Lab Setup

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 - Alternatively you may use a provided browser-based SSH option
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Connection Instructions:

- 1. Navigate to <u>nvlabs.qwiklab.com</u>;
- 2. Login or create a new account;
- 3. Select the Instructor-Led Hands-on Labs Class;
- 4. Find the lab called Applied Deep Learning for Vision and Natural Language with Torch7;
 - select it, click Select, and finally click Start
- 5. After a short wait, lab instance Connection information will be shown

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Torch 7: Applied Deep Learning for Vision and Natural Language

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Introduction

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My background:
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2003-2008: Bac. Degree in Comp. Sci. at Royal Military College of Canada;
2008-2012: Army Signals Officer:
management (office politics, emails), no code, no science;
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- habby a same last walks with a Ditth as and sures and
- hobby: neural networks using Python and numpy;
- 2012-2014: Master's Degree in Deep Learning at University of Montreal;
 - ∘ LISA/MILA lab;
 - Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville as co-directors;
 - o 2012-2013: Python, Theano and Pylearn2;
 - 2013-today: Lua, Torch7;
- 2014-today : research engineer at Element Inc. :
 - biometrics startup;
 - deep learning on smart phones (Android, iOS);
 - open source contributions (Torch7).

Introduction - Lua

Why take the time to learn Lua:

- easy interface between low-level C/CUDA/C++ and high-level Lua;
- light-weight: used for embedded systems;
- tables:
 - can be used as lists, dictionaries, packages, classes and objects;
 - make it easy to extend existing classes (at any level);
- fast for-loops (LuaJIT);
- closures;

Example:

```
a = {1,2,a=3, print=function(self) print(self) end}
a:print() -- i.e. a.print(a)
```

Output:

```
{
  1 : 1
  2 : 2
  print : function: 0x417f11e0
  a : 3
}
```

Introduction - Torch 7

What's up with Torch 7?

```
• a powerful N-dimensional array;
```

- lots of routines for indexing, slicing, transposing, ...;
- amazing interface to C, via LuaJIT;
- linear algebra routines;
- easy modular neural networks;
- numeric optimization routines;
- fast and efficient GPU support;
- ports to iOS, Android and FPGA backends;
- under development since October 2002;
- used by Facebook, Google [DeepMind], Twitter, NYU, ...;
- documentation, tutorials, demos, examples;

Introduction - Useful Links

Main: http://torch.ch/

Cheatsheet: https://github.com/torch/torch7/wiki/Cheatsheet

Github: https://github.com/torch/torch7

Google Group for new users and installation queries:

https://groups.google.com/forum/embed/?place=forum%2Ftorch7#!forum/torch7

Advanced only: https://gitter.im/torch/torch7

Packages

The Torch 7 distribution is made up of different packages, each its own github repository:

- **torch7/cutorch** : tensors, BLAS, file I/O (serialization), OOP, unit testing and cmd-line argument parsing;
- nn/cunn: easy and modular way to build and train neural networks using modules and criterions;
- nngraph: nn with support for more complicated graphs;
- **optim**: optimization package for nn. Provides training algorithms like SGD, LBFGS, etc. Uses closures:
- trepl: torch read-eval-print loop, Lua interpreter, th>;
- paths: file system manipulation package;
- image: for saving, loading, constructing, transforming and displaying images;

Refer to the torch.ch website for a more complete list of official packages.

Packages - Unofficial

Many more unofficial packages out there:

- dpnn: extensions to the nn library.;
- rnn: recurrent neural network library. Implements RNN, GRU, LSTM, BRNN, and RAM;
- nnx/cunnx: experimental neural network modules and criterions: SpatialReSampling,
 SoftMaxTree, etc.;
- dataload : library for loading and iterating through datasets ;
- moses: utility-belt library for functional programming in Lua, mostly for tables;
- threads/parallel: libraries for multi-threading or multi-processing;

Tensors

Tensors are the main class of objects used in Torch 7:

- An N-dimensional array that views an underlying storage;
- Different Tensors can share the same Storage;
- Different types: FloatTensor, DoubleTensor, IntTensor, CudaTensor, ...;
- Implements many Basic Linear Algebra Sub-routines (BLAS):

```
torch.addmm: matrix-matrix multiplication;
```

- torch.addmv: matrix-vector multiplication;
- o torch.addr:outer-product between vectors;
- etc.
- Supports random initialization, indexing, transposition, sub-tensor extractions, and more;
- Most operations for Float/Double are also implemented for Cuda Tensors (via cutorch);

