Some mathematics of Word2Vec algorithm and approximated Softmax

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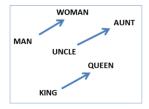
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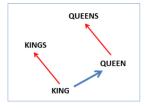


word embedding

- words are symbols: one may **not** able to perform arithmetic operations on them.
- turning each word into a vector, e.g., "machine" → [2.4 1.2 1.9 . . .]
- can measure how similar or dissimilar between them
- can even perform "arithmetic":
- examples from the original paper:

$$vec(King) - vec(man) + vec(woman) = vec(Queen)$$





Mikolov et. al., (2013) "Linguistic Regularities in Continuous Space Word Representations"

one-hot encoding

simple!

- however, the structure is huge and sparse
- every pair of items are $\sqrt{2}$ apart.
- can we do better?

supervised learning between (target → context)

- Word2Vec algorithm tries to leverage ("target", "context") relationships:
- offers two approaches, i.e., to maximize two different conditional densities:
 - skip-gram: Pr("context" | "target")
 - continuous bag of words (CBOW): Pr("target" | "context")
- uses supervised learning techniques: so we need to build ("input", "label") pairs
 - 1. pick window size (odd number)
 - 2. extract all tokens based on this chosen window size
 - 3. remove middle word in each window; this becomes your target word, rest are context
- btw, each word is an object class, a huge softmax!

Word2Vec: building training set

- for example, Skip-gram(window size 3)
- "the cat sit on the mat"

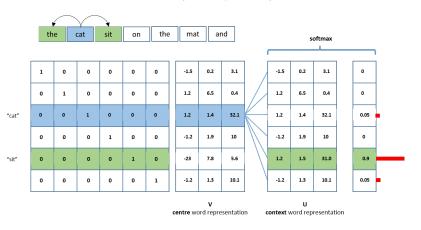
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1. "the", "cat", "sit",
                          target: cat
2. "cat", "sit", "on",
                        target: sit
3. "sit", "on ", "the",
                        target: on
4. "on", "the", "mat", target: the
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- now we can perform supervised learning for (center, context):
 - ("cat", "the")
 - ("cat", "sit")
 - ("sit", "cat")
 - ► ("sit"."on")
 - ("on", "sit")

 - ("on", "the")
 - ("the", "on")
 - ► ("the", "mat")

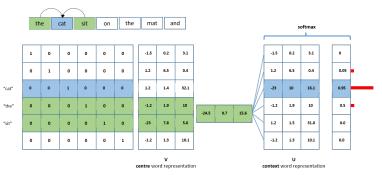
Simple Skip-gram example

- say vocabulary has 6 unique words in total
- "cat (3th word)" and "sit (5th word)" is a (center, context) pair
- \blacktriangleright for every word w, it has 2 representations \mathbf{u}_w and \mathbf{v}_w , one for input and one for output
- ightharpoonup predict context word given a center word Pr(o = "sit" | c = "cat")



Simple CBoW example

to predict center word given multiple context words:



- \mathbf{v}_t is average of input (context) vectors
- the new objective is:

$$p(c|t) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_c^{\top} \mathbf{v}_t)}{\sum_{w'} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w'}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_t)}$$



Skip-Gram objective function (1)

predict context word given a center word Pr(o = "sit" | c = "cat")

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(o = \text{"sit"} | c = \text{"cat"}) &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{\text{sit"}}^\top \mathbf{v}_{\text{cat"}}^\top \mathbf{v}_{\text{cat"}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^\top \mathbf{v}_{\text{cat"}}^\top)} \\ \implies \log(\Pr(o = | c)) &= \log\left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{o}^\top \mathbf{v}_{c})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^\top \mathbf{v}_{c})}\right) \end{aligned}$$

- $\qquad \text{we need to compute both } \frac{\partial \log(\Pr(o=|c))}{\partial \mathbf{v_c}} \text{ and } \frac{\partial \log(\Pr(o=|c))}{\partial \mathbf{u_w}}, \forall \mathbf{v_c}, \mathbf{u_w} \in \mathcal{V}$
- due to symmetry, looking at only one:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \log(\text{Pr}(\textit{O} = | \textit{C}))}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} &= \frac{\partial \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} - \frac{\partial \log \left(\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}) \right)}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}} - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} \log \left(\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}) \right) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}} - \left(\frac{1}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})} \frac{\partial}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} \left(\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}) \right) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}} - \left(\frac{1}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})} \left(\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}) \right) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}} - \frac{1}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})} \left(\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}}) \right) \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}} - \frac{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{O}} - \frac{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{C}})} \end{aligned}$$

