

# PS1: Part 1

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## Instructions

- Please answer the questions below.
- Submit full answers with complete work in a PDF file into the relevant submission box in Moodle.
- You don't have to type your answers, but please make sure they are legible and clear.

## Preliminaries

- The function  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  maps a  $d$ -dimensional vector to a scalar.
- The column vector  $\nabla_x f(x)$  is the gradient of  $f(x)$  with partial derivatives:

$$\nabla_x f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(x) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_d}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The Jacobian  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is a matrix where each element  $(i, j)$  is given by  $\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}$ .
- Multivariate chain rule: see [here](#).
- A useful guide on neural [network gradients](#).
- [This](#) is a very intuitive explanation of gradients in deep neural networks.

## A (50 pts)

Answer the following questions<sup>1</sup>

1. Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $f(x) = \|x\|_2^2 = x^\top x$ . Compute the gradient  $\nabla f(x)$  (gradient of the  $\ell_2$  norm).
2. Let  $f(x) = A^\top x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$ . Compute the Jacobian of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  (Jacobian of a linear map).
3. Let  $g(x) = A^\top x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f(y) = \|y\|_2^2$ . Compute the gradient of  $f(g(x))$  with respect to  $x$  (hint: use the chain rule).
4. Let  $g(A) = A^\top x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f(y) = \|y\|_2^2$ . Compute the gradient of  $f(g(A))$  with respect to  $A$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Based on Berkeley's [CS182](#) course.

## B (50 pts)

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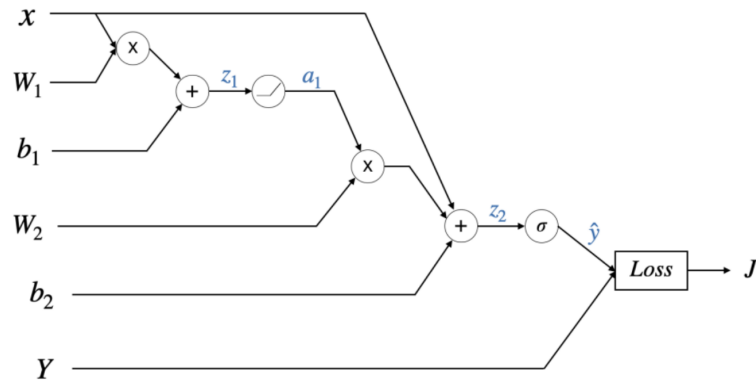


Figure 1: Neural architecture example

1. Express  $\hat{y}$  as a function of  $x, W_1, b_1, W_2, b_2$ .
2. Compute the gradients  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_2}$  and  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_2}$ .
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$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_d} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & \dots & A_{1d} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & \dots & A_{nd} \end{pmatrix} = A^\top$$

$(A^\top x)_i$  הוא ערך סקלר של  $A_i x$  וזהו  $A_{ik} x_k$  לפי חוק הפיל.  $A_{ik}$  הוא

$A^\top$  הוא מטריצה  $n \times d$  וזהו  $A_{ik}$

3. Let  $g(x) = A^T x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $f(y) = \|y\|_2^2$ . Compute the gradient of  $f(g(x))$  with respect to  $x$  (hint: use the chain rule).

$$\nabla f(g(x)) = \left( \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} \right)^T \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = (A^T)^T 2y$$

$\therefore$  for  $y = g(x) = A^T x$  is given for

$$= 2AA^T x$$

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$$\rightarrow \nabla f(g(A)) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial A} \cdot \nabla_y f^T = x (2y)^T$$

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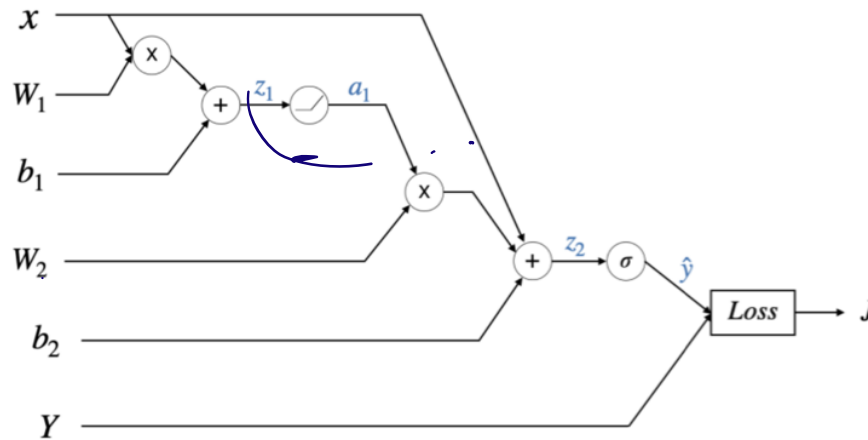


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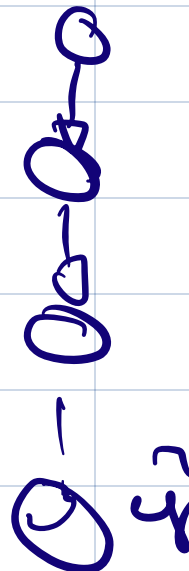
- Express  $\hat{y}$  as a function of  $x, W_1, b_1, W_2, b_2$ .

$$z_1 = W_1 x + b_1$$

$$a_1 = \max(0, z_1) = \max(0, W_1 x + b_1)$$

$$z_2 = W_2 a_1 + b_2 + x = W_2 \max(0, W_1 x + b_1) + b_2 + x$$

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(z_2) = \sigma(W_2 \max(0, W_1 x + b_1) + b_2 + x)$$



2. Compute the gradients  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_2}$  and  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_2}$ .

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{y}} = -\frac{y}{\hat{y}} + \frac{1-y}{1-\hat{y}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial z_2} &= \sigma'(z_2) = \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{-z_2}} \right)' = \frac{e^{-z_2}}{1+e^{-z_2}} = \sigma(z_2)(1-\sigma(z_2)) \\ &= \hat{y}(1-\hat{y})\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial z_2}{\partial W_2} = a_1 = \max(0, W_1 x + b_1)$$

$$\frac{\partial z_2}{\partial b_2} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_2} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial z_2} \cdot \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial W_2} = \left( -\frac{y}{\hat{y}} + \frac{1-y}{1-\hat{y}} \right) (\hat{y}(1-\hat{y})) a_1 \\ &= (-y(1-\hat{y}) + (1-y)\hat{y}) a_1 \\ &= (\hat{y} - y) a_1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_2} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial \hat{y}} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}}{\partial z_2} \cdot \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial b_2} = \left( -\frac{y}{\hat{y}} + \frac{1-y}{1-\hat{y}} \right) (\hat{y}(1-\hat{y})) \cdot 1 \\ &= \hat{y} - y\end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{\partial z_2}{\partial a_1} = w_2$$

$$\frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z_1} = 1_{\{z_1 \geq 0\}}$$

$$\frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_1} = x \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x} = w_1 \quad ; \quad \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial b_1} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial w_1} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_2} \cdot \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial a_1} \cdot \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_1} \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial w_1} = (\hat{y} - y) w_2 1_{\{z_1 \geq 0\}} x$$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_2} \cdot \frac{\partial z_2}{\partial a_1} \cdot \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_1} \cdot \frac{\partial z_1}{\partial x} = (\hat{y} - y) w_2 1_{\{z_1 \geq 0\}} w_1$$

4. What intermediate variables do we need to cache in the above calculations?

We need to cache all intermediate variables

$$\rightarrow \text{Cache} = \{z_1, a_1, z_2, \hat{y}\}$$

because we need them many times to calculate.

derivatives for all others leafs