

1. MLP w/ one hidden layer. x and y are one-hot vectors representing words.
 Let $h = W_{\text{embed}} x$, $s = W_{\text{unembed}} h$, $p = \text{softmax}(s)$, $p(y_c = 1 | s) = p_c$

a) Let $\text{size}(x) = \text{size}(y) = N$ and Let $\text{size}(h) = M$

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{embed}} &\in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} \\ W_{\text{unembed}} &\in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M} \end{aligned}$$

The columns of W_{embed} each represent the specific embedding information for each word represented by the one-hot vector.

b) $J = \log p(y|s)$

$$= \sum_c y_c \log p_c$$

$$= \sum_c y_c (s_c - \log z)$$

$$= \sum_c y_c s_c - \log z \sum_c y_c$$

$$= \left(\sum_c y_c s_c \right) - \log z$$

$$p(y|s) = \prod_c p_c^{y_c}$$

$$p_c = \frac{e^{s_c}}{z} \quad \text{where } z = \sum_c e^{s_c}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} = y_k - \frac{1}{z} \frac{\partial z}{\partial s_k}$$

$$= y_k - \frac{1}{z} e^{s_k}$$

$$= y_k - p_k$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial s} = y - p = \text{error}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_j} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} \frac{\partial s_k}{\partial h_j}$$

$$= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} W_{kj}^u$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial h} = W_{\text{unembed}}^T \frac{\partial J}{\partial s}}$$

$$s_k = \sum_j W_{kj}^u h_j$$

$$\text{let } W^u = W_{\text{unembed}}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{kj}^u} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} \frac{\partial s_k}{\partial W_{kj}^u}$$

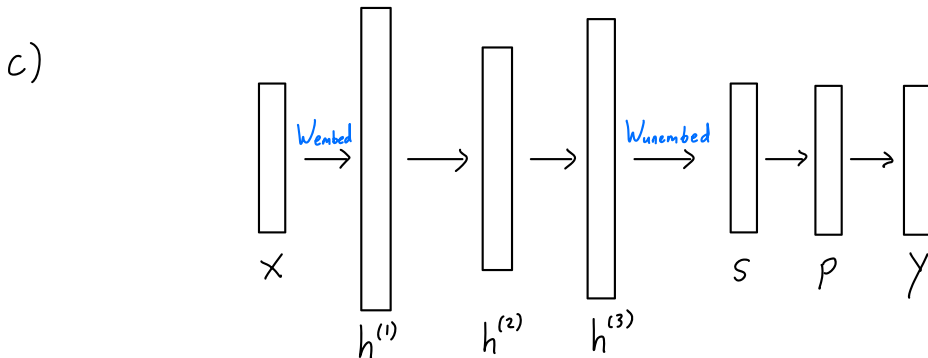
$$= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} \cdot h_j$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^u} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} h^T}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{jk}^e} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_j} \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial W_{jk}^e} \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_j} x_k \\ \boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^e} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h} x^T}\end{aligned}$$

$$h_j = \sum_k W_{jk}^e x_k$$

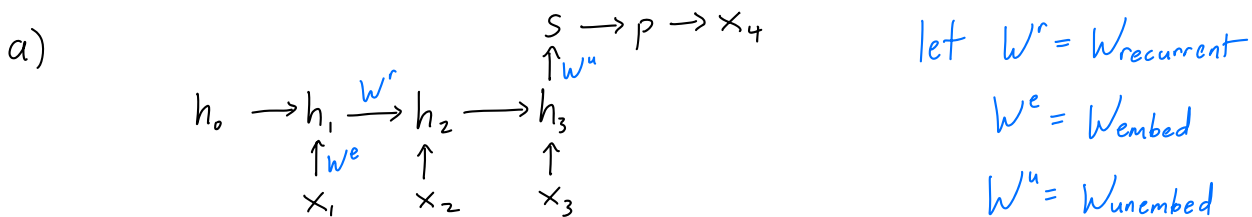
let $W^e = W_{\text{embed}}$



2. let x_t be one-hot vectors. $x_1 = \text{"I"}$ $x_2 = \text{"love"}$ $x_3 = \text{"machine"}$

$$\text{let } h_0 = 0, \quad h_t = \tanh(W^e x_t + W^r h_{t-1}) \quad \text{for } t=1,2,3$$

$$\text{let } s = W^u h_3, \quad p = \text{softmax}(s), \quad x_4 \sim p$$



b) calculating $\frac{\partial J}{\partial s}, \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^u}, \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3}$:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial s} = y - p = \text{error}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^u} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} h_3^T}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} = W_{\text{unembed}}^T \frac{\partial J}{\partial s}$$

using results from problem 1

calculating $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2}, \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1}, \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_0}$:

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{t-1,i}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{t,j}} \frac{\partial h_{t,j}}{\partial g_{t,j}} \frac{\partial g_{t,j}}{\partial h_{t-1,i}}$$

$$h_{t,j} = \tanh \left(\sum_k W_{jk}^{e,T} x_{t,k} + \sum_i \overbrace{W_{ji}^{r,T}}^{g_{t,i}} h_{t-1,i} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_{t,j}} (1 - h_{t,j}^2) W_{ji}^r$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_{t-1}} = W^{r,T} \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_t \odot h_t) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_t}$$

property: $\frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tanh(z) = \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh(z)^2)$

$$\frac{\partial h_t}{\partial g_t} = \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_t \odot h_t)$$

calculating $\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial W^r}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathcal{J}}{dW^r} &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial s} \frac{ds}{dW^r} \\ &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial h_3} \frac{dh_3}{dW^r} \\ &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{dg_3}{dW^r} \\ &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \left(\frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial h_2} \frac{dh_2}{dW^r} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_2} \frac{dh_2}{dW^r} \end{aligned}$$

$$h_t = g(W, h_{t-1}(W))$$

$$g_t = W^e x_t + W^r h_{t-1}$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial g_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_1} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial g_1} \frac{dg_1}{dW^r}$$

$$= \left[\text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_3 \odot h_3) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} h_2^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_2 \odot h_2) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_2} h_1^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_1 \odot h_1) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_1} h_0^T \right]$$

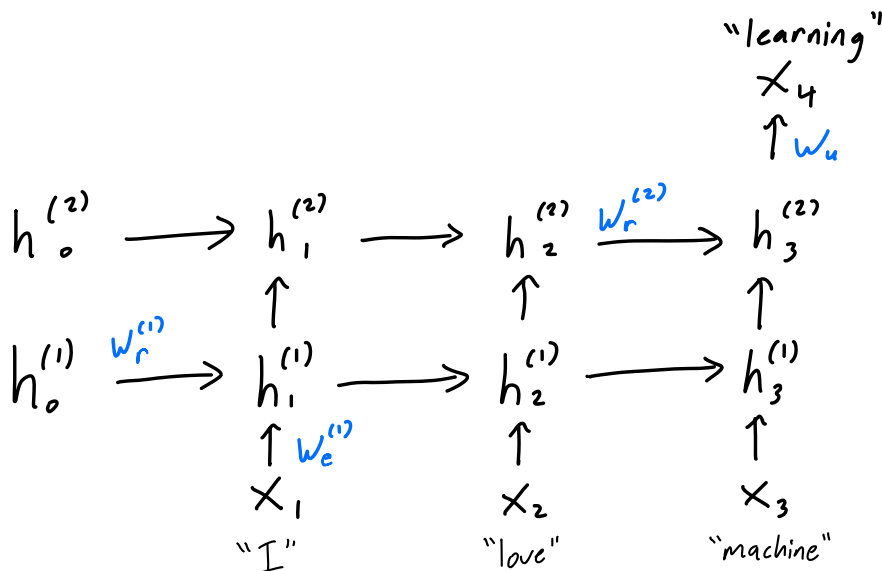
calculating $\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial W^e}$

using similar logic to $\frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial W^r}$,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{J}}{dW^e} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^e} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial g_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial W^e} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_1} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial g_1} \frac{dg_1}{dW^e}$$

$$= \left[\text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_3 \odot h_3) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_3} x_3^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_2 \odot h_2) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_2} x_2^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_1 \odot h_1) \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial h_1} x_1^T \right]$$

3.



$$1. \quad h_t = \tanh(\overbrace{W_r h_{t-1} + W_e x_t}^{g_t}) \quad \text{let } h_t \in \mathbb{R}^n, h_{t-1} \in \mathbb{R}^m, W \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{t-1}} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial g_t} \frac{dg_t}{dh_{t-1}} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t}}_{n \times 1} \cdot \underbrace{\text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_t)}_{n \times n} \cdot \underbrace{W_r}_{n \times m} \\ &= W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_t) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t} \end{aligned}$$

reorder
so multiplication
makes sense

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1} &= W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_2) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} \\ &= \boxed{W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_2) W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_3) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \quad h_t = \tanh(\overbrace{W_r h_{t-1} + W_e x_t}^{g_t}) + h_{t-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{t-1}} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_{t-1}} \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t} \left[\frac{\partial \tanh(g_t)}{\partial g_t} \frac{dg_t}{dh_{t-1}} + \mathbb{I} \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t} \left[\text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_t) W_r + \mathbb{I} \right] \\ &= \left[W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_t) + \mathbb{I} \right] \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t} \end{aligned}$$

reorder

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1} &= \left[W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_2) + \mathbb{I} \right] \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} \\ &= \boxed{\left[W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_2) + \mathbb{I} \right] \left[W_r^T \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_3) + \mathbb{I} \right] \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3}} \end{aligned}$$

(2) alleviates the vanishing gradient problem because even when $\mathbb{1} - \tanh^2 g_t$ goes to 0 (when g_t is large), $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{t-1}}$ will still have the $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t}$ term from the skip connection to keep it nonzero

In both cases, $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{t-1}}$ is a function of $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_t}$.

Thus, $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3}$ is needed for $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2}$, which is needed for $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1}$.