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Language modeling

- Language model: Estimated the probability of word sequence
 - Word sequence: w₁, w₂, w₃, ..., w_n
 - P(w₁, w₂, w₃, ..., w_n)
- Application: speech recognition
 - Different word sequence can have the same pronunciation



>P(wreck a nice beach)

recognize speech or wreck a nice beach

Output = "recognize speech"

• Application: sentence generation

N-gram

P("wreck a nice beach")
=P(wreck|START)P(a|wreck)
P(nice|a)P(beach|nice)

- How to estimate P(w₁, w₂, w₃,, w_n)
- Collect a large amount of text data as training data
 - However, the word sequence w₁, w₂, ..., w_n may not appear in the training data
- *N-gram language model*: $P(w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_n) = P(w_1 | START) P(w_2 | w_1) P(w_n | w_{n-1})$ 2-gram
 - E.g. Estimate P(beach|nice) from training data

$$P(\text{beach}|\text{nice}) = \frac{C(nice \ beach)}{C(nice)} \longleftarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Count of "nice beach"} \\ \text{Count of "nice"} \end{array}$$

• It is easy to generalize to 3-gram, 4-gram

NN-based LM



NN-based LM

P("wreck a nice beach")
=P(wreck|START)P(a|wreck)P(nice|a)P(beach|nice)
P(b|a): the probability of NN predicting the next word.



RNN-based LM

• Training

Collect data:





RNN-based LM

- Modeling long-term information
- People also use Deep RNN or LSTM
- To compute $P(w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_n)$ by RNN $P(w_1, w_2, w_3, ..., w_n)$ $= P(w_1)P(w_1|w_2)P(w_3|w_1,w_2) \dots P(w_n|w_1,w_2 \dots w_{n-1})$ $P(w_3 | w_1, w_2) = P(w_4 | w_1, w_2, w_3)$ $P(w_1)$ $P(W_2|W_1)$ begin W_2 W_1 W₃

Challenge of N-gram

- The estimated probability is not accurate.
 - Especially when we consider n-gram with large n
 - Because of data sparsity
 - Large model, not sufficient data

Training Data:



P(jumped | the, dog) = 0.0001Give some smallP(ran | the, cat) = 0.0001probability

This is called **language model smoothing**.

Matrix Factorization

Recommendation System: History as customer, vocabulary as product



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History "dog" and "cat" can have similar vector h^{dog} and h^{cat} If $v^{jumped} \cdot h^{cat}$ is large, $v^{jumped} \cdot h^{dog}$ would be large accordingly. Even if we have never seen "dog jumped …"

Smoothing is automatically done.



Matrix Factorization



target

RNN-based LM

If we use 1-of-N encoding to represent the history, history cannot be very long.

 W_1

 h^1

h⁰



Class-based Language Modeling



$$W = "w_1 w_2 w_3" C(w_i): class of word w_i$$

$$P(W) = P(w_1 | START) P(w_2 | w_1) P(w_3 | w_2)$$

$$P(W) = P(C(w_1) | START) P(C(w_2) | C(w_1)) P(C(w_3) | C(w_2))$$

$$X P(w_1 | C(w_1)) P(w_2 | C(w_2)) P(w_3 | C(w_3))$$

Class-based Language Modeling



W = "the dog ran" F A V

P(W) = P(F|START) P(A|F) P(V|A)

X P(the | F) P(dog | A) P(ran | V)

P(class i | class j) and P(word w| class i) are estimated from training data.

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Training data



Soft Word Class

How to determine the classes of the words?





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Character-based LM



Source of image: http://karpathy.github .io/2015/05/21/rnneffectiveness/

Long-term Information



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Cell sensitive to position in line:

The sole importance of the crossing of the Berezina lies in the fact that it plainly and indubitably proved the fallacy of all the plans for cutting off the enemy's retreat and the soundness of the only possible line of action--the one Kutuzov and the general mass of the army demanded--namely, simply to follow the enemy up. The French crowd fled at a continually increasing speed and all its energy was directed to reaching its goal. It fled like a wounded animal and it was impossible to block its path. This was shown not so much by the arrangements it made for crossing as by what took place at the bridges. When the bridges broke down, unarmed soldiers, people from Moscow and women with children who were with the French transport, all--carried on by vis inertiae-pressed forward into boats and into the ice-covered water and did not, surrender.

Cell that turns on inside quotes:

"You mean to imply that I have nothing to eat out of.... On the contrary, I can supply you with everything even if you want to give dinner parties," warmly replied Chichagov, who tried by every word he spoke to prove his own rectitude and therefore imagined Kutuzov to be animated by the same desire.

Kutuzov, shrugging his shoulders, replied with his subtle penetrating smile: "I meant merely to say what I said."

Cell that robustly activates inside if statements:





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