

# LING 575K HW2

Due 11PM on Apr 15, 2021

In this assignment, you will answer some written questions about and then implement word2vec; in particular, the method *skip-gram with negative sampling (SGNS)*. By doing so you will:

- Count parameters
- Take derivatives of a loss
- Translate mathematics into implemented code
- Train your own set of word vectors and briefly analyze them

## 1 Understanding Word2Vec

**Q1: Parameters** How many parameters are there in the SGNS model? Write your answer in terms of  $V$  (the vocabulary) and  $d_e$ , the embedding dimension. [Hint: one parameter is *a single real number*.]

**Q2: Sigmoid** Sigmoid is the logistic curve  $\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$ .

- What is the range of  $\sigma(x)$ ?
- How is it used in the SGNS model?
- Compute  $\frac{d\sigma}{dx}$ ; show your work. [Hint: write your final answer in terms of  $\sigma(x)$ .]

**Q3: Loss function**

## 2 Implementing Word2Vec

**Q1:**

### Submission Instructions

In your submission, include the following:

- `readme.(txt|pdf)` that includes your answers to §1.
- `hw2.tar.gz` containing:

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