

Autograd

# What AutoDiff Is Not

\* Finite differences

→ One sided:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} f(x_1, \dots, x_N) \approx \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_{i+h}, \dots) - f(x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_N)}{h}$$

→ Or Two sided

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\* Challenges with finite differences

→ Expensive: compute forward pass for each variable

→ Numerically unstable

# Computational Graphs

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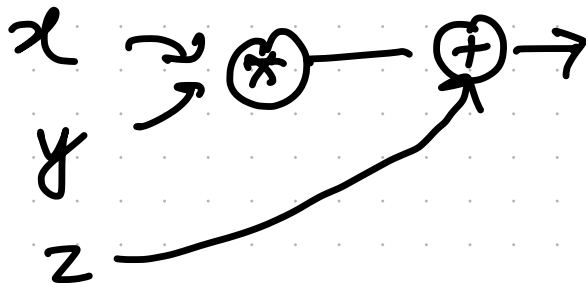


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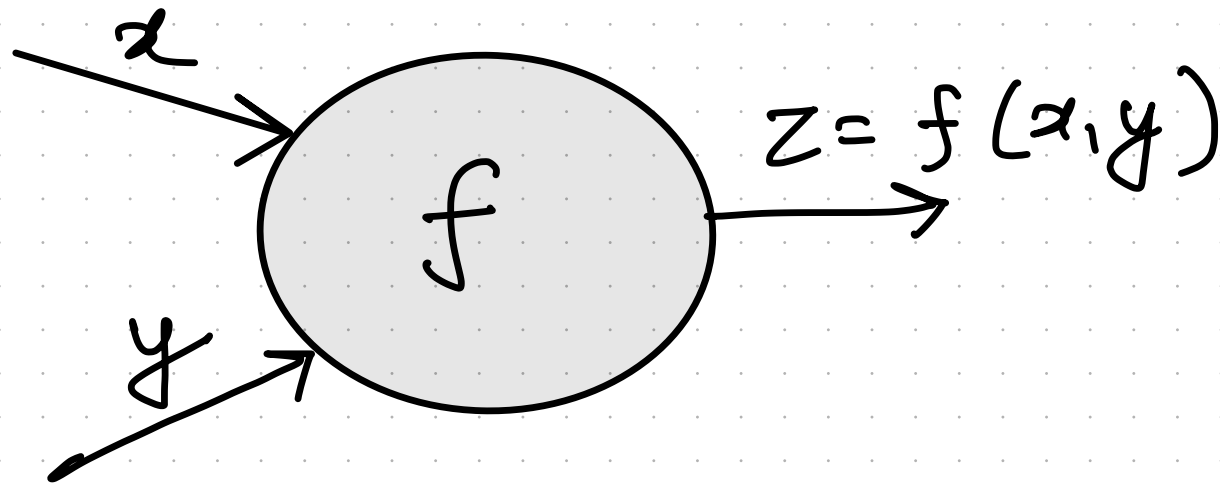
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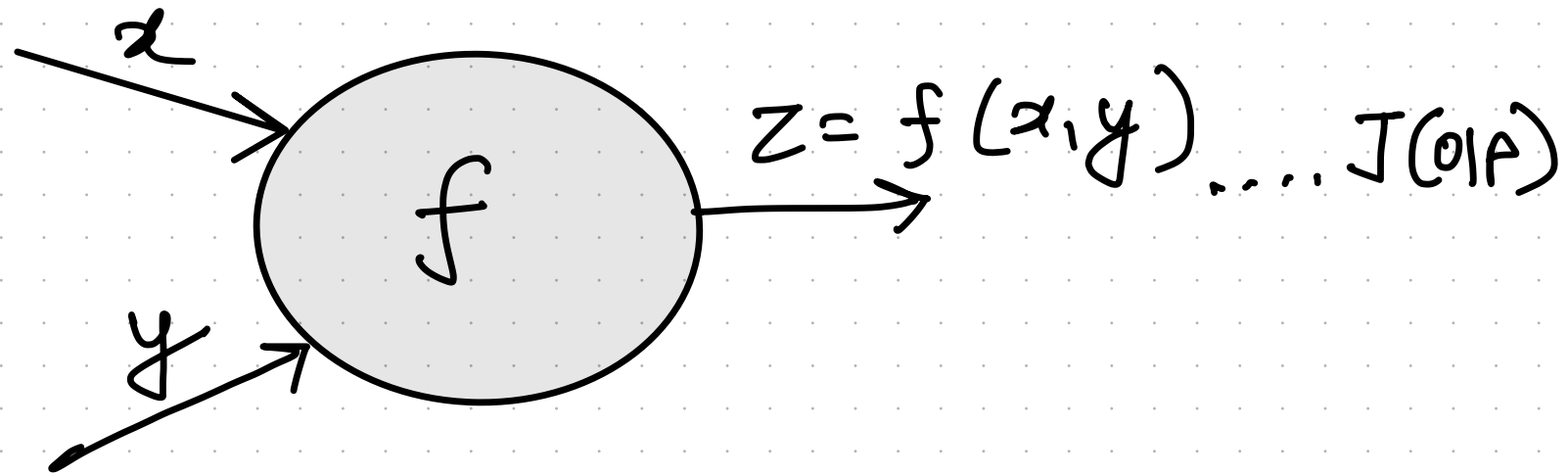
Example :  $(x * y) + z$



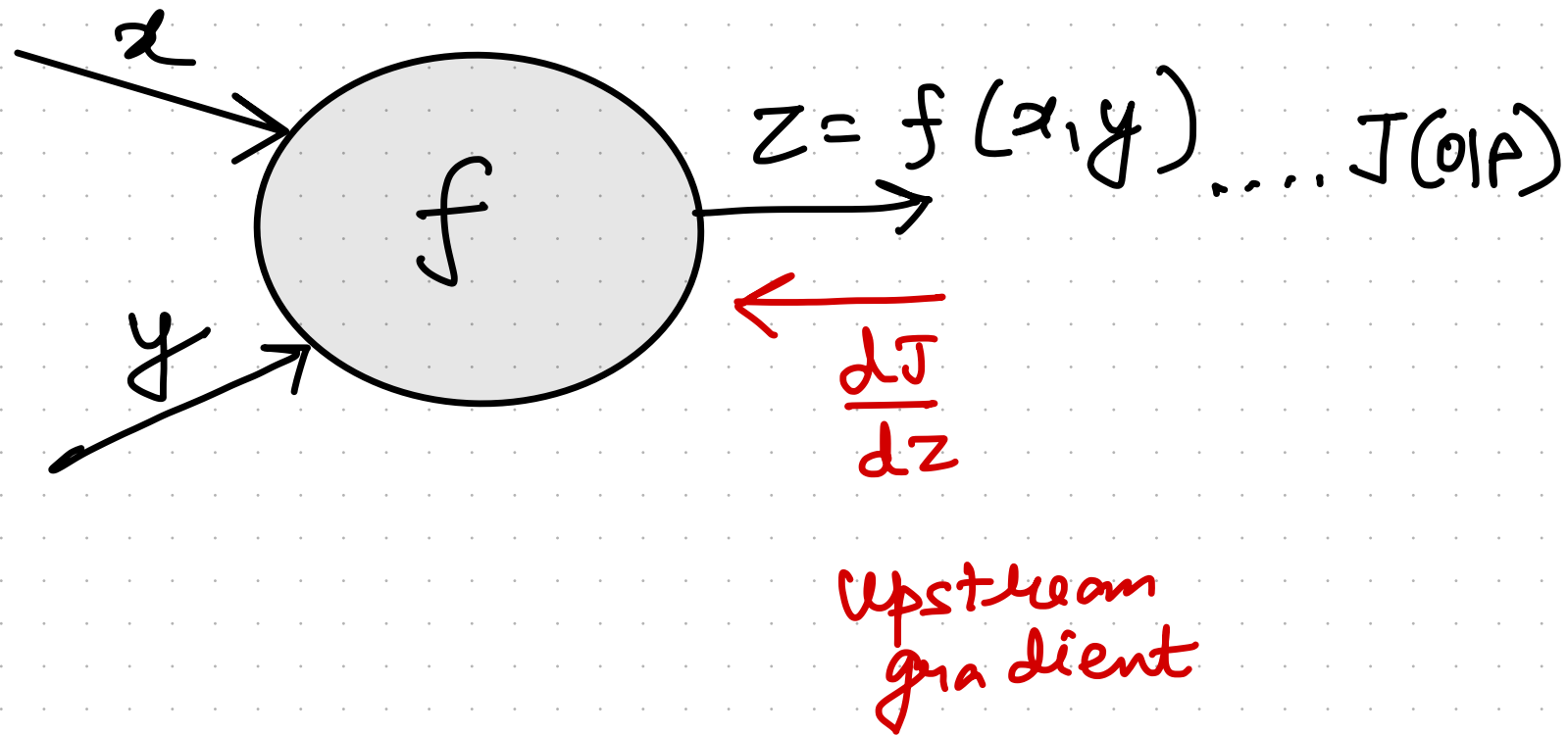
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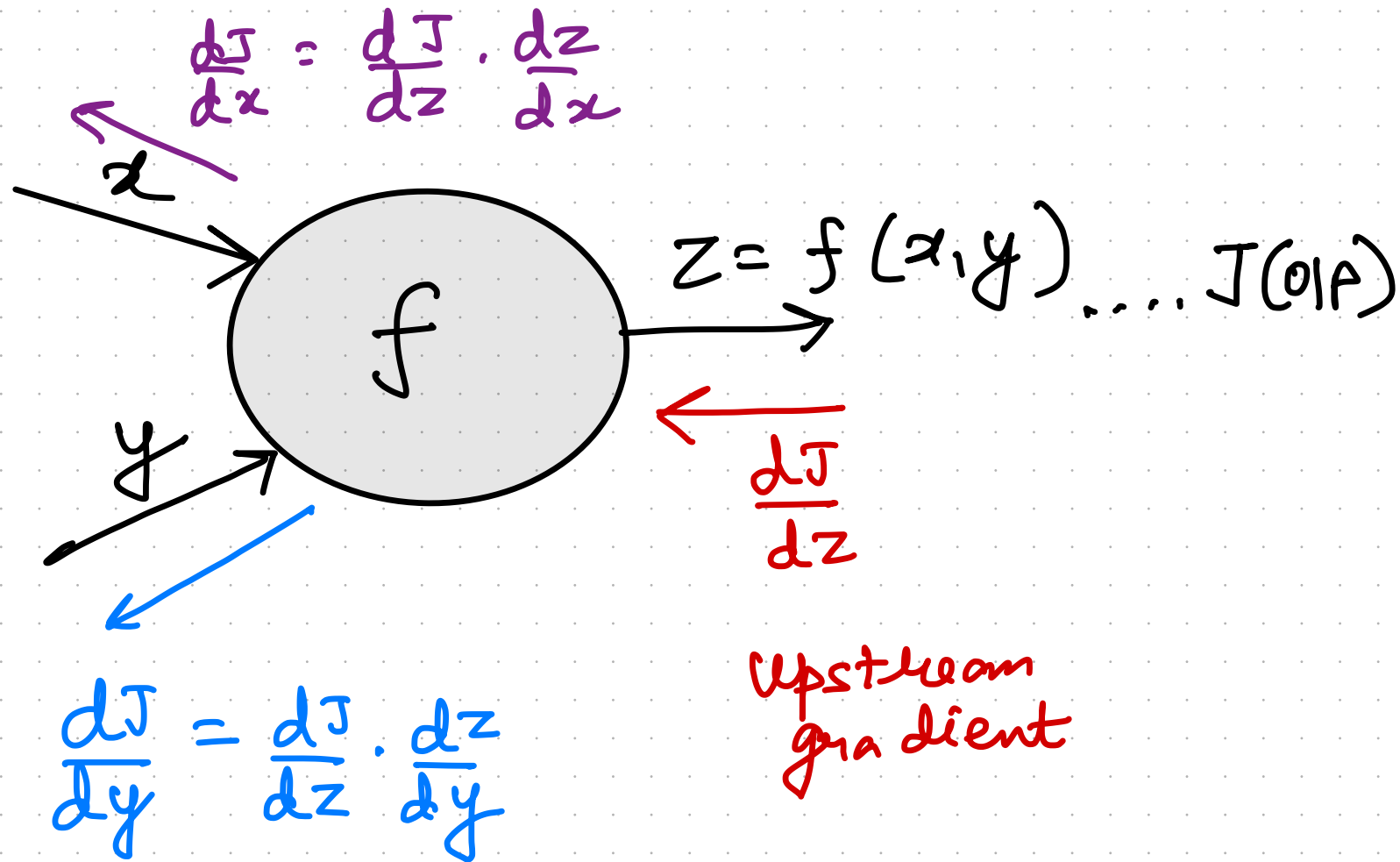
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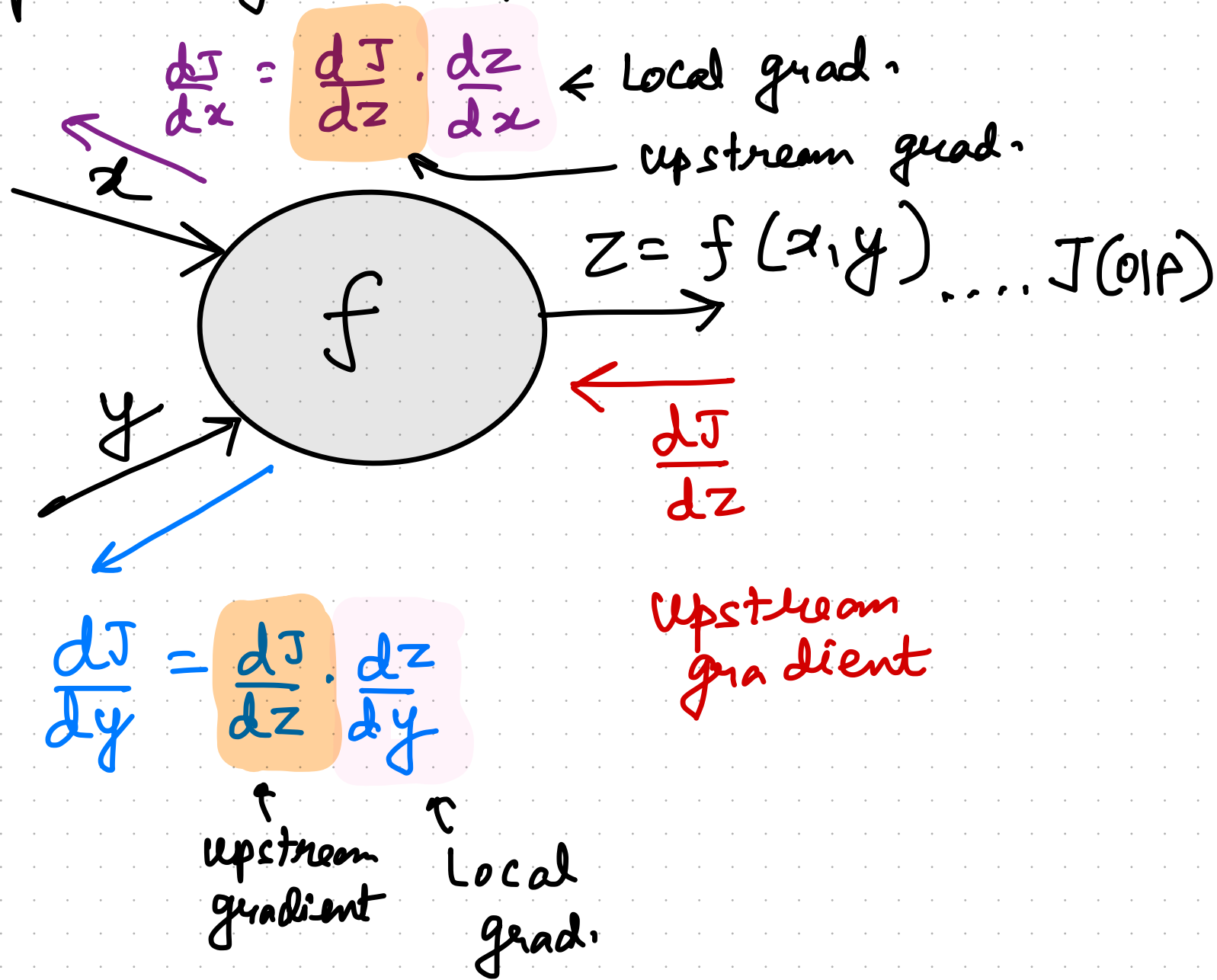
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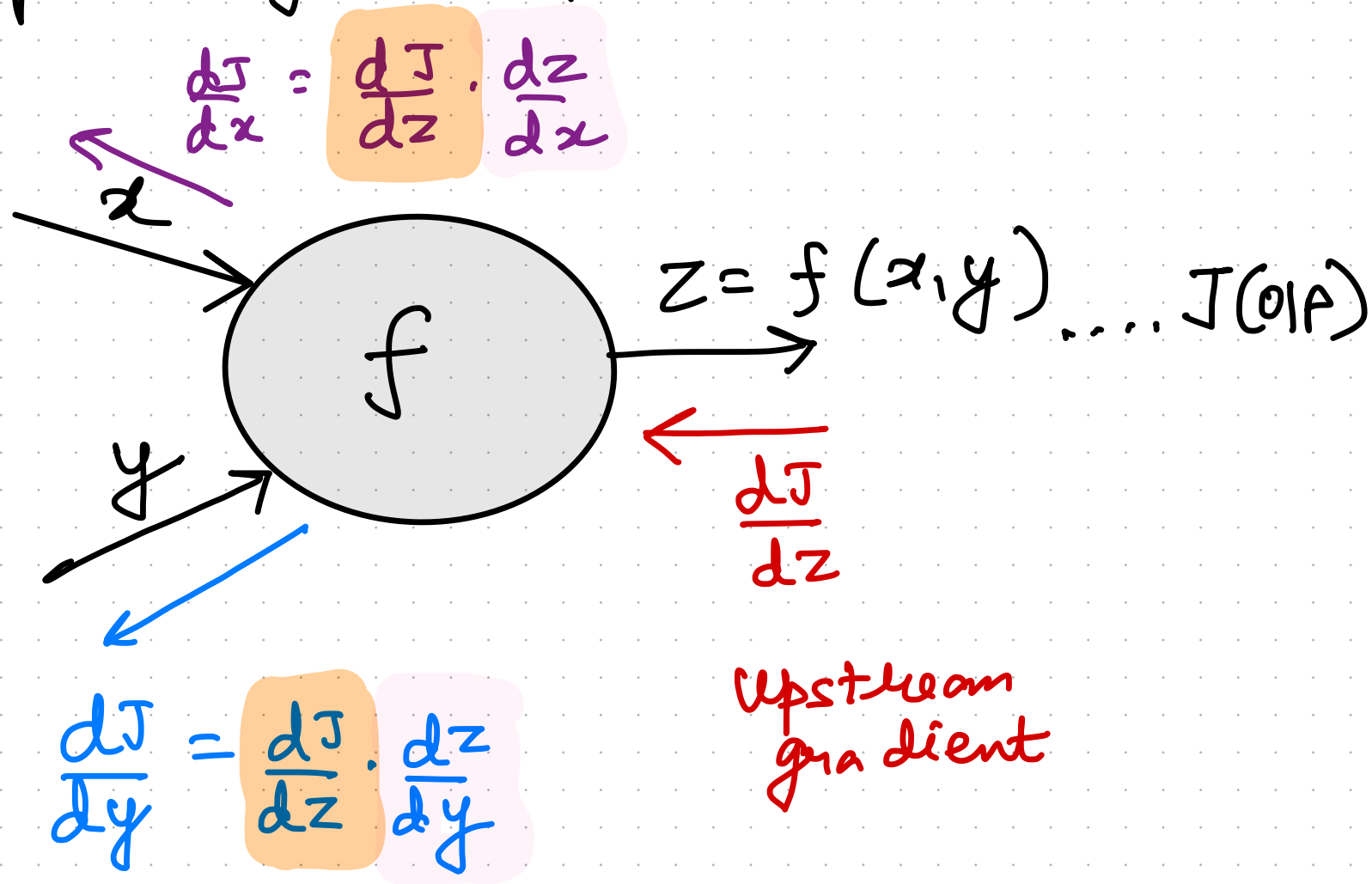
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DOWNSTREAM GRADIENT  
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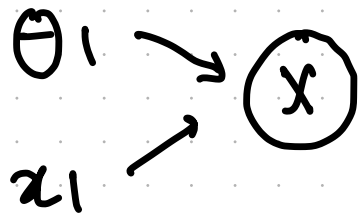
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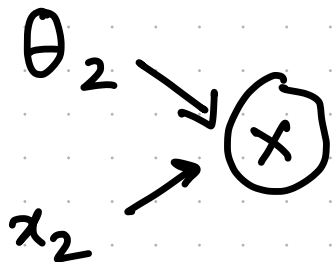
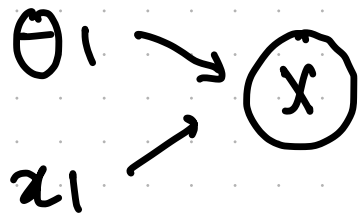
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Loss} &= -y \log \hat{y} - (1-y) \log (1-\hat{y}) \\ &= -\log \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\theta_0 + \theta_1 x_1 + \theta_2 x_2)}} \right) \end{aligned}$$



