Author Identification : A Deep Approach and Comparative Study

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Problem Statement

Given a text document and a set of authors, learn a function that maps the document to a single author.

Document can be a sentence, paragraph or article.



Previous Work

Earlier work used lexical and grammatical features.

- Bag of Words
- Sentence structure
- Punctuation
- Average Word length

and many more....

Downside:-

- Hand-coded features don't generalise well.
- Needs a lot of expertise
- Bag of words :- No information about word order is preserved.



DataSet Collected Till Now

Quora (using RSS Feed)

- TopWriters Answers
- 31 Authors and approx 50 answers per author.
- Each answer having 1000 characters.

Will be adding more authors.

Pros :-

Each author has distinct style of writing.

Cons :-

Primary topic of answers vary among authors.

(Technical vs Relationships vs Politics)

****News Article and blogs on specific domain by different authors (Will be collected)



Recurrent Neural Network

- Mathematics already presented in other presentations.
- Basically allows to model sequences in any (and many more) of the way below.





Recurrent Neural Network.



Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

• RNNs (traditional architecture) are difficult to train.

- Neural networks are trained by gradient descents.
- For RNNs, Gradients either explode or vanish.
- If x<1 , gradient doesn't go back.
- if x>1, gradient explodes.

$$\left\|\frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_k}\right\| = \left\|\prod_{j=k+1}^t \frac{\partial h_j}{\partial h_{j-1}}\right\| \le (\beta_W \beta_h)^{t-k}$$

LSTM

- One of the variant of RNNs.
- Neuron is replaced by a memory cell.
- Back-propagation works.
- Uses combination of gates.

Image :- https://cs224d.stanford.edu/lectures/CS224d-Lecture7.pdf



LSTM - based Approach.

X0 , X1 Xn are the words and h0,h1...hn are the hidden states of the neurons .





Tree-LSTM

K.S. Tai - et al , 2015

Makes use of the inherent structure, present in the sentences.



Figure 1: **Top:** A chain-structured LSTM network. **Bottom:** A tree-structured LSTM network with arbitrary branching factor.

Image :- Improved Semantic Representations From Tree-Structured Long Short-Term Memory Networks



Paragraph Vectors

- Using authors_id instead of paragraph_id.
- Use similarity metric while inferring.



Distributed Representations of Sentences and Documents (Quoc V. Le - 2014)



Preliminary Results

- Using LSTM Mean Pooling of hidden layers.
- Just ran a initial version of code on an earlier dataset.
- No fine tuning done (as of now)
- dim_projection(60) and sequence lengths are arbitrarily initialized.
- Whole Answer as a sequence.

Number of Documents in Training (Quora Answers) - 319

Authors - 20

Training and Testing Dataset 70:30.

Dataset	Training	Testing
Top1 Accuracy	0.35	0.12
Top -3 Accuracy	0.72	0.39