

# Solutions to assignment1 of CS224n

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## 1 Softmax

(a) Omitted. (b) See `q1_softmax.py`

## 2 Neural Network Basics

(a)  $\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)\sigma(1-x)$

(b) Assume  $k$  is the correct class, then

$$CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = -y_k \log \hat{y}_k = -\log \hat{y}_k = -\log \frac{\exp(\theta_k)}{\sum_i \exp(\theta_i)} = -\theta_k + \log \sum_i \exp(\theta_i).$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{\partial \theta_k} = -1 + \frac{\exp(\theta_k)}{\sum_i \exp(\theta_i)} = \hat{y}_k - 1,$$

$$\frac{\partial CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{\partial \theta_j} = \frac{\exp(\theta_j)}{\sum_i \exp(\theta_i)} = \hat{y}_j, \quad j \neq k.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y}$$

(c) The forward propagation steps:

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{W}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1, \quad \mathbf{h} = \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{Z}_1)$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_2 = \mathbf{h}\mathbf{W}_2 + \mathbf{b}_2, \quad \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \text{sigmoid}(\mathbf{Z}_2)$$

$$\mathbf{J} = CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}})$$

The backward propagation:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_2} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y} \triangleq \boldsymbol{\delta}_1, \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial \mathbf{h}} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_1 \mathbf{W}_2^T \triangleq \boldsymbol{\delta}_2$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial \mathbf{Z}_1} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_2 * \sigma'(\mathbf{Z}_1) \triangleq \boldsymbol{\delta}_3, \quad * \text{ denotes element-wise product.}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{J}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_3 \mathbf{W}_1^T$$

(d)  $(1 + D_x) \times H + (1 + H) \times D_y$

(e) See `q2_sigmoid.py`

(f) See `q2_gradcheck.py`

(g) See `q2_neural.py`