

# Framework for Deep and Temporal Complex-Valued Networks

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## Abstract

We present a framework for building deep and temporal complex-valued networks that contain compositions of holomorphic and non-holomorphic functions. The gradients of a real-valued cost function are back-propagated through the network to adjust the parameters by:

- Using convenience of Wirtinger calculus.
- Leveraging identities of the complex conjugate.

## Motivation

**Back-propagation for complex valued networks.** Easily build deep networks having compositions of holomorphic and non holomorphic functions.

### Why fully-complex activations?

We may want to have a means of jointly modeling phase-amplitude dependencies for time-frequency representations of audio.

### Why split-complex activations?

Liouville's theorem: Every bounded entire function must be constant. We might prioritize boundedness in some components of a model.

## Wirtinger Calculus

Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , with

$f(z) = f(z, \bar{z}) = f(x, y) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$   
and  $\bar{z}$  denoting complex conjugate of  $z$ .

### $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{R}$ (Wirtinger) Calculus:

$\mathbb{R}$ -derivative =  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \Big|_{\bar{z} \text{ constant}}$        $\mathbb{R}$ -derivative =  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} \Big|_{z \text{ constant}}$

### Cauchy-Riemann Equations:

$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial v}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial v}{\partial x} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$ , or equivalently:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$ .

## Framework

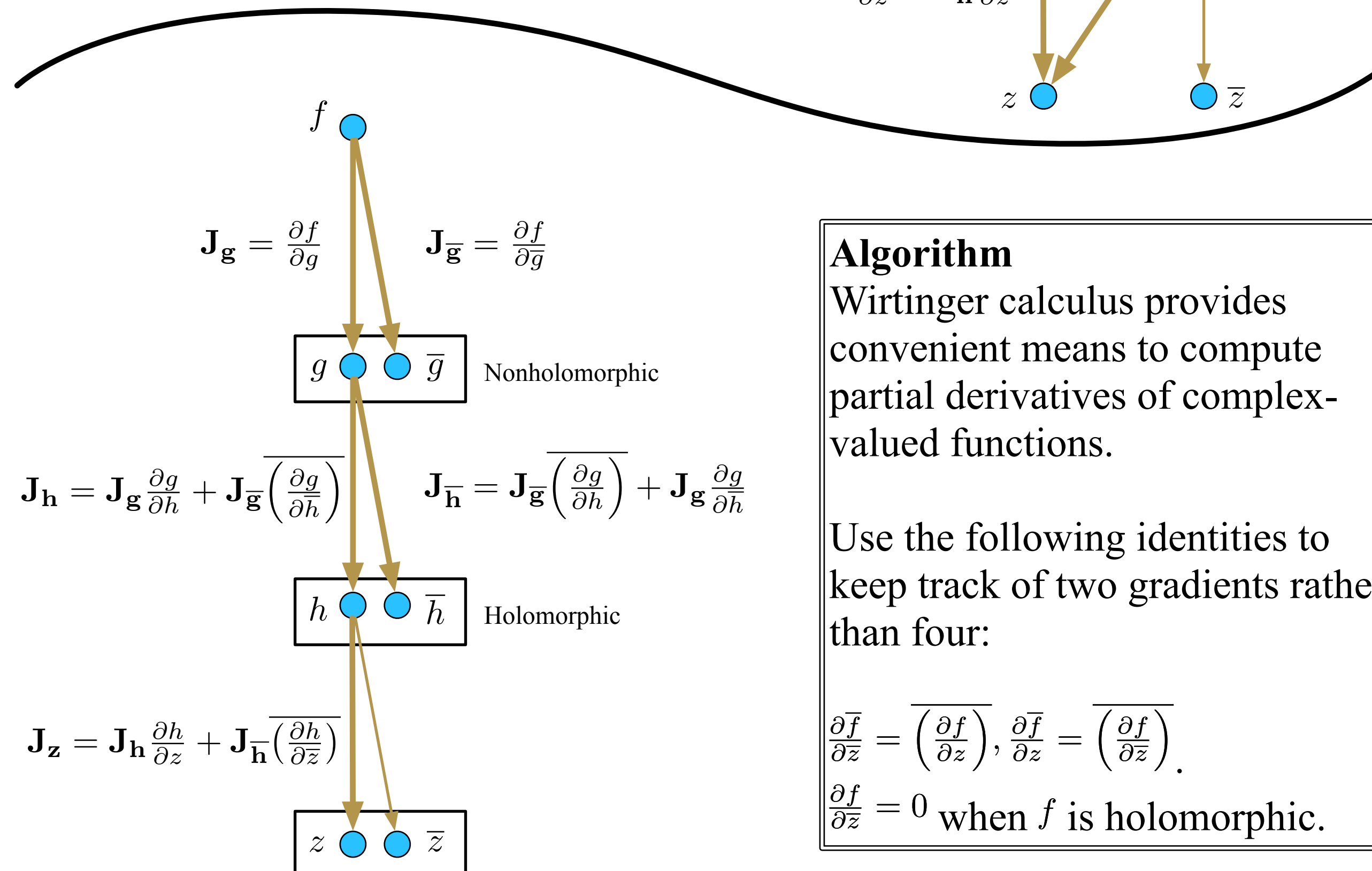
### Dependency Graph:

