
SeqGAN: Sequential Generative Adversarial Network Model for Text Mining Using Facebook Bamboo Forest Data

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Abstract

Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) is a model that has achieved considerable success in generating continuous real-value data by doing adversarial training the generator and discriminator in opposition. As a result, the application of GAN to image data has many successful cases. However, there is a limitation that the GAN is not suitable for text data. The limitations of GAN are as follows. First, GAN is suitable for continuous data generation, so it is difficult to generate a discrete token sequence. This is because gradient updates are difficult for discrete outputs of Generator. Second, GAN computes scores and loss based on the entire sequence (in one sentence). However, giving a feedback to a partially generated sequence before completing a sentence will be a better sequential generating model. SeqGAN is the model that can solve these problems. First problem of GAN, the gradient differentiation problem in the generator, is solved by the stochastic policy of reinforcement learning (RL). In addition, by using the fact that the reward is applied to the action taken in each state in the reinforcement learning, feedback can be given in the intermediate stage using the efficient method Monte Carlo Search. In addition, a complex pre-processing process was needed in that it used Korean text instead of English text in terms of terms of Bamboo Forest data of Facebook, and it is meaningful that it is 'Bamboo Forest' data reflecting interests and trends of 20's college students.

1 Introduction

In contrast to many previous generator models do research using English texts, this paper deal with Korean texts which are difficult to handle. In text mining and deep-learning research, there are large number of open sources and sophisticated analysis packages for English text. However, when it comes to Korean text, it is difficult to process it because there are fewer sophisticated tools. Furthermore, existing Korean analysis tools are the result of learning with well-documented articles such as the news. Therefore, there was a limit to the fact that it was difficult to apply to the bamboo forest post, which was grammatically flawed and consisted of colloquial words, rather than literary style. Word2Vec was selected as embedding model. At the beginning of the study, the Word2Vec model itself was not constructed from scratch, it was expected that transfer learning on pre-trained Word2Vec models with already-learned weight values would result in better output. However, the pre-trained model could not learn further and there were few overlaps with tokens of bamboo forest data. Therefore, we built Word2Vec model by learning only tokens of the bamboo forest post from the

insignificant and was removed. After that, based on the number of the ‘likes’, top 30,000 posts were selected as text data to be utilized.

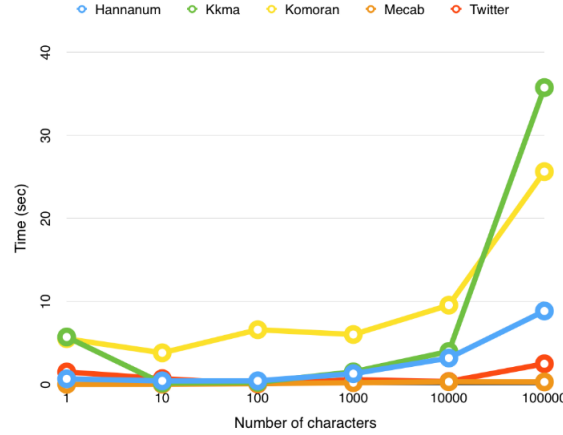


Figure 3: Execution Time of 5 POS packages of KoNLPy

['앞으로', '핑크빛', '눈', '제보들은', '운영자', '분들이', '자체', '생각', '해주셨으면', '하', '진짜', '많은', '분들이', '솔로', '들', '마음에', '불을', '지르네요']
 ['앞', '으로', '핑크빛', '눈', '제보', '들은', '은', '운영자', '분', '들이', '이', '자체', '생각', '하', '어', '주', '시', '었', '으면', '.', '하', '진짜', '많', '은', '분', '들', '이', '솔로', '들', '=', '마음', '에', '불', '을', '지르', '네요']

Figure 4: Exame of Tokenization on morpheme unit

To conform to the generator model, the text data was tokenized on morpheme unit, not on a word. ‘Mecab’ out of KoNLP’s five POS tagging packages is used as a tool of Tokenization. ‘Figure 3’ shows a comparison of the time of evolution of five packages. Also, Stop words were excluded from the tokenized words. Finally, SeqGAN cannot receive tokenized data directly. Therefore, each token was given a non-overlapping index. Ultimately, the text in sentences expressed by index rather than in Raw-Korean tokens is the input data of SeqGAN.

3 Word2Vec

In 2013, Tomas Mikolov introduced word embedding model <word2vec> which try to minimize computational complexity. They found that most of the complexity is caused by the non-linear hidden layer in the model. While this is what makes neural networks so attractive, they decided to explore simpler models that might not be able to represent the data as precisely as neural networks, but can possibly be trained on much more data efficiently. Because of the much lower computational complexity, it is possible to compute very accurate high dimensional word vectors from a much larger data set.

They proposed two architecture, Continuous Bag-Of-Words Model and Continuous Skip-gram Model.

The CBOW architecture predicts the current word based on the context, and the Skip-gram predicts surrounding words given the current word. CBOW architecture is similar to the feedforward NNLM, where the non-linear hidden layer is removed and the projection layer is shared for all words (not just the projection matrix); thus, all words get projected into the same position (their vectors are averaged). The weight matrix between the input and the projection layer is shared for all word positions in the same way as in the NNLM. Training complexity is then

$$Q = N * D + D * \log_2(V).$$

Skip-gram architecture is similar to CBOW, but it tries to maximize classification of a word based on another word in the same sentence. More precisely, we use each current word as an input to a log-linear classifier with continuous projection layer, and predict words within a certain range before and after the current word. We found that increasing the range improves quality of the resulting

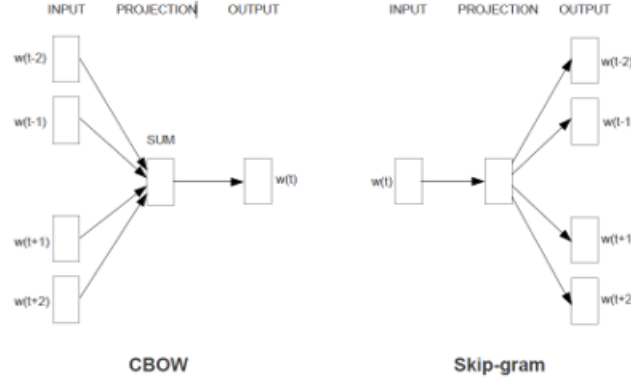


Figure 5: Left: CBOW, Right: Skip-Gram[7]

word vectors, but it also increases the computational complexity. The training complexity of this architecture is proportional to

$$Q = C * (D + D * \log_2(V)).$$

3.1 Pre-trained Model

We used 2 different word2vec models to embed our word token. First model is pretrained models from <https://github.com/Kyubyong/wordvectors>.

Table 1: Pre-Trained Model

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| # of vocabularies | 30185 |
| vector size | 200 |
| source | wikipedia |

We chose this model because there are not many available Korean word2vec models but it has some limits. First, there are only 10406 words which are overlapped with our word token from bamboo facebook pages. So we need to add our new words which is not included in pretrained model and train and embed them with existing words in pretrained model. But there is unsolved bugs in genism word2vec module which make us impossible to additional training on pretrained model. Therefore, We had no choice but to embed new words with random initialization which could not be expected to perform well. Second, the source of the word in pretrained model is Wikipedia which is far from the interest of university students. We will treat this problem again when we compare pretrained model and our self-trained model.

3.2 Self-trained Model

We decided to build self-trained model to overcome the limitations of pretrained model. We use skip-gram model instead of CBOW model because it performs better. Even though skip-gram is slower than CBOW, that is not critical to our project data size and current computing power.

With this model, we can solve the limitations of pretrained models and we can improve our existing model by adding new word and training them with our existing vocabularies.

3.2.1 Variant of self-trained model

After some experiments, we add some options in preprocessing step to improve performance and build variant of self-trained model. We add '@' before the start token of the sentence and add '#' after the end token of the sentence to mark start and end of the sentence. Because when we give input to seq-Gan model as real data, we use array of index numbers replacing word tokens in the 'post' (not

Table 2: Self-Trained Model

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| # of vocabularies | 30210 |
| # of trained sentences | 30000 |
| # of trained word tokens | 5499058 |
| vector size | 100 |
| source | Bamboo facebook page |

126 sentence) which include several sentences. We think if we marked the start and end of the sentence it
 127 helps our model to distinguish each sentence and by learning it generate full sentence. And we also
 128 expected that if we can use '@' as start token, it would be great.

