Topics:

- Jacobians/Matrix Calculus continued
- Backpropagation / Automatic Differentiation

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- **Assignment 1 out!**
  - **Due Feb 2nd (with grace period 4th)**
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- Resources:
  - These lectures
  - Matrix calculus for deep learning
  - Gradients notes and MLP/ReLU Jacobian notes.
  - Assignment 1 (@57) and matrix calculus (@80), convex optimization (@82)

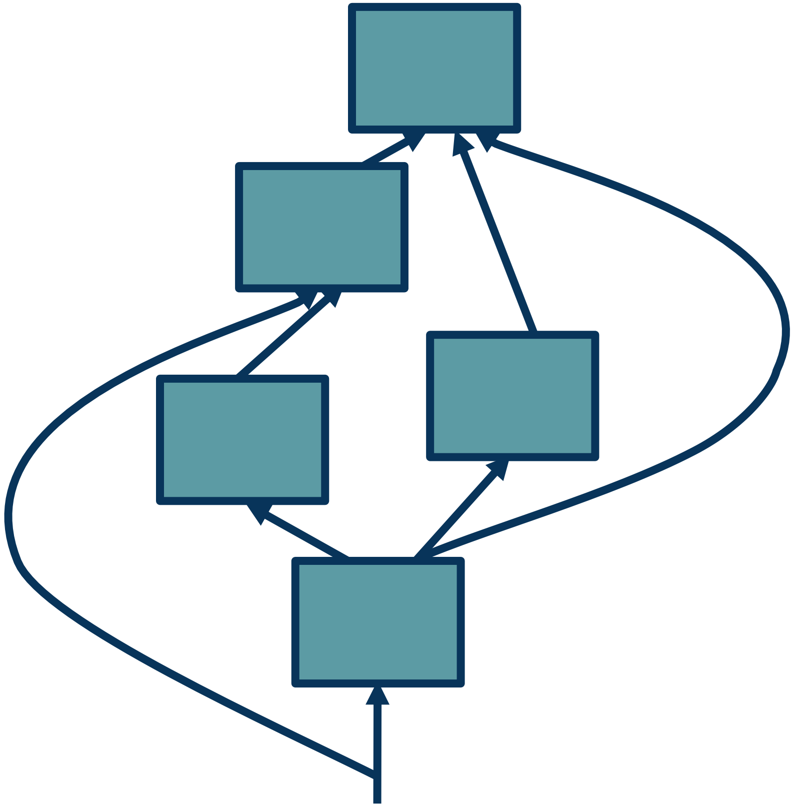
- Piazza: Project teaming thread
  - Will post video of project overview

To develop a general algorithm for this, we will view the function as a **computation graph**

Graph can be any **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**

- Modules must be differentiable to support gradient computations for gradient descent

A **training algorithm** will then process this graph, **one module at a time**



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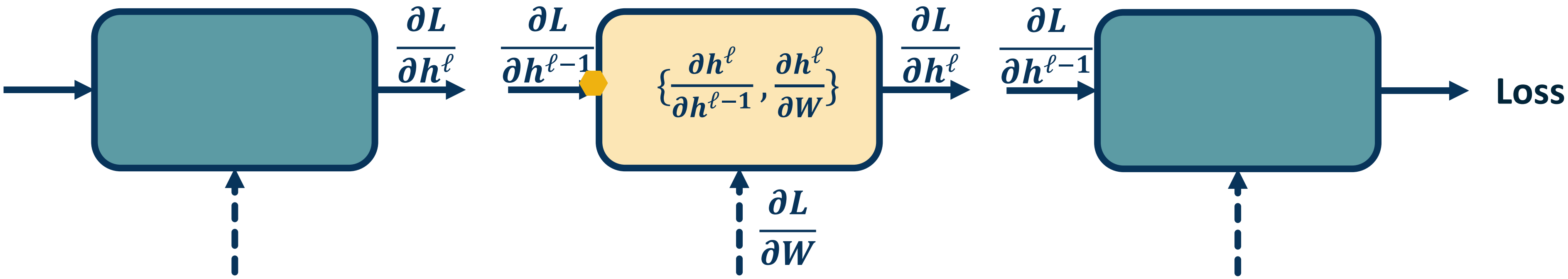
- We want to to compute: $\left\{\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial W}\right\}$



- We will use the *chain rule* to do this:

Chain Rule: $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$

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Backpropagation: a simple example

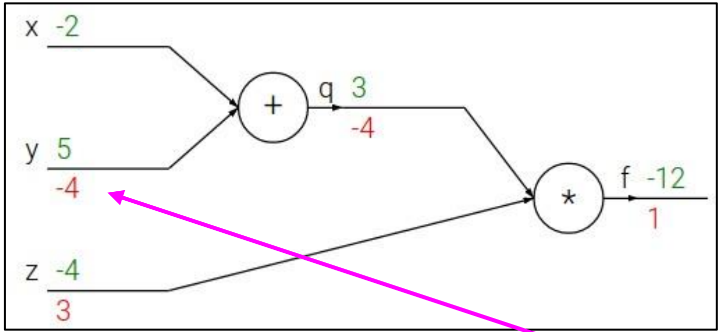
$$f(x, y, z) = (x + y)z$$

e.g. x = -2, y = 5, z = -4

$$q = x + y \qquad \frac{\partial q}{\partial x} = 1, \frac{\partial q}{\partial y} = 1$$

$$f = qz \qquad \frac{\partial f}{\partial q} = z, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = q$$

Want: $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$



$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

Chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial q}\frac{\partial q}{\partial y}$$

Upstream gradient

Local gradient

Conventions:

- Size of derivatives for scalars, vectors, and matrices:
  Assume we have scalar $\boldsymbol{s} \in \mathbb{R}^1$, vector $\boldsymbol{v} \in \mathbb{R}^m$, i.e. $\boldsymbol{v} = [v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_m]^T$
  and matrix $\boldsymbol{M} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times \ell}$

	$\boldsymbol{S}$ [ ]	$\boldsymbol{V}$ [ ]	$\boldsymbol{M}$ [ ]
$\boldsymbol{S}$	$\frac{\partial s_1}{\partial s_2}$ [ ]	$\frac{\partial s}{\partial v}$ [ ]	$\frac{\partial s}{\partial M}$ [ ]
$\boldsymbol{V}$	$\frac{\partial v}{\partial s}$ [ ]	$\frac{\partial v_1}{\partial v_2}$ [ ]	
$\boldsymbol{M}$	$\frac{\partial M}{\partial s}$ [ ]		Tensors

- What is the size of $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$?
  - Remember that loss is a **scalar** and W is a matrix:

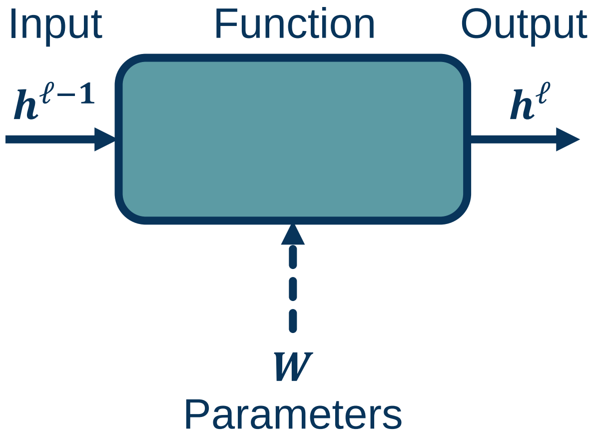
$$\begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & w_{12} & \cdots & w_{1m} & b1 \\ w_{21} & w_{22} & \cdots & w_{2m} & b2 \\ w_{31} & w_{32} & \cdots & w_{3m} & b3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$W$$

Jacobian is also a matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{11}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{12}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{1m}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{21}} & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{2m}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_2} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial w_{3m}} & \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

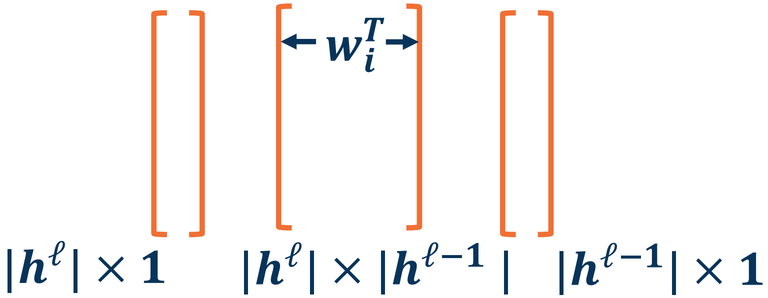
Dimensionality of Derivatives in ML



Define:

$$h_i^{\ell} = w_i^T h^{\ell-1}$$

$$h^{\ell} = W h^{\ell-1}$$



$$h^{\ell} = W h^{\ell-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = W$$

