Natural Language Processing 1 Lecture 7: Compositional semantics and sentence representations

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-Compositional semantics

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Compositional semantics

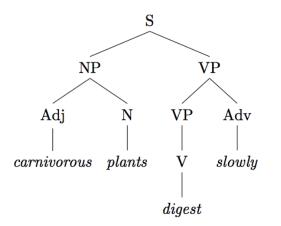
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Compositional semantics

- Principle of Compositionality: meaning of each whole phrase derivable from meaning of its parts.
- Sentence structure conveys some meaning
- Deep grammars: model semantics alongside syntax, one semantic composition rule per syntax rule

Compositional semantics alongside syntax



Semantic composition is non-trivial

 Similar syntactic structures may have different meanings: it barks it rains; it snows – pleonastic pronouns

 Different syntactic structures may have the same meaning: Kim seems to sleep. It seems that Kim sleeps.

 Not all phrases are interpreted compositionally, e.g. idioms: red tape kick the bucket

but they can be interpreted compositionally too, so we can not simply block them.

Semantic composition is non-trivial

Elliptical constructions where additional meaning arises through composition, e.g. logical metonymy:

> fast programmer fast plane

Meaning transfer and additional connotations that arise through composition, e.g. metaphor

> I cant **buy** this story. This sum will **buy** you a ride on the train.

Recursion

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Compositional semantic models

1. Compositional distributional semantics

- model composition in a vector space
- unsupervised
- general-purpose representations
- 2. Compositional semantics in neural networks
 - supervised
 - (typically) task-specific representations

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Compositional distributional semantics

Can distributional semantics be extended to account for the meaning of phrases and sentences?

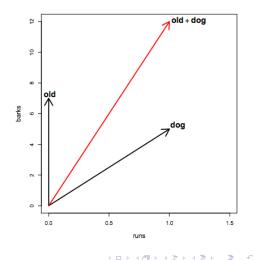
- Language can have an infinite number of sentences, given a limited vocabulary
- So we can not learn vectors for all phrases and sentences
- and need to do composition in a distributional space

1. Vector mixture models

Mitchell and Lapata, 2010. Composition in Distributional Models of Semantics

Models:

- Additive
- Multiplicative



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Additive and multiplicative models

				addi	tive	multiplicative	
	dog	\mathbf{cat}	old	$\mathbf{old} + \mathbf{dog}$	$\mathbf{old} + \mathbf{cat}$	$\mathbf{old} \odot \mathbf{dog}$	$\mathbf{old} \odot \mathbf{cat}$
runs	1	4	0	1	4	0	0
barks	5	0	7	12	7	35	0

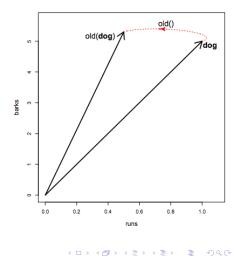
- correlate with human similarity judgments about adjective-noun, noun-noun, verb-noun and noun-verb pairs
- but... commutative, hence do not account for word order John hit the ball = The ball hit John!
- more suitable for modelling content words, would not port well to function words:

e.g. some dogs; lice and dogs; lice on dogs

2. Lexical function models

Distinguish between:

- words whose meaning is directly determined by their distributional behaviour, e.g. nouns
- words that act as functions transforming the distributional profile of other words, e.g., verbs, adjectives and prepositions



Lexical function models

Baroni and Zamparelli, 2010. *Nouns are vectors, adjectives are matrices: Representing adjective-noun constructions in semantic space*

Adjectives as lexical functions

old dog = old(dog)

- Adjectives are parameter matrices (A_{old}, A_{furry}, etc.).
- Nouns are vectors (house, dog, etc.).
- Composition is simply old dog = A_{old} × dog.

OLD	runs	barks			dog		I	OLD(dog)
runs	0.5	0	×	runs	1	_	runs	$ \begin{array}{c} (0.5 \times 1) + (0 \times 5) \\ = 0.5 \\ (0.3 \times 1) + (5 \times 1) \\ = 5.3 \end{array} $
			~		_	_		= 0.5
barks	0.3	1		barks	5		barks	$(0.3 \times 1) + (5 \times 1)$
								= 0.3

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Learning adjective matrices

For each adjective, learn a set of parameters that allow to predict the vectors of adjective-noun phrases

Training set:

house	old house
dog	old dog
car $ ightarrow$	old car
cat	old cat
toy	old toy

Test set:

elephant	\rightarrow	old elephant
mercedes	\rightarrow	old mercedes

Learning adjective matrices

- 1. Obtain a distributional vector \mathbf{n}_i for each noun n_i in the lexicon.
- 2. Collect adjective noun pairs (a_i, n_j) from the corpus.
- Obtain a distributional vector p_{ij} of each pair (a_i, n_j) from the same corpus using a conventional DSM.
- The set of tuples {(n_j, p_{ij})}_j represents a dataset D(a_i) for the adjective a_i.
- 5. Learn matrix \mathbf{A}_i from $\mathcal{D}(a_i)$ using linear regression.

Minimize the squared error loss:

$$L(\mathbf{A}_i) = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{a}_i)} \|\mathbf{p}_{ij} - \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{n}_j\|^2$$

Verbs as higher-order tensors

Different patterns of subcategorization, i.e. how many (and what kind of) arguments the verb takes

Intransitive verbs: only subject

Kim slept

modelled as a matrix (second-order tensor): $N \times M$

Transitive verbs: subject and object Kim loves her dog

modelled as a third-order tensor: $N \times M \times K$

Polysemy in lexical function models

Generally:

- use single representation for all senses
- assume that ambiguity can be handled as long as contextual information is available

Exceptions:

- Kartsaklis and Sadrzadeh (2013): homonymy poses problems and is better handled with prior disambiguation
- Gutierrez et al (2016): literal and metaphorical senses better handled by separate models
- However, this is still an open research question.

Modelling metaphor in lexical function models

Gutierrez et al (2016). *Literal and Metaphorical Senses in Compositional Distributional Semantic Models.*

- trained separate lexical functions for literal and metaphorical senses of adjectives
- mapping from literal to metaphorical sense as a linear transformation
- model can identify metaphorical expressions:

e.g. brilliant person

and interpret them

brilliant person: clever person brilliant person: genius Natural Language Processing 1

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Compositional semantics and sentence representations w/ Neural Networks

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Credits: Joost Bastings

Overview

 How do we learn a (task-specific) representation of a sentence with a neural network?

2) How do we make a **prediction** for a given **task** from that representation?

Compositional Distributional Semantics vs Neural Networks

Compositional Distributional Semantics Models (cDSMs):

- general-purpose representations (e.g., sum of word embeddings)
- representations obtained in an unsupervised manner

Neural Networks (NNs):

- task-specific representations (i.e., optimized for one given task or set of tasks)
- representations learned in a supervised manner



Task: Sentiment classification of movie reviews

0. very negative

1. negative

You'll probably love it. \rightarrow 2. neutral

3. positive

4. very positive

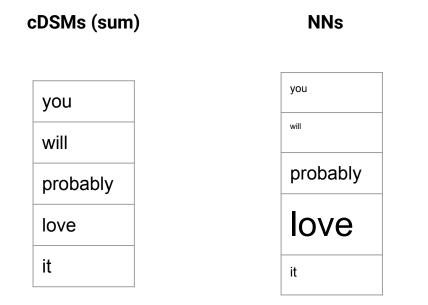
Task-specific: The learned representation has to be "specialized" on **sentiment**!

Words (and sentences) into vectors

When we talk about **representations** ...



Sentence representation: A (very) simplified picture



you will probably love it



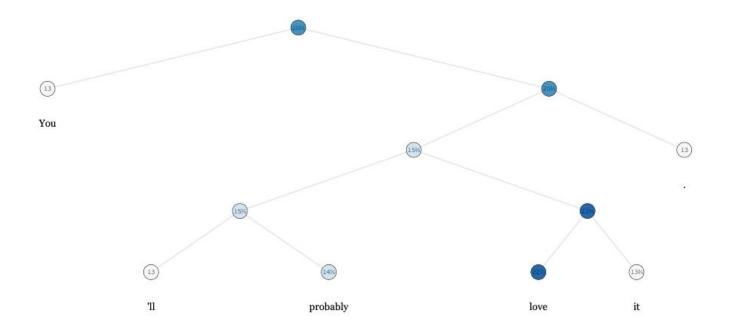
Dataset: Stanford Sentiment Treebank (SST)

11,855 data-points* including:

- 1. one-sentence review + "global" sentiment score
- 2. tree structure (syntax)
- 3. more detailed sentiment scores (node-level)

*Question: Is this dataset big (for training Neural Nets)?

Binary parse tree: One example



Models

Models

Practical 2: https://tinyurl.com/qrte8th

- 1. Bag of Words (BOW)
- 2. Continuous Bag of Words (CBOW)
- 3. Deep Continuous Bag of Words (Deep CBOW)
- 4. Deep CBOW + pre-trained word embeddings
- 5. LSTM
- 6. Tree LSTM

First approach: Sentence + Sentiment

1. one-sentence review + "global" sentiment score

- 2. tree structure (syntax)
- 3. node-level sentiment scores

1. Bag of Words (BOW)

What is a Bag of Words?

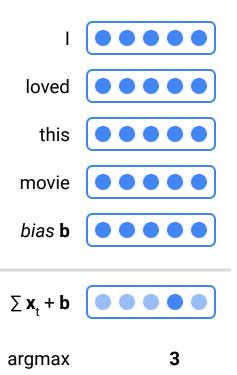




Credits: CMU

Bag of Words

Sum word embeddings, add bias



Bag of Words

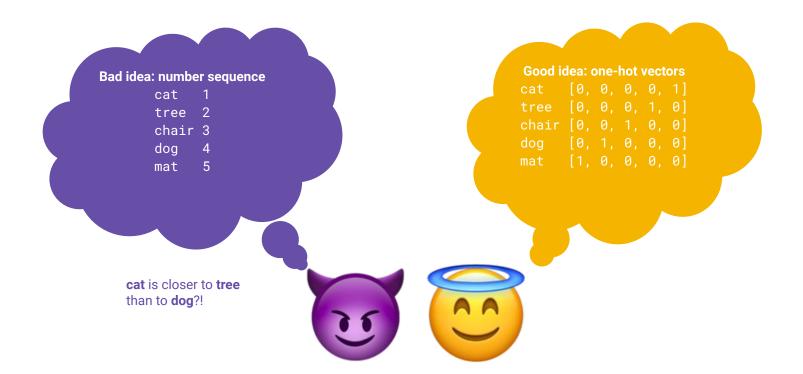
this	[0.0,	0.1,	0.1,	0.1,	0.0]
movie	[0.0,	0.1,	0.1,	0.2,	0.1]
is	[0.0,	0.1,	0.0,	0.0,	0.0]
stupid	[0.9,	0.5,	0.1,	0.0,	0.0]

bias	[0.0,	0.0,	0.0,	0.0,	0.0]
sum	[0.9,	0.8,	0.3,	0.3,	0.1]

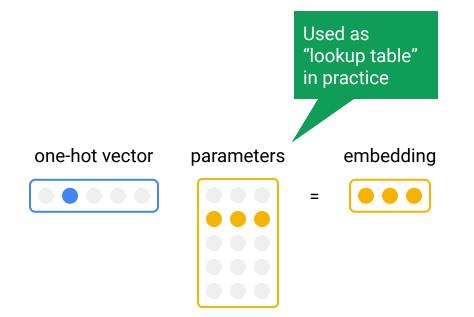
argmax: 0 (very negative)

Turning words into numbers

We want to **feed words** to a neural network How to turn **words** into **numbers**?



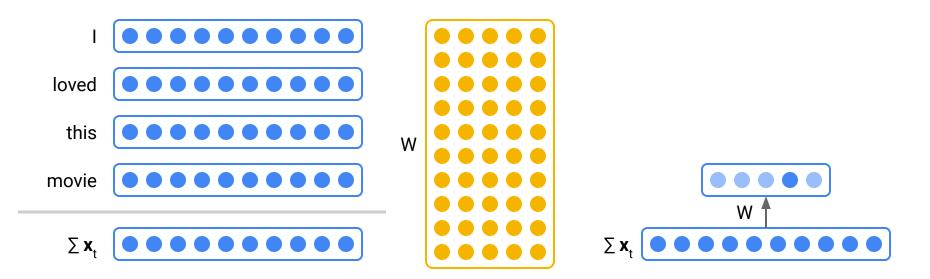
One-hot vectors select word embeddings



2. Continuous Bag of Words (CBOW)

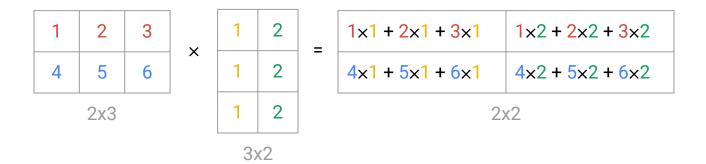
Continuous Bag of Words (CBOW)

Sum word embeddings, project to 5D using W, add bias: W ($\sum x_t$) + **b**

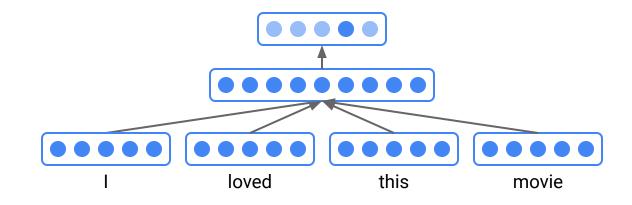


Recall: Matrix Multiplication

Rows multiply with columns



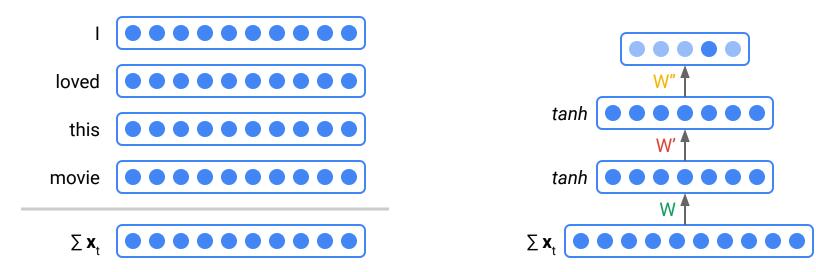
What about this?



3. Deep CBOW

Deep CBOW

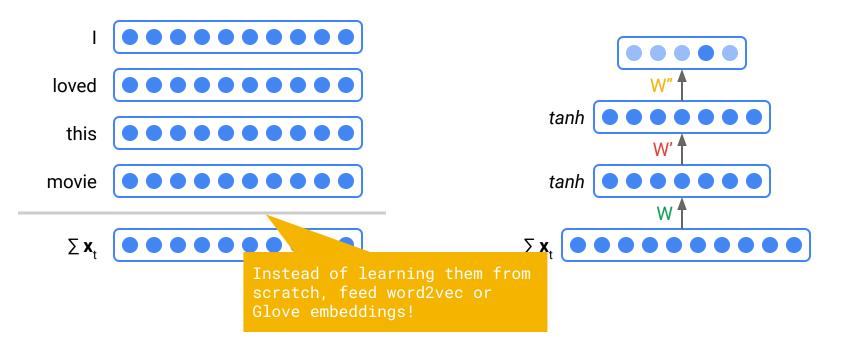




4. Deep CBOW + Pretrained embeddings

Deep CBOW with pretrained embeddings

W" tanh(W ($\sum \mathbf{x}_t$) + **b**) + **b**') + **b**"



Deep CBOW with pretrained embeddings

Question: Why would that help?

Recap: Training a neural network

We train our network with Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD):

- 1. Sample a training example
- 2. Forward pass
 - a. Compute network activations, output vector
- 3. Compute loss
 - a. Compare output vector with true label using a loss function (Cross Entropy)
- 4. Backward pass (backpropagation)
 - a. Compute gradient of loss w.r.t. (learnable) parameters (= weights + bias)
- 5. Take a small step in the opposite direction of the gradient

Cross Entropy Loss

Given:

 $\hat{\mathbf{y}} = [0.0589, 0.0720, 0.0720, 0.7177, 0.0795]$ output vector (after softmax) from forward pass $\mathbf{y} = [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0]$ target / label ($y_3 = 1$)

When our output is categorical (i.e., a number of classes), we can use a Cross Entropy loss:

 $CE(\mathbf{y}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}) = -\sum y_i \log \hat{y}_i$

SparseCE(y = 3, $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$) = - log \hat{y}_{y}

torch.nn.CrossEntropyLoss works like this and does the **softmax** on **o** for you!

Softmax

We don't need a softmax for **prediction**, there we simply take the **argmax**

But we do need a **softmax** combined to CE to compute model loss (argmax is NOT differentiable)

$$\mathbf{o} = [-0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 2.4, 0.2]$$

 $softmax(o_i) = exp(o_i) / \sum_i exp(o_i)$

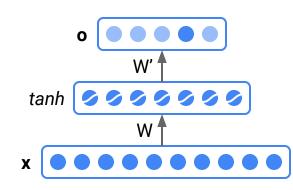
This makes **o** sum to 1.0:

softmax(**o**) = [0.0589, 0.0720, 0.0720, **0.7177**, 0.0795]

Backpropagation example

the **chain rule** is your friend! L = f(g(x)) $\delta L/\delta x = \delta f(g(x))/\delta g(x) + \delta g(x)/\delta x$

ŷ = softmax(**o**)



$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = [0.0589, 0.0720, 0.0720, 0.7177, 0.0795]$$

 $\mathbf{y} = [0, 0, 0, 1, 0]$

loss L = CE(ŷ, y) = -log(ŷ₃) = -log(0.7177)
= 0.144

compute gradients, e.g. for W': $\delta L/\delta W' = \delta L/\delta o \delta o/\delta W'$ $\delta L/\delta o = \delta L/\delta \hat{y} \delta \hat{y}/\delta o$ $= -1/\hat{y}_3 \delta softmax(o)/\delta o$

update weights: W' = W' - eta * δL/δW'

Recurrent Neural Networks

Introduction: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

- RNNs widely used for handling **sequences**!
- RNNs ~ multiple copies of same network, each passing a message to a successor
- Take an input vector *x* and output an output vector *h*
- Crucially, *h* influenced by entire history of inputs fed in in the past
- Internal state h gets updated at every time step \rightarrow in the simplest case, this state consists of a **single hidden vector** h

Introduction: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

Example:

the cat sat on the mat \mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \mathbf{x}_3 \mathbf{x}_4 \mathbf{x}_5 \mathbf{x}_6

Let's compute the RNN state after reading in this sentence.

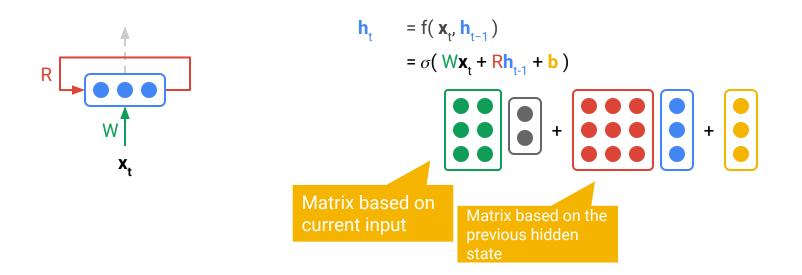
Remember:

 $h_{t} = f(x_{t'}, h_{t-1})$

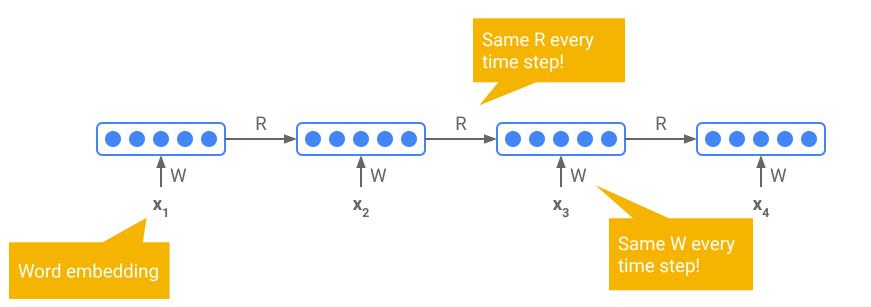
$$h_{1} = f(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{h}_{0}) h_{2} = f(\mathbf{x}_{2}, f(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{h}_{0})) h_{3} = f(\mathbf{x}_{3}, f(\mathbf{x}_{2}, f(\mathbf{x}_{1}, \mathbf{h}_{0}))) \cdots h_{6} = f(\mathbf{x}_{6}, f(\mathbf{x}_{5}, f(\mathbf{x}_{4}, \ldots)))$$

Introduction: Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

RNNs model **sequential data** - one input **x**, per time step t



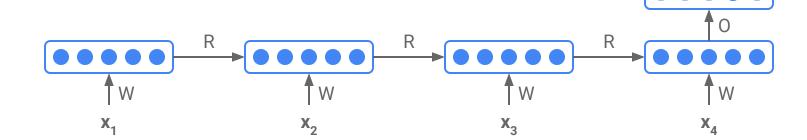
Introduction: Unfolding the RNN



Introduction: Making a prediction

Training: apply softmax, compute cross entropy loss, backpropagate

We can find the **prediction** using **argmax**

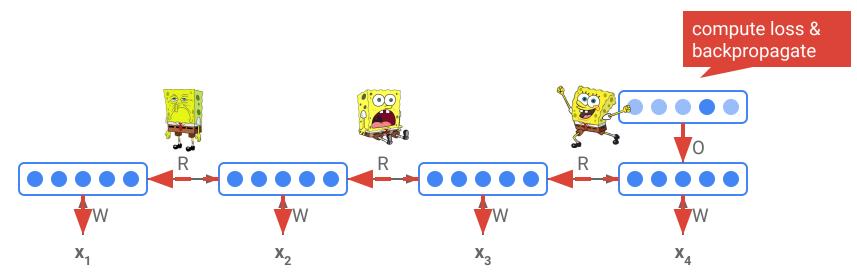


Introduction: The vanishing gradient problem

Simple RNNs are hard to train because of the vanishing gradient problem.

During backpropagation, gradients can quickly become small,

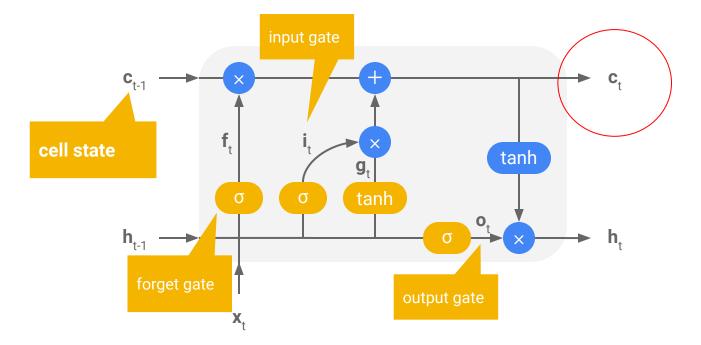
as they repeatedly go through multiplications (R) & non-linear functions (e.g. sigmoid or tanh)



5. Long Short-Term Memory network (LSTM)

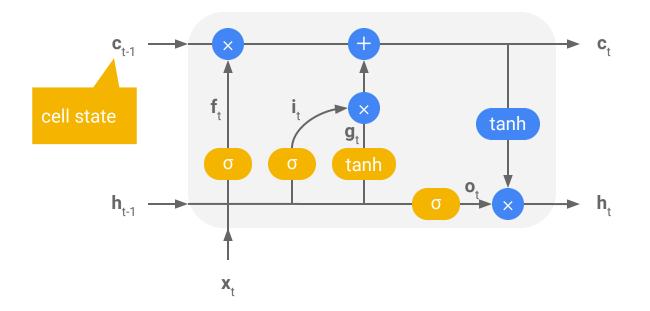
Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

LSTMs are a special kind of RNN that can deal with **long-term dependencies** in the data



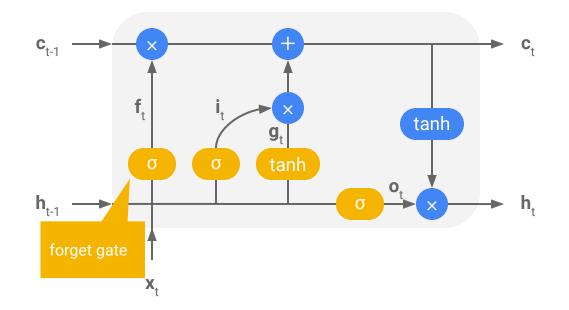
CELL STATE: "conveyor belt". It runs straight down the entire chain, with only some minor linear interactions. Information can just flow along it unchanged. LSTM can remove or add information to the cell state, carefully regulated by structures called gates

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)



Decide what information to throw away from the cell state: **FORGET GATE** looks at ht-1 and xt and outputs a number between 0 and 1 (sigmoid) for each value in the cell state Ct-1. 1 represents "completely keep this"; a 0 represents "completely get rid of this"

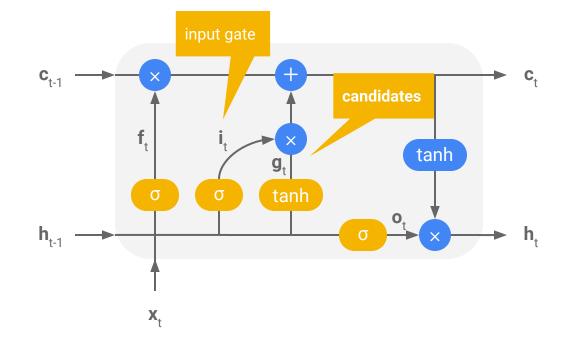
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Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM): Step 2

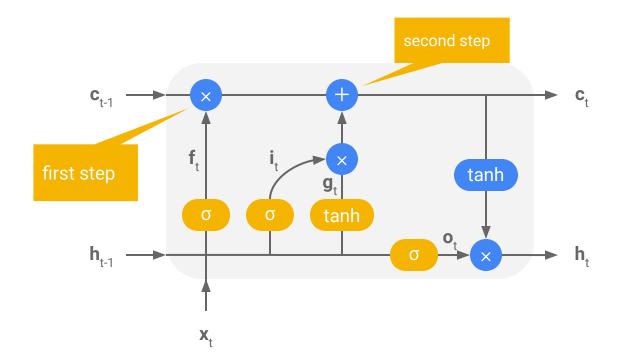
Decide what new information to store in the cell state. Two steps: (1) a sigmoid layer (**INPUT GATE**) decides which values we update (looks at xt and ht-1). (2) A *tanh* layer [-1,1] creates a vector of new **candidate values**, gt, that could be added to the cell state

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)



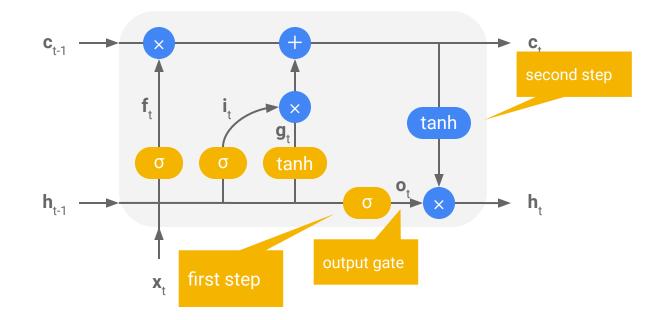
Update the old cell state, Ct-1, into the new cell state Ct: The old state is multiplied by FORGET LAYER ft, forgetting the things we decided to forget earlier. Then we add INPUT LAYER * CANDIDATE VALUES (it * gt). This are the new candidate values scaled by how much we decided to update each state value

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

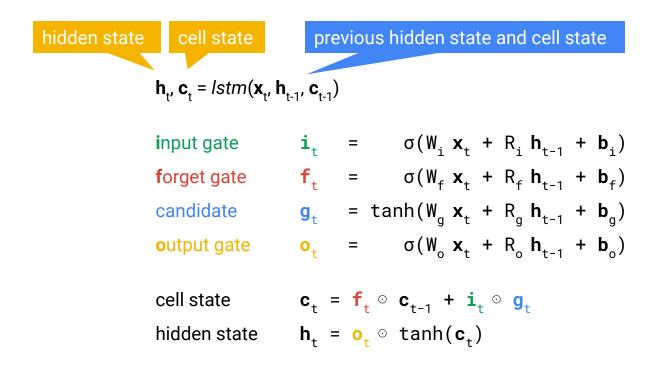


Decide what to output: First, a sigmoid layer (**OUTPUT GATE**) decides what parts of the cell state we're going to output. Then, the cell state is put through *tanh* [-1,1] and multiplied by the output of the output gate, so that we only output the parts we decided to

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)



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LSTMs: Applications & Success in NLP

- Language modeling (Mikolov et al., 2010; Sundermeyer et al., 2012)
- Parsing (Vinyals et al., 2015; Kiperwasser and Goldberg, 2016; Dyer et al., 2016)
- Machine translation (Bahdanau et al., 2015)
- Image captioning (Bernardi et al., 2016)
- Visual question answering (Antol et al., 2015)
- ... and many other tasks!



Second approach: Sentence + Sentiment + Syntax

- 1. one-sentence review + "global" sentiment score
- 2. tree structure (syntax)
- 3. node-level sentiment scores

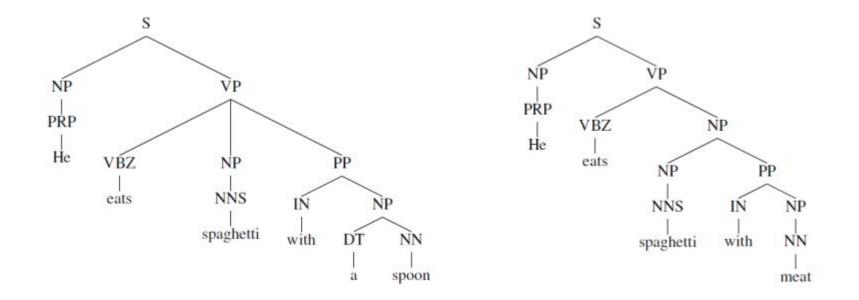
Instead of treating our input as a **sequence**, we can take an alternative approach: assume a **tree structure** and use the principle of **compositionality**.

The meaning (vector) of a sentence is determined by:

- 1. the meanings of its **words** and
- 2. the **rules** that combine them

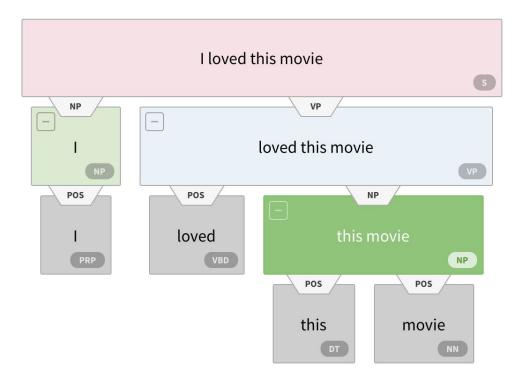
Why would it be useful?

Helpful in disambiguation: similar "surface" / different structure



Constituency Parse

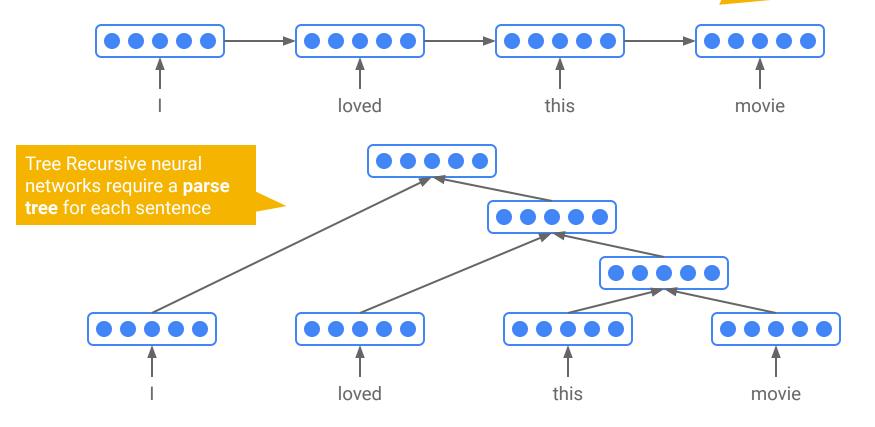
Can we obtain a **sentence vector** using the tree structure given by a parse?



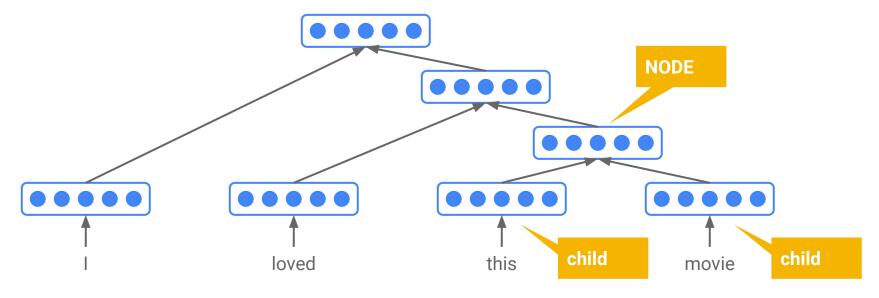
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Recurrent vs Tree Recursive NN

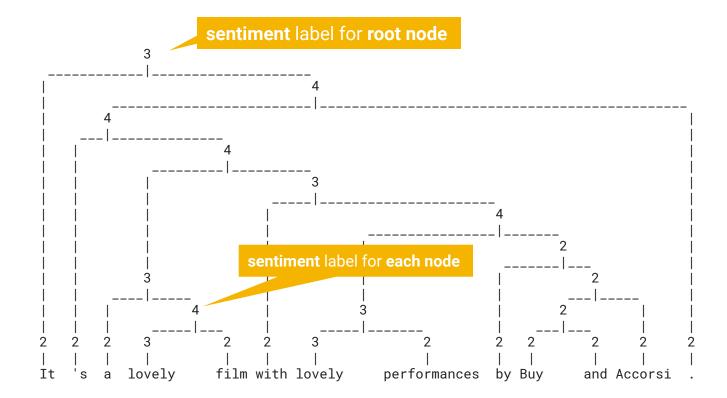
RNNs cannot capture phrases **without prefix context** and often capture too much of **last words** in final vector



Tree Recursive NN



Practical II data set: Stanford Sentiment Treebank (SST)



Tree LSTMs: Generalize LSTM to tree structure

Use the idea of LSTM (gates, memory cell) but allow for multiple inputs (**node children**)

Proposed by 3 groups in the same summer:

• Kai Sheng Tai, Richard Socher, and Christopher D. Manning. *Improved Semantic*

Representations From Tree-Structured Long Short-Term Memory Networks. ACL 2015.

- Child-Sum Tree LSTM
- N-ary Tree LSTM
- Phong Le and Willem Zuidema.

Compositional distributional semantics with long short term memory. *SEM 2015.

• Xiaodan Zhu, Parinaz Sobihani, and Hongyu Guo.

Long short-term memory over recursive structures. ICML 2015.



1. Child-Sum Tree LSTM

sums over all children of a node; can be used for any N of children

2. N-ary Tree LSTM

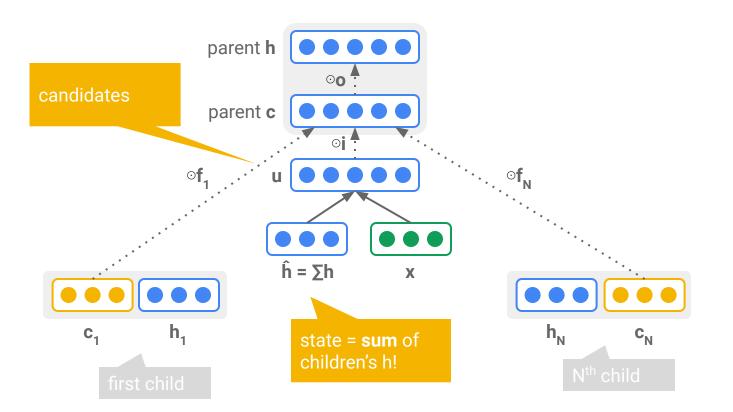
different parameters for each child; better granularity (interactions between children) but maximum N of children per node has to be fixed

Credits: Daniel Perez https://www.slideshare.net/tuvistavie/tree-lstm

Children outputs and memory cells are summed

- 1. NO children order
- 2. works with variable number of children (sum!)
- 3. shares gates weights between children

Child-Sum Tree LSTM



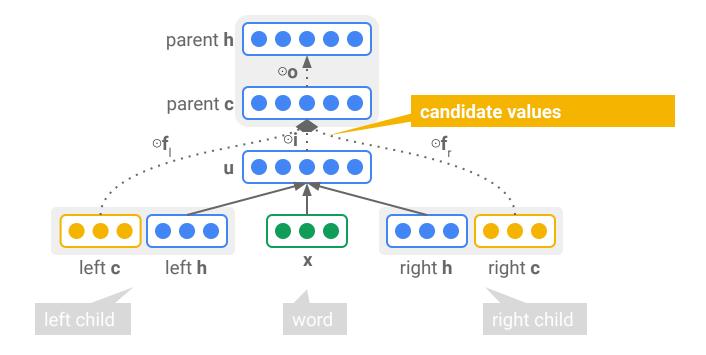
N-ary Tree LSTM

Separate parameter matrices for each child *k*



- 1. each node must have at most N (e.g., **binary**) ordered children
- 2. fine-grained control on how information propagates
- 3. forget gate can be parametrized (N matrices, one per *k*) so that siblings affect each other

N-ary Tree LSTM



N-ary Tree LSTM

$$i_{j} = \sigma \left(W^{(i)} x_{j} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} U_{\ell}^{(i)} h_{j\ell} + b^{(i)} \right),$$
$$f_{jk} = \sigma \left(W^{(f)} x_{j} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} U_{k\ell}^{(f)} h_{j\ell} + b^{(f)} \right),$$

useful for encoding constituency trees

$$o_{j} = \sigma \left(W^{(o)} x_{j} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} U_{\ell}^{(o)} h_{j\ell} + b^{(o)} \right),$$
$$u_{j} = \tanh \left(W^{(u)} x_{j} + \sum_{\ell=1}^{N} U_{\ell}^{(u)} h_{j\ell} + b^{(u)} \right),$$

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$$c_j = i_j \odot u_j + \sum_{\ell=1}^N f_{j\ell} \odot c_{j\ell},$$

$$h_j = o_j \odot \tanh(c_j),$$

Question: Can standard LSTMs be considered as (a special case of) Tree-LSTMs?

Transition Sequence Representation

Building a tree with a transition sequence

We can describe a binary tree using a shift-reduce transition sequence

(I	(loved	(this	movie)))	
S		S		S	S	R	R	R	

practical II explains how to obtain this sequence

We start with a buffer (queue) and an empty stack:

```
stack = []
buffer = queue([I, loved, this, movie])
```

Iterate through the transition sequence:

if SHIFT (S): take **first** word (*leftmost*) of the **buffer**, push it to the **stack**

if REDUCE (R): **pop** top 2 words from **stack + reduce** them into a **new node (w/ tree LSTM)**

(I (loved (this movie)))
S S S S R R R

stack



(I (loved (this movie)))
S S S R R R

stack

(I (loved (this movie))) **S S S S R R R**



(I (loved (this movie)))
S S S R R R



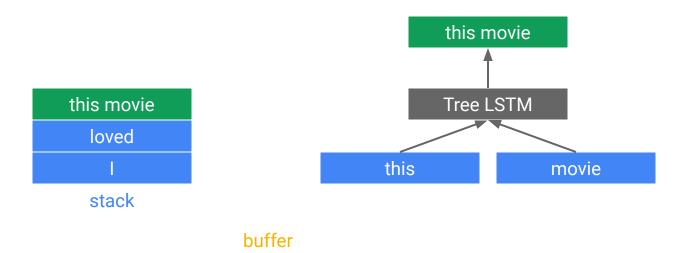


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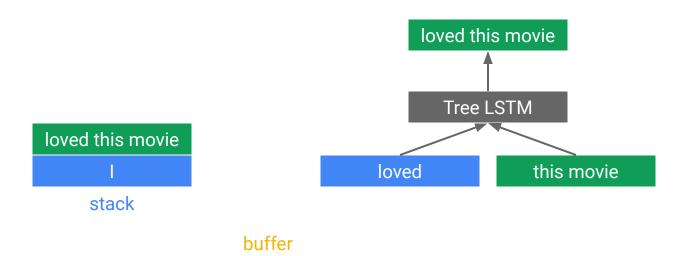


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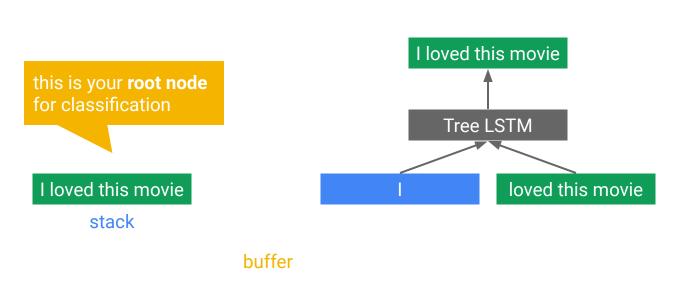
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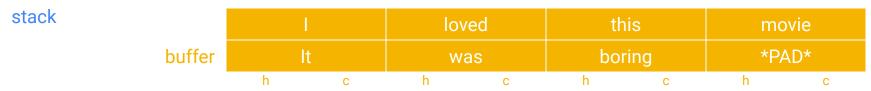


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Mini-batch SGD

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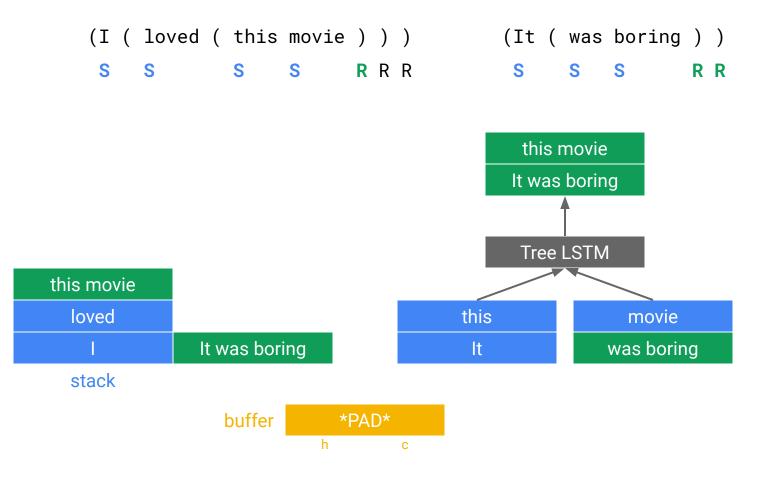


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Optional approach: Sentence + Sentiment + Syntax + Node-level sentiment

- 1. one-sentence review + "global" sentiment score
- 2. tree structure (syntax)
- 3. node-level sentiment scores



Recap

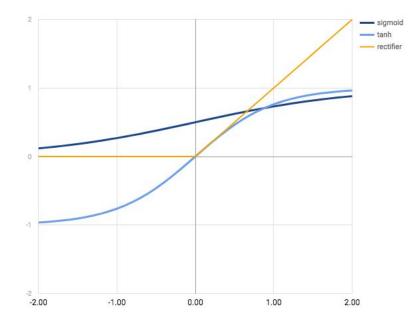
- Training basics
 - SGD
 - \circ Backpropagation
 - Cross Entropy Loss
- Bag of Words models: BOW, CBOW, Deep CBOW
 - Can encode a sentence of arbitrary length, but loses word order
- Sequence models: RNN and LSTM
 - Sensitive to word order
 - RNN has vanishing gradient problem, LSTM deals with this
 - LSTM has input, forget, and output gates that control information flow

Recap

- Tree-based models: Child-Sum & N-ary Tree LSTM
 - Generalize LSTM to tree structures
 - Exploit compositionality, but require a parse tree
 - Transition sequence
- Mini-batch SGD



Recap: Activation functions



Child-Sum Tree LSTM

useful for encoding dependency trees

$$\begin{split} \tilde{h}_{j} &= \sum_{k \in C(j)} h_{k}, \\ i_{j} &= \sigma \left(W^{(i)} x_{j} + U^{(i)} \tilde{h}_{j} + b^{(i)} \right), \\ f_{jk} &= \sigma \left(W^{(f)} x_{j} + U^{(f)} h_{k} + b^{(f)} \right), \\ o_{j} &= \sigma \left(W^{(o)} x_{j} + U^{(o)} \tilde{h}_{j} + b^{(o)} \right), \\ u_{j} &= \tanh \left(W^{(u)} x_{j} + U^{(u)} \tilde{h}_{j} + b^{(u)} \tilde{h}_{j} + b^{(u)} \tilde{h}_{j} + b^{(u)} \tilde{h}_{j} \right), \\ c_{j} &= i_{j} \odot u_{j} + \sum_{k \in C(j)} f_{jk} \odot c_{k}, \\ h_{j} &= o_{j} \odot \tanh(c_{j}), \end{split}$$