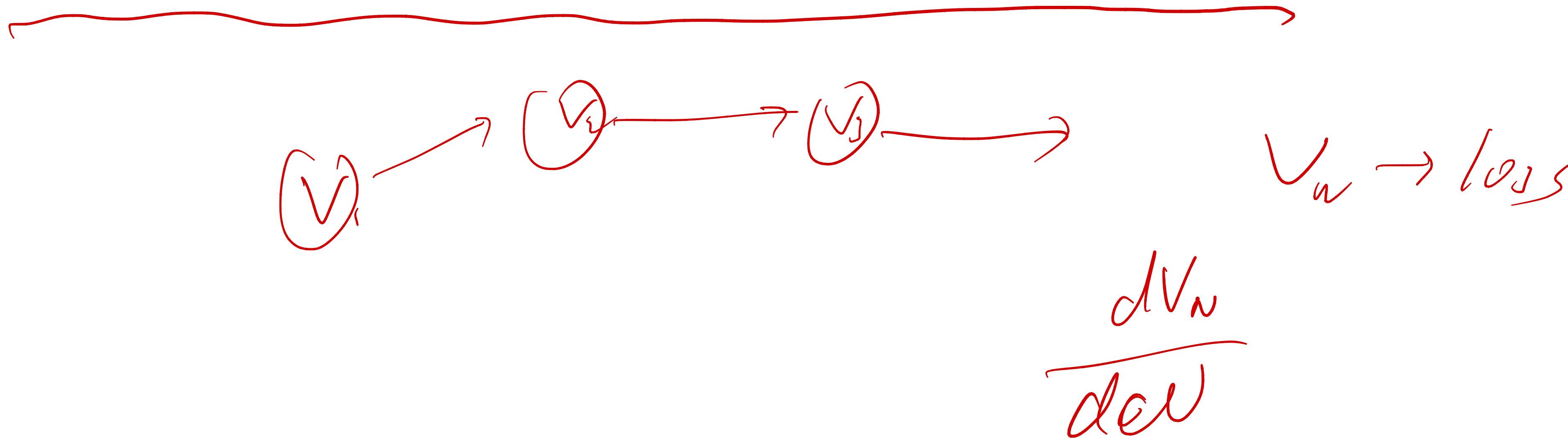


z_1, y_1, y_2
related w_{11}

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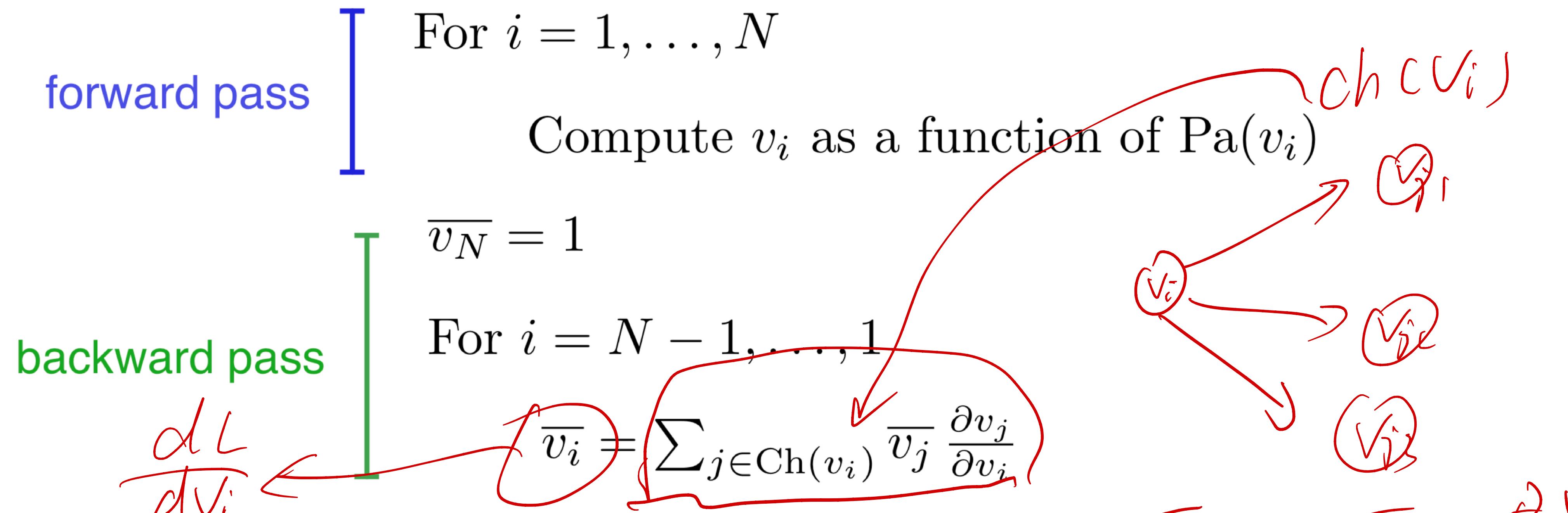
[For $i = 1, \dots, N$
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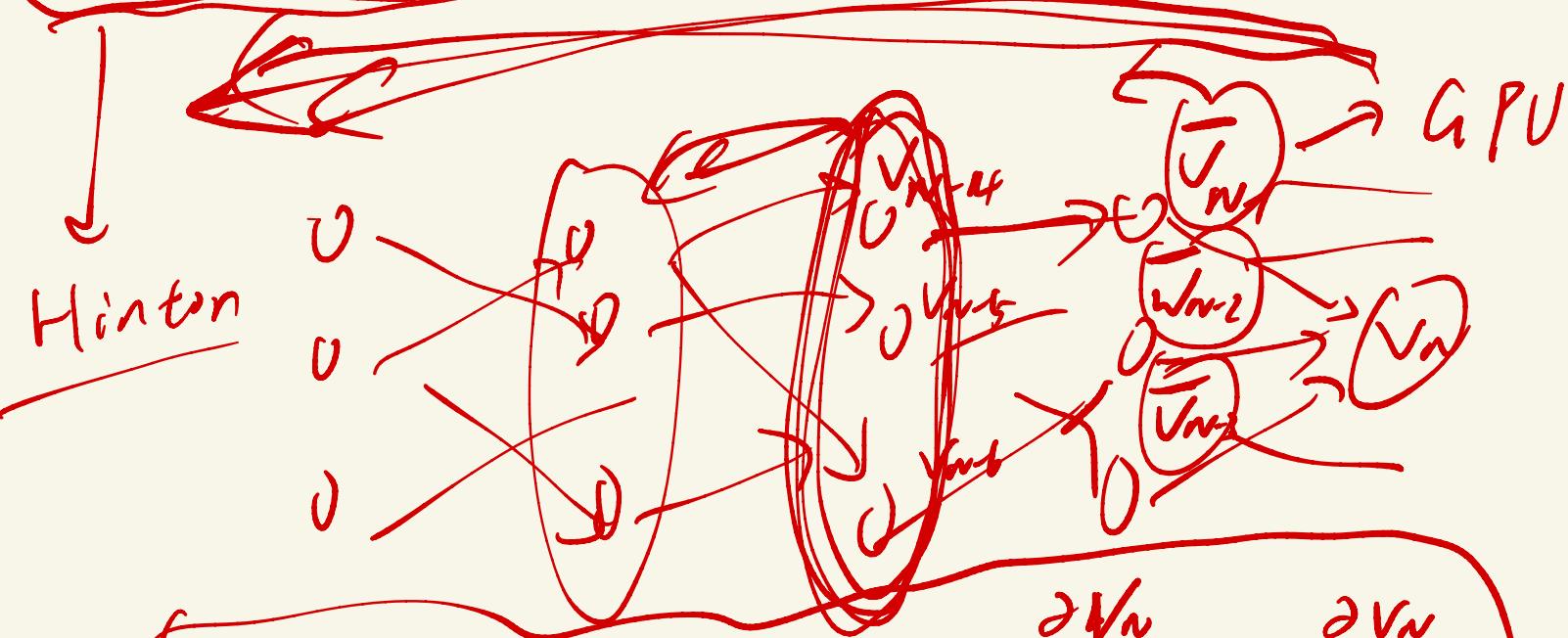


