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Hello! You are at the main documentation for the *renn* python package.



# CHAPTER 1

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## What is RENN?

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*renn* is a collection of python utilities for reverse engineering neural networks. The goal of the package is to be a shared repository of code, notebooks, and ideas for how to crack open the black box of neural networks to understand what they are doing and how they work. Our focus is on research applications.

Currently, the package focuses on understanding recurrent neural networks (RNNs). We provide code to build and train common RNN architectures, as well as code for understanding the dynamics of trained RNNs through dynamical systems analyses. The core tools for this involve finding and analyzing approximate fixed points of the dynamics of a trained RNN.

All of *renn* uses the [JAX](#) machine learning library for building neural networks and for automatic differentiation. We assume some basic familiarity with JAX in the documentation.





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### What can I use this for?

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Currently, the best use of *renn* is to train RNNs and then analyze the dynamics of those RNNs by studying numerical fixed points.

The best examples of this are in the following research papers:

- Opening the black box: low-dimensional dynamics in high-dimensional recurrent neural networks, Sussillo and Barak, Neural Computation, 2013.
- Reverse engineering recurrent networks for sentiment classification reveals line attractor dynamics, Maheswaranathan\*, Williams\* et al, NeurIPS 2019.
- Universality and individuality in neural dynamics across large populations of recurrent networks, Maheswaranathan\*, Williams\* et al, NeurIPS 2019.
- How recurrent networks implement contextual processing in sentiment analysis, Maheswaranathan\* and Sussillo\*, ICML 2020.
- The geometry of integration in text classification RNNs, Aitken\*, Ramasesh\* et al, arXiv 2020.
- Reverse engineering learned optimizers reveals known and novel mechanisms, Maheswaranathan et al, arXiv 2020.



This notebook walks through some of the basic functionality provided by the `renn` package.

```
[1]: # Imports
from functools import partial

import jax
import jax.numpy as jnp

import Renn

base_key = jax.random.PRNGKey(0)

/Users/nirum/anaconda3/lib/python3.8/site-packages/jax/lib/xla_bridge.py:130:
↳UserWarning: No GPU/TPU found, falling back to CPU.
  warnings.warn('No GPU/TPU found, falling back to CPU.')
```

## 3.1 Build and train RNNs

First, we will use the provided RNN cell classes to build different RNN architectures.

```
[2]: # Here, we build an RNN composed of a single GRU cell.
cell = Renn.GRU(32)
print(f'Made a GRU cell with {cell.num_units} units.')

Made a GRU cell with 32 units.
```

We can initialize the hidden state for this cell as follows:

```
[3]: key, base_key = jax.random.split(base_key)
current_state = cell.init_initial_state(key)
print(f'Initialized state with shape: {current_state.shape}')

Initialized state with shape: (32,)
```

We can initialize the cell's trainable parameters using `cell.init`:

```
[4]: num_timesteps = 100
input_dim = 2
input_shape = (num_timesteps, input_dim)

key, base_key = jax.random.split(base_key)
output_shape, params = cell.init(key, input_shape)

print(f'Outputs have shape: {output_shape}')
```

Outputs have shape: (100, 32)

The GRU cell is a subclass of `RNNCell`. All `RNNCells` have an `apply` method that computes a single RNN step.

```
[5]: key, base_key = jax.random.split(base_key)
inputs = jax.random.normal(key, (input_dim,))

next_state = cell.apply(params, inputs, current_state)
print(f'Next state has shape: {next_state.shape}')
```

Next state has shape: (32,)

To apply the RNN across an entire batch of sequences, we use the `renn.unroll_rnn` function:

```
[6]: batch_size = 8
key, base_key = jax.random.split(base_key)
batched_inputs = jax.random.normal(key, (batch_size,) + input_shape)
batch_initial_states = cell.get_initial_state(params, batch_size=batch_size)

states = Renn.unroll_rnn(batch_initial_states, batched_inputs, partial(cell.batch_
    ↪ apply, params))

print(f'Applied RNN to a batch of sequences, got back states with shape: {states.
    ↪ shape}')
```

Applied RNN to a batch of sequences, got back states with shape: (8, 100, 32)

We can use these to train RNNs on different kinds of sequential data.

## 3.2 Analyzing RNNs

The RNN cells we have in `renn` are easily amenable for analysis. One useful tool is to *linearize* the RNN, meaning we compute a first-order (linear) Taylor approximation of the *nonlinear* RNN update.

Mathematically, we can approximate the RNN at a particular expansion point  $(h, x)$  as follows:

$$F(h + \Delta h, x + \Delta x) \approx h + \frac{\partial F}{\partial h}(\Delta h) + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x}(\Delta x)$$

In the above equation, the term  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial h}$  is the *recurrent Jacobian* of the RNN, and the term  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}$  is the *input Jacobian*.

We can easily compute Jacobians of our GRU cell at a particular point. We can do this using the `rec_jac` and `inp_jac` methods on the cell class:

```
[7]: Jacobian = cell.rec_jac(params, inputs, current_state)
print(f'Recurrent Jacobian has shape: {Jacobian.shape}')
```

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```
Jacobian = cell.inp_jac(params, inputs, current_state)
print(f'Input Jacobian has shape: {Jacobian.shape}')
```

```
Recurrent Jacobian has shape: (32, 32)
Input Jacobian has shape: (32, 2)
```

renn also contains helper functions for numerically finding fixed points of the RNN, for building and training different RNN architectures, and for training and analyzing RNN optimizers.

In future tutorials, we will explore some of these additional use cases!



## CHAPTER 4

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### Tests and code format

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Tests are run using `pytest`. From the project root directory, simply run: `pytest` to run the tests. You will need to have `pytest` installed (try `pip install pytest` to install it).

Formatting checks are doing via `yapf`, enabled automatically by `pre-commit`. To get this setup, first make sure `pre-commit` is installed (`pip install pre-commit`) and then run `pre-commit install` from the project root directory.





## CHAPTER 5

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### Building the docs

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To rebuild the documentation, first install the dependencies: `pip install -r docs/requirements.txt`

First, generate the source API documentation by running `sphinx-apidoc -f -o docs/source renn` from the root directory. Then, the commands to build the docs are contained in the *docs/Makefile* file.



### 6.1 Contributor License Agreement

Contributions to this project must be accompanied by a Contributor License Agreement. You (or your employer) retain the copyright to your contribution; this simply gives us permission to use and redistribute your contributions as part of the project. Head over to <<https://cla.developers.google.com/>> to see your current agreements on file or to sign a new one.

You generally only need to submit a CLA once, so if you've already submitted one (even if it was for a different project), you probably don't need to do it again.

### 6.2 Code reviews

All submissions, including submissions by project members, require review. We use GitHub pull requests for this purpose. Consult [GitHub Help](#) for more information on using pull requests.

### 6.3 Community Guidelines

This project follows [Google's Open Source Community Guidelines](#).



## 7.1 Subpackages

### 7.1.1 `renn.data` package

#### Submodules

##### `renn.data.data_utils` module

Data utils

`renn.data.data_utils.column_parser(text_column)`

Returns a parser which parses a row of a csv file containing labeled data, extracting the label and the text

This parser assumes the label is the zeroth element of the row, and the text is the 'text\_column' element

`renn.data.data_utils.readfile(filename, parse_row)`

Reads a csv file containing labeled data, where the function `parse_row()` extracts a score and text from the labeled data

`renn.data.data_utils.sentiment_relabel(num_classes)`

Returns a function which relabels (initially five-class) sentiment labels for subclassing the Yelp and Amazon datasets.

##### `renn.data.datasets` module

Datasets.

`renn.data.datasets.ag_news(split, vocab_file, sequence_length=100, batch_size=64, transform_fn=<function identity>, filter_fn=None, data_dir=None)`

Loads the ag news dataset.

```
renn.data.datasets.goemotions(split, vocab_file, sequence_length=50, batch_size=64, emo-
                                tions=None, transform=<function identity>, filter_fn=None,
                                data_dir=None)
```

Loads the goemotions dataset.

```
renn.data.datasets.imdb(split, vocab_file, sequence_length=1000, batch_size=64, trans-
                           form=<function identity>, filter_fn=None, data_dir=None)
```

Loads the imdb reviews dataset.

```
renn.data.datasets.snli(split, vocab_file, sequence_length=75, batch_size=64, trans-
                           form=<function identity>, filter_fn=None, data_dir=None)
```

Loads the SNLI dataset.

```
renn.data.datasets.tokenize_fun(tokenizer)
```

Standard text processing function.

```
renn.data.datasets.mnist(split, order='row', batch_size=64, transform=<function identity>, fil-
                           ter_fn=None, data_dir=None, classes=None)
```

Loads the serialized MNIST dataset.

**Parameters – the subset of classes to keep.** (*classes*) – If None, all will be kept

```
renn.data.datasets.yelp(split, num_classes, vocab_file, sequence_length=1000, batch_size=64,
                           transform=<function identity>, filter_fn=None, data_dir=None)
```

Loads the yelp reviews dataset.

```
renn.data.datasets.dbpedia(split, num_classes, vocab_file, sequence_length=1000, batch_size=64,
                              transform=<function identity>, filter_fn=None, data_dir=None)
```

Loads the dpedia text classification dataset.

```
renn.data.datasets.amazon(split, num_classes, vocab_file, sequence_length=250, batch_size=64,
                              transform=<function identity>, filter_fn=None, data_dir=None)
```

Loads the yelp reviews dataset.

## renn.data.synthetic module

Synthetic Datasets.

```
class renn.data.synthetic.Unordered(num_classes=3,                                batch_size=64,
                                       length_sampler='Constant', sampler_params={'value':
                                       40})
```

Bases: object

Synthetic dataset representing un-ordered classes, to mimic e.g. text-classification datasets like AG News (un-like, say, star-prediction or sentiment analysis, which features ordered classes

**label\_batch** (*batch*)

Calculates class labels for a batch of sentences

**score** (*sentence, length*)

Calculates the score, i.e. the amount of accumulated evidence in the sentence, for each class

## renn.data.tokenizers module

Text processing.

```
renn.data.tokenizers.build_vocab(corpus_generator, vocab_size, split_fun=<method 'split' of
                                   'str' objects>)
```

Builds a vocab file from a text generator.

`renn.data.tokenizers.load_tokenizer(vocab_file, default_value=-1)`  
 Loads a tokenizer from a vocab file.

## renn.data.wordpiece\_tokenizer\_learner\_lib module

Algorithm for learning wordpiece vocabulary.

**class** `renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.Params` (*upper\_thresh, lower\_thresh, num\_iterations, max\_input\_tokens, max\_token\_length, max\_unique\_chars, vocab\_size, slack\_ratio, include\_joiner\_token, joiner, reserved\_tokens*)

Bases: `tuple`

**include\_joiner\_token**  
 Alias for field number 8

**joiner**  
 Alias for field number 9

**lower\_thresh**  
 Alias for field number 1

**max\_input\_tokens**  
 Alias for field number 3

**max\_token\_length**  
 Alias for field number 4

**max\_unique\_chars**  
 Alias for field number 5

**num\_iterations**  
 Alias for field number 2

**reserved\_tokens**  
 Alias for field number 10

**slack\_ratio**  
 Alias for field number 7

**upper\_thresh**  
 Alias for field number 0

**vocab\_size**  
 Alias for field number 6

`renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.ensure_all_tokens_exist` (*input\_tokens, output\_tokens, input\_tokens, include\_joiner\_token, joiner*)

Adds all tokens in `input_tokens` to `output_tokens` if not already present.

### Parameters

- **input\_tokens** – set of strings (tokens) we want to include

- **output\_tokens** – string to int dictionary mapping token to count
- **include\_joiner\_token** – bool whether to include joiner token
- **joiner** – string used to indicate suffixes

**Returns** string to int dictionary with all tokens in input\_tokens included

`renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.extract_char_tokens(word_counts)`  
Extracts all single-character tokens from word\_counts.

**Parameters** **word\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples

**Returns** set of single-character strings contained within word\_counts

`renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.filter_input_words(all_counts, allowed_chars, max_input_tokens)`

Filters out words with unallowed chars and limits words to max\_input\_tokens.

**Parameters**

- **all\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **allowed\_chars** – list of single-character strings
- **max\_input\_tokens** – int, maximum number of tokens accepted as input

**Returns** list of (string, int) tuples of filtered wordcounts

`renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.generate_final_vocabulary(reserved_tokens, char_tokens, curr_tokens)`

Generates final vocab given reserved, single-character, and current tokens.

**Parameters**

- **reserved\_tokens** – list of strings (tokens) that must be included in vocab
- **char\_tokens** – set of single-character strings
- **curr\_tokens** – string to int dict mapping token to count

**Returns** list of strings representing final vocabulary

`renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.get_allowed_chars(all_counts, max_unique_chars)`

Get the top max\_unique\_chars characters within our wordcounts.

We want each character to be in the vocabulary so that we can keep splitting down to the character level if necessary. However, in order not to inflate our vocabulary with rare characters, we only keep the top max\_unique\_chars characters.

**Parameters**

- **all\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **max\_unique\_chars** – int, maximum number of unique single-character tokens

**Returns** set of strings containing top max\_unique\_chars characters in all\_counts

`renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.get_input_words(word_counts, reserved_tokens, max_token_length)`

Filters out words that are longer than max\_token\_length or are reserved.

**Parameters**



- **word\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **reserved\_tokens** – list of strings
- **max\_token\_length** – int, maximum length of a token

**Returns** list of (string, int) tuples of filtered wordcounts

```
renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.get_search_threshs (word_counts,
                                                             upper_thresh,
                                                             lower_thresh)
```

Clips the thresholds for binary search based on current word counts.

The upper threshold parameter typically has a large default value that can result in many iterations of unnecessary search. Thus we clip the upper and lower bounds of search to the maximum and the minimum wordcount values.

#### Parameters

- **word\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **upper\_thresh** – int, upper threshold for binary search
- **lower\_thresh** – int, lower threshold for binary search

**Returns** int, clipped upper threshold for binary search lower\_search: int, clipped lower threshold for binary search

**Return type** upper\_search

```
renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.get_split_indices (word,
                                                            curr_tokens,    in-
                                                            clude_joiner_token,
                                                            joiner)
```

Gets indices for valid substrings of word, for iterations > 0.

For iterations > 0, rather than considering every possible substring, we only want to consider starting points corresponding to the start of wordpieces in the current vocabulary.

#### Parameters

- **word** – string we want to split into substrings
- **curr\_tokens** – string to int dict of tokens in vocab (from previous iteration)
- **include\_joiner\_token** – bool whether to include joiner token
- **joiner** – string used to indicate suffixes

**Returns** list of ints containing valid starting indices for word

```
renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.learn (word_counts, params)
```

Takes in wordcounts and returns wordpiece vocabulary.

#### Parameters

- **word\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **params** – Params namedtuple, parameters for learning

**Returns** string, final vocabulary with each word separated by newline

```
renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.learn_binary_search (word_counts,
                                                             lower,    upper,
                                                             params)
```

Performs binary search to find wordcount frequency threshold.

Given upper and lower bounds and a list of (word, count) tuples, performs binary search to find the threshold closest to producing a vocabulary of size vocab\_size.

**Parameters**

- **word\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **lower** – int, lower bound for binary search
- **upper** – int, upper bound for binary search
- **params** – Params namedtuple, parameters for learning

**Returns** list of strings, vocab that is closest to target vocab\_size

```
renn.data.wordpiece_tokenizer_learner_lib.learn_with_thresh(word_counts, thresh,  
                                                            params)
```

Wordpiece learning algorithm to produce a vocab given frequency threshold.

**Parameters**

- **word\_counts** – list of (string, int) tuples
- **thresh** – int, frequency threshold for a token to be included in the vocab
- **params** – Params namedtuple, parameters for learning

**Returns** list of strings, vocabulary generated for the given thresh

## Module contents

### 7.1.2 renn.metaopt package

#### Subpackages

##### renn.metaopt.task\_lib package

#### Submodules

##### renn.metaopt.task\_lib.quadratic module

Defines quadratic loss functions.

```
renn.metaopt.task_lib.quadratic.loguniform(n, lambda_min, lambda_max, preci-  
                                           sion=<PrecisionConfig_Precision.HIGHEST:  
                                           2>)
```

Quadratic loss function with loguniform eigenvalues.

The loss is:  $f(x) = (1/2) x^T H x + x^T v + b$ .

The eigenvalues of the Hessian (H) are sampled uniformly on a logarithmic grid from lambda\_min to lambda\_max.

**Parameters**

- **n** – int, Problem dimension (number of parameters).
- **lambda\_min** – float, Minimum eigenvalue of the Hessian.
- **lambda\_max** – float, Maximum eigenvalue of the Hessian.
- **precision** – Which lax precision to use (default: HIGHEST).

**Returns**

**Function that takes a jax PRNGkey and a precision argument** and returns an (initial\_params, loss\_fun) tuple.

**Return type** problem\_fun

```
renn.metaopt.task_lib.quadratic.quadform(hess, x, precision)
```

Computes a quadratic form ( $x^T @ H @ x$ ).

**Module contents****Submodules****renn.metaopt.api module**

Meta-optimization framework.

```
renn.metaopt.api.build_metaobj(problem_fun, optimizer_fun, num_inner_steps,
                                meta_loss=<function mean>, l2_penalty=0.0, decorator=<function checkpoint>)
```

Builds a meta-objective function.

**Parameters**

- **problem\_fun** – callable, Takes a PRNGKey argument and returns initial parameters and a loss function.
- **optimizer\_fun** – callable, Takes a PRNGKey argument and returns an optimizer tuple (as in `jax.experimental.optimizers`).
- **num\_inner\_steps** – int, Number of optimization steps.
- **meta\_loss** – callable, Function to use to compute a scalar meta-loss.
- **l2\_penalty** – float, L2 penalty to apply to the meta-parameters.
- **decorator** – callable, Optional function to wrap the `apply_fun` argument to `lax.scan`. By default, this is `jax.remat`, which will rematerialize the forward computation when computing the gradient, trading off computation for memory. Using the identity function will turn off `remat`.

**Returns**

**callable, Function that takes meta-parameters and a PRNGKey** and returns a scalar meta-objective and the inner loss history.

**Return type** meta\_objective

```
renn.metaopt.api.clip(x, value=inf)
```

Clips elements of `x` to have magnitude less than or equal to `value`.

