# Some mathematics of Word2Vec algorithm and approximated Softmax

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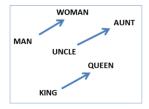
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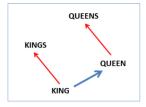
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#### word embedding

- words are symbols: one may **not** able to perform arithmetic operations on them.
- ▶ turning each word into a **vector**, e.g., "machine"  $\rightarrow$  [2.4 1.2 1.9 ...]
- can measure how similar or dissimilar between them
- can even perform "arithmetic":
- examples from the original paper:

$$vec(King) - vec(man) + vec(woman) = vec(Queen)$$





Mikolov et. al., (2013) "Linguistic Regularities in Continuous Space Word Representations"

## one-hot encoding

simple!

- however, the structure is huge and sparse
- every pair of items are  $\sqrt{2}$  apart.
- can we do better?

#### supervised learning between (target → context)

- Word2Vec algorithm tries to leverage ("target", "context") relationships:
- offers two approaches, i.e., to maximize two different conditional densities:
  - skip-gram: Pr("context" | "target")
  - continuous bag of words (CBOW): Pr("target" | "context")
- uses supervised learning techniques: so we need to build ("input", "label") pairs
  - 1. pick window size (odd number)
  - 2. extract all tokens based on this chosen window size
  - 3. remove middle word in each window; this becomes your target word, rest are context
- btw, each word is an object class, a huge softmax!

# Word2Vec: building training set

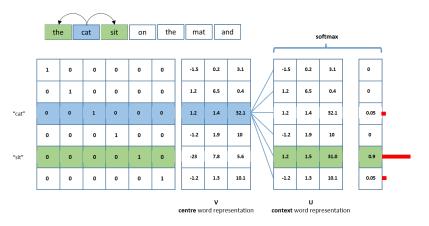
- for example, Skip-gram(window size 3)
- "the cat sit on the mat"

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1. "the", "cat", "sit", target: cat
2. "cat", "sit", "on", target: sit
3. "sit", "on ", "the", target: on
4. "on", "the", "mat", target: the
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- now we can perform supervised learning for (center, context):
  - ("cat", "the")
  - ("cat", "sit")
  - ("sit", "cat")
  - (Sil, Cal)
  - ("sit","on")
  - ("on", "sit")
  - ► ("on","the")
  - ► ("the", "on")
  - ► ("the", "mat")

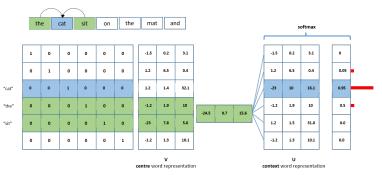
## Simple Skip-gram example

- say vocabulary has 6 unique words in total
- "cat (3<sup>th</sup> word)" and "sit (5<sup>th</sup> word)" is a (center, context) pair
- $\blacktriangleright$  for every word w, it has 2 representations  $\mathbf{u}_w$  and  $\mathbf{v}_w$ , one for input and one for output
- ▶ predict context word given a center word Pr(o = "sit" | c = "cat")



## Simple CBoW example

to predict center word given multiple context words:



- $\mathbf{v}_t$  is average of input (context) vectors
- the new objective is:

$$p(c|t) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_c^{\top} \mathbf{v}_t)}{\sum_{w'} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w'}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_t)}$$

# Skip-Gram objective function (1)

predict context word given a center word Pr(o = "sit" | c = "cat")

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Pr}(o = "sit" \, | \, c = "cat") &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{-sit'}^\top \mathbf{v}_{-cat''})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^\top \mathbf{v}_{-cat''})} \\ &\implies \log(\mathsf{Pr}(o = | c)) &= \log\left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{o}^\top \mathbf{v}_{c})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^\top \mathbf{v}_{c})}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- $\qquad \text{we need to compute both } \frac{\partial \log(\Pr(o=|c))}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} \text{ and } \frac{\partial \log(\Pr(o=|c))}{\partial \mathbf{u}_w}, \forall \mathbf{v}_c, \mathbf{u}_w \in \mathcal{V}$
- due to symmetry, looking at only one:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \log(\text{Pr}(\textit{O} = |\textit{C}))}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} &= \frac{\partial \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} - \frac{\partial \log \left( \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}) \right)}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} \log \left( \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}) \right) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \frac{\partial}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} \left( \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}) \right) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \left( \frac{1}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \left( \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}) \right) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \frac{1}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \left( \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \frac{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \right. \end{split}$$

# Skip-Gram objective function (2)

derivative:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \log(\text{Pr}(\textit{o} = |\textit{c}))}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \frac{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \text{Pr}(\textit{w}|\textit{c}) \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \mathbb{E}_{w \sim \text{Pr}(\textit{w}|\textit{c})} [\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}] \end{split}$$

- $\triangleright$  obviously, there are  $|\mathcal{V}|$  is too big, making it too computationally expensive to compute the sum
- > can we do better?

# Negative sampling (1)

- negative sampling based on Skip-Gram model, it is optimizing **different objective**, let  $\theta = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]$ :
- we let  $\bar{w}$  to indicate **negative samples**, and come from a negative population  $\bar{D}$

$$\begin{split} \theta &= \arg\max_{\theta} \prod_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \Pr(D = 1 | \mathbf{w},c,\theta) \prod_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \Pr(D = 0 | \bar{\mathbf{w}},c,\theta) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \prod_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \Pr(D = 1 | \mathbf{w},c,\theta) \prod_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} (1 - \Pr(D = 1 | \bar{\mathbf{w}},c,\theta)) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \log \left( \Pr(D = 1 | \mathbf{w},c,\theta) \right) + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \left( 1 - \Pr(D = 1 | \bar{\mathbf{w}},c,\theta) \right) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \log \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}\right]} + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}\right]} \right) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{w}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}) + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}\right]} \right) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{w}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}) + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}) \end{split}$$

# Negative sampling (2)

**n** negative sampling based on Skip-Gram model, it is optimizing **different objective**, let  $\theta = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]$ :

$$\theta = \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\boldsymbol{w}, c) \in D} \sigma(\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}_{\boldsymbol{w}}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\mathsf{v}}_{c}) + \sum_{(\bar{\boldsymbol{w}}, c) \in \bar{D}} \log\sigma(-\boldsymbol{\mathsf{u}}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{w}}}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\mathsf{v}}_{c})$$

it still has a huge sum term  $\sum_{(\bar{W},c)\in\bar{D}}(.)$ , so we change to:

$$\theta = \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{\theta} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{w}}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{c}}) + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{w}} = 1}^{k} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}} \sim P(\mathbf{w})} \log \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{c}})$$

- ▶ sample a fraction of negative samples in second terms:  $\{\bar{w}\}$  instead of going for  $\forall (\bar{w} \neq w) \in \mathcal{V}$
- $ar{w} \sim \Pr_{ar{D}}(w)$ , where  $\Pr_{ar{D}}(.)$  is probability of negative sample: can use Unigram Model raised to the power of  $\frac{3}{4}$
- doing so, we can:
  - increase probability of popular words marginally increase probability of rarer words dramatically making "rarer" words also have chance to be sampled
- in unigram model, probability of each word only depends on that word's own probability



# Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (1)

let  $u_{\theta}(w, c)$  be un-normalized score function, i.e.,  $u_{\theta}(w, c) = \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})$ 

$$P_{\theta}(w|c) = \frac{u_{\theta}(w,c)}{\sum_{w' \in \mathcal{V}} u_{\theta}(w',c)} = \frac{u_{\theta}(w,c)}{Z_c}$$

- $\tilde{p}(w|c)$  and  $\tilde{p}(c)$  are empirical distributions we **know** them from data, so we can sample (w, c) from it!
- ▶ a "noise" distribution q(w) is used uniform or uniform unigram we also **know** them, again, we can sample  $\bar{w} \sim q(.)$
- **task** is to use sample from both distributions, then to assist us find  $\theta$  making  $P_{\theta}(w|c)$  to approximate empirical distribution as closely as possible (by minimal cross entropy)



## Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (2)

- ▶ training data generation:  $(w, c, D) \sim D$
- of course, to utilize  $\tilde{p}(w|c)$ ,  $\tilde{p}(c)$  and q(w), which we already have knowledge of:
  - 1. sample a  $c \sim \tilde{p}(c)$ ,  $w \sim \tilde{p}(w|c)$  and label it as D=1
  - 2. k "noise" samples from q(.), and label it as D=0
- NCE transforms:

"problem of model estimation" (computationally expensive) to "problem of estimating parameters of probabilistic binary classifier uses same parameters to distinguish between samples" (computationally acceptable)

- from empirical distribution
- from noise distribution



# Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (3)

let  $u_{\theta}(w, c)$  be un-normalized score function, i.e.,  $u_{\theta}(w, c) = \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c)$ 

$$\begin{split} P(D=0|c,w) &= \frac{P(D=0,w|c)}{P(w|c)} = \frac{p(w|D=0,c)P(D=0)}{\sum_{d \in \{0,1\}} p(w|D=d,c)P(D=d)} \\ &= \frac{q(w) \times \frac{k}{1+k}}{\tilde{P}(w|c) \times \frac{1}{k+1} + q(w) \times \frac{k}{1+k}} \\ &= \frac{kq(w)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} \\ P(D=1|c,w) &= 1 - P(D=0|c,w) \\ &= \frac{\tilde{P}(w|c)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} \end{split}$$

## Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (4)

NCE replaces empirical distribution  $\tilde{p}(w|c)$  with model distribution  $p_{\theta}(w|c)$ 

$$P(D = 0|c, w) = \frac{kq(w)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} = \frac{kq(w)}{\frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{Z_{c}} + kq(w)}$$

$$P(D = 1|c, w) = \frac{\tilde{P}(w|c)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} = \frac{\frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{Z_{c}}}{\frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{Z_{c}} + kq(w)}$$

θ is then chosen to maximize likelihood of proxy corpus created from training data generation:

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{NCE}} = \log p(D = 1 | c, w) + k \sum_{(w, c) \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{E}_{w' \sim q} \log p(D = 0 | c, w')$$

- for neural networks:  $Z_c$  can also be trained or set to some fixed number, e.g.,  $Z_c = 1$
- negative sampling is its special case  $k = |\mathcal{V}|$  and q(.) is uniform, and  $Z_c = 1$ :

$$\begin{split} P(D=0|c,w) &= \frac{|\mathcal{V}| \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + |\mathcal{V}| \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}} = \frac{1}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + 1} \\ P(D=1|c,w) &= \frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + |\mathcal{V}| \frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}} = \frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + 1} \end{split}$$

#### **Self Normalization**

- in previous slide, we want to normalize, s.t.,  $Z_c = 1$
- start with  $u_{\theta}(w, c) = \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\theta}(w|c) &= \prod_{w} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})}{Z_{c}} \\ \implies J_{\theta} &= -\prod_{w} \log(P_{\theta}(w|c)) = -\sum_{w} \log\left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})}{Z_{c}}\right) \\ &= -\sum_{w} \mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c} - \log\left(Z_{c}\right) \end{aligned}$$

▶ to constrain model and sets  $Z(c) = 1 \implies \log Z(c) = 0$ :

$$J_{\theta} = -\sum_{w} \mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c} + \log Z(c) - \alpha \left( \log(Z(c)) - 0 \right)^{2}$$
$$= -\sum_{w} \mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c} + \log Z(c) - \alpha \log^{2} Z(c)$$



#### **FastText**

A library created by Facebook research team for

- efficient learning of word representations(Enriching Word Vectors with Subword Information)
- 2. sentence classification(Bag of Tricks for Efficient Text Classification)

