

# CS 4803 / 7643: Deep Learning

## Topics:

- Automatic Differentiation
  - (Finish) Forward mode vs Reverse mode AD
  - Patterns in backprop
  - Jacobians in FC+ReLU NNs

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- HW1 Reminder
  - Due: 09/26, 11:55pm

# Project

- Goal
  - Chance to take on something open-ended
  - Encouraged to apply to your research (computer vision, NLP, robotics,...)
- Main categories
  - Application/Survey
    - Compare a collection of existing algorithms on a new application domain of your interest
  - Formulation/Development
    - Formulate a new model or algorithm for a new or old problem
  - Theory
    - Theoretically analyze an existing algorithm

# Project

- Rules

- **Combine with other classes / research / credits / anything**
  - You have our blanket permission
  - Get permission from other instructors; delineate different parts
- Must be done this semester.
- Groups of 3-4

- Expectations

- 20% of final grade = individual effort equivalent to 1 HW
- Expectation scales with team size
- Most work will be done in Nov but please plan early.

# Project Ideas

- NeurIPS Reproducibility Challenge
  - <https://reproducibility-challenge.github.io/neurips2019/>
  - <https://reproducibility-challenge.github.io/neurips2019/task/>

**Reproducibility** Challenge

NeurIPS 2019

Task Description

Resources

Registration

Important Dates

Organizers



## Reproducibility Challenge @ NeurIPS 2019

The Annual Machine Learning Reproducibility Challenge

# Computing

- Major bottleneck
  - GPUs
- Options
  - Your own / group / advisor's resources
  - Google Cloud Credits
    - \$50 credits to every registered student courtesy Google
  - Google Colab
    - jupyter-notebook + free GPU instance

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- Project Teams Google Doc
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ouD6ctaemV\\_3nb2MQHs7rUOAaW9DFLu8I5Zd3yOFs7E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ouD6ctaemV_3nb2MQHs7rUOAaW9DFLu8I5Zd3yOFs7E/edit?usp=sharing)
  - Project Title
  - 1-3 sentence project summary TL;DR
  - Team member names

# Recap from last time



# How do we compute gradients?

- Analytic or “Manual” Differentiation
- Symbolic Differentiation
- Numerical Differentiation
- Automatic Differentiation
  - Forward mode AD
  - Reverse mode AD
    - aka “backprop”

# Chain Rule: Composite Functions

$$\left[ \underline{L}(x) = \underline{f}(\underline{g}(x)) = (\underline{f} \circ \underline{g})(x) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{f(x)}_{L(W)} &= \underline{g}_l(\underline{g}_{l-1} \dots \underline{g}_1(x)) \\ &= (\underline{g}_l \circ \underline{g}_{l-1} \dots \circ \underline{g}_1)(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \underline{w}}$$

# Chain Rule: Scalar Case

$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{x} \\ \underline{=} \end{array} \xrightarrow{g(\cdot)} \underline{z} \xrightarrow{f(\cdot)} \underline{y} \rightarrow a \quad \begin{array}{l} x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^1 \\ a \in \mathbb{R}^1 \end{array}$$

$$= f(\underbrace{g(x)}_z)$$

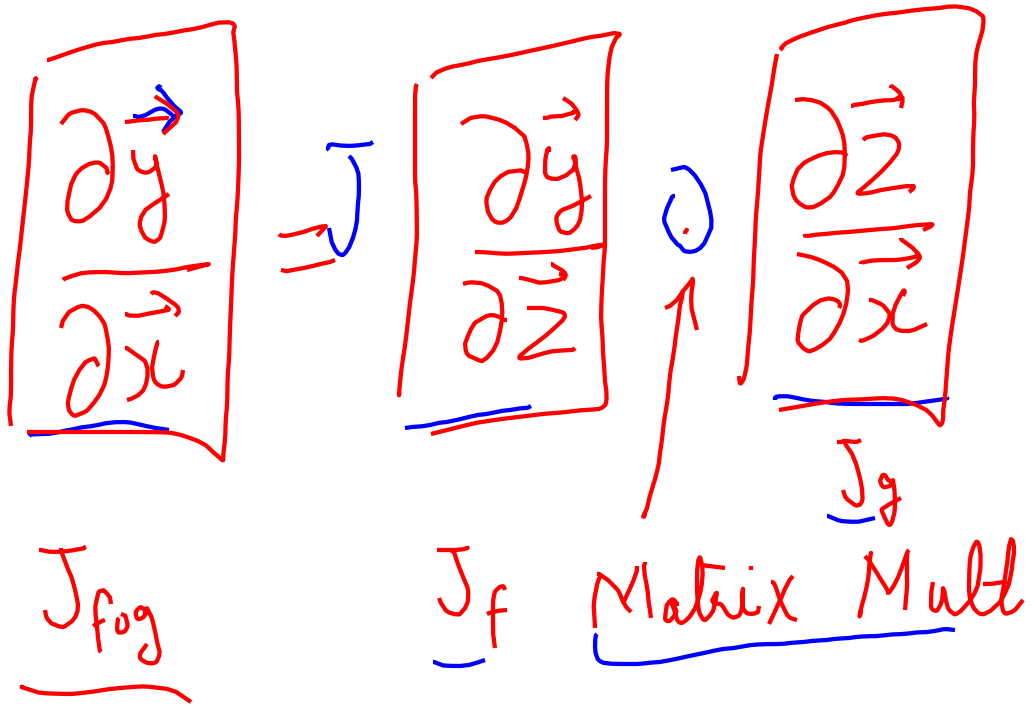
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}} = \frac{\partial y}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$$

↑  
scalar prod.

$$\frac{\partial a}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial a}{\partial y} \cdot \boxed{\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}}$$

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

# Chain Rule: Vector Case

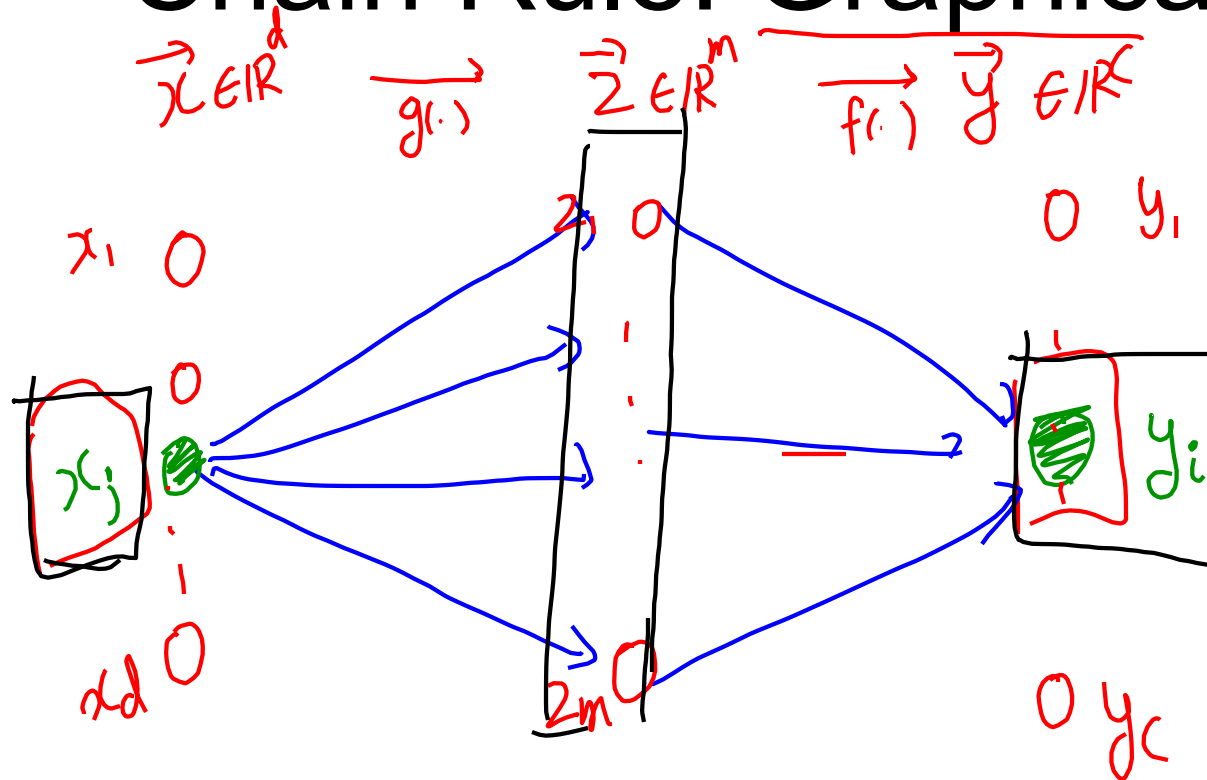


# Chain Rule: Jacobian view

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} \\ \downarrow \\ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \end{array} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]_{c \times d} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{z}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]_{c \times m} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\partial \vec{z}}{\partial \vec{x}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j} \\ \vdots \end{array} \right]_{m \times d}
 \end{array}$$
  

$$\left[ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} \right] = \sum_k \left[ \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \right] \left[ \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

# Chain Rule: Graphical view



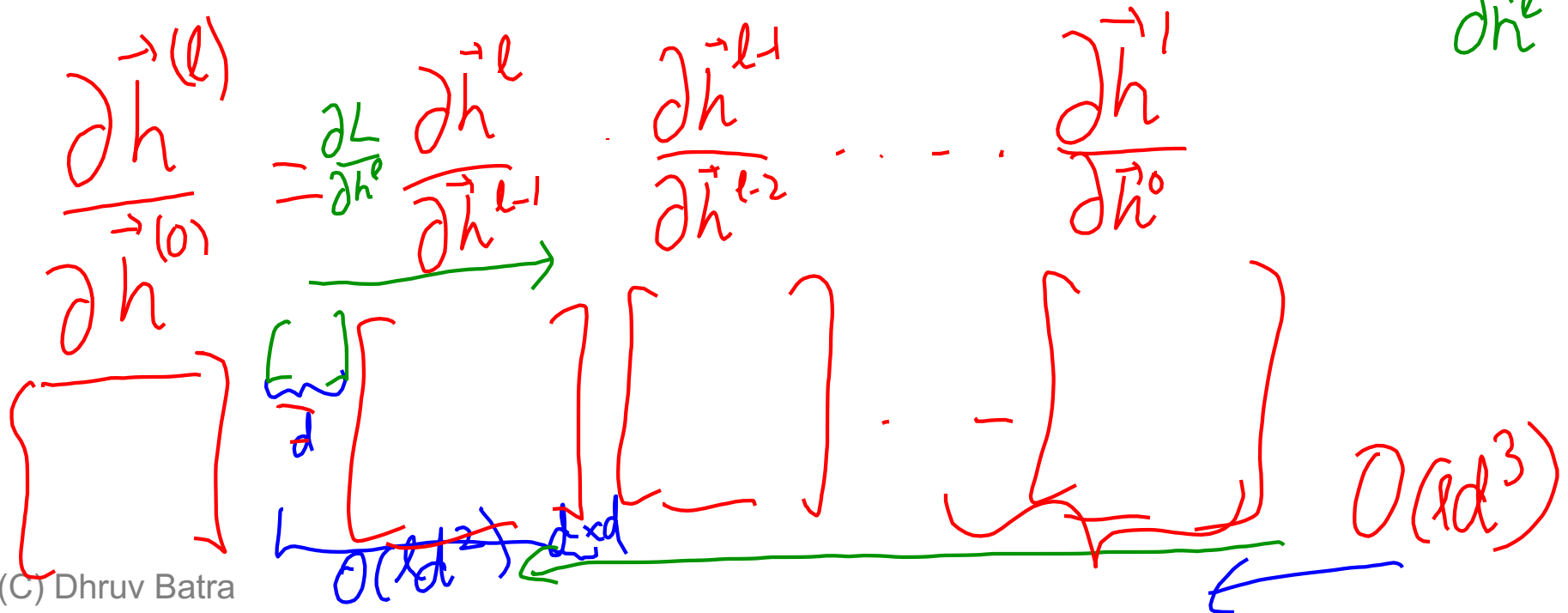
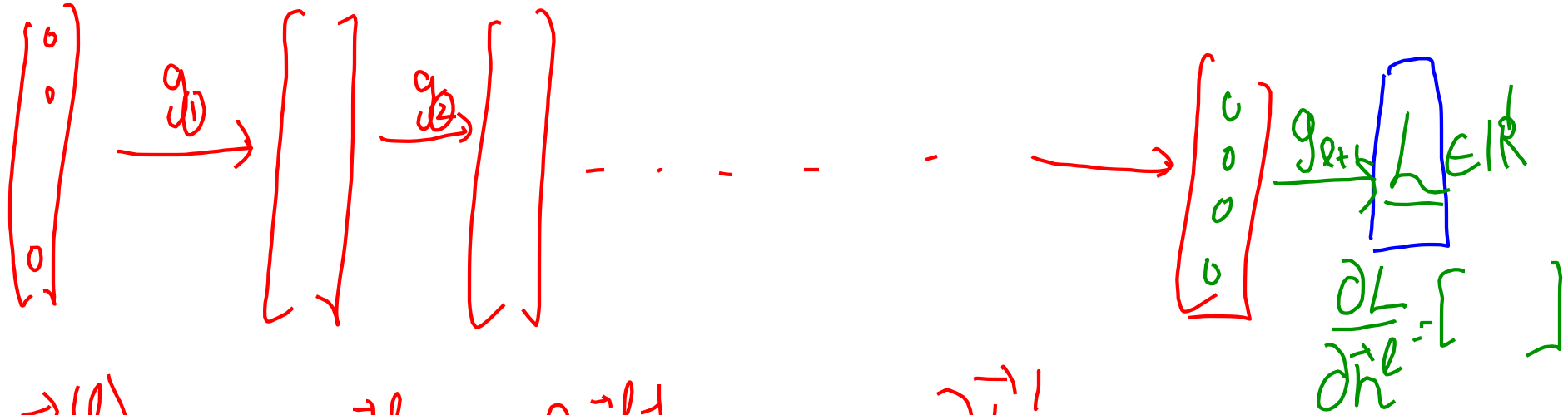
$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j} = \sum_{\text{paths}} \dots$$

The diagram shows the partial derivative  $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial x_j}$  as a sum over all possible paths from  $x_j$  to  $y_i$ . A red box labeled "paths" is drawn around the summation symbol.

$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \cdot \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j}$$

The diagram shows the product of partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial z_k} \cdot \frac{\partial z_k}{\partial x_j}$  for a specific path. Red arrows indicate the flow of information from  $x_j$  to  $z_k$  and then to  $y_i$ . Below the equation, it is noted that  $k$  is on the path.

