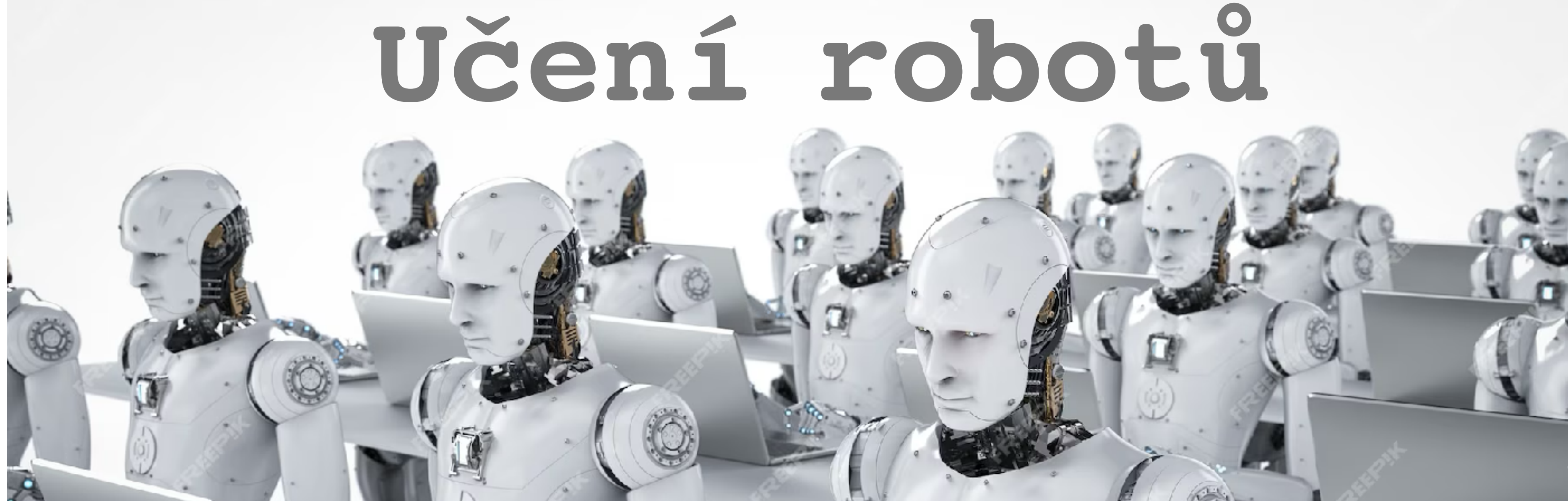


Učení robotů



Under the hood of autograd

**Neurons, fully connected networks, computational graphs,
Jacobians and vector-Jacobian product**

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Linear classifier and neuron

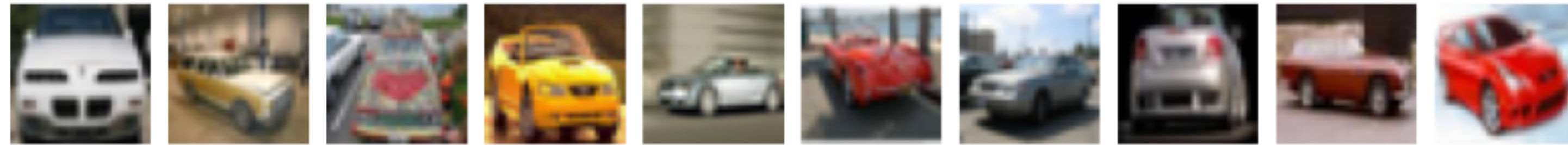
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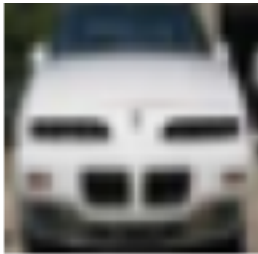
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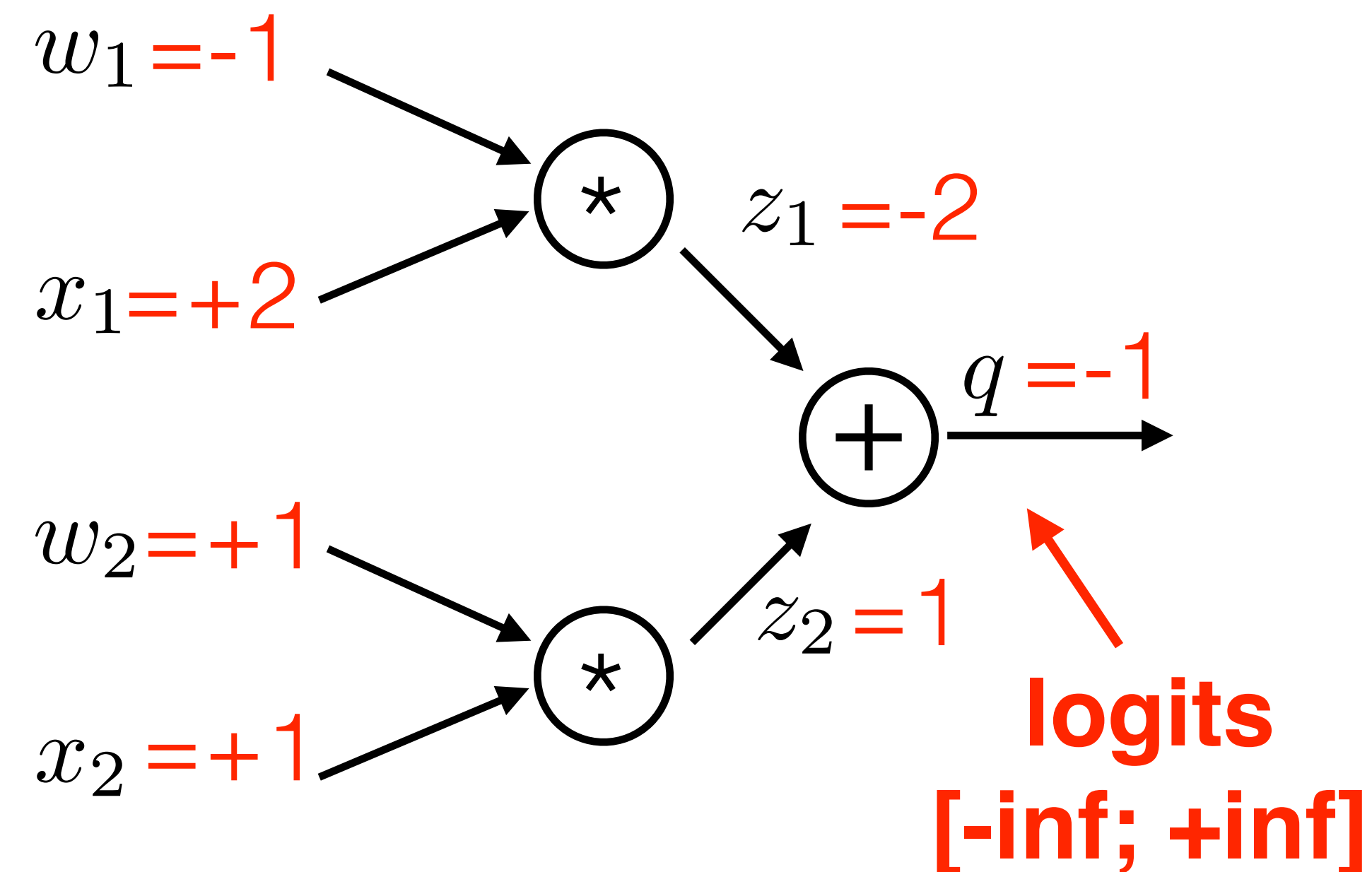


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```
def classify():  
    # Linear classifier  
     $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\text{$ )  
    return  $\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x}$ 
```

Computational graph of linear classifier



Linear classifier and neuron

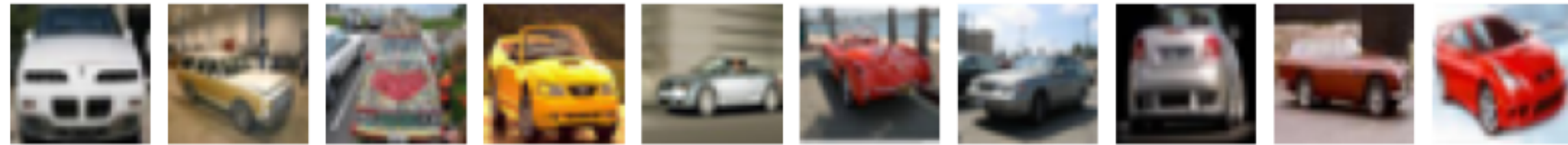
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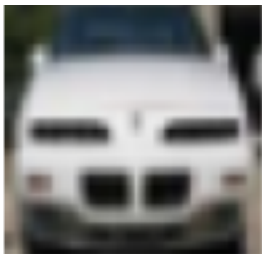
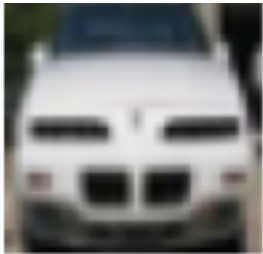
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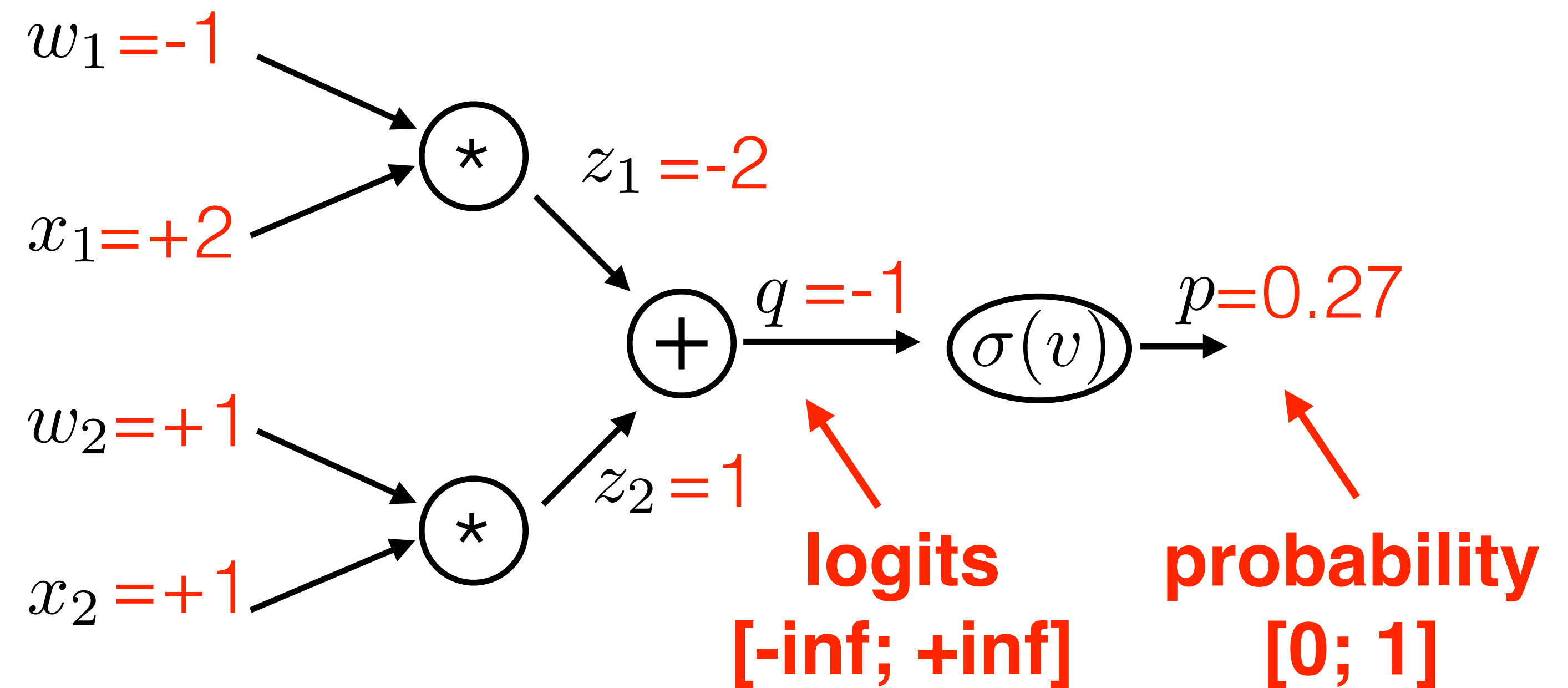


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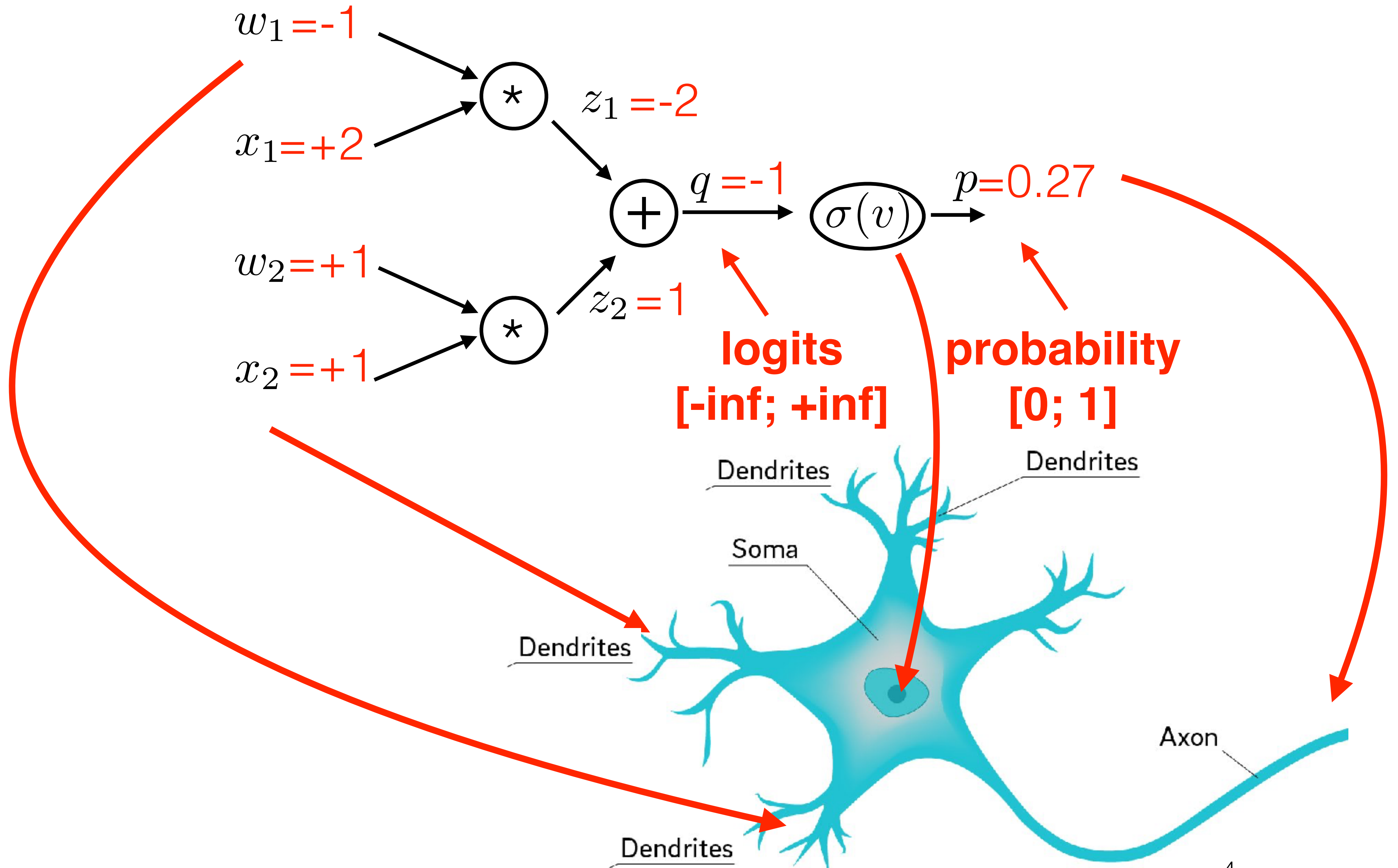


```
def classify(  
    # Neuron  
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     $p = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^\top \mathbf{x})$   
    return  $p$ 
```

Computational graph of neuron

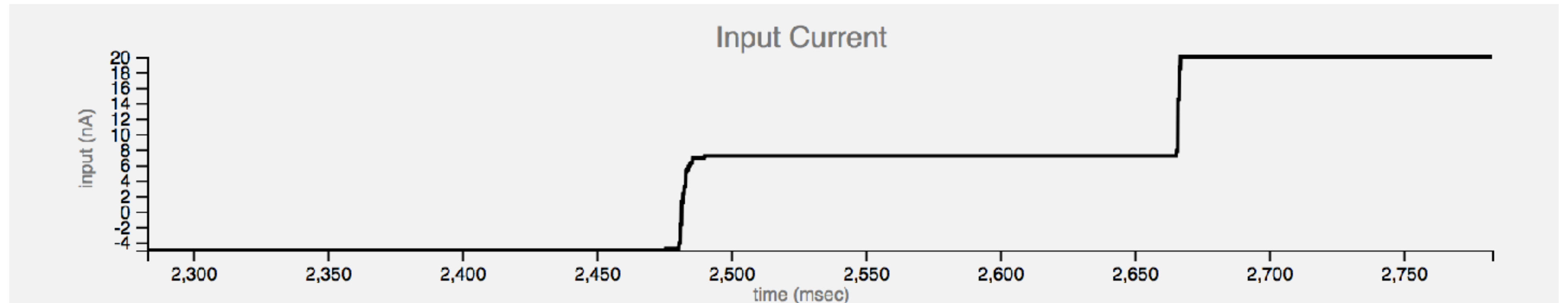


Relation to biological neuron

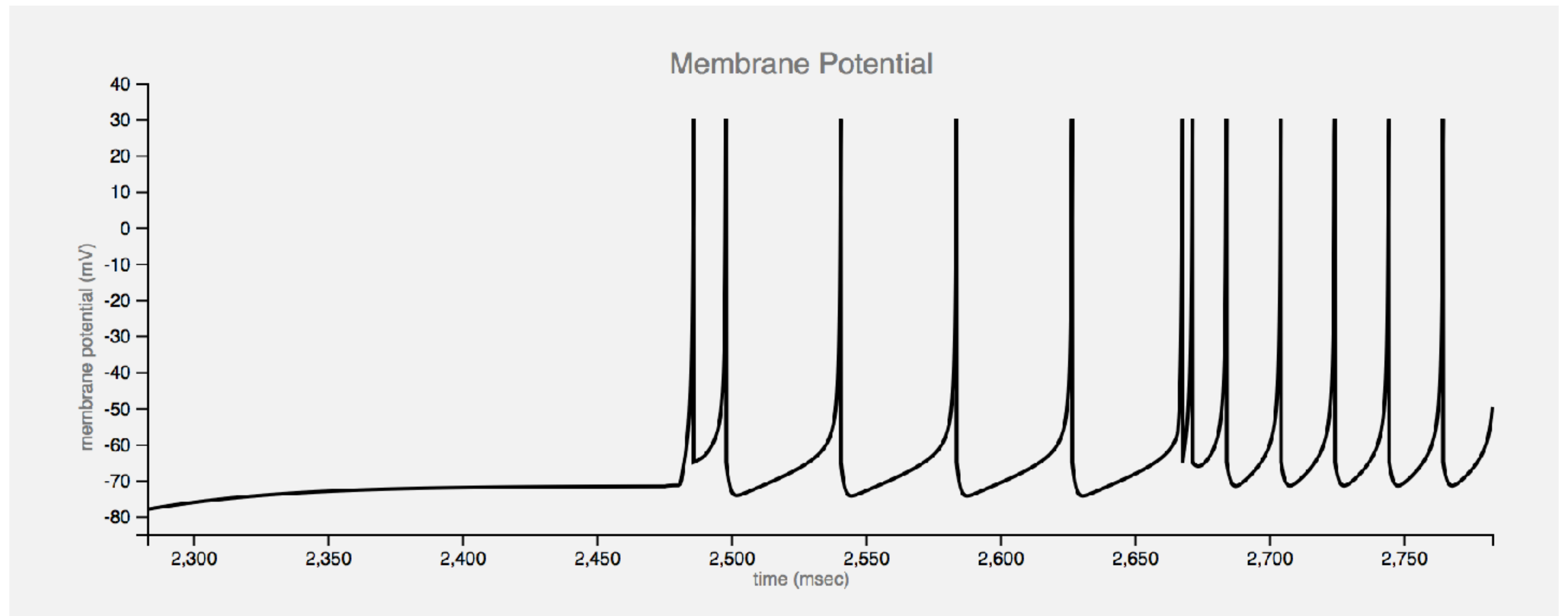


Modeling dynamic neuron behaviour

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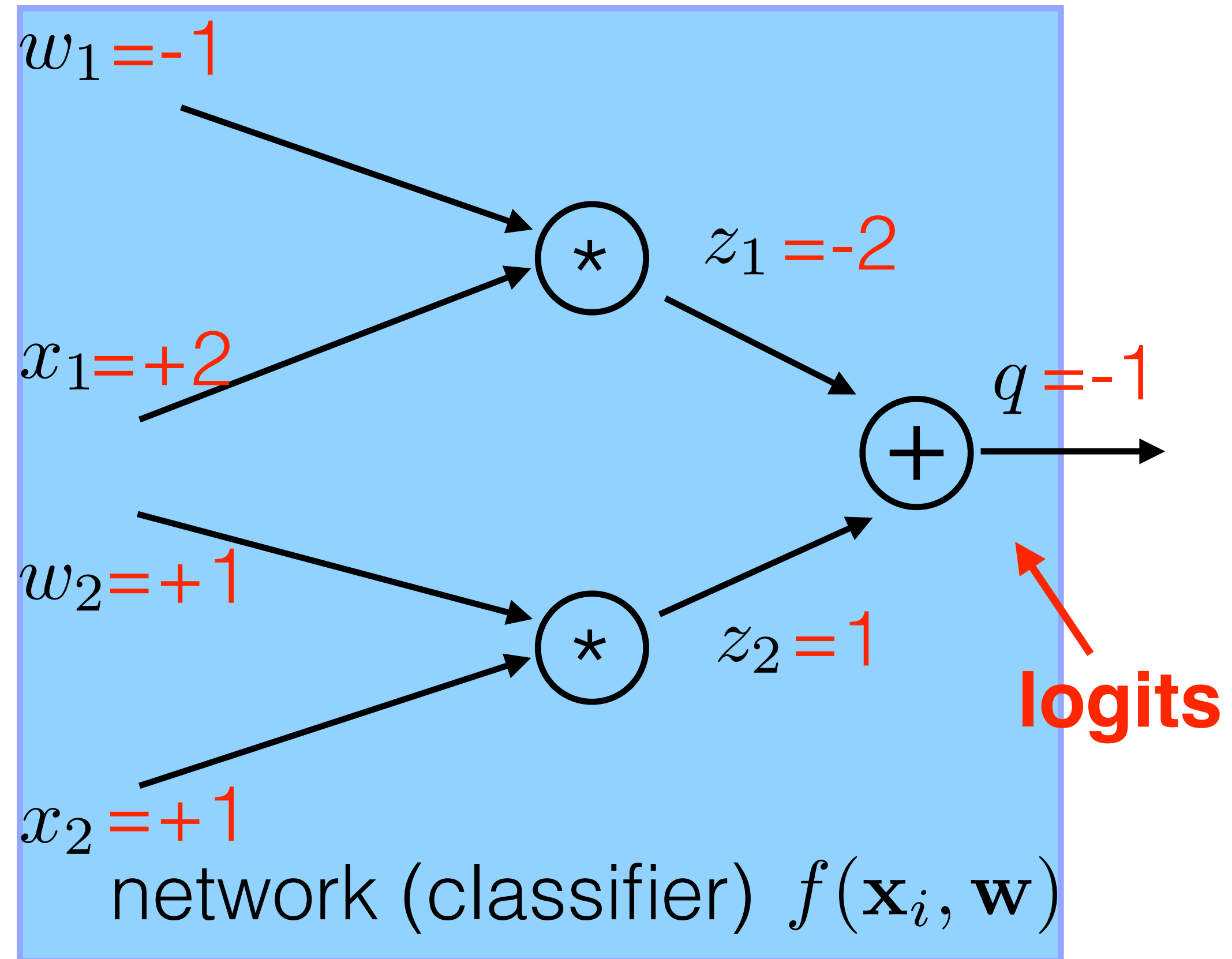


Output:

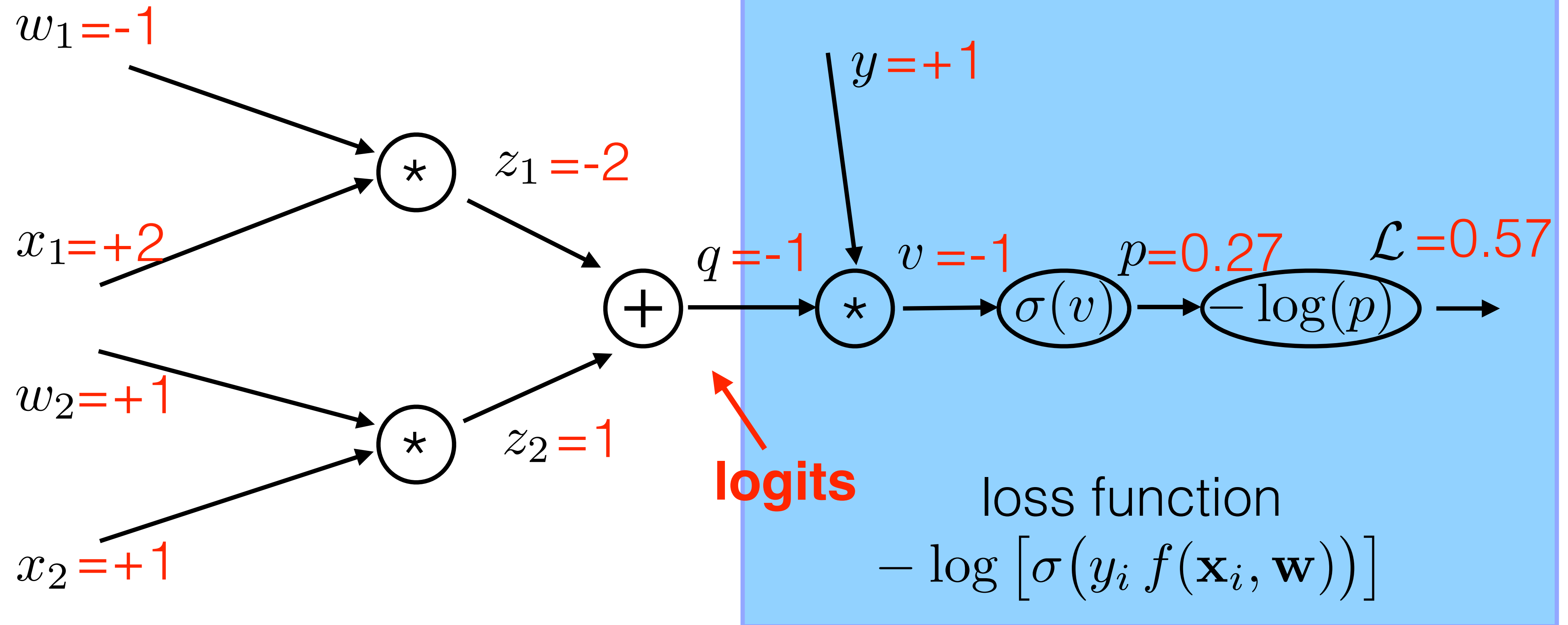


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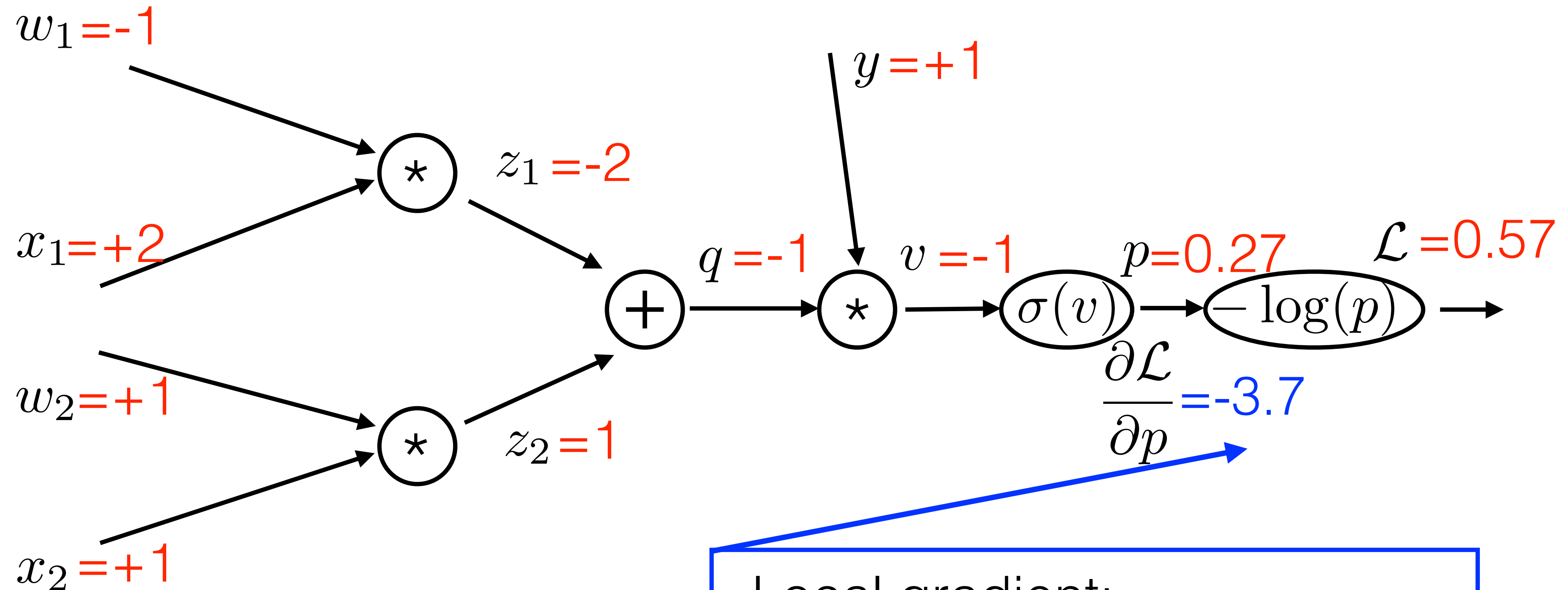
Learning in computation graph



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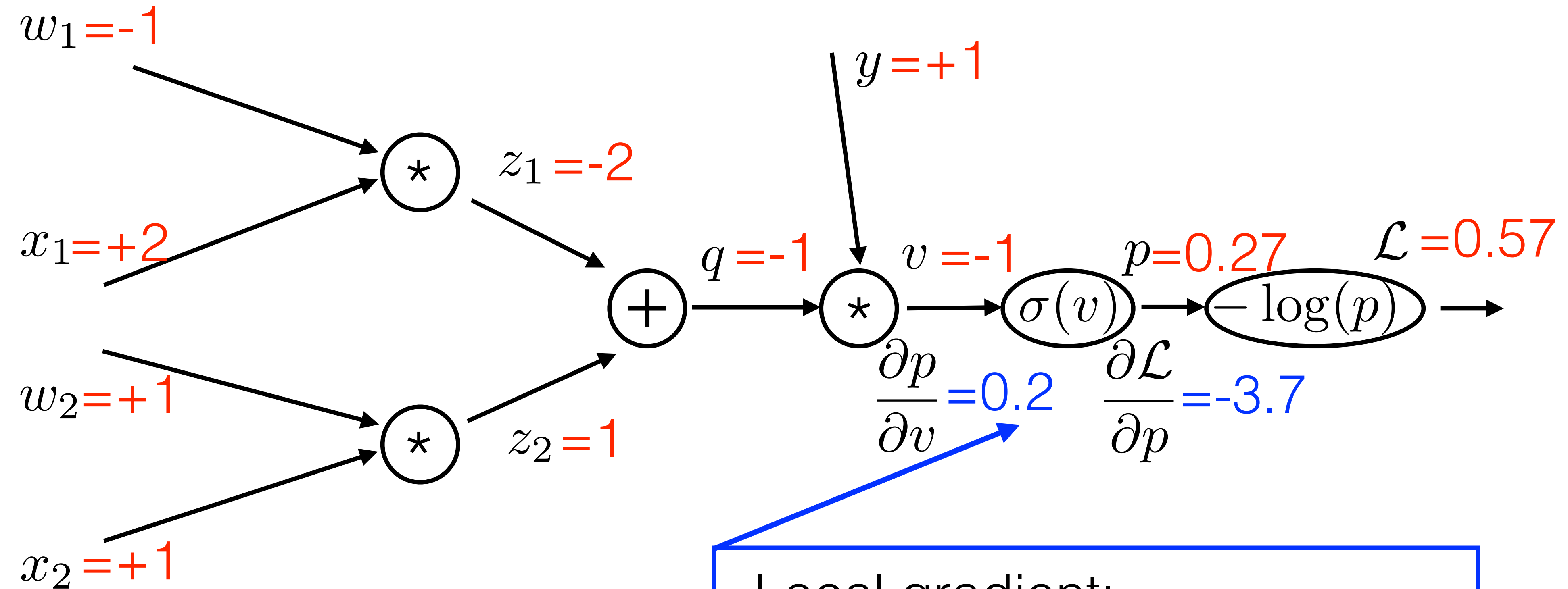
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Local gradient:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p} = \frac{\partial(-\log(p))}{\partial p} = -\frac{1}{p}$$

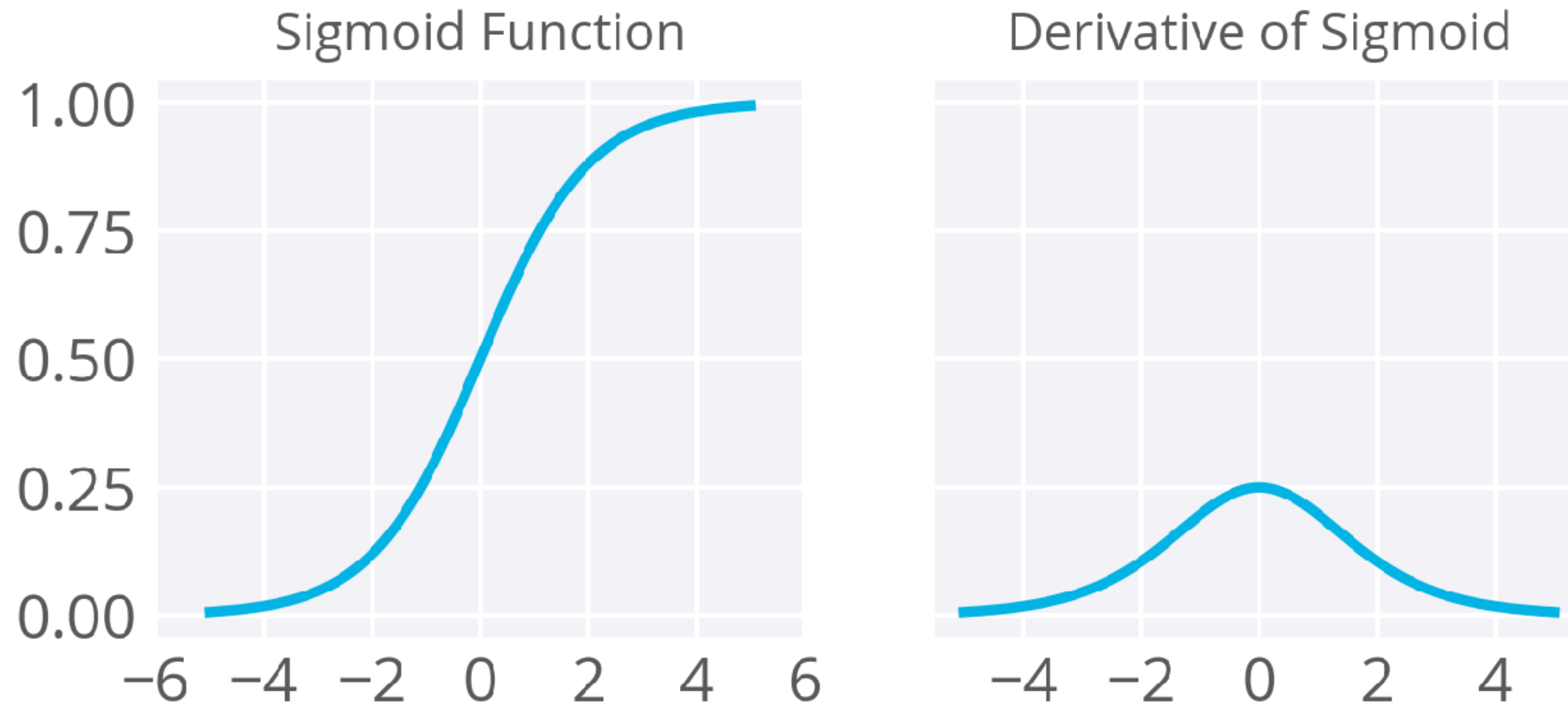
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Local gradient:

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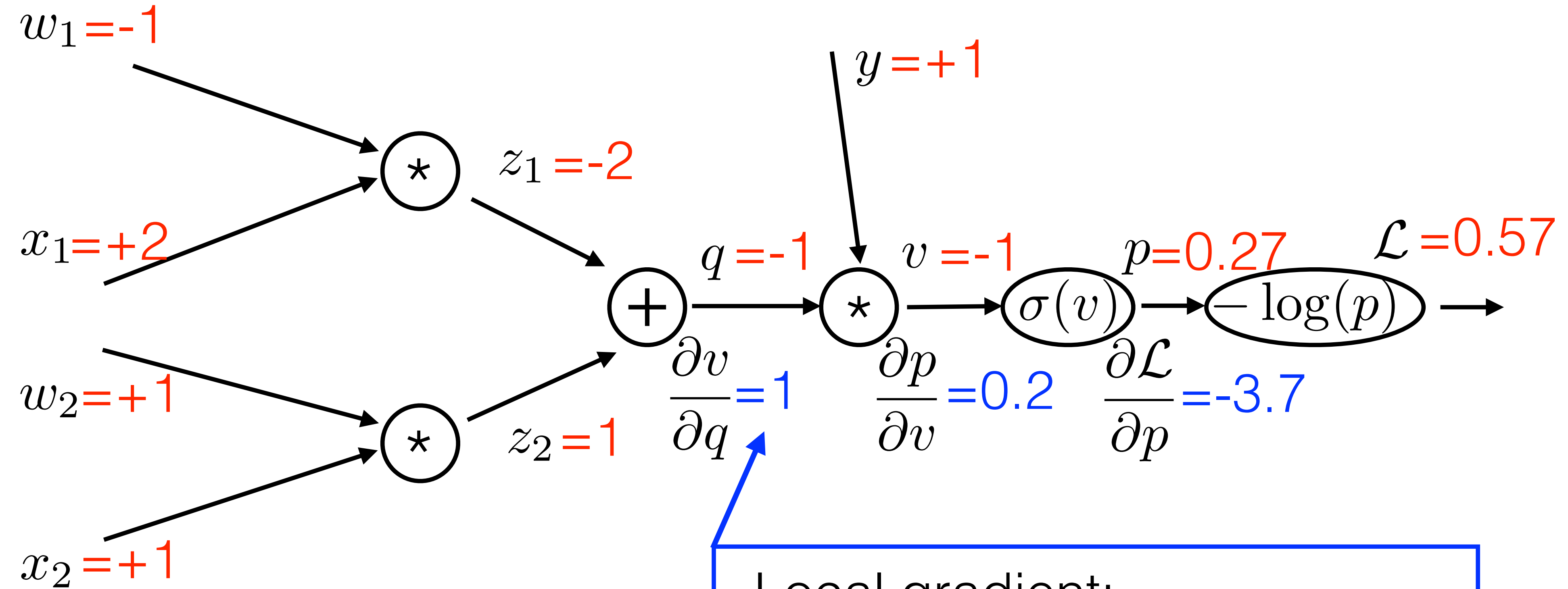
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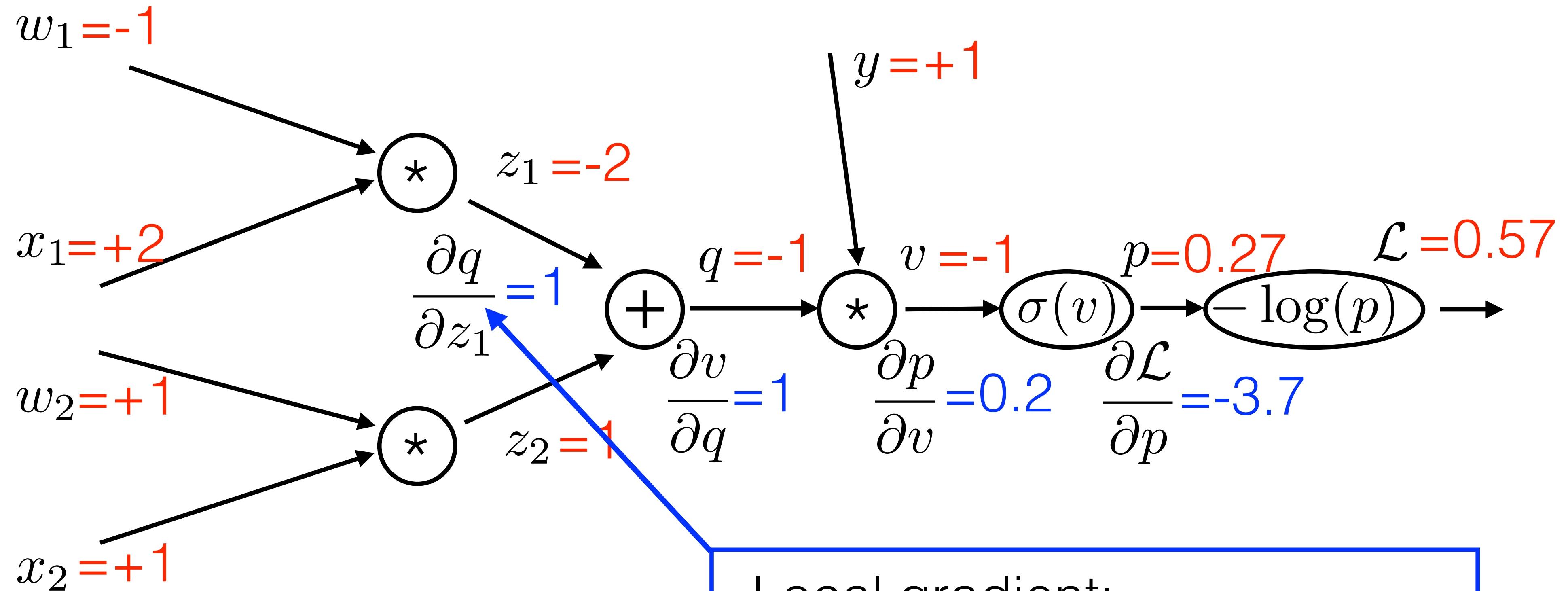
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Local gradient:

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial q} = \frac{\partial(yq)}{\partial q} = y$$

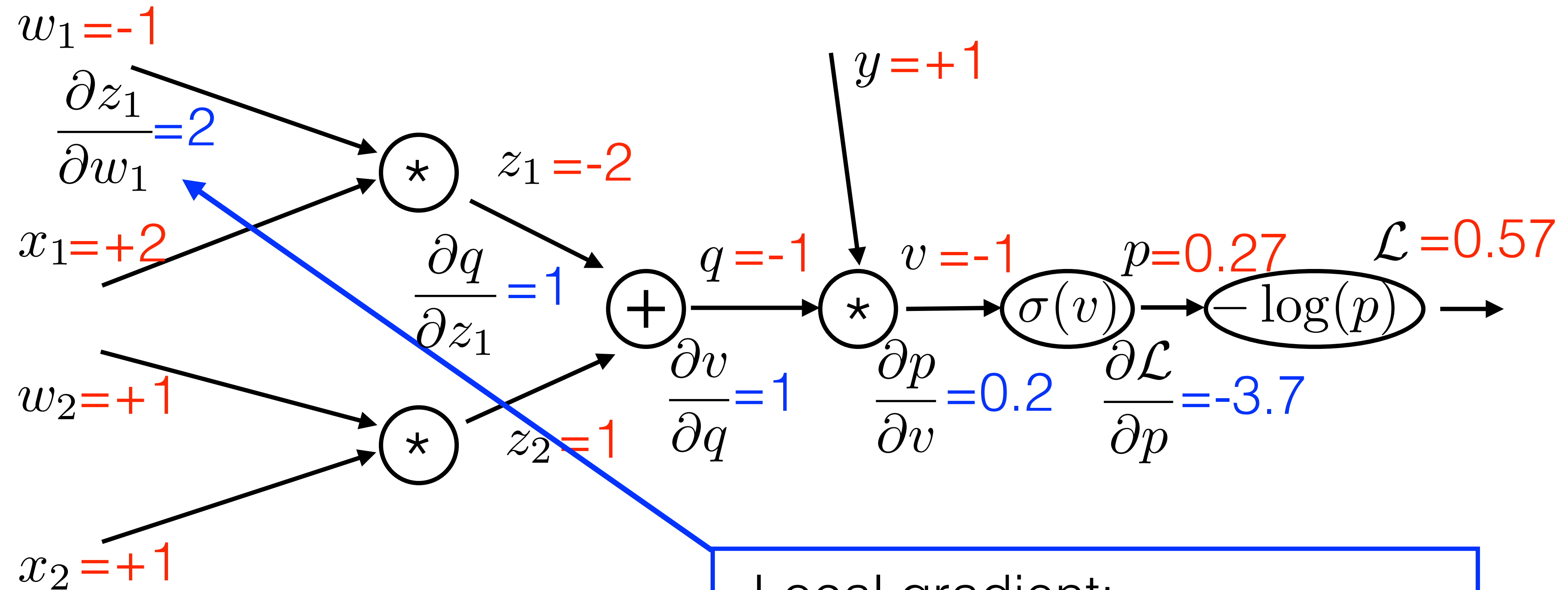
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Local gradient:

$$\frac{\partial q}{\partial z_1} = \frac{\partial(z_1 + z_2)}{\partial z_1} = 1$$

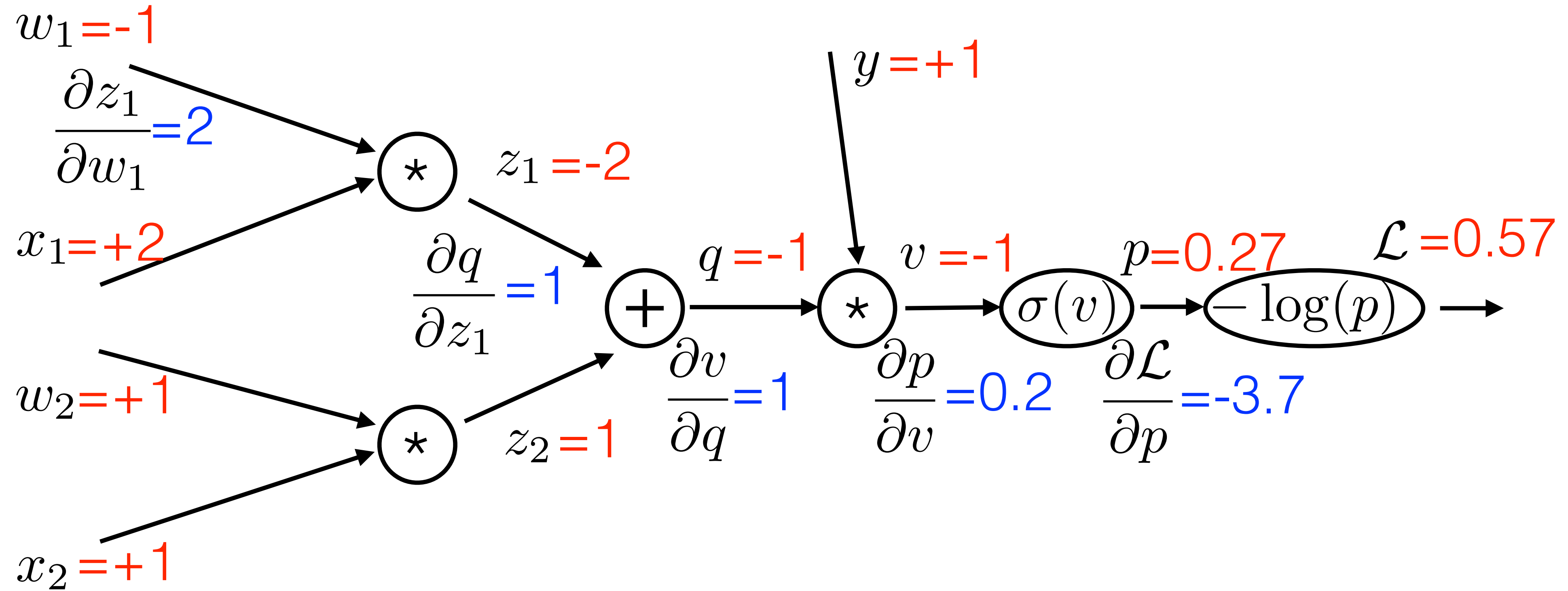
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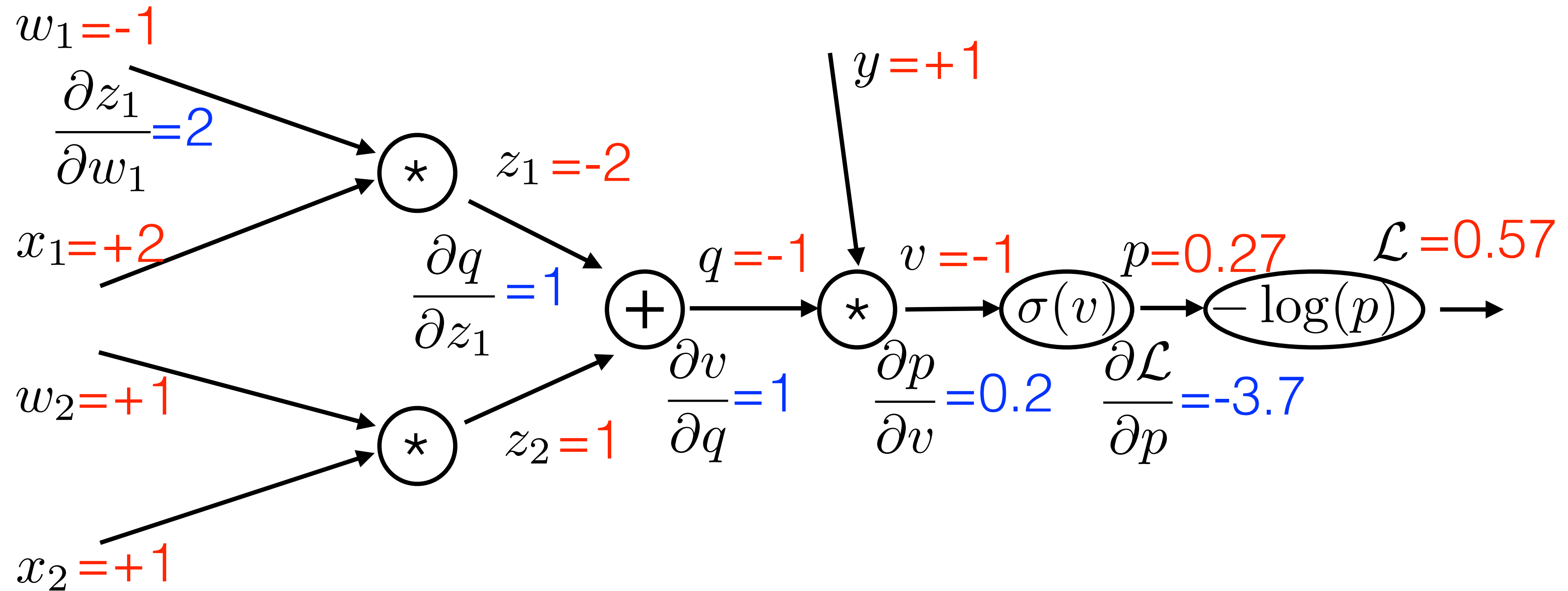
$$\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial (w_1 x_1)}{\partial w_1} = x_1$$

Learning in computation graph



$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial v} \frac{\partial v}{\partial q} \frac{\partial q}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_1} = -3.7 * 0.2 * 1 * 1 * 2 = -1.48$$

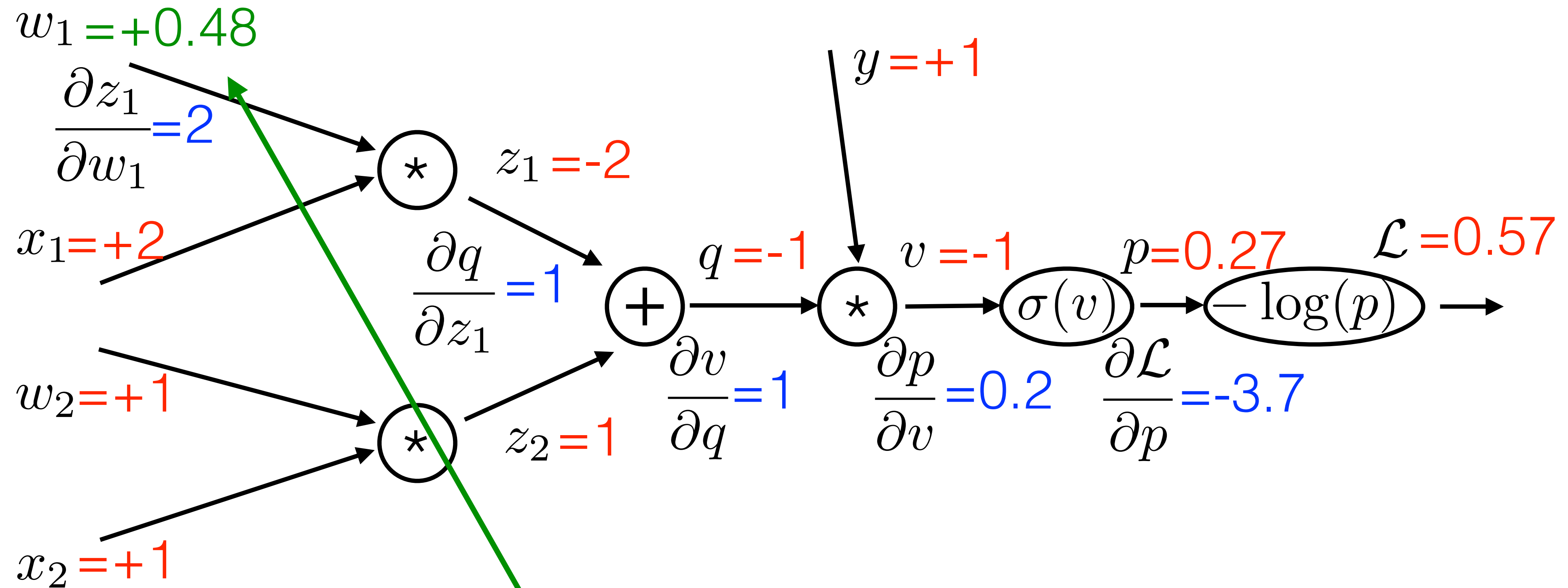
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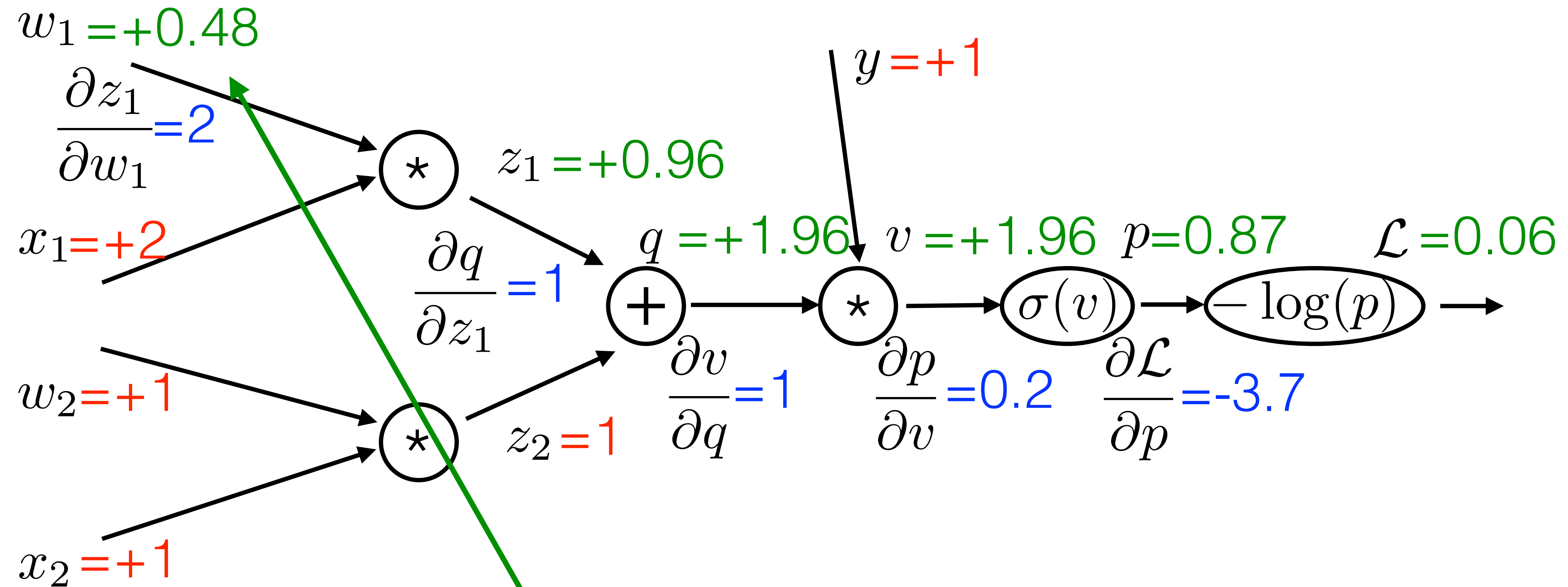
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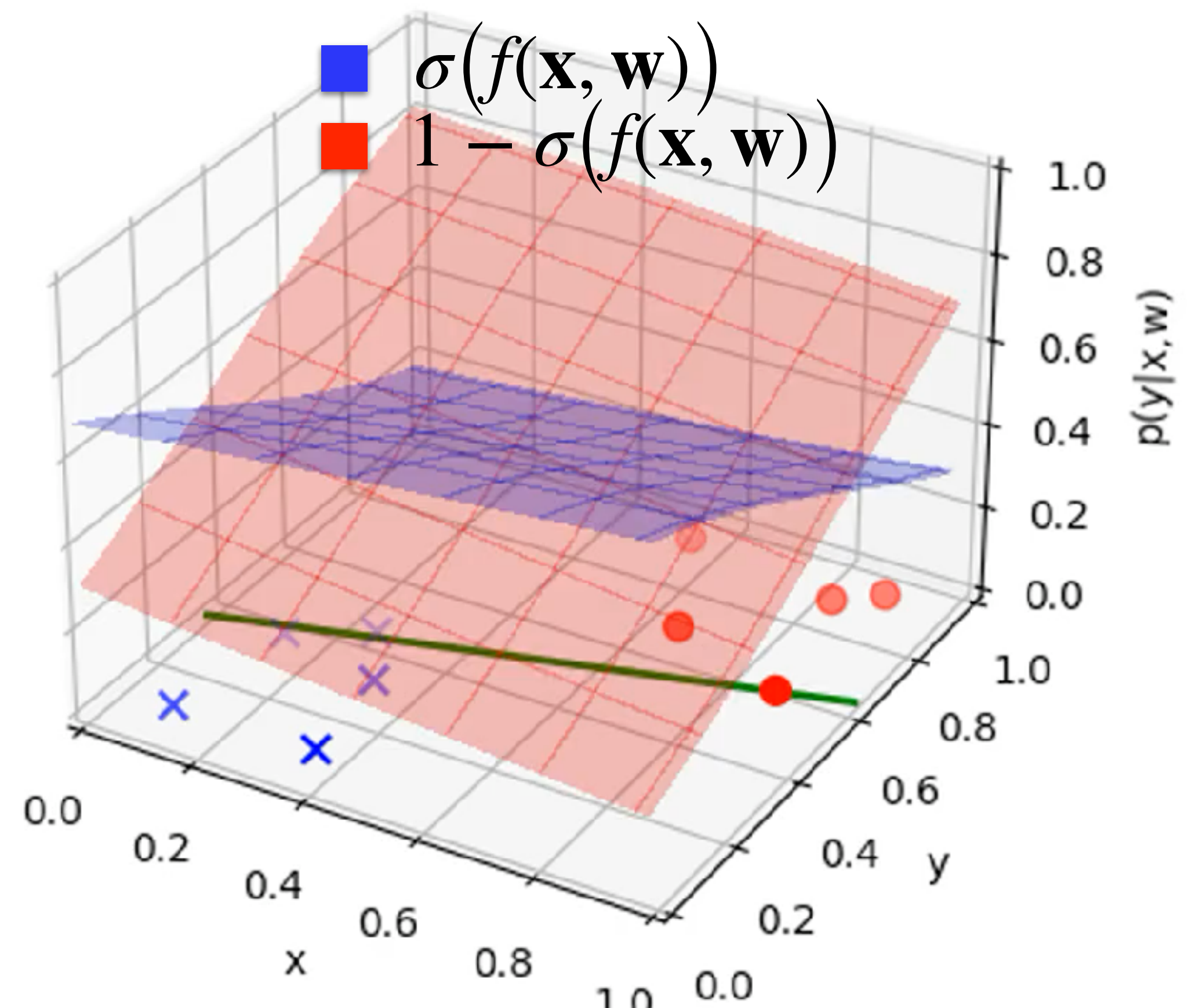
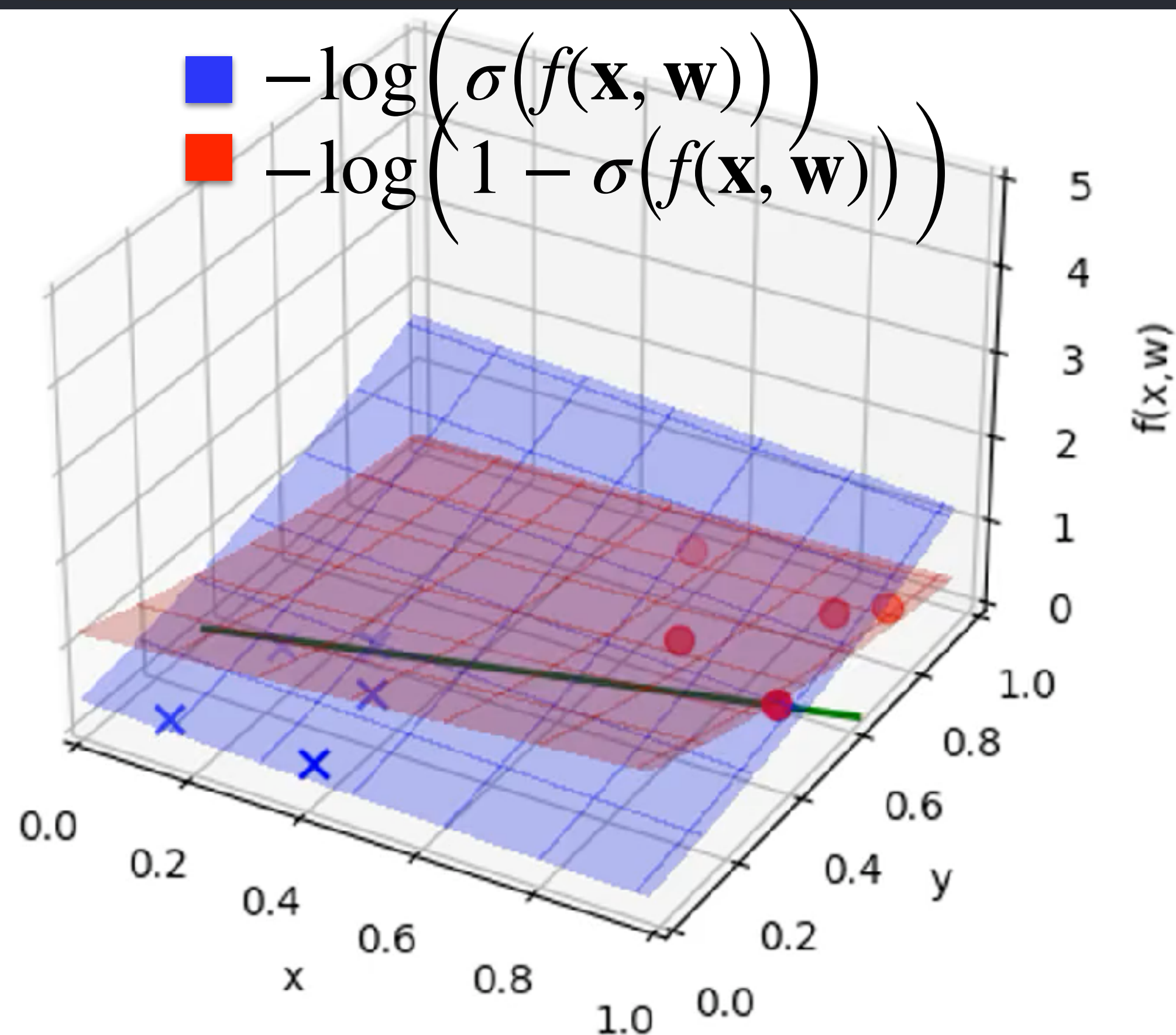
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Learning from multiple training samples means summing up the partial derivative over all samples

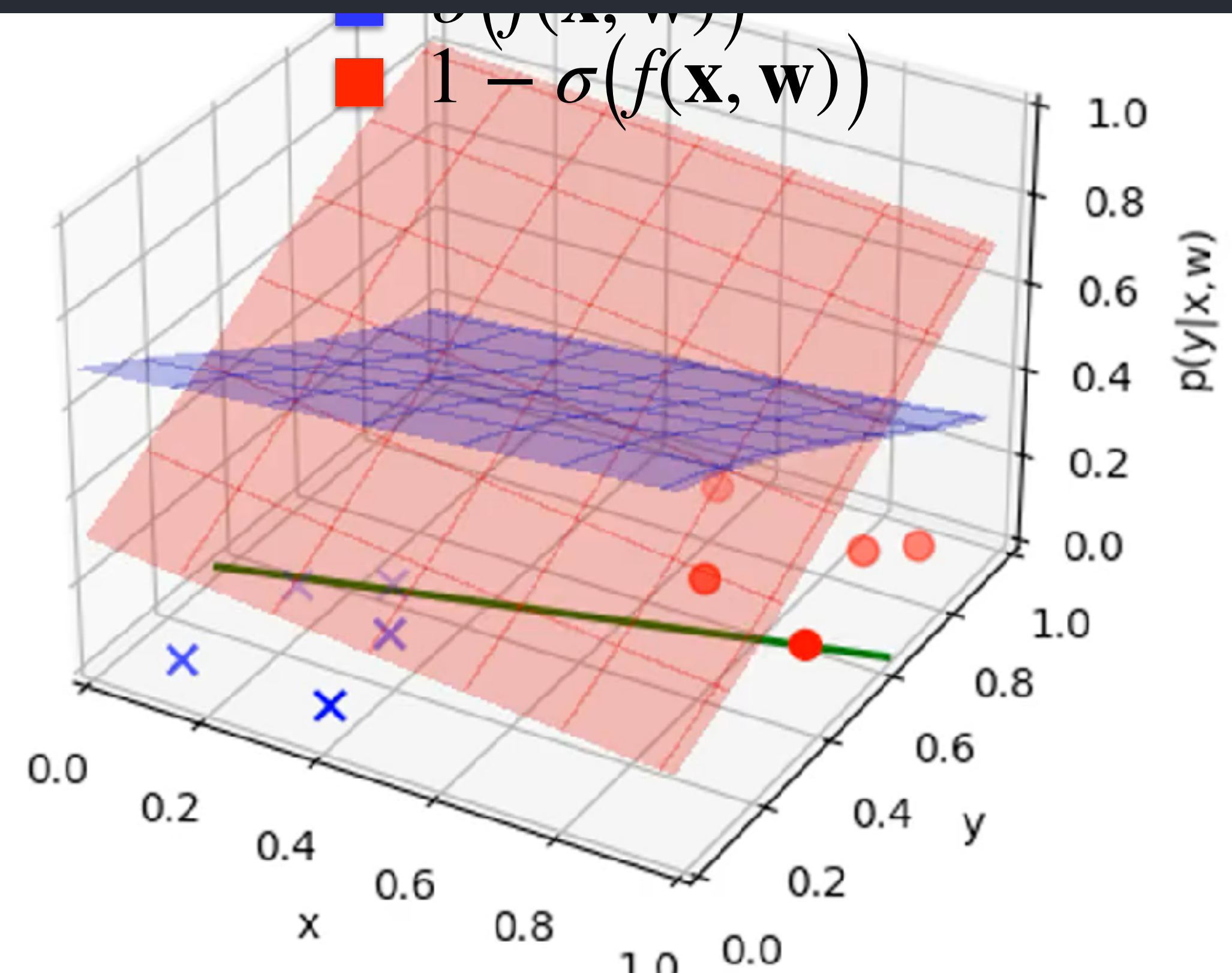
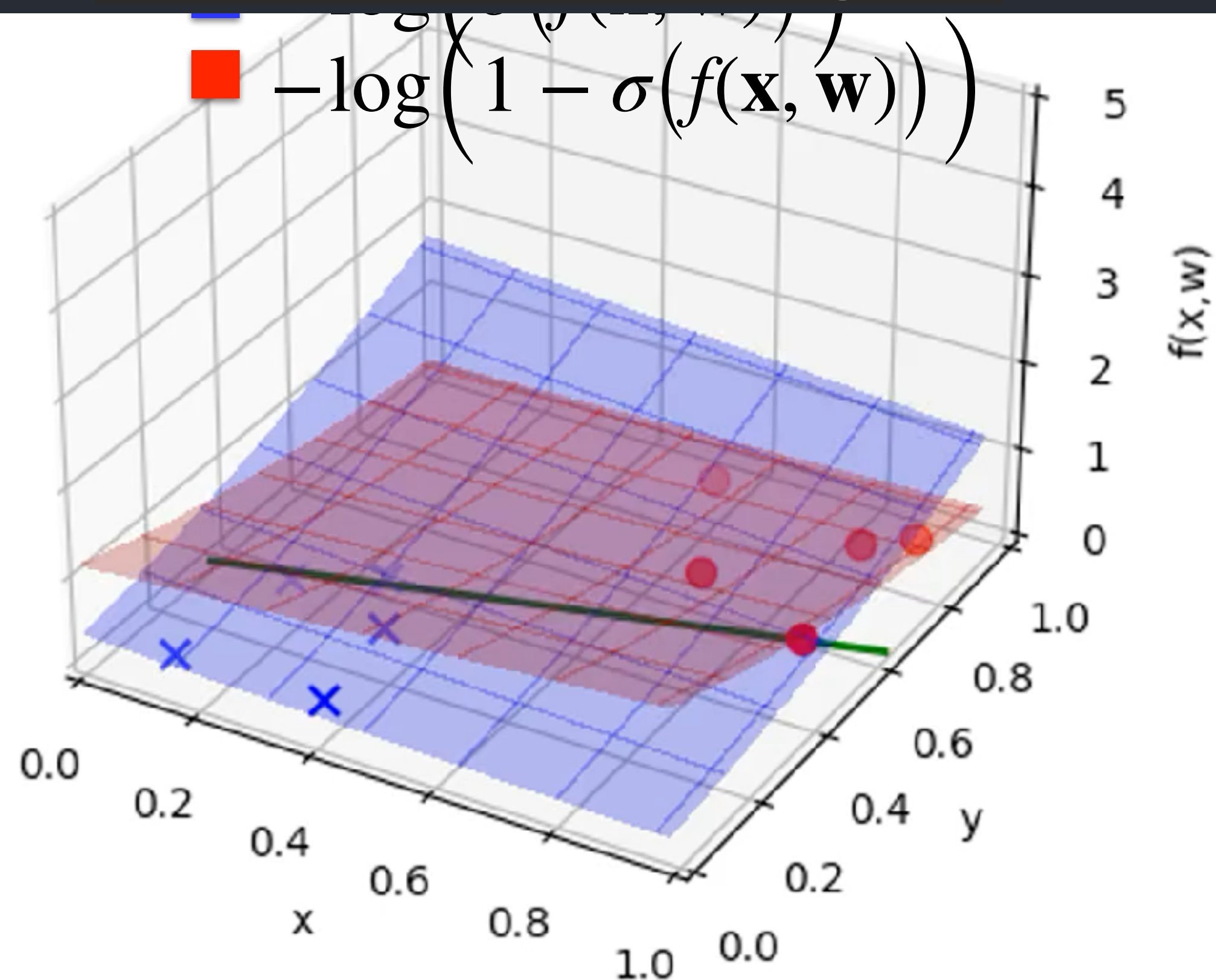
Numpy implementation

```
for i in range(30):  
    u = w[0] * x[:, 0] + w[1] * x[:, 1] + w[2]  
    p = sigmoid(u)  
    loss = (-np.log(p)*y + -np.log(1-p)*(1-y)).sum()  
    grad = -1/p * sigmoid(u) * (1-sigmoid(u)) * ...  
    w = w - 0.1 * grad
```

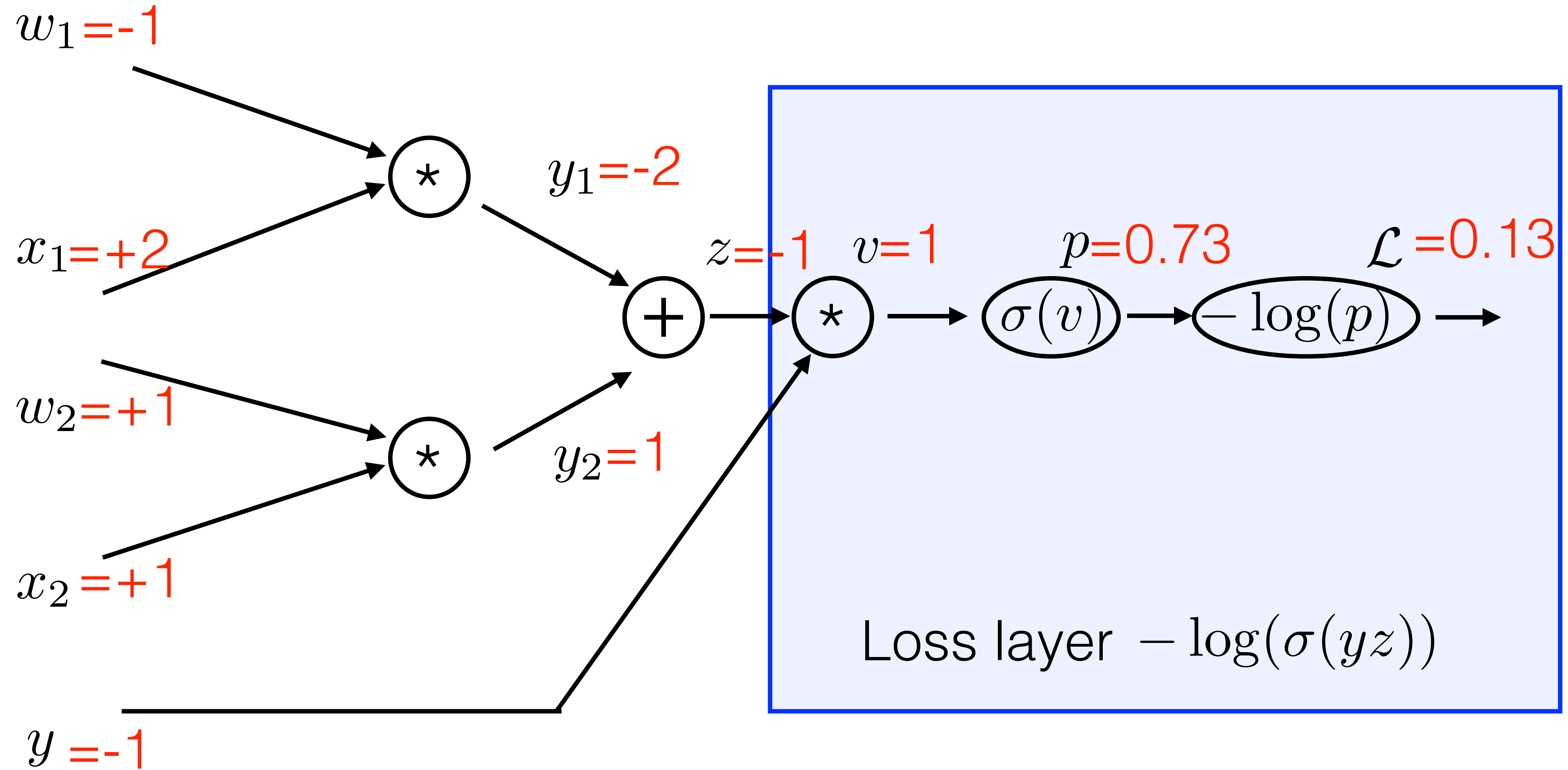


PyTorch implementation

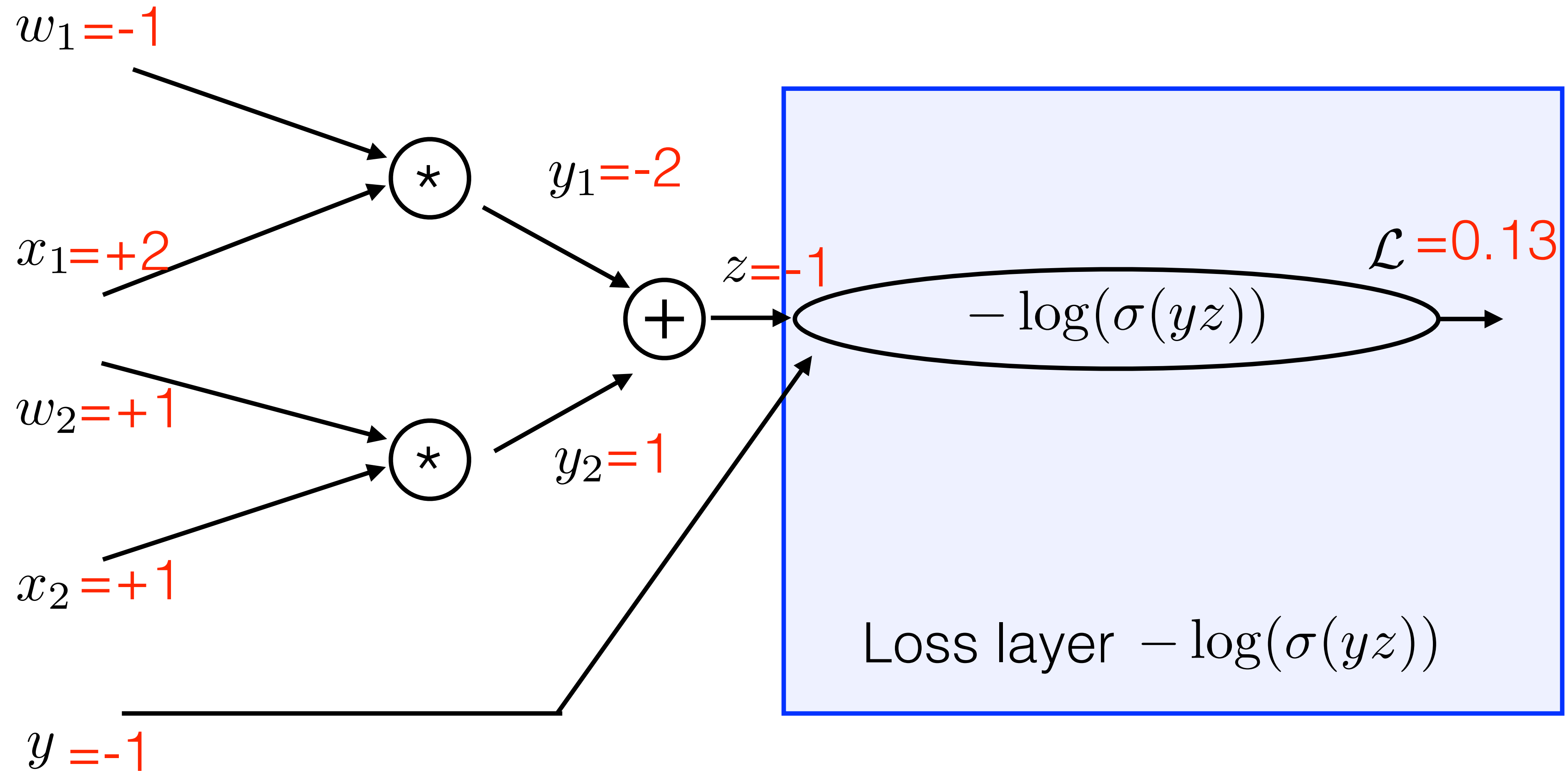
```
for i in range(30):  
    u = w[0] * x[:, 0] + w[1] * x[:, 1] + w[2]  
    p = torch.sigmoid(u)  
    loss = (-torch.log(p) * y - torch.log(1 - p) * (1 - y)).sum()  
    grad, = torch.autograd.grad(loss, w)  
    with torch.no_grad():  
        w = w - 0.1 * grad
```



Computational graph of the learning



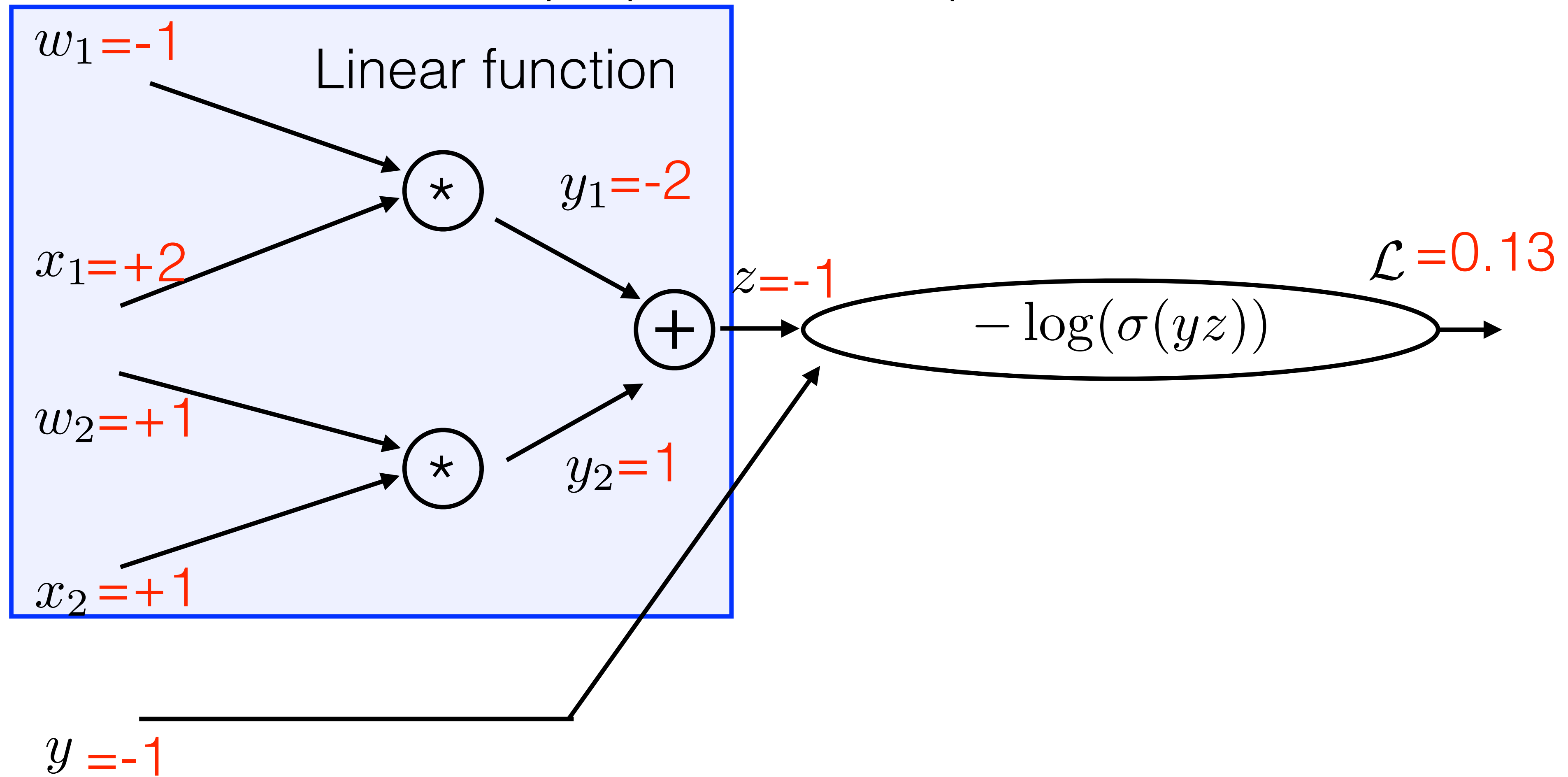
Backprop in vector representation



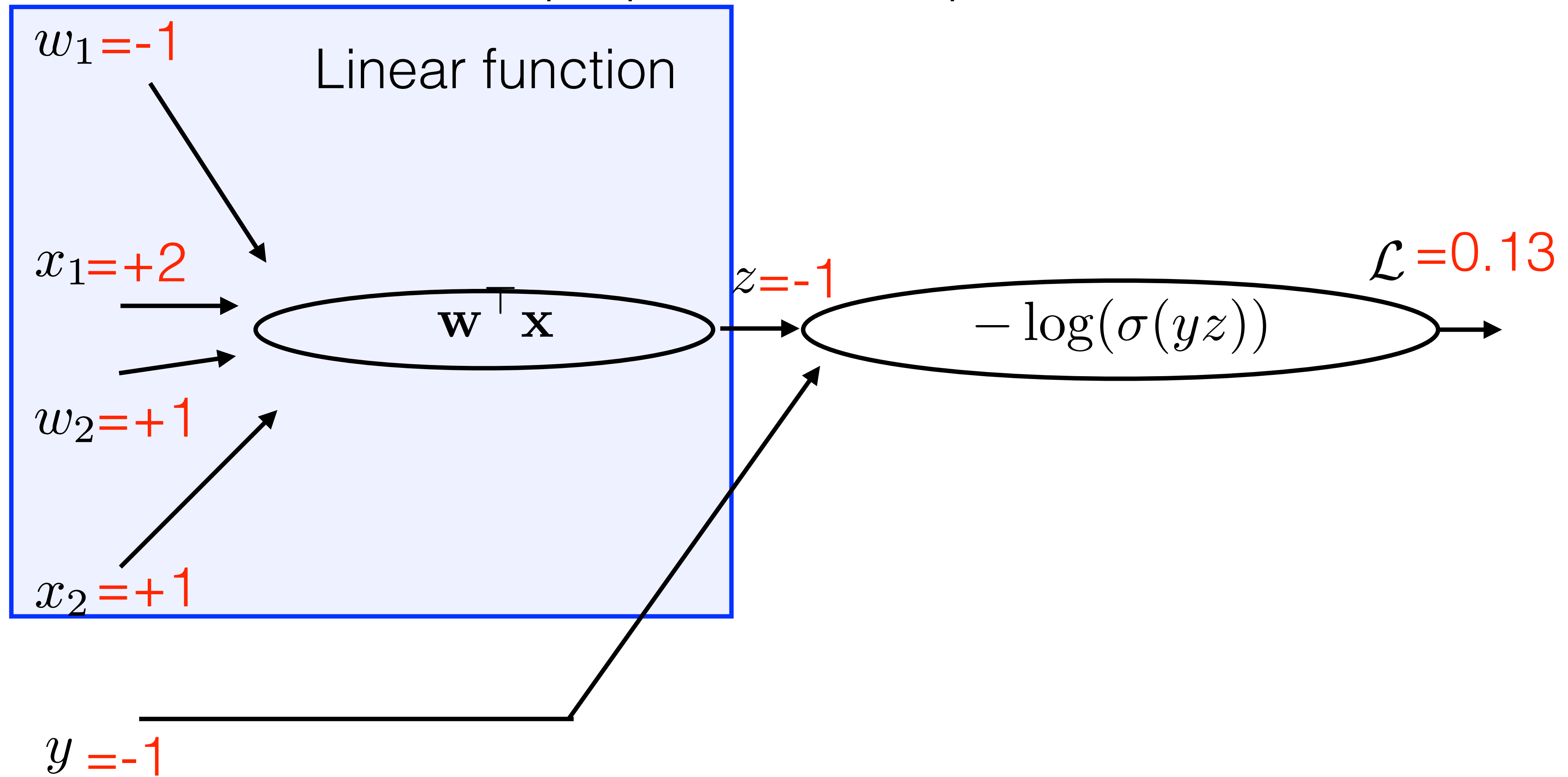
This is the logistic loss!

$$\mathcal{L}(y, z) = -\log(\sigma(yz)) = \log(1 + \exp(-yz))$$

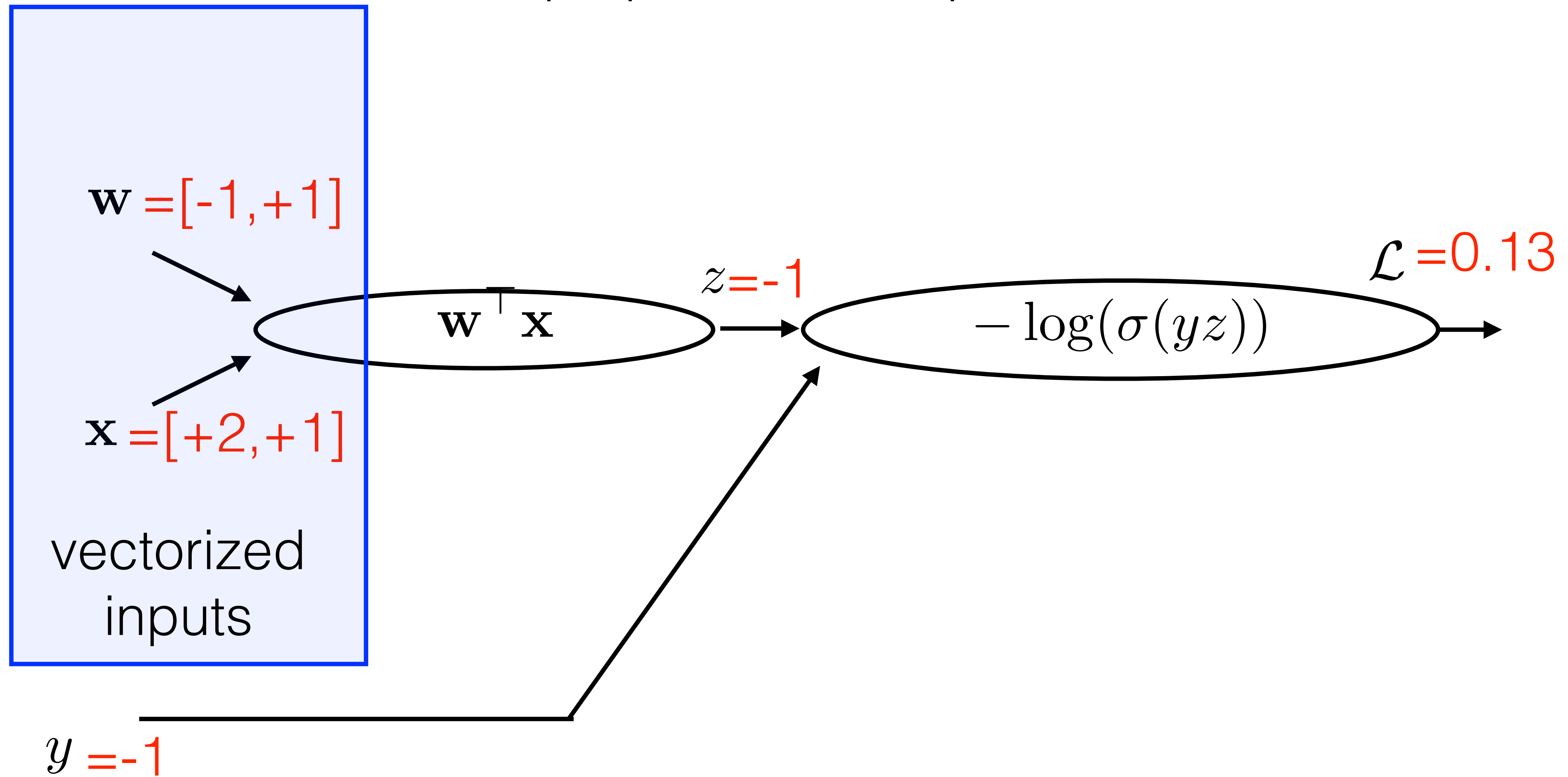
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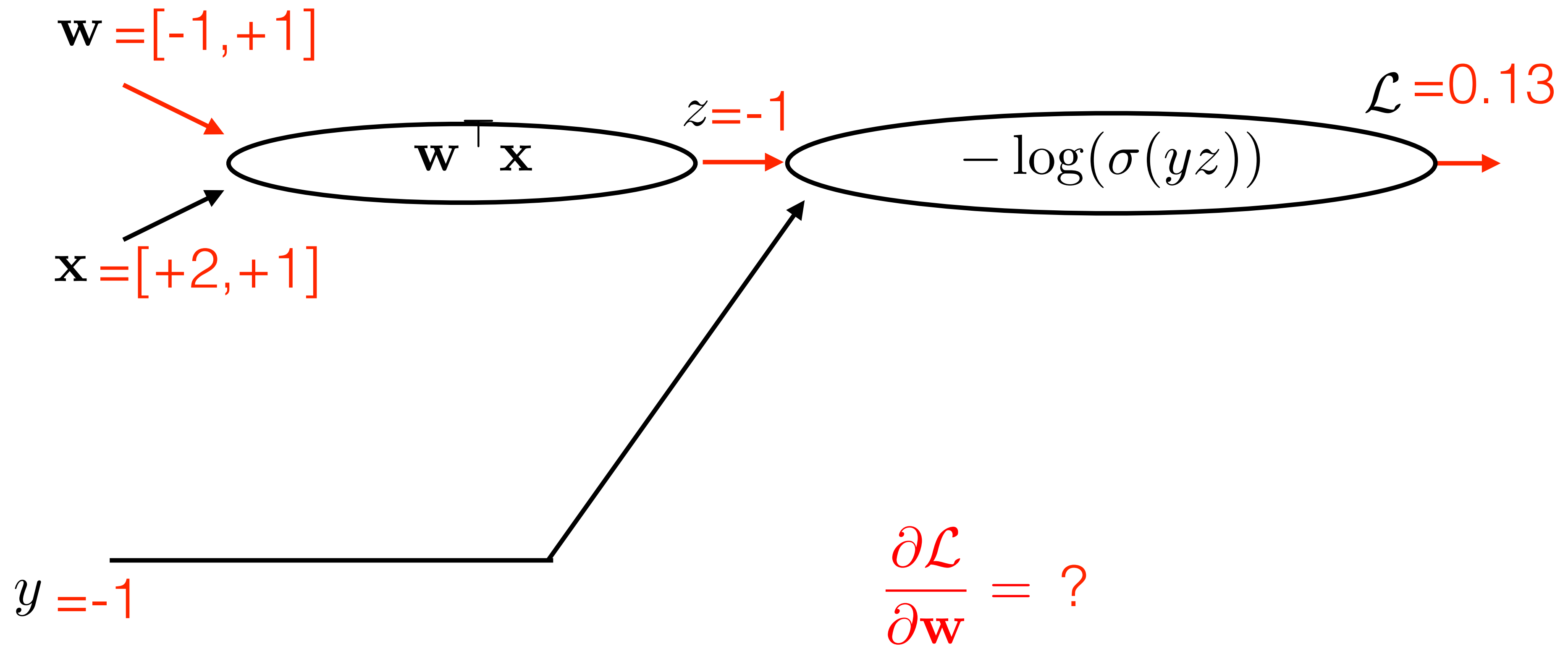
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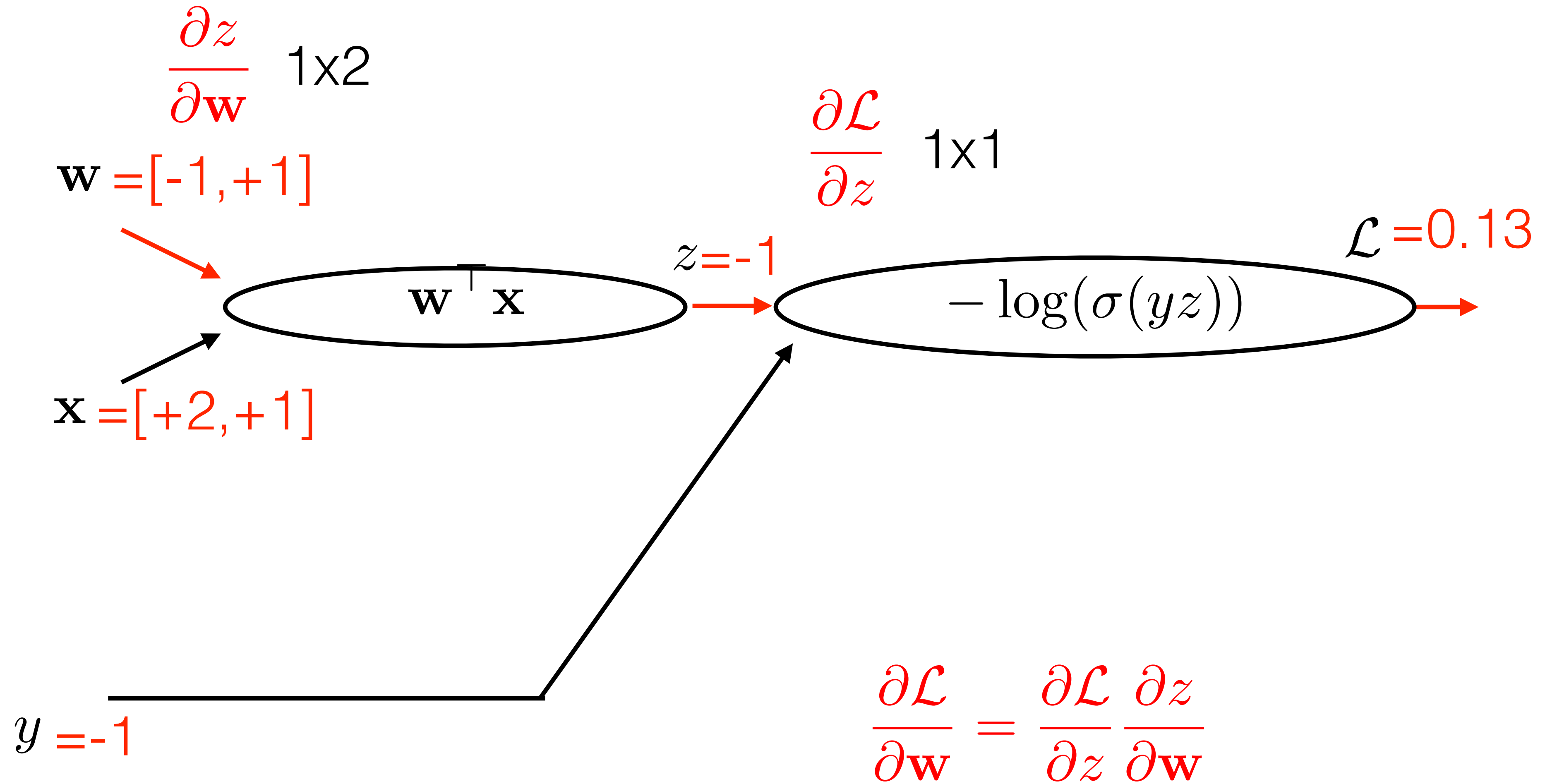
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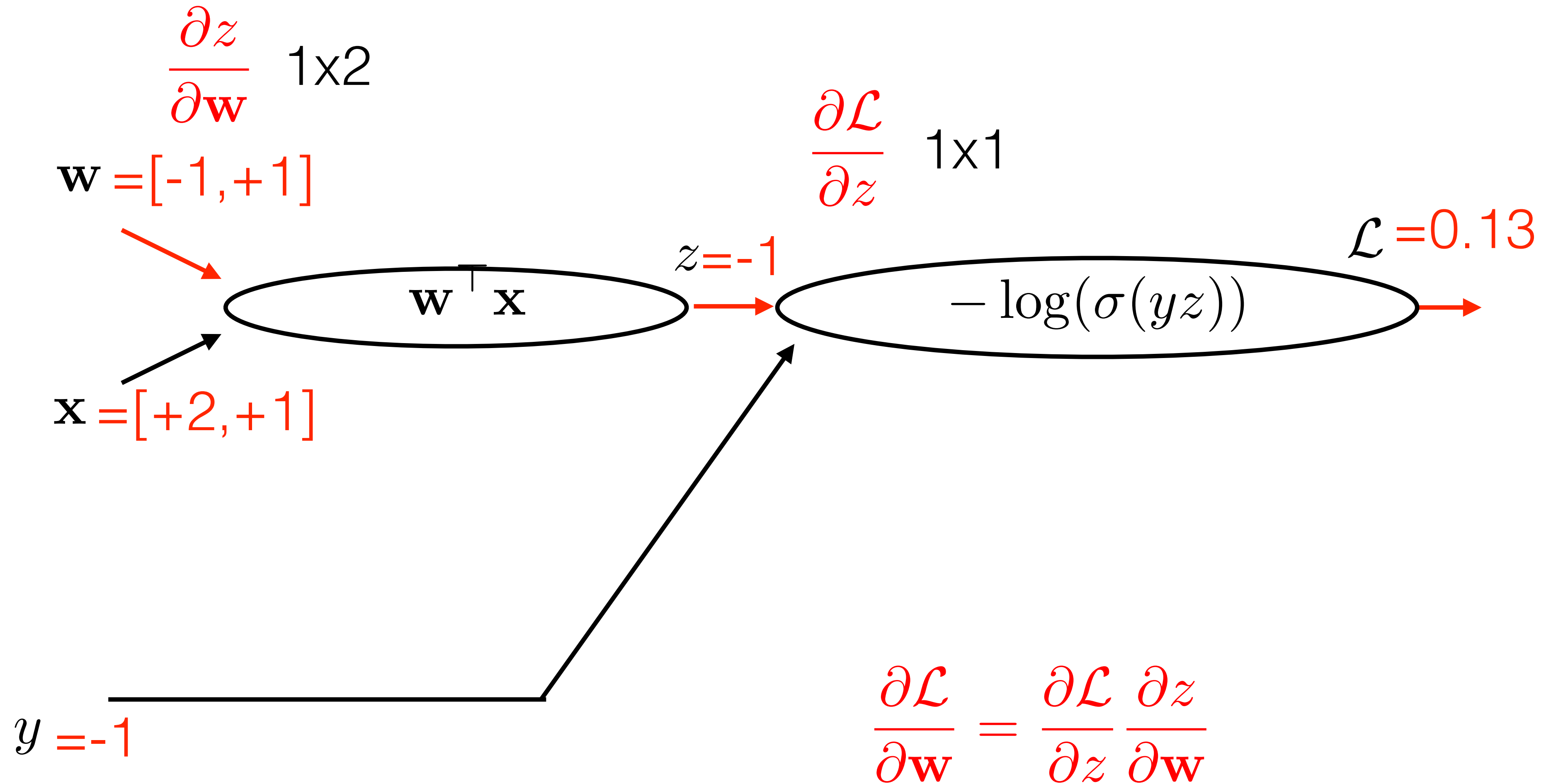
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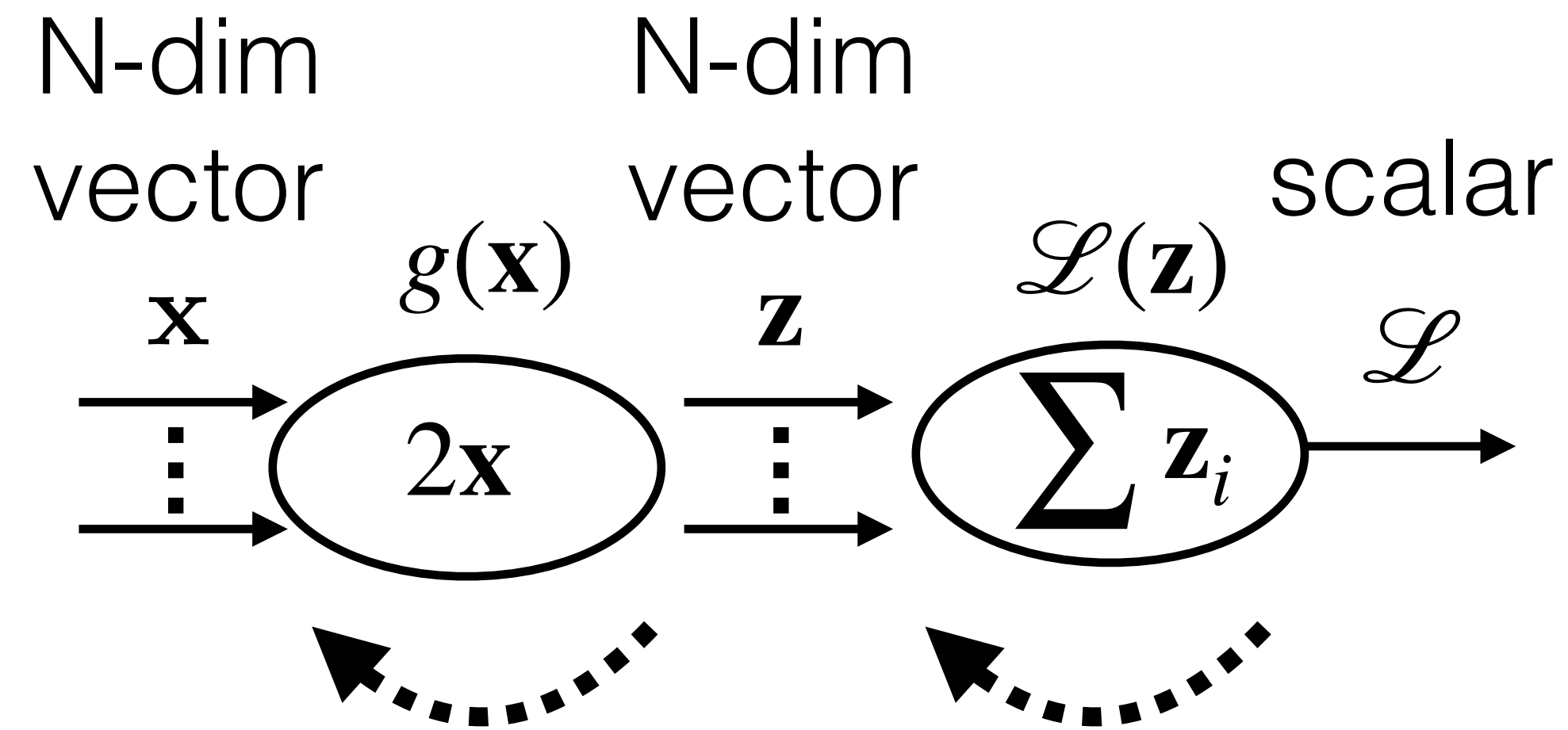


Backprop in vector representation



- o How does it work **under the hood**?
- o Can I design my special layer with **hand-design gradient**?

Example



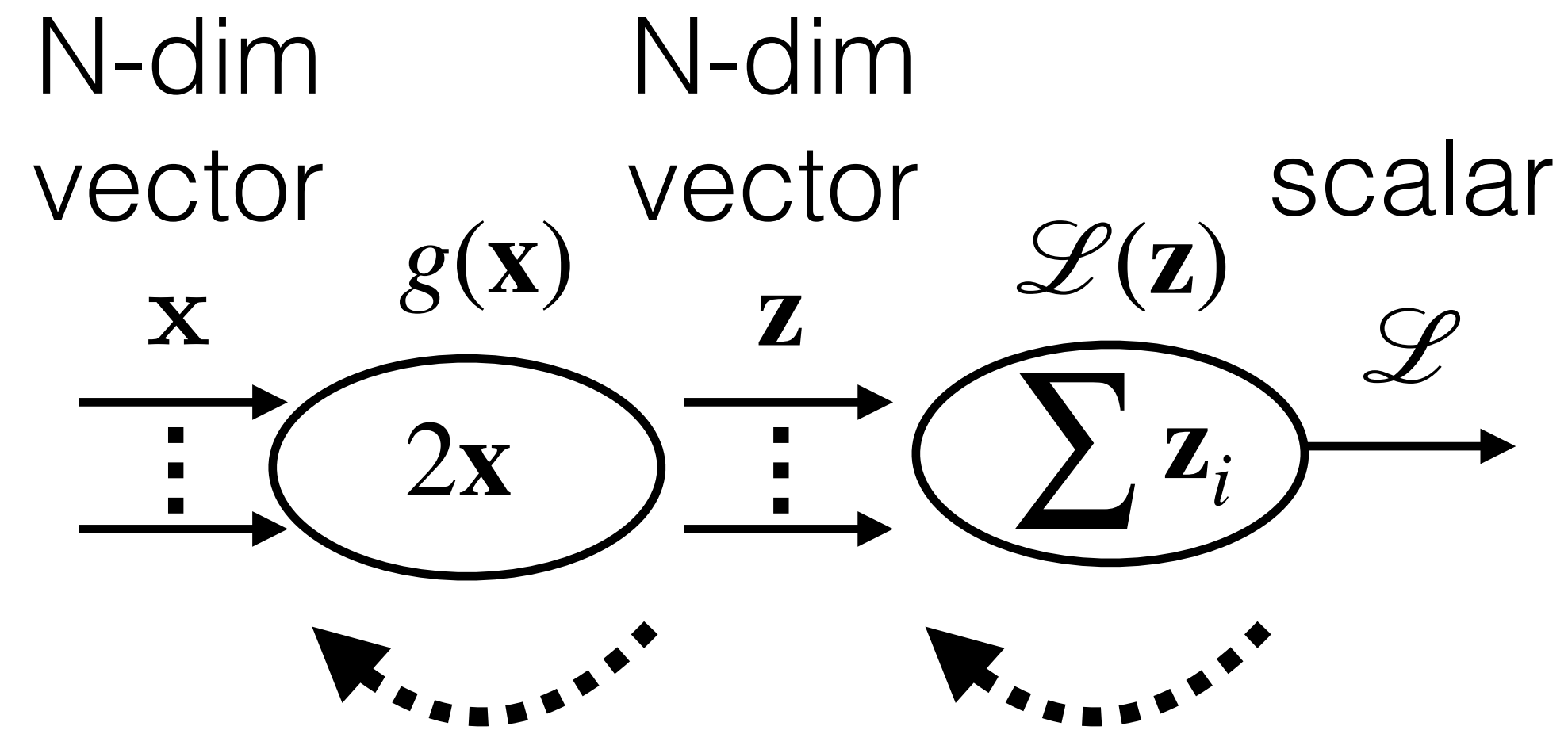
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NXN

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \begin{matrix} 1, 1, 1, \dots, 1 \end{matrix}$$

1xN

Example



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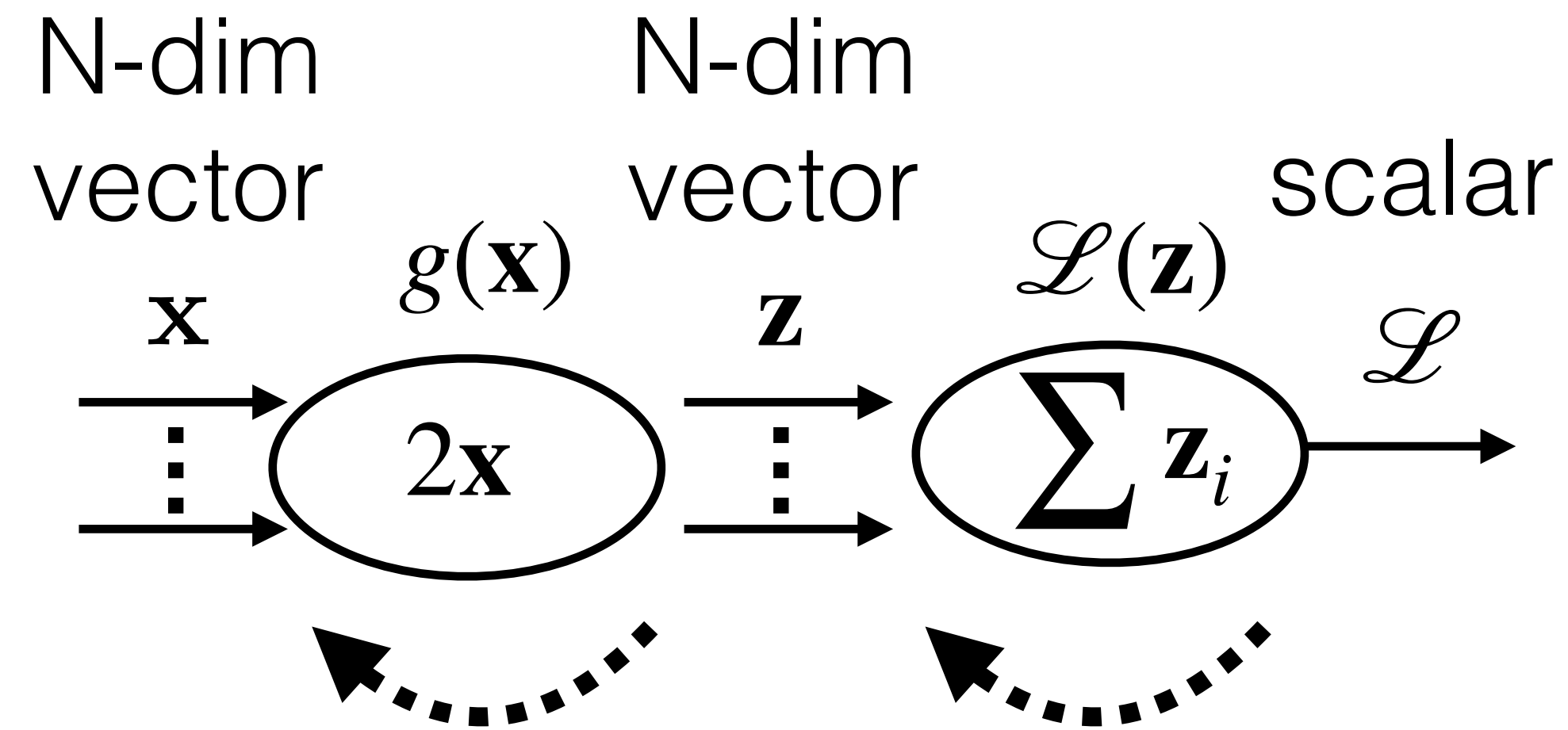
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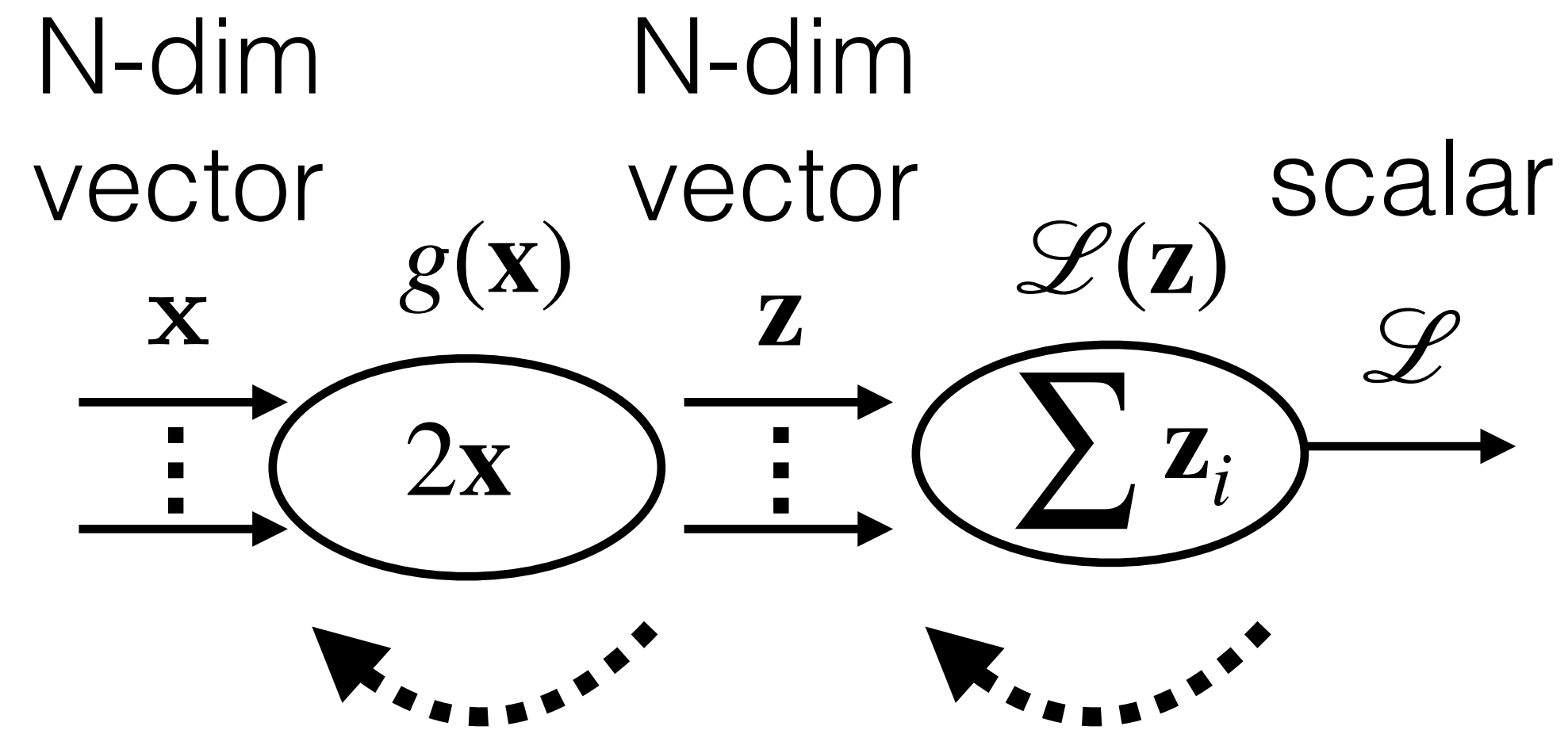


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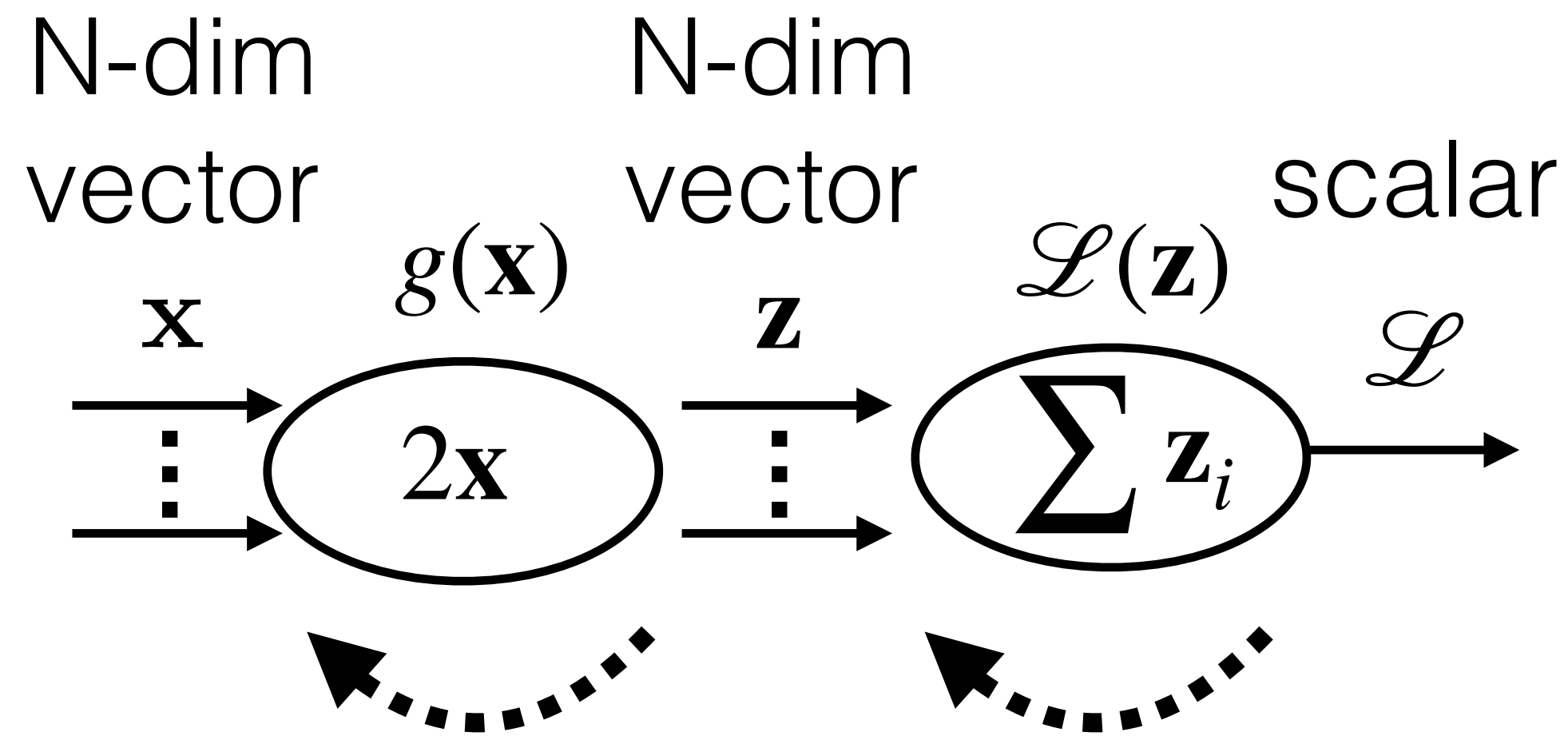
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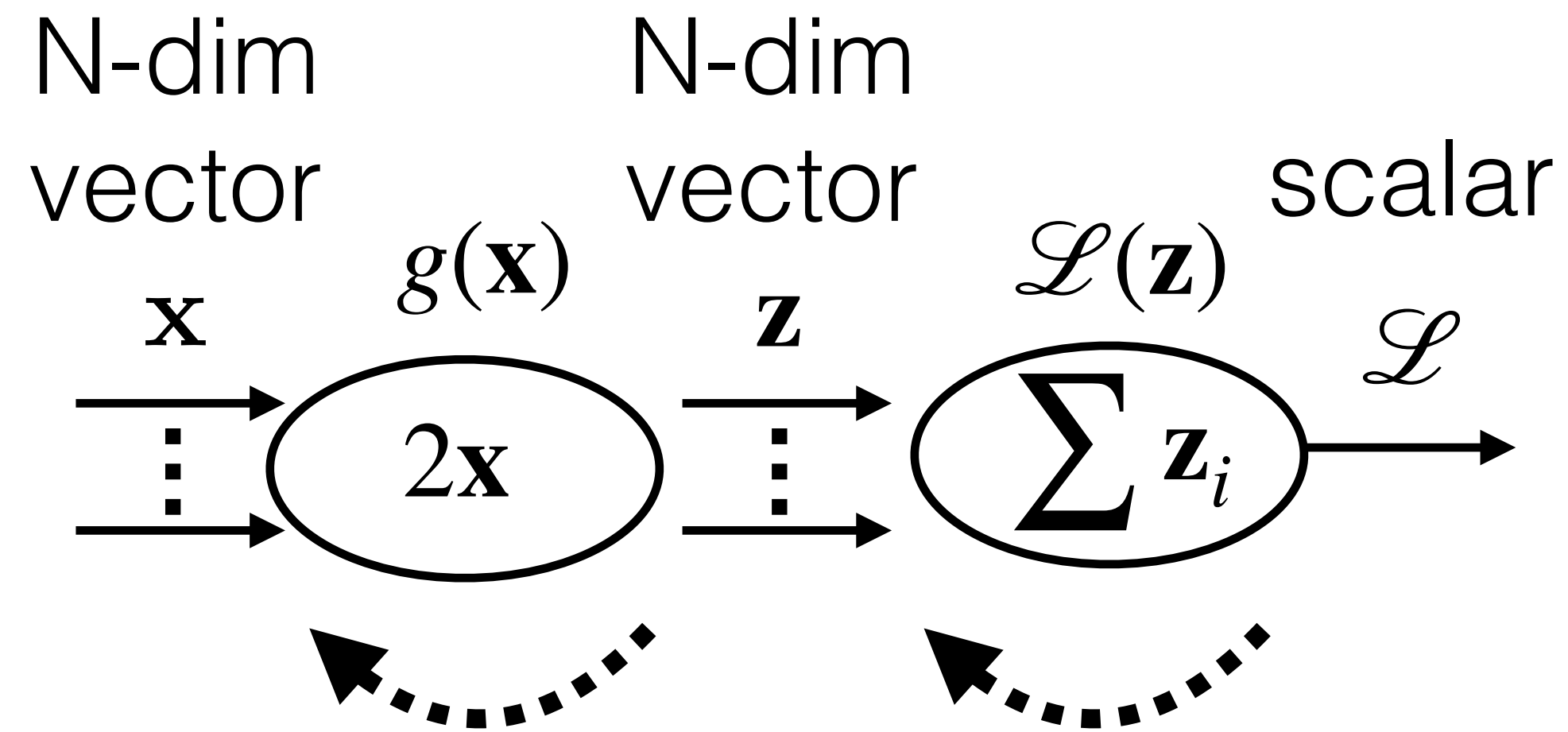
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```
def vjpℒ(v, z):
    return v ·  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$ 
```

Example



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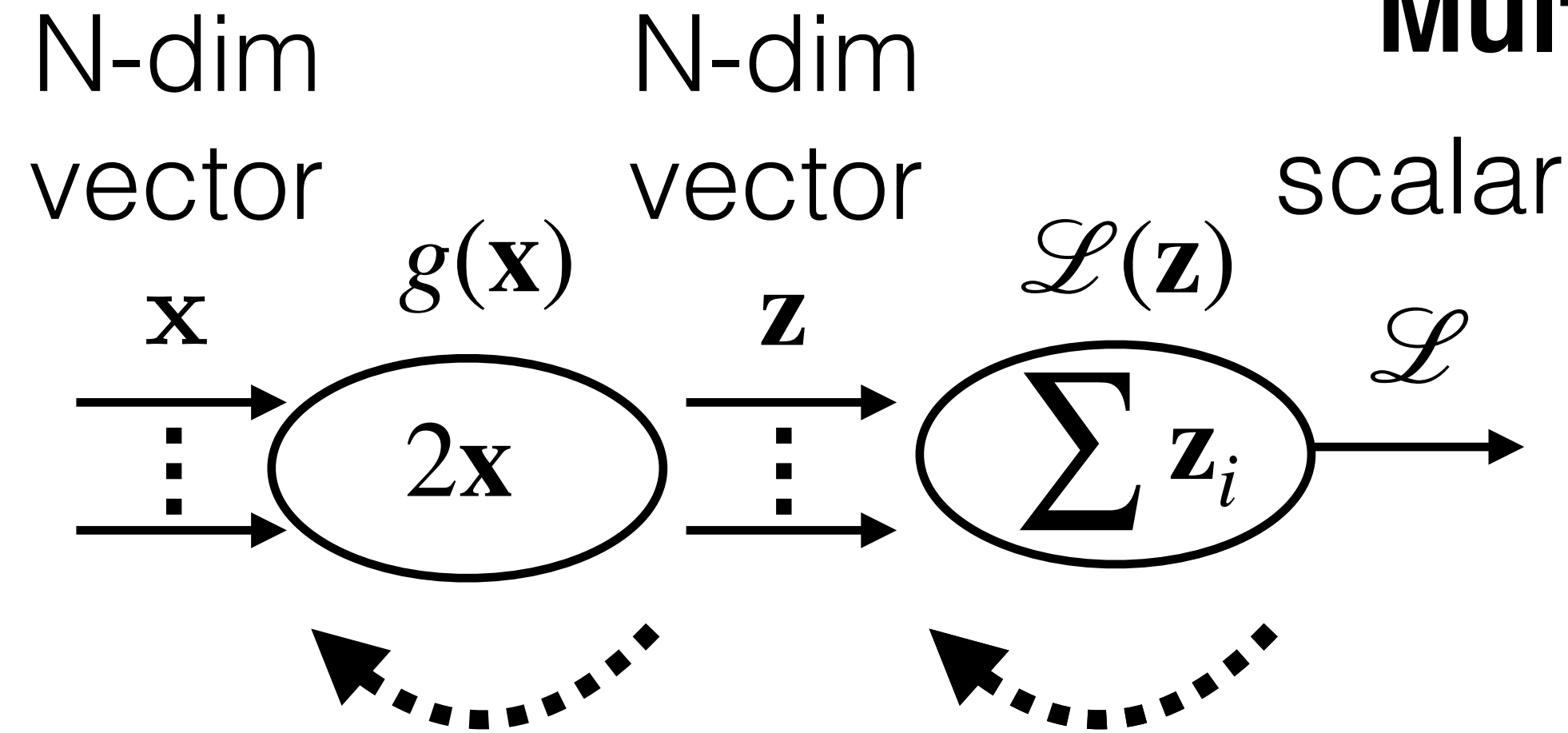
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```
def vjp_L(v, z):
    return v *  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$ 
```

```
def vjp_g(v, x):
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```

Example

Multiplications?



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```
def vjpℒ(v, z):
```

```
    return v · 1, 1, 1, ... 1
```

```
def vjpg(v, x):
```

```
    return v · 2
                2
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```

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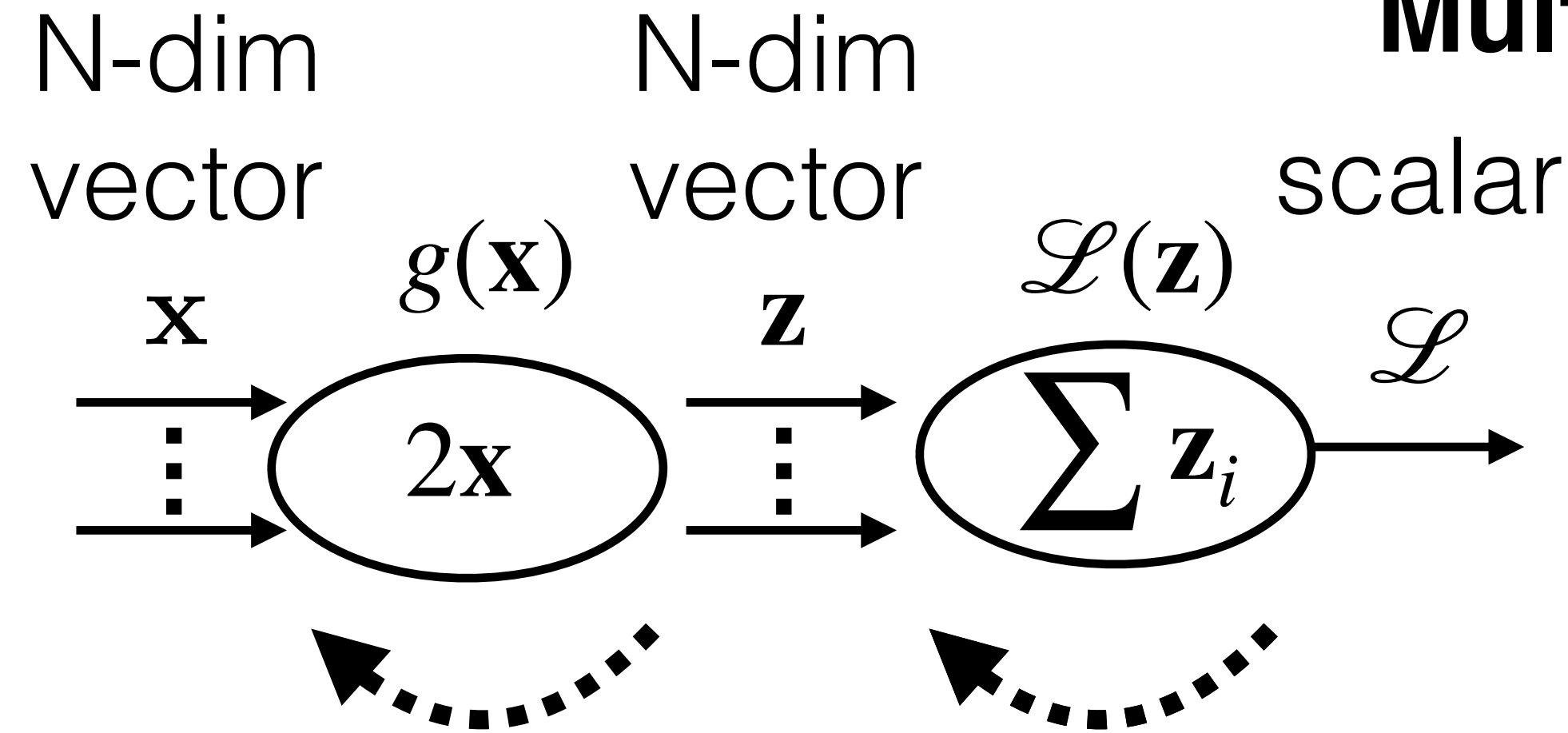
(2) $\mathbf{v} = \text{vjp}_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{z})$

(3) $\mathbf{v} = \text{vjp}_g(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x})$

(4) $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{v}$

Example

Multiplications?



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N*N

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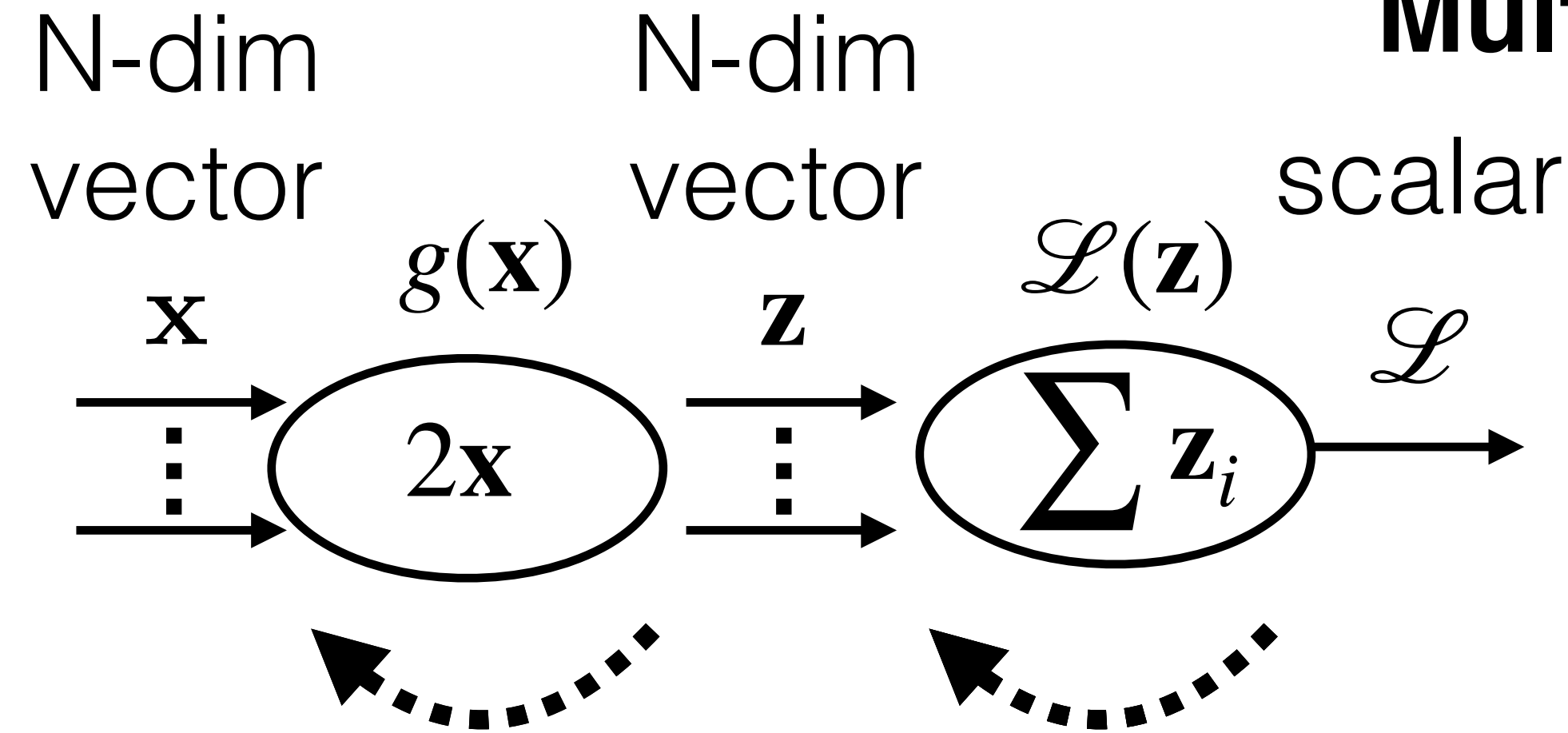
```
def vjpℒ(v, z):
    return tile(v, 1, N)
```

```
def vjpg(v, x):
    return v ·
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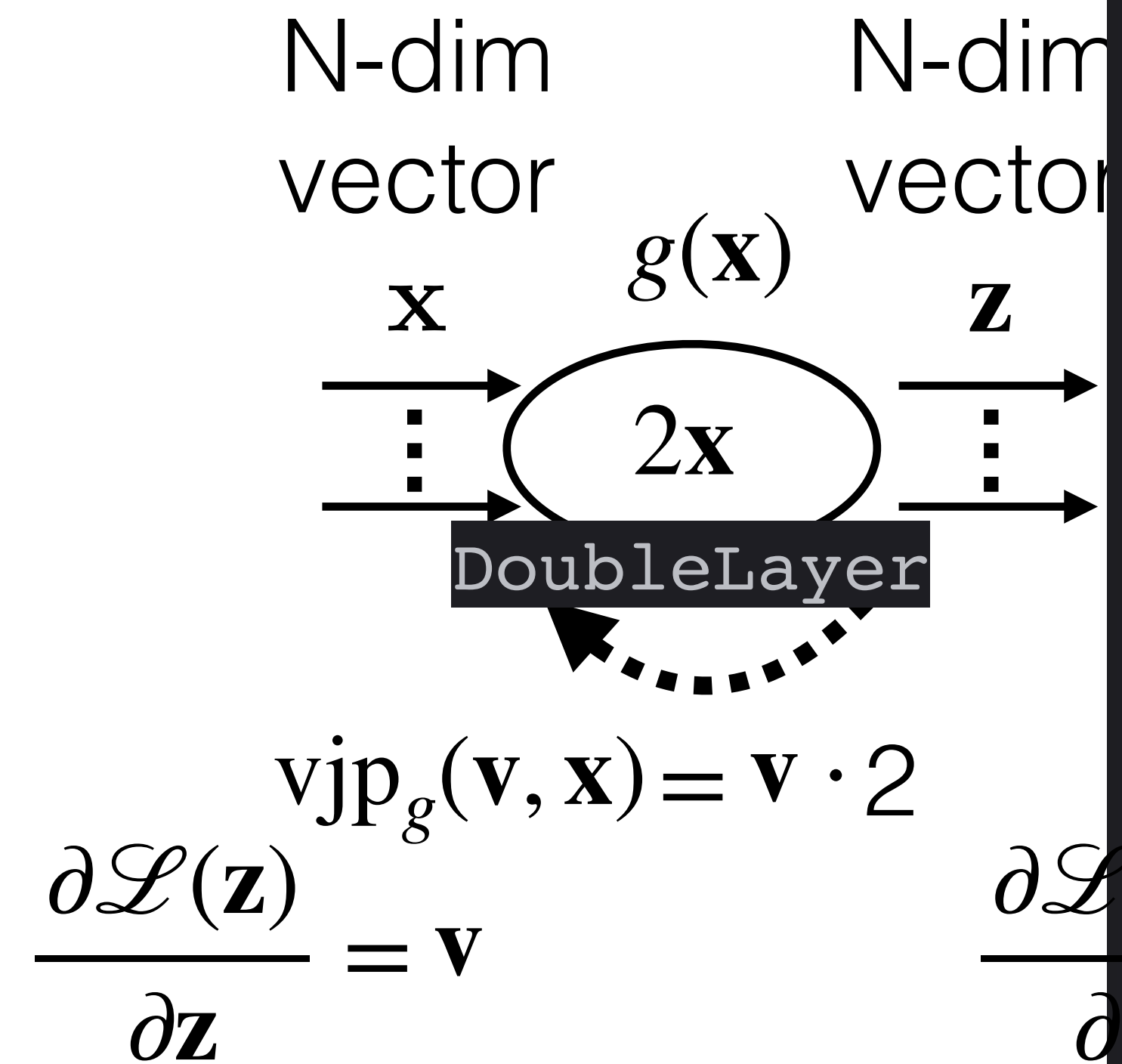
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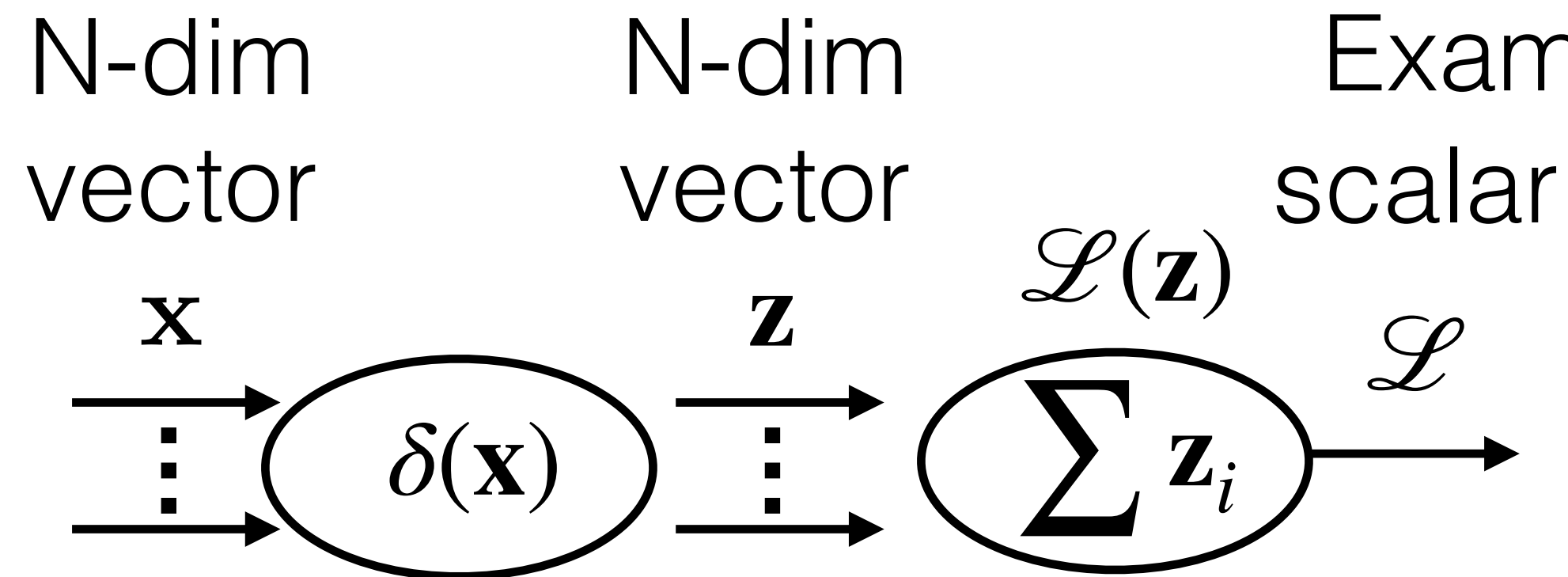
```
class DoubleLayer(torch.autograd.Function):
    @staticmethod
    def forward(ctx, x):
        # forward pass
        z = 2 * x
        # save whatever is needed for backward-pass
        ctx.save_for_backward(x)
        return z

    @staticmethod
    def backward(ctx, v):
        # v is upstream gradient
        (x,) = ctx.saved_tensors
        # Local VJP: z = 2x => dL/dx = 2 * dL/dz
        return 2 * v
```

```
x = torch.tensor([1., 2., 3.], requires_grad=True)
z = DoubleLayer.apply(x)
print(z)
# tensor([2., 4., 6.]) grad_fn=<DoubleLayerBackward>
L = z.sum()
L.backward()
print(x.grad) # => tensor([2., 2., 2.])
```

vjp is automatically
added to tensors
during the construction
of computational graph

Example: HardStep Function



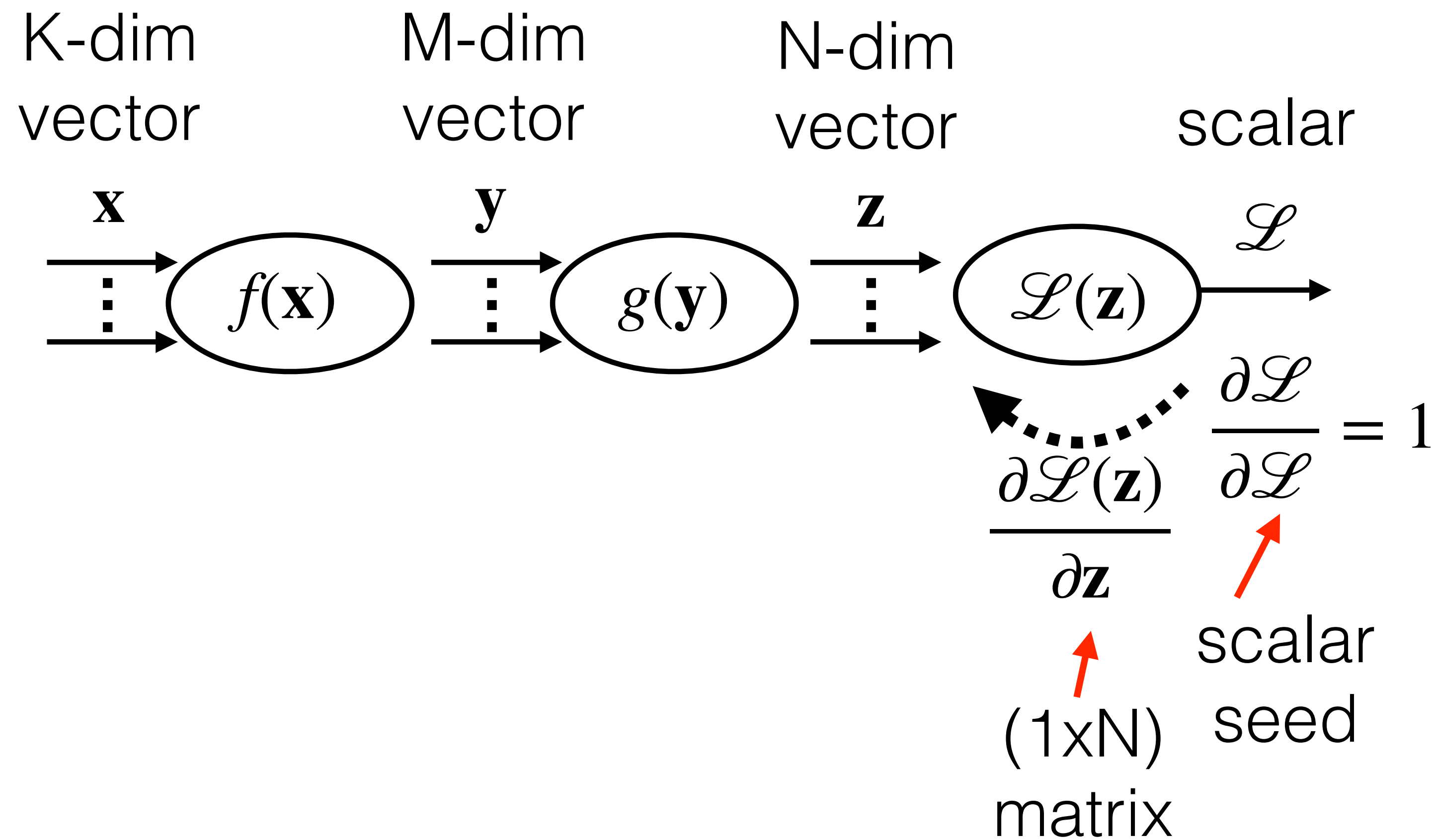
HardStepWithSigmoidGrad

$$\text{vjp}_g(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{v})(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{v}))$$

```
class HardStepWithSigmoidGrad(torch.autograd.Function):  
    @staticmethod  
    def forward(ctx, x):  
        ctx.save_for_backward(x)  
        # hard step function  
        return (x > 0).float()  
    @staticmethod  
    def backward(ctx, v):  
        (x,) = ctx.saved_tensors  
        # gradient from sigmoid  
        sigma = torch.sigmoid(x)  
        v = v * sigma * (1 - sigma)  
        return v
```

```
x = torch.tensor([1., 2., 3.], requires_grad=True)  
y = HardStepWithSigmoidGrad.apply(x)  
loss = y.sum()  
loss.backward()
```

Chain-rule in computational graph and Jacobians



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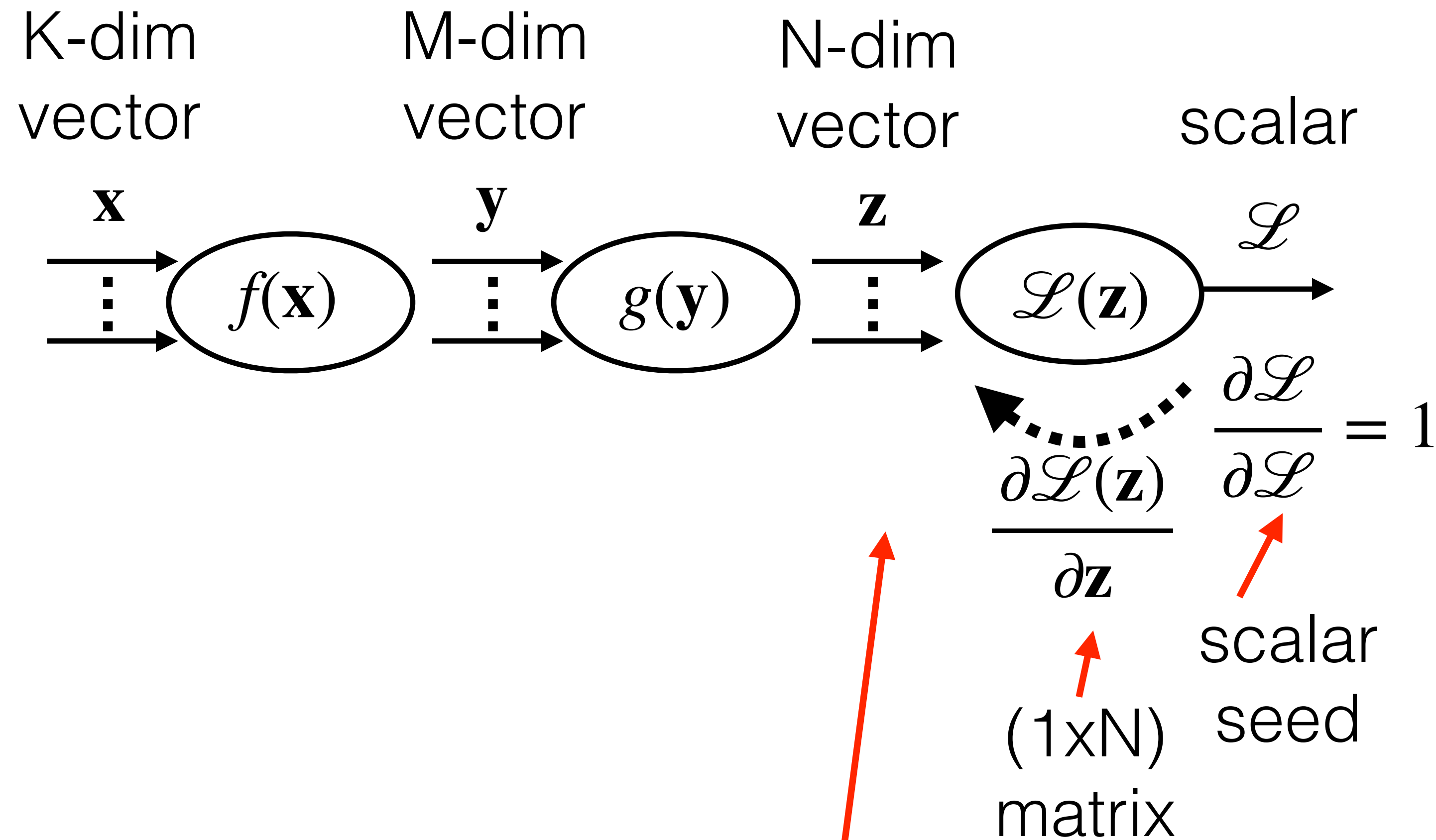
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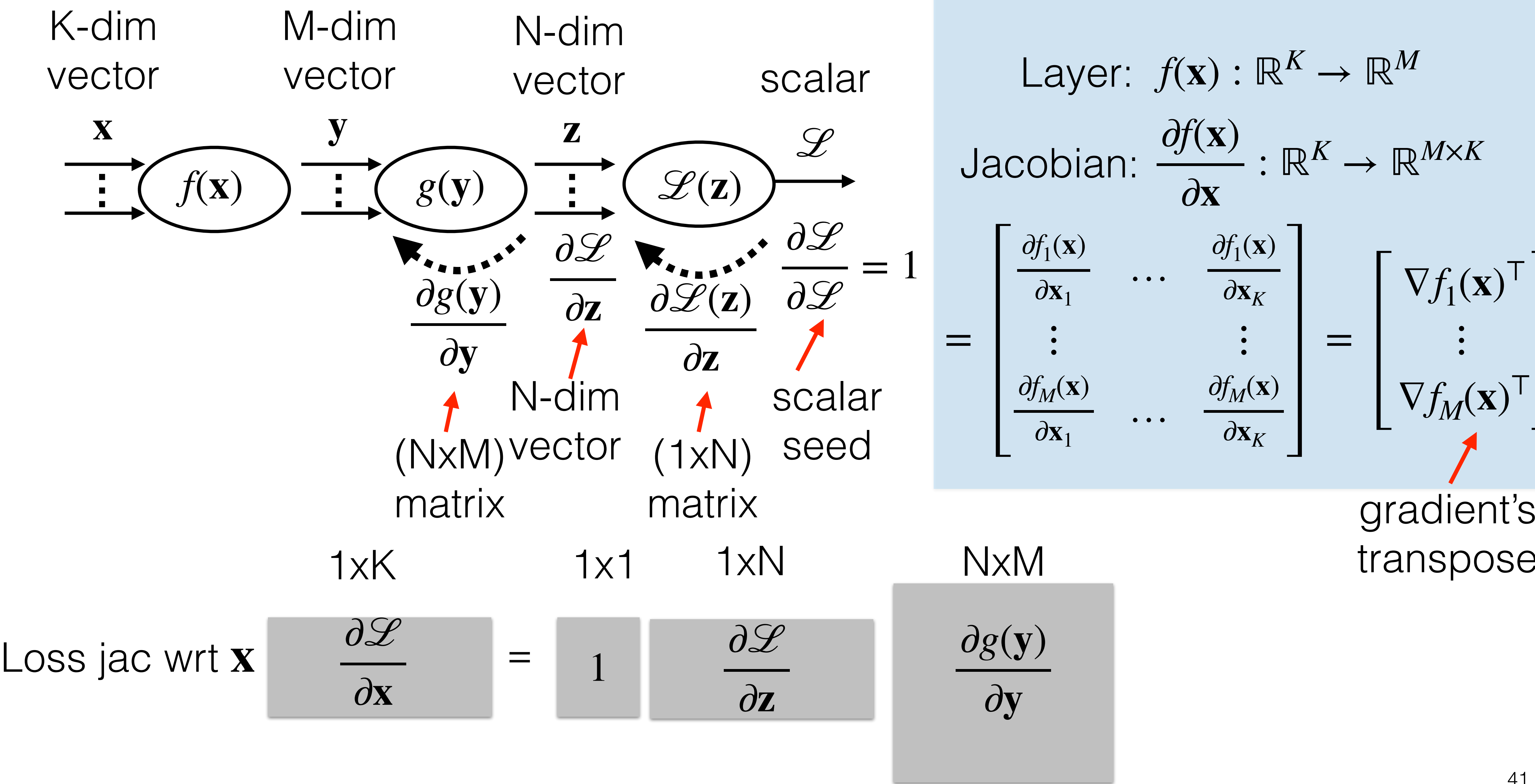
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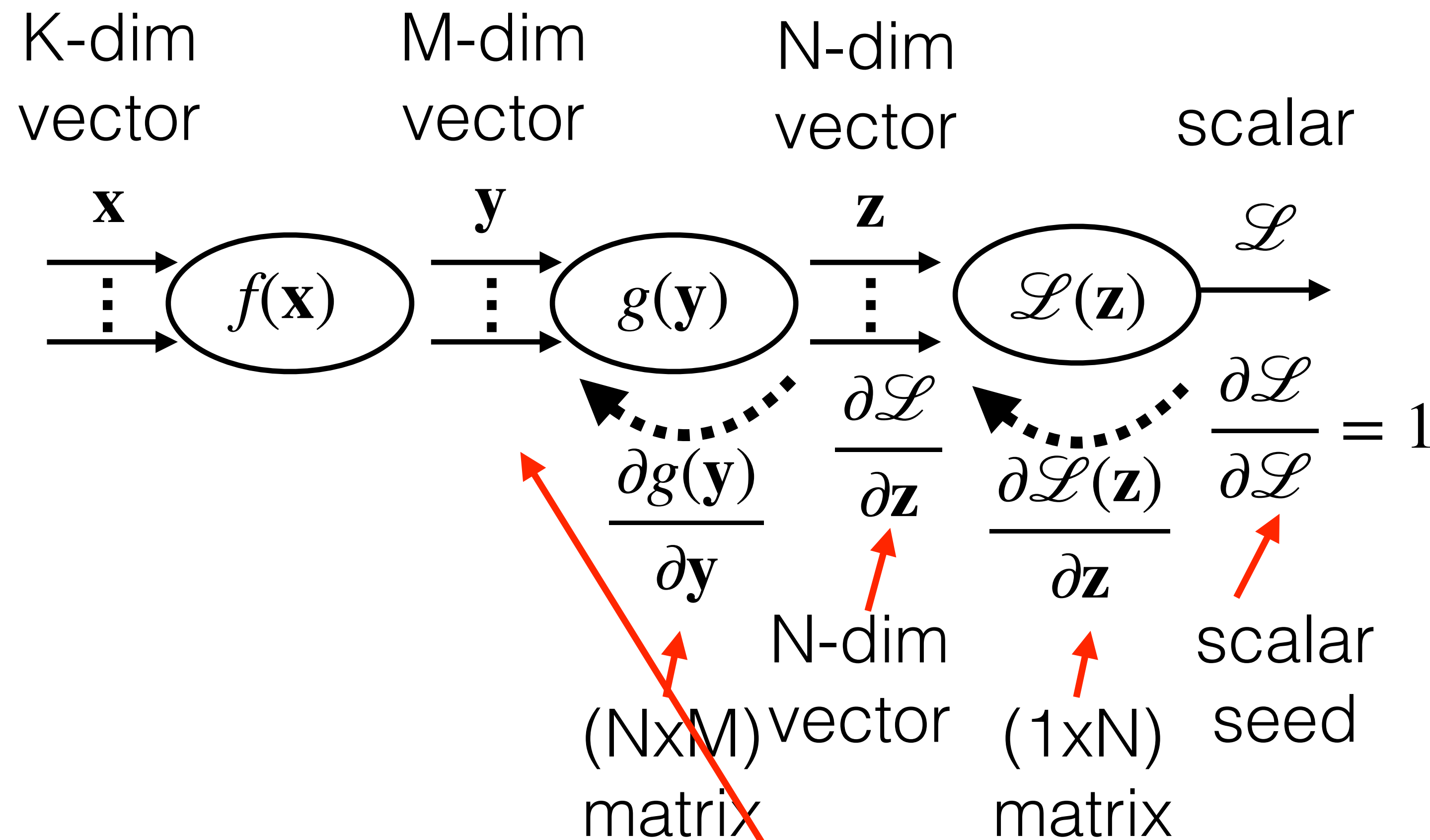
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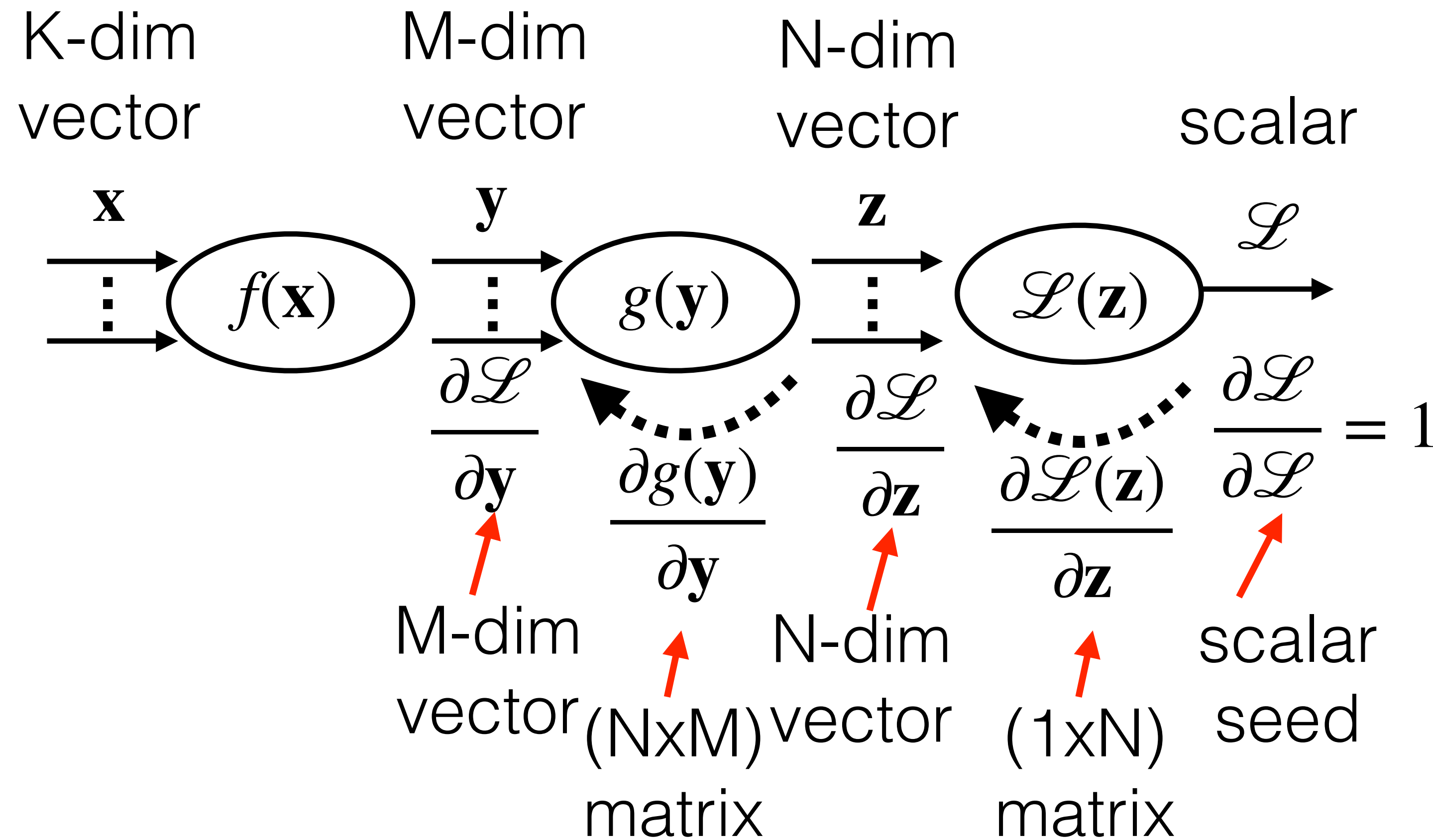
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1	$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}}$	$\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{y})}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$	$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$

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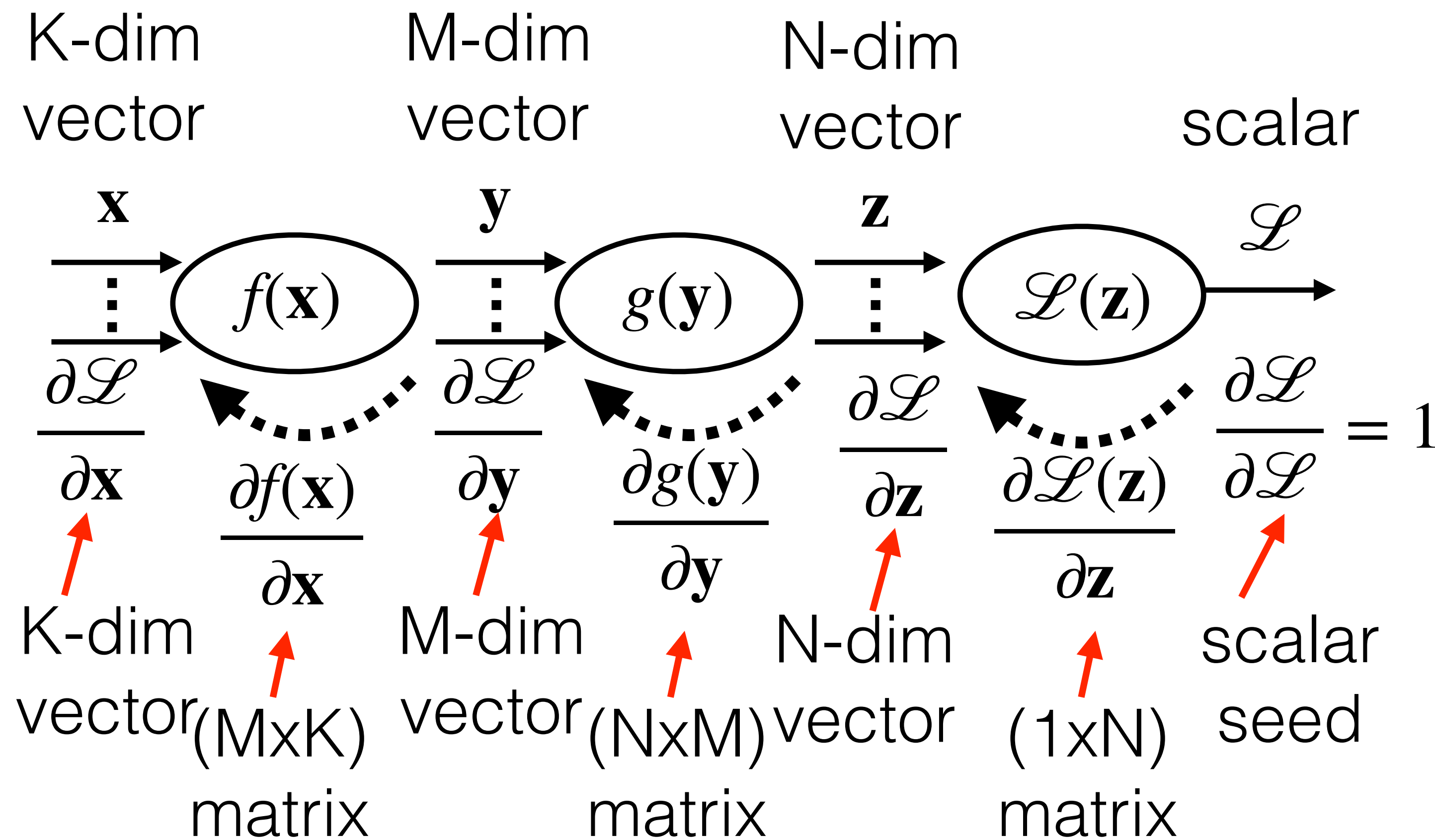
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Dimensions: 1xK, 1x1, 1xN, NxM

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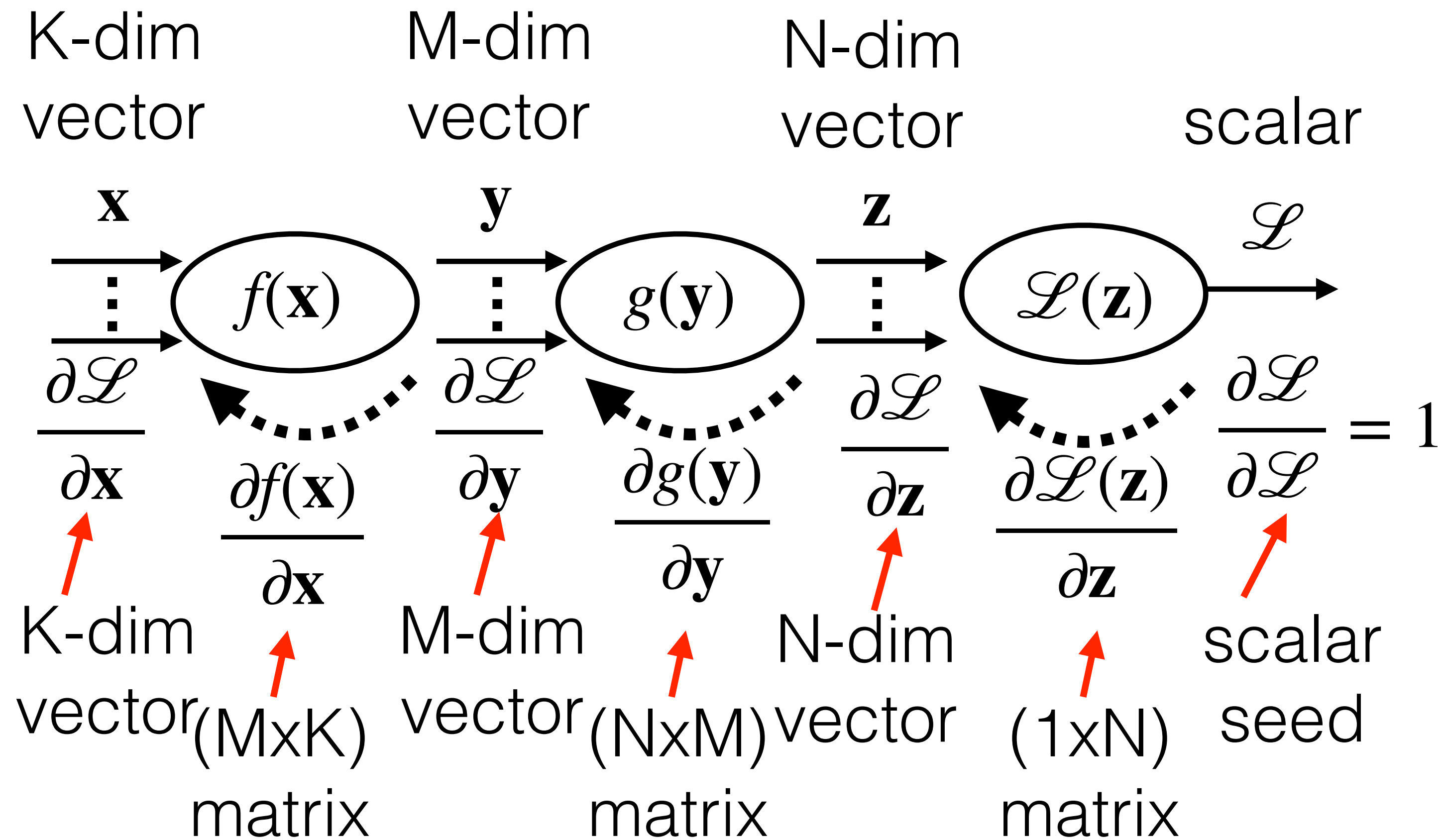
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Dimensions: $1 \times K$, 1×1 , $1 \times N$, $N \times M$, $M \times K$

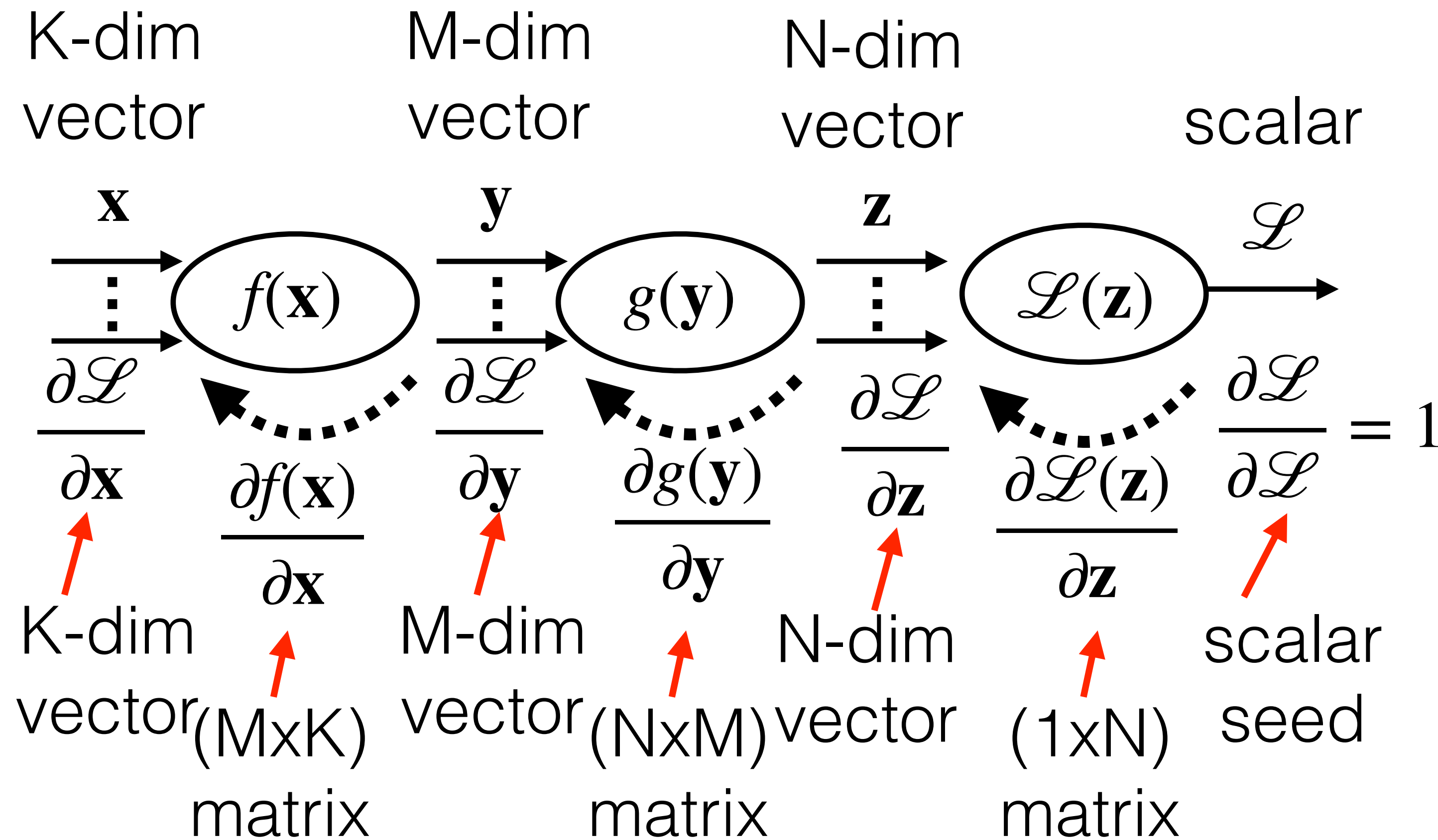
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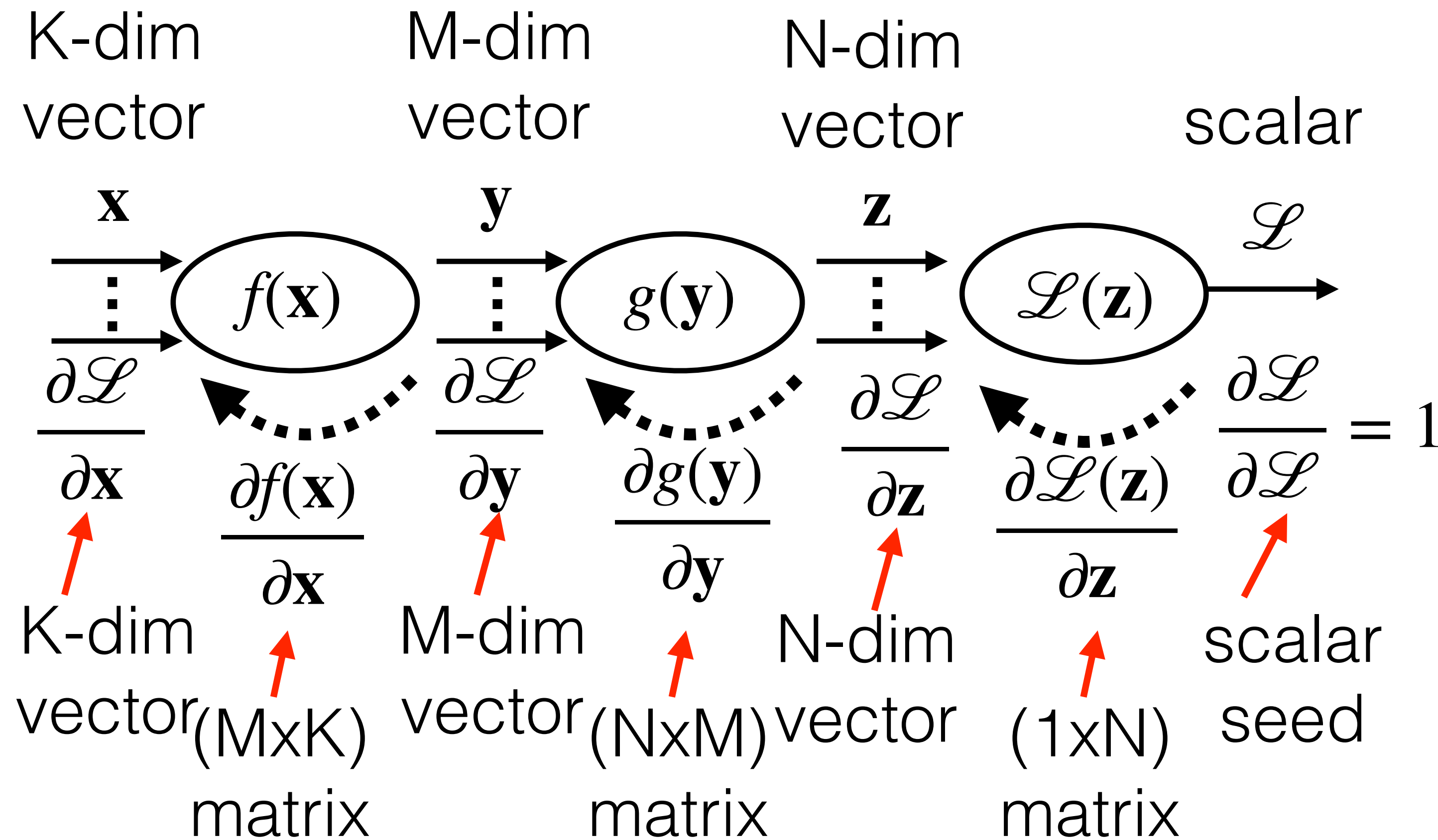
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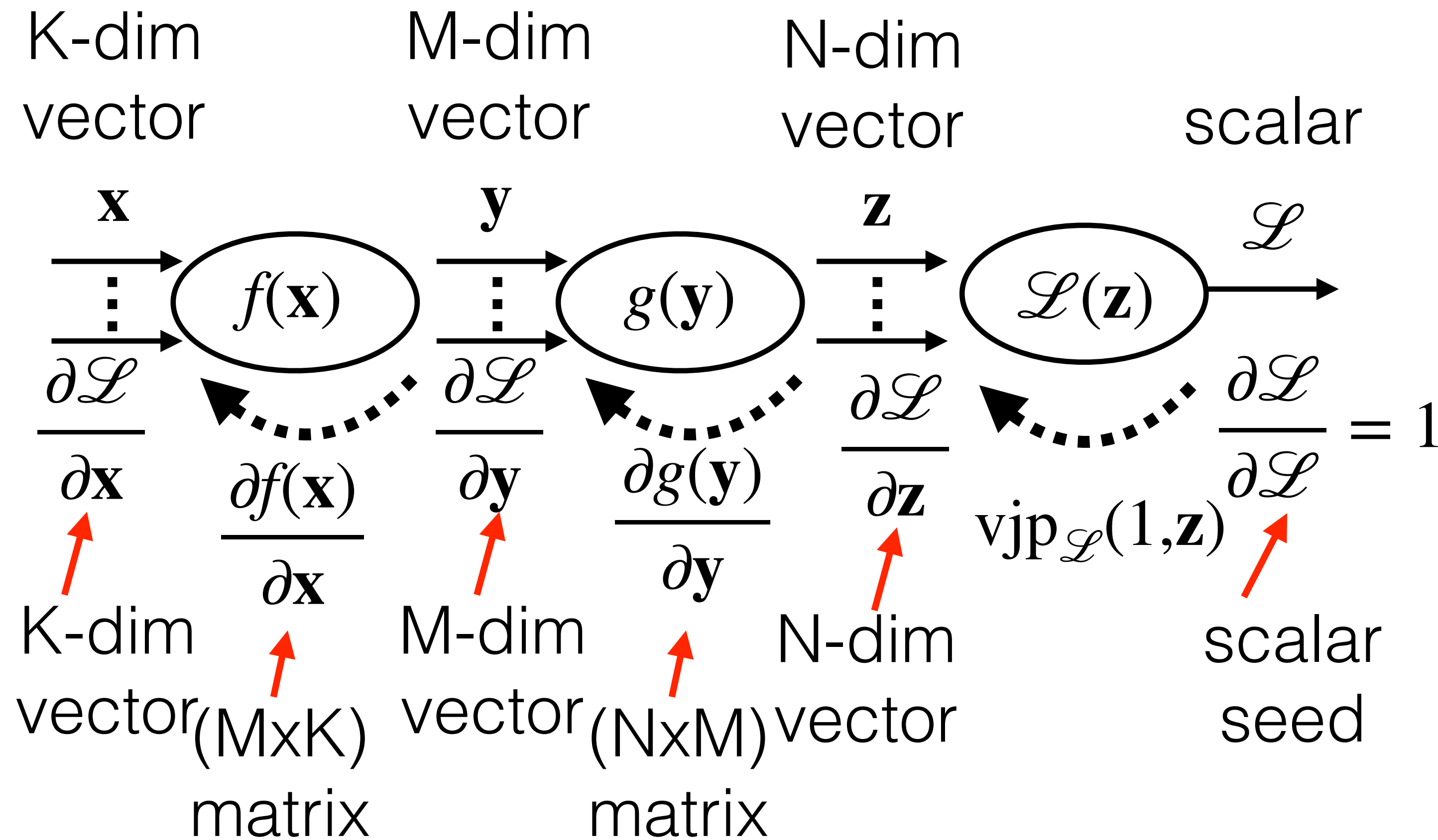
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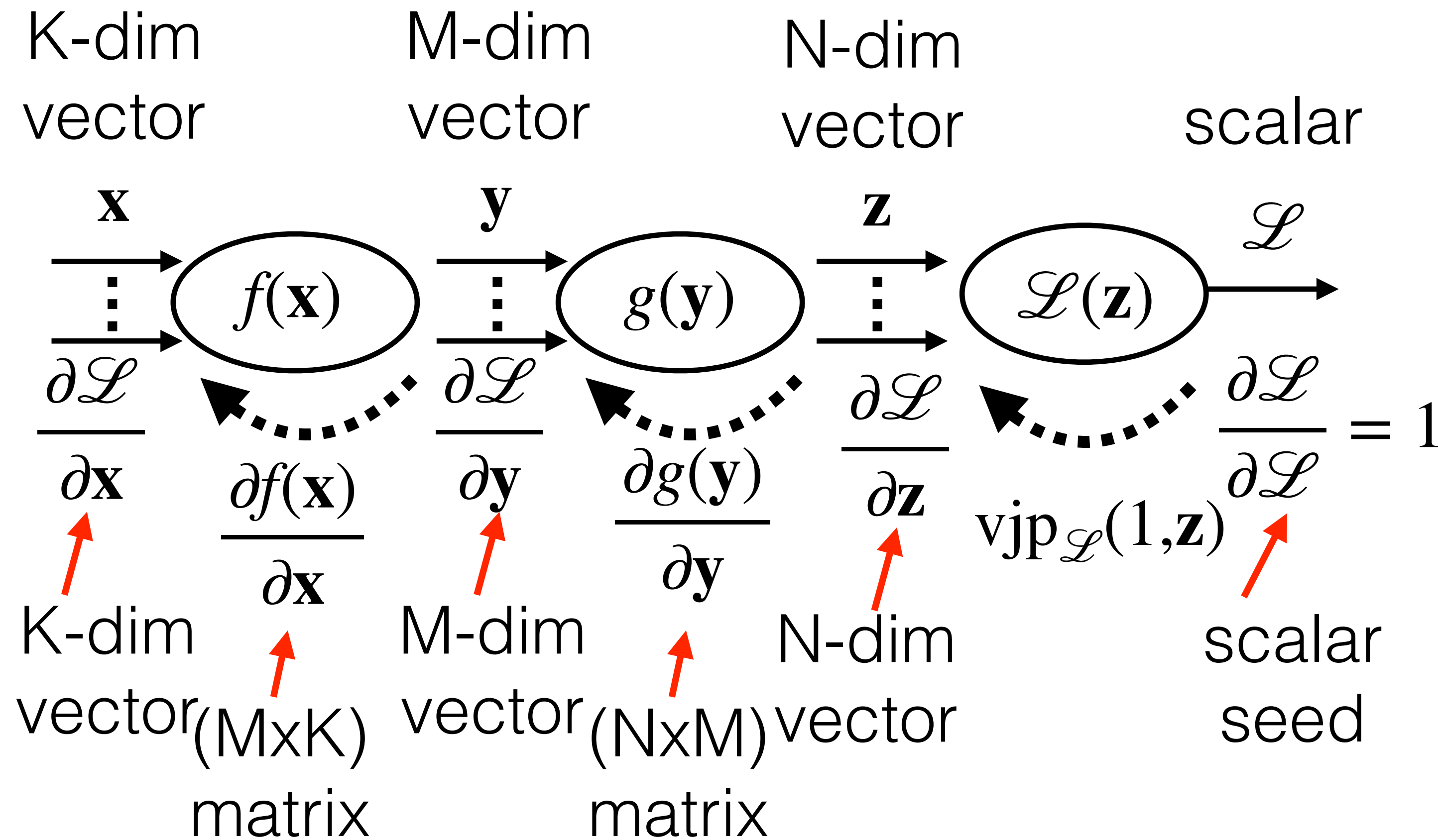
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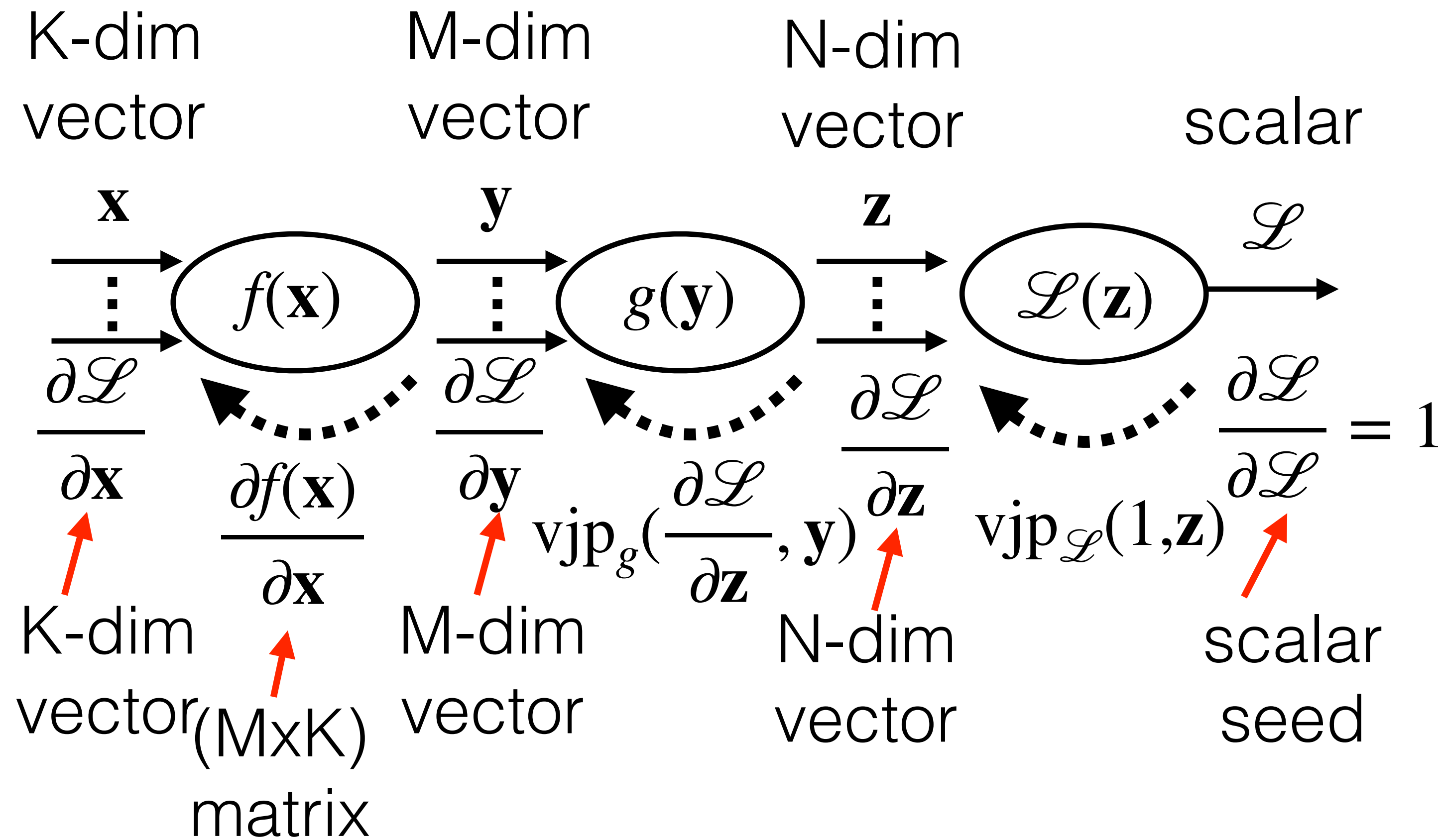
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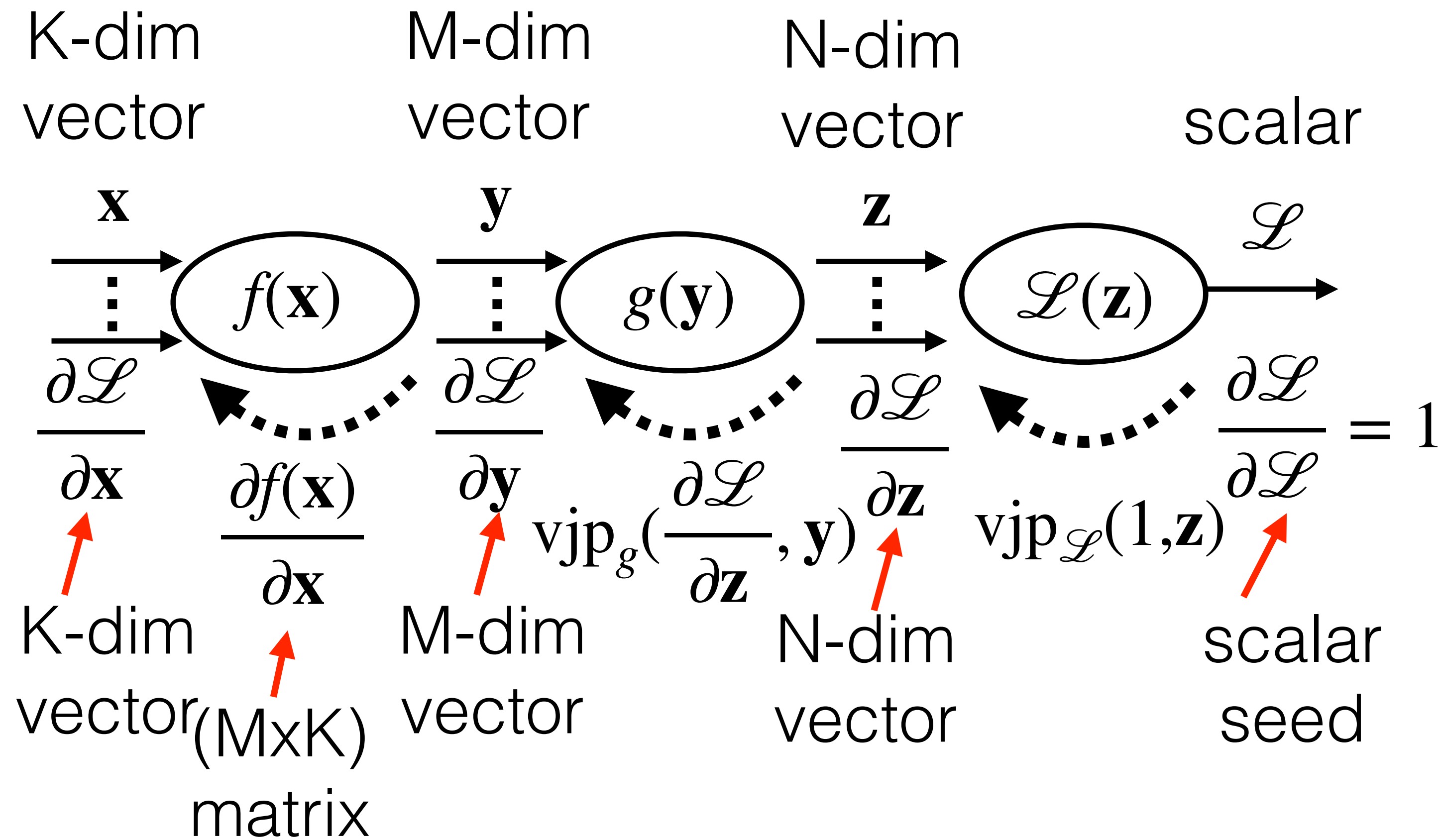
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$M \times K$

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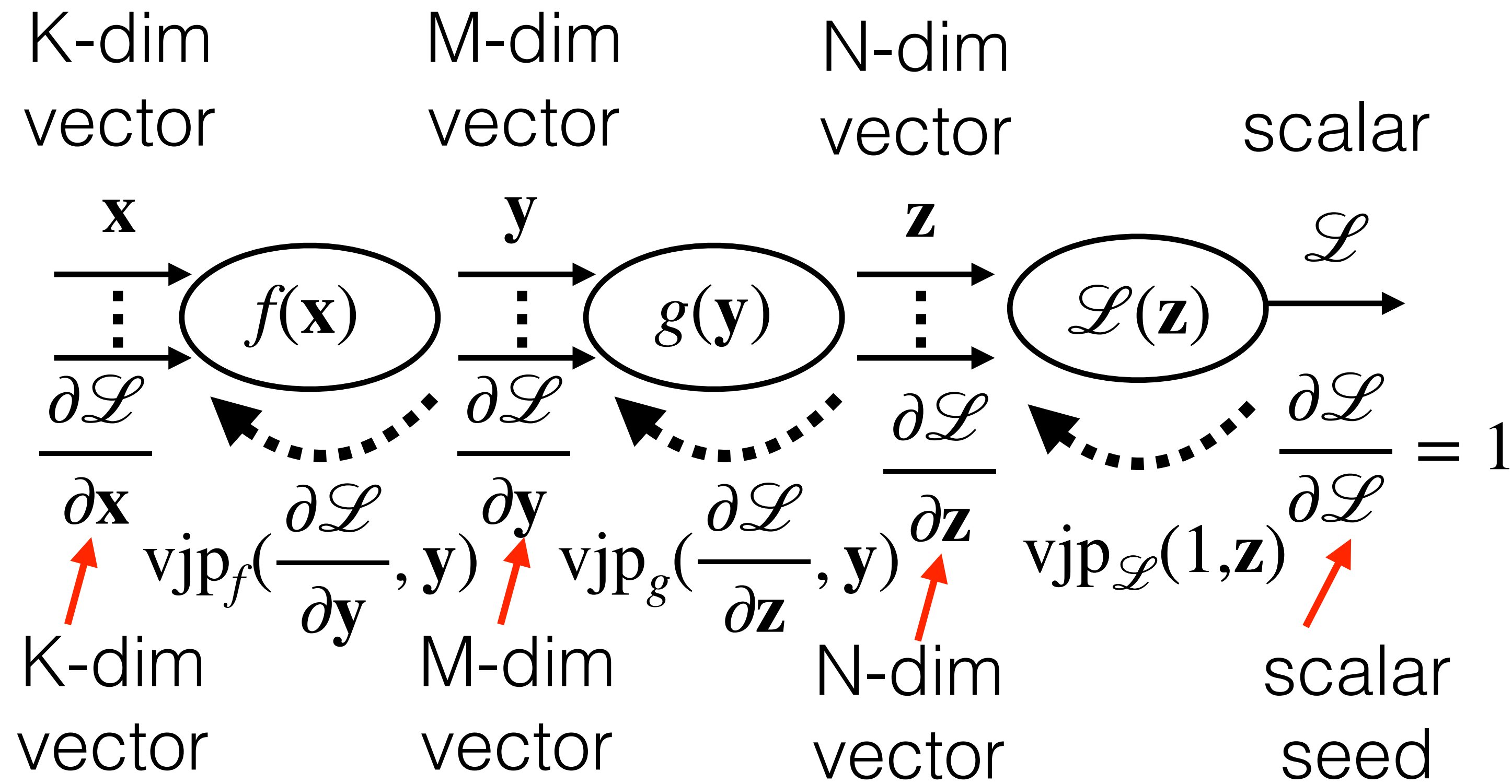
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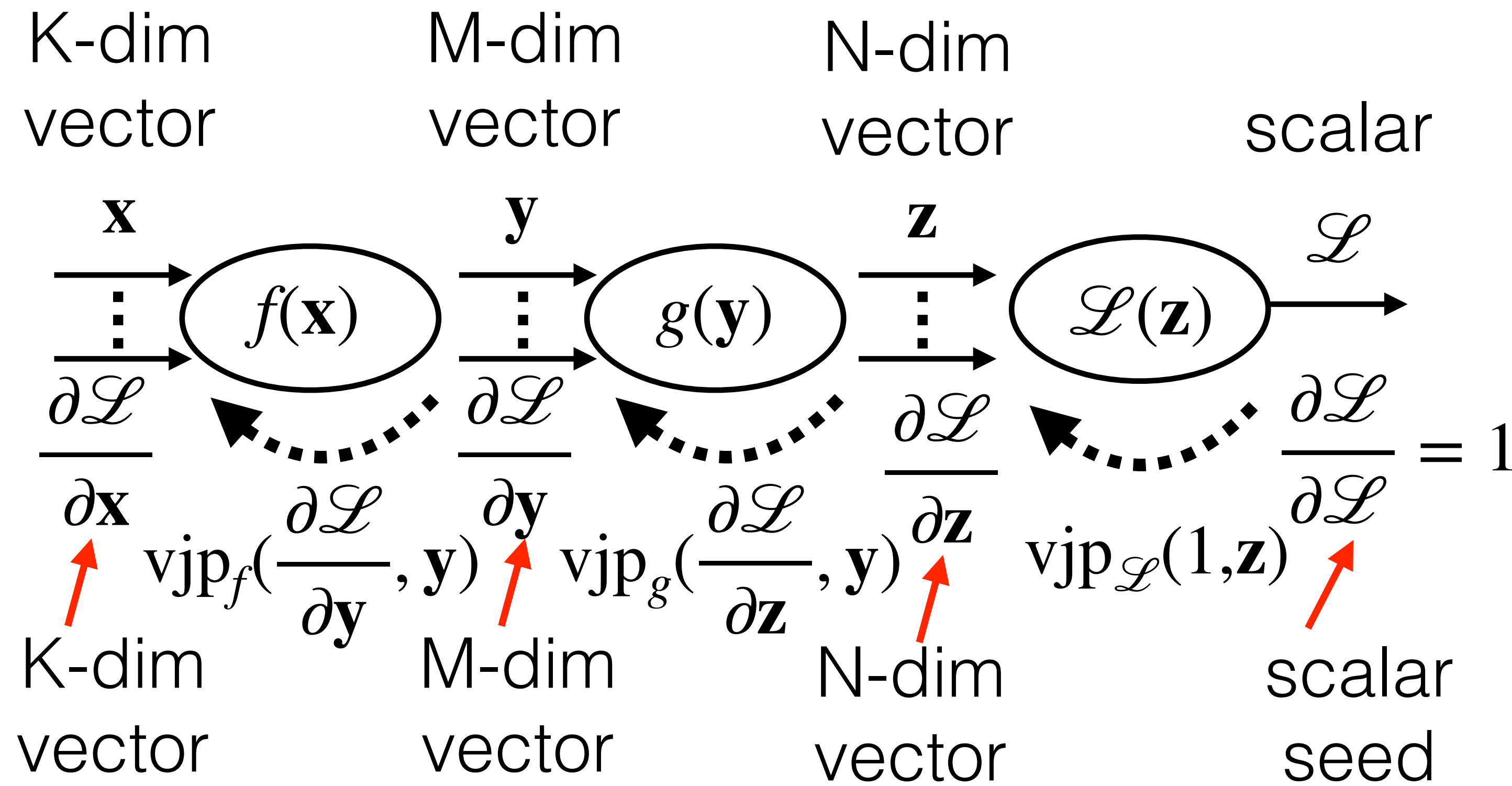
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Reverse autodiff algorithm

input: forward pass:

$\mathbf{x}$ $\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{x})$
 $\mathbf{z} = g(\mathbf{y})$
 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z})$

backward pass:

$\mathbf{v} = \text{vjp}_{\mathcal{L}}(1, \mathbf{z})$
 $\mathbf{v} = \text{vjp}_g(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{y})$
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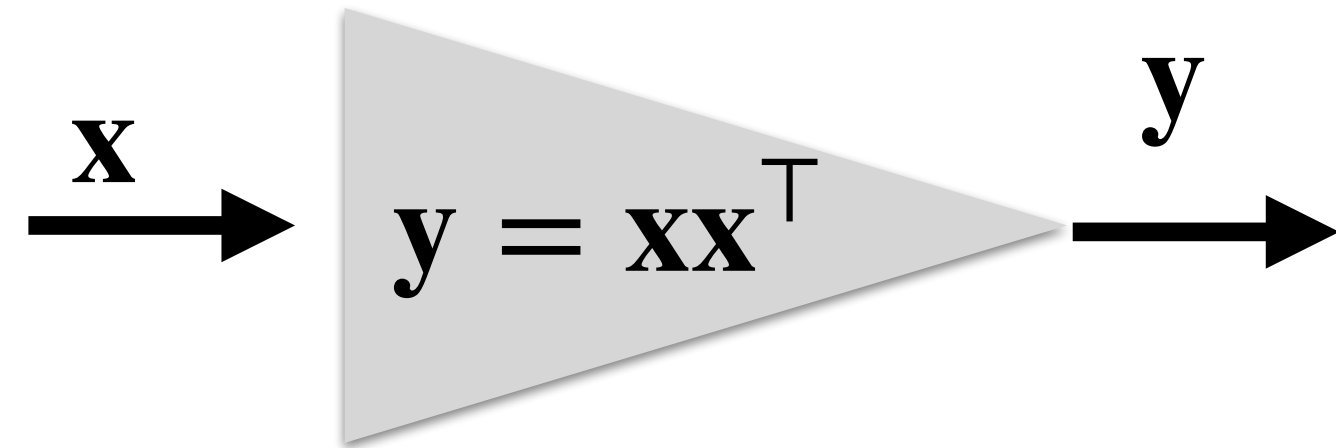
output:

$\mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{y}}$

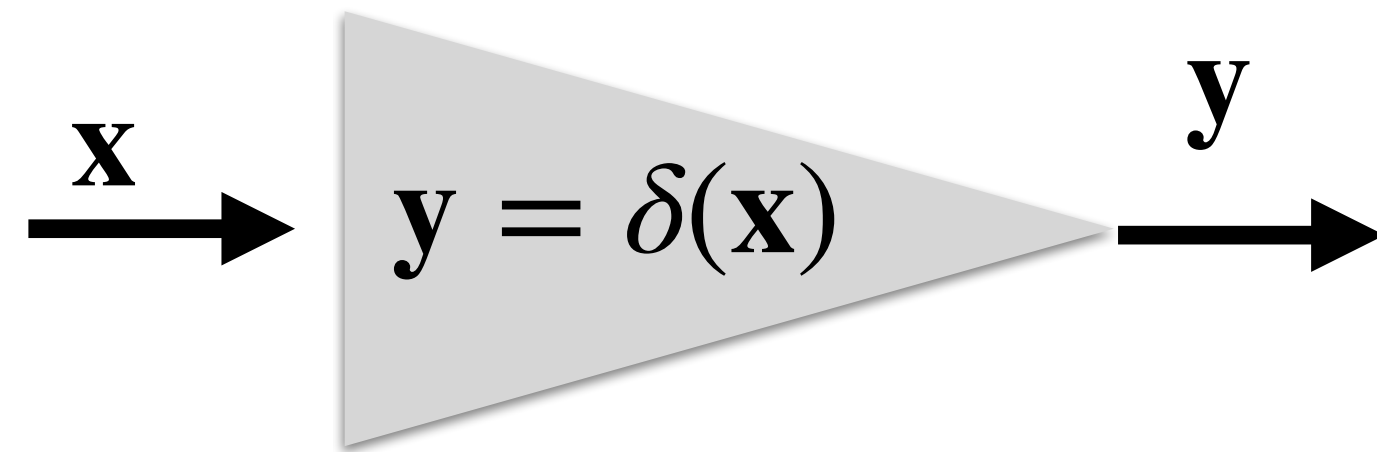
Example: Implementation

When you should define your own backward pass?

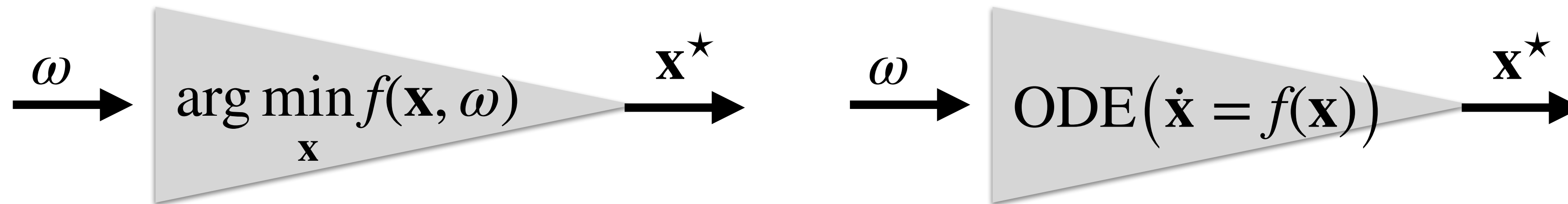
- **Inefficient** autodifferentiation (e.g. forward: $y = x @ x.T$, backward: $vjp = v + v.T$)



- **Discontinuous** forward pass (define your own backward pass)

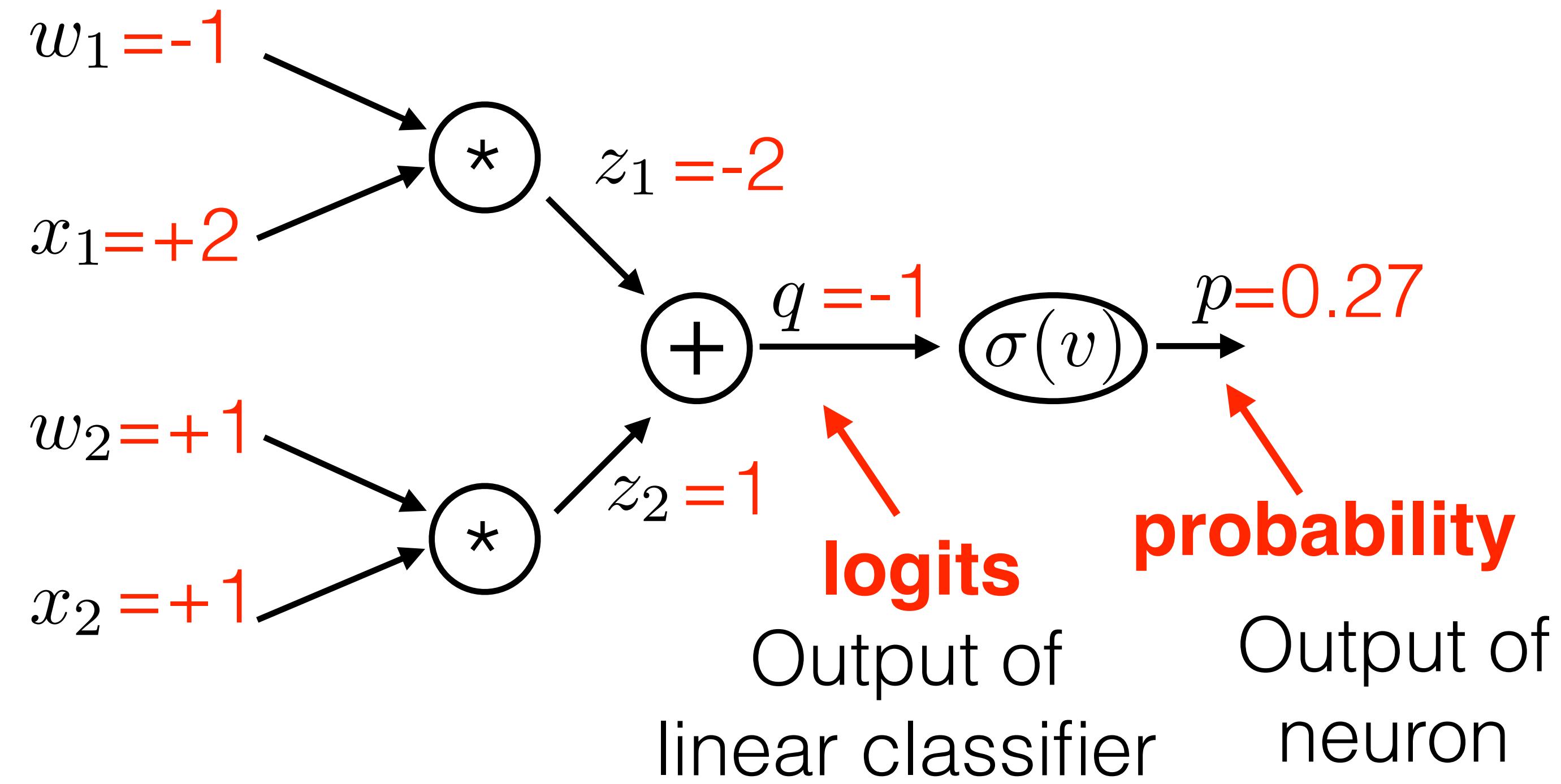


- **Custom** forward **operation** (e.g. forward: physics simulation, ODE/PDE solver, convex program solver, graph operations, backward: implicit gradient)

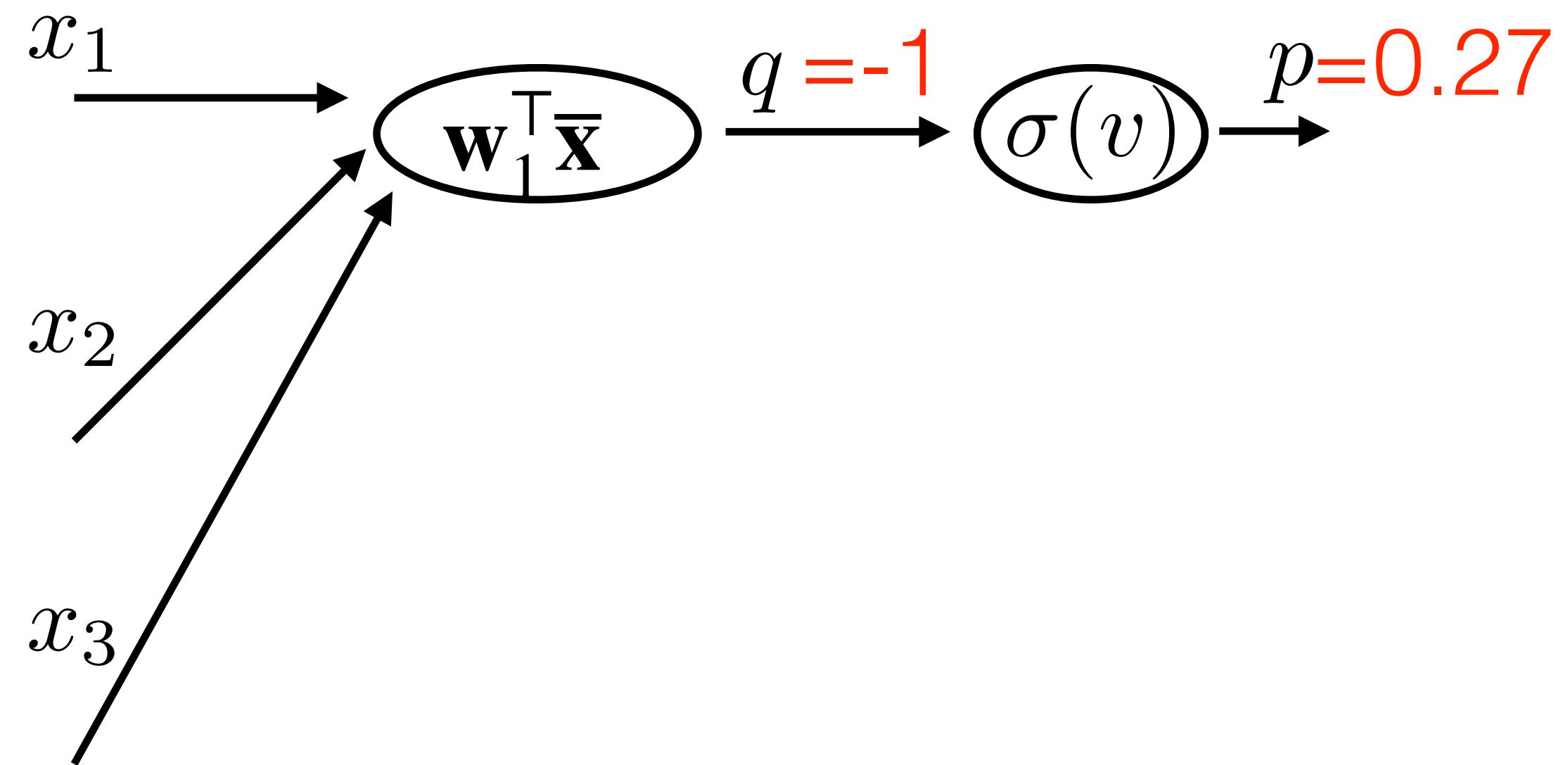


- **Unreliable** gradient (unstable or not pointing towards desired global optimum)

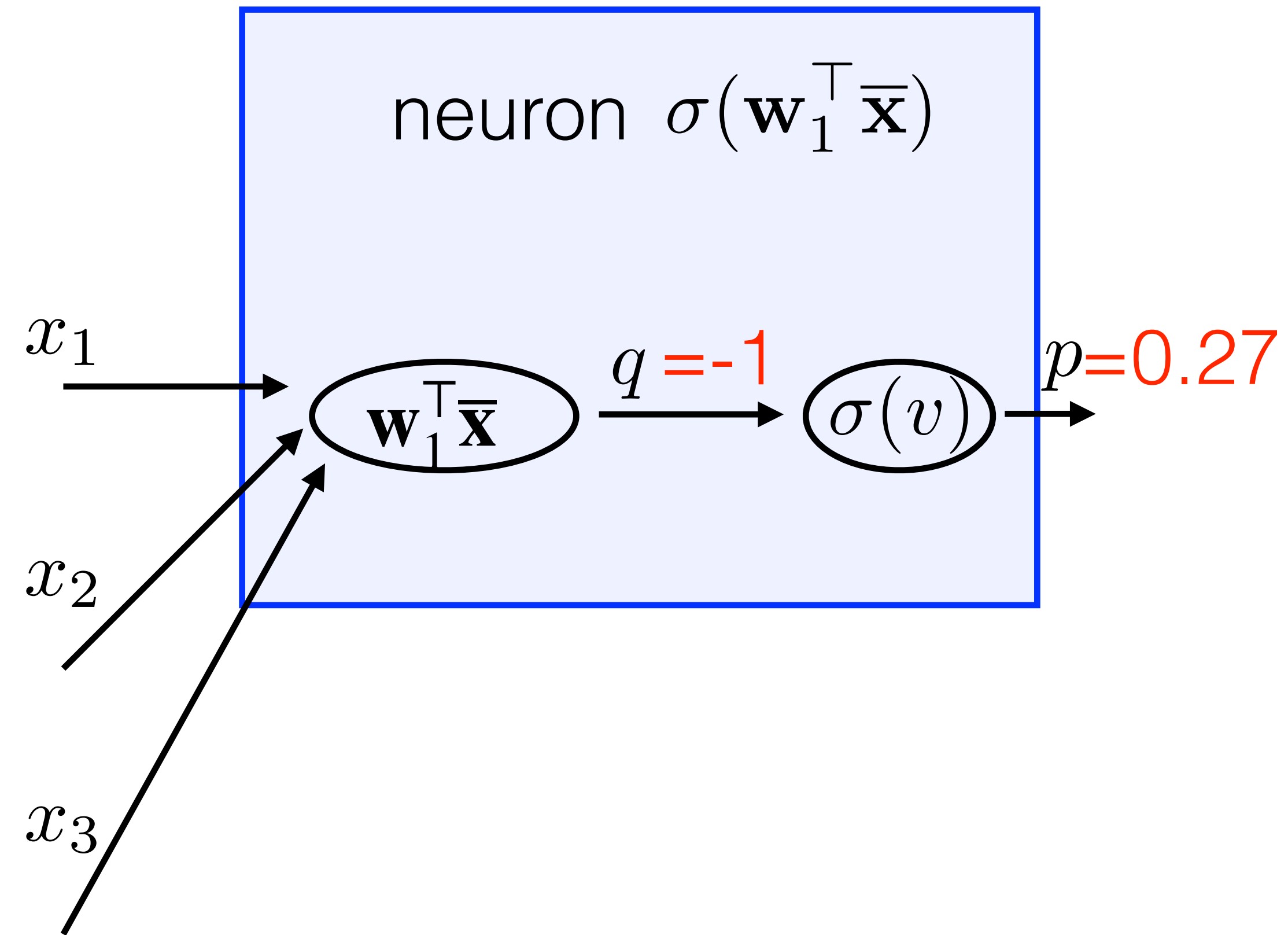
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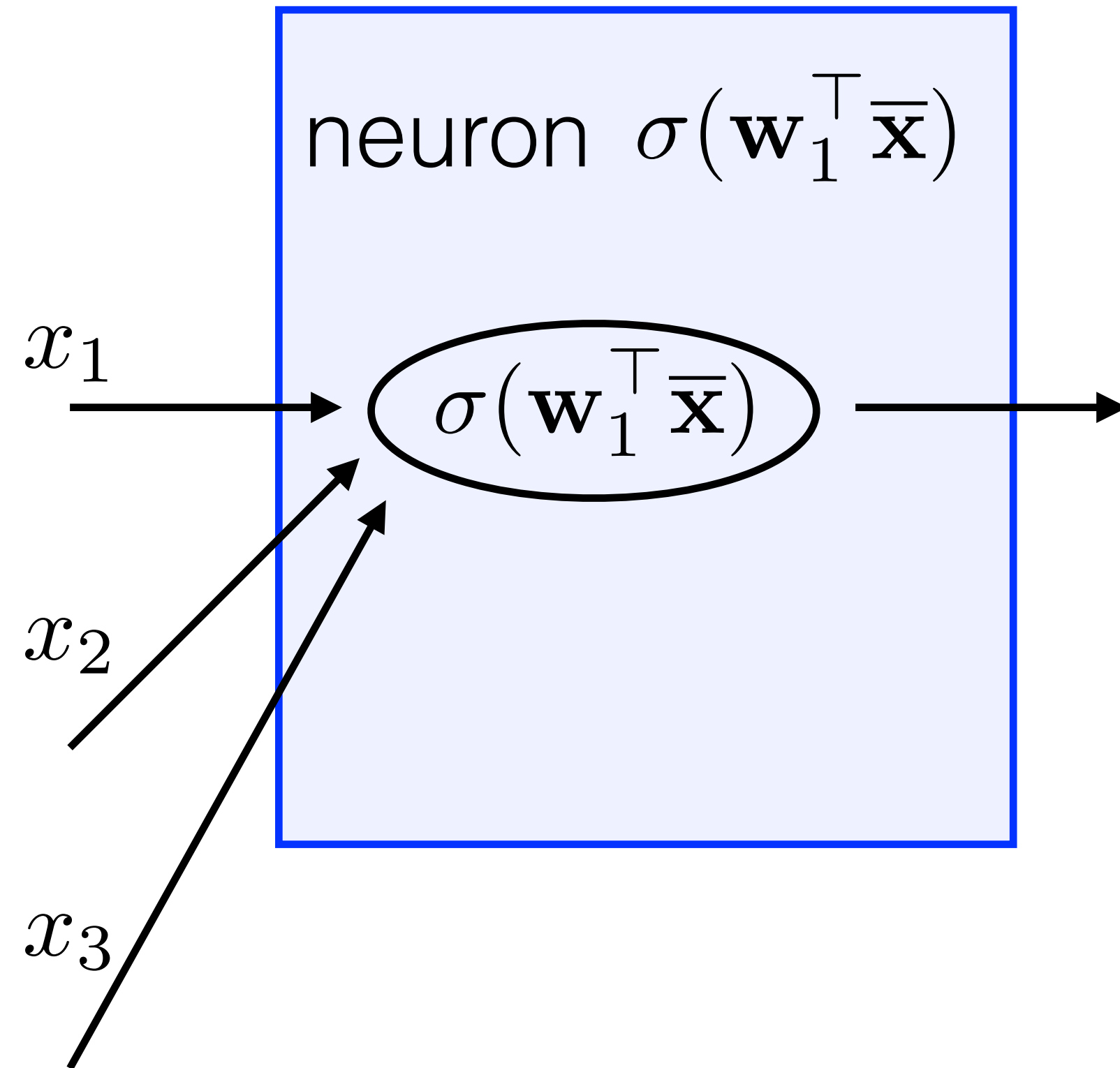
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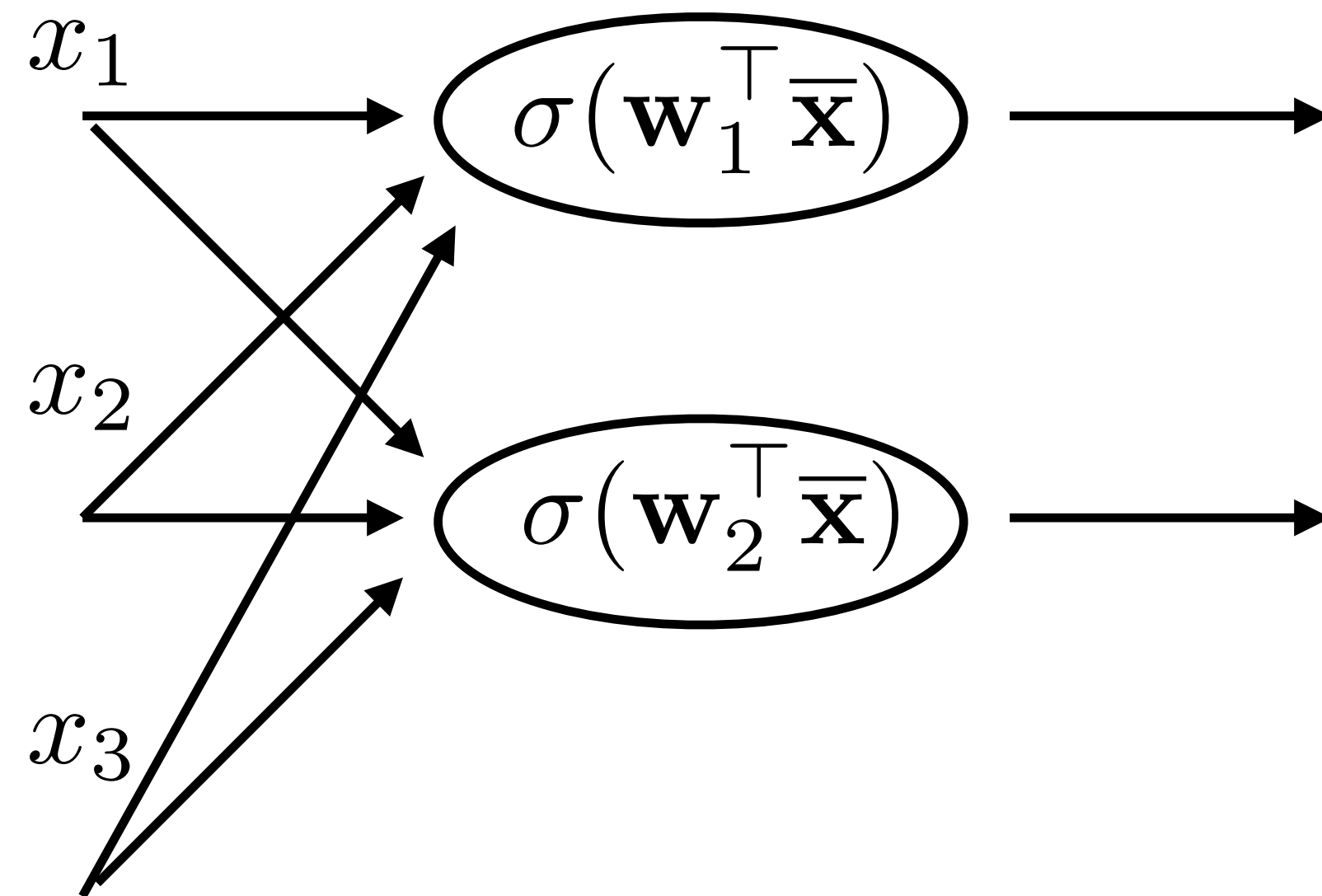
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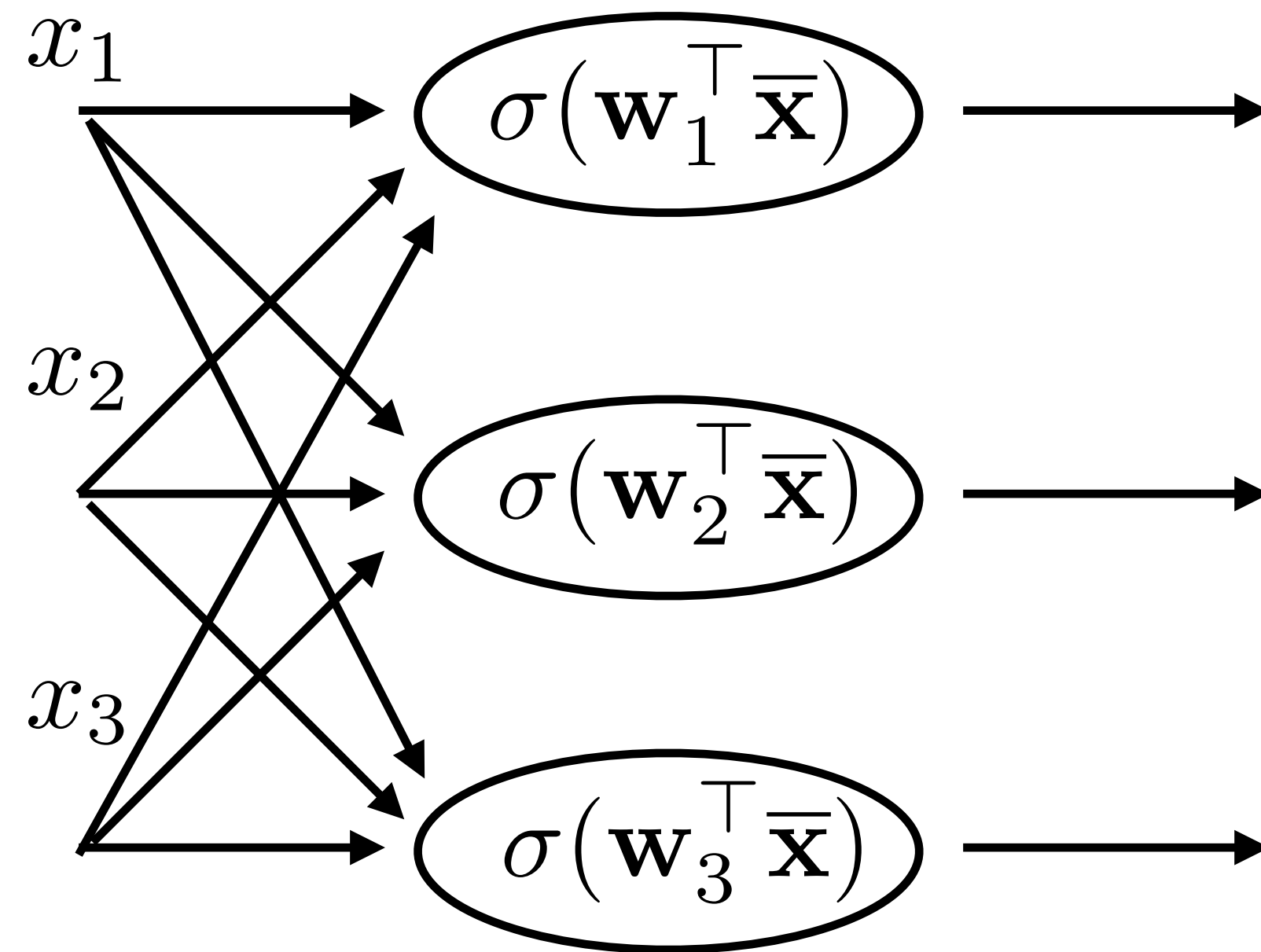
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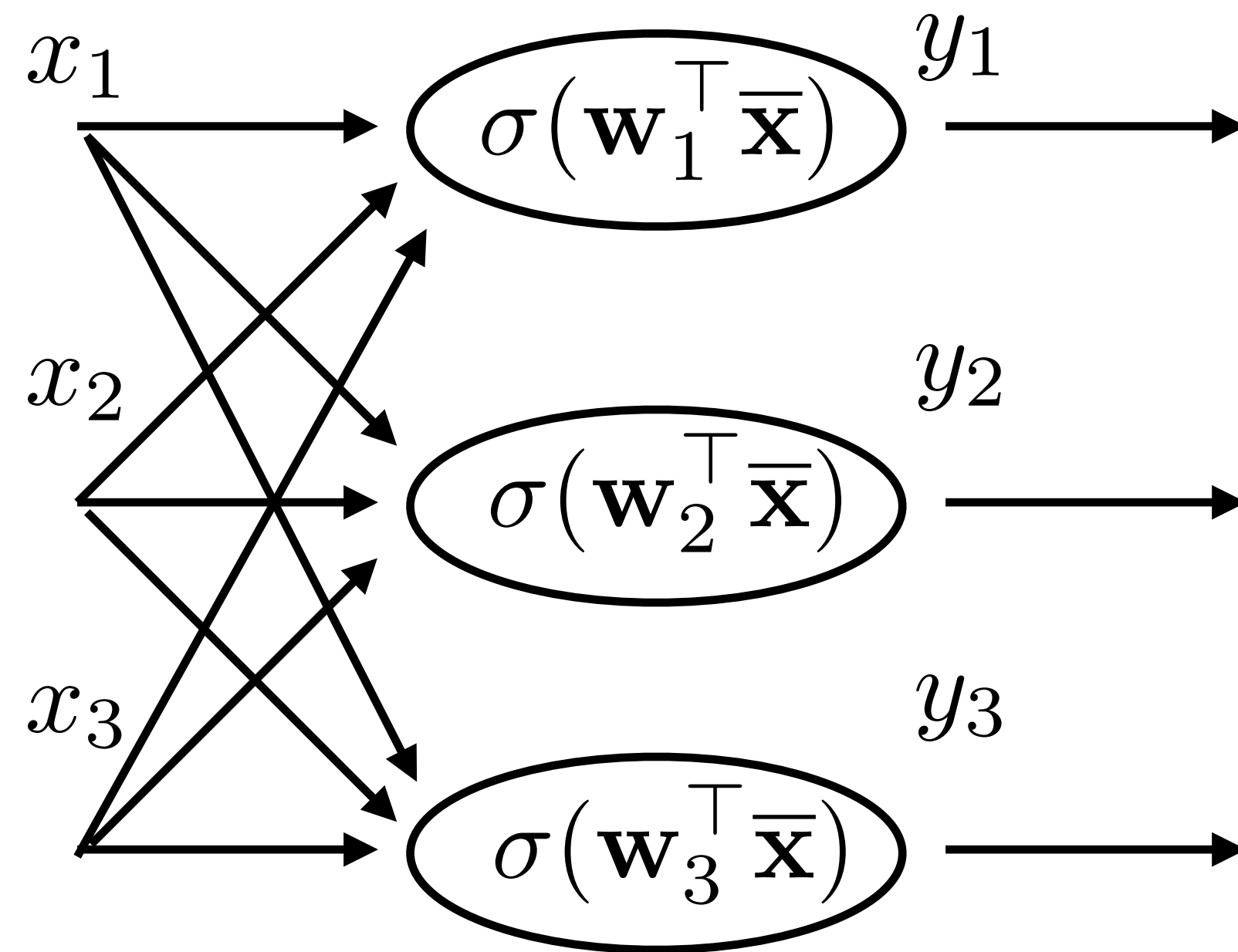
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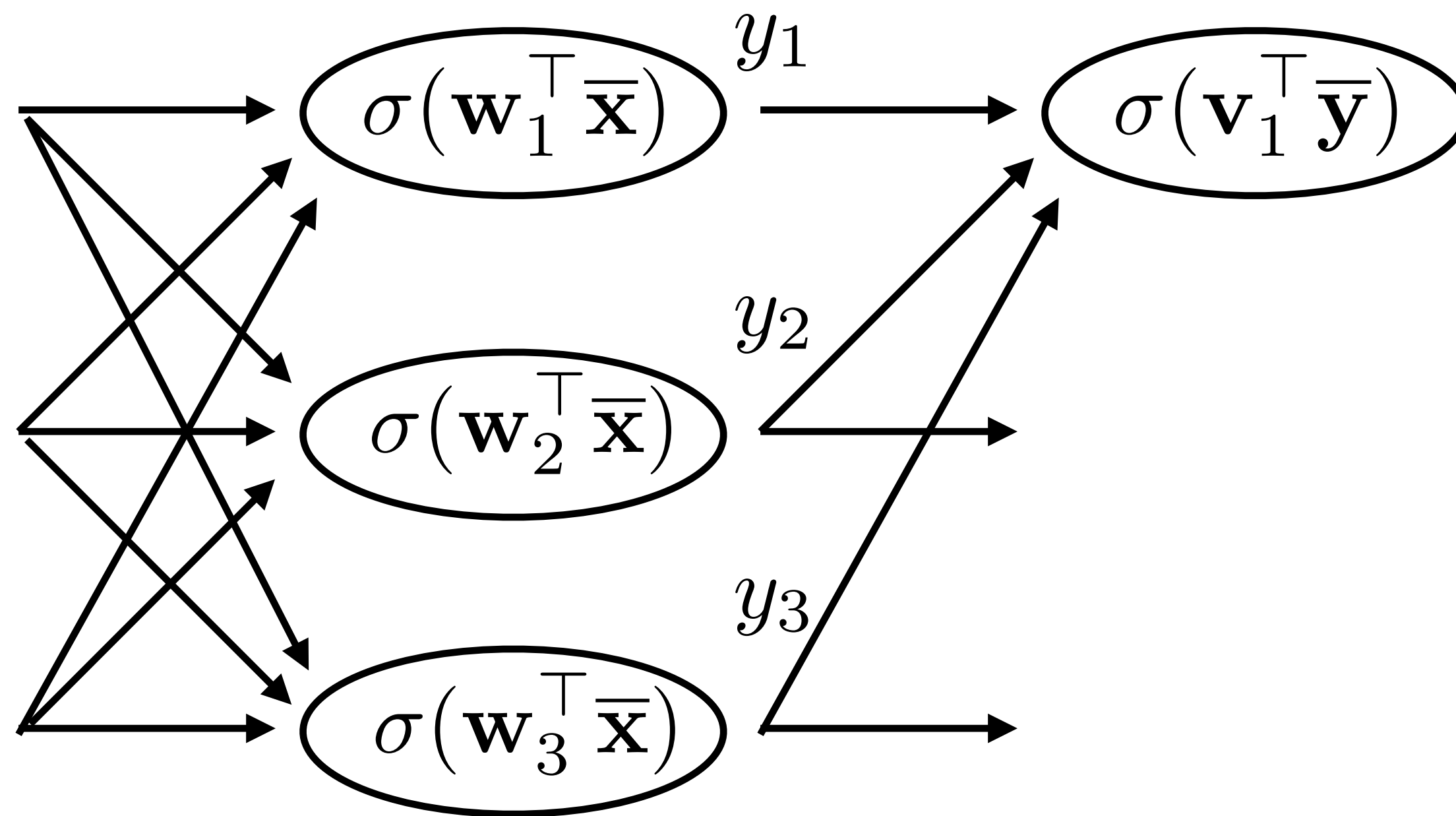
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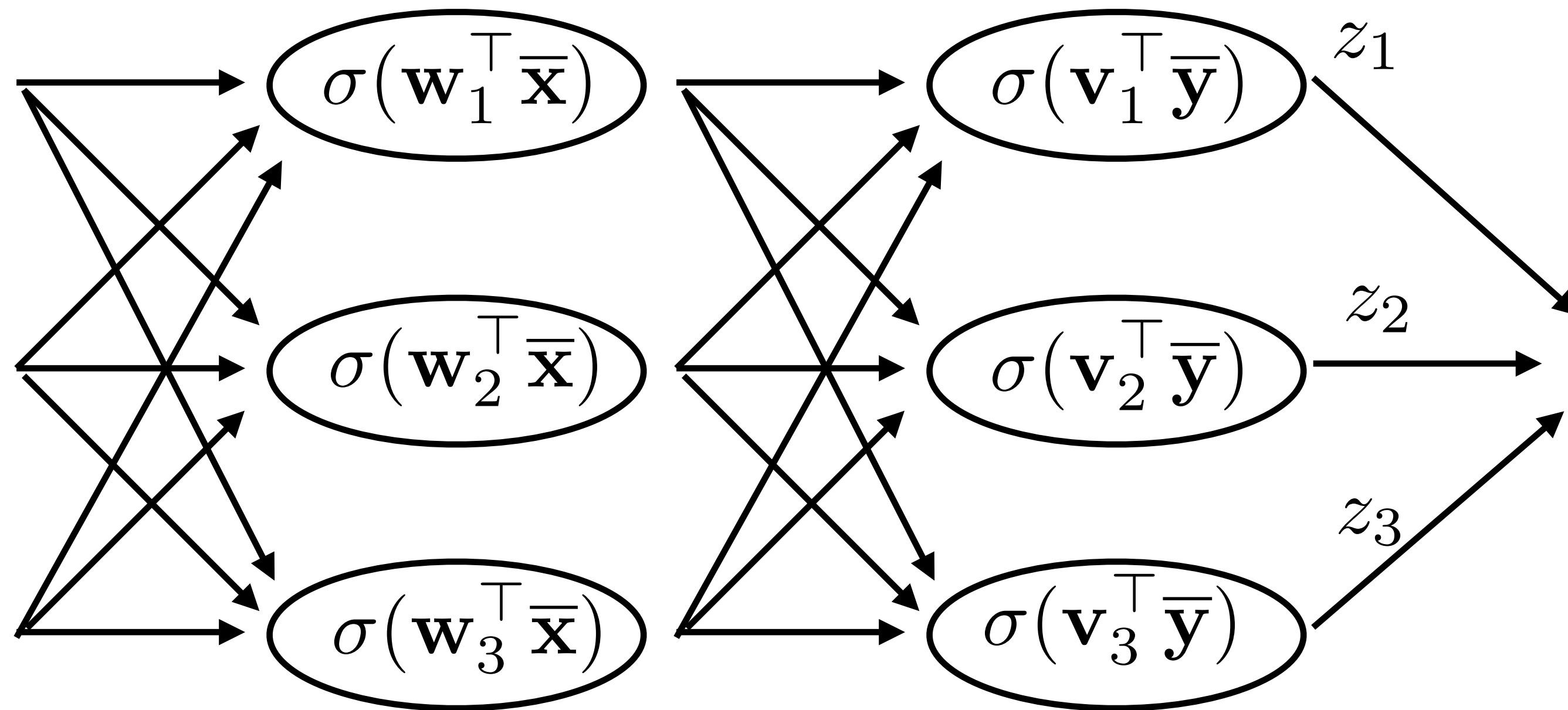
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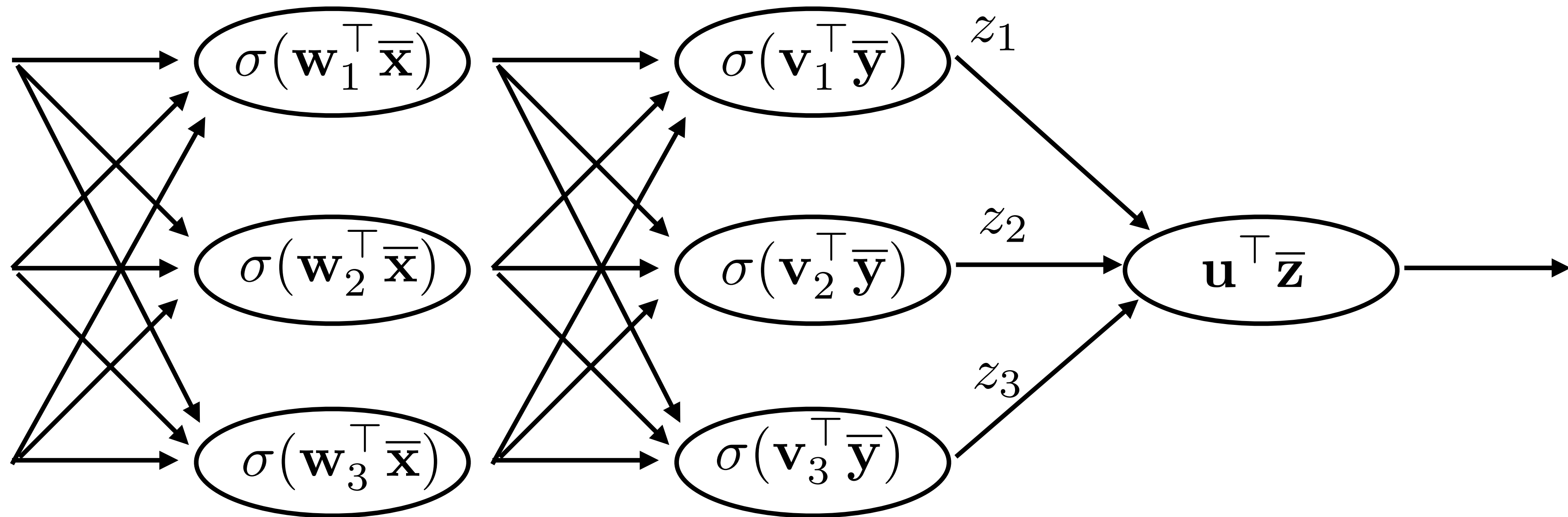
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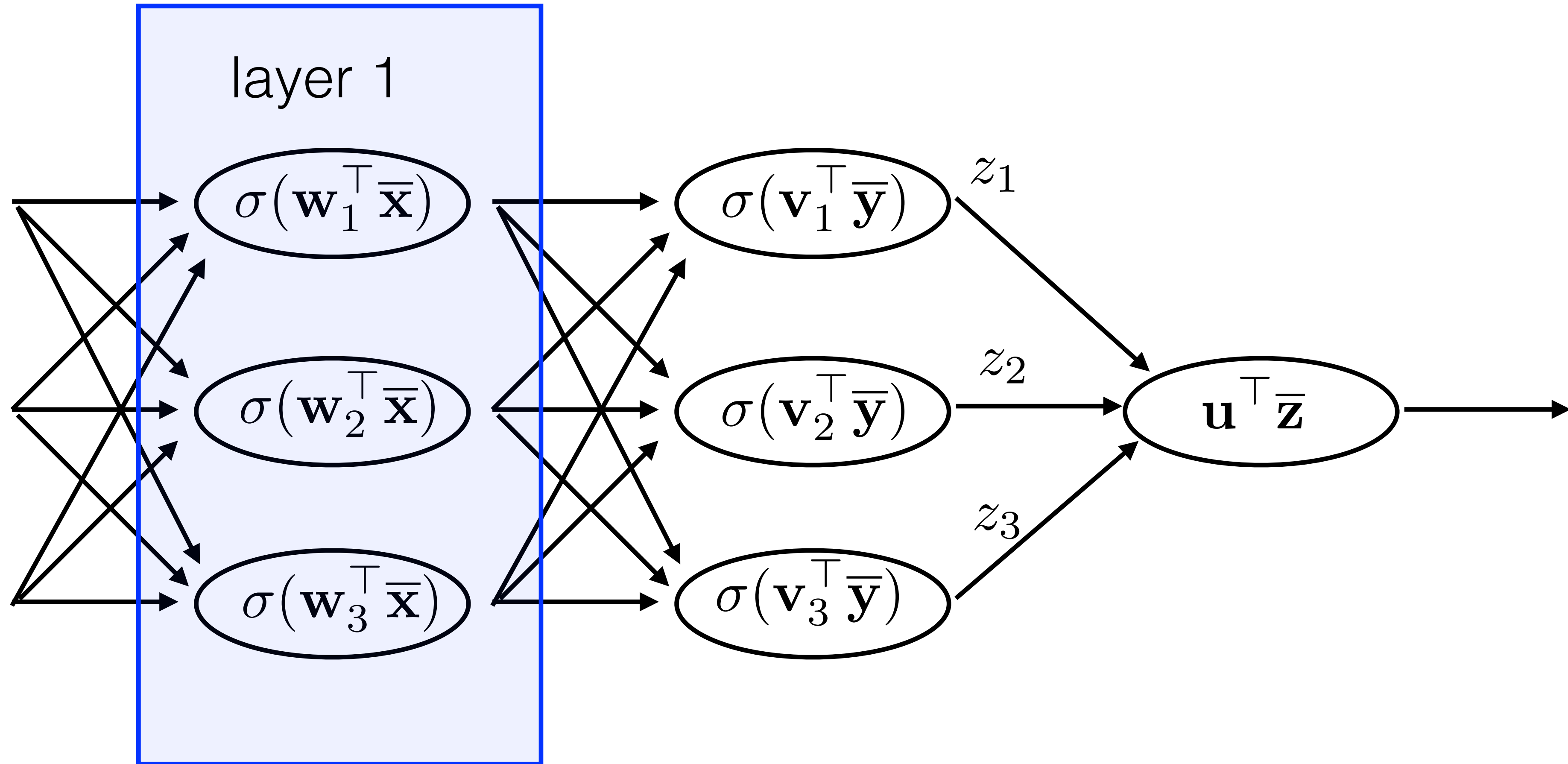
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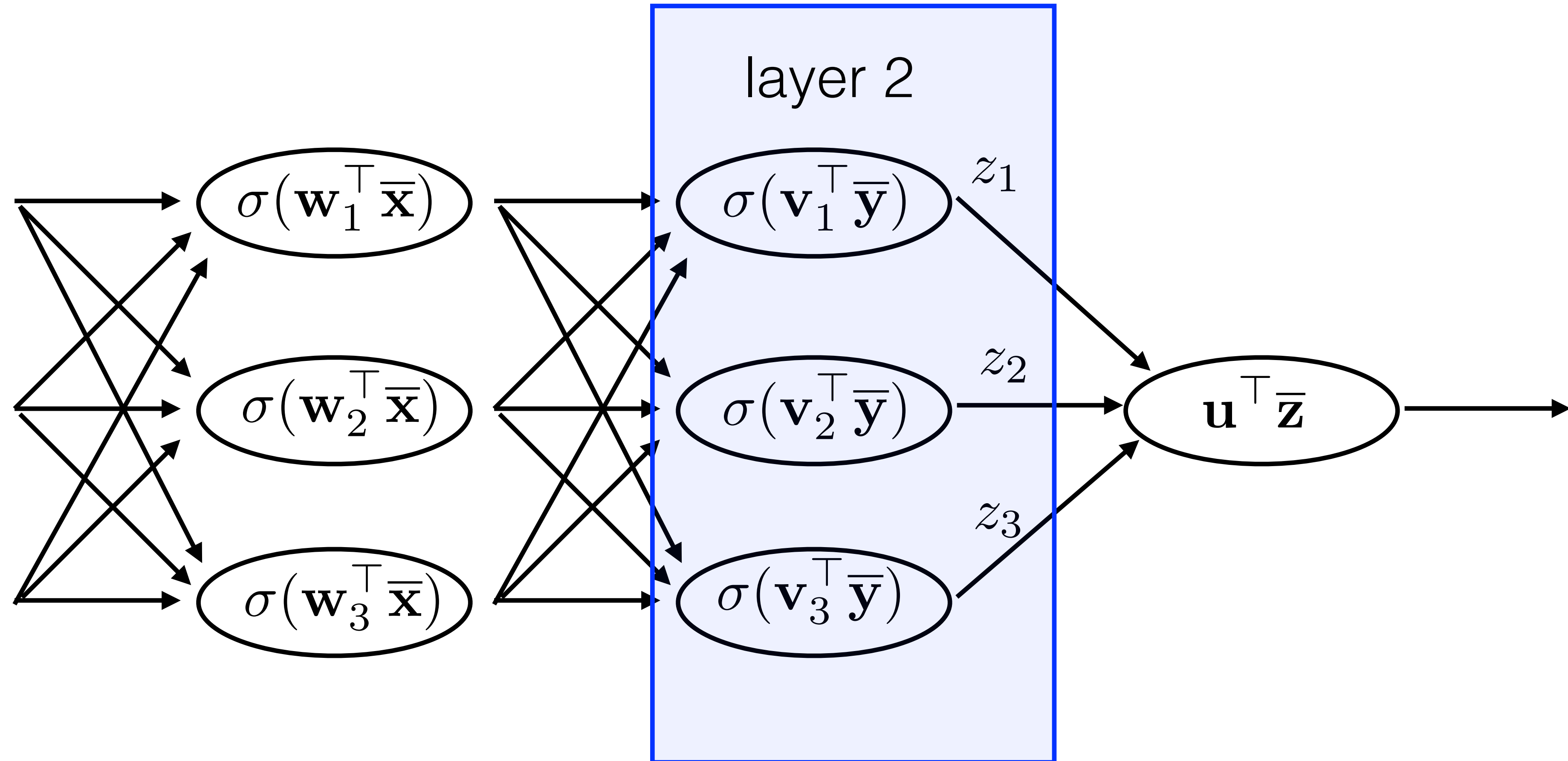
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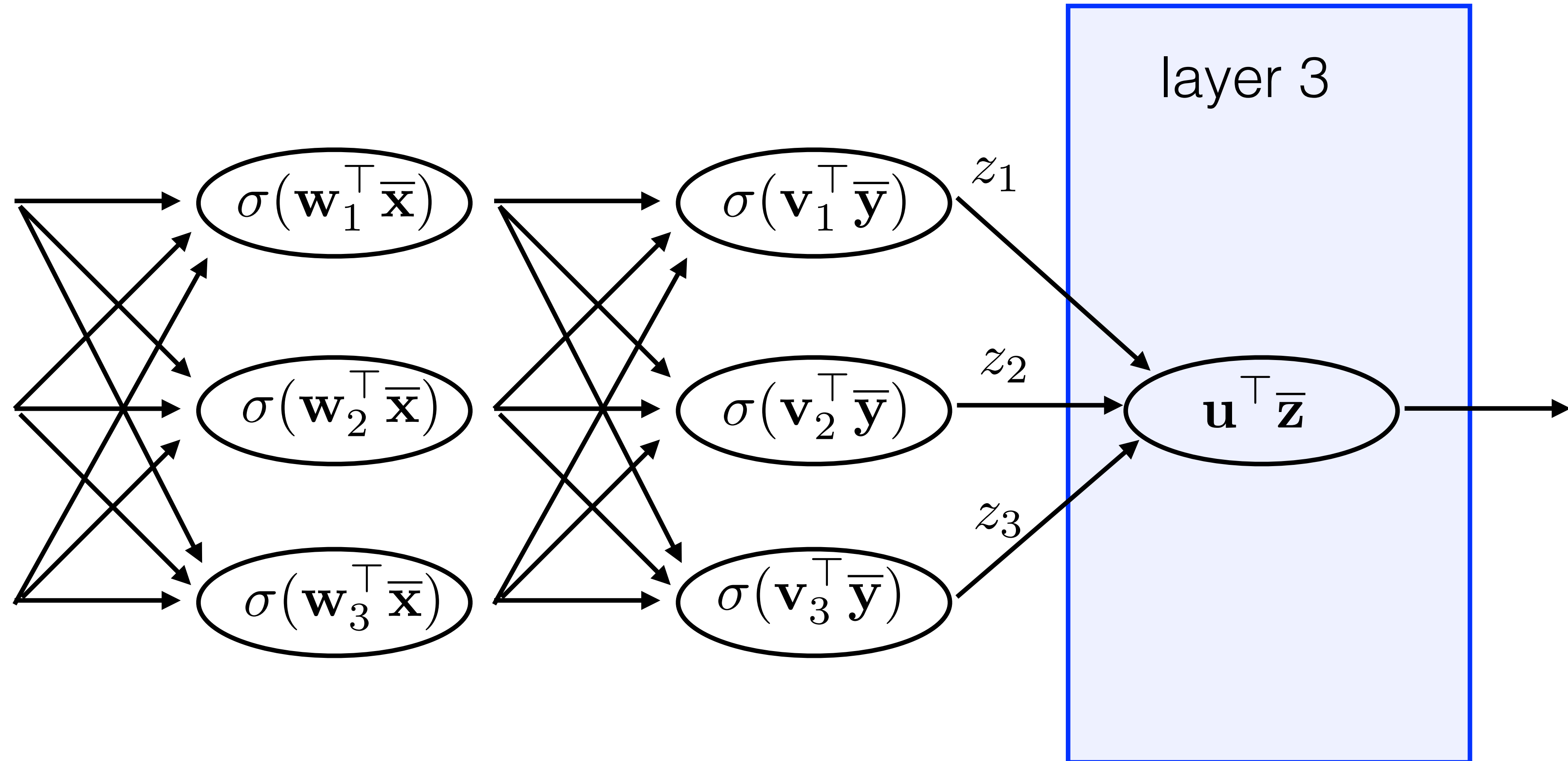
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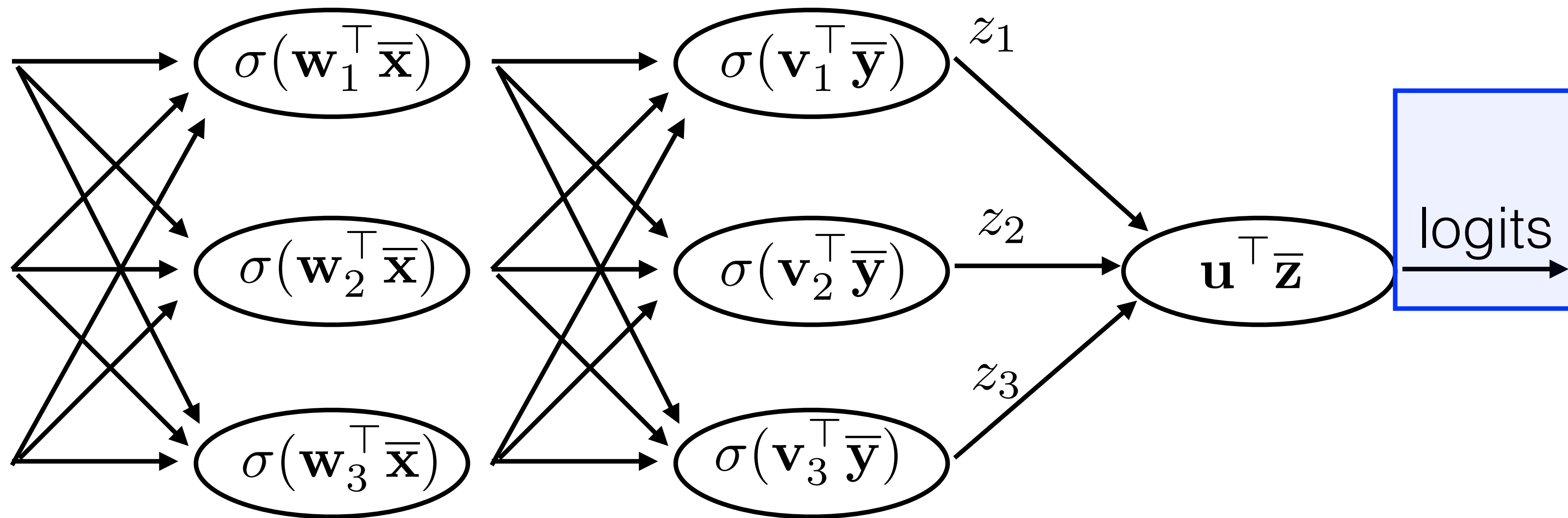
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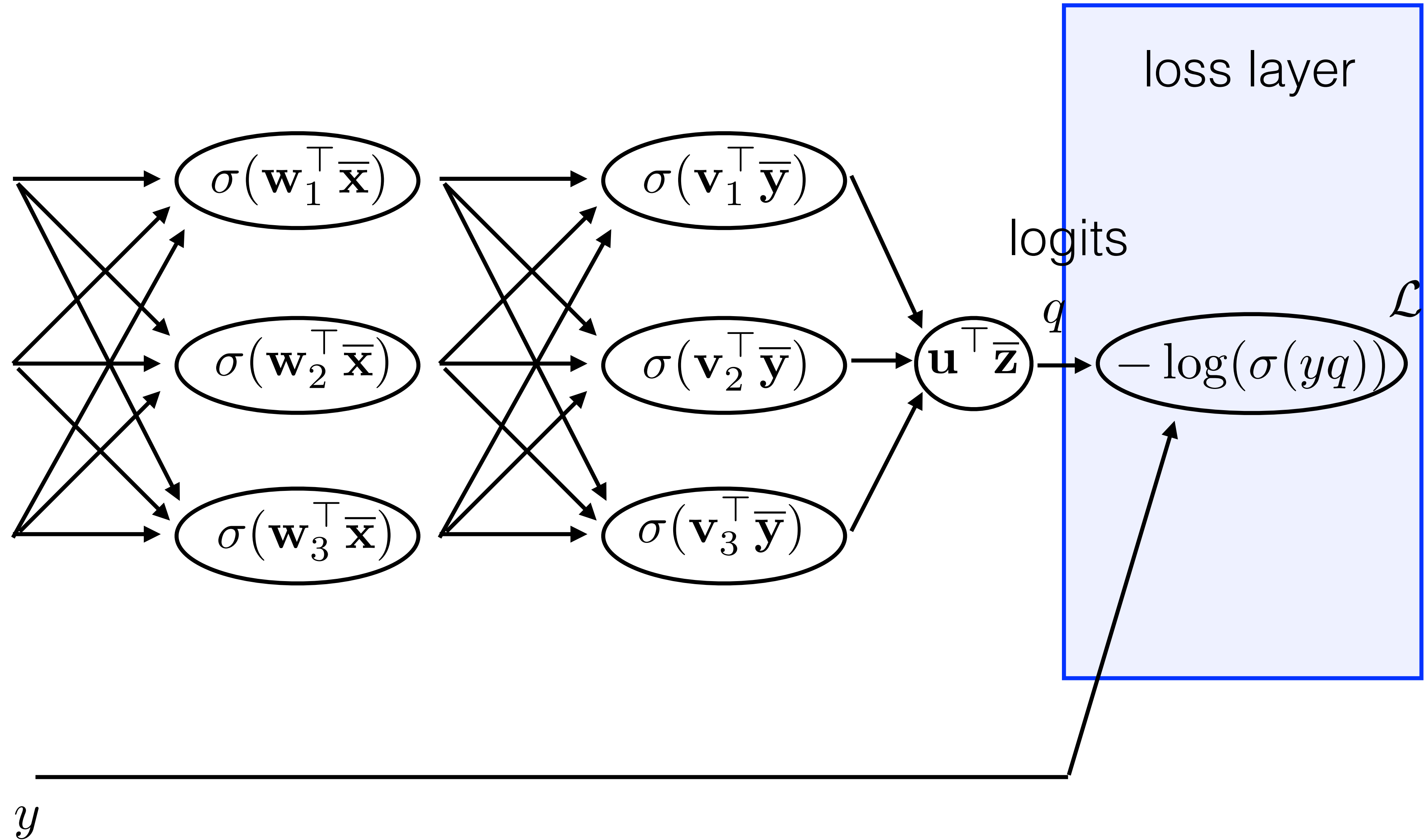
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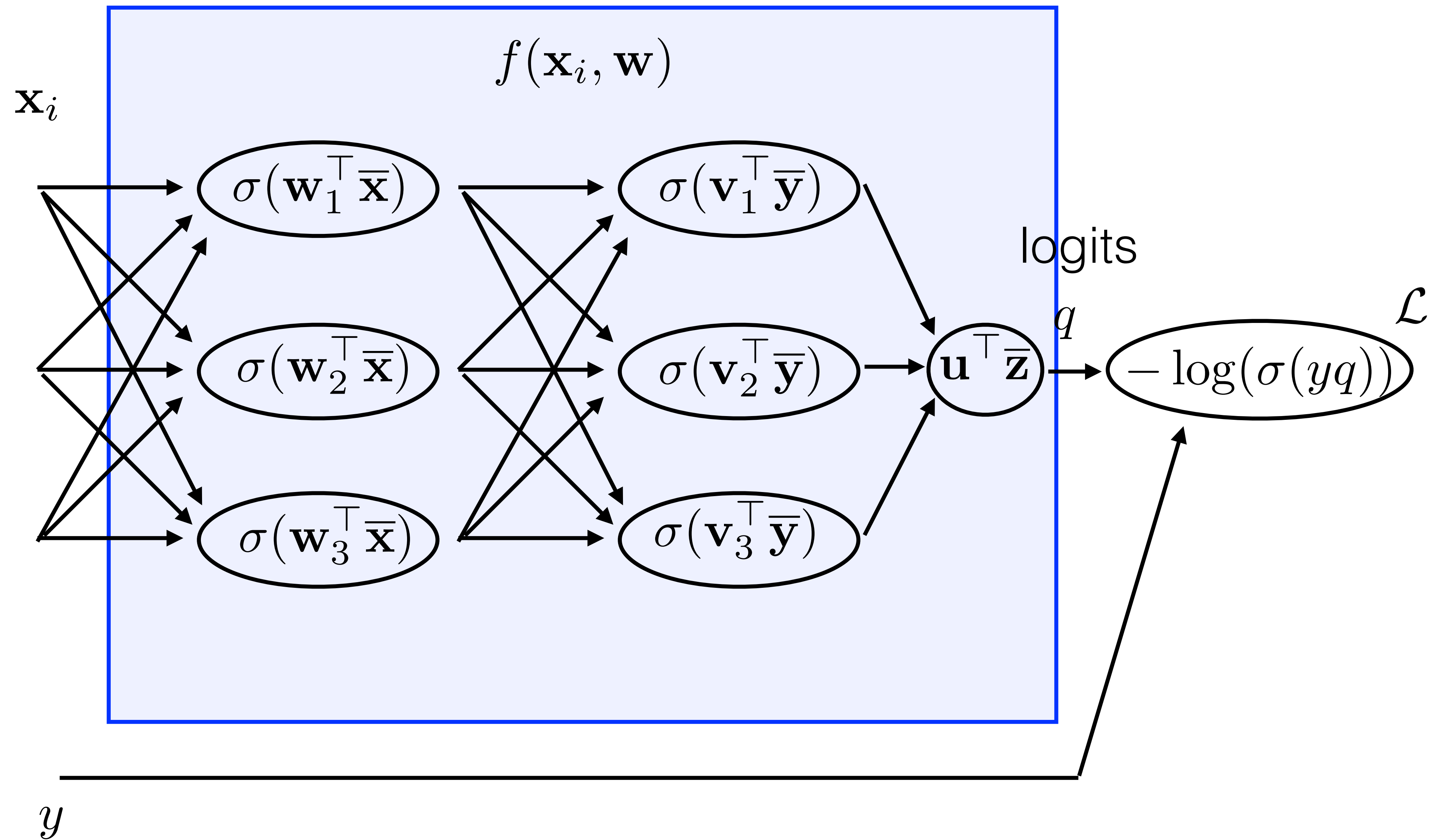
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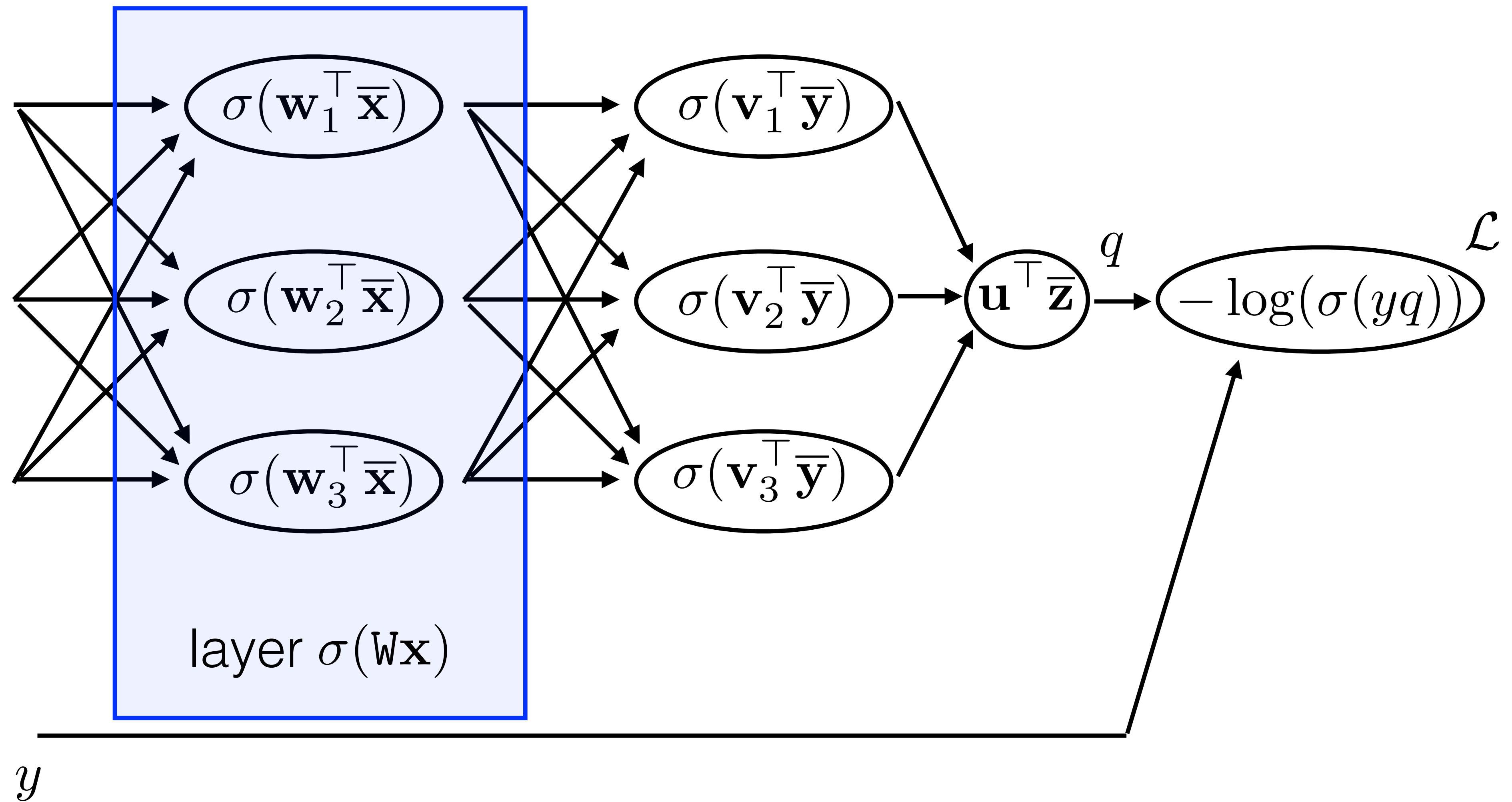
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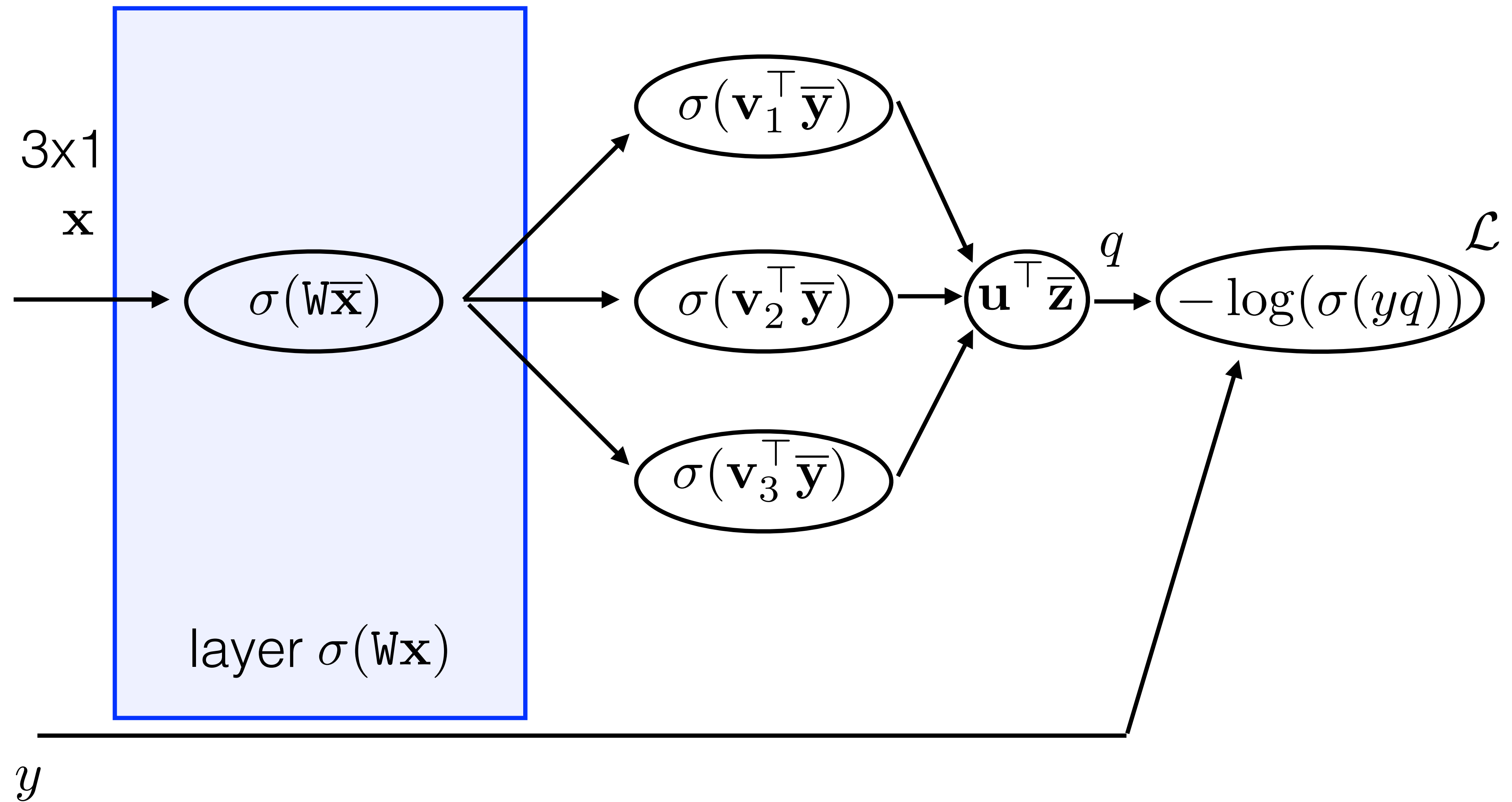
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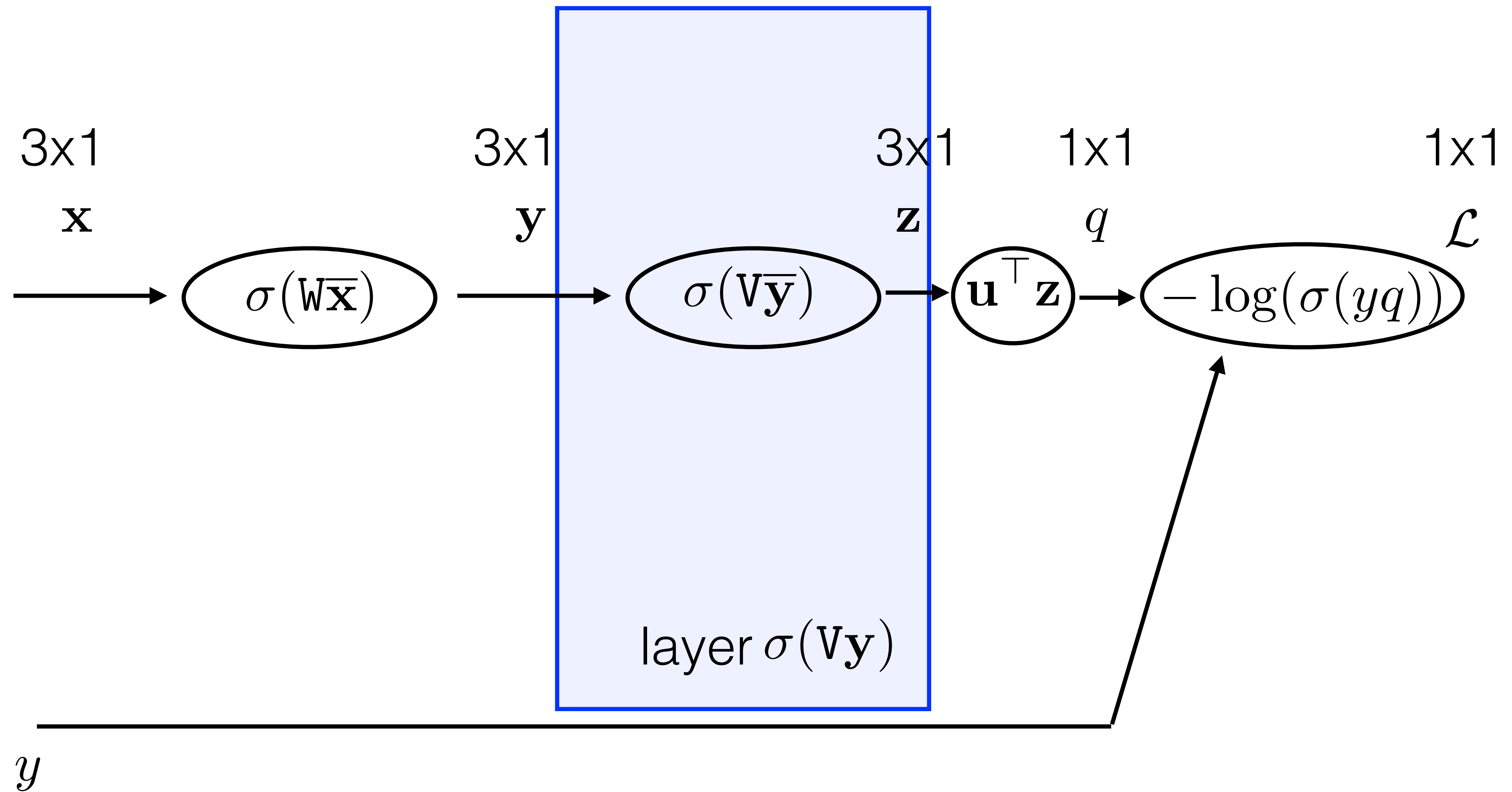
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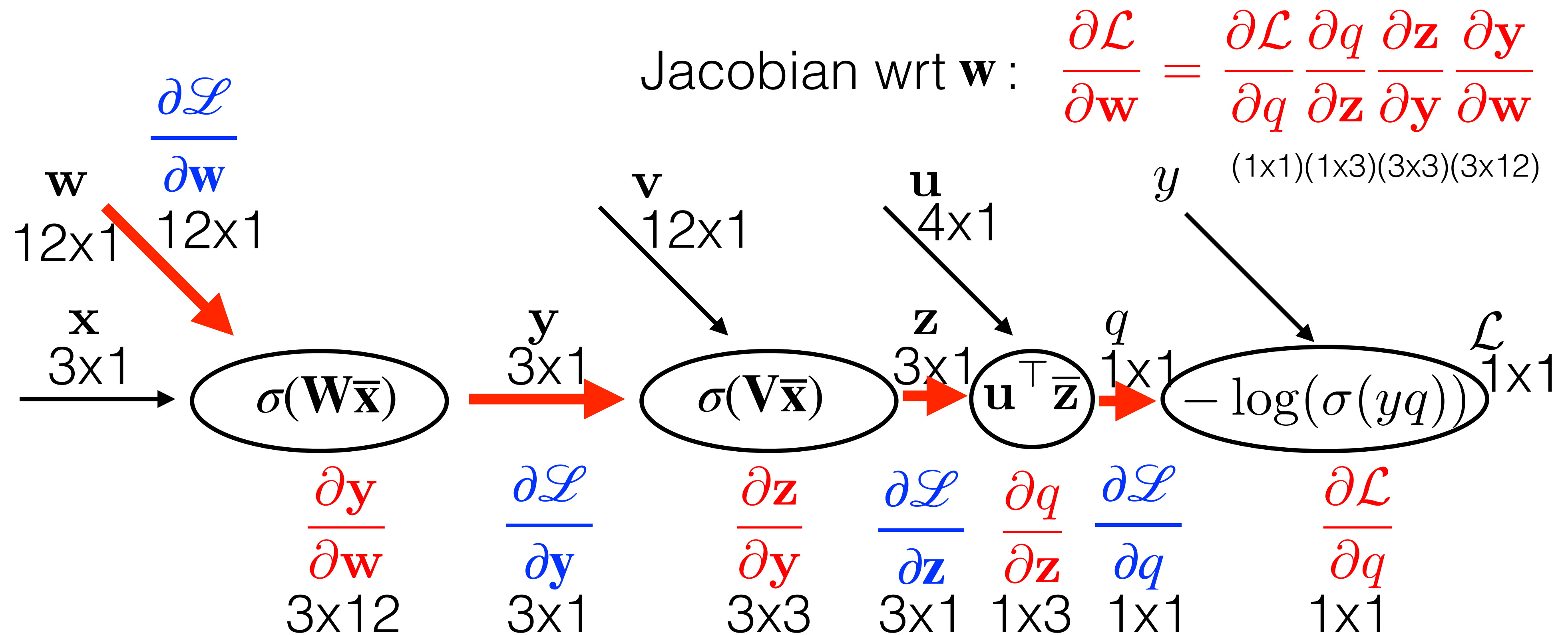
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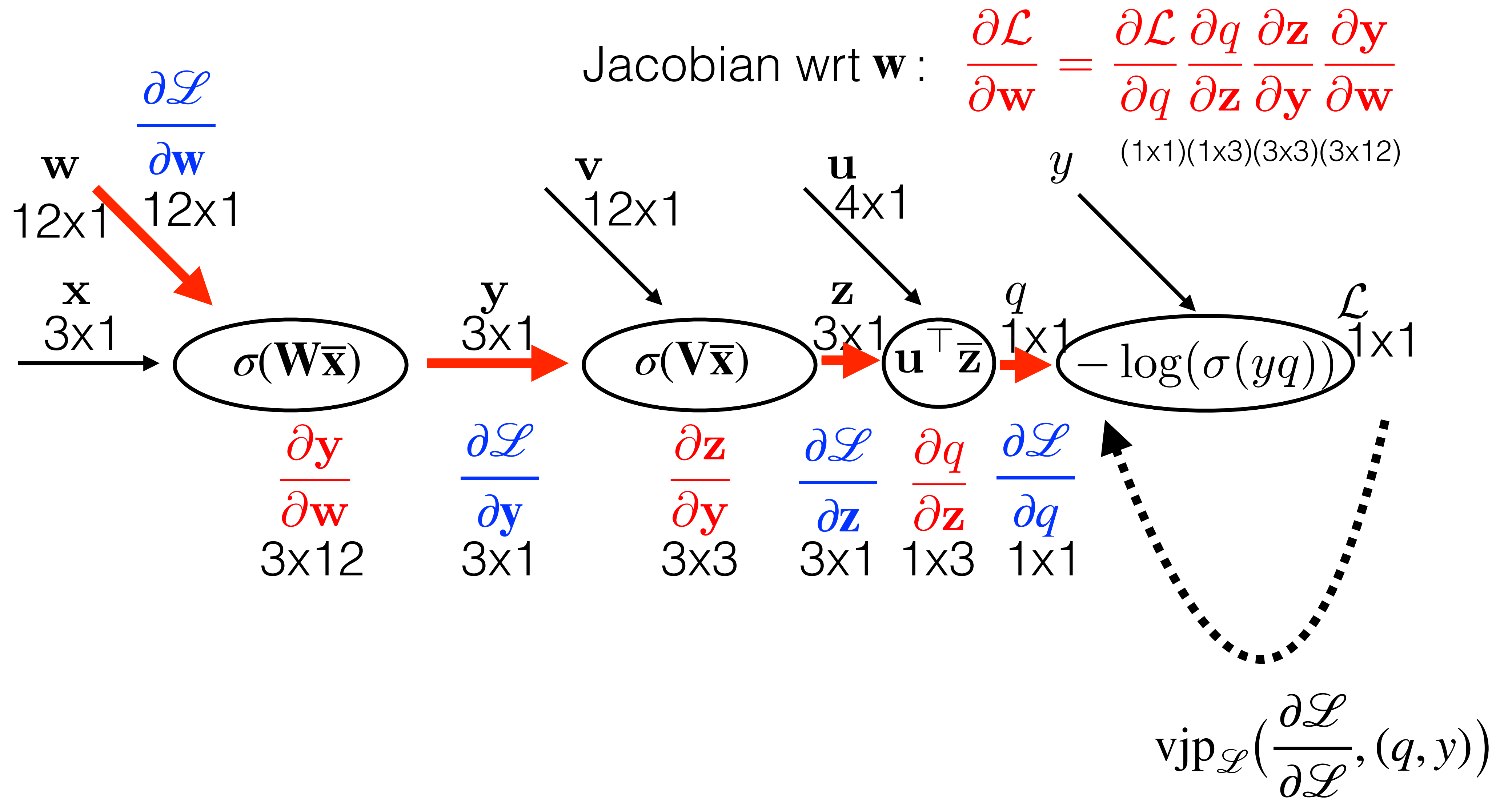
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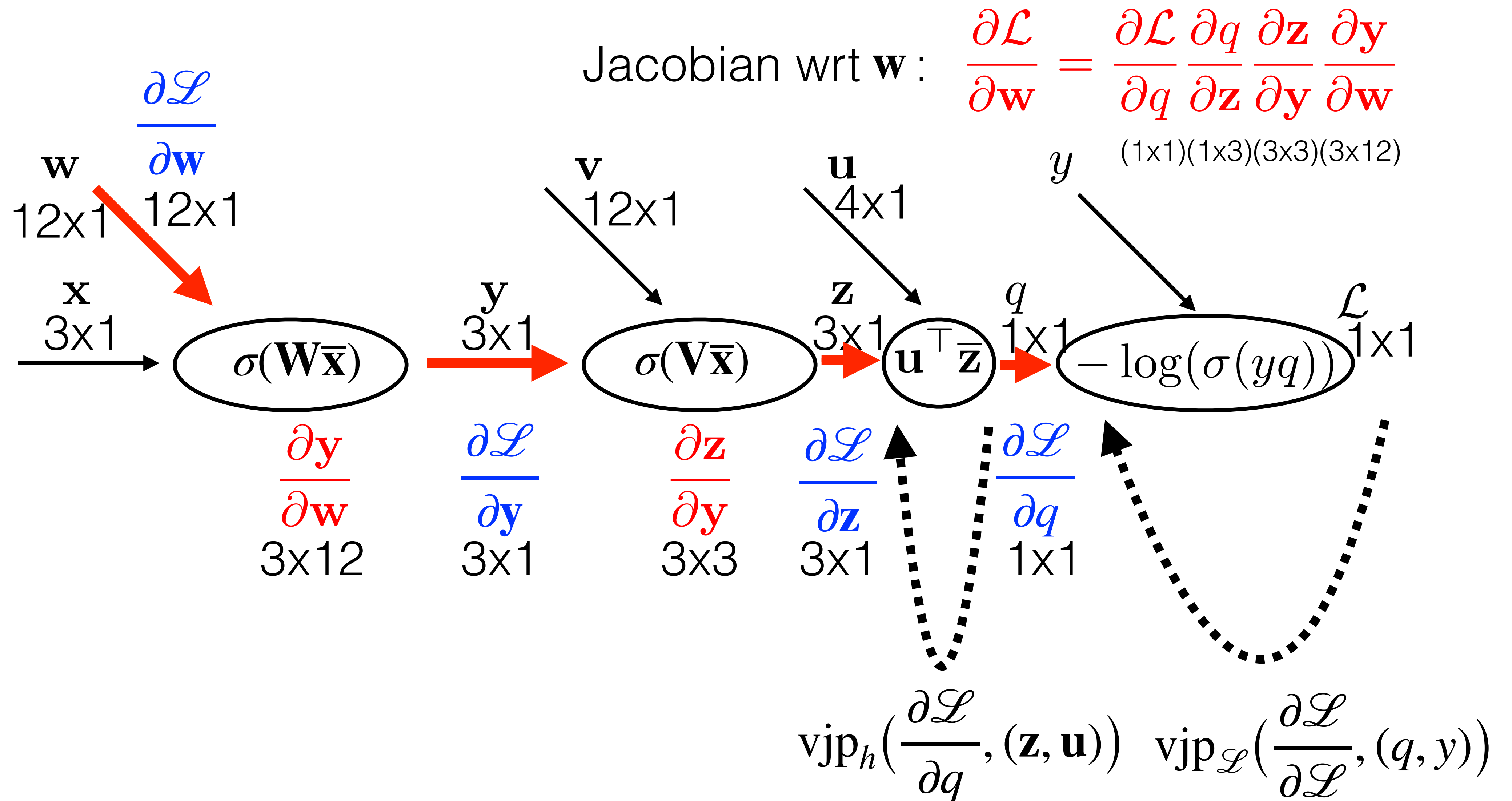
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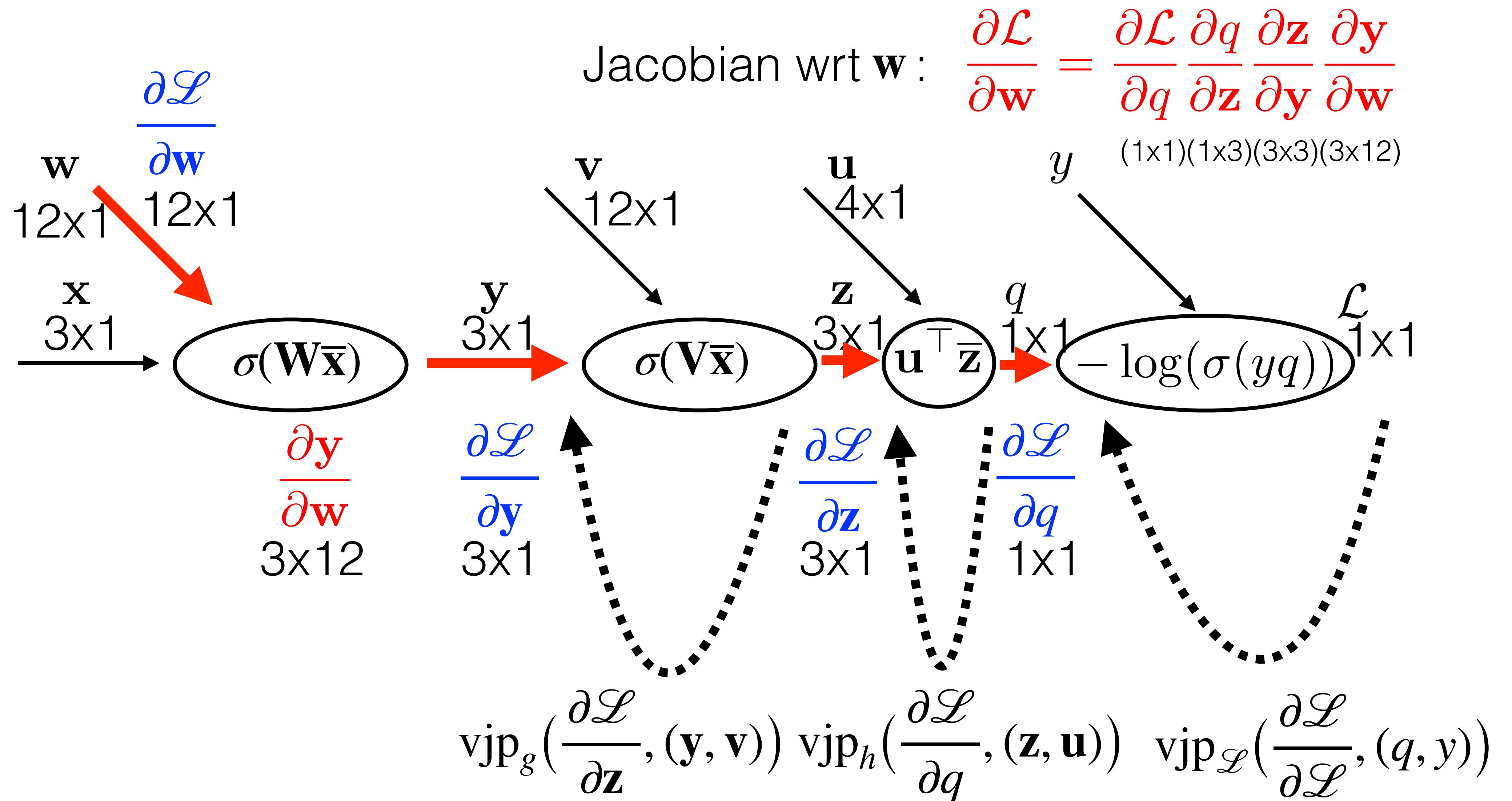
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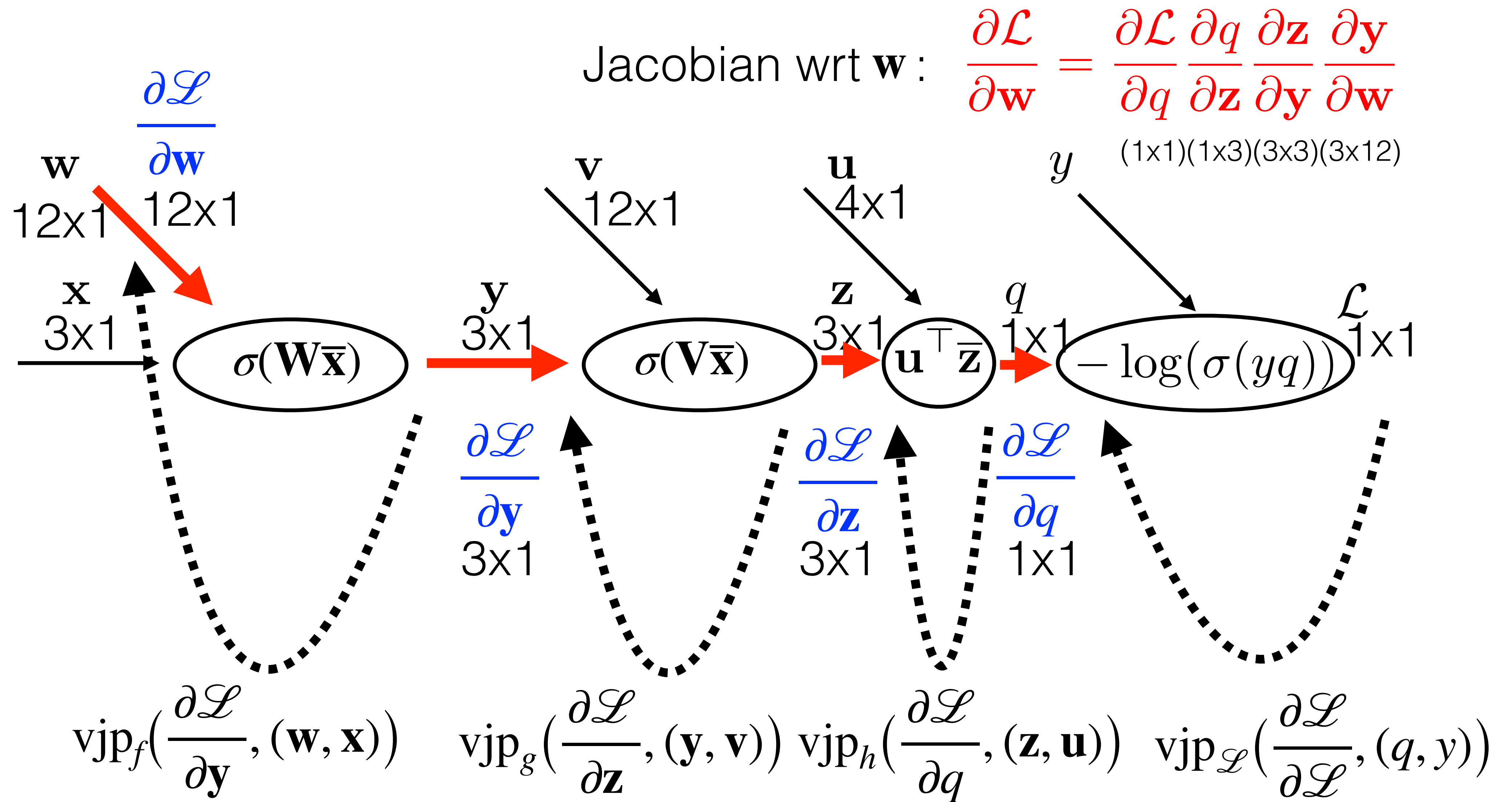
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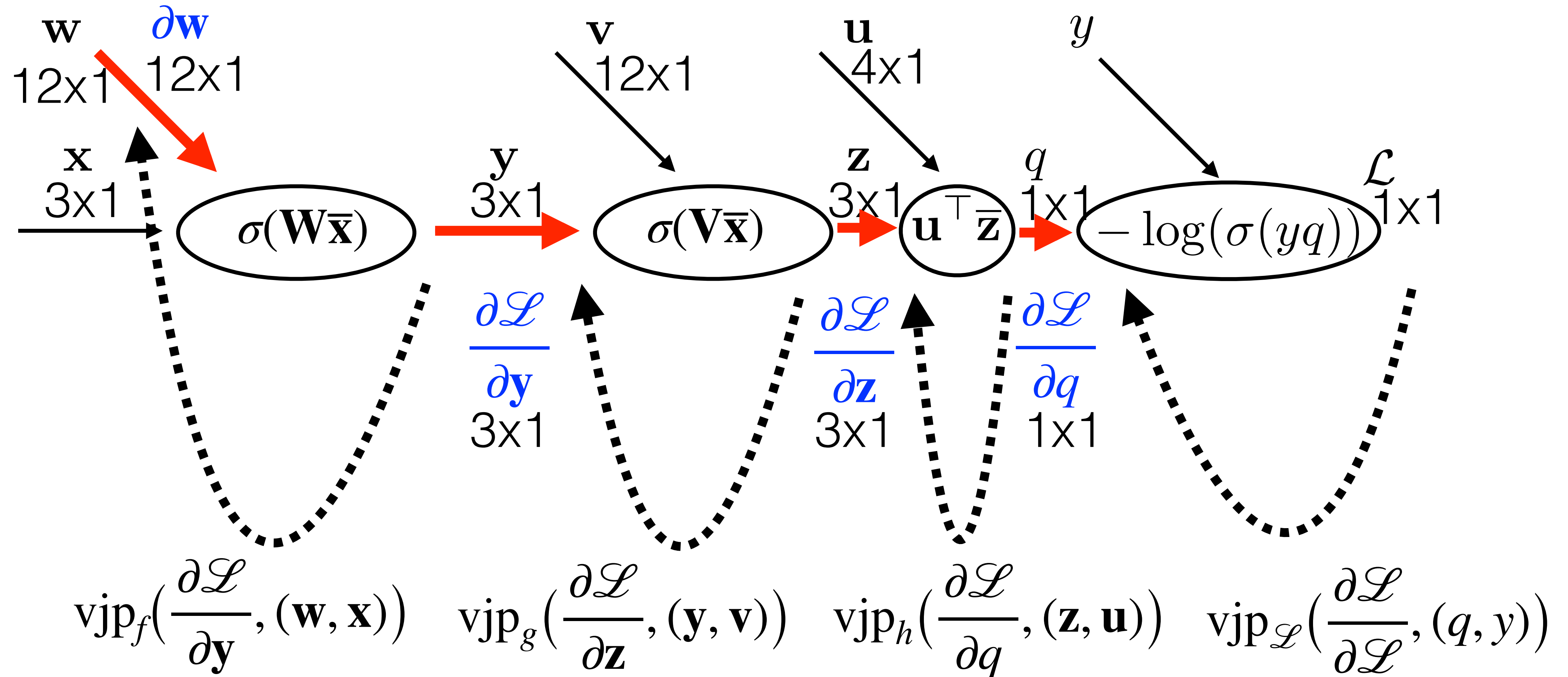


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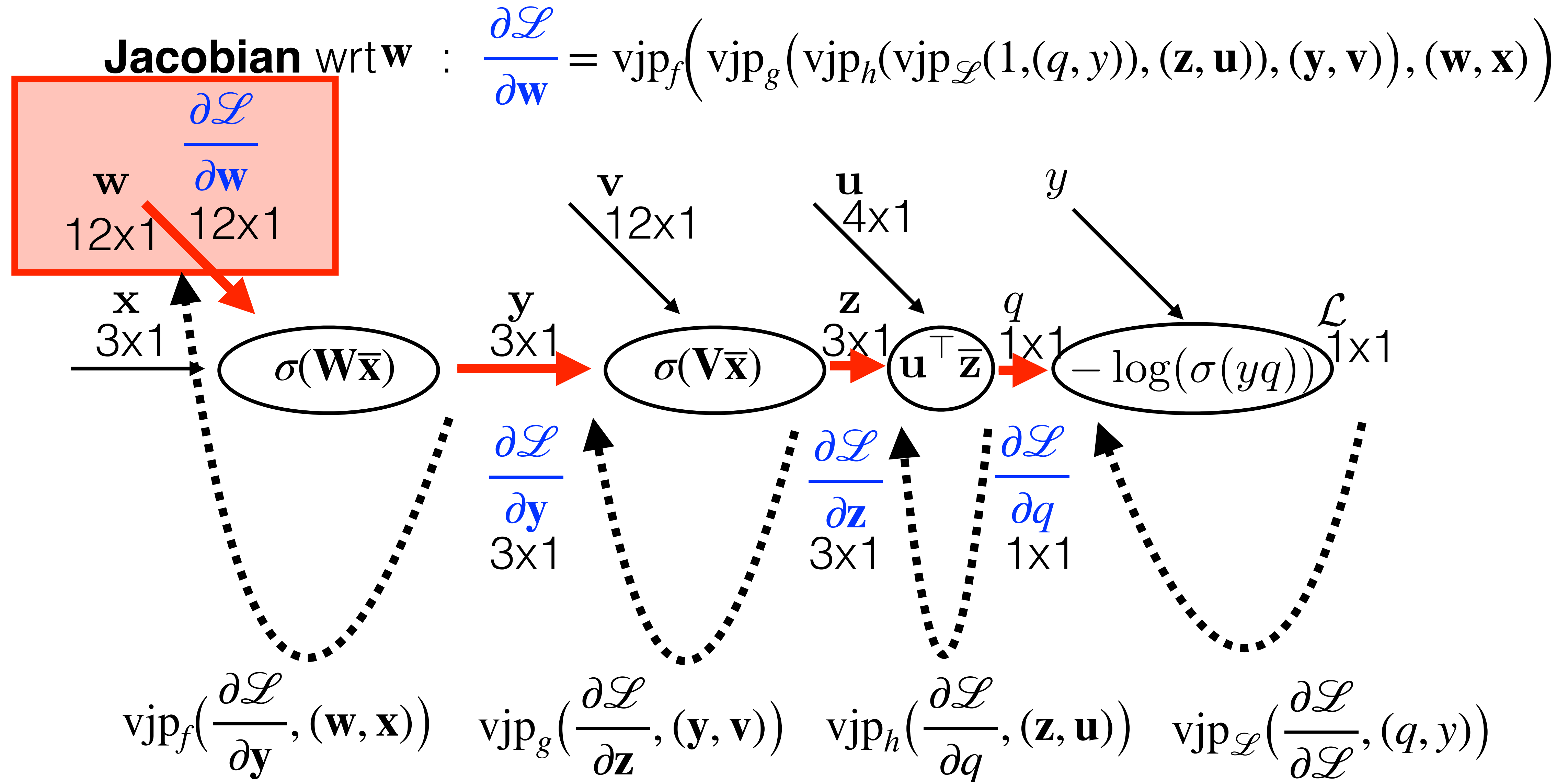
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Jacobian wrt $\mathbf{w}$: $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \text{vjp}_f\left(\text{vjp}_g\left(\text{vjp}_h\left(\text{vjp}_{\mathcal{L}}(1, (q, y)), (\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{u})\right), (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{v})\right), (\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x})\right)$



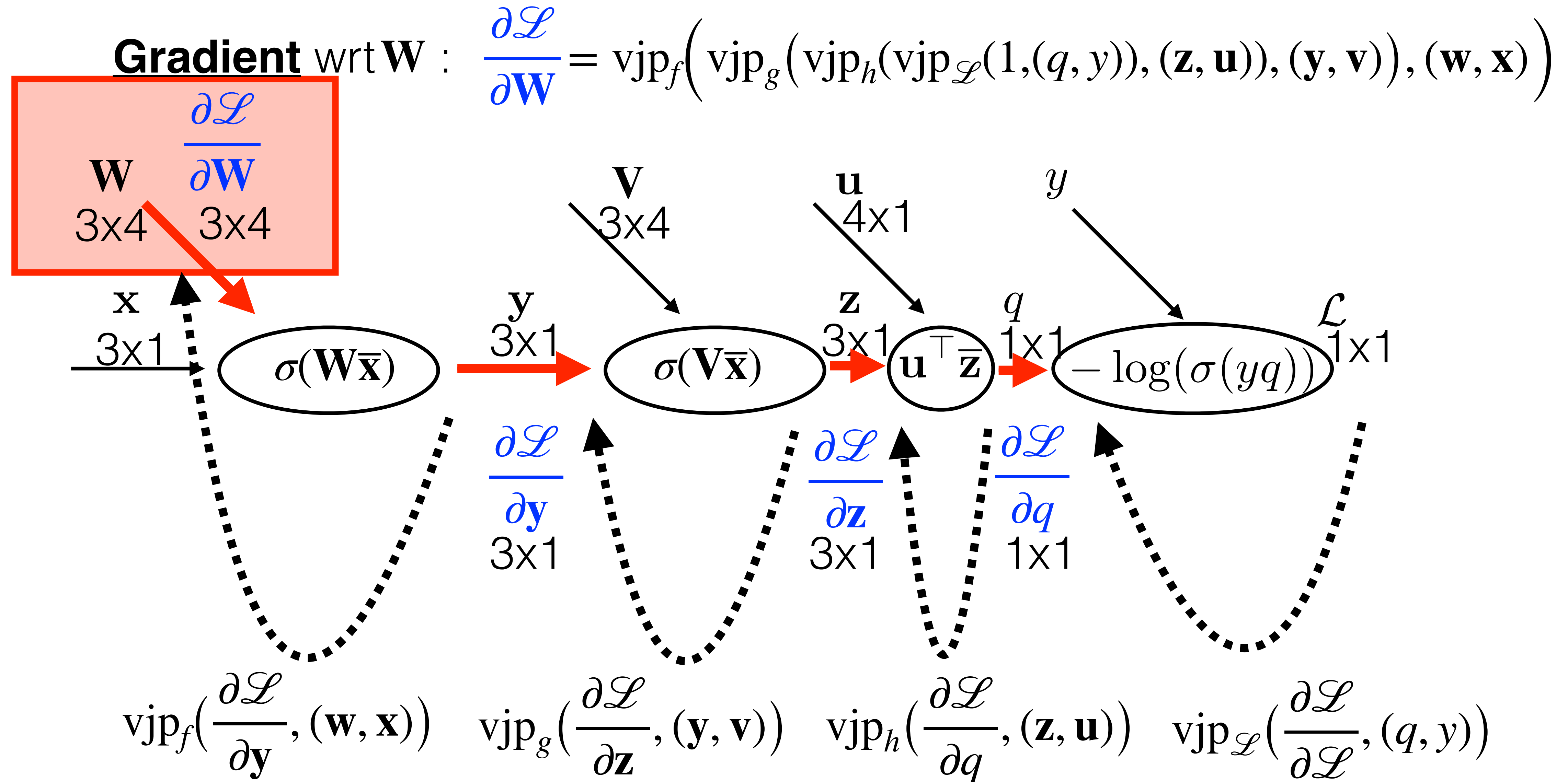
There are no more jacobians

- preserves dimensionality of inputs in backward pass

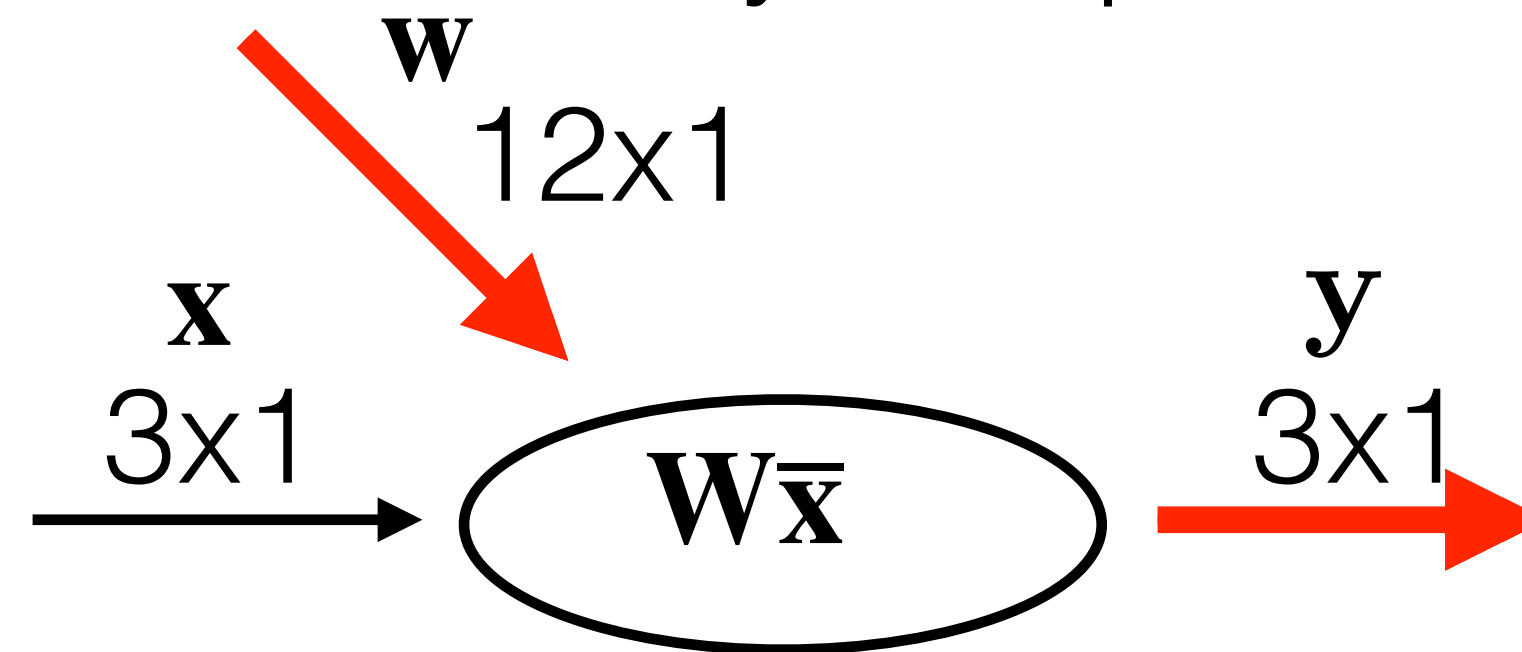


We can (re-)implement vjp in order to preserve inputs resolution

- preserves dimensionality of inputs in backward pass



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```
def vjp_w(v, (x, w)) :
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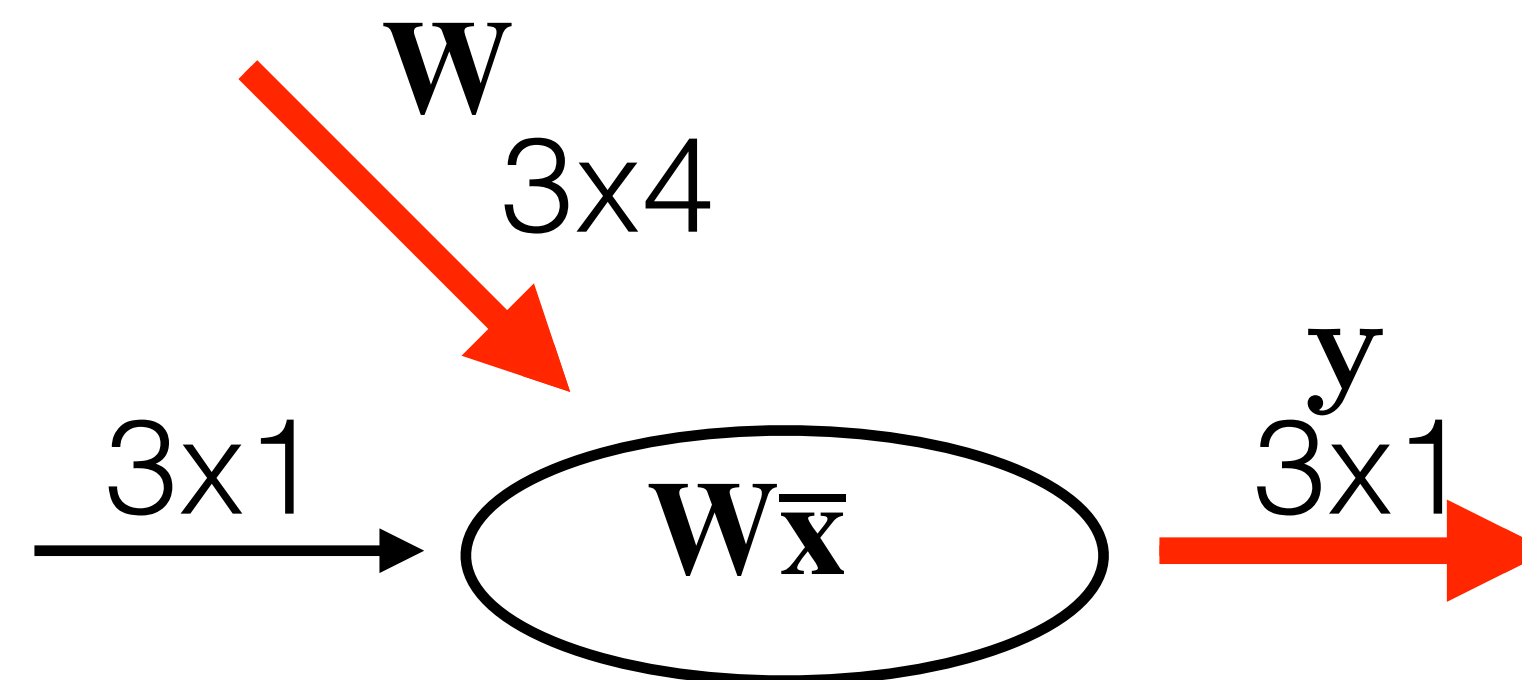
$$\text{return } \mathbf{v} \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{w}} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top - \\ -\bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top - \\ -\bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top - \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top, & v_2 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top, & v_3 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top \end{bmatrix}$$

1x3 3x12 1x12

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def vjp_w(v, (x, W)) :
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$$\text{return } \begin{bmatrix} -v_1 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top - \\ -v_2 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top - \\ -v_3 \cdot \bar{\mathbf{x}}^\top - \end{bmatrix}$$

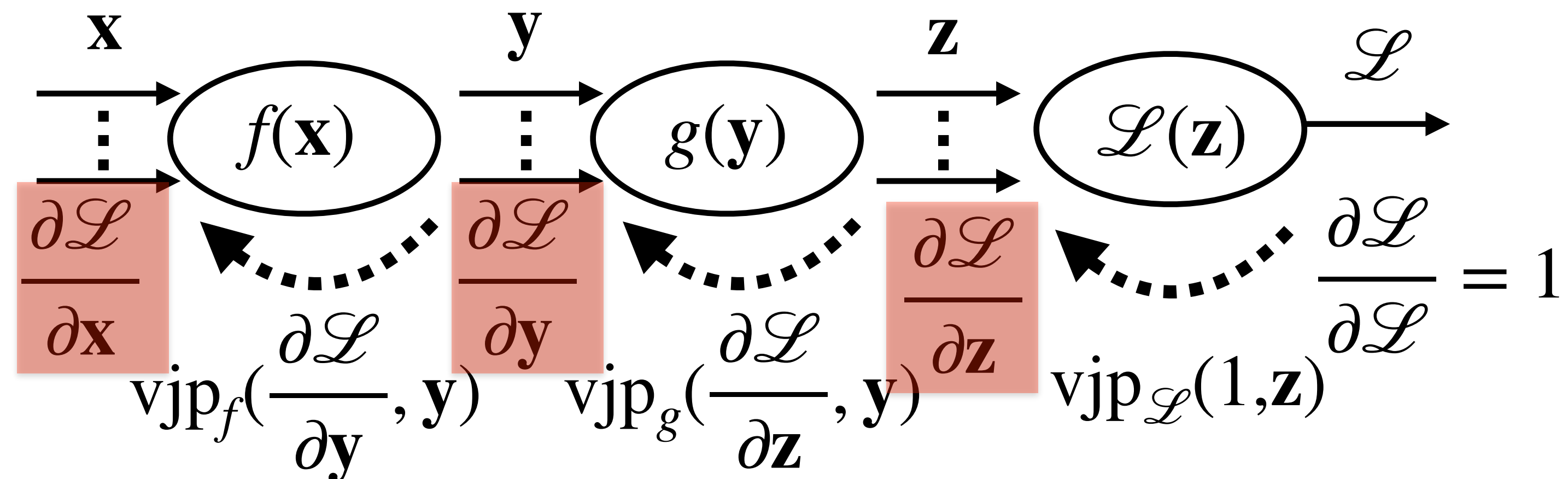
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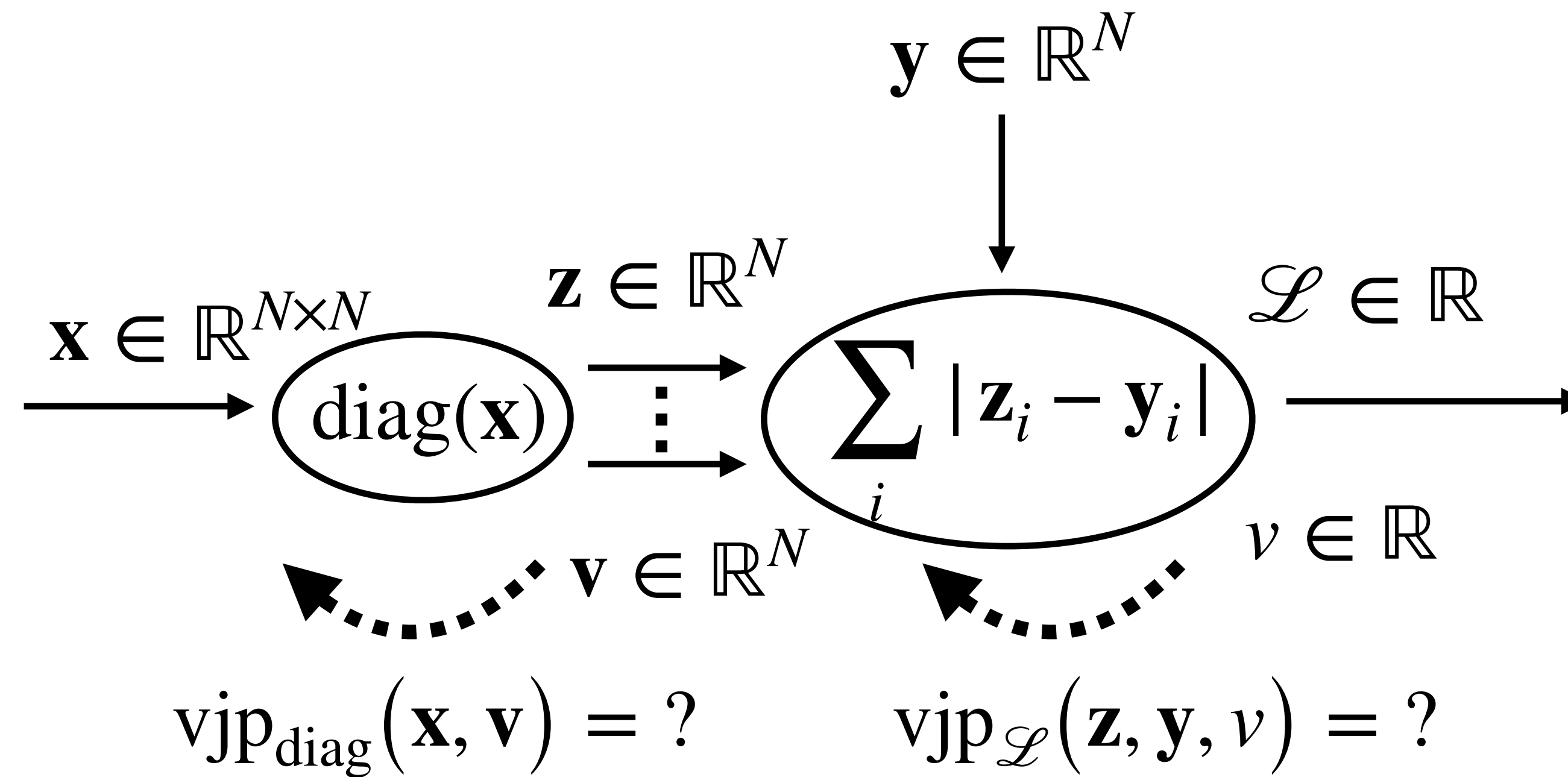
- preserves dimensionality of inputs in backward pass
- if $g : \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, what is its jacobian? $\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{y})}{\partial \mathbf{y}} : \mathbb{R}^{m \times m} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n \times m \times m}$
- vjp **avoids** multiplications of **high-dimensional jacobian** tensors
- vjp **avoids explicit vectorization** of higher-dimensional data structures (images)

```
u = torch.tensor([[1,2], [3, 4]], dtype=torch.float32, requires_grad=True)
loss = torch.sigmoid(u).sum()
grad = torch.autograd.grad(loss, u)[0]
print(grad)
tensor([[0.1966, 0.1050],
        [0.0452, 0.0177]])
```

- edges of comp. graph are populated by gradients of loss wrt edge-variables

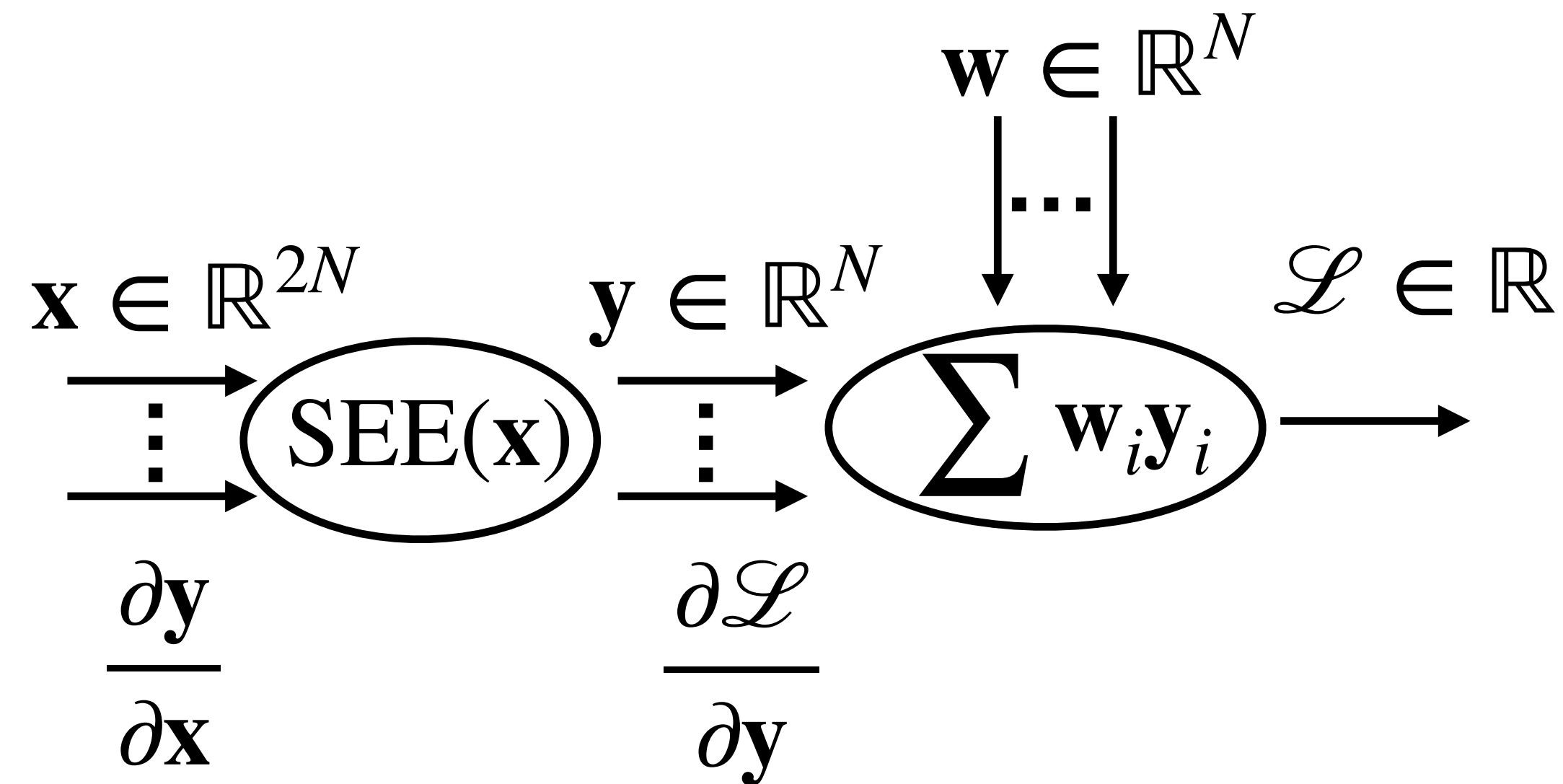


Example: Jacobian vs vector-jacobian-product function



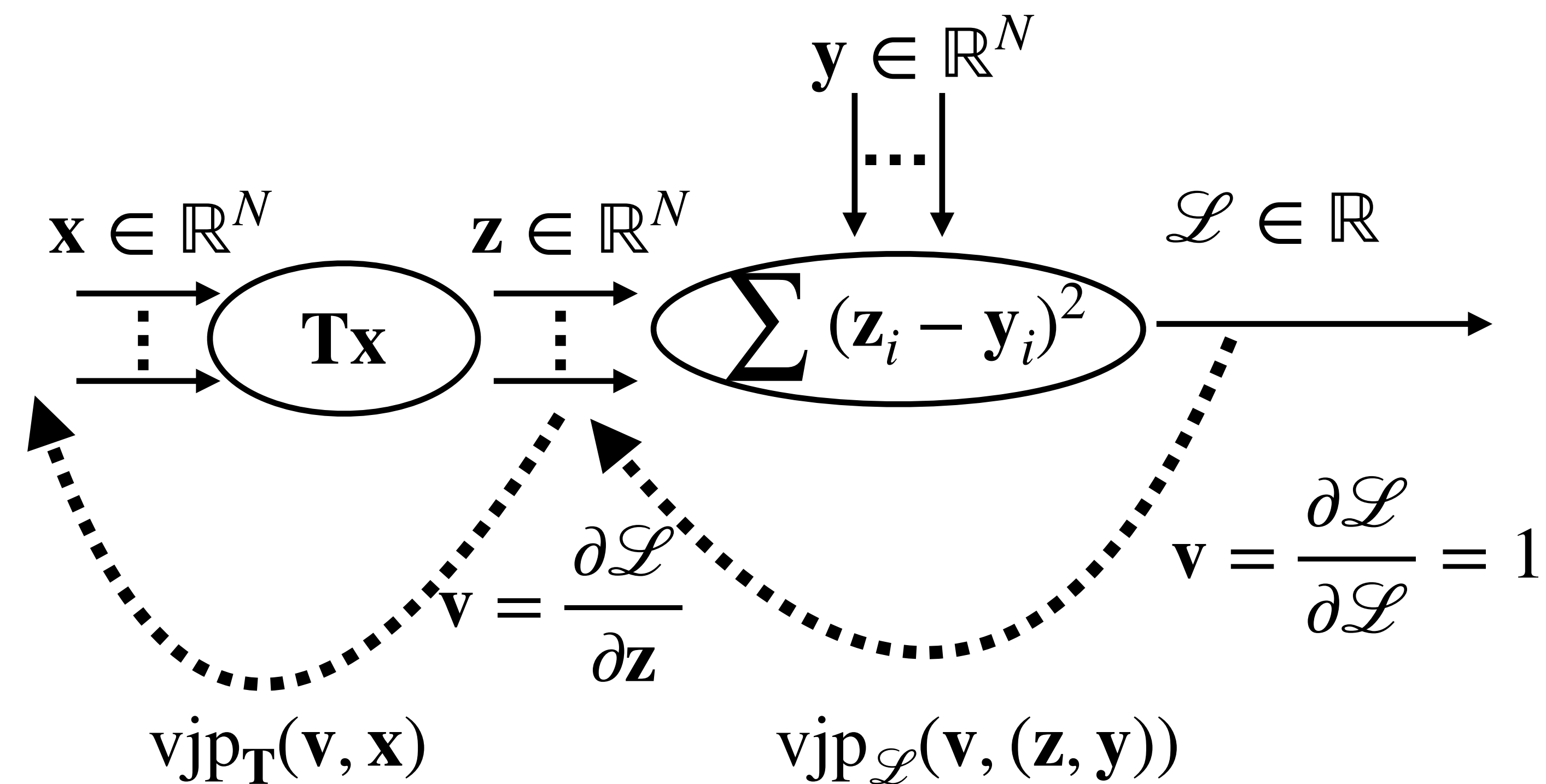
Example: Jacobian vs vector-jacobian-product function

$\mathbf{y} = \text{SEE}(\mathbf{x})$ = Select Even Element from input vector $\mathbf{x}$



$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ???$$

Example: Jacobian vs vector-jacobian-product function



$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = ???$$

Neural nets summary

- **Neural net** is a function created as concatenation of simpler functions (e.g. neurons or layers of neurons)
- **Fully connected neural net** is neural network created from neurons, where **all** outputs from previous layer are connected to **all** inputs of the following layer
- **Learning** is gradient optimization of a neural net concatenated with a loss-layer on a training set.
- **Gradient** evaluation is implemented as backward pass through vector-jacobian functions (neither symbolic differentiation nor numeric differentiation)
- **VJP** allows to evaluate gradient of **scalar output** in one backward pass, however the full jacobian of M-dim output requires M passes of vjp! => inefficient LM
- **Reverse differentiation** (VJP): computes Jacobian of the loss one **row** at a time
- **Forward differentiation** (JVP): computes Jacobian one **column** at a time
- **Deep learning frameworks** (Pytorch, Tensorflow, Caffe) has many predefined layers and takes care about the efficient implementation of autodiff on GPU.
- **Deep learning = GPU + data + autodiff**
- **Spoiler alert:** Fully connected NN does not work on structural data (images, sound) well.

Dataset

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Linear

FCNN

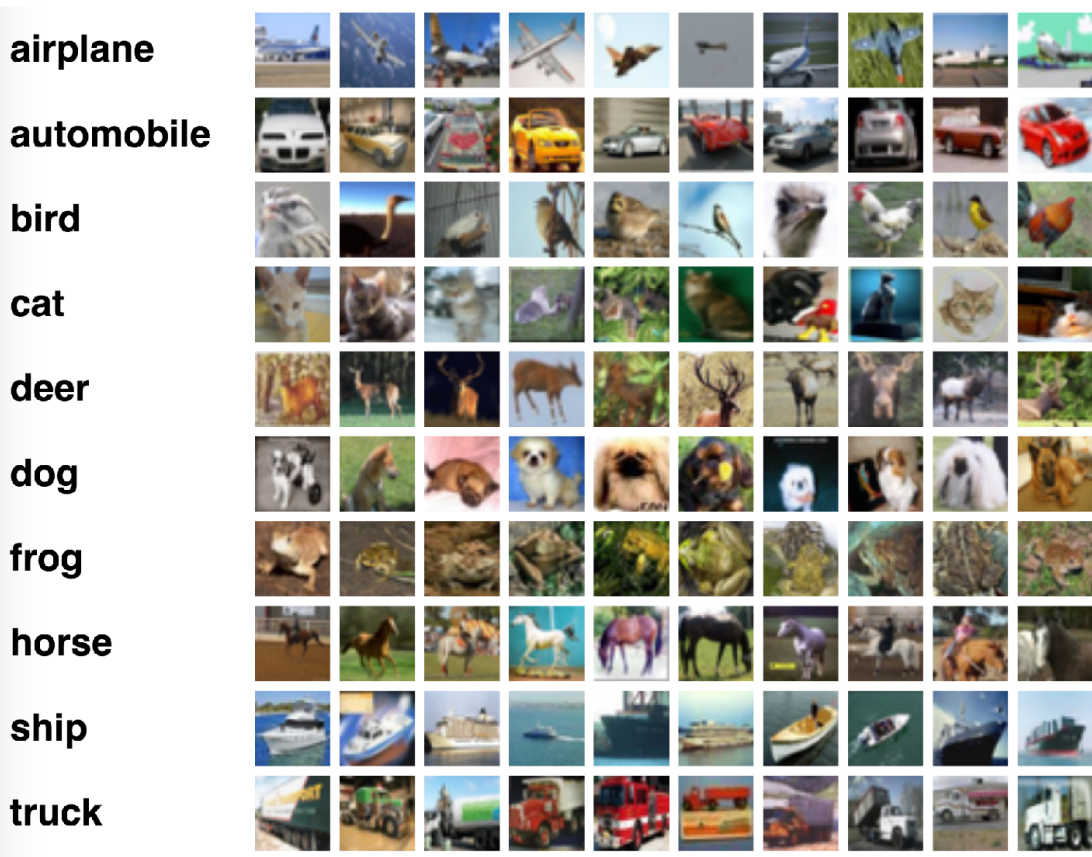
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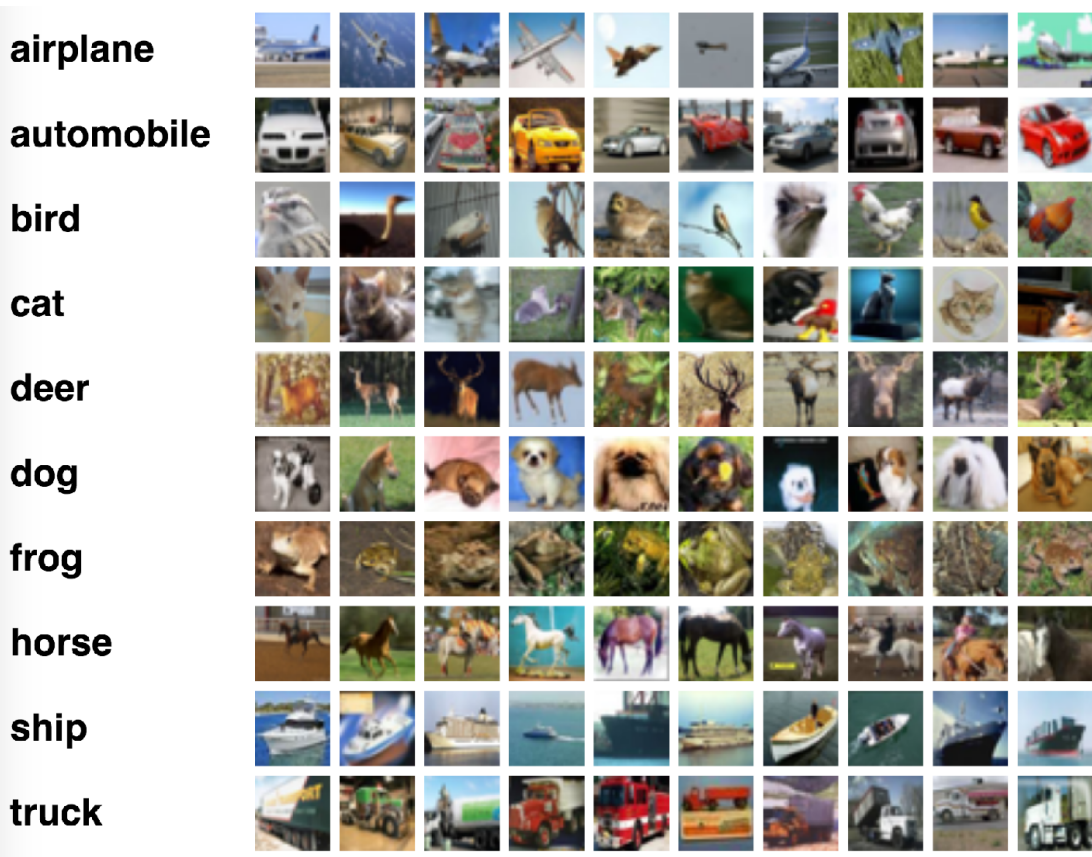
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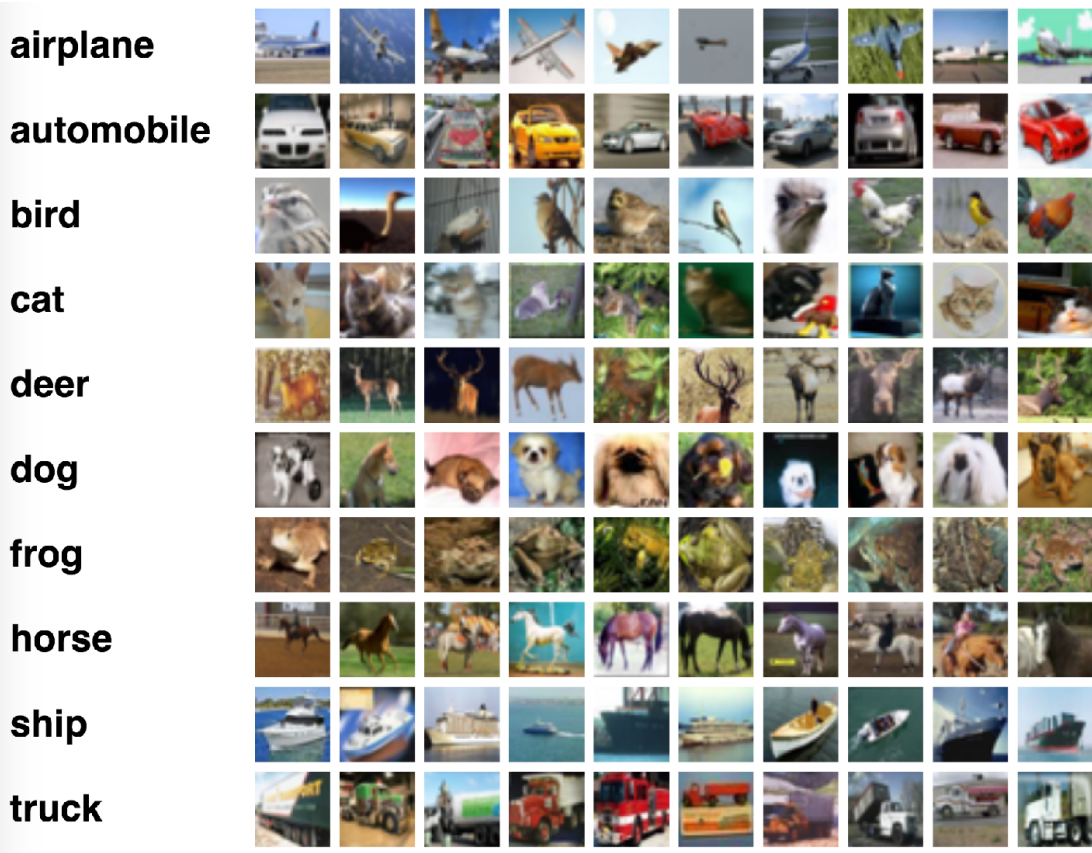


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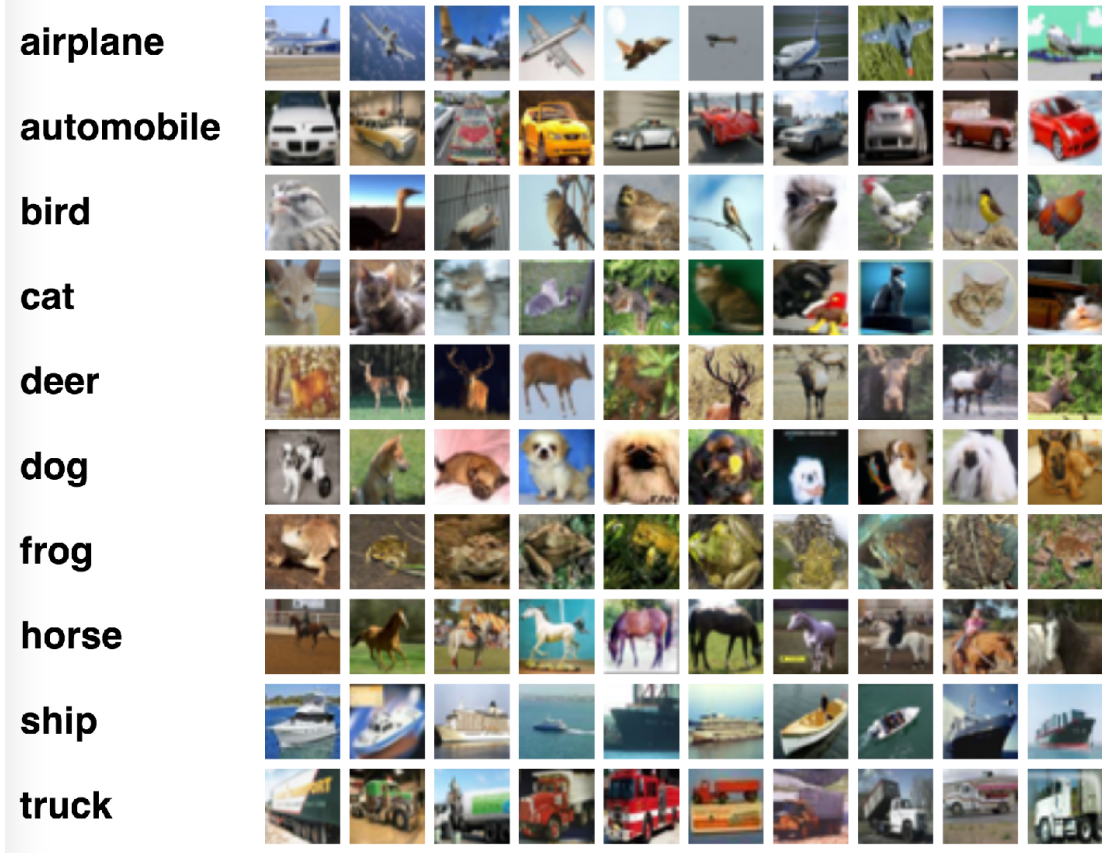


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			[CVPR 2013]
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			[EfficientNet, 2018]

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[CVPR 2013]

good fit ;-)

underfit

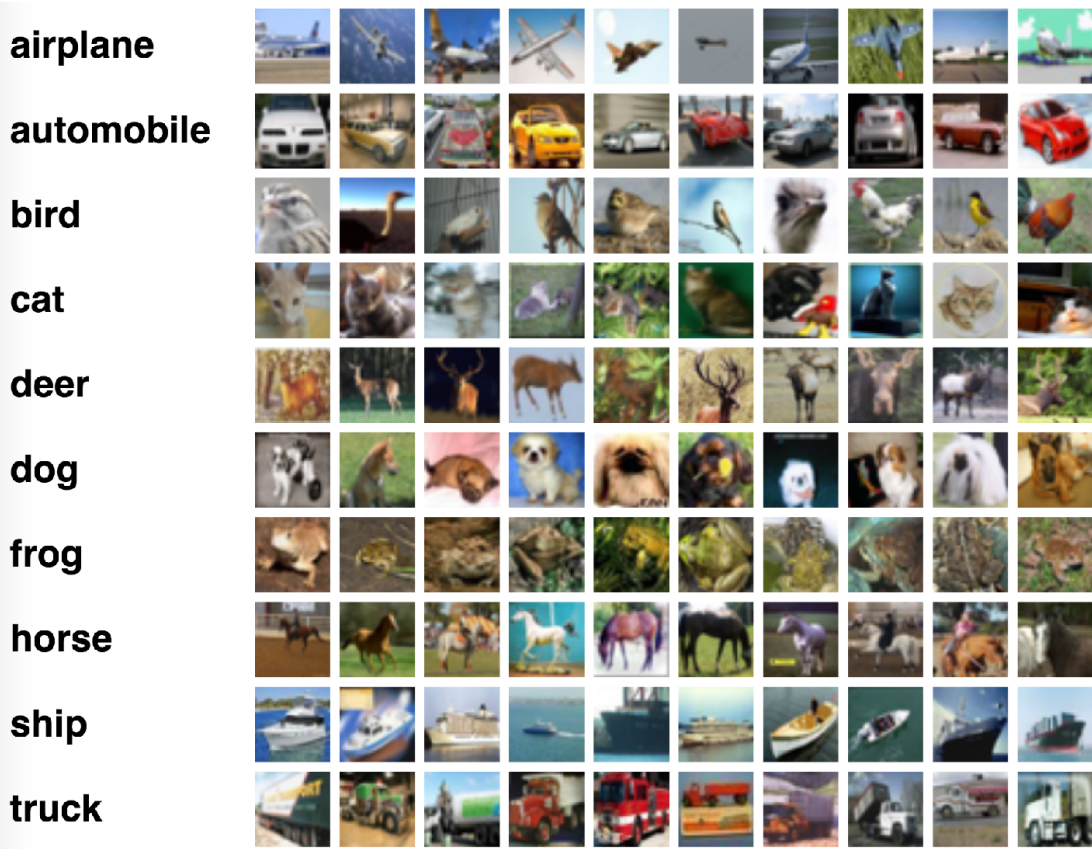
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Competencies required for the test T1

- Ability to draw a computational graph.
- Compute vector-jacobian-product of a given mapping
- Compute backpropagation in computational graph