Backpropagation

CS109B Data Science 2

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Gradient Descent Considerations

- We still need to calculate the derivatives.
- We need to set the learning rate.
- Local vs global minima.
- **The full likelihood function includes summing up all individual '*errors*'. Sometimes this includes hundreds of thousands of examples.**

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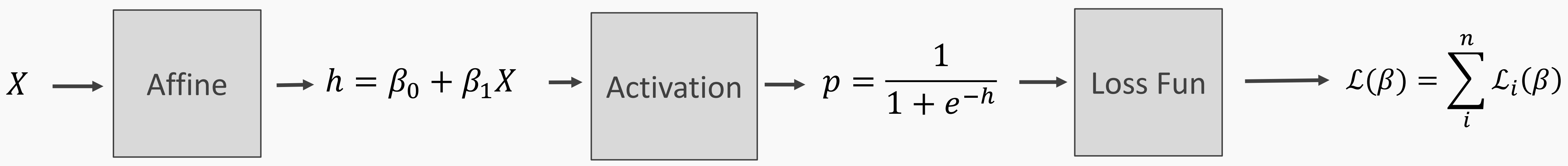

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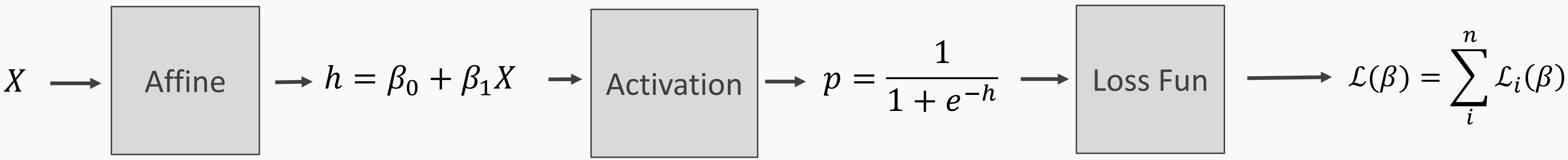

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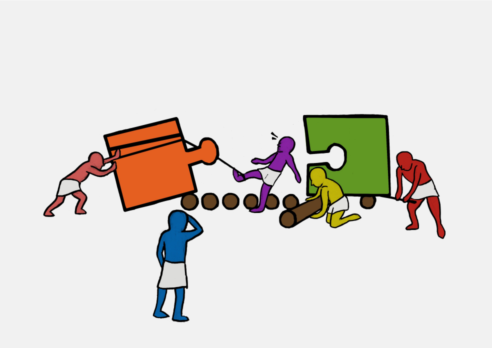
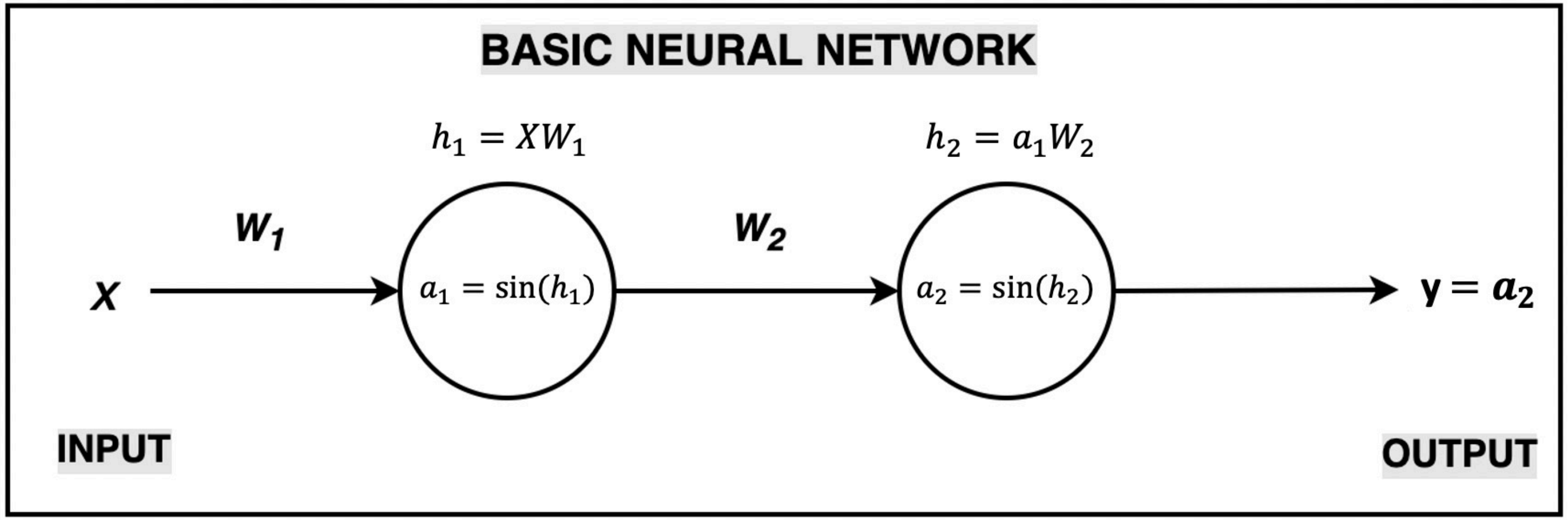
Exercise: Back-propagation by hand