129 3.3 Pre-trained model vs Self-trained model

| | most_similar('학교') | most_similar('연애') | most_similar('가') |
|--------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|
| pretrained model | 1.학교의 4.전문학교 2.강습소 5.사립학교 3.중고등학교 6.소학교 | 1.성행위 4.애정 2.로맨스 5.고뇌 3.동성애 6.풍자 | 1.놀드 4.수가 2.머지않 5.스널 3.를 6.오 |
| self-trained model | 1.연세대 4.대학교 2.고려대 5.대학 3.경희대 6.초등 | 1.짝사랑 4.CC 2.결혼 5.장거리 3.사귀 6.썸 | 1.& 4.'' 2.를 5.로서 3.는 6.잘못 |

Figure 6: Similar words according to model type

130 We checked the embedding of two models by using 'most similar' function on three word, '학교',
 131 '연애', '가'(postposition). We found the generation gap between trained word between two models.
 132 Pretrained model printed '소학교', '강습소' as similar word to '학교'. These words are not used
 133 these days. Self-trained model printed '짝사랑', 'CC'(campus couple), '썸' as similar word to '연애'
 134 which are frequently used among university student these days. On the other hand, words printed by
 135 pretrained model '성행위', '고뇌' are far from the interest of young students about '연애'. When we
 136 printed word similar to postposition '가', self-trained model evidently shows the effect of morpheme
 137 tokenization. Pretrained model printed meaningless, unidentifiable words as similar word to '가'
 138 because token of pretrained model is based on word token. So in pretrained model, postposition is
 139 combined with noun like '학교의' when it tokenized. On the other hand, self-trained model printed
 140 '&'(space mark in our project) and other postposition word '를', '로서', '는'. As you know there is
 141 always space after postposition word. This result obviously shows the difference between pretrained
 142 model based on word token and self-trained model based on morpheme token.

143 4 Model Architecture

144 There are many deep learning model on these days. Typical deep-running models include CNN,
 145 RNN, and LSTM. There are several structures that have been modified appropriately. This section of
 146 this paper introduces a brief description of CNN, RNN and seqGAN, a deep learning model that is
 147 directly involved in this research.

148 4.1 CNN: Convolutional Neural Network

149 CNN has a structure with several convolutional layers, nonlinearity layers and pooling layers in front
 150 of the traditional Fully-Connected layer. Convolutional layers and pooling layers are used to extract
 151 image features. The final layer, the Fully-Connected layer, labels classes of images. To extract image
 152 features, CNN filters input data and performs a composite multiplication operation, resulting in a
 153 feature map. When going through the convolutional layer, shape of the output data changes according
 154 to the Filter size, Stride, Padding size, and Max Pooling size. It is also possible to classify text data as
 155 well as image data.

170 broadens and some spatial information can be taken. However, there is a disadvantage of losing
 171 information that the image has. Typical types of pooling are max pooling and average pooling.

172 4.2 RNN: Recurrent Neural Network

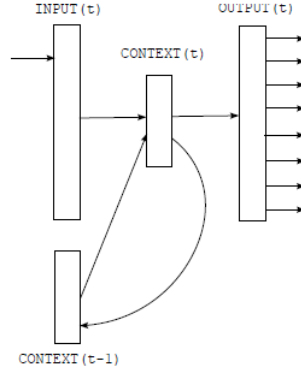


Figure 10: simple recurrent neural network

173 A Recurrent Neural Network is a straightforward adaptation of the standard feed-forward neural
 174 network to allow it to model sequential data. At each timestep, the RNN receives an input, updates
 175 its hidden state, and makes a prediction. The RNN's high dimensional hidden state and nonlinear
 176 evolution endow it with great expressive power, enabling the hidden state of the RNN to integrate
 177 information over many timesteps and use it to make accurate predictions. Even if the non-linearity
 178 used by each unit is quite simple, iterating it over time leads to very rich dynamics.

