

Backpropagation

1. Gradient Descent & Chain Rule

Network parameters $\theta = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, b_1, b_2, \dots\}$

Starting Parameters $\theta^0 \longrightarrow \theta^1 \longrightarrow \theta^2 \longrightarrow \dots$

$$\nabla L(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial L(\theta)/\partial w_1 \\ \partial L(\theta)/\partial w_2 \\ \vdots \\ \partial L(\theta)/\partial b_1 \\ \partial L(\theta)/\partial b_2 \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute $\nabla L(\theta^0)$ $\theta^1 = \theta^0 - \eta \nabla L(\theta^0)$
Compute $\nabla L(\theta^1)$ $\theta^2 = \theta^1 - \eta \nabla L(\theta^1)$
Millions of parameters
To compute the gradients efficiently, we use backpropagation.

在Neural Network用Gradient Descent的时候与在Logistic Regression、Liner Regression里使用是没有太多差别的，最大的差别是在Neural Network里有特别多的参数。

Backpropagation是一种Gradient Descent，是比较有效率的演算法，能更有效率的计算gradient。

Case 1 $y = g(x) \quad z = h(y)$

$$\Delta x \rightarrow \Delta y \rightarrow \Delta z \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dy} \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Case 2

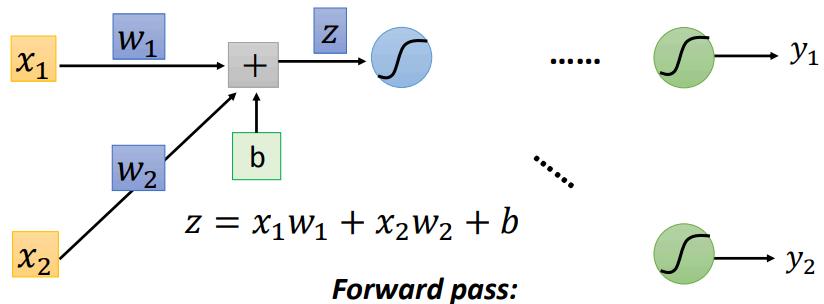
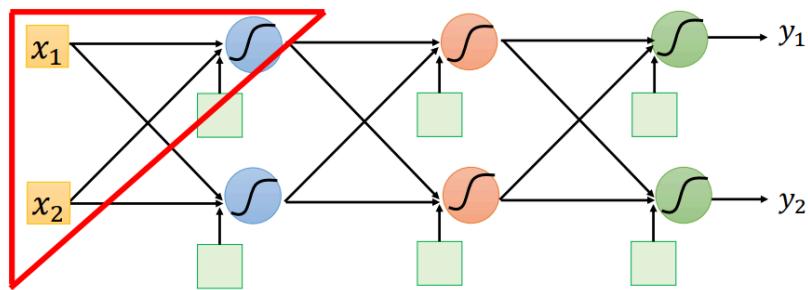
$$x = g(s) \quad y = h(s) \quad z = k(x, y)$$

$$\Delta s \xrightarrow{\Delta x} \Delta z \xrightarrow{\Delta y} \Delta z \quad \frac{dz}{ds} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds}$$

2. Backpropagation

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$$L(\theta) = \sum_{n=1}^N C^n(\theta) \rightarrow \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial w} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial C^n(\theta)}{\partial w}$$



$\frac{\partial C}{\partial w} = ?$ $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w} \frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ (Chain rule)

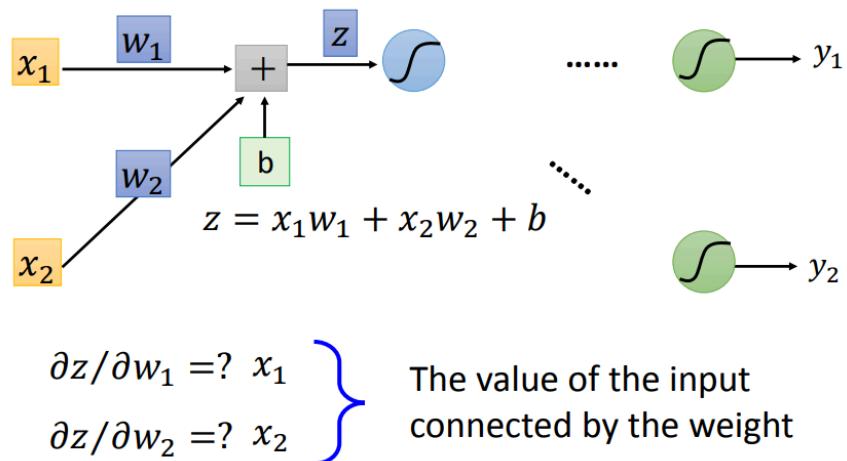
Compute $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$ for all parameters

