

21 $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$

a) Show $\sigma(-x) = 1 - \sigma(x)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$1+e^{-x} = e^{-x} + e^{-x}e^x$$

$$1 = e^{-x}e^x$$

$$1 = \frac{e^x}{e^x} = 1$$

better solution

$$\sigma(-x) + \sigma(x) = 1$$

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

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

$$\frac{e^{-x} + e^x + 2}{1+e^x + e^{-x} + e^x e^{-x}} = 1$$

$$\frac{e^{-x} + e^x + 2}{e^x + e^x + 2} = 1$$

$$1 = 1$$

b) Show $\frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \right) = \frac{(1+e^{-x})(0) - 1(-e^{-x})}{(1+e^{-x})^2}$$

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

$$(1+e^{-x})^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \sigma(x)(1-\sigma(x)) &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} - \frac{1}{(1+e^{-x})^2} \\ &= \frac{1+e^{-x} - 1}{(1+e^{-x})^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{-x}}{(1+e^{-x})^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dx} \sigma(x) = \sigma(x)(1-\sigma(x))$$