## Beyond Word Importance: Contextual Decomposition to Extract Interactions from LSTMs

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#### Introduction

- LSTM interpretation model
- extracts information about not only which words contributed to an LSTM's prediction
- also how they were combined in order to yield the final prediction
- mathematically decomposing the LSTM's output, able to disambiguate the contributions made at each step by different parts of the sentence.

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#### Method: LSTM Decomposition

LSTM equations:

$$o_t = \sigma(W_o x_t + V_o h_{t-1} + b_o) \tag{1}$$

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f x_t + V_f h_{t-1} + b_f)$$
(2)

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i x_t + V_i h_{t-1} + b_i)$$
(3)

$$g_t = \tanh(W_g x_t + V_g h_{t-1} + b_g) \tag{4}$$

$$c_t = f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot g_t \tag{5}$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \tag{6}$$

After processing the full sequence, the final state  $h_T$  used as input to a linear layer +SoftMax (multinomial logistic regression), to return a probability distribution p over C classes, with

$$p_j = \text{SoftMax}(Wh_T)_j = \frac{\exp(W_j h_T)}{\sum_{k=1}^C \exp(W_k h_t)}$$
(7)

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#### Contextual Decomposition

Given an arbitrary phrase  $x_q, ..., x_r$ , where  $1 \le q \le r \le T$ , decompose each output  $h_t$  and cell state  $c_t$ 

$$h_t = \beta_t + \gamma_t \tag{8}$$

$$c_t = \beta_t^c + \gamma_t^c \tag{9}$$

 $\beta_t$  corresponds to contributions made solely by the given phrase to  $h_t$ , and that  $\gamma_t$  corresponds to contributions involving, at least in part, elements outside of the phrase. Similarly,  $\beta_t^c$  and  $\gamma_t^c$ . final output state  $Wh_T$ :

$$p = \mathsf{SoftMax}(W\beta_T + W\gamma_T) \tag{10}$$

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#### Contextual Decomposition

$$i_{t} = \sigma(W_{i}x_{t} + V_{i}h_{t-1} + b_{i})$$
(11)  
=  $L_{\sigma}(W_{i}x_{t}) + L_{\sigma}(V_{i}h_{t-1}) + L_{\sigma}(b_{i})$ (12)

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$$f_{t} \odot c_{t-1} = (L_{\sigma}(W_{f}x_{t}) + L_{\sigma}(V_{f}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{\sigma}(V_{f}\gamma_{t-1}) + L_{\sigma}(b_{f})) \odot (\beta_{t-1}^{c} + (13))$$

$$= ([L_{\sigma}(W_{f}x_{t}) + L_{\sigma}(V_{f}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{\sigma}(b_{f})] \odot \beta_{t-1}^{c}) \qquad (14)$$

$$+ (L_{\sigma}(V_{f}\gamma_{t-1}) \odot \beta_{t-1}^{c} + f_{t} \odot \gamma_{t-1}^{c})$$

$$= \beta_{t}^{f} + \gamma_{t}^{f} \qquad (15)$$

#### Contextual Decomposition

$$i_{t} \odot g_{t} = [L_{\sigma}(W_{i}x_{t}) + L_{\sigma}(V_{i}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{\sigma}(V_{i}\gamma_{t-1}) + L_{\sigma}(b_{i})]$$
(16)  

$$\odot [L_{tanh}(W_{g}x_{t}) + L_{tanh}(V_{g}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{tanh}(V_{g}\gamma_{t-1}) + L_{tanh}(b_{g})]$$
(17)  

$$= [L_{\sigma}(W_{i}x_{t}) \odot [L_{tanh}(W_{g}x_{t}) + L_{tanh}(V_{g}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{tanh}(b_{g})]$$
(17)  

$$+ L_{\sigma}(V_{i}\beta_{t-1}) \odot [L_{tanh}(W_{g}x_{t}) + L_{tanh}(V_{g}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{tanh}(b_{g})]$$
(17)  

$$+ L_{\sigma}(b_{i}) \odot [L_{tanh}(W_{g}x_{t}) + L_{tanh}(V_{g}\beta_{t-1}) + L_{tanh}(b_{g})]$$
(17)  

$$+ [L_{\sigma}(V_{i}\gamma_{t-1}) \odot g_{t} + i_{t} \odot L_{tanh}(V_{g}\gamma_{t-1}) - L_{\sigma}(V_{i}\gamma_{t-1}) \odot L_{tanh}(t)$$
(18)

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#### Cotextual Decomposition

$$\beta_t^c = \beta_t^f + \beta_t^u \tag{19}$$

$$\gamma_t^c = \gamma_t^f + \gamma_t^u \tag{20}$$

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$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t) \tag{21}$$

$$= o_t \odot \left[ \mathcal{L}_{tanh}(\beta_t^c) + \mathcal{L}_{tanh}(\gamma_t^c) \right]$$
(22)

$$= o_t \odot L_{tanh}(\beta_t^c) + o_t \odot L_{tanh}(\gamma_t^c)$$
(23)

$$=\beta_t + \gamma_t \tag{24}$$

### Linearization of Activation functions

$$g_t = tanh(W_g x_t + V_g h_{t-1} + b_g)$$
(25)

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Required:

$$g_t = L_{tanh}(W_g x_t) + L_{tanh}(V_g h_{t-1}) + L_{tanh}(b_g)$$
(26)  
$$tanh(\sum y_i) = (\sum L_{tanh}(y_i))$$
(27)

#### Linearization of Activation functions

summarization of partial sums as a linearization technique if  $y_1, \ldots, y_n$  are ordered

$$L'_{tanh}(y_k) = tanh(\sum_{j=1}^{k} y_j) - tanh(\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} y_j)$$
(28)

But no ordering, compute an average over all orderings

$$L_{tanh}(y_k) = \frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{i=1}^{M_N} [\tanh(\sum_{j=1}^{\pi_i^{-1}(k)} y_{\pi_i(j)}) - \tanh(\sum_{j=1}^{\pi_i^{-1}(k)-1} y_{\pi_i(j)})]$$
(29)

This linearization technique is an approximation to the Shapley Values.(?)

## Experiments: Stanford Sentiment Tree Bank

 Unigram Word Scores: Correlation with the logistic regression coefficient

Attribution Method	Heat Map					
Gradient	It's easy to love Robin Tunney – she's pretty and she can act –					
	but it gets harder and harder to understand her choices.					
Leave one out (Li et al.,	It's easy to love Robin Tunney – she's pretty and she can act –					
2016)	but it gets harder and harder to understand her choices.					
Cell decomposition	It's easy to love Robin Tunney – she's pretty and she can act –					
(Murdoch & Szlam, 2017)	but it gets harder and harder to understand her choices.					
Integrated gradients	It's easy to love Robin Tunney – she's pretty and she can act –					
(Sundararajan et al., 2017)	but it gets harder and harder to understand her choices.					
Contextual decomposi-	It's easy to love Robin Tunney - she's pretty and she can act -					
uon	but it gets harder and harder to understand her choices.					

LegendVery NegativeNegativeNeutralPositiveVery Positive

Table 2: Heat maps for portion of review from SST with different attribution techniques. Only CD captures that the first phrase is positive.

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# Identifying Dissenting Subphrases

- "used to be my favorite"
- favorite is positive, used to be is negative

Attribution Method	Heat Map								
Gradient	use	i to	be	my	favorite	not	worth	the	time
Leave One Out (Li et al., 2016)	used	i to	be	my	favorite	not	worth	the	time
Cell decomposition (Mur- doch & Szlam, 2017)	used	l to	be	my	favorite	not	worth	the	time
Integrated gradients (Sun- dararajan et al., 2017)	used	i to	be	my	favorite	not	worth	the	time
Contextual decomposition	used	i to	be	my	favorite	not	worth	the	time

Table 1: Heat maps for portion of yelp review with different attribution techniques. Only CD captures that "favorite" is positive.

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### Contextual Decomposition Captures Negation



Figure 1: Distribution of scores for positive and negative negation coefficients relative to all interaction coefficients. Only leave one out and CD are capable of producing these interaction scores.

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### Identifying Similar Phrases

- Compare Dense embeddings β<sub>T</sub> average for phrases across the training set and validation set
- Get nearest neghbors

not entertain- ing	not bad	very funny	entertaining	bad
not funny	never dull	well-put- together piece	intelligent	dull
not engaging	n't drag	entertaining romp	engaging	drag
never satisfac- tory	never fails	very good	satisfying	awful
not well	without sham	surprisingly sweet	admirable	tired
not fit	without missing	very well- written	funny	dreary

Table 3: Nearest neighbours for selected unigrams and interactions using CD embeddings

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