

Understanding LSTM and GRU

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The next session will be organized as a discussion on LSTM and GRU networks, please read the suggested material. You don't have to hand anything in this week, but please be prepared to answer the questions below.

- **Reading:**

Foundation of the discussion session will be Chapter 10 of the Deep Learning Book (<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/contents/rnn.html>). If you do not want to read the whole chapter, you can focus on the following parts:

- Foundations: Beginning of Ch. 10 to Ch. 10.2.1 (inclusive)
- Long-term dependencies: Ch. 10.7
- Gated RNN's: Ch. 10.10

- **Tutorials:**

- LSTMs:
<http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/>
- GRUs:
<https://towardsdatascience.com/understanding-gru-networks-2ef37df6c9be/>

- **Questions:**

What are the most important building blocks? What are the main interactions? What are justifications and intuitions behind those choices? What is still unclear to you?