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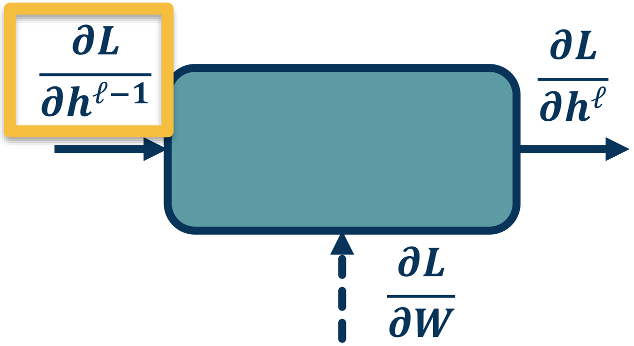

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell}} \frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}$$

$1 \times |h^{\ell-1}|$ $\quad$ $1 \times |h^{\ell}|$ $\quad$ $|h^{\ell}| \times |h^{\ell-1}|$

Fully Connected (FC) Layer

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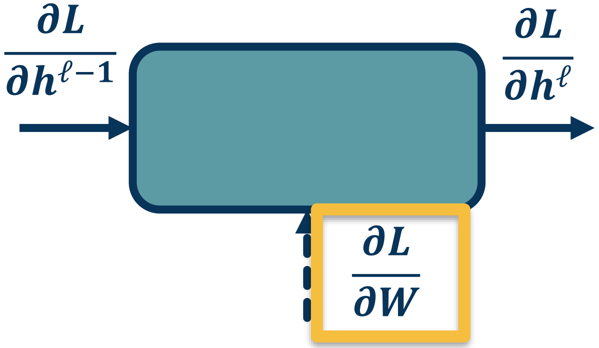
$$h^{\ell} = W h^{\ell-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = W$$

Define:

$$h_i^{\ell} = w_i^T h^{\ell-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_i^{\ell}}{\partial w_i^T} = h^{(\ell-1),T}$$



Note doing this on full W matrix would result in Jacobian tensor!

But it is *sparse* – each output only affected by corresponding weight row

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i^T} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell}} \frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial w_i^T}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \leftarrow & 0 & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & \frac{\partial h_i^{\ell}}{\partial w_i^T} & \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow & 0 & \rightarrow \end{bmatrix}$$

$1 \times |h^{\ell-1}|$ $\quad 1 \times |h^{\ell}|$ $\quad |h^{\ell}| \times |h^{\ell-1}|$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \quad \end{bmatrix}$$

Iterate and populate

Note can simplify/vectorize!

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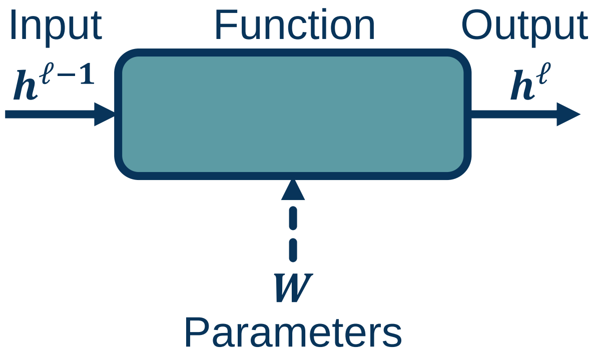
Jacobian of ReLU

Full Jacobian of ReLU layer is **large** (output dim x input dim)

- But again it is **sparse**
- Only **diagonal values non-zero** because it is element-wise
- An output value affected only by **corresponding input value**

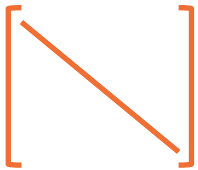
Max function **funnels gradients through selected max**

- Gradient will be **zero** if input **<= 0**



Forward: $h^{\ell} = \max(0, h^{\ell-1})$

Backward: $\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{\ell}} \frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial h^{\ell-1}}$



$|h^{\ell} \times h^{\ell-1}|$

For diagonal

$$\frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} = \begin{cases} 1 & if\ h^{\ell-1} > 0 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

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- Neural networks involves composing simple functions into a **computation graph**

- Optimization (updating weights) of this graph is through backpropagation
  - Recursive algorithm: Gradient descent (partial derivatives) plus chain rule

- Remaining questions:
  - How does this work with vectors, matrices, tensors?
    - Across a composed function? **This Time!**
  - How can we implement this algorithmically to make these calculations automatic? **Automatic Differentiation**

Summary

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Vectorizaiton in Function Compositions

Composition of Functions: $f(g(x)) = (f \circ g)(x)$

A complex function (e.g. defined by a neural network):

$$f(x) = g_{\ell}\left(g_{\ell-1}\left(\dots g_1(x)\right)\right)$$

$$f(x) = g_{\ell} \circ g_{\ell-1} \dots \circ g_1(x)$$

(Many of these will be parameterized)

(Note you might find the opposite notation as well!)

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^1 \xrightarrow{g_1()} z \in \mathbb{R}^1 \xrightarrow{g_2()} y \in \mathbb{R}^1$$

✓ Loss

$$y = g_2(g_1(x))$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

Scalar mult

Scalar Case

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Vector Case

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d \xrightarrow[g_1()]{} \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m \xrightarrow[g_2()]{} y \in \mathbb{R}^c$$

$$\mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^m \qquad \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^c$$

matrix matrix

$$\left[\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}}\right] = \left[\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{z}}\right] \cdot \left[\frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{x}}\right]$$

$$J_{g_2 \circ g_1} = J_{g_2} \cdot J_{g_1}$$

Jacobian View of Chain Rule

Graphical View of Chain Rule

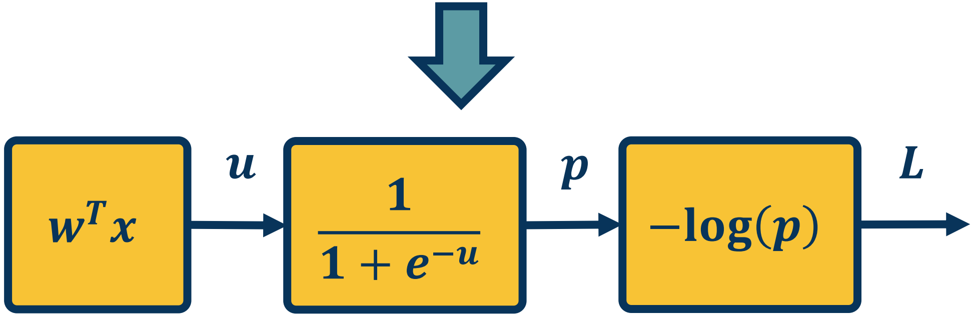
Chain Rule: Cascaded

We have discussed **computation graphs for generic functions**

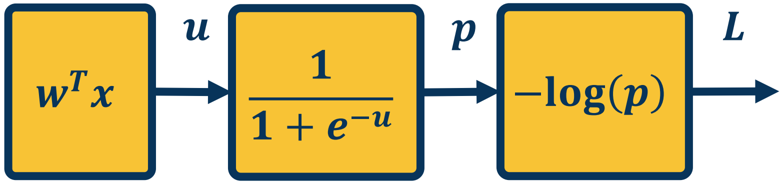
Machine Learning functions
(input -> model -> loss function)
is also a computation graph

We can use the **computed gradients from backprop/automatic differentiation** to update the weights!

$$-\log\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-w^T x}}\right)$$



Neural Network Computation Graph



$$\bar{L} = 1$$

$$\bar{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} = -\frac{1}{p}$$

where $p = \sigma(w^T x)$ and $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p}\frac{\partial p}{\partial u} = \bar{p}\,\sigma(1-\sigma)$$

$$\bar{w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u}\frac{\partial u}{\partial w} = \bar{u}x^T$$

We can do this in a combined way to see all terms together:

$$\bar{w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p}\frac{\partial p}{\partial u}\frac{\partial u}{\partial w} = \bar{L}\,\bar{p}\,\bar{u} = -\frac{1}{\sigma(w^T x)}\sigma(w^T x)(1-\sigma(w^T x))x^T$$
$$= -\left(1-\sigma(w^T x)\right)x^T$$

This effectively shows gradient flow along path from L to w

Example Gradient Computations

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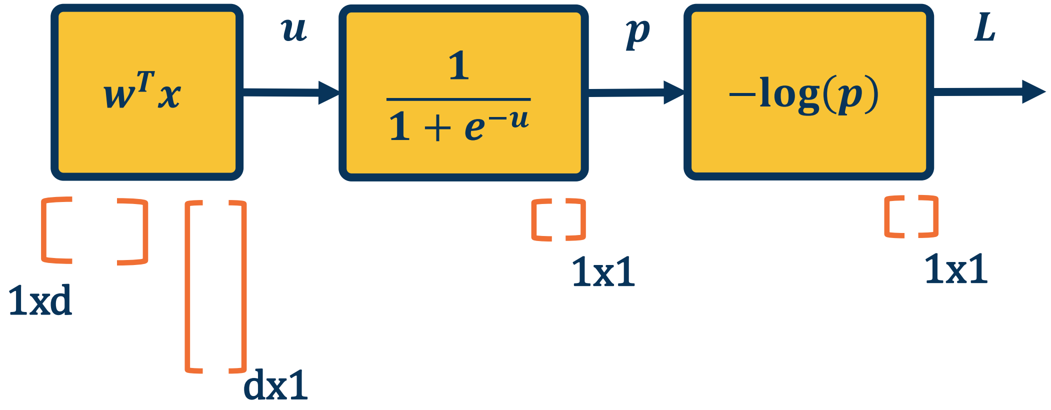
The chain rule can be computed as a **series of scalar, vector, and matrix linear algebra operations**



Extremely efficient in graphics processing units (GPUs)

$$\bar{w} = -\frac{1}{\sigma(w^T x)} \sigma(w^T x)(1 - \sigma(w^T x))x^T$$

1x1 1x1 1x1 1xd

Vectorized Computations

Many **standard regularization methods** still apply!

