

# Lecture 4: Neural Networks and Backpropagation

# Announcements: Assignment 1

**Assignment 1 due Fri 4/15 at 11:59pm**

# Administrative: Project Proposal

Due **Mon 4/18**

TA expertise are posted on the webpage.

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# Administrative: Discussion Section

Discussion section tomorrow:

Backpropagation

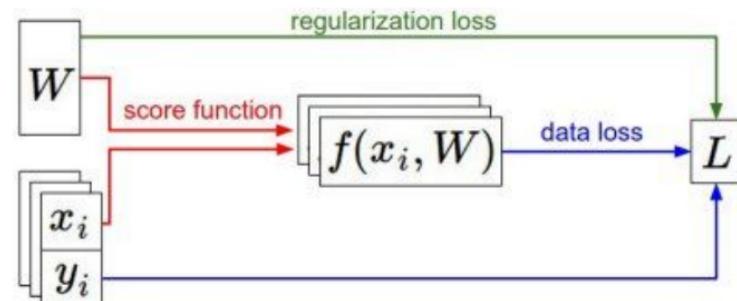
# Recap

- We have some dataset of  $(x, y)$
- We have a **score function**:  $s = f(x; W) = Wx$  e.g.
- We have a **loss function**:

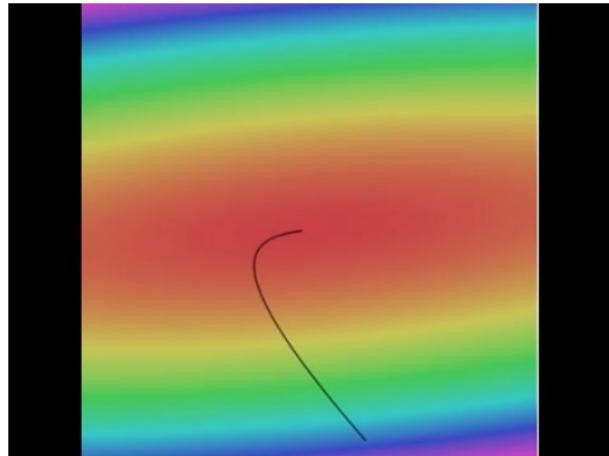
$$L_i = -\log\left(\frac{e^{sy_i}}{\sum_j e^{sj}}\right) \text{ Softmax}$$

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1) \text{ SVM}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + R(W) \text{ Full loss}$$



# Finding the best W: Optimize with Gradient Descent



```
# Vanilla Gradient Descent

while True:
    weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data, weights)
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```

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# Gradient descent

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h}$$

**Numerical gradient:** slow :(), approximate :(), easy to write :()  
**Analytic gradient:** fast :(), exact :(), error-prone :(

In practice: Derive analytic gradient, check your implementation with numerical gradient

# Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

$$L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i(x_i, y_i, W) + \lambda R(W)$$

Full sum expensive  
when N is large!

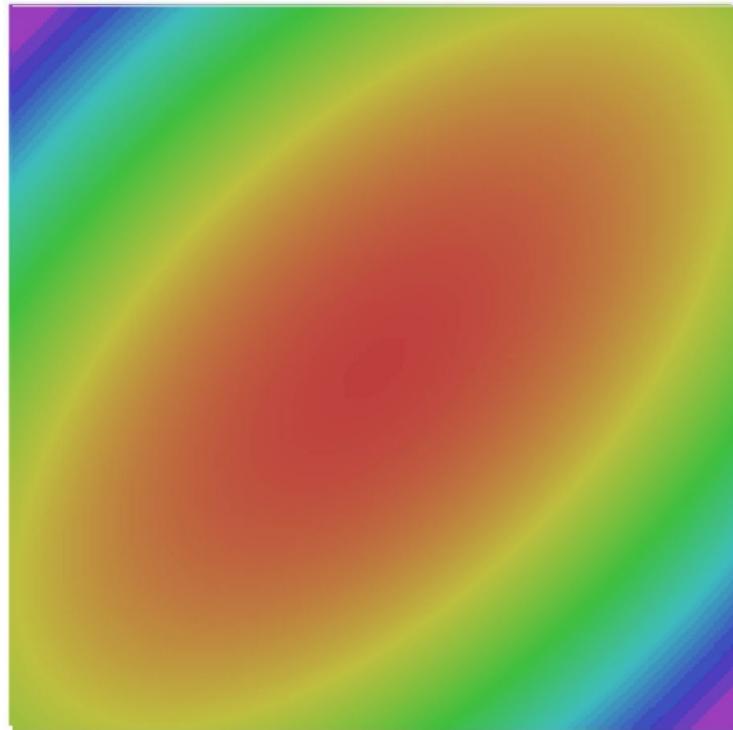
$$\nabla_W L(W) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \nabla_W L_i(x_i, y_i, W) + \lambda \nabla_W R(W)$$

Approximate sum  
using a **minibatch** of  
examples  
32 / 64 / 128 common

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# Vanilla Minibatch Gradient Descent

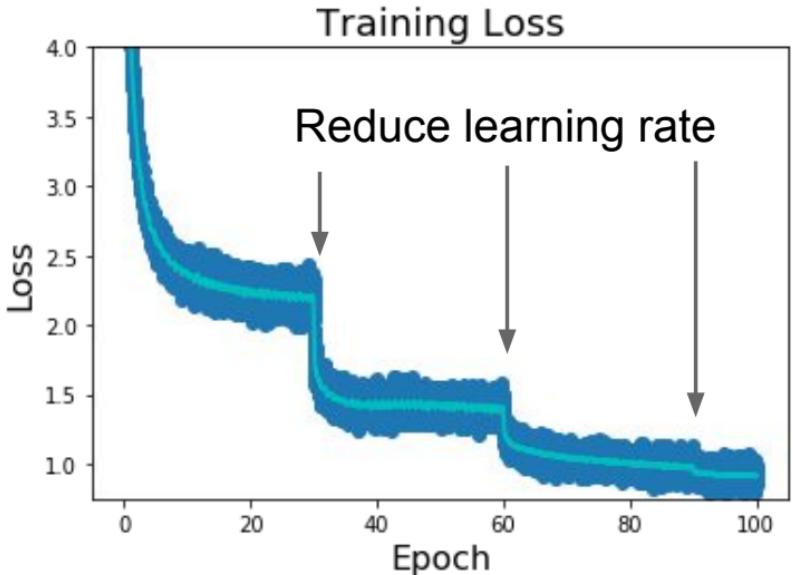
while True:
    data_batch = sample_training_data(data, 256) # sample 256 examples
    weights_grad = evaluate_gradient(loss_fun, data_batch, weights)
    weights += - step_size * weights_grad # perform parameter update
```

# Last time: fancy optimizers



- SGD
- SGD+Momentum
- RMSProp
- Adam

# Last time: learning rate scheduling



**Step:** Reduce learning rate at a few fixed points. E.g. for ResNets, multiply LR by 0.1 after epochs 30, 60, and 90.

**Cosine:**  $\alpha_t = \frac{1}{2}\alpha_0 (1 + \cos(t\pi/T))$

**Linear:**  $\alpha_t = \alpha_0(1 - t/T)$

**Inverse sqrt:**  $\alpha_t = \alpha_0/\sqrt{t}$

$\alpha_0$  : Initial learning rate

$\alpha_t$  : Learning rate at epoch t

$T$  : Total number of epochs

Today:

# Deep Learning

# Released yesterday: dall-e-2

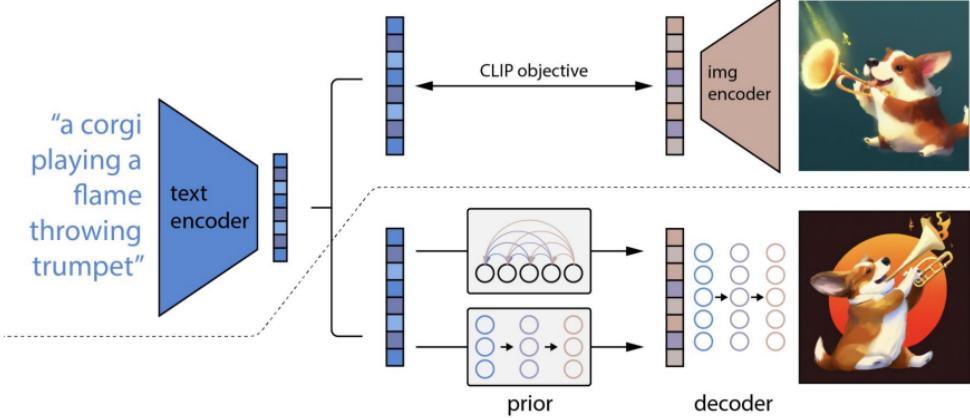
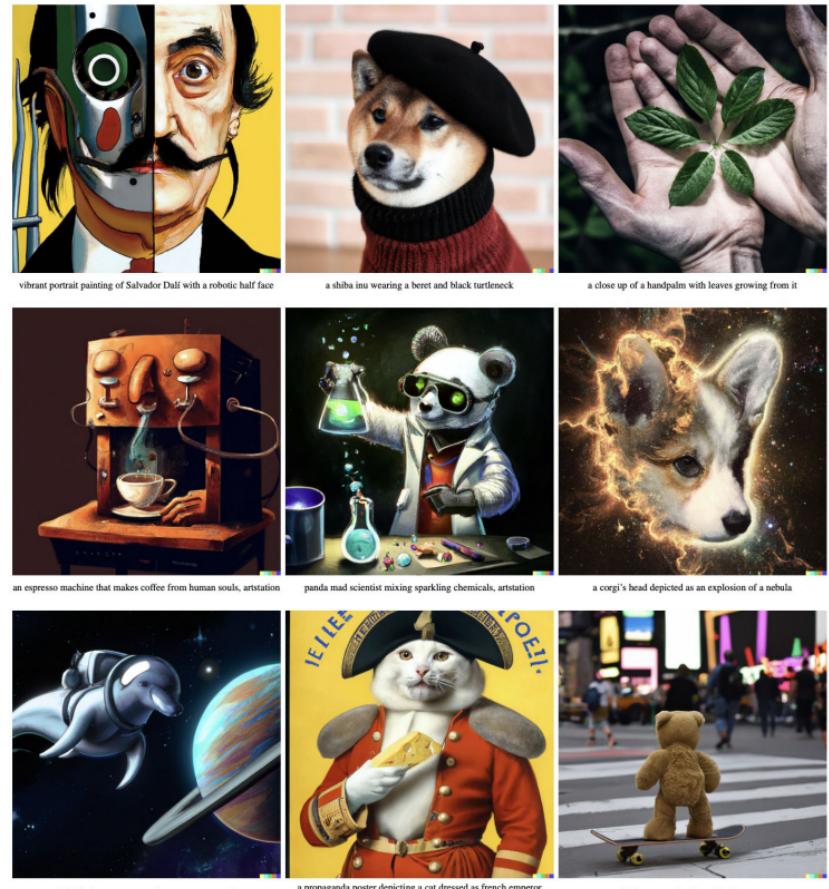


“Teddy bears working on new AI research on the moon in the 1980s.”

“Rabbits attending a college seminar on human anatomy.”

“A wise cat meditating in the Himalayas searching for enlightenment.”

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Ramesh et al., Hierarchical Text-Conditional Image Generation with CLIP Latents, 2022.

# Neural Networks

# Neural networks: the original linear classifier

(Before) Linear score function:  $f = Wx$

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^D, W \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times D}$$

# Neural networks: 2 layers

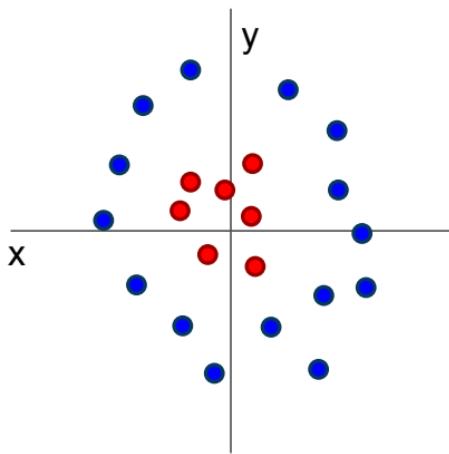
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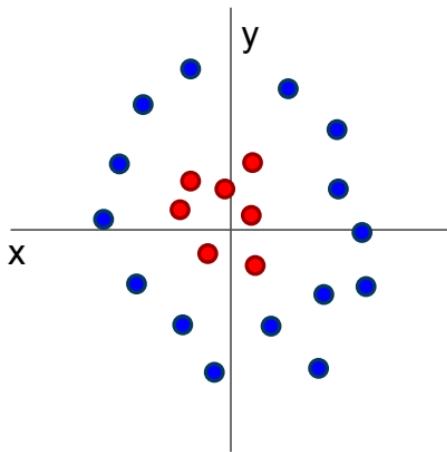
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# Why do we want non-linearity?



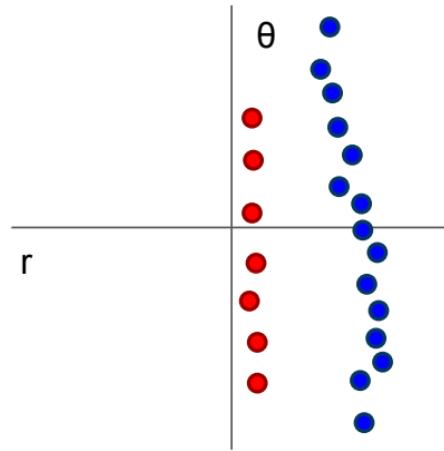
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$$f(x, y) = (r(x, y), \theta(x, y))$$



After applying feature  
transform, points can  
be separated by linear  
classifier

# Neural networks: also called fully connected network

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“Neural Network” is a very broad term; these are more accurately called “fully-connected networks” or sometimes “multi-layer perceptrons” (MLP)

  (In practice we will usually add a learnable bias at each layer as well)

# Neural networks: 3 layers

**(Before)** Linear score function:

$$f = Wx$$

**(Now)** 2-layer Neural Network  
or 3-layer Neural Network

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$$f = W_3 \max(0, W_2 \max(0, W_1 x))$$

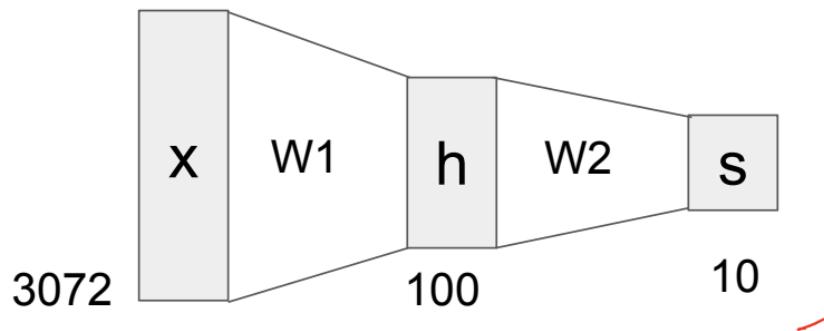
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# Neural networks: hierarchical computation

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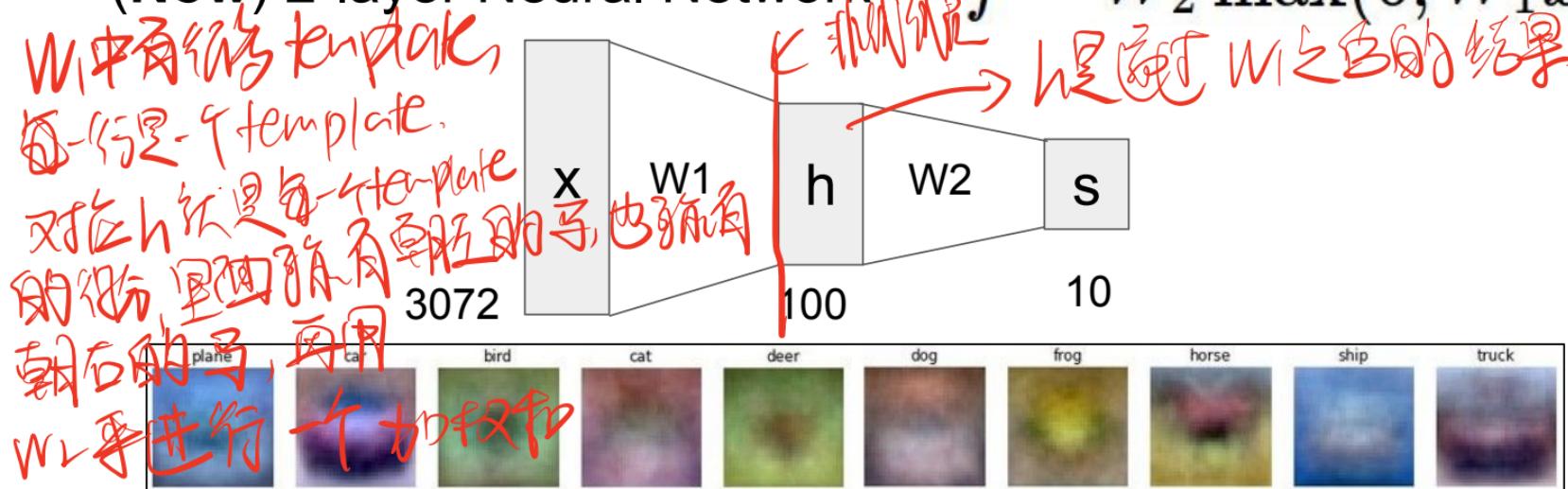


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# Neural networks: learning 100s of templates

(Before) Linear score function:  $f = Wx$

(Now) 2-layer Neural Network  $f = W_2 \max(0, W_1 x)$



Learn 100 templates instead of 10.

Share templates between classes

# Neural networks: why is max operator important?

(Before) Linear score function:  $f = Wx$

(Now) 2-layer Neural Network  $f = W_2 \max(0, W_1 x)$

The function  $\max(0, z)$  is called the **activation function**.

Q: What if we try to build a neural network without one?

$$f = W_2 W_1 x$$

不加激活函数，永远都是输入的特征组合  
输出固定了。

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$$f = W_2 W_1 x \quad W_3 = W_2 W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times H}, f = W_3 x$$

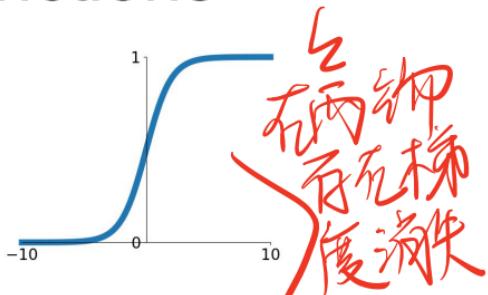
**A:** We end up with a linear classifier again!



# Activation functions

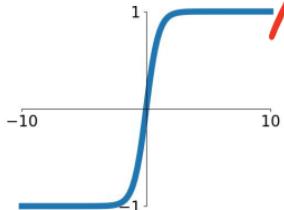
## Sigmoid

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



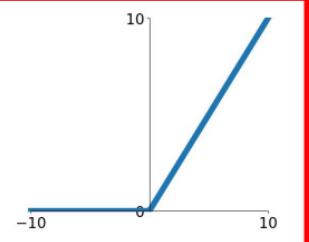
## tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



## ReLU

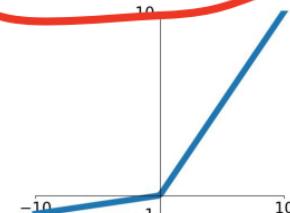
$$\max(0, x)$$



ReLU is a good default choice for most problems

## Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

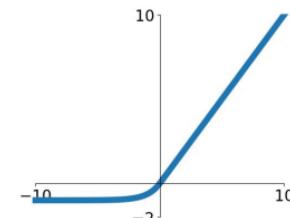


## Maxout

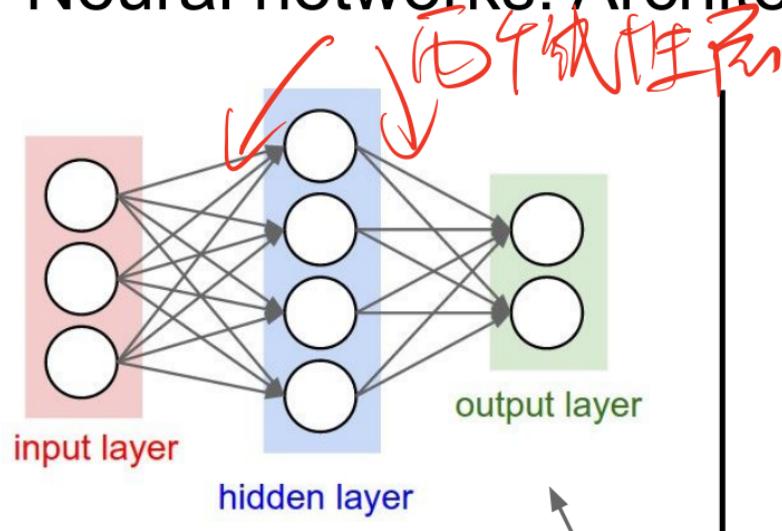
$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

## ELU

$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

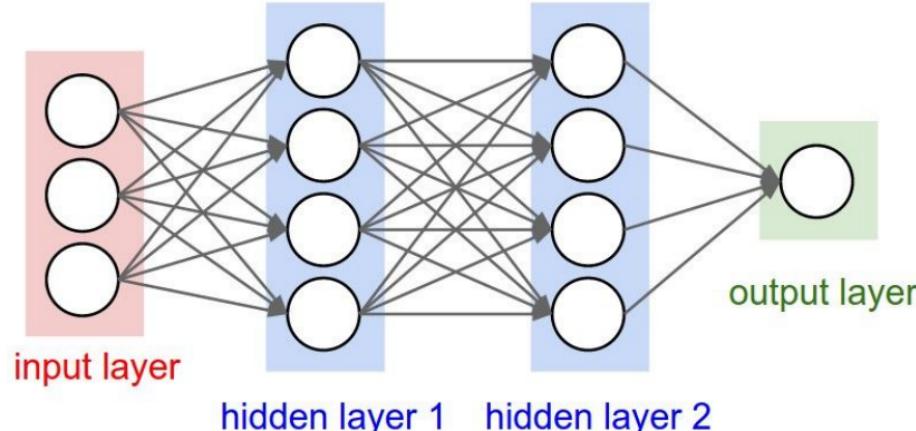


# Neural networks: Architectures



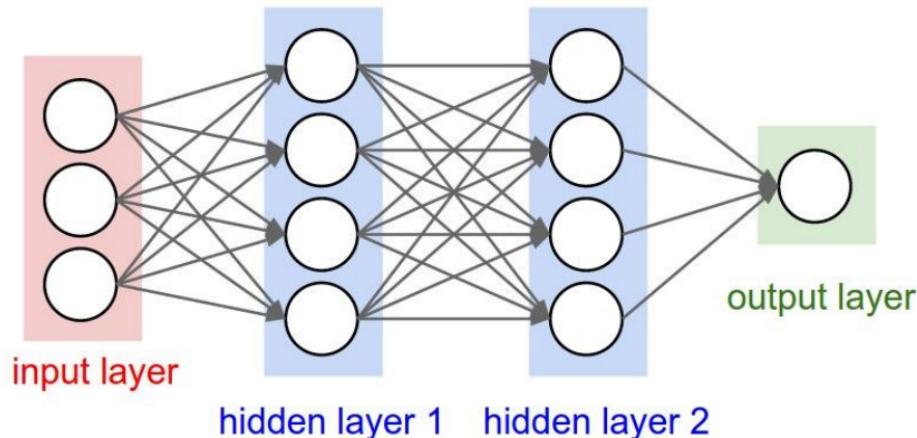
“2-layer Neural Net”, or  
“1-hidden-layer Neural Net”

**Fully-connected** layers



“3-layer Neural Net”, or  
“2-hidden-layer Neural Net”

