

1 Calogero Model

Consider a quantum system of N one-dimensional bosons that are confined in a harmonic oscillator potential and interact via a pair-wise inverse squared potential. The Hamiltonian is given by

$$\hat{H}_{Cal} = \sum_{p=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} + \frac{1}{2} x_p^2 \right) + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2}, \quad (1)$$

where $\hbar = m = \omega = 1$ and ν is an interaction parameter. Then the exact ground-state wave function and energy are given by

$$\Psi_{exact}(\vec{x}) = \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 \right) \prod_{p < q} |x_p - x_q|^\nu, \quad (2)$$

and

$$E_{exact} = \frac{N}{2} + \frac{\nu}{2} N(N-1). \quad (3)$$

Goal: We will compare how two different neural networks, feedforward neural networks (FFNNs) and restricted Boltzmann machines (RBMs), perform as trial wave functions for a variational Monte Carlo calculation. As a benchmark, we will let each network contain only one hidden layer with the same number of hidden neurons. We want to measure how accurately Ψ_{exact} is represented by the optimized networks and how close the final estimation of the ground state energy is to E_{exact} .

2 Variational Monte Carlo

In a variational calculation, we typically define some parametrized wave function Ψ_T , then minimize the expectation value of the energy with respect to the parameters. This involves a very high-dimensional integral, so we use Monte Carlo sampling for computational efficiency. Then the expectation value of the energy can be estimated by

$$E \equiv \frac{\langle \Psi_T | \hat{H} | \Psi_T \rangle}{\langle \Psi_T | \Psi_T \rangle} \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E_L(\vec{x}_i) \equiv \langle E_L \rangle, \quad (4)$$

where the positions \vec{x}_i are the sampled from the distribution $|\Psi_T|^2$, n is the number of samples, and the local energy E_L is given by

$$E_L \equiv \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \hat{H} \Psi_T. \quad (5)$$

In order to take samples of positions efficiently, we will use the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm to randomly kick particles into the higher probability regions. To determine the direction of this kick, we will need the quantum force on the p th particle

$$F_p(\vec{x}) = 2 \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \Psi_T. \quad (6)$$

Then the Langevin and Fokker-Planck equations give a new position y from the old position x according to

$$y = x + d\Delta t F(x) + \xi \sqrt{\Delta t}, \quad (7)$$

where $d = 0.5$ is the diffusion constant, ξ is drawn from a normal distribution, and $\Delta t \in [0.001, 0.01]$ is a chosen time step. The transition probability is given by the Green's function

$$G(y, x) = \frac{1}{(4\pi d\Delta t)^{3N/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y - x - d\Delta t F(x))^2}{4d\Delta t}\right), \quad (8)$$

so that the Metropolis-Hastings acceptance ratio is

$$A(y, x) = \min\{1, P(y, x)\}, \quad (9)$$

where

$$P(y, x) = \frac{G(x, y)|\Psi_T(y)|^2}{G(y, x)|\Psi_T(x)|^2} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}(x - y)(F(y) + F(x)) + \frac{1}{4}d\Delta t(F(x)^2 - F(y)^2)\right) \frac{|\Psi_T(y)|^2}{|\Psi_T(x)|^2}. \quad (10)$$

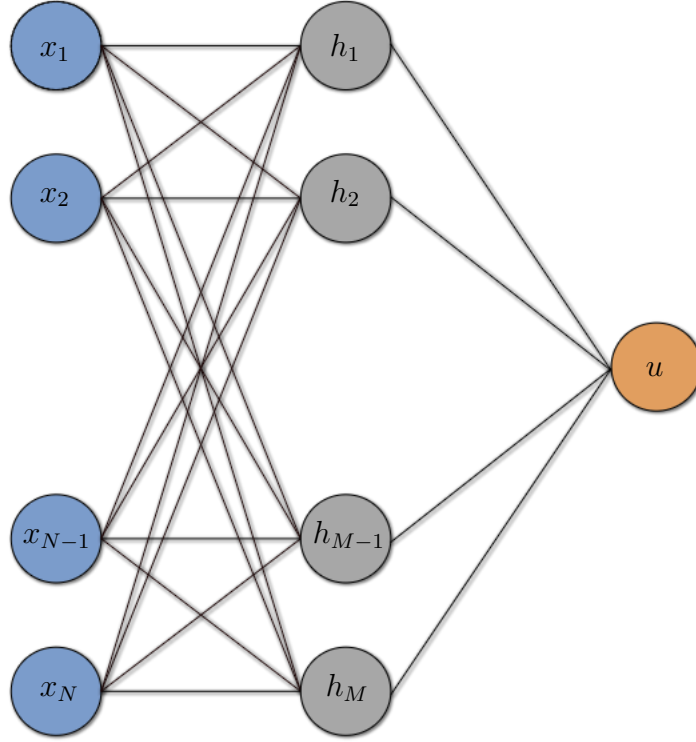
Finally, we need to determine how to change our parameters $\vec{\alpha}$ to give a lower expectation value. Instead of calculating the gradient analytically, we estimate the gradient by taking the following averages

