

# MathDNN HW 2

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## 1 Problem 4

In this problem.  $\sum$  denotes  $\sum_{i=1}^n$ .

The meaning of "probability mass function  $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is  $p: \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\sum p(i) = 1$ , and the same is analogous for  $q$ . Note that  $\sum p(i) = \sum q(i) = 1$ .

**Lemma 1.1.** The function  $y = \log x$  is convex in its range.

*Proof.* Let  $0 < x < y$ . Define  $f(t) = \log((1-t)x + ty) - ((1-t)\log x + t\log y)$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Our assertion is equivalent to  $f \geq 0$  on this range.

Obviously  $f(0) = f(1) = 0$ . Assume  $0 < t < 1$ . Fixing  $x$ , and differentiating  $f$  w.r.t  $y$  gives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t) = \frac{t}{(1-t)x + y} - \frac{t}{y} > 0$$

because  $(1-t)x + y < y$  when  $0 < t < 1$ . Since  $f(t) \equiv 0$  when  $x = y$  and  $y > x$  by assumption, we get desired result.  $\square$

First, assume  $p(k) = 0$  for some  $i$ . Our convention  $0 \log 0 = 0$  and  $0 \log \frac{0}{0} = 0$  reduces the KL-divergence to

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) = \sum_{i \neq k} p(i) \left( -\log \left( \frac{q(i)}{p(i)} \right) \right). \quad (1)$$

Now, let  $c = \frac{1}{\sum_{i \neq k} q(i)}$ . If  $c = 1$ ,  $D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) = \infty$  unless all  $p(i) = 0$ , which is impossible. So  $c > 1$ , and we can rewrite (1) as

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) = \sum_{i \neq k} p(i) \left( -\log \left( \frac{cq(i)}{p(i)} \right) \right) + \log c. \quad (2)$$

Both functions  $p, cq$  are probability masses with domain  $\{1, \dots, n\} - \{k\}$ , so equation (2) is just adding  $\log c > 0$  to the KL-divergence of new  $p, cq$ . Iterating, we

can assume  $p \neq 0$  anywhere.

Next, when  $q(k) = 0$ , our hypothesis  $p \neq 0$  induces  $D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) = \infty$ . So from now, assume  $q \neq 0$  anywhere.

Since  $p$  is probability mass, for any  $f : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we have  $\mathbb{E}_p(f) = \sum f(i)p(i)$ . The function  $-\log$  is convex by Lemma 1.1, so Jensen's inequality gives

$$D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) = \sum p(i) \left( -\log \left( \frac{q(i)}{p(i)} \right) \right) \geq -\log \left( \sum p(i) \frac{q(i)}{p(i)} \right) = -\log 1 = 0.$$

## 2 Problem 5

In the proof of Problem 4,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} > 0$  if  $y > x$ . Thus  $-\log$  is strictly convex. Also, we can assume  $p, q \neq 0$  by the same argument.

If the function  $p/q$  is constant,  $p = q$ . Conversely, when  $p \neq q$ , random variable  $p/q$  ( $q \neq 0$  guarantees well-definedness) is non-constant. Thus, applying strict Jensen's inequality, we get  $D_{\text{KL}}(p||q) > 0$ .

## 3 Problem 6

Denote  $f_\theta = f$  for simplicity.

(i) Partial derivative with  $u_i$  gives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial u_i}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \sum_{j=1}^p u_j \sigma(a_j x + b_j) = \sigma(a_i x + b_i),$$

therefore  $\nabla_u f(x) = (\sigma(a_1 x + b_1), \dots, \sigma(a_p x + b_p)) = \sigma(ax + b)$ .

(ii) Again, partial derivative with  $b_i$  gives

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial b_i}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} \sum_{j=1}^p u_j \sigma(a_j x + b_j) = u_i \sigma'(a_i x + b_i),$$

which gives  $\nabla_b f(x) = (u_1 \sigma'(a_1 x + b_1), \dots, u_p \sigma'(a_p x + b_p))$ .

(iii) Use the same way, we get

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial a_i}(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} \sum_{j=1}^p u_j \sigma(a_j x + b_j) = u_i x \sigma'(a_i x + b_i),$$

which is just multiplication by  $x$  on (ii). Multiplying  $x$  on the result of (ii) gives result.