

# lab6

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## 1 COMP3222/COMP6246 Machine Learning Technologies (2018/19)

### 1.1 Week 11 - Recurrent Neural Networks (Chapter 14)

Follow each section at your own pace, you can have a look at the book or ask questions to demonstrators if you find something confusing.

## 2 1. Basic Theory

Until now, we looked into basic perceptrons, convolutional neural network (CNN) and how to implement them in TensorFlow. In practice these techniques are used in tasks such as: searching images, self-driving cars, automatic video classification and many more. Surely, there are different neural architectures that are used in Deep Learning. In previous lab, we showed that CNNs are essentially for "processing a grid of values". However, Deep Learning community also generated another architecture specifically for "processing a sequence of values" which are called **Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)** [Goodfellow 2016]. In practice, recurrent neural networks are used for analyzing time series: stock prices, car trajectories, sentiment analysis and more.

*Get Motivated:* Have a look at [this interactive example](#), which generates new strokes in your handwriting style, which is using RNNs. The model is explained in [this paper](#).

### 2.1 Bare-bones RNN

Let's implement an RNN with five recurrent neurons without using TensorFlow's RNN implementation/utilities.

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In [148]: import tensorflow as tf
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# to make this notebook's output stable across runs
def reset_graph(seed=42):
    tf.reset_default_graph()
    tf.set_random_seed(seed)
    np.random.seed(seed)

reset_graph()
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# Let's assume some artificial data with three input (if our objective is to predict
n_inputs = 3 # then for instance: first word, second word, third word can be the input
n_neurons = 5 # number of neurons

X0 = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, n_inputs]) # t=0 batch
X1 = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, n_inputs]) # t=1 batch

# Weights on inputs (all steps share this), initially they are set random
Wx = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal(shape=[n_inputs, n_neurons], dtype=tf.float32))

# Connection weights for the outputs of the previous timestep (all steps share this)
Wy = tf.Variable(tf.random_normal(shape=[n_neurons, n_neurons], dtype=tf.float32))

# bias vector, all zeros for now
b = tf.Variable(tf.zeros([1, n_neurons], dtype=tf.float32))

# outputs of timestep 0
Y0 = tf.tanh(tf.matmul(X0, Wx) + b)

# outputs of timestep 1
Y1 = tf.tanh(tf.matmul(Y0, Wy) + tf.matmul(X1, Wx) + b)
# Y1 = activation_function(dot_product(Y0, Wy) + dot_product(X1, Wx) + bias_vector)

init = tf.global_variables_initializer()

# Mini-batch:           instance1  instance2  instance3 instance4
X0_batch = np.array([[0, 1, 2], [3, 4, 5], [6, 7, 8], [9, 0, 1]]) # t = 0 (e.g. instance1)
X1_batch = np.array([[9, 8, 7], [0, 0, 0], [6, 5, 4], [3, 2, 1]]) # t = 1 (e.g. instance1)

# within the session
with tf.Session() as sess:
    init.run()
    # get the outputs of each step
    Y0_val, Y1_val = sess.run([Y0, Y1], feed_dict={X0: X0_batch, X1: X1_batch})

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In [149]: print(Y0\_val) *# layers output at t=0*

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[[-0.0664006  0.9625767  0.68105793  0.7091854 -0.898216 ]
 [ 0.9977755 -0.719789  -0.9965761  0.9673924 -0.9998972 ]
 [ 0.99999774 -0.99898803 -0.9999989  0.9967762 -0.9999999 ]
 [ 1.         -1.         -1.         -0.99818915  0.9995087 ]]

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In [150]: print(Y1\_val) *# layers output at t=1*

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[[ 1.         -1.         -1.         0.4020025 -0.9999998 ]
 [-0.12210419  0.62805265  0.9671843 -0.9937122 -0.2583937 ]
 [ 0.9999983  -0.9999994 -0.9999975 -0.85943305 -0.9999881 ]]

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[ 0.99928284 -0.99999815 -0.9999058   0.9857963  -0.92205757]]
```

For the given example above, from the comments in the code:

*Exercise 1.2.:* How would you define the outputs?

*Exercise 1.3.:* Why are there five columns?

*Exercise 1.4.:* Why are there four rows?

*Exercise 1.5.:* What would be difference between instance1 at  $t = 0$  and instance1 at  $t = 1$ ?

*Exercise 1.6.:* What is the difference between instance1 and instance2 at  $t = 1$ ?

## 3 2. Predicting Time Series

Let's look at a simple use of RNNs with time series, these time series could be stock prices, brain wave patterns and so on. Our objective could be predicting the stock price in future, given the available data that we have.

Let's define an arbitrary sinus function for stock prices `time_series(t)` to make our predictions.

```
In [151]: reset_graph()
          # time starts from 0 to 30
          t_min, t_max = 0, 30
          # we sample time_series function for every 0.1
          resolution = 0.1

          def time_series(t):
              return t * np.sin(t) / 3 + 2 * np.sin(t*5)

          def next_batch(batch_size, n_steps):
              """
              Returns a batch with `n_steps`: number of instances
              """
              # randomly get a starting number between a range
              t0 = np.random.rand(batch_size, 1) * (t_max - t_min - n_steps * resolution)
              # make a list until of number with n_steps until the next batch
              Ts = t0 + np.arange(0., n_steps + 1) * resolution
              # get the outputs of time_series function given the input Ts (time points)
              ys = time_series(Ts)

              # return X's and Y's
              return ys[:, :-1].reshape(-1, n_steps, 1), ys[:, 1:].reshape(-1, n_steps, 1)

          # inputs to the time_series function
          t = np.linspace(t_min, t_max, int((t_max - t_min) / resolution))

          n_steps = 20
          # a training instance
          t_instance = np.linspace(12.2, 12.2 + resolution * (n_steps + 1), n_steps + 1)
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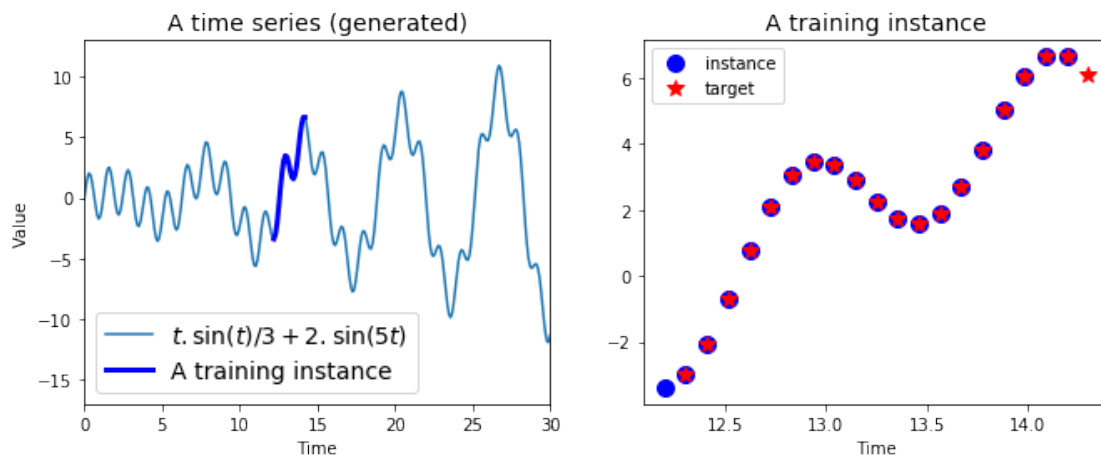
plt.figure(figsize=(11,4))
plt.subplot(121)
plt.title("A time series (generated)", fontsize=14)
# plot all the data
plt.plot(t, time_series(t), label=r"$t \cdot \sin(t) / 3 + 2 \cdot \sin(5t)$")

# plot only the training set
plt.plot(t_instance[:-1], time_series(t_instance[:-1]), "b-", linewidth=3, label="A")
plt.legend(loc="lower left", fontsize=14)
plt.axis([0, 30, -17, 13])
plt.xlabel("Time")
plt.ylabel("Value")

plt.subplot(122)
plt.title("A training instance", fontsize=14)
plt.plot(t_instance[:-1], time_series(t_instance[:-1]), "bo", markersize=10, label="instance")
# notice that targets are shifted by one time step into the future
plt.plot(t_instance[1:], time_series(t_instance[1:]), "r*", markersize=10, label="target")
plt.legend(loc="upper left")
plt.xlabel("Time")

plt.show()

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In [158]: X_batch, y_batch = next_batch(1, n_steps)

# combining X_batch and y_batch for better printing, first_column=X, second_column=Y
print(np.c_[X_batch[0], y_batch[0]])
# Did you notice the shift in y values?

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[[-6.38589336 -7.65675325]
 [-7.65675325 -8.79972348]]

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[-8.79972348 -9.58553732]
[-9.58553732 -9.85471151]
[-9.85471151 -9.55610976]
[-9.55610976 -8.7591591 ]
[-8.7591591  -7.63673247]
[-7.63673247 -6.42289149]
[-6.42289149 -5.35583605]
[-5.35583605 -4.62002782]
[-4.62002782 -4.30165474]
[-4.30165474 -4.3683356 ]
[-4.3683356  -4.67802692]
[-4.67802692 -5.01494284]
[-5.01494284 -5.1436834 ]
[-5.1436834  -4.86830673]
[-4.86830673 -4.0818687 ]
[-4.0818687  -2.79428621]
[-2.79428621 -1.13168597]
[-1.13168597  0.69261902]]

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In [159]: `reset_graph()`

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n_steps = 20
n_inputs = 1
n_neurons = 100
n_outputs = 1
learning_rate = 0.04
n_iterations = 50
batch_size = 50

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X = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, n_steps, n_inputs])
y = tf.placeholder(tf.float32, [None, n_steps, n_outputs])

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# We use `dynamic_rnn` and `BasicRNNCell` utilities in this case, with tf.nn.relu
cell = tf.contrib.rnn.BasicRNNCell(num_units=n_neurons, activation=tf.nn.relu)
rnn_outputs, states = tf.nn.dynamic_rnn(cell, X, dtype=tf.float32)

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# This part is visually shown in the book Figure 14-10.
stacked_rnn_outputs = tf.reshape(rnn_outputs, [-1, n_neurons])

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# What do you think line below will be doing? (Tip: https://www.tensorflow.org/api_d
stacked_outputs = tf.layers.dense(stacked_rnn_outputs, n_outputs)

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outputs = tf.reshape(stacked_outputs, [-1, n_steps, n_outputs])

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loss = tf.reduce_mean(tf.square(outputs - y))
optimizer = tf.train.GradientDescentOptimizer(learning_rate=learning_rate)
training_op = optimizer.minimize(loss)

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init = tf.global_variables_initializer()
saver = tf.train.Saver()

with tf.Session() as sess:
    init.run()
    for iteration in range(n_iterations):
        X_batch, y_batch = next_batch(batch_size, n_steps)
        sess.run(training_op, feed_dict={X: X_batch, y: y_batch})
        if iteration % 100 == 0:
            mse = loss.eval(feed_dict={X: X_batch, y: y_batch})
            print(iteration, "\tMSE:", mse)

    X_new = time_series(np.array(t_instance[:-1].reshape(-1, n_steps, n_inputs)))
    y_pred = sess.run(outputs, feed_dict={X: X_new})
    saver.save(sess, "./my_time_series_model")

```

0            MSE: 4.325624

In [154]: y\_pred

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Out[154]: array([[[-4.2340837 ],
                  [-2.8911543 ],
                  [-1.070605  ],
                  [ 0.19214775],
                  [ 1.1697538 ],
                  [ 2.4484897 ],
                  [ 3.4318795 ],
                  [ 3.5786705 ],
                  [ 3.251478  ],
                  [ 2.5415256 ],
                  [ 1.8611032 ],
                  [ 1.411264  ],
                  [ 1.4580247 ],
                  [ 1.9701571 ],
                  [ 2.9672565 ],
                  [ 4.206966  ],
                  [ 5.4253616 ],
                  [ 6.314535  ],
                  [ 6.6684027 ],
                  [ 6.400406  ]]], dtype=float32)

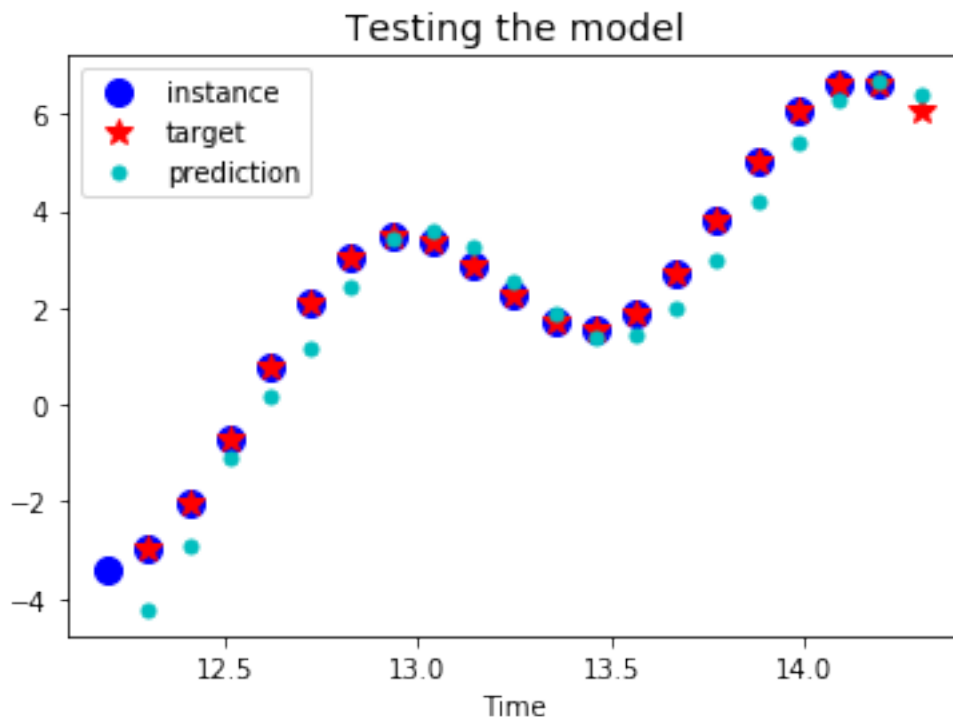
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In [155]: plt.title("Testing the model", fontsize=14)
plt.plot(t_instance[:-1], time_series(t_instance[:-1]), "bo", markersize=10, label="")
plt.plot(t_instance[1:], time_series(t_instance[1:]), "r*", markersize=10, label="target")
plt.plot(t_instance[1:], y_pred[0,:,0], "c.", markersize=10, label="prediction")
plt.legend(loc="upper left")
plt.xlabel("Time")

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plt.show()
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Exercise 2.1. Add comments to the code blocks above. Do you understand the purpose of each line?

Exercise 2.2. How can you improve MSE? (*Tip: Remember Lab 4: Gradient Descent*)

Exercise 2.3. Implement RMSE instead of MSE, compare the test plots.

## 4 3. Creative RNNs

We can use RNNs to generate sequences, below you are going to use the model we trained. You should expect some resemblance to the original time series.

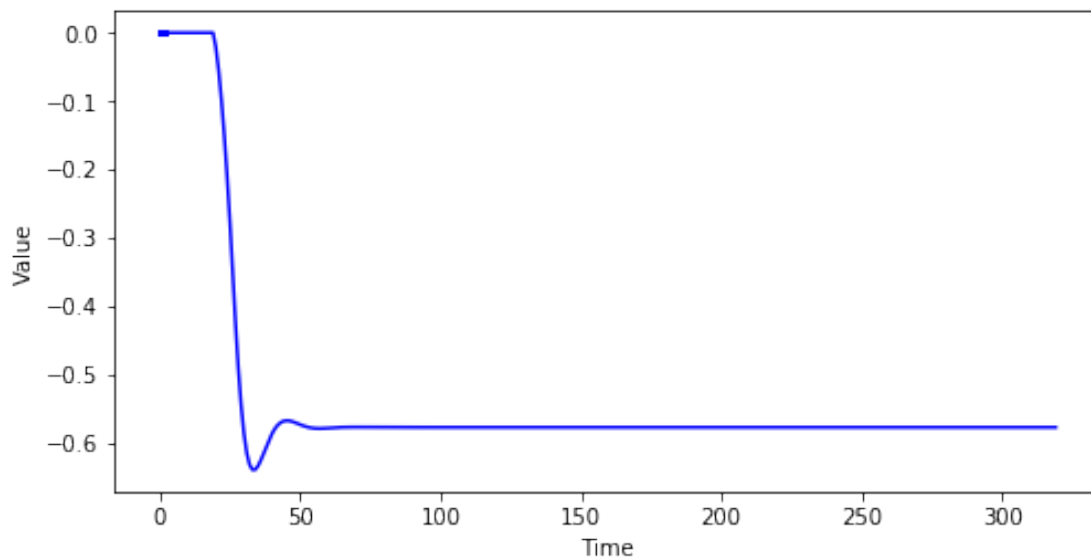
```
In [157]: with tf.Session() as sess:
           saver.restore(sess, "./my_time_series_model")

           sequence = [0.] * n_steps
           for iteration in range(300):
               X_batch = np.array(sequence[-n_steps:]).reshape(1, n_steps, 1)
               y_pred = sess.run(outputs, feed_dict={X: X_batch})
               sequence.append(y_pred[0, -1, 0])

           plt.figure(figsize=(8,4))
           plt.plot(np.arange(len(sequence)), sequence, "b-")
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plt.plot(t[:n_steps], sequence[:n_steps], "b-", linewidth=3)
plt.xlabel("Time")
plt.ylabel("Value")
plt.show()
```

INFO:tensorflow:Restoring parameters from ./my\_time\_series\_model



Exercise 3.1. Does your plot not resemble to the actual time series? Why do you think so?

Exercise 3.2. Change your optimizer to AdamOptimizer, what do you think is changed?

Exercise 3.3. Try different activation functions. (e.g. logit, tanh,

## 5 Recap

In this lab, we demonstrated these concepts:

- from theory to implementation, how a simple RNN is implemented
- how to predict a time series with RNN
- which parameters to look out for and for improving the predictions
- generation of sequences from an RNN

As before, of course there are some materials that we have not be able to cover. In your free time, you can have a look at:

- LSTM Cells and GRU Cells
- NLP Applications with RNNs
- Encoding and Decoding with RNNs



### 5.0.1 References

[Goodfellow, 2016] : <https://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

In [ ]: