Task 1 was skipped due to 6000 level only

Task 2 Part 1 (10 Points): We will use a weather dataset (time-series) to demonstrate the usage of Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs). In particular, we will focus on predicting future weather attributes (e.g., temperature) based on historical patterns.

Why sequence models (RNNs)? Weather data has a strong temporal component: measurements at one time step depend on previous time steps. RNNs (and their variants like LSTMs and GRUs) are well-suited for capturing these temporal dependencies via a hidden state that evolves over time.

Dataset: We are using a publicly available weather dataset from (Kaggle Weather Dataset)

Objective:

- Predict the next day's temperature from the past 7 days (or any chosen window size).
- Evaluate performance on both a validation set and a test set using MSE/MAE.

Framework Choice: TensorFlow/Keras

• We'll implement an RNN (specifically an LSTM) for our weather prediction model using the Keras API.

Data Formatting and CSV Structure

The weather dataset we are using is in a CSV (comma-separated values) file. Each row corresponds to a specific time (in this case, hourly records). Below is an example of a few rows from the dataset:

Formatte d Date	Su mm ary	Pr eci p Ty pe	Te mp erat ure (C)	Appare nt Temper ature (C)	H u m i d it	Win d Spee d (km/ h)	Wind Bearin g (degre es)	Visi bilit y (km)	L o u d C o v er	Press ure (millib ars)	Daily Summary
2006-04- 01 00:00:00. 000 +0200	Part ly Clo udy	rai n	9.47 222 2	7.3888 89	0 8 9	14.11 97	251.0	15.8 263	0.	1015.1 3	Partly cloudy throughout the day.
2006-04- 01 01:00:00. 000 +0200	Part ly Clo udy	rai n	9.35 555 6	7.22777 8	0 8 6	14.2 646	259.0	15.8 263	0.	1015. 63	Partly cloudy throughout the day.
2006-04- 01 02:00:00.	Mos tly Clo	rai n	9.37 777 8	9.37777 8	0 8	3.92 84	204.0	14.9 569	0. 0	1015. 94	Partly cloudy throughout

Formatte d Date	Su mm ary	Pr eci p Ty pe	Te mp erat ure (C)	Appare nt Temper ature (C)	H u m i d it y	Win d Spee d (km/ h)	Wind Bearin g (degre es)	Visi bilit y (km)	L o u d C o v er	Press ure (millib ars)	Daily Summary
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2006-04- 01 03:00:00. 000 +0200	Part ly Clo udy	rai n	8.28 888 9	5.9444 44	0 8 3	14.1 036	269.0	15.8 263	0.	1016. 41	Partly cloudy throughout the day.
2006-04- 01 04:00:00. 000 +0200	Mos tly Clo udy	rai n	8.75 555 6	6.97777 8	0 8 3	11.0 446	259.0	15.8 263	0.	1016. 51	Partly cloudy throughout the day.

Here is a description of each column:

- Formatted Date: A timestamp specifying the exact date and time (including timezone).
- **Summary:** A short textual description of the weather conditions (e.g., "Partly Cloudy").
- Precip Type: Indicates the type of precipitation (e.g., "rain", "snow", or null if none).
- **Temperature (C):** The measured temperature in degrees Celsius.
- Apparent Temperature (C): The "feels-like" temperature, accounting for factors like wind.
- **Humidity:** The relative humidity, typically ranging from 0.0 (no moisture) to 1.0 (saturated).
- Wind Speed (km/h): How fast the wind is blowing, measured in kilometers per hour.
- Wind Bearing (degrees): The compass direction the wind is coming from, in degrees (0-360).
- Visibility (km): The average distance one can see, in kilometers.
- Loud Cover / Cloud Cover: (Possibly a typo in some datasets) This represents the fraction of the sky covered by clouds. A value of 0.0 means no cloud cover, and 1.0 would mean completely overcast.
- **Pressure (millibars):** The atmospheric pressure in millibars.
- **Daily Summary:** A longer textual description summarizing the overall daily weather pattern.

In this assignment, we will clean, scale, and transform the relevant columns into training sequences. Then we will train, validate, and test an LSTM or other RNN architecture to forecast future temperature values.

```
# Importing necessary libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras import layers
print("TensorFlow version:",tf. version )
print("Libraries imported")
TensorFlow version: 2.18.0
Libraries imported
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df = pd.read csv(data path)
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We'll check for missing values, decide how to handle them, and ensure the date/time column is in datetime format if we plan to use it. For our sequence modeling, we mainly need the numerical columns (Temperature, Humidity, etc.).

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# Check for missing values
print("Missing values in each column:")
print(df.isnull().sum())

df.dropna(inplace=True)
df.reset_index(drop=True, inplace=True)
```

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df.head()
Missing values in each column:
Formatted Date
                          0
Summary
                          0
Precip Type
                          0
Temperature (C)
                          0
Apparent Temperature (C)
Humidity
                          0
                          0
Wind Speed (km/h)
                          0
Wind Bearing (degrees)
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Visibility (km)
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We'll select the columns we want to use as features and the column we plan to predict. For simplicity, let's choose:

- Temperature (C), Humidity, and Pressure (millibars) as input features.
- Temperature (C) as our target.

We scale these features using MinMaxScaler, which typically helps RNNs train more efficiently.

```
from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
feature_cols = ['Temperature (C)', 'Humidity', 'Pressure (millibars)']
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target col = 'Temperature (C)'
scaler = MinMaxScaler(feature range=(0, 1))
df[feature cols] = scaler.fit transform(df[feature cols])
df.head()
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We will create sequences of length 'window_size' to use as input (X). For example, if window_size=7, the model sees 7 consecutive hourly data points, and it tries to predict the Temperature (C) at the 8th time step.

```
def create_sequences(data, target, window_size=7):
    Returns:
        X: array of shape (num_samples, window_size, num_features)
        y: array of shape (num_samples,)

X = []
    y = []
    for i in range(len(data) - window_size):
        X.append(data[i:i+window_size])
        y.append(target[i+window_size])
    return np.array(X), np.array(y)

# Convert our DataFrame to numpy arrays
input_data = df[feature_cols].values
target_data = df[farget_col].values

# Create sequences
window_size = 7
```

```
X, y = create_sequences(input_data, target_data, window_size)
print("Shape of X:", X.shape)
print("Shape of y:", y.shape)
Shape of X: (95929, 7, 3)
Shape of y: (95929,)
```

We'll split the data into 80% training, 10% validation, and 10% testing. This ensures we can monitor validation performance during training and then check final performance on a held-out test set.

```
train_size = int(len(X) * 0.8)
val_size = int(len(X) * 0.1)

X_train = X[:train_size]
y_train = y[:train_size]

X_val = X[train_size:train_size+val_size]
y_val = y[train_size:train_size+val_size]

X_test = X[train_size+val_size:]
y_test = y[train_size+val_size:]

print("Train set size:", X_train.shape, y_train.shape)
print("Validation set size:", X_val.shape, y_val.shape)
print("Test set size:", X_test.shape, y_test.shape)

Train set size: (76743, 7, 3) (76743,)
Validation set size: (9592, 7, 3) (9592,)
Test set size: (9594, 7, 3) (9594,)
```

We'll build a simple LSTM model in Keras:

- 1. Input layer (shape = (window_size, number_of_features)).
- 2. LSTM layer with 64 units (default activation = 'tanh').
- 3. Dense output layer with 1 unit (for predicting Temperature).

We'll compile the model with:

- Loss = 'mse'
- Optimizer = 'adam'
- Metrics = ['mae', 'mse']

```
model = keras.Sequential([
    layers.Input(shape=(window_size, len(feature_cols))),
    layers.LSTM(64, activation='tanh', return_sequences=False),
    layers.Dense(1) # Single output for Temperature prediction
])
```

```
model.compile(
    loss='mse',
    optimizer='adam',
    metrics=['mae', 'mse']
)
model.summary()
Model: "sequential"
Layer (type)
                                         Output Shape
Param #
lstm (LSTM)
                                        (None, 64)
17,408
 dense (Dense)
                                        (None, 1)
65 |
Total params: 17,473 (68.25 KB)
Trainable params: 17,473 (68.25 KB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
```

We now train the model for a certain number of epochs (e.g., 20) and a batch size of 32. We also monitor validation loss to see if the model is overfitting or underfitting.

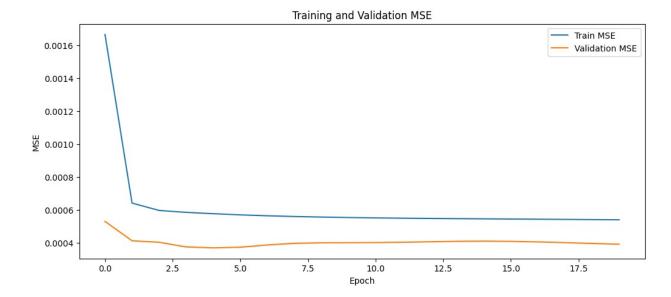
```
history = model.fit(
    X train, y train,
    validation data=(X val, y val),
    epochs=20,
    batch size=32
)
Epoch 1/20
2399/2399 —
                       ------ 17s 6ms/step - loss: 0.0045 - mae:
0.0401 - mse: 0.0045 - val loss: 5.3141e-04 - val mae: 0.0157 -
val_mse: 5.3141e-04
Epoch 2/20
2399/2399 -
                           —— 21s 6ms/step - loss: 6.4844e-04 - mae:
0.0177 - mse: 6.4844e-04 - val_loss: 4.1385e-04 - val_mae: 0.0145 -
val mse: 4.1385e-04
Epoch 3/20
```

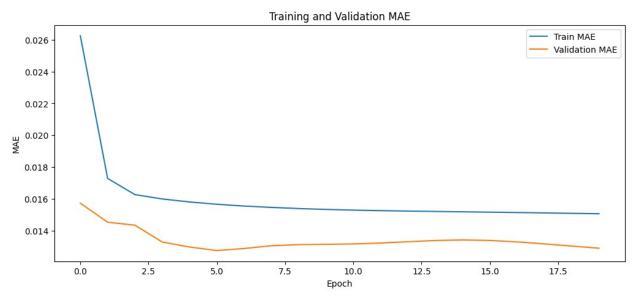
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0.0162 - mse: 5.7854e-04 - val loss: 4.0469e-04 - val mae: 0.0144 -
val mse: 4.0469e-04
0.0159 - mse: 5.6575e-04 - val loss: 3.7641e-04 - val mae: 0.0133 -
val mse: 3.7641e-04
Epoch 5/20
          20s 6ms/step - loss: 5.5656e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0157 - mse: 5.5656e-04 - val loss: 3.7081e-04 - val mae: 0.0130 -
val mse: 3.7081e-04
Epoch 6/20
0.0156 - mse: 5.5006e-04 - val loss: 3.7461e-04 - val_mae: 0.0128 -
val mse: 3.7461e-04
Epoch 7/20
2399/2399 ______ 20s 6ms/step - loss: 5.4475e-04 - mae: 0.0155 - mse: 5.4475e-04 - val_loss: 3.8839e-04 - val_mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.8839e-04
Epoch 8/20
0.0154 - mse: 5.4000e-04 - val loss: 3.9824e-04 - val mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 3.9824e-04
0.0153 - mse: 5.3604e-04 - val loss: 4.0145e-04 - val_mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 4.0145e-04
Epoch 10/20
          ______ 16s 7ms/step - loss: 5.3291e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 ---
0.0153 - mse: 5.3291e-04 - val loss: 4.0209e-04 - val mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 4.0209e-04
0.0152 - mse: 5.3046e-04 - val loss: 4.0288e-04 - val mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 4.0288e-04
Epoch 12/20
         18s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2852e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 ---
0.0152 - mse: 5.2852e-04 - val_loss: 4.0486e-04 - val_mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 4.0486e-04
val mse: 4.0780e-04
0.0151 - mse: 5.2556e-04 - val_loss: 4.1051e-04 - val_mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 4.1051e-04
Epoch 15/20
         20s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2428e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
```

```
0.0151 - mse: 5.2428e-04 - val loss: 4.1156e-04 - val mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 4.1156e-04
Epoch 16/20
                     _____ 20s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2303e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0151 - mse: 5.2303e-04 - val loss: 4.1026e-04 - val mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 4.1026e-04
Epoch 17/20
2399/2399 —
                     ------- 14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2178e-04 - mae:
0.0150 - mse: 5.2178e-04 - val loss: 4.0694e-04 - val mae: 0.0133 -
val mse: 4.0694e-04
Epoch 18/20
2399/2399 -
                       _____ 20s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2051e-04 - mae:
0.0150 - mse: 5.2051e-04 - val loss: 4.0246e-04 - val mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 4.0246e-04
Epoch 19/20
                          —— 14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.1922e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 -
0.0150 - mse: 5.1922e-04 - val loss: 3.9757e-04 - val_mae: 0.0130 -
val mse: 3.9757e-04
Epoch 20/20
              14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.1791e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0150 - mse: 5.1791e-04 - val loss: 3.9273e-04 - val_mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.9273e-04
```

We'll visualize how the MSE and MAE changed over epochs, then evaluate on the test set. Finally, we calculate RMSE for a more intuitive temperature error metric.

```
# Plot training and validation MSE
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.plot(history.history['mse'], label='Train MSE')
plt.plot(history.history['val_mse'], label='Validation MSE')
plt.title('Training and Validation MSE')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('MSE')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
# Plot training and validation MAE
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.plot(history.history['mae'], label='Train MAE')
plt.plot(history.history['val_mae'], label='Validation MAE')
plt.title('Training and Validation MAE')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('MAE')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```





Conclusion and Insights

Based on the final training, validation, and test performance:

- Final Training Loss (MSE) reached around 5.1791e-04, and Validation Loss (MSE) settled around 3.9273e-04.
- The final **Test MSE** is approximately 3.9612e-04. Converting this to RMSE, we get about 0.0193.
- The Test MAE is around 0.0126.

These metrics indicate the model is making fairly small errors when predicting normalized temperature values. Since we used scaling (MinMaxScaler), the predicted values are on the same normalized scale. If we invert the scaling, we could see exactly how many degrees Celsius (on average) this corresponds to in real-world terms. However, even on the normalized scale, an MSE in the order of 1e-4 and an RMSE around 0.019 suggest the model is learning temporal patterns well, without suffering major overfitting (the training and validation curves are fairly close after 20 epochs).

Interpretation & Potential Next Steps:

- Good Fit: The small gap between training and validation loss implies we are not severely overfitting. The test error is also close to the validation error, indicating good generalization.
- 2. **Model Complexity**: With a single LSTM layer (64 units) and a Dense output, the network is relatively straightforward. You might explore deeper or stacked LSTMs for potentially improved performance, or simpler architectures if you want faster training.
- 3. **Hyperparameter Tuning**: Experimenting with window size, number of LSTM units, or different learning rates could yield better results.
- 4. **Feature Engineering**: Adding more weather features (e.g., wind speed, precipitation) or time-based features (e.g., month, hour) might help the model capture more complex patterns.
- 5. **Inverse Scaling**: To interpret the actual temperature error in Celsius, run an inverse transform on predictions and compare them with the true temperature values directly.

Overall, these results show that the model has captured the time-series structure of the weather data successfully, as indicated by the low error metrics and consistent learning curves.

Task 2 Part 2 (30 Points):

We previously built a sequence model for weather forecasting using an LSTM. Now, we will:

- 1. Compare a basic RNN (SimpleRNN),
- 2. The LSTM model, and
- 3. A GRU-based model,

all trained on the same preprocessed weather data from Part 1.

Key Points:

- We will use the same training/validation/test splits, same data preprocessing, and same hyperparameters (where applicable) to keep the comparison fair.
- We will provide performance visualization of the loss curves and final metrics for each model.

We'll define a very simple RNN using Keras's SimpleRNN layer. This is often used as a baseline for comparison with LSTM/GRU models. We'll keep:

- window_size = 7 (same as before),
- a single SimpleRNN layer with 64 units,
- a Dense output layer with 1 unit for temperature prediction.

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import SimpleRNN, Dense
# Build Simple RNN model
model rnn = Sequential([
    SimpleRNN(64, activation='tanh', input_shape=(X_train.shape[1],
X train.shape(21)),
    Dense(1)
])
model rnn.compile(
    loss='mse',
    optimizer='adam',
    metrics=['mae', 'mse']
)
model rnn.summary()
# Train
history rnn = model rnn.fit(
    X train, y train,
    validation data=(X val, y val),
    epochs=20,
    batch size=32
)
Model: "sequential 3"
                                         Output Shape
Layer (type)
Param #
 simple rnn (SimpleRNN)
                                        (None, 64)
4,352
 dense 3 (Dense)
                                        (None, 1)
```

```
65
```

```
Total params: 4,417 (17.25 KB)
Trainable params: 4,417 (17.25 KB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
Epoch 1/20
0.0309 - mse: 0.0027 - val loss: 5.9092e-04 - val_mae: 0.0189 -
val mse: 5.9092e-04
0.0183 - mse: 6.7135e-04 - val loss: 4.4412e-04 - val mae: 0.0143 -
val mse: 4.4412e-04
Epoch 3/20
            _____ 10s 4ms/step - loss: 6.0372e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0167 - mse: 6.0372e-04 - val loss: 3.8867e-04 - val mae: 0.0128 -
val mse: 3.8867e-04
0.0165 - mse: 5.9809e-04 - val loss: 3.8729e-04 - val mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 3.8729e-04
Epoch 5/20
           9s 4ms/step - loss: 5.9508e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 -
0.0165 - mse: 5.9508e-04 - val loss: 4.0387e-04 - val mae: 0.0142 -
val_mse: 4.0387e-04
Epoch 6/20
0.0163 - mse: 5.8691e-04 - val loss: 3.8423e-04 - val mae: 0.0136 -
val mse: 3.8423e-04
Epoch 7/20
                9s 4ms/step - loss: 5.8226e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0162 - mse: 5.8226e-04 - val loss: 3.7307e-04 - val mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.7307e-04
Epoch 8/20
                    8s 4ms/step - loss: 5.7734e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0161 - mse: 5.7734e-04 - val loss: 3.7575e-04 - val_mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.7575e-04
Epoch 9/20
2399/2399 — 10s 4ms/step - loss: 5.7337e-04 - mae:
0.0160 - mse: 5.7337e-04 - val loss: 3.8099e-04 - val_mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.8099e-04
Epoch 10/20
           9s 4ms/step - loss: 5.7032e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 ---
0.0160 - mse: 5.7032e-04 - val loss: 3.9035e-04 - val mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 3.9035e-04
```

```
Epoch 11/20
           9s 4ms/step - loss: 5.6760e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0159 - mse: 5.6760e-04 - val loss: 3.9752e-04 - val mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 3.9752e-04
Epoch 12/20
                 8s 3ms/step - loss: 5.6512e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0158 - mse: 5.6512e-04 - val loss: 3.9928e-04 - val mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 3.9928e-04
0.0158 - mse: 5.6311e-04 - val loss: 4.0643e-04 - val mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 4.0643e-04
Epoch 14/20
             _____ 11s 4ms/step - loss: 5.6133e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0157 - mse: 5.6133e-04 - val loss: 4.1168e-04 - val mae: 0.0135 -
val mse: 4.1168e-04
Epoch 15/20
0.0157 - mse: 5.5982e-04 - val loss: 4.1464e-04 - val mae: 0.0135 -
val mse: 4.1464e-04
Epoch 16/20
                 9s 3ms/step - loss: 5.5863e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0157 - mse: 5.5863e-04 - val loss: 4.1722e-04 - val mae: 0.0136 -
val mse: 4.1722e-04
Epoch 17/20
2399/2399
                 _____ 10s 4ms/step - loss: 5.5781e-04 - mae:
0.0157 - mse: 5.5781e-04 - val_loss: 4.1817e-04 - val_mae: 0.0136 -
val mse: 4.1817e-04
Epoch 18/20
2399/2399 — 10s 4ms/step - loss: 5.5704e-04 - mae:
0.0156 - mse: 5.5704e-04 - val loss: 4.1720e-04 - val_mae: 0.0136 -
val mse: 4.1720e-04
Epoch 19/20
            9s 4ms/step - loss: 5.5653e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0156 - mse: 5.5653e-04 - val loss: 4.2059e-04 - val mae: 0.0137 -
val mse: 4.2059e-04
0.0156 - mse: 5.5587e-04 - val loss: 4.2147e-04 - val mae: 0.0137 -
val mse: 4.2147e-04
```

We'll use the Keras LSTM layer again with 64 units. The key difference from SimpleRNN is the internal gating mechanisms (input, output, and forget gates), which help the LSTM handle long-term dependencies and mitigate the vanishing gradient problem.

```
from tensorflow.keras.layers import LSTM

model_lstm = Sequential([
    LSTM(64, activation='tanh', input_shape=(X_train.shape[1],
```

```
X train.shape[2])),
    Dense(1)
])
model lstm.compile(
   loss='mse',
    optimizer='adam',
    metrics=['mae', 'mse']
)
model lstm.summary()
# Train
history lstm = model lstm.fit(
    X train, y train,
    validation data=(X val, y val),
    epochs=20,
    batch size=32
)
Model: "sequential_4"
Layer (type)
                                       Output Shape
Param #
lstm_1 (LSTM)
                                       (None, 64)
17,408
dense 4 (Dense)
                                       (None, 1)
65
Total params: 17,473 (68.25 KB)
 Trainable params: 17,473 (68.25 KB)
 Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
Epoch 1/20
                       _____ 19s 7ms/step - loss: 0.0088 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0489 - mse: 0.0088 - val loss: 5.5545e-04 - val mae: 0.0169 -
val_mse: 5.5545e-04
Epoch 2/20
2399/2399 ————
                          ---- 14s 6ms/step - loss: 6.7785e-04 - mae:
0.0182 - mse: 6.7785e-04 - val loss: 4.2335e-04 - val mae: 0.0147 -
val mse: 4.2335e-04
```

```
Epoch 3/20
val mse: 3.9484e-04
Epoch 4/20
            16s 6ms/step - loss: 5.6369e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 -
0.0159 - mse: 5.6369e-04 - val loss: 3.7581e-04 - val mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 3.7581e-04
0.0157 - mse: 5.5522e-04 - val loss: 3.7621e-04 - val mae: 0.0128 -
val mse: 3.7621e-04
Epoch 6/20
          _____ 16s 7ms/step - loss: 5.4891e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0156 - mse: 5.4891e-04 - val loss: 3.9270e-04 - val mae: 0.0130 -
val mse: 3.9270e-04
Epoch 7/20
0.0155 - mse: 5.4292e-04 - val loss: 4.0142e-04 - val mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 4.0142e-04
Epoch 8/20
               21s 6ms/step - loss: 5.3862e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 ———
0.0154 - mse: 5.3862e-04 - val loss: 4.0376e-04 - val mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 4.0376e-04
Epoch 9/20
0.0153 - mse: 5.3536e-04 - val loss: 4.0608e-04 - val_mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 4.0608e-04
0.0153 - mse: 5.3269e-04 - val loss: 4.1011e-04 - val mae: 0.0133 -
val mse: 4.1011e-04
Epoch 11/20
          14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.3036e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 ---
0.0152 - mse: 5.3036e-04 - val loss: 4.1368e-04 - val mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 4.1368e-04
Epoch 12/20
2399/2399 — 20s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2828e-04 - mae:
0.0152 - mse: 5.2828e-04 - val loss: 4.1312e-04 - val mae: 0.0134 -
val mse: 4.1312e-04
Epoch 13/20
          ______ 21s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2643e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0151 - mse: 5.2643e-04 - val loss: 4.0786e-04 - val_mae: 0.0133 -
val mse: 4.0786e-04
0.0151 - mse: 5.2477e-04 - val loss: 4.0022e-04 - val_mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 4.0022e-04
Epoch 15/20
```

```
2399/2399 ----
                         -- 14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2326e-04 - mae:
0.0151 - mse: 5.2326e-04 - val loss: 3.9248e-04 - val mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.9248e-04
Epoch 16/20
           14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.2185e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0150 - mse: 5.2185e-04 - val loss: 3.8567e-04 - val mae: 0.0128 -
val mse: 3.8567e-04
Epoch 17/20
                    2399/2399 —
0.0150 - mse: 5.2049e-04 - val loss: 3.7997e-04 - val mae: 0.0126 -
val mse: 3.7997e-04
Epoch 18/20
2399/2399 —
                     21s 6ms/step - loss: 5.1916e-04 - mae:
0.0150 - mse: 5.1916e-04 - val loss: 3.7530e-04 - val mae: 0.0125 -
val mse: 3.7530e-04
Epoch 19/20
2399/2399 —
                     ------ 14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.1783e-04 - mae:
0.0149 - mse: 5.1783e-04 - val_loss: 3.7152e-04 - val_mae: 0.0125 -
val mse: 3.7152e-04
Epoch 20/20
                        —— 14s 6ms/step - loss: 5.1646e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0149 - mse: 5.1646e-04 - val loss: 3.6851e-04 - val mae: 0.0124 -
val mse: 3.6851e-04
```

