



# Week 18. Constituency Parsing and Tree Recursive Neural Networks

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## Motivation: Compositionality and Recursion



# Spectrum of Language in CS

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## NLP Models of Language

→ bag-of-words model : proven efficient

## Linguistics → Emphasis on structure

→ exists a huge gap

→ good points exist in the middle (certain amounts of structure)

# Working out the meaning of larger phrases?

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The **snowboarder** is leaping over a mogul

VS

A **person on a snowboard** jumps into the air

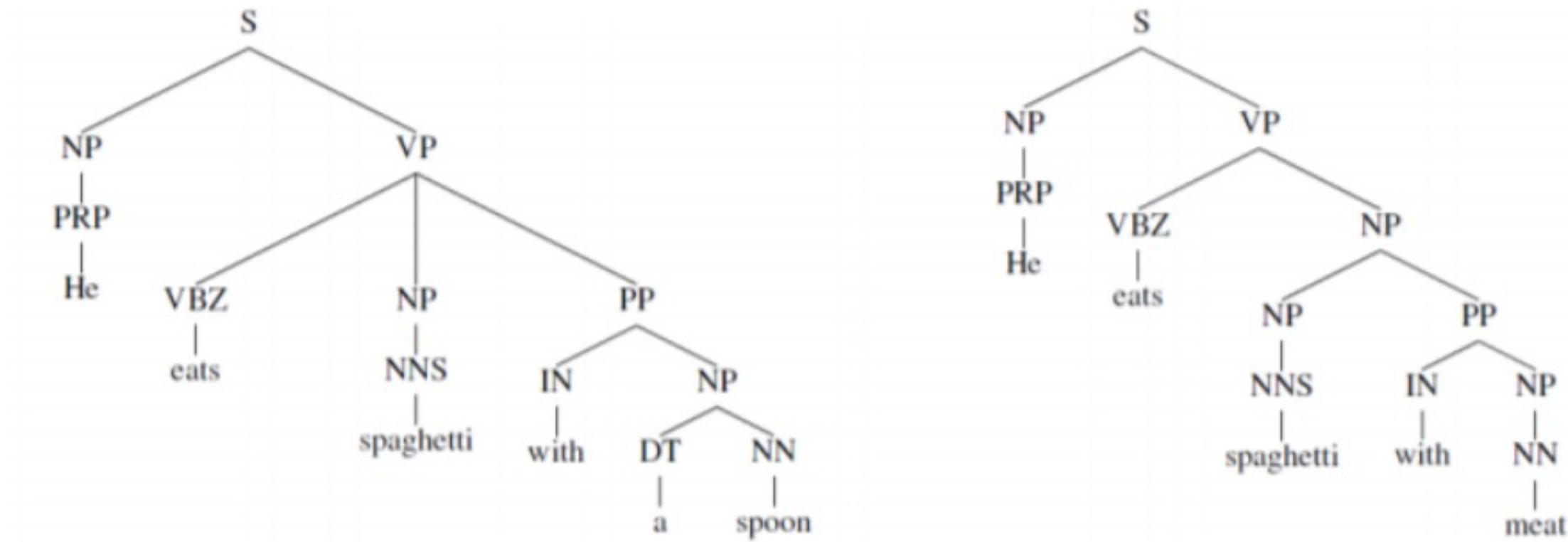
→ **Principle of Compositionality**

knowing meanings of components and putting the meaning together

**Semantic composition of smaller elements**

# Working out the meaning of larger phrases?

→ Want a neural model that could use the hierarchical trees



# Structure prediction with simple Tree RNN: Parsing



# Determining Embeddings of phrases

## Principle of Compositionality

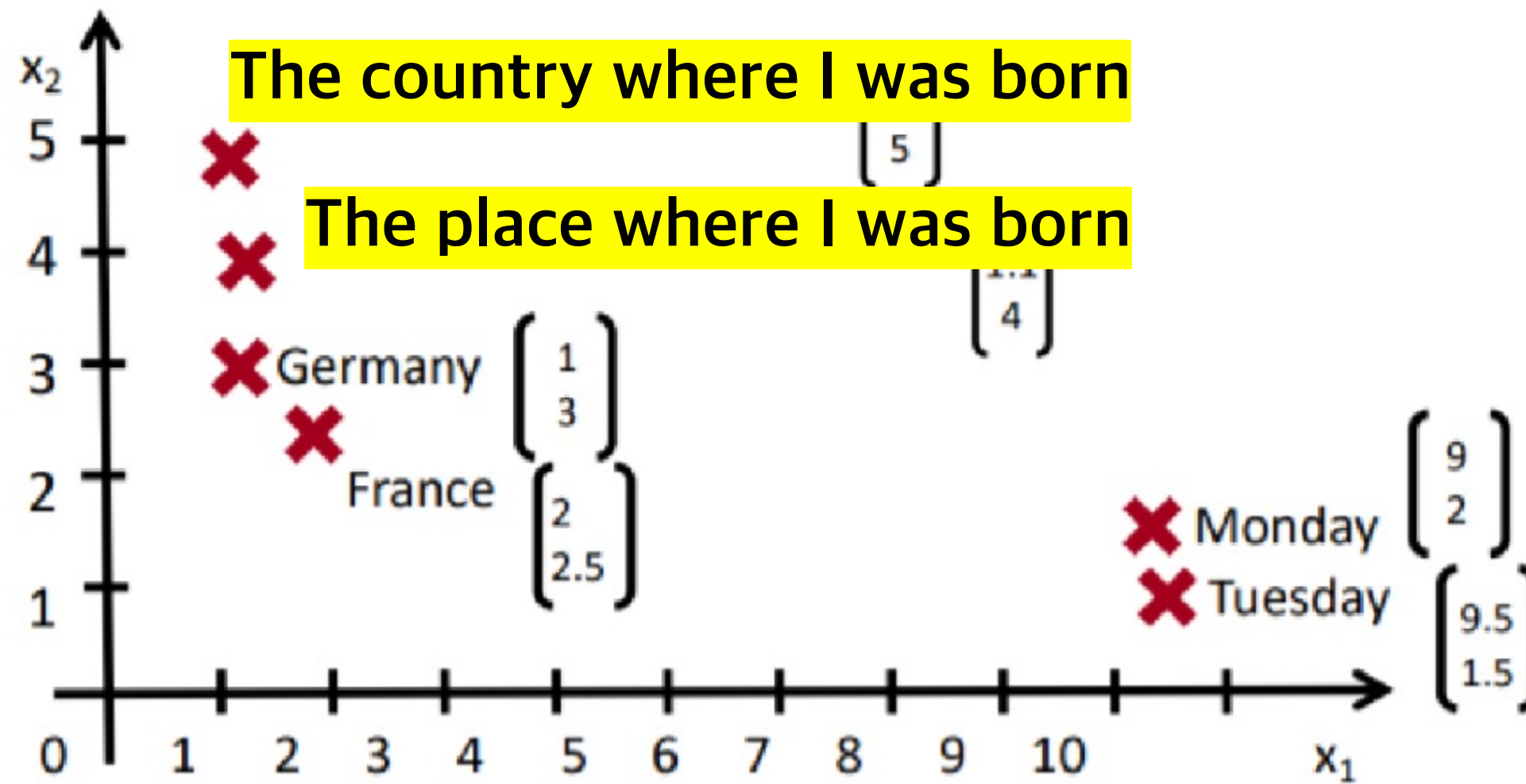
→ The meaning (vector) of a sentence is determined by

1. the meaning of the words
2. the rules that combine them

objective is to put phrases into the same vector space as word embeddings



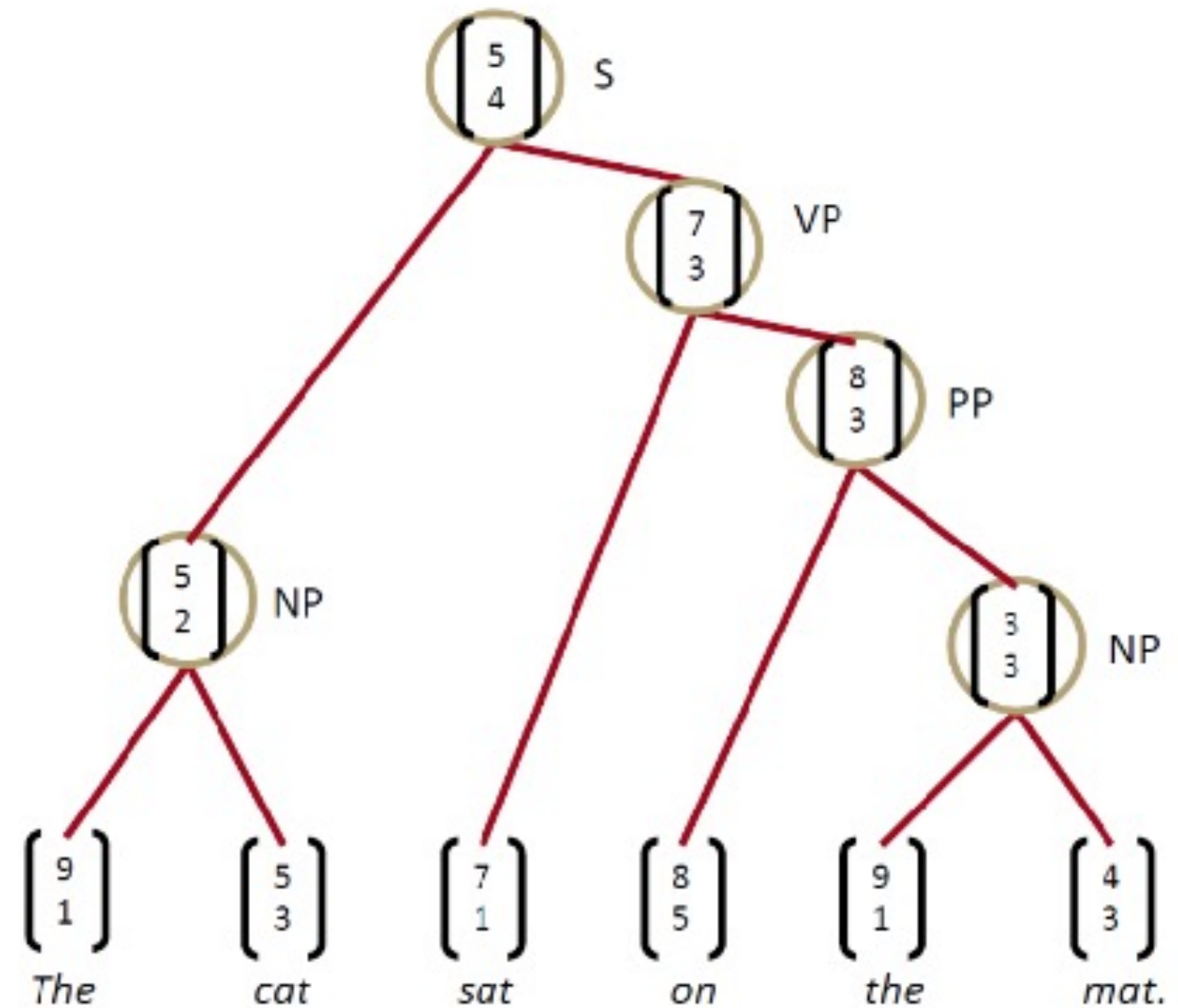
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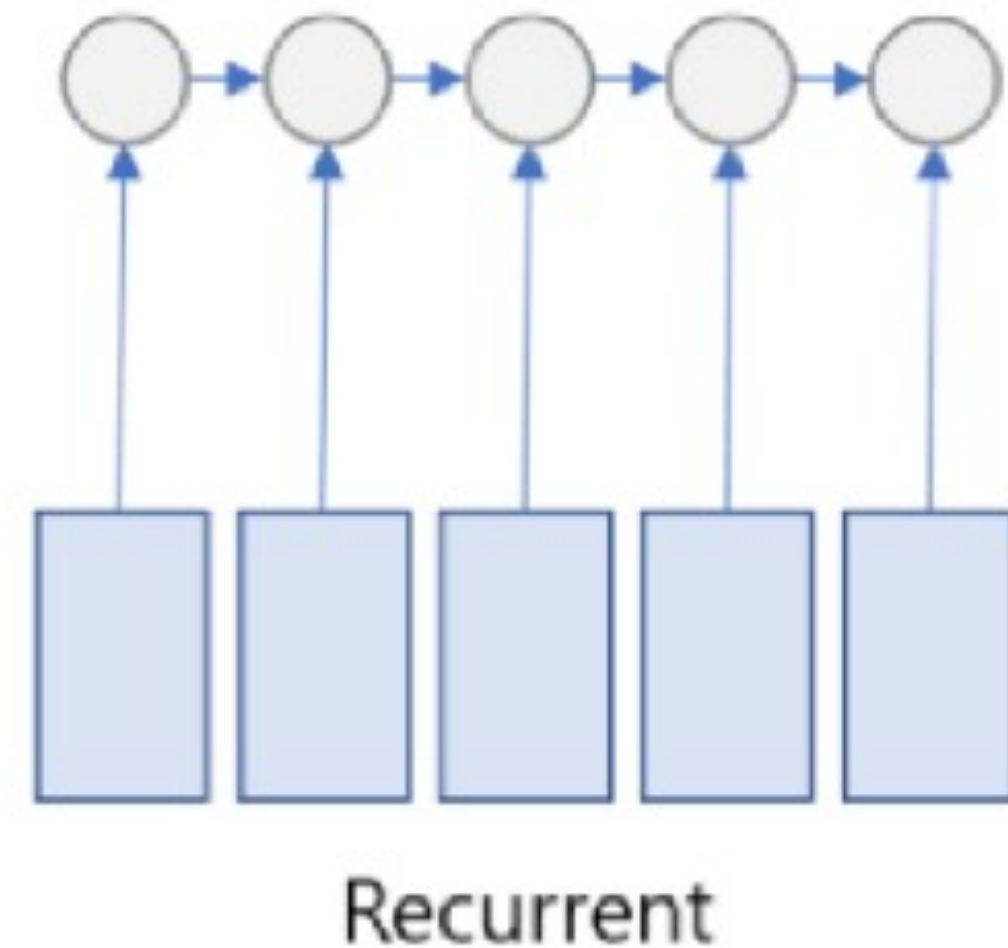
Have certain rules of  
Combining components & create  
vectors that contain meaning



# Recursive vs RNN

## RNN

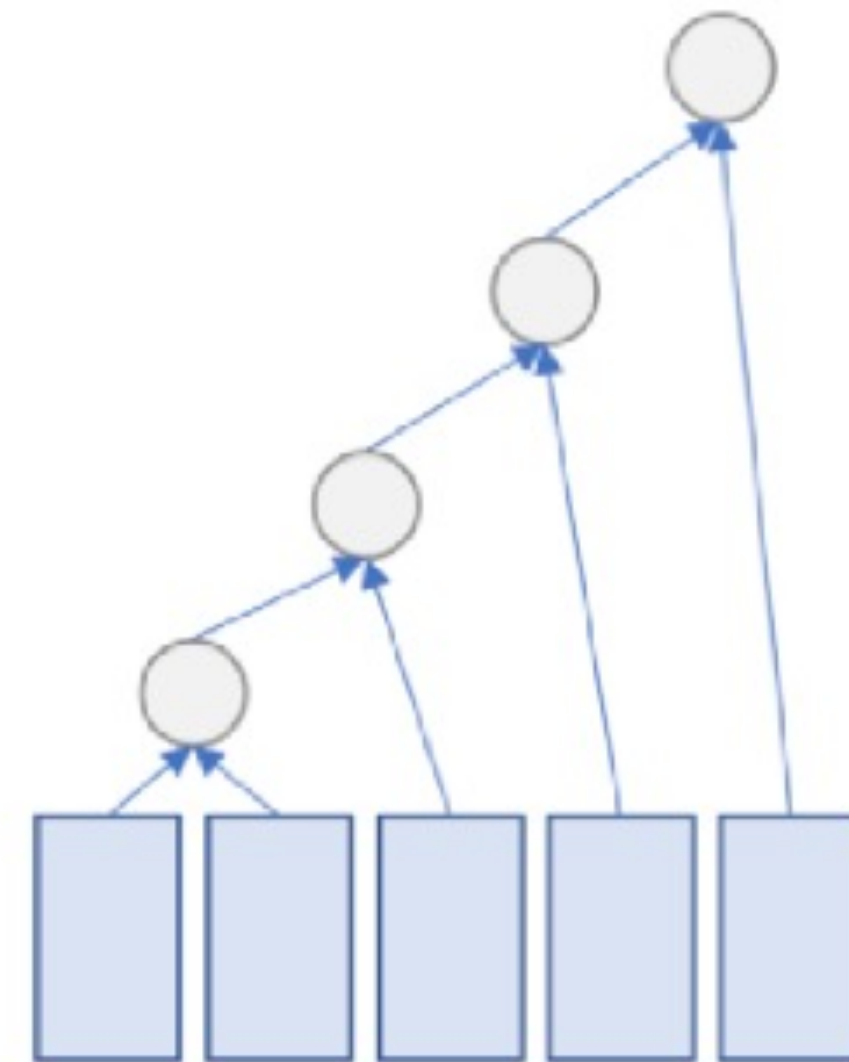
- can't capture phrases without prefix context
- often capture too much of last words in final vector



# Recursive vs RNN

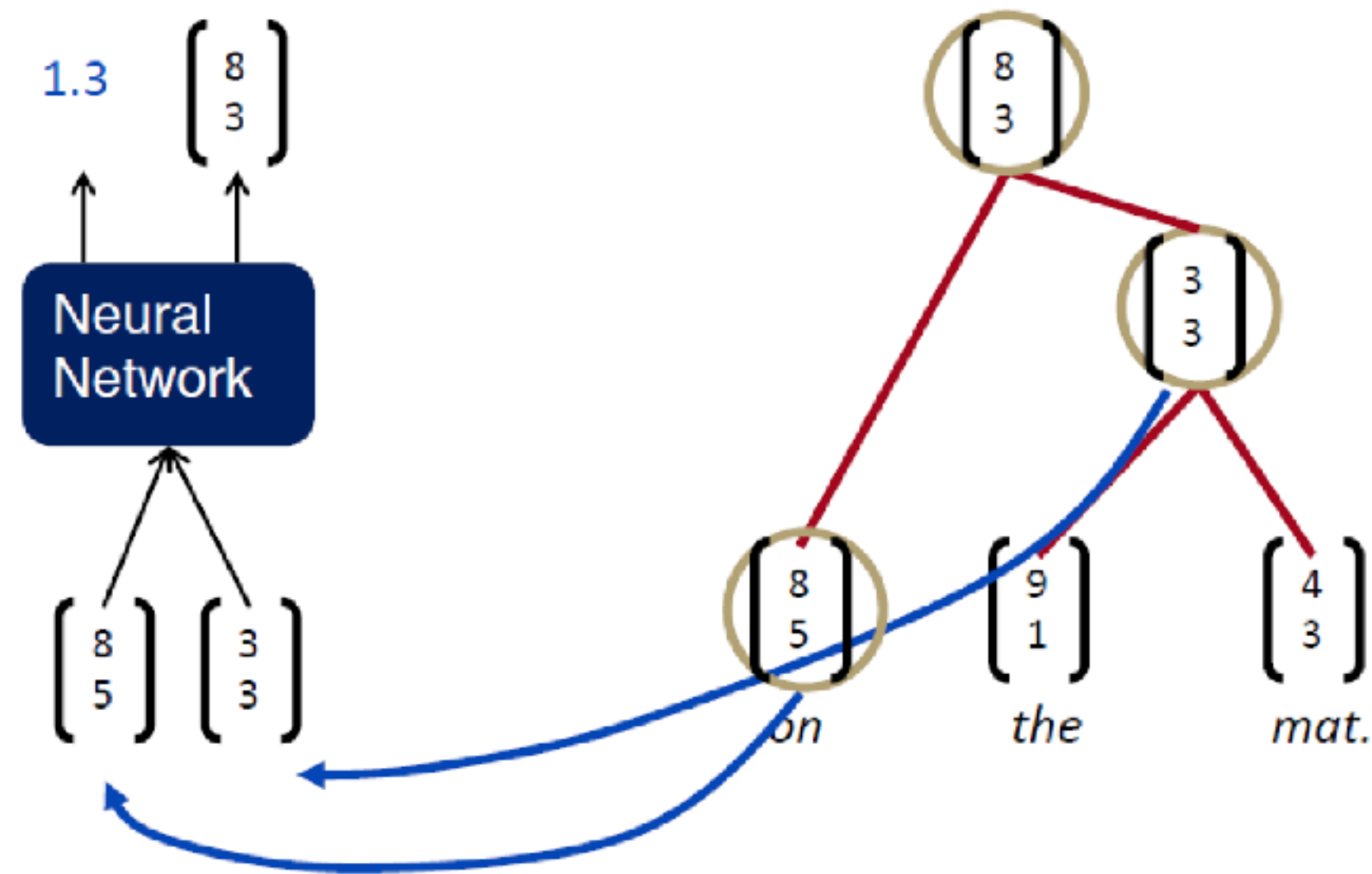
## Recursive

- requires a tree structure (to know components)
- sensitive to its syntactic structure



Recursive

# RNN for Structure Prediction

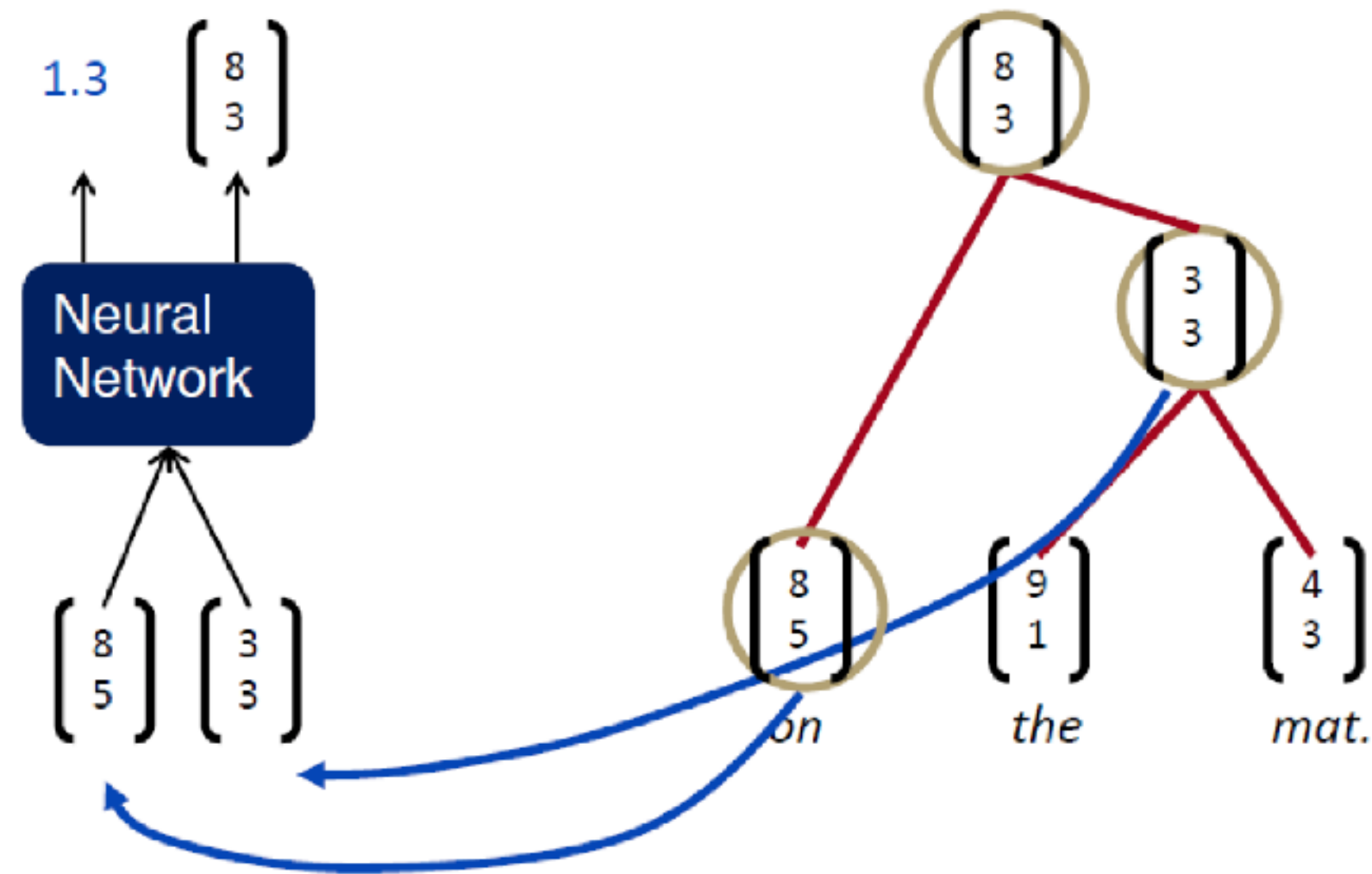


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Output:

- Semantic representation if the two nodes are merged
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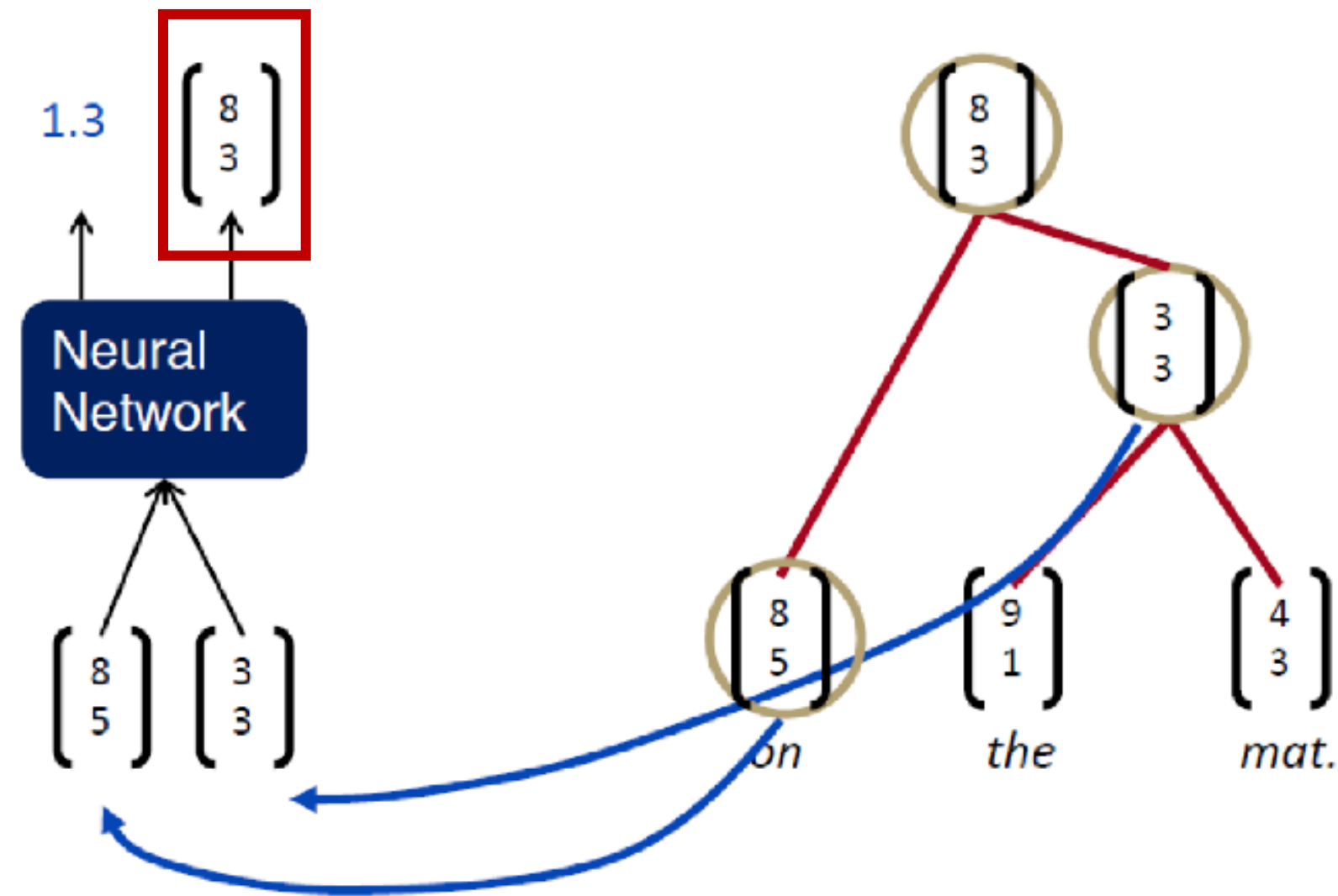


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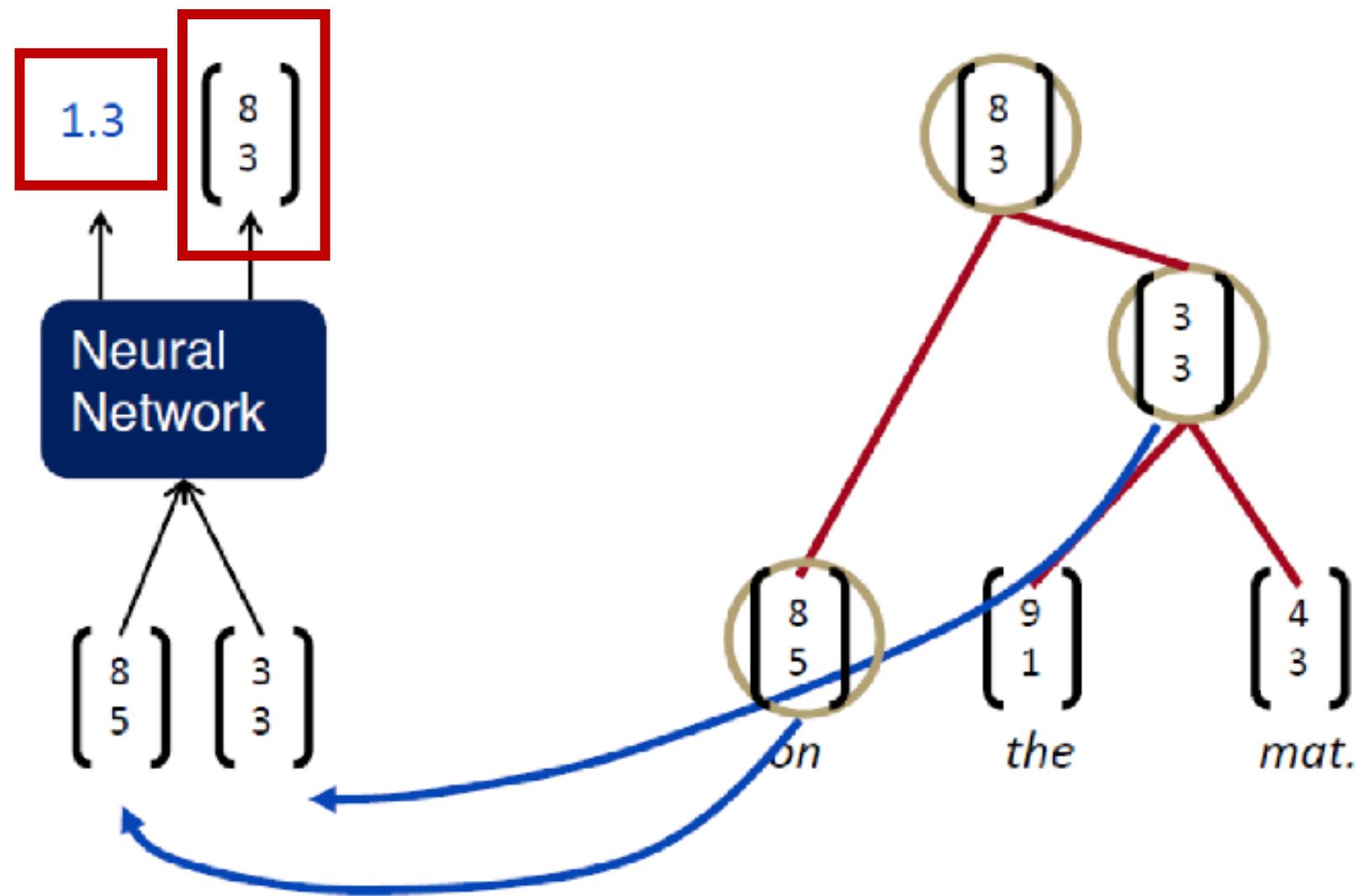
- Semantic representation if the two nodes are merged

$$p = \tanh\left(W \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} + b\right)$$

- $W$  same for all nodes



# RNN for Structure Prediction



## Output:

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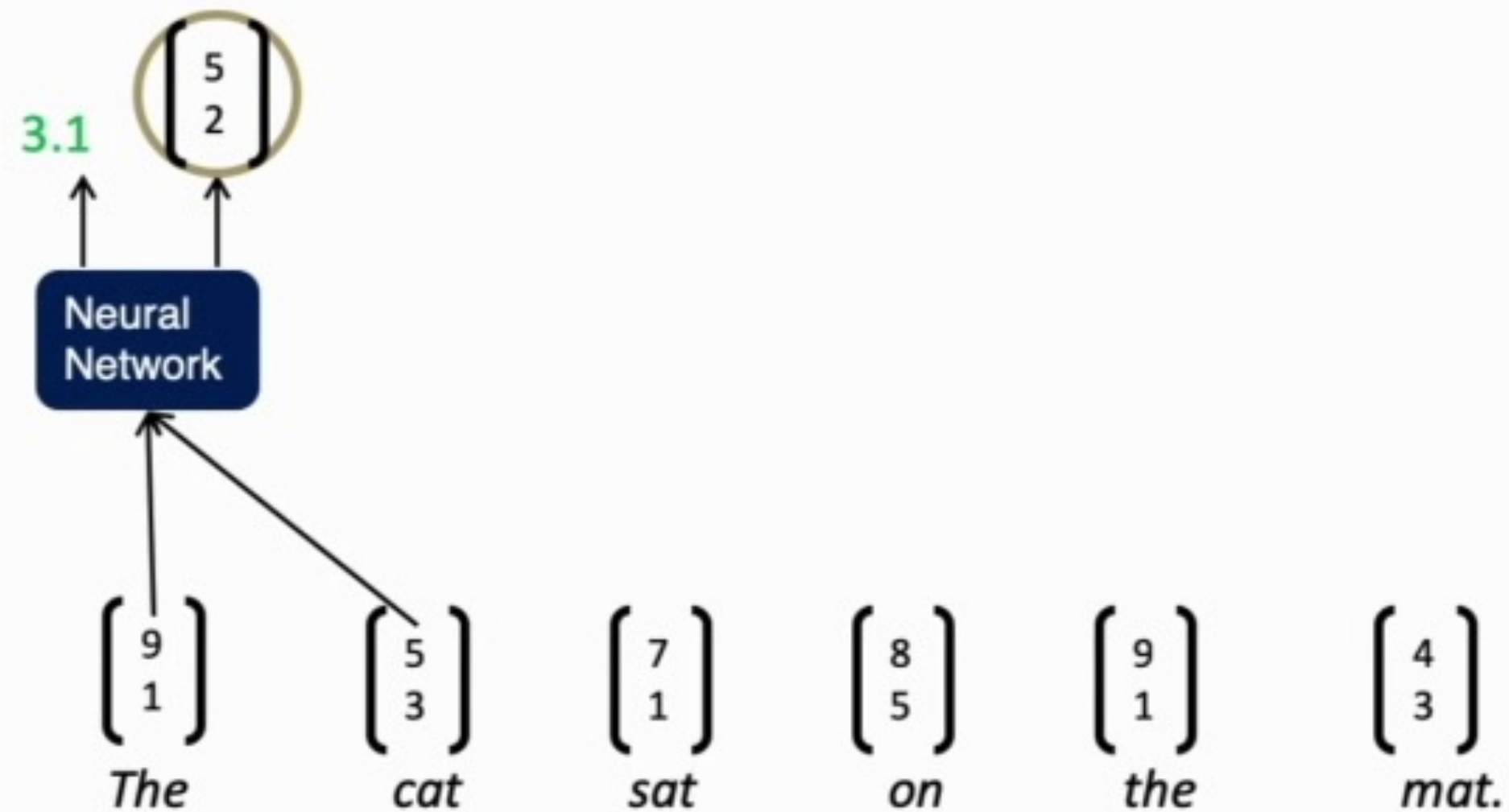
$$\text{score} = U^T p$$