L1 Regularization

$$L = |y - Wx_i|^2 + \lambda|W|$$

where $|W|$ is element-wise

Example regularizations:

- L1/L2 on weights (encourage small values)
- L2: $L = |y - Wx_i|^2 + \lambda|W|^2$ (weight decay)
- Elastic L1/L2: $|y - Wx_i|^2 + \alpha|W|^2 + \beta|W|$

Different Views of Equivalent Ideas

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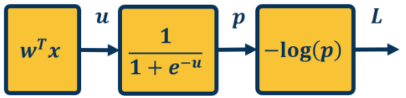

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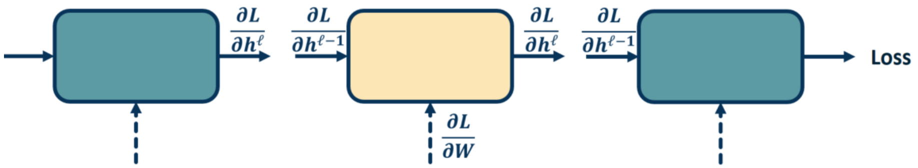
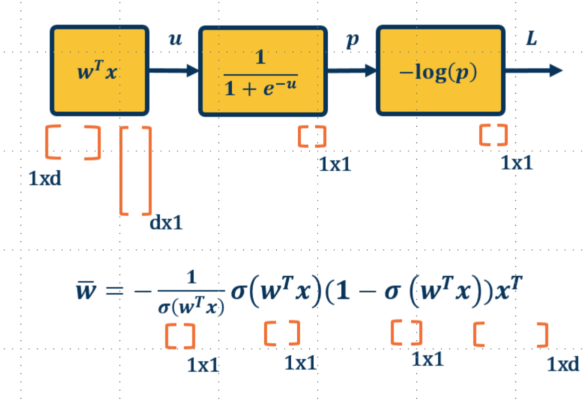
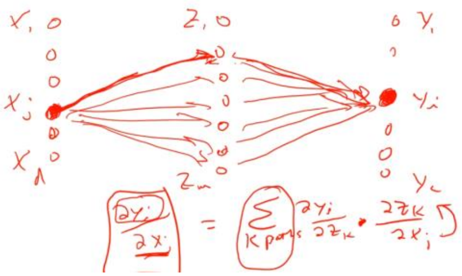
Computation Graph of primitives (automatic differentiation)



Backpropagation View (Recursive Algorithm)



Computational / Tensor View



Graph View

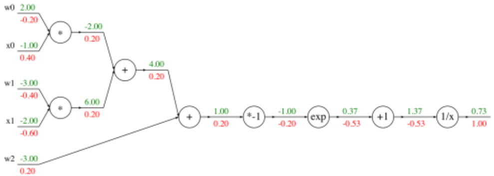
Backpropagation and Automatic Differentiation

Deep Learning = Differentiable Programming

- Computation = Graph
  - Input = Data + Parameters
  - Output = Loss
  - Scheduling = Topological ordering

- What do we need to do?
  - Generic code for representing the graph of modules
  - Specify modules (both forward and backward function)

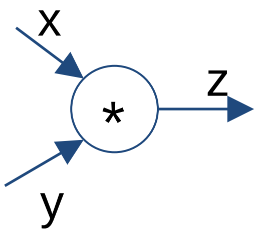
Modularized implementation: forward / backward API



Graph (or Net) object *(rough psuedo 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



(x,y,z are scalars)

```
class MultiplyGate(object):
    def forward(x,y):
        z = x*y
        return z
    def backward(dz):
        # dx = ... #todo
        # dy = ... #todo
        return [dx, dy]
```

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x}$$

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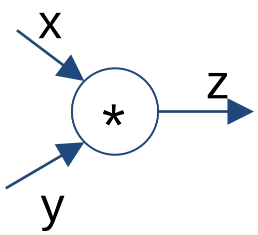

(x,y,z are scalars)

```
class MultiplyGate(object):
    def forward(x,y):
        z = x*y
        self.x = x # must keep these around!
        self.y = y
        return z
    def backward(dz):
        dx = self.y * dz # [dz/dx * dL/dz]
        dy = self.x * dz # [dz/dy * dL/dz]
        return [dx, dy]
```

Example: Caffe layers

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Caffe Sigmoid Layer

```
#include <cmath>
#include <vector>

#include "caffe/layers/sigmoid_layer.hpp"

namespace caffe {

template <typename Dtype>
inline Dtype sigmoid(Dtype x) {
  return 1. / (1. + exp(-x));
}

template <typename Dtype>
void SigmoidLayer<Dtype>::Forward_cpu(const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& bottom,
    const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& top) {
  const Dtype* bottom_data = bottom[0]->cpu_data();
  Dtype* top_data = top[0]->mutable_cpu_data();
  const int count = bottom[0]->count();
  for (int i = 0; i < count; ++i) {
    top_data[i] = sigmoid(bottom_data[i]);
  }
}

template <typename Dtype>
void SigmoidLayer<Dtype>::Backward_cpu(const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& top,
    const vector<bool>& propagate_down,
    const vector<Blob<Dtype>*>& bottom) {
  if (propagate_down[0]) {
    const Dtype* top_data = top[0]->cpu_data();
    const Dtype* top_diff = top[0]->cpu_diff();
    Dtype* bottom_diff = bottom[0]->mutable_cpu_diff();
    const int count = bottom[0]->count();
    for (int i = 0; i < count; ++i) {
      const Dtype sigmoid_x = top_data[i];
      bottom_diff[i] = top_diff[i] * sigmoid_x * (1. - sigmoid_x);
    }
  }
}

#ifdef CPU_ONLY
STUB_GPU(SigmoidLayer);
#endif

INSTANTIATE_CLASS(SigmoidLayer);


}  // namespace caffe
```

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

$(1-\sigma(x))\,\sigma(x)$ * top_diff (chain rule)

Backpropagation does not really spell out how to **efficiently** carry out the necessary computations

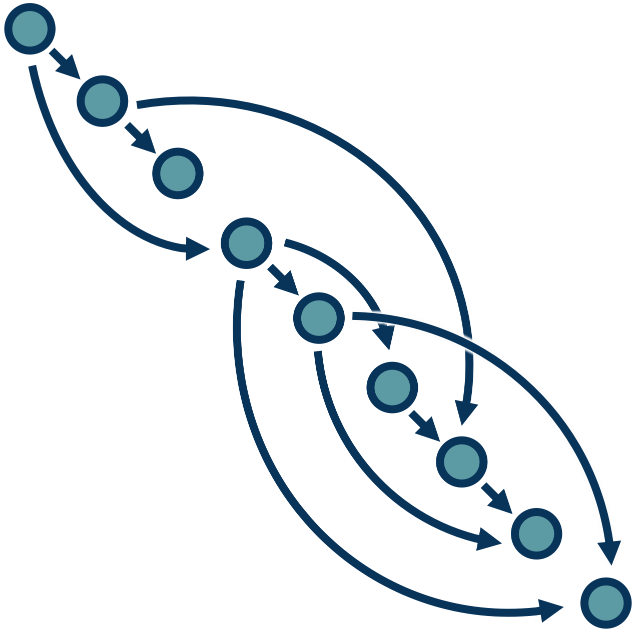
But the idea can be applied to **any directed acyclic graph (DAG)**

- Graph represents an **ordering constraining** which paths must be calculated first

Given an ordering, we can then iterate from the last module backwards, **applying the chain rule**

- We will store, for each node, its **gradient outputs for efficient computation**
- We will do this **automatically** by computing backwards function for primitives and as you write code, express the function with them

This is called reverse-mode **automatic differentiation**



A General Framework

Computation = Graph

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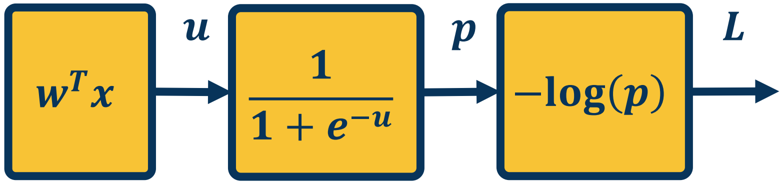
Auto-Diff

- A family of algorithms for implementing chain-rule on computation graphs



Automatic differentiation:

- Carries out this procedure for us on arbitrary graphs
- Knows derivatives of primitive functions
- As a result, we just define these (forward) functions **and don't even need to specify the gradient (backward) functions!**

$$\bar{L} = 1$$

$$\bar{p} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} = -\frac{1}{p}$$

where $p = \sigma(w^T x)$ and $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$

$$\bar{u} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p}\frac{\partial p}{\partial u} = \bar{p}\,\sigma(1-\sigma)$$

$$\bar{w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial u}\frac{\partial u}{\partial w} = \bar{u}x^T$$

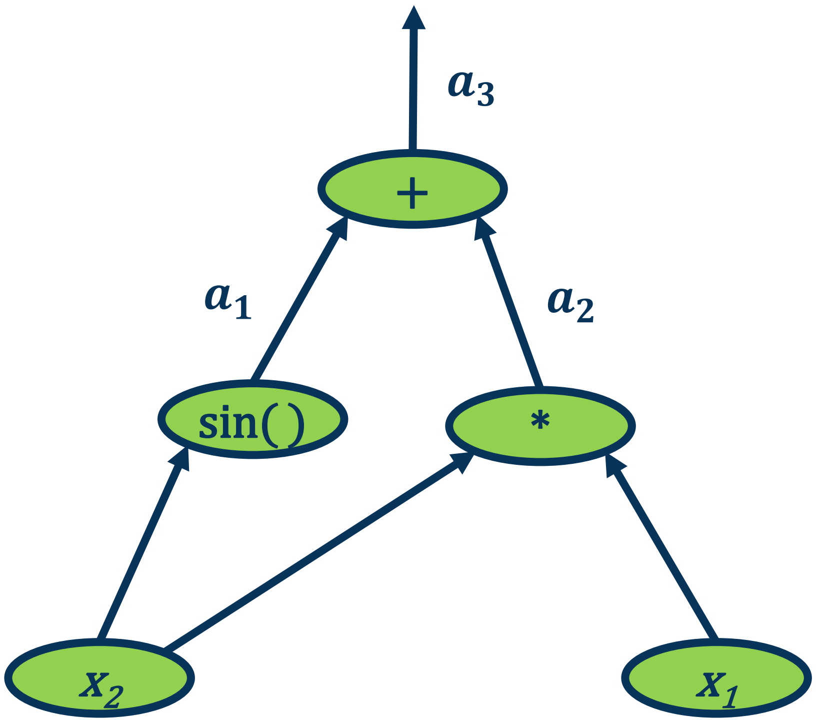
We can do this in a combined way to see all terms together:

$$\bar{w} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial p}\frac{\partial p}{\partial u}\frac{\partial u}{\partial w} = -\frac{1}{\sigma(w^T x)}\sigma(w^T x)(1-\sigma(w^T x))x^T$$
$$= -\left(1-\sigma(w^T x)\right)x^T$$

This effectively shows gradient flow along path from L to w

Example Gradient Computations

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



We want to find the **partial derivative of output f** (output) with respect to **all intermediate variables**

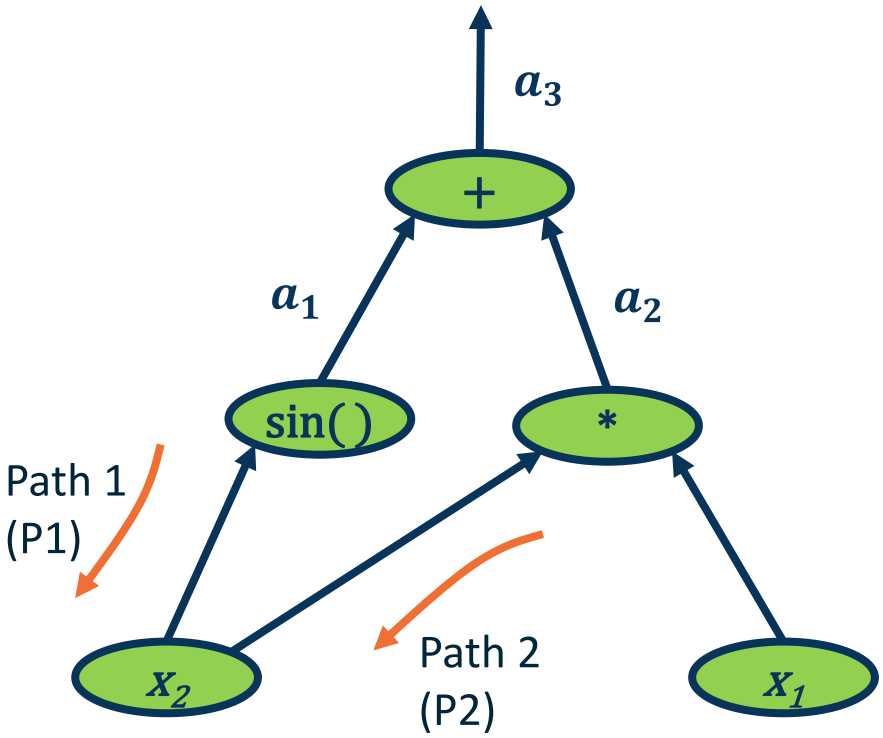
- Assign intermediate variables

  Simplify notation:

  Denote bar as: $\overline{a_3} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_3}$

- Start at **end** and move **backward**

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



$$\overline{a_3} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_3} = 1$$

$$\overline{a_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_3}\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial a_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_3}\frac{\partial (a_1 + a_2)}{\partial a_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_3}\, 1 = \overline{a_3}$$

$$\overline{a_2} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_3}\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial a_2} = \overline{a_3}$$

$$\overline{x_2^{P1}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_1}\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial x_2} = \overline{a_1}\;\cos(x_2)$$

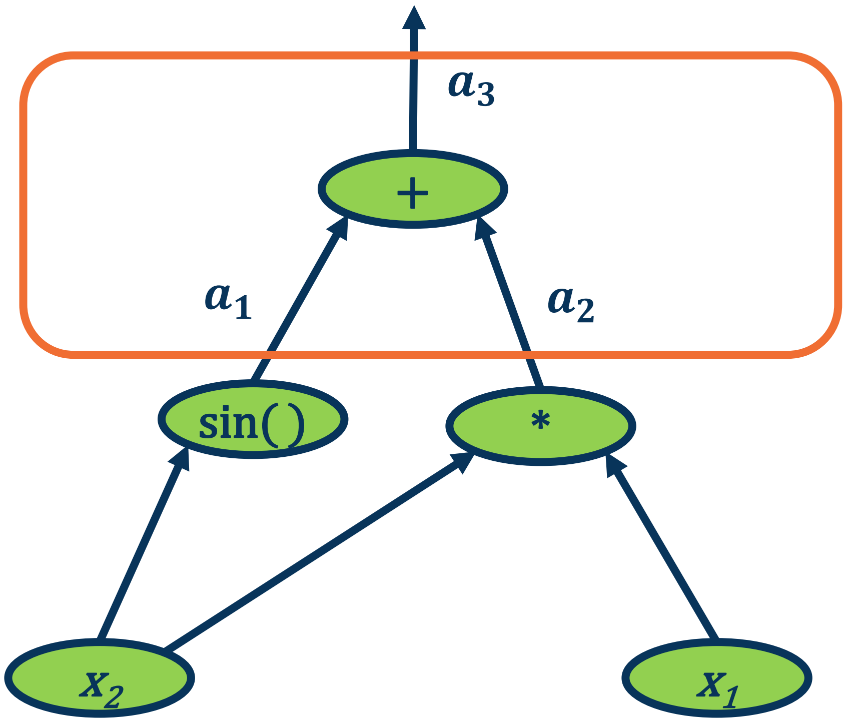
$$\overline{x_2^{P2}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2}\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2}\frac{\partial (x1x2)}{\partial x_2} = \overline{a_2} x_1$$

Gradients from multiple paths **summed**

$$\overline{x_1} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial a_2}\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial x_1} = \overline{a_2} x_2$$

Example

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



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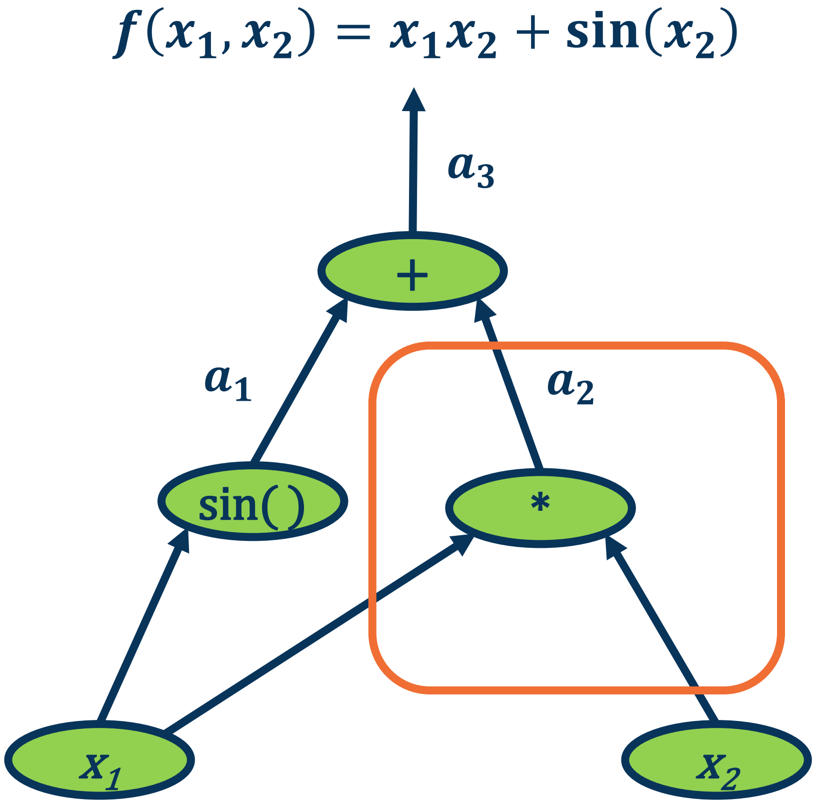
Addition operation distributes gradients along all paths!



Multiplication operation is a gradient switcher (multiplies it by the values of the other term)

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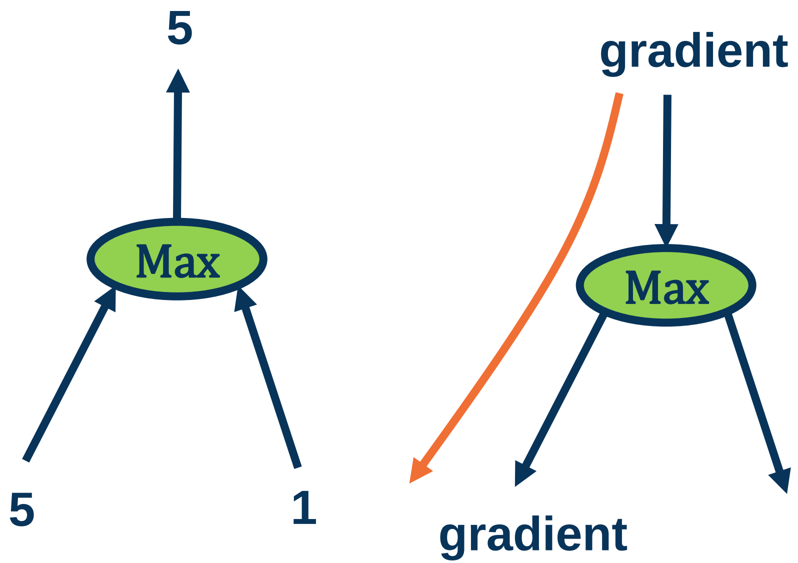
Several other patterns as well, e.g.:

Max operation **selects** which path to push the gradients through

- Gradient flows along the path that was “selected” to be max
- This information must be recorded in the forward pass



The flow of gradients is one of the **most important aspects** in deep neural networks

- If gradients **do not flow backwards properly,** learning slows or stops!

- Key idea is to **explicitly store computation graph** in memory and **corresponding gradient functions**

- **Nodes** broken down to **basic primitive computations** (addition, multiplication, log, etc.) for which **corresponding derivative is known**

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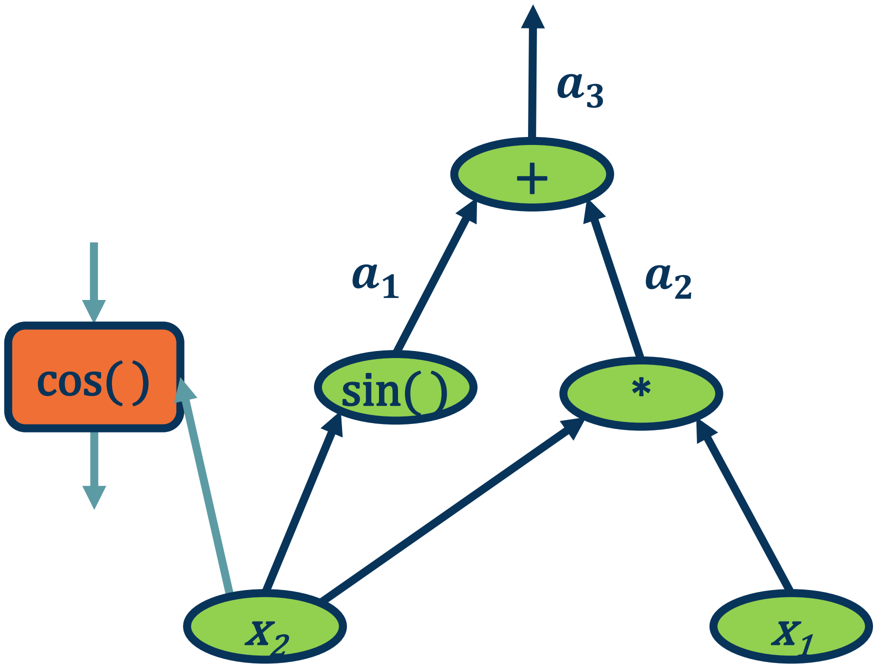

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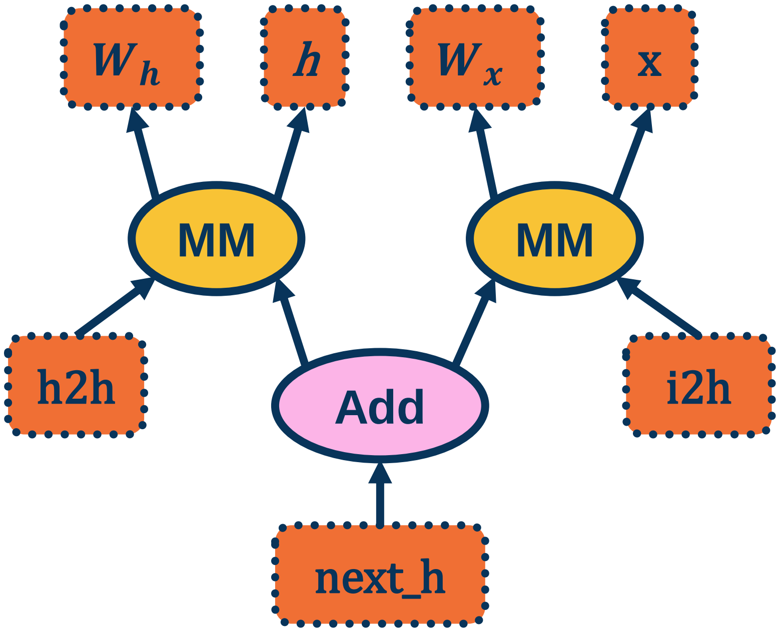
A graph is created on the fly

```
from torch.autograd import Variable

x = Variable(torch.randn(1, 20))
prev_h = Variable(torch.randn(1, 20))
W_h = Variable(torch.randn(20, 20))
W_x = Variable(torch.randn(20, 20))

i2h = torch.mm(W_x, x.t())
h2h = torch.mm(W_h, prev_h.t())
next_h = i2h + h2h
```



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Back-propagation uses the dynamically built graph

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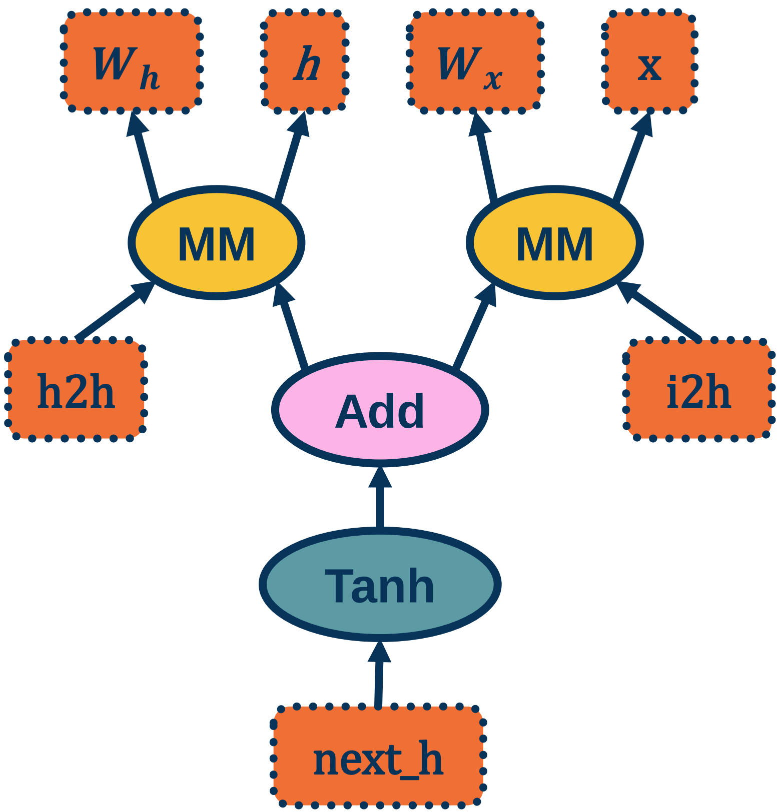
i2h = torch.mm(W_x, x.t())
h2h = torch.mm(W_h, prev_h.t())
next_h = i2h + h2h
next_h = next_h.tanh()