Finally, we'll define a GRU-based model. A GRU (Gated Recurrent Unit) is similar to an LSTM but uses fewer gates (reset and update gates) and has a somewhat simpler internal architecture. It often trains faster than an LSTM and can perform similarly or better on certain tasks.

```
from tensorflow.keras.layers import GRU
model gru = Sequential([
    GRU(64, activation='tanh', input shape=(X train.shape[1],
X train.shape[2])),
    Dense(1)
])
model_gru.compile(
    loss='mse',
    optimizer='adam',
    metrics=['mae', 'mse']
)
model gru.summary()
# Train
history gru = model gru.fit(
    X train, y train,
    validation data=(X_val, y_val),
    epochs=20,
```

```
batch size=32
)
Model: "sequential 5"
                                     Output Shape
Layer (type)
Param #
gru_2 (GRU)
                                      (None, 64)
13,248
dense 5 (Dense)
                                      (None, 1)
65
Total params: 13,313 (52.00 KB)
Trainable params: 13,313 (52.00 KB)
Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
Epoch 1/20
              20s 7ms/step - loss: 0.0038 - mae:
2399/2399 -
0.0340 - mse: 0.0038 - val loss: 4.3086e-04 - val mae: 0.0147 -
val mse: 4.3086e-04
Epoch 2/20
               _____ 16s 7ms/step - loss: 5.9648e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 -
0.0167 - mse: 5.9648e-04 - val loss: 4.0708e-04 - val mae: 0.0144 -
val mse: 4.0708e-04
Epoch 3/20
           21s 7ms/step - loss: 5.7710e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0162 - mse: 5.7710e-04 - val_loss: 4.0903e-04 - val_mae: 0.0145 -
val mse: 4.0903e-04
Epoch 4/20
                    20s 7ms/step - loss: 5.6747e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 -
0.0160 - mse: 5.6747e-04 - val loss: 3.8017e-04 - val mae: 0.0135 -
val mse: 3.8017e-04
Epoch 5/20
2399/2399 —
                    ------- 16s 7ms/step - loss: 5.5797e-04 - mae:
0.0158 - mse: 5.5797e-04 - val_loss: 3.6961e-04 - val_mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 3.6961e-04
Epoch 6/20
                     _____ 17s 7ms/step - loss: 5.4997e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0157 - mse: 5.4997e-04 - val_loss: 3.6794e-04 - val_mae: 0.0130 -
val mse: 3.6794e-04
Epoch 7/20
```

```
0.0156 - mse: 5.4482e-04 - val loss: 3.6743e-04 - val mae: 0.0130 -
val mse: 3.6743e-04
0.0155 - mse: 5.4116e-04 - val loss: 3.6718e-04 - val mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.6718e-04
Epoch 9/20
          21s 7ms/step - loss: 5.3824e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0154 - mse: 5.3824e-04 - val loss: 3.6841e-04 - val mae: 0.0128 -
val mse: 3.6841e-04
Epoch 10/20
0.0154 - mse: 5.3567e-04 - val loss: 3.7186e-04 - val_mae: 0.0127 -
val mse: 3.7186e-04
Epoch 11/20
val mse: 3.7717e-04
Epoch 12/20
val mse: 3.8269e-04
Epoch 13/20
2399/2399 — 17s 7ms/step - loss: 5.2913e-04 - mae:
0.0153 - mse: 5.2913e-04 - val_loss: 3.8724e-04 - val_mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.8724e-04
Epoch 14/20
          ______ 19s 7ms/step - loss: 5.2722e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
0.0152 - mse: 5.2722e-04 - val loss: 3.9118e-04 - val mae: 0.0129 -
val mse: 3.9118e-04
0.0152 - mse: 5.2529e-04 - val_loss: 3.9472e-04 - val mae: 0.0130 -
val mse: 3.9472e-04
Epoch 16/20
0.0151 - mse: 5.2335e-04 - val loss: 3.9770e-04 - val_mae: 0.0131 -
val mse: 3.9770e-04
val mse: 4.0009e-04
0.0151 - mse: 5.1987e-04 - val_loss: 4.0220e-04 - val_mae: 0.0132 -
val mse: 4.0220e-04
Epoch 19/20
        19s 7ms/step - loss: 5.1830e-04 - mae:
2399/2399 —
```

```
0.0150 - mse: 5.1830e-04 - val_loss: 4.0420e-04 - val_mae: 0.0133 - val_mse: 4.0420e-04

Epoch 20/20

2399/2399 — 21s 7ms/step - loss: 5.1686e-04 - mae: 0.0150 - mse: 5.1686e-04 - val_loss: 4.0581e-04 - val_mae: 0.0133 - val_mse: 4.0581e-04
```

Now we'll compare how these three models trained, focusing on metrics such as MSE or MAE. We'll also evaluate each model on the test set to see which yields the best final performance.

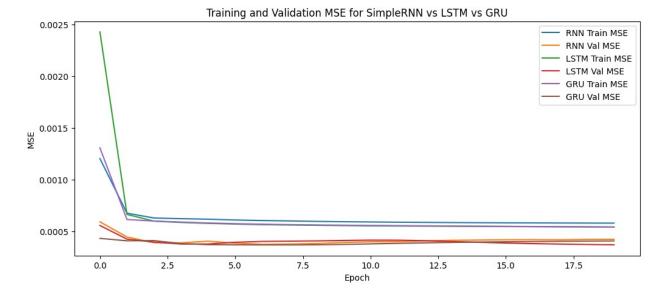
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plt.plot(history_rnn.history['mse'], label='RNN Train MSE')
plt.plot(history_rnn.history['val_mse'], label='RNN Val MSE')

plt.plot(history_lstm.history['mse'], label='LSTM Train MSE')
plt.plot(history_lstm.history['val_mse'], label='LSTM Val MSE')

plt.plot(history_gru.history['mse'], label='GRU Train MSE')
plt.plot(history_gru.history['val_mse'], label='GRU Val MSE')

plt.title('Training and Validation MSE for SimpleRNN vs LSTM vs GRU')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('MSE')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



```
# Evaluate each model on the test set
print("Evaluating SimpleRNN model:")
test_loss_rnn, test_mae_rnn, test_mse_rnn = model_rnn.evaluate(X_test,
```

```
y_test)
test rmse rnn = (test mse rnn**0.5)
print(f"RNN Test MSE: {test mse rnn}")
print(f"RNN Test MAE: {test mae rnn}")
print(f"RNN Test RMSE: {test_rmse_rnn}\n")
print("Evaluating LSTM model:")
test loss lstm, test mae lstm, test mse lstm =
model lstm.evaluate(X test, y test)
test rmse lstm = (test mse lstm**0.5)
print(f"LSTM Test MSE: {test mse lstm}")
print(f"LSTM Test MAE: {test mae lstm}")
print(f"LSTM Test RMSE: {test rmse lstm}\n")
print("Evaluating GRU model:")
test_loss_gru, test_mae_gru, test_mse_gru = model_gru.evaluate(X_test,
y_test)
test_rmse_gru = (test_mse_gru**0.5)
print(f"GRU Test MSE: {test mse gru}")
print(f"GRU Test MAE: {test mae gru}")
print(f"GRU Test RMSE: {test rmse gru}")
Evaluating SimpleRNN model:
300/300 —
                           - 1s 2ms/step - loss: 4.1619e-04 - mae:
0.0136 - mse: 4.1619e-04
RNN Test MSE: 0.0003932346007786691
RNN Test MAE: 0.0130736343562603
RNN Test RMSE: 0.01983014374074654
Evaluating LSTM model:
                         —— 1s 3ms/step - loss: 3.7219e-04 - mae:
300/300 -
0.0127 - mse: 3.7219e-04
LSTM Test MSE: 0.00034952451824210584
LSTM Test MAE: 0.012208573520183563
LSTM Test RMSE: 0.018695574830480764
Evaluating GRU model:
300/300 —
                         --- 1s 3ms/step - loss: 4.0865e-04 - mae:
0.0134 - mse: 4.0865e-04
GRU Test MSE: 0.00038620023406110704
GRU Test MAE: 0.012897929176688194
GRU Test RMSE: 0.019651977866390627
```

Conclusion (Comparing SimpleRNN, LSTM, and GRU)

From the final test metrics, we observe:

• **SimpleRNN** achieves a Test MSE of ~3.93e-04 (RMSE ~0.01983), MAE ~0.01307.

- LSTM performs slightly better with a Test MSE of ~3.50e-04 (RMSE ~0.01870), MAE ~0.01221.
- **GRU** lands between the two, with a Test MSE of $\sim 3.86e-04$ (RMSE ~ 0.01965), MAE ~ 0.01290 .

Although the differences are relatively small on this normalized scale, the LSTM does come out on top overall. The SimpleRNN, despite its simpler architecture, still does quite well, but might be more prone to issues with longer time dependencies. The GRU's performance is close to both, suggesting that for this particular weather dataset, all three architectures can capture short-term temporal patterns effectively.

Insights:

- 1. **LSTM's Edge**: The extra gating (input, forget, output) may help it learn nuanced temporal relationships, leading to a slightly lower error.
- 2. **GRU Efficiency**: While GRUs can sometimes match or outperform LSTMs, here it ends up slightly behind LSTM, but still better than a simple RNN.
- 3. **SimpleRNN**: The baseline model converges quickly and is simpler to train but lacks the gating mechanisms to handle longer or more complex dependencies as effectively.
- 4. **Data-Specific Results**: These differences might grow or shrink on larger, noisier, or more complex time-series data. For this dataset, all three do fairly well, but the LSTM's ability to capture subtle temporal dependencies appears most beneficial.

Overall, each architecture can forecast temperature with low MSE and MAE on a normalized scale, but LSTM offers the best balance of stable convergence and final accuracy in this experiment.

Task 2 Part 3 (10 points): Using a Traditional Feed-Forward Network for Time-Series

Yes, it is indeed possible to use a traditional feed-forward (or fully connected) network to tackle a time-series problem, but there are important considerations:

1. Flattening or Lag Features:

- One straightforward approach is to convert your time-series window into a set of "lag features." For instance, if you want your model to "see" the past 7 timesteps, you can simply create 7 input columns (one for each past temperature), along with any other features (like humidity, pressure, etc.) over the same 7 timesteps.
- You then feed this flattened vector of inputs (e.g., [temp_t-7, temp_t-6, ..., temp_t-1]) into a standard feed-forward neural network.
- The model, however, will treat each of these inputs as if they were just distinct features—not inherently connected by temporal ordering.

2. Loss of Sequential Modeling:

While a feed-forward network can technically "learn" from these lag features, it does not maintain any hidden state that evolves over time (unlike an RNN, LSTM, or GRU). As a result, it might not capture longer or more subtle temporal dependencies unless you manually include a larger number of lag features or additional time-based feature engineering (e.g., rolling averages, differences, etc.).

3. **Practical Example**:

Suppose you have temperature data for the past 7 hours as: Temp(t-7),
 Temp(t-6), ... Temp(t-1). You could arrange your dataset so that each row has these 7 columns plus the target Temp(t). Something like:

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		•••			
15.2	15.1		14.	14.7	

Then you feed the 7 values into a feed-forward network with, say, a couple of dense hidden layers, and train it to output Temp(t).

4. Advantages and Disadvantages:

- Advantage: Simpler approach and easy to implement (it's just standard regression with multiple features). Works reasonably well for short-term forecasts where the time dependency isn't too complex or too long-range.
- Disadvantage: For more complex patterns or longer horizons, it can become unwieldy (you might need 30, 50, or 100 lagged features). It also doesn't inherently learn or adapt to changing temporal relationships as elegantly as a recurrent architecture would.

5. Why or Why Not?:

- Why: If the time-series patterns are short-term or you have a small window size, a feed-forward net can still yield decent performance. You can manually craft any "memory" into features (e.g., using rolling averages or differencing). Also, feedforward networks can be simpler or faster to train for smaller datasets.
- Why Not: If your data spans longer time periods or exhibits intricate temporal dependencies, an RNN (LSTM/GRU) often outperforms a purely feed-forward approach. RNNs handle time inherently, whereas feed-forward networks need you to supply the time context via a (sometimes large) feature set.

Bottom Line:

Converting time-series data into a feed-forward problem is absolutely feasible, but it can require manual feature engineering to represent the temporal dimension, and may not capture longer-term patterns as naturally as sequence models.

Task 3 Part 1 (10 Points): Implementing Word Embeddings

We will demonstrate how to load and use a pre-trained word embedding model. For this example, we will use the **Word2Vec** embeddings from Google News trained by Google. The reasons for choosing Word2Vec over other embeddings like GloVe, FastText, or BERT are as follows:

- 1. **Size vs. Performance**: Word2Vec is a simpler model compared to BERT (which is a large transformer-based model). For many use-cases, Word2Vec can offer a good balance between accuracy and computational overhead.
- 2. **Interpretability**: The Word2Vec vectors can easily be manipulated and inspected. They also have been shown to capture semantic and syntactic relationships quite well (e.g., "king" "man" + "woman" = "queen").

3. **Coverage & Availability**: The Google News pretrained vectors are widely used, covering ~3 million English words and phrases. They are readily available and well-documented.

However, other embeddings have their own advantages:

- **GloVe** (from Stanford): Also widely used, good performance, straightforward to load and use.
- FastText (from Facebook Research): Handles out-of-vocabulary (OOV) words more gracefully by using subword units.
- **BERT/Transformer embeddings** (from Hugging Face): Contextual embeddings that capture meaning of words within sentences, but are larger and more computationally expensive to run.

For this assignment, we'll demonstrate Word2Vec with Gensim, but the same principles apply to other embedding approaches (with minor differences in loading and handling OOV words).

We will load the pre-trained Google News Word2Vec model using the Gensim library. The word2vec model was aquired from Word2Vec Model.

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
import os
print(os.listdir('/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks'))
Mounted at /content/drive
['Projects in AI & ML HWs', 'hwl.ipynb', 'HW2.ipynb', 'HW3.ipynb',
'HW4 (1).ipynb', 'GoogleNews-vectors-negative300.bin', 'Untitled0.ipynb', 'HW4.ipynb']
word2vec path = '/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/GoogleNews-
vectors-negative300.bin'
import gensim
import numpy as np
try:
    w2v model =
gensim.models.KeyedVectors.load word2vec format(word2vec path,
binary=True)
    print("Successfully loaded Word2Vec model.")
except Exception as e:
    print("Error loading model:", e)
    w2v model = None
Successfully loaded Word2Vec model.
```

We want to allow a user to input two words. We will:

- 1. Retrieve their embeddings from the loaded model.
- 2. Print or return these vectors.

3. Handle out-of-vocabulary (OOV) cases by providing a fallback (e.g., random vector, average of known synonyms, or ignoring the word altogether).

Below is a simple interactive snippet. We'll also demonstrate how to handle an OOV scenario gracefully.

```
def get embedding(word, model, vector dim=300):
    Retrieves the embedding of 'word' from the given 'model'.
    If the word is not in the vocabulary, returns None (or a
fallback).
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    if word in model.key to index:
        return model[word]
    else:
        return None
if w2v model:
    # Prompt user for two words:
    word1 = input("Enter the first word: ").strip()
    word2 = input("Enter the second word: ").strip()
    # Get embeddings
    vec1 = get embedding(word1, w2v model)
    vec2 = get embedding(word2, w2v model)
    if vecl is not None:
        print(f"Embedding for '{word1}' found. Vector length:
{len(vec1)}")
        print("Sample of embedding:", vec1[:10])
    else:
        print(f"'{word1}' not in vocabulary. Handling 00V case...")
    if vec2 is not None:
        print(f"\nEmbedding for '{word2}' found. Vector length:
{len(vec2)}")
        print("Sample of embedding:", vec2[:10])
        print(f"'{word2}' not in vocabulary. Handling 00V case...")
Enter the first word: king
Enter the second word: queen
Embedding for 'king' found. Vector length: 300
Sample of embedding: [ 0.12597656  0.02978516  0.00860596  0.13964844
-0.02563477 -0.03613281
  0.11181641 -0.19824219  0.05126953  0.363281251
Embedding for 'queen' found. Vector length: 300
Sample of embedding: [ 0.00524902 -0.14355469 -0.06933594 0.12353516
```

```
0.13183594 -0.08886719 -0.07128906 -0.21679688 -0.19726562 0.05566406]
```

Word2Vec (and similarly GloVe) models can only produce embeddings for words they have actually "seen" during training. Any word not in their vocabulary is considered OOV.

Potential strategies to address OOV:

- 1. **Use Zero or Random Vectors**: Quick fallback that won't necessarily capture meaning, but ensures a fixed dimension.
- 2. **Subword Models (FastText)**: FastText handles OOV by composing subword units. For instance, if "motherboard" is not in the vocabulary, the model can still generate an embedding using pieces ("mother", "board") recognized from training.
- 3. **Approximate with Synonyms**: If a word is missing, check a thesaurus or similar words in the vocabulary to approximate the vector. For example, if "tempest" is OOV, fallback to "storm" if it's available.
- 4. **Contextual Embeddings (BERT)**: Contextual models handle OOV differently by tokenizing into smaller pieces. They can produce embeddings for many more variants of words but require more computational resources.

In this snippet, we chose to **return None** for OOV words, but in a production scenario, you might adopt one of the above strategies (depending on your application).

Task 3 Part 2 (20 Points): Cosine Similarity for Word Embeddings

• **Definition**: The cosine similarity between two vectors

and v is:

cosine_similarity
$$(u, v) = \frac{u \cdot v}{\parallel u \parallel \parallel v \parallel}$$

- Why Cosine Similarity is Useful:
 - a. **Magnitude Independence**: It focuses on the angle between vectors rather than their magnitudes. This is helpful because two words can have different vector magnitudes but still be very similar in direction (i.e., meaning).
 - b. **Semantic Closeness**: In word embedding space, words that share similar contexts often end up with vectors pointing in similar directions. Cosine similarity captures this alignment effectively.
 - c. **Robustness**: It's less sensitive to absolute scaling differences in the embeddings, making it a standard measure in NLP tasks (such as similarity, clustering, or searching for semantically related words).

In the next code block, I implement a simple function cosine_similarity that accepts two embeddings and returns a scalar similarity score in the range ([-1, 1]), with 1 indicating identical direction and -1 indicating completely opposite direction.

```
import numpy as np
def cosine similarity(vec1, vec2):
    Computes cosine similarity between two word embedding vectors.
    Returns a scalar in the range [-1, 1].
    dot product = np.dot(vec1, vec2)
    norm1 = np.linalg.norm(vec1)
    norm2 = np.linalg.norm(vec2)
    if norm1 == 0 or norm2 == 0:
        # If either vector is all zeros or invalid
        return 0.0
    return dot product / (norm1 * norm2)
# Ouick test with random vectors:
test_vec1 = np.array([1, 2, 3], dtype=float)
test_vec2 = np.array([1, 2, 3], dtype=float)
print("Similarity (should be 1.0 for identical vectors):",
cosine similarity(test vec1, test vec2))
Similarity (should be 1.0 for identical vectors): 1.0
```

We want to allow users to input multiple word pairs and get a batch of similarity scores. We'll:

- 1. Collect all pairs in a list.
- 2. For each pair, retrieve the embedding from our loaded word2vec model.
- 3. Compute cosine similarity (if both words are in-vocab).
- 4. Output the results in a structured way.

If a word is out-of-vocabulary (OOV), we print a message or handle it as we did in Part 1.

```
def batch_cosine_similarity(word_pairs, model):
    """
    Given a list of (word1, word2) pairs and a loaded embedding model,
    compute the cosine similarity for each pair.
    Returns a list of results in the format:
    [ ((word1, word2), similarity), ... ]
    """"
    results = []
    for w1, w2 in word_pairs:
        if w1 in model.key_to_index and w2 in model.key_to_index:
            vec1 = model[w1]
            vec2 = model[w2]
            sim = cosine_similarity(vec1, vec2)
            results.append(((w1, w2), sim))
```

```
else:
            # Handle 00V or partial 00V
             results.append(((w1, w2), None))
    return results
if w2v model:
    # Example usage
    user pairs = [
        _parrs [
("king", "queen"),
("apple", "banana"),
("fast", "quick"),
         ("python", '"java"),
                                # Both in-vocab (tech-related words)
         ("xyznotaword", "test") # Likely 00V
    similarities = batch cosine similarity(user pairs, w2v model)
    for (w1, w2), sim in similarities:
        if sim is not None:
             print(f"{w1} vs {w2}: Cosine Similarity = {sim:.4f}")
             print(f"{w1} vs {w2}: (00V encountered)")
king vs queen: Cosine Similarity = 0.6511
apple vs banana: Cosine Similarity = 0.5318
fast vs quick: Cosine Similarity = 0.5702
python vs java: Cosine Similarity = 0.1254
xyznotaword vs test: (00V encountered)
```

We can visualize how words cluster in embedding space using **PCA** or **t-SNE**. Both are dimensionality reduction techniques:

- **PCA (Principal Component Analysis)**: A linear method that finds the main axes of variance.
- **t-SNE (t-distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding)**: A non-linear method often better at capturing local cluster structure in high-dimensional data.

We'll:

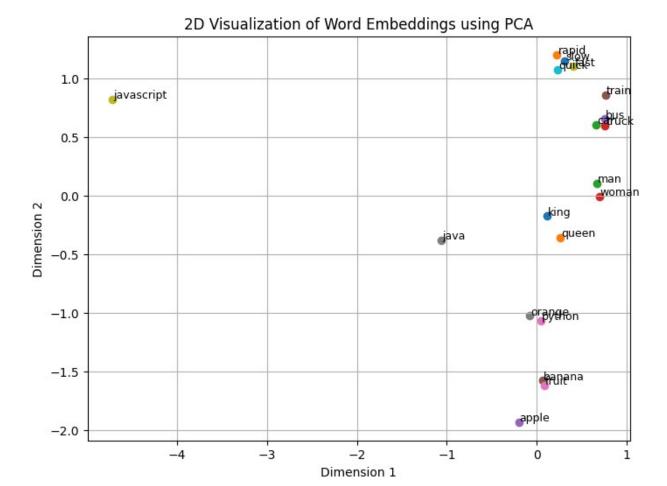
- 1. Pick a set of words (some synonyms, antonyms, or related words).
- 2. Retrieve their embeddings from the model.
- 3. Use PCA or t-SNE to reduce dimensions from $300 \rightarrow 2$ (or 3).
- 4. Plot them on a scatter plot, labeling each point with the word.

Note: t-SNE can be slow for large datasets, but works fine for a small set of words.

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
from sklearn.manifold import TSNE

def visualize_embeddings(words, model, method='pca'):
```

```
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    Visualize a set of words in 2D space using PCA or t-SNE.
    :param words: list of words to visualize
    :param model: loaded word embedding model
    :param method: 'pca' or 'tsne'
    # Filter out OOV words
    in vocab words = [w for w in words if w in model.key to index]
    # Retrieve embeddings
    embeddings = [model[w] for w in in vocab words]
    # Reduce dimensionality
    if method.lower() == 'pca':
         reducer = PCA(n components=2)
         reduced = reducer.fit transform(embeddings)
    elif method.lower() == 'tsne':
         reducer = TSNE(n components=2, learning rate='auto',
init='pca', random_state=42)
         reduced = reducer.fit transform(embeddings)
    else:
        raise ValueError("method must be 'pca' or 'tsne'")
    # Plot
    plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
    for i, word in enumerate(in vocab words):
        x, y = reduced[i][0], reduced[i][1]
        plt.scatter(x, y)
        plt.text(x+0.01, y+0.01, word, fontsize=9)
    plt.title(f"2D Visualization of Word Embeddings using
{method.upper()}")
    plt.xlabel("Dimension 1")
    plt.ylabel("Dimension 2")
    plt.grid(True)
    plt.show()
if w2v model:
    word list = [
        "king", "queen", "man", "woman",
"apple", "banana", "fruit", "orange",
"fast", "quick", "slow", "rapid",
"car", "truck", "bus", "train",
         "python", "java", "javascript"
    ]
    visualize embeddings(word list, w2v model, method='pca')
```



Task 3 Part 3 (20 Points): Designing a Novel Dissimilarity Metric

While cosine similarity is a popular choice for comparing word embeddings, sometimes we want to capture additional aspects of "dissimilarity" or "novelty" that go beyond the simple angular difference in vector space.

Examples of Alternative Metrics:

1. Euclidean Distance:

- Measures the straight-line distance between two vectors in embedding space.
- If vectors are close in high-dimensional space, they are considered more "similar."

2. Word Entropy-based Dissimilarity:

- Incorporates how frequently (or infrequently) words appear in a corpus.
- Rare words might get higher "importance" or might be considered more
 "dissimilar" if their contexts seldom overlap with common words.

3. Semantic Contrast Measures:

 Rely on external knowledge (e.g., WordNet) to see if two words are synonyms, antonyms, or in different semantic domains.

Our Custom Metric (example approach):

- We'll define a function that **combines Euclidean distance** in the embedding space with **an inverse frequency term**. The intuition is:
 - If two words are close in vector space, but one is extremely rare compared to the other, we might consider them more dissimilar.
 - Conversely, if both are close and have similar frequency ranks, they're likely more semantically related.

Show:

- Toggling between cosine similarity, Euclidean distance, and our custom measure via a single function parameter.
- **Ranking** words by similarity/dissimilarity to a reference word.
- Heatmap visualization to compare multiple word pairs across different metrics.

Literature:

[Camacho-Collados, J., & Pilehvar, M. T. (2018).

"From word to sense embeddings: A survey on vector representations of meaning." Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, 63, 743-788.]

They discuss the importance of combining distributional similarity with lexical resources and frequency heuristics for certain tasks.

Our Implementation

- Let freq(w) be a frequency-based lookup for the word w. For demonstration, we will approximate it with model.get_vecattr(w, "count") if available (some Gensim embeddings store vocabulary counts), or use a fallback dictionary of frequencies.
- Let

$$D_{
m euclid}(v_1,v_2)$$

be the Euclidean distance between embeddings.

Then, define the custom dissimilarity as:

custom dissim
$$(w_1, w_2) = D_{\text{euclid}}(v_1, v_2) \times \left| \frac{1}{\log(\text{freq}(w_1) + 2)} - \frac{1}{\log(\text{freq}(w_2) + 2)} \right|$$

We use $\$\$(\log(\text{text{freq}} + 2))$ \$\\$ to avoid division by zero and to keep it non-linear. This is just one possible design. The factor

$$\left| \frac{1}{\log \left(\operatorname{freq}(w_1) + 2 \right)} - \frac{1}{\log \left(\operatorname{freq}(w_2) + 2 \right)} \right|$$

captures how different the words are in terms of rarity. If both have similar frequencies, that factor becomes small, thus the distance remains mostly about Euclidean difference. If one word is rare and the other is common, the factor becomes larger, amplifying the dissimilarity.

```
import numpy as np
def euclidean distance(vec1, vec2):
    """Compute the Euclidean distance between two vectors."""
    return np.linalq.norm(vec1 - vec2)
def custom dissim(w1, w2, model, freq dict=None):
    Custom dissimilarity that combines Euclidean distance in embedding
space
    with difference in inverse log-frequency.
    :param w1, w2: Words to compare
    :param model: Loaded word2vec model for retrieving embeddings
    :param freq dict: A dictionary {word: frequency} or method to get
word frequency.
                      If None, we use a fallback frequency (e.g. 1)
for unknown words.
    :return: A float representing dissimilarity (higher => more
dissimilar).
    vec1 = model[w1]
    vec2 = model[w2]
    base dist = euclidean distance(vec1, vec2)
    # Retrieve frequencies from a dictionary or fallback to 1
    f1 = freq_dict[w1] if freq_dict and w1 in freq_dict else 1
    f2 = freq dict[w2] if freq dict and w2 in freq dict else 1
    # Inverse log frequency difference
    diff freq = abs((1.0 / np.log(f1 + 2.0)) - (1.0 / np.log(f2 +
2.0)))
    return base dist * diff freq
def compare words(w1, w2, model, metric="cosine", freq dict=None):
    Compare two words using the specified metric: 'cosine',
'euclidean', or 'custom'.
    if w1 not in model.key to index or w2 not in model.key to index:
        return None # 00V
    vec1 = model[w1]
    vec2 = model[w2]
    if metric == "cosine":
        # We'll reuse the function from Part 2
        dot product = np.dot(vec1, vec2)
        norm1 = np.linalg.norm(vec1)
        norm2 = np.linalg.norm(vec2)
```

```
if norm1 == 0 or norm2 == 0:
    return 0.0
    return dot_product / (norm1 * norm2)
    elif metric == "euclidean":
        return euclidean_distance(vec1, vec2)
    elif metric == "custom":
        return custom_dissim(w1, w2, model, freq_dict)
    else:
        raise ValueError("metric must be one of: 'cosine', 'euclidean', or 'custom'")
```

We can pick a reference word and compute how other words rank relative to it using our three different metrics. For similarity-based metrics (like cosine), higher is more similar. For dissimilarity-based metrics (like Euclidean or custom), lower is more similar (because distance is smaller).

