

# 29th Vienna Deep Learning Meetup



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# Vienna Deep Learning Meetup



## The Organizers:



Thomas Lidy  
Musimap



Alex Schindler  
AIT & TU Wien



Jan Schlüter  
OFAI & UTLN



René Donner  
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# Topics for Today

- **Welcome & Introduction**
- **Deep Learning for Recommender Systems**  
*Jakub Mačina, Machine Learning Engineer, Exponea*
- **The Fastai Deep Learning Library**  
*Michael Pieler, Data Scientist*
- **<Break>**
- **ACM Recommender Systems Conference Review**  
*Jakub Mačina, Machine Learning Engineer, Exponea*
- **Hot Topics**  
*Michael Pieler, Data Scientist*

# Announcements

# VDLM on Github

<https://github.com/vdlm/meetups>

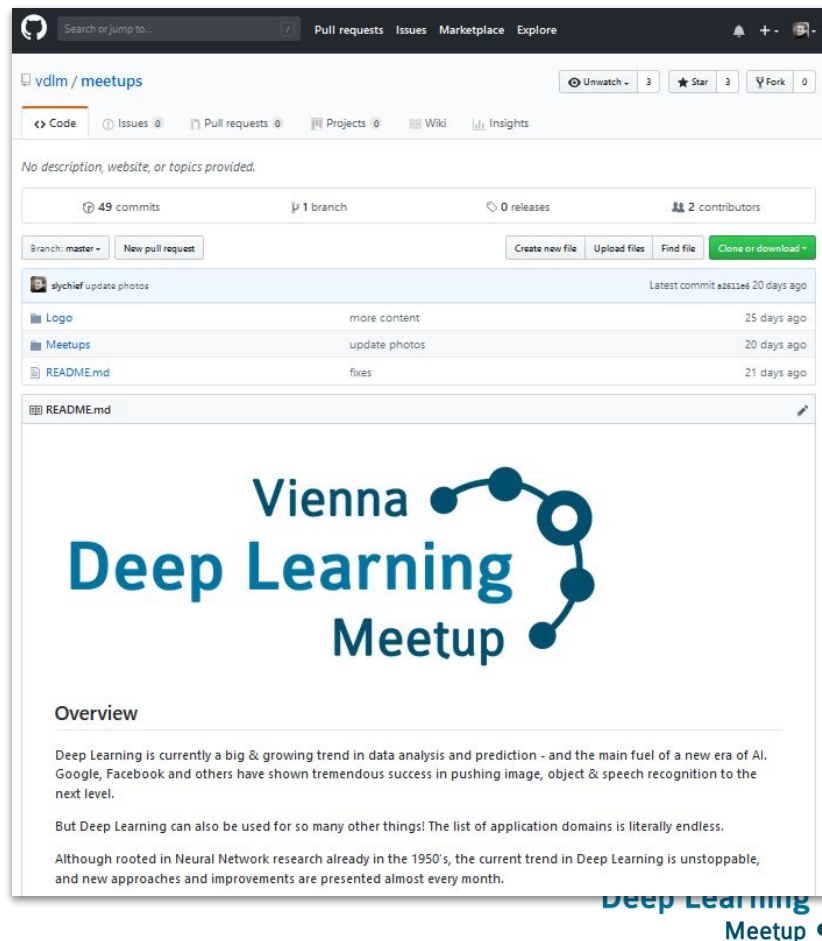
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1	2016-04-07	Sector 5	intro	<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
2	2016-05-09	Sector 5		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
3	2016-06-06	Sector 5		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
4	2016-07-07	TU Wien		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
5	2016-09-22	Automatic Software GmbH		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
6	2016-10-12	Sector 5		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
7	2016-12-01	Agentur Virtual Identity		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
8	2017-01-17	TU Wien Informatik		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>
9	2017-02-21	bwin.party services (Austria) GmbH		<a href="#">more</a>		<a href="#">link</a>

