# CS231n: Deep Learning for Computer Vision (2024 Spring) Assignment 1

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#### Q1: k-Nearest Neighbor Classifier

Broadcasting two arrays together follows these rules:

- If the arrays do not have the same rank, prepend the shape of the lower rank array with 1s until both shapes have the same length.
- The two arrays are said to be compatible in a dimension if they have the same size in the dimension, or if one of the arrays has size 1 in that dimension.
- The arrays can be broadcast together if they are compatible in all dimensions.
- After broadcasting, each array behaves as if it had shape equal to the elementwise maximum of shapes of the two input arrays.
- In any dimension where one array had size 1 and the other array had size greater than 1, the first array behaves as if it were copied along that dimension1

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Use np.newaxis to expand array dimension:

a = np.random.randint(0, 10, size=(5,))
print(a[:, np.newaxis].shape) # (5,1)
print(a[np.newaxis, :].shape) # (1,5)
```

## **Q2: Training a Support Vector Machine**

It is vital to understand matrix calculus. Here are some supporting learning materials:

- 1. *The Nature of Matrix Derivation and the Nature of Numerator Layout and Denominator Layout*: https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/263777564
- 2. *Mathematical derivation of the matrix derivation formula*: https://zhuanlan.zhihu.com/p/273729929

In summary, Matrix derivation is essentially for each f in the function of each element of the variant of the partial derivatives.

e.g. in cs231n/classifiers/linear\_svm.py/svm\_loss\_naive()

$$L = rac{1}{N} \sum_i \sum_{j 
eq u_i} [\max(0, f_j(oldsymbol{x}_i; \mathbf{W}) - f_{y_i}(oldsymbol{x}_i; \mathbf{W}) + \Delta)] + \lambda \sum_k \sum_l \mathbf{W}_{k,l}^2$$

The gradient with respect to weights  $\mathbf{W}$  of the second term of L:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \lambda \sum_{k} \sum_{l} \mathbf{W}_{kl}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} &= \lambda \frac{\partial \sum_{k} \sum_{l} \mathbf{W}_{kl}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \\ &= \lambda \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}_{11}^{2} + \mathbf{W}_{12}^{2} + \dots + \mathbf{W}_{DC}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \\ &= \lambda \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}_{11}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{11}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}_{1C}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{1C}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}_{D1}^{2}}{\mathbf{W}_{D1}} & \dots & \frac{\partial \mathbf{W}_{DC}^{2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{DC}} \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \times 2 \times \mathbf{W} \end{split}$$

The gradient with respect to weights **W** of the first term (ignore  $\frac{1}{N}$ ) of *L*:

$$L_i^{(1)} = \sum_{j 
eq y_i} \max(0, f_j(oldsymbol{x}_i; oldsymbol{W}) - f_{y_i}(oldsymbol{x}_i; oldsymbol{W}) + \Delta) \ rac{\partial L_i^{(1)}}{\partial oldsymbol{W}} = rac{\partial \sum_{j 
eq y_i} \max(0, f_j(oldsymbol{x}_i; oldsymbol{W}) - f_{y_i}(oldsymbol{x}_i; oldsymbol{W}) - f_{y_i}(oldsymbol{x}_i; oldsymbol{W}) + \Delta)}{\partial oldsymbol{W}} \ = rac{\partial x_{i1} oldsymbol{W}_{1j_1} + x_{i2} oldsymbol{W}_{2j_1} + \cdots + x_{iD} oldsymbol{W}_{Dj_1} - x_{i1} oldsymbol{W}_{1y_i} - x_{i2} oldsymbol{W}_{2y_i} - \cdots - x_{iD} oldsymbol{W}_{Dy_i}}{\partial oldsymbol{W}} + \cdots \ = \sum_{j 
eq y_i ext{ and } oldsymbol{s}_j - oldsymbol{s}_{y_i} + \Delta} \left( egin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(1,j_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(1,j_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(2,y_i) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(D,i_D) & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} - egin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(1,y_i) & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(2,y_i) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i1}(D,y_i) & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} 
ight)$$

Use two loops:

```
for i in range(num_train):
    for j in range(num_classes):
        if j == y[i]:
```

```
continue
    # margin = s_j - s_{y[i]} + \Delta
    if margin > 0:
        dW[:, y[i]] -= X[i].T
        dW[:, j] += X[i].T

dW /= num_train
dW += 2 * reg * W
```

How to extract elements from two-dimensional matrix with an index array?

