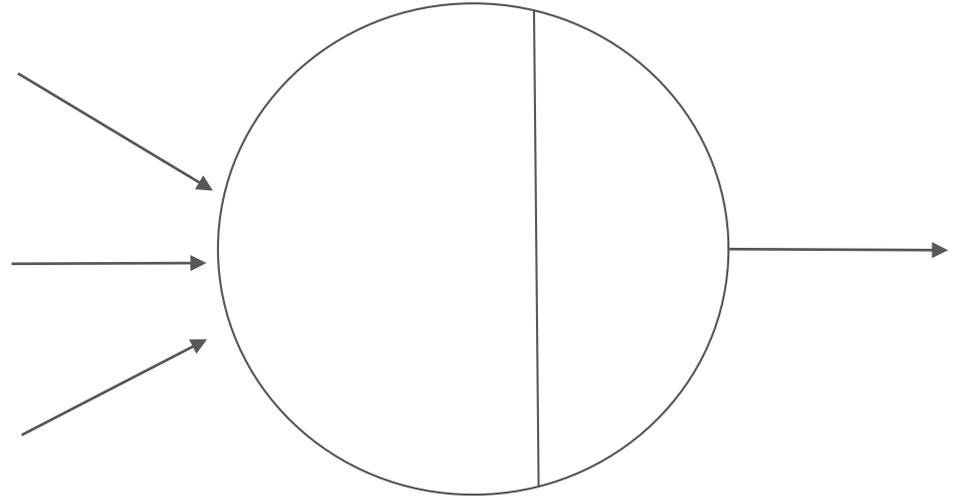


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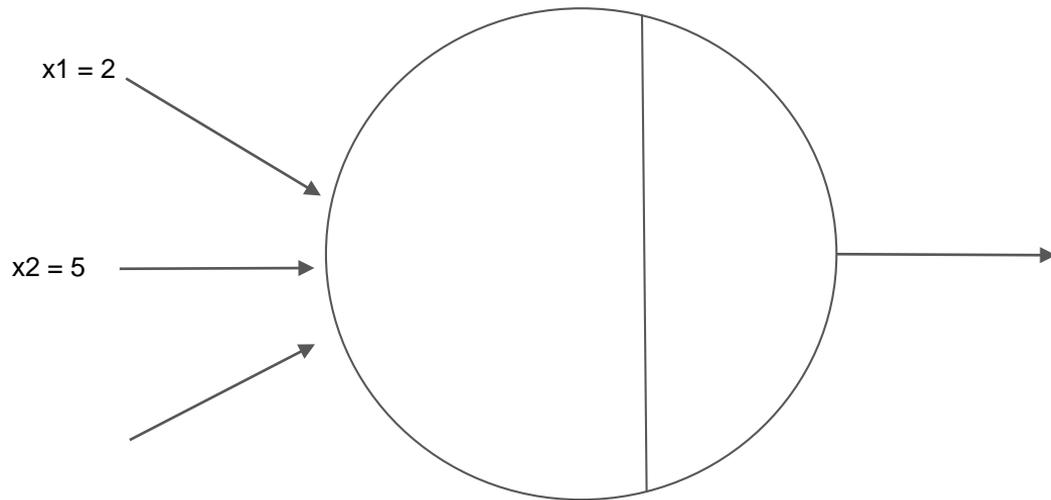
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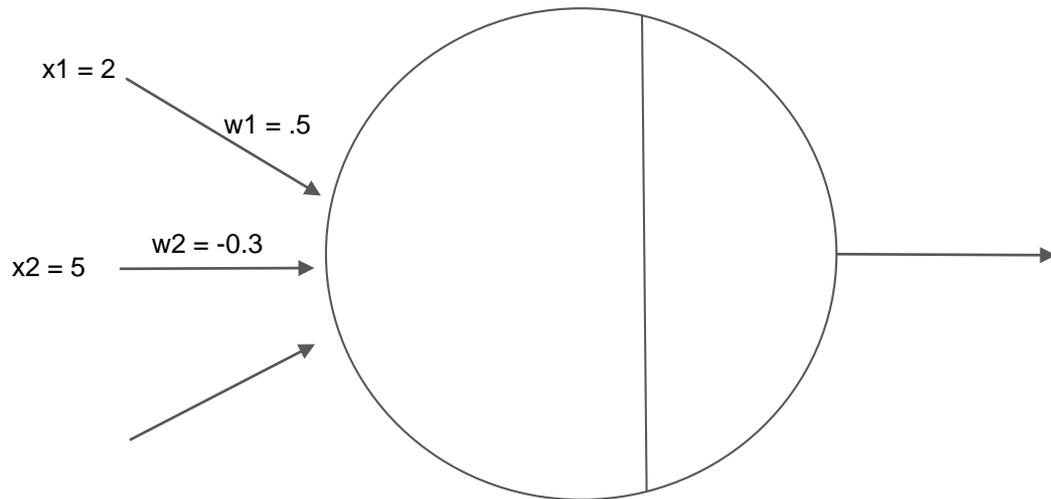