$$\frac{\partial \langle E_L \rangle}{\partial \alpha_k} = 2 \left(\left\langle E_L \frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \alpha_k} \right\rangle - \langle E_L \rangle \left\langle \frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \alpha_k} \right\rangle \right). \quad (11)$$

Notation:

- p, q – visible neurons
- i, j – hidden neurons
- k – variational parameters

3 Feedforward Neural Networks



The inputs of the feedforward neural network are the positions of the N one-dimensional bosons. They are fully-connected to M hidden neurons by a matrix of weights $W \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$. The hidden neurons also have an associated bias $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ so that

$$\vec{h} = W\vec{x} + \vec{b} \quad (12)$$

The output of the network is given by

$$u = \vec{w}^T \vec{f}(\vec{h}), \quad (13)$$

where f is the activation function and $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ contains the weights connecting the hidden neurons with the single output. Here, we have placed a vector symbol over the activation function f to emphasize that the result is a vector, with the function applied to each element of \vec{h} separately.

Since our system consists of bosons, the total wave function is positive everywhere. Thus, we take the trial wave function to be

$$\Psi_{FFNN}(\vec{x}) = \exp(u) = \exp\left(\vec{w}^T \vec{f}(W\vec{x} + \vec{b})\right) \quad (14)$$

This ansatz depends not only on the positions \vec{x} , but on the weights W, \vec{w} and bias \vec{b} as well. These will henceforth be known collectively as the variational parameters $\vec{\alpha} = (W, \vec{b}, \vec{w})$ of our trial wave function. We assume $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^{M(N+2)}$ is the flattened and concatenated form of our parameters.

Now we calculate the local energy (5), quantum force (6), and gradient (11) for $\Psi_T = \Psi_{FFNN}$. Local energy:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_L &= \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \hat{H} \Psi_T \\
&= \exp(-u) \left[\sum_{p=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} + \frac{1}{2} x_p^2 \right) + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \right] \exp(u) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\exp(-u) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} \exp(u) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_p^2} + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_p} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \\
\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_p} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i f(h_i) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i f'(h_i) \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial x_p} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^M w_i f'(h_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \left[\sum_{q=1}^N W_{iq} x_q + b_i \right] = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip} f'(h_i) \\
\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x_p^2} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip} f'(h_i) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip} f''(h_i) \frac{\partial h_i}{\partial x_p} = \sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip}^2 f''(h_i)
\end{aligned}$$

$$E_L = \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip}^2 f''(h_i) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip} f'(h_i) \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2}$$

Quantum force on the p th particle:

$$F_p(\vec{x}) = 2 \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \Psi_T = 2 \exp(-u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \exp(u) = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_p} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip} f'(h_i)$$

Gradient of average local energy with respect to the parameters $\vec{\alpha}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \langle E_L \rangle}{\partial \alpha_k} &= 2 \left(\left\langle E_L \frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \alpha_k} \right\rangle - \langle E_L \rangle \left\langle \frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \alpha_k} \right\rangle \right) \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial W_{ip}} &= \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \frac{\partial \Psi_T}{\partial W_{ip}} = \exp(-u) \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ip}} \exp(u) = \frac{\partial u}{\partial W_{ip}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ip}} \left[\sum_{j=1}^M w_j f(h_j) \right] \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M w_j f'(h_j) \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial W_{ip}} = \sum_{j=1}^M w_j f'(h_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ip}} \left[\sum_{q=1}^N W_{jq} x_q + b_j \right] \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M w_j f'(h_j) x_p \delta_{ij} = w_i f'(h_i) x_p \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial b_i} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial b_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} \left[\sum_{j=1}^M w_j f(h_j) \right] = \sum_{j=1}^M w_j f'(h_j) \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial b_i} \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^M w_j f'(h_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} \left[\sum_{q=1}^N W_{jq} x_q + b_j \right] = \sum_{j=1}^M w_j f'(h_j) \delta_{ij} = w_i f'(h_i) \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial w_i} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial w_i} \left[\sum_{j=1}^M w_j f(h_j) \right] = f(h_i)
\end{aligned}$$

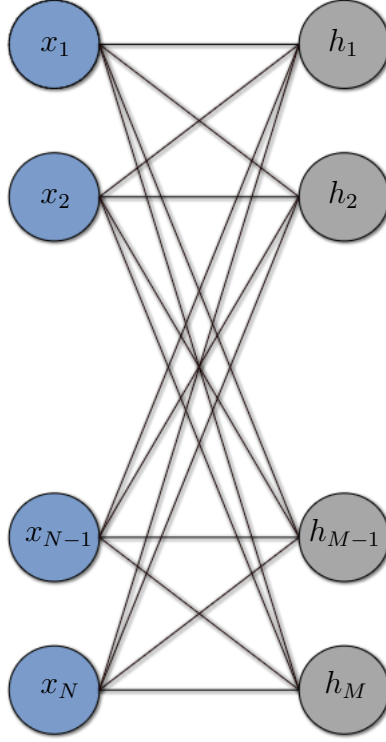
To simplify our calculations, let us define the vector \vec{g} with components given by

$$g_i = w_i f'(h_i) \quad (15)$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E_L &= \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\sum_{i=1}^M w_i W_{ip}^2 f''(h_i) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\vec{g}^T \vec{W}_p \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \\
F_p(\vec{x}) &= 2 \vec{g}^T \vec{W}_p \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial W} &= \vec{g} \vec{x}^T \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \vec{b}} &= \vec{g} \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \vec{w}} &= \vec{f}(\vec{h})
\end{aligned}$$

4 Restricted Boltzmann Machines



On the surface, restricted Boltzmann machines look very similar to feedforward neural networks like the one above. However, instead of learning a mapping between the inputs \vec{x} and the desired output (the many-body wave function), RBMs learn the probability distribution over its inputs $P(\vec{x})$. Since wave functions are related to probability distributions, we can approach the same problem in a different way. First, let us define the energy of a configuration of nodes for real visible nodes and binary hidden nodes:

$$E_{RBM}(\vec{x}, \vec{h}) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{p=1}^N (x_p - a_p)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^M b_i h_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^M h_i W_{ip} x_p \quad (16)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 - \vec{b}^T \vec{h} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{h}^T W \vec{x} \quad (17)$$

Here, $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ is the visible bias, $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ is the hidden bias, and $W \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$ is the matrix of weights connecting the visible nodes with the hidden nodes. From this energy expression, we can define the probability of a certain configuration occurring:

$$P(\vec{x}, \vec{h}) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(-E_{RBM}(\vec{x}, \vec{h}) \right)$$

If we integrate over the hidden nodes, we obtain a marginal probability distribution that depends only on the positions \vec{x} . Let the square root of this marginal probability be our representation of the

wave function for our system of bosons:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{RBM}(\vec{x}) &= \sqrt{P(\vec{x})} = \sqrt{\sum_{\vec{h}} P(\vec{x}, \vec{h})} \\
&= \sqrt{\sum_{\vec{h}} \frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 + \vec{b}^T \vec{h} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{h}^T W \vec{x} \right)} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 \right) \prod_{i=1}^M \sum_{h_i=0}^1 \exp \left(b_i h_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{p=1}^N h_i W_{ip} x_p \right)} \\
&= \sqrt{\frac{1}{Z} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 \right) \prod_{i=1}^M \sum_{h_i=0}^1 \exp \left(b_i h_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{p=1}^N h_i W_{ip} x_p \right)} \\
&= \frac{1}{Z^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 \right) \prod_{i=1}^M \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right)^{1/2} \\
&= \frac{1}{Z^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 \right) \prod_{i=1}^M \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{Z^{1/2}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 \right) \exp \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Define the following to simplify our expression for the wave function:

$$A(\vec{x}) \equiv -\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 \quad (18)$$

$$B(\vec{x}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right) \quad (19)$$

$$\Psi_{RBM}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z^{1/2}} \exp(A(\vec{x}) + B(\vec{x})) \quad (20)$$

