# Neural Networks

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# Part I Neural Networks and Deep Learning

## 1 Logistic Regression

We begin with a review of binary classification and logistic regression. To this end, suppose we have we have training examples  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$  with binary labels  $y \in \{0,1\}^{1 \times n}$ . We desire to train a model which yields an output a which represents

$$a = \mathbb{P}(y = 1|x).$$

To this end, let  $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \to (0,1)$  denote the sigmoid function, i.e.,

$$\sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}},$$

and let  $w \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let

$$a = \sigma(w^T x + b).$$

To analyze the accuracy of model, we need a way to compare y and a, and ideally this functional comparison can be optimized with respect to (w, b) in such a way to minimize the error. To this end, we note that

$$\mathbb{P}(y|x) = a^y (1-a)^{1-y},$$

or rather

$$\mathbb{P}(y = 1|x) = a, \qquad \mathbb{P}(y = 0|x) = 1 - a,$$

so  $\mathbb{P}(y|x)$  represents the corrected probability. Now since we want

$$a \approx 1$$
 when  $y = 1$ ,

and

$$a \approx 0$$
 when  $y = 0$ ,

and  $0 \le a \le 1$ , any error using differences won't be refined enough to analyze when tuning the model. Moreover, since introducing the sigmoid function, our usual mean-squared-error function won't be convex. This leads us to apply the log function, which when restricted to (0,1) is a bijective mapping of  $(0,1) \to (-\infty,0)$ . This leads us to define our log-loss function

$$L(a, y) = -\log(\mathbb{P}(y|x))$$
  
=  $-\log(a^{y}(1-a)^{1-y})$   
=  $-[y\log(a) + (1-y)\log(1-a)],$ 

and finally, since we wish to analyze how our model performs on the entire training set, we need to average our log-loss functions to obtain our cost function  $\mathbb J$  defined by

$$\mathbb{J}(w,b) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbb{L}(a_j, y_j) 
= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[ y_j \log(a_j) + (1 - y_j) \log(1 - a_j) \right] 
= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left[ y_j \log(\sigma(w^T x_j + b)) + (1 - y_j) \log(1 - \sigma(w^T x_j + b)) \right].$$

#### 1.1 The Gradient

To compute the gradient of our cost function  $\mathbb{J}$ , we first write  $\mathbb{J}$  as a sum of compositions as follows: We have the log-loss function considered as a map  $\mathbb{L}:(0,1)\times\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathbb{L}(a, y) = -[y \log(a) + (1 - y) \log(1 - a)],$$

we have the sigmoid function  $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \to (0,1)$  with  $\sigma(z) = a$  and  $\sigma'(z) = a(1-a)$ , and we have the collection of affine-functionals  $\phi_x: \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\phi_x(w,b) = w^T x + b,$$

for which we fix an arbitrary  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and write  $\phi = \phi_x$ , and set  $z = \phi(w, b)$ . Finally, we introduce the auxiliary function  $\mathcal{L} : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$\mathcal{L}(w,b) = \mathbb{L}(\sigma(\phi(w,b)), y).$$

Then by the chain rule, we have that

$$d\mathcal{L} = d_a \mathbb{L}(a, y) \circ d\sigma(z) \circ d_w \phi(w, b)$$

$$= \left[ -\frac{y}{a} + \frac{1 - y}{1 - a} \right] \cdot a(1 - a) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \left[ -y(1 - a) + a(1 - y) \right] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= (a - y) \begin{bmatrix} x^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Composition turns into matrix multiplication in the tangent space. Moreover, since in Euclidean space, we have that  $\nabla f = (df)^T$ , and hence that

$$\nabla \mathcal{L}(w, b) = (a - y) \begin{bmatrix} x \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

or rather

$$\partial_w \mathbb{L}(a, y) = (a - y)x, \qquad \partial_b \mathbb{L}(a, y) = a - y.$$

Finally, since our cost function  $\mathbb J$  is the sum-log-loss, we have by linearity that

$$\partial_w \mathbb{J}(w, b) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (a_j - y_j) x_j$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} ((a - y) \cdot x^T)^T$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} x \cdot (a - y)^T$$

and

$$\partial_b \mathbb{J}(w,b) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (a_j - y_j).$$

#### 1.1.1 Vectorization in Python

Here we include the general code to train a model using logistic regression without regularization and without tuning on a cross-validation set.

```
1 import copy
з import numpy as np
5 def sigmoid(z):
      Parameters
       z : array_like
10
      Returns
11
12
       sigma : array_like
13
14
15
       sigma = (1 / (1 + np.exp(-z)))
16
       return sigma
17
18
```

```
19 def cost_function(x, y, w, b):
      Parameters
21
      _____
22
      x : array_like
23
          x.shape = (m, n) with m-features and n-examples
24
      y : array_like
25
          y.shape = (1, n)
26
27
      w : array_like
          w.shape = (m, 1)
28
      b : float
30
      Returns
31
       -----
32
      J : float
33
          The value of the cost function evaluated at (w, b)
34
      dw : array_like
35
          dw.shape = w.shape = (m, 1)
36
          The gradient of J with respect to w
37
      db : float
38
          The partial derivative of J with respect to b
39
40
41
      # Auxiliary assignments
42
      m, n = x.shape
43
      z = w.T @ x + b
      assert z.size == n
45
      a = sigmoid(z).reshape(1, n)
      dz = a - y
47
      # Compute cost J
49
      J = (-1 / n) * (np.log(a) @ y.T + np.log(1 - a) @ (1 - y).T)
50
51
      # Compute dw and db
      dw = (x @ dz.T) / m
53
      assert dw.shape == w.shape
54
      db = np.sum(dz) / m
55
56
      return J, dw, db
57
58
  def grad_descent(x, y, w, b, alpha=0.001, num_iters=2000, print_cost=False):
59
60
61
      Parameters
      ------
62
      x, y, w, b : See cost_function above for specifics.
63
          w and b are chosen to initialize the descent (likely all components 0)
64
      alpha : float
```

```
The learning rate of gradient descent
66
       num_iters : int
67
           The number of times we wish to perform gradient descent
68
69
       Returns
70
       _____
71
       costs : List[float]
72
           For each iteration we record the cost-values associated to (w, b)
73
       params : Dict[w : array_like, b : float]
74
           w : array_like
75
                Optimized weight parameter w after iterating through grad descent
76
           b : float
77
                Optimized bias parameter b after iterating through grad descent
78
       grads : Dict[dw : array_like, db : float]
79
           dw : array_like
80
                The optimized gradient with repsect to w
81
           db : float
82
                The optimized derivative with respect to b
83
       ,, ,, ,,
84
85
       costs = []
86
       w = copy.deepcopy(w)
       b = copy.deepcopy(b)
88
       for i in range(num_iters):
89
           J, dw, db = cost_function(x, y, w, b)
90
           w = w - alpha * dw
           b = b - alpha * db
92
           if i % 100 == 0:
94
                costs.append(J)
95
                if print_cost:
96
                    idx = int(i / 100) - 1
97
                    print(f'Cost_after_iteration_{i}:_{costs[idx]}')
98
99
       params = \{'w' : w, 'b' : b\}
100
       grads = {'dw' : dw, 'db' : db}
101
102
103
       return costs, params, grads
104
105 def predict(w, b, x):
106
       Parameters
107
108
       w : array_like
109
           w.shape = (m, 1)
110
       b : float
111
       x : array_like
112
```

```
x.shape = (m, n)
113
114
       Returns
115
       _____
116
       y_predict : array_like
117
            y_pred.shape = (1, n)
118
            An array containing the prediction of our model applied to training
119
            data x, i.e., y_pred = 1 or y_pred = 0.
120
       ,, ,, ,,
121
122
       m, n = x.shape
123
       # Get probability array
124
       a = sigmoid(w.T @ x + b)
125
       \# Get boolean array with False given by a < 0.5
126
       pseudo_predict = \sim (a < 0.5)
127
       # Convert to binary to get predictions
128
129
       y_predict = pseudo_predict.astype(int)
130
       return y_predict
131
132
133 def model(x_train, y_train, x_test, y_test, alpha=0.001, num_iters=2000, accuracy=T
134
       Parameters:
135
136
       x_train, y_train, x_test, y_test : array_like
137
            x_train.shape = (m, n_train)
138
            y_{train.shape} = (1, n_{train})
139
            x_{test.shape} = (m, n_{test})
140
            y_{test.shape} = (1, n_{test})
141
       alpha : float
142
            The learning rate for gradient descent
143
       num_iters : int
144
            The number of times we wish to perform gradient descent
145
       accuracy : Boolean
146
            Use True to print the accuracy of the model
147
148
       Returns:
149
       d : Dict
150
            d['costs'] : array_like
151
                The costs evaluated every 100 iterations
152
            d['y_train_preds'] : array_like
153
                Predicted values on the training set
154
            d['y_test_preds'] : array_like
155
                Predicted values on the test set
156
            d['w'] : array_like
157
                Optimized parameter w
158
            d['b'] : float
159
```

```
Optimized parameter b
160
           d['learning_rate'] : float
161
                The learning rate alpha
162
           d['num_iters'] : int
163
                The number of iterations with which gradient descent was performed
164
165
       ,, ,, ,,
167
       m = x_{train.shape[0]}
168
       # initialize parameters
169
       w = np.zeros((m, 1))
170
       b = 0.0
171
       # optimize parameters
172
       costs, params, grads = grad_descent(x_train, y_train, w, b, alpha, num_iters)
173
       w = params['w']
174
       b = params['b']
175
       # record predictions
176
       y_train_preds = predict(w, b, x_train)
177
       y_test_preds = predict(w, b, x_test)
178
       # group results into dictionary for return
179
       d = {'costs' : costs,
180
             'y_train_preds' : y_train_preds,
             'y_test_preds' : y_test_preds,
182
             'W' : W,
183
             'b' : b,
184
             'learning_rate' : alpha,
             'num_iters' : num_iters}
186
187
       if accuracy:
188
           train_acc = 100 - np.mean(np.abs(y_train_preds - y_train)) * 100
189
           test_acc = 100 - np.mean(np.abs(y_test_preds - y_test)) * 100
190
           print(f'Training_Accuracy:_{train_acc}%')
191
           print(f'Test_Accuracy:_{test_acc}%')
192
193
194
       return d
```

195

# 2 Neural Networks: A Single Hidden Layer

Suppose we wish to consider the binary classification problem given the training set (x, y) with  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{s_0 \times n}$  and  $y \in \{0, 1\}^{1 \times n}$ . Usually with logistic regression we have the following type of structure:

$$[x^1, ..., x^{s_0}] \xrightarrow{\varphi} [z] \xrightarrow{g} [a] \xrightarrow{=} \hat{y},$$

where

$$z = \varphi(x) = w^T x + b,$$

is our affine-linear transformation, and

$$a = q(z) = \sigma(z)$$

is our sigmoid function. Such a structure will be called a *network*, and the [a] is known as the *activation node*. Logistic regression can be too simplistic of a model for many situations, e.g., if the dataset isn't linearly separable (i.e., there doesn't exist some well-defined decision boundary built from a linear-surface), then logistic regression won't give a high-accuracy model. To modify this model to handle more complex situations, we introduce a new "hidden layer" of nodes with their own (possibly different) activation functions. That is, we consider a network of the following form:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
x^{1} \\
\vdots \\
x^{s_{0}}
\end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
z^{[1]1} \\
\vdots \\
z^{[1]s_{1}}
\end{bmatrix}} \xrightarrow{g^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
a^{[1]1} \\
\vdots \\
a^{[1]s_{1}}
\end{bmatrix}} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[2]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
z^{[2]}\end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{g^{[2]}} \begin{bmatrix}
a^{[2]}\end{bmatrix}} \xrightarrow{=} \hat{y},$$
Layer 0

Layer 1

where

$$\varphi^{[1]}: \mathbb{R}^{s_0} \to \mathbb{R}^{s_1}, \qquad \varphi^{[1]}(x) = W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}, 
\varphi^{[2]}: \mathbb{R}^{s_1} \to \mathbb{R}, \qquad \varphi^{[2]}(x) = W^{[2]}x + b^{[2]}.$$

and  $W^{[1]} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_1 \times s_0}$ ,  $W^{[2]} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times s_1}$ ,  $b^{[1]} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_1}$ ,  $b^{[2]} \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $g^{[\ell]}$  is a broadcasted activator function (e.g., the sigmoid function  $\sigma(z)$ , or  $\tanh(z)$ , or  $\operatorname{ReLU}(z)$ ). Such a network is called a 2-layer neural network where x is the input layer (called layer-0),  $a^{[1]}$  is a hidden layer (called layer-1), and  $a^{[2]}$  is the output layer (called layer-2).

**Definition 2.1.** Suppose  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is any function. Then we say  $G : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is the **broadcast** of g from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if

$$G(v) = G(v^i e_i)$$
$$= g(v^i)e_i,$$

where  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\{e_i : 1 \le i \le m\}$  is the standard basis for  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . In practice, we will write g = G for a broadcasted function, and let the context determine the meaning of g.

castingDifferential

**Lemma 2.2.** Suppose  $g: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  is any smooth function and  $G: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is the broadcasting of g from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then the differential  $dG_z: T_z\mathbb{R}^m \to T_{G(z)}\mathbb{R}^m$  is given by

$$dG_z(v) = [g'(z^i)] \odot [v^i],$$

where  $\odot$  is the Hadamard product (also know as component-wise multiplication), and has matrix-representation in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  given by

$$[dG_z]_j^i = \delta_j^i g'(z^i).$$

**Proof:** We calculate

$$dG_z(v) = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} G(z+tv)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} (g(z^i+tv^i))$$

$$= (g'(z^i)v^i)$$

$$= [g'(z^i)] \odot [v^i],$$

and letting  $e_1, ... e_m$  denote the usual basis for  $T_z \mathbb{R}^m$  (identified with  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ), we see that

$$dG_z(e_j) = [g'(z^i)] \odot e_j$$
  
=  $g'(z^j)e_j$ ,

from which conclude that  $dG_z$  is diagonal with (j, j)-th entry  $g'(z^j)$  as desired.

Returning to our network, let us lay out all of these functions explicitly (in the Smooth Category) as to facilitate our later computations for our cost function and our gradients. To this end:

$$\varphi^{[1]}: \mathbb{R}^{s_0} \to \mathbb{R}^{s_1}, \qquad d\varphi^{[1]}: T\mathbb{R}^{s_0} \to T\mathbb{R}^{s_1},$$

$$z^{[1]} = \varphi^{[1]}(x) = W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}, \qquad d\varphi^{[1]}_x(v) = W^{[1]}v;$$

$$\begin{split} g^{[1]} : \mathbb{R}^{s_1} &\to \mathbb{R}^{s_1}, & dg^{[1]} : T\mathbb{R}^{s_1} \to T\mathbb{R}^{s_1}, \\ a^{[1]} &= g^{[1]}(z^{[1]}), & \frac{\partial a^{[1]\mu}}{\partial z^{[1]\nu}} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} g^{[1]'}(z^{[1]\mu}); \\ \varphi^{[2]} : \mathbb{R}^{s_1} &\to \mathbb{R}^{s_2}, & d\varphi^{[2]} : T\mathbb{R}^{s_1} \to T\mathbb{R}^{s_2}, \\ z^{[2]} &= \varphi^{[2]}(a^{[1]}) = W^{[2]}a^{[1]} + b^{[2]}, & d\varphi^{[2]}_{a^{[2]}}(v) = W^{[2]}v; \\ g^{[2]} : \mathbb{R}^{s_2} &\to \mathbb{R}^{s_2}, & dg^{[2]} : T\mathbb{R}^{s_2} \to T\mathbb{R}^{s_2}, \\ a^{[2]} &= g^{[2]}(z^{[2]}), & \frac{\partial a^{[2]\mu}}{\partial z^{[2]\nu}} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} g^{[2]'}(z^{[2]\mu}). \end{split}$$

That is, given an input  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{s_0}$ , we get a predicted value  $\hat{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_2}$  of the form

$$\hat{y} = g^{[2]} \circ \varphi^{[2]} \circ g^{[1]} \circ \varphi^{[1]}(x).$$

This compositional function is known as forward propagation.

## 2.1 Backpropagation

backPropDerivation

Since we wish to optimize our model with respect to our parameter  $W^{[\ell]}$  and  $b^{[\ell]}$ , we consider a generic loss function  $\mathbb{L}: \mathbb{R}^{s_2} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_2} \to \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{L}(\hat{y}, y)$ , and by acknowledging the potential abuse of notation, we assume y is fixed, and consider the aforementioned as a function of a single-variable

$$\mathbb{L}_y: \mathbb{R}^{s_2} \to \mathbb{R}, \qquad \mathbb{L}_y(\hat{y}) = \mathbb{L}(\hat{y}, y).$$

We also define the function

$$\Phi(A, u, \xi) = A\xi + u,$$

and note that we're suppressing a dependence on the layer  $\ell$  which only affects our domain and range of  $\Phi$  (and not the actual calculations involving the derivatives). Moreover, in coordinates we see that

$$\frac{\partial \Phi^{i}}{\partial A^{\mu}_{\nu}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial A^{\mu}_{\nu}} (A^{i}_{j} \xi^{j} + u^{i})$$
$$= (\delta^{i}_{\mu} \delta^{\nu}_{j} \xi^{j})$$
$$= \delta^{i}_{\mu} \xi^{\nu};$$

$$\frac{\partial \Phi^i}{\partial u^{\mu}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u^{\mu}} (A^i_j \xi^j + u^i)$$
$$= \delta^i_{\mu};$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \Phi^{i}}{\xi^{\mu}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi^{\mu}} (A_{j}^{i} \xi^{j} + u^{i})$$
$$= A_{j}^{i} \delta_{\mu}^{j}$$
$$= A_{\mu}^{i}.$$

We now define the compositional function

$$F: \mathbb{R}^{s_2 \times s_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_2} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_1 \times s_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_1} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_0} \to \mathbb{R}$$

given by

$$F(C,c,B,b,x) = \mathbb{L}_y \circ g^{[2]} \circ \Phi \circ (\mathbb{1} \times \mathbb{1} \times (g^{[1]} \circ \Phi))(C,c,B,b,x).$$

We first introduce an error term  $\delta^{[2]} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_2}$  defined by

$$\delta^{[2]} := \nabla (\mathbb{L}_y \circ g^{[2]})(z^{[2]})$$
$$= (d\mathbb{L}_y \circ g^{[2]})_{z^{[2]}})^T.$$

Now we calculate the gradient  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial C}$  in coordinates by

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial C_{\nu}^{\mu}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\nu}^{\mu}} \left[ \mathbb{L}_{y} \circ g^{[2]} \circ \Phi(C, c, a^{[1]}) \right] 
= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} \frac{\partial}{\partial C_{\nu}^{\mu}} (C_{i}^{j} a^{[1]i} + c^{j}) 
= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} \delta_{\mu}^{j} a^{[1]\nu} 
= \delta^{[2]}{}_{\mu} a^{[1]\nu} 
= [a^{[1]} \delta^{[2]T}]_{\mu}^{\nu}$$

and hence that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial C} = \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial C_{\nu}^{\mu}}\right]^{T}$$
$$= \left[\delta_{\mu}^{[2]} a^{[1]\nu}\right]^{T}$$
$$= \delta^{[2]} a^{[1]T}.$$

Moreover, we also calculate

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial c^{\mu}} = \sum_{i=1}^{s_2} \delta^{[2]j} \delta^j_{\mu},$$

and hence that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial c} = \delta^{[2]}.$$

Next we introduce another error term  $\delta^{[1]} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_1}$  defined by

$$\delta^{[1]} = [dg_{z^{[1]}}^{[1]}]^T C^T \delta^{[2]}$$

with coordinates

$$\begin{split} (\delta^{[1]\mu})^T &= \sum_{i=1}^{s_2} \sum_{j=1}^{s_1} \delta^{[2]i} C^i_j g^{[1]\prime}(z^{[1]j}) \delta^j_\mu \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{s_2} \delta^{[2]i} C^i_\mu g^{[1]\prime}(z^{[1]\mu}) \end{split}$$

 $d_{z^{[1]}}F$ 

and now calculate the gradient  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial B}$  in coordinates by

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial F}{\partial B^{\mu}_{\nu}} &= \frac{\partial}{B^{\mu}_{\nu}} \left[ \mathbb{L}_{y} \circ g^{[2]} \circ \Phi(C, c, g^{[1]}(Bx + b)) \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} \sum_{\rho=1}^{s_{1}} \frac{\partial \Phi^{j}}{\partial \xi^{\rho}} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{s_{1}} \frac{\partial a^{[1]\rho}}{\partial z^{[1]\lambda}} \frac{\partial \Phi^{\lambda}}{\partial B^{\mu}_{\nu}} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} \sum_{\rho=1}^{s_{1}} \frac{\partial \Phi^{j}}{\partial \xi^{\rho}} \sum_{\lambda=1}^{s_{1}} \delta^{\rho}_{\lambda} g^{[1]'}(z^{[1]\rho}) \delta^{\lambda}_{\mu} x^{\nu} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} \sum_{\rho=1}^{s_{1}} \frac{\partial \Phi^{j}}{\partial \xi^{\rho}} \delta^{\rho}_{\mu} g^{[1]'}(z^{[1]\rho}) x^{\nu} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} \sum_{\rho=1}^{s_{1}} C^{j}_{\rho} \delta^{\rho}_{\mu} g^{[1]'}(z^{[1]\rho}) x^{\nu} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{s_{2}} \delta^{[2]j} C^{j}_{\mu} g^{[1]'}(z^{[1]\mu}) x^{\nu} \\ &= \delta^{[1]}_{\mu} x^{\nu} \\ &= \left[ x \delta^{[1]T} \right]^{\nu}_{\mu}, \end{split}$$

and hence that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial B} = \left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial B^{\mu}_{\nu}}\right]^{T}$$
$$= \delta^{[2]} x^{T}.$$

Moreover, from the above calculation, we immediately see that

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b^{\mu}} = \delta^{[1]}.$$

In summary, we've computed the following gradients

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial W^{[2]}} = \delta^{[2]} a^{[1]T}$$
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b^{[2]}} = \delta^{[2]}$$
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial W^{[1]}} = \delta^{[1]} x^{T}$$
$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b^{[1]}} = \delta^{[1]},$$

where

$$\begin{split} \delta^{[2]} &= [d(\mathbb{L}_y \circ g^{[2]})_{z^{[2]}}]^T \\ \delta^{[1]} &= [dg_{z^{[1]}}^{[1]}]^T C^T \delta^{[2]}. \end{split}$$

Finally, we recall that our cost function  $\mathbb{J}$  is the average sum of our loss function  $\mathbb{L}$  over our training set, we get that

$$\mathbb{J}(W^{[2]}, b^{[2]}, W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F(W^{[2]}, b^{[2]}, W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}, x_j),$$

and hence that

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial W^{[2]}} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta^{[2]}{}_{j} a^{[1]}{}_{j}{}^{T} = \frac{1}{n} \delta^{[2]} a^{[1]T} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial b^{[2]}} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta^{[2]}{}_{j} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial W^{[1]}} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta^{[1]}{}_{j} x_{j}^{T} = \frac{1}{n} \delta^{[1]} x^{T} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial b^{[1]}} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta^{[1]}{}_{j} \end{split}$$

#### 2.2 Activation Functions

There are mainly only a handful of activating functions we consider for our non-linearity conditions.

#### 2.2.1 The Sigmoid Function

We have the sigmoid function  $\sigma(z)$  given by

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R} \to (0,1), \qquad \sigma(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}.$$

We note that since

$$1 - \sigma(z) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$
$$= \frac{e^{-z}}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$\sigma'(z) = \frac{e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \cdot \frac{e^{-z}}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$= \sigma(z)(1 - \sigma(z))$$

Moreover, suppose that  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is the broadcasting of  $\sigma$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then for  $z = (z^1, ..., z^m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , we have that

$$g(z) = (\sigma(z^i)),$$

and  $dg_z: T_z\mathbb{R}^m \to T_{g(z)}\mathbb{R}^m$  given by

$$dg_z(v) = \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} g(z + tv)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} (\sigma(z^i + tv^i))$$

$$= (\sigma'(z^i)v^i)$$

$$= (\sigma(z^i)(1 - \sigma(z^i))v^i)$$

$$= g(z) \odot (1 - g(z)) \odot v,$$

where  $\odot$  represents the Hadamard product (or component-wise multiplication); or rather, as as a matrix in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ ,

$$[dg_z]^{\mu}_{\nu} = \delta^{\mu}_{\nu} \sigma(z^{\mu}) (1 - \sigma(z^{\mu})).$$

#### 2.2.2 The Hyperbolic Tangent Function

We have the hyperbolic tangent function tanh(z) given by

$$\tanh : \mathbb{R} \to (-1, 1), \qquad \tanh(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}.$$

We then calculate

$$\tanh'(z) = \frac{(e^z + e^{-z})(e^z + e^{-z}) - (e^z - e^{-z})(e^z - e^{-z})}{(e^z + e^{-z})^2}$$
$$= \frac{(e^z + e^{-z})^2}{(e^z + e^{-z})^2} - \frac{e^z - e^{-z})^2}{(e^z + e^{-z})^2}$$
$$= 1 - \tanh^2(z).$$

Suppose  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is the broadcasting of tanh from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ , then for  $z = (z^1, ..., z^m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , we have that

$$g(z) = (\tanh(z^i)),$$

and  $dg_z: T_z\mathbb{R}^m \to T_{g(z)}\mathbb{R}^m$  given by

$$dg_z(v) = [\tanh'(z^i)] \odot [v^i]$$
  
=  $[1 - \tanh^2(z^i)] \odot [v^i]$   
=  $\delta_i^i (1 - \tanh^2(z^i)) v^j$ .

#### 2.2.3 The Rectified Linear Unit Function

We have the leaky-ReLU function  $ReLU(z; \beta)$  given by

$$ReLU : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}, \qquad ReLU(z; \beta) = \max\{\beta z, z\},\$$

for some  $\beta > 0$  (typically chosen very small).

We have the rectified linear unit function ReLU(z) given by setting  $\beta=0$  in the leaky-ReLu function, i.e.,

$$ReLU : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty), \qquad ReLU(z) = ReLU(z; \beta = 0) = \max\{0, z\}.$$

We then calculate

$$ReLU'(z;\beta) = \begin{cases} \beta & z < 0\\ 1 & z \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
$$= \beta \chi_{(-\infty,0)}(z) + \chi_{[0,\infty)}(z),$$

where

$$\chi_A(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & z \in A \\ 0 & z \notin A \end{cases},$$

is the indicator function.

Suppose  $g: \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$  is the broadcasting of ReLU from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Then for  $z = (z^1, ..., z^m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , we have that

$$g(z) = \text{ReLU}(z^i; \beta),$$

and  $dg_z: T_z\mathbb{R}^m \to T_{g(z)}\mathbb{R}^m$  given by

$$dg_z(v) = [\operatorname{ReLU}'(z^i; \beta)] \odot [v^i]$$
  
=  $\delta_i^i(\beta \chi_{(-\infty,0)}(z^i) + \chi_{[0,\infty)}(z^i))v^j$ .

#### 2.2.4 The Softmax Function

We finally have the softmax function softmax(z) given by

softmax: 
$$\mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^m$$
, softmax $(z) = \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^m e^{z^j}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{z^1} \\ e^{z^2} \\ \vdots \\ e^{z^m} \end{pmatrix}$ ,

which we typically use on our outer-layer to obtain a probability distribution over our predicted labels. We then calculate for  $z=(z^1,...,z^m)\in\mathbb{R}^m$  that  $d(\operatorname{softmax})_z:T_z\mathbb{R}^m\to T_{\operatorname{softmax}(z)}\mathbb{R}^m$ 

$$d(\operatorname{softmax})_{z}(v) = \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} \operatorname{softmax}(z+tv)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{m} e^{z^{j}+tv^{j}}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{z^{1}+tv^{1}} \\ e^{z^{2}+tv^{2}} \\ \vdots \\ e^{z^{m}+tv^{m}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} e^{z^{j}}\right)^{2}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m} e^{z^{j}}v^{j}\right) \begin{pmatrix} e^{z^{1}} \\ \vdots \\ e^{z^{m}} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^{m} e^{z^{j}}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{z^{1}}v^{1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{z^{m}}v^{m} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= -\langle \operatorname{softmax}(z), v \rangle \operatorname{softmax}(z) + \operatorname{softmax}(z) \odot v,$$

or rather in coordinates

$$[d(\operatorname{softmax})_z]_j^i = S^i(\delta_j^i + \delta_{\rho j} S^{\rho}),$$

where

$$S^{\mu} = x^{\mu} \circ \operatorname{softmax}(z).$$

### 2.3 Binary Classification - An Example

We return the network given by

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^{s_0} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer 0}} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[1]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[1]s_1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer 1}} \xrightarrow{g^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a^{[1]1} \\ \vdots \\ a^{[1]s_1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer 2}} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[2]}} \underbrace{[z^{[2]}]}_{\text{Layer 2}} \xrightarrow{g^{[2]}} \hat{g}^{[2]}$$

and show how such a model would be trained using python below. We assume layer-2 has the sigmoid function (since it's binary classification) as an activator and our hidden layer has the ReLU function as activators.

We note that  $s_2=1$  since we're dealing with a single activator in this layer, and

$$a^{[2]} = g^{[2]}(z^{[2]}) = \sigma(z^{[2]}),$$

with

$$d(g^{[2]})_{z^{[2]}} = \sigma'(z^{[2]}) = \sigma(z^{[2]})(1 - \sigma(z^{[2]})) = a^{[2]}(1 - a^{[2]}).$$

In layer-1, we have that

$$a^{[1]} = g^{[1]}(z^{[1]}) = \text{ReLU}(z^{[1]}),$$

with

$$d(g^{[1]})_{z^{[1]}} = \left[\delta^{\mu}_{\nu} \chi_{[0,\infty)}(z^{[1]\mu})\right]^{\mu}_{\nu}.$$

Finally, we choose our loss function  $\mathbb{L}(\hat{y}, y)$  to be the log-loss function (since we're using the sigmoid activator on the outer-layer), i.e.,

$$\mathbb{L}(\hat{y}, y) = -y \log(\hat{y}) - (1 - y) \log(1 - \hat{y}),$$

or rather

$$\mathbb{L}(x,y) = -y\log(a^{[2]}) - (1-y)\log(1-a^{[2]}).$$

We then have the cost function  $\mathbb{J}$  given by

$$\mathbb{J}(W^{[2]}, b^{[2]}, W^{[1]}, b^{[1]}) = \frac{-1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \left( y_j \log(a^{[2]}_j) + (1 - y_j) \log(1 - a^{[2]}_j) \right) \\
= \frac{-1}{n} \left( \left\langle y, \log(a^{[2]}) \right\rangle + \left\langle 1 - y, \log(1 - a^{[2]}) \right\rangle \right)$$

Moreover, when using backpropagation, we see that

$$\delta^{[2]_{j}^{T}} = d(\mathbb{L}_{y_{j}})_{a^{[2]}} \cdot d(g^{[2]})_{z^{[2]_{j}}}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{y_{j}}{a^{[2]_{j}}} + \frac{1 - y_{j}}{1 - a^{[2]_{j}}}\right) \cdot \left(a^{[2]_{j}}(1 - a^{[2]_{j}})\right)$$

$$= a^{[2]_{j}} - y_{j},$$

or rather

$$\delta^{[2]} = a^{[2]} - y.$$

Similarly, we compute

$$\begin{split} \delta^{[1]}{}_{j}^{T} &= \delta^{[2]}{}_{j}^{T} W^{[2]} [dg^{[1]}_{z^{[1]}{}_{j}}] \\ &= \delta^{[2]}{}_{j}^{T} W^{[2]} [\delta^{\mu}_{\nu} \cdot \chi_{[0,\infty)}(z^{[1]}{}_{i}^{\mu})] \end{split}$$

#### 2.3.1 Random Initialization

In the section that follows, we see that to begin gradient descent for a shallow neural network, we initialize our parameters  $b^{[\ell]}$  to be 0, but choose an arbitrarily small, but nonzero initialization for  $W^{[\ell]}$ . Let's see why we choose  $W^{[\ell]}$  to be nonzero. Indeed, suppose we initialize with  $b^{[\ell]} = 0$  and  $W^{[\ell]} = 0$ . Then we see that

$$\delta^{[1]T} = \delta^{[2]}W^{[2]}dg_{z^{[1]}}^{[1]} = 0,$$

and so

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial W^{[1]}} = \frac{1}{n} \delta^{[1]} x^T = 0.$$

Then we conclude that our parameter  $W^{[1]}$  remains at 0 during every iteration which is enough reason to not initialize  $W^{[2]}$  at 0. Similarly, since

$$a^{[1]} = \tanh(W^{[1]}x + b^{[1]}) = \tanh(0) = 0,$$

we reach a similar conclusion about  $W^{[1]}$  and  $W^{[2]}$ , respectively.

#### 2.3.2 Vectorization in Python

```
1 import copy
з import numpy as np
5 # Activator functions
7 def sigmoid(z):
      Parameters
9
      -----
10
      z : array_like
11
12
      Returns
13
      -----
14
      sigma : array_like
15
          The value of the sigmoid function evaluated at z
16
      ds : array_like
17
          The differential of the sigmoid function evaluate at z
18
19
      # Compute value of sigmoid
20
      sigma = (1 / (1 + np.exp(-z)))
21
      # Compute differential of sigmoid
22
      ds = sigma * (1 - sigma)
      return sigma, ds
24
26 # Preliminary functions for our model
  def layer_shapes(x, y, hidden_layer_size):
      11 11 11
28
29
      Parameters
      _____
30
      x : array_like
31
          x.shape = (m_x, n)
32
      y : array_like
33
           y.shape = (m_y, n)
      hidden_layer_size : int
35
          The number nodes in the hidden layer
36
      Returns
37
      -----
      n : int
39
          The number of training examples
      m_x : int
41
          The number of input features
      m_h : The number of nodes in the hidden layer
43
      m_y: The number of nodes in the output layer
44
45
```

```
m_x, n = x.shape
46
      assert(y.shape[1] == n)
47
      m_y = y.shape[0]
48
      m_h = hidden_layer_size
49
       return n, m_x, m_h, m_y
50
51
52
53
54 def initialize_parameters(m_x, m_h, m_y):
55
      Parameters
56
       -----
57
      m_x : int
58
           The number of input features
59
      m_h : int
60
           The number of nodes in the hidden layer
61
62
      m_y : int
           The number of nodes in the output layer
63
64
      Returns
65
       _____
66
       params : Dict
67
           w1 : array_like
68
               w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
69
           b1 : array_like
70
               b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
           w2 : array_like
72
               w2.shape=(m_y, m_h)
73
           b2 : array_like
74
               b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
75
       ,, ,, ,,
76
      w1 = np.random.randn(m_h, m_x) * 0.01
77
      b1 = np.zeros((m_h, 1))
78
      w2 = np.random.randn(m_y, m_h) * 0.01
79
      b2 = np.zeros((m_y, 1))
80
81
      params = \{'w1': w1,
82
83
                  'b1' : b1,
                  'w2' : w2,
84
                  'b2' : b2}
85
86
       return params
87
88
89 def forward_propagation(x, params):
90
      Parameters
91
       ------
```

```
x : array_like
93
            x.shape = (m_x, n)
94
       params : Dict
95
            params['w1'] : array_like
96
                w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
97
            params['b1'] : array_like
98
                b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
            params['w2'] : array_like
100
101
                w2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
            params['b2'] : array_like
102
                b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
103
       Returns
104
105
       a2 : array_like
106
            a2.shape = (m_y, n)
107
       cache : Dict
108
109
            cache['z1'] : array_like
                z1.shape = (m_h, n)
110
            cache['a1'] : array_like
111
                a1.shape = (m_h, n)
112
            cache['z2'] : array_like
113
                z2.shape = (m_y, n)
114
            cache['a2'] = a2
115
       ,, ,, ,,
116
117
       # Retrieve parameters
118
       w1 = params['w1']
119
       b1 = params['b1']
120
       w2 = params['w2']
121
       b2 = params['b2']
122
123
       # Auxiliary computations
124
       z1 = w1 @ x + b1
125
       a1 = np.tanh(z1)
126
       z2 = w2 @ a1 + b2
127
       a2 = sigmoid(z2)
128
129
       assert(a1.shape == (w1.shape[0], x.shape[1]))
130
       assert(a2.shape == (w2.shape[0], a1.shape[1]))
131
132
       cache = {'z1':z1,
133
                  'a1' : a1,
134
                  'z2' : z2,
135
136
                  'a2' : a2}
137
       return a2, cache
138
139
```

```
140 def compute_cost(a2, y):
141
       Parameters
142
       _____
143
       a2 : array_like
144
           a2.shape = (m_y, n)
145
       y : array_like
           y.shape = (m_y, n)
147
       Returns
148
       -----
149
       cost : float
150
           The cost evaluated at y and a2
151
152
       n = y.shape[1]
153
       cost = (-1 / n) * (np.sum(y * np.log(a2)) + np.sum((1 - y) * np.log(1 - a2)))
154
       cost = float(np.squeeze(cost)) # Makes sure we return a float
155
156
       return cost
157
158
159 def backward_propagation(params, cache, x, y):
160
161
       Parameters
       _____
162
       params : Dict
163
            params['w2'] : array_like
164
                w2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
165
            params['b2'] : array_like
166
167
                b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
            params['w1'] : array_like
168
                w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
169
            params['b1'] : array_like
170
                b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
171
       cache : Dict
172
            cache['z1'] : array_like
173
                z1.shape = (m_h, n)
174
            cache['a1'] : array_like
175
                a1.shape = (m_h, n)
176
            cache['z2'] : array_like
177
                z2.shape = (m_y, n)
178
           cache['a2'] = a2
179
       x : array_like
180
           x.shape = (m_x, n)
181
182
       y : array_like
            y.shape = (m_y, n)
183
       Returns
184
       -----
185
       grads : Dict
```

186

```
grads['dw2'] : array_like
187
                dw2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
188
            grads['db2'] : array_like
189
                db2.shape = (m_y, 1)
190
            grads['dw1'] : array_like
191
                dw1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
192
            grads['db1'] : array_like
193
                db1.shape = (m_h, 1)
194
       11 11 11
195
       # Retrieve parameters
196
       w1 = params['w1']
197
       w2 = params['w2']
198
199
       # Set dimensional constants
200
       m_x, n = x.shape
201
       m_y, m_h = w2.shape
202
203
       # Retrieve node outputs
204
       a1 = cache['a1']
205
       a2 = cache['a2']
206
207
       # Auxiliary Computations
208
       delta2 = a2 - y
209
       assert(delta2.shape ==(m_y, n))
210
       d_{tanh} = 1 - (a1 * a1)
211
       assert(d_tanh.shape == (m_h, n))
212
       delta1 = (w2.T @ delta1) * d_tanh
213
214
       assert(delta1.shape == (m_h, n))
215
       # Gradient computations
216
       dw2 = (1 / n) * delta2 @ a1.T
217
       db2 = (1 / n) * np.sum(delta2, axis=1, keepdims=True)
218
       dw1 = (1 / n) * delta1 @ x.T
219
       db1 = (1 / n) * np.sum(delta1, axis=1, keepdims=True)
220
221
       # Combine and return dict
222
       grads = {'dw2' : dw2,}
223
                  'db2' : db2,
224
                 'dw1' : dw1,
225
                 'db1' : db1}
226
       return grads
227
228
229 def update_parameters(params, grads, learning_rate=1.2):
230
231
       Parameters
       -----
232
       params : Dict
233
```

```
params['w2'] : array_like
234
                w2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
235
            params['b2'] : array_like
236
                b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
237
            params['w1'] : array_like
238
                w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
239
            params['b1'] : array_like
240
                b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
241
       grads : Dict
242
            grads['dw2'] : array_like
243
                dw2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
244
            grads['db2'] : array_like
245
                db2.shape = (m_y, 1)
246
            grads['dw1'] : array_like
247
                dw1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
248
            grads['db1'] : array_like
249
250
                db1.shape = (m_h, 1)
       learning_rate : float
251
            Default = 1.2
252
       Returns
253
       _____
254
       params : Dict
255
            params['w2'] : array_like
256
                w2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
257
            params['b2'] : array_like
258
259
                b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
            params['w1'] : array_like
260
261
                w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
            params['b1'] : array_like
262
                b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
263
       ,, ,, ,,
264
       # Retrieve parameters
265
       w2 = copy.deepcopy(params['w2'])
266
       b2 = params['b2']
267
       w1 = copy.deepcopy(params['w1'])
268
       b1 = params['b1']
269
270
271
       # Retrieve gradients
       dw2 = grads['dw2']
272
       db2 = grads['db2']
273
       dw1 = grads['dw1']
274
       db1 = grads['db1']
275
276
277
       # Perform update
       w2 = w2 - learning_rate * dw2
278
       b2 = b2 - learning_rate * db2
279
       w1 = w1 - learning_rate * dw1
280
```

```
b1 = b1 - learning_rate * db1
281
282
       # Combine and return dict
283
       params = \{'w2': w2,
284
                  'b2' : b2,
285
                  'w1' : w1,
286
                  'b1' : b1}
       return params
288
289
290
291 # The main neural network training model
292 def model(x, y, num_hidden_layer, num_iters=10000, print_cost=False):
293
       Parameters
294
       ------
295
       x : array_like
296
297
           x.shape = (m_x, n)
       y : array_like
298
           y.shape = (m_y. n)
299
       num_hidden_layer : int
300
           Number of nodes in the single hidden layer
301
       num_iters : int
302
           Number of iterations with which our model performs gradient descent
303
       print_cost : Boolean
304
           If True, print the cost every 1000 iterations
305
       Returns
306
       _____
307
       params : Dict
308
           params['w2'] : array_like
309
                w2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
310
           params['b2'] : array_like
311
                b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
312
           params['w1'] : array_like
313
                w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
314
           params['b1'] : array_like
315
                b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
316
       ,, ,, ,,
317
       # Set dimensional constants
318
       n, m_x, m_h, m_y = layer_shapes(x, y, num_hidden_layer)
319
       # initialize parameters
320
       params = initialize_parameters(m_x, m_h, m_y)
321
322
323
       # main loop for gradient descent
       for i in range(num_iters):
324
           a2, cache = forward_propagation(X, params)
           cost = compute_cost(a2, y)
326
           grads = backward_propagation(params, cache, x, y)
```

```
params = update_parameters(params, grads)
328
329
           if print_cost and i % 1000 == 0:
330
                print(f'Cost_after_iteration_{i}:_{cost}')
331
332
       return params
333
334
335 # Using our model to obtain predictions
336 def predict(params, x):
337
       Parameters
338
       -----
339
       params : Dict
340
           params['w2'] : array_like
341
                w2.shape = (m_y, m_h)
342
           params['b2'] : array_like
343
                b2.shape = (m_y, 1)
344
           params['w1'] : array_like
345
                w1.shape = (m_h, m_x)
346
            params['b1'] : array_like
347
                b1.shape = (m_h, 1)
348
       x : array_like
349
           x.shape = (m_x, n)
350
351
       Returns
352
353
       predictions : array_like
354
355
            predictions.shape = (m_y, n)
356
       a2, _ = forward_propagation(x, params)
357
       predictions = np.zeros(a2.shape)
358
       predictions[~(a2 < 0.5)] = 1
359
360
       return predictions
361
```

## 3 Deep Neural Networks

In this section we discuss a general "deep" neural network, which consist of L layers. That is, we have a network of the form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x^{1} \\ \vdots \\ x^{s_{0}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } 0} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[1]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[1]s_{1}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } 1} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[2]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[2]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[2]s_{2}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } 2} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[3]}} \cdots$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[1]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[1]s_{1}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } 1} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[L-1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a^{[L-1]1} \\ \vdots \\ a^{[L-1]s_{L-1}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } L} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[L]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[L]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[L]s_{L}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } L} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[L]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}^{1} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}^{s_{L}} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer } L},$$

where

 $s_{\ell} :=$  the number of nodes in layer- $\ell$ ,

$$\varphi^{[\ell]}: \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell-1}} \to \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell}}, \qquad \varphi^{[\ell]}(\xi) = W^{[\ell]}\xi + b^{[\ell]}, \qquad W^{[\ell]} \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell} \times s_{\ell-1}}, b \in \mathbb{R}^{s_{\ell}},$$

and

$$g^{[\ell]}: \mathbb{R}^{s_\ell} \to \mathbb{R}^{s_\ell},$$

is a broadcasted activation function determined by the layer- $\ell$ .

As with a shallow network, our functional composition to obtain  $a^{[L]}$  is known as forward propagation.

## 3.1 Backpropagation

As the general derivation for backpropagation can be easily (if not tediously) generalized from Section 2.1 using induction, we give the general outline for computational purposes.

Let  $\mathbb{L}: \mathbb{R}^{s_L} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_L} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a generic loss function, and suppose our cost function is given by the usual

$$\mathbb{J}(W,b) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mathbb{L}(\hat{y}_j, y_j).$$

Then from previous computations, we have the following gradients for any

 $\ell \in \{1, 2, ..., L\}$ , that

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial W^{[\ell]}} = \frac{1}{n} \delta^{[\ell]} a^{[\ell-1]T}$$
$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial b^{[\ell]}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \delta^{[\ell]}{}_{j}$$

where we impose the notation of

$$a^{[0]} := x$$
.

So we need only give a full characterization of  $\delta^{[\ell]}$ .. To this end, we define recursively starting at layer-L by

$$\begin{split} \delta^{[L]T} &:= d(\mathbb{L}_y)_{a^{[L]}} \cdot dg_{z^{[L]}}^{[L]}, \\ \delta^{[L-1]T} &:= \delta^{[L]T} \cdot W^{[L]} \cdot dg_{z^{[L-1]}}^{[L-1]}, \\ & \vdots \\ \delta^{[\ell]T} &:= \delta^{[\ell+1]T} W^{[\ell+1]} dg_{z^{[\ell]}}^{[\ell]}, \\ & \vdots \\ \delta^{[1]T} &:= \delta^{[2]T} W^{[2]} dg_{z^{[1]}}^{[1]}, \end{split}$$

as desired.

#### 3.1.1 Vectorization in Python

We implement a neural network with an arbitrary number of layers and nodes, with the ReLU function as the activator on all hidden nodes and the sigmoid function on the output layer for binary classification with the log-loss function.

```
import copy

import numpy as np

## Activator functions
def relu(z, beta=0.0):
    """
Parameters
    -----
z : array_like
```

```
beta : float
11
12
      Returns
13
      _____
14
      r : array_like
15
          The ReLU function when beta=0, the leaky-ReLU otherwise.
16
      dr : array_like
          The differential of the ReLU function
18
19
      # Change scalar to array if needed
20
      z = np.array(z)
      # Compute value of ReLU(z)
22
      r = np.maximum(z, beta * z)
      # Compute differential ReLU'(z)
24
      dr = (^{(z < 0)}) * 1
25
      return r, dr
26
28 def sigmoid(z):
29
      Parameters
30
      -----
31
      z : array_like
32
33
      Returns
34
      -----
35
      sigma : array_like
36
          The value of the sigmoid function evaluated at z
37
      ds : array_like
          The differential of the sigmoid function evaluate at z
39
      # Compute value of sigmoid
41
      sigma = (1 / (1 + np.exp(-z)))
42
      # Compute differential of sigmoid
43
      ds = sigma * (1 - sigma)
      return sigma, ds
45
46
47
48 ## Auxiliary functions for model composition
49 def dim_retrieval(x, y, hidden_sizes):
50
      Parameters
51
      -----
52
      x : array_like
53
          x.shape = (layers[0], n)
54
      y : array_like
55
           y.shape = (layers[L], n)
56
      hidden_sizes : List[int]
```

```
The number nodes layer i = hidden_sizes[i-1]
58
       Returns
59
       _____
60
       n : int
61
           The number of training examples
62
       layers : List
63
            layer[l] = # nodes in layer l
65
       11 11 11
66
       m, n = x.shape
67
       assert(y.shape[1] == n)
       K = y.shape[0]
69
       layers = [m]
70
       layers.extend(hidden_sizes)
71
       layers.append(K)
72
73
       return n, layers
74
75
76 def initialize_parameters(layers):
77
       Parameters
78
79
       layers : List[int]
80
           layers[l] = # nodes in layer 1
81
       Returns
82
       _____
       params : Dict[Dict]
84
           w[l] : array_like
85
                dwl.shape = (layers[1], layers[1-1])
86
           b[l] : array_like
87
                dbl.shape = (layers[1], 1)
88
       n n n
89
       W = \{\}
90
       b = \{ \}
       for 1 in range(1, len(layers)):
92
           w[1] = np.random.randn(layers[1], layers[1 - 1]) * 0.01
93
           b[1] = np.zeros((layers[1], 1))
94
       params = \{'w' : w, 'b' : b\}
95
       return params
96
97
  def forward_propagation(params, x, activators):
98
99
100
       Parameters
101
       ------
       params : Dict[Dict]
102
            params['w'][1] : array_like
103
                wl.shape = (layers[l], layers[l-1])
104
```

```
params['b'][1] : array_like
105
                bl.shape = (layers[1], 1)
106
       x : array_like
107
            x.shape = (layers[0] n)
108
       activators : List[function]
109
            activators[1] = activation function of layer 1+1
110
       Returns
111
        _____
112
       cache : Dict[Dict]
113
            cache['z'][1] : array_like
114
                z[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
115
            cache['a'][1] : array_like
116
                a[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
117
       ,, ,, ,,
118
       n = x.shape[1]
119
       # Number of layers including input-layer
120
       L = len(params['w']) + 1
121
       a = \{\}
122
       z = \{\}
123
       a[0] = x
124
       for l in range(1, L):
125
            w = params['w'][1]
126
            temp_a = a[1 - 1]
127
            b = params['b'][1]
128
            temp_z = w @ temp_a + b
129
            assert(temp_z.shape == (w.shape[0], n))
130
            z[1] = temp_z
131
            a[l], _ = activators[l - 1](temp_z)
132
            assert(a[1].shape == temp_z.shape)
133
134
       cache = \{'a' : a, 'z' : z\}
135
       return cache
136
137
       compute_cost(cache, y):
138
139
       Parameters
140
141
142
       cache : Dict[Dict]
            cache['z'][1] : array_like
143
                z[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
144
            cache['a'][1] : array_like
145
                a[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
146
147
       y : array_like
            y.shape = (layers[-1], n)
148
       cost : float
150
            The cost evaluated at y and aL
151
```

```
,, ,, ,,
152
       ## Retrieve parameters
153
       n = y.shape[1]
154
       a = cache['a']
155
       L = len(a)
156
       aL = a[L - 1]
157
       cost = (-1 / n) * (np.sum(y * np.log(aL)) + np.sum((1 - y) * np.log(1 - aL)))
159
       cost = float(np.squeeze(cost))
160
161
       return cost
162
163
164 def
       backward_propagation(params, cache, activators, x, y):
165
       Parameters
166
       ------
167
168
       params : Dict
            params['w'][1] : array_like
169
                w[l].shape = (layers[l], layers[l-1])
170
            params['b'][1] : array_like
171
                b[1].shape = (layers[1], 1)
172
       cache : Dict
173
            cache['a'][1] : array_like
174
                a[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
175
            cache['z'][1] : array_like
176
                z[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
177
       activators : List[function]
178
            activators[1] = activation function of layer 1+1
179
       x : array_like
180
            x.shape = (layers[0], n)
181
       y : array_like
182
            y.shape = (layers[-1], n)
183
       Returns
184
       _____
185
       grads : Dict[Dict]
186
            grads['dw'][1] : array_like
187
                dw[1].shape = w[1].shape
188
            grads['db'][1] : array_like
189
                db[1].shape = b[1].shape
190
191
       ## Retrieve parameters
192
       a = cache['a']
193
       z = cache['z']
194
       w = params['w']
195
       n = x.shape[1]
196
       L = len(a) - 1
197
```

198

```
## Compute deltas
199
       delta = \{\}
200
       delta[L] = a[L] - y
201
       for l in range(L-1, 0, -1):
202
            _{-}, dg = activators[1](z[1])
203
           delta[1] = (delta[1+1].T @ w[1+1]).T * dg
204
            assert(delta[1].shape == (w[1].shape[0], n))
205
206
       ## Compute gradients
207
       dw = \{\}
208
       db = \{\}
209
       for l in range(1, L + 1):
210
            db[1] = (1 / n) * np.sum(delta[1], axis=1, keepdims=True)
211
            assert(db[1].shape == (w[1].shape[0], 1))
212
            dw[1] = (1 / n) * delta[1] @ a[1 - 1].T
213
            assert(dw[1].shape == w[1].shape)
214
       grads ={'dw' : dw, 'db' : db}
215
       return grads
216
217
218 def update_parameters(params, grads, learning_rate=0.01):
219
220
       Parameters
       _____
221
       params : Dict[Dict]
222
            params['w'][1] : array_like
223
                w[l].shape = (layers[l], layers[l-1])
224
            params['b'][1] : array_like
225
                b[1].shape = (layers[1], 1)
226
       grads : Dict[Dict]
227
            grads['dw'][1] : array_like
228
                dw[1].shape = w[1].shape
229
            grads['db'][1] : array_like
230
                db[1].shape = b[1].shape
231
       learning_rate : float
232
            Default: 0.01
233
            The learning rate for gradient descent
234
235
236
       Returns
       _____
237
       params : Dict[Dict]
238
            params['w'][1] : array_like
239
                w[1].shape = (layers[1], layers[1-1])
240
241
            params['b'][1] : array_like
                b[1].shape = (layers[1], 1)
242
243
       ## Retrieve parameters
244
       w = copy.deepcopy(params['w'])
245
```

```
b = copy.deepcopy(params['b'])
246
       L = len(w)
247
248
       ## Retrieve gradients
249
       dw = grads['dw']
250
       db = grads['db']
251
       ## Perform update
253
254
       for l in range(1, L + 1):
           w[1] = w[1] - learning_rate * dw[1]
255
           b[1] = b[1] - learning_rate * db[1]
256
257
       params = \{'w' : w, 'b' : b\}
258
       return params
259
260
261
262 ## The main model for training our parameters
263 def model(x, y, hidden_layer_sizes, activators, num_iters=10000, print_cost=False):
264
       Parameters
265
       -----
266
       x : array_like
267
           x.shape = (layers[0], n)
268
       y : array_like
269
           y.shape = (layers[-1], n)
270
       hidden_layer_sizes : List[int]
271
           The number nodes layer 1 = hidden_layer_sizes[1-1]
272
       activators : List[function]
273
           activators[1] = activation function of layer 1+1
274
       num_iters : int
275
           Number of iterations with which our model performs gradient descent
276
       print_cost : Boolean
277
           If True, print the cost every 1000 iterations
278
       Returns
279
280
       params : Dict[Dict]
281
           params['w'][1] : array_like
282
                w[1].shape = (layers[1], layers[1-1])
283
           params['b'][1] : array_like
284
                b[1].shape = (layers[1], 1)
285
       cost : float
286
           The final cost value for the optimized parameters returned
287
288
       ## Set dimensions and Initialize parameters
289
       n, layers = dim_retrieval(x, y, hidden_layer_sizes)
       params = initialize_parameters(layers)
291
292
```

```
## main loop
293
       for i in range(num_iters):
294
           cache = forward_propagation(params, x, activators)
295
           cost = compute_cost(cache, y)
296
           grads = backward_propagation(params, cache, activators, x, y)
^{297}
           params = update_parameters(params, grads, 0.1)
298
           if print_cost and i % 1000 == 0:
300
               print(f'Cost_after_iteration_{i}:_{cost}')
301
302
       return params, cost
303
```

Part II
Improving Deep Neural
Networks: Hyperparameter
Tuning, Regularization, and
Optimization

# 4 Training, Development and Test Sets

Let  $\mathbb{D} = \{(x_j, y_j) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^K : 1 \leq j \leq N\}$  denote a dataset. Then we partition  $\mathbb{D}$  into three distinct sets

$$\mathbb{D} = \mathfrak{X} + \mathcal{D} + \mathcal{T}.$$

where  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called our training set,  $\mathcal{D}$  is called our development, or cross-validation set, and  $\mathcal{T}$  is called our test set. We make this partition randomly, however, if  $N = |\mathbb{D}| \leq 10^4$ , we see a partition following the following ratios:

$$n_X := |\mathfrak{X}| \approx \frac{3}{5}N,$$

$$n_D := |\mathcal{D}| \approx \frac{1}{5}N,$$

and

$$n_T := |\mathfrak{T}| \approx \frac{1}{5}N.$$

If however, we have a very large dataset (i.e.,  $N > 10^4$ ), then we assume a much smaller ratio of something similar to

$$\frac{n_X}{N} \approx 0.98, \qquad \frac{n_D}{N} \approx 0.01, \qquad \frac{n_T}{N} \approx 0.01.$$

In general, we use our training set  $\mathfrak{X}$  to train our parameters  $W^{[\ell]}$  and  $b^{[\ell]}$ , we use our development set  $\mathcal{D}$  to tune our hyperparameters (i.e., learning rate, number of layers, number of nodes per layer, activation function, number of iterations to perform gradient descent, regularization parameters, etc), and we use our test set  $\mathcal{T}$  to evaluate the accuracy of our model. Since we're partitioning our dataset to better increase the accuracy of our model, we need to define an error function. To this end, define  $\mathcal{E}: 2^{\mathbb{D}} \to [0, 1]$  by

$$\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{A}|} \sum_{(x,y) \in \mathcal{A}} \varepsilon(x,y),$$

where  $\varepsilon: \mathbb{D} \to \{0,1\}$  is defined by

$$\varepsilon(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = \hat{y}(x) \\ 0 & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

From our partition and error function we can make several claims of the fitting of our model to our data. Indeed, let  $\epsilon > 0$  be a small percentage (with exact value depending on specific examples), then:

- If  $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{X}) < \epsilon$  and  $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{X}) < \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D}) < \sim 10\epsilon$ , then we say our model has high variance since our model is overfitting the data.
- If  $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{X}) \approx \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D}) > \sim 10\epsilon$ , then we say our model has high bias since our model is underfitting the data.
- If  $10\epsilon \sim \mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{X}) \ll \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D})$ , then we say our model has both high bias (since it doesn't fit our training data well) and high variance (because the model fits the training data better than the development data).
- If  $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{X}), \mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D}) < \epsilon$ , then we say the model has both low bias and low variance.

**Remark 4.1.** The interpretations of our error percentage is based on two crucial assumptions:

- $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  come from samplings with the same distribution of outputs (i.e., if we're determining whether a collection of images contain a cat, we should never have that  $\mathcal{D}$  is mostly cat pictures, and  $\mathcal{T}$  is mostly non-cat pictures).
- The optimal error for the model is approximately 0%. That is, if a human were looking at the data, they could determine the correct response with negligible error. This is sometimes called the Bayes error.

If either of these assumptions fail to hold, other methods of analysis may be required to obtain meaningful insights for the performance of our model.

A methodology for using errors could be as follows

- 1. Check  $\mathcal{E}(\mathfrak{X})$  for high bias.
  - a. If "Yes", then we can try a bigger network, we can train longer, or we can change the neural network architecture. Then we return to (1.).
  - b. If "No", then we move to (2.).
- 2. Check  $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D})$  for high variance.
  - a. If "Yes", then we can try to get more data, try regularization, or try changing the neural network architecture. Then we return to (1.).
  - b. If "No", then we're done.

#### 4.0.1 Python Implementation

To implement a partitioning we could do something like the following:

```
1 import numpy as np
2 from sklearn.utils import shuffle
4 def partition_data(x, y, train_ratio):
      Parameters
6
      -----
      x : array_like
          x.shape = (m, N)
      y : array_like
10
          y.shape = (k, N)
11
      train_ratio : float
12
13
          0<=train_ratio<=1</pre>
14
      Returns
15
      -----
16
      train : Tuple[array_like]
17
      dev : Tuple[array_like]
18
      test : Tuple[array_like]
19
      11 11 11
      ## Shuffle the data
21
      x, y = shuffle(x.T, y.T) #
      x = x.T
23
      y = y.T
25
      ## Get the size of partitions
      N = x.shape[1]
27
      N_train = int(train_ratio * N)
      N_mid = (N - N_train) // 2
29
30
      ## Create partitions
31
      train = (x[:,:N_train], y[:,:N_train])
32
      dev = (x[:, N_train:N_train+N_mid], y[:, N_train:N_train+N_mid])
33
      test = (x[:,N_train+N_mid:], y[:,N_train+N_mid:])
34
      assert(x.all() == np.concatenate([train[0], dev[0], test[0]], axis=1).all())
36
      assert(y.all() == np.concatenate([train[1], dev[1], test[1]], axis=1).all())
37
38
      return train, dev, test
```

### 5 Regularization

Suppose we're training an L-layer neural network with dataset  $\{(x_j, y_j)\} \subset \mathbb{R}^{s_0} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_L}$  with N examples. Assuming a generic loss function  $\mathbb{L} : \mathbb{R}^{s_L} \times \mathbb{R}^{s_L} \to \mathbb{R}$ , then we have our cost function  $\mathbb{J}$  defined on our one-parameter families of parameters W and b given by

$$\mathbb{J}(W,b) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbb{L}(\hat{y}_j, y_j).$$

If our model suffers from overfitting the training set, it's reasonable to impose constraints on the parameters W and/or b. That is, define the function

$$R(W) = \frac{\lambda}{2N} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \|W^{[\ell]}\|_F^2,$$

for some  $\lambda > 0$ , where  $\|\cdot\|_F$  represents the Frobenius norm on matrices, and we define the regularized cost function  $\mathbb{J}^R$  given by

$$\mathbb{J}^{R}(W,b) = \mathbb{J}(W,b) + R(W) 
= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbb{L}(\hat{y}_{j}, y_{j}) + \frac{\lambda}{2N} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \|W^{[\ell]}\|_{F}^{2}.$$

Adding such an R(W) to our cost function is known as  $L^2$ -regularization. We note that by linearity we have the following equalities amongst gradients:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{J}^R}{\partial b^{[\ell]}} = \frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial b^{[\ell]}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \mathbb{J}^R}{\partial W^{[\ell]}} = \frac{\partial \mathbb{J}}{\partial W^{[\ell]}} + \frac{\lambda}{N} W^{[\ell]}.$$

The idea behind regularization is that we're now minimizing

$$\min_{W,b} \mathbb{J}^{R}(W,b) = \min_{W,b} \left\{ \mathbb{J}(W,b) + R(W) \right\},\,$$

and so for suitably chosen  $\lambda > 0$ , it forces  $||W^{[\ell]}||_F$  to be small, along with minimizing the cost  $\mathbb{J}$ . This balancing-act of minimizing the two functions simultaneously helps with overfitting the data.

A typical usage of regularization would be similar to the following outline:

- i. Partition our dataset  $\mathbb{D} = \mathfrak{X} \cup \mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{T}$ .
- ii. Give a set  $\Lambda$  of potential regularization parameters.
- iii. For each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , we first train on  $\mathfrak{X}$ , that is, we obtain

$$(W, b) = \arg\min_{W, b} \mathbb{J}^{R}(W, b)$$

$$= \arg\min_{W, b} \left\{ \frac{1}{n_{X}} \sum_{(x, y) \in \mathfrak{X}} \mathbb{L}(\hat{y}, y) + \frac{\lambda}{2n_{X}} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L} \|W^{[\ell]}\|_{F}^{2} \right\}$$

which dependent on  $\lambda$ .

- iv. Then using the aforementioned  $(W, b) = (W, b)(\lambda)$ , we evaluate  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{X})$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathcal{D})$ .
- v. After finding  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathfrak{X})$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{\lambda}(\mathcal{D})$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ , we choose our desired  $\lambda$  and hence our desired parameters W and b.
- vi. We evaluate our model on  $\mathcal{T}$  to determine the overall accuracy.

## 5.1 (Inverted) Dropout Regularization

For illustrative purposes, suppose we have a 3-layer neural network of the following form:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^{s_0} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer 0}} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[1]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[1]s_1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer 1}} \xrightarrow{g^{[1]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a^{[1]1} \\ \vdots \\ a^{[1]s_1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\varphi^{[2]}} \xrightarrow{\varphi^{[2]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} z^{[2]1} \\ \vdots \\ z^{[2]s_2} \end{bmatrix}}_{\text{Layer 2}} \xrightarrow{g^{[2]}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} a^{[2]1} \\ \vdots \\ a^{[2]s_2} \end{bmatrix}}_{\varphi^{[3]}} \xrightarrow{\text{output}},$$

Let  $Q_0, Q_1, Q_2$  denote the collection of all nodes in Layers 0, 1, 2, respectively. Let  $p_0, p_1, p_2 \in [0, 1]$ , and define a probability distribution  $\mathbb{P}_{\ell}$  on  $Q_{\ell}$  by

$$\mathbb{P}_{\ell}(q=1) = p_{\ell}, \qquad \mathbb{P}_{\ell}(q=0) = 1 - p_{\ell},$$

where q = 1 represents the node existing in layer- $\ell$ , and q = 0 represents the dropping of the node from layer- $\ell$ . That is we're effectively reducing the number of nodes throughout the network, thus simplifying the network and reducing the amount of influence of any single feature or node on the entire model. That is, we would implement a methodology similar to the following:

i. For each layer  $\ell$  and each training example  $x_j$  define the "dropout vector"  $D^{[\ell]}{}_j$  by

$$D^{[\ell]}{}_j = \begin{bmatrix} d^1_j \\ \vdots \\ d^{s_\ell}_j \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$d_j^i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbb{P}(q^i) \le p_\ell \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbb{P}(q^i) > p_\ell \end{cases}.$$

ii. During forward propagation, we redefine

$$a^{[\ell]} \mapsto \frac{a^{[\ell]} \odot D^{[\ell]}}{p_{\ell}}.$$

iii. During backward propagation, we define

$$\delta^{[\ell]} \mapsto \frac{\delta^{[\ell]} \odot D^{[\ell]}}{p_{\ell}}.$$

iv. Then perform gradient descent, etc with these new values.

#### 5.1.1 Python Implementation

We see here the use of inverted dropout regularization in a general neural network.

```
import copy
import numpy as np

import utils

def dropout_matrices(layers, num_examples, keep_prob):
    """

Parameters
    ------
layers: List[int]
    layers[l] = number of nodes in layer l
num_examples: int
    The number of training examples
keep_prob: List[float]
```

```
keep_prob[l] = The probabilty of keeping a node in layer l
16
17
      Returns
18
      _____
19
      D : Dict[array_like]
20
           D[1].shape = (layers[1], num_ex)
21
           D[1] = a Boolean array
22
23
      np.random.seed(1)
24
      L = len(layers)
25
      D = \{\}
      for l in range(L - 1):
27
           D[1] = np.random.rand((layers[1], num_examples))
           D[1] = D[1] < keep_prob[1]
29
           assert(D[1].shape == (layers[1], num_examples))
30
      return D
31
33 def linear_activation_forward(a_prev, w, b, activator):
34
      Parameters
35
      -----
36
      a_prev : array_like
37
           a_prev.shape = (layers[1], n)
38
      w : array_like
39
           w.shape = (layers[l+1], layers[l])
40
      b : array_like
           b.shape = (layers[l+1], 1)
42
      activator : str
43
           activator = 'relu', 'sigmoid', 'tanh', 'softmax'
44
45
      Returns
46
      -----
47
      z : array_like
48
           z.shape = (layer\_dims[l+1], n)
49
      a : array_like
50
           a.shape = (layer\_dims[l+1], n)
51
52
      z = w @ a_prev + b
53
      if activator = 'relu':
           a, _ = utils.relu(z)
55
      elif activator = 'sigmoid':
56
           a, _ = utils.sigmoid(z)
57
58
      else:
           print("Activation_function_doesn't_match_ReLu_or_sigmoid.")
59
      return z, a
61
62 def forward_propagation(params, D, keep_prob, x):
```

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,, ,, ,,
63
       Parameters
64
       -----
65
       params : Dict[Dict]
66
            params['w'][1] : array_like
67
                wl.shape = (layers[1], layers[1-1])
68
            params['b'][1] : array_like
                bl.shape = (layers[l], 1)
70
       D : Dict[array_like]
71
           D[1].shape = (layer_dims[1], num_ex)
72
           D[1] = a Boolean array
73
       keep_prob : List[float]
74
            keep_prob[1] = The probabilty of keeping a node in layer 1
75
       x : array_like
76
            x.shape = (layers[0] n)
77
78
79
       Returns
       _____
80
       cache : Dict[Dict]
81
            cache['z'][1] : array_like
82
                z[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
83
            cache['a'][1] : array_like
                a[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
85
       ,, ,, ,,
86
       # Retrieve parameters
87
       w = params['w']
       b = params['b']
89
       L = len(w) + 1 # Number of layers including input layer
       n = x.shape[1]
91
       # Set empty caches
93
       a = \{ \}
94
       z = \{\}
95
       # Dropout on layer 0
96
       a[0] = x
97
       a[0] = a[0] @ D[0]
98
       a[0] /= keep_prob[0]
99
       # Loop through hidden layers
100
       for l in range(1, L):
101
           zl, al = linear_activation_forward(a[l - 1], w[l], b[l], 'relu')
102
           al = al @ D[1]
103
           al /= keep_prob[1]
104
           z[1] = z1
105
           a[1] = a1
106
107
       # Output layer
108
       z[L], a[L] = linear_activation_forward(a[L - 1], w[L], b[L], 'sigmoid')
109
```

```
110
       cache = \{'z' : z, 'a' : a\}
111
       return cache
112
113
114 def linear_activation_backward(delta_next, z, w, activator):
115
       Parameters
116
       _____
117
118
       delta_next : array_like
           delta_next.shape = (layers[l+1], n)
119
       z : array_like
120
           z.shape = (layers[l+1], n)
121
       w : array_like
122
           w.shape = (layers[l+1], layers[l])
123
       activator : str
124
            activator = 'relu', 'sigmoid', 'tanh', 'softmax'
125
126
       Returns
127
       _____
128
       delta : array_like
129
            delta.shape = (layers[1])
130
131
       n = delta_next.shape[1]
132
133
       if activator = 'relu':
134
            _{-}, dg = relu(z)
135
       elif activator = 'sigmoid':
136
137
           _{-}, dg = sigmoid(z)
       else:
138
            print("Activation_function_doesn't_match_ReLu_or_sigmoid.")
139
140
       da = w.T @ delta_next
141
       assert(da.shape == (w.shape[0], n))
142
       delta = da * dg
143
       assert(delta.shape == (w.shape[0], n))
144
       return delta
145
146
147 def backward_propagation(params, cache, D, keep_prob, x, y):
148
       Parameters
149
       -----
150
       params : Dict
151
            params['w'][1] : array_like
152
                w[l].shape = (layers[l], layers[l-1])
153
            params['b'][1] : array_like
154
                b[1].shape = (layers[1], 1)
155
       cache : Dict
156
```

```
cache['a'][1] : array_like
157
                a[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
158
            cache['z'][1] : array_like
159
                z[1].shape = (layers[1], n)
160
       D : Dict[array_like]
161
           D[1].shape = (layer[1], num_ex)
162
           D[1] = a Boolean array
       keep_prob : List[float]
164
            keep_prob[1] = The probabilty of keeping a node in layer 1
165
       x : array_like
166
            x.shape = (layers[0], n)
167
       y : array_like
168
            y.shape = (layers[-1], n)
169
       Returns
170
       _____
171
       grads : Dict[Dict]
172
173
            grads['dw'][1] : array_like
                dw[1].shape = w[1].shape
174
            grads['db'][1] : array_like
175
                db[1].shape = b[1].shape
176
177
       ## Retrieve parameters
178
       a = cache['a']
179
       z = cache['z']
180
       w = params['w']
181
       n = x.shape[1]
       L = len(z)
183
184
       ## Compute deltas
185
       delta = {}
186
       delta[L] = a[L] - y
187
       for 1 in reversed(range(1, L)):
188
            delta = linear_activation_backward(delta[l + 1], z[l], w[l], 'relu')
189
            delta = delta @ D[1]
190
            delta /= keep_prob[1]
191
192
       ## Compute gradients
193
194
       dw = \{\}
       db = \{\}
195
196
       for l in range(1, L + 1):
197
            db[1] = (1 / n) * np.sum(delta[1], axis=1, keepdims=True)
198
            assert(db[1].shape == (w[1].shape[0], 1))
199
            dw[1] = (1 / n) * delta[1] * a[1 - 1].T
200
            assert(dw[1].shape == w[1].shape)
       grads = {'dw' : dw, 'db' : db}
202
       return grads
203
```

```
204
205 def model(x, y,
                hidden_sizes,
206
207
                keep_prob,
                activators,
208
                num_iters=2500,
209
                learning_rate=0.1,
210
                print_cost=False):
211
       ,, ,, ,,
212
       Parameters
213
       _____
214
       Parameters
215
216
       x : array_like
217
           x.shape = (layers[0], n)
218
       y : array_like
219
220
           y.shape = (layers[-1], n)
       hidden_sizes : List[int]
221
           The number nodes layer 1 = hidden_sizes[1-1]
222
       activators : List[function]
223
           activators[1] = activation function of layer 1+1
224
       num_iters : int
225
           Number of iterations with which our model performs gradient descent
226
       learning_rate : float
227
           The learning rate for gradient descent
228
       print_cost : Boolean
229
           If True, print the cost every 1000 iterations
230
231
       Returns
232
       _____
233
       params : Dict[Dict]
234
           params['w'][1] : array_like
235
                w[l].shape = (layers[l], layers[l-1])
236
           params['b'][1] : array_like
237
                b[1].shape = (layers[1], 1)
238
       cost : float
239
           The final cost value for the optimized parameters returned
240
241
       n, layers = dim_retrieval(x, y, hidden_sizes)
242
       params = initialize_parameters(layers)
243
       for i in range(num_iters):
^{244}
           D = dropout_matrices(layers, n, keep_prob)
245
246
           cache = forward_propagation(params, D, keep_prob, x)
           cost = utils.compute_cost(cache, y)
247
           grads = backward_propagation(params, cache, D, keep_prob, x, y)
248
           params = utils.update_parameters(params, grads, learning_rate)
249
250
```

```
if print_cost and i % 1000 == 0:
    print(f'Cost_after_iteration_{i}:_{cost}')

return params, cost
```

### 5.2 Data Augmentation

This section requires work.

There are few other regularization techniques. One of the simplest techniques is data augmentation, i.e., transforming data you currently have into related but different example to gather a larger dataset (e.g., flipping or distorting images to obtain other relevant images).

## 5.3 Early Stopping

This section requires work.

Another technique is stop the training early (fewer iterations) before the model develops higher variance.

### 6 Gradients and Numerical Remarks

This section requires work

We first remark, that by our use of gradient descent, there are few outlier cases which may occur. Namely our gradients may explode or vanish. One way to attempt to fix such a situation to impose a normalization on our weights depending on our activation functions.

• If  $g^{[\ell]} = \text{ReLU}$ , then we wish to impose the requirement that

$$\mathbb{E}[(W^{[\ell]2})] = \frac{1}{s_{\ell-1}}.$$

### 6.1 Numerical Gradient Checking

Suppose  $f:\mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  is a smooth function. Then, we recall the definition of the partial derivative

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x + he_j) - f(x)}{h}$$
$$= \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \frac{f(x + \epsilon e_j) - f(x - \epsilon e_j)}{2\epsilon},$$

and so for sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have the approximation

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x^j} \approx \frac{f(x + \epsilon e_j) - f(x - \epsilon e_j)}{2\epsilon}.$$

Define the approximation function  $F: \mathbb{R}^n \times (0,1) \to \mathbb{R}^n$  by

$$F(x,\epsilon) = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \begin{bmatrix} f(x+\epsilon e_1) - f(x-\epsilon e_1) \\ \vdots \\ f(x+\epsilon e_n) - f(x-\epsilon e_n) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we may check that our gradient computation  $\nabla f(x)$  is correct by checking that

$$\frac{\|F(x,\epsilon) - \nabla f(x)\|_2}{\|F(x,\epsilon)\|_2 + \|\nabla f(x)\|_2} \approx 0.$$

#### 6.1.1 Python Implementation

```
_{1} ## f(x) = x_1*x_2*...*x_n
2 def fctn(x):
      n = x.shape[0]
      f = np.prod(x)
4
      grad = np.zeros((n, 1))
      for i in range(n):
           omit = 1 - np.eye(1, n, i).T
           omit = np.array(omit, dtype=bool)
           grad[i, 0] = np.prod(x, where=omit)
9
      return f, grad
10
11
12 def gradient_check(grad, f, x, epsilon=1e-3):
13
      Parameters
14
      -----
15
      grad : array_like
16
           grad.shape= (n, 1)
17
      f : function
18
           The function to check.
19
      x : array_like
20
           x.shape = (n, 1)
21
      epsilon : float
22
           Default 0.001
      Returns
24
      error : float
25
26
      27
      n = x.shape[0]
28
29
      f_diffs = []
      for i in range(n):
30
           e = np.eye(1, n, i).T
31
           x_plus = x + epsilon * e
32
           x_minus = x - epsilon * e
33
           f_plus, _ = f(x_plus)
           f_{minus}, = f(x_{minus})
35
           f_diffs.append(f_plus - f_minus)
36
      f_diffs = np.array(f_diffs).reshape(n, 1)
37
      f_diffs = f_diffs / (2 * epsilon)
39
      error = (np.linalg.norm(f_diffs - grad)
                   / (np.linalg.norm(f_diffs) + np.linalg.norm(grad)))
41
      return error
```