

## 1 Introduction

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- Division of labour

James Wei did HMM, Frank Kou did RNN, both did additional goals and visualization.

## 2 Pre-Processing

First, we loaded the `shakespeare.txt` file and removed all the sonnet numberings. We converted the sonnets into a line of text so we can use our helper function `parse_observations` to generate our `obs` and `obs_map`. Now, depending on what we want, we tokenize the text differently. For example, if we wanted to do RNN with 40 character text seeds, we would tokenize our text to single characters while keeping all the punctuation. This way, it could predict letters, punctuations, and spaces. For creating sonnets with 10 syllables each line, we needed to pre-process the data by removing punctuation attached to a word. For example, if there was a word that had a colon attached to the end, we would remove the colon. This is because our syllable dictionary only contains words without the end punctuation. We also did not split hyphenated words because the syllable dictionary kept hyphenated words as one word. To process the `syllable.txt`, we made dictionary with the words as keys and the syllables as to what each key represents. Additionally for all processes, we made the text all lowercase. To create rhyming lines, we did more pre-processing which we will explain below in the additional goals.

Our final pre-processing depends on which method we want to implement. We tokenized our data into words or characters depending on our model. The needing of punctuation changed as we continued our project because we saw that some models needed them while others it wasn't as important. We also noted upon examination that two of the provided sonnets did not follow the rhyming and 14 line sequence of a regular sonnet so we decided not to incorporate them in our data or rhyming dictionary.

### 3 Unsupervised Learning

We used the Baum-Welch code from Set 6 for our unsupervised learning. We did not use any additional packages. First we used the HMM `parse_observations` to get our `obs` and `obs_map`. We used `unsupervised_HMM` to generate our unsupervised learning model and then created sample sonnets by printing 14 `sample_sentence` sentences. Clearly, these sonnets are not going to be the best because they do not rhyme nor have exactly 10 syllables each. We created `sample_sentences` with 8 words each sentence hoping to get an average of 10 syllables. We found that the sonnets generated from HMM of 6 or 10 hidden layers produced the most coherent sonnets. The following is a sonnet produced by a HMM with 10 hidden layers:

```
10
Better mountain my not kiss should crooked doth...
As thee abysm more and of song sing...
East write by strongly that presence grows tell...
Precious leaped i feeds my of darkness is...
Makes him love inward on have self richly...
Things it dumb lest society doth be stand...
Since and straight me of i blind i...
Look which of i i star and with...
Be frame self lovegod of on effect self...
I supposed little thy impart with nor charge...
Intelligence and years full what his his conquest...
Love brand green within making let thee how...
Space pictures my wiry me all the and...
In it pilgrimage learn for black spent grown...
```

All these sonnets can be found in `Unsupervised.ipynb`.

## 4 Poetry Generation, Part 1: Hidden Markov Models

To generate a 14-line sonnet with 10 syllables in each line, we had to have a syllable dictionary, so we preprocessed `syllable.txt` into a dictionary with keys as the lowercase words. We also had to create a new method called `sample_sonnet_line` in order to generate lines of 10 syllable each. In this method, we basically had the same algorithm as `sample_sentence`, but in the `generate_sonnet_emission`, we also had a syllable dictionary passed in (which was constructed in our pre-processing). Before we add an emission, we had to check for our syllable count which we updated after each append. We stopped when we had 10 syllables. Next, we generated sample sonnets from a HMM model with 2 to 18 hidden layers (the sonnets are displayed in `Naive.HMM.ipynb`). We see that the sonnets from HMM models of 6 or 10 hidden layers are the most coherent. The following are examples of 6 and 10 hidden layers respectively.

6

When the one use shall tops heats took to bear  
In make doing mayst victors thee deep on  
The to style self self now what hope foul it  
And faster self love should born golden the  
Leese if whereto more that your when or do  
More thy to me and me strengths longer breathes  
Leaves yet presence thy thy mine forth thus lest  
Slept as of so the tomb pride take and thou  
Bad this sensual doth of and but matter  
Whilst for bareness and a to in bring or  
Monarchs whereto your my thee eyes sums knows  
Loving my have my on besmeared watch black  
Matter no herald rest as selfloving  
This dost stands place knows do if as from eye

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By had break the in and measure with from  
Clouds the my passed winter heart newfangled  
Wish of not upon hast outlive painting  
Love soul that thought the my suborned beauties  
Love faults which love infection shouldst and wild  
Prove appetite his this an his make world  
That leisure not to me they he to to  
O wanting heart send wail thou that be who  
Therefore not that the to rhyme less flatter  
Alters pen with compass am fed guilty  
Thy such being at trust this heart much have a  
Pace hope thou in thus the time blood and my  
For the showst your what of an a as own  
In when but to love hungry in an write

