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Bénéfices et défis pour le Traitement Automatique des Langues

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Generative Al

What is Generative Al?

A branch of AI which *generate* new content using Machine Learning techniques:

- Supervised Learning: Requires training data (Input/Output Examples)
- Deep Learning: Uses Neural Networks



What's a Neural Network?

Neural Network, Deep Learning

- Neurons are connected to one another in enormous networks
- Each neuron does a simple pattern recognition tasks
- When triggered, the neuron sends a signal to its connections
- The output is determined by which neurons was triggered

What's a Neural Network?



Source: Deng et al. 2022

A neural network has several layers

- A input layer which models the entry. E.g., for an image classifier, the image pixels
- An output layer which models the model prediction
- The output layer is often a probability distribution. E.g., the three output neurones indicates the probability of each target class (Bird, Cat or Dog)
- One or more intermediate layer(s) which models the relation between input and output

How do Neurons compute values?

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(\Theta^T \cdot X + b)$$



- Each neuron applies an *activation function* to the *weighted sum of its inputs* to return an *activation value*.
- This *activation value* is passed on as input (signal) to the next layer
- The *weights* are learned during training

Training - The Back-Propagation Algorithm



SGD

Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

 updates the weights according to following rule (η = learning rate hyperparameter):

$$w \leftarrow w - \eta rac{dJ(w)}{dw}$$

- moves each weight in the direction of the derivative (gradient)
- E.g., on the picture dJ(w) is positive, hence the update rule decreases the value of w and J(w) decreases.



Generative AI and Natural Language Processing

What is NLP?

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a field of artificial intelligence (AI) that focuses on enabling computers to **understand** and **generate** human language. It can also be used to study natural language i.e., to analyze and understand natural language structure and use.

NL Generation

NL Understanding

. Generation

Example NLP Tasks and Applications

NLU (Understanding)

- Spam Detection (Email filtering)
- Sentiment Analysis (Social media monitoring)
- Texte Classification
- Author Attribution
- Information Extraction
- Search Engines (Google, Bing)

The input is text

NLG (Generation)

- Human-Machine Dialog (Automated Customer Support, Chatbots)
- Translation (DeepL, Google Translate)
- Text Simplification (for non expert, non native speaker, people with reading disability)
- Summarisation
- Image captioning
- Video subtitles
- Creative writing (poems, novels, essays)

The input is varied: text, data, numerical data, images, video, a story title, etc.

Neural NLP Key Milestones

2014 - Encoder-Decoder for Machine Translation

2015 - Cross-Attention

2017 - Transformer

- Pre-training and Fine-Tuning
- Parallelism allows scaling to large models and bigger training sets

2023 - LLMs (ChatGPT, BLOOM, Llama, LeChat,)

2014 - The Encoder-Decoder Architecture

Sequence to Sequence Learning with Neural Networks

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Abstract

Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) are powerful models that have achieved excellent performance on difficult learning tasks. Although DNNs work well whenever large labeled training sets are available, they cannot be used to map sequences to sequences. In this paper, we present a general end-to-end approach to sequence learning that makes minimal assumptions on the sequence structure. Our method uses a multilayered Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) to map the input sequence to a vector of a fixed dimensionality, and then another deep LSTM to decode the target sequence from the vector. Our main result is that on an English to French translation task from the WMT'14 dataset, the translations produced by the LSTM achieve a BLEU score of 34.8 on the entire test set, where the LSTM's BLEU score was penalized on out-of-vocabulary words. Additionally, the LSTM did not have difficulty on long sentences. For comparison, a phrase-based SMT system achieves a BLEU score of 33.3 on the same dataset. When we used the LSTM to rerank the 1000 hypotheses produced by the aforementioned SMT system its

The Encoder-Decoder Architecture

Encoder

- *Builds a continuous representation* of the input, a real valued vector
- Commonly used decoders:
 - Recurrent: RNN, LSTM, GRU
 - Convolutional
 - Graph
 - Transformer



Decoder

- = Language Model
- Generates text one word at a time
- Conditioned on input
- Commonly used encoders:
 - Recurrent: RNN, LSTM, GRU
 - Transformer

The Encoder-Decoder Architecture

A unifying framework for all text production tasks



- *End to end* : Direct input-output mapping
- **Unifying Framework for Text Generation** : All types of input (data, text, meaning representation) are encoded into a numerical representation

Recurrent Encoder

- The input to NLG (text but also data and MRs) is a sequence of tokens
- Data or meaning representations need to be linearised first



Encoding the Input using an RNN



- x_i are vectors representing the input tokens (words, data or MR tokens)
- At each step, the encoder produces a new vector s_t (state) which represents the content of the preceding string of tokens
- The last state represents the meaning of the whole input
- U and V are the parameters learned during training
- tanh is a non linear function

Decoding Words using an RNN



- y_t is the word predicted at time t
- s_t is the network state at time t
- Each new state is computed taking into account the previous state s_{t-1} and the last predicted word y_{t-1} .
- The softmax function turns a vector of scores into a probability distribution
- At each time step t, the output/predicted token y_t is sampled from this probability distribution



p(Fine|<s>, How are you doing?)

Conditional Generation



vocabulary

p(|<s> Fine, How are you doing?)









2015 - Decoding with Attention

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NEURAL MACHINE TRANSLATION BY JOINTLY LEARNING TO ALIGN AND TRANSLATE

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ABSTRACT

Neural machine translation is a recently proposed approach to machine translation. Unlike the traditional statistical machine translation, the neural machine translation aims at building a single neural network that can be jointly tuned to maximize the translation performance. The models proposed recently for neural machine translation often belong to a family of encoder–decoders and encode a source sentence into a fixed-length vector from which a decoder generates a translation. In this paper, we conjecture that the use of a fixed-length vector is a bottleneck in improving the performance of this basic encoder–decoder architecture, and propose to extend this by allowing a model to automatically (soft-)search for parts of a source sentence that are relevant to predicting a target word, without having to form these parts as a hard segment explicitly. With this new approach, we achieve a translation performance comparable to the existing state-of-the-art phrase-based system on the task of English-to-French translation. Furthermore, qualitative analysis reveals that the (soft-)alignments found by the model agree well with our intuition.

Standard RNN Decoding



- The input is compressed into a fixed-length vector
- Performance decreases with the length of the input

Decoding with Attention

$$s_t = f(s_{t-1}, y_{t-1}, c_t)$$

A *context vector* c_t is added which

- depends on the previous encoder states and therefore *changes at each step*
- indicates *which part of the input is most relevant* to the decoding step

RNN Cross-Attention

- A score $a_{t,j}$ is computed between each input token encoder state h_j and the previous state s_{t-1}
- The context vector is the weighted sum of the encoder states passed thru a softmax layer

$$c_t = softmax(\sum_j lpha_{t,j}.h_j)$$



Attention

- Attention is a way to obtain a fixed-size representation
 - $\circ~$ of an arbitrary set of representations (the values),
 - dependent on some other representation (the query)
- Encoder-Decoder
 - Query = current decoder state
 - Values = encoder hidden states
- Transformer
 - Query = token embedding
 - Values = surrounding tokens embeddings

The Encoder-Decoder Model



- Encoder: vectorises the input
- Decoder: autoregressively generates from this input
- Attention: helps the decoder focus on the relevant part of the input

2017 - Transformer Network

Attention Is All You Need

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Abstract

The dominant sequence transduction models are based on complex recurrent or

The Transformer Encoder



- **Deep and structured** model Stack of Encoder Blocks
- *No sequential dependencies* (different from RNN)

- *Self-attention* -- better word representations
- *Parallel* processing -- Scaling, Pre-training and fine-tuning

Self-Attention Layer

Computes a *context dependent representation of each word* in the input sequence

- Score the encoding of each input word against the encoding of each other input words
- The output representation of each word is the weighted sum of the representations of its surrounding words

Capture *lexical ambiguity* : the same word will have different representations depending on its context



Jean lit un **livre**

Jean livre un colis

Ce colis pèse une livre

La **livre** sterling est la monnaie du Royaume Uni

Scaling

No sequential dependencies.

Facilitates parallelism

• Different processors can be used to process input tokens in parallel.

This enabled scaling, training on larger amounts of data than was possible before.



Transformers lead to the introduction of the **pre-training and finetuning** paradigm (BERT, T5, BART) and facilitated the creation of **very large models** (e.g., ChatGPT).

Pre-training and Fine Tuning

Pre-train once, fine-tune many times

How?

