

# Sigmoid Function

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**a)**

Compute the derivative of the sigmoid function  $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dz}\sigma(z) &= \frac{d}{dz}\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}\right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dz}(1+e^{-z})^{-1} \\ &= -1 \cdot (1+e^{-z})^{-2} \cdot \frac{d}{dz}(e^{-z}) \\ &= -1 \cdot (1+e^{-z})^{-2} \cdot -1 \cdot (e^{-z}) \\ &= (1+e^{-z})^{-2} \cdot (e^{-z}) \\ &= \frac{e^{-z}}{(1+e^{-z})^2}\end{aligned}$$

**b)**

Show that the derivative fulfills the equation  $\sigma'(z) = \sigma(z) \cdot (1 - \sigma(z))$

$$\begin{aligned}1 - \sigma(z) &= 1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \\ &= \frac{1+e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \\ &= \frac{1+e^{-z}-1}{1+e^{-z}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} \\ \sigma'(z) &= \frac{e^{-z}}{(1+e^{-z})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \cdot \frac{e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} \\ &= \sigma(z) \cdot (1 - \sigma(z))\end{aligned}$$

**c)**

Compute the first and second derivative of  $\zeta(z) = -\log(\sigma(-z))$

Compute the asymptotes for  $z \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Create a plot of  $\zeta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{dz} - \ln(\sigma(-z)) &= \frac{d}{dz} - \ln\left(\frac{1}{1+e^z}\right) \\
&= -\left(\frac{1}{1+e^z}\right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{(1+e^z)^2}\right) \\
&= -(1+e^z) \cdot \frac{1}{(1+e^z)^2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{1+e^z}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^2}{dz^2} - \ln(\sigma(-z)) &= \frac{d}{dz} - \frac{1}{1+e^z} \\
&= \frac{d}{dz}(-1) \cdot (1+e^z)^{-1} \\
&= (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (1+e^z)^{-2} \cdot e^z \\
&= \frac{e^z}{(1+e^z)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} -\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+e^z}\right) &= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-\infty}}\right) \\
&= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+0}\right) \\
&= -\ln(1) \\
&= 0 \\
\lim_{z \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^z}{1+e^z} &= \frac{e^{-\infty}}{1+e^{-\infty}} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

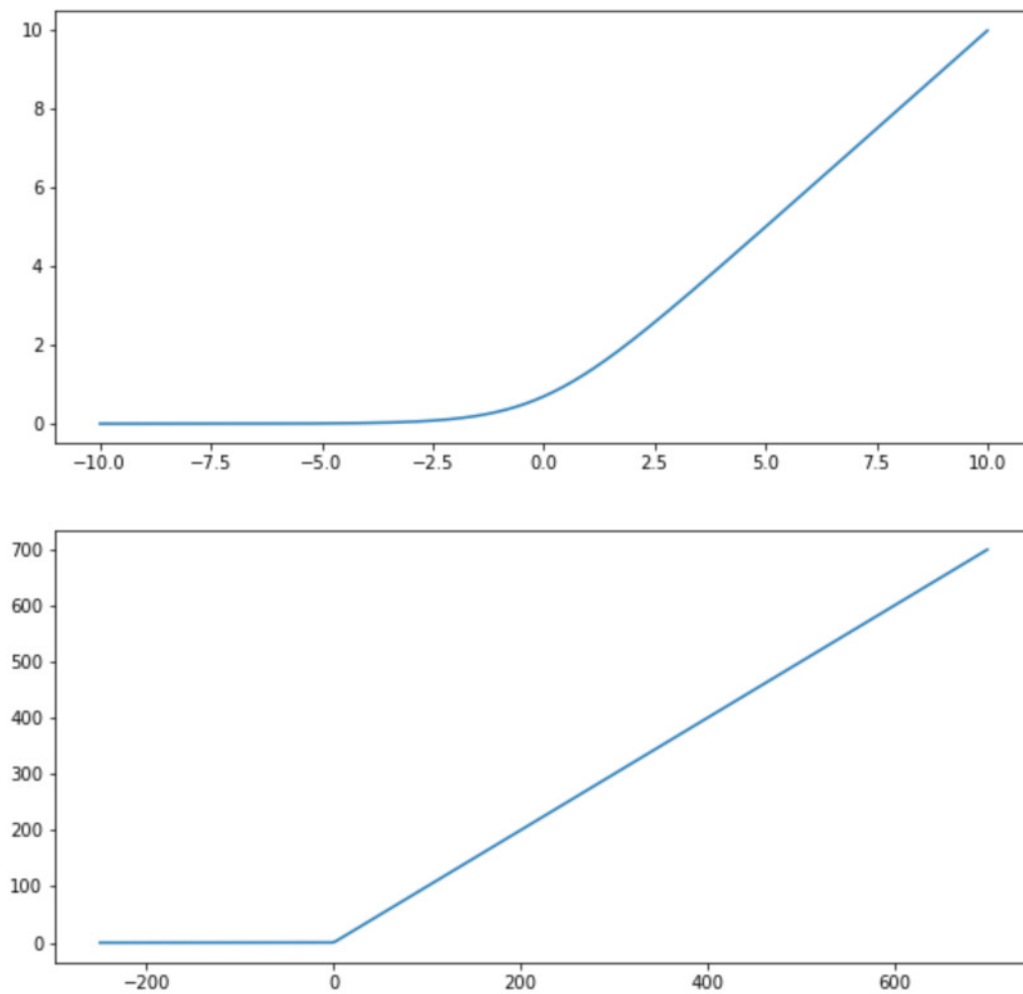
Asymptote for minus infinity is thus the x-Axis.

