DD2424 Deep Learning in Data Science - Assignment 4

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Tweeting like Donald Trump

In this next part we'll use Donald Trumps twitter history in order to train the model and see if it is able to pick up on some of his favorite phrases or words. The dataset used to train the model can be found here. The dataset contains JSON files which were parsed into a .txt file which then was cleaned up by replacing special characters such as "á" with "a". Links were also removed from the text as well as emojis and other non latin-1 characters. Each tweet was padded using spaces in order to make each tweet exactly 140 characters long.

The aggregated tweets contains:

- 704184 characters
- 63 unique characters

After some trial and error I found that the network performed better when it wasn't resetting the hidden state after each tweet. The smooth loss was generally lower when not resetting the hidden state after each tweet (smooth loss 219 vs 234). The difference was also noticable by the quality of the synthesized text. The network that was trained without resetting the state after each tweet was generally better on picking up and synthesizing complete words, while the other network had more randomness to the chosen letter, making it not quite as adapt at producing complete words. Neither of the networks were able to reliably produce tweets which were gramatically correct for more than a few words. Just as in the previous part, the text produced was mostly gibberish.

Anyways working with what we've got, the best network was trained using a sequence length of 140 for 20 epochs. Here is the output during training:

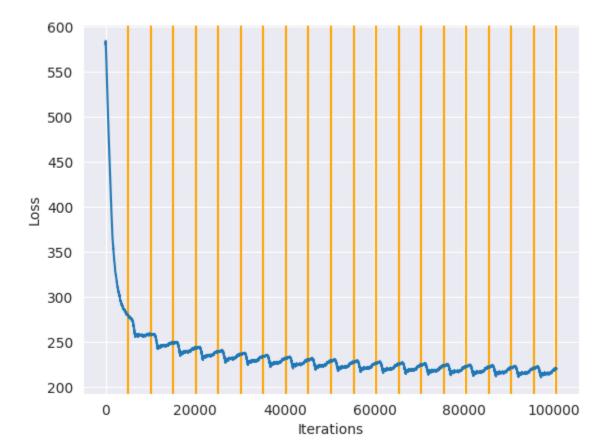
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Iteration: 100000 Smooth loss: 219.0120267064055

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The generated smooth loss plot where the vertical lines indicate the number of epochs completed.



Here are some tweet highlights generated by the network that contains some his most commonly used words, or are just a bit funny...

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