

# Short report on lab assignment 4 bonus

## Recurrent neural network

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### 1. Introduction

The goal of this lab assignment 4 bonus is to train and test a recurrent neural network (RNN) to predict tweet from Donald Trump. The network applies cross-entropy loss function and using AdaGrad stochastic gradient descent.

For the pre-processing, I do a data cleaning for the by removing any unnecessary characters (Chinese, etc.), emojis, punctuation and the URL links.

The tool used for this assignment is primarily python 3.7.3, along with several packages including numpy 1.16.4, pandas 0.25.3, and matplotlib 3.1.0.

### 2. Results and discussion

#### 2.1. Varying the sequence length

I run the RNN model with three different sequence length: 10, 25, and 50. It is learned that the smaller the sequence length, the better the performance indicated by its smaller loss value. In the first running with sequence length 10, the loss value at 8800<sup>th</sup> iteration is 20.667. The next running with sequence length 25, the loss value at the same iteration is 51.439. And finally, the last running with sequence length 50, the loss value at the same iteration is 100.527. Below is the tweet synthesized by those three models:

Sequence length 10:

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Sequence length 50:

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#### 2.2. The smooth loss graphs

The RNN model with sequence length 10 was trained for 7 epochs with m=100 resulting in a smooth loss graph below:

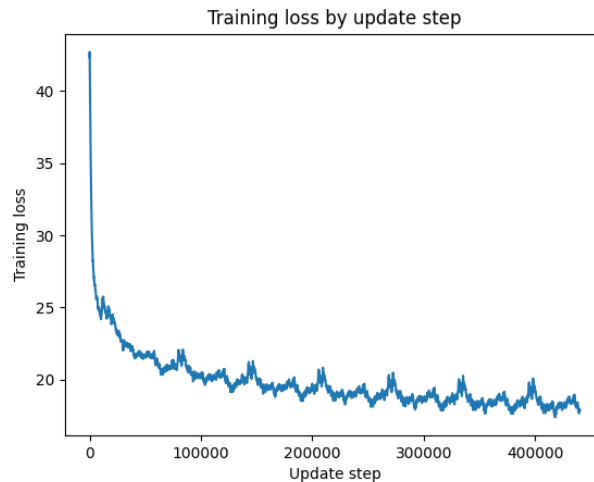


Figure 1. Cross-entropy loss as a function of the step size from the RNN model

### 2.3. The evolution of synthesized text by the model

Below is the evolution of the text resulted from the model for specific update steps:

Update step: 0 (smooth loss: 42.33710)

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## 2.4. Final synthesized text

The following tweet of 140 characters was obtained after around 440000 update steps and resulting loss ~ 17.85084:

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There appears typical Donald Trump's word such as "great" and "Courted" in the predicted text.

## 3. Final remarks

From this assignment, it was learned that applying an RNN model could be used for predicting the upcoming text given particular text input. After 7 epochs, my model could achieve a cross-entropy loss around 17.85 for the Donald Trump tweet case. Based on the experiment, the number of sequence length and hidden nodes (m) play critical roles in the predicted text and loss values.