179 4.2.1 Forward Propagation of RNN

180 The standard RNN is formalized as follows: Given a sequence of input vectors (x_1, \dots, x_T) the RNN
 181 computes a sequence of hidden states $(h_1; \dots; h_T)$ and a sequence of outputs $(o_1; \dots; o_T)$ by iterating
 182 the following equations Generating Text with Recurrent Neural Networks for $t = 1$ to T :

$$183 \quad h_t = \tanh(W_{hx}x_t + W_{hh}h_{t-1} + b_h) \quad (1)$$

$$184 \quad o_t = W_{oh}h_t + b_o \quad (2)$$

185 In these two equations, W_{hx} is the input-to-hidden weight matrix, W_{hh} is the hidden-to-hidden (or
 186 recurrent) weight matrix, W_{oh} is the hidden-to-output weight matrix, and the vectors b_h and b_o are
 187 the biases. The undefined expression $W_{hh}h_{t-1}$ at time $t = 1$ is replaced with a special initial bias
 188 vector, h_{init} , and the \tanh is non-linearity function.

189 4.2.2 Backward Propagation of RNN

190 The gradients of RNN are easy to calculate because they are computed through backpropagation
 191 over time. So, RNN seems to be easy to do gradient update. In practice, however, the structure of
 192 the RNN makes the gradient descent inefficient. Hochreiter (1991)[5] and Bengio et al. (1994)[6]
 193 proved that the gradient exponentially decays when backpropagation proceeds with time. Thus, the
 194 RNN is not suitable for use when there are long-time dependencies. In addition to gradient vanishing
 195 problems, back-propagated gradients may be blown up exponentially. This increases the variance of
 196 the gradient, and the learning becomes unstable. The problem with this gradient descent is the biggest
 197 problem with the RNN model. Therefore, a model called LSTM, which is a structure in which a cell
 198 state is added to the hidden state of the RNN, has been devised.

199 4.3 SeqGAN: Sequential Generative Adversarial Network

200 4.3.1 Limitations in GAN

201 The GAN is a model that has achieved considerable success in generating continuous real-value
 202 data by learning the generator and discriminator adversially. As a result, the application of GAN to

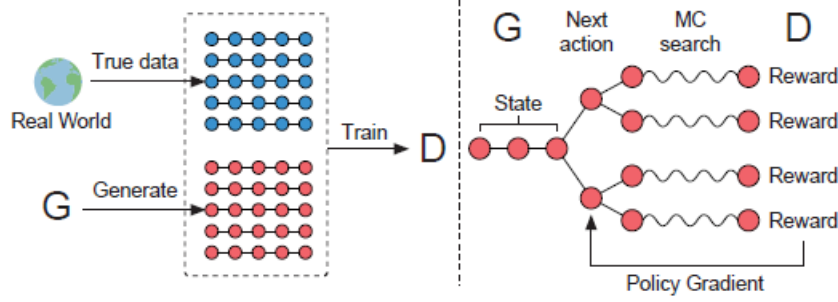


Figure 11: SeqGAN summary

image data has many successful cases. However, GAN has a limit to not being suitable for text data. SeqGAN is a model that can overcome these GAN limitations. GAN's first problem, the gradient differentiation problem in the generator, was solved by the stochastic policy of reinforcement learning (RL). In addition, reinforcement learning can be given feedback in the intermediate stage by imposing a reward for the action taken in each state and using the efficient method Monte Carlo Search. In seqGAN in this paper, LSTM is applied to the generator and CNN is applied to the Discriminator.

4.3.2 Model Architecture

The sequence generation problem can be defined as follows. Given a sequences data of real-world, train a θ -Parameterized generator G which generates a sequence $Y_{1:T} = (y_1, \dots, y_t, \dots, y_T)$, $y_t \in \mathcal{Y}$, where \mathcal{Y} is the vocabulary of candidate tokens. We can see this task with aspect of reinforcement learning. In each timestep t , the state s is the previously generated tokens (y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) and the action a is same with producing new token y_t . Thus, the generator $G_\theta(y_t|Y_{1:t-1})$ could be interpreted as the policy model in RL.

