Recap: Overfitting and Recurrent Neural Networks

- Overfitting
  - The model did not generalize well
  - Not purely technical problem
  - DL answers: regularization, dropout
- Recurrent Neural Networks
  - Basic neural networks: Classify one item at a time
  - RNN
    - Additional connection along the sequence
    - Information can be passed from one sequence element to the next
    - One dimension more, because training instance is a sequence

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Machine Learning: Transformer Models, BERT, The Future?

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Current State of the Art: Transformer architecture

- Encoder-Decoder-Network — Sutskever et al. (2014)
- Attention layer — Vaswani et al. (2017)
- New training paradigm(s)

Section 1

Encoder-Decoder-Networks

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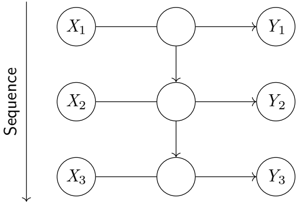

Figure: Neural network with a recurrent layer

- Each X value leads to a Y value
- Network has no way to skip a sequence element
- Many real world sequence labeling tasks are n-to-m-tasks
  - n elements in one sequence are associated with m element in the other

Encoder-Decoder-Architecture

- Network has two parts:
  - Encoder maps from input data to an internal representation
  - Internal representation optionally processed by a regular dense layer
  - Decoder maps from internal representation to the output
- Internal representation
  - Use the output of last recurrent neuron
    - Or internal state of last recurrent cell
  - Some vector, not interpretable

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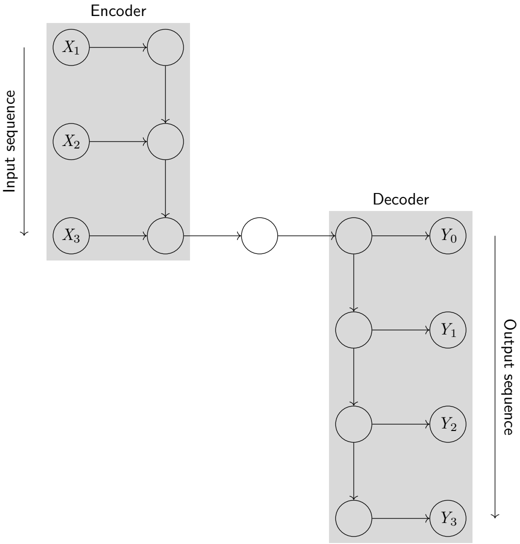

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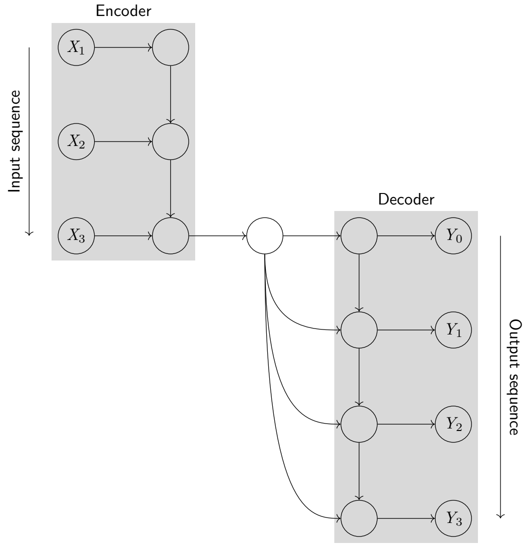

Encoder-Decoder-Architecture in Keras

- Encoder
  - Regular input layer
  - Recurrent layer with `return_sequences=False`
    - Because we don't want a sequence as output, but just the output of the last cell
- Decoder
  - Every output sequence element gets the internal representation as input
    - Thus, it needs to be repeated with the `RepeatVector()` layer
    - This is just copying the vector
  - Recurrent layer with `return_sequences=True`
    - Because now, we want the sequence
  - Output layer as before
    - With one-hot-encoding for multi-class problems

Encoder-Decoder-Architecture in Keras

Listing 1: The Code

```
model = models.Sequential()
# Encoder
model.add(layers.Input(shape=(INPUT_LENGTH,)))
model.add(layers.Embedding(input_dim=number_of_symbols, output_dim=64,))
model.add(layers.LSTM(64, return_sequences=False))

# Copy the internal representation (optional)
model.add(layers.RepeatVector(OUTPUT_LENGTH))

# Decoder
model.add(layers.LSTM(32, return_sequences=True))
model.add(layers.Dense(number_of_symbols*2, activation='softmax'))
```

Section 2

Attention

A woman is throwing a frisbee in a park.

A dog is standing on a hardwood floor.

A stop sign is on a road with a mountain in the background.

Figure: Examples of attending to the correct object (Xu et al., 2015)

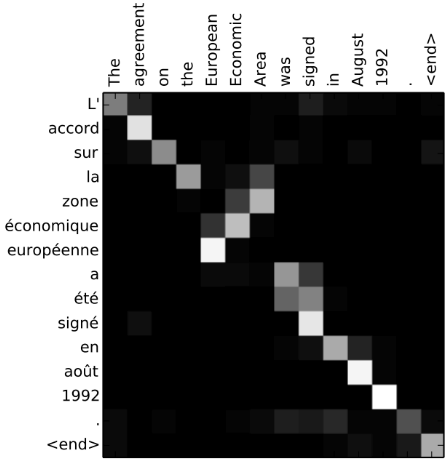

Figure: Attention paid by a neural machine translation network (Bahdanau et al., 2015)

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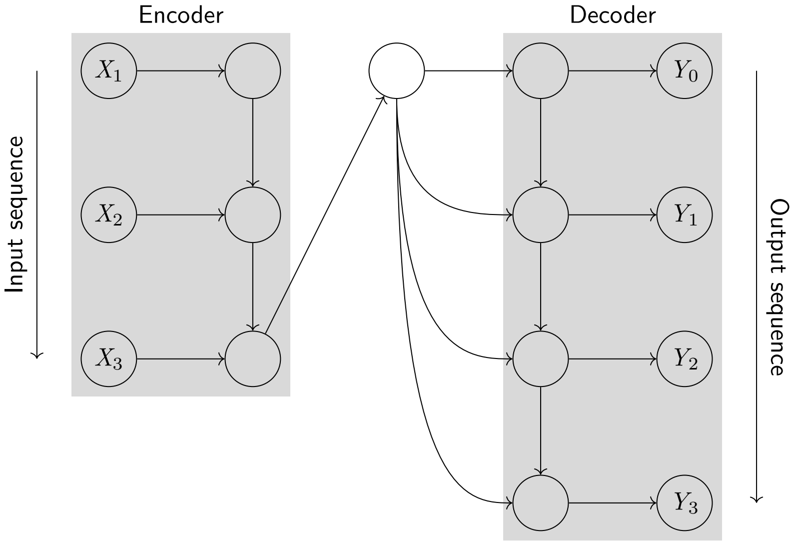

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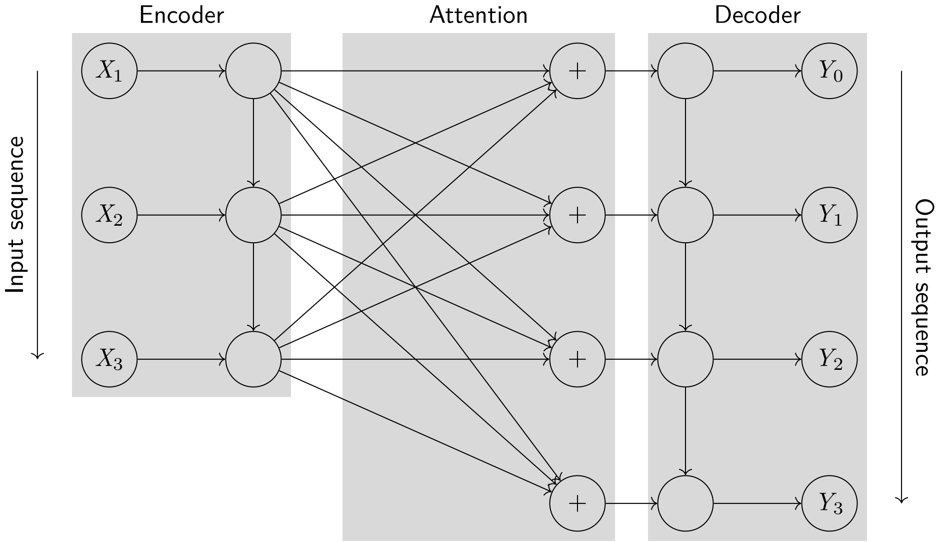

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- General idea — Devlin et al. (2019)
  - Encoder-Attention-Decoder architecture (= transformer)
  - Process whole input at once, no sequence labeling! (max. 512 tokens, = bidirectional)
  - Pre-training and fine-tuning on different tasks

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    - Any language-related task!

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Next sentence prediction (NSP)

- Two (masked) sentences are concatenated
- Model has to predict wether second sentence follows on the first or not

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Practical Things and Future Trends

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Installation

```
pip install transformers
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Code

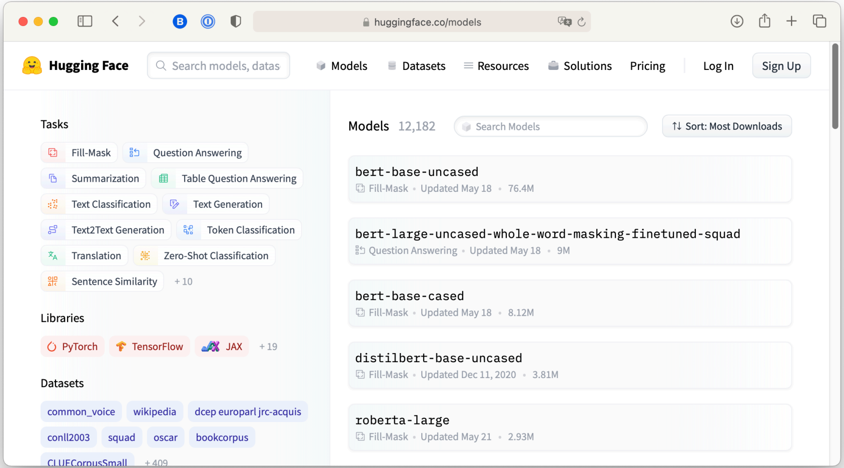
```python
import tensorflow as tf
from transformers import TFAutoModelForSequenceClassification

# Load model as keras model
model = TFAutoModelForSequenceClassification
  .from_pretrained("bert-base-cased", num_labels=2)

# do the usual keras stuff
model.compile(...)

# fine-tuning
model.fit(...)
```

https://huggingface.co/transformers/training.html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  - The new paradigm? Brown et al. (2020)

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- How to (properly) use LLMs in scientific areas is still somewhat unclear
  - It's a difference wether a model generates language (with all its ambiguity) or category assignments

Section 5

Summary

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- Motivation: Sequence to sequence tasks (like machine translation)

Encoder-Decoder architecture

- Encoder reads in the input, generates internal representation
- Decoder produces output, consuming internal representation

Attention

- Developed for image classification, then transfered to machine translation
- Let the model learn the relevant input tokens for each output token

Transformer architecture

- Breakthrough in natural language processing
- Pre-training vs. fine-tuning
- Huggingface: Platform to make such models easy to use
  - Good documentation on transformers: huggingface.co/docs/transformers