

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 $\text{size}(h) = M$

$$\boxed{W_{\text{embed}} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}}$$

$$W_{\text{unembed}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} b) J &= \log p(y|s) & p(y|s) &= \prod_c p_c^{y_c} \\ &= \sum_c y_c \log p_c & p_c &= \frac{e^{s_c}}{Z} \quad \text{where } Z = \sum_c e^{s_c} \\ &= \sum_c y_c (s_c - \log Z) \\ &= \sum_c y_c s_c - \log Z \sum_c y_c^1 \\ &= (\sum_c y_c s_c) - \log Z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} &= y_k - \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial s_k} \\ &= y_k - \frac{1}{Z} e^{s_k} \\ &= y_k - p_k \end{aligned}$$

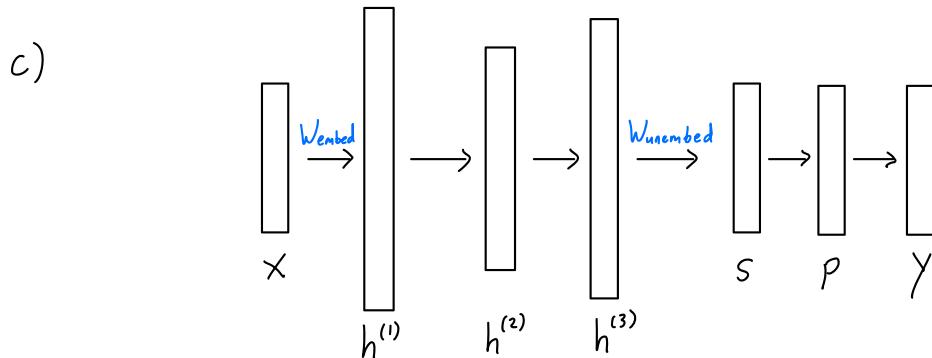
$$\boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial s} = y - p = \text{error}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_j} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} \frac{\partial s_k}{\partial h_j} \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} W_{kj}^u \\ \boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial h} = W_{\text{unembed}}^T \frac{\partial J}{\partial s}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_k &= \sum_j W_{kj}^u h_j \\ \text{let } W^u &= W_{\text{unembed}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{kj}^u} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} \frac{\partial s_k}{\partial W_{kj}^u} \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s_k} \cdot h_j \\ \boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^u} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} h^T} \end{aligned}$$

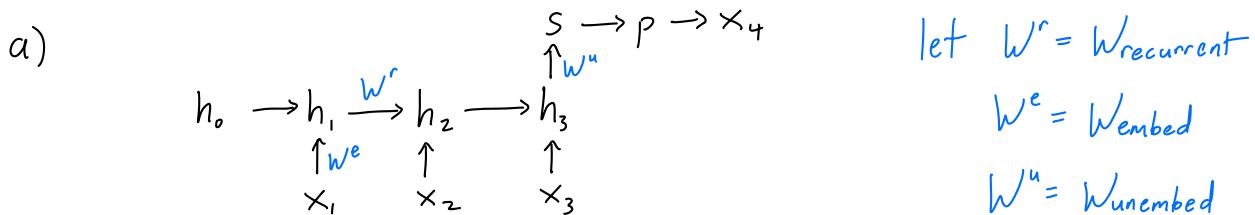
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{jk}^e} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_j} \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial W_{jk}^e} \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_j} X_k \\ \boxed{\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^e} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial h} X^T}\end{aligned}$$



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

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

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



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

$$\left. \begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial s} &= Y - p = \text{error} \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^u} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} h_3^T \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} &= W_{\text{unembed}}^T \frac{\partial J}{\partial s}\end{aligned}\right\} \text{using results from problem 1}$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_{tj}} (1 - h_{tj}^2) W_{ji}^r \quad \text{property: } \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \tanh(z) = \text{diag}(1 - \tanh(z)^2)$$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dJ}{dW^r} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} \frac{ds}{dW^r} \\
 &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial s} \frac{\partial s}{\partial h_3} \frac{dh_3}{dW^r} \\
 &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{dg_3}{dW^r} \\
 &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \left(\frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial h_2} \frac{dh_2}{dW^r} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial W^r} \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial g_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial W^r} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial g_1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial W^r} \\
 &= \boxed{\text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_3 \odot h_3) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} h_2^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_2 \odot h_2) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} h_1^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_1 \odot h_1) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1} h_0^T}
 \end{aligned}$$

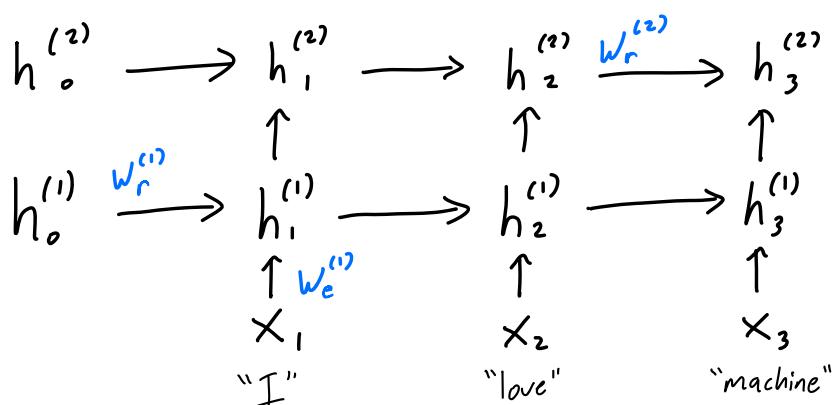
calculating $\frac{\partial J}{\partial W^e}$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dJ}{dW^e} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} \frac{\partial h_3}{\partial g_3} \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial W^e} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial g_2} \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial W^e} + \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial g_1} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial W^e} \\
 &= \boxed{\text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_3 \odot h_3) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_3} X_3^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_2 \odot h_2) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_2} X_2^T + \text{diag}(\mathbb{1} - h_1 \odot h_1) \frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1} X_1^T}
 \end{aligned}$$

3.

"learning"
 X_4
 \uparrow
 W_u



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

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

↗ reorder
so multiplication
makes sense

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

$$2. \quad h_t = \tanh(\underbrace{w_r h_{t-1} + w_e x_t}_{g_t}) + h_{t-1}$$

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

↗ reorder

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

(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 $\frac{\partial J}{\partial h_1}$