```
renn.metaopt.api.evaluate(opt, problem_fun, num_steps, eval_key, num_repeats=64)
```

Evaluates an optimizer on a given problem.

**Parameters**

- **opt** – An optimizer tuple of functions (`init_opt`, `update_opt`, `get_params`) to evaluate.
- **problem\_fun** – A function that returns an (initial\_params, loss\_fun, fetch\_data) tuple given a PRNGKey.
- **num\_steps** – Number of steps to run the optimizer for.

- **eval\_key** – Base PRNGKey used for evaluation.
- **num\_repeats** – Number of different evaluation seeds to use.

**Returns**

Array of loss values with shape **(num\_repeats, num\_steps)** containing the training loss curve for each random seed.

**Return type** losses

`renn.metaopt.api.outer_loop` (*key, initial\_meta\_params, meta\_objective, meta\_optimizer, steps, batch\_size=1, save\_every=None, clip\_value=inf*)

Meta-trains an optimizer.

**Parameters**

- **key** – Jax PRNG key, used for initializing the inner problem.
- **initial\_meta\_params** – pytree, Initial meta-parameters.
- **meta\_objective** – function, Computes a (scalar) loss given meta-parameters and an array (batch) of random seeds.
- **meta\_optimizer** – tuple of functions, Defines the meta-optimizer to use (for example, a `jax.experimental.optimizers.Optimizer` tuple).
- **steps** – A generator that yields integers from (0, num\_steps).
- **batch\_size** – int, Number of problems to train per batch.
- **save\_every** – int, Specifies how often to store auxiliary information. If None, then information is never stored (Default: None).
- **clip\_value** – float, Specifies the gradient clipping value (maximum gradient norm) (Default: `np.inf`).

**Returns** Final optimized parameters. `store`: Dict containing saved auxiliary information during optimization.

**Return type** final\_params

`renn.metaopt.api.unroll_for` (*initial\_params, loss\_fun, optimizer, extract\_state, steps*)

Runs an optimizer on a given problem, using a for loop.

Note: this is slower to compile than `unroll_scan`, but can be used to store intermediate computations (such as the optimizer state or problem parameters) at every iteration, for further analysis.

**Parameters**

- **initial\_params** – Initial parameters.
- **loss\_fun** – A function that takes (params, step) and returns a loss.
- **optimizer** – A tuple containing an optimizer init function, an update function, and a `get_params` function.
- **extract\_state** – A function that given some optimizer state, returns what from that optimizer state to store. Note that each optimizer state is different, so this function depends on a particular optimizer.
- **steps** – A generator that yields integers from (0, num\_steps).

**Returns** Dictionary containing results to save.

**Return type** results

`renn.metaopt.api.unroll_scan` (*initial\_params, loss\_fun, optimizer, num\_steps, decorator*)

Runs an optimizer on a given problem, using `lax.scan`.

Note: this will cache parameters during the unrolled loop, and thus uses a lot of device memory, therefore it is not good for simply evaluating (testing) an optimizer. Instead, it is useful for when we need to compute a `_derivative_` of some final loss with respect to the optimizer parameters.

#### Parameters

- **initial\_params** – Initial parameters.
- **loss\_fun** – A function that takes (params, step) and returns a loss.
- **optimizer** – A tuple containing an optimizer init function, an update function, and a `get_params` function.
- **num\_steps** – int, number of steps to run the optimizer.
- **decorator** – callable, Optional decorator function used to wrap the `apply_fun` argument to `lax.scan`.

**Returns** Problem parameters after running the optimizer. `fs`: Loss at every step of the loop.

**Return type** `final_params`

### renn.metaopt.common module

Update functions for common optimizers.

`renn.metaopt.common.adagrad` (*alpha, beta*)

`renn.metaopt.common.adam` (*alpha, beta1=0.9, beta2=0.999, eps=1e-05*)

`renn.metaopt.common.cwrnn` (*cell\_apply, readout\_apply*)

`renn.metaopt.common.momentum` (*alpha, beta*)

`renn.metaopt.common.nesterov` (*alpha, beta*)

`renn.metaopt.common.rmsprop` (*alpha, beta=0.9, eps=1e-05*)

### renn.metaopt.losses module

Functions for computing a scalar objective from a loss curve.

`renn.metaopt.losses.final` (*fs*)

Returns the final loss value.

`renn.metaopt.losses.mean` (*fs*)

Returns the average over the loss values.

`renn.metaopt.losses.nanmin` (*fs*)

Computes the NaN-aware minimum over the loss curve.

### renn.metaopt.models module

Define simple learned optimizer models.

`renn.metaopt.models.aggmo` (*key, num\_terms*)

Aggregated momentum (aggmo).

`renn.metaopt.models.append_to_sequence(sequence, element)`

Appends an element to a rolling sequence buffer.

#### Parameters

- **sequence** – a sequence of ndarrays, concatenated along the first dimension.
- **element** – an ndarray to add to the sequence.

#### Returns

**the updated sequence, with the first element removed, the rest** of the elements shifted over, and the new element added.

**Return type** sequence

`renn.metaopt.models.cwrnn(key, cell, input_scale='raw', output_scale=0.001)`

Component-wise RNN Optimizer.

This optimizer applies an RNN to update the parameters of each problem variable independently (hence the name, component-wise). It follows the same approach as in previous work (Andrychowicz et al 2016, Wichrowska et al 2017) that distribute the parameters along the batch dimension of the RNN. This allows us to easily update each parameter in parallel.

#### Parameters

- **key** – Jax PRNG key to use for initializing parameters.
- **cell** – An RNNCell to use (see `renn/rnn/cells.py`)
- **input\_scale** – str, Specifies how to scale gradient inputs to the RNN. If 'raw', then the gradients are not scaled. If 'log1p', then the scale and the sign of the inputs are split into a length 2 vector, `[log1p(abs(g)), sign(g)]`.
- **output\_scale** – float, Constant used to multiply (rescale) the RNN output.

#### Returns

**A tuple containing the RNN parameters and the readout** parameters. The RNN parameters themselves are a namedtuple. The readout parameters are also a tuple containing weights and a bias.

**optimizer\_fun:** A function that takes a set of **meta\_parameters** and initializes an optimizer tuple containing functions to initialize the optimizer state, update the optimizer state, and get parameters from the optimizer state.

**Return type** meta\_parameters

`renn.metaopt.models.gradgram(key, tau, scale_grad, scale_gram, base_grad=0, base_gram=0)`

Optimizer that is a function of gradient history and inner products.

`renn.metaopt.models.lds(key, num_units, h0_init=<function zeros>, w_init=<function variance_scaling.<locals>.init>)`

Linear dynamical system (LDS) optimizer.

`renn.metaopt.models.linear(key, tau, scale, base=0)`

Optimizer that is a linear function of gradient history.

`renn.metaopt.models.linear_dx(key, tau, scale_grad, scale_dx, base_grad=0, base_gram=0)`

Optimizer that is a linear function of gradient and parameter history.

`renn.metaopt.models.momentum(key)`

Wrapper for the momentum optimizer.

## renn.metaopt.tasks module

Load tasks from the library.

`renn.metaopt.tasks.quad` ( $n$ ,  $\lambda_{\min}$ ,  $\lambda_{\max}$ ,  $\text{precision}=\text{PrecisionConfig\_Precision.HIGHEST}$ :  
2>)

Quadratic loss function with loguniform eigenvalues.

The loss is:  $f(x) = (1/2) x^T H x + x^T v + b$ .

The eigenvalues of the Hessian (H) are sampled uniformly on a logarithmic grid from  $\lambda_{\min}$  to  $\lambda_{\max}$ .

### Parameters

- **n** – int, Problem dimension (number of parameters).
- **lambda\_min** – float, Minimum eigenvalue of the Hessian.
- **lambda\_max** – float, Maximum eigenvalue of the Hessian.
- **precision** – Which lax precision to use (default: HIGHEST).

### Returns

Function that takes a jax PRNGkey and a precision argument and returns an (initial\_params, loss\_fun) tuple.

**Return type** problem\_fun

`renn.metaopt.tasks.two_moons` ( $model$ ,  $num\_samples=1024$ ,  $l2\_pen=0.005$ ,  $seed=0$ )

`renn.metaopt.tasks.logistic_regression` ( $model$ ,  $features$ ,  $targets$ ,  $l2\_pen=0.0$ )

Helper function for logistic regression.

`renn.metaopt.tasks.softmax_regression` ( $model$ ,  $features$ ,  $targets$ ,  $num\_classes$ ,  $l2\_pen=0.0$ )

Helper function for softmax regression.

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Meta-optimization framework.

## 7.1.3 renn.rnn package

### Submodules

#### renn.rnn.cells module

Recurrent neural network (RNN) cells.

```
class renn.rnn.cells.LinearRNN (A: jax._src.numpy.lax_numpy.array, W:
                                jax._src.numpy.lax_numpy.array, b:
                                jax._src.numpy.lax_numpy.array)
```

Bases: object

Dataclass for storing parameters of a Linear RNN.

**apply** ( $x$ ,  $h$ )  $\rightarrow$  jax.\_src.numpy.lax\_numpy.array  
Linear RNN Update.

**flatten** ()

```
class renn.rnn.cells.RNNCell (num_units, h_init=<function zeros>)
```

Bases: object

Base class for all RNN Cells.

**An RNNCell must implement the following methods:** `init(PRNGKey, input_shape) -> output_shape,`  
`rnn_params apply(params, inputs, state) -> next_state`

**apply** (*params, inputs, state*)

**get\_initial\_state** (*params, batch\_size=None*)

Gets initial RNN states.

#### Parameters

- **params** – rnn\_parameters
- **batch\_size** – batch size of initial states to create.

**Returns** An ndarray with shape (batch size, num\_units).

**init** (*key, input\_shape*)

**init\_initial\_state** (*key*)

```
class renn.rnn.cells.StackedCell (layers)
```

Bases: [renn.rnn.cells.RNNCell](#)

Stacks multiple RNN cells together.

A stacked RNN cell is specified by a list of RNN cells and (optional) stax.Dense layers in between them.

Note that the full hidden state for this cell is the concatenation of hidden states from all of the cells in the stack.

**apply** (*params, inputs, state*)

Applies a single step of a Stacked RNN.

**init** (*key, input\_shape*)

Initializes parameters of a Stacked RNN.

```
class renn.rnn.cells.GRU (num_units, gate_bias=0.0, w_init=<function variance_scaling.<locals>.init>, b_init=<function zeros>, h_init=<function zeros>)
```

Bases: [renn.rnn.cells.RNNCell](#)

Gated recurrent unit.

**apply** (*params, inputs, state*)

**init** (*key, input\_shape*)

```
class renn.rnn.cells.LSTM (num_units, forget_bias=1.0, w_init=<function variance_scaling.<locals>.init>, b_init=<function zeros>, h_init=<function zeros>)
```

Bases: [renn.rnn.cells.RNNCell](#)

Long-short term memory (LSTM).

**apply** (*params, inputs, full\_state*)

**init** (*key, input\_shape*)

```
class renn.rnn.cells.VanillaRNN (num_units, w_init=<function variance_scaling.<locals>.init>, b_init=<function zeros>, h_init=<function zeros>)
```

Bases: [renn.rnn.cells.RNNCell](#)

Vanilla RNN Cell.



**apply** (*params, inputs, state*)  
Applies a single step of a Vanilla RNN.

**init** (*key, input\_shape*)  
Initializes the parameters of a Vanilla RNN.

**class** `renn.rnn.cells.UGRNN` (*num\_units, gate\_bias=0.0, w\_init=<function vari-  
ance\_scaling.<locals>.init>, b\_init=<function zeros>, h\_init=<function zeros>*)

Bases: `renn.rnn.cells.RNNCell`

Update-gate RNN Cell.

**apply** (*params, inputs, state*)

**init** (*key, input\_shape*)

`renn.rnn.cells.embedding` (*vocab\_size, embedding\_size, initializer=<function ortho-  
nal.<locals>.init>*)

Builds a token embedding.

#### Parameters

- **vocab\_size** – int, Size of the vocabulary (number of tokens).
- **embedding\_size** – int, Dimensionality of the embedding.
- **initializer** – Initializer for the embedding (Default: orthogonal).

**Returns** callable, Initializes the embedding given a key and input\_shape. **apply\_fun**: callable, Converts a set of tokens to embedded vectors.

**Return type** `init_fun`

## renn.rnn.fixed\_points module

Fixed point finding routines.

`renn.rnn.fixed_points.build_fixed_point_loss` (*rnn\_cell, cell\_params*)

Builds function to compute speed of hidden states.

#### Parameters

- **rnn\_cell** – an RNNCell instance.
- **cell\_params** – RNN parameters to use when applying the RNN.

#### Returns

**function that takes a batch of hidden states** and inputs and computes the speed of the corresponding hidden states.

**Return type** `fixed_point_loss_fun`

`renn.rnn.fixed_points.find_fixed_points` (*fp\_loss\_fun, initial\_states, x\_star, optimizer, tolerance, steps=range(0, 1000)*)

Run fixed point optimization.

#### Parameters

- **fp\_loss\_fun** – Function that computes fixed point speeds.
- **initial\_states** – Initial state seeds.
- **x\_star** – Input at which to compute fixed points.

- **optimizer** – A `jax.experimental.optimizers` tuple.
- **tolerance** – Stopping tolerance threshold.
- **steps** – Iterator over steps.

**Returns** Array of fixed points for each tolerance. `loss_hist`: Array containing fixed point loss curve.  
`squared_speeds`: Array containing the squared speed of each fixed point.

**Return type** `fixed_points`

`renn.rnn.fixed_points.exclude_outliers` (*points, threshold=inf, verbose=False*)  
Remove points that are not within some threshold of another point.

## renn.rnn.network module

Recurrent neural network (RNN) helper functions.

`renn.rnn.network.build_rnn` (*num\_tokens, emb\_size, cell, num\_outputs=1*)  
Builds an end-to-end recurrent neural network (RNN) model.

### Parameters

- **num\_tokens** – int, Number of different input tokens.
- **emb\_size** – int, Dimensionality of the embedding vectors.
- **cell** – `RNNCell` to use as the core update function (see `cells.py`).
- **num\_outputs** – int, Number of outputs from the readout (Default: 1).

### Returns

**function that takes a PRNGkey and input\_shape and returns** expected shapes and initialized embedding, RNN, and readout parameters.

**apply\_fun: function that takes a tuple of network parameters and batch of** input tokens and applies the RNN to each sequence in the batch.

`emb_apply`: function to just apply the embedding. `readout_apply`: function to just apply the readout.

**Return type** `init_fun`

`renn.rnn.network.mse` (*y, yhat*)  
Mean squared error loss.

`renn.rnn.network.eigsorted` (*jac*)  
Computes sorted eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of a matrix.

## Notes

The eigenvectors are stored in the columns of the returned matrices. The right and left eigenvectors are returned, such that:  $J = REL^T$

**Parameters** `jac` – numpy array used to compute the eigendecomposition (must be square).

**Returns** right eigenvectors, as columns in the returned array. `eigvals`: numpy array of eigenvalues.  
lefts: left eigenvectors, as columns in the returned array.

**Return type** `rights`

`renn.rnn.network.timescale` (*eigenvalues*)  
Converts eigenvalues into approximate time constants.

## renn.rnn.unroll module

Recurrent neural network (RNN) cells.

`renn.rnn.unroll.unroll_rnn` (*initial\_states*, *input\_sequences*, *rnn\_update*, *readout*=<function identity>)

Unrolls an RNN on a batch of input sequences.

Given a batch of initial RNN states, and a batch of input sequences, this function unrolls application of the RNN along the sequence. The RNN state is updated using the *rnn\_update* function, and the *readout* is used to convert the RNN state to outputs (defaults to the identity function).

B: batch size. N: number of RNN units. T: sequence length.

### Parameters

- **initial\_states** – batch of initial states, with shape (B, N).
- **input\_sequences** – batch of inputs, with shape (B, T, N).
- **rnn\_update** – updates the RNN hidden state, given (inputs, current\_states).
- **readout** – applies the readout, given current states. If this is the identity function, then no readout is applied (returns the hidden states).

**Returns** batch of outputs (batch\_size, sequence\_length, num\_outputs).

**Return type** outputs

## Module contents

## 7.2 Submodules

## 7.3 renn.analysis\_utils module

Utilities for analysis.

`renn.analysis_utils.pseudogrid` (*coordinates*, *dimension*)

Constructs a pseudogrid ('pseudo' in that it is not necessarily evenly-spaced) of points in 'dimension'-dimension space from the specified coordinates.

Arguments: *coordinates*: a mapping between dimensions and coordinates in those dimensions

*dimension*: number of dimensions

For all dimensions that are not specified, the coordinate is taken to be 0.

### Example

if **coordinates** = {0: [0, 1, 2], 2: [1]},

and **dimension** = 4, the coordinates in dimensions 1 and 3 will be taken as [0], yielding the effective coordinate-dictionary

**coordinates** = {0: [0,1,2], 1: [0], 2: [1], 3: [0]}

**Then the resulting pseudogrid will be constructed as:** [[0,0,1,0], [1,0,1,0], [2,0,1,0]]

## 7.4 `renn.losses` module

Functions for computing loss.

`renn.losses.binary_xent` (*logits, labels*)

Cross-entropy loss in a two-class classification problem, where the model output is a single logit

**Parameters**

- **logits** – array of shape (batch\_size, 1) or just (batch\_size)
- **labels** – array of length batch\_size, whose elements are either 0 or 1

**Returns** scalar cross entropy loss

**Return type** loss

`renn.losses.multiclass_xent` (*logits, labels*)

## 7.5 `renn.serialize` module

Serialization of pytrees.

`renn.serialize.dump` (*pytree, file*)

`renn.serialize.load` (*file*)

`renn.serialize.dumps` (*pytree*)

`renn.serialize.loads` (*bytes*)

## 7.6 `renn.utils` module

Utilities for optimization.

`renn.utils.batch_mean` (*fun, in\_axes*)

Converts a function to a batched version (maps over multiple inputs).

This takes a function that returns a scalar (such as a loss function) and returns a new function that maps the function over multiple arguments (such as over multiple random seeds) and returns the average of the results.

It is useful for generating a batched version of a loss function, where the loss function has stochasticity that depends on a random seed argument.

**Parameters**

- **fun** – function, Function to batch.
- **in\_axes** – tuple, Specifies the arguments to fun to batch over. For example, `in_axes=(None, 0)` would batch over the second argument.

**Returns** function, computes the average over a batch.

**Return type** batch\_fun

`renn.utils.norm` (*params, order=2*)

Computes the (flattened) norm of a pytree.

`renn.utils.identity` (*x*)

Identity function.

`renn.utils.fst(xs)`

Returns the first element from a list.

`renn.utils.snd(xs)`

Returns the second element from a list.

`renn.utils.optimize(loss_fun, x0, optimizer, steps, stop_tol=-inf)`

Run an optimizer on a given loss function.

#### Parameters

- **loss\_fun** – Scalar loss function to optimize.
- **x0** – Initial parameters.
- **optimizer** – An tuple of optimizer functions (init\_opt, update\_opt, get\_params) from a `jax.experimental.optimizers` instance.
- **steps** – Iterator over steps.
- **stop\_tol** – Stop if the loss is below this value (Default: `-np.inf`).

**Returns** Array of losses during training. `final_params`: Optimized parameters.

**Return type** `loss_hist`

`renn.utils.one_hot(labels, num_classes, dtype=<class 'jax._src.numpy.lax_numpy.float32'>)`

Creates a one-hot encoding of an array of labels.

#### Parameters

- **labels** – array of integers with shape `(num_examples,)`.
- **num\_classes** – int, Total number of classes.
- **dtype** – optional, jax datatype for the return array (Default: `float32`).

**Returns** array with shape `(num_examples, num_classes)`.

**Return type** `one_hot_labels`

`renn.utils.compose(*funcs)`

Returns a function that is the composition of multiple functions.

## 7.7 renn.version module

## 7.8 Module contents

RENN core.



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- **Added**
  - Initial publicized release.
  - Added documentation using sphinx.





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