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Midterm test

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1. **ML regression**: You have a sonar sensor mounted in the front of a submarine. The sensor is based on sending the sound impulse and receiving the signal reflected from a potential obstacle in front of the submarine. You can measure the time-of-flight, i.e. the time it takes from sending till receiving reflected signal, therefore the distance to the obstacle is roughly proportional to the half of the time-of-flight and the speed of sound propagation in the water. In addition to that a static time delay is also present, therefore you decide to **model** this relation as the affine function:

$$y = w_1 x + w_0$$

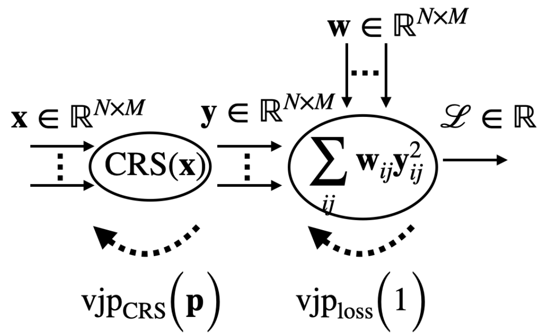
- 1.1 Let us assume that y values were estimated by a device whose outputs are damaged by additive zero-mean Laplace **noise**:

$$\text{Laplace}(\mu, b) = \frac{1}{2b}\exp\left(-\frac{|y-\mu|}{b}\right),$$

where μ is its mean value and $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is its diversity (quantity proportional to its variance). You are given a training set $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_1, y_1)\ldots(x_N, y_N)\}$ of measured time-of-flights x_i and corresponding obstacle distances y_i. Define the probability distribution $p(y|x, \mathbf{w})$ of predicted values $y \in \mathbb{R}$ given the measurement $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and weights $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Write down the optimization problem, which corresponds to the maximum likelihood estimate of the model parameters $\mathbf{w}$ and simplify the resulting optimization problem if possible to provide a **loss function**.

$\star$ 1.2 Consider now, that time-to-time an unidentified floating object (UFO) such as fish or garbage appeared between the sonar and the obstacle, when y-value has been determined, therefore some small fraction of measurements y_i rather corresponds to the distance from the UFO. **Draw the shape of a probability distribution** that models such a case.

2. **Vector-jacobian-product:** Consider computational graph below:



The graph consists of two functions:

a function that perform Cyclic Row Shift (CRS) of the input matrix $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$ and returns matrix $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times M}$, that is shifted in the row direction down and the last row is moved to the first row. For example if $N = M = 3$, the function works as follows:

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{CRS}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{CRS}\left(\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} \\ x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

b the loss function that is defined as weighted sum of squares:

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_i \mathbf{w}_i \mathbf{y}_i^2$$

If the problem seems too complicated, solve a simpler variant (with -1 point penalty), where $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ are N-dimensional vectors only.

- 2.1 Derive gradient of the loss $\mathcal{L}$ wrt $\mathbf{x}$ (i.e. $N \times M$ matrix).

- 2.2 Define vector-jacobian-product function $\text{vjp}_{\text{CRS}}(\mathbf{p})$, where $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{M}}$ is assumed to be the upstream gradient vector. Discuss computational and memory requirements on the backward pass using Jacobian multiplications and vjp_{CRS} function (one short sentence only).

3. **Sigmoid regression:** Consider sigmoid regression problem, where the sigmoid function $\sigma(w_2x^2 + w_1x + w_0)$, that is parameterized by $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, is fitted into (x,y)-points in the least squares sense. Circle correct answers and strike-through the incorrect answers:

   - 3.1 If x_i comes from uniform distribution $U(-1, 1)$, $y_i \in R^+$ and $w_0, w_2 >> 0$ are very large positive numbers, the gradient is
     - small
     - normal
     - large
     - negative
     - positive
     - undefined.
   - 3.2 The criterion function that is minimized is
     - non-decreasing
     - non-increasing
     - always positive
     - always negative
     - monotonously increasing
     - differentiable
     - convex
     - concave
     - always smaller than $\sum_i y_i^2$.
   - 3.3 The problem of fitting the function $y = \sigma(w_2x^2 + w_1x + w_0)$ in the least squares sense has closed-form solution.
     - TRUE
     - FALSE

4. **Leaky-ReLU:** We define Leaky Rectified Linear Unit function with parameter α as maximum of two linear functions: $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{lrelu}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha) = \max\{\mathbf{x}, \alpha\mathbf{x}\}$. The function maps single input $\mathbf{x}$ on single output value $\mathbf{y}$, i.e. $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}$. The parameter $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ corresponds to its slope for negative inputs.

   - 4.1 Draw graph of $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{lrelu}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha = 0.1)$

   - 4.2 Define a Leaky Rectified Linear Unit $\mathbf{lrelu}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)$ in pseudocode.

   - 4.3 Define the gradient of the $\mathbf{lrelu}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)$ activation function in pseudocode. The function has a single argument $\mathbf{x}$ and outputs $\frac{\partial \mathbf{lrelu}(\mathbf{x}, \alpha)}{\partial \mathbf{x}}$. Hint: Break up the function into two separate cases (if-else).

   - 4.4 Let us assume that you set hyper parameter $\alpha = 0$. What happens in GD, when learning reaches the state in which all training samples cause negative input into this lrelu-layer?

5. **Prior:** Consider problem of fitting the line $y = w_1 x + w_0$ in the least squares sense, where training set consists of a single training example: $\mathcal{D} = \{(x_1 = 2, y_1 = 2)\}$. Since there is more than one hypothesis consistent with this training set, you decide to use a regularization.

   - 5.1 **Draw** the situation in (x, y)-plane and (w_0, w_1)-plane.

   - 5.2 **Suggest a suitable regularization** and write down the underlying optimization problem that you have to solve.

   - 5.3 What is the globally **optimal solution** $\mathbf{w}^*$ under the suggested regularization?

6. **Conv2D feedforward and backward pass:** In all questions, assume that the stride denotes length of convolutional stride, pad denotes symmetric zero-padding, rate is dilatation rate of convolution. conv stands for convolution layer.

   You are given input feature map (image) $\mathbf{x}$ and kernel $\mathbf{w}$:

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|}\hline 1 & 0 & 2 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & -1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 2 \\ \hline\end{array} \qquad \mathbf{w} = \begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline 2 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline\end{array}$$

- 6.1 Compute output of $\mathbf{y} = \text{conv}(\mathbf{x},\ \mathbf{w},\ \text{stride} = 1,\ \text{pad} = 0,\ \text{rate} = 2) =$

- 6.2 Let us assume that convolution is followed by another layer (say function $\mathbf{z} = f(\mathbf{y})$ with $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}$). What is the **dimensionality of upstream gradient for the convolutional layer**:

- 6.3 What is $\text{vjp}_{\text{conv}}(\mathbf{p})$ of this particular convolution with respect to weights, where $\mathbf{p}$ is upstream gradient?