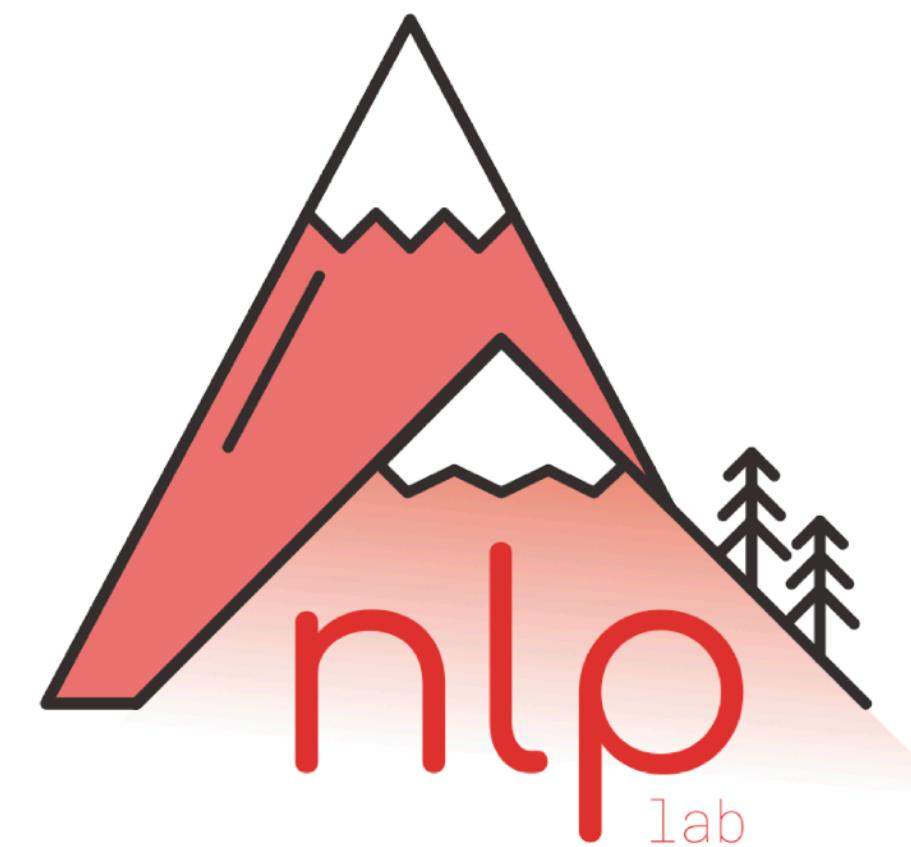


# Classic Language Models

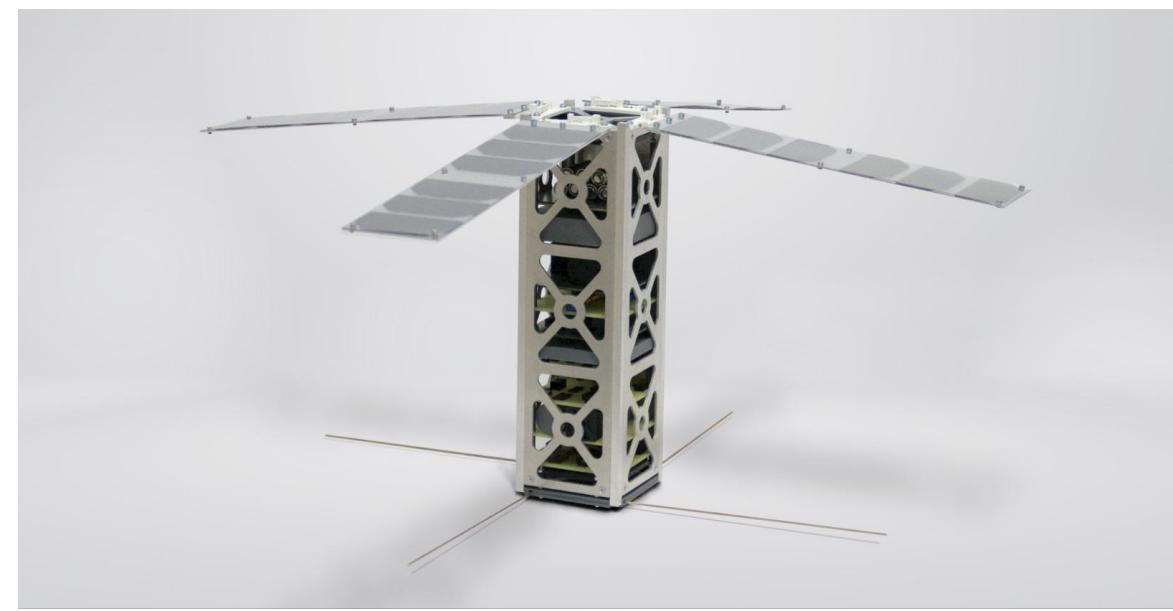
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- Interface with flight hardware
- Implement control & telemetry logic
- Write and review critical code



