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## **Introduction:**

A language translation deep learning model has been developed by the team. The model is capable of translating **English** text to **Urdu** text to a high degree but not completely. This project was chosen to contribute to a resource-poor language known as **Urdu**. The translation is also somewhat dependent on whether the dataset had the input words or not. This is a very sought-after project.

#### Motivation:

There is a lot of work done in other languages in Natural Language Processing. Languages such as English, Hindi and Telugu enjoy the status of resource rich languages. Hence a lot of research work can be easily done in these languages whereas Urdu lags behind.

The developed model can easily translate English text to Urdu text however it cannot cater for large paragraphs and English words that are not part of the training dataset. Hence sometimes the output is composed of broken Urdu text yet readable by a native person.

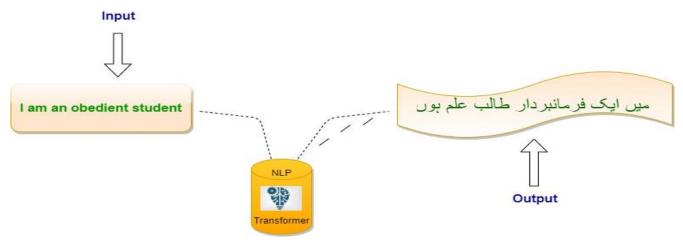


Figure 1: Working of our Model

## **Background and Research:**

Since there are not many resources available online with regards to any such effort as undertaken in this project, many of the resources need to be obtained from sources that may not allow any disclosure of information regarding them.

There are no major translation models available as of 13th June 2021 in the domain of English to Urdu languages online. There are also no datasets available or any related previous work that is shared online.

Only a tokenizer (an object that breaks sentences into individual words) in **SpaCy** (a library that supports many languages) has been developed. This may help us in reading any datasets that are obtained. URDUNLP,[<u>Urdu Tokenization using SpaCy (urdunlp.com)</u>,6th June 2021].

## **Project Specification:**

The initial project under discussion was to develop a Deep Learning model that would be capable of differentiating whether a sentence has positive sentiment or negative sentiment (Sentiment means the view or opinion).

For example:

- "I feel great this morning" is a sentence with positive sentiment.
- "I feel tired this morning" is a sentence with negative sentiment.

The proposed model was to be able to analyze the sentiments of the languages of "English, Roman Urdu and Urdu".

#### Reasoning:

This topic was chosen because there seems to be very little work done on the language of **Urdu** and **Roman Urdu** in the field of Natural Language Processing. **English** was added so that more and more people would get to know about the language of **Urdu** and **Roman Urdu**. Even today, there are very few resources (specifically datasets and other relevant materials) in NLP (Natural Language Processing) available in these two languages.

One might say that this project was attempted to promote more work in these languages.

#### **Revised Aims:**

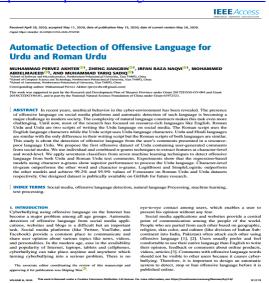
The above-mentioned details were the initial aims of this project but after careful consideration and review of available resources for the proposed project--the following changes were made

A Deep Learning model will be developed that will be able to convert English language text input to Urdu language text output. This project was chosen because **significant** (**not complete**) resources were available to make it a success and some contribution could also be made to the "Urdu language" in this regard.

There was also the problem of space constraints that we faced when coding our project on Google Colab. The initial project guidance was taken from a research paper. The paper is attached below.

The paper followed the working of "fastText" model developed by Facebook. Hence it uses n-grams to work. Colab only provides 12 GB space and when we developed this n-gram matrix. It was a sparse matrix. Whenever we wanted to convert it to a dense matrix, Colab crashed due to complete use of space.

#### https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9094176/



A summary of what was to be produced and in what way.

Table 1: Table of summery

	Best Methods from research	Explanation
	papers	
English	Word Bi-grams for classification using J48 graft classifier	Our proposed approach reaches an accuracy equal to 87.4% for the binary classification of tweets into offensive and non-offensive
Roman Urdu	Character Tri-grams for classification using regression algorithm LogitBoost	LogitBoost shows superior performance on Roman Urdu using character tri-gram and achieved 99.2% score of F-measure.
Urdu	Word Tri-Grams/Unigrams for classification using regression algorithm SimpleLogistic.  IT MAY BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE SPECIFIED WORD N-GRAMS AS OPPOSED TO CHARACTER N-GRAMS DUE TO UNAVAILIBITY OF PARSERS IN NASTALEEQ FONT OF URDU.	SimpleLogistic outperforms the others classifiers using character tri-gram on Urdu dataset and achieved 95.8% F-measure value.

