

AI for Traffic Prediction: Project Presentation Phase II

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Reminder (of problem):

Description:

Predict future traffic speed/conditions by leveraging previously observed data.

Impact:

- ❖ Vehicle Routing Problem
- ❖ Vehicle Scheduling problem
- ❖ HeadLights Algorithms

$$[\mathbf{X}^{(t-T'+1)}, \dots, \mathbf{X}^{(t)}; \mathcal{G}] \xrightarrow{h(\cdot)} [\mathbf{X}^{(t+1)}, \dots, \mathbf{X}^{(t+T)}]$$

\mathcal{G} : Road sensor network

$\mathbf{X}^{(t)}$: Road traffic conditions at time t

Reminder (of goals):

Previous Goals:

- ❖ **Understand, reproduce and improve** state of the art non-parametric methods for traffic forecasting.

Previous proposed Methodology

- ❖ Make effective use of external factors as well as combining ideas from successful methods.

Progress since:

- ❖ Investigated DCRNN more thoroughly.
- ❖ I like the intuitive approach
- ❖ I believe in its problem representation

DCRNN: Diffusion Convolution Neural Network

- ❖ Deep learning framework for traffic forecasting
- ❖ Incorporates both spatial and temporal dependency in the traffic flow
 - Spatial dependency using bidirectional random walks on the graph and convolution
 - Temporal dependency using RNN in encoder-decoder architecture and scheduled sampling.

Data:

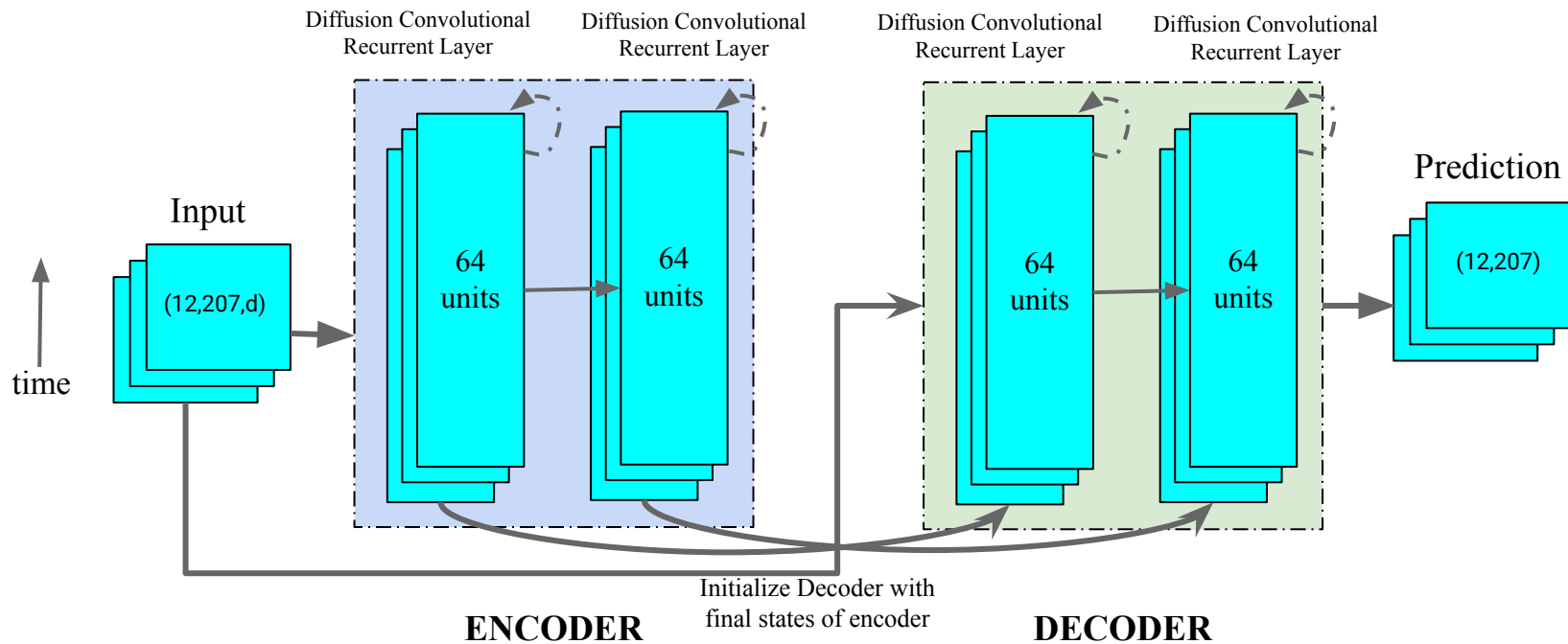
METR-LA Data Set:

