

# **Machine Learning – Lecture 12**

#### **Neural Networks**

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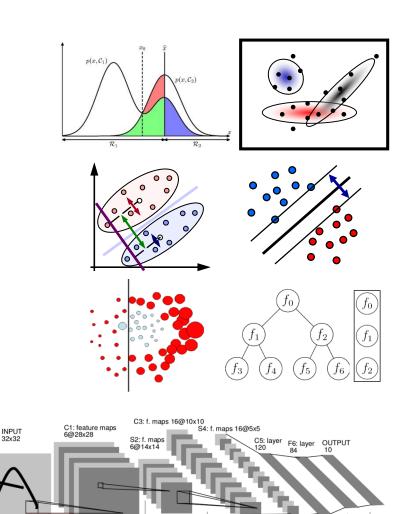
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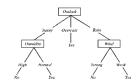
#### Course Outline

- Fundamentals
  - Bayes Decision Theory
  - Probability Density Estimation
- Classification Approaches
  - Linear Discriminants
  - Support Vector Machines
  - Ensemble Methods & Boosting
  - Random Forests
- Deep Learning
  - Foundations
  - Convolutional Neural Networks
  - Recurrent Neural Networks



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# Recap: Decision Tree Training

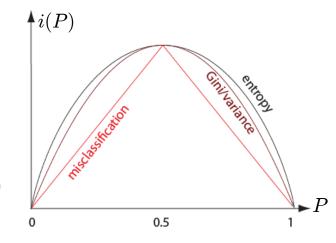


- Goal
  - Select the query (=split) that decreases impurity the most

$$\Delta i(s_j) = i(s_j) - P_L i(s_{j,L}) - (1 - P_L)i(s_{j,R})$$

- Impurity measures
  - Entropy impurity (information gain):

$$i(s_j) = -\sum_k p(C_k|s_j) \log_2 p(C_k|s_j)$$



Gini impurity:

$$i(s_j) = \sum_{k \neq l} p(C_k|s_j) p(C_l|s_j) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 - \sum_k p^2(C_k|s_j) \right]$$



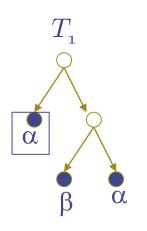
### Recap: Randomized Decision Trees

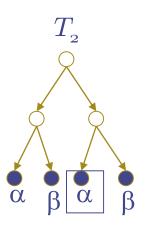
- Decision trees: main effort on finding good split
  - > Training runtime:  $O(DN^2 \log N)$
  - > This is what takes most effort in practice.
  - $\triangleright$  Especially cumbersome with many attributes (large D).
- Idea: randomize attribute selection
  - No longer look for globally optimal split.
  - > Instead randomly use subset of K attributes on which to base the split.
  - Choose best splitting attribute e.g. by maximizing the information gain (= reducing entropy):

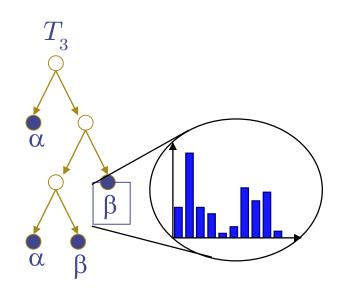
$$\triangle E = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{|S_k|}{|S|} \sum_{j=1}^{N} p_j \log_2(p_j)$$



#### Recap: Ensemble Combination







- Ensemble combination
  - > Tree leaves  $(l,\eta)$  store posterior probabilities of the target classes.

$$p_{l,\eta}(\mathcal{C}|\mathbf{x})$$

 Combine the output of several trees by averaging their posteriors (Bayesian model combination)

$$p(C|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^{L} p_{l,\eta}(C|\mathbf{x})$$

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### Topics of the Previous Lecture

- Recap: AdaBoost
  - Finishing the derivation
  - Analysis of the error function
- Decision Trees
  - Basic concepts
  - Learning decision trees
- Randomized Decision Trees
  - Randomized attribute selection
- Random Forests
  - Bootstrap sampling
  - Ensemble of randomized trees
  - Posterior sum combination
  - Analysis



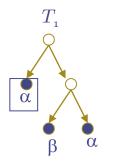
# Random Forests (Breiman 2001)

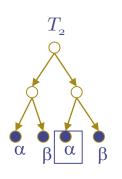
- General ensemble method
  - Idea: Create ensemble of many (very simple) trees.
- Empirically very good results
  - Often as good as SVMs (and sometimes better)!
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- Standard decision trees: main effort on finding good split
  - Random Forests trees put very little effort in this.
  - CART algorithm with Gini coefficient, no pruning.
  - Each split is only made based on a random subset of the available attributes.
  - Trees are grown fully (important!).
- Main secret
  - Injecting the "right kind of randomness".

