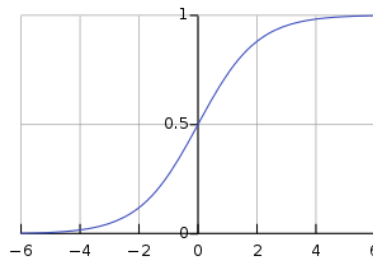


## MT Summer Term 2021 Ex9: A Bluffer's Guide to NNs/Intro to NNs Ryan Harris

1. The sigmoid ( $\sigma$ , also called “the logistic”) is a non-linear activation function:



Please give the mathematical definition of  $\sigma(x)$  (using Euler's number  $e$ ).

2. Given the definition requested in (1), what is the value of  $\sigma(x)$  if:



- I.  $x \rightarrow \infty$
- II.  $x \rightarrow -\infty$
- III.  $x = 0$

Why is the sigmoid called a “squishification” function?

3. Please use

$$c' = 0$$

where  $c$  a constant

$$(c x^n)' = c n x^{n-1}$$

where  $c$  a constant

$$(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$$

sum rule

$$(f \times g)' = f' \times g + f \times g'$$

product rule

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)' = \frac{f' \times g - f \times g'}{g^2}$$

quotient rule

$$(f(g(x)))' = (f(z))' \times z'$$

chain rule, where  $z = g(x)$

$$(e^x)' = e^x$$

exponential function



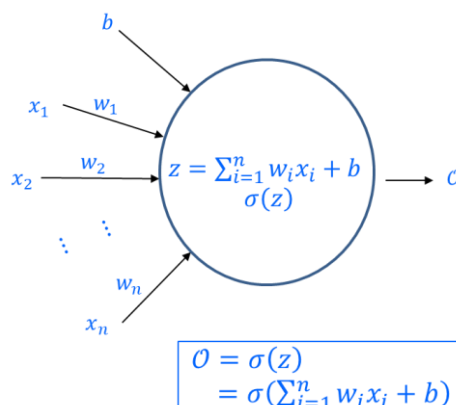
to show that  $\sigma'(x) = (\sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x)))$



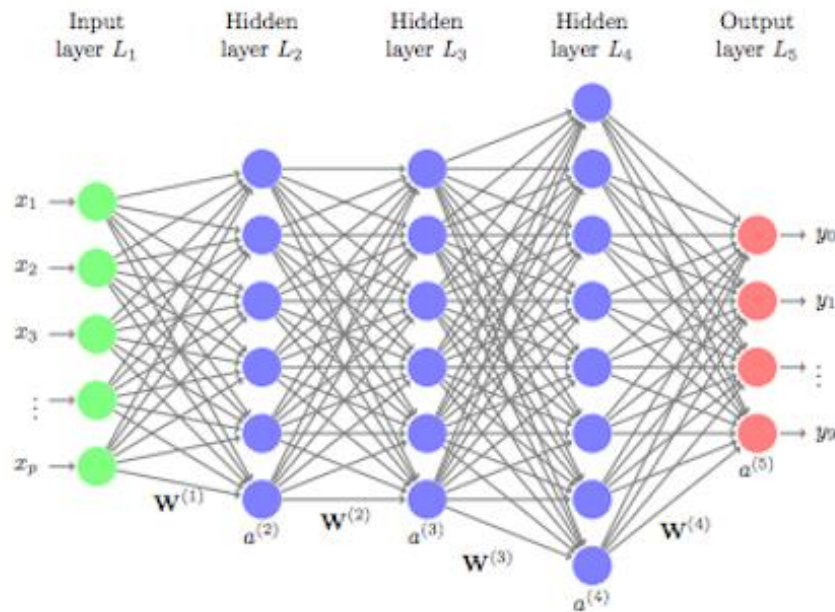
4. For what input  $x$  is the gradient  $\sigma'(x)$  the steepest? Given that  $\sigma'(x) = (\sigma(x)(1 - \sigma(x)))$ , what is the value of  $\sigma'(x)$  at that point  $x$ ?



5. Please show how you can absorb a bias term  $b$  of an AN into an input and a corresponding weight? Draw the corresponding picture and provide the corresponding equations.



6. Given the following example of a simple feed forward neural network



and assuming that  $x, a^{(2)}, a^{(3)}, a^{(4)}, a^{(5)}, y$  are all **row vectors** of dimensionality  $x \in \mathbb{R}^{(1,p)}, a^{(2)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(1,6)}, a^{(3)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(1,6)}, a^{(4)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(1,8)}, a^{(5)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(1,9)}, y \in \mathbb{R}^{(1,9)}$  (where dimensionality is indicated  $\mathbb{R}^{(rows,columns)}$ ).

Please provide the dimensionalities  $\mathbf{W}^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{(rows,columns)}$  for the weight matrices  $\mathbf{W}^{(1)}, \mathbf{W}^{(2)}, \mathbf{W}^{(3)}, \mathbf{W}^{(4)}$  such that the following hold:



$$x \mathbf{W}^{(1)} = a^{(2)}$$

$$a^{(2)} \mathbf{W}^{(2)} = a^{(3)}$$

$$a^{(3)} \mathbf{W}^{(3)} = a^{(4)}$$

$$a^{(4)} \mathbf{W}^{(4)} = a^{(5)}$$

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$$\mathbf{W}^{(1)} x^T = (a^{(2)})^T$$

$$\mathbf{W}^{(2)} (a^{(2)})^T = (a^{(3)})^T$$

$$\mathbf{W}^{(3)} (a^{(3)})^T = (a^{(4)})^T$$

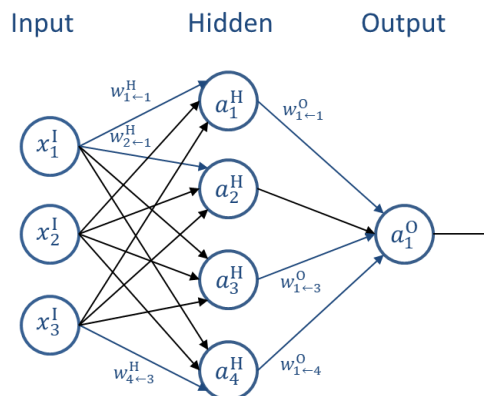
$$\mathbf{W}^{(4)} (a^{(4)})^T = (a^{(5)})^T$$

where  $\Theta^T$  is the transpose of vector (or matrix)  $\Theta$ .

7. Please use the notational conventions from the Richard Harris slides

- $z_j^\ell$  input to node  $j$  of layer  $\ell$
- $w_{j \leftarrow i}^\ell$  weight from layer  $\ell - 1$  node  $i$  to layer  $\ell$  node  $j$
- $\sigma(z)$  sigmoid transfer function
- $b_j^\ell$  bias of node  $j$  in layer  $\ell$
- $O_j^\ell$  output node  $j$  in layer  $\ell$
- $t_j$  target value (ground truth) for node  $j$  in output layer

to vectorise:



that is, assume that  $\mathbf{x}^I$  is a column vector representing the input,  $\mathbf{W}^H$  and  $\mathbf{W}^O$  weight matrices,  $\mathbf{a}^H$  and  $\mathbf{a}^O$  are column vectors representing the activations at the hidden and the output level of the FFNN such that  $\sigma(\mathbf{W}^H \mathbf{x}^I) = \mathbf{a}^H$  and  $\sigma(\mathbf{W}^O \mathbf{a}^H) = \mathbf{a}^O$ . (Note that  $\mathbf{a}^O$  is a “vector” with only one row and one column ...). Please draw the vectors and matrices.

8. Please do the same as in (7), but where that  $\mathbf{x}^I$  is a **row** vector representing the input,  $\mathbf{W}^H$  and  $\mathbf{W}^O$  weight matrices,  $\mathbf{a}^H$  and  $\mathbf{a}^O$  are **row** vectors representing the activations at the hidden and the output level of the FFNN such that  $\sigma(\mathbf{x}^I \mathbf{W}^H) = \mathbf{a}^H$  and  $\sigma(\mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{W}^O) = \mathbf{a}^O$ . Please draw the vectors and matrices.

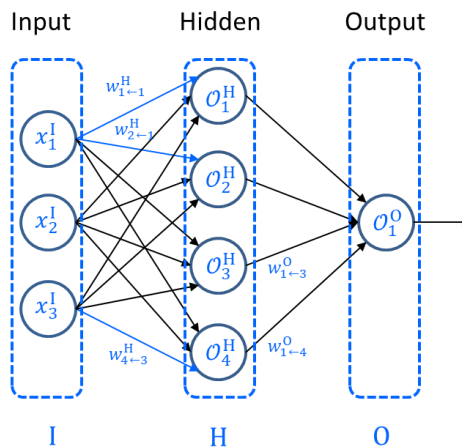
9. Please do the same as in (8), but use transposes of the **column** vectors  $\mathbf{x}^I$  in (7) to express the equations in (8). No need to draw the vectors and matrices.



10. What is the difference between a *loss*- vs. a *cost*-function in machine learning?



11. Please show that the partial derivative of the loss  $E$  with respect to a weight  $w_{k \leftarrow j}^O$  connecting to the output layer of the neural network



is:  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{k \leftarrow j}^O} = (o_k^O - t_k) o_k^O (1 - o_k^O) o_j^H$  Please label all the steps of the derivation with the partial differentiation rules used.

12. In your own words, please describe the Back-Propagation with stochastic Gradient Descent algorithm given below:

For each training instance:

1. Forward pass: compute prediction from input (also called inference, when model is fully trained)

2. For each output node compute:  $\delta_k^O = o_k^O (1 - o_k^O) (o_k^O - t_k)$

3. For each hidden node compute:  $\delta_j^{l-1} = o_j^{l-1} (1 - o_j^{l-1}) \sum_{k \in O} \delta_k^l w_{k \leftarrow j}^l$

4. For each weight:

– Compute weight update:  $\Delta w_{k \leftarrow j}^l = -\alpha \delta_k^l o_j^{l-1} = -\alpha \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{k \leftarrow j}^l}$

– Update weight:  $w_{k \leftarrow j}^l := w_{k \leftarrow j}^l + \Delta w_{k \leftarrow j}^l$

End

End

13. In your own words, what is the difference between



- Back-propagation with *stochastic* Gradient Descent
- Back-propagation with *mini-batch* Gradient Descent
- Back-propagation with *batch* Gradient Descent