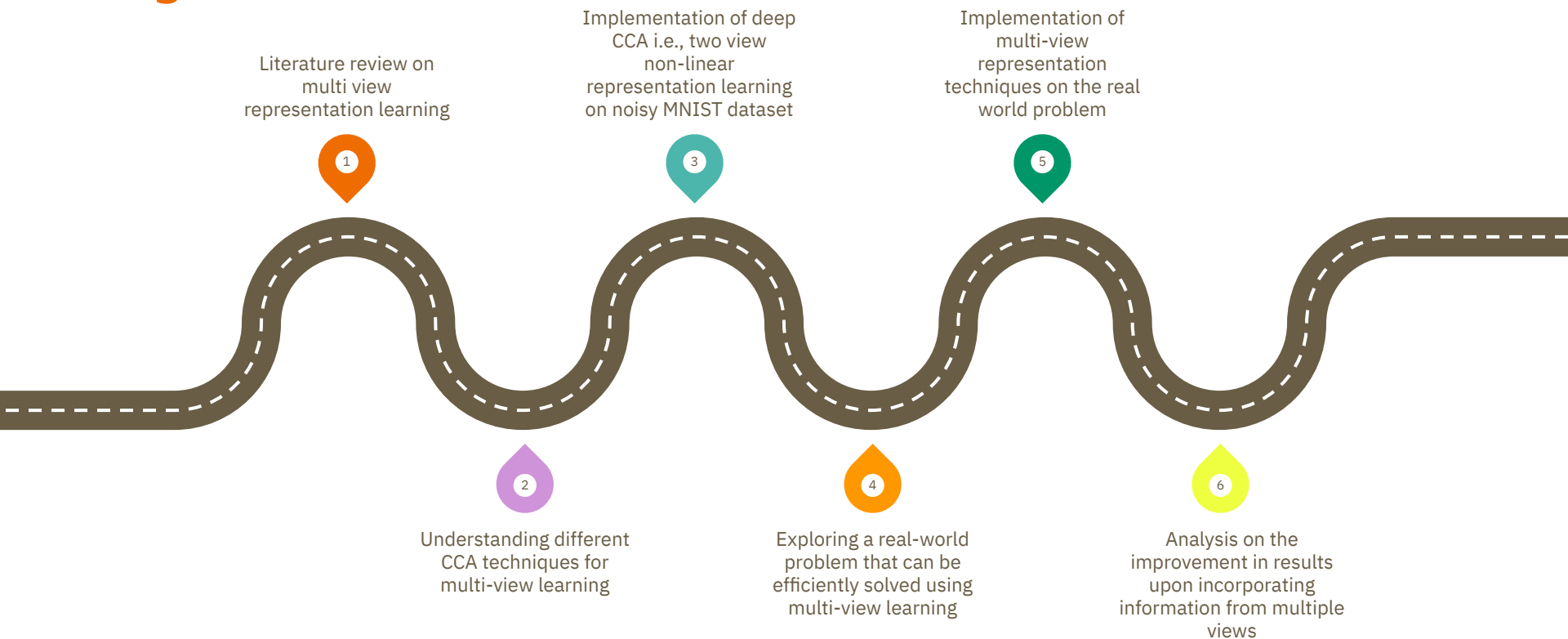


Multi View Representation Learning

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Progress



Problem Statement

Personalized news recommendation

News recommendation

- Objective : To improve user experience with personalized news recommendation
- News - multi view data
 - Title
 - Body
 - Category etc
- Learn informative representations of users and news by exploiting information from the multiple views of the news data

Dataset

MIND Dataset -

- Around 160k English news articles
- Around 15 million impression logs generated by around 1 million users



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*The performance of
recommendation algorithm
depends on the informativeness of
the news and user representations
learnt*

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Attentive Multi view learning approach

To incorporate information from different views as per their importance

Attentive Multi-view learning framework



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graph LR; A[News Encoder] --> B[User Encoder]; B --> C[Click Predictor];
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News
Encoder

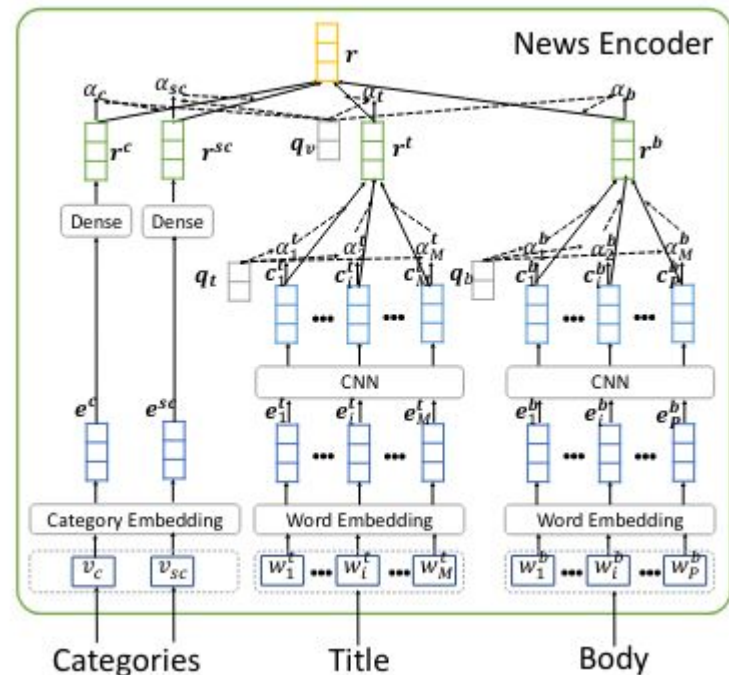
User
Encoder

Click
Predictor

News Encoder

Four major components -

- Title Encoder
- Body Encoder
- Category Encoder
- Attentive pooling



Title Encoder

1. Word Embedding

Converts a word sequence into a sequence of low-dimensional semantic vectors

$[w_1^t, w_2^t, \dots, w_M^t]$ is converted into $[e_1^t, e_2^t, \dots, e_M^t]$

2. CNN

Contextual word representation of the i -th word is

$$c_i^t = \text{ReLU}(F_t \times e_{(i-k):(i+k)}^t + b_t)$$

The o/p of this layer is a sequence of contextual representations.

3. Word level attention

To select important words within the context of each news title.

Say, α_i is the attention weight obtained for the i -th word,

Final representation of the news title:

$$r^t = \sum \alpha_i c_i^t \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ to } M$$

Body Encoder

- Three layers - word embedding, CNN and attention network similar to the title encoder
- Final representation of news body is the summation of contextual word representations weighted by their attention weights

$$r^b = \sum \alpha_i c_i^b \text{ for } i = 1 \text{ to } P, \text{ where } P \text{ is the number of words in the news body}$$

Attentive Pooling

- A view-level attention network to learn attention weights of title, body, category and sub-category

$$a_t = \mathbf{q}_v^T \tanh(\mathbf{U}_v \times \mathbf{r}^t + \mathbf{u}_v),$$
$$\alpha_t = \frac{\exp(a_t)}{\exp(a_t) + \exp(a_b) + \exp(a_c) + \exp(a_{sc})}$$

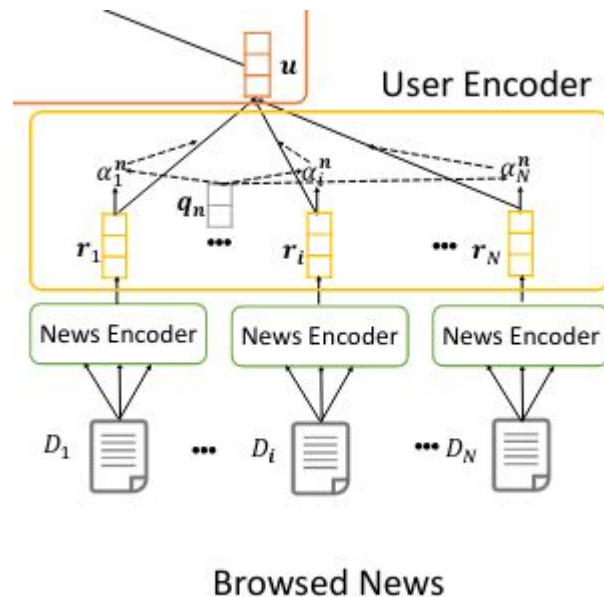
- Final news representation

$$\mathbf{r} = \alpha_c \mathbf{r}^c + \alpha_{sc} \mathbf{r}^{sc} + \alpha_t \mathbf{r}^t + \alpha_b \mathbf{r}^b$$

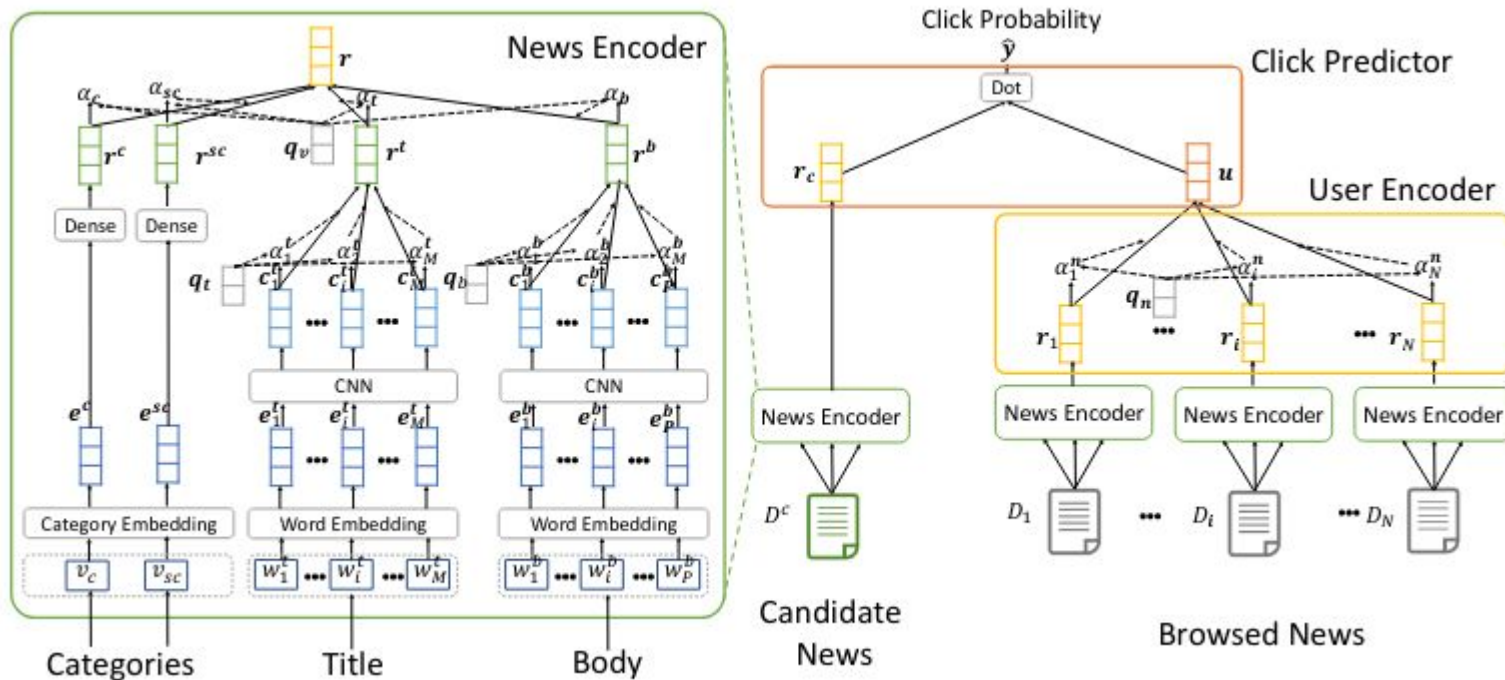
where $\alpha_c, \alpha_{sc}, \alpha_t, \alpha_b$ are the attention weights of each view

User Encoder

Learns representations of users from the representations of their browsed news



Attentive Multi-view learning framework



Training

- Negative sampling technique - with $K = 4$
- For each news article clicked by the user, randomly sample K articles that are presented in the same session and are not clicked by the user
- Jointly predicting the click probability scores of the positive news article and the k negative news articles.
- Normalize the click-probability scores using softmax
- Loss function : negative log likelihood of all positive samples

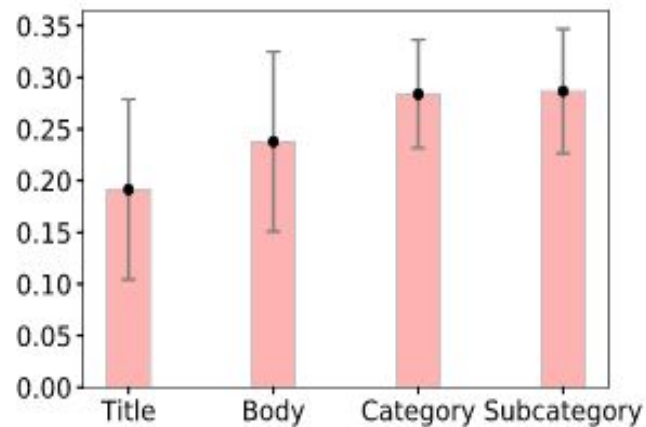
$$L = - \sum \log(p_i) \text{ for } i \in S \text{ where } S \text{ is the set of positive training samples}$$

Results

- MRR (Mean reciprocal rank) = 0.6518
- AUC Area under the ROC curve = 0.3072
- nDCG @ 5 = 0.3380
- nDCG @ 10 = 0.4022

Results

Plot of the mean and standard deviation of attention weights of the views



Observations

- The category view has the highest attention weight among all views for most samples.
- Attention weights on the title and body views are small for many samples.
- The over-fitting has reduced upon applying 20% drop-out to each layer.

Conclusion

Incorporating information from multiple views and applying attention mechanism has learnt useful representations thereby improving the performance of the news recommendation task.

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Any Questions?