

## Part One

In word2vec, the conditional probability distribution is given by taking vector dot-products and applying the softmax function:

$$P(O = o \mid C = c) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_o^\top \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^\top \mathbf{v}_c)} \quad (1)$$

Here,  $\mathbf{u}_o$  is the ‘outside’ vector representing outside word  $o$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_c$  is the ‘center’ vector representing center word  $c$ . To contain these parameters, we have two matrices,  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ . The columns of  $\mathbf{U}$  are all the ‘outside’ vectors  $\mathbf{u}_w$ . The columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are all of the ‘center’ vectors  $\mathbf{v}_w$ . Both  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  contain a vector for every  $w \in \text{Vocabulary}$ .<sup>1</sup>

Recall from lectures that, for a single pair of words  $c$  and  $o$ , the loss is given by:

$$\mathbf{J}_{\text{naive-softmax}}(\mathbf{v}_c, o, \mathbf{U}) = -\log P(O = o \mid C = c). \quad (2)$$

Another way to view this loss is as the cross-entropy<sup>2</sup> between the true distribution  $\mathbf{y}$  and the predicted distribution  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ . Here, both  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  are vectors with length equal to the number of words in the vocabulary. Furthermore, the  $k^{\text{th}}$  entry in these vectors indicates the conditional probability of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  word being an ‘outside word’ for the given  $c$ . The true empirical distribution  $\mathbf{y}$  is a one-hot vector with a 1 for the true outside word  $o$ , and 0 everywhere else. The predicted distribution  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the probability distribution  $P(O \mid C = c)$  given by our model in equation (1).

- (a) (3 points) Show that the naive-softmax loss given in Equation (2) is the same as the cross-entropy loss between  $\mathbf{y}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ ; i.e., show that

$$-\sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} y_w \log(\hat{y}_w) = -\log(\hat{y}_o). \quad (3)$$

Your answer should be one line.

- (b) (5 points) Compute the partial derivative of  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{naive-softmax}}(\mathbf{v}_c, o, \mathbf{U})$  with respect to  $\mathbf{v}_c$ . Please write your answer in terms of  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ , and  $\mathbf{U}$ .
- (c) (5 points) Compute the partial derivatives of  $\mathbf{J}_{\text{naive-softmax}}(\mathbf{v}_c, o, \mathbf{U})$  with respect to each of the ‘outside’ word vectors,  $\mathbf{u}_w$ ’s. There will be two cases: when  $w = o$ , the true ‘outside’ word vector, and  $w \neq o$ , for all other words. Please write your answer in terms of  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_c$ .
- (d) (3 Points) The sigmoid function is given by Equation 4:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mathbf{x}}} = \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}}}{e^{\mathbf{x}} + 1} \quad (4)$$

Please compute the derivative of  $\sigma(\mathbf{x})$  with respect to  $\mathbf{x}$ , where  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector.

## Part Two

In this part you will implement the word2vec model and train your own word vectors with stochastic gradient descent (SGD). Before you begin, first run the following commands within the assignment directory in order to create the appropriate conda virtual environment. This guarantees that you have all the necessary packages to complete the assignment.

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conda env create -f env.yml
conda activate a2
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Once you are done with the assignment you can deactivate this environment by running:

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conda deactivate
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- (a) (12 points) First, implement the `sigmoid` function in `word2vec.py` to apply the sigmoid function to an input vector. In the same file, fill in the implementation for the softmax and negative sampling loss and gradient functions. Then, fill in the implementation of the loss and gradient functions for the skip-gram model. When you are done, test your implementation by running `python word2vec.py`.
- (b) (4 points) Complete the implementation for your SGD optimizer in `sgd.py`. Test your implementation by running `python sgd.py`.