# Chain Rule: Cascaded



# Deep Learning = Differentiable Programming

- Computation = Graph
  - Input = Data + Parameters
  - Output = Loss
  - Scheduling = Topological ordering
- Auto-Diff
  - A family of algorithms for implementing chain-rule on computation graphs



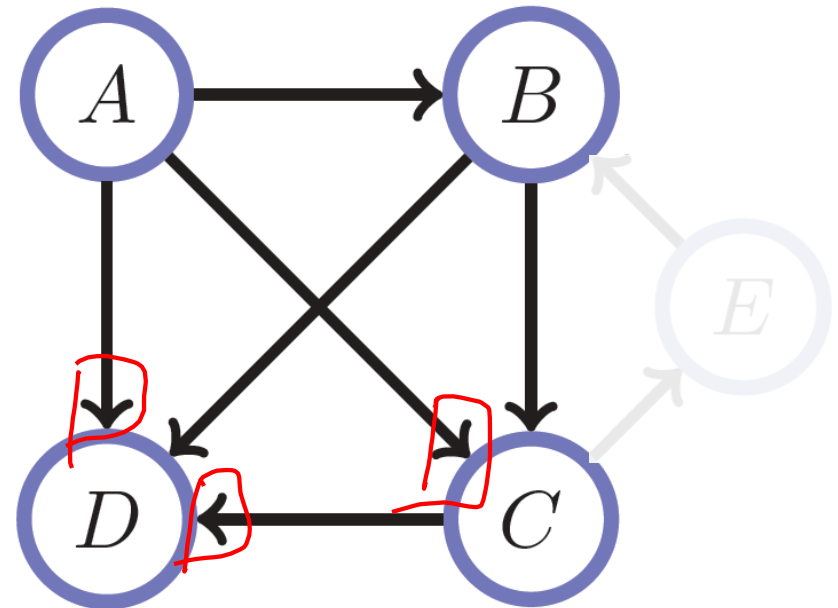
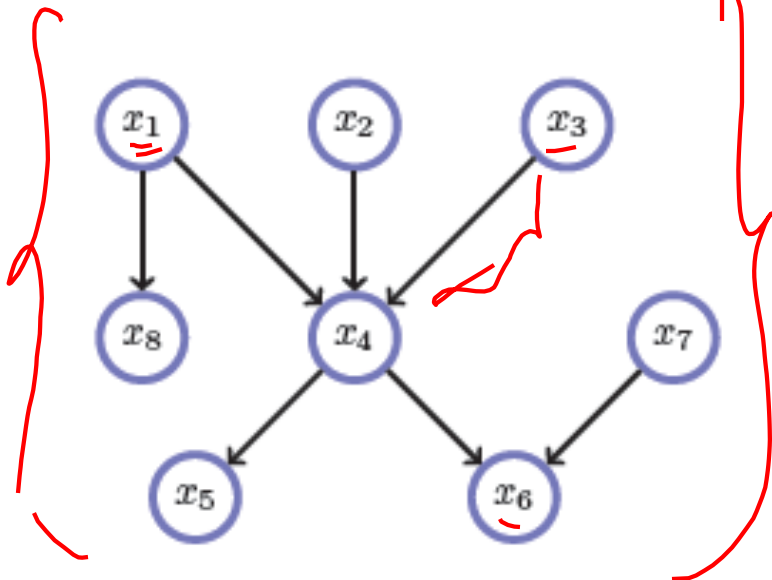
# Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs)

- Exactly what the name suggests
  - Directed edges
  - No (directed) cycles
  - Underlying undirected cycles okay

$$G = (V, E)$$

$$E = \{ (v_i, v_j) \mid v_i, v_j \in V \}$$

Vertex  
Vertices



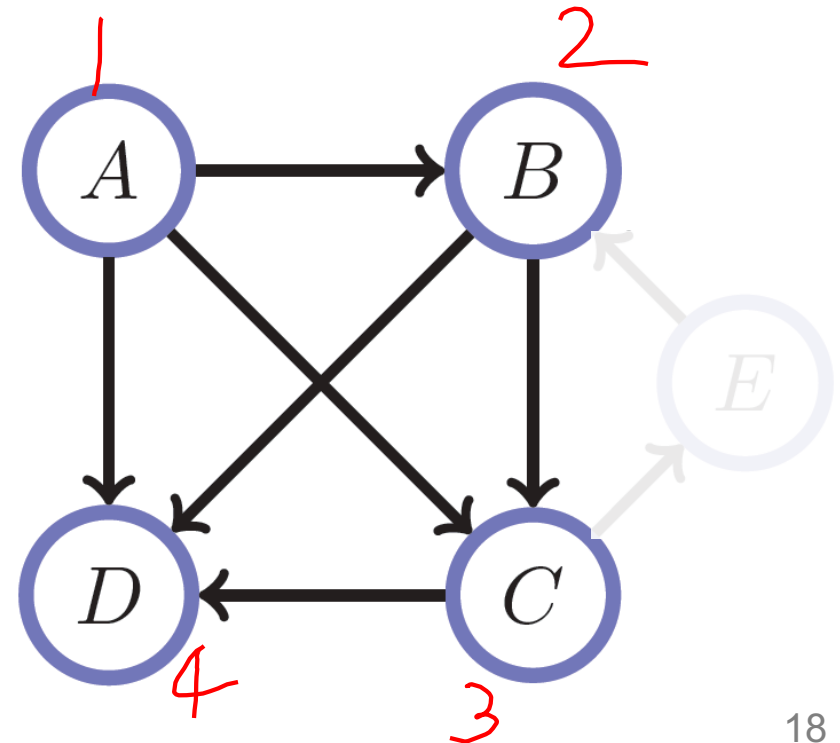
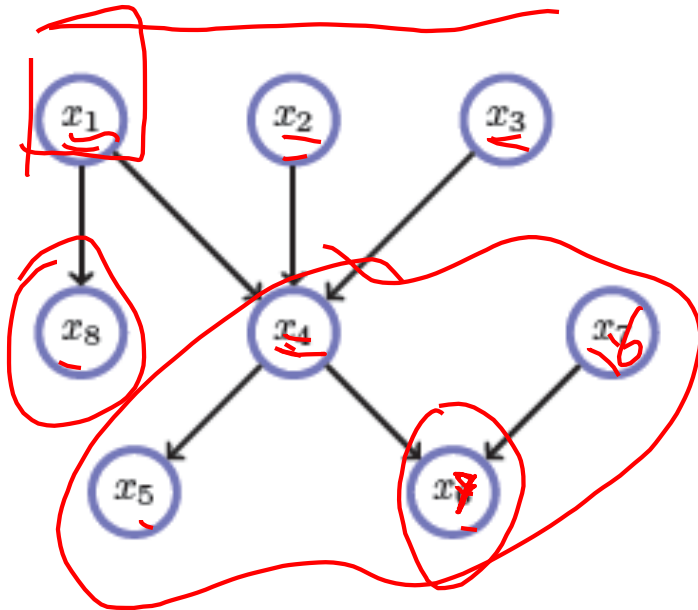
# Directed Acyclic Graphs (DAGs)

- Concept
  - Topological Ordering

$\exists$  bijection  $\sigma: V \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$

s.t.  $\forall (v_i, v_j) \in E$

$\sigma(v_i) < \sigma(v_j)$

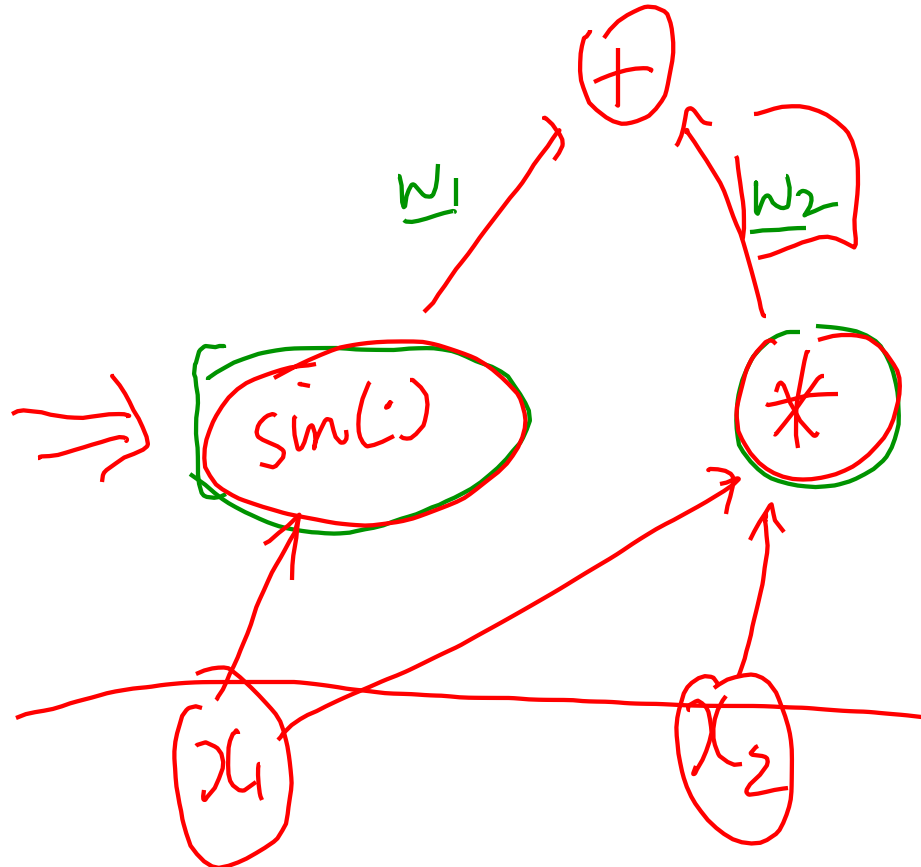


# Computational Graphs

- Notation

$$\underline{f(x_1, x_2)} = \underline{x_1 x_2} + \underline{\sin(x_1)}$$

Handwritten annotations:  $w_2$  is boxed above  $x_1 x_2$ ;  $w_1$  is boxed below  $\sin(x_1)$ ;  $w_3$  is written below the plus sign.



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# Forward mode AD

Goal:

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

layer  $l$

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

$$\vec{h}^{(l)} = g(\vec{h}^{(l-1)})$$

$$\vec{h}^{(l-1)}$$

$g(\cdot)$

Input:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{h}^{(l-1)}}{\partial \vec{x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{h}^{(l)}}{\partial \vec{x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{h}^{(l)}}{\partial \vec{h}^{(l-1)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{h}^{(l-1)}}{\partial \vec{x}}$$

Jacobian of  $g$

Input

$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{h} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow L$

# Reverse mode AD

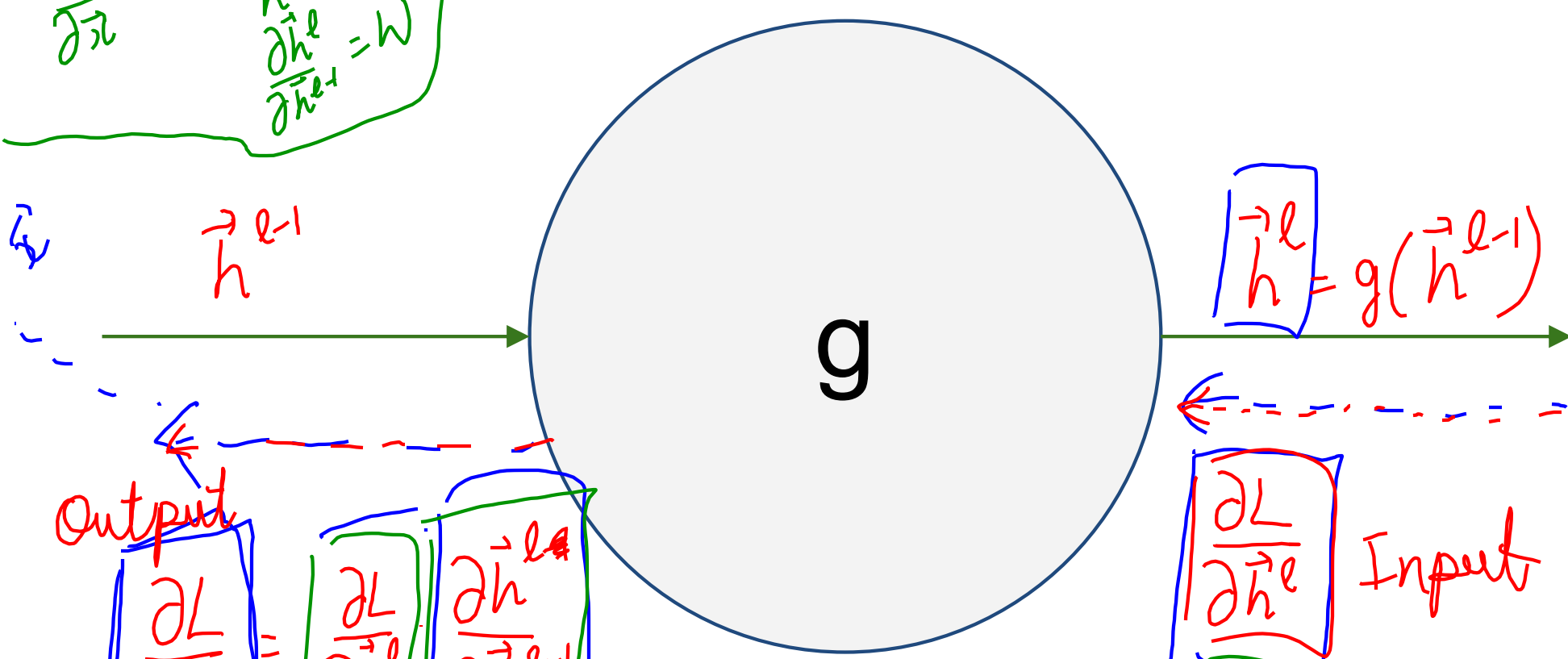
Goal:  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{x}}$

$$\vec{y} = A\vec{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{y}}{\partial \vec{x}} = A$$

$$\vec{h}^e = W\vec{h}^{e-1}$$

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



Output

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{h}^{e-1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \vec{h}^e} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{h}^e}{\partial \vec{h}^{e-1}}$$