$$y = f(g) = f(g, \bar{g}) = |g|^2 = g\bar{g}$$

$$y = (f \circ g \circ h)(z)$$

We seek to find the Jacobian of  $f$  with respect to  $z$ ,  $\mathbf{J}_z$ .

If  $g$  or  $h$  are nonholomorphic then the dependency graph is not straightforward to compute.



### Algorithm

Wirtinger calculus provides convenient means to compute partial derivatives of complex-valued functions.

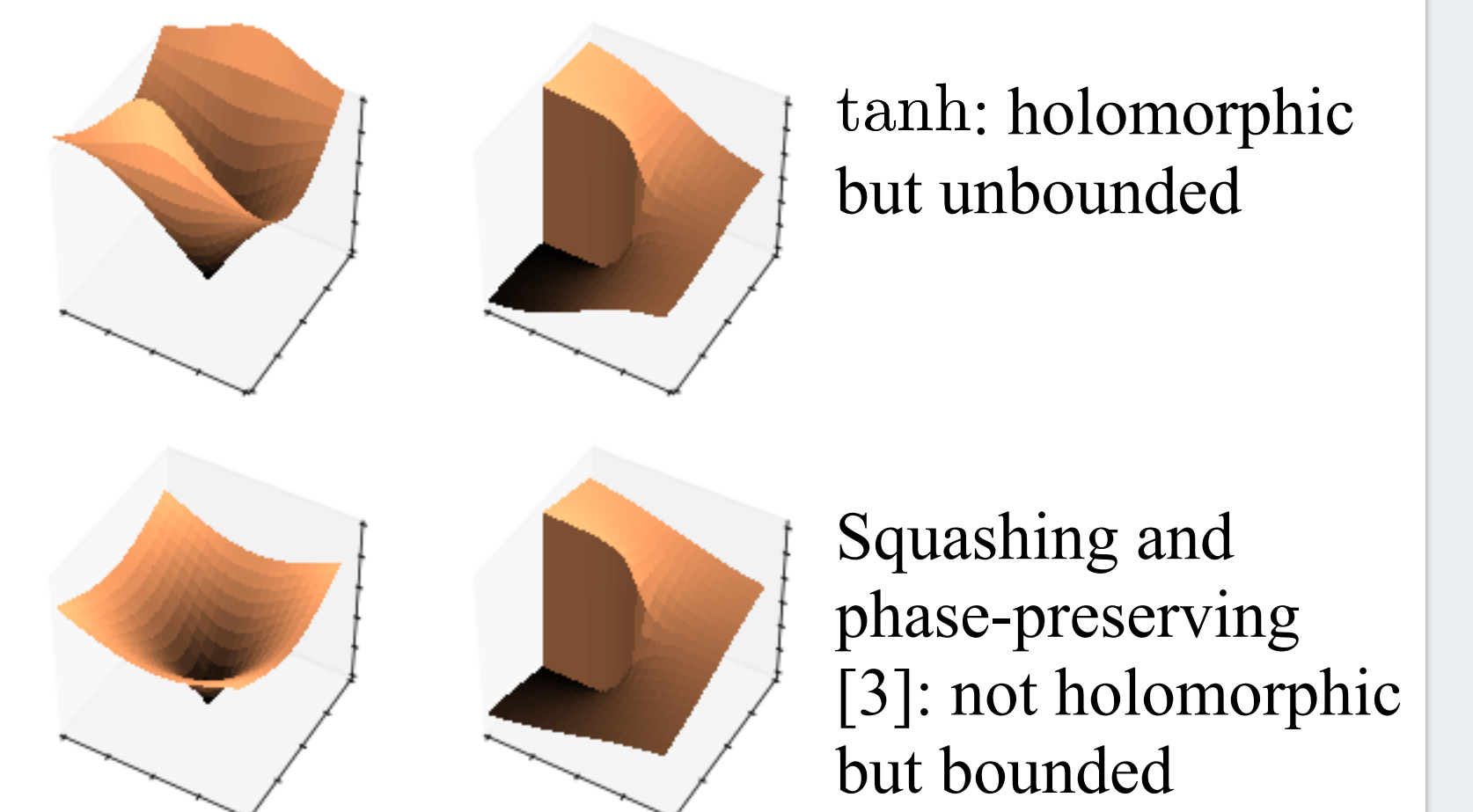
Use the following identities to keep track of two gradients rather than four:

