



Calculation of the derivative of the sigmoid function

Recall that the sigmoid function has a beautiful derivative, which we can see in the following calculation. This will make our backpropagation step much cleaner.

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma'(x) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-x}}{(1+e^{-x})^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \cdot \frac{e^{-x}}{1+e^{-x}} \\ &= \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))\end{aligned}$$

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