## Talks

Date	MU#	Speaker	Topic	Slides
2016-04-07	1	Thomas Lidy	An overview presentation of Deep Learning	<a href="#">pdf</a>
2016-04-07	1	Jan Schlüter	History, Approaches, Applications	<a href="#">pdf</a>
2016-05-09	2	Alex Champandard	Neural Networks for Image Synthesis	
2016-05-09	2	Gregor Mitscha-Baude	Recurrent Neural Networks	<a href="#">pdf</a>
2016-06-06	3	Jan Schlüter	Open-source Deep Learning with Theano and Lasagne	<a href="#">pdf</a>
2016-09-22	5	Josef Puchinger	Deep Learning & The Future of Automation	
2016-09-22	5	Christoph Körner	Going Deeper with GoogleNet and CaffeJS	<a href="#">pdf</a>



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# Vienna Deep Learning Meetup

## Overview

Deep Learning is currently a big & growing trend in data analysis and prediction - and the main fuel of a new era of AI. Google, Facebook and others have shown tremendous success in pushing image, object & speech recognition to the next level.

But Deep Learning can also be used for so many other things! The list of application domains is literally endless.

Although rooted in Neural Network research already in the 1950's, the current trend in Deep Learning is unstoppable, and new approaches and improvements are presented almost every month.

Deep Learning Meetup



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We are looking for:

EXPERIENCED COMPUTER VISION ENGINEER (M/W/D)

FULL-STACK WEB DEVELOPER (M/W/D)

Reference for applications:

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# At Austrian Airlines, we are looking for a **Strategic Data Engineer** to join our emerging Digital Delivery Team

## What will you be doing?

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Drive **automation and digitalization** of business from a data point-of-view

**Evaluate, develop, prepare & test data** sets of the entire organization

Discover **opportunities of data acquisition** for us

Develop **processes/pipelines for data modeling**, mining & production

Put machine learning/deep learning **data models in production**

## Why join Austrian?

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You will **pioneer and drive forward digitalization topics**, thereby having a lasting impact on our organization

You will interact with **top management** and be situated in Austrian's **strategy department**

You will have the ability to work on a **variety of use cases** & different data sets (Ops, Finance, HR, ...)

You will become part of the Austrian Airlines family with many benefits and attractive travel discounts

## Interested in joining us?

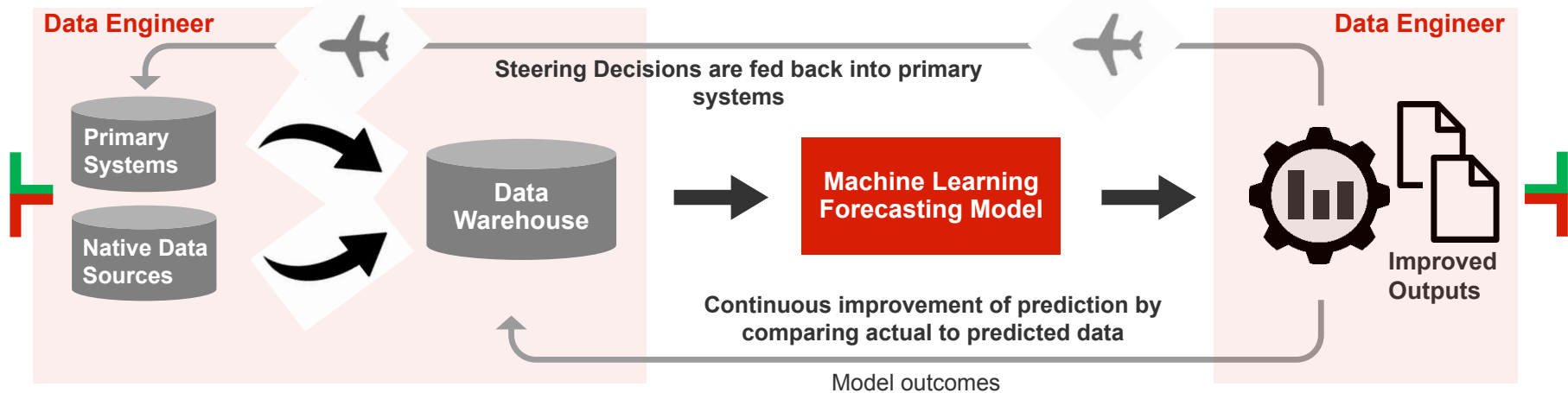
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# As **Strategic Data Engineer** at Austrian Airlines, you will be essential in supporting our business units to implement use cases

