```
%matplotlib inline
```

Double-click (or enter) to edit

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')

☐→ Drive already mounted at /content/drive; to attempt to forcibly remount, call dr:
import os
os.chdir('/content/drive/My Drive/cs505/char_rnn_tutorial') #achange dir
!pwd

☐→ /content/drive/My Drive/cs505/char rnn tutorial
```

Classifying Names with a Character-Level RNN

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```

We will be building and training a basic character-level RNN to classify words. A character-level RNN outputting a prediction and "hidden state" at each step, feeding its previous hidden state into each ne the output, i.e. which class the word belongs to.

Specifically, we'll train on a few thousand surnames from 18 languages of origin, and predict which la spelling:

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```
$ python predict.py Hinton
(-0.47) Scottish
(-1.52) English
(-3.57) Irish

$ python predict.py Schmidhuber
(-0.19) German
(-2.48) Czech
(-2.68) Dutch
```

Recommended Reading:

I assume you have at least installed PyTorch, know Python, and understand Tensors:

- http://pytorch.org/ For installation instructions
- :doc:/beginner/deep learning 60min blitz to get started with PyTorch in general
- :doc:/beginner/pytorch_with_examples for a wide and deep overview

• :doc:/beginner/former_torchies_tutorial if you are former Lua Torch user

It would also be useful to know about RNNs and how they work:

- The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Recurrent Neural Networks http://karpathy.geffectiveness/ __ shows a bunch of real life examples
- Understanding LSTM Networks http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding but also informative about RNNs in general

Preparing the Data

.. Note:: Download the data from here https://download.pytorch.org/tutorial/data.zip_ ?

Included in the data/names directory are 18 text files named as "[Language].txt". Each file contains a mostly romanized (but we still need to convert from Unicode to ASCII).

We'll end up with a dictionary of lists of names per language, {language: [names ...]}. The general language and name in our case) are used for later extensibility.

```
from __future__ import unicode literals, print function, division
from io import open
import glob
import os
def findFiles(path): return glob.glob(path)
print(findFiles('data/cities train/*.txt'))
import unicodedata
import string
all letters = string.ascii letters + " .,; '"
n letters = len(all letters)
# Turn a Unicode string to plain ASCII, thanks to http://stackoverflow.com/a/518232/2
def unicodeToAscii(s):
    return ''.join(
        c for c in unicodedata.normalize('NFD', s)
        if unicodedata.category(c) != 'Mn'
        and c in all letters
    )
print(unicodeToAscii('Ślusàrski'))
# Build the category lines dictionary, a list of names per language
category lines = {}
val category lines = {}
all categories = []
val categories = []
```

```
# Read a file and split into lines
def readLines(filename):
    lines = open(filename, encoding="ISO-8859-1").read().split('\n')
    return [unicodeToAscii(line) for line in lines]

for filename in findFiles('data/cities_train/*.txt'):
    category = os.path.splitext(os.path.basename(filename))[0]
    all_categories.append(category)
    lines = readLines(filename)[:-1]
    category_lines[category] = lines

n_categories = len(all_categories)

for filename in findFiles('data/cities_val/*.txt'):
    category = os.path.splitext(os.path.basename(filename))[0]
    val_categories.append(category)
    lines = readLines(filename)[:-1]
    val_category_lines[category] = lines
```

['data/cities_train/cn.txt', 'data/cities_train/za.txt', 'data/cities_train/de.tx Slusarski

Now we have <code>category_lines</code>, a dictionary mapping each category (language) to a list of lines (nan <code>all_categories</code> (just a list of languages) and <code>n_categories</code> for later reference.

```
print(category_lines['cn'][-5:])
print(val_category_lines['cn'][-5:])

['cuizongzhuang', 'hetou', 'hulstai', 'shuanglazi', 'tebongori']
        ['xueguangzhang', 'ian', 'niujiaoxu', 'shuipo', 'daohugou']
```

Turning Names into Tensors

Now that we have all the names organized, we need to turn them into Tensors to make any use of the

To represent a single letter, we use a "one-hot vector" of size $<1 \times n_{\text{letters}}>$. A one-hot vector is f current letter, e.g. "b" = $<0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots>$.

To make a word we join a bunch of those into a 2D matrix <line length $x \ 1 \ x \ n$ letters>.