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} -\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+e^z}\right) &= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{\infty}}\right) \\
&= -\ln\left(\frac{1}{1+\infty}\right) \\
&= -\ln(0) \\
&= \infty \\
\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^z}{1+e^z} &= \frac{e^{\infty}}{1+e^{\infty}} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Asymptote for plus infinity is thus a line with an inclination of 45°

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In [4]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

x = np.linspace(-10,10,10000)
y = - np.log(1/(1+np.e ** x))
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.subplot(2,1,1)
plt.plot(x,y)
plt.subplot(2,1,2)
x = np.linspace(-250,700,10000)
y = - np.log(1/(1+np.e ** x))
plt.plot(x,y)
plt.show()
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**d)**

Implement the sigmoid function in a Jupyter Notebook. Make it work such that you can pass numpy arrays of arbitrary shape and the function is applied element-wise. Plot the sigmoid function and its derivative by using matplotlib.

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In [22]: def sigmoid(x):
          y = 1/(1 + np.e ** -x)
          return y

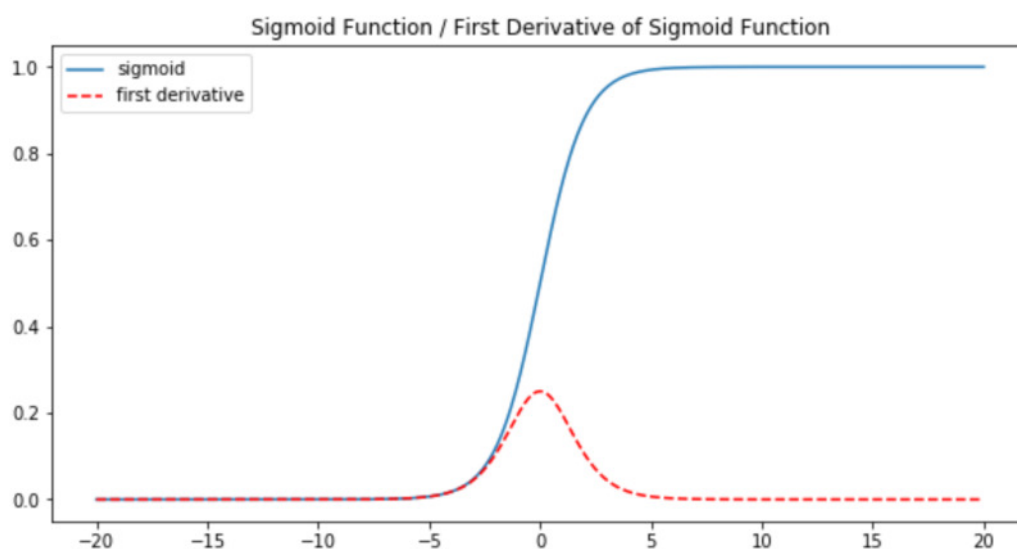
          def first_derivative_sigmoid(x):
              y = sigmoid(x) * (1 - sigmoid(x))
              return y

          def plot_sigmoid_and_derivative(x):
              y1 = sigmoid(x)
              y2 = first_derivative_sigmoid(x)
              plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
              plt.title("Sigmoid Function / First Derivative of Sigmoid Function")
              plt.plot(x, y1, label='sigmoid')
              plt.plot(x, y2, c='r', linestyle='dashed', label='first derivative')
              plt.legend()
              plt.show()
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In [23]: x = np.array([1,2,3,4])
          y = sigmoid(x)
          print(y)

