

2025-07-24 - Compare and Contrast among activation functions, loss functions, optimizers and regularization for choosing the appropriate method for the given application.

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$$\hat{y} = W \times X_i + b$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

Sigmoid (logit function)

=> Sigmoid converts linear to non-linear.

=> Logarithmic loss: BCE

$$L_{BCE}(y_i, \hat{y}_i) = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

$$\hat{y}_i \approx \sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(W \times X_i + b)}}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial L} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \cdot \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{y}_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (\hat{y}_i) + (1-y_i) \cdot \frac{1}{(1-\hat{y}_i)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (1-\hat{y}_i)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{y}_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial L} \sigma(z) + (1-y_i) \cdot \frac{1}{(1-\hat{y}_i)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (1-\sigma(z))$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{y}_i} \cdot \sigma(z) \cdot (1-\sigma(z)) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (z) - (1-y_i) \cdot$$

$$\frac{1}{1-\hat{y}_i} \cdot \sigma(z) \cdot (1-\sigma(z)) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (z)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{y}_i} \cdot (1-\hat{y}_i) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (z) - (1-y_i) \cdot \frac{1}{1-\hat{y}_i} \cdot \sigma(\hat{y}_i)$$

$$(1-\hat{y}_i) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial L} (z)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i \cdot (1-\hat{y}_i) \cdot z - (1-y_i) \cdot \hat{y}_i (z)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - y_i \cdot \hat{y}_i - \hat{y}_i + y_i \cdot \hat{y}_i) \cdot z$$

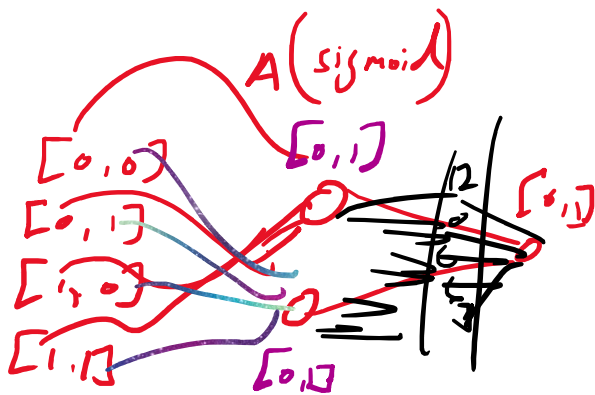
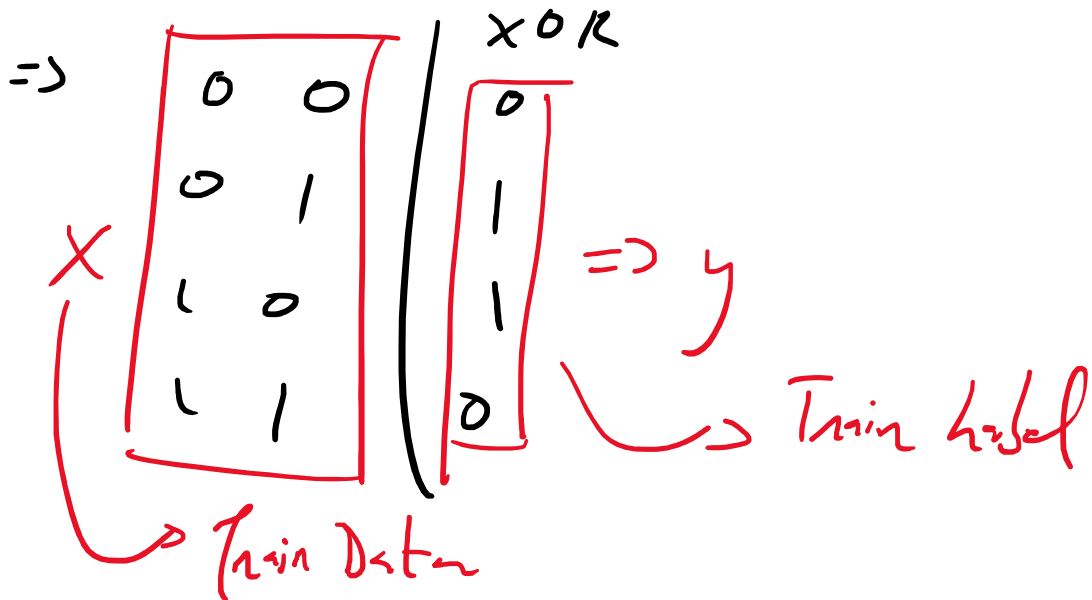
$$= -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i) \cdot z \quad \rightarrow BCE \approx L_f L_{ss}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \sigma(z) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right) \\
&= \frac{- (1+e^{-z})}{(1+e^{-z})^2} \\
&= \frac{e^{-z}}{(1+e^{-z})^2} \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} \right) \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1+e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} \right) \\
&= \sigma(z) \cdot \left(\frac{1+e^{-z}}{1+e^{-z}} - \sigma(z) \right) \\
&= \underline{\sigma(z)(1-\sigma(z))}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow W = W - \left(\alpha \times \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i) \cdot z \right)$$

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$$b = b - \left(\alpha \times \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \hat{y}_i) \right)$$



\Rightarrow Overfitting : Train Acc \uparrow Test Acc \downarrow

Sol : Train a deeper NN.

\Rightarrow Underfitting : Train Acc \downarrow Test Acc \uparrow

\Rightarrow Underfitting : $\text{train Acc} \downarrow$ $\text{test Acc} \downarrow$

Sol: Use more data & regulate the epochs.