

Assignment report on

"Script Generation and Comparison using RNN with LSTM and Bi-Directional RNN with LSTM"

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Problem Statement

Generation of new scripts, while trying to preserve semantics (context) and syntax, for existing novels. (Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone has been used to train the models described below).

Dataset

All chapters of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

Approach Taken

In this project, we have considered two approaches and have compared them against each other.

1. Unidirectional character-based RNN with LSTM cells:

The main task of the character-level language model is to predict the next character given all previous characters in a sequence of data, i.e. generates text character by character (based on a step value defined by the user).

In this approach, each character used in the dataset is encoded into an integer. Encoding the characters as integers makes it possible to use as input in the network. Since the network is working with individual characters, it's similar to a classification problem in which we are trying to predict the next character from the previous text. The number of classes to pick from would be the total number of unique characters used in the dataset.

Training is done in batches which are multiple sequences of some desired number of sequence steps (a model parameter).

While training, the input array is shifted by one and fed as target array as that's what it is supposed to output in the best case.

Normal RNNs have the issue of gradients either exploding or disappearing. LSTMs fix the disappearance problem, but the gradients can still grow without bound. To fix this, we can clip the gradients above some threshold. That is, if a gradient is larger than that threshold, we set it to the threshold. This will ensure the gradients never grow overly large. Then we use an AdamOptimizer for the learning step.

Once the network is trained, we'll use it to generate new text. The idea is that we pass in a character, then the network will predict the next character. We can use the new one, to predict the next one. And we keep doing this to generate all-new text. We also included some functionality to prime the network with some text by passing in a string and building up a state from that.

2. Bi-directional RNN with LSTM and Doc2Vec:

The principle of BRNN is to split the neurons of a regular RNN into two directions, one for positive time direction (forward states), and another for negative time direction (backward states). Those two states' outputs are not connected to inputs of the opposite direction states.

In this case, unlike the earlier case, we use word-based RNN. Since the context is not captured in character-based RNNs, we use word-based RNNs with the hope of generating semantically correct sentences.

The first bidirectional LSTM is used to generate new sentences, word by word.

Using this neural network, we generate several sentences, which are candidates to be the next phrase of the existing text.

Then, we use a second Bi-Directional LSTM to select the best candidate between all these sentences.

How this is done, is that the second bi-directional LSTM takes in 15 vectors to predict the "best sentence" - which is also a vector.

We then use cosine similarity to compare all candidates with the "best sentence" and thus the "select_next_phrase" function selects the candidate which is closest to the "best sentence."

Challenges:

- 1. **Batch Size and GPU utilization:** Initially, while performing character level modelling, we encountered several problems. Firstly, the batch sizes being too small would default to the CPU over the tensorflow-gpu. To combat this, batch size was raised in exponents of 2, until a satisfactory GPU utilization was achieved. However, the cost in increasing batch size was lower quality outputs.
- 2. **Spelling errors**: Due to the nature of character-level model, each word is built individually as per the neural network's training. These spelling errors would ideally reduce over the span of training, however even at over a hundred epochs, spelling errors were rife in the output generated text. This was remedied simply by using a custom made Minimum Edit Distance formula. The formula works over the entire vocabulary of the book and trims words that occur less than 10% of the time. This ensures that words don't get corrected to their outliers very often, as well as speeds up calculation due Minimum Edit being an O(n^2) algorithm that performs pairwise search amongst every element in the vocabulary with every wrong word encountered.
 - a. This formula ranks the possible word output in order of :
 - i. **Similar string length:** This ensures that Minimum edit distance remains as small as possible. Ideal strings are searched for within +2 length to -2 length. Meaning a string can either grow by 2 characters, or reduce in size by 2 characters.
 - ii. **Edit Distance :** The edit distance itself. O(n^2) algorithm that returns the best possible word that can be created by inserting, updating or deleting characters. (Assumes cost of all operations is 1)
 - iii. Jaccard Similarity: Defined as

$$J_{\mu}(A,B)=rac{\mu(A\cap B)}{\mu(A\cup B)},$$

Where A is the word being checked and B is a word to be corrected. All the words are ranked on all 3 parameters in that specific order, and the returned word is overwritten accordingly, if it is deemed to be an error.

3. Word Level RNN: An alternative that was considered was a word level RNN. This would solve the issue of spelling errors as previously defined, and the code was hence modified to encode words instead of characters, following the same logic as previously defined.

This problem would be better solved using Doc2Vec and a second bi-directional RNN, which was the second architecture we implemented and tested.

- **4. RNN Layers:** Due to the loss in quality from having to increase batch sizes for efficient training, we decided to increase the number of layers to hopefully capture a deeper understanding with the network. However, as was expected, deeper layers do not work properly with RNNs and the text ended up being a garbled mess.
- 5. Initially started with script generation: Our initial problem statement was generation of scripts using these exact same architectures, however since scripts require a lot of structure in the way they are typed out (eg: Monica: How was your day? Rachel: It was exhausting!) and because they require a lot more emoting, the results we were getting weren't too satisfactory. After training several models and getting much better results, we decided to try this on books, as we expected them to perform better. According to our expectations, they did, and we decided to go ahead with training models on books to see how they would perform.

Architecture of Models:

1) Architecture of the character-based RNN with LSTM cells:

After experimenting with different numbers of layers, we concluded that 2 layers of LSTM cells work best for the network. Each layer has 128 LSTM cell units.

It is a seq-2-seq model which means that given a sequence of length "num steps", the target is the same sequence shifted by 1.

We have used dropout in our layers, with a keep probability of 0.6. This has been done to prevent overfitting and normalizing our results.

The hyperparameters used for this network are:

• Batch size: 128 sequences

Number of steps: 50Learning rate: 0.001

• LSTM_size: 128 cells

Loss for this model: 1.18

2) Architecture of Bi-directional RNN with LSTM and Doc2Vec setup:

1) Architecture of First Bi-Directional RNN:

Hyperparameters used for this network are:

• RNN size: 256 cells

• Sequence length: 30 words

• Learning rate: 0.001

Loss for bi-directional LSTM 1: 4.0527

2) Architecture of Second Bi-Directional RNN:

• RNN size: 512 cells

• Sequence length: 15 vectors

Loss for bi-directional LSTM 2: 0.0535

Results:

1. Character based RNN with LSTM:

• 200 Epochs without correction with learning rate = 0.001 with batch size = 128

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As we trained the LSTM for longer (2000 epochs), we noticed that the results got a lot better. However on increasing the number of layers, we found that the network got confused and produced worse results.

• 250 Epochs without correction with learning rate = 0.1 with batch size=256

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2. Bi - directional word based RNN-LSTM with Doc2Vec:

Training of the first Bi-RNN model:

val categorical accuracy: 0.1275

val_categorical_accuracy: 0.1446

val categorical accuracy: 0.1618

val categorical accuracy: 0.1691

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Epoch 5/50

Epoch 7/50

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #	
bidirectional_1 (Bidirection	(None,	512)	8171520	
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None,	512)	0	
dense_1 (Dense)	(None,	3733)	1915029	
activation_1 (Activation)	(None,	3733)	0	
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<pre>val_categorical_accuracy: 0.0 Epoch 2/50</pre>	===== 0833] - 161s 4m		oss: 6.3550 - categorical_accuracy: 0.0510 - val_loss: 6.0381

Output of the first Bi-Directional RNN: (Without usage of Doc2Vec to enhance output)

. i'm no, said ron, hagrid's your sorcerer's stone, he'dn't a the. hagrid, the yelled, but he's must be remembrall. he asked ro n, but what's he's than, said wood. i'm to the remembrall that, you've got all for the team. don't want to you, said hermione. i've got the see you, said ron. you're too not to your i think i'm in the team, said ron. he said. oh, you're not me to you've got to get. he is it. i'm i know you? well, said ron, harry's time to have to be of the back. i'm' - i've got the door, said ron, and harry had had to percy on the gryffindor, but it's the too. harry's were the head, said ron, harry at once. the new. he's really've got to the the dragon's. you'll have to have been a a this, and snape wasn't have the the in a the few and that we as three of the gryffindor. i'm this, you'd be were no. ron, said ron. i'ml to him, said ron. i'm you get a it. i'm me - you're e've got to be i'm, said ron. i'm your you, said ron. i'mn't come, said harry. i'm i'm' you, said ron, i'm you, you're going to be the house the first years in the mirror of and then i'll be the. i don't want to a know, said ron. i'm, said ron, thow to you, you've got to get a the away and year, that's the midnight your high, up? said ron, you've got the head, said ron, the gry ffindor, said ron. i'm about you, said ron, harry told ron. what are you? said, hagrid's us the you're an''. said, said harry. ron, said ron, what i'm the other, said hagrid. you've got to very going to tell what about it, you'll be you? i'll get me for you, said harry, harry's be a his own. you've got to hear you will be you've got about gryffindor, said ron, ron as they tree. then, but the harry, was, but i've got to it, then, but they couldn't for? said, said harry. the house on the the team, but' harry's got to the and. so you could have have to be charlie to be of the brooms. i'm trying to be going to be the high, harry and harry looked him. he couldn't a a you, you've got to a - of the head, and ron had been this. he hadn't think they were, the house. i'm he

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Train on 2340 samples, validate on 260 samples
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Epoch 00010: saving model to models\my_model_sequence_lstm.10.hdf5
Epoch 11/40
Epoch 12/40
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Conclusion:

After analyzing both results, we can safely conclude that LSTMs cannot be used to generate very semantically correct text with the limited data that we were able to train on, but they do generate good syntactically correct text even with limited data - for both character level RNN and word-level bi-directional RNN with Doc2Vec. While the character level model does well, it is slightly lax on spellings, because we predict output sequences character by character, and therefore the output needed to go through our spell-correction module. Outside of this, we were impressed with the output it produced on limited data, and it was able to match up with our more complex second architecture.

However, a word-level RNN doesn't require spell checking as it outputs words from the dictionary. The world level RNN however does require some amount of variation in words because of this (the dictionary being words and not characters), which is taken care of by using a "temperature" variable. Higher the temperature is, more the variation in words picked by the "sampling" function - which is used to generate the output. This means that the words with the highest probability won't

always be picked (when the temperature is slightly high), and sometimes words with slightly lower probabilities can also get picked for the next output. A temperature of 0.34 worked well for us as there was a good amount of variation in words which did make some amount of sense. As we reduced temperature, the output became way too repetitive (Because we assume one set of words always had the maximum probability of being the next output, because of their sheer count/occurrence in the dataset. In our case, the phrase ' "I'm you", said Ron ' became slightly repetitive amongst a few others, with a low temperature and hence low variation. Increasing the temperature parameter to 0.34 fixed this for us). When we increased temperature beyond 0.34, the output became way too random and hence we stuck with 0.34.

The character level RNN trained a lot faster and gave similar results to the bi-directional RNN with Doc2Vec. The second architectural setup took longer because we were essentially training three models. Since we were dealing with sentences in the Doc2Vec - creation of sentence batches, and then conversion of these sentences into vectors, was very time consuming for a large text.

We do believe much better results can be achieved by increasing the size of RNN and training the Doc2Vec model with a very large amount of data. This is because since the dictionary of the Doc2Vec model is "words" and not a set number of "characters", it would require a lot more additional data to be able to bring in a variation in the output it generates and capture more context. For a character-level RNN, the dictionary is a set number of characters and therefore the classification problem (of the next character to predict) is a lot easier too - as you are working with the biggest possible dictionary already.

This (training our second bi-directional LSTMs with Doc2Vec model on a LOT of data with adequate resources) is something we plan on doing as future work so we can do a more thorough comparison of both architectures.

However, on the amount of data we were able to train on, it is preferable to use our initial model (the character level RNN) as it is able to capture the same amount of

syntax and semantics, but trains faster and with much lesser effort. On much larger data, we believe the second model will do better as it will be able to have a more vast dictionary (because of a sheer increase in the number of unique words it will train on) and be able to capture a lot more variation in its outputs.