

VL Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing

7. Language Models

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Semester Schedule



Week	Date	Exercise (Mon)	Lecture (Thu)	Assignments
1	15.4.24	No Exercise	Introduction	
2	22.4.24	Python/Pytorch/Colab	Neural Networks	Hand-out A1
3	29.4.24	Neural Network Implementation	NLP+TM	Introduction
4	6.5.24	Text Classification	Holiday	Hand-in A1
5	13.5.24	Assignment 1 Discussion	Word Embeddings I	Hand-out A2
6	20.5.24	Holiday	Word Embeddings II	
7	27.5.24	Word Embeddings Applications	Word Classifiers	Basics
8	3.6.24	Deep Learning in Practice	Language Models	Hand-out A3
9	10.6.24	RNNs	Recurrent Neural Networks	Hand-in A2
10	17.6.24	Assignment 2 Discussion	Sequence-to-Sequence Models	
11	24.6.24	Transformer Models (VL)	Seq2Seq & Hugging Face (Ü)	Hand-in A3 Advanced
12	1.7.24	BERT	Large Language Models	Hand-in A3
13	8.7.24	Assignment 3 Discussion	Mock Exam	





Exam Date



Written exam; 60min

Options:

- Date:
 - 24.7.24 1. Anytime
 - -25.7.24
 - **26.7.24 2. 14:00**
- Time:
 - -10:00
 - 11:00
 - 14:00
 - **15:00**





Sequencial Data



- So far: feed forward nets
 - Fully-connected layers
 - Every input data point independent
 - Input, e.g. a whole movie review

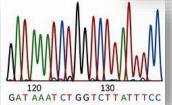


- A sequence can only be processed as a whole not one-by-one
- Task with sequencial data
 - Speech recognition
 - Music generation
 - Sentiment classification
 - DNA analysis
 - Machine translation
 - Scene description











Learning Goals for this Chapter





- Understand the difference between feed-forward-nets and recurrent network architectures
- Know application areas
- Understand BPTT

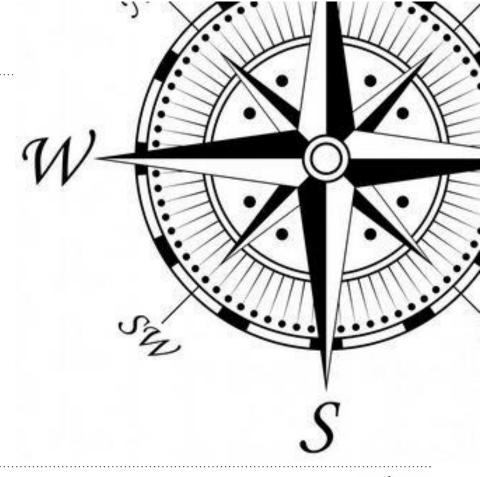
- Relevant chapters:
 - -P6.2
 - S5 (2021) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLryWeHPcBs





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Language Model Definition



- The goal of language modeling is to model a language, i.e., build a model of a language.
- With a good model you can make predictions:
 - "In five minutes, I will go ______"
 - home
 - Berlin
 - and out of town
 - supermarket
- Formal: Given a sequence of words $x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, ..., x^{(t)}$, compute a probability distribution over the next word $x^{(t+1)}$: $P(x^{(t+1)} = w_j | x^{(t)}, ..., x^{(1)})$
 - where w_j is a word from vocabulary $V = \{w_1, ..., w_{|V|}\}$
- "Language modeling" denotes the task.
- A system which solves this task is called a language model (LM).



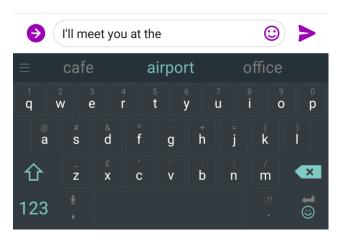
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Examples













A Bad Language Model

















N-Gram Language Model I



"In five minutes, I will go _____"

- How to learn a laguage model?
 - By counting n-grams!
- An n-gram denotes consequtive words
 - n=1: unigrams: "In", "five", "minutes", "I", "will", "go"
 - n=2: bigrams: "In five", "five minutes", "minutes I", …
 - n=3: trigrams: "In five minutes", "five minutes I", ...
 - n=4: fourgrams: "In five minutes I", "five minutes I will", …
- Side note: There are also character n-grams
 - n=2: "_I", "In", "n ", " f", "fi", "iv", "ve", "e ", ...



N-Gram Language Model II



Asumption:

$$P(x^{(t+1)} = w_j | x^{(t)}, ..., x^{(1)}) = P(x^{(t+1)} = w_j | x^{(t)}, ..., x^{(t-n+2)})$$
- E.g. 2-gram LM: $P(x^{(t+1)} = w_j | x^{(t)})$

Conditional Probability:

$$P(x^{(t+1)} = w_j | x^{(t)}, \dots, x^{(t-n+2)}) = \frac{P(x^{(t+1)}, x^{(t)}, \dots, x^{(t-n+2)})}{P(x^{(t)}, \dots, x^{(t-n+2)})}$$

- Estimate the probabilities:
 - Large, represantative corpus

$$P(x^{(t+1)} = w_j | x^{(t)}, \dots, x^{(1)}) \approx \frac{count(x^{(t+1)}, x^{(t)}, \dots, x^{(t-n+2)})}{count(x^{(t)}, \dots, x^{(t-n+2)})}$$



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Example Four-Gram Language Model



"It is very cold outside, I will go _____"

$$P(w_j|i \ will \ go) = \frac{count(i \ will \ go \ w_j)}{count(i \ will \ go)}$$

- In the copus:
 - "i will go" occurs 1000 times.
 - "i will go home" occurs 400 times.
 - \circ $P(home|i\ will\ go) = 0.4$
 - "I will go indoors" occurs 10 times.
 - \circ $P(indoors|i\ will\ go) = 0.01$
- Problem:

Smoothing: E.g. Laplace

- Context too small
 - But for any n>5 too sparse

Backoff: E.g. Katz

 \circ Memory need increases exponentially with n $(O(\exp(n)))$



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Smoothing

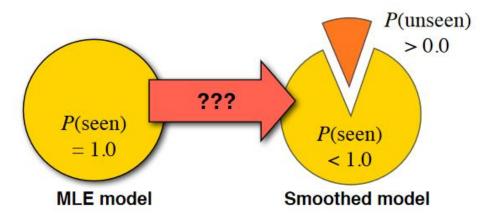


Maximum Likelihood Estimate (MLE)

$$P(w_i) = \frac{C(w_i)}{\sum_j C(w_j)} = \frac{C(w_i)}{N}$$

- with N=count of all tokens
- P(seen)=1
- Smoothing
 - Assign some probability to unseen n-grams
 - Laplace (add-1) smoothing

$$P(w_i) = \frac{C(w_i) + 1}{N + V}$$







Katz's Back-Off Model



- Idea
 - If count for n-gram is zero, take shorter n-gram instead
- Non-linear method
- The estimate for an n-gram is allowed to back off through progressively shorter histories.
- The most detailed model that can provide sufficiently reliable information about the current context is used.
- Trigram version (simplified):
 - $\text{ if } C(w', w'', w) > 0 P^*(w \mid w', w'') = P(w \mid w', w'')$
 - else if $C(w'', w) > 0 P^*(w \mid w', w'') = P(w \mid w'')$
 - else if $C(w) > 0 P^*(w \mid w', w'') = P(w)$
 - else $P^*(w | w', w'') = 1 / #words$



Katz's Back-Off Model Exmaple



Smoothing of Conditional Probabilities

P(Angeles | to, Los)

- If "to Los Angeles" is not in the training corpus, the smoothed probability P(Angeles | to, Los) is identical to P(York | to, Los).
- However, the actual probability is probably close to the bigram probability P(Angeles | Los).



