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Neural Network Assignment 5

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Exercise 5.1 (Newton's Method)

Exercise 5.1.a

Given a function $H : \mathcal{R}^n \implies \mathcal{R}^m$

For the Taylor approximations:

$$H(x + \Delta x) = H(x) + \Delta H(x) \Delta x + o(|\Delta x|) = 0$$

In linear approximation, we can neglect $o(|\nabla x|)$ because it is a constant.

$$H(x) + \Delta H(x) \Delta x = 0$$

NB: $\Delta x = x_{k+1} - x_k$

$$H(x) + \Delta H(x) \Delta x = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$x_{k+1} - x_k = -[\Delta H(x)]^{-1} H(x)$$

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - [\Delta H(x)]^{-1} H(x)$$

Exercise 5.1.b

Given $f(x) = x_1 - 3x_1 + x_2 - x_1x_2$

Update Rule for Gradient Descent:

$$\theta' = \theta^0 - \alpha \nabla J(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} = 2x_1 - 3 - x_2; \quad \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} = 2x_2 - x_1$$

$$x^0 = [1, 1]$$

$$x_1^0 = 1 - 0.5(2(1) - 3 - 1)$$

$$\nabla x_1' = -2; \quad x_1^0 = 2$$

$$x_2^0 = 1 - 0.5(2(1) - 1)$$

$$\nabla x_2^0 = 1; \quad x_2^0 = 0.5 \quad \therefore l_{2\text{-norm}} = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (1)^2} = 2.236$$

$$x' = [2, 0.5]$$

$$x_1' = 2 - 0.5(2(2) - 3 - 0.5)$$

$$\nabla x_1' = 0.5; \quad x_1' = 1.75$$

$$x_2' = 0.5 - 0.5(2(0.5) - 2)$$

$$\nabla x_2' = -1; \quad x_2' = 1 \quad \therefore l_{2\text{-norm}} = \sqrt{(0.5)^2 + (1)^2} = 1.118$$

$$x^2 = [1.75, 1]$$

$$x_1^2 = 1.75 - 0.5(2(1.75) - 3 - 1)$$

$$\nabla x_1^2 = -0.5; \quad x_1^2 = 2$$

$$x_2^2 = 1 - 0.5(2(1) - 1.75)$$

$$\nabla x_2^2 = 0.25; \quad x_2^2 = 0.875 \quad \therefore l_{2\text{-norm}} = \sqrt{(-0.5)^2 + (0.25)^2} = 0.559$$

$$x^3 = [2, 0.875]$$

$$x_1^3 = 2 - 0.5(2(2) - 3 - 0.875)$$

$$\nabla x_1^3 = 0.125; \quad x_1^3 = 1.9375$$

$$x_2^3 = 0.875 - 0.5(2(0.875) - 2)$$

$$\nabla x_2^3 = -0.25; \quad x_2^3 = 1 \quad \therefore l_{2\text{-norm}} = \sqrt{(0.125)^2 + (-0.15)^2} = 0.28$$

$$x^4 = [1.9375, 1]$$

$$x_1^4 = 1.9375 - 0.5(2(1.9375) - 3 - 1)$$

$$\nabla x_1^4 = -0.125; \quad x_1^4 = 2$$

$$x_2^4 = 1 - 0.5(2(1.9375) - 1.9375) \quad \therefore l_{2\text{-norm}} = \sqrt{(-0.125)^2 + (0.0625)^2} = 0.14$$

$$\nabla x_2^4 = 0.0625; \quad 0.96875$$

$$x^5 = [2, 0.96875]$$

Exercise 5.1.c

$f(x) = x_1^2 - 3x_1 + x_2^2 - x_1x_2$ With the Newton method, we need to find the Hessian matrix which is given as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 x_2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 x_1} & \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} &= 2x_1 - 3 - x_2; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1^2} = 2 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2} = 2x_2 - x_1; \quad \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2^2} = 2 \\
 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2} &= -1 \text{ and } \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_2 \partial x_1} = -1 \\
 \therefore H &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 (H(f)|_{x_t})^{-1} &= \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \nabla f &= \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - 3 - x_2 \\ 2x_2 - x_1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_1 - 3 - x_2 \\ 2x_2 - x_1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}x_2 \\ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 \Rightarrow 2x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2 &= -\frac{1}{2} \\
 \frac{3}{2}x_2 &= 3/2 \\
 x_2 &= 1, x_1 = -0.5
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5.1.d

No. It is not always applicable as the function may be twice continuously differentiable but be constant throughout. Using the function for instance we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= 2x^3 - 5x \\
 f'(x) &= 6x^2 - 5 \\
 f''(x) &= 12x \\
 \text{for } x &= 0; f''(x) = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

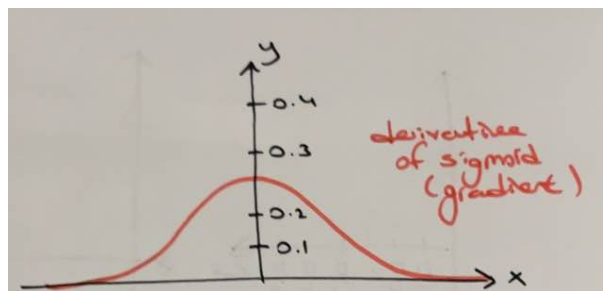
This therefore will mean that there is a saddle point. in machine learning, we often do not want to get stuck in a saddle point.

Exercise 5.2 Sigmoid Function

Exercise 5.2.1 Sigmoid Function Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \cdot (x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right] \\
 &= \frac{d}{dx} (1 + e^{-x})^{-1} \\
 &= - (1 + e^{-x})^{-2} (-e^{-x}) \\
 &= \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{(1 + e^{-x}) - 1}{1 + e^{-x}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \cdot \left(\frac{1 + e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right) \\
 &= \sigma(x) \cdot (1 - \sigma(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5.2.2



The sigmoid function is differentiable in everywhere, which also indicates the sigmoid function is continuous.

Exercise 5.2.3

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} & f(-x) &= \frac{1}{1 + e^x} \\
 \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} + \frac{1}{1 + e^x} &= 1 \text{ (point symmetriic)} \\
 \frac{(1 + e^x)(1 + e^{-x})}{1 + e^x + 1 + e^{-x}} &= 1 \rightarrow \frac{2 + e^x + e^{-x}}{1 + e^x + e^{-x} + e^{-x^2}} = 1 \\
 2 + e^x + e^x &= 1 + e^x + e^{-k} + e^{-x^2} \\
 1 &= e^{-x^2} \\
 \log 1 &= \log e^{-x^2} \\
 0 &= -x^2 \quad x = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5.2.4

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} - 1$$
$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x)^k}{k!}} - 1 = \frac{x}{4} - \frac{x^3}{48} + \frac{x^5}{480} - \frac{17x^7}{80640}$$

where $x = 0$

Exercise 5.3 (Basics of Forward and Backward passes in computational graphs)

Exercise 5.3.a

Forward pass:

$$\begin{aligned} h_1 &= \text{ReLU}(x_1 * 2 + x_2 * 1 + x_3 * -2) \\ &= \text{ReLU}(3 * 2 + 1 * 1 + -1 * -2) \\ &= \text{ReLU}(9) \\ &= \max(0, 9) \\ &= 9 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h_2 &= \text{ReLU}(x_1 * -1 + x_2 * -3 + x_3 * 5) \\ &= \text{ReLU}(3 * -1 + 1 * -3 + -1 * 5) \\ &= \text{ReLU}(-11) \\ &= \max(0, -11) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} o'_1 &= h_1 * 6 + h_2 * -1 \\ &= 9 * 6 + 0 * -1 \\ &= 54 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} o'_2 &= h_1 * 2 + h_2 * 8 \\ &= 9 * 2 + 0 * 8 \\ &= 18 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} o_1 &= \frac{\exp(o'_1)}{\exp(o'_1) + \exp(o'_2)} \\ &= \frac{\exp(54)}{(\exp(54) + \exp(18))} \\ &\approx 1 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} o_2 &= \frac{\exp(o'_2)}{\exp(o'_1) + \exp(o'_2)} \\ &= \frac{\exp(18)}{\exp(54) + \exp(18)} \\ &\approx 0 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

In a binary classification problem, the output will be the label that corresponds for o_1 . For example, if o_1 corresponds for class 0, then the output is 0.

Exercise 5.3.b

$$\begin{aligned} e &= c * d \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial e}{\partial c} &= d \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial e}{\partial d} = c \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &= a + b \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial c}{\partial a} &= 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial c}{\partial b} = 1 \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= b + 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial d}{\partial b} &= 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial d}{\partial a} = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial c} * \frac{\partial c}{\partial b} + \frac{\partial e}{\partial d} * \frac{\partial d}{\partial b} \tag{12}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial c} * \frac{\partial c}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial e}{\partial d} * \frac{\partial d}{\partial a} = \frac{\partial e}{\partial c} * \frac{\partial c}{\partial a} \tag{13}$$

Exercise 5.4 - Weight Space Symmetry

Exercise 5.4.a

The number of ways to interchange (both input and output) weights of neurons is equal to the number of permutations of M neurons: $M!$.

The number of ways to choose neurons for change of sign of input weight and output weights are: 2^M .

Therefore, the total number of equivalent transformations is $M! * 2^M$

Exercise 5.5 (Hessian and Optimization: Bonus)

Exercise 5.4.b

With N layers, each layer has $M! * 2^M$ equivalent transformations. The total number of equivalent transformations is $(M! * 2^M)^N$.

Exercise 5.5.a

- **Figure a:** Hessian is positive because it is a convex curve.
- **Figure b:** The Hessian has negative eigenvalues because it is a concave curve.
- **Figure c:** The Hessian has one positive/negative and one eigenvalue been 0
- **Figure d:** The Hessian has one eigenvalue been positive and the other negative.

Exercise 5.5.b

- **Figure a:** Hessian is positive-definite of all positive eigenvalues - concave-up or convex.
- **Figure b:** Hessian is negative-definite of all positive eigenvalues - concave-up or convex.
- **Figure c:** Hessian is neither but it could also be a semi-positive definite incase the other eigenvalue is positive.

- **Figure d:** Hessian is neither.