The aim of this exercise is to perform back-propagation to update the weights of a simple neural network

- Build a forward pass of the simple neural network with one hidden layer (see schematic below)
- Randomly initialize the weights
- Use the derivatives to update the weights
- You will need a paper and pen to derive $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_1}$ & $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_2}$

$$L = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{1}^{n}\left(y_{pred} - y_{true}\right)^2$$



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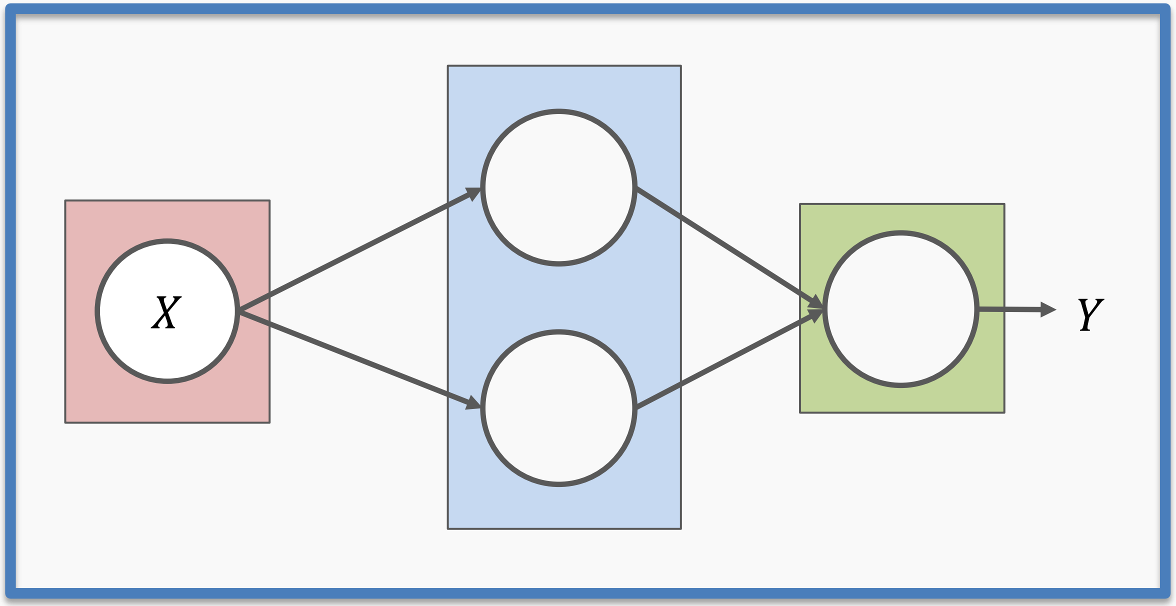

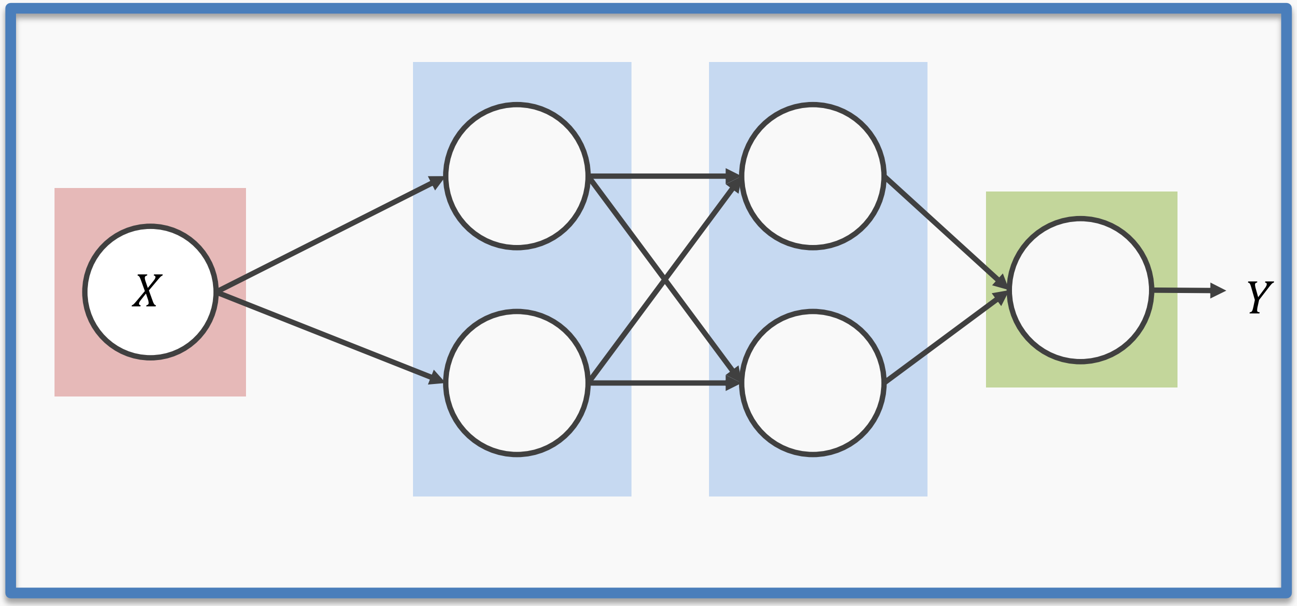

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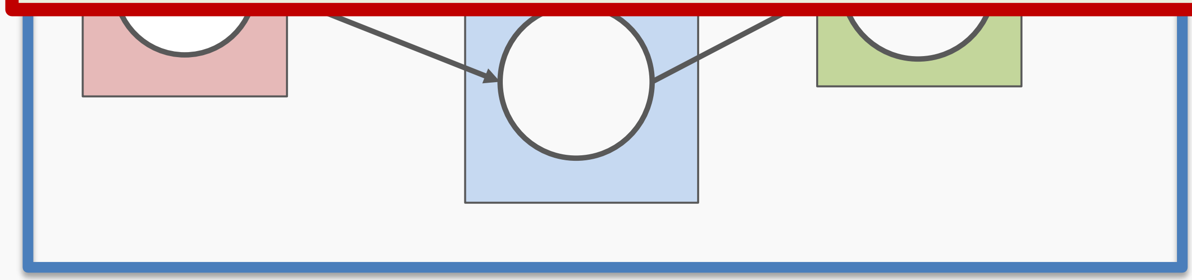

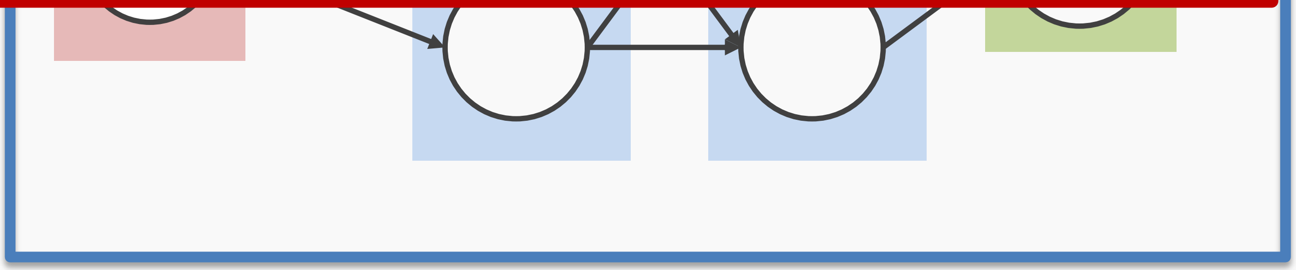

Backpropagation (cont.)

Need to find a formalism to calculate the derivatives of the loss w.r.t. weights that is:

1. flexible enough that adding a node or a layer or changing something in the network will not require re-deriving the functional form from scratch.
2. it is exact.
3. it is computationally efficient.

Hints:

1. Remember we only need to evaluate the derivatives at X_i, y_i and $W^{(k)}$.
2. We should take advantage of the chain rule we learned before.

For example, for input *X={3}, y=1* and weight *W=3, we* evaluate the values of the variables, partial derivatives and the chain up to this point as shown below

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Notice though those are basic functions (simpleton functions) which are easy to code.

$\xi_0 = X$	$\frac{\partial \xi_0}{\partial X} = 1$	`def x0(x):` `    return x`	`def derx0():` `    return 1`
$\xi_1 = -W^T \xi_0$	$\frac{\partial \xi_1}{\partial W} = -X$	`def x1(a,x):` `    return -a*x`	`def derx1(a,x):` `    return -a`
$\xi_2 = \mathrm{e}^{\xi_1}$	$\frac{\partial \xi_2}{\partial \xi_1} = e^{\xi_1}$	`def x2(x):` `    return np.exp(x)`	`def derx2(x):` `        return np.exp(x)`
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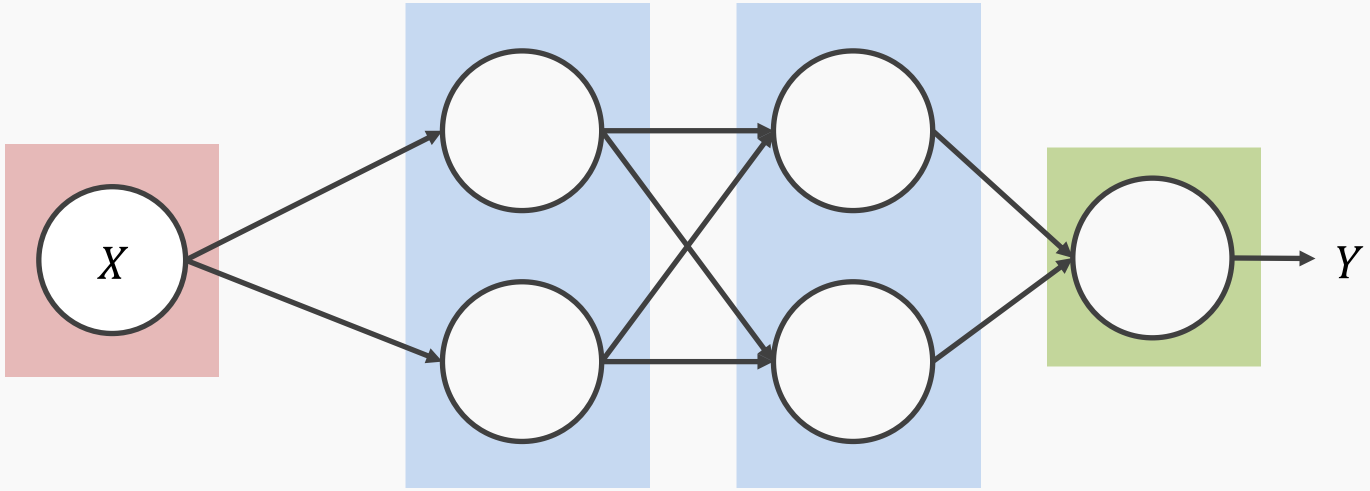

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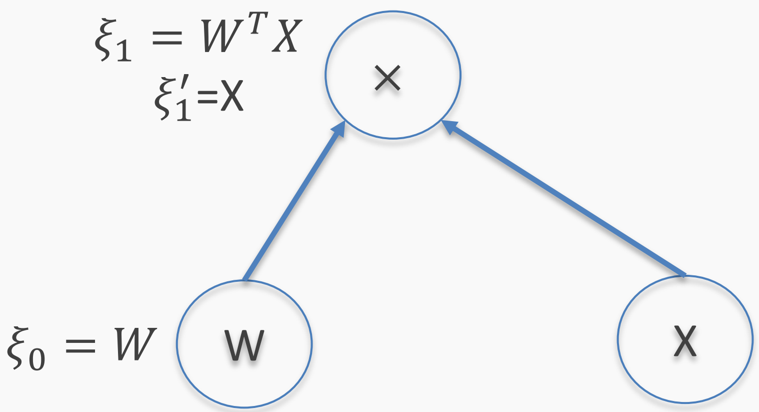

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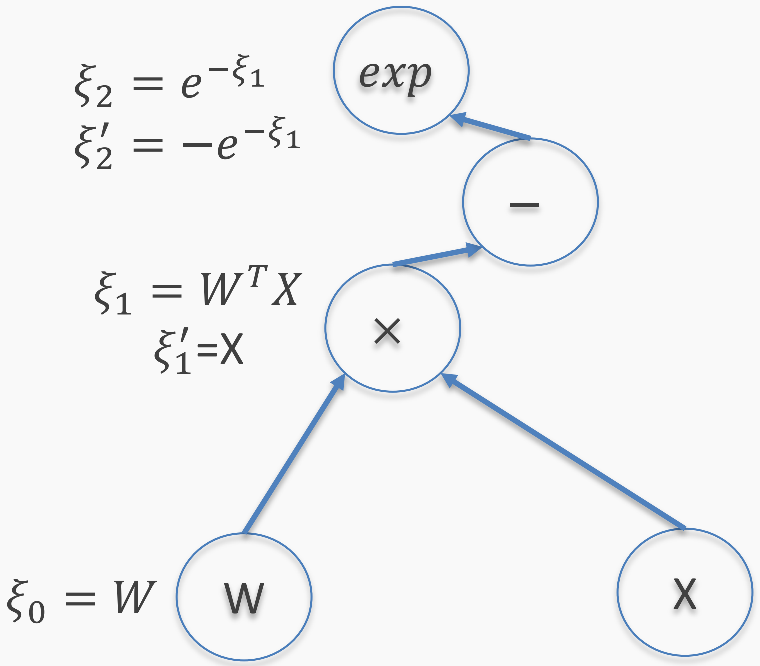

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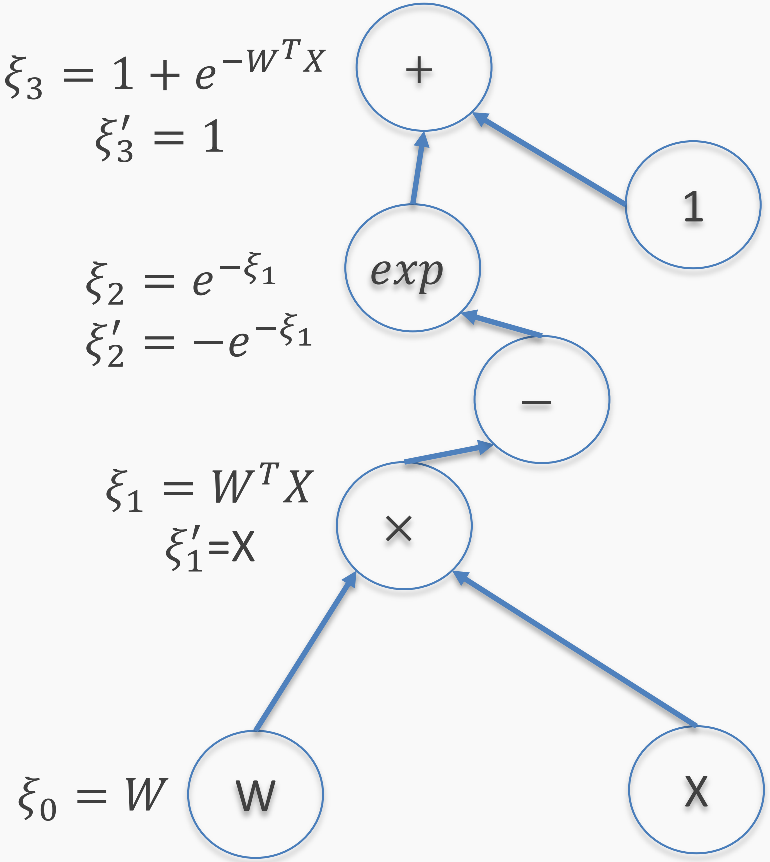

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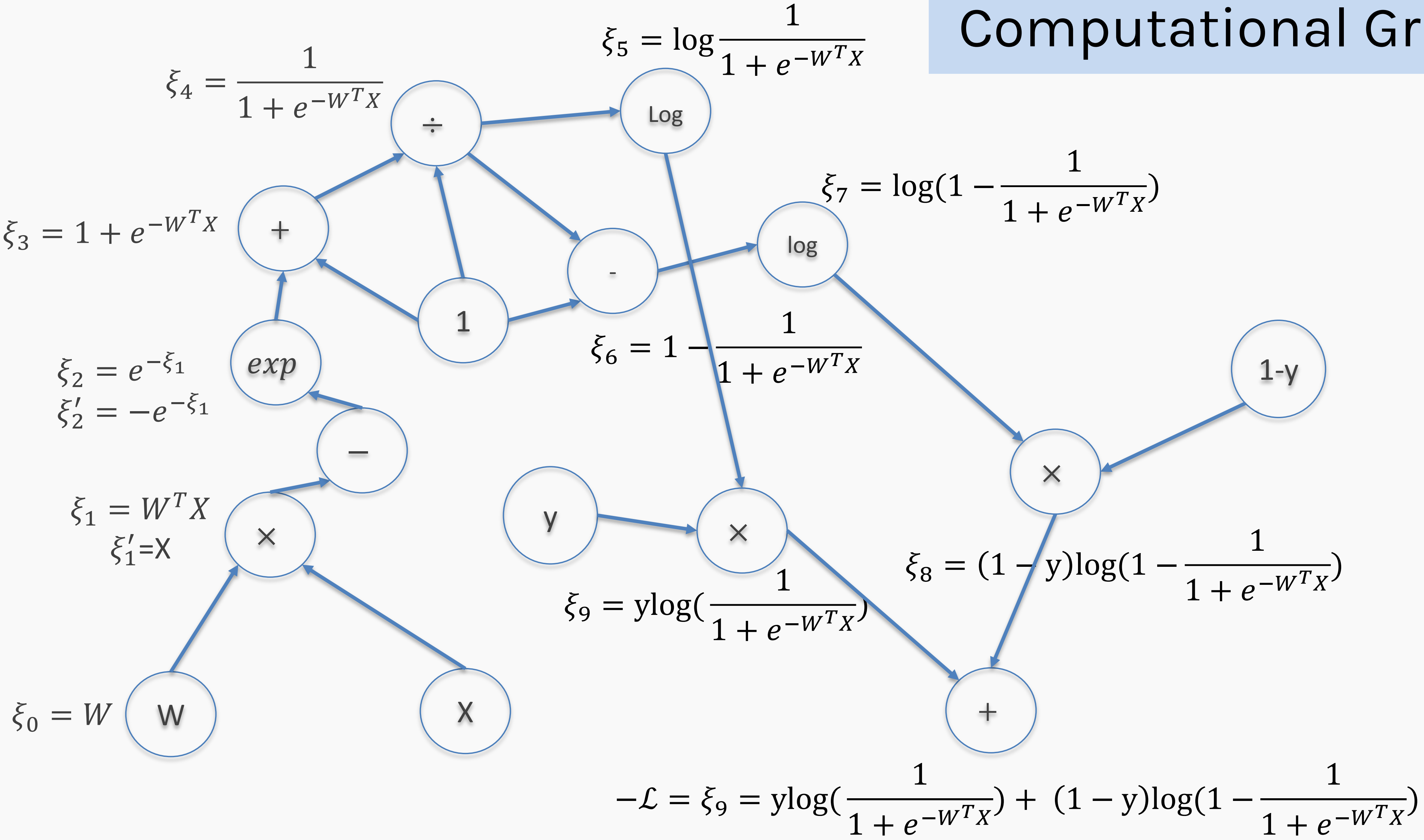

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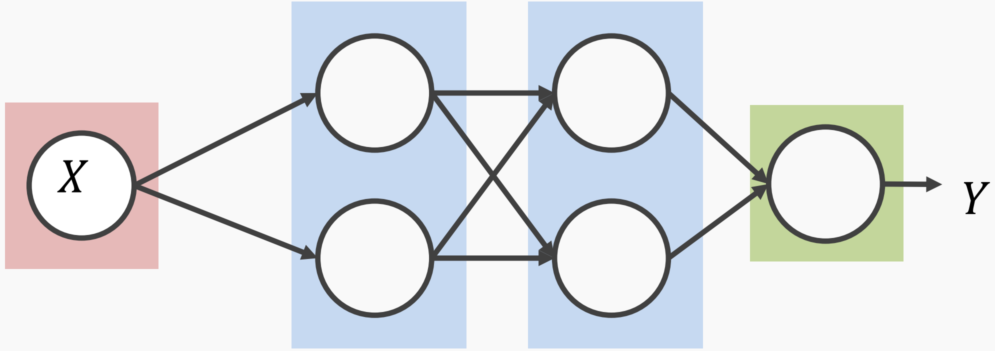

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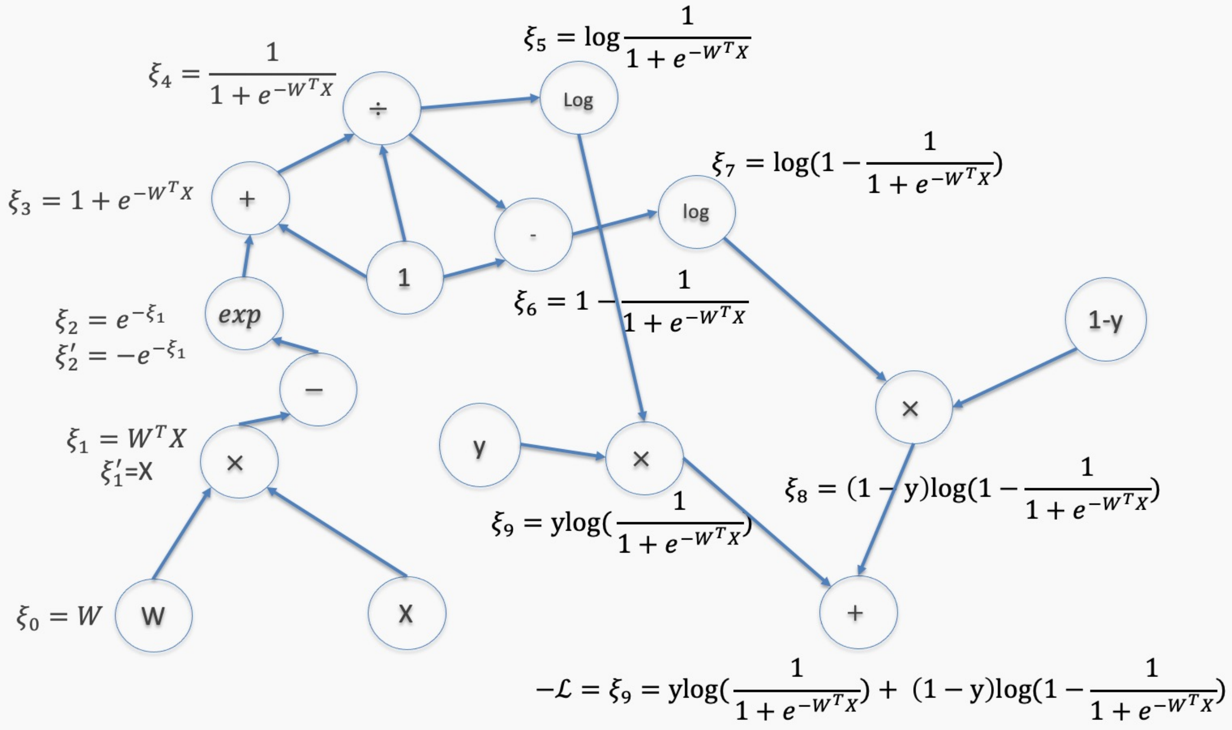
At each node of the graph, we build two functions: the evaluation of the variable and its partial derivative with respect to the previous variable (as shown in the table a few slides back)



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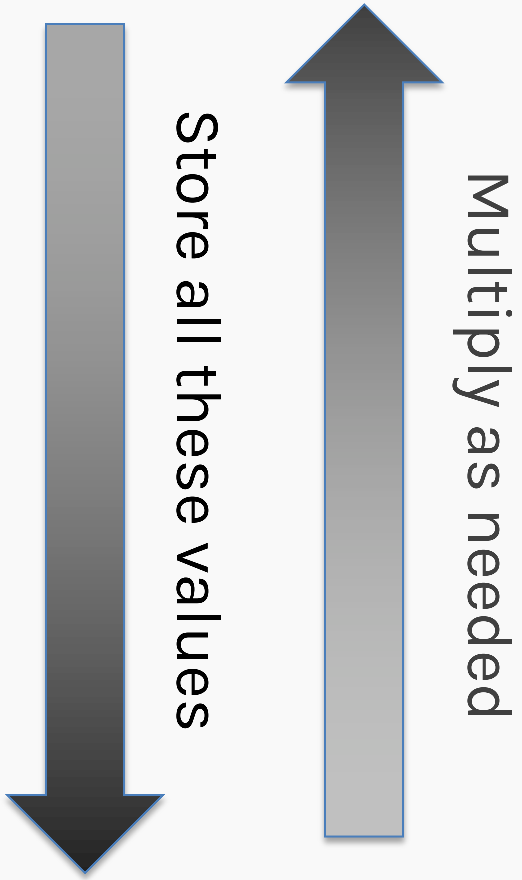

