

*Optimization*

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**Backpropagation**  
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# Review

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# Notation Summary

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$a_i^l$  : output of a neuron

$w_{ij}^l$  : a weight

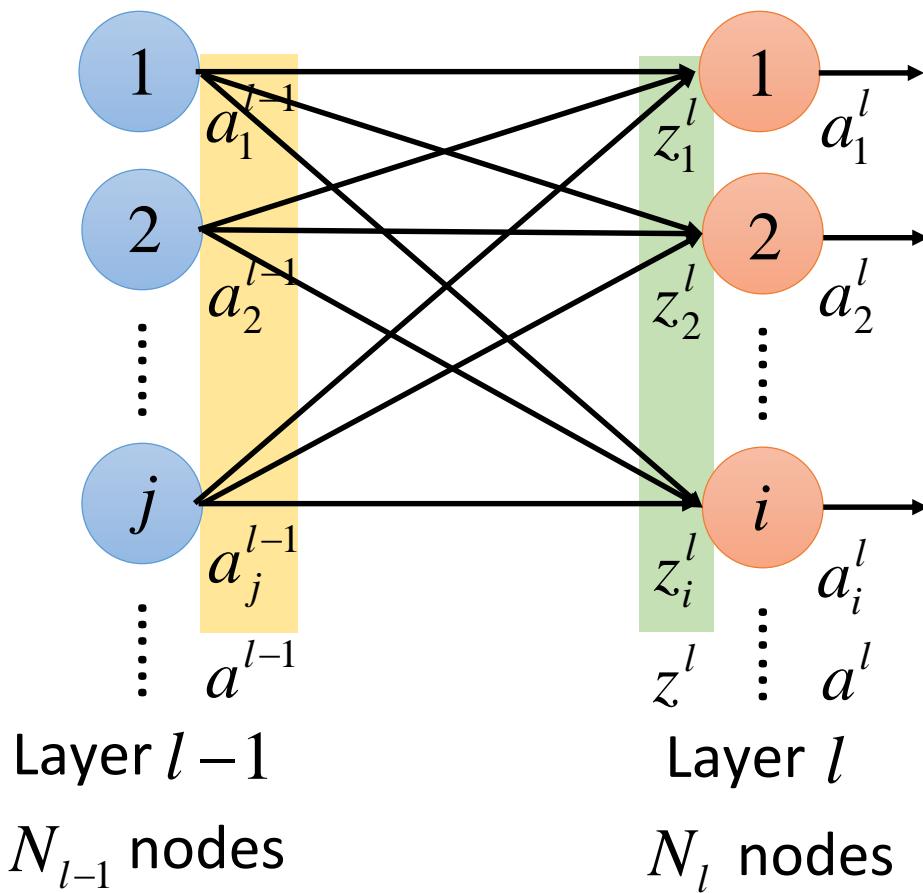
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function

$b_i^l$  : a bias

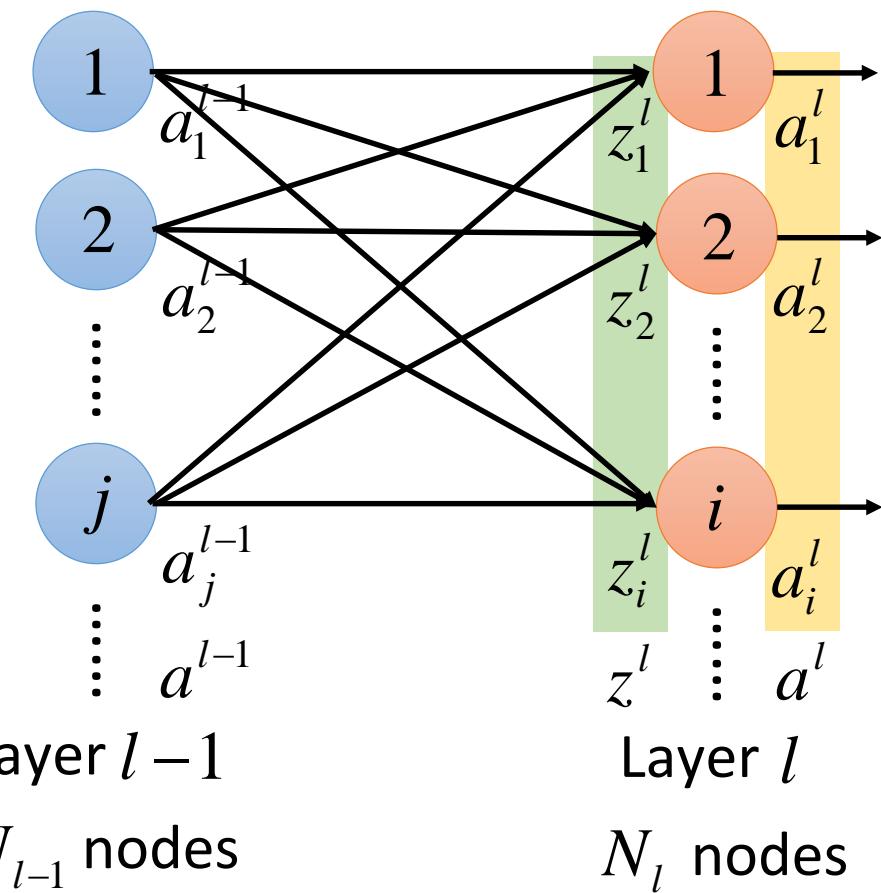
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# Layer Output Relation – from $a$ to $z$



$$\begin{aligned}
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 &\vdots \\
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 &\vdots \\
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 \downarrow & \\
 z^l &= W^l a^{l-1} + b^l
 \end{aligned}$$

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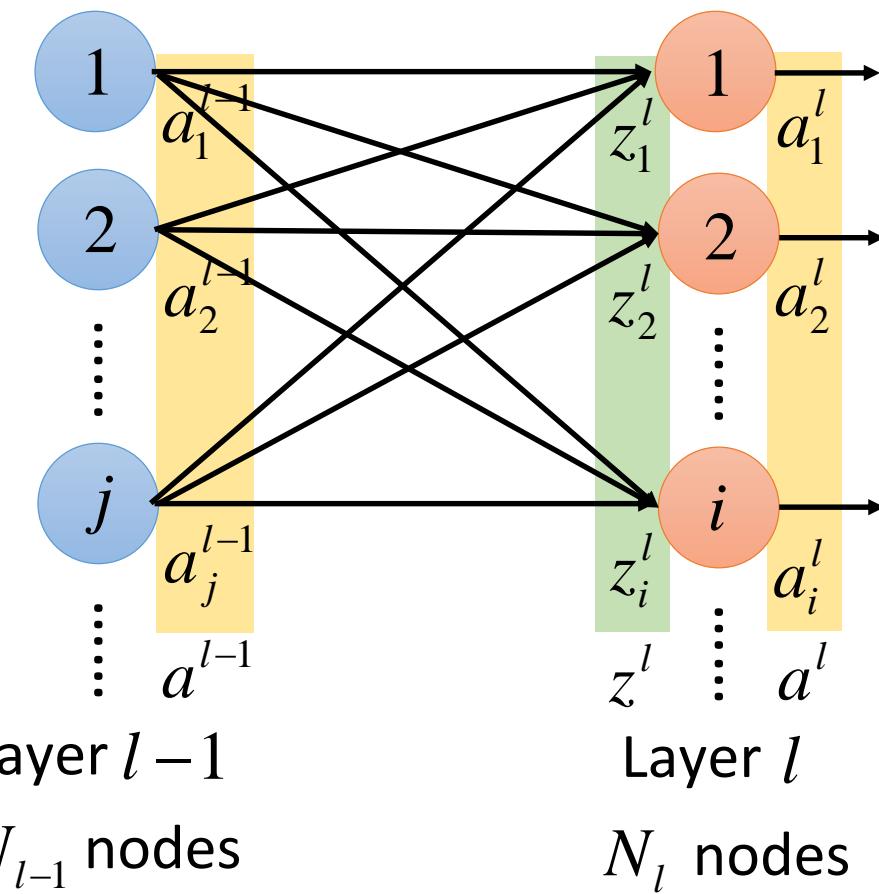


