

Exercise 2: Math Background (Solution)

Exercise 1.1

- a) $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$, $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times N}$, $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 1}$.
- b) $f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N x_i x_j M_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \sum_{j=1}^N x_j M_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{x})_i = \mathbf{x}^\top \mathbf{M} \mathbf{x}$.
- c) Proof: Consider $\|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2 &= \langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 - 2\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{v}$.

Exercise 1.2

- a) By definition of the gradient, we need to determine $\nabla_x f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix}$. For $1 \leq k \leq n$, we

have

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (b_i x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{ik} b_i = b_k.$$

The Kronecker delta is defined as follows: $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j, \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j. \end{cases}$

$$\text{Hence, we obtain } \nabla_x f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

- b) Similar to the first part, we obtain $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_i x_j$ and the partial derivative of the

variable x_k with $1 \leq k \leq n$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_k} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij} x_i x_j \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (A_{ij} x_i x_j) \\
&= \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (x_k A_{kj} x_j) + \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (A_{ik} x_i x_k) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} (A_{kk} x_k^2) \\
&= \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^n A_{kj} x_j + \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^n A_{ik} x_i + 2A_{kk} x_k \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n A_{kj} x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n A_{ik} x_i \\
&\stackrel{A \in \mathbb{S}^n}{=} 2 \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n A_{kj} x_j \\
&= 2 \cdot (Ax)_k.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we obtain $\nabla_x f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \cdot (Ax)_1 \\ 2 \cdot (Ax)_2 \\ \vdots \\ 2 \cdot (Ax)_n \end{pmatrix} = 2Ax.$

c) Let us first rewrite the expression:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \|Ax - b\|_2^2 \\
&= (Ax - b)^\top (Ax - b) \\
&= ((Ax)^\top - b^\top)(Ax - b) \\
&= (x^\top A^\top - b^\top)(Ax - b) \\
&= x^\top A^\top Ax - x^\top A^\top b - b^\top Ax + b^\top b \\
&= x^\top A^\top Ax - 2x^\top A^\top b + b^\top b.
\end{aligned}$$

Using part (a) and (b), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\nabla_x f(x) &= \nabla_x (x^\top A^\top Ax - 2x^\top A^\top b + b^\top b) = \nabla_x x^\top A^\top Ax - \nabla_x 2x^\top A^\top b + 0 \\
&= 2A^\top Ax - 2A^\top b
\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.3

a) The derivatives are:

$$\bullet f_1'(x) = \left[(x^3 + x + 1)^2 \right]' = 2(x^3 + x + 1)(x^3 + x + 1)' = 2(x^3 + x + 1)(3x^2 + 1)$$

- $f'_2(x) = \left[\frac{e^{2x}-1}{e^{2x}+1} \right]' = \frac{(e^{2x}-1)'(e^{2x}+1) - (e^{2x}-1)(e^{2x}+1)'}{(e^{2x}+1)^2} = \frac{2e^{2x}(e^{2x}+1) - (e^{2x}-1)2e^{2x}}{(e^{2x}+1)^2} = \frac{4e^{2x}}{(e^{2x}+1)^2}$
- $f'_3(x) = \left[(1-x) \log(1-x) \right]' = -\log(1-x) - 1$

b) The gradients are:

- $\nabla f_4 = (x_1, x_2)^\top = \mathbf{x}$
- $\nabla f_5 = \frac{1}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x_1, x_2)^\top = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}$

c) The Jacobians are:

- $J_{f_6} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\varphi) & -r \sin(\varphi) \\ \sin(\varphi) & r \cos(\varphi) \end{bmatrix}$
- $J_{f_7} = \begin{bmatrix} -r \sin(t) \\ r \cos(t) \end{bmatrix}$

d) The divergences are:

- $\operatorname{div} f_8 = 0$
- $\operatorname{div} f_9 = 2$

Exercise 1.4

When deriving $\sigma(z)$ with respect to z , there are $n \times n$ partial derivatives but we notice that they reduce to only two distinct kinds:

- $\sigma(z)_i$ w.r.t z_i . For example, deriving $\frac{e^{z_1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}}$ w.r.t z_1 . (z_1 appears both in the nominator and in the denominator)
- $\sigma(z)_i$ w.r.t $z_j, i \neq j$. For example, deriving $\frac{e^{z_1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}}$ w.r.t z_2 (z_2 appears only in the denominator).

We first derive the first kind:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_1}{\partial z_1} &= \partial \left(\frac{e^{z_1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}} \right) / \partial z_1 = \frac{e^{z_1} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k} - e^{z_1} \cdot e^{z_1}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}) (\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} = \frac{e^{z_1} (\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k} - e^{z_1})}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}) (\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} = \\ &= \frac{e^{z_1}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k} - e^{z_1}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} = \hat{y}_1 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{e^{z_1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}} \right) = \hat{y}_1 \cdot (1 - \hat{y}_1). \end{aligned}$$

In the last and second to last equality, we used a trick, or the observation, that we can express these terms in means of \hat{y} . In a similar fashion, we derive the second kind:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_1}{\partial z_2} = \partial \left(\frac{e^{z_1}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}} \right) / \partial z_2 = \frac{0 \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k} - e^{z_2} \cdot e^{z_1}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k}) (\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} = -\frac{e^{z_2}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} \cdot \frac{e^{z_1}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{z_k})} = -\hat{y}_1 \hat{y}_2.$$

In conclusion, the partial derivatives of the softmax layer $\hat{y} = \sigma(z)$ with respect to its input z are given by:

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_i}{\partial z_j} = \begin{cases} \hat{y}_i \cdot (1 - \hat{y}_i) & i = j \\ -\hat{y}_i \hat{y}_j & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

Exercise 1.5

a) We use the definition of the variance, namely

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 \quad (1)$$

and equivalently,

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \text{Var}(X) + \mathbb{E}[X]^2. \quad (2)$$

Since $X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, we are given that $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$. With these observations, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(XY) &\stackrel{(1)}{=} \mathbb{E}[X^2 Y^2] - \mathbb{E}[XY]^2 \\ &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \mathbb{E}[X^2] \mathbb{E}[Y^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 \mathbb{E}[Y]^2 \\ &\stackrel{(2)}{=} (\text{Var}(X) + \mathbb{E}[X]^2)(\text{Var}(Y) + \mathbb{E}[Y]^2) - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 \mathbb{E}[Y]^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(X) \text{Var}(Y) + \underbrace{\text{Var}(X) \mathbb{E}[Y]^2}_{=0} + \underbrace{\text{Var}(Y) \mathbb{E}[X]^2}_{=0} \\ &= \text{Var}(X) \text{Var}(Y) \end{aligned}$$

(*) X, Y are independent

b) We use the properties of the expectation and the variance of a random variable. For the mean of Z , we observe:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Z] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \mathbb{E}[X - \mu] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot (\mathbb{E}[X] - \mathbb{E}[\mu]) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot (\mu - \mu) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For the variance, we observe:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Var}(Z) &= \operatorname{Var}\left[\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \operatorname{Var}[X - \mu] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \operatorname{Var}[X] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \sigma^2 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

In summary, we conclude that $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.