- ❖ ~30 000 time series data points (5 min intervals)
- ❖ 207 road sensors
- ❖ traffic speeds at sensors
- ❖ time of the week
- ❖ time of day
- ❖ Sensor Network Data

Pre-processing:

- ❖ sensor network adjacency matrix
- ❖ sequence length of 12
- ❖ normalize traffic speeds
- ❖ data shape: ($\sim 30\,000$, 12, 207, 3)
- ❖ train size: 23974
- ❖ validation size: 3425
- ❖ test size: 6850

Implemented Architecture



Diffusion Convolution

$$X_{:,p} \star_{\mathcal{G}} f_{\theta} = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \left(\theta_{k,1} (D_O^{-1} W)^k + \theta_{k,2} (D_I^{-1} W^{\top})^k \right) X_{:,p} \quad \text{for } p \in \{1, \dots, P\}$$

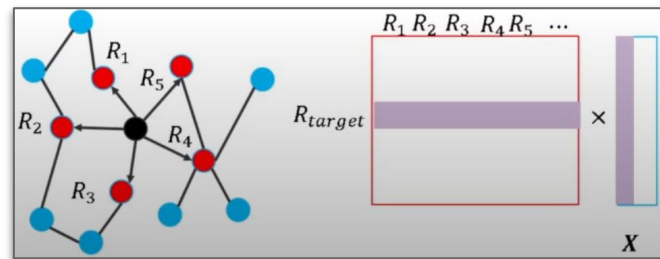
Where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times 2}$ are the parameters of the filter.

$X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times P}$ is the input, where N is the number of nodes (sensors) and P is the feature dimension

W is the downstream adjacency matrix where W_{ij} is a function of the road distance between the two sensors

W^{\top} is the upstream

$$D_O^{-1} W X_{:,p}$$



Source: [Review01] Diffusion convolutional recurrent neural Network: Data-driven Traffic Forecasting [Video file]. (2019, August 28). Retrieved April 07, 2021, from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN8HrGFK3I0&t=709s>

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Implementation

Tensorflow 2.4.1 | Google Colab | Hardware Accelerator - GPU

```
class Encoder(tf.keras.Model):  
    def __init__(self, _):  
    def initialize_initial_state(self):  
    def call(self, x, hidden):
```

```
class DCGRUCell(tf.keras.layers.AbstractRNNCell):  
    tf.compat.v1.nn.rnn_cell.MultiRNNCell()  
    tf.keras.layers.RNN()
```

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class Decoder(tf.keras.Model):  
    def __init__(self, _):  
    def initialize_initial_state(self,  
encoder_state):  
    def call(self, x, hidden):
```

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class DCGRUCell(tf.keras.layers.AbstractRNNCell):  
    tf.compat.v1.nn.rnn_cell.MultiRNNCell()  
    tf.keras.layers.StackedRNNCells()  
    tf.nn.seq2seq.BasicDecoder()
```

```
tf.keras.optimizers.Adam  
with tf.GradientTape() as tape:  
    gradients = tape.gradient()  
    optimizer.apply_gradients()
```