$$a_i^l = \sigma(z_i^l)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1^l \\ a_2^l \\ \vdots \\ a_i^l \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(z_1^l) \\ \sigma(z_2^l) \\ \vdots \\ \sigma(z_i^l) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

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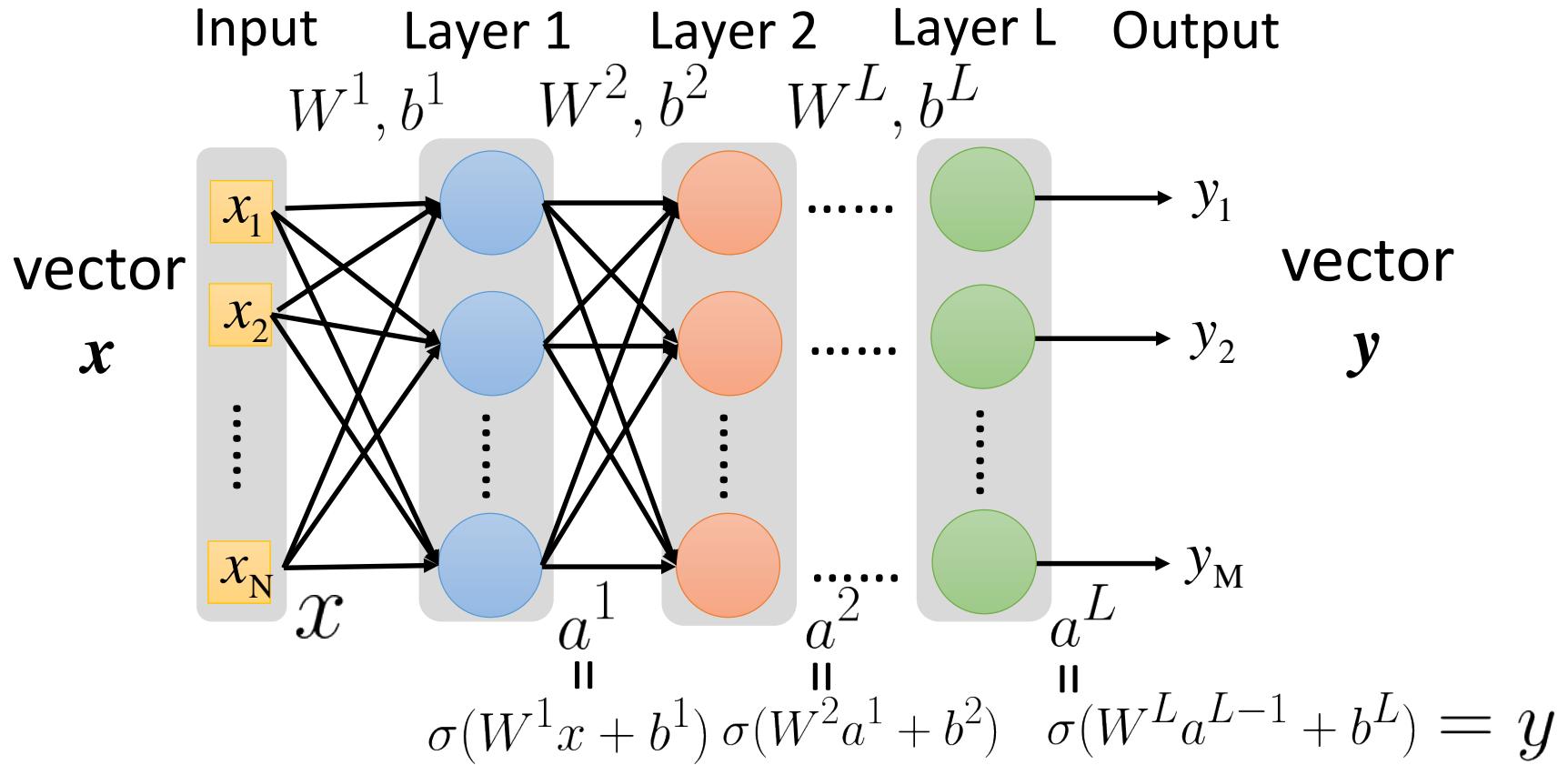
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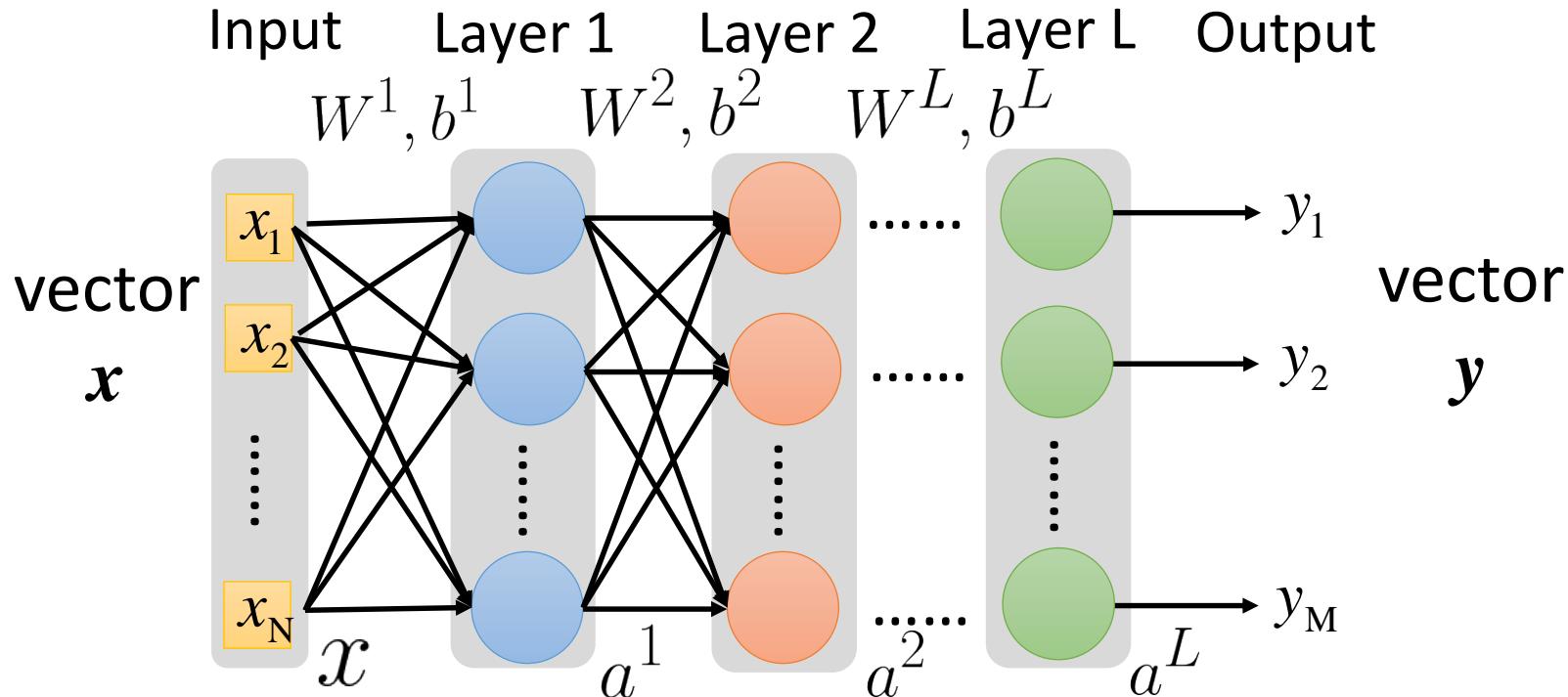
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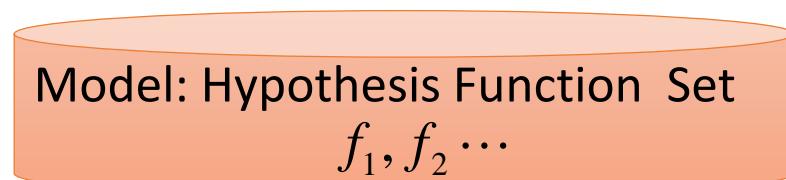
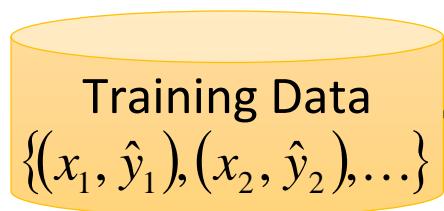


