

Notation

The following notation is used throughout this work.

a	a scalar (real, integer, or word/token)
\tilde{a}	a vector, nominally a column vector
A	a matrix
\mathcal{A}	a sequence, including a dataset or a sequence of words
\mathbb{V}	a set, e.g. the vocabulary
$\tilde{x}_{[i]}$	the i th element of the vector \tilde{x}
$X_{[i,j]}$	the row i and column j element X
$X[:,i]$	the i th column <i>vector</i> of the matrix X
$X[i,:]$	the i th row <i>vector</i> of the matrix X
$w^{[t]}$	a scalar t th element of some sequence
W^f	a matrix disambiguated by the name f
$[A \ B]$	the horizontal concatenation of A and B
$[A; B]$	the vertical concatenation of A and B
$P(\dots)$	A probability (estimated or ground truth)
A	a random variable (when not a matrix)
\hat{y}	A network output value, corresponding to target value y or \tilde{y} a vector or scalar quantity as appropriate

Words are treated as integers

We consistently notate words, as if they were scalar integer values. Writing for example $w^{[1]}$ as to be the first word in a sequence. Which is then used as an index: $C[:,w^{[i]}]$ is its corresponding word vector, from the embedding matrix C .

Superscripts and Subscripts

Readers may wonder why we are using $x_{[i]}$, and $x^{[i]}$. Would not $x_{[i]}$ suffice? Why differentiate between elements of a sequence, and elements of a vector?

The particularly problematic case, is that we often want to represent taking the i th element of a vector that is the t th element of a sequence of vectors. The vector, we would call $\tilde{x}^{[t]}$, its i element is $\tilde{x}_{[i]}^{[t]}$.

This is also not ambiguous with the matrix indexing notation $X_{[i,t]}$.

Rarely a superscript will be actually an exponent, e.g. $x^{\frac{2}{3}}$. This should be apparent when in this case. For more common is the natural exponent which we write $\exp(x)$.