Skip-Gram objective function (2)

derivative:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \log(\text{Pr}(\textit{o} = |\textit{c}))}{\partial \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}}} &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \frac{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \frac{\exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})}{\sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \exp(\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}^{\top} \textbf{v}_{\textit{c}})} \textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{V}} \text{Pr}(\textit{w}|\textit{c})\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}} \\ &= \textbf{u}_{\textit{o}} - \mathbb{E}_{w \sim \text{Pr}(\textit{w}|\textit{c})}[\textbf{u}_{\textit{w}}] \end{split}$$

- \triangleright obviously, there are $|\mathcal{V}|$ is too big, making it too computationally expensive to compute the sum
- > can we do better?

Negative sampling (1)

- ▶ negative sampling based on Skip-Gram model, it is optimizing **different objective**, let $\theta = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]$:
- we let \bar{w} to indicate **negative samples**, and come from a negative population \bar{D}

$$\begin{split} \theta &= \arg\max_{\theta} \prod_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \Pr(D = 1 | \mathbf{w}, c, \theta) \prod_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \Pr(D = 0 | \bar{\mathbf{w}}, c, \theta) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \prod_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \Pr(D = 1 | \mathbf{w}, c, \theta) \prod_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} (1 - \Pr(D = 1 | \bar{\mathbf{w}}, c, \theta)) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \log \left(\Pr(D = 1 | \mathbf{w}, c, \theta) \right) + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \left(1 - \Pr(D = 1 | \bar{\mathbf{w}}, c, \theta) \right) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \log \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c} \right]} + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \left(1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c} \right]} \right) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}) + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \left(\frac{1}{1 + \exp\left[\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c} \right]} \right) \\ &= \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\mathbf{w},c) \in D} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}) + \sum_{(\bar{\mathbf{w}},c) \in \bar{D}} \log \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top}\mathbf{v}_{c}) \end{split}$$

Negative sampling (2)

n negative sampling based on Skip-Gram model, it is optimizing **different objective**, let $\theta = [\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}]$:

$$\theta = \arg\max_{\theta} \sum_{(\boldsymbol{w}, \boldsymbol{c}) \in \bar{D}} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{\boldsymbol{w}}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{c}}) + \sum_{(\bar{\boldsymbol{w}}, \boldsymbol{c}) \in \bar{D}} \log \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\boldsymbol{w}}}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{c}})$$

it still has a huge sum term $\sum_{(\bar{w},c)\in\bar{D}}(.)$, so we change to:

$$\theta = \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{\theta} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_{\mathbf{W}}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{c}}) + \sum_{\bar{\mathbf{w}} = 1}^{k} \mathbb{E}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}} \sim P(\mathbf{w})} \log \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_{\bar{\mathbf{w}}}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{c}})$$

- ▶ sample a fraction of negative samples in second terms: $\{\bar{w}\}$ instead of going for $\forall (\bar{w} \neq w) \in \mathcal{V}$
- $ar{w} \sim \Pr_{\tilde{D}}(w)$, where $\Pr_{\tilde{D}}(.)$ is probability of negative sample: can use Unigram Model raised to the power of $\frac{3}{4}$
- doing so, we can:
 - increase probability of popular words marginally increase probability of rarer words dramatically making "rarer" words also have chance to be sampled
- in unigram model, probability of each word only depends on that word's own probability



Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (1)

let $u_{\theta}(w, c)$ be un-normalized score function, i.e., $u_{\theta}(w, c) = \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})$

$$P_{\theta}(w|c) = \frac{u_{\theta}(w,c)}{\sum_{w' \in \mathcal{V}} u_{\theta}(w',c)} = \frac{u_{\theta}(w,c)}{Z_c}$$

- $\tilde{p}(w|c)$ and $\tilde{p}(c)$ are empirical distributions we **know** them from data, so we can sample (w, c) from it!
- a "noise" distribution q(w) is used uniform or uniform unigram we also **know** them, again, we can sample $\bar{w} \sim q(.)$
- **task** is to use sample from both distributions, then to assist us find θ making $P_{\theta}(w|c)$ to approximate empirical distribution as closely as possible (by minimal cross entropy)



Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (2)

- ▶ training data generation: $(w, c, D) \sim D$
- of course, to utilize $\tilde{p}(w|c)$, $\tilde{p}(c)$ and q(w), which we already have knowledge of:
 - 1. sample a $c \sim \tilde{p}(c)$, $w \sim \tilde{p}(w|c)$ and label it as D = 1
 - 2. k "noise" samples from q(.), and label it as D=0
- NCE transforms:

"problem of model estimation" (computationally expensive) to "problem of estimating parameters of probabilistic binary classifier uses same parameters to distinguish between samples" (computationally acceptable)

- from empirical distribution
- from noise distribution



Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (3)

let $u_{\theta}(w, c)$ be un-normalized score function, i.e., $u_{\theta}(w, c) = \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c)$

$$\begin{split} P(D=0|c,w) &= \frac{P(D=0,w|c)}{P(w|c)} = \frac{p(w|D=0,c)P(D=0)}{\sum_{d \in \{0,1\}} p(w|D=d,c)P(D=d)} \\ &= \frac{q(w) \times \frac{k}{1+k}}{\tilde{P}(w|c) \times \frac{1}{k+1} + q(w) \times \frac{k}{1+k}} \\ &= \frac{kq(w)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} \\ P(D=1|c,w) &= 1 - P(D=0|c,w) \\ &= \frac{\tilde{P}(w|c)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} \end{split}$$

Noise Contrastive Estimation (NCE) (4)

NCE replaces empirical distribution $\tilde{p}(w|c)$ with model distribution $p_{\theta}(w|c)$

$$P(D = 0|c, w) = \frac{kq(w)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} = \frac{kq(w)}{\frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{Z_{c}} + kq(w)}$$

$$P(D = 1|c, w) = \frac{\tilde{P}(w|c)}{\tilde{P}(w|c) + kq(w)} = \frac{\frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{Z_{c}}}{\frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{Z_{c}} + kq(w)}$$

 \triangleright θ is then chosen to maximize likelihood of proxy corpus created from training data generation:

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{NCE}} = \log p(D = 1 | c, w) + k \sum_{(w, c) \in \mathcal{D}} \mathbb{E}_{w' \sim q} \log p(D = 0 | c, w')$$

- for neural networks: Z_c can also be trained or set to some fixed number, e.g., $Z_c = 1$
- negative sampling is its special case $k = |\mathcal{V}|$ and q(.) is uniform, and $Z_{\mathcal{C}} = 1$:

$$\begin{split} P(D=0|c,w) &= \frac{|\mathcal{V}|\frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + |\mathcal{V}|\frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}} = \frac{1}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + 1} \\ P(D=1|c,w) &= \frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + |\mathcal{V}|\frac{1}{|\mathcal{V}|}} = \frac{u_{\theta}(w|c)}{u_{\theta}(w|c) + 1} \end{split}$$

Self Normalization

- in previous slide, we want to normalize, s.t., $Z_c = 1$
- start with $u_{\theta}(w, c) = \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})$:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\theta}(w|c) &= \prod_{w} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})}{Z_{c}} \\ \implies J_{\theta} &= -\prod_{w} \log(P_{\theta}(w|c)) = -\sum_{w} \log\left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c})}{Z_{c}}\right) \\ &= -\sum_{w} \mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c} - \log\left(Z_{c}\right) \end{aligned}$$

▶ to constrain model and sets $Z(c) = 1 \implies \log Z(c) = 0$:

$$J_{\theta} = -\sum_{w} \mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c} + \log Z(c) - \alpha \left(\log(Z(c)) - 0 \right)^{2}$$
$$= -\sum_{w} \mathbf{u}_{w}^{\top} \mathbf{v}_{c} + \log Z(c) - \alpha \log^{2} Z(c)$$



FastText

A library created by Facebook research team for

- efficient learning of word representations(Enriching Word Vectors with Subword Information)
- 2. sentence classification(Bag of Tricks for Efficient Text Classification)

