# Al Jukebox

Testing Creativity in Al

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## **Business Case**



#### **Exploring the question: can AI be creative?**

Expands scope of artistic applications in the arts, both audio and visual

#### Audio analysis and implementation essential for:

- Digital assistants
- Speech to text

**Application of deep learning:** testing the boundaries of Al ability to positively impact the human experience

## Tools







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### Dataset



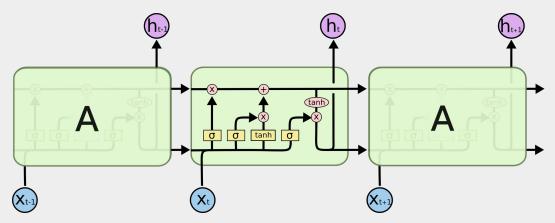
#### Midi files by genre

- Final Fantasy soundtrack:
  - 91 midi files, 51,177 notes and 358 unique notes
  - Successfully utilized in previous successful music generator models\*
- Celtic folk tunes:
  - o 338 midi files, 159,789 notes and 78 unique notes
  - Distinct, upbeat

### LSTM Network

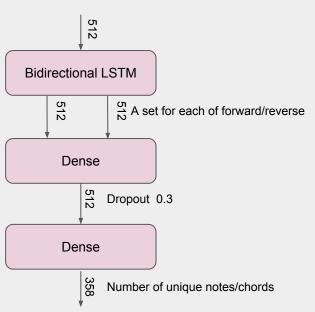


- Have "memory", allowing information to persist, including long-term dependencies
- At each timestep, previous state is passed in along with new input
- "Gate" functionality: input, cell/forget, output



### Architecture

#### **Bidirectional LSTM**

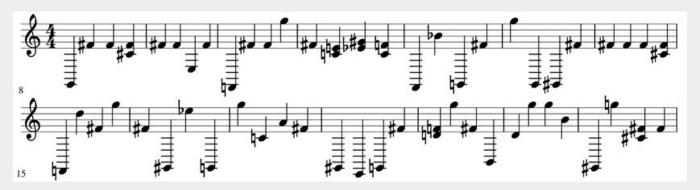


- 512 node input layer
- Dropout on dense layer only
- Learning rate 0.001
- Sequence length 200
- Notes generated 500

# Generated Notes



Output from the artificial neural network





### Results



#### As the model is generative, the best judges are us!

#### Looking for:

- Sensible recurring patterns, melodic
- Pleasing to the ear
- Model generates low loss on data, and validation loss on test set

#### To put into practice:

- Utilize deep learning and neural networks in interpreting audio data
- Generate new content which, perhaps, is removed from human environment
- Supplement artistic work with new rhythms, beats and patterns generated by AI

## Next Steps



#### **Continue to refine model performance.** Explore:

- Different datasets
- different architectures, such as variational autoencoders
- Different inputs, such as raw audio

#### Write model into flask app and implement online

• Input a set of midi files, output Al music!

## Thank You!

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# Appendix

# Lessons Learned



- Successfully implemented a functional AI music generator
- Tested the audio and generative capabilities of neural networks
- Utilized various audio format preprocessing



# Resources

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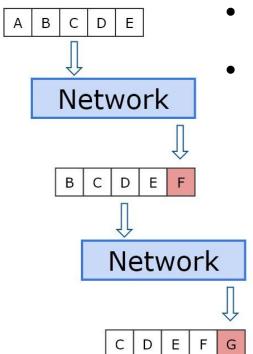
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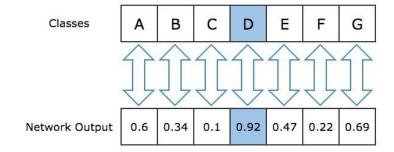




## Sequence Generation



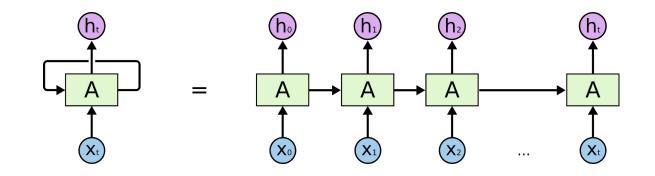
- Model generates each note/chord by looking at the previous 100 and taking the highest probability next note/chord
- This shifts the considered set by 1 each time







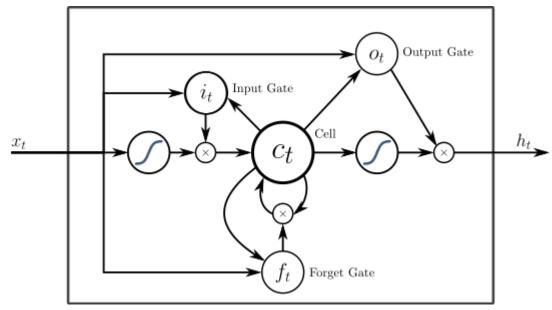
### Recurrent Network







# LSTM Diagram (2)







# Model (2)

#### In [5]: model.summary()

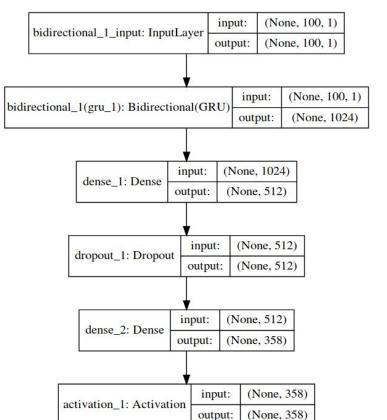
Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
bidirectional_1 (Bidirection	(None,	1024)	1579008
dense_1 (Dense)	(None,	512)	524800
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None,	512)	0
dense_2 (Dense)	(None,	358)	183654
activation_1 (Activation)	(None,	358)	0





# Model (3)

[note this is GRU]





# Model (4)

```
model = Sequential()
model.add(Bidirectional(LSTM(first_layer), input_shape=(timesteps, data_dim)))
model.add(Dense(first_layer))
model.add(Dropout(drop))
model.add(Dense(n_vocab)) # based on number of unique notes
model.add(Activation('softmax'))

rms = optimizers.RMSprop(lr=0.001, rho=0.9, epsilon=None, decay = 0.0)
model.compile(loss='categorical_crossentropy',optimizer=rms)
```





# Model (5)