Initialization + training

Model weights:

```
tf.keras.initializers.GlorotNormal()
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```
tf.constant_initializer()
```

Initialized as 0 otherwise

375296 parameters to train

Learning rate schedule

```
tf.keras.optimizers.schedules.PiecewiseConstantDecay([2000, 30000], [0.01, 0.001, 0.0001])
```

Results:

Evaluation:

Mean Absolute Error:

$$\text{MAE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$$

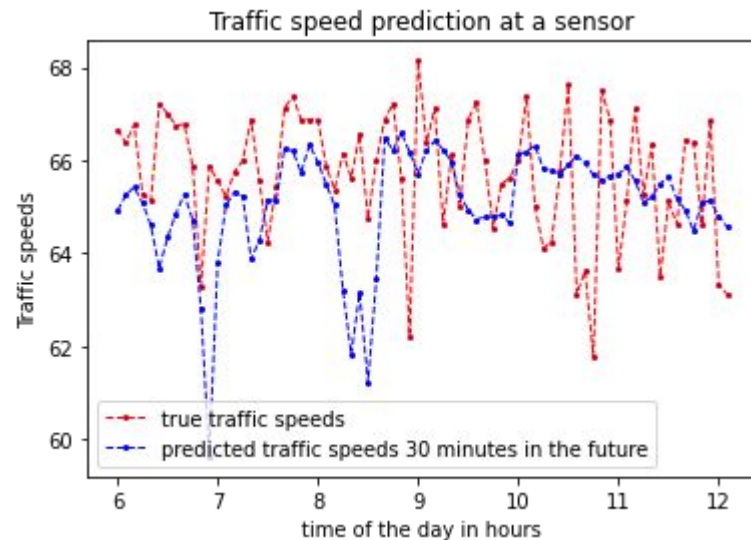
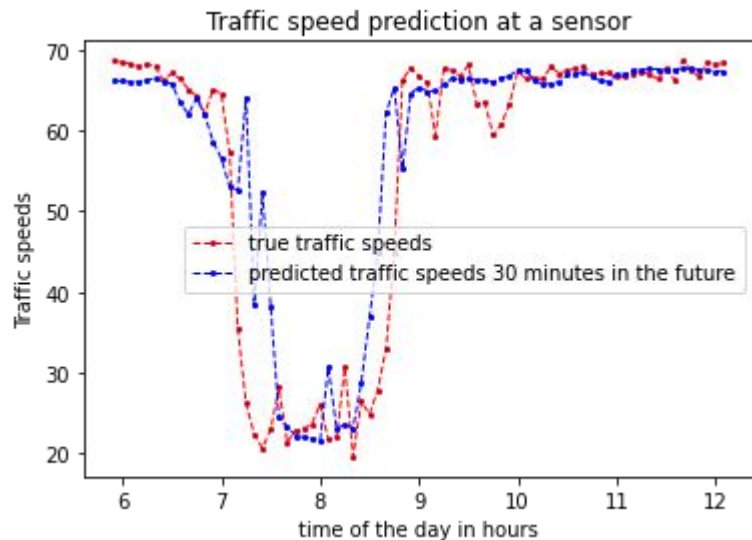
test set predicted value actual value

