# Recurrent Neural Networks

Directed Reading Course (Part Two)

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#### **Motivation**

The problem of language model

$$P(\mathbf{w}_1,...,\mathbf{w}_m)$$

Traditional methods

$$p(\mathbf{w}_{1} | \mathbf{w}_{1}) = \frac{\text{count}(\mathbf{w}_{1}, \mathbf{w}_{2})}{\text{count}(\mathbf{w}_{1})}$$
$$p(\mathbf{w}_{3} | \mathbf{w}_{1}, \mathbf{w}_{2}) = \frac{\text{count}(\mathbf{w}_{1}, \mathbf{w}_{2}, \mathbf{w}_{3})}{\text{count}(\mathbf{w}_{1}, \mathbf{w}_{2})}$$

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Markov assumption

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Necessary...

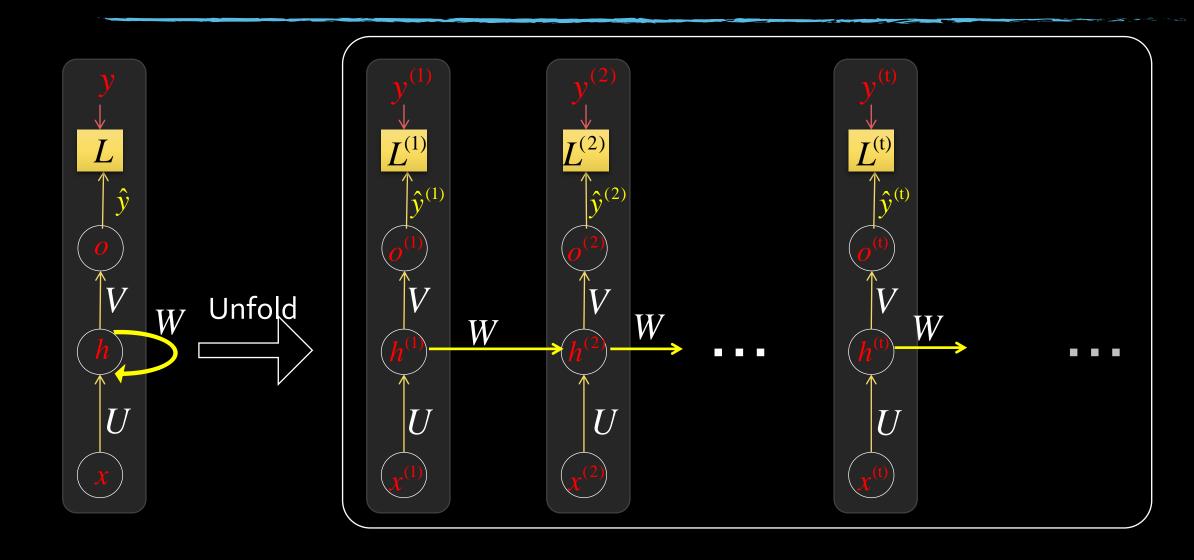
Incorrect in many cases!

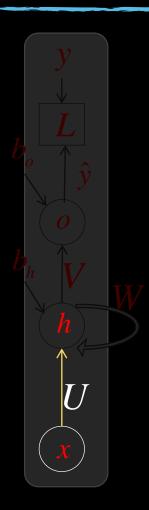
#### Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

RNNs are a type of neural networks with the following goal:

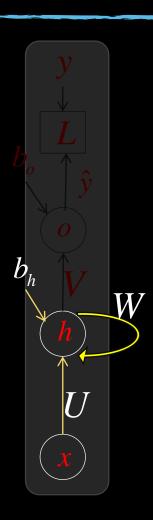
$$\hat{P}(x_{t+1} = \hat{y} \mid x_t, ..., x_1)$$

#### Vanilla Recurrent Neural Networks

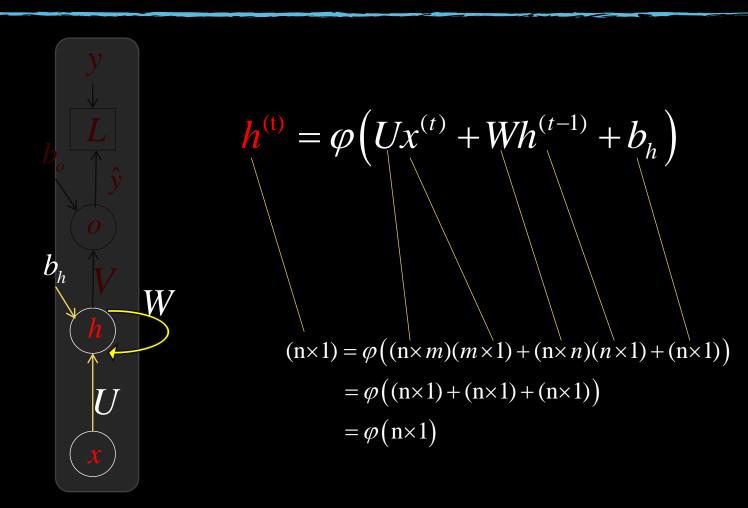


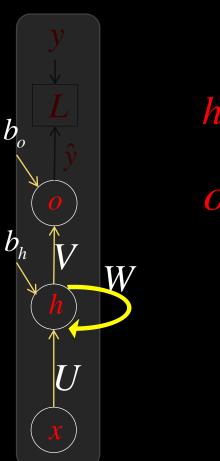


 $Ux^{(t)}$ 



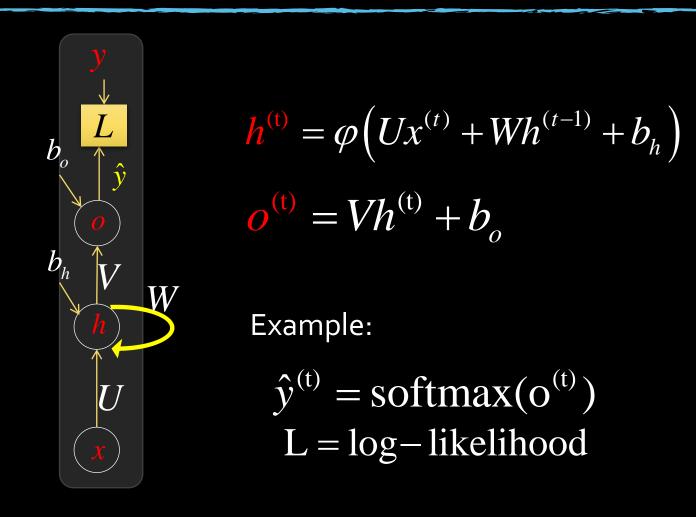
$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \varphi \left( Ux^{(t)} + Wh^{(t-1)} + b_h \right)$$

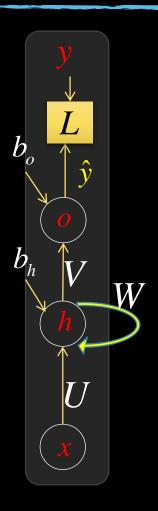




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$$o^{(t)} = Vh^{(t)} + b_o$$





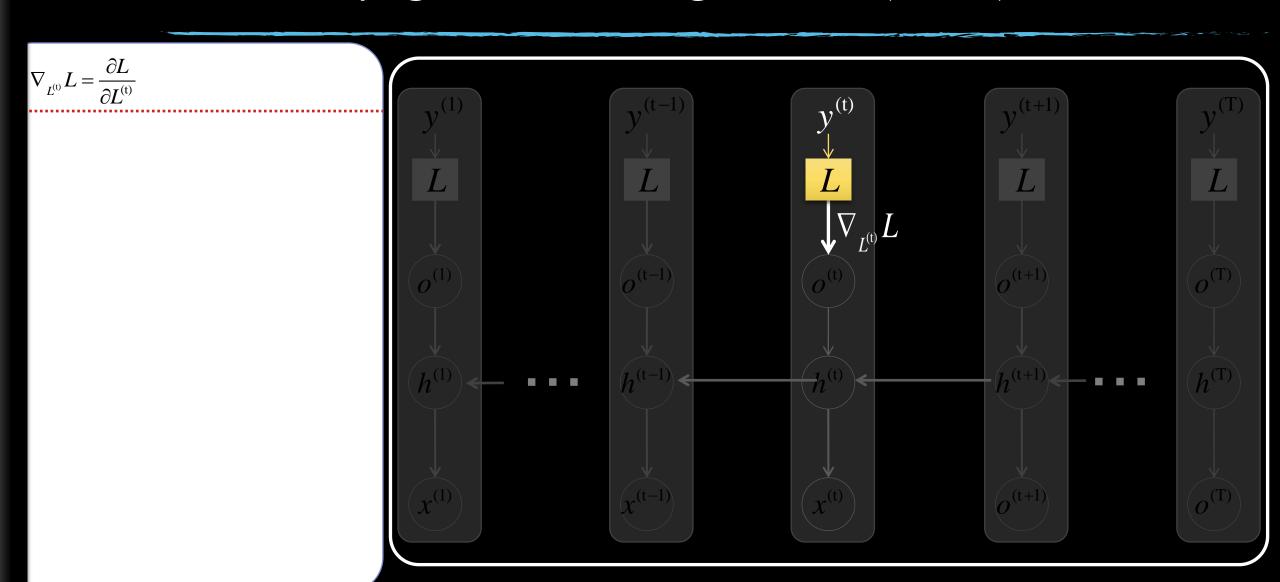
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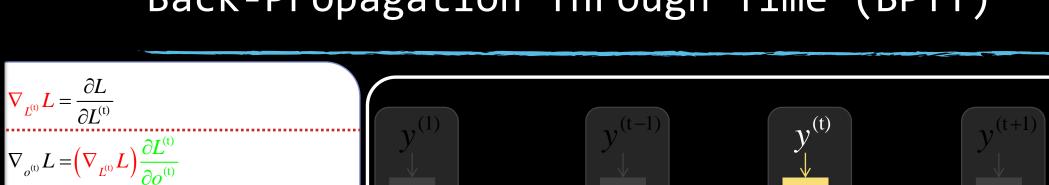
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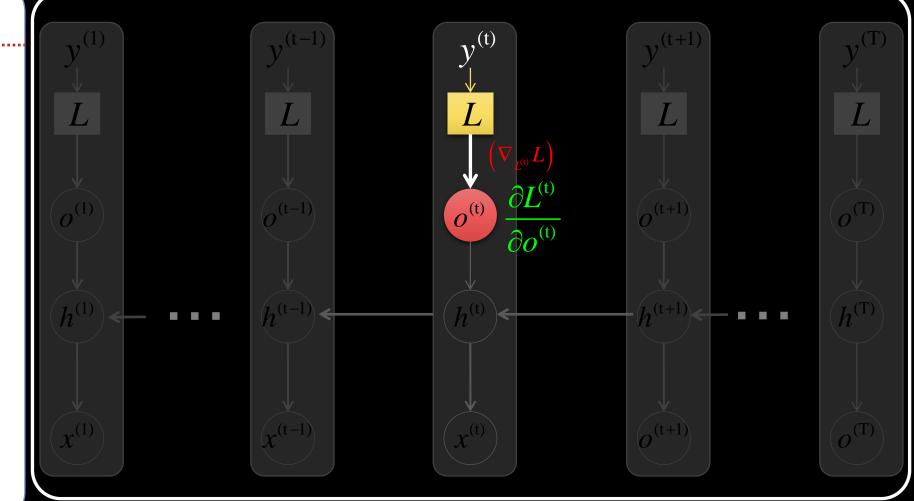
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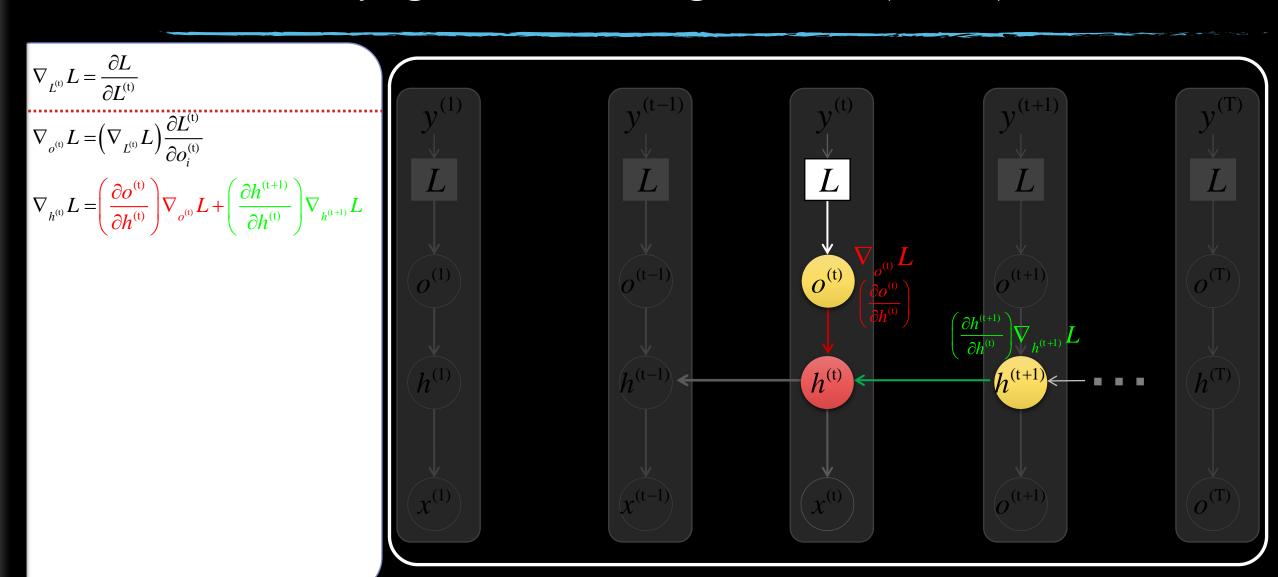
$$\hat{y}^{(t)} = \text{softmax}(o_t)$$
  