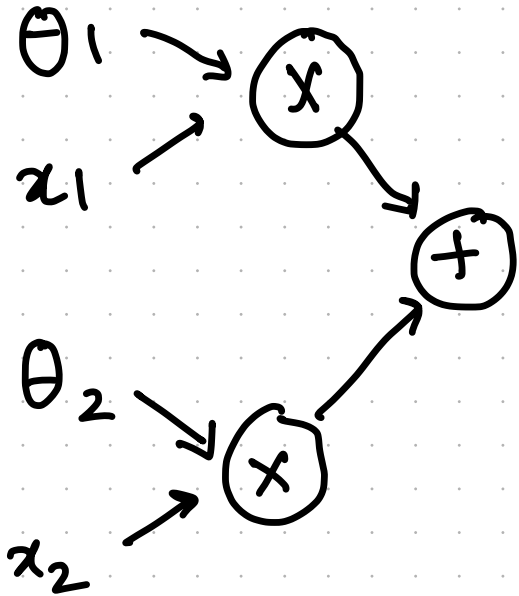
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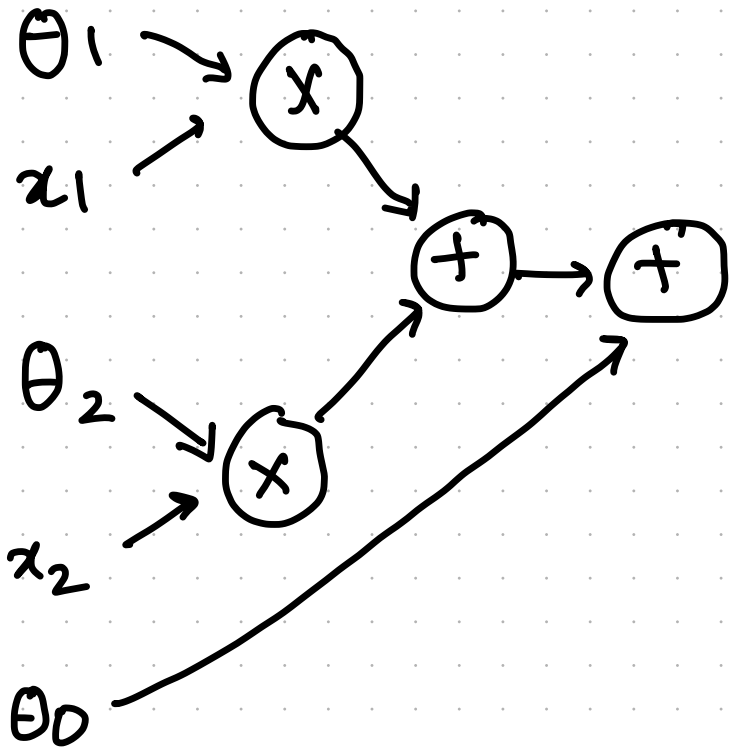
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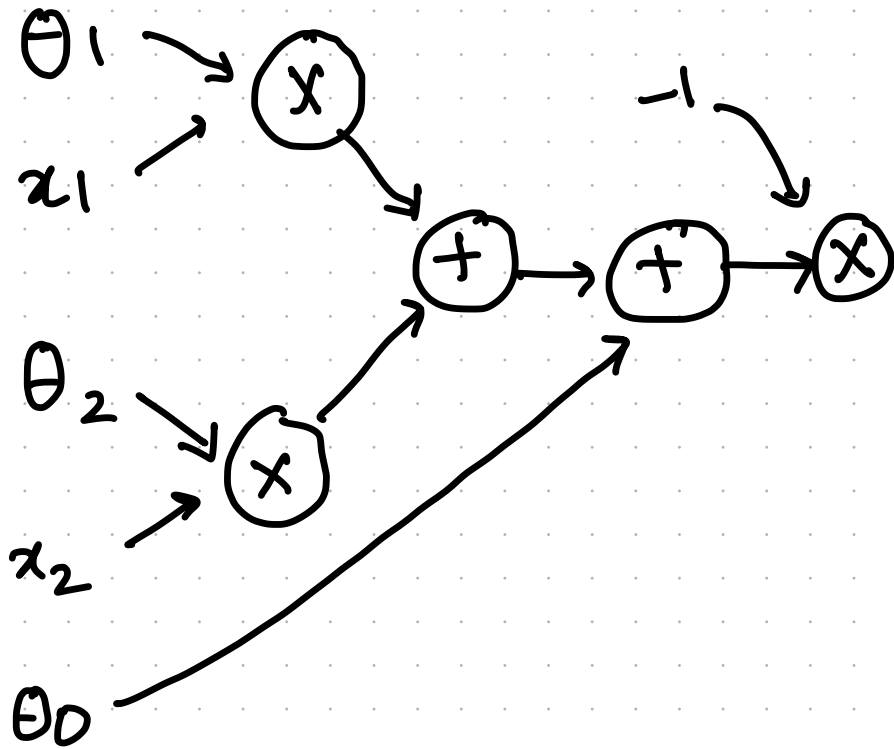
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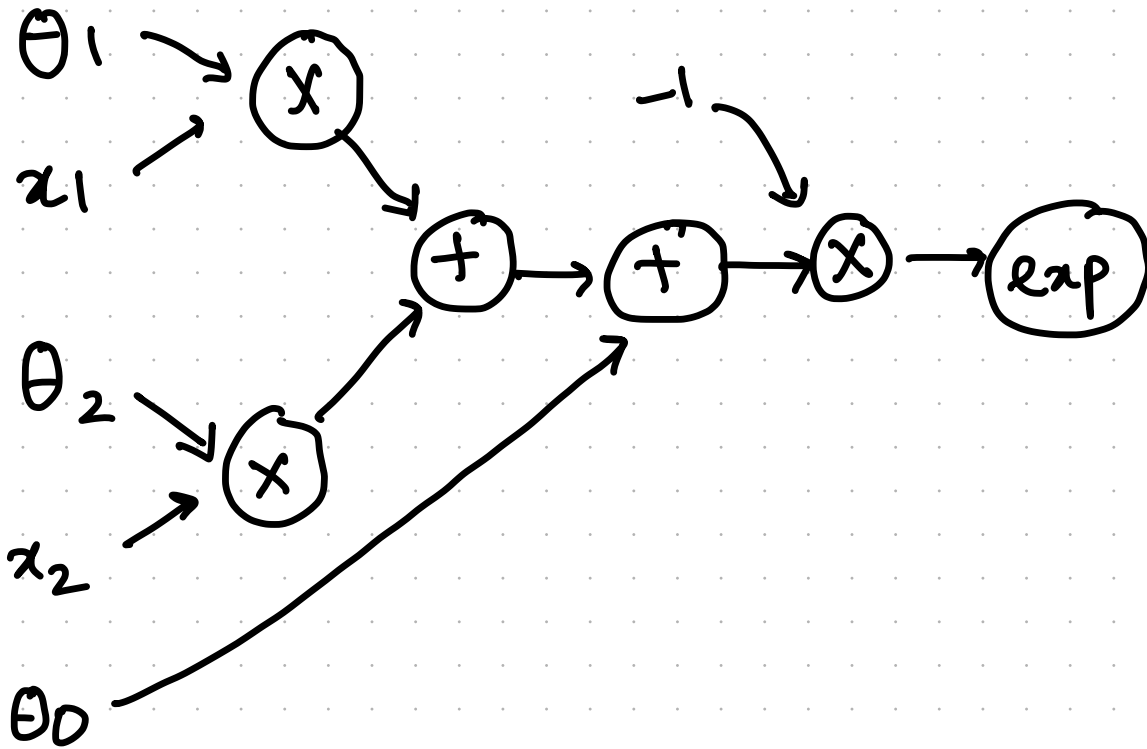
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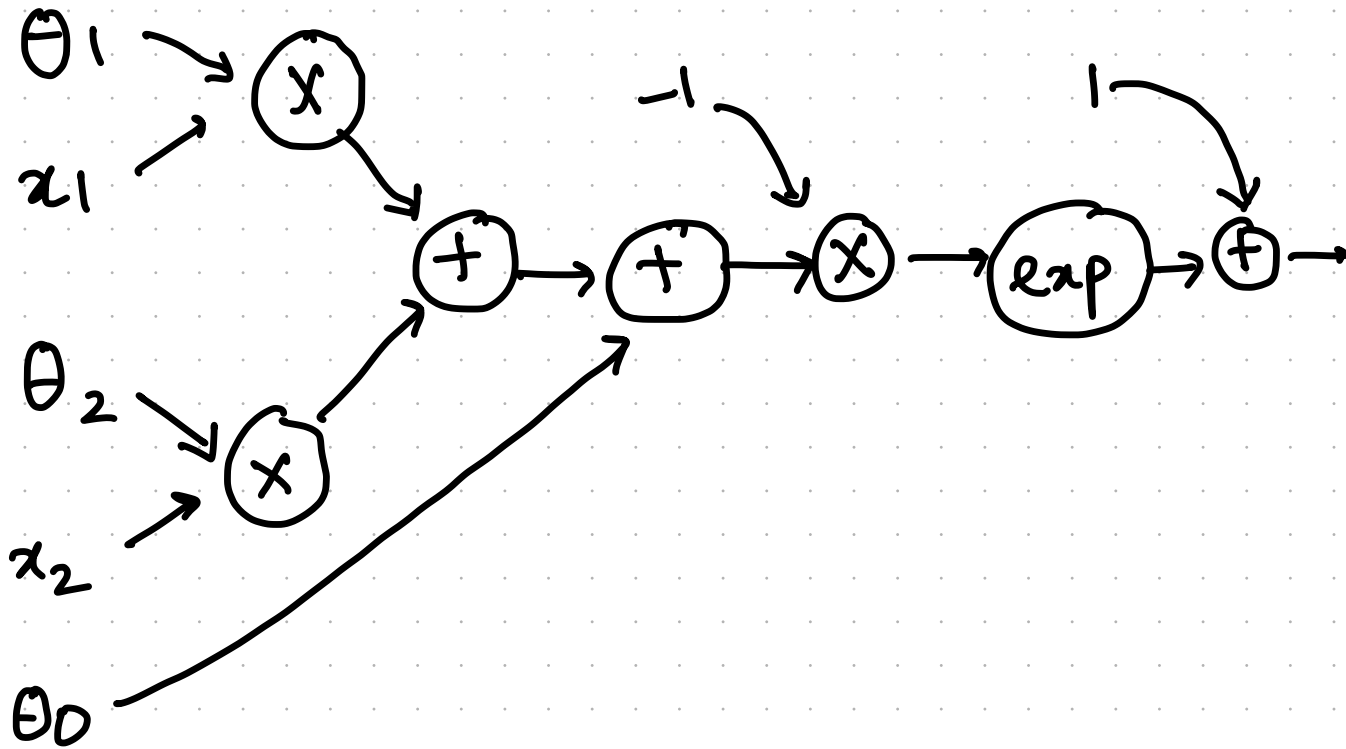
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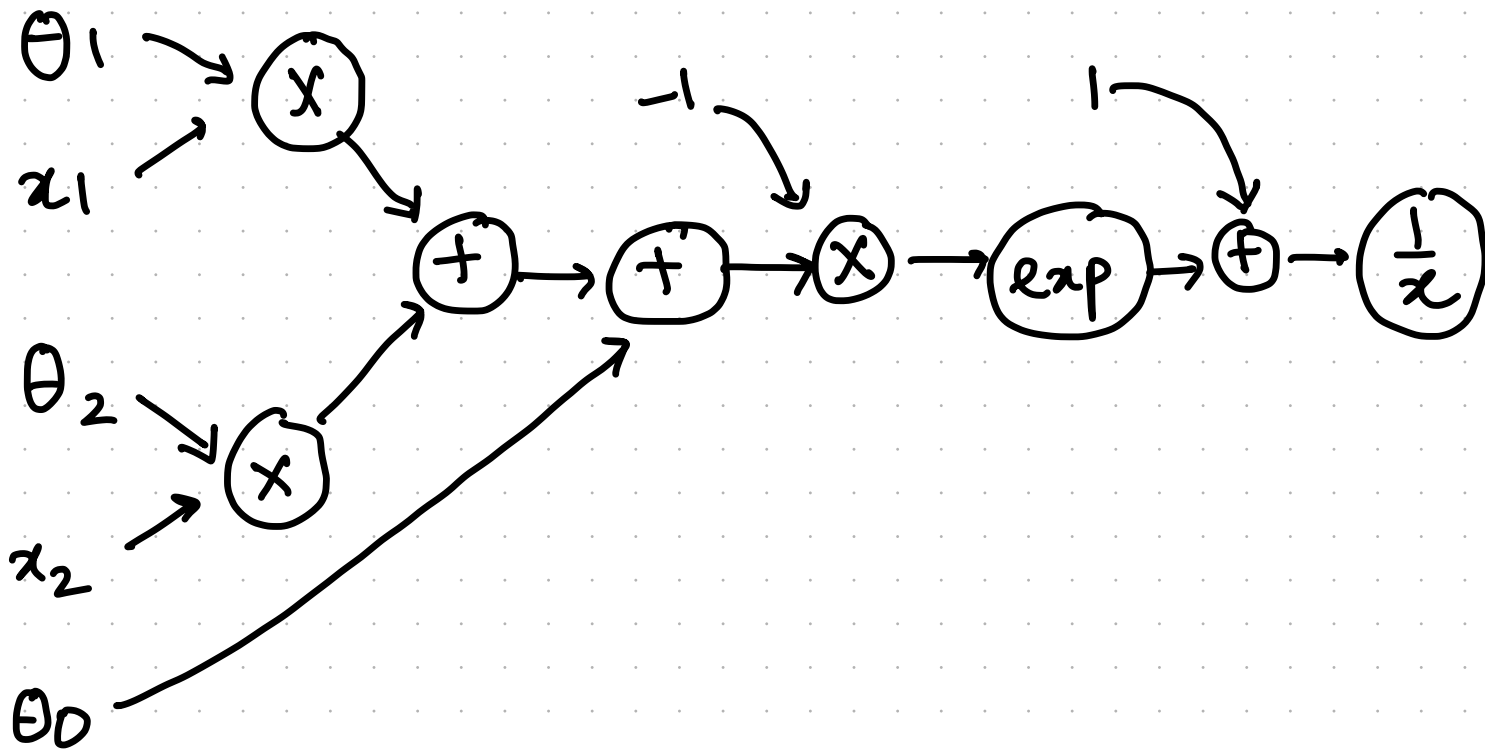
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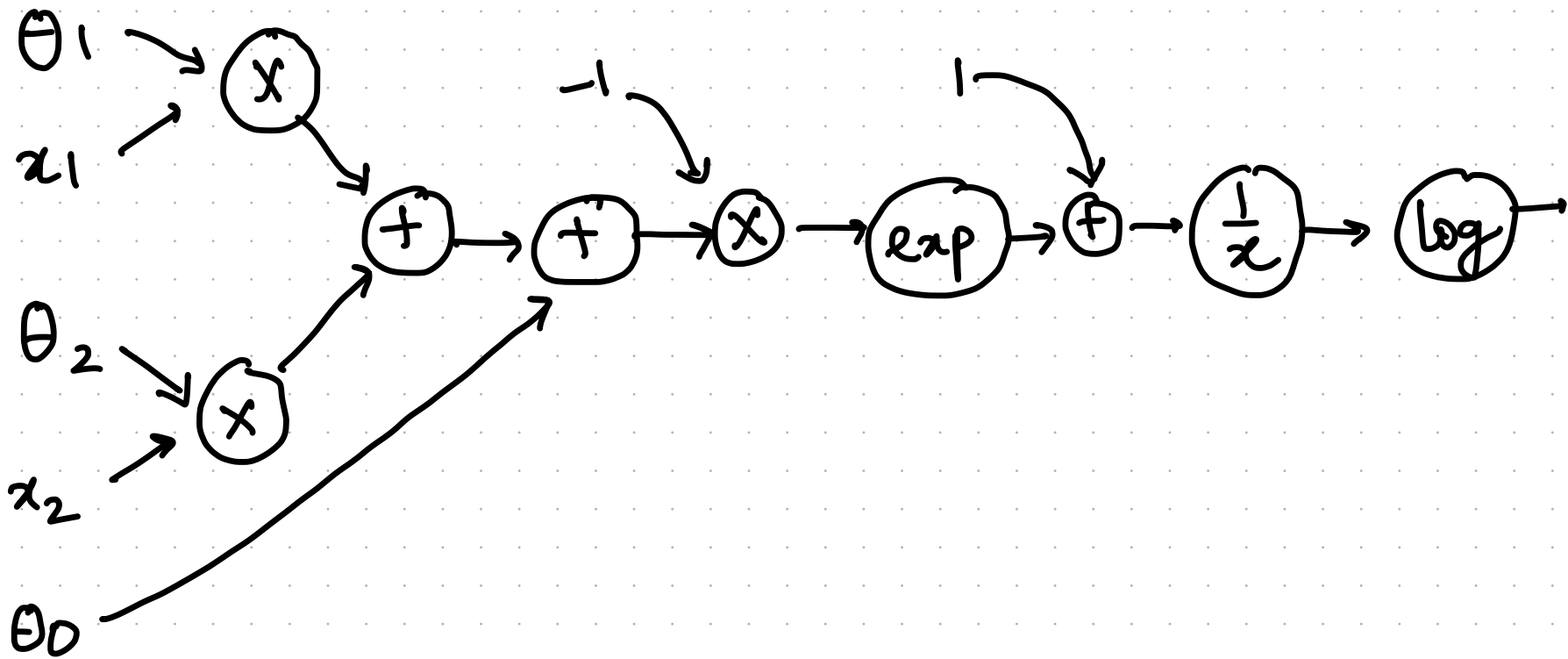


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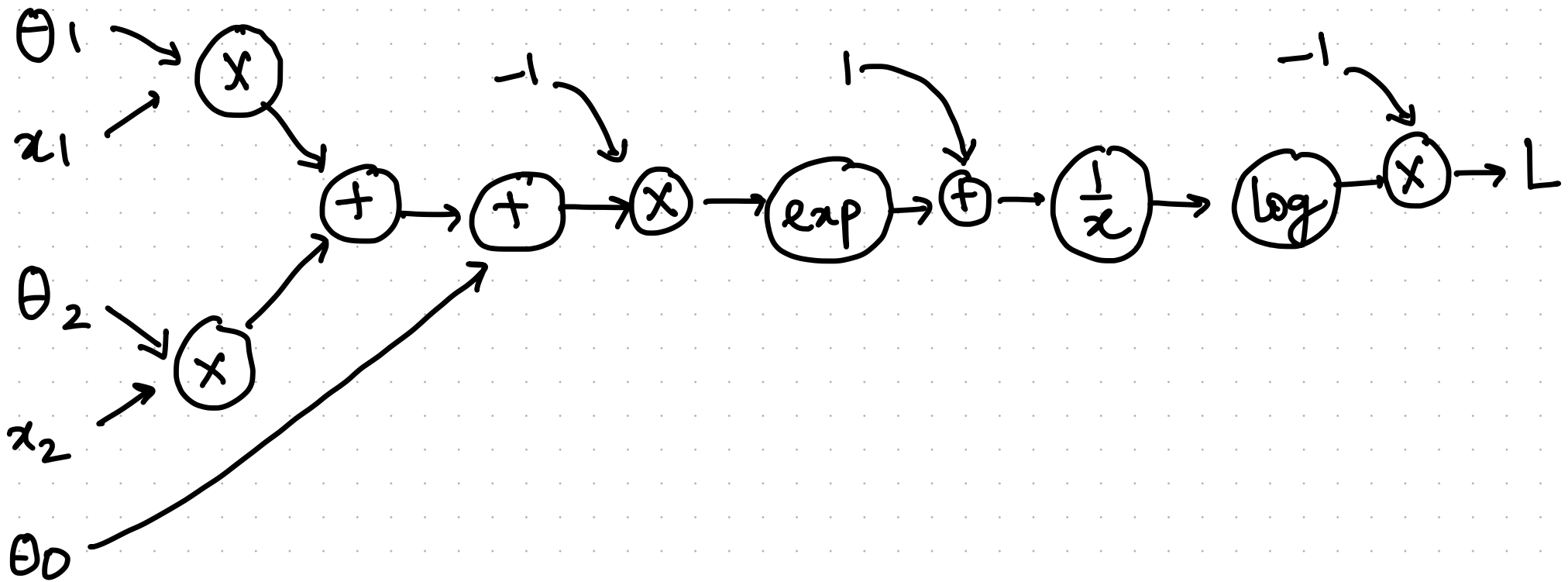




