ML HW 7 - Deep Learning

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Problem 3: In machine learning you often come across problems which contain the following quantity

$$y = \log \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i}$$

For example if we want to calculate the log-likelihood of neural network with a softmax output we get this quantity due to the normalization constant. If you try to calculate it naively, you will quickly encounter underflows or overflows, depending on the scale of x_i . Despite working in log-space, the limited precision of computers is not enough and the result will be ∞ or $-\infty$.

To combat this issue we typically use the following identity:

$$y = \log \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i} = a + \log \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i - a}$$

for an arbitrary a. This means, you can shift the center of the exponential sum. A typical value is setting a to the maximum ($a = \max_i x_i$), which forces the greatest value to be zero and even if the other values would underflow, you get a reasonable result.

Your task is to show that the identity holds.

This is called the log-sum-exp trick and is often used in practice.

$$\begin{split} y &= \log \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i} \\ e^y &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i} \\ e^{-a} e^y &= e^{-a} \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i} \\ e^{y-a} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{-a} e^{x_i} \\ y - a &= \log \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i-a} \\ y &= \underline{a} + \log \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i-a} \end{split}$$

Problem 4: Similar to the previous exercise we can compute the output of the softmax function $\pi_i = \frac{\sigma^i}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\sigma_i}}$ in a numerically stable way by shifting by an arbitrary constant a:

$$\frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i}} = \frac{e^{x_i-a}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i-a}}$$

often chosen $a = \max_i x_i$. Show that the above identity holds

$$\frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i}} = \frac{Ce^{x_i}}{C\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i}} = \frac{e^{x_i + \log(C)}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i + \log(C)}}$$

b

Since C is just an arbitrary constant, we can replace log(C) = -a and get $\frac{e^{x_1-a}}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} e^{x_i-a}}$

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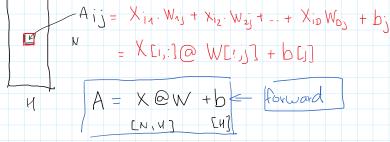


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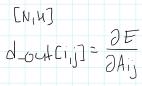


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