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

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# Example: Forward mode AD

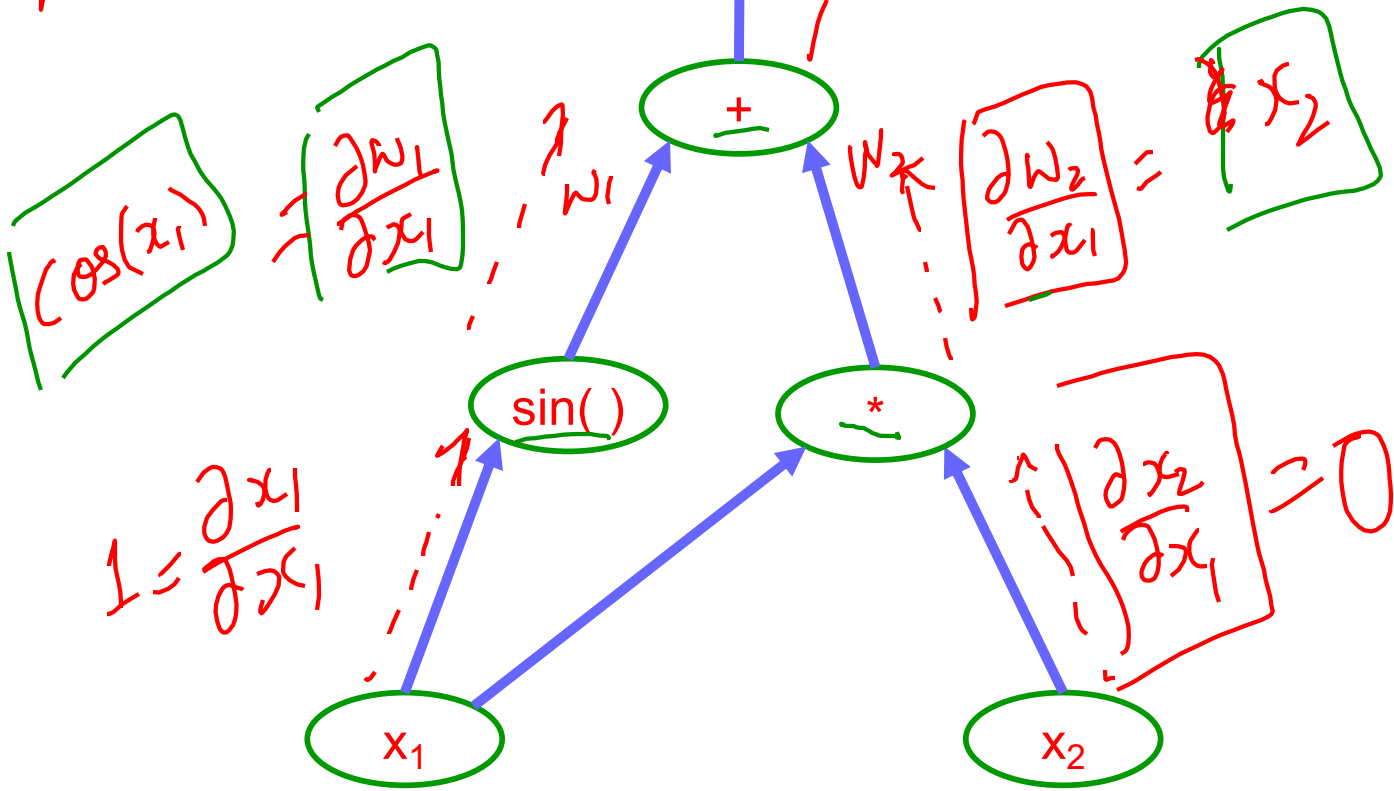
$$f(x_1, x_2) = \overbrace{x_1 x_2}^{w_2} + \overbrace{\sin(x_1)}^{w_1} \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \cos(x_1) + x_2$$

$$w_1 = \sin(x_1)$$

$$w_1 + w_2 = w_3 \quad \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial x_1}$$

$$w_2 = x_1 x_2$$



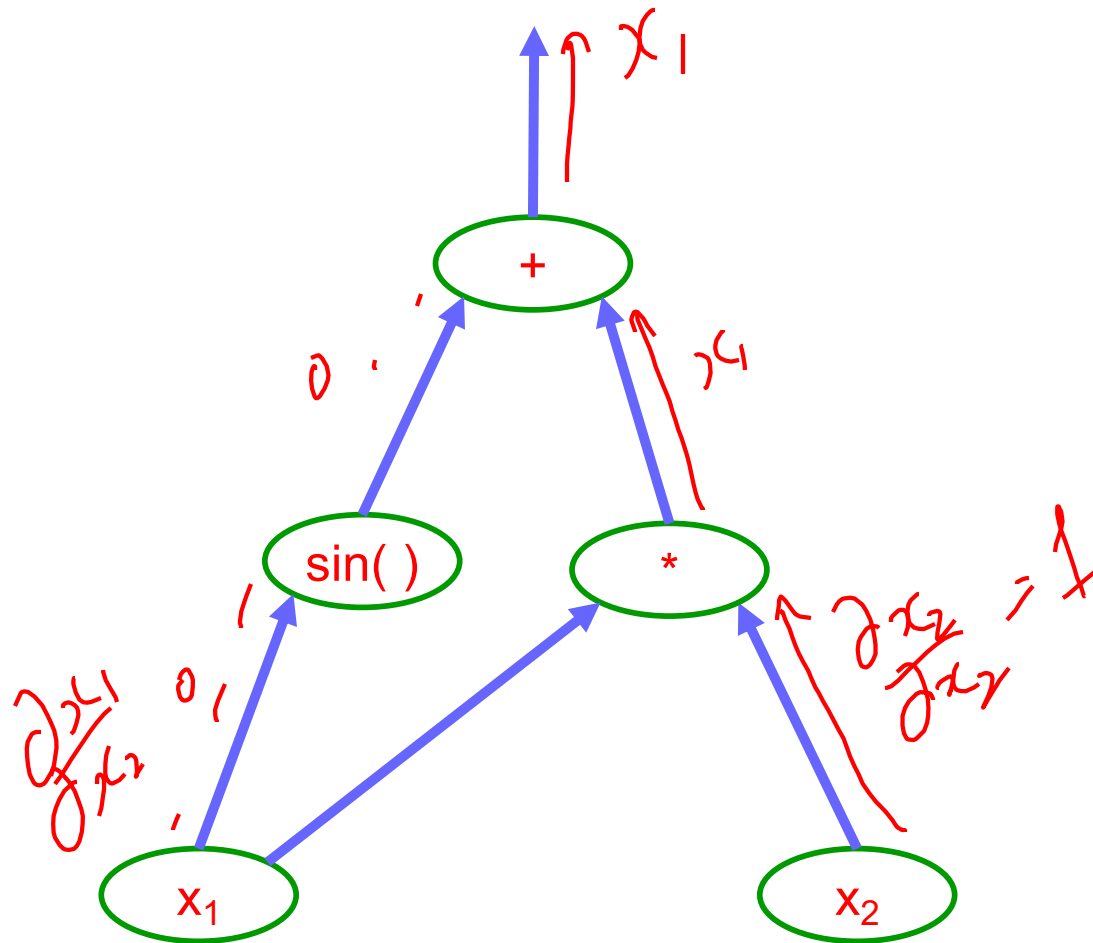


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$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}$$

$= x_1$

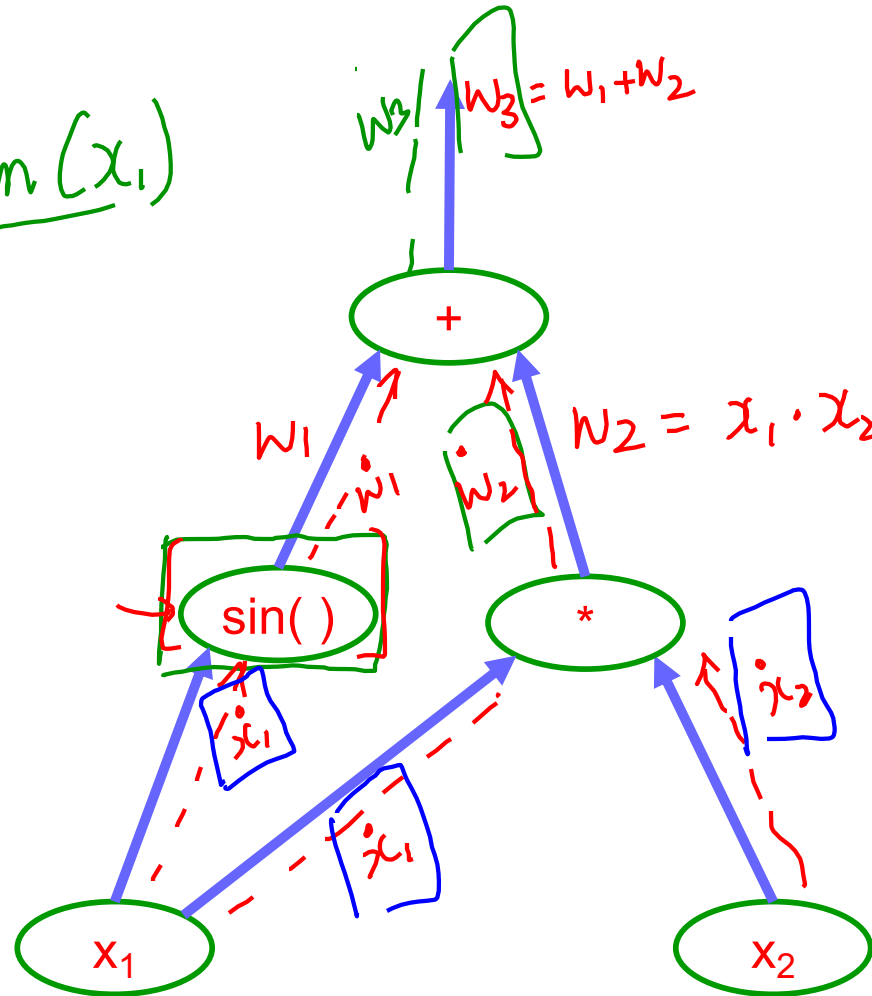


# Example: Forward mode AD

Goal:

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \left[ \frac{df}{dx_1} \quad \frac{df}{dx_2} \right]$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \overbrace{x_1 x_2}^{w_2} + \overbrace{\sin(x_1)}^{w_1}$$



$$\frac{\partial x_1}{\partial a} = \dot{x}_1$$

$$\frac{\partial x_2}{\partial a}$$

$$w_1 = \sin(x_1)$$

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial a}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_1}{\partial x_1} = \cos(x_1) \cdot \dot{x}_1$$

$$\frac{\partial w_2}{\partial a}$$

$$\frac{\partial w_3}{\partial a}$$

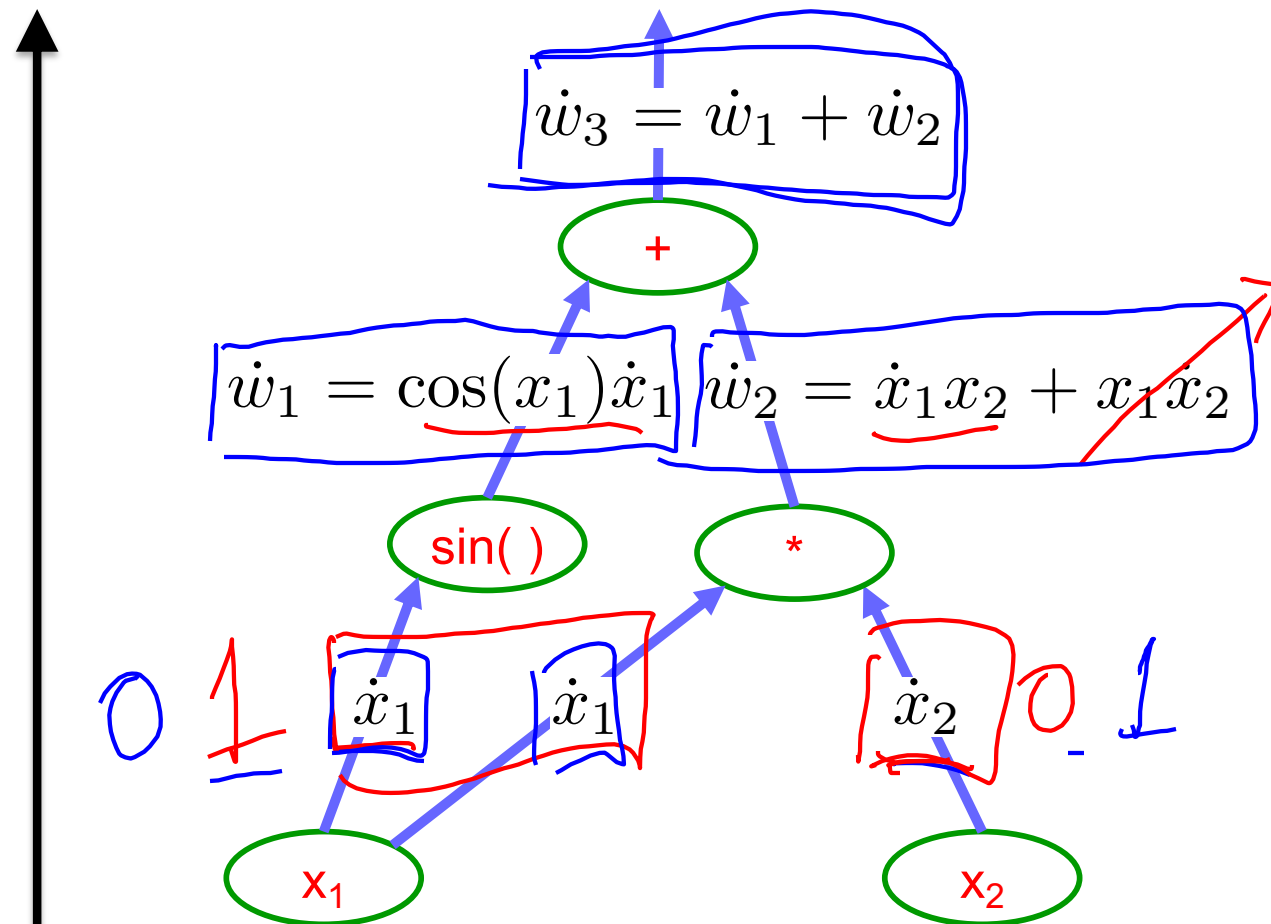
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial w_2}{\partial a} &= x_1 \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial a} + x_2 \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial a} \\ &= x_1 \dot{x}_2 + x_2 \dot{x}_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$a \in \{x_1, x_2\}$$

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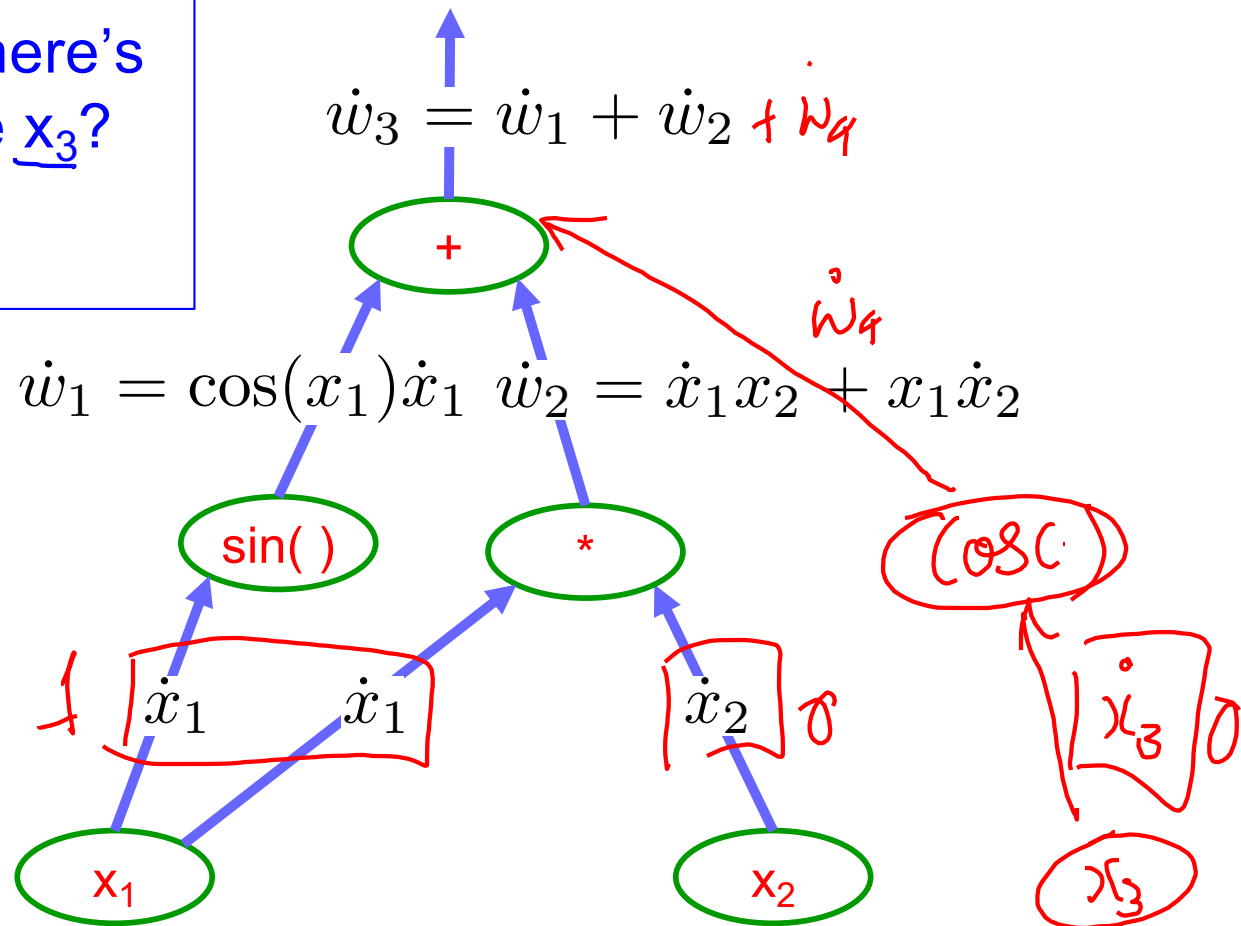
$$\dot{x}_1 = \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial a}$$

$$\dot{w}_1 = \frac{\partial w_1}{\partial a}$$

# Example: Forward mode AD

$$f(x_1, x_2) = \underline{x_1 x_2} + \underline{\sin(x_1)} + \cos(x_3)$$

Q: What happens if there's another input variable  $\underline{x_3}$ ?

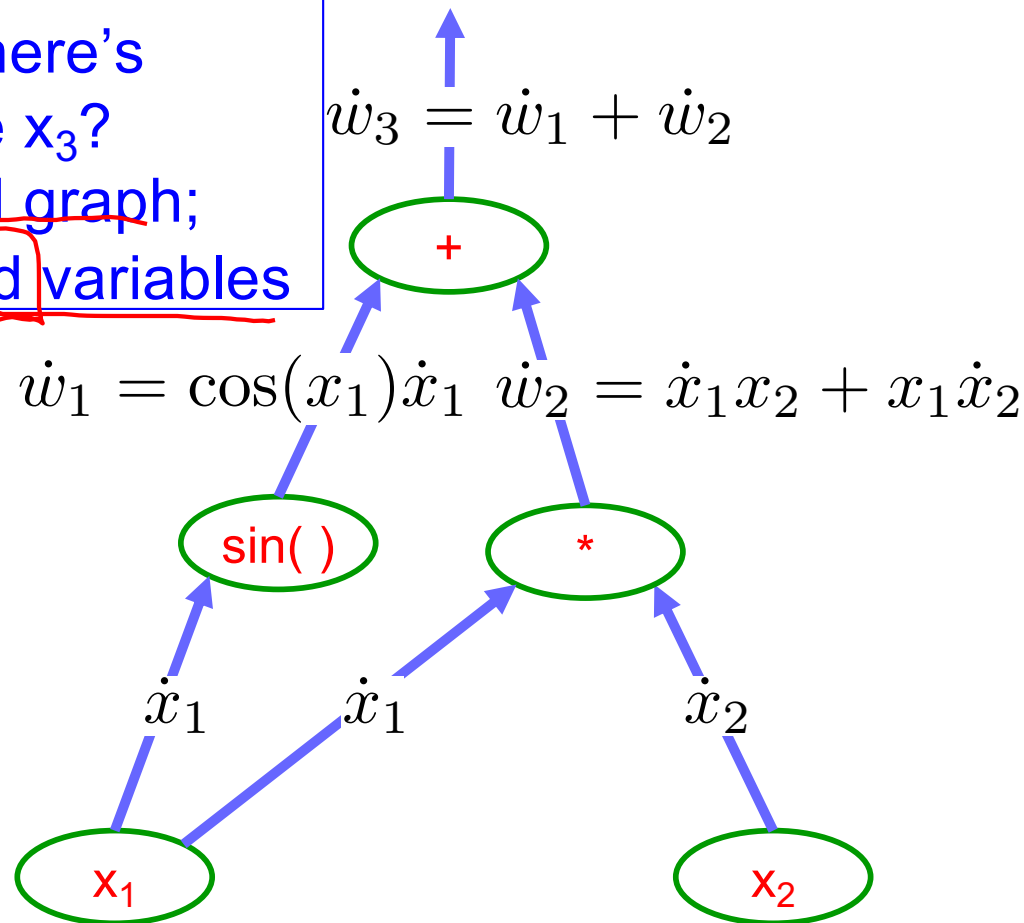


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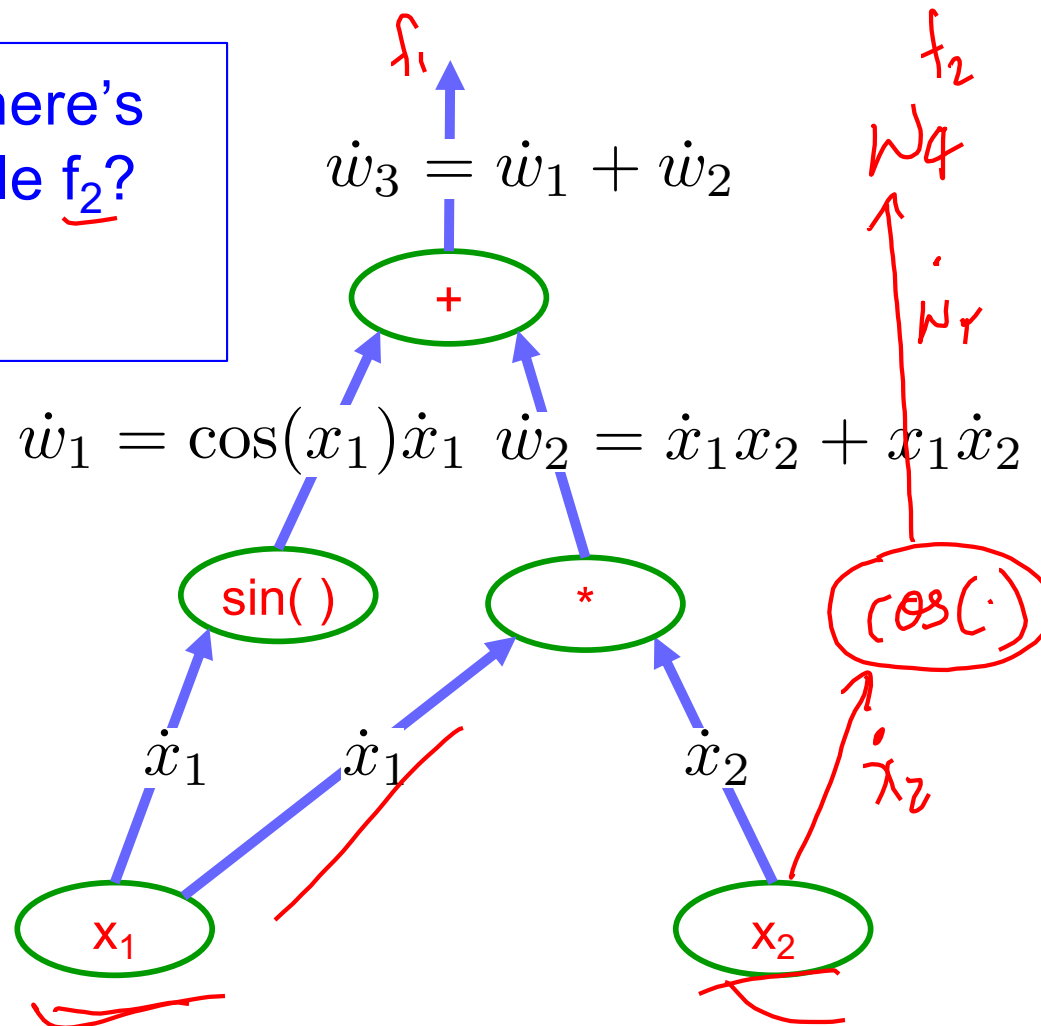
A: more sophisticated graph;  
d "forward props" for d variables



# Example: Forward mode AD

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 + \sin(x_1) \quad f_2 = \cos(x_2)$$

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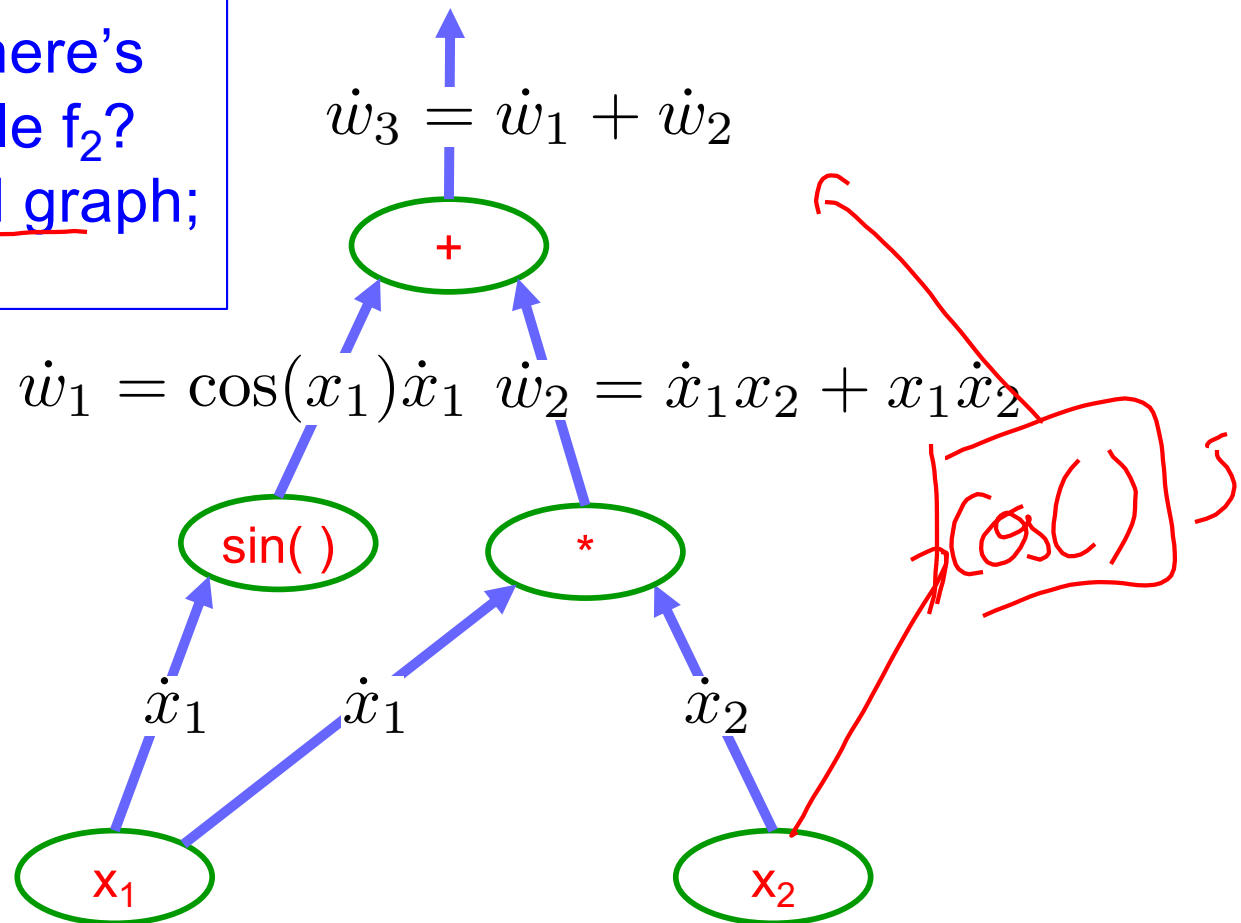


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for a  $\in \{x_1, x_2\}$

# Example: Reverse mode AD

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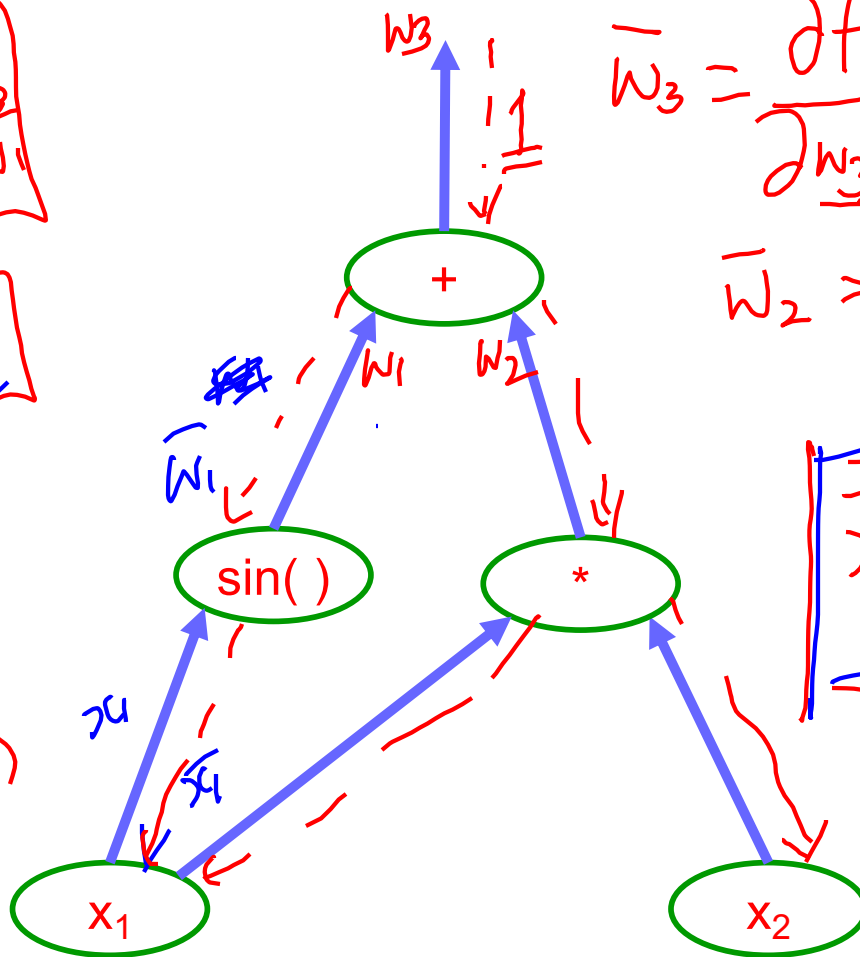
$w_3 = w_1 + w_2$   
 $\bar{w}_1 = \frac{df}{dw_1} = \frac{df}{dw_3} \cdot \frac{dw_3}{dw_1}$   
 $= \bar{w}_3 = 1$

$\bar{w}_3 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_3} = \frac{\partial w_3}{\partial w_3} = 1$

$\bar{w}_2 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_2}$       $\bar{w}_1 = \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_1}$

$w_1 = \sin(x_1)$   
 $\bar{x}_1 = \frac{df}{dx_1} = \frac{df}{dw_1} \cdot \frac{dw_1}{dx_1}$   
 $= \bar{w}_1 \cdot \cos(x_1)$

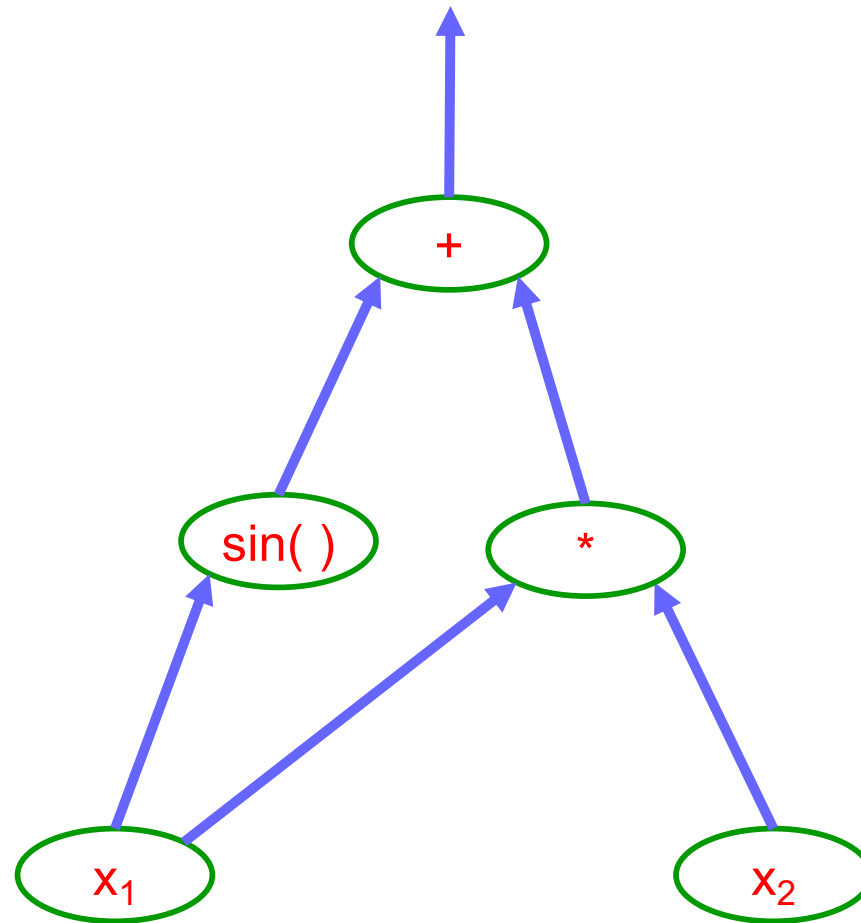
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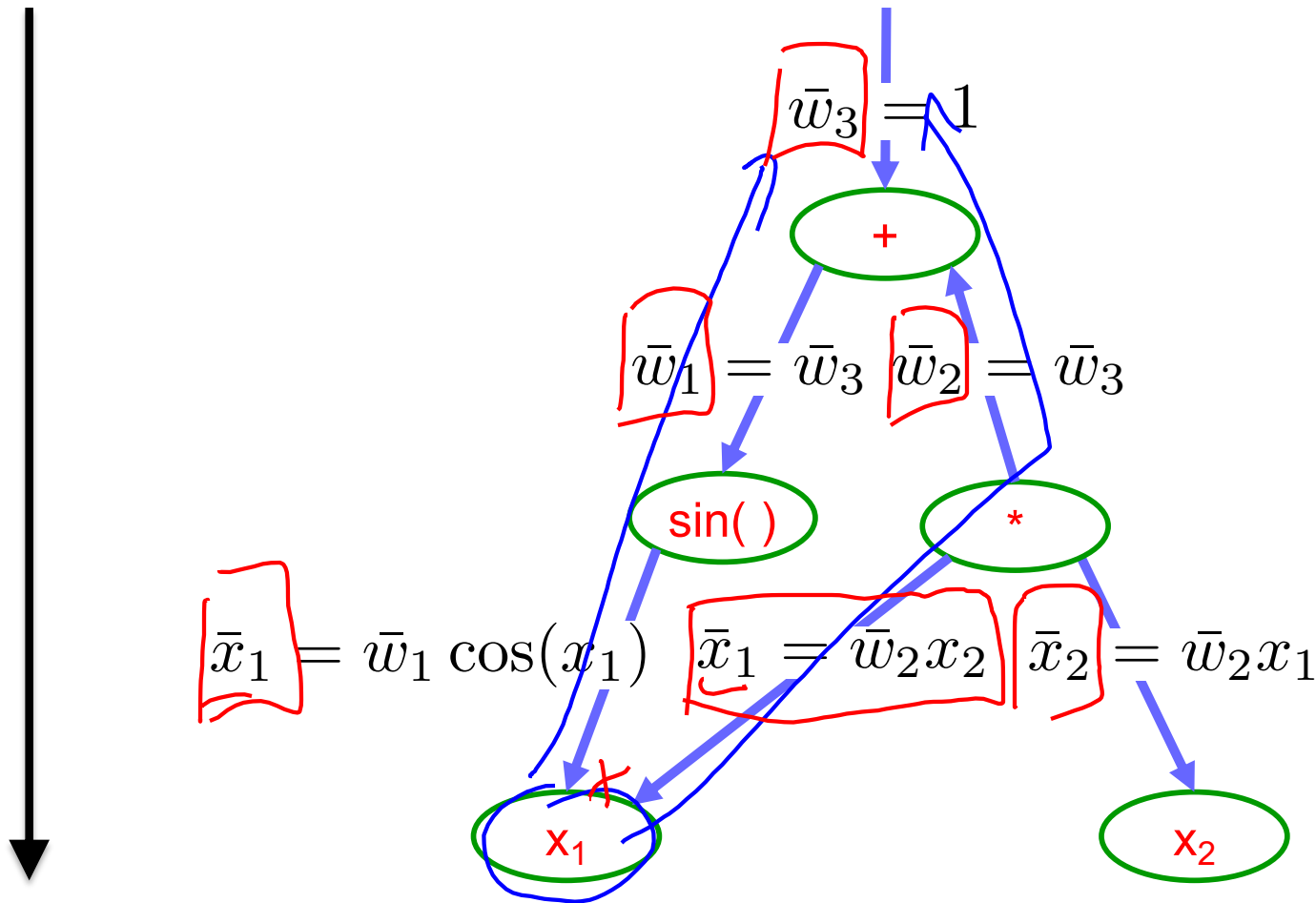
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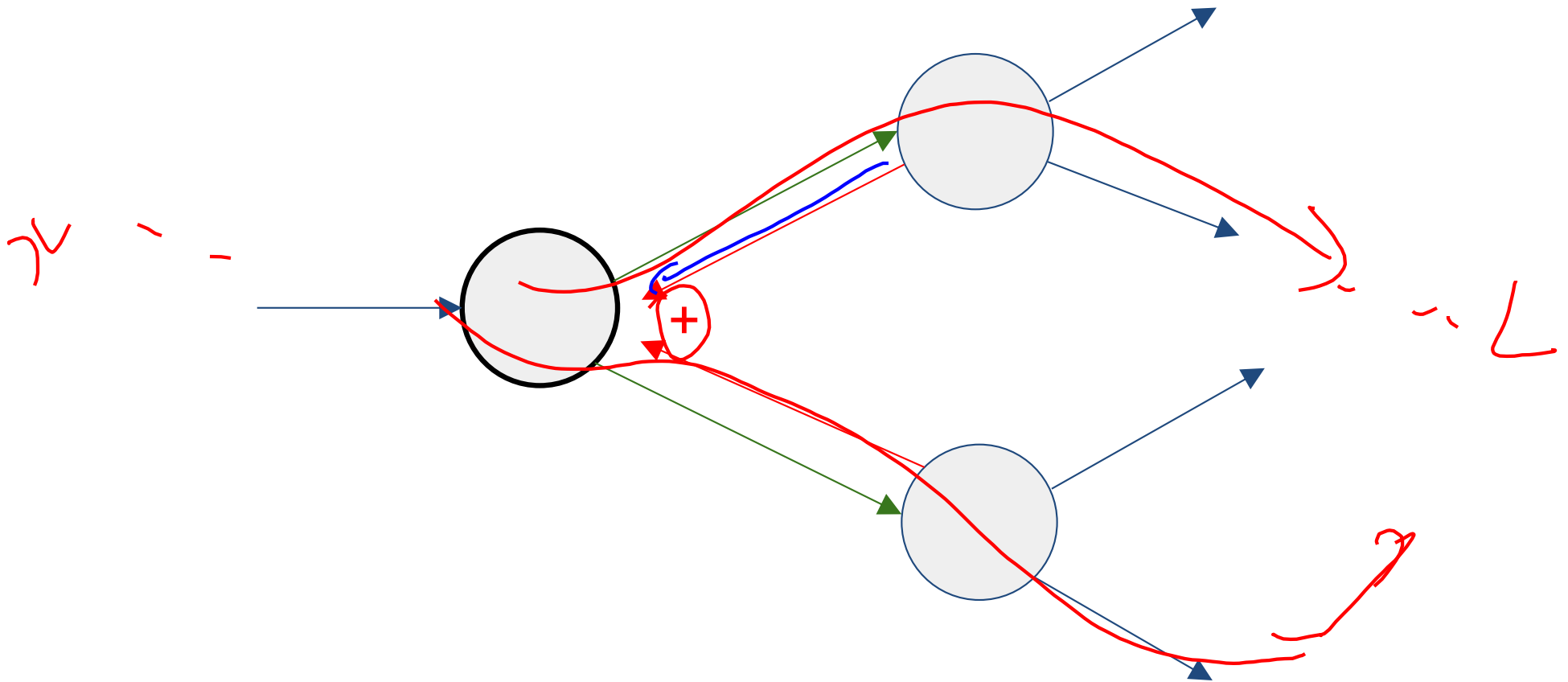


