

# Recurrent Neural Networks

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1.

Suppose your training examples are sentences (sequences of words). Which of the following refers to the  $j^{th}$  word in the  $i^{th}$  training example?

☐  $x^{(i)<j>}$

☐  $x^{<i>(j)}$

☐  $x^{(j)<i>}$

☒  $x^{<j>(i)}$

**This should not be selected**

The parentheses represent the training example and the brackets represent the word. You should choose the training example and then the word.

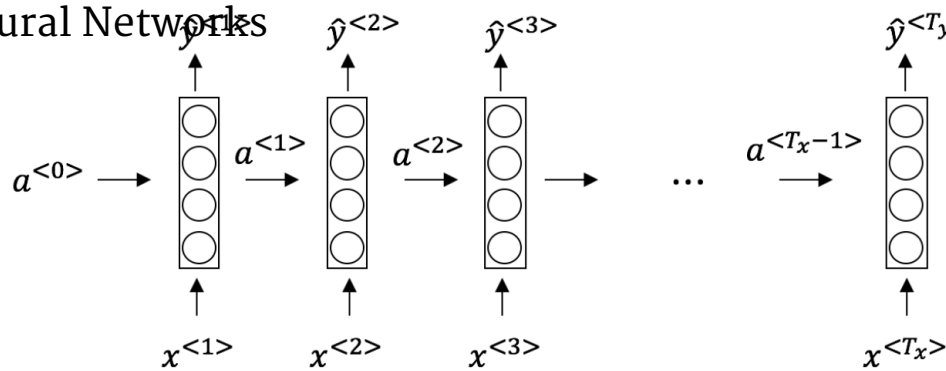
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2.

Consider this RNN:

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This specific type of architecture is appropriate when:

☒  $T_x = T_y$

**Correct**

It is appropriate when every input should be matched to an output.

☐  $T_x < T_y$

☐  $T_x > T_y$

☐  $T_x = 1$



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3.

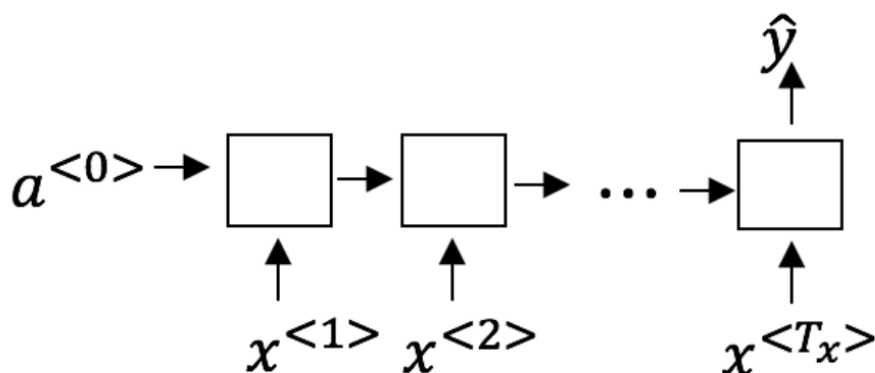
To which of these tasks would you apply a many-to-one RNN architecture?

(Check all that apply).

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☐ Speech recognition (input an audio clip and output a transcript)



Un-selected is correct

☐ Sentiment classification (input a piece of text and output a 0/1 to denote positive or negative sentiment)



Correct

Correct!

☐ Image classification (input an image and output a label)



Un-selected is correct

☐ Gender recognition from speech (input an audio clip and output a label indicating the speaker's gender)



Correct

Correct!



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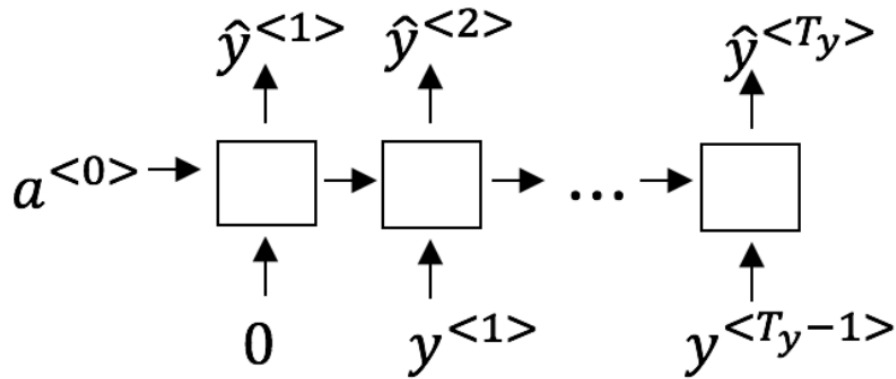
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You are training this RNN language model.

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At the  $t^{th}$  time step, what is the RNN doing? Choose the best answer.

- ☐ Estimating  $P(y^{<1>}, y^{<2>}, \dots, y^{<t-1>})$
- ☐ Estimating  $P(y^{<t>})$
- ☒ Estimating  $P(y^{<t>} \mid y^{<1>}, y^{<2>}, \dots, y^{<t-1>})$

**Correct**

Yes, in a language model we try to predict the next step based on the knowledge of all prior steps.

- ☐ Estimating  $P(y^{<t>} \mid y^{<1>}, y^{<2>}, \dots, y^{<t>})$



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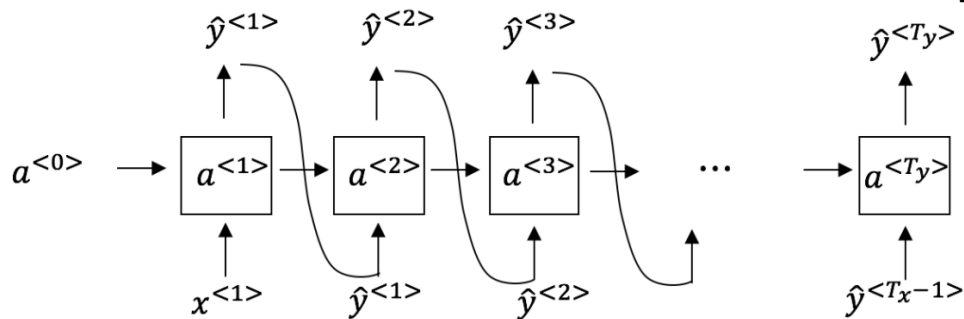
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You have finished training a language model RNN and are using it to sample random sentences, as follows:

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What are you doing at each time step  $t$ ?

- ☐ (i) Use the probabilities output by the RNN to pick the highest probability word for that time-step as  $\hat{y}^{<t>}$ . (ii) Then pass the ground-truth word from the training set to the next time-step.
- ☐ (i) Use the probabilities output by the RNN to randomly sample a chosen word for that time-step as  $\hat{y}^{<t>}$ . (ii) Then pass the ground-truth word from the training set to the next time-step.
- ☐ (i) Use the probabilities output by the RNN to pick the highest probability word for that time-step as  $\hat{y}^{<t>}$ . (ii) Then pass this selected word to the next time-step.
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Correct

Yes!



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6.

You are training an RNN, and find that your weights and activations are all taking on the value of NaN ("Not a Number"). Which of these is the most likely cause of this problem?

- ☐ Vanishing gradient problem.
- ☒ Exploding gradient problem.

**Correct**

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- ☐ ReLU activation function  $g(\cdot)$  used to compute  $g(z)$ , where  $z$  is too large.
- ☐ Sigmoid activation function  $g(\cdot)$  used to compute  $g(z)$ , where  $z$  is too large.
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7.

Suppose you are training a LSTM. You have a 10000 word vocabulary, and are using an LSTM with 100-dimensional activations  $a^{<t>}$ . What is the dimension of  $\Gamma_u$  at each time step?

- ☐ 1
- ☒ 100
- ☐ 300
- ☐ 10000
- 

**Correct**

Correct,  $\Gamma_u$  is a vector of dimension equal to the number of hidden units in the LSTM.

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8.

Here're the update equations for the GRU.

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$$\tilde{c}^{<t>} = \tanh(W_c[\Gamma_r * c^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_c)$$

$$\Gamma_u = \sigma(W_u[c^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_u)$$

$$\Gamma_r = \sigma(W_r[c^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_r)$$

$$c^{<t>} = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + (1 - \Gamma_u) * c^{<t-1>}$$

$$a^{<t>} = c^{<t>}$$

Alice proposes to simplify the GRU by always removing the  $\Gamma_u$ . I.e., setting  $\Gamma_u = 1$ . Betty proposes to simplify the GRU by removing the  $\Gamma_r$ . I. e., setting  $\Gamma_r = 1$  always. Which of these models is more likely to work without vanishing gradient problems even when trained on very long input sequences?

- ☐ Alice's model (removing  $\Gamma_u$ ), because if  $\Gamma_r \approx 0$  for a timestep, the gradient can propagate back through that timestep without much decay.
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- ☒ Betty's model (removing  $\Gamma_r$ ), because if  $\Gamma_u \approx 0$  for a timestep, the gradient can propagate back through that timestep without much decay.

**Correct**

Yes. For the signal to backpropagate without vanishing, we need  $c^{<t>}$  to be highly dependant on  $c^{<t-1>}$ .

- ☐ Betty's model (removing  $\Gamma_r$ ), because if  $\Gamma_u \approx 1$  for a timestep, the gradient can propagate back through that timestep without much decay.



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9.

Here are the equations for the GRU and the LSTM:

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## LSTM

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$$\tilde{c}^{<t>} = \tanh(W_c[\Gamma_r * c^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_c)$$

$$\Gamma_u = \sigma(W_u[c^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_u)$$

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$$a^{<t>} = c^{<t>}$$

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$$\Gamma_u = \sigma(W_u[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_u)$$

$$\Gamma_f = \sigma(W_f[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_f)$$

$$\Gamma_o = \sigma(W_o[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_o)$$

$$c^{<t>} = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + \Gamma_f * c^{<t-1>}$$

$$a^{<t>} = \Gamma_o * c^{<t>}$$

From these, we can see that the Update Gate and Forget Gate in the LSTM play a role similar to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the GRU. What should go in the the blanks?

☒  $\Gamma_u$  and  $1 - \Gamma_u$

**Correct**

Yes, correct!

☐  $\Gamma_u$  and  $\Gamma_r$

☐  $1 - \Gamma_u$  and  $\Gamma_u$

☐  $\Gamma_r$  and  $\Gamma_u$



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10.

You have a pet dog whose mood is heavily dependent on the current and past few days' weather. You've collected data for the past 365 days on the weather, which you represent as a sequence as  $x^{<1>}, \dots, x^{<365>}$ . You've also collected data on your dog's mood, which you represent as  $y^{<1>}, \dots, y^{<365>}$ . You'd like to build a model to map from  $x \rightarrow y$ . Should you use a Unidirectional RNN or Bidirectional RNN for this problem?

☐ Bidirectional RNN, because this allows the prediction of mood on day  $t$  to take into account more information.

☐ Bidirectional RNN, because this allows backpropagation to compute more accurate gradients.





Unidirectional RNN, because the value of  $y^{<t>}$  depends only on  $x^{<1>}, \dots, x^{<t>}$ , but not on  $x^{<t+1>}, \dots, x^{<365>}$

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Yes!



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