

Purpose of this notebook

This notebook is meant to serve as a *quick referenc* of key concepts/notations from the Intro course.

Notation

To ensure that everyone is up to speed on notation, let's review

- [the notation \(ML_Notation.ipynb\)](#) that we used in the "Classical Machine Learning" part of the intro course.
- [additional notation \(Intro_to_Neural_Networks.ipynb\)](#) used in the "Deep Learning" part of the intro course

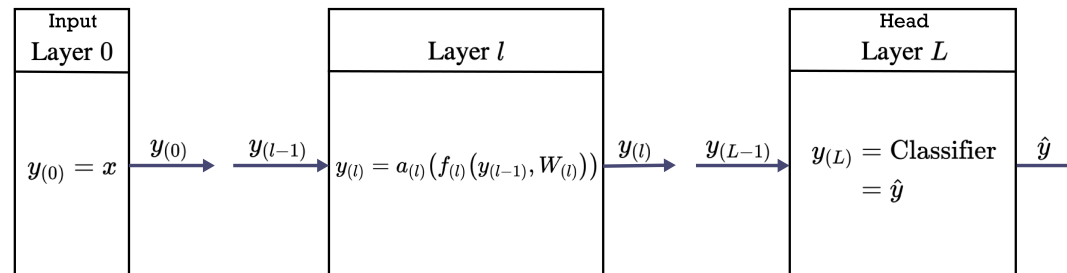
Representations

A path through a Neural Network can be viewed as a sequence of representation transformations

- transforming *raw features* $\mathbf{y}_{(0)} = \mathbf{x}$
- into *synthetic features* $\mathbf{y}_{(l)}$
 - varying with layer $1 \leq l \leq (L - 1)$
- of increasing abstraction

Thus, the output anywhere along the path is an *alternate representation* of the input

Path through a Neural Network



Shallow features are less abstract: "syntax", "surface"

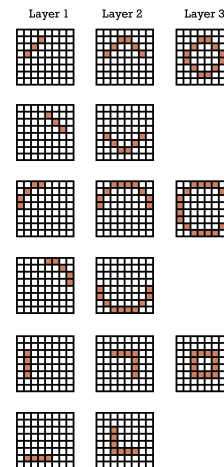
Deeper features are more abstract: "semantics", "concepts"

- We may even interpret the features as "pattern matching" regions or concepts in the raw feature space.

For example, in a CNN

- shallow features are primitive shapes
- deeper features seem to recognize combinations of shallower features

Input features detected by layer



Saliency Maps and Corresponding Patches
Single Layer 5 Feature Map
On 9 Maximally Activating Input images



Layer 5 ? Feature Map (Row 11, col 1).

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In the simple architectures of the Intro course, we mostly ignored the intermediate representations

$$\mathbf{y}_{(l)} : 1 \leq l \leq (L - 1)$$

The layers were referred to as "hidden" for a reason !

We will discover uses for intermediate representations and show how to build a "feature extractor" to obtain them from a given architecture.

Recurrent Neural Networks

With a sequence $\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$ as input, and a sequence \mathbf{y} as a potential output, the questions arises:

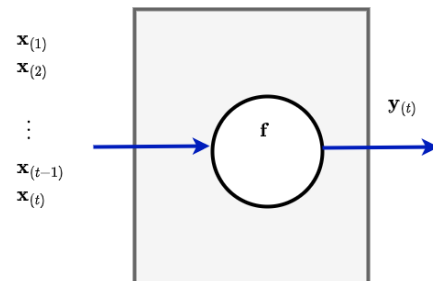
- How does an RNN produce $\mathbf{y}_{(t)}$, the t^{th} output?

Some choices

- Predict $\mathbf{y}_{(t)}$ as a direct function of the prefix of \mathbf{x} of length t :

$$p(\mathbf{y}_{(t)} | \mathbf{x}_{(1)} \dots \mathbf{x}_{(t)})$$

Direct function



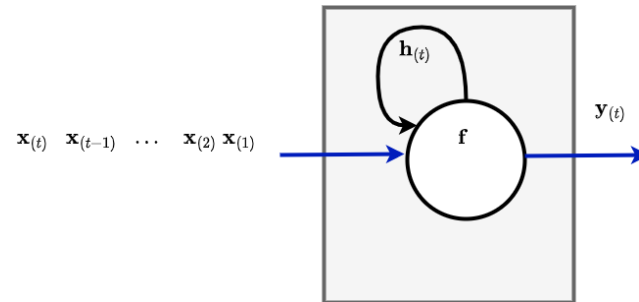
- Loop

- Uses a "latent state" that is updated with each element of the sequence, then predict the output

$p(\mathbf{h}_{(t)}|\mathbf{x}_{(t)}, \mathbf{h}_{(t-1)})$ latent variable $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ encodes $[\mathbf{x}_{(1)} \dots \mathbf{x}_{(t)}]$

$p(\mathbf{y}_{(t)}|\mathbf{h}_{(t)})$ prediction contingent on latent variable

Loop with latent state



Latent state

The *latent state* $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ is a kind of memory that acts as a *summary* of the prefix of sequence \mathbf{x} through time step t :

$$\mathbf{h}_{(t)} = \text{summary}(\mathbf{x}_{([1:t])})$$

Note that $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ is a *vector* of fixed length.

Thus, it is a *fixed length* representation of the key aspects of a sequence \mathbf{x} of potentially *unbounded* length.

Example

Let's use an RNN to compute the sum of a sequence numbers

- the latent state $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ can be maintained as

$$\mathbf{h}_{(t)} = \text{summary}(\mathbf{x}_{([1:t])}) = \sum_{t'=1}^t \mathbf{x}_{(t')}$$

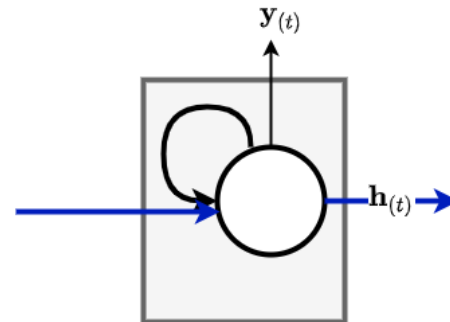
- by updating $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ in the loop

$$\mathbf{h}_{(t)} = \mathbf{h}_{(t-1)} + \mathbf{x}_{(t)}$$

Let's make this concrete with an example: a sequence of words

RNN

Machine Learning is easy not hard



$\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ is a **fixed length** vector that "summarizes" the prefix of sequence \mathbf{x} up to element t .

The sequence is processed element by element, so order matters.

$$\mathbf{h}_{(0)} = \text{summary}([\text{Machine}])$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{(1)} = \text{summary}([\text{Machine}, \text{Learning}])$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{(t)} = \text{summary}([\mathbf{x}_{(0)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{(t)}])$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{(5)} = \text{summary}([\text{Machine}, \text{Learning}, \text{is}, \text{easy}, \text{not}, \text{hard}])$$

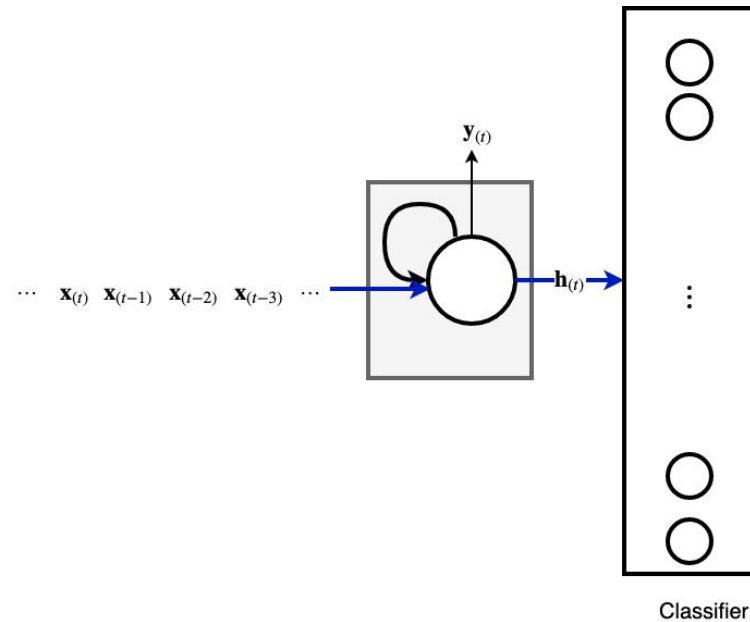
The importance of $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ being *fixed length*

- can be used as input to other types of Neural Network layers
- which *don't* process sequences.

A typical example is a model for text classification (sentiment)

- Using an RNN to create a fixed length encoding of a variable length sequence
- A Head Layer that is a Binary Classifier

RNN Many to one; followed by classifier



Output $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t)}$ of an RNN

According to our pseudo-code and diagram

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t)} = \mathbf{h}_{(t)}$$

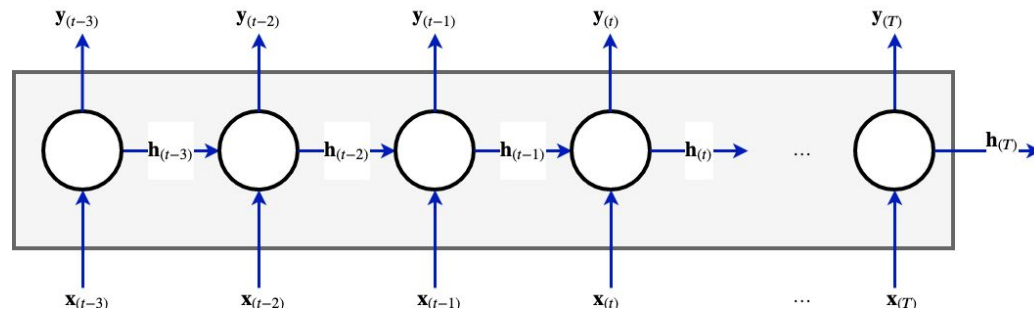
That is: the output is the same as the latent state.

It is easy to add another NN to transform $\mathbf{h}_{(t)}$ into a $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t)}$ that is different

- we will omit this additional layer for clarity

Unrolled RNN diagram

RNN many to many API



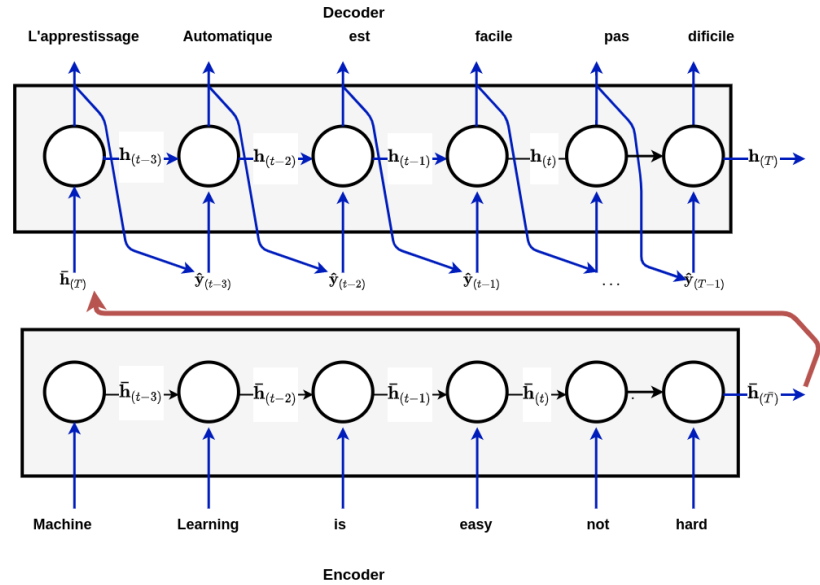
Encoder-Decoder architecture; Auto-regressive

A very common architecture pairs two RNN's

- an Encoder, which summarizes the input sequence $\mathbf{x}_{([1:\bar{T}])}$ via final latent state $\bar{\mathbf{h}}_{(\bar{T})}$
- a Decoder, which takes the input summary $\bar{\mathbf{h}}_{(\bar{T})}$ and outputs sequence $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{([1:T])}$

It is used for *Sequence to Sequence* tasks where both the input and output are sequences.

Encoder-Decoder for language translation

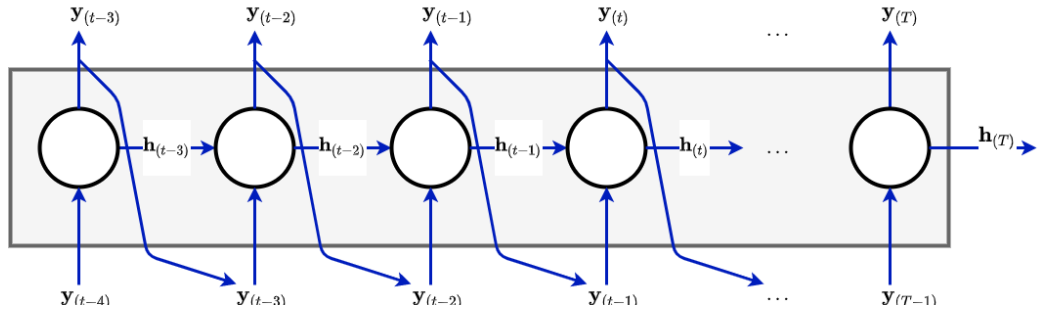


Notice that the Decoder output $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t-1)}$ at position $(t - 1)$ is fed back as *input* for position t .

This is called *Autoregressive* behavior.

It is typical behavior for Generative tasks.

Test time: no forcing



Language Models

The *Language Model* training objective

- given some text
 - sequence of *tokens*
- predict a word that could be the next word in the sequence

We sometimes refer to this as the "predict the next" task.

Clearly, we need to train a model on the "predict the next" objective with labeled examples.

But this is sometimes called Semi-Supervised or Unsupervised because text is not inherently labeled.

Yet we can easily create T labeled examples from a text string $s[1 : T]$. Example t

- feature: $s[1 : t - 1]$
- label: $s[t]$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{s}_{(T)}$$

i	$\mathbf{x}^{(i)}$	$\mathbf{y}^{(i)}$
1	$\mathbf{s}_{(1)}$	$\mathbf{s}_{(2)}$
2	$\mathbf{s}_{(1),(2)}$	$\mathbf{s}_{(3)}$
\vdots		
i	$\mathbf{s}_{(1),\dots,(i)}$	$\mathbf{s}_{(i+1)}$
\vdots		
$(T - 1)$	$\mathbf{s}_{(1),\dots,(T-1)}$	$\mathbf{s}_{(T)}$

The *Unsupervised Pre-Trained Model + Supervised Fine-Tuning* paradigm is

- a way of adapting a model trained on the Language Modeling objective
- to perform another task

Pre-training refers to training a model on the Language Modeling objective with *lots* of data

- this is called Unsupervised because text is not inherently labeled
- we can easily create a labeled example from a text string $s[1 : T]$
 - feature: $s[1 : t - 1]$
 - label: $s[t]$
- Pre-training
 - Train a model with *lots* of data
 - On the

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