#### **FastText**

- So how is it different from Word2Vec?
- Instead of words, we now have ngrams of subwords, what is its advantage?
  - 1. Helpful for finding representations for rare words
  - 2. Give vector representations for words not present in dictionary
- for example, n = 3, i.e., 3-grams:
  - word: "where".
  - sub-words: "wh", "whe", "her", "ere", "re"
- we then represent a word by the sum of the vector representations of all its n-grams
- ▶ to compute an un-normalised score with center word  $\mathbf{v}_c$ , given a word  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{g}_w$  is the set of n-grams appearing in  $\mathbf{w}$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_g$  is the representation to each individual n-gram

$$u(w, c) = \exp\left[\sum_{g \in g_w} z_g^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c\right]$$

#### Global Vectors for Word Representation(GloVe)

- co-occurrence probabilities are useful
- GloVe learns word vectors through word co-occurrences
- $\triangleright$  co-occurrence matrix P where  $P_{ii}$  is how often word i appears in the context of word j
- Fast training and scalable to huge corpora
- loss function:

$$\theta^* = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\theta} \left( J(\theta) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j \in \mathcal{V}} f(P_{ij}) (\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v}_j - \log P_{ij})^2 \right)$$

it tries to minimize difference:

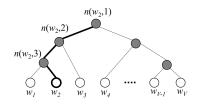
$$(\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v}_j - \log P_{ij})$$

- more frequently two words appear together, more similar their vector representation should be
- ▶ *f*(.) is weighting function to "prevent" certain scenarios, for example:

$$P_{ij} = 0 \implies \log P_{ij} = -\infty \implies f(0) = 0$$



#### Hierarchical Softmax (1)

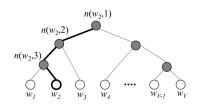


Xin Rong, word2vec Parameter Learning Explained

super advantage: Pr(w|c) is already a probability by multiplying all probabilities of path, no need to normalize!

- each word w<sub>i</sub> has a unique (pre-defined) path (not a random path!), which performs a left or right turn from nodes: n(w<sub>i</sub>, 1), n(w<sub>i</sub>, 2), n(w<sub>i</sub>, 3), . . .
- the route is defined in such a way that, each child node is from a (LEFT/RIGHT) "channel" of its parent: i.e., n(w, j + 1) = ch(n(w, j))
- for example:
  - 1.  $n(w_2, 2) = LEFT(n(w_2, 1))$
  - 2.  $n(w_2,3) = LEFT(n(w_2,2))$
  - 3.  $\underbrace{n(w_2, 4)}_{w_2} = RIGHT(n(w_2, 3))$
- there are V words in leaf (white node)
- b there are V-1 inner (non-leaf) nodes (grey node) each associate with a value of  ${\bf v}$  which is shared among all words going through this node

#### Hierarchical Softmax (2)



Xin Rong, word2vec Parameter Learning Explained

super advantage: Pr(w|c) is already a probability by multiplying all probabilities of path, no need to normalize!

we define: 
$$\xi[.] = \begin{cases} 1: & \text{true} \\ -1: & \text{false} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr(w|c) = \prod_{j=1}^{L(w)-1} \sigma\bigg(\underbrace{\xi[\textit{n}(w,j+1) = \text{ch}(\textit{n}(w,j))]}_{\text{control its sign}} \mathbf{v}_{\textit{n}(w,j)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_{c}\bigg)$$

- looking at Pr(w2 | c) and Pr(w3 | c):
- $n(w_2, 1) = n(w_3, 1)$  in fact  $\{n(w_i, 1)\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{V}|}$  all equal
- $n(w_2, 2) = n(w_3, 2)$

$$\begin{split} \Pr(w_2 \mid c) &= p(n(w_2, 1), \text{LEFT}) p(n(w_2, 2), \text{LEFT}) p(n(w_2, 3), \text{RIGHT}) \\ &= \sigma\left(\mathbf{v}_{n(\mathbf{w}_2, 1)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_c\right) \sigma\left(\mathbf{v}_{n(\mathbf{w}_2, 2)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_c\right) \sigma\left(-\mathbf{v}_{n(\mathbf{w}_2, 3)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_c\right) \\ \Pr(w_3 \mid c) &= p(n(\mathbf{w}_3, 1), \text{LEFT}) p(n(\mathbf{w}_3, 2), \text{RIGHT}) \\ &= \sigma\left(\mathbf{v}_{n(\mathbf{w}_3, 1)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_c\right) \sigma\left(-\mathbf{v}_{n(\mathbf{w}_3, 2)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_c\right) \end{split}$$

