# Introduction to Machine Learning

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Notice, to get the full credits, please show your solutions step by step.

### Exercise 1: Decision Tree 10pts

Please build a decision tree based on the information gain to classify the following dataset (you need to show the calculation steps in detail).

Sample	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	Response
$x_1$	1	0	0	0
$x_2$	1	0	1	0
$x_3$	0	1	0	0
$x_4$	1	1	1	1
$x_5$	1	1	0	1

Table 1: Dataset

The dataset consists of five samples  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5$ . For each sample, we can observe the features  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  and the corresponding response.

**Solution:** Let  $D = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5\}$ . The information gain is

$$Gain(D, A_1) = Entropy(D) - \frac{4}{5}\log 2,$$

$$Gain(D, A_2) = Entropy(D) - \frac{1}{5}\log(\frac{27}{4}),$$

$$Gain(D, A_3) = Entropy(D) - \frac{1}{5}\log 27.$$

As  $Gain(D, A_2) > Gain(D, A_1) > Gain(D, A_3)$ , the first node is  $A_2$ . For all  $A_2 = 0$  the response is 0, then we only need to consider  $A_2 = 1$ :

$$Gain(D', A_1) = Entropy(D'),$$
  
 $Gain(D', A_3) = Entropy(D') - \frac{2}{3}\log 2,$ 

where  $D' = D \setminus \{x_1, x_2\}.$ 

As  $Gain(D', A_1) > Gain(D', A_3)$ , the second node is  $A_1$  when  $A_2 = 1$ . The decision tree is shown in Figure 1.

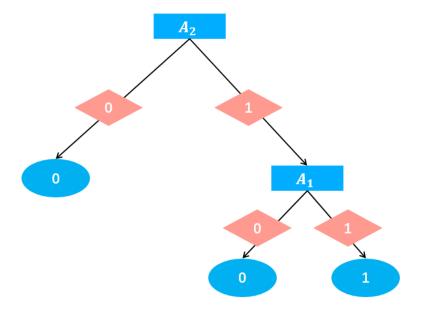


Figure 1: Decision tree

## Exercise 2: Softmax and Cross Entropy 30pts

The softmax function  $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined by:

$$f_i(x) = \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^{n} \exp(x_k)}, i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  component of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . The function  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x))^{\top}$  converts each input x into a probability (stochastic) vector in which all entries are nonnegative and add up to one.

- 1. Please find the gradient and Jacobian of f(x), i.e.,  $\nabla f(x)$  and Df(x).
- 2. Show that f(x) = f(x c), where  $c = \max\{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ . When could we need this transformation?
- 3. Please find the gradient of cross entropy function:

$$g(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} H_i \log(f_i(x)),$$

where  $H \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a one-hot vector.

#### **Solution:**

1. We first derive the gradient of  $f_i(x)$  with respect to  $x_i$ :

$$\frac{\partial f_i(x)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\exp(x_i)(\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k) - \exp(x_i))}{(\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k))^2}$$
$$= \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k)} (1 - \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k)})$$
$$= f_i(x)(1 - f_i(x)).$$

Then, if  $j \neq i$ , we can get:

$$\frac{\partial f_i(x)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{-\exp(x_i)\exp(x_j)}{(\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k))^2}$$
$$= -f_i(x)f_j(x).$$

Then, we can write the gradient and Jacobian of f(x) directly:

$$\nabla f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_2} & \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_n} & \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_n} & \dots & \frac{\partial f_n(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$Df(x) = (\nabla f(x))^{\top} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2(x)}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \frac{\partial f_n(x)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_n(x)}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. As

$$f_i(x - c) = \frac{\exp(x_i - c)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k - c)}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(-c)}{\exp(-c)} \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k)}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^n \exp(x_k)}$$

$$= f_i(x),$$

we can conclude that f(x) = f(x - c).

If c is very large, then the value of  $\exp(c)$  will overflow when we compute softmax function in the computer. Therefore, we need this transformation in this situation.

3. Suppose the  $i^{th}$  element of H is 1, and 0, otherwise. Then, we can rewrite g(x) as:

$$g(x) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} H_i \log(f_i(x))$$
$$= -\log(f_i(x)).$$

Thus, we have

$$\frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial f_i(x)} = -\frac{1}{f_i(x)}$$

Combining the results of problem 1 and the chain rule, we can conclude that:

$$\frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial f_i(x)} \frac{\partial f_i(x)}{\partial x_j} = \begin{cases} f_i(x) - 1, & i = j \\ f_j(x), & i \neq j. \end{cases}$$

### Exercise 3: Convolutional Neural Network 40pts

1. The average pooling in convolutional neural network can be formulated as

$$f_1(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n},$$

where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  component of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Please derive the gradient of  $f_1(x)$ .

2. The max pooling in convolutional neural network can be formulated as

$$f_2(x) = \max\{x_1, \dots, x_n\},\$$

where  $x_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  component of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (a) Find the set containing all differentiable points of of  $f_2$ .
- (b) We call d(x) is a subgradient at  $x f_2$  if

$$f_2(y) \ge f_2(x) + \langle d(x), y - x \rangle, \forall x, y.$$

Find a subgradient d(x) of  $f_2$  at x.

- 3. Suppose that we have a convolutional neural network as shown in Table 2.
  - (a) The convolutinal layer parameters are denoted as "conv\filter size\-\number of filters\".
  - (b) The fully connected layer parameters are denoted as "FC(number of neurons)".
  - (c) The window size of pooling layers is 3.
  - (d) The stride of convolutinal layers is 1.
  - (e) The stride of pooling layers is 3.
  - (f) There is no padding in both convolutional and pooling layers.
  - (g) For convenience, we assume that there is no activation function and bias.

Suppose that the input is a  $386 \times 386$  RGB image. Please derive the size of all feature maps and the number of parameters.



Table 2: The architecture of convolutional neural network

**Solution:** 1. The gradient of  $f_1(x)$  is

$$\nabla f_1(x) = \left(\frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\top}.$$

2. (a) The set containing all differentiable points of  $f_2$  is

$$A = \{x : x_i = \max_k \{x_k\} \text{ and } x_j < x_i, \, \forall \, j \neq i\}.$$

(b) Suppose that  $f_2(x) = x_i$ . Consider  $d(x) = e_i$ , then

$$f_2(x) + \langle e_i, y - x \rangle = x_i + y_i - x_i$$
$$= y_i < f_2(y)$$

for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Thus,  $e_i$  is a subgradient of  $f_2$  at x.

### 3. Feature map size:

When there is no padding, and noth the window size and the stride are 3, we know that the size of feature maps after convolution is

$$N \times (H - n + 1) \times (W - n + 1)$$
,

where  $H \times W$  is the size of the input image, N is the number of filters and n is the size of filters.

As the stride of pooling layers is 1 and the window size of pooling layers is 3, if the input is a  $n \times H \times W$  image, then the size of output is

$$n \times \frac{H}{3} \times \frac{W}{3}$$
,

Thus, we know that the size of feature maps in the network is shown in the Table 3.

#### Parameter number:

We know that only convolutional layers and fully connected layers have parameters.

As there is no activation function and bias, the number of parameters of three convolutional layers is

$$1728 = 64 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3,$$
  

$$147456 = 256 \times 3 \times 3 \times 64,$$
  

$$131072 = 512 \times 1 \times 1 \times 256.$$

Thus, the total number of parameters of the convolutional layers is 280256.

As the output of the final max pooling layer has the size  $512 \times 42 \times 42$ , we know that the first fully connected layer has  $512 \times 42 \times 2048 = 1849688064$  parameters.

The last fully connected layer has  $2048 \times 1000 = 2048000$  parameters.

In conclusion, the number of parameters of the network is

$$1852016320 = 280256 + 1849688064 + 2048000.$$

 Layers
 conv3-64
 max pool
 conv3-256
 conv1-512
 max pool

 Size
  $64 \times 384 \times 384$   $64 \times 128 \times 128$   $256 \times 126 \times 126$   $512 \times 126 \times 126$   $512 \times 42 \times 42$ 

Table 3: The size of feature maps in each layer

### Exercise 4: Matrix Calculus 20pts

Let L = f(h(Ax + b)), where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and  $f : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $z = Ax + b \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $w = h(z) = (\sigma(z_1), \dots, \sigma(z_n))^\top$ , where  $z_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  component of z and

$$\sigma(z_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z_i)}.$$

Assume  $\nabla_w f$  is known.

- 1. Please derive  $\nabla_x L$ .
- 2. Please derive

$$\nabla_A L = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{11}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{1j}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{1n}} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{i1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{ij}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{in}} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{m1}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{mj}} & \cdots & \frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{mn}} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A_{i,j}$  is the entry in the  $i^{th}$  row,  $j^{th}$  column of the matrix A.

**Solution:** 1. We know that

$$\nabla_x L = \nabla_x z \nabla_z w \nabla_w f.$$

Next we compute  $\nabla_z w$  and  $\nabla_x z$ .

$$\nabla_z w = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma(z_1)(1 - \sigma(z_1)) & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma(z_2)(1 - \sigma(z_2)) & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \sigma(z_m)(1 - \sigma(z_m)) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla_r z = A^{\top}$$

Let diag $(\sigma(1-\sigma)) = \nabla_z(w)$ . Thus,

$$\nabla_x L = A^{\top} \operatorname{diag}(\sigma(1-\sigma)) \nabla_w f.$$

2. From the chain rule for derivation, we have

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial A_{i,j}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_i} \frac{dw_i}{dz_i} \frac{\partial z_i}{\partial A_{i,j}}$$
$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_i} \sigma(z_i) (1 - \sigma(z_i)) x_j$$
$$= [\operatorname{diag}(\sigma(1 - \sigma))(\nabla_w f)]_i x_j$$

Thus

$$\nabla_A L = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma(1-\sigma))(\nabla_w f)x^{\top}$$