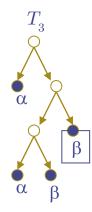


### Random Forests – Algorithmic Goals

- Create many trees (50 1,000)
- Inject randomness into trees such that
  - Each tree has maximal strength
    - I.e. a fairly good model on its own
  - Each tree has minimum correlation with the other trees.
    - I.e. the errors tend to cancel out.
- Ensemble of trees votes for final result
  - Simple majority vote for category.







- Alternative (Friedman)
  - Optimally reweight the trees via regularized regression (lasso).

# Random Forests – Injecting Randomness (1)

- Bootstrap sampling process
  - > Select a training set by choosing N times with replacement from all N available training examples.
  - ⇒ On average, each tree is grown on only ~63% of the original training data.
  - Remaining 37% "out-of-bag" (OOB) data used for validation.
    - Provides ongoing assessment of model performance in the current tree.
    - Allows fitting to small data sets without explicitly holding back any data for testing.
    - Error estimate is unbiased and behaves as if we had an independent test sample of the same size as the training sample.

# Random Forests – Injecting Randomness (2)

- Random attribute selection
  - For each node, randomly choose subset of K attributes on which the split is based (typically  $K=\sqrt{N_f}$ ).
  - ⇒ Faster training procedure
    - Need to test only few attributes.
  - Minimizes inter-tree dependence
    - Reduce correlation between different trees.
- Each tree is grown to maximal size and is left unpruned
  - Trees are deliberately overfit
  - ⇒ Become some form of nearest-neighbor predictor.

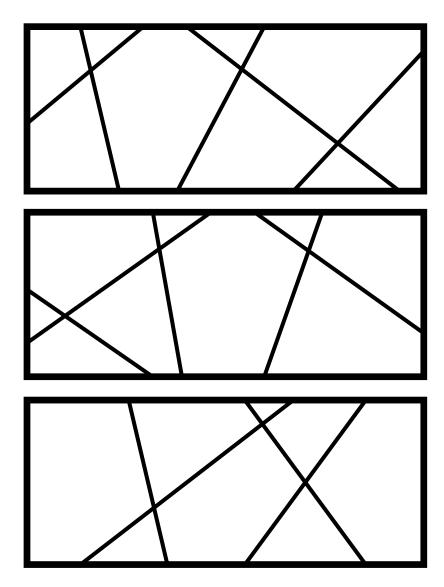


#### Bet You're Asking...

How can this possibly ever work???



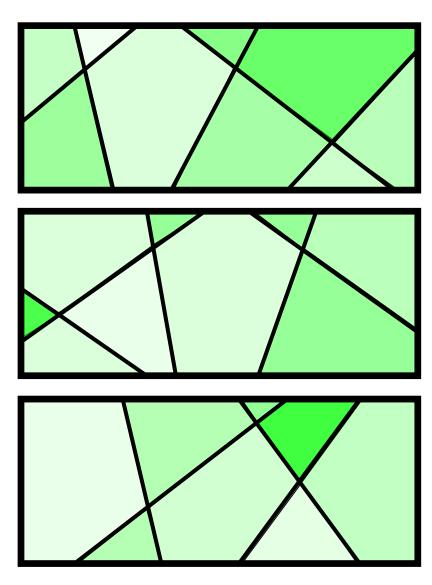
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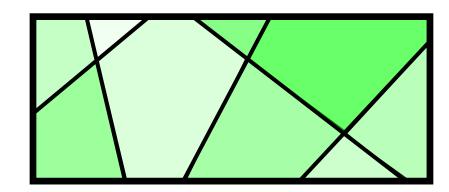


