# **Neural Turing Machines**

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#### **Neural Turing Machines**

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Goal: "Solve intelligence"

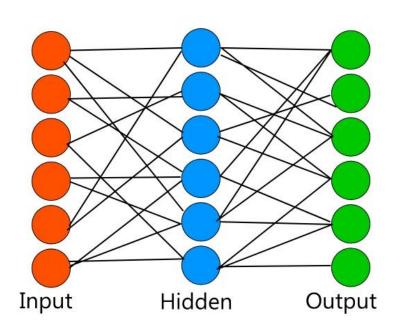
Price tag: \$400 million

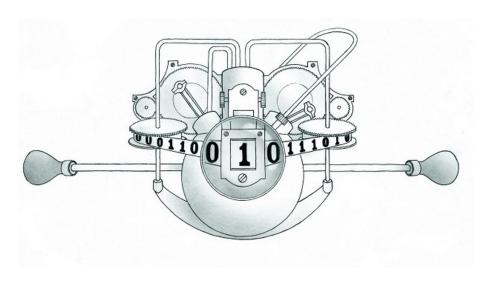
Google DeepMind, London, UK

#### Abstract

We extend the capabilities of neural networks by coupling them to external memory resources, which they can interact with by attentional processes. The combined system is analogous to a Turing Machine or Von Neumann architecture but is differentiable end-to-end, allowing it to be efficiently trained with gradient descent. Preliminary results demonstrate that *Neural Turing Machines* can infer simple algorithms such as copying, sorting, and associative recall from input and output examples.

### Building a Learning Machine





"Learning"
Input-Output mapping ~ rule

Formal model of solving a computational problem rules + memory

### **Turing machine**

What can be computed?



 Computability = instructions that lead to completion of task

# **Turing machine**



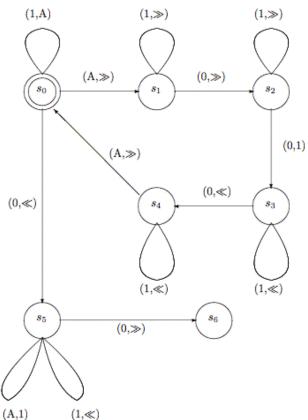


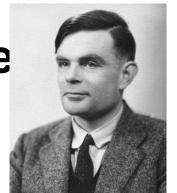
### **Turing machine**

- 1. Tape ("memory")
- 2. Read and write device ("head")
- 3. Keeps track of current state ("state register")
- 4. Instructions
  - a. "If machine in state and tape value is 0, go to state and move left 1 space"



# Turing machine - copy example





#### **Neural networks**

• 1950s - Perceptron

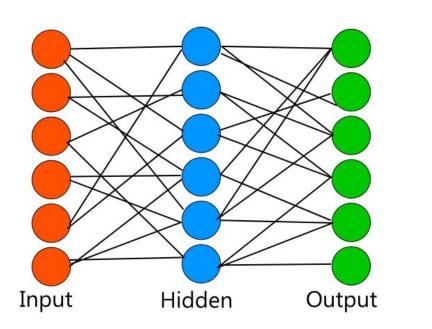
1969 - Proof that perceptron sucks! (Minsky)

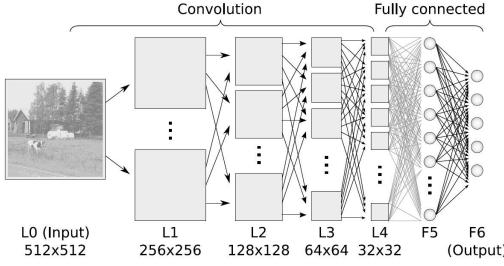
1980s - Backpropagation

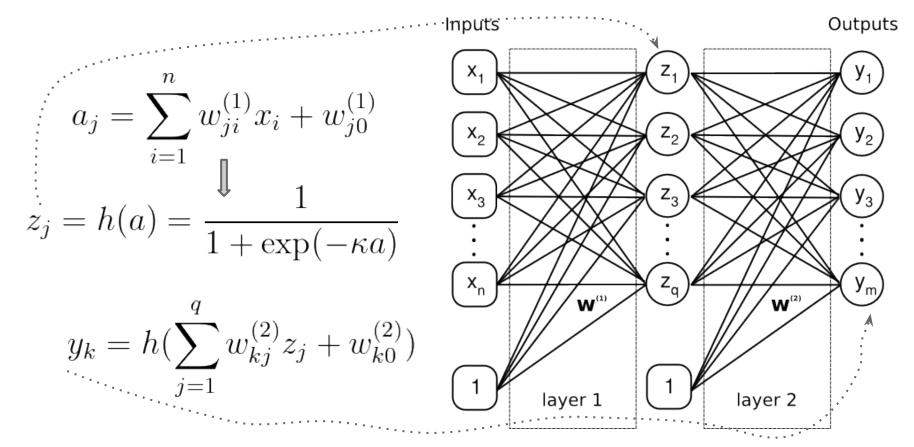
• 2000s-present - Fast computers, deep



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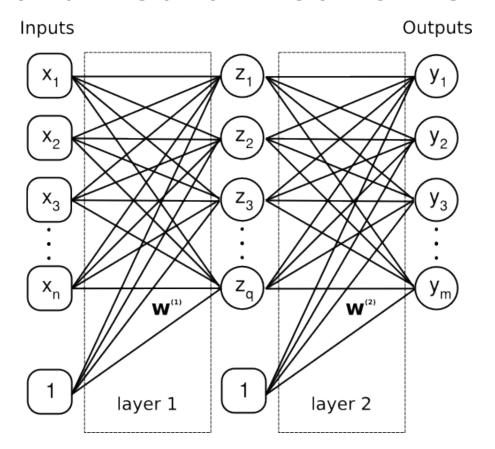






$$E(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ y(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) - t \right\}^2$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\tau+1)} = \mathbf{w}^{(\tau)} - \eta \nabla E(\mathbf{w}^{(\tau)})$$



#### Backpropagation

Wanted:  $\nabla E$  with respect to all weights; each  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial u}$ 

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{kj}^{(2)}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial y_k} \frac{\partial y_k}{\partial w_{kj}^{(2)}} = (y_k - t_k) z_j \equiv \delta_k z_j$$

For hidden layer -> output layer

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ji}^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_j} \frac{\partial a_j}{\partial w_{ji}^{(1)}} \equiv \delta_j x_i \qquad \delta_j \equiv \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_j} = \sum_k \frac{\partial E}{\partial a_k} \frac{\partial a_k}{\partial a_j} = h'(a_j) \sum_k w_{kj} \delta_k$$

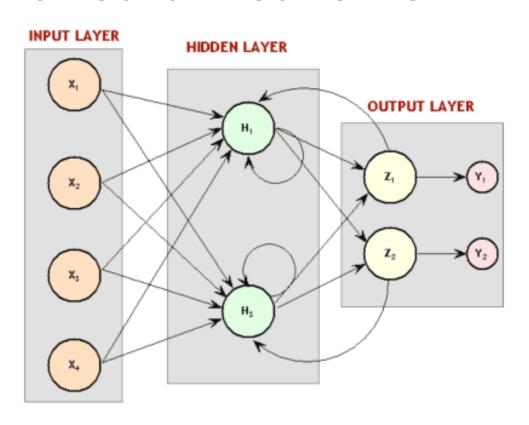
For input layer -> output layer

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#### Gradient descent

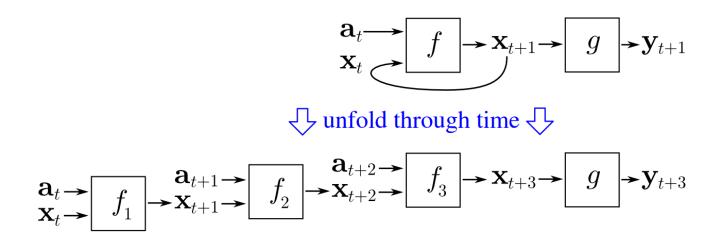
- Classic
- Conjugate gradient descent
- Stochastic gradient descent

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Backpropagation through time

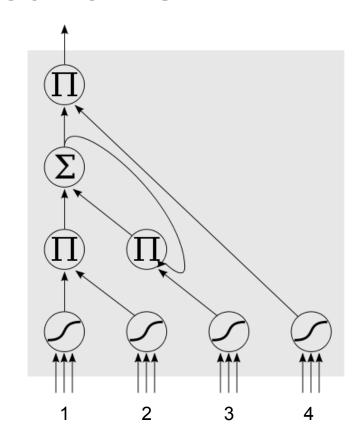


Problem: Vanishing/Exploding gradients!

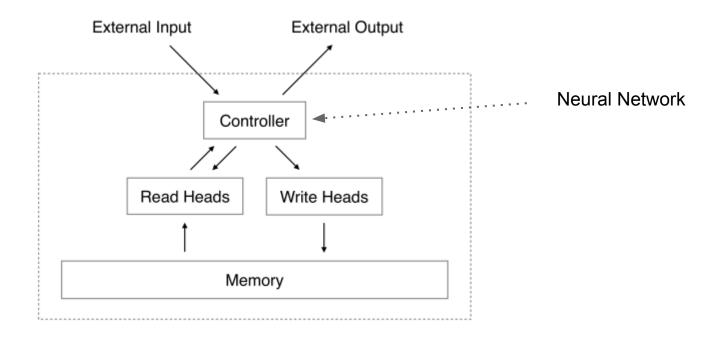
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Long Short-Term Memory

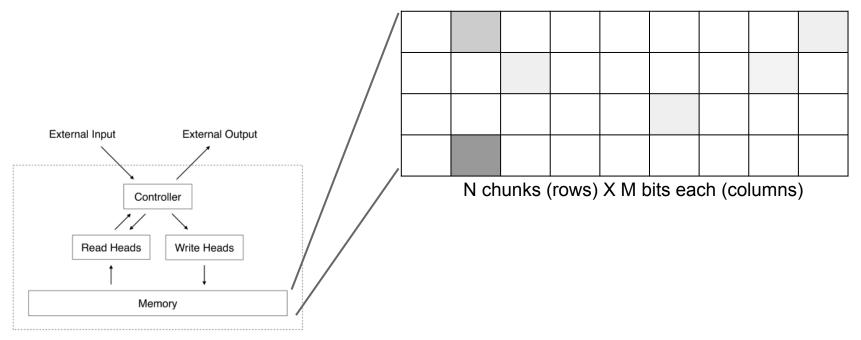
- 1. Input
- 2. Input gate
- 3. "Remember" gate
- 4. Output gate



### **Neural Turing Machines**



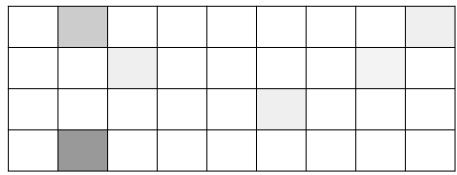
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Read from memory ("blurry")

$$\mathbf{r}_t \longleftarrow \sum_i w_t(i) \mathbf{M}_t(i),$$



N chunks (rows) X M bits each (columns)

Write to memory ("blurry")

$$\tilde{\mathbf{M}}_t(i) \longleftarrow \mathbf{M}_{t-1}(i) \left[ \mathbf{1} - w_t(i) \mathbf{e}_t \right]$$
  
 $\mathbf{M}_t(i) \longleftarrow \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_t(i) + w_t(i) \mathbf{a}_t$ 

### **Neural Turing Machines - memory**

Addressing by content (similarity)

$$w_t^c(i) \leftarrow \frac{\exp\left(\beta_t K[\mathbf{k}_t, \mathbf{M}_t(i)]\right)}{\sum_j \exp\left(\beta_t K[\mathbf{k}_t, \mathbf{M}_t(j)]\right)}$$

$$K[\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}] = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{||\mathbf{u}|| \cdot ||\mathbf{v}||}$$

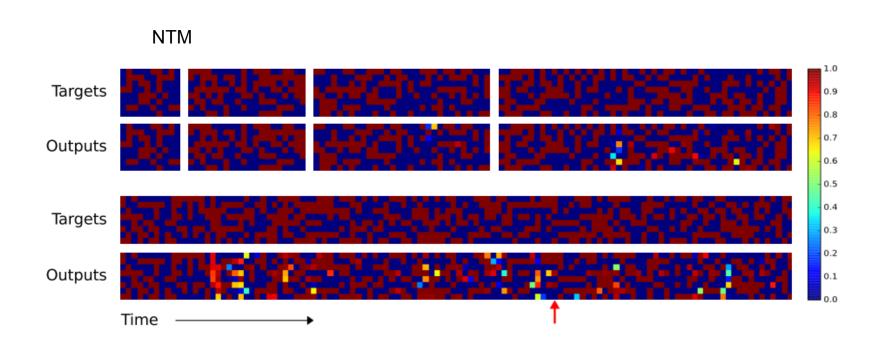
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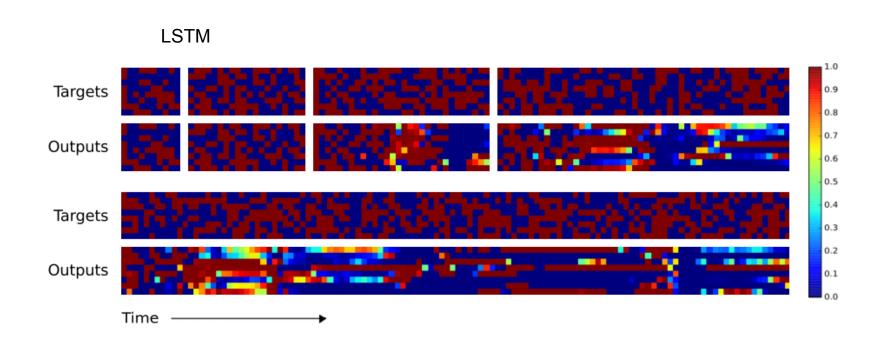
Addressing by location (shift)

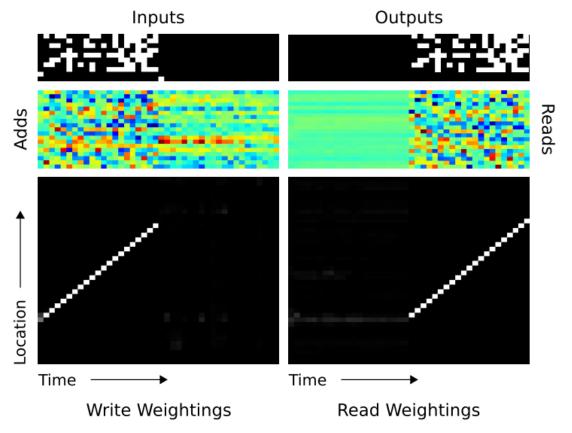
$$\tilde{w}_t(i) \longleftarrow \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} w_t^g(j) \, s_t(i-j) \qquad w_t(i) \longleftarrow \frac{\tilde{w}_t(i)^{\gamma_t}}{\sum_j \tilde{w}_t(j)^{\gamma_t}}$$

