

Multi Layer Perceptron Mathematics

A) Softmax activation backward pass :

Equation of the Softmax activation function :

$$S_{i,j} = \frac{e^{z_{i,j}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \rightarrow \frac{\partial S_{i,j}}{\partial z_{i,k}} = \frac{\partial \frac{e^{z_{i,j}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}}}{\partial z_{i,k}}$$

Derivative of the division operation :

$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)} \rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{g'(x) \cdot h(x) - g(x) \cdot h'(x)}{[h(x)]^2}$$

Applying the derivative of the division operation :

$$= \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} - e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}}{[\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}]^2} =$$

Derivative of e :

$$\frac{d}{dn} e^n = e^n \cdot \frac{d}{dn} n = e^n \cdot 1 = e^n$$

Solving last term if the equation :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,1}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,2}} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,k}} + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,L-1}} + \frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,L}} \\ &= 0 + 0 + \dots + e^{z_{i,k}} + \dots + 0 + 0 = e^{z_{i,k}}\end{aligned}$$

Now we need to solve the partial derivative of $\frac{\partial}{\partial z_{i,k}} e^{z_{i,j}}$:

If $j \neq k \rightarrow 0$

if $j=k \rightarrow e^{z_{i,j}}$

We need to calculate the derivatives separately for both cases :

1) For $j = k$:

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} - e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot e^{z_{i,k}}}{[\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}]^2} \\ &= \frac{e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot (\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} - e^{z_{i,k}})}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} \cdot \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \\ &= \frac{e^{z_{i,j}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \cdot \frac{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} - e^{z_{i,k}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \\ &= \frac{e^{z_{i,j}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \cdot \left(\frac{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} - \frac{e^{z_{i,k}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \right) : \\ &= S_{i,j} \cdot (1 - S_{i,k})\end{aligned}$$

2) For $j \neq k$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{0 \cdot \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} - e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot e^{z_{i,k}}}{[\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}]^2} \\
 &= \frac{-e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot e^{z_{i,k}}}{[\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}]^2} \\
 &= \frac{-e^{z_{i,j}} \cdot e^{z_{i,k}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}} \cdot \sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \\
 &= -\frac{e^{z_{i,j}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \cdot \frac{e^{z_{i,k}}}{\sum_{l=1}^L e^{z_{i,l}}} \\
 &= -S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i,k}
 \end{aligned}$$

After resolving those 2 cases we have the solution of the derivative of the Softmax function :

$$\frac{\partial S_{i,j}}{\partial z_{i,k}} = \begin{cases} S_{i,j} \cdot (1 - S_{i,k}) & j = k \\ -S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i,k} & j \neq k \end{cases}$$

We don't want 2 different equations to code so we will morph the result of the second case of the derivative :

$$-S_{i,j} \cdot S_{i,k} = S_{i,j} \cdot (-S_{i,k}) = S_{i,j} \cdot (0 - S_{i,k})$$

Now we have :

$$\frac{\partial S_{i,j}}{\partial z_{i,k}} = \begin{cases} S_{i,j} \cdot (1 - S_{i,k}) & j = k \\ S_{i,j} \cdot (0 - S_{i,k}) & j \neq k \end{cases}$$

We can now use the **Kronecker delta** function which is :

$$\delta_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & i = j \\ 0 & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

We now have :

$$\frac{\partial S_{i,j}}{\partial z_{i,k}} = S_{i,j} \cdot (\delta_{j,k} - S_{i,k})$$

We now multiply by $S_{i,j}$:

$$\frac{\partial S_{i,j}}{\partial z_{i,k}} = S_{i,j} \cdot (\delta_{j,k} - S_{i,k}) = S_{i,j} \delta_{j,k} - S_{i,j} S_{i,k}$$

Our final equation is :

$$\frac{\partial S_{i,j}}{\partial z_{i,k}} = S_{i,j} \cdot (\delta_{j,k} - S_{i,k}) = S_{i,j} \delta_{j,k} - S_{i,j} S_{i,k}$$