

Notes for Week1 Sequential model

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Recurrent Neural Networks


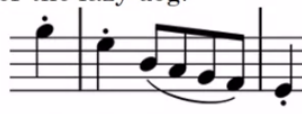


1. Introduction

1.1 Examples of sequence data:

input or(and) output in form of sequence

- speech recognition
- Music generation
- Sentiment classification
- DNA sequence analysis
- Machine translation
- Video activity recognition
- Name entity recognition

Examples of sequence data

Speech recognition		→	"The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog."
Music generation	\emptyset	→	
Sentiment classification	"There is nothing to like in this movie."	→	
DNA sequence analysis	AGCCCCTGTGAGGAAGTAG	→	AG CCCCTGTGAGGAAG TAG
Machine translation	Voulez-vous chanter avec moi?	→	Do you want to sing with me?
Video activity recognition		→	Running
Name entity recognition	Yesterday, Harry Potter met Hermione Granger.	→	Yesterday, Harry Potter met Hermione Granger . Andrew Ng

1.2 Notation

- to position i of the sequence x , we denote:

$$x^{<i>}$$

- the same for the output y :

$$y^{<i>}$$

- for i^{th} training example, we denote the i^{th} position of the input and output as:

$$\begin{matrix} x^{(i)<i>} \\ y^{(i)<i>} \end{matrix}$$

- We denote the length of the sequence as a stopping time:

$$\begin{matrix} T_x^{(i)} \\ T_y^{(i)} \end{matrix}$$

, which denote the stopping time of the i^{th} input x and output y

1.3 How to represent the words in the sentence

1. Firstly we need our vocabulary or dictionary
2. Use a one-hot presentation to represent a word in a vector:
 \emptyset for all except 1 for the sequential number of the word
3. token for unknown word

2. Standard network:

Network has $T_x^{(i)}$ inputs and $T_y^{(i)} = T_x^{(i)}$ outputs correspond with each other.

Problems:

- Inputs, outputs can be different lengths in different examples.
- Doesn't share features learned across different texts. (too independent)

We hope that the model can share its experience: When first learnt a word as a nom, it will have some experience when it see it in other position that this word could be a nom. This is also for reduce the number of parameters

3. Recurrent Neural Network

3.1 Composition

Instead of only using just the input of this position, the RNN will take the activations of previous position as inputs together to predict the output of the current position.

Add vector of zeros as $a^{<0>}$ so that the first position works as later.

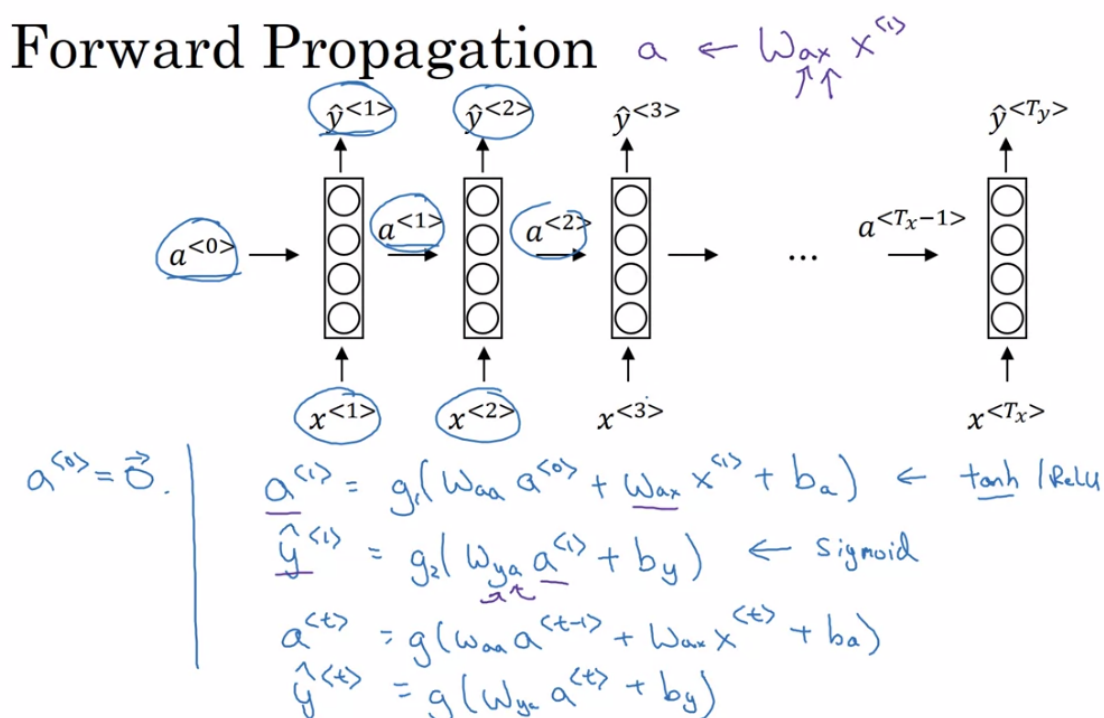
We can denote parameters of this network in three types:

- ω_{ax} : for parameters work with input $x^{<i>}$
- ω_{aa} : for parameters work with input $a^{<i-1>}$
- ω_{ya} : for parameters works with activation $a^{<i>}$ to get $\hat{y}^{<i>}$ as output.

3.2 Problem

- Problem: It looks only these parameters of previous positions but not later positions, which is also very important linguistically in natural language.
- Solution: Bidirectional RNN (BRNN)

3.3 Forward Propagation



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Compress parameters

Originally the fomules wrote as follow :

$$a^{<t>} = g(W_{aa}a^{<t-1>} + W_{ax}x^{<t>} + b_a)$$

$$\hat{y}^{<t>} = g(W_y a^{<t>} + b_y)$$

By stacking the inputs vectors $a^{<t-1>}$ and $x^{<t>}$ we get the input

$$\begin{bmatrix} a^{<t-1>} \\ x^{<t>} \end{bmatrix}$$

note as $A_X^{<t>}$.

And the parameters W_{aa} and W_{ax} are transfered as:

$$W_a = [W_{aa} \quad W_{ax}]$$

So that,

$$W_{aX}^{A^{<t>}} = [W_{aa} \quad W_{ax}] \begin{bmatrix} a^{<t-1>} \\ x^{<t>} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= W_{aa}a^{<t-1>} + W_{ax}x^{<t>}$$

and we rewrite the fomulations as :

$$a^{<t>} = g(W_{aX}^{A^{<t>}} + b_a)$$

$$\hat{y}^{<t>} = g(W_y a^{<t>} + b_y)$$

3.4 Backpropagation through time

important : former parameters infect all later activations by recurrenting

Loss function :

$$L^{<t>}(\hat{y}^{<t>}, y^{<t>}) = -y^{<t>} \log \hat{y}^{<t>} - (1 - y^{<t>}) \log(1 - \hat{y}^{<t>})$$

$$L(\hat{y}^{<t>}, y^{<t>}) = \sum_{t=1}^{T_y} L^{<t>}(\hat{y}^{<t>}, y^{<t>})$$

Backpropagation through time

3.5 Different types of RNNs

There existes cases where $T_x = T_y$.

- Many to Many
- Many to One
ex : Sentiment classification
- One to Many
ex: Music generation

One to One

Just the normal problem without sequence.

The most often used structure is of cause : Many to Many

For example, when we do machine translation, sentences in different languages can have different length.

4. Language model and sequence generation

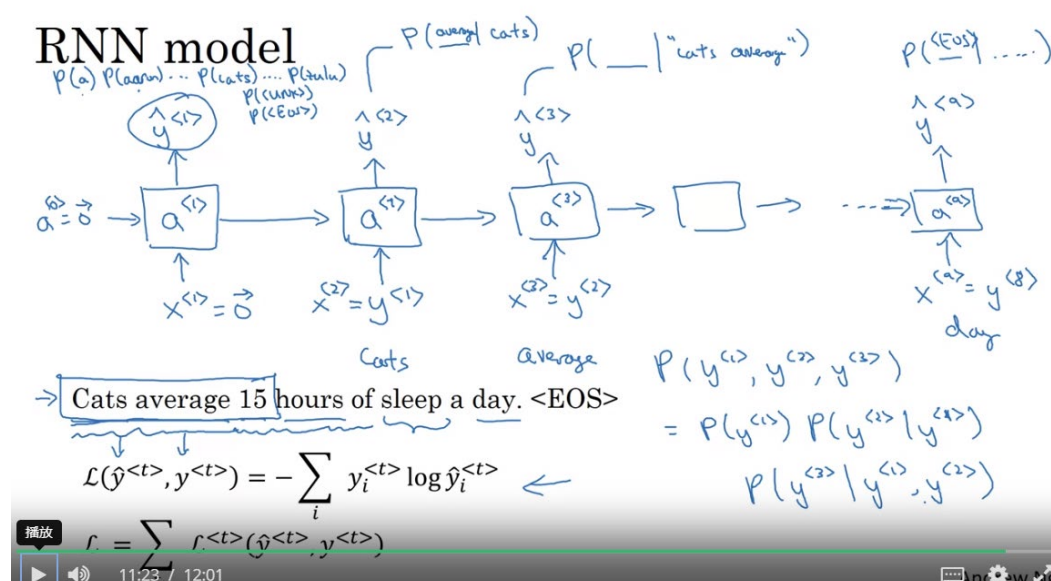
How to build a language model

Speech recognition: give every sentence a probability

Output only sentence that is likely right.

4.1 Language modelling with an RNN

- Training set : Large corpus of English text. Tokenize
 - <EOS> token : End of Sentence
 - <OOV> token : <UNK> un known or Out of Vocabulary
- Model:
 - output softmax
 - 前瞻模型，看到之前所有的序列。
 - That is:
 - Each time when we try to predict the probability at a position $y^{<t>}$,
 - we get the activation of the former position $a^{<t-1>}$
 - and also the **real value** of the former position $y^{<t-1>}$



4.2 Sampling novel sequences

1. Randomly sample according to the softmax distribution
2. Take the predicted output $\hat{y}^{<t>}$ instead of the real value $y^{<t>}$ as the input of the next

position until the end of the sentence. (<EOS>)

The same time we refuse all the sample that contains <OOV>

3. So that we do the prediction of the full sentence as a sample of prediction based on our former predictions

Word-level = Character-level rnn

5. Problems with RNN

Vanishing gradients!

Raison: fail to deal with long range dependency

5.1 Exploding gradients with RNN

- Exploding gradients : NaN
- Solution: Gradient clipping
That means, look at the gradient vectors, if it's too big then we make a reschedule so that we can continue to propagate. There are clips according to some maximum value.
This is a relatively robust solution to the problem of exploding gradients

5.2 Vanishing gradients with RNN

Long term RNN model to envite Vanishing gradients

We will use Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

Which is introduced by [Cho et al., 2014](#) and [Junyoung Chung et al., 2014](#)

memory cell $c^{<t>}$

Use some sigmoid-like Gama function Γ_u to denote the gate function which decide wether we will update our memory $c^{<t>}$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{c}^{<t>} &= \tanh(\Gamma_r * W_c X^{<t-1>} + b_c) \\ c^{<t>} &= \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + (1 - \Gamma_u) * c^{<t-1>} \\ a^{<t>} &= c^{<t>}\end{aligned}$$

where,

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma_u = \sigma(W_u X^{<t-1>} + b_u) \\ \Gamma_r = \sigma(W_r X^{<t-1>} + b_r) \end{cases}$$

6. Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)

Introduced by [Hochreiter & Schmidhuber 1997](#)

Difference between GRN and LSTM:

- Instead of using gate function

- update gamma : Γ_u
- relevent gamma : Γ_r
- We introduce in LSTM:
 - update gamma : Γ_u
 - forget gamma : Γ_u
 - output gate : Γ_o
- Then we deduce $c^{<t>} = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + \Gamma_f * c^{<t-1>}$
 Instead of $c^{<t>} = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + (1 - \Gamma_u) * c^{<t-1>}$
- Finally we deduce the activation with the output gate:

$$a^{<t>} = \Gamma_o * \tanh(c^{<t>})$$

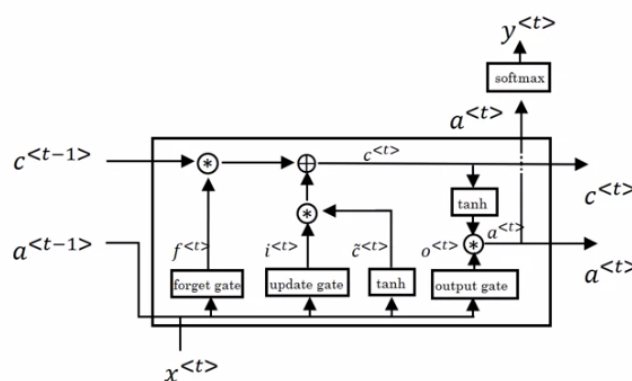
Instead of

$$a^{<t>} = c^{<t>}$$

Let's look at it in picture:

LSTM in pictures

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{c}^{<t>} &= \tanh(W_c[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_c) \\ \Gamma_u &= \sigma(W_u[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_u) \\ \Gamma_f &= \sigma(W_f[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_f) \\ \Gamma_o &= \sigma(W_o[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_o) \\ c^{<t>} &= \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + \Gamma_f * c^{<t-1>} \\ a^{<t>} &= \Gamma_o * \tanh c^{<t>}\end{aligned}$$



peephole connection: Use also $c^{<t-1>}$ as the input of

$$\Gamma_{u,f,o}$$

GRU use smaller model, and is usually much easier to train, but since is experically proved with high stability, we often try LSTM first as the default model for this kind of long range memory problems.

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7. Introduction to some other mentioned RNNs

As we were [seen](#), traditionnal RNNs take only one forward direction of positions to update. That works generally well may still meets some problems because in natural language-like text, later relations make sense also for the meaning.

7.1 Bidirectional RNN

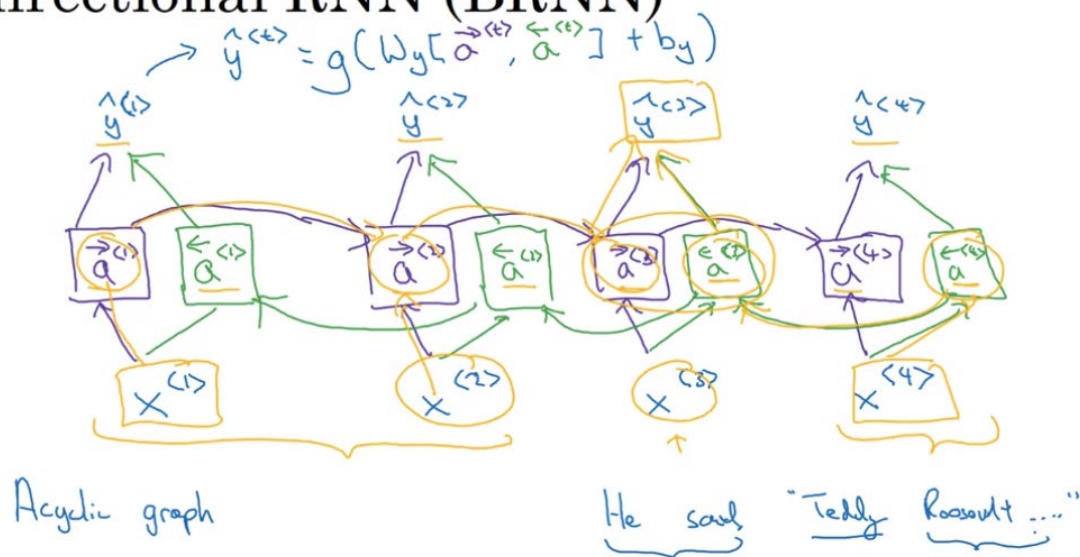
We can get the information from the future!

In fact, we read a text or listen to some text, by considering the context, that is, the text before and after.

Add in the network some backward activation

Acyclic graph :

Bidirectional RNN (BRNN)



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So that we have both forward activation and backward activation:

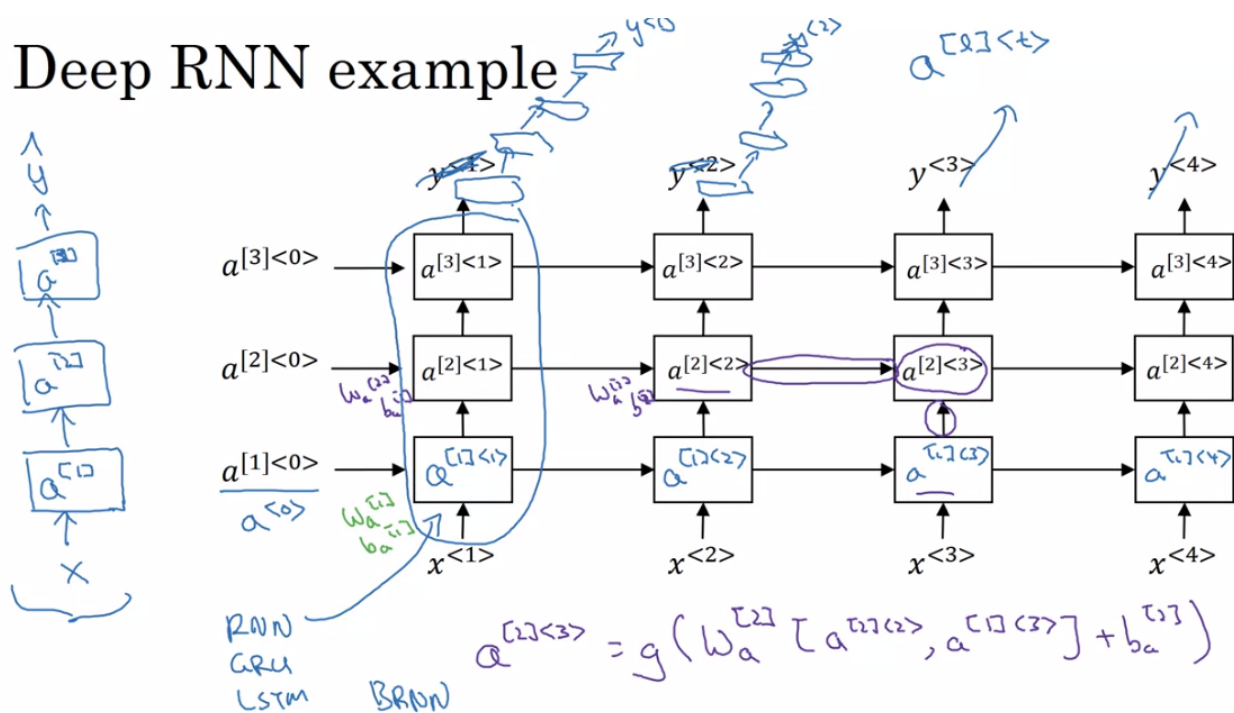
- we begin by going forward through the whole sentence with these traditional forward activations
- and then go back through all of the backward activations.
- In this way, we can then do the prediction at each position with both forward info and backward info if there exists.
- It works for RNN and also for GRU and LSTM

disadvantage: we need to know the entire sentence before we do the text recognition.

7.2 Deep RNNs

We can use multiple layers of LSTM or RNN or GRU to construct a deep RNN network,

Deep RNN example



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BUT, Since a single RNN contains already many parameters, usually 3 layers is the maximum for the network structure.