

Written assignment

1. Read [Deep Learning: An Introduction for Applied Mathematicians](#). Consider a network as defined in (3.1) and (3.2). Assume that $n_L = 1$, find an algorithm to calculate $\nabla a^{[L]}(x)$.
2. There are unanswered questions during the lecture, and there are likely more questions we haven't covered. Take a moment to think about them and write them down here.

1. Suppose that the network has L layers.

Suppose that layer l , for $l = 1, \dots, L$, contains n_l neurons, the network maps from $\mathbb{R}^{n_1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_L}$.

Let $W^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l \times n_{l-1}}$ to denote the matrix of weights at layer l .

Let $b^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l}$ is the vector of biases for layer l .

Def (3.1) & (3.2) given that :

$$(3.1): a^{[1]} = x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$$

$$(3.2): a^{[l]} = \sigma(W^{[l]} a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l} \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, L$$

(5.2) defined $z^{[l]} = W^{[l]} a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]}$, so (3.2) can be written as $a^{[l]} = \sigma(z^{[l]})$ for $l = 2, \dots, L$.

Also, we let $D^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l \times n_l}$ denote the diagonal matrix with (i, i) entry given by $\sigma'(z_i^{[l]})$.

i.e. $D^{[l]} = \text{diag}(\sigma'(z^{[l]}))$ to avoid the Hadamard product.

$$\text{By Chain rule, we have } \nabla a^{[1]}(x) = \frac{\partial a^{[1]}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial a^{[1]}}{\partial a^{[1]}} = \frac{\partial a^{[1]}}{\partial a^{[1-1]}} \cdot \frac{\partial a^{[1-1]}}{\partial a^{[1-2]}} \cdots \frac{\partial a^{[2]}}{\partial a^{[1]}} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{\partial a^{[l]}}{\partial a^{[l-1]}} = \frac{\partial \sigma(z^{[l]})}{\partial z^{[l]}} \cdot \frac{\partial z^{[l]}}{\partial a^{[l-1]}} = \frac{\partial \sigma(z^{[l]})}{\partial z^{[l]}} \cdot \frac{\partial (W^{[l]} a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]})}{\partial a^{[l-1]}} = D^{[l]} W^{[l]} \text{ for } l = 2, \dots, L \quad \text{--- ②}$$

By ① and ②, we have

$$\nabla a^{[1]}(x) = (D^{[L]} W^{[L]})_{n_L \times n_{L-1}} (D^{[L-1]} W^{[L-1]})_{n_{L-1} \times n_{L-2}} \cdots (D^{[2]} W^{[2]})_{n_2 \times n_1}$$

Since $n_L = 1$, $\nabla a^{[1]}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n_1}$.

The pseudocode for this algorithm:

Input: network weights $\{W^{[l]}, b^{[l]}\}_{l=2}^L$, $\sigma(x)$ and $\sigma'(x)$, input $x = a^{[1]}$		
Output: $\text{grad}_x = \nabla a^{[1]}(x)$		
# Step 1: Forward pass (calculate and store $z^{[l]}$ and $a^{[l]}$)		
$a^{[1]} = x$		
for $l = 2$ to L		
$z^{[l]} = W^{[l]} @ a^{[l-1]} + b^{[l]}$	# $z^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l}$	# @: 矩阵乘法
$a^{[l]} = \sigma(z^{[l]})$	# $a^{[l]} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_l}$	
Store $z^{[l]}$ and $a^{[l]}$		
# Step 2: Backward pass		
$D^{[L]} = \sigma'(z^{[L]})$	# scalar, since $n_L = 1$	
$G = D^{[L]} @ W^{[L]}$	# $G \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n_{L-1}}$	
for $l = L-1$ down to 2		
$D^{[l]} = \text{diag}(\sigma'(z^{[l]}))$		
$G = G @ (D^{[l]} @ W^{[l]})$		
# Result		
$\text{grad}_x = G$		
return grad_x # grad_x is $\nabla a^{[1]}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n_1}$		

2. 我們課堂中所舉例的神經網路模型都是比較小的數字，像是4層、5層而已，那如果太多層會發生什麼事？有辦法找到“最佳層數”嗎？