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MATH 308

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HW 10: Due 11/10

*"Matrices act. They don't just sit there."
— Gilbert Strang*

Problem 1. (10pt) Showing all your work, compute the following:

(a) $\sum_{k=0}^5 (5k - 3)$

(b) $\sum_{\substack{k=-2 \\ k \neq 0}}^3 \frac{k+1}{k}$

(c) $\prod_{j=1}^4 2j$

(d) $\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$ [Hint: Combine terms, factor, then write out some terms.]

(e) $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 3k}$ [Hint: Use partial fractions, then write out some terms.]

Solution.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^5 (5k - 3) &= (5 \cdot 0 - 3) + (5 \cdot 1 - 3) + (5 \cdot 2 - 3) + (5 \cdot 3 - 3) + (5 \cdot 4 - 3) + (5 \cdot 5 - 3) \\ &= -3 + 2 + 7 + 12 + 17 + 22 \\ &= 57 \end{aligned}$$

OR

We use the fact that $\sum_{k=a}^b c = (b - a + 1)c$ and $\sum_{k=0}^n k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$, where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant.

$$\sum_{k=0}^5 (5k - 3) = \sum_{k=0}^5 5k - \sum_{k=0}^5 3 = 5 \sum_{k=0}^5 k - \sum_{k=0}^5 3 = 5 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \Big|_{n=5} - (5 - 0 + 1)3 = 5 \cdot \frac{5(6)}{2} - 6 \cdot 3 = 57$$

(b)

$$\sum_{\substack{k=-2 \\ k \neq 0}}^3 \frac{k+1}{k} = \frac{-2+1}{-2} + \frac{-1+1}{-1} + \frac{1+1}{1} + \frac{2+1}{2} + \frac{3+1}{3} = \frac{1}{2} + 0 + 2 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{16}{3}$$

(c)

$$\prod_{j=1}^4 2j = 2(1) \cdot 2(2) \cdot 2(3) \cdot 2(4) = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 = 384$$

OR

$$\prod_{j=1}^4 2j = 2^{4-1+1} \prod_{j=1}^4 j = 2^4 \cdot (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4) = 2^4 \cdot 4! = 16 \cdot 24 = 384$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) &= \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2}\right) \\ &= \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(n-1)(n+1)}{n \cdot n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 3} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 4} \cdot \frac{4 \cdot 6}{5 \cdot 5} \cdots \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot \cancel{2}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot 4}{3 \cdot \cancel{3}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{3} \cdot 5}{4 \cdot \cancel{4}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{4} \cdot 6}{5 \cdot \cancel{5}} \cdots \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{4} \cdot \frac{6}{5} \cdots \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot \cancel{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{\cancel{4}}{\cancel{3}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{5}}{\cancel{4}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{6}}{\cancel{5}} \cdots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, to make this argument rigorous, we can define $a_k := \prod_{n=2}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$. Using the ‘cancellation trick’ from above, we can observe that...

$$\begin{aligned} a_k &:= \prod_{n=2}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \\ &= \prod_{n=2}^k \frac{(n-1)(n+1)}{n \cdot n} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{2 \cdot 4}{3 \cdot 3} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 4} \cdots \frac{(k-2) \cdot k}{(k-1) \cdot (k-1)} \cdot \frac{(k-1)(k+1)}{k \cdot k} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot \cancel{3}}{2 \cdot \cancel{2}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{2} \cdot 4}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{3}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{5}}{\cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{4}} \cdots \frac{\cancel{(k-2)} \cdot \cancel{k}}{\cancel{(k-1)} \cdot \cancel{(k-1)}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(k-1)}(k+1)}{\cancel{k} \cdot k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{k+1}{k} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

But then we have...

$$\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k}\right) = \frac{1}{2} (1 + 0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

OR

Assume that $L = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^N \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$.¹ Recall the following telescoping series:

$$\sum_{k=a}^b (\ln(k+1) - \ln k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (\ln(a+1) - \ln a) + (\ln(a+2) - \ln(a+1)) + (\ln(a+3) - \ln(a+2)) + \cdots + (\ln(b) - \ln(b-1)) + (\ln(b+1) - \ln b) \\ &= (\ln(\cancel{a+1}) - \ln a) + (\ln(\cancel{a+2}) - \ln(\cancel{a+1})) + (\ln(\cancel{a+3}) - \ln(\cancel{a+2})) + \cdots + (\ln(\cancel{b}) - \ln(\cancel{b-1})) + (\ln(b+1) - \ln b) \\ &= -\ln a + \ln(b+1) \\ &= \ln(b+1) - \ln a \end{aligned}$$

Examining $\ln(L)$,² making use of the continuity of $\ln x$,³ and making use of the telescoping series above, we can observe...

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \ln \left(\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{n=2}^N \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\prod_{n=2}^N \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^N \ln \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^N \ln \left(\frac{n^2 - 1}{n^2} \right) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n^2 - 1) - \ln(n^2)) \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^N (\ln((n+1)(n-1)) - 2\ln(n)) \end{aligned}$$

¹The limit exists so that L is well-defined: let $a_N = \prod_{n=2}^N \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$. Now $1 < n^2$ for $n > 1$, so that $1 > \frac{1}{n^2}$ which implies $1 - \frac{1}{n^2} > 0$ for $n > 1$. Furthermore, $1 - \frac{1}{n^2} < 1$, so that $0 < 1 - \frac{1}{n^2} < 1$. Using this work and a simple induction argument, one can show that $0 < a_N < 1$ for all N . Moreover, $\{a_N\}$ is a decreasing sequence because $a_{N+1} = a_N \left(1 - \frac{1}{N+1}\right) < a_N \cdot 1 = a_N$. But then $\{a_N\}$ is a bounded, decreasing sequence. Therefore, by the Monotone Convergence Theorem, $\{a_N\}$ converges.

²Using the Monotone Convergence Theorem, we know that $\inf a_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} a_N$. A priori, we need worry that $\inf a_N = 0$. But we can see from the 'cancellation trick' from previous work that $a_N = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{N}\right) > \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore, $\inf a_N \geq \frac{1}{2}$, so that $\ln(L)$ is well-defined.

³For continuous functions, $f(x)$, we have $\lim f(x_n) = f(\lim x_n)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n+1) + \ln(n-1) - 2\ln(n)) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n+1) - \ln n + \ln(n-1) - \ln(n)) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n+1) - \ln n) + \sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n-1) - \ln(n)) \right) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n+1) - \ln n) - \sum_{k=2}^N (\ln(n) - \ln(n-1)) \right) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} ((\ln(N+1) - \ln 2) - (\ln N - \ln(2-1))) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} ((\ln(N+1) - \ln 2) - (\ln N - \ln 1)) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (-\ln 2 + \ln(N+1) - \ln N) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\ln 2 + \ln \left(\frac{N+1}{N} \right) \right) \\
&= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\ln 2 + \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{N} \right) \right) \\
&= -\ln 2 + \ln(1+0) \\
&= -\ln 2 + \ln(1) \\
&= -\ln 2
\end{aligned}$$

But then $\ln L = -\ln 2 = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$. Therefore, $L = e^{\ln(1/2)} = \frac{1}{2}$.

- (e) First, observe that the partial fraction decomposition of $\frac{1}{k^2+3k}$ is $\frac{1}{3k} - \frac{1}{3(k+3)} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+3} \right)$. One can find this via the following:

$$\frac{1}{k^2+3k} = \frac{1}{k(k+3)} = \frac{A}{k} + \frac{B}{k+3} = \frac{A(k+3)}{k(k+3)} + \frac{Bk}{k(k+3)} = \frac{Ak+3A+Bk}{k(k+3)} = \frac{(A+B)k+3A}{k(k+3)}$$

Comparing numerators on the far left and far right, we must have $3A = 1$ and $A+B = 0$. But then $A = \frac{1}{3}$ and $B = -A = -\frac{1}{3}$, which gives the partial fraction decomposition given above: $\frac{1/3}{k} + \frac{-1/3}{k+3} = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+3} \right)$. Alternatively, we can use Heaviside's Method:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{k^2+3k} &= \frac{1}{k(k+3)} = \frac{A}{k} + \frac{B}{k+3} \\
A &= \left. \frac{1}{\boxed{}(k+3)} \right|_{k=0} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad B = \left. \frac{1}{k\boxed{}} \right|_{k=-3} = -\frac{1}{3}
\end{aligned}$$

We then have...

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 3k} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2 + 3k} \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+3} \right) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+3} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+3} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{7} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{8} \right) + \cdots + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left(\frac{1}{n-3} - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n-2} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{5} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{7} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{8} \right) + \cdots + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left(\frac{1}{n-3} - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n-2} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+3} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - 0 - 0 - 0 \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{11}{6} \\
&= \frac{11}{18}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. (10pt) Define $\mathbf{u} = \langle 2, 0, -1, 3 \rangle$ and $\mathbf{v} = \langle 1, -1, 5, 6 \rangle$. Showing all your work, complete the following:

(a) $\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}$

(b) $\|\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}\|$

(c) $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}$

(d) If $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, then $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{y}\| \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . Using this fact, compute the angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} .

Solution.

(a)

$$\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 0, -1, 3 \rangle - 2\langle 1, -1, 5, 6 \rangle = \langle 2, 0, -1, 3 \rangle - \langle 2, -2, 10, 12 \rangle = \langle 2-2, 0-(-2), -1-10, 3-12 \rangle = \langle 0, 2, -11, -9 \rangle$$

(b)

$$\|\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{v}\| = \|\langle 0, 2, -11, -9 \rangle\| = \sqrt{0^2 + 2^2 + (-11)^2 + (-9)^2} = \sqrt{0 + 4 + 121 + 81} = \sqrt{206} \approx 14.3527$$

(c)

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \langle 2, 0, -1, 3 \rangle \cdot \langle 1, -1, 5, 6 \rangle = 2(1) + 0(-1) + (-1)(5) + 3(6) = 2 + 0 + 5 + 18 = 25$$

(d) First, observe that...

$$\|\mathbf{u}\| = \|\langle 2, 0, -1, 3 \rangle\| = \sqrt{2^2 + 0^2 + (-1)^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt{4 + 0 + 1 + 9} = \sqrt{14}$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \|\langle 1, -1, 5, 6 \rangle\| = \sqrt{1^2 + (-1)^2 + 5^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 25 + 36} = \sqrt{63} = 3\sqrt{7}$$

We know from (c) that $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = 25$. But then...

$$\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v} = \|\mathbf{u}\| \|\mathbf{v}\| \cos \theta$$

$$25 = \sqrt{14} \cdot 3\sqrt{7} \cos \theta$$

$$25 = (\sqrt{2}\sqrt{7}) \cdot 3\sqrt{7} \cos \theta$$

$$25 = 21\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{25}{21\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{25}{21\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$\theta \approx 32.67^\circ$$

Problem 3. (10pt) Define the following:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Showing all your work, compute the following:

(a) $BC - 2A$

(b) CB

(c) $B^T \mathbf{u}$

Solution.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} BC - 2A &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - 2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1(2) + 0(-1) + (-1)4 + 3(-1) & 1(1) + 0(0) + (-1)1 + 3(1) \\ 5(2) + 1(-1) + 0(4) + 4(-1) & 5(1) + 1(0) + 0(1) + 4(1) \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot 0 & 2 \cdot -2 \\ 2 \cdot 6 & 2 \cdot 5 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 0 - 4 - 3 & 1 + 0 - 1 + 3 \\ 10 - 1 + 0 - 4 & 5 + 0 + 0 + 4 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 12 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 3 \\ 5 & 9 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 12 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 - 0 & 3 - (-4) \\ 5 - 12 & 9 - 10 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} -5 & 7 \\ -7 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} CB &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2(1) + 1(5) & 2(0) + 1(1) & 2(-1) + 1(0) & 2(3) + 1(4) \\ -1(1) + 0(5) & -1(0) + 0(1) & -1(-1) + 0(0) & -1(3) + 0(4) \\ 4(1) + 1(5) & 4(0) + 1(1) & 4(-1) + 1(0) & 4(3) + 1(4) \\ -1(1) + 1(5) & -1(0) + 1(1) & -1(-1) + 1(0) & -1(3) + 1(4) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 2 + 5 & 0 + 1 & -2 + 0 & 6 + 4 \\ -1 + 0 & 0 + 0 & 1 + 0 & -3 + 0 \\ 4 + 5 & 0 + 1 & -4 + 0 & 12 + 4 \\ -1 + 5 & 0 + 1 & 1 + 0 & -3 + 4 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 1 & -2 & 10 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & -3 \\ 9 & 1 & -4 & 16 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(c)

$$B^T \mathbf{u} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 5 & 1 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

