

Assignment 4 Report

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1. Introduction

The objective of Lab Assignment 4 is to develop and evaluate a recurrent neural network. The RNN shall synthesize English text, character by character. The network uses AdaGrad stochastic gradient to optimize and the text used is the great *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire* by J.K. Rowling.

2. Analytic and numerical gradient computations

Small batches and reduced sample dimensionality were used to compare results with analytical and numerical gradients in a reasonable timeframe. The tests validated self-built gradient computation codes for parameters \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{C} , \mathbf{U} , \mathbf{V} , and \mathbf{W} by comparing them to numerical methods, analyzing maximum and average absolute errors. The maximum and mean relative error was recorded.

Gradient	<i>Maximum</i> Relative Error	<i>Mean</i> Relative Error
B	1.836e-07	2.354e-08
C	1.285e-09	6.221e-10
U	5.909e-06	1.721e-08
V	2.016e-05	1.891e-07
W	8.897e-03	2.694e-06

Table 1: Comparison between numerical and analytical computations of gradients over the first 25 samples using the seed 10.

Gradient	<i>Maximum</i> Relative Error	<i>Mean</i> Relative Error
B	2.431e-07	4.214e-08
C	1.895e-09	6.772e-10
U	6.335e-07	2.155e-09
V	2.204e-05	2.012e-07
W	8.157e-03	1.979e-06

Table 2: Comparison between numerical and analytical computations of gradients over 25 random samples using the seed 10.

Studying these results shown in Table 1 and 2, we can see that the difference between the gradients calculated analytically and those computed numerically are quite small, with the largest being on the order of 10^{-9} . This suggests that the gradient computations were somewhat well performed.

3. Smooth Loss Function (2 epochs)

The figure below represents the smooth loss function. The network was trained for 2 epochs.

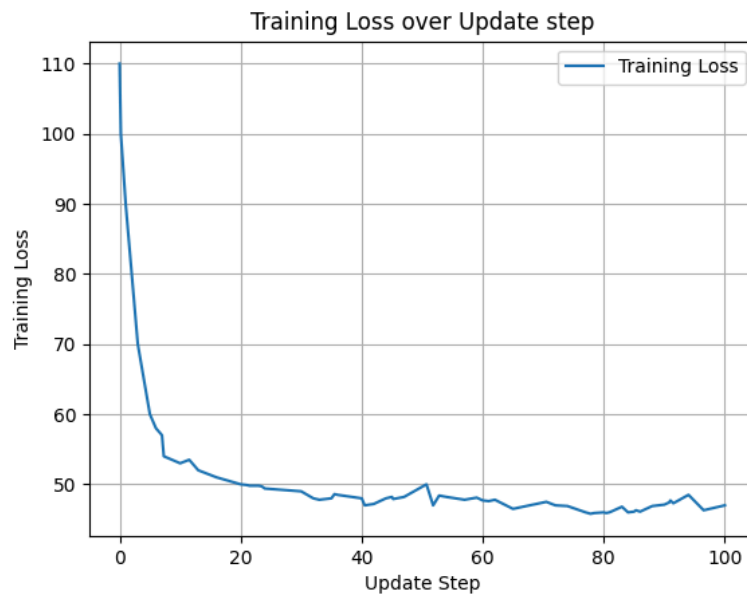


Figure 1: Graph of the smooth loss function for $n = 100,000$ iterations

4. Evolution of the synthesized text

In this case the network has been trained during one hundred thousand update steps, synthesizing text every 10000 steps, showing how the nature of this text evolves. The results are as follows:

- 0 update steps:

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- 10000 update steps:

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tramming sunkd. .". . Clovis a"*

- 20000 update steps:

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- 30000 update steps:

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- 40000 update steps:

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- 50000 update steps:

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- 60000 update steps:

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- 70000 update steps:

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- 80000 update steps:

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- 90000 update steps:

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- 100000 update steps:

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As we can see and in a minimal way, read. The first generated synthezied text at
update step 0 really is just a bunch of gibberish. Not even a deciphering professional
could figure out what it says. However, the more we train the network we can see that
some words are correctly generated and some words are so close that you can easily
make predictions. Now some people might consider that a success since you could
almost compare it to understanding Hagrid, both very difficult. But the more we train
the loss stays steady and the texts generated are not really much more of an
improvement to its predecessor.

5. Best synthesized text

To achieve better results, I have trained the model during 7 epochs and the best model manage to achieve a loss of 41.142. With this model, a 1000 character synthesized text was generated:

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This is maybe not so clearly the best synthesized text, with some words and names correctly written but it is still not readable. I do not understand the context of it and the loss therefore is still too high. Further and a more exhaustive training could yield better results.