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Generative Language Model I



```
Generate a text with 100 words
from nltk.corpus import reuters
                                                import random
                                                                        (=unigram language model)
from collections import Counter
                                                text = [1]
counts = Counter(reuters.words())
                                                for in range (100):
total count = len(reuters.words())
                                                    r = random.random()
print counts.most common(n=20)
                                                    accumulator = .0
# [(u'.', 94687), (u',', 72360), (u'the',
                                                    for word, freq in counts.iteritems():
58251), (u'of', 35979), (u'to', 34035),
                                                        accumulator += freq
(u'in', 26478), (u'said', 25224), (u'and',
                                                        if accumulator \geq r:
25043), (u'a', 23492), (u'mln', 18037),
                                                            text.append(word)
(u'vs', 14120), (u'-', 13705), (u'for',
                                                            break
12785), (u'dlrs', 11730), (u"'", 11272),
                                                print ' '.join(text)
(u'The', 10968), (u'000', 10277), (u'1',
                                                # tax been its and industrial and vote "
9977), (u's', 9298), (u'pct', 9093)]
                                                decision rates elimination and 2 . base Ltd one
for word in counts:
                                                merger half three division trading it to company
    counts[word] /= float(total count)
                                                before CES mln may to . . , and U is - exclusive
print sum(counts.values())
                                                affiliate - biggest its Association [...]
# 1.0
                                                from operator import mul
                                                print reduce(mul, [counts[w] for w in text],
                                                1.0)
https://nlpforhackers.io/language-models/
                                                #..3.0290546883e-32... Probability of generated text
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Generative Language Model II