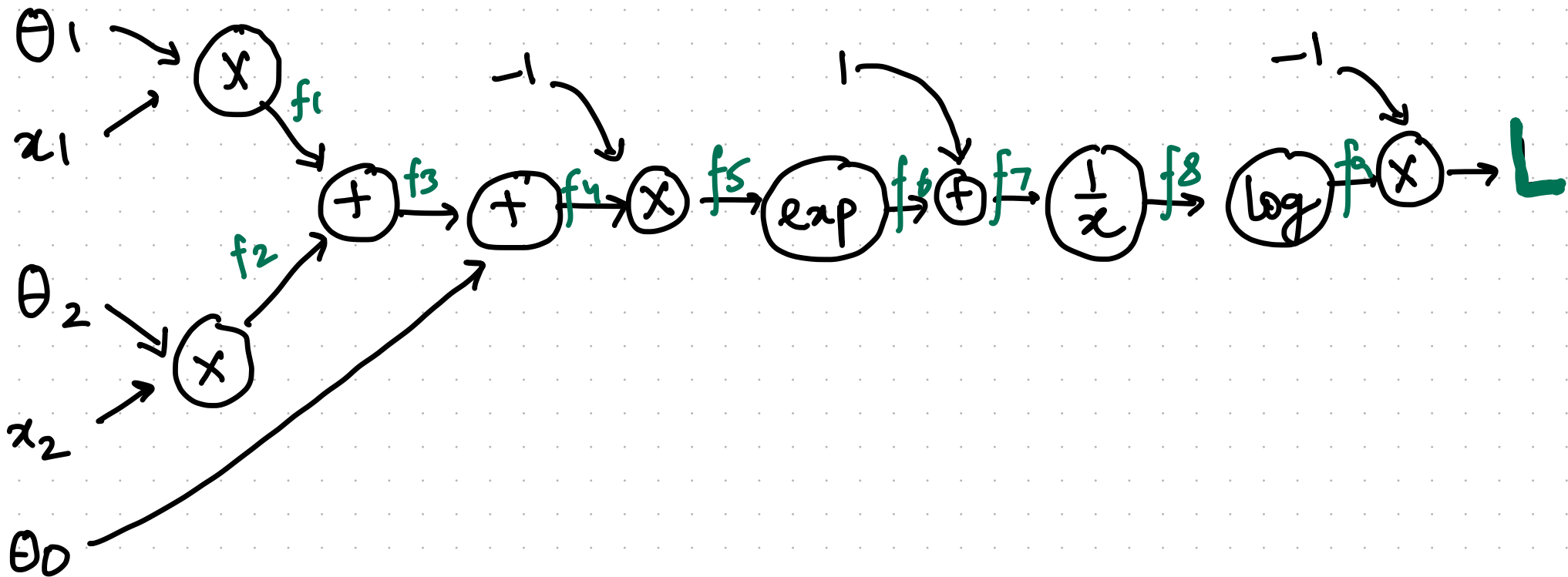
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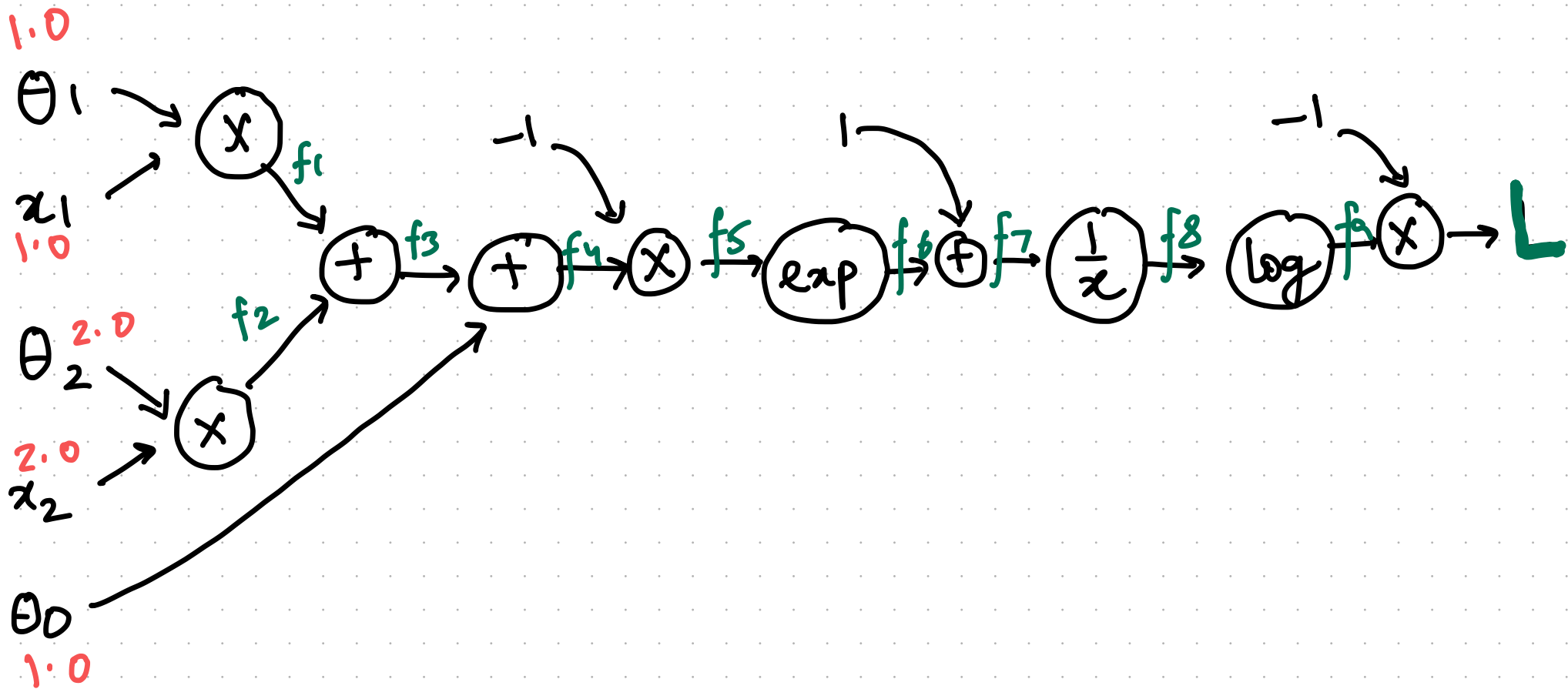
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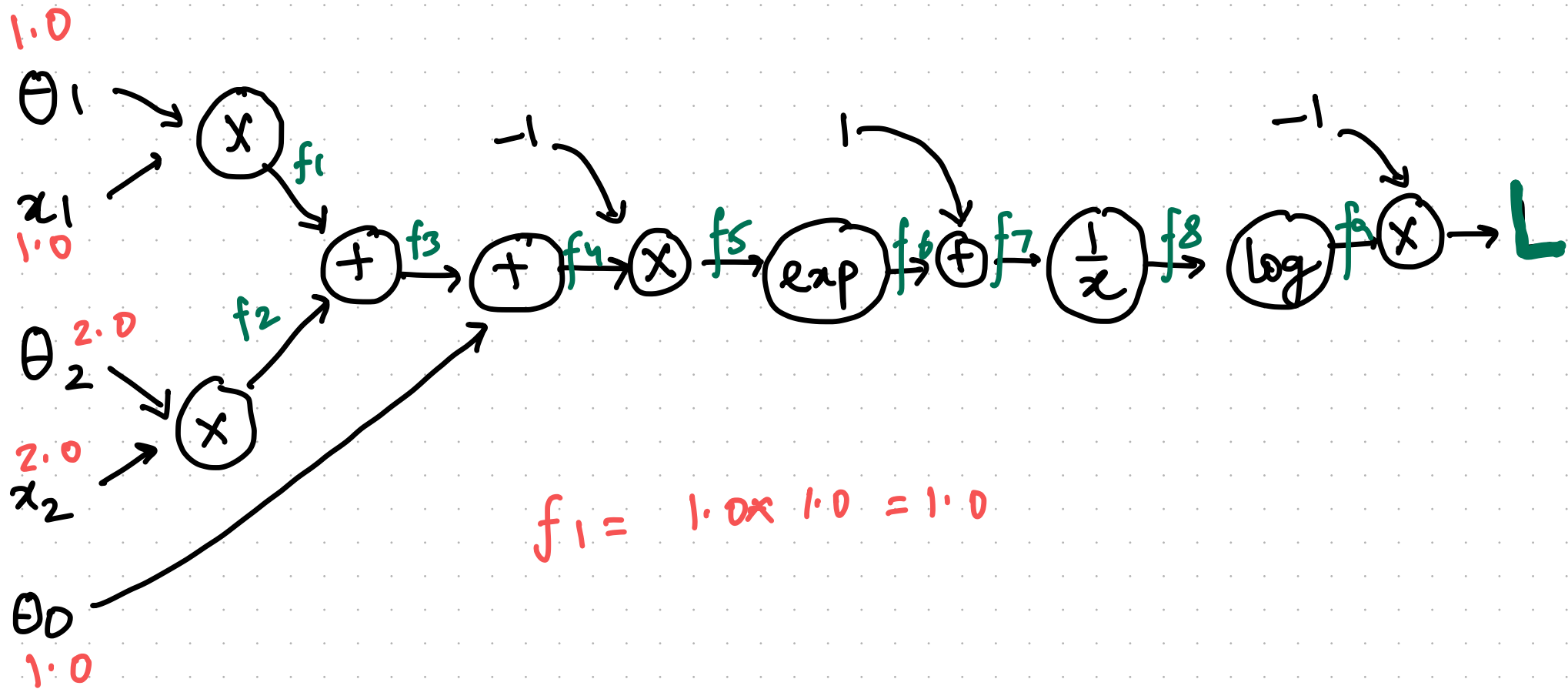
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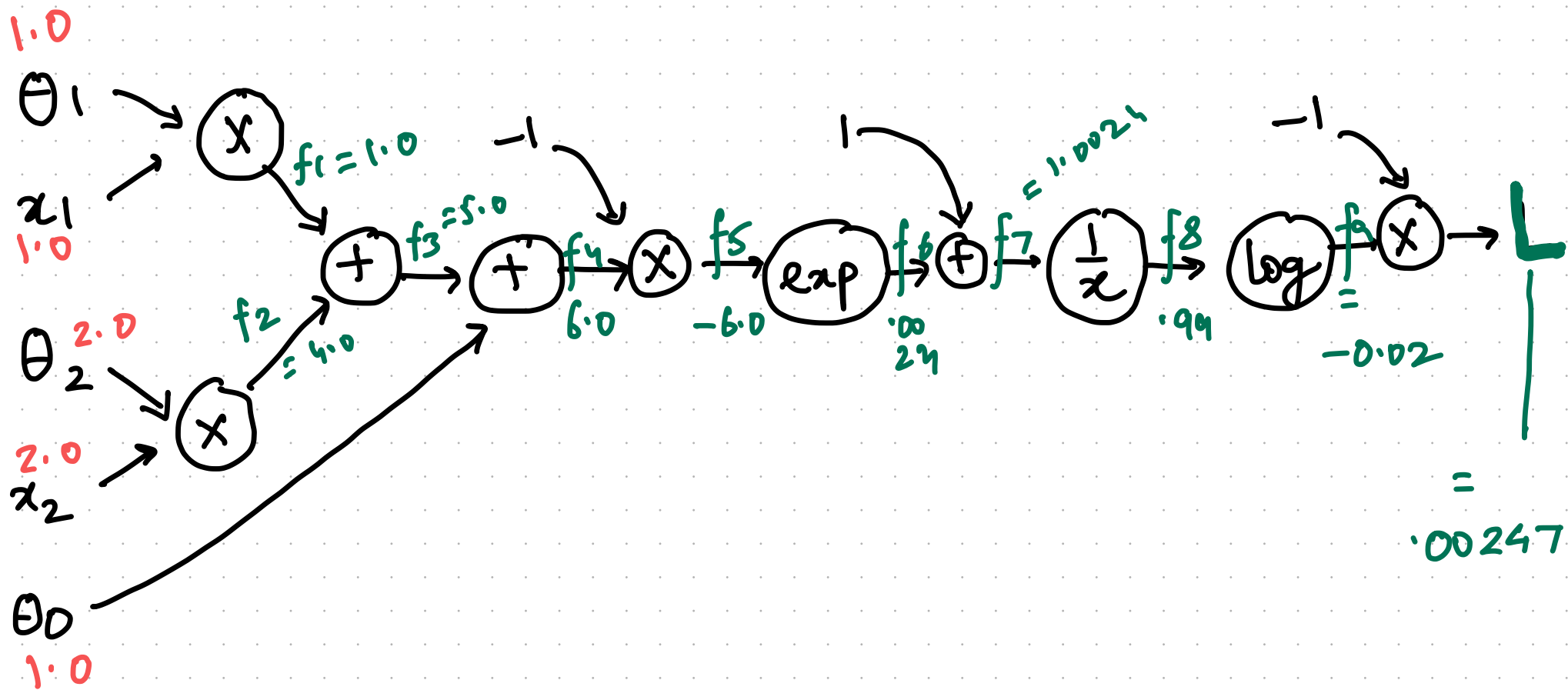
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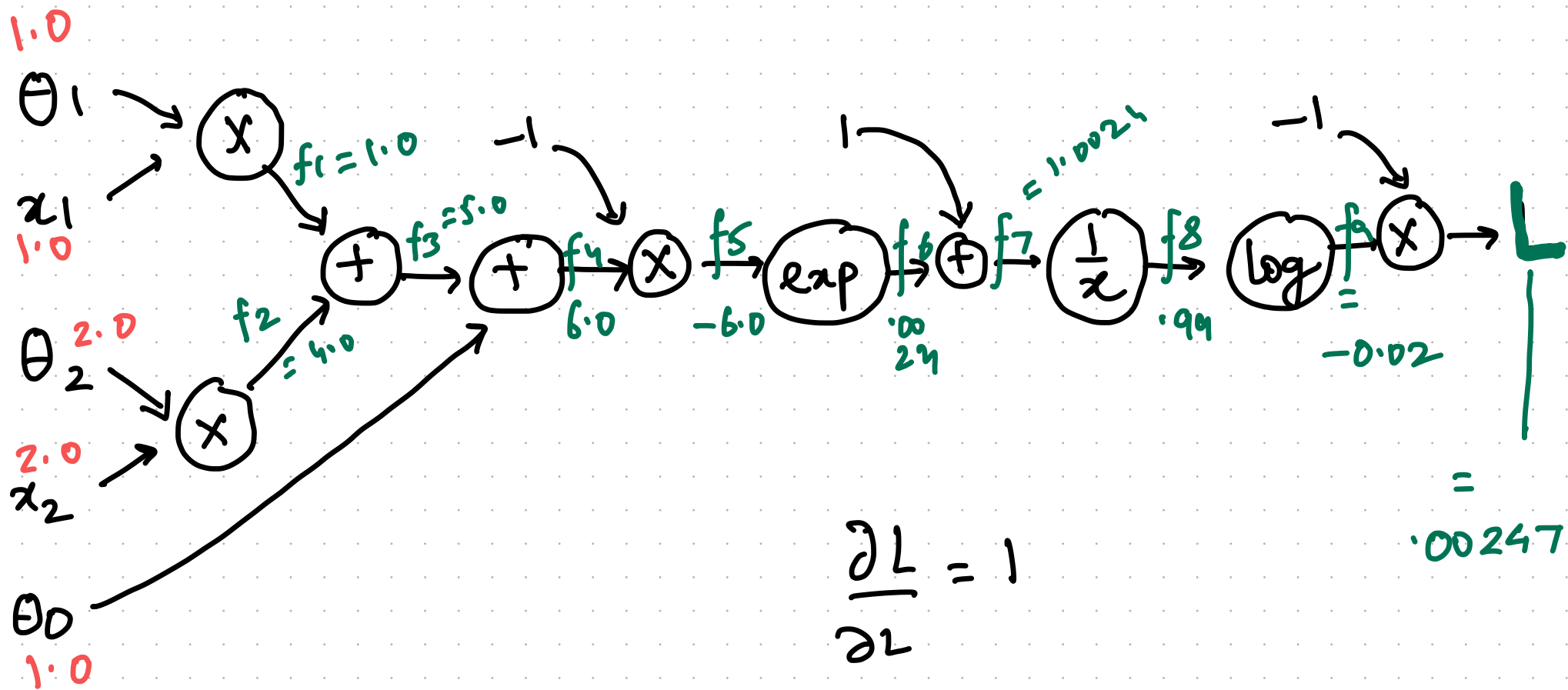
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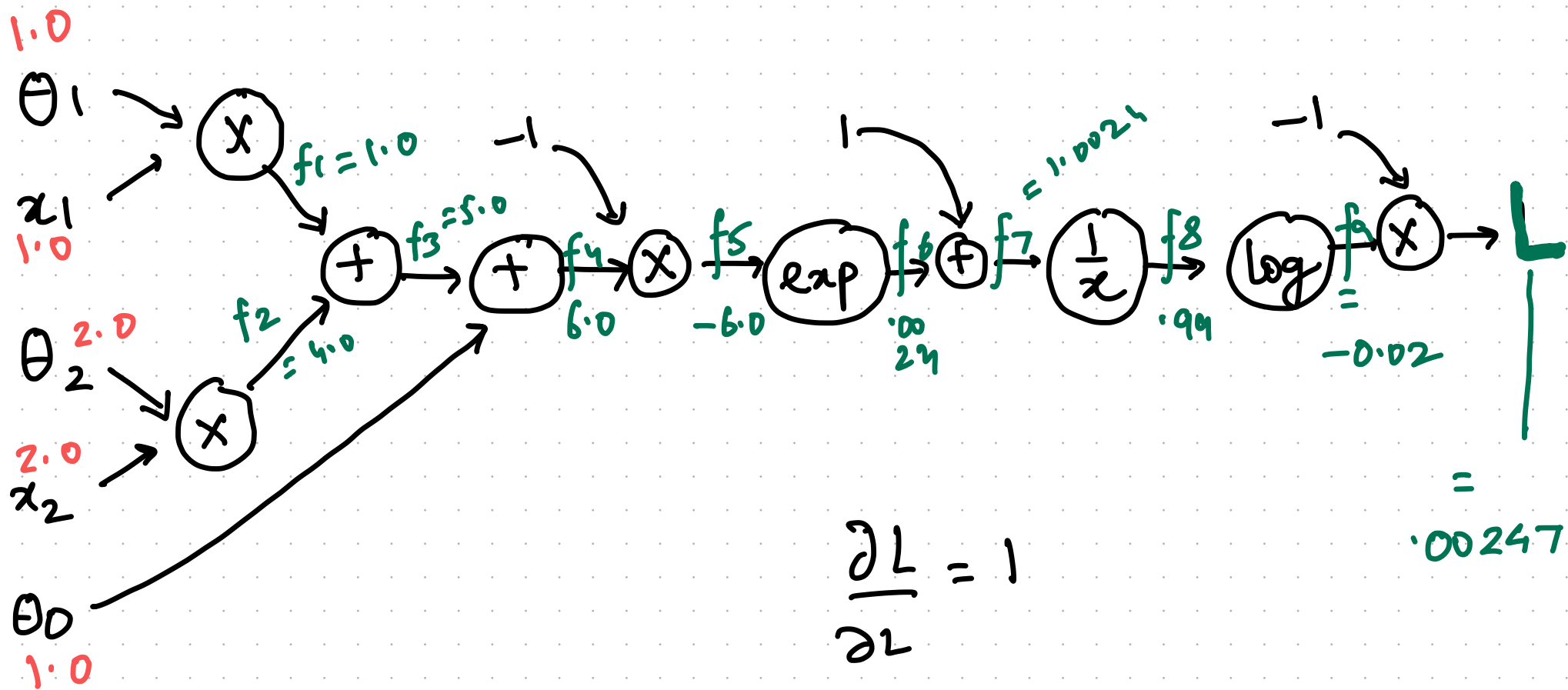
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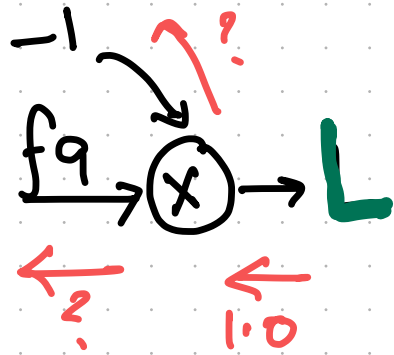