next_h.backward(torch.ones(1, 20))
```



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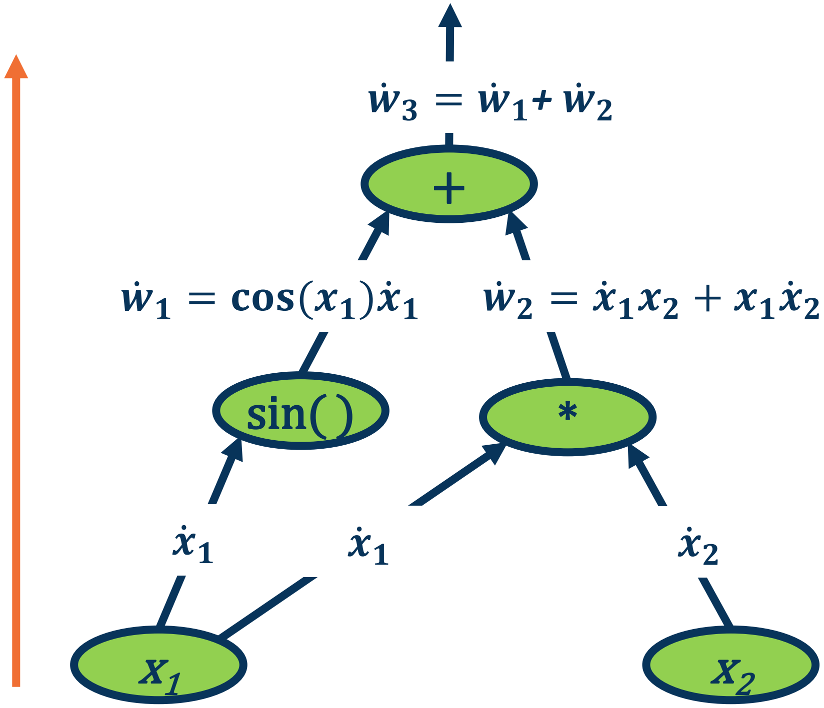
Note that we can also do **forward mode** automatic differentiation

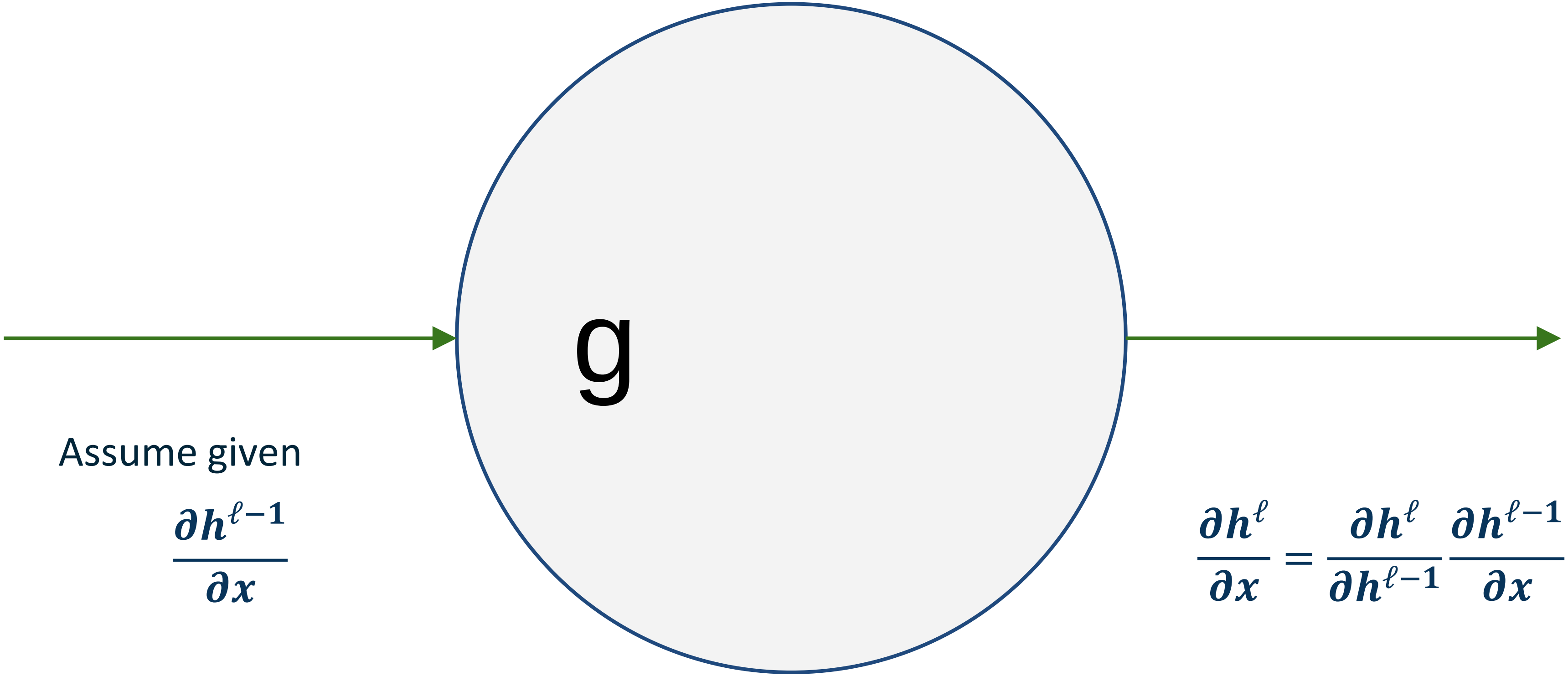
Start from **inputs** and propagate gradients forward

Complexity is proportional to input size

- Memory savings (all forward pass, no need to store activations)
- However, in most cases our **inputs** (images) are large and **outputs** (loss) are small



Forward Mode Autodifferentiation



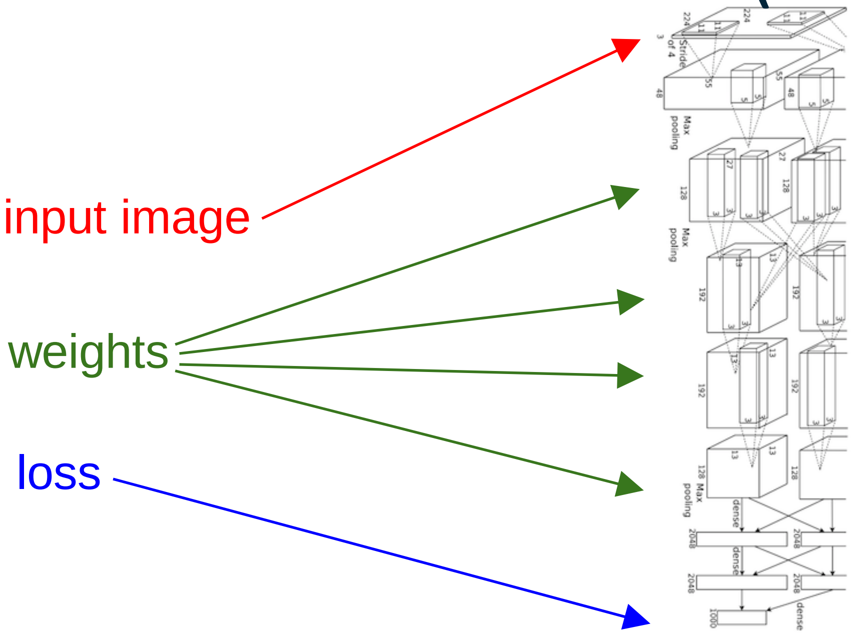
Assume given

$$\frac{\partial h^{\ell-1}}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial h^{\ell}}{\partial h^{\ell-1}} \frac{\partial h^{\ell-1}}{\partial x}$$

See https://www.cc.gatech.edu/classes/AY2020/cs7643_spring/slides/autodiff_forward_reverse.pdf

Convolutional network (AlexNet)



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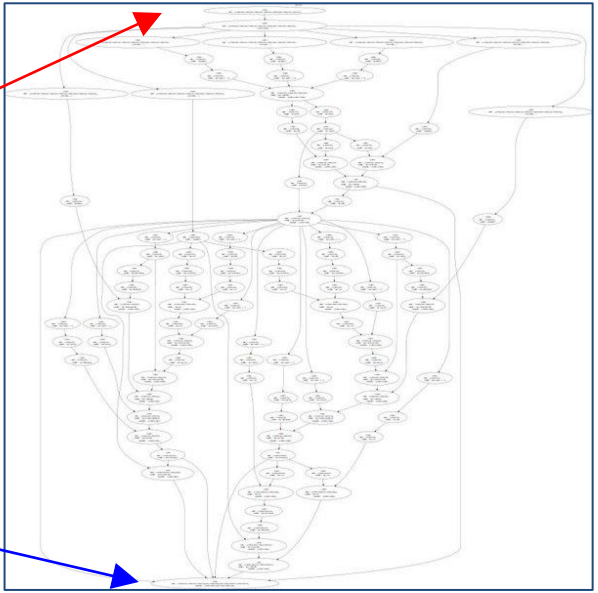
Neural Turing Machine

input image

loss



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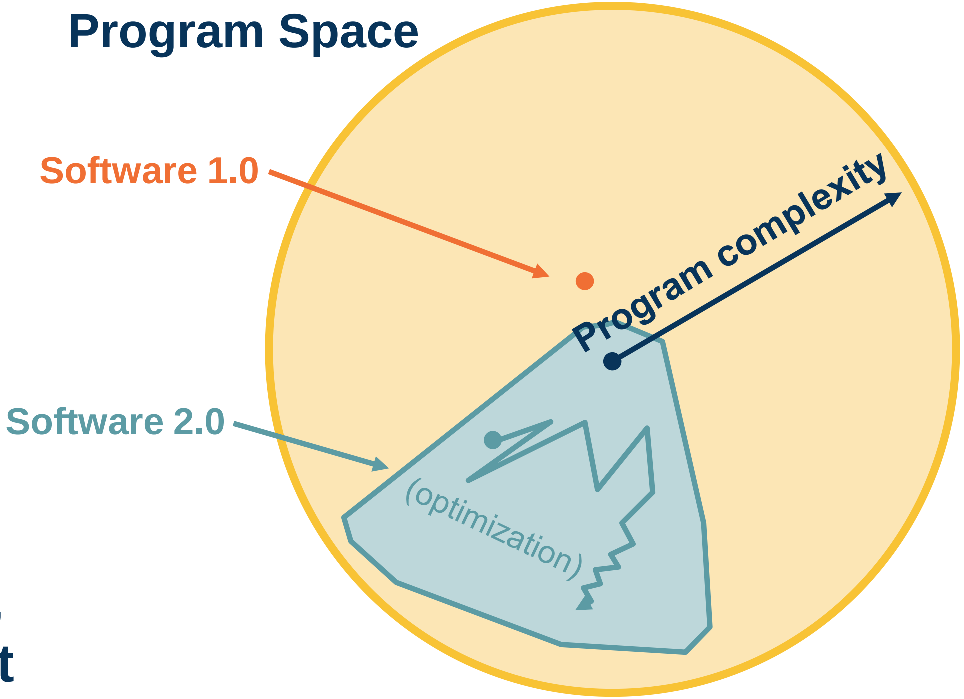
- Computation graphs are **not limited to mathematical functions!**
- Can have **control flows** (if statements, loops) and **backpropagate** through **algorithms**!
- Can be done **dynamically** so that **gradients are computed**, then **nodes are added, repeat**
- **Differentiable programming**



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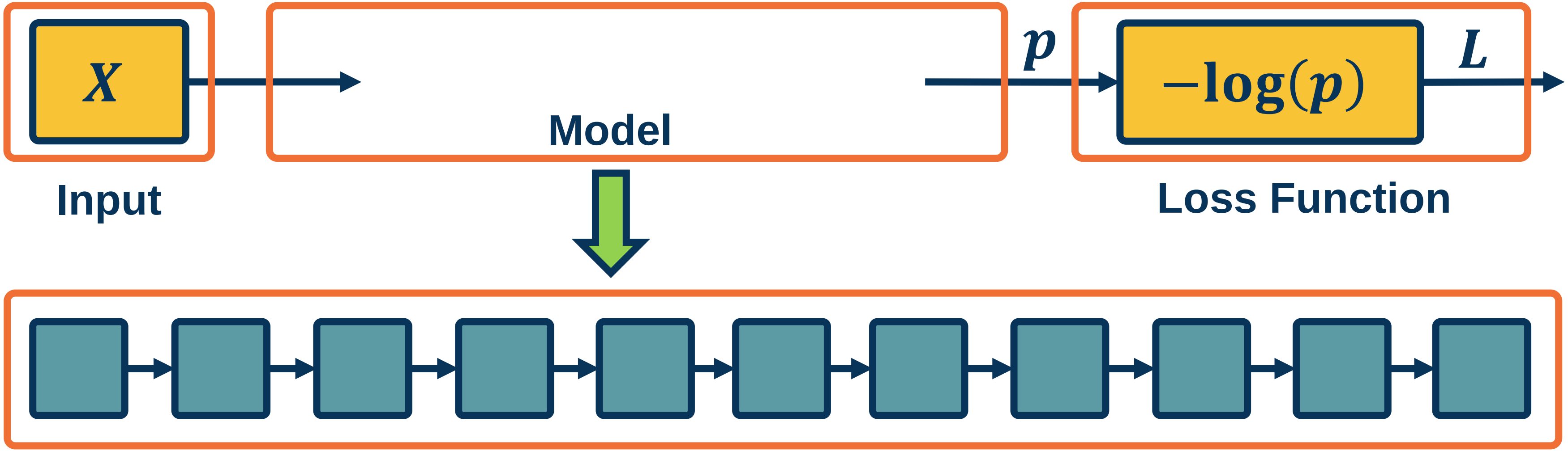
