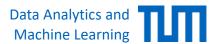
Machine Learning for Graphs and Sequential Data

Sequential Data - Neural Network Approaches

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Roadmap

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- Text is everywhere
- Applying machine learning to textual data to solve machine translation, question answering, sentiment analysis etc.
- Example:

It's a brilliant, honest performance by Nicholson, but the film is an agonizing bore except when the fantastic Kathy Bates turns up.

representation serious

- Goal: given text predict whether it is positive or negative
- Problem: how to represent words to input them into a subsequent model
- One solution: one-hot encoding
 - High dimensional
 - Too sparse



Assumes the words are independent of each other

- Words as vectors while keeping the underlying language properties
- E.g. similar words should have vectors near each other
- Distributional hypothesis words that appear in similar contexts have similar meanings

You shall know a word by the company it keeps.

J. R. Firth

- Example: hotel and motel
 - Can be used interchangeably in many sentences while remaining meaningful
- However: *duck* an animal vs. *duck* to lower head quickly

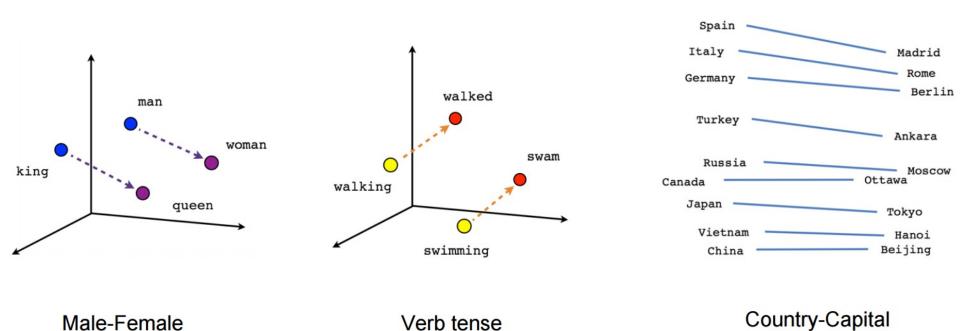


Illustration of how vectors can represent linguistic concepts
Figure from https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/representation/word2vec

Co-occurence Matrix

- To be aware of context we can simply count how many times each word appeared beside other words
- If the text is given with words $\{x_1, ..., x_N\}$, then a window of size l around a word x_i is $\{x_{i-l}, ..., x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{i+l}\}$
- We slide this window over sentences and count the co-occurences
- Example:

I like dogs. I like cats too. They hate each other.

- For the first sentence the windows (l = 1) are:
 - (Ø, like) (I, dogs) (like, .) (dogs, Ø)

Co-occurence Matrix

• After counting all the pairs we get a co-occurence matrix M:

			Ι	cats	dogs	each	hate	like	other	they	too
		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Ι	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ca	ats	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
dc	ogs	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ea	ch	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
ha	ate	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
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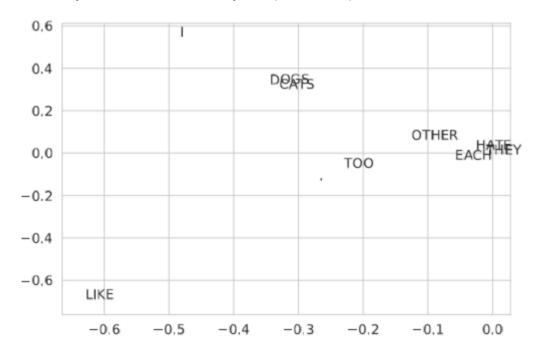
Pros: similar words have similar vectors

Cons: still high dimensional and sparse

Solution: reduce the dimension to get dense vector of fixed dimension

SVD

- We can reduce the dimension with an SVD decomposition: $M = U\Sigma V^T$
- If we take the first D columns of U we get D-dimensional word vectors
- Applied to the previous example (D = 2):



Problems: slow computation and hard to add new words

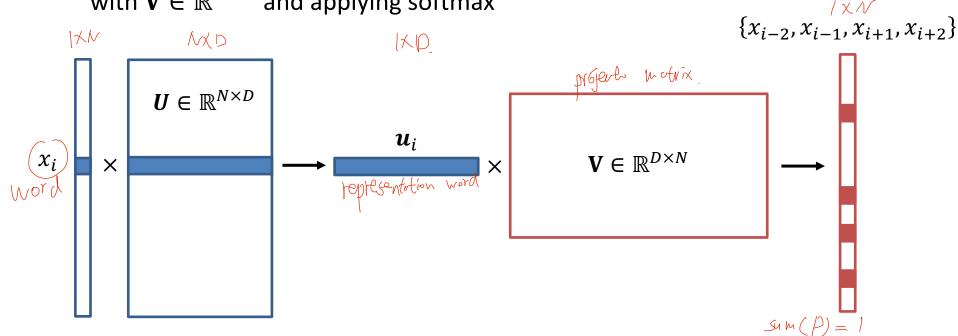
Word2Vec

- A different way to get word vectors is with a neural network
- Task: prediction of words based on context
- Two approaches:
 - Continuous bag-of-words (CBOW)
 - Predicts a word from the words surrounding it (window)
 - Not good for rare words because the model might not predict them from context
 - Skip-gram [1]
 - Predicts the surrounding context from the current word
 - Given a rare word it must understand it to predict the context
 - Slower to train but can work well with smaller amounts of data and with rare words

Skip-gram

- Input: one-hot vector with dimension *N*
- Embedding: project the word to D-dimensional space with $\boldsymbol{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$
 - Since input has zeros everywhere except on ith position, multiplication is equivalent to taking ith row of U

• Prediction: get probabilities of context words by multiplying embedding with $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times N}$ and applying softmax



Skip-gram

• Formally: if $S = \{x_{i-l}, ..., x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, ..., x_{i+l}\}$ is a window of size l around the word x_i , and θ denotes model parameters, the objective is

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \mathbb{E}[P(S|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})] = \min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} (-\mathbb{E}[P(S|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})])$$
where $P(S|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{x_k \in S} P(x_k|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$
and $P(x_k|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \text{softmax}(\boldsymbol{u_i V})_k$

- lacktriangle The vector $oldsymbol{u}_i$ is the corresponding embedding
- We can choose to set U = V, giving less parameters to optimize but also less expressiveness $\frac{1}{2}$

Training

 Each forward pass computes normalized probabilities over the entire vocabulary

$$P(x_k|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \operatorname{softmax}(\boldsymbol{u}_i \boldsymbol{V})_k = \exp(\boldsymbol{u}_i \boldsymbol{v}_k^T) / \sum_{l=1}^N \exp(\boldsymbol{u}_i \boldsymbol{v}_l^T)$$

- Inefficient for large vocabularies
- Alternative: Negative Sampling [3]:
 - In each iteration, sample word p in the context of word i and word(s) n not in this context p >s it i we word

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 - Binary classification problem: Distinguish positive pair (i,p) from the negative pair(s) (i,n)

$$L = \log \left(P(x_{\widehat{p}}|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right) + \log \left(1 - P(x_n|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \right)$$

$$= P(x_k|x_i, \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \operatorname{sigmoid}(\boldsymbol{u}_i \boldsymbol{v}_k^T)$$

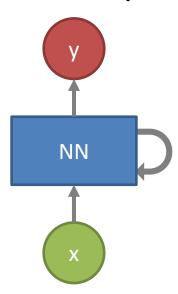
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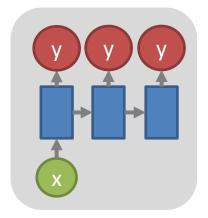
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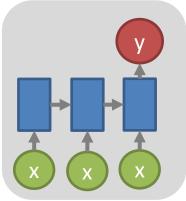
- In word embeddings, we learn a representation for every <u>individual word</u>
- How to process an <u>entire sequence</u> with neural networks?
 - In particular if the sequences have varying length?
- We can use Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

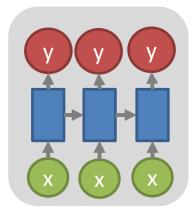


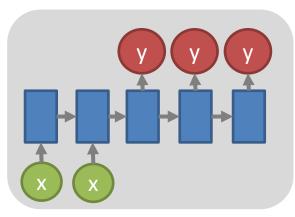
RNN Tasks

Different problems can be solved using RNNs:









One to Many:

- Image Captioning

Many to One:

- Sentiment Analysis
- Text Classification

Many to Many

- Machine Translation
- Video Captioning
- Part of Speech Tagging

Definition

- Given a sequence of inputs $\{x^{(1)},...,x^{(N)}\}$ and outputs $\{y^{(1)},...,y^{(N)}\}$ we want to know the probability $P(y^{(t)}|x^{(1)},...,x^{(t)})$
- Represent a sequence $\{m{x}^{(1)}$, ..., $m{x}^{(t-1)}\}$ with a hidden state $m{h}^{(t-1)}$
- lacktriangle Neural network takes $m{h}^{(t-1)}$ and current input and maps them to a new hidden state $m{h}^{(t)}$ from which we can predict the output at step t
 - Also use $h^{(t)}$ in the next step
- The update equations are

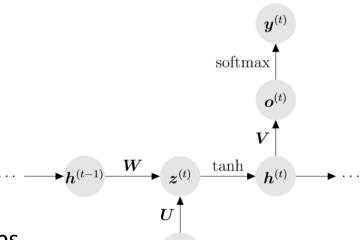
$$\mathbf{z}^{(t)} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \tanh(\mathbf{z}^{(t)})$$

$$\mathbf{o}^{(t)} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}^{(t)}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(t)} = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{o}^{(t)})$$

The weights are shared over all time steps



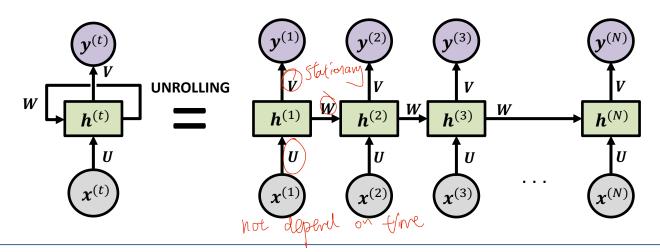
Objective

The negative log-likelihood is

$$L = -\log \prod_{t} p_{\text{model}}(\mathbf{y}^{(t)}|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(t)})$$

$$= -\sum_{t} \log p_{\text{model}}(\mathbf{y}^{(t)}|\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(t)}) = -\sum_{t} L^{(t)}$$

- Network fully differentiable train with a gradient based method
- Unrolling of the RNN graph



Backpropagation through time

■ All functions used in the update equations are differentiable (linear, tanh, softmax) → We can compute the derivative w.r.t the parameters:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{V}} = \sum_{t} (\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(t)} - \mathbf{y}^{(t)}) (\mathbf{h}^{(t)})^{T} \qquad \mathbf{z}^{(t)} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \sum_{t} \operatorname{diag} (1 - (\mathbf{h}^{(t)})^{2}) \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t)}} (\mathbf{h}^{(t-1)})^{T} \qquad \mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \tanh(\mathbf{z}^{(t)})$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{U}} = \sum_{t} \operatorname{diag} (1 - (\mathbf{h}^{(t)})^{2}) \frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t)}} (\mathbf{x}^{(t)})^{T}$$

$$\mathbf{z}^{(t)} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{U} \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}$$

$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \tanh(\mathbf{z}^{(t)})$$

$$\mathbf{o}^{(t)} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{h}^{(t)}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(t)} = \operatorname{softmax}(\mathbf{o}^{(t)}) \text{ or } \mathbf{o}^{(t)}$$

 Since parameters are shared over the steps, final derivative are a sum of all the contributions at every step t.

Backpropagation through time

The hidden state $h^{(t)}$ recursively depends on all previous hidden states $h^{(t-1)}$,..., $h^{(0)}$ i.e.

$$h^{(t-1)},...,h^{(0)}$$
 i.e.
$$h^{(t)} = \tanh(Wh^{(t-1)} + Ux^{(t)} + b)$$
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■ The gradient $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{h}^{(t)}}$ depends on future times

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{h}^{(t)}} = \boldsymbol{V}^T (\widehat{\boldsymbol{y}}^{(t)} - \boldsymbol{y}^{(t)}) + \boldsymbol{W}^T \operatorname{diag} \left(1 - (\boldsymbol{h}^{(t+1)})^2 \right) \frac{\partial L}{\partial \boldsymbol{h}^{(t+1)}}$$
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■ The impact of future times might vanish or explode (e.g. 1-D example: W > 1 or $W < 1) \rightarrow$ RNN cannot retain information for many steps.

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{(t)}} = \sum_{s=t}^{N} \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{(s)}} \frac{\partial h^{(s)}}{\partial h^{(t)}} = \sum_{s=t}^{N} \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{(s)}} \prod_{t+1 \le k \le s} \frac{\partial h^{(k)}}{\partial h^{(k-1)}} = \sum_{s=t}^{N} \frac{\partial L}{\partial h^{(s)}} \prod_{t \le k \le s} W \left(1 - \left(h^{(k)}\right)^{2}\right)$$

GRU

- Solution: change the RNN architecture so it can keep information longer
- Main idea: not every input should be fully taken into account when updating the hidden state – update partially with a gating mechanism
- Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) [2]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}^{(t)} &= \sigma \big(\mathbf{W}_{z} \big[\mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \big] \big) & \text{definite} \\ \mathbf{r}^{(t)} &= \sigma \big(\mathbf{W}_{r} \big[\mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \big] \big) & \text{Gates} \end{aligned}$$
 Simple RNN update – gives candidate state
$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} &= \underbrace{(1 - \mathbf{z}^{(t)})} \odot \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \underbrace{\mathbf{z}^{(t)}} \odot \widetilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(t)} & \text{information} \end{aligned}$$

How much to take from previous state vs. candidate state

LSTM

- More powerful architecture: Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) [3]
- Introduces a cell state $c^{(t)}$ in addition to $h^{(t)}$ we have two states

Forget gate

$$\boldsymbol{i}^{(t)} = \sigma\left(\boldsymbol{W}_{i}\left[\boldsymbol{h}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{x}^{(t)}\right]\right) \quad \text{Input gate}$$

$$\boldsymbol{o}^{(t)} = \sigma\left(\boldsymbol{W}_{o}\left[\boldsymbol{h}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{x}^{(t)}\right]\right) \quad \text{Output gate}$$

$$\boldsymbol{c}^{(t)} = \boldsymbol{f}^{(t)} \odot \boldsymbol{c}^{(t-1)} + \boldsymbol{i}^{(t)} \odot \tanh\left(\boldsymbol{W}\left[\boldsymbol{h}^{(t-1)}, \boldsymbol{x}^{(t)}\right]\right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{h}^{(t)} = \boldsymbol{o}^{(t)} \odot \tanh(\boldsymbol{c}^{(t)})$$

 $\mathbf{f}^{(t)} = \sigma\left(\mathbf{W}_f \left| \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(t)} \right| \right)$

Simple RNN update

– LSTM treats it as
an input

Update hidden state (now the output) using a cell state

Summary

- LSTM and GRU are two examples of improvements to the basic RNN
- Gating enables skipping some inputs to capture long-term dependencies
 - Actually, since it uses an element-wise product, it can remember or forget per individual dimension of a hidden state
 - Avoids gradient problems that RNN has
- It is fully differentiable so we can derive gradients for all the parameters as in the RNN and train it with, e.g., gradient descent
- Many variations on LSTM architecture
 - E.g. *peephole LSTM* replaces $m{h}^{(t)}$ with $m{c}^{(t)}$ in all the equations

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- Sometimes when modeling a sequence we do not need the complete history to produce the output
- Example: generating speech
 - Raw audio has many data points (16000 per second)
 - Important relations on many time scales
- Recall an autoregressive model:

$$X_t = c + \sum_{i=1}^{p} \varphi_i X_{t-i} + \varepsilon_t$$

- Uses a fixed window of p previous inputs and performs regression
- Can we use neural networks to capture more complex behavior?
 - RNNs share the parameters across time steps, but depend on full history
 - We can instead use Convolutional Neural Networks (ConvNets)

Recap: Definition

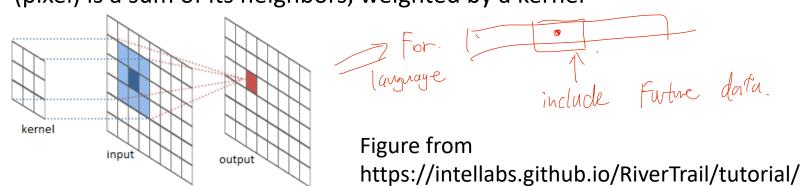
• The convolution f * g of functions f and g is

$$(f * g)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(\tau)g(t - \tau)d\tau$$

In image processing, given an image I and a kernel K, both 2-D matrices, the convolution can be writen as:

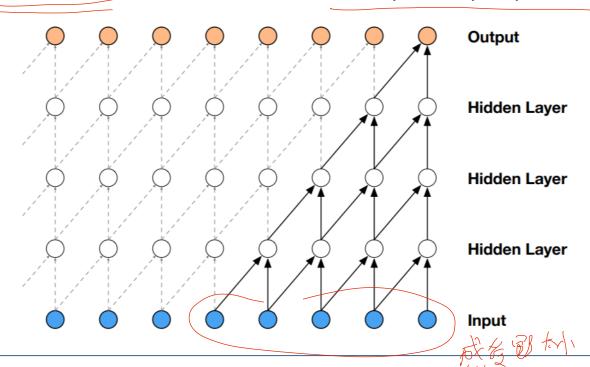
$$(K * I)(i,j) = \sum_{m} \sum_{n} I(i-m,j-n)K(m,n)$$

 Output is again a 2-D matrix (transformed image), where an element (pixel) is a sum of its neighbors, weighted by a kernel



WaveNet

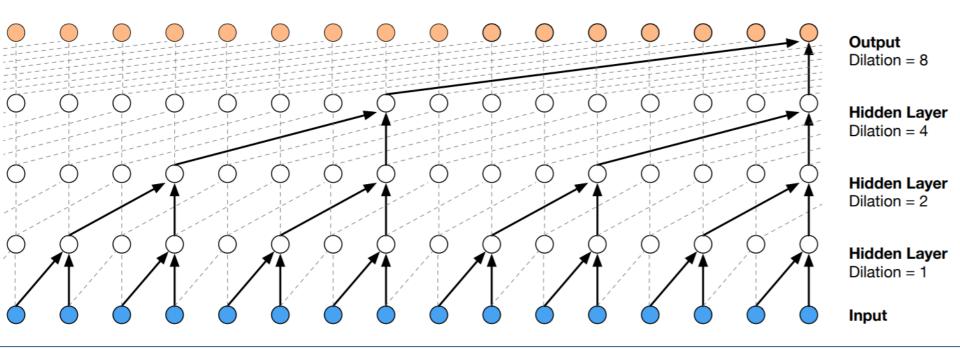
- Sequences are 1-D so we can use a 1-D version of ConvNets
- WaveNet [2] is an architecture that uses 1-D ConvNets to model speech
 - In addition, it uses special convolutions to ensure causality and increase receptive field
- Causal convolutions ensure that the output only depends on the past



WaveNet

扩张卷积--跳过一些输入以增加感受野

- 扩张1给出标准卷积
- 如果我们从第一层开始扩张1,然后每一层都加倍(2,4,8.....),接受区域将是层数的指数。
- 例如, 在4层中, 我们在第一层使用16个输入
- **Dilated convolutions** skip some inputs to increase the receptive field
 - Dilation of 1 gives standard convolution
 - If we start with dilation of 1 in the first layer and double it with every layer (2,4,8...) the receptive field will be the exponential of the number of layers
 - E.g. with 4 layers we use 16 inputs in the first layer



Transformers & Attention

变形金刚:

变换器[3]是使用注意力机制的快速模型

- 像WaveNet一样、它不是一个递归神经网络 à 可并行的和快速的

注意力:

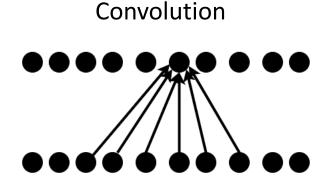
注意力是对元素x 2 的学习加权(给定元素 x #)。

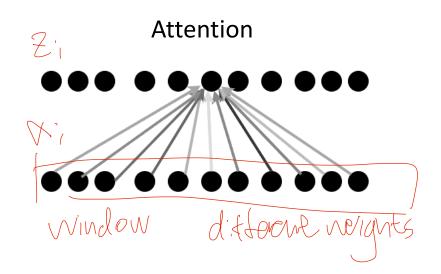
Transformers:

- Transfomers [3] are fast models using attention mechanisms
 - Like WaveNet, it is not a recurrent neural network \rightarrow parallelizable and fast

Attention:

• Attention is a learned weighting over the elements x_i (given element x_i)





(Self-)Attention

- 加权是通过对查询/键的分数应用softmax计算出来的。
- 查询取决于x, 而密钥取决于x-。

加权机制:

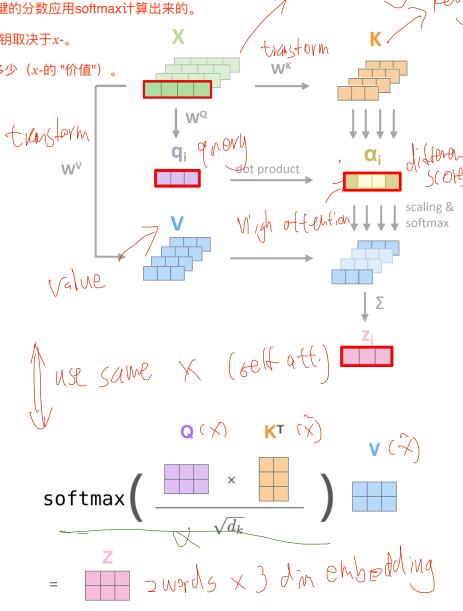
- 权重表示我们使用多少(x-的 "价值")
- Weighting mechanism:
 - The weighting is computed by applying softmax to query/key scores
 - Query depends on x_i ; key on x_j
 - The weight indicates how much of v_j we use (the "value" of x_j)
- Self-attention: the attention is on the input signal itself

自我注意:注意力集中在输入信号本身

 It is easy computable in a matrix formulation.

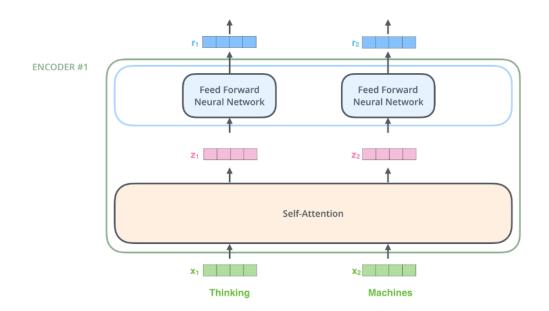
在矩阵公式中, 它很容易计算。

"Self-attention allows the model to look at other positions in the input sequence for clues that can help lead to a better encoding for this word" [4]



Encoder Block

- Tokens (e.g. words) are represented with embeddings
- The self-attention layer "couples" the embeddings
- The rest handles the embeddings independently



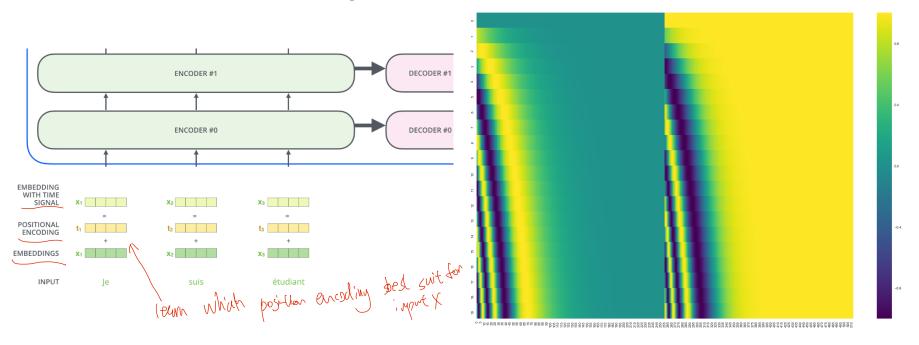
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Positional Encoding

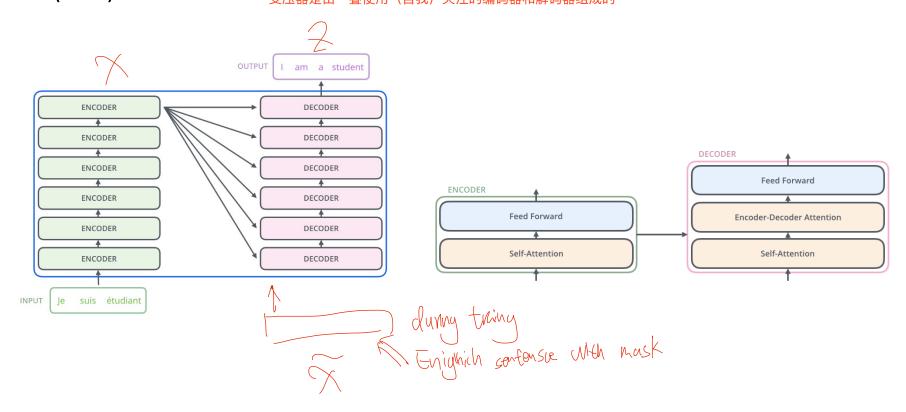
注意:注意机制不关心标记/词的顺序,即架构本身不知道非i.i.d的性质 Ø 标准解 决方法:用位置编码表示标记顺序。

位置编码:有意义的静态向量,与标记嵌入相连接。

- Note: Attention mechanisms do not care about the order of tokens / words, i.e. the architecture itself is not aware of the non-i.i.d. nature
- Standard workaround: positional encoding to represent the token order. Positional encoding: meaningful static vectors which are concatenated with the token embeddings.



