

## Examples: Named Entity Recognition

1) Benedict lives in Easthampton, Massachusetts.

Classify each word as a person, location, or other

$x^{<1>} = \text{"Benedict"}$ ,  $x^{<2>} = \text{"lives"}$ ,  $x^{<3>} = \text{"in"}$ ,  $x^{<4>} = \text{"Easthampton"}$ ,  $x^{<5>} = \text{"Massachusetts"}$

$y^{<1>} = 0$      $y^{<2>} = 2$      $y^{<3>} = 2$      $y^{<4>} = 1$      $y^{<5>} = 1$

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$$T_x = 5, T_y = 5$$

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2) This movie was the best!

Classify whole sentence as positive or negative

$$T_x = 5, T_y = 1$$

$x^{<1>} = \text{"This"}$ , ...,  $x^{<5>} = \text{"best"}$      $y^{<1>} = 1$

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Order matters!

"The cat chased the mouse."

vs.

"The mouse chased the cat."

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3) Translation:

Why is the cat so cute?  $\Rightarrow$  Porqué es el gato tan lindo?

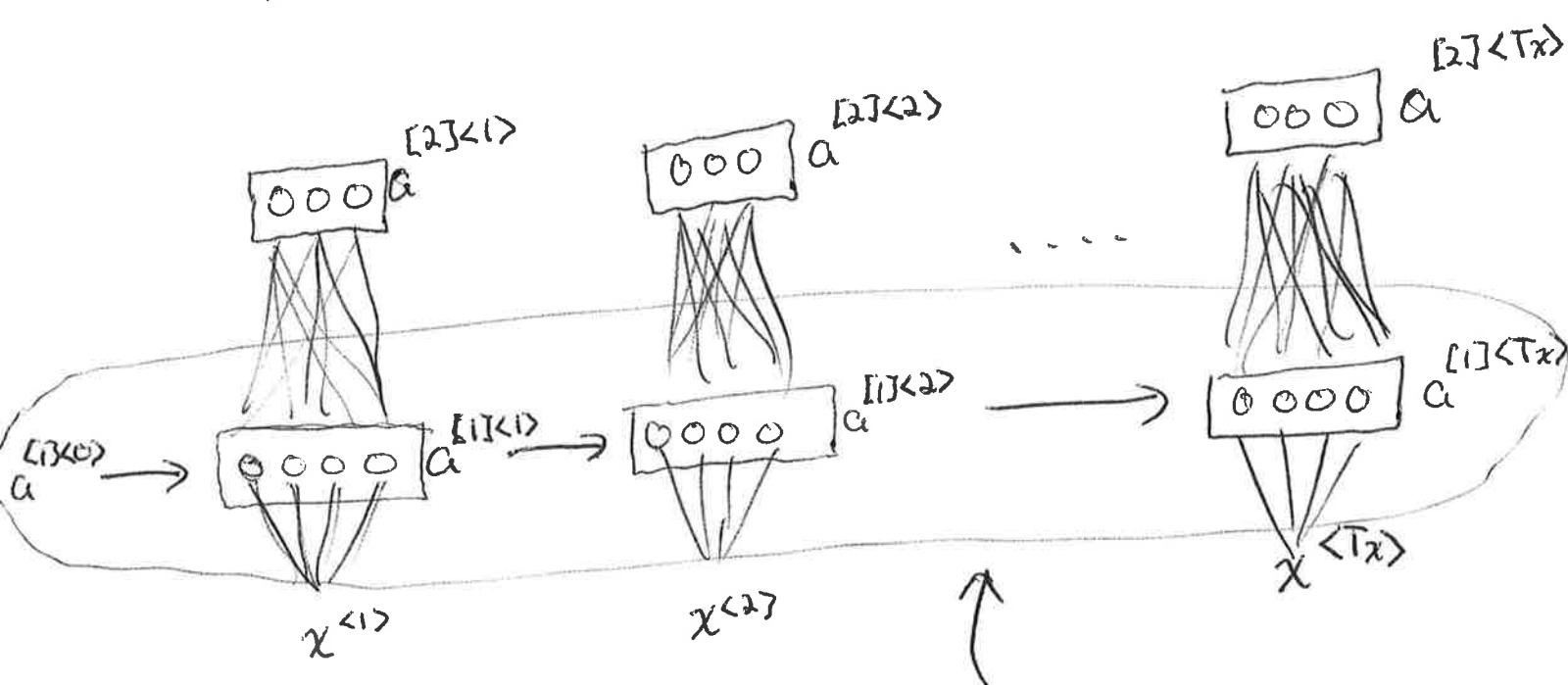
$$T_x = 6$$

$$T_y = 7$$

## Notation:

$a^{(i)[l] < t>}:$  activation in layer l at time t for observation i.

Picture: for named entity recognition example



a NN that takes in  
first word, predicts  
type of word  
(person, location, other)

this (circled) is a  
recurrent layer

## Forward Prop.:

$$a^{[1] \leftarrow t} = g^{[1]} \left( (W_{aa})^{[1]T} a^{[2] \leftarrow t-1} + (W_{ax})^{[1]T} x^{[t] \leftarrow t} + b^{[1]} \right)$$

$$= g^{[1]} \left( \left[ (W_{aa})^{[1]T} (W_{ax})^{[1]T} \right] \begin{bmatrix} a^{[1] \leftarrow t-1} \\ x^{[t] \leftarrow t} \end{bmatrix} + b^{[1]} \right)$$

For example suppose we have 4 units in each box of the recurrent layer, and 100 input features.

$W_{aa}$  is  $4 \times 4$

$W_{ax}$  is  $100 \times 4$

$b_a$  is  $4 \times 1$

For recurrent layers,  $g$  is almost always tanh activation  
(ReLU also occasionally used)

↳ prevents exploding gradients

↳ vanishing gradients is a serious problem we will address through other strategies.

In our example,

$$a^{[2] \leftarrow t} = g^{[2]} \left( (W_{aa})^{[2]T} a^{[1] \leftarrow t} + b^{[2]} \right)$$

$g^{[2]}$  is whatever appropriate activation for your task

(e.g. softmax for named entity recognition with 3 classes)

## Loss Function:

$$J(b, \omega) = \frac{1}{T_y} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^{T_y^{(i)}} J^{(i), t}(b, \omega)$$

basically, add up losses across all subjects and time points.

Formally, assumes all examples are independent. ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ )

within one example, allows for dependence; sort of,

Distribution of  $y^{(k,t)}$  makes use of  $x^{(1,t)}, \dots, x^{(i,t)}$

Assumes conditional independence:

$$P(y^{(1)}=y^{(1)}, y^{(2)}=y^{(2)}, \dots, y^{(t)}=y^{(t)} | x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(t)})$$

$$= P(y^{(1)}=y^{(1)} | x^{(1)}) \cdot P(y^{(2)}=y^{(2)} | x^{(1)}, x^{(2)})$$

$$\cdot \dots \cdot P(y^{(t)}=y^{(t)} | x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}, \dots, x^{(t)})$$

"If I know all of the inputs up to the current time,  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(t)}$ , knowing  $y^{(t-1)}$  would not give me any additional information about  $y^{(t)}$ ."

↑ not realistic, but better than ignoring time.

# Backward Propagation Through Time.

Start with the cost function at the last time point.

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial w} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{t=1}^{T_y^{(i)}} \cancel{g^{(i)(t)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial w} J^{(i)(t)}$$

$$\frac{\partial J^{(i)(t)}}{\partial w} = \frac{\partial J^{(i)(t)}}{\partial a^{[1](t)}} \cdot \frac{\partial a^{[2](t)}}{\partial a^{[1](t)}} \cdot \frac{\partial a^{[1](t)}}{\partial w}$$

$$a^{[1](t)} = g^{[1]} \left( (w^{[1]})^T \begin{bmatrix} a^{[1](t-1)} \\ x^{(t)} \end{bmatrix} + b^{[1]} \right)$$

So

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial w} a^{[1](t)} = \frac{\partial a^{[1](t)}}{\partial z^{[1](t)}} \cdot \frac{\partial z^{[1](t)}}{\partial w}$$

$$= \frac{\partial a^{[1](t)}}{\partial z^{[1](t)}} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial w} w_a^{[1]T} a^{[1](t-1)} + \frac{\partial}{\partial w} (w_x^{[1]T} x^{(t)}) \right)$$

We also need to calculate  $a^{[1](t-1)}$ .