Backward pass:

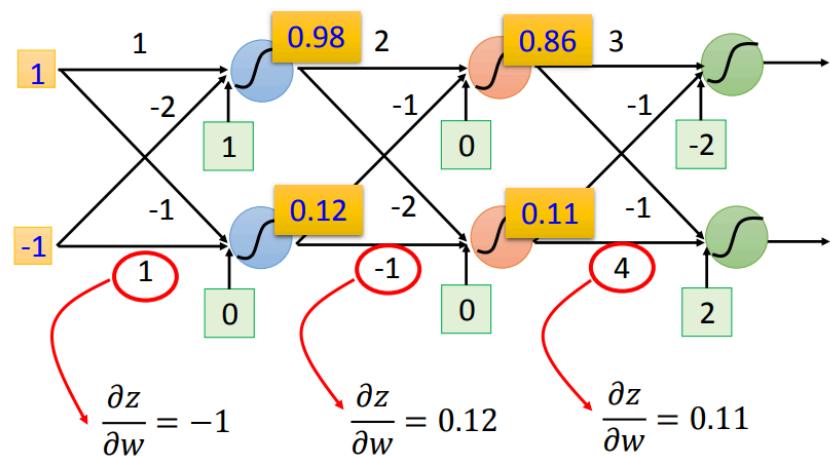
Compute $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ for all activation function inputs z

2.1 Backpropagation – Forward pass (计算 $\frac{\partial z}{\partial w}$)

Compute $\partial z / \partial w$ for all parameters



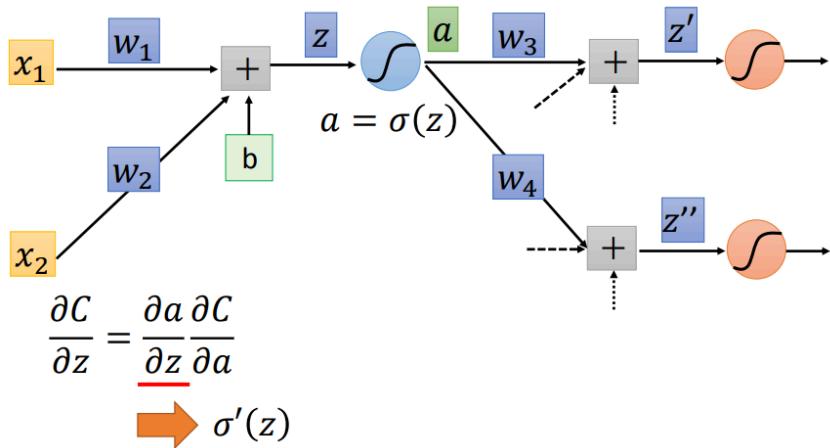
Compute $\partial z / \partial w$ for all parameters



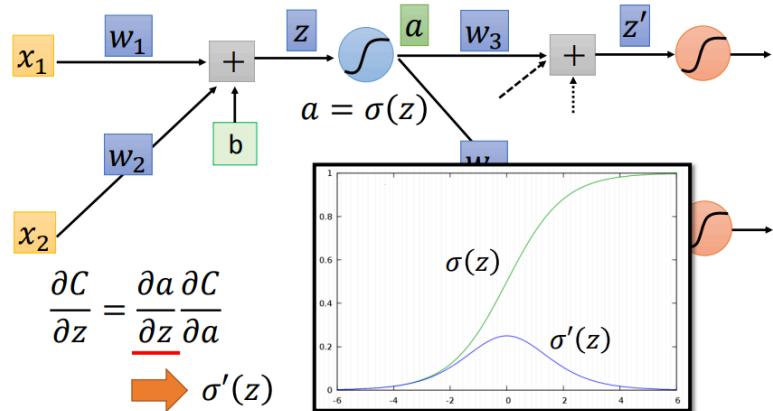
想要计算出Neural Network中每一个w对activation function input的偏微分，只需要把input丢进去，计算每一个neural的output

2.2 Backpropagation – pass (计算 $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$)

Compute $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ for all activation function inputs z

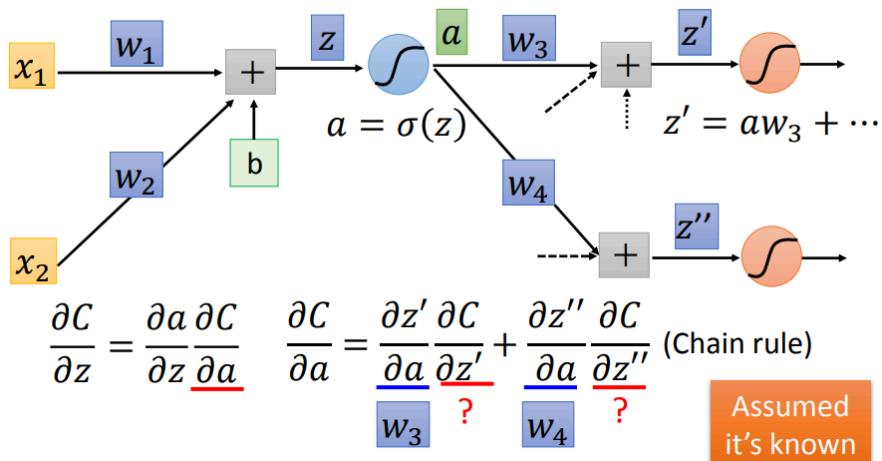


Compute $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ for all activation function inputs z

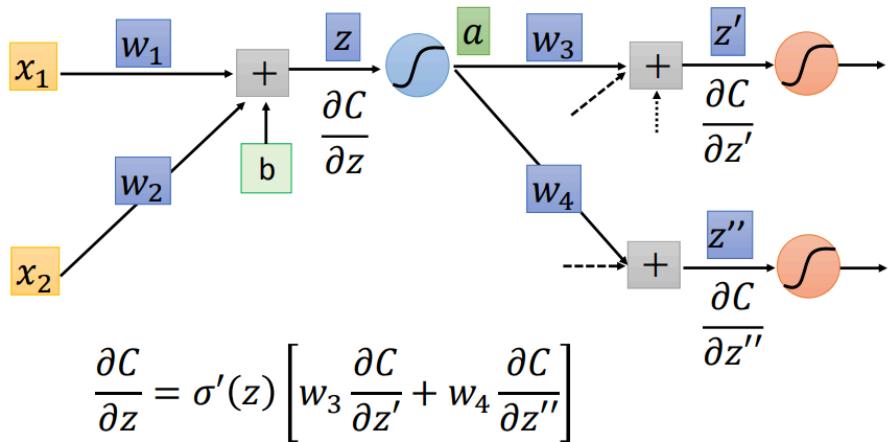


$\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ 可以拆分为 $\frac{\partial a}{\partial z} \frac{\partial C}{\partial a}$, 而 $\frac{\partial a}{\partial z}$ 就是求激活函数的偏微分 (右图), 可以很容易的求出, 所以现在的问题就是如何求 $\frac{\partial C}{\partial a}$

Compute $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ for all activation function inputs z



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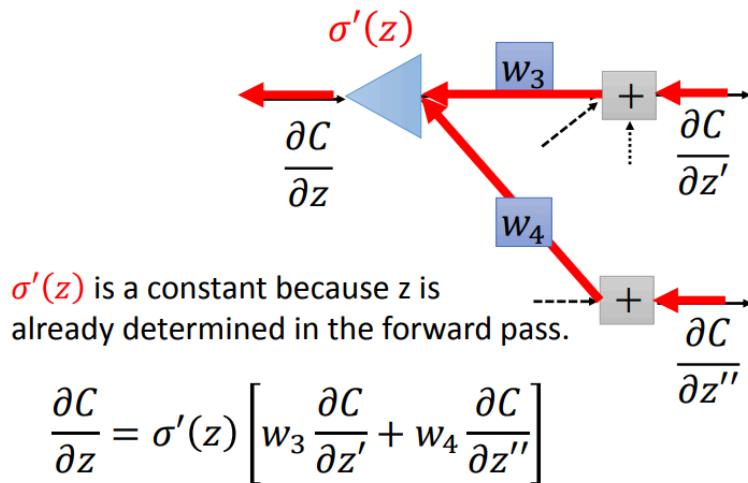
$\frac{\partial C}{\partial a}$ 根据链式法则可以拆分，损失 C 不是直接由 a 决定的，而是： $a \rightarrow z'$, $a \rightarrow z''$

所以： $C = C(z'(a), z''(a))$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial C}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial z'} \frac{\partial z'}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial C}{\partial z''} \frac{\partial z''}{\partial a}}$$

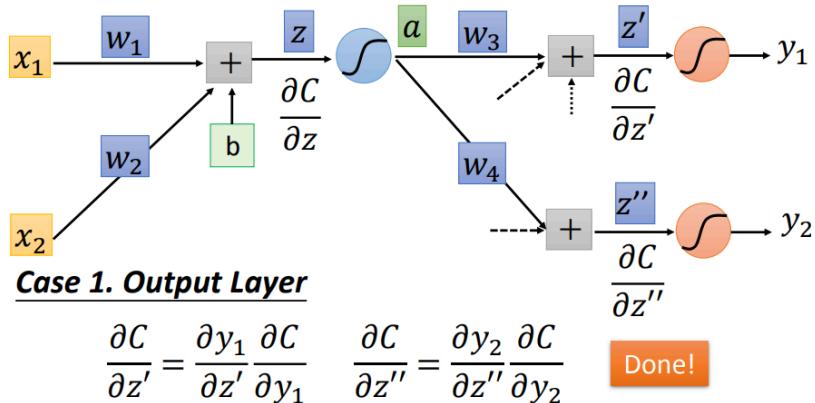
$$\begin{aligned} z'' &= w_4 a + \dots \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z''}{\partial a} = w_4 & \frac{\partial C}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial a}{\partial z} \frac{\partial C}{\partial a} \\ z' &= w_3 a + \dots \Rightarrow \frac{\partial z'}{\partial a} = w_3 & &= \frac{\partial a}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z'} \frac{\partial z'}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial C}{\partial z''} \frac{\partial z''}{\partial a} \right) \\ &&&= \sigma'(z) \left(w_3 \frac{\partial C}{\partial z'} + w_4 \frac{\partial C}{\partial z''} \right) \end{aligned}$$

所以，相较于最开始的神经网络，我们需要依靠后面层级的数据来计算 $\frac{\partial C}{\partial a}$ ：



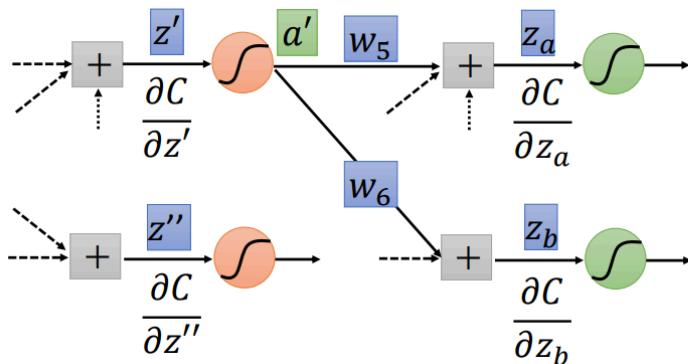
后续层级的情况有两种：最终输出层、不是最终输出层

Compute $\partial C / \partial z$ for all activation function inputs z



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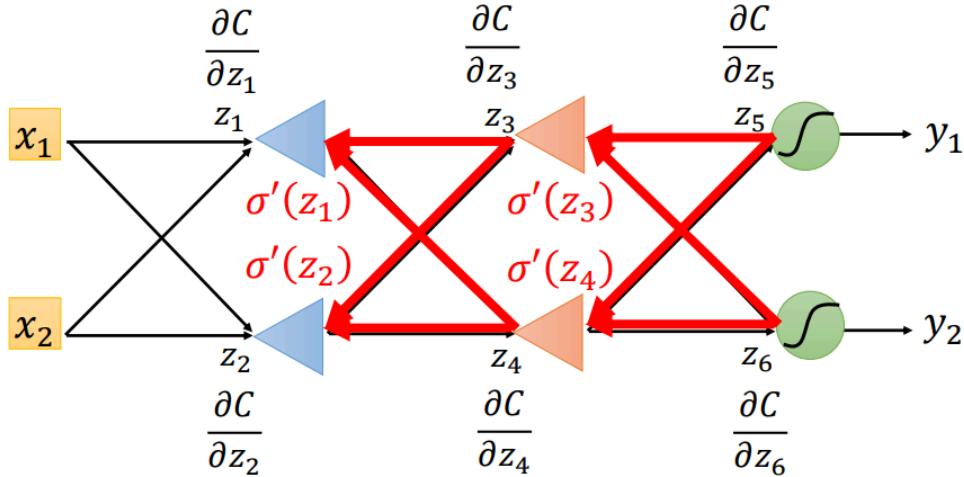
Case 2. Not Output Layer



- 若后续层级是最终输出层，则该层的梯度可以直接由损失函数对输出的导数得到。
- 若后续层级不是最终输出层，则该层的梯度需要由后续层级的梯度通过链式法则反向传递得到，因此反向传播为高效计算梯度提供了统一机制

Compute $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ for all activation function inputs z

Compute $\frac{\partial C}{\partial z}$ from the output layer



2.3 Backpropagation – Summary

