

Partial derivative of the softmax activation

$$a_{ij} = \frac{e^{z_{ij}}}{\sum_{s=1}^C e^{z_{is}}} = \frac{e^{z_{ij}}}{\Sigma}$$

$$\frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial z_{ik}} = \frac{\Sigma \frac{\partial e^{z_{ij}}}{\partial z_{ik}} - e^{z_{ij}} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial z_{ik}}}{\Sigma^2} = \frac{\frac{\partial e^{z_{ij}}}{\partial z_{ik}}}{\Sigma} - \frac{e^{z_{ij}} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial z_{ik}}}{\Sigma^2} = \frac{e^{z_{ij}} \mathbb{I}_{\{j=k\}}}{\Sigma} - \frac{e^{z_{ij}} \frac{\partial \sum_{s=1}^C e^{z_{is}}}{\partial z_{ik}}}{\Sigma^2} = \frac{e^{z_{ij}} \mathbb{I}_{\{j=k\}}}{\Sigma} - \frac{e^{z_{ij}} e^{z_{ik}}}{\Sigma^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{z_{ij}}}{\Sigma} \left(\mathbb{I}_{\{j=k\}} - \frac{e^{z_{ik}}}{\Sigma} \right) = a_{ij} (\mathbb{I}_{\{j=k\}} - a_{ik})$$

Loss for one observation

$$L_{ij} = - \sum_{j=1}^C \{ \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} \log a_{ij} \} = - \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} \log a_{ij}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_i}{\partial z_{ik}} = - \sum_{j=1}^C \left\{ \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} \frac{\partial \log a_{ij}}{\partial z_{ik}} \right\} = - \sum_{j=1}^C \left\{ \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} \frac{1}{a_{ij}} \frac{\partial a_{ij}}{\partial z_{ik}} \right\} = - \sum_{j=1}^C \{ \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} (\mathbb{I}_{\{j=k\}} - a_{ik}) \}$$

$$= - \mathbb{I}_{\{k=y_i\}} (1 - a_{ik}) + \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^C \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} a_{ik} = - \mathbb{I}_{\{k=y_i\}} + a_{ik} \mathbb{I}_{\{k=y_i\}} + \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^C \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} a_{ik}$$

$$= - \mathbb{I}_{\{k=y_i\}} + a_{ik} \sum_{j=1}^C \mathbb{I}_{\{j=y_i\}} = - \mathbb{I}_{\{k=y_i\}} + a_{ik}$$

Loss across all observations

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N L_i$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial L_i} = \frac{1}{N}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z_{ik}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial L_i} \frac{\partial L_i}{\partial z_{ik}} = \frac{1}{N} (a_{ik} - \mathbb{I}_{\{k=y_i\}})$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial L_i} \frac{\partial L_i}{\partial \mathbf{z}} = \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{a} - \mathbb{I}_{\{\mathbf{z}[\text{range}(N), \mathbf{y}]\}})$$

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$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial L_i} \frac{\partial L_i}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(2)}} = \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{a}^{(2)} - \mathbb{I}_{\{\mathbf{z}^{(2)}[\text{range}(N), \mathbf{y}]\}})$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(1)} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{(1)} + \mathbf{b}^{(1)} \quad (N, H) = (N, D) \cdot (D, H) + (H,)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(1)}} = \mathbf{X}^\top \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(1)}} \quad (D, H) = (D, N) \cdot (N, H)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{b}^{(1)}} = \text{sum} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(1)}}, \text{axis} = 0 \right) \quad (H,) = (H,)$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(2)} = \mathbf{a}^{(1)} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{(2)} + \mathbf{b}^{(2)} \quad (N, C) = (N, H) \cdot (H, C) + (C,)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}^{(2)}} = \mathbf{a}^{(1)\top} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(2)}} \quad (H, C) = (H, N) \cdot (N, C)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{a}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{z}^{(2)}} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{(2)\top} \quad (N, H) = (N, C) \cdot (C, H)$$