```
# - W: A numpy array of shape (N, D)
# - y: A numpy array of shape (N,)
_W = W[range(W.shape[0]), y]
```

As for the vectorized implementation, The gradient with respect to weights  $\mathbf{W}$  of the first term (ignore  $\frac{1}{N}$ ) of L without loop on subject index:

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\partial L^{(1)}}{\partial \mathbf{W}}\right)_{(i,j)} &= \frac{\partial \sum_{j \neq y_1} \max(0, f_j(\boldsymbol{x}_1; \mathbf{W}) - f_{y_1}(\boldsymbol{x}_1; \mathbf{W}) + \Delta)}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial \sum_{j \neq y_2} \max(0, f_j(\boldsymbol{x}_2; \mathbf{W}) - f_{y_2}(\boldsymbol{x}_2; \mathbf{W}) + \Delta)}{\partial \mathbf{W}} + \cdots \\ &= \frac{\partial x_{11} \mathbf{W}_{1j_1} + x_{12} \mathbf{W}_{2j_1} + \cdots + x_{1D} \mathbf{W}_{Dj_1} - x_{11} \mathbf{W}_{1y_1} - x_{12} \mathbf{W}_{2y_1} - \cdots - x_{1D} \mathbf{W}_{Dy_1}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial x_{11} \mathbf{W}_{1j_2} + x_{12} \mathbf{W}_{2j_2} + \cdots + x_{1D} \mathbf{W}_{Dj_2} - x_{11} \mathbf{W}_{1y_1} - x_{12} \mathbf{W}_{2y_1} - \cdots - x_{1D} \mathbf{W}_{Dy_1}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} + \cdots \\ &+ \frac{\partial x_{21} \mathbf{W}_{1j_1} + x_{22} \mathbf{W}_{2j_1} + \cdots + x_{2D} \mathbf{W}_{Dj_1} - x_{21} \mathbf{W}_{1y_2} - x_{22} \mathbf{W}_{2y_2} - \cdots - x_{2D} \mathbf{W}_{Dy_2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \\ &+ \frac{\partial x_{21} \mathbf{W}_{1j_2} + x_{22} \mathbf{W}_{2j_2} + \cdots + x_{2D} \mathbf{W}_{Dj_2} - x_{21} \mathbf{W}_{1y_2} - x_{22} \mathbf{W}_{2y_2} - \cdots - x_{2D} \mathbf{W}_{Dy_2}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} + \cdots \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{N} x_{ki} \mathbf{1} (\boldsymbol{s}_j - \boldsymbol{s}_{y_k} + \Delta > 0 \text{ and } j \neq y_k) - \sum_{k=1}^{N} \sum_{l=1}^{C} x_{ki} \mathbf{1} (\boldsymbol{s}_l - \boldsymbol{s}_{y_k} + \Delta > 0 \text{ and } j \neq y_k) \end{split}$$

code:

```
scores = X.dot(W)
correct_class_score = scores[range(num_train), y].reshape(num_train, 1)
threshold = np.maximum(0, scores - correct_class_score + 1)
threshold[range(num_train), y] = 0
threshold[threshold > 0] = 1

# Now, threshold[k,j] = 1 when $s_j-s_{y_k}+\Delta > 0$ and $j\neq y_k$. the result of the
first term of $\left(\frac{\partial L^{(1)}}{\partial \mathbf{W}}\right)_{(i,j)}$ is
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```
`np.dot(X.T, threshold)`.
# Meanwhile, `np.dot(X.T, threshold)[k,j] = 0` when $j\neq y_k$ (threshold[k,y_k] = 0)
# Concerning the second term:
# of each k when $j\neq y_k$, the number of considerable $\mathbf{x}_{ki}$ equals the
number of elements satisfy `threshold[k,:] = 1` (use `np.sum(threshold, axis=1)`). Because
`threshold[k,y_k] = 0`, we can place the result at `threshold[k,y_k]` for dot product.

