

1.1) Given $q_i: 1 \leq i \leq K, C = \frac{1}{\sum q_i}$ we will denote Cq_i by p_i . We will let $[y = k] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1\{y = k\}$. Now we must show that $p = \prod_{i=1}^K (p_i)^{[y=i]}$ is in the exponential family. Now, $p = e^{\log p} = e^{\log \prod_{i=1}^K p_i^{[y=i]}}$. By using the fact that the logarithm of a product is the sum of the logarithms the above expression

simplifies to $e^{\sum_i \log(p_i^{[y=i]})} = e^{\sum_i [y=i] \log p_i}$. Let $\eta = \begin{bmatrix} \log p_1 \\ \vdots \\ \log p_K \end{bmatrix}, t(y) = \begin{bmatrix} [y = 1] \\ \vdots \\ [y = K] \end{bmatrix}, b(y) = 1, a(\eta) = 0$

and this shows that the categorical distribution is in the exponential family.

1.2) $p(y|x) \sim \text{Bernoulli} \Rightarrow p(y|x) = p^y (1-p)^{1-y} = e^{\log p^y (1-p)^{1-y}} = e^{y \log p + (1-y) \log(1-p)}$. This

simplifies to $e^{y \log \frac{p}{1-p} + \log(1-p)}$. Now, $\eta = Wx = \log \frac{p}{1-p}, t(y) = y, b(y) = 1, a(\eta) = -\log(1-p)$. Now, $h(x; W) = E_y t(y) = 1 * e^{1 \log \frac{p}{1-p} + \log(1-p)} + 0 = p = p(x; W)$.

1.3) From part 1.1 we see that for the categorical distribution we have $\eta = \begin{bmatrix} \log p_1 \\ \vdots \\ \log p_K \end{bmatrix}, t(y) =$

$\begin{bmatrix} [y = 1] \\ \vdots \\ [y = K] \end{bmatrix}, b(y) = 1, a(\eta) = 0$. From this we see that $p_i = e^{\eta_i}, \sum p_i = \sum e^{\eta_i} = 1$. By substituting

back in and dividing we see that $p_i = \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{\sum_j e^{\eta_j}}$. Now, as $\eta = Wx \Rightarrow p(y = i|x) = \frac{e^{(Wx)_i}}{\sum_j e^{(Wx)_j}} = \frac{e^{w_i^T x}}{\sum_j e^{w_j^T x}}$. Now, we note that p_K can be expressed as a linear combination of $p_1 \dots p_{K-1}$ so we

have that $E[t(y)|x] = E \begin{bmatrix} [y = 1] \\ \vdots \\ [y = K-1] \end{bmatrix} | x = \begin{bmatrix} e^{w_1^T x} / \sum e^{w_j^T x} \\ \vdots \\ e^{w_{K-1}^T x} / \sum e^{w_j^T x} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_{K-1} \end{bmatrix}$ with p_K being a parameter

expressed in terms of the first p_1, \dots, p_{K-1} and not an independent variable itself.

1.4) $p(y; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = e^{\log \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}} = e^{\log \lambda^y + \log e^{-\lambda} - \log y!} = \frac{1}{y!} * e^{y \log \lambda - \lambda}$. From this we conclude that the Poisson distribution is in the exponential family with $b(y) = \frac{1}{y!}, \eta = \log \lambda, t(y) = y, a(\eta) = \lambda$. Now, $\eta = w^T x = \log \lambda \Rightarrow e^{w^T x} = \lambda$. As the expected value of a Poisson distribution is λ we have $\hat{y}_i = E[y|x; w] = \lambda = e^{w^T x}$.

2.1.1) For ease of notation we will denote our cost function by C instead of l . To find $\frac{\partial C}{\partial a}$ it suffices to find $\frac{\partial C}{\partial a_i}, \forall i$. We will consider two cases: $i \neq y, i = y$. In the first case, we have $\frac{\partial C}{\partial a_i} = \frac{-1}{z_y} * \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} (z_y)$. The latter derivative we will solve via the quotient rule to get $0 - e^{a_y} e^{a_i} / (\sum e^{a_j})^2 = -z_y * z_i$. Combining these results we have $i \neq y \Rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial a_i} = z_i$. In the latter case where $i = y$, we have $\frac{\partial C}{\partial a_y} =$

$(\sum e^{a_j}) * e^{a_y} - e^{a_y} e^{a_y} / (\sum e^{a_j})^2 = z_y - (z_y)^2$. Thus, letting $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^K$ be the vector whose k th coordinate is 1 if $k = y$ and 0 otherwise, we have that $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}^2 \mathbf{y}$.

2.1.2) Now, $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{h}$. Additionally, $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}}$.

2.1.3) $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{h}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{a}} \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{u})$ where $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{bmatrix} H(u_1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & H(u_M) \end{bmatrix}$, $H(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \Leftrightarrow u > 0 \\ 0 & \Leftrightarrow u \leq 0 \end{cases}$.

2.1.4) $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \mathbf{x}$. Additionally, we have $\frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{u}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{u}}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$.

2.2) $\mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \mathbf{W}^{(2)}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)}$ being initialized to zero implies that $\mathbf{u} = 0, \mathbf{h} = 0, \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}^{(2)}$ and \mathbf{z} is constant. Now, plugging these values in we have $\mathbf{h} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(2)}} = 0, \mathbf{W}^{(2)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(1)}} = 0, \frac{\partial C}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(1)}} = 0$. Now, learning in the hidden layer would adjust $\mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \mathbf{b}^{(1)}$ along the gradient of cost with respect to those variables, but as the partial derivatives along those variables are zero, the gradient is zero and no learning occurs.

2.3) Removing the nonlinear operation \mathbf{h} we have $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D, \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{W}^{(1)} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^M$. Letting $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{b}^{(2)}, \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times M}, \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^K \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{W}^{(2)} (\mathbf{W}^{(1)} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)}) + \mathbf{b}^{(2)}$. Let $\mathcal{U} = \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \mathbf{W}^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times D}$ and $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{W}^{(2)} \mathbf{b}^{(1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^K \Rightarrow \mathbf{a} = \mathcal{U} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v}$ and is therefore linear in \mathbf{x} .