LSTM research

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LSTM

- RNN with long and short term memory.

- Long term memory not possible in ordinary RNN's because of vanishing gradients.

- Long term memory is very important for runoff modelling, as some features take a long time to impact. Snow for example.

EA-LSTM

- Paper [2] introduces the EA-LSTM (Entity Aware), which is a modified version of the LSTM designed to better with this this problem.

- Beneficial for hydrological modelling because it is able to process information about the current catchment that it is modelling (?).

Usage of existing code

- Notebook tutorial for using LSTM used in paper [1] can be found at https://github.com/kratzert/pangeo_lstm_example

  - This repository includes a binder link for running the notebook in browser.
  - Notebook shows easy to understand examples of how to use Pytorch and how to load the CAMELS dataset.
  - Only the first experiment in the paper.

- Code for paper [2] can be found at https://github.com/kratzert/ealstm_regional_modeling

  - This github page contains links to datasets used as well as pre trained models.
  - Need stronger computer to recreate the models, but should hopefully be possible to use the pre trained models from laptop.
  - Runs fine on my home desktop.
  - All results in the paper and all relevant code is here, including pre-trained models and code for creating and training models yourself.

- Code for paper [3] can be found at https://github.com/kratzert/lstm_for_pub

  - Includes step-by-step guide on how to recreate results from article. (Including bash scripts for automation)
  - Need Matlab for a few plots, but unsure if this is important

- Spend most time on the first paper in the beginning, it is important to actually understand how an LSTM model works (not to mention RNNs in general!).

Purely data driven model

- A lot of code already exists

- First thing to try is to explicitly provide snow data (which is not done by papers cited in this document).

- Possibly unreliable as we have less physical intuition, but unsure if a hybrid model performs better.

- LSTM or EA-LSTM

- There is room for improvement in a basic manner as well, as the papers state that a proper hyperparameter search hasn't been performed. This is probably time consuming and boring, though.

Hybrid model

- Could be more intuitive, possibly also more reliable.

- Trained using Shyft in the training process. Using the output from Shyft as an input for instance.

- Probably more difficult to train.

- LSTM or EA-LSTM

Choice of model

- I think starting with a purely data driven model and then try introducing output from Shyft along with data not used by Shyft.

- Several configurations need to be tested.

- Before any of this I need to actually learn how to use Pytorch.

- Paper $lstm_third_paper suggests that physical constraints applied to the LSTM models could improve results. Hyb

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