FastText

- So how is it different from Word2Vec?
- Instead of words, we now have ngrams of subwords, what is its advantage?
 - 1. Helpful for finding representations for rare words
 - 2. Give vector representations for words not present in dictionary
- for example, n = 3, i.e., 3-grams:
 - **word**: "where",
 - sub-words: "wh", "whe", "her", "ere", "re"
- we then represent a word by the sum of the vector representations of all its n-grams
- ▶ to compute an un-normalised score with center word \mathbf{v}_c , given a word \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{g}_w is the set of n-grams appearing in \mathbf{w} , \mathbf{z}_g is the representation to each individual n-gram

$$u(w, c) = \exp\left[\sum_{g \in g_w} z_g^{\top} \mathbf{v}_c\right]$$



Global Vectors for Word Representation(GloVe)

- co-occurrence probabilities are useful
- GloVe learns word vectors through word co-occurrences
- \triangleright co-occurrence matrix P where P_{ij} is how often word i appears in the context of word j
- Fast training and scalable to huge corpora
- loss function:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}^* = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \left(J(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{v}_j \in \mathcal{V}} f(P_{ij}) (\mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_j - \log P_{ij})^2 \right)$$

it tries to minimize difference:

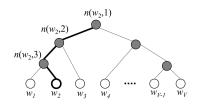
$$(\mathbf{u}_i^{\top} \mathbf{v}_i - \log P_{ii})$$

- more frequently two words appear together, more similar their vector representation should be
- ▶ *f*(.) is weighting function to "prevent" certain scenarios, for example:

$$P_{ii} = 0 \implies \log P_{ii} = -\infty \implies f(0) = 0$$



Hierarchical Softmax (1)

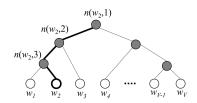


Xin Rong, word2vec Parameter Learning Explained

super advantage: Pr(w|c) is already a probability by multiplying all probabilities of path, no need to normalize!

- each word w_i has a unique (pre-defined) path (not a random path!), which performs a left or right turn from nodes: $n(w_i, 1), n(w_i, 2), n(w_i, 3), \dots$
- the route is defined in such a way that, each child node is from a (LEFT/RIGHT) "channel" of its parent; i.e., n(w, i + 1) = ch(n(w, i))
- for example:
 - 1. $n(w_2, 2) = LEFT(n(w_2, 1))$
 - 2. $n(w_2, 3) = LEFT(n(w_2, 2))$
 - 3. $n(w_2, 4) = RIGHT(n(w_2, 3))$
- there are V words in leaf (white node)
- b there are V-1 inner (non-leaf) nodes (grey node) each associate with a value of ${\bf v}$ which is shared among all words going through this node

Hierarchical Softmax (2)



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we define:
$$\xi[.] = \begin{cases} 1: & \text{true} \\ -1: & \text{false} \end{cases}$$

$$\Pr(w|c) = \prod_{j=1}^{L(w)-1} \sigma\bigg(\underbrace{\xi \left[n(w,j+1) = \operatorname{ch}(n(w,j)) \right]}_{\text{control its sign}} \mathbf{v}_{n(w,j)}^{\top} \mathbf{u}_{c}\bigg)$$

- looking at Pr(w2 | c) and Pr(w3 | c):
- $n(w_2, 1) = n(w_3, 1)$ in fact $\{n(w_i, 1)\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{V}|}$ all equal
- $n(w_2, 2) = n(w_3, 2)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr(w_2 \mid c) = \rho(n(w_2, 1), \mathsf{LEFT}) \rho(n(w_2, 2), \mathsf{LEFT}) \rho(n(w_2, 3), \mathsf{RIGHT}) \\ & = \sigma\left(\mathbf{v}_{n(w_2, 1)}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{u}_{c}\right) \sigma\left(\mathbf{v}_{n(w_2, 2)}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{u}_{c}\right) \sigma\left(-\mathbf{v}_{n(w_2, 3)}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{u}_{c}\right) \\ & \Pr(w_3 \mid c) = \rho(n(w_3, 1), \mathsf{LEFT}) \rho(n(w_3, 2), \mathsf{RIGHT}) \\ & = \sigma\left(\mathbf{v}_{n(w_2, 1)}^{\mathsf{T}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{u}_{c}\right) \sigma\left(-\mathbf{v}_{n(w_2, 2)}^{\mathsf{T}}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathbf{u}_{c}\right) \end{aligned}$$