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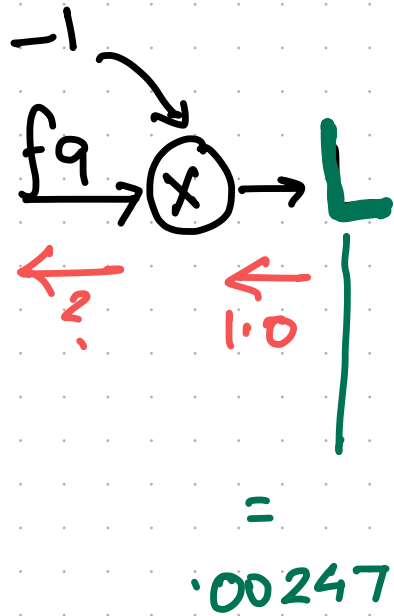


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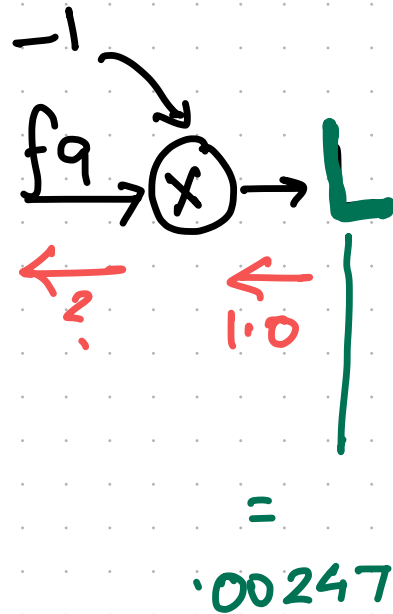
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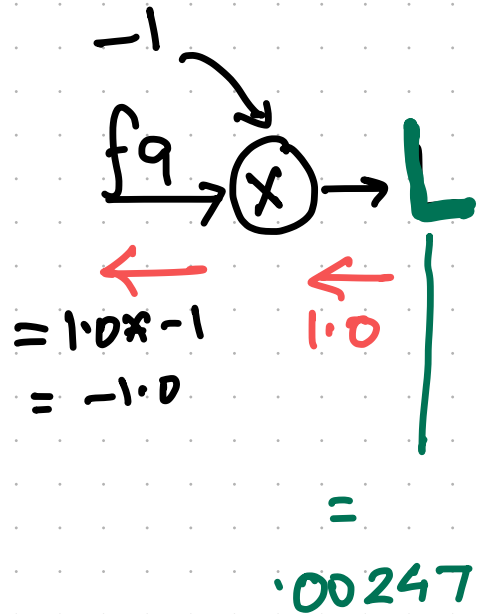
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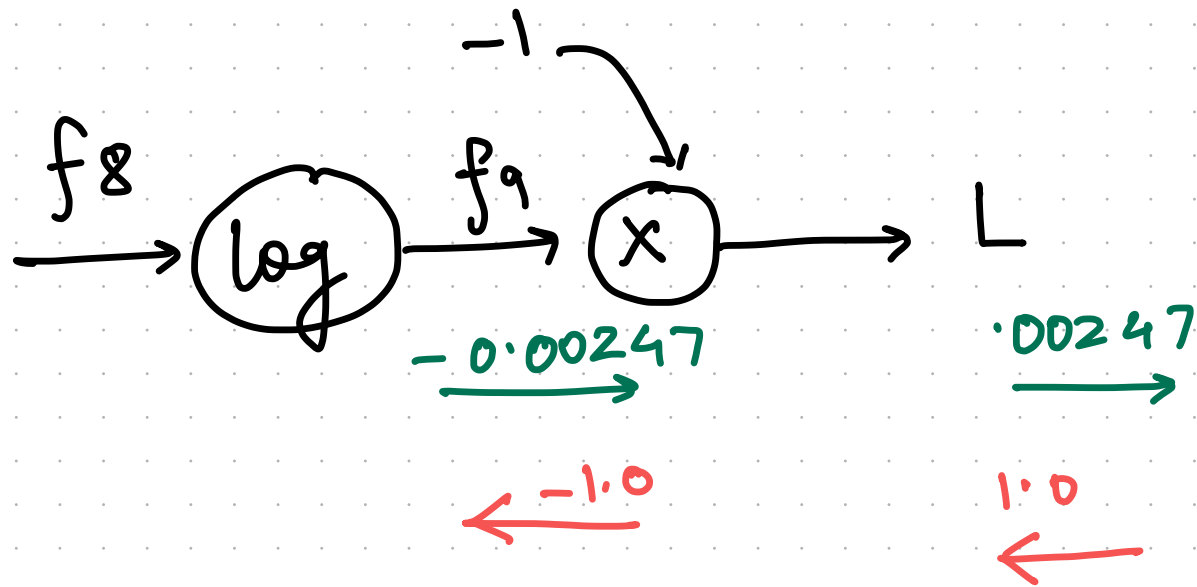
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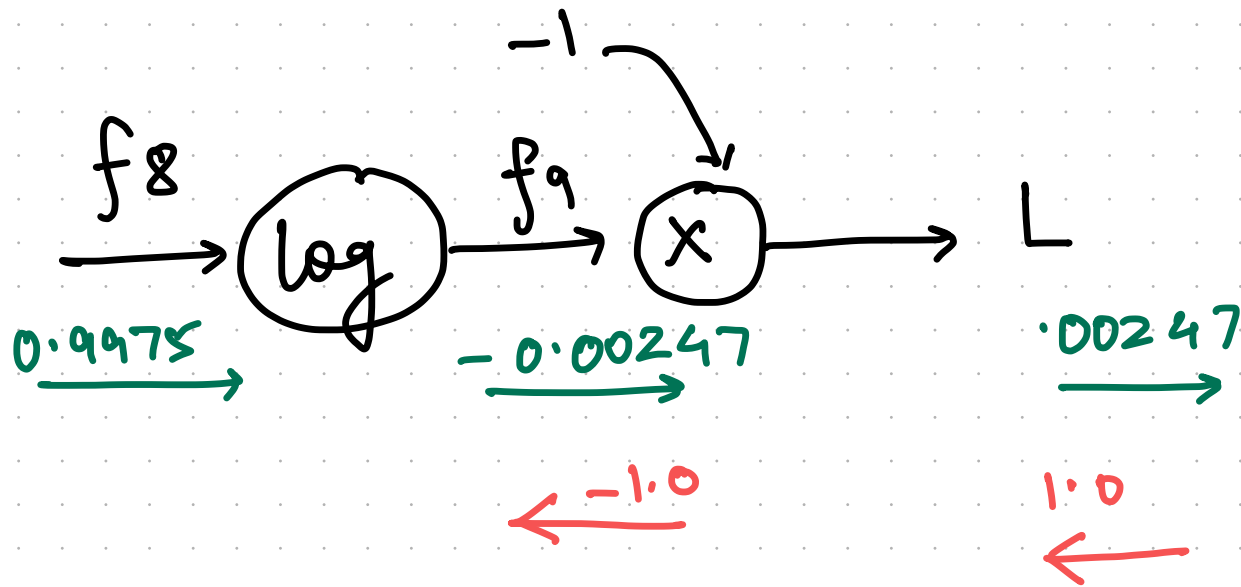
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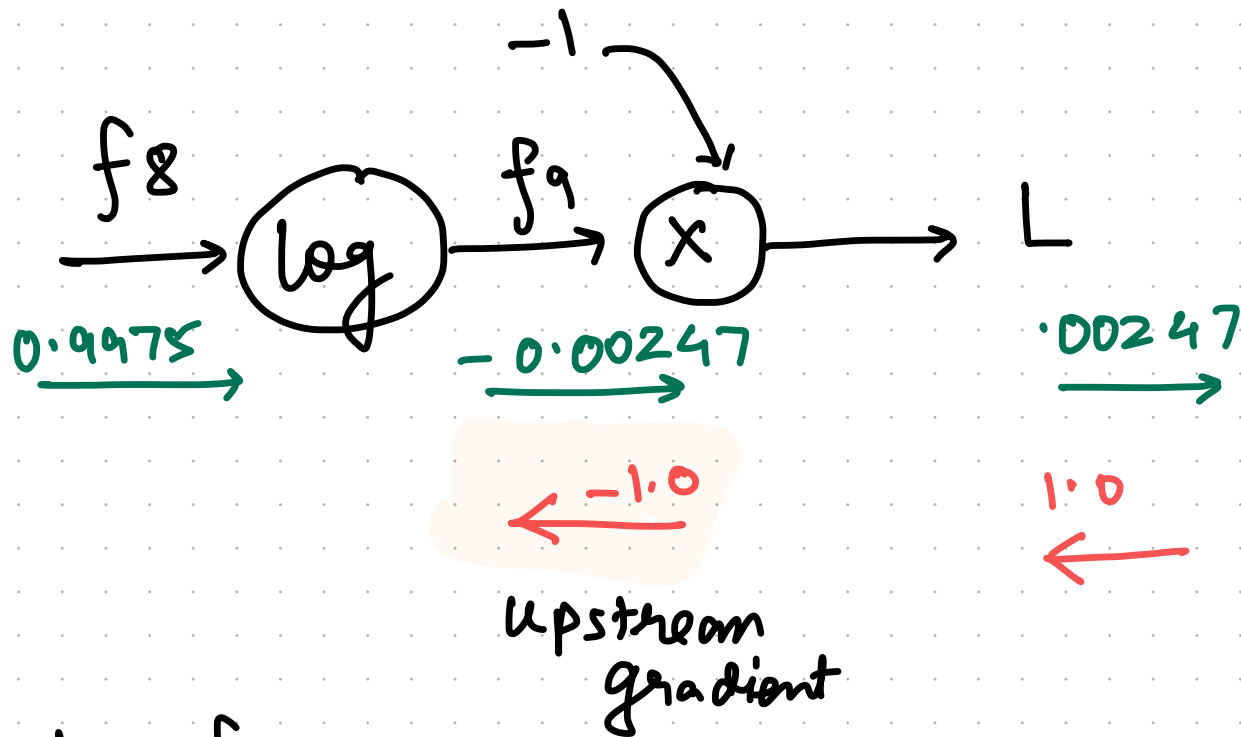
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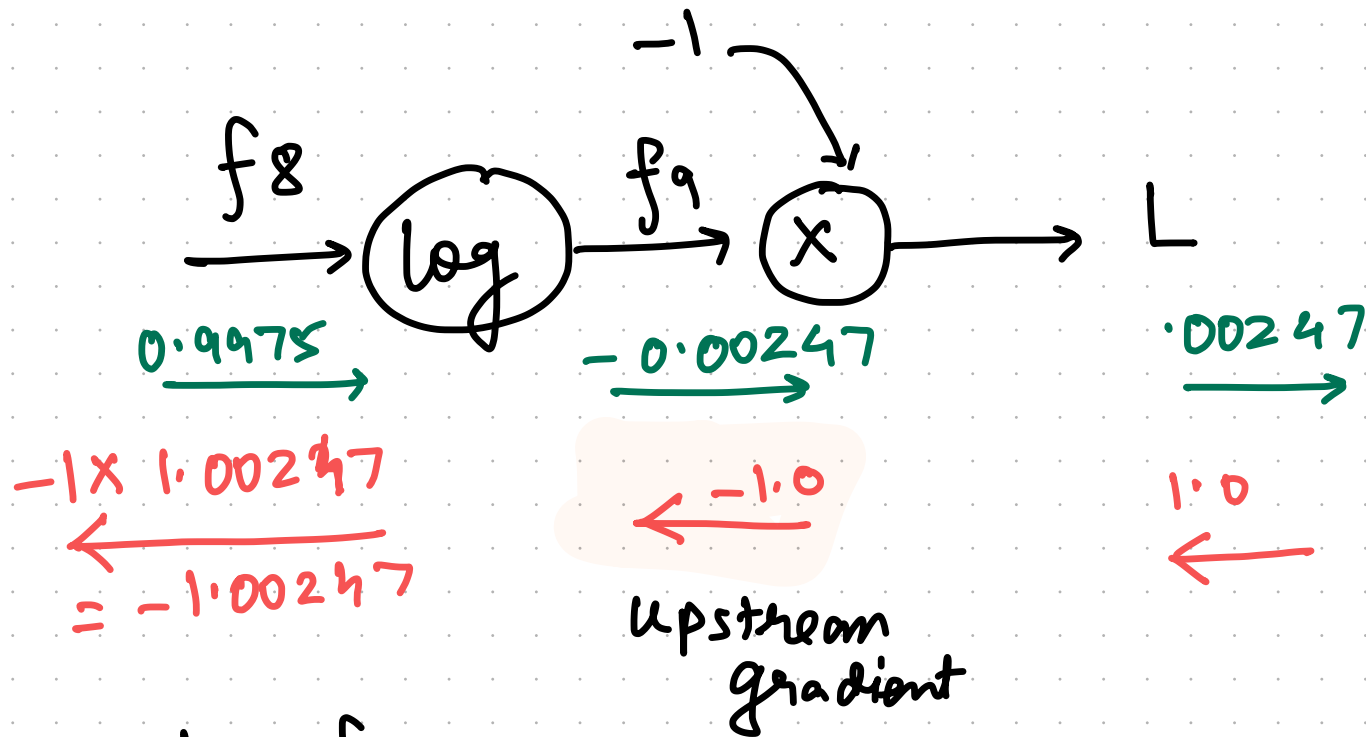
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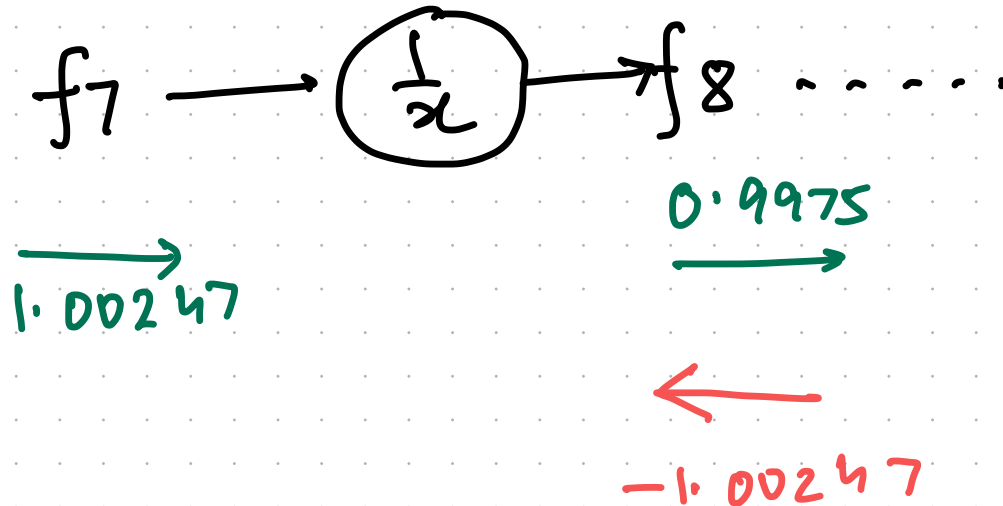


