

# Homework 11 – Language

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Note: this set of homework solutions is incomplete

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## 1 Logistics

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## 2 Reading

1. Exceedingly strong pre trained embeddings for  $\sim$  sentence length inputs are a significant development in natural language processing. Read the BERT blog post and paper illustrating 1 method for architecting a network and creating unsupervised language modeling tasks for training the network

Open sourcing BERT: state-of-the-art pre-training for natural language processing  
<https://ai.googleblog.com/2018/11/open-sourcing-bert-state-of-art-pre.html>

BERT: pre-training of deep bidirectional transformers for language understanding  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.04805>

2. Next, read the GPT / GPT 2 blog posts and papers on the same topic; GPT 2 has been in the news a lot recently

Improving language understanding with unsupervised learning

<https://openai.com/blog/language-unsupervised/>

Improving language understanding by generative pre-training

[https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/openai-assets/research-covers/language-unsupervised/language\\_understanding\\_paper.pdf](https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/openai-assets/research-covers/language-unsupervised/language_understanding_paper.pdf)

Better language models and their implications

<https://openai.com/blog/better-language-models/>

Language models are unsupervised multitask learners

[https://d4mucfpksywv.cloudfront.net/better-language-models/language\\_models\\_are\\_unsupervised\\_multitask\\_learners.pdf](https://d4mucfpksywv.cloudfront.net/better-language-models/language_models_are_unsupervised_multitask_learners.pdf)

## 3 Theory

None

## 4 Practice

3. Word embedding. Work through the TensorFlow tutorial on Word2Vec

Vector Representations of Words

<https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/representation/word2vec>

4. Language modeling. Work through the TensorFlow tutorial on language modeling that trains a character predicting RNN using the text of Shakespeare's plays

Text generation using a RNN with eager execution

[https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/sequences/text\\_generation](https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/sequences/text_generation)

[https://colab.research.google.com/github/tensorflow/docs/blob/master/site/en/tutorials/sequences/text\\_generation.ipynb](https://colab.research.google.com/github/tensorflow/docs/blob/master/site/en/tutorials/sequences/text_generation.ipynb)

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5. Language translation. Work through the TensorFlow tutorial on language translation using attention

Neural machine translation with attention

[https://colab.research.google.com/github/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/master/tensorflow/contrib/eager/python/examples/nmt\\_with\\_attention/nmt\\_with\\_attention.ipynb](https://colab.research.google.com/github/tensorflow/tensorflow/blob/master/tensorflow/contrib/eager/python/examples/nmt_with_attention/nmt_with_attention.ipynb)

6. Sentiment prediction. Work through the TensorFlow tutorial on sentiment prediction for movie reviews using BERT

TensorFlow code and pre-trained models for BERT

<https://github.com/google-research/bert>

Predicting movie review sentiment with BERT on TF Hub

[https://colab.research.google.com/github/google-research/bert/blob/master/predicting\\_movie\\_reviews\\_with\\_bert\\_on\\_tf\\_hub.ipynb](https://colab.research.google.com/github/google-research/bert/blob/master/predicting_movie_reviews_with_bert_on_tf_hub.ipynb)