

# UNDERSTANDING WORD2VEC

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- (1) For some given  $o, c$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y} &= [0, \dots, 1 \text{ (c-th position)}, \dots, 0] \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}} &= [P(O = 1|C = c), P(O = 2|C = c), \dots] \\ J_{\text{naitve-softmax}}(v_c, o, U) &= -\log P(O = o|C = c) \\ &= -\log \hat{y}_o = - \sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} y_w \log \hat{y}_w\end{aligned}$$

- (2) Let  $D$  be the dimension of word vector,  $W$  be the number of words in vocabulary. Then, shape of  $\mathbf{v}_c$  is  $[D, 1]$ ,  $\mathbf{U}$  is  $[W, D]$ ,  $\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is  $[W, 1]$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} -\log P(O = o|C = c) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} \left( -\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c + \log \sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp \mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c \right) \\ &= -\mathbf{u}_o + \frac{\sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c) \cdot \mathbf{u}_w}{\sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp \mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c} \\ &= -\mathbf{u}_o + \sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} P(O = w|C = c) \cdot \mathbf{u}_w \\ &= -U^T \mathbf{y} + U^T \hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &= U^T (\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y})\end{aligned}$$

$U^T \hat{\mathbf{y}}$  has  $[D, 1]$  shape because  $U^T$  has  $[D, W]$  shape, and  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  has  $[W, 1]$  shape.

- (3)

- (a) If  $w = o$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} -\log P(O = o|C = c) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} \left( -\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c + \log \sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp \mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c \right) \\ &= -\mathbf{v}_c + \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c) \mathbf{v}_c}{\sum_{w \in \text{Vocab}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c) \cdot \mathbf{v}_c} \\ &= (P(O = o|C = c) - 1) \mathbf{v}_c \\ &= (\hat{y}_o - 1) \mathbf{v}_c\end{aligned}$$

(b) If  $w \neq o$  then,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_w} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_w} - \log P(O = o | C = c) \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_w} \left( -\mathbf{u}_0^T \mathbf{v}_c + \log \sum_{w' \in \text{Vocab}} \exp \mathbf{u}_{w'}^T \mathbf{v}_c \right) \\
&= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{u}_w^T \mathbf{v}_c) \mathbf{v}_c}{\sum_{w' \in \text{Vocab}} \exp(\mathbf{u}_{w'}^T \mathbf{v}_c) \cdot \mathbf{v}_c} \\
&= P(O = w | C = c) \mathbf{v}_c \\
&= \hat{y}_w \mathbf{v}_c
\end{aligned}$$

(4) Noted: We have defined the length of Vocabulary as  $W$ .

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial J}{\partial \mathbf{u}_W} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \mathbf{v}_c^T \\ \vdots \\ (\hat{y}_o - 1) \mathbf{v}_c^T \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_W \mathbf{v}_c^T \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{y}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_o - 1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{y}_W \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_c^T$$

(5) Differentiate the sigmoid function.

$$\frac{d\sigma(x)}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \frac{e^{-x}}{1 + e^{-x}} = \sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x))$$

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(a) Repeat (2). Differentiate  $J$  with respect to  $\mathbf{v}_c$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} J &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} \log(\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)) - \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} \log(\sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \\
&= -(1 - \sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{u}_o - \sum_{k=1}^K (1 - \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) (-\mathbf{u}_k) \\
&= (\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c) - 1) \mathbf{u}_o + \sum_{k=1}^K (1 - \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{u}_k
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Repeat (3). Differentiate  $J$  with respect to  $\mathbf{u}_o$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} J &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} \log(\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \\
&= -\frac{1}{\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c) \\
&= -\frac{1}{\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)} \sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c) (1 - \sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_o} \mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c \\
&= (\sigma(\mathbf{u}_o^T \mathbf{v}_c) - 1) \mathbf{v}_c
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Repeat (3). Differentiate  $J$  with respect to  $\mathbf{u}_k$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k} J &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k} \log(\sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \\
&= (1 - \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{v}_c
\end{aligned}$$

The reason is that it takes  $O(W^2)$  times to calculate  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}, \mathbf{y}$ . Therefore, it takes quadratic time to compute the native-softmax loss. On the other hand, it takes  $O(k)$  times to compute the Negative Sampling loss.

- (7) Repeat the previous exercise without the distinct sampling assumption. As you can see, calculating the derivative with respect to  $\mathbf{v}_c, \mathbf{u}_o$  does not use the assumption. Therefore, these derivatives are the same as the previous ones.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{u}_k} J = - \sum_{w_k = w_{k'}} \log(\sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) = (1 - \sigma(-\mathbf{u}_k^T \mathbf{v}_c)) \mathbf{v}_c \times \sum_{k'=1}^K [w_k = w_{k'}]$$

, where [true] = 1, [false] = 0.

(8)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J_{\text{skip-gram}}(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t-m}, \dots, w_{t+m}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{U}} &= \sum_{-m \leq j \leq m, j \neq 0} \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t+j}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{U}} \\ \frac{\partial J_{\text{skip-gram}}(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t-m}, \dots, w_{t+m}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} &= \sum_{-m \leq j \leq m, j \neq 0} \frac{\partial J(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t+j}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{v}_c} \\ \frac{\partial J_{\text{skip-gram}}(\mathbf{v}_c, w_{t-m}, \dots, w_{t+m}, \mathbf{U})}{\partial \mathbf{v}_w} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$