Machine learning Homework- Deep Learning

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1 Activation Function

Problem 1:

The matrix operation $w^T + b$ is essentially a linear operation. When we stack linear operations over other linear operations we essentially get a linear function. It is impossible to approximate complex functions with just linear operations, therefore non-linearity is introduced to overcome this problem.

Problem 2:

The sigmoid activation function is

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

The tanh activation is

$$\begin{aligned}
tanh(x) &= \tfrac{e^{2x}-1}{e^{2x}+1} \\
tanh(\frac{x}{2}) &= \tfrac{e^{x}-1}{e^{x}+1} \\
tanh(\frac{x}{2}) &= \tfrac{1-e^{-x}}{1+e^{-x}} \\
tanh(\frac{x}{2}) &= (1 - e^{-x})\sigma(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3:

From the previous problem we know that,

$$\begin{aligned}
tanh(x) &= \tfrac{e^{2x}-1}{e^{2x}+1} \\
tanh(x) &= \tfrac{e^{x}-e^{-x}}{e^{x}+e^{-x}}
\end{aligned}$$

Taking derivative on both sides we get,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dx}(tanh(x)) &= \tfrac{d}{dx}(\tfrac{e^{x}-e^{-x}}{e^{x}+e^{-x}}) \\
&= (e^x + e^{-x})(e^x + e^{-x})^{-1} - (e^x + e^{-x})^{-2}(e^x - e^{-x})(e^x - e^{-x}) \\
&= 1 - (\tfrac{e^{x}-e^{-x}}{e^{x}+e^{-x}})^2 \\
\frac{d}{dx}(tanh(x)) &= 1 - (tanh(x))^2
\end{aligned}$$

The advantage is that it is easy to compute the gradients during backpropagation.

2 Numerical Stability

Problem 4:

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\begin{aligned}
& a + log(\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i - a}) \\
= \quad & a + log(\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i} e^{-a}) \\
= \quad & a + log(e^{-a} \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i}) \\
= \quad & a + log(e^{-a}) + log(\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i}) \\
= \quad & a - a + log(\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i}) \\
= \quad & log(\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i})
\end{aligned}
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Hence proved the equivalence

Problem 5:

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\begin{aligned}
& \frac{e^{x_i - a}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i - a}} \\
= \quad & \frac{e^{x_i} e^{-a}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (e^{x_i} e^{-a})} \\
= \quad & \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} (e^{x_i})}
\end{aligned}
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Hence proved the equivalence

Problem 6: