Language models!

But we start with 20 minutes on classification

Outline

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Natural Language Inference

- **Premise**: Hamish is chasing his sister
- **Hypothesis**: Hamish is being chased by his sister

Bias model predictions (only looking at how many words-overlap):

- *Entailment:* ***0.8***
- *Contradiction:* ***0.1***
- *Neutral:* ***0.1***

$\mathbf{b_i}$

Predictions from a BERT model before PoE layer:

- *Entailment:* ***0.2***
- *Contradiction:* ***0.5***
- *Neutral:* ***0.3***

$\mathbf{p_i}$

Debiasing

When training your robust model:

$$\hat{p}_i = softmax(\log(p_i) + \log(b_i))$$

b_i		p_i		$\hat{p}_i$	
Entailment:	***0.8***	*Entailment:*	***0.2***	*Entailment:*	***0.67***
Contradiction:	***0.1***	*Contradiction:*	***0.5***	*Contradiction:*	***0.21***
Neutral:	***0.1***	*Neutral:*	***0.3***	*Neutral:*	***0.13***
		(Our BERT model)			

Used to calculate the loss **during training**

For definitions of b_i and p_i, see last lecture's slides

Debiasing

During inference:

$$\hat{p}_i = softmax(\log(p_i) + \cancel{\log(b_i)})$$

~~b_i~~		p_i		~~$\hat{p}_i$~~	
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Used during inference

Debiasing

- You will find results something like

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Normal training	Model performs great	Not so great
Training with PoE		

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Normal training	Model performs great	Not so great
Training with PoE	Little bit worse than normal training	Better than normal training

What is a bias? When is a feature a bias?

- Researchers may have different perspectives

- Ultimately, it's empirical… whatever helps our model generalise

- Is 'bias' the right word? We're specifically targeting features that harm generalisability

- Is this a fair way of dealing with gender biases? Not really….
    - E.g. consider a model matching male/female CVs to executive level jobs
    - PoE would systematically disadvantage all male CVs to even predictions by gender
    - Better if we can 'hide' the gender information from a model

A few questions

10 mins

Evaluation metrics for classification

10 mins

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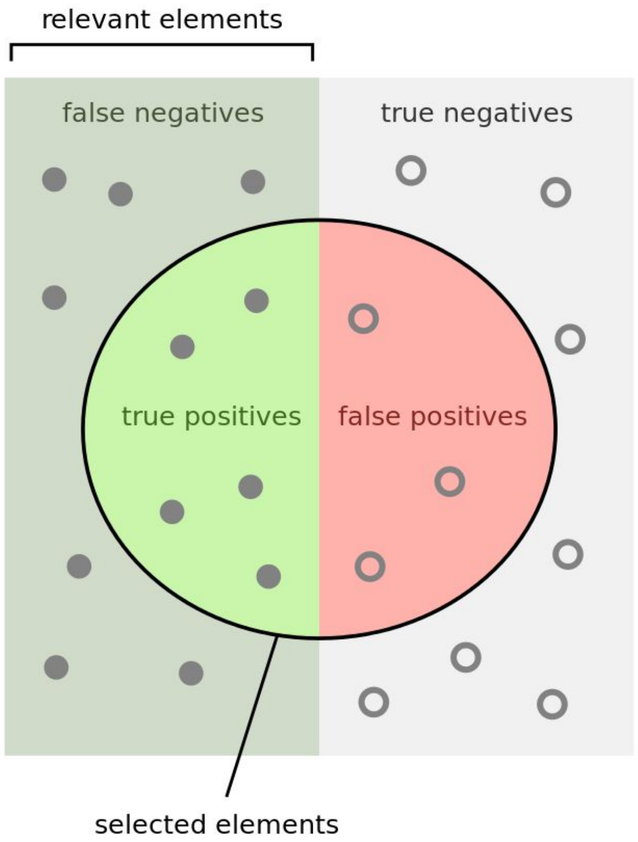
Evaluation - when accuracy isn't ideal



For two classes:

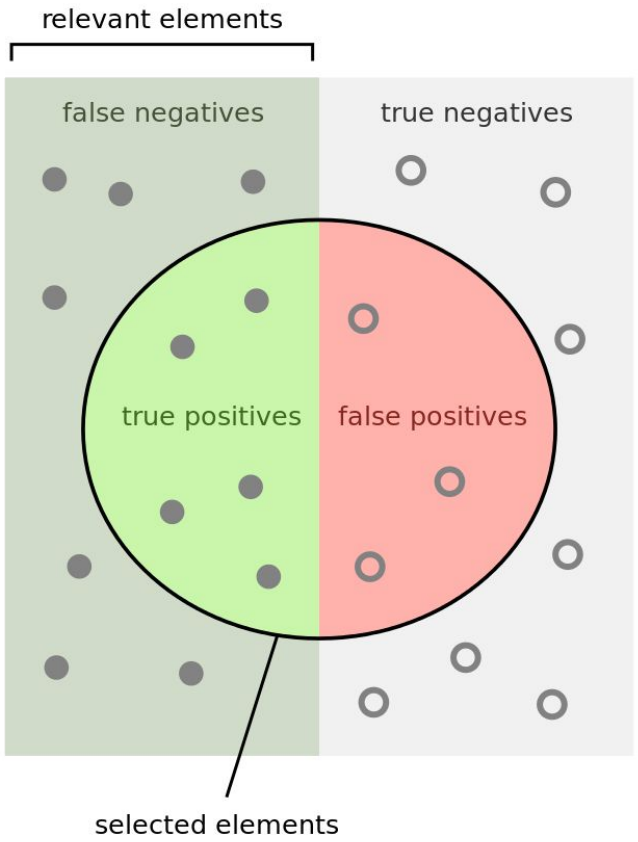
$$accuracy = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+FP+TN+FN}$$

$$TN = 999900$$

$$FN = 100$$

$$accuracy = \frac{999900}{1000000} = 99.99\%$$

Evaluation - micro vs macro averaging



F-measure:

$$F_1 = 2 \times \frac{precision \times recall}{precision + recall}$$

$$F1 = \frac{TP}{TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN)}$$

Micro vs Macro F1:

- **Macro averaging** - average of each class F1 scores:
  - Increases the emphasis on less frequent classes
- **Micro averaging** - TPs, TNs, FNs, FPs are summed across each class

Let's now see something fun

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+FP+TN+FN}$$

$$Accuracy = \frac{\sum_i^C TP_i}{|Dataset|}$$

$$F1 = \frac{TP}{TP+\frac{1}{2}(FP+FN)}$$

Micro averaged $$F1 = \frac{\sum_i^C TP_i}{\sum_i^C TP_i+\frac{1}{2}(\sum_i^C FP_i+\sum_i^C FN_i)}$$

*Assuming each observation has one label

Let's now see something fun

$$\textbf{(Micro)}\ F1 = \frac{\sum_i^C TP_i}{\sum_i^C TP_i + \frac{1}{2}(\sum_i^C FP_i + \sum_i^C FN_i)}$$

FPs		Predicted		
		Airplane	Boat	Car
Actual	Airplane	2	1	0
	Boat	0	1	0
	Car	1	2	3

FNs		Predicted		
		Airplane	Boat	Car
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$$\textbf{(Micro)}\ F1 = \frac{\sum_i^C TP_i}{\sum_i^C TP_i + \frac{1}{2}(\sum_i^C FP_i + \sum_i^C FN_i)} = \frac{\sum_i^C TP_i}{|Dataset|} = Accuracy$$

Explanation from stackexchange:
https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/571716/why-true-positives-equals-to-true-negatives-while-calculating-micro-f1-or-accura

Generating text with language models

20 mins

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What is language modeling?