We see that the quality of these sonnets are not bad. The rhyme is very bad because we have not implemented it yet (we will do so in additional goals). The rhythm is pretty good although we do not have iambic pentameter yet. The syllable count is good. Every line has exactly 10 syllables. The poems kind of make sense because the words all come from Shakespeare sonnets and the words are pretty similar. They do retain Shakespeare's voice because it has the old English and the word choice that Shakespeare would make. We see that as the number of hidden layers go up, the quality of the poems become better. However, there is a limit to the number of hidden layers because it becomes more costly in computational time and the sonnets become way too complex and sophisticated. We found that 6 to 10 hidden layers was ideal. For all our good qualities, HMM was able to capture it because first of all, we only trained on Shakespeare words and could only output Shakespeare words. Additionally our HMM works by using a transition and observation matrix. We generate the next state by randomly choosing a state from the corresponding row of the current state in the transition matrix based on its respective transitioning probabilities. With the next state, the process repeats. Therefore, the HMM was able to capture the good qualities by learning how Shakespeare writes and seeing what words would be more likely to come after certain number of seed words. Therefore, we can get a relatively good sonnet that has Shakespeare's words and voice in it.

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We then created our RNN model using Sequential. We added an Embedding layer, and then a single LSTM layer with 100 units. We also used a Dense layer with activation 'softmax' as well as a Lambda layer so we could control our temperature. We used loss='categorical\_crossentropy', optimizer='adam' for our model. The code can be found in RNN.ipynb. To generate our results, we used a seed as "shall i compare thee to a summer's day?" and processed the line so our model can input it. Each time the model takes a 40 character input and outputs a single character which we add onto our seed text. Therefore, we have to update our input so we input the 40 more recent characters.

We fine-tuned the number of LSTM units in the LSTM layer as well as the number of dimensions in the Embeddings layer. We found that 100 LSTM units and 100 Embedding dimensions were the optimal results although it seems like the sonnet quality did not change that much. We see that the poems that we generated have 40 characters per line. It does not have rythm or rhyme. Since it is predicting a single character at a time, some of the sequences of characters do not even form words. Many of the sequences look like random 'words'. Even if the sequence is a word, it is not a word that Shakespeare would use. This makes the sonnets not have Shakespeare's voice. The LSTM does not learn sentence structure and sonnet structure well. The LSTM poem quality is a lot worse than the HMM poem quality. The runtime is longer than the runtime of HMM but there are more training examples because we sepearate the data into characters. The following are sonnets generated from temperatures of 1.5, 0.75 and 0.25 respectively:

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st dest teive, what the tworsss, know no  
rour our even so be, that thy giglly or  
n with forwoll cour thou coor rece orn:  
bettilt that thy his whend them mone. ho  
lovedt men so m exvelle cemrinetiegt th  
e plbont, the mouttegeque is having i sw

temp: 0.75

shall i compare thee to a summer's day?

where cunt it bet' for her chording wou  
ld my deruge all the wast is vaty, for s  
hall sinl hearkelle, ar whee stef to a e  
vewary ard wast, when i sweet ommery who  
u is havks pleasur, whe clest with my de  
ars, whe chost self when in my gerarke m  
y defbllest prosty stettisge of the fors  
s o he thand fromblins prominds tainst t  
hat it tnou shall. som sheet't wheef the  
e thee thee in my gubligs trate of yow,  
and with the ay at you thy swill nes pre  
ce is hagk's pleasure my love, the ind t  
ray allowy and will for me touch afory m  
y glan brang was pipe, age tesss-tolt se

temp: 0.25

shall i compare thee to a summer's day?

vere. glood as now least lover's cremme'  
s a play, bigiliss andowing this mony, s  
efe there abwales wand thou made, aguf f  
oo low, to were ind i mance every by pui  
ghts, the cont's rebpont hos, migione as  
as fime. when that for sich of hing: o  
thou a tane care, which hast thou the th  
at worthlest to to glen blook all sim, y  
et whe this offor's rrespec of lose, wan  
d i casceason o a shaing: and worneny on  
mow. thought the thous ast and thy fart  
ine and that wa post still by mast, you  
on o toug tells asseast by make to ceart  
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We can see that as the temperature increases, the variance goes up. the sonnet generated from temp 0.25 has the more number of words and appears to be the most coherent. The sonnet generated from temp 1.5 has the fewest number of real words and appears to look more like random characters jumbled together.