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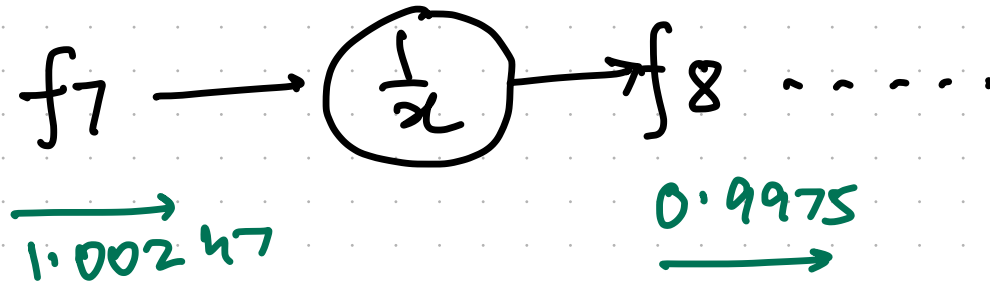
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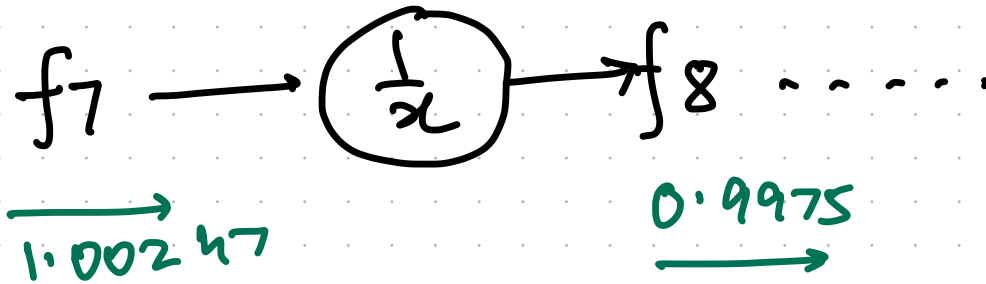
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←  $-1.00247$  upstream gradient

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Backward pass calculation:

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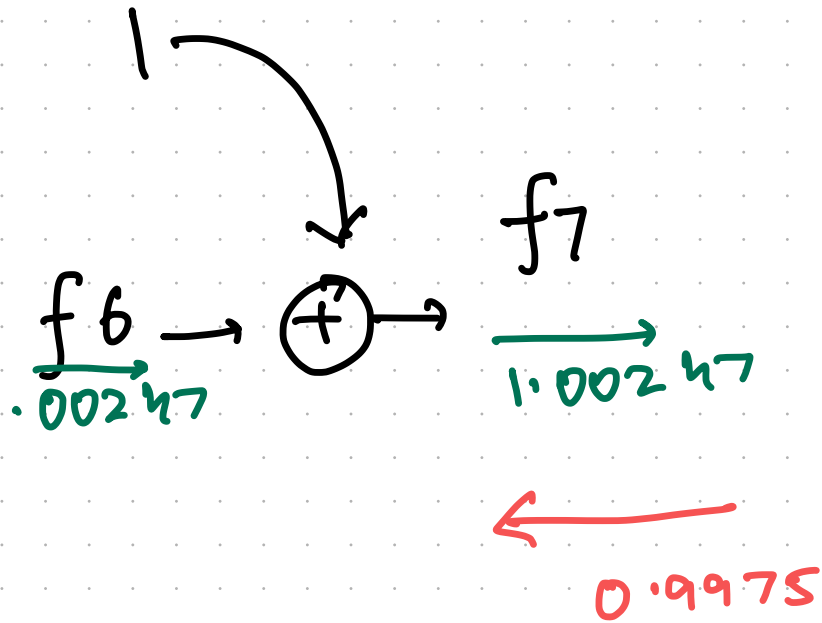
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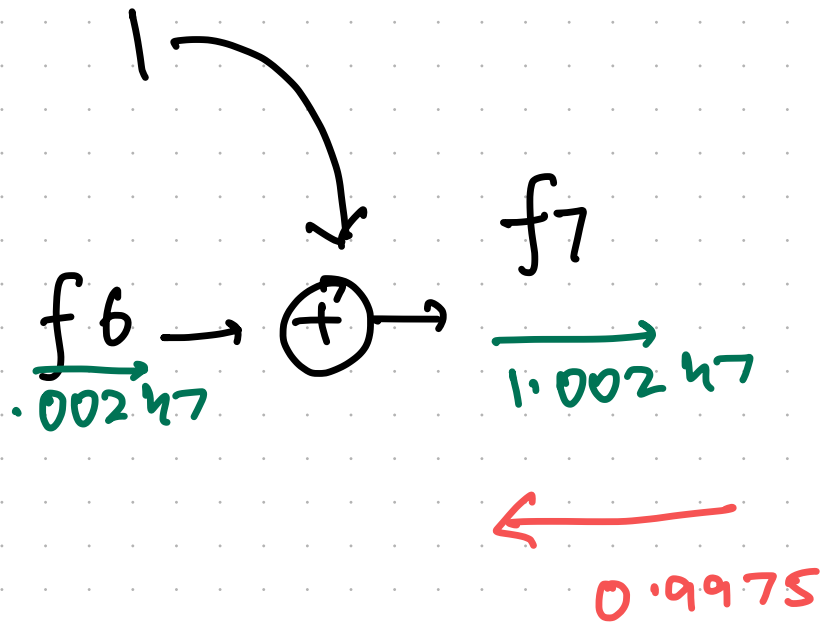
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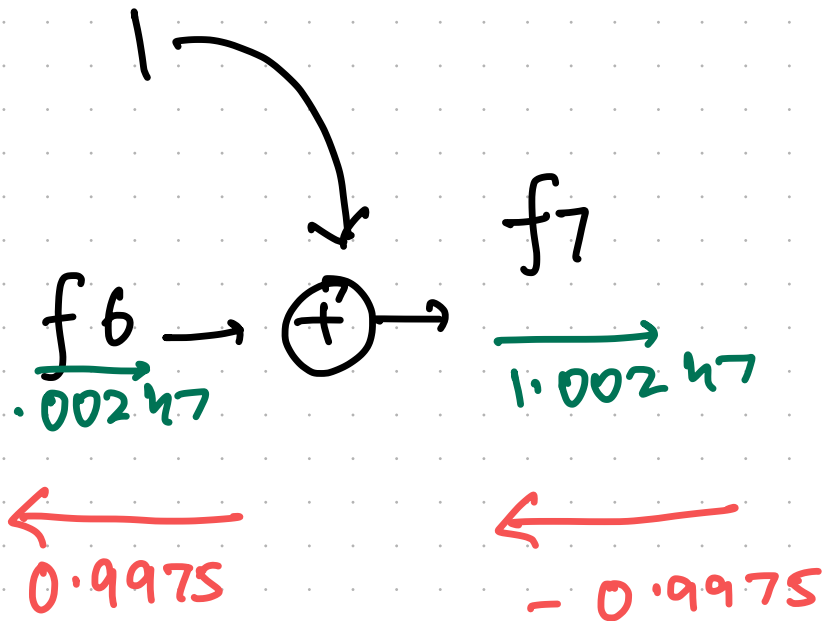
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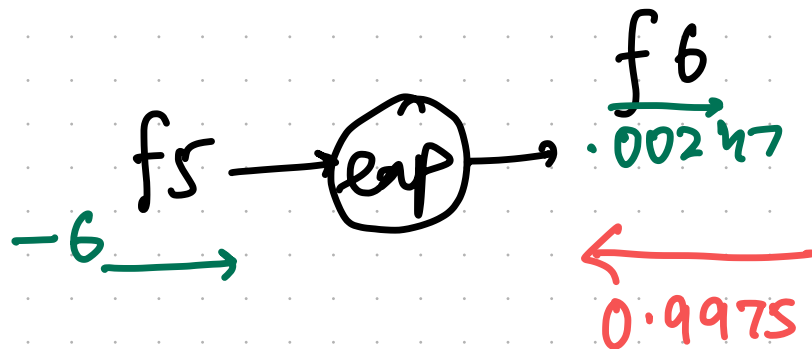
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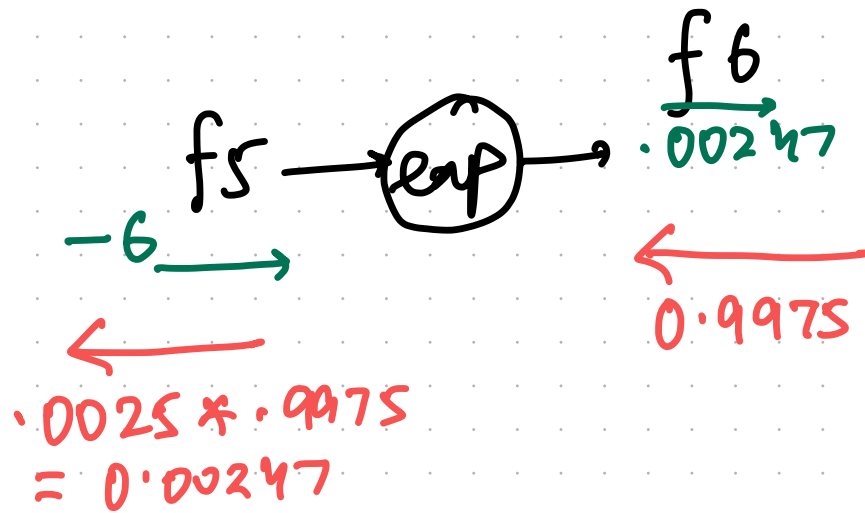
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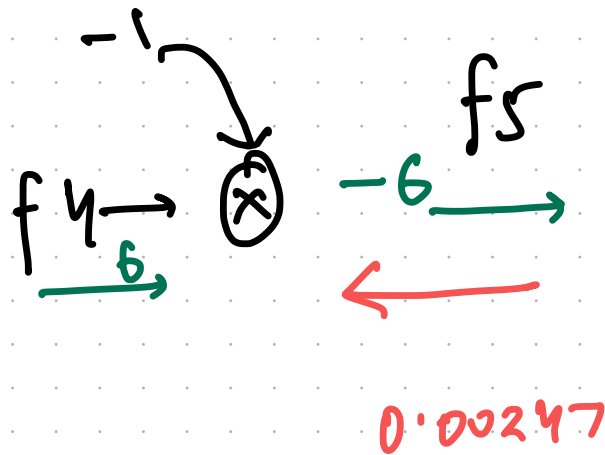


