

Backprop through Softmax based on input $\frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{[L]}}$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial a_k^{[L]}} = -\frac{1}{a_k^{[L]}} \delta_{k,y}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^{[L]}} = \sum_k \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_k^{[L]}} \left(\frac{\partial a_k^{[L]}}{\partial z_j^{[L]}} \right), \quad a_k^{[L]} = \frac{e^{z_k^{[L]}}}{\sum_i e^{z_i^{[L]}}}$$

$$\left[\frac{\partial a_k^{[L]}}{\partial z_j^{[L]}} = a_k^{[L]} \delta_{kj} - a_k^{[L]} a_j^{[L]} = a_k^{[L]} (\delta_{kj} - a_j^{[L]}) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^{[L]}} &= \sum_k a_k^{[L]} (\delta_{kj} - a_j^{[L]}) \frac{1}{a_k^{[L]}} \delta_{k,y} = -(\delta_{j,y} - a_j^{[L]}) \\ &= (a_j^{[L]} - \delta_{j,y}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^{[L]}} &= \sum_k (a_k^{[L]} \delta_{kj} - a_k^{[L]} a_j^{[L]}) \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_k^{[L]}} \\ &= a_j^{[L]} \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_j^{[L]}} - \sum_k (a_k^{[L]} \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_k^{[L]}}) a_j^{[L]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_j^{[L]}} = a_j^{[L]} * \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_j^{[L]}} - \left(a^{[L]} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{[L]}} \right) a_j^{[L]}}$$

multiply
elementwise

sum over
the units n
layer, not
over samples
& minibatches

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{[L]}}, a^{[L]} \sim (n, m)$$

$$a^{[L]} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{[L]}} \sim (1, m)$$

$$\left(\text{sum} \left(a^{[L]} * \frac{\partial L}{\partial a^{[L]}} \right), \text{axis} = 0 \right)$$