

Backpropagation - A Perspective of Matrix Calculus

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Motivation

Example: $L(W^1, \dots, W^h, \dots, W^H)$ is a categorical cross-entropy loss function of a Fully Connected Neural Network. $W^h \in \mathbb{R}^{D_h \times D_{h-1}}$ is the weight parameter matrix in the h^{th} layer.

- How to represent the backpropagation process in a closed-matrix form when we do $\min_{\{W^i\}_{i=1}^H} L(\cdot)$?

Background – Numerical Optimization

$$\min_{\vec{x}} f(\vec{x}), \quad \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^D \quad \text{and} \quad f(\vec{x}) \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (1)$$

solved by:

$$\vec{x}_{t+1} := \vec{x}_t + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t \quad (2)$$

where $\|\vec{d}\|_2 = 1$ and α_t is the step size at \vec{x}_t .

How to decide \vec{d}_t and α_t ?

Background – Intuition Behind Gradient Descent

$$\min_{\vec{d}_t, \alpha_t} f(\vec{x}_t + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\vec{d}_t\|_2^2 = 1.$$

■ $f(\vec{x}_t + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t) = f(\vec{x}_t) + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t^T \nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x}) + o(\alpha_t)$

■ Gradient Descent $f(\vec{x}_t + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t) \approx f(\vec{x}_t) + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t^T \nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x})$

■

$$\vec{d}_t^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\vec{d}_t} f(\vec{x}_t) + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t^T \nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|\vec{d}_t\|_2^2 = 1 \quad (3)$$

■

$$\alpha_t^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\alpha_t} f(\vec{x}_t + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t^*) \quad (4)$$

Background – Intuition Behind Gradient Descent

- α_t^* : Line Search Methods.
- \vec{d}_t^* : Lagrange Multiplier Method.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vec{d}_t^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\vec{d}_t} L(\vec{d}_t, \lambda_t) \\
 &:= f(\vec{x}_t) + \alpha_t \vec{d}_t^T \nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x}) + \lambda_t (\|\vec{d}_t\|_2^2 - 1) \\
 &= - \frac{\nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x})}{\|\nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x})\|_2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Background – Gradient Descent Algorithm

Step 1: initialize \vec{x}_0 ;

Step 2: calculate $\vec{d}_t^* = -\frac{\nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x})}{\|\nabla_{\vec{x}_t} f(\vec{x})\|_2}$;

Step 3: calculate α_t^* using line search or set $\alpha_t^* = 0.0001$;

Step 4: $\vec{x}_{t+1} := \vec{x}_t - \alpha_t^* \vec{d}_t^*$;

Step 5: repeat Step 2, 3, and 4 to approximate \vec{x}^* .

Backpropagation is applied to compute $\nabla_{\vec{x}} f(\vec{x})$ in machine learning especially when $f(\cdot)$ is complex.

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Gradient Computation - Example

Example 1-1

$f(\vec{x}, A, \vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{y}$ where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, and $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$. How to derive gradients $\nabla_{\vec{x}} f(\cdot)$, $\nabla_{\vec{y}} f(\cdot)$, and $\nabla_A f(\cdot)$ in closed forms?

1. Intuitively, $\nabla_{\vec{x}} f(\cdot) = A \vec{y}$ and $\nabla_{\vec{y}} f(\cdot) = A^T \vec{x}$, but why and how?
2. How to derive $\nabla_A f(\cdot)$ systematically rather than intuitively?
3. If $\vec{y} = \sigma \odot (B^{-1} \vec{z} + \vec{b})$ where $B^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is the inverse of B , $\vec{z}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, and $\sigma \odot (\vec{y}) := [\sigma(y_0), \sigma(y_1), \dots, \sigma(y_N)]^T$ is an element-wise Sigmoid function with $\sigma(y_i) := \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-y_i)}$, how to derive $\nabla_B f(\cdot)$?

Definition of Gradient

Suppose $f_1(x) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f_2(\vec{x}) : \mathbb{R}^D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and $f_3(X) : \mathbb{R}^{M \times N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\vec{x} := [x_1, \dots, x_D]^T \in \mathbb{R}^D$, and $X := [X_{ij}] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$.