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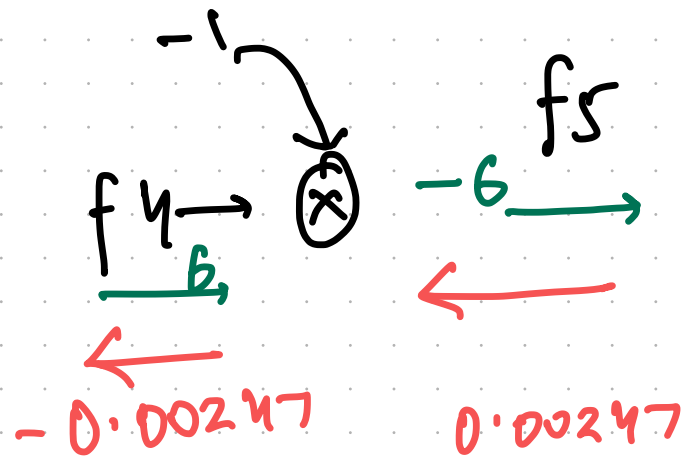
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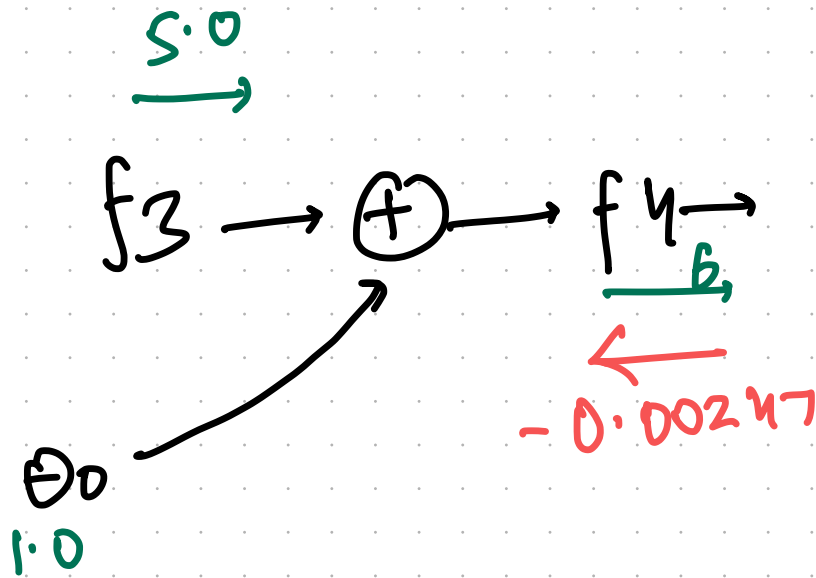
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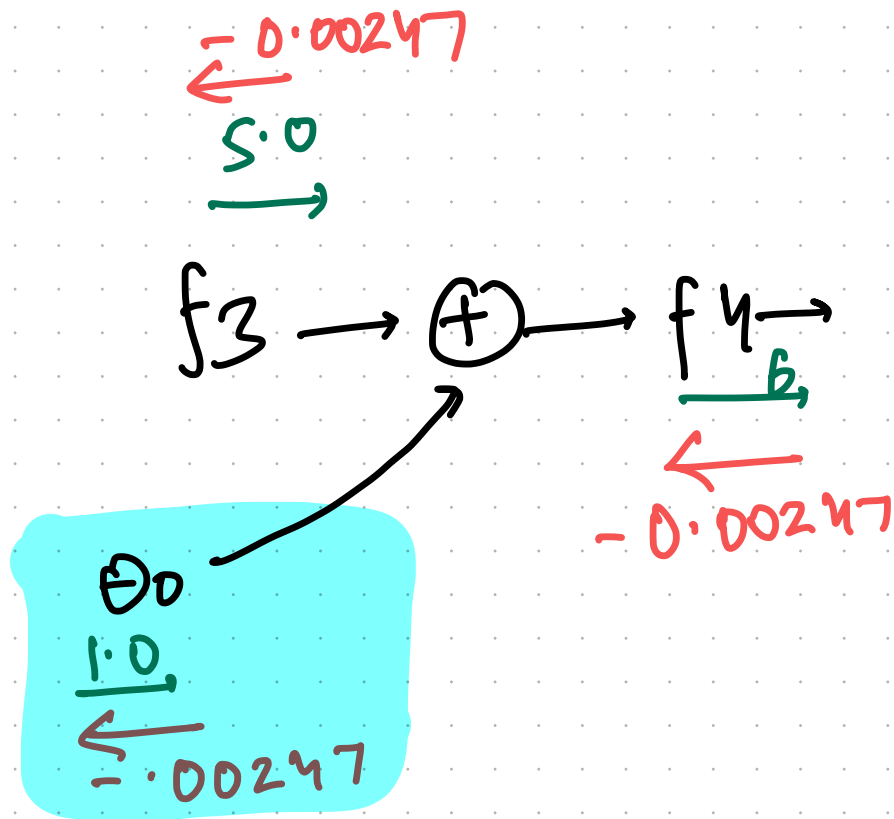
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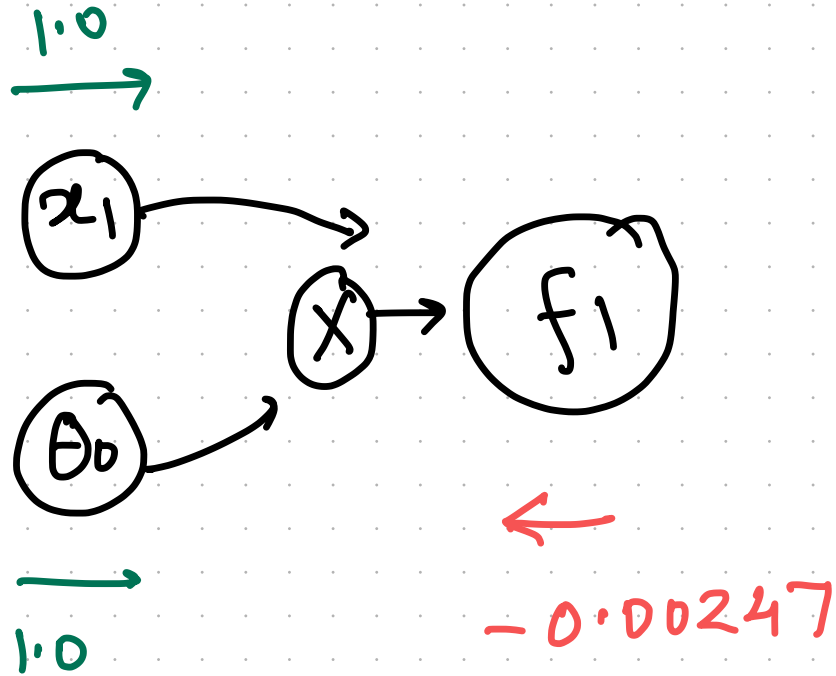
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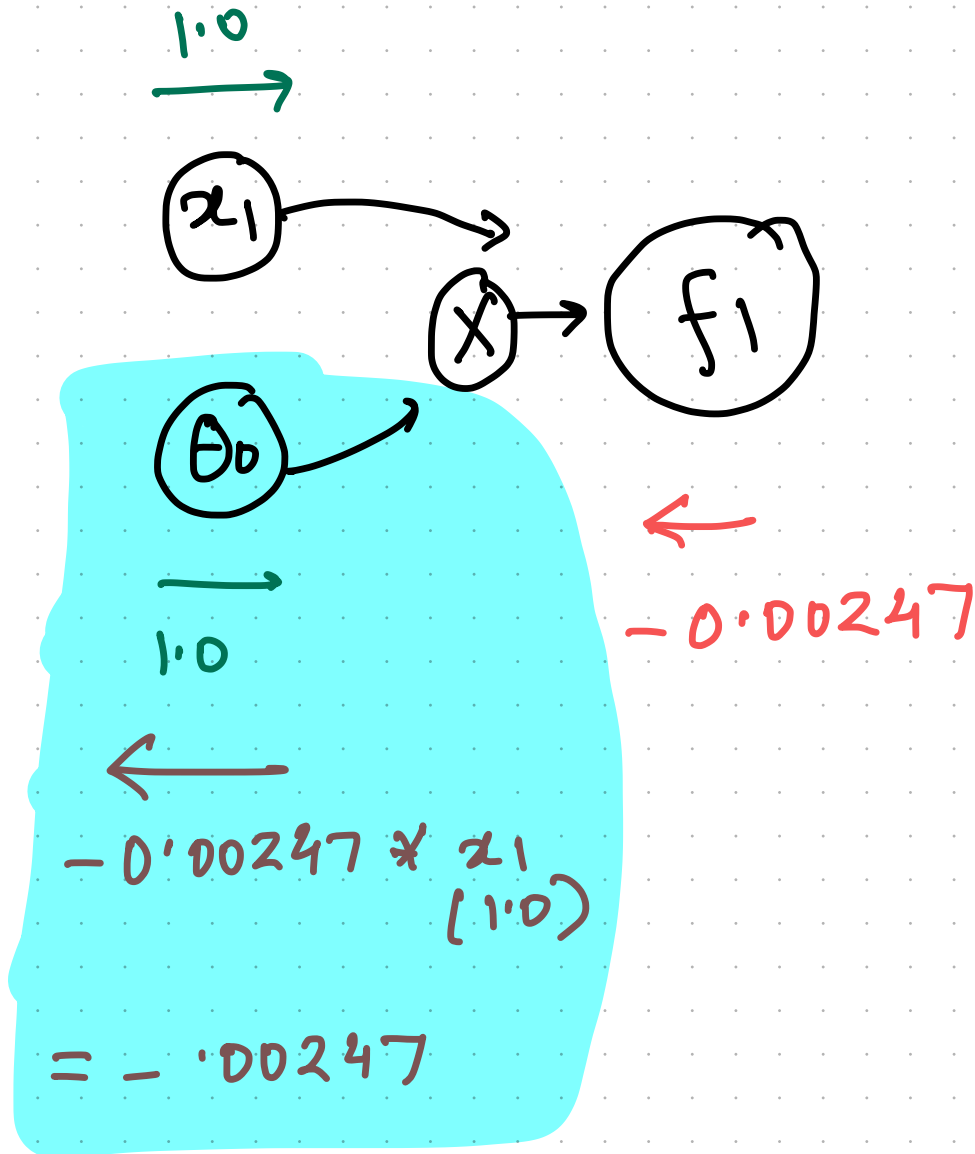
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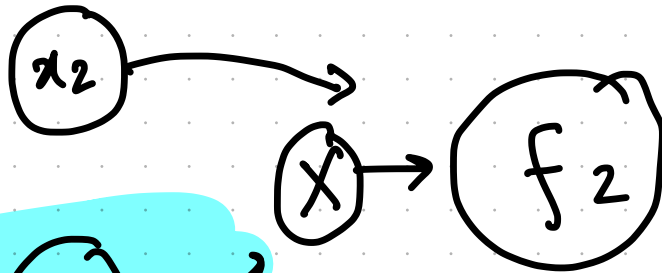


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$$= -0.00247 * x_2$$

$(2.0)$

$$= -0.0049$$

What auto diff library needs to know

$$(i) f = a * b ; \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = b ; \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} = a$$

$$(ii) f = a + b ; \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial b} = 1$$

$$(iii) f = e^a ; \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = e^a$$

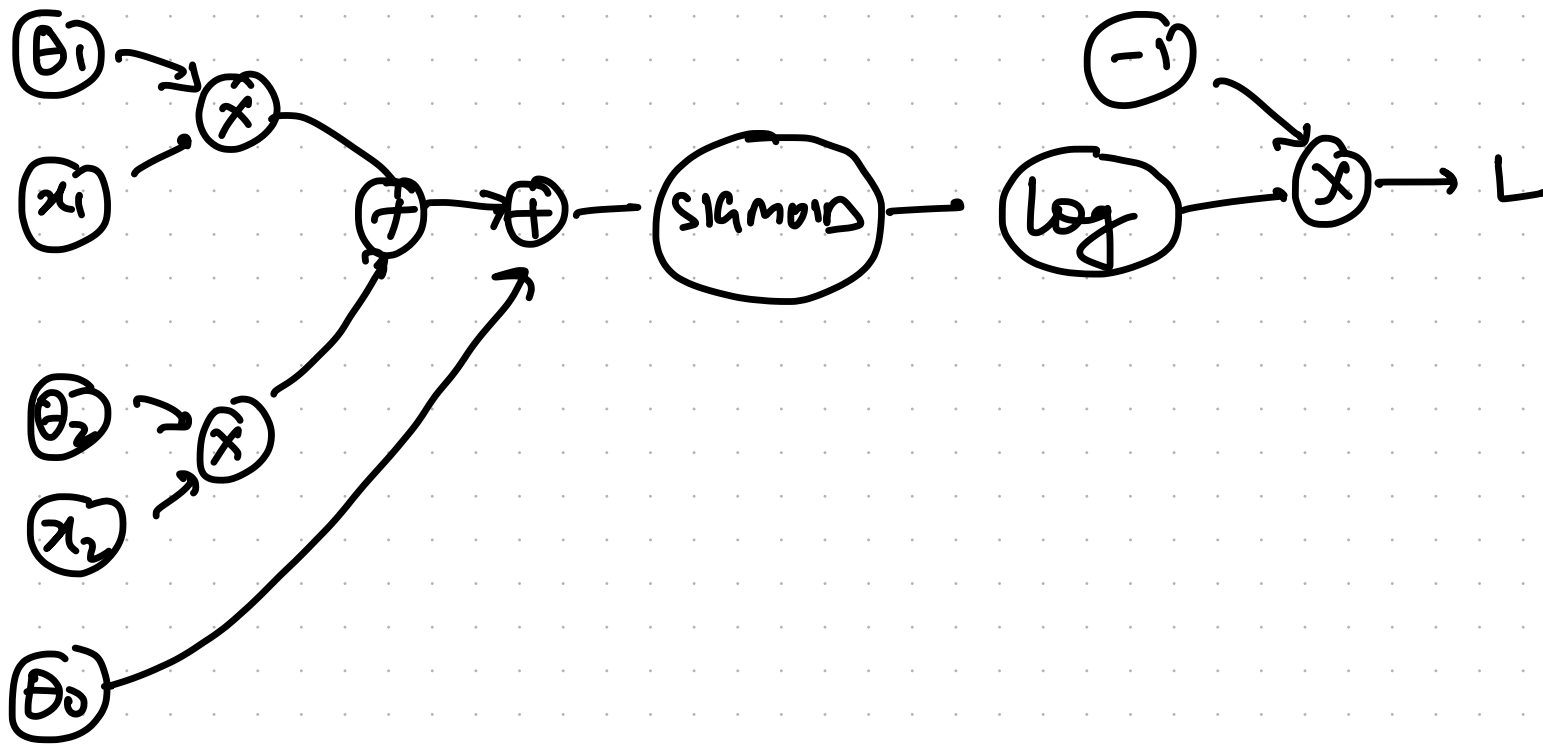
$$(iv) f = \frac{1}{a} ; \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial a} = -1/a^2$$

