

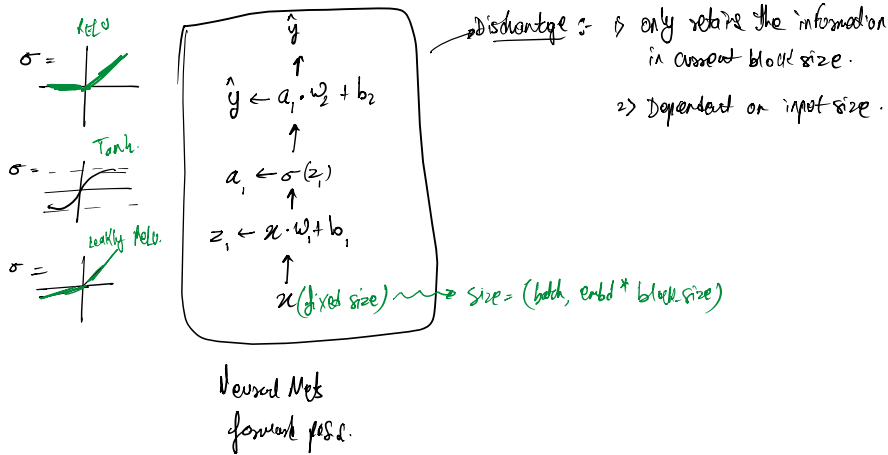
1) RNN Language Model

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Architecture of a traditional RNN — Recurrent neural networks, also known as RNNs, are a class of neural networks that allow previous outputs to be used as inputs while having hidden states. They are typically as follows:

Advantages	Drawbacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of processing input of any length • Model size not increasing with size of input • Computation takes into account historical information • Weights are shared across time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computation being slow • Difficulty of accessing information from a long time ago • Cannot consider any future input for the current state

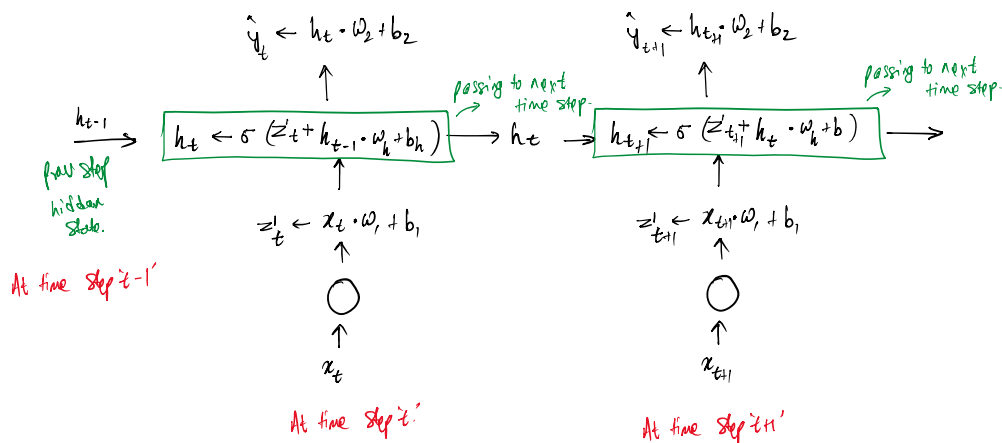
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Solution is
Recurrent Neural Network.
(RNN).

RNN. — Transfer everything you learned to next hidden states time step

RNN Architecture



Basically we have a
function, performing

$$y_t \leftarrow f(\text{current input}, \text{prev hidden state})$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{y}_t \leftarrow f(x_t, h_{t-1})$$

$$\hat{y}_t \leftarrow (\sigma(x_t \cdot w_1 + h_{t-1} \cdot w_k + b)) \cdot w_2 + b_2 \quad \# \text{forward pass for RNN}$$

$$f(x_t, h_{t-1}) = (\sigma(x_t \cdot w_1 + h_{t-1} \cdot w_k + b)) \cdot w_2 + b_2$$

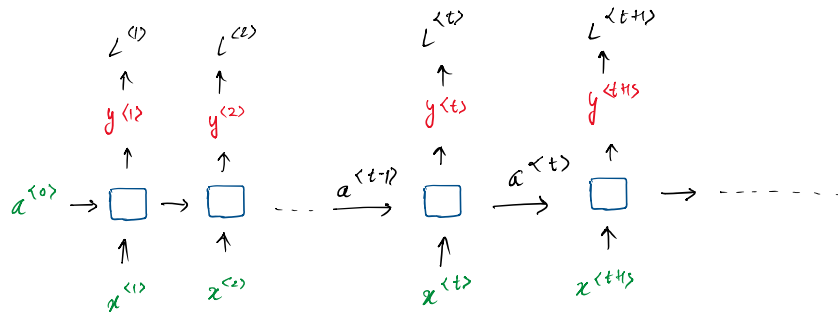
$$f(x_t, h_{t-1}) = \sigma(x_t \cdot \omega_x + h_{t-1} \cdot \omega_h + b) \cdot \omega_z + b_z$$

Activation
function

information
obtained
from past
hidden state
(past time step)

Controls how much
the past hidden state
is important.

Generally



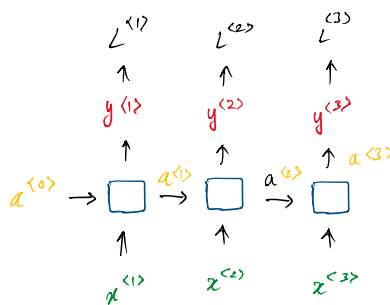
where,

$$a^{<t>} = g_1(x^{<t>} \cdot \omega_x + a^{<t-1>} \cdot \omega_h + b)$$

$$y^{<t>} = g_2(a^{<t>} \cdot \omega_y + b_y)$$

$$L(\hat{y}, y) = \sum_{i=0}^t L^{<i>} ; L^{<t>} = L(y^{<t>}, \hat{y})$$

Training RNNs (Backpropagation)
Assume this Architecture.



$$L = L^{<1>} + L^{<2>} + L^{<3>}$$

$$a^{<1>} = x^{<1>} \cdot \omega_x + a^{<0>} \cdot \omega_h + b$$

$$a^{<2>} = x^{<2>} \cdot \omega_x + a^{<1>} \cdot \omega_h + b$$

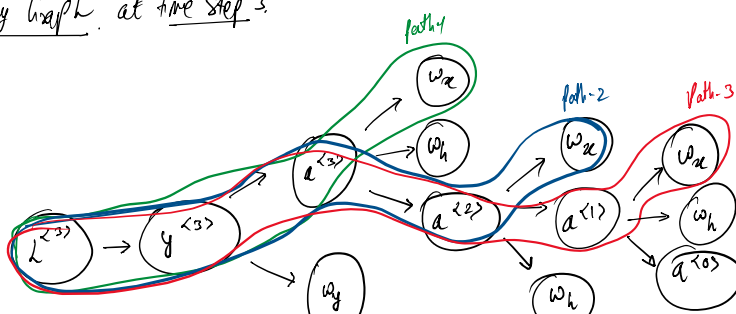
$$a^{<3>} = x^{<3>} \cdot \omega_x + a^{<2>} \cdot \omega_h + b$$

$$y^{<1>} = a^{<1>} \cdot \omega_y + b_y$$

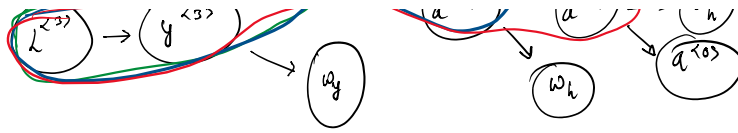
$$y^{<2>} = a^{<2>} \cdot \omega_y + b_y$$

$$y^{<3>} = a^{<3>} \cdot \omega_y + b_y$$

Dependency Graph at time step 3



→ This tells us how $a^{<3>} \rightarrow a^{<2>} \rightarrow a^{<1>}$
at time step = 3



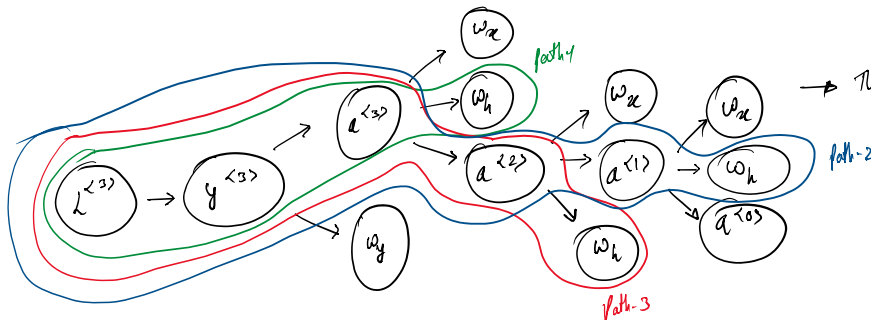
Gradient :-

$$\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial w_x} = \left(\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial y^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial w_x} \right)_{\text{path-1}} + \left(\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial y^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial w_x} \right)_{\text{path-2}} + \left(\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial y^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial a^{(1)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(1)}}{\partial w_x} \right)_{\text{path-3}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial w_k} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial y^{(t)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(t)}}{\partial a^{(t)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(t)}}{\partial w_k}$$

Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

Dependency Graph at time step 3



→ This tells us how $a^{(3)} \rightarrow a^{(2)} \rightarrow a^{(1)}$
at time step = 3

Gradient :-

$$\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial w} = \left(\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial y^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial w_h} \right)_{\text{path-1}} + \left(\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial y^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial w_h} \right)_{\text{path-3}} + \left(\frac{\partial L^{(3)}}{\partial y^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(3)}}{\partial a^{(2)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(2)}}{\partial a^{(1)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(1)}}{\partial w_h} \right)_{\text{path-2}}$$

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Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

→ Again some General formula:

Generalized BPTT

$$\frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial w_k} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial y^{(t)}} \times \frac{\partial y^{(t)}}{\partial a^{(t)}} \times \frac{\partial a^{(t)}}{\partial w_k}$$