[0.73105858 0.88079708 0.95257413 0.98201379]
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In [24]: x = np.linspace(-20,20,1000)
          plot_sigmoid_and_derivative(x)
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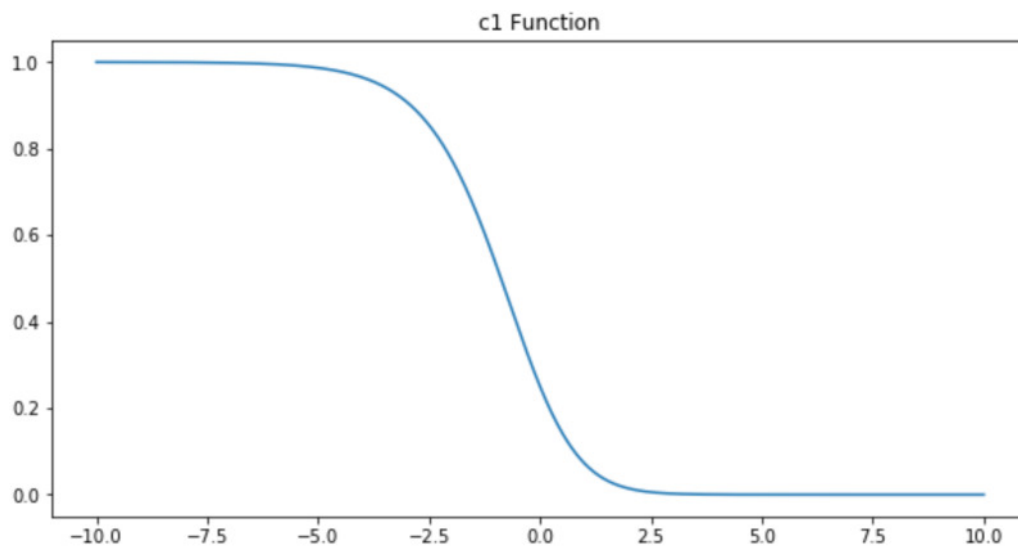


**f)**

Show that the function  $c_1(x) = (\sigma(x) - 1)^2$  is non-convex.

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In [25]: def c1function(x):
          return (sigmoid(x)-1)**2

x = np.linspace(-10,10,1000)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
plt.title("c1 Function")
plt.plot(x,c1function(x))
plt.show()
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Add  $x = -1$  the gradient becomes zero, thus we could not optimise  $c_1(x)$  more by descending the gradient.

**g)**

Compute the first and second derivative of the function

$$c_2(x) = -(y \cdot \log(\sigma(w \cdot x)) + (1 - y) \cdot \log(1 - \sigma(w \cdot x)))$$