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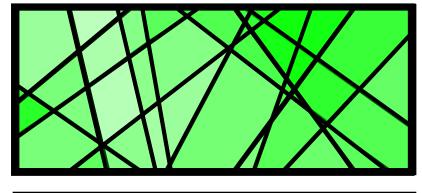


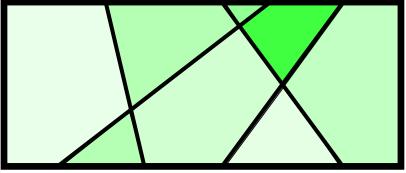


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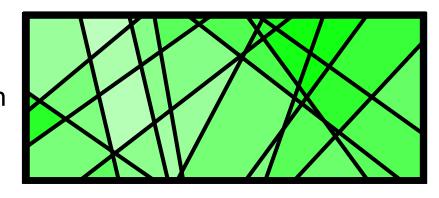






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By combining them, we obtain a finer subdivision of the feature space...



...which at the same time also better reflects the uncertainty due to the bootstrapped sampling.



#### Summary: Random Forests

#### Properties

- Very simple algorithm.
- Resistant to overfitting generalizes well to new data.
- Faster training
- Extensions available for clustering, distance learning, etc.

#### Limitations

- Memory consumption
  - Decision tree construction uses much more memory.
- Well-suited for problems with little training data
  - Little performance gain when training data is really large.



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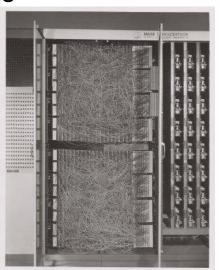
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- And a cool learning algorithm: "Perceptron Learning"
- Hardware implementation "Mark I Perceptron" for 20×20 pixel image analysis



# The New York Times

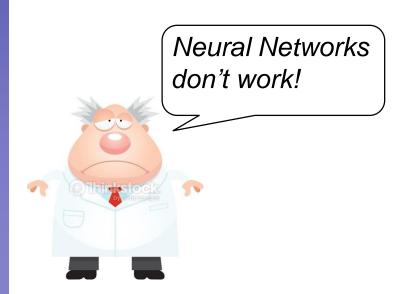
"The embryo of an electronic computer that [...] will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence."







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- 1969 Minsky & Papert
  - Showed that (single-layer) Perceptrons cannot solve all problems.
  - This was misunderstood by many that they were worthless.







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1980s Resurgence of Neural Networks

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OMG! They work like the human brain!



Oh no! Killer robots will achieve world domination!





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  - But they are hard to train, tend to overfit, and have unintuitive parameters.
  - So, the excitement fades again...







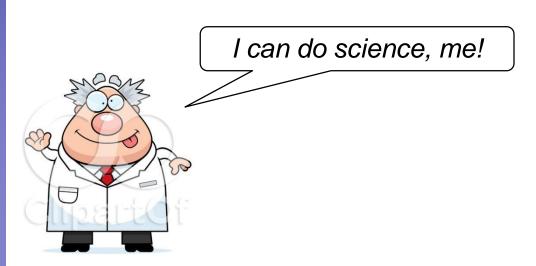
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- The general public and the press still love Neural Networks.

I'm doing Machine Learning.

So, you're using Neural Networks?

Actually...



- 1957 Rosenblatt invents the Perceptron
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- 1980s Resurgence of Neural Networks
- 1995+ Interest shifts to other learning methods
- 2005+ Gradual progress
  - Better understanding how to successfully train deep networks
  - Availability of large datasets and powerful GPUs
  - Still largely under the radar for many disciplines applying ML

Are you using Neural Networks?

Come on. Get real!



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- 2012 Breakthrough results
  - ImageNet Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge
  - A ConvNet halves the error rate of dedicated vision approaches.
  - Deep Learning is widely adopted.









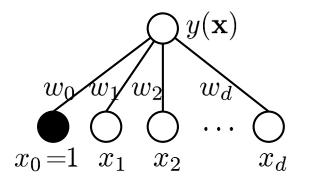
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### Perceptrons (Rosenblatt 1957)

Standard Perceptron



**Output layer** 

Weights

Input layer

- Input Layer
  - Hand-designed features based on common sense
- Outputs
  - Linear outputs  $y(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{x} + w_0$

Logistic outputs

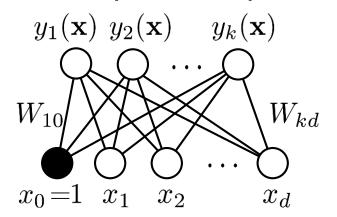
$$y(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^{\top}\mathbf{x} + w_0)$$

Learning = Determining the weights w



#### **Extension: Multi-Class Networks**

One output node per class



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$$y_k(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^d W_{ki} x_i$$

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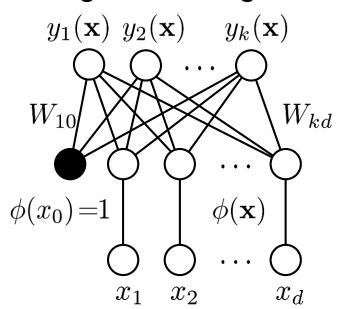
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⇒ Can be used to do multidimensional linear regression or multiclass classification.



#### **Extension: Non-Linear Basis Functions**

Straightforward generalization



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Mapping (fixed)

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  - Linear outputs

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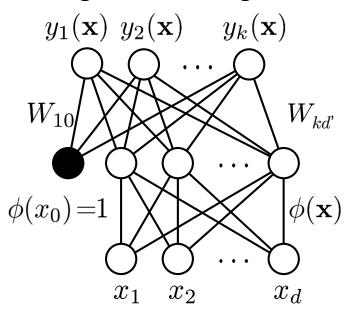
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#### Remarks

- Perceptrons are generalized linear discriminants!
- Everything we know about the latter can also be applied here.
- Note: feature functions  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  are kept fixed, not learned!



### Perceptron Learning

- Very simple algorithm
- Process the training cases in some permutation
  - If the output unit is correct, leave the weights alone.
  - If the output unit incorrectly outputs a zero, add the input vector to the weight vector.
  - If the output unit incorrectly outputs a one, subtract the input vector from the weight vector.
- This is guaranteed to converge to a correct solution if such a solution exists.



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$$w_{kj}^{(\tau+1)} = w_{kj}^{(\tau)} - \eta \left( y_k(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w}) - t_{kn} \right) \phi_j(\mathbf{x}_n)$$

- This is the Delta rule a.k.a. LMS rule!
- ⇒ Perceptron Learning corresponds to 1<sup>st</sup>-order (stochastic) Gradient Descent (e.g., of a quadratic error function)!



#### **Loss Functions**

We can now also apply other loss functions

L2 loss 
$$L(t,y(\mathbf{x})) = \sum_n \left(y(\mathbf{x}_n) - t_n\right)^2$$
  $\Rightarrow$  Least-squares regression

L1 loss:

$$L(t, y(\mathbf{x})) = \sum_{n} |y(\mathbf{x}_n) - t_n|$$

Cross-entropy loss

$$L(t, y(\mathbf{x})) = -\sum_{n} \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$

Hinge loss

$$L(t, y(\mathbf{x})) = \sum_{n} [1 - t_n y(\mathbf{x}_n)]_{+}$$

Softmax loss

$$L(t, y(\mathbf{x})) = -\sum_{n} \sum_{k} \left\{ \mathbb{I}\left(t_{n} = k\right) \ln \frac{\exp(y_{k}(\mathbf{x}))}{\sum_{j} \exp(y_{j}(\mathbf{x}))} \right\}$$

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⇒ SVM classification

⇒ Median regression

⇒ Logistic regression

⇒ Multi-class probabilistic classification



## Regularization

- In addition, we can apply regularizers
  - E.g., an L2 regularizer

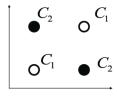
$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum L(t_n, y(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{w})) + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||^2$$

- > This is known as weight decay in Neural Networks.
- We can also apply other regularizers, e.g. L1 ⇒ sparsity
- Since Neural Networks often have many parameters, regularization becomes very important in practice.
- We will see more complex regularization techniques later on...



## Limitations of Perceptrons

- What makes the task difficult?
  - Perceptrons with fixed, hand-coded input features can model any separable function perfectly...
  - ...given the right input features.
  - For some tasks this requires an exponential number of input features.
    - E.g., by enumerating all possible binary input vectors as separate feature units (similar to a look-up table).
    - But this approach won't generalize to unseen test cases!
  - ⇒ It is the feature design that solves the task!
  - Once the hand-coded features have been determined, there are very strong limitations on what a perceptron can learn.
    - Classic example: XOR function.





