# Introduction to sequence to sequence models

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#### Sequence to sequence generation

- Output a sequence given a sequence as input.
- Fixed length input.
- Fixed length output.
- Input output length different in general.

#### Seq2seq applications

- Machine translation.
- Question answering.
- NER/POS-Tagging.
- Text summarization.
- Grammar correction.



#### **Text summarization**

#### Input:

"Russian Defense Minister Ivanov called Sunday for the creation of a joint front for combating global terrorism."

#### **Output:**

"Russia calls for joint front against terrorism."

#### Grammar correction

#### Input:

"There is no a doubt, tracking systems has brought many benefits in this information age."

#### **Output:**

"There is no doubt, tracking systems have brought many benefits in this information age."



#### **English French dataset**

```
I know. Je sais.
I left. Je suis parti.
I'm OK. Je vais bien.
Got it! J'ai pigé!
Really? Vraiment??
Shut up! Taisez-vous?!
Have fun. Amuse-toi bien!
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.manythings.org/anki/



#### Preprocess ENG-FRA dataset

```
# Split i-th line into two at the tab character
eng_fra_line = str(lines[i]).split('\t')
# Separate out the English sentence
eng_line = eng_fra_line[0]
# Append start and end token to French sentence
fra_line = '\t' + eng_fra_line[1] + '\n'
# Append the English and French sentence to the list of sentences
english_sentences.append(eng_line)
french_sentences.append(fra_line)
```



#### **English vocabulary**

```
# Create an empty set to contain the English vocabulary
english_vocab = set()
# Iterate over each English sentence
for eng_line in english_sentences:
    # Iterate over each character of each sentence
    for ch in eng_line:
        # Add the character to the vocabulary if it is already not there
        if (ch not in english_vocab):
            english_vocab.add(ch)
# Sort the vocabulary
english_vocab = sorted(list(english_vocab))
```



#### French vocabulary

```
# Create an empty set to contain the French vocabulary
french_vocab = set()
# Iterate over each French sentence
for fra_line in french_sentences:
    # Iterate over each character of each sentence
    for ch in fra line:
        # Add the character to the vocabulary if it is already not there
        if (ch not in french_vocab):
            french_vocab.add(ch)
# Sort the vocabulary
french_vocab = sorted(list(french_vocab))
```



#### Mappings for English vocabulary

• Character to integer mapping for English vocabulary.

Integer to character mapping for the English vocabulary.

#### Mappings for French vocabulary

• Character to integer mapping for French vocabulary.

Integer to character mapping for the French vocabulary.

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# Neural machine translation

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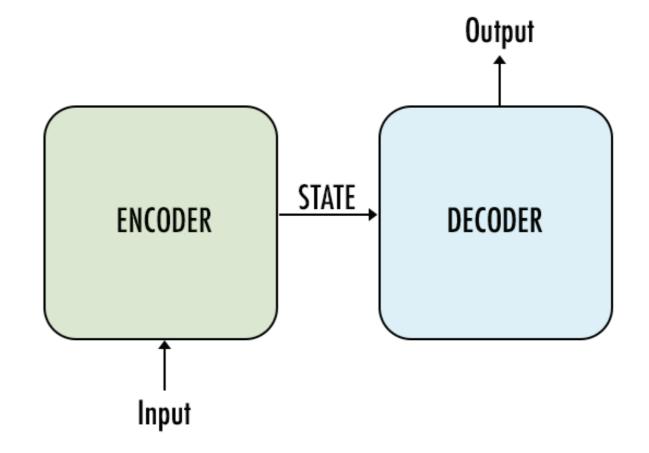


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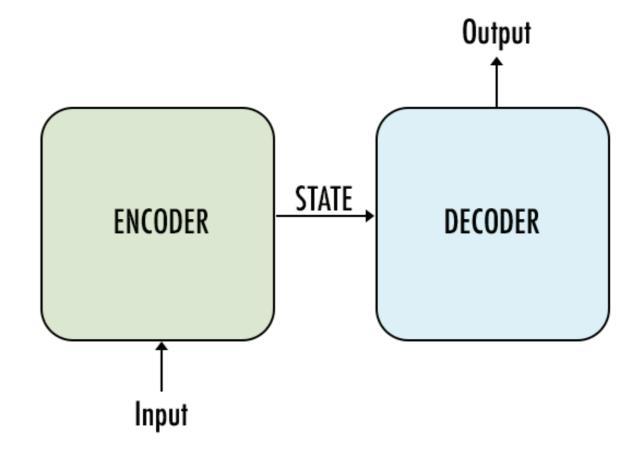
#### Encoder

- Accepts input sequence.
- Summarizes information in state vectors.
- State vectors passed to decoder.
- Outputs ignored.



#### Decoder

- Initial state vectors from encoder.
- Final states ignored.
- Outputs the predicted sequence.

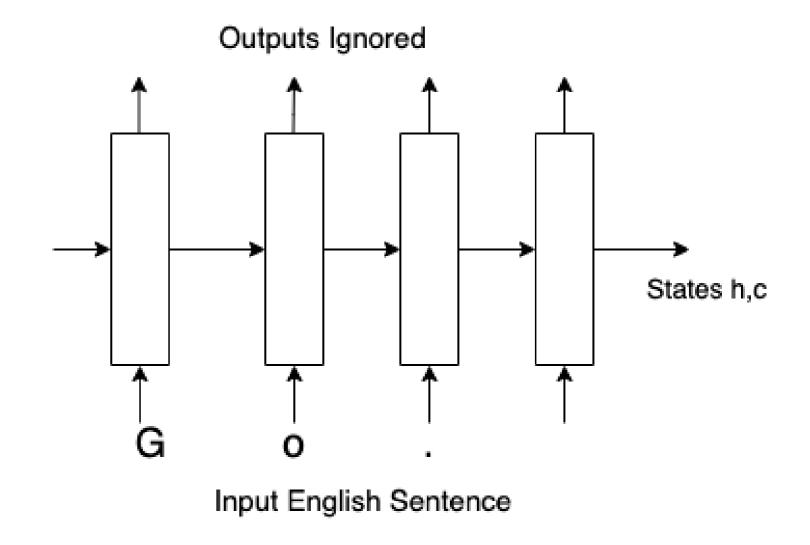


#### Teacher forcing

- Inference
  - Behavior as usual.
  - Input at each step output from previous time step.
- Training
  - Input is actual output for the current step.
  - Not the predicted output from previous time step.
  - Known as teacher-forcing.

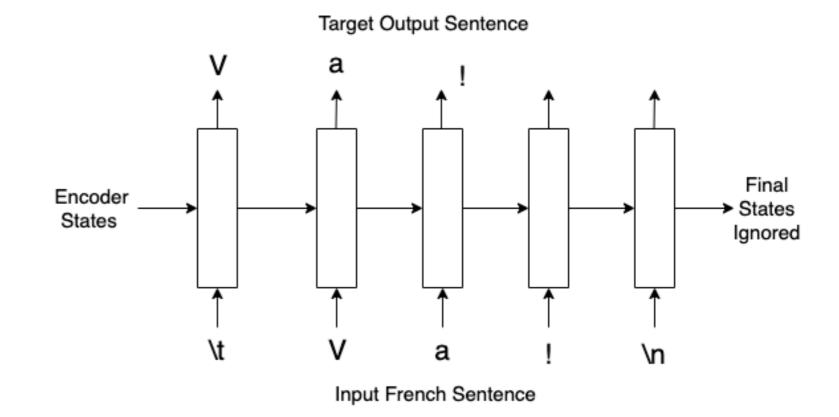
#### **Encoder for translation**

- Inputs: English sentences.
- Number of time steps: length of the sentence.
- States summarize the English sentences.
- Final states passed to decoder.
- Outputs ignored.

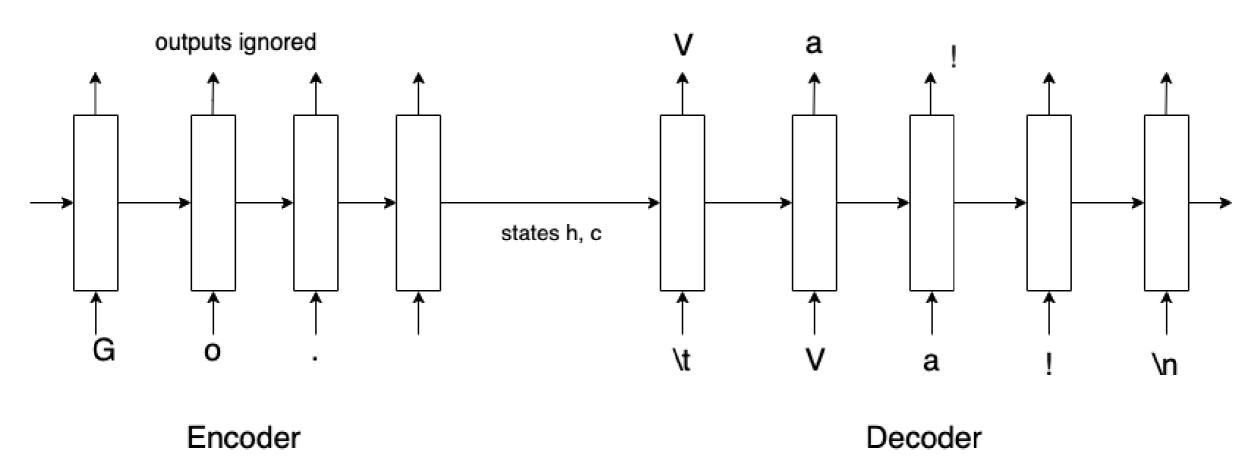


#### Decoder for translation

- Initial states: final states of the encoder.
- Inputs: French sentences.
- Outputs: translated sentences.
- Final states ignored.
- No of time-steps: length of French sentence.



#### **Encoder-decoder during training**



#### Shape of input and target vectors





#### Define input and target vectors

• Find the step sizes.

```
max_len_eng_sent = max([len(sentence) for sentence in english_sentences])
max_len_fra_sent = max([len(sentence) for sentence in french_sentences])
```

Define the input and target vectors.

#### Initialize input and target vectors

```
for i in range(no_of_sentences):
   # Iterate over each character of English sentences
    for k, ch in enumerate(english_sentences[i]):
        eng_input_data[i, k, eng_char_to_idx[ch]] = 1.
    # Iterate over each character of French sentences
    for k, ch in enumerate(french_sentences[i]):
        fra_input_data[i, k, fra_char_to_idx[ch]] = 1.
        # Target data will be one timestep ahead
        if k > 0:
            target_data[i, k-1, fra_char_to_idx[ch]] = 1.
```

#### **Keras functional APIs**

```
# This returns a input vector of size 784
inputs = Input(shape=(784,))

# A dense layer of 64 units is called on a vector returning a tensor
predictions = Dense(64, activation='relu')(inputs)

# This creates a model with an Input layer and an output of a dense layer
model = Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=predictions)
```

#### **Build the encoder**

Create input layer followed by the LSTM layer of 256 units.

```
encoder_input = Input(shape = (None, len(english_vocab)))
encoder_LSTM = LSTM(256, return_state = True)
```

• Feed input to the LSTM layer and get output.

```
encoder_outputs, encoder_h, encoder_c = encoder_LSTM(encoder_input)
```

Ignore the output and save the states.

```
encoder_states = [encoder_h, encoder_c]
```

#### **Build the decoder**

Create the input layer followed by the LSTM layer.

```
decoder_input = Input(shape=(None, len(french_vocab)))
decoder_LSTM = LSTM(256, return_sequences=True, return_state = True)
```

Get the output from the LSTM layer.

• Feed LSTM output to a dense layer to get the final output.

```
decoder_dense = Dense(len(french_vocab), activation='softmax')
decoder_out = decoder_dense (decoder_out)
```

#### Combine the encoder and the decoder

Combine encoder and decoder.

```
model = Model(inputs=[encoder_input, decoder_input], outputs=[decoder_out])
```

• Check model summary.

```
model.summary()
```



#### Compile and train the network

Compile and train the model.

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# Inference using encoder and decoder

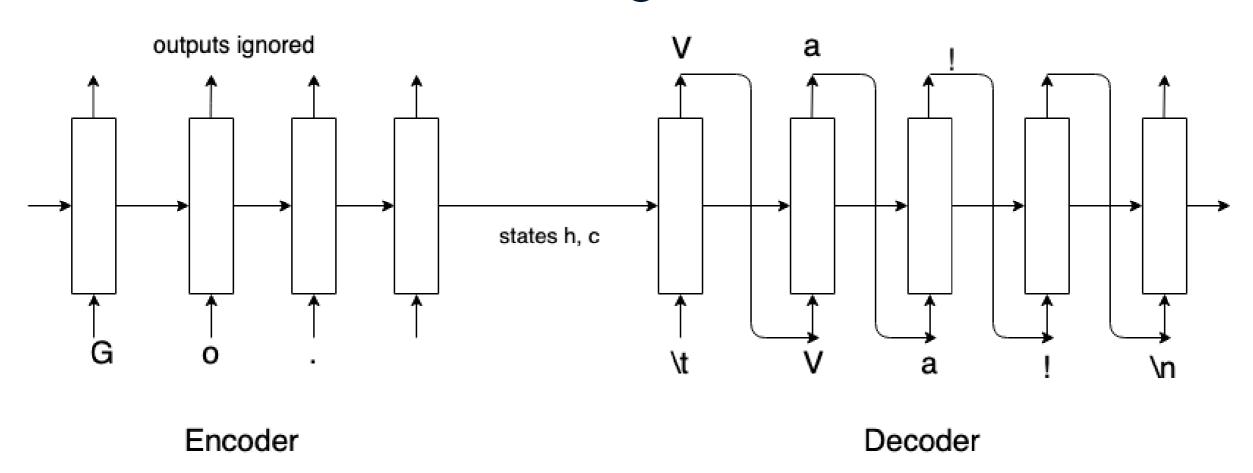
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#### Encoder and decoder during inference



#### Inference model for encoder

• Encoder inference model.

```
encoder_model = Model(encoder_inputs, encoder_states)
```



#### **Decoder initial states**

Define inputs of decoder inference model.

```
decoder_hidden_state = Input(shape=(latent_dim, None))
decoder_cell_state = Input(shape=(latent_dim, None))
```

• Initial state of the decoder LSTM layer.

```
decoder_input_states = [decoder_hidden_state, decoder_cell_state]
```

#### **Decoder outputs**

Get decoder output from the trained decoder LSTM layer created earlier.

Combine decoder states.

```
decoder_states = [decoder_hidden, decoder_cell]
```

• Feed decoder output to the trained decoder dense layer to predict the next character.

```
decoder_out = decoder_dense(decoder_out)
```

#### Inference model for decoder

Decoder inference model.

#### Prediction using the inference models

Pick an English sentence from the preprocessed English sentences.

```
inp_seq = tokenized_eng_sentences[10:11]
```

Get encoder internal states

```
states_val = encoder_model.predict(inp_seq)
```

• Define variable to save output, initialized to contain the start token.

```
target_seq = np.zeros((1, 1, len(french_vocab)))
target_seq[0, 0, fra_char_to_index_dict['\t']] = 1
```

#### Generate the first character

• Get output from decoder inference model.

• Find index of most probable next character.

```
max_val_index = np.argmax(decoder_out[0,-1,:])
```

• Get actual character using index to character map.

```
sampled_suffix_char = idx_to_char[max_val_index]
```

#### Generate the second character

Update target sequence and state values.

```
target_seq = np.zeros((1, 1, len(french_vocab)))
target_seq[0, 0, max_val_index] = 1
states_val = [decoder_h, decoder_c]
```

Get output from decoder inference model.

• Find most probable next character.

```
max_val_index = np.argmax(decoder_out[0,-1,:])
sampled_fra_char = fra_idx_to_char[max_val_index]
```

#### Generate translated sentence

```
translated_sent = ''
stop_condition = False
while not stop_condition:
    # Get decoder output
    decoder_out, decoder_h, decoder_c
                        = decoder_model.predict(x=[target_seg] + states_val)
    max_val_index = np.argmax(decoder_out[0,-1,:])
    # Append the generated character.
    translated_sent += fra_index_to_char_dict[max_val_index]
    # Stop if end token is encountered or max length reached
    if ( (sampled_fra_char == '\n') or (len(translated_sent) > max_len_fra_sent)):
        stop_condition = True
    # Store the generated character for next iteration
    target_seq = np.zeros((1, 1, len(french_vocab)))
    target_seq[0, 0, max_val_index] = 1
    states_val = [decoder_h, decoder_c]
print(translated_sent)
```

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