Also, a ϕ -parameterized discriminator D_ϕ acts as a guidance for improving generator G_θ . $D_\phi(Y_{1:T})$ denotes for a probability indicating how likely a sequence come from a real-world dataset. As illustrated in Figure(11), discriminator D_ϕ is trained for classifying fake data synthesized by G from true data of real-world.

When discriminator D classifies true and fake data, D can calculate a loss for partially generated sequences by employing MC(Monte Carlo) search on the basis of the expected end reward. For making this process fast, the roll-out policy is employed at this time. Conclusively, the reward will increase as expected complete sequences have a high likelihood that it fools D .

4.3.3 SeqGAN via Policy Gradient

In SeqGAN, the objective of the generator(policy) model $G_\theta(y_t|Y_{1:t-1})$ is to generate sequence from the beginning state s_0 to maximize its expected end reward.

$$J(\theta) = E[R_T|s_0, \theta] = \sum_{y_1 \in \mathcal{Y}} G_\theta(y_1|s_0) \cdot Q_{D_\phi}^{G_\theta}(s_0, y_1), \quad (1)$$

where R_T is the reward for a complete sequence, $Q_{D_\phi}^{G_\theta}(s_0, a)$ is the action-value function of a sequence. What this equation means is that given state s , G generate next token y_t (action) and get reward from its action-value function(Q-function). So, let's specify this action-value function.

$$Q_{D_\phi}^{G_\theta}(a = y_T, s = Y_{1:T-1}) = D_\phi(Y_{1:T}) \quad (2)$$

As we can see in the equation (2), D has a role as action-value function in SeqGAN. However, it has a limit that D can provide a reward value for only a complete sequence. To overcome this it applies Monte Carlo search with a roll-out policy G_β to sample the unknown next $T - t$ tokens. As AlphaGo calculated all possible cases whenever a go-stone is laid on a go-board to win the game, SeqGAN calculates the reward of a last sequence likely to be constructed at the end. So, we can define a reward for intermediate state as follows.

$$Q_{D_\phi}^{G_\theta}(a = y_T, s = Y_{1:T-1}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N D_\phi(Y_{1:T}, Y_{1:T}^n) \in MC^{G_\beta}(Y_{1:t}; N) \text{ for } t < T \quad (3)$$

where MC^{G_β} means N samples of expected complete sequence given $Y_{1:t}$. Conclusively, (LantaoYu, 2016) suggests the gradient function as follows by going through several steps.

$$\nabla_{\theta} J(\theta) \simeq \sum_{t=1}^T E_{y_t \sim G_{\theta}(y_t|Y_{1:t-1})} [\nabla_{\theta} \log G_{\theta}(y_t|Y_{1:t-1}) \cdot Q_{D_{\phi}}^{G_{\theta}}(Y_{1:t-1}, y_t)] \quad (4)$$

5 Experiments

5.1 Training setting

Above table is a specific pseudo code for an algorithm for training SeqGAN. At the beginning of the training, it is trained by Maximum likelihood estimation(MLE) to pre-train G_{θ} with the training set and then train D_{ϕ} to classify the fake data from pre-trained G_{θ} with true sequence dataset S. After the-pretraining step, the generator and discriminator start the adversarial training. As the generator gets progressed via training by a policy gradient of each states on g-steps updates, discriminator keeps its weights, which means doesn't learn. Since there are few improvements when one of the generator and discriminator is overwhelmed by the other, it is important to keep a balance between generator and discriminator. Thus, it is our choice to adjust a ratio between g-steps and d-steps, each of which means the number of training iteration of D or G in one adversarial step. And to reduce the variability of the estimation, it applies different sets of negative samples with positive ones, which is similar to bootstrapping(Lantao, 2016).

