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# 1 Question 2

## **1.1 Point** *a*

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log(a^{(3)})$$
$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log(\frac{1}{a^{(3)}})$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i^{(3)}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i^{(3)}} \log\left(\frac{1}{a^{(3)}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} a^{(3)} \left[ \frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i^{(3)}} a^{(3)}}{(a^{(3)^2})} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{a^{(3)}} \left[ -\frac{\partial}{\partial z_i^{(3)}} a^{(3)} \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} -\frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{a^{(3)}} \psi'(z_i^{(3)}) \mathbf{1}_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} -\frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{a^{(3)}} a^{(3)} (\delta_{i,y_i} - a^{(3)}) \mathbf{1}_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} (a^{(3)} - \delta_{i,y_i})$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} (\psi(z_i^{(3)} - \delta_{i,y_i})$$

where the derivative of the *softmax* function is given by:

$$\psi'(u_i) = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \frac{e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{u_i} \sum_{j=1} (e^{u_j} - e^{u_i})}{\left[\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}\right]^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}} \frac{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j} - e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}} \left(\frac{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}} - \frac{e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}}\right)$$

$$= \frac{e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}} \left(\delta_{i,j} - \frac{e^{u_i}}{\sum_{j=1} e^{u_j}}\right)$$

$$= \psi(u_i)(\delta_{i,j} - \psi(u_i))$$

### **1.1.1 Point** *b*

$$\begin{split} a^{(1)} &= x \\ z^{(2)} &= W^{(1)} \cdot a^{(1)} + b^{(1)} \\ a^{(2)} &= \phi(z^{(2)}) \\ z^{(3)} &= W^{(2)} \cdot a^{(2)} + b^{(2)} \\ a^{(3)} &= \psi(z^{(3)}) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{i,j}^{(2)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}}{\partial W_{i,j}^{(2)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} a_{1,k}^{(2)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} \left( \psi(z_{i}^{(3)}) - \delta_{i,y_{i}} \right) a_{1,k}^{(2)} \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{(2)}} &= \left[ \frac{1}{N} \left( \psi(z^{(3)}) - \delta \right)^{T} \times a^{(2)} \right]^{T} \\ \frac{\partial \tilde{J}}{\partial W^{(2)}} &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{(2)}} + 2\lambda W^{(2)} \end{split}$$

### **1.1.2** Point *c*

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial J}{\partial W_{k,j}^{(1)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}}{\partial W_{k,j}^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} W_{j,i}^{(2)} \frac{\partial a_{j}^{(2)}}{\partial W_{k,j}^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} W_{j,i}^{(2)} \phi'(z_{j}^{(2)}) \frac{\partial z_{j}^{(2)}}{\partial W_{k,j}^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} W_{j,i}^{(2)} \phi'(\sum_{k=1}^{m} W_{k,j}^{(1)} a_{1,k}^{(1)} + b_{1,k}^{1}) a_{1,k}^{(1)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} \left( \psi(z_{i}^{(3)}) - \delta_{i,y_{i}} \right) W_{j,i}^{(2)} \phi'(\sum_{k=1}^{m} W_{k,j}^{(1)} a_{1,k}^{(1)} + b_{1,k}^{1}) a_{1,k}^{(1)} \\ &= \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{(1)}} = \left[ \left[ \left( \frac{1}{N} \left( \psi(z^{(3)}) - \delta \right)^{T} \times W^{(2)} \right) \phi'(z^{(2)}) \right]^{T} \times a^{(1)} \right]^{T} \\ &= \frac{\partial \tilde{J}}{\partial W^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial W^{(1)}} + 2\lambda W^{(1)} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{1,j}^{(1)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}}{\partial b_{1,j}^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} W_{j,i}^{(2)} \frac{\partial a_{j}^{(2)}}{\partial b_{1,j}^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} W_{j,i}^{(2)} \phi'(z_{j}^{(2)}) \frac{\partial z_{j}^{(2)}}{\partial b_{1,j}^{(1)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} W_{j,i}^{(2)} \phi'(\sum_{k=1}^{m} W_{k,j}^{(1)} a_{1,k}^{(1)} + b_{1,k}^{1}) \mathbf{1}_{j} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} (\psi(z_{i}^{(3)}) - \delta_{i,y_{i}}) W_{j,i}^{(2)} \phi'(\sum_{k=1}^{m} W_{k,j}^{(1)} a_{1,k}^{(1)} + b_{1,k}^{1}) \mathbf{1}_{j} \\ &\frac{\partial J}{\partial b^{(1)}} = \left[ \left( \frac{1}{N} (\psi(z^{(3)}) - \delta)^{T} \times W^{(2)} \right) \phi'(z^{(2)}) \right]^{T} \\ &\frac{\partial \tilde{J}}{\partial b^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial b^{(1)}} \\ &\frac{\partial J}{\partial b_{1,i}^{(2)}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial J}{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}} \frac{\partial z_{i}^{(3)}}{\partial b_{1,i}^{(2)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} (\psi(z_{i}^{(3)}) - \delta_{i,y_{i}}) \mathbf{1}_{i} \\ &\frac{\partial J}{\partial b^{(2)}} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} (\psi(z_{i}^{(3)}) - \delta_{i,y_{i}}) \\ &\frac{\partial \tilde{J}}{\partial b^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial b^{(2)}} \end{split}$$

# 2 Question 3

### **2.1** Point *b*

By doing a random search repeated 100 times on the hyperparameters with discrete uniform distributions over the following supports:

Parameter	Range tested	Optimal value
hidden size	[90, 150]	135
learning rate	[3.5e - 3, 5e - 3]	0.004786
learning rate decay	$\{0.98, 0.99\}$	0.99
regularization strength	[1e-5, 2e-3]	0.001847
epochs	[700, 1300]	1100
regularization strength	[15000, 25000]	22000

The model with optimal values achieves 0.513 of accuracy on the validation set and 0.512 than on the test set.

Furthermore, PCA was fit on the train and applied on the dataset, in order to reduce the dimensions to 1200, and so speed up the computations and get rid of some noise; on the other hand, for speedup convergence was used a momentum gradient descent with a strength of the previous iteration gradient of 20

# 3 Question 4

### **3.1** Point *c*

We've tried several models with different numbers of hidden layers  $|l| \in [2, 10]$ , and different numbers of neurons in each layer (using a discrete uniform [20, 100]); among all the possible combinations we've took just 3 for each number of layers, in a random search fashion.

We'll use  $a_m$  to denote the maximum accuracy obtained during the evaluation of a particular model m.

Besides the different number of hidden layers and neurons there are two main variations with respect to the model presented, corresponding to two new layers: a batch normalization layer at the beginning of the chain which improves  $a_m$  from 1 to 3 percentage points and dropout, which drops  $a_m$  by 2 to 4 points and as such it was discarded.

We can empirically see that  $a_m$  drastically drops to even 9% when l rise above 3.

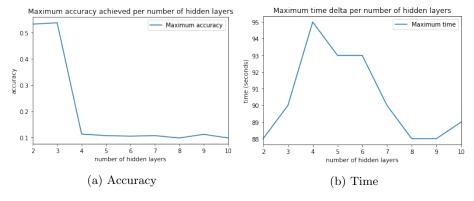


Figure 1: Charts for the PyTorch model