

Deep Learning

Modelling Sequential Data

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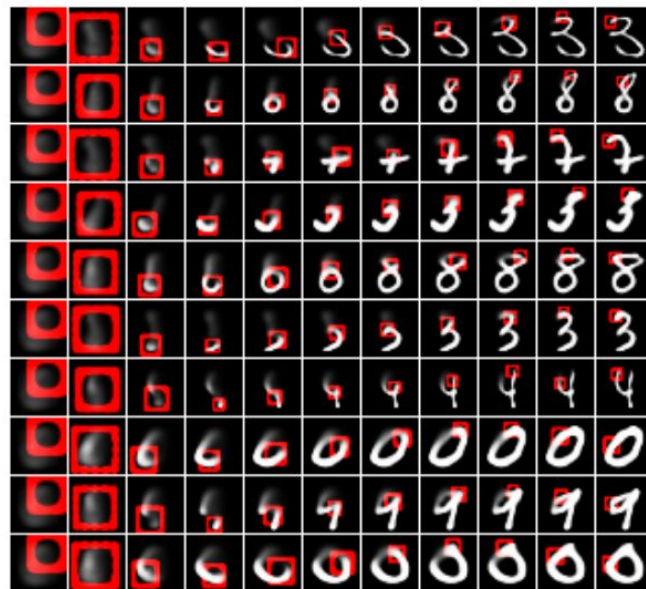
Lecture Overview

Recap

- FC, CNN, ResNet

Today's Lecture

- Recurrent Neural Networks
- Backpropagation Through Time
- Vanishing Gradients and LSTMs
- Neural Attention
- Transformers



Time →

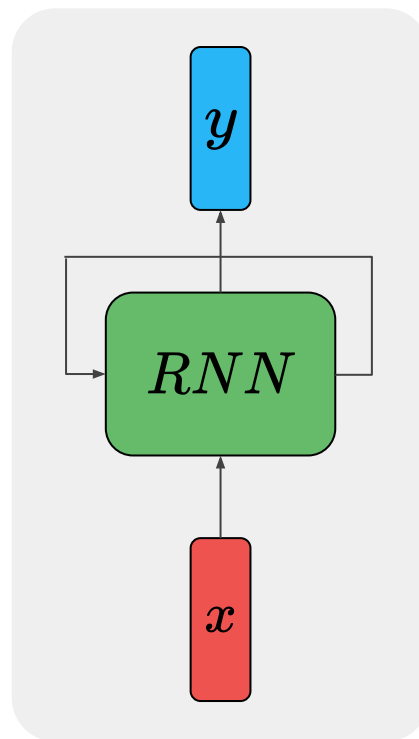
Sequence Modelling: Design Criteria

To model sequences we need to:

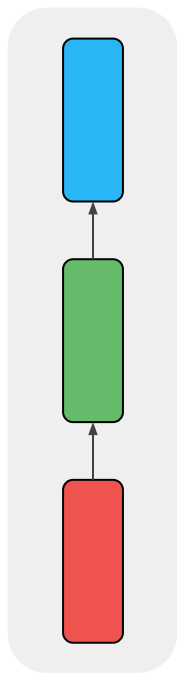
1. Handle **variable-length** sequences
2. Track **long-term** dependencies
3. Maintain information about **order**
4. **Share parameters** across the sequence

RNNs are Turing Complete!

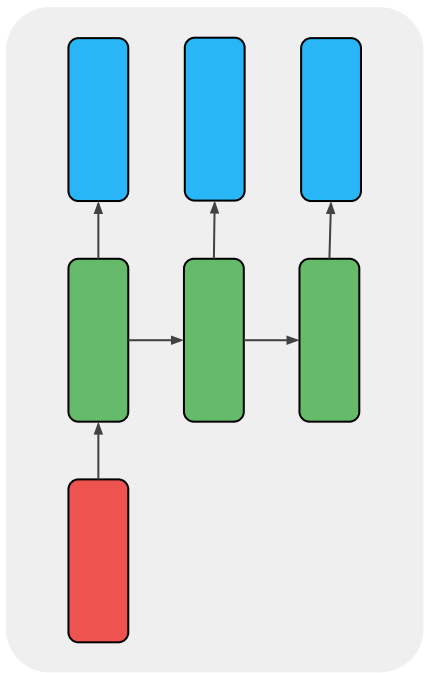
$$h_{t+1} = f_{\theta}(h_t, x_t)$$



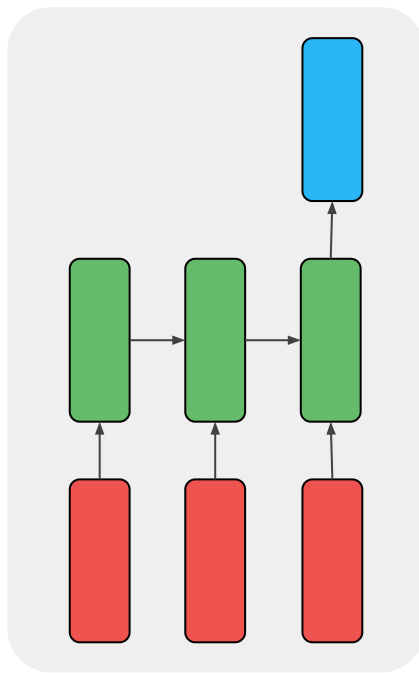
Unrolling RNNs



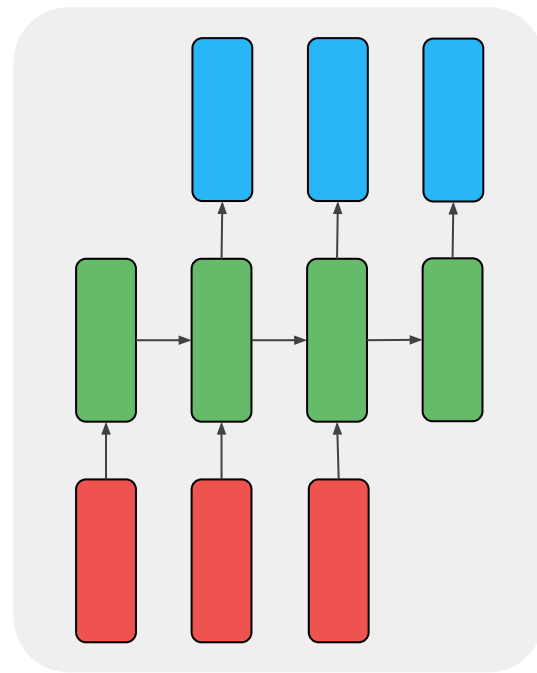
One-to-One



One-to-Many

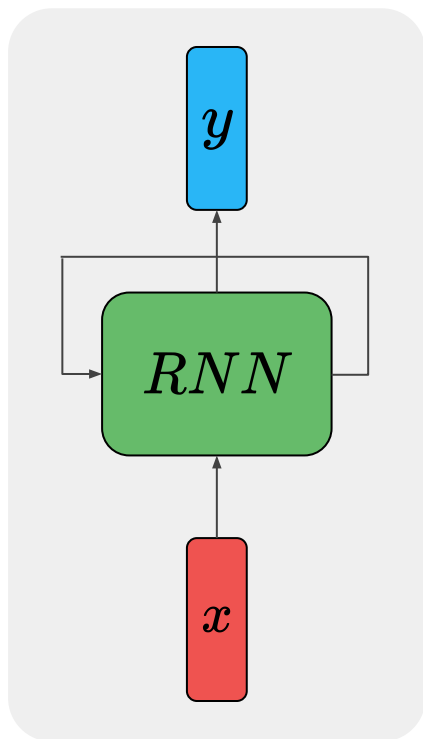


Many-to-One



Many-to-Many

Simple Implementation



State consists of a single “hidden” vector \mathbf{h}

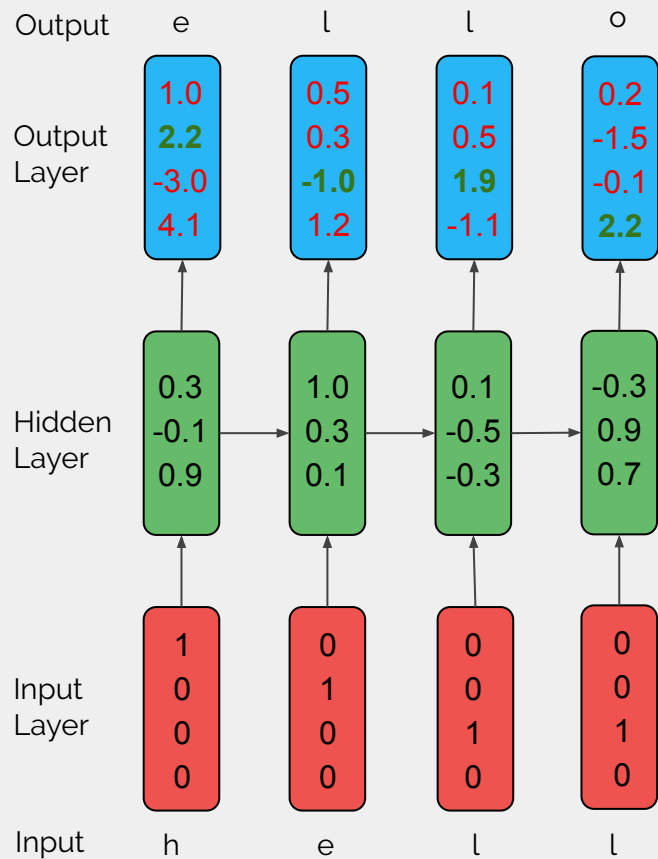
$$h_{t+1} = f_{\theta}(h_t, x_t)$$



$$h_t = \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{xh}x_t)$$

$$y_t = W_{hy}h_t$$

Generative RNNs



Autoregressive

- Output variable depends on its own previous values and on a stochastic term

Teacher Forcing

- During training, past y in input is from training data
- At generation time, past y in input is generated
- Mismatch can cause compounding error

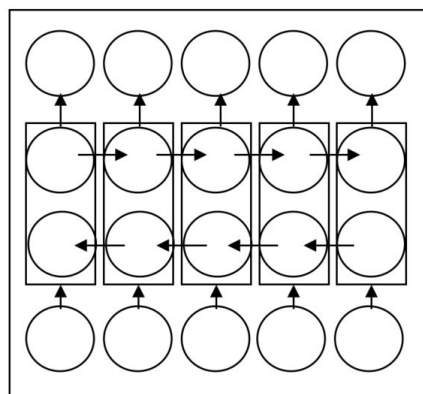
Scheduled Sampling

- Randomly pass output as input with probability ϵ
- Linearly increase ϵ through training

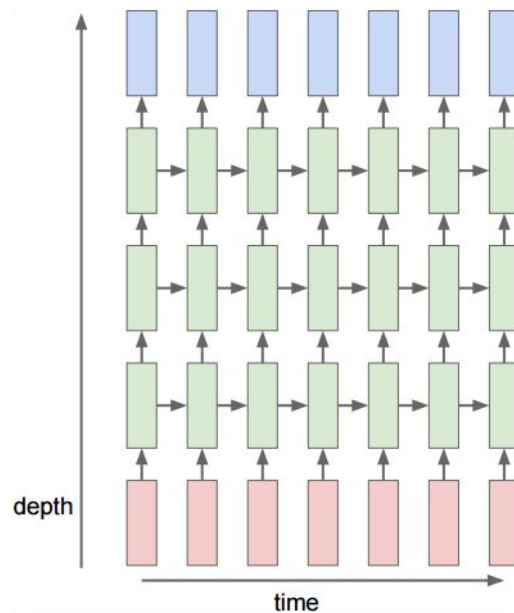
$$\mathcal{L}_t = -\log P(x_t | x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, x_1)$$

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_t P(x_t | x_{t-1}, x_{t-2}, \dots, x_1)$$

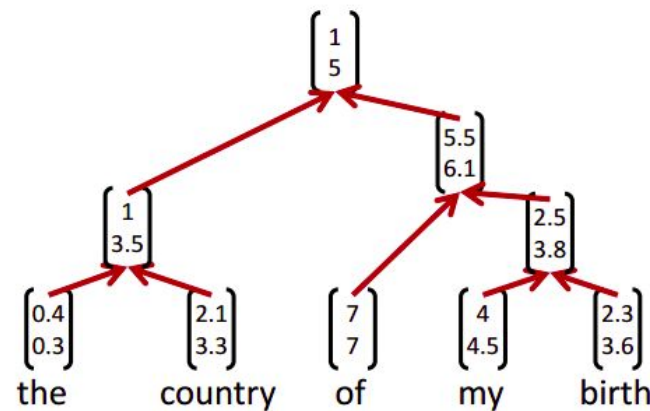
Other RNN Architectures



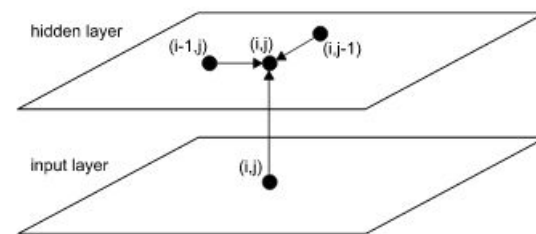
Bi-Directional



Stacked

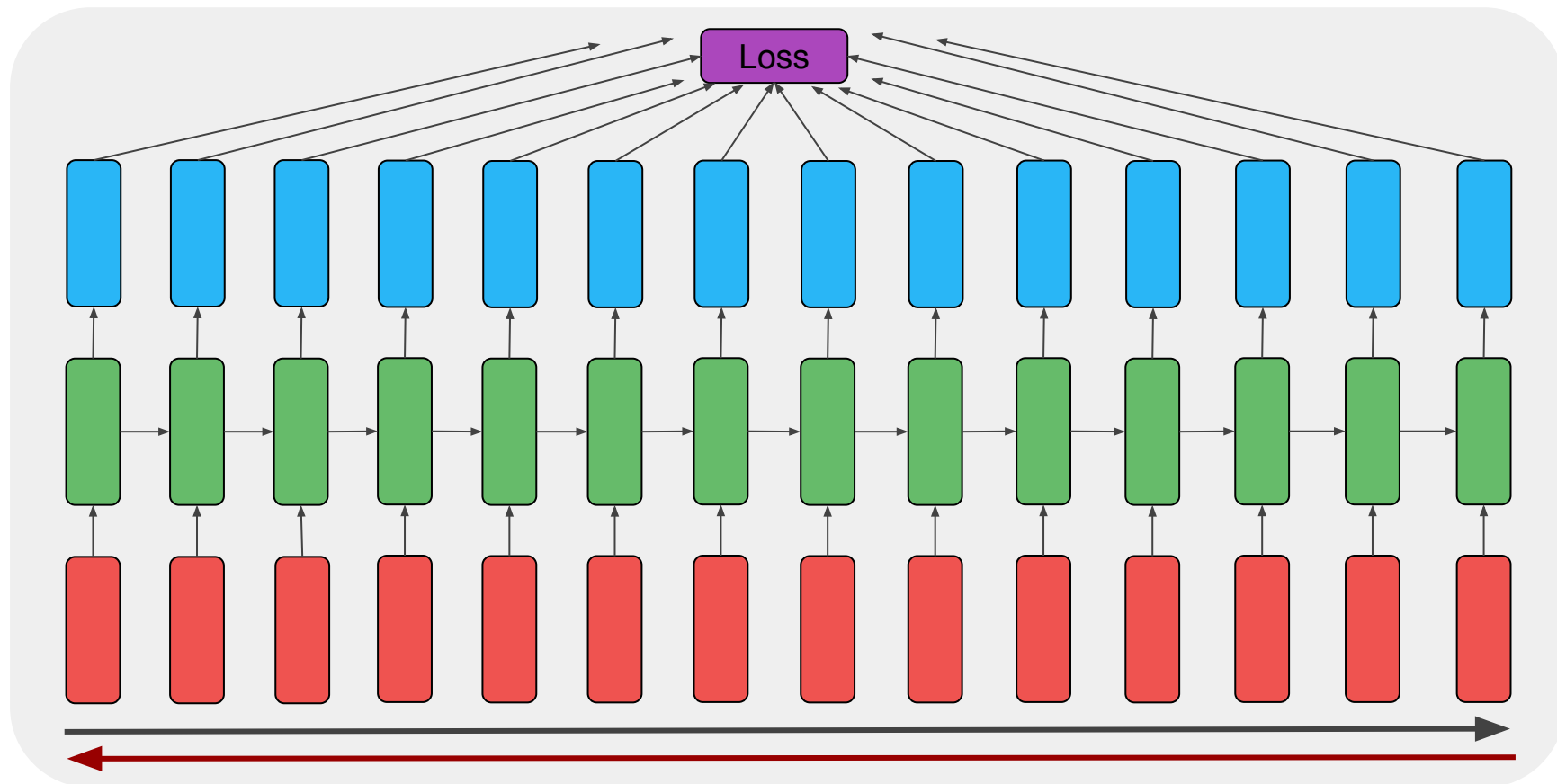


Recursive

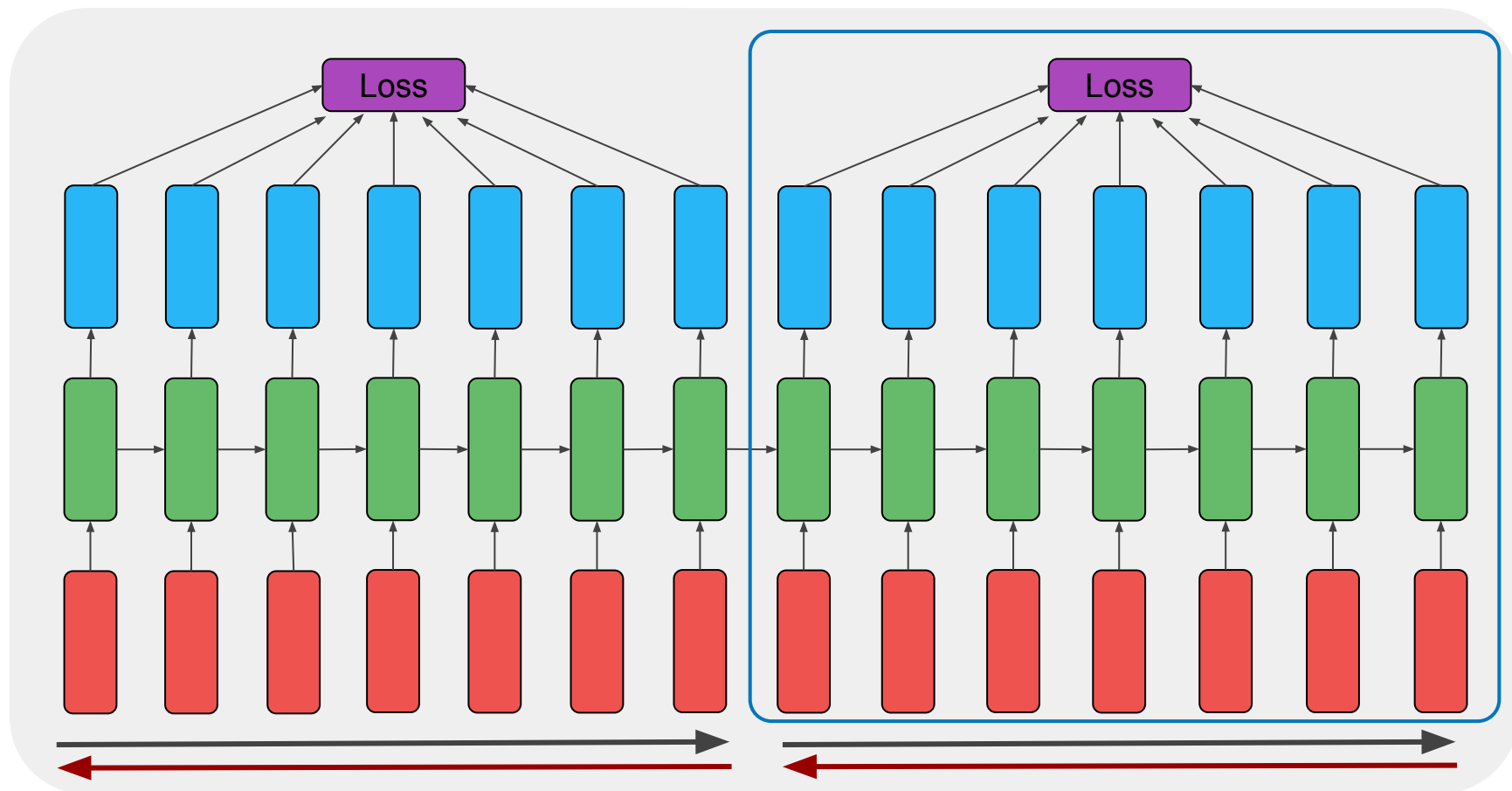


Multidimensional

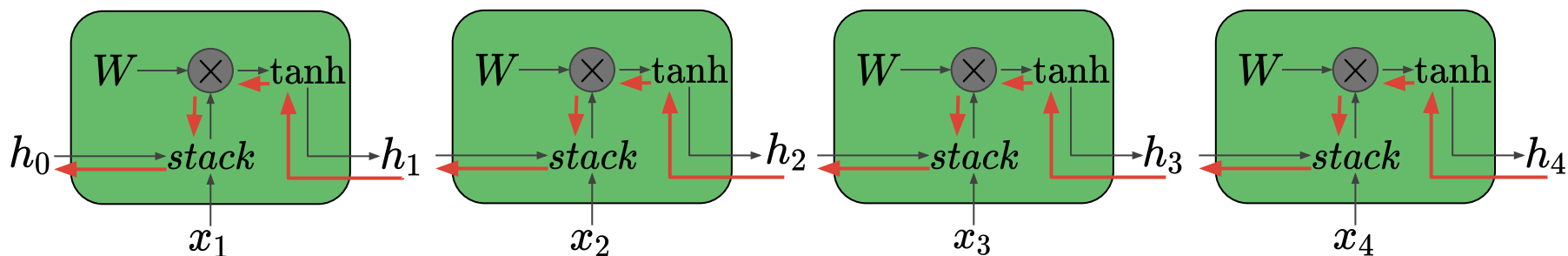
Backpropagation Through Time



Truncated Backprop Through Time



RNN Gradient Flow



$$h_t = \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{xh}x_t)$$

$$= \tanh \left(W \begin{pmatrix} h_{t-1} \\ x_t \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

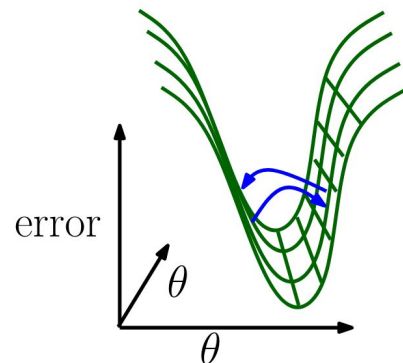
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_T}{\partial W} = \sum_{t \leq T} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_T}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial W}$$

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- Computing gradient of h_0 involves many factors of W (and repeated \tanh).
- The product of T matrices whose spectral radius is < 1 is a matrix whose spectral radius converges to 0 at exponential rate in T

Exploding Gradients

- As parameters change, the asymptotic behaviour changes smoothly almost everywhere except for certain points where drastic changes occur
- The crossing of boundaries is sufficient for gradients to explode



Pascanu, Mikolov, Bengio, ICML 2013

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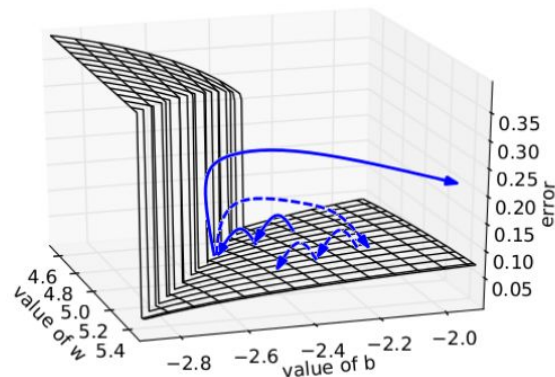
$$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{\partial \text{error}}{\partial \theta}$$


if  $\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}\| \geq \text{threshold}$  then


$$\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{\text{threshold}}{\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}\|} \hat{\mathbf{g}}$$


end if

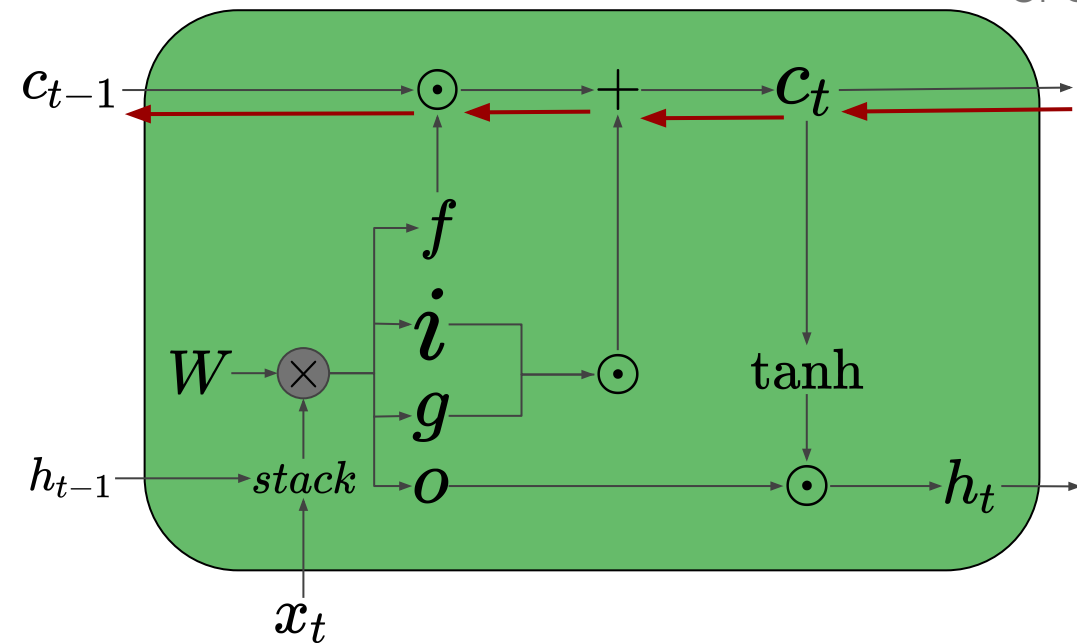

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Vanishing Gradients: LSTMs

Backpropagation from c_t to c_{t-1} only
elementwise multiplication by f , no
matrix multiplication by W

f: Forget gate, whether to erase cell
i: Input gate, whether to write to cell
g: Gate gate, how much to write to cell
o: Output gate, how much to reveal cell



$$\begin{pmatrix} i \\ f \\ o \\ g \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma \\ \sigma \\ \sigma \\ \tanh \end{pmatrix} W \begin{pmatrix} h_{t-1} \\ x_t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_t = f \odot c_{t-1} + i \odot g$$

$$h_t = o \odot \tanh(c_t)$$

Properties of RNNs

Main **Strengths**

- Allows for variable length sequences
- Efficient parameter usage
- Theoretically able to store arbitrarily old information

Main **Limitations**

- Practically unable to store very long term dependencies
- Limited by fixed size of hidden state
- Slow training and synthesis

Applications

Linux Source Code

```
/*
 * Increment the size file of the new incorrect UI_FILTER group information
 * of the size generatively.
 */
static int indicate_policy(void)
{
    int error;
    if (fd == MARN_EPT) {
        /*
         * The kernel blank will coeld it to userspace.
         */
        if (ss->segment < mem_total)
            unblock_graph_and_set_blocked();
        else
            ret = 1;
        goto bail;
    }
    segaddr = in_SB(in.addr);
    selector = seg / 16;
    setup_works = true;
    for (i = 0; i < blocks; i++) {
        seq = buf[i++];
        bpf = bd->bd.next + i * search;
        if (fd) {
            current = blocked;
        }
    }
    rw->name = "Getjbbregs";
    bprm_self_clearl(&iv->version);
    regs->new = blocks[(BPF_STATS << info->historidac)] | PFMR_CLOBATHINC_SECONDS << 12;
    return segtable;
}
```

Shakespeare

PANDARUS:

Alas, I think he shall be come approached and the day
When little srain would be attain'd into being never fed,
And who is but a chain and subjects of his death,
I should not sleep.

Second Senator:

They are away this miseries, produced upon my soul,
Breaking and strongly should be buried, when I perish
The earth and thoughts of many states.

DUKE VINCENTIO:

Well, your wit is in the care of side and that.

Second Lord:

They would be ruled after this chamber, and
my fair nues begun out of the fact, to be conveyed,
Whose noble souls I'll have the heart of the wars.

Clown:

Come, sir, I will make did behold your worship.

VIOLA:

I'll drink it.

Source: The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Recurrent Neural
Networks, Andrej Karpathy

Applications

Geometry (LaTeX)

For $\bigoplus_{i=1,\dots,m} \mathcal{L}_{m_i} = 0$, hence we can find a closed subset \mathcal{H} in \mathcal{H} and any sets \mathcal{F} on X , U is a closed immersion of S , then $U \rightarrow T$ is a separated algebraic space.

Proof. Proof of (1). It also start we get

$$S = \text{Spec}(R) = U \times_X U \times_X U$$

and the comparico in the fibre product covering we have to prove the lemma generated by $\coprod Z \times_U U \rightarrow V$. Consider the maps M along the set of points Sch_{fppf} and $U \rightarrow U$ is the fibre category of S in U in Section, ?? and the fact that any U affine, see Morphisms, Lemma ???. Hence we obtain a scheme S and any open subset $W \subset U$ in $\text{Sh}(G)$ such that $\text{Spec}(R') \rightarrow S$ is smooth or an

$$U = \bigcup U_i \times_{S_i} U_i$$

which has a nonzero morphism we may assume that f_i is of finite presentation over S . We claim that $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is a scheme where $x, x', s'' \in S'$ such that $\mathcal{O}_{X,x'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X',x'}$ is separated. By Algebra, Lemma ??? we can define a map of complexes $\text{GL}_{S'}(x'/S'')$ and we win. \square

To prove study we see that $\mathcal{F}|_U$ is a covering of \mathcal{X}' , and T_i is an object of $\mathcal{F}_{X/S}$ for $i > 0$ and \mathcal{F}_p exists and let \mathcal{F}_i be a presheaf of \mathcal{O}_X -modules on \mathcal{C} as a \mathcal{F} -module. In particular $\mathcal{F} = U/\mathcal{F}$ we have to show that

$$\widetilde{M}^\bullet = \mathcal{I}^\bullet \otimes_{\text{Spec}(k)} \mathcal{O}_{S,s} - i_X^{-1} \mathcal{F}$$

is a unique morphism of algebraic stacks. Note that

$$\text{Arrows} = (\text{Sch}/S)_{fppf}^{\text{opp}}, (\text{Sch}/S)_{fppf}$$

and

$$V = \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}) \mapsto (U, \text{Spec}(A))$$

is an open subset of X . Thus U is affine. This is a continuous map of X is the inverse, the groupoid scheme S .

Proof. See discussion of sheaves of sets. \square

The result for prove any open covering follows from the less of Example ???. It may replace S by $X_{\text{spaces}, \text{étale}}$ which gives an open subspace of X and T equal to S_{Zar} , see Descent, Lemma ???. Namely, by Lemma ??? we see that R is geometrically regular over S .

A large portion of cells are not easily interpretable. Here is a typical example:

```
/* Unpack a filter field's string representation from user-space
 * buffer. */
char *audit_unpack_string(void **bufp, size_t *remain, size_t len)
{
    char *str;
    if (!*bufp || (len == 0) || (len > *remain))
        return ERR_PTR(-EINVAL);
    /* of the currently implemented string fields, PATH_MAX
     * defines the longest valid length.
     */
}
```

Cell sensitive to position in line:

The sole importance of the crossing of the Berezhina lies in the fact that it plainly and indubitably proved the fallacy of all the plans for cutting off the enemy's retreat and the soundness of the only possible line of action--the one Kutuzov and the general mass of the army demanded--namely, simply to follow the enemy up. The French crowd fled at a continually increasing speed and all its energy was directed to reaching its goal. It fled like a wounded animal and it was impossible to block its path. This was shown not so much by the arrangements it made for crossing as by what took place at the bridges. When the bridges

Cell that turns on inside quotes:

"You mean to imply that I have nothing to eat out of.... On the contrary, I can supply you with everything even if you want to give dinner parties," warmly replied Chichagov, who tried by every word he spoke to prove his own rectitude and therefore imagined Kutuzov to be animated by the same desire.

Kutuzov, shrugging his shoulders, replied with his subtle penetrating smile: "I meant merely to say what I said."

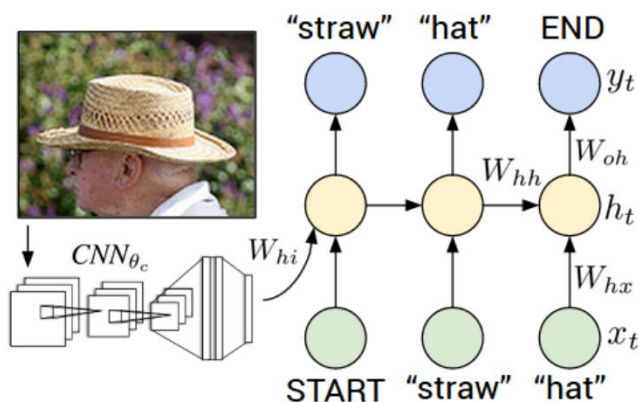
Cell that robustly activates inside if statements:

```
static int __dequeue_signal(struct sigpending *pending, sigset_t *mask,
                           siginfo_t *info)
{
    int sig = next_signal(pending, mask);
    if (sig) {
        if (current->notifier) {
            if (sigismember(current->notifier_mask, sig)) {
                if (!current->notifier)(current->notifier_data)) {
                    clear_thread_flag(TIF_SIGPENDING);
                    return 0;
                }
            }
        }
        collect_signal(sig, pending, info);
    }
    return sig;
}
```

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Applications

Image Captioning



A cat sitting on a suitcase on the floor



A cat is sitting on a tree branch

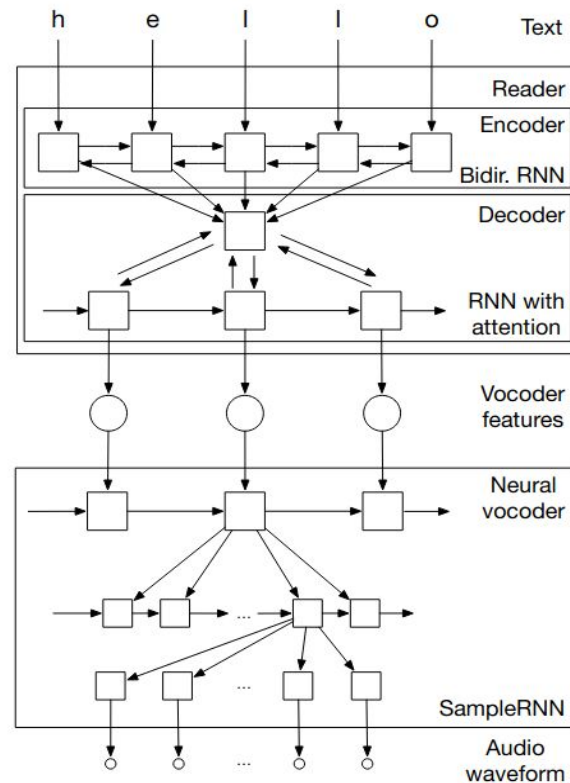


A dog is running in the grass with a frisbee

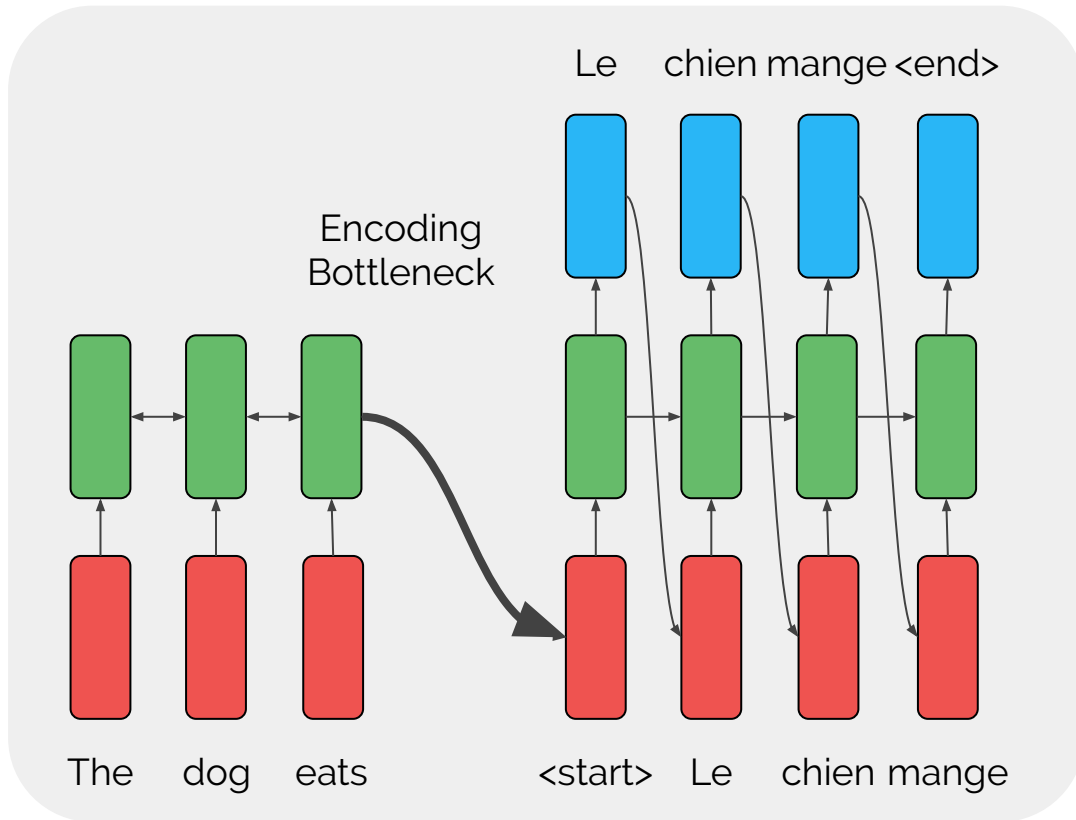
Source: Deep Visual-Semantic Alignments for Generating Image Descriptions

Source: Char2Wav:
End-to-End Speech
Synthesis

Speech Synthesis



Machine Translation



Architecture

- Encoder: Bi-Directional RNN encodes input sentence
- Decoder: Autoregressive RNN synthesises translation
- Graph search decoder to find best translation

Problem

- Fixed length encoding vector is a bottleneck
- Want to access all hidden states of encoder

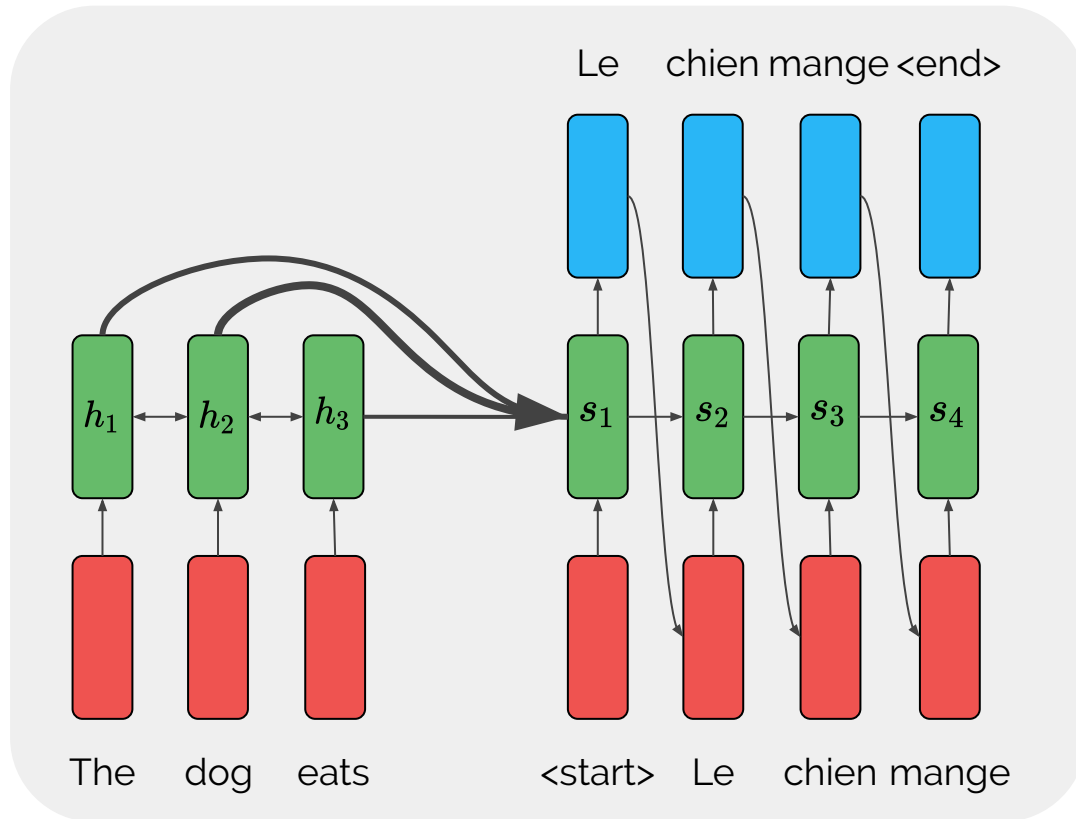
Neural Attention

Neural machine **translation** by **jointly learning to align and translate**

[D Bahdanau](#), [K Cho](#), [Y Bengio](#) - arXiv preprint arXiv:1409.0473, 2014 - [arxiv.org](#)

... The RNNencdec-50 correctly **translated** the source sentence until [a medical center ... source sentences generated by the RNNencdec-50, RNNsearch-50 and Google **Translate** along with ... traditional machine **translation** systems, all of the pieces of the **translation** system, including ...

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Select what parts of encoding to look at during each step

Context vector

$$c_i = \sum_{j=1}^{T_x} \alpha_{ij} h_j$$

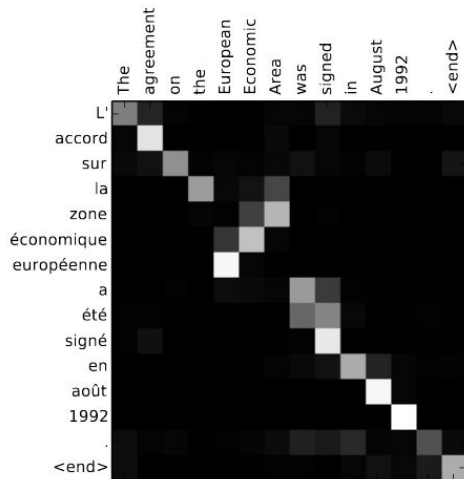
With weights

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(e_{ij})}{\sum_{k=1}^{T_x} \exp(e_{ik})}$$

Using network a

$$e_{ij} = a(s_{i-1}, h_j)$$

Neural Attention: Examples



(a) English→French (WMT-14)

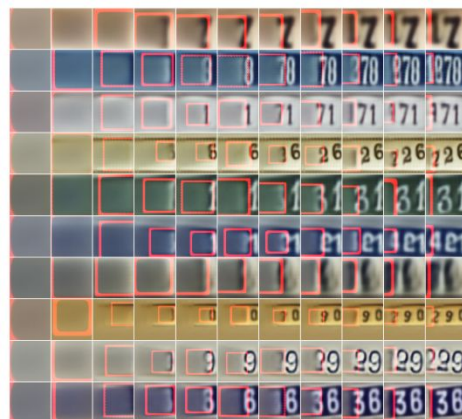
| | NMT(A) | Google | P-SMT |
|-------|--------------|--------|--------|
| NMT | 32.68 | 30.6* | 37.03* |
| +Cand | 33.28 | — | |
| +UNK | 33.99 | 32.7° | |
| +Ens | 36.71 | 36.9° | |

(b) English→German (WMT-15)

| Model | Note |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 24.8 | Neural MT |
| 24.0 | U.Edinburgh, Syntactic SMT |
| 23.6 | LIMSI/KIT |
| 22.8 | U.Edinburgh, Phrase SMT |
| 22.7 | KIT, Phrase SMT |

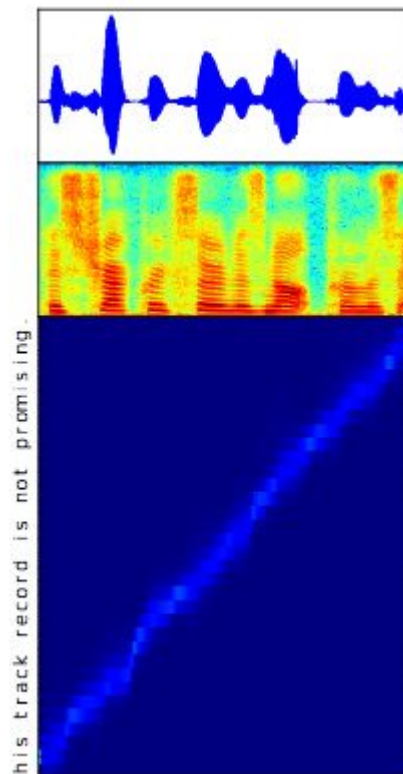
(c) English→Czech (WMT-15)

| Model | Note |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 18.3 | Neural MT |
| 18.2 | JHU, SMT+LM+OSM+Sparse |
| 17.6 | CU, Phrase SMT |
| 17.4 | U.Edinburgh, Phrase SMT |
| 16.1 | U.Edinburgh, Syntactic SMT |



Time →

from his travels it might have been
 from his travels it might have been
 from his travels it might have been
 from his travels it might have been
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 from his travels it might have been



Transformers

Attention is all you need

[A Vaswani, N Shazeer, N Parmar...](#) - Advances in neural ..., 2017 - papers.nips.cc

The dominant sequence transduction models are based on complex recurrent or convolutional neural networks in an encoder and decoder configuration. The best performing such models also connect the encoder and decoder through an attention mechanism.

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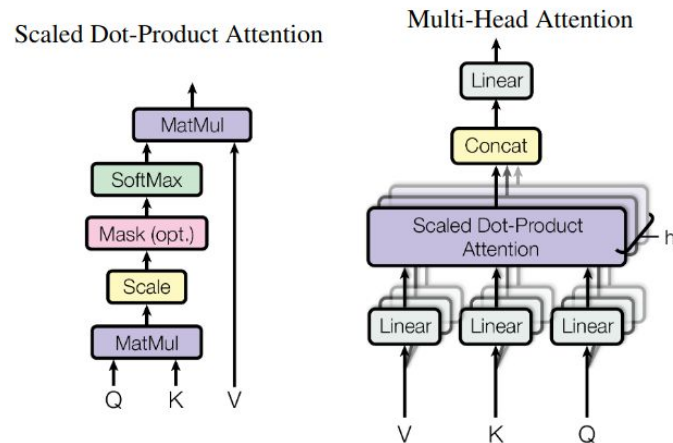
- RNN training is **sequential** and slow
- We can do everything with **attention**
- Dot product attention allows parallel training

Encode input sentence into

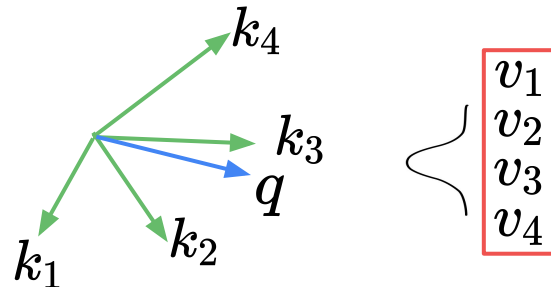
- **Values:** Information describing input, and
- **Keys:** A method to index Values

Discover attentively by making

- **Queries:** Requests for information

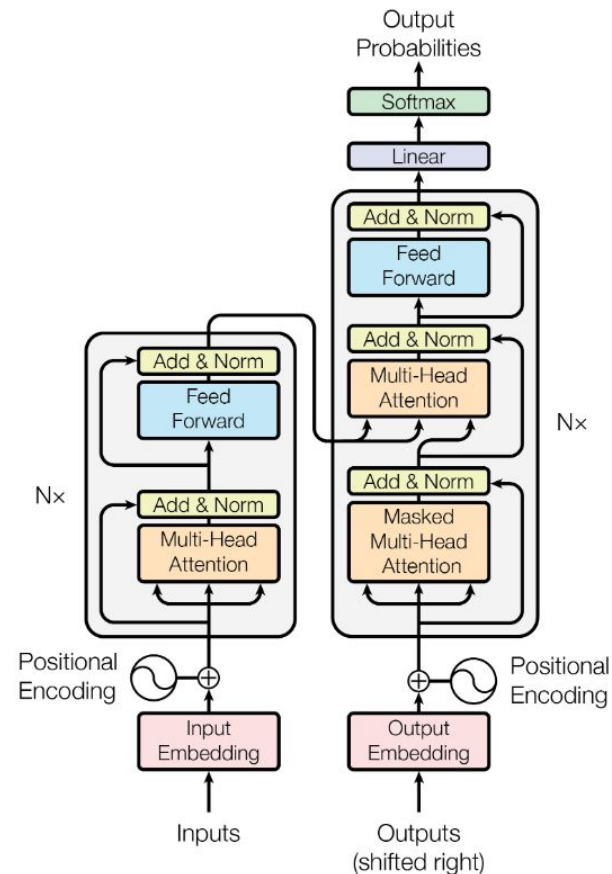
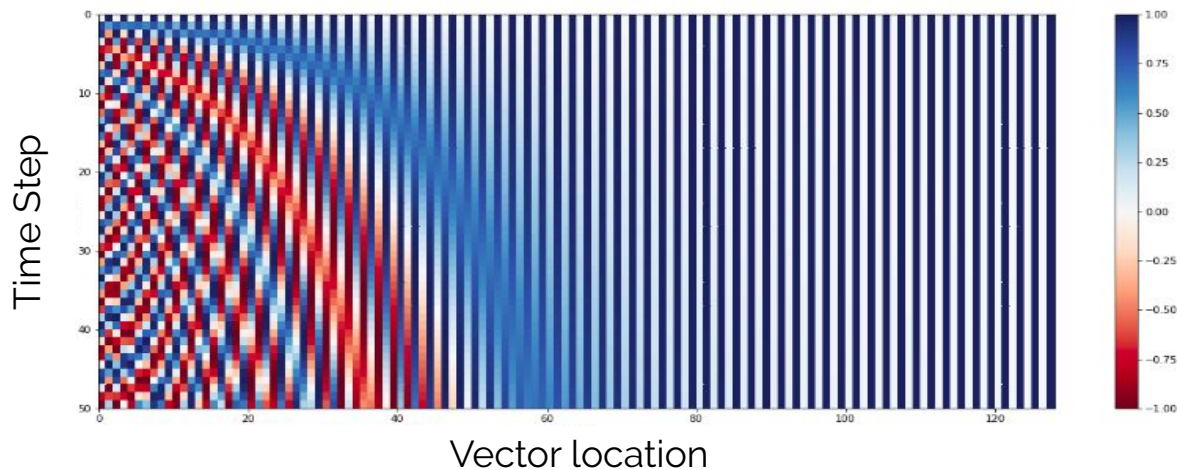


$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$$



Transformers

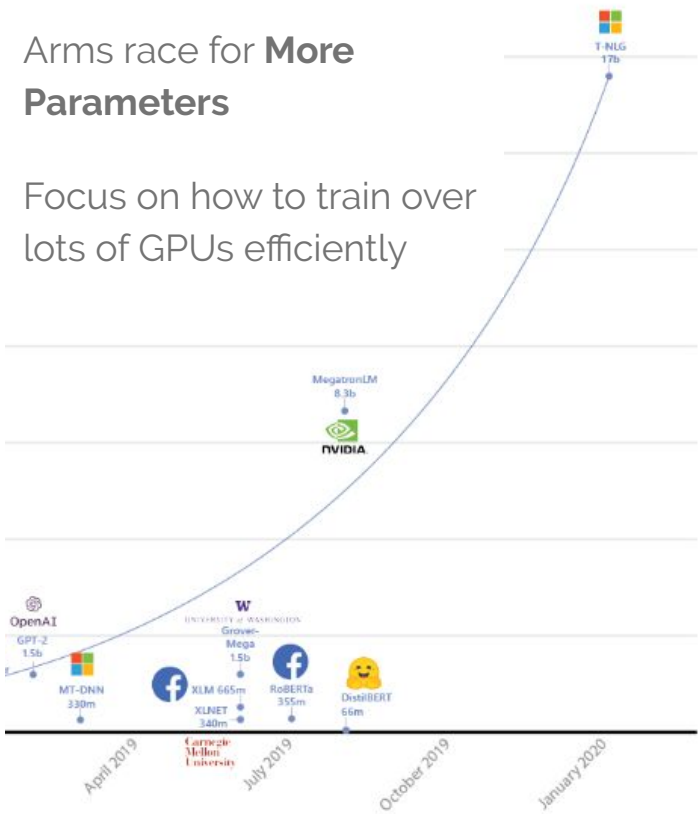
- Encoder-Decoder architecture
- Speedup allows for much larger powerful architectures
- Must add **sinusoidal encoding** as temporal information to allow attention by relative positions



BIG Transformers

Arms race for **More
Parameters**

Focus on how to train over
lots of GPUs efficiently



Context: The 36th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2019) will be held in Long Beach, CA, USA from June 10th to June 15th, 2019. The conference will consist of one day of tutorials (June 10), followed by three days of main conference sessions (June 11-13), followed by two days of workshops (June 14-15).

Megatron-LM: With a broad scope, the conference addresses the challenges and opportunities in machine learning for practitioners and researchers. The conference program will feature sessions that cover different machine learning topics, from reinforcement learning to computational biology and from AI to deep learning. It is the world's premier forum for exploring and presenting advances in machine learning.



| | |
|---|---|
| Question | Who was Jason Mraz engaged to? |
| Passage | Mraz was engaged to singer/songwriter and long-time close friend Tristan Prettyman on Christmas Eve 2010; they broke off the engagement six months later. |
| "Direct" Answer | Jason Mraz was engaged to Tristan Prettyman. |
| Link to original text | T-NLG Summary |
| "Microsoft will be carbon negative by 2030" by Brad Smith, Official Microsoft Blog" | Microsoft is committed to being carbon negative by 2030. We are launching an aggressive program to cut our carbon emissions by more than half by 2030, both for our direct emissions and for our entire supply and value chain. We are also launching an initiative to use Microsoft technology to help our suppliers and customers reduce their own carbon footprints and a new \$1 billion climate innovation fund to accelerate the development of carbon reduction, capture, and removal technologies that will help us and the world become carbon negative. In addition to our aggressive carbon goals, we are launching a new Climate Innovation Fund to accelerate carbon reduction and removal opportunities. We are also launching a program to use our technology to improve the efficiency of our supply chain and reduce our own carbon footprint as well... |

Take Away Points

- RNNs are great for sequential data
- But they struggle with backpropagation
 - Clip your gradients to prevent exploding gradients
 - Use an LSTM or GRU to prevent vanishing gradients
- Use Attention to help learn long term dependencies
- Transformers are currently the most popular
 - They perform similar or much better than RNNs and scale much more nicely



Further Reading

- <https://karpathy.github.io/2015/05/21/rnn-effectiveness/>
- <https://weberna.github.io/blog/2017/11/15/LSTM-Vanishing-Gradients.html>
- <https://lilianweng.github.io/lil-log/2018/06/24/attention-attention.html>