

RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORK IN NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

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- **Purpose:** Present a model that is appropriate for sequence generation and processing
- **Selected architecture:** Recurrent neural network and more precisely Long Short-Term memory network
- Shortcoming of RNN architecture
- Why LSTM?
- How does LSTM work?
- Improvements of LSTM over the years

NEURAL NETWORKS

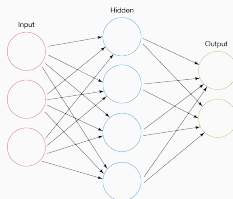


Figure 1: The representation of a simple Artificial Neural Network with one hidden layer. Image source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artificial_neural_network

$$output = \sigma\left(\sum_{n=1}^N (w_i * x_i + b_i)\right) \quad (1)$$

RECURRENT NETWORK

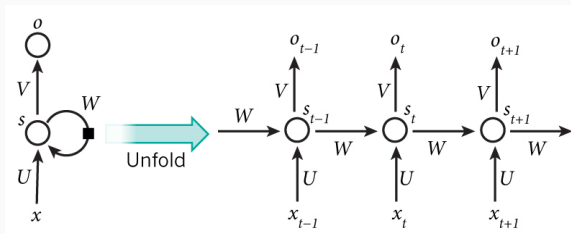


Figure 2: Recurrent Neural Network .

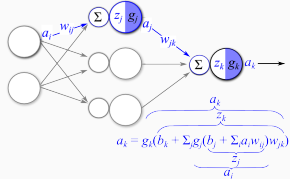
Image source: <https://magenta.tensorflow.org>

$$h_t = \sigma(W_{xh}x_t + W_{hh}h_{t-1} + b_h) \quad (2)$$

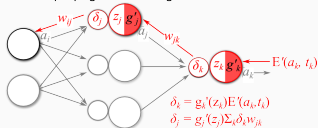
$$y_t = W_{hy}h_t + b_y \quad (3)$$

BACKPROPAGATION

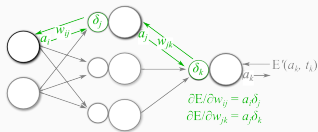
I. Forward-propagate Input Signal



II. Back-propagate Error Signals



III. Calculate Parameter Gradients



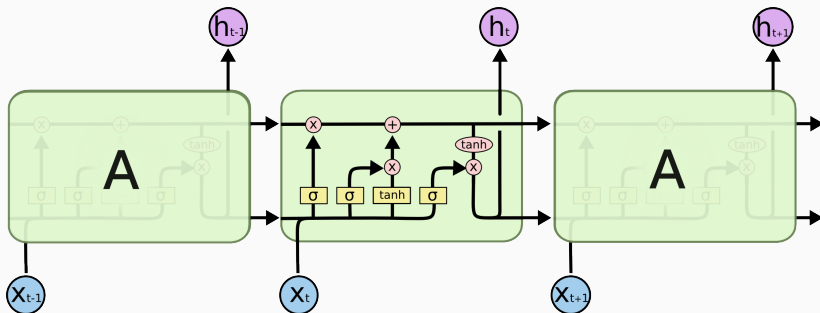
IV. Update Parameters

$$w_{ij} = w_{ij} - \eta (\partial E / \partial w_{ij})$$

$$w_{jk} = w_{jk} - \eta (\partial E / \partial w_{jk})$$

for learning rate η

LSTM



Neural Network
Layer



Pointwise
Operation



Vector
Transfer



Concatenate



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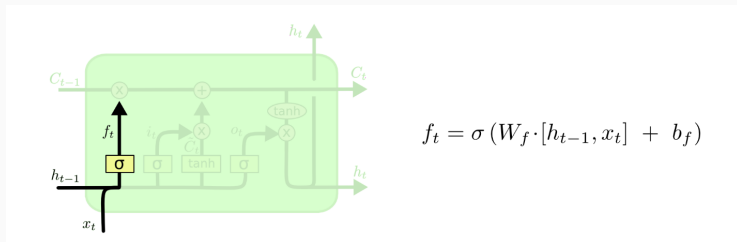


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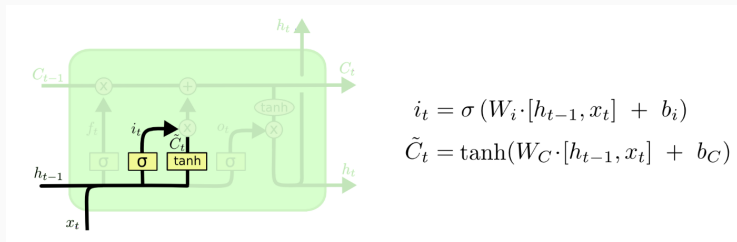


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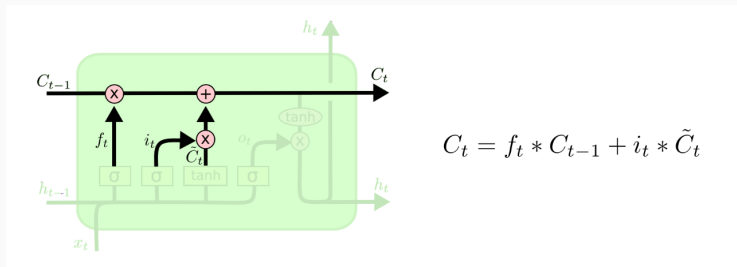


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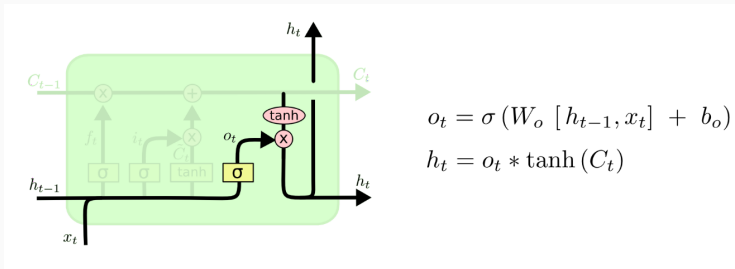


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VARIANTS OF LSTM

- The first variation of LSTM introduced in 1997 included only input and output gate with an internal state.
- LSTM was not able to reset its own internal state. To solve this the forget gate has been introduced.
- Later this model was expanded with peephole connections, connections from the cells to the gates, which can control the gates in order to make precise timings easier to learn.
- LSTM networks were improved further by replacing the mixture of Real Time Recurrent Learning and Backpropagation Through Time with full Backpropagation Through Time training.
- Generating new LSTM cells with evolutionary algorithms.
- Hybrid networks e.g. LSTM with Convolutional networks.

- Neural Machine translation
- Text summarization
- Speech to text
- Paraphrase generation

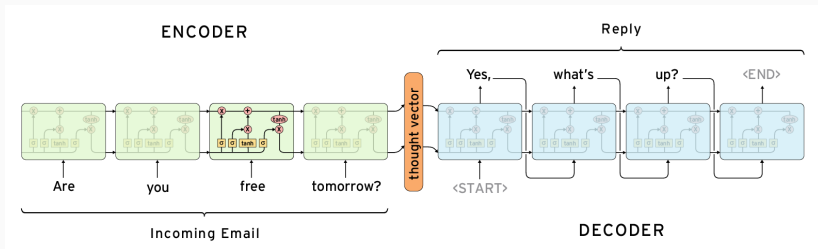


Figure 8: Image source:

<https://medium.com/botsupply/generative-model-chatbots/>

Greedy Decoder

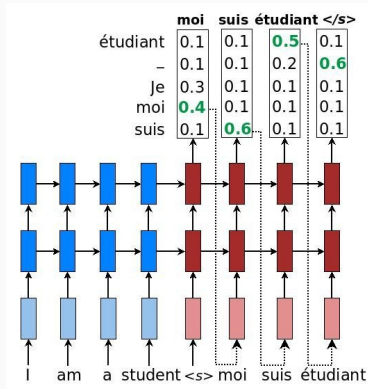


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ENCODER-DECODER (SEQUENCE TO SEQUENCE) MODEL

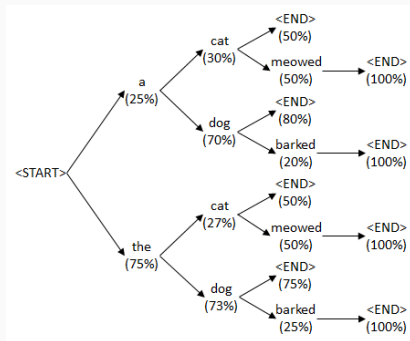


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<https://geekyisawesome.blogspot.com/2016/10/>

- Researchers have applied this model to English-French translation [Sutskever et al., 2014] in 2014
- Conclusions
 - LSTM sequence to sequence models are able to map even very long sentences to the translation language
 - Deep LSTMs can significantly outperform shallow LSTMs
 - Unoptimized model was able to produce state of the art results with relatively short training
 - State of the art result: 37 BLEU score
 - This model's result: 36.5
- Researchers improved this unoptimized version [Wu et al., 2016] in 2016 to use for Google's translation system

- Another application is shown in [Graves and Jaitly, 2014] done in 2014 for speech recognition system.
- Conclusions
 - Bi-Directional LSTMs are needed to exploit future context as well.
 - Connectionist Temporal Classification
 - Model that does not need data preprocessing.
 - Their best score on 81 hour dataset (Wall street journal) is 8.2 while the baseline was 7.8 (word error rate/character error rate)

- Sequence to sequence model was used for text summarization in [Nallapati et al., 2016] in 2016
- Conclusions
 - Encoder-Decoder model with a bi-directional GRU-RNN as the encoder and a uni-directional GRU-RNN.
 - Address the problem of rarewords
 - They have reached state of the art results.

- Paraphrasing, the act to express the same meaning in different possible ways.
- Paraphrase generation has been researched in [Prakash et al., 2016] in 2016.
- Conclusions
 - Encoder-Decoder model with deep LSTM networks.
 - They have reached state of the art results.

- Recurrent networks are ideal for sequence modeling.
- LSTM is an appropriate approach when long term dependencies have to be modeled.
- LSTMs are still popular research topics.
- LSTMs sometimes can be too complicated to train.
- The literature is still looking for simpler architectures to replace them e.g. 2D Convolutional networks.



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