# RNN language model: speed up by factorization

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## **Context**

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#### Neural Language Model

Task: learn the pattern in human language, compute the probability of a sequence of words,  $P(w_1, w_2, ..., w_T)$ 

Statistic language model,

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_T)$$

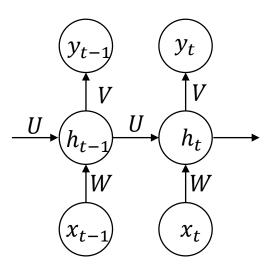
$$= \prod_{i=1}^T P(w_i | w_1, \dots, w_{i-1})$$

$$\approx \prod_{i=1}^T P(w_i | w_{i-(n-1),\dots,w_{i-1}})$$
Markov chain

**Problem:** the curse of dimension because the number of possible combinations of n words (n-gram) from a dictionary (e.g. 50,000 words) is immensely.

#### Neural Language Model

#### **Recurrent Neural network**



$$h_t = \sigma(Uh_{t-1} + Wx_t + b)$$
  
$$y_t = softmax(Vh_t + c)$$

#### **Good Performance!**

Fit the situation of LM

$$y_t = x_{t+1}$$
  
 $p(x_{t+1}|x_{\leq t}) = g_{\theta}(h_t)$   
 $h_t = \phi_{\theta}(x_t, h_{t-1})$ 

• Reduce the size of model  $O(V) \ll O(V!)$ 

#### Neural Language Model

#### Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

$$i_{t} = \sigma(U^{i}h_{t-1} + W^{i}x_{t} + b^{i})$$

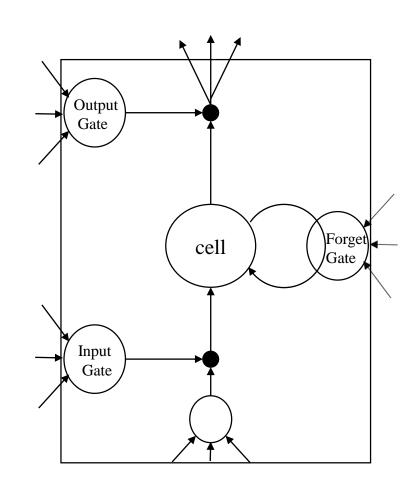
$$f_{t} = \sigma(U^{f}h_{t-1} + W^{f}x_{t} + b^{f})$$

$$g_{t} = tanh(U^{g}h_{t-1} + W^{g}x_{t} + b^{g})$$

$$c_{t} = c_{t-1} \cdot f_{t} + g_{t} \cdot i_{t}$$

$$o_{t} = \sigma(U^{o}h_{t-1} + W^{o}x_{t} + b^{o})$$

$$h_{t} = o_{t} \cdot \tanh(c_{t})$$



#### Metrics

#### **Perplexity:**

$$PPL(w_1 ... w_T)$$

$$= 2^{-\frac{1}{T}\log_2 p(w_1 ... w_T)}$$

$$= \sqrt[T]{\frac{1}{p(w_1 ... w_T)}}$$

$$= \exp\left(-\frac{1}{T}\ln(p(w_1 ... w_T))\right)$$

$$= \exp(loss)$$

Others: Word Error Rate, Model size, Runtime

Problem of normal RNNLM: time consuming to calculate softmax

$$y_t = softmax(Wh_t + c)$$

$$y_{t,j} = P(x_{t+1} = v_j | x_t, ..., x_1) = \frac{\exp(W_j h_t + c)}{\sum_{k=1}^{|V|} \exp(W_k h_t + c)}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log P_{\theta}^{x_{\leq t}}(x_{t+1}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} s_{\theta}(x_{t+1}, x_{\leq t}) - \sum_{x'} P_{\theta}^{x_{\leq t}}(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} s_{\theta}(x', x_{\leq t})$$

Sampling based models: Importance sampling (Bengio et al., 2003), NCE (Mnih & Teh, 2012), Blackout (Ji et al., 2015)

Class level based models: two-level classed based softmax (Goodman, 2001), RNN with factorized output layer (Mikolov et al., 2011), hierarchical softmax (Morin & Bengio, 2005; Mnih & Hinton, 2009)

## Sampling based models

#### Important sampling (IS)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log P_{\theta}^{x_{\leq t}}(x_{t+1})$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} s_{\theta}(x_{t+1}, x_{\leq t}) - \sum_{x'} P_{\theta}^{x_{\leq t}}(x') \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} s_{\theta}(x', x_{\leq t})$$

$$\approx \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} s_{\theta}(x_{t+1}, x_{\leq t}) - \frac{1}{R} \sum_{j=1}^{m} r(x_{j}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} s_{\theta}(x_{j}, x_{\leq t})$$

Where 
$$r(x) = \frac{\exp(s_{\theta}(x,contex))}{Q(w=x)}$$
 and  $R = \sum_{j=1}^{m} r(x_{j})$   
Q is unigram distribution of training set.

