

# 4705-Homework 4

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## Problem 1

For the function  $f(z) = \tanh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$  show that  $\frac{df}{dz}(z) = 1 - \tanh^2(z)$ .

i: The derivative of  $f(z)$  with respect to  $z$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \tanh(x) &= \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})(e^x + e^{-x}) - (e^x - e^{-x})(e^x - e^{-x})}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \\ &= 1 - \frac{(e^x - e^{-x})^2}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} = 1 - \tanh^2(x)\end{aligned}$$

Consider a vector  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_K)$  and the softmax of this vector  $a = \text{softmax}(z)$  where  $a_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i}}$ . Find an expression for  $\frac{da_j}{dz_j}$  and prove that it is  $\frac{\sum_{i=1, i \neq j}^K e^{z_i + z_j}}{(\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i})^2}$

2: Given the softmax function:

$$a_j = \frac{e^{z_j}}{\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i}}$$

The derivative of  $a_j$  with respect to  $z_j$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{da_j}{dz_j} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i} e^{z_j} - e^{z_j} \cdot e^{z_j}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{e^{z_j} \left(\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i} - e^{z_j}\right)}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{e^{z_j} \sum_{i=1, j \neq i}^K e^{z_i}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i}\right)^2} \\
&= \frac{\sum_{i=1, j \neq i}^K e^{z_i + z_j}}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^K e^{z_i}\right)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Proved.

**Show that for  $\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}}$  we have  $\frac{d\sigma}{dz}(z) = (1 - \sigma(z))\sigma(z)$ .**

**3:**

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

The derivative of  $\sigma(z)$  is:

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

proved.

**Show that  $\tanh(z) = 2\sigma(2z) - 1$ .**

**4:** Given:

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

we can express  $2\sigma(2z) - 1$  as exponentials:

$$2\sigma(2z) - 1 = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2z}} - 1 = \frac{1 - e^{-2z}}{1 + e^{-2z}}$$

Because  $e^z > 0$ , we can multiply by  $e^z$ :

$$2\sigma(2z) - 1 = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}} = \tanh(z)$$

Proved.

## Problem 2

Review the XOR example from class. In the XOR example with a neural network, we picked  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  to be specific values. Suppose we use  $\sigma$  and not *ReLU*. Can you find  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  that work? Prove this. Do this by smart guess and check. You can write a small Python program to get you the values you need.

**Response** Given the neural network for the XOR problem, the computation process can be described:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{z}[1] &= \beta_1 \mathbf{x} + \alpha_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{a}[1] &= \sigma(\mathbf{z}[1]) \\ \mathbf{z}[2] &= \beta_2 \mathbf{a}[1] + \alpha_2 \\ \mathbf{a}[2] &= \text{softmax}(\mathbf{z}[2])\end{aligned}$$

We set  $\beta[1]$  and  $\alpha[1]$  to:

$$\beta_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \alpha_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where:

- $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  are the weight matrices for the first and second layers, respectively.
- $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are the bias vectors for the first and second layers, respectively.
- $\sigma$  is the sigmoid activation function applied element-wise.

We denote  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  as follows:

$$\gamma = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \nu = \nu$$

And the conditions to be satisfied are:

1.  $\gamma^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(1) \\ \sigma(0) \end{bmatrix} + \nu > 0$
2.  $\gamma^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(1) \\ \sigma(0) \end{bmatrix} + \nu > 0$  (Same as condition 1)
3.  $\gamma^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(2) \\ \sigma(1) \end{bmatrix} + \nu < 0$
4.  $\gamma^T \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(0) \\ \sigma(-1) \end{bmatrix} + \nu < 0$

where  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$  is the sigmoid function.

To find the values of  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  that satisfy the XOR problem, we employed a Python script to perform a linear space search. The search space for  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  was set to  $(-10, 10)$  with 21 steps.

The results from the script found the following values that satisfy:

- $\gamma = [7, -6], \nu = -2$
- $\gamma = [9, -7], \nu = -3$
- $\gamma = [10, -8], \nu = -3$

These values were found to satisfy the conditions for the XOR problem as defined in the computational graph and the problem statement.

## Problem 3

Suppose we have a neural network as in class and the output of the layer  $a^{[1]}$  is  $(x_1, x_2, x_1x_2, x_1^2, x_2^2)$  where  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  is the input. Recall that for XOR we have  $(x_1, x_2)$  maps to  $y$  via  $y = x_1 + x_2 - 2x_1x_2$  so that  $(0, 0)$  maps to 0 and  $(1, 0)$  maps to 1 (see Lecture). Consider  $z^{[2]} = \beta^{[2]}a^{[1]} + \alpha^{[2]}$  and

$a^{[2]} = \sigma(z^{[2]})$  and how we want  $a^{[2]} > 1/2$  if  $y = 1$  and  $1 - a^{[2]} > 1/2$  if  $y = 0$ . Can you specify  $\beta^{[2]}$  and  $\alpha^{[2]}$  that make this happen? Notice  $\beta^{[2]} \in \mathbb{R}^5$  and  $\alpha^{[2]} \in \mathbb{R}$ . Do this by smart guess and check. You can write a small Python program to get you the values you need.