Definition (1-1)

The derivative of $f_1(x)$ w.r.t. x is defined as $f'_1(x) = \frac{\partial f_1(x)}{\partial x} := \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_1(x + \Delta x) - f_1(x)}{\Delta x}$.

The gradient of $f_2(\vec{x})$ w.r.t. \vec{x} is defined as $\nabla_{\vec{x}} f_2(\cdot) = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \vec{x}} := [\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_D}]^T \in \mathbb{R}^D$

The gradient of $f_3(X)$ w.r.t. X is defined as $\nabla_X f_3(\cdot) = \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial X} := [\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial X_{ij}}] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

where $\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial X_{ij}}$ is the partial derivative of f_3 w.r.t. the matrix entry X_{ij} defined as $\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial X_{ij}} := \lim_{\Delta X_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_3(X_{ij} + \Delta X_{ij}) - f_3(X_{ij})}{\Delta X_{ij}}$.

Differential

Differential is used to derive the gradient of a function w.r.t. a vector or a matrix in a closed-matrix form .

Definition (1-2)

$$\partial f_1 := f'_1(x) \partial x$$

$$\partial f_2 := \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_i} \partial x_i = \left(\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial \vec{x}} \right)^T \partial \vec{x}$$

$$\partial f_3 := \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial X_{ij}} \partial X_{ij} = \text{Tr} \left(\frac{\partial f_3}{\partial X}^T \partial X \right)$$

where $\text{Tr}()$ represents the trace operation defined as

$$\text{Tr}(A) := \sum_{i=1}^N A_{ii} \text{ where } A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

→ the laws of matrix differential operations and properties of trace help!

Laws of Matrix Differential

Theorem (1-1)

Assume $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $C \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$, and $D \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ is invertible.
 $|D|$ is the determinant and D^* is the adjugate matrix.

1. $\partial(A \pm B) = \partial A \pm \partial B$
2. $\partial(AC) = (\partial A)C + A(\partial C)$
3. $\partial(A^T) = (\partial A)^T$
4. $\partial \text{Tr}(D) = \text{Tr}(\partial D)$
5. $\partial D^{-1} = -D^{-1}(\partial D)D^{-1}$
6. $\partial |D| = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(D^* \partial D) = \frac{1}{N} |D| \text{Tr}(D^{-1} \partial D)$
7. $\partial(A \odot B) = (\partial A) \odot B + A \odot \partial B$
8. $\partial f \odot (A) = f'(A) \odot \partial A$ where $f'(A) := [\frac{\partial f}{\partial A_{ij}}] \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$

Properties of Trace

Theorem (1-2)

Assume $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is a real number, matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, and $C, D, F \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$.

1. $a = \text{Tr}(a)$
2. $\text{Tr}(A^T) = \text{Tr}(A)$
3. $\text{Tr}(A \pm B) = \text{Tr}(A) \pm \text{Tr}(B)$
4. $\text{Tr}(CD^T) = \text{Tr}(D^TC)$
5. $\text{Tr}(C^T(D \odot F)) = \text{Tr}((C \odot D)^TF)$

With the laws of matrix differential and trace properties, we can derive some closed-matrix form gradients for some functions.

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Simple Example

Example 2-1-1

$f(\vec{x}, A, \vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{y}$ where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, and $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$. Derive $\nabla_{\vec{x}} f(\cdot)$ in its closed-matrix form.

Solution:

1. $\partial f = (\partial \vec{x}^T) A \vec{y} + \vec{x}^T \partial (A \vec{y}) = (\partial \vec{x}^T) A \vec{y}$
2. $\text{Tr}(\partial f) = \text{Tr}((\partial \vec{x}^T) A \vec{y}) = \text{Tr}(\vec{y} A^T \partial \vec{x}) = \text{Tr}((A \vec{y})^T \partial \vec{x})$
3. $\partial f = \text{Tr}((A \vec{y})^T \partial \vec{x})$
4. So, $\nabla_{\vec{x}} f(\cdot) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{x}} = A \vec{y}$ compared with Definition 2.

