Ling 575j hw3

Due 11pm on April 20, 2023

In this assignment, you will

- Develop your understanding of computation graphs by doing a worked example by hand and then
- Implementing skip-gram with negative sampling in the edugrad library.
- Using some Operations that you will implement using the forward/backward API.

1 Understanding Computation Graphs [20 pts]

Q1: Worked example Consider the function $f(x) = x^2 \times cx$.

- Draw a computation graph for this expression. [5 pts]
- How many nodes are there (including input and output)? [2 pts]
- For x = 2 and c = 3: [10 pts]
 - Compute the value of each node in a forward pass.
 - Compute $\frac{df}{dn}$ for each node n, using backpropagation.
- Consider the node corresponding to x^2 in the graph. For each of the following, write a symbolic expression and the numerical value (at x = 2, c = 3) for: [3 pts]
 - The upstream derivative.
 - The local derivative.
 - The downstream derivative(s).

2 Implementing Word2Vec in Edugrad [55 pts]

Before getting started, a few notes on the implementation:

- Always start with small data! To test various components of the pipeline, you can use the toy files in /dropbox/22-23/575j/data/.
- All files referenced here are in /dropbox/22-23/575j/hw3 on patas.
- The main training loop is at the bottom of word2vec.py. You do not have to touch this, but can read it to see how the various components you implement are being used.
- This homework relies on data.py from HW2. We will make a reference implementation available for use on Monday morning (after the late submission deadline); until then, you can use your own, by placing it in the same directory as your copy of the files for this assignment or by using a symbolic link.

Q1: Basic Operations In ops.py, implement the forward and backward methods of the following operations: [24 pts]

- log
- sigmoid
- multiply. This is *element-wise* multiplication of two matrices.

Recall: (i) you can use the list ctx in forward to store any values that you need when computing gradients in backward; (ii) backward needs to return a *list* of the same size as the number of inputs to forward; each element of the list contains the gradient for the respective input. We have provided shell lists for this purpose.

Q2: Model and BCE Loss In word2vec.py [24 pts]

- Implement dot_product_rows. Read the docstring for specification and hints.
- Implement Word2Vec.forward. This represents one "forward pass" of the skip-gram with negative sampling model, i.e. this computes P(1|w,c) for a batch of inputs. You should use dot_product_rows here.
- Implement bce_loss.

Q3: Train word vectors Run the main training loop by calling word2vec.py with the following command-line arguments (defined in util.py): [7 pts]

- 6 epochs
- Embedding dimension: 15
- Learning rate: 0.2
- Minimum frequency: 5
- Number of negative samples: 15

In your readme file, please include:

- The total run-time of your training loop.
- The per-epoch training loss.

These will be printed by the main script.

Testing your code In the dropbox folder for this assignment, there is a file test_all.py with a few very simple unit tests for the methods that you need to implement. You can verify that your code passes the tests by running pytest from your code's directory, with the course's conda environment activated.

Submission Instructions

In your submission, include the following:

- readme.(txt|pdf) that includes your answers to §1 as well as Q3 of §2.
- hw3.tar.gz containing:
 - run_hw3.sh. This should contain the code for activating the conda environment and your command for Q3 above. You can use run_hw2.sh from the previous assignment as a template.
 - word2vec.py
 - ops.py