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$$\overline{v_i} = \sum_{j \in \text{Ch}(v_i)} \overline{v_j} - \frac{\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_i}}{\frac{\partial v_i}{\partial v_i}}$$

back propagation

multivariate chain-rule

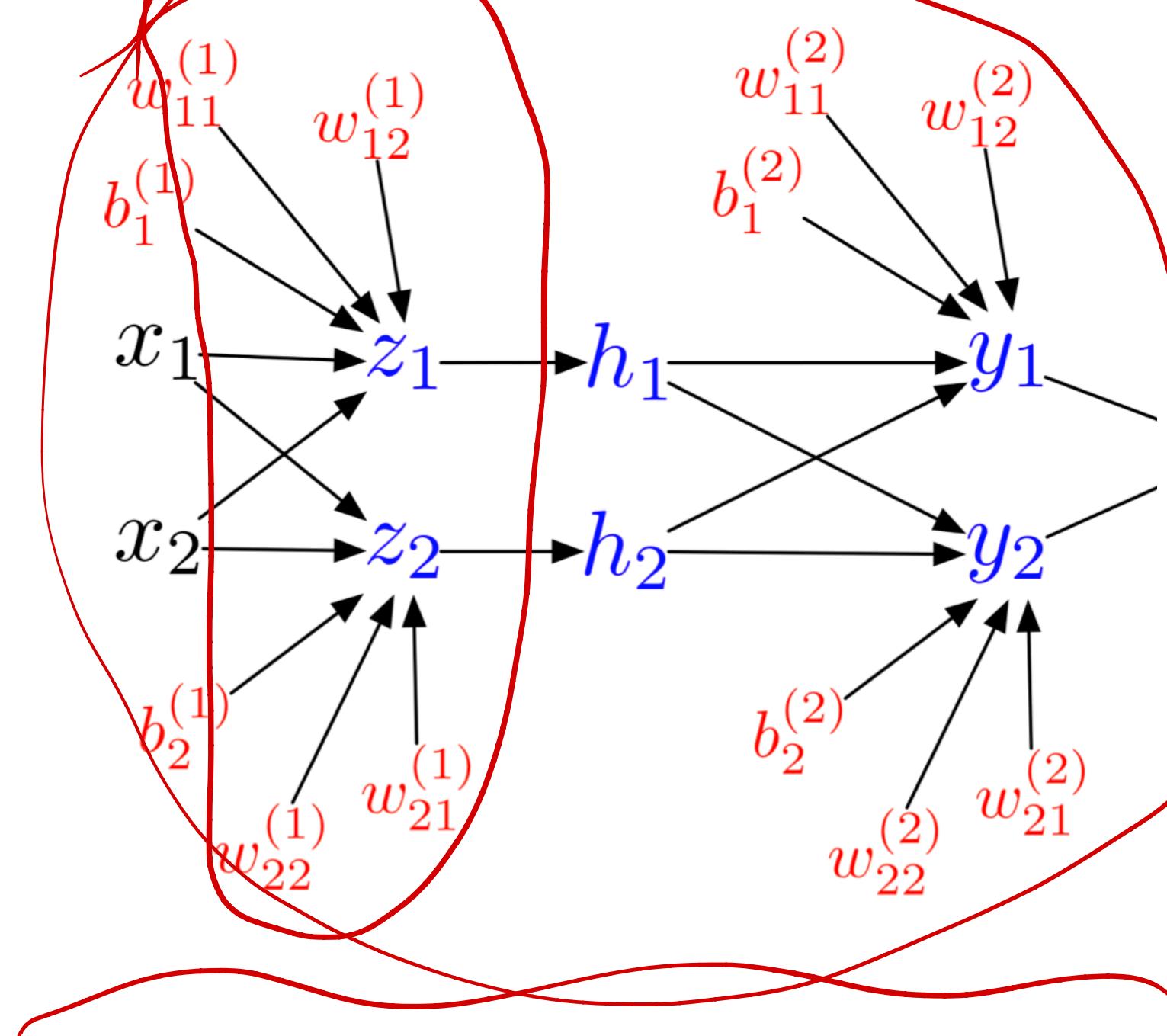


$$\bar{V}_{n-4} = \bar{V}_{n-1} \cdot \frac{\partial V_{n-1}}{\partial V_{n-4}} + \bar{V}_{n-2} \cdot \frac{\frac{\partial V_n}{\partial V_{n-1}}}{\frac{\partial V_{n-1}}{\partial V_{n-2}}} + \dots + \bar{V}_0 \cdot \frac{\frac{\partial V_{n-1}}{\partial V_0}}{\frac{\partial V_0}{\partial V_{n-1}}}$$

Backpropagation

Multilayer Perceptron (multiple outputs):

Forward pass:



x z h y

$$z_i = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(1)} x_j + b_i^{(1)}$$

$$h_i = \sigma(z_i)$$

$$y_k = \sum_i w_{ki}^{(2)} h_i + b_k^{(2)}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_k (y_k - t_k)^2$$

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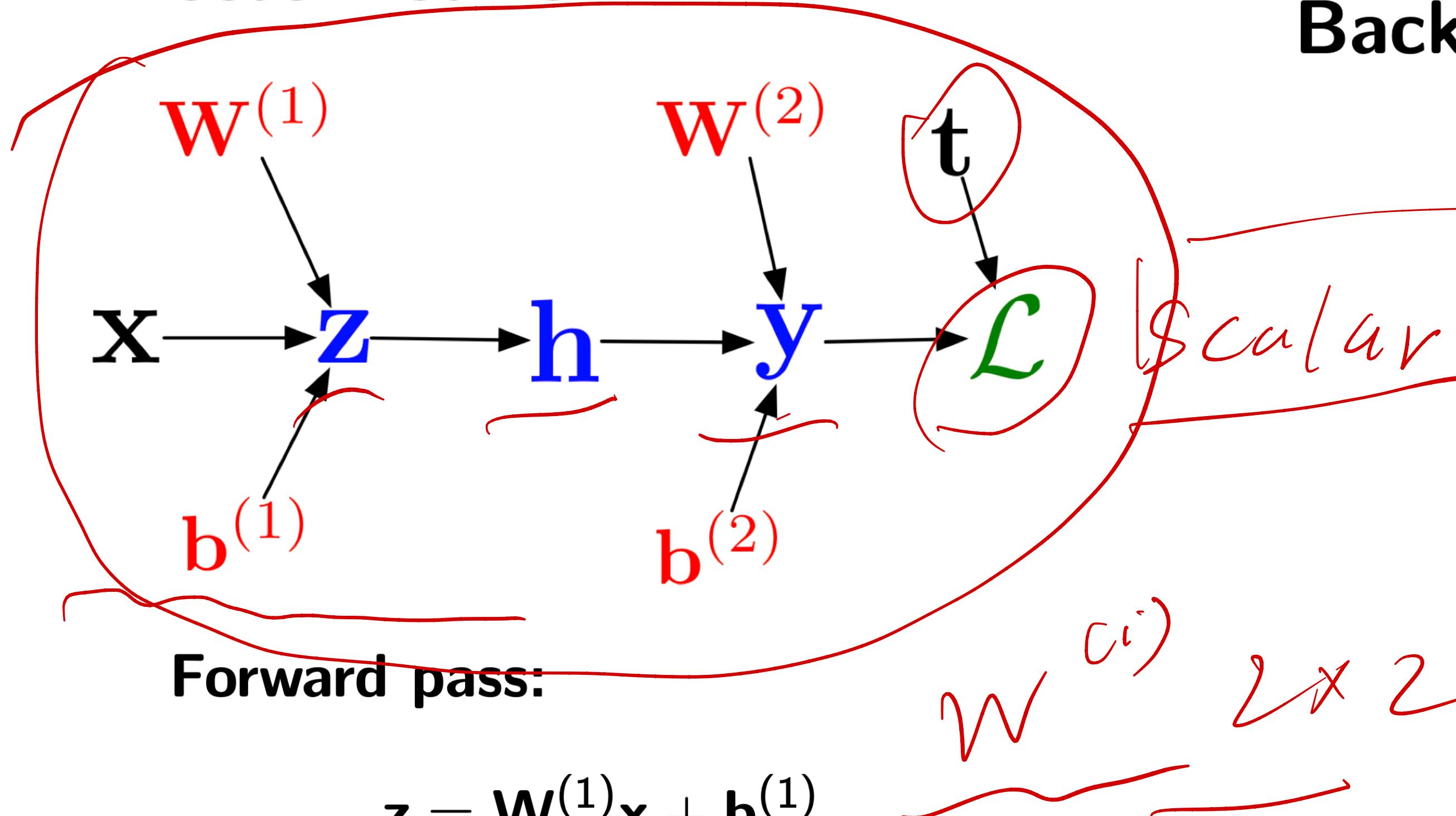
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial y_{1k}} &= 1 \\ \overline{y_k} &= \overline{\mathcal{L}} (y_k - t_k) \\ \overline{w_{ki}^{(2)}} &= \overline{y_k} h_i \\ \overline{b_k^{(2)}} &= \overline{y_k} \\ \overline{h_i} &= \sum_k \overline{y_k} w_{ki}^{(2)} \\ \overline{z_i} &= \overline{h_i} \sigma'(z_i) \\ \overline{w_{ij}^{(1)}} &= \overline{z_i} x_j \\ \overline{b_i^{(1)}} &= \overline{z_i} \end{aligned}$$

backward

w matrix

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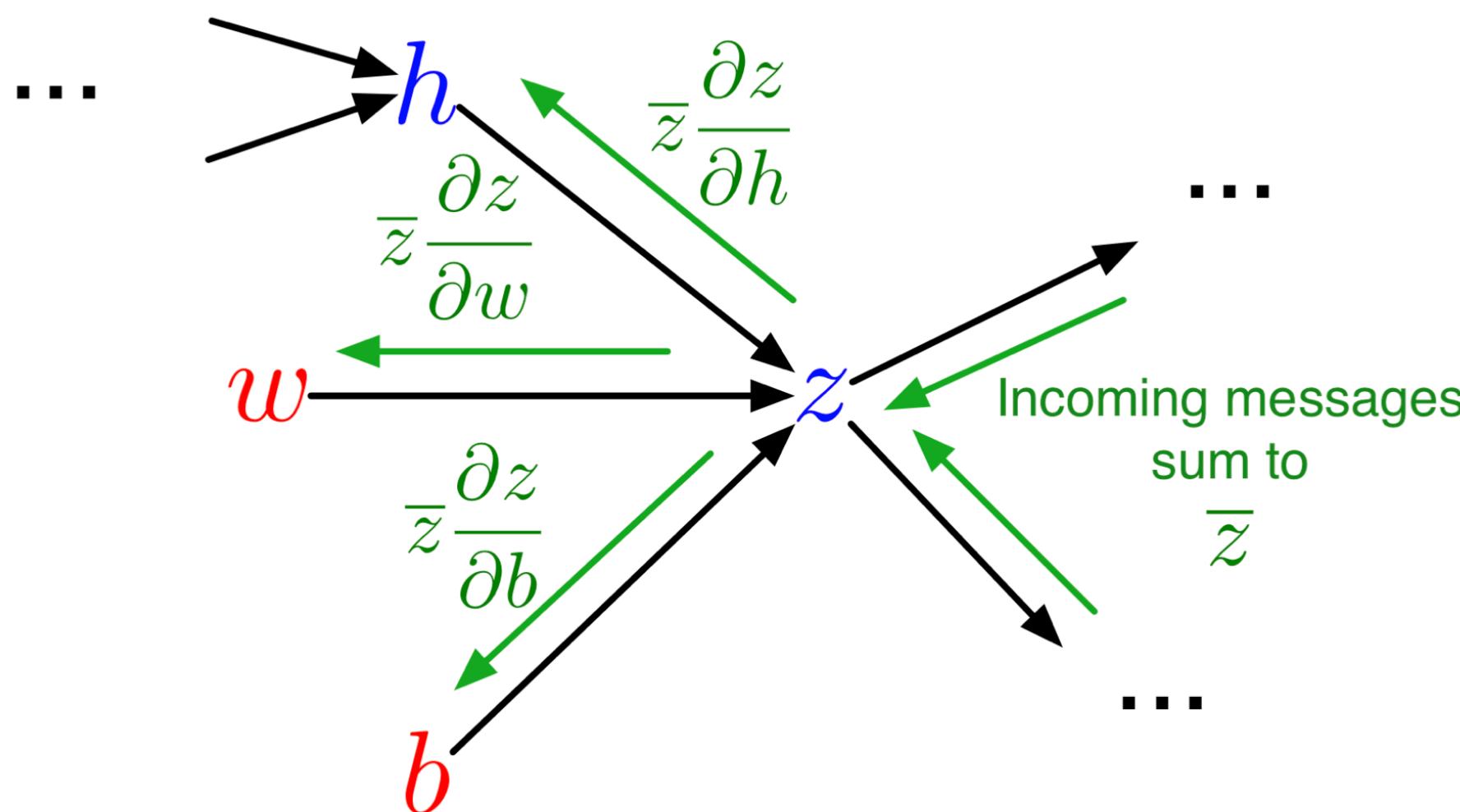
In vectorized form:



Backward pass:

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mathcal{L}} &= 1 \\ \bar{\mathbf{y}} &= \bar{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{t}) \\ \bar{\mathbf{W}}^{(2)} &= \bar{\mathbf{y}}\mathbf{h}^\top \\ \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(2)} &= \bar{\mathbf{y}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{h}} &= \mathbf{W}^{(2)\top}\bar{\mathbf{y}} \\ \bar{\mathbf{z}} &= \bar{\mathbf{h}} \circ \sigma'(z) \\ \bar{\mathbf{W}}^{(1)} &= \bar{\mathbf{z}}\mathbf{x}^\top \\ \bar{\mathbf{b}}^{(1)} &= \bar{\mathbf{z}}\end{aligned}$$

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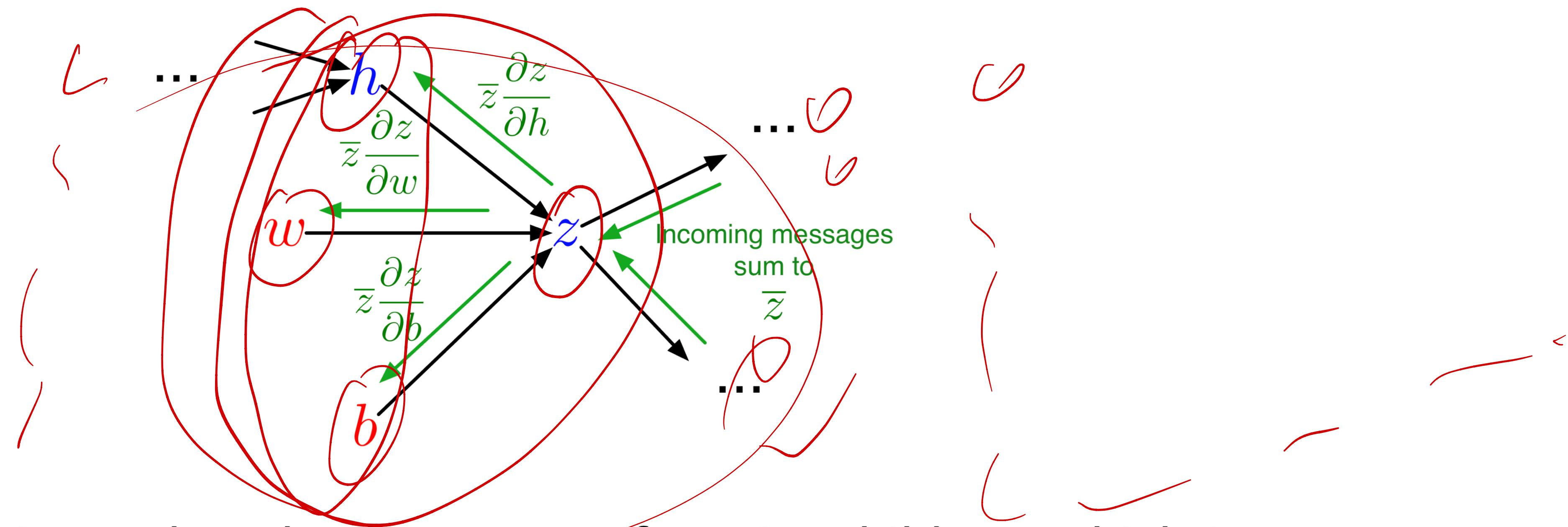
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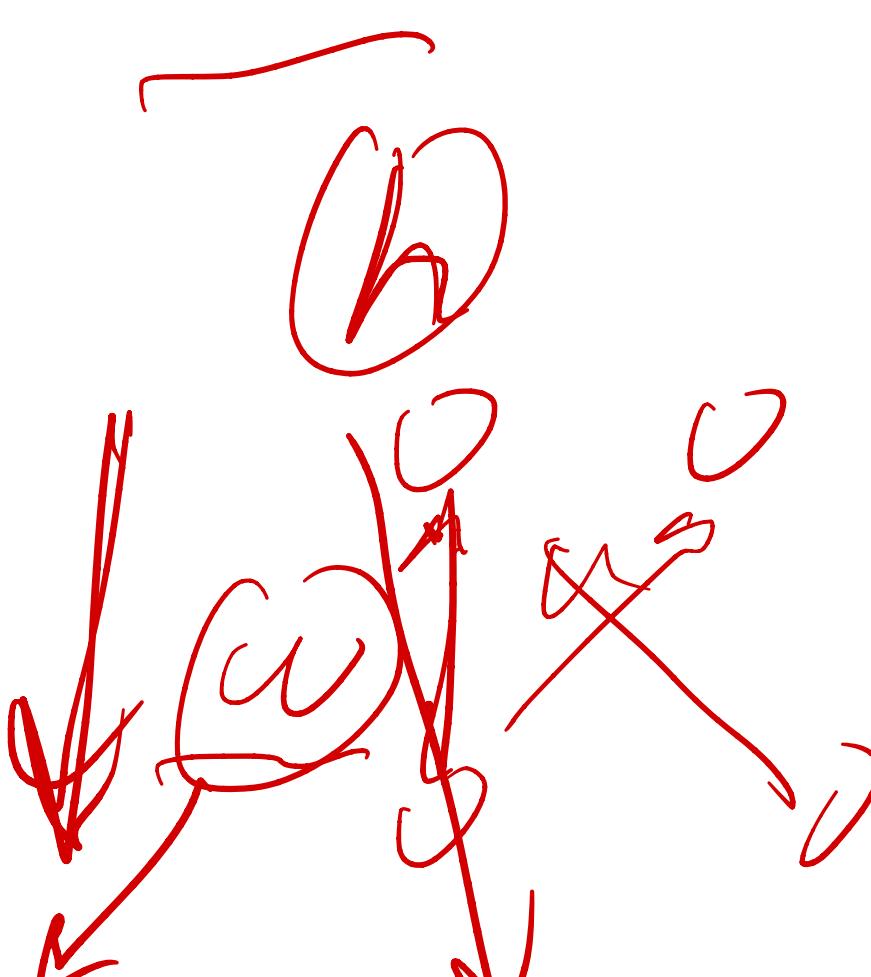
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learning parameter

