

# Week 9 Homework Submission

## Deep Learning

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### Problem 1

The goal is to prove that the identity holds:

$$y = \log \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} = a + \log \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i - a} \quad (1)$$

where  $a = \max_i x_i$ . We can write:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= a + \log \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} e^{-a} = \\ &= a + \log e^{-a} \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} = \\ &= a + \log e^{-a} + \log \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} = \\ &= a - a + \log \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} = \\ &= \log \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

## Problem 2

We can compute the output of the softmax function,  $\pi_i = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i}}$  with  $a = \max_i x_i$ , in a numerically stable way. We can show that the following identity holds:

$$\frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i}} = \frac{e^{x_i-a}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i-a}} \quad (3)$$

We can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{x_i-a}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i-a}} &= \frac{e^{x_i} e^{-a}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i} e^{-a}} = \\ &= \frac{e^{-a} e^{x_i}}{e^{-a} \sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i}} = \\ &= \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{x_i}} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$