practical considerations using Softmax

consideration 1 $\exp(\mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\theta}_i)$ can become very large:

$$\begin{split} \pi_i &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_i)}{\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\right)/C}{\left(\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\right)/C} = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_i - C)}{\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l - C)} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l - \max\left(\{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\}\right)\right)}{\sum_{l=1}^3 \exp\left(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l - \max\left(\{\exp(\mathbf{x}^T\boldsymbol{\theta}_l)\}\right)\right)} \end{split}$$

consideration 2 arg max operation, can be done without exp, i.e.,

$$\underset{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}}{\arg\max} (\pi_1, \dots \pi_k) \equiv \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, k\}}{\arg\max} (\mathbf{x}^\top \theta_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}^\top \theta_k)$$

Gumbel-max trick and Softmax (1)

pdf of Gumbel with unit scale and location parameter μ:

gumbel
$$(Z = z; \mu) = \exp \left[-(z - \mu) - \exp\{-(z - \mu)\} \right]$$

CDF of Gumbel:

Gumbel
$$(Z \le z; \mu) = \exp \left[-\exp\{-(z-\mu)\} \right]$$

• given a set of Gumbel random variables $\{Z_i\}$, each having own location parameters $\{\mu_i\}$, probability of all other $Z_{i\neq k}$ are less than a particular value of z_k :

$$p\left(\max\{Z_{i\neq k}\} = \mathbf{z}_{k}\right) = \prod_{i\neq k} \exp\left[-\exp\{-(\mathbf{z}_{k} - \mu_{i})\}\right]$$

• obviously, $Z_k \sim \text{gumbel}(Z_k = z_k; \mu_k)$:

$$\begin{split} \Pr(k \text{ is largest} \mid \{\mu_i\}) &= \int \exp\left\{-(z_k - \mu_k) - \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_k)\}\right\} \prod_{i \neq k} \exp\left\{-\exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right\} \, \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_k)\}\right] \exp\left[-\sum_{i \neq k} \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right] \, \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_k)\} - \sum_{i \neq k} \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right] \, \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \sum_i \exp\{-(z_k - \mu_i)\}\right] \, \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \sum_i \exp\{-z_k + \mu_i\}\right] \, \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-z_k\} \sum_i \exp\{\mu_i\}\right] \, \mathrm{d}z_k \end{split}$$

Gumbel-max trick and Softmax (2)

keep on going:

$$\begin{split} \Pr(k \text{ is largest } | \; \{\mu_i\}) &= \int \exp\left[-z_k + \mu_k - \exp\{-z_k\} \sum_i \exp\{\mu_i\}\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \exp^{\mu_k} \int \exp\left[-z_k - \exp\{-z_k\} C\right] \mathrm{d}z_k \\ &= \exp^{\mu_k} \left[\frac{\exp(-C \exp(-z_k))}{C}\Big|_{Z_k = -\infty}^\infty\right] \\ &= \exp^{\mu_k} \left[\frac{1}{C} - 0\right] = \frac{\exp^{\mu_k}}{\sum_i \exp\{\mu_i\}} \end{split}$$

Let $\mu_i \equiv \mathbf{x}^\top \theta_i$

moral of the story is, if one is to sample the largest element from softmax:

$$\begin{split} k &= \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} \sim \left\{ \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_1)}{\sum_i \exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_i)}, \dots, \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_K)}{\sum_i \exp(\mathbf{x}^{\top} \boldsymbol{\theta}_i)} \right\} \\ &= \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} (\{G_1, \dots, G_K\}) \qquad \left\{ G_i \sim \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{gumbel}(z; \, \mu_i)} \equiv \exp\left[- (z - \mu_i) - \exp\{-(z - \mu_i)\} \right] \right\} \\ &= \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{arg \, max}} (\{G_1, \dots, G_K\}) \qquad \left\{ G_i = \mu_i + \mathcal{G} \qquad \underset{i \in \{1, \dots, K\}}{\operatorname{gumbel}(z; \, 0)} \equiv \exp\left[- (z) - \exp\{-(z)\} \right] \right\} \end{split}$$