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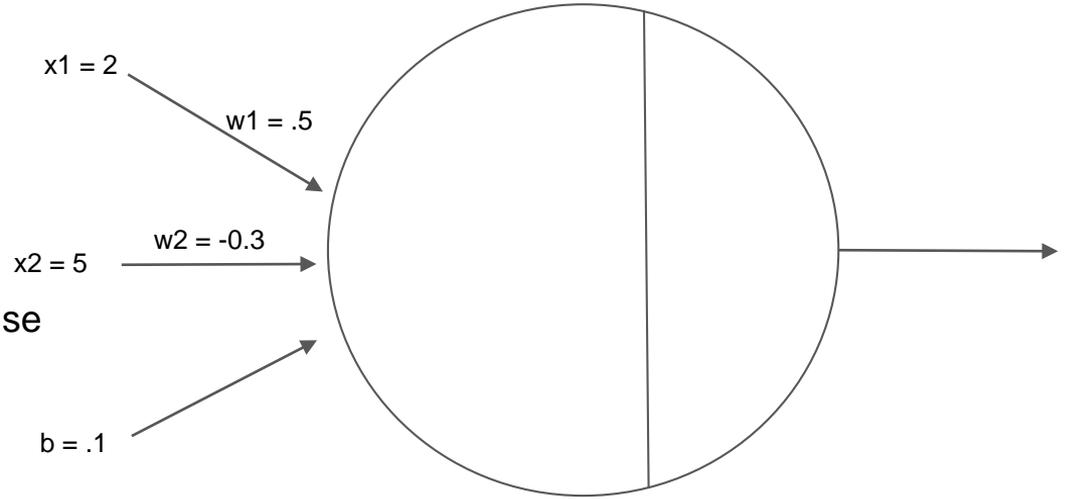
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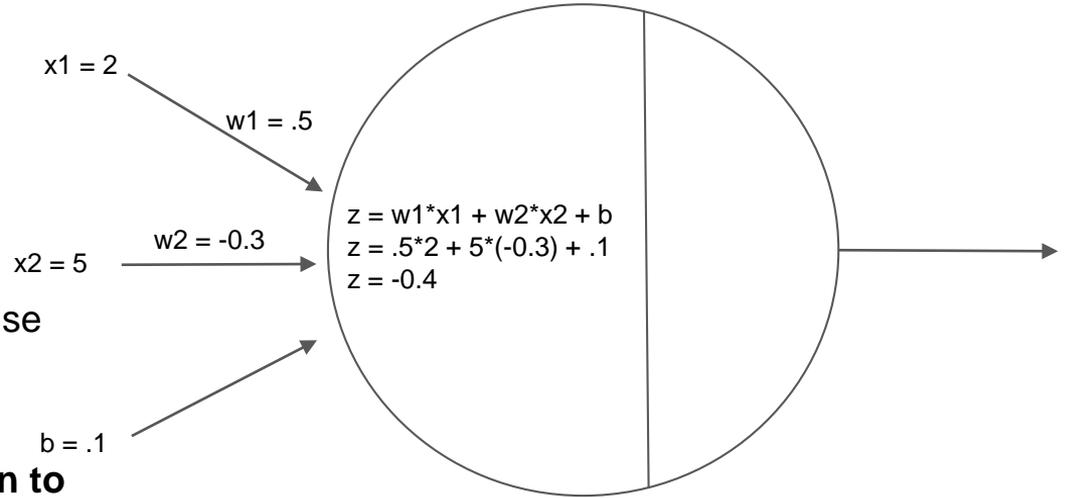
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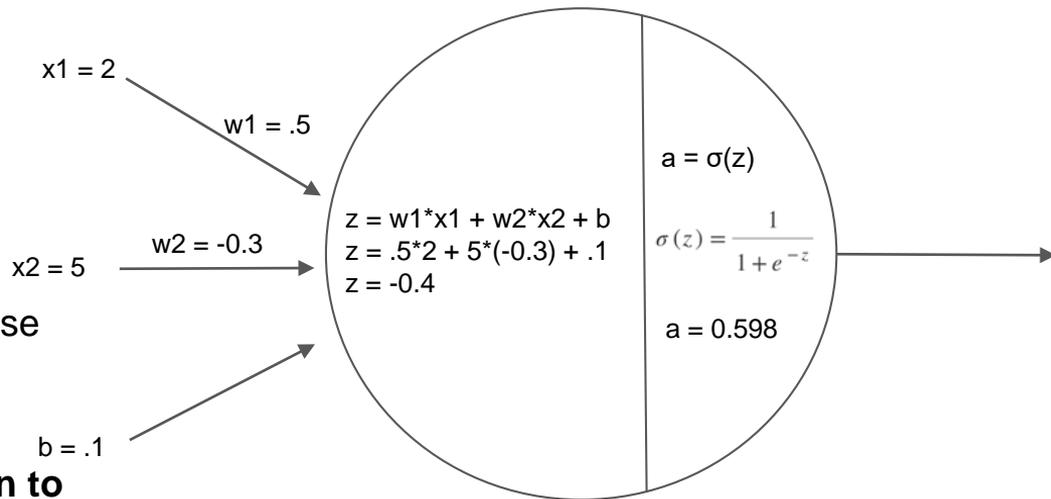
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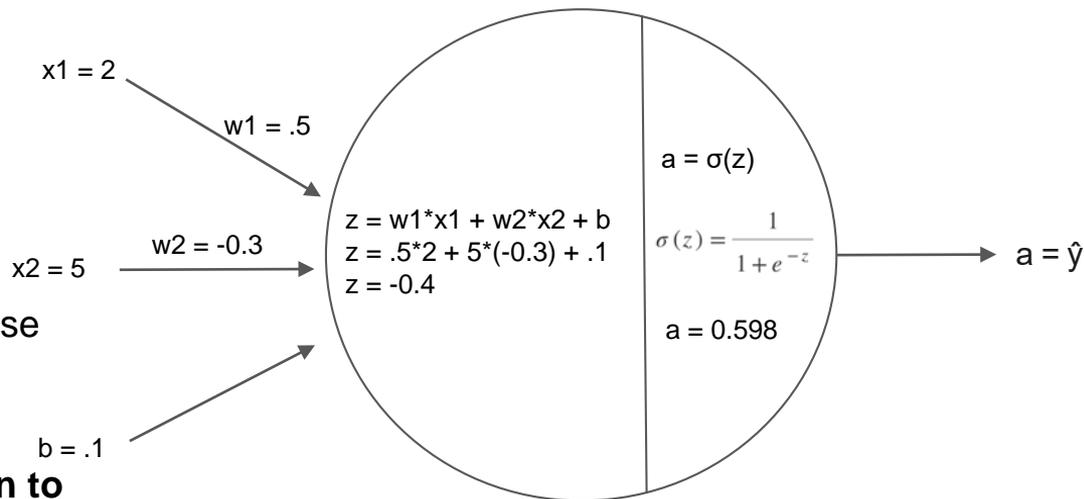
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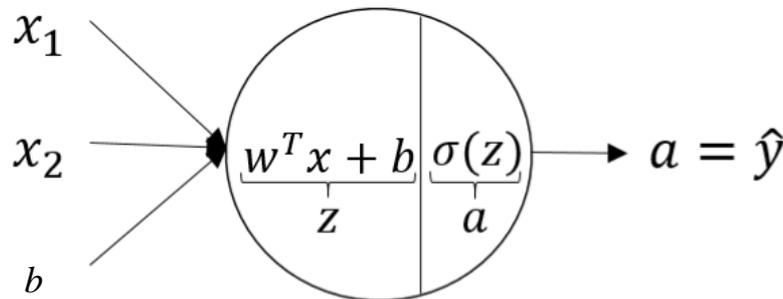
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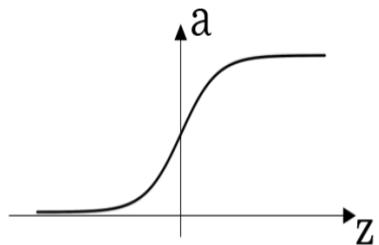


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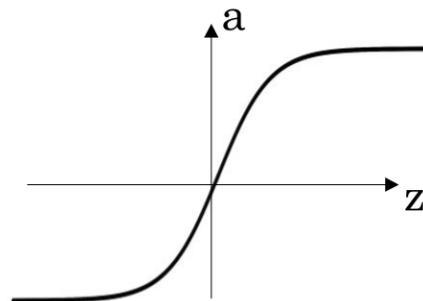
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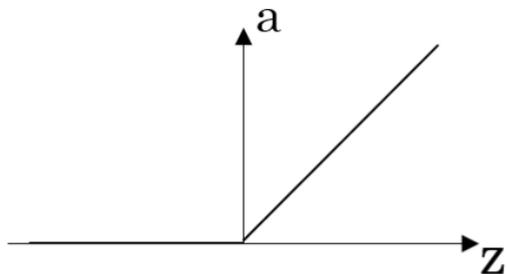
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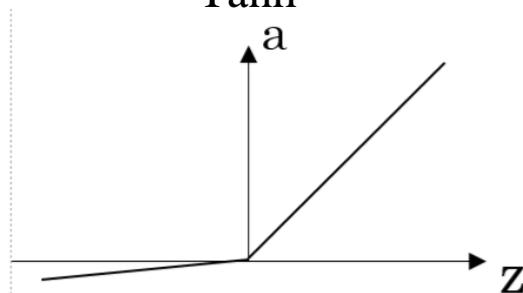
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ReLU

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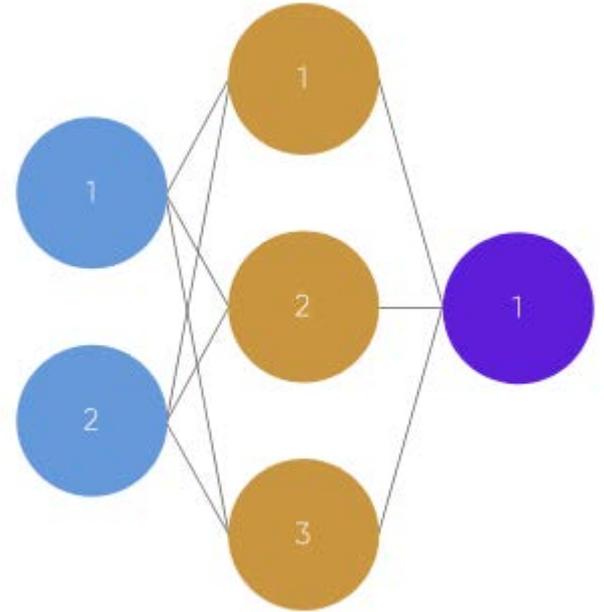
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Each Activation Function has pros and cons (<http://cs231n.github.io/neural-networks-1/#intro>)

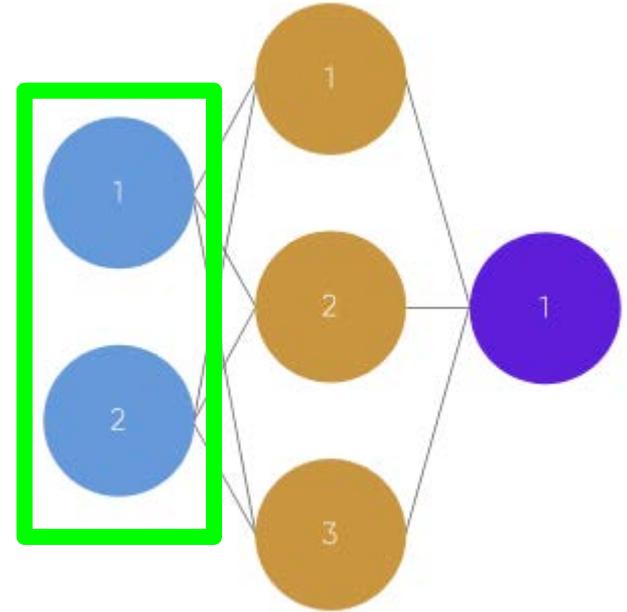
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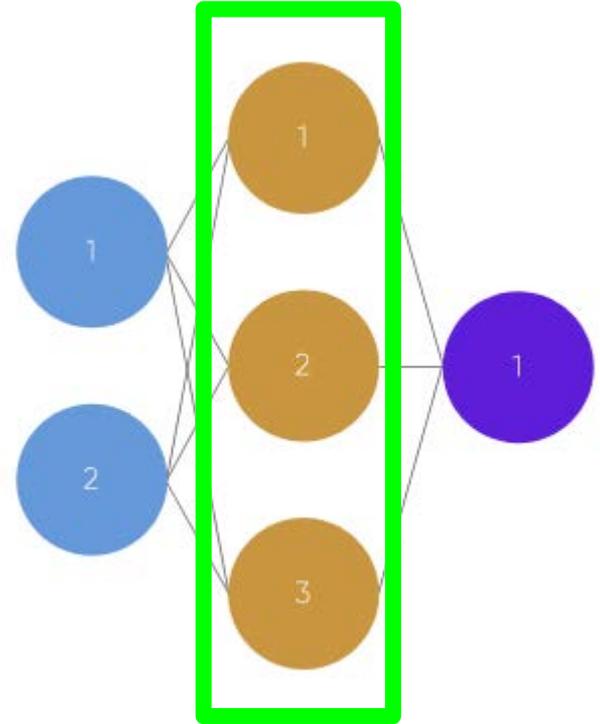
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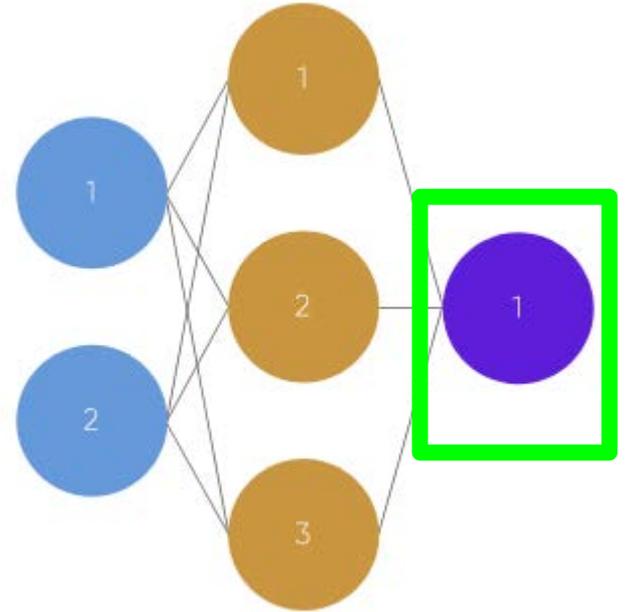
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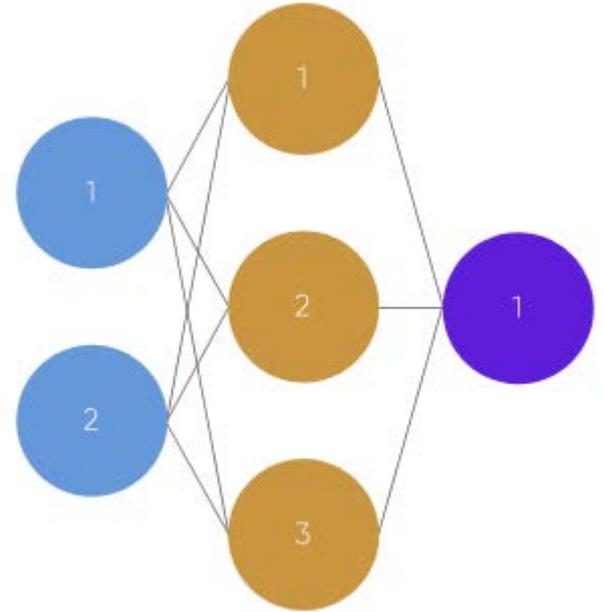
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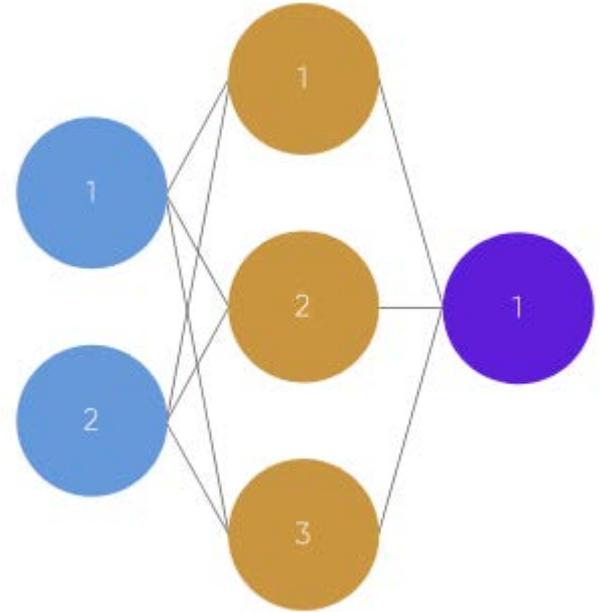


