

# W5 Summary

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## LECTURE

Recurrent Neural Networks & Language Models

- Stanford Slides
- YouTube
- Presentation

## TOPICS

- Language models - Kee Yuan Chuan @yuanchuan
- RNN language model - Jin Zhe @Jin Zhe
- Backprop - Wu Yizhuo @Yizhuo & Wu Jiacheng @Jiacheng
- RNN applications - Liu Juncheng @Juncheng

## Q&A

- n-gram model probabilities approximation
  - independence assumptions are made so that each word depends only on the last  $n - 1$  words
  - This Markov model is used as an approximation of the true underlying language
  - Smoothing is used for data sparseness problem
- softmax
  - Why do we use output values as exponent to the natural log base?
    - used to clip output values to  $\sim [0, 1]$
    - we use  $\exp$  so that we can push incomparable values close together for comparison (map  $\pm \infty$  into  $0, 1$  similar to why we use sigmoid for other work)
  - non-negative value
  - $+\log(C)$  to avoid overflow of large number
    - Detailed explanation from CS231n

## RESOURCES

- Understanding LSTM Networks
- Memory-Augmented Neural Networks
  - to memorize the context far away can be a hard staff. but here is a project on NLP doing the logic induction quite well
- Anyone Can Learn To Code an LSTM-RNN in Python
  - Simple implementation of RNN to predict addition problems.
- Lecture 10: Recurrent Neural Networks from CS231n
  - Many to One is described in slide 30
- The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Recurrent Neural Networks
- EINSTEIN SUMMATION IN DEEP LEARNING
  - More on the Einsum notation
- Kronecker delta
- Backpropagation with Softmax / Cross Entropy
- The Softmax function and its derivative
- Recurrent Neural Networks Tutorial, Part 3 – Backpropagation Through Time and Vanishing Gradients
- Styles of Truncated Backpropagation
  - interesting experiment on TBPTT
- Chenglei's Medium Posts
  - Backpropagation
  - Backpropagation Through Time

## CODE EXAMPLES

- CharRNN (From Seedbank)
- Minimal character-level language model with a Vanilla Recurrent Neural Network (Gist from Karpathy)
- RNN example for forward & backward pass (Gist from Nan)
- Trump bot (Github Repo)