$$y = f(x) = \sigma(W^L \cdots \sigma(W^2 \sigma(W^1 x + b^1) + b^2) \cdots + b^L)$$

# Loss Function for Training

$x$ : “It claims too much.”  
function input

$\hat{y}$ : - (negative)  
function output



Training: Pick the best function  $f^*$

“Best” Function  $f^*$

A “Good” function:  $f(x; \theta) \sim \hat{y} \rightarrow \|\hat{y} - f(x; \theta)\| \approx 0$

Define an example loss function:  $C(\theta) = \sum_k \|\hat{y}_k - f(x_k; \theta)\|$   
sum over the error of all training samples

# Gradient Descent for Neural Network

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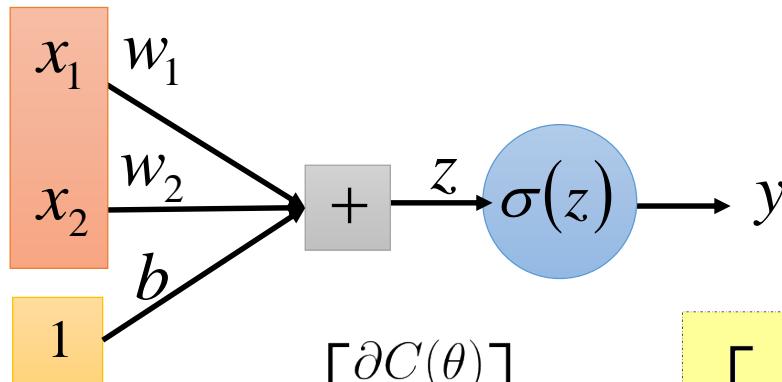
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# Gradient Descent for Optimization

## Simple Case

$$y = f(x; \theta) = \sigma(Wx + b)$$

$$\theta = \{W, b\} = \{w_1, w_2, b\}$$



$$\nabla_{\theta} C(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_1} \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_2} \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial b} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Simple Case – Three Parameters & Square Error Loss

Update three parameters for  $t$ -th iteration

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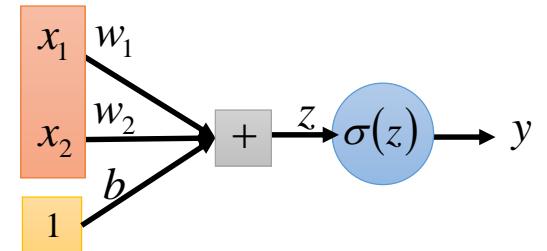
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# Optimization Algorithm

## Algorithm

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while(stopping criteria not met)

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for training sample  $\{x, \hat{y}\}$ , compute gradient and update parameters

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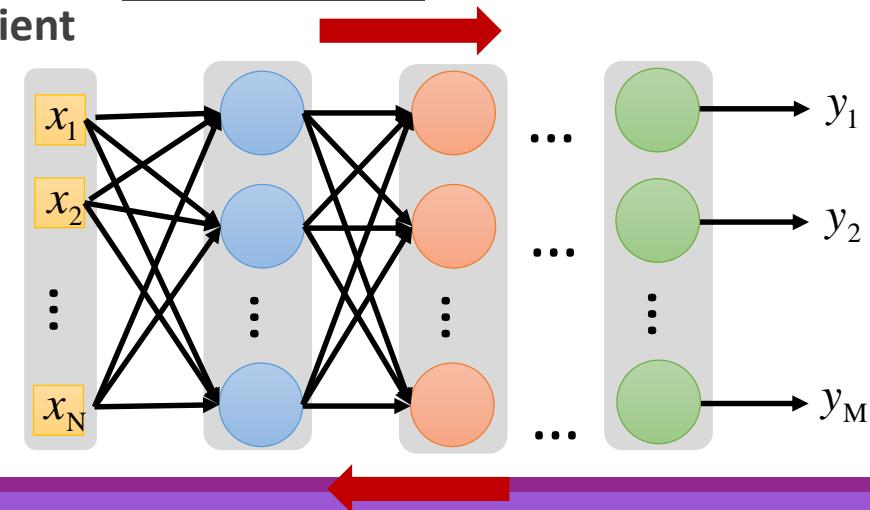
# Backpropagation

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# Forward v.s. Back Propagation

In a feedforward neural network

- forward propagation
  - from input  $x$  to output  $y$  information flows forward through the network
  - during training, forward propagation can continue onward until it produces a scalar cost  $C(\theta)$
- back-propagation
  - allows the information from the cost to then flow backwards through the network, in order to compute the **gradient**
  - can be applied to any function



# Chain Rule

$$\Delta w \rightarrow \Delta x \rightarrow \Delta y \rightarrow \Delta z$$

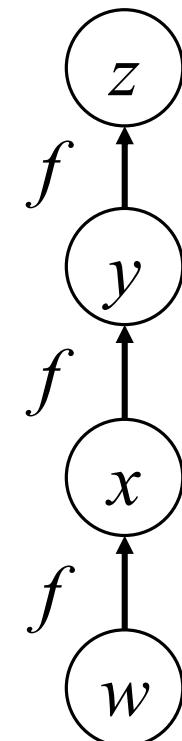
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial w}$$

$$= f'(y) f'(x) f'(w)$$

forward propagation for cost

$$= [f'(f(f(w))) \quad f'(f(w)) \quad f'(w)]$$

back-propagation for gradient



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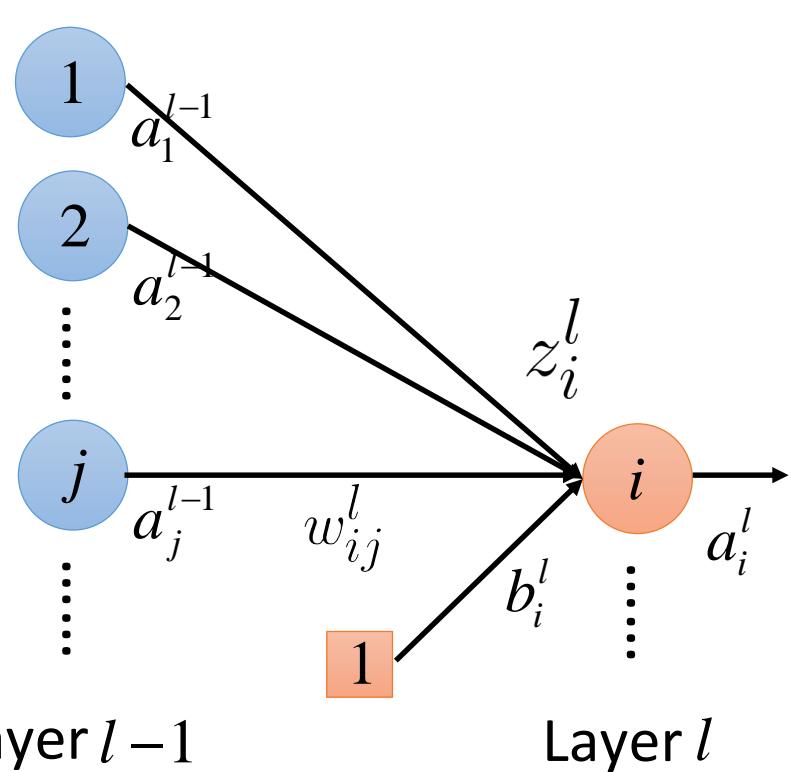
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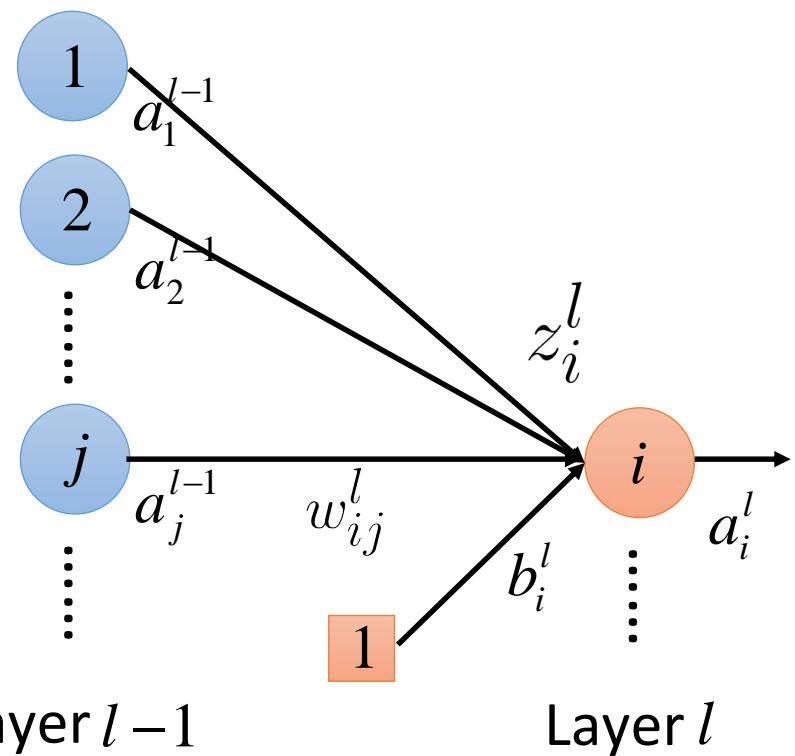
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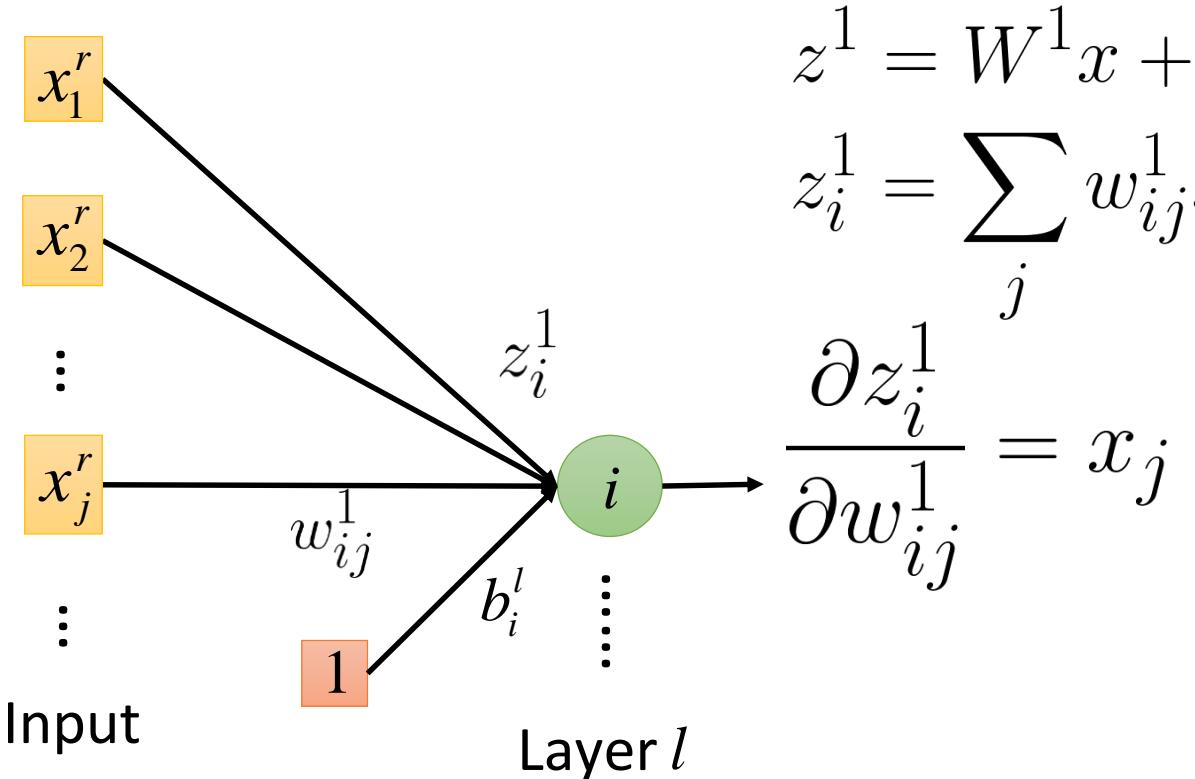


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$$z_i^l = \sum_j w_{ij}^l a_j^{l-1} + b_i^l$$

$$\frac{\partial z_i^l}{\partial w_{ij}^l} = a_j^{l-1}$$

$$\partial z_i^l / \partial w_{ij}^l \ (l = 1)$$

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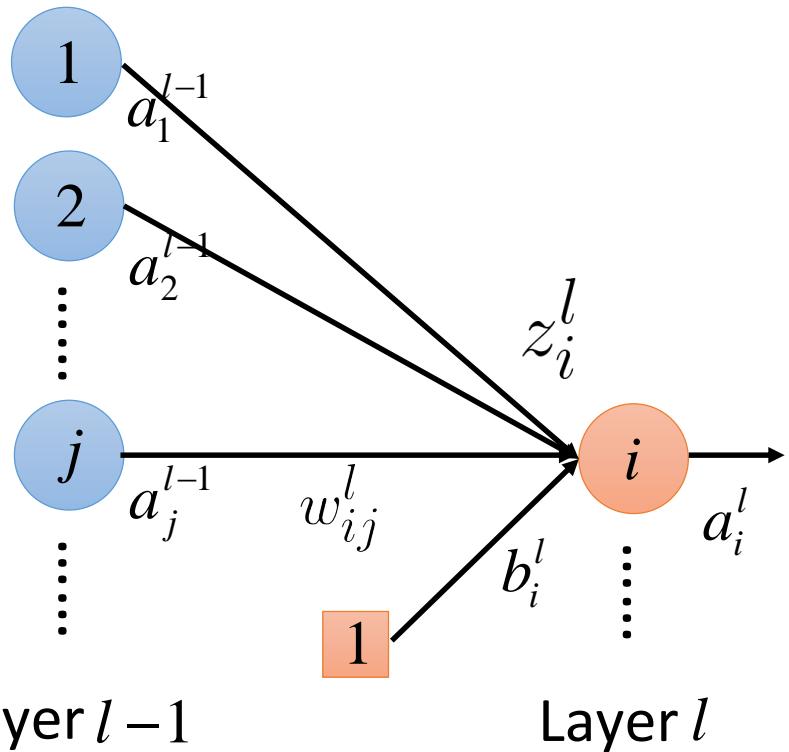
$$z^1 = W^1 x + b^1$$

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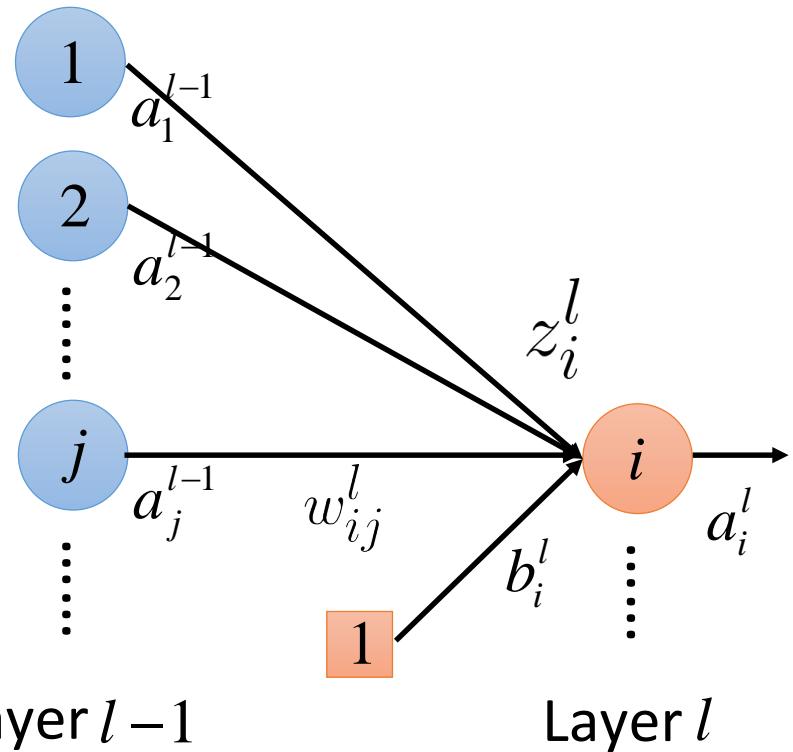


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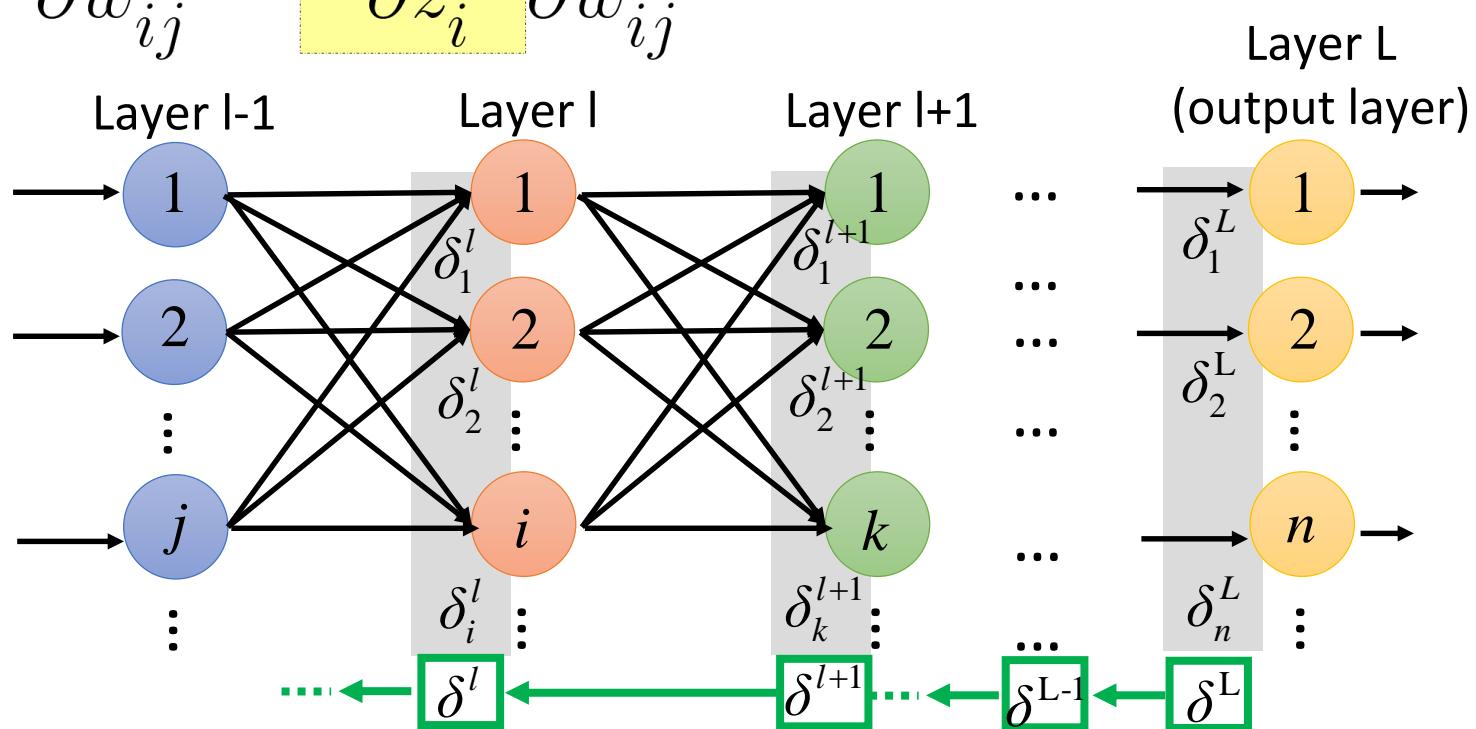