## Action Cycle: We change what we are doing ("Automation")



## Learning Cycle: We further improve ("Machine Learning")

### SBY Crew Use Case: Using a machine learning model to forecast SBY levels

Weather, sick rates & historical SBY level data is saved

Data is aggregated and cleaned in central data warehouse

Machine learning model accesses data and creates forecast

Prediction is used for planned SBY levels, actual requirement is fed back into data warehouse

#### Actual Value Generation:

Optimized crew planning with improved SBY crew levels



# The **BRAINSTORMS FESTIVAL**

September 27th & 28th, 2019

Palladion XXI Andreas Hofer Straße 28, 1210 Vienna, Austria



# A.I. highlights

## Day 1

11:00-11:30 Vince Madai, Cognitive Biases in AI

14:00-14:30 Lushi Chen, AI and mental disorders

14:30-15:30 PANEL DISCUSSION Transformation of diagnostics in the next 5 years

## Day 2

11:30-12:00 Peter Schlecht, How to radically improve our brains and save humanity

11:30-12:00 (stage 2) Kira Kempinska, Making new drugs with a dose of AI

13:30-14:40 (stage 2) Daniel Spichtinger, Horizon Europe - an intro to the new EU R&I programme

14:00-14:30 Diana Deca, Robots inspired by the brain

14:30-15:30 PANEL DISCUSSION The Augmented Men (Isabella Hillmer, Peter Schlecht, Diana Deca)

14:30-18:00 Liad Magen, Using AI to fight Climate Change

16:00-16:30 Cosima Prahm, The new generation prosthetics and computer-assisted rehabilitation

17:30-18:00 Hackathon grand prize reveal

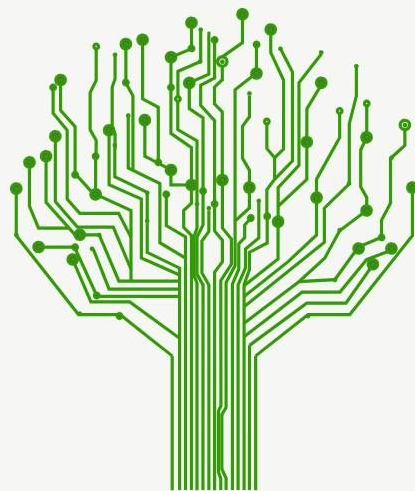
**IN PARALLEL : BRAIN-COMPUTER INTERFACE HACKATHON**

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# USING AI TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Brainstorming workshop  
@the Brainstorms Festival

Colosseum XXI - Colosseum 21 Palladion 21  
Andreas Hofer Straße 28, 1210 Vienna, Austria



Developer Circles  
from facebook

Saturday, 28.9 - 14:30 -18:00

# Ready2build your own Startup?

- Game that increases emotional intelligence
- Real-estate recommendation system
- Custom clearance automatic form-filling
- Conference Schedule RecSys
- PodCasts Speech Detection (With Dialect!)
- And more...



October 4-6th

<https://ready-2-build-your-mvp.com>



# Hot Topics & Latest News

a short block at every meetup  
to briefly present recent papers and news in Deep Learning

Send us contributions ([tom.lidy@gmail.com](mailto:tom.lidy@gmail.com))  
or come with slides to do a short block yourself!

