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We start by writing $\varsigma(x)$ with $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ in its vector form:

$$\varsigma(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{e^{x_1}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{e^{x_n}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, getting the derivative of ς w.r.t. the vector x is just a matter of applying the partial derivatives to each one of the rows.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \varsigma(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \frac{e^{x_1}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \frac{e^{x_1}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \frac{e^{x_n}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \frac{e^{x_n}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} \end{bmatrix}$$

We then start by computing the derivative of a cell to fill out the matrix afterwards. For x_i we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \varsigma(x)_i &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} = \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{e^{x_i}}{e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n}} = \end{aligned}$$

Applying the quotient rule to the fraction and then the sum rule to $(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{e^{x_i}(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n}) - e^{x_i}(0 + \dots + e^{x_i} + \dots + 0)}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})^2} = \frac{e^{x_i}(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n}) - e^{2x_i}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})^2} = \\ &= \frac{e^{x_i}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})} - \frac{e^{x_i}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})} \frac{e^{x_i}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})} = \varsigma(x)_i - \varsigma(x)_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now for x_k with $k \neq i$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \varsigma(x)_i &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{x_j}} = \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \frac{e^{x_i}}{e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n}} =\end{aligned}$$

Applying the quotient rule to the fraction and then the sum rule to $(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})$, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{0(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n}) - e^{x_i}(0 + \dots + e^{x_k} + \dots + 0)}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})^2} = \frac{-e^{x_i+x_k}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})^2} = \\ &= -\frac{e^{x_i}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})} \frac{e^{x_k}}{(e^{x_1} + \dots + e^{x_n})} = -\varsigma(x)_i \varsigma(x)_k\end{aligned}$$

With all the matrix entries in hand, we can write the derivative down as $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \varsigma(x) = \text{diag}(\varsigma(x)) - \varsigma(x)\varsigma(x)^T$.