

# Neural Network Backpropagation

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To compute the gradients, we'll work backwards:

1. Compute the error at the output layer:

$$\delta_2 = (\mathbf{a}_2 - \mathbf{y}) \odot \sigma'(\mathbf{z}_2)$$

where  $\odot$  is element-wise multiplication and  $\sigma'$  is the derivative of the sigmoid function.

2. Compute gradients for  $\mathbf{W}_2$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_2} &= \mathbf{a}_1^T \delta_2 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_2} &= \sum \delta_2 \quad (\text{sum over the batch dimension})\end{aligned}$$

3. Backpropagate the error to the hidden layer:

$$\delta_1 = (\delta_2 \mathbf{W}_2^T) \odot \sigma'(\mathbf{z}_1)$$

4. Compute gradients for  $\mathbf{W}_1$  and  $\mathbf{b}_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}_1} &= \mathbf{a}_0^T \delta_1 \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}_1} &= \sum \delta_1 \quad (\text{sum over the batch dimension})\end{aligned}$$

The gradient of the sigmoid function is:

$$\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$$

These gradients can then be used to update the weights and biases using an optimization algorithm like gradient descent:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{W} &= \mathbf{W} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \\ \mathbf{b} &= \mathbf{b} - \eta \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}}\end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta$  is the learning rate.

Partial equation for a given weight then derived like this:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial a_i} \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial b} \frac{\partial b}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial w_1}$$

## 1 One Neuron Cost

A single neuron and input forwarding contains the multiplication of a weight and a input, the addition of bias, and the activation function used to get the output data.

$$z = w_1x_1 + b \tag{1}$$

$$f(w_1, b) = \sigma(z) \tag{2}$$

where the activation function is a non-linear logistic function.

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \tag{3}$$

$$C(w_1) = \frac{1}{2} \sum (\sigma(z) - y_1)^2 \tag{4}$$