

Seq2Seq & Neural Machine Translation

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Seq2Seq Model Uses

- Machine Translation
- Auto Reply
- Dialogue Systems
- Speech Recognition
- Time Series

- Chatbots
- Audio
- Image Captioning
- Q&A
- many more

Why Seq2seq

- Sequences preserve the order of the inputs
- They allow us to process information that has a time or order element to it
- They allow us to preserve information that couldn't be done done via normal neural networks

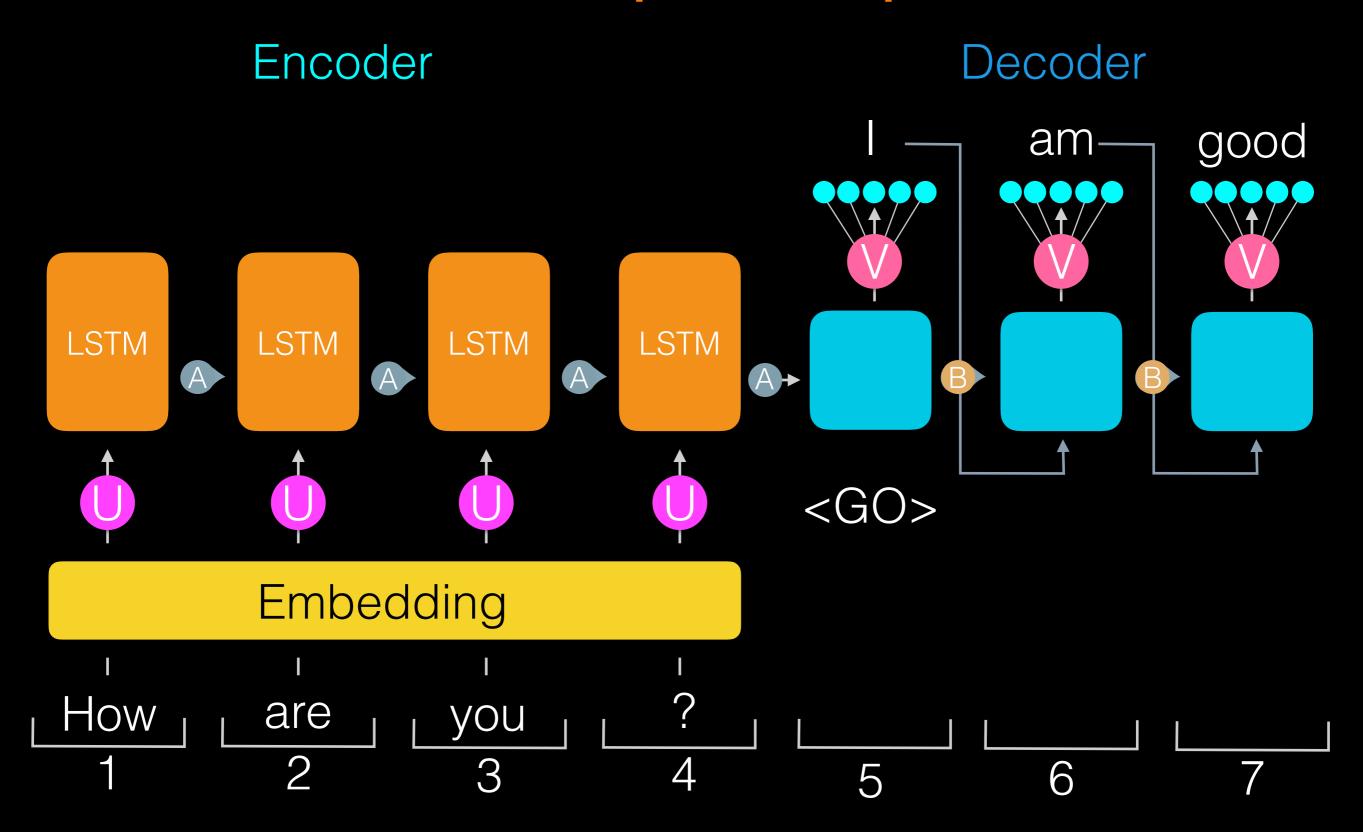
Seq2Seq Key Components

- Encoder takes info in, in time steps then creates a hidden state to be passed to the decoder
- Decoder takes the hidden state/states and uses that to predict the correct next step in the sequence
- Lots of data

Seq2Seq Key idea

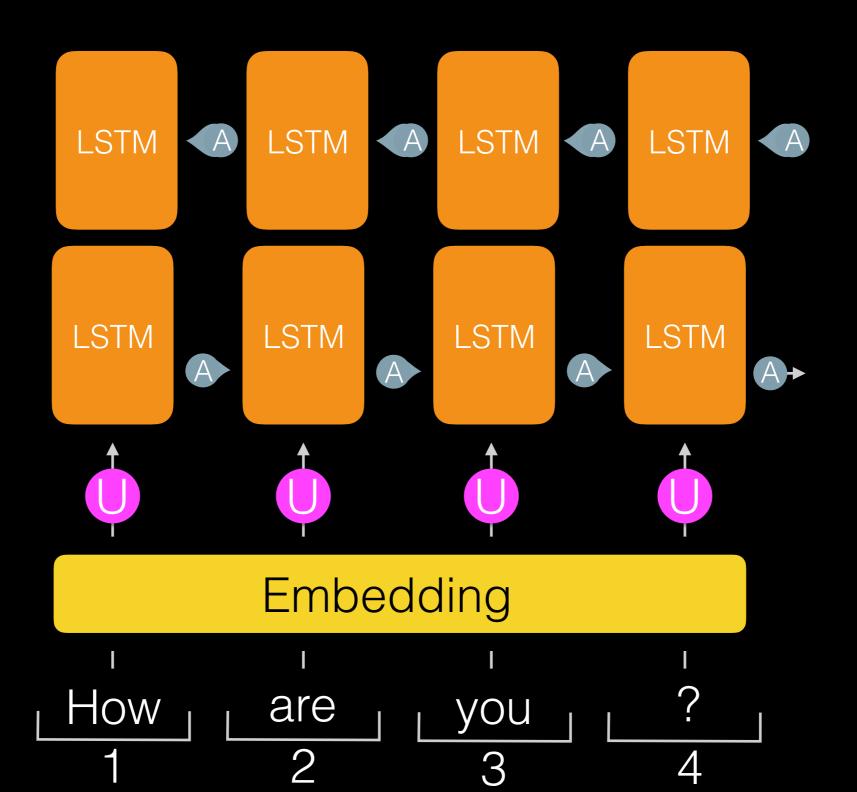
The aim is to convert a sequence into a fixed size feature vector that encodes only the important information in the sequence while losing the unnecessary information.

Seq2Seq



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Bidirectional Encoder

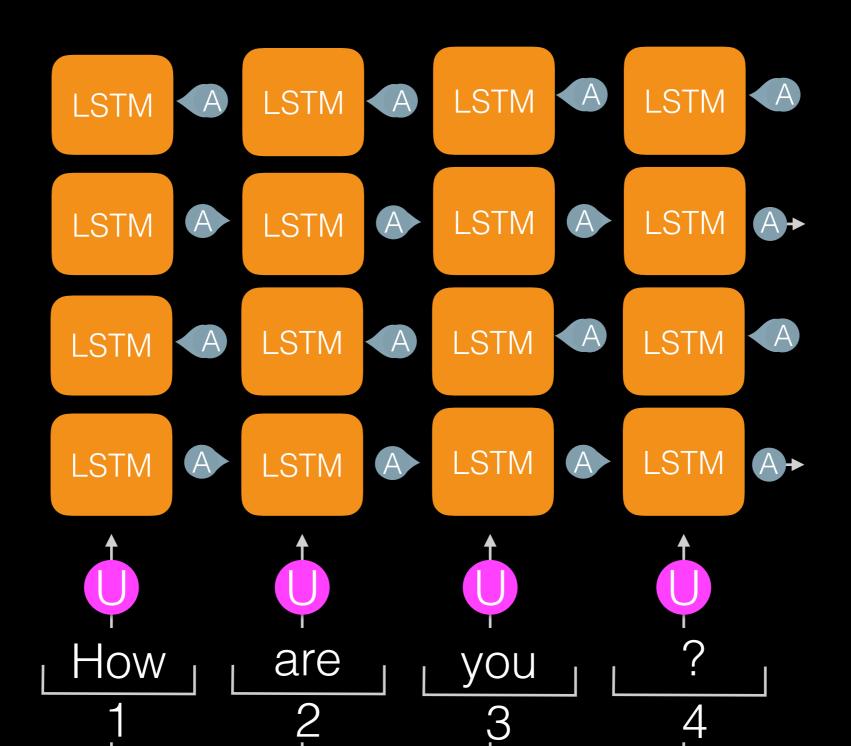


The BiLSTM Secret

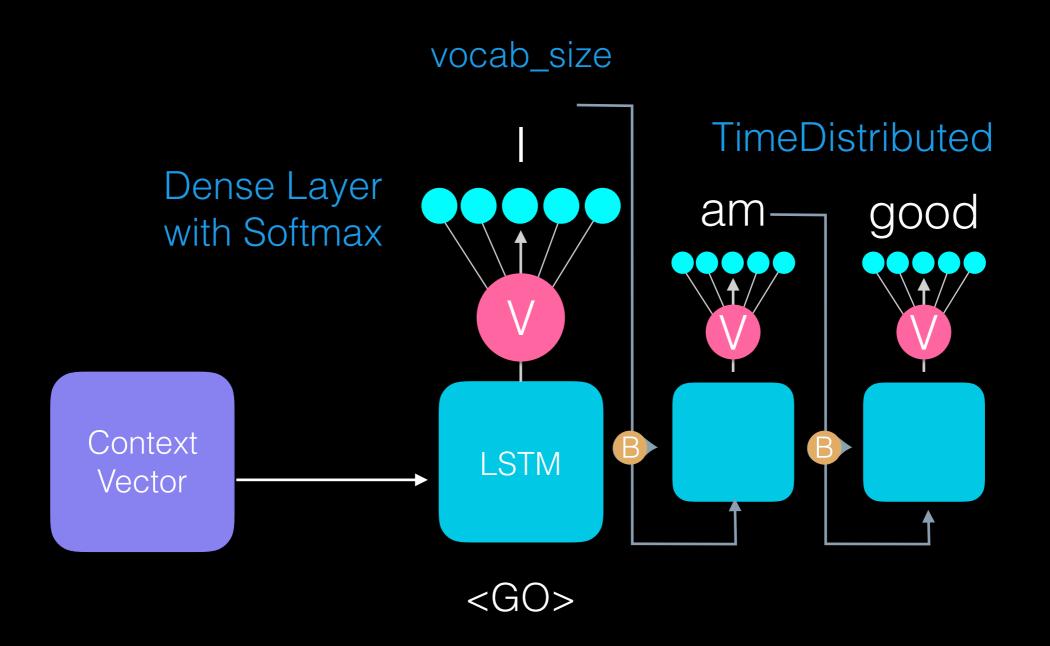
- Bidirectional LSTMs generally work better than anything else for almost every NLP task
- Often the more BiLSTMs the better
- State of the art is usually BiLSTMs with Attention
- State of the art is still often lacking