**Response:**

Given the XOR problem and a neural network with an extended feature set in the first layer, the architecture of the neural network is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{a}^{[1]} &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 x_2 \\ x_1^2 \\ x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \\ z^{[2]} &= \beta^{[2]} \mathbf{a}^{[1]} + \alpha^{[2]} \\ a^{[2]} &= \sigma(z^{[2]})\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sigma$  is the sigmoid activation function.

For the XOR problem, we want:

- $a^{[2]} > \frac{1}{2}$  if  $y = 1$  for inputs (1,0) and (0,1)
- $a^{[2]} < \frac{1}{2}$  if  $y = 0$  for inputs (0,0) and (1,1)

Then consider the  $a^{[1]}$  for each input X:

- for  $\mathbf{x} = (0,0)$ ,  $\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = (0,0,0,0,0)$
- for  $\mathbf{x} = (1,0)$ ,  $\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = (1,0,0,1,0)$  or
- for  $\mathbf{x} = (0,1)$ ,  $\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = (0,1,0,0,1)$
- for  $\mathbf{x} = (1,1)$ ,  $\mathbf{a}^{[1]} = (1,1,1,1,1)$

Let's denote  $\beta^{[2]} = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5)$ .

For inputs (1,0) and (0,1), we want  $a^{[2]} > 1/2$ :  $\beta_1 + \beta_4 > 0$ ,  $\beta_2 + \beta_5 > 0$

Using a Python script to perform a search over possible values of  $\beta^{[2]}$  and  $\alpha^{[2]}$ , we found one example  $\beta^{[2]}$  and  $\alpha^{[2]}$  that satisfy the conditions is:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta^{[2]} &= [-8, -6, -8, 10, 10] \\ \alpha^{[2]} &= -1\end{aligned}$$

With these values, the neural network correctly classifies the XOR inputs according to the specified conditions.

## Problem 4

Suppose we use a *ReLU* so that the recursions are  $a^{[0]} = x$ ,  $z^{[1]} = \beta^{[1]}a^{[0]} + \alpha^{[1]}$ ,  $a^{[1]} = \text{ReLU}(z^{[1]})$ ,  $z^{[2]} = \beta^{[2]}a^{[1]} + \alpha^{[2]}$  and then finally  $a^{[2]} = \sigma(z^{[2]})$  and  $\ell = \log(a^{[2]})$  (i.e. we assume  $y = 1$ ). What are the derivatives of  $\ell$  with respect to  $\beta^{[1],[2]}$  and  $\alpha^{[1],[2]}$ . For each variable, when will they be zero? Give some sufficient conditions in terms of the  $z^{[1]}$  or  $z^{[2]}$  variables.

**Response to problem 4:**

The derivative of  $\ell$  with respect to  $a^{[2]}$  is :

$$\frac{d\ell}{da^{[2]}} = \frac{1}{a^{[2]}}$$

Using the chain rule, the derivative of  $\ell$  with respect to  $z^{[2]}$  is:

$$\frac{d\ell}{dz^{[2]}} = \frac{d\ell}{da^{[2]}} \frac{da^{[2]}}{dz^{[2]}} = \frac{1}{a^{[2]}} a^{[2]} (1 - a^{[2]}) = 1 - \sigma(z^{[2]})$$

So the derivative of  $\ell$  with respect to  $a^{[1]}$  is:

$$\frac{d\ell}{da^{[1]}} = \frac{d\ell}{dz^{[2]}} \frac{dz^{[2]}}{da^{[1]}} = (1 - \sigma(z^{[2]}))\beta^{[2]}$$

also,

$$\frac{d\ell}{d\beta^{[2]}} = \frac{d\ell}{dz^{[2]}} \frac{dz^{[2]}}{d\beta^{[2]}} = (1 - \sigma(z^{[2]}))a^{[1]}$$

$$\frac{d\ell}{d\alpha^{[2]}} = \frac{d\ell}{dz^{[2]}} \frac{dz^{[2]}}{d\alpha^{[2]}} = 1 - \sigma(z^{[2]})$$

For the relu function:

$$\frac{da^{[1]}}{dz^{[1]}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } z^{[1]} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then compute derivative of  $l$  with respect to  $z^{[1]}$ :

$$\frac{dl}{dz^{[1]}} = \frac{dl}{da^{[1]}} \frac{da^{[1]}}{dz^{[1]}} = \begin{cases} (1 - \sigma z^{[2]})\beta^{[2]} & \text{if } z^{[1]} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dl}{d\beta^{[1]}} = \frac{dl}{dz^{[1]}} \frac{dz^{[1]}}{d\beta^{[1]}} = \begin{cases} (1 - \sigma z^{[2]})\beta^{[2]}a^{[0]} & \text{if } z^{[1]} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{dl}{d\alpha^{[1]}} = \frac{dl}{dz^{[1]}} = \begin{cases} (1 - \sigma z^{[2]})\beta^{[2]} & \text{if } z^{[1]} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**When will they be zero?**

$\frac{dl}{d\beta^{[2]}}$  will be zero if  $a^{[2]} = 1$  or  $a^{[1]} = 0$  in terms of  $z$ :  $z^{[1]} \leq 0$  or  $z^{[2]} \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\frac{dl}{d\alpha^{[2]}}$  will be zero if  $a^{[2]} = 1$ . that in terms of  $z$ :  $z^{[2]} \rightarrow \infty$

$\frac{dl}{d\beta^{[1]}}$  will be zero if  $a^{[2]} = 1$  or  $\beta^{[2]} = 0$  or  $a^{[0]} = 0$  or  $z^{[1]} \leq 0$ . In terms of  $z$ :  $z^{[1]} \leq 0$  or  $z^{[2]} \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\frac{dl}{d\alpha^{[1]}}$  will be zero if  $a^{[2]} = 1$  or  $\beta^{[2]} = 0$  or  $z^{[1]} \leq 0$ . That equals  $z^{[1]} \leq 0$  or  $z^{[2]} \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Problem 5

Suppose we have  $a^{[0]} = x$ ,  $z^{[1]} = \beta^{[1]}a^{[0]} + \alpha^{[1]}$ ,  $a^{[1]} = \sigma(z^{[1]})$ ,  $z^{[2]} = z^{[1]} + \beta^{[2]}a^{[1]} + \alpha^{[2]}$  and then finally  $a^{[2]} = \sigma(z^{[2]})$  and again  $\ell = \log(a^{[2]})$ . What are the derivatives of  $\ell$  with respect to  $\beta^{[1],[2]}$  and  $\alpha^{[1],[2]}$ . For each variable, when will they be zero? Give some sufficient conditions in terms of the  $z^{[1]}$  or  $z^{[2]}$  variables. Also, draw the computational graph.

**Response** Given the functions

$$\begin{aligned} a[0] &= x \\ z[1] &= \beta[1]a[0] + \alpha[1] \\ a[1] &= \sigma(z[1]) \\ z[2] &= z[1] + \beta[2]a[1] + \alpha[2] \\ a[2] &= \sigma(z[2]) \\ l &= \log(a[2]) \end{aligned}$$

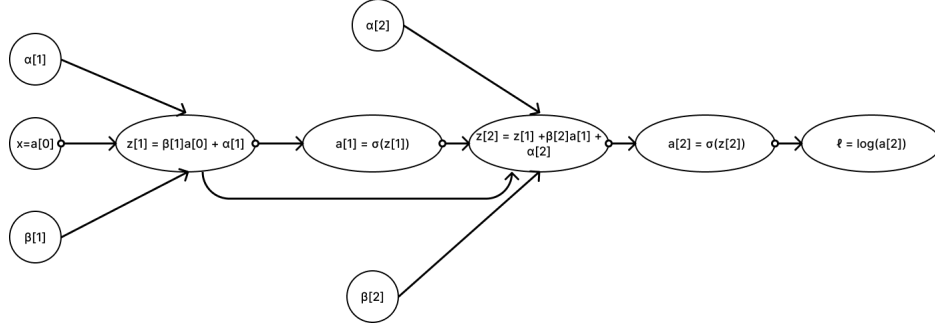


Figure 1: The computational graph of problem 5

Then we can find the derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial z[2]} = (1 - z[2])$$

$$\frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial \alpha[2]} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial \beta[2]} = a[1]$$

$$\frac{\partial z[1]}{\partial \alpha[1]} = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial a[1]}{\partial z[1]} = \sigma(z[1])(1 - \sigma(z[1]))$$

$$\frac{\partial z[1]}{\partial \beta[1]} = a[0]$$

Based on the above, we can calculate the derivatives of  $l$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta[1]} &= \frac{\partial l}{\partial a[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial a[2]}{\partial z[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial z[1]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[1]}{\partial \beta[1]} + \frac{\partial l}{\partial z[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial a[1]} \cdot \frac{\partial a[1]}{\partial z[1]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[1]}{\partial \beta[1]} \\ &= (1 - \sigma z[2])a[0] + (1 - \sigma z[2])\beta[2]\sigma(z[1])(1 - \sigma(z[1]))a[0] \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta[2]} &= \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial a[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial a[2]}{\partial z[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial \beta[2]} \\ &= (1 - \sigma z[2])\sigma z[1]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha[1]} &= \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial a[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial a[2]}{\partial z[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial z[1]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[1]}{\partial \alpha[1]} + \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial z[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial a[1]} \cdot \frac{\partial a[1]}{\partial z[1]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[1]}{\partial \alpha[1]} \\ &= (1 - \sigma(z[2])) + (1 - \sigma(z[2])) \cdot \beta[2]\sigma z[1](1 - \sigma(z[1]))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha[2]} &= \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial a[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial a[2]}{\partial z[2]} \cdot \frac{\partial z[2]}{\partial \alpha[2]} \\ &= (1 - \sigma z[2])\end{aligned}$$

**When will it be zero?**

$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta[1]}$  will be zero if  $z[2] \rightarrow \infty$  or  $1 + \beta[2]\sigma(z[1])(1 - \sigma(z[1])) = 0$

$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta[2]}$  will be zero if  $z[1] \rightarrow -\infty$  or  $z[2] \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha[1]}$  will be zero if  $z[2] \rightarrow \infty$  or  $1 + \beta[2]\sigma(z[1])(1 - \sigma(z[1])) = 0$

$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha[2]}$  will be zero if  $z[2] \rightarrow \infty$ .

## Problem 6

Suppose we have equations  $u^{[3]} = u^{[1]} \times u^{[2]}$ ,  $u^{[4]} = u^{[1]} + u^{[2]}$  and  $u^{[5]} = 2 \times u^{[3]} \times u^{[4]}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{L} = (u^{[5]} - u^{[1]} - u^{[2]} - u^{[3]} - u^{[4]})^2$  is what we'd like to minimize. Draw the computational graph. Suppose  $u^{[1]} = 3$  and  $u^{[2]} = 4$ , find the partials  $\{\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u^{[i]}}\}_{i=1}^5$ . Write expressions for these partials in terms of local partials. To get the numerical answer: if you want, you can submit PyTorch code with this which sets up the above as tensors and then gets the gradients.

**Response** Given the equations:

$$u^{[3]} = u^{[1]} \times u^{[2]}$$

$$u^{[4]} = u^{[1]} + u^{[2]}$$

$$u^{[5]} = 2 \times u^{[3]} \times u^{[4]}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = (u^{[5]} - u^{[1]} - u^{[2]} - u^{[3]} - u^{[4]})^2$$

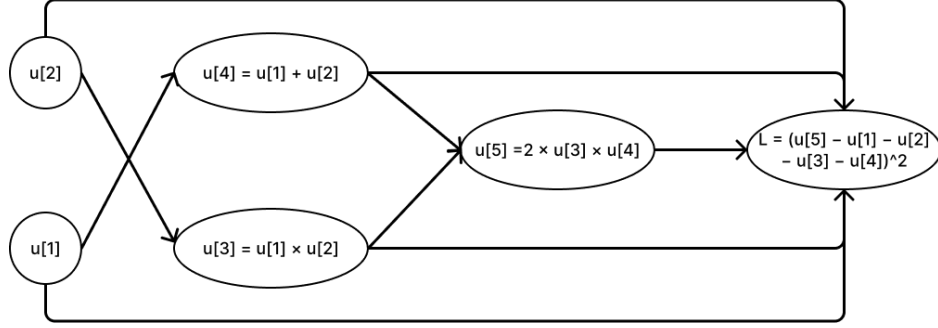


Figure 2: The computational graph for problem 6

Using the chain rule, the partial derivatives are expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u^{[1]}} &= \frac{\partial (2u_1u_2(u_1 + u_2) - u_1 - u_2 - u_1u_2 - u_1 - u_2)^2}{\partial u_1} \\
 &= 2(2u_1^2u_2 + 2u_1u_2^2 - 2u_1 - 2u_2 - u_1u_2)(4u_1u_2 + 2u_2^2 - 2 - u_2) \\
 &= 21016
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial u^{[2]}} &= \frac{\partial (2u_1u_2(u_1 + u_2) - u_1 - u_2 - u_1u_2 - u_1 - u_2)^2}{\partial u_1} \\
 &= 2(2u_1^2u_2 + 2u_1u_2^2 - 2u_1 - 2u_2 - u_1u_2)(4u_1u_2 + 2u_1^2 - 2 - u_1) \\
 &= 17324
 \end{aligned}$$