# < Deep Learning - PART3 TF2 RNNs >

# **Ch 6. RNNs Workshop 5 - RNNs for Time Series Forecasting**

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## [Reference]:

TensorFlow Core - Tutorial, Time series forecasting
 <a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/structured\_data/time\_series">https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/structured\_data/time\_series</a>
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This tutorial is an introduction to time series forecasting using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). This is covered in two parts:

- first, you will forecast a univariate (單變量) time series,
- then you will forecast a multivariate (多變量) time series.

```
In [1]:

1  import tensorflow as tf
2  import matplotlib as mpl
4  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5  import numpy as np
6  import os
7  import pandas as pd
8  
9  mpl.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (8, 6)
10  mpl.rcParams['axes.grid'] = False
```

## The weather dataset

This tutorial uses a [weather time series dataset (https://www.bgc-jena.mpg.de/wetter/) recorded by the Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry (https://www.bgc-jena.mpg.de).

This dataset contains 14 different features such as air temperature, atmospheric pressure, and humidity. These were collected every 10 minutes, beginning in 2003. For efficiency, you will use only the data collected between 2009 and 2016. This section of the dataset was prepared by François Chollet for his book <u>Deep Learning with Python (https://www.manning.com/books/deeplearning-with-python)</u>.

```
In [2]:

1    zip_path = tf.keras.utils.get_file(
2         origin='https://storage.googleapis.com/tensorflow/tf-keras-datasets/jen
3         fname='jena_climate_2009_2016.csv.zip',
4         extract=True)
5    csv_path, _ = os.path.splitext(zip_path)
```

```
In [3]:

1 df = pd.read_csv(csv_path)
```

Let's take a glance at the data.

```
In [4]:

1 df.head()
```

#### Out[4]:

	Date Time	p (mbar)	T (degC)		Tdew (degC)		VPmax (mbar)	VPact (mbar)	VPdef (mbar)	و (g/k)
0	01.01.2009 00:10:00	996.52	-8.02	265.40	-8.90	93.3	3.33	3.11	0.22	1.9
1	01.01.2009 00:20:00	996.57	-8.41	265.01	-9.28	93.4	3.23	3.02	0.21	1.8
2	01.01.2009 00:30:00	996.53	-8.51	264.91	-9.31	93.9	3.21	3.01	0.20	1.8
3	01.01.2009 00:40:00	996.51	-8.31	265.12	-9.07	94.2	3.26	3.07	0.19	1.9
4	01.01.2009 00:50:00	996.51	-8.27	265.15	-9.04	94.1	3.27	3.08	0.19	1.9
4										•

As you can see above, an observation is recorded every 10 minutes. This means that, for a single hour, you will have 6 observations. Similarly, a single day will contain 144 (6x24) observations.

Given a specific time, let's say you want to predict the temperature 6 hours in the future. In order to make this prediction, you choose to use 5 days of observations. Thus, you would create a window containing the last 720(5x144) observations to train the model. Many such configurations are possible, making this dataset a good one to experiment with.

The function below returns the above described windows of time for the model to train on. The parameter history\_size is the size of the past window of information. The target\_size is how far in the future does the model need to learn to predict. The target\_size is the label that needs to be predicted.

```
M
In [5]:
 1 def univariate_data(dataset, start_index, end_index, history_size, target_s
 2
      data = []
      labels = []
 3
 4
 5
      start_index = start_index + history_size
 6
      if end_index is None:
 7
        end_index = len(dataset) - target_size
 8
      for i in range(start_index, end_index):
 9
10
        indices = range(i-history_size, i)
        # Reshape data from (history_size,) to (history_size, 1)
11
        data.append(np.reshape(dataset[indices], (history_size, 1)))
12
13
        labels.append(dataset[i+target_size])
      return np.array(data), np.array(labels)
14
```

In both the following tutorials, the first 300,000 rows of the data will be the training dataset, and there remaining will be the validation dataset. This amounts to ~2100 days worth of training data.

```
In [6]:

1 TRAIN_SPLIT = 300000
```

Setting seed to ensure reproducibility.

```
In [7]:

1 tf.random.set_seed(13)
```

# Part 1: Forecast a univariate time series

First, you will train a model using only a single feature (temperature), and use it to make predictions for that value in the future.

Let's first extract only the temperature from the dataset.

```
In [8]:

1  uni_data = df['T (degC)']
2  uni_data.index = df['Date Time']
3  uni_data.head()
```

#### Out[8]:

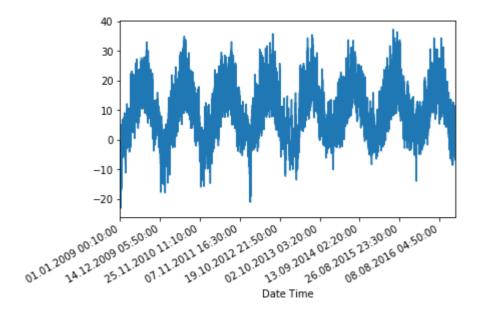
```
Date Time
01.01.2009 00:10:00 -8.02
01.01.2009 00:20:00 -8.41
01.01.2009 00:30:00 -8.51
01.01.2009 00:40:00 -8.31
01.01.2009 00:50:00 -8.27
Name: T (degC), dtype: float64
```

Let's observe how this data looks across time.

```
In [9]:

1 uni_data.plot(subplots=True)
```

#### Out[9]:



```
In [10]:

1 uni_data = uni_data.values
```

It is important to scale features before training a neural network. Standardization is a common way of doing this scaling by subtracting the mean and dividing by the standard deviation of each

feature. You could also use a tf.keras.utils.normalize method that rescales the values into a range of [0,1].

Note: The mean and standard deviation should only be computed using the training data.

```
In [11]:

1    uni_train_mean = uni_data[:TRAIN_SPLIT].mean()
2    uni_train_std = uni_data[:TRAIN_SPLIT].std()
```

Let's standardize the data.

```
In [12]:

1 uni_data = (uni_data-uni_train_mean)/uni_train_std
```

Let's now create the data for the univariate model. For part 1, the model will be given the last 20 recorded temperature observations, and needs to learn to predict the temperature at the next time step.

This is what the univariate\_data function returns.

```
In [14]:
                                                                               H
 1 print ('Single window of past history')
 2 print (x_train_uni[0])
 3 print ('\n Target temperature to predict')
 4 print (y_train_uni[0])
Single window of past history
[[-1.99766294]
 [-2.04281897]
 [-2.05439744]
 [-2.0312405]
 [-2.02660912]
 [-2.00113649]
 [-1.95134907]
 [-1.95134907]
 [-1.98492663]
 [-2.04513467]
 [-2.08334362]
 [-2.09723778]
 [-2.09376424]
 [-2.09144854]
 [-2.07176515]
 [-2.07176515]
 [-2.07639653]
 [-2.08913285]
 [-2.09260639]
 [-2.10418486]]
 Target temperature to predict
-2.1041848598100876
```

Now that the data has been created, let's take a look at a single example. The information given to the network is given in blue, and it must predict the value at the red cross.

```
In [15]:

1  def create_time_steps(length):
    return list(range(-length, 0))
```

In [16]:

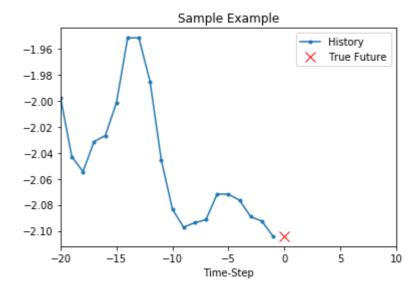
```
def show_plot(plot_data, delta, title):
      labels = ['History', 'True Future', 'Model Prediction']
 2
      marker = ['.-', 'rx', 'go']
 3
 4
      time_steps = create_time_steps(plot_data[0].shape[0])
 5
      if delta:
 6
        future = delta
 7
      else:
        future = 0
 8
 9
10
      plt.title(title)
      for i, x in enumerate(plot_data):
11
12
          plt.plot(future, plot_data[i], marker[i], markersize=10,
13
14
                   label=labels[i])
15
        else:
          plt.plot(time_steps, plot_data[i].flatten(), marker[i], label=labels[
16
17
      plt.legend()
      plt.xlim([time_steps[0], (future+5)*2])
18
      plt.xlabel('Time-Step')
19
20
      return plt
```

```
In [17]:
```

```
show_plot([x_train_uni[0], y_train_uni[0]], 0, 'Sample Example')
```