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gradients for both hidden parameter w

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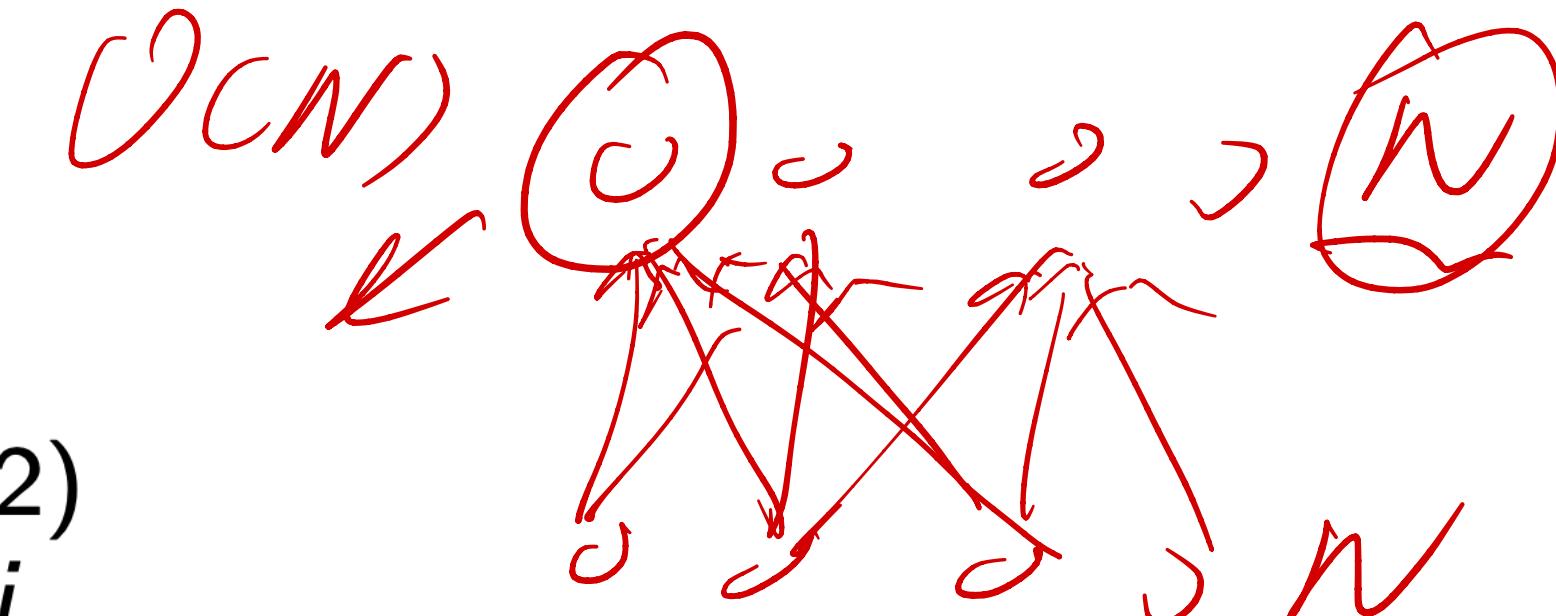
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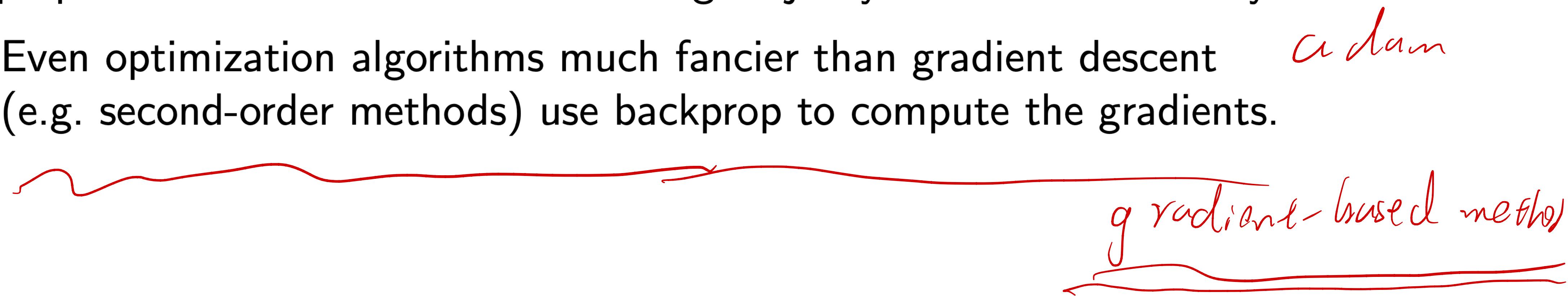
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For a multilayer perceptron, this means the cost is linear in the number of layers, quadratic in the number of units per layer

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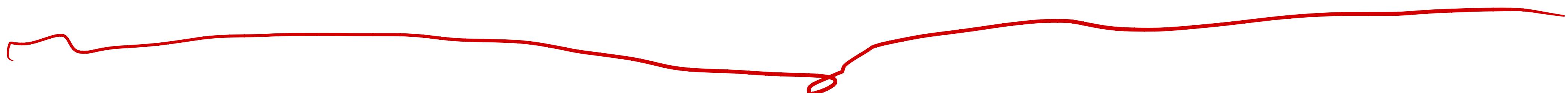
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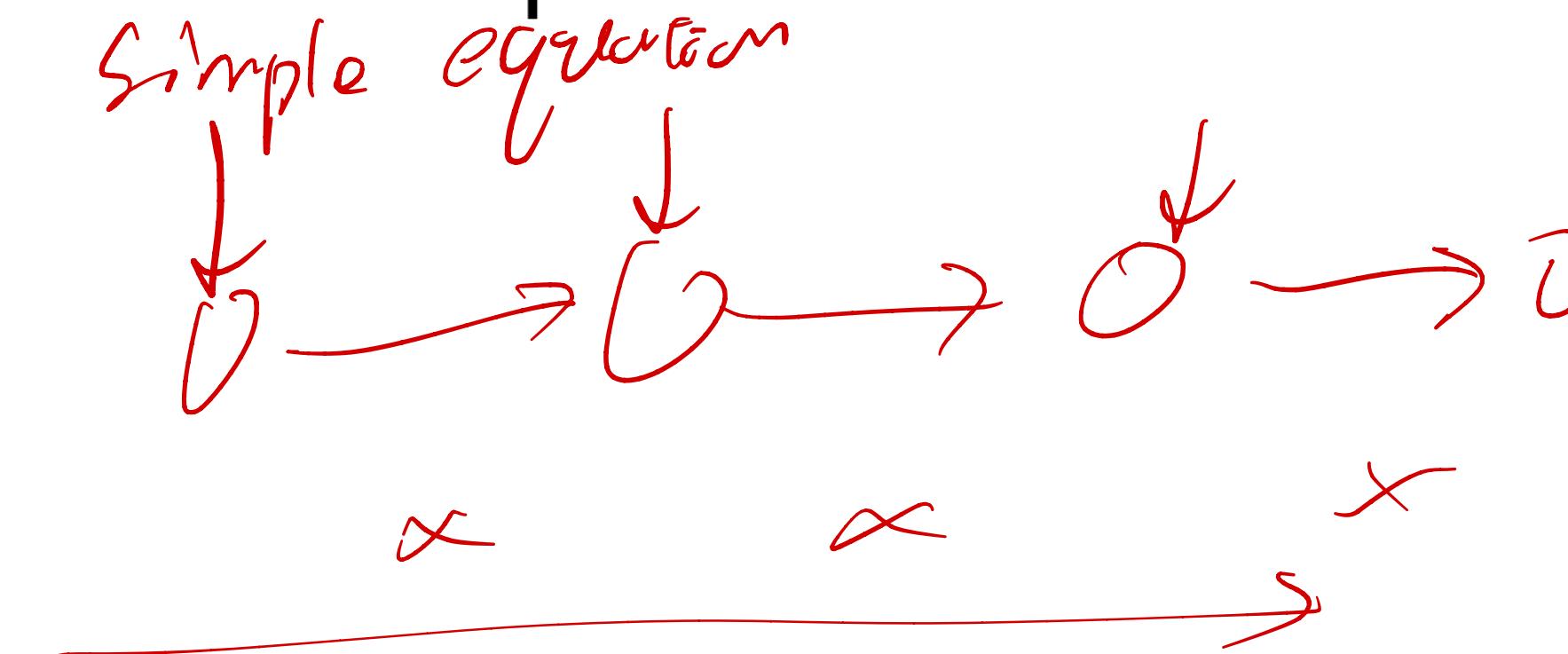
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- Despite its practical success, backprop is believed to be neurally implausible.
 - No evidence for biological signals analogous to error derivatives.
 - All the biologically plausible alternatives we know about learn much more slowly (on computers).
 - So how on earth does the brain learn?



Backpropagation

- By now, we've seen three different ways of looking at gradients:
 - **Geometric**: visualization of gradient in weight space
 - **Algebraic**: mechanics of computing the derivatives
 - **Implementational**: efficient implementation on the computer



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SGD

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$$\sum_i^N \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} \quad \text{for all data}$$

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data-centric approach

Background

collect synthetic data

1. Given training data:

$$\{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N$$

2. Choose each of these:

– Decision function

$$\hat{y} = f_{\theta}(x_i)$$

– Loss function

$$\ell(\hat{y}, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}$$

model-centric
research

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GANs

min max

fixed

3. Define goal:

$$\theta^* = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^N \ell(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$

4. Train with SGD:

(take small steps
opposite the gradient)

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} - \eta_t \nabla \ell(f_{\theta}(x_i), y_i)$$

LSIM

CNN

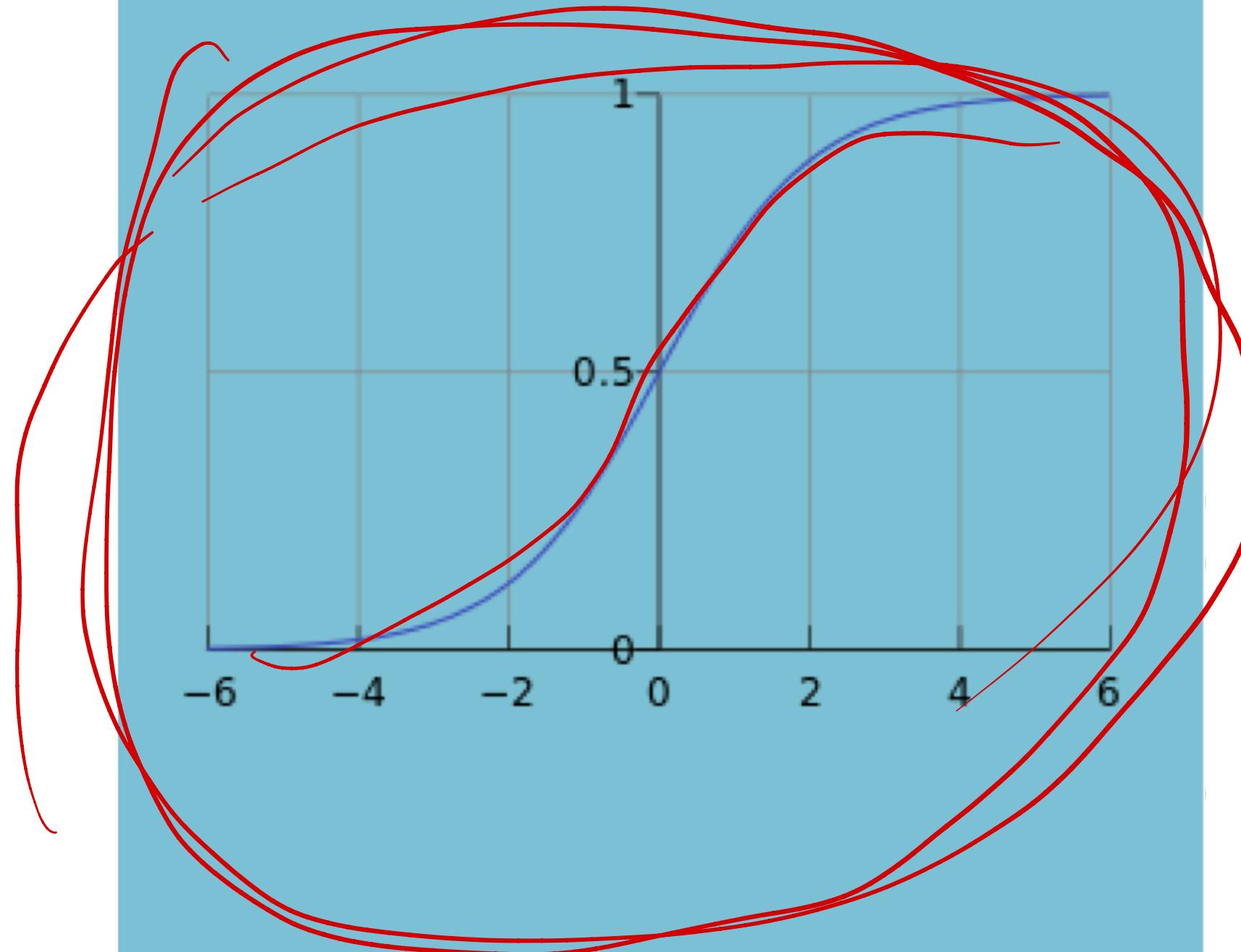
loss function

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Activation Functions

Sigmoid / Logistic Function

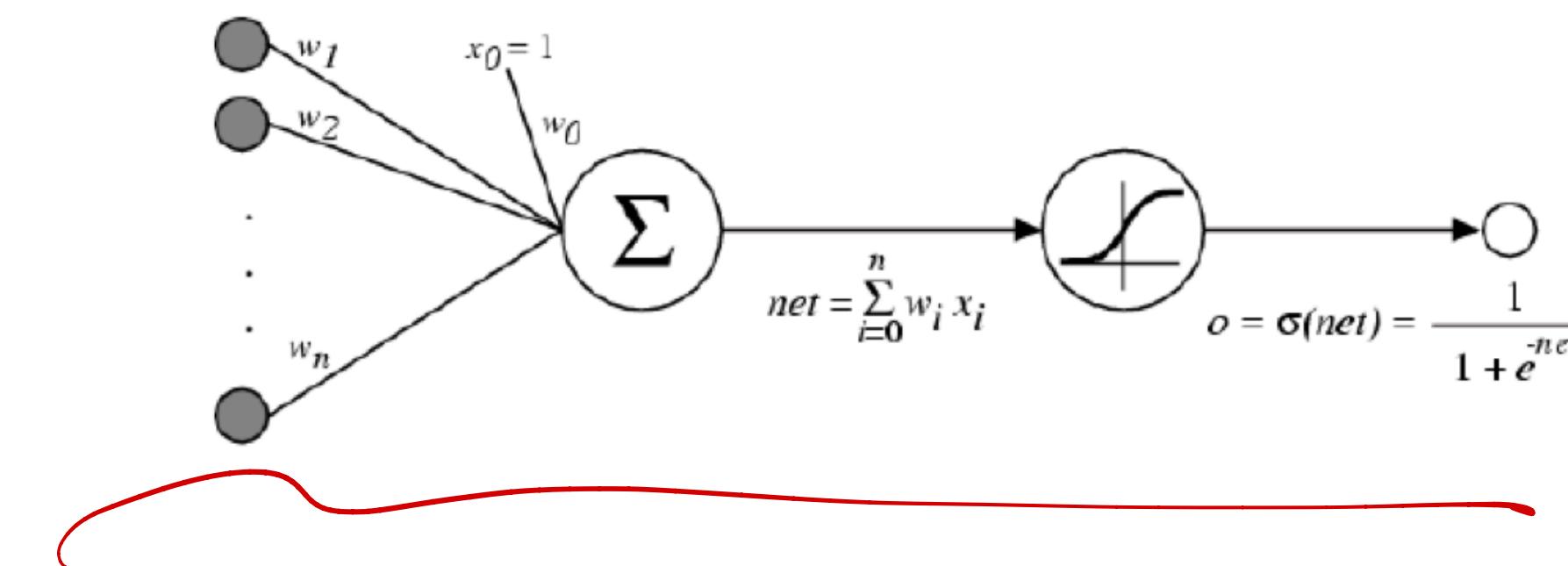
$$\text{logistic}(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u}}$$



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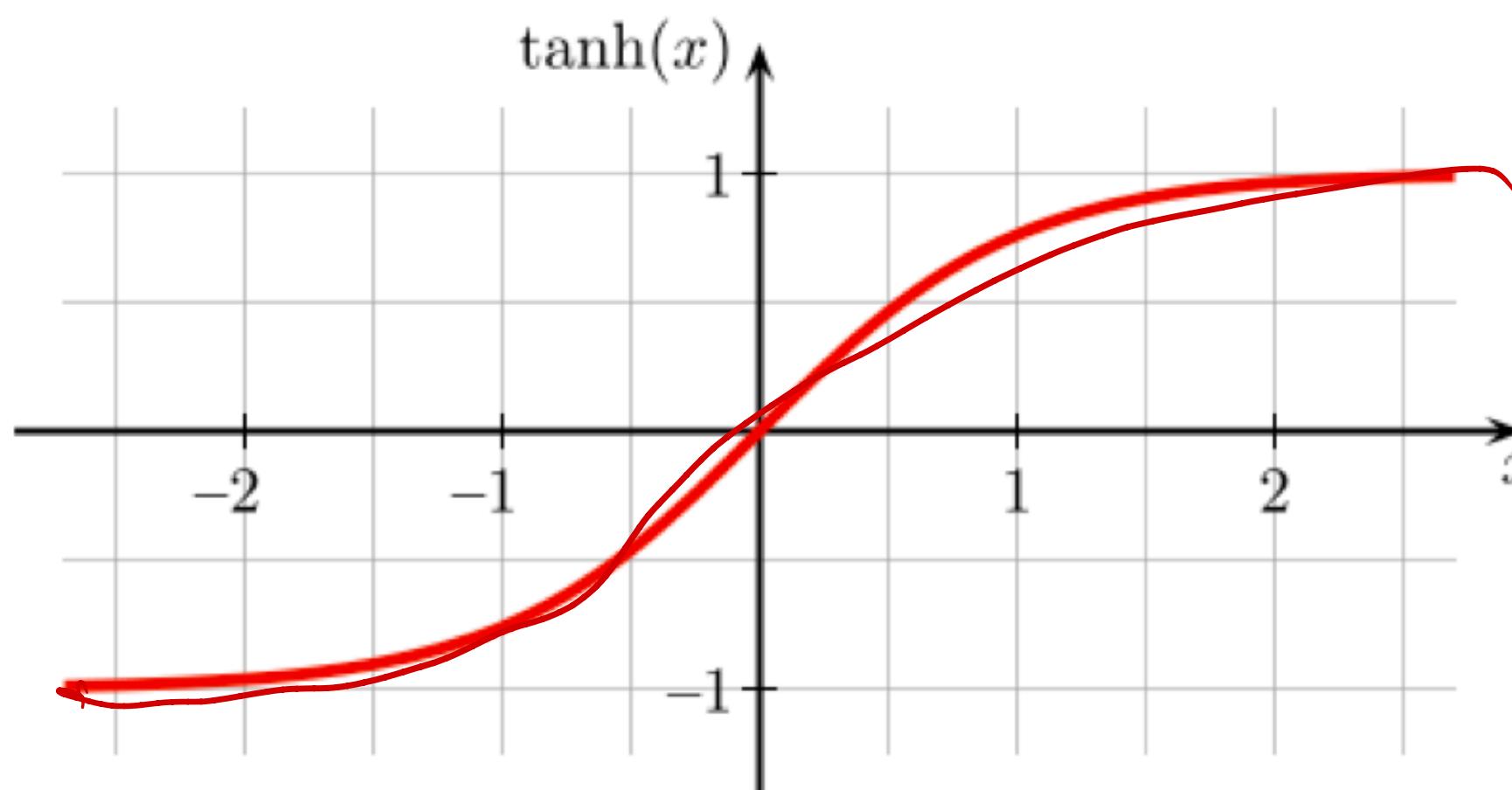
So far, we've assumed that the activation function (nonlinearity) is always the sigmoid function...

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logistic function



Tanh

- A new change: modifying the nonlinearity
 - The logistic is not widely used in modern ANNs



tanh

Alternate 1:
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Like logistic function but
shifted to range $[-1, +1]$

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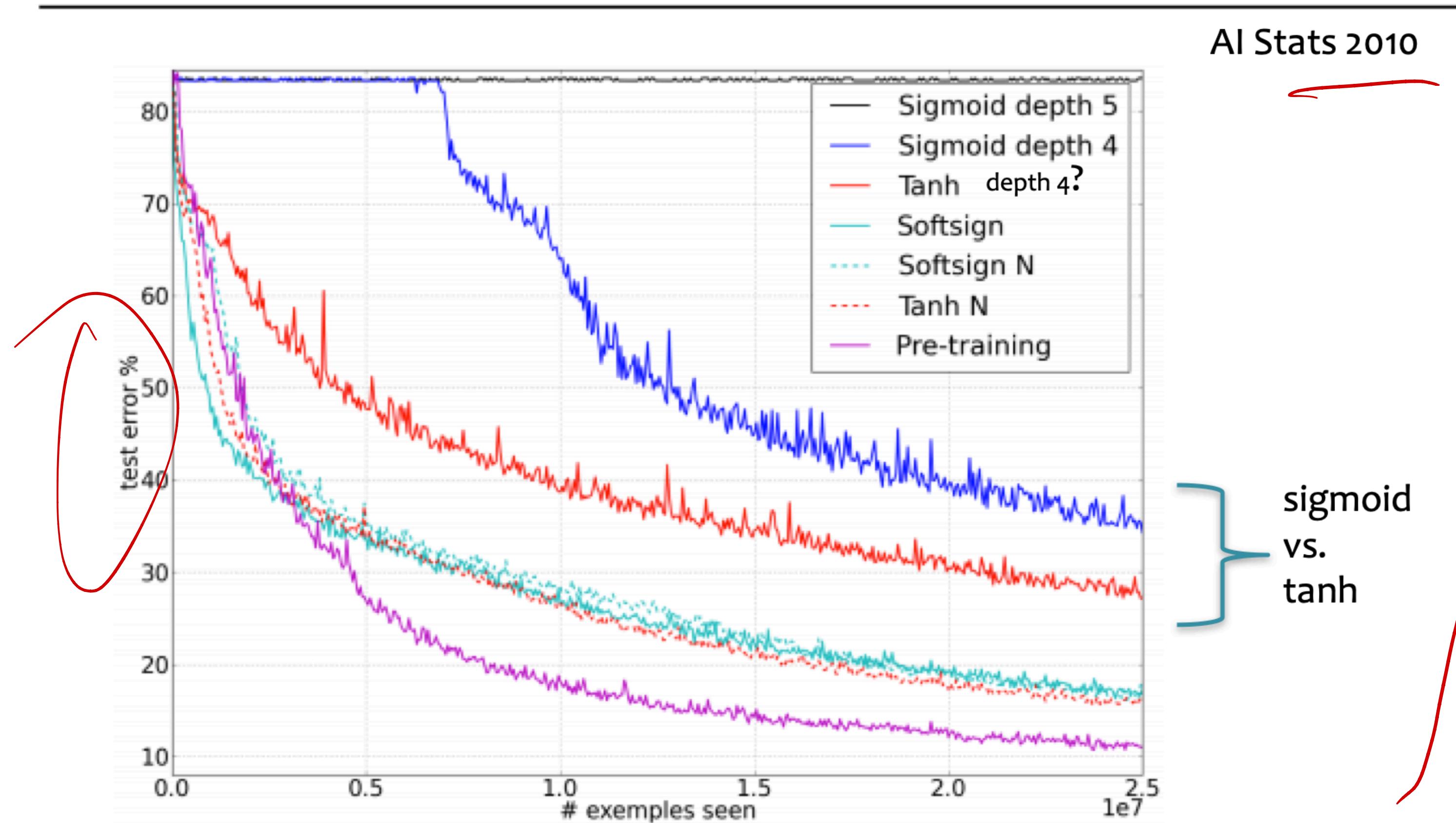
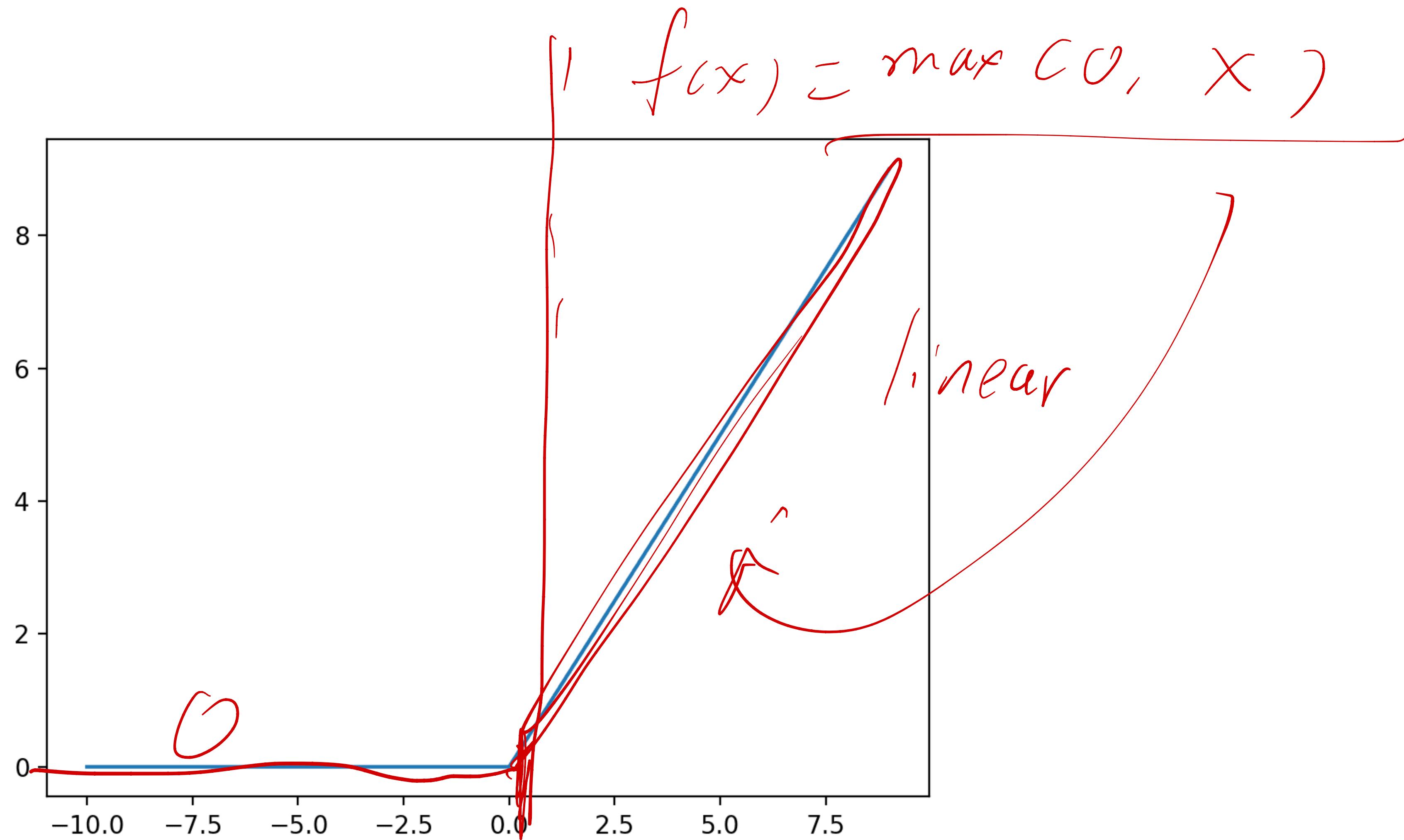
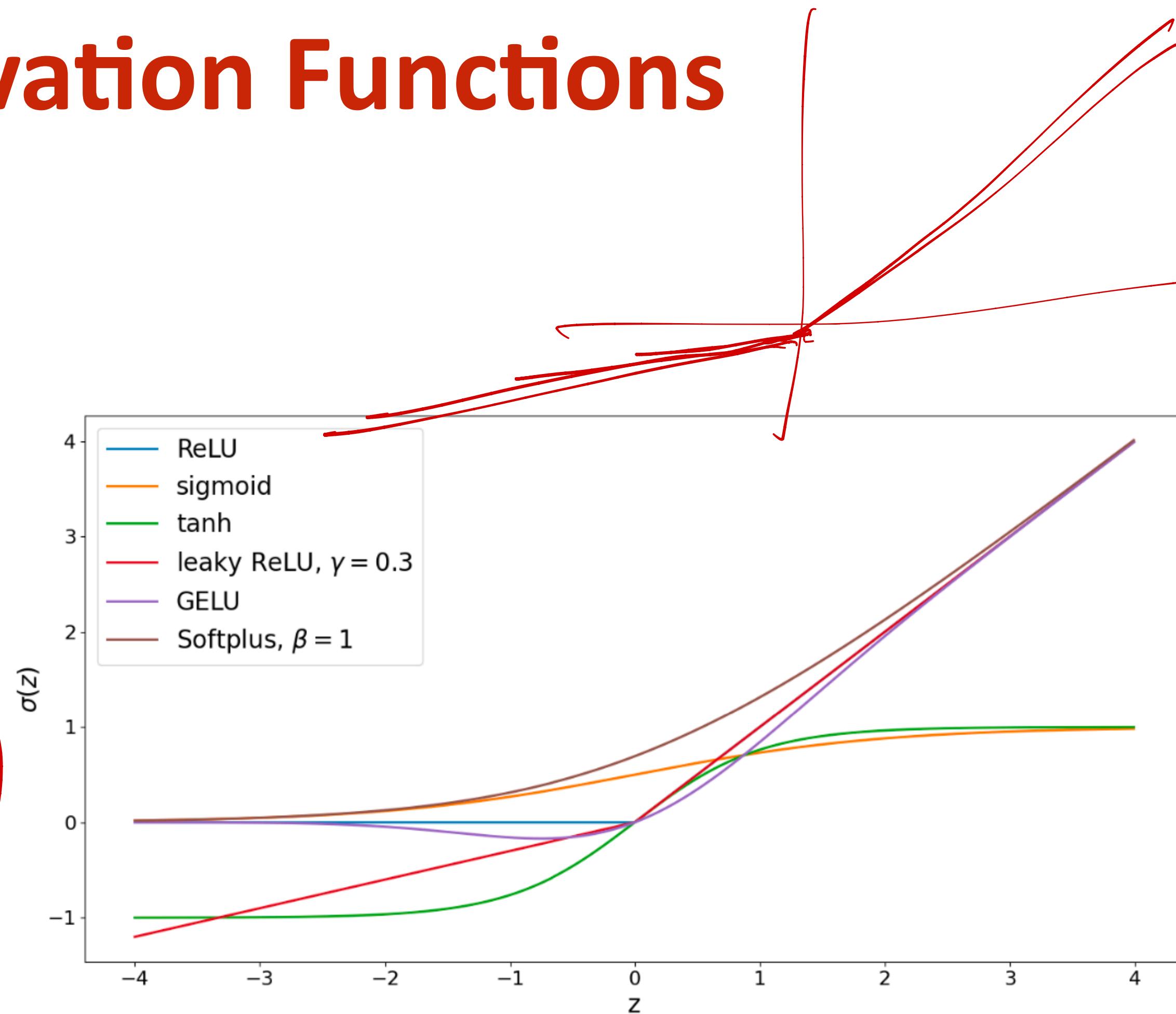
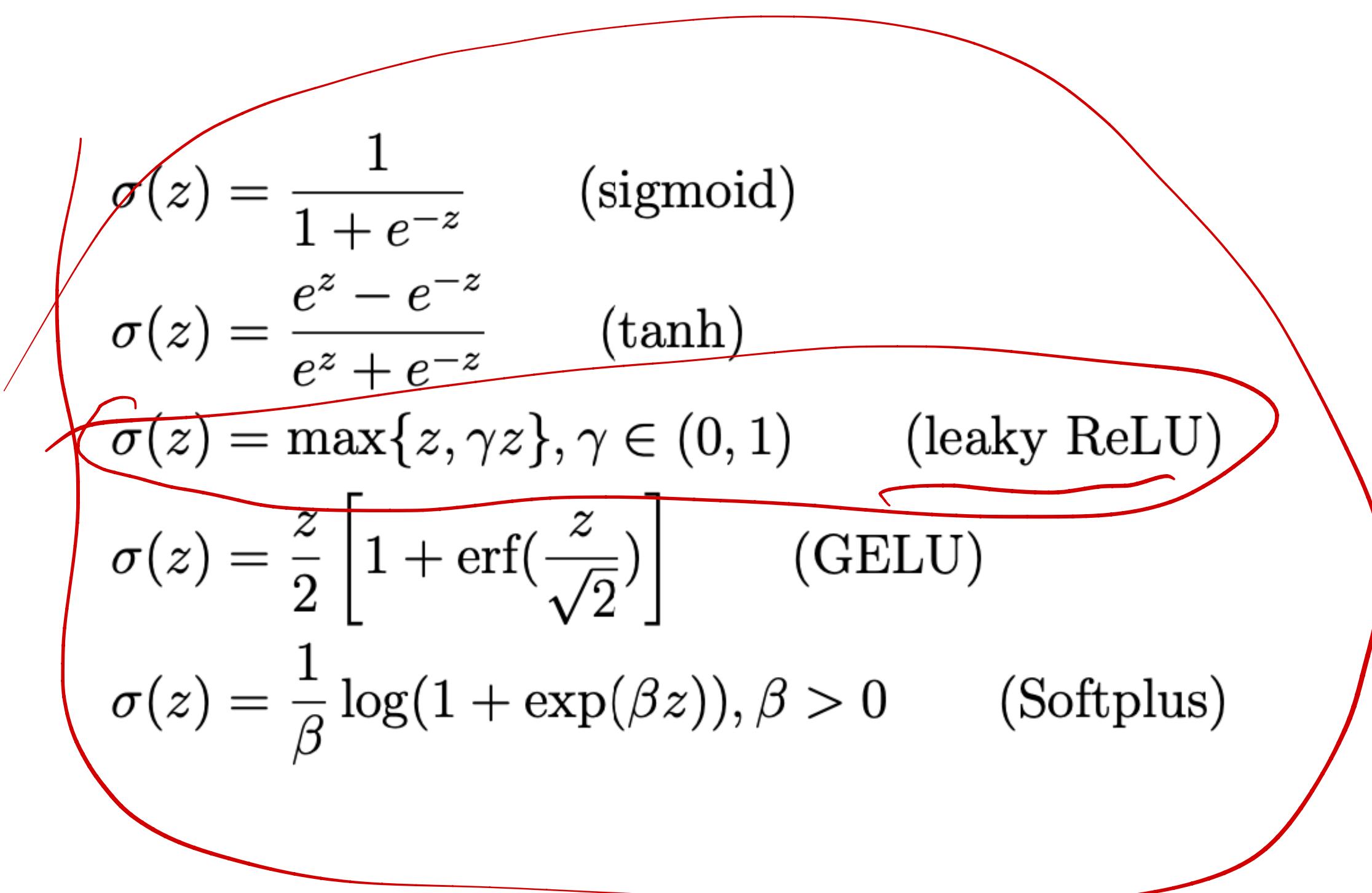


Figure from Glorot & Bentio (2010)

ReLU

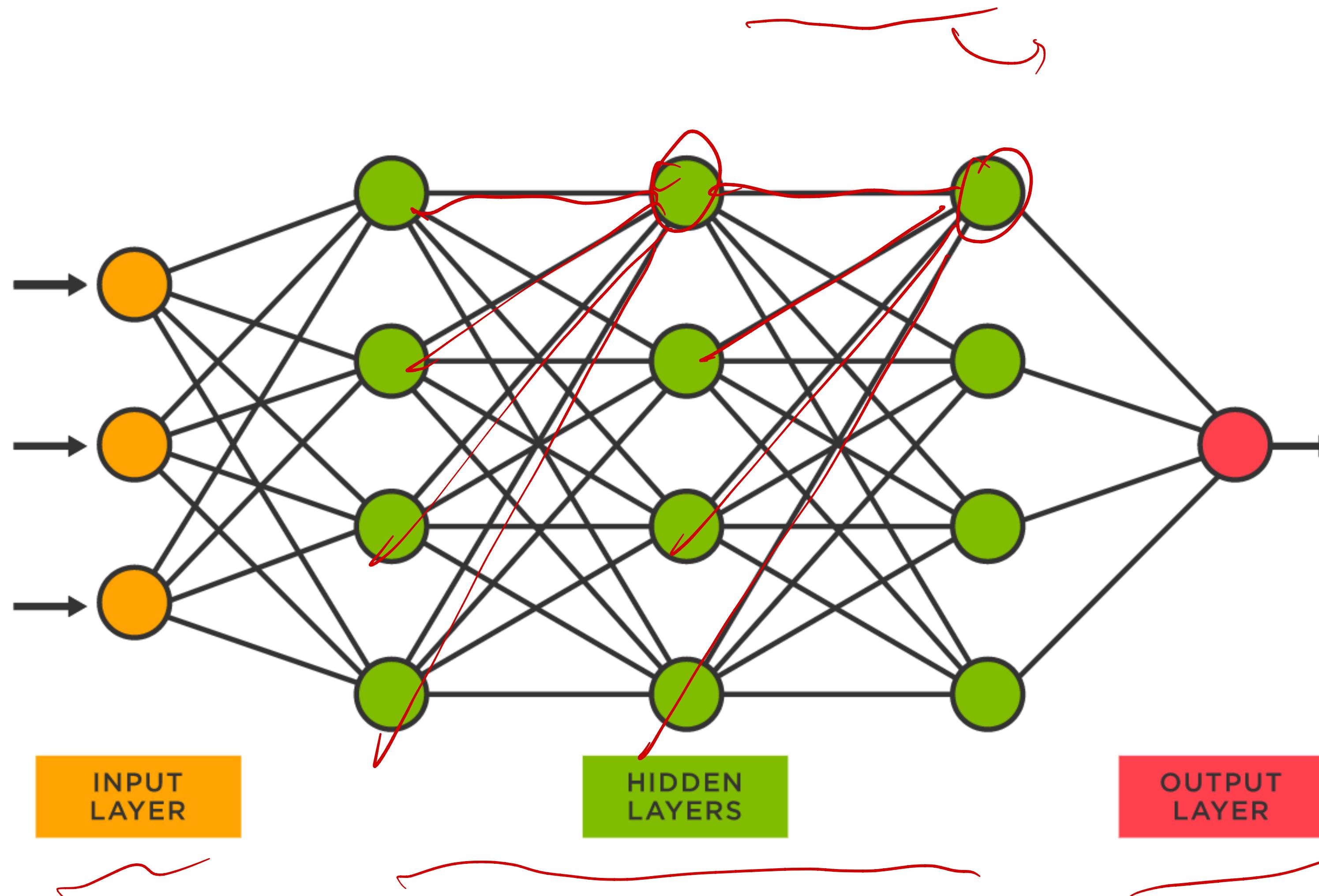


Other Activation Functions



Nonlinear function

Multilayer Perceptron Neural Networks (MLP)



Thank You!