Paying attention to Attention

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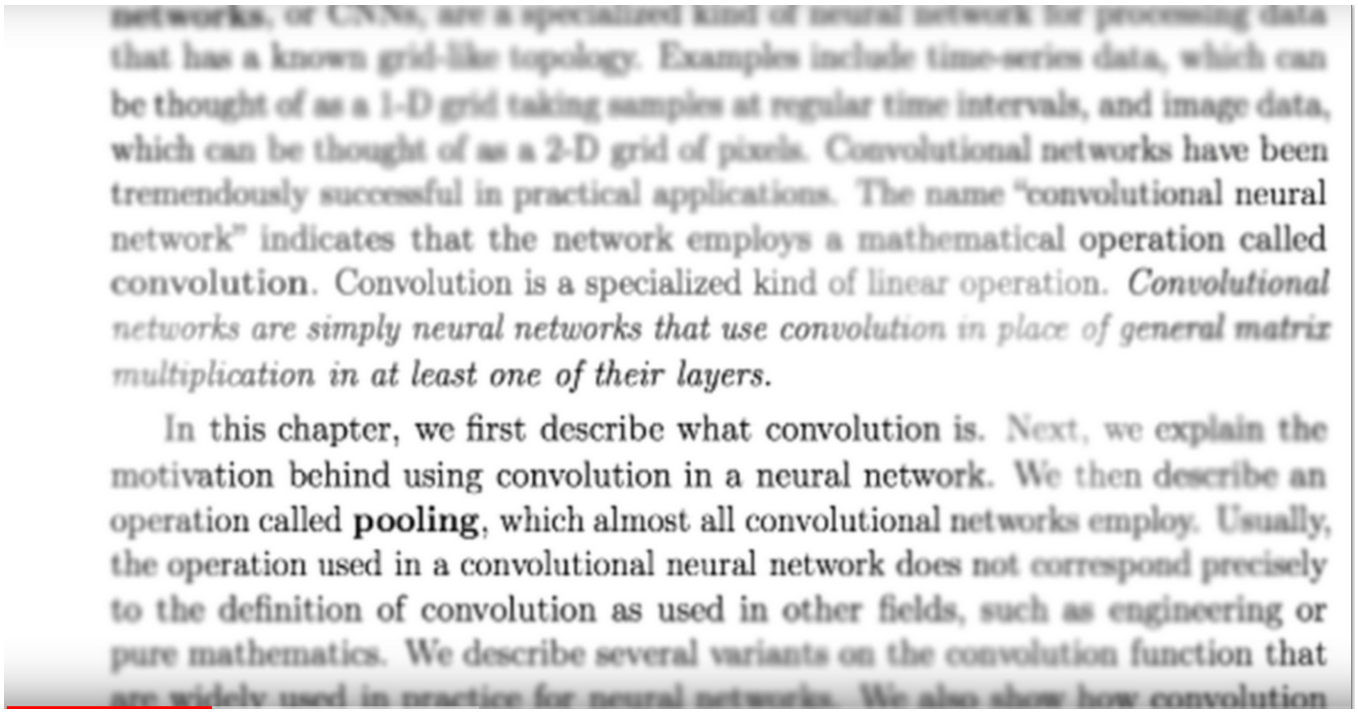
2. Introduction to Neural Networks
3. Basics of the Attention mechanism
4. Deep dive into Attention
5. Attention applications

Introduction to Attention

Basic intuition



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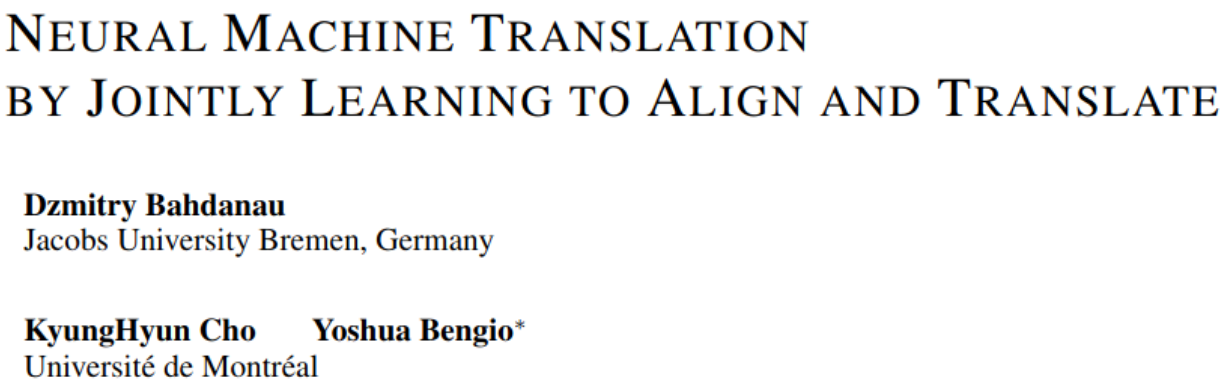

NEURAL MACHINE TRANSLATION
BY JOINTLY LEARNING TO ALIGN AND TRANSLATE

Dzmitry Bahdanau
Jacobs University Bremen, Germany

KyungHyun Cho **Yoshua Bengio***
Université de Montréal

Figure: Idea of the Attention first time mentioned (three times in the two consecutive lines, but still counts), Sept. 2014[1]