**Problem:** the fewer samples we use, the worse is this approximation; network's distribution P might diverge from Q during training.

## Sampling based models

#### **Noise Contrastive Estimation(NCE)**

$$l_{\theta} = -\log P(D_{y_t} = 1 | x_t, x_{< t}) + \sum_{j=1}^{m} \log \left( P(D_{y_t} = 0 | \widetilde{x_t}^j, x_{< t}) \right)$$

$$P_{\theta}(D_{y_t} = 1 | x_t, x_{< t}) = \frac{\exp(h^T v_x')}{\exp(h^T v_x') + kQ(x)}$$

$$P_{\theta}(D_{y_t} = 0 | x_t, x_{< t}) = \frac{kQ(x)}{\exp(h^T v_x') + kQ(x)}$$

Advantage: stable and fast for training

Disadvantage: still time consuming at test time

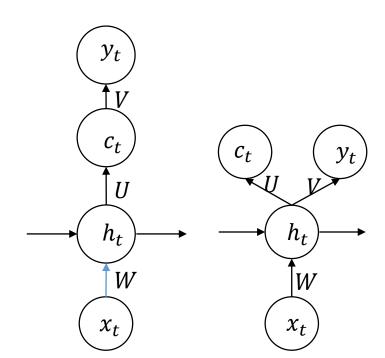
#### Factored level based models

#### RNN with output factorized by class layer

According to (Goodman, 2001)

 $P(y_t|context)$ =  $P(c_t|context)P(y_t|c_t)$   $O(|H|*|V|) \rightarrow O(|H|*|C|)$ 

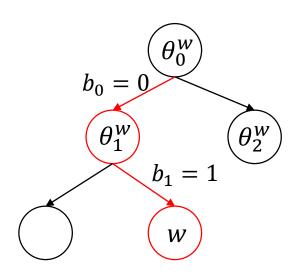
In (Mikolov et al., 2011),  $P(y_t|context)$   $= P(c_t|h_t)P(y_t|c_t,h_t)$ 



Advantage: reduce computational complexity, Disadvantage: huge size of embedding layer

#### Factored level based models

#### **Tree Hierarchical Softmax**



$$\begin{split} &P(w|x_{\leq t}) \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^{m} P\big(b_{j}(w)|b_{0}(w), \dots, b_{j-1}(w), x_{\leq t}\big) \end{split}$$

$$P(b_j = 1 | Node_j, x_{\leq t}) = \sigma(\theta_j^w h_t)$$
  

$$P(b_j = 0 | Node_j, x_{\leq t}) = 1 - \sigma(\theta_j^w h_t)$$

Advantage:  $O(|H| * |V|) \rightarrow O(|H| * \log_2 |V|)$ 

Disadvantage: huge size of embedding layer

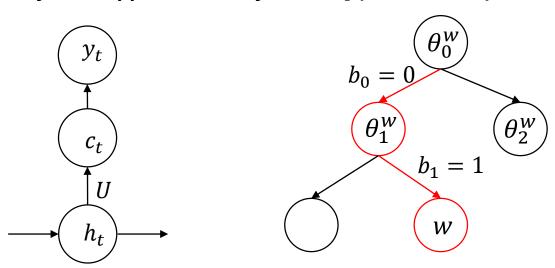
(Bengio, 2005), (Hinton, 2009)

#### Factored level based models

Problem: how much deeper of **Hierarchical Softmax** 

"It is inefficient to matrix-multiplication when one of the dimensions is small. This observation suggests that hierarchical organizations of words with a low number of children per node, such as binary Huffman codes, are highly suboptimal"

#### [Efficient Softmax Approximation for GPUs] (Grave, 2016)



## lightRNN

## 1. Shared embedding word table

1-D word list

Index	word
$x_1$	the
$x_2$	i
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<i>x</i> <sub>100</sub>	weekend
<i>x</i> <sub>101</sub>	week