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- Simulate the spacecraft
- Inject failures
- Stress-test mission software

## Workflow

Implementation → Unit Tests → Peer Review  
→ Simulation → Flight



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  - Video Lectures will be released early instead.
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- **Midterm:** Tentative Date is **April 15, 2026**
  - Time will be during class period: **11 AM - 1 PM**
  - Spread across multiple rooms on campus
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[nlp-cs552-spring2026-ta-team@groupes.epfl.ch](mailto:nlp-cs552-spring2026-ta-team@groupes.epfl.ch)
  - **More details on midterm content in the coming weeks**

# Today's Outline

- **Part 1:** Language models introduction, count-based language models, evaluating language models, smoothing
- **Part 2:** Fixed-context Language Models, Recurrent Neural Networks 1

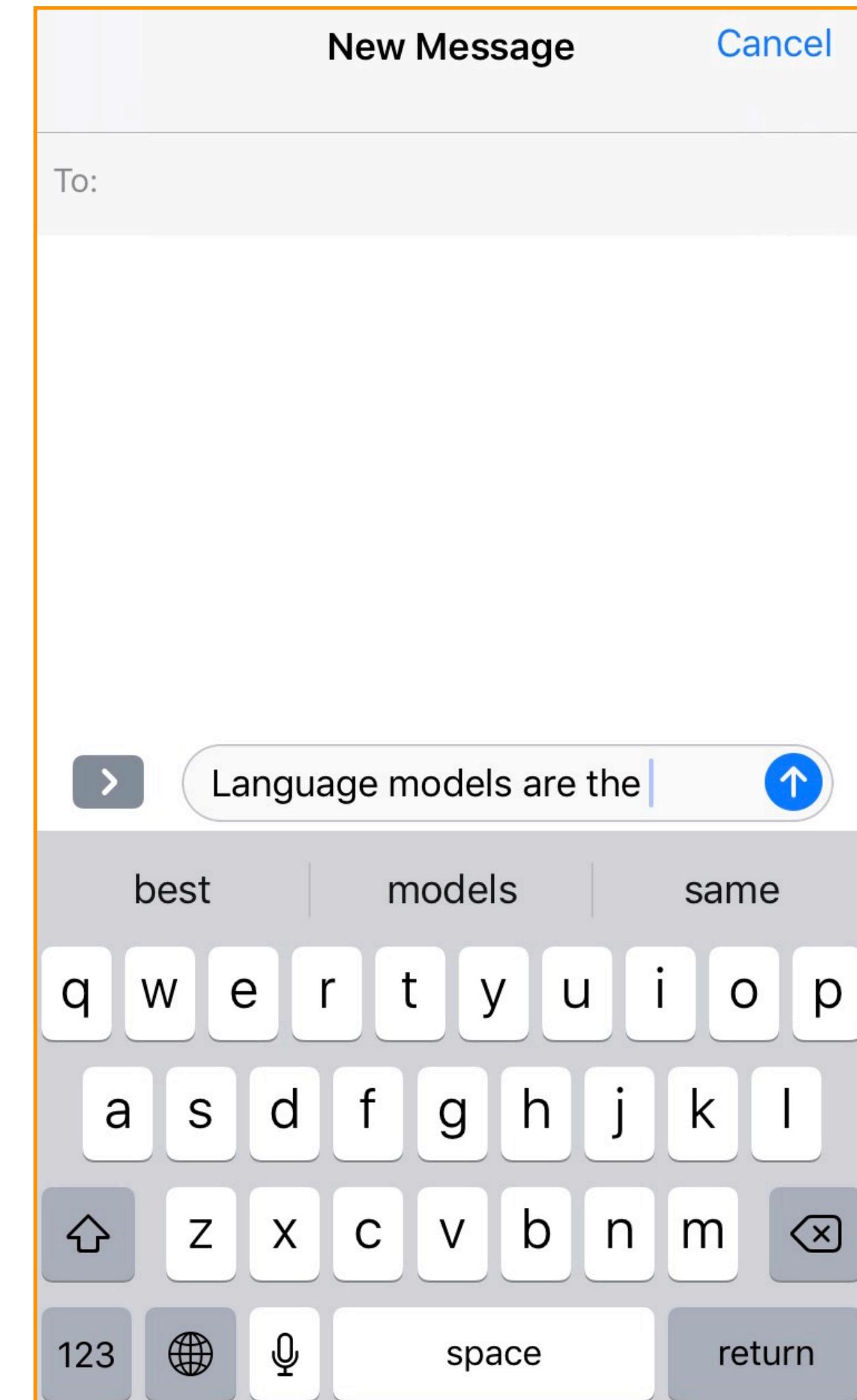
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$$P(w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots, w_n)$$

- Language models estimate this probability!

