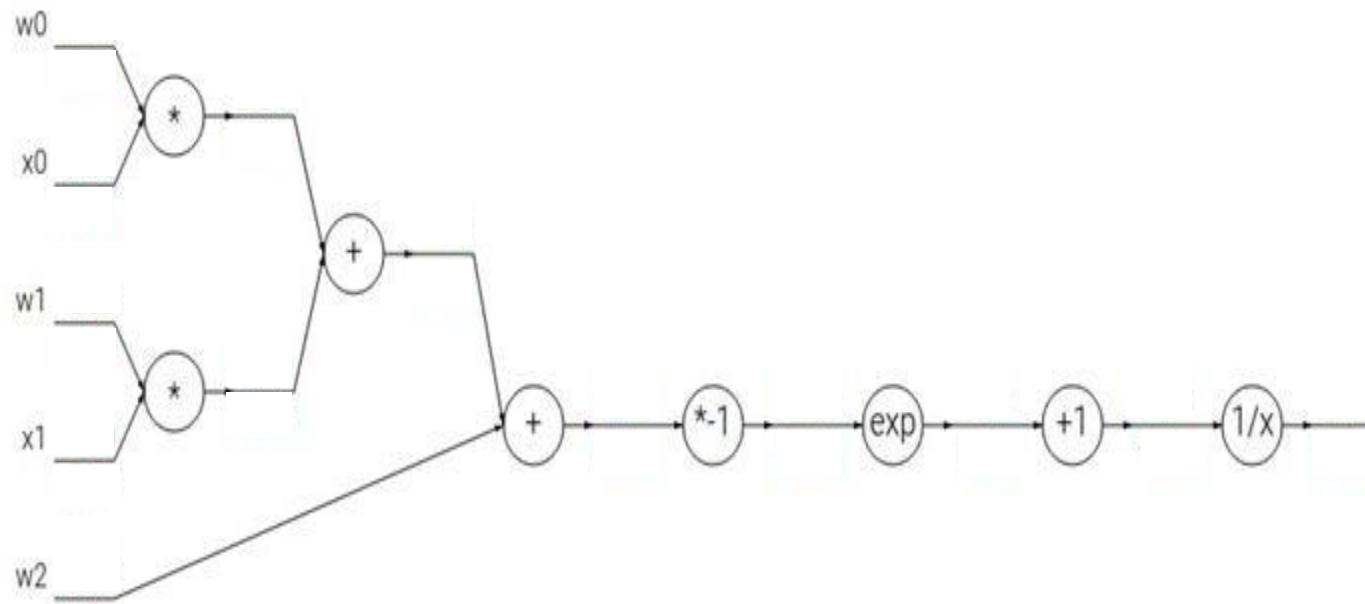


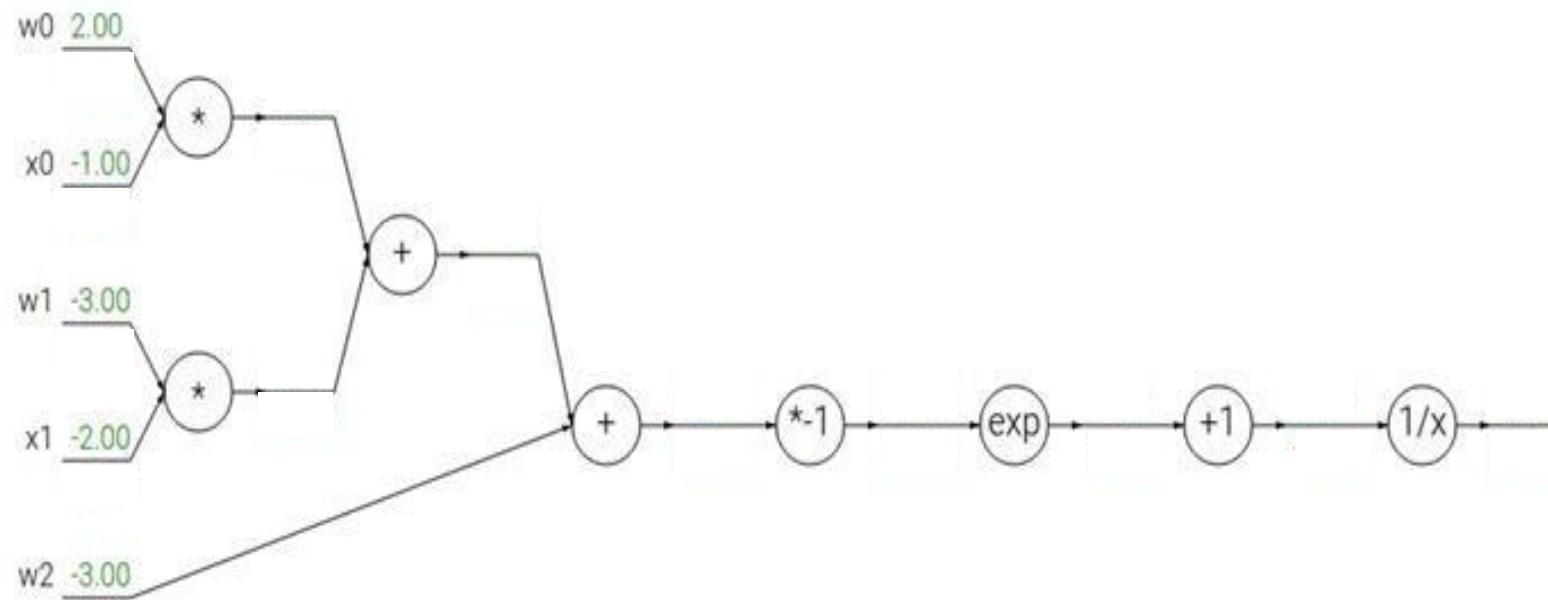
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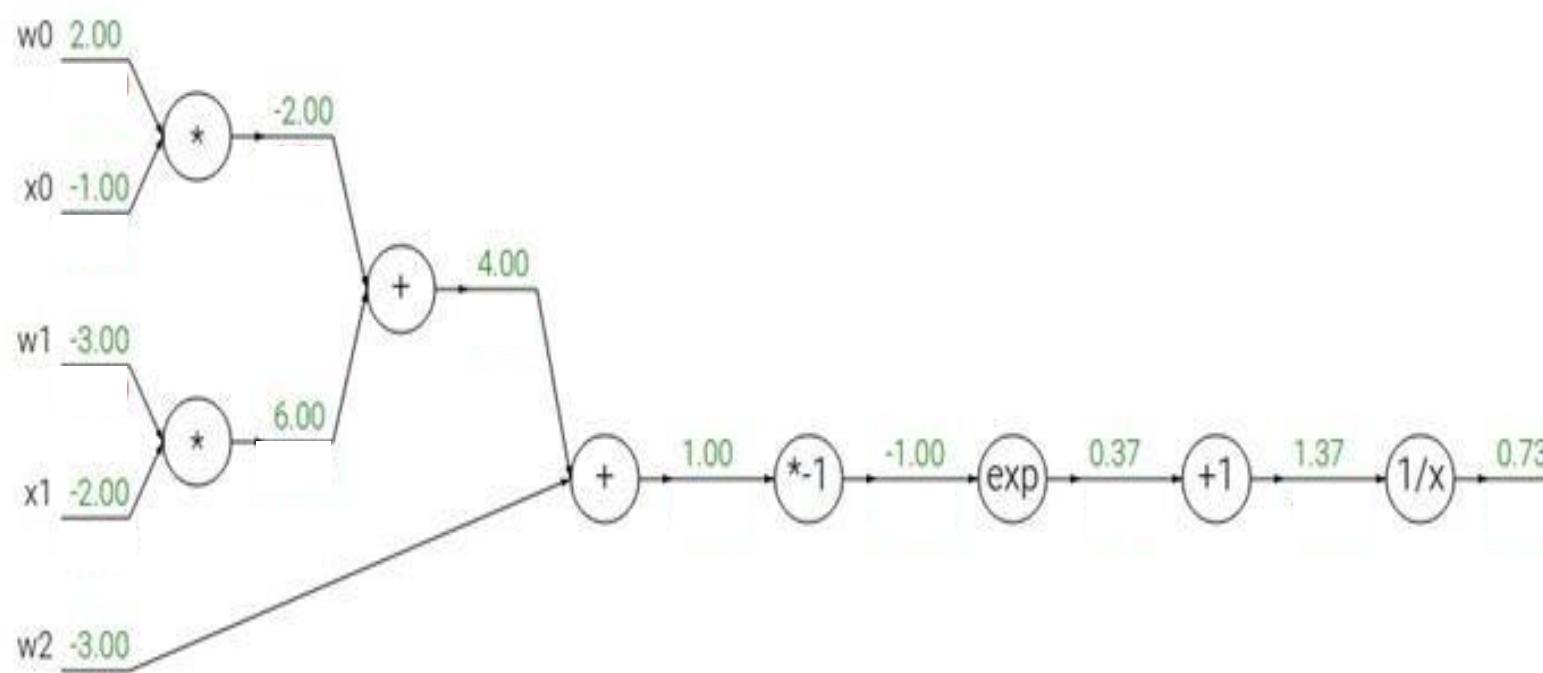
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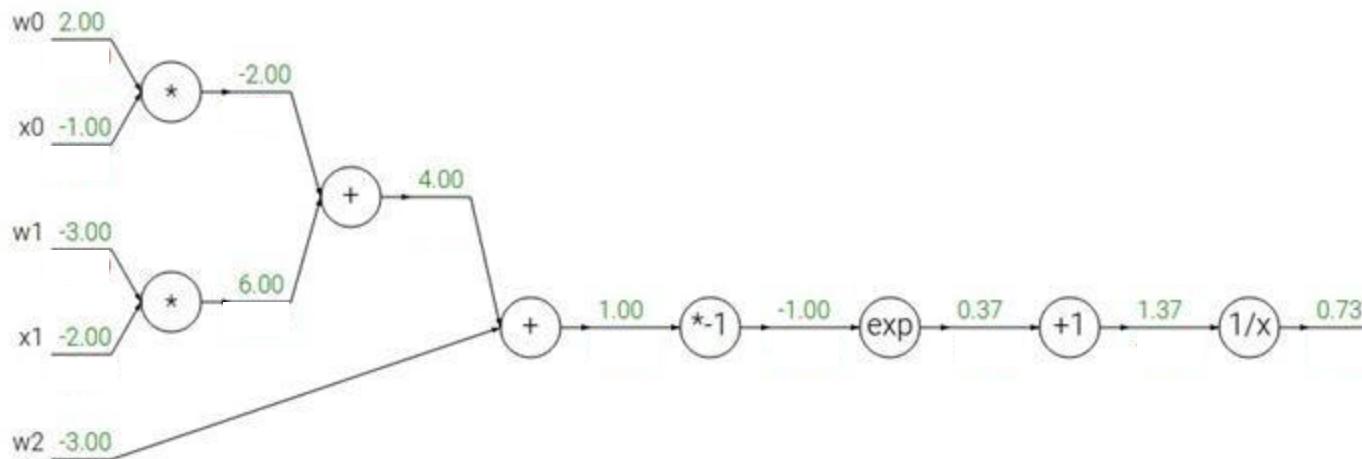
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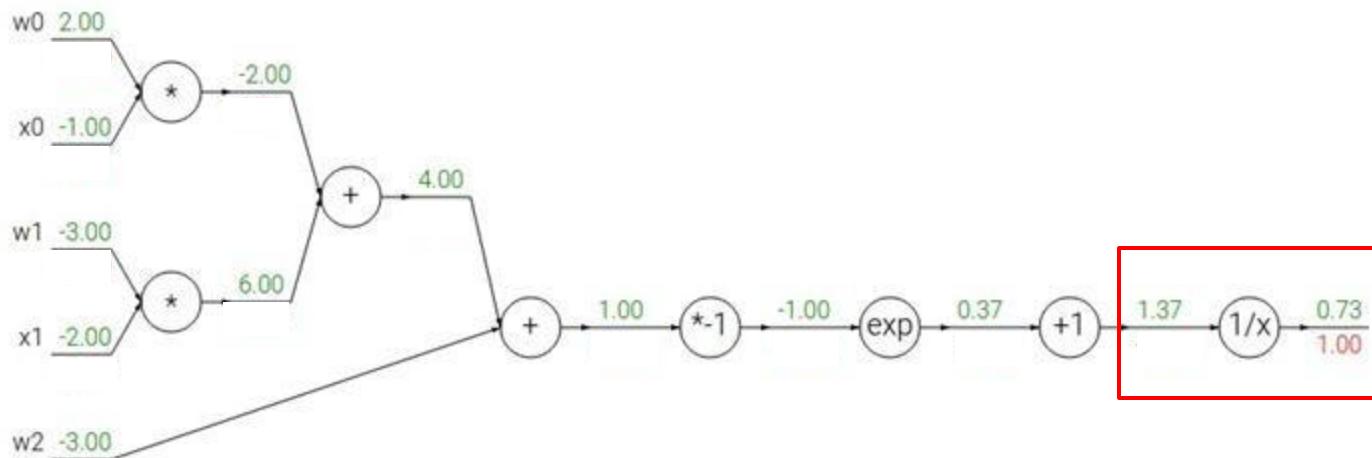
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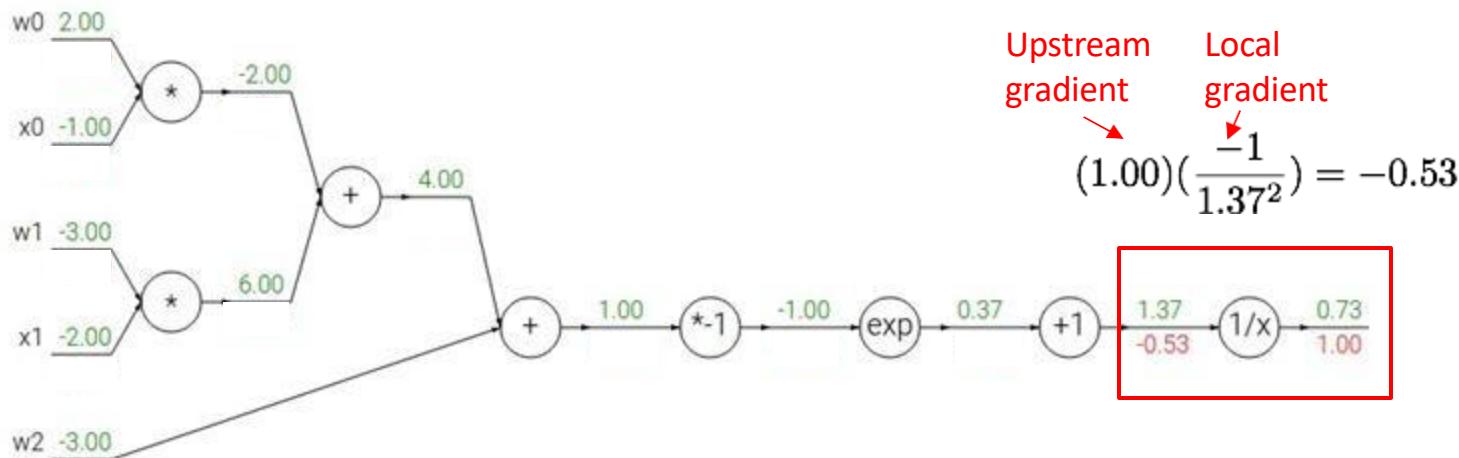
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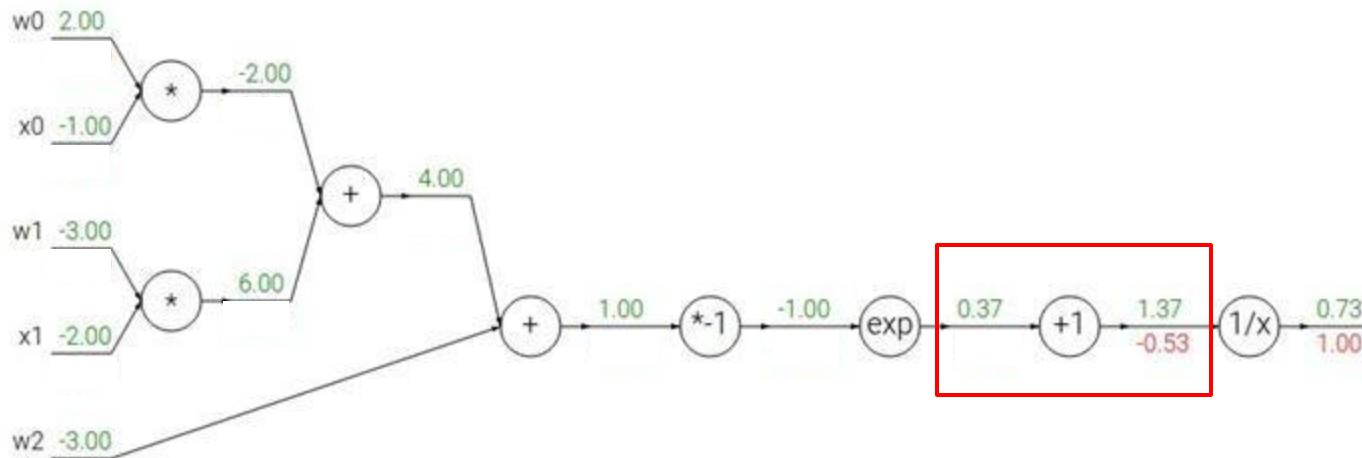
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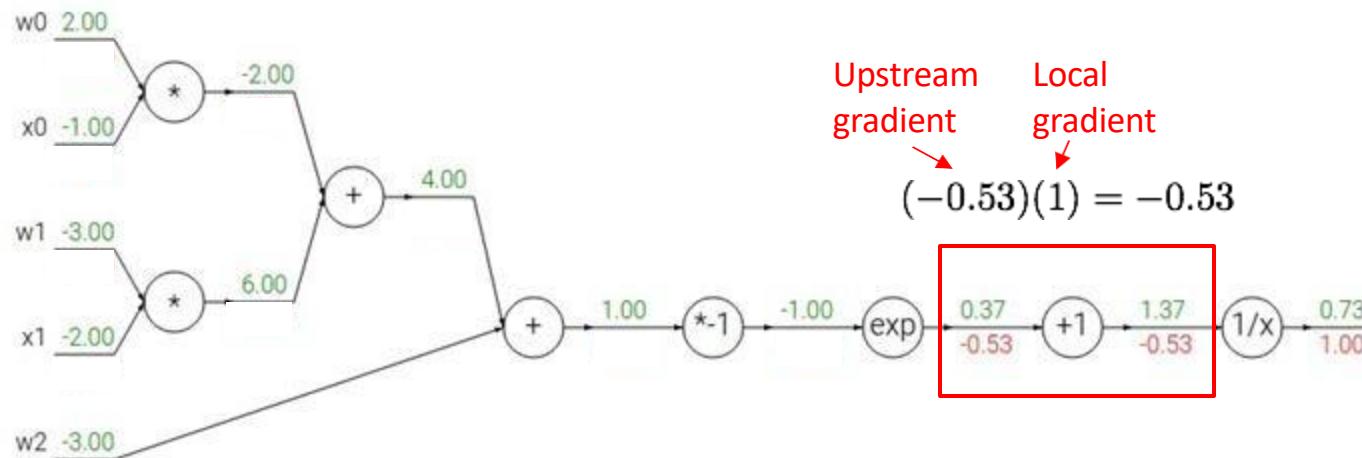
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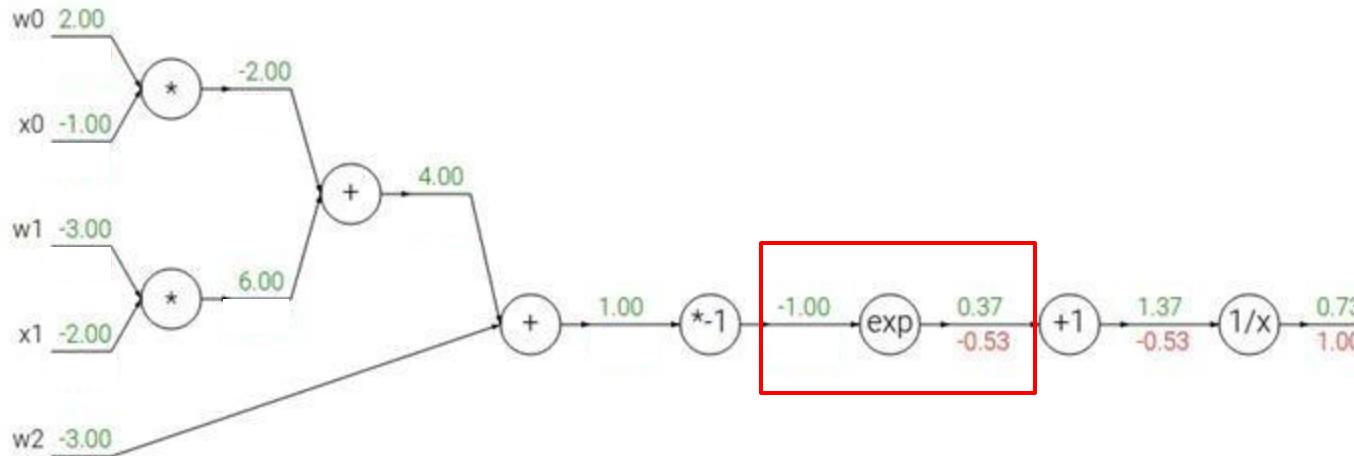
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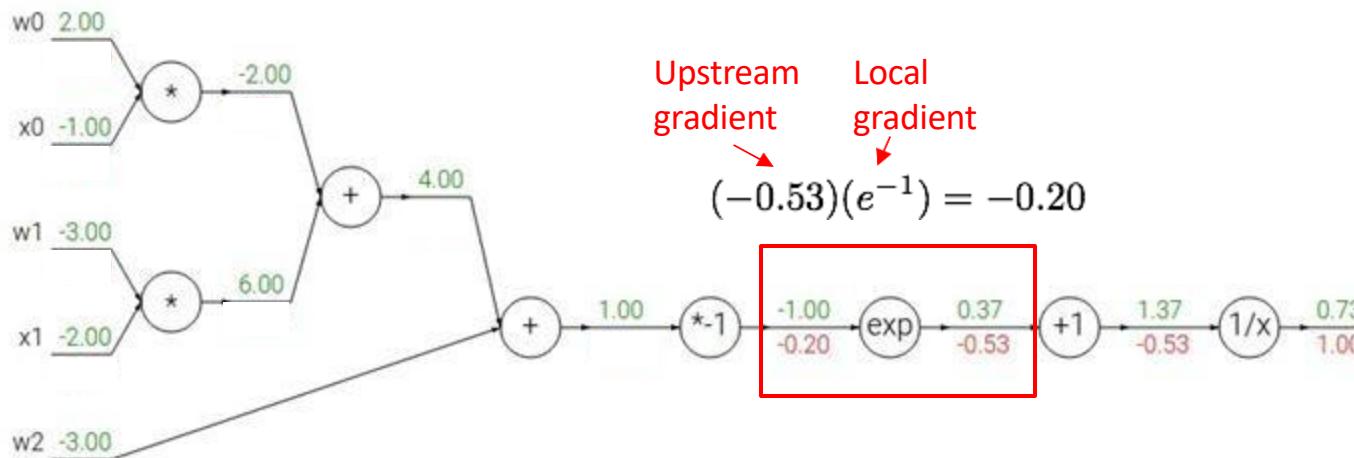
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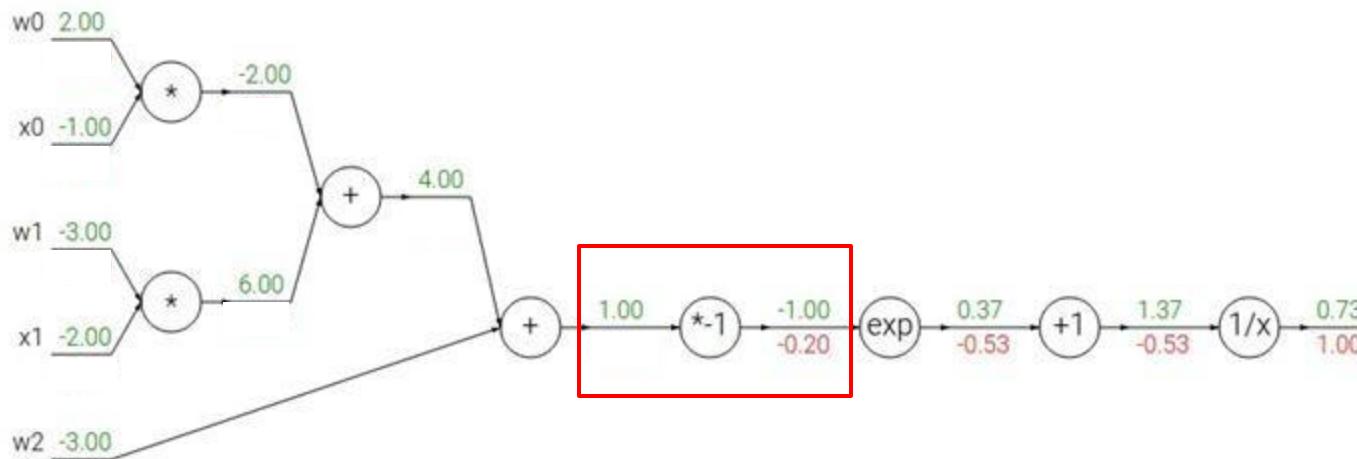
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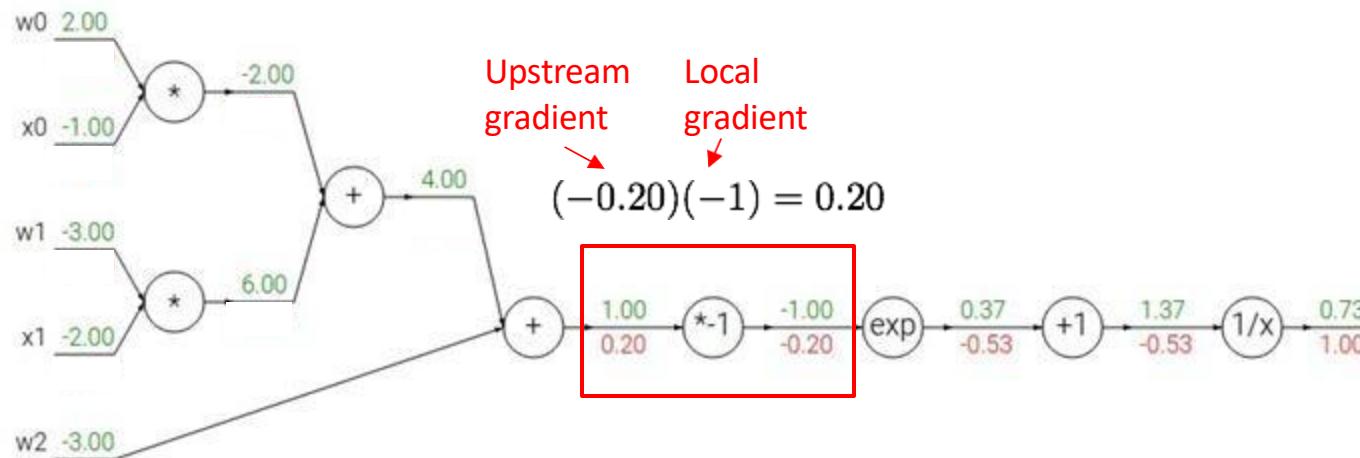
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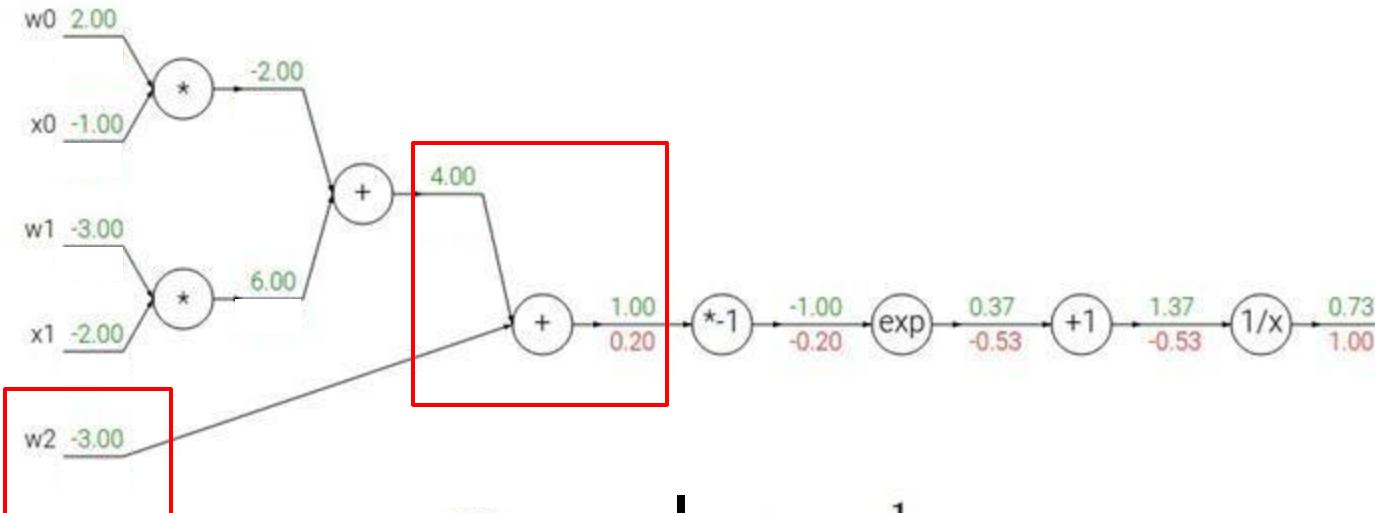
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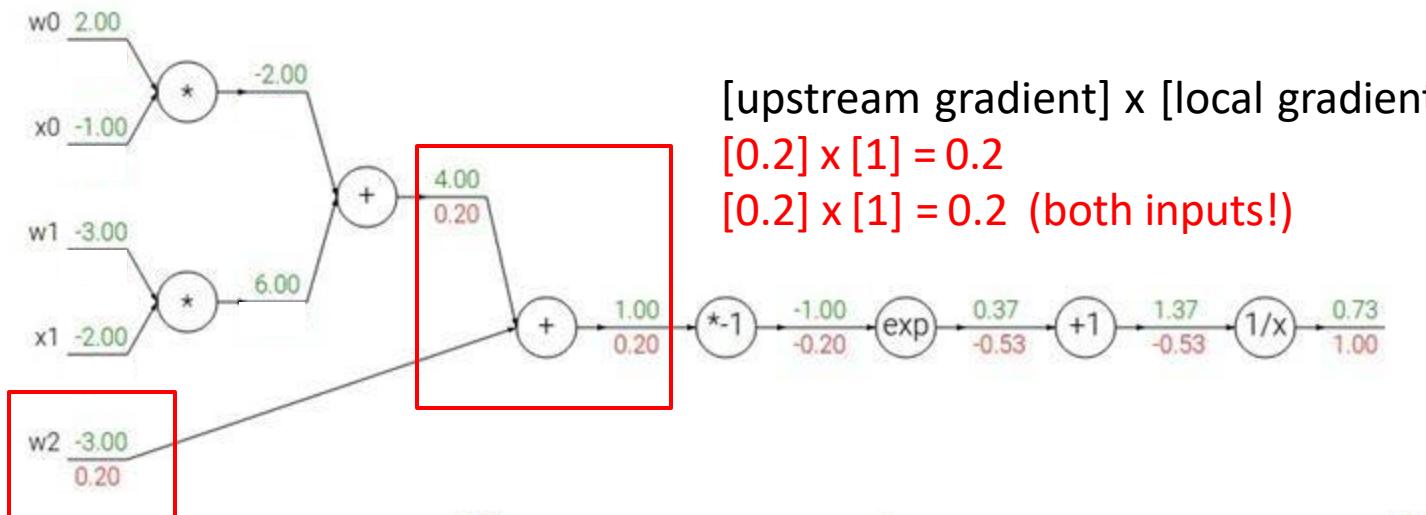
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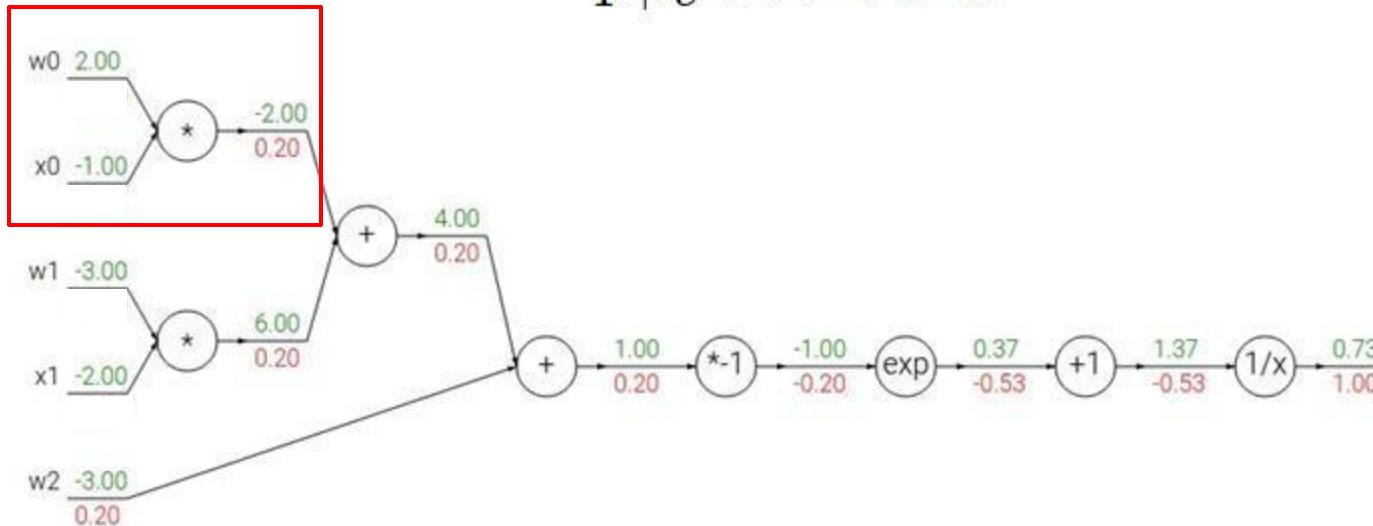
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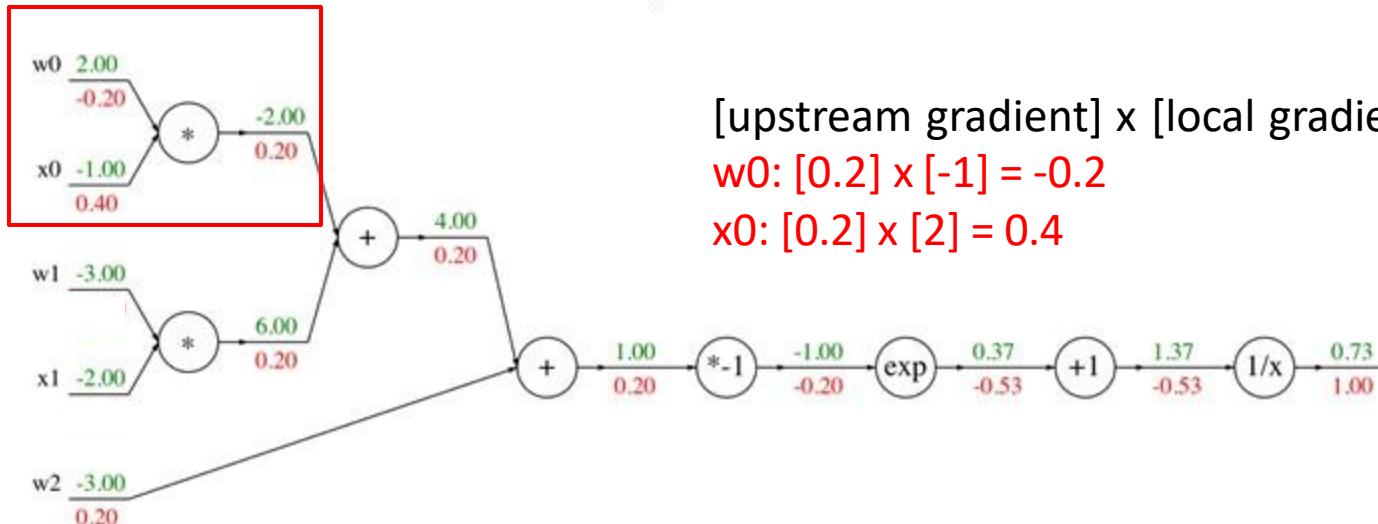
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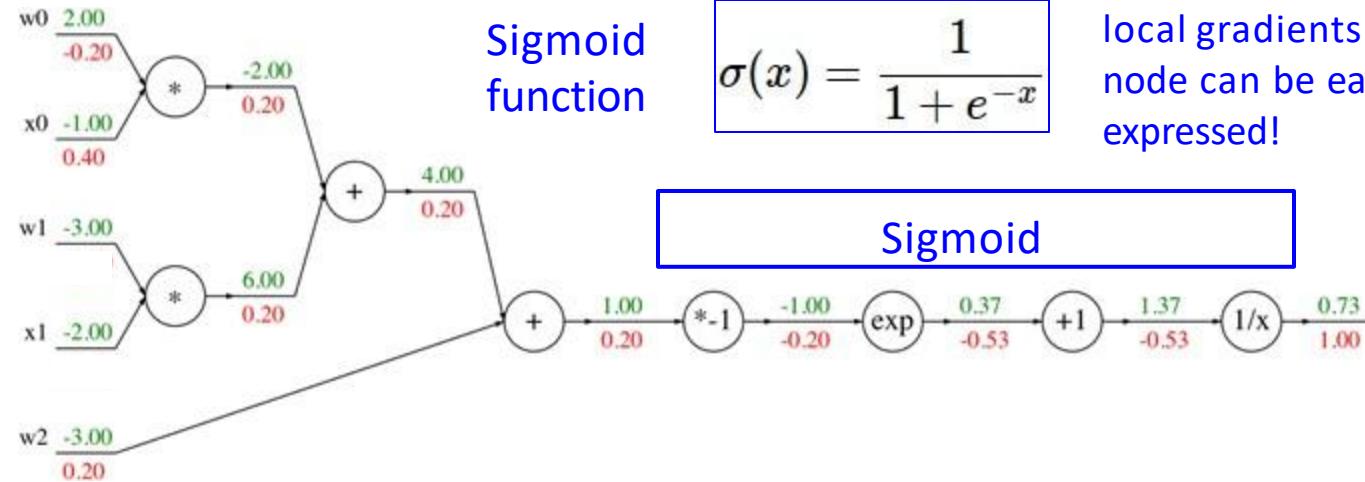
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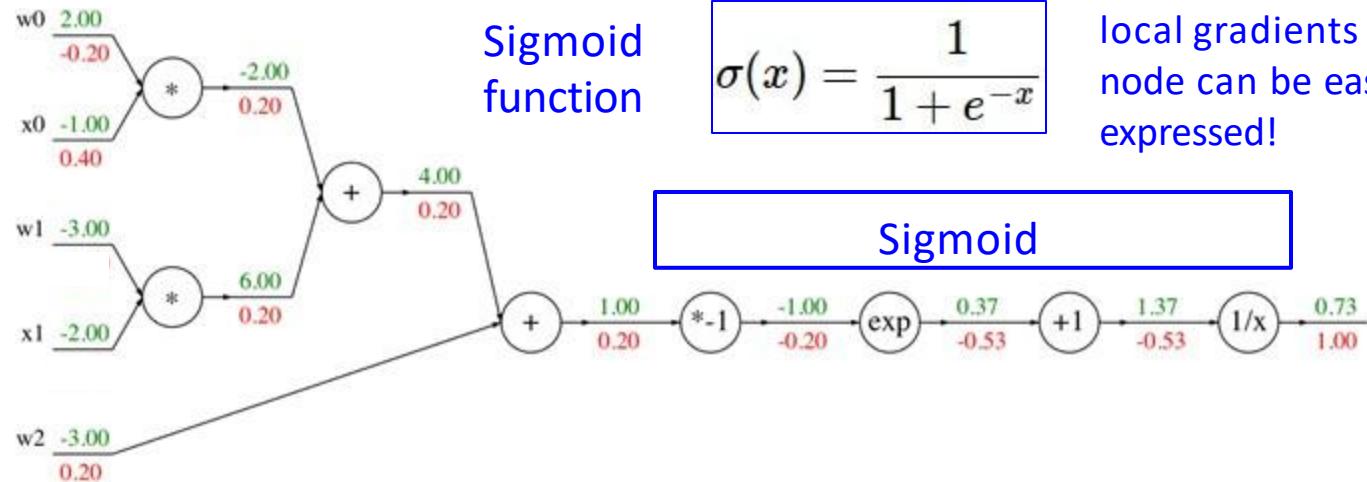
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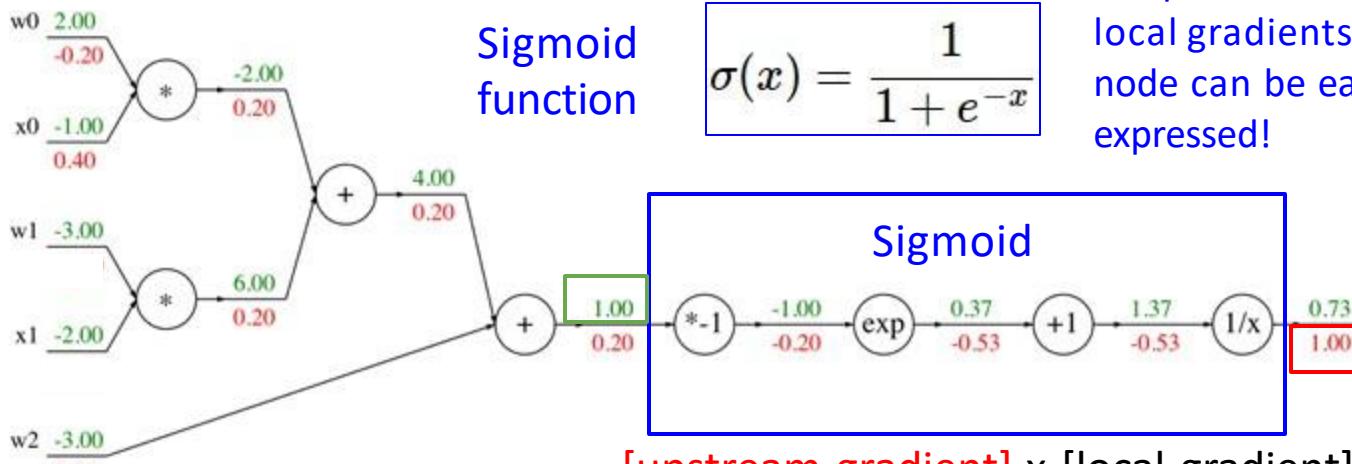
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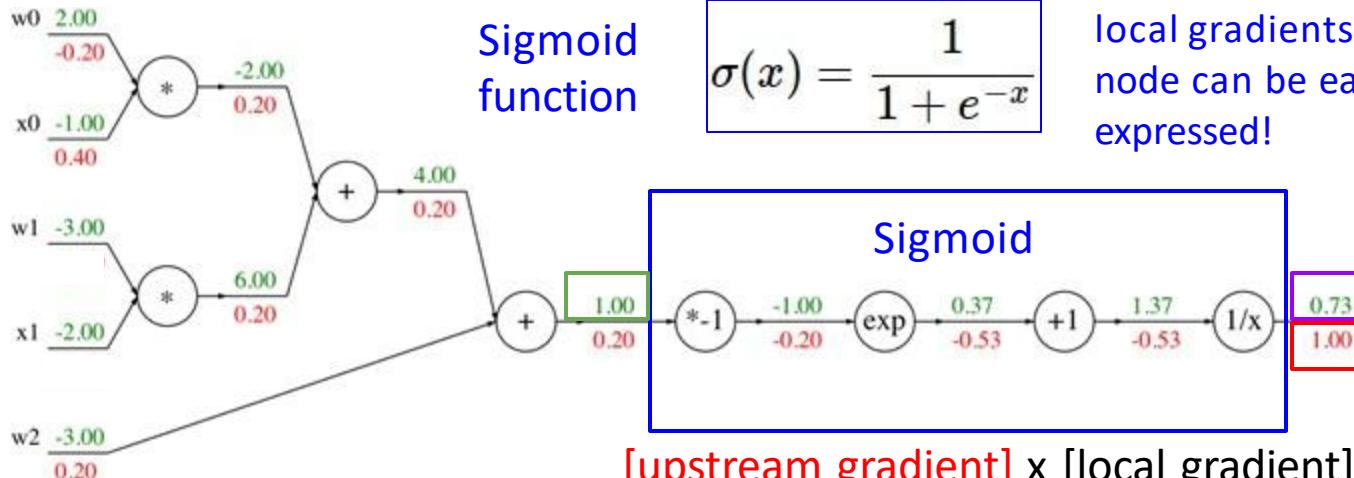
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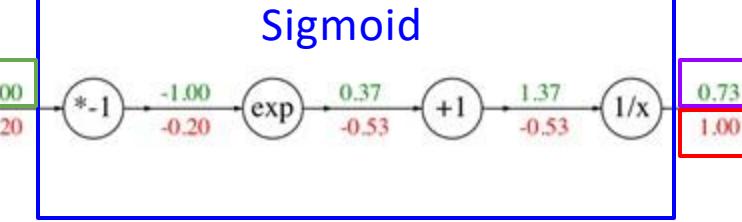
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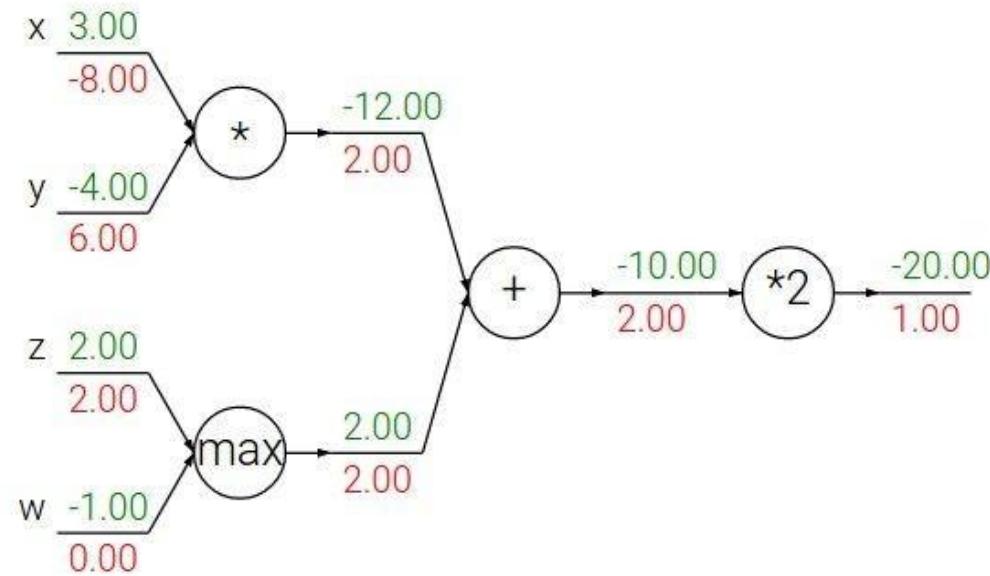
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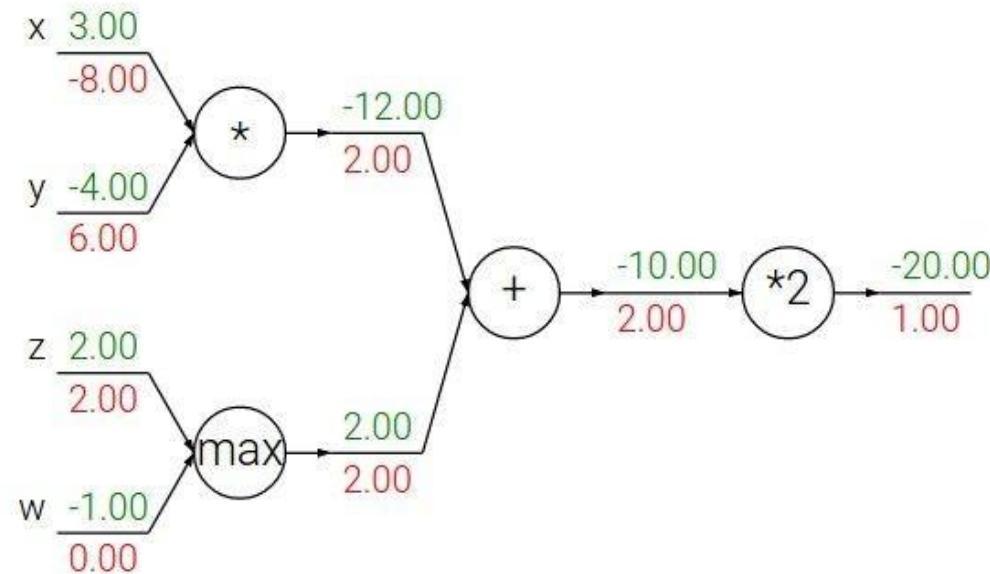
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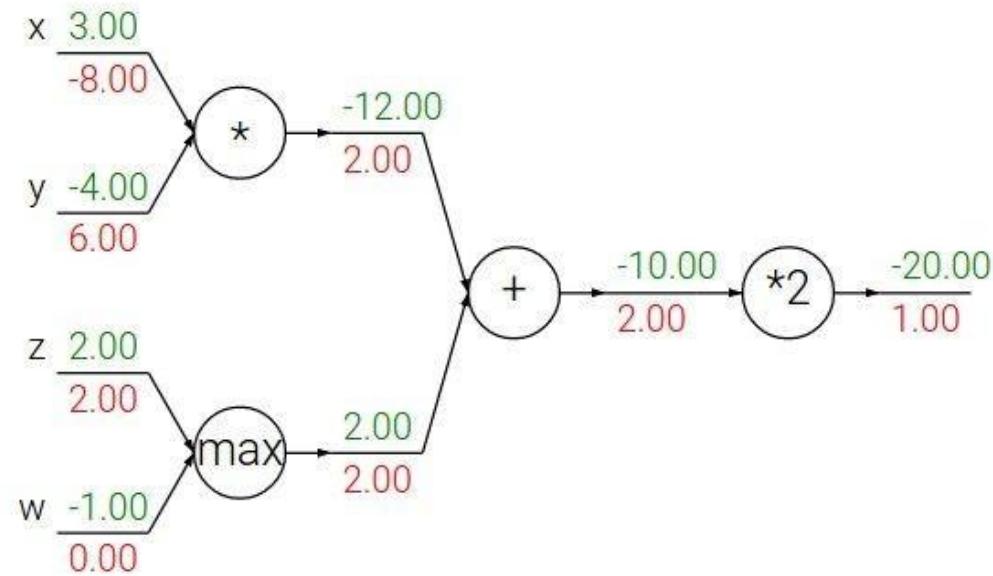
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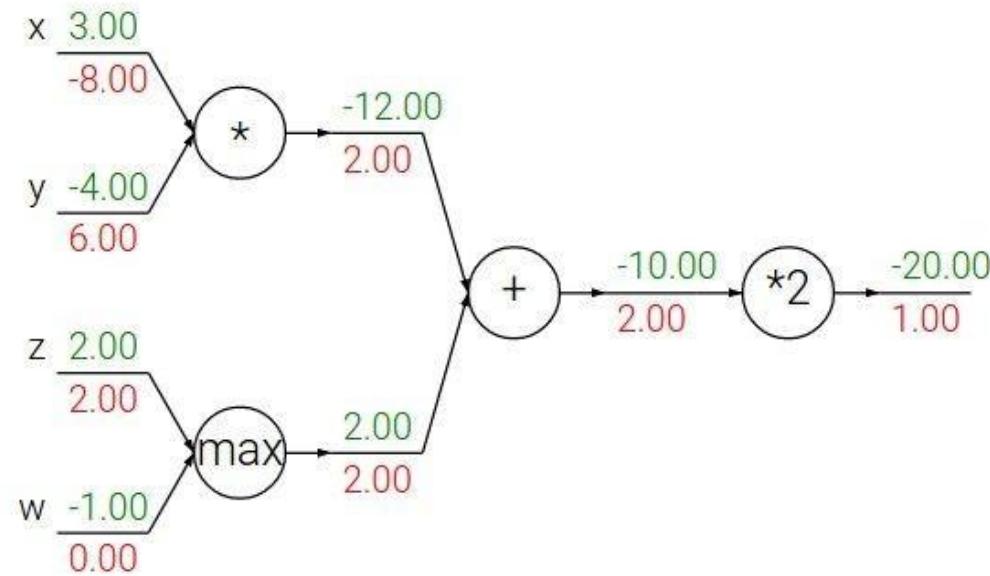


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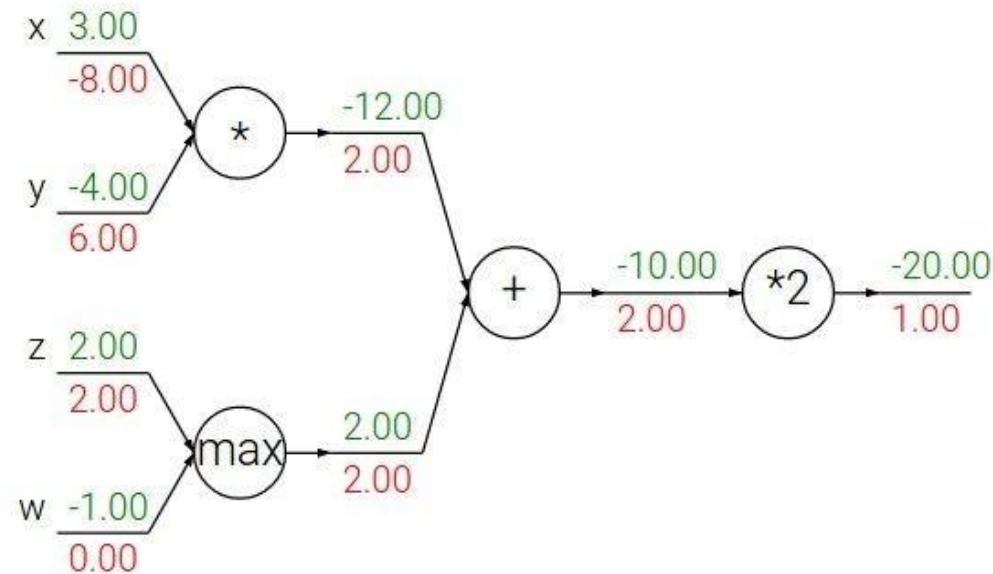


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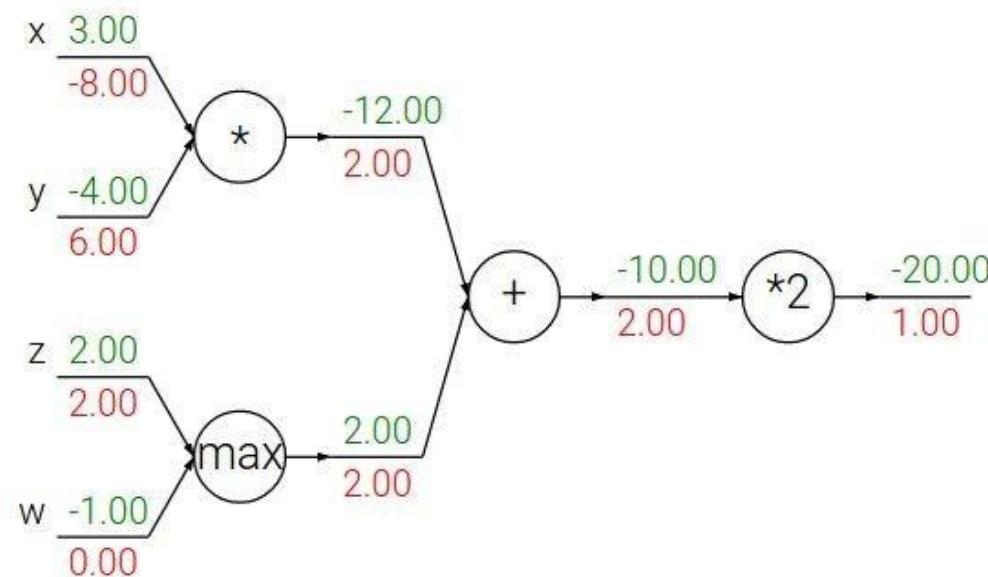


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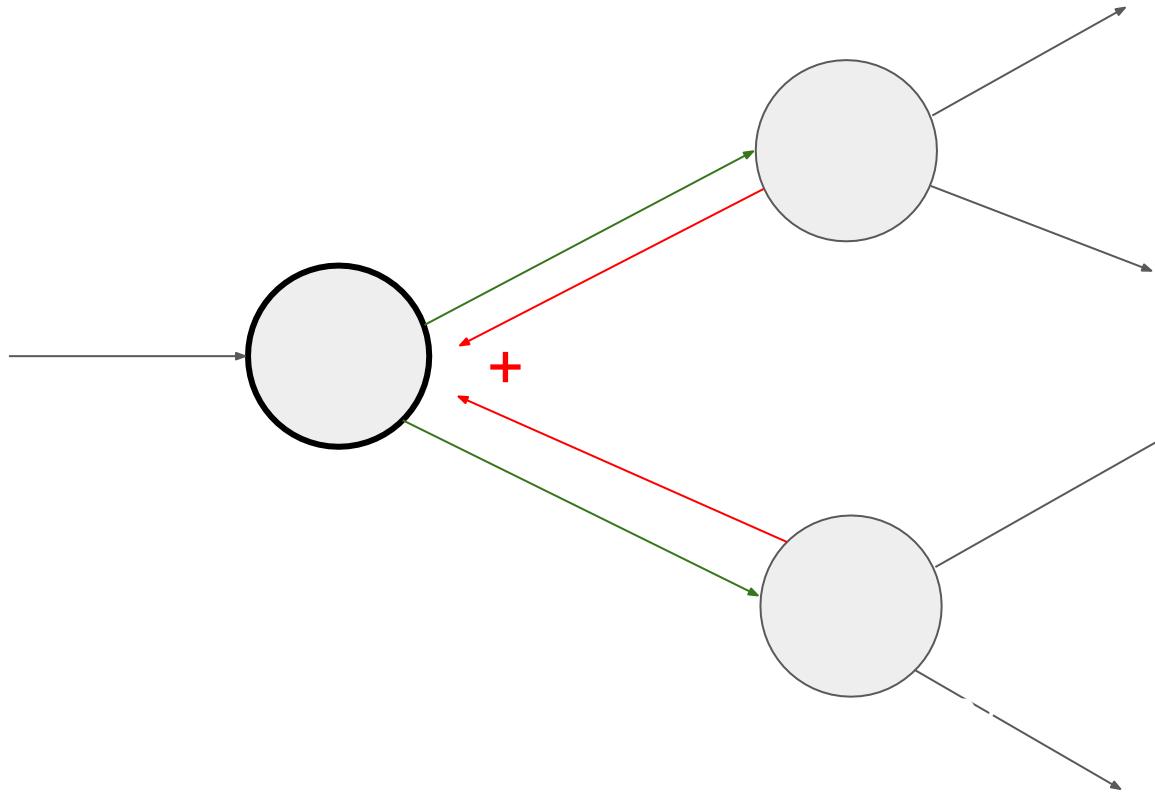
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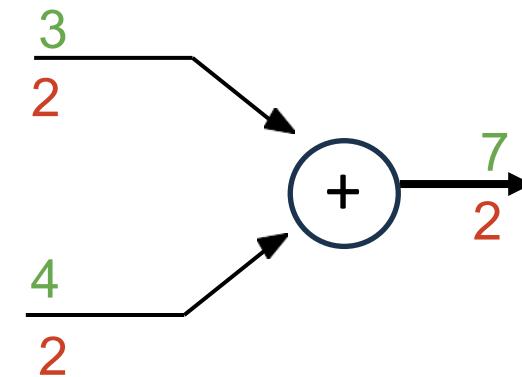


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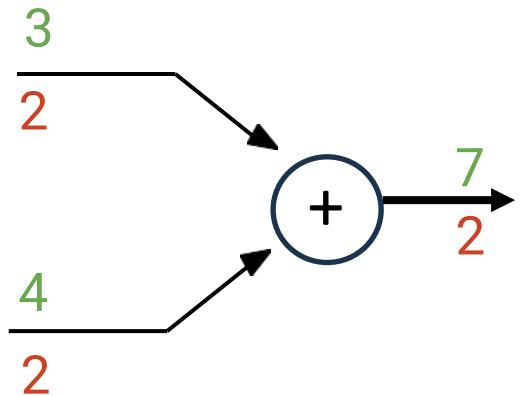
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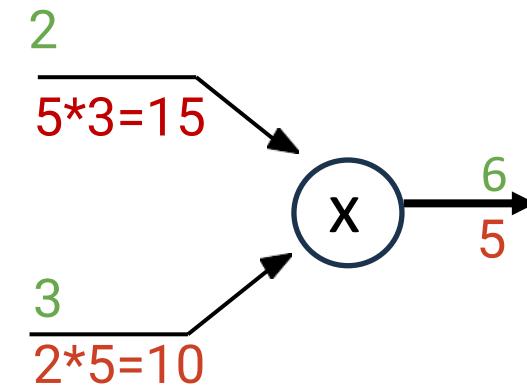


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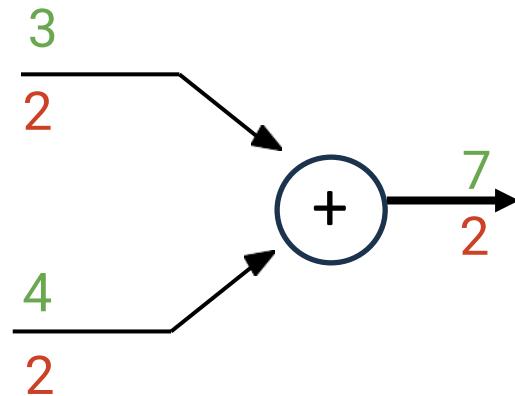


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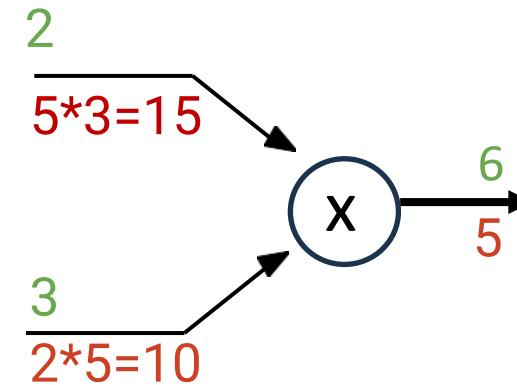


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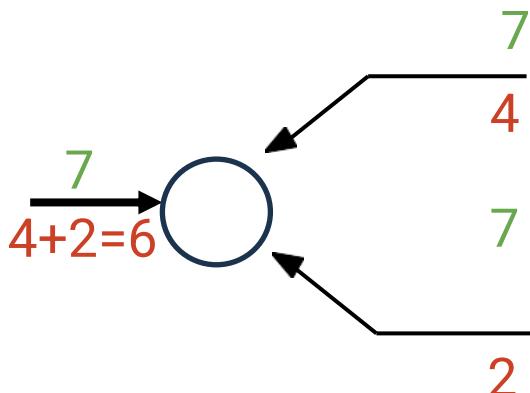
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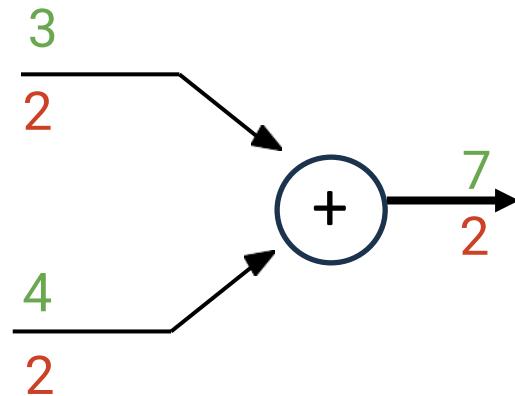


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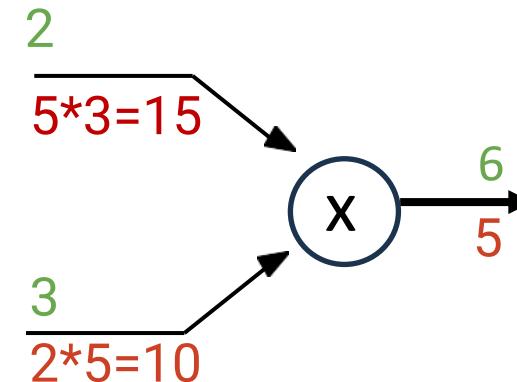


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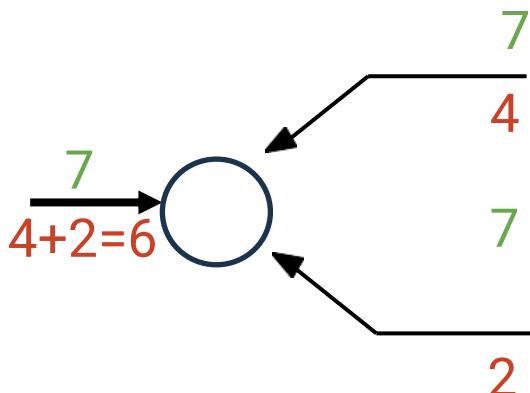
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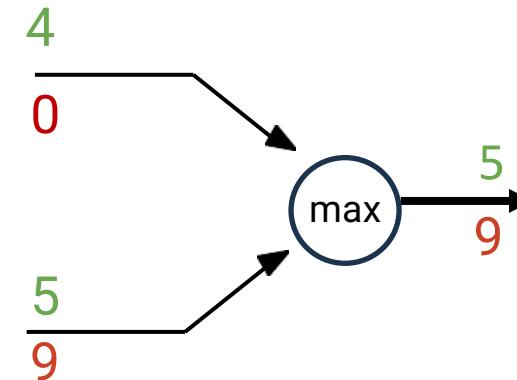
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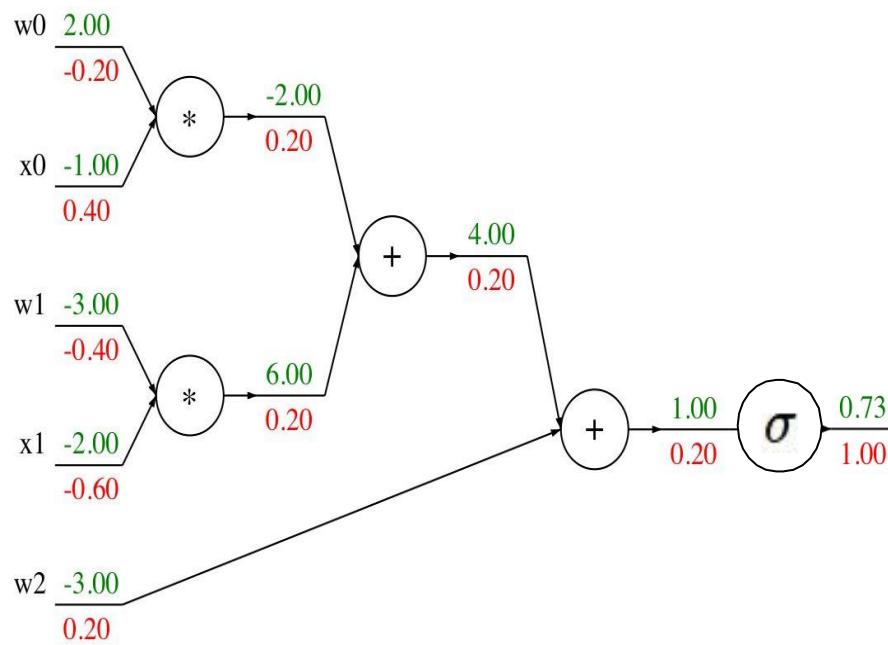
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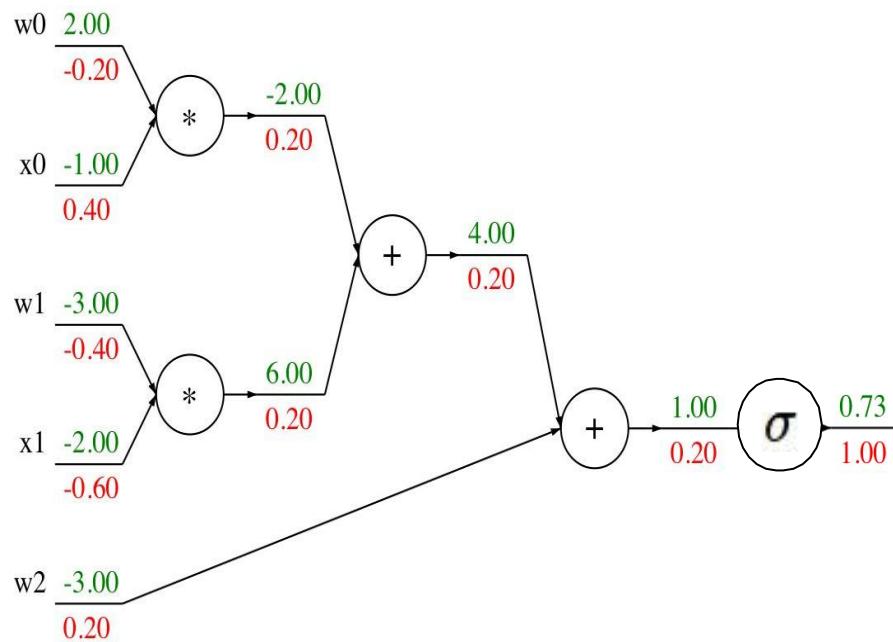
Forward pass:
Compute output

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    L = sigmoid(s3)
```

Backward pass:
Compute grads

```
grad_L = 1.0  
grad_s3 = grad_L * (1 - L) * L  
grad_w2 = grad_s3  
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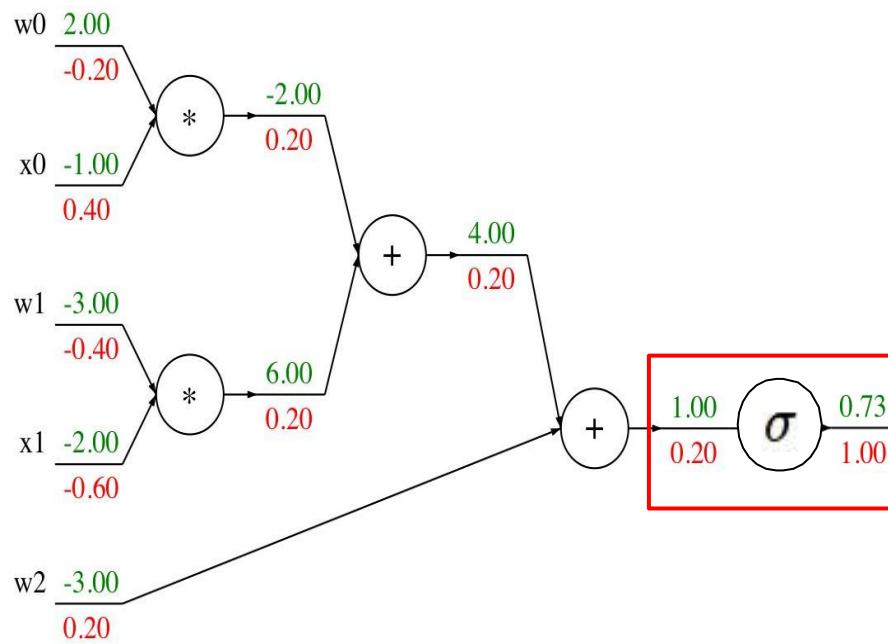
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Base Case

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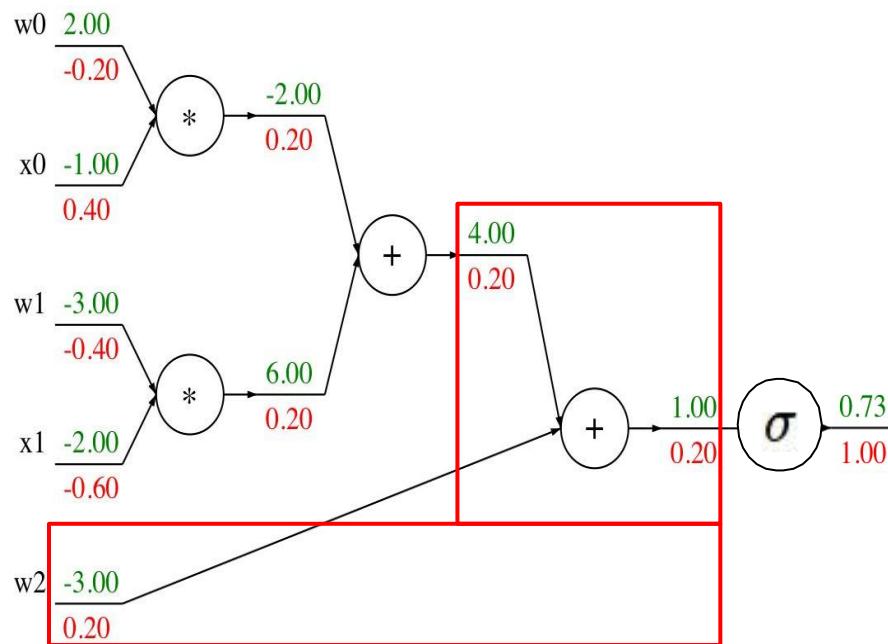
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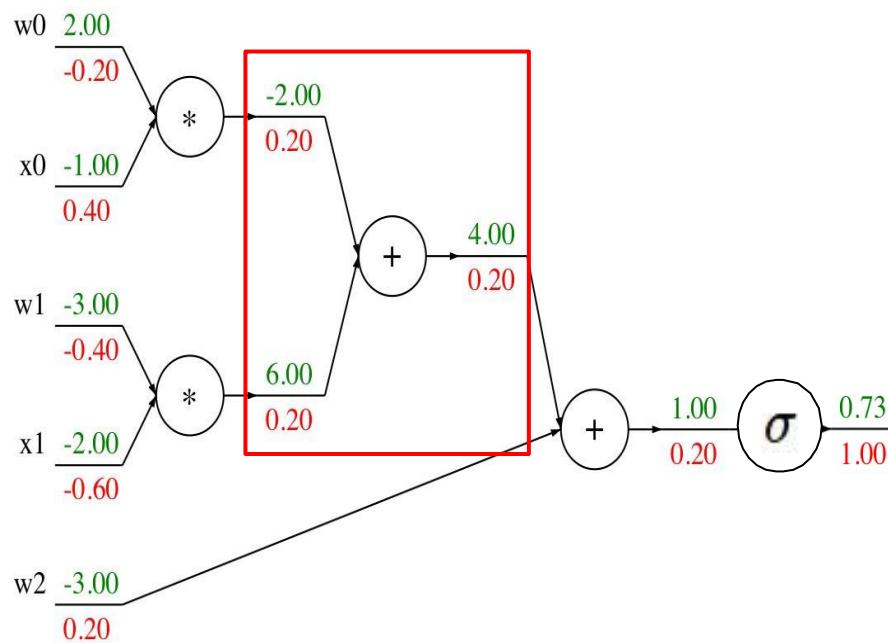
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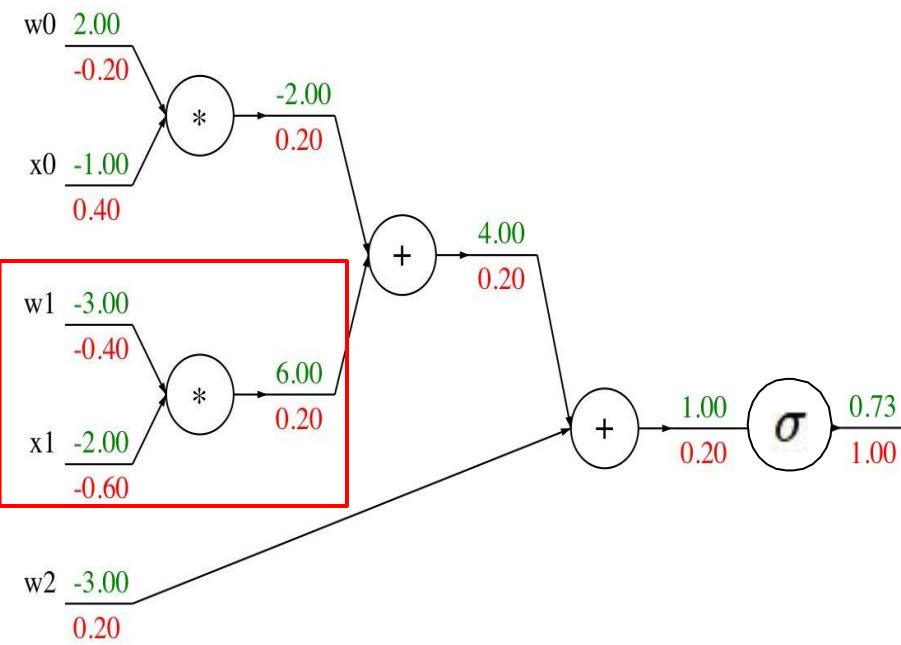
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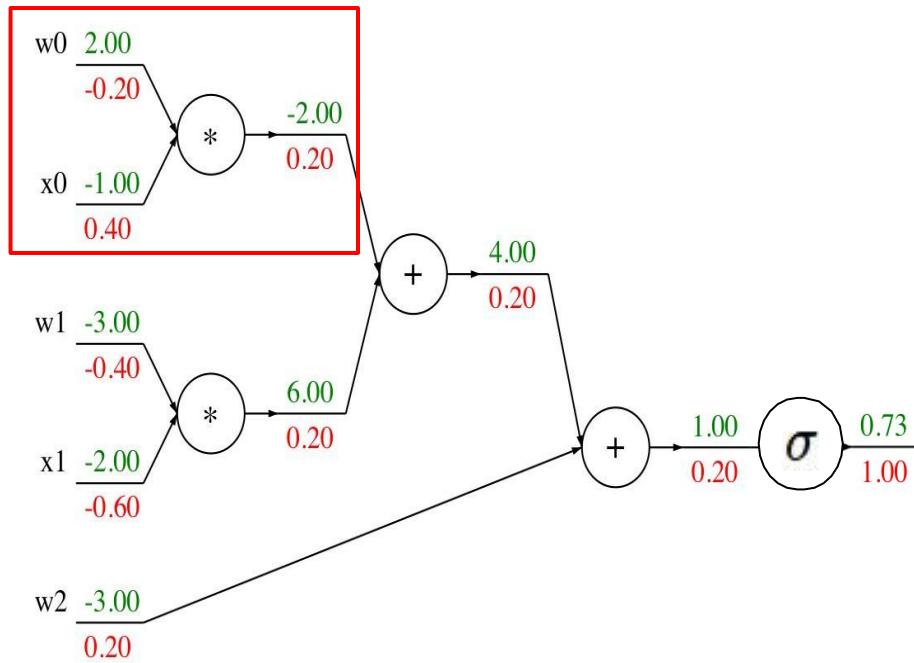
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    s3 = s2 + w2  
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```

Multiply gate

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grad_s2 = grad_s3  
grad_s0 = grad_s2  
grad_s1 = grad_s2  
  
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1  
grad_x1 = grad_s1 * w1  
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```

Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code



Forward pass:
Compute output

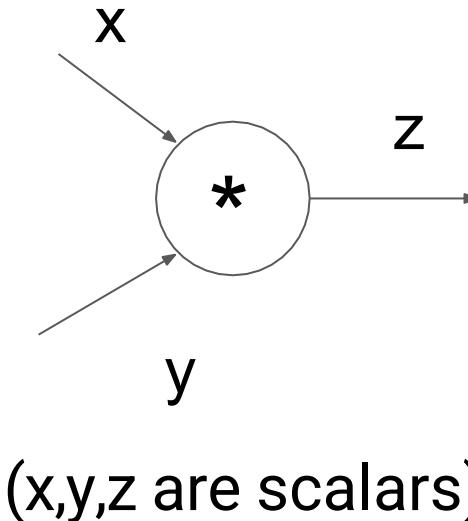
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Multiply gate

Modularized implementation: forward / backward API

Gate / Node / Function object: Actual PyTorch code



```
class Multiply(torch.autograd.Function):  
    @staticmethod  
    def forward(ctx, x, y):  
        ctx.save_for_backward(x, y) ←  
        z = x * y  
        return z  
    @staticmethod  
    def backward(ctx, grad_z): ←  
        x, y = ctx.saved_tensors  
        grad_x = y * grad_z # dz/dx * dL/dz  
        grad_y = x * grad_z # dz/dy * dL/dz  
        return grad_x, grad_y
```

Need to cache some values for use in backward

Upstream gradient
Multiply upstream and local gradients

Example: PyTorch operators

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

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**SO FAR: BACKPROP WITH SCALARS
WHAT ABOUT VECTOR-VALUED
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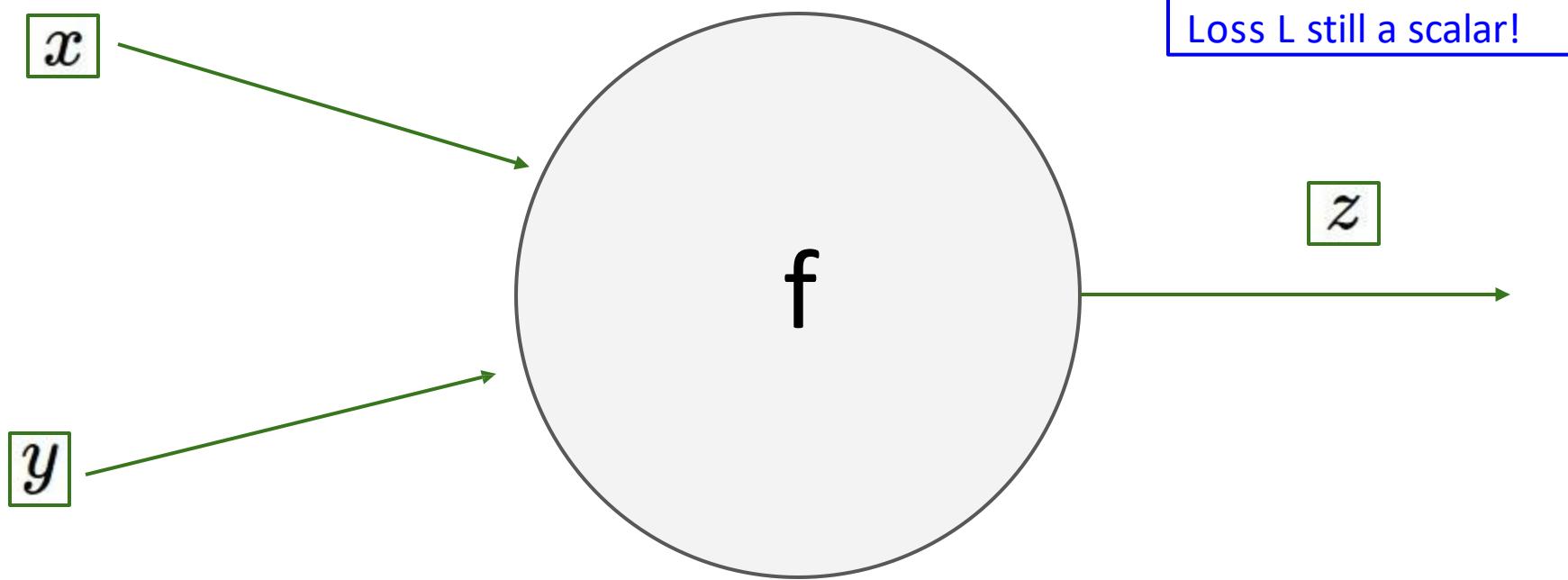
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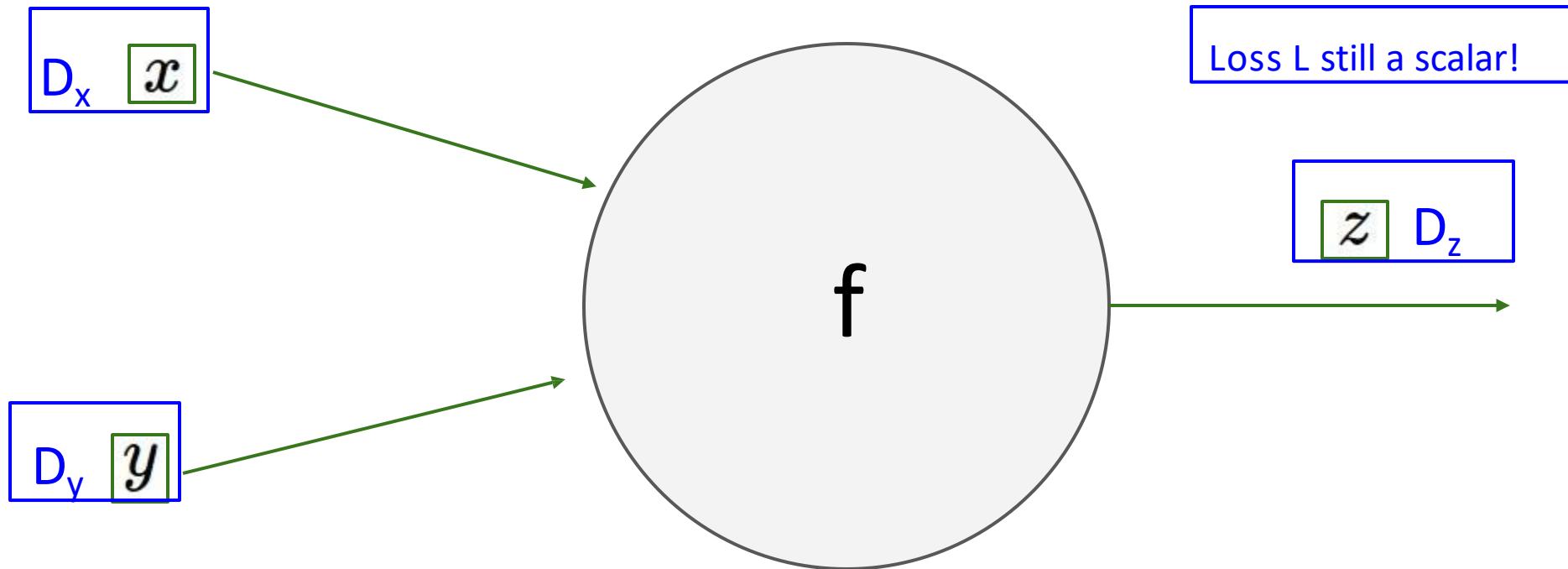
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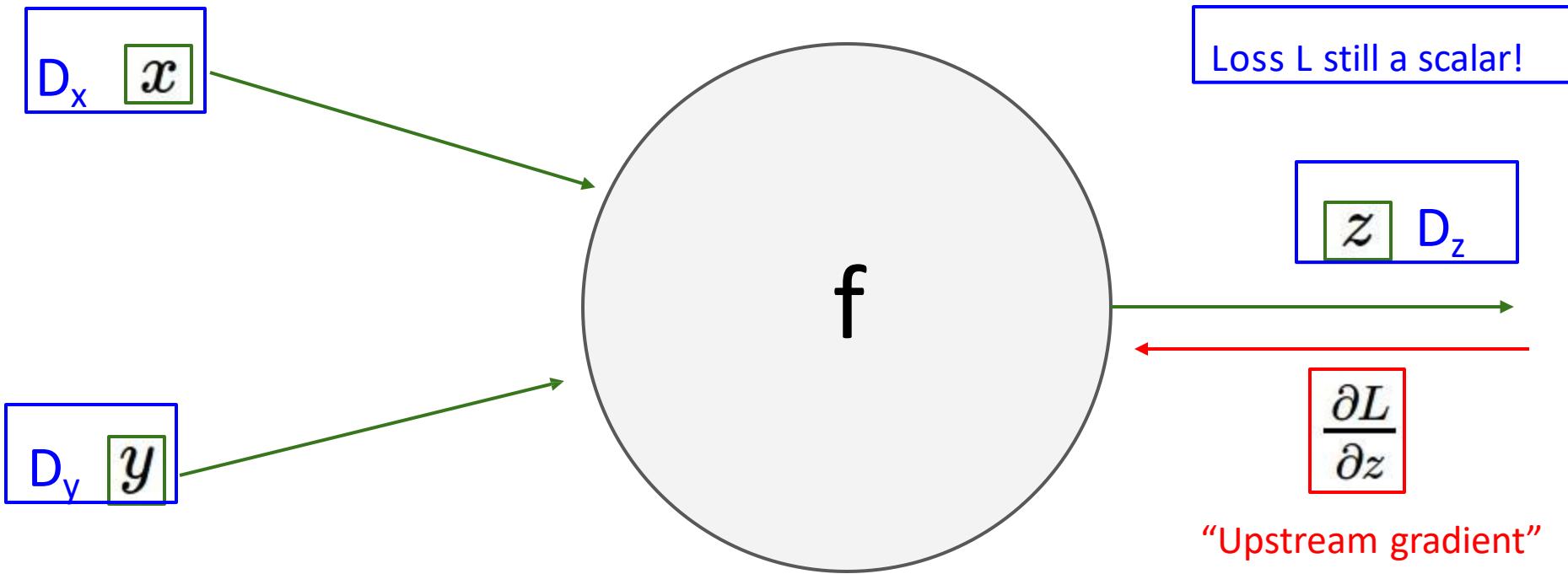
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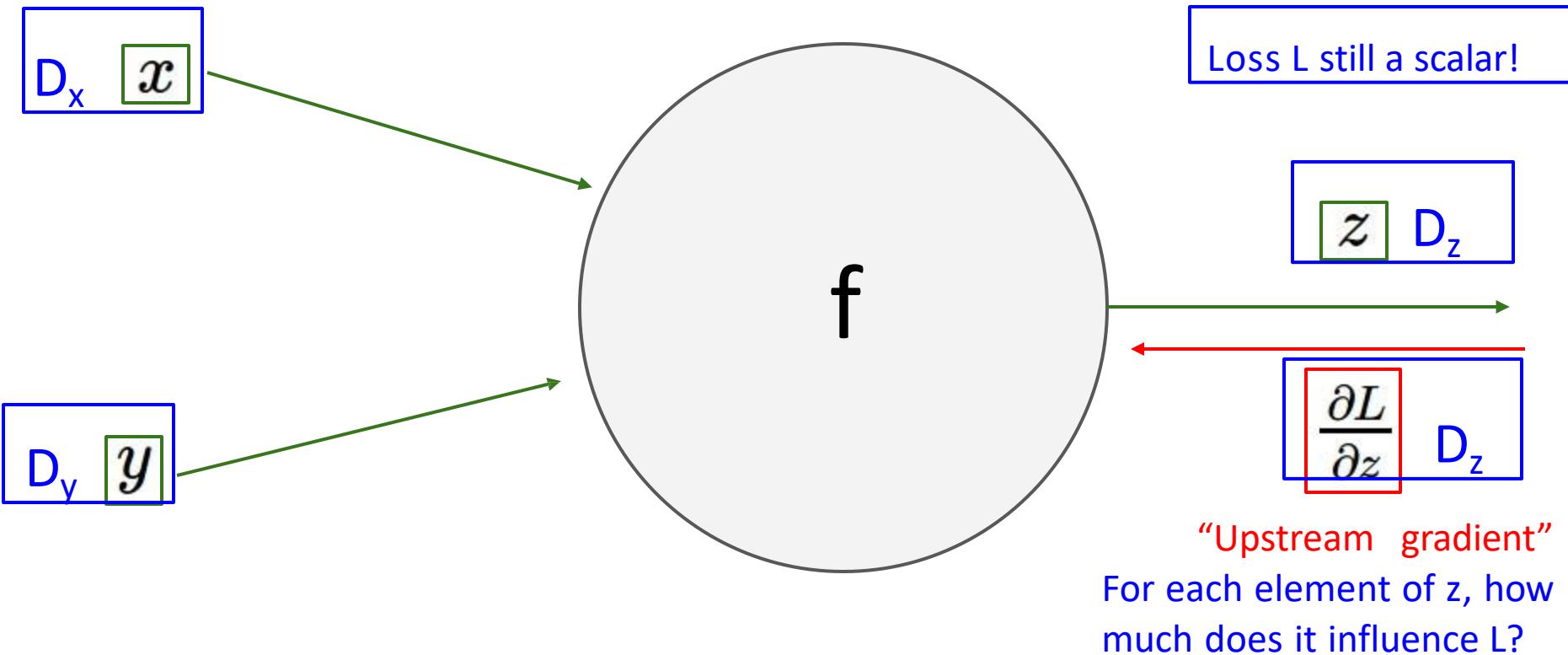
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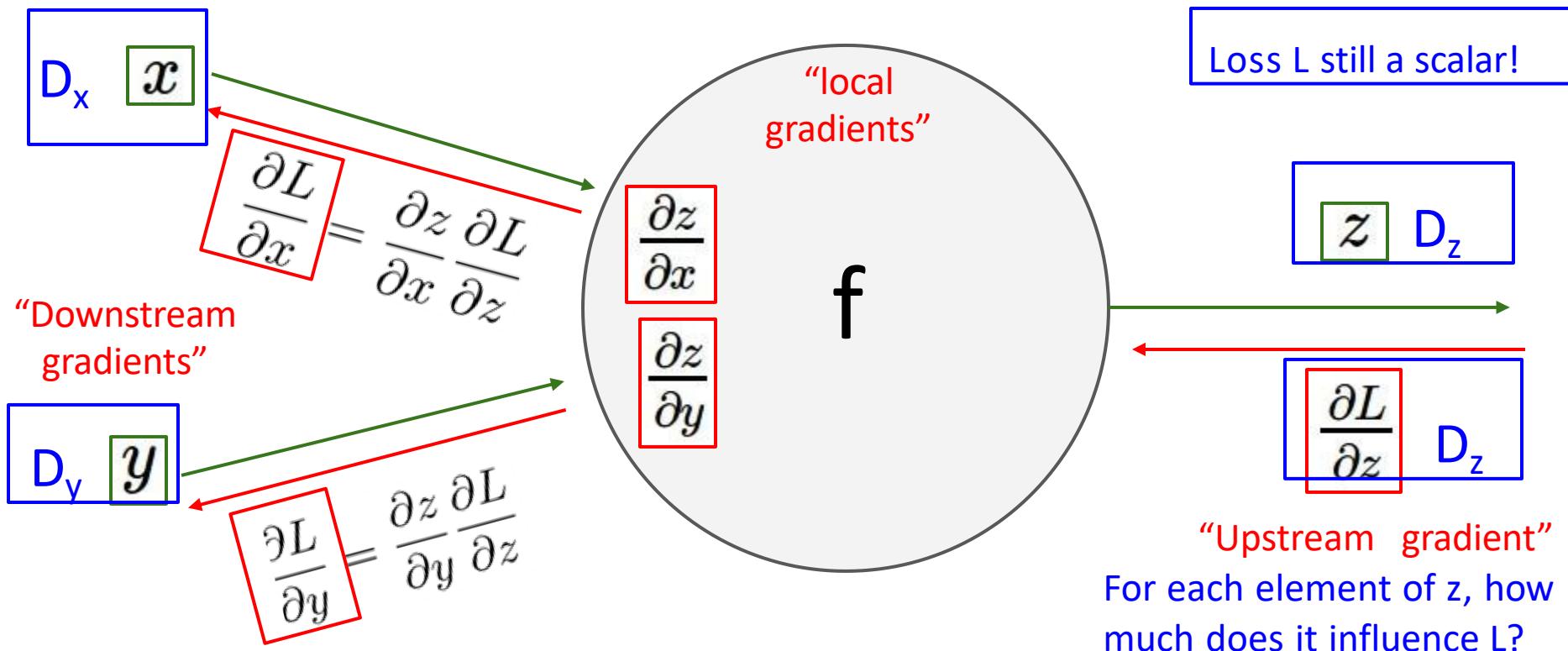
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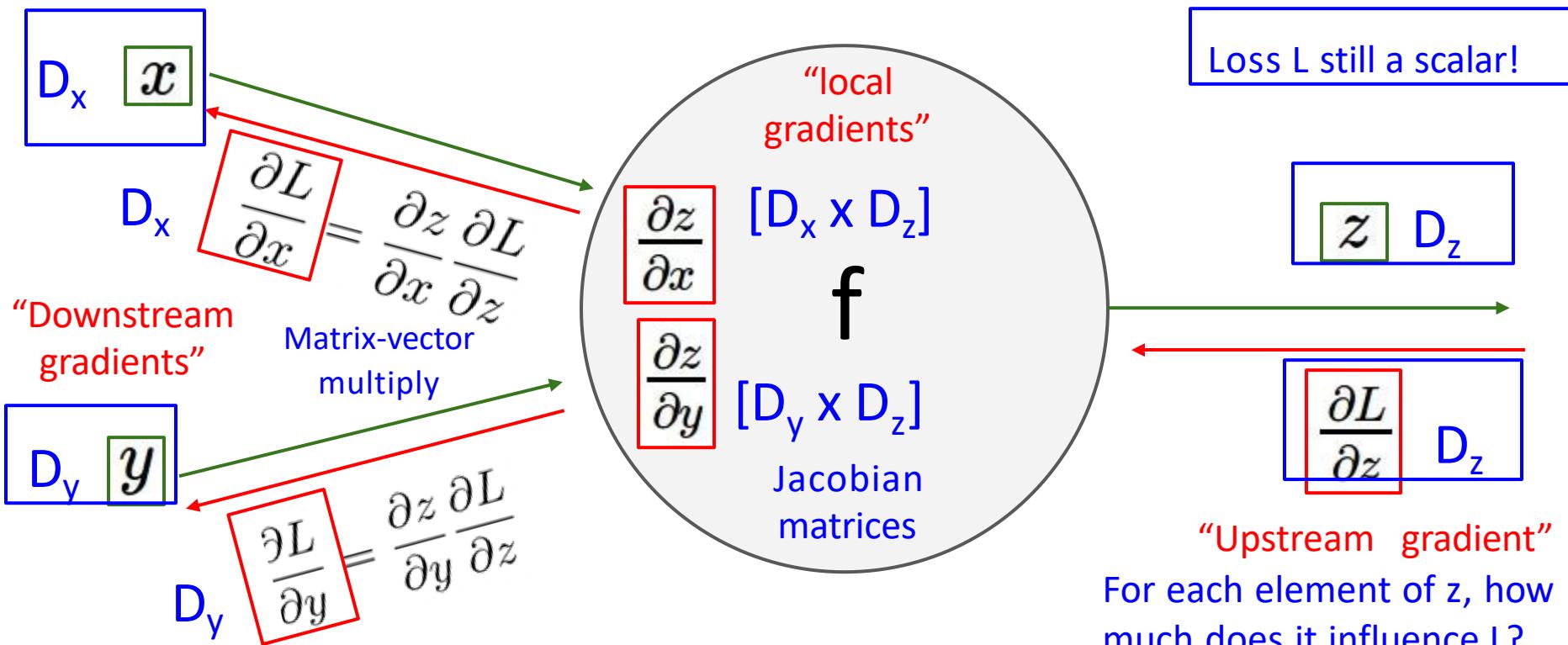
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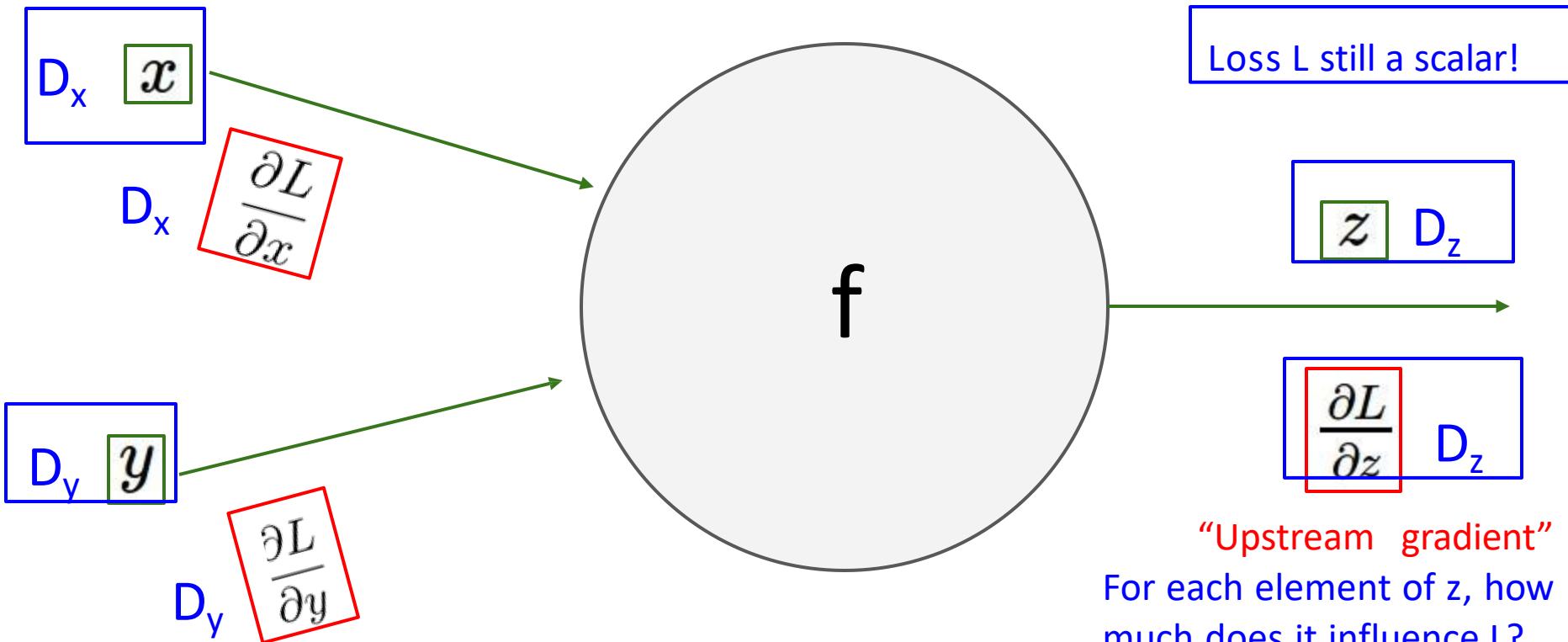
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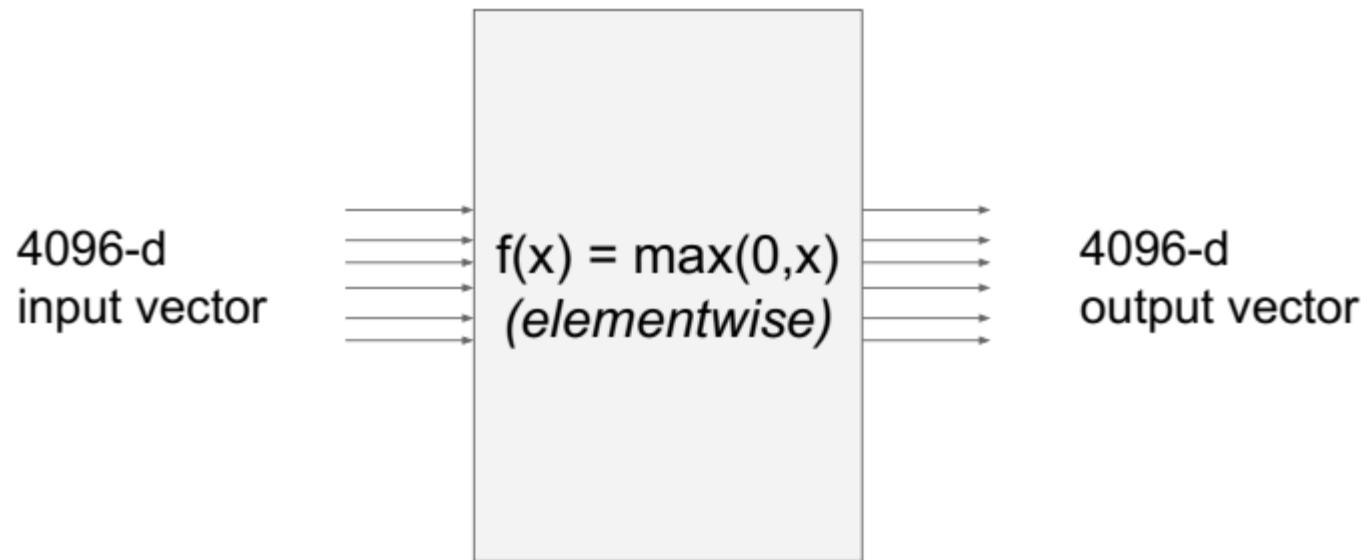
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Gradients of variables wrt loss have same dims as the original variable



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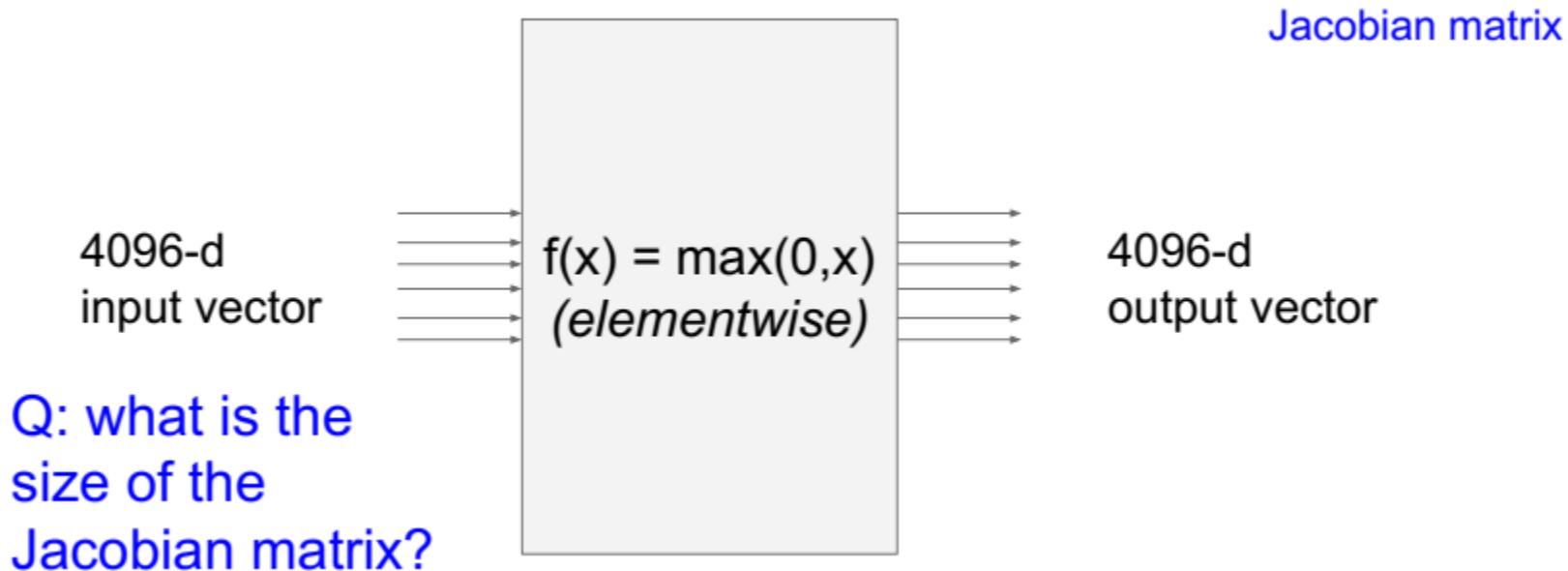
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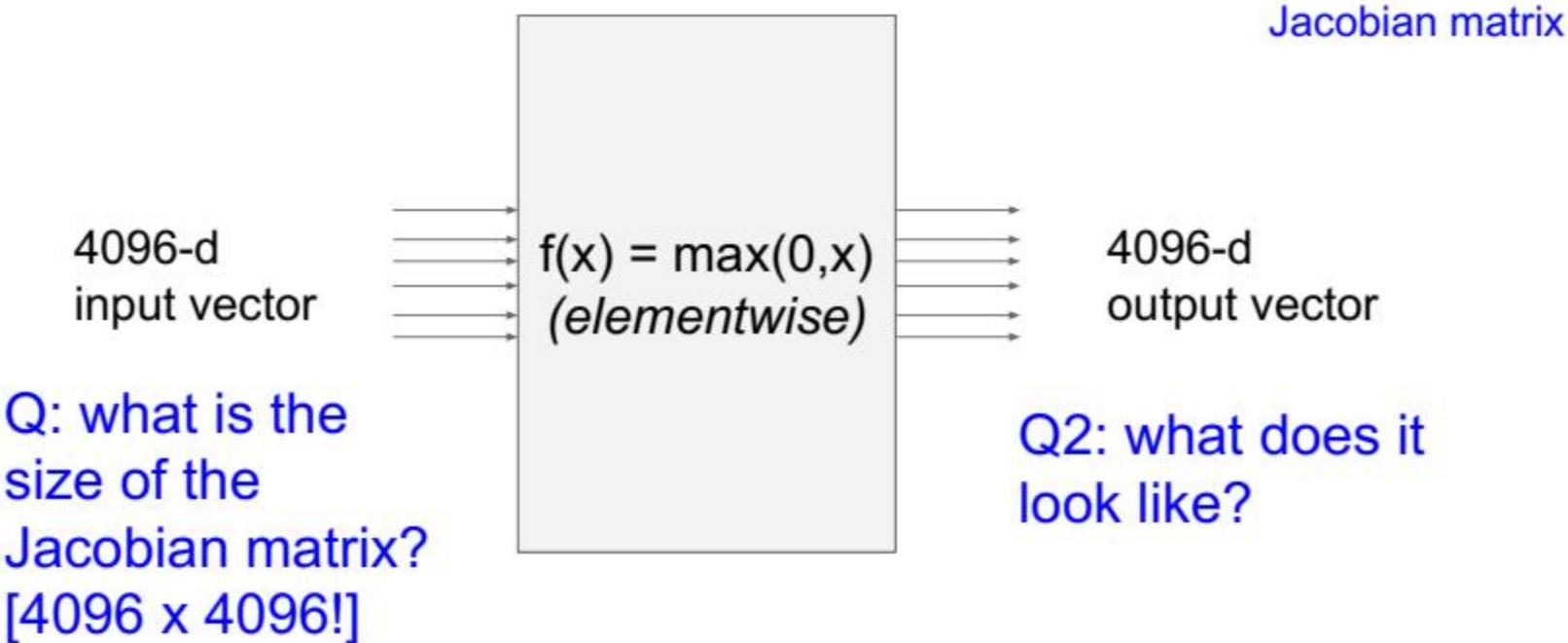
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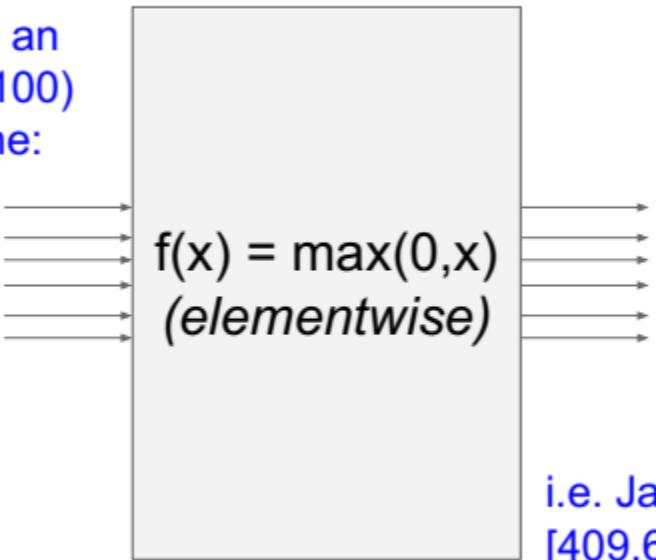


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Vectorized operations

in practice we process an entire minibatch (e.g. 100) of examples at one time:

100 4096-d
input vectors



100 4096-d
output vectors

i.e. Jacobian would technically be a [409,600 x 409,600] matrix :)

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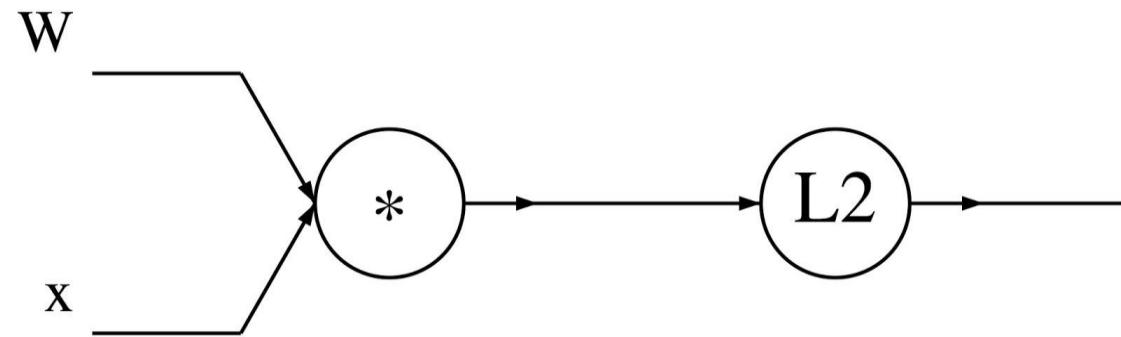
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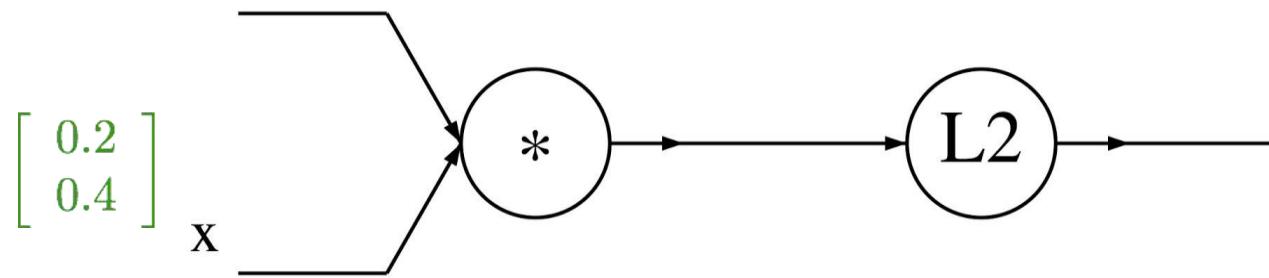
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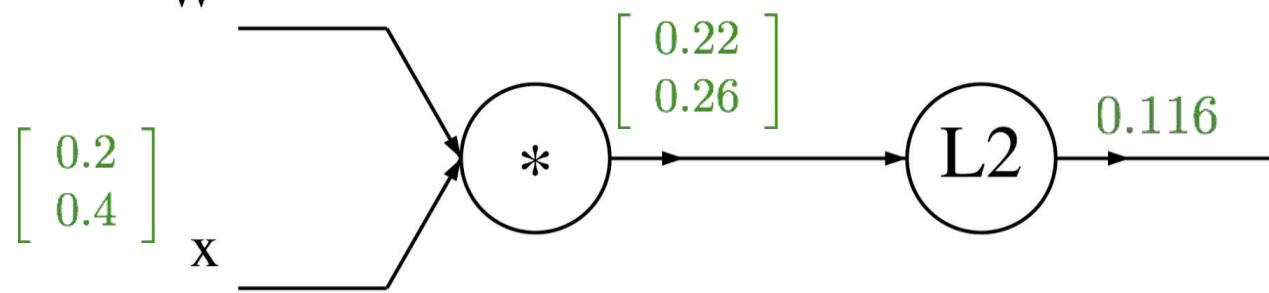


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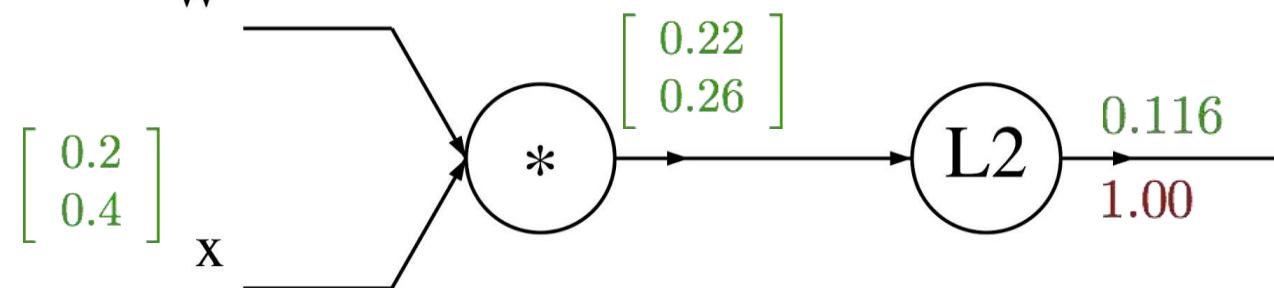


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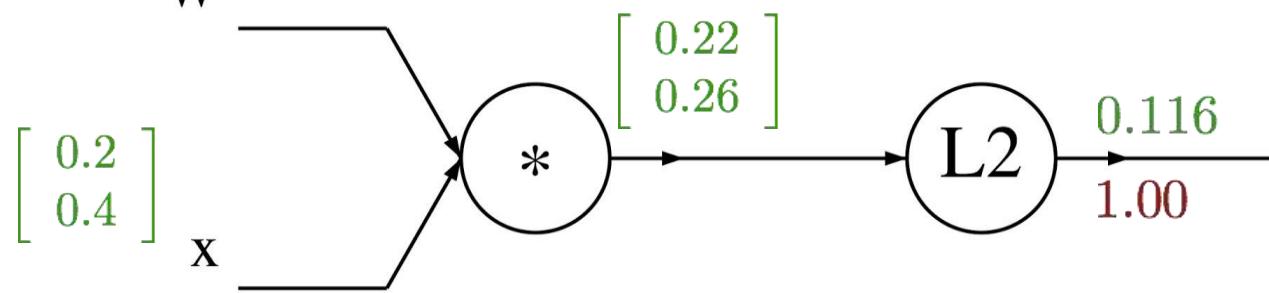


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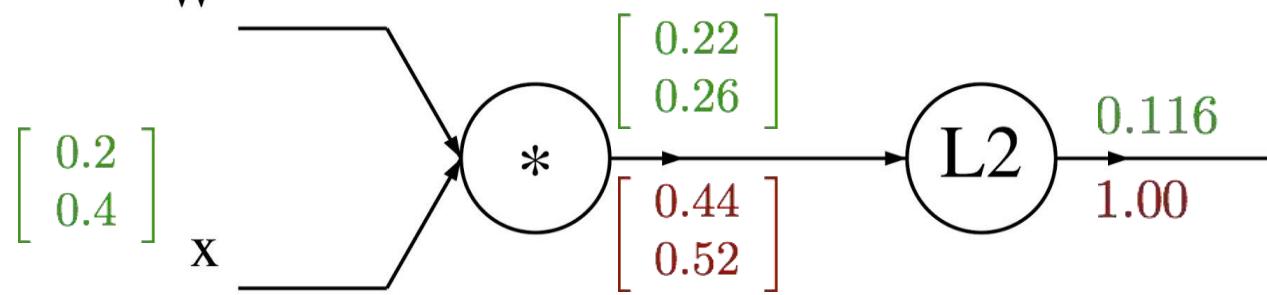
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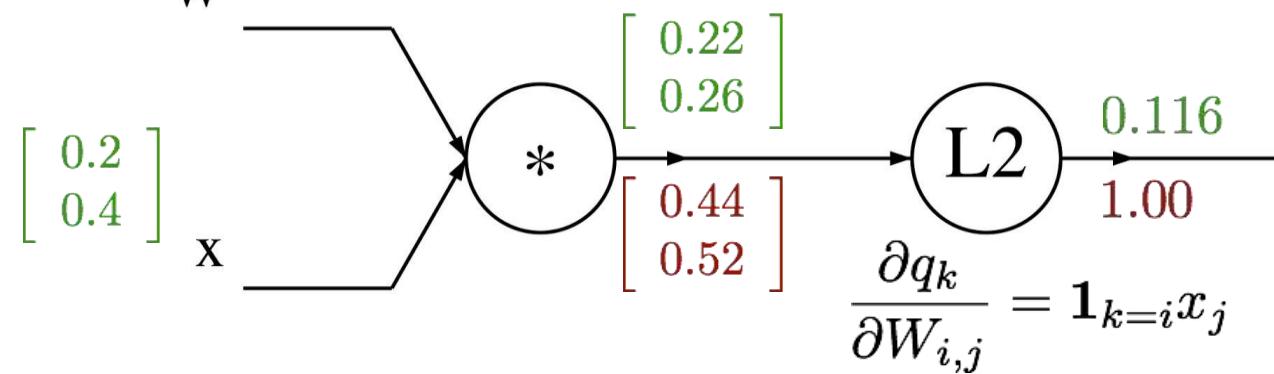
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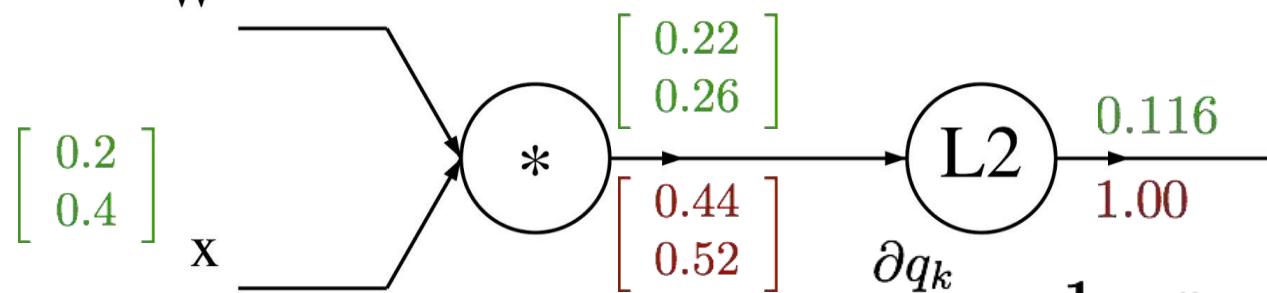
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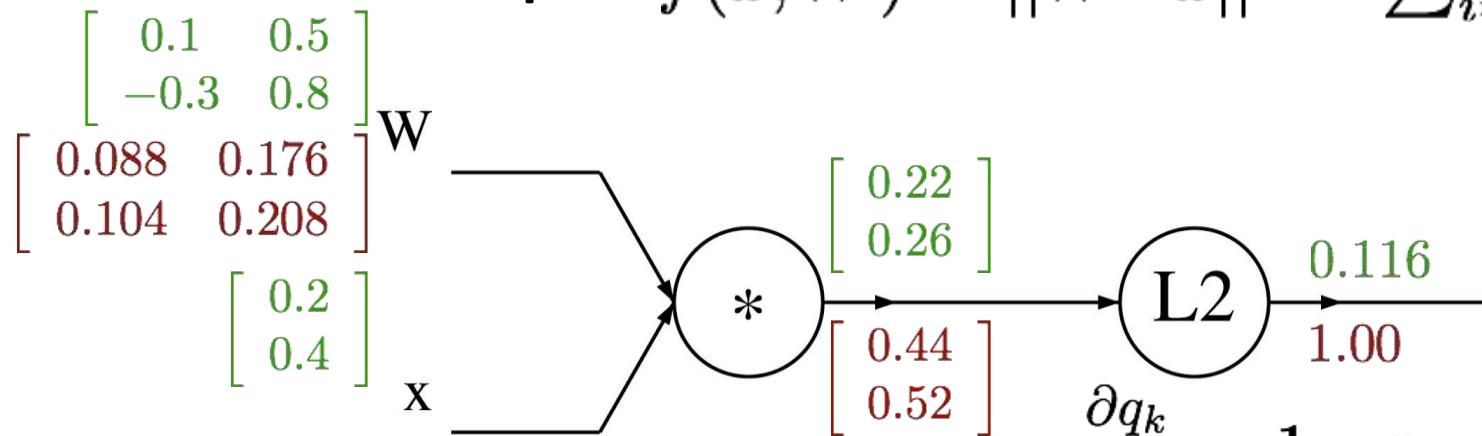
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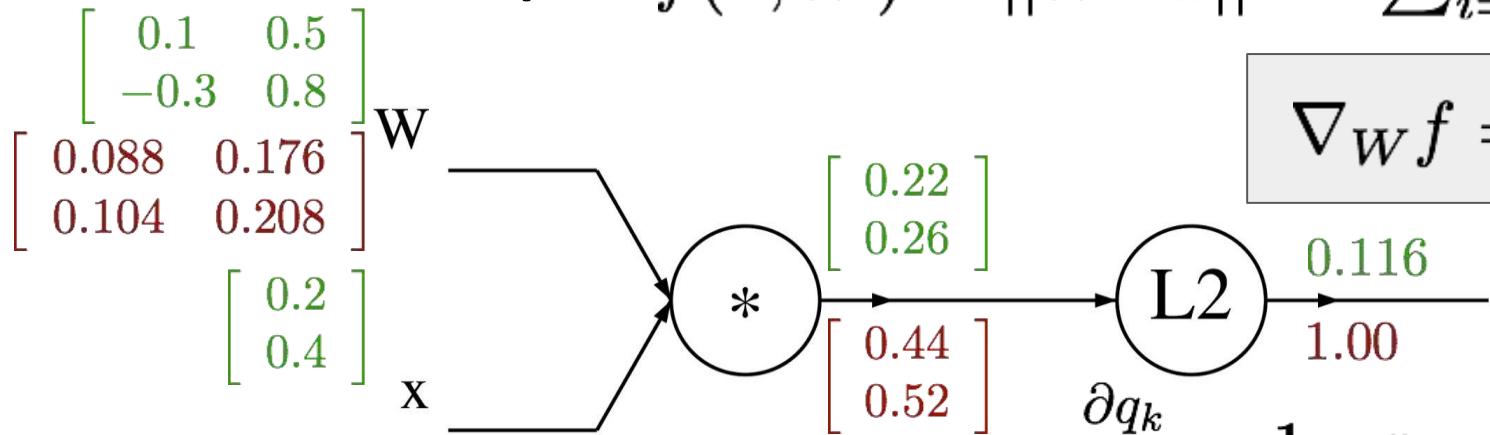
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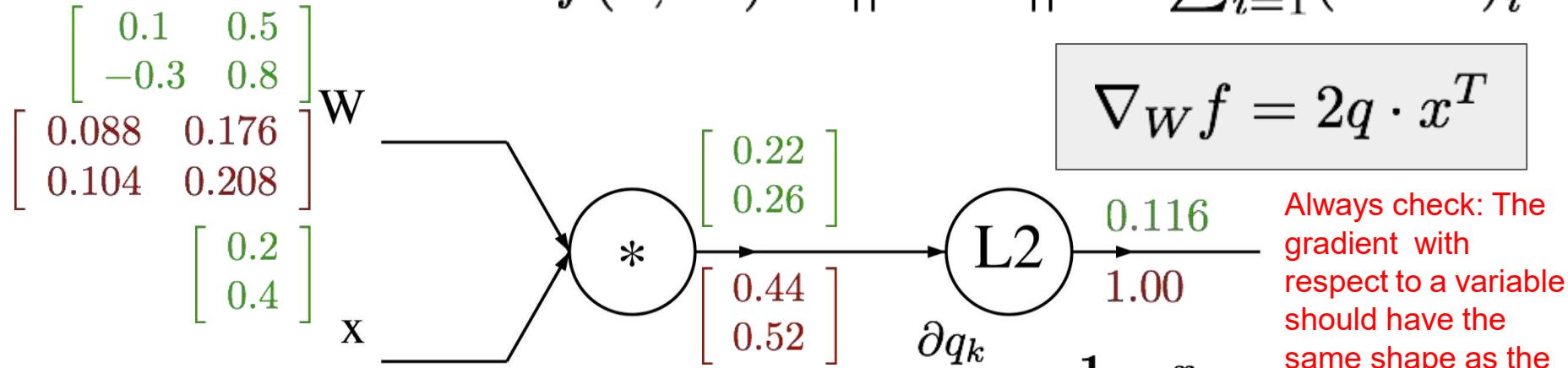
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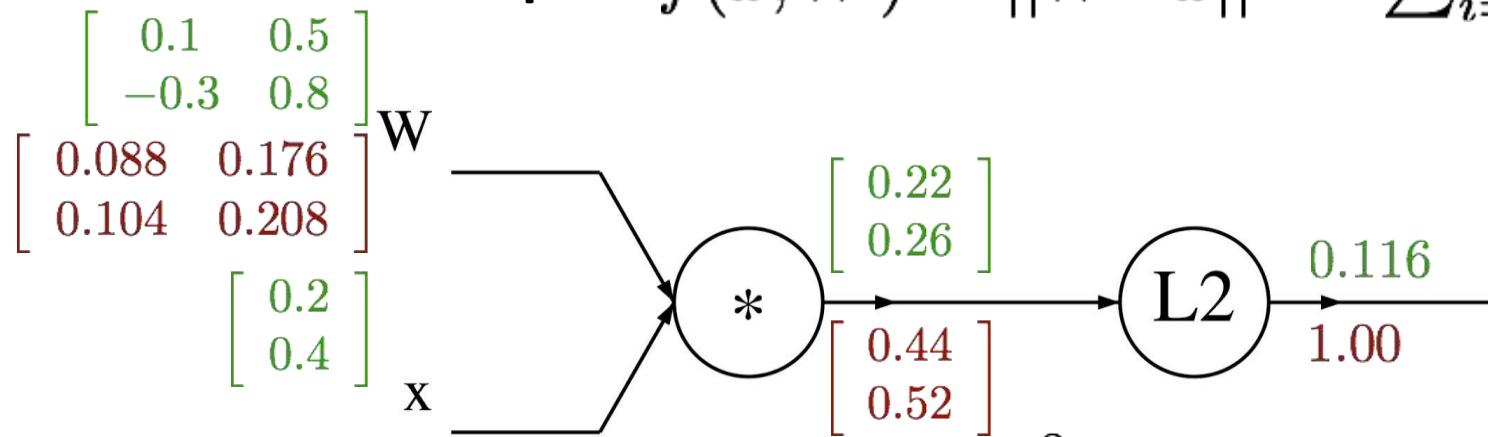


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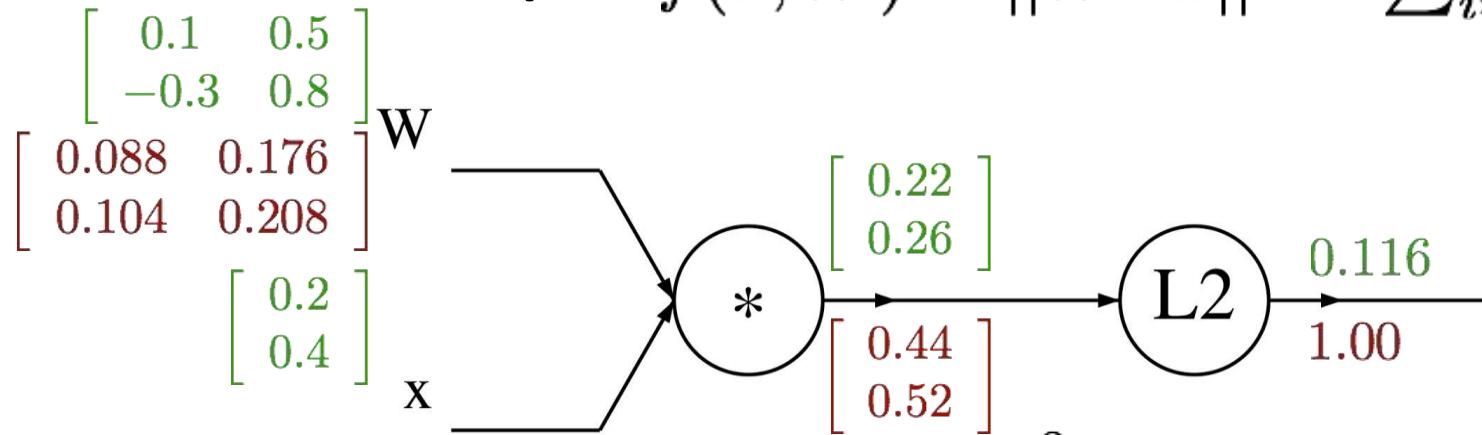


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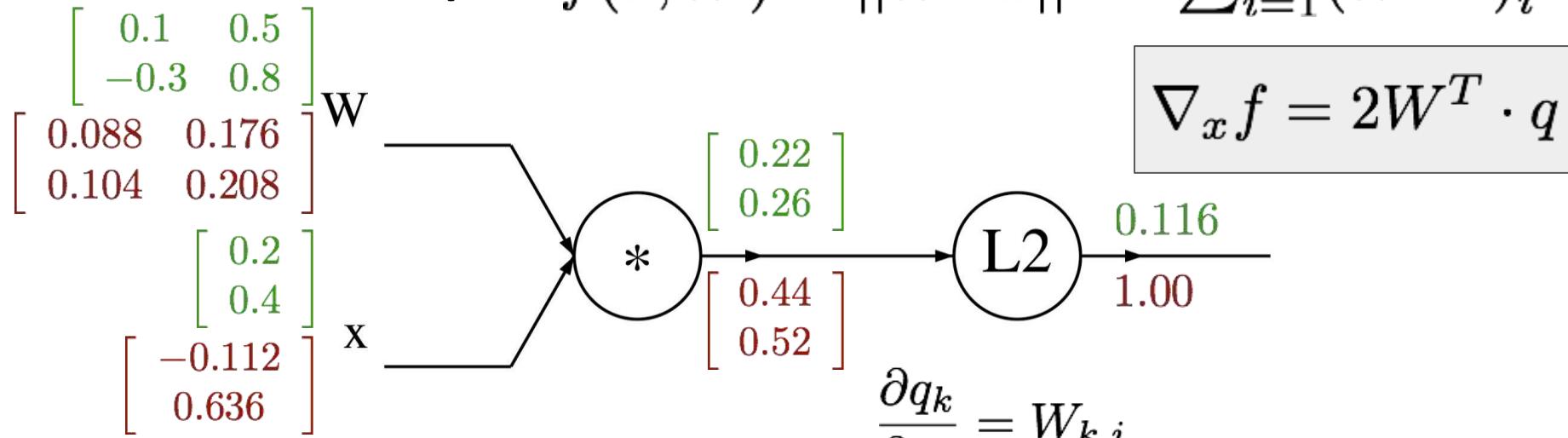


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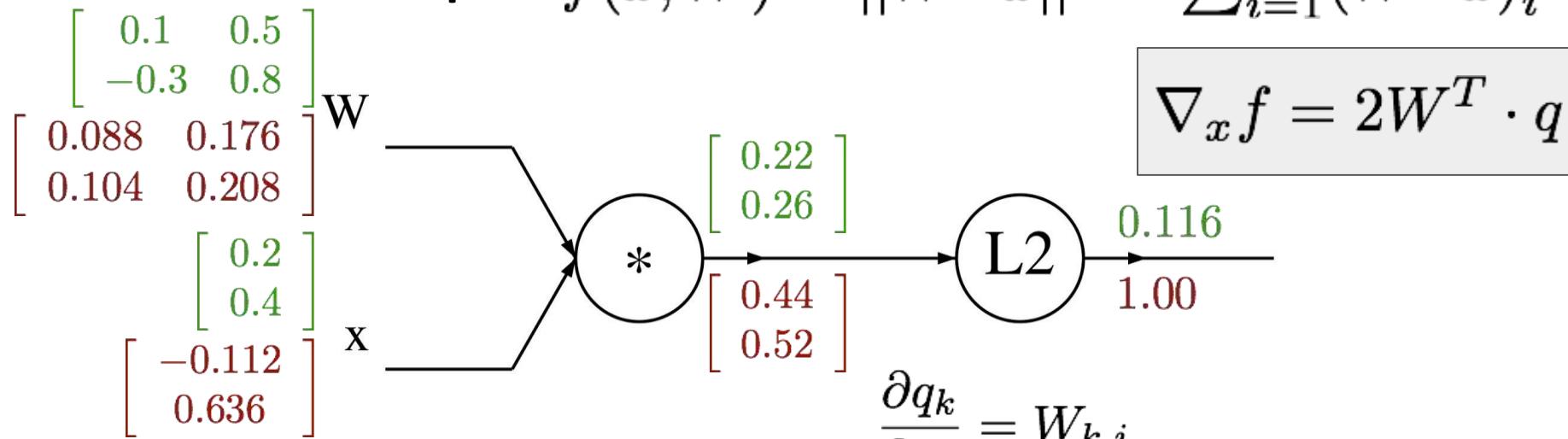


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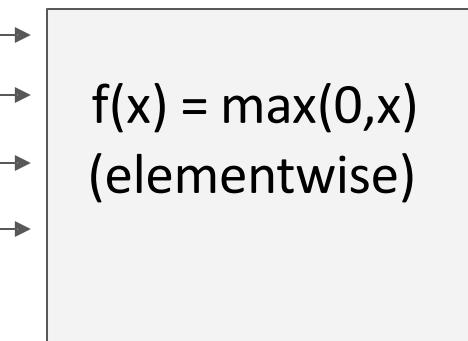
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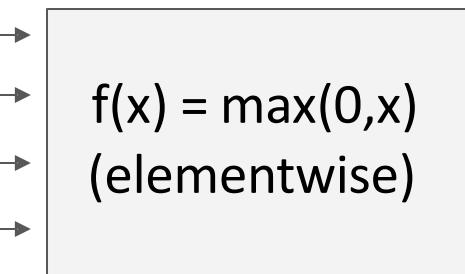
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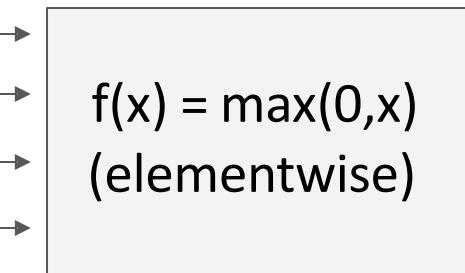
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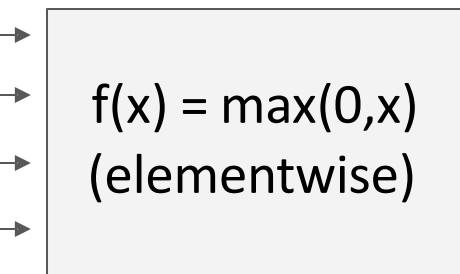
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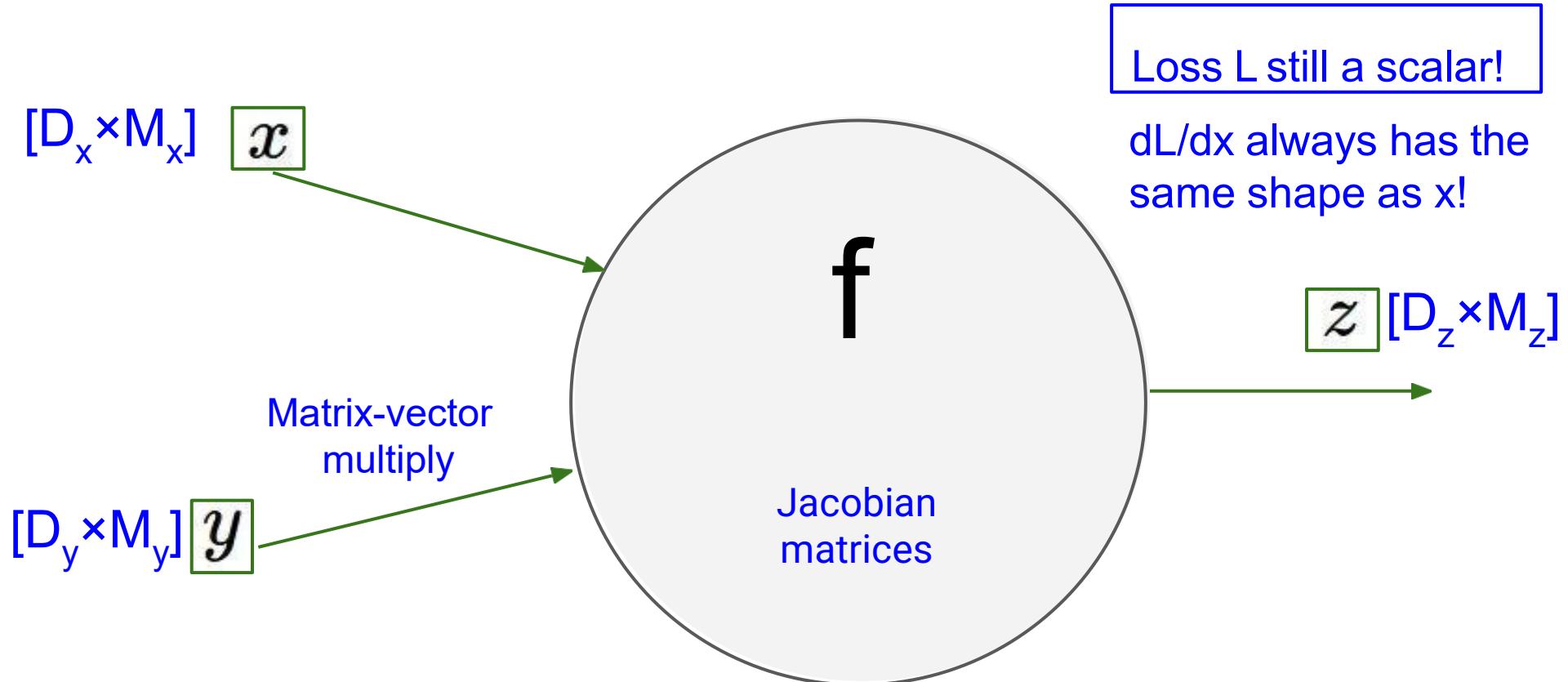
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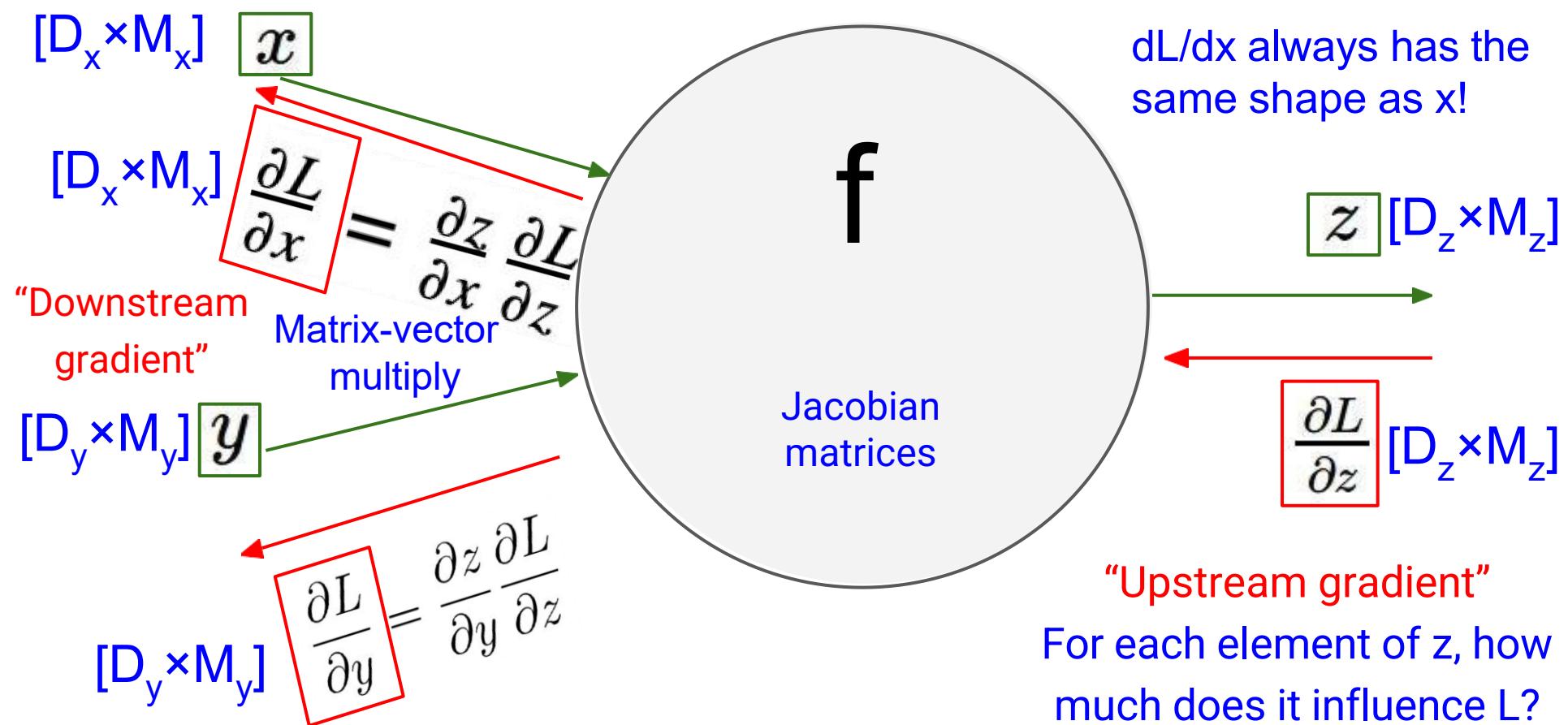
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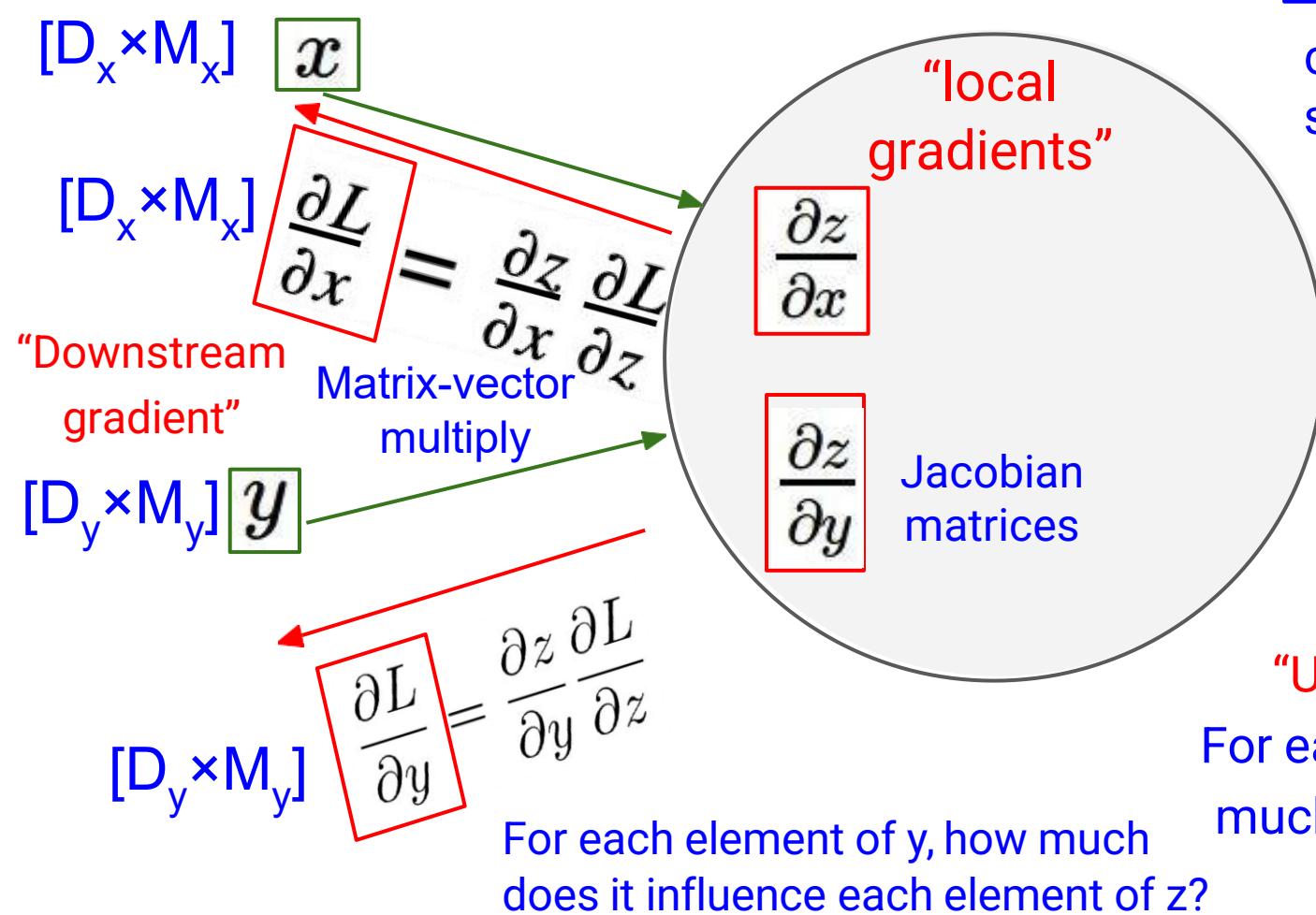
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Loss L still a scalar!

dL/dx always has the same shape as x!

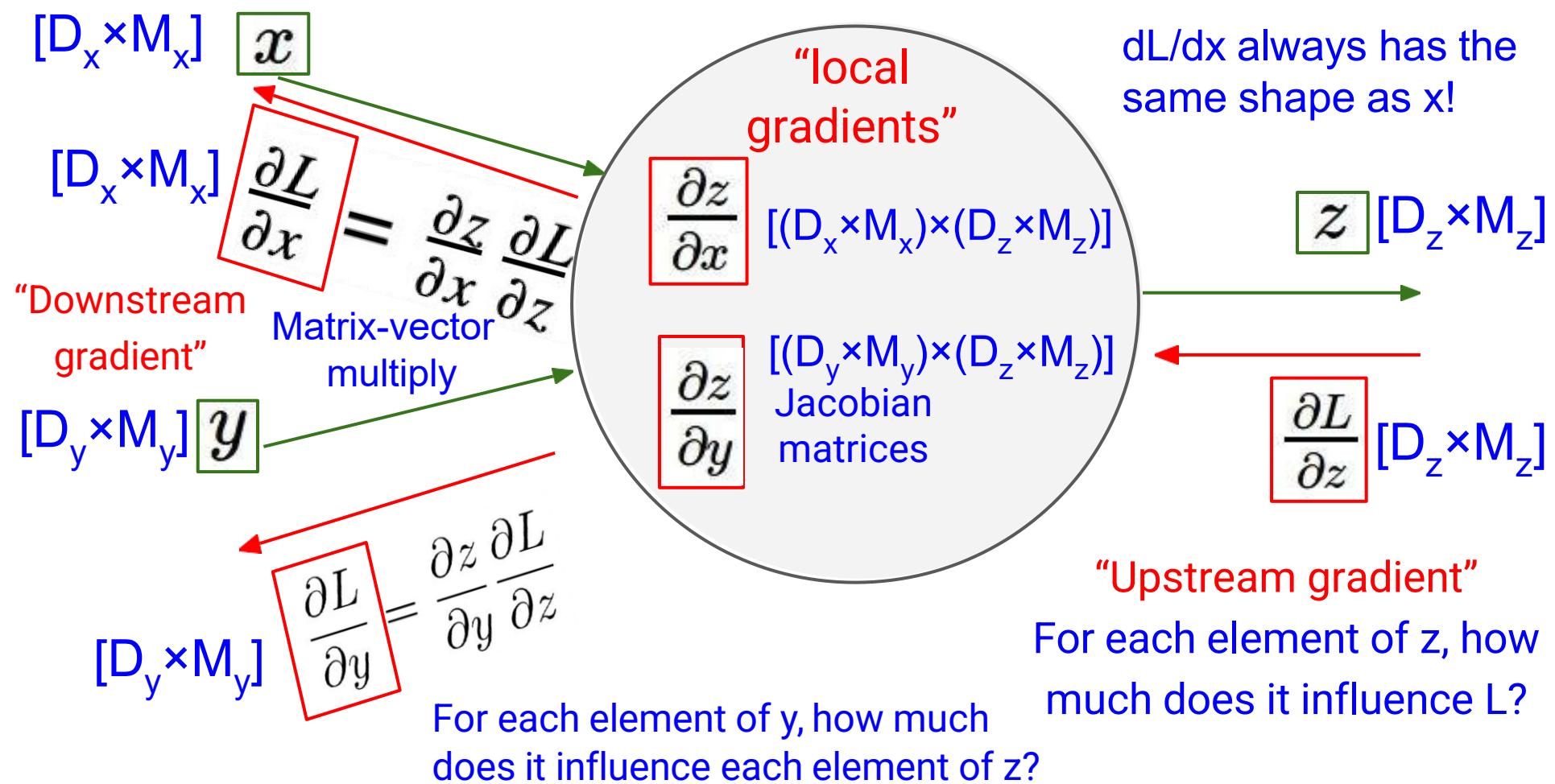
$$z [D_z \times M_z]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} [D_z \times M_z]$$

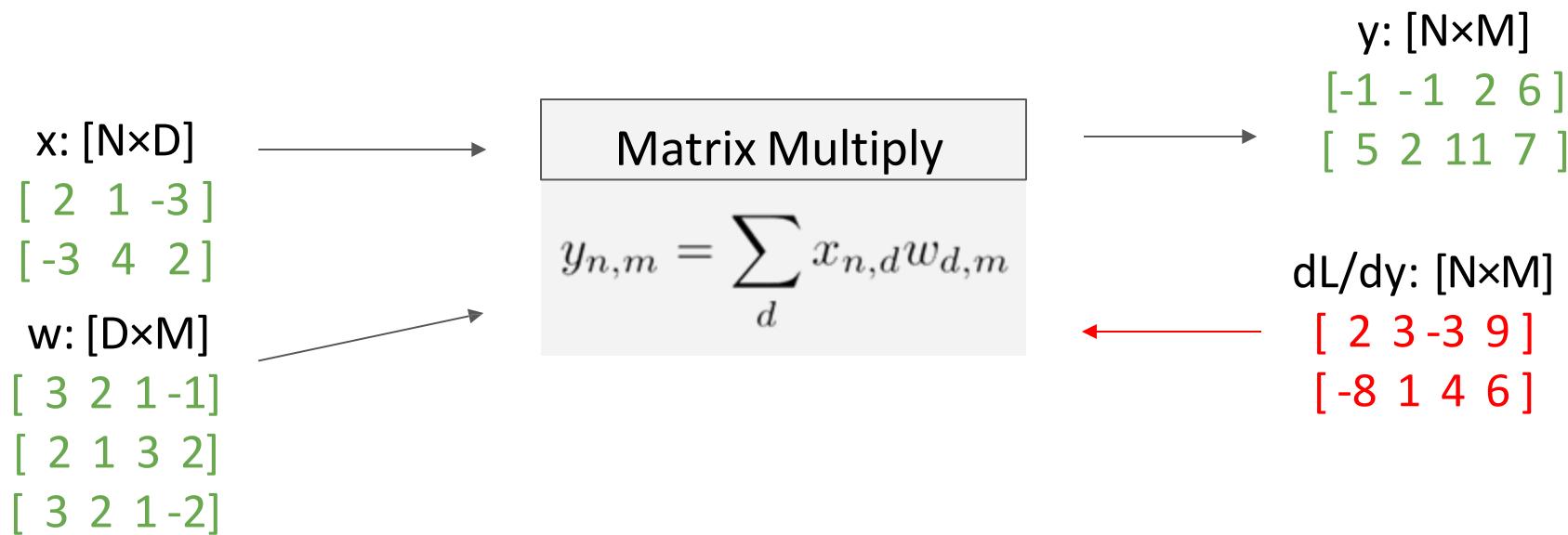
"Upstream gradient"

For each element of z , how much does it influence L?

