Assignment 1

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1 Q1

 $\operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{x} + c)$ (Note, remember softmax is defined as a function taking in a vector)

Considering element i

$$\frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}} = \frac{e^{x_i + c}}{\sum_j e^{x_j + c}} \tag{1}$$

since,

$$\frac{e^{x_i}e^c}{\sum_j e^{x_j}e^c} = \frac{e^{x_i}e^c}{\sum_j e^{x_j}e^c} \tag{2}$$

QED

This is useful for the trick where $c = -\max_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i}$, since the largest number in the exponential possible is now 0. That is it prevents overflow.

2 Q2 a)

The sigmoid function is

$$y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \sigma(x) = (1 + e^{-x})^{-1} = (z)^{-1}$$
(3)

Where $z = 1 + e^{-x} = 1 + e^{r}$, and r = -x

Then by simple chain rule

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dz} * \frac{dz}{dr} * \frac{dr}{dx} \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -(1 + e^{-x})^{-2} * e^{-x} * (-1) = e^{-x} * \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}\right)^2 = e^{-x}\sigma(x)\sigma(x)$$
 (5)

Since
$$e^{-x} = \frac{1-\sigma(x)}{\sigma(x)}$$
 because

$$\frac{1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}}{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}} = (1 + e^{-x}) - \frac{1 + e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} = (1 + e^{-x}) - 1 = e^{-x}$$
(6)

Then

$$e^{-x}\sigma(x)\sigma(x) = \frac{1 - \sigma(x)}{\sigma(x)}\sigma(x)\sigma(x) = (1 - \sigma(x))(\sigma(x))$$
(7)

QED

3 Q2 b)

Asume K classes, $\hat{y} = \text{softmax}(\theta) = [\hat{y}_1, ..., \hat{y}_K] = [\text{softmax}(\theta_1), ..., \text{softmax}(\theta_1)]$