*100 epochs of training

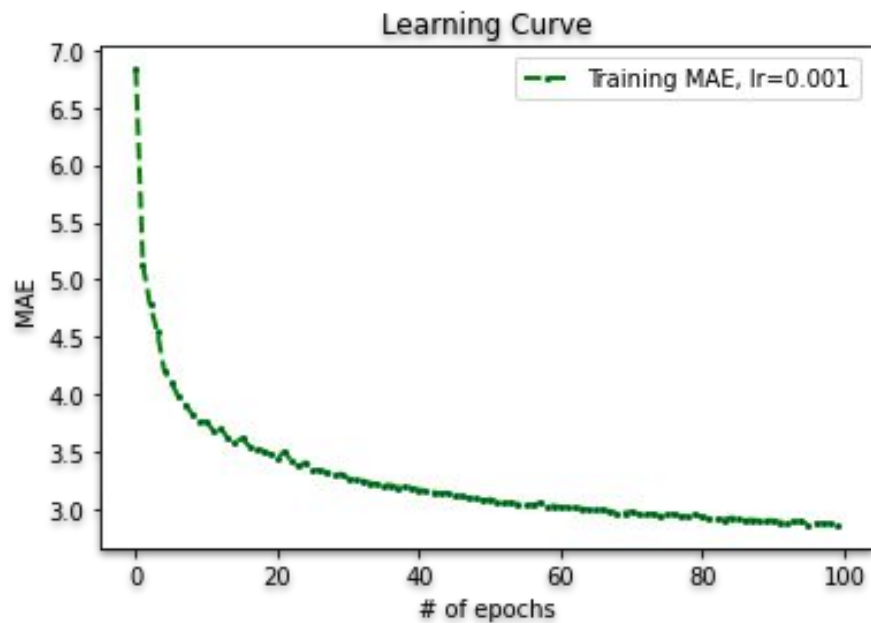
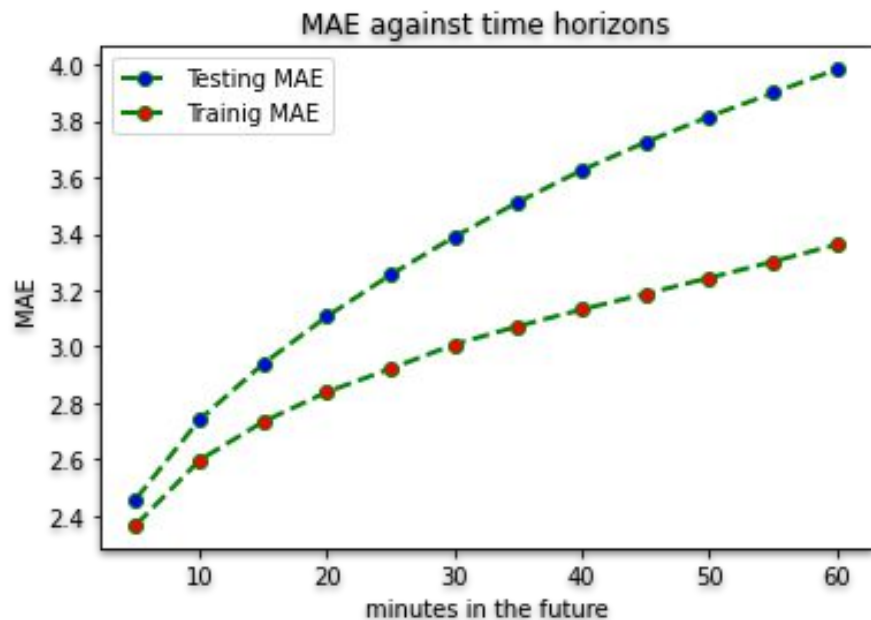
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Time Horizons	Metric	FC-LSTM [1]	My Implementation		
			Just Traffic Speeds	Traffic Speeds + Time of Day	Traffic Speeds + Time of Day + Time of Week
15 mins	MAE	3.44	2.92	2.94	3.05
30 mins	MAE	3.77	3.41	3.39	3.48
60 mins	MAE	4.37	4.12	3.98	4.02

Results (after only 20 epochs)



Results:



Future:

Improve:

- ❖ Add Attention Mechanism[1]
- ❖ More in-depth evaluation (smoothness, how well model deals with peak hours, RMSE, etc.)
- ❖ Experiment with external factors
 - QTraffic Data set has Road Queries Data which have been shown to correlate with traffic speeds

[1] <https://ojs.aaai.org//index.php/AAAI/article/view/3881>

QUESTIONS?!

