

What Does It Mean to Understand?

Improving the Performance of Unitary Recurrent Neural Networks
and Applying Them to the Automatic Text Understanding Problem

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The Purpose Behind **Artificial** Intelligence



New, Better
Implementation

Prof. Soljagic's
AI Group

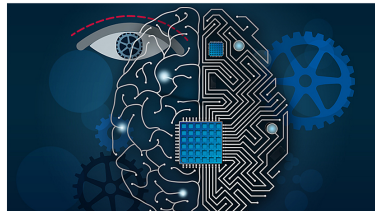


My Passion



EURNN
Model

Sequential
Data Tasks



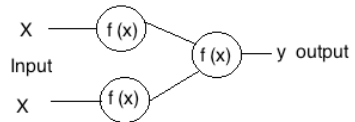
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The Artificial **Neural** Network

► An Analogy



Biological Neural Network

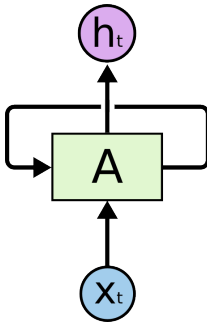


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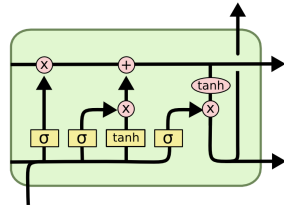
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The Artificial **Recurrent** Neural Network

► Concept of Recurrence



General Model

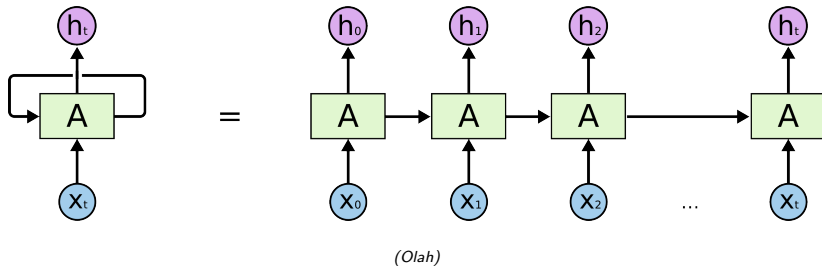


Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Model

(Olah)

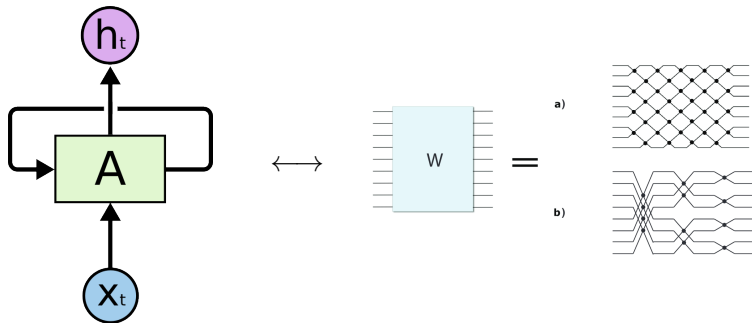
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The Artificial **Unitary** Recurrent Neural Network

► The Unitary Matrix



(Jing et. al)

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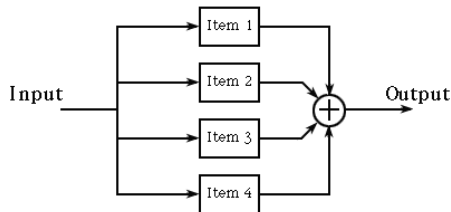
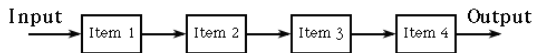
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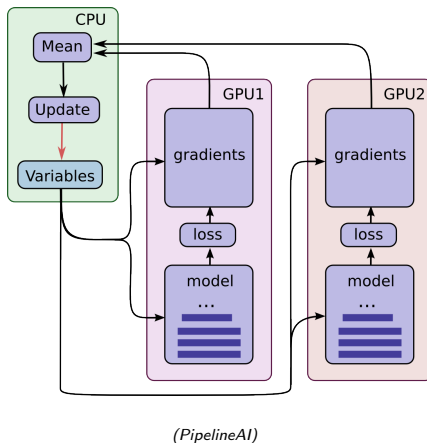
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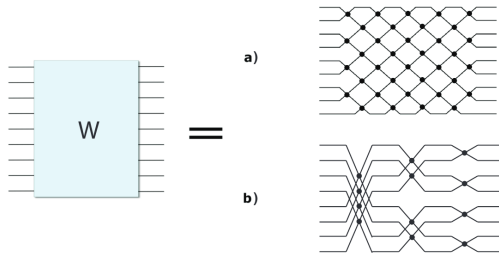
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- ▶ TensorFlow Adaptation