Firstly, we set up 10,000 training dataset S, each of which have 30 length of sequences. We use RNN as our generative model, specifically LSTM(Long-Short-Term-Memory) to implement the performance. It is widely used model for generating a sequences of tokens and it is appropriate model to get a gradient for each state t. And we choose the text-CNN as our discriminator since CNN has recently been shown of great effectiveness in text classification(Zhang and Lecun, 2015). Additionally, to enhance the performance, we also add the highway architecture, dropout and L2 regularization to avoid over-fitting and to improve optimization.

5.1.1 Evaluation Metric

During training, we checked whether learning progresses well and how good the performance of output model is. So, we use NLL(Negative log-likelihood) and PL(Policy gradient Loss) as training error in the pre-training and the adversarial training step each. The detail about NLL is as follows

$$NLL = -E_{X_{1:T} \sim S} [\sum_{t=1}^T \log G_{\theta}(x_t|X_{1:t-1})], \quad (5)$$

where S is training sequence dataset and X is a set of tokens from it.

We use BLEU(Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) score as our output senetence evaluation. BLEU score is an algorithm for evaluating the quality of text by calculating modified precision score comparing with reference sentences. We sample 100 output sentences and calculate BLEU-4 score as final metric.

5.2 Experiments Specific

We have progresses 3 experiments in training processes for finding best wy to train this model. Firstly, for checking an effectiveness of adversarial training, we compare MLE model that goes through only pre-training process and SeqGAN model that goes through both of training processes. As we can see in the Figure(12), a training error NLL goes down similarly before starting adversarial training but after that SeqGAN model goes down distinctly fast. Also as we can see in table(3), SeqGAN model has enormously higher BLEU-4 score than that of MLE model.

Secondly, for checking an effectiveness of pre-training, we compare PL of No-pretrain model that goes through the adversarial training directly with that of SeqGAN model we used in first experiments. The learning curves shown in Figure(12) illustrate a need of pre-training process. We can see that the Policy loss of No-pretrain model at first iteration over 1,000 which means the explosion of loss. On the other hands, SeqGAN model has stable PL value in entire process. As we can find in Table(3), SeqGAN has also higher BLEU-4 socre than that of No-pretrain model. However, PL values of both models are quite instable as PL value of SeqGAN increases at the last step. It would be discussed later in this chapter.