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Attention Is All You Need

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Figure: Attention is all You need paper, Dec. 2017[3]

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Boom in Attention papers

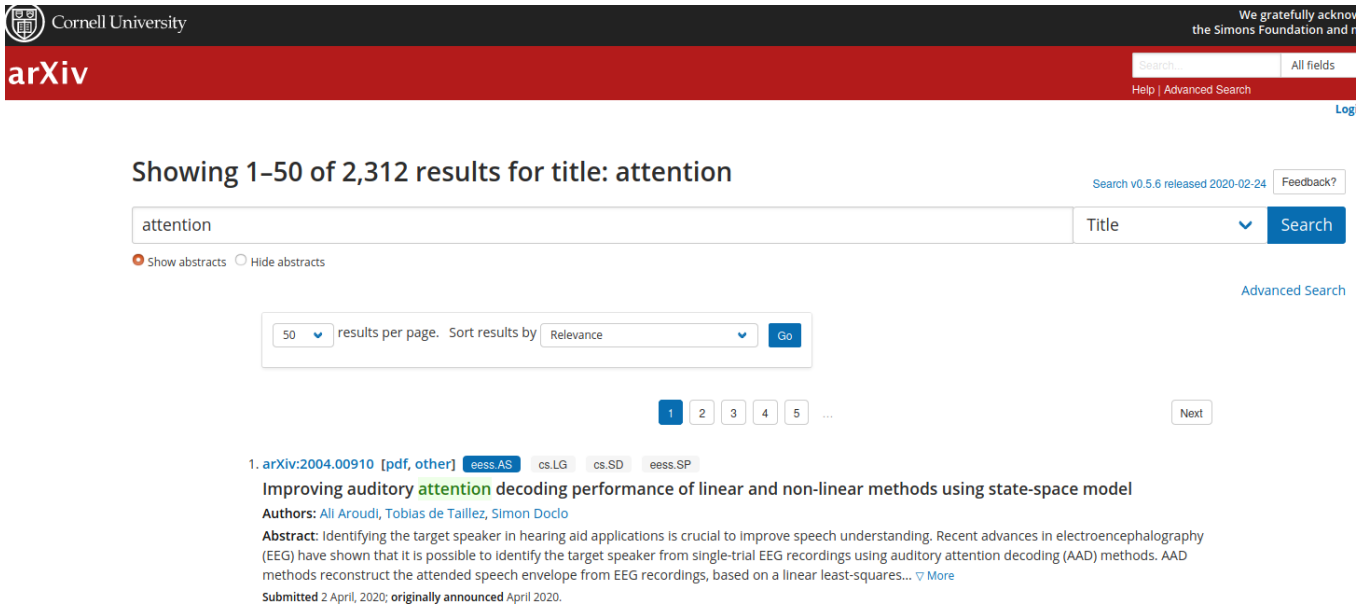

Figure: Attention - a hot research topic

Introduction to Attention

Better start paying attention now

Not All Attention Is Needed: Gated Attention Network for Sequence Data

Lanqing Xue,[1] **Xiaopeng Li,**[2*] **Nevin L. Zhang**[1,3]
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Figure: Not All Attention Is Needed, Dec. 2019

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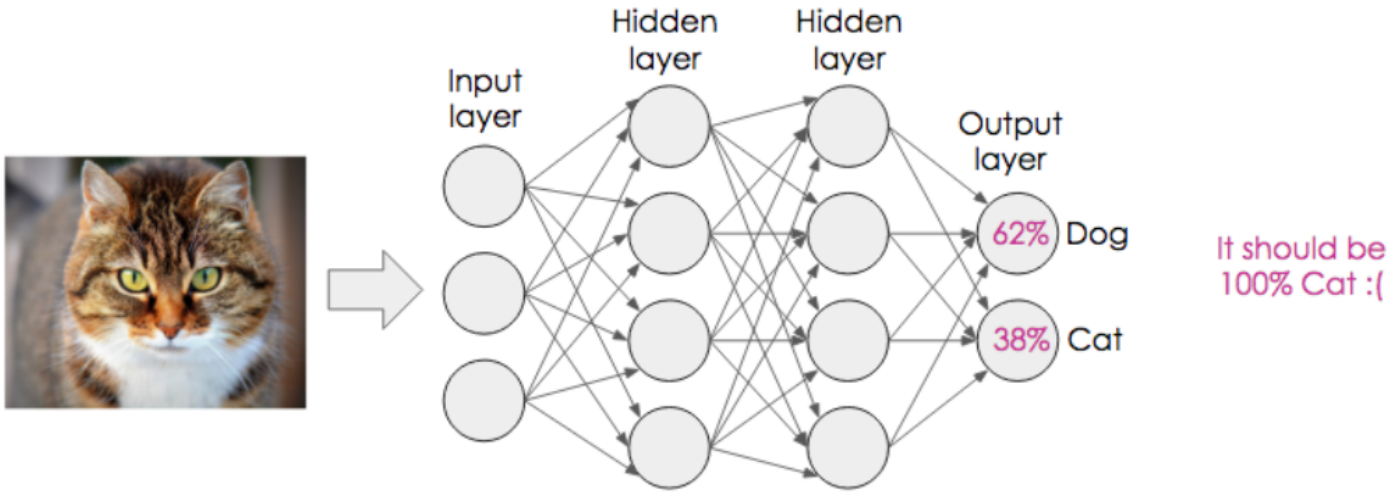

Figure: Not trained neural network[2]

[2] https://www.fromthegenesis.com/artificial-neural-network-part-5/

Neural Networks

Linear Algebra

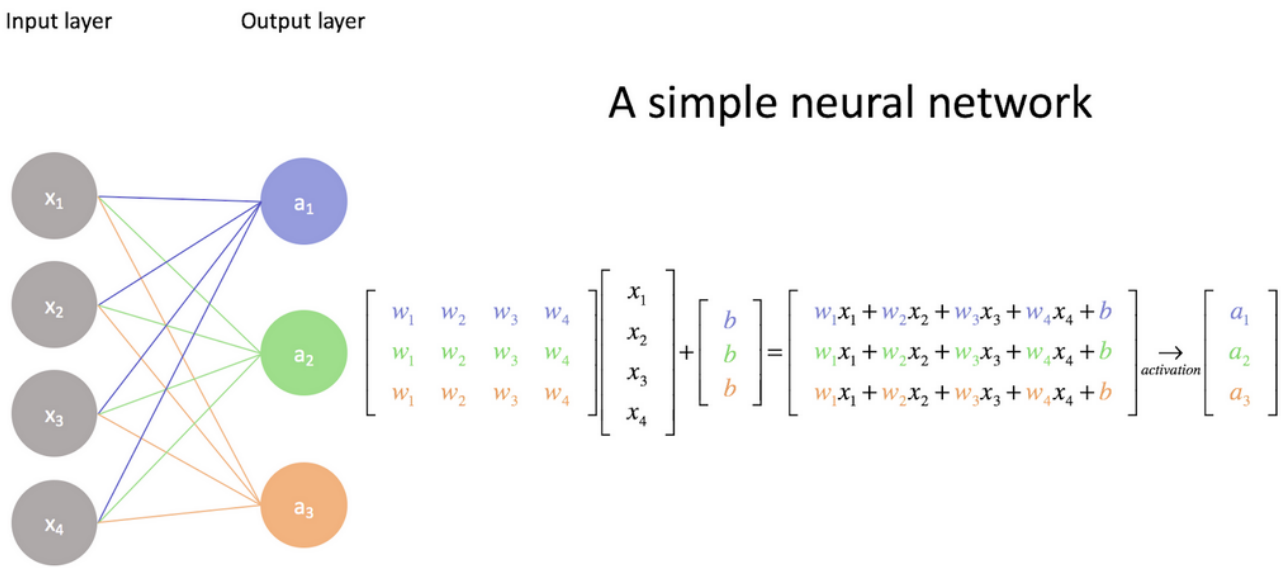

Figure: How matrices are used to compute values in neurons [3]

[3] https://www.jeremyjordan.me/intro-to-neural-networks/

Neural Networks

Algebraic intuition

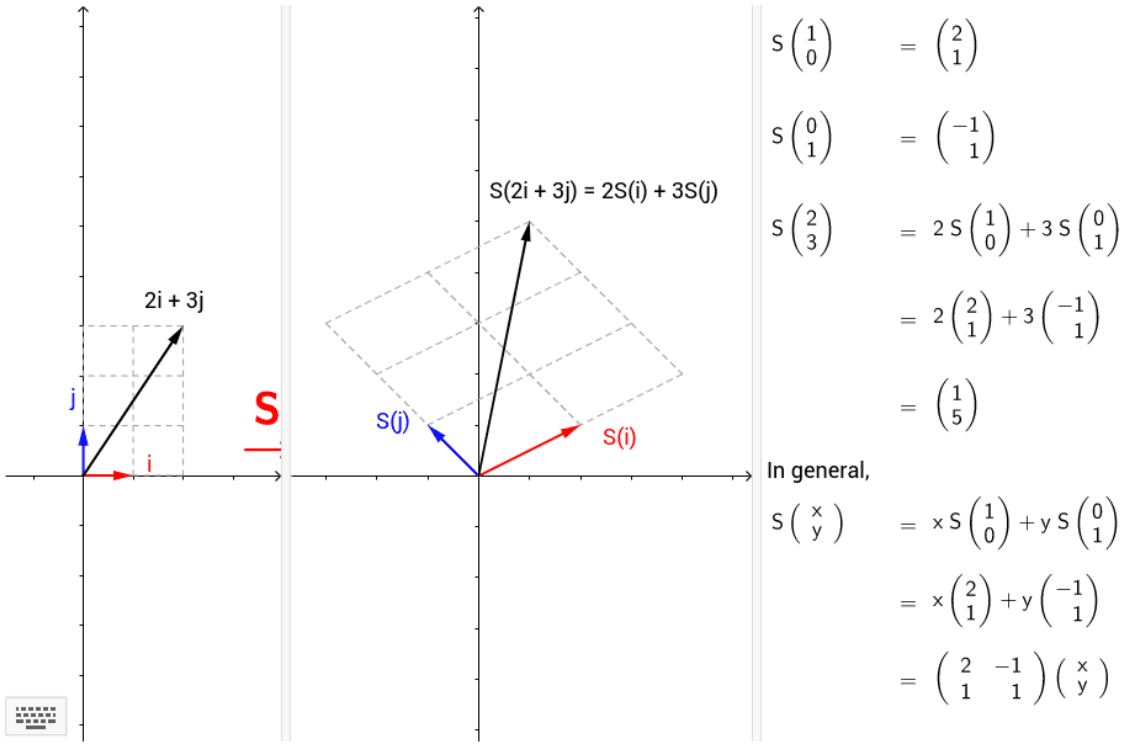

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Figure: Linear Transformation [4]

[4] https://www.geogebra.org/m/B9Nbwh7w

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$$f(x, w, b) = \sigma(x^T w + b) \tag{2}$$

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$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}\sim\hat{p}_{\text{data}}}\|\boldsymbol{y} - f(\boldsymbol{x};\boldsymbol{\theta})\|^2 \tag{4}$$

Latent space

Auto-encoder

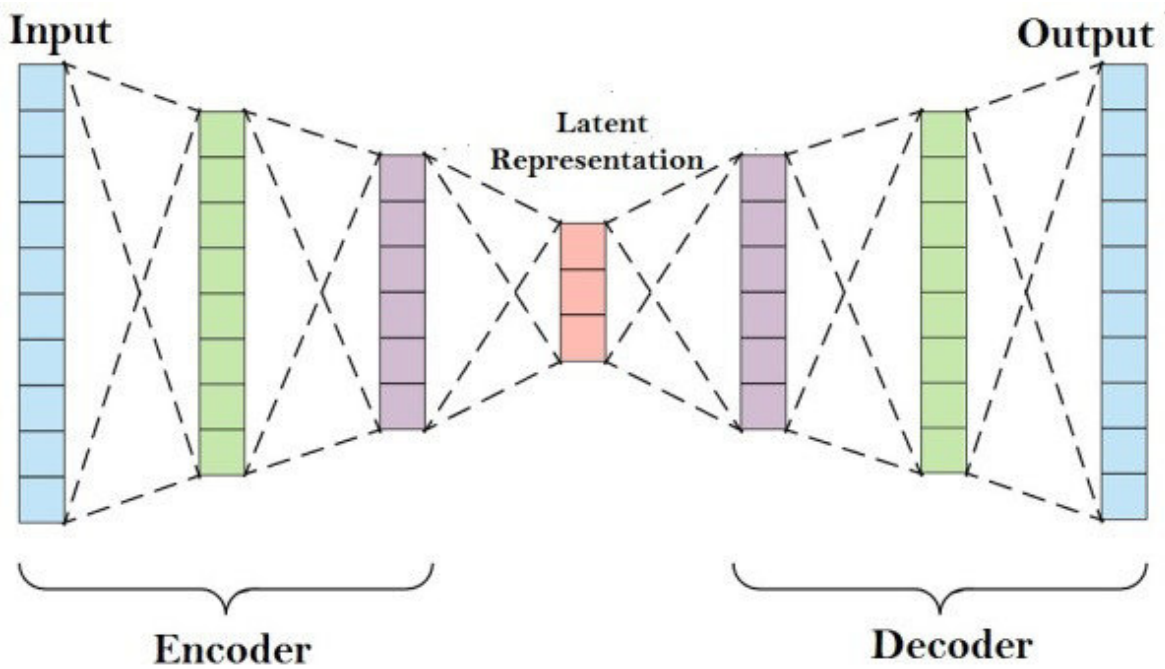

Figure: Example auto-encoder[5]

[5] https://towardsdatascience.com/applied-deep-learning-part-3-autoencoders-1c083af4d798

Latent space

The big picture

- Used to find the hidden representation of data
- By training model on a particular set of data we create some kind of general knowledge

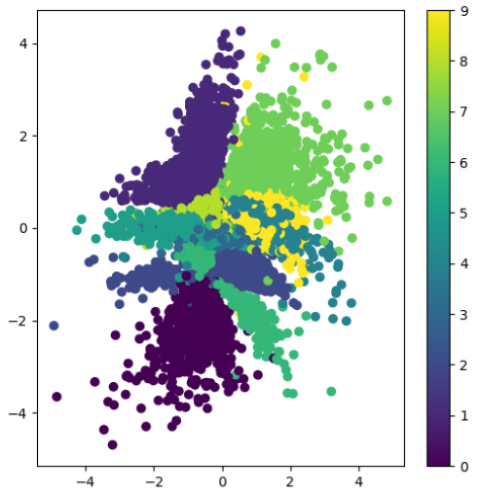

Figure: Finding information in chaos

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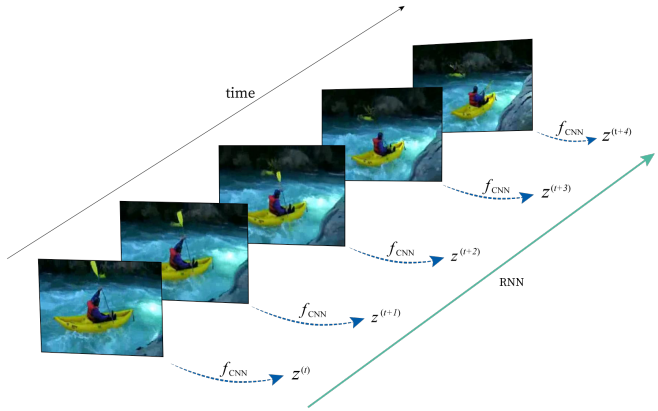

Figure: Sequence of frames[a]

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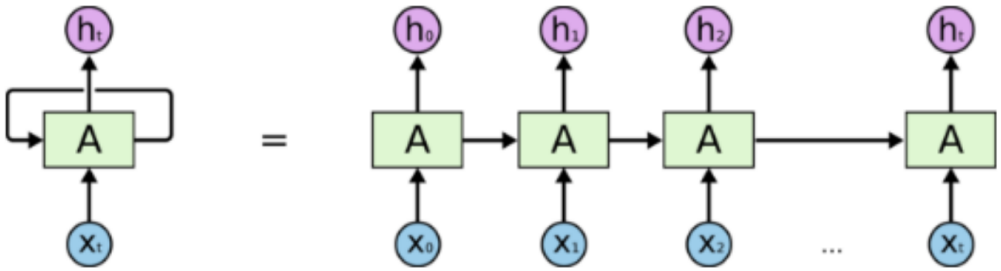

An unrolled recurrent neural network.

Figure: Folded and unfolder RNN [6]

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Vector to sequence model

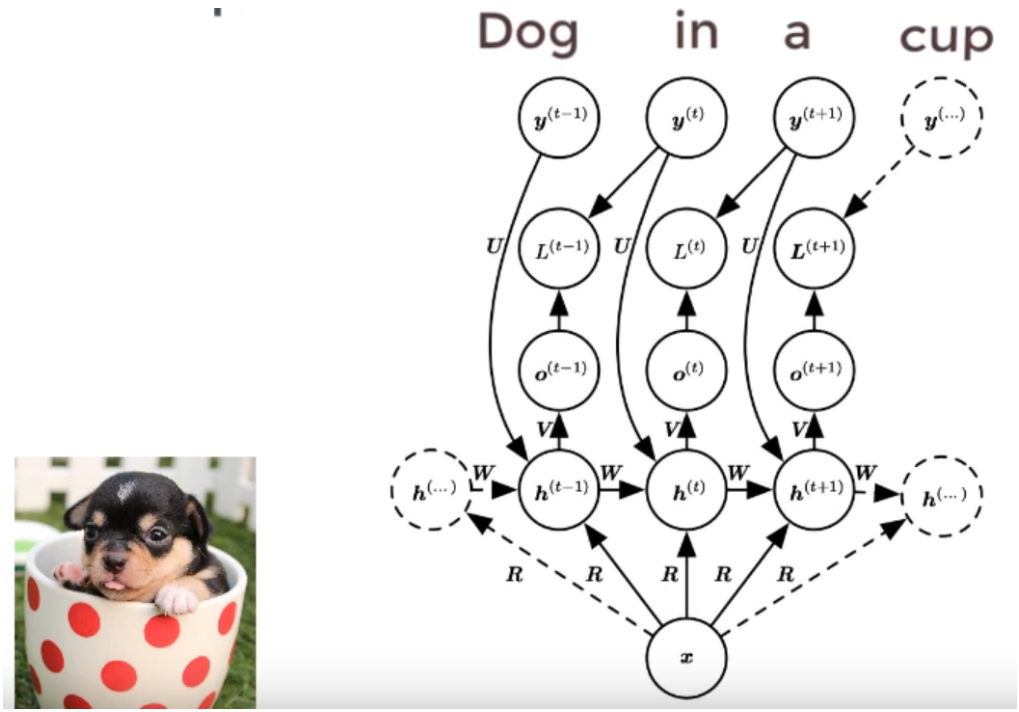

Figure: From an image (vector) generate a caption(sequence) [7]

[7] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQQlZhbC5ps&t=610s

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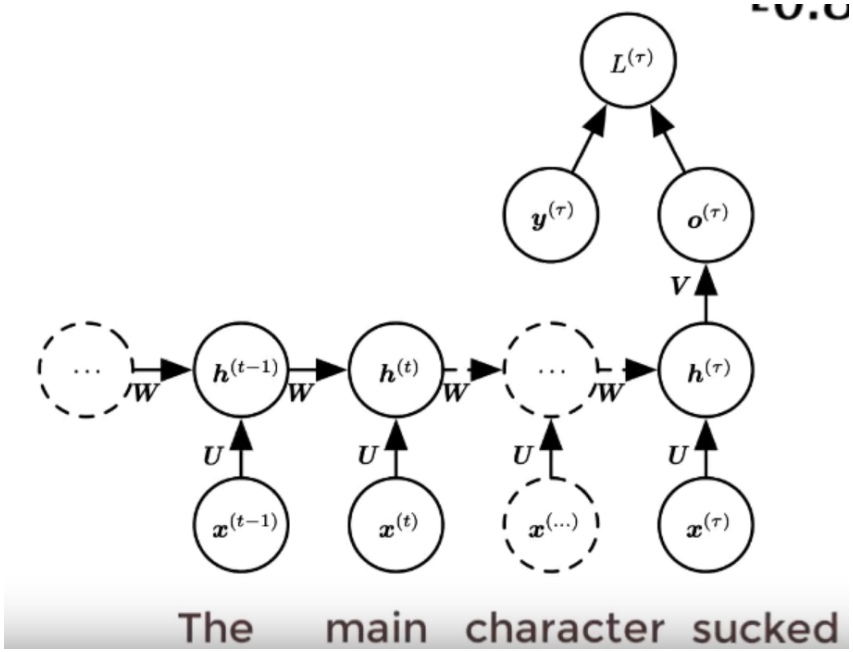