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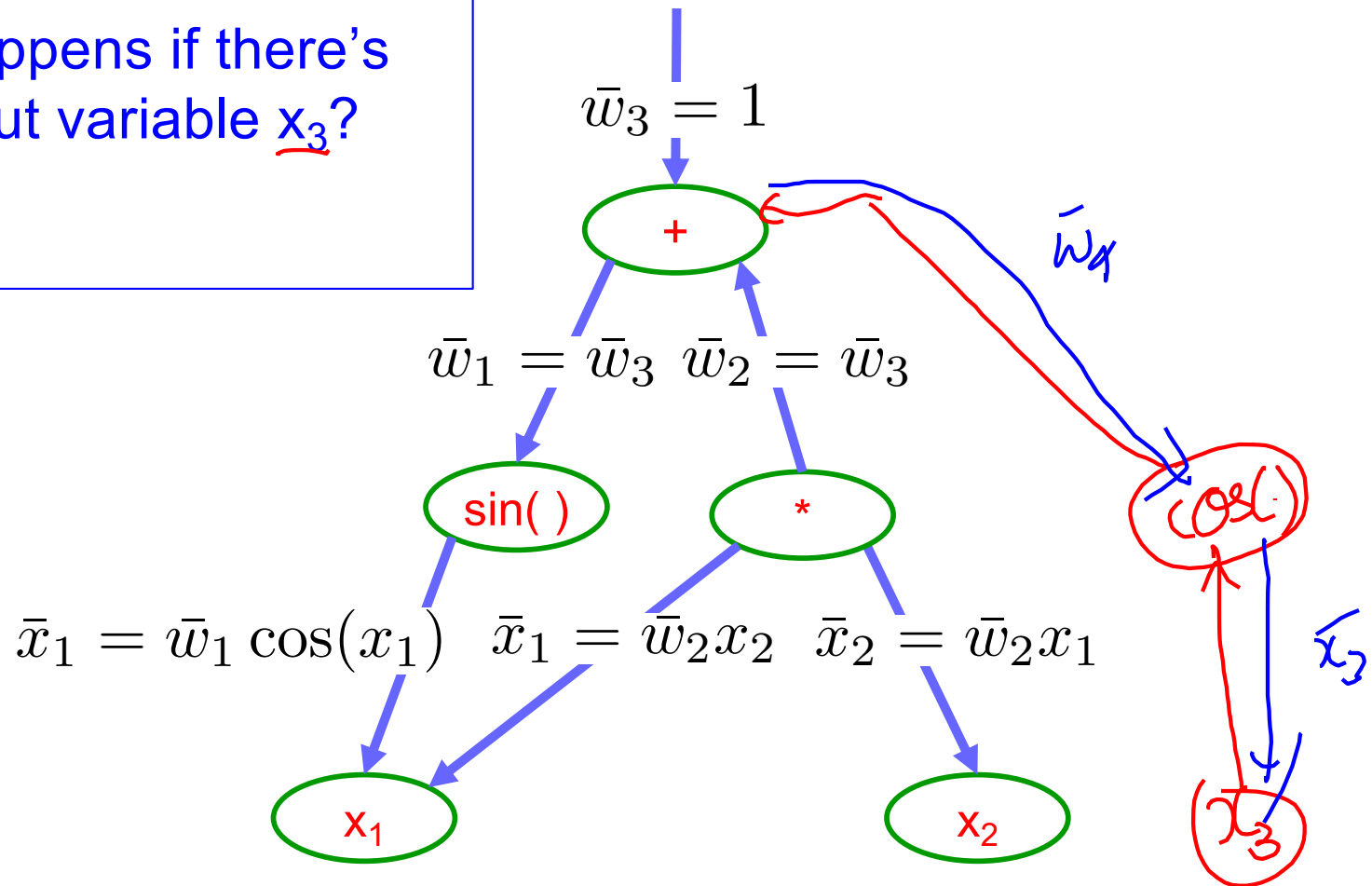
# Gradients add at branches



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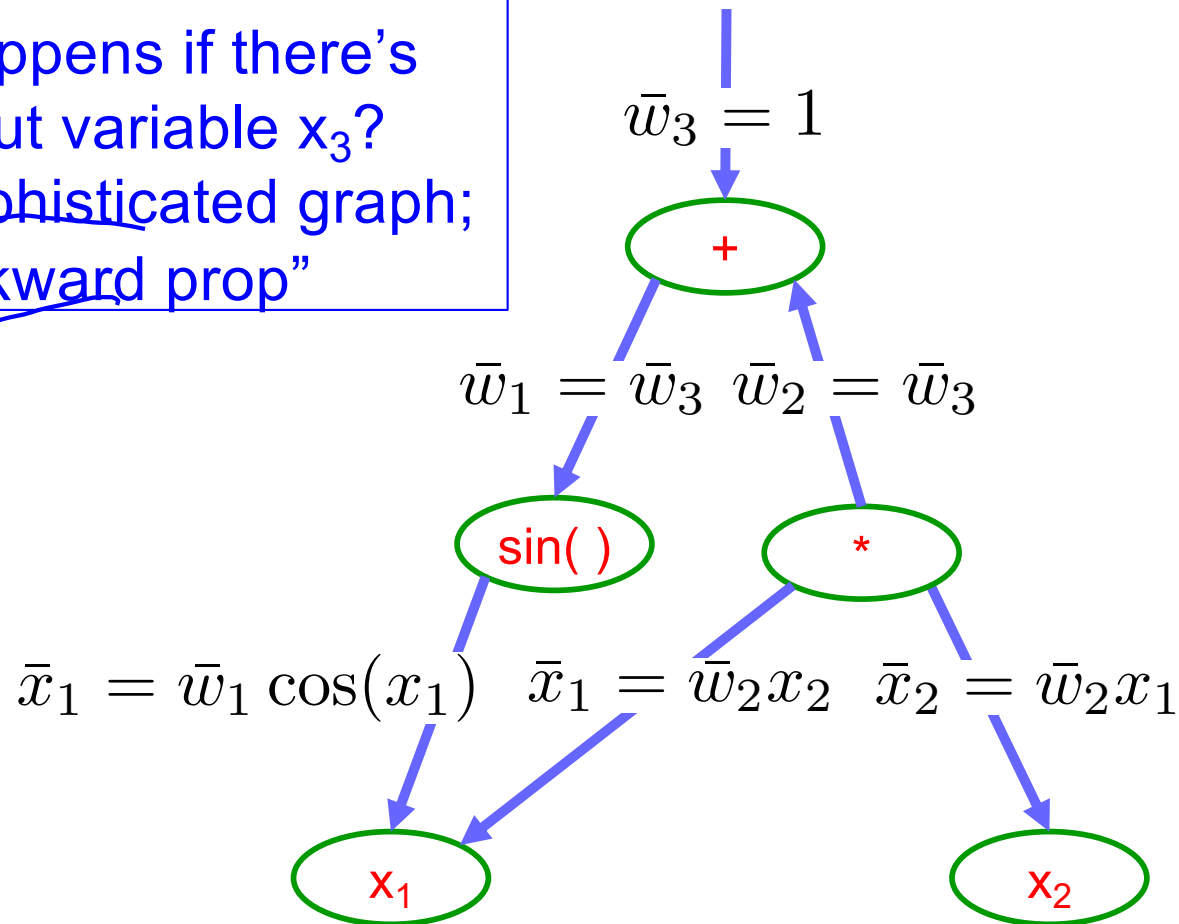


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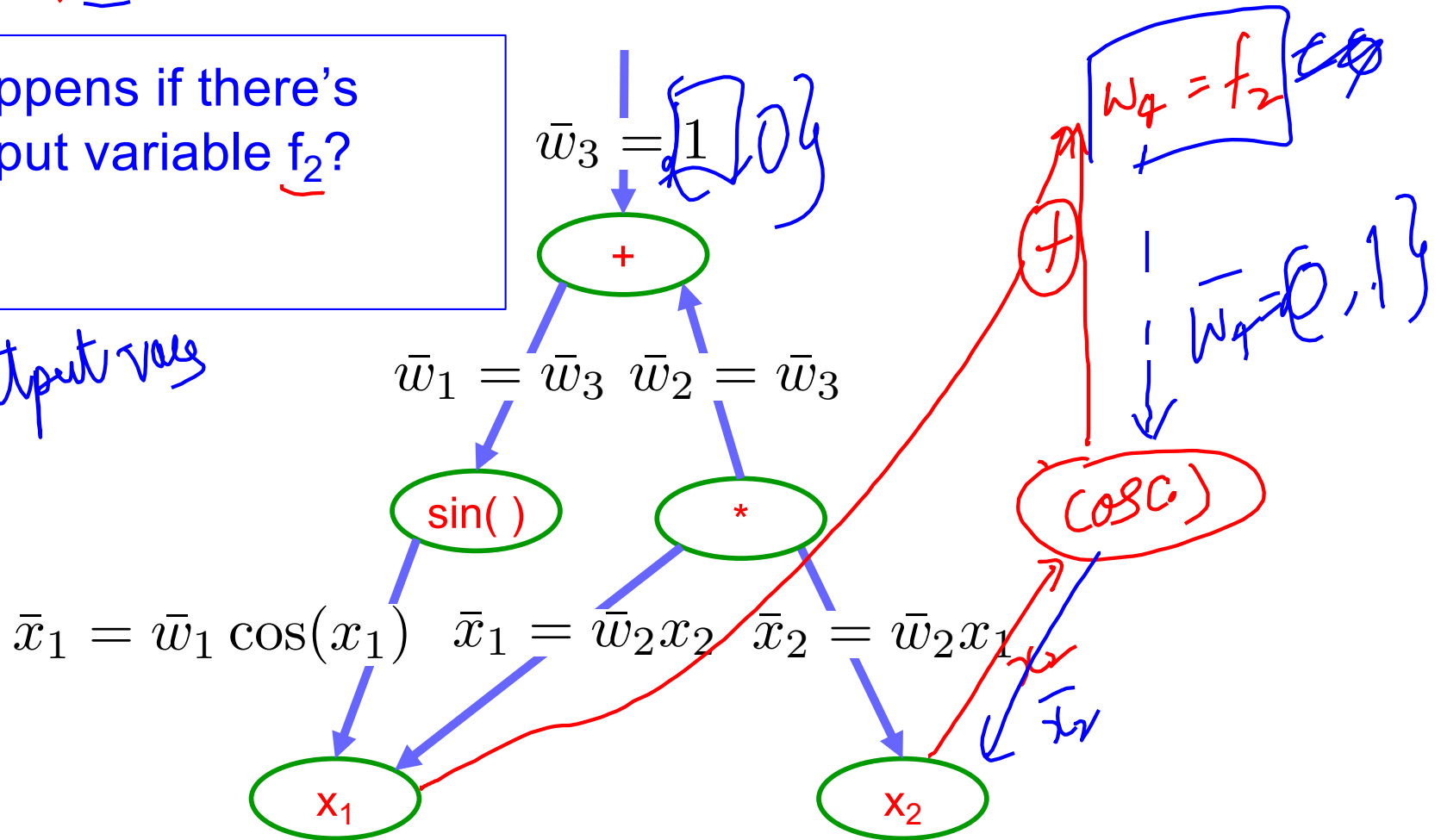


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for on output var



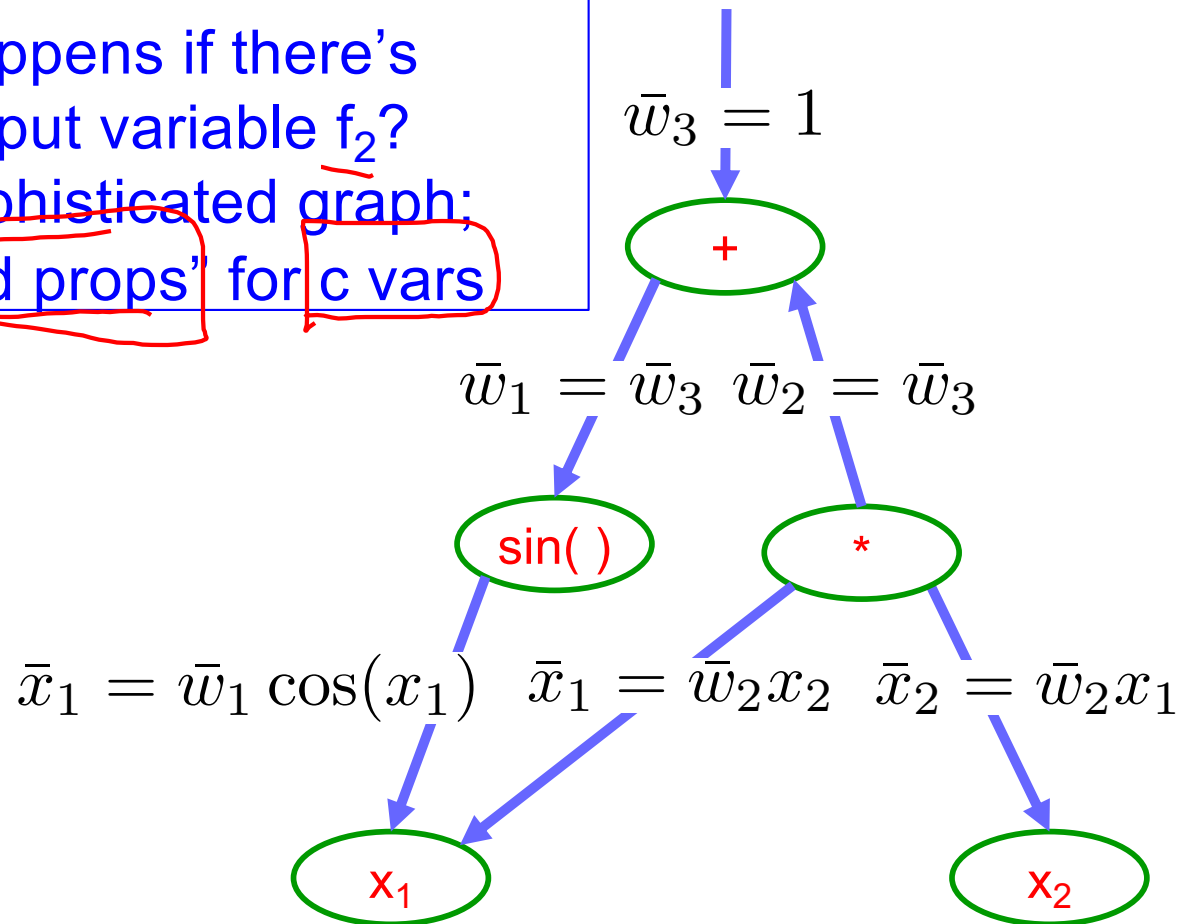
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*... f\_c*

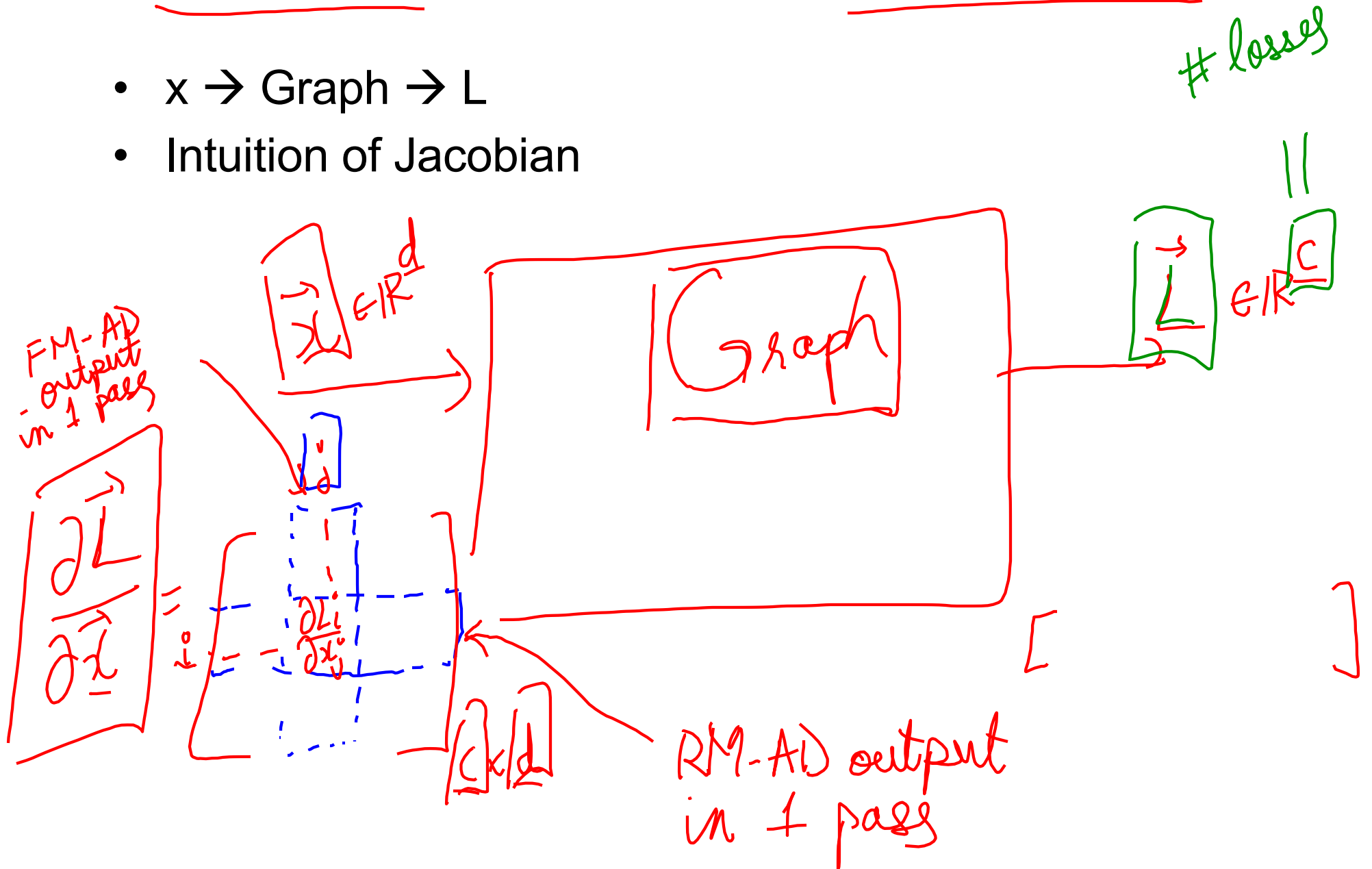
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# Forward mode vs Reverse Mode

- $x \rightarrow \text{Graph} \rightarrow L$
- Intuition of Jacobian





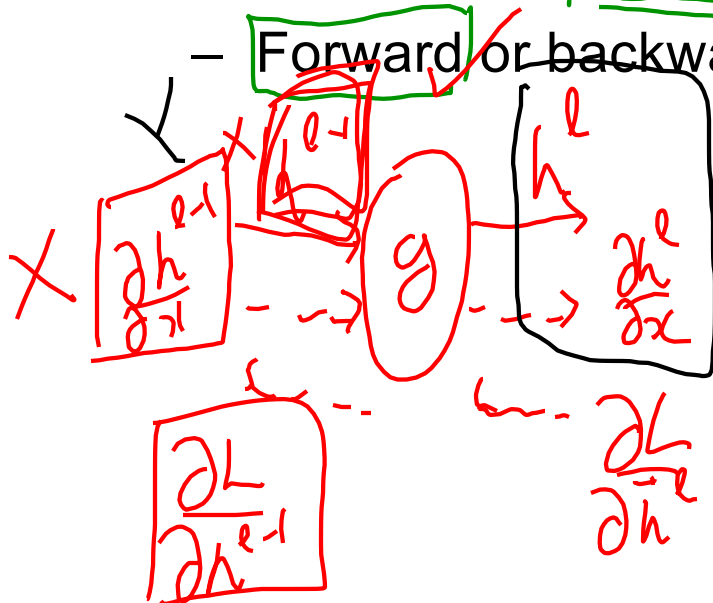
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- What are the differences?

[ • Which one is faster to compute?  
– Forward or backward? Is  $c > d$  or  $c < d$  ]

# Forward mode vs Reverse Mode

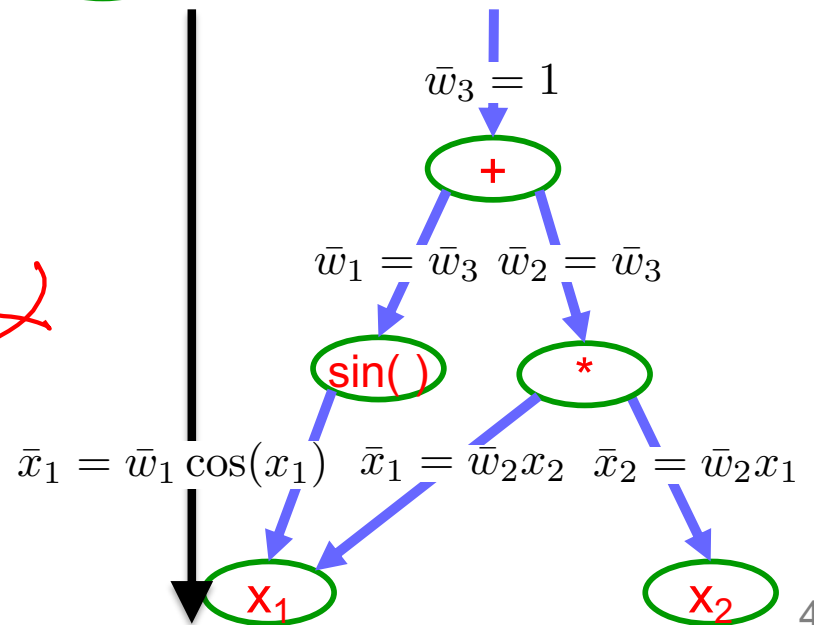
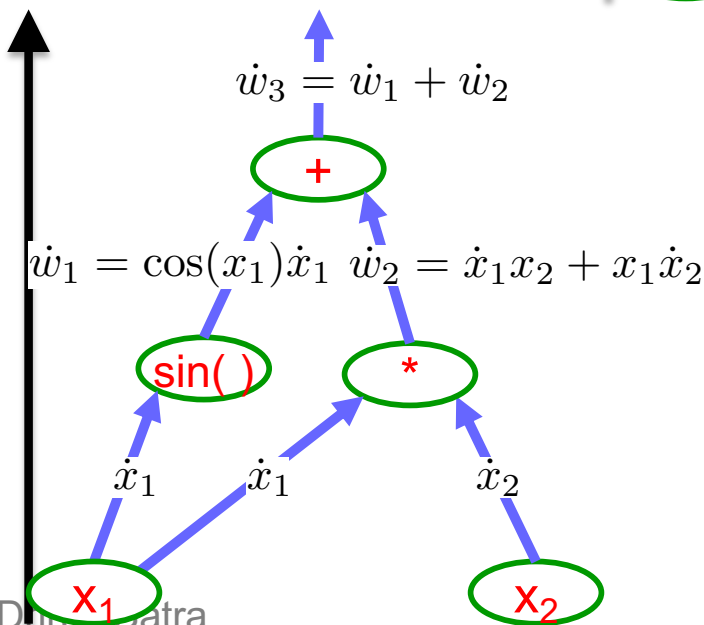
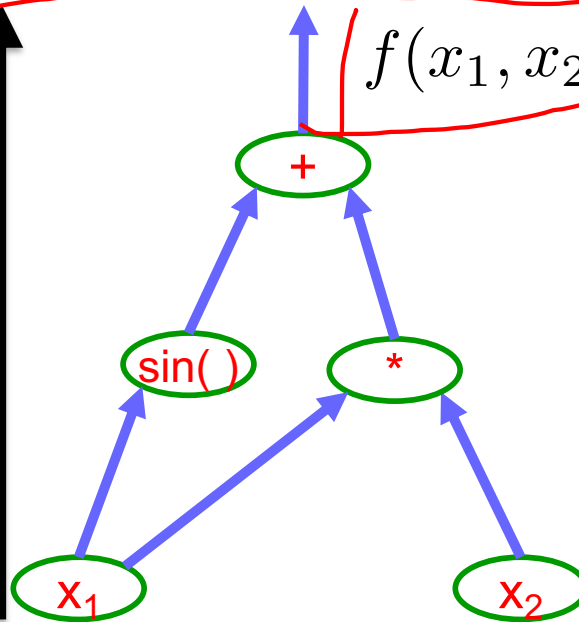
- What are the differences?
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- Which one is more memory efficient (less storage)?
  - Forward or backward?



# Forward Pass vs

## Forward mode AD vs Reverse Mode AD

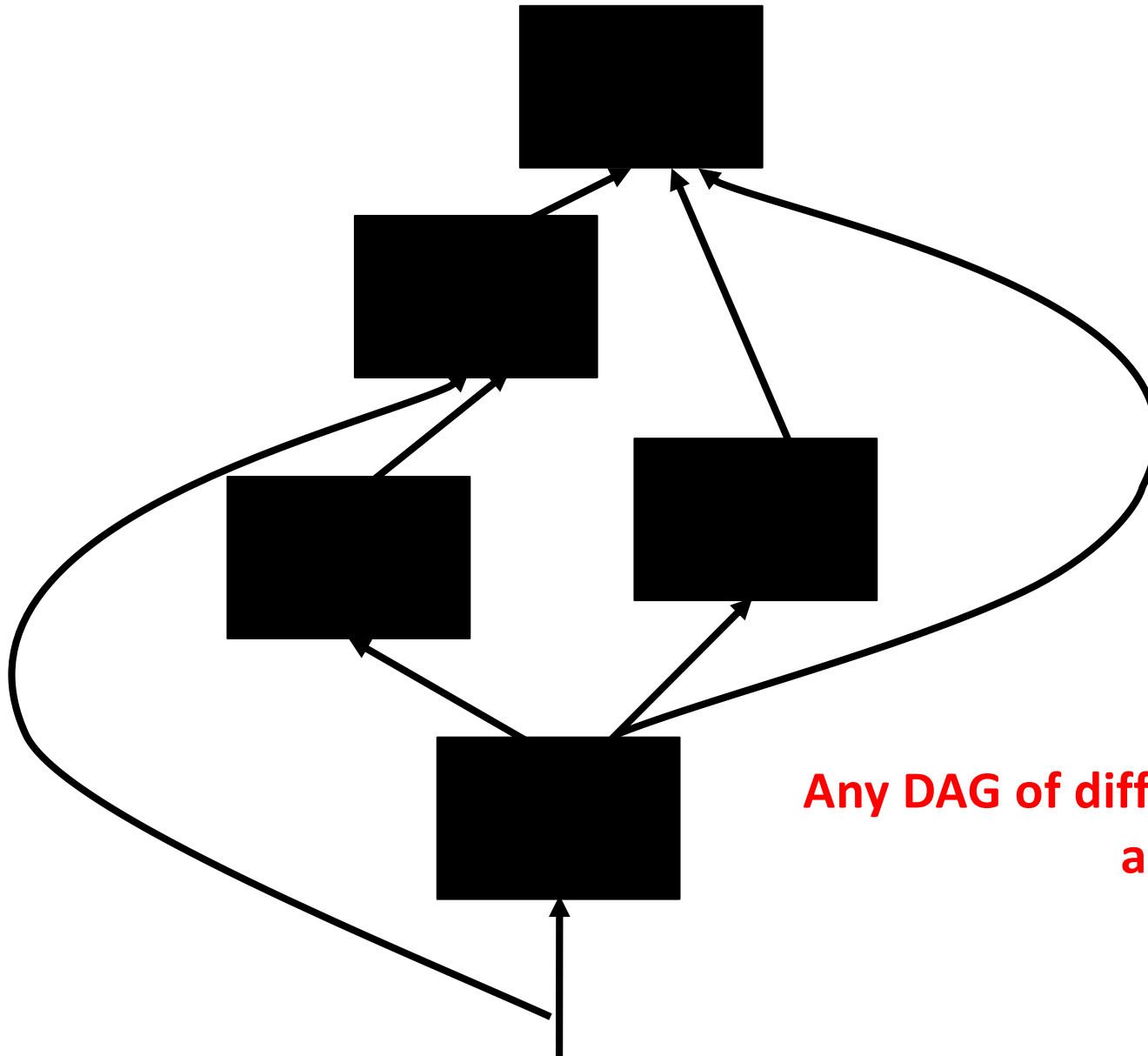
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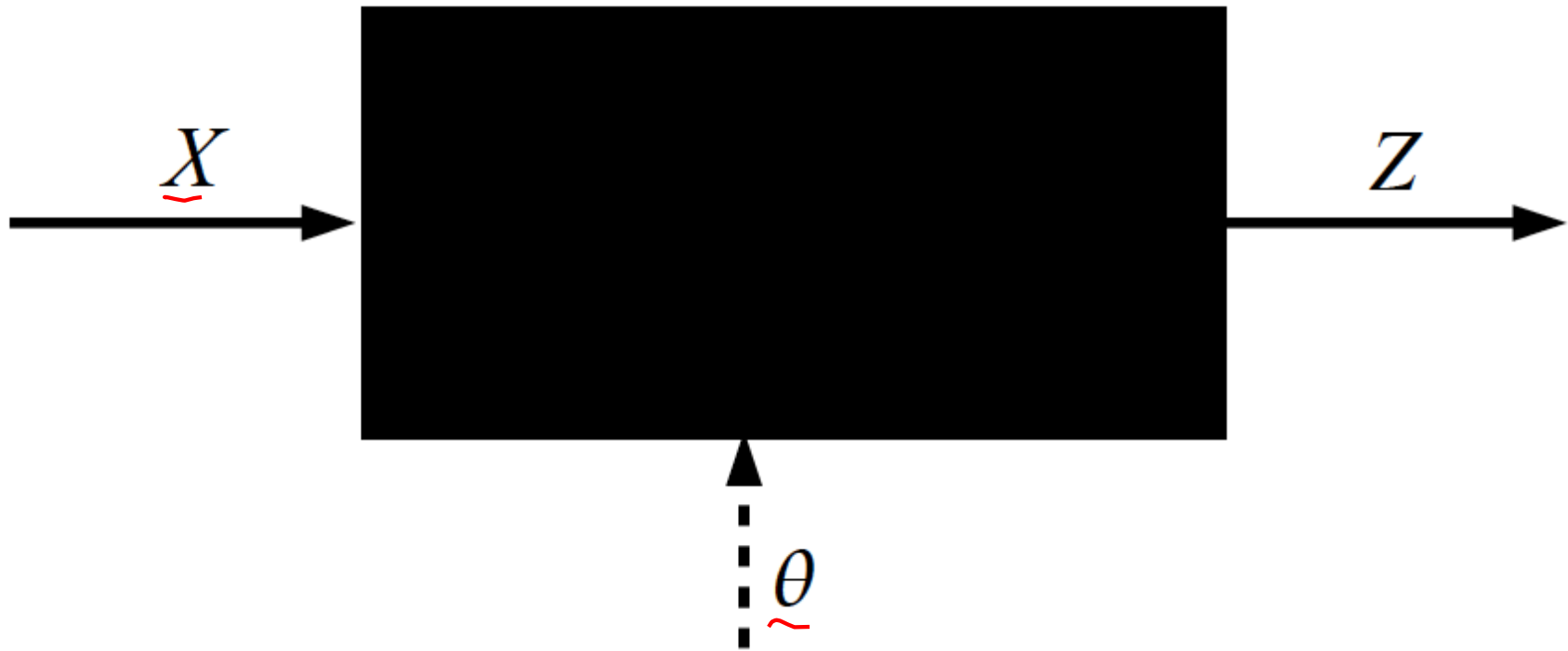
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# Computational Graph