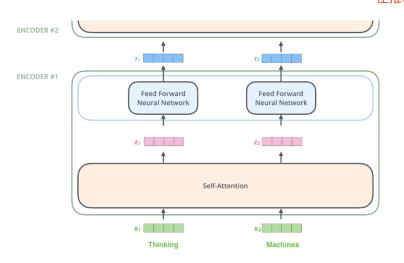
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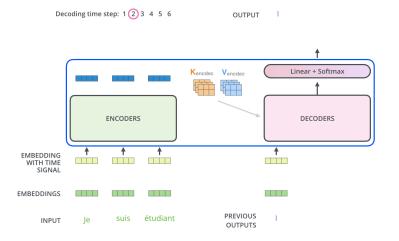


Transformers: Notes on Training and Inference

- During training, the embeddings flow all through the transformer at the same time/in parallel (attention coefficients are masked for future tokens)
 - This enables efficient training on very large datasets;
 crucial for the success of recent models
- At inference time, decoding is done one step after the other until the end
 of sentence symbol is reached. 在训练过程中,嵌入物同时/并行地流经转化器(注意系数被掩盖在未来的标记中)。

- 这使得在非常大的数据集上进行有效的训练;对最近的模型的成功至关重要在推理时间,解码是一步一步进行的,直到达到句末符号。





Transformers: Complexity

 Multi-Head Attention: Combine the output of h self-attention blocks

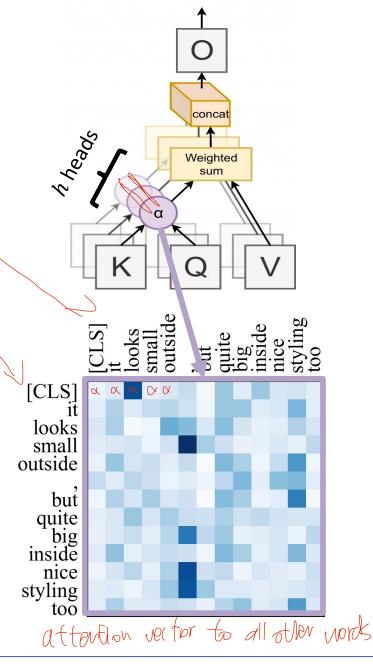
Each self-attention block computes n²
 attention weights

- Intractable for long sequences
- Many possible solutions:
 - Fix structure of attention weights
 - Low-Rank approximations
 - Downsampling the sequence length n

多头注意:结合h自我注意区块的输出,每个自我注意区块计算n3个注意权重 对于长序列来说是难以解决的 许多可能的解决方案:

- 固定注意力权重的结构
- 低等级近似
- 对序列长度n进行下采样

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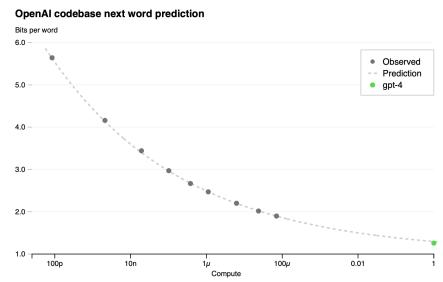


Transformers: GPT Models

- Generative Pre-Trained Transformers:
 - First, unsupervised pre-training on predicting the next token in a sequence

$$L = \sum_{i} \log P_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^{(i)} | \mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(i-k)})$$

- Second, task-specific fine-tuning (classification, chatbots, ...)
- GPT-n models use large text corpora (Data crawled from the internet, books, ...)
- Strong performance because of large models and datasets: Loss and datasets compute follow a power-law
 - e.g. GPT-3 has ~175B parameters



Questions - NN

- 1. In an RNN, the hidden state at a given time influences all hidden states into the future. However, an RNN cannot model long-term dependencies. Why?
- 2. What is the receptive field of a causal convolution and dilated convolution with n layers ?

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