

Let score $f_i = W_i^T X + b_i$ for i_{th} class and *softmax* function $S_i = \frac{e^{f_i}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}}$

derivation of *activation function (sigmoid)*:

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

$$\sigma'(x) = \frac{0 - (-e^{-x})}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{1 + e^{-x} - 1}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{1 + e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} - \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \sigma(x) - \sigma(x)^2 = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$$

derivation of *loss fuction (softmax cross – entropy with L2 norm of weight)*:

$$L = -\log(S_i) + \frac{1}{2}\lambda \sum W^2$$

Let $S_i = \text{softmax}(a_i)$ and $L_{pre} = -\log(S_i)$, $L_{reg} = \frac{1}{2}\lambda \sum W^2$, N is the number of classification.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial W_i} + \frac{\partial L_{reg}}{\partial W_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_{reg}}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial \frac{1}{2}\lambda \sum W^2}{\partial W_i} = \lambda W_i$$

For output unit, according to chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial S_y} \frac{\partial S_y}{\partial f_i} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial W_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial S_i} = \frac{\partial(-\log S_y)}{\partial S_y} = -\frac{1}{S_y}$$

$$\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial W_i} = \frac{\partial W_i^T X + b_i}{\partial W_i} = X$$

when $i = y$:

$$\frac{\partial S_y}{\partial f_i} = \frac{\partial \left(\frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \right)}{\partial f_i} = \frac{e^{f_y} \left(\frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \right) - e^{f_y} e^{f_i}}{\left(\sum_i^n e^{f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \left(\frac{\sum_i^n e^{f_i} - e^{f_y}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \right) = S_y(1 - S_i)$$

when $i \neq y$:

$$\frac{\partial S_y}{\partial f_i} = \frac{\frac{\partial \left(\frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i e^{f_i}} \right)}{\partial f_i}}{\left(\sum_i e^{f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{0 \left(\frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i e^{f_i}} \right) - e^{f_y} e^{f_i}}{\left(\sum_i e^{f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{-e^{f_y} e^{f_i}}{\left(\sum_i e^{f_i} \right)^2} = -S_y S_i$$

In summary:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_i} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{S_y} S_y (1 - S_i) X + \lambda W_i = (S_i - 1) X + \lambda W_i & \text{if } i = y \\ -\frac{1}{S_y} (-S_y S_i) X + \lambda W_i = S_i X + \lambda W_i & \text{if } i \neq y \end{cases}$$

For hidden unit, according to chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial W_i} &= \frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial S_y} \frac{\partial S_y}{\partial f_i} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \sigma_i} \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial f_i} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial W_i} \\ \frac{\partial L_{pre}}{\partial S_i} &= \frac{\partial (-\log S_y)}{\partial S_y} = -\frac{1}{S_y} \\ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \sigma_i} &= \frac{\partial W_i^T \sigma_i + b_i}{\partial W_i} = \sigma_i \\ \frac{\partial \sigma_i}{\partial f_i} &= \sigma_i (1 - \sigma_i) \\ \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial W_i} &= \frac{\partial W_i^T X + b_i}{\partial W_i} = X \end{aligned}$$

when $i = y$:

$$\frac{\partial S_y}{\partial f_i} = \frac{\frac{\partial \left(\frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i e^{f_i}} \right)}{\partial f_i}}{\left(\sum_i e^{f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{e^{f_y} \left(\frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i e^{f_i}} \right) - e^{f_y} e^{f_i}}{\left(\sum_i e^{f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{e^{f_y}}{\sum_i e^{f_i}} \left(\frac{\sum_i e^{f_i} - e^{f_y}}{\sum_i e^{f_i}} \right) = S_y (1 - S_i)$$

when $i \neq y$:

$$\frac{\partial S_y}{\partial f_i} = \frac{\frac{\partial \left(\frac{e^{fy}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \right)}{\partial f_i}}{\left(\frac{\partial \left(\frac{e^{fy}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \right)}{\partial f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{0 \left(\frac{e^{fy}}{\sum_i^n e^{f_i}} \right) - e^{fy} e^{f_i}}{\left(\sum_i^n e^{f_i} \right)^2} = \frac{-e^{fy} e^{f_i}}{\left(\sum_i^n e^{f_i} \right)^2} = -S_y S_i$$

In summary:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_i} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{S_y} S_y (1 - S_i) \sigma_i^2 (1 - \sigma_i) X + \lambda W_i = & (S_i - 1) \sigma_i^2 (1 - \sigma_i) X + \lambda W_i & \text{if } i = y \\ -\frac{1}{S_y} (-S_y S_i) \sigma_i^2 (1 - \sigma_i) X + \lambda W_i = & S_i \sigma_i^2 (1 - \sigma_i) X + \lambda W_i & \text{if } i \neq y \end{cases}$$