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1. Show the following.

(a) for sigmoid function $\sigma t = \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}}$ show that its derivative is $\sigma'(t) = \sigma'(t)[1 - \sigma(t)]$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma'(t) &= \frac{e^{-t}}{(1+e^{-t})^2} = \frac{e^{-t} + 1 - 1}{(1+e^{-t})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-t}} \right] \\ &= \sigma(t)[1 - \sigma(t)]\end{aligned}$$

(b) If $g : R^n \rightarrow R$ and $g(x) = \log(\sigma(f(x)))$, then show that $\nabla g(x) = [1 - \sigma(f(x))] \nabla f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla g(x) &= \frac{\nabla \sigma f(x)}{\sigma f(x)} \\ &= \frac{\sigma'(f(x)) \nabla f(x)}{\sigma f(x)} \\ &= \sigma(f(x)) [1 - \sigma(f(x))] \\ &= [1 - \sigma(f(x))] \nabla f(x)\end{aligned}$$

(c) (left as an exercise to the curious) Show that the Hessian matrix of $g(x) = \log(\sigma(f(x)))$ (defined in 3b)) is given by show that the hessian matrix of $g(x) = \log(\sigma f(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 g(x) &= \nabla(\nabla g(x)) = \nabla [(1 - \sigma(f(x))) \nabla f(x)] \\ &= \nabla [1 - \sigma(f(x))] \nabla f(x) + [1 - \sigma(f(x))] \nabla^2 f(x) \\ &= -\sigma'(f(x)) \nabla f(x) \nabla f(x)^T + (1 - \sigma(f(x))) \nabla^2 f(x) \\ &\quad - [\sigma(f(x))] [1 - \nabla f(x)] \nabla f(x) \nabla f(x)^T + (1 - \sigma(f(x))) \nabla^2 f(x) \\ &= [1 - \nabla f(x)] [\nabla^2 f(x) - \sigma(f(x))] \nabla f(x) \nabla f(x)^T\end{aligned}$$