 $L = \log - \text{likelihood}$ 

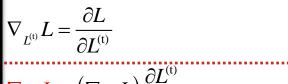
In some cases  $\hat{y}^{(t)}$  is optional @





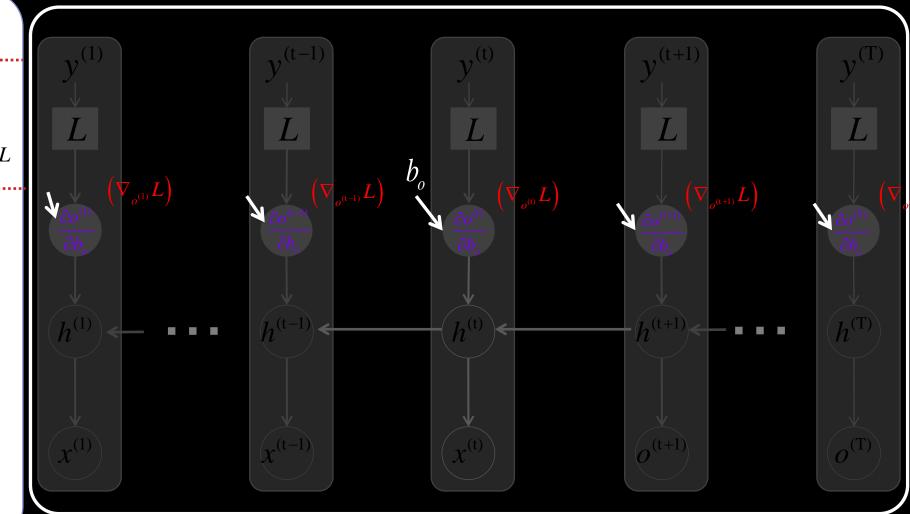




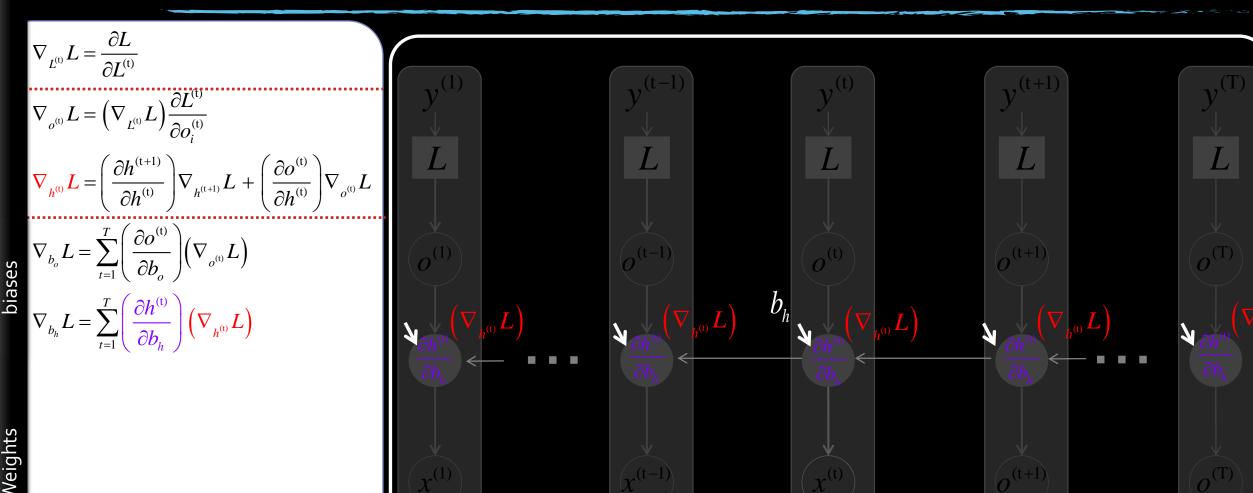


$$\nabla_{o^{(t)}} L = \left(\nabla_{L^{(t)}} L\right) \frac{\partial L^{(t)}}{\partial o_i^{(t)}}$$

$$\nabla_{h^{(t)}} L = \left(\frac{\partial h^{(t+1)}}{\partial h^{(t)}}\right) \nabla_{h^{(t+1)}} L + \left(\frac{\partial o^{(t)}}{\partial h^{(t)}}\right) \nabla_{o^{(t)}} L$$



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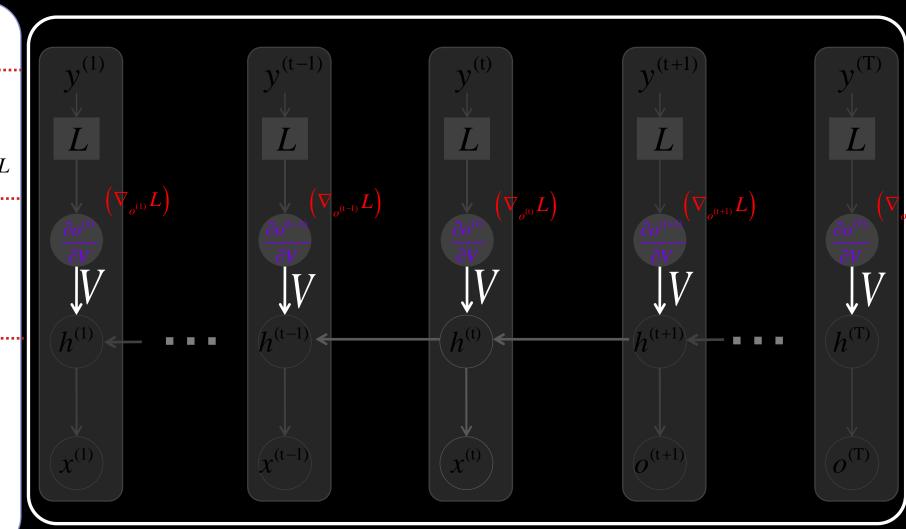
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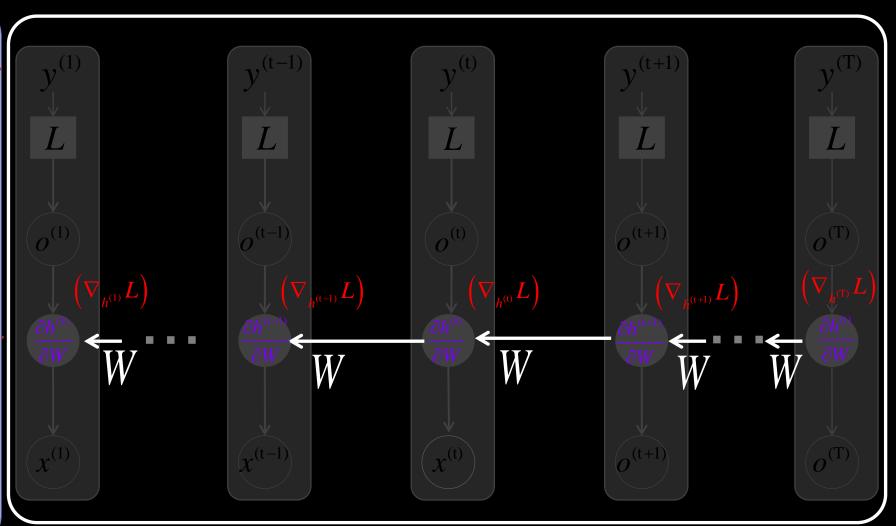
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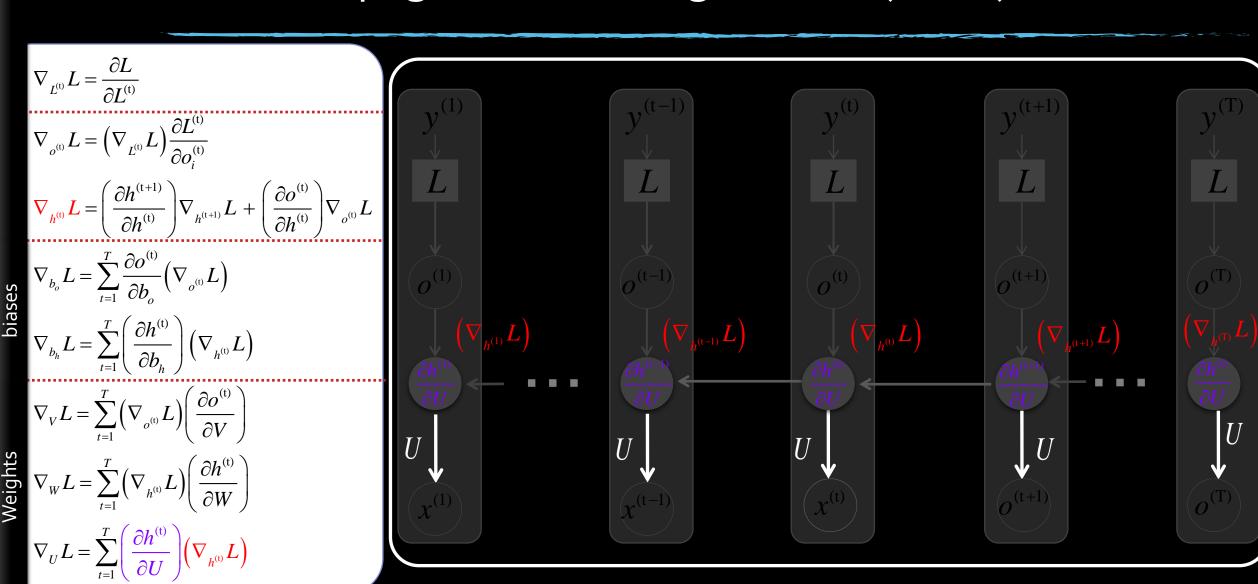
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$$\nabla_{V} L = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \left( \frac{\partial o^{(t)}}{\partial V} \right) \left( \nabla_{o^{(t)}} L \right)$$

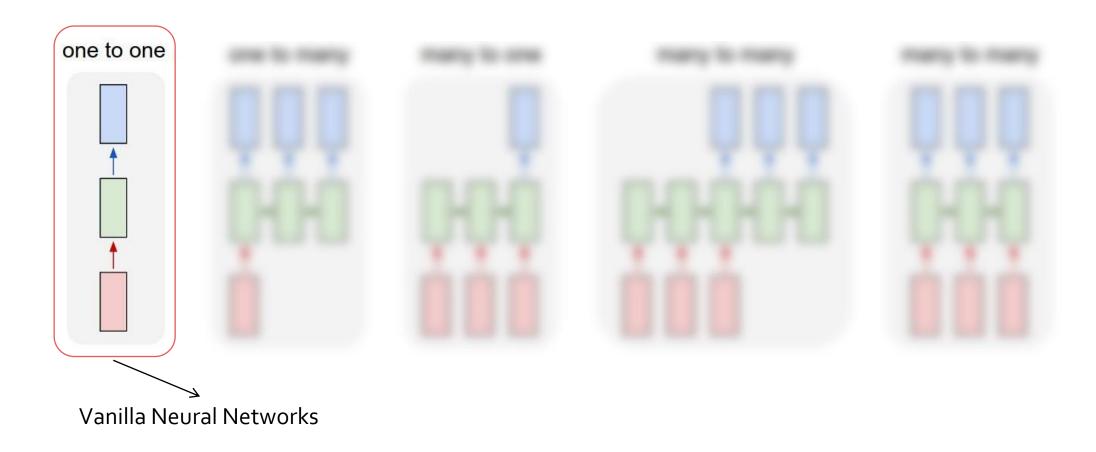


Specifically specified by 
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$$\nabla_{W} L = \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{\partial h^{(t)}}{\partial W} \right) \left( \nabla_{h^{(t)}} L \right)$$

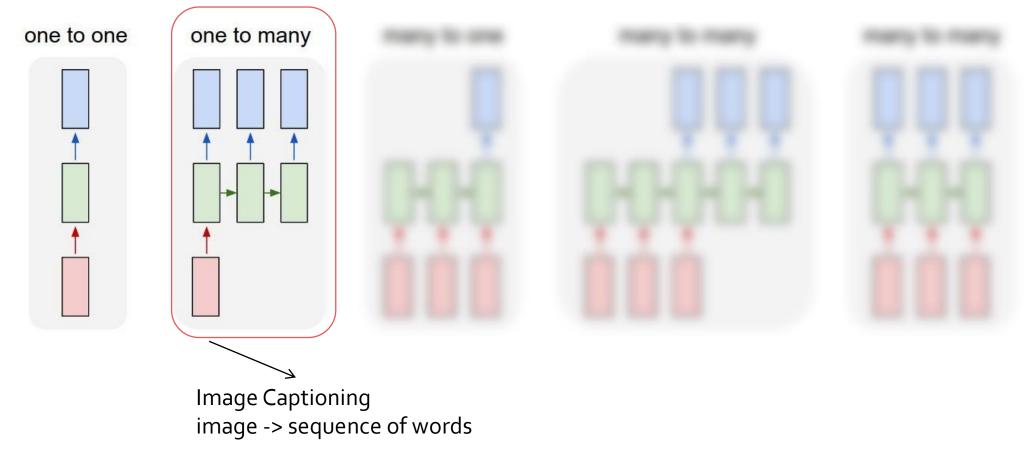




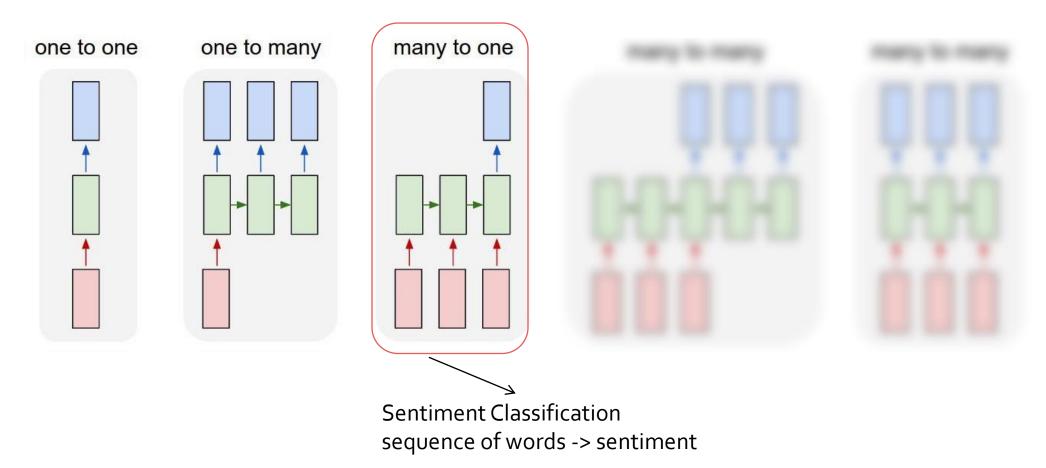
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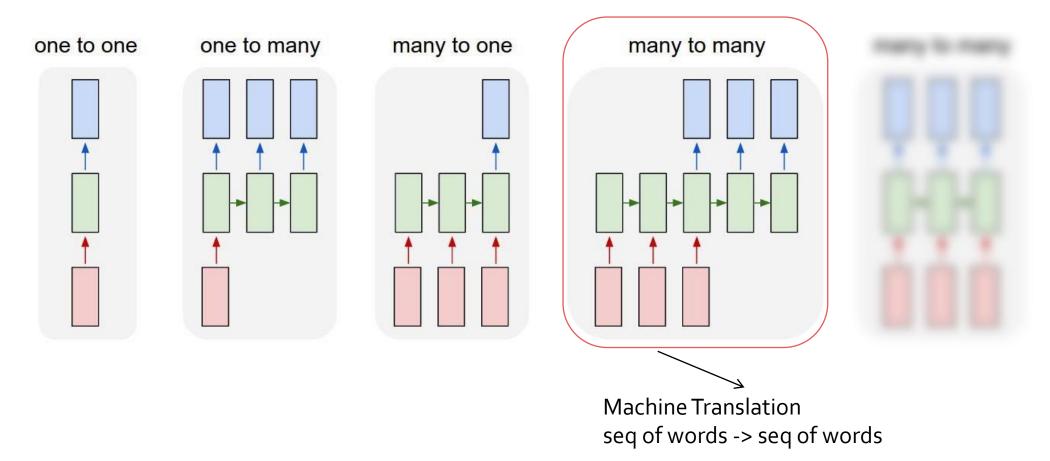
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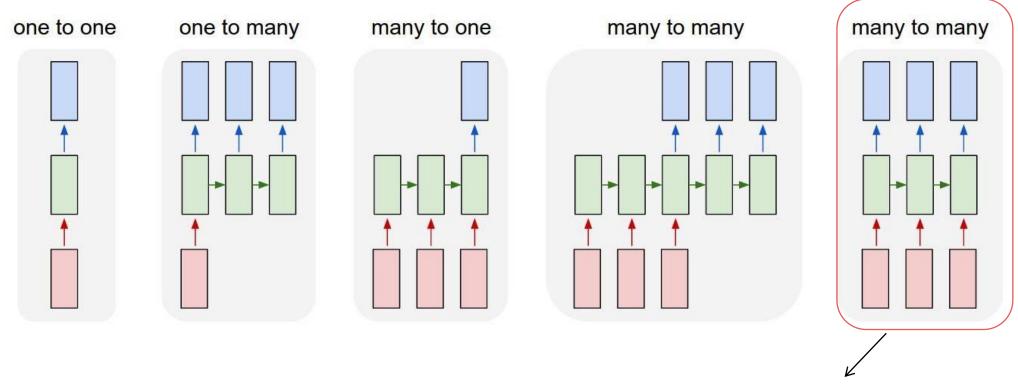
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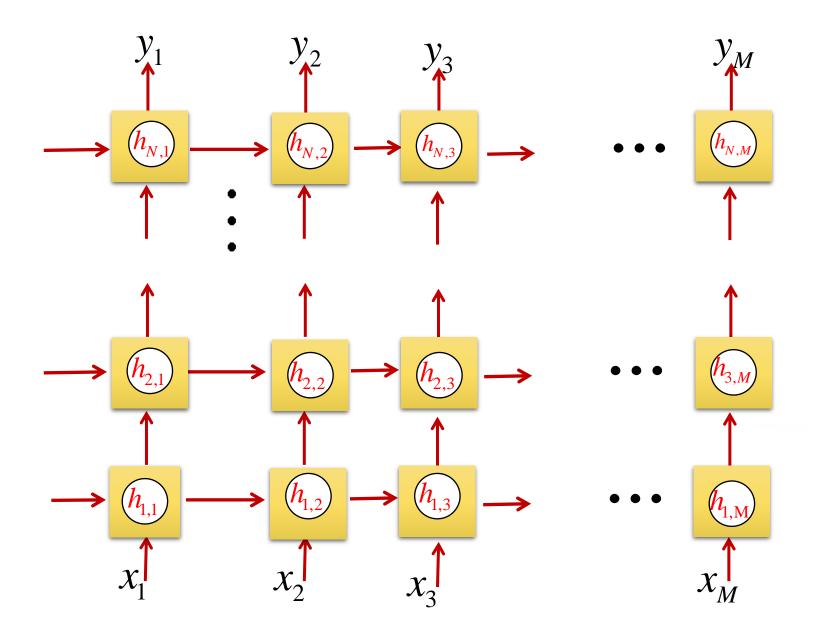
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Video classification on frame level



#### Bidirectional RNNs

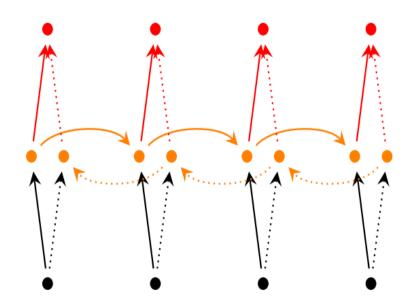
#### Vanilla RNNs

looks into the one side of sequence (left or past) to predict the next output.

Bidirectional RNNs (BiRNNs)

can focus on both past and future (right side of the sequence).

#### **Bidirectional RNNs**

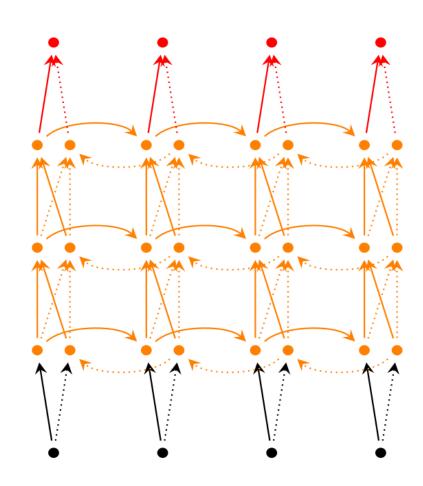


$$\vec{h}_{t} = f\left(\vec{U}x_{t} + \vec{W}h_{t-1} + \vec{b}_{h}\right)$$

$$\dot{h}_{t} = f\left(\vec{U}x_{t} + \vec{W}h_{t+1} + \vec{b}_{h}\right)$$

$$\hat{y} = g(V h_t + b_o) = g(V[\vec{h}_t; \vec{h}_t] + b_o)$$

#### Deep Bidirectional RNNs



$$\hat{y}_{(t)} = g(V h_t + b_o) = g(U[\vec{h}_t^{(L)}; \vec{h}_t^{(L)}] + b_o)$$

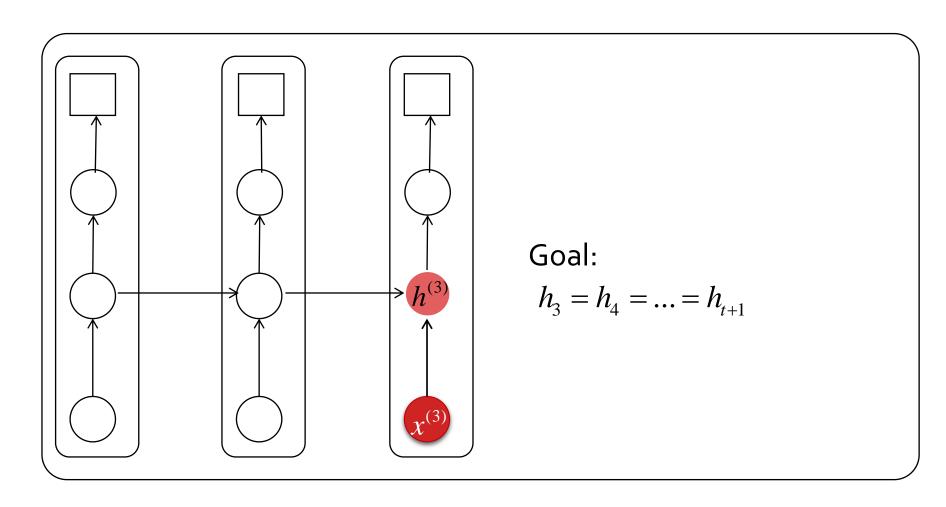
#### Two Problems of Vanilla RNNS

A)Information Morphing

B) Vanishing/Exploding of the Gradient

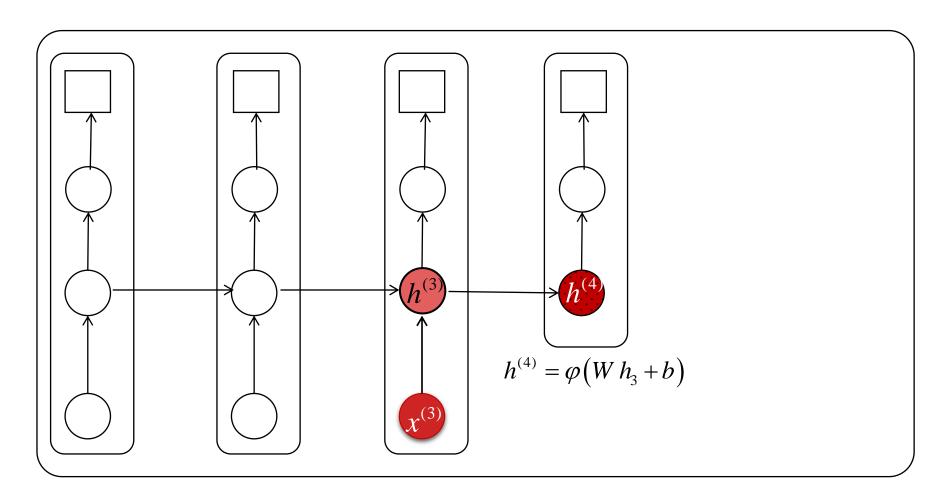
# Problem 1: Information morphing

Suppose  $x^{(3)}$  is important and we must remember it.



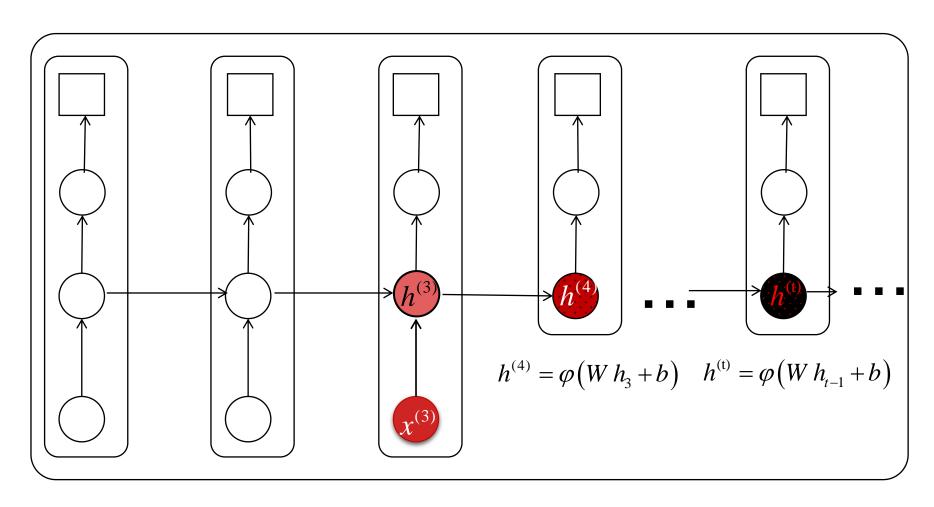
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 $h_{(4)}$  contains this information.



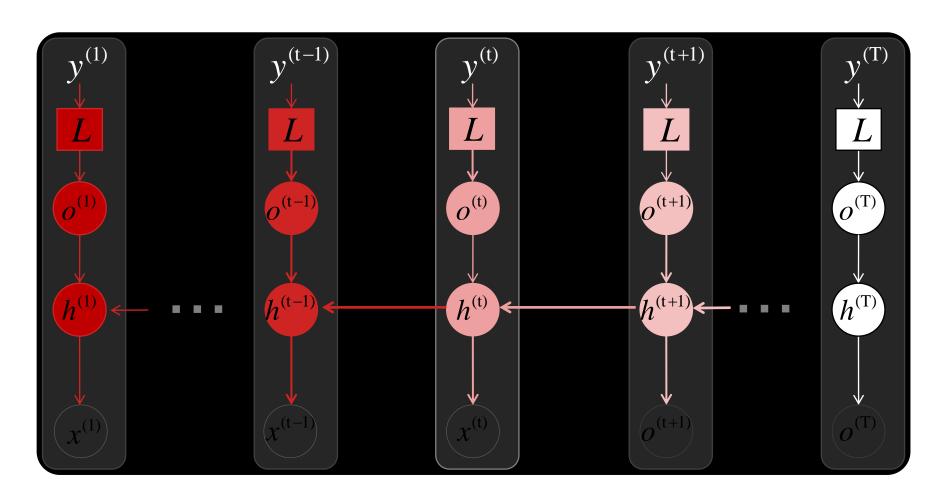
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But, this information is washing away as time precedes...



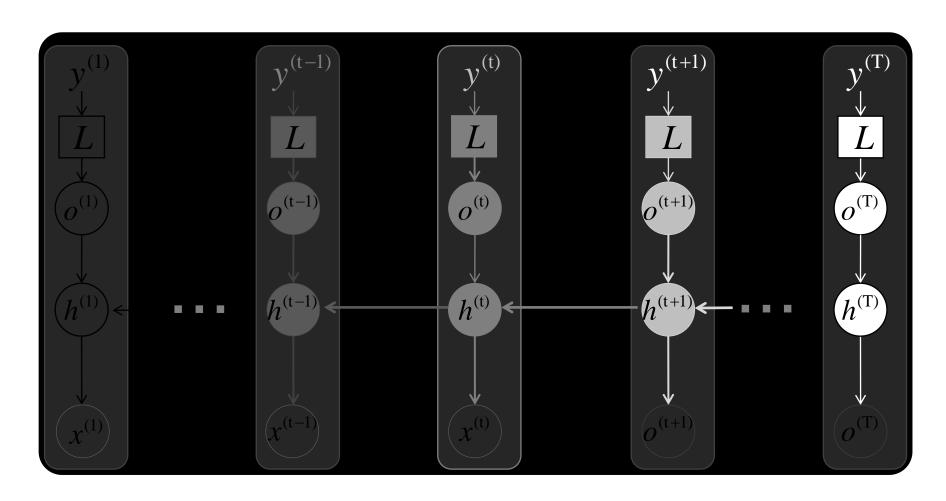
#### Problem 2: Exploding Gradient

If the weights are big, the gradients grow exponentially.



#### Problem 2: Vanishing Gradient

If the weights are small, the gradients shrink exponentially.

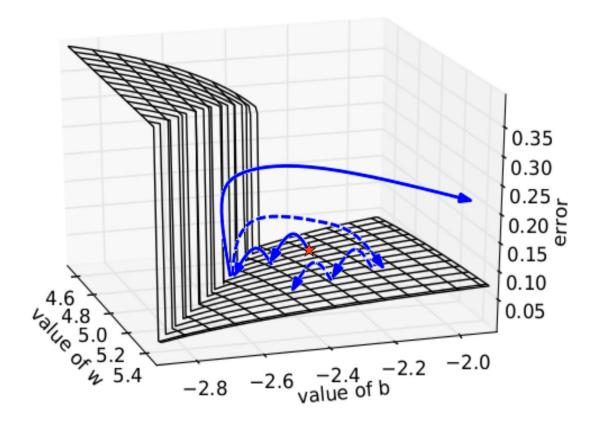


#### Two obvious solutions

- Better weight initialization (instead of random).
- Rectified Linear Unit (RLU) as activation function.

#### Gradient clipping

Simple heuristic solution that clips gradients to a small number whenever they explode.



[Thomas Mikolov et al., Pascanu, Razvan, Tomas Mikolov, and Yoshua Bengio, 2013]

#### Questions?

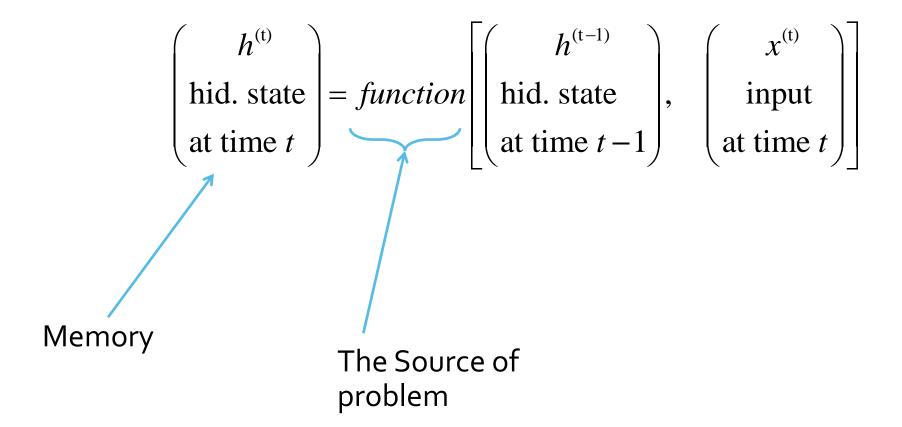
#### Can We Change the Structure?

Let's reformulated our vanilla RNN in the following form:

$$\begin{pmatrix} h^{(t)} \\ \text{hid. state} \\ \text{at time } t \end{pmatrix} = function \begin{vmatrix} h^{(t-1)} \\ \text{hid. state} \\ \text{at time } t-1 \end{vmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} x^{(t)} \\ \text{input} \\ \text{at time } t \end{vmatrix}$$

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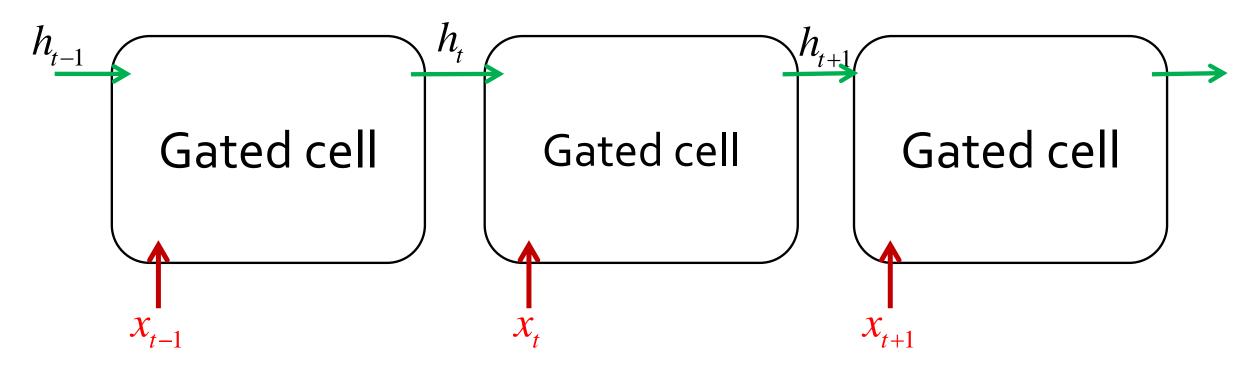
#### Memory's Properties

Memory should has three properties:

- I) Forgettablility
- II) Writability
- III) Readability

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#### Before, explaining GRU Let's talk about its intuition.

#### Linear operation on Memory

Memory should be a linear combination of Forgettablility and Writability.

$$\begin{pmatrix} h^{(t)} \\ \text{hid. state} \\ \text{at time } t \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Clearning} \\ \text{Memory} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \text{Writing} \\ \text{Memory} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Clearing and Writing on Memory

We need two separate parts to clear the unnecessary information from the memory and writing the new information.

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$$f^{(t)}, \mathbf{s}^{(t)}, \tilde{h}^{(t)}$$

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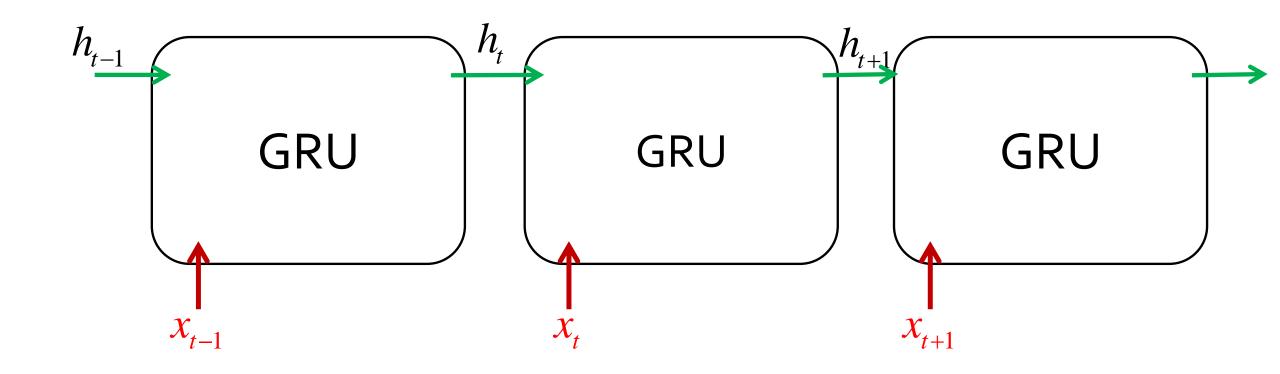
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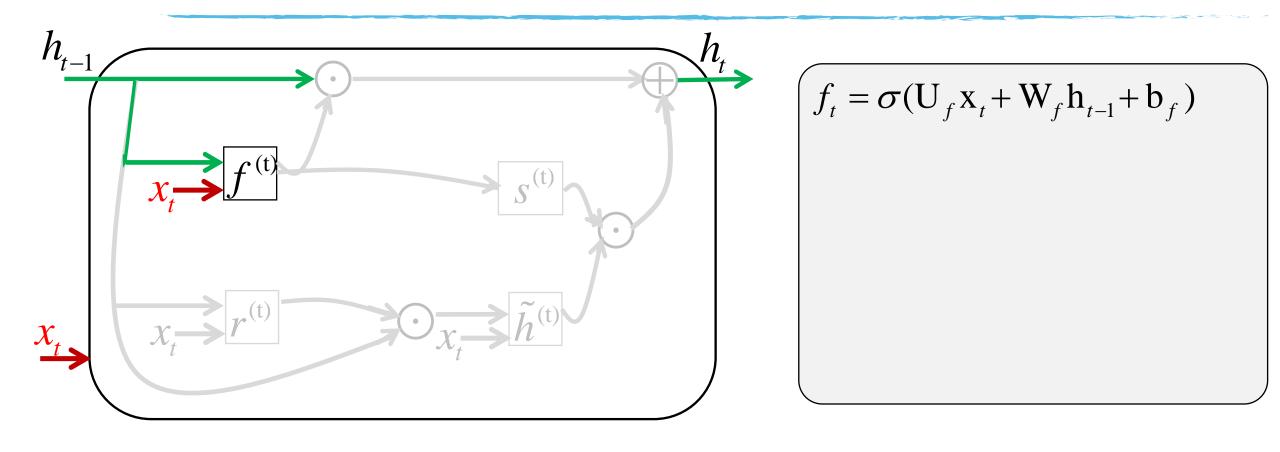
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$$r^{(t)} = \sigma_f \begin{bmatrix} h^{(t-1)} \\ \text{hid. state} \\ \text{at time } t-1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x^{(t)} \\ \text{input} \\ \text{at time } t \end{bmatrix}$$

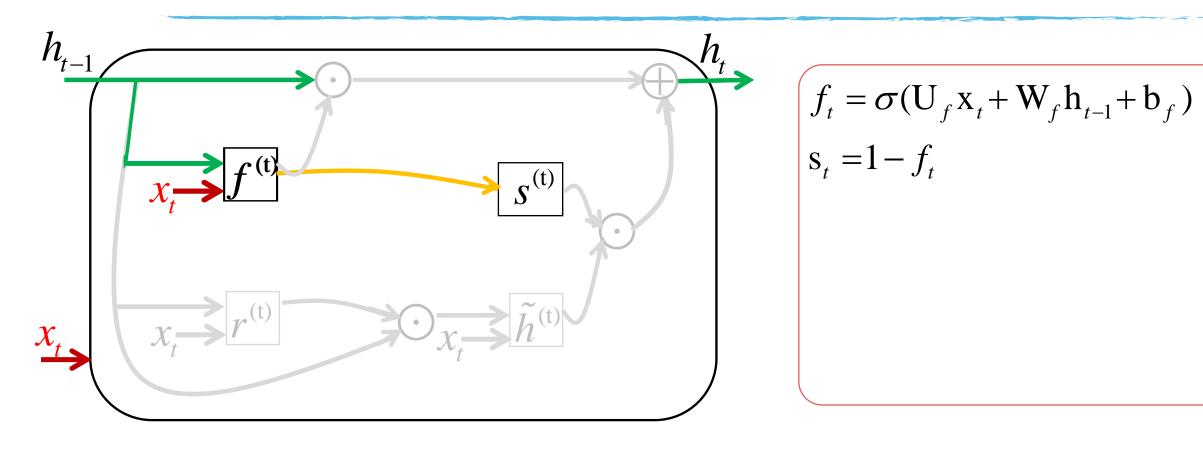
#### Gated Recurrent Unit-(GRU)



