

Automatic differentiation/backpropagation

loss.backward() →

param.grad ← what grad? why?
1.bw?

Computational Differentiation

① Numerical Differentiation

very good test

Disadvantages: *cuse to verify the correctness*

a) Approximate *of your implementation*

b) Computationally expensive:

$f(\underline{x})$

$$\frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial x_i} =$

$$\frac{f(\underline{x} + \underline{\epsilon}_i \underline{\epsilon}) - f(\underline{x})}{\underline{\epsilon}}$$

$$\underline{\epsilon}_i = \begin{cases} 0 \\ \vdots \\ i \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{cases}$$

1 at ith place everywhere

How many times do you have to call

$f(\underline{x})$ to compute $\frac{\partial f(\underline{x})}{\partial \underline{x}}$ if $\underline{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$?

$n+1$ times

② Symbolic Differentiation (SD)

e.g. sympy / Matlab

formula
of a function



Disadvantages

- a) you need a new language to communicate your formulas
- b) You get formula as output. Efficiency is not considered

formula
for the derivative

→ to implement
the derivative
comp. complex?

③ Automatic differentiation (AD)

→ Operator overloading to implement (AD)

C++ / Python

$a + b$
mt mt

$a = \text{Tensor}()$
 $b = \text{Tensor}()$

$a = \text{Person}()$

$b = \text{Person}()$

$a + b$

$a @ b$

$\text{Person}.___add__$

$\text{Person}.___matmul__$

```

class Tensor():
    def __init__(self):
        self.value = 0
        self.grad = 0

```

a = tensor(10)
 $\circ = \text{Tensor}(10)$

$$c = a + b$$

$$c.value = a.value + b.value$$

$$c.grad = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

$a = \text{Symbol('a')}$

$b = \text{Symbol('b')}$

$$c = a + b$$

$$c.expression = \underline{\text{"a+b"}}$$

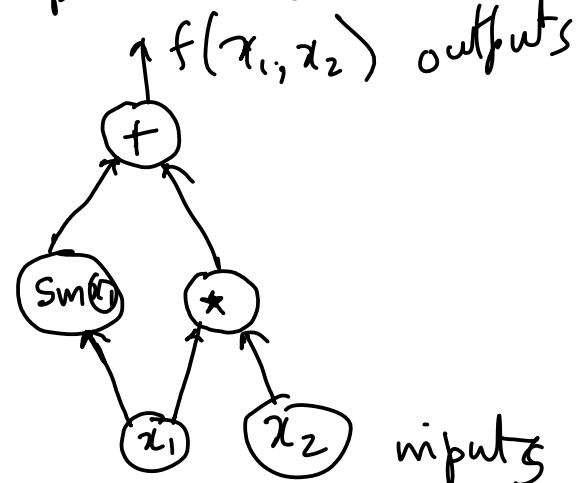
AD

- ① Forward-mode AD (Forward accumulative)
- ② Reverse-mode AD (Backpropagation) in NN

Mathematical expressions can be represented as a Directed Acyclic graph (computation graph)

Example

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 + \sin(x_1)$$

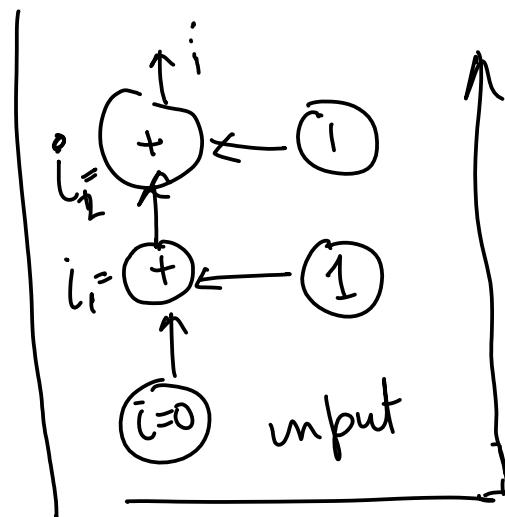


outputs

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i = Tensor(0)
for i in range(10)
    i = i + 1

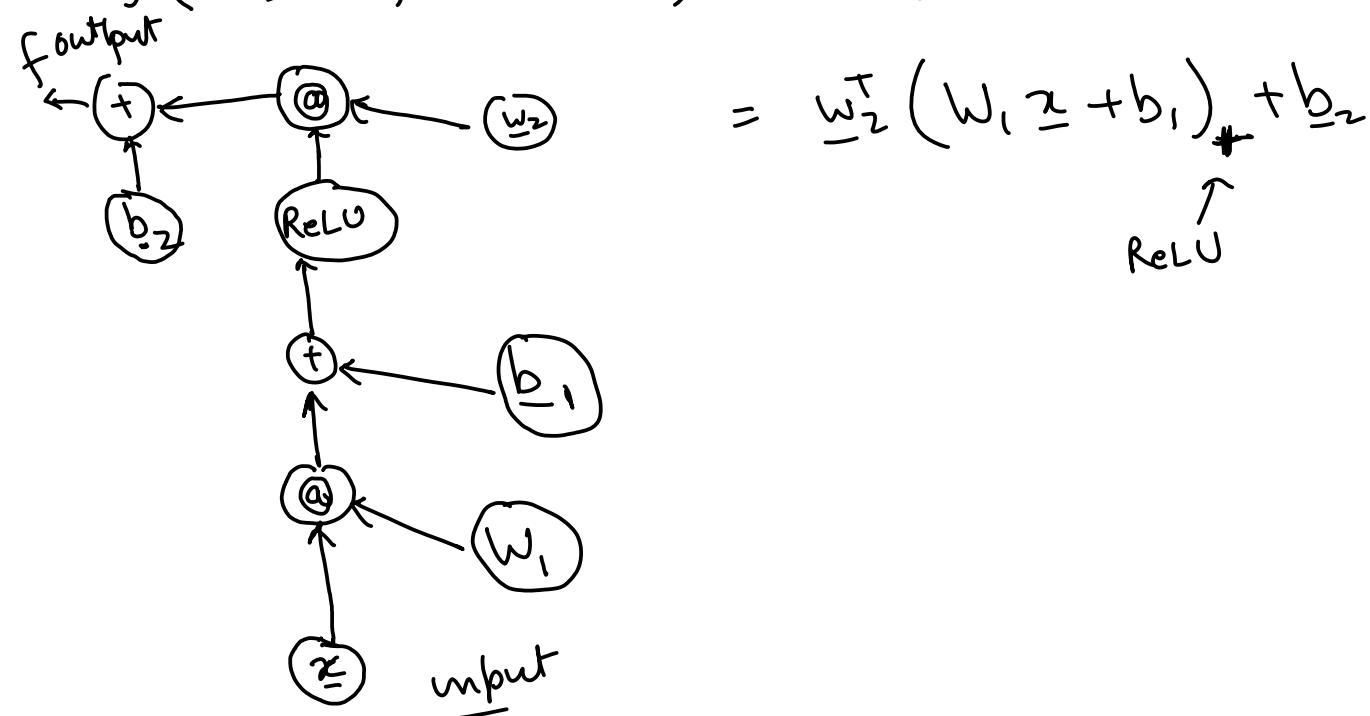
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Internally
Pytorch
will
keep a
track of
this graph

Computation Graph of MLP (2-layer, ReLU)

$$f(\underline{x}; \underline{w}_1, \underline{w}_2, \underline{b}_1, \underline{b}_2) = \underline{w}_2^T \text{ReLU}(\underline{w}_1 \underline{x} + \underline{b}_1) + \underline{b}_2$$



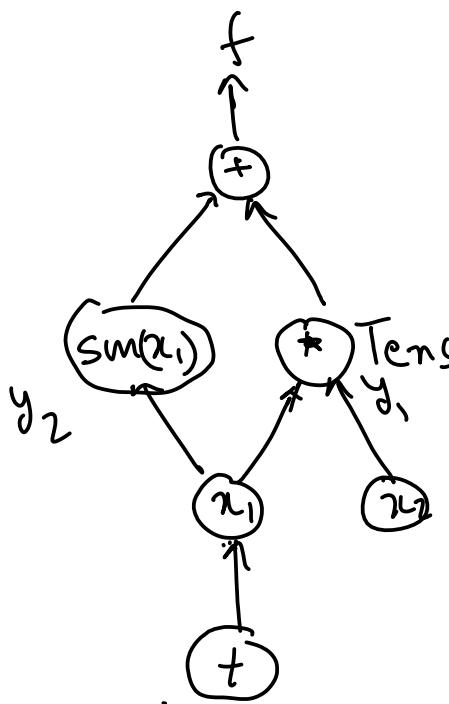
(1) Forward-mode AD

Use operator overloading to implement AD

```
class Tensor():
    def __init__(self):
        self.value = None
        self.grad = None
```

a = Tensor(10)
b = Tensor(20)

$$c = a + b$$



class Tensor

```
def __add__(self, b):
    c = Tensor()
    c.value = self.value + b.value
    c.grad = self.grad + b.grad
    return c
```

value
grad = $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1}$.
 $\frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x_1} = ?$

Reverse mode

Forward mode

In forward mode

$$x_1.grad = \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t} = 1$$

$$x_2.grad = \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$y_1 = x_1 * x_2 \Rightarrow y_1.grad = \frac{\partial (x_1 * x_2)}{\partial t} = x_1 \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial t} + x_2 \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 \cdot \text{grad} = x_1 \cdot (x_2 \cdot \text{grad}) + x_2 \cdot (x_1 \cdot \text{grad})$$

$$y_2 = \sin(x_1) \rightarrow \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial t} = y_2 \cdot \text{grad} = \cos(x_1) \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t} = \cos(x_1) (x_1 \cdot \text{grad})$$

$$f = y_1 + y_2 \rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = f \cdot \text{grad} = \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial t}$$

$$= y_1 \cdot \text{grad} + y_2 \cdot \text{grad}$$

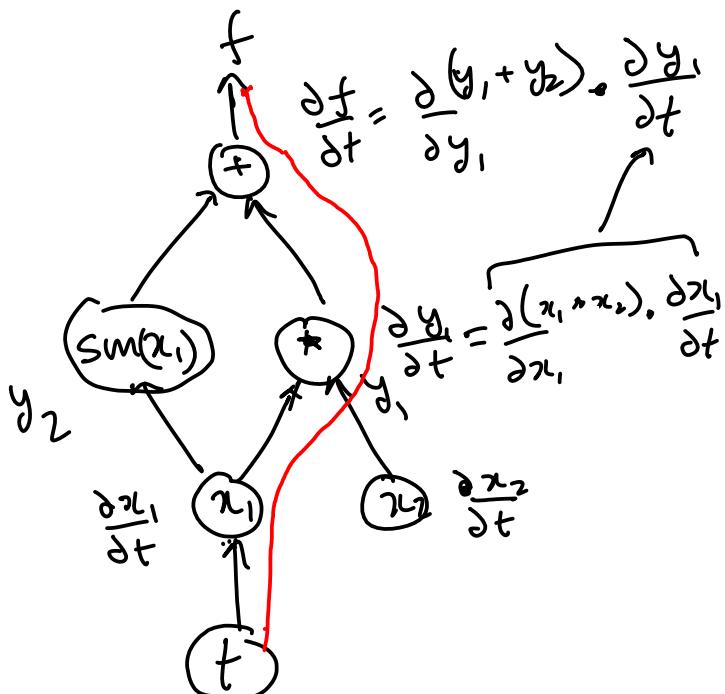
Accumulation direction

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial y_1} (y_1 + y_2) \left[\frac{\partial (x_1 \cdot x_2)}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial t} \right] \right\}$$

This accumulation happens first

$$f = h(g(k(l(x))))$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial g} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial k} \left(\frac{\partial k}{\partial l} \frac{\partial l}{\partial x} \right) \right) \right)$$

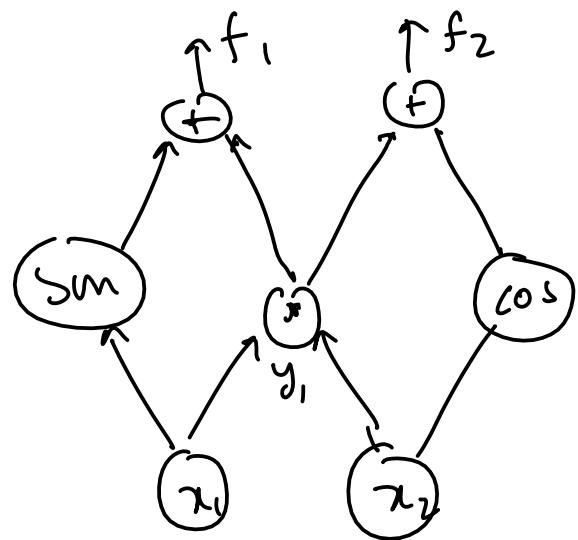


- ① In forward mode differentiation, the accumulation of chain rule derivatives happens from the input side to the output side (forward direction).
- ② In forward mode differentiation, you have to re-propagate the derivatives for each input.

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 + \sin(x_1)$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1 \cdot x_2 + \cos(x_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial t}, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial t}$$

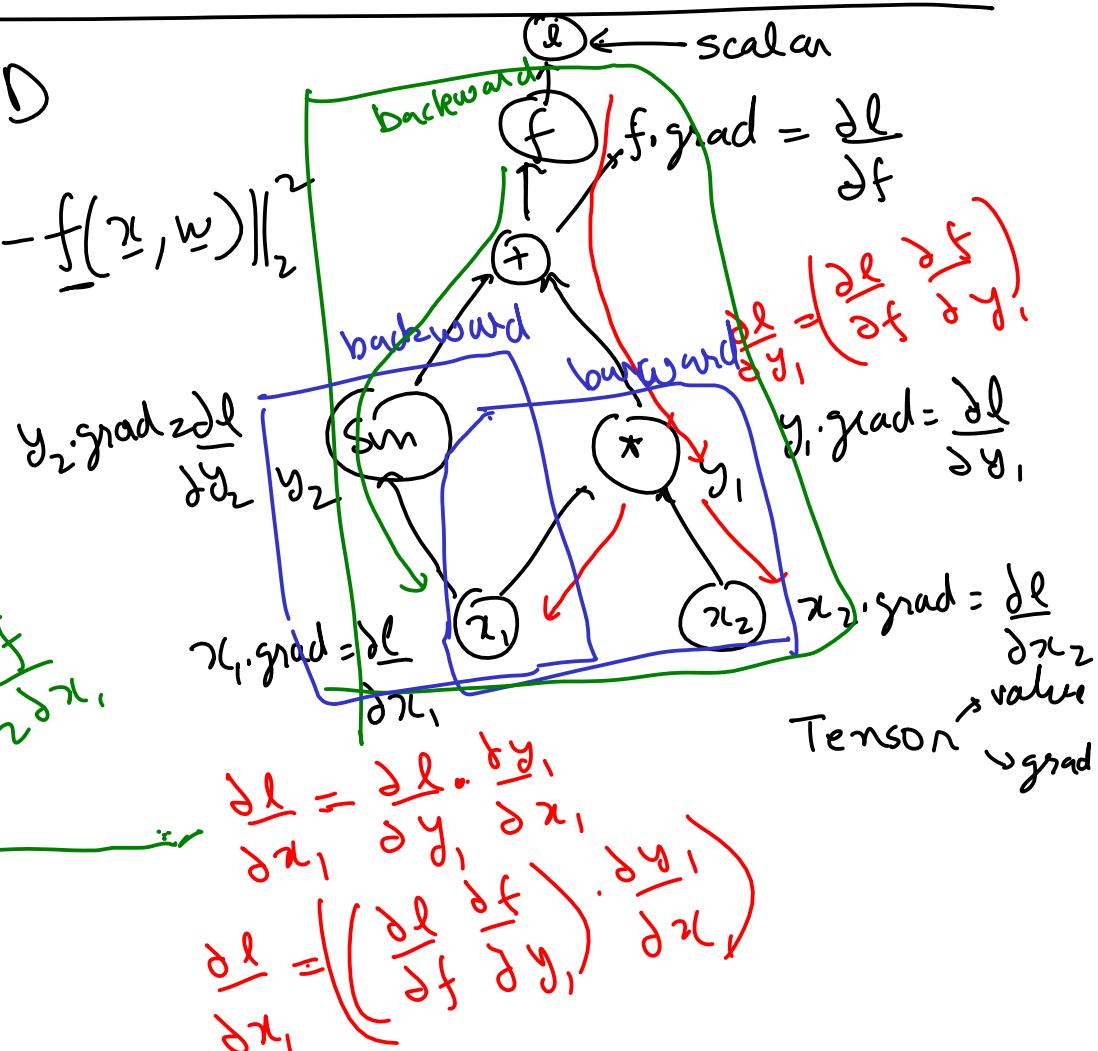


- ③ we don't have to recompute derivatives for the common part of the graph.

② Reverse-mode AD

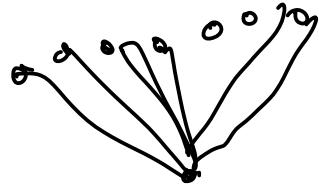
$$L(D; w) = \sum_D \|y - f(x, w)\|_2^2$$

scalar

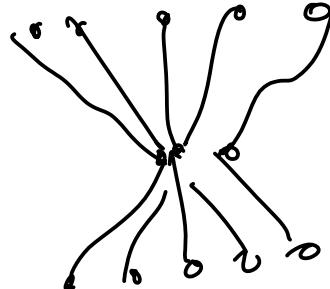
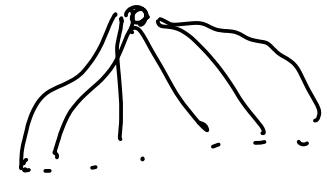


- ① Reverse mode is more efficient than forward mode when # of output < # of inputs

Forward mode AD



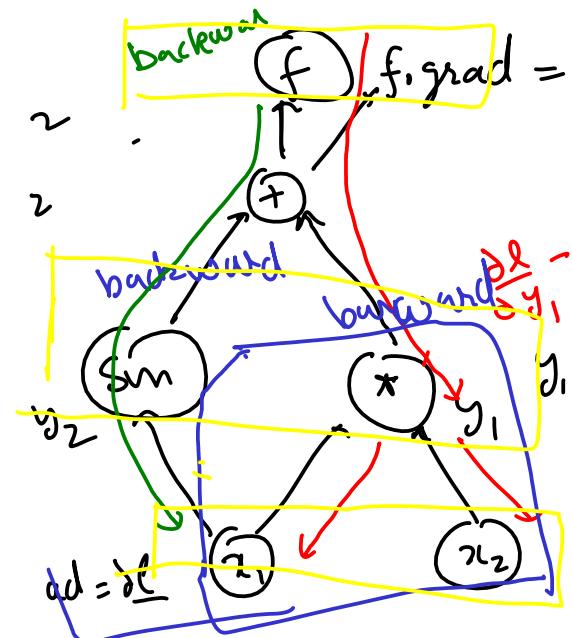
Reverse mode AD



NLP-hard

chain graph

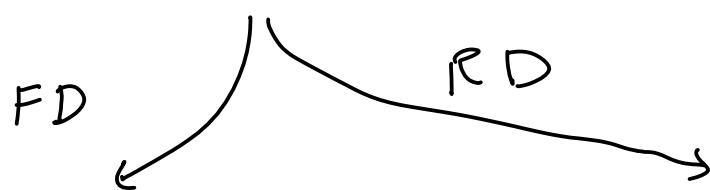
$$\begin{aligned} f &= f = \cdot \\ h &= \begin{bmatrix} \text{sm}(x_1) \\ x_1 * x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ x &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial f}{\partial h}}_{\text{vector}} \underbrace{\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}}_{\text{Matrix}} \quad \text{Jacobian}$$

$$f = f(g(h(k(z))))$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial h} \circ \frac{\partial h}{\partial k} \circ \frac{\partial k}{\partial \underline{x}}$$



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial h} \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial k} \cdot \frac{\partial k}{\partial \underline{x}} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial h} \right) \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial k} \cdot \frac{\partial k}{\partial \underline{x}} \right)$$

$\overbrace{\quad \quad \quad}^{\mathcal{O}(\text{matrix size})}$

output < number of inputs

$$\mathcal{O}_{FD}(\) > \mathcal{O}_{RD}(\)$$

$$k(\underline{x}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

$$\frac{\partial k}{\partial \underline{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{? \times ?}$$

What is the dim of the Jacobian matrix?

$$\frac{\partial \underline{k}}{\partial \underline{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \dots, \frac{\partial k_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial k_m}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \dots, \frac{\partial k_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_{m \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{x}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \underline{g}} \circ \frac{\partial \underline{g}}{\partial \underline{h}} \circ \left(\frac{\partial \underline{h}}{\partial \underline{k}} \circ \frac{\partial \underline{k}}{\partial \underline{x}} \right) \quad f = f(g(h(k(x))))$$

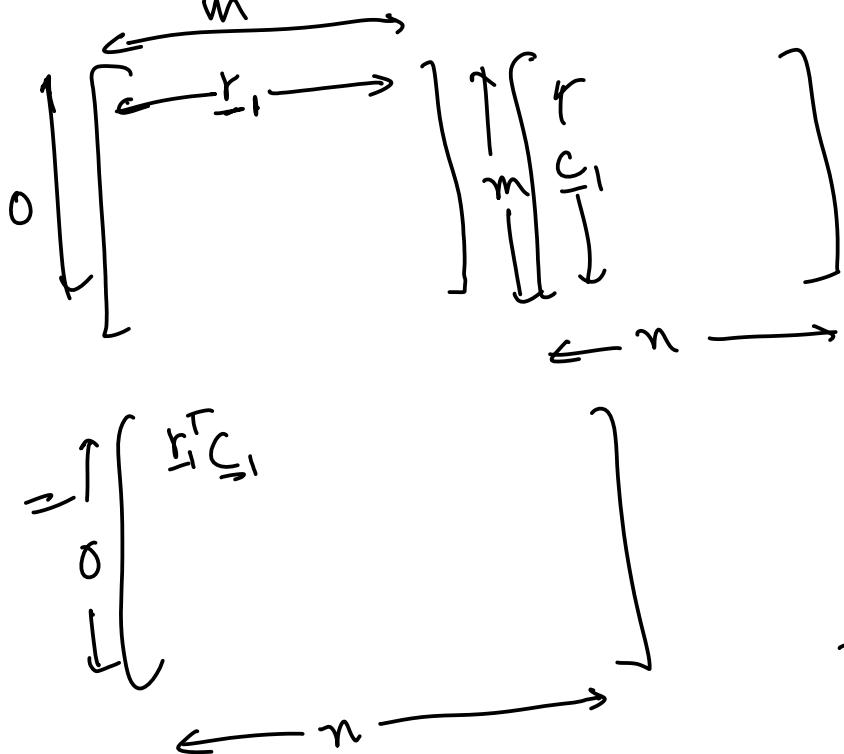
$$\frac{\partial \underline{h}}{\partial \underline{k}} \in \mathbb{R}^{0 \times m}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{k}}{\partial \underline{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{h}}{\partial \underline{k}} \quad \frac{\partial \underline{k}}{\partial \underline{x}}$$

$b \times m$
 $m \times n$

How many addition and multiplication operations do I need for this matmul?



$$\begin{aligned} \text{How many mul?} &= m \\ \text{add?} &= n \end{aligned}$$

Total number of Operations?

$$= 2mn0$$

Comp. complexity of mat mul
 $= O(mn0)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial g} \cdot \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial h} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial k} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial k}{\partial x_i} \right) \right) \Big|_n$$

Reverse mode - AD

Comp. complexity of RD ?

$$q \times p \xrightarrow{+} p \times 0 \quad O(qp^0)$$

$$q \times 0 \xrightarrow{+} 0 \times m \quad O(q0m)$$

Forward mode - AD : Comp. complexity?

$$O(q \boxed{p^2} 0^2 m^2 n^2) \times$$

$$O(\boxed{q} (p^0 + 0m + mn))$$

↑
output dim=1
for scalar loss

$$O(qpn + p0n + 0mn) \quad \checkmark$$

$$O((qp + p0 + 0m)\boxed{n})$$

input dim

When output dim < Input dim

use Reverse mode AD ✓

Otherwise

use Forward mode AD

$$\underline{f}(\underline{a}, \underline{b}) = \underline{a} + \underline{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

We are given $\frac{\partial l}{\partial f_i} = \left[\frac{\partial l}{\partial f_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial l}{\partial f_n} \right]$

Find $\frac{\partial l}{\partial a_i}, \frac{\partial l}{\partial b_i}$?

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial a_i} = \underline{\frac{\partial l}{\partial f}} \cdot \underline{\frac{\partial f}{\partial a_i}}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial a_i} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial l}{\partial f_i} \cdot \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial a_i}}_{\frac{\partial l}{\partial a_i}}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial a_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} (\underline{a} + \underline{b}) = I_{n \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial b_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} (\underline{a} + \underline{b}) = I_{n \times n}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} (\underline{a} + \underline{b}) = \frac{\partial \underline{a}}{\partial a_i} + \frac{\partial \underline{b}}{\partial a_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial \underline{a}}{\partial a_i} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial a_1} & \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial a_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial a_n} \\ \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial a_1} & \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial a_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial a_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial a_n}{\partial a_1} & \frac{\partial a_n}{\partial a_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial a_n}{\partial a_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I_{n \times n}$$

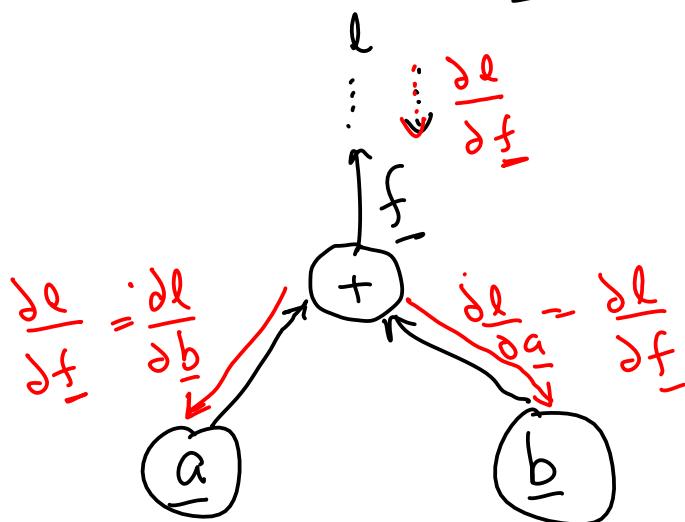
$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \underline{x}^T A \underline{x} = \underline{x}^T (A + A^T)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} \underline{b}^T \underline{x} = \underline{b}^T$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} A \underline{x} = A \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \underline{x}}{\partial \underline{x}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \underline{x}} I \underline{x} = I$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial a_i} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_i} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \cdot I_{n \times n} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial b_i} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f}$$



Multiplication(s)

\textcircled{1} Scalar - vector multiplication

$$f(\alpha, \underline{x}) = \alpha \underline{x}, \text{ we are given } \frac{\partial l}{\partial f}$$

Find $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \alpha}$ and $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \underline{x}}$ (Answer in terms of α, \underline{x} and $\frac{\partial l}{\partial f}$)

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \dot{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial l}{\partial f} (\alpha I_{n \times n}) = \alpha \frac{\partial l}{\partial f}$$

Before you turn this problem in, make sure everything runs as expected. First, **restart the kernel** (in the menubar, select Kernel→Restart) and then **run all cells** (in the menubar, select Cell→Run All).

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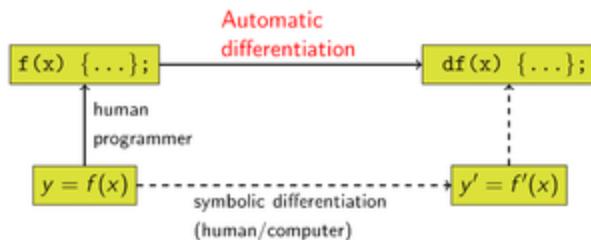
Differentiation options

1. Numerical differentiation
2. Symbolic differentiation
3. Automatic differentiation
 - A. Forward mode differentiation
 - B. Reverse mode differentiation

1. Numerical differentiation

2. Symbolic differentiation

3. Automatic differentiation



3.A Forward mode

Example:

$$z = f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 + \sin(x_1)$$

3.B Reverse mode

Example:

$$z = f(x_1, x_2) = x_1x_2 + \sin(x_1)$$

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In [ ]: import numpy as np
class ForwardDiff:
    def __init__(self, value, grad=None):
        self.value = value
        self.grad = np.zeros_like(value) if grad is None else grad

    def __add__(self, other):
        cls = type(self)
        other = other if isinstance(other, cls) else cls(other)
        out = cls(self.value + other.value,
                  self.grad + other.grad)
        return out
    __radd__ = __add__

    def __repr__(self):
        return f"{self.__class__.__name__}(data={self.value}, grad={self.grad})"

x = ForwardDiff(2, 1)
y = ForwardDiff(3, 0)

f = x + y
f
```

```
In [ ]: oldFD = ForwardDiff # Bad practice: do not do it
class ForwardDiff(oldFD):
    def __mul__(self, other):
        cls = type(self)
        other = other if isinstance(other, cls) else cls(other)
        out = cls(self.value * other.value,
                  other.value * self.grad +
                  self.value * other.grad)
        return out

    __rmul__ = __mul__

x = ForwardDiff(2, 0)
y = ForwardDiff(3, 1)

f1 = x * y
f2 = 2*x + 3*y + x*y
f1, f2
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In [ ]: oldFD = ForwardDiff # Bad practice: do not do it
class ForwardDiff(oldFD):
    def log(self):
        cls = type(self)
        return cls(np.log(self.value),
                  1/self.value * self.grad)
    def exp(self):
        cls = type(self)
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        out_val = np.exp(self.value)
        return cls(out_val,
                   out_val * self.grad)

    def sin(self):
        cls = type(self)
        return cls(np.sin(self.value),
                   np.cos(self.value) * self.grad)

    def cos(self):
        cls = type(self)
        return cls(np.cos(self.value),
                   -np.sin(self.value) * self.grad)

    def __pow__(self, other):
        cls = type(self)
        other = other if isinstance(other, cls) else cls(other)
        return (self.log() * other).exp()

    def __neg__(self): # -self
        return self * -1

    def __sub__(self, other): # self - other
        return self + (-other)

    def __truediv__(self, other): # self / other
        return self * other**-1

    def __rtruediv__(self, other): # other / self
        return other * self**-1

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x = ForwardDiff(2, 1)
y = ForwardDiff(3, 0)

f = x**y
f

```

```

In [ ]: import numpy as np
def add_vjp(a, b, grad):
    return grad, grad

def no_parents_vjp(grad):
    return (grad,)

class ReverseDiff:
    def __init__(self, value, parents=(), op='', vjp=no_parents_vjp):
        self.value = value
        self.parents = parents
        self.op = op
        self.vjp = vjp
        self.grad = None

    def backward(self, grad):

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        self.grad = grad
        op_args = [p.value for p in self.parents]
        grads = self.vjp(*op_args, grad)
        for g, p in zip(grads, self.parents):
            p.backward(g)

    def __add__(self, other):
        cls = type(self)
        other = other if isinstance(other, cls) else cls(other)
        out = cls(self.value + other.value,
                  parents=(self, other),
                  op='+',
                  vjp=add_vjp)
        return out

    __radd__ = __add__

    def __repr__(self):
        cls = type(self)
        return f"{cls.__name__}(value={self.value}, parents={self.parents},"

x = ReverseDiff(2)
y = ReverseDiff(3)

f = x + y + 3
f.backward(1)
f
x.grad, y.grad

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In []: oldRD = ReverseDiff # Bad practice: do not do it

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def mul_vjp(a, b, grad):
    return grad * b, grad * a

class ReverseDiff(oldRD):
    def __mul__(self, other):
        cls = type(self)
        other = other if isinstance(other, cls) else cls(other)
        out = cls(self.value * other.value,
                  parents=(self, other),
                  op='*',
                  vjp=mul_vjp)
        return out

    __rmul__ = __mul__

x = ReverseDiff(2)
y = ReverseDiff(3)

f1 = 5*x + 7*y
f1.backward(1)
x.grad, y.grad

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In []: f2 = x*y
f2.backward(1)

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x.grad, y.grad
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