

1 Correctness of analytical gradient

To verify that the analytical gradient was indeed correct, the analytically calculated gradient was compared against the numerically computed gradient, using the method

$$\text{alignment} = \frac{|g_a - g_b|}{\max(1e-6, |g_a| + |g_b|)} \quad (1)$$

as in the previous three assignments. The numerical gradient code was slightly modified to account for a modified return and function signature of ComputeCost/ForwardPass. The alignment between the numerical and analytical gradient was around $1e-8$ or $1e-9$ for all gradients, with $M = 100$ and $\sigma = 0.01$.

The alignment checks were performed using the 25 first letters in the Harry Potter sequence. After debugging the gradients for 1 week, and finding out that the fault was a mismatching function argument signature, I'm 100% certain that my gradients are bug free.

2 Smooth loss plot

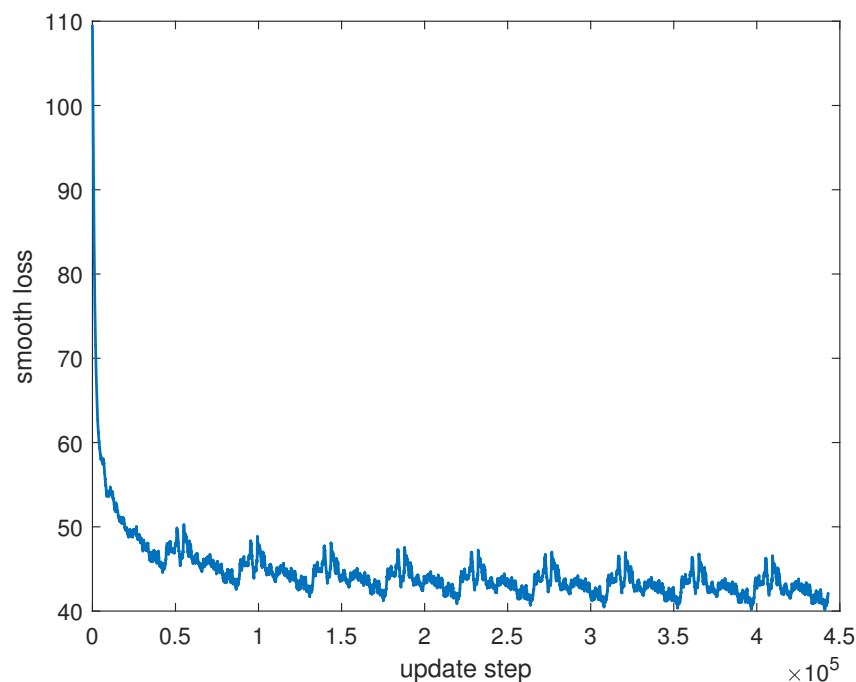


Figure 1: Smooth loss for training over 3 epochs

The plot looks as expected. The final loss after 10 epochs does match in terms of magnitude what was mentioned in the assignment instructions. The final loss around 40 makes sense. The sharp peaks of the loss seem to correspond to new epochs, ie when there's is no continuity in the text.

Worth mentioning is that I used RMSProp, and not AdaDelta for optimisation.

3 Evolution of text

Iter: 0, smooth loss: 109.557366

– Contains too many characters not renderable by latex, so I left it out. Its basically gibberish.

Iter: 10000, smooth loss: 53.812648

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Iter: 20000, smooth loss: 49.715973

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Iter: 30000, smooth loss: 47.855886

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Iter: 40000, smooth loss: 46.418298

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Iter: 50000, smooth loss: 47.941722

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Iter: 60000, smooth loss: 46.276545

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Iter: 70000, smooth loss: 46.279441

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Iter: 80000, smooth loss: 44.191383

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Iter: 90000, smooth loss: 45.171662

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Comment: wording does seem to get better over time, especially if compared to the randomly initialised values. You can see some Harry, and some other real words, so the RNN is clearly working.

Iter: 100000, smooth loss: 46.818953

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4 1000 length synthesized text

The following text of length 1000 was synthesized from a my RNN after training 10 epochs (440000 updates)

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Not completely readable, but it's quite obvious that the RNN learned a lot. We do see some Harry and normal words here and there. Kind of meets my expectations.