Optimization of Deep Neural Networks Overview

Backpropagation, and automatic differentiation, allows us to optimize **any** function composed of differentiable blocks

- **No need to modify** the learning algorithm!
- The complexity of the function is only limited by **computation and memory**



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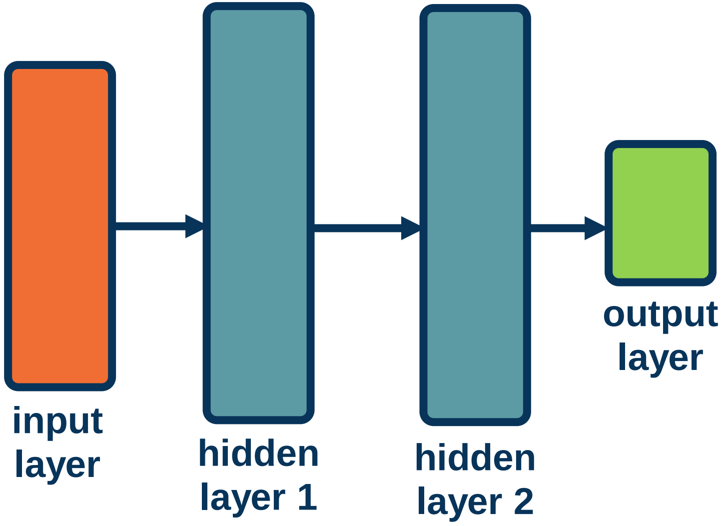
A network with two or more hidden layers is often considered a **deep** model

Depth is important:

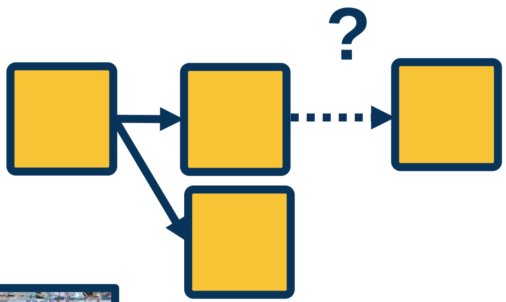
- Structure the model to represent an inherently compositional world
- Theoretical evidence that it leads to parameter efficiency
- Gentle dimensionality reduction (if done right)

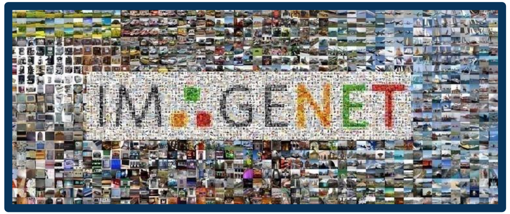


Importance of Depth

There are still many design decisions that must be made:

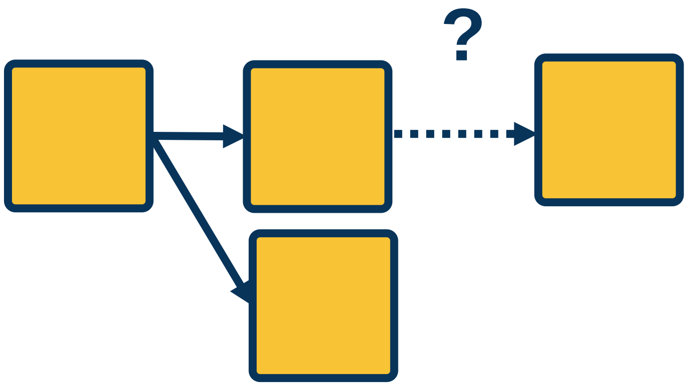
- **Architecture**
- **Data Considerations**
- **Training and Optimization**
- **Machine Learning Considerations**

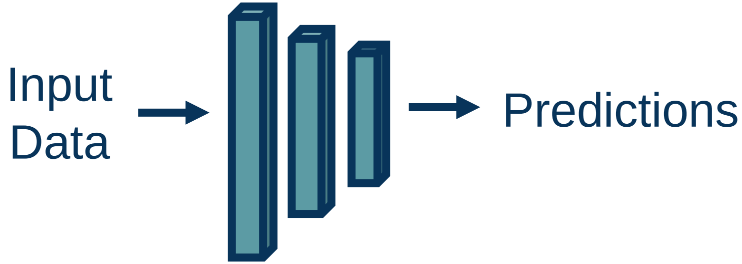




We must design the **neural network architecture:**

- What **modules (layers)** should we use?
- How should they **be connected together**?
- Can we use our **domain knowledge** to add architectural biases?





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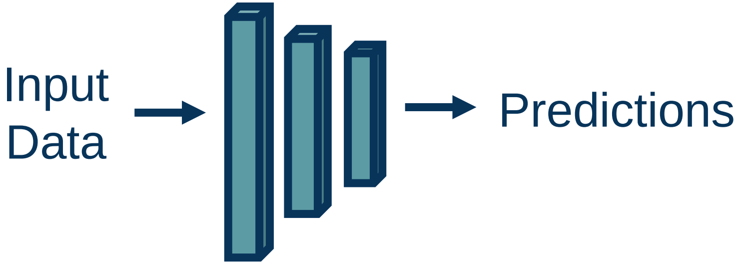
Neural Network



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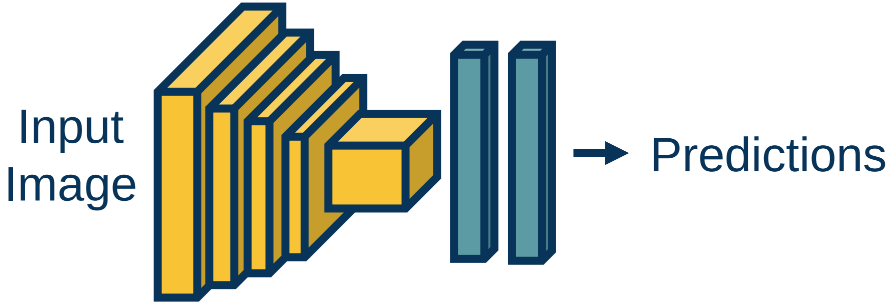
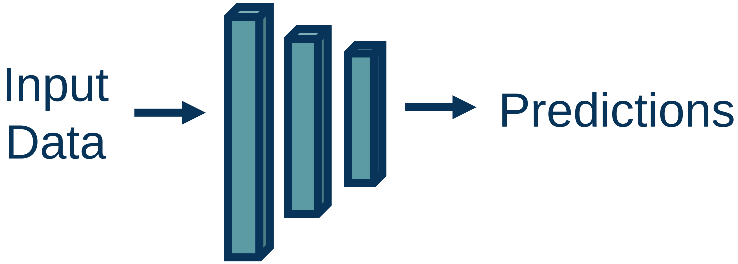


Convolutional Neural Networks