⋮



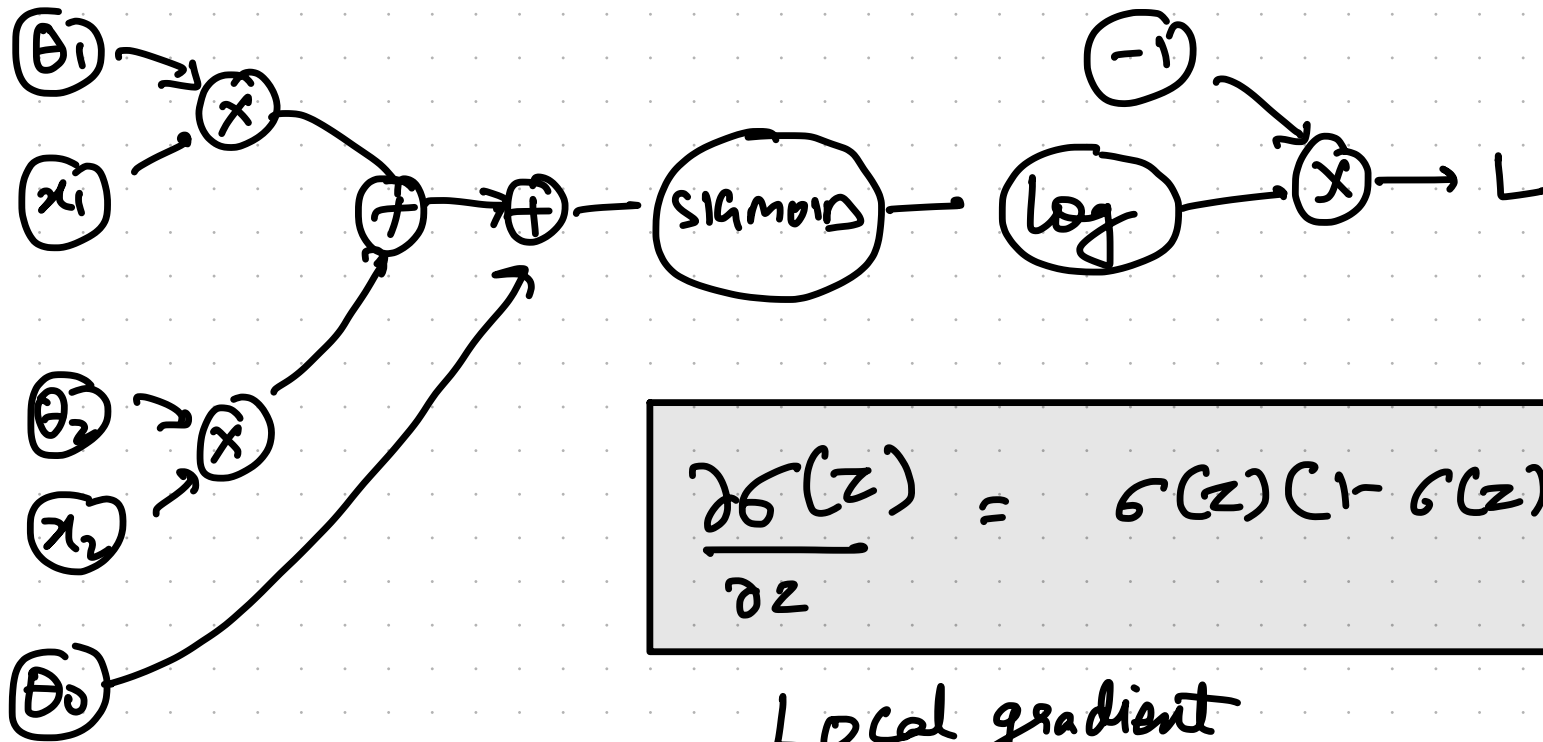
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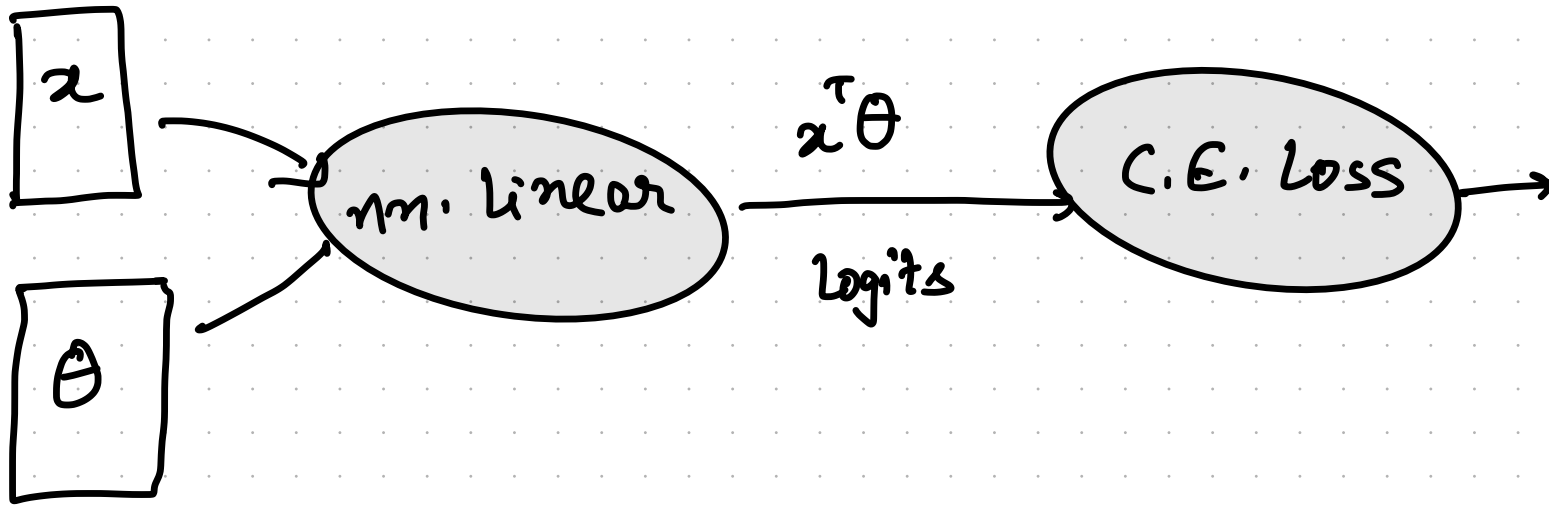
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Local gradient

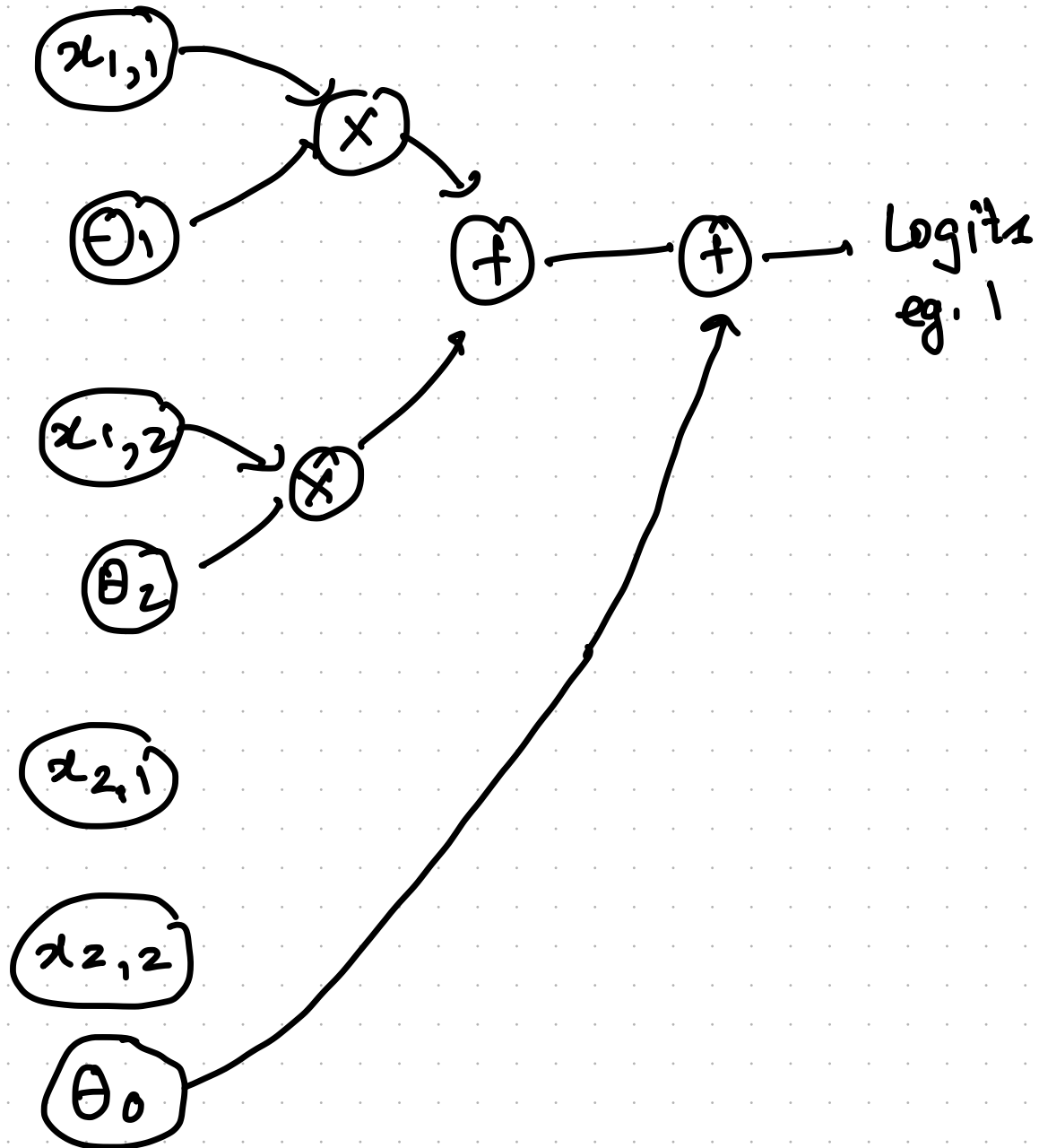
Exercise: show you get same answer as before

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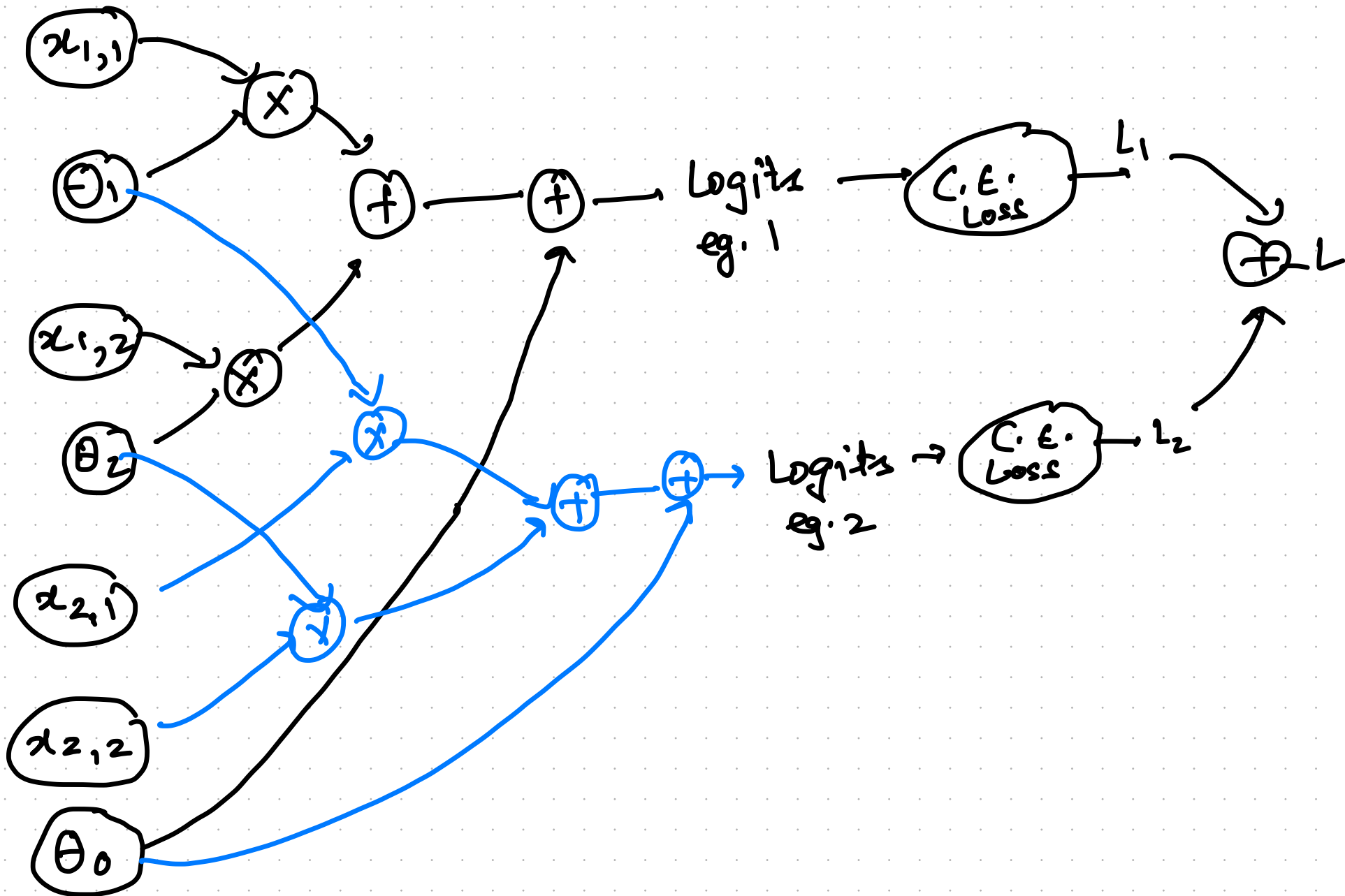
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$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt},$$

where the ordinary derivatives are evaluated at  $t$  and the partial derivatives are evaluated at  $(x, y)$ .

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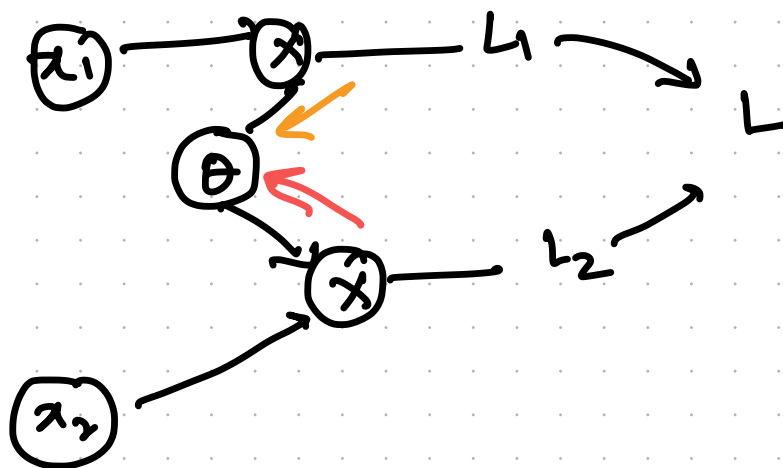
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Addition of all incoming gradients