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Neural Machine Translation By Jointly Learning To Align and Translate

1 Overview

Translation is equivalent to finding a target sentence y that maximizes the conditional probability of y given a source sentence x , i.e., $\arg \min_y p(y|x)$. Once the conditional distribution is learned by a translation model, given a source sentence a corresponding translation can be generated by searching for the sentence that maximizes the conditional probability. First techniques for learning this distribution is "*encoder-decoder mechanism*". Encoder reads the input sentence and converts it into an intermediate representing vector " c ". Most common technique for it is RNN. [h=hidden states, f&g are nonlinearities]

$$h_t = f(x_t, h_{t-1}) \quad (1)$$

$$c = g(h_1, \dots, h_T) \quad (2)$$

Decoder is trained to predict the next word y_t given the context vector c and all the previously predicted words.

$$p(y) = \prod_{t=1}^T p(y_t | y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}, c) \quad (3)$$

This system has bottleneck problem which is encoder tries to put all information fixed sized " c ". Moreover, it is hard to cope with long sentences with aforementioned method.

1.1 New Method: LEARNING TO ALIGN AND TRANSLATE

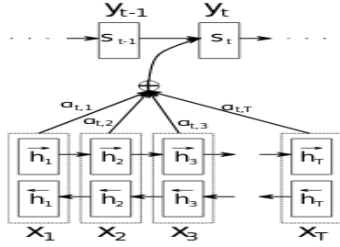


Figure 1: The graphical illustration of the proposed model trying to generate the t -th target word y_t given a source sentence (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_T) .