$$\frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial \bar{z}} = \overline{\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right)}, \quad \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial z} = \overline{\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} \right)}.$$

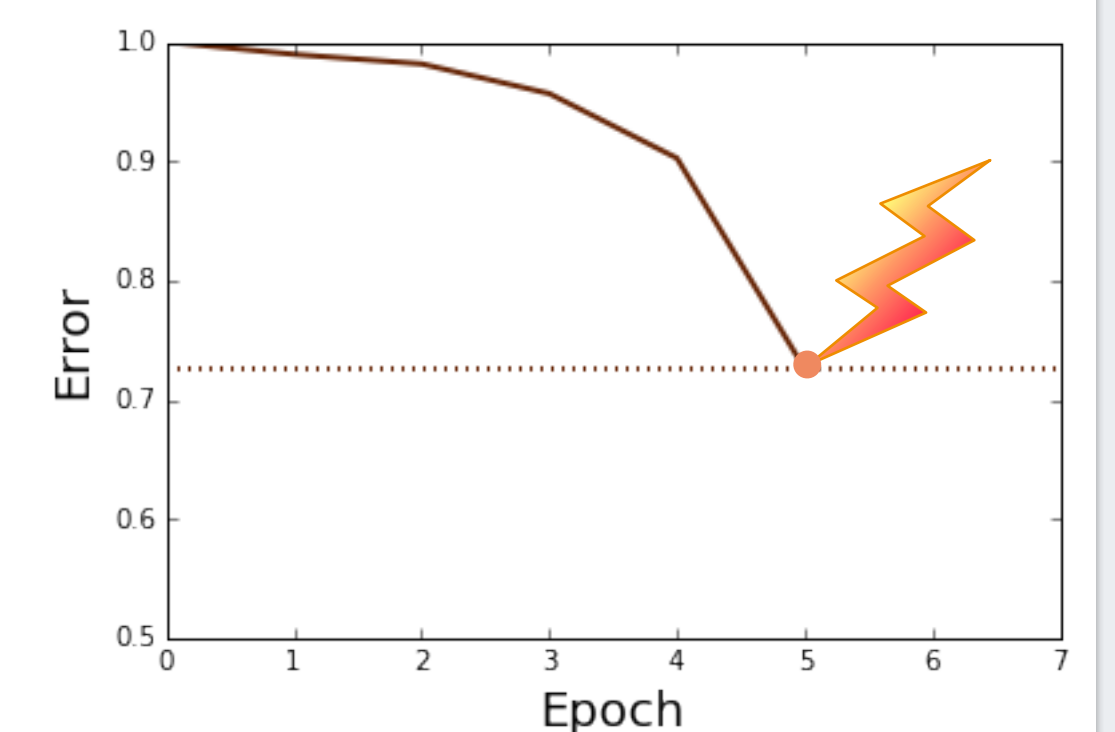
$\frac{\partial f}{\partial \bar{z}} = 0$  when  $f$  is holomorphic.

## Activation Functions

Elementary transcendental functions have desirable characteristics [2] but may be difficult to train.



Complex-valued LSTM encounters singularity during training on toy task.



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