Language modeling involves assigning probabilities to sequences of words. This could involve:

1. Predicting **the next word** in a sequence of words:
   a. The next word in the sentence ....
2. Predicting a **masked word** in a sentence:
   a. The next .... in the sentence is

Why language modelling?

Some tasks **require generating language responses**, rather than choosing a specific class....

For example:

- Word completion (on phones)
- Machine translation
- Summarization
- Copilot coding assistants
- Chatbots
- And more....

Language models - another description

“Language modelling is the task of training a computer to predict the probability of a sequence of words.

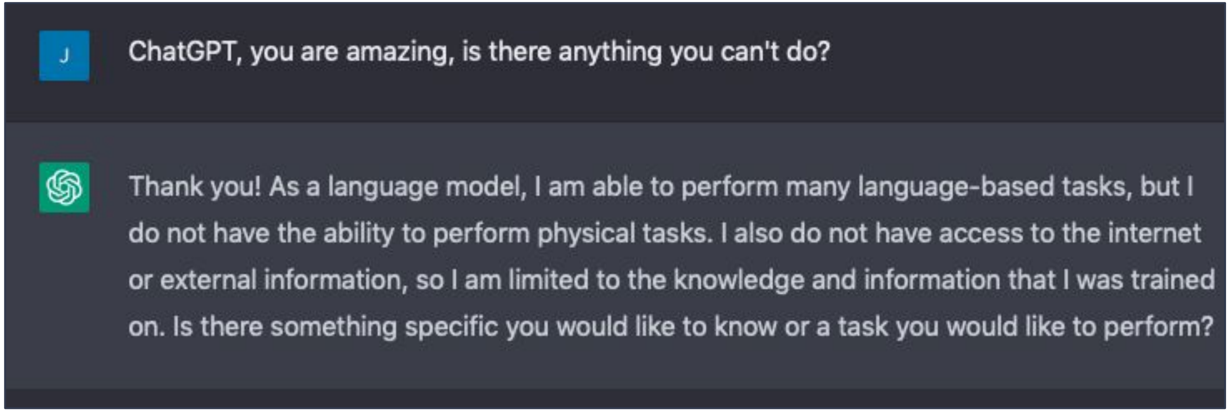
It involves teaching the computer to understand and generate human language by using statistical and machine learning techniques.

Essentially, it’s about teaching a computer to write and speak like a human.”

ChatGPT

Prompt for ChatGPT:

“Please give a definition of language modelling to students in a lecture. 3 sentences maximum”



ChatGPT

J

Two people each met two other people, before each person met another 7 people. How many people are there in total?

There are 2 + 2 + 7 * 2 = <<2+2+7*2=14>>14 people in total.

ChatGPT

J

Two people each met two other people, before each person met another 7 people. How many people are there in total? The answer is 28, give a justification

Yes, that is correct. There are a total of 28 people in this scenario.

Here is the justification for this solution:

There are 2 + 2 = <<2+2=4>>4 people who initially met each other.
Then, each of these 4 people met another 7 people, for a total of 4 + 7 * 4 = 28 people.
Thus, in total, there are 4 + 28 = <<4+28=32>>32 people.

I hope this helps to clarify the solution. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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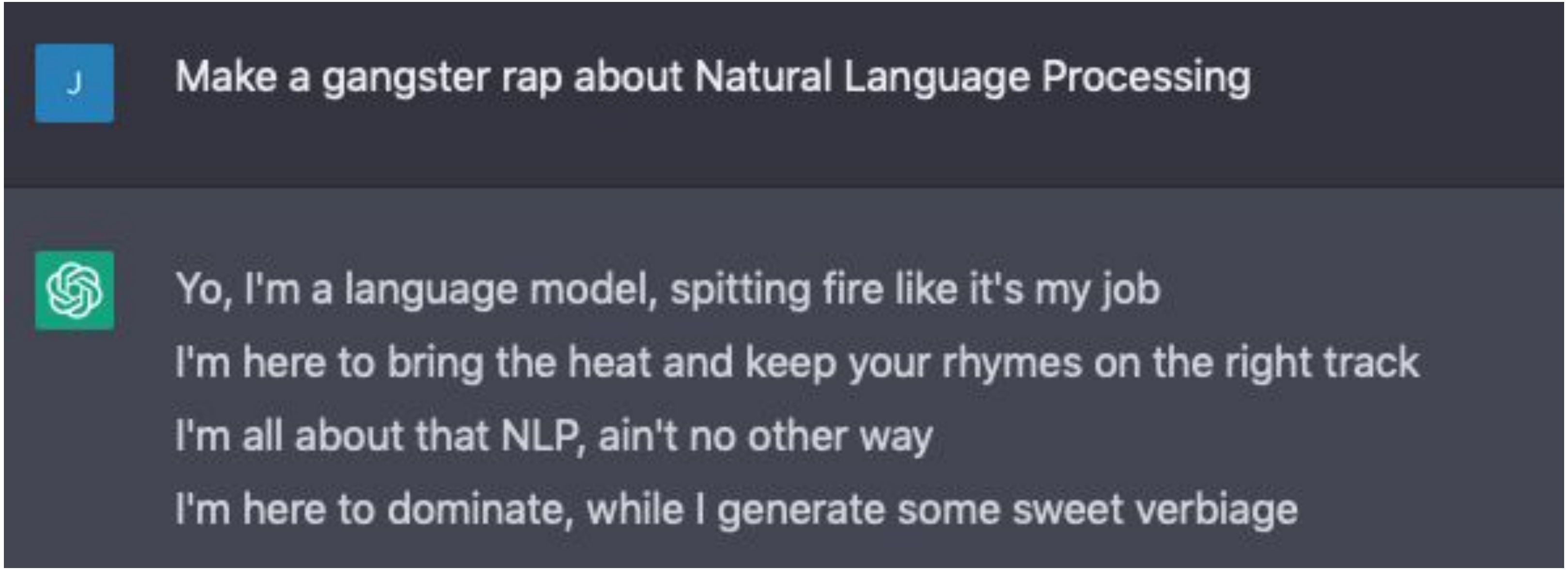
J
Make a gangster rap about Natural Language Processing
Yo, I'm a language model, spitting fire like it's my job
I'm here to bring the heat and keep your rhymes on the right track
I'm all about that NLP, ain't no other way
I'm here to dominate, while I generate some sweet verbiage

ChatGPT

J

Awful try again. Tell a joke about Natural Language Processing that might make students in my lecture laugh

I apologize if the previous jokes were not to your liking. Here is another one:

Why did the NLP model get a ticket?