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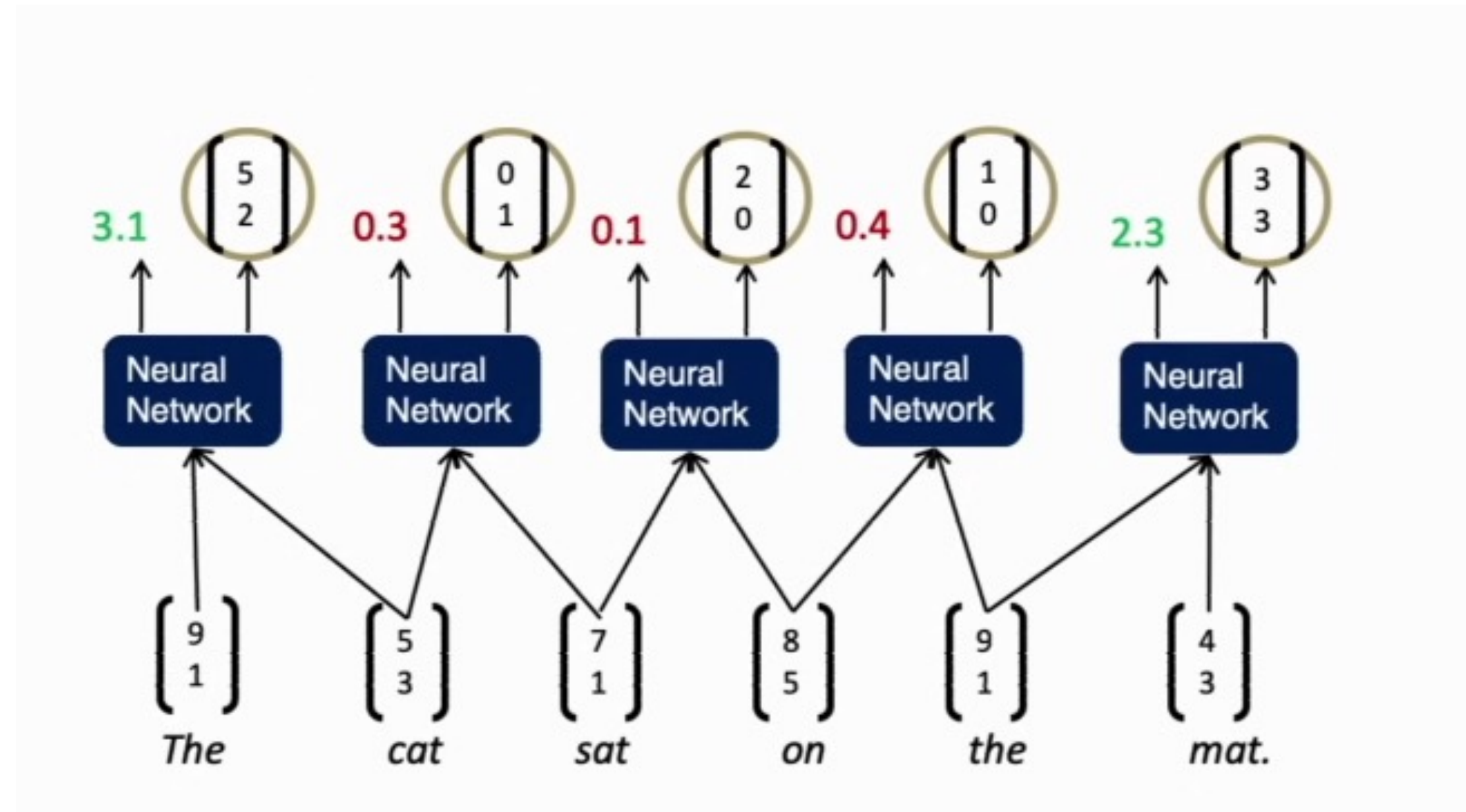
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## Greedy Method



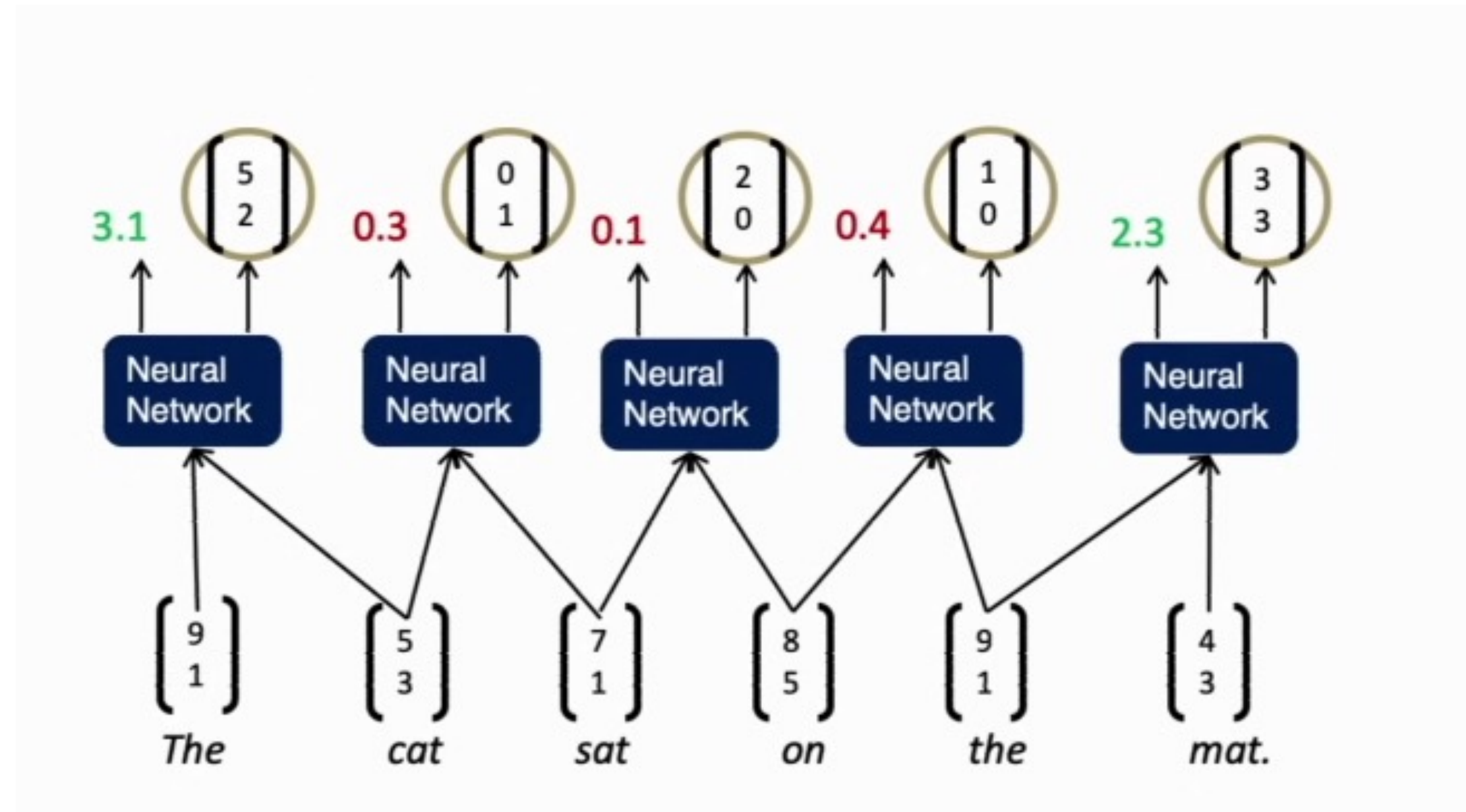
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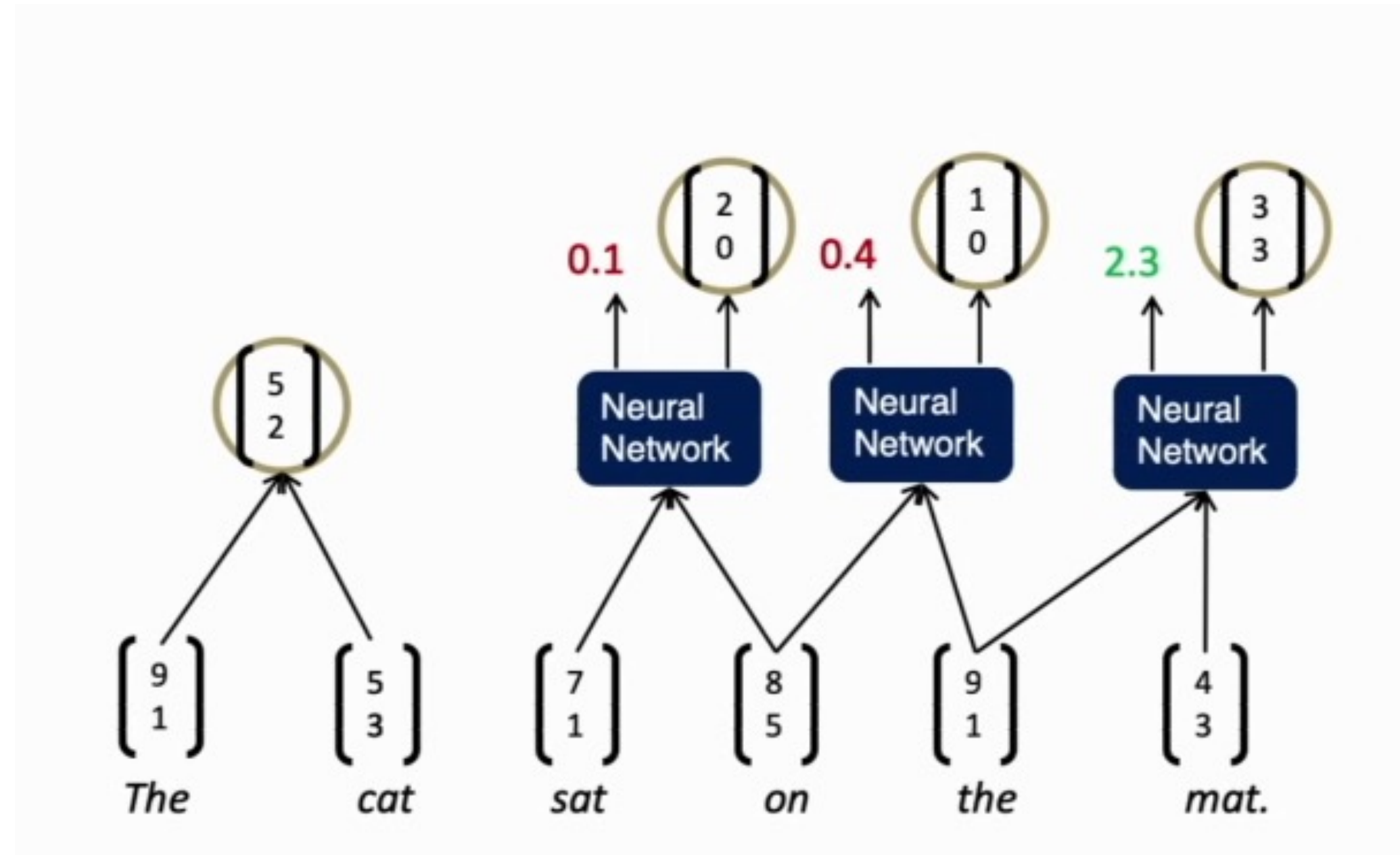
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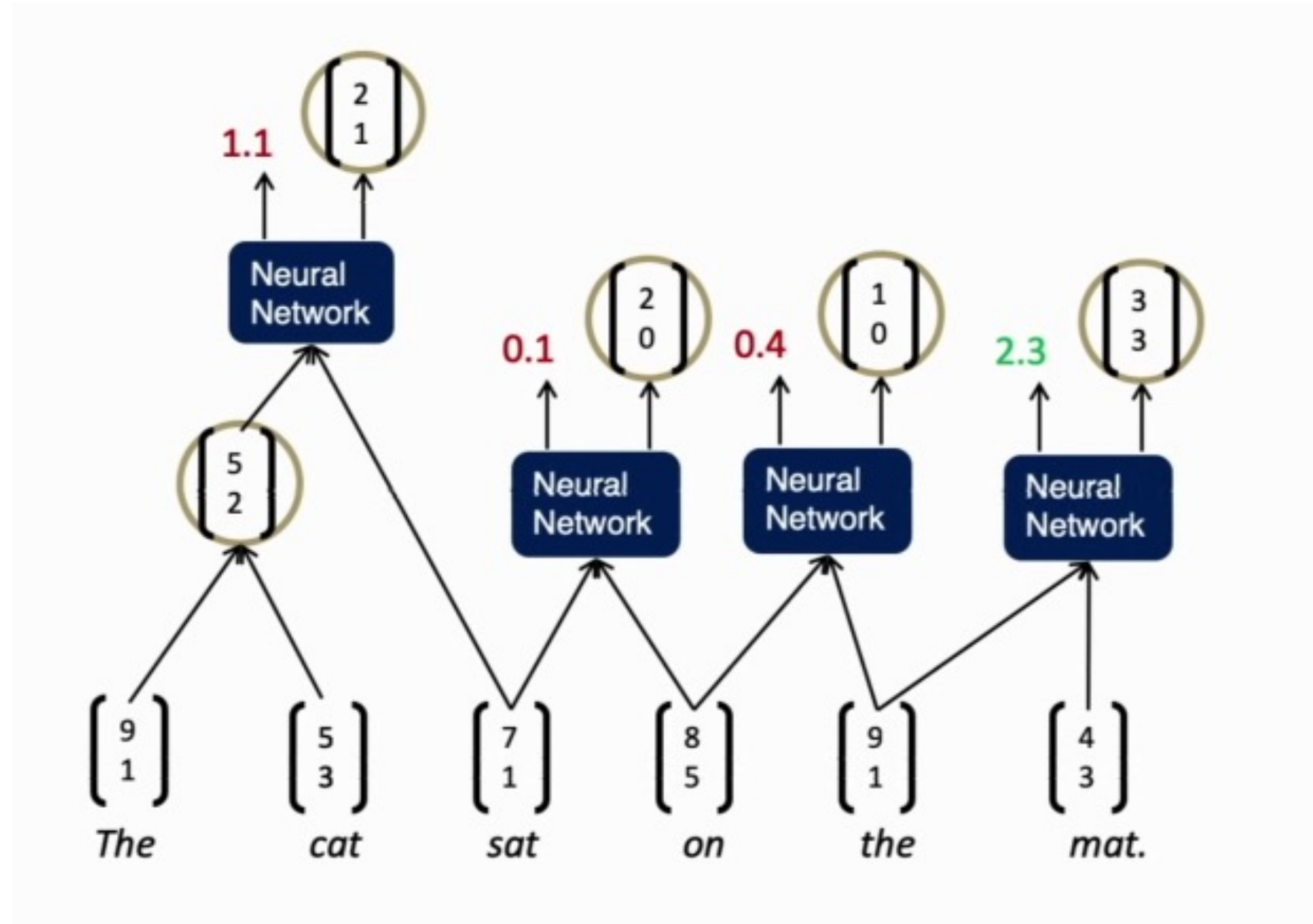
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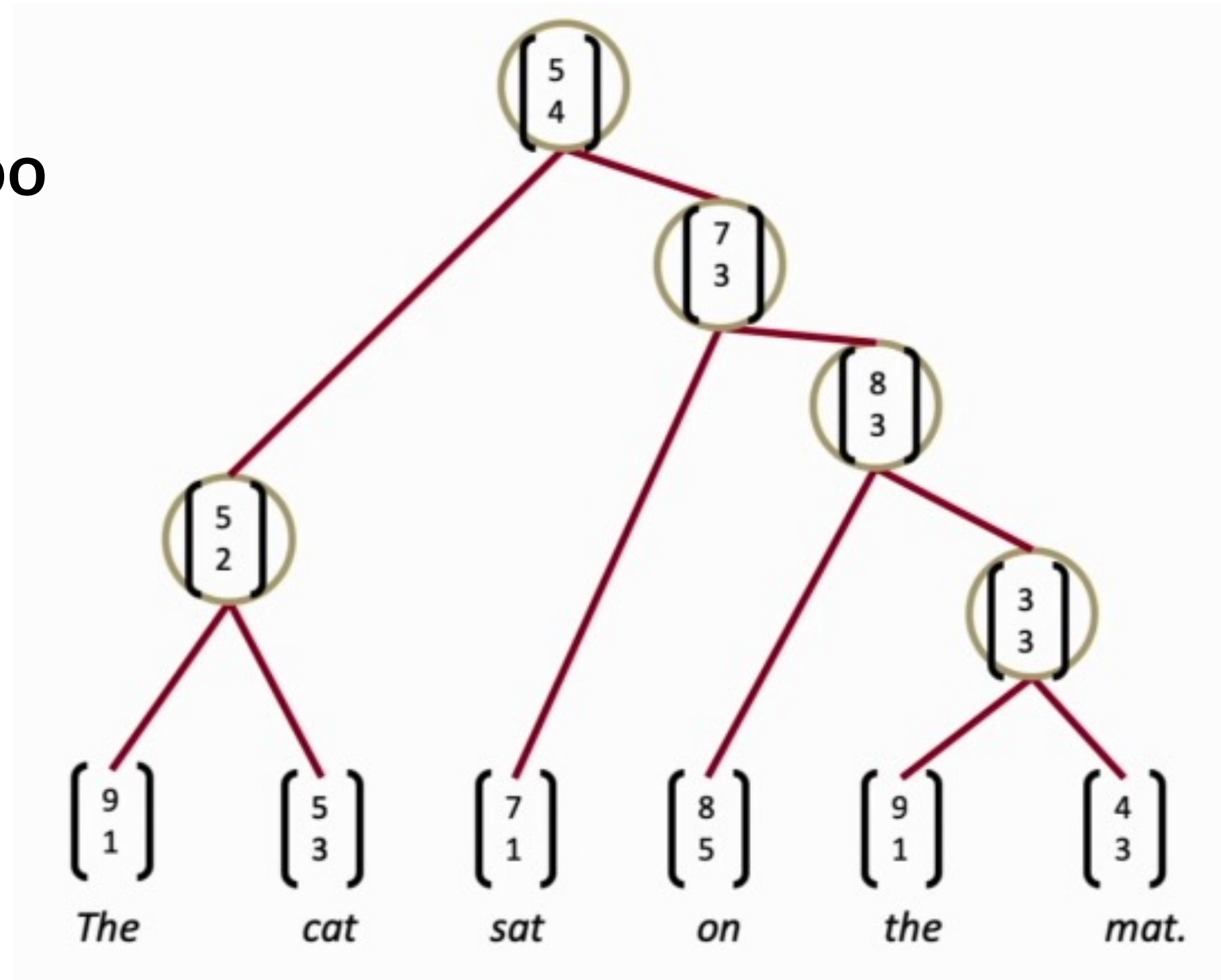




# Parsing a sentence with an RNN

## Greedy Method

- Beam Search can be applied too



## BTS: Simple TreeRNN



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Principally the same as general backpropagation

$$\delta^{(l)} = \left( (W^{(l)})^T \delta^{(l+1)} \right) \circ f'(z^{(l)}),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial W^{(l)}} E_R = \delta^{(l+1)} (a^{(l)})^T + \lambda W^{(l)}$$

- 1. 모든 노드의 W에 대한 derivative를 더함
- 2. 각 노드에서 derivative를 split
- 3. parent와 노드 자체에서 에러 메시지 더함



# BTS: Simple TreeRNN

## BTS: 1) Sum derivatives of all nodes

You can actually assume it's a different  $W$  at each node

Intuition via example:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial W} f(W(f(Wx))) \\ &= f'(W(f(Wx))) \left( \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial W} W \right) f(Wx) + W \frac{\partial}{\partial W} f(Wx) \right) \\ &= f'(W(f(Wx))) (f(Wx) + W f'(Wx)x) \end{aligned}$$

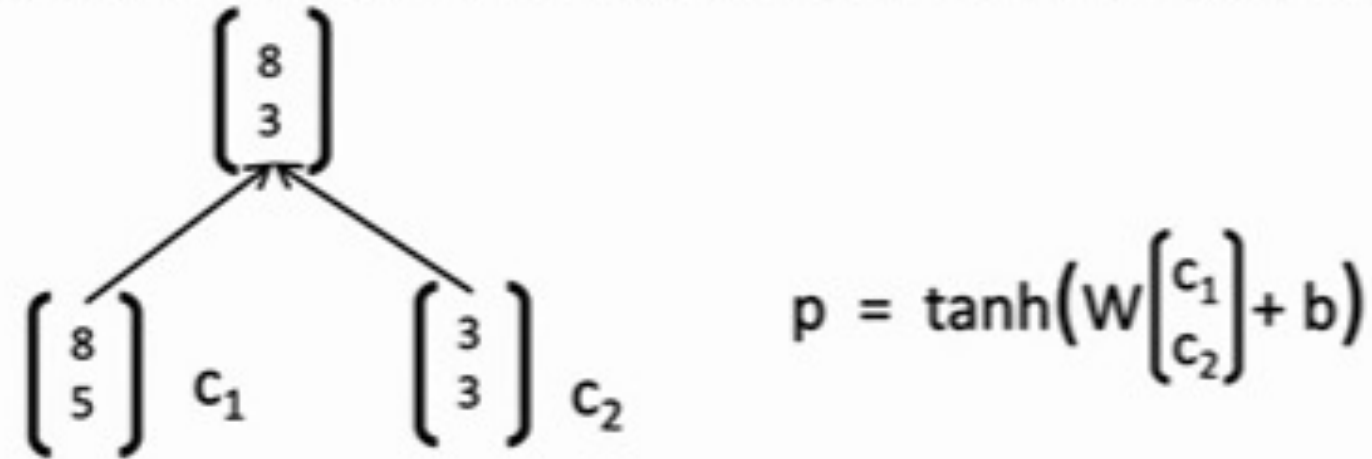
If we take separate derivatives of each occurrence, we get same:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial W_2} f(W_2(f(W_1x))) + \frac{\partial}{\partial W_1} f(W_2(f(W_1x))) \\ &= f'(W_2(f(W_1x))) (f(W_1x)) + f'(W_2(f(W_1x))) (W_2 f'(W_1x)x) \\ &= f'(W_2(f(W_1x))) (f(W_1x) + W_2 f'(W_1x)x) \\ &= f'(W(f(Wx))) (f(Wx) + W f'(Wx)x) \end{aligned}$$

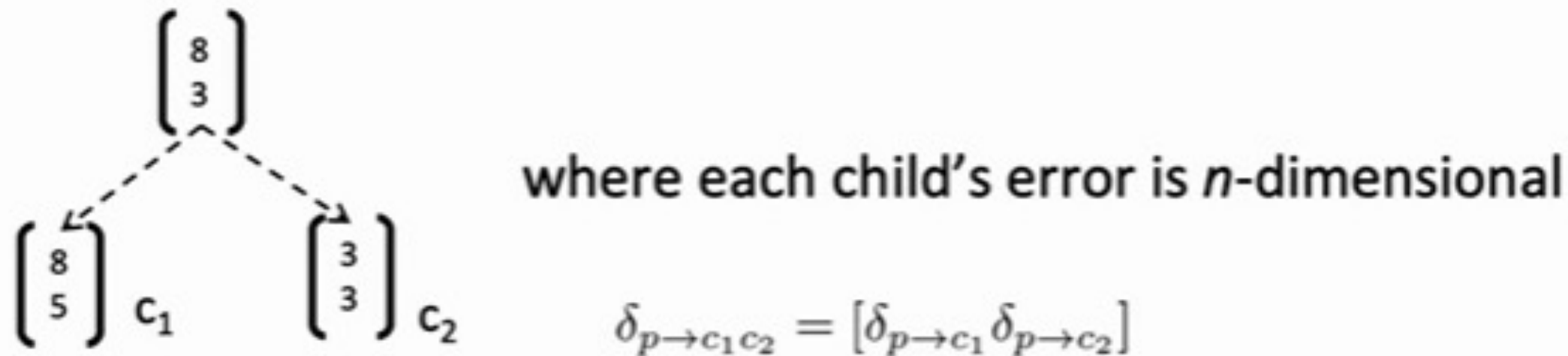
# BTS: Simple TreeRNN

## BTS: 2) Split derivatives at each node

During forward prop, the parent is computed using 2 children



Hence, the errors need to be computed wrt each of them:



# BTS: Simple TreeRNN

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  - 이전보다 더 큰 텍스트 단위의 의미 표현 가능
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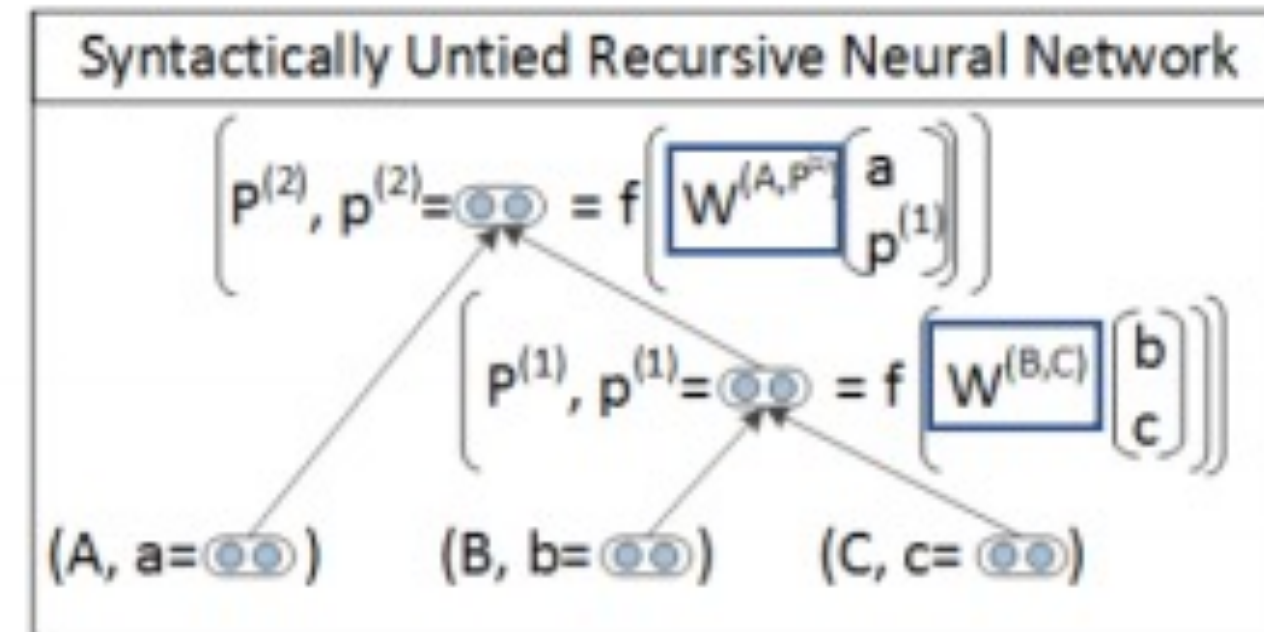
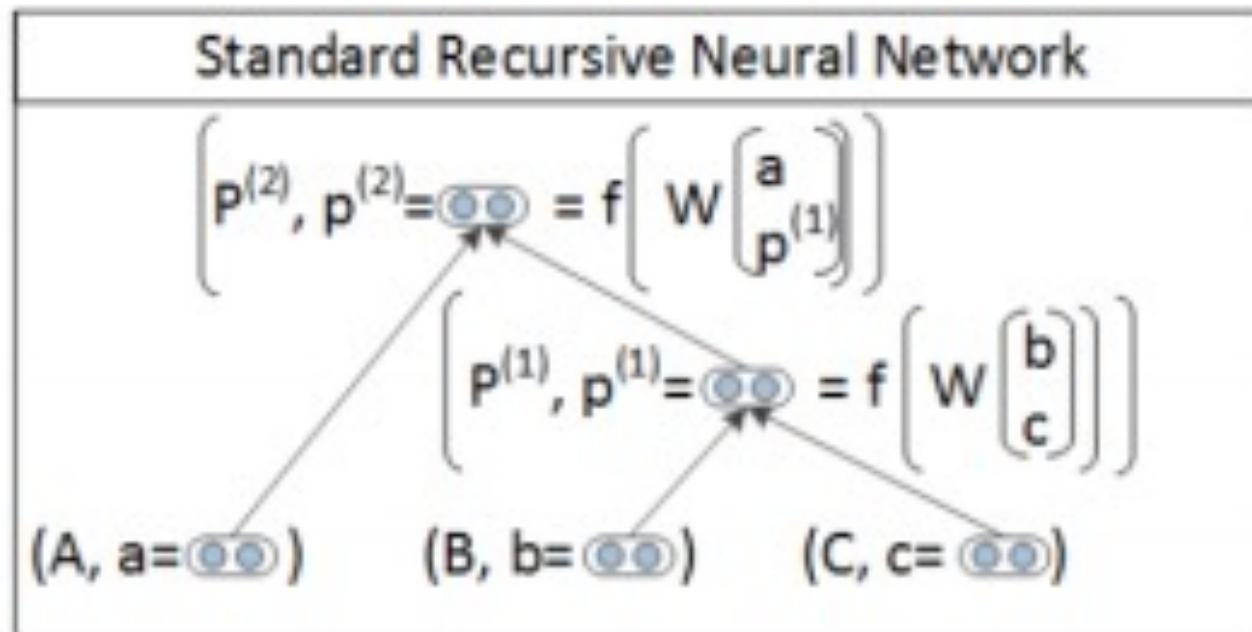
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## Syntactically-United RNN



# Syntactically-United RNN

- 기능이 다른 표현에 각기 다른 가중치를 사용
- Simple TreeRNN 개선



# Syntactically-United RNN

## Compositional Vector Grammers

- 앞선 방식의 문제점: 속도가 느림. Greedy나 beam search로 모든 score 후보군을 계산하는 것은 계산량이 많음
- 해결방법: Tree의 부분 집합에 대해서만 score 계산해서 빠르게 만듦 (PCFG)

**Compositional Vector Grammer = PCFG + TreeRNN**



# Syntactically-United RNN

## PCFG (Probabilistic Context Free Grammer)

- 규칙에 따라 Weight matrix를 다르게 적용

### PCFG Example

#### a simple PCFG

1.0  $S \rightarrow NP VP$

0.3  $NP \rightarrow Adj Noun$

0.7  $NP \rightarrow Det Noun$

1.0  $VP \rightarrow Vb NP$

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0.2  $Adj \rightarrow fruit$

0.2  $Noun \rightarrow flies$

1.0  $Vb \rightarrow like$

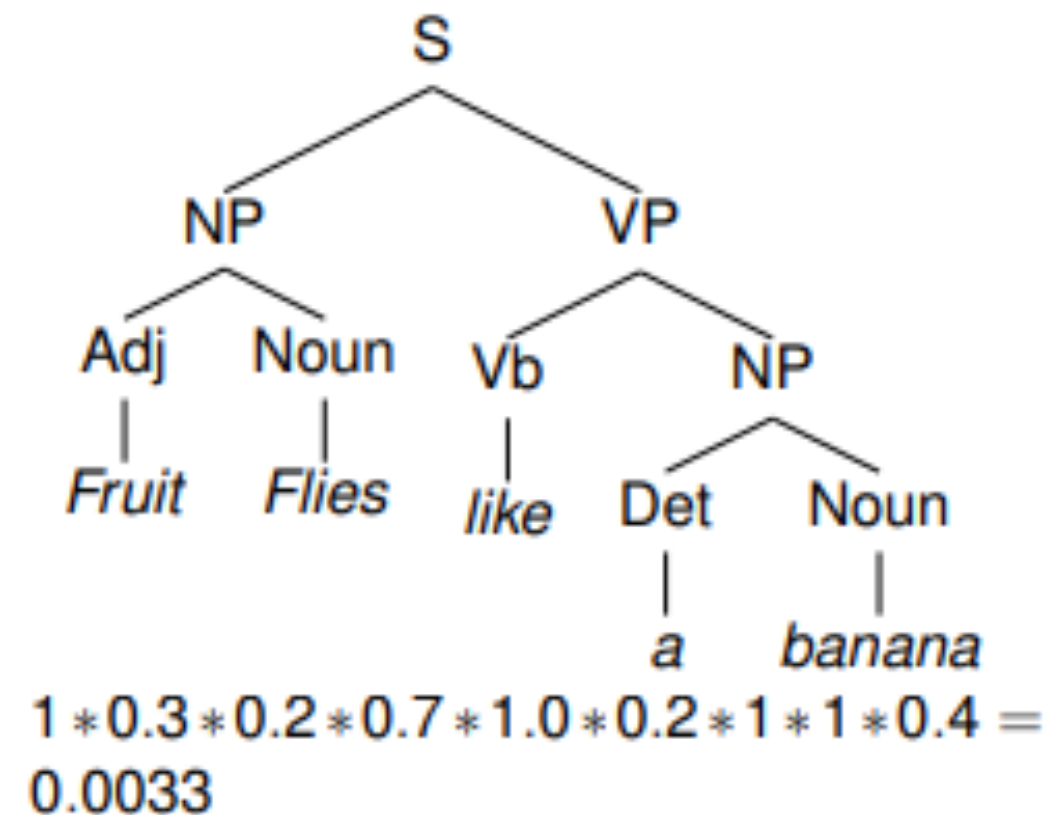
1.0  $Det \rightarrow a$

0.4  $Noun \rightarrow banana$

0.4  $Noun \rightarrow tomato$

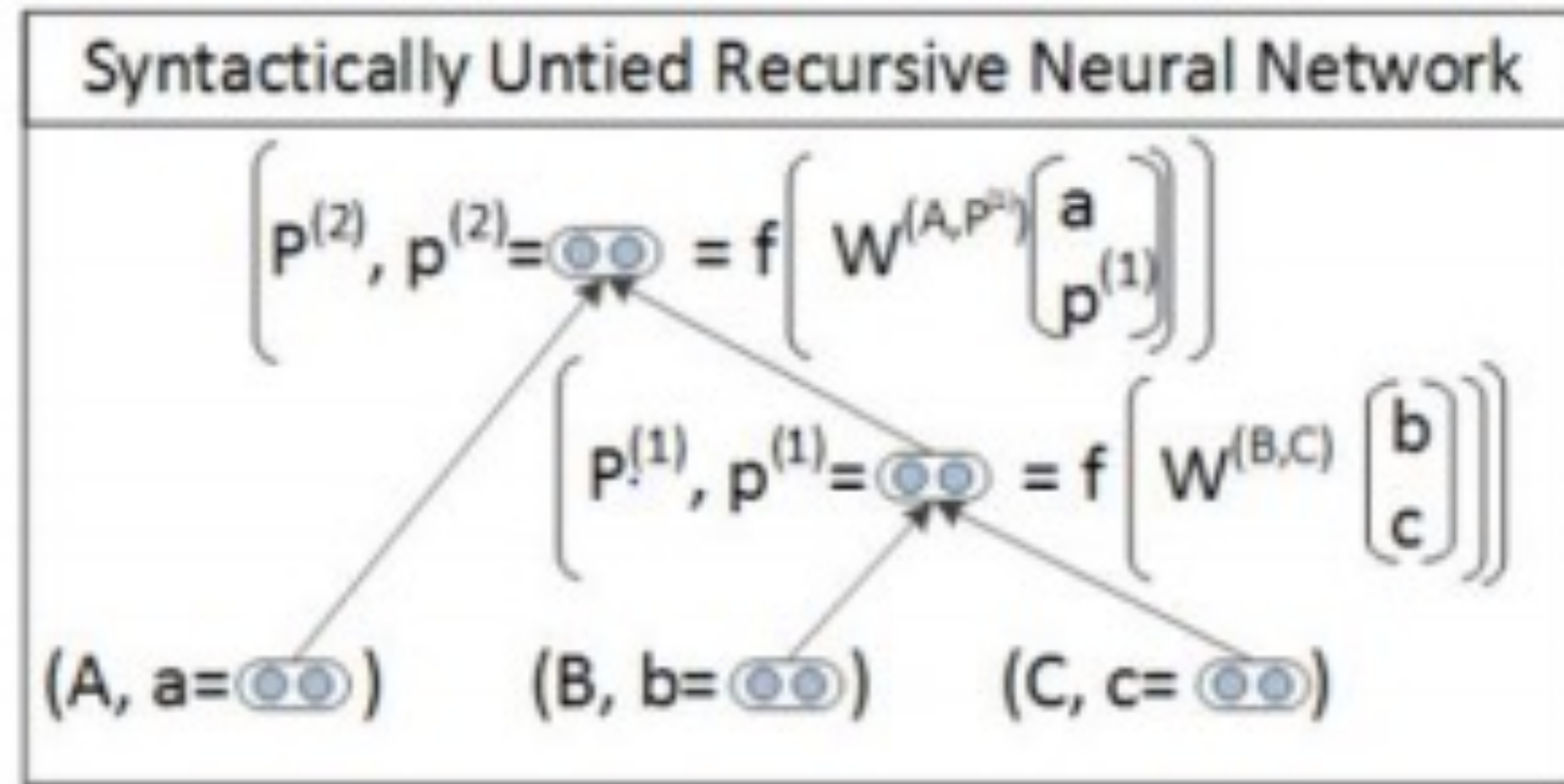
0.8  $Adj \rightarrow angry$

#### Example





# Syntactically-United RNN



PCFG + TreeRNN

# THANK YOU

