DD2424 – Assignment 4 Deep Learning

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Abstract

In this assignment a RNN was trained to synthesize English characters by implementing a variation of AGT called AdaGrad. It was trained on the book 'The Goblet of Fire' that contains approximately 1100000 characters. The RNN was trained randomly with no seed and below results can be found on the performance of the predicted text.

Implementing the RNN

Gradient Computations

To test that the gradient are correctly computed we can compare it with function that use numerical estimation, therefor we will use ComputeGradNumSlow supplied by [1] from the course DD2424. (Can also be seen in the Matlab code attached with the report).

To gain confidence that the gradients are correctly computed, we first simplify the functions without performing the SGT. Whereas, we reduce the size of the hidden vector to m = 5, followed by using a single dummy character and not the whole book. The step size that was used were set to $h_{step} = 10^{-4}$.

We now compute the gradients, first with our method, and then also numerically. The gradients are then compared with the difference in relative size as in [2]. This was done by taking the difference of the absolute maximum value between the estimated numerical value and our value, thereafter, divide it by the maximum absolute value of the greater value between the our method and the numerical method. This was done for all the RNN biases b and c, along with the RNN weight states U, W and V. The results of the difference can be seen in the table below. Note that no Seed were used and therefor the values could differ somewhat, but stated within the range of the numerical size seen in the table.

Gradient:	RNN.b	RNN.c	RNN.U	RNN.W	RNN.V
Difference:	$1.6481 \cdot 10^{-8}$	$2.5256 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$1.3894 \cdot 10^{-7}$	$2.7385 \cdot 10 - 6$	$5.1379 \cdot 10^{-6}$

The gradient computations are with confidence bug-free due to the low relative difference in size compare with the numerically estimated values.

Implementing SGT and Following the Training Steps

When the SGT (AdaGrad) function were implemented, the whole book were now used instead, and the size of the hidden vector were set to m = 100 and the sequence length we choose to iterate over in the book is set to $seq_length = 25$.

In Fig. 1 we can observe the loss over eight epochs of training with a smoothed loss over the iterations with a weighted sum.

To observe the evolution on how the RNN predicts text, 200 characters were synthesized every 500th iterations. Below you can observe the predicted text every 10000 steps throughout the training up until the fist 100000 steps, beginning with writing out the text just after 500 steps and 1000 steps so that you can see how badly it could build words in the beginning.

Current smooth loss: 86.4286

Text at step: 500

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Current smooth loss: 75.2454

Text at step: 1000

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Current smooth loss: 45.3403

Text at step: 10000

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Current smooth loss: 42.8697

Text at step: 20000

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Current smooth loss: 42.2604

Text at step: 30000

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Current smooth loss: 41.0739

Text at step: 40000

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Current smooth loss: 41.8505

Text at step: 50000

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Current smooth loss: 40.5995

Text at step: 60000

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Current smooth loss: 40.6328

Text at step: 70000

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Current smooth loss: 38.9638

Text at step: 80000

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Current smooth loss: 39.7245

Text at step: 90000

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Current smooth loss: 40.7586

Text at step: 100000

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We can see that with among other words, it found *Harry* several times and *Ron*, while *Dumbledor* turned up first at the 125000th step with this specific run. In conclusion we have a clear observation that the RNN is in fact learning and improving its synthesized text.

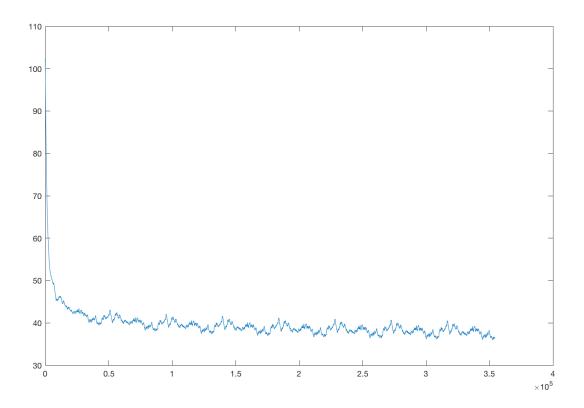


Figure 1: Visualization of the smoothed loss with eight epochs of training, with learning rate eta = 0.1 and $epsilon = 10^{-10}$. We can observe that the loss drops down to around 37 and 36 around the last steps of training.

Result With all Training Data

After training the RNN for eight epochs, this was one of the best syntheses 1000 characters it could output:

Smooth loss: 39.7124 Text at step: 350000

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Here we can observe quite a lot of correct words, among others where it found the name *Hermione* and not just Harry.

This shows and concludes that our RNN have learned quite a lot, and there is still room to play with the hyperparameters to improve the synthesized text. For exampled one can tweak the learning rate, epsilon and the size of the hidden state vector to improve results. However, the synthesize is worth noticing that it is quite random, and a lot of text and performance depends on the initial values and what initial parameters the RNN objects use and are updated with.

References

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