# Language models are ubiquitous



# Applications of LMs

- Predicting words is important in many situations
  - **Classical:** Machine translation, text generation

$P(\text{a smooth finish}) > P(\text{a flat finish})$

- **Classical:** Speech recognition/Spell checking

$P(\text{high school principal}) > P(\text{high school principle})$

- **Modern:** Information extraction, Question answering, Classification, etc.

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Sentence: “the cat sat on the mat”

$$\begin{aligned} P(\text{the cat sat on the mat}) &= P(\text{the}) * P(\text{cat}|\text{the}) * P(\text{sat}|\text{the cat}) \\ &\quad * P(\text{on}|\text{the cat sat}) * P(\text{the}|\text{the cat sat on}) \\ &\quad * P(\text{mat}|\text{the cat sat on the}) \end{aligned}$$

# Count-based Modeling

## Maximum likelihood estimate (MLE)

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⋮

- ▶ Estimate probabilities by counting occurrences of sequences in a **corpus** of text

### Note on Notation:

**Word type:** unique word in our vocabulary  $V$

**Token:** instance of a word type in our corpus

# Question

**What's going to be a problem with  
counting sequences for any prefix?**

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- ▶ Estimate probabilities by counting occurrences of sequences in a **corpus** of text
- ▶ With a vocabulary of size  $V$ ,
  - number of sequences of length  $n = V^n$
- ▶ Typical vocabulary  $\approx 40000$  words
  - even sentences of length  $\leq 11$  results in more than  $4 * 10^{50}$  sequences!  
*(more than the number of atoms in the earth)*

# Markov assumption

- Use only the recent past to predict the next word
- **Effect:** reduce the number of estimated parameters in exchange for modeling capacity
- 1st order Markov

$$P(\text{mat}|\text{the cat sat on the}) \approx P(\text{mat}|\text{the})$$

- 2nd order Markov

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# $k^{\text{th}}$ order Markov

- Consider only the last  $k$  words for context

$$P(w_i | w_1 w_2 \dots w_{i-1}) \approx P(w_i | w_{i-k} \dots w_{i-1})$$

which implies the probability of a sequence is:

$$P(w_1 w_2 \dots w_n) \approx \prod_i P(w_i | w_{i-k} \dots w_{i-1})$$

(ignore  $w_j \quad \forall j < 0$ )

# n-gram models

Unigram

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i)$$

Bigram

$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | w_{i-1})$$

and Trigram, 4-gram, and so on.

*Larger n leads to more accurate and better\* language models  
(but also higher costs)*

*\*Caveat: Assuming infinite data!*

# Examples

## Unigram

release millions See ABC accurate President of Donald Will  
cheat them a CNN megynkelly experience @ these word  
out- the

## Bigram

Thank you believe that @ ABC news, Mississippi tonight  
and the false editorial I think the great people Bill  
Clinton . "

## Trigram

We are going to MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!  
#MakeAmericaGreatAgain <https://t.co/DjkdAzT3WV>

$$\arg \max_{(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)} P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = \arg \max_{(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)} \prod_{i=1}^n P(w_i | w_{i-k}, \dots, w_{i-1})$$

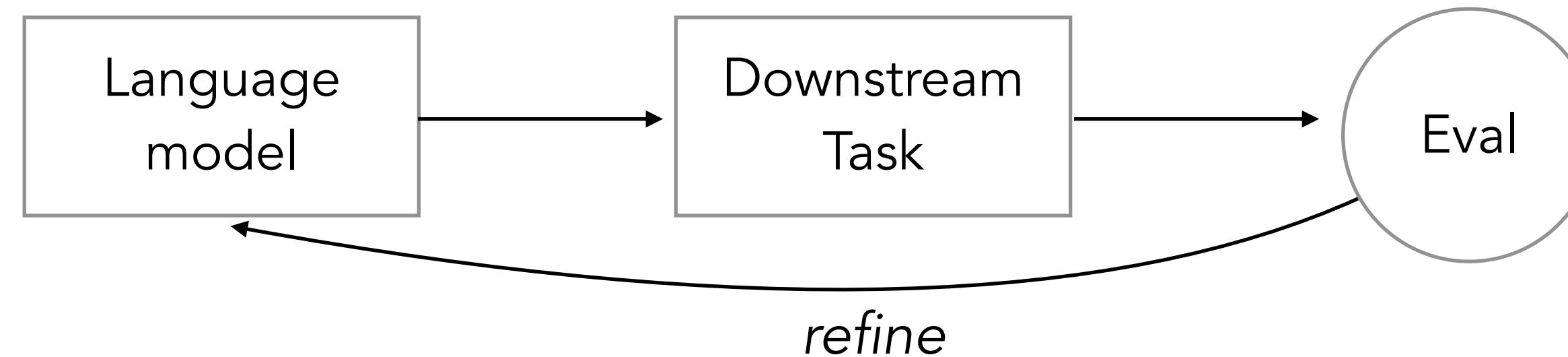
# Evaluating language models

- A good language model should assign **higher probability** to typical, grammatically correct sentences
- Research process:
  - **Train** parameters on a suitable training corpus
    - ▶ Assumption: observed sentences are probably good sentences
  - **Test** on *different, unseen* corpus
    - ▶ **Training on any part of test set not acceptable! Why?**
  - **Evaluation metric**

# Question

**What evaluation metric should we use?**

# Extrinsic evaluation



- Train LM —> apply to task —> observe accuracy
- Directly optimized for downstream tasks
  - higher task accuracy —> better model
- Expensive, time consuming
- Hard to optimize downstream objective (indirect feedback)

# Perplexity (ppl)

- Measure of how well a probability distribution (or LM) **predicts** a sample
- For a corpus  $S$  with sentences  $S^1, S^2, \dots, S^m$

$$\text{ppl}(S) = 2^x \quad \text{where} \quad x = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log_2 P(S^i) \longrightarrow \text{Cross-Entropy}$$

- Unigram model:  $x = -\frac{1}{W} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \log_2 P(w_j^i)$  (since  $P(S) = \prod_j P(w_j)$ )
- where  $W$  is the total number of words in test corpus

- Minimizing perplexity is the same as maximizing probability of corpus  $P(S^1 S^2 \dots S^m)$

# Intuition on perplexity

- If our n-gram model (with vocabulary  $V$ ) has following probability:

$$P(w_i|w_{i-n}, \dots w_{i-1}) = \frac{1}{|V|} \quad \forall w_i$$

- What is the perplexity of the test corpus?

$$ppl = 2^{-\frac{1}{W} W \times \log_2(\frac{1}{|V|})} = |V|$$

$$\begin{aligned} ppl(S) &= 2^x \text{ where} \\ x &= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log_2 P(S^i) \end{aligned}$$

- Any word is equally likely at next step!
- *Intuition: Perplexity measures a model's uncertainty about the next word*

# Intuition on perplexity

- Perplexity is the exponentiated token-level negative log likelihood
  - **Why logs?**
- **Theory:** perplexity measured using a base of 2
  - **Practice:** doesn't matter what the base is, e used often
  - **Exercise:** derive why!

$$\text{ppl}(S) = 2^x \text{ where } x = -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^n \log_2 P(S^i)$$

## Comprehension Question:

How good is a language model with  $\text{ppl} > \text{MI}$  ?

# Perplexity as a metric

<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>
Easy to compute	Requires domain match between train and test
standardized	might not correspond to end task optimization
directly useful, easy to use to correct sentences	log 0 undefined
nice theoretical interpretation - matching distributions	can be 'cheated' by predicting common tokens
	size of test set matters
	can be sensitive to low prob tokens/sentences

# Question

**What are major shortcomings of n-gram language models?**

# Exponential Decay of Counts

- What happens when we scale to longer contexts?

$P(w|to)$       *to* occurs 1M times in corpus

$P(w|go\ to)$       *go to* occurs 50,000 times in corpus

$P(w|to\ go\ to)$       *go to* occurs 1500 times in corpus

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- Probability counts get very sparse, and we often want information from 5+ words away

# Not all n-grams observed in training data

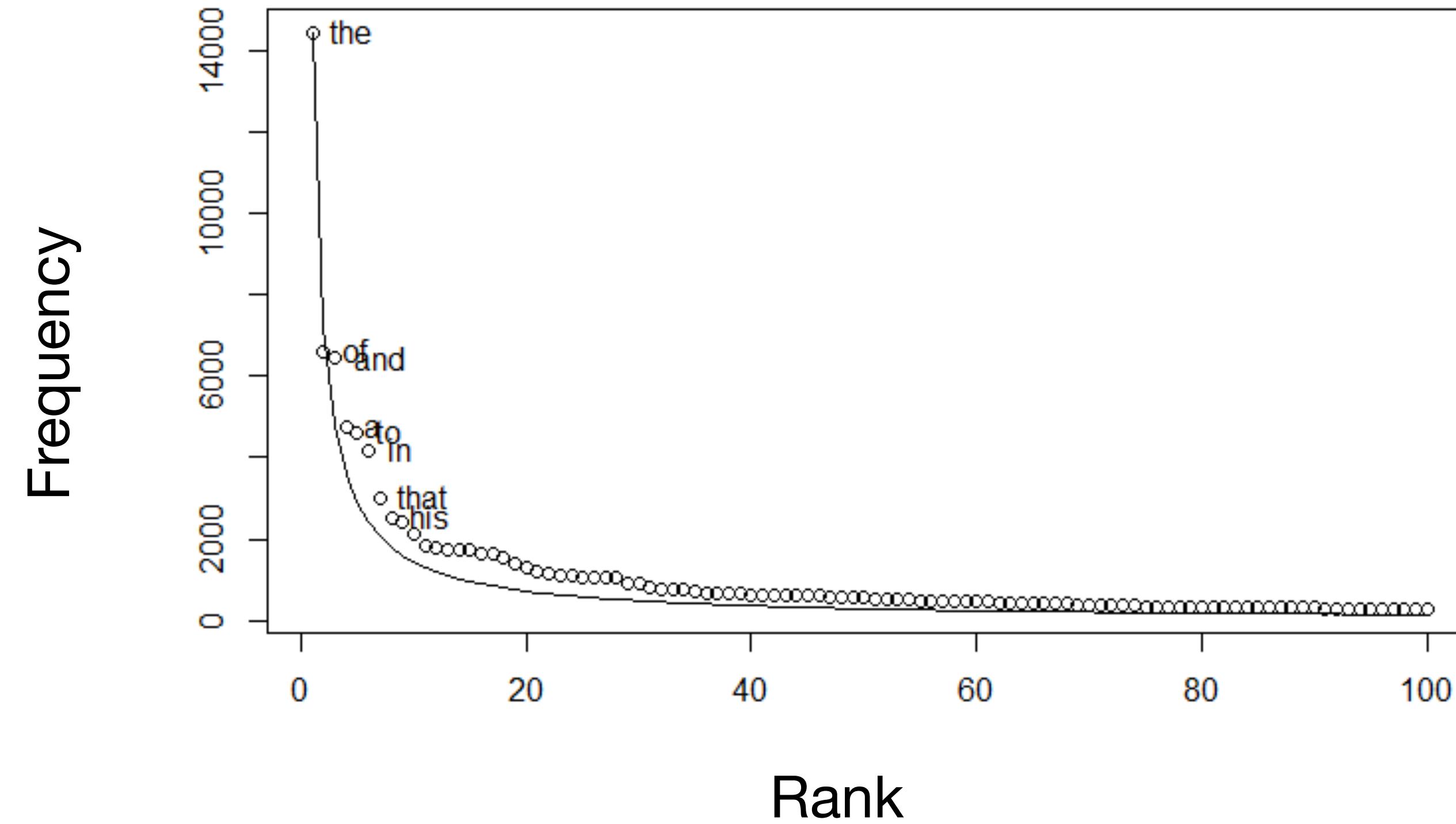
- Test corpus might have some that have zero probability under our model
  - Training set: *Google news*
  - Test set: *Shakespeare*
- $P(\text{affray} \mid \text{voice doth us}) = 0 \rightarrow P(\text{test corpus}) = 0$
- **Undefined perplexity**

# Fun Fact!

## Shakespeare as corpus

- $N=884,647$  tokens,  $V=29,066$
- Shakespeare produced 300,000 bigram types out of  $V^2= 844$  million possible bigrams.
  - So 99.96% of the possible bigrams were never seen (have zero entries in the table)

# Sparsity in language



$$freq \propto \frac{1}{rank}$$

**Zipf's Law**

- Long tail of infrequent words
- Most finite-size corpora will have this problem.

# Question

**How might we fix this ?**

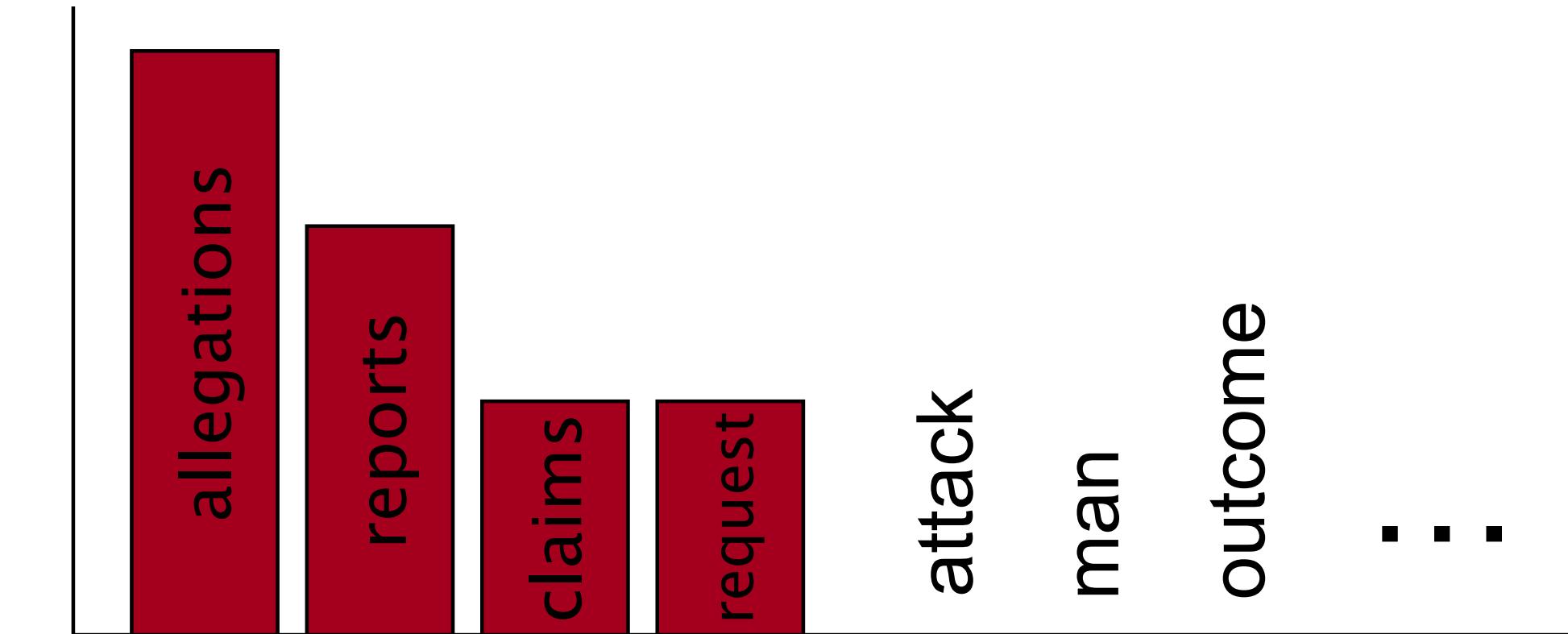
# Smoothing

- Handle sparsity by making sure all probabilities are non-zero in our model
  - **Additive**: Add a small amount to all probabilities
  - **Discounting**: Redistribute probability mass from observed n-grams to unobserved ones
  - **Back-off**: Use lower order n-grams if higher ones are too sparse
  - **Interpolation**: Use a combination of different granularities of n-grams

# Smoothing intuition

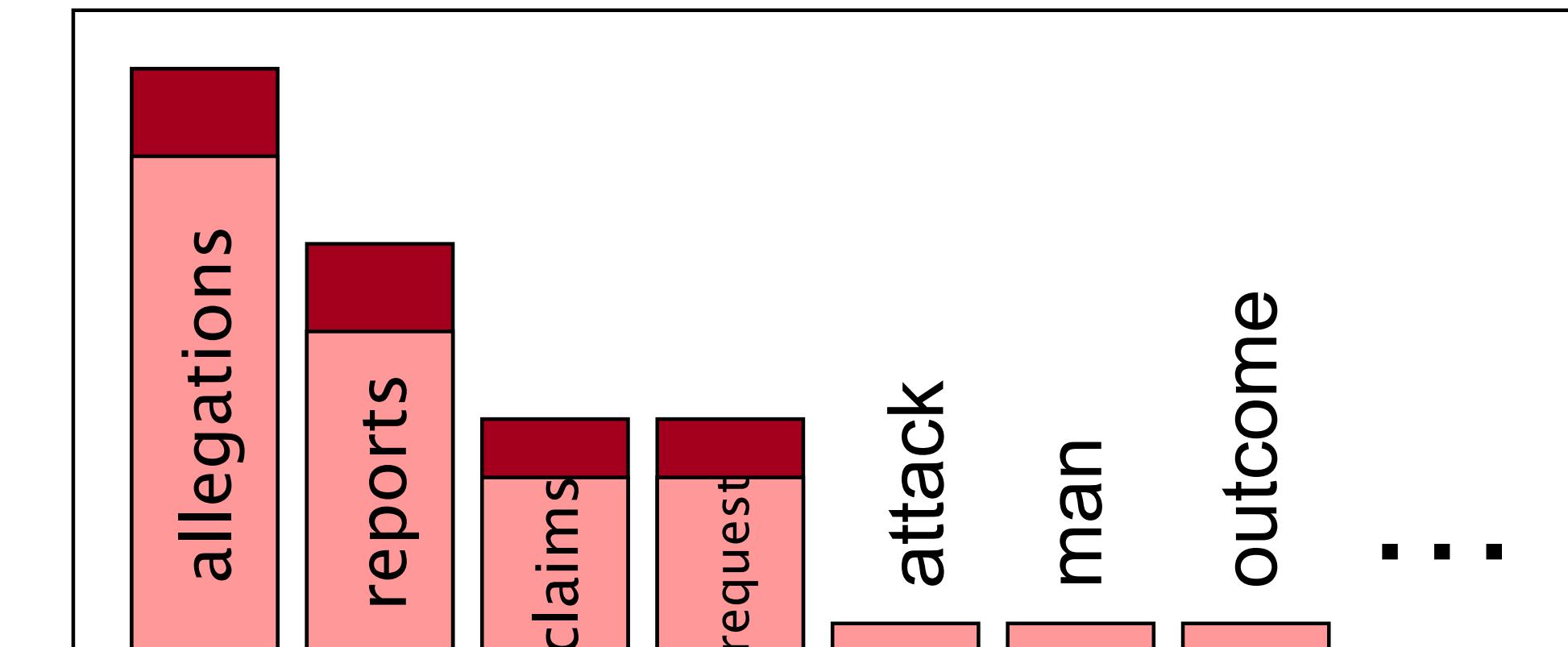
When we have sparse statistics:

$P(w \mid \text{denied the})$   
3 allegations  
2 reports  
1 claims  
1 request  
7 total



Steal probability mass to generalize better

$P(w \mid \text{denied the})$   
2.5 allegations  
1.5 reports  
0.5 claims  
0.5 request  
**2 other**  
7 total



# Laplace smoothing (add- $\alpha$ )

- **Simplest smoothing heuristic:** add  $\alpha$  to all counts and renormalize!
- **Example:** max likelihood estimate for bigrams:

$$P(w_i|w_{i-1}) = \frac{C(w_{i-1}, w_i)}{C(w_{i-1})}$$

- After smoothing:

$$P(w_i|w_{i-1}) = \frac{C(w_{i-1}, w_i) + \alpha}{C(w_{i-1}) + \alpha|V|}$$

# Raw bigram counts (Berkeley restaurant corpus)

- Out of 9222 sentences

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	5	827	0	9	0	0	0	2
want	2	0	608	1	6	6	5	1
to	2	0	4	686	2	0	6	211
eat	0	0	2	0	16	2	42	0
chinese	1	0	0	0	0	82	1	0
food	15	0	15	0	1	4	0	0
lunch	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
spend	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

# Smoothed bigram counts

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	6	828	1	10	1	1	1	3
want	3	1	609	2	7	7	6	2
to	3	1	5	687	3	1	7	212
eat	1	1	3	1	17	3	43	1
chinese	2	1	1	1	1	83	2	1
food	16	1	16	1	2	5	1	1
lunch	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
spend	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1

Add 1 to all the entries in the matrix

# Smoothed bigram probabilities

$$P^*(w_i | w_{i-1}) = \frac{C(w_{i-1}w_i) + 1}{C(w_{i-1}) + V}$$

	i	want	to	eat	chinese	food	lunch	spend
i	0.0015	0.21	<b>0.00025</b>	0.0025	<b>0.00025</b>	<b>0.00025</b>	<b>0.00025</b>	0.00075
want	0.0013	<b>0.00042</b>	0.26	0.00084	0.0029	0.0029	0.0025	0.00084
to	0.00078	<b>0.00026</b>	0.0013	0.18	0.00078	<b>0.00026</b>	0.0018	0.055
eat	<b>0.00046</b>	<b>0.00046</b>	0.0014	<b>0.00046</b>	0.0078	0.0014	0.02	<b>0.00046</b>
chinese	0.0012	<b>0.00062</b>	<b>0.00062</b>	0.00062	<b>0.00062</b>	0.052	0.0012	<b>0.00062</b>
food	0.0063	<b>0.00039</b>	0.0063	<b>0.00039</b>	0.00079	0.002	<b>0.00039</b>	0.00039
lunch	0.0017	<b>0.00056</b>	<b>0.00056</b>	<b>0.00056</b>	<b>0.00056</b>	0.0011	<b>0.00056</b>	<b>0.00056</b>
spend	0.0012	<b>0.00058</b>	0.0012	<b>0.00058</b>	<b>0.00058</b>	<b>0.00058</b>	<b>0.00058</b>	<b>0.00058</b>

# Discounting

Bigram count in training	Bigram count in heldout set
0	.0000270
1	0.448
2	1.25
3	2.24
4	3.23
5	4.21
6	5.23
7	6.21
8	7.21
9	8.26

- Determine some “mass” to remove from probability estimates
- Redistribute mass among unseen n-grams
- Just choose an absolute value to discount (usually <1)

$$P_{\text{abs\_discount}}(w_i | w_{i-1}) = \frac{c(w_{i-1}, w_i) - d}{c(w_{i-1})} \quad \text{if } c(w_{i-1}, w_i) > 0$$

Unigram probabilities

$$\alpha(w_{i-1}) \frac{P(w_i)}{\sum_{w'} P(w')} \quad \text{for all } w' \text{ s.t. } c(w_{i-1}, w') = 0 \quad \text{if } c(w_{i-1}, w_i) = 0$$

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# Back-off

- Use n-gram if enough evidence, else back off to (n-1)-gram

*n* here is length of *n*-gram, not length of sequence (as in previous slides)

$$P_{bo}(w_i \mid w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1}) = \begin{cases} d_{w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_i} \frac{C(w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1} w_i)}{C(w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1})} & \text{if } C(w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_i) > k \\ \alpha_{w_{i-n+1} \cdots w_{i-1}} P_{bo}(w_i \mid w_{i-n+2} \cdots w_{i-1}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(Katz back-off)

- $d$  = amount of discounting
- $\alpha$  = back-off weight

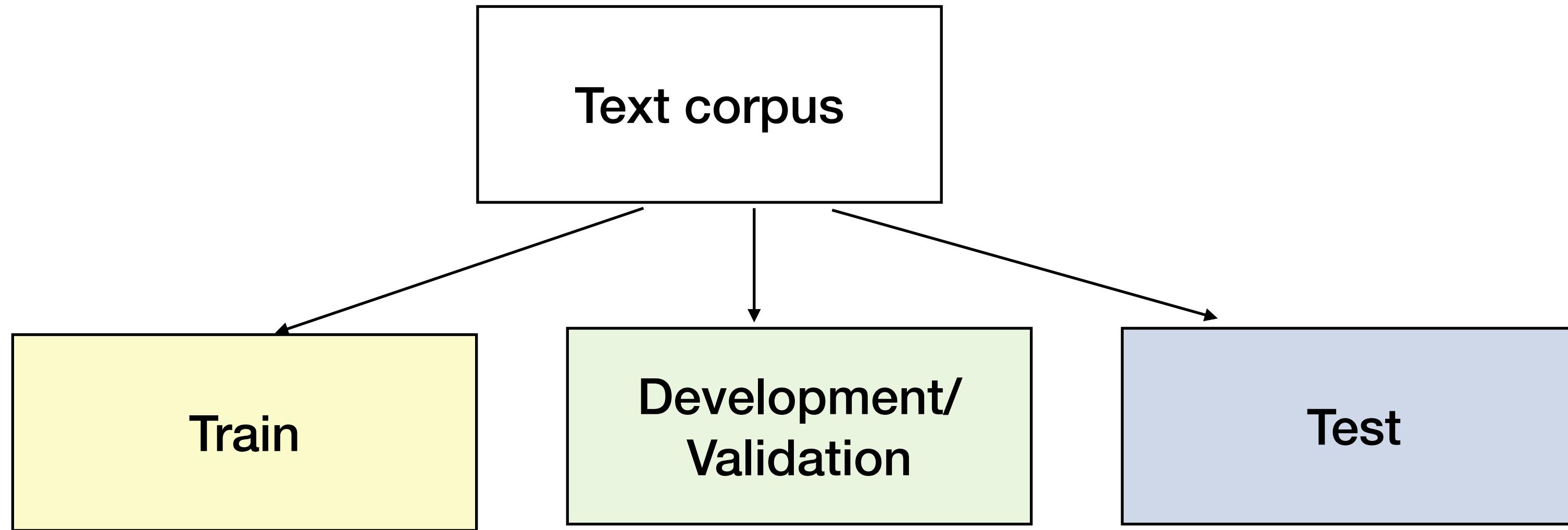
# Linear Interpolation

$$\hat{P}(w_i|w_{i-1}, w_{i-2}) = \lambda_1 P(w_i|w_{i-1}, w_{i-2}) \quad \text{Trigram}$$
$$+ \lambda_2 P(w_i|w_{i-1}) \quad \text{Bigram}$$
$$+ \lambda_3 P(w_i) \quad \text{Unigram}$$

$$\sum_j \lambda_j = 1$$

- Use a combination of models to estimate probability
- Strong empirical performance

# Choosing lambdas



