Neural Networks
Learning the network: Backprop part 2

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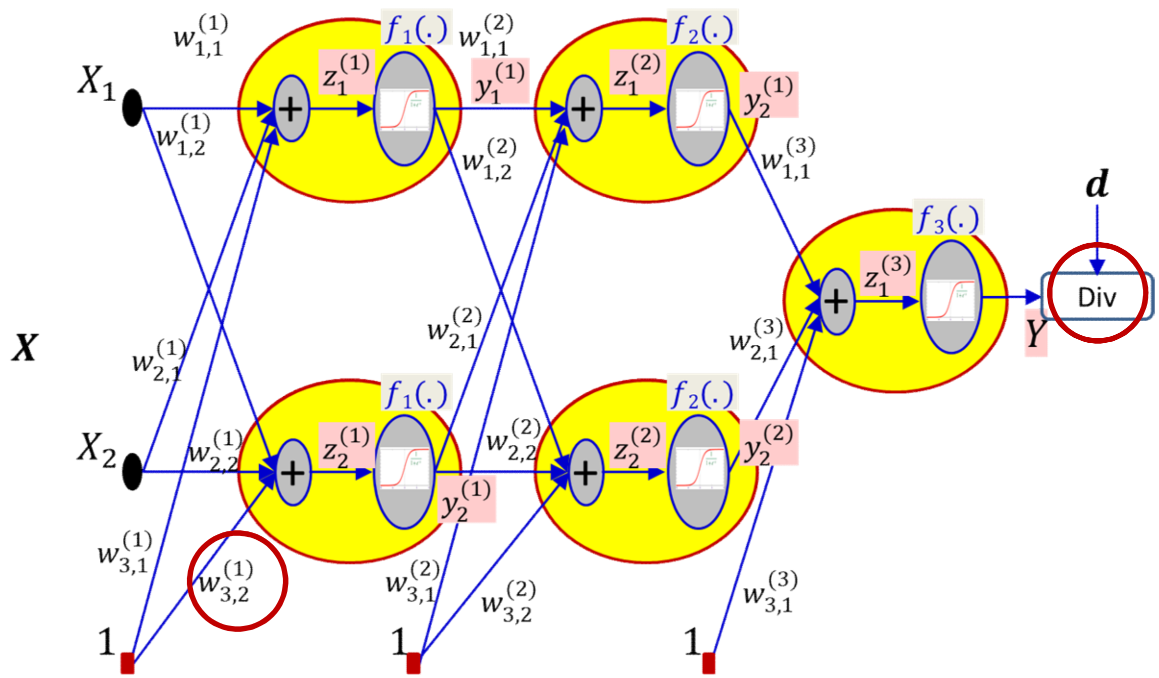
Lecture 4

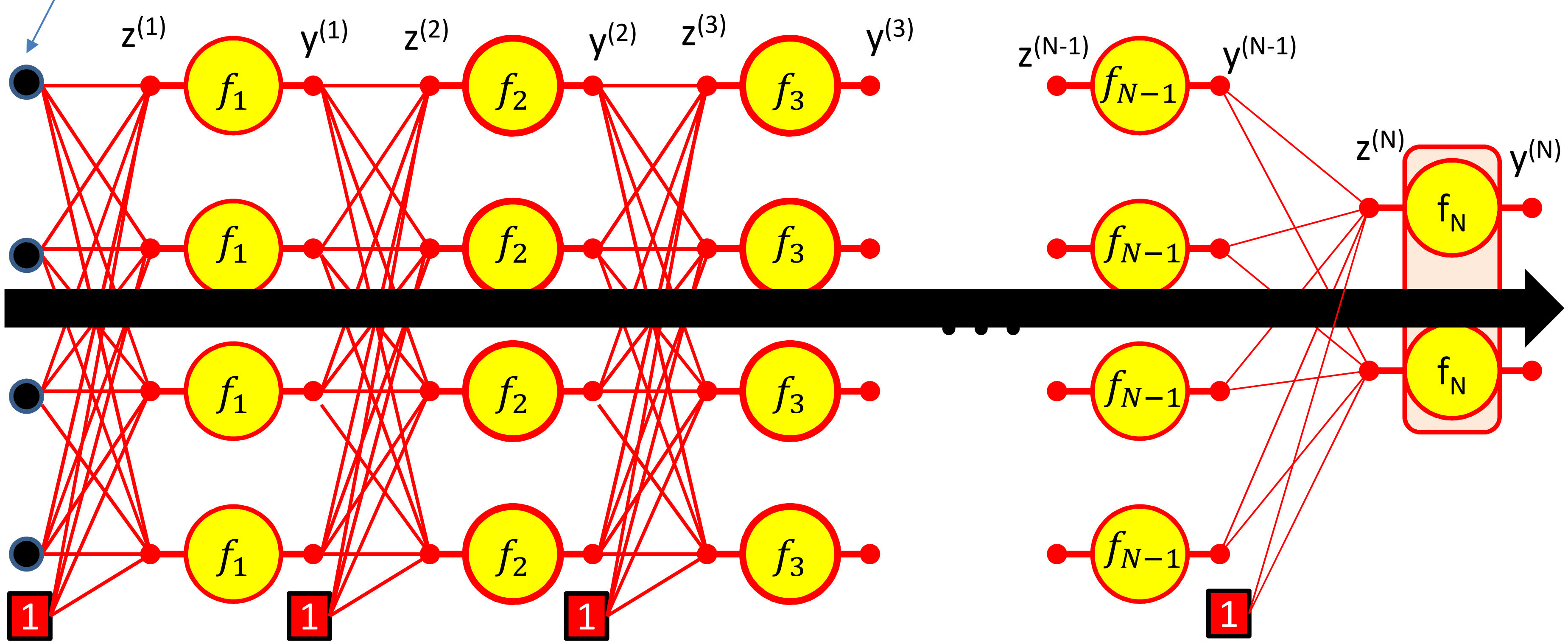
Computing the gradient

- What is: $\frac{dDiv(\boldsymbol{Y},\boldsymbol{d})}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$



Forward Computation

$y^{(0)} = x$



ITERATE FOR k = 1:N

for j = 1:layer-width

$$y_i^{(0)} = x_i$$

$$z_j^{(k)} = \sum_i w_{ij}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$$

$$y_j^{(k)} = f_k\left(z_j^{(k)}\right)$$

Forward "Pass"

- Input: D dimensional vector $\mathbf{x} = [x_j, \ j = 1 \dots D]$
- Set:
  - $D_0 = D,$ is the width of the 0th (input) layer
  - $y_j^{(0)} = x_j, \ j = 1 \dots D; \qquad y_0^{(k=1 \dots N)} = x_0 = 1$
- For layer $k = 1 \dots N$
  - For $j = 1 \dots D_k$ — D_k is the size of the kth layer
    - $z_j^{(k)} = \sum_{i=0}^{D_{k-1}} w_{i,j}^{(k)} y_i^{(k-1)}$
    - $y_j^{(k)} = f_k\left(z_j^{(k)}\right)$
- Output:
  - $Y = y_j^{(N)}, j = 1..D_N$

Gradients: Backward Computation

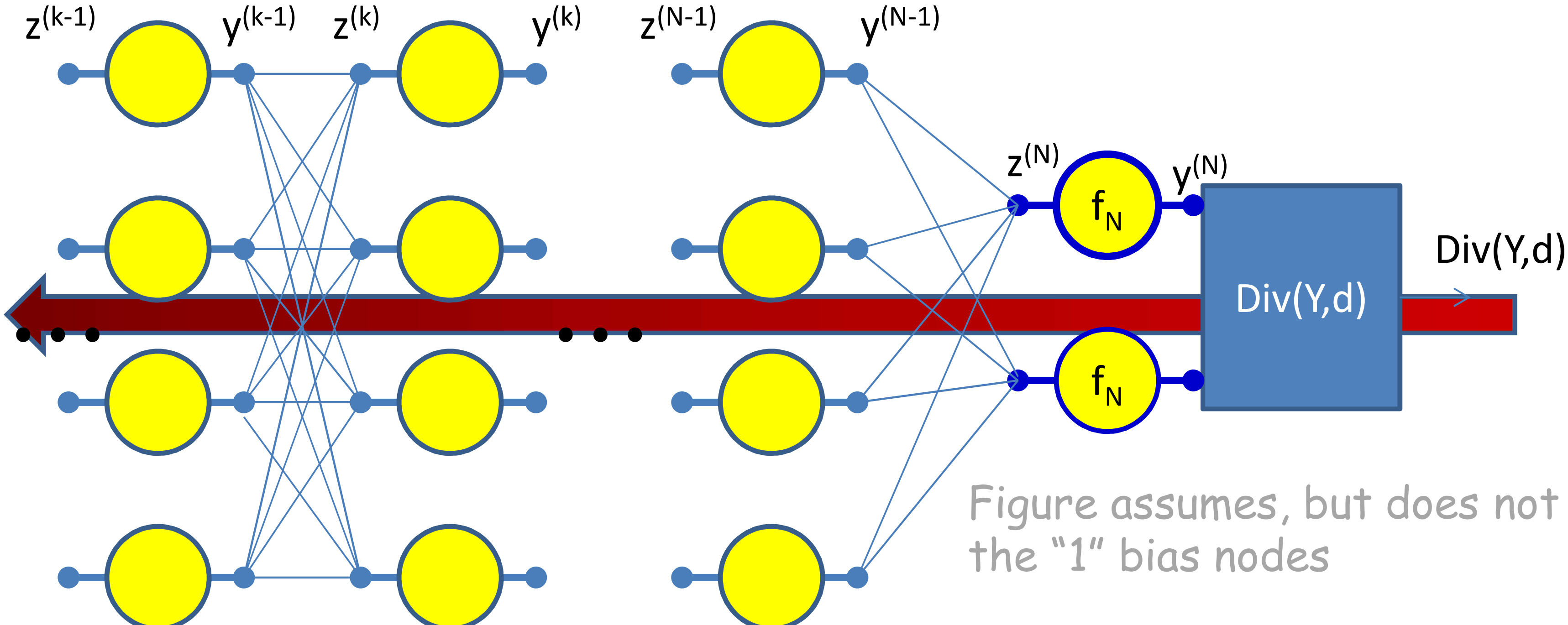


Figure assumes, but does not show the "1" bias nodes

Initialize: Gradient w.r.t network output

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i} = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = f_k'\left(z_i^{(N)}\right)\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$$

$For\ k\ =\ N-1..0$

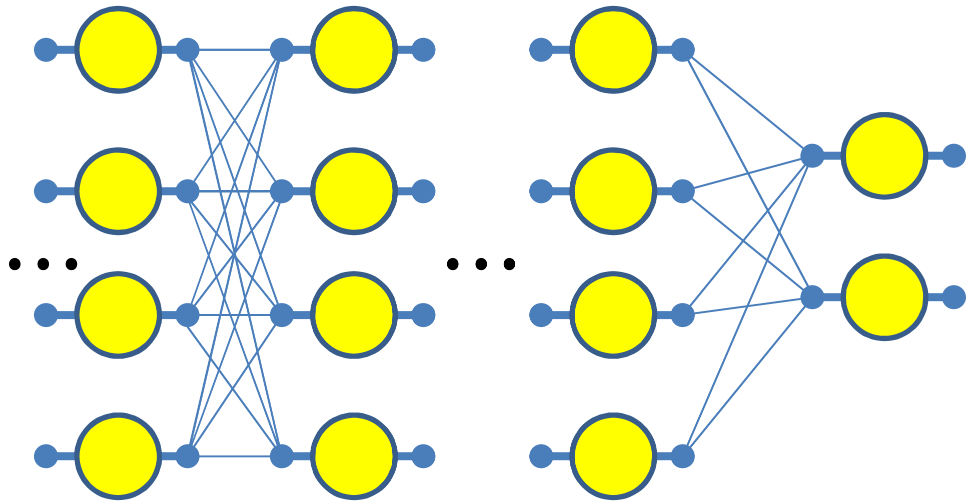
$\quad For\ i\ =\ 1: layer\ width$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)}\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = f_k'\left(z_i^{(k)}\right)\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}}$$

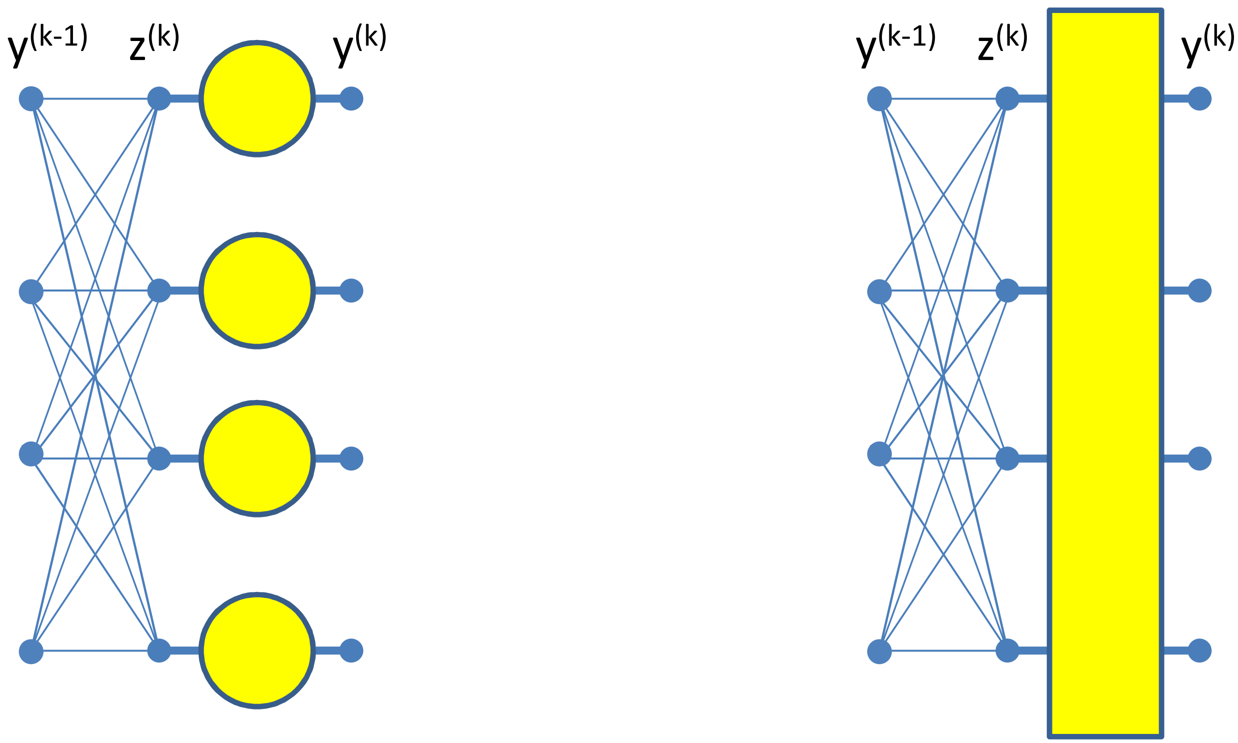
$$\forall j\ \frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ij}^{(k+1)}} = y_i^{(k)}\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$$

Special cases



- Have assumed so far that
  1. The computation of the output of one neuron does not directly affect computation of other neurons in the same (or previous) layers
  2. Outputs of neurons only combine through weighted addition
  3. Activations are actually differentiable
  - All of these conditions are frequently not applicable

Special Case 1. Vector activations



- Vector activations: all outputs are functions of all inputs

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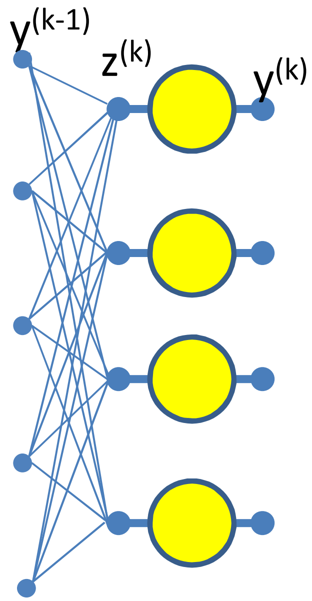
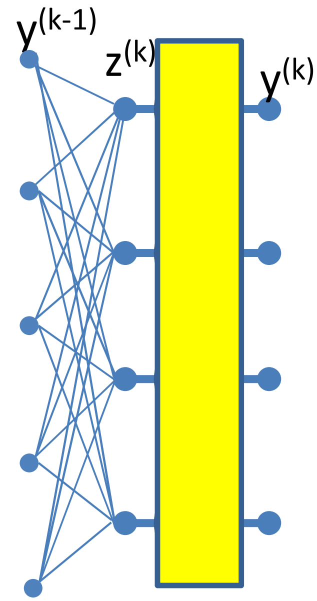




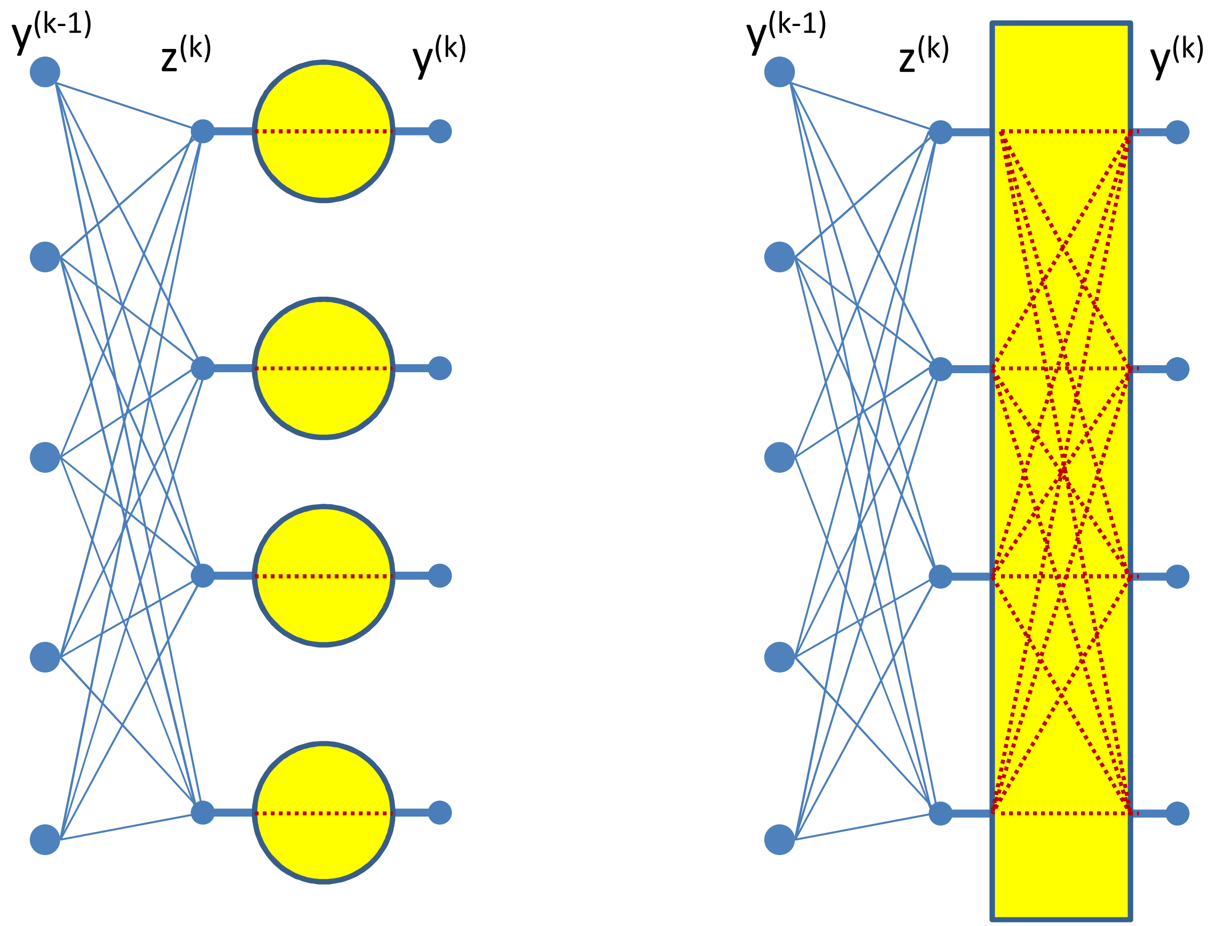
Scalar activation: Modifying a z_i only changes corresponding y_i

$$y_i^{(k)} = f\left(z_i^{(k)}\right)$$

Vector activation: Modifying a z_i potentially changes all, $y_1 \dots y_M$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_M^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_D^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

