Tutorial 6: Sequence-to-sequence with attention 2021-2022 Spring Semester

- 1. Run the implementation of machine translation (MT) with seq2seq and attention at https://pytorch.org/tutorials/intermediate/seq2seq translation tutorial.html
 - a. Download data files from https://download.pytorch.org/tutorial/data.zip and place it as instructed
 - b. Revise the function filterPairs in the section "Loading data files" as follows:
 - i. filter sentence pairs whose length is less than MAX_LENGTH and which start with eng_prefixes (e.g. "I am", "you are")
- 2. Answer the following questions about the MT model of Question 1
 - a. Which RNN model is used as encoder?
 - b. Which RNN model is used as decoder?
- 3. Modify the MT implementation to measure the model performance with BLEU:
 - a. Split the sentence pairs as follows:
 - i. Randomly select 10% of the pairs for testing/evaluation
 - ii. For each English sentence in the selected pairs, find all its French translations from the whole set of sentence pairs
 - iii. Make test data as the list of (English sentence, list of its French translations)
 - iv. Select all sentence pairs whose English sentences are not included in the test data, as *training data*
 - b. Train the model of Question 1 with the training data
 - c. Evaluate the trained model with the test data by using NLTK library
 - i. https://www.nltk.org/ modules/nltk/translate/bleu score.html
- 4. The link of Question 1 implements the greedy decoding method. Change it to the beam search decoding method as follows:
 - a. Use https://github.com/budzianowski/PyTorch-Beam-Search-Decoding
 - b. Beam size = 10
 - c. You may skip returning decoder attention outputs, as this tutorial would not use them
- 5. Answer the following questions about the parameters of the beam search decoding method implemented at the https://github.com/budzianowski/PyTorch-Beam-Search-Decoding
 - a. What stopping criteria are used?
 - b. What normalization is used?
- 6. Alternate the above two parameters to achieve higher performance than the greedy decoding method