Topics:

- Masked Language Models (dropbox M3L12)
- Embeddings (dropbox M3L13)
- Reinforcement Learning introduction

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- Assignment 4 out
  - Due April 4<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm EST (grace April 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Do not submit first version last-minute on 6<sup>th</sup>!
    - Please submit \*something\* by deadline (Apr 4<sup>th</sup>) to avoid last-minute hiccups and zero!
- Projects
  - Project due May 1<sup>st</sup> 11:59pm EST
- Outline of rest of course:
  - Today we start (deep) reinforcement learning
  - Guest lectures/other topics (e.g. self-supervised learning)
  - Generative models (VAEs / GANs)

## Sequences in Input or Output?











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**Lecturer Introduction** 



• **Recall:** language models estimate the probability of sequences of words:

$$p(\mathbf{s}) = p(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$$

- Masked language modeling is a related pre-training task an auxiliary task, different from the final task we're really interested in, but which can help us achieve better performance by finding good initial parameters for the model.
- By pre-training on masked language modeling before training on our final task, it is usually possible to obtain higher performance than by simply training on the final task.

**Recap and Intro** 





Masked Language Models

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Cross-lingual Masked Language Modeling FACEBOOK AI Georgia









**Model Size in Perspective** 

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What About Vision?





Vision Transformer (ViT)

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Model	Layers	Hidden size $D$	MLP size	Heads	Params
ViT-Base	12	768	3072	12	86M
ViT-Large	24	1024	4096	16	307M
ViT-Huge	32	1280	5120	16	632M

Table 1: Details of Vision Transformer model variants.

	Ours-JFT (ViT-H/14)	Ours-JFT (ViT-L/16)	Ours-I21K (ViT-L/16)	BiT-L (ResNet152x4)	Noisy Student (EfficientNet-L2)
ImageNet	$88.55 \pm 0.04$	$87.76 \pm 0.03$	$85.30 \pm 0.02$	$87.54 \pm 0.02$	$88.4/88.5^*$
ImageNet ReaL	$90.72 \pm 0.05$	$90.54 \pm 0.03$	$88.62 \pm 0.05$	90.54	90.55
CIFAR-10	$99.50 \pm 0.06$	$99.42 \pm 0.03$	$99.15 \pm 0.03$	$99.37 \pm 0.06$	
CIFAR-100	$94.55 \pm 0.04$	$93.90 \pm 0.05$	$93.25 \pm 0.05$	$93.51 \pm 0.08$	_
Oxford-IIIT Pets	$97.56 \pm 0.03$	$97.32 \pm 0.11$	$94.67 \pm 0.15$	$96.62 \pm 0.23$	_
Oxford Flowers-102	$99.68 \pm 0.02$	$99.74 \pm 0.00$	$99.61 \pm 0.02$	$99.63 \pm 0.03$	_
VTAB (19 tasks)	$77.63 \pm 0.23$	$76.28 \pm 0.46$	$72.72 \pm 0.21$	$76.29 \pm 1.70$	—
TPUv3-core-days	2.5k	0.68k	0.23k	9.9k	12.3k

ViT Results





Figure 3: Transfer to ImageNet. While large ViT models perform worse than BiT ResNets (shaded area) when pre-trained on small datasets, they shine when pre-trained on larger datasets. Similarly, larger ViT variants overtake smaller ones as the dataset grows. When trained on mid-sized datasets such as ImageNet, such models yield modest accuracies of a few percentage points below ResNets of comparable size. This seemingly discouraging outcome maybe expected: Transformers lack some of the inductive biases inherent to CNNs, such as translation equivariance and locality, and therefore do not generalize well when trained on insufficient amounts of data.

However, the picture changes if the models are trained on larger datasets (14M-300M images). We find that large scale training trumps inductive bias.



Swin Transformer: Hierarchical Vision Transformer using Shifted Windows Ze Liu, Yutong Lin, Yue Cao, Han Hu, Yixuan Wei, Zheng Zhang, Stephen Lin, Baining Guo



**Swin Transformers** 

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# Summary

- "Attention" models outperform recurrent models and convolutional models for sequence processing. They allow long range interactions.
- These models do best with LOTS of training data
- Surprisingly, they seem to outperform convolutional networks for image processing tasks. Again, long range interactions might be more important than we realized.
- Naïve attention mechanisms have quadratic complexity with the number of input tokens, but there are often workarounds for this.









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#### **Lecturer Introduction**



### **Embeddings**

- Word Embeddings
- Graph Embeddings
- Applications, world2vec
- Additional Topics




#### Mapping Objects to Vectors through a trainable function

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Slide Credit: Yann LeCun



# (Big) Graph Data is Everywhere



Wang, Zhenghao & Yan, Shengquan & Wang, Huaming & Huang, Xuedong. (2014). An Overview of Microsoft Deep QA System on Stanford WebQuestions Benchmark.

#### **Recommender Systems**

Deals with graph-like data, but supervised

	user_id	movie_id	rating	l
0	196	242	3	ł
4	106	202	2	1

#### **Social Graphs**

Predict attributes based on homophily or structural similarity *(Twitter, Yelp, ...)* 

Slide Credit: Adam Lerer





## **Graph Embedding & Matrix Completion**

	item1	item2	 itemN
person1	-	+	+
person2	+	?	
personP	+	-	?

- Relations between items (and people)
- Items in {people, movies, page, articles, products, word sequences...}
- Predict if someone will like an item, if a word will follow a word sequence

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**Graph Embeddings** 





**Embedding:** A learned map from entities to vectors of numbers that encodes similarity

- Word embeddings: word > vector
- Graph embeddings: node --vector

**Graph Embedding:** Optimize the objective that **connected nodes have more similar embeddings** than unconnected nodes via gradient descent.

A multi-relation graph

Slide Credit: Adam Lerer







A multi-relation graph

## Why Graph Embeddings?

Graph embeddings are a form of **unsupervised learning** on graphs.

- **Task-agnostic** entity representations
- Features are useful on downstream tasks without much data
- Nearest neighbors are semantically meaningful

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Graph Embeddings



## PyTorch BigGraph



A multi-relation graph

Margin loss between the score for an edge f(e) and a negative sampled edge f(e')

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{e \in \mathbf{S}} \sum_{e' \in S'_e} \max(f(e) - f(e') + \lambda, 0))$$

The score for an edge is a similarity (e.g. dot product) between the source embedding and a transformed version of the destination embedding, e.g.

$$f(e) = \cos(\theta_s, \theta_r + \theta_d)$$

Negative samples are constructed by taking a real edge and replacing the source or destination with a random node.

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Graph Embeddings



#### **Multiple Relations in Graphs**



Figure Credit: Alex Peysakhovich



## TagSpace

**Input:** restaurant has great food **Label:** #yum, #restaurant

#### Use-cases:

- Labeling posts
- Clustering of hashtags

Reference: [Weston et al. 14'], [Wu et al. 18'] https://github.com/facebookresearch/StarSpace



## PageSpace

**Input:** (user, page) pairs

#### **Use-cases:**

- Clustering of pages
- Recommending pages to users



Application: TagSpace, PageSpace

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## **The Power of Universal Behavioral Features**

- What pages or topics might you be interested in?
- Which posts contain misinformation, hate speech, election interference, …?
- Is a person's account fake / hijacked?
- What songs might you like? (even if you've never provided any song info)



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Application: world2vec

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# Reinforcement Learning Introduction



## Supervised Learning

- Train Input:  $\{X, Y\}$
- Learning output:  $f: X \rightarrow Y, P(y|x)$
- e.g. classification

# Unsupervised Learning

- Input: {X}
- Learning output: P(x)
- Example: Clustering, density estimation, etc.

## Reinforcement Learning

- Evaluative feedback in the form of reward
- No supervision on the right action



Dog Cat Lion Giraffe

Sheep





## **Types of Machine Learning**



**RL:** Sequential decision making in an environment with evaluative feedback.



**Environment** may be unknown, non-linear, stochastic and complex.

Agent learns a policy to map states of the environments to actions.

Seeking to maximize cumulative reward in the long run.

What is Reinforcement Learning?

Georgia Tech∦ RL: <u>Sequential decision</u> making in an environment with <u>evaluative feedback</u>.

### **Evaluative Feedback**

- Pick an action, receive a reward (positive or negative)
- No supervision for what the "correct" action is or would have been, unlike supervised learning

## **Sequential Decisions**

- Plan and execute actions over a sequence of states
- Reward may be delayed, requiring optimization of future rewards (long-term planning).

## What is Reinforcement Learning?

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### **RL:** Environment Interaction API







#### **Signature Challenges in Reinforcement Learning**

- Evaluative feedback: Need trial and error to find the right action
- Delayed feedback: Actions may not lead to immediate reward
- Non-stationarity: Data distribution of visited states changes when the policy changes
- Fleeting nature of time and online data

Slide adapted from: Richard Sutton





### **Robot Locomotion**



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- Objective: Make the robot move forward
- **State**: Angle and position of the joints
- **Action**: Torques applied on joints
- Reward: +1 at each time step upright and moving forward

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#### **Atari Games**



- **Objective**: Complete the game with the highest score
- **State**: Raw pixel inputs of the game state
- Action: Game controls e.g. Left, Right, Up, Down
- **Reward**: Score increase/decrease at each time step

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Examples of RL tasks



Go



- **Objective**: Defeat opponent
- **State**: Board pieces
- Action: Where to put next piece down
- Reward: +1 if win at the end of game,
  0 otherwise

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- MDPs: Theoretical framework underlying RL
- An MDP is defined as a tuple  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}, \mathbb{T}, \gamma)$ 
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- Markov property: Current state completely characterizes state of the environment
- Assumption: Most recent observation is a sufficient statistic of history

 $p(S_{t+1} = s'|S_t = s_t, A_t = a_t, S_{t-1} = s_{t-1}, \dots, S_0 = s_0) = p(S_{t+1} = s'|S_t = s_t, A_t = a_t)$ 

Markov Decision Processes (MDPs)



### **Fully observed MDP**

- Agent receives the true state s<sub>t</sub> at time t
- Example: Chess, Go

## **Partially observed MDP**

- Agent perceives its own partial observation o<sub>t</sub> of the state s<sub>t</sub> at time t, using past states e.g. with an RNN
- Example: Poker, Firstperson games (e.g. Doom)



Source: https://github.com/mwydmuch/ViZDoom





## **MDP Variations**

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## We will assume fully observed MDPs for this lecture





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- Evaluative feedback comes into play, trial and error necessary
- For this and next lecture, assume that we know the true reward and transition distribution and look at algorithms for solving MDPs i.e. finding the best policy
  - Rewards known everywhere, no evaluative feedback
  - Know how the world works i.e. all transitions

## MDPs in the context of RL





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Georgia Tech Agent lives in a 2D grid environment



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- Agent lives in a 2D grid environment
- State: Agent's 2D coordinates
- Actions: N, E, S, W
- Rewards: +1/-1 at absorbing states



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- State: Agent's 2D coordinates
- Actions: N, E, S, W
- Rewards: +1/-1 at absorbing states
- Walls block agent's path
- Actions to not always go as planned
  - 20% chance that agent drifts one cell left or right of direction of motion (except when blocked by wall).



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