

# Test 01 – Math

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## 0 Instructions

- There are 26 numbered questions with indicated point values that sum to 100
- Write all of your answers clearly on this test and turn it in
- No reference materials are allowed
- No help from others is allowed
- **Correct answers in red**

## 1 Test

### Strategy [5 points]

1. [5 points] Circle true or false for each of the following statements

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| <b>True</b> / False | Many tasks can be cast as a mapping from data to classes or values   |
| <b>True</b> / False | Under some mild conditions, neural networks are universal function approximators and can be used to map from data to classes or values |
| True / <b>False</b> | A function always exists that maps arbitrary input to arbitrary output   |
| <b>True</b> / False | Inner products are at the heart of the input output mappings for all of the key trainable layers in xNNs                               |
| True / <b>False</b> | It's not possible to end to end train xNNs that contain max pooling or ReLU layers because these layers are not differentiable         |

### Data [10 points]

2. [6 points] Consider an image classification data set  $\mathbf{X}$  with  $2^{10}$  classes and  $2^{20}$  labeled examples per class for a total of  $2^{30}$  labeled examples. What is the total information content of all of the labels?

**Information content of all labels**      = number of labels \* information per label  
=  $2^{30} \log_2(2^{10})$  bits

$$= 10 \cdot 2^{30} \text{ bits}$$

$$= 10737418240 \text{ bits}$$

3. [4 points] Consider a dataset of color images where each image  $\mathbf{X}$  is a  $3 \times 1024 \times 2048$  tensor composed of elements  $X(c, h, w)$  with per channel mean  $\mu_c$  and variance  $\sigma_c^2$ . How would you transform the data set  $\mathbf{X}$  to a per channel 0 mean unit variance data set  $\mathbf{X}_{\text{norm}}$ ?  $\mathbf{X}_{\text{norm}} =$

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{norm}}(c, :, :) = (\mathbf{X}(c, :, :) - \mu_c) / \sigma_c, c = 0, 1 \text{ and } 2$$

### Weight initialization [4 points]

4. [4 points] Let's say I know the final value of a weight in a xNN is an integer in the range  $[-127, 127]$  but I know nothing else about it. What is the entropy maximizing distribution to sample from to initialize this weight?

The entropy maximizing distribution is discrete uniform from  $[-127, 127]$ ; i.e., each of the values in  $[-127, 127]$  has probability  $1/255$

### Feature extraction – CNN layers [13 points]

Consider a CNN style 2D convolution layer  $\mathbf{Y}^{3D} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{H}^{4D} \otimes \mathbf{X}_{\text{padded}}^{3D} + \mathbf{V}^{3D})$  where  $\otimes$  is used to denote CNN style 2D convolution and

Input:  $\mathbf{X}^{3D}$  with dimensions  $N_i \times L_r \times L_c$   
 Pad:  $P_r$  (= sum of top + bottom pad),  $P_c$  (= sum of left + right pad)  
 Padded input:  $\mathbf{X}_{\text{padded}}^{3D}$  with dimensions  $N_i \times (L_r + P_r) \times (L_c + P_c)$   
 Filter:  $\mathbf{H}^{4D}$  with dimensions  $N_o \times N_i \times F_r \times F_c$  (no striding)  
 Bias:  $\mathbf{V}^{3D}$  with dimensions  $N_o \times M_r \times M_c$  and constant per  $n_o$   
 Nonlinearity:  $\mathbf{f}$  of type ReLU  
 Output:  $\mathbf{Y}^{3D}$  with dimensions  $N_o \times M_r \times M_c$

5. [4 points] What are  $P_r$  and  $P_c$  such that  $M_r = L_r$  and  $M_c = L_c$ ?

$$P_r = F_r - 1$$

$$P_c = F_c - 1$$

6. [3 points] When padding is chosen such that  $M_r = L_r$  and  $M_c = L_c$ , what are the dimensions (rows x columns) of each of the matrices that result from the above CNN style 2D convolution operation  $\otimes$  lowered to matrix matrix multiplication  $\mathbf{Y}^{2D} = \mathbf{H}^{2D} \mathbf{X}_{\text{filter}}^{2D}$  when there are  $N_o$  rows in  $\mathbf{Y}^{2D}$ ? Use "x" to separate the dimensions in your answer.

$$\mathbf{Y}^{2D} \text{ dimensions are } N_o \times (L_r * L_c)$$

$$\mathbf{H}^{2D} \text{ dimensions are } N_o \times (N_i * F_r * F_c)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{\text{filter}}^{2D} \text{ dimensions are } (N_i * F_r * F_c) \times (L_r * L_c)$$

7. [4 points] How many MACs are required in the standard matrix multiplication based implementation of CNN style 2D convolution with the pad chosen as above (not including the bias and nonlinearity and not playing games to take advantage of multiplying by known 0s)?

$$\text{Number of MACs} = L_r * L_c * N_o * N_i * F_r * F_c$$

8. [2 points] Assume that the layer is part of a network and trained for a  $3 \times 32 \times 64$  input  $\mathbf{X}$ . Is the convolution operation mathematically compatible with a  $3 \times 512 \times 1024$  input  $\mathbf{X}$ ? Circle yes or no.

Yes / No

### Feature extraction – RNN layers [7 points]

Consider a standard RNN layer  $\mathbf{y}_t^T = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_t^T \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{y}_{t-1}^T \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{v}^T)$  with

Output at time  $t$ :  $\mathbf{y}_t^T$  with dimensions  $1 \times N_o$   
 Nonlinearity:  $\mathbf{f}$  of type ReLU  
 Input at time  $t$ :  $\mathbf{x}_t^T$  with dimensions  $1 \times N_i$   
 Input weight matrix:  $\mathbf{H}$   
 Output at time  $t-1$ :  $\mathbf{y}_{t-1}^T$   
 State weight matrix:  $\mathbf{G}$   
 Bias:  $\mathbf{v}^T$

and the sequential set of inputs  $\{\mathbf{x}_0^T, \mathbf{x}_1^T, \mathbf{x}_2^T, \mathbf{x}_3^T, \mathbf{x}_4^T\}$  and outputs  $\{\mathbf{y}_0^T, \mathbf{y}_1^T, \mathbf{y}_2^T, \mathbf{y}_3^T, \mathbf{y}_4^T\}$  with  $\mathbf{y}_{-1}^T = \mathbf{0}^T$ .

9. [3 points] What are the dimensions of the input weight matrix  $\mathbf{H}$ , state weight matrix  $\mathbf{G}$  and bias  $\mathbf{v}^T$ ? Use “x” to separate the dimensions in your answer.

$\mathbf{H}$  dimensions are  $N_i \times N_o$

$\mathbf{G}$  dimensions are  $N_o \times N_o$

$\mathbf{v}^T$  dimensions are  $1 \times N_o$

10. [2 points] Which term,  $\mathbf{x}_t^T \mathbf{H}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}_{t-1}^T \mathbf{G}$  or  $\mathbf{v}^T$ , forces a sequential dependency in the computation of the RNN layer output given the availability of  $\{\mathbf{x}_0^T, \mathbf{x}_1^T, \mathbf{x}_2^T, \mathbf{x}_3^T, \mathbf{x}_4^T\}$ ?

$\mathbf{y}_{t-1}^T \mathbf{G}$

11. [2 points] Assume that there’s an error in output  $\mathbf{y}_2$ . What other output(s) will potentially be in error because of this?

Output(s):  $\mathbf{y}_3, \mathbf{y}_4$

### Feature extraction – self attention layers [15 points]

Consider a single headed self attention layer  $\mathbf{Y}^T = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{H}$  with

Output matrix:  $\mathbf{Y}^T$  with dims  $M \times N$  composed of  $M$  output vectors,  $N$  features each  
 Attention matrix:  $\mathbf{A}^T$  with dims  $M \times M$  where each row is a valid pmf  
 Input matrix:  $\mathbf{X}^T$  with dims  $M \times K$  composed of  $M$  input vectors,  $K$  features each  
 Weight matrix:  $\mathbf{H}$  with dims  $K \times N$

12. [3 points] Circle true or false for each of the following statements

- True / **False** The attention matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T$  is input data independent.  
**True** / False The attention matrix  $\mathbf{A}^T$  mixes  $\mathbf{X}^T$  across vectors.  
**True** / False The weight matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  mixes  $\mathbf{X}^T$  across features.

13. [6 points] Consider the term  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}_q \mathbf{W}_k^T \mathbf{X}$  where  $\mathbf{X}^T$  is defined as above,  $\mathbf{W}_q$  is  $K \times P$  and  $\mathbf{W}_k^T$  is  $P \times K$ . What is the constraint on  $P$  such that the number of MACs required to compute  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}_q \mathbf{W}_k^T \mathbf{X}$  is less than the number of MACs required to compute  $\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W}_{qk} \mathbf{X}$  where  $\mathbf{W}_{qk}$  is  $K \times K$ ?

$$\text{MKP} + \text{PKM} + \text{MPM} < \text{MKK} + \text{MKM}$$

$$2KP + PM < KK + KM$$

$$P < (KK + KM) / (2K + M)$$

Side note: if  $K \gg M$  then  $\sim P < K/2$  (so this answer is also ok) and if  $K = M$  then  $P < 2K/3$

Consider a hybrid self attention – dense layer  $\mathbf{Y}^T = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{1} \mathbf{v}^T)$  where  $\mathbf{f}()$  is a ReLU function,  $\mathbf{1}$  is a  $M \times 1$  vector of 1s,  $\mathbf{v}^T$  is a  $1 \times N$  vector of bias values and other terms are defined as above.

14. [2 points] Circle true or false for each of the following statements

- True** / False This generalizes self attention to an affine transformation.  
**True** / False This has the ability to 0 out negatively aligned features within vectors.

15. [4 points] Taking a similar approach, write down an equation for a hybrid self attention – RNN layer that enables mixing across vectors, across features and across time. Assume input  $\mathbf{X}_t^T$  at time  $t$ .

$$\mathbf{Y}_t^T = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{A}_t^T \mathbf{X}_t^T \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{Y}_{t-1}^T \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{1} \mathbf{v}^T) \text{ where } \mathbf{G} \text{ is } N \times N$$

### Feature extraction – pooling layers [6 points]

16. [4 points] Consider an input feature map  $\mathbf{X}$  of dimension  $N_i \times L_r \times L_c$ . If a  $3 \times 3/2$  max pooling layer is applied to  $\mathbf{X}$  padded by 2 pixels total in the row and 2 pixels total in the column dimensions, what are the dimensions of the output  $\mathbf{Y}$ ?

The dimensions of  $\mathbf{Y}$  are  $N_i \times (L_r/2) \times (L_c/2)$

17. [2 points] What value should be assigned to the padding pixels when using max pooling?

Negative infinity or the most negative value for the data type

### Feature extraction – nonlinearity choices [6 points]

18. [6 points] Assume that inputs to ReLU are independent random variables with discrete uniform pmfs that can be represented by an integer in  $[-63, \dots, 192]$ . If the output of ReLU is optimally coded (i.e., an entropy code that can optimally assign fractional numbers of bits to different symbols), on average how many bits are needed to represent each output?

64 out of 256 values map to 0

192 out of 256 values map to  $\{1, \dots, 192\}$  with the probability of each being  $1/256$

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -(64/256) \log_2(64/256) - 192 (1/256) \log_2(1/256) \\ &= -(1/4) (-2) - (3/4) (-8) \\ &= 0.5 + 6 \\ &= 6.5 \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$

### Prediction [5 points]

Consider a network designed for image classification with the following sequential structure

Input  $\mathbf{X}_0$  with dimensions  $N_i \times L_r \times L_c$

Multiple CNN and pooling layers

Feature map  $\mathbf{X}_d$  with dimensions  $N_d \times (L_r/D) \times (L_c/D)$

Global average pooling layer with  $N_d \times 1$  output  $\mathbf{x}_p$

Dense layer  $\mathbf{x}_p^T \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{v}^T$  with no nonlinearity

Output  $\mathbf{y}^T$  with dimensions  $1 \times C$  where  $C$  = the number of classes

19. [1 points] Circle true or false for each of the following statements

**True** / False    The global average pooling layer allows the dense layer to be mathematically compatible with feature map  $\mathbf{X}_d$  given input  $\mathbf{X}_0$  with  $\sim$  arbitrary rows and cols

20. [4 points] What is the arithmetic intensity of the dense layer (ignore the bias and there's no nonlinearity in this case) in terms of MACs / data movement?

$$(N_d C) / (C + N_d + N_d C) \approx 1 \text{ for large } N_d \text{ and } C$$

### Error computation [9 points]

21. [4 points] Write the equation for softmax for transforming  $1 \times N$  input  $\mathbf{x}^T$  to  $1 \times N$  output  $\mathbf{p}^T$  using  $n$  to index elements within the input and output vectors.  $p(n) = \langle \text{ans} \rangle$ ,  $n = 0, \dots, N - 1$

$$p(n) = (1/\sum_n e^{x(n)}) e^{x(n)}, n = 0, \dots, N - 1$$

22. [3 points] Circle true or false for each of the following statements

**True** / False    KL divergence is a method for comparing 2 pmfs

**True** / False    KL divergence reduces to cross entropy when the true pmf is 1 hot

**True** / **False**    The entropy of a 1 hot pmf is 1

23. [2 points] What does it do (in a few words) to the output of softmax if the input is scaled by a constant  $c$  that satisfies  $0 < c < 1$ ?

It makes the output a flatter pmf

### Back propagation [8 points]

24. [8 points] Consider a scalar modified residual building block with input  $x$ , output  $y = x + f_1(f_0(x)) + g_0(x)$  and assume that  $de/dy$ , the sensitivity of the error  $e$  with respect to the output  $y$ , is given. Further, define the following terms:

$$u_0 = x$$

$$u_1 = f_0(u_0), df_0/du_0 \text{ is known}$$

$$u_2 = f_1(u_1), df_1/du_1 \text{ is known}$$

$$v_0 = x$$

$$v_1 = g_0(v_0), dg_0/dv_0 \text{ is known}$$

$$y = x + u_2 + v_1$$

Write  $de/dx$ , the sensitivity of the error with respect to the input, in terms of  $de/dy$  and the above known terms.

$$\begin{aligned} de/dx &= de/dy + de/du_0 + de/dv_0 \\ &= de/dy + (du_1/du_0) (du_2/du_1) (de/du_2) + (dv_1/dv_0) (de/dv_1) \\ &= de/dy + (df_0/du_0) (df_1/du_1) (de/dy) + (dg_0/dv_0) (de/dy) \end{aligned}$$

### Weight update [12 points]

Given:

$A$  is symmetric positive definite

$\alpha$  is a scalar

Operator  $\partial/\partial(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)$  applied to  $e(\mathbf{h}_0) = 0$

Operator  $\partial/\partial(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)$  applied to  $(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)^T \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{g}$

Operator  $\partial/\partial(\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)$  applied to  $0.5 (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)^T \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0) = \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)$

25. [6 points] Let error  $e(\mathbf{h}) = e(\mathbf{h}_0) + (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)^T \mathbf{g} + 0.5 (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)^T \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0)$ . What is the optimal choice of  $\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0$  to minimize the error? Show your derivation.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial e / \partial (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0) &= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0) \\ &= \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0 &= -\mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{g} \end{aligned}$$

26. [6 points] Now force  $\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{h}_0 = -\alpha \mathbf{g}$  such that error  $e(\mathbf{h}) = e(\mathbf{h}_0) - \alpha \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g} + 0.5 \alpha^2 \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{g}$ . What is the optimal choice of  $\alpha$  to minimize the error? Show your derivation.

$$\begin{aligned}\partial e / \partial \alpha &= -\mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g} + \alpha \mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{g} \\ &= 0 \\ \alpha &= (\mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{g}) / (\mathbf{g}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{g})\end{aligned}$$