To unify this for ranking, we can define separate "similarity" or "distance" functions or just be consistent about inverting one if needed. In the example below, we'll demonstrate ranking by "most similar" for cosine, and "least distance" for Euclidean/custom. We just need to clarify what we're sorting by.

```
def rank words(reference word, candidates, model, metric="cosine",
freq dict=None, top n=5):
    Ranks candidate words based on similarity or dissimilarity to a
reference word,
    depending on the chosen metric. Returns the top n results (lowest
distance or highest similarity).
    results = []
    for w in candidates:
        if w == reference word:
            continue
        score = compare words(reference word, w, model, metric,
freq dict)
        if score is not None:
            results.append((w, score))
    # For cosine: higher => more similar, so sort descending
    if metric == "cosine":
        results.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
    else:
        # For 'euclidean' or 'custom': lower => more similar, so sort
ascending
        results.sort(key=lambda x: x[1])
    return results[:top n]
```

```
if w2v model:
    # Example usage
    reference = "cat"
    word list =
["dog","lion","tiger","table","chair","kitten","puppy","plant","mouse"
, "car"]
    freq dict = {
        "cat": 500,
        "dog": 600,
        "lion": 100,
        "tiger": 90,
        "table": 1000,
        "chair": 1200,
        "kitten": 300,
        "puppy": 400,
        "plant": 700.
        "mouse": 450,
        "car": 2000
    }
    print("Ranking by Cosine Similarity to 'cat':")
    print(rank words(reference, word list, w2v model, metric="cosine",
freq dict=freq dict))
    print("\nRanking by Euclidean Distance to 'cat':")
    print(rank words(reference, word_list, w2v_model,
metric="euclidean", freq dict=freq dict))
    print("\nRanking by Custom Dissimilarity to 'cat':")
    print(rank words(reference, word list, w2v model, metric="custom",
freq dict=freq dict))
Ranking by Cosine Similarity to 'cat':
[('dog', 0.76094574), ('kitten', 0.7464984), ('puppy', 0.70754534),
('tiger', 0.5172962), ('mouse', 0.46566278)]
Ranking by Euclidean Distance to 'cat':
[('dog', 2.0815337), ('kitten', 2.3034523), ('puppy', 2.4245925),
('mouse', 3.2288268), ('tiger', 3.2323527)]
Ranking by Custom Dissimilarity to 'cat':
[('mouse', 0.008910437111994926), ('dog', 0.009500496058699865),
('puppy', 0.01444422437172073), ('kitten', 0.03296322328674975),
('plant', 0.03481235839234141)]
```

We can also visualize how multiple words compare to each other by plotting a heatmap of metric scores. For example, we'll pick a set of words, compute either "cosine similarity" or "custom dissimilarity" for every pair, and then display that in a matrix form.

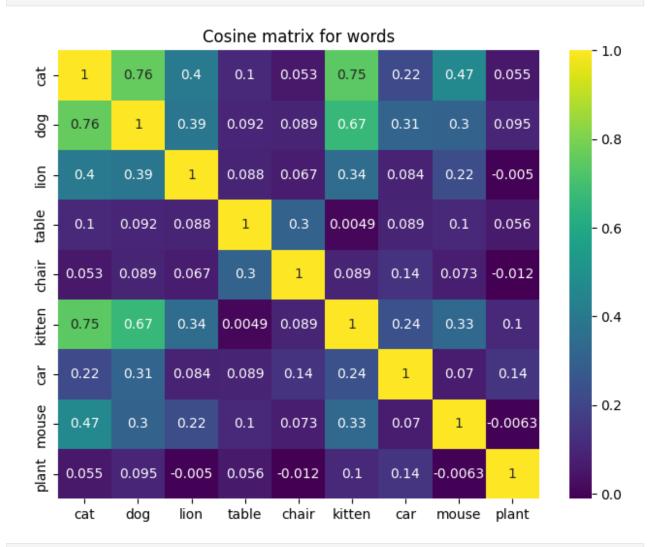
Steps:

- 1. Construct a 2D matrix M where M[i,j] = similarity/dissimilarity between word i and word j.
- 2. Use matplotlib/seaborn to plot a heatmap.
- 3. Interpret the resulting clusters or patterns:
 - For similarity, darker might mean higher similarity;
 - For dissimilarity, darker might mean more distance.

```
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def plot heatmap(words, model, metric="cosine", freq dict=None):
    Plot a heatmap of pairwise metric scores for the given list of
words.
    # Filter out 00V
    valid words = [w for w in words if w in model.key to index]
    size = len(valid words)
    scores = np.zeros((size, size))
    for i in range(size):
        for j in range(size):
            if i == i:
                # Same word comparison
                scores[i, j] = 1.0 if metric=="cosine" else 0.0
            else:
                val = compare words(valid words[i], valid words[j],
model, metric, freq_dict)
                # For distance-based metrics, we store val as is
                # For cosine, we store 1 - cos to interpret it as
"distance" in the heatmap, OR keep cos directly
                scores[i, j] = val if val is not None else 0.0
    plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
    sns.heatmap(scores, xticklabels=valid words,
yticklabels=valid words, annot=True, cmap="viridis")
    plt.title(f"{metric.capitalize()} matrix for words")
    plt.show()
if w2v model:
    words to compare =
["cat","dog","lion","table","chair","kitten","car","mouse","plant"]
    print("\nHeatmap - Cosine Similarities:")
    plot heatmap(words to compare, w2v model, metric="cosine",
freq dict=freq dict)
    print("\nHeatmap - Custom Dissimilarities:")
```

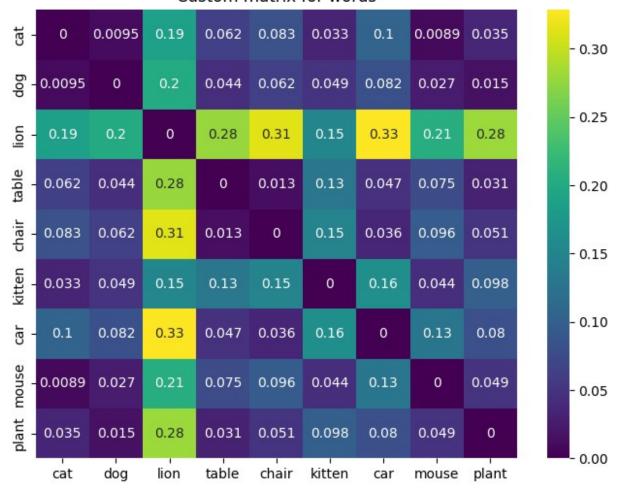
plot_heatmap(words_to_compare, w2v_model, metric="custom",
freq dict=freq dict)

Heatmap - Cosine Similarities:



Heatmap - Custom Dissimilarities:

Custom matrix for words



Concluding Observations

From the ranking results and heatmaps, we can see how each metric (Cosine Similarity, Euclidean Distance, and our Custom Dissimilarity) captures word relationships differently:

1. Cosine Similarity

- Focuses solely on the angle between vectors.
- Ranks words like "dog," "kitten," and "puppy" as most similar to "cat," which aligns with our expectation that these animals share many contextual features in language use.
- The heatmap shows near-diagonal areas of high similarity for semantically related terms (e.g., "cat" and "dog").

2. Euclidean Distance

- Measures raw spatial distance.
- Also puts "dog," "kitten," and "puppy" close to "cat," but the exact ordering of these neighbors can differ from cosine due to differences in the magnitude of the

vectors.

 While the resulting top-5 "closest" words mostly overlap with cosine's picks, certain pairs might swap rank because vector magnitudes affect Euclidean distance more than angles alone.

3. Custom Dissimilarity (Euclidean × Frequency Factor)

- Introduces a frequency-based penalty or boost.
- Interestingly, "mouse" ranks as the closest to "cat" under this metric, indicating that although "mouse" and "cat" may not be extremely close in raw embedding space, their frequency profiles (in this example's data) reduce their overall dissimilarity.
- "Plant" also appears in the top list, which may reflect how its distance plus frequency combination ends up numerically small. If both "cat" and "plant" have moderate or similar frequency logs, the custom factor might not inflate their distance as much as it would between words with drastically different frequency distributions.
- This reveals how an additional frequency dimension can shift the interpretation of "closeness" toward or away from certain pairs.

What Do These Differences Mean?

- **Cosine** and **Euclidean** measure purely geometric properties of the embeddings (angle vs. raw distance).
- **Custom Metric** attempts to highlight or penalize frequency discrepancies. This can be valuable if one wants to downplay or amplify certain relationships based on how commonly (or rarely) words appear in text corpora.

Practical Takeaways

- Task-Driven Choice: If you want a traditional notion of semantic similarity (e.g., synonyms or related concepts), cosine or Euclidean might suffice.
- **Contextual Nuances**: If frequency or domain differences matter (e.g., distinguishing rare medical terms vs. everyday words), a custom approach can be more insightful.
- **Visual Clustering**: The heatmaps highlight which words form tighter groups under each metric. This can guide you in choosing or refining a metric that aligns best with your domain or application needs.

Overall, these metrics provide **complementary perspectives** on "closeness" in embedding space. By allowing users to switch between them, we gain richer insights into how words relate in both distributional geometry and real-world usage frequency.