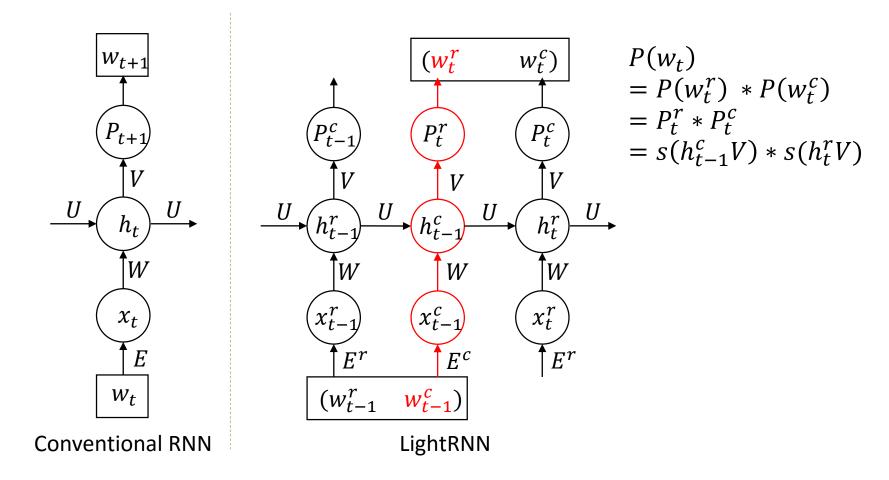
#### 2-D word table

Index	word
$(x_1^r, x_1^c)$	the
$(x_1^r, x_2^c)$	i
$(x_2^r, x_1^c)$	weekend
$(x_2^r, x_2^c)$	week

Index	$x_1^c$	$x_2^c$	$x_3^c$
$x_1^r$	the	i	
$x_2^r$	weekend	week	•••
$x_3^r$	•••		•••

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#### 2. lightRNN model

#### Theano code

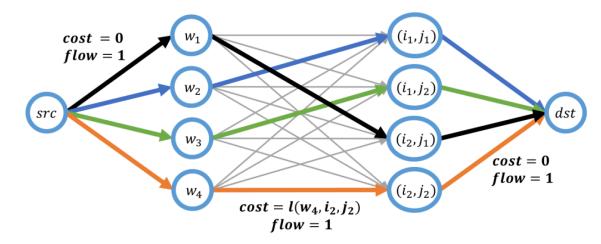
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def recurrence(x t, m r, m c, h tml r, h tml c):
  x er = self.Exr[x t[:, 0], :]
  x ec = self.Exc[x t[:, 1], :]
  concated_r = T.concatenate([x_er, h_tml_c], axis=-1)
  h t r = self.f(T.dot(concated r, self.W) + self.b)
  h t r = h t r * m r[:, None]
  concated c = T.concatenate([x ec, h t r], axis=-1)
  h t c = self.f(T.dot(concated c, self.W) + self.b)
  h t c = h t c * m c[:, None]
  return h t r, h t c
[h r, h c], update = theano.scan(fn=recurrence,
             sequences=[self.x, self.mask_r, self.mask_c], # x.shape() = (n_maxlen, n_batch, 2)
             outputs_info=[dict(initial=T.zeros((self.n_batch, self.n_hidden))),
                     dict(initial=T.zeros((self.n batch, self.n hidden)))],
             truncate gradient=-1)
```

#### 3. MCMF for word re-allocation

$$NLL(w, r(w), c(w))$$

$$= \sum_{w \in S_w} -\log P(w) = \sum_{w \in S_w} -\log P_r(w) + \sum_{w \in S_w} -\log P_c(w)$$

Minimum cost maximum flow (MCMF) algorithm



Using google/or-tools (cost-scaling push-relabel algorithm)

## Analysis of lightRNN

#### LightRNN can be classified as Factored level based models

```
P(w_t|w_{\leq t})
= P(w_t^r|w_{\leq t}^r, w_{\leq t}^c) * P(w_t^c|w_{\leq t}^r, w_{\leq t}^c)
= P(class|context) * P(index|class)
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281-211 3-6-0 17-of-44 21-for-27 100-64 1,173-767 10-to-2 7-and-5 15,350 of-15
103-run 12-way 23-hit 151-game 13-ball 105-meter 302-minute 189-yard 67-foot
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44kg 63pc 170mph 18cm 22C 12A 150bp 17st 656ft 2Mbps 680g 10x 13ph. 2M