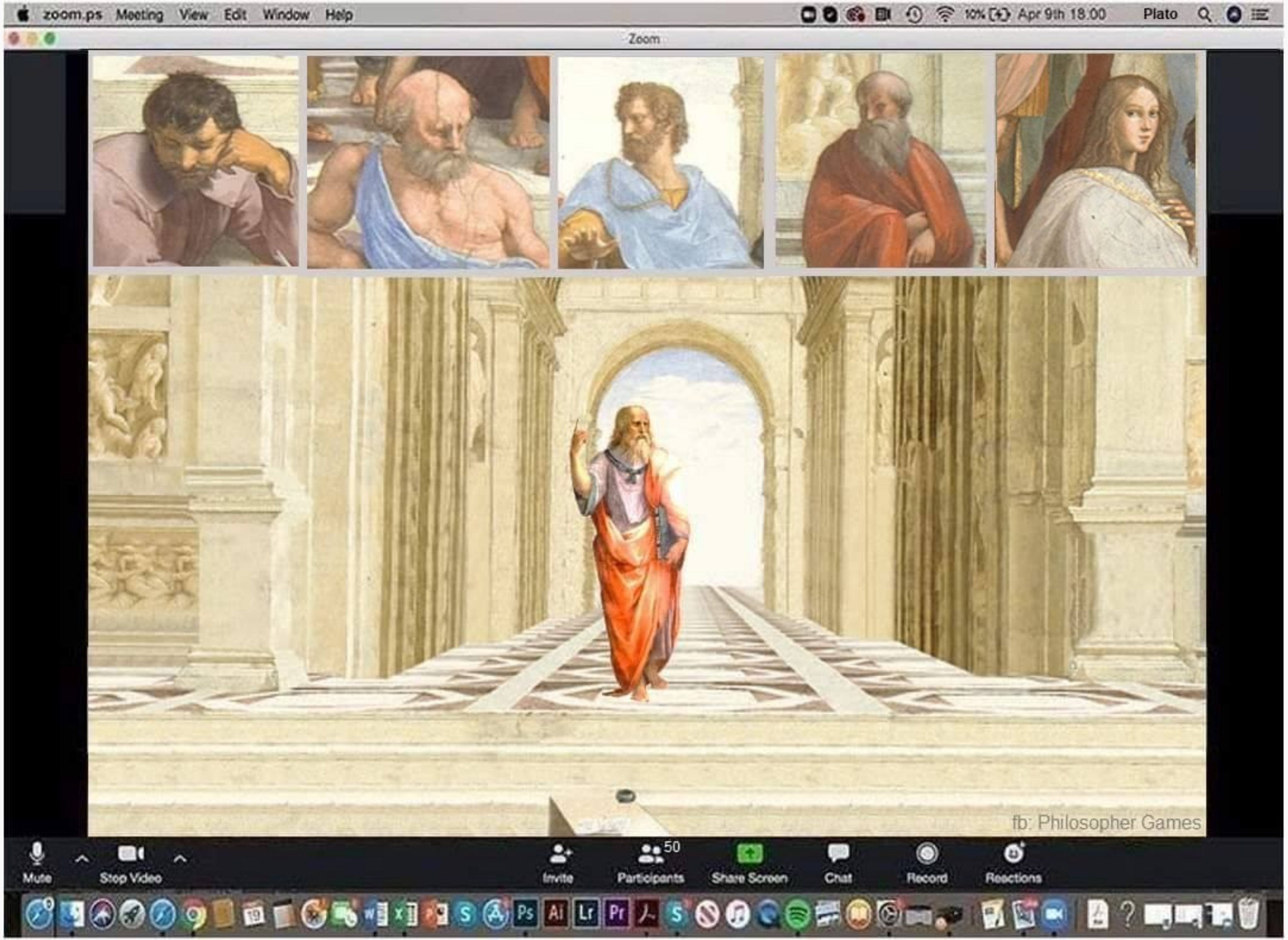
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