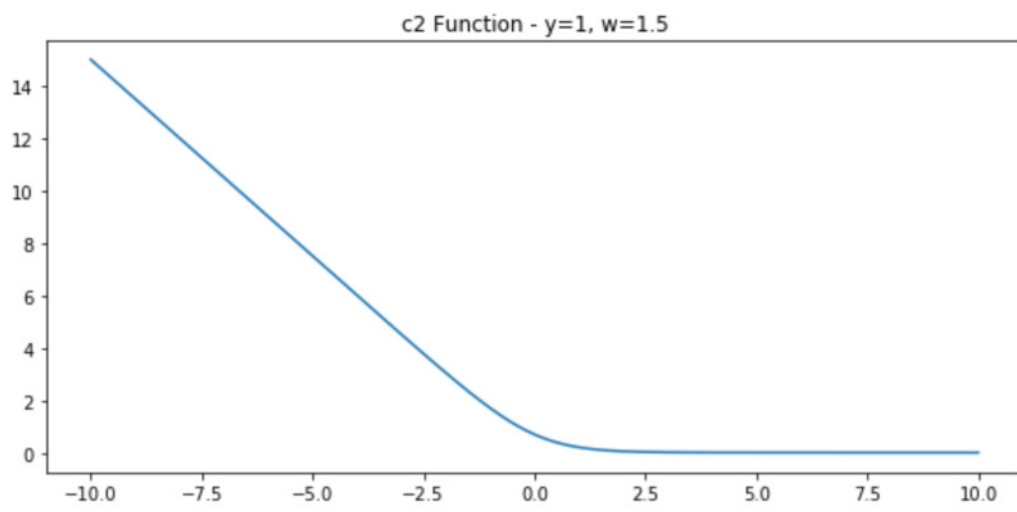
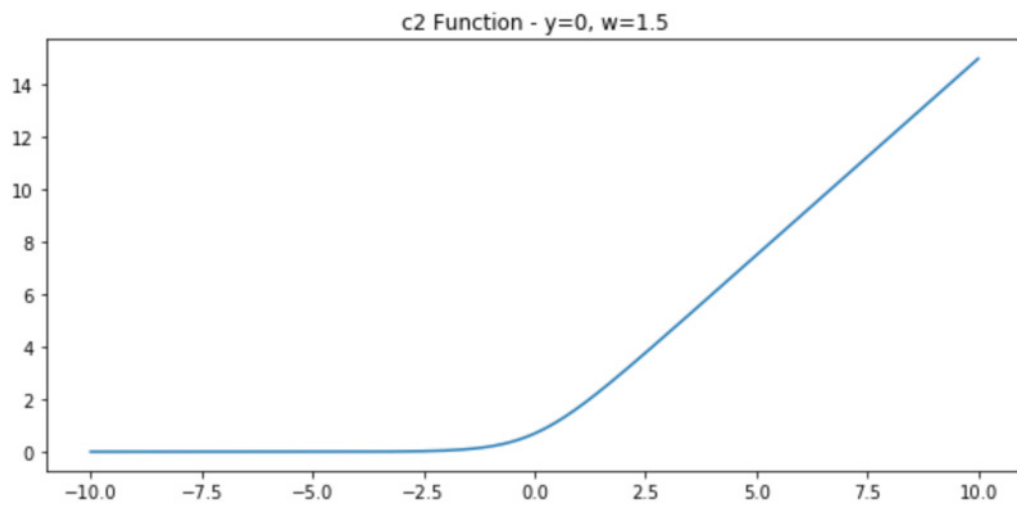
with respect to  $w \in \mathbb{R}$  and for a given  $y \in \{0, 1\}$ . Show that  $c_2$  is convex

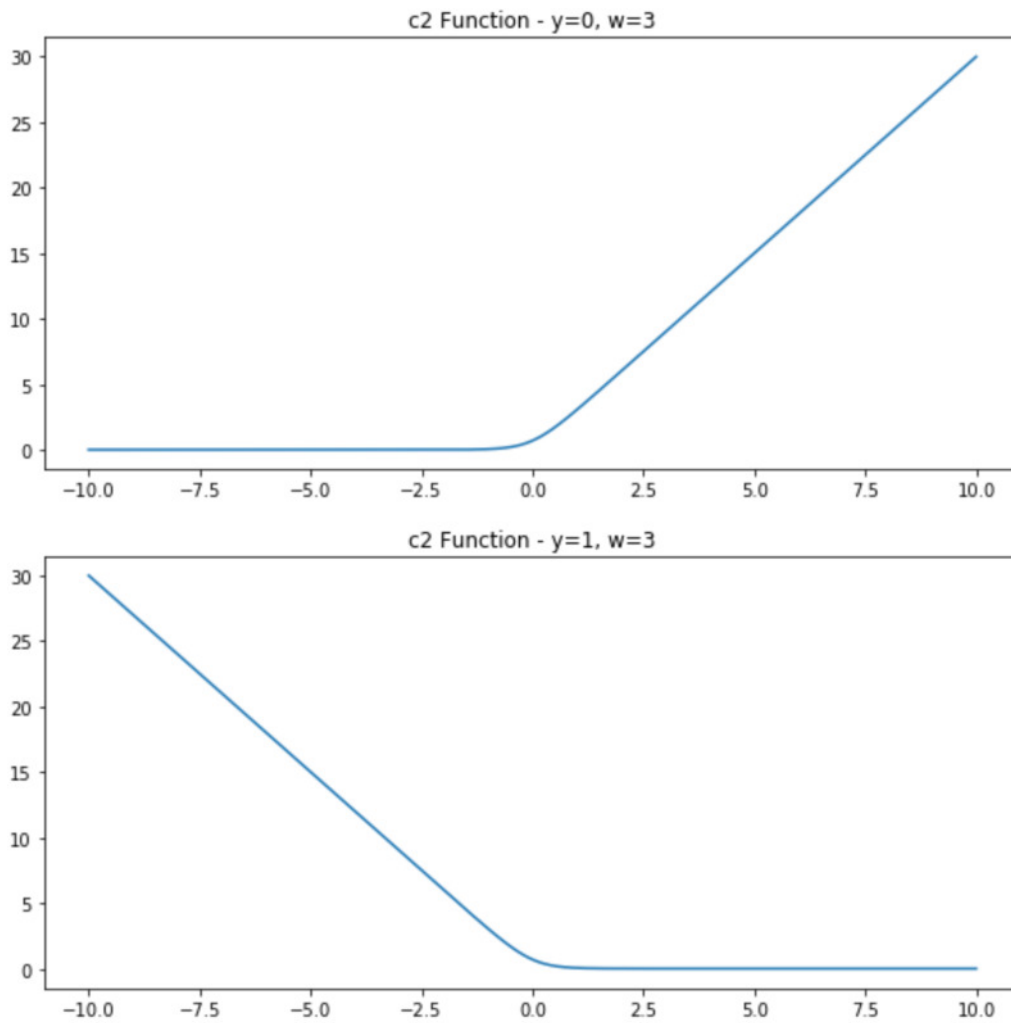
$$\frac{d}{dw} c_2 = -\frac{x((y-1)e^{wx} + y)}{1 + e^{wx}}$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dw^2} c_2 = \frac{x^2 e^{wx}}{(1 + e^{wx})^2}$$

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In [40]: def c2function(x,y,w):
          return -(y*np.log(sigmoid(w*x)) + (1-y)* np.log(1-sigmoid(w*x)))

x = np.linspace(-10,10,1000)
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.subplot(2,1,1)
plt.title("c2 Function - y=0, w=1.5")
plt.plot(x,c2function(x,0,1.5))
plt.subplot(2,1,2)
plt.title("c2 Function - y=1, w=1.5")
plt.plot(x,c2function(x,1,1.5))
plt.show()
plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
plt.subplot(2,1,1)
plt.title("c2 Function - y=0, w=3")
plt.plot(x,c2function(x,0,3))
plt.subplot(2,1,2)
plt.title("c2 Function - y=1, w=3")
plt.plot(x,c2function(x,1,3))
plt.show()
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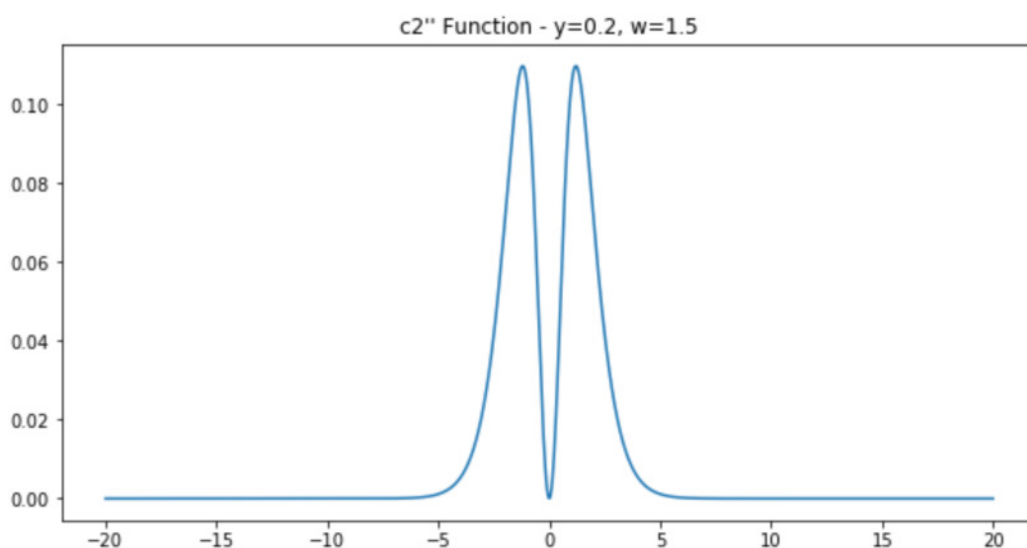




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In [42]: def c2function_2nd_derivative(x,y,w):
         return ((x**2) * (np.e ** (w*x)))/((np.e ** (w*x) + 1)**2)
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In [44]: x = np.linspace(-20,20,1000)
         plt.figure(figsize=(10,5))
         plt.title("c2'' Function - y=0.2, w=1.5")
         plt.plot(x,c2function_2nd_derivative(x,0,2))
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Out[44]: [<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x16f7f6c8888>]
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The second derivative with respect to  $w$  of the function  $c2$  can not be negative. This means the function  $c2$  is convex.



In [ ]: