



# **Introduction to Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and their Applications (in biomedical signal processing)**

## **[Practical Part: Supplementary Tasks]**

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# Supplementary Tasks Overview

## i) Hyperparameters Fine-Tuning

- **Learning rate:** [0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05]
- **Non-linearity:** ['tanh', 'relu']
- **Optimizer:** [Adam, SGD]

## ii) Gradually Changing the Sequence Length

- Time-setps = 100, 200, 300

## iii) Initialization

- Xavier initialization for input-to-hidden weights ( $W_{ih}$ ) and hidden-to-hidden weights ( $W_{hh}$ ) in Vanilla RNN

## iv) Visualization

- **Neuron Activity:** Visualize the activity of neurons at the end of each epoch
- **Hidden Layer Weights:** Visualize the weights in the hidden layer

## v) Reservoir Computing

- For **time-series prediction**, employ **ESNGenerator** using echoes

## Helpers

```
class VanillaRNNWithXavierInit(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
        super(VanillaRNNWithXavierInit, self).__init__()
        self.hidden_size = hidden_size
        self.rnn = nn.RNN(input_size, hidden_size, batch_first=True)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)

        # Apply Xavier initialization to the RNN weights
        nn.init.xavier_uniform_(self.rnn.weight_ih_l0) # Input to hidden layer weights
        nn.init.xavier_uniform_(self.rnn.weight_hh_l0) # Hidden to hidden layer weights

    def forward(self, x):
        h0 = torch.zeros(1, x.size(0), self.hidden_size).to(x.device) # Initial hidden state
        out, _ = self.rnn(x, h0)
        out = self.fc(out[:, -1, :]) # Take the output from the last time step
        return out
```

## Helpers

```
def plot_neuron_activity(hidden_states, epoch, num_neurons=10):

    # Flatten the list if hidden_states is a list of lists
    if isinstance(hidden_states[0], list):
        print("Detected list of lists. Flattening hidden_states...")
        hidden_states = [hidden for epoch_states in hidden_states for hidden in epoch_states]

    # Check that hidden_states contains tensors
    assert isinstance(hidden_states[0], torch.Tensor), "Hidden states must be stored as tensors."

    # Number of neurons is determined by the hidden size (third dimension)
    num_neurons = min(num_neurons, hidden_states[0].shape[2])

    # Randomly select neurons to visualize
    selected_neurons = random.sample(range(hidden_states[0].shape[2]), num_neurons)
    plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

    # Plot neuron activity for the selected neurons
    for neuron in selected_neurons:
        neuron_activity = [hidden[0, 0, neuron].item() for hidden in hidden_states] # First layer, first sample
        plt.plot(range(len(hidden_states)), neuron_activity, label=f'Neuron {neuron}')
```

## Helpers

```
def save_hidden_states(model, input_sample, hidden_states):  
    with torch.no_grad():  
        model.eval()  
        out, hidden = model.rnn(input_sample) # Get hidden states from RNN  
        hidden_states.append(hidden.detach().cpu())  
  
def save_weights(model, weights_history):  
    with torch.no_grad():  
        model.eval()  
        weights = model.rnn.weight_hh_l0 # Assuming one hidden layer RNN  
        weights_history.append(weights.clone())
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# Helpers

```
def plot_weight_evolution_animation(weights_history, save_as='gif'):

    # Convert list of tensors to numpy array for visualization
    weight_matrices = [weight.numpy() for weight in weights_history]

    # Create a figure
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(12, 8))

    # Initialize a heatmap
    heatmap = sns.heatmap(weight_matrices[0], cmap="flare", cbar=False, ax=ax)
    plt.title('Weight Evolution at Epoch 1')
    plt.xlabel('Neurons')
    plt.ylabel('Neurons')

def update(frame):
    ax.clear() # Clear the previous heatmap
    sns.heatmap(weight_matrices[frame], cmap="flare", cbar=(frame == len(weight_matrices) - 1), ax=ax)
    ax.set_title(f'Weight Evolution at Epoch {frame + 1}')
    ax.set_xlabel('Neurons')
    ax.set_ylabel('Neurons')

    # Create animation
    ani = FuncAnimation(fig, update, frames=len(weight_matrices), repeat=False)

    # Save the animation
    if save_as == 'gif':
        save_path = '/content/drive/My Drive/weight_evolution.gif'
        ani.save(save_path, writer='pillow', fps=2)
    elif save_as == 'video':
        save_path = '/content/drive/My Drive/weight_evolution.mp4'
        ani.save(save_path, writer='ffmpeg', fps=2)

plt.close(fig) # Close the figure window
```

# Helpers

```
class LSTMModel(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, input_size, hidden_size, output_size):
        super(LSTMModel, self).__init__()
        self.hidden_size = hidden_size
        self.lstm = nn.LSTM(input_size, hidden_size, batch_first=True)
        self.fc = nn.Linear(hidden_size, output_size)
        self.hidden_states = [] # Store hidden states

    def forward(self, x):
        h0 = torch.zeros(1, x.size(0), self.hidden_size).to(x.device) # Initial hidden state
        c0 = torch.zeros(1, x.size(0), self.hidden_size).to(x.device) # Initial cell state
        out, (h_n, c_n) = self.lstm(x, (h0, c0)) # LSTM forward

        # Store only the hidden state (h_n) as a tensor
        self.hidden_states.append(h_n.detach().cpu().clone())

        out = self.fc(out[:, -1, :]) # Fully connected layer applied to the last time step
        return out

    def reset_hidden_states(self):
        """Reset hidden states after each epoch to avoid memory overflow."""
        self.hidden_states = []
```



# Helpers

```
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
from sklearn.metrics import r2_score
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
```

```
from echoes import ESNGenerator
from echoes.datasets import load_mackeyglasst17
from echoes.plotting import plot_predicted_ts,
set_mystyle
```

```
set_mystyle() # optional, set aesthetics
```

```
# Load and split data
mackey_ts = load_mackeyglasst17()
n_train_steps, n_test_steps = 2000, 2000
n_total_steps = n_train_steps + n_test_steps
```

```
y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    mackey_ts,
    train_size=n_train_steps,
    test_size=n_test_steps,
    shuffle=False
)
```

```
esn = ESNGenerator(
    n_steps=n_test_steps,
    n_reservoir=200,
    spectral_radius=1.25,
    leak_rate=.4,
    random_state=42,
)
```

```
# Fit the model. Inputs is None because we only have
the target time series
esn.fit(X=None, y=y_train)
```

```
y_pred = esn.predict()
print("test r2 score", r2_score(y_test, y_pred))
```

```
# Plot training and test
plt.figure(figsize=(22, 5))
plt.plot(mackey_ts[: n_total_steps], 'steelblue', linewidth=5, label="target
system")
plt.plot(esn.training_prediction_, color="y", linewidth=1, label="training fit")
plt.plot(range(n_train_steps, n_total_steps), y_pred,'orange',
label="ESNGenerator")
plt.ylabel("oscillator value")
plt.xlabel('time')
lo, hi = plt.ylim()
plt.vlines(n_train_steps, lo-.05, hi+.05, linestyle='--')
plt.legend(fontsize='small')
```

```
# Plot test alone
plt.figure(figsize=(22, 5))
plt.subplot(1, 4, (1, 3))
plt.title("zoom into test")
plt.plot(y_test,
        color="steelblue",
        label="target system",
        linewidth=5.5)
plt.xlabel('time')
```

```
plt.plot(y_pred,
        linestyle='--',
        color="orange",
        linewidth=2,
        label="generative ESN",)
plt.ylabel("oscillator")
plt.xlabel('time')
plt.legend(fontsize='small')
```

```
plt.subplot(1, 4, 4)
plt.title(r"$W^{out}$ weights distribution")
plt.xlabel('weight')
plt.ylabel('frequency')
plt.hist(esn.W_out_.flat)
plt.tight_layout();
```