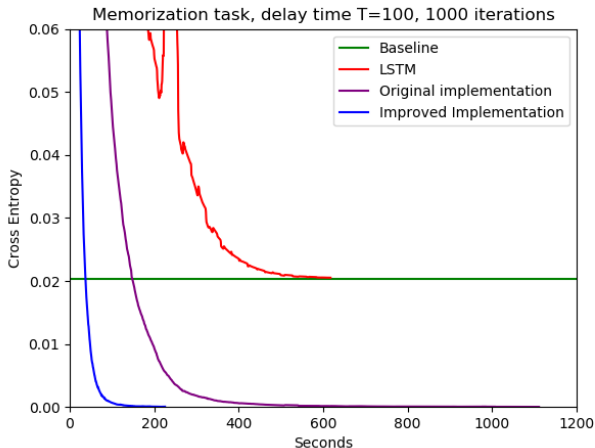
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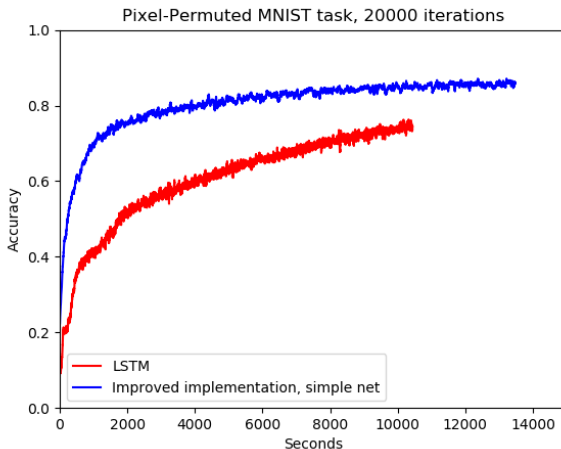
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- ▶ Parallelization
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- ▶ Hyperparameter Expansion

Benchmark: Memorization Task



Benchmark: Handwritten Digit Recognition Task



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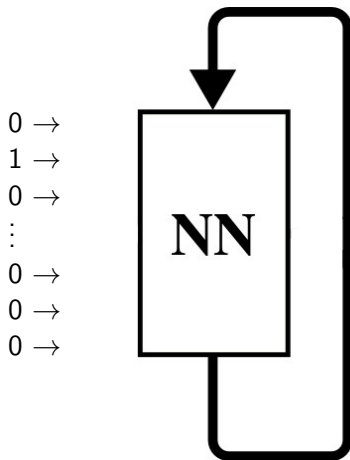
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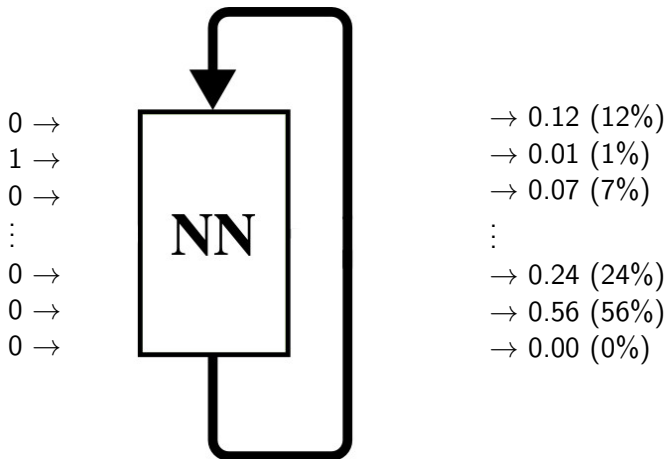
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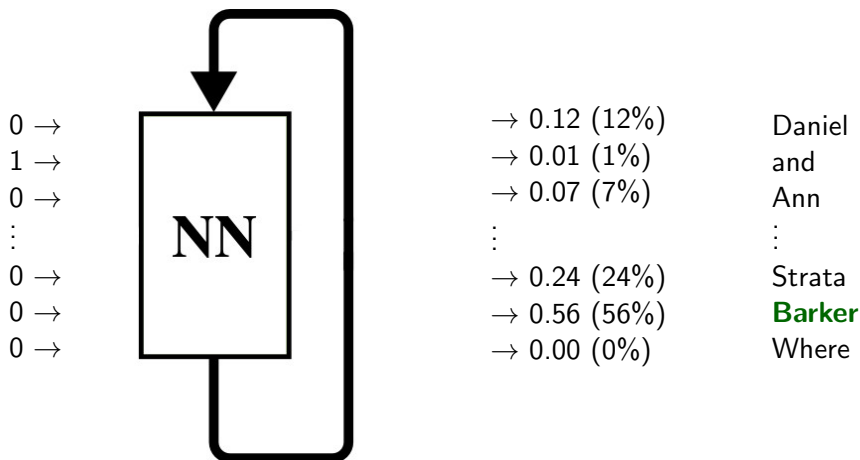
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bAbI Tasks Dataset

Task 1: Single Supporting Fact

Mary went to the bathroom.

John moved to the hallway.

Mary travelled to the office.

Where is Mary? **A:office**

(Facebook)

bAbI Tasks Dataset

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Conclusion

- ▶ Five times the efficiency of the original implementation
- ▶ Greater accuracy than state-of-the-art model on bAbI tasks dataset
- ▶ Introduction of the theoretical model to a real-life task

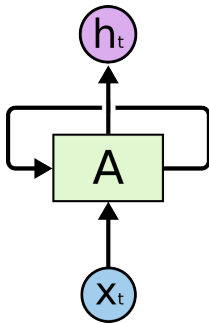
Future work

- ▶ Decomposition model improvements
- ▶ Low-level operations optimization
- ▶ Application for speech recognition

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The Recurrent Neural Network



$$m^{(t)} = \sigma(U * x^{(t)} + W * m^{(t-1)})$$

$$h^{(t)} = W * m^{(t)} + b$$

Exploding and Vanishing Gradients Problems

Training rule: $W_{i,j} - \lambda * \frac{\partial C}{\partial W_{i,j}}$

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial h(t)} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial h(T)} \frac{\partial h(T)}{\partial h(t)} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial h(T)} \prod_{k=t}^{T-1} \frac{\partial h^{(k+1)}}{\partial h^{(k)}} = \frac{\partial C}{\partial h(T)} \prod_{k=t}^{T-1} D^{(t)} W$$

Jing et al.'s Approach

- ▶ General representation

$$\begin{aligned} W_n &= DR_{2,1}^{-1} R_{3,1}^{-1} \cdots R_{N,N-2}^{-1} R_{N,N-1}^{-1} \\ &= DR'_{2,1} R'_{3,1} \cdots R'_{N,N-2} R'_{N,N-1} \end{aligned}$$

Jing et al.'s Approach

► Simple Net Decomposition Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= D(R_{1,2}^{(1)} R_{3,4}^{(1)} \cdots R_{N/2-1,N/2}^{(1)}) \times \\
 &\times (R_{2,3}^{(2)} R_{4,5}^{(2)} \cdots R_{N/2-1,N/2-1}^{(2)}) \times \cdots \\
 &= DF_a^{(1)} F_b^{(2)} \cdots F_b^{(L)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F_a^{(l)} = R_{1,2}^{(l)} R_{3,4}^{(l)} \cdots R_{N/2-1,N/2}^{(l)}$$

$$F_b^{(l)} = R_{2,3}^{(l)} R_{4,5}^{(l)} \cdots R_{N/2-1,N/2-1}^{(l)}$$

Jing et al.'s Approach

- ▶ Lightweight Decomposition Model

$$W = DF_1F_2 \dots F_{\log(N)}$$

F_i - rotation matrices for $(2kp + j, (2k + 1)p + j)$,
 $p = N/2t$, $k \in 0, \dots, 2^{i-1}$, and $j \in 1, \dots, p$

Jing et al.'s Approach

$$\mathbf{F}x = v_1 * x + v_2 * \text{permute}(x)$$

► Simple Net Decomposition Model

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