#### Wait...

- Didn't we just say that...
  - Perceptrons correspond to generalized linear discriminants
  - And Perceptrons are very limited...
  - Doesn't this mean that what we have been doing so far in this lecture has the same problems???
- Yes, this is the case.
  - A linear classifier cannot solve certain problems (e.g., XOR).
  - However, with a non-linear classifier based on the right kind of features, the problem becomes solvable.
  - $\Rightarrow$  So far, we have solved such problems by hand-designing good features  $\phi$  and kernels  $\phi^{\top}\phi$ .
  - ⇒ Can we also learn such feature representations?



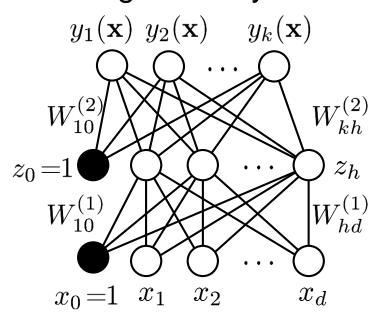
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# Multi-Layer Perceptrons

#### Adding more layers



Output layer

Hidden layer

Mapping (learned!)

Input layer

#### Output

$$y_k(\mathbf{x}) = g^{(2)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^h W_{ki}^{(2)} g^{(1)} \left( \sum_{j=0}^d W_{ij}^{(1)} x_j \right) \right)$$



## Multi-Layer Perceptrons

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- Activation functions  $g^{(k)}$ :
  - > For example:  $g^{(2)}(a) = \sigma(a)$ ,  $g^{(1)}(a) = a$
- The hidden layer can have an arbitrary number of nodes
  - There can also be multiple hidden layers.
- Universal approximators
  - A 2-layer network (1 hidden layer) can approximate any continuous function of a compact domain arbitrarily well!
     (assuming sufficient hidden nodes)



# Learning with Hidden Units

- Networks without hidden units are very limited in what they can learn
  - More layers of linear units do not help ⇒ still linear
  - Fixed output non-linearities are not enough.
- We need multiple layers of adaptive non-linear hidden units.
   But how can we train such nets?
  - Need an efficient way of adapting all weights, not just the last layer.
  - Learning the weights to the hidden units = learning features
  - This is difficult, because nobody tells us what the hidden units should do.
  - ⇒ Main challenge in deep learning.



# Learning with Hidden Units

- How can we train multi-layer networks efficiently?
  - > Need an efficient way of adapting all weights, not just the last layer.

- Idea: Gradient Descent
  - Set up an error function

$$E(\mathbf{W}) = \sum_{n} L(t_n, y(\mathbf{x}_n; \mathbf{W})) + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{W})$$

with a loss  $L(\cdot)$  and a regularizer  $\Omega(\cdot)$ .

$$imes$$
 E.g.,  $L(t,y(\mathbf{x};\mathbf{W})) = \sum_n \left(y(\mathbf{x}_n;\mathbf{W}) - t_n\right)^2$  L<sub>2</sub> loss

$$\Omega(\mathbf{W}) = ||\mathbf{W}||_F^2$$

L<sub>2</sub> regularizer ("weight decay")

 $\Rightarrow$  Update each weight  $W_{ij}^{(k)}$  in the direction of the gradient  $\frac{\partial E(\mathbf{W})}{\partial W_{ij}^{(k)}}$ 



### **Gradient Descent**

- Two main steps
  - 1. Computing the gradients for each weight
  - Adjusting the weights in the direction of the gradient

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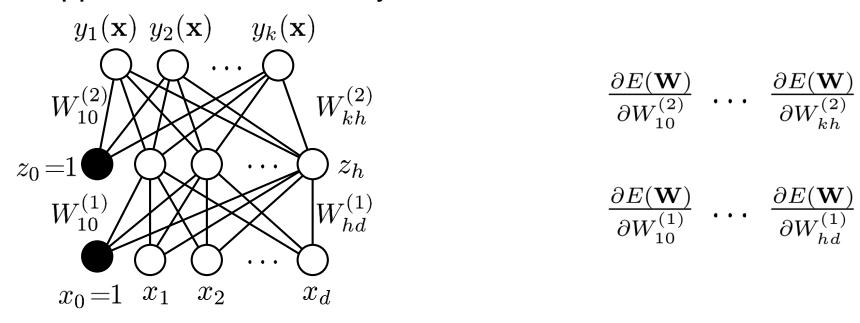
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Approach 1: Naive Analytical Differentiation

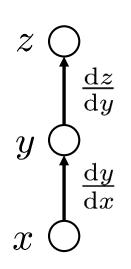


- Compute the gradients for each variable analytically.
- What is the problem when doing this?



### **Excursion: Chain Rule of Differentiation**

One-dimensional case: Scalar functions



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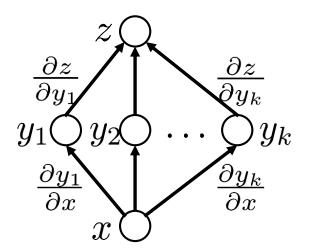
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$$\frac{\mathrm{d}z}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{\mathrm{d}z}{\mathrm{d}y} \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$$



### **Excursion: Chain Rule of Differentiation**

Multi-dimensional case: Total derivative



$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_1} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_2} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial x} + \dots$$

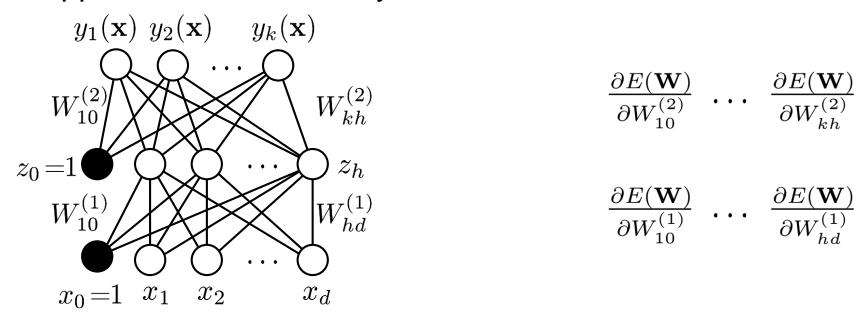
$$=\sum_{i=1}^{k} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  Need to sum over all paths that lead to the target variable x.



# Obtaining the Gradients

Approach 1: Naive Analytical Differentiation



- Compute the gradients for each variable analytically.
- What is the problem when doing this?
- ⇒ With increasing depth, there will be exponentially many paths!
- $\Rightarrow$  Infeasible to compute this way.



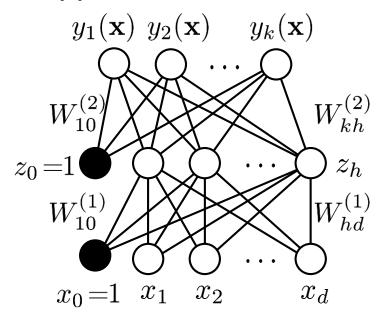
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Approach 2: Numerical Differentiation



- Given the current state  $\mathbf{W}^{(\tau)}$ , we can evaluate  $E(\mathbf{W}^{(\tau)})$ .
- Idea: Make small changes to  $\mathbf{W}^{(\tau)}$  and accept those that improve  $E(\mathbf{W}^{(\tau)})$ .
- ⇒ Horribly inefficient! Need several forward passes for each weight. Each forward pass is one run over the entire dataset!



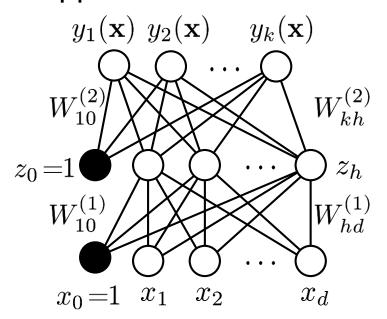
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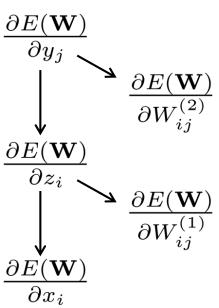
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# Obtaining the Gradients

Approach 3: Incremental Analytical Differentiation





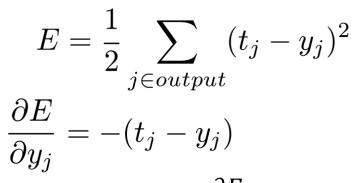
- Idea: Compute the gradients layer by layer.
- Each layer below builds upon the results of the layer above.
- ⇒ The gradient is propagated backwards through the layers.
- ⇒ Backpropagation algorithm

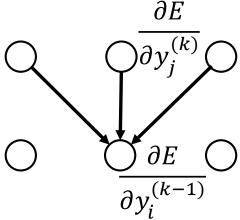


#### Core steps

 Convert the discrepancy between each output and its target value into an error derivate.

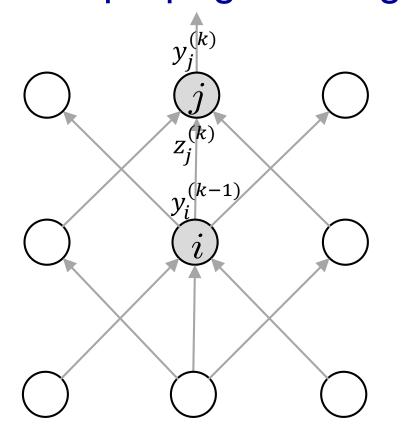
- 2. Compute error derivatives in each hidden layer from error derivatives in the layer above.
- 3. Use error derivatives *w.r.t.* activities to get error derivatives *w.r.t.* the incoming weights





$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j^{(k)}} \longrightarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ji}^{(k-1)}}$$





$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j^{(k)}} \qquad = \frac{\partial g\left(z_j^{(k)}\right)}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_j^{(k)}}$$

#### **Notation**

 $y_j^{(k)}$ 

Output of layer *k* 

Connections:  $z_{j}^{(k)} = \sum_{i} w_{ji}^{(k-1)} y_{i}^{(k-1)}$  $y_{j}^{(k)} = g\left(z_{j}^{(k)}\right)$ 

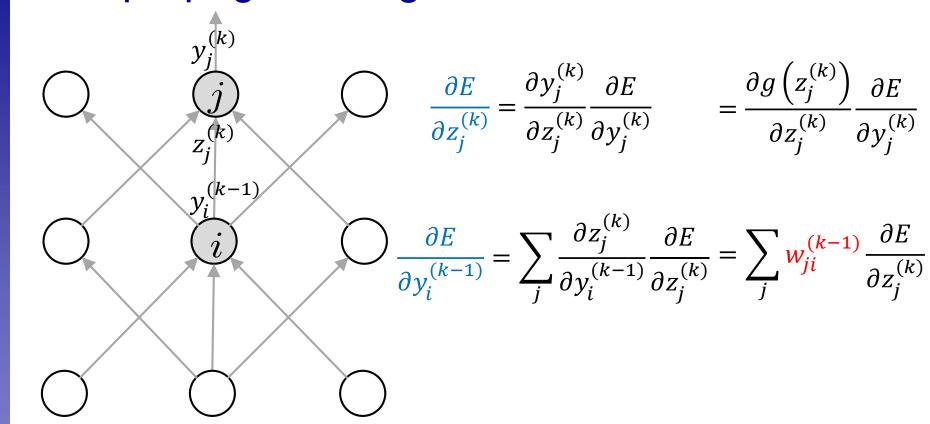
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Input of layer k

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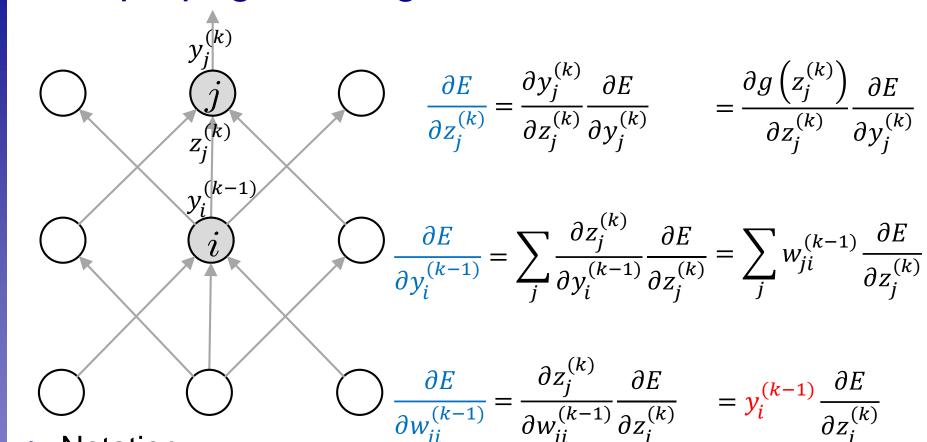


