

Proof that the derivative of $\sigma(y) := \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}}$ is

$$\sigma'(y) = \sigma(y)(1 - \sigma(y))$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma'(y) &= \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \right)' = \left((1+e^{-y})^{-1} \right)' \stackrel{\text{Chain rule}}{=} (-1) \cdot (-e^{-y}) \cdot (1+e^{-y})^{-2} \\ &= e^{-y} (1+e^{-y})^{-2} = \frac{e^{-y}}{(1+e^{-y})^2} = \frac{e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}} \cdot \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}} \cdot \sigma(y)\end{aligned}$$

According to equation above $\frac{e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}} = 1 - \sigma(y)$ must hold

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}} &= 1 - \sigma(y) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \\ &= \frac{1+e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}} - \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \\ &= \frac{e^{-y}}{1+e^{-y}}\end{aligned}$$

So it holds that $\sigma'(y) = \sigma(y)(1 - \sigma(y))$.