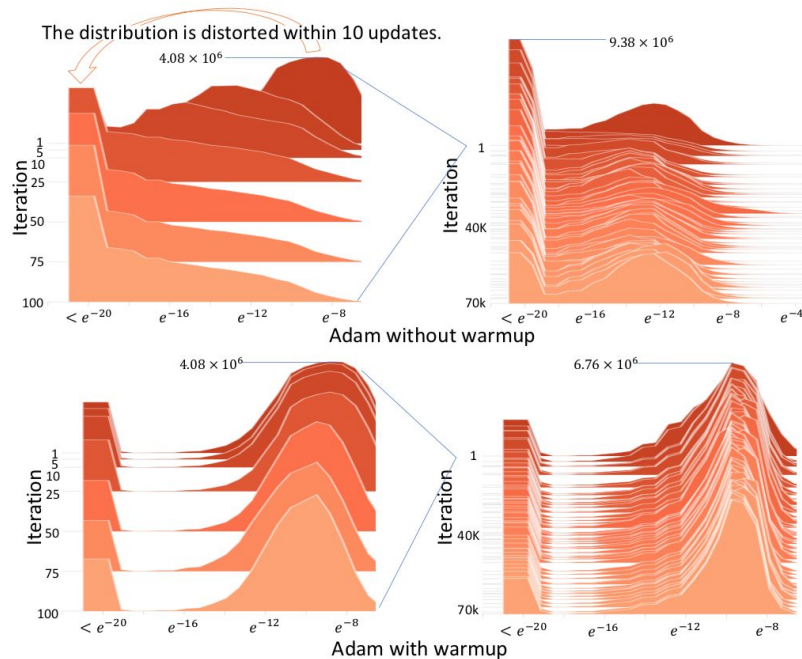


# RAdam - Rectified Adam

- learning rate warmup stabilizes training, accelerates convergence and improves generalization
- problem of adaptive learning rates:
  - problematically large variance in the early stage of training

→ *suggests warmup works as a variance reduction technique!*

Absolute gradient histogram:



- RAdam introduces a term to rectify the variance of the adaptive learning rate!

# RAdam - Update

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**Algorithm 2:** Rectified Adam. All operations are element-wise.