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- $> Z_i^{(k)}$ Input of layer k

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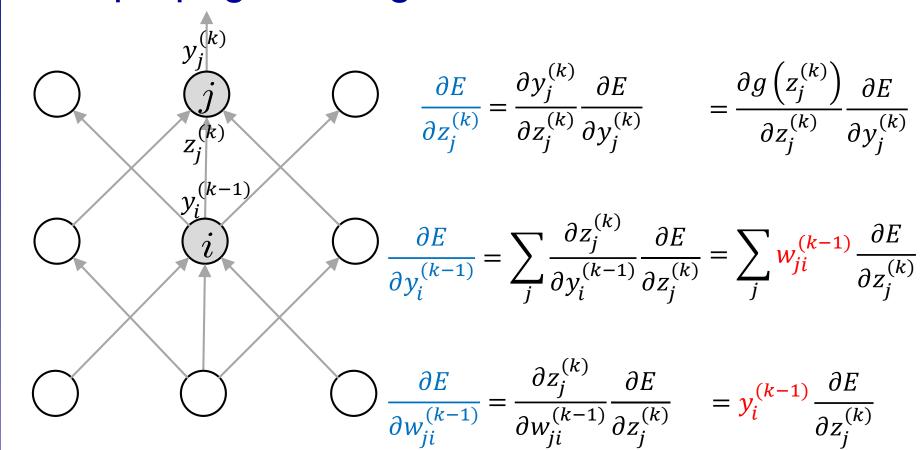


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- Efficient propagation scheme
  - $y_i^{(k-1)}$  is already known from forward pass! (Dynamic Programming)
  - $\Rightarrow$  Propagate back the gradient from layer k and multiply with  $y_i^{(k-1)}$ . 65



# Summary: MLP Backpropagation

#### Forward Pass

$$\mathbf{y}^{(0)} = \mathbf{x}$$
for  $k = 1, ..., l$  do
 $\mathbf{z}^{(k)} = \mathbf{W}^{(k)} \mathbf{y}^{(k-1)}$ 
 $\mathbf{y}^{(k)} = g_k(\mathbf{z}^{(k)})$ 
endfor
 $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^{(l)}$ 
 $E = L(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}) + \lambda \Omega(\mathbf{W})$ 

#### Backward Pass

$$\mathbf{h} \leftarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{y}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} L(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{y}) + \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \Omega$$
for  $k = l, l\text{-}1, ..., 1$  do
$$\mathbf{h} \leftarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(k)}} = \mathbf{h} \odot g'(\mathbf{y}^{(k)})$$

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(k)}} = \mathbf{h} \mathbf{y}^{(k-1)\top} + \lambda \frac{\partial \Omega}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(k)}}$$

$$\mathbf{h} \leftarrow \frac{\partial E}{\partial \mathbf{y}^{(k-1)}} = \mathbf{W}^{(k)\top} \mathbf{h}$$
endfor

#### Notes

- ightharpoonup For efficiency, an entire batch of data  ${f X}$  is processed at once.
- O denotes the element-wise product



# **Analysis: Backpropagation**

- Backpropagation is the key to make deep NNs tractable
  - However...
- The Backprop algorithm given here is specific to MLPs
  - It does not work with more complex architectures, e.g. skip connections or recurrent networks!
  - Whenever a new connection function induces a different functional form of the chain rule, you have to derive a new Backprop algorithm for it.

- ⇒ Tedious...
- Let's analyze Backprop in more detail
  - This will lead us to a more flexible algorithm formulation
  - Next lecture...



## References and Further Reading

 More information on Neural Networks can be found in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Goodfellow & Bengio book

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