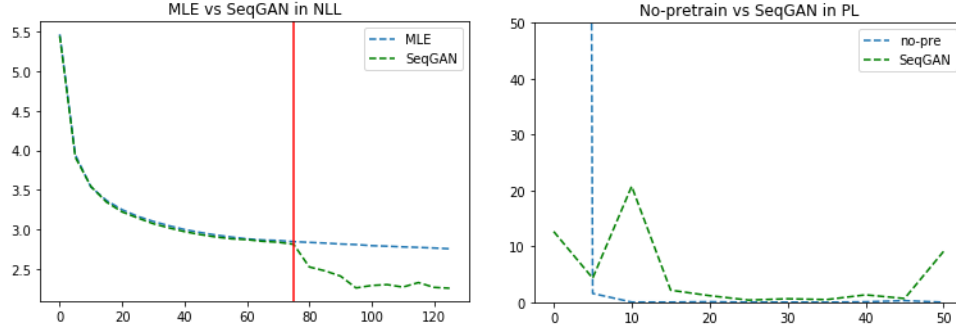


Figure 12: The training curves on experiment 1 and 2

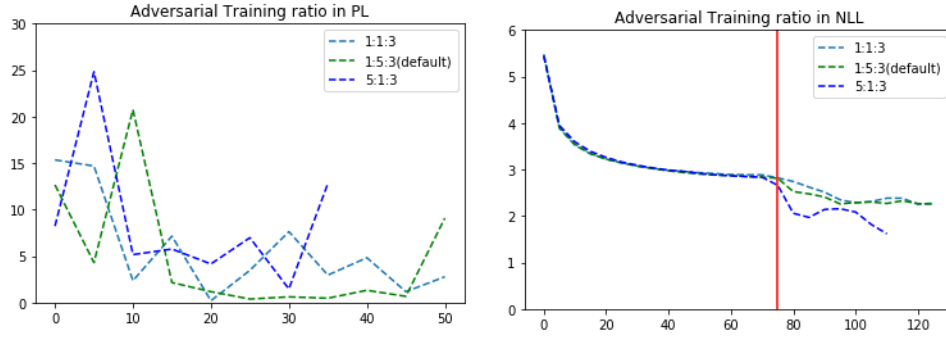


Figure 13: The training curves on experiment 3

289 Lastly, we change the ratio of g-steps and d-steps in one adversarial training step. SeqGAN model
 290 used in previous two experiments was 1:5:3 (g-step:d-step:k, where k is the number of repeated
 291 negative sampling for one positive sample). The learning curves are shown in Figure(13) and BLEU-4
 292 scores are shown in Table(3). We can find slight differences between model 1:1:3 and model 1:5:3
 293 whereas model 5:1:3 has poor performance. This aspect was same in BLEU-4 score. It also would be
 294 discussed in 'Result' section in this chapter.

Table 3: BLEU-4 score metric

| Model | BLEU-4 score |
|---------------|--------------|
| MLE | 0.1279 |
| No-pretrain | 0.2427 |
| SeqGAN(1:5:3) | 0.7472 |
| SeqGAN(1:1:3) | 0.7813 |
| SeqGAN(5:1:3) | 0.5230 |

295 6 Result

296 6.1 Training

297 In summary as we can see in the previous section, we can get such conclusions. Firstly, model
 298 SeqGAN in which pre-training process and adversarial training process are properly combined was
 299 more superior than the model in which one of the two training process is skipped. It can be verified in
 300 result of training loss and BLEU-4 score. Secondly, it turned out that the ratio between g-steps and
 301 d-steps have a lot of influence on the performance and training of the model. According to our results,

1:1 is best choice to train.
 On the other hands, some limitations and issues are identified during experiments. While the monotonous decreasing patterns are observed in NLL values, there were striking fluctuations during adversarial training in PL, which actually constructs the reward for generator G. Although we thought it can be solved or at least specified by much more adversarial training process, we couldn't try this solution due to deadly huge computing cost of adversarial training. However, it was sufficient meaningful to find out an effectiveness of adversarial training with relatively small iterations of iterations.

6.2 Output sentences

| GoodCase | BadCase |
|---|--|
| 그렇게 어느 날은 먼저 잘하고 싶은 친구도 아니었어요. 연애하고 싶다. 작년 이맘때 까지 감사하고 그렇게 하고 싶었어요. 모두 좋은 공간이 너무 힘들어. 그런데 나가고 싶은 후배들은 좋아하지! | 대쉴! 우리는 부당하게 하게 수백우유해서 유전자에서 살고싶은 현신 같다. 생각합니다. 진짜로 갈수록 감사하고 부끄럽어. 내가 너를 수술하고 싶었어. |

Figure 14: Good / Bad cases of Output sentences

Figure(14) is some examples from output of our generative models. Above 10,000 sentences, we can choose some qualitatively good/bad case of generated sentences. In good case of examples, we can find these sentences have almost no grammatical error so that we can guess the model have learned about the grammatic system of Korean. Above all, it is astonishing for the model to learned the word of specific community. The interests of university student are also well reflected on these sentences. However, it also has limitations found in bad cases. Firstly, it seems that it is hard for the model to construct a long sentences. A lot of sentences have a few tokens. And vocabularies thought to be rarely used even in this texts appear in sentences, which make all of sentences weird.

7 Conclusion

The conclusion of study is as follows. We did a lot of research and try and error to train SeqGAN model for Korean text properly, preprocessing tremendously and training our own Word2Vec model so on. Also, we conducted experiments for finding optimal modified model of SeqGAN. Although we found our optimal model, there can be some way to be desired. By improving the model structure and optimizing hyperparameter search, stabilize policy loss of model and increases its completeness of generated texts.

8 Future Works

At the end of the study, there are many things to be desired. First, for making the model able to construct longer sentences, we can set padding-mask for loss function of generator G. Since discriminator D only can get fixed size of sequences as input, we should make a padding in blank sequences, which is suspicious for making the model learn to generate padding more frequently. Also, we can try to apply various model architecture in generator G. Attention-based model like transformer or Seq2Seq models could be an superior alternatives.

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