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$\delta_i^l$  : the propagated gradient  
 · corresponding to the  $l$ -th layer



Idea: computing  $\delta^l$  layer by layer (from  $\delta^L$  to  $\delta^1$ ) is more efficient

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$\partial C / \partial y_i$  depends on the loss function

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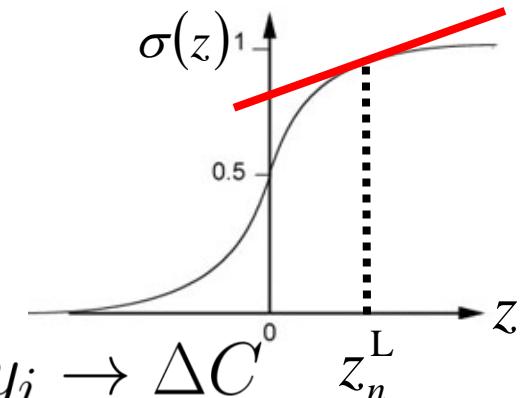
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$$= \frac{\partial C}{\partial y_i} \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_i^L} = a_i^L = \sigma(z_i^L)$$

$$= \frac{\partial C}{\partial y_i} \sigma'(z_i^L)$$

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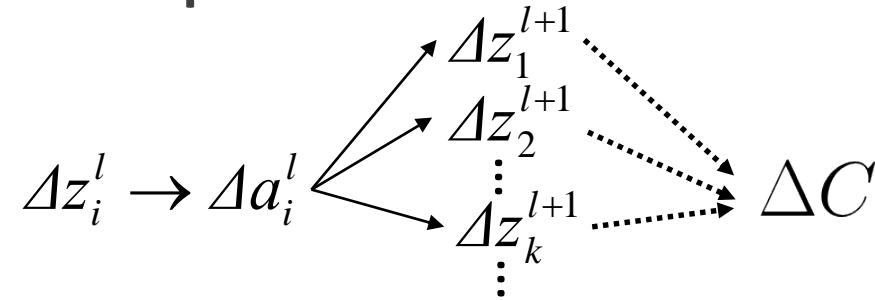
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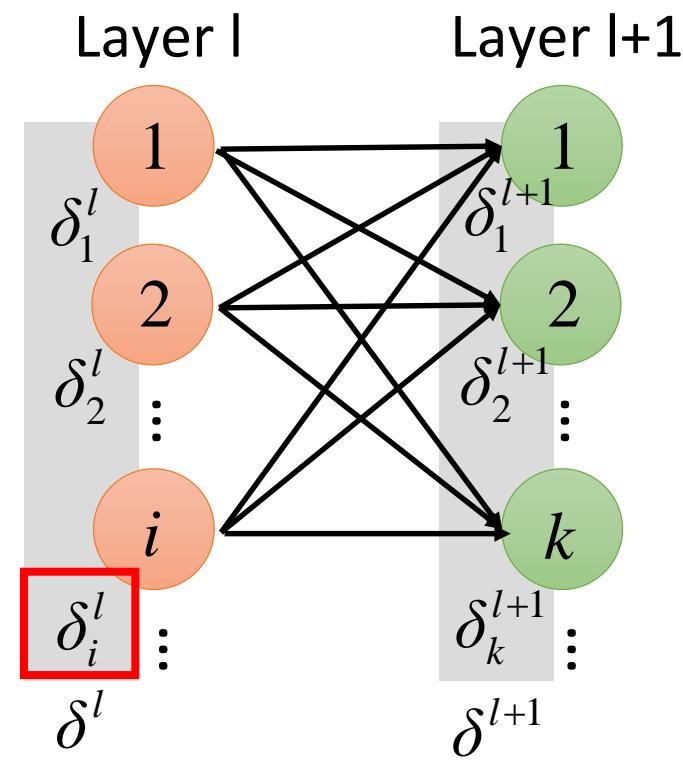
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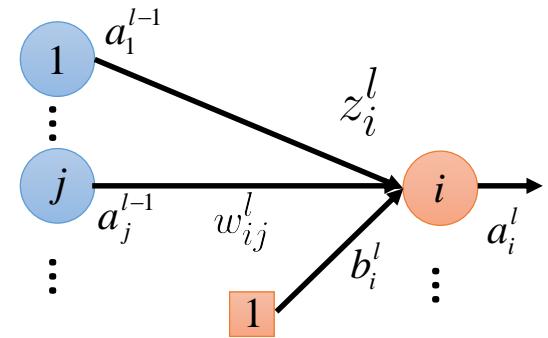
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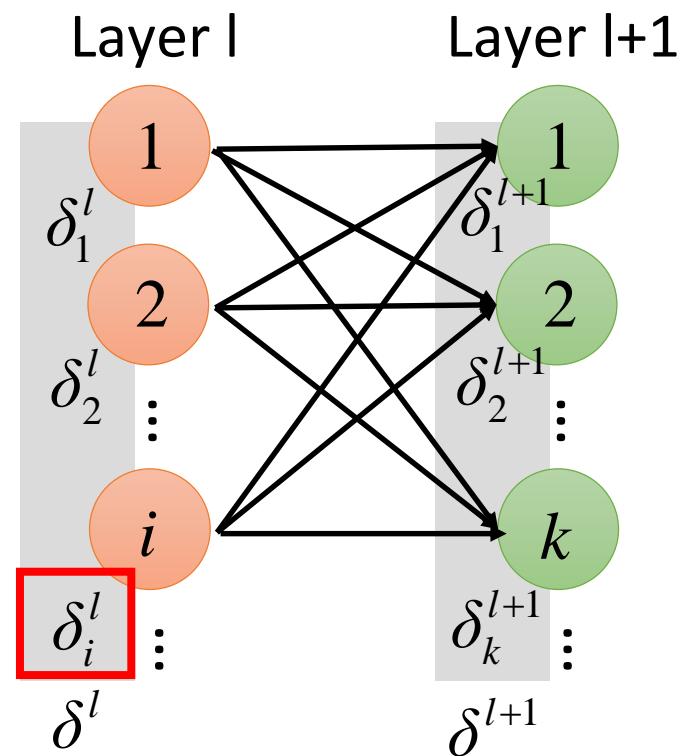
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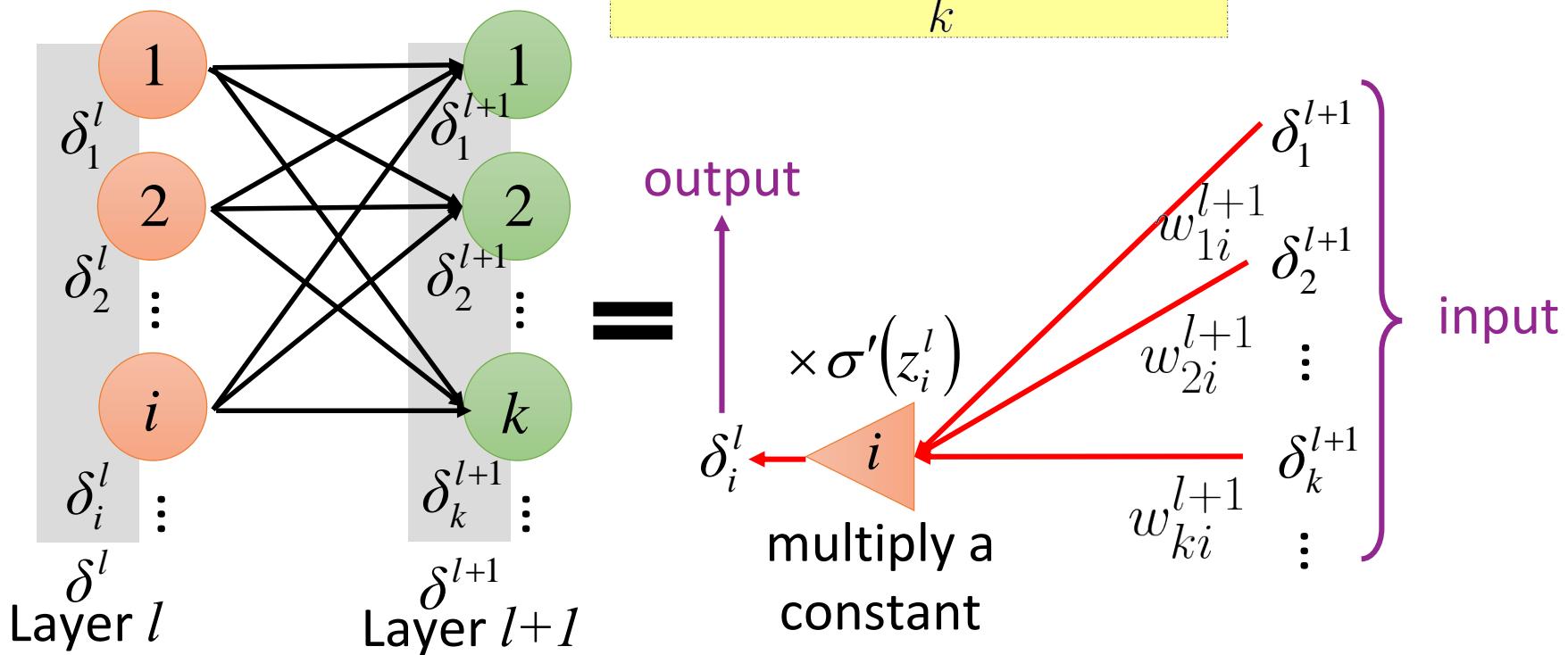
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$$\partial C(\theta) / \partial z_i^l = \delta_i^l$$