Simple Example

Example 2-1-2

$f(\vec{x}, A, \vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{y}$ where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, and $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$. Derive $\nabla_{\vec{y}} f(\cdot)$ in its closed-matrix form.

Solution:

1. $\partial f = (\partial \vec{x}^T A) \vec{y} + \vec{x}^T A \partial(\vec{y}) = (\vec{x}^T A) \partial \vec{y}$
2. $\text{Tr}(\partial f) = \text{Tr}((\vec{x}^T A) \partial \vec{y}) = \text{Tr}((A^T \vec{x})^T \partial \vec{y})$
3. $\partial f = \text{Tr}((A^T \vec{x})^T \partial \vec{y})$
4. So, $\nabla_{\vec{y}} f(\cdot) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \vec{y}} = A^T \vec{x}$ compared with Definition 2.

Simple Example

Example 2-1-3

$f(\vec{x}, A, \vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T A \vec{y}$ where $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, and $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$. Derive $\nabla_A f(\cdot)$ in its closed-matrix form.

Solution:

1. $\partial f = \vec{x}^T \partial(A) \vec{y}$
2. $\text{Tr}(\partial f) = \text{Tr}(\vec{x}^T \partial(A) \vec{y}) = \text{Tr}(\vec{y} \vec{x}^T \partial A) = \text{Tr}((\vec{x} \vec{y}^T)^T \partial A)$
3. $\partial f = \text{Tr}((\vec{x} \vec{y}^T)^T \partial A)$
4. So, $\nabla_A f(\cdot) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial A} = \vec{x} \vec{y}^T$ compared with Definition 2.

Linear Regression

Example 2-2

Suppose $L(\vec{w}) = \|\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y}\|^2$ where $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, and $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$. Solving $\min_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w})$ requires $\nabla_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w}) = 0$, so we need to derive the closed-matrix form of $\nabla_{\vec{w}} L(\vec{w})$.

Solution 2-2:

1. Apply laws of matrix differential:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial L &= \partial((\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y})^T (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y})) \\ &= \partial(\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y})^T (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y}) + (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y})^T \partial(\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y}) \\ &= (\mathbf{X} \partial \mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y}) + (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y})^T \mathbf{X} \partial \vec{w}\end{aligned}$$

2. Add trace operation and apply properties of trace:

$$\text{Tr}(\partial L) = \text{Tr}((\mathbf{X} \partial \mathbf{w})^T (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y}) + (\mathbf{X}\vec{w} - \vec{y})^T \mathbf{X} \partial \vec{w})$$

Linear Regression

Solution 2-2:

2. Apply properties of trace

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tr}(\partial L) &= \text{Tr}((X \partial \vec{w})^T (X \vec{w} - \vec{y}) + (X \vec{w} - \vec{y})^T X \partial \vec{w}) \\&= \text{Tr}((X \partial \vec{w})^T (X \vec{w} - \vec{y})) + \text{Tr}((X \vec{w} - \vec{y})^T X \partial \vec{w}) \\&= \text{Tr}((\partial \vec{w})^T X^T (X \vec{w} - \vec{y})) + \text{Tr}((X \vec{w} - \vec{y})^T X \partial \vec{w}) \\&= \text{Tr}((X \vec{w} - \vec{y})^T X \partial \vec{w}) + \text{Tr}((X \vec{w} - \vec{y})^T X \partial \vec{w}) \\&= \text{Tr}(2(X \vec{w} - \vec{y})^T X \partial \vec{w}) \\&= \text{Tr}(2(X^T (X \vec{w} - \vec{y}))^T \partial \vec{w})\end{aligned}$$