Figure: Take a review (sequence) and predict whether it is positive or negative (vector)[7]

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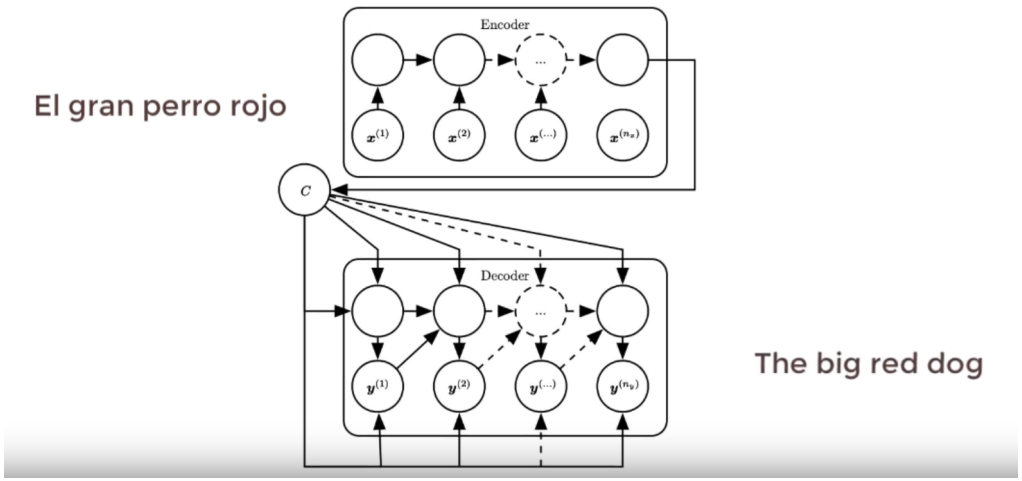
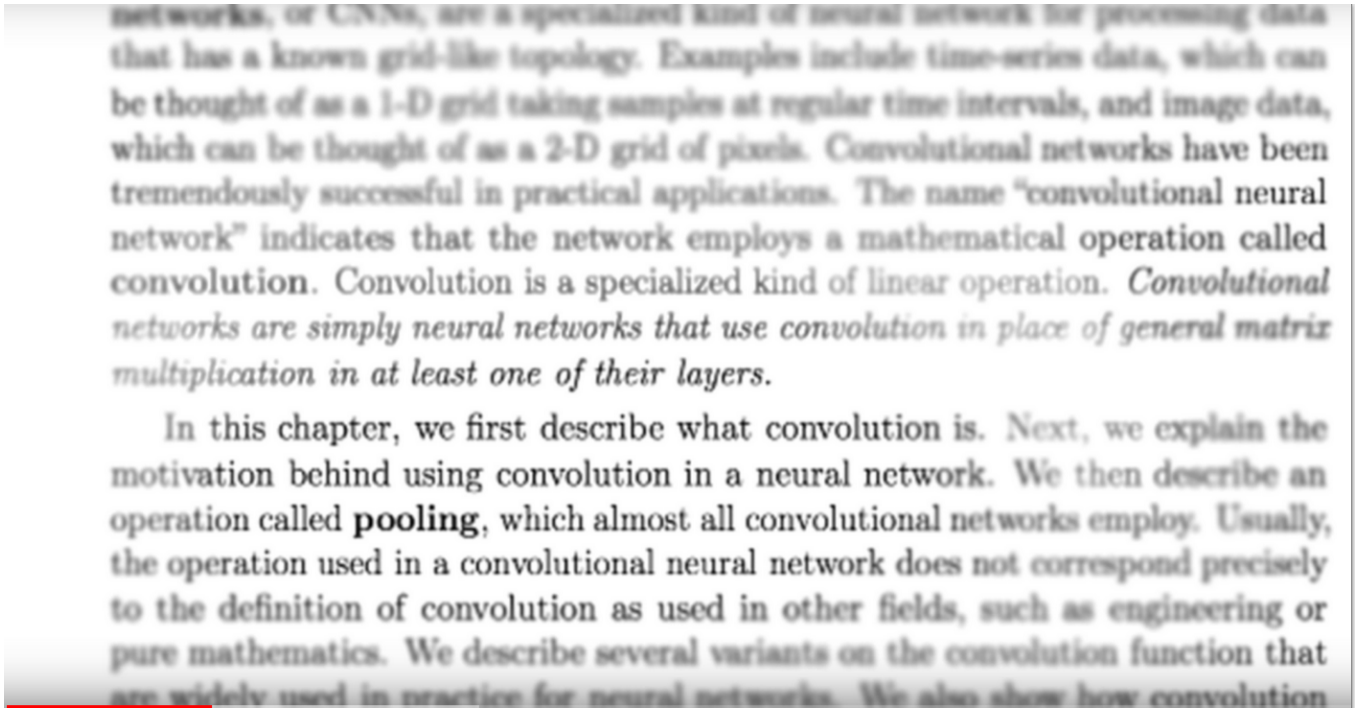


Figure: Translate a sentence in Spanish (sequence) into a sentence in English (sequence)[7]

Attention basic concept - recap



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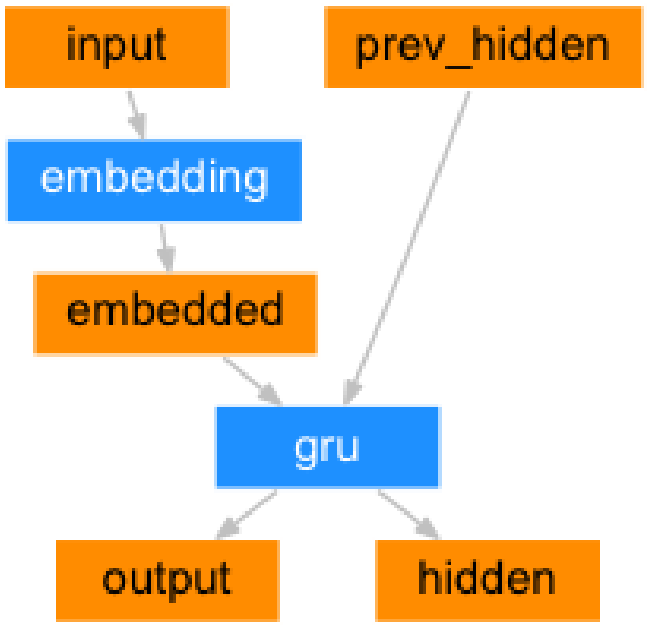

Figure: Our encoder model[8]

[8] https://pytorch.org/tutorials/intermediate/seq2seq_translation_tutorial.html

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Attention

- We calculate attention weights based on **decoder input** and a hidden state
- We multiply it with **encoder outputs** to create a weighted combination
- It will help the decoder to "find out" which part of encoder output is "responsible" for which part of decoder output

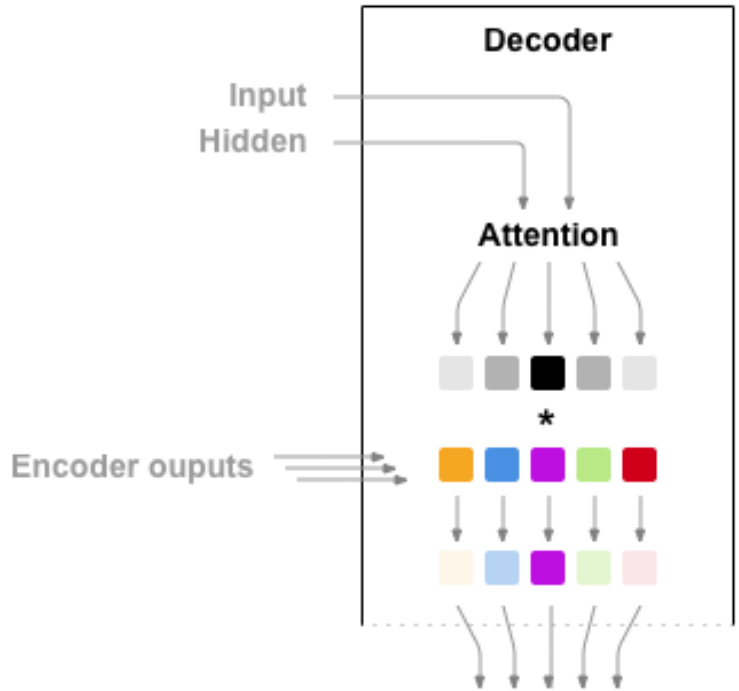

Figure: Way of computing attention[8]

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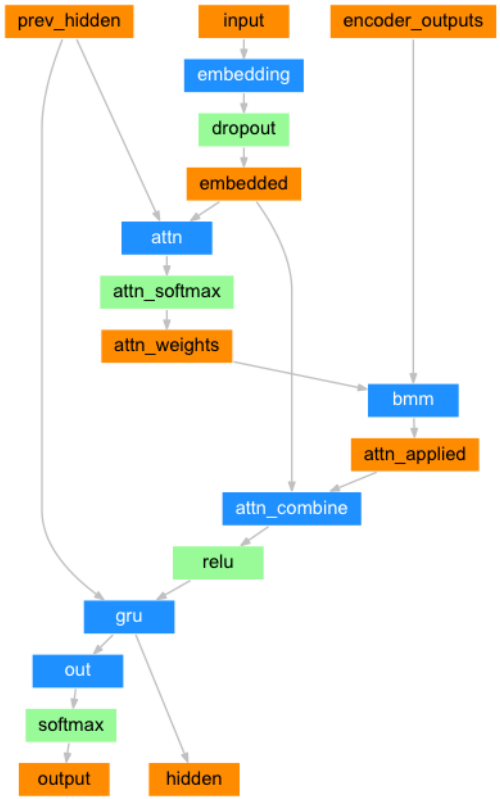

Figure: Our attention-decoder model[8]

Time to code

Now we will do a little bit of live coding

Where can You find the code?

`https://github.com/tugot17/paying-attention-to-attention`

Attention applications

Automatic image captioning

- Nearly the same solution as previously
- Instead of encoder output, latent space from a pre-trained state-of-the-art network (e.g Inception V3)
- Attention method similar as before (e.g Bahdanau Attention)

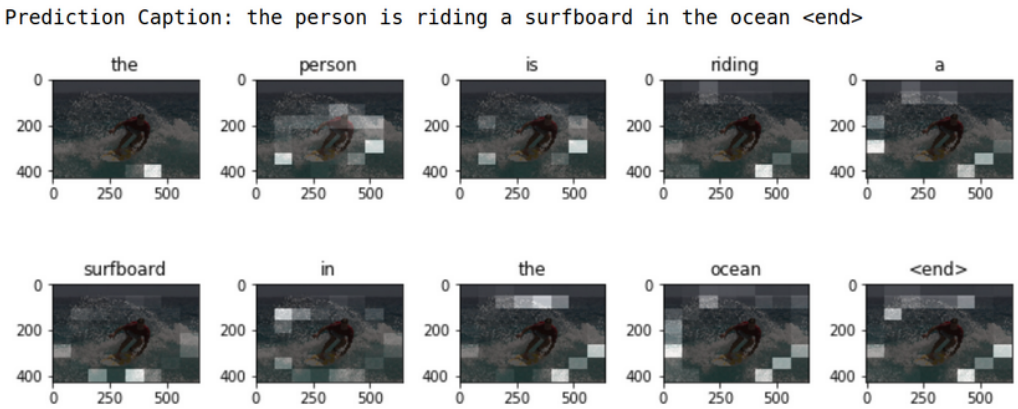

Figure: Show, Attend and Tell: Neural Image Caption Generation with Visual Attention[6]

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Attention UNet

- State-of-the-art image segmentation solution
- Improving model sensitivity and accuracy by attaching attention gates on top of the standard U-Net

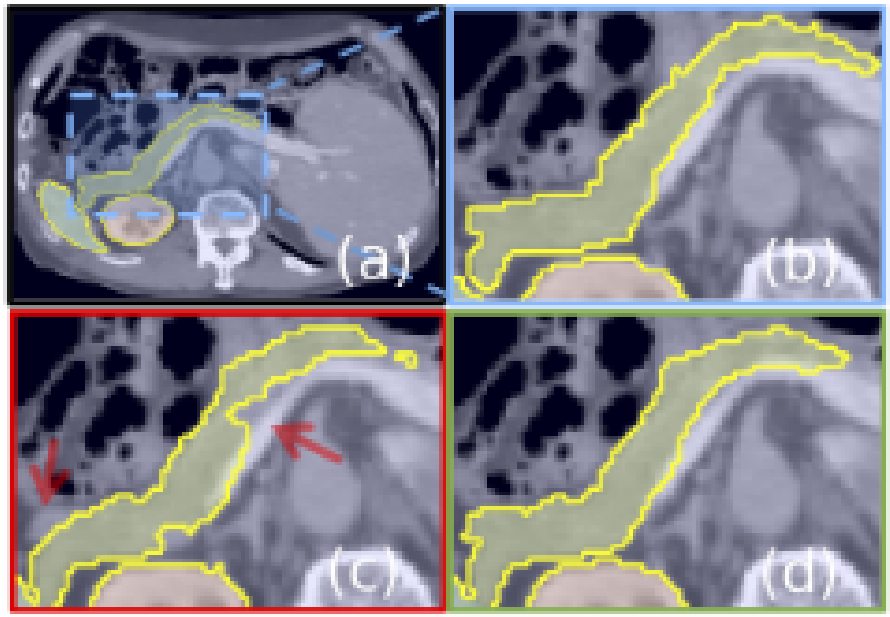

Figure: Segmentation for medical images with U-Net[7]

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Latex code generation

- Seq2seq very similar to the Image Captioning
- Uses attention based RNN to generate Latex Code
- Real world application: `https://mathpix.com/`

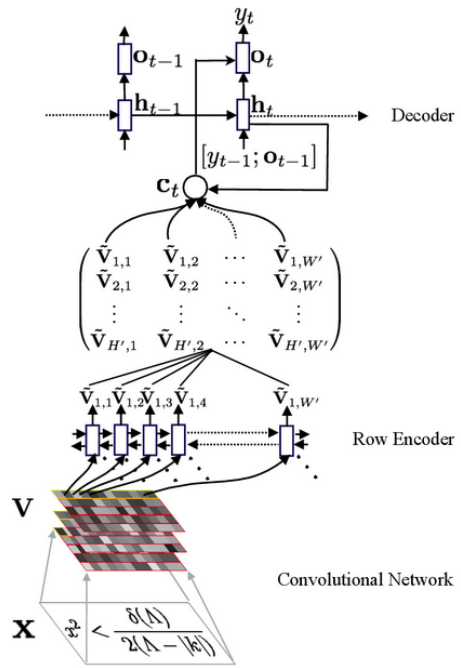

Figure: What You Get Is What You See:A Visual Markup Decompiler[8]

Attention applications

Many others, mainly some kind of seq2seq models

- Bert[5], RoBerta[9], AlBert[10], *Bert*
- GPT 2[2]
- Transformer - Attention is all You need[3]
- Residual Attention Network for Image Classification[4]
- TreeGen: A Tree-Based Transformer Architecture for Code Generation[11]
- and many others ...

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