#### Out[17]:

<module 'matplotlib.pyplot' from 'C:\\Users\\appcl\\Anaconda3\\li
b\\site-packages\\matplotlib\\pyplot.py'>

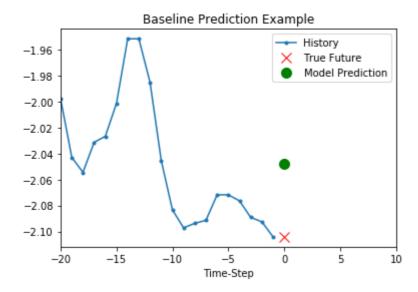


#### **Baseline**

Before proceeding to train a model, let's first set a simple baseline. Given an input point, the baseline method looks at all the history and predicts the next point to be the average of the last 20 observations.

#### Out[19]:

<module 'matplotlib.pyplot' from 'C:\\Users\\appcl\\Anaconda3\\li
b\\site-packages\\matplotlib\\pyplot.py'>



Let's see if you can beat this baseline using a recurrent neural network.

#### Recurrent neural network

A Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) is a type of neural network well-suited to time series data. RNNs process a time series step-by-step, maintaining an internal state summarizing the information they've seen so far. For more details, read the RNN tutorial (<a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/sequences/recurrent">https://www.tensorflow.org/tutorials/sequences/recurrent</a>). In this tutorial, you will use a specialized RNN layer called Long Short Term Memory (<a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r2.0/api docs/python/tf/keras/layers/LSTM">https://www.tensorflow.org/versions/r2.0/api docs/python/tf/keras/layers/LSTM</a>))

Let's now use tf.data to shuffle, batch, and cache the dataset.

In [20]:

```
BATCH_SIZE = 256
BUFFER_SIZE = 10000

train_univariate = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_train_uni, y_train train_univariate = train_univariate.cache().shuffle(BUFFER_SIZE).batch(BATC val_univariate = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_val_uni, y_val_uni)) val_univariate = val_univariate.batch(BATCH_SIZE).repeat()
```

The following visualisation should help you understand how the data is represented after batching.



You will see the LSTM requires the input shape of the data it is being given.

Let's make a sample prediction, to check the output of the model.

```
In [22]:

1   for x, y in val_univariate.take(1):
        print(simple_lstm_model.predict(x).shape)

(256, 1)
```

Let's train the model now. Due to the large size of the dataset, in the interest of saving time, each epoch will only run for 200 steps, instead of the complete training data as normally done.

In [23]:

```
Train for 200 steps, validate for 50 steps
Epoch 1/10
200/200 [========== - - 6s 29ms/step - loss:
0.4075 - val_loss: 0.1351
Epoch 2/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 3s 14ms/step - loss:
0.1118 - val_loss: 0.0359
Epoch 3/10
200/200 [========== ] - 3s 14ms/step - loss:
0.0489 - val_loss: 0.0290
Epoch 4/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 3s 15ms/step - loss:
0.0443 - val loss: 0.0258
Epoch 5/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 3s 14ms/step - loss:
0.0299 - val_loss: 0.0235
Epoch 6/10
200/200 [========== ] - 3s 15ms/step - loss:
0.0317 - val loss: 0.0224
Epoch 7/10
200/200 [============ - 3s 14ms/step - loss:
0.0286 - val_loss: 0.0207
Epoch 8/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 3s 14ms/step - loss:
0.0263 - val loss: 0.0197
Epoch 9/10
200/200 [========== ] - 3s 14ms/step - loss:
0.0253 - val_loss: 0.0181
Epoch 10/10
200/200 [========== ] - 3s 17ms/step - loss:
0.0227 - val_loss: 0.0174
```

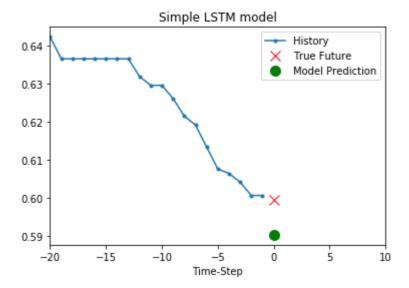
#### Out[23]:

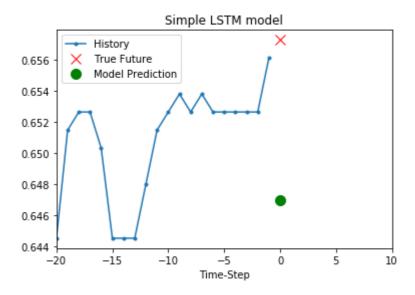
<tensorflow.python.keras.callbacks.History at 0x1f24fe51908>

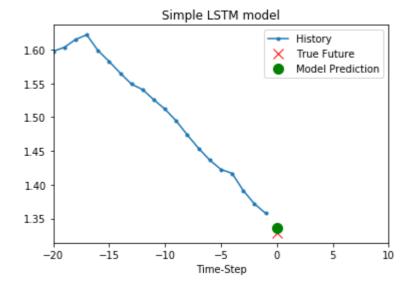
#### Predict using the simple LSTM model

Now that you have trained your simple LSTM, let's try and make a few predictions.

In [24]:







This looks better than the baseline. Now that you have seen the basics, let's move on to part two, where you will work with a multivariate time series.

# Part 2: Forecast a multivariate time series

The original dataset contains fourteen features. For simplicity, this section considers only three of the original fourteen. The features used are air temperature, atmospheric pressure, and air density.

To use more features, add their names to this list.

```
In [25]:

1 features_considered = ['p (mbar)', 'T (degC)', 'rho (g/m**3)']
```

### In [26]:

```
features = df[features_considered]
features.index = df['Date Time']
features.head()
```

#### Out[26]:

p (mbar) T (degC) rho (g/m\*\*3)

Date Time			
01.01.2009 00:10:00	996.52	-8.02	1307.75
01.01.2009 00:20:00	996.57	-8.41	1309.80
01.01.2009 00:30:00	996.53	-8.51	1310.24
01.01.2009 00:40:00	996.51	-8.31	1309.19
01.01.2009 00:50:00	996.51	-8.27	1309.00

Let's have a look at how each of these features vary across time.

In [27]: ▶

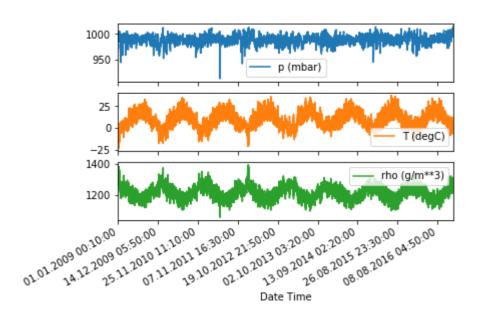
1 features.plot(subplots=True)

#### Out[27]:

array([<matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x000001F
268871CC8>,

<matplotlib.axes.\_subplots.AxesSubplot object at 0x000001F
268838B88>],

dtype=object)



As mentioned, the first step will be to standardize the dataset using the mean and standard deviation of the training data.

```
In [28]:

1  dataset = features.values
2  data_mean = dataset[:TRAIN_SPLIT].mean(axis=0)
3  data_std = dataset[:TRAIN_SPLIT].std(axis=0)

In [29]:

1  dataset = (dataset-data_mean)/data_std
```

# Single step model

In a single step setup, the model learns to predict a single point in the future based on some history provided.

The below function performs the same windowing task as below, however, here it samples the past observation based on the step size given.

```
In [30]:
                                                                               M
 1 def multivariate_data(dataset, target, start_index, end_index, history_size
 2
                           target_size, step, single_step=False):
      data = []
 3
      labels = []
 4
 5
 6
      start_index = start_index + history_size
 7
      if end_index is None:
 8
        end_index = len(dataset) - target_size
 9
10
      for i in range(start_index, end_index):
11
        indices = range(i-history_size, i, step)
        data.append(dataset[indices])
12
13
14
        if single_step:
          labels.append(target[i+target_size])
15
16
        else:
          labels.append(target[i:i+target_size])
17
18
19
      return np.array(data), np.array(labels)
```

