



Homework 6
Due 5pm, Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Problem 1: Removing BN after training. During training, the addition of batch norm adds additional operations that were otherwise not present and therefore increases the computational cost per iteration. During testing, however, the effect of batch normalization can be combined with the preceding convolutional or linear layer so that no additional computational cost is incurred. Download the starter code `bn_remove.py` and the save file `smallNetSaved` and carry out the removal of the batchnorm layers. Specifically, load the pre-trained `smallNetTrain` model and set the weights and parameters of `smallNetTest` so that the two models produce exactly the same outputs on the test set.

Problem 2: Default weight initialization. Consider the multi-layer perceptron

$$\begin{aligned}y_L &= A_L y_{L-1} + b_L \\y_{L-1} &= \sigma(A_{L-1} y_{L-2} + b_{L-1}) \\&\vdots \\y_2 &= \sigma(A_2 y_1 + b_2) \\y_1 &= \sigma(A_1 x + b_1),\end{aligned}$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^{n_0}$, $A_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\ell \times n_{\ell-1}}$, $b_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\ell}$, and $n_L = 1$. For the sake of simplicity, let

$$\sigma(z) = z.$$

Assume x_1, \dots, x_{n_0} are IID with zero-mean and unit variance. If this network is initialized with the default weight initialization of PyTorch, what will the mean and variance of y_L be?

Clarification. For this problem, you are being asked to read the PyTorch source code https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/_modules/torch/nn/modules/linear.html to identify the default initialization behavior and then to perform calculations.

Problem 3: *Change of variables formula for Gaussians.* If $\varphi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a one-to-one differentiable function, $Y = \varphi(X)$, and Y is a continuous random variable with density function p_Y , then X is a continuous random variable with density function

$$p_X(x) = p_Y(\varphi(x)) \left| \det \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(x) \right|.$$

Let $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ be a continuous random vector with density

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\|y\|^2},$$

i.e., $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$. Let $X = AY + b$ with an invertible matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and a vector $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$. Define $\Sigma = AA^\top$. Show that X is a continuous random vector with density

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n \det \Sigma}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-b)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(x-b)}.$$

Problem 4: *D_{KL} of continuous random variables.* The KL-divergence between continuous random variables $X \sim f$ and $Y \sim g$, where f and g are probability density functions in \mathbb{R}^d , is

$$D_{\text{KL}}(X \| Y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \log \left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right) dx.$$

(a) Show that

$$D_{\text{KL}}(X \| Y) \geq 0.$$

(b) Show that if $X = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$ is a continuous random variable such that X_1, \dots, X_d are independent and $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_d)$ is a continuous random variable such that Y_1, \dots, Y_d are independent, then

$$D_{\text{KL}}(X \| Y) = D_{\text{KL}}(X_1 \| Y_1) + \dots + D_{\text{KL}}(X_d \| Y_d).$$

Problem 5: *D_{KL} of Gaussian random variables.* Let $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ denote the Gaussian distribution with mean μ and covariance Σ . So if $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$, then

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu, \quad \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)(X - \mu)^\top] = \Sigma.$$

Show that

$$D_{\text{KL}}(\mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0) \| \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\text{tr}(\Sigma_1^{-1} \Sigma_0) + (\mu_1 - \mu_0)^\top \Sigma_1^{-1} (\mu_1 - \mu_0) - d + \log \left(\frac{\det \Sigma_1}{\det \Sigma_0} \right) \right),$$

where d is the underlying dimension of the random variables $\mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Sigma_0)$ and $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \Sigma_1)$. Assume Σ_0 and Σ_1 are positive definite.