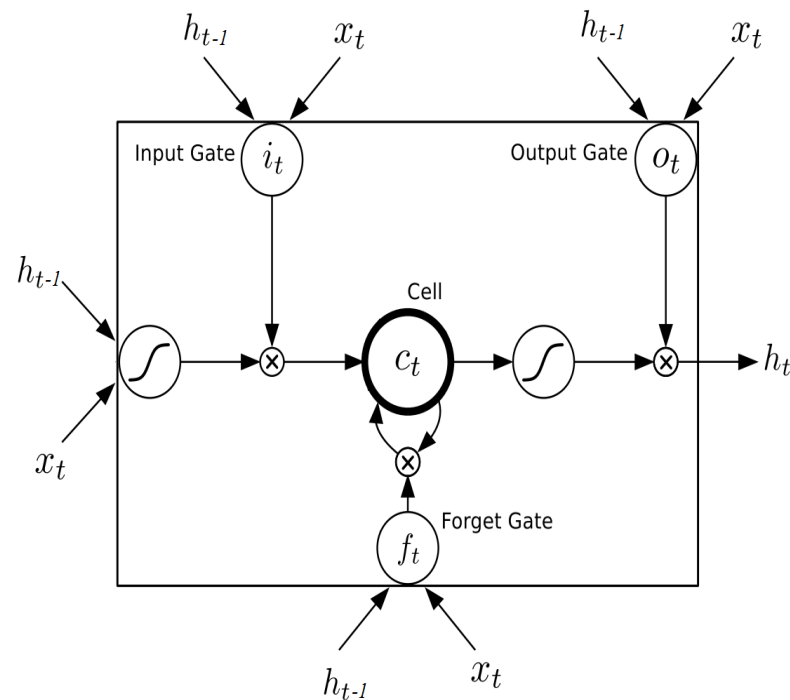


## 2. LSTM

*Extension Note:* Homework 4 due date has been extended by 1 day to **July 27 23:59UTC**.

The diagram below shows a single LSTM unit that consists of Input, Output, and Forget gates.



The behavior of such a unit as a recurrent neural network is specified by a set of update equations. These equations define how the gates, “memory cell”  $c_t$  and the “visible state”  $h_t$  are updated in response to input  $x_t$  and previous states  $c_{t-1}$ ,  $h_{t-1}$ . For the LSTM unit,

$$f_t = \text{sigmoid}(W^{f,h}h_{t-1} + W^{f,x}x_t + b_f)$$

$$i_t = \text{sigmoid}(W^{i,h}h_{t-1} + W^{i,x}x_t + b_i)$$

$$o_t = \text{sigmoid}(W^{o,h}h_{t-1} + W^{o,x}x_t + b_o)$$

$$c_t = f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tanh(W^{c,h}h_{t-1} + W^{c,x}x_t + b_c)$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)$$

where symbol  $\odot$  stands for element-wise multiplication. The adjustable parameters in this unit are matrices  $W^{f,h}$ ,  $W^{f,x}$ ,  $W^{i,h}$ ,  $W^{i,x}$ ,  $W^{o,h}$ ,  $W^{o,x}$ ,  $W^{c,h}$ ,  $W^{c,x}$ , as well as the offset parameter vectors  $b_f$ ,  $b_i$ ,  $b_o$ , and  $b_c$ . By changing these parameters, we change how the unit evolves as a function of inputs  $x_t$ .

To keep things simple, in this problem we assume that  $x_t$ ,  $c_t$ , and  $h_t$  are all scalars. Concretely, suppose that the parameters are given by

$$W^{f,h} = 0 \quad W^{f,x} = 0 \quad b_f = -100 \quad W^{c,h} = -100$$

$$W^{i,h} = 0 \quad W^{i,x} = 100 \quad b_i = 100 \quad W^{c,x} = 50$$

$$W^{o,h} = 0 \quad W^{o,x} = 100 \quad b_o = 0, \quad b_c = 0$$

We run this unit with initial conditions  $h_{-1} = 0$  and  $c_{-1} = 0$ , and in response to the following input sequence:  $[0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0]$  (For example,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = 0$ ,  $x_2 = 1$ , and so on).

### LSTM states

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Calculate the values  $h_t$  at each time-step and enter them below as an array  $[h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5]$ . For ease of calculation, you can assume that you round  $h_t$  to the closest integer in every time-step. E.g., assume  $\text{sigmoid}(50) \approx 1$  and  $\tanh(-50) \approx -1$ .

[0.0, 0.0, 1.0, -1.0, 1.0, 0.0]

✔ Answer: [0, 0, 1, -1, 1, 0]

Solution:

Approximating the functions to the nearest integer and assuming that  $x_t$  is only 0 or 1 simplifies the equation to the following.

$$f_t = \text{sigmoid}(-100) = 0$$
$$i_t = \text{sigmoid}(100x_t + 100) = 1$$
$$o_t = \text{sigmoid}(100x_t)$$
$$c_t = 0 \odot c_{t-1} + 1 \odot \tanh(-100h_{t-1} + 50x_t) = \tanh(-100h_{t-1} + 50x_t)$$
$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)$$

Notice that for  $c_t$ , the  $h_{t-1}$  term overpowers the  $x_t$  one, unless  $h_{t-1}$  is 0.

Based on our simplifications above, we can find the values for each  $h_t$ .

Input 1:

$$f_0 = 0 \quad i_0 = 1 \quad o_0 = 0.5 \quad c_0 = \tanh(-100(0) + 50(0)) = 0 \quad h_0 = 0 \odot \tanh(0) = 0$$
$$f_1 = 0 \quad i_1 = 1 \quad o_1 = 0.5 \quad c_1 = \tanh(-100(0) + 50(0)) = 0 \quad h_1 = 0$$
$$f_2 = 0 \quad i_2 = 1 \quad o_2 = 1 \quad c_2 = \tanh(0 + 50) = 1 \quad h_2 = 1 \tanh(1) = .76 \text{ rounded to } 1$$

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LSTM states 2

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Now, we run the same model again with the same parameters and same initial conditions as in the previous question. The only difference is that our input sequence is now: [1, 1, 0, 1, 1].

Calculate the values  $h_t$  at each time-step and enter them below as an array  $[h_0, h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4]$ . For ease of calculation, you can assume that you round  $h_t$  to the closest integer in every time-step. E.g., assume  $\text{sigmoid}(50) \approx 1$  and  $\tanh(-50) \approx -1$ .

[1.0, -1.0, 0.0, 1.0, -1.0]

✔ Answer: [1, -1, 0, 1, -1]

Solution:

The computation is similar to the previous question.

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LSTM info

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What information is carried in the state  $h_t$ ?

- ☐ Whether the total number of zeros is odd.

☐ Whether the number of consecutive zeros is odd.

☐ Whether the total number of ones is odd.

☒ Whether the number of consecutive ones is odd. ✓

### Solution:

We can observe that the network counts the number of consecutive 1's. If it is currently seeing a 0 it outputs 0, otherwise it outputs a 1 if it has seen an odd number of 1's so far, and a -1 if it is even.

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