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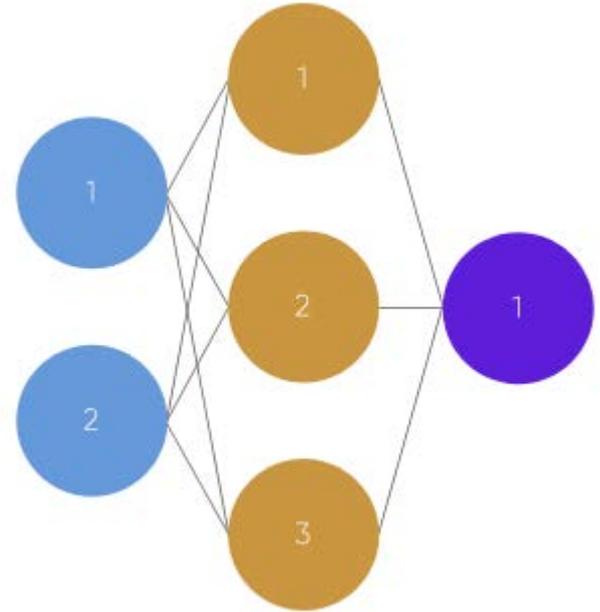
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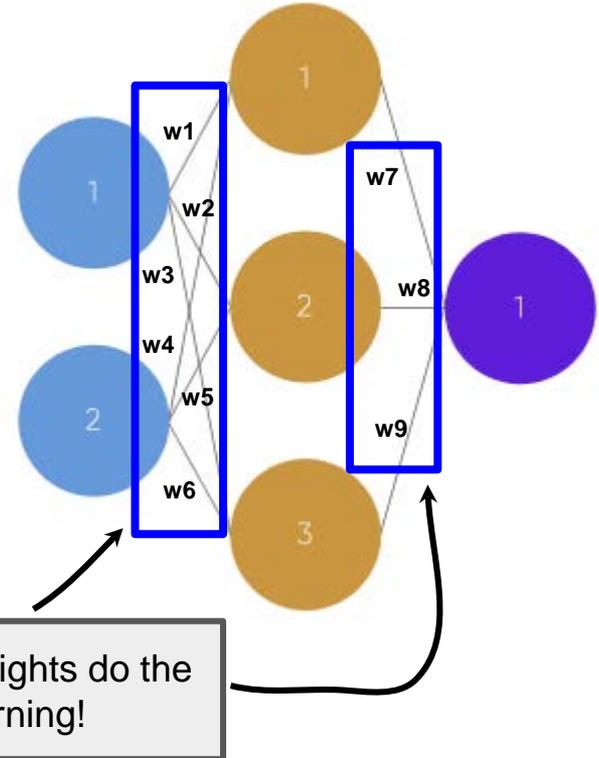
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# How to train a neural network?

Example: design a binary classifier which outputs 1 if the absolute difference in the inputs is an odd number.

Sample data:

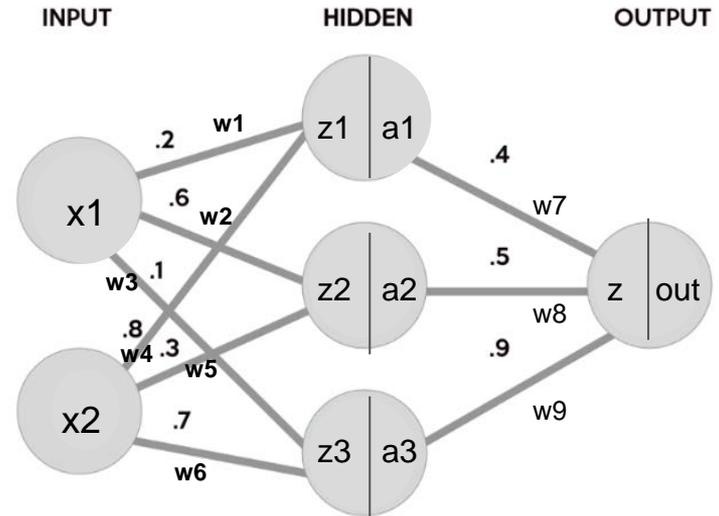
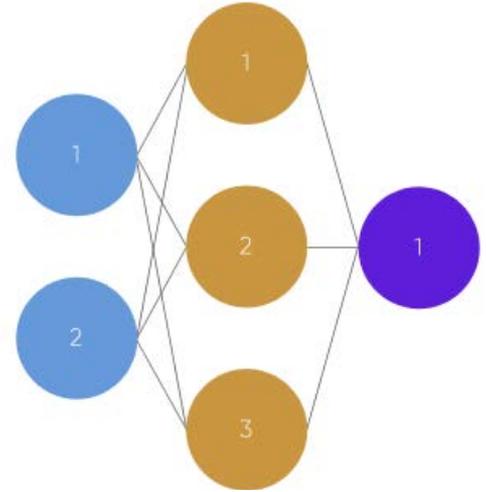
$\text{abs}(2 - 5) = 3$ , output = 1

$\text{abs}(5 - 3) = 2$ , output = 0

We start with random weights.

Note:  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  denote single neuron's output,

whereas,  **$\hat{y}$  / out denotes the final network's output.**



# Forward Pass

Bias:  $b_1 = 0.1, b_2 = 0.2$

Weights = Random generated

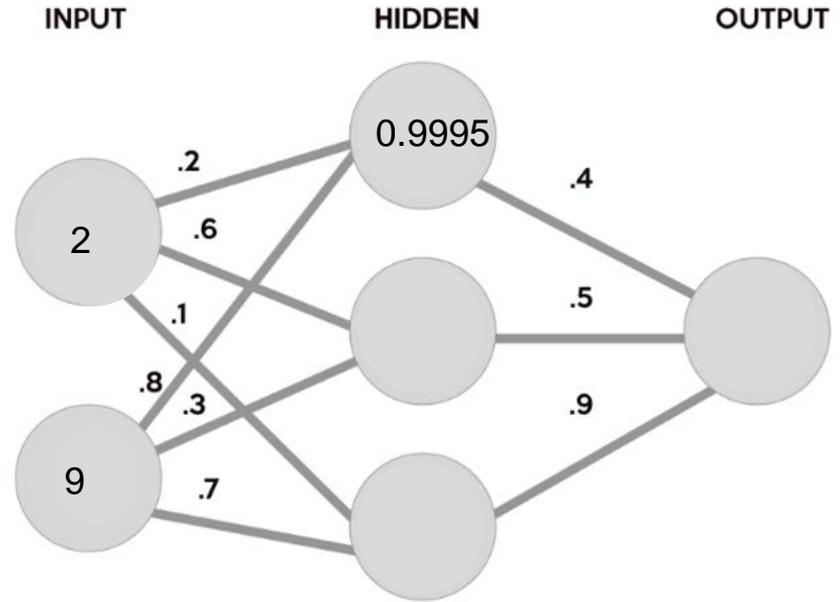
For each neuron, we calculate:  $\sigma(\sum_i w_i x_i + b)$

$$a_1 = \sigma(\sum_i w_i x_i + b)$$

$$a_1 = \sigma(0.2 \cdot 2 + 0.8 \cdot 9 + 0.1)$$

$$a_1 = \sigma(7.7)$$

$$a_1 = 0.99 \text{ [putting } 7.7 \text{ in the sigmoid function } \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \text{ ]}$$