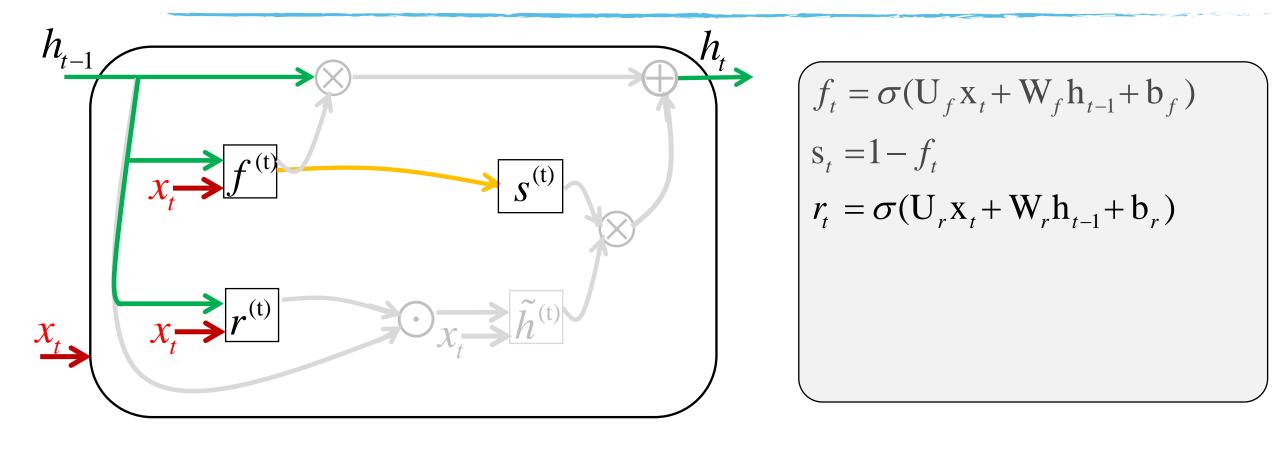
#### GRU: Forget gate



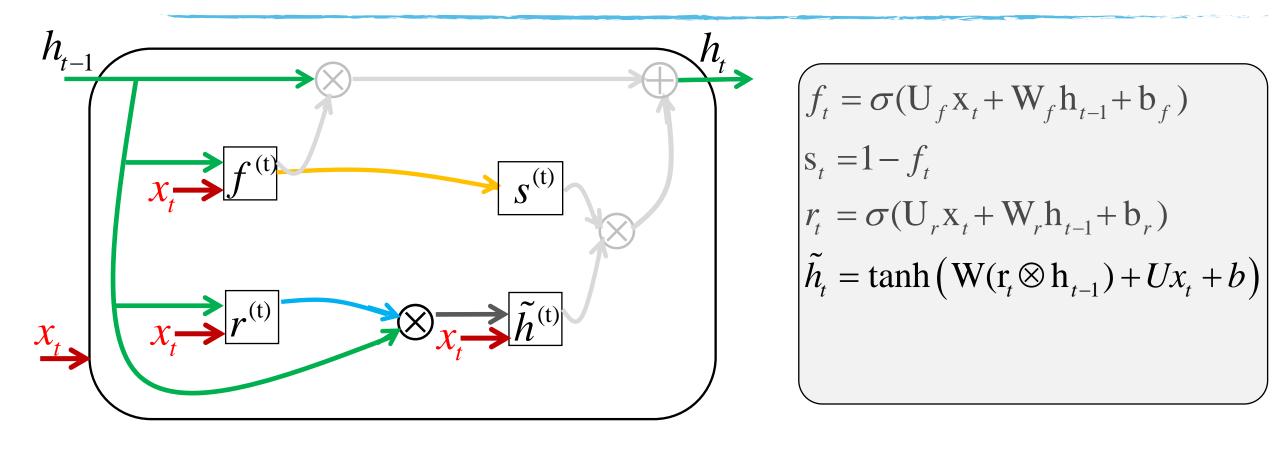
#### GRU: Forget gate and Store gate



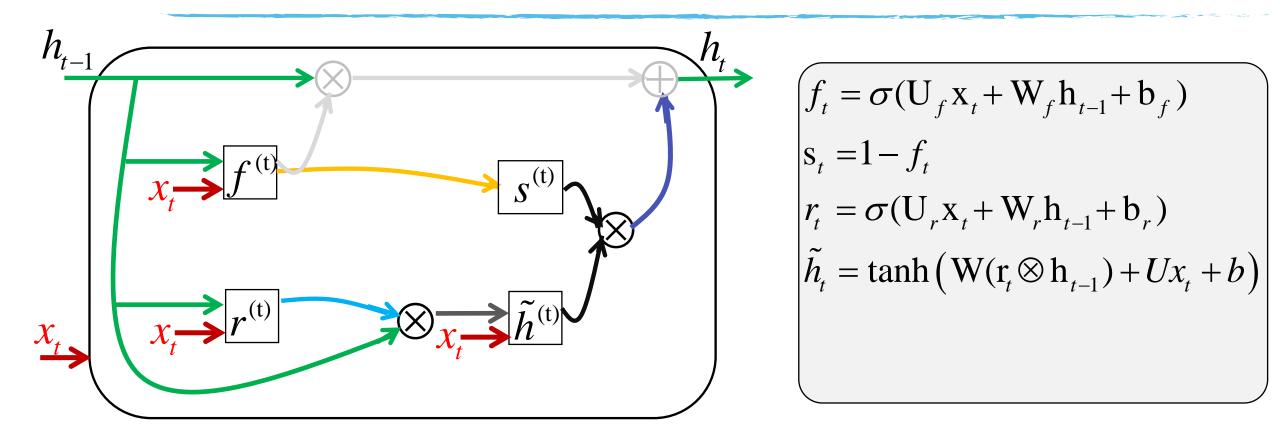
#### GRU: Reading gate



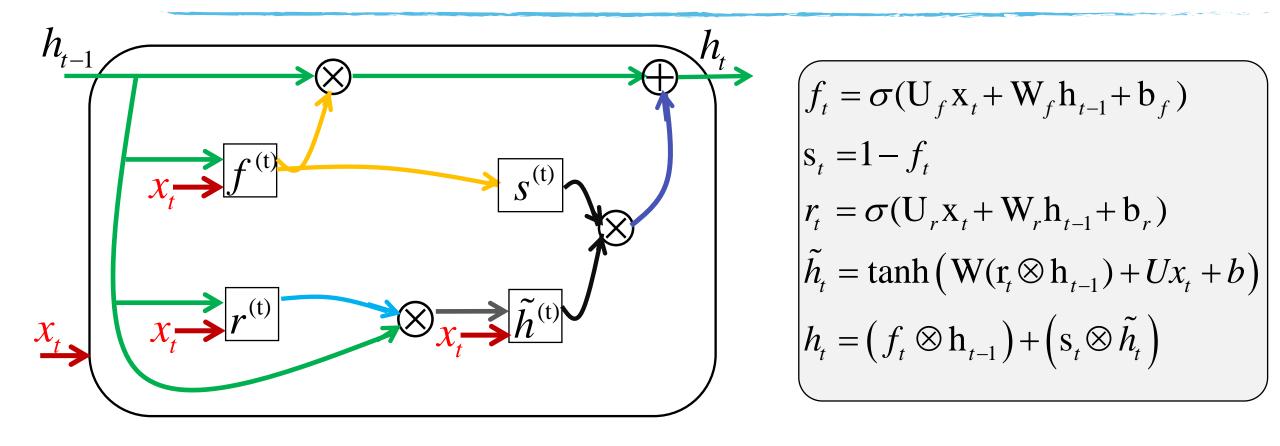
#### GRU: Candidate Hidden State



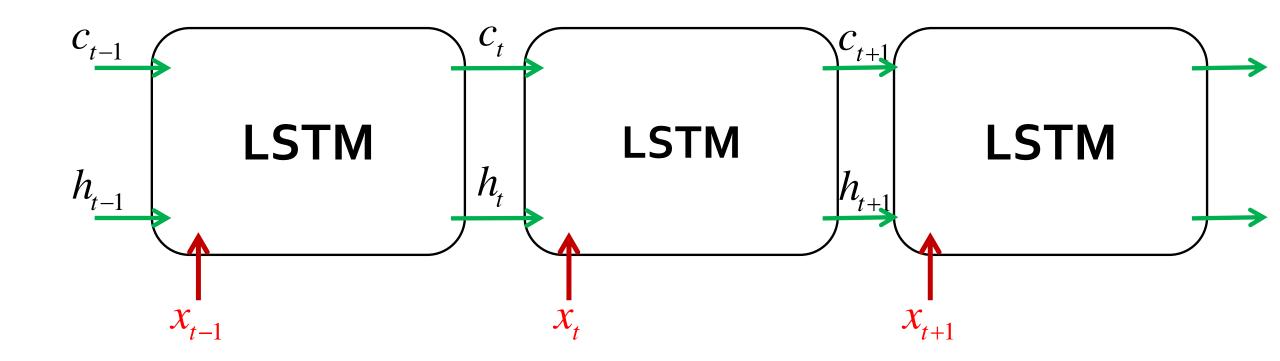
#### GRU: Hidden State



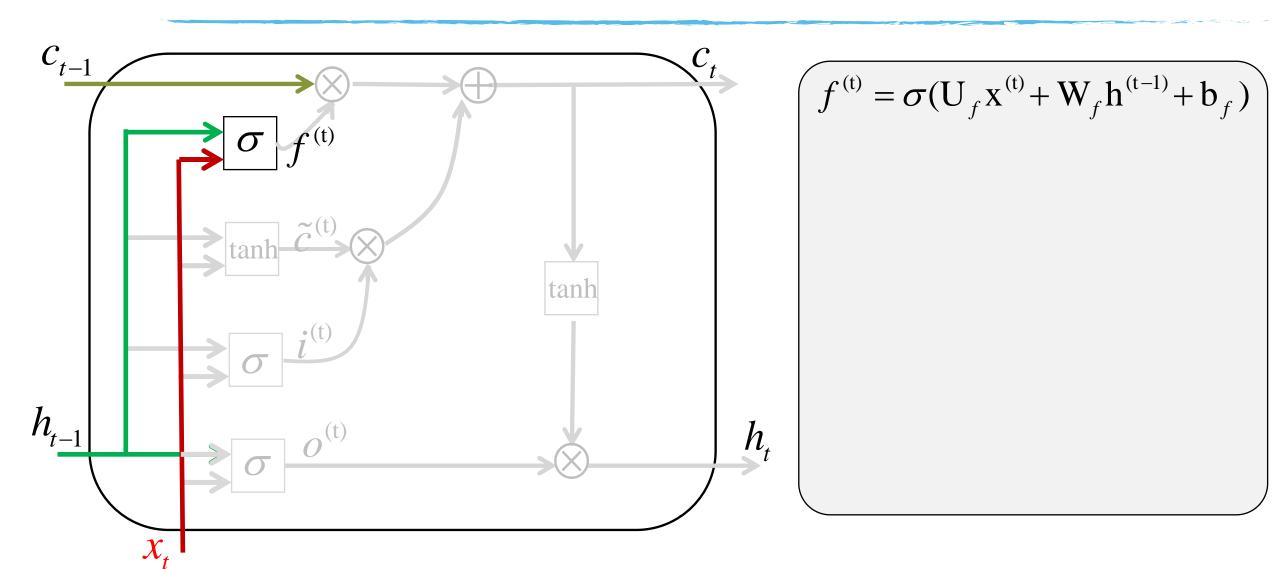
#### GRU: Memory Update



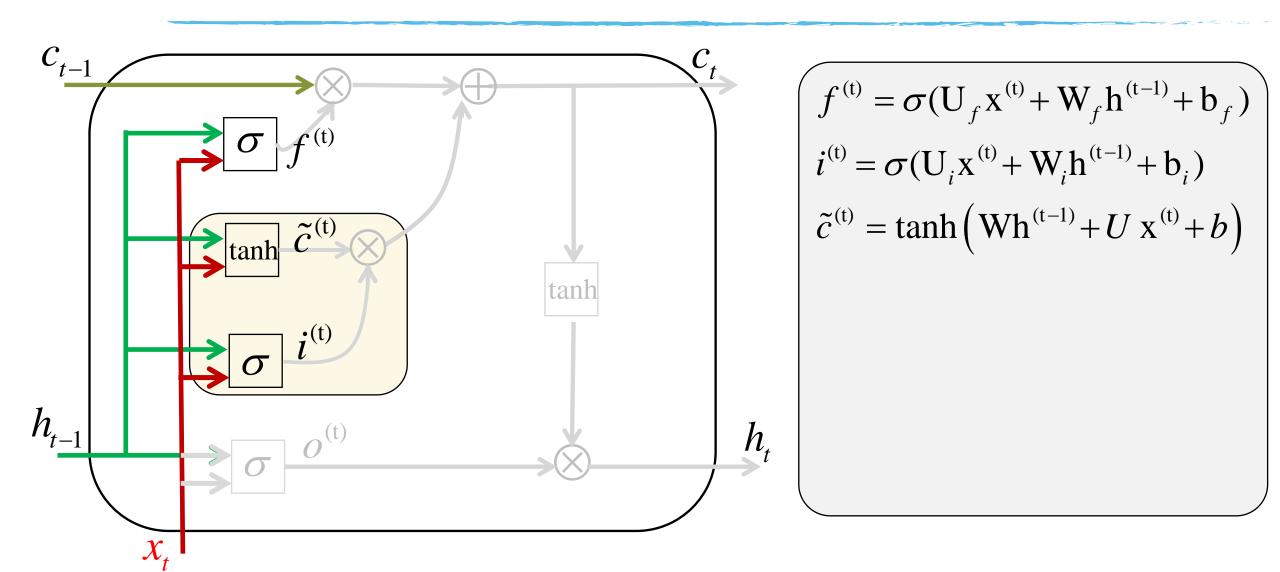
#### Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)



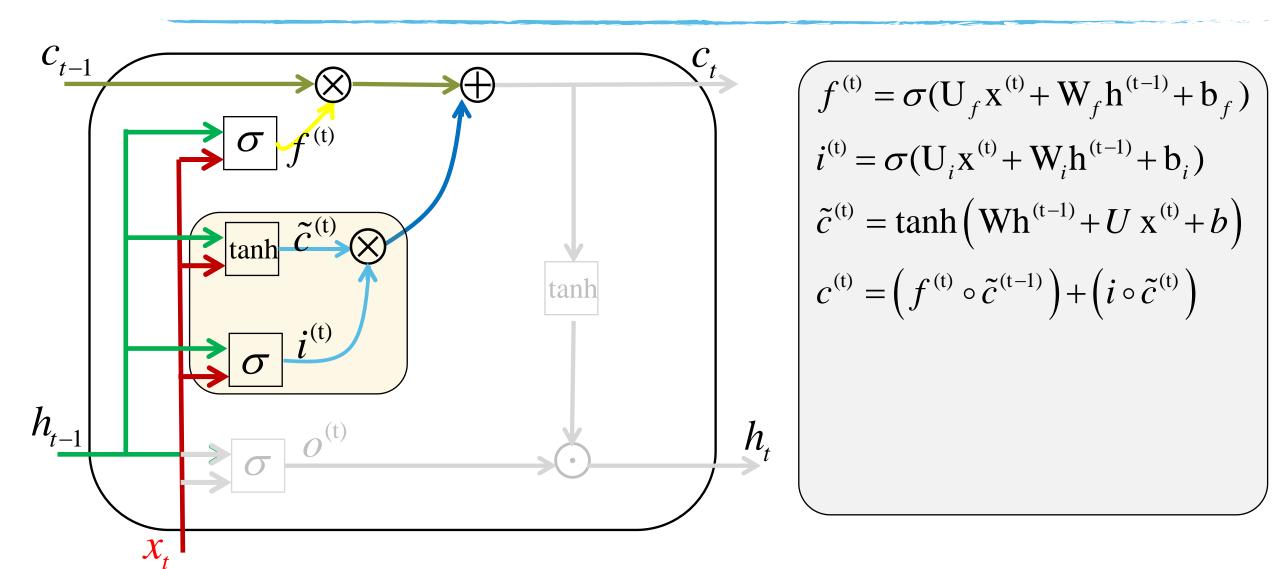
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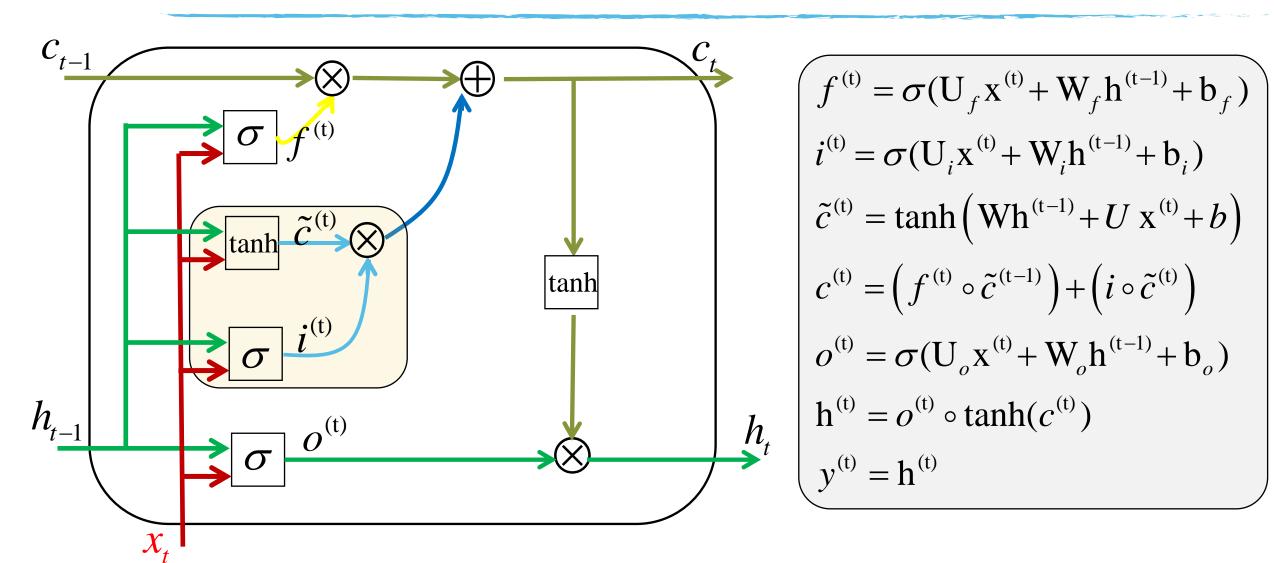
#### LSTM- Store Gate



#### LSTM- Memory Update

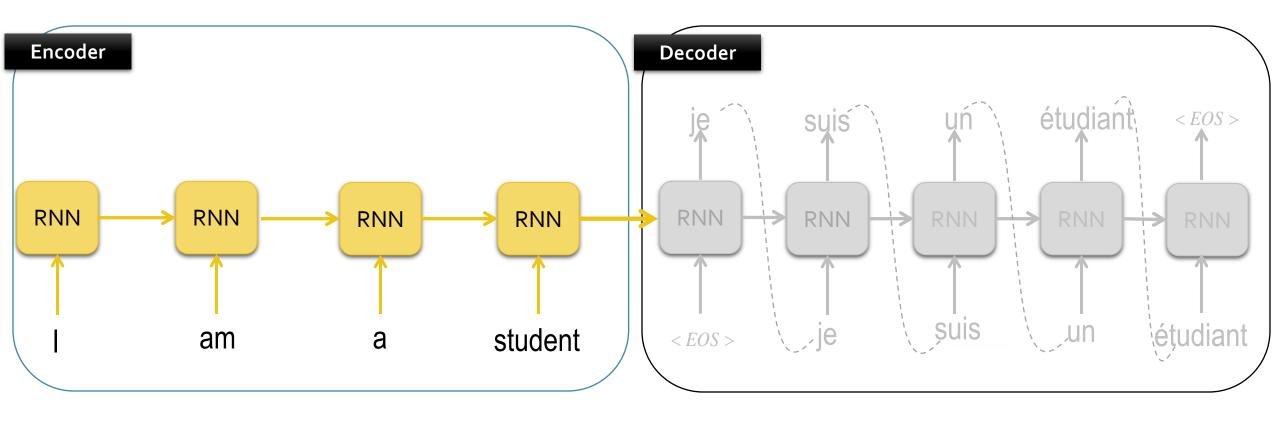


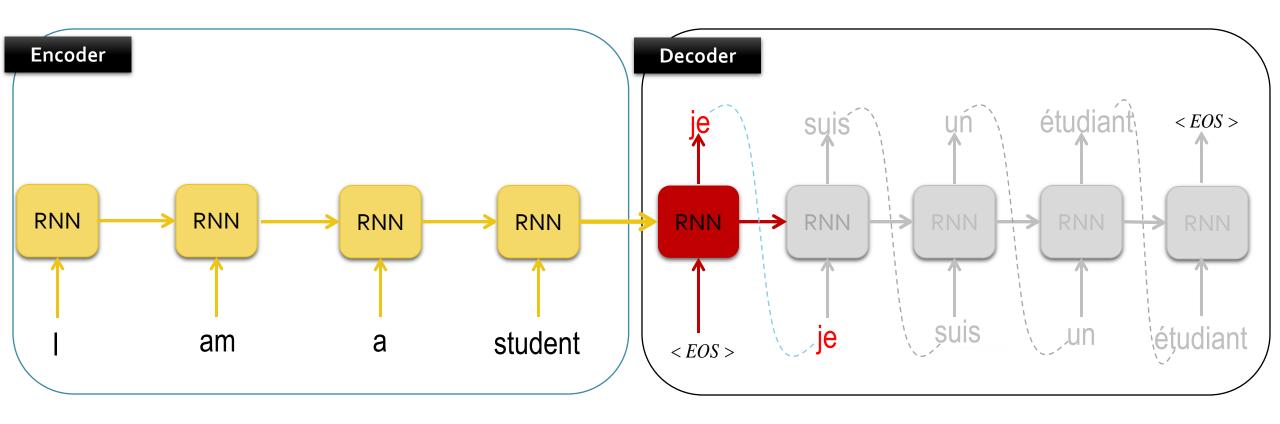
#### LSTM- Output Gate

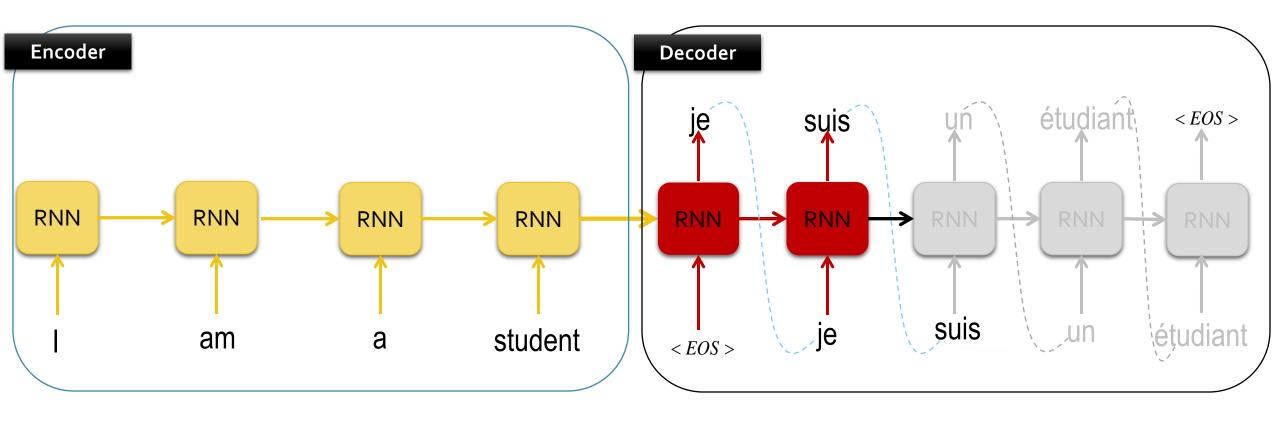


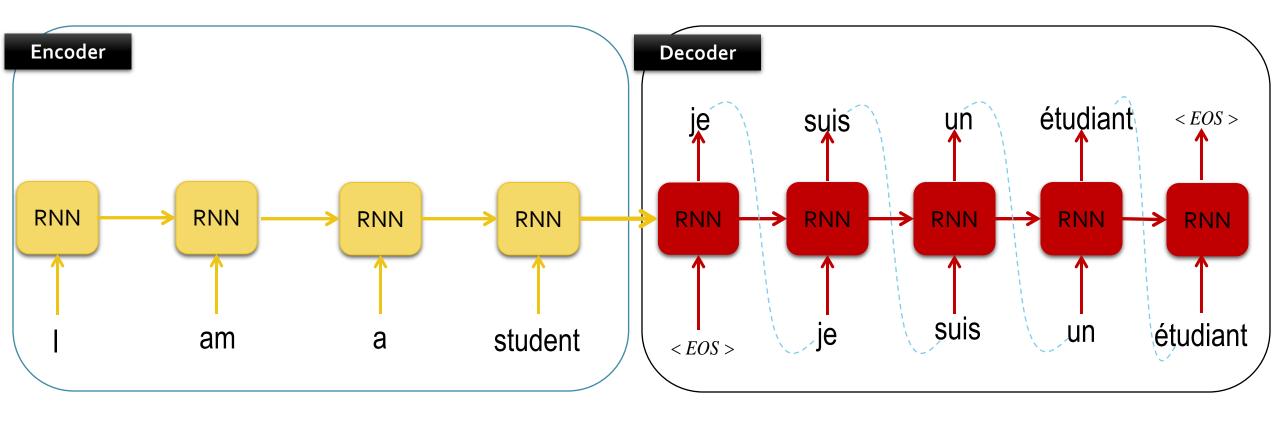
#### Questions?

