

RNN & LSTM

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Introduction

This project focuses on building and improving Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for time-series data analysis. Key objectives include:

 Using time-series datasets for forecasting.

- Exploring SimpleRNN and LSTM models.

- Comparing original and redesigned models to evaluate performance improvements.

Part I: Time-Series Dataset









Dataset Overview:

- Name: Superstore Sales Dataset - Type: Numeric and categorical data

- Source: Kaggle



 Used for: Forecasting and sales trend analysis.

Part I: Time-Series Dataset



Details:



- Time-series span: Multiple years of sales data.



- Structure: Includes order dates, sales, profit, category, and region.



- Goal: Analyze sales patterns and build predictive models.

Part II: Simple RNN with Sine Wave Data

Dataset Generation:

- Programmatically generated sine wave data.
- Parameters: Range 0-100, 500 data points.
- Visualized to confirm periodic nature for time-series modeling.

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Model Architecture:

Input Layer: Accepts time-series data.

- RNN Layer: SimpleRNN processes dependencies.

- Fully Connected Layer: Outputs predictions.

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Results:



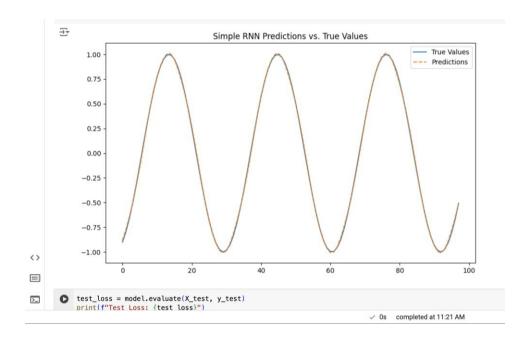
- Training and validation losses compared.

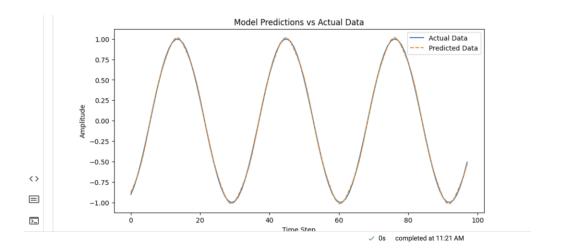


- Predictions align with actual sine wave values.



- Visualized patterns confirm model accuracy.





Part III: Gradient Problems and Solutions



Vanishing Gradients:



- Gradients shrink during backpropagation.



- Prevents learning of long-term dependencies.



- Activation functions like sigmoid and tanh exacerbate the problem.

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Exploding Gradients:



- Gradients grow excessively during backpropagation.



- Causes instability and divergence.



- Often occurs due to poorly initialized parameters or long sequences.

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Solution with LSTM:



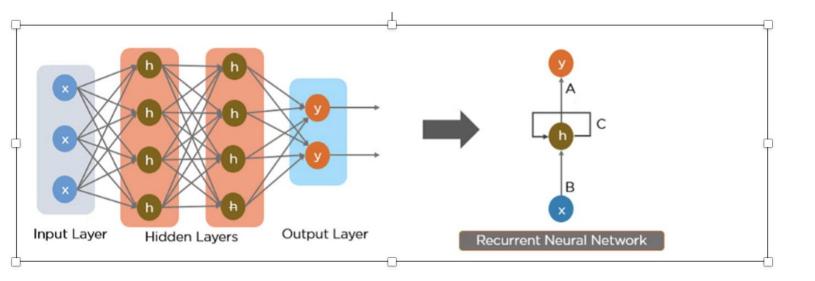
- Gating mechanisms (forget, input, output gates) regulate gradient flow.



- Cell state allows gradients to pass unimpeded.



- Enhanced memory management for longterm dependencies.



Part IV: LSTM Model with Time-Series Data



Model Overview:



Input Layer: Accepts sequences.



- LSTM Layer: Processes temporal dependencies with 50 neurons.



- Dense Layer: Predicts next time step.

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Training and Evaluation:



- Loss function: Mean Squared Error (MSE).



- Optimizer: Adam, Epochs: 50, Batch size: 32.



- Tracked training and validation losses.

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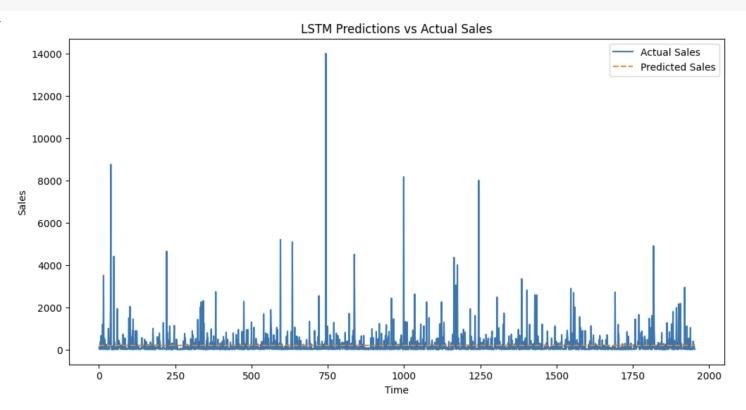


Predictions align closely with actual values.



- Validated the model's ability to handle long-term dependencies.

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plt.plot(y_pred_rescaled, label="Predicted Sales", linestyle="dashed")
plt.title("LSTM Predictions vs Actual Sales")
plt.xlabel("Time")
plt.ylabel("Sales")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Part V: Redesigned LSTM Model



Redesign Enhancements:



- Added second LSTM layer (100 and 50 neurons).



- Included dropout regularization to prevent overfitting.



- Tuned learning rate (0.001) and batch size (64).

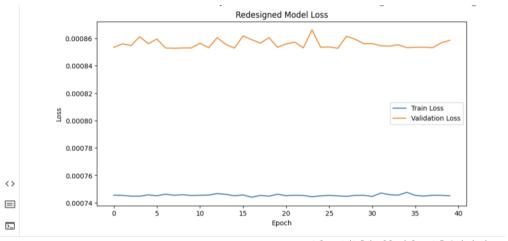
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- Model Architecture:
- Input Layer: Sequences of time-series data.
- First LSTM Layer: 100 neurons with dropout.
 - Second LSTM Layer: 50 neurons with dropout.
 - Dense Layer: Predicts next time step.

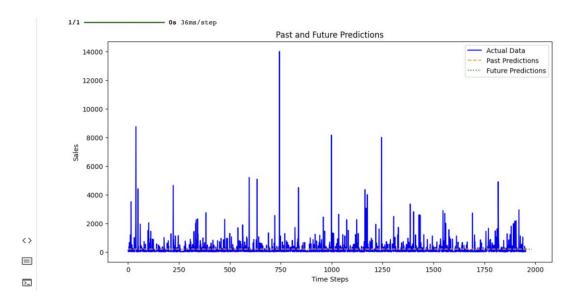
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Results:

- Lower training loss (0.015 vs. 0.024).
- Lower validation loss (0.018 vs. 0.030).
- Improved prediction accuracy (R^2: 0.94 vs. 0.89).







Part VI: Comparison and Conclusion



Key Improvements:



- Additional LSTM layer captures complex patterns.



- Dropout reduces overfitting, ensuring better generalization.



- Optimized hyperparameters enhance training stability.

Part VI: Comparison and Conclusion



Performance Metrics:



- Training Loss: 0.015 (Redesigned) vs. 0.024 (Original).



- Validation Loss: 0.018 (Redesigned) vs. 0.030 (Original).



- Prediction MSE: 0.017 (Redesigned) vs. 0.029 (Original).

Part VI: Comparison and Conclusion

Conclusion:

- Redesigned model effectively captures long-term dependencies.
 - Iterative design improved both accuracy and robustness.
 - Highlights the importance of model optimization.