XCS224N Assignment 2

This handout includes space for every question that requires a written response. Please feel free to use it to handwrite your solutions (legibly, please). If you choose to typeset your solutions, the README.md for this assignment includes instructions to regenerate this handout with your typeset LATEX solutions.

## 1.a

U is the outside word matrix composed of  $u_o$  outside vectors for each outside word.

 ${\it V}$  is the center word matrix composed of  ${\it v}_c$  center vectors for each center word.

Both U and V contains a vector for each word w in the vocabulary.

U: (embedsize X numtokens)

 $V: (\mathsf{embedsize} \ \mathsf{X} \ \mathsf{numtokens})$ 

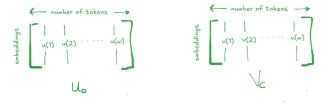


Figure 1: U V matrix

 $u_o$  is the column o of U

 $v_c$  is the column c of V

**Cross-entropy "loss"** between the true probability distribution y and predicted distribution  $\hat{y}$  is represented as:  $-\sum_i ylog(\hat{y})$  ... (1) were y and  $\hat{y}$  are vectors of length equal to the number of words in the vocabulary.

y: (num-tokens X 1)  $\hat{y}$ : (num-tokens X 1)

Probability of an outside word o given a center word c is the softmax function:

$$\hat{y}_o = P(O = oC = c) = \frac{exp(u_o^T v_c)}{\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)} \dots$$
 (2)

 $J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -\sum_{w \in Vocab} y_w log(\hat{y_o})$  ... (3)

For a given center word  $v_c$  there is only one outside word  $u_o$  which is the  $k^{th}$  word in the vocabulary, where  $y_k=1$ . Hence the  $y_i=0$  where i is not equal to k.

$$J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -y_k log(y_o(k)) \dots$$
 (4)

$$J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -\log(\hat{y_o}) \dots$$
 (5)

Substituting (2) to (5)

$$J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -\log(\frac{exp(u_o^T v_c)}{\sum_{v} exp(u_v^T v_c)}) \dots$$
 (6)

$$J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -\log(exp(u_o^T v_c)) + \log(\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)) \dots$$
 (7)

$$J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -u_o^T v_c + log(\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)) \dots$$
 (7)

Partial derivative of  $J_{native-softmax}$  with respect to  $\boldsymbol{v}_{c}$ 

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_c} = -u_o + \frac{\partial (log(\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)))}{\partial v_c} \dots$$
 (8)

Derivative of a nested functions (by chain rule):

$$\frac{df(g(x))}{dx} = \frac{d(f(g(x)))}{d(g(x))} \cdot \frac{d(g(x))}{dx}$$

$$\begin{split} f(g(v_c)) &= log(g(v_c)) \\ g(v_c) &= \sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c) \\ \frac{d(f(g(v_c))}{d(g(v_c))} &= \frac{1}{g(v_c)} \end{split}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_c} = -u_o + \frac{1}{\sum_w exp(u_m^T v_c)} \cdot \frac{\partial (\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c))}{\partial v_c} \dots$$
(9)

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_c} = -u_o + \frac{1}{\sum_w exp(u_m^T v_c)} \sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c) \frac{\partial ((u_w^T v_c))}{\partial v_c} \dots (10)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_c} = -u_o + \frac{1}{\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)} \cdot \sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c) u_w^T \dots (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_c} = -u_o + \sum_{w} \frac{exp(u_w^T v_c)}{\sum_{w} exp(u_w^T v_c)} . u_w^T \dots (12)$$

## Substituting (2)

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_o} = -u_o + \sum_w^V \hat{y}_w.u_w^T \dots$$
 (12)

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial v_c} = -u_o + \sum_w^V \hat{y}_w.u_w \dots (13)$$

V is the number of words in vocabulary.

## 1.b

$$J_{native-softmax}(v_c, o, U) = -u_o^T v_c + log(\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)) \dots$$
 (1)

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = -\frac{\partial u_o^T v_c}{\partial u_w} + \frac{\partial log(\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)}{\partial u_w} \ \dots \ \mbox{(2)}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = -\frac{\partial u_o^T v_c}{\partial u_w} + \frac{1}{\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)} \frac{\partial (\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)}{\partial u_w} \ \dots \ \mbox{(3)}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = -\frac{\partial u_o^T v_c}{\partial u_w} + \frac{\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)}{\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)} \frac{\partial (u_w^T v_c)}{\partial u_w} \dots \tag{4}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = -\frac{\partial u_o^T v_c}{\partial u_w} + \frac{exp(u_w^T v_c)}{\sum_w exp(u_w^T v_c)} v_c$$
 ... (5)

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = -\frac{\partial u_o^T v_c}{\partial u_w} + \hat{y}_w v_c \dots (6)$$

When w = o

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = -v_c + \hat{y}_w v_c = (\hat{y}_w - 1)v_c \dots (7)$$

When w = otherwise

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial u_w} = \hat{y}_w v_c \dots$$
 (8)