Stacked

Bidirectional Encoder



Decoder



What is padding

No padding

Hello how are you today?

I am fine

Padded Length 8

'Hello' 'how' 'are' 'you' '?' '<pad>' '<pad>' '<pad>'

'l' 'am' 'fine''<pad>' '<pad>' '<pad>' '<pad>' '<pad>' '

All input sequences must be same length as each other.

All output sequences must be same length as each other.

Special Tokens

- <PAD> padded zero input
- <EOS> end of sentence
- <GO> telling the decoder to start
- <OOV> out of vocabulary
- <UNK> unknown
- <ES2> language to translate to

Lookup tables

- We can't pass words directly to the network
- We have to assign each word to an index number

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'Hello', 'how', 'are', 'you', '?', '<pad>', '<pad>', '<pad>', '<pad>'
23,4,13,14,8,0,0,0

'Hello', 'you', '!','<pad>', '<pad>', '<pad>', '<pad>', '<pad>'
23,14,23,0,0,0,0,0
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Lookup tables

- We often discard words that are used very little and replace them with unknown <UNK>
- The bigger the vocabulary we have the harder it will be at prediction time, so we want the words that are used the most.

Embeddings

- Embeddings allow us to extract more semantic meaning from the words
- Embeddings like Word2Vec have been trained on billions of words and have abstracted a lot of the meaning from those words.

Inputs

- Glove embedding = 100 dim
- Max sequence length = 30
- Batch size = 64
- Tensor input shape = (64,30,100)

Language Translation

- USD\$40 Billion a year
- Google translates over a 100 billion words a day
- Facebook has been working on it's own systems
- Ecommerce etc etc

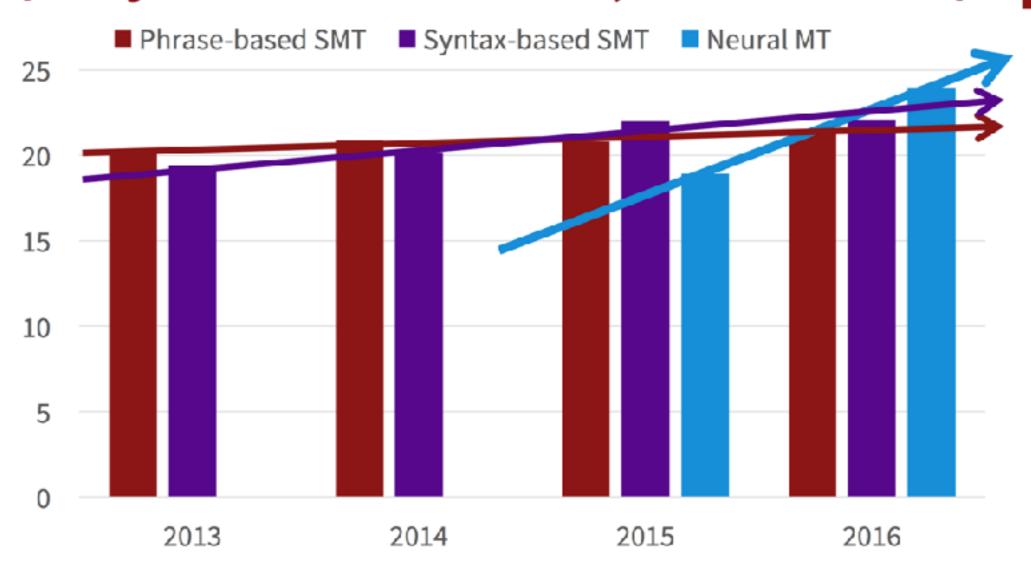
Why is translation hard?

- The correct word to use depends on other words in the sentence
- Order of words can change in different languages
- Rules don't work, need to use statistical approaches
- Traditional SMT was really complicated

Why NMT

Progress in Machine Translation

[Edinburgh En-De WMT newstest2013 Cased BLEU; NMT 2015 from U. Montréal]

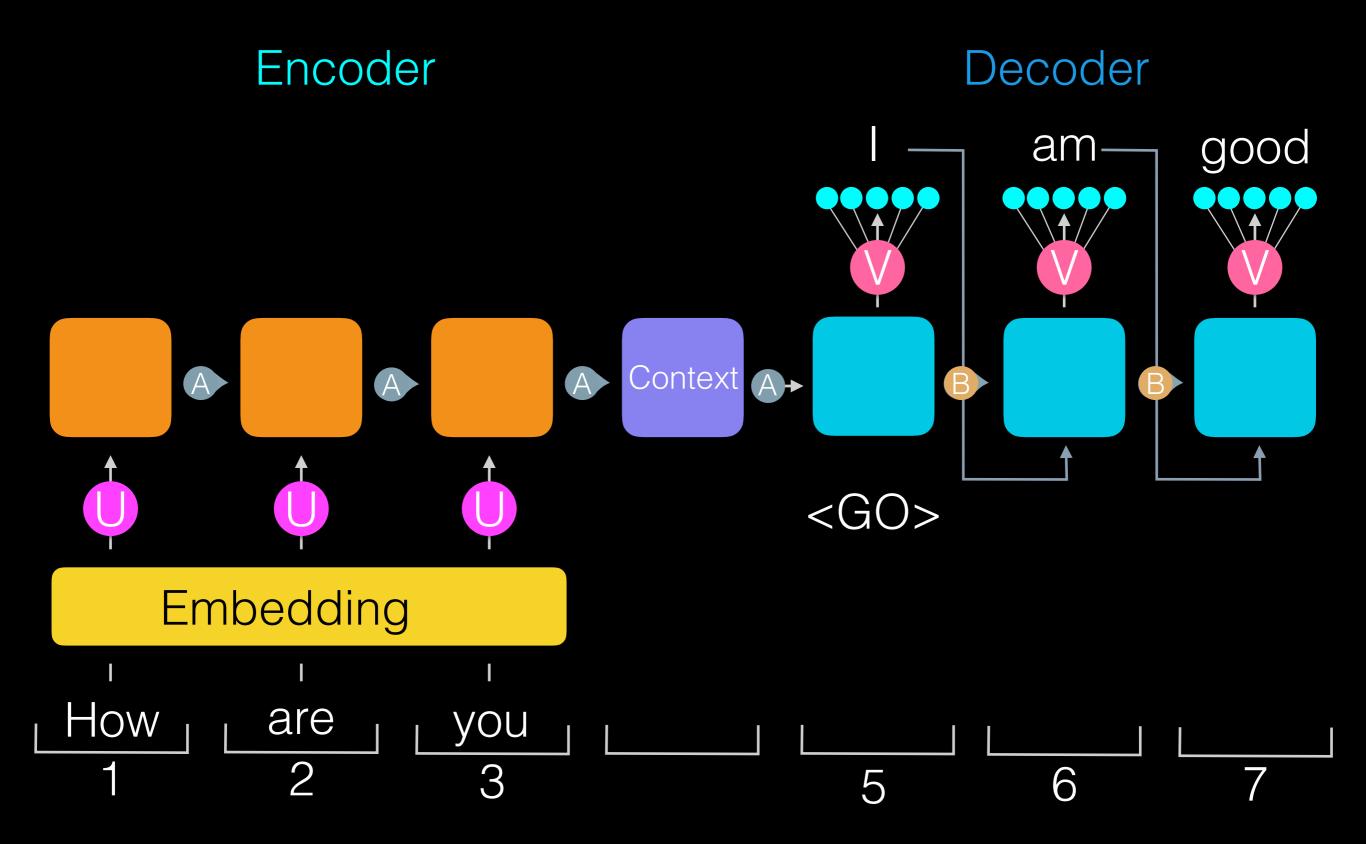


From [Sennrich 2016, http://www.meta-net.eu/events/meta-forum-2016/slides/09_sennrich.pdf]

Any to Any in the past

- Google ~ 80 languages
- 6400 MT systems Bilingual systems
- Interlingua 80 Encoders 80 Decoders
 - <ES2> translate to Spanish
 - translate to Italian

NMT



Code time

Vanilla Seq2Seq Problems

- Works well on short sentences but not long ones
- LSTMs can remember out to about 30 steps
- Drops off very quickly after 30

Advanced Seq2Seq

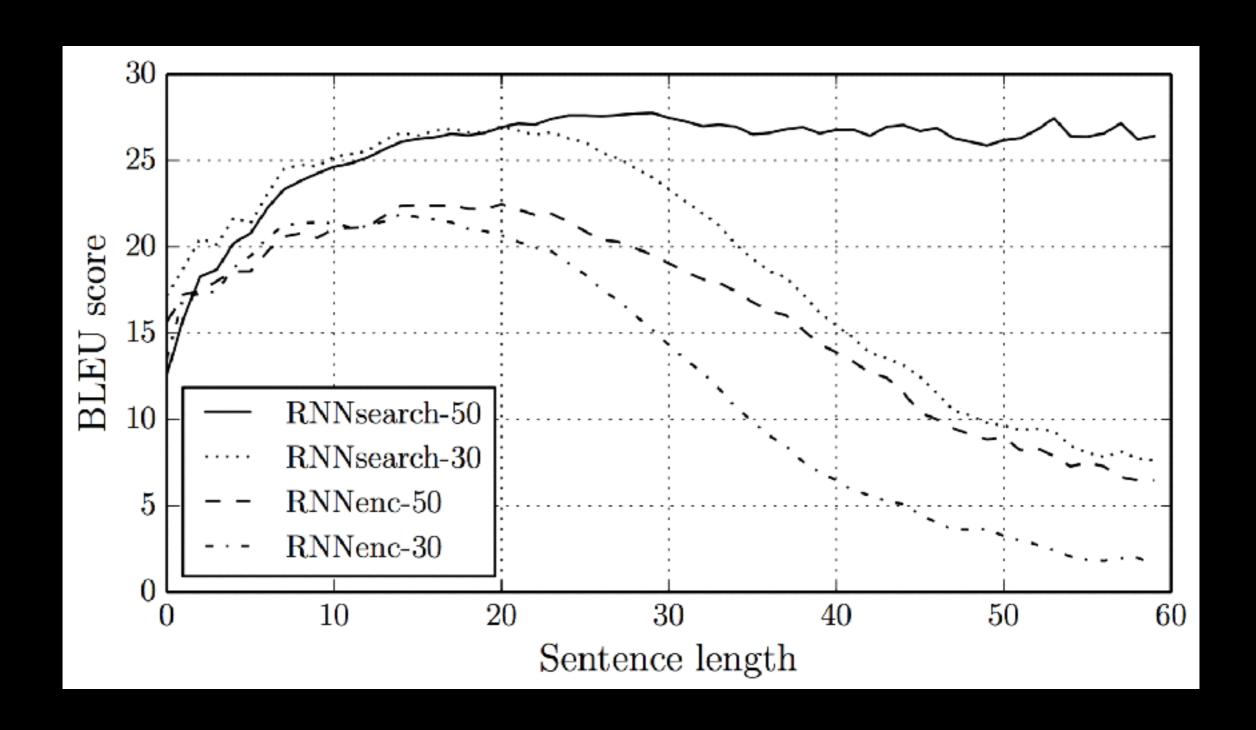
Attention

Teacher Forcing

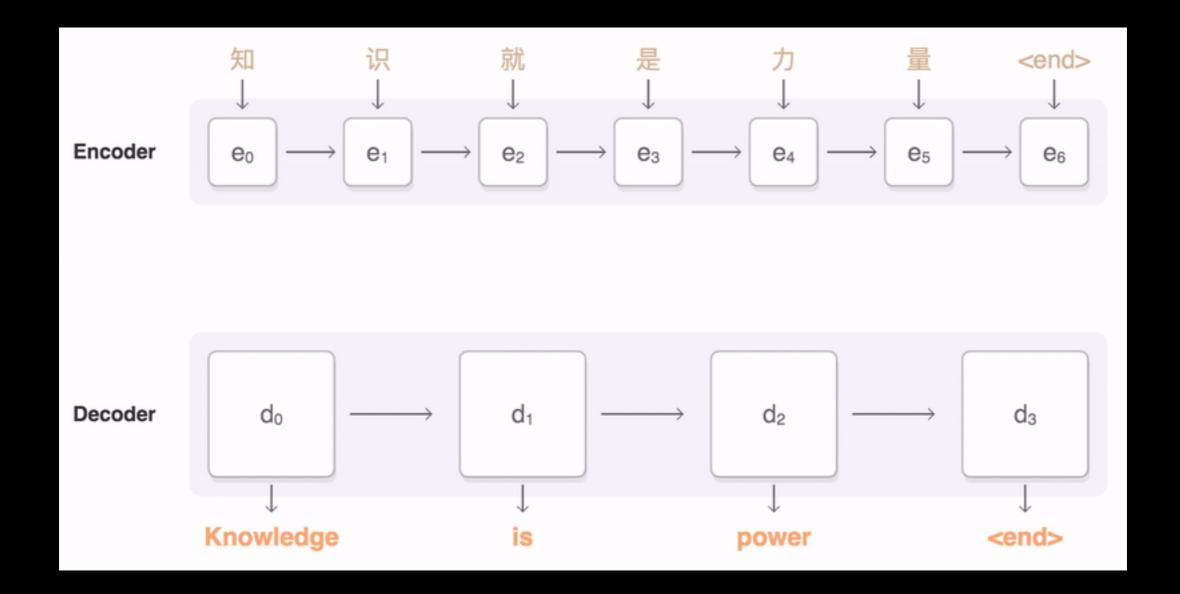
Peeking

Beam Search

Attention



Attention



Attention

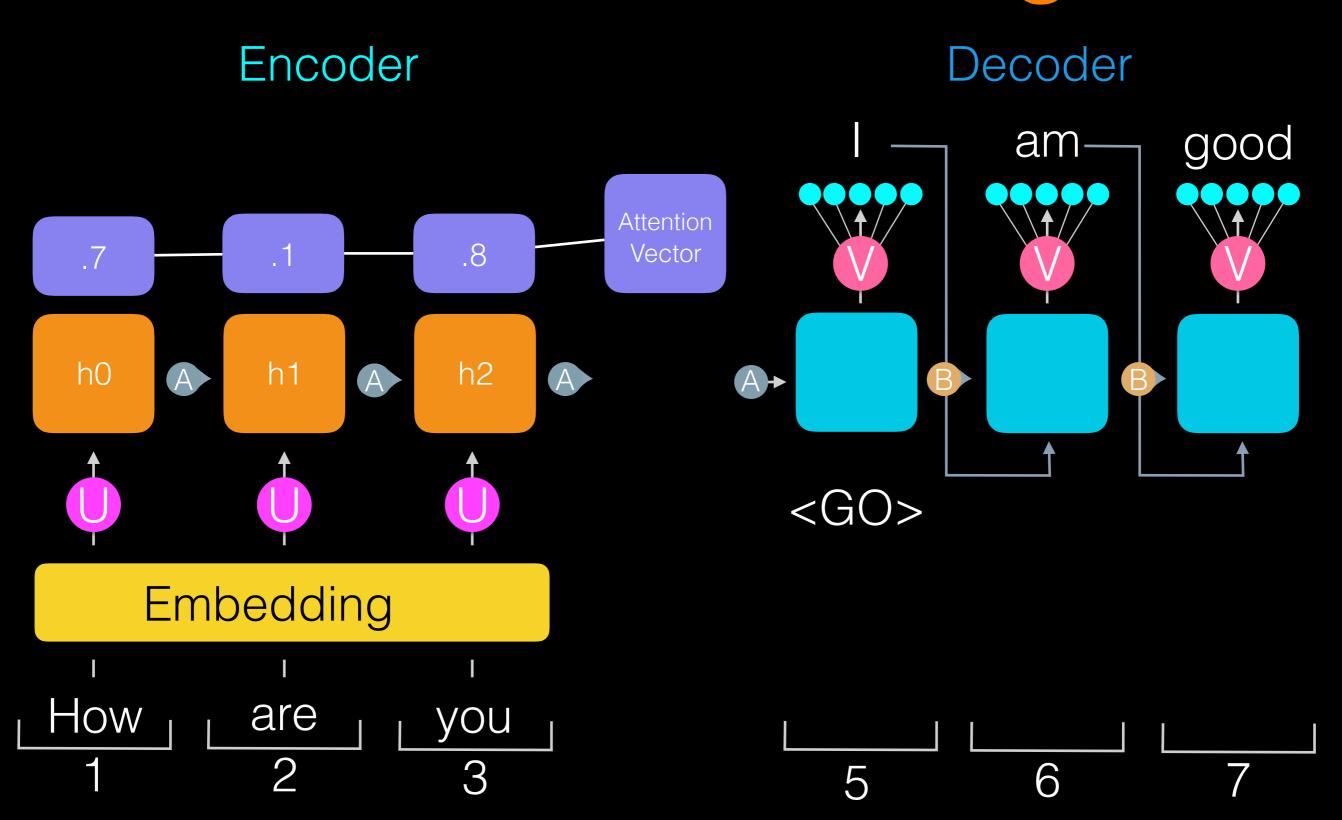
- It even does better for short sentence length
- NMT without attention often generate sentences with good grammar but gets the name wrong or repeats itself
- Attention gives us like a fixed vector of RAM to score the words

What words are important?

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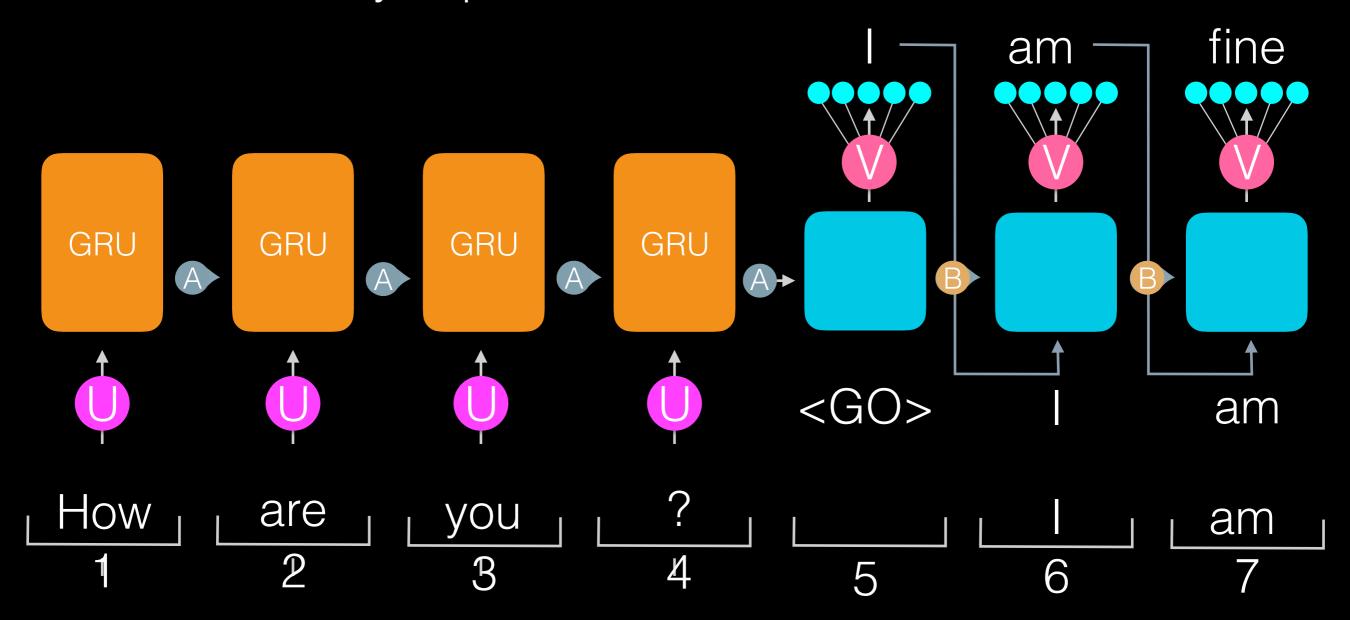
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Attention Scoring

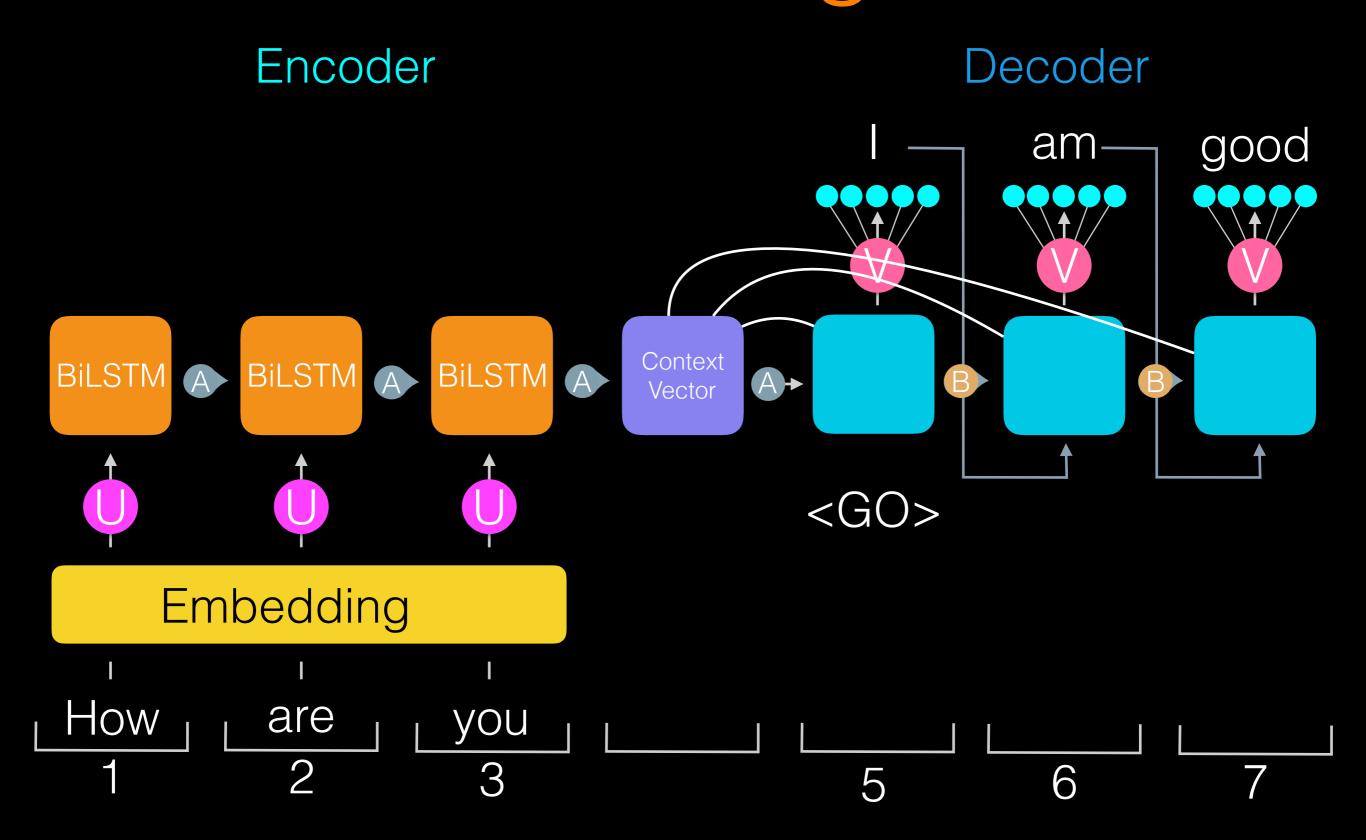


Teacher Forcing

When training the network instead of letting the decoder pass its predictions to the next layer, pass the correct word/state

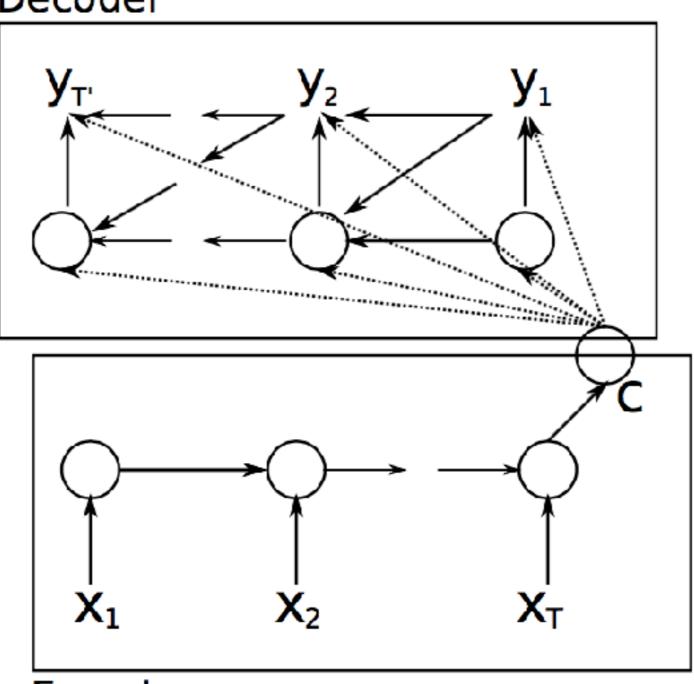


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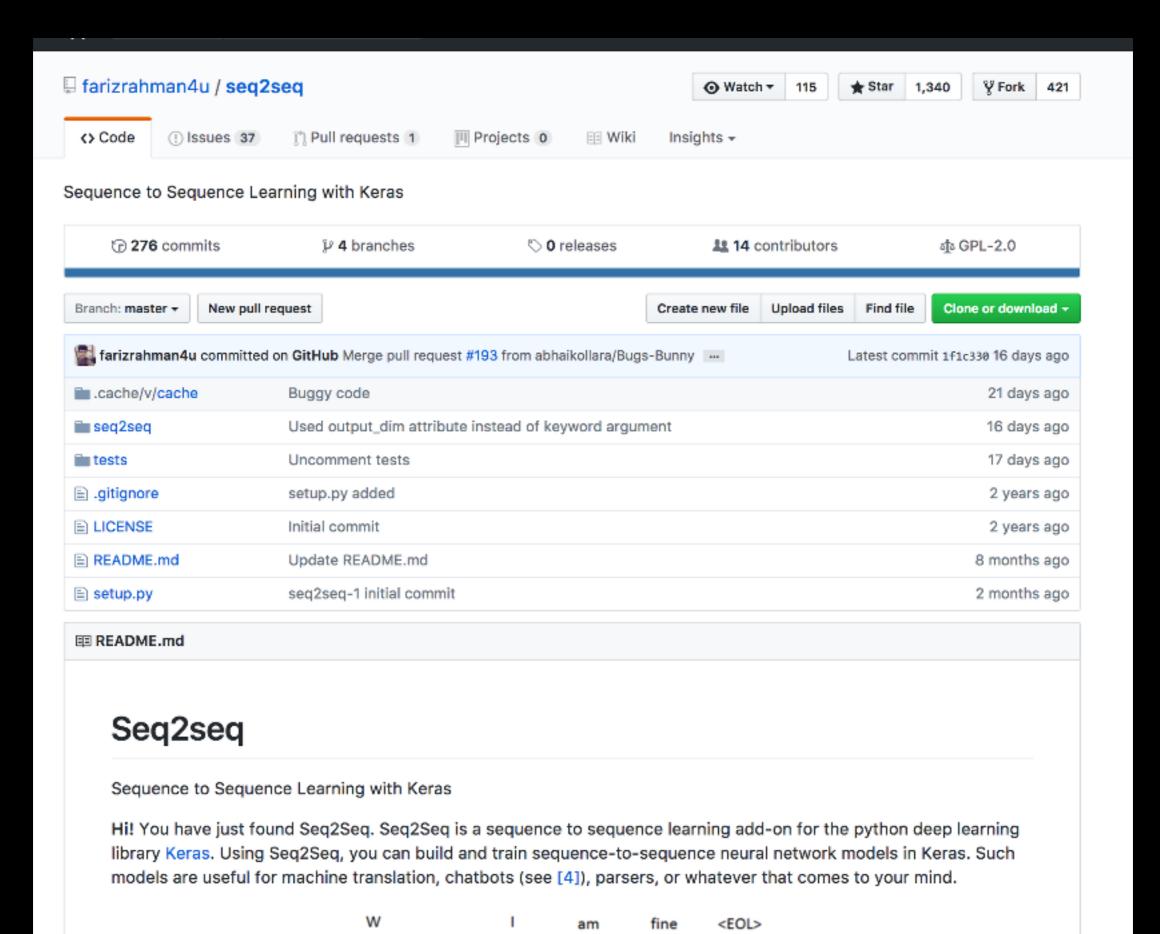
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Decoder



Encoder

Keras Resources



Resources

- https://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/14/magazine/ the-great-ai-awakening.html
- http://distill.pub/2016/augmented-rnns/
- Chris Manning NLP with Deep Learning Stanford
- Quoc Le Seq2Seq Deep Learning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5RY_SUJih4

Papers

- Grammar as a foreign language -Neubig
- Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the gap - Wu et al
- Google's multilingual MNT System: enabling zero-shot translation
- NMT and sequence to sequence models: a tutorial-Neubig

The End

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