Rethink the propagation

$$\delta_i^l = \sigma'(z_i) \sum_k w_{ki}^{l+1} \delta_k^{l+1}$$



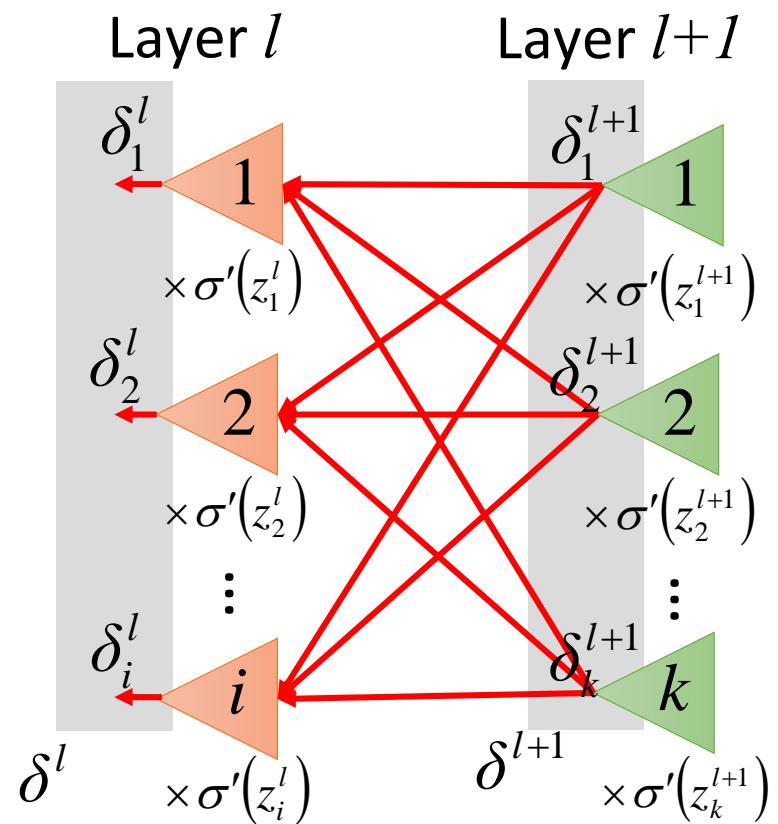
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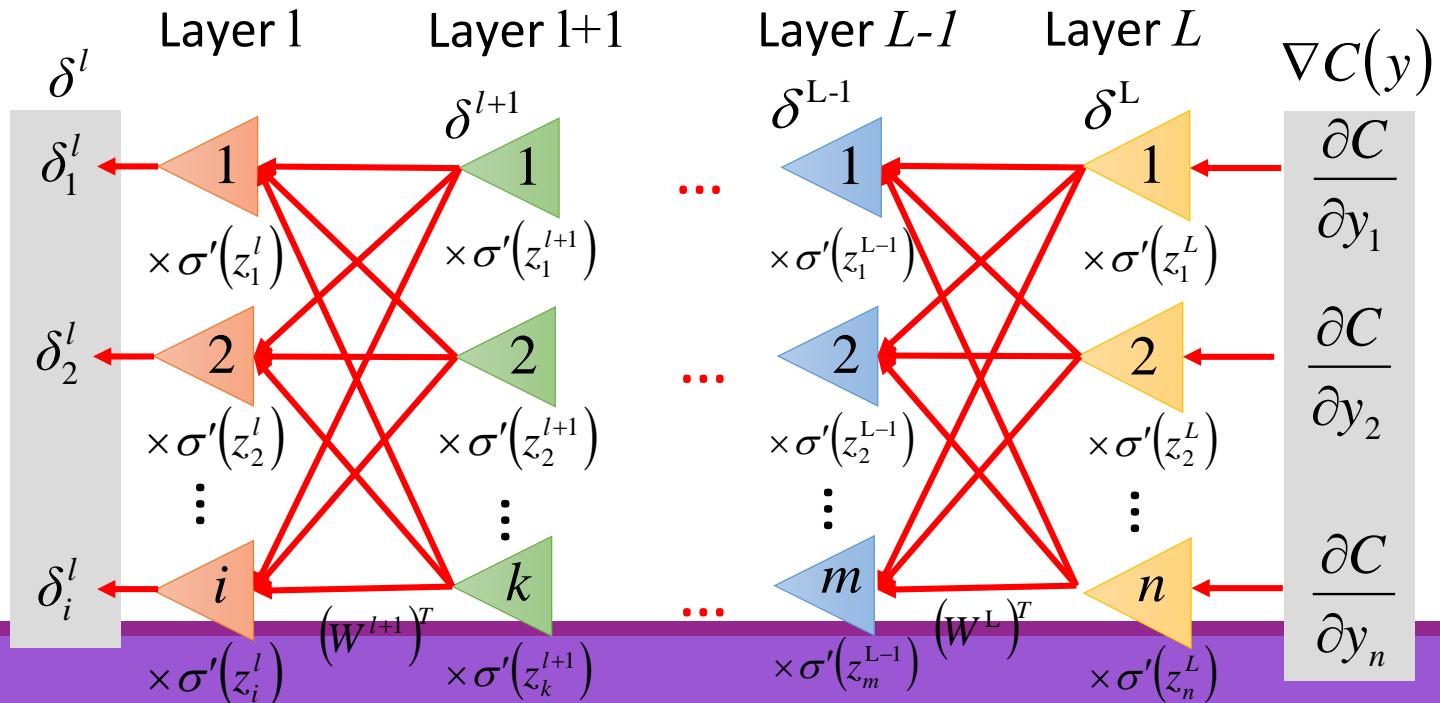