### Some examples of RNN

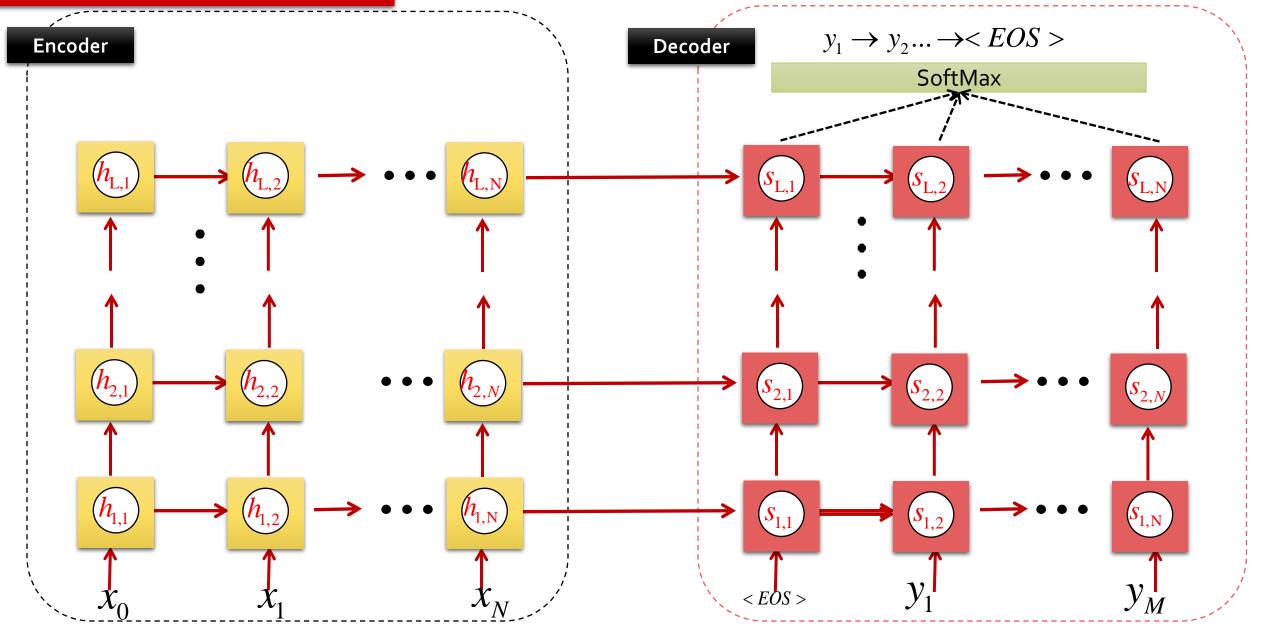






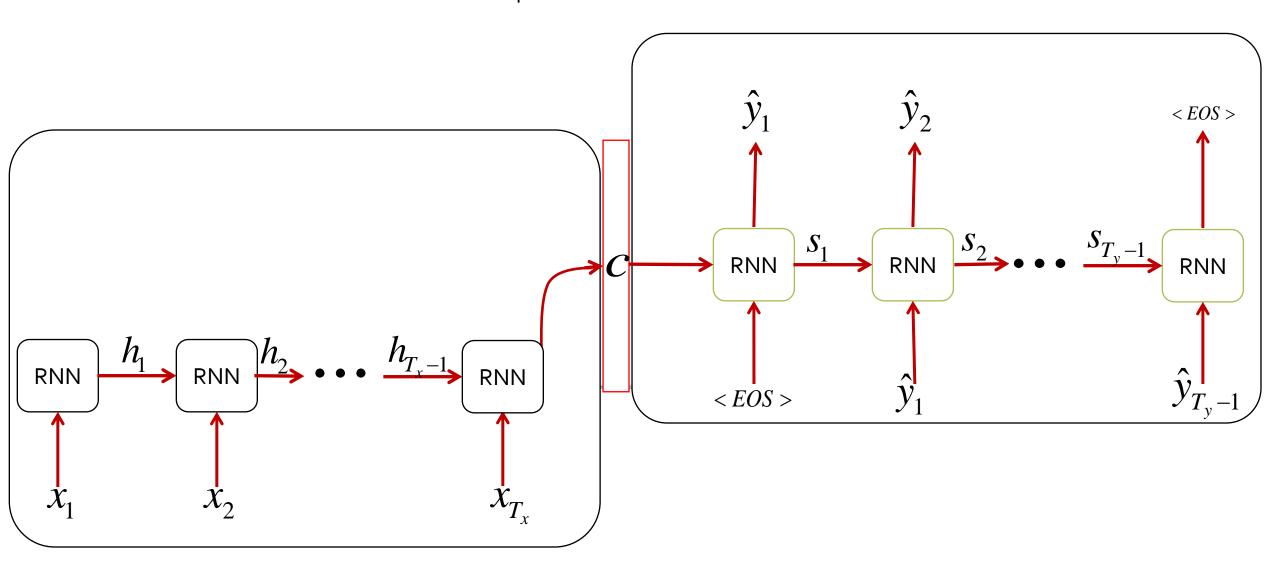


#### Deep Sequence to Sequence

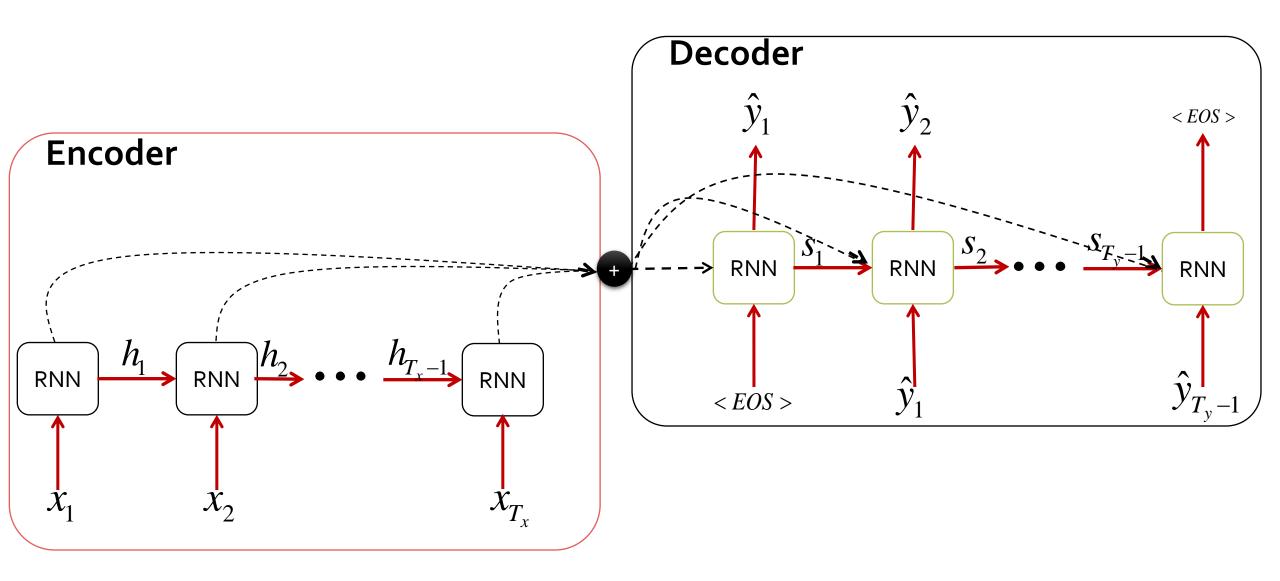


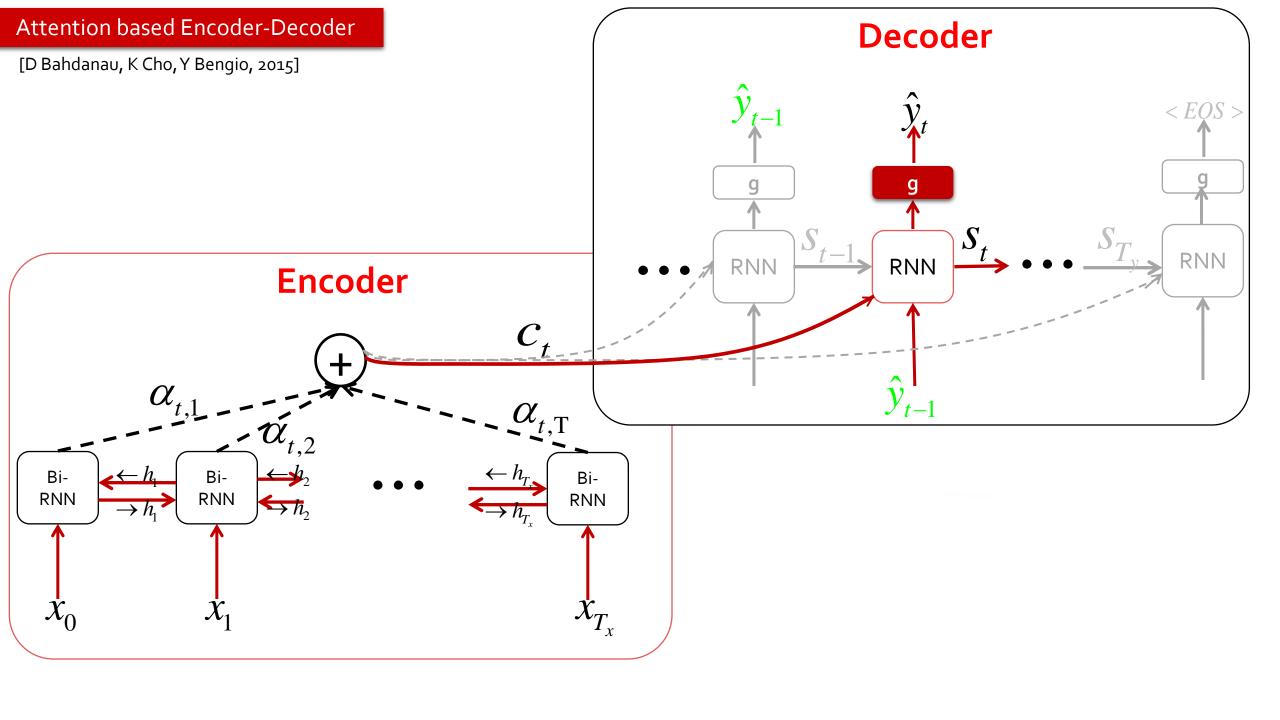
#### Classic Encoder-Decoder

The last hidden state summarizes the entire input sentence into C.

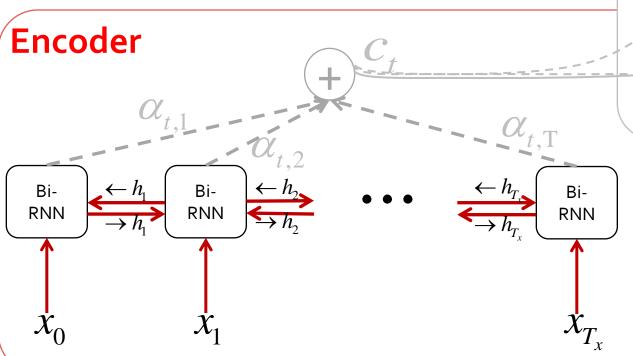


[D Bahdanau, K Cho, Y Bengio, 2015]





$$h_{j} = \left[ \longrightarrow h_{j}; \longleftarrow h_{j} \right]_{concat}$$

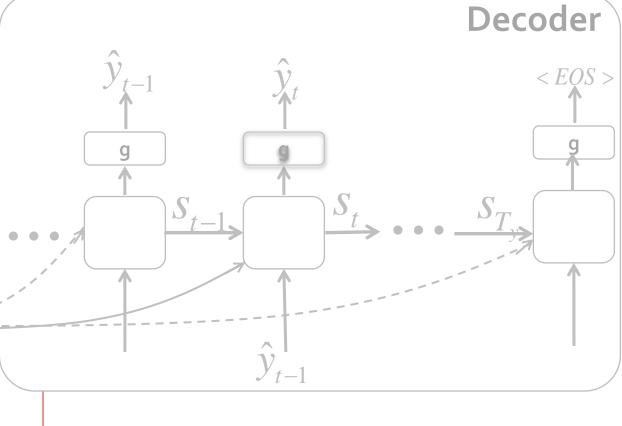


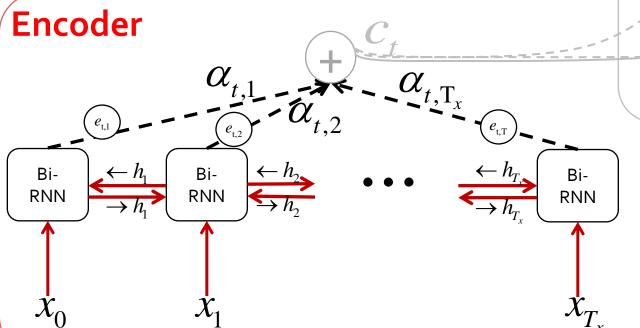
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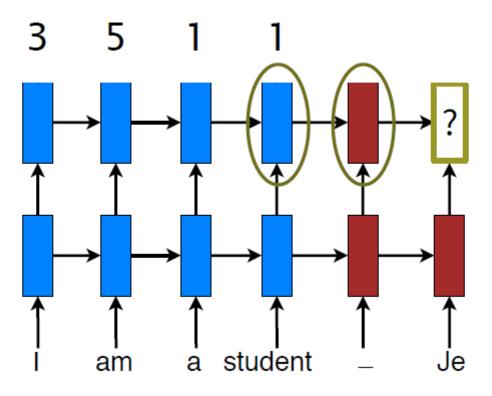
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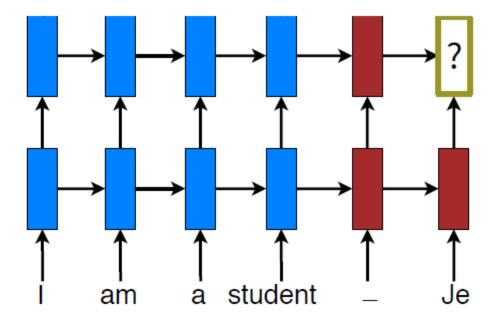






$$\boldsymbol{a}_t(s) = \frac{\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{score}(s)}}{\sum_{s'} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{score}(s')}}$$

 $\boldsymbol{a}_t$  0.3 0.5 0.1 0.1



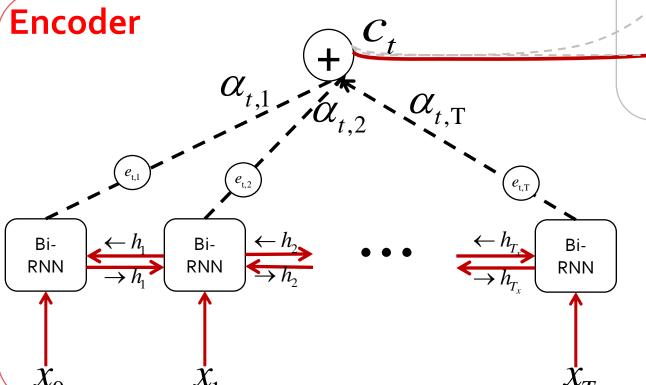
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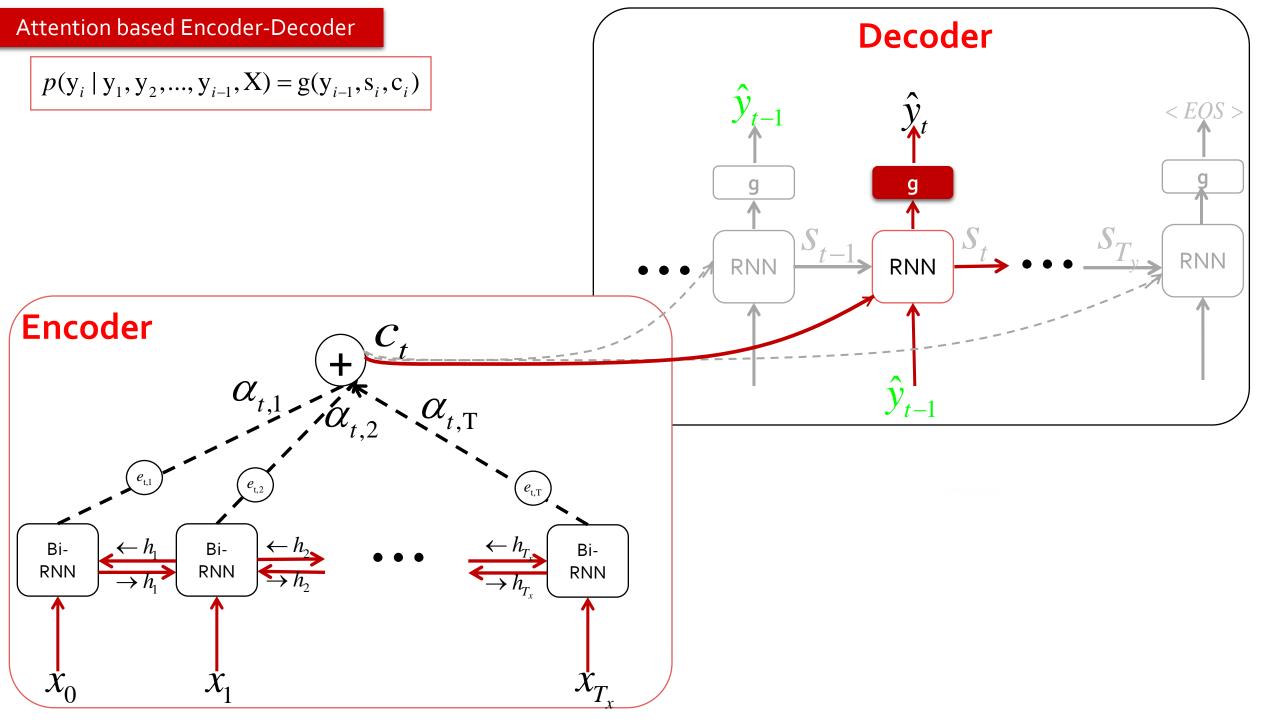
$$c_{i} = \sum_{k=1}^{T_{x}} \alpha_{i,j} h_{j}$$

$$e_{i,j} = a(s_{i-1}, h_j)$$

$$= v_a^T \tanh(W_a s_{i-1} + U_a h_j)$$

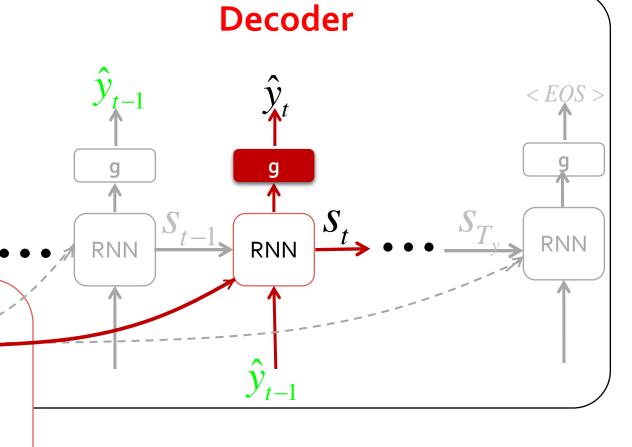


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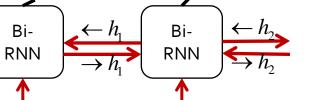


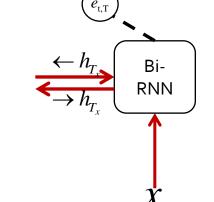
$$p(y_i | y_1, y_2, ..., y_{i-1}, X) = g(y_{i-1}, s_i, c_i)$$

$$s_i = f(s_{i-1}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{i-1}, \mathbf{c}_i)$$



# Encoder $\alpha_{t,1} - \alpha_{t,2} \cdot \alpha_{t,2}$





### Thank You!

**Questions?**