# Example feed-forward computation of a neural network



```
# forward-pass of a 3-layer neural network:  
f = lambda x: 1.0/(1.0 + np.exp(-x)) # activation function (use sigmoid)  
x = np.random.randn(3, 1) # random input vector of three numbers (3x1)  
h1 = f(np.dot(W1, x) + b1) # calculate first hidden layer activations (4x1)  
h2 = f(np.dot(W2, h1) + b2) # calculate second hidden layer activations (4x1)  
out = np.dot(W3, h2) + b3 # output neuron (1x1)
```

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```
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2 from numpy.random import randn
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6 w1, w2 = randn(D_in, H), randn(H, D_out)
7
8 for t in range(2000):
9     h = 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x.dot(w1)))
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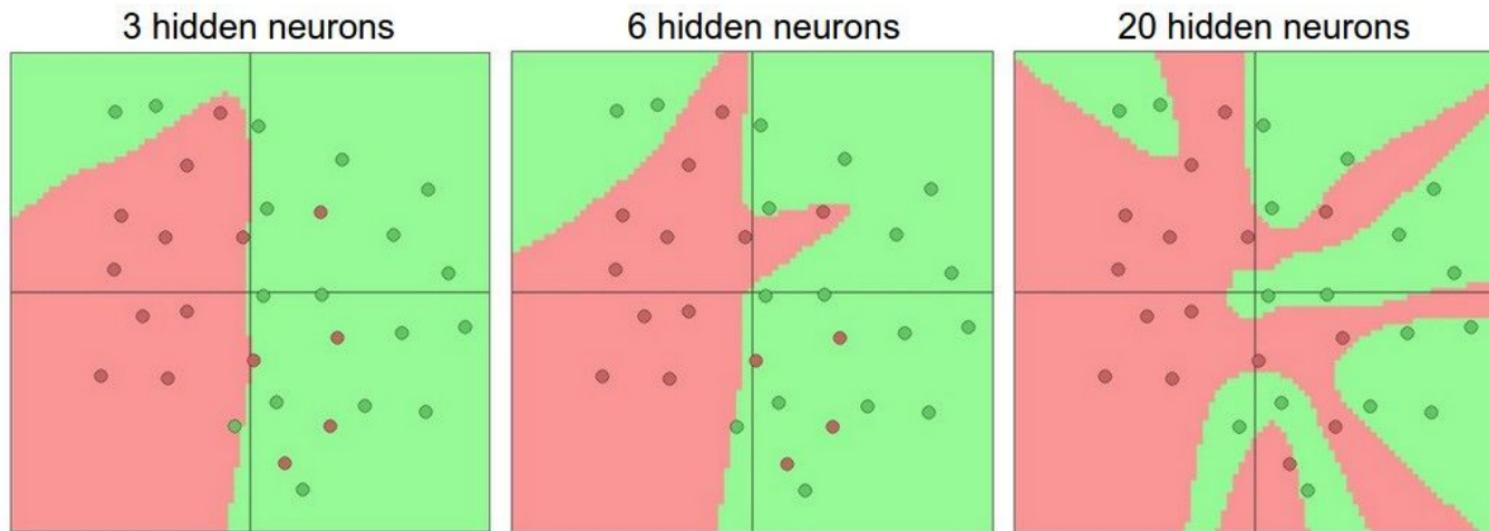
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Gradient descent

# Setting the number of layers and their sizes



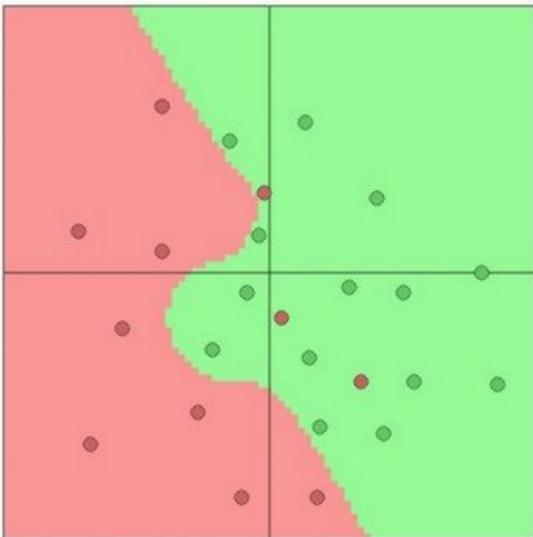
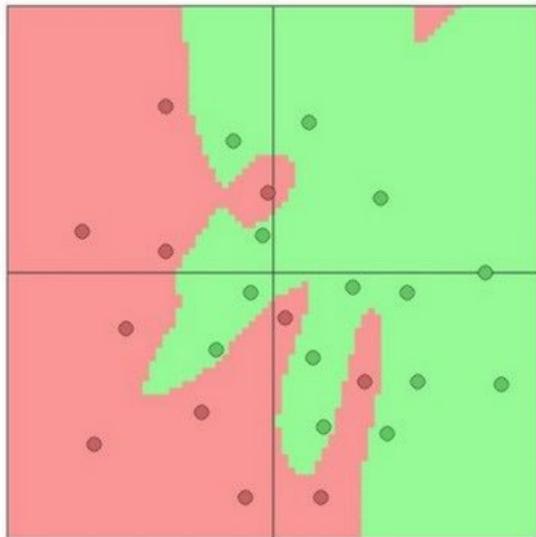
more neurons = more capacity

Do not use size of neural network as a regularizer. Use stronger regularization instead:

$\lambda = 0.001$

$\lambda = 0.01$

$\lambda = 0.1$



(Web demo with ConvNetJS:

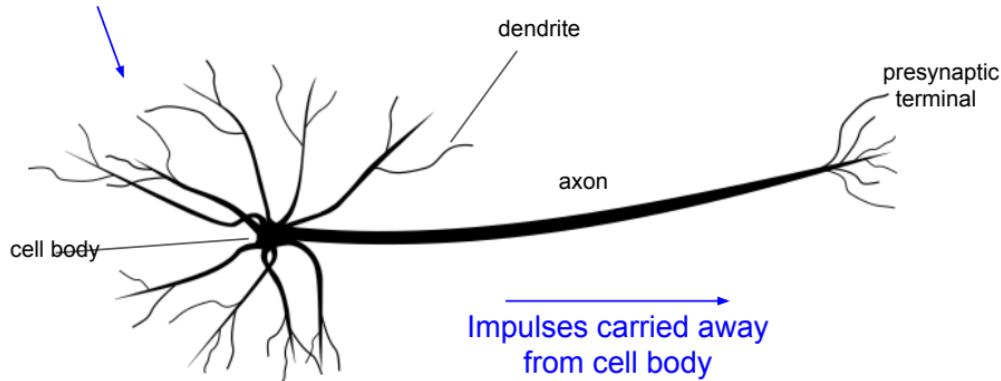
<http://cs.stanford.edu/people/karpathy/convnetjs/demo/classify2d.html>

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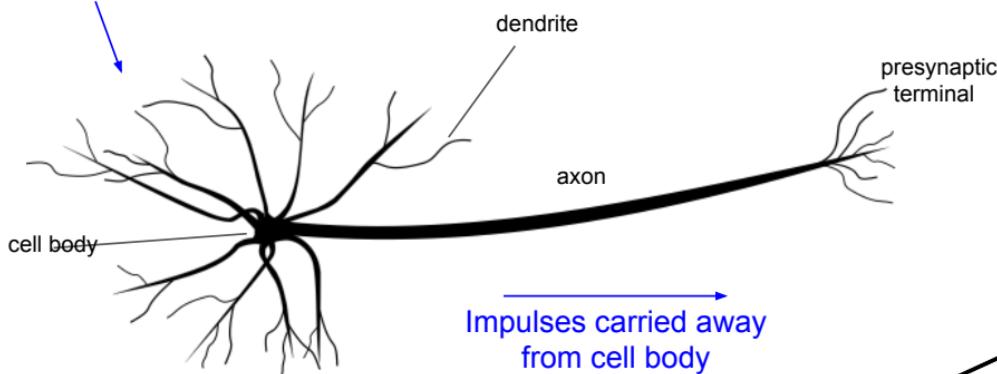
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Impulses carried toward cell body



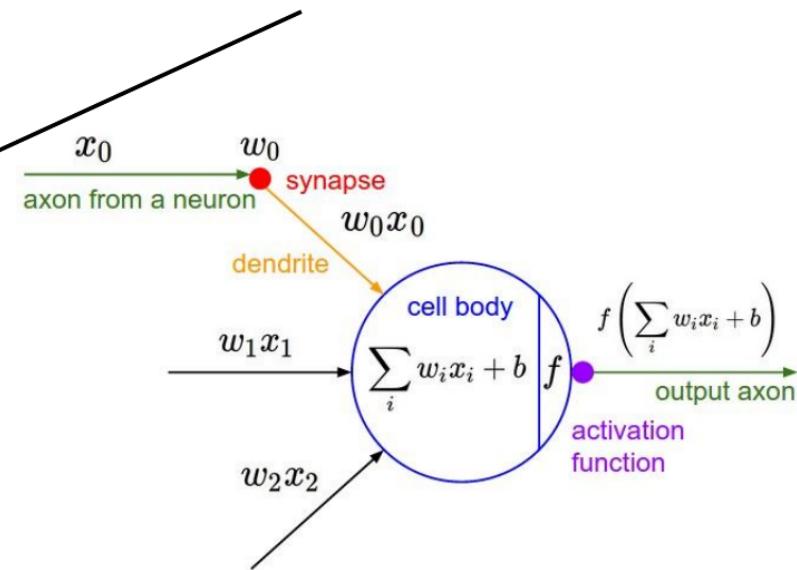
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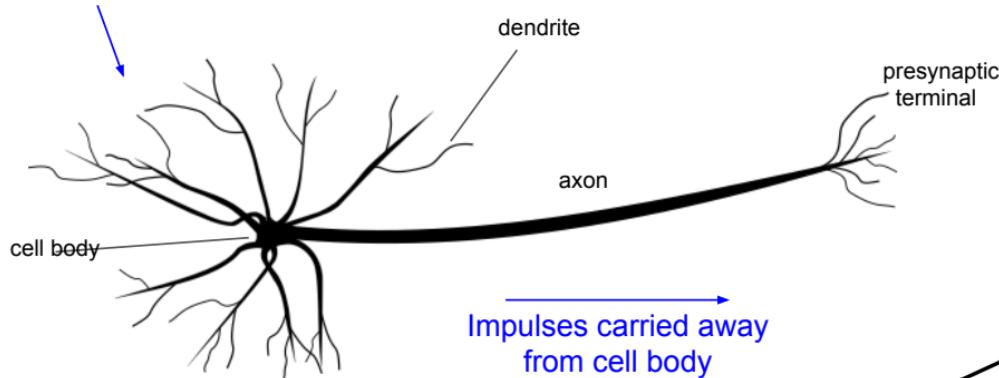


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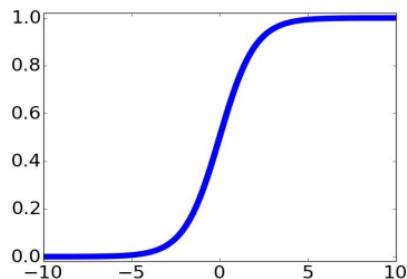
Impulses carried away  
from cell body



Impulses carried toward cell body



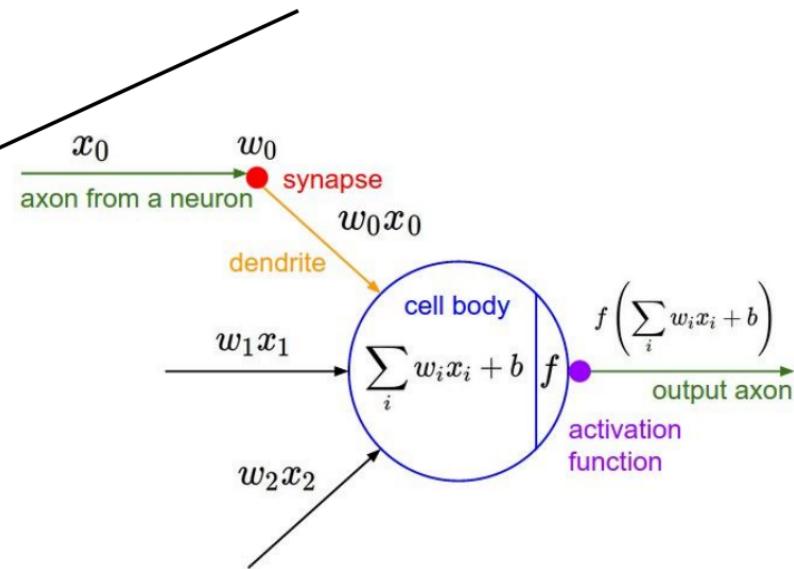
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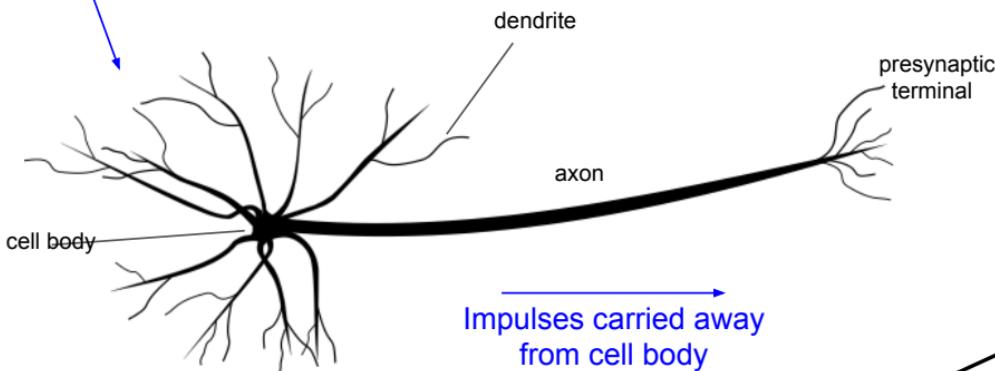
sigmoid activation function

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

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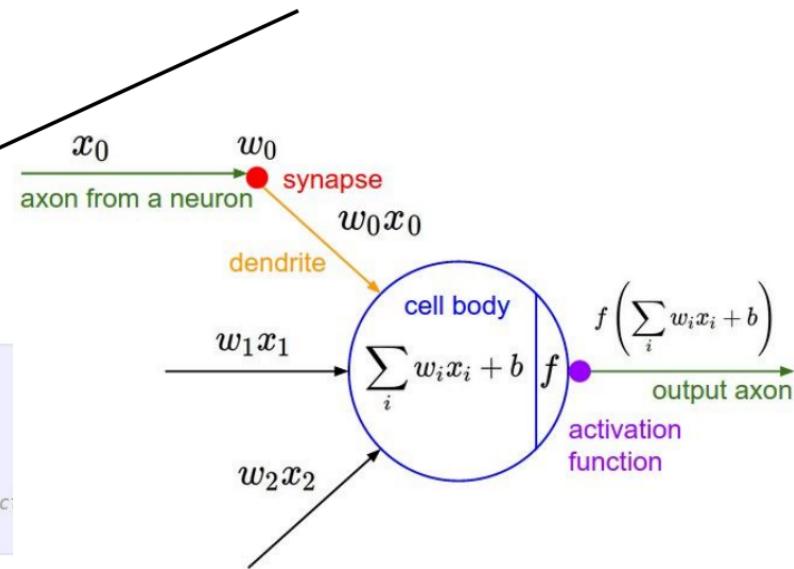


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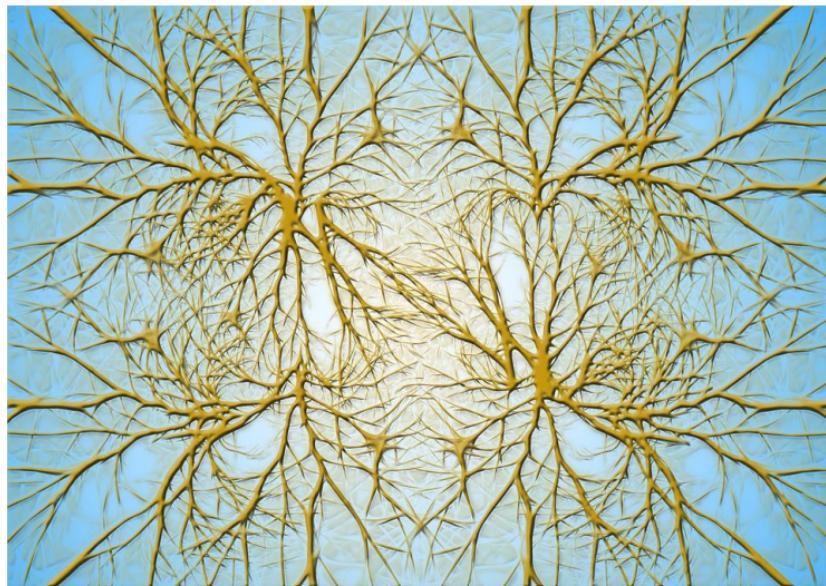


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```
class Neuron:  
    # ...  
    def neuron_tick(inputs):  
        """ assume inputs and weights are 1-D numpy arrays and bias is a number """  
        cell_body_sum = np.sum(inputs * self.weights) + self.bias  
        firing_rate = 1.0 / (1.0 + math.exp(-cell_body_sum)) # sigmoid activation func  
        return firing_rate
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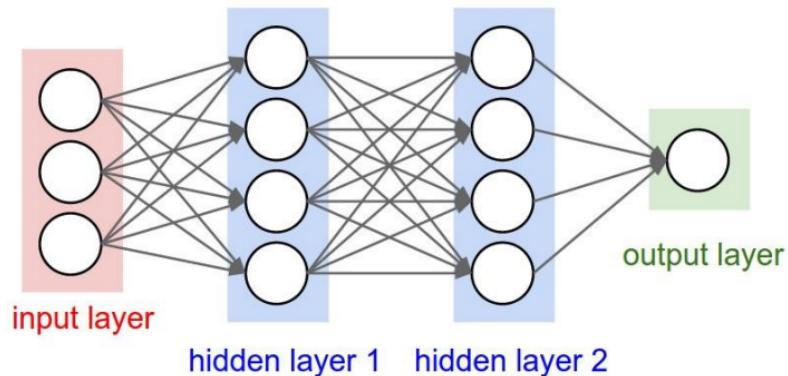


## Biological Neurons: Complex connectivity patterns

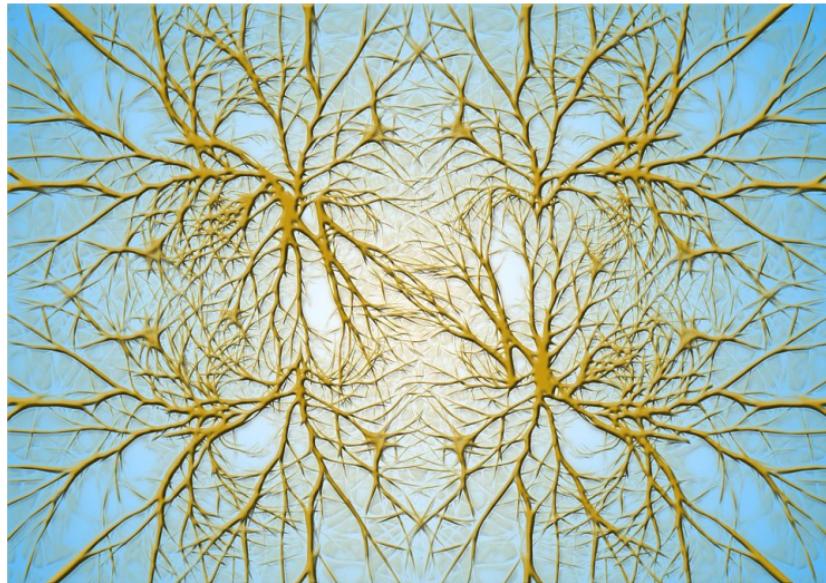


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Neurons in a neural network:  
Organized into regular layers for  
computational efficiency

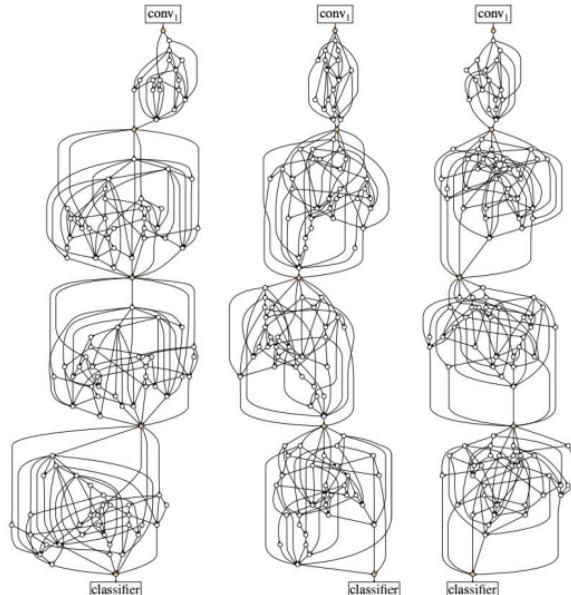


# Biological Neurons: Complex connectivity patterns



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But neural networks with random connections can work too!



