

Machine Learning

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1.

Since SGD, $m=1$

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^{n+1} &= \theta^n - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \text{Loss} = \theta^n + 2\alpha \left[\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (y^i - h(x_1^i, x_2^i)) \nabla_{\theta} h \right] \\ \theta^1 &= \theta^0 + 2\alpha[(3 - h(1,2))\nabla_{\theta} h] \\ &= (4,5,6) + 2\alpha[(3 - \sigma(b + w_1 + 2w_2))\nabla_{\theta} \sigma(b + w_1 + 2w_2)]\end{aligned}$$

2(a).

$\sigma(x)$ = sigmoid function

$$\text{let } s = \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$s' = -1(1 + e^{-x})^{-2}(-e^{-x}) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}$$

$$= s \times \frac{e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} = s(1 - s)$$

$$\begin{aligned}s'' &= (s(1 - s))' = s'(1 - s) + s(-s') \\ &= s'(1 - s - s) = s'(1 - 2s) \\ &= s(1 - s)(1 - 2s)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}s''' &= (s'(1 - 2s))' = s''(1 - 2s) + s'(-2s') \\ &= s'(1 - 2s)^2 - 2s'(s') \\ &= s'(1 - 4s + 4s^2 - 2s') \\ &= s(1 - s)(1 - 6s + 6s^2)\end{aligned}$$

2(b).

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

$$\tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2\sigma(x) - 1$$

3.

The sigmoid saturates for large-magnitude inputs: if $x \gg 0$, $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \approx 1$; if $x \ll 0$, $\sigma(x) \approx 0$. Since $\sigma'(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$, the previous situation will make $\sigma'(x)$ become near zero. During backpropagation, $\delta^{[i]} = \sigma'(z^{[i]}) \circ (W^{[i+1]})^T \delta^{[i+1]}$. Hence saturation makes $\delta^{[i]}$ tiny, leading to vanishing gradients and slow or stalled learning in lower layers.