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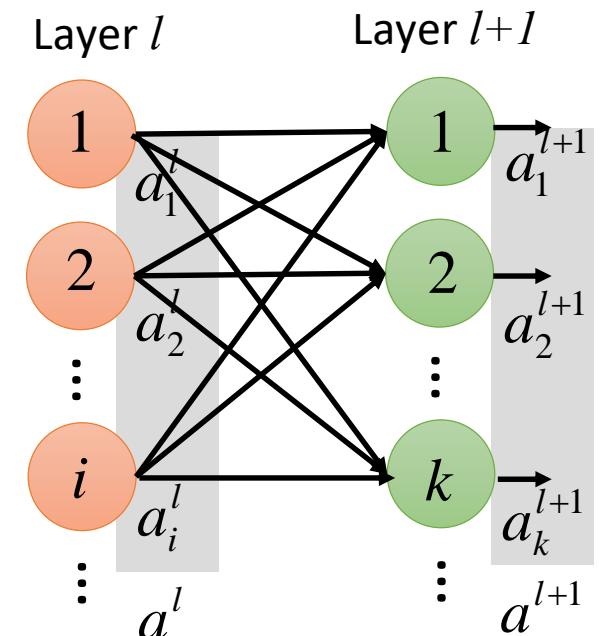
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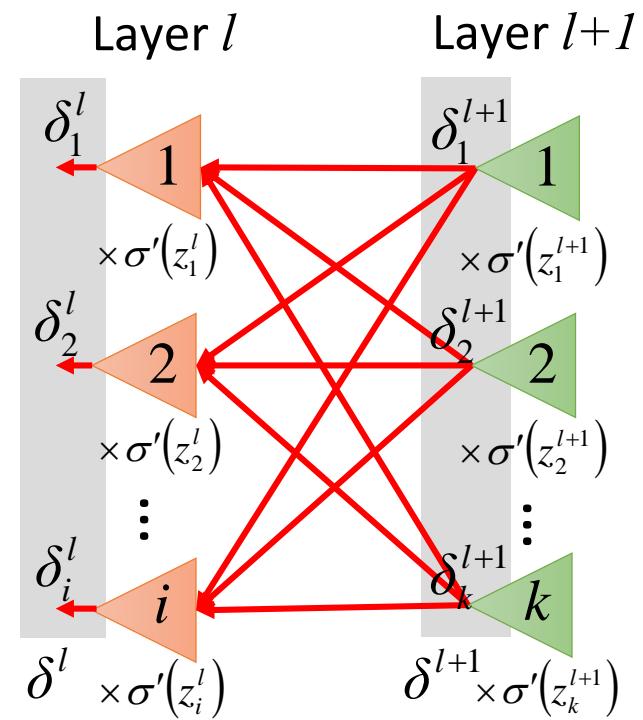
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## **Backward Pass**

$$\begin{aligned}\delta^L &= \sigma'(z^L) \odot \nabla C(y) \\ \delta^{L-1} &= \sigma'(z^{L-1}) \odot (W^L)^T \delta^L \\ &\vdots \\ \delta^l &= \sigma'(z^l) \odot (W^{l+1})^T \delta^{l+1} \\ &\vdots\end{aligned}$$



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$$W^l = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^l & w_{12}^l & \dots \\ w_{21}^l & w_{22}^l & \dots \\ \vdots & & \dots \end{bmatrix} \quad b^l = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ b_i^l \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla C(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \vdots \\ \boxed{\frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}^l}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial b_i^l} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Algorithm**

Initialization: start at  $\theta^0$

while( $\theta^{(i+1)} \neq \theta^i$ )

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  compute gradient at  $\theta^i$

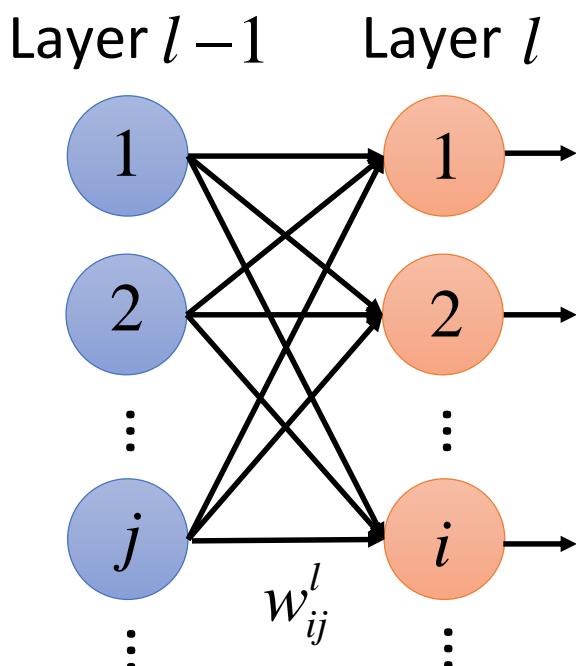
  update parameters

$\theta^{i+1} \leftarrow \theta^i - \eta \nabla_\theta C(\theta^i)$

}

# Concluding Remarks

$$\frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial w_{ij}^l} = \frac{\partial C(\theta)}{\partial z_i^l} \frac{\partial z_i^l}{\partial w_{ij}^l}$$



$$\delta_i^l$$

$$\begin{cases} a_j^{l-1} & l > 1 \\ x_j & l = 1 \end{cases}$$

### Backward Pass

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^L &= \sigma'(z^L) \odot \nabla C(y) \\ \delta^{L-1} &= \sigma'(z^{L-1}) \odot (W^L)^T \delta^L \\ &\vdots \\ \delta^l &= \sigma'(z^l) \odot (W^{l+1})^T \delta^{l+1} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

### Forward Pass

$$\begin{aligned} z^1 &= W^1 x + b^1 \\ a^1 &= \sigma(z^1) \\ &\vdots \\ z^l &= W^l a^{l-1} + b^l \\ a^l &= \sigma(z^l) \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Compute the gradient based on two pre-computed terms from backward and forward passes