Xie et al, "Exploring Randomly Wired Neural Networks for Image Recognition", arXiv 2019

# Be very careful with your brain analogies!

## Biological Neurons:

- Many different types
- Dendrites can perform complex non-linear computations
- Synapses are not a single weight but a complex non-linear dynamical system

[Dendritic Computation. London and Häusser]

# Plugging in neural networks with loss functions

$$s = f(x; W_1, W_2) = W_2 \max(0, W_1 x)$$

Nonlinear score function

$$L_i = \sum_{j \neq y_i} \max(0, s_j - s_{y_i} + 1)$$

SVM Loss on predictions

$$R(W) = \sum_k W_k^2$$

Regularization

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + \lambda R(W_1) + \lambda R(W_2)$$

Total loss: data loss + regularization



# Problem: How to compute gradients?

$$s = f(x; W_1, W_2) = W_2 \max(0, W_1 x) \quad \text{Nonlinear score function}$$

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$$R(W) = \sum_k W_k^2 \quad \text{Regularization}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i + \lambda R(W_1) + \lambda R(W_2) \quad \text{Total loss: data loss + regularization}$$

If we can compute  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2}$  then we can learn  $W_1$  and  $W_2$

# (Bad) Idea: Derive $\nabla_W L$ on paper

$$s = f(x; W) = Wx$$

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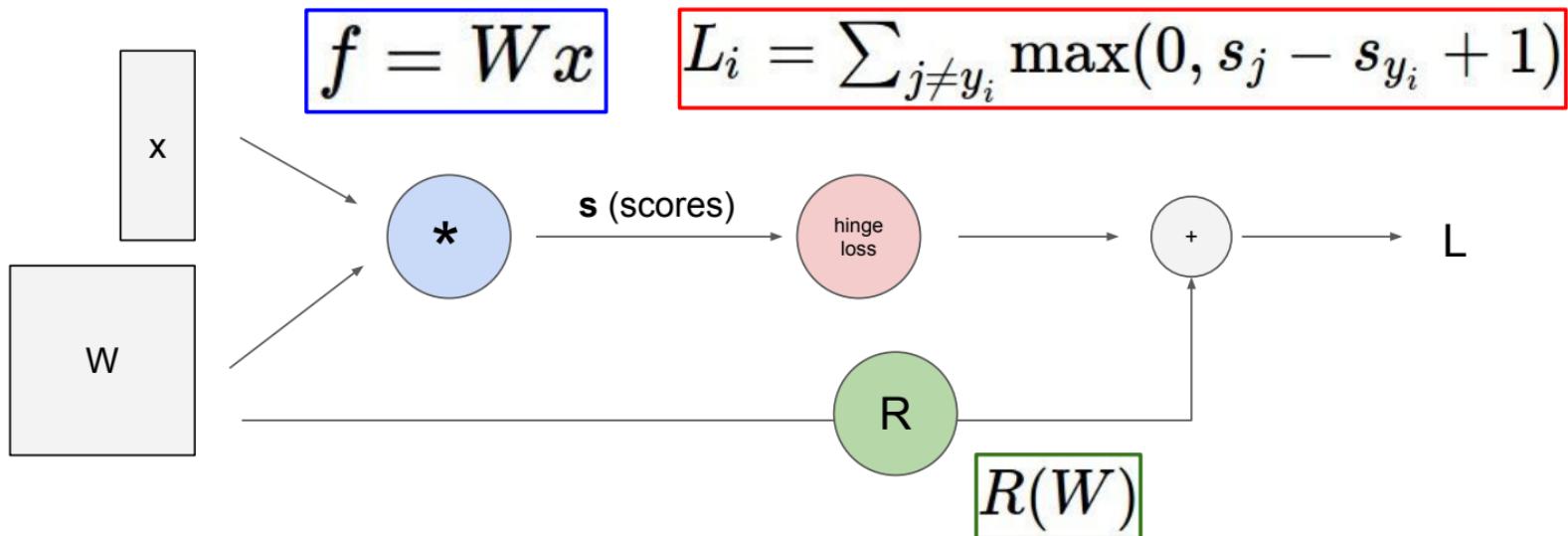
**Problem:** Very tedious: Lots of matrix calculus, need lots of paper

**Problem:** What if we want to change loss? E.g. use softmax instead of SVM? Need to re-derive from scratch =(

**Problem:** Not feasible for very complex models!



# Better Idea: Computational graphs + Backpropagation



# Convolutional network (AlexNet)

input image

weights

loss

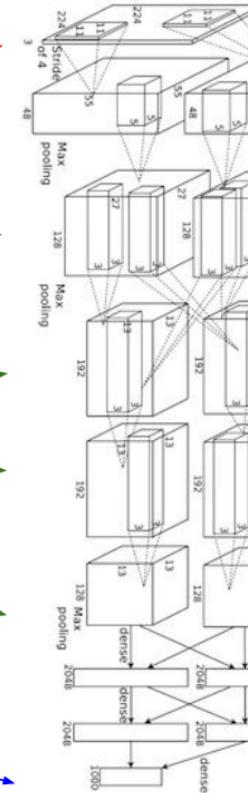


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# Really complex neural networks!!

input image

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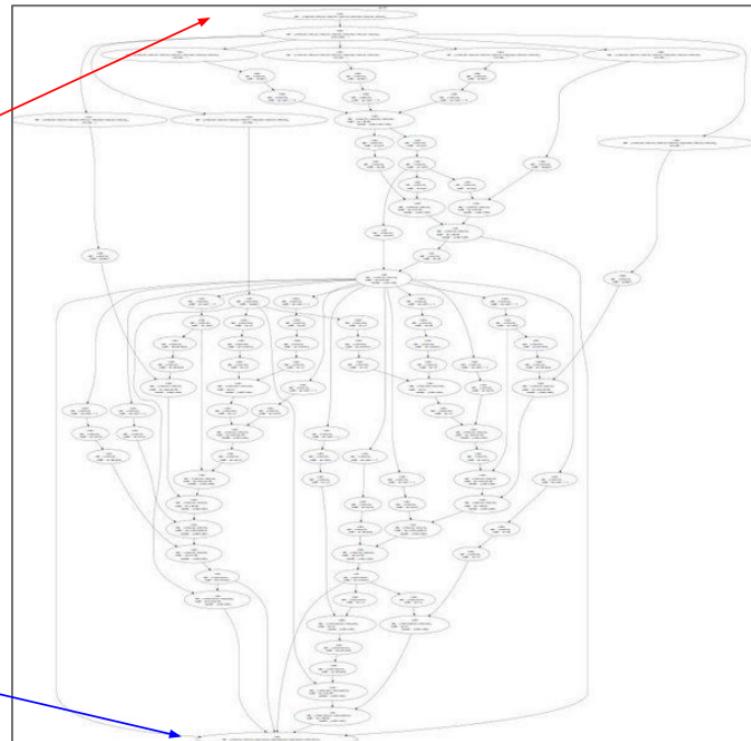


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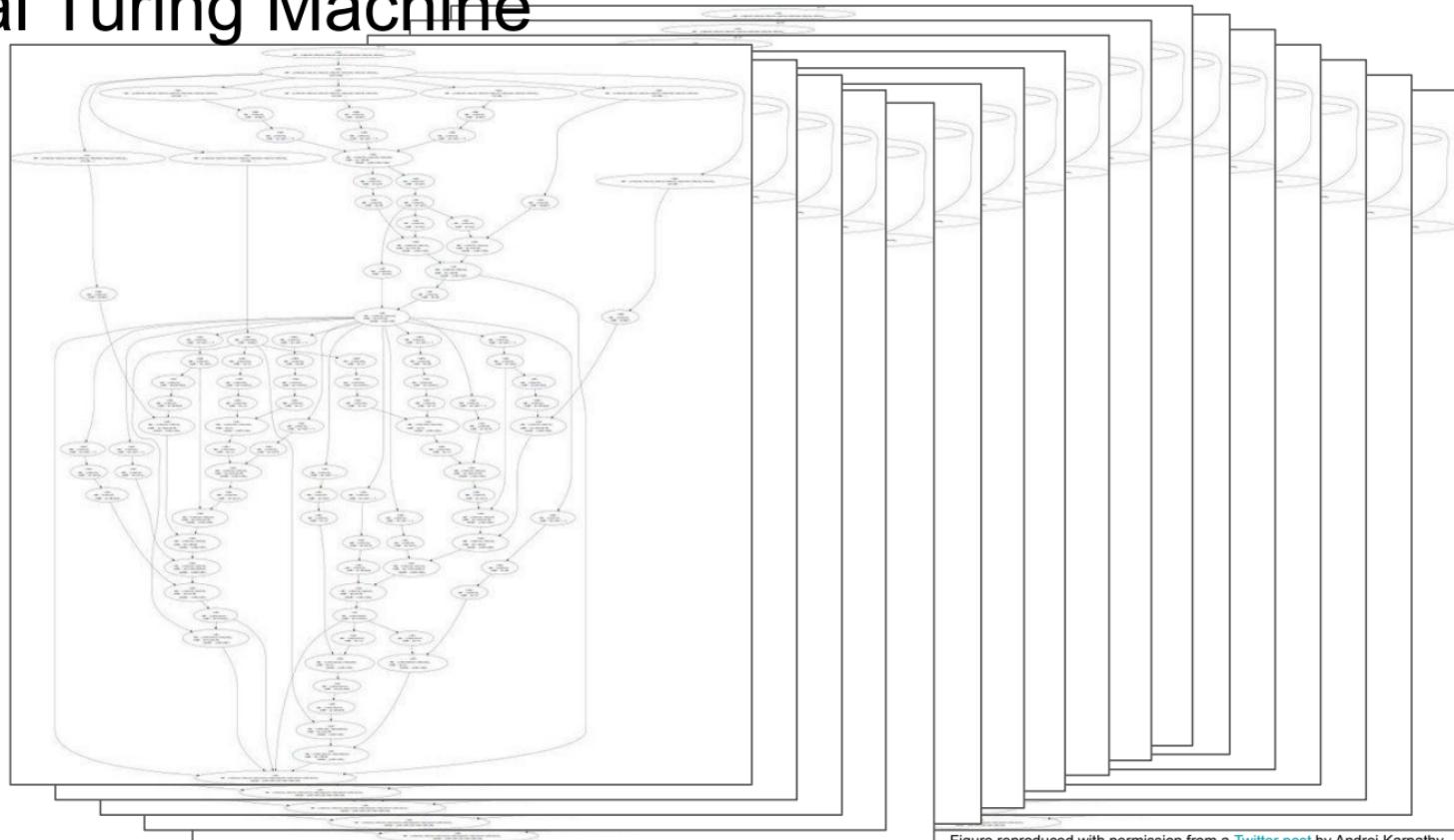


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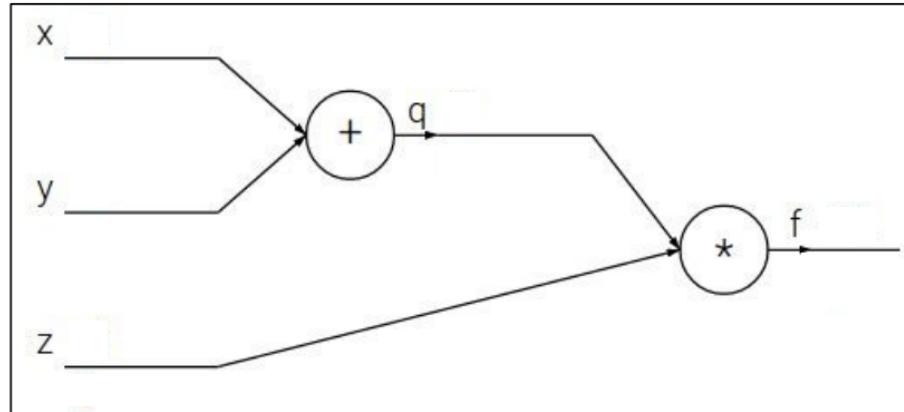
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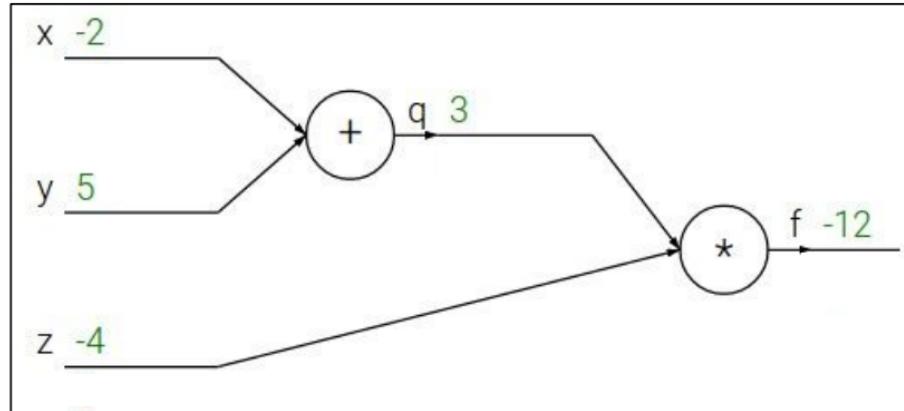
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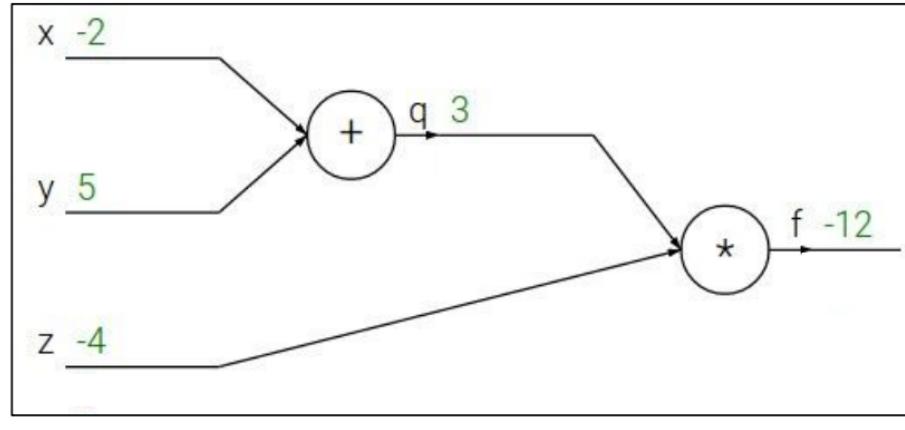


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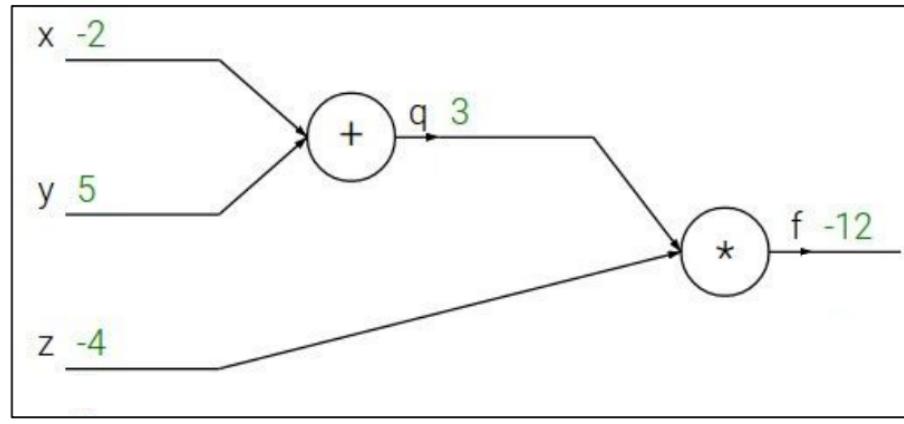
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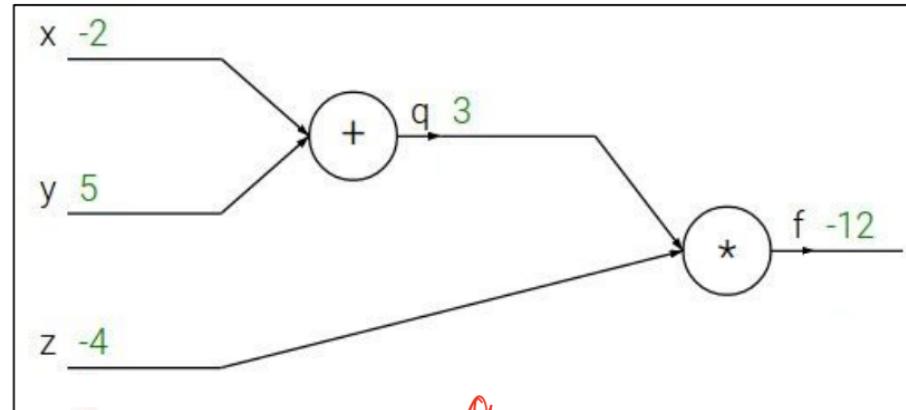
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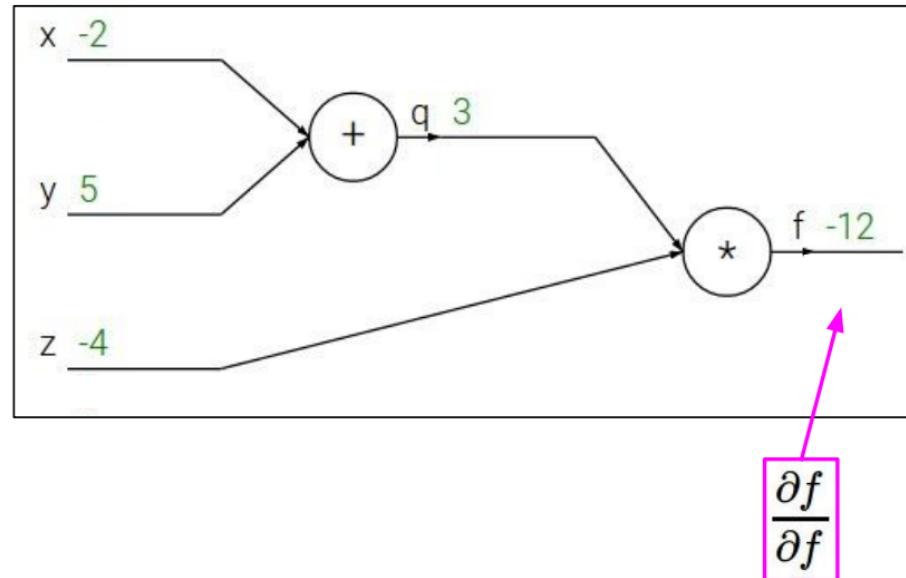
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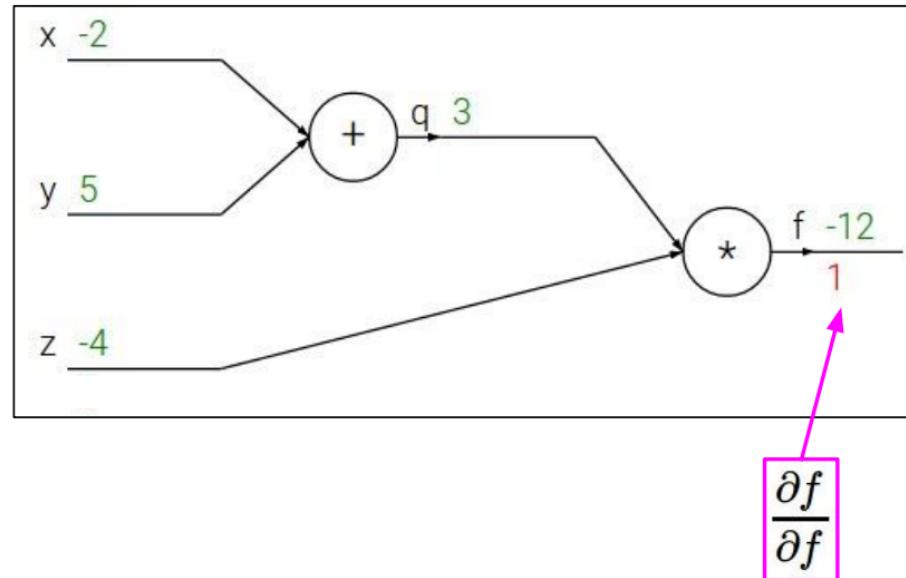
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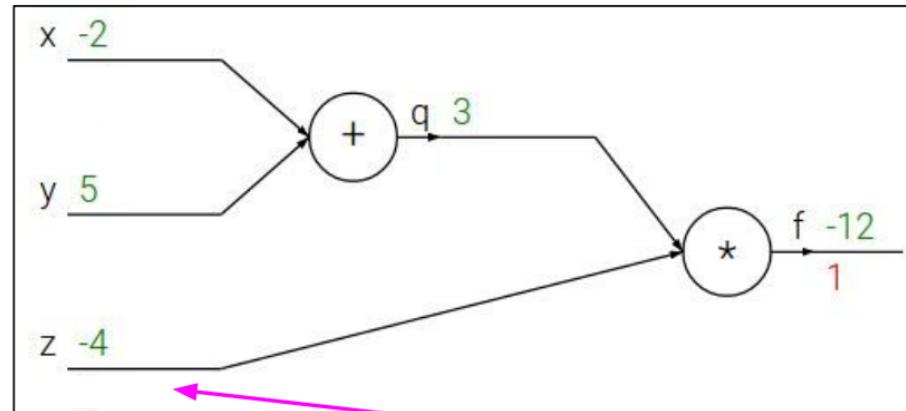
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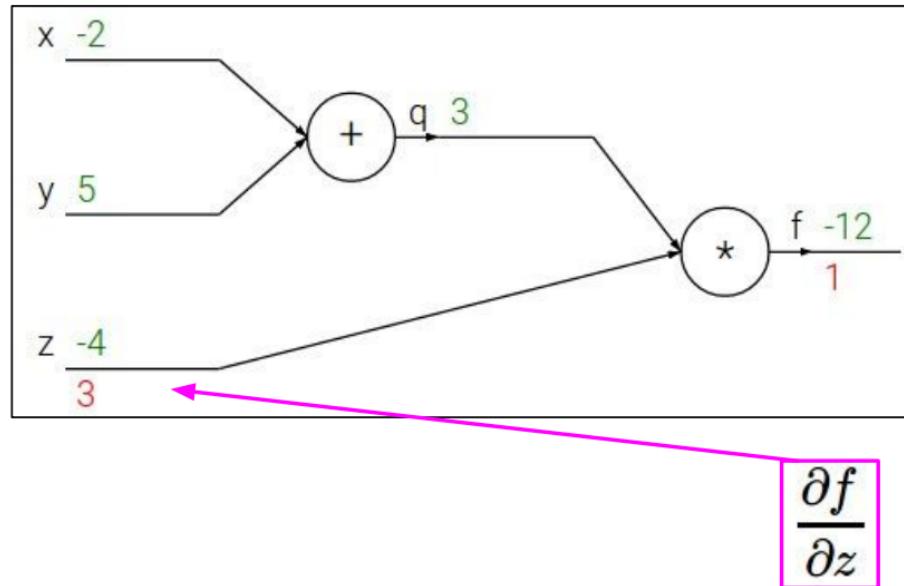
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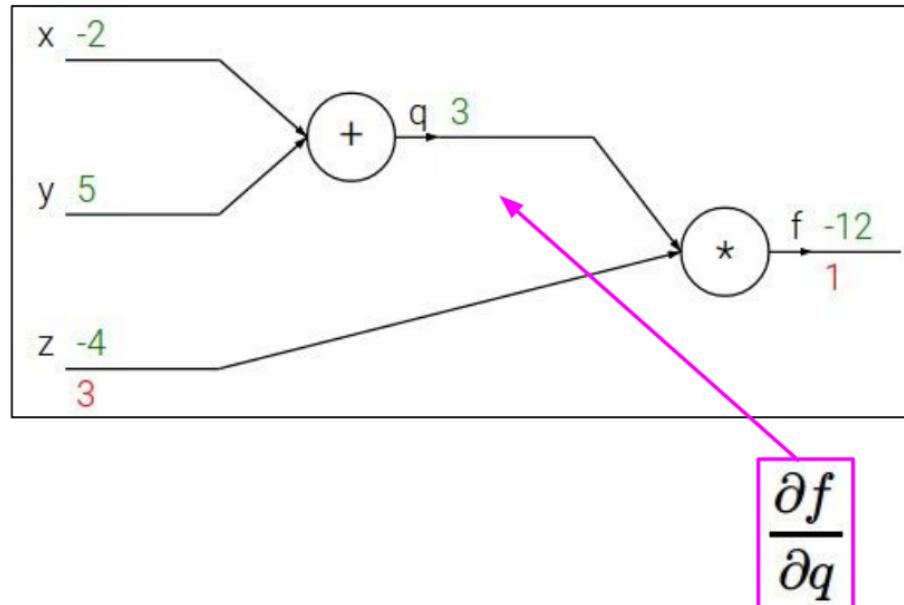
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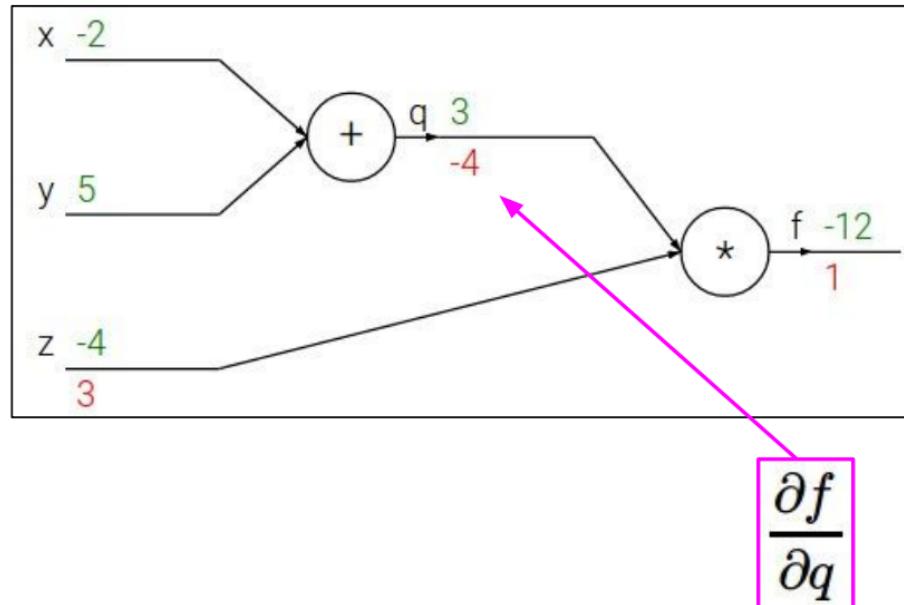
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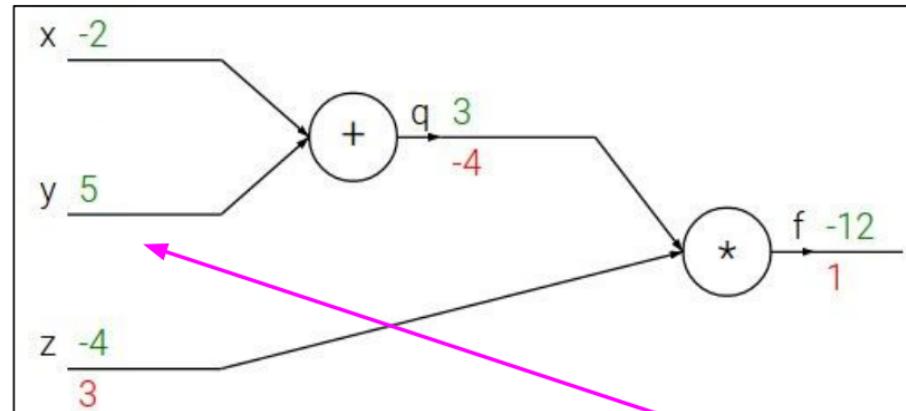
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Local  
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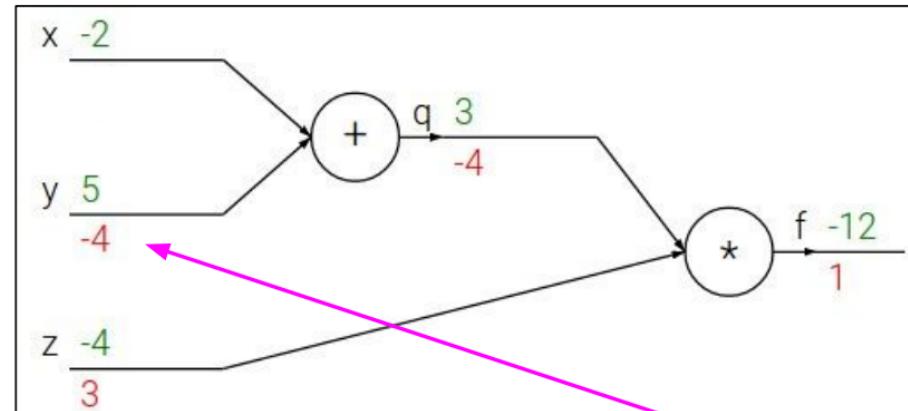
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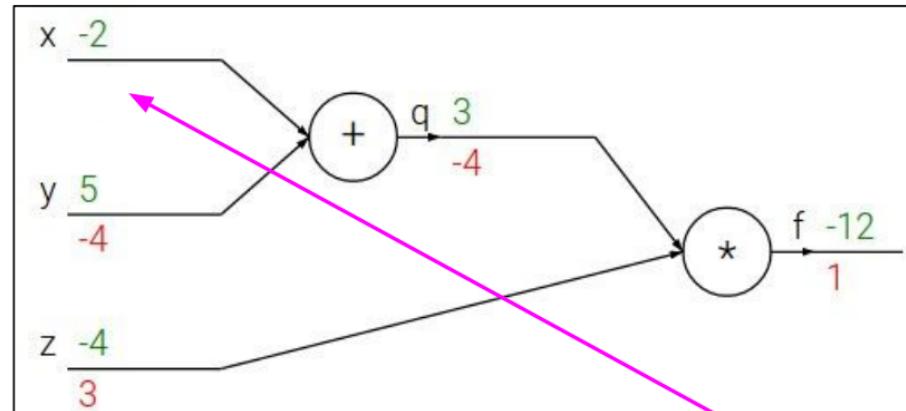
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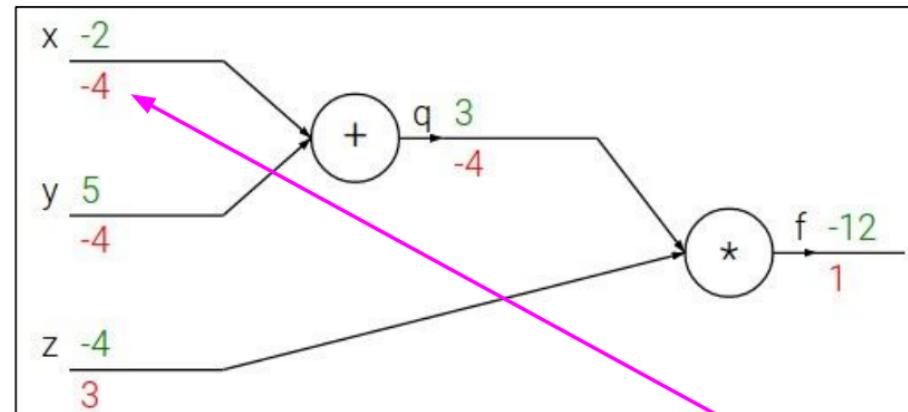
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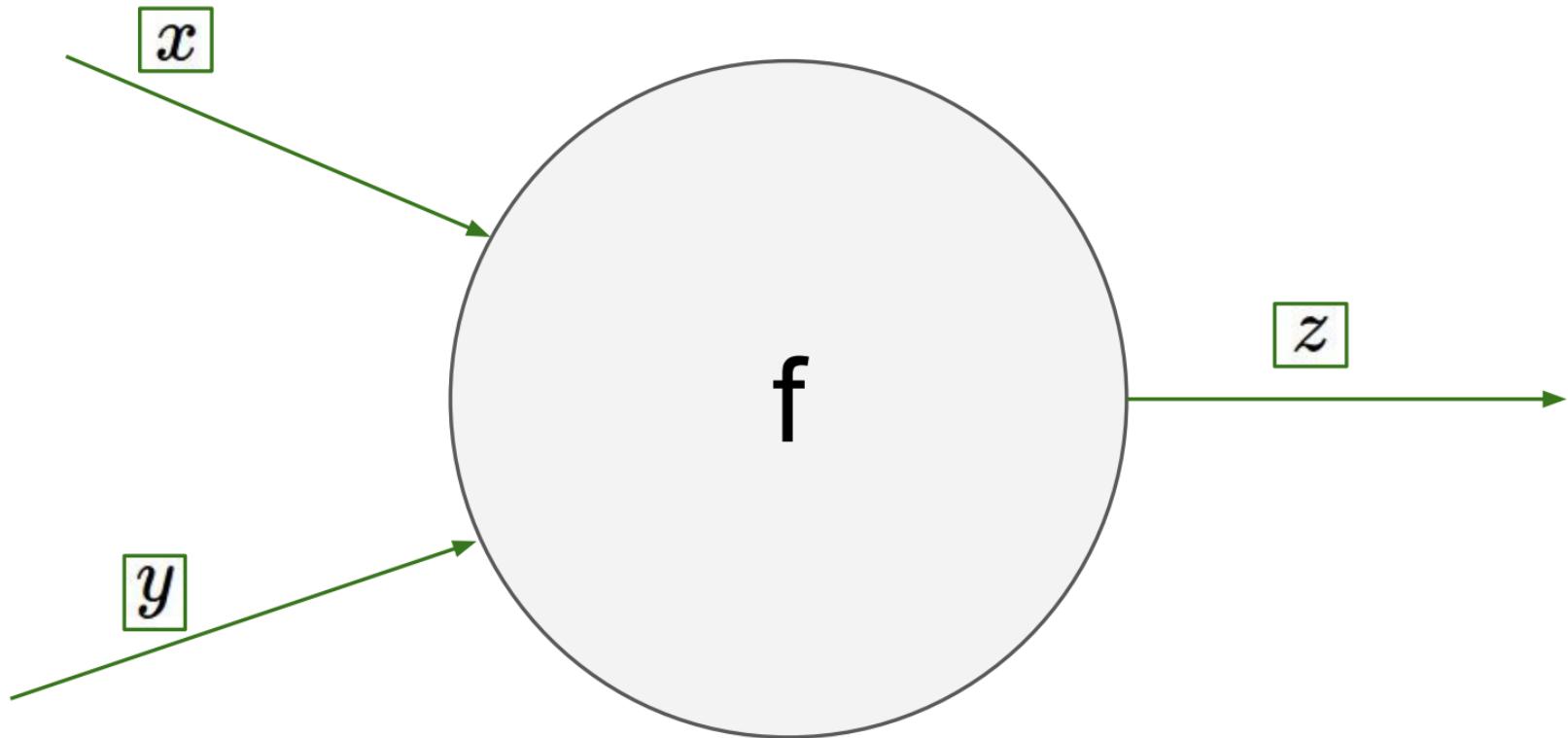