That extra 1 dimension is because PyTorch assumes everything is in batches - we're just using a batc

```
import torch
# Find letter index from all_letters, e.g. "a" = 0
def letterToIndex(letter):
```

```
return all letters.find(letter)
# Just for demonstration, turn a letter into a <1 x n_letters> Tensor
def letterToTensor(letter):
  tensor = torch.zeros(1, n_letters)
  tensor[0][letterToIndex(letter)] = 1
  return tensor
# Turn a line into a <line length x 1 x n letters>,
# or an array of one-hot letter vectors
def lineToTensor(line):
  tensor = torch.zeros(len(line), 1, n_letters)
  for li, letter in enumerate(line):
     tensor[li][0][letterToIndex(letter)] = 1
  return tensor
print(letterToTensor('J'))
print(lineToTensor('Jones').size())
  0., 0., 0.]])
   torch.Size([5, 1, 57])
```

Creating the Network

Before autograd, creating a recurrent neural network in Torch involved cloning the parameters of a lay hidden state and gradients which are now entirely handled by the graph itself. This means you can im regular feed-forward layers.

This RNN module (mostly copied from the PyTorch for Torch users tutorial http://pytorch.org/tutorials/beginner/former_torchies/ nn_tutorial.html#example-2-which operate on an input and hidden state, with a LogSoftmax layer after the output.

.. figure:: https://i.imgur.com/Z2xbyS0.png :alt:

```
import torch.nn as nn

class RNN(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
        super(RNN, self).__init__()

    self.hidden_size = hidden_size

    self.i2h = nn.Linear(input_size + hidden_size, hidden_size)
    self.i2o = nn.Linear(input_size + hidden_size, output_size)
    self.softmax = nn.LogSoftmax(dim=1)
```

```
def forward(self, input, hidden):
    combined = torch.cat((input, hidden), 1)
    hidden = self.i2h(combined)
    output = self.i2o(combined)
    output = self.softmax(output)
    return output, hidden

def initHidden(self):
    return torch.zeros(1, self.hidden_size)

n_hidden = 128
rnn = RNN(n_letters, n_hidden, n_categories)
```

To run a step of this network we need to pass an input (in our case, the Tensor for the current letter) a initialize as zeros at first). We'll get back the output (probability of each language) and a next hidden a

```
input = letterToTensor('A')
hidden =torch.zeros(1, n_hidden)

output, next_hidden = rnn(input, hidden)
print(output)

[> tensor([[-2.1730, -2.1819, -2.1385, -2.2335, -2.2882, -2.2238, -2.1204, -2.1685, -2.2598]], grad_fn=<LogSoftmaxBackward>)
```

For the sake of efficiency we don't want to be creating a new Tensor for every step, so we will use lil and use slices. This could be further optimized by pre-computing batches of Tensors.

```
input = lineToTensor('Albert')
hidden = torch.zeros(1, n_hidden)

output, next_hidden = rnn(input[0], hidden)
print(output)

[ tensor([[-2.1730, -2.1819, -2.1385, -2.2335, -2.2882, -2.2238, -2.1204, -2.1685, -2.2598]], grad fn=<LogSoftmaxBackward>)
```

As you can see the output is a <1 \times n_categories> Tensor, where every item is the likelihood of the

Training

Preparing for Training

Before going into training we should make a few helper functions. The first is to interpret the output of likelihood of each category. We can use Tensor. topk to get the index of the greatest value:

def categoryFromOutput(output):

```
top n, top i = output.topk(1)
    category_i = top_i[0].item()
    return all_categories[category_i], category_i
print(categoryFromOutput(output))
\Gamma \rightarrow ('pk', 6)
We will also want a quick way to get a training example (a name and its language):
import random
def randomChoice(1):
    return l[random.randint(0, len(1) - 1)]
def randomTrainingExample():
    category = randomChoice(all_categories)
    line = randomChoice(category lines[category])
    category tensor = torch.tensor([all_categories.index(category)], dtype=torch.long
    line tensor = lineToTensor(line)
    return category, line, category tensor, line tensor
def randomValidationExample():
    category = randomChoice(val categories)
    line = randomChoice(val category lines[category])
    val category tensor = torch.tensor([val categories.index(category)], dtype=torch.
    val line tensor = lineToTensor(line)
    return category, line, val_category_tensor, val_line_tensor
def shuffle arrs(a,b,c,d):
    combined = list(zip(a, b, c, d))
    random.shuffle(combined)
    a, b, c, d = zip(*combined)
    return a,b,c,d
def genData(category line hash, categories arr):
    x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor = [], [], [], []
    for y category in category line hash.keys():
        for x_line in category_line_hash[y_category]:
            y.append(y category)
            x.append(x line)
            y tensor.append(torch.tensor([categories arr.index(y category)], dtype=to
            x tensor.append(lineToTensor(x line))
    x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor = shuffle_arrs(x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor)
    return x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor
def TrainingData():
    return genData(category_lines, all categories)
```

```
π у − []
    \# x = []
    # for y_category in category_lines.keys():
          for x line in category lines[y category]:
              y.append(y_category)
              x.append(x_line)
              y_tensor.append(torch.tensor([val_categories.index(category)], dtype=to
              x_tensor.append(lineToTensor(x_line))
    # x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor = shuffle_arrs(x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor)
    # return x, y
def ValidationData():
    return genData(val_category_lines, val_categories)
    \# y = []
    \# x = []
    # y_tensor = []
    \# x_{tensor} = []
    # for y category in val_category lines.keys():
          for x_line in val_category_lines[y_category]:
              y.append(y_category)
              x.append(x_line)
              y_tensor.append(torch.tensor([val_categories.index(category)], dtype=to
              x_tensor.append(lineToTensor(x_line))
    # x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor = shuffle_arrs(x, y, x_tensor, y_tensor)
    # return x, y
print("=== Train ===")
x,y,x_tensor,y_tensor= TrainingData()
print(x[:5])
print(y[:5])
# print(x_tensor[:1])
# print(y tensor[:1])
print("=== Validation ===")
x,y,x_tensor,y_tensor = ValidationData()
print(x[:5])
print(y[:5])
# print(x_tensor[:1])
# print(y tensor[:1])
 [→ === Train ===
     ('iskatel', 'kleinneundorf', 'kolkhozabag', 'jhamrah', 'bodah')
     ('af', 'in', 'za', 'pk', 'af')
    === Validation ===
     ('counenguiou', 'zasun', 'bagzai', 'asolmah', 'klein muckrow')
     ('fr', 'za', 'pk', 'af', 'de')
```

Training the Network

Now all it takes to train this network is show it a bunch of examples, have it make guesses, and tell it For the loss function nn.NLLLoss is appropriate, since the last layer of the RNN is nn.LogSoftmax.

```
criterion = nn.NLLLoss()
```

Each loop of training will:

- · Create input and target tensors
- · Create a zeroed initial hidden state
- · Read each letter in and
 - Keep hidden state for next letter
- · Compare final output to target
- Back-propagate
- · Return the output and loss

```
learning rate = 0.0000001 # If you set this too high, it might explode. If too low, i
def train(category_tensor, line_tensor):
    hidden = rnn.initHidden()
    rnn.zero grad()
    # print("category tensor={}, line tensor.size()[0]={}".format(category tensor, li
    for i in range(line tensor.size()[0]):
        output, hidden = rnn(line tensor[i], hidden)
    loss = criterion(output, category tensor)
    loss.backward()
    # Add parameters' gradients to their values, multiplied by learning rate
    for p in rnn.parameters():
        p.data.add (-learning rate, p.grad.data)
    return output, loss.item()
# Just return an output given a line
def evaluate(line tensor, category tensor):
    hidden = rnn.initHidden()
    for i in range(line tensor.size()[0]):
        output, hidden = rnn(line tensor[i], hidden)
    loss = criterion(output, category tensor)
    return output, loss.item()
```

Now we just have to run that with a bunch of examples. Since the train function returns both the oualso keep track of loss for plotting. Since there are 1000s of examples we print only every print_eveloss.

```
import time
import math
print every = 1000 # total = 27000
plot every = 1000 # 5000
# Keep track of losses for plotting
current_loss = 0
val losses = 0.
train_losses_thru_time = []
val_losses_thru_time = []
def timeSince(since):
    now = time.time()
    s = now - since
    m = math.floor(s / 60)
    s = m * 60
    return '%dm %ds' % (m, s)
start = time.time()
print("learning rate = ", learning_rate)
x_train, y_train, x_train_tensor, y_train_tensor = TrainingData()
x val, y val, x val tensor, y val tensor = ValidationData()
x train len = len(x train)
x val len = 50 # len(x val)
print("x train len:", x train len, ", x val len:", x val len)
for i in range(x train len):
    # category, line, category tensor, line tensor = randomTrainingExample() # TODO:
    category = y train[i]
    line = x train[i]
    category_tensor = y_train_tensor[i]
    line tensor = x train tensor[i]
    output, loss = train(category_tensor, line_tensor)
    current loss += loss
    val loss per train data = 0
    # for j in range(x val len):
          val output, val loss = evaluate(x val tensor[j], y val tensor[j])
          val loss per train data += val loss
    for j in range(x_val_len):
```

```
_, _, val_category_tensor, val_line_tensor = randomValidationExample()
       val output, val loss = evaluate(val line tensor, val category tensor)
       val loss per train data += val loss
   val loss per train data ave = val loss per train data / x val len
   val losses += val loss per train data
   # Print iter number, loss, name and guess
   if i % print every == 0:
       print("iter = {}({:d}%) | time taken = {} | train_loss={:.4f}, val_loss(ave)=
   # Add current loss avg to list of losses
   if i % plot every == 0:
       train losses thru time.append(current loss / plot every)
       val_losses_thru_time.append(val_losses / plot_every)
       current loss = 0
       val_losses = 0
[→ learning rate = 1e-07
   x_train_len: 27000 , x_val_len: 50
   iter = 0(0\%) | time taken = 0m 3s | train loss=0.3913, val loss(ave)=3.5921
   iter = 1000(3%) | time taken = 0m 47s | train_loss=1.7946, val_loss(ave)=3.4254
   iter = 2000(7%) | time taken = 1m 32s | train_loss=0.7581, val_loss(ave)=4.0170
   iter = 3000(11%) | time taken = 2m 17s | train_loss=0.2292, val_loss(ave)=3.6259
   iter = 4000(14\%) | time taken = 3m 2s | train loss=0.3230, val loss(ave)=3.5923
   iter = 5000(18%) | time taken = 3m 47s | train_loss=2.6644, val_loss(ave)=3.7084
   iter = 6000(22%) | time taken = 4m 34s | train loss=1.7422, val loss(ave)=3.7212
   iter = 7000(25%) | time taken = 5m 20s | train loss=1.0505, val loss(ave)=4.0467
   iter = 8000(29%) | time taken = 6m 6s | train_loss=0.4823, val_loss(ave)=3.4930
   iter = 9000(33%) | time taken = 6m 51s | train loss=2.9472, val loss(ave)=3.4321
   iter = 10000(37%) | time taken = 7m 36s | train_loss=0.0516, val_loss(ave)=3.653!
   iter = 11000(40%) | time taken = 8m 22s | train loss=0.4980, val loss(ave)=3.861
   iter = 12000(44%) | time taken = 9m 6s | train loss=1.0509, val loss(ave)=3.3094
   iter = 13000(48%) | time taken = 9m 50s | train loss=2.0710, val loss(ave)=3.885
   iter = 14000(51%) | time taken = 10m 34s | train_loss=0.5896, val_loss(ave)=3.35'
   iter = 15000(55%) | time taken = 11m 18s | train loss=2.3454, val loss(ave)=3.534
   iter = 16000(59%) | time taken = 12m 2s | train loss=2.8094, val loss(ave)=3.725
   iter = 17000(62%) | time taken = 12m 46s | train loss=0.6826, val loss(ave)=3.582
   iter = 18000(66%) | time taken = 13m 30s | train_loss=1.4927, val_loss(ave)=3.952
   iter = 19000(70%) | time taken = 14m 15s | train loss=1.9477, val loss(ave)=3.280
   iter = 20000(74%) | time taken = 14m 59s | train_loss=0.3158, val_loss(ave)=3.850
   iter = 21000(77%) | time taken = 15m 43s | train loss=0.3577, val loss(ave)=3.84
   iter = 22000(81%) | time taken = 16m 27s | train loss=3.0432, val loss(ave)=3.762
   iter = 23000(85%) | time taken = 17m 12s | train loss=0.5262, val loss(ave)=3.576
   iter = 24000(88%) | time taken = 17m 56s | train loss=0.3575, val loss(ave)=3.633
   iter = 25000(92%) | time taken = 18m 40s | train loss=0.5615, val loss(ave)=3.80'
```

▼ Plotting the Results

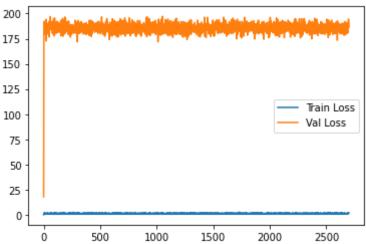
Plotting the historical loss from all losses shows the network learning:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

```
plt.figure()
train loss plot = plt plot(train losses thru time label='Train
```

```
train_loss_plot = plt.plot(train_losses_thru_time, label='Train Loss')
val_loss_plot = plt.plot(val_losses_thru_time, label="Val Loss")
plt.legend()
```

<matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7ff669b7dfd0>



Evaluating the Results

To see how well the network performs on different categories, we will create a confusion matrix, indice which language the network guesses (columns). To calculate the confusion matrix a bunch of sample evaluate(), which is the same as train() minus the backgrop.

```
# Keep track of correct guesses in a confusion matrix
confusion = torch.zeros(n categories, n categories)
confusion no norm = torch.zeros(n categories, n categories)
n confusion = 500 # 10000
# Go through a bunch of examples and record which are correctly guessed
for i in range(n confusion):
    category, line, category tensor, line tensor = randomTrainingExample()
    output, _ = evaluate(line_tensor, category_tensor)
    guess, guess_i = categoryFromOutput(output)
    category i = all categories.index(category)
    confusion[category i][guess i] += 1
    confusion_no_norm[category_i][guess_i] += 1
# Normalize by dividing every row by its sum
for i in range(n categories):
    confusion[i] = confusion[i] / confusion[i].sum()
# Set up plot
fig = plt.figure()
```

```
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
cax = ax.matshow(confusion.numpy())
fig.colorbar(cax)
# Set up axes
ax.set_xticklabels([''] + all_categories, rotation=90)
ax.set_yticklabels([''] + all_categories)
# Force label at every tick
ax.xaxis.set_major_locator(ticker.MultipleLocator(1))
ax.yaxis.set major locator(ticker.MultipleLocator(1))
# sphinx gallery_thumbnail_number = 2
plt.show()
С⇒
     m
                                        0.6
      za
     de
                                        0.5
      fr
      ir
                                        0.3
      fi
      pk
      in
                                        0.1
print("confusion matrix (no normalization)")
print(confusion no norm)
def get multi class accuracy(confusion):
  total = len(confusion)
  correct = 0
  for guess i in range(len(confusion)):
    correct += confusion[guess i][guess i]
  return correct / total
print("accuracy, multi-class = {}".format(get multi class accuracy(confusion no norm)
    confusion matrix (no normalization)
                     1., 1.,
                               0.,
                                     2.,
     tensor([[38.,
                                          3.,
                                               0.,
             [ 1., 38.,
                          4.,
                               4.,
                                     2.,
                                          0.,
                                               0.,
                                                          3.],
                     3., 42.,
                               7.,
                                     1.,
                                          1.,
                                                          1.],
                          7., 34.,
                                     4..
                                          5.,
                               4., 16.,
                                          5.,
                          5.,
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                     0.,
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                     2.,
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                     6.,
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                                     9.,
                                          5.,
                                               4.,
                                                     1., 18.]])
    accuracy, multi-class = 31.33333396911621
```

```
def get_pos_tp(target_i, confusion):
  pos = torch.sum(confusion[:, target i])
  tp = confusion[target_i][target_i]
  return pos, tp
def get multi class precision(confusion):
  1 1 1
  multi-class-precision = sum(all tp's across class) / sum(all pos' across class)
  pos = 0
  tp = 0
  for i in range(len(confusion)):
    target_pos, target_tp = get_pos_tp(i, confusion)
    pos += target pos
    tp += target_tp
  precision = tp / pos
  return precision
print("precision, multi-class = {}".format(get multi_class_precision(confusion_no_nor
    precision, multi-class = 0.5640000104904175
```

You can pick out bright spots off the main axis that show which languages it guesses incorrectly, e.g. Italian. It seems to do very well with Greek, and very poorly with English (perhaps because of overlap

▼ Running on User Input

```
# def predict(input line, n predictions=3):
      print('\n> %s' % input line)
      with torch.no grad():
#
          output = evaluate(lineToTensor(input line))
          # Get top N categories
          topv, topi = output.topk(n predictions, 1, True)
          predictions = []
#
          for i in range(n predictions):
              value = topv[0][i].item()
              category index = topi[0][i].item()
#
              print('(%.2f) %s' % (value, all categories[category index]))
              predictions.append([value, all categories[category index]])
# predict('Dovesky')
# predict('Jackson')
# predict('Satoshi')
```

The final versions of the scripts in the Practical PyTorch repo https://github.com/spro/prnn-classification __ split the above code into a few files:

- data.py (loads files)
- model.py (defines the RNN)
- train.py (runs training)
- predict.py (runs predict() with command line arguments)
- server.py (serve prediction as a JSON API with bottle.py)

Run train.py to train and save the network.

Run predict.py with a name to view predictions:

::

```
$ python predict.py Hazaki
(-0.42) Japanese
(-1.39) Polish
(-3.51) Czech
```

Run server.py and visit http://localhost:5533/Yourname to get JSON output of predictions.

Exercises

- Try with a different dataset of line -> category, for example:
 - Any word -> language
 - First name -> gender
 - Character name -> writer
 - Page title -> blog or subreddit
- Get better results with a bigger and/or better shaped network
 - Add more linear layers
 - Try the nn.LSTM and nn.GRU layers
 - o Combine multiple of these RNNs as a higher level network