Tensors - Initialization

A 2x3 Tensor:

```
th> a = torch.FloatTensor(2,3)
-- initialized with garbage content (whatever was already there)
th> a
8.6342e+19 4.5694e-41 8.6342e+19
4.5694e-41 0.0000e+00 0.0000e+00
[torch.FloatTensor of size 2x3]
```

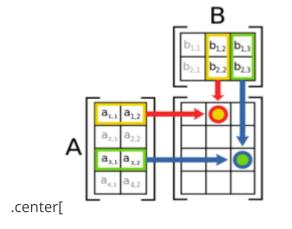
Fill with ones:

```
th> a:fill(1)
1 1 1
1 1
1 1 [torch.FloatTensor of size 2x3]
```

Random uniform initialization:

```
th> a:uniform(0,1) -- random uniform between 0 and 1 0.6323 0.9232 0.2930 0.8412 0.5131 0.9101 [torch.FloatTensor of size 2x3]
```

Tensors - BLAS



Tensors are all about basic linear algebra. Let's multiply an input and a weight matrix into an output matrix:

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```
batchSize, inputSize, outputSize = 4, 2, 3
```

```
input = torch.FloatTensor(batchSize, inputSize):uniform(0,1)
weight = torch.FloatTensor(outputSize, inputSize):uniform(0,1)
output = torch.FloatTensor(batchSize, outputSize):zero()
-- matrix matrix multiply:
output:addmm(0, output, 1, input, weight:t())
```

This is a common operation used by the popular nn.Linear module.

Tensors - CUDA

Previous matrix-matrix multiply using CUDA:

```
require 'cutorch'
input = input:cuda() or torch.CudaTensor(batchSize, inputSize):uniform(0,1)
weight = weight:cuda() or torch.CudaTensor(outputSize, inputSize):uniform(0,1)
output = output:cuda() or torch.CudaTensor(batchSize, outputSize):zero()
-- matrix matrix multiply :
output:addmm(0, output, 1, input, weight:t())
```

So basically, no difference except for use of torch.CudaTensor.

Neural Network library

The **nn** package:

- implements feed-forward neural networks;
- neural networks form a computational flow-graph of transformations;
- backpropagation is gradient descent using the chain rule;

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{dz}{dy} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx}$$

Two abstract classes:

- nn.Module: differentiable transformations of input to output;
- nn.Criterion: cost function to minimize. Outputs a scalar loss;

Let's use it to build a simple logistic regressor...

Logistic Regression - Module

A binary logisitic regressor Module with 2 input units and 1 output.

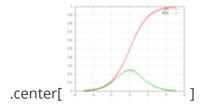
```
require 'nn'
module = nn.Sequential()
module:add(nn.Linear(2, 1))
module:add(nn.Sigmoid())
```

The above implements:

$$y = \sigma(Wx + b)$$

where the sigmoid (logistic function) is defined as:

$$\sigma(z) = rac{1}{1-e^{-z}}$$



Logistic Regression - Criterion and Data

A binary cross-entropy Criterion (which expects 0 or 1 valued targets):

```
criterion = nn.BCECriterion()
```

The BCE loss is defined as:

$$-\sum_{i}^{\text{Center[}} [t_i \log(y_i) + (1 - t_i) \log(1 - y_i)]$$

Some random dummy dataset with 10 samples:

```
inputs = torch.Tensor(10,2):uniform(-1,1)
```

Logistic Regression - Training

Function for one epoch of stochastic gradient descent (SGD)

```
require 'dpnn'
function trainEpoch(module, criterion, inputs, targets)
   for i=1,inputs:size(1) do
      local idx = math.random(1,inputs:size(1))
     local input, target = inputs[idx], targets:narrow(1,idx,1)
     -- forward
     local output = module:forward(input)
     local loss = criterion:forward(output, target)
      -- backward
     local gradOutput = criterion:backward(output, target)
     module:zeroGradParameters()
     local gradInput = module:backward(input, gradOutput)
      -- update
     module:updateGradParameters(0.9) -- momentum (dpnn)
     module:updateParameters(0.1) -- W = W - 0.1*dL/dW
   end
```

Exercise 1: Logistic Regression

Modify the logistic-regression.lua script to do the following:

- 1. Train for 100 epochs;
- 2. Each call to trainEpoch prints the mean error of that epoch;
- 3. Bonus: Use Softmax + ClassNLLCriterion instead of Sigmoid + BCECriterion.

Should output something like:

```
$ th logistic-regression.lua
...
Epoch 99 : mean loss = 0.038046
Epoch 100 : mean loss = 0.036116
```

Time: 10 min.

Solution found in solution/logistic-regression.lua.

Exercise 1: Take-away points

Like Python, Lua is relatively easy to use;

Stochastic Gradient Descent is simple: * forward, backward, update; * error is minimized after multiple iterations through data;

Can use BCE or NLL to minimize error of binary classification problems;

Logistic regression models are very simple models.

Deep Learning

What is deep learning?

- collection of techniques to improve the optimization and generalization of neural networks :
 - rectified linear units;
 - dropout;
 - batch normalization;
 - weight decay regularization;
 - momentum learning;
- stacking layers of transformations to create successively more abstract levels of representations .
 - depth over breadth;
 - deep multi-layer perceptrons;
- shared parameters :
 - convolutional neural networks;
 - recurrent neural networks;
- technological improvements :
 - massively parallel processing : GPUs, CUDA;
 - fast libraries: torch, cudnn, cuda-convnet, theano, tensorflow;

Deep Learning - MNIST dataset

```
82944649709295159103
13591762822507497832
11836103100112730465
.center[26471899307102035465]
```

dataload package makes it easy to obtain the MNIST dataset:

```
local dl = require 'dataload'
local trainset, validset, testset = dl.loadMNIST()
```

Each batch is a 4D inputs tensor and a targets 1D tensor:

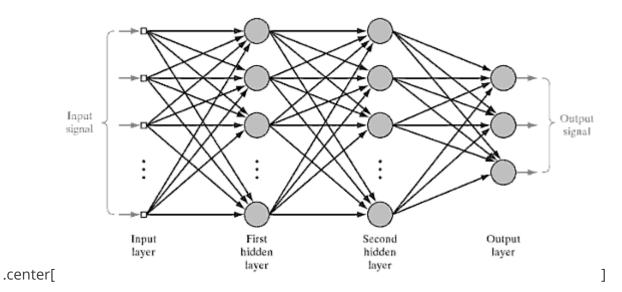
```
inputs, targets = trainset:sample(32)
print(inputs:size(), targets:size())
  32 1 28 28
[torch.LongStorage of size 4]
  32
[torch.LongStorage of size 1]
```

background-image:

url(https://raw.githubusercontent.com/nicholas-leonard/slides/master/we-need-to-go-deeper.jpg)

Deep Learning

Multi-Layer Perceptron



An MLP is a stack of non-linear layers:

- each layer is an affine transform (Linear) followed by a transfer function (Tanh, ReLU, SoftMax);
- parameters (weight, bias) are found in the Linear module;
- parameters are varied to fit the data;
- transfer functions help to model complex relationships between input and output (non-linear);

Multi-Layer Perceptron - Module and Criterion

An MLP with 2 layers of hidden units:

```
module = nn.Sequential()
module:add(nn.Convert()) -- casts input to model type (float -> double)
module:add(nn.Collapse(3)) -- collapse 3D to 1D
module:add(nn.Linear(1*28*28, 200))
module:add(nn.Tanh())
module:add(nn.Linear(200, 200))
module:add(nn.Tanh())
module:add(nn.Linear(200, 10))
module:add(nn.Linear(200, 10))
module:add(nn.Linear(200, 10))
```

Negative Log-Likelihood (NLL) Criterion:

```
criterion = nn.ClassNLLCriterion()
```

Multi-Layer Perceptron - Cross-validation

A function to evaluate performance on the validation set:

```
require 'optim'
cm = optim.ConfusionMatrix(10)
function classEval(module, inputs, targets)
    cm:zero()
    for idx=1,inputs:size(1) do
        local input, target = inputs[idx], targets:narrow(1,idx,1)
        local output = module:forward(input)
        cm:add(output, target)
    end
    cm:updateValids()
    return cm.totalValid
end
```

Measure model's ability to *generalize* to new data.

Multi-Layer Perceptron - Early-Stopping

Early-stopping on the validation set:

```
bestAccuracy, bestEpoch = 0, 0
wait = 0
for epoch=1,300 do
    trainEpoch(module, criterion, trainInputs, trainTargets)
    local validAccuracy = classEval(module, validInputs, validTargets)
    if validAccuracy > bestAccuracy then
        bestAccuracy, bestEpoch = validAccuracy, epoch
        torch.save("/path/to/saved/model.t7", module)
        print(string.format("New maxima : %f @ %f", bestAccuracy, bestEpoch))
        wait = 0
else
        wait = wait + 1
        if wait > 30 then break end
end
end
```

Early-stops when no new maxima has been found for 30 consecutive epochs.

Exercise 2: Multi-Layer Perceptron

Modify the multi-layer-perceptron.lua script to do the following:

- 1. take options from the command-line;
- 2. add Dropout between hidden layers;
- 3. Bonus: write script to evaluate saved model on test set;
- 4. Bonus: make the number of hidden layers a hyper-parameter.

Time: 10 min.

Evaluation script should output something like:

```
th evaluate-mlp.lua
Test accuracy=0.977000
```

Solution found in solution/[train|evaluate]-mlp.lua.

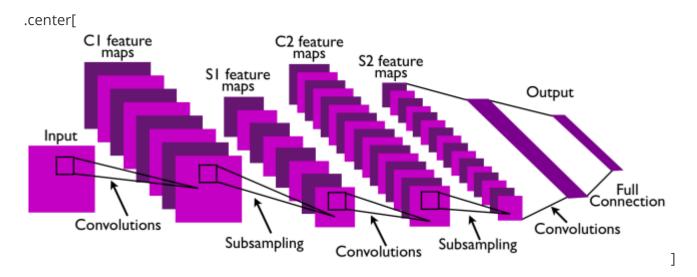
Exercise 2: Take-away points

Easier to try different hyper-parameters (options) from the cmd-line;

Dropout can help with generalization, but increases convergence time;

Experimentation usually requires two scripts and 3 datasets: * training: optimize model on *training set*, early-stop on *validation set*, * evaluation: measure performance on *test set*;

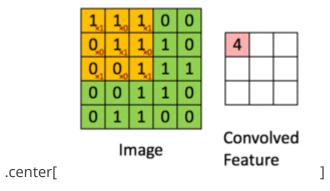
Convolutional Neural Network



CNNs are often stacks of meta-layers each made from 3 layers:

- 1. convolution: convolve a kernel over the image along height and width axes;
- 2. transfer function: a non-linearity like Tanh or Relu;
- 3. **sub-sampling**: reduce the size (height x width) of feature maps by pooling them spatially;

Convolutional Neural Network - Convolution



Convolution modules typically have the following arguments:

- padSize: how much zero-padding to add around the input image;
- inputSize: number of input channels (e.g. 3 for RGB image);
- outputSize: number of output channels (number of filters);
- kernelSize: height and width of the kernel;
- kernelStride: step-size of the kernel (typically 1);

Parameters of the convolution (i.e. the kernel):

- weight: 4D Tensor outputSize x inputSize x kernelSize x kernelSize;
- bias: 1D Tensor outputSize;

Convolutional Neural Network - SpatialConvolution

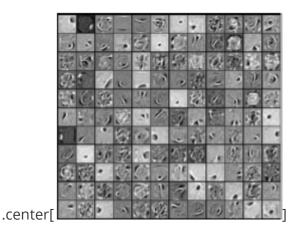
SpatialConvolution with 3 input and 4 output channels using a 5x5 kernel on a 12x12 image:

```
input = torch.rand(3,12,12)
conv = nn.SpatialConvolution(3,4,5,5)
output = conv:forward(input) -- size is 4 x 8 x 8
```

Now with 2 pixels of padding on each side:

```
conv = nn.SpatialConvolution(3,4,5,5,1,1,2,2)
output = conv:forward(input) -- size is 4 x 12 x 12
```

Learns filters like:



Sub-sampling modules :

- typically max-pooling is used: SpatialMaxPooling;
- makes the model more invariant to translation;
- reduces the size of the spatial dimensions;

SpatialMaxPooling to pool inputs in a 2x2 area with a stride of 2:

Convolutional Neural Network - Sub-sampling

```
input = torch.range(1,16):double():resize(1,4,4)
```

```
pool = nn.SpatialMaxPooling(2,2,2,2)
output = pool:forward(input)
print(input, output)
(1,.,.) =
    1    2    3    4
    5    6    7    8
    9    10    11    12
    13    14    15    16
[torch.DoubleTensor of size 1x4x4]

(1,.,.) =
    6    8
    14    16
[torch.DoubleTensor of size 1x2x2]
```

Convolutional Neural Network - MNIST

Convolutional Neural Network for the MNIST dataset:

```
cnn = nn.Sequential()
-- 2 conv layers :
cnn:add(nn.Convert())
cnn:add(nn.SpatialConvolution(1, 16, 5, 5, 1, 1, 2, 2))
cnn:add(nn.ReLU())
cnn:add(nn.SpatialMaxPooling(2, 2, 2, 2))
cnn:add(nn.SpatialConvolution(16, 32, 5, 5, 1, 1, 2, 2))
cnn:add(nn.ReLU())
cnn:add(nn.SpatialMaxPooling(2, 2, 2, 2))
-- 1 dense hidden layer :
outsize = cnn:outside{1,1,28, 28} -- output size of convolutions
cnn:add(nn.Collapse(3))
cnn:add(nn.Linear(outsize[2]*outsize[3]*outsize[4], 200))
cnn:add(nn.ReLU())
-- output layer
cnn:add(nn.Linear(200, 10))
cnn:add(nn.LogSoftMax())
```

Convolutional Neural Network - Print Module

The cnn looks like this:

```
print(cnn)
nn.Sequential {
    [input -> (1) -> (2) -> (3) -> (4) -> (5) -> (6) -> (7) -> (8) -> (9) -> (10) ->
    (11) -> output]
    (1): nn.Convert
    (2): nn.SpatialConvolution(1 -> 16, 5x5, 1,1, 2,2)
    (3): nn.ReLU
```

```
(4): nn.SpatialMaxPooling(2,2,2,2)
(5): nn.SpatialConvolution(16 -> 32, 5x5, 1,1, 2,2)
(6): nn.ReLU
(7): nn.SpatialMaxPooling(2,2,2,2)
(8): nn.Linear(1568 -> 200)
(9): nn.ReLU
(10): nn.Linear(200 -> 10)
(11): nn.LogSoftMax
}
```

Exercise 3: Convolutional Neural Network

Use the convolution-neural-network.lua script.

Modify the script to do the following:

- 1. add SpatialMaxPooling to convolution layers;
- 2. add [Spatial] BatchNormalization to convolution and hidden layers;
- 3. Bonus: efficiently save model to disk using Serial.

Try the -cuda flag.

Evaluate with th solution/evaluate-mlp.lua -modelpath '/home/ubuntu/save/cnn.t7'.

Time: 10 min.

Solution found in solution/convolution-neural-network.lua.

Exercise 3: Take-away points

CNNs have better performance than MLPs for images;

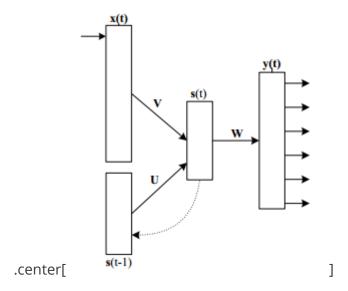
We can get a 4-10x speedup using NVIDIA GPUs;

Serial doesn't save output and gradInput to disk: 1.5 vs 9 MB;

Batch normalization can help with convergence and generalization;

Pooling reduces the width/height of representations.

Recurrent Neural Network



Simple RNN:

- for modeling sequential data like text, speech, videos;
- 3 layers : input (v), recurrent (v) and output (w) layer;
- feed the previous state as input to next state;
- long sequences suffer from exploding and vanishing gradient;

Recurrent Neural Network - Language Model

Maximize likelihood of next word given previous words (input -> target):

```
1. we -> need
```

2. we, need -> to

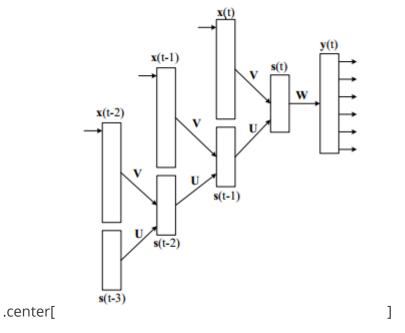
3. we, need, to -> go

4. we, need, to, go -> deeper

Neural network language model (NNLM):

- learn an embedding space of words;
- each word is a vector of parameters;
- embedding space is implemented using LookupTable;
- embedding space is a weight matrix of size vocabSize x embedSize;

Recurrent Neural Network - BPTT



Back-propagation through time:

- forward-propagate for T time-steps;
- unfold network for T time-steps;
- back-propagate through unfolded network;
- accumulate parameter gradients (sum over time-steps);

Recurrent Neural Network - Penn Tree Bank

Penn Tree Bank dataset:

- common benchmark for language models;
- 10000 word vocabulary;
- approx. 1 million words of text;

Use dataload to get Penn Tree Bank dataset:

```
trainset, validset, testset = dl.loadPTB{batchsize,1,1}
```

Batch of 3 sample sequences of length 5:

```
print(inputs:t(), targets:t())
  238  808  951  1326  1477
8311  7671  4749   49  2308
3660  9800  4765  5375  6018
[torch.IntTensor of size 3x5]

808  951  1326  1477  1692
7671  4749   49  2308  9120
```

```
9800 4765 5375 6018 7523
[torch.IntTensor of size 3x5]
```

Recurrent Neural Network - rnn

Use the **rnn** package to build an RNNLM.

A module that implements recurrence $\{x[t], h[t-1]\} \rightarrow h[t]$:

```
rm = nn.Sequential() -- input is {x[t], h[t-1]}
   :add(nn.ParallelTable()
        :add(nn.LookupTable(10000, 200)) -- input layer (V)
        :add(nn.Linear(200, 200))) -- recurrent layer (U)
   :add(nn.CAddTable())
   :add(nn.Sigmoid()) -- output is h[t]
```

Wrap into a Recurrence module and add an output layer:

```
rnn = nn.Sequential()
  :add(nn.Recurrence(rm, 200, 0))
  :add(nn.Linear(200, 10000)) -- output layer (W)
  :add(nn.LogSoftMax())
```

Wrap into a sequencer to handle one sequence per forward call:

```
rnn = nn.Sequencer(rnn)
```

Exercise 4: Recurrent Language Model

Modify the recurrent-language-model.lua script to do the following:

- 1. use LSTM, FastLSTM or GRU instead of Recurrence;
- 2. train to reach 150 perplexity (PPL) on validation set;
- 3. use evaluate-rnnlm.lua to sample text from saved models.

```
nn.Serial @ nn.Sequential {
   [input -> (1) -> (2) -> (3) -> output]
   (1): nn.LookupTable
   (2): nn.SplitTable
   (3): nn.Sequencer @ nn.Recursor @ nn.Sequential {
      [input -> (1) -> (2) -> (3) -> (4) -> output]
      (1): nn.FastLSTM(200 -> 200)
      (2): nn.FastLSTM(200 -> 200)
      (3): nn.Linear(200 -> 10000)
```

```
(4): nn.LogSoftMax
}
```

Time: 15 min;

Solutions in solution/train-rnnlm.lua.

Exercise 4: Take-away points

LSTM and GRU can learn longer sequences (seqlen) than RNNs;

Stacking LSTM/GRU/RNNs can give even better results;

Optimizing hyper-parameters is a process of trial and error that takes time;

Using a learning rate schedule can help:

```
th recurrent-language-model.lua -progress -cuda -lstm -seqlen 20 -hiddensize '{200,200}'
-batchsize 20 -startlr 1 -cutoff 5 -maxepoch 13
-schedule
'{[5]=0.5,[6]=0.25,[7]=0.125,[8]=0.0625,[9]=0.03125,[10]=0.015625,[11]=0.0078125,[1 2]=0.00390625}'
```

Evaluation loops through one continous sequence;

Exercise 4: Generating text

Generating text using a model with 116 test PPL:

```
th evaluate-rnnlm.lua -xplogpath /home/ubuntu/save/rnnlm/rnnlm200x200.t7 -nsample 200
```

will result in someting like this:

```
mr. jones contends that in his first popularity the organizations are almost <unk> by their side <eos> it is particularly almost he adds <eos> but it 's also a <unk> unsuccessfully <eos> i felt somebody wanted westridge and financial commercial steelmakers <eos> an oct.

N bankruptcy-law article is comment <eos> <unk> <unk> <eos> there 's no signs of internal mergers and companies involved in the life of light insider business <eos> michael <unk> several years old and the mr. buffett as a former abortions in the senate to abortion-rights its mind
```

is mr. straszheim 's remarks with a career replacement works <eos> <unk> education was named a director of this plastics media <eos>

Not bad for 1h of training!

Recurrent Neural Network - Character LM

References: * https://github.com/karpathy/char-rnn * https://github.com/hughperkins/char-lstm

Text generated using char-level LM trained on 1M reddit comments:

```
<post>
Diablo
<comment score=1>
I liked this game so much!! Hope telling that numbers' benefits and features never found out at that level is a total breeze because it's not even a developer/voice opening and rusher runs the game against so many people having noticeable purchases of selling the developers built or trying to run the patch to Jagex.
</comment>
```

Looks good! Wait a second...

Questions?

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