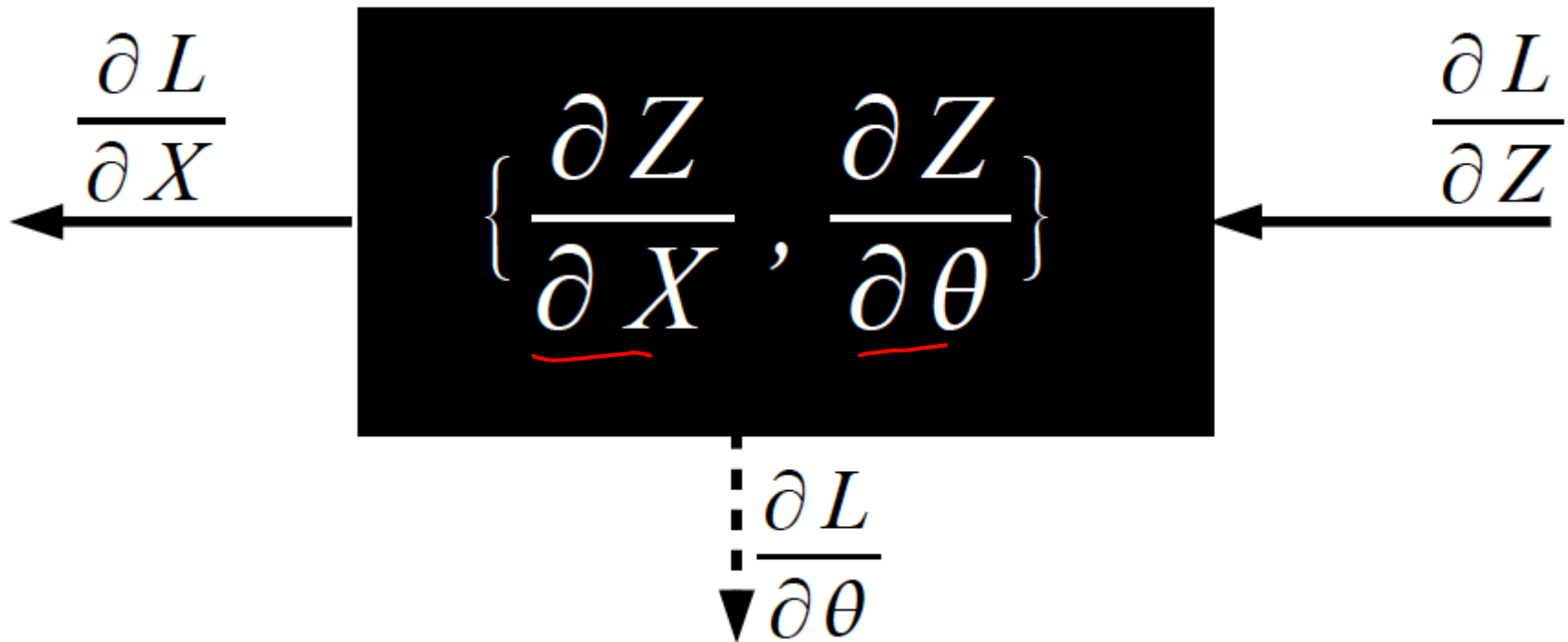


**Any DAG of differentiable modules is allowed!**

# Key Computation: Forward-Prop

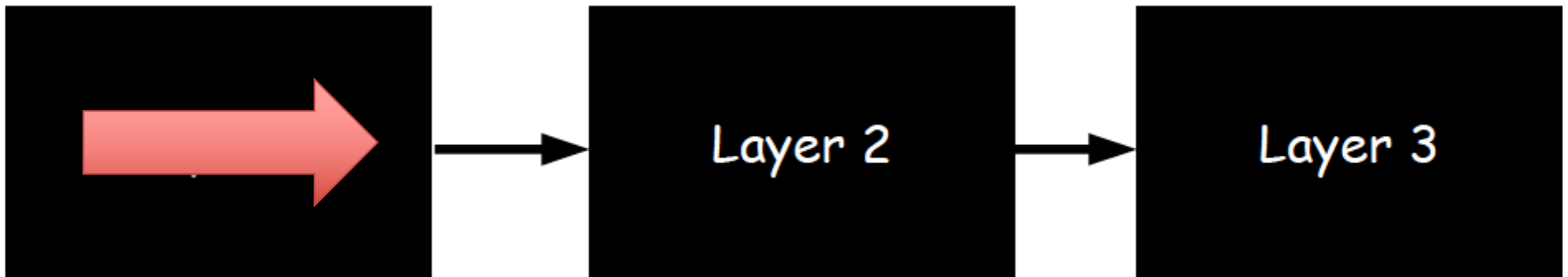


# Key Computation: Back-Prop



# Neural Network Training

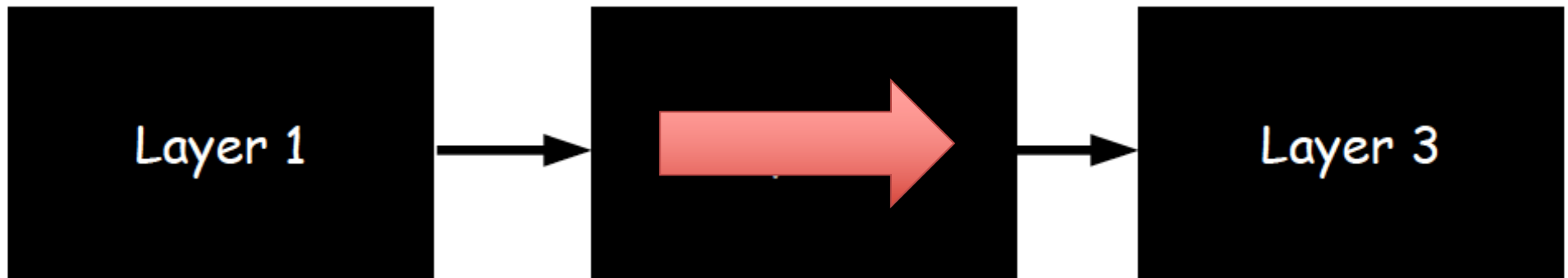
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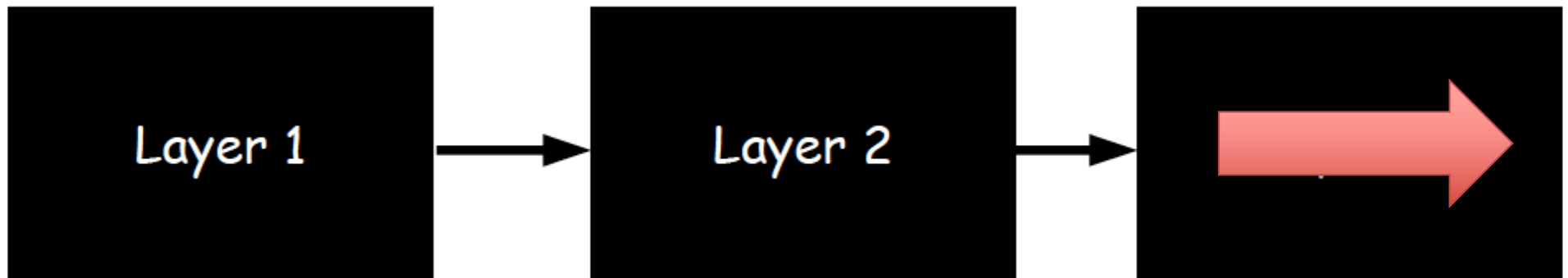
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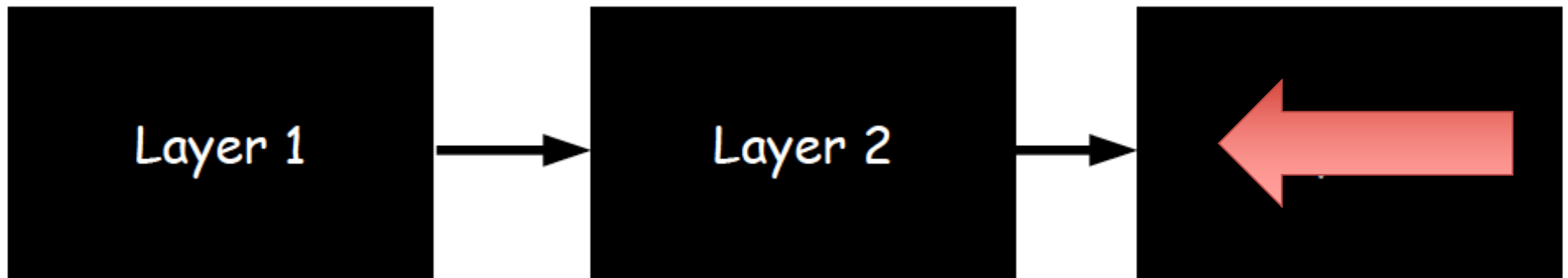
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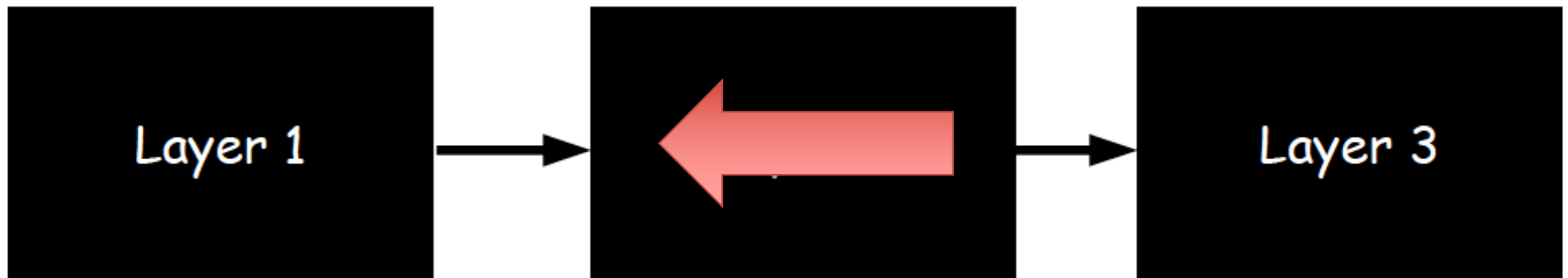
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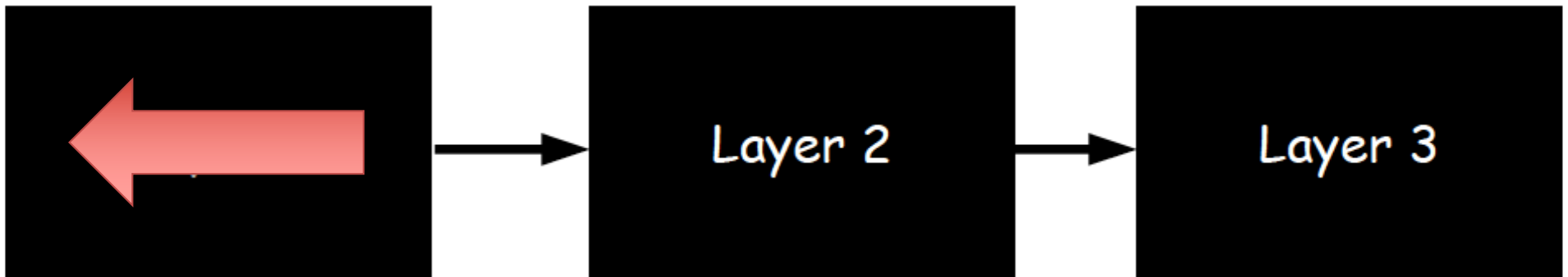
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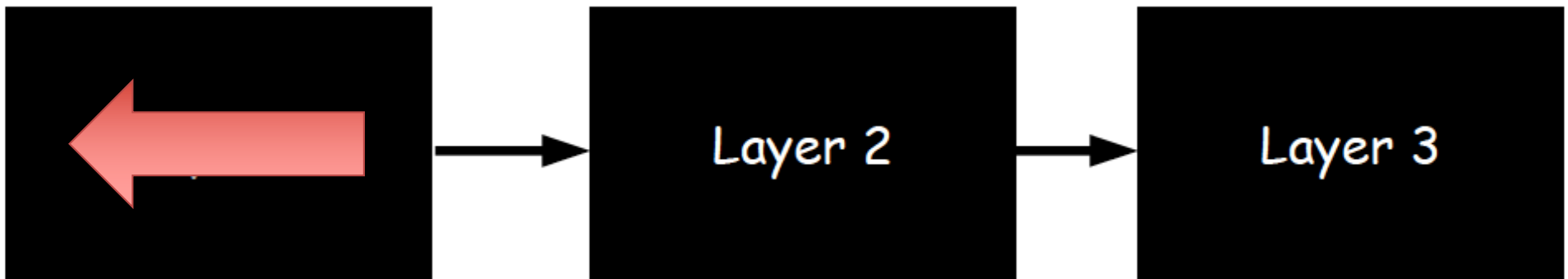
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- Step 1: Compute Loss on mini-batch [F-Pass]
- Step 2: Compute gradients wrt parameters [B-Pass]
- Step 3: Use gradient to update parameters



$$\theta \leftarrow \theta - \eta \frac{dL}{d\theta}$$

