

# CS6700: REINFORCEMENT LEARNING PROJECT EVALUATION WORKSHEET

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## Problem 1

This problem aims to test your ability to understand and analyse literature. Write a brief summary and detailed critique on the paper, **Pixel RNN**(<https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.067595>)

## Problem 2

This problem attempts to gauge your ability to write code comfortably in tensorflow:

Consider a matrix  $\mathcal{A}$  as follows :

$$\mathcal{A} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} & . & . & . & . & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & x_{23} & . & . & . & . & x_{2n} \\ x_{31} & x_{32} & x_{33} & . & . & . & . & x_{3n} \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & x_{n3} & . & . & . & . & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

The matrix must be an input placeholder whose size( $n$ ) is not known beforehand. Design a tensorflow function that computes the below enlisted operations on the matrix. All operations must be in tensorflow (not using numpy manipulations). The following operations must be fit into a single function that returns the variable *finalVal*. You can setup separate code to test this function by calling

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SESS.RUN(FINALVAL, FEED_DICT={"MATRIX":MATRIXA})
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The operations are as follows:

- Transpose the elements in the bottom-right triangle of  $\mathcal{A}$
- Take the maximum value along the columns of  $\mathcal{A}$  to get a vector  $\vec{m}$  (i.e. for each column, pick a value that is the maximum among all rows)

- Consider  $\vec{m}$  to be of the form  $[m^1, m^2, \dots, m^n]$ . Create a new matrix  $B$  such that:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \overleftarrow{\text{softmax}(m[1:n])} \overrightarrow{\phantom{\text{softmax}(m[1:n])}} & & & & & & \\ \overleftarrow{\text{softmax}(m[1:n-1])} \overrightarrow{\phantom{\text{softmax}(m[1:n-1])}} & & & & & & 0 \\ \overleftarrow{\text{softmax}(m[1:n-2])} \overrightarrow{\phantom{\text{softmax}(m[1:n-2])}} & & & & & 0 & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \text{softmax}(m[1:1]) & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

For example, the following vector  $\vec{m} = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0]$ , produces the matrix

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.09003057 & 0.24472847 & 0.66524096 \\ 0.26894142 & 0.73105858 & 0.0 \\ 1.0 & 0.0 & 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Sum along the rows of  $B$  to obtain vector  $\vec{v}_1$  (along row for matrix  $B$  would be  $(0.90030 + 0.244 + 0.665)$ )
- Sum along the columns of  $B$  to get another vector  $\vec{v}_2$
- Concatenate the two vectors and take a softmax of this vector:  $\vec{v} = \text{softmax}(\text{concat}(\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2))$
- Get the index number in vector  $\vec{v}$  with maximum value
- Perform the following conditional computation
  - If the index number is greater than  $\frac{n}{3}$  store

$$\text{finalVal} = ||v_1 - \vec{v}_2||_2$$

- Otherwise, store:

$$\text{finalVal} = ||v_1 + \vec{v}_2||_2$$

- Return the variable *finalVal*

Figure on the next page presents a template which can also be accessed at:

<https://gist.github.com/rahul13ramesh/6732040a398bf3730f2ff3b2a977ea31>

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1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  import numpy as np
3  import tensorflow as tf
4
5
6  def customOps(n):
7      """
8      Define custom tensorflow operations
9      """
10     # Define placeholder
11     # perform tf operations listed in list
12     # Even if condition, matrix manipulations should be in Tensorflow
13     pass
14
15
16  if __name__ == '__main__':
17     mat = np.asarray([[0, 1],
18                       [1, 0]])
19     n = mat.shape[0]
20
21     finalVal = customOps(n)
22
23     init = tf.global_variables_initializer()
24     sess = tf.Session()
25     sess.run(init)
26     outVal = sess.run(finalVal, feed_dict={"matA": mat})
27     print(outVal)
28     sess.close()
29

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