# Method Description for CCKS 2018 Task 2: Instruction Understanding in the Field of Music

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**Abstract.** The instruction understanding in the field of music aim for intention judgment and slot filling. In this paper, we first employ Bi-LSTM model to recognize named entities for slot filling, then adopt heuristic rules for intention judgment.

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#### 1 Task Description

The instruction understanding in the field of music includes two tasks, namely intention judgment and slot filling. We first employ Bi-LSTM model to recognize named entities for slot filling, then adopt heuristic rules for intention judgment.

#### 2 Methods

In this section, we will describe the methods we propose, including the Bi-LSTM model for slot filling, and heuristic rules for intention judgment.

### 2.1 Bi-LSTM Model for slot filling

The slot filling task aims to recognize named entities in the filed of music. The named entity recognition task can be seen as a sequence labeling problem, that is, given a sequence  $X = \langle x_1, ..., x_n \rangle$  from texts, the goal is to label Xwith tag sequence  $Y = \langle y_1, ..., y_n \rangle$ . We adopt the *BIEO* tag scheme, where B indicates " $x_i$  is the beginning of a clinical named entity", I indicates " $x_i$  is inside a clinical named entity", E indicates " $x_i$  is the end of a clinical named entity", and O indicates " $x_i$  is outside a clinical named entity". Take  $X = \langle \bar{\mathfrak{f}},$ 播, 放, 周, 杰, 伦, 的, 稻, 香> as an example, its corresponding  $Y = \langle O, O, O,$ B-artist, I-artist, E-artist, O, B-song, E-song>.

We employ a Bi-LSTM Model model for this task. Note that we exploit character embedding rather than word embedding, and has no additional features used. As shown in Fig. 1, the raw natural language input sentence is processed into sequence of characters  $X = [x]_1^T$ . The character sequence is fed into the embedding layer, which produces dense vector representation of characters. The

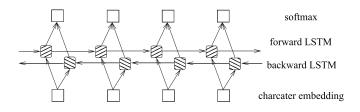


Fig. 1. Bi-LSTM model

character vectors are then fed into a bidirectional LSTM layer [1]. Specifically, for each position t, LSTM [2] computes  $h_t$  with input  $e_t$  and previous state  $h_{t-1}$ , as:

$$\mathbf{i}_t = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{e}_t + \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + \mathbf{b}_i) \tag{1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{f}_t = \sigma(\boldsymbol{W}_f \boldsymbol{e}_t + \boldsymbol{U}_f \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{b}_f) \tag{2}$$

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{c}}_t = \tanh(\boldsymbol{W}_c \boldsymbol{e}_t + \boldsymbol{U}_c \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{b}_c) \tag{3}$$

$$\boldsymbol{c}_t = \boldsymbol{f}_t \odot \boldsymbol{c}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{i}_t \odot \tilde{\boldsymbol{c}}_t \tag{4}$$

$$\boldsymbol{o}_t = \sigma(\boldsymbol{W}_o \boldsymbol{e}_t + \boldsymbol{U}_o \boldsymbol{h}_{t-1} + \boldsymbol{b}_o) \tag{5}$$

$$\boldsymbol{h}_t = \boldsymbol{o}_t \odot \tanh(\boldsymbol{c}_t) \tag{6}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{h}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{i}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{f}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{o} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_h}$  are  $d_h$ -dimensional hidden state (also called output vector), input gate, forget gate and output gate, respectively;  $\boldsymbol{W}_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{W}_f$ ,  $\boldsymbol{W}_c$ ,  $\boldsymbol{W}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{4d_h \times d_e}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{U}_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{U}_f$ ,  $\boldsymbol{U}_c$ ,  $\boldsymbol{U}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{4d_h \times d_h}$  and  $\boldsymbol{b}_i$ ,  $\boldsymbol{b}_f$ ,  $\boldsymbol{b}_c$ ,  $\boldsymbol{b}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{4d_h}$  are the parameters of the LSTM;  $\sigma$  is the sigmoid function, and  $\odot$  denotes element-wise production.

In the bidirectional LSTM, for any given sequence, the network computes both a left,  $\vec{h_t}$ , and a right,  $\vec{h_t}$ , representations of the sequence context at every input,  $x_t$ . The final representation is created by concatenating them as  $h_t = [\vec{h_t}; \vec{h_t}]$ . Finally,  $h_t$  is fed into a fully connected layer with a softmax function to predict the tag  $y_t$ .

#### 2.2 Heuristic Rules for Intention Judgment

The intention judgment task can be seen as a classification task. We simply adopt heuristic rules to deal with the task. If a sentence contains named entities recognized by Bi-LSTM model, it is music related. If not, it is music unrelated. Specifically, if the sentence contains key words such as "唱", "放", "歌", it will be labeled as "Random". If not, it will be labeled as "No music"

#### 3 Experimental Settings

We first clean the utterances and only process the third sentence in it. When training, we use all the labeled data as training data. The Bi-LSTM model is trained by Adam algorithm [3], and the loss function is cross entropy function.

As for the Bi-LSTM model, each Chinese character is projected into the continuous space of 256-dimensional Euclidean space to reduce the dimensionality. The size of LSTM hidden layer is 256, and the batch size of the model is 32.

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