## **Problem Analysis:**

The intended model to be developed needs some datasets that it may be trained on. However, there are no datasets available online.

To read that dataset is the second problem, we need a tokenizer (an object that is capable of reading text and breaking a sentence into words) of English and Urdu.

The words then need to be encoded in numerical form so that a deep learning model can understand it and train (learn it) on it and then give an encoded output.

This encoded output will then be decoded to produce human readable text in Urdu language.

#### 6.1. Choosing a Model:

A deep learning model is to be developed that is capable of converting English input text to Urdu output text. There are a number of methods that can be employed to achieve this. They are

- 1. RNNs (Recurrent Neural Network)
- 2. LSTM (Long Short Term Memory)

#### 6.2. Solution Design:

Datasets were obtained from sources that are not available for public disclosure.

There are a number of problems which a deep learning engineer may face when training a RNN for language learning. We will not dive deep into the technicalities of it. One of the major reasons to develop a LSTM model was to cover the drawbacks of a RNN model.

There are also some drawbacks of training on the LSTM model. The LSTM model cannot cater for long sentences, a problem that the RNN also faced. It does however cater for the vanishing and exploding gradients or "weights" of the RNN. Hence the name, Long Short-Term Memory.

An LSTM model has been chosen as the dataset is much more suited for it rather than an RNN or Transformer.

Now that a model has been finalized, we have to go into the details of how exactly we will be designing a solution for this problem. But first, we shall take a brief overview of both RNN and LSTM working

#### 6.3. RNN

The information in an RNN cycles via a loop. When it makes a judgement, it takes into account the current input as well as what it has learnt from prior inputs. Consider a regular feed-forward neural network that receives the word "neuron" as an input and analyses it character by character. By the time it gets to the letter "r," it has already forgotten about the letters "n," "e," and "u," making it nearly difficult for this sort of neural network to anticipate which character will appear next.

A recurrent neural network, however, is able to remember those characters because of its internal memory. It produces output, copies that output and loops it back into the network (**Donges**, 2019).

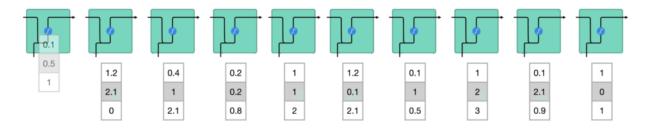
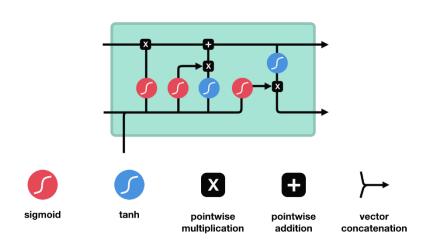


Figure 2: RNN

#### 6.4. LSTM

The Extended Short Term Memory architecture was inspired by a study of error flow in current RNNs, which revealed that previous designs couldn't handle long time delays because backpropagated error either explodes or decays exponentially.

Figure 3: LSTM

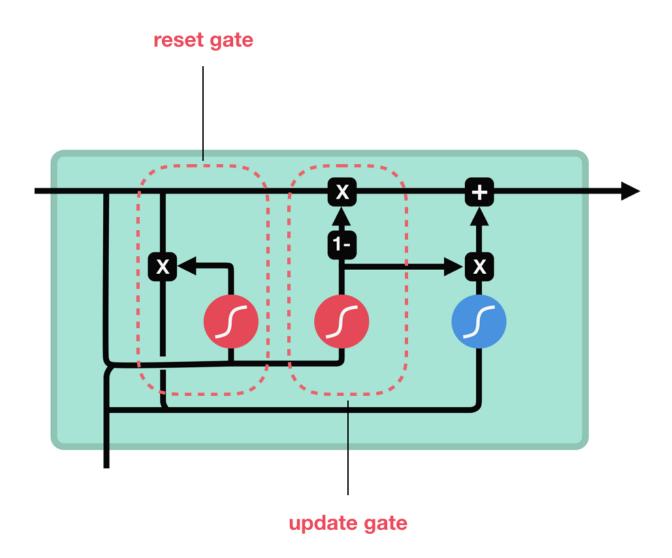


An LSTM layer is made up of memory blocks, which are recurrently linked blocks. These blocks can be thought of as a differentiable version of a digital computer's memory chips. Each one has one or more recurrently linked memory cells as well as three multiplicative units the input, output, and forget gates – that offer continuous analogues of write, read, and reset operations for the input, output, and forget gates (Brownlee, 2017).

#### 6.5. GRU

The GRU is the newer generation of Recurrent Neural networks and is pretty similar to an LSTM. GRU's got rid of the cell state and used the hidden state to transfer information. It also only has two gates, a reset gate and update gate.

Figure 4: GRU



#### 6.6. Attention:

The attention mechanism to overcome the limitation that allows the network to learn where to pay attention in the input sequence for each item in the output sequence.

Each time the proposed model generates a word in a translation, it searches for a set of positions in a source sentence where the most relevant information is concentrated. The model then predicts a target word based on the context vectors associated with these source positions and all the previous generated target words

#### Loss per epoch:

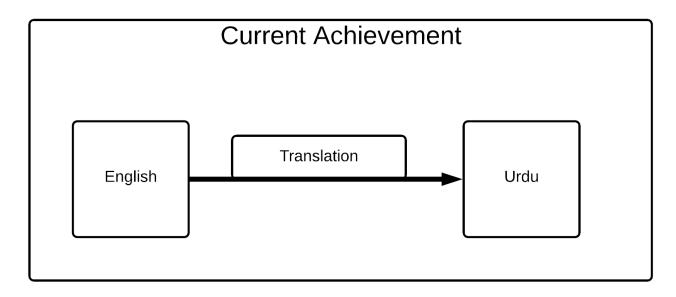
#### Figure 5: Loss per epoch

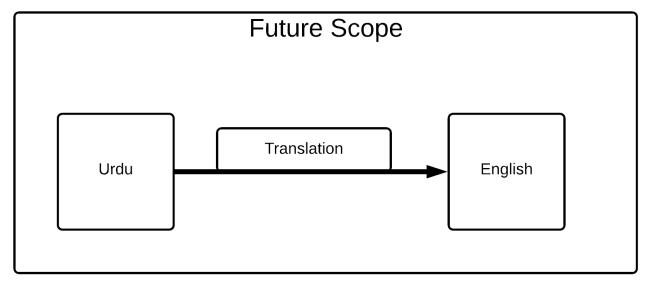
```
Epoch 1 Batch 0 loss 2.6736228466033936
Epoch 1 Loss 2.2056
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.624637842178345 sec
Epoch 2 Batch 0 loss 2.1453299522399902
Epoch 2 Loss 1.8550
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.578235626220703 sec
Epoch 3 Batch 0 loss 1.8335893154144287
Epoch 3 Loss 1.7099
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.127986907958984 sec
Epoch 4 Batch 0 loss 1.3724244832992554
Epoch 4 Loss 1.5726
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.6191086769104 sec
Epoch 5 Batch 0 loss 1.2512270212173462
Epoch 5 Loss 1.4426
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.247379541397095 sec
Epoch 6 Batch 0 loss 1.089025616645813
Epoch 6 Loss 1.2969
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.64974546432495 sec
Epoch 7 Batch 0 loss 1.1577202081680298
Epoch 7 Loss 1.1641
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.068135499954224 sec
Epoch 8 Batch 0 loss 1.1985244750976562
Epoch 8 Loss 1.0187
Time taken for 1 epoch 25.795782804489136 sec
```

## **Achievements**

Our goal was to make English to Urdu translator. The target we achieved can best described by the figure below:

Figure 6: Our work





## **Data Collection**

The data we collected is not available to the general public, its link comes back with the 404 error (page not found)

## **Solution**

The solution to our problem is our trained python program using the Natural Language Processing techniques with the help of a dataset. We actually, provide the input as a text in English and it produce the Urdu translation of that text as output.