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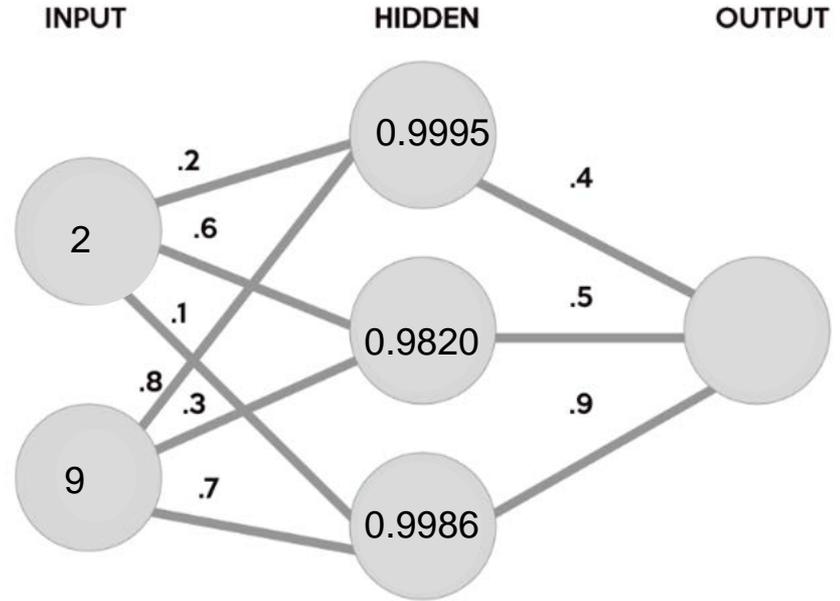
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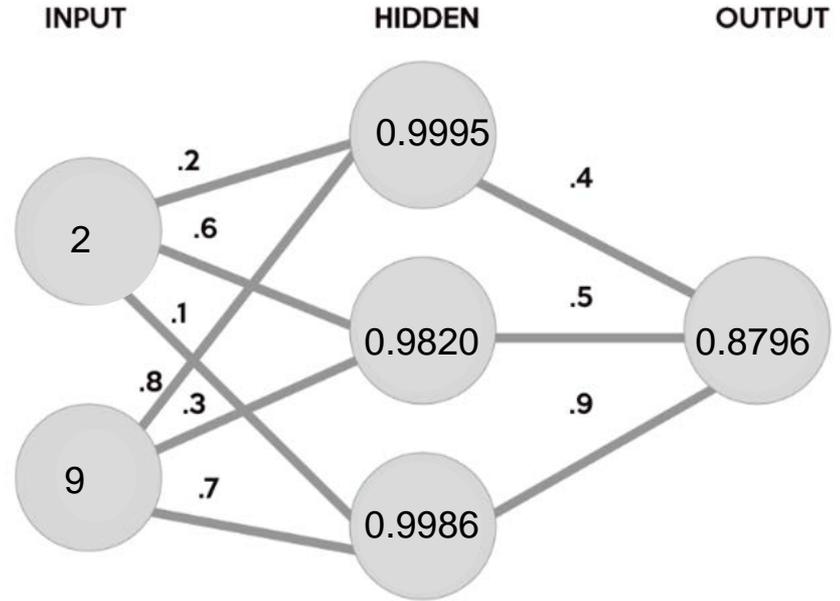
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# Calculating the error

The true label for output = 1

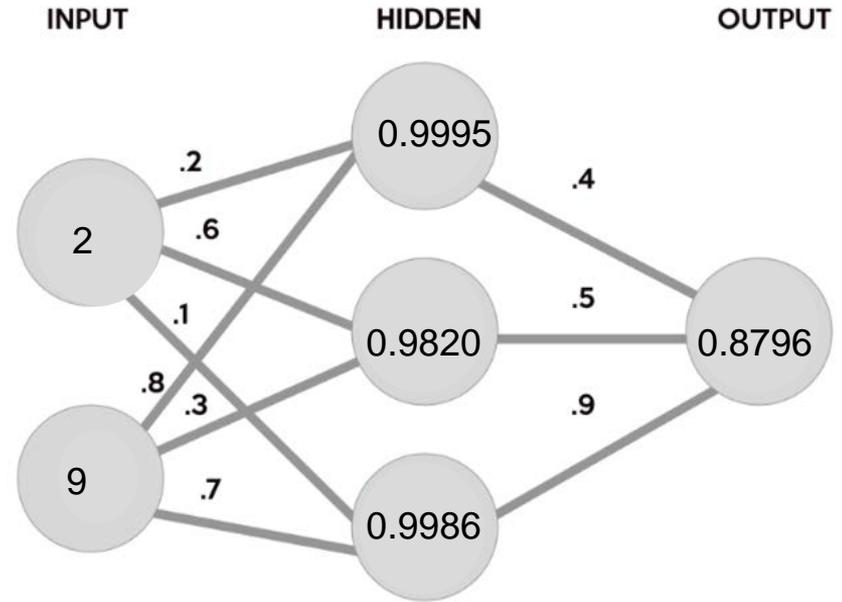
We have two input numbers and two classes:

Odd (1) and Even (0)

we need to alter weights to make our inputs (e.g., 2 and 9) equal to the corresponding output (i.e., 1).

This is done through a method called backpropagation.

Works by using a **loss function** to calculate how far the network was from the target output.



# Loss Function

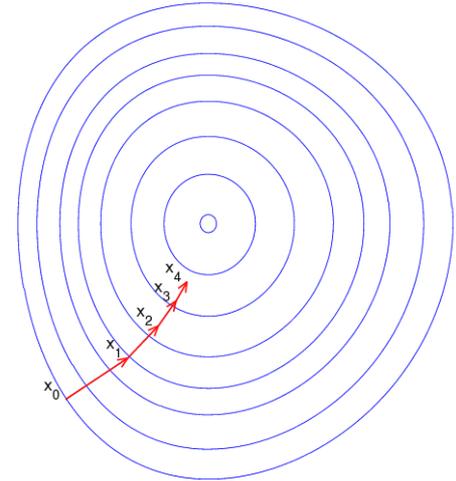
- Calculates error between the actual output and the predicted output.
- The error is back-propagated to update the weights.
- Ideally, if model (the weights and bias) is perfect then the error should be zero.
- We choose loss function based on the application.
- For example
  - Binary Classification - Cross Entropy (or log loss)
  - Multiclass Classification - Multi-class Cross Entropy
  - Regression - Mean Square Error

# Gradient Descent (GD)

- A gradient measures how much the output of a function changes if you change the inputs a little bit.
- Commonly used optimization algorithm while training a machine learning model.
- It tweaks model parameters iteratively to minimize a given function to its local minimum.
- As shown, at each step GD tries to converge to minimum.

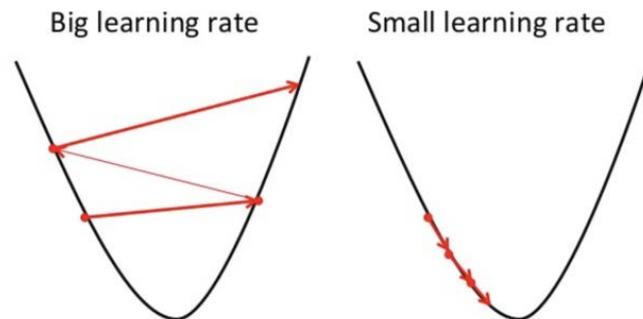
## Steps in GD:

- Perform forward pass.
- Calculate error.
- Back propagate error as gradients.
- These gradients at each step update weights using the equation ( $W^{k+1} = W^k - \text{learning\_rate} * (\text{gradient})$ )
- Perform above steps iteratively until error reaches minimal value.



# Learning Rate

- A major component of Gradient descent is learning rate.
  - Learning rate decides how big the steps are that the GD takes in the direction of the local-minimum.
  - In order for Gradient Descent to reach the local minimum, we have to set the learning rate to an appropriate value, which is neither too low nor too high.
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- If the steps it takes are too big, it may not reach the local minimum because it just bounces back and forth between the convex function of gradient descent
  - If you set the learning rate to a very small value, gradient descent will eventually reach the local minimum but it might take too much time as you can see (may happen) on the right side of the figure.



## Back to our example: Calculating the error

We can now calculate the error for each output neuron using the [squared error function](#) and sum them to get the total error:

$$E_{total} = \sum \frac{1}{2}(target - output)^2$$

In our case, we have single output neuron. The target output = 1, but the neural network output = 0.8796

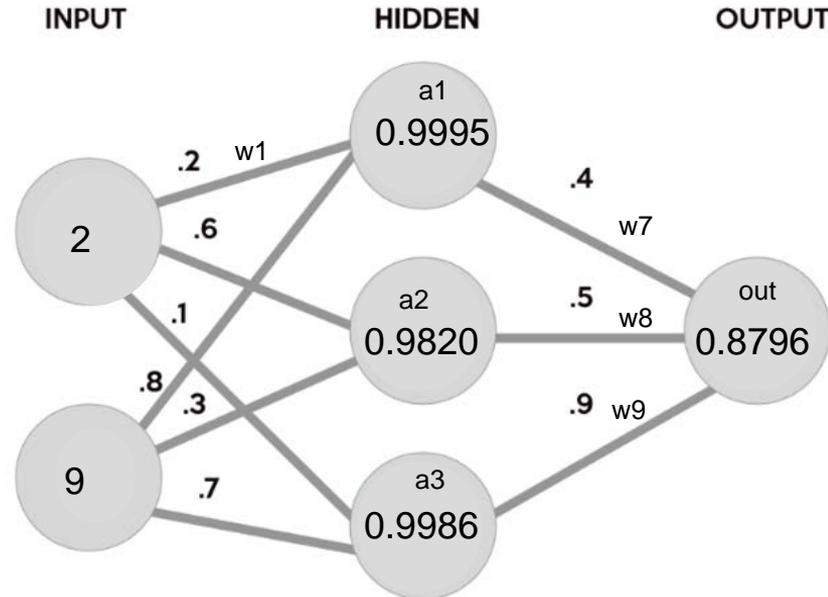
Therefore, its error is  $E = (1/2)(1 - 0.8796)^2 = 0.00724808$

backpropagation: to update each of the weights in the network so that they cause the actual output to be closer to the target output, thereby minimizing the error for each output neuron and the network as a whole.

# The Backward Pass

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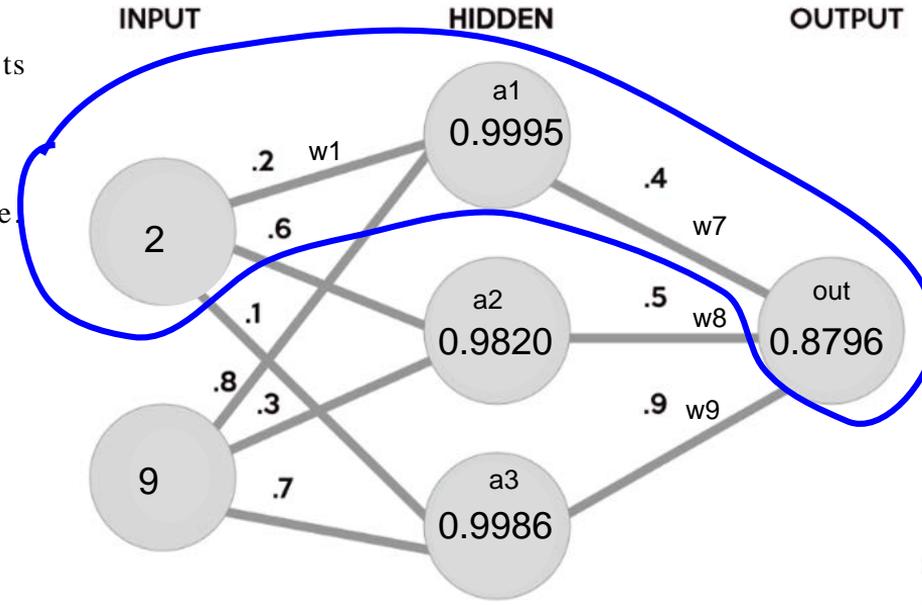
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  - You can complete rest of the calculation as an exercise.



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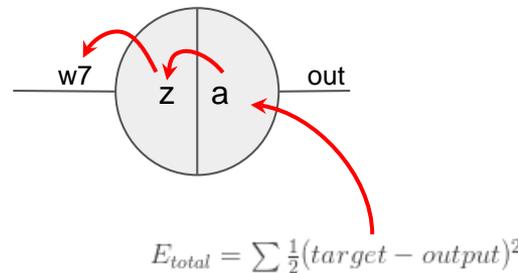
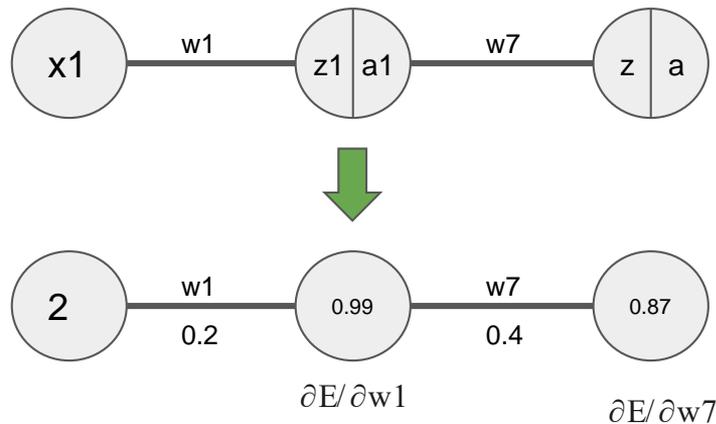
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- $\partial E / \partial \text{out} = \partial [1/2(\text{target} - \text{out})^2] / \partial \text{out}$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial E / \partial \text{out} &= \frac{1}{2} * 2(\text{target} - \text{out})^{2-1}(-1) + 0 \\ &= -(\text{target} - \text{out}) = -(1 - 0.8796) = -0.1204 \end{aligned}$$

x1, x2 are inputs.

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= a_1 * w_7 + a_2 * w_8 + a_3 * w_9 + b_2 * 1 \\ z_1 &= w_1 * x_1 + w_4 * x_2 + b_1 * 1 \end{aligned}$$

(refer to slide 18 for full example)



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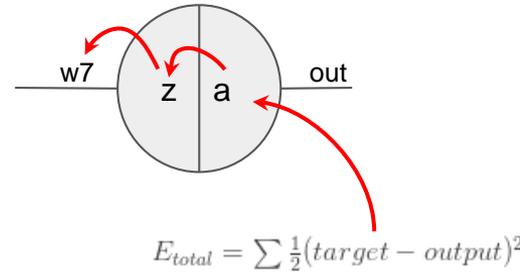
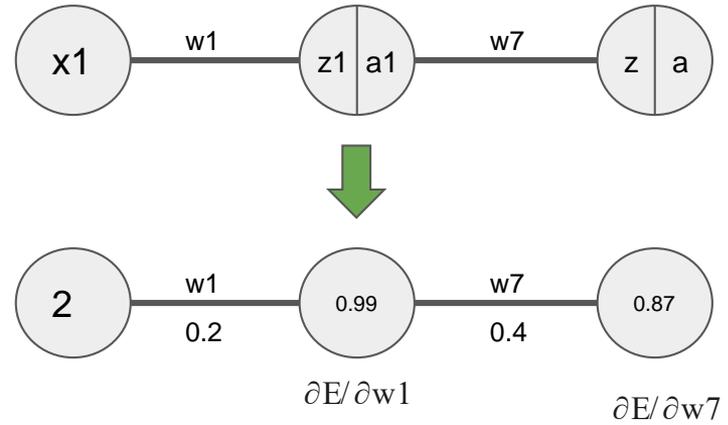
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- Out = Sigmoid function =  $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$

- $\partial \sigma / \partial z = \sigma(1 - \sigma)$
- [For complete derivation, see this link:  
<https://beckernick.github.io/sigmoid-derivative-neural-network/>]
- $\partial \text{out} / \partial z = \partial \sigma / \partial z = 0.8796 (1 - 0.8796) = 0.1059$

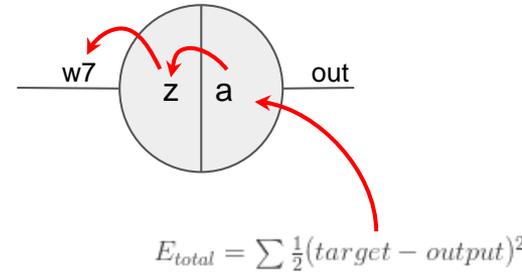
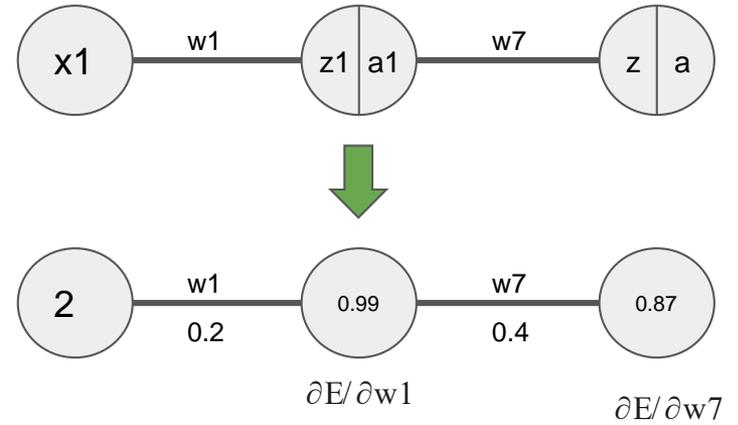


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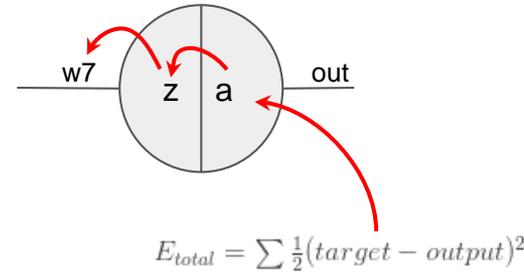
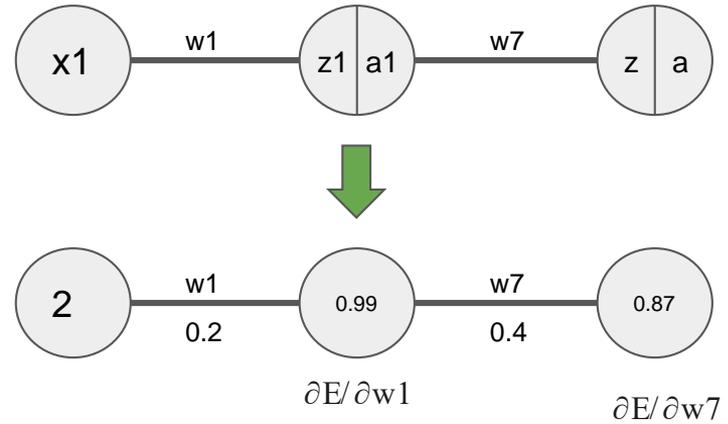
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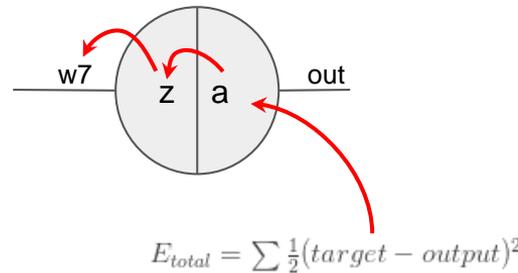
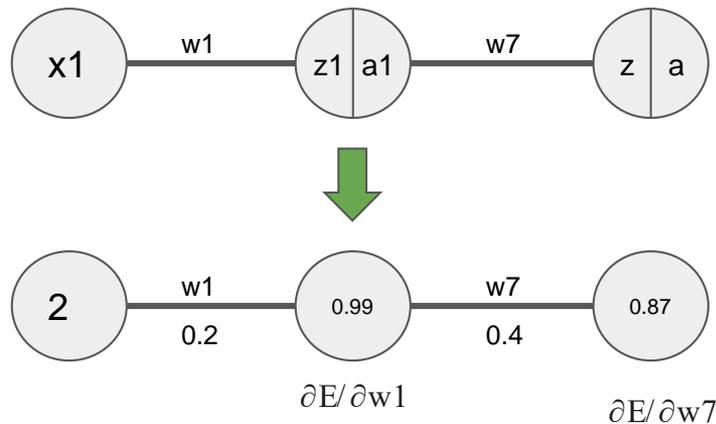
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To decrease the error, we then subtract this value from the current weight.

- $w_7 = w_7 - \text{learning\_rate} * (-0.0127)$
- $w_7 = 0.4 - 0.1 * (-0.0127) = 0.40127$  (assume learning\_rate = 0.1)



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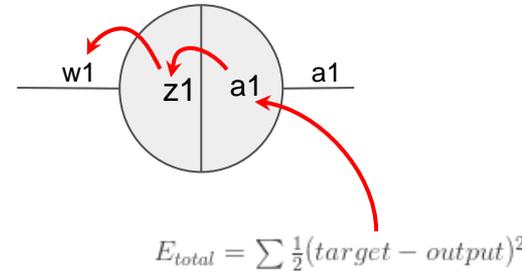
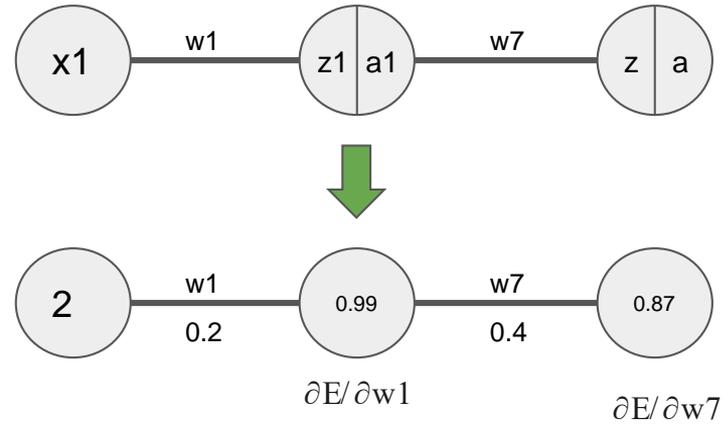
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Using previously calculated values we have

$$\partial E / \partial z = \partial E / \partial \text{out} * \partial \text{out} / \partial z = -0.1204 * 0.1059 = -0.01275$$

- $\partial z / \partial a_1 = \partial (a_1 * w_7 + a_2 * w_8 + a_3 * w_9 + b_2 * 1) / \partial a_1 = w_7 + 0 + 0 + 0 = w_7 = 0.4$
- $\partial E / \partial a_1 = \partial E / \partial z * \partial z / \partial a_1 = -0.01275 * 0.4 = -0.0051$



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# The Backward Pass

- PLEASE NOTE: Using chain rule for hidden layer:

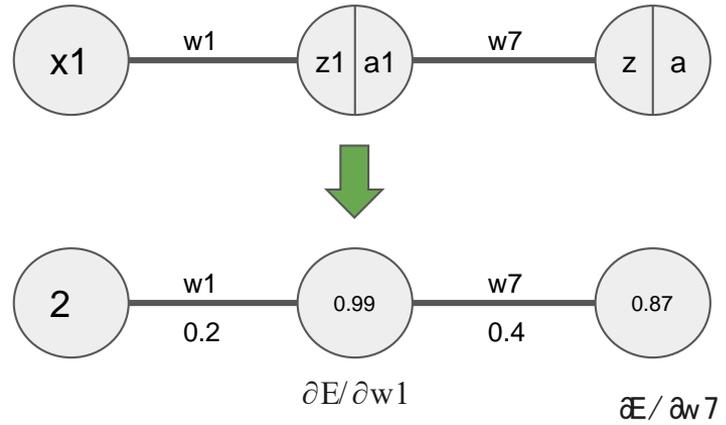
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simply expands to

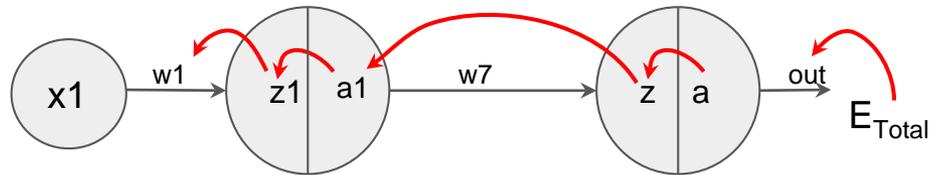
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Compare this to below

$$\partial E / \partial w_7 = \delta E / \delta out * \delta out / \delta z * \delta z / \delta w_7$$



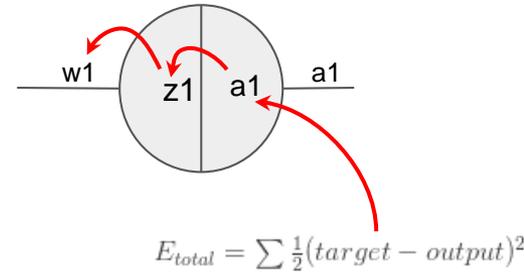
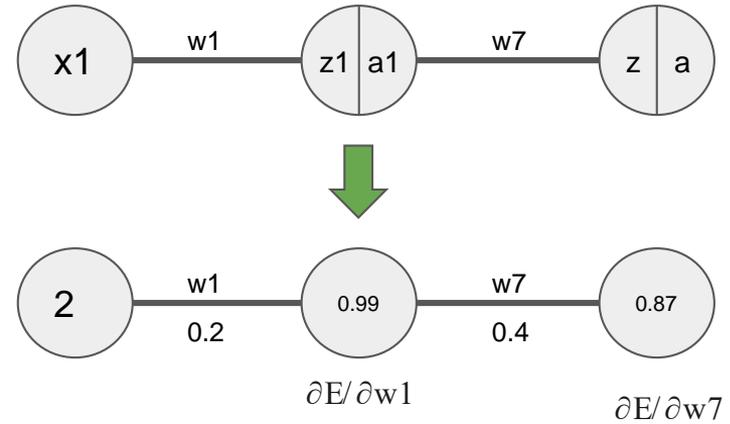
Chain rule illustration for  $\delta E / \delta w_1$ :



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**Chain rule illustration**

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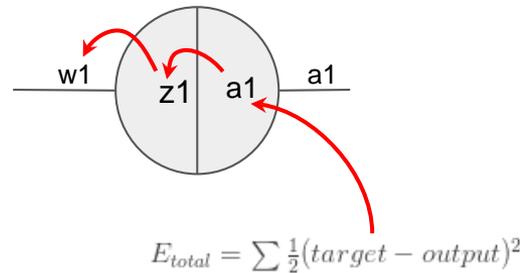
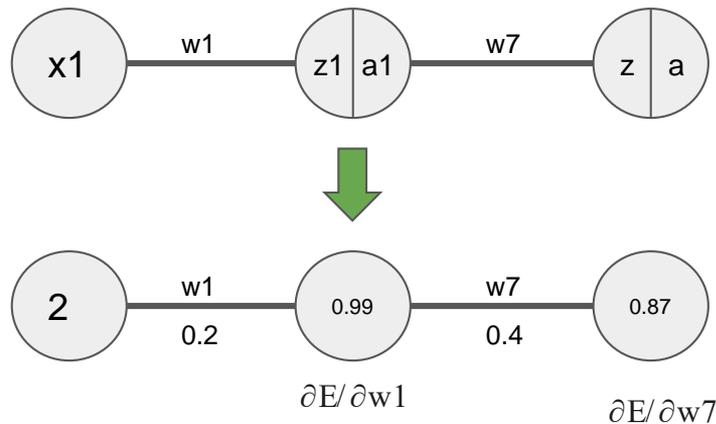
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Updating  $w_1 = w_1 - \text{learning\_rate} * \text{gradient}$

$$w_1 = 0.2 - 0.1 * (-5.097E-6) = 0.20000051$$



**Chain rule illustration**

# After update, new weights would be

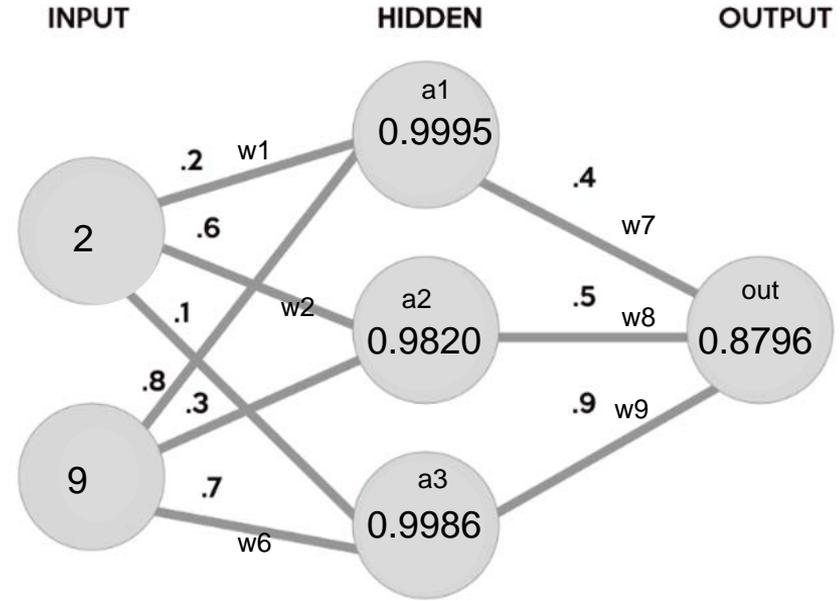


- Perform the forward pass and backward pass steps iteratively until the loss reaches minimal value.

# Practice Calculations:

After one iteration, the updated weights for  $w_2$ ,  $w_6$ ,  $w_8$ , and  $w_9$  are:

- $w_8 = 0.50125$
- $w_9 = 0.90127325094$
- $w_2 = 0.60002253753$
- $w_6 = 0.70001443866$



# Summary

- The whole process of Forward propagation and backpropagation constitute a single iteration.
- This process is iteratively repeated until loss value reaches a minimum value and weights become stable.
- In practice, we don't train the model on single example, rather we train it on many many different examples and the model weights are updated slowly towards a convergence point.
- When we train the model on different examples, the model learns weights to produce the output close to the target output.

# Layers organization in a Neural Network