## 6 Additional Goals

### Rhyme

The first problem we wanted to address was introducing rhymes into the sonnet. Shakespeare's sonnets have a rhyming sequence and we wanted ours to have the same. We saw that his sonnets have a rhyming sequence of ABAB CDCD EFEF GG. Therefore, first in pre-processing, we gathered a dictionary of the rhymes. We did this by looking at the last word of each line in the sonnets and adding its corresponding rhyme in the dictionary. Then when creating rhyme lines with the method `sample_rhyme_line`, we first seed the two lines with words that rhyme and then work backwards to generate the line. We thought this would work because it would produce rhyming lines with 10 syllables. Our method did make our sonnet more like a sonnet because it has the rhyming patterns. One tradeoff could be that the ending of the lines (our seed word) has to be words that rhyme in our dataset. This could limit the number of unique possible lines which would reduce creativity.

One example sonnet produced is:

```
Sweet and thy dost foot my doth words time tribes
Best so forbear is condemned are days
Enlarged thine forgot exchequer subscribes
Posterity heart when beauty decays
Sake see store my have that will some repair
I tendered long love to self shall confined
Wind no false shore me of they love for fair
Thy jewel this can of knows have is kind
The canker lend belongs in no sweetness
How shall sufficed drops not disabled
Scythe lend leaves this might it see all meetness
Me flower breed bending methinks strumpeted
Wind self was what in did gives you thy hems
The feed the this closet let reason gems
```

### Generating other poetic forms

In this case, we were trying to generate other poetic forms such as Haikus, Petrarchan sonnets, and limmericks. We went about this by using our methods that we made and using it to create functions that generated the poem. For example, for Haiku, we needed 3 lines that had the 5, 7, 5 syllable pattern. Haikus rarely rhyme, so we used the `sample_sonnet_line`. For Petrarchan sonnets, we did the same thing except create rhyming patterns following Petrarchan sonnet format. We did the same with limmericks. We see that all our poems generated have Shakespeare's voice and words and some of them are pretty good!

The following are sample poems:

Haiku:

```
Spring own lies do thee
Despite sweet that blot by and
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But summers more me

Petrarchan:

I selfs thy since greet endured true you there  
Is with music detain and are sweet care  
Than my shall gently and cannot my rare  
Her my look the steepup when proud in where  
That the therefore love than which now forbear  
Open beauty knowledge is if of are  
The and their no you do bold thus thou rare  
The why him the were my and everywhere

The confess by that did it the any  
Purest paid where stamp be cherish make tomb  
Fools you of no after how doing come  
Hate it from victors weigh pity best life  
For may so being unlooked thou a a many  
Pricked vanished you misuse thou by be wife

Limmerick:

Each all as called be calls reason  
My flies that live the may treason  
Lose so unearred pluck  
Would spheres all age luck  
Laid back a love both a treason

## Improving RNN

One main problem with our original RNN model was that it predicted single characters at a time. This was not practical because we want sonnets of real words. Therefore, we improved our RNN model by training on words. We basically did the same thing as our original RNN model but tokenized on words instead. We got a vocab size of 4290 which is a bit large but it is better than training on characters. We used the same seed text "shall i compare thee to a summer's day?" which is 8 words long so we decided that our inputs would be 8 words long. Other than that, our model was almost the same. We see that qualitatively, our sonnets are much better. They have real words and almost satisfy the 10 syllable lines. We also see that quantitatively, the improved RNN gave us better accuracy. We also see that it has a lot more parameters in the model. It has 952790 params compared to the 98138 params in the old RNN model. This could lead to the risk of overfitting, but in this assignment, we were told to not worry about overfitting.

One example sonnet:

shall i compare thee to a summer's day?

or than thee and despise, worst desire saying

odours immortal his to and of of of  
love i she self as as as they  
away lest own now own now what or  
should or life, date, map too day give:  
purpose sun, vulgar sight, she than then to  
they you for heart showers unused black, rich  
tongue black, heart heart for men's tendered store.  
flesh) process simple been pen are thee, love  
love eye, twire process only longer only main  
took services write perjured, blame, suited, blame, servant's  
star pen) corrupt power any immortal eye, unkindness  
nothing annexed dead, dead, o their dream receiv'st  
dear even rhyme, me, from your eyes' fever

## **7 Visualization and Interpretation**