## **Journey to Solution**

- 10.1. Programming Language
- Python
- 10.2. Machine Learning Library
- KERAS (coded on TensorFlow framework)
- 10.3. Neural Network
- LSTM + GRU
- 10.4. Dataset

English – Urdu from <a href="https://www.manythings.org/anki/urd-eng.zip/">https://www.manythings.org/anki/urd-eng.zip/</a> (now removed)

10.5. Compiler or Tool

Google Colab

## The Implementation

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import string
from string import digits
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline
import tensorflow as tf
import matplotlib.ticker as ticker
from sklearn.model selection import train test split
import re
import os
import io
import time
# Load the Drive helper and mount
from google.colab import drive
# This will prompt for authorization.
#drive.mount('/content/drive/Assignment4DL/urd.txt')
data path = "/content/urd.txt"#Read the data
#Read the data
lines raw= pd.read table(data path,names=['source', 'target'])
lines raw.sample(5)
def preprocess sentence(sentence):
    #sentence = unicode to ascii(sentence.lower().strip())
    num_digits= str.maketrans('','', digits)
    sentence= sentence.lower()
    sentence= re.sub(" +", " ", sentence)
    sentence= re.sub("'", '', sentence)
    sentence= sentence.translate(num digits)
    sentence= sentence.strip()
    sentence= re.sub(r"([?.!,?])", r" \1 ", sentence)
    sentence = sentence.rstrip().strip()
    sentence= 'start ' + sentence + ' end'
    return sentence
en sentence = u"May I borrow this book?"
print(preprocess_sentence(en_sentence))
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#### Raw

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```
print(preprocess sentence('Can you do it in thirty minutes?'))
# 1. Remove the accents
# 2. Clean the sentences
# 3. Return word pairs in the format: [ENGLISH, Urdu]
def create dataset(path, num examples):
  lines = io.open(path, encoding='UTF-8').read().strip().split('\n')
  #print(lines)
  word pairs = [[preprocess sentence(w) for w in l.split('\t')] for l in lines[
:num examples]]
 print(path)
  return zip(*word pairs)
sample size=1176
source, target = create dataset(data path, sample size)
print("Making word pairs here")
print(source[-1])
print(target[-1])
type(target)
def max length(tensor):
 return max(len(t) for t in tensor)
source sentence tokenizer= tf.keras.preprocessing.text.Tokenizer(filters='')
source sentence tokenizer.fit on texts(source)
source tensor = source sentence tokenizer.texts to sequences(source)
source tensor= tf.keras.preprocessing.sequence.pad sequences(source tensor,paddi
ng='post' )
target sentence tokenizer= tf.keras.preprocessing.text.Tokenizer(filters='')
target sentence tokenizer.fit on texts(target)
target tensor = target sentence tokenizer.texts to sequences(target)
target tensor= tf.keras.preprocessing.sequence.pad sequences(target tensor,paddi
ng='post' )
print(len(target tensor[0]))
max target length= max(len(t) for t in target tensor)
print(max target length)
max source length= max(len(t) for t in source tensor)
print(max source length)
source train tensor, source test tensor, target train tensor, target test tensor
= train test split(source tensor, target tensor, test size=0.2)
# Creating training and validation sets using an 80-20 split
```

```
input tensor train, input tensor val, target tensor train, target tensor val = t
rain test split(source tensor, target tensor, test size=0.2)
# Show length
print(len(input tensor train), len(target tensor train), len(input tensor val),
len(target tensor val))
type(input tensor train)
def convert(lang, tensor):
 for t in tensor:
   if t!=0:
      print ("%d ----> %s" % (t, lang.index word[t]))
print ("Input Language; index to word mapping")
convert(source sentence tokenizer, source train tensor[0])
print ()
print ("Target Language; index to word mapping")
convert( target sentence tokenizer, target train tensor[0])
BUFFER SIZE = len(source train tensor)
BATCH SIZE = 12
steps per epoch = len(source train tensor)//BATCH SIZE
embedding dim = 256
units = 1024
vocab inp size = len(source sentence tokenizer.word index)+1
vocab tar size = len(target sentence tokenizer.word index)+1
dataset = tf.data.Dataset.from tensor slices((source train tensor, target train
tensor)).shuffle(BUFFER SIZE)
dataset = dataset.batch(BATCH SIZE, drop remainder=False)
type (dataset)
source batch, target batch = next(iter(dataset))
source batch.shape, target batch.shape
class Encoder(tf.keras.Model):
    def init (self, vocab size, embedding dim, encoder units, batch size):
        super(Encoder, self). init ()
        self.batch size= batch size
        self.encoder units=encoder units
        self.embedding=tf.keras.layers.Embedding(vocab size, embedding dim)
        self.gru= tf.keras.layers.GRU(encoder units, return sequences=True, retu
rn state=True, recurrent initializer='glorot uniform')
    def call(self, x, hidden):
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#pass the input x to the embedding layer
        x = self.embedding(x)
        # pass the embedding and the hidden state to GRU
        output, state = self.gru(x, initial state=hidden)
        return output, state
    def initialize hidden state(self):
        return tf.zeros((self.batch size, self.encoder units))
encoder = Encoder(vocab inp size, embedding dim, units, BATCH SIZE)
# sample input
sample hidden = encoder.initialize hidden state()
sample output, sample hidden = encoder(source batch, sample hidden)
print ('Encoder output shape: (batch size, sequence length, units) {}'.format(sa
mple output.shape))
print ('Encoder Hidden state shape: (batch size, units) {}'.format(sample hidden
.shape))
class LSTM(tf.keras.layers.Layer):
  def init (self, units):
    super(LSTM, self). init ()
    self.W1 = tf.keras.layers.Dense(units)
    self.W2 = tf.keras.layers.Dense(units)
    self.V = tf.keras.layers.Dense(1)
  def call(self, query, values):
    # hidden shape == (batch size, hidden size)
    # hidden with time axis shape == (batch size, 1, hidden size)
    # we are doing this to perform addition to calculate the score
    hidden with time axis = tf.expand dims(query, 1)
    # score shape == (batch size, max length, 1)
    # we get 1 at the last axis because we are applying score to self.V
    # the shape of the tensor before applying self.V is (batch size, max length,
 units)
    score = self.V(tf.nn.tanh(
        self.W1(values) + self.W2(hidden with time axis)))
    # attention weights shape == (batch size, max length, 1)
    attention weights = tf.nn.softmax(score, axis=1)
    # context vector shape after sum == (batch size, hidden size)
    context vector = attention weights * values
    context vector = tf.reduce sum(context vector, axis=1)
```

```
attention layer = LSTM(10)
attention result, attention weights = attention layer(sample hidden, sample outp
print("Attention result shape: (batch size, units) {}".format(attention result.s
print("Attention weights shape: (batch size, sequence length, 1) {}".format(atte
ntion weights.shape))
class Decoder(tf.keras.Model):
  def init (self, vocab size, embedding dim, dec units, batch sz):
    super(Decoder, self). init ()
    self.batch sz = batch sz
    self.dec units = dec units
    self.embedding = tf.keras.layers.Embedding(vocab size, embedding dim)
    self.gru = tf.keras.layers.GRU(self.dec units,
                                   return sequences=True,
                                   return state=True,
                                   recurrent initializer='glorot uniform')
    self.fc = tf.keras.layers.Dense(vocab size)
    # used for attention
    self.attention = LSTM(self.dec units)
  def call(self, x, hidden, enc output):
    # enc output shape == (batch size, max length, hidden size)
    context vector, attention weights = self.attention(hidden, enc output)
    # x shape after passing through embedding == (batch size, 1, embedding dim)
    x = self.embedding(x)
   # x shape after concatenation == (batch size, 1, embedding dim + hidden size
   x = tf.concat([tf.expand dims(context vector, 1), x], axis=-1)
    # passing the concatenated vector to the GRU
    output, state = self.gru(x)
    # output shape == (batch size * 1, hidden size)
    output = tf.reshape(output, (-1, output.shape[2]))
    # output shape == (batch size, vocab)
```

return context vector, attention weights