```
from nltk.corpus import reuters
from nltk import bigrams, trigrams
from collections import Counter, defaultdict
first sentence = reuters.sents()[0]
print first sentence
                             # [u'ASIAN', u'EXPORTERS', u'FEAR', u'DAMAGE', u'FROM\...
print list(bigrams(first sentence)) # [(u'ASIAN', u'EXPORTERS'), (u'EXPORTERS', u'FEAR'),...
print list(bigrams(first sentence, pad left=True, pad right=True))
print list(trigrams(first sentence, pad left=True, pad right=True))
model = defaultdict(lambda: defaultdict(lambda: 0))
for sentence in reuters.sents():
    for w1, w2, w3 in trigrams(sentence, pad right=True, pad left=True):
       model[(w1, w2)][w3] += 1
print model["what", "the"]["economists"] # "economists" follows "what the" 2 times
print model["what", "the"]["nonexistingword"] # 0 times
                                # 8839 sentences start with "The"
print model[None, None]["The"]
for w1 w2 in model:
    total count = float(sum(model[w1 w2].values()))
    for w3 in model[w1 w2]:
       model[w1 w2][w3] /= total count
```



Language Model





 What is the probability of the following sentence "the weather is nice" under a bigram language model learnt from the corpus below?

> the weather was bad yesterday today the weather will be better it is nice today

- Use Laplace smoothing!
- Laplace-smoothed bigrams:

$$P(w_n|w_{n-1}) = \frac{C(w_{n-1}w_n) + 1}{C(w_{n-1}) + V}$$





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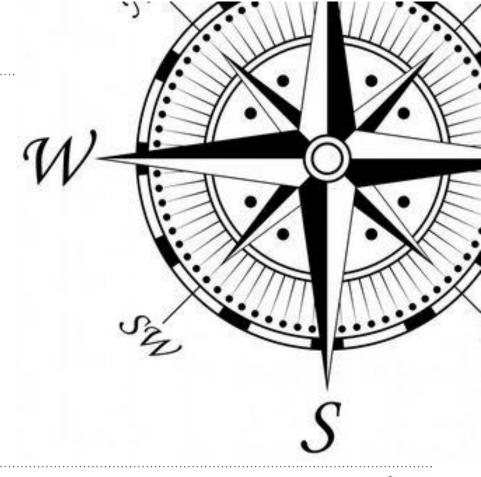




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Neural Language Model With Fixed Window Size I

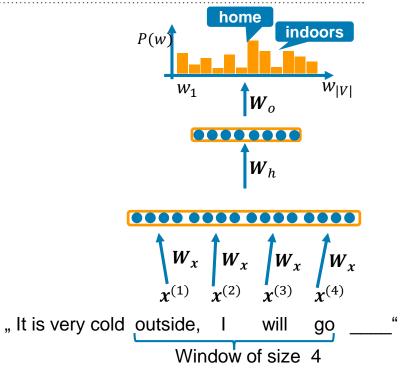


- Output=probability distribution $\widehat{y} = softmax(\mathbf{W}_o \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{b}_o) \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$
- Hidden layer

$$-\boldsymbol{h} = f(\boldsymbol{W}_h \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{b}_h)$$

Concatenated word embeddings

$$-e = [e^{(1)} = W_x x^{(1)}; e^{(2)} =$$



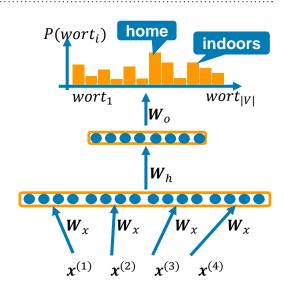


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Neural Language Model With Fixed Window Size II



- Advantage over n-gram language model
 - No sparsity problem
 - Model size is in O(n) not $O(\exp(n))$
- Not yet solved:
 - Fixed window size too small
 - Increasing window size increases W_h
 - O Window will never be large enough!
 - Weights are not shared among $x^{(i)}$



- We need a model that can process input sequences of different lengths.
 - → Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)



RNN Language Model



Probability distribution

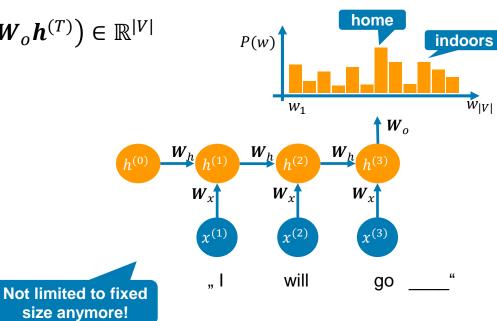
$$\widehat{\mathbf{y}} = softmax(\mathbf{W}_o \mathbf{h}^{(T)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

Hidden layer

$$- \boldsymbol{h}^{(t)} = f(\boldsymbol{W}_h \boldsymbol{h}^{(t-1)} + \boldsymbol{W}_{x} \boldsymbol{x})$$

Word embedding vectors

$$-x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, x^{(3)}, x^{(4)}$$





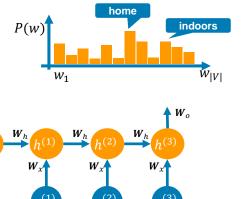


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RNN Language Model



- Advantage over fixed window
 - Input data is processed sequentially.
 - o Input can be of variable length.
 - Weights are shared across time steps in a state matrix.
 - (Theoretically) access to information at time step t
 from many time steps before
- Disadvantages of RNNs
 - Computation accross many time steps very slow
 - In practice, it is hard to access old information



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Learning the Weights

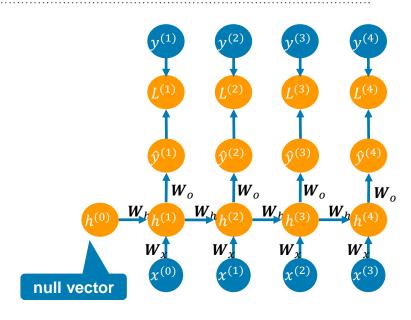


- Take a large corpus
 - Sequence of words $x^{(1)}, ..., x^{(T)}$
- Compute for each word $x^{(t)}$ a probability distribution $\hat{y}^{(t)}$ given all previous words
- Loss function for step t is the cross entropy between predicted distribution $\hat{y}^{(t)}$ and actual next word $y^{(t)} = x^{(t+1)}$:

$$L^{(t)}(\theta) = CE(\hat{y}^{(t)}, y^{(t)}) = -\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} y_j^{(t)} log \hat{y}_j^{(t)}$$

• Total loss is average:

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} L^{(t)}(\theta)$$







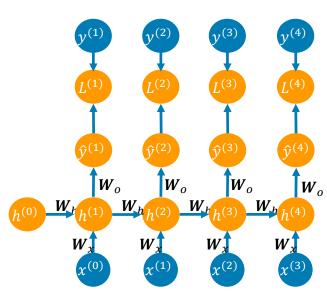
Train RNNs



- Computing the loss function and the gradients for the whole corpus is way too expensive!
- Stochastic gradient descent to the rescue
 - Update weights using small samples
- → computation per sentence
 - $-x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(T)}$ is a sentence

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{T} L^{(t)}(\theta)$$

- Computation of $L(\theta)$ for one sentence:
 - 1. Computation of the gradients
 - 2. Update the weights
 - 3. Continue with next sentence





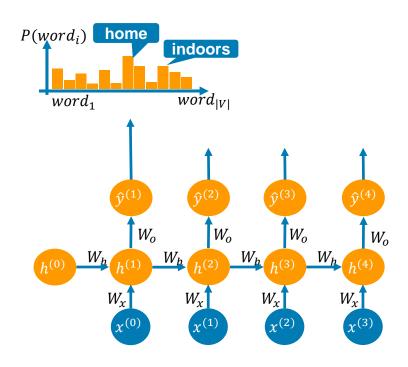
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Generation of Sentences



- Analogous to n-gram language model
 - Repeated sampling of words
 - The sampled words in one step become the input for the next step
 - At some point there will be a <eos>-token sampled
 - In case a <unk>-token is sampled, ignore and sample again

np.random.choice







Examples I

The kind of text that is generated depends on the training data





Good morning. And as we mark the fact that they can stand with their companies that are consistent to the state of Pakistan and the United States of America.

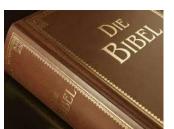
With the financial system we can do that. And the people of the United States will not be able to continue to support the people of the greatest problem of the American people to stay in the

