

Advanced Artificial Intelligence

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Sequential Models





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Introduction

- Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) Network is an advanced RNN, a sequential network, that allows information to persist.
- ➤ It is capable of handling the vanishing gradient problem faced by RNN.
- Let's say while watching a video you remember the previous scene or while reading a book you know what happened in the earlier chapter.
- Similarly RNNs work, they remember the previous information and use it for processing the current input.

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Introduction

The shortcoming of RNN is, they can not remember Long term dependencies due to vanishing gradient. LSTMs are explicitly designed to avoid long-term dependency problems.



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- > At a high-level LSTM works very much like an RNN cell.
- The LSTM consists of three parts, as shown in the image below and each part performs an individual function.





- The first part chooses whether the information coming from the previous timestamp is to be remembered or is irrelevant and can be forgotten.
- ➢ In the second part, the cell tries to learn new information from the input to this cell.
- ➤ At last, in the third part, the cell passes the updated information from the current timestamp to the next timestamp.



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> These three parts of an LSTM cell are known as gates.

The first part is called Forget gate, the second part is known as the Input gate and the last one is the Output gate.



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- Just like a simple RNN, an LSTM also has a hidden state where H(t-1) represents the hidden state of the previous timestamp and Ht is the hidden state of the current timestamp.
- In addition to that, LSTM also have a cell state represented by C(t-1) and C(t) for previous and current timestamp respectively.



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> The hidden state is known as Short term memory and the cell state is known as Long term memory.



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> The cell state carries the information along with all the timestamps.



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Let's take an example to understand how LSTM works. Here we have two sentences separated by a full stop. The first sentence is "Bob is a nice person" and the second sentence is "Dan, on the Other hand, is evil". It is very clear, in the first sentence we are talking about Bob and as soon as we encounter the full stop(.) we started talking about Dan.



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As we move from the first sentence to the second sentence, our network should realize that we are no more talking about Bob. Now our subject is Dan. Here, the Forget gate of the network allows it to forget about it.



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Forget Gate

In a cell of the LSTM network, the first step is to decide whether we should keep the information from the previous timestamp or forget it. Here is the equation for forget gate.



▶ Later, a sigmoid function is applied over it. That will make ft a number between 0 and 1.

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Forget Gate

> This ft is later multiplied with the cell state of the previous timestamp as shown below.

 $C_{t-1} * f_t = 0 \quad ... if f_t = 0 \text{ (forget everything)}$ $C_{t-1} * f_t = C_{t-1} \quad ... if f_t = 1 \text{ (forget nothing)}$

> If ft is 0 then the network will forget everything and if the value of ft is 1 it will forget nothing

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Let's get back to our example, The first sentence was talking about Bob and after a full stop, the network will encounter Dan, in an ideal case the network should forget about Bob.

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Input Gate

- Let's take another example!
- > "Bob knows swimming. He told me over the phone that he had served the navy for four long years."
- So, in both these sentences, we are talking about Bob. However, both give different kinds of information about Bob. In the first sentence, we get the information that he knows swimming. Whereas the second sentence tells he uses the phone and served in the navy for four years.

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Input Gate

- Now just think about it, based on the context given in the first sentence, which information of the second sentence is critical.
- First, he used the phone to tell or he served in the navy. In this context, it doesn't matter whether he used the phone or any other medium of communication to pass on the information.
- The fact that he was in the navy is important information and this is something we want our model to remember. This is the task of the Input gate.

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Input Gate

Input gate is used to quantify the importance of the new information carried by the input. Here is the equation of the input gate:



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New information

- Now the new information that needed to be passed to the cell state is a function of a hidden state at the previous timestamp t-1 and input x at timestamp t.
- The activation function here is tanh. Due to the tanh function, the value of new information will between -1 and 1.
- ➢ If the value is of Nt is negative the information is subtracted from the cell state and if the value is positive the information is added to the cell state at the current timestamp.

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New information

➢ However, the Nt won't be added directly to the cell state. Here comes the updated equation

 $C_t = f_t * C_{t-1} + i_{t} * N_t$ (updating cell state)

➢ Here, Ct-1 is the cell state at the current timestamp and others are the values we have calculated previously.

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Output Gate

- > Now consider this sentence
- "Bob single-handedly fought the enemy and died for his country. For his contributions, brave_
- During this task, we have to complete the second sentence. Now, the minute we see the word brave, we know that we are talking about a person. In the sentence only Bob is brave, we can not say the enemy is brave or the country is brave. So based on the current expectation we have to give a relevant word to fill in the blank. That word is our output and this is the function of our Output gate.

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Output Gate

> Here is the equation of the Output gate, which is pretty similar to the two previous gates.

Output Gate:		
•	$o_{t} = \sigma (x_{t} * U_{o} + H_{t-1} * W_{o})$	

Its value will also lie between 0 and 1 because of this sigmoid function. Now to calculate the current hidden state we will use Ot and tanh of the updated cell state. As shown below.

$$H_t = o_t * tanh(C_t)$$

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Output Gate

It turns out that the hidden state is a function of Long term memory (Ct) and the current output. If you need to take the output of the current timestamp just apply the SoftMax activation on hidden state Ht.

Output = Softmax(H_t)

 \succ Here the token with the maximum score in the output is the prediction.

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