```
x = self.fc(output)
    return x, state, attention weights
decoder = Decoder(vocab tar size, embedding dim, units, BATCH SIZE)
sample decoder output, , = decoder(tf.random.uniform((BATCH SIZE, 1)),
                                      sample hidden, sample output)
print ('Decoder output shape: (batch size, vocab size) {}'.format(sample decoder
output.shape))
optimizer = tf.keras.optimizers.Adam()
loss object = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(
    from logits=True, reduction='none')
def loss function(real, pred):
  mask = tf.math.logical not(tf.math.equal(real, 0))
  loss = loss object(real, pred)
 mask = tf.cast(mask, dtype=loss .dtype)
 loss *= mask
  return tf.reduce mean(loss )
checkpoint dir = 'training checkpoints'
checkpoint prefix = os.path.join(checkpoint dir, "ckpt")
checkpoint = tf.train.Checkpoint(optimizer=optimizer,
                                 encoder=encoder,
                                 decoder=decoder)
def train step(inp, targ, enc hidden):
  loss = 0
  with tf.GradientTape() as tape:
    enc output, enc hidden = encoder(inp, enc hidden)
    dec hidden = enc hidden
    dec input = tf.expand dims([target sentence tokenizer.word index['start ']]
* BATCH SIZE, 1)
    # Teacher forcing - feeding the target as the next input
    for t in range(1, targ.shape[1]):
      # passing enc output to the decoder
      predictions, dec hidden, = decoder(dec input, dec hidden, enc output)
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loss += loss function(targ[:, t], predictions)
      # using teacher forcing
      dec input = tf.expand dims(targ[:, t], 1)
  batch loss = (loss / int(targ.shape[1]))
  variables = encoder.trainable variables + decoder.trainable variables
  gradients = tape.gradient(loss, variables)
  optimizer.apply gradients(zip(gradients, variables))
  return batch loss
EPOCHS = 20
for epoch in range(EPOCHS):
  start = time.time()
  enc hidden = encoder.initialize hidden state()
  total loss = 0
  for (batch, (inp, targ)) in enumerate (dataset.take (steps per epoch)):
    batch loss = train step(inp, targ, enc hidden)
   total loss += batch loss
   if batch % 100 == 0:
     print('Epoch {} Batch {} loss {}'.format(epoch + 1,batch, batch loss.numpy
()))
  # saving (checkpoint) the model every 2 epochs
  if (epoch + 1) % 2 == 0:
    checkpoint.save(file prefix = checkpoint prefix)
 print('Epoch {} Loss {:.4f}'.format(epoch + 1,
                                      total loss / steps_per_epoch))
 print('Time taken for 1 epoch {} sec\n'.format(time.time() - start))
def evaluate(sentence):
  attention plot = np.zeros((max target length, max source length))
  sentence = preprocess sentence(sentence)
  #print(sentence)
  #print(source sentence tokenizer.word index)
```

```
inputs = [source sentence tokenizer.word index[i] for i in sentence.split(' ')
  inputs = tf.keras.preprocessing.sequence.pad sequences([inputs],
                                                          maxlen=max source lengt
h,
                                                          padding='post')
  inputs = tf.convert to tensor(inputs)
  result = ''
 hidden = [tf.zeros((1, units))]
  enc out, enc hidden = encoder(inputs, hidden)
 dec hidden = enc hidden
  dec input = tf.expand dims([target sentence tokenizer.word index['start ']], 0
  for t in range(max target length):
    predictions, dec hidden, attention weights = decoder(dec input,
                                                          dec hidden,
                                                          enc out)
    # storing the attention weights to plot later on
    attention weights = tf.reshape(attention weights, (-1, ))
    attention plot[t] = attention weights.numpy()
    predicted id = tf.argmax(predictions[0]).numpy()
    result += target sentence tokenizer.index word[predicted id] + ' '
    if target sentence tokenizer.index word[predicted id] == ' end':
      return result, sentence, attention plot
    # the predicted ID is fed back into the model
    dec input = tf.expand dims([predicted id], 0)
  return result, sentence, attention plot
# function for plotting the attention weights
def plot attention (attention, sentence, predicted sentence):
  fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10,10))
  ax = fig.add subplot(1, 1, 1)
  ax.matshow(attention, cmap='viridis')
  fontdict = {'fontsize': 14}
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```
ax.set_xticklabels([''] + sentence, fontdict=fontdict, rotation=90)
ax.set_yticklabels([''] + predicted_sentence, fontdict=fontdict)

ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(ticker.MultipleLocator(1))
ax.yaxis.set_major_locator(ticker.MultipleLocator(1))

plt.show()

def translate(sentence):
    result, sentence, attention_plot = evaluate(sentence)

    print('Input: %s' % (sentence))
    print('Predicted translation: {}'.format(result))

attention_plot = attention_plot[:len(result.split(' ')), :len(sentence.split(' '))]
    plot_attention(attention_plot, sentence.split(' '), result.split(' '))

# restoring the latest checkpoint in checkpoint_dir
checkpoint.restore(tf.train.latest_checkpoint(checkpoint_dir))

translate(u'Stay thin.')
```

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