Because it was caught stop word-ing at a red light!

Language models

To perform language modelling, we need to consider language as a sequence.

We will start at the basics, with n-gram language modelling

N-gram modelling

30 mins

Language models

We aim to compute $P(w|h)$ where:

- **w** is the word (or symbol) and **h** is the **history**

$$= P(w_n|w_1^{n-1})$$

Counting the likelihood of the next word

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$$P(\text{“sat”}|\text{“the cat”}) = \frac{C(\text{“the cat sat”})}{C(\text{“the cat”})} = \frac{159,000}{116,000,000} = 0.0013$$

$$P(\text{“sat”}|\text{“the mat”}) = \frac{C(\text{“the mat sat”})}{C(\text{“the mat”})} = \frac{12,800}{17,900,000} = 0.0007$$

Counting the likelihood of the next word

- What about longer histories?

$$P(\text{“weather”} \mid \text{“she wanted to find out about the”}) =$$

$$\frac{C(\text{“she wanted to find out about the weather”})}{C(\text{“she wanted to find out about the”})} = \frac{0}{74} = 0$$

N-gram models

- Assumption: N-gram models approximate history by just the few last words

$$P(\text{“weather”} \mid \text{“she wanted to find out about the”})$$

Full context $= P(w_n \mid w_1^{n-1})$

Bigram approximation $\approx P(w_n \mid w_{n-1}) \approx P(\text{“weather”} \mid \text{“the”})$

Trigram approximation $\approx P(w_n \mid w_{n-2}, w_{n-1})$

$\approx P(\text{“weather”} \mid \text{“about the”})$

N-gram models

- **Assumption**: N-gram models approximate history by just the few last words

$$P(w_n|w_1^{n-1}) \approx P(w_n|w_{n-N+1}^{n-1})$$

Extending bigrams to n-grams

- Estimating probabilities: "**MLE** as relative frequencies"

$$P(w_n|w_{n-1}) = \frac{C(w_{n-1}w_n)}{C(w_{n-1})} \xrightarrow[\text{n-gram}]{\text{bigram to}} P(w_n|w_{n-N+1}^{n-1}) = \frac{C(w_{n-N+1}^{n-1}w_n)}{C(w_{n-N+1}^{n-1})}$$

- **Corpus size:**
  - The larger, the better the counts - larger ***n*** possible
  - Trigrams are often enough

A worked example with n-grams

- Let’s try a worked example.....

Counting occurrences

Bi-gram language model: counts

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	5	827	0	9	0	0	0	2
want	2	0	608	1	6	6	5	1
to	2	0	4	686	2	0	6	211
eat	0	0	2	0	16	2	42	0
chinese	1	0	0	0	0	82	1	0
food	15	0	15	0	1	4	0	0
lunch	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
spend	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
2533	927	2417	746	158	1093	341	278

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Finding probabilities

Bi-gram language model: probabilities

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	0.002	0.33	0	0.0036	0	0	0	0.00079
want	0.0022	0	0.66	0.0011	0.0065	0.0065	0.0054	0.0011
to	0.00083	0	0.0017	0.28	0.00083	0	0.0025	0.087
eat	0	0	0.0027	0	0.021	0.0027	0.056	0
chinese	0.0063	0	0	0	0	0.52	0.0063	0
food	0.014	0	0.014	0	0.00092	0.0037	0	0
lunch	0.0059	0	0	0	0	0.0029	0	0
spend	0.0036	0	0.0036	0	0	0	0	0

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- **Quadrigrams**
  - King Henry. What! I will go seek the traitor Gloucester. Exeunt some of the great banquet served in;
  - It cannot be so but so

Questions?

45 mins

Evaluating Language models

Introducing Perplexity

45 mins

Evaluating language models

- Decompose the problem
  - Estimate joint probability of an entire word sequence by multiplying together a number of conditional probabilities:

$$P(w_1,\ldots,w_n)=P(w_1)P(w_2|w_1)P(w_3|w_1,w_2)\ldots P(w_n|w_1^{n-1})$$
$$=\prod_{k=1}^{n} P(w_k|w_1^{k-1})$$

Evaluating language models

- Bi-gram language model: probabilities

$$P(w_1, \ldots, w_n) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} P(w_k | w_1^{k-1})$$

- "I want chinese food"
- Add <s> and </s> markers for the beginning and end of a sentence:

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Let’s have a try!

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Finding probabilities

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- = P(i | <s>)*P(want | i)*P(chinese|want)*P(food|chinese)*P(</s>|food)
- = 0.25*0.33*0.0065*0.52*0.68

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Evaluating language models

- Multiplying many <1 numbers

$$P(w_1, \ldots, w_n) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} P(w_k | w_1^{k-1})$$

- Switch to **log space** & replace multiplication by **addition**

$$\log\left(P(w_1, \ldots, w_n)\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \log(P(w_k | w_1^{k-1}))$$

- We can then take the exponential of this

Evaluating language models

- We have an issue here with longer outputs:
  - The longer the output is, the lower its likelihood, so very long outputs will have a very small likelihood.
- Our solution, **perplexity**:
  - It’s the inverse probability of a text, normalized by the # of words

Evaluating language models

$$PPL(W) = P(w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n)^{-\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$= \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{P(w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n)}}$$

$$= \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} P(w_k | w_1^{k-1})}}$$

Bigram LM perplexity

$$= \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^{n} P(w_k | w_{k-1})}}$$

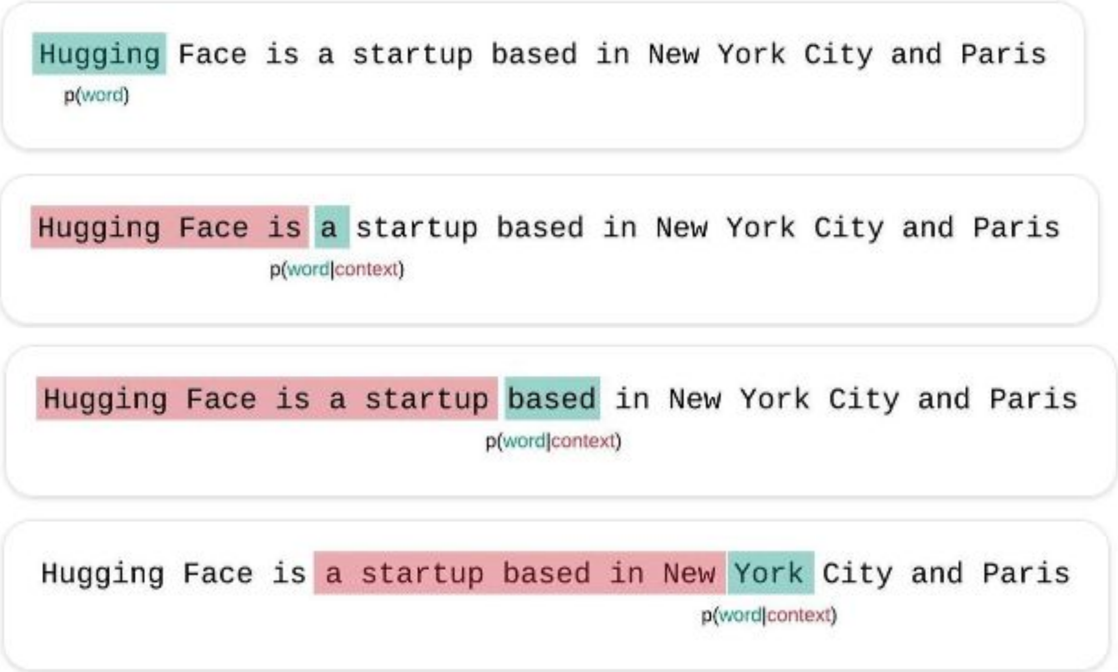
Evaluating language models

- **Minimising** perplexity -> **maximising** probability

- It’s a measure of the surprise in a LM when seeing new text

We measure perplexity on an unseen corpus

Example with a 6-gram model:



***Source**: HuggingFace (https://huggingface.co/docs/transformers/perplexity)*

About perplexity

Perplexity allows us to choose the best LM for a test data:

- LM1 vs LM2: best LM is the one with the lowest perplexity

However:

- Perplexity is specific to the test-set

Questions?

45 mins

Cross Entropy Loss

55 mins

Cross Entropy

Cross Entropy:

- We don't know the true distribution… e.g. the likelihood of each possible next word
- We only know how many times things happen in the training data

Pytorch uses natural logarithms...

$$H(T, q) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} \log_{\mathbf{e}} q(x_i)$$

$q(x_i)$ is the model predicted probability of the word x_i given the previous words $x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}$

Cross Entropy

Loss for a single observation (last week, classification):

$$H(P,Q) = -\sum_i P(y_i)\log Q(y_i)$$

Loss for the whole corpus (now, in language modelling):

$$H(T,q) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} \log q(x_i)$$

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Appendix - Cross Entropy Loss (in detail)

$$H(P,Q) = -\sum_{x\in\mathcal{X}} p(x)\,\log q(x) \qquad \textbf{(Eq.1)}$$

Here x refers to (x, y)
- definition from Wikipedia

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}, x^{(i)}|\theta)$$

Sample x, y from the dataset for an approximation

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log\left(p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta)p_{model}(x^{(i)}|\theta)\right)$$

Separate to conditional probs.

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta) - \log p_{model}(x^{(i)}|\theta)$$

Separate to two log expressions

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta) - \log p(x^{(i)})$$

P_{model}(x) does not depend on theta

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta)$$

We have our loss as we expect

Source: https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/428937/mle-and-cross-entropy-for-conditional-probabilities

Cross Entropy

Cross Entropy Loss (using Pytorch):

$$H(T,q) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} \log_{e} q(x_i)$$

Bits per character (BPC):

- *Perform calculation in Log base 2*
- *Or use Pytorch CELoss and divide by: ln 2*

Converting between Cross Entropy Loss and Perplexity

60 mins

Converting Cross Entropy Loss to Perplexity

Converting between Perplexity and Cross Entropy:

If you calculate Cross Entropy Loss to the base e:

$$\text{Perplexity}(M) = e^H$$

If you have Cross Entropy loss to the base 2 (BPC), this is 2^H

Why? Consider:

$$H(T,q) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{1}{N} \log_{e} q(x_i)$$

Questions?

45 mins

Break

60 mins

10 second questions about perplexity

1hr 10 mins

10 second questions about perplexity

Question 1:

- If we are finding the perplexity of a single word, what is the best possible score?

10 second questions about perplexity

Question 2:

- If our model uniformly picks words across a vocabulary of size $|V|$, what is the perplexity of a single word?

10 second questions about perplexity

Question 3:

- Our LM predicts digits between 0 and 9 as our words with even probability:
  - what is the perplexity if our test-set contains 5 words?

A fun little tangent...

1hr 15 mins

GPT3 demo

Language modelling can be used to support classification tasks:

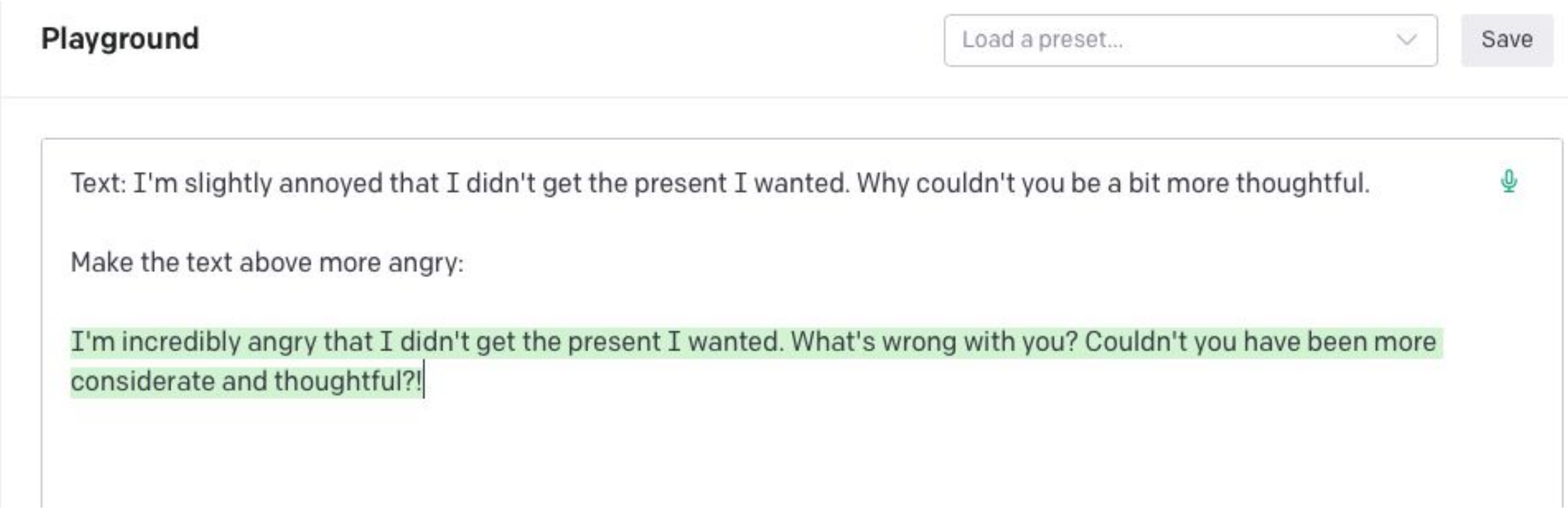
- For example, you may want to summarize a text before inputting it into a classification model

- Or you could correct spelling mistakes or grammatical errors

- Let’s experiment with how GPT can modify our input data…

    - The limit is your imagination when using GPT in you model pipeline….

GPT3 demo



The reply is too angry…. What can we do to turn it down a bit?

Text: They were late again

GPT3 (few shot)

Make the text above more angry:

They were late again, just typical.

Text: He walked away

Make the text above more angry:

I'm a bit angry that he walked away

Text: I'm slightly annoyed that I didn't get the present I wanted. Why couldn't you be a bit more thoughtful.

Make the text above more angry:

I'm really angry that I didn't get the present I wanted. You could have been a lot more thoughtful.

GPT3 demo

Using GPT3:

- If you sign up you will get some free credits to use (the free credits expire)
    - Some models use less credits, e.g. ‘text-curie’
- There are free models available that do similar things

Extrinsic vs Intrinsic evaluation

- If the goal of your language model is to support with another task
  - The best choice of language model is the one that improves downstream task performance the most (extrinsic evaluation)
- Perplexity is less useful in this case (intrinsic evaluation)

Evaluating GPT-3

1hr 20 mins

Testing language models with classification

- Language models, such as GPT3, can also be evaluated on their ability to perform a range of classification tasks:
  - Question / answer tasks with multiple choices
  - Finding the most likely end to a sentence / short story
  - Performing tasks such as Natural Language Inference

Using accuracy in our evaluation

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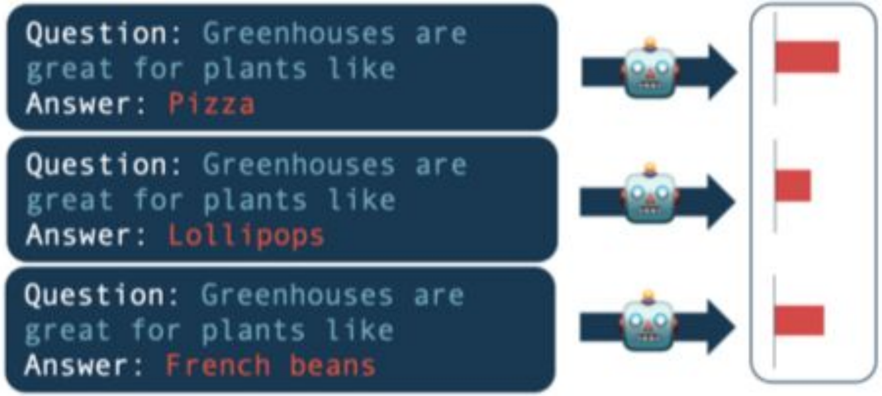

Q: How would classification models do multiple choice questions?

Diagram taken from:
Leveraging large language models for multiple choice question answering (Robinson et al., Nov 2022)

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End of tangent....

Questions?

45 mins

Language models: sparsity

- WSJ corpus: built over 10 years ago
- What would happen if tested on **today's News** articles?
- What happens with unseen n-grams?
    - E.g. “His Majesty” or “Trussonomics”

Sparsity

<UNK>

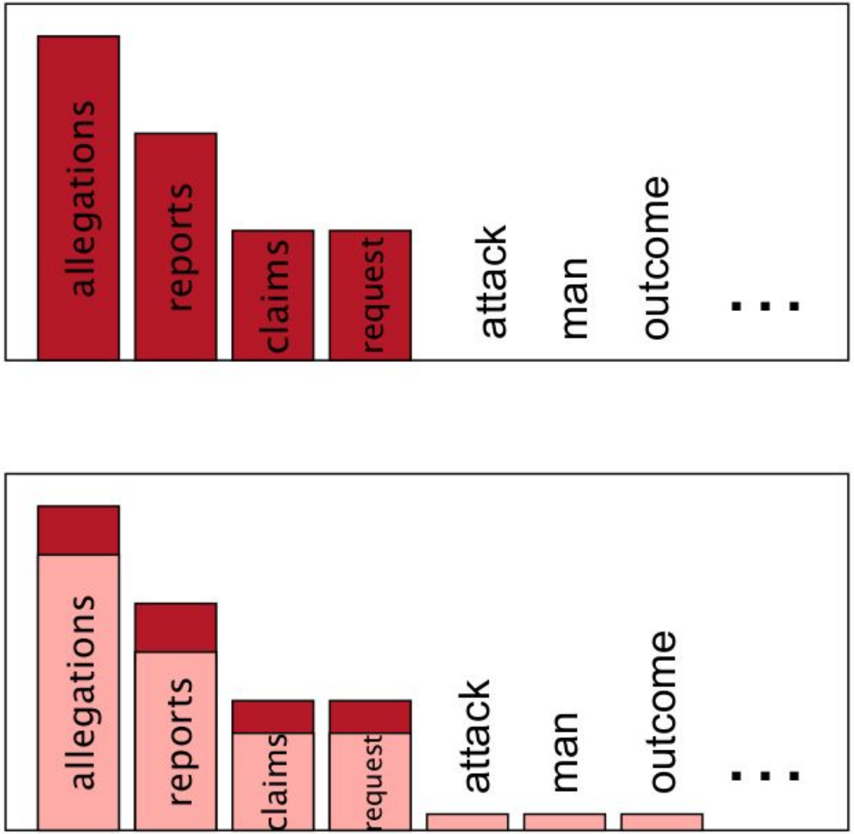
Language models: sparsity

- Techniques to mitigate sparsity:
    - Add-1 Smoothing
    - Back-off
    - Interpolation

Language models: sparsity

Add-one smoothing

- Given words with sparse statistics, steal probability mass from more frequently words
  - Better generalization



Bigram example

$$P_{add-1}(w_n|w_{n-1}) = \frac{C(w_{n-1},w_n)+1}{C(w_{n-1})+V}$$

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Language models: sparsity

- Bigram counts

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	5	827	0	9	0	0	0	2
want	2	0	608	1	6	6	5	1
to	2	0	4	686	2	0	6	211
eat	0	0	2	0	16	2	42	0
chinese	1	0	0	0	0	82	1	0
food	15	0	15	0	1	4	0	0
lunch	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
spend	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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Language models: sparsity

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$$C(\text{“to eat”}) = 686$$

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Language models: sparsity

- Bigram **add-1** counts

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	6	828	**1**	10	**1**	**1**	**1**	3
want	3	**1**	609	2	7	7	6	2
to	3	**1**	5	687	3	**1**	7	212
eat	**1**	**1**	3	**1**	17	3	43	**1**
chinese	2	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	83	2	**1**
food	16	**1**	16	**1**	2	5	**1**	**1**
lunch	3	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	2	**1**	**1**
spend	2	**1**	2	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**

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Language models: sparsity

- Bigram **add-1** smoothed estimates

$$P_{add-1}(w_n|w_{n-1}) = \frac{C(w_{n-1},w_n)+1}{C(w_{n-1})+V}$$

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	0.0015	0.21	**0.00025**	0.0025	**0.00025**	**0.00025**	**0.00025**	0.00075
want	0.0013	**0.00042**	0.26	0.00084	0.0029	0.0029	0.0025	0.00084
to	0.00078	**0.00026**	0.0013	0.18	0.00078	**0.00026**	0.0018	0.055
eat	**0.00046**	**0.00046**	0.0014	**0.00046**	0.0078	0.0014	0.02	**0.00046**
chinese	0.0012	**0.00062**	**0.00062**	**0.00062**	**0.00062**	0.052	0.0012	**0.00062**
food	0.0063	**0.00039**	0.0063	**0.00039**	0.00079	0.002	**0.00039**	**0.00039**
lunch	0.0017	**0.00056**	**0.00056**	**0.00056**	**0.00056**	0.0011	**0.00056**	**0.00056**
spend	0.0012	**0.00058**	0.0012	**0.00058**	**0.00058**	**0.00058**	**0.00058**	**0.00058**

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Language models: sparsity

- Compared to original (not smoothed) version

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	0.002	0.33	0	0.0036	0	0	0	0.00079
want	0.0022	0	0.66	0.0011	0.0065	0.0065	0.0054	0.0011
to	0.00083	0	0.0017	0.28	0.00083	0	0.0025	0.087
eat	0	0	0.0027	0	0.021	0.0027	0.056	0
chinese	0.0063	0	0	0	0	0.52	0.0063	0
food	0.014	0	0.014	0	0.00092	0.0037	0	0
lunch	0.0059	0	0	0	0	0.0029	0	0
spend	0.0036	0	0.0036	0	0	0	0	0

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Summary of Add-1 smoothing

- Easy to implement
- But takes too much probability mass from more likely occurrences
- Assigns too much probability to unseen events
- Could try +k smoothing with a smaller value of k

Back off smoothing

- If we do not have any occurrences of a ‘his royal highness’:
  - We could **back-off** and see how many occurrences there are of ‘royal highness’

Back off smoothing (“stupid back-off”)

- If we do not have any occurrences of ‘you had covid’:

$$S(w_i|w_{i-2}\,w_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{C(w_{i-2}\,w_{i-1}\,w_i)}{C(w_{i-2}\,w_{i-1})} & \text{if } C(w_{i-2}\,w_{i-1}\,w_i) > 0 \\ 0.4 \cdot S(w_i|w_{i-1}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$S(w_i|w_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{C(w_{i-1}\,w_i)}{C(w_{i-1})} & \text{if } C(w_{i-1}\,w_i) > 0 \\ 0.4 \cdot S(w_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$S(w_i) = \frac{C(w_i)}{N}$$

From: *Marek Rei, Machine Learning for Language Modelling part 2.*

Wikipedia tells us:

“This model generally works well in practice, but fails in some circumstances.

For example, suppose that the bigram "a b" and the unigram "c" are very common, but the trigram "a b c" is never seen. Since "a b" and "c" are very common, it may be significant (that is, not due to chance) that "a b c" is never seen.

Perhaps it's not allowed by the rules of the grammar. Instead of assigning a more appropriate value of 0, the method will back off to the bigram and estimate $P(c \mid b)$, which may be too high”

Interpolation

- We combine evidence from different n-grams:

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{interp}(w_i | w_{i-2}\ w_{i-1}) = \quad & \lambda_1 P(w_i | w_{i-2}\ w_{i-1}) \\
& +\lambda_2 P(w_i | w_{i-1}) \\
& +\lambda_3 P(w_i)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1
$$

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Questions?

1hr 40 mins

Language models: evaluation

- Train LM on 38 million words of WSJ
  - Test on 1.5 million held-out words also from WSJ

Unigram PPL	Bigram PPL	Trigram PPL
962	170	109

PPL is short for perplexity

Discussion

- N-gram LM: good approximation of language likelihood
- However, even with larger n (say 4-5), n-gram language models fail to model long-distance dependencies, e.g.:

"**The GPU machines** which I had just bought from a reputable supplier and put in the server room in the other building **crashed**."

Solution?

Questions?

1hr 45 mins

Appendix

Something that recently inspired me

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Switching off a lamp by turning off neurons

Based on a talk by David Bau (link to follow)

Finding where knowledge is stored...

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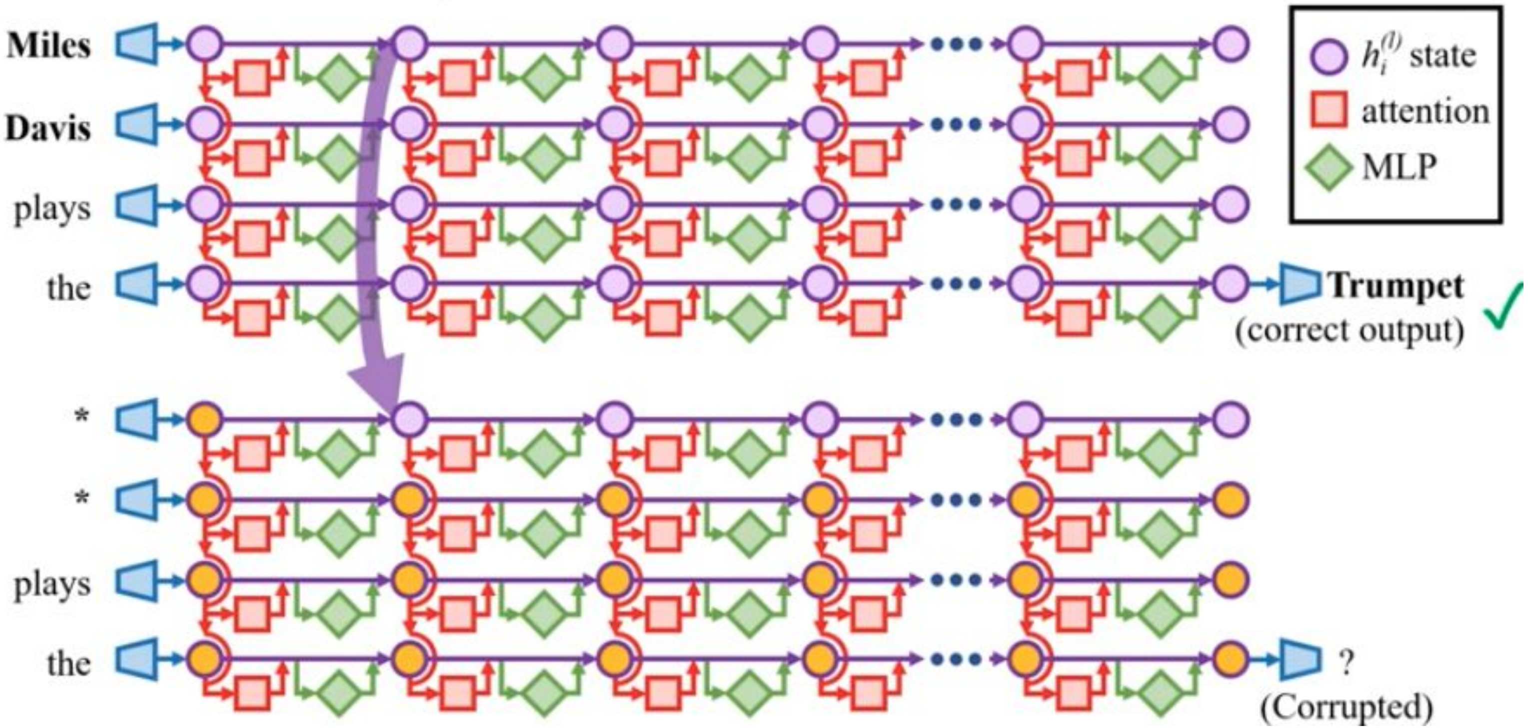
Transplant Hidden State



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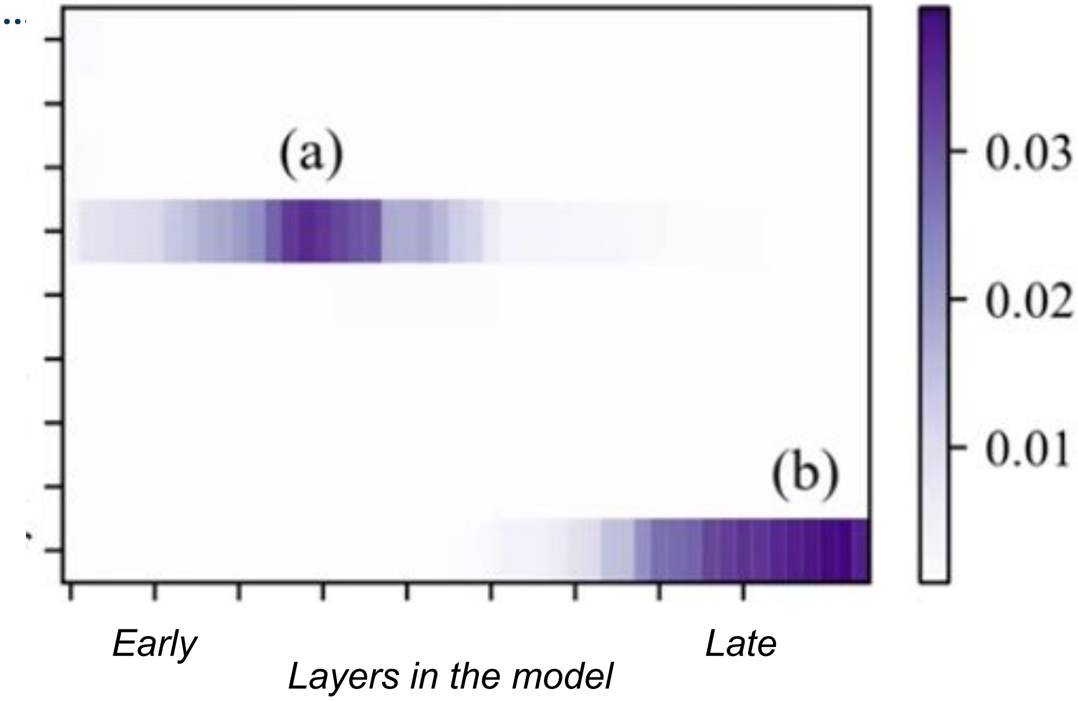
Finding where knowledge is stored…



Notice: **two** decisive sites!

(a) early
(b) late

Finding where knowledge is stored...

Want to see a talk about this work?

- It’s an hour, but engaging and easy to follow
- The time will fly by…

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1ELSZNFeHc

Another approach for debiasing

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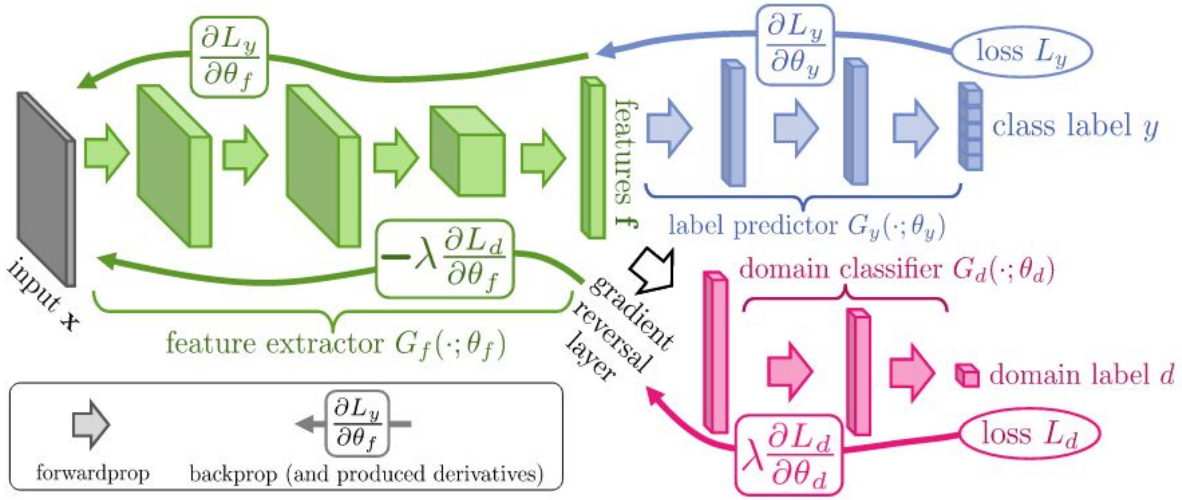
Hiding biases from model representations



Ganin et al. Domain-Adversarial Training of Neural Networks https://arxiv.org/pdf/1505.07818.pdf

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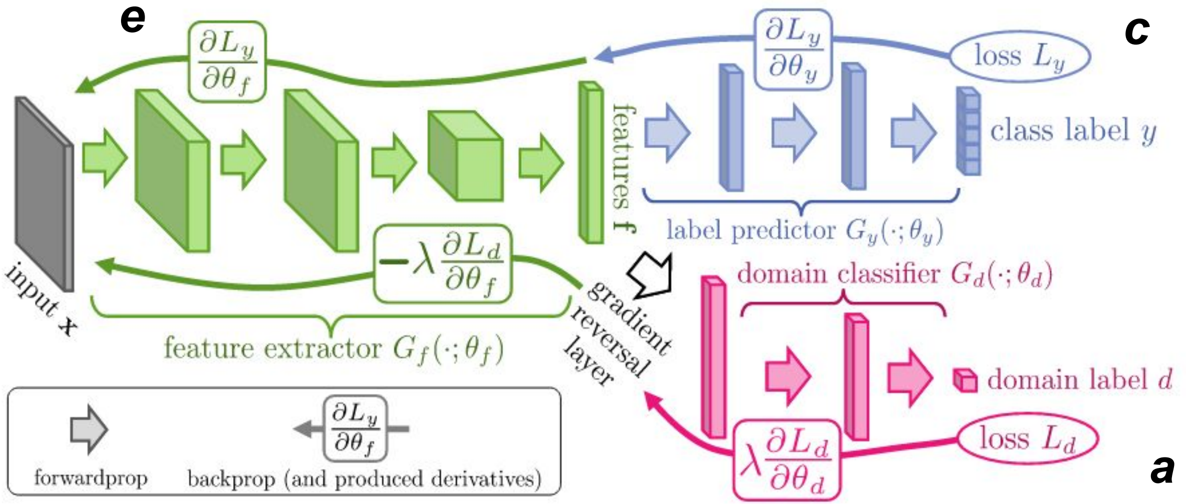

$$\min_{\theta_e,\theta_c} \max_{\theta_a} \sum_{\langle \mathbf{h},\mathbf{p},y\rangle \in \mathcal{D}} (1-\lambda)\mathcal{L}_{ce}(y,\hat{y}) - \frac{\lambda}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathcal{L}_{ce}(y,\hat{y}_{a_i}),$$

Stacey at al.
Avoiding the Hypothesis-Only Bias in Natural Language Inference via Ensemble Adversarial Training

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Neural Language Models (Next time...)

Extra
content

Neural Language Models

- Neural-based LMs have several improvements:
  - Avoids n-gram sparsity issue
  - Contextual word representations i.e. **embeddings**

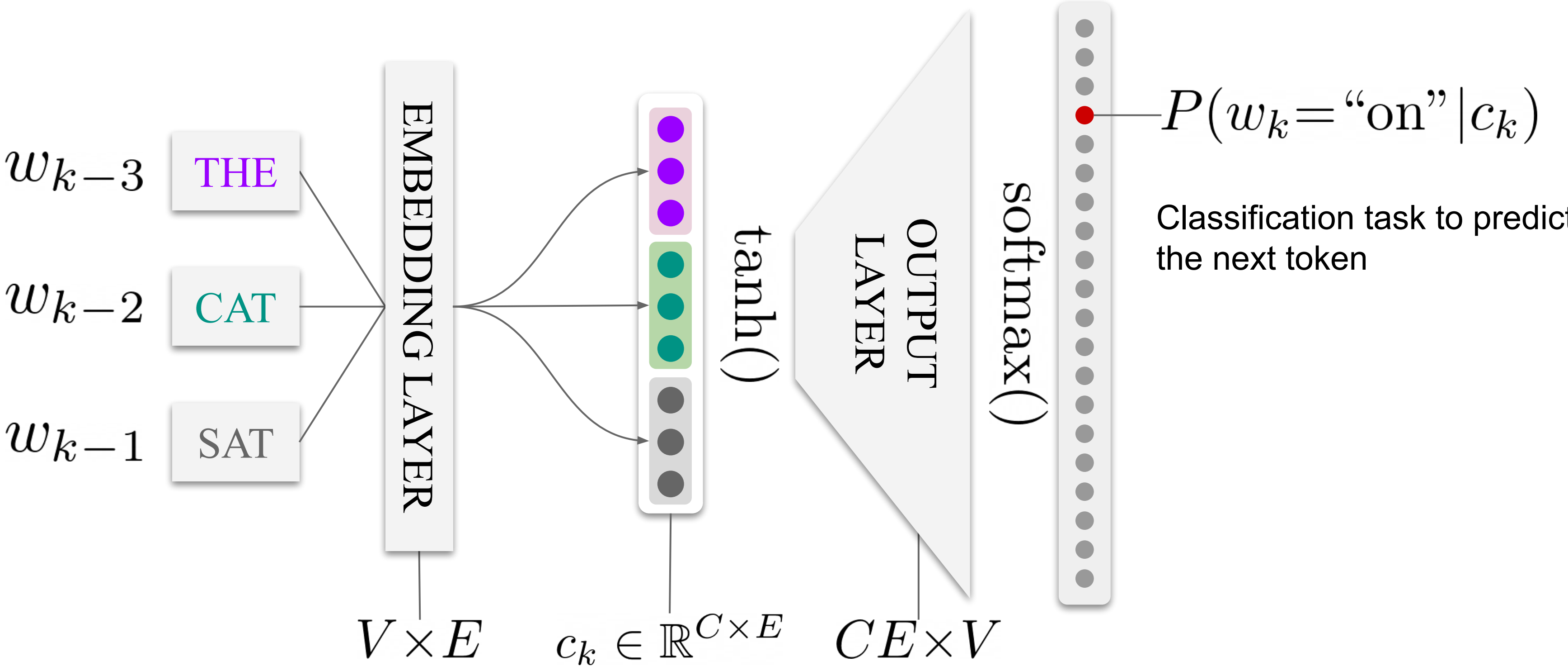
Neural Language Models (NLM)

$$P(w_1, \ldots, w_n) = \prod_{k=1}^{n} \underbrace{P(w_k}_{\text{A classification task}} | \underbrace{w_1^{k-1}}_{\text{conditioned on history}})$$

which repeats through “time”

- **Idea**: Use a DNN to model
  - Feed-forward LMs
  - Recurrent LMs

4-gram Feed-forward LM (FFLM)



Classification task to predict the next token

[A Neural Probabilistic Language Model (Bengio et al. 2003)]

Feed-forward LM (FFLM)

- **First applications of DNNs to LM**
  - Approximates history with last C words
    - C affects model size!

- **Ex:** 4-gram FFLM has a context size of 3
  - Estimates
  - The context is formed by concatenating word embeddings

$$c_k = [\textsc{Emb}(\text{“the”}); \textsc{Emb}(\text{“cat”}); \textsc{Emb}(\text{“sat”})]$$

Feed-forward LM (FFLM)

- **First successful attempt to neural LMs**
  - Simple and elegant NN perspective to n-gram LMs
  - 10 to 20% perplexity improvement over smoothed 3-gram LM (Bengio et al. 2003)

- **Quickly superseded by more expressive RNN LMs**

Questions?

40 mins

Appendix - Cross Entropy Loss (in detail)

$$H(P,Q) = -\sum_{x\in\mathcal{X}} p(x)\,\log q(x) \quad \textbf{(Eq.1)}$$

Here x refers to (x, y)
- definition from Wikipedia

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}, x^{(i)}|\theta)$$

Sample x, y from the dataset for an approximation

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log\left(p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta)p_{model}(x^{(i)}|\theta)\right)$$

Separate to conditional probs.

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta) - \log p_{model}(x^{(i)}|\theta)$$

Separate to two log expressions

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta) - \log p(x^{(i)})$$

P_{model}(x) does not depend on theta

$$= \arg\min_{\theta} \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} -\log p_{model}(y^{(i)}|x^{(i)};\theta)$$

We have our loss as we expect

Source: https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/428937/mle-and-cross-entropy-for-conditional-probabilities

Perplexity and Cross Entropy

Change of Base Rule

$$\log_b a = \frac{\log_x a}{\log_x b}$$

Let b = 2, a = q(x), x = e

So we divide by $\log_e 2$ to convert CELoss in base e to base 2