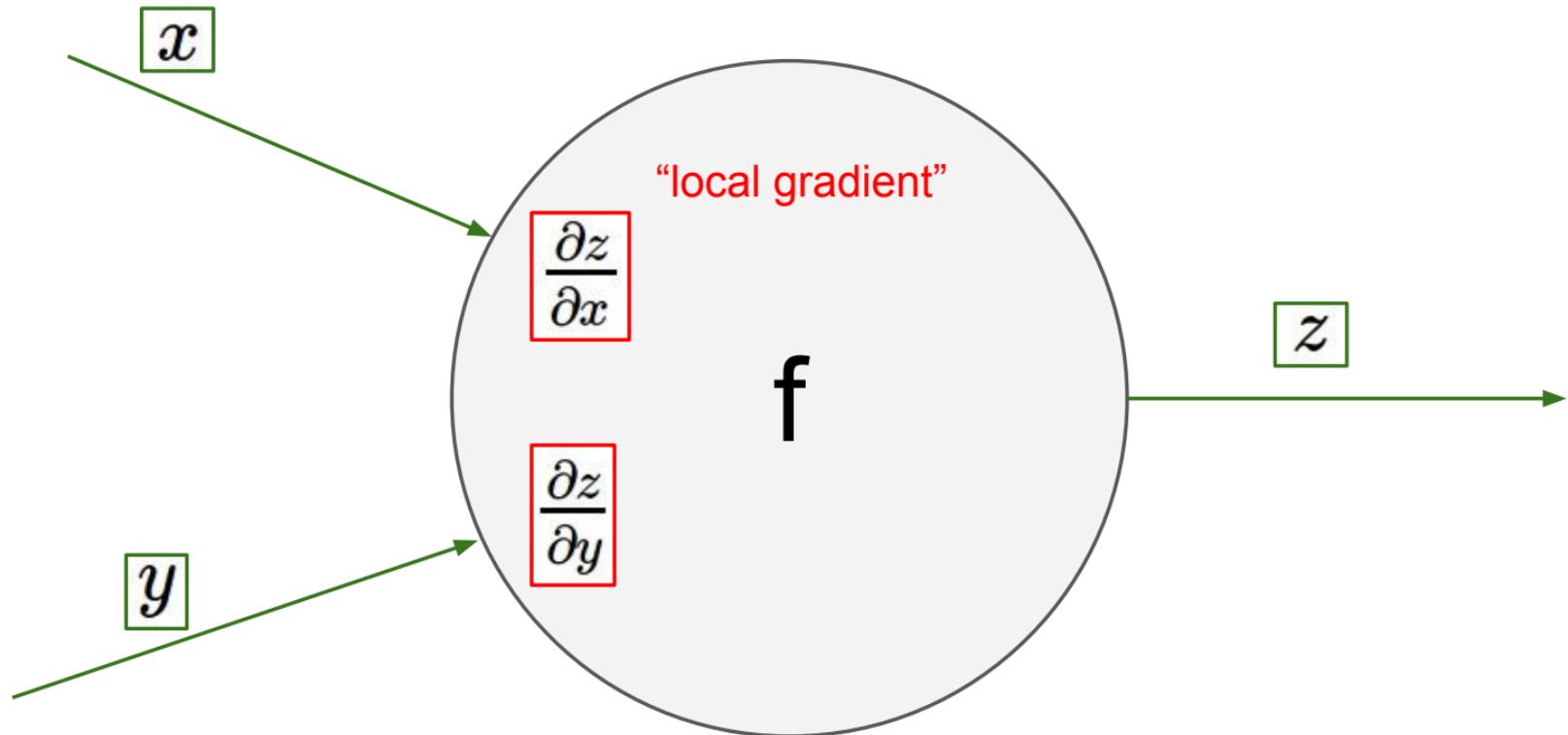
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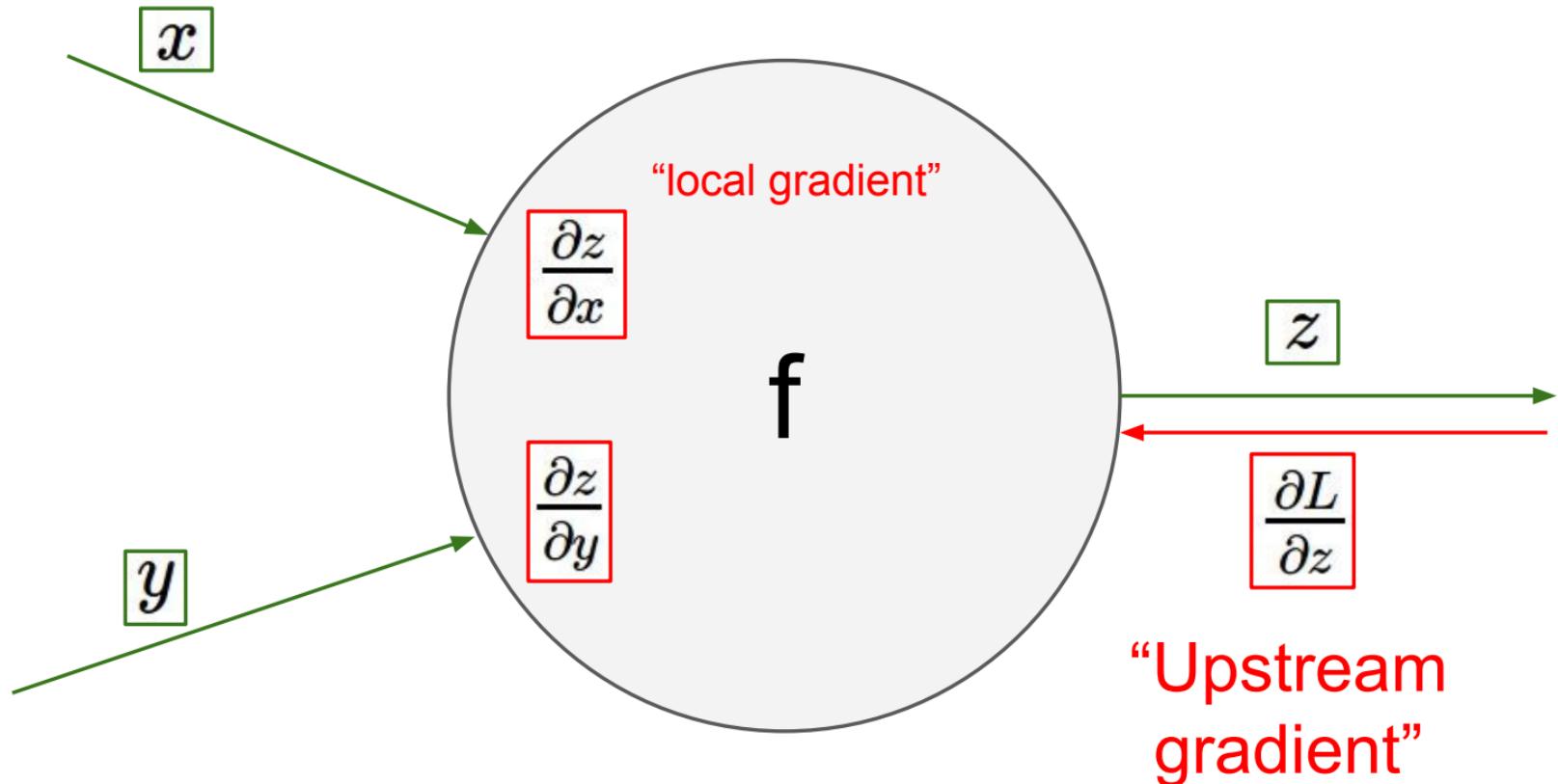
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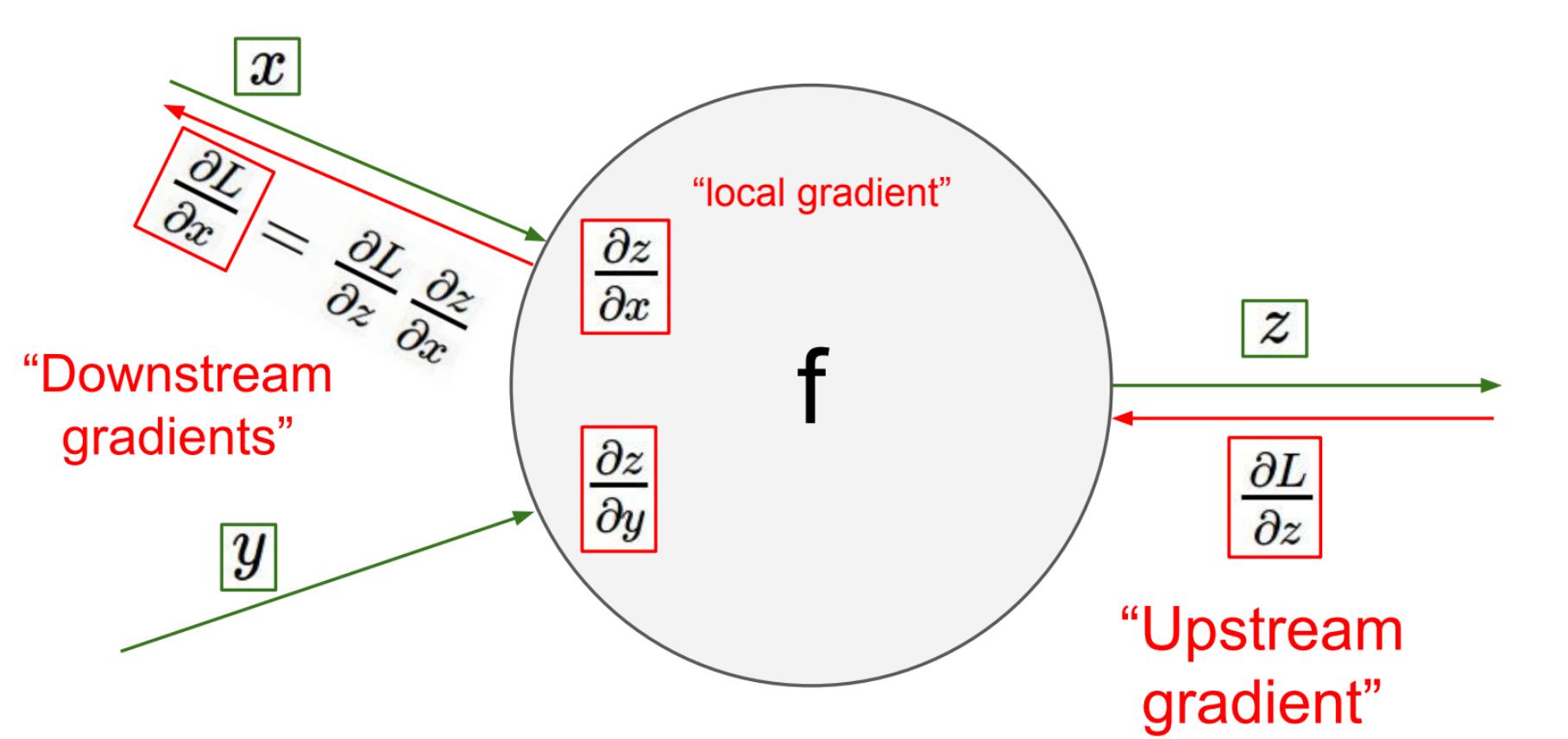
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“Downstream  
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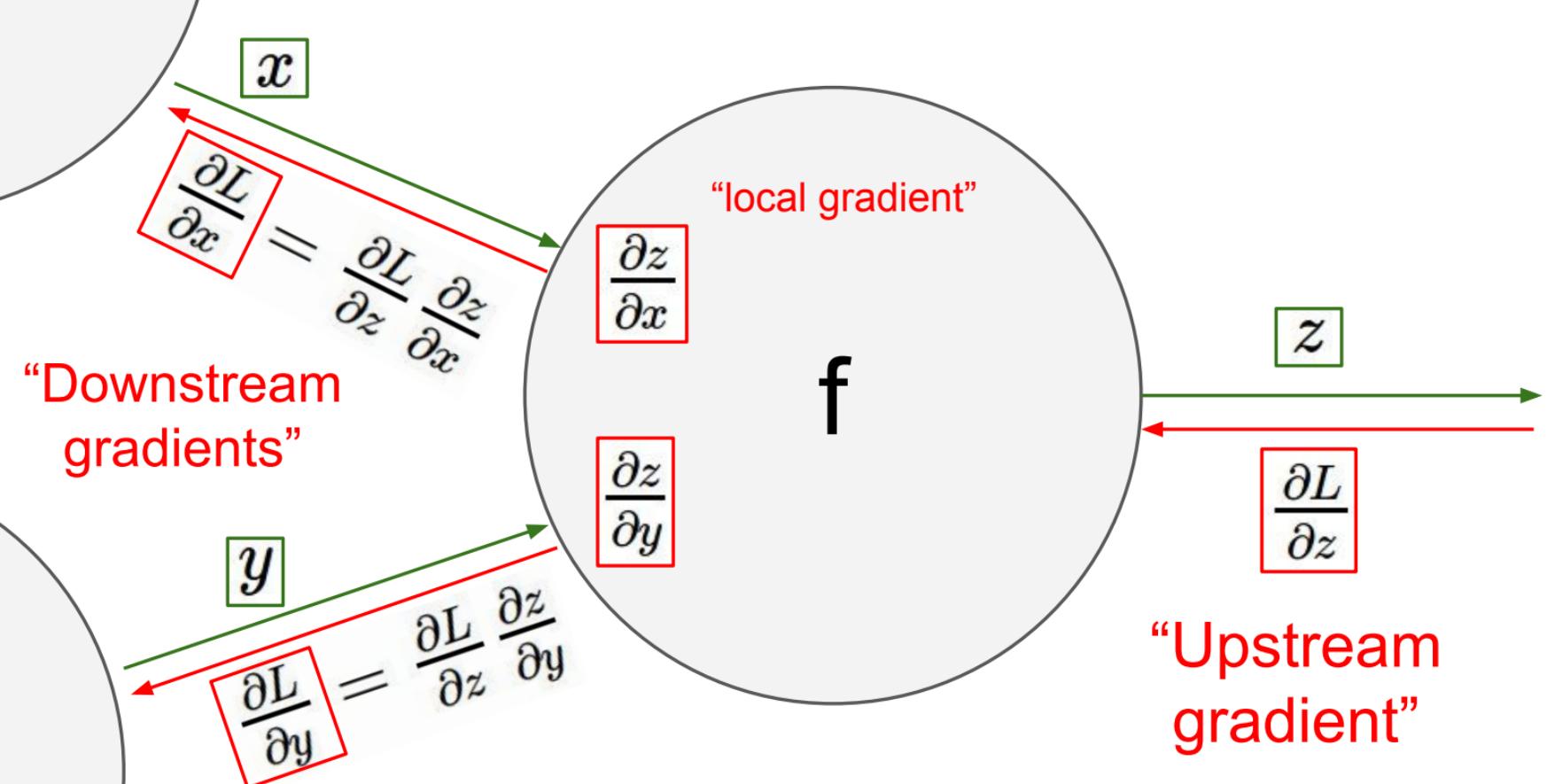
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**f**