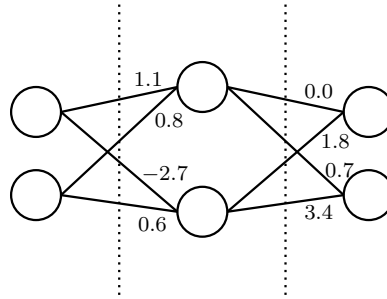
$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1(1) + 5(-1) \\ 0(1) + 1(-1) \\ -1(1) + 0(-1) \\ 3(1) + 4(-1) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 5 \\ 0 - 1 \\ -1 + 0 \\ 3 - 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

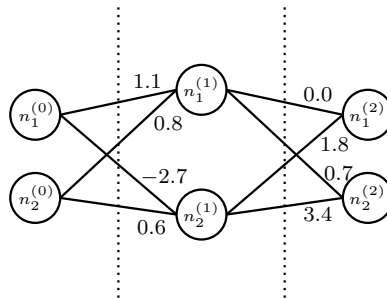
Problem 4. (10pt) A *neural network* is a computational model resembling how the human brain works and they are used to create predictive models in data science. There are many types of neural networks: feed-forward neural networks, recurrent neural networks, convolutional neural networks, etc.

- (a) Watch 3Blue1Brown's “[But what is a neural network?](#)” and then comment about what you learned and how it relates to the course material.
- (b) Using the (logistic) sigmoid function $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$, bias vectors $\mathbf{b}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ -0.4 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\mathbf{b}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 2.0 \end{pmatrix}$, and initial input $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$, compute the output of the single hidden layer neural network given below.



Solution.

- (a) *Solutions will vary.*
- (b) For ease of notation, we label our neural network as below:



We know that for $i \geq 1$, the ‘value’ of each node is given by $\mathbf{n}_i = \sigma(W^{(i)}\mathbf{n}_{i-1} + \mathbf{b}_i)$, where \mathbf{n}_i is the vector of the ‘values’ for the i th node, $n_j^{(i)}$ is the j th entry of the i th node (that is $\mathbf{n}_i = (n_j^{(i)})$), $W^{(i)}$ is the weight matrix (the transition matrix from \mathbf{n}_{i-1} to \mathbf{n}_i , i.e. from the $(i-1)$ th layer to the i th layer), \mathbf{b}_i is the i th bias vector, and σ is a choice of activation function (which we shall take to be the (logistic) sigmoid function $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$). Note that if \mathbf{v} is a vector, $\sigma(\mathbf{v})$ is taken to mean \mathbf{v} with σ applied to each component. The matrix $W^{(i)}$ is given by $W^{(i)} = (w_{j,k})$, where $w_{j,k}$ is the weight from the k th node of the $(i-1)$ th layer to the j th node of the i th layer.⁴ In the notation of the video, we have $\mathbf{a}^{(i)} = \mathbf{n}^{(i)}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}_i$, and

⁴We can derive this directly for this case. Observe that we must have $n_1^{(1)} = 1.1n_1^{(0)} + 0.8n_2^{(0)}$ and $n_2^{(1)} = -2.7n_1^{(0)} + 0.6n_2^{(0)}$. From this we can immediately see that $W^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.1 & 0.8 \\ -2.7 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$.

$W = W^{(i)}$. We have $\mathbf{n}^{(0)} = \mathbf{a} = \langle 3, -1 \rangle^T$.

$$\mathbf{n}^{(0)} = \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can now compute the values of the nodes for the first layer:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n}^{(1)} &= \sigma(W^{(1)}\mathbf{n}_0 + \mathbf{b}_1) \\ &= \sigma \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1.1 & 0.8 \\ -2.7 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ -0.4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sigma \left(\begin{pmatrix} 2.5 \\ -8.7 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1.5 \\ -0.4 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sigma \left(\begin{pmatrix} 4.0 \\ -9.1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(4.0) \\ \sigma(-9.1) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.982014 \\ 0.000111653 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We can then compute the output of the given neural network.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n}^{(2)} &= \sigma(W^{(2)}\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{b}_2) \\ &= \sigma \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0.0 & 1.8 \\ 0.7 & 3.4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.982014 \\ 0.000111653 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 2.0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sigma \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0.000200975 \\ 0.687789 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 \\ 2.0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sigma \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0.300200975 \\ 2.687789 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(0.300200975) \\ \sigma(2.687789) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.574492 \\ 0.936302 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$