- Find a task (e.g., Language Modeling) for which it is easy to generate labels and for which you can get large quantities of training data
- *Pre-training* : train a model on this large data
- *Fine-tuning* : adapt it to a task using labelled data

Pre-training and Fine Tuning - Benefits

A pre-trained model encodes a lot of information about language

Data

Less labeled data required

Efficiency

Less time to fine-tune than to train from scratch

Generalisation

Achieves state of the art results for a wide variety of tasks: classification, language inference, semantic similarity, question answering, etc.

2019 - BERT

BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding

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Abstract

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We introduce a new language representation model called **BERT**, which stands for **B**idirectional Encoder **R**epresentations from **T**ransformers. Unlike recent language representation models (Peters et al., 2018a; Radford et al., 2018), BERT is designed to pretrain deep bidirectional representations from unlabeled text by jointly conditioning on both left and right context in all layers. As a result, the pre-trained BERT model can be finetuned with just one additional output layer to create state-of-the-art models for a wide range of tasks, such as question answering and language inference, without substantial taskspecific architecture modifications. There are two existing strategies for applying pre-trained language representations to downstream tasks: *feature-based* and *fine-tuning*. The feature-based approach, such as ELMo (Peters et al., 2018a), uses task-specific architectures that include the pre-trained representations as additional features. The fine-tuning approach, such as the Generative Pre-trained Transformer (OpenAI GPT) (Radford et al., 2018), introduces minimal task-specific parameters, and is trained on the downstream tasks by simply fine-tuning *all* pretrained parameters. The two approaches share the same objective function during pre-training, where they use unidirectional language models to learn general language representations.

BERT

Pre-Training

Large Transformer Encoder - 340M parameters, 24 layers

Pre-trained on a large quantity of text - BooksCorpus (800M words) and English Wikipedia (2,500M words)

Masked Language Modeling Objective - Predict missing word

> Improved word representations (Self Attention)

A generic model that can be fine-tuned for multiple NLU tasks

Fine-Tuning

Adapts the model parameters to the target task by further training on labeled data from various target tasks









BERT

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Single Sentence (d) Single Sentence Tagging Tasks: CoNLL-2003 NER

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BERT Impact

- Open sourced by Google in 2018
- Achieved *state-of-the-art results in 11 natural language understanding (NLU) tasks*, including sentiment analysis, semantic role labeling, text classification and the disambiguation of words with multiple meanings.
- In contrast to previous models, such as word2vec and GloVe, BERT effectively addresses *ambiguity*, a key challenge to NLU.
- Estimated to *enhance Google's understanding of approximately 10% of U.S.-based English language Google search queries* .

Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training

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Abstract

Natural language understanding comprises a wide range of diverse tasks such as textual entailment, question answering, semantic similarity assessment, and document classification. Although large unlabeled text corpora are abundant, labeled data for learning these specific tasks is scarce, making it challenging for discriminatively trained models to perform adequately. We demonstrate that large gains on these tasks can be realized by *generative pre-training* of a language model on a diverse corpus of unlabeled text, followed by *discriminative fine-tuning* on each specific task. In contrast to previous approaches, we make use of task-aware input transformations during fine-tuning to achieve effective transfer while requiring minimal changes to the model architecture. We demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach on a wide range of benchmarks for natural language understanding. Our general task-agnostic model outperforms discriminatively trained models that use architectures specifically crafted for each task, significantly improving upon the state of the art in 9 out of the 12 tasks studied. For instance, we achieve absolute

GPT - Generative Pre-Trained Transformer

Pre-Training

Large Transformer *decoder* - 117M parameters, 12 layers

Pre-trained on a large corpus of text using *Language Modeling objective* - BookCorpus 7K books

	Text Task Prediction Classifier	Classification	Start Text Extract + Transformer + Linear
12x -	Layer Norm	Entailment	Start Premise Delm Hypothesis Extract + Transformer + Linear
	Feed Forward	Similarity	Start Text 1 Delm Text 2 Extract + Transformer
	Layer Norm		Start Context Delim Answer 1 Extract + Transformer + Linear
	Text & Position Embed	Multiple Choice	Start Context Delm Answer 2 Extract + Transformer + Linear

Fine-Tuning

GPT can be fine-tuned on NLU tasks such as classification, entailment, sentence similarity, question answer task

Input sequences are processed by the pre-trained model.

During fine-tuning, the model has two heads:

- the standard *LM head* for predicting the next word as an auxiliary head
- a *task specific head* e.g., a classification head (an additional linear+softmax layer) as main head

GPT Fine-tuning

Significantly improves upon the SOTA in 9 out of 12 NLU tasks

Method	MNLI-m	MNLI-mm	SNLI	SciTail	QNLI	RTE
ESIM + ELMo [44] (5x)	-	-	89.3	-	-	-
CAFE [58] (5x)	80.2	79.0	89.3	-	-	-
Stochastic Answer Network [35] (3x)	80.6	80.1	-	-	-	-
CAFE [58]	78.7	77.9	88.5	<u>83.3</u>		
GenSen [64]	71.4	71.3	-	-	82.3	59.2
Multi-task BiLSTM + Attn [64]	72.2	72.1	-	-	82.1	61.7
Finetuned Transformer LM (ours)	82.1	81.4	89.9	88.3	88.1	56.0

Results for NLI

Improved Text Generation

GPT-2, a larger version (1.5B) of GPT trained on more data was shown to produce convincing text e.g.,

Story Generation

Context (human-written): In a shocking finding, scientist discovered a herd of unicorns living in a remote, previously unexplored valley, in the Andes Mountains. Even more surprising to the researchers was the fact that the unicorns spoke perfect English.

GPT-2: The scientist named the population, after their distinctive horn, Ovid's Unicorn. These four-horned, silver-white unicorns were previously unknown to science.

Now, after almost two centuries, the mystery of what sparked this odd phenomenon is finally solved.

Dr. Jorge Pérez, an evolutionary biologist from the University of La Paz, and several companions, were exploring the Andes Mountains when they found a small valley, with no other animals or humans. Pérez noticed that the valley had what appeared to be a natural fountain, surrounded by two peaks of rock and silver snow.

Language Models are Few-Shot Learners

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Abstract

Recent work has demonstrated substantial gains on many NLP tasks and benchmarks by pre-training on a large corpus of text followed by fine-tuning on a specific task. While typically task-agnostic in architecture, this method still requires task-specific fine-tuning datasets of thousands or tens of thousands of examples. By contrast, humans can generally perform a new language task from only

Large Language Model (LLM)

- Transformer Decoder
- 175B parameters
- Trained on 500B words

Prompting suffices, no Fine-Tuning



The biggest lesson that can be read from 70 years of AI research is that general methods that leverage computation are ultimately the most effective, and by a large margin.

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--- LaMDA ---- GPT-3 --- Gopher --- Chinchilla ---- Random

Emergent Properties - An ability is emergent if it is not present in smaller models but is present in larger models

2023 - ChatGPT and InstructGPT

ChatGPT

- A variant of GPT-3 optimised for conversation
- Fine tuned on conversational data
- Better suited for chatbots and conversational interaction

InstructGPT

- Initialised with GPT-3
- Fine-tuned on Human instructions
 - Supervised fine-tuning on tasks specific data
 - Alignement with human preferences using Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback (RLHF)

Instruction Tuning

Instruction finetuning



SuperNatural Instruction Dataset

The SuperNatural Instruction Dataset contains over 1.6K tasks, 3M examples





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Issues with the technology

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- LLMs get things wrong! They have no notion of truth.
- Bias and toxicity
- Copyright and Intellectual Property
- GDPR/Personal Data
- Generalisation to out of domain data Tesla Example
- Environmental Cost



NLP Challenges

Improving factuality, consistency

From generic to specific

• Adapting LLMs to a new domain, task, language

Evaluation

- NLU is easy (accuracy, F1, etc.)
- NLG (LLM output) is hard because language has high paraphrastic power

Generation from data

• Verbalisation of knowledge graphs, numerical, tabular data etc.

Multilinguality

• Not all languages are handled equal by LLMs

Trends

Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

- Augment LLMs with knowledge from external sources
- Helps with: Hallucination, Lack of attribution, Data Privacy, Limited context

Fine-Tuning

- Parameter efficient fine tuning (LoRA, Adapters, etc.); Helps with domain/language/task adaptation
- Preference learning (DPO); Helps with OOD generalisation, alignemnt with human preferences

Agentic AI

• Using multiple LLMs together: Helps with Data Creation, Evaluation

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