# practical considerations using Softmax

**consideration 1**  $\exp(\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_i)$  can become very large:

$$\begin{split} \pi_i &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)}{\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\right)/C}{\left(\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\right)/C} = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_i - C)}{\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l - C)} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l - \max\left(\{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\}\right)\right)}{\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp\left(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l - \max\left(\{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\}\right)\right)} \end{split}$$

consideration 2 arg max operation, can be done without exp, i.e.,

$$\mathop{\arg\max}_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} (\pi_1, \dots \pi_k) \equiv \mathop{\arg\max}_{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}} (\mathbf{x}^\top \theta_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^\top \theta_k)$$



#### Gumbel-max trick and Softmax (1)

pdf of Gumbel with unit scale and location parameter μ:

gumbel
$$(Z = z; \mu) = \exp \left[ -(z - \mu) - \exp\{-(z - \mu)\} \right]$$

CDF of Gumbel:

Gumbel
$$(Z \le z; \mu) = \exp \left[ -\exp\{-(z-\mu)\} \right]$$

• given a set of Gumbel random variables  $\{Z_i\}$ , each having own location parameters  $\{\mu_i\}$ , probability of all other  $Z_{i\neq k}$  are less than a particular value of  $z_k$ :

$$p\left(\max\{Z_{i\neq k}\} = \mathbf{z}_{k}\right) = \prod_{i\neq k} \exp\left[-\exp\{-(\mathbf{z}_{k} - \mu_{i})\}\right]$$

• obviously,  $Z_k \sim \text{gumbel}(Z_k = z_k; \mu_k)$ :

$$\begin{split} \Pr(k \text{ is largest } |\ \{\mu_i\}) &= \int \exp\left\{-(z_k - \mu_k) - \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_k)\}\right\} \prod_{i \neq k} \exp\left\{-\exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right\} \, \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_k)\}\right] \exp\left[-\sum_{i \neq k} \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_k)\} - \sum_{i \neq k} \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \sum_i \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \sum_i \exp\{-z_k + \mu_i)\}\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-z_k\} \sum_i \exp\{\mu_i)\}\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \end{split}$$

#### Gumbel-max trick and Softmax (2)

keep on going:

$$\begin{split} \Pr(k \text{ is largest } | \ \{\mu_i\}) &= \int \exp\left[ -z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-z_k\} \sum_j \exp\{\mu_j\} \right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \exp^{\mu_k} \int \exp\left[ -z_k - \exp\{-z_k\} C \right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \exp^{\mu_k} \left[ \frac{\exp(-C \exp(-z_k))}{C} \Big|_{z_k = -\infty}^{\infty} \right] \\ &= \exp^{\mu_k} \left[ \frac{1}{C} - 0 \right] = \frac{\exp^{\mu_k}}{\sum_j \exp\{\mu_j\}} \end{split}$$

Let  $\mu_i \equiv \mathbf{x}^\top \theta_i$ 

moral of the story is, if one is to sample the largest element from softmax:

$$\begin{split} k &= \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \sim \left\{ \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \theta_1)}{\sum_i \exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \theta_i)}, \dots, \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \theta_K)}{\sum_i \exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \theta_i)} \right\} \\ &= \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \left( \{G_1, \dots, G_K\} \right) \qquad \left\{ G_i \sim \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{gumbel}(z; \, \mu_i)} \equiv \exp\left[ - (z - \mu_i) - \exp\{ - (z - \mu_i) \} \right] \right\} \\ &= \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \left( \{G_1, \dots, G_K\} \right) \qquad \left\{ G_i = \mu_i + \mathcal{G} \qquad \mathcal{G} \overset{\text{iid}}{\sim} \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{gumbel}(z; \, 0)} \equiv \exp\left[ - (z) - \exp\{ - (z) \} \right] \right] \end{split}$$