CEE 697M: Probabilistic Machine Learning M2 Deep Neural Networks: Neural Networks for Structured Data I

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#### Neural networks

Consider the linear model:

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b} \tag{1}$$

We can increase the flexibility of the model via a basis function expansion (feature extractor)  $\phi(x)$ :

$$f(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{W}\phi(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{b} \tag{2}$$

If further parameterize  $\phi(x)$  by  $\theta_2$  for better fitting, we have:

$$f(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{W}\phi(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) + \mathbf{b} \tag{3}$$

To even further increase complexity, we can recursively fit more feature extractors  $f_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\ell})$ :

$$f(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}) = f_L(f_{L-1}(\cdots f_1(\mathbf{x};\boldsymbol{\theta}_1))\cdots)) \tag{4}$$

Each  $\ell$  can be considered a layer in a **feedforward neural network** (FFNN) of L layers.

- Also known as a multilayer perception (MLP)
- When L is large, this is termed a **deep neural network** (DNN)

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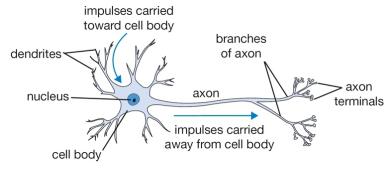


Figure: Biological neuron (Source: https://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-1/)

- $\bullet$   $\sim$ 86 billion neurons are found in the human nervous system
- These neurons are connected by  $10^{14}$  to  $10^{15}$  synapses
- Each neuron receives input signals from its dendrites and outputs signals along a single axon
- The axon in turn connects to other neurons via synapses

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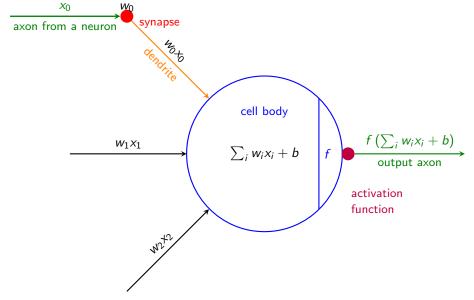
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#### Artificial neural networks

[Artificial] Neural networks (ANNs) are modeled as connected layers of neuron in an acyclic graph (no loops).

- ANNs are organized into layers of neurons (or "units")
- Fully-connected layers are common
- The basic ANN architecture with multiple hidden layers is called the multilayer perceptron (MLP)
  - An ANN with only one hidden layer is called the single layer perceptron
  - *N*-layer neural network (number of hidden layers + output layer)
- The output neurons have no activation function. Instead, they perform a final transformation of outputs from the penultimate layer

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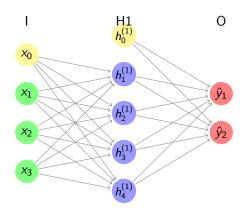
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## Computational neuron model (cont.)

- x<sub>i</sub>: signals traveling along axons (inputs)
- w<sub>i</sub>: measure of synaptic strength, which is learned;
  - $w_i > 0 \rightarrow$  excitory influence
  - $w_i < 0 \rightarrow \text{inhibitory influence}$
- Dendrites carry signals  $w_i x_i$  to the cell body, where they are summed.
- If the final sum  $w_i x_i + b > t$  where t is a threshold<sup>1</sup>, the neuron sends a spike along its axon (i.e. fires)
- Computationally, the firing rate of a neuron is represented by an activation function f
- The output of a neuron is also called the activation

<sup>1</sup>intercept b is referred to as the "bias" in ML literature





- Layers: 2 (input layer not counted); Hidden layers: 1
- **Neurons**: 7 (inputs not counted)
- Learnable parameters:  $(4 \times 4) + (5 \times 2)$ ; total = 26

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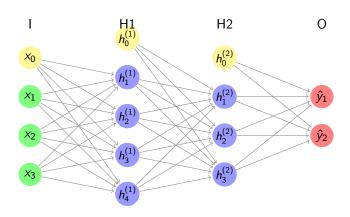
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## Three-layer neural network (with bias neurons)



• Layers: 3; Hidden layers: 2

• Neurons: 9

• Learnable parameters:  $(4 \times 4) + (5 \times 3) + (4 \times 2) = 39$  weights; total = 39

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#### Activation functions

In an ANN, the activation function  $f_\ell$  modulates determines whether a certain neuron "fires" or passes information (hidden units  $\mathbf{z}_\ell$  at layer  $\ell$ ) to the subsequent layer  $\ell+1$ .

$$\mathbf{z}_{\ell} = f_{\ell}(\mathbf{z}_{\ell-1}) = \varphi_{\ell}(\mathbf{b}_{\ell} + \mathbf{W}_{\ell}\mathbf{z}_{\ell-1}) \tag{5}$$

• The input to the activation function  $m{b}_\ell + m{W}_\ell m{z}_{\ell-1}$  is termed the **pre-activations**:

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{\ell} = \boldsymbol{b}_{\ell} + \boldsymbol{W}_{\ell} \boldsymbol{z}_{\ell-1} \tag{6}$$

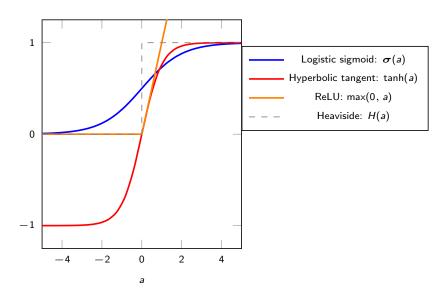
Thus

$$\mathbf{z}_{\ell} = \varphi_{\ell}(\mathbf{a}_{\ell}) \tag{7}$$

- In the historic MLP, the activation function was the non-differentiable Heaviside function (difficult to train)
- Later on, the sigmoid was introduced (smooth, trainable/differentiable)

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#### Examples of activation functions



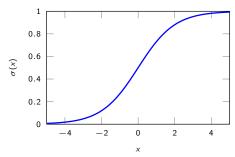


## Logistic sigmoid function

• The form of the logistic sigmoid function is given by:

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \tag{8}$$

• It transforms a real-valued input in the interval [0,1].



- Historically, it was used as it nicely represents the firing rate
- Recently, it has been superseded by the hyperbolic tangent due to its (a) gradient saturation and (b) non-zero-centeredness.

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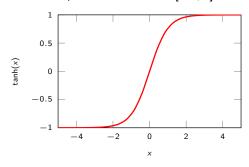
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## Hyperbolic tangent (tanh)

• The hyperbolic tangent function is given by:

$$tanh(x) = \frac{e^{x} - e^{-x}}{e^{x} + e^{-x}} = 2\sigma(2x) - 1$$
 (9)

• It transforms a real-valued input in the interval [-1, 1].



• Preferred to sigmoid activation function due to its zero-centeredness.

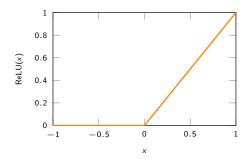


#### 00000 Rectified linear unit (ReLU)

• The ReLU is given by

$$ReLU(x) = \max(0, x) \tag{10}$$

• Performs a simple thresholding of input at 0.



- Demonstrates faster convergence than  $\sigma(x)$  and  $\tanh(x)$
- Popular for deep convolutional networks (several hidden layers)
- Neurons can be fragile, however, requiring care in selection of learning rate

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#### Neural network notation

The sigmoid activation (output) of a neuron is denoted:

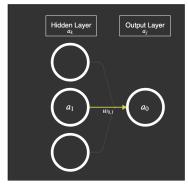
$$\sigma(w_0a_m+w_1a_2+\cdots+w_{m-1}a_{m-1}+b)=\sigma\left(\sum w_ia_i+b\right)=\text{new neuron }(11)$$

Further, we denote each activation as  $a_{neuron}^{(layer)}$ , e.g.

•  $a_4^{(1)}$ : fourth neuron in first layer (layers are counted from first hidden layer)

Weights are denoted as  $w_{to,from}$ , e.g.

- $w_{2,3}^2$ : from the third neuron in the layer 1 to the second neuron in layer 2
- The superscript is not often used, as it is clear from the context which layer we are dealing with



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### Matrix operations in neural networks

Given the activation vector (D neurons) in the zeroth (input) layer:

$$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D = \mathbf{a}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} a_1^0 \\ a_2^0 \\ \vdots \\ a_D^0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (12)

Then the activations in the next layer (M neurons) are given by:

$$\boldsymbol{a}^{(1)} = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \left( \boldsymbol{W} \boldsymbol{a}^{0} + \boldsymbol{b} \right) = \boldsymbol{\sigma} \left( \begin{bmatrix} w_{1,1} & w_{1,2} & \cdots & w_{1,D} \\ w_{2,1} & w_{2,2} & \cdots & w_{2,D} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{M,1} & w_{M,2} & \cdots & w_{M,D} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1}^{0} \\ a_{2}^{0} \\ \vdots \\ a_{D}^{0} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{0} \\ b_{1} \\ \vdots \\ b_{M} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$
(13)

Example: If Layer 1 had only two neurons, then the weight matrix  $\boldsymbol{W}$  would have only 2 rows.

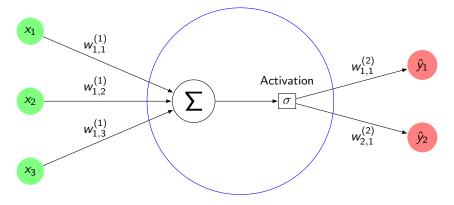
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# Example: MLP with two outputs

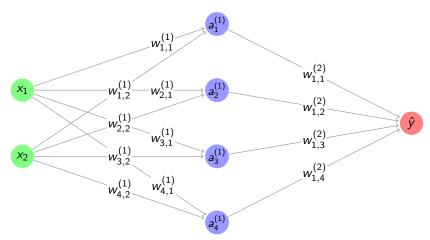
This simple MLP has 2 layers (1 hidden, one outer), and



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## Example: 2-layer regression MLP

Two-layer MLP for regression



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### Example: 2-layer regression MLP: scalar form equations

Given an observation  $x_{nd}$  with  $d=1,\ldots,D$  features, these equations describe the output from a 2-layer network:

$$a_m^{(1)} = \sigma \left( \sum_{d=1}^D w_{1,d}^{(1)} x_{nd} + b_d^{(1)} \right)$$

$$y_i(x_i) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} w_{1,m}^{(2)} a_m^{(1)} + b^{(2)}$$

- *D* is number of input neurons
- *M* is number of hidden neurons
- ullet Total number of learnable parameters: M(D+1) weights and (D+1) biases
- Linear/identity activation is used in output

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#### Neural network loss function

Given K output neurons and N observations (where  $f_k$  is the output), we can compute the loss (cost) functions C as follows.

For regression:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_{nk} - f_k(x_n))^2$$
 (14)

Thus, we can write, where K = 1 (univariate output):

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} (y_n - \hat{y}_n)^2$$
 (15)

For classification, we use the cross-entropy (deviance) given K classes:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} y_{nk} \log f_k(x_n)$$
 (16)

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#### Training a neural network

- A neural network is trained or fitted by learning the optimal values of the weights (and biases).
- This learning is done via optimization (e.g. gradient descent)
- Gradient descent update:

$$w^{\mathsf{new}} = w^{\mathsf{old}} - \eta \frac{\partial C}{\partial w^{\mathsf{old}}} \tag{17}$$

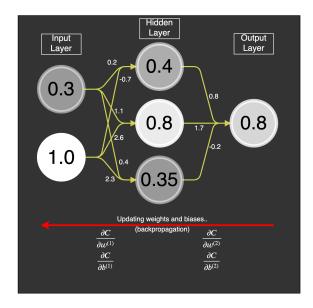
where:

- $\eta$  is the learning rate
- C is the cost function (e.g. residual sum of squares)
- w the weight
- In neural networks, the gradients are computed via backpropagation

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#### Backpropagation overview



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### Training procedure

 Fix initial weights and perform a forward sweep/pass through the network computing the activations a (outputs) of each layer I as:

$$\boldsymbol{a}^{(\ell)} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\boldsymbol{W}\boldsymbol{a}^{\ell-1} + \boldsymbol{b}^{\ell}) \tag{18}$$

- At the output layer, we compute the cost function C (what we want to minimize)
- Then, we backpropagate the errors through each layer in order to compute the gradients for the weight updates:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial w^{(L)}}$$
(19)

where L is the last layer and  $z = Wa^{l-1} + b$ 

Repeat the forward and backward passes until cost is sufficiently minimized

### Equation summary: outer layer (regression case)

At the outer layer L (without indexing by neuron):

$$z^{(L)} = w^{(L)} \times a^{(L-1)} + b^{(L)}$$
 (20)

$$a^{(L)} = z^{(L)} (21)$$

$$C = (a^{(L)} - y)^2 (22)$$

The gradient of the cost function with respect to  $w^{(L)}$  is:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial w^{(L)}} = 2 \left( a^{(L)} - y \right) \sigma' \left( z^{(L)} \right) a^{(L-1)} \tag{23}$$

Thus, we see that this gradient depends on the activation from the previous layer  $a^{(L-1)}$ . Also wrt to the bias:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial b^{(L)}} = 2 \left( a^{(L)} - y \right) \sigma'(z^{(L)})$$
(24)

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### Updating weights

We can then update the weights for the last layer for the next iteration r + 1:

$$w^{(L),r+1} = w^{(L),r} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L)}}$$
 (25)

$$b^{(L),r+1} = b^{(L),r} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L)}}$$
 (26)

To update the weights for layer L-1, we need to find the gradients  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$  and  $rac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \emph{b}^{(L-1)}}$  .

Using the chain rule again, we write:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$$
(27)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}}$$
(28)

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### Backward pass

But we recall that  $\mathcal{L}$  is not *explicitly* dependent on  $a^{(L-1)}$  as  $C = (a^{(L)} - y)^2$ . However, it is implicitly dependent, since

$$C \propto a^{(L)},$$
 (29)

$$a^{(L)} \propto z^{(L)} \tag{30}$$

and

$$z^{(L)} \propto a^{(L-1)} \tag{31}$$

So, we use the chain rule to expand  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(l-1)}}$  as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}}$$
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## Backward pass (cont.)

We can then expand the cost function gradient wrt to weights for layer L-1 as:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$$
(33)

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$$
(34)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}}$$
(35)

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}}$$
(36)

Once these gradients are computed, we update the weights for the (r+1)th iteration using:

$$w^{(L-1),r+1} = w^{(L-1),r} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$$
(37)

$$b^{(L-1),r+1} = b^{(L-1),r} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}}$$
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Summary: forward pass

- **1** (r = 0): Initialize weights and biases:  $w^{(l),0}$ ,  $b^{(l),0}$
- 2 Perform forward pass to compute activations:

$$z^{(l),0} = w^{(l),0} \times a^{(l-1),0} + b^{(l),0}$$
 (39)

$$a^{(l)} = \sigma(z^{(l),0}) \tag{40}$$

At output layer:

$$z^{(L),0} = w^{(L),0} \times a^{(L-1),0} + b^{(L),0}$$
 (41)

$$a^{(L),0} = \sigma(z^{(L),0}) \tag{42}$$

$$C = (a^{(L),0} - y)^2 (43)$$

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 $\odot$  Backward pass, outer layer (L):

① Compute gradients:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial w^{(L)}}$$
(44)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial b^{(L)}}$$
(45)

2 Update weights:

$$w^{(L),1} = w^{(L),0} - \eta \frac{\partial C^0}{\partial w^{(L)}}$$
 (46)

$$b^{(L),1} = b^{(L),0} - \eta \frac{\partial C^0}{\partial b^{(L)}}$$
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### Summary: backward pass—last hidden layer

**3** Backward pass, layer (L-1):

3 Compute gradients:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$$
(48)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}}$$
(49)

4 Update weights:

$$w^{(L-1),1} = w^{(L-1),0} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-1)}}$$
 (50)

$$b^{(L-1),1} = b^{(L-1),0} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-1)}}$$
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### Summary: backward pass—second-to-last hidden layer

**3** Backward pass, layer (L-2):

6 Compute gradients:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-2)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial a^{(L-2)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-2)}}{\partial z^{(L-2)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-2)}}{\partial w^{(L-2)}}$$
(52)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-2)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-1)}}{\partial a^{(L-2)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-2)}}{\partial z^{(L-2)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L-2)}}{\partial b^{(L-2)}}$$
(53)

Opdate weights:

$$w^{(L-2),1} = w^{(L-2),0} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(L-2)}}$$
 (55)

$$b^{(L-2),1} = b^{(L-2),0} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(L-2)}}$$
 (56)

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## Summary: backward pass—first hidden layer

3 Backward pass, layer (1):

6 Compute gradients:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \cdots \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial a^{(1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(1)}}{\partial z^{(1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(1)}}{\partial w^{(1)}}$$
(57)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(L)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L)}}{\partial z^{(L)}} \frac{\partial z^{(L)}}{\partial a^{(L-1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(L-1)}}{\partial z^{(L-1)}} \cdots \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial a^{(1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(1)}}{\partial z^{(1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(1)}}{\partial b^{(1)}}$$
(58)

**6** Update weights:

$$w^{(1),1} = w^{(1),0} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(1)}}$$
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$$b^{(1),1} = b^{(1),0} - \eta \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(1)}}$$
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## Summary of backpropagation

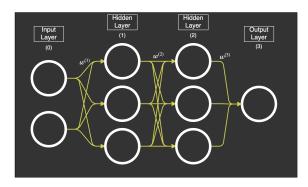
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$$a^{(l)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}^{(l)}a^{(l-1)} + b^{(l)})$$
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- 2 At the output layer, we compute the cost function C (what we want to minimize)
- 3 Then, we backpropagate the errors through each layer in order to compute the gradients  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(l)}}$ ,  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial b^{(l)}}$  and weight updates  $w^{(l),r+1}$  and  $b^{(l),r+1}$
- 4 Repeat the forward and backward passes until cost is sufficiently minimized

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#### Example: backpropagation for 3-layer network



$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(3)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial z^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z^{(3)}}{\partial w^{(3)}}$$
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$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial z^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial z^{(2)}} \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial w^{(2)}}$$
(63)

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial z^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial z^{(2)}} \frac{\partial z^{(2)}}{\partial a^{(1)}} \frac{\partial a^{(1)}}{\partial z^{(1)}} \frac{\partial z^{(1)}}{\partial w^{(1)}}$$
(64)

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# Regression MLP architecture

Typical hyperparameter values are:

Hyperparameter	Value
# input neurons	1 per input feature
# hidden layers	Usually 1 – 5
# neurons per hidden layer	Usually 10 - 100
# output neurons	1 per prediction dimension
hidden layer activation	ReLU
output activation	None (if unbounded)
loss function	MSE or MAE/Huber

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### Classification MLP architecture

- For classification, input and hidden layers are chosen in similar fashion to the regression case
- However, the number of output neurons is given by the name of classes/labels
- The output layer activation is typically the softmax function:

$$softmax(z_k) = \frac{e^{z_k}}{\sum_{k'} e^{z_{k'}}}$$
 (65)

where  $z_k$  is the unnormalized log probability of each class k

• The loss function is taken as the cross entropy

Notes

# Other types of neural networks

The standard ANN architecture (MLP) we have studied is also called the feed-forward network.

Other architectures have been shown to give better performance for various applications:

- Recurrent neural networks (RNNs): time-series forecasting
- Convolutional neural networks (CNNs): image classification
- Long short-term memory networks (LSTMs): time-series, pattern identification, etc.

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## Reading

We will discuss the CNN on Wednesday, along with examples in Python.

• **PMLI**: 13.1-3

• PML: 8.3, 9.4

• ESL: 11

• **DL**: 6-8, 11, 12

• Experiment in this playground

Notes