

NLP with Deep Learning





- Let's explore how to work with text data in conjunction with deep learning!
- This is a natural extension of the time series and recurrent neural network topics we just discussed.





- We will create a neural network that will generate new text based on a corpus of text data.
- Check out "The Unreasonable Effectiveness of RNNs" by Andrej Karpathy
- So how will this work?





 Given an input string sequence, predict the sequence shifted forward 1 character.

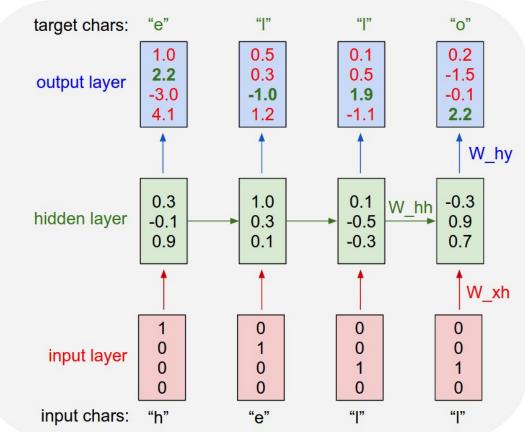
- ["h", "e", "l", "l"]
- ["e", "l", "l", "o"]



- The character based RNN will actually learn the structure of the text.
- In our example we will use the works of William Shakespeare.
- We will see the network clearly learn play writing structure and spacing, just from a character level!









- Step 1: Read in Text Data
 - We can use basic built in python commands to read in a corpus of text as string data.
 - Note, you should have a large data set for this, at least 1 million characters for realistic results.





- Step 2: Text Processing and Vectorization
 - The neural network can't take in raw strings, so we will encode them each to an integer.
 - A:1
 - B:2
 - C:3
 - **?**:55



- Step 3: Creating Batches
 - We'll use Tensorflow's dataset object to easily create batches of text sequences.
 - ["h", "e", "l", "l", "o", " ", "m"]
 - [,"e", "l", "l", "o", "", "m", "y"]



- Step 3: Creating Batches
 - We'll want to use sequence lengths that are long enough to capture structure and previous words.
 - But not so long that the sequence is just historical noise.





- Step 4: Creating the Model
 - We'll use 3 layers
 - Embedding
 - GRU
 - Dense





- Step 4: Creating the Model
 - Embedding Layer turns positive integers (indexes) into dense vectors of fixed size.
 eg. [[4], [20]] -> [[0.25, 0.1,0.3], [0.6, -0.2,0.9]]
 - Its up to the user to choose the number of embedding dimensions.



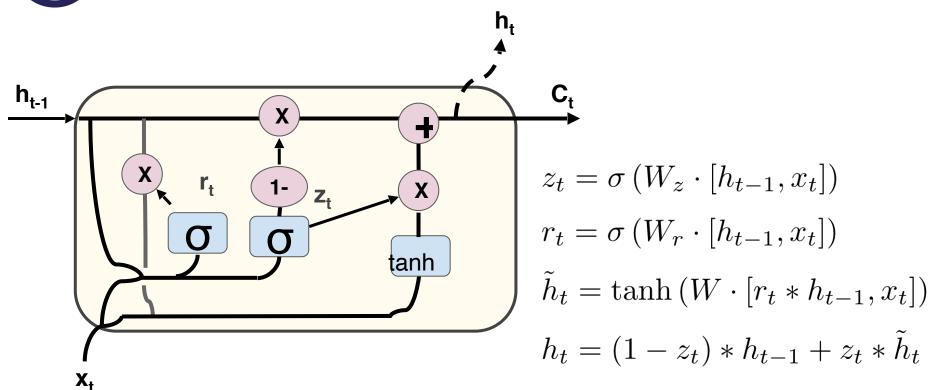


- Step 4: Creating the Model
 - GRU
 - Gated Recurrent Unit is a special type of recurrent neuron unit.
 - The GRU is like a long short-term memory (LSTM) with forget gate but has fewer parameters than LSTM, as it lacks an output gate.





Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)







- Step 4: Creating the Model
 - Dense Layer
 - One neuron per character.
 - Character labels will be one hot encoded so the final dense layer produces a probability per character.





- Step 4: Creating the Model
 - Dense Layer
 - Probability per character means we can play around with "temperature":
 - Choosing less probable characters more/less often





- Step 5: Training the Model
 - We'll set up our batches and make sure to one-hot encode our character labels.



- Step 6: Generating new text
 - We'll save our models weights and show you how to reload a model's weights with a different batch size in order to pass in single examples.





Let's get started!



Part One



- Part 1: The Data
 - Import main libraries
 - Importing Text
 - Understanding Characters





Part Two



- Part 2: Text Processing
 - Vectorize the text
 - Create encoding dictionary





Part Three



- Step 3: Creating Batches
 - Understand text sequences
 - Use Tensorflow datasets to generate batches
 - Shuffle batches





Part Four



- Step 4: Creating the Model
 - Set up loss function
 - Create Model
 - Embedding
 - GRU
 - Dense





Part Five



- Step 5: Training the Model
 - We'll quickly show an example of how to train the model.
 - We'll also show you how to load our provided saved model file.





Part Six



- Step 6: Generating Text
 - We'll load our model
 - Adjust batch size to 1
 - Run a loop that generates new text