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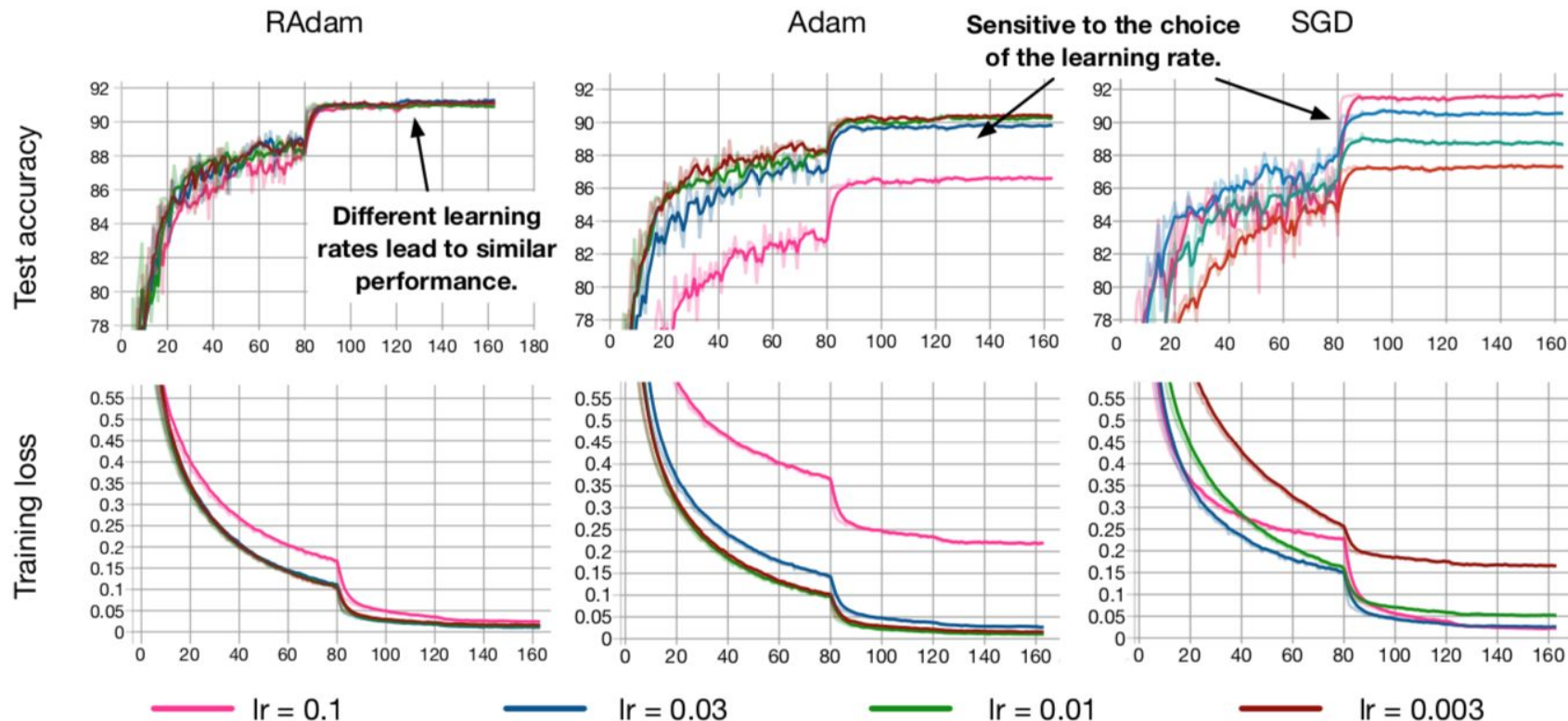
**Input:**  $\{\alpha_t\}_{t=1}^T$ : step size,  $\{\beta_1, \beta_2\}$ : decay rate to calculate moving average and moving 2nd moment,  $\theta_0$ : initial parameter,  $f_t(\theta)$ : stochastic objective function.

**Output:**  $\theta_t$ : resulting parameters

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1  $m_0, v_0 \leftarrow 0, 0$  (Initialize moving 1st and 2nd moment)
2  $\rho_\infty \leftarrow 2/(1 - \beta_2) - 1$  (Compute the maximum length of the approximated SMA)
3 while  $t = \{1, \dots, T\}$  do
4    $g_t \leftarrow \Delta_\theta f_t(\theta_{t-1})$  (Calculate gradients w.r.t. stochastic objective at timestep t)
5    $v_t \leftarrow \beta_2 v_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_2) g_t^2$  (Update exponential moving 2nd moment)
6    $m_t \leftarrow \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1 - \beta_1) g_t$  (Update exponential moving 1st moment)
7    $\widehat{m}_t \leftarrow m_t / (1 - \beta_1^t)$  (Compute bias-corrected moving average)
8    $\rho_t \leftarrow \rho_\infty - 2t\beta_2^t / (1 - \beta_2^t)$  (Compute the length of the approximated SMA)
9   if the variance is tractable, i.e.,  $\rho_t > 4$  then
10     $\widehat{v}_t \leftarrow \sqrt{v_t / (1 - \beta_2^t)}$  (Compute bias-corrected moving 2nd moment)
11     $r_t \leftarrow \sqrt{\frac{(\rho_t - 4)(\rho_t - 2)\rho_\infty}{(\rho_\infty - 4)(\rho_\infty - 2)\rho_t}}$  (Compute the variance rectification term)
12     $\theta_t \leftarrow \theta_{t-1} - \alpha_t r_t \widehat{m}_t / \widehat{v}_t$  (Update parameters with adaptive momentum)
13  else
14     $\theta_t \leftarrow \theta_{t-1} - \alpha_t \widehat{m}_t$  (Update parameters with un-adapted momentum)
15 return  $\theta_T$ 
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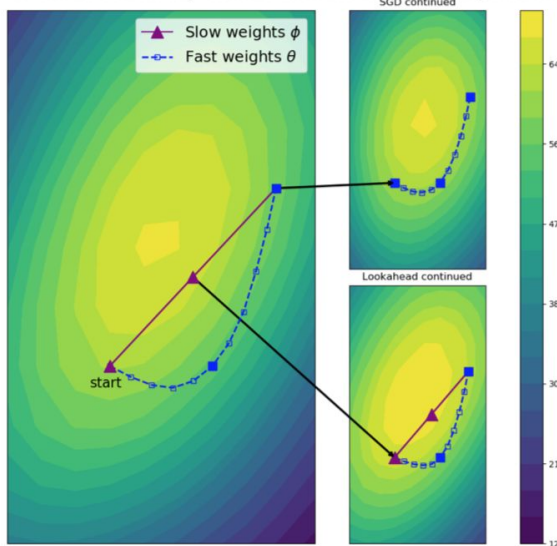
# RAdam, Adam, and SGD



# LookAhead

- Iteratively updates two sets of weights:
  - “slow weights” get updated by looking ahead at the sequence of “fast weights” generated by another optimizer

CIFAR-100 accuracy surface with Lookahead interpolation



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## Algorithm 1 Lookahead Optimizer:

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**Require:** Initial parameters  $\phi_0$ , objective function  $L$

**Require:** Synchronization period  $k$ , slow weights step size  $\alpha$ , optimizer  $A$

**for**  $t = 1, 2, \dots$  **do**

    Synchronize parameters  $\theta_{t,0} \leftarrow \phi_{t-1}$

**for**  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  **do**

        sample minibatch of data  $d \sim \mathcal{D}$

$\theta_{t,i} \leftarrow \theta_{t,i-1} + A(L, \theta_{t,i-1}, d)$

**end for**

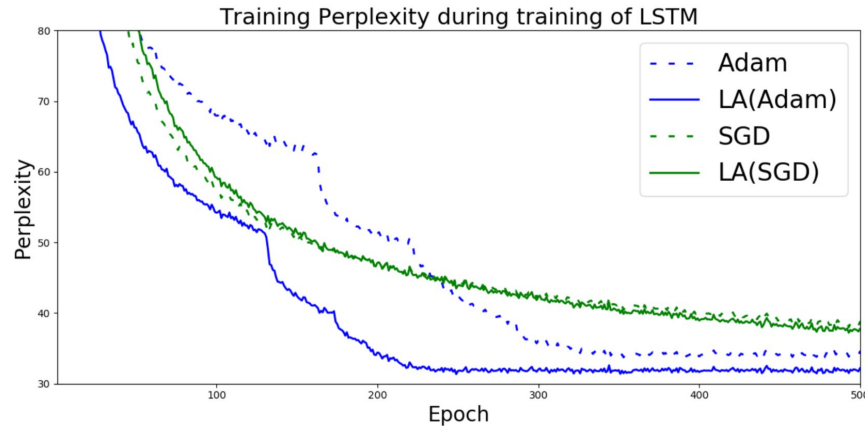
    Perform outer update  $\phi_t \leftarrow \phi_{t-1} + \alpha(\theta_{t,k} - \phi_{t-1})$

**end for**

**return** parameters  $\phi$

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# LookAhead + ?



A better combination?

→ **Ranger = LookAhead + RAdam**

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1907.08610.pdf> &

<https://medium.com/@lessw/new-deep-learning-optimizer-ranger-synergistic-combination-of-radam-lookahead-for-the-best-of-2dc83f79a48d>

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Next Meetup:  
Late October

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