Midterm: Character RNN

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0.1 Code

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## Midterm Character model RNN
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import tensorflow as tf
import time
import codecs
import os
import collections
from six.moves import cPickle
import numpy as np

## Change for midterm
hidden_units = 128
sequence_length = 75
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# class to load in text and process input
class TextLoader():
    def __init__(self, data_dir, batch_size, seq_length,
        encoding='utf-8'):
        self.data_dir = data_dir
        self.batch_size = batch_size
        self.seq_length = seq_length
        self.encoding = encoding

        input_file = os.path.join(data_dir, "input.txt")
        vocab_file = os.path.join(data_dir, "vocab.pkl")
        tensor_file = os.path.join(data_dir, "data.npy")

        if not (os.path.exists(vocab_file) and os.path.
            exists(tensor_file)):
            print("reading text file")
            self.preprocess(input_file, vocab_file,
                tensor_file)
        else:
            print("loading preprocessed files")
            self.load_preprocessed(vocab_file,
                tensor_file)
        self.create_batches()
        self.reset_batch_pointer()

    def preprocess(self, input_file, vocab_file,
        tensor_file):
        with codecs.open(input_file, "r", encoding=self.
            encoding) as f:
            data = f.read()
        counter = collections.Counter(data)
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        count_pairs = sorted(counter.items(), key=lambda
            x: -x[1])
        self.chars, _ = zip(*count_pairs)
        self.vocab_size = len(self.chars)
        self.vocab = dict(zip(self.chars, range(len(self.
            chars))))
        with open(vocab_file, 'wb') as f:
            cPickle.dump(self.chars, f)
        self.tensor = np.array(list(map(self.vocab.get,
            data)))
        np.save(tensor_file, self.tensor)

    def load_preprocessed(self, vocab_file, tensor_file):
        with open(vocab_file, 'rb') as f:
            self.chars = cPickle.load(f)
        self.vocab_size = len(self.chars)
        self.vocab = dict(zip(self.chars, range(len(self.
            chars))))
        self.tensor = np.load(tensor_file)
        self.num_batches = int(self.tensor.size / (self.
            batch_size * self.seq_length))

    def create_batches(self):
        self.num_batches = int(self.tensor.size / (self.
            batch_size * self.seq_length))

        # When the data (tensor) is too small, let's give
            them a better error message
        if self.num_batches==0:
            assert False, "Not␣enough␣data.␣Make␣
                seq_length␣and␣batch_size␣small."

        self.tensor = self.tensor[:self.num_batches *
            self.batch_size * self.seq_length]
        xdata = self.tensor
        ydata = np.copy(self.tensor)
        ydata[:-1] = xdata[1:]
        ydata[-1] = xdata[0]
        self.x_batches = np.split(xdata.reshape(self.
            batch_size, -1), self.num_batches, 1)
        self.y_batches = np.split(ydata.reshape(self.
            batch_size, -1), self.num_batches, 1)

    def next_batch(self):
        x, y = self.x_batches[self.pointer], self.
            y_batches[self.pointer]
        self.pointer += 1
        return x, y

    def reset_batch_pointer(self):
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        self.pointer = 0

# Parameters

batch_size = 60  # minibatch size, i.e. size of data in
    each epoch
num_epochs = 125 # you should increase it if you want to
    see relatively good results
learning_rate = 0.002
decay_rate = 0.97
num_layers = 2 #number of layers in the RNN
## Values set from above
rnn_size = hidden_units # size of RNN hidden state (
    output dimension)
seq_length = sequence_length # RNN sequence length

# Read in
with open('input.txt', 'r') as f:
    read_data = f.read()
        #print read_data[0:200]
f.closed

# load text in batches
data_loader = TextLoader('', batch_size, seq_length)
vocab_size = data_loader.vocab_size

# input and output
x,y = data_loader.next_batch()

# configure RNN
cell = tf.contrib.rnn.BasicRNNCell(rnn_size)

# two layers
stacked_cell = tf.contrib.rnn.MultiRNNCell([cell] *
    num_layers)

# in/out aka target
input_data = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, [batch_size,
    seq_length])# a 60x50
targets = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, [batch_size,
    seq_length]) # a 60x50

# start wth zeroes
initial_state = stacked_cell.zero_state(batch_size, tf.
    float32)

# embedding
with tf.variable_scope('rnnlm', reuse=False):
    softmax_w = tf.get_variable("softmax_w", [rnn_size,
        vocab_size]) #128x65
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    softmax_b = tf.get_variable("softmax_b", [vocab_size
        ]) # 1x65)
    #with tf.device("/cpu:0"):

    # embedding variable is initialized randomely
    embedding = tf.get_variable("embedding", [vocab_size,
         rnn_size]) #65x128