White House. And that's why I've got to recognize the private sector that there is no doubt that we've got to continue to shape the painful realisation that we are the United States of America.

23:2 And the vision of the breaking thereof shall be in rubbick, and they shall take away the stones out of the land. 24:11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now this stones are for the righteous and the children of Israel.

https://twitter.com/RNN_Bible

https://www.avclub.com/a-bunch-of-comedy-writers-teamed-up-with-a-computer-to-1818633242 https://medium.com/@samim/obama-rnn-machine-generated-political-speeches-c8abd18a2ea0



JERRY:

Well the elevator opens and wrong side of the door... I thought maybe the door's not waiting, but it said "going down" and Kramer couldn't help me move it. I just wanted to get out of it, just get out. (He slams his hand on the door.) KRAMER enters dancing with garbage. KRAMER:

Hey hey hey, great idea for a big sponge: Make it so large you think it's got a fat clock in the middle. JERRY

(takes off his bones)

Kramer, do you have a fun flashback to do?

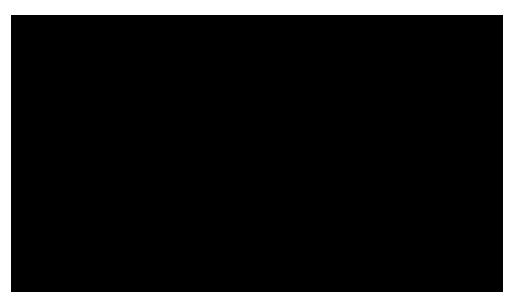




Example II



Movie scripts written by AI (with some human help, e.g., selection)







https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LY7x2Ihqjmc



Evaluation of Language Models



Typically computation of perplexity on test set $W = w_1 \dots w_T$

$$PP(W) = P(w_1 \dots w_T)^{-\frac{1}{T}}$$
 Normalization over number of words
$$\int \frac{T}{T} dt = \int \frac{1}{T} dt$$

$$PP(W) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{T} \frac{1}{P(w_i|w_1 \dots w_{i-1})}\right)^{\overline{T}}$$
- Lower is better!

Or log-likelihood

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log P(w_i|w_1 \dots w_{i-1})$$
 – Higher is better!

Model	Perplexity
Interpolated Kneser-Ney 5-gram (Chelba et al., 2013)	67.6
RNN-1024 + MaxEnt 9-gram (Chelba et al., 2013)	51.3
RNN-2048 + BlackOut sampling (Ji et al., 2015)	68.3
Sparse Non-negative Matrix factorization (Shazeer et al., 2015)	52.9
LSTM-2048 (Jozefowicz et al., 2016)	43.7
2-layer LSTM-8192 (Jozefowicz et al., 2016)	30
Ours small (LSTM-2048)	43.9
Ours large (2-layer LSTM-2048)	39.8

One billion parameters

https://research.fb.com/building-an-efficient-neural-language-model-over-a-billion-words/



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Generative Language Models



- Are automatically generated texts useful?
 - If so, in which context?
- Which are applications where language models can be used in a meaningful way?
 - (Except to generate text)
- Ethical, legal considerations?
 - Copyright, authorship, ...
 - Fake news, "truth", …















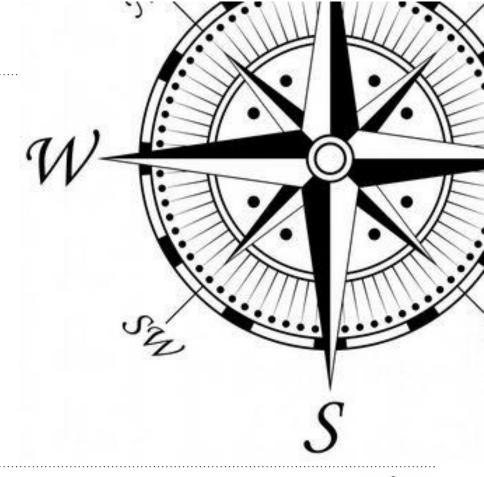


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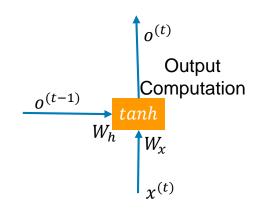
Rolled-Out Layer



Output of layer at timestep t

Output of layer at timestep
$$t$$

$$-h^{(t)} = \tanh(W_h h^{(t-1)} + W_x x^{(t)} + b_h)$$
Output layer above,
e.g. softmax
output t-1
output t = activation(
W•input_t + U•state_t + bo)
input t-1
input t-1
input t-1
input t





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input t

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input t+1

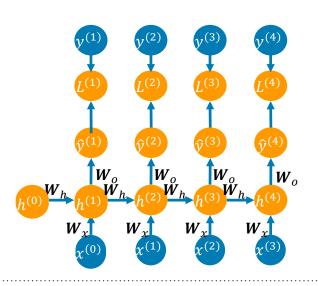
Forward Computation



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$$L^{(t)}(\theta) = CE(\widehat{y}^{(t)}, y^{(t)}) = -\sum_{j=1}^{|V|} y_j^{(t)} log \widehat{y}_j^{(t)}$$

Total loss is averaged:

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^{I} L^{(t)}(\theta)$$





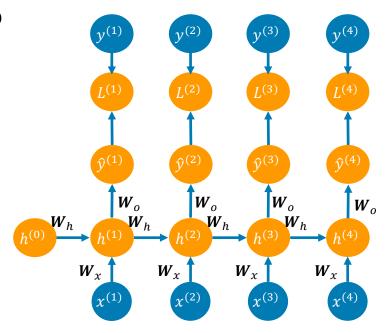


Backward Computation I



- Backpropagation through time (BPTT)
- Given: Multi-variable function f(x, y) and two functions with one variable x(t) and y(t), then this is the multi-variable chain rule

$$\frac{d}{dt}f(x(t),y(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\frac{dy}{dt}$$





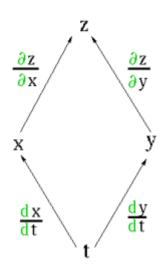


Multi-Variable Chain Rule: Example



- Let $z = x^2y y^2$ where x and y are parametrized as $x = t^2$ and y = 2t
- Then

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}
= (2xy)(2t) + (x^2 - 2y)(2)
= (2t^2 \cdot 2t)(2t) + ((t^2)^2 - 2(2t))(2)
= 8t^4 + 2t^4 - 8t
= 10t^4 - 8t$$







Backward Computation II

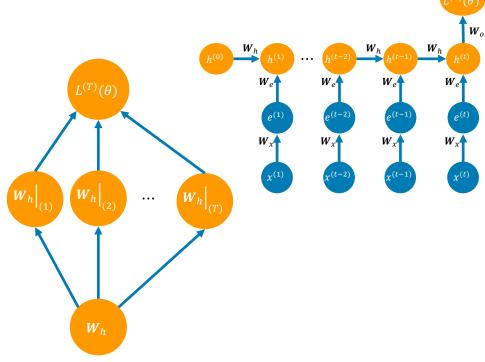


$$\frac{d}{dt}f(x(t),y(t)) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\frac{dy}{dt}$$
$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{T}\sum_{t=1}^{T}L^{(t)}(\theta)$$

• Derivation of the loss function $L^{(t)}(\theta)$ with respect to repeating \mathbf{W}_h

$$\frac{\partial L^{(T)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}_{h}} = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left(\frac{\partial L^{(T)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}_{h}} \right|_{(t)} \cdot \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{W}_{h}|_{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}_{h}} \right) = 1$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^{T} \frac{\partial L^{(T)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{W}_{h}} \Big|_{(t)}$$

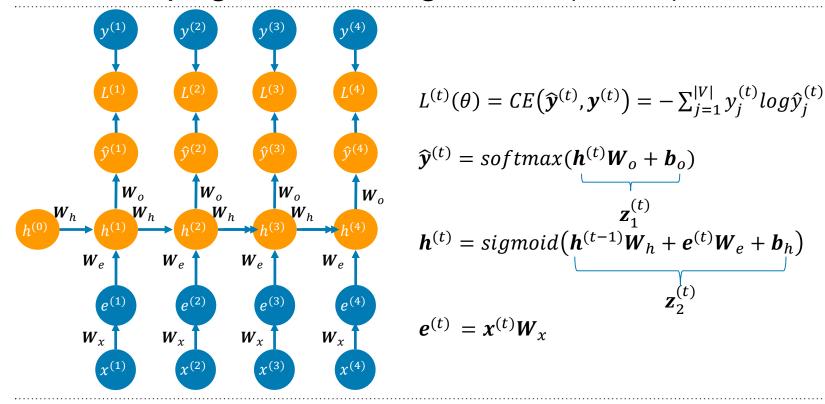






Back Propagation Through Time (BPTT) I



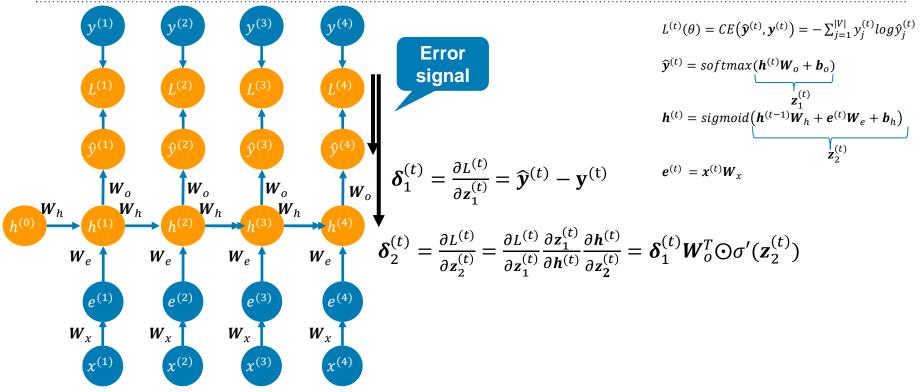






Back Propagation Through Time (BPTT) II









Gradients of an RNN I



$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{1}^{(t)} = \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}_{1}^{(t)}} = \boldsymbol{\hat{y}}^{(t)} - \boldsymbol{y}^{(t)} \qquad \text{Hadamard product}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_{2}^{(t)} = \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}_{2}^{(t)}} = \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}_{1}^{(t)}} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{z}_{1}^{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{h}^{(t)}} \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{h}^{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{z}_{2}^{(t)}} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_{1}^{(t)} \boldsymbol{W}_{o}^{T} \boldsymbol{\odot} \boldsymbol{\sigma}'(\boldsymbol{z}_{2}^{(t)})$$

$$L^{(t)}(\theta) = CE(\boldsymbol{\hat{y}}^{(t)}, \boldsymbol{y}^{(t)}) = -\sum_{j=1}^{|V|} y_{j}^{(t)} log \boldsymbol{\hat{y}}_{j}^{(t)}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\hat{y}}^{(t)} = softmax(\boldsymbol{h}^{(t)} \boldsymbol{W}_{o} + \boldsymbol{b}_{o})$$

$$\boldsymbol{z}_{1}^{(t)}$$

$$\boldsymbol{h}^{(t)} = sigmoid(\boldsymbol{h}^{(t-1)} \boldsymbol{W}_{h} + \boldsymbol{e}^{(t)} \boldsymbol{W}_{e} + \boldsymbol{b}_{h})$$

$$\boldsymbol{e}^{(t)} = \boldsymbol{x}^{(t)} \boldsymbol{W}_{r}$$



Gradients of an RNN II



$$\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial W_{e}}\Big|_{(t-1)} = (\mathbf{e}^{(t-1)})^{T} (\boldsymbol{\delta}_{3}^{(t-1)} \odot \sigma'(\mathbf{z}_{2}^{(t-1)})) \\
\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial W_{h}}\Big|_{(t-1)} = (\mathbf{h}^{(t-2)})^{T} (\boldsymbol{\delta}_{3}^{(t-1)} \odot \sigma'(\mathbf{z}_{2}^{(t-1)})) \qquad \delta_{1}^{(t)} = \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial z_{1}^{(t)}} = \hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(t)} - \mathbf{y}^{(t)} \\
\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial b_{h}}\Big|_{(t-1)} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_{3}^{(t-1)} \odot \sigma'(\mathbf{z}_{2}^{(t-1)}) \qquad \delta_{3}^{(t-1)} = \delta_{1}^{(t-1)} W_{o}^{T} \\
\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial W_{x_{x(t-1)}}}\Big|_{(t-1)} = \boldsymbol{\delta}_{3}^{(t-1)} \odot \sigma'(\mathbf{z}_{2}^{(t-1)}) W_{e}^{T} \qquad b^{(t)} = softmax(\mathbf{h}^{(t)} W_{o} + \mathbf{b}_{o}) \\
\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial W_{x_{x(t-1)}}}\Big|_{(t-1)} = sigmoid(\mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} W_{h} + \mathbf{e}^{(t)} W_{e} + \mathbf{b}_{h})$$

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 $e^{(t)} = x^{(t)}W_{r}$

Tutorials/Blogposts/Videos...



- https://github.com/go2carter/nn-learn/blob/master/grad-deriv-tex/rnn-grad-deriv.pdf
- https://mmuratarat.github.io/2019-02-07/bptt-of-rnn
- https://arxiv.org/pdf/1610.02583.pdf
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFTQ7kHQWtc
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4mVeRLitsU



Learning Goals for this Chapter





- Understand the difference between feed-forward-nets and recurrent network architectures
- Know application areas
- Understand BPTT

- Relevant chapters:
 - -P6.2
 - S5 (2021) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLryWeHPcBs