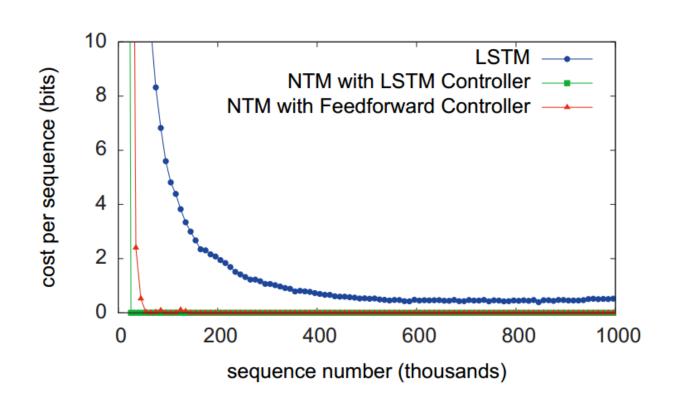
### Neural Turing Machines - examples

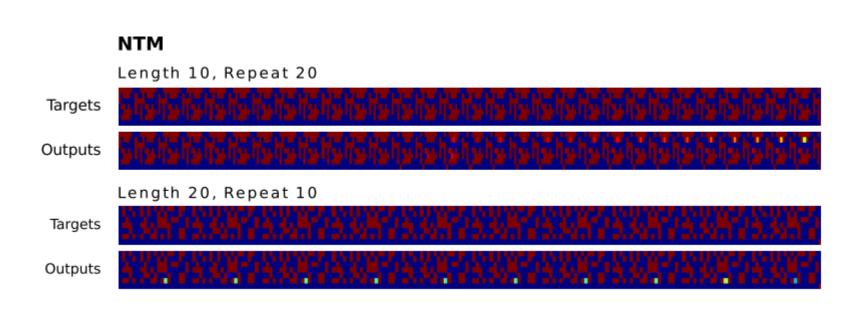
- NTM can learn to do basic things
  - Copy
  - Associative recall
  - N-gram lookup
  - Sorting
- Better than LSTM alone

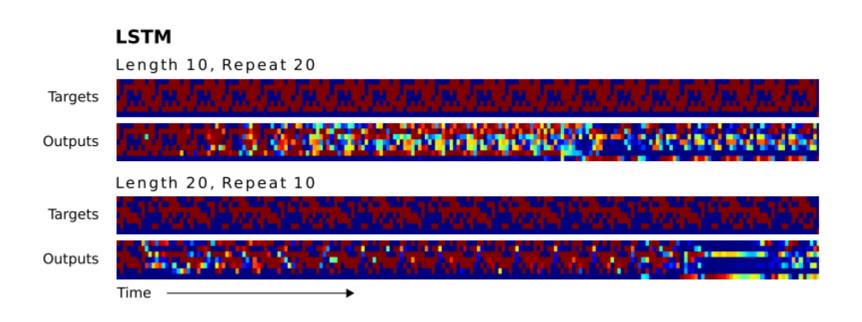


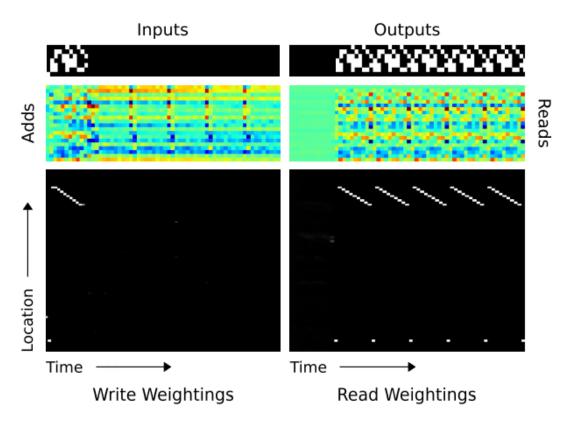




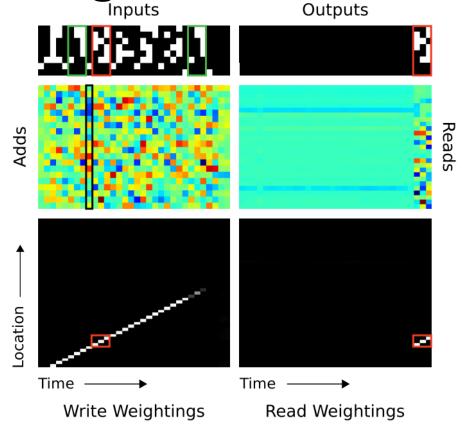




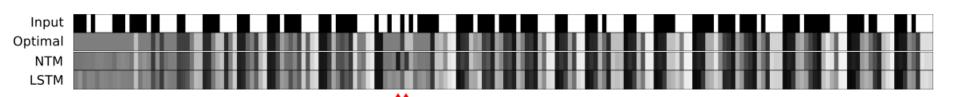




## Neural Turing Machines - ass. recall



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