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$$1.1 \quad h_i = \phi(2(x_4 - x_i)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_4 = x_i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$y = \phi(2(1 - \sum h_i)) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } h_i = 1 \text{ for some } i \in \{1, 2, 3\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Thus, } W^{(1)} \vec{x} + b^{(1)} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} x_4 - x_1 \\ x_4 - x_2 \\ x_4 - x_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow W^{(1)} = 2 \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, b^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } W^{(2)} \vec{h} + b^{(2)} = 2(1 - \sum h_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow W^{(2)} = -2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, b^{(2)} = -2$$

1.2 We use a brute force approach (list out all permutations) to achieve the goal.

We'll construct two hidden layers and one output layer.

The first <sup>hidden</sup> layer compares, one by one, the first three nodes to the last three nodes. The second <sup>hidden</sup> layer enumerates all possibilities that the last three nodes are a permutation of the first three nodes.

The first hidden layer has 9 nodes, each node checks if  $x_i = x_j$ , for some  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $j \in \{4, 5, 6\}$ . This is similar to Q1.1, and the activation function would be  $\phi_1(z) = \mathbb{I}(z \in [-1, 1])$ .

The second hidden layer has 6 nodes,

each node checks if  $(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_i, x_j, x_k)$ , where  $(x_i, x_j, x_k)$  is a permutation of  $(x_4, x_5, x_6)$ . This can be done by putting weight 1 on the nodes that check  $x_1 = x_i, x_2 = x_j, x_3 = x_k$ , and weight 0 on other nodes, then using an activation function  $\phi_2(z) = \mathbb{I}(z = 3)$ .

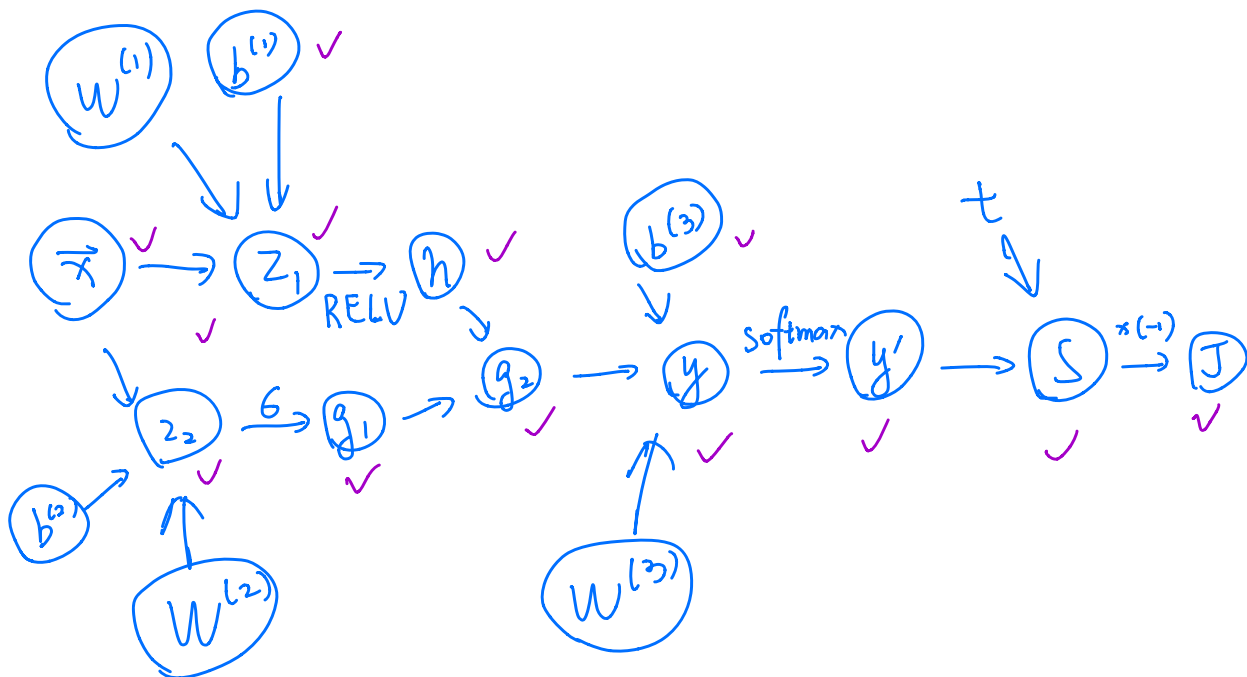
Then, the output layer checks if any node in the second hidden layer is 1. This is also similar to Q1.1,

we simply put weight 1 on each node and use

$$\phi(z) = \mathbb{I}(z = 1).$$

### 2.1.1 Computational Graph [0pt]

Draw the computation graph relating  $\mathbf{x}$ ,  $t$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{z}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{g}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{g}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}'$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{J}$ .



### 2.1.2 Backward Pass [1pt]

Derive the backprop equations for computing  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{J}}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$ , one variable at a time, similar to the vectorized backward pass derived in Lec 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\mathcal{J}} &= 1 \\
 \bar{\mathcal{S}} &= -\bar{\mathcal{J}} \\
 \bar{\mathbf{y}}' &= \bar{\mathcal{S}} \nabla_{\mathbf{y}'} \mathcal{S} = -\bar{\mathcal{J}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 1/y_t \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{since } \frac{\partial \mathcal{S}}{\partial y_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_k} (\log y_t) = \begin{cases} 1/y_t, & \text{if } k=t \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \\ &\quad \text{t-th position} \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{y} = \left( \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y} \right)^T \bar{y}', \text{ where } \left( \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y} \right)_{i,j} = \mathbb{I}(i=j) \text{softmax}(y_i) - \text{softmax}(y_i) \cdot \text{softmax}(y_j) \quad (\text{see lemma 1})$$

$$\bar{g}_2 = (W^{(2)})^T \bar{y},$$

$$\bar{h} = \bar{g}_2 \odot g_1,$$

$$\bar{g}_1 = \bar{g}_2 \odot h,$$

$$\bar{z}_2 = b'(z_2) \odot \bar{g}_1, \text{ where } b'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \right) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1+e^{-x})^2}$$

$$\bar{z}_1 = \text{RELU}'(z_1) \odot \bar{h}, \text{ where } \text{RELU}'(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

(Define  $\text{RELU}'(0) = 1$  for computation purpose)

$$\bar{x} = W^{(1)T} \bar{z}_1 + W^{(2)T} \bar{z}_2$$

Lemma 1:

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \frac{\partial y'}{\partial y} \right)_{i,j} &= \frac{\partial y'_i}{\partial y_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} \left( \frac{e^{y_i}}{\sum e^{y_k}} \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial y_j e^{y_i} \sum e^{y_k} - e^{y_i} \cdot e^{y_j}}{(\sum e^{y_k})^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sum e^{y_k})^2} [\mathbb{I}(i=j) e^{y_i} \cdot \sum e^{y_k} - e^{y_i+y_j}]$$

$$= \mathbb{I}(i=j) \text{softmax}(y_i) - \text{softmax}(y_i) \cdot \text{softmax}(y_j)$$

### 2.2.2 Computation Cost [1pt]

What is the number of scalar multiplications and memory cost of computing the Hessian  $\mathbf{H}$  in terms of  $n$ ?

2.2.2

$$L = x^T V V^T x$$

$$\nabla L = V V^T x$$

$H = \nabla^2 L = 2 V V^T$  which requires  $2n^2$  multiplications and

$n^2 + n$  memory cost

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$$O(n^2)$$

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## 2.3 Vector-Hessian Products [1pt]

$$\begin{matrix} & v & v & y \\ n \times 1 & 1 \times n & n \times 1 \end{matrix}$$

Compute  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{y}$  where  $n = 3$ ,  $\mathbf{v}^\top = [1, 2, 3]$ ,  $\mathbf{y}^\top = [1, 1, 1]$  using two algorithms: reverse-mode and forward-mode autodiff.

In backpropagation (also known as reverse-mode autodiff), you will compute  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{y}$  first, then compute  $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{M}$ . Whereas, in forward-mode, you will compute  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^\top$  then compute  $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{y}$ .

Write down the numerical values of  $\mathbf{z}^\top = [z_1, z_2, z_3]$  for the given  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$ . What is the time and memory cost of evaluating  $\mathbf{z}$  with backpropagation (reverse-mode) in terms of  $n$ ? What about forward-mode?

For Q 2.3 and Q 2.4, we use the lemma that computing the matrix product  $MN$ , where  $M$  is  $a \times b$ ,  $N$  is  $b \times c$ , takes in total  $abc$  scalar multiplications. This is easy to see, as each entry of  $MN$  is the dot product of one row from  $M$  and one column from  $N$  (takes  $b$  steps), and there are  $ac$  such entries.

Back Prop:  $\mathbf{z}^\top = (6 \quad 12 \quad 18)$

Time:  $M = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{M}$

Total time =  $n + n = 2n$

Memory:  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $M$ ,  $\mathbf{z}$

Total Memory =  $n + n + 1 + n = 3n + 1$

Forward :

Time:  $H = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{z} = H\mathbf{y}$

Total time =  $n^2 + n^2 = 2n^2$

Memory:  $\mathbf{v}$ ,  $H$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{z}$

Total Memory =  $n + n^2 + n + n = n^2 + 3n$

$$n \times 1 \times 1 \times n \times n \times 1 \times 1 \times n$$

**2.4 Trade-off of Reverse- and Forward-mode Autodiff [1pt]**  $Z = v v^T y_1 y_2^T$   $H = v v^T$

Consider computing  $Z = H y_1 y_2^T$  where  $v \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $y_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  and  $y_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ . What are the time and memory cost of evaluating  $Z$  with reverse-mode in terms of  $n$  and  $m$ ? What about forward-mode? When is forward-mode a better choice? (Hint: Think about the shape of  $Z$ , "tall" v.s. "wide".)

Back Prop:

$$\text{Time: } B_1 = y_1 y_2^T, B_2 = v^T B_1, Z = v B_2$$

$$\text{Total time} = nm + nm + nm = 3mn$$

$$\text{Memory: } y_1, y_2, B_1, v, B_2, Z$$

$$\text{Total Memory} = n + m + nm + n + m + nm = 2(m + n + mn)$$

Forward:

$$\text{Time: } A_1 = v v^T, A_2 = A_1 y_1, Z = A_2 y_2^T$$

$$\text{Total time} = n^2 + n^2 + nm = n(2n + m)$$

$$\text{Memory: } v, A_1, y_1, A_2, y_2, Z$$

$$\text{Total Memory} = n + n^2 + n + n + m + mn = 3n + m + n^2 + mn$$

$$\text{Back Prop}_{\text{time}} - \text{Forward}_{\text{time}} = n(2m - 2n)$$

$$\text{Back Prop}_{\text{memory}} - \text{Forward}_{\text{memory}} = (n+1)(m-n)$$

Thus, given the dimension of  $Z$  being  $n \times m$ , using backpropagation is better when  $m < n$ , using forward mode is better when  $m > n$ .