

• Show that  $\sigma'(y) = \sigma(y)(1 - \sigma(y))$

We know that  $\sigma(y) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}}$

So, I first compute the derivative  $\sigma'(y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \right)$  using the chain rule,  $D(g(f(y))) = g'(f(y)) \cdot f'(y)$  with functions  $f(y) = 1+e^{-y}$  and  $g(y) = \frac{1}{f(y)}$ .

For the first factor, I know that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left( \frac{1}{u} \right) = -\frac{1}{u^2}$ , so if I consider  $1+e^{-y}$  as  $u$ , I get  $g'(f(y)) = -\frac{1}{(1+e^{-y})^2}$

The second factor, knowing that a derivative of a constant is 0, I obtain  $f'(y) = -1 \cdot e^{-y}$   
Putting all together, I have

$$g'(f(y)) \cdot f'(y) = -\frac{1}{(1+e^{-y})^2} \cdot -e^{-y} = \frac{e^{-y}}{(1+e^{-y})^2} = \sigma'(y)$$

$$\sigma(y)(1 - \sigma(y)) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} \right) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-y}} - \frac{1}{(1+e^{-y})^2} = \frac{1+e^{-y} - 1}{(1+e^{-y})^2} = \frac{e^{-y}}{(1+e^{-y})^2}$$

From these results, I can say that  $\sigma'(y) = \sigma(y)(1 - \sigma(y))$