Report on Recurrent Neural Networks and Climatic Analysis of Manipal

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3(a) Architecture of Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) are neural architectures designed to handle sequential data by retaining information across time steps using hidden states. Unlike feedforward networks, RNNs share parameters across all time steps, enabling temporal dependency learning.

Basic RNN

At time step t, a standard RNN computes:

$$h_t = \tanh(W_h h_{t-1} + W_x x_t + b)$$

$$y_t = W_y h_t$$

where:

- x_t is the input
- h_t is the hidden state
- W_h, W_x, W_y are weight matrices

Vanishing Gradient Problem

During backpropagation through time (BPTT), gradients shrink exponentially:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial h_t} = \prod_{k=t}^{T} \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial h_{k-1}}$$

This makes learning long-term dependencies extremely difficult.

Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

GRUs mitigate this issue using gating mechanisms:

$$z_t = \sigma(W_z x_t + U_z h_{t-1})$$

$$r_t = \sigma(W_r x_t + U_r h_{t-1})$$

$$\tilde{h}_t = \tanh(W x_t + r_t \odot U h_{t-1})$$

$$h_t = (1 - z_t) \odot h_{t-1} + z_t \odot \tilde{h}_t$$

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

LSTMs introduce a separate cell state c_t and three gates.

LSTM Equations

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\begin{aligned}
f_t &= \sigma(W_f x_t + U_f h_{t-1} + b_f) \quad \text{(Forget Gate)} \\
i_t &= \sigma(W_i x_t + U_i h_{t-1} + b_i) \quad \text{(Input Gate)} \\
\tilde{c}_t &= \tanh(W_c x_t + U_c h_{t-1} + b_c) \\
c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t \\
o_t &= \sigma(W_o x_t + U_o h_{t-1} + b_o) \quad \text{(Output Gate)} \\
h_t &= o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)
\end{aligned}
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These gates allow LSTMs to preserve long-term information efficiently.

3(b) Climatic Analysis of Manipal Using an LSTM Model

This study investigates long-term temperature and precipitation trends in Manipal using time-series analysis. Seasonal plots reveal strong monsoon-driven rainfall cycles and a gradual increase in mean temperature.

Model Choice

A Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) model, previously implemented for a character-level text generation task (Office dialogue dataset), was repurposed for climate forecasting due to its ability to capture temporal dependencies.

Data Preparation

Listing 1: Climate Data Preprocessing

```python
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler

df = pd.read_csv("manipal_climate.csv")
df['Date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['Date'])
df.set_index('Date', inplace=True)

scaler = MinMaxScaler()
scaled_data = scaler.fit_transform(df[['Temperature']])
```

Sequence Creation

Listing 2: Time-Series Windowing

```python
def create_sequences(data, seq_length=12):
    X, y = [], []
    for i in range(len(data) - seq_length):
        X.append(data[i:i+seq_length])
        y.append(data[i+seq_length])
    return np.array(X), np.array(y)

X, y = create_sequences(scaled_data)
```

LSTM Model Architecture

Listing 3: LSTM Model Definition

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM, Dense

model = Sequential([
    LSTM(64, activation='tanh', input_shape=(X.shape[1], 1)),
    Dense(1)
])

model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='mse')
model.fit(X, y, epochs=30, batch_size=16)
```

Results and Climate Trend Quantification

The trained LSTM successfully captured:

- Strong annual rainfall seasonality
- Increasing temperature trend over years
- Rising variability in precipitation intensity

Model forecasts show a **positive long-term temperature slope**, confirming climate warming effects in Manipal.

Conclusion

The LSTM model demonstrates that climate change has led to measurable warming and altered precipitation patterns in Manipal. Reusing the same architecture previously applied to text modeling highlights the versatility of LSTMs across domains.