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## Homework 2

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## 1 Problem 1

We have a softplus function,

$$f(z) = \log(1 + e^z) \quad (1)$$

Taking first derivative of the function:

$$f'(z) = \frac{1}{(1 + e^z)} e^z \quad (2)$$

multiplying and dividing by  $e^{-z}$ ,

$$f'(z) = \frac{e^z \cdot e^{-z}}{(1 \cdot e^{-z} + e^z \cdot e^{-z})} = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})} \quad (3)$$

Now taking second derivative of softplus function,

$$f''(z) = \frac{(1 + e^{-z}) \cdot 0 + e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} \quad (4)$$

$$f''(z) = \frac{e^{-z}}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} \quad (5)$$

From eq. (5), numerator is always positive because exponential is a positive number and any power to a positive number is always a positive number. The denominator is always positive because it is squared. Therefore we can say that second derivative of a softplus function is always positive for every value of z. This implies that a softplus function is convex in z.

## 2 Problem 2

We have a vector  $z = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n]^T$  and  $p = [p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n]^T$ , where p is output after z is applied to a softmax function.

$$p_i = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}} \quad (6)$$

The jacobian matrix will have two types of elements diagonal and off-diagonal, we will calculate both and then generalize the result for all elements.

**Diagonal row elements ( $i=j$ ):**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_i} &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j} \cdot e^{z_i} - e^{z_i} \cdot e^{z_i}}{(\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j})^2} \\ \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_i} &= \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}} - \left( \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}} \right)^2 \\ \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_i} &= p_i - p_i^2 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

off-diagonal row elements ( $i \neq j$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j} &= \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j} \cdot 0 - e^{z_i} \cdot e^{z_j}}{(\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j})^2} \\ \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j} &= -\frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}} \times \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^n e^{z_j}} \\ \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j} &= -p_i p_j\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

The Jacobian matrix is given by

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial z_0} & \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial p_0}{\partial z_n} \\ \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial z_0} & \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial p_1}{\partial z_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial p_n}{\partial z_0} & \frac{\partial p_n}{\partial z_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial p_n}{\partial z_n} \end{bmatrix}\tag{9}$$

using eq. (7) and eq. (8), we get

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} = \begin{bmatrix} p_0 - p_0^2 & -p_0 p_1 & \cdots & -p_0 p_n \\ -p_1 p_0 & p_1 - p_1^2 & \cdots & -p_1 p_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -p_n p_0 & -p_n p_1 & \cdots & p_n - p_n^2 \end{bmatrix}\tag{10}$$

### 3 Problem 3

We have  $y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]^T$ , a correct probability vector. And the cross entropy is given by

$$J(z) = -\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log p_i\tag{11}$$

eq. (11) is a dot product or element-wise product of  $y_i$  and  $\log p_i$ . Taking derivative of eq. (11) w.r.t.  $p_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial p_i} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial p_i} y_i \log p_i = -y_i \frac{\partial \log p_i}{\partial p_i} \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial p_i} &= -\frac{y_i}{p_i}\end{aligned}\tag{12}$$

Also from eqs. (7) and (8) we know  $\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_j} = \begin{cases} p_i - p_i^2 & i = j \\ -p_i p_j & i \neq j \end{cases}\tag{13}$$

from eqs. (12) and (13), we can find  $\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial J}{\partial z_i} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial J}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial p_j}{\partial z_i} \\
&= \frac{\partial J}{\partial p_i} \frac{\partial p_i}{\partial z_i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{\partial J}{\partial p_j} \frac{\partial p_j}{\partial z_i} \\
&= -\frac{y_i}{p_i} (p_i - p_i^2) + \sum_{i \neq j} \left( -\frac{y_j}{p_j} \right) (-p_i p_j) \\
&= -y_i (1 - p_i) + \sum_{i \neq j} y_j p_i \\
&= -y_i + y_i p_i + p_i \sum_j y_j \\
&= p_i \left( y_i + \sum_j y_j \right) - y_i \\
&= p_i - y_i
\end{aligned}$$

Because  $y$  is one hot encoded and  $\sum_j y_j = 1$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial z} = \begin{bmatrix} p_0 - y_0 \\ p_1 - y_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_n - y_n \end{bmatrix} \tag{14}$$

## 4 Problem 4

We have

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{15}$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{16}$$

$$z = \mathbf{Wx} + \mathbf{b} \tag{17}$$

### 4.1 1st Iteration:

$$\begin{aligned}
z &= \mathbf{Wx} + \mathbf{b} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} [1 \quad 1]
\end{aligned}$$