row_sum = np.sum(threshold, axis=1)
threshold[range(num_train), y] = -row_sum
dW += np.dot(X.T, threshold) / num_train
dW += 2 * reg * W
```

## Q3: Implement a Softmax classifier

$$\begin{split} L_i &= -\log\left(\frac{e^{fy_i}}{\sum_j e^{f_j}}\right) = -f_{y_i} + \log\sum_j e^{f_j} \\ \frac{\partial L_i}{\partial \mathbf{W}} &= -\frac{\partial (\mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W})_{y_i}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} + \frac{1}{\sum_j e^{f_j}} \left(\sum_j \frac{\partial e^{f_j}}{\partial \mathbf{W}}\right) \\ &= -\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & x_{i1(1,y_i)} & \cdots & 0\\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i2(2,y_i)} & \cdots & 0\\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots\\ 0 & \cdots & x_{iD(D,y_i)} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sum_j e^{f_j}} \left(\sum_j e^{ij} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdots & x_{i1(1,j)} & \cdots & 0\\ 0 & \cdots & x_{i2(2,j)} & \cdots & 0\\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots\\ 0 & \cdots & x_{iD(D,j)} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}\right) \end{split}$$

Use two loops:

```
num_train = X.shape[0]
num_classes = W.shape[1]

for i in range(num_train):
    exp_val = np.exp(X[i].dot(W))
    softmax = exp_val / np.sum(exp_val)

    dW[:, y[i]] -= X[i]
    dW += X[i].reshape(X[i].shape[0], 1).dot(softmax.reshape(1, softmax.shape[0]))

dW /= num_train
    dW += 2 * reg * W
```

$$rac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = -f_y + \log \sum_j e^{f_j}$$

vectorized implementation:

```
num_train = X.shape[0]
num_classes = W.shape[1]
```

```
exp_val = np.exp(X.dot(W))
softmax = exp_val / np.sum(exp_val, axis=1)

tmp = np.zeros((num_train, num_classes))
tmp[range(num_train), y] = 1
dW -= (X.T).dot(tmp)

dW -= (X.T).dot(softmax)

dW /= num_train
dW += 2 * reg * W
```

#### Q3: Two-Layer Neural Network

Remember basic patterns in backward flow:

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• "gradient distributor" Add gate: \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g}
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- "swap multiplier" Multiply gate:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = y \frac{\partial f}{\partial g}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = x \frac{\partial f}{\partial g}$
- "gradient adder" Copy gate:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}$
- "gradient router" Max gate:  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial g}, (x > y)$

Affine layer is consisted of one Multiply gate and one Add gate:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{W} + \mathbf{b} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{W}^T \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{Y}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{x}^T \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{Y}}, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}} = [1, 1, \cdots, 1]_n \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{Y}}$$

```
dx = (dout.dot(w.T)).reshape(x.shape)
dw = (x.reshape(x.shape[0], -1).T).dot(dout)
db = np.sum(dout, axis=0)
```

**Gradients for vectorized operations** Matrix-Matrix multiply gradient is possibly the most tricky operation is the matrix-matrix multiplication operations:

```
# forward pass
W = np.random.randn(5, 10)
X = np.random.randn(10, 3)
D = W.dot(X)

# now suppose we had the gradient on D from above in the circuit
dD = np.random.randn(*D.shape) # same shape as D
dW = dD.dot(X.T) #.T gives the transpose of the matrix
dX = W.T.dot(dD)
```

Tip: use dimension analysis! Note that you do not need to remember the expressions for dW and dX because they are easy to re-derive based on dimensions. For instance, we know that the gradient on the weights dW must be of the same size as W after it is computed, and that it must depend on matrix multiplication of X and dD (as is the case when both X, W are single numbers and not matrices). There is always exactly one way of achieving this so that the dimensions work out. For example, X is of size  $[10 \times 3]$  and dD of size  $[5 \times 3]$ , so if we want dW and W has shape  $[5 \times 10]$ , then the only way of achieving this is with dD. dot(X.T), as shown above.

**Recommendation:** explicitly write out a minimal vectorized example, derive the gradient on paper and then generalize the pattern to its efficient, vectorized form.