3. So, $\nabla_{\vec{w}} L = 2X^T(X\vec{w} - \vec{y})$

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Example 2-3

Suppose the data set $\{\vec{x}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ with $\vec{x}_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$ where $\vec{x}_i \sim P(\vec{x}_i|\mu, \Sigma) := (2\pi)^{-\frac{D}{2}} |\Sigma|^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})}$. Then,

$$\max_{\vec{\mu}, \Sigma} \prod_{i=1}^N P(\vec{x}_i|\vec{\mu}, \Sigma) \iff$$

$$\max_{\vec{\mu}, \Sigma} -\frac{ND}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2} \log(|\Sigma|) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}) \iff$$

$$\min_{\vec{\mu}, \Sigma} L(\vec{\mu}, \Sigma) = N \log(|\Sigma|) + \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}).$$

The minimization of L w.r.t. $\vec{\mu}$ is independent to that of Σ .

The MLE of Σ requires $\nabla_{\Sigma} L = 0$, so we need to derive $\nabla_{\Sigma} L$.

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Example 2-3

$$\min_{\vec{\mu}, \Sigma} L(\vec{\mu}, \Sigma) = N \log(|\Sigma|) + \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}). \text{ Derive } \nabla_{\Sigma} L.$$

Solution 2-3:

1. Apply laws of matrix differential:

$$\begin{aligned} \partial L &= N \partial(\log(|\Sigma|)) + \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \partial(\Sigma^{-1}) (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}) \\ &= N(|\Sigma|)^{-1} \partial|\Sigma| - \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} \partial(\Sigma) \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu}) \end{aligned}$$

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Solution 2-3:

2. Add trace operation and apply properties of trace:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tr}(\partial L) &= \text{Tr}(N(|\Sigma|)^{-1} \partial|\Sigma|) - \\ &\quad \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} \partial(\Sigma) \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})\right) \\ &= N/D |\Sigma|^{-1} |\Sigma| \text{Tr}(\Sigma^{-1} \partial \Sigma) - \\ &\quad \text{Tr}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} \partial \Sigma\right) \\ &= \text{Tr}(N/D \Sigma^{-1} \partial \Sigma - \sum_{i=1}^N \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} \partial \Sigma) \\ 3. \text{ So, } \nabla_{\Sigma} L &= N/D \Sigma^{-1} - \sum_{i=1}^N \Sigma^{-1} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})(\vec{x}_i - \vec{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

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Backpropagation in Matrix Form

Example 3-1

$f = \vec{x}^T A \vec{y}$ with $\vec{y} = \sigma \odot (\vec{h})$ and $\vec{h} = B^{-1} \vec{z} + \vec{b}$ where $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M$, $B^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$, $\vec{z}, \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, and $\sigma \odot (\vec{y}) := [\sigma(y_0), \dots, \sigma(y_N)]^T$ is an element-wise Sigmoid function. Derive $\nabla_B f(\cdot)$ in its closed-matrix form.

Solution:

1. $\partial f = \vec{x}^T A \partial \vec{y}$. After adding $\text{Tr}(\cdot)$ operation on both side:
2. $\text{Tr}(\partial f) = \text{Tr}(\vec{x}^T A \partial(\vec{y})) = \text{Tr}((A^T \vec{x})^T \partial \vec{y})$ leads to:
 - 2.1. $\nabla_{\vec{y}} f = A^T \vec{x}$
3. $\text{Tr}(\partial f) = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{y}} f^T \partial(\vec{y}))$
 - 3.1. $\partial(\vec{y}) = \partial\{\sigma \odot (\vec{h})\} = \sigma'(\vec{h}) \odot \partial \vec{h}$
 - 3.2. $\text{Tr}(\partial f) = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{y}} f^T (\sigma'(\vec{h}) \odot \partial \vec{h})) = \text{Tr}((\nabla_{\vec{y}} f \odot \sigma'(\vec{h}))^T \partial \vec{h})$ leads to
 - 3.3. $\nabla_{\vec{h}} f = \nabla_{\vec{y}} f \odot \sigma'(\vec{h})$

Backpropagation in Matrix Form

Solution:

$$4. \quad \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f) = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f^T \partial \vec{\mathbf{h}})$$

$$4.1. \quad \partial \vec{\mathbf{h}} = \partial(\mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{\mathbf{z}} + \vec{\mathbf{b}}) = \partial(\mathbf{B}^{-1}) \vec{\mathbf{z}} = -\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\partial \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{\mathbf{z}}$$

4.2. Substituting 4.1. to 4. leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f) &= \text{Tr}(-\nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f^T \mathbf{B}^{-1}(\partial \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{\mathbf{z}}) \\ &= \text{Tr}(-\mathbf{B}^{-1} \vec{\mathbf{z}} \nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} \partial \mathbf{B}) \\ &= \text{Tr}((-\mathbf{B}^{-T} \nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f \vec{\mathbf{z}}^T \mathbf{B}^{-T})^T \partial \mathbf{B}) \end{aligned}$$

$$4.3. \quad \nabla_{\mathbf{B}} f = -\mathbf{B}^{-T} \nabla_{\mathbf{h}} f \vec{\mathbf{z}}^T \mathbf{B}^{-T}$$

We can finally combine the backpropagation equations 2.1.,

3.3., and 4.3. to derive the closed-matrix form of

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{B}} f = -\mathbf{B}^{-T} \mathbf{A}^T \vec{\mathbf{x}} \odot (\sigma \odot (\vec{\mathbf{h}})(1 - \sigma \odot (\vec{\mathbf{h}}))) \vec{\mathbf{z}}^T \mathbf{B}^{-T}$$

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Logistics Regression

Example 4-1

Suppose $\vec{h} = W\vec{x}$, $L = -\vec{y}^T \log \odot (\sigma(\vec{h}))$ where $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$, $W \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times N}$, $\vec{y} \in \{0, 1\}^M : \sum_{i=1}^M y_i = 1$, $\sigma(\vec{h}) = \frac{\exp \odot (\vec{h})}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})}$ with $\vec{1} = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$ and $\dim(\vec{1}) = M$. Formulate the backpropagation process $L \rightarrow \nabla_{\vec{h}} L \rightarrow \nabla_W L$ in a closed-matrix form.

Solution 4-1-1:

- $\log \odot (\sigma(\vec{h})) = \log \odot \left(\frac{\exp \odot (\vec{h})}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \right) = \vec{h} - \log(\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})) \cdot \vec{1}$
- So, $L = -\vec{y}^T \underbrace{(\vec{h} - \log(\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})) \cdot \vec{1})}_{\vec{z}} = -\vec{y}^T \vec{z}$
- $\partial L = \text{Tr}(-\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{z})$

Logistics Regression

Solution 4-1-2:

$$3. \partial L = \text{Tr}(-\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{z})$$

3.1. Apply laws of matrix differential

$$\begin{aligned}\partial(\vec{z}) &= \partial \vec{h} - \partial(\log(\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})) \cdot \vec{1}) \\ &= \partial \vec{h} - \frac{1}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \vec{1}^T \partial(\exp \odot (\vec{h}) \cdot \vec{1}) \\ &= \partial \vec{h} - \vec{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \vec{1}^T \partial(\exp \odot (\vec{h})) \\ &= \partial \vec{h} - \vec{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \vec{1}^T (\exp'(\vec{h}) \odot (\partial \vec{h}))\end{aligned}$$

Logistics Regression

Solution 4-1-3:

$$3. \partial L = \text{Tr}(-\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{z})$$

$$3.1. \partial(\vec{z}) = \partial \vec{h} - \vec{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \vec{1}^T (\exp'(\vec{h}) \odot (\partial \vec{h}))$$

3.2. Add trace and apply its properties

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr}(\partial L) &= -\text{Tr}(\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{h}) + \\ &\quad \text{Tr}(\underbrace{\vec{y}^T \vec{1}}_{=1} \cdot \frac{1}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \underbrace{\vec{1}^T (\exp'(\vec{h}) \odot (\partial \vec{h}))}_{\text{Trace property 5}}) \\ &= -\text{Tr}(\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{h}) + \frac{1}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \text{Tr}((\underbrace{\vec{1} \odot \exp'(\vec{h})}_{=\exp \odot (\vec{h})})^T \partial \vec{h}) \\ &= -\text{Tr}(\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{h}) + \text{Tr}(\frac{(\exp \odot (\vec{h}))^T}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})} \partial \vec{h}) \end{aligned}$$

Logistics Regression

Solution 4-1-4:

3. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(-\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{z})$

3.2. Add trace and apply its properties

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Tr}(\partial L) &= -\text{Tr}(\vec{y}^T \partial \vec{h}) + \text{Tr}\left(\underbrace{\frac{(\exp \odot (\vec{h}))^T}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h})}}_{=\sigma(\vec{h})^T} \partial \vec{h}\right) \\ &= \text{Tr}((\sigma(\vec{h}) - \vec{y})^T \partial \vec{h})\end{aligned}$$

3.3. So, $\nabla_{\vec{h}} L = \sigma(\vec{h}) - \vec{y}$

4. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}} L^T \partial \vec{h})$

4.1. $\partial \vec{h} = \partial(W)\vec{x}$

4.2. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}} L^T \partial(W)\vec{x}) = \text{Tr}((\nabla_{\vec{h}} L \vec{x}^T)^T \partial W)$

4.3. So, $\nabla_W L = \nabla_{\vec{h}} L \vec{x}^T$

Fully Connected Neural Networks

Example 4-2

1. The loss $L = -\vec{y}^T \log \odot (\sigma_2(\vec{h}_2))$ where $\sigma_2(\vec{h}_2) = \frac{\exp \odot (\vec{h}_2)}{\vec{1}^T \exp \odot (\vec{h}_2)}$,
 $\vec{1} = [1, \dots, 1]^T \in \{1\}^{M_2}$, $\vec{y} \in \{0, 1\}^{M_2} : \sum_{i=1}^{M_2} y_i = 1$;
2. 2nd layer $\vec{h}_2 = W_2 \vec{z}_1 + \vec{b}_2$ where $W_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{M_2 \times M_1}$, $\vec{b}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{M_2}$,
 $\vec{z}_1 = \sigma_1 \odot (\vec{h}_1)$ and $\sigma_1 \odot (\cdot)$ is an elementwise Sigmoid;
3. 1st layer $\vec{h}_1 = W_1 \vec{x} + \vec{b}_1$ where $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{M_0}$, $W_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{M_1 \times M_0}$, $\vec{b}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{M_1}$

Formulate the backpropagation process

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Solution 4-2-1:

1. Example 4-1 indicates that $\nabla_{\vec{h}_2} L = \sigma_2(\vec{h}_2) - \vec{y}$
 - 1.1. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}} L^T \partial \vec{h}_2)$
 - 1.2. $\partial \vec{h}_2 = W_2 \partial(\vec{z}_1)$
 - 1.3. $\partial L = \text{Tr}((W_2^T \nabla_{\vec{h}} L)^T \partial \vec{z}_1)$
 - 1.4. So, $\nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L = W_2^T \nabla_{\vec{h}} L$
2. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L^T \partial \vec{z}_1)$

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Solution 4-2-2:

1. $\nabla_{\vec{h}_2} L = \sigma_2(\vec{h}_2) - \vec{y}$
2. $\nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L = W_2^T \nabla_{\vec{h}_2} L$
3. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L^T \partial \vec{z}_1)$
 - 3.1. $\partial \vec{z}_1 = \partial \sigma_1 \odot (\vec{h}_1) = \sigma'_1(\vec{h}_1) \odot \partial \vec{h}_1$ where
 $\sigma'_1(\vec{h}_1) = \sigma_1 \odot (\vec{h}_1) \odot (1 - \sigma_1 \odot (\vec{h}_1))$
 - 3.2. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L^T (\sigma'_1(\vec{h}_1) \odot \partial \vec{h}_1)) =$
 $\text{Tr}((\nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L \odot \sigma'_1(\vec{h}_1))^T \partial \vec{h}_1)$
 - 3.3. So, $\nabla_{\vec{h}_1} L = \nabla_{\vec{z}_1} L \odot \sigma'_1(\vec{h}_1)$
4. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}_1} L^T \partial \vec{h}_1)$
 - 4.1. $\partial \vec{h}_1 = (\partial W_1) \vec{x}$
 - 4.2. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}_1} L^T (\partial W_1) \vec{x}) = \text{Tr}((\nabla_{\vec{h}_1} L \vec{x}^T)^T \partial W_1)$
 - 4.3. So, $\nabla_{W_1} L = \nabla_{\vec{h}_1} L \vec{x}^T$

Convolutional Neural Networks

Example 4-3

$X \overset{\leftarrow}{*}_{s=1} K = H$ represents that the convolution between $X \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$ and the kernel $K \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ with stride 1 is $H \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} \\ X_{31} & X_{32} & X_{33} \end{bmatrix} \overset{\leftarrow}{*}_{s=1} \begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} \\ K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} & H_{12} \\ H_{21} & H_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$H_{11} = X_{11}K_{11} + X_{12}K_{12} + X_{21}K_{21} + X_{22}K_{22}$$

$$H_{12} = X_{12}K_{11} + X_{13}K_{12} + X_{22}K_{21} + X_{23}K_{22}$$

$$H_{21} = X_{21}K_{11} + X_{22}K_{12} + X_{31}K_{21} + X_{32}K_{22}$$

$$H_{22} = X_{22}K_{11} + X_{23}K_{12} + X_{32}K_{21} + X_{33}K_{22}$$

Convolutional Neural Networks

Example 4-3

In the convolution $X \overset{\leftarrow}{*}_{s=1} K = H$, assume $L(H) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\nabla_H L$ are given, derive $\nabla_K L$ and $\nabla_X L$ in their closed matrix forms.

Solution 4-3-1:

1. Write $X \overset{\leftarrow}{*}_{s=1} K = H$ to a matrix multiplication $\hat{K}\vec{x} = \vec{h}$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & K_{21} & K_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & K_{21} & K_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & K_{21} & K_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & K_{11} & K_{12} & 0 & K_{21} & K_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} \\ X_{12} \\ X_{13} \\ X_{21} \\ X_{22} \\ X_{23} \\ X_{31} \\ X_{32} \\ X_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{11} \\ H_{12} \\ H_{13} \\ H_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Solution 4-3-2:

1. Write $X \overset{\leftarrow}{*} K = H$ as a matrix multiplication $\hat{K}\vec{x} = \vec{h}$.

2. $\nabla_H L \iff \nabla_{\vec{h}} L$.

3. $\partial L = \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}} L^T \partial \vec{h})$.

3.1. $\partial \vec{h} = \partial(\hat{K}\vec{x}) = (\partial \hat{K})\vec{x} + \hat{K}(\partial \vec{x})$

3.2. So

$$\begin{aligned} \partial L &= \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}} L^T (\partial \hat{K})\vec{x}) + \text{Tr}(\nabla_{\vec{h}} L^T \hat{K} \partial \vec{x}) \\ &= \text{Tr}((\nabla_{\vec{h}} L \vec{x}^T)^T \partial \hat{K}) + \text{Tr}((\hat{K}^T \nabla_{\vec{h}} L)^T \partial \vec{x}) \end{aligned}$$

3.3. $\nabla_{\hat{K}} L = \nabla_{\vec{h}} L \vec{x}^T$ and $\nabla_{\vec{x}} L = \hat{K}^T \nabla_{\vec{h}} L$

Future Work

1. In CNN, derive new differential laws using ∂K and ∂X to represent $\partial(X \overset{\leftarrow}{*}_{s=1} K)$ and Trace properties converting $\text{Tr}(H^T(X \overset{\leftarrow}{*}_{s=1} K))$ to $\text{Tr}(F(H, X, K)^T X)$ and $\text{Tr}(G(H, X, K)^T K)$.
2. Derive the backpropagation process for other typical deep learning models: Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) and Transformers.
3. Use the closed-matrix form backpropagation to analyze Batch Normalization and Residual Connection.