In this tutorial, the network is shown data from the last five (5) days, i.e. 720 observations that are sampled every hour. The sampling is done every one hour since a drastic change is not expected within 60 minutes. Thus, 120 observation represent history of the last five days. For the single step prediction model, the label for a datapoint is the temperature 12 hours into the future. In order to create a label for this, the temperature after 72(12\*6) observations is used.

```
In [31]:
                                                                                M
    past history = 720
 2 | future_target = 72
 3 STEP = 6
 5
    x_train_single, y_train_single = multivariate_data(dataset, dataset[:, 1],
 6
                                                         TRAIN_SPLIT, past_histor
 7
                                                         future target, STEP,
 8
                                                         single_step=True)
    x_val_single, y_val_single = multivariate_data(dataset, dataset[:, 1],
 9
10
                                                     TRAIN_SPLIT, None, past_hist
11
                                                     future_target, STEP,
12
                                                     single_step=True)
Let's look at a single data-point.
In [32]:
                                                                                M
 1 print ('Single window of past history : {}'.format(x_train_single[0].shape)
Single window of past history : (120, 3)
In [33]:
                                                                                M
 1 | train_data_single = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_train_single, y_t
 2 train_data_single = train_data_single.cache().shuffle(BUFFER_SIZE).batch(BA
 4 val_data_single = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_val_single, y_val_s
   val_data_single = val_data_single.batch(BATCH_SIZE).repeat()
In [34]:
                                                                                M
 1 single_step_model = tf.keras.models.Sequential()
    single_step_model.add(tf.keras.layers.LSTM(32,
                                                 input_shape=x_train_single.shape
    single_step_model.add(tf.keras.layers.Dense(1))
 4
 5
    single_step_model.compile(optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.RMSprop(), loss='ma
Let's check out a sample prediction.
In [35]:
                                                                                H
 1 for x, y in val_data_single.take(1):
      print(single_step_model.predict(x).shape)
```

(256, 1)

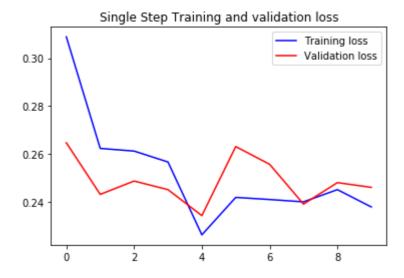
In [36]:

```
single_step_history = single_step_model.fit(train_data_single, epochs=EPOCH
steps_per_epoch=EVALUATION_INTE
validation_data=val_data_single
validation_steps=50)
```

```
Train for 200 steps, validate for 50 steps
Epoch 1/10
200/200 [========== ] - 56s 282ms/step - loss:
0.3090 - val_loss: 0.2647
Epoch 2/10
0.2623 - val_loss: 0.2431
Epoch 3/10
0.2612 - val_loss: 0.2487
Epoch 4/10
0.2566 - val_loss: 0.2451
Epoch 5/10
200/200 [============ - - 106s 529ms/step - los
s: 0.2262 - val_loss: 0.2342
Epoch 6/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 106s 530ms/step - los
s: 0.2416 - val_loss: 0.2631
Epoch 7/10
200/200 [============ - - 100s 498ms/step - los
s: 0.2410 - val_loss: 0.2557
Epoch 8/10
0.2400 - val_loss: 0.2390
Epoch 9/10
200/200 [========== - 91s 456ms/step - loss:
0.2451 - val_loss: 0.2480
Epoch 10/10
200/200 [========== ] - 90s 448ms/step - loss:
0.2378 - val_loss: 0.2460
```

In [37]: ▶

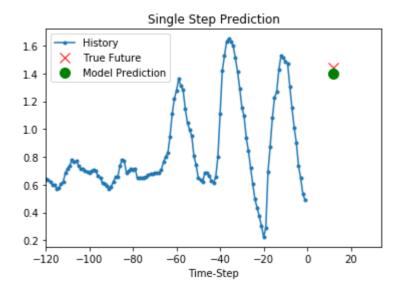
```
def plot train history(history, title):
 1
 2
      loss = history.history['loss']
     val_loss = history.history['val_loss']
 3
 4
 5
     epochs = range(len(loss))
 6
 7
     plt.figure()
 8
     plt.plot(epochs, loss, 'b', label='Training loss')
9
     plt.plot(epochs, val_loss, 'r', label='Validation loss')
10
      plt.title(title)
11
12
     plt.legend()
13
14
     plt.show()
```

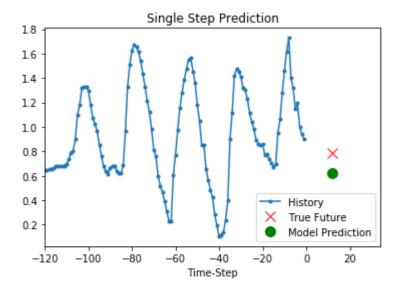


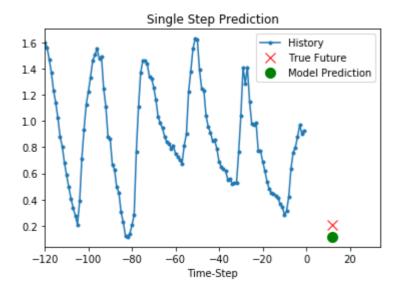
#### Predict a single step future

Now that the model is trained, let's make a few sample predictions. The model is given the history of three features over the past five days sampled every hour (120 data-points), since the goal is to predict the temperature, the plot only displays the past temperature. The prediction is made one day into the future (hence the gap between the history and prediction).

In [39]:







## Multi-Step model

In a multi-step prediction model, given a past history, the model needs to learn to predict a range of future values. Thus, unlike a single step model, where only a single future point is predicted, a multi-step model predict a sequence of the future.

For the multi-step model, the training data again consists of recordings over the past five days sampled every hour. However, here, the model needs to learn to predict the temperature for the next 12 hours. Since an obversation is taken every 10 minutes, the output is 72 predictions. For this task, the dataset needs to be prepared accordingly, thus the first step is just to create it again, but with a different target window.

Let's check out a sample data-point.

```
In [41]:

1  print ('Single window of past history : {}'.format(x_train_multi[0].shape))
2  print ('\n Target temperature to predict : {}'.format(y_train_multi[0].shap)

Single window of past history : (120, 3)

Target temperature to predict : (72,)

In [42]:

1  train_data_multi = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_train_multi, y_tra2 train_data_multi = train_data_multi.cache().shuffle(BUFFER_SIZE).batch(BATC)

3  val_data_multi = tf.data.Dataset.from_tensor_slices((x_val_multi, y_val_multi))
5  val_data_multi = val_data_multi.batch(BATCH_SIZE).repeat()
```

Plotting a sample data-point.

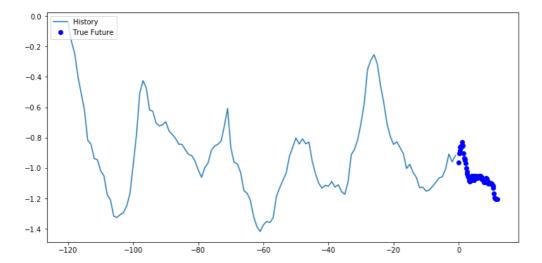
```
In [43]: ▶
```

```
def multi step plot(history, true future, prediction):
     plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
 2
     num_in = create_time_steps(len(history))
 3
 4
     num_out = len(true_future)
 5
 6
     plt.plot(num_in, np.array(history[:, 1]), label='History')
 7
     plt.plot(np.arange(num_out)/STEP, np.array(true_future), 'bo',
               label='True Future')
 8
9
     if prediction.any():
       plt.plot(np.arange(num_out)/STEP, np.array(prediction), 'ro',
10
                 label='Predicted Future')
11
12
     plt.legend(loc='upper left')
13
     plt.show()
```

In this plot and subsequent similar plots, the history and the future data are sampled every hour.

```
In [44]: ▶
```

```
for x, y in train_data_multi.take(1):
multi_step_plot(x[0], y[0], np.array([0]))
```



Since the task here is a bit more complicated than the previous task, the model now consists of two LSTM layers. Finally, since 72 predictions are made, the dense layer outputs 72 predictions.

```
In [45]: ▶
```

Let's see how the model predicts before it trains.

```
In [46]: ▶
```

```
for x, y in val_data_multi.take(1):
   print (multi_step_model.predict(x).shape)
```

(256, 72)

In [47]: ▶

```
Train for 200 steps, validate for 50 steps
Epoch 1/10
200/200 [=========== - - 173s 863ms/step - los
s: 0.4963 - val_loss: 0.3010
Epoch 2/10
200/200 [======== ] - 192s 962ms/step - los
s: 0.3479 - val_loss: 0.2837
Epoch 3/10
200/200 [============ - - 194s 971ms/step - los
s: 0.3348 - val loss: 0.2520
Epoch 4/10
200/200 [============= - - 122s 611ms/step - los
s: 0.2439 - val_loss: 0.2088
Epoch 5/10
200/200 [============ - - 116s 581ms/step - los
s: 0.1965 - val_loss: 0.2011
Epoch 6/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 119s 593ms/step - los
s: 0.2063 - val_loss: 0.2142
Epoch 7/10
200/200 [============ - - 113s 566ms/step - los
s: 0.1984 - val_loss: 0.2038
Epoch 8/10
200/200 [=========== ] - 130s 648ms/step - los
s: 0.1964 - val_loss: 0.1974
Epoch 9/10
s: 0.1979 - val_loss: 0.1907
Epoch 10/10
0.1900 - val_loss: 0.1837
```

In [48]: 
▶

1 plot\_train\_history(multi\_step\_history, 'Multi-Step Training and validation

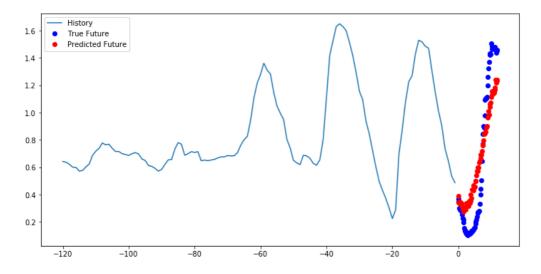


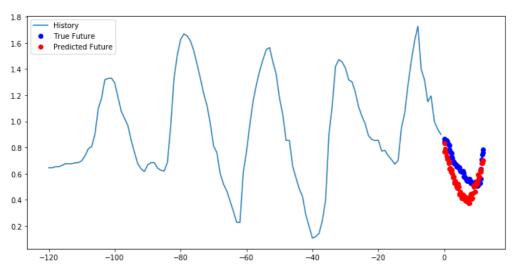
## Predict a multi-step future

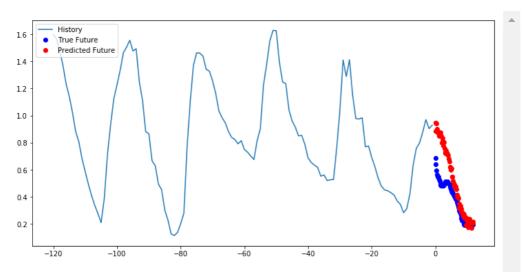
Let's now have a look at how well your network has learnt to predict the future.

In [49]: ▶

```
for x, y in val_data_multi.take(3):
multi_step_plot(x[0], y[0], multi_step_model.predict(x)[0])
```







# **Next steps**

This tutorial was a quick introduction to time series forecasting using an RNN. You may now try to predict the stock market and become a billionaire.

In addition, you may also write a generator to yield data (instead of the uni/multivariate\_data function), which would be more memory efficient. You may also check out this <a href="mailto:time.series">time.series</a> windowing (<a href="mailto:https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/data#time\_series\_windowing">https://www.tensorflow.org/guide/data#time\_series\_windowing</a>) guide and use it in this tutorial.

For further understanding, you may read Chapter 15 of <u>Hands-on Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn</u>, <u>Keras</u>, <u>and TensorFlow (https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/hands-on-machine-learning/9781492032632/)</u>, 2nd Edition and Chapter 6 of <u>Deep Learning with Python (https://www.manning.com/books/deep-learning-with-python)</u>.