

DDA3020 Assignment 3 Q2 Solution

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1 Solution

Consider $p = \text{softmax}(a)$, $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial a_j} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial a_j} \frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_k e^{a_k}} = e^{a_i} \cdot \frac{-e^{a_j}}{(\sum_k e^{a_k})^2} = -\frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_k e^{a_k}} \frac{e^{a_j}}{\sum_k e^{a_k}} = -p_i p_j \quad (i \neq j) \\ \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial a_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial a_i} \cdot \frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_k e^{a_k}} = \frac{e^{a_i} ((\sum_k e^{a_k}) - e^{a_i})}{(\sum_k e^{a_k})^2} = \frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_k e^{a_k}} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_k e^{a_k}}\right) = p_i (1 - p_i) \\ \therefore \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial a} &= -p_i p + p_i \cdot e_i \quad \therefore \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} = -pp^\top + \text{diag}(p)\end{aligned}$$

Note that $\frac{\partial p}{\partial a}$ is an n by n matrix.

Consider $L = CE(y, x)$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(-\sum_i y_i \log x_i \right) = -\text{diag}(x)^{-1} y$$

Let $p = \text{softmax}(a)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial a} &= \frac{\partial p}{\partial a} \frac{\partial L}{\partial p} \\ &= (-pp^\top + \text{diag}(p)) \cdot (-\text{diag}(p)^{-1} y) \\ &= p(1^\top y) - y \\ &= p - y\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\delta_1 = p - y$.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial L}{\partial z} &= \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \cdot \frac{\partial a}{\partial h} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial a} \\ &= \text{diag}(\mathbb{1}(z > 0)) \cdot V^\top \cdot \delta_1 \\ &= (V^\top \cdot \delta_1) \odot \mathbb{1}(z > 0)\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\delta_2 = (V^\top \delta_1) \odot \mathbb{1}(z > 0)$.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial v_i} = \frac{\partial a}{\partial v_i} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial a} = [0 \cdots 0 \ h \ 0 \cdots 0] \cdot \delta_1 = (\delta_1)_i \cdot h \quad \therefore \frac{\partial L}{\partial V} = \delta_1 h^\top$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_2} = \frac{\partial a}{\partial b_2} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial a} = I \cdot \delta_1 = \delta_1$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_i} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial w_i} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = [0 \cdots 0 \ x \ 0 \cdots 0] \cdot \delta_2 = (\delta_2)_i \cdot x \quad \therefore \frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \delta_2 x^\top$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_1} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial b_1} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial z} = I \cdot \delta_2 = \delta_2$$

2 A crash course on matrix derivative

Let $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ and other variables be independent of \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{X} .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{a}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a} \\ \frac{\partial A \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= A^\top \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b}}{\partial \mathbf{X}} &= \mathbf{a} \mathbf{b}^T \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= (A + A^T) \mathbf{x} \\ \frac{\partial \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2}{\partial \mathbf{x}} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = 2\mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

Let $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $f \circ g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\frac{\partial f \circ g(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \overbrace{\frac{\partial g(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \overbrace{\frac{\partial f(g(\mathbf{x}))}{\partial g(\mathbf{x})} \in \mathbb{R}^n} \in \mathbb{R}^m.$$