

Q1)

a)

$$\sigma(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^3 e^{z_j}}$$

$$z_1 = 3, z_2 = 1, z_3 = -2$$

$$e^{z_1} = e^3 = 20.0855$$

$$e^{z_2} = e^1 = 2.7183$$

$$e^{z_3} = e^{-2} = 0.1353$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=1}^3 e^{z_j} &= 20.0855 + 2.7183 + 0.1353 \\ &= 22.9391 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma(z_1) = \frac{20.0855}{22.9391} \approx 0.8759$$

$$\sigma(z_2) = \frac{2.7183}{22.9391} \approx 0.1185$$

$$\sigma(z_3) = \frac{0.1353}{22.9391} \approx 0.0059$$

b)  $z'_i = z_i + c$

$$\sigma(z'_i) = \frac{e^{z_i + c}}{\sum_j e^{z_j + c}} = \frac{e^{z_i} \cancel{e^c}}{\sum_j e^{z_j} \cancel{e^c}} = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_j e^{z_j}} = \sigma(z)$$

$$\therefore \sigma(z_i + c) = \sigma(z_i)$$

$$c) \quad \sigma(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_j e^{z_j}}$$

$$S = \sum_j e^{z_j} \quad \sigma(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{S} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z_i)}{\partial z_j} = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} e^{z_i} \cdot S - e^{z_i} \cdot \frac{\partial S}{\partial z_j}}{S^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial e^{z_j}}{\partial z_j} = \begin{cases} e^{z_j}, & i=j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases} = e^{z_j} \delta_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial z_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \sum_k e^{z_k} = e^{z_j}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z_i)}{\partial z_j} = \frac{e^{z_i} \delta_{ij} \cdot S - e^{z_i} \cdot e^{z_j}}{S^2}$$

from (1)

$$\frac{\partial \sigma(z_i)}{\partial z_j} = \sigma(z_i) (\delta_{ij} - \sigma(z_j)) \begin{cases} \sigma(z_i) (1 - \sigma(z_i)), & i=j \\ -\sigma(z_i) \sigma(z_j), & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

d)

$$(i) (z_1, z_2, z_3) = (5, 2, -1)$$

$$e^{z_1} = e^5 = 148.413$$

$$e^{z_2} = e^2 = 7.389$$

$$e^{z_3} = e^{-1} = 0.3679$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 e_j = 148.413 + 7.389 + 0.3679 = 156.17$$

$$\sigma(z_1) = \frac{148.413}{156.17} = 0.9503$$

$$\sigma(z_2) = \frac{7.389}{156.17} = 0.0473$$

$$\sigma(z_3) = \frac{0.3679}{156.17} = 0.0024$$

$$(ii) (z_1, z_2, z_3) = (50, 20, -10)$$

$$e^{z_1} = e^{50}, \quad e^{z_2} = e^{20}, \quad e^{z_3} = e^{-10}$$

As  $e^{50}$  is very large, there will be numerical overflow issues

To solve this numerical instability, subtract the maximum logit before softmax

$$\tilde{z}_i = z_i - \max_j z_j$$

c) Taking the ratio

$$\frac{\sigma(z_1)}{\sigma(z_2)} = \frac{e^{z_1}}{\frac{\sum_j e^{z_j}}{e^{z_2}}} = \frac{e^{z_1}}{e^{z_2}} = e^{z_1 - z_2}$$

when  $z_1 - z_2$  increases, the ratio increases exponentially, making the larger logits even more dominant in the probability distribution.