# Character level language model - Dinosaurus land

Welcome to Dinosaurus Island! 65 million years ago, dinosaurs existed, and in this assignment they are back. You are in charge of a special task. Leading biology researchers are creating new breeds of dinosaurs and bringing them to life on earth, and your job is to give names to these dinosaurs. If a dinosaur does not like its name, it might go berserk, so choose wisely!



Luckily you have learned some deep learning and you will use it to save the day. Your assistant has collected a list of all the dinosaur names they could find, and compiled them into this <u>dataset</u> (<u>dinos.txt</u>). (Feel free to take a look by clicking the previous link.) To create new dinosaur names, you will build a character level language model to generate new names. Your algorithm will learn the different name patterns, and randomly generate new names. Hopefully this algorithm will keep you and your team safe from the dinosaurs' wrath!

By completing this assignment you will learn:

- How to store text data for processing using an RNN
- How to synthesize data, by sampling predictions at each time step and passing it to the next RNN-cell unit
- How to build a character-level text generation recurrent neural network
- Why clipping the gradients is important

We will begin by loading in some functions that we have provided for you in rnn\_utils. Specifically, you have access to functions such as rnn\_forward and rnn\_backward which are equivalent to those you've implemented in the previous assignment.

In [1]: import numpy as np
 from utils import \*
 import random

### 1 - Problem Statement

#### 1.1 - Dataset and Preprocessing

Run the following cell to read the dataset of dinosaur names, create a list of unique characters (such as a-z), and compute the dataset and vocabulary size.

```
In [2]: data = open('dinos.txt', 'r').read()
    data= data.lower()
    chars = list(set(data))
    data_size, vocab_size = len(data), len(chars)
    print('There are %d total characters and %d unique characters in your data.' % (d
```

There are 19909 total characters and 27 unique characters in your data.

The characters are a-z (26 characters) plus the "\n" (or newline character), which in this assignment plays a role similar to the <EOS> (or "End of sentence") token we had discussed in lecture, only here it indicates the end of the dinosaur name rather than the end of a sentence. In the cell below, we create a python dictionary (i.e., a hash table) to map each character to an index from 0-26. We also create a second python dictionary that maps each index back to the corresponding character character. This will help you figure out what index corresponds to what character in the probability distribution output of the softmax layer. Below, char\_to\_ix and ix\_to\_char are the python dictionaries.

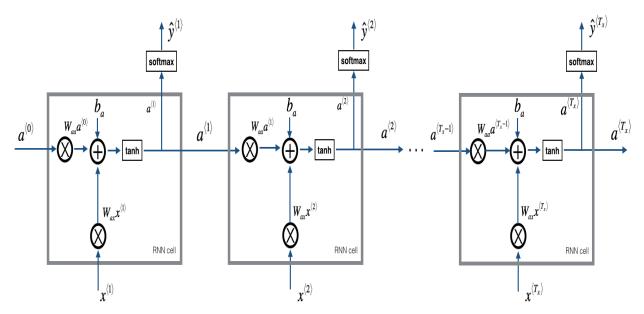
```
In [3]: char_to_ix = { ch:i for i,ch in enumerate(sorted(chars)) }
ix_to_char = { i:ch for i,ch in enumerate(sorted(chars)) }
print(ix_to_char)

{0: '\n', 1: 'a', 2: 'b', 3: 'c', 4: 'd', 5: 'e', 6: 'f', 7: 'g', 8: 'h', 9:
'i', 10: 'j', 11: 'k', 12: 'l', 13: 'm', 14: 'n', 15: 'o', 16: 'p', 17: 'q', 1
8: 'r', 19: 's', 20: 't', 21: 'u', 22: 'v', 23: 'w', 24: 'x', 25: 'y', 26: 'z'}
```

#### 1.2 - Overview of the model

Your model will have the following structure:

- Initialize parameters
- Run the optimization loop
  - Forward propagation to compute the loss function
  - Backward propagation to compute the gradients with respect to the loss function
  - Clip the gradients to avoid exploding gradients
  - Using the gradients, update your parameter with the gradient descent update rule.
- Return the learned parameters



**Figure 1**: Recurrent Neural Network, similar to what you had built in the previous notebook "Building a RNN - Step by Step".

At each time-step, the RNN tries to predict what is the next character given the previous characters. The dataset  $X = (x^{\langle 1 \rangle}, x^{\langle 2 \rangle}, \dots, x^{\langle T_x \rangle})$  is a list of characters in the training set, while  $Y = (y^{\langle 1 \rangle}, y^{\langle 2 \rangle}, \dots, y^{\langle T_x \rangle})$  is such that at every time-step t, we have  $y^{\langle t \rangle} = x^{\langle t+1 \rangle}$ .

# 2 - Building blocks of the model

In this part, you will build two important blocks of the overall model:

- Gradient clipping: to avoid exploding gradients
- Sampling: a technique used to generate characters

You will then apply these two functions to build the model.

# 2.1 - Clipping the gradients in the optimization loop

In this section you will implement the clip function that you will call inside of your optimization loop. Recall that your overall loop structure usually consists of a forward pass, a cost computation, a backward pass, and a parameter update. Before updating the parameters, you will perform gradient clipping when needed to make sure that your gradients are not "exploding," meaning taking on overly large values.

In the exercise below, you will implement a function clip that takes in a dictionary of gradients and returns a clipped version of gradients if needed. There are different ways to clip gradients; we will use a simple element-wise clipping procedure, in which every element of the gradient vector is clipped to lie between some range [-N, N]. More generally, you will provide a maxValue (say 10). In this example, if any component of the gradient vector is greater than 10, it would be set to 10; and if any component of the gradient vector is less than -10, it would be set to -10. If it is between -10 and 10, it is left alone.

# Without gradient clipping With gradient clipping

**Figure 2**: Visualization of gradient descent with and without gradient clipping, in a case where the network is running into slight "exploding gradient" problems.

**Exercise**: Implement the function below to return the clipped gradients of your dictionary gradients. Your function takes in a maximum threshold and returns the clipped versions of your gradients. You can check out this <a href="https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/generated/numpy.clip.html">https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/generated/numpy.clip.html</a>) for examples of how to clip in numpy. You will need to use the argument out = ....

```
In [4]: ### GRADED FUNCTION: clip
        def clip(gradients, maxValue):
            Clips the gradients' values between minimum and maximum.
            Arguments:
            gradients -- a dictionary containing the gradients "dWaa", "dWax", "dWya", "d
            maxValue -- everything above this number is set to this number, and everything
            Returns:
            gradients -- a dictionary with the clipped gradients.
            dWaa, dWax, dWya, db, dby = gradients['dWaa'], gradients['dWax'], gradients['e
            ### START CODE HERE ###
            # clip to mitigate exploding gradients, loop over [dWax, dWaa, dWya, db, dby]
            for gradient in [dWax, dWaa, dWya, db, dby]:
                np.clip(gradient, -maxValue, maxValue, out=gradient)
            ### END CODE HERE ###
            gradients = {"dWaa": dWaa, "dWax": dWax, "dWya": dWya, "db": db, "dby": dby}
            return gradients
```

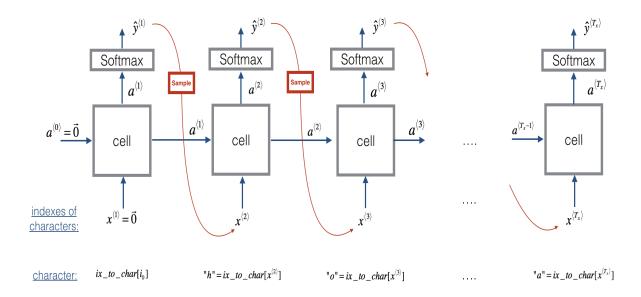
```
In [5]: | np.random.seed(3)
        dWax = np.random.randn(5,3)*10
        dWaa = np.random.randn(5,5)*10
        dWya = np.random.randn(2,5)*10
        db = np.random.randn(5,1)*10
        dby = np.random.randn(2,1)*10
        gradients = {"dWax": dWax, "dWaa": dWaa, "dWya": dWya, "db": db, "dby": dby}
        gradients = clip(gradients, 10)
        print("gradients[\"dWaa\"][1][2] =", gradients["dWaa"][1][2])
        print("gradients[\"dWax\"][3][1] =", gradients["dWax"][3][1])
        print("gradients[\"dWya\"][1][2] =", gradients["dWya"][1][2])
        print("gradients[\"db\"][4] =", gradients["db"][4])
        print("gradients[\"dby\"][1] =", gradients["dby"][1])
        gradients["dWaa"][1][2] = 10.0
        gradients["dWax"][3][1] = -10.0
        gradients["dWya"][1][2] = 0.29713815361
        gradients["db"][4] = [ 10.]
        gradients["dby"][1] = [ 8.45833407]
```

#### **Expected output:**

gradients["dWaa"][1][2]	10.0
gradients["dWax"][3][1]	-10.0
gradients["dWya"][1][2]	0.29713815361
gradients["db"][4]	[ 10.]
gradients["dby"][1]	[ 8.45833407]

# 2.2 - Sampling

Now assume that your model is trained. You would like to generate new text (characters). The process of generation is explained in the picture below:



**Figure 3**: In this picture, we assume the model is already trained. We pass in  $x^{\langle 1 \rangle} = \vec{0}$  at the first time step, and have the network then sample one character at a time.

**Exercise**: Implement the sample function below to sample characters. You need to carry out 4 steps:

- **Step 1**: Pass the network the first "dummy" input  $x^{\langle 1 \rangle} = \vec{0}$  (the vector of zeros). This is the default input before we've generated any characters. We also set  $a^{\langle 0 \rangle} = \vec{0}$
- **Step 2**: Run one step of forward propagation to get  $a^{(1)}$  and  $\hat{y}^{(1)}$ . Here are the equations:

$$a^{\langle t+1\rangle} = \tanh(W_{ax}x^{\langle t+1\rangle} + W_{aa}a^{\langle t\rangle} + b) \tag{1}$$

$$z^{\langle t+1\rangle} = W_{ya} a^{\langle t+1\rangle} + b_y \tag{2}$$

$$\hat{y}^{\langle t+1\rangle} = softmax(z^{\langle t+1\rangle}) \tag{3}$$

Note that  $\hat{y}^{\langle t+1 \rangle}$  is a (softmax) probability vector (its entries are between 0 and 1 and sum to 1).  $\hat{y}_i^{\langle t+1 \rangle}$  represents the probability that the character indexed by "i" is the next character. We have provided a softmax() function that you can use.

• Step 3: Carry out sampling: Pick the next character's index according to the probability distribution specified by  $\hat{y}^{\langle t+1\rangle}$ . This means that if  $\hat{y}_i^{\langle t+1\rangle}=0.16$ , you will pick the index "i" with 16% probability. To implement it, you can use <a href="mailto:np.random.choice">np.random.choice</a> (<a href="https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/generated/numpy-random.choice.html">https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-1.13.0/reference/generated/numpy-random.choice.html</a>).

Here is an example of how to use np.random.choice():

```
np.random.seed(0)
p = np.array([0.1, 0.0, 0.7, 0.2])
index = np.random.choice([0, 1, 2, 3], p = p.ravel())
```

This means that you will pick the index according to the distribution: P(index = 0) = 0.1, P(index = 1) = 0.0, P(index = 2) = 0.7, P(index = 3) = 0.2.

• Step 4: The last step to implement in sample() is to overwrite the variable x, which currently stores  $x^{\langle t \rangle}$ , with the value of  $x^{\langle t+1 \rangle}$ . You will represent  $x^{\langle t+1 \rangle}$  by creating a one-hot vector corresponding to the character you've chosen as your prediction. You will then forward propagate  $x^{\langle t+1 \rangle}$  in Step 1 and keep repeating the process until you get a "\n" character, indicating you've reached the end of the dinosaur name.

```
In [6]: # GRADED FUNCTION: sample
        def sample(parameters, char_to_ix, seed):
            Sample a sequence of characters according to a sequence of probability distri
            Arguments:
            parameters -- python dictionary containing the parameters Waa, Wax, Wya, by,
            char to ix -- python dictionary mapping each character to an index.
            seed -- used for grading purposes. Do not worry about it.
            Returns:
            indices -- a list of length n containing the indices of the sampled character
            # Retrieve parameters and relevant shapes from "parameters" dictionary
            Waa, Wax, Wya, by, b = parameters['Waa'], parameters['Wax'], parameters['Wya'
            vocab size = by.shape[0]
            n_a = Waa.shape[1]
            ### START CODE HERE ###
            # Step 1: Create the one-hot vector x for the first character (initializing t
            x = np.zeros((vocab size, 1))
            # Step 1': Initialize a_prev as zeros (≈1 line)
            a_prev = np.zeros((n_a, 1))
            # Create an empty list of indices, this is the list which will contain the li
            indices = []
            # Idx is a flag to detect a newline character, we initialize it to -1
            idx = -1
            # Loop over time-steps t. At each time-step, sample a character from a probab
            # its index to "indices". We'll stop if we reach 50 characters (which should I
            # trained model), which helps debugging and prevents entering an infinite loop
            counter = 0
            newline_character = char_to_ix['\n']
            while (idx != newline character and counter != 50):
                # Step 2: Forward propagate x using the equations (1), (2) and (3)
                a = np.tanh(np.dot(Wax, x) + np.dot(Waa, a prev) + b)
                z = np.dot(Wya, a) + by
                y = softmax(z)
                # for grading purposes
                 np.random.seed(counter+seed)
                # Step 3: Sample the index of a character within the vocabulary from the
                 idx = np.random.choice(list(range(vocab size)), p=y.ravel())
                # Append the index to "indices"
                 indices.append(idx)
                # Step 4: Overwrite the input character as the one corresponding to the st
                x = np.zeros((vocab_size, 1))
```

```
x[idx] = 1
    # Update "a prev" to be "a"
    a prev = a
    # for grading purposes
    seed += 1
    counter +=1
### END CODE HERE ###
if (counter == 50):
    indices.append(char_to_ix['\n'])
return indices
```

```
In [7]: | np.random.seed(2)
        _, n_a = 20, 100
        Wax, Waa, Wya = np.random.randn(n a, vocab size), np.random.randn(n a, n a), np.r
        b, by = np.random.randn(n_a, 1), np.random.randn(vocab_size, 1)
        parameters = {"Wax": Wax, "Waa": Waa, "Wya": Wya, "b": b, "by": by}
        indices = sample(parameters, char to ix, 0)
        print("Sampling:")
        print("list of sampled indices:", indices)
        print("list of sampled characters:", [ix to char[i] for i in indices])
```

#### Sampling:

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list of sampled indices: [12, 17, 24, 14, 13, 9, 10, 22, 24, 6, 13, 11, 12, 6,
21, 15, 21, 14, 3, 2, 1, 21, 18, 24, 7, 25, 6, 25, 18, 10, 16, 2, 3, 8, 15, 12,
11, 7, 1, 12, 10, 2, 7, 7, 11, 17, 24, 12, 13, 24, 0]
list of sampled characters: ['l', 'q', 'x', 'n', 'm', 'i', 'j', 'v', 'x', 'f',
'm', 'k', 'l', 'f', 'u', 'o', 'u', 'n', 'c', 'b', 'a', 'u', 'r', 'x', 'g', 'y',
'f', 'y', 'r', 'j', 'p', 'b', 'c', 'h', 'o', 'l', 'k', 'g', 'a', 'l',
'g', 'g', 'k', 'q', 'x', 'l', 'm', 'x', '\n']
```

#### **Expected output:**

```
[12, 17, 24, 14, 13, 9, 10, 22, 24, 6, 13, 11, 12, 6, 21, 15, 21, 14, 3, 2, 1, 21, 18, 24,
list of sampled indices:
                                   7, 25, 6, 25, 18, 10, 16, 2, 3, 8, 15, 12, 11, 7, 1, 12, 10, 2, 7, 7, 11, 5, 6, 12, 25, 0, 0]
                                                                            ['l', 'q', 'x', 'n', 'm', 'i', 'j', 'v', 'x', 'f', 'm', 'k', 'l', 'f', 'u', 'o',
           list of sampled
                                                               'u', 'n', 'c', 'b', 'a', 'u', 'r', 'x', 'g', 'y', 'f', 'y', 'r', 'j', 'p', 'b', 'c', 'h', 'o',
                characters:
                                                                             'l', 'k', 'g', 'a', 'l', 'j', 'b', 'g', 'g', 'k', 'e', 'f', 'l', 'y', '\n', '\n']
```

# 3 - Building the language model

It is time to build the character-level language model for text generation.

#### 3.1 - Gradient descent

In this section you will implement a function performing one step of stochastic gradient descent (with clipped gradients). You will go through the training examples one at a time, so the optimization algorithm will be stochastic gradient descent. As a reminder, here are the steps of a common optimization loop for an RNN:

- Forward propagate through the RNN to compute the loss
- · Backward propagate through time to compute the gradients of the loss with respect to the parameters
- Clip the gradients if necessary
- Update your parameters using gradient descent

**Exercise**: Implement this optimization process (one step of stochastic gradient descent).

We provide you with the following functions:

```
def rnn_forward(X, Y, a_prev, parameters):
    """ Performs the forward propagation through the RNN and computes the
cross-entropy loss.
   It returns the loss' value as well as a "cache" storing values to be
used in the backpropagation."""
   return loss, cache
def rnn_backward(X, Y, parameters, cache):
    """ Performs the backward propagation through time to compute the gra
dients of the loss with respect
   to the parameters. It returns also all the hidden states."""
   return gradients, a
def update_parameters(parameters, gradients, learning_rate):
    """ Updates parameters using the Gradient Descent Update Rule."""
   return parameters
```

```
In [8]: # GRADED FUNCTION: optimize
        def optimize(X, Y, a prev, parameters, learning rate = 0.01):
            Execute one step of the optimization to train the model.
            Arguments:
            X -- list of integers, where each integer is a number that maps to a characte
            Y -- list of integers, exactly the same as X but shifted one index to the lef
            a prev -- previous hidden state.
            parameters -- python dictionary containing:
                                Wax -- Weight matrix multiplying the input, numpy array o
                                Waa -- Weight matrix multiplying the hidden state, numpy
                                Wya -- Weight matrix relating the hidden-state to the out
                                 b -- Bias, numpy array of shape (n a, 1)
                                 by -- Bias relating the hidden-state to the output, numpy
            learning rate -- learning rate for the model.
            Returns:
            loss -- value of the loss function (cross-entropy)
            gradients -- python dictionary containing:
                                 dWax -- Gradients of input-to-hidden weights, of shape (n
                                dWaa -- Gradients of hidden-to-hidden weights, of shape (
                                 dWya -- Gradients of hidden-to-output weights, of shape (
                                 db -- Gradients of bias vector, of shape (n a, 1)
                                 dby -- Gradients of output bias vector, of shape (n y, 1)
            a[len(X)-1] -- the last hidden state, of shape (n a, 1)
            ### START CODE HERE ###
            # Forward propagate through time (≈1 line)
            loss, cache = rnn forward(X, Y, a prev, parameters)
            # Backpropagate through time (≈1 line)
            gradients, a = rnn backward(X, Y, parameters, cache)
            # Clip your gradients between -5 (min) and 5 (max) (≈1 line)
            gradients = clip(gradients, maxValue=5)
            # Update parameters (≈1 line)
            parameters = update parameters(parameters, gradients, learning rate)
            ### END CODE HERE ###
            return loss, gradients, a[len(X)-1]
```

```
In [9]: np.random.seed(1)
        vocab_size, n_a = 27, 100
        a prev = np.random.randn(n a, 1)
        Wax, Waa, Wya = np.random.randn(n a, vocab size), np.random.randn(n a, n a), np.r
        b, by = np.random.randn(n_a, 1), np.random.randn(vocab_size, 1)
        parameters = {"Wax": Wax, "Waa": Waa, "Wya": Wya, "b": b, "by": by}
        X = [12,3,5,11,22,3]
        Y = [4,14,11,22,25, 26]
        loss, gradients, a_last = optimize(X, Y, a_prev, parameters, learning_rate = 0.01
        print("Loss =", loss)
        print("gradients[\"dWaa\"][1][2] =", gradients["dWaa"][1][2])
        print("np.argmax(gradients[\"dWax\"]) =", np.argmax(gradients["dWax"]))
        print("gradients[\"dWya\"][1][2] =", gradients["dWya"][1][2])
        print("gradients[\"db\"][4] =", gradients["db"][4])
        print("gradients[\"dby\"][1] =", gradients["dby"][1])
        print("a_last[4] =", a_last[4])
```

```
Loss = 126.503975722
gradients["dWaa"][1][2] = 0.194709315347
np.argmax(gradients["dWax"]) = 93
gradients["dWya"][1][2] = -0.007773876032
gradients["db"][4] = [-0.06809825]
gradients["dby"][1] = [ 0.01538192]
a last[4] = [-1.]
```

#### **Expected output:**

```
Loss
                                 126.503975722
      gradients["dWaa"][1][2]
                              0.194709315347
np.argmax(gradients["dWax"])
                                            93
      gradients["dWya"][1][2] -0.007773876032
           gradients["db"][4]
                                  [-0.06809825]
          gradients["dby"][1]
                                  [ 0.01538192]
                     a_last[4]
                                           [-1.]
```

# 3.2 - Training the model

Given the dataset of dinosaur names, we use each line of the dataset (one name) as one training example. Every 100 steps of stochastic gradient descent, you will sample 10 randomly chosen names to see how the algorithm is doing. Remember to shuffle the dataset, so that stochastic gradient descent visits the examples in random order.

Exercise: Follow the instructions and implement model(). When examples[index] contains one dinosaur name (string), to create an example (X, Y), you can use this:

```
index = j % len(examples)
X = [None] + [char_to_ix[ch] for ch in examples[index]]
Y = X[1:] + [char_to_ix["\n"]]
```

Note that we use: index= j % len(examples), where j = 1...num\_iterations, to make sure that examples[index] is always a valid statement (index is smaller than len(examples)). The first entry of X being None will be interpreted by rnn\_forward() as setting  $x^{\langle 0 \rangle} = \vec{0}$ . Further, this ensures that Y is equal to X but shifted one step to the left, and with an additional "\n" appended to signify the end of the dinosaur name.