Example Architectures



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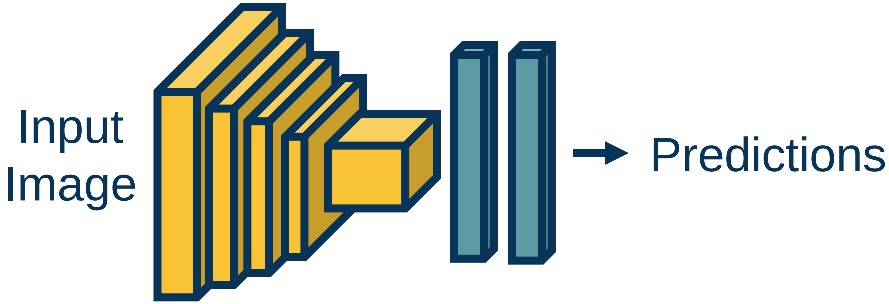

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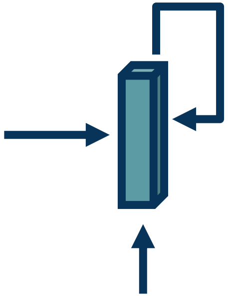
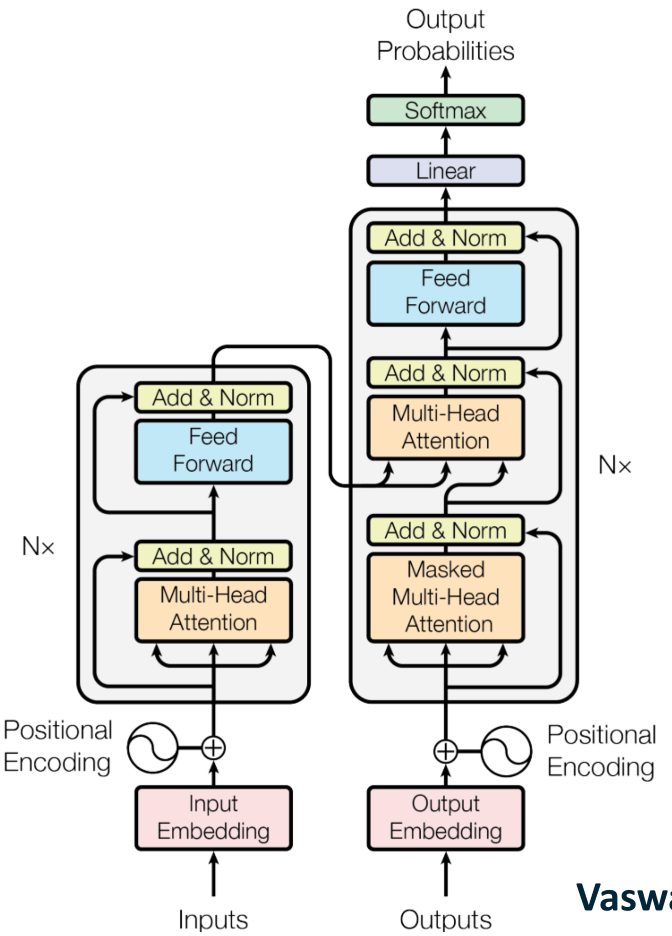


Recurrent Neural Network

Before: Different architectures are suitable for different applications or types of input

Example Architectures



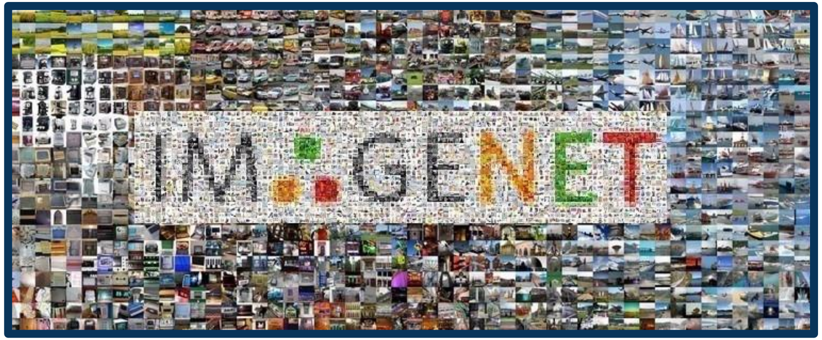
Now: Transformers for all input modalities!

Vaswani et al., Attention Is All You Need

Example Architectures

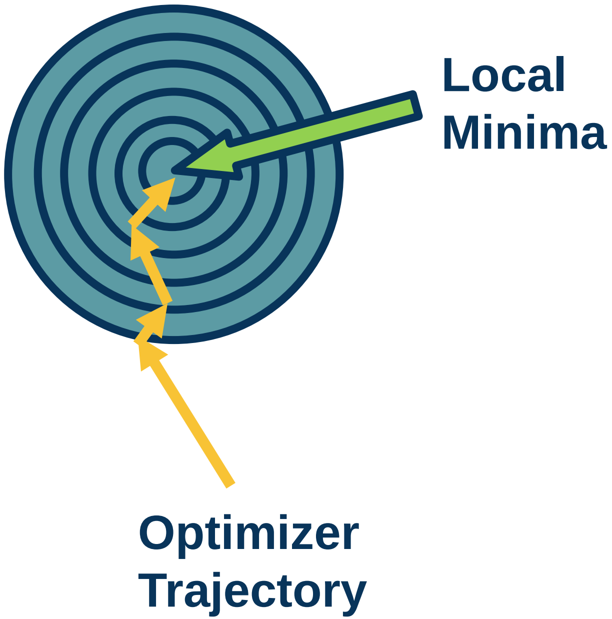
As in traditional machine learning, **data** is key:

- Should we **pre-process** the data?
- Should we **normalize** it?
- Can we **augment** our data by adding noise or other perturbations?



Even given a good neural network architecture, we need a **good optimization algorithm to find good weights**

- What **optimizer** should we use?
  - Different optimizers make **different weight updates** depending on the gradients
- How should we **initialize** the weights?
- What **regularizers** should we use?
- What **loss function** is appropriate?



Optimization Considerations

Machine Learning Considerations

The practice of machine learning is complex: For your particular application you have to **trade off** all of the considerations together

- Trade-off between **model capacity** (e.g. measured by # of parameters) and **amount of data**
- Adding **appropriate biases** based on knowledge of the domain