    # embedding_lookup goes to each row of input_data,
        and for each character in the row, finds the
        correspond vector in embedding
    # it creates a 60*50*[1*128] matrix
    # so, the first elemnt of em, is a matrix of 50x128,
        which each row of it is vector representing that
        character
    em = tf.nn.embedding_lookup(embedding, input_data) #
        em is 60x50x[1*128]
    # split: Splits a tensor into sub tensors.
    # syntax:  tf.split(split_dim, num_split, value, name
        ='split')
    # it will split the 60x50x[1x128] matrix into 50
        matrix of 60x[1*128]
    inputs = tf.split(em, seq_length, 1)
    # It will convert the list to 50 matrix of [60x128]
    inputs = [tf.squeeze(input_, [1]) for input_ in
        inputs]

# Squeeze inputs
inputs = tf.split(em, seq_length, 1)
inputs = [tf.squeeze(input_, [1]) for input_ in inputs]

# pass back output and new state
outputs, new_state = tf.contrib.legacy_seq2seq.
   rnn_decoder(inputs, initial_state, stacked_cell,
   loop_function=None, scope='rnnlm')
output = tf.reshape(tf.concat( outputs,1), [-1, rnn_size
   ])
logits = tf.matmul(output, softmax_w) + softmax_b
probs = tf.nn.softmax(logits)
grad_clip =5.
tvars = tf.trainable_variables()

class LSTMModel():
    def __init__(self,sample=False):
         rnn_size = hidden_units # size of RNN hidden
             state vector
         batch_size = 60 # minibatch size, i.e. size of
             dataset in each epoch
         seq_length = sequence_length # RNN sequence
             length
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num_layers = 2 # number of layers in the RNN
vocab_size = 65
grad_clip = 5.
if sample:
    print(">> sample mode:")
    batch_size = 1
    seq_length = 1
# The core of the model consists of an LSTM cell
    that processes one char at a time and computes
     probabilities of the possible continuations
    of the char.
basic_cell = tf.contrib.rnn.BasicRNNCell(rnn_size
    )
# model.cell.state_size is (128, 128)
self.stacked_cell = tf.contrib.rnn.MultiRNNCell([
    basic_cell] * num_layers)

self.input_data = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, [
    batch_size, seq_length], name="input_data")
self.targets = tf.placeholder(tf.int32, [
    batch_size, seq_length], name="targets")
# Initial state of the LSTM memory.
# The memory state of the network is initialized
    with a vector of zeros and gets updated after
    reading each char.
self.initial_state = stacked_cell.zero_state(
    batch_size, tf.float32) #why batch_size

with tf.variable_scope('rnnlm_class1'):
    softmax_w = tf.get_variable("softmax_w", [
        rnn_size, vocab_size]) #128x65
    softmax_b = tf.get_variable("softmax_b", [
        vocab_size]) # 1x65
    with tf.device("/cpu:0"):
        embedding = tf.get_variable("embedding",
            [vocab_size, rnn_size])  #65x128
        inputs = tf.split(tf.nn.embedding_lookup(
            embedding, self.input_data),
            seq_length, 1)
        inputs = [tf.squeeze(input_, [1]) for
            input_ in inputs]
        #inputs = tf.split(em, seq_length, 1)

# The value of state is updated after processing
    each batch of chars.
outputs, last_state = tf.contrib.legacy_seq2seq.
    rnn_decoder(inputs, self.initial_state, self.
    stacked_cell, loop_function=None, scope='
    rnnlm_class1')
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        output = tf.reshape(tf.concat(outputs,1), [-1,
            rnn_size])
        self.logits = tf.matmul(output, softmax_w) +
            softmax_b
        self.probs = tf.nn.softmax(self.logits)
        loss = tf.contrib.legacy_seq2seq.
            sequence_loss_by_example([self.logits],
                [tf.reshape(self.targets, [-1])],
                [tf.ones([batch_size * seq_length])],
                vocab_size)
        self.cost = tf.reduce_sum(loss) / batch_size /
            seq_length
        self.final_state = last_state
        self.lr = tf.Variable(0.0, trainable=False)
        tvars = tf.trainable_variables()
        grads, _ = tf.clip_by_global_norm(tf.gradients(
            self.cost, tvars),grad_clip)
        optimizer = tf.train.AdamOptimizer(self.lr)
        self.train_op = optimizer.apply_gradients(zip(
            grads, tvars))

    def sample(self, sess, chars, vocab, num=200, prime='
        The ', sampling_type=1):
        state = sess.run(self.stacked_cell.zero_state(1,
            tf.float32))
        #print state
        for char in prime[:-1]:
            x = np.zeros((1, 1))
            x[0, 0] = vocab[char]
            feed = {self.input_data: x, self.
                initial_state:state}
            [state] = sess.run([self.final_state], feed)

        def weighted_pick(weights):
            t = np.cumsum(weights)
            s = np.sum(weights)
            return(int(np.searchsorted(t, np.random.rand
                (1)*s)))

        ret = prime
        char = prime[-1]
        for n in range(num):
            x = np.zeros((1, 1))
            x[0, 0] = vocab[char]
            feed = {self.input_data: x, self.
                initial_state:state}
            [probs, state] = sess.run([self.probs, self.
                final_state], feed)
            p = probs[0]
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            if sampling_type == 0:
                sample = np.argmax(p)
            elif sampling_type == 2:
                if char == ' ':
                    sample = weighted_pick(p)
                else:
                    sample = np.argmax(p)
            else: # sampling_type == 1 default:
                sample = weighted_pick(p)

            pred = chars[sample]
            ret += pred
            char = pred
        return ret

with tf.variable_scope("rnn"):
    model = LSTMModel()

with tf.Session() as sess:
        sess.run(tf.global_variables_initializer())
        for e in range(num_epochs): # num_epochs is 125
            for test, but should be higher
                sess.run(tf.assign(model.lr,
                    learning_rate * (decay_rate ** e)))
                data_loader.reset_batch_pointer()
                state = sess.run(model.initial_state) #
                    (2x[60x128])
                for b in range(data_loader.num_batches):
                    #for each batch
                        start = time.time()
                        x, y = data_loader.next_batch()
                        feed = {model.input_data: x,
                            model.targets: y, model.
                            initial_state:state}
                        train_loss, state, _ = sess.run([
                            model.cost, model.final_state,
                             model.train_op], feed)
                        end = time.time()
                print("{}/{} (epoch {}), train_loss = 
                    {:.3f}, time/batch = {:.3f}" .format(e
                     * data_loader.num_batches + b,
                    num_epochs * data_loader.num_batches,
                    e, train_loss, end - start))
                with tf.variable_scope("rnn", reuse=True)
                    :
                        sample_model = LSTMModel(sample=
                            True)
                        print (sample_model.sample(sess,
                            data_loader.chars ,
                            data_loader.vocab, num=25,
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                                prime='The ', sampling_type=1)
                                )
                            print ('------------------------')
#END
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0.2 Part 1: Hidden Units

Table 1: Hidden Units effect on Perplexity

Hidden Units	Perplexity
32	1.829
64	1.632
128	1.412
256	1.248
512	0.990

0.2.1 Part 1: Analysis

As the number of hidden units decreases, there is a marked drop in perplexity. Perplexity represents the difficulty the net has in predicting output. In this character RNN, the perplexity decreasing means that the network has an easier time predicting characters as the number of hidden units increases. These hidden units allow for more information to be factored into producing character output. The direct result of increasing hidden units is that the embedding, or vectorization of characters, is expanded by the increase in hidden units size. The effect is apparent from the table 1.

> "The the dounch and pest as he schenged my trote to spr"
> Sample from 32 hidden units

> "The bears: O, would he done a knew of your malice"
> Sample from 512 hidden units

Looking at the sentences produced by the lowest number of hidden units, 32, almost none of the words produced are English words. Very few of the sentences are readable, and even fewer follow any semblance of sentence structure. Compared to the higher hidden unit output, this seems almost random even by the end of the training. At 512 hidden units, most if not all words by the end of training are either English words or close enough approximations. Punctuation and symbols are used in ways that seem to mirror the source material, such as a character name and colon followed by a newline preceding what must be that character's dialogue. The spelling, syntax, and overall structure of sentences produced are much more readable and often wholly correct with higher hidden units.

0.3 Part 2: Sequence Length

Table 2: Sequence Length effect on Perplexity

Sequence Length	Perplexity
25	1.336
50	1.412
75	1.357

0.3.1 Part 2: Analysis

The sequence length is how many characters the RNN takes into account for modeling prediction. The output and states from longer or shorter sequences affects the predictions formed, but not the ease at which the net can predict them. Thus, the perplexity from 25 to 75 has very little change.

"The Froths are in Boney?
Proffil piad, that I'll keep with: Bain a town; and h"
Sample from 25 sequence length

"The devil's, thus, and that I did make of your noted to answerful, since he"
Sample from 75 sequence length

We can see that with a shorter sequence length the contextual accuracy of sentences, such as forming valid English words and structure, are diminished. In comparison, the longer sequence length is comprehensible as a fragment of a statement, albeit grammar structure is not entirely possible with character based prediction. This demonstrates the sequence length's effect on context and accuracy beyond predicting just a character, the amount of input affects how well that outputs fits overall in a human readable sentence. It is still just as difficult (noted by the perplexity remaining the same) to predict the characters, but the "understanding" that comes with a longer sequence length is reflected in the output text.