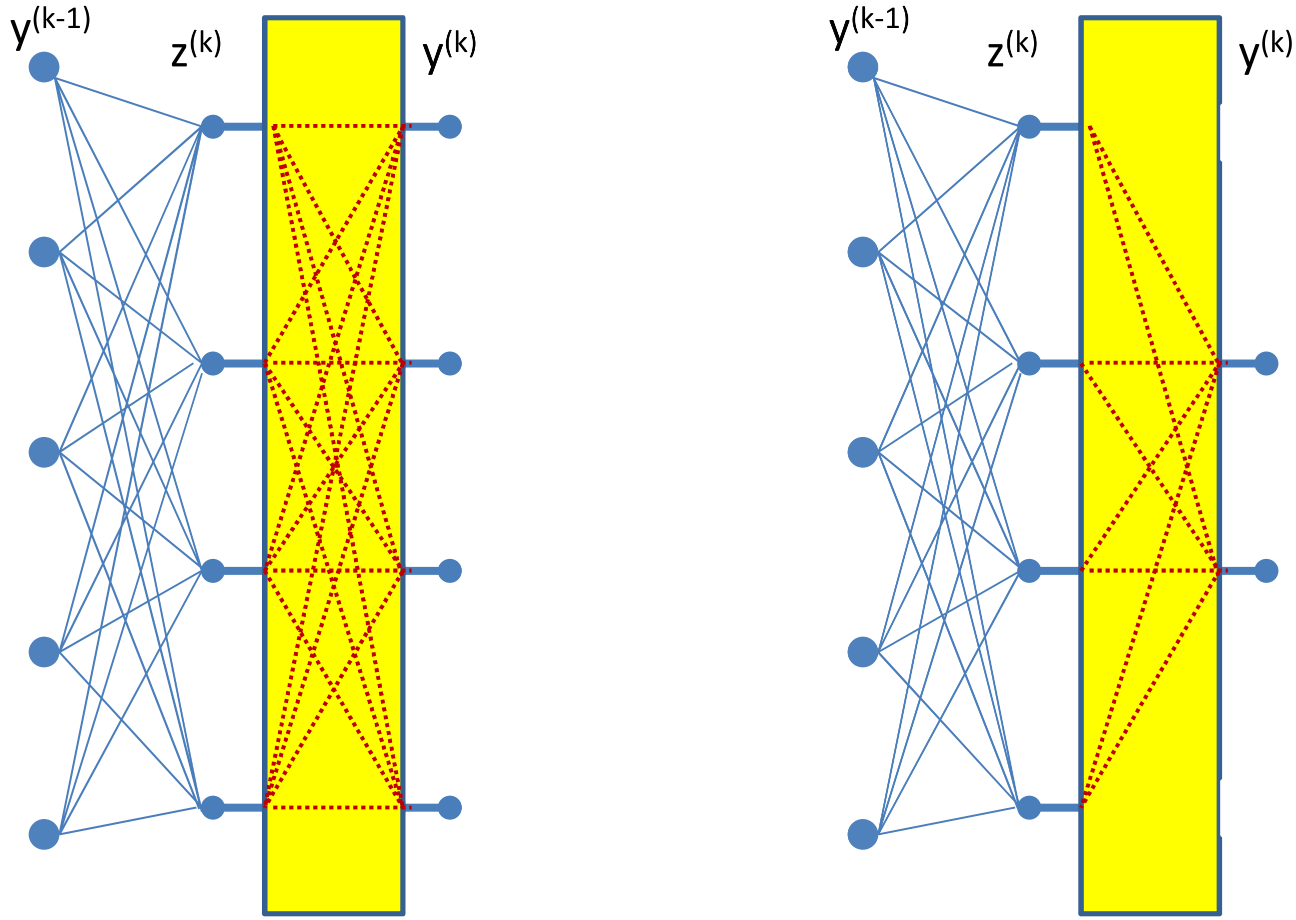
“Influence” diagram



Scalar activation: Each z_i influences *one* y_i

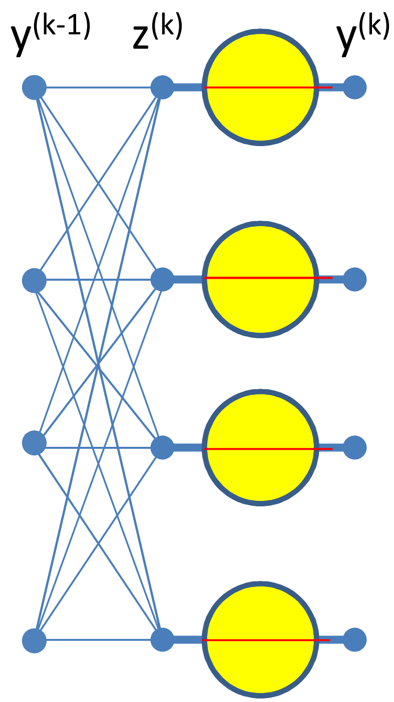
Vector activation: Each z_i influences all, $y_1 \dots y_M$

The number of outputs



- Note: The number of outputs ($y^{(k)}$) need not be the same as the number of inputs ($z^{(k)}$)
  - May be more or fewer

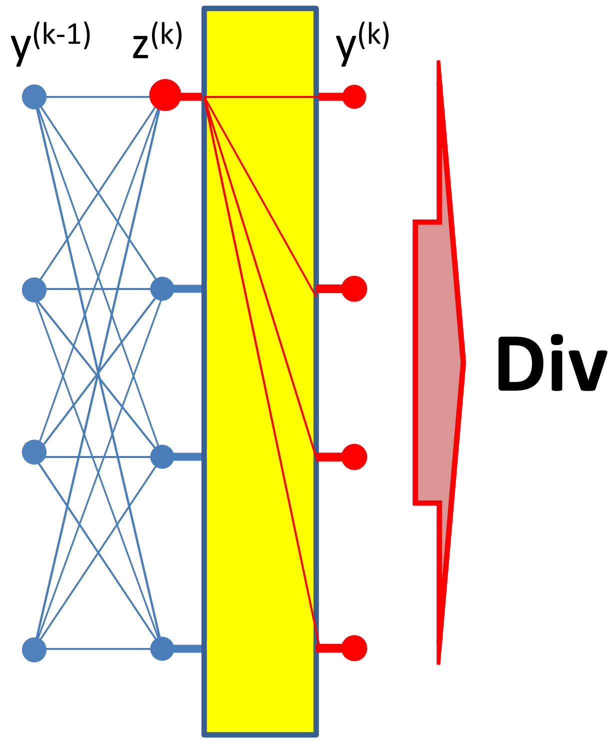
Scalar Activation: Derivative rule



$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{dy_i^{(k)}}{dz_i^{(k)}}$$

- In the case of *scalar* activation functions, the derivative of the error w.r.t to the input to the unit is a simple product of derivatives

Derivatives of vector activation



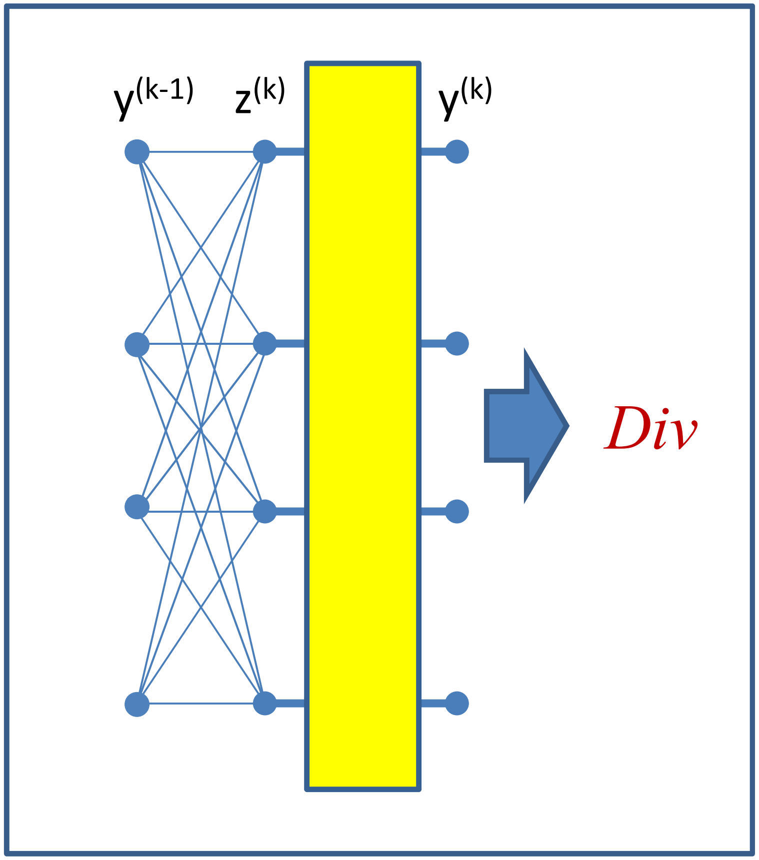
$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_j^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}}$$

Note: derivatives of scalar activations are just a special case of vector activations:

$$\frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = 0 \;\; for \;\; i \neq j$$

- For *vector* activations the derivative of the error w.r.t. to any input is a sum of partial derivatives
  - Regardless of the number of outputs $y_j^{(k)}$

Example Vector Activation: Softmax



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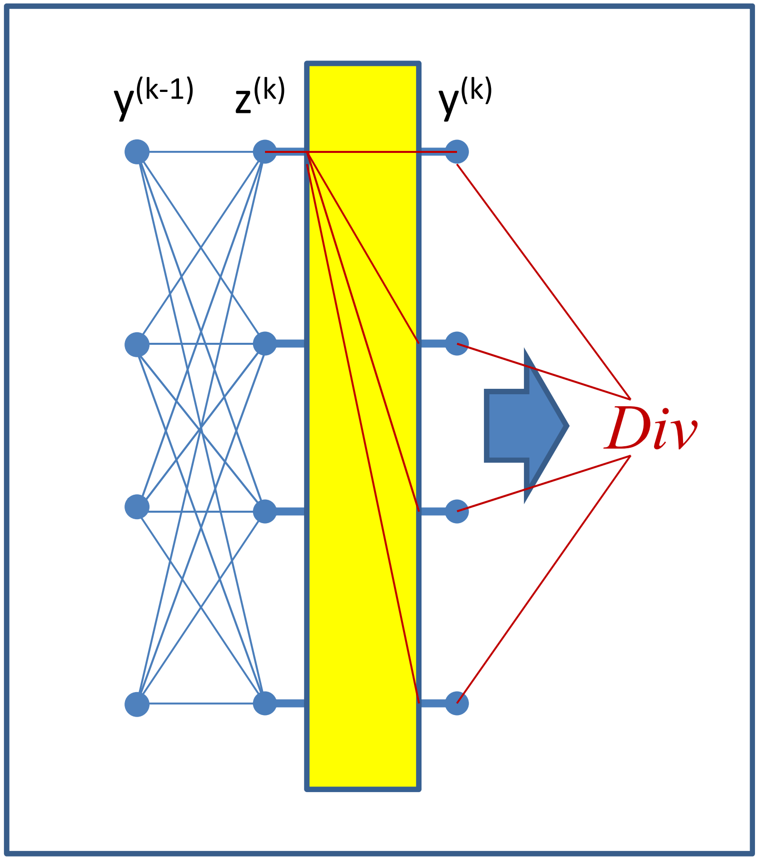

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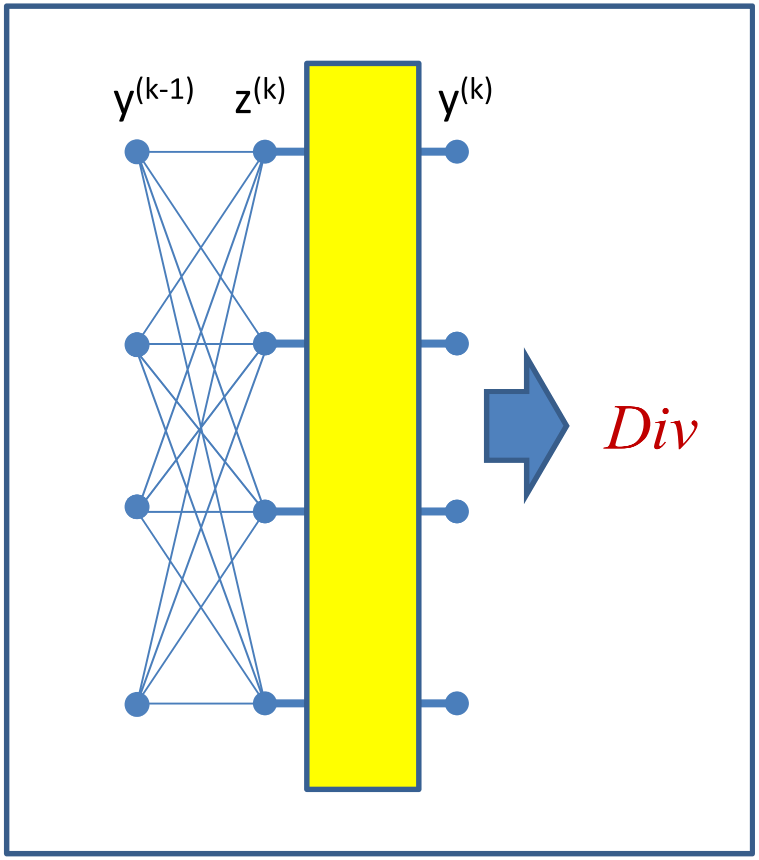

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$$\frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \begin{cases} y_i^{(k)}\left(1 - y_i^{(k)}\right) & \text{if } i = j \\ -y_i^{(k)} y_j^{(k)} & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

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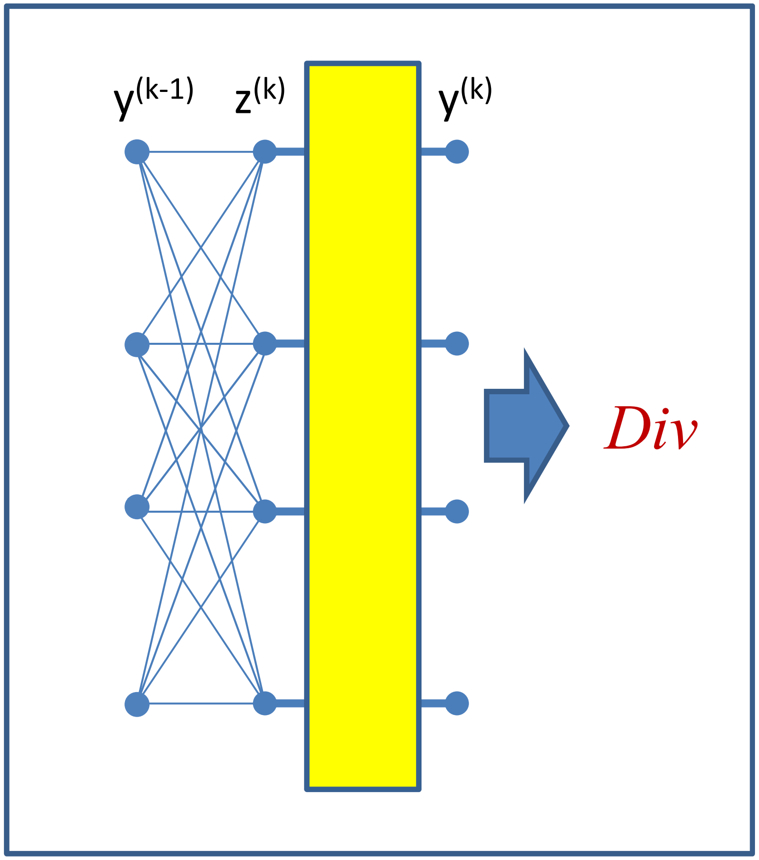

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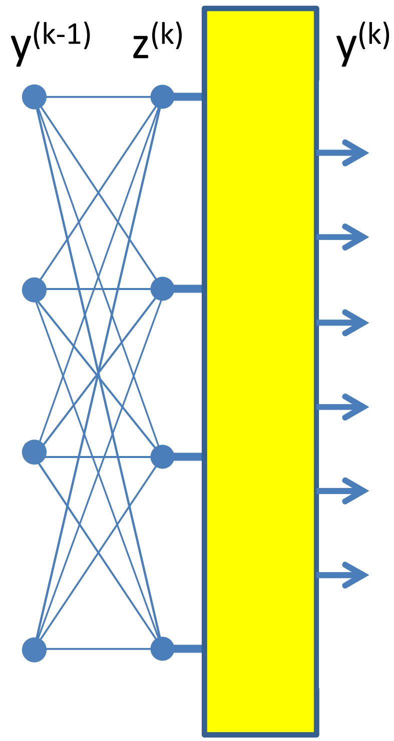
- For future reference
- δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta: $\delta_{ij} = 1 \text{ if } i = j, \quad 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$

Special cases

- Examples of vector activations and other special cases on slides
  - Please look up
  - Will appear in quiz!

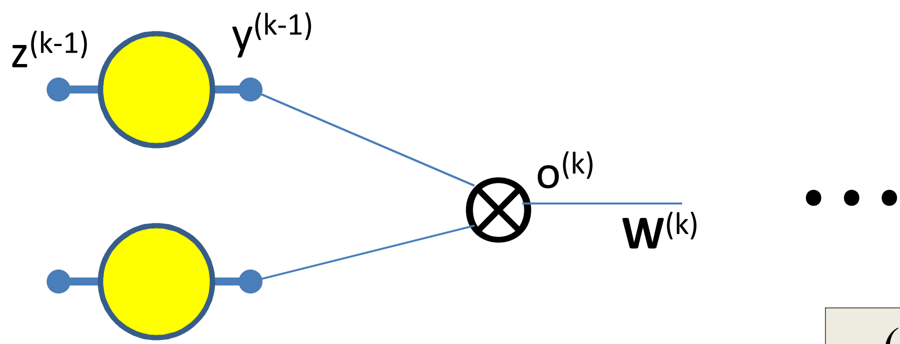
Vector Activations



$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_M^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_D^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

- In reality the vector combinations can be anything
  - E.g. linear combinations, polynomials, logistic (softmax), etc.

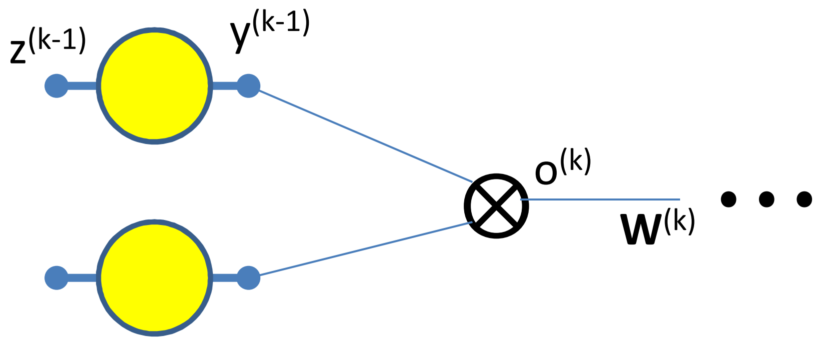
Special Case 2: Multiplicative networks



Forward: $o_i^{(k)} = y_j^{(k-1)} y_l^{(k-1)}$

- Some types of networks have *multiplicative* combination
  - In contrast to the *additive* combination we have seen so far
- Seen in networks such as LSTMs, GRUs, attention models, etc.

Backpropagation: Multiplicative Networks



Forward:

$$o_i^{(k)} = y_j^{(k-1)} y_l^{(k-1)}$$

Backward:

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial o_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_j^{(k-1)}} = \frac{\partial o_i^{(k)}}{\partial y_j^{(k-1)}} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial o_i^{(k)}} = y_l^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial o_i^{(k)}}$$

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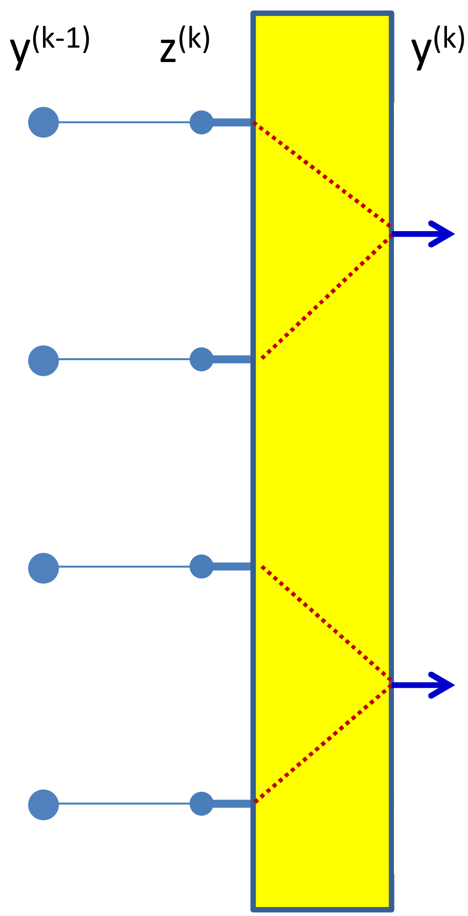
Multiplicative combination as a case of vector activations

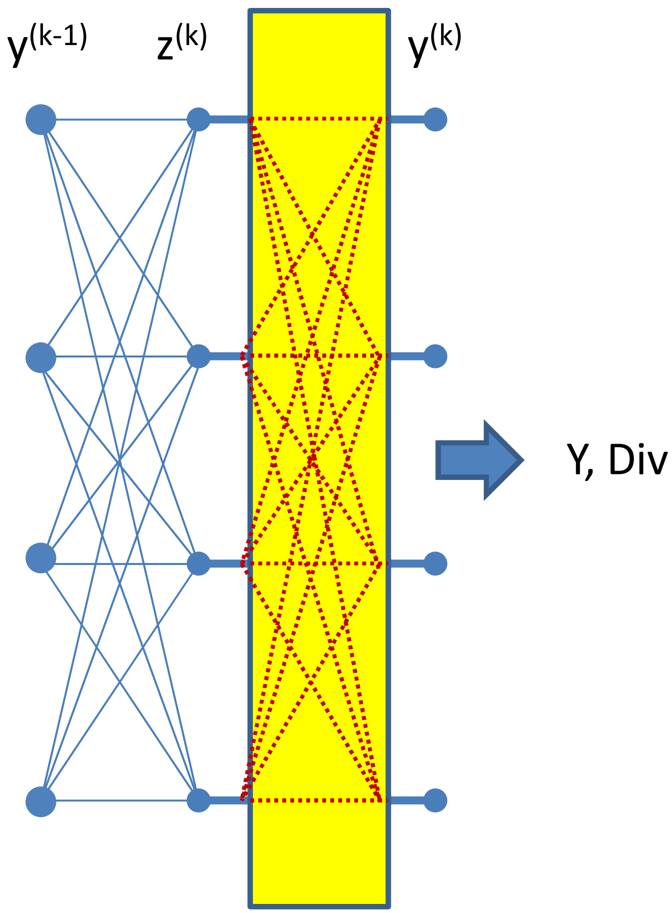


$$z_i^{(k)} = y_i^{(k-1)}$$

$$y_i^{(k)} = z_{2i-1}^{(k)} z_{2i}^{(k)}$$

- A layer of multiplicative combination is a special case of vector activation

Multiplicative combination: Can be viewed as a case of vector activations



$$z_i^{(k)} = \sum_j w_{ji}^{(k)} y_j^{(k-1)}$$

$$y_i^{(k)} = \prod_l \left(z_l^{(k)}\right)^{\alpha_{li}^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} = \alpha_{ji}^{(k)} \left(z_j^{(k)}\right)^{\alpha_{ji}^{(k)}-1} \prod_{l \neq j} \left(z_l^{(k)}\right)^{\alpha_{li}^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k)}} = \sum_i \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_j^{(k)}}$$

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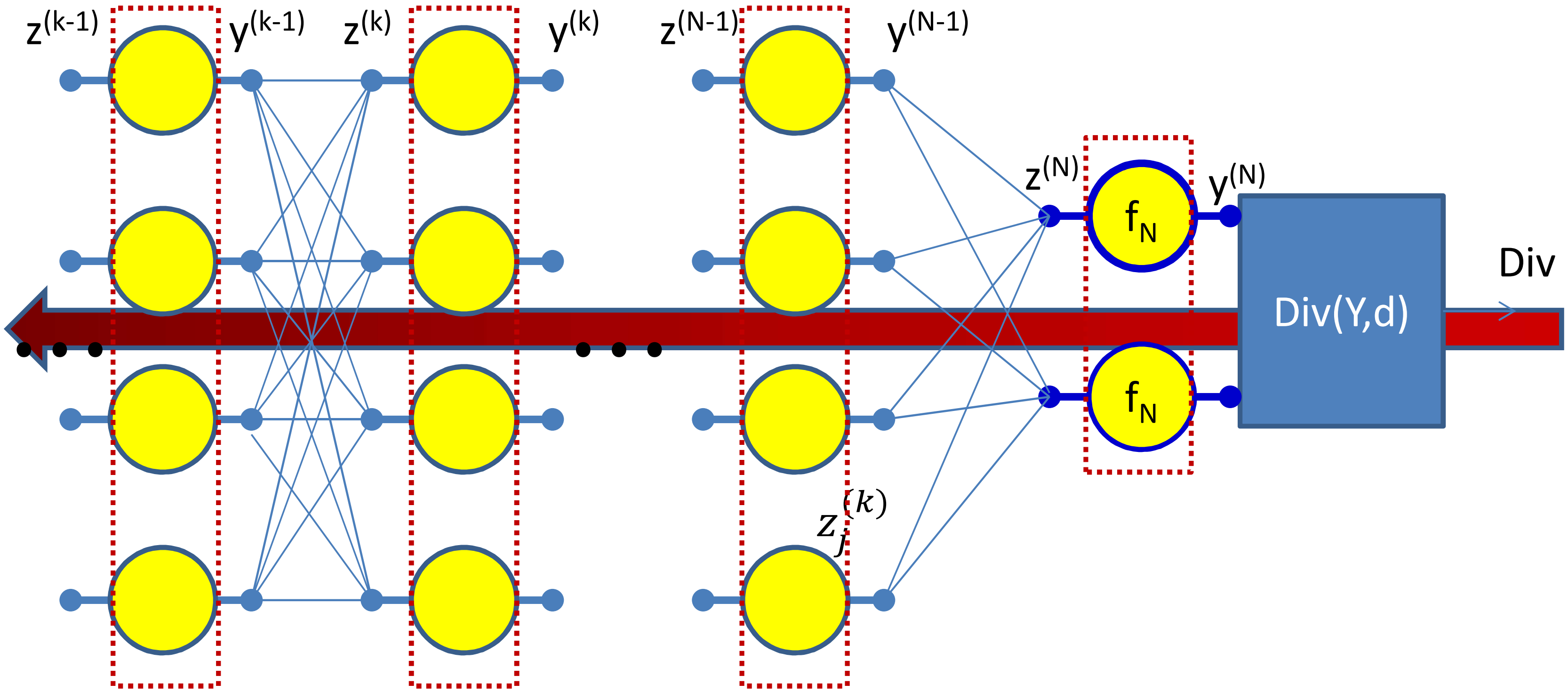
Gradients: Backward Computation



For $k = N \ldots 1$

For $i = 1{:}layer\ width$

If layer has vector activation

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_j^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_j^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}}$$

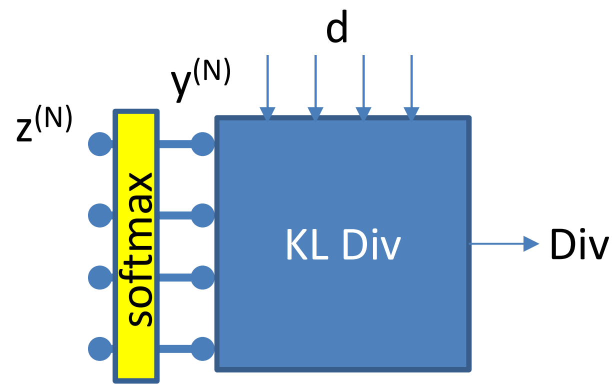
Else if activation is scalar

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(k)}}{\partial z_i^{(k)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k-1)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k)}}$$

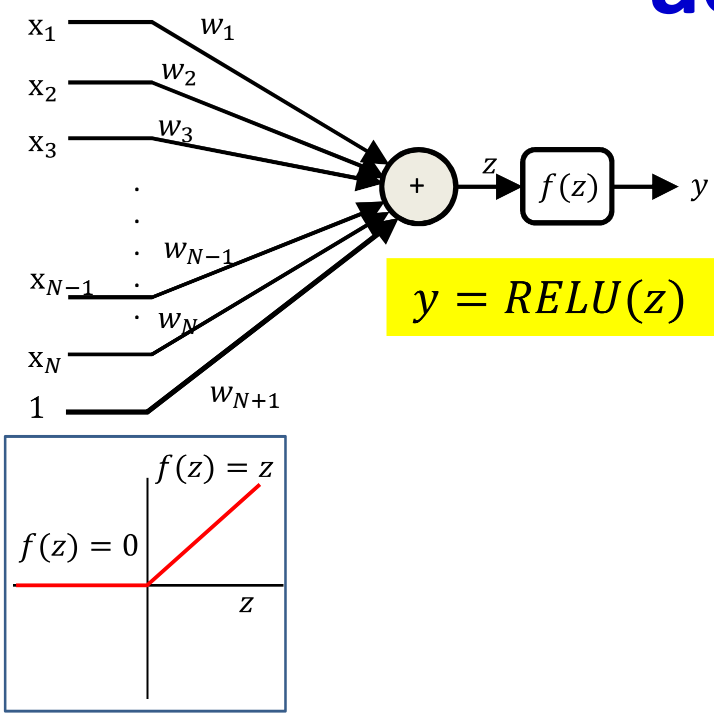
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ij}^{(k)}} = y_i^{(k-1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k)}}}$$

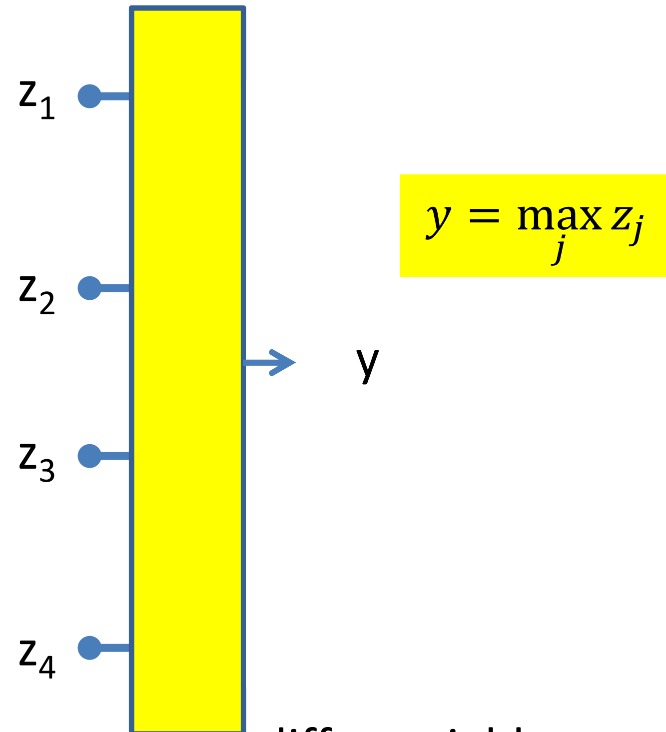
Backward Pass for *softmax output layer*



- Output layer (N) :
  - For $i = 1 \ldots D_N$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i} = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_j^{(N)}} y_i^{(N)} \left(\delta_{ij} - y_j^{(N)}\right)$
- For layer $k = N - 1\ downto\ 0$
  - For $i = 1 \ldots D_k$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k)}} = f_k'\left(z_i^{(k)}\right) \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}}$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial w_{ji}^{(k+1)}} = y_j^{(k)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_i^{(k+1)}}$ for $j = 1 \ldots D_{k+1}$

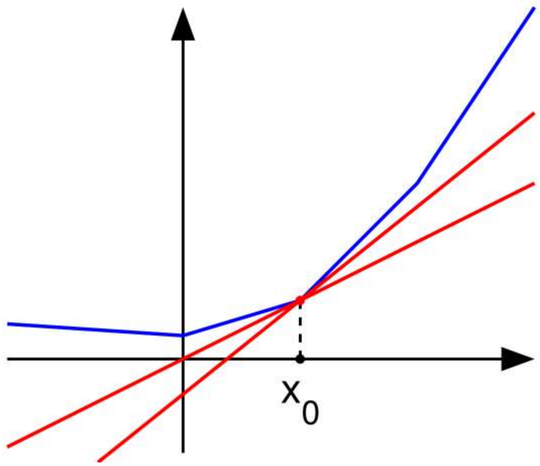
Special Case 3: Non-differentiable activations





- Activation functions are sometimes not actually differentiable
  - E.g. The RELU (Rectified Linear Unit)
    - And its variants: leaky RELU, randomized leaky RELU
  - E.g. The “max” function
- Must use “subgradients” where available
  - Or “secants”

The subgradient



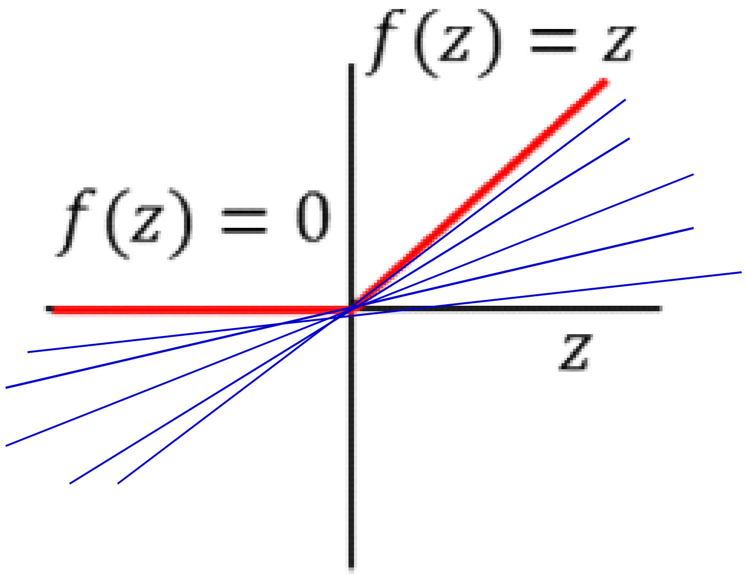
- A subgradient of a function $f(x)$ at a point x_0 is any vector v such that

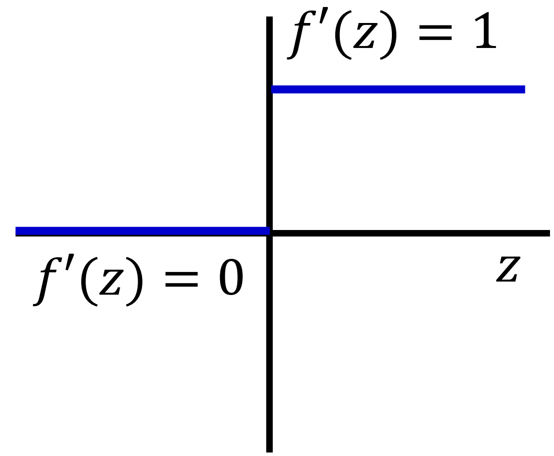
$$(f(x) - f(x_0)) \geq v^T(x - x_0)$$

  - Any direction such that moving in that direction increases the function
- Guaranteed to exist only for convex functions
  - "bowl" shaped functions
  - For non-convex functions, the equivalent concept is a "quasi-secant"

- The subgradient is a direction in which the function is guaranteed to increase
- If the function is differentiable at x_0, the subgradient is the gradient
  - The gradient is not always the subgradient though

Subgradients and the RELU

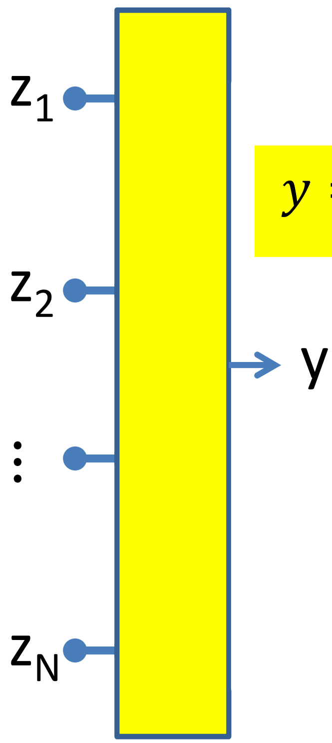




$$f'(z) = \begin{cases} 0, & z < 0 \\ 1, & z \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Can use any subgradient
  - At the differentiable points on the curve, this is the same as the gradient
  - Typically, will use the equation given

Subgradients and the Max



$$y = \max_j z_j$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial z_i} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = \operatorname{argmax}_j z_j \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

- Vector equivalent of subgradient
  - 1 w.r.t. the largest incoming input
    - Incremental changes in this input will change the output
  - 0 for the rest
    - Incremental changes to these inputs will not change the output

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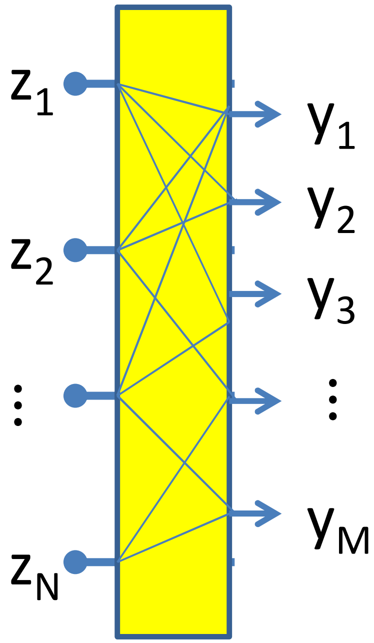

$$y_i = \underset{l \in \mathcal{S}_j}{\operatorname{argmax}}\, z_l$$

$$\frac{\partial y_j}{\partial z_i} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = \underset{l \in \mathcal{S}_j}{\operatorname{argmax}}\, z_l \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases}$$

- Multiple outputs, each selecting the max of a different subset of inputs
  - Will be seen in convolutional networks
- Gradient for any output:
  - 1 for the specific component that is maximum in corresponding input subset
  - 0 otherwise

Backward Pass: Recap

- Output layer (N) :
  - For $i = 1 \dots D_N$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial Y_i} = \frac{\partial Div(Y,d)}{\partial y_i^{(N)}}$
    - $\frac{\partial Di}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} = \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(N)}} \frac{\partial y_i^{(N)}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}} \quad OR \quad \sum_j \frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_j^{(N)}} \frac{\partial y_j^{(N)}}{\partial z_i^{(N)}}$ (vector activation)
- For layer $k = N - 1\ downto\ 0$
  - For $i = 1 \dots D_k$
    - $\frac{\partial Div}{\partial y_i^{(k)}} = \sum_j w_{ij}^{(k+1)} \frac{\partial Div}{\partial z_j^{(k+1)}}$
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These may be subgradients

Overall Approach

- For each data instance
  - **Forward pass**: Pass instance forward through the net. Store all intermediate outputs of all computation
  - **Backward pass**: Sweep backward through the net, iteratively compute all derivatives w.r.t weights
- Actual loss is the sum of the divergence over all training instances

$$\mathbf{Loss} = \frac{1}{|\{X\}|} \sum_{X} Div(Y(X), d(X))$$

- Actual gradient is the sum or average of the derivatives computed for each training instance

$$\nabla_W \mathbf{Loss} = \frac{1}{|\{X\}|} \sum_{X} \nabla_W Div(Y(X), d(X))$$

$$W \leftarrow W - \eta \nabla_W \mathbf{Loss}^{\mathrm{T}}$$

Training by BackProp

- Initialize weights $\boldsymbol{W}^{(k)}$ for all layers $k = 1 \dots K$
- Do:
  - **Initialize** $Loss = 0$; For all i, j, k, initialize $\frac{dLos}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} = 0$
  - For all $t = 1{:}T$ (Loop over training instances)
    - **Forward pass:** Compute
      - Output $\boldsymbol{Y_t}$
      - $Loss \mathrel{+}= \boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})$
    - **Backward pass:** For all i, j, k:
      - Compute $\frac{d\boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
      - Compute $\frac{dLos}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}} \mathrel{+}= \frac{d\boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$
  - For all i, j, k, update:

$$w_{i,j}^{(k)} = w_{i,j}^{(k)} - \frac{\eta}{T} \frac{dLoss}{dw_{i,j}^{(k)}}$$

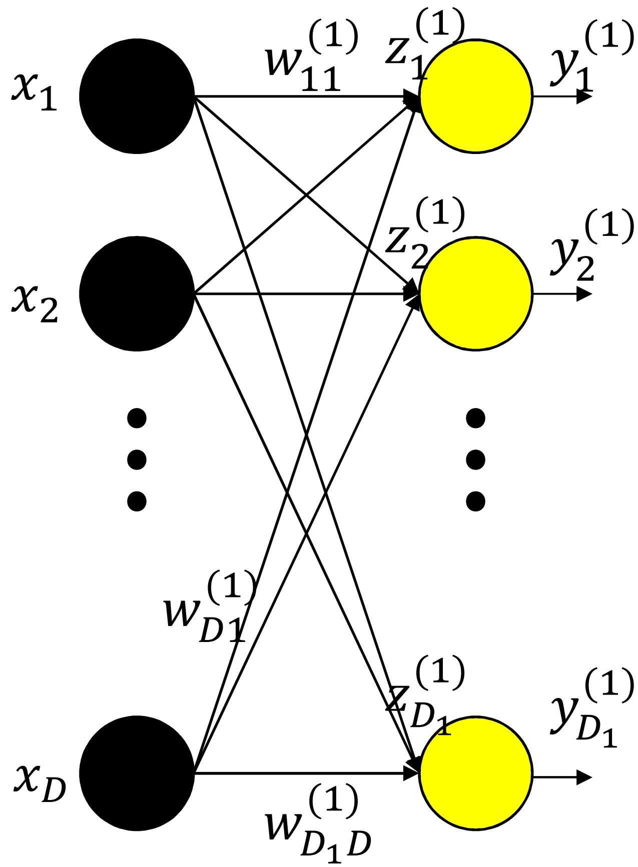
- Until $Loss$ has converged

Vector formulation

- For layered networks it is generally simpler to think of the process in terms of vector operations
  - Simpler arithmetic
  - Fast matrix libraries make operations *much* faster

- We can restate the entire process in vector terms
  - On slides, please read
  - This is what is *actually* used in any real system
  - Will appear in quiz

Vector formulation

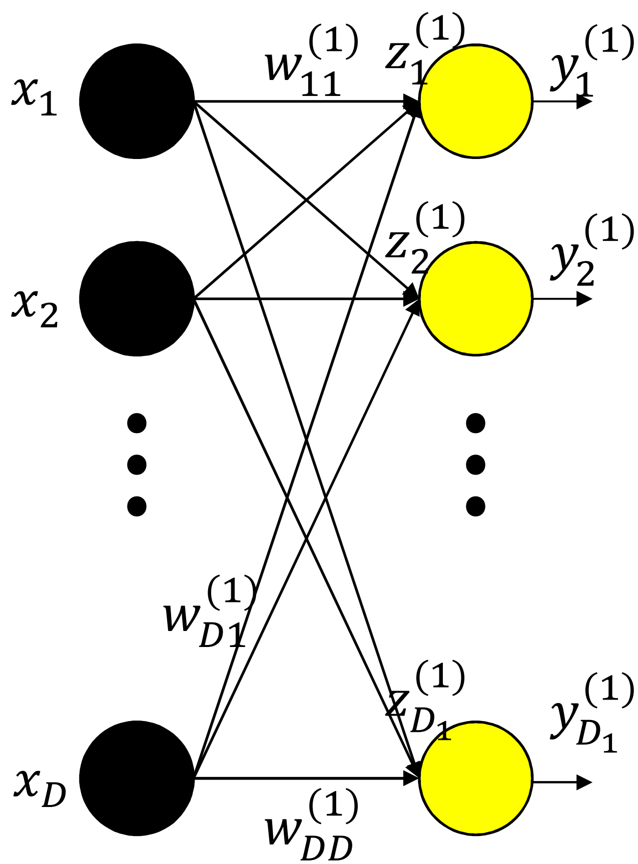


$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_D \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{z}_k = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{y}_k = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_k = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11}^{(k)} & w_{21}^{(k)} & \vdots & w_{D_{k-1}1}^{(k)} \\ w_{12}^{(k)} & w_{22}^{(k)} & \vdots & w_{D_{k-1}2}^{(k)} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{1D_k}^{(k)} & w_{2D_k}^{(k)} & \cdots & w_{D_{k-1}D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{b}_k = \begin{bmatrix} b_1^{(k)} \\ b_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ b_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Arrange all inputs to the network in a vector $\mathbf{x}$
- Arrange the *inputs* to neurons of the kth layer as a vector $\mathbf{z}_k$
- Arrange the outputs of neurons in the kth layer as a vector $\mathbf{y}_k$
- Arrange the weights to any layer as a matrix $\mathbf{W}_k$
  - Similarly with biases

Vector formulation



$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_D \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{z_k} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1^{(k)} \\ z_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ z_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{y_k} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ y_2^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{D_k}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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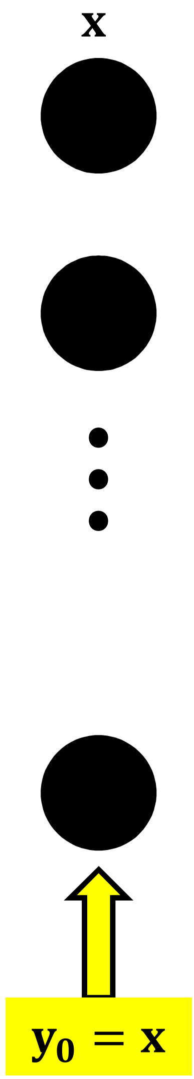
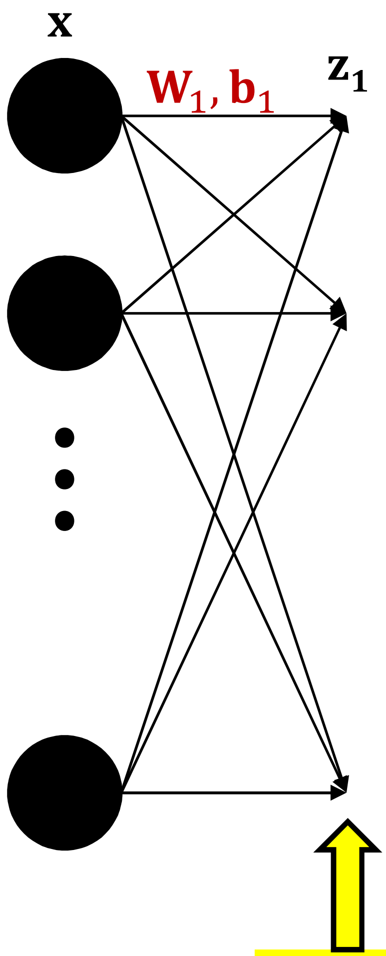
- The computation of a single layer is easily expressed in matrix notation as (setting $\mathbf{y_0} = \mathbf{x}$):

$$\boxed{\mathbf{z_k} = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y_{k-1}} + \mathbf{b_k}} \qquad \boxed{\mathbf{y_k} = \boldsymbol{f}_k(\mathbf{z_k})}$$

The forward pass: Evaluating the network

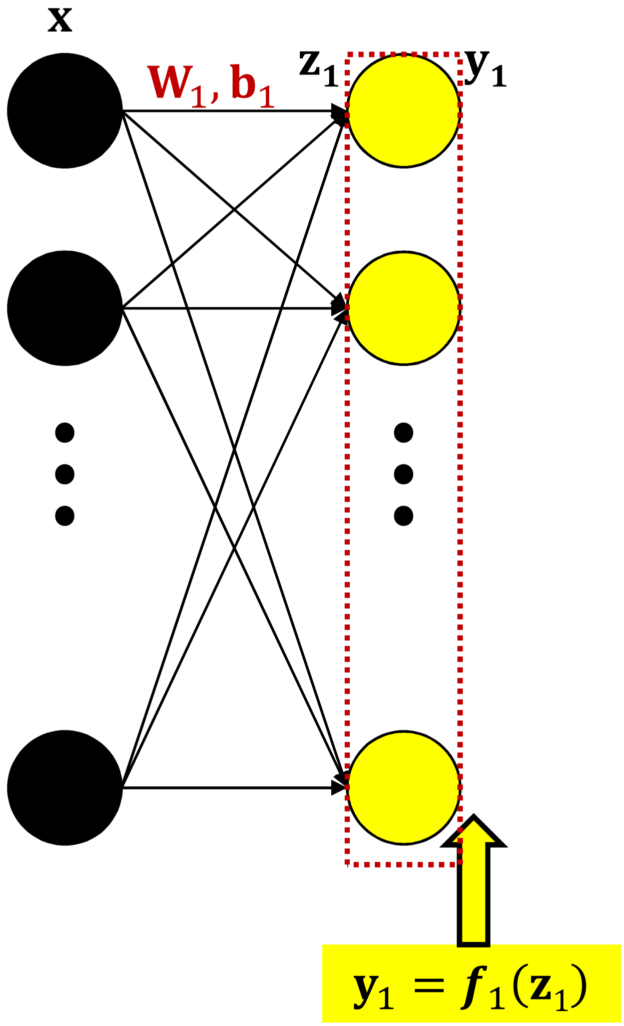


The forward pass



$$\mathbf{z}_1 = \mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1$$

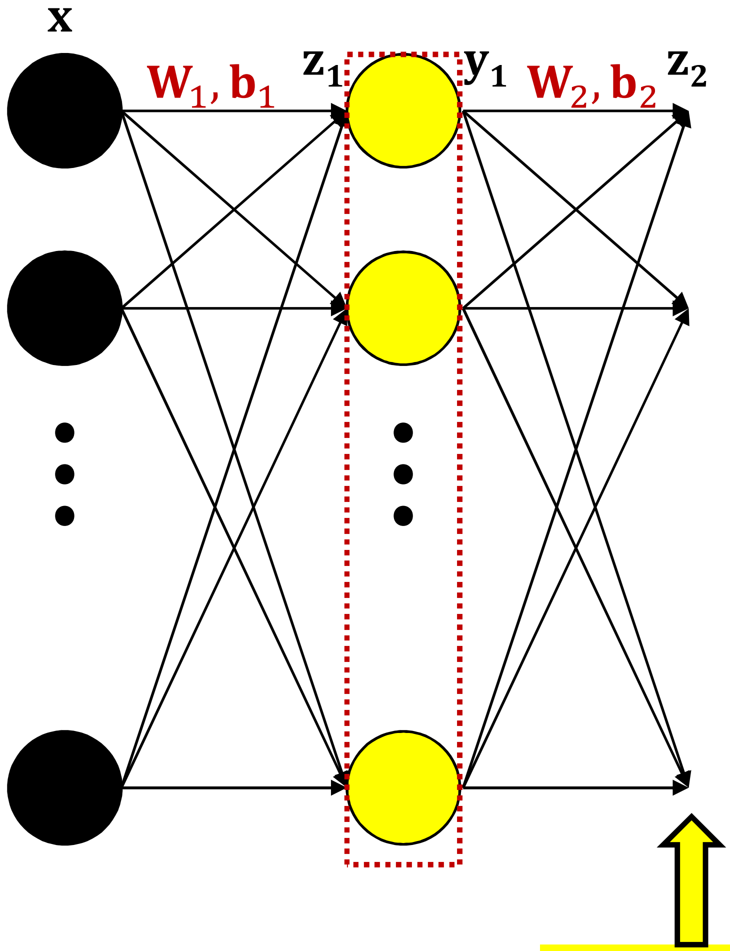
The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = f_1(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1)$$

The forward pass

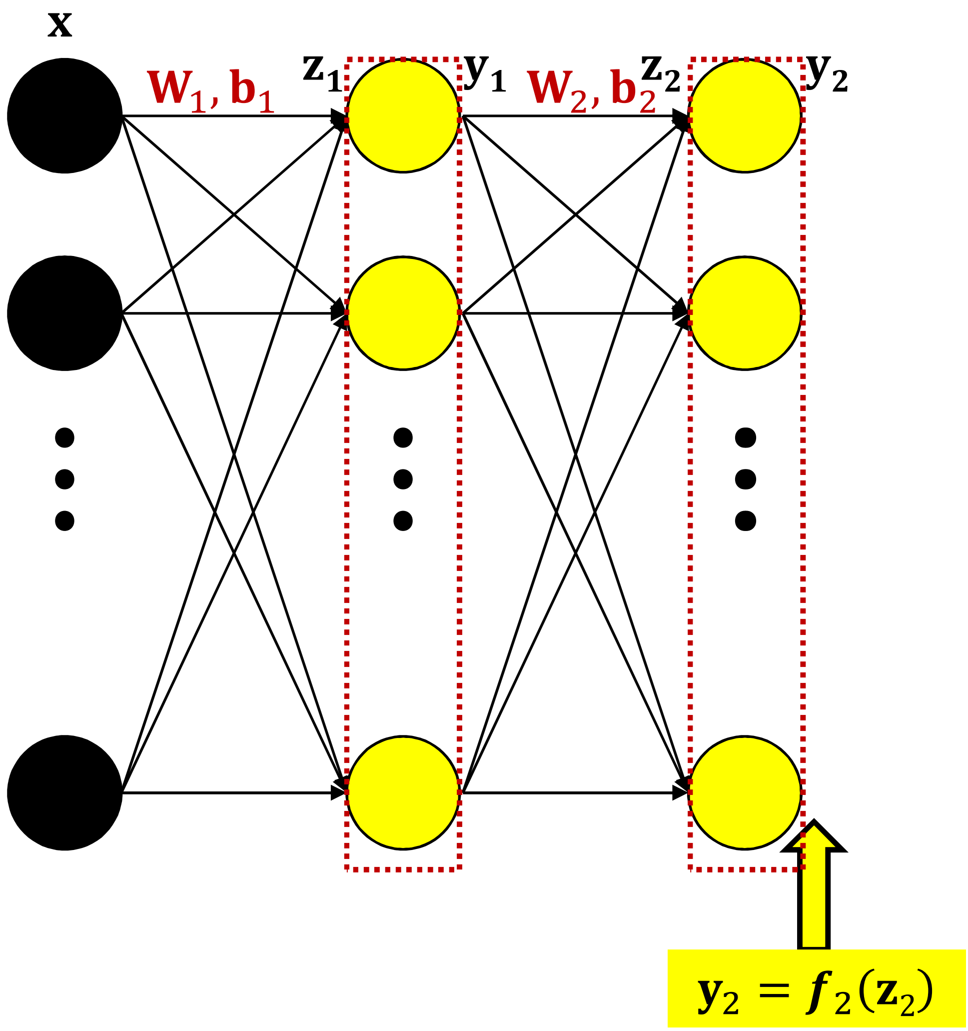


$$\mathbf{z}_2 = \mathbf{W}_2\mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2$$

The Complete computation

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = f_1(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1)$$

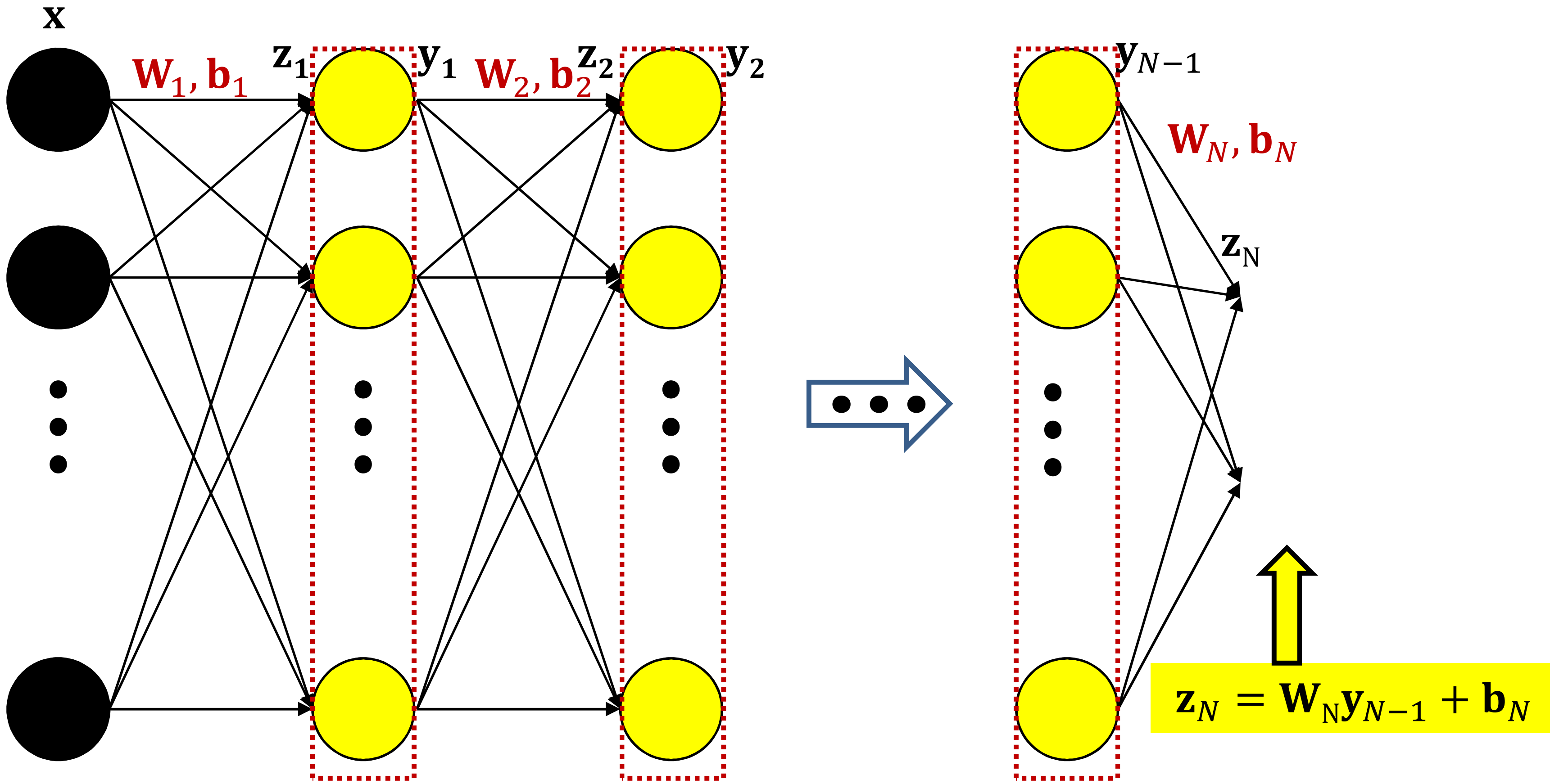
The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2)$$

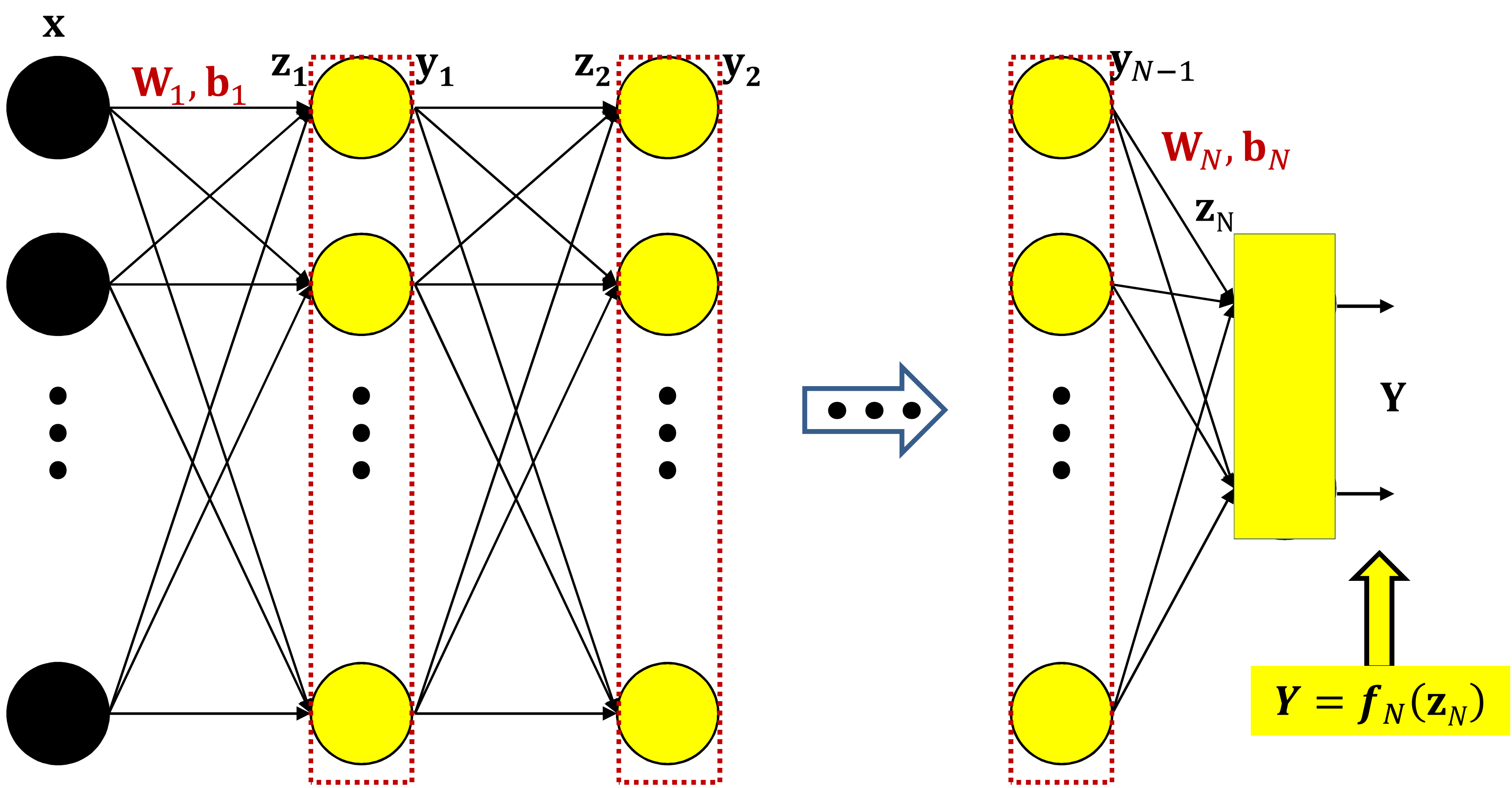
The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1 \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2)$$

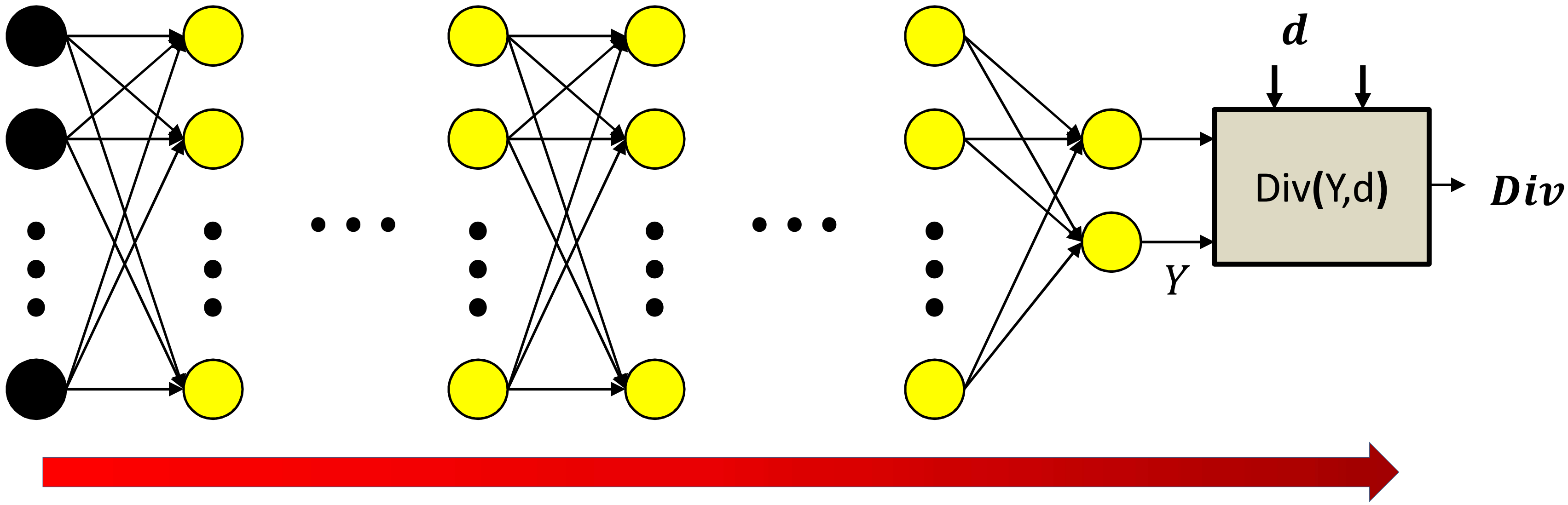
The forward pass



The Complete computation

$$\boldsymbol{Y} = f_N(\mathbf{W}_N f_{N-1}(\ldots f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2) \ldots) + \mathbf{b}_N)$$

Forward pass



Forward pass:

Initialize $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$

For k = 1 to N: $\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$ $\mathbf{y}_k = \boldsymbol{f}_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$

Output $\mathrm{Y} = \mathbf{y}_N$

The Forward Pass

- Set $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$

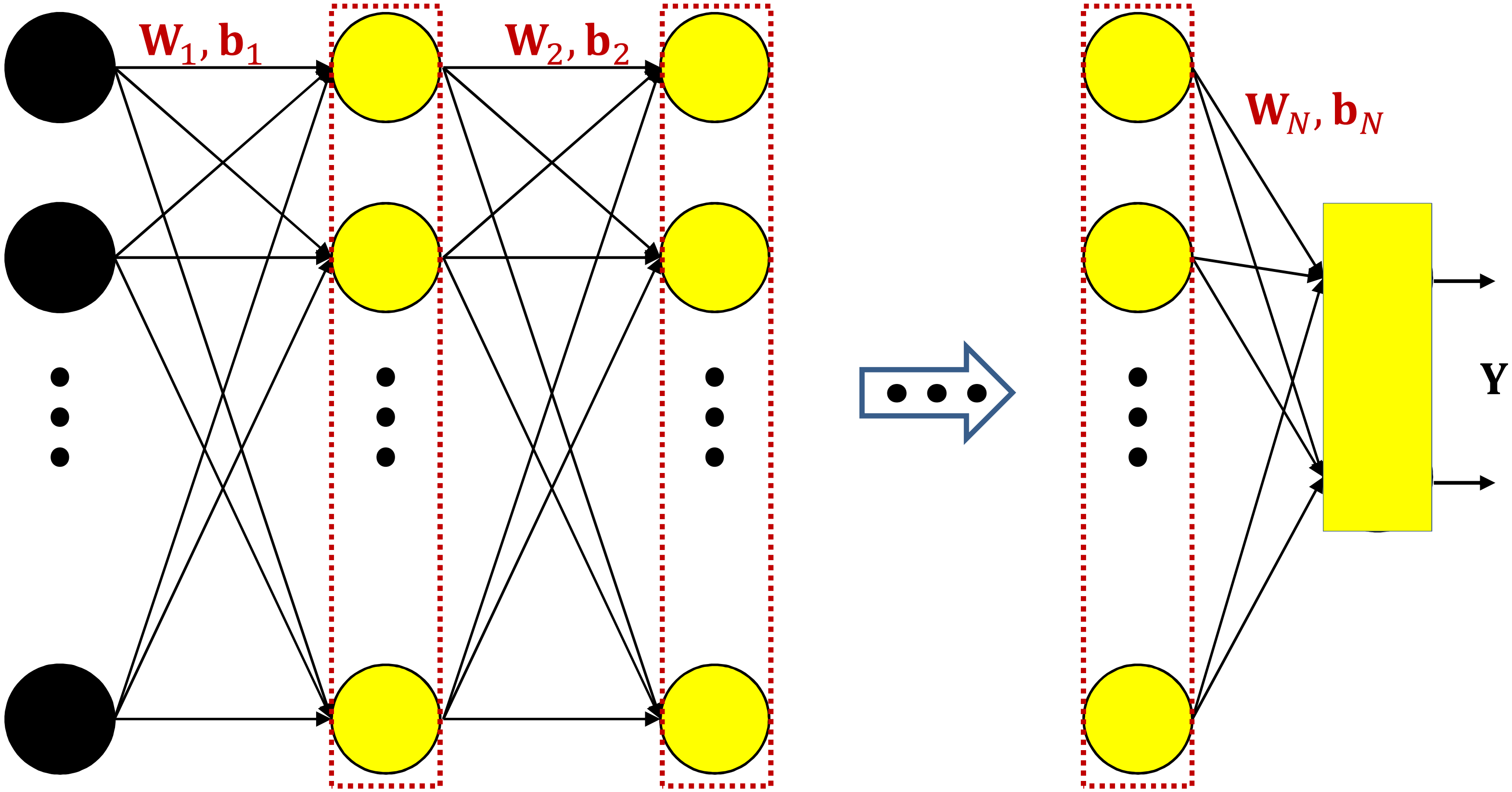
- Recursion through layers:
  - For layer k = 1 to N:

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$
$$\mathbf{y}_k = \boldsymbol{f}_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$$

- Output:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}_N$$

The backward pass



- The network is a nested function

$$\boldsymbol{Y} = f_N(\mathbf{W}_N f_{N-1}(\ldots f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2) \ldots) + \mathbf{b}_N)$$

- The error for any $\mathbf{x}$ is also a nested function

$$Div(Y, d) = Div(f_N(\mathbf{W}_N f_{N-1}(\ldots f_2(\mathbf{W}_2 f_1(\mathbf{W}_1\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_1) + \mathbf{b}_2) \ldots) + \mathbf{b}_N), d)$$

Calculus recap 2: The Jacobian

- The derivative of a vector function w.r.t. vector input is called a *Jacobian*
- It is the matrix of partial derivatives given below

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_M \end{bmatrix} = f\left(\begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_D \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

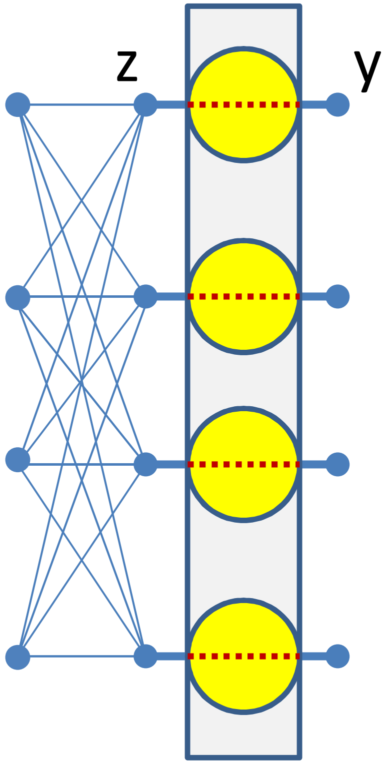
Using vector notation

$$\boxed{\mathbf{y} = f(\mathbf{z})}$$

$$J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_D} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_D} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_D} \end{bmatrix}$$

Check: $\boxed{\Delta\mathbf{y} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z})\Delta\mathbf{z}}$

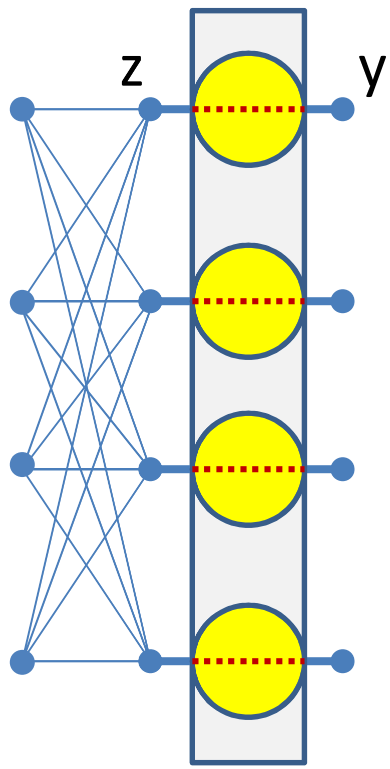
Jacobians can describe the derivatives of neural activations w.r.t their input



$$J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{dz_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{dy_2}{dz_2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \frac{dy_D}{dz_D} \end{bmatrix}$$

- **For Scalar activations**
  - Number of outputs is identical to the number of inputs
- Jacobian is a diagonal matrix
  - Diagonal entries are individual derivatives of outputs w.r.t inputs
  - Not showing the superscript "(k)" in equations for brevity

Jacobians can describe the derivatives of neural activations w.r.t their input

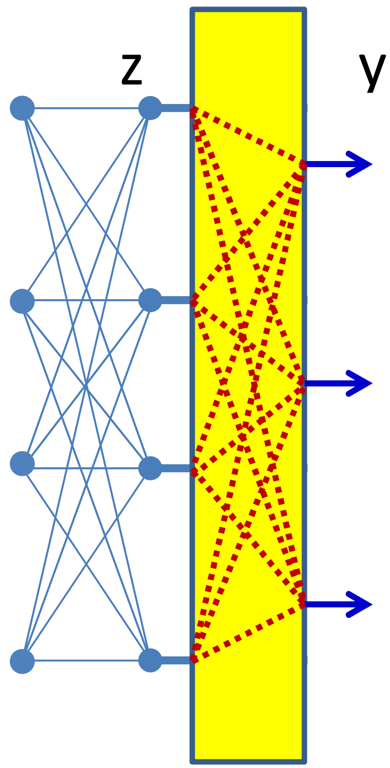


$$y_i = f(z_i)$$

$$J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} f'(z_1) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & f'(z_2) & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & f'(z_M) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **For scalar activations (shorthand notation):**
  - Jacobian is a diagonal matrix
  - Diagonal entries are individual derivatives of outputs w.r.t inputs

For *Vector* activations



$$J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial z_D} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial z_D} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_1} & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial y_M}{\partial z_D} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Jacobian is a full matrix
  - Entries are partial derivatives of individual outputs w.r.t individual inputs

Special case: Affine functions

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{W}$$

- Matrix $\mathbf{W}$ and bias $\mathbf{b}$ operating on vector $\mathbf{y}$ to produce vector $\mathbf{z}$
- The Jacobian of $\mathbf{z}$ w.r.t $\mathbf{y}$ is simply the matrix $\mathbf{W}$

Vector derivatives: Chain rule

- We can define a chain rule for Jacobians
- **For vector functions of vector inputs:**

$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{f}\big(\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{x})\big)$$

$$J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x}) = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \boldsymbol{f}(\mathbf{z})$$

Check

$$\Delta\mathbf{z} = J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta\mathbf{x}$$

$$\Delta\mathbf{y} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z})\Delta\mathbf{z}$$

$$\Delta\mathbf{y} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{z}) J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta\mathbf{x} = J_{\mathbf{y}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta\mathbf{x}$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

Vector derivatives: Chain rule

- *The chain rule can combine Jacobians and Gradients*
- **For *scalar* functions of vector inputs ($\boldsymbol{g}()$ is vector):**

$$D = f\left(\boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{g}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$D = f(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D) J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})$$

Check

$$\Delta\mathbf{z} = J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta\mathbf{x}$$

$$\Delta D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)\Delta\mathbf{z}$$

$$\Delta D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D) J_{\mathbf{z}}(\mathbf{x})\Delta\mathbf{x} = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} D \Delta\mathbf{x}$$

Note the order: The derivative of the outer function comes first

Special Case

- Scalar functions of Affine functions

$$D = f(\mathbf{Wy} + \mathbf{b})$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{Wy} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$D = f(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)\mathbf{W}$$

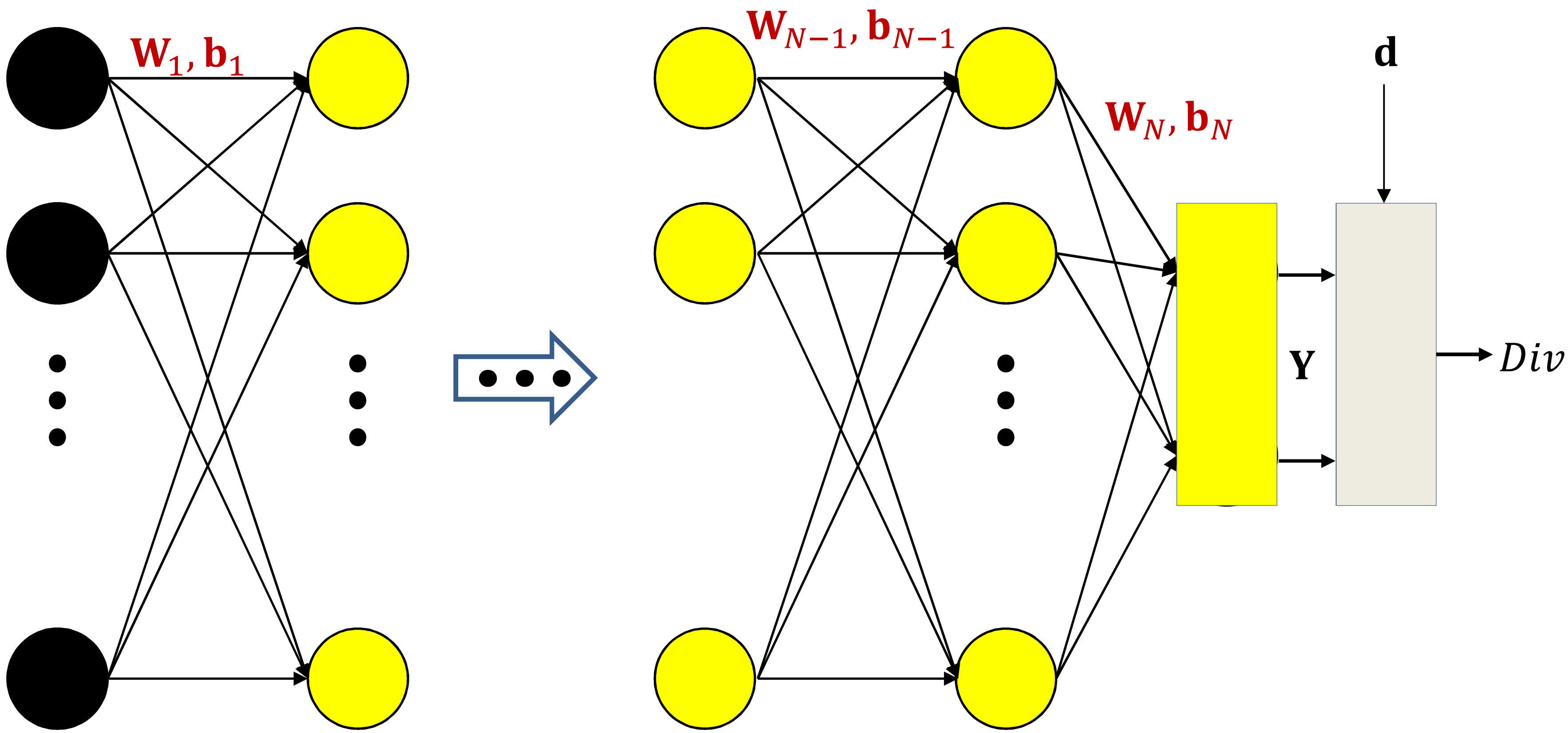
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}} D = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}} D = \mathbf{y}\nabla_{\mathbf{z}}(D)$$

Derivatives w.r.t parameters

Note reversal of order. This is in fact a simplification of a product of tensor terms that occur in the *right* order

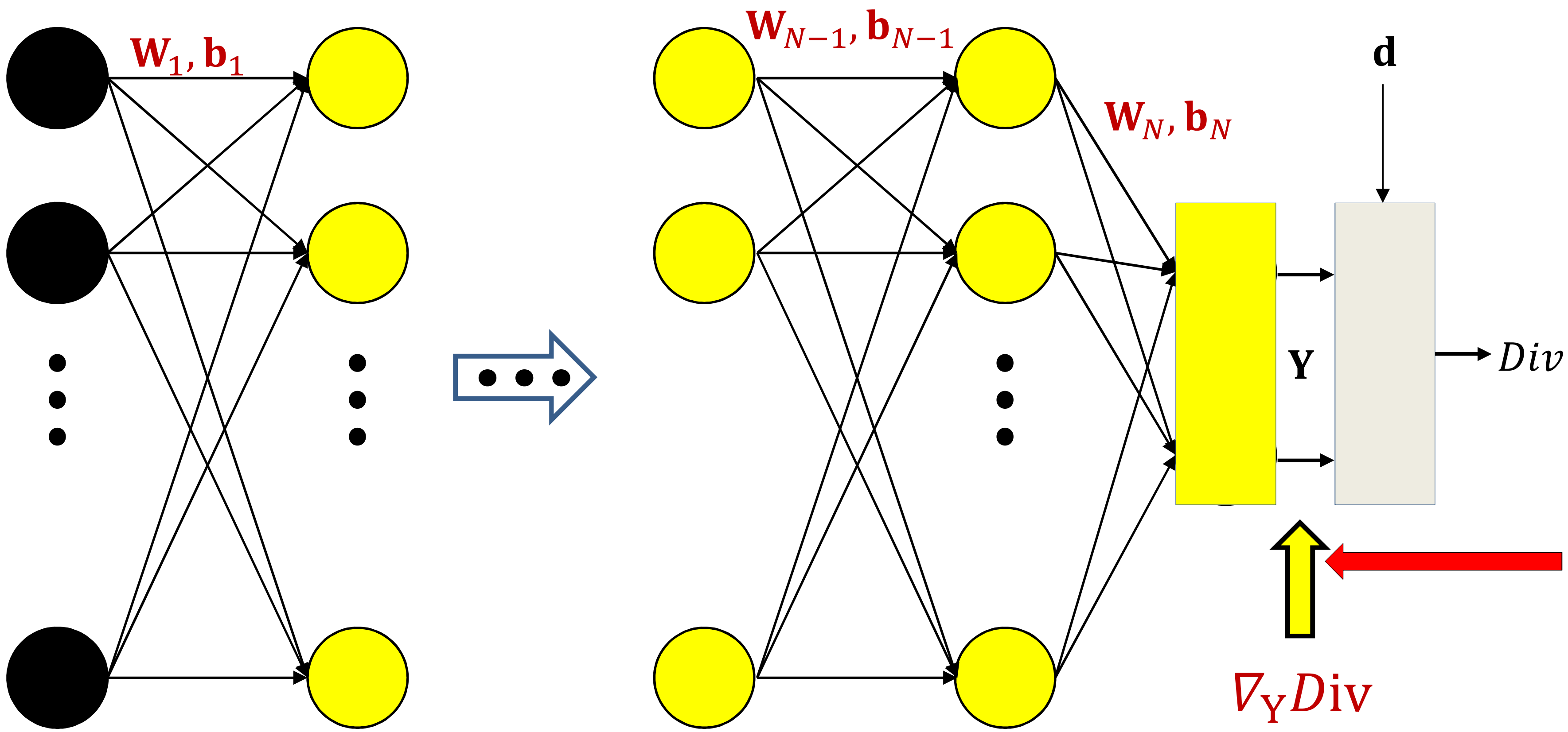
The backward pass



In the following slides we will also be using the notation $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}}\mathbf{Y}$ to represent the Jacobian $J_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{z})$ to explicitly illustrate the chain rule

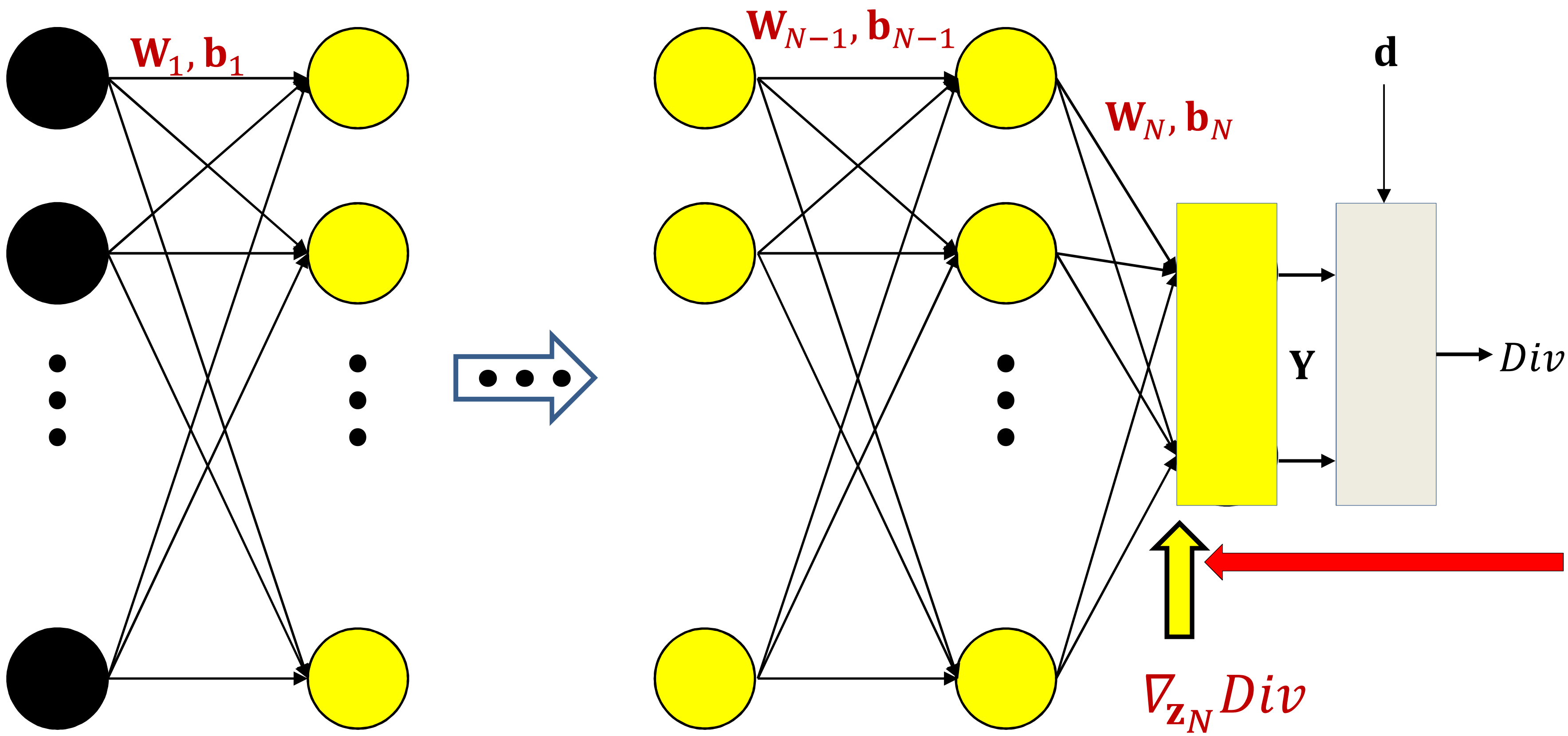
In general $\nabla_{\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{b}$ represents a derivative of $\mathbf{b}$ w.r.t. $\mathbf{a}$ and could be a the transposed gradient (for scalar $\mathbf{b}$) or a Jacobian (for vector $\mathbf{b}$)

The backward pass



First compute the gradient of the divergence w.r.t. Y.
The actual gradient depends on the divergence function.

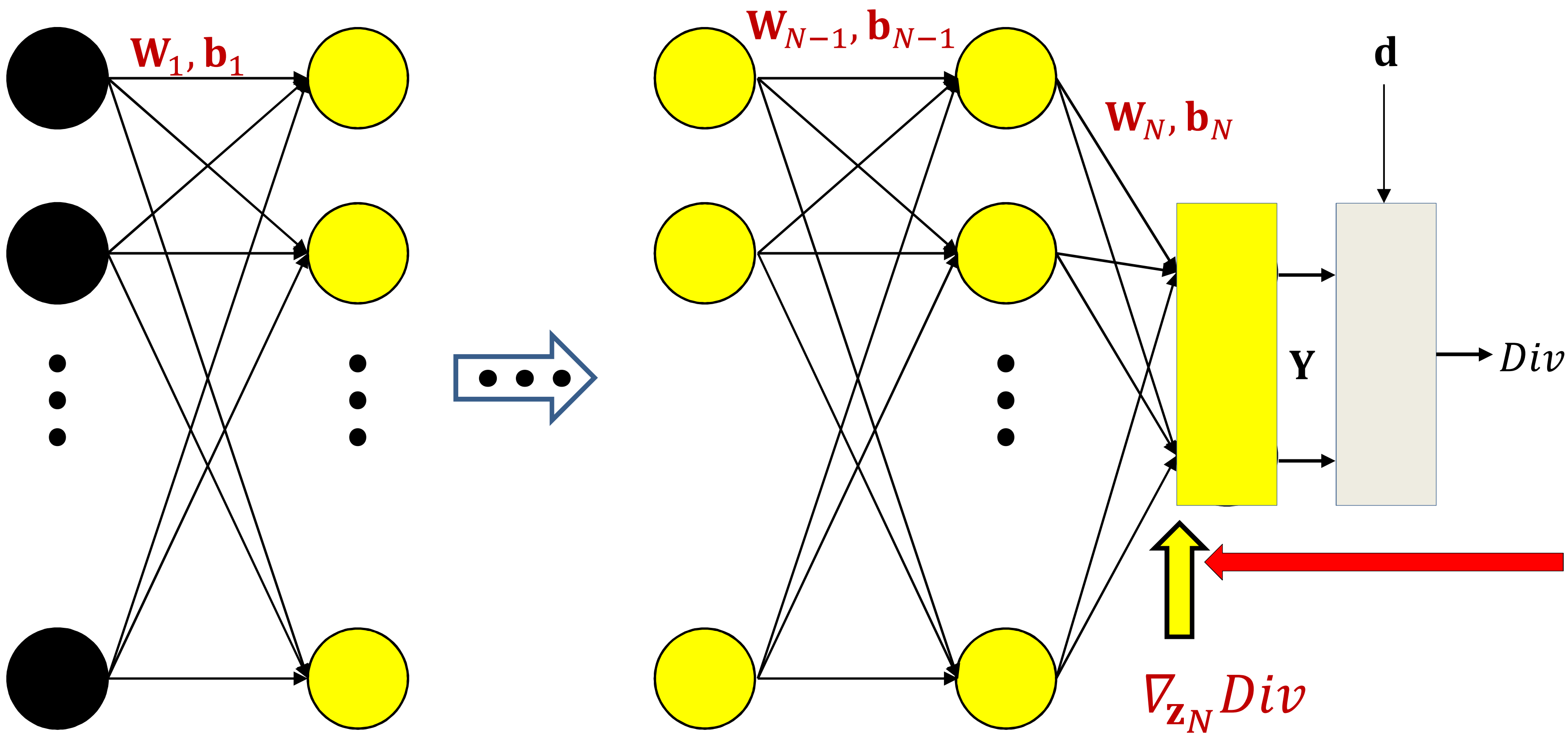
The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div = \nabla_{\mathrm{Y}} Div . \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} \mathbf{Y}$$

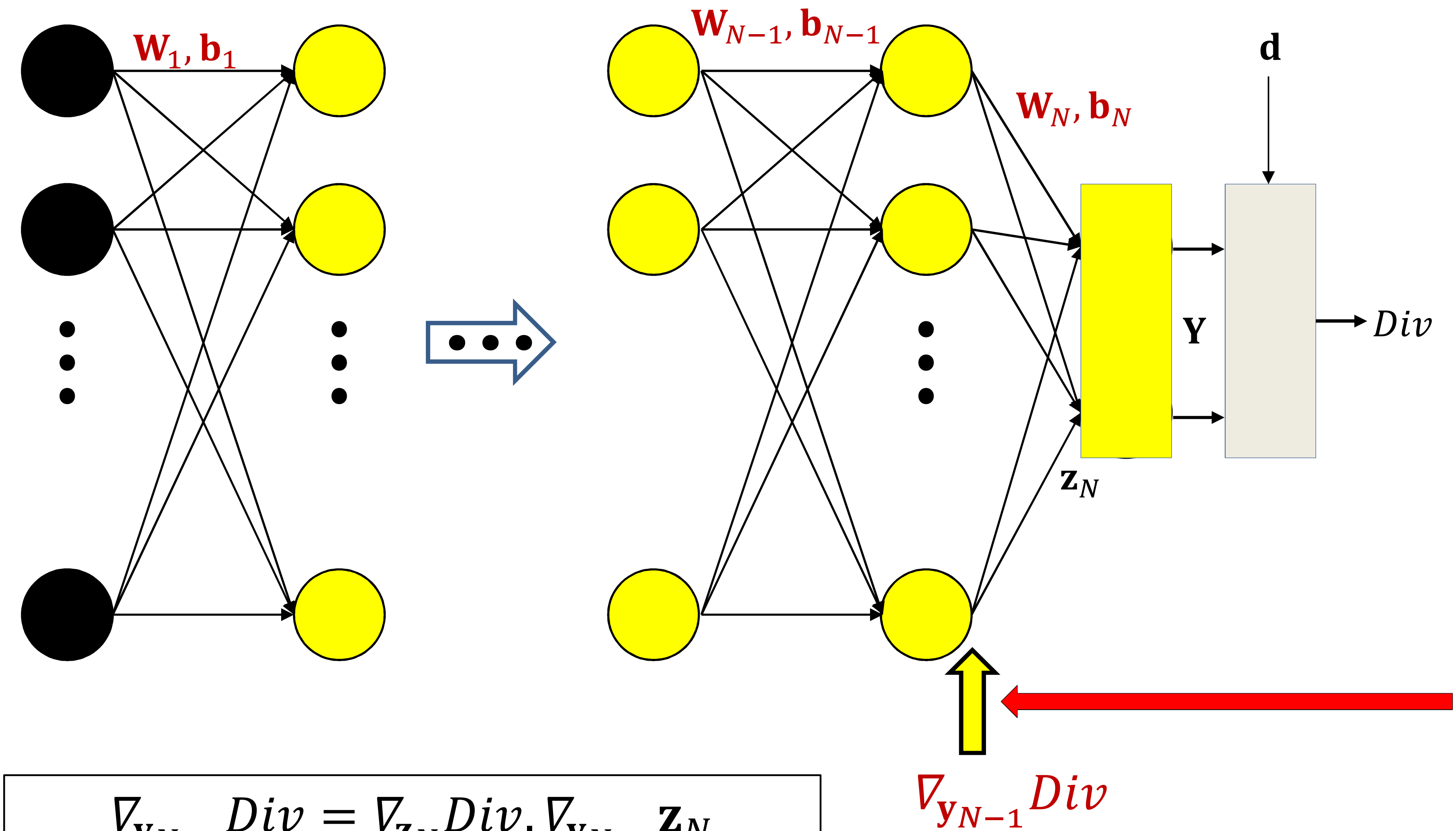
Already computed New term

The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div = \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{Y}} Div}_{\text{Already computed}} \; \underbrace{J_{\mathbf{Y}}(\mathbf{z}_N)}_{\text{New term}}$$

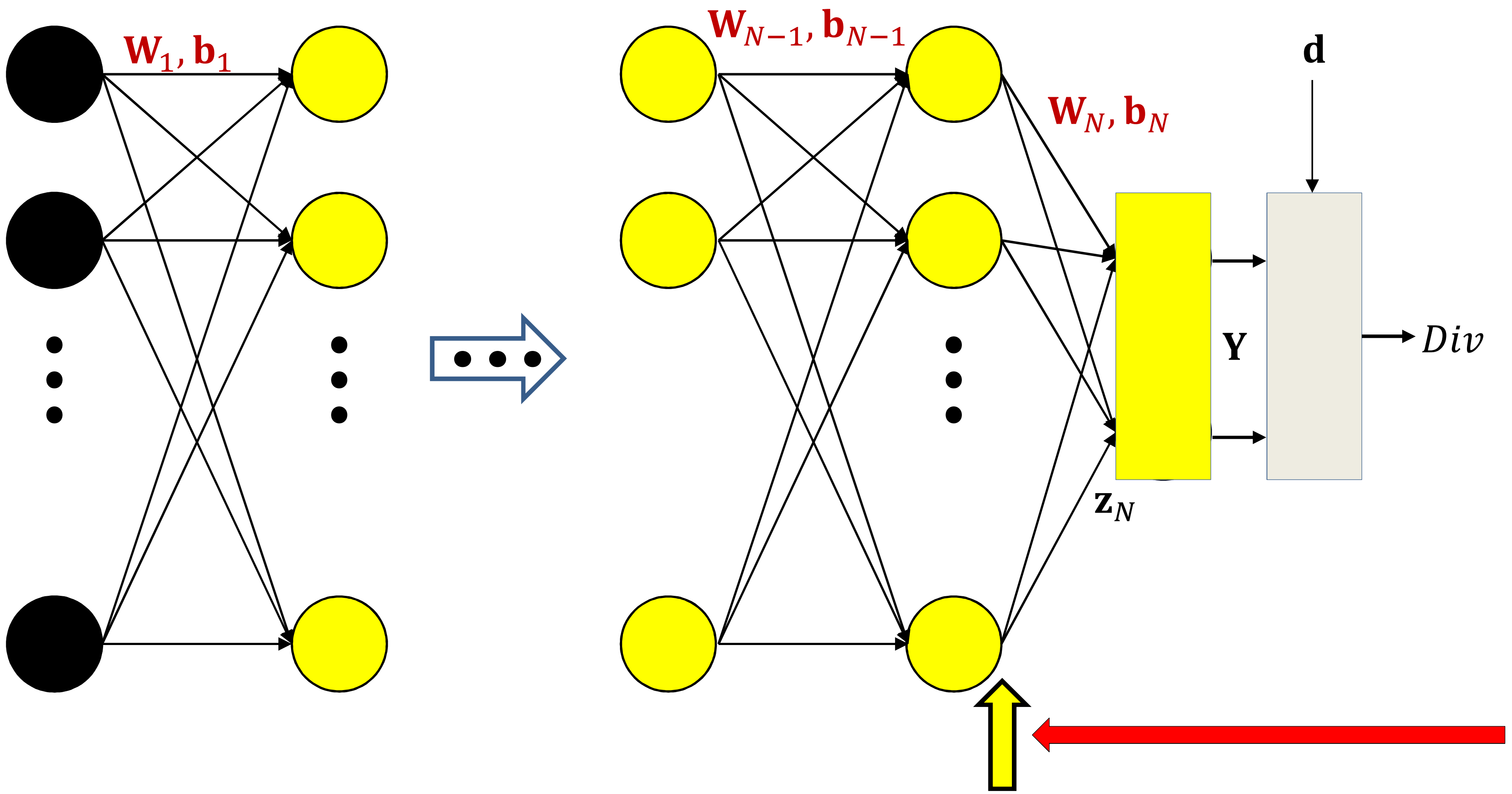
The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div . \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} \mathbf{z}_N$$

Already computed New term

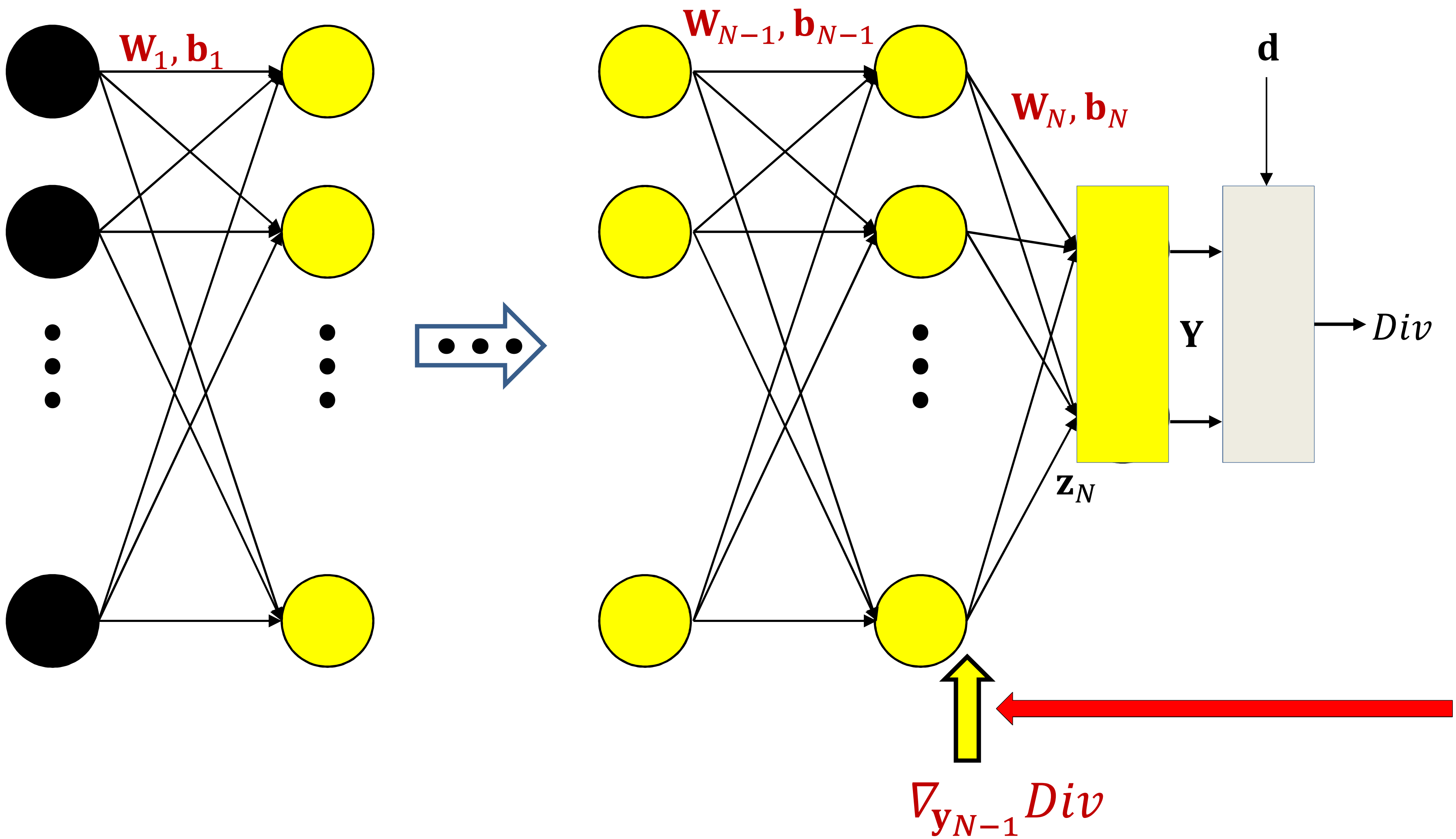
The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div \; \mathbf{W}_N$$

Already computed   New term

The backward pass

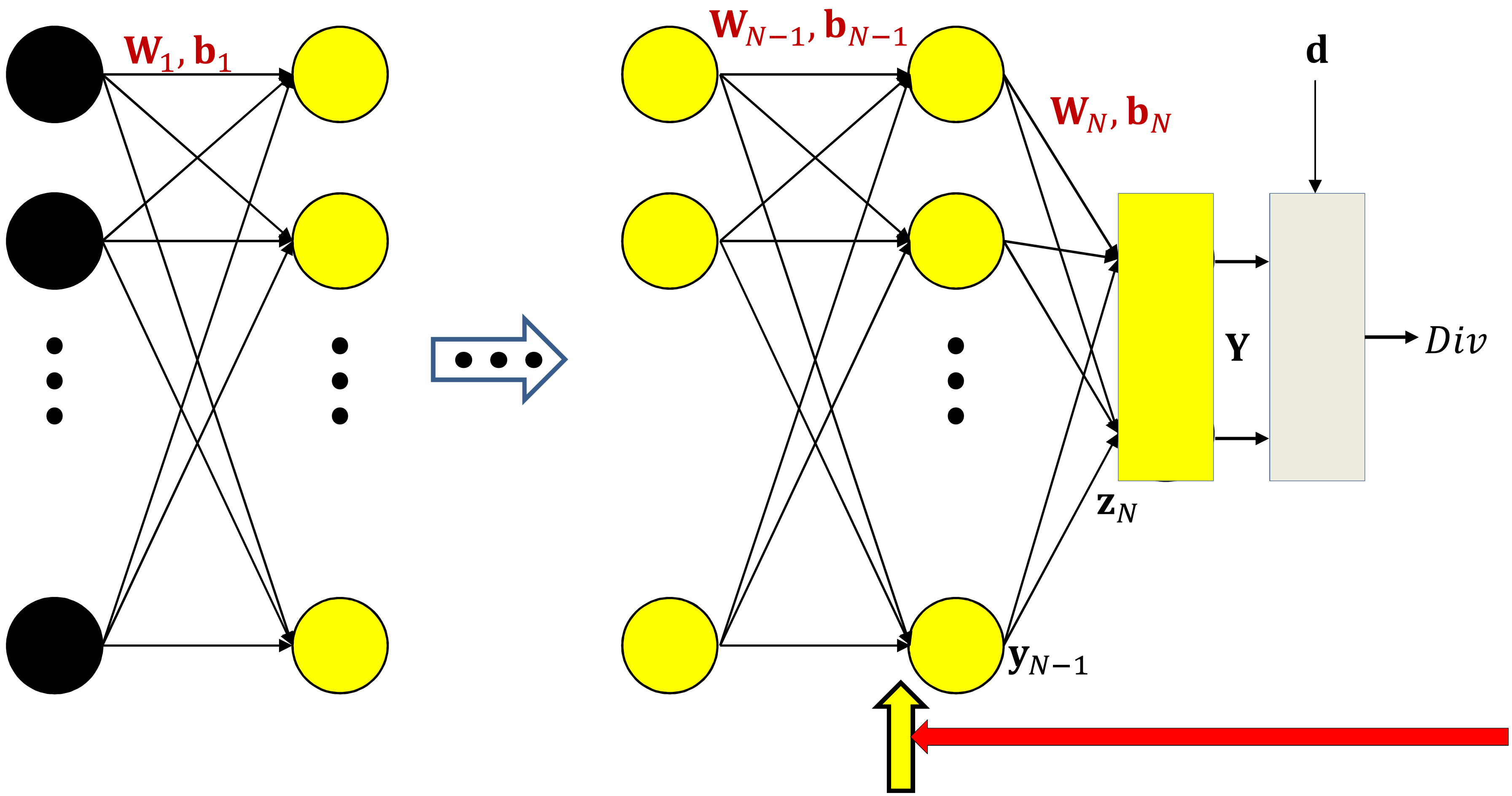


$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div \ \mathbf{W}_N$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_N} Div = \mathbf{y}_{N-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div}$$

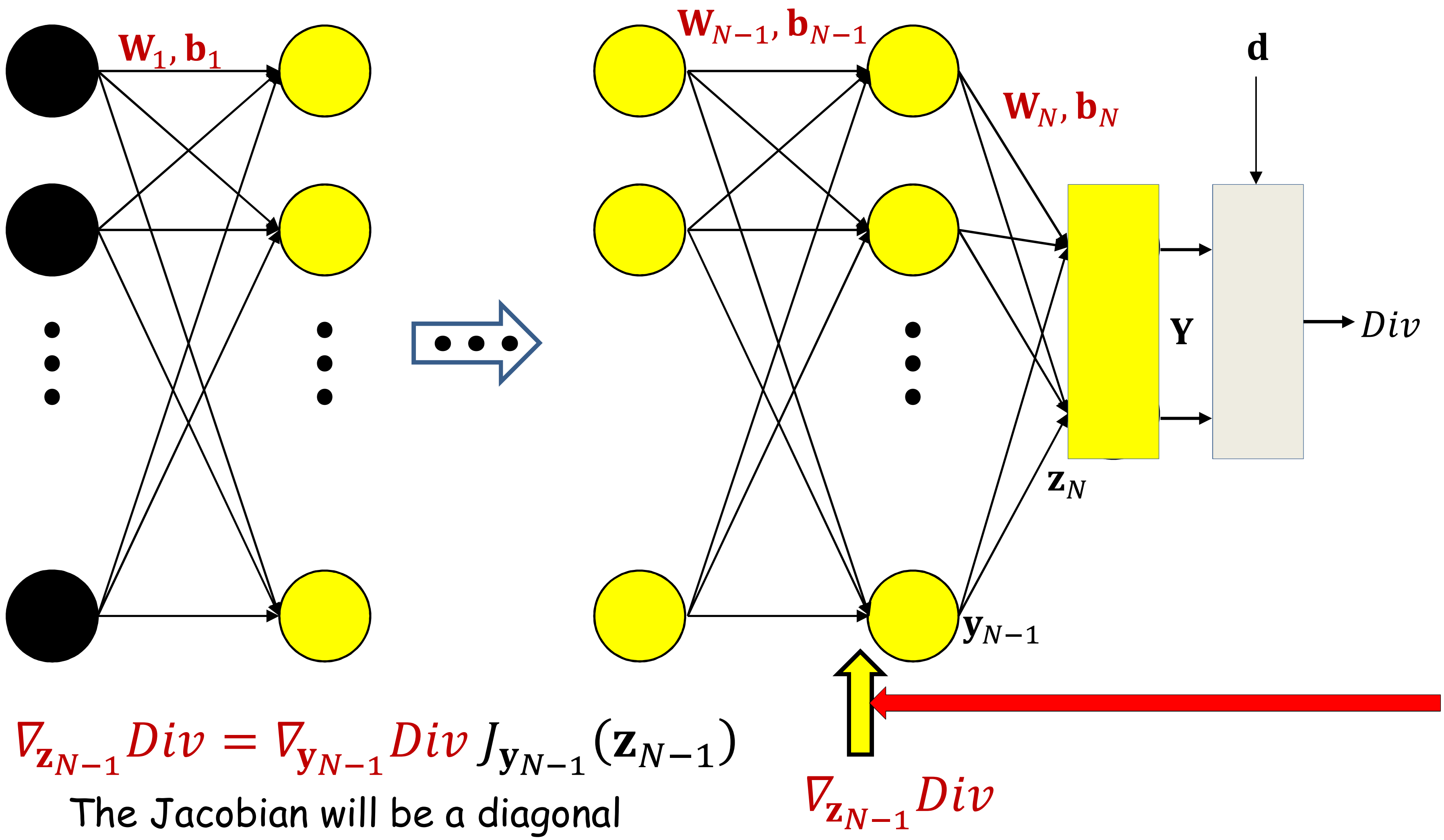
$$\boxed{\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_N} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_N} Div}$$

The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div = \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} Div}_{\text{Already computed}} . \underbrace{\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} \mathbf{y}_{N-1}}_{\text{New term}}$$

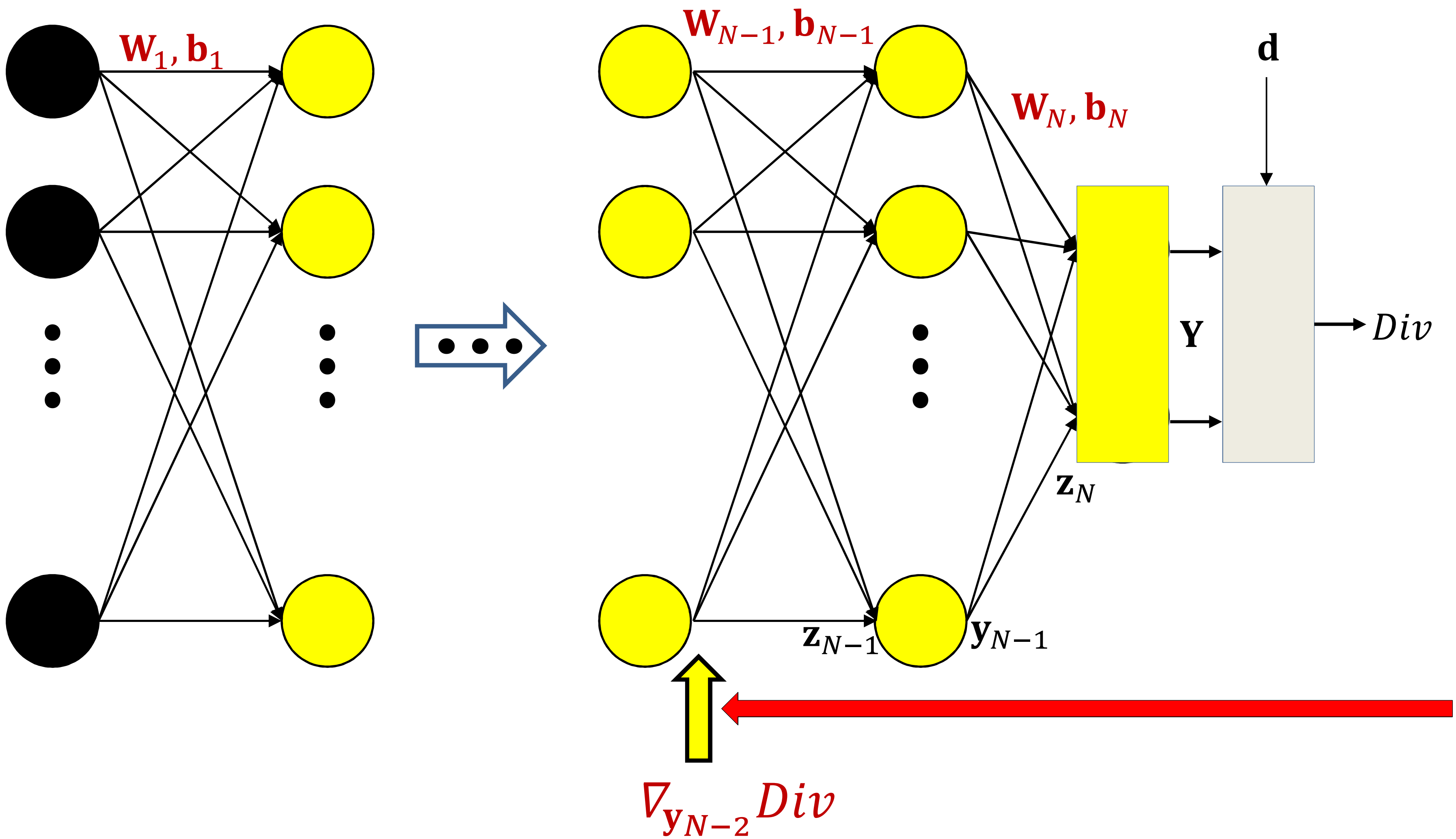
The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}} Div \, J_{\mathbf{y}_{N-1}}(\mathbf{z}_{N-1})$$

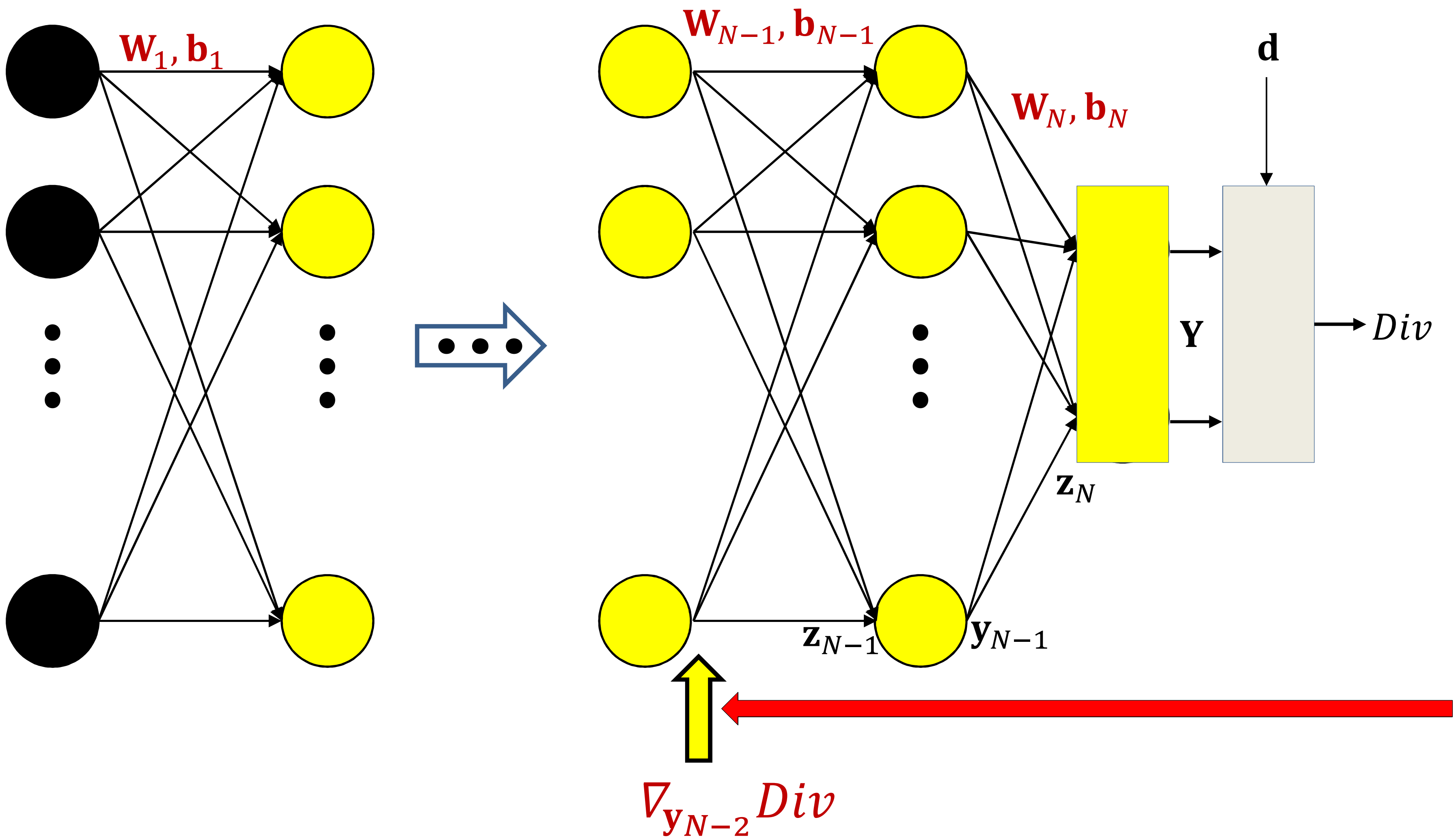
The Jacobian will be a diagonal matrix for scalar activations

The backward pass



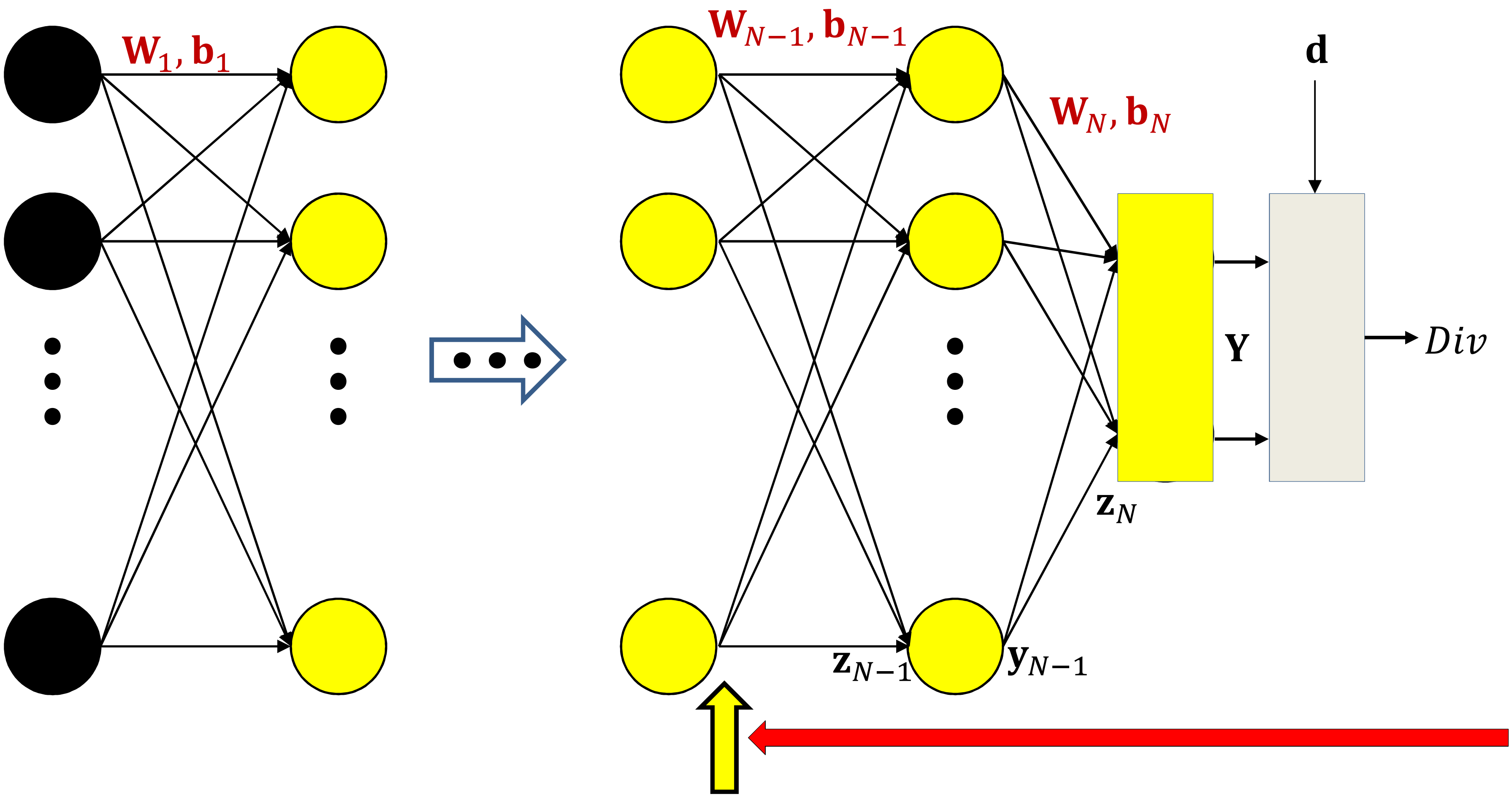
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-2}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div . \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-2}} \mathbf{z}_{N-1}$$

The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-2}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div \ \mathbf{W}_{N-1}$$

The backward pass



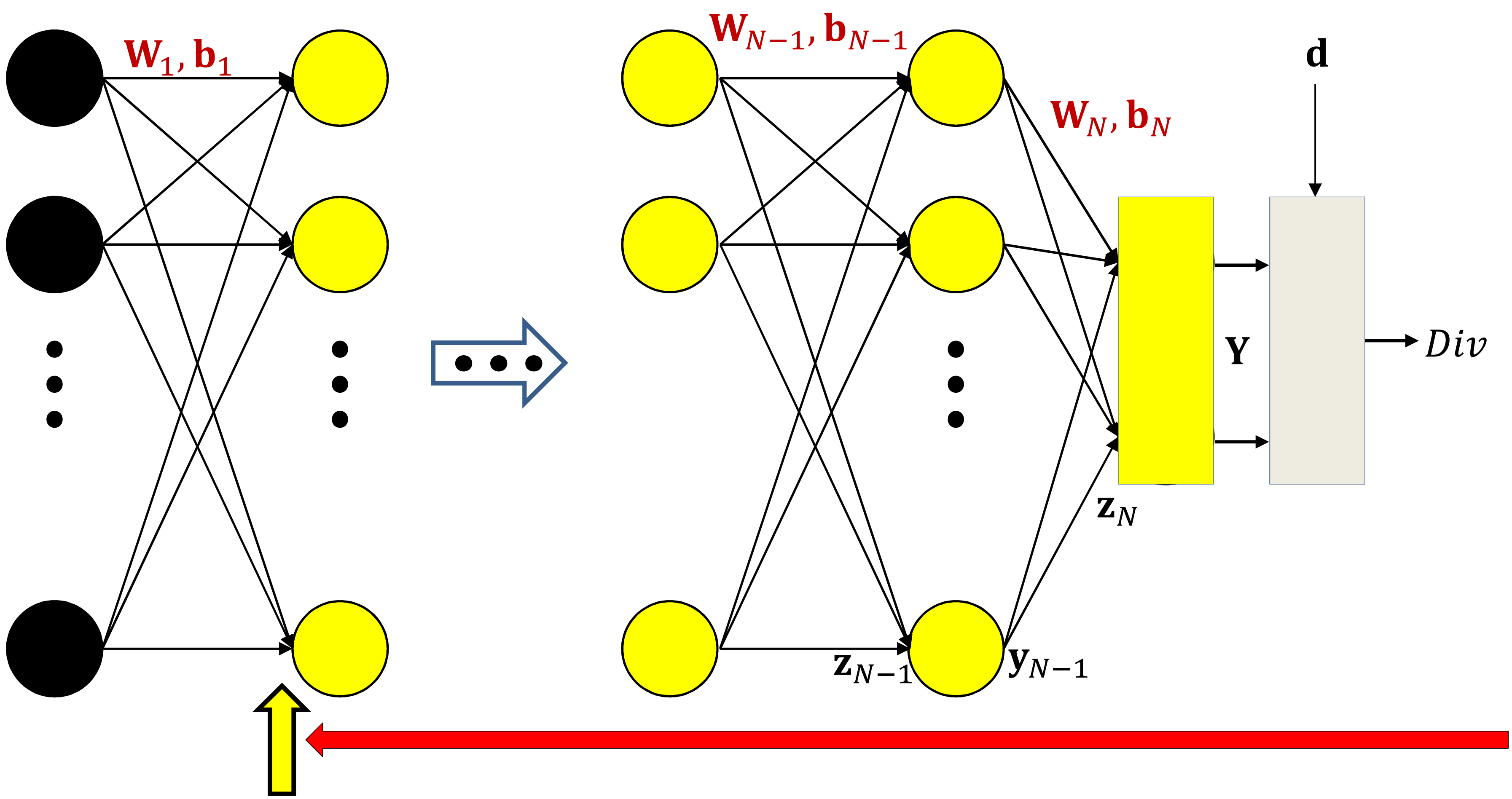
$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-2}} Div$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{N-2}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div \ \mathbf{W}_{N-1}$$

$$\boxed{\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_{N-1}} Div = \mathbf{y}_{N-2} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div}$$

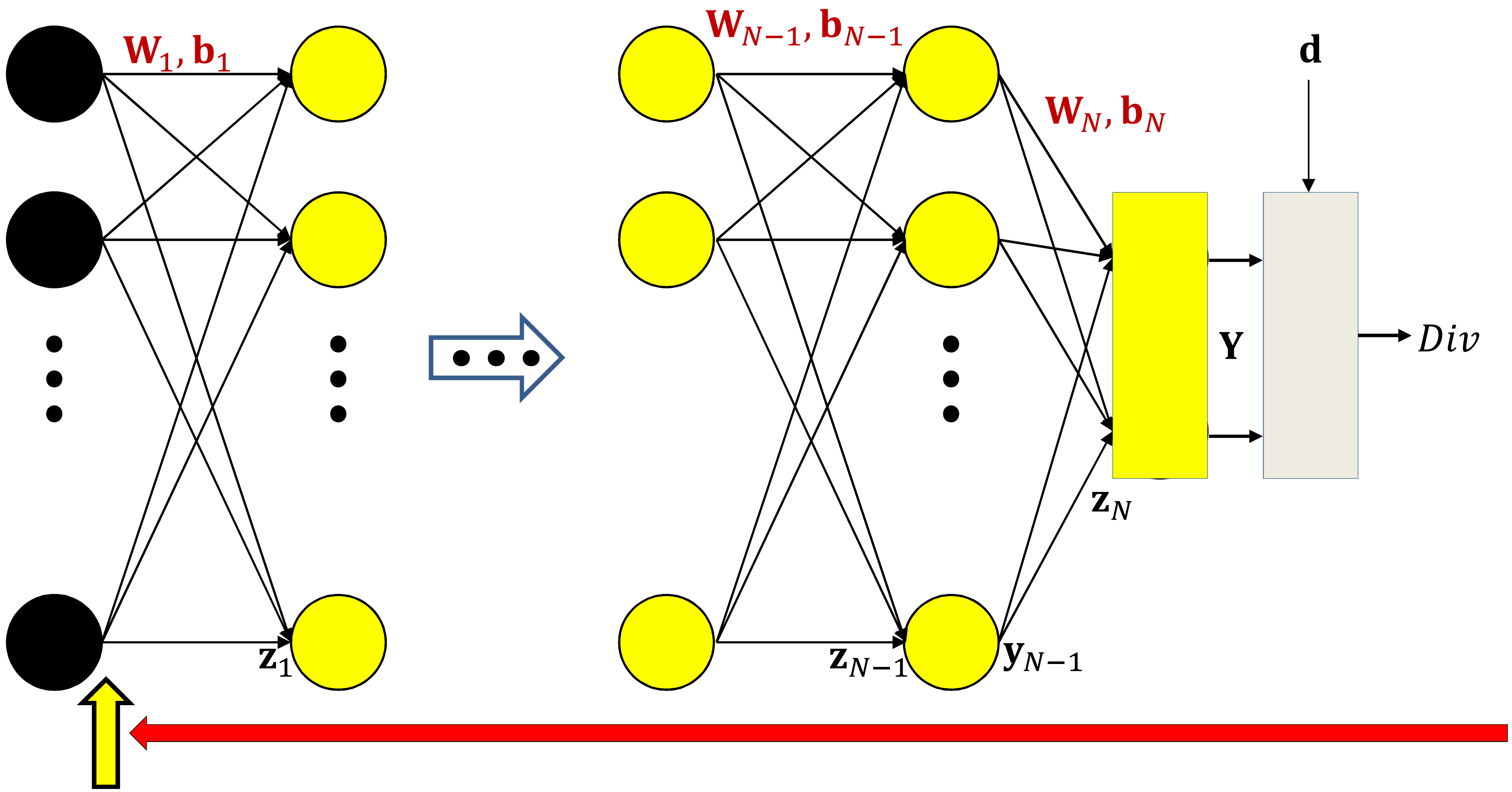
$$\boxed{\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_{N-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{N-1}} Div}$$

The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_1} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_1} Div \, J_{\mathbf{y}_1}(\mathbf{z}_1)$$

The backward pass



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_1} Div = \mathbf{x} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_1} Div$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_1} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_1} Div$$

In some problems we will also want to compute the derivative w.r.t. the input

The Backward Pass

- Set $\mathbf{y}_N = Y$, $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$
- Initialize: Compute $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_N} Div = \nabla_Y Div$

- For layer k = N downto 1:
  - Compute $J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$
    - Will require intermediate values computed in the forward pass
  - Backward recursion step:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div \, J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div \, \mathbf{W}_k$$

  - Gradient computation:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Div = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$

The Backward Pass

- Set $\mathbf{y}_N = Y$, $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$
- Initialize: Compute $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_N} Div = \nabla_Y Div$
- For layer k = N downto 1:
  - Compute $J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$
    - Will require intermediate values computed in the forward pass
  - Backward recursion step:

Note analogy to forward pass

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div \, J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_{k-1}} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div \, \mathbf{W}_k$$

  - Gradient computation:

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Div = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$
$$\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$$

For comparison: The Forward Pass

- Set $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{x}$

- For layer k = 1 to N :
  - Forward recursion step:

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{y}_{k-1} + \mathbf{b}_k$$
$$\mathbf{y}_k = \boldsymbol{f}_k(\mathbf{z}_k)$$

- Output:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}_N$$

Neural network training algorithm

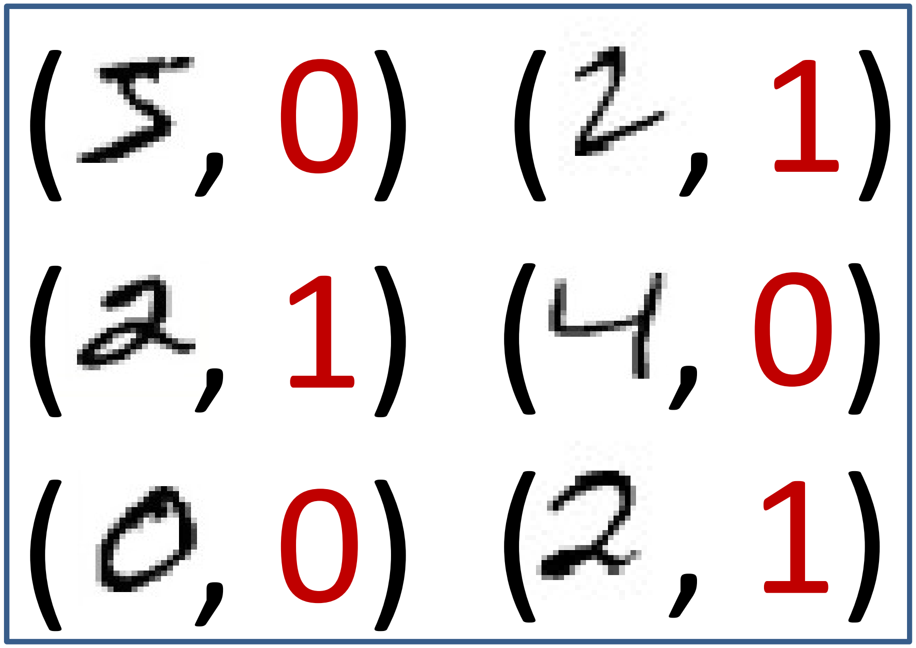
- Initialize all weights and biases $(\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_N, \mathbf{b}_N)$
- Do:
  - $Loss = 0$
  - For all k, initialize $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss = 0$, $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Loss = 0$
  - For all $t = 1:T$ # Loop through training instances
    - Forward pass : Compute
      - Output $\boldsymbol{Y}(\boldsymbol{X_t})$
      - Divergence $\boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})$
      - $Loss \mathrel{+}= \boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})$
    - Backward pass: For all k compute:
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_{k+1}} Div\ \mathbf{W}_{k+1}$
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div = \nabla_{\mathbf{y}_k} Div\ J_{\mathbf{y}_k}(\mathbf{z}_k)$
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} \boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t}) = \mathbf{y}_{k-1} \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$; $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} \boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t}) = \nabla_{\mathbf{z}_k} Div$
      - $\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss \mathrel{+}= \nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} \boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})$; $\nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} Loss \mathrel{+}= \nabla_{\mathbf{b}_k} \boldsymbol{Div}(\boldsymbol{Y_t}, \boldsymbol{d_t})$
  - For all k, update:

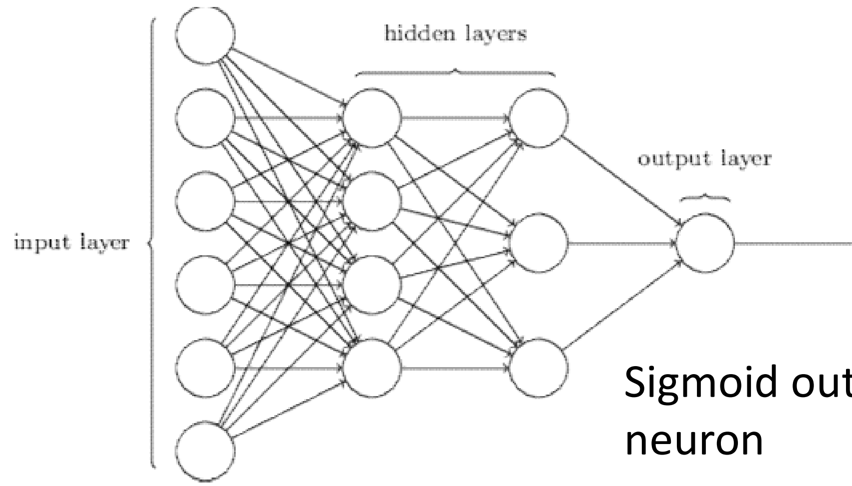
$$\mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{W}_k - \frac{\eta}{T}\left(\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss\right)^T; \qquad \mathbf{b}_k = \mathbf{b}_k - \frac{\eta}{T}\left(\nabla_{\mathbf{W}_k} Loss\right)^T$$

- Until $Loss$ has converged

Setting up for digit recognition

Training data



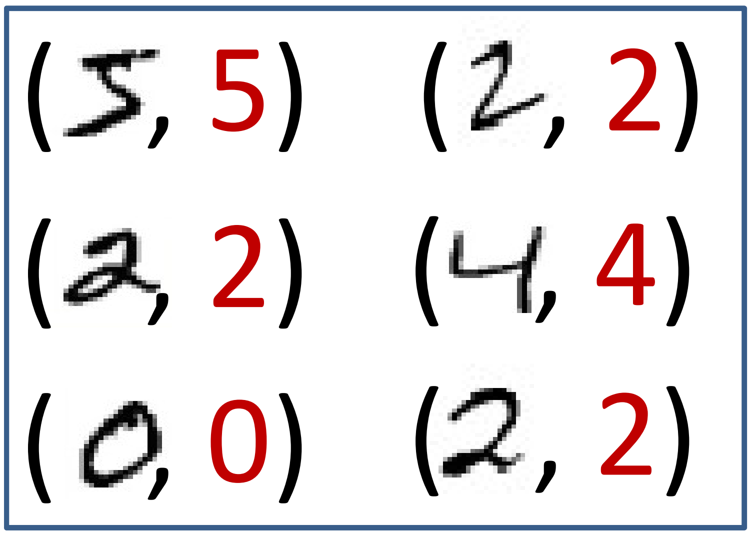


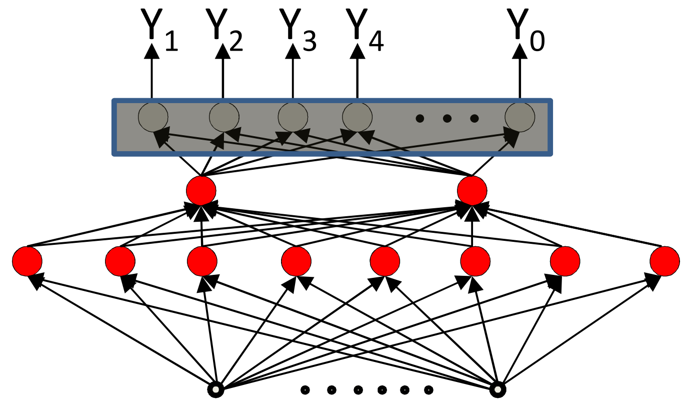
Sigmoid output neuron

- Simple Problem: Recognizing “2” or “not 2”
- Single output with sigmoid activation
  – $Y \in (0,1)$
  – $d \text{ is either } 0 \text{ or } 1$
- Use KL divergence
- Backpropagation to learn network parameters

Recognizing the digit

Training data





- More complex problem: Recognizing digit
- Network with 10 (or 11) outputs
  - First ten outputs correspond to the ten digits
    - Optional 11th is for none of the above
- Softmax output layer:
  - Ideal output: One of the outputs goes to 1, the others go to 0
- Backpropagation with KL divergence to learn network

Issues

- Convergence: How well does it learn
  - And how can we improve it
- How well will it generalize (outside training data)
- What does the output really mean?
- *Etc.*.

Next up

- Convergence and generalization