
USE MCMC TO DO STORY GENERATION

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ABSTRACT

This is a review of the paper Toward Automated Story Generation with Markov Chain Monte Carlo Methods and Deep Neural Networks by Brent Harrison, Christopher Purdy, Mark O. Riedl. This paper tried to use both MCMC and Recurrent Neural Network to generate novel stories. I will apply both of the method to my own insurance data and check the performance. Furthermore, to see if I can modify and generated something on my own.

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1 Introduction

How do we represent meaning of words? One solution is to use WordNet(a lexical database for the English language), WordNet use human labors to find synonym sets. Then we can know "good" is similar to "nice". But in this way, we cannot calculate a numerical similarity for those words.

The other way is to use word vectors. One way to do so is use one hot encoding to encode words as vectors, then the length of the vector is the size of the vocabulary. For example, the word "you", "me" and "him" can then be represented as

$$you = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad me = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad him = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

A better way to do so is to represent words in a fixed dimension. For example, we can have a dimension to represent tense, a dimension to represent plural, and another dimension to represent negate prefix, etc.... We then let machine to learn the vectors itself.

How does the prediction works? There is the fancy idea "A word's meaning is given by the words that frequently appear close-by", we can build a model to predict occurrence of a word given another word is next to it. We can then use the posterior distribution to sample tokens and generate stories.

One way is to use neural networks, the other is use Markov Chain

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2 Bigram and MCMC

In a bigram setting, the author assume the distribution of tokens is conditional on the word previous to it. [1]

Markov Chain Monte Carlo Simulation

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$$\xi_{ij}(t) = P(x_t = i, x_{t+1} = j | y, v, w; \theta) = \frac{\alpha_i(t) a_{ij}^{w_t} \beta_j(t+1) b_j^{v_{t+1}}(y_{t+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_i(t) a_{ij}^{w_t} \beta_j(t+1) b_j^{v_{t+1}}(y_{t+1})} \quad (1)$$

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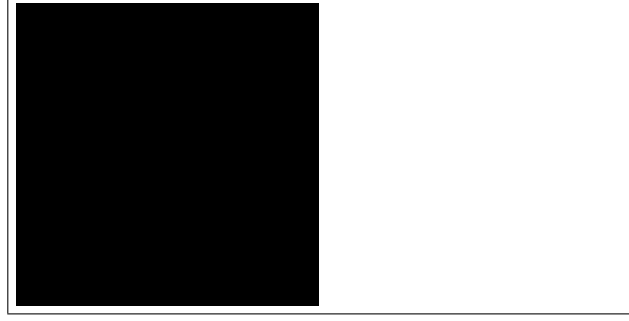


Figure 1: Sample figure caption.

Table 1: Sample table title

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²Sample of the first footnote.

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