

CS/CS 316/365 Deep Learning

Activity 4

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Loss Functions

Activity needs to be handwritten. Submission will be online on canvas only.

- Show that the logistic sigmoid function $\text{sig}[z]$ becomes 0 as $z \rightarrow -\infty$, is 0.5 when $z = 0$, and becomes 1 when $z \rightarrow \infty$. Sigmoid's equation is given below. Showing doesn't require lengthy proof. Try putting in these values and show that result reaches to where it should be.

$$\text{sig}[z] = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[-z]}$$

Solution:

When $z = \infty$, the exponential term become infinitely large and so the fraction is zero.

When $z = +\infty$, the exponential term becomes zero and so the fraction is one. When $z = 0$, the exponential term becomes one, and so the fraction is $1/(1 + 1) = 0.5$.

- The loss L for binary classification for a single training pair $\{x, y\}$ is:

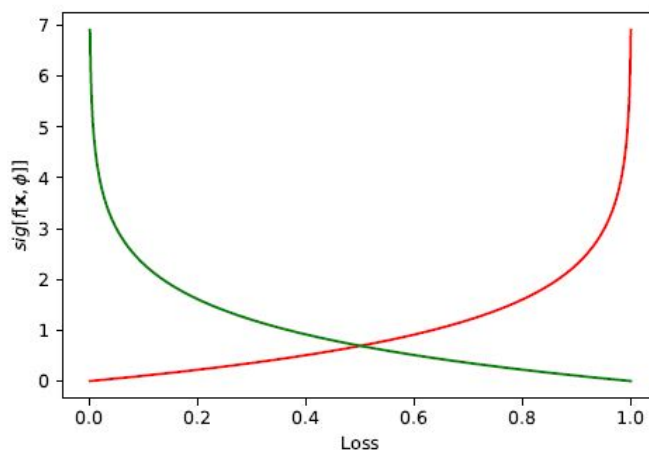
$$L = -(1 - y) \log[1 - \text{sig}[f[x, \phi]]] - y \log[\text{sig}[f[x, \phi]]]$$

where $\text{sig}[z]$ is given above in first task. Plot this loss as a function of the transformed network output $\text{sig}[f[x, \phi]] \in [0, 1]$ when the training label

- $y = 0$
- $y = 1$

Solution:

The loss as a function of transformed network output. Red curve is for case where $y = 0$ and green curve is for $y = 1$.



- Consider a multivariate regression problem where we predict ten outputs, so $y \in \mathbb{R}^{10}$, and model each with an independent normal distribution where the means μ_d are predicted by the network, and variances σ^2 are constant. Write an expression for the likelihood $\Pr(y | f[x, \phi])$. Show that minimizing the negative log-likelihood of this model is still equivalent to minimizing a sum of squared terms if we don't estimate the variance σ^2 .

Solution:

The likelihood is:

$$\Pr(y | f[x, \phi], \sigma^2) = \prod_{d=1}^{10} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{(y_d - f_d[x, \phi])^2}{2\sigma^2} \right]$$

The loss function is:

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^I \log \left[\prod_{d=1}^{10} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{(y_{id} - f_d[x_i, \phi])^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \right]$$

This can be simplified to:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\phi} &= \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[-\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{d=1}^{10} \log \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{(y_{id} - f_d[x_i, \phi])^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \right] \right] \\ &= \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[-\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{d=1}^{10} \log \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right] - \frac{(y_{id} - f_d[x_i, \phi])^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \\ &= \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[-\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{d=1}^{10} -\frac{(y_{id} - f_d[x_i, \phi])^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \\ &= \underset{\phi}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{d=1}^{10} (y_{id} - f_d[x_i, \phi])^2 \right], \end{aligned}$$