## Analysis of lightRNN

#### Speed up by factored layer

$$P(w_t|w_{\leq t})$$

$$= P(w_t^r|w_{\leq t}^r, w_{\leq t}^c) * P(w_t^c|w_{\leq t}^r, w_{\leq t}^c)$$

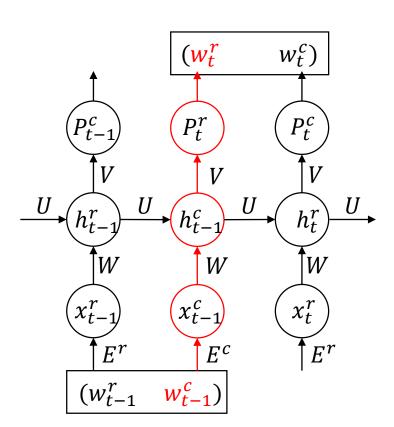
$$= P(class|context) * P(index|class)$$

If size of vocabulary is 10,000 and is placed into a 100\*100 word table,  $O(|V|) \rightarrow O(2\sqrt{|V|})$ 

Factorization both for input layer and output layer!

## Analysis of lightRNN

#### **Conclusion of lightRNN**



#### Advantage:

- Speed up training process by a factor of 2
- Reduce the model size by a factor of around 50

#### **Problem:**

- Increase the recurrent steps of RNN by a factor of 2
- 2-D word table may be a limit

## Some ideas

#### Utilize class information for re-allocation

Make use of unbalance of row and column and row index is seen as class information.



Only re-allocate on row index

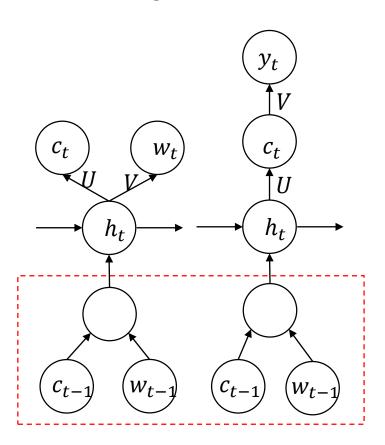


Computational complexity of MCMF  $O(K|V|^2) \rightarrow O(K|V|^{3/2})$ 

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#### **Factorized RNN (f-RNN)**

Encoding factorial class information into input layer

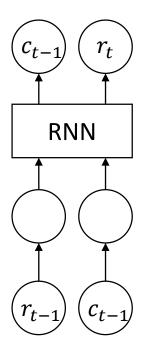


- Class information is determined before inputting RNN
- Need a structure to recognize and focus factored information of input layer

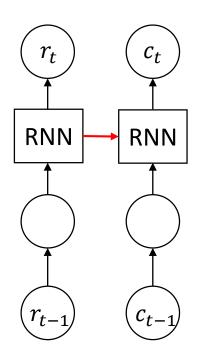
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#### **Factorized RNN (f-RNN)**

Encoding factorial class information into RNN layer



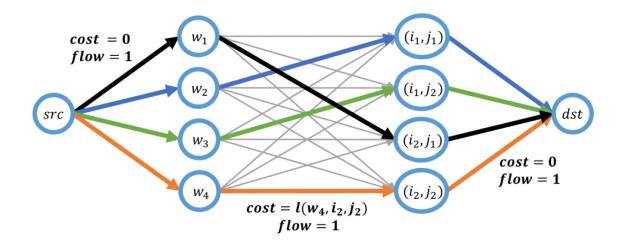
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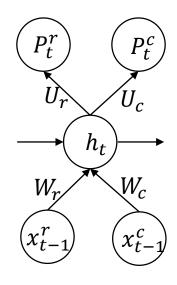
	РТВ		WikiText-103		One Billion				
Dataset	train	valid	test	train	valid	test	train	valid	Test
Sentences	42,068	3,370	3,761	1,801,350	3,760	4,358	29,994,193	306,835	613,376
Vocabulary	y 10,000		267,735		788,996				
Best result (PPL)	114		130 (8 epoch)		123 (1 epoch)				

## **Experiments**



MCMF on row index			
Algorithm	Algorithm PPL		Solve time
MCMF	114	836s	205s
row-MCMF	117	11s	2s

## **Experiments**



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Algorithm	PPL	Runtime/epoch
rnnlm	114	620s
f-rnnlm	245	220s

## Conclusion

#### To be continue

- Improve the implementation of lightRNN
- Study in detail factored RNN
- Implement f-RNN
- Evaluate each Initialize method

## Thanks for your attention