## **COMP9444 Neural Networks and Deep Learning**

## **Quiz 2 (Variations on Backprop)**

This is an optional quiz to test your understanding of the material from Week 3.

1. Write the formulas for these three error functions: squared error, cross entropy, softmax (remember to define any variables you use).

Assume *z* is the actual output and *t* is the target output.

squared error:  $E = (z-t)^2/2$ 

cross entropy:  $E = -t \log(z) - (1-t)\log(1-z)$ 

softmax:  $E = -(z_i - \log \Sigma_i \exp(z_i))$ , where *i* is the correct class.

2. Write the formula for Bayes' Rule, in terms of a cause A and an effect B.

$$P(A|B) = P(B|A)P(A)/P(B)$$

3. In the context of supervised learning, explain the difference between Maximum Likelihood estimation and Bayesian inference.

In Maximum Likelihood estimation, the hypothesis  $h \in H$  is chosen which maximizes the conditional probability  $P(D \mid h)$  of the observed data D, conditioned on h. In Bayesian inference, the hypothesis  $h \in H$  is chosen which maximizes  $P(D \mid h)P(h)$ , where P(h) is the prior probability of h.

4. Briefly explain the concept of momentum, as an enhancement for gradient descent.

A running average of the differentials for each weight is maintained and used to update the weights as follows:

$$\delta w = \alpha \delta w + (1-\alpha) dE/dw, w = w - \eta \delta w$$

The constant  $\alpha$  with  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  is called the momentum.

5. Sketch the following activation functions, and write their formula: sigmoid, tanh, ReLU.





