

Solution to cs224 assignment2(written)

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1 Notations

1. d : Vector dimension
2. n : Vocabulary size
3. $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$: The columns of \mathbf{U} are all the 'outside' vectors $\mathbf{u}_w \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}$
4. $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$: The columns of \mathbf{V} are all the 'center' vector $\mathbf{v}_w \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times 1}$
5. $\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}$: The true and predicted distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z} &= \mathbf{U}^T \mathbf{v}_c \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} &= \text{softmax}(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1} \\ J_{naive_softmax} &= CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}) \\ \delta &= \frac{\partial J_{naive_softmax}}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

2 Answers

1. Answer to 1-(b)

$$\frac{\partial J_{naive_softmax}}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} = (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{U}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}\tag{2}$$

2. Answer to 1-(c)

$$\frac{\partial J_{naive_softmax}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = \delta \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = (\delta^T \mathbf{v}_c^T)^T = \mathbf{v}_c \delta = \mathbf{v}_c (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}\tag{3}$$

3. Answer to 1-(d)

$$\sigma'(\mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{x}) \circ (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{x}))\tag{4}$$

4. Answer to 1-(e)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J_{neg_sample}}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} &= - \frac{\sigma'(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)} \frac{\partial(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} - \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\sigma'(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)}{\sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)} \frac{\partial(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} \\ &= - (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{u}_o^T + \sum_{k=1}^K (1 - \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{u}_k^T\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

$$\frac{\partial J_{neg_sample}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} = -(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^\top \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{v}_c^\top \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial J_{neg_sample}}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k} = (1 - \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^\top \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{v}_c^\top \quad (7)$$

Computing of $J_{naive_softmax}$ needs the inner product between \mathbf{v}_c and all n vocabulary vectors, while J_{neg_sample} only $k + 1$ vectors.

5. Answer to 1-(f)

$$\frac{\partial J_{skip_gram}(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t-m}, \dots, w_{t+m}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = \sum_{-m \leq j \leq m, j \neq 0} \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t+j}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \quad (8)$$

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$$\frac{\partial J_{skip_gram}(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t-m}, \dots, w_{t+m}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{v}_w} = 0 \quad \text{when } w \neq c \quad (10)$$