```
In [10]: # GRADED FUNCTION: model
         def model(data, ix to char, char to ix, num iterations = 35000, n a = 50, dino na
             Trains the model and generates dinosaur names.
             Arguments:
             data -- text corpus
             ix_to_char -- dictionary that maps the index to a character
             char_to_ix -- dictionary that maps a character to an index
             num iterations -- number of iterations to train the model for
             n a -- number of units of the RNN cell
             dino_names -- number of dinosaur names you want to sample at each iteration.
             vocab size -- number of unique characters found in the text, size of the voca
             Returns:
             parameters -- learned parameters
             # Retrieve n x and n y from vocab size
             n x, n y = vocab size, vocab size
             # Initialize parameters
             parameters = initialize_parameters(n_a, n_x, n_y)
             # Initialize loss (this is required because we want to smooth our loss, don't
             loss = get initial loss(vocab size, dino names)
             # Build list of all dinosaur names (training examples).
             with open("dinos.txt") as f:
                  examples = f.readlines()
             examples = [x.lower().strip() for x in examples]
             # Shuffle list of all dinosaur names
             np.random.seed(0)
             np.random.shuffle(examples)
             # Initialize the hidden state of your LSTM
             a prev = np.zeros((n a, 1))
             # Optimization loop
             for j in range(num iterations):
                 ### START CODE HERE ###
                 # Use the hint above to define one training example (X,Y) (\approx 2 lines)
                  index = j % len(examples)
                 X = [None] + [char_to_ix[ch] for ch in examples[index]]
                 Y = X[1:] + [char to ix["\n"]]
                 # Perform one optimization step: Forward-prop -> Backward-prop -> Clip ->
                  # Choose a learning rate of 0.01
                  curr_loss, gradients, a_prev = optimize(X, Y, a_prev, parameters, learnin
                  ### END CODE HERE ###
```

```
# Use a latency trick to keep the loss smooth. It happens here to acceler
    loss = smooth(loss, curr loss)
    # Every 2000 Iteration, generate "n" characters thanks to sample() to che
    if j % 2000 == 0:
        print('Iteration: %d, Loss: %f' % (j, loss) + '\n')
        # The number of dinosaur names to print
        seed = 0
        for name in range(dino names):
            # Sample indices and print them
            sampled_indices = sample(parameters, char_to_ix, seed)
            print_sample(sampled_indices, ix_to_char)
            seed += 1 # To get the same result for grading purposed, increme
        print('\n')
return parameters
```

Run the following cell, you should observe your model outputting random-looking characters at the first iteration. After a few thousand iterations, your model should learn to generate reasonablelooking names.

```
In [11]:
         parameters = model(data, ix_to_char, char_to_ix)
         Iteration: 0, Loss: 23.087336
         Nkzxwtdmfqoeyhsqwasjkjvu
         Kneb
         Kzxwtdmfqoeyhsqwasjkjvu
         Neb
         Zxwtdmfqoeyhsqwasjkjvu
         Xwtdmfqoeyhsqwasjkjvu
         Iteration: 2000, Loss: 27.884160
         Liusskeomnolxeros
         Hmdaairus
         Hytroligoraurus
         Lecalosapaus
         Xusicikoraurus
         Abalpsamantisaurus
```

# Conclusion

You can see that your algorithm has started to generate plausible dinosaur names towards the end of the training. At first, it was generating random characters, but towards the end you could see dinosaur names with cool endings. Feel free to run the algorithm even longer and play with

hyperparameters to see if you can get even better results. Our implementation generated some really cool names like maconucon, marloralus and macingsersaurus. Your model hopefully also learned that dinosaur names tend to end in saurus, don, aura, tor, etc.

If your model generates some non-cool names, don't blame the model entirely--not all actual dinosaur names sound cool. (For example, dromaeosauroides is an actual dinosaur name and is in the training set.) But this model should give you a set of candidates from which you can pick the coolest!

This assignment had used a relatively small dataset, so that you could train an RNN quickly on a CPU. Training a model of the english language requires a much bigger dataset, and usually needs much more computation, and could run for many hours on GPUs. We ran our dinosaur name for quite some time, and so far our favoriate name is the great, undefeatable, and fierce: Mangosaurus!



Welcome the MANGOSAURUS!

# 4 - Writing like Shakespeare

The rest of this notebook is optional and is not graded, but we hope you'll do it anyway since it's guite fun and informative.

A similar (but more complicated) task is to generate Shakespeare poems. Instead of learning from a dataset of Dinosaur names you can use a collection of Shakespearian poems. Using LSTM cells, you can learn longer term dependencies that span many characters in the text--e.g., where a character appearing somewhere a sequence can influence what should be a different character much much later in ths sequence. These long term dependencies were less important with dinosaur names, since the names were quite short.



Let's become poets!

We have implemented a Shakespeare poem generator with Keras. Run the following cell to load the required packages and models. This may take a few minutes.

```
In [12]: from future import print function
         from keras.callbacks import LambdaCallback
         from keras.models import Model, load model, Sequential
         from keras.layers import Dense, Activation, Dropout, Input, Masking
         from keras.layers import LSTM
         from keras.utils.data_utils import get_file
         from keras.preprocessing.sequence import pad sequences
         from shakespeare utils import *
         import sys
         import io
```

Using TensorFlow backend.

```
Loading text data...
Creating training set...
number of training examples: 31412
Vectorizing training set...
Loading model...
```

To save you some time, we have already trained a model for ~1000 epochs on a collection of Shakespearian poems called "The Sonnets" (shakespeare.txt).

Let's train the model for one more epoch. When it finishes training for an epoch---this will also take a few minutes---you can run generate output, which will prompt asking you for an input (<40 characters). The poem will start with your sentence, and our RNN-Shakespeare will complete the

rest of the poem for you! For example, try "Forsooth this maketh no sense " (don't enter the quotation marks). Depending on whether you include the space at the end, your results might also differ--try it both ways, and try other inputs as well.

```
In [13]: print_callback = LambdaCallback(on_epoch_end=on_epoch_end)
       model.fit(x, y, batch size=128, epochs=1, callbacks=[print callback])
       Epoch 1/1
       Out[13]: <keras.callbacks.History at 0x7f0a56f8a358>
In [15]: # Run this cell to try with different inputs
        without having to re-train the model
        generate_output()
```

Write the beginning of your poem, the Shakespeare machine will complete it. You r input is: Life bestowed upon her silver eyes

Here is your poem:

Life bestowed upon her silver eyes.

for thas your is whate profredaly live. ever padntirs cheros my heart wend nown it brabted, fain. whose of the wordss pirst cite caffor kind, be that bounge my yout his somled and cropn, ad may for your hade shousf of are fars, lobe not rekend thy can and my play'ts shoun, and farce feasse to be 'pay, i nut fars joses, fap paincid hath from oy rotnes hafl do.

thou have thine my me vidsion noa

The RNN-Shakespeare model is very similar to the one you have built for dinosaur names. The only major differences are:

- LSTMs instead of the basic RNN to capture longer-range dependencies
- The model is a deeper, stacked LSTM model (2 layer)
- · Using Keras instead of python to simplify the code

If you want to learn more, you can also check out the Keras Team's text generation implementation on GitHub: https://github.com/keras-team/keras/blob/master/examples/lstm\_text\_generation.py (https://github.com/keras-team/keras/blob/master/examples/lstm\_text\_generation.py).

Congratulations on finishing this notebook!

#### References:

- This exercise took inspiration from Andrej Karpathy's implementation: https://gist.github.com/karpathy/d4dee566867f8291f086 (https://gist.github.com/karpathy/d4dee566867f8291f086). To learn more about text generation, also check out Karpathy's blog post (http://karpathy.github.io/2015/05/21/rnn-effectiveness/).
- For the Shakespearian poem generator, our implementation was based on the implementation of an LSTM text generator by the Keras team: https://github.com/kerasteam/keras/blob/master/examples/lstm\_text\_generation.py (https://github.com/kerasteam/keras/blob/master/examples/lstm\_text\_generation.py)

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