- 1. What is the difference between backpropagation algorithm and backpropagation through time (BPTT) algorithm ?
  - A. There is no difference.
  - B. Unlike backpropagation, in BPTT we add the gradients for corresponding weight for each time step.
  - C. Unlike backpropagation, in BPTT we subtract the gradients for corresponding weight for each time step.

Solution: Option B is the correct answer.

- 2. What approach is taken to deal with the problem of Exploding Gradients in Recurrent Neural Networks?
  - A. Gradient clipping
  - B. Using modified architectures like LSTMs and GRUs
  - C. Using dropout

Solution: Option A is the correct option.

- 3. In the context of the state equations of LSTM, we have seen that  $h_t = o_t \odot \sigma(s_t)$  where  $h_t, o_t, s_t \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . What is the derivative of  $h_t$  w.r.t.  $s_t$ ?
  - A. Vector
  - B. Tensor
  - C. Matrix

Solution: Option C is the correct answer.

The derivative will yield a diagonal square matrix.

- 4. Continuing the previous question, how many non-zero entries does the derivative of  $h_t$  w.r.t.  $s_t$  have?
  - A. No non-zero entries
  - B. n
  - C.  $n^2 n$

Solution: Option B is the correct answer.

The derivative will yield a diagonal square matrix. The only non-zero elements will be the ones on the diagonal.

- 5. In the context of LSTMs, the gradient of  $\mathcal{L}_t(\theta)$  w.r.t  $\theta_i$  vanishes when
  - A. the gradients flowing through at least one path from  $\mathcal{L}_t(\theta)$  to  $\theta_i$  vanishes.
  - B. the gradients flowing through each and every path from  $\mathcal{L}_t(\theta)$  to  $\theta_i$  vanishes.

Solution: Option B is the correct answer

6. Which of the following options represent the full set of equations for GRU gates where  $s_t$  represents the state of the GRU and  $h_t$  refers to the intermediate output?

A. 
$$o_t = \sigma(W_o h_{t-1} + U_o x_t + b_o)$$

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i h_{t-1} + U_i x_t + b_i)$$

B. 
$$o_t = \sigma(W_o s_{t-1} + U_o x_t + b_o)$$

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i s_{t-1} + U_i x_t + b_i)$$

Solution: Option B is the correct answer.

7. Consider a GRU where the input  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and the state of GRU  $s \in \mathbb{R}^n$  at any time step t. What is the total number of parameters in this GRU ?

A. 
$$n^2 + nm + 2n$$

B. 
$$3 \times (n^2 + nm + n)$$

C. 
$$n + 3 \times (n^2 + nm + n)$$

D. 
$$4 \times (n^2 + nm + n)$$

**Solution:** From the equations of GRU, we know that it has the parameters namely,  $W_o, W_i, W, U_o, U_i, U, b_o, b_i, b$  where the dimensions of  $W's \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $U's \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  and b's  $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Therefore, **Option B** is the correct answer.

- 8. Consider the following statements in the context of LSTMs:
  - 1. During forward propagation, the gates control the flow of information.
  - 2. During backward propagation, the gates control the flow of gradients.

Which of the following option is correct?

- A. Statement 1 is True and Statement 2 is False.
- B. Statement 2 is True and Statement 1 is False.
- C. Both are False.
- D. Both are True.

**Solution:** Option D is the correct answer.

## 9. Consider the RNN with the following equations:

$$s_t = \sigma(Ux + Ws_{t-1} + b)$$
  
$$y_t = \mathcal{O}(Vs_t + c)$$

where  $s_t$  is the state of the network at timestep t and the parameters W,U,V,b,c are shared across timesteps. The loss  $\mathcal{L}_t(\theta)$  is defined as:

$$\mathcal{L}_t(\theta) = -\log(y_{tc})$$

where  $y_{tc}$  is the predicted probability of true output at time-step t. Given the above RNN, find  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_t(\theta)}{\partial s_t}$  at t=4.

A. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_4(\theta)}{\partial s_4} = -\frac{\mathcal{O}(Vs_4+c)}{\mathcal{O}'(Vs_4+c)}$$

B. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_4(\theta)}{\partial s_4} = -V \frac{\mathcal{O}(V s_4 + c)}{\mathcal{O}'(V s_4 + c)}$$

C. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_4(\theta)}{\partial s_4} = -V \frac{\mathcal{O}'(Vs_4+c)}{\mathcal{O}(Vs_4+c)}$$

D. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_4(\theta)}{\partial s_4} = -V\mathcal{O}'(Vs_4 + c)$$

Solution: Option C is the correct answer.

10. Considering the same RNN setup as defined in the previous question, find  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial V}$ .

A. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial V} = -s_t \frac{\mathcal{O}(Vs_t+c)}{\mathcal{O}'(Vs_t+c)}$$

B. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial V} = -s_t \frac{\mathcal{O}'(Vs_t+c)}{\mathcal{O}(Vs_t+c)}$$

C. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial V} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} -s_t \frac{\mathcal{O}(Vs_t+c)}{\mathcal{O}'(Vs_t+c)}$$

D. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\partial V} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} -s_t \frac{\mathcal{O}'(Vs_t+c)}{\mathcal{O}(Vs_t+c)}$$

Solution: Option D is the correct answer.