Then the local energy becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_L &= \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \hat{H} \Psi_T \\
&= \exp(-A - B) \left[\sum_{p=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} + \frac{1}{2} x_p^2 \right) + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu - 1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \right] \exp(A + B) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\exp(-A - B) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_p^2} \exp(A + B) \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu - 1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N \left[\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x_p^2} + \frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x_p^2} + \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x_p} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_p} \right)^2 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu - 1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Take derivatives to get the full form of the local energy:

$$\begin{aligned}
A(\vec{x}) &\equiv -\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \|\vec{x} - \vec{a}\|^2 = -\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^N (x_q - a_q)^2 \\
\frac{\partial A}{\partial x_p} &= -\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^N 2(x_q - a_q) \delta_{pq} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (a_p - x_p) \\
\frac{\partial^2 A}{\partial x_p^2} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
B(\vec{x}) &\equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right) \\
\frac{\partial B}{\partial x_p} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^M \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right)^{-1} \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \left[\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^N W_{iq} x_q \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip} \left(\exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) + 1 \right)^{-1} \\
\frac{\partial^2 B}{\partial x_p^2} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip} \left(\exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) + 1 \right)^{-2} \exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \left[-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^N W_{iq} x_q \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip}^2 \left(\exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) + 1 \right)^{-2} \exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Quantum force on the p th particle:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_p(\vec{x}) &= 2 \frac{1}{\Psi_T} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \Psi_T = 2 \exp(-A - B) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_p} \exp(A + B) \\
&= 2 \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial x_p} + \frac{\partial B}{\partial x_p} \right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (a_p - x_p) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip} \left(\exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) + 1 \right)^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Derivatives for the gradient of average local energy:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial W_{ip}} &= \exp(-A - B) \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ip}} \exp(A + B) = \frac{\partial B}{\partial W_{ip}} \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ip}} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(b_j + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_j^T \vec{x} \right) \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(1 + \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \right)^{-1} \exp \left(b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial W_{ip}} \left[\sum_{q=1}^N W_{iq} x_q \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) + 1 \right)^{-1} x_p
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial b_i} &= \frac{\partial B}{\partial b_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b_i} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^M \ln \left(1 + \exp \left(b_j + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_j^T \vec{x} \right) \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left(\exp \left(-b_i - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x} \right) + 1 \right)^{-1} \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial a_p} &= \frac{\partial A}{\partial a_p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial a_p} \left[-\frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^N (x_q - a_q)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x_p - a_p)
\end{aligned}$$

Define the vectors $\vec{z}, \vec{\sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^M$ with elements

$$z_i \equiv b_i + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{W}_i^T \vec{x}, \quad \sigma_i \equiv \frac{1}{\exp(-z_i) + 1},$$

so that we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E_L &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip}^2 \sigma_i^2 \exp(-z_i) + \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (a_p - x_p) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip} \sigma_i \right)^2 \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^N x_p^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \\
&= \frac{N}{4\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{4\sigma^4} \sum_{p=1}^N \sum_{i=1}^M W_{ip}^2 \sigma_i^2 \exp(-z_i) - \frac{1}{8} \|\vec{F}(\vec{x})\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|\vec{x}\|^2 + \sum_{p < q} \frac{\nu(\nu-1)}{(x_p - x_q)^2} \\
F_p(\vec{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (a_p - x_p) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \vec{\sigma}^T \vec{W}_p \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial W} &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \vec{\sigma} \vec{x}^T \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \vec{b}} &= \frac{1}{2} \vec{\sigma} \\
\frac{\partial \ln \Psi_T}{\partial \vec{a}} &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\vec{x} - \vec{a})
\end{aligned}$$