# CS2109s - Tutorial 8

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## Annoucements

## Important admin

- PS6 is due 4 Nov 23:59
- Tutorials left:
  - Tutorial 9: Wed, 8 Nov
  - Tutorial 10: Wed, 15 Nov
  - Tutorial 11 (exam review): Wed, 22 Nov
    - \* AMA session
    - \* Revision session
- Feel free to approach me to chat about research/module etc
  - Lunch / Coffee in school

# Student Feedback on Teaching (SFT)

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- Feedback is optional but highly encouraged.
- Past student feedback improves teaching; see https://www.eric-han.com/teaching
  - ie. Telegram access, More interactivity.
- Your feedback is important to me, and will be used to improve my teaching.
  - Good > Positive feedback > Encouragement
    - \* Teaching Awards (nominate)
    - \* Steer my career path
  - Bad > Negative feedback (nicely pls) > Learning
    - \* Improvement
    - \* Better learning experience

# Question 1

$$f^{[1]} = W^{[1]^T}X, \quad \hat{Y} = g^{[1]}(f^{[1]}), \quad \mathcal{E} = -\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left\{ [Y_{0i} \cdot log(\hat{Y}_{0i})] + [(1-Y_{0i})log(1-\hat{Y}_{0i})] \right\}$$

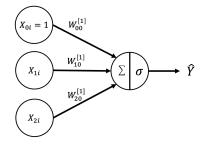


Figure 1: Simple Neural Network

## Question 1a [G]

When n = 1:

i. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}} = \left[ -\frac{Y_{00}}{\hat{Y}_{00}} + \frac{1 - Y_{00}}{1 - \hat{Y}_{00}} \right] \text{ (Given)}$$
ii. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}} = \hat{Y} - Y$$

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iii. 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{20}^{[1]}} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}\right)_{00} X_{20}$$

## Recap

- What is back propagation?
- How to perform forward propagation?
- How to perform back propagation?

#### Answer ii

Since 
$$n=1, \ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}_{00}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}{\partial f^{[1]}_{00}}$$
 (chain rule)

Since 
$$\hat{Y}_{00} = \sigma(f_{00}^{[1]}) \implies \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}} = \sigma(f_{00}^{[1]}) \Big(1 - \sigma(f_{00}^{[1]})\Big) = \hat{Y}_{00}(1 - \hat{Y}_{00})$$

From (i), 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} = \left[ -\frac{Y_{00}}{\hat{Y}_{00}} + \frac{1 - Y_{00}}{1 - \hat{Y}_{00}} \right]$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}} &= \Big[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}} \Big] \\ &= \Big[ -\frac{Y_{00}}{\hat{Y}_{00}} + \frac{1 - Y_{00}}{1 - \hat{Y}_{00}} \Big] \Big[ \hat{Y}_{00} (1 - \hat{Y}_{00}) \Big] \\ &= \Big[ -Y_{00} (1 - \hat{Y}_{00}) + (1 - Y_{00}) \hat{Y}_{00} \Big] \\ &= \Big[ \hat{Y}_{00} - Y_{00} \Big] \\ &= \hat{Y} - Y. \end{split}$$

## Answer iii

Since 
$$n = 1$$
,  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{20}^{[1]}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{20}^{[1]}} \frac{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}}{\partial W_{20}^{[1]}}$  (chain rule)

$$f_{00}^{[1]} = W^{[1]^T} X = \sum_{i=0}^2 (W^{[1]^T})_{0i} X_{i0} = \sum_{i=0}^2 W^{[1]}_{i0} X_{i0} \implies \frac{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}}{\partial W^{[1]}_{20}} = X_{20}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{20}^{[1]}} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}} \frac{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}}{\partial W_{20}^{[1]}} \\ &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}} X_{20} \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}\right)_{00} X_{20} \end{split}$$

Note:  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}}$ , and  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}$  are matrices since  $\mathcal{E}$  is a scalar, but  $\hat{Y}$  and  $f^{[1]}$  are matrices. However,  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{20}^{[1]}}$  is a scalar since  $W_{20}^{[1]}$  is a scalar.

## Question 1b-e [G]

- b. Derive an expression for  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W^{[1]}}$ , how does back propagation work?
- c. Let us consider a general case where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , find  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}$ .
- d. Why do the hyper-parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ? How to set their values?

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left\{ \alpha [Y_{0i} \cdot log(\hat{Y}_{0i})] + \beta [(1 - Y_{0i}) \cdot log(1 - \hat{Y}_{0i})] \right\}$$

#### Answer 1b

From (a), 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{i0}^{[1]}} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}\right)_{00} X_{i0}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W^{[1]}} &= \left[\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W^{[1]}_{00}}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W^{[1]}_{10}}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W^{[1]}_{20}}\right]^T = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}\right)_{00} \left[X_{00}, X_{10}, X_{20}\right]^T = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}}\right)_{00} X \\ &= \left(\hat{Y} - Y\right) X = \left(g^{[1]}(f^{[1]}) - Y\right) X = \left(g^{[1]}(W^{[1]^T}X) - Y\right) X \end{split}$$

Intuition behind back propagation  $W^{[1]} = W^{[1]} - \alpha \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W^{[1]}}$ :

- Change in first layer weighted sum  $f^{[1]}$
- Change in predicted value  $\hat{Y}$
- Change of loss  $\mathcal{E}$
- Decrease the loss by changing the weights

#### Answer 1c

From (a), 
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{0i}^{[1]}} = \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{0i}} \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{0i}}{\partial f_{0i}^{[1]}} \right]$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}} &= \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{01}}, \cdots, \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{0n}} \right] = \left[ \cdots, \frac{1}{n} \left( -\frac{Y_{0i}}{\hat{Y}_{0i}} + \frac{1 - Y_{0i}}{1 - \hat{Y}_{0i}} \right), \cdots \right] \\ &\frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{0i}}{\partial f_{0i}^{[1]}} = \sigma(f_{0i}^{[1]}) \Big( 1 - \sigma(f_{0i}^{[1]}) \Big) = \hat{Y}_{0i} (1 - \hat{Y}_{0i}) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f^{[1]}} &= \left[ \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}}, \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{01}^{[1]}}, \cdots, \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial f_{0n}^{[1]}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \left[ (\hat{Y}_{00} - Y_{00}), (\hat{Y}_{01} - Y_{01}), \dots, (\hat{Y}_{0n} - Y_{0n}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (\hat{Y} - Y) \end{split}$$

## Answer 1d

$$\mathcal{E} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left\{ \alpha [Y_{0i} \cdot log(\hat{Y}_{0i})] + \beta [(1-Y_{0i}) \cdot log(1-\hat{Y}_{0i})] \right\}$$

Apply a weight to how much each class contributes to the loss function:

- Error due to Cultiva A  $(p_A = 100/1100)$ :  $Y_{0i} \cdot log(Y_{0i})$

Since we have unbalanced dataset, we can weight using the ratio  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{1/100}{1/1000}$ :

- $\alpha = 1/100$
- $\beta = 1/1000$

We punish the model more heavily if it misclassifies A, so the model won't be biased towards predicting all samples as B.

# Question 2 [G]

When n=1, compute  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}}$ , where  $f^{[1]}=W^{[1]^T}X$ ,  $a^{[1]}=g^{[1]}(f^{[1]})$ ,  $f^{[2]}=W^{[2]^T}a^{[1]}$ ,  $\hat{Y}=g^{[2]}(f^{[2]})$ ,  $g^{[1]}(s)=ReLU(s)$ ,  $g^{[2]}(s)=\sigma(s)=\frac{1}{1+e^{-s}}$ ,  $W^{[1]}\in\mathbb{R}^{3\times 2}$ ,  $W^{[2]}\in\mathbb{R}^{2\times 1}$ .

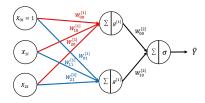


Figure 2: Complex NN

[@] Is ReLU continuous/discontinuous; Can we use discontinuous activation functions?

#### Answer

Intuition:

$$W_{11}^{[1]} \xrightarrow{f^{[1]} = W^{[1]^T}X} f_{10}^{[1]} \xrightarrow{a^{[1]} = g^{[1]}(f^{[1]})} a_{10}^{[1]} \xrightarrow{f^{[2]} = W^{[2]^T}a^{[1]}} f_{00}^{[2]} \xrightarrow{\hat{Y} = g^{[2]}(f^{[2]})} \hat{Y}_{00} \to \mathcal{E}$$

$$f^{[1]} = \begin{bmatrix} W_{00}^{[1]} & W_{01}^{[1]} \\ W_{10}^{[1]} & W_{11}^{[1]} \\ W_{20}^{[1]} & W_{21}^{[1]} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} X_{00} \\ X_{10} \\ X_{20} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i W_{i0}^{[1]} X_{i0} \\ \sum_i W_{i1}^{[1]} X_{i0} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f^{[2]} = \begin{bmatrix} W_{00}^{[2]} \\ W_{10}^{[2]} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} a_{00}^{[1]} \\ a_{10}^{[1]} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i W_{i0}^{[2]} a_{i0}^{[1]} \end{bmatrix}$$

Expand using chain rule:  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}{\partial f_{00}^{[2]}} \frac{\partial f_{00}^{[1]}}{\partial a_{10}^{[1]}} \frac{\partial a_{10}^{[1]}}{\partial f_{10}^{[1]}} \frac{\partial f_{10}^{[1]}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}}$ 

Find each of the terms in  $\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}{\partial f_{00}^{[2]}} \frac{\partial f_{00}^{[2]}}{\partial a_{10}^{[1]}} \frac{\partial a_{10}^{[1]}}{\partial f_{10}^{[1]}} \frac{\partial f_{10}^{[1]}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}}$ 

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} = -\frac{\alpha Y_{00}}{\hat{Y}_{00}} + \frac{\beta (1 - Y_{00})}{1 - \hat{Y}_{00}}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}} = -\frac{\alpha Y_{00}}{\hat{Y}_{00}} + \frac{\beta (1 - Y_{00})}{1 - \hat{Y}_{00}} \\ \bullet \quad \frac{\partial \hat{Y}_{00}}{\partial f_{00}^{[2]}} = \sigma(f_{00}^{[2]}) \Big( 1 - \sigma(f_{00}^{[2]}) \Big) \\ \bullet \quad \frac{\partial f_{00}^{[2]}}{\partial a_{10}^{[1]}} = W_{10}^{[2]} \end{array}$$

• 
$$\frac{\partial f_{00}^{[2]}}{\partial a^{[1]}} = W_{10}^{[2]}$$

$$\bullet \ \, \frac{\partial a_{10}^{[1]}}{\partial f_{10}^{[1]}} = \begin{cases} 0, \text{if } f_{10}^{[1]} \leq 0 \\ 1, \text{otherwise} \end{cases} = \mathbb{1}_{f_{10}^{[1]} > 0}$$

• 
$$\frac{\partial f_{10}^{[1]}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}} = X_{10}$$

where  $\mathbbm{1}_{f_{10}^{[1]}>0}$  is an indicator function. Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial W_{11}^{[1]}} = \Big[ -\frac{\alpha Y_{00}}{\hat{Y}_{00}} + \frac{\beta (1-Y_{00})}{1-\hat{Y}_{00}} \Big] \sigma(f_{00}^{[2]}) \Big(1 - \sigma(f_{00}^{[2]}) \Big) W_{10}^{[2]} \, \mathbbm{1}_{f_{10}^{[1]} > 0} X_{10}$$

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# Question 3 [G]

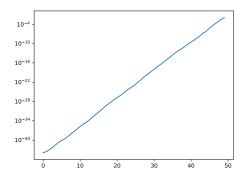


Figure 3: Layers / Max Abs Gradient, using sigmoid

- a. Gradient magnitudes of the first few layers are extremely small, what's the problem?
- b. Based on what we have learnt thus far, how can we mitigate this problem?
  - [@] Other sophisticated ways to resolve the issue, and why does it work?

## Answer 3a

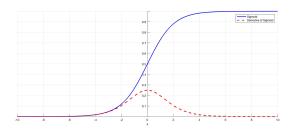


Figure 4: Sigmoid Function

- a. The eariler the weight, more terms needed to compute its update.
  - we need to take product of many, many derivatives
  - derivatives of sigmoid is in (0, 1/4]
  - ending up with a really small number
  - causing convergence to be slow.

## Answer 3b

Use ReLU.

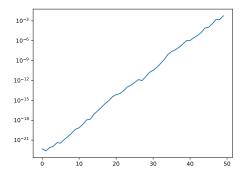


Figure 5: Layers / Max Abs Gradient, using ReLU

# Bonus Qn

Investigate for exploding gradient as per question 3, use the code given for tutorial as a starting point.

#### **Tasks**

- 1. Implement a neural network that exhibits exploding gradient.
- 2. Plot the magnitudes for all layers like done in Question 3.
- 3. Analyse ways to mitigate the issue.

# **Buddy Attendance Taking**

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1. Random checks will be conducted - python ../checks.py TGO



Figure 6: Buddy Attendance

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Figure 7: NUS Student Feedback on Teaching - https://blue.nus.edu.sg/blue/