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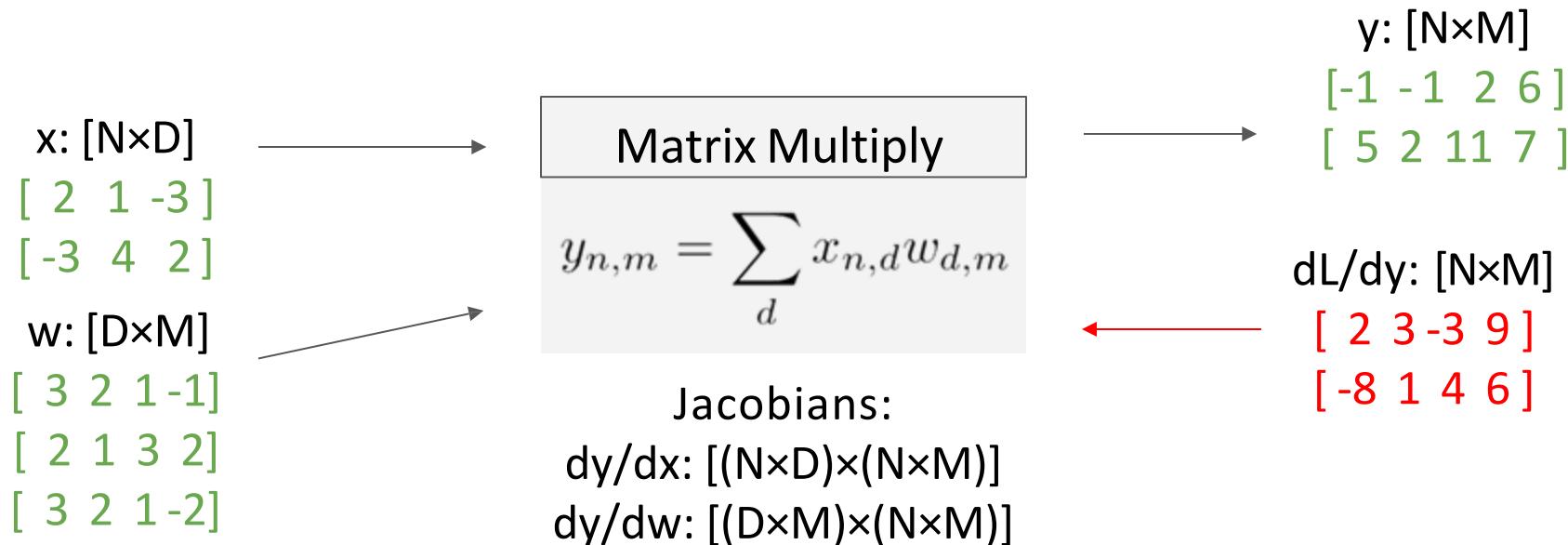
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Also see derivation in the course notes:

<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/handouts/linear-backprop.pdf>

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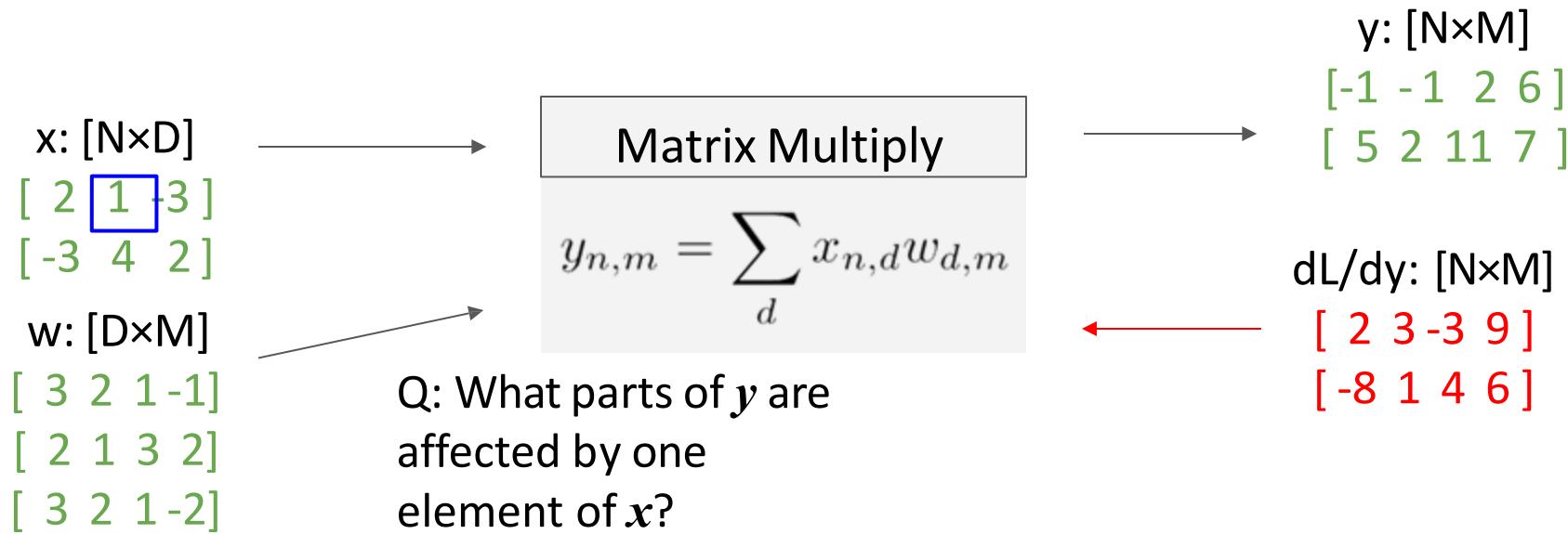


For a neural net we may have

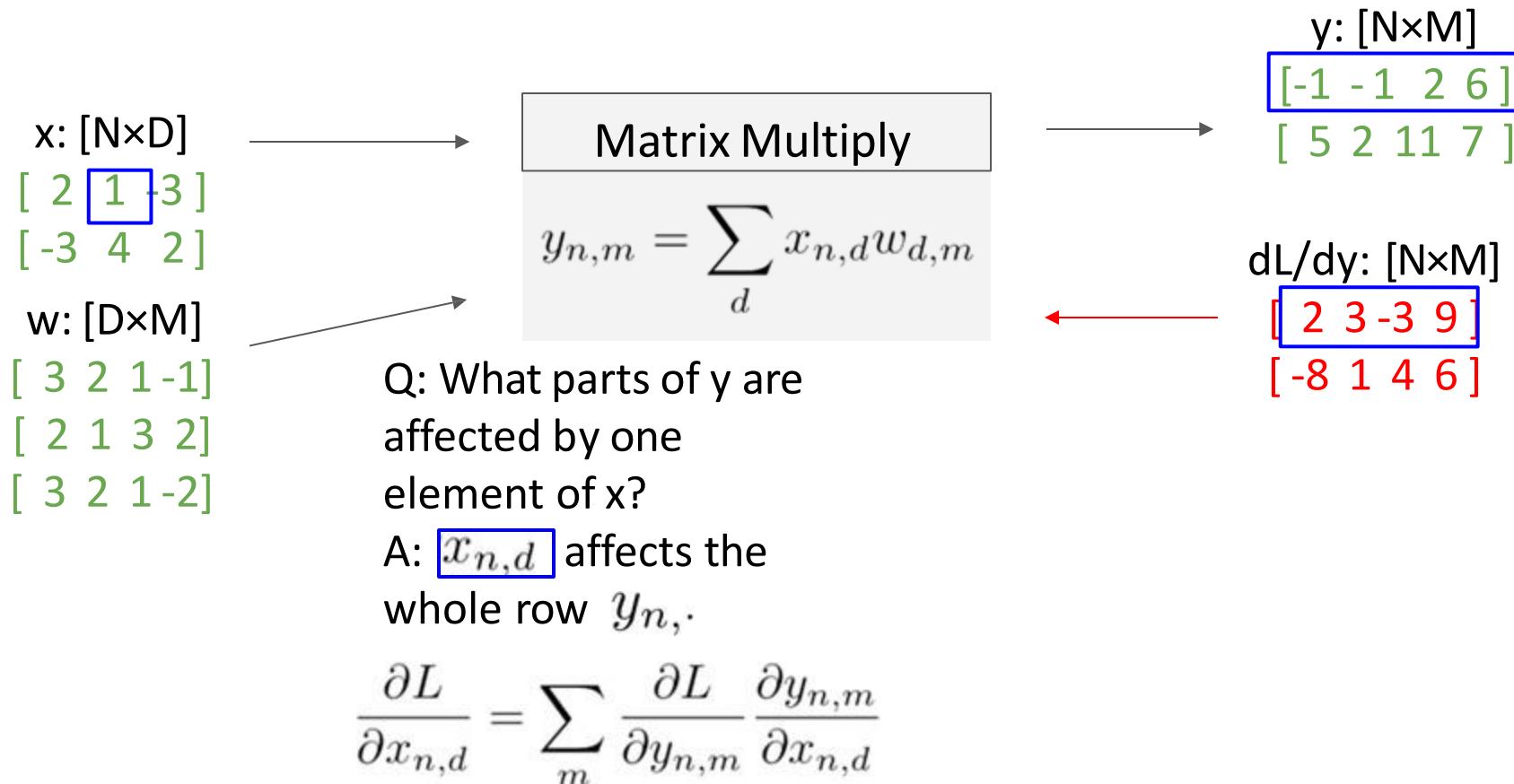
$$N=64, D=M=4096$$

Each Jacobian takes ~256 GB of memory!
Must work with them implicitly!

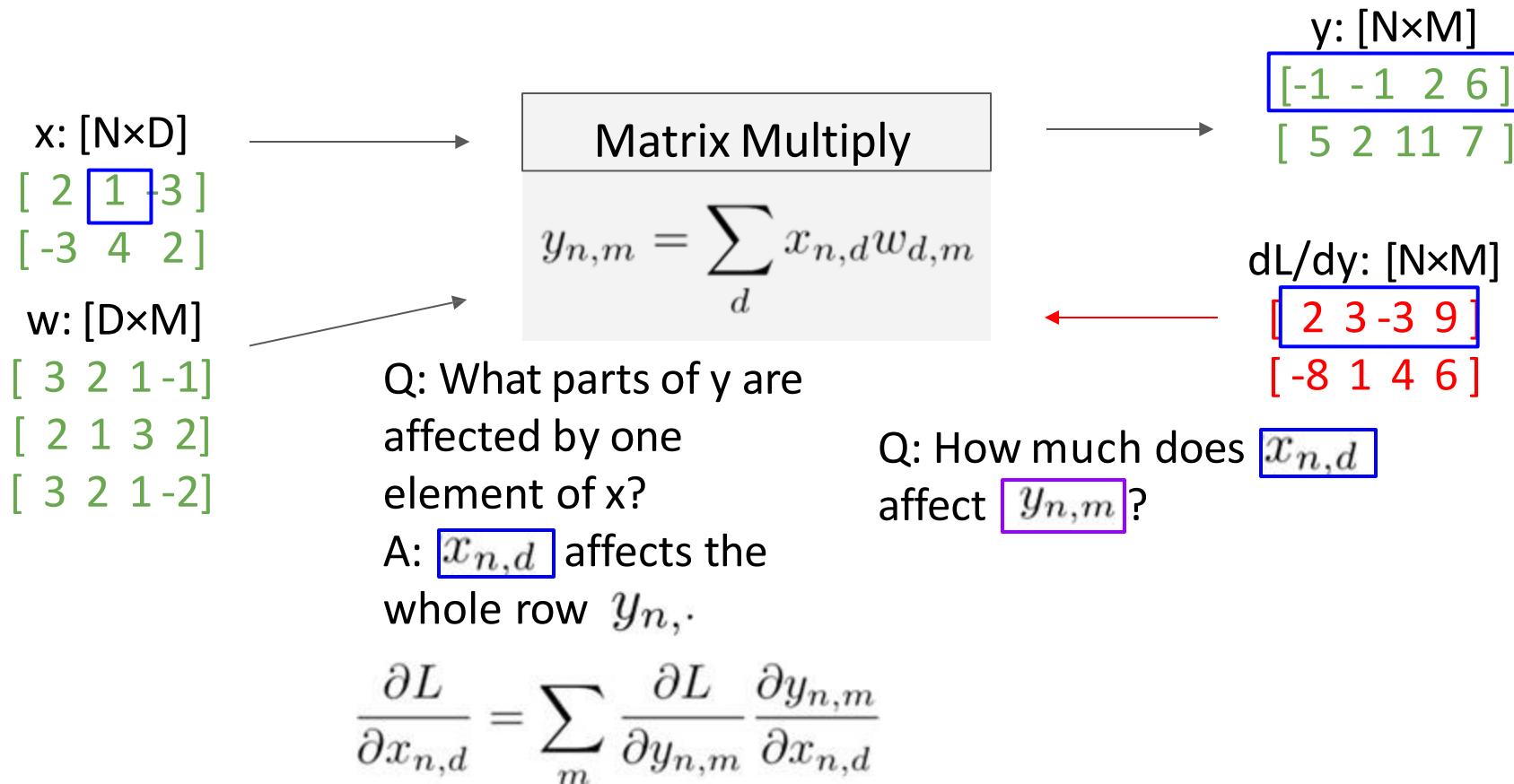
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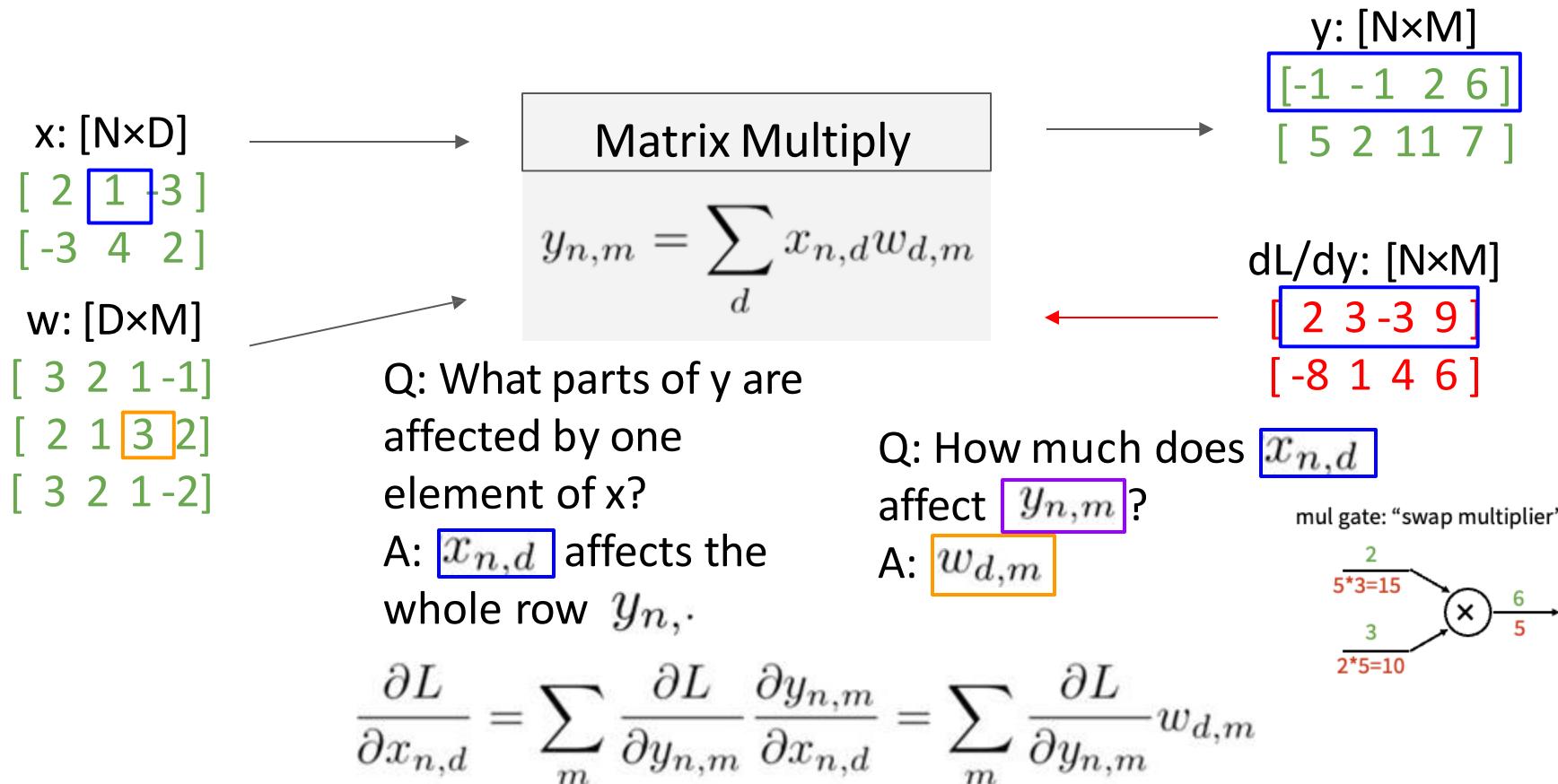
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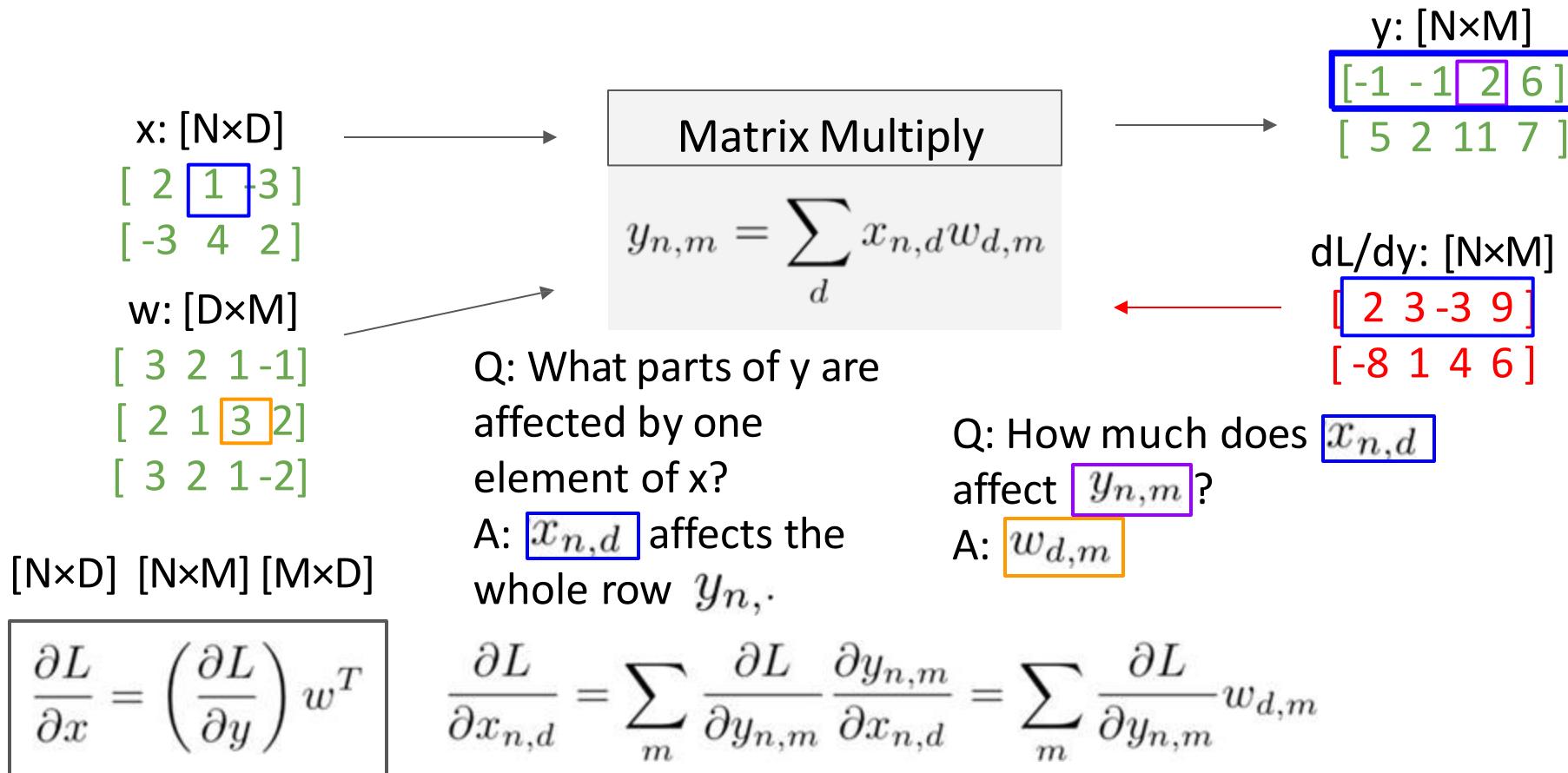
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$$x: [N \times D]$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & -3 \\ -3 & 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$w: [D \times M]$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

[N×D] [N×M] [M×D]

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial y} \right) w^T$$

Matrix Multiply

$$y_{n,m} = \sum_d x_{n,d} w_{d,m}$$

By similar logic:

[D×M] [D×N] [N×M]

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$$y: [N \times M]$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 2 & 6 \\ 5 & 2 & 11 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial y}: [N \times M]$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -3 & 9 \\ -8 & 1 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

These formulas are easy to remember: they are the only way to make shapes match up!

Summary for today:

- (Fully-connected) Neural Networks are stacks of linear functions and nonlinear activation functions; they have much more representational power than linear classifiers
- backpropagation = recursive application of the chain rule along a computational graph to compute the gradients of all inputs/parameters/intermediates
- implementations maintain a graph structure, where the nodes implement the forward() / backward() API
- forward: compute result of an operation and save any intermediates needed for gradient computation in memory
- backward: apply the chain rule to compute the gradient of the loss function with respect to the inputs