**z**

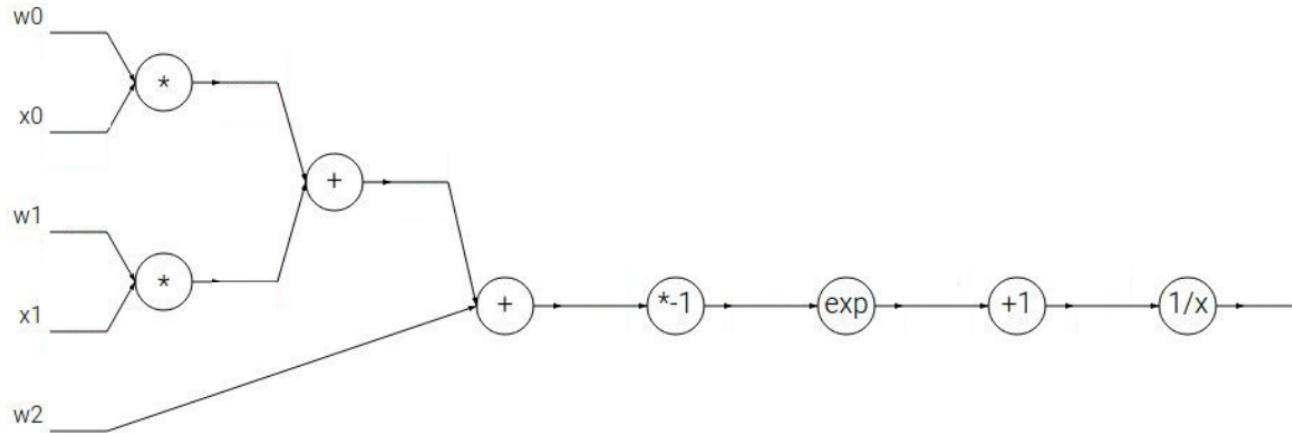
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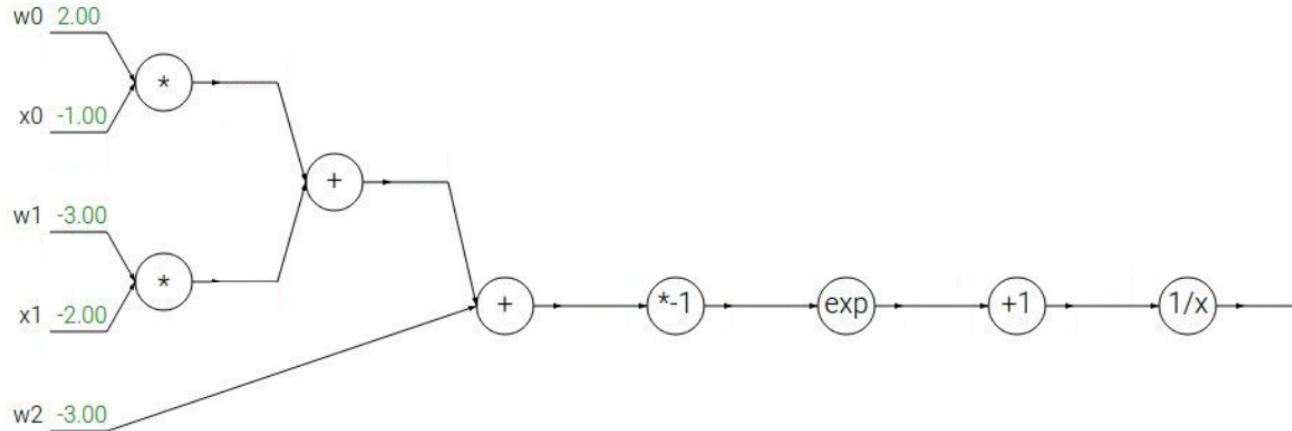
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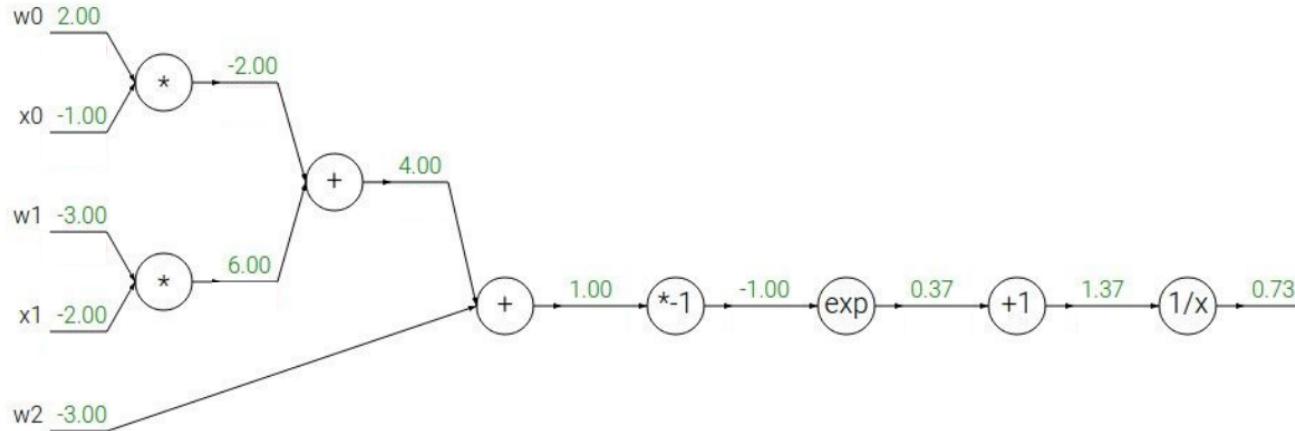
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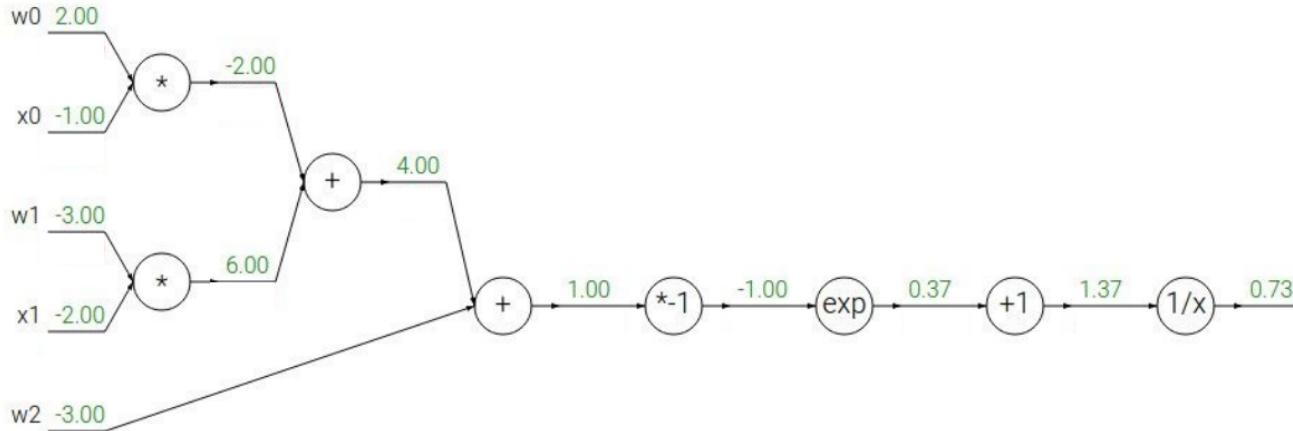
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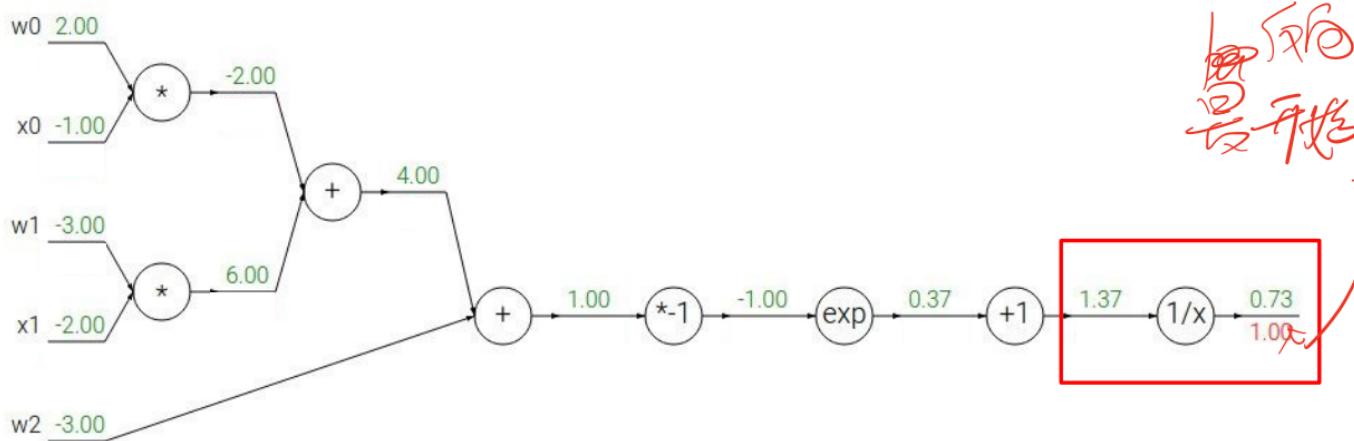
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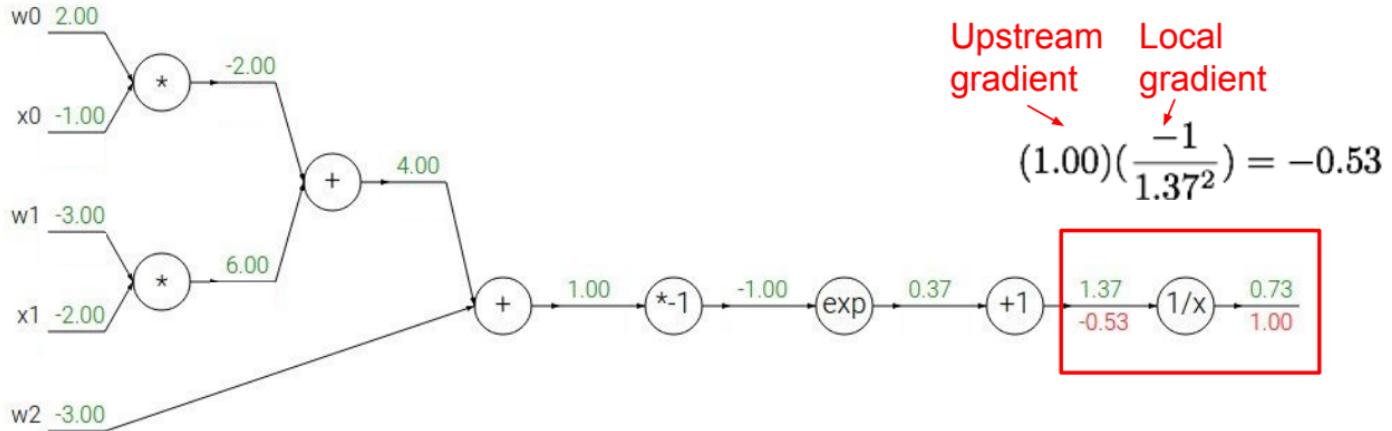
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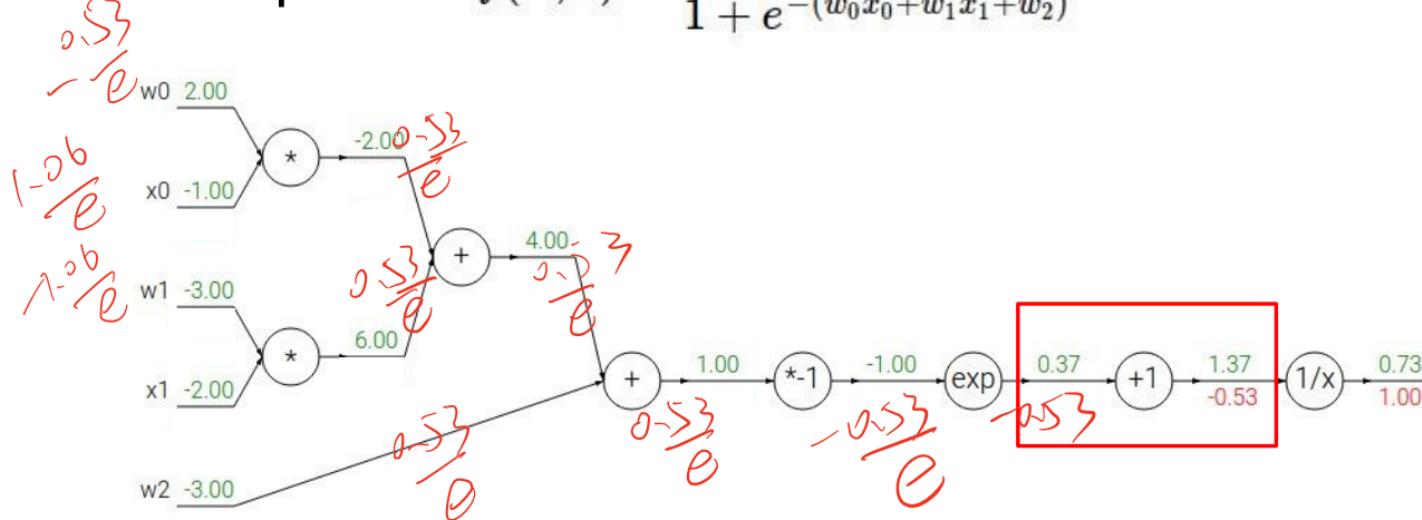
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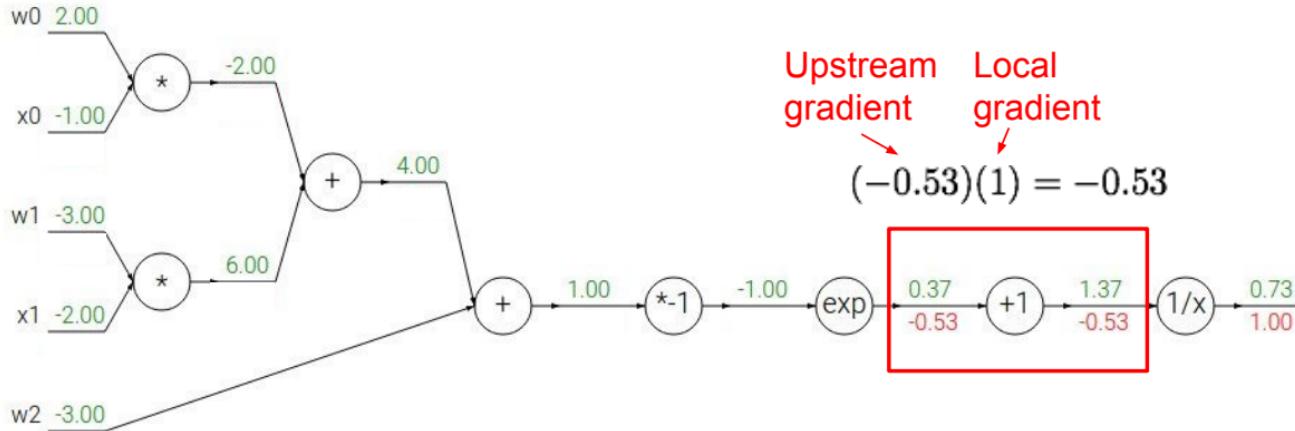
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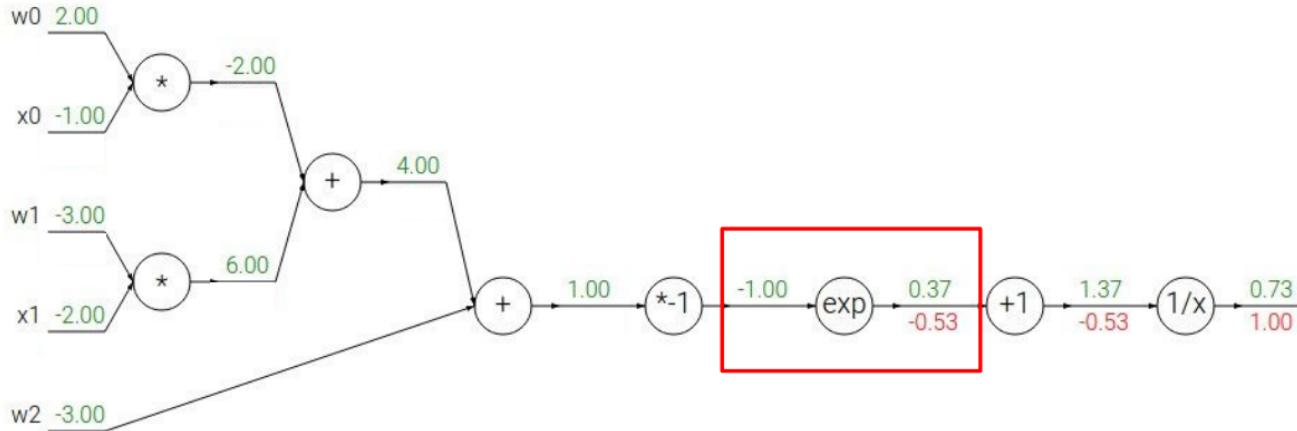
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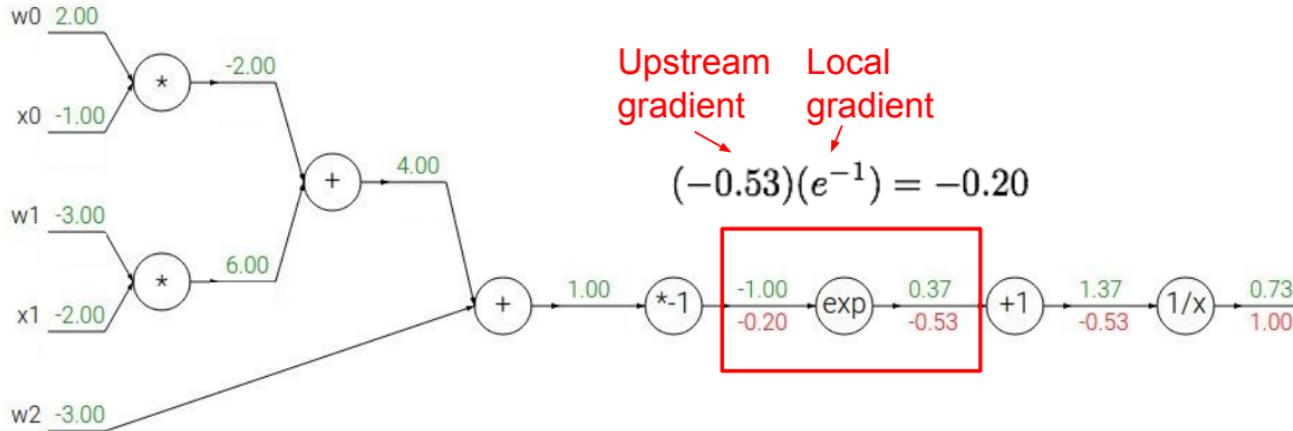
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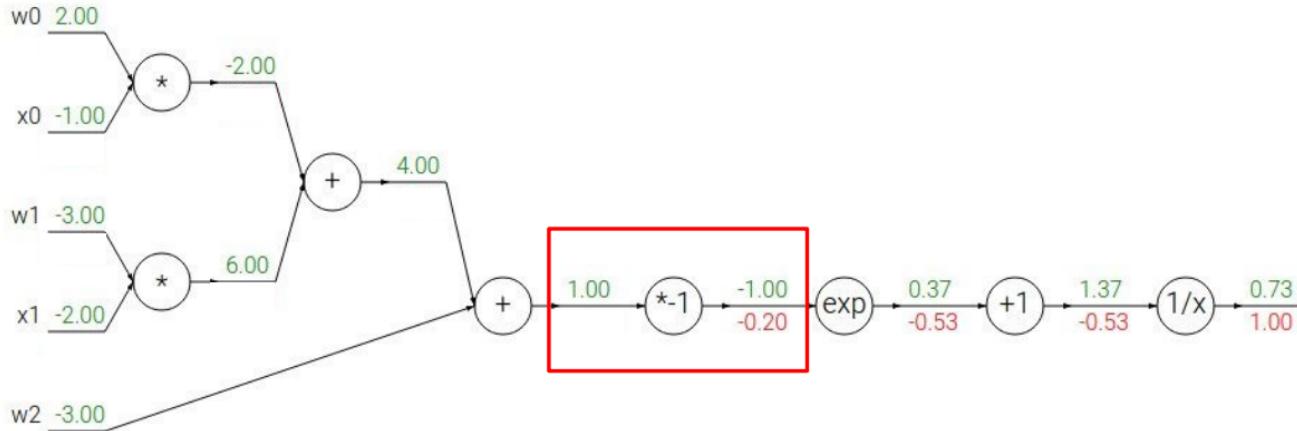
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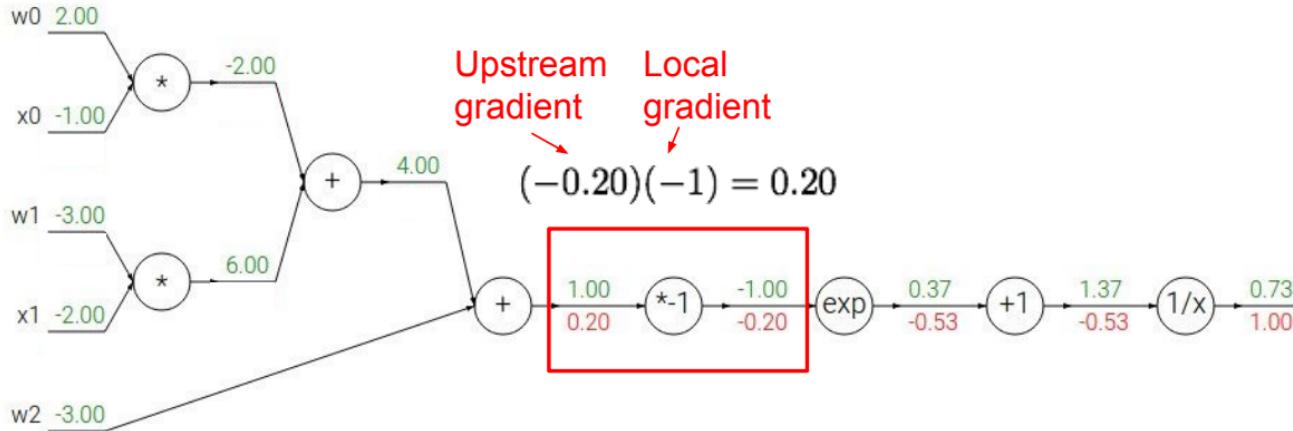
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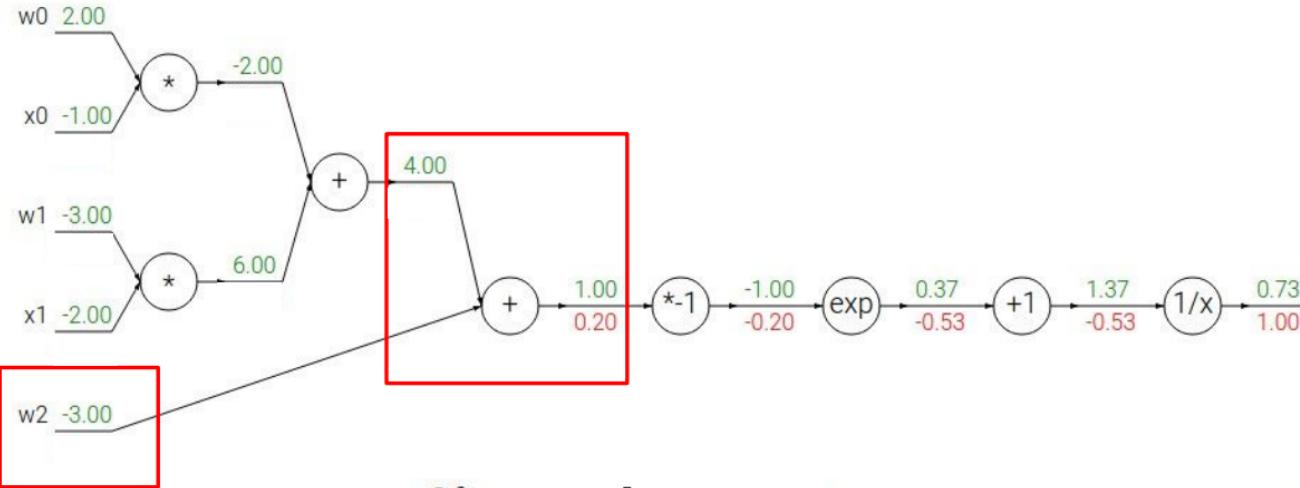
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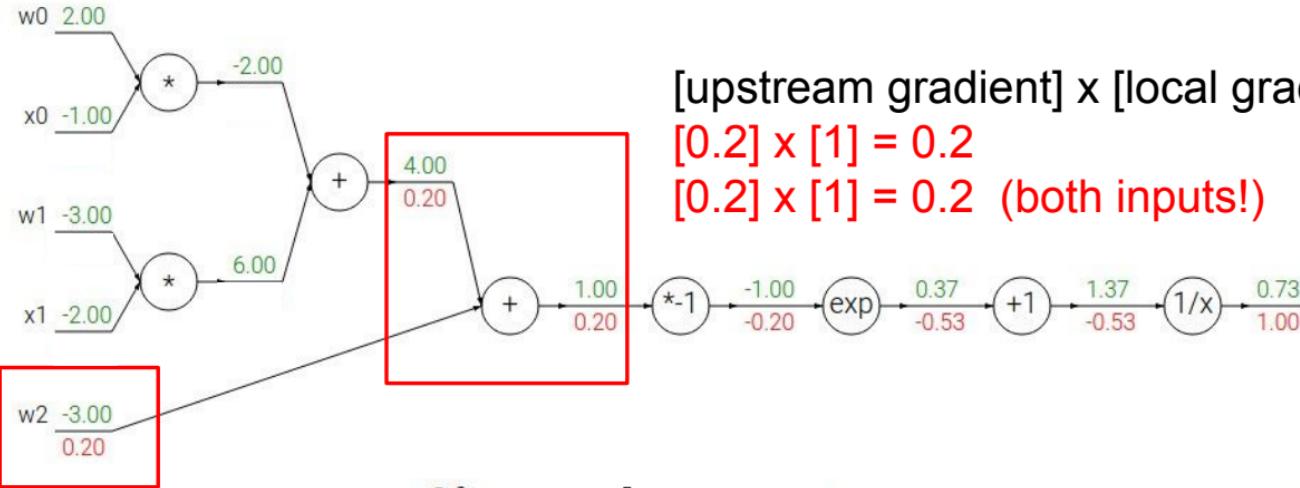
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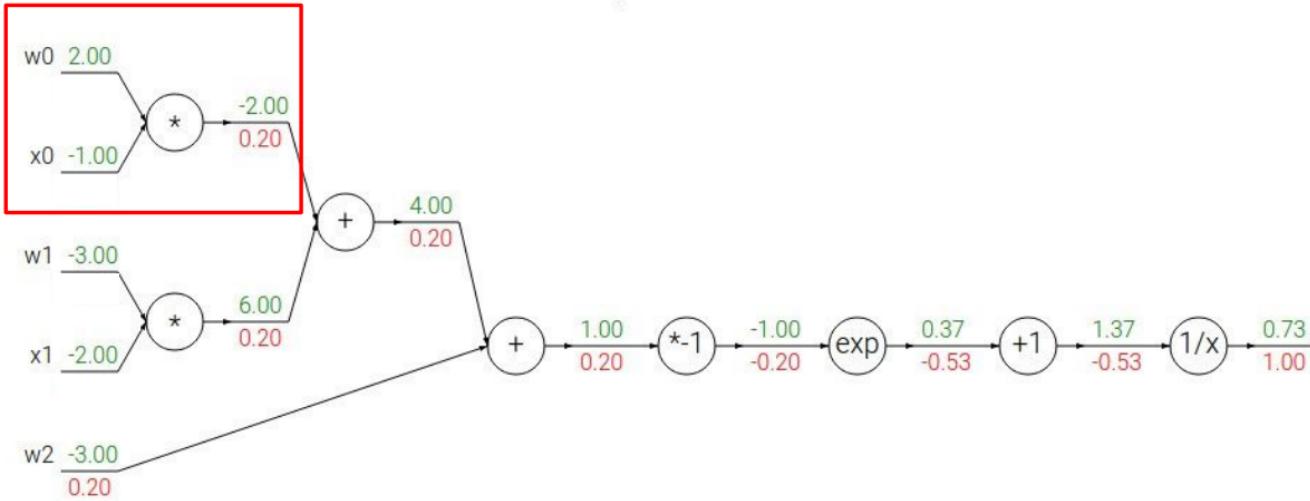
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Another example:

$$f(w, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2)}}$$



$$f(x) = e^x$$

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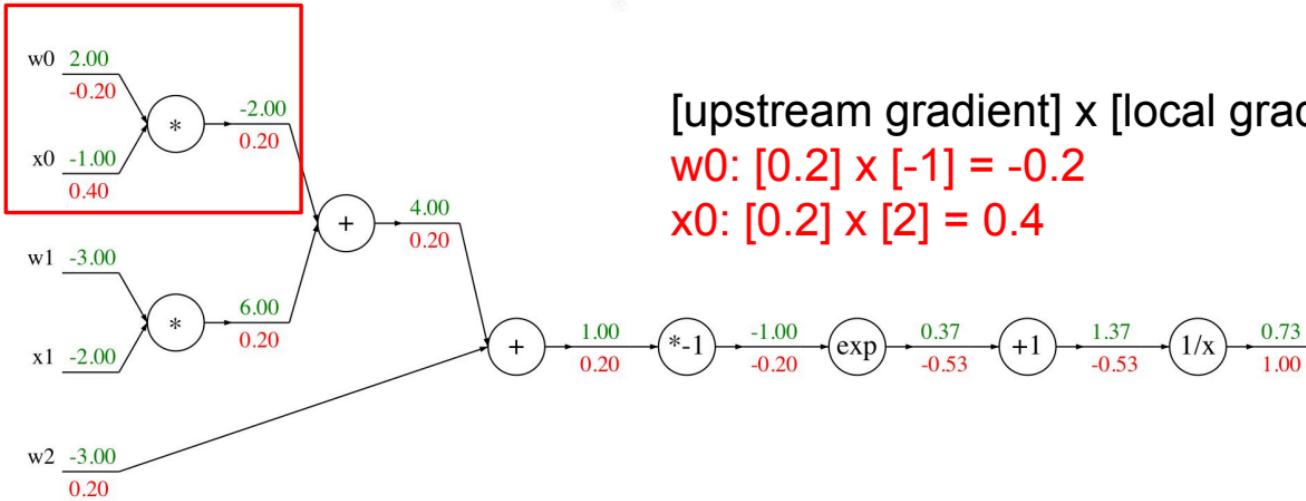
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[upstream gradient] x [local gradient]

$$w_0: [0.2] \times [-1] = -0.2$$

$$x_0: [0.2] \times [2] = 0.4$$

$$f(x) = e^x$$

→

$$\frac{df}{dx} = e^x$$

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→

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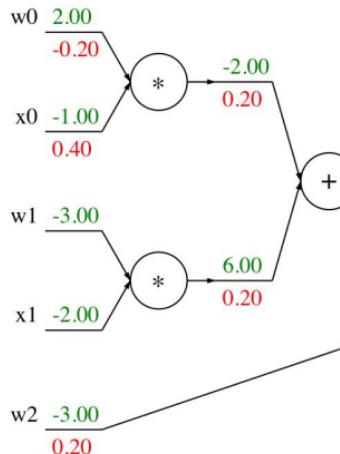
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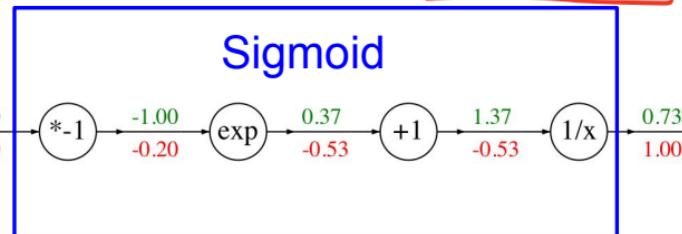
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$$f(w, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2)}}$$



Sigmoid  
function

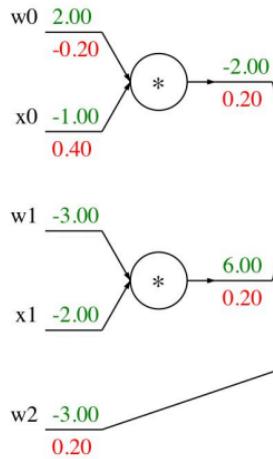
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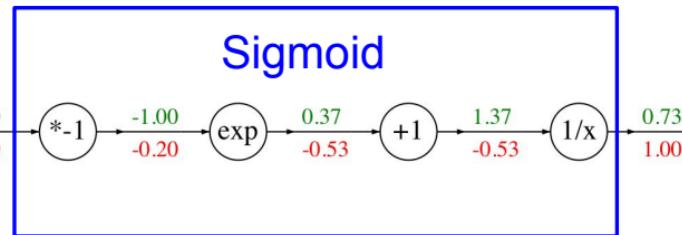
$$f(w, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2)}}$$



Sigmoid  
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Sigmoid



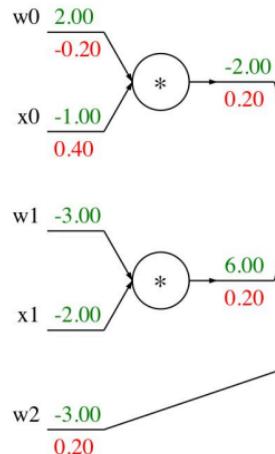
Sigmoid local  
gradient:

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \left( \frac{1 + e^{-x} - 1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right) = (1 - \sigma(x))\sigma(x)$$

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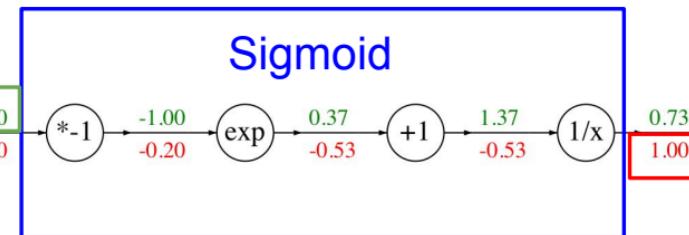
# Another example:

$$f(w, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2)}}$$



Sigmoid function

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



[upstream gradient] x [local gradient]  
[1.00] x [(1 - 1/(1+e<sup>-1</sup>)) (1/(1+e<sup>-1</sup>))] = 0.2

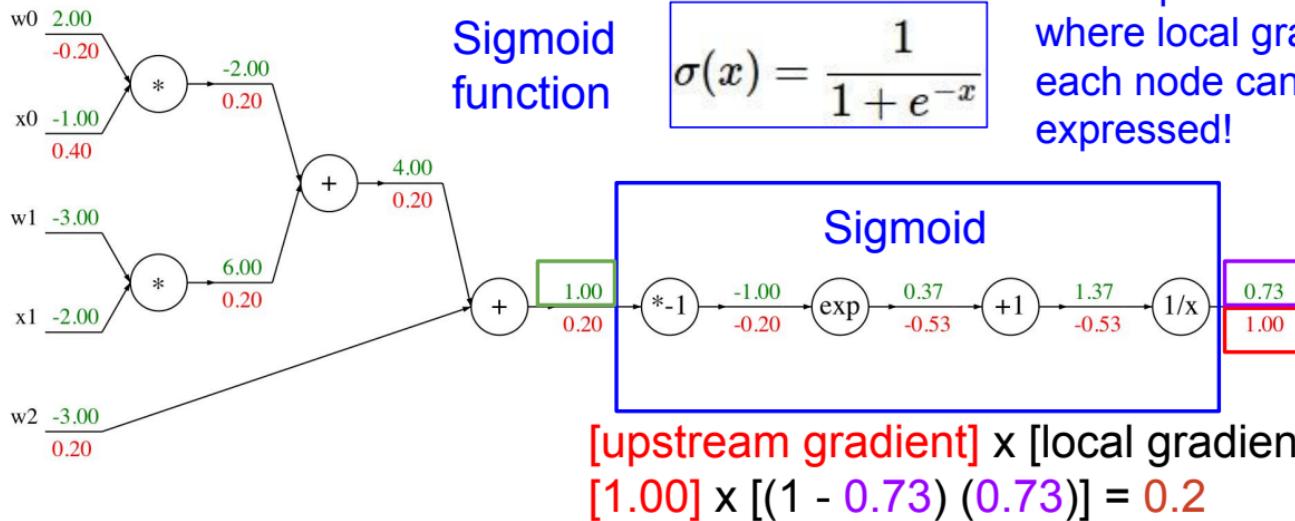
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## Another example:

$$f(w, x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(w_0x_0 + w_1x_1 + w_2)}}$$



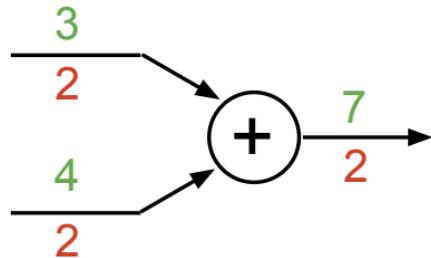
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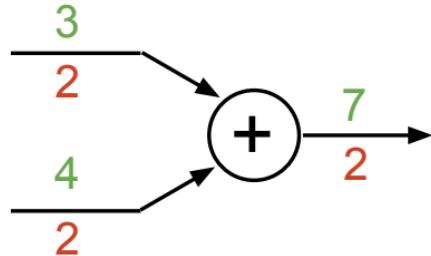
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**add gate:** gradient distributor

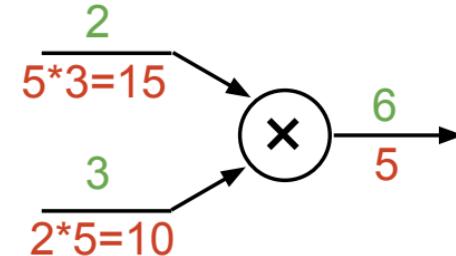


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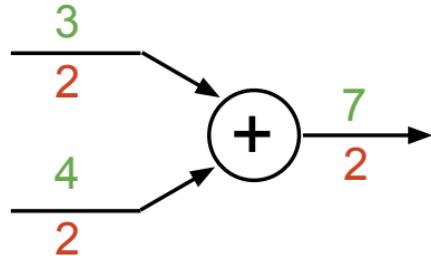


**mul** gate: “swap multiplier”

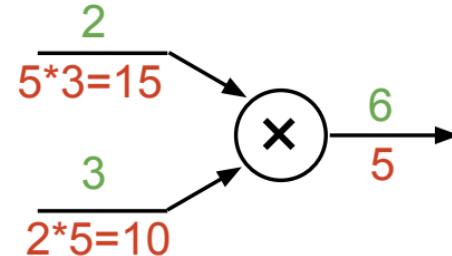


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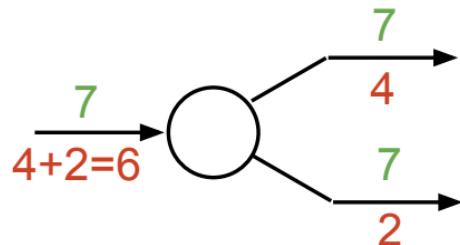
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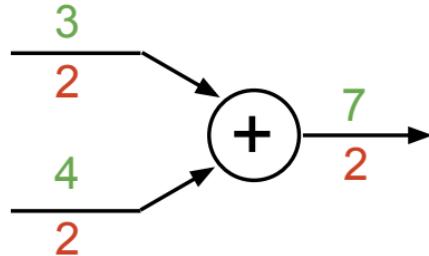


**copy** gate: gradient adder

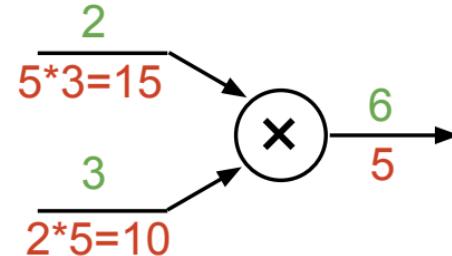


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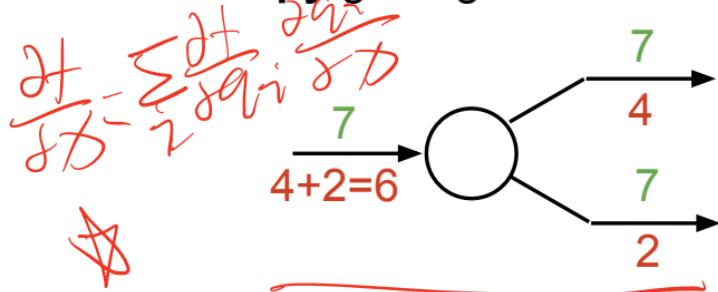
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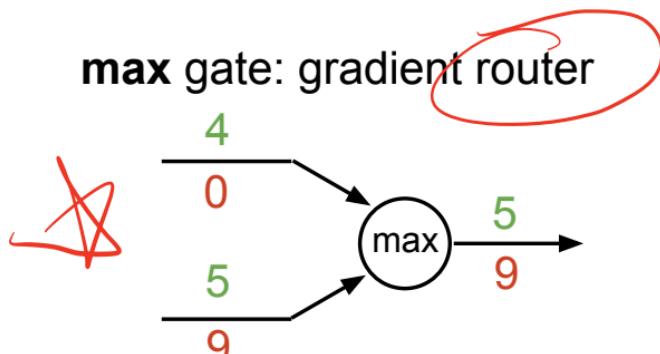
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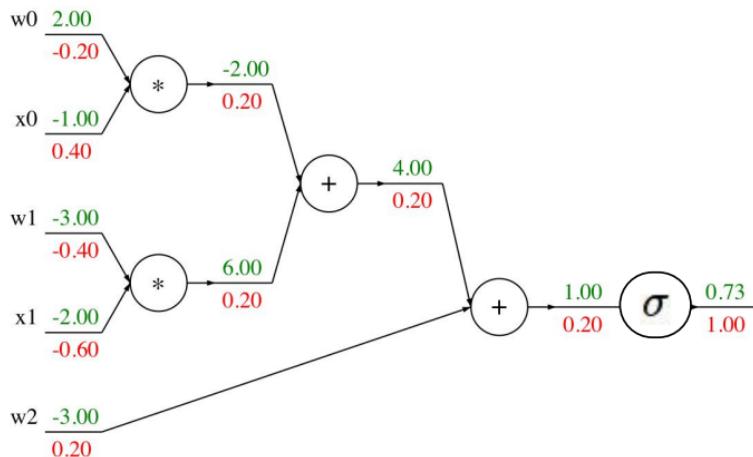
**copy** gate: gradient adder



**max** gate: gradient router



# Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code



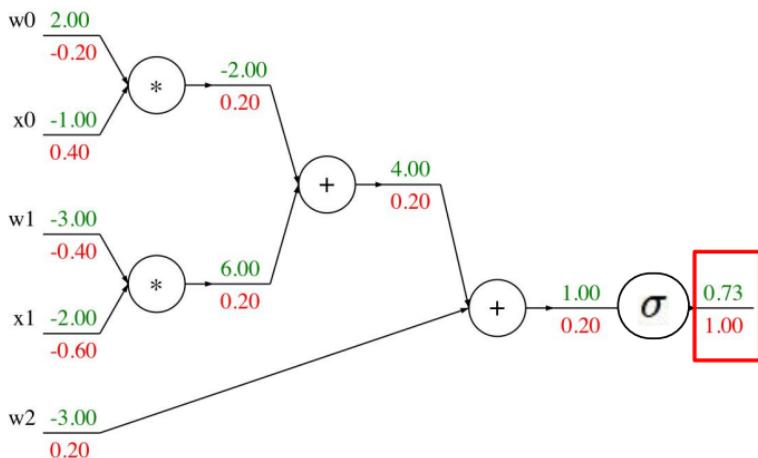
Forward pass:  
Compute output

```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):  
    s0 = w0 * x0  
    s1 = w1 * x1  
    s2 = s0 + s1  
    s3 = s2 + w2  
    L = sigmoid(s3)
```

Backward pass:  
Compute grads

```
grad_L = 1.0  
grad_s3 = grad_L * (1 - L) * L  
grad_w2 = grad_s3  
grad_s2 = grad_s3  
grad_s0 = grad_s2  
grad_s1 = grad_s2  
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1  
grad_x1 = grad_s1 * w1  
grad_w0 = grad_s0 * x0  
grad_x0 = grad_s0 * w0
```

# Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code



Forward pass:  
Compute output

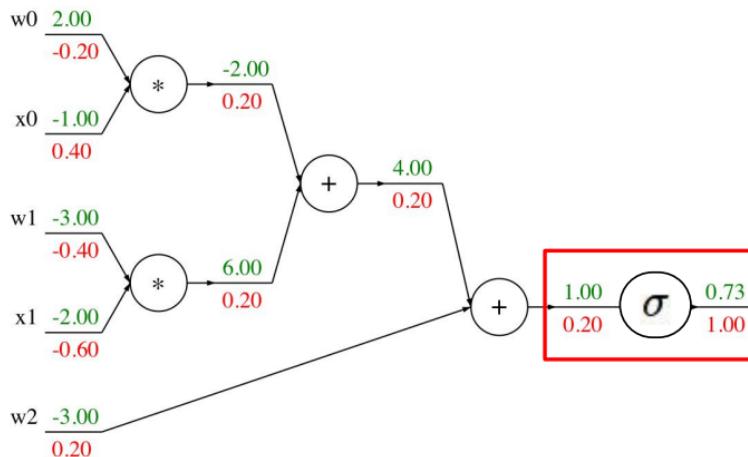
Base case

```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):  
    s0 = w0 * x0  
    s1 = w1 * x1  
    s2 = s0 + s1  
    s3 = s2 + w2  
    L = sigmoid(s3)
```

grad\_L = 1.0

```
grad_s3 = grad_L * (1 - L) * L  
grad_w2 = grad_s3  
grad_s2 = grad_s3  
grad_s0 = grad_s2  
grad_s1 = grad_s2  
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1  
grad_x1 = grad_s1 * w1  
grad_w0 = grad_s0 * x0  
grad_x0 = grad_s0 * w0
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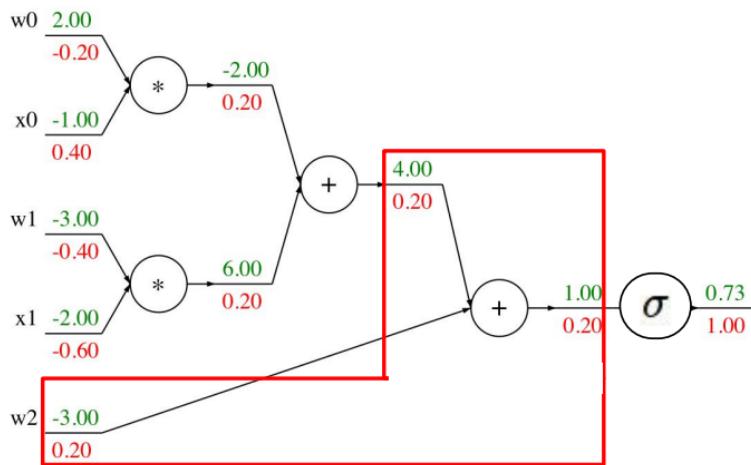
Forward pass:  
Compute output

Sigmoid

```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):
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    s2 = s0 + s1
    s3 = s2 + w2
    L = sigmoid(s3)
```

```
grad_L = 1.0
grad_s3 = grad_L * (1 - L) * L
grad_w2 = grad_s3
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grad_s0 = grad_s2
grad_s1 = grad_s2
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1
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grad_w0 = grad_s0 * x0
grad_x0 = grad_s0 * w0
```

# Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code

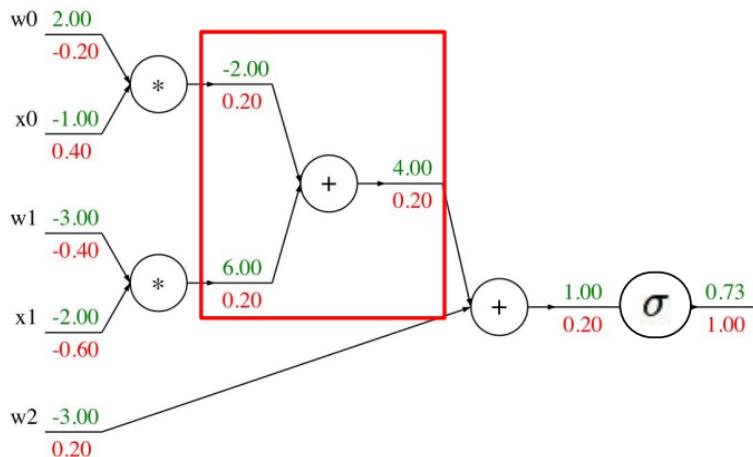


Forward pass:  
Compute output

```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):  
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    L = sigmoid(s3)
```

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grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1  
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```

# Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code

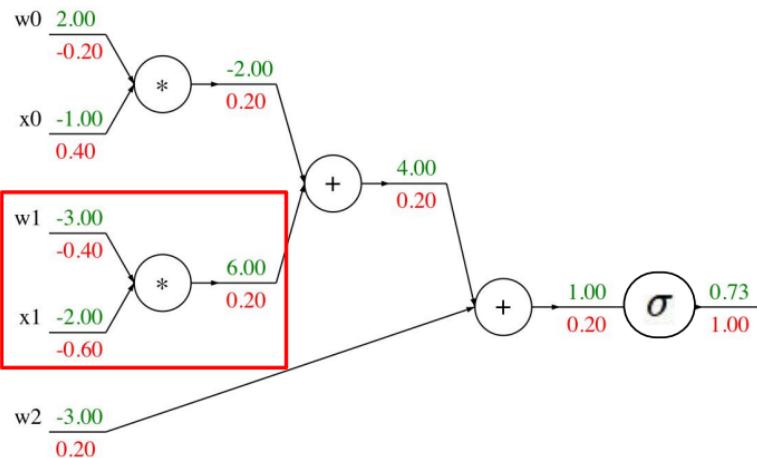


Forward pass:  
Compute output

```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):
    s0 = w0 * x0
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    s2 = s0 + s1
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```

```
grad_L = 1.0
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grad_w2 = grad_s3
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grad_s0 = grad_s2
grad_s1 = grad_s2
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1
grad_x1 = grad_s1 * w1
grad_w0 = grad_s0 * x0
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```

# Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code



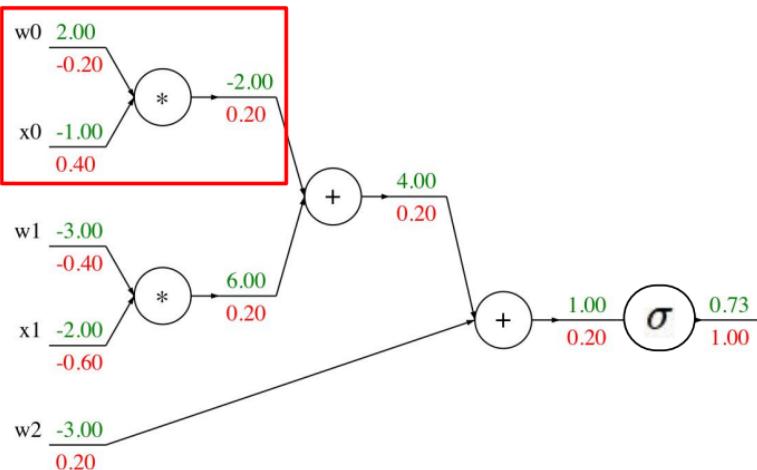
Forward pass:  
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```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):
    s0 = w0 * x0
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    s2 = s0 + s1
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    L = sigmoid(s3)
```

```
grad_L = 1.0
grad_s3 = grad_L * (1 - L) * L
grad_w2 = grad_s3
grad_s2 = grad_s3
grad_s0 = grad_s2
grad_s1 = grad_s2
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1
grad_x1 = grad_s1 * w1
grad_w0 = grad_s0 * x0
grad_x0 = grad_s0 * w0
```

Multiply gate

# Backprop Implementation: “Flat” code



Forward pass:  
Compute output

Multiply gate

```
def f(w0, x0, w1, x1, w2):  
    s0 = w0 * x0  
    s1 = w1 * x1  
    s2 = s0 + s1  
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    L = sigmoid(s3)
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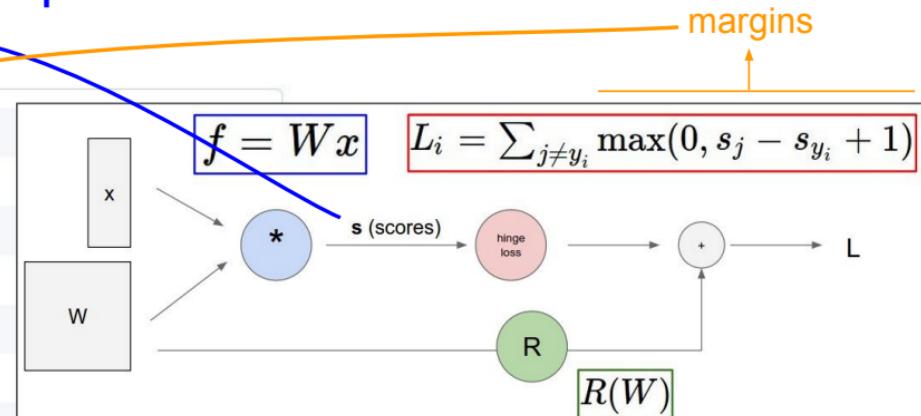
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grad_L = 1.0  
grad_s3 = grad_L * (1 - L) * L  
grad_w2 = grad_s3  
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grad_s0 = grad_s2  
grad_s1 = grad_s2  
grad_w1 = grad_s1 * x1  
grad_x1 = grad_s1 * w1  
grad_w0 = grad_s0 * x0  
grad_x0 = grad_s0 * w0
```

# “Flat” Backprop: Do this for assignment 1!

Stage your forward/backward computation!

E.g. for the SVM:

```
# receive W (weights), X (data)
# forward pass (we have 8 lines)
scores = ...
margins = ...
data_loss = ...
reg_loss = ...
loss = data_loss + reg_loss
# backward pass (we have 5 lines)
dmargins = ... (optionally, we go direct to dscores)
dscores = ...
dW = ...
```



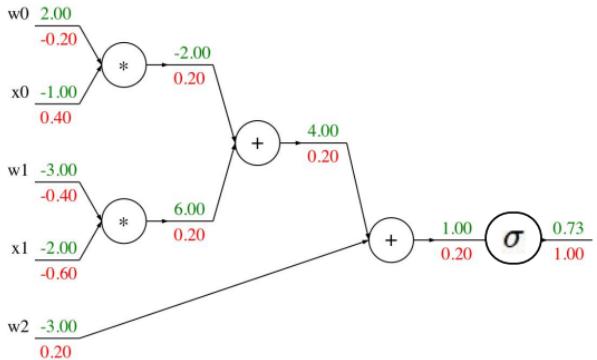
# “Flat” Backprop: Do this for assignment 1!

E.g. for two-layer neural net:

```
# receive W1,W2,b1,b2 (weights/biases), X (data)
# forward pass:
h1 = #... function of X,W1,b1
scores = #... function of h1,W2,b2
loss = #... (several lines of code to evaluate Softmax loss)
# backward pass:
dscores = #...
dh1,dW2,db2 = #...
dW1,db1 = #...
```

# Backprop Implementation: Modularized API

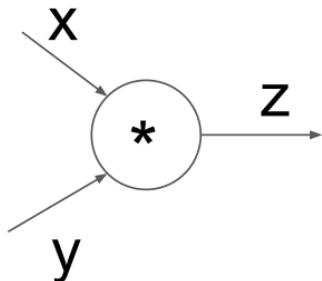
Graph (or Net) object (*rough pseudo code*)



```
class ComputationalGraph(object):
    ...
    def forward(inputs):
        # 1. [pass inputs to input gates...]
        # 2. forward the computational graph:
        for gate in self.graph.nodes_topologically_sorted():
            gate.forward()
        return loss # the final gate in the graph outputs the loss
    def backward():
        for gate in reversed(self.graph.nodes_topologically_sorted()):
            gate.backward() # little piece of backprop (chain rule applied)
        return inputs_gradients
```

# Modularized implementation: forward / backward API

Gate / Node / Function object: Actual PyTorch code



( $x, y, z$  are scalars)

```
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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WTF? ~~WTF?~~

Source

So far: backprop with scalars

What about vector-valued functions?

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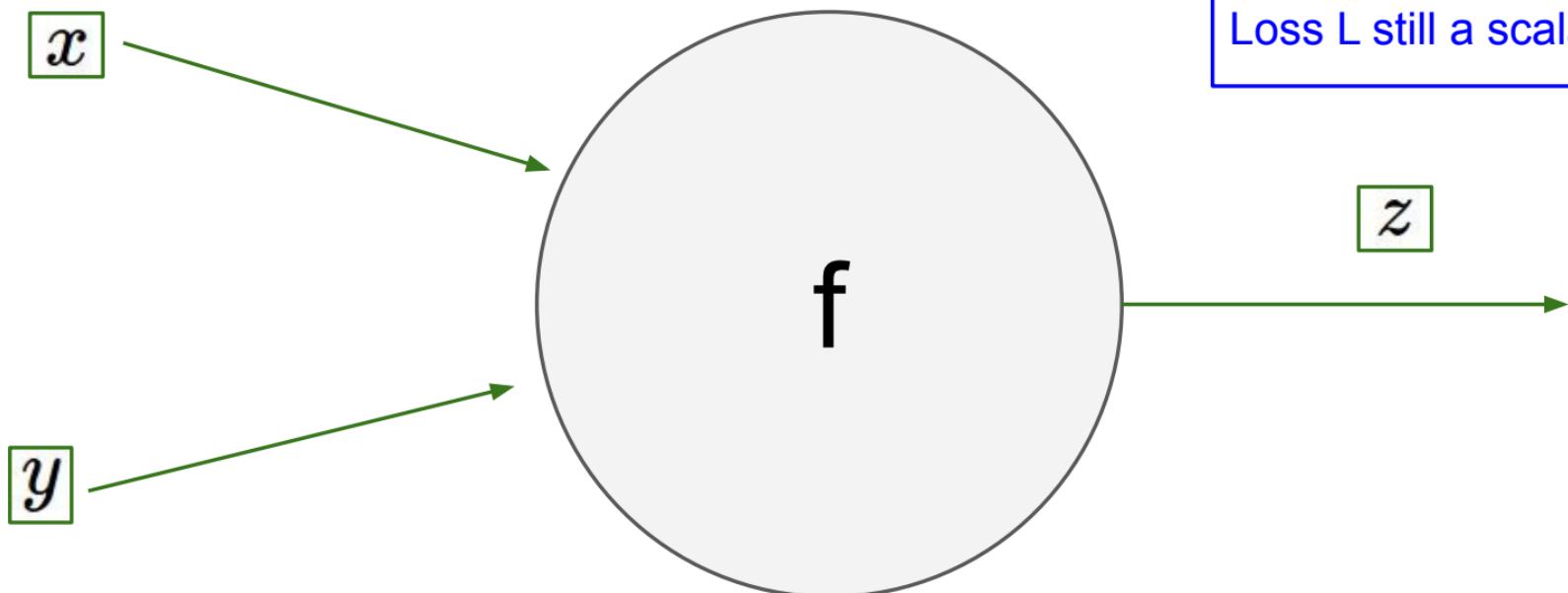
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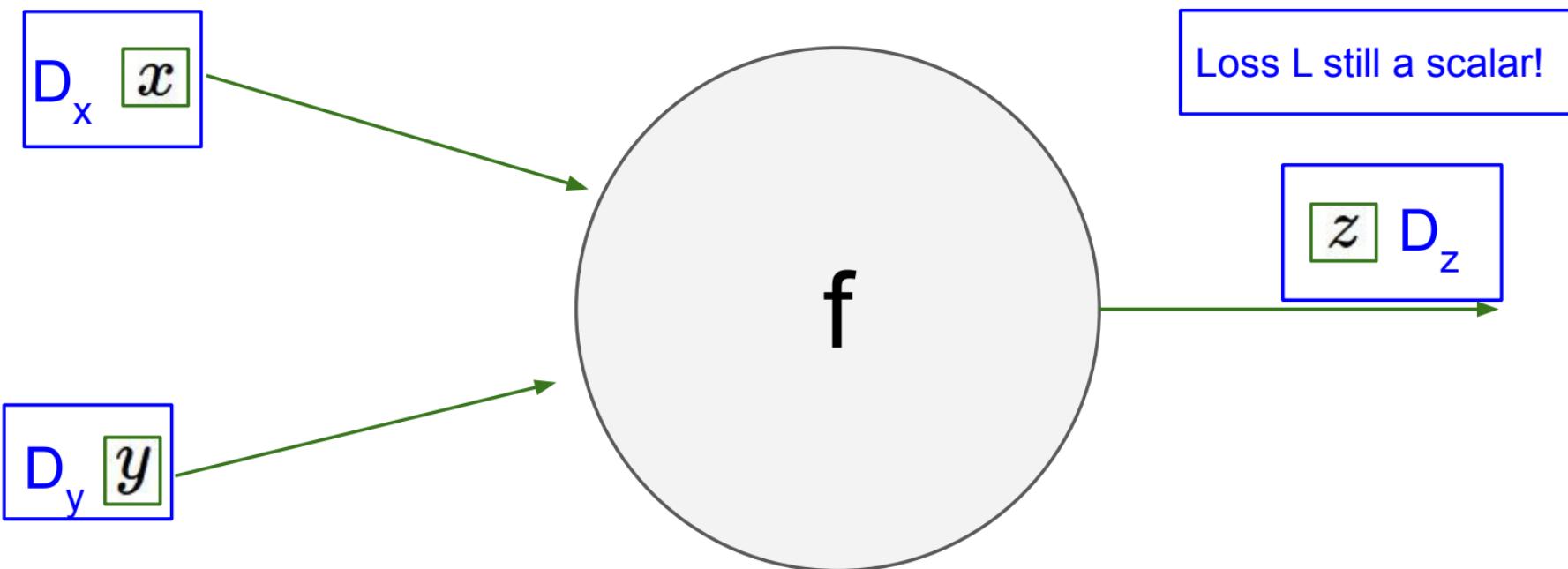
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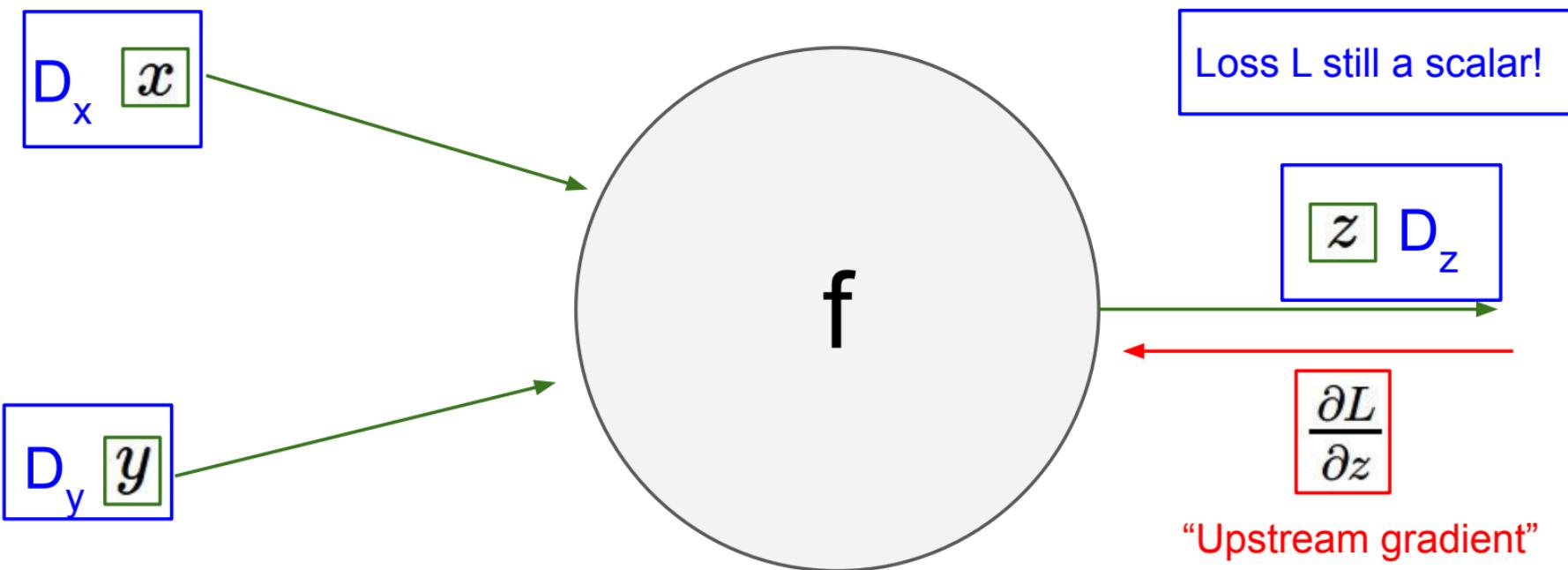
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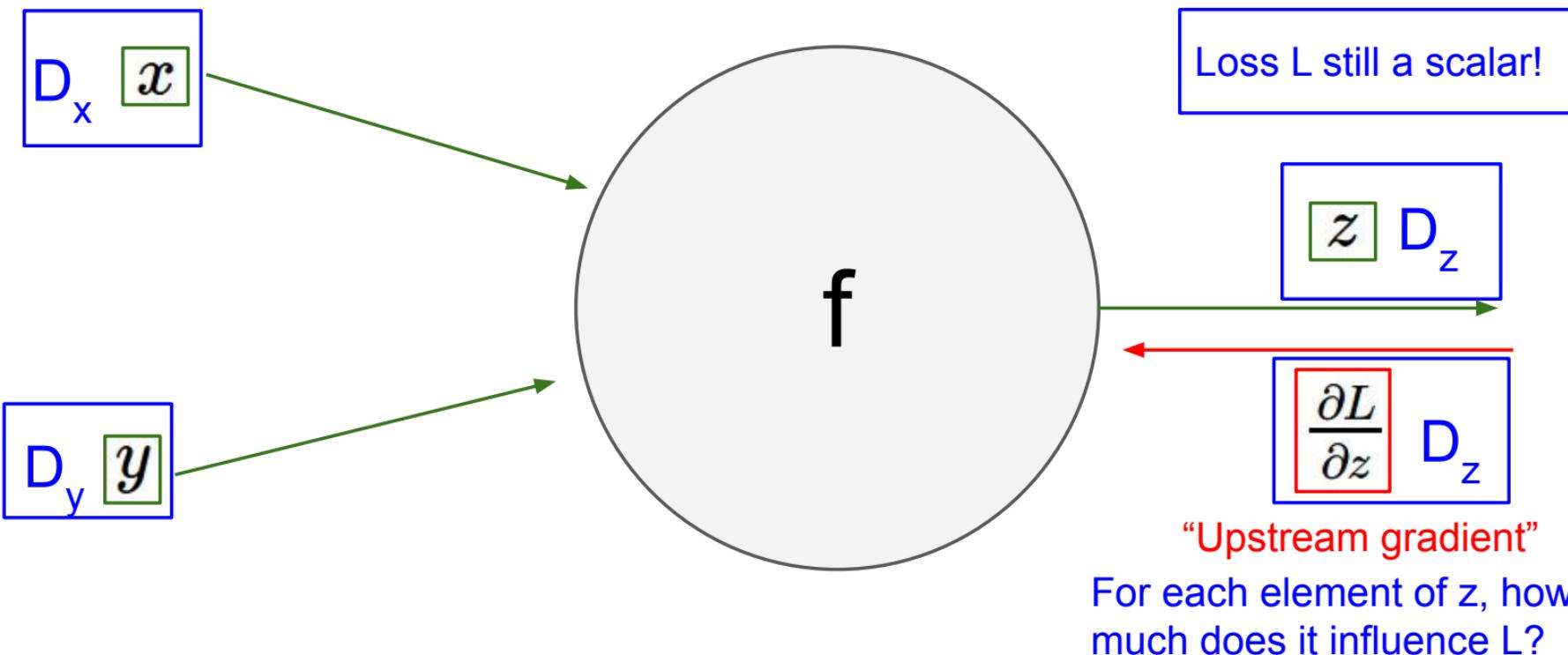
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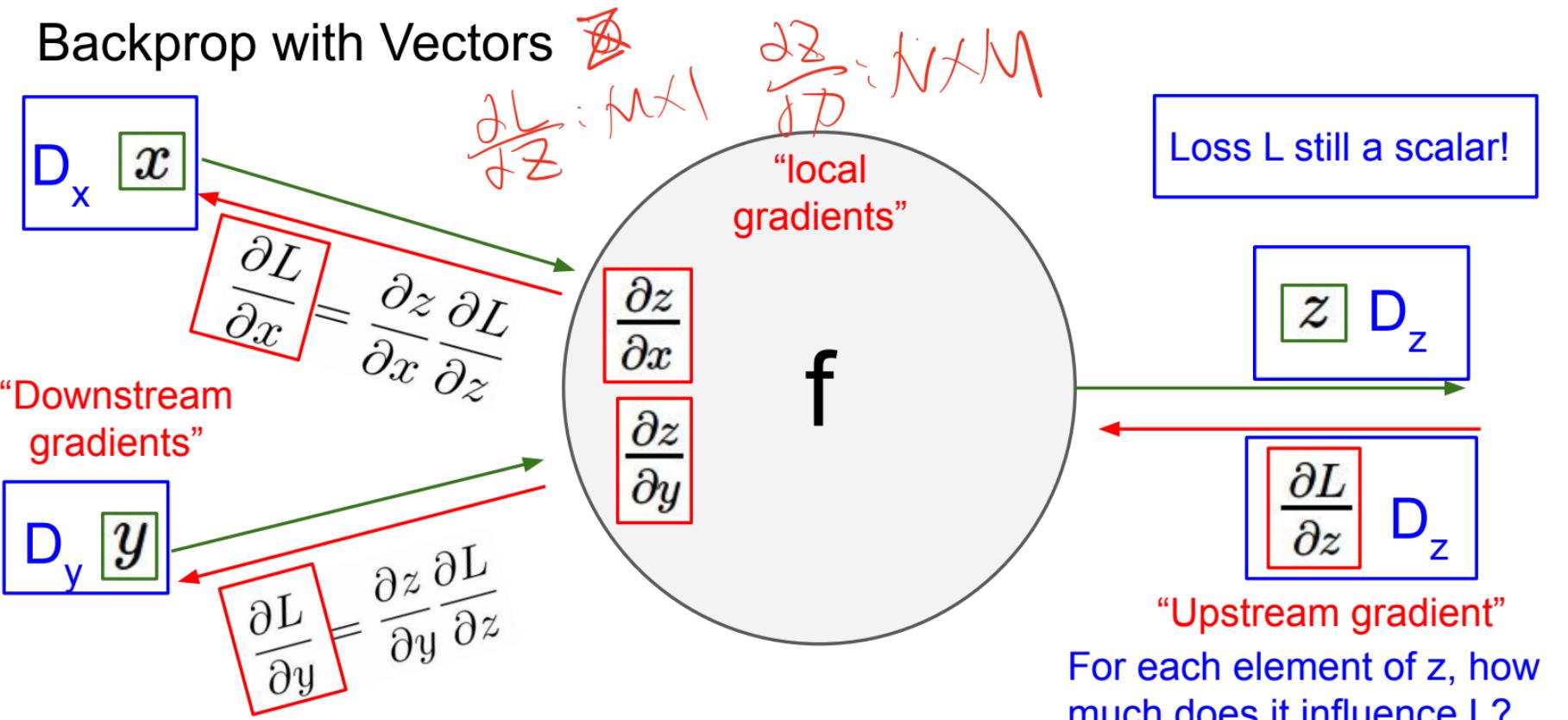
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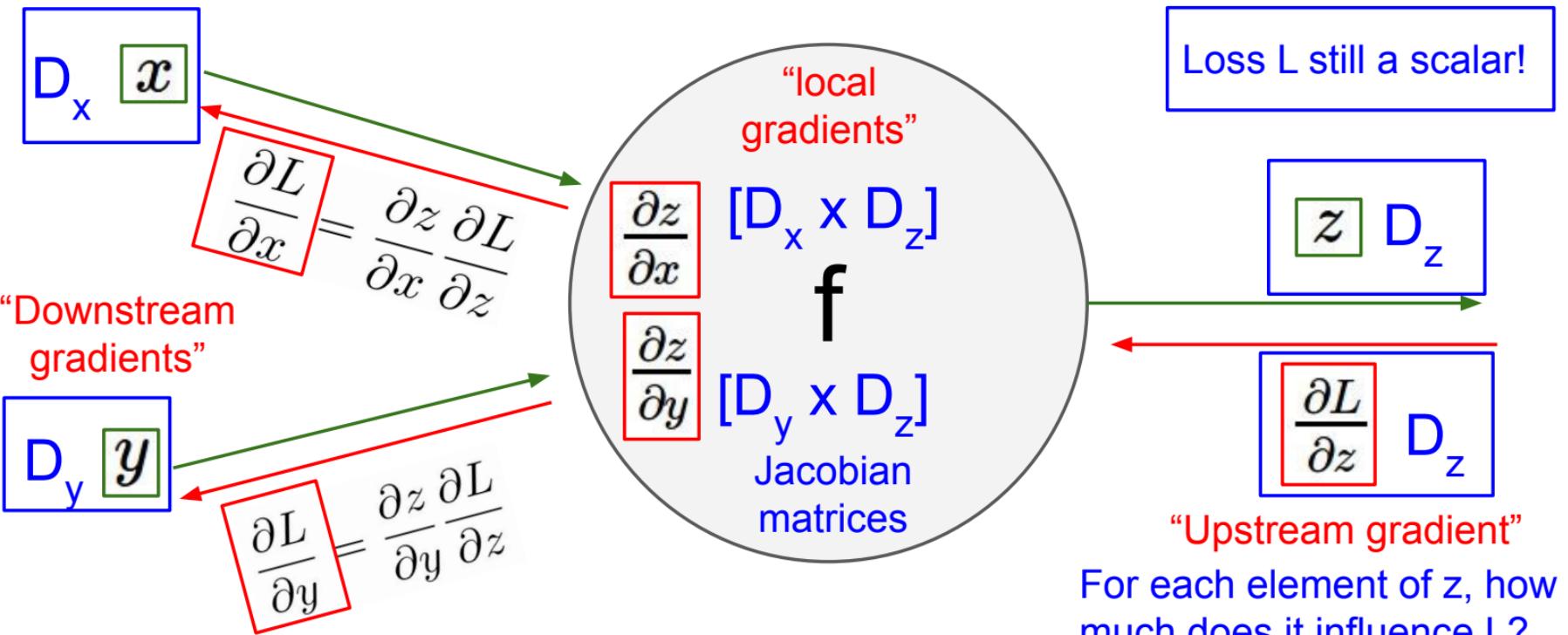
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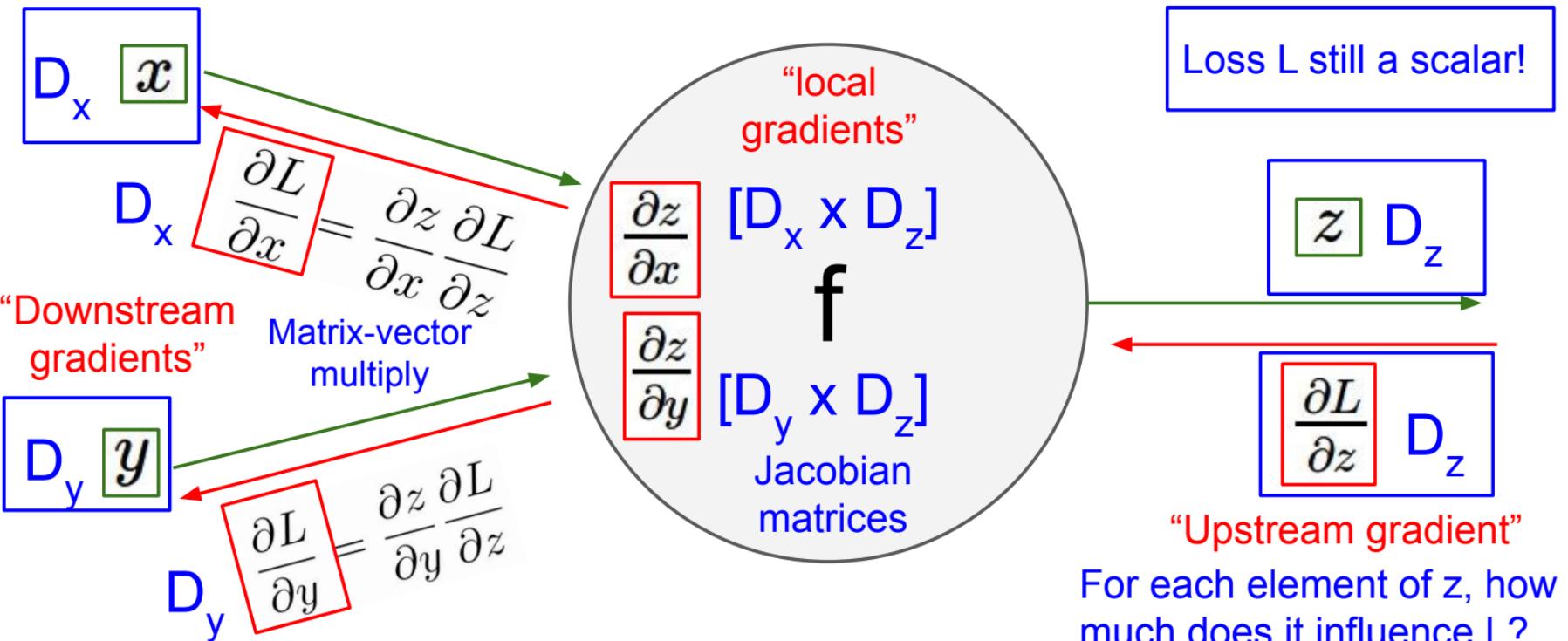
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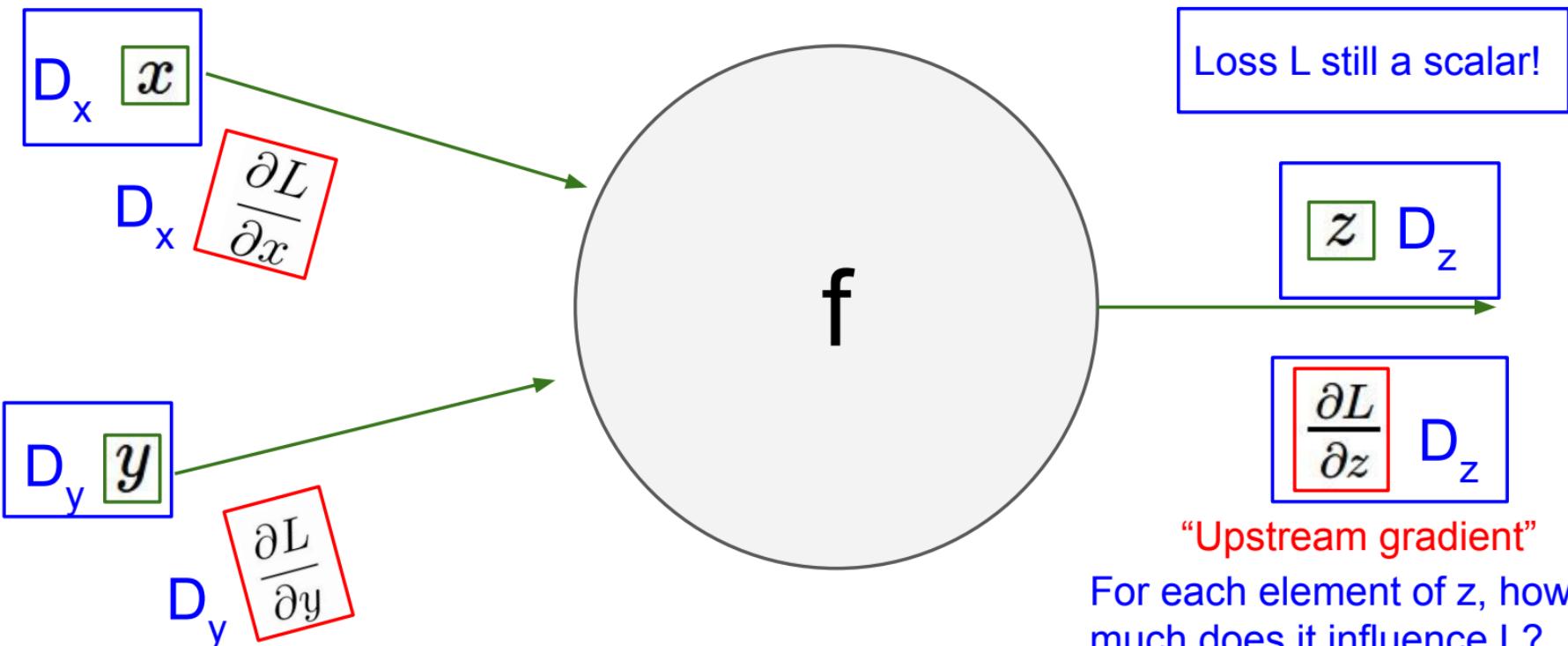
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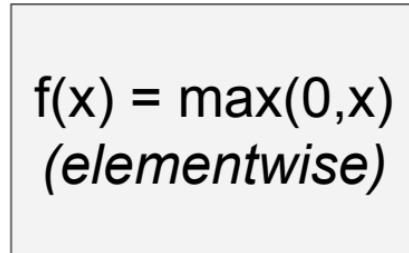
Gradients of variables wrt loss have same dims as the original variable



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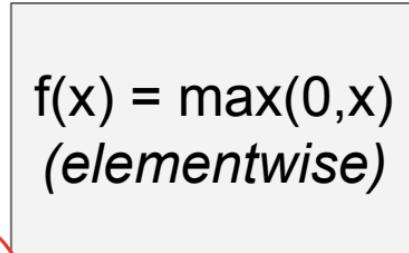
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4D  $dL/dz$ :

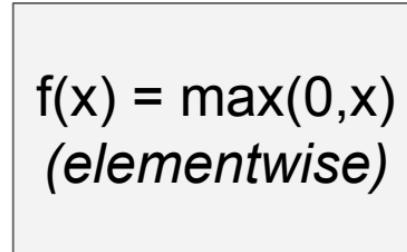
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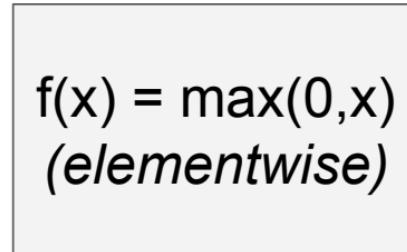
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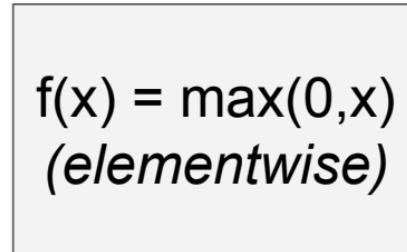
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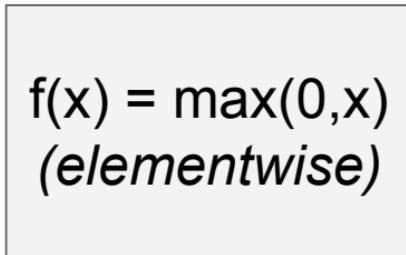
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~~矩阵乘法~~

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~~不看这个~~  
~~输出梯度~~

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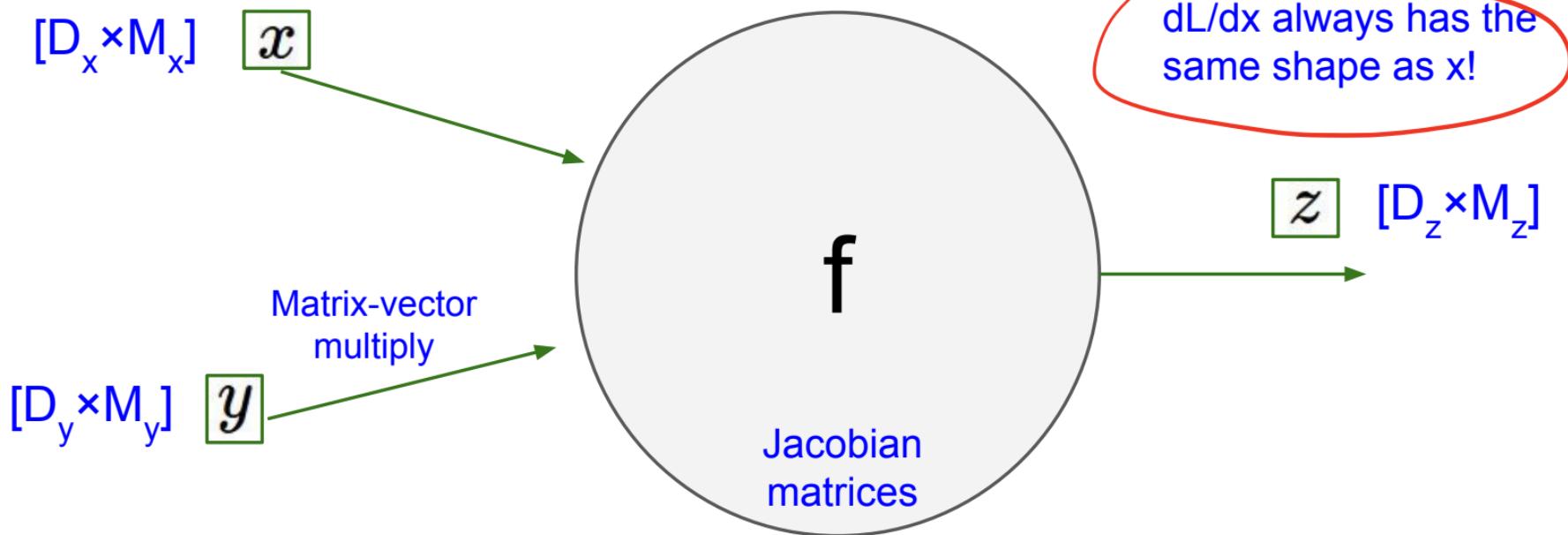
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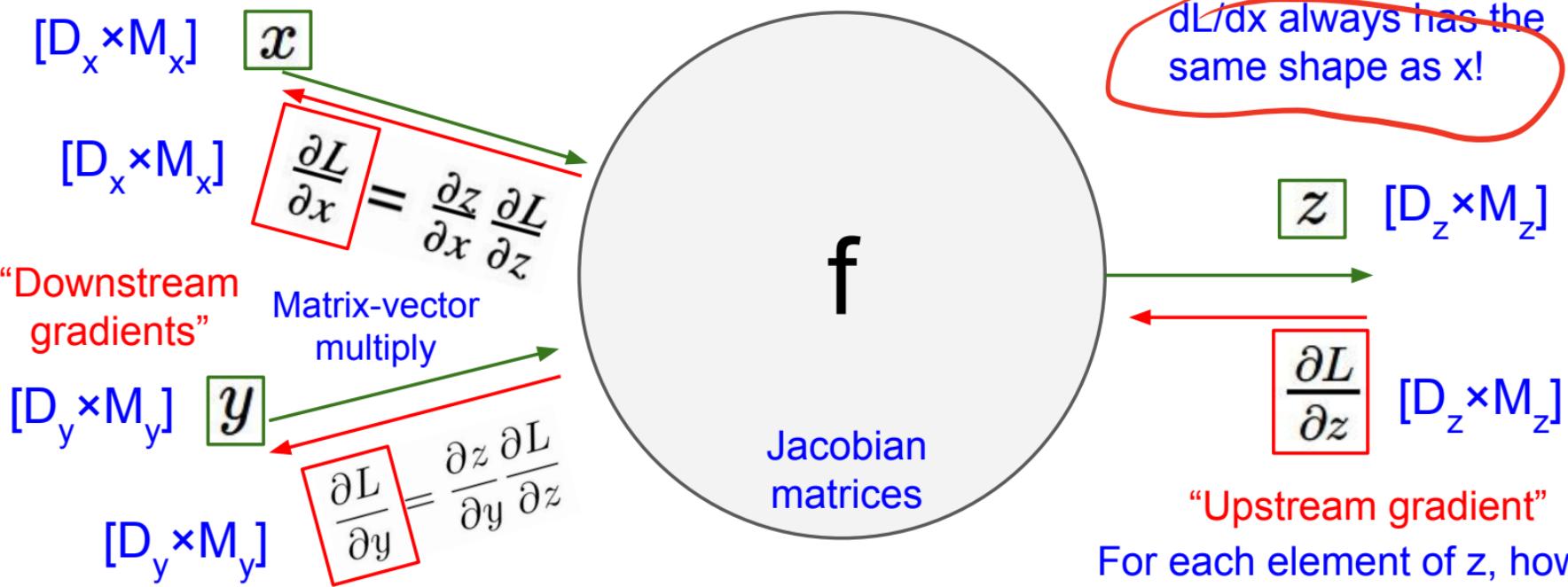
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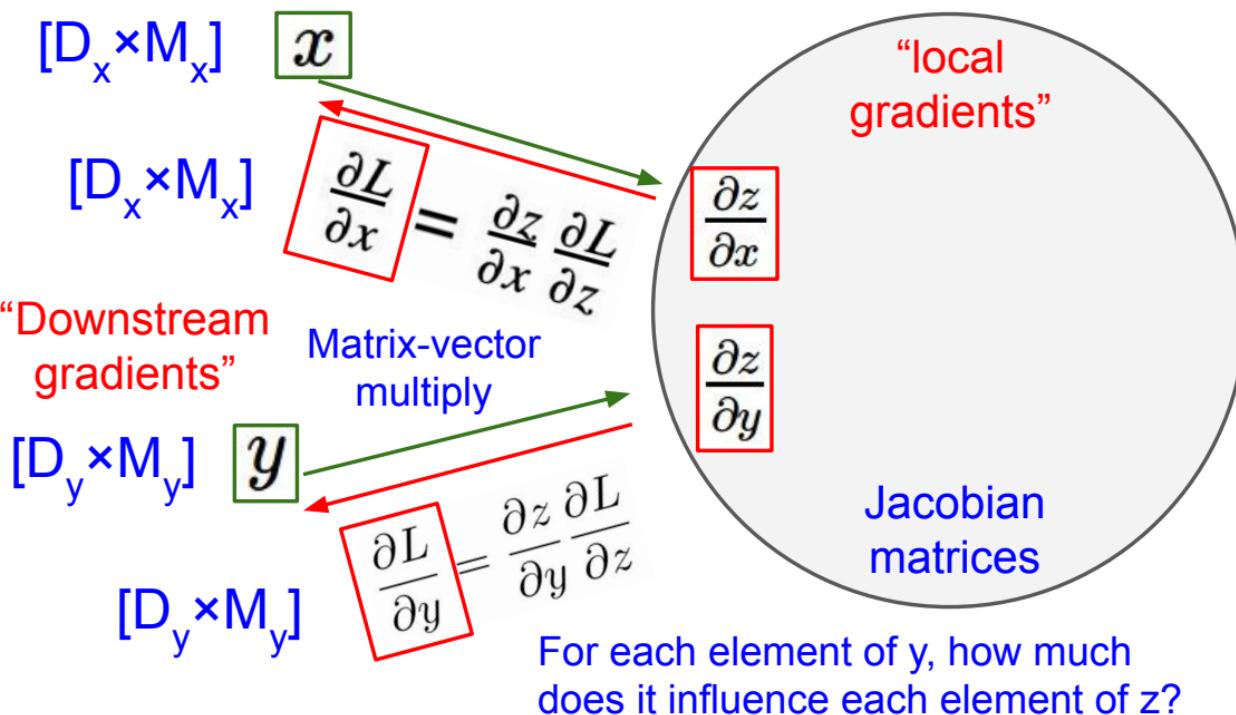
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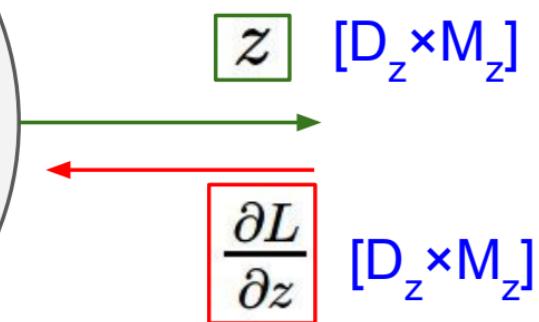


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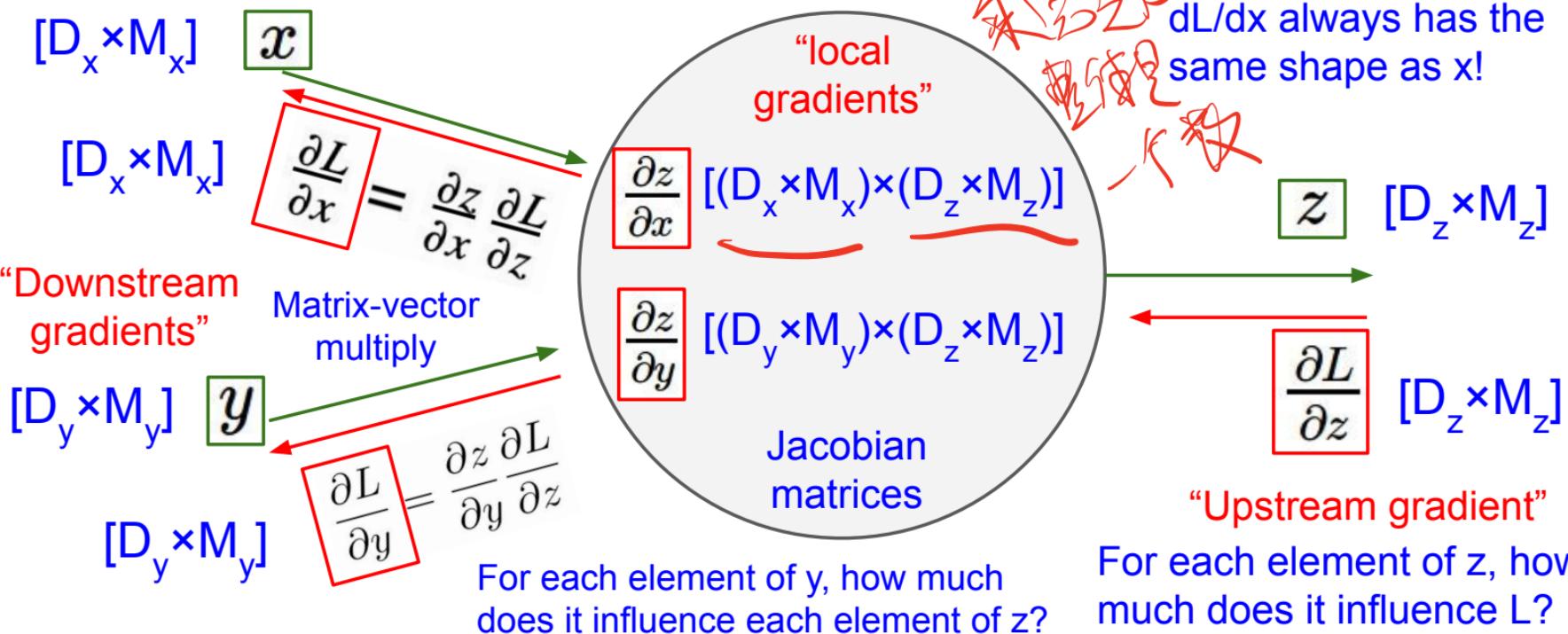


"Upstream gradient"

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

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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

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Each Jacobian takes  $\sim 256$  GB of  
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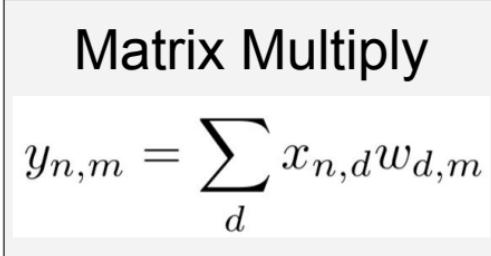
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Backpropagation, forward pass, backward pass

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & -3 & 9 \\ -8 & 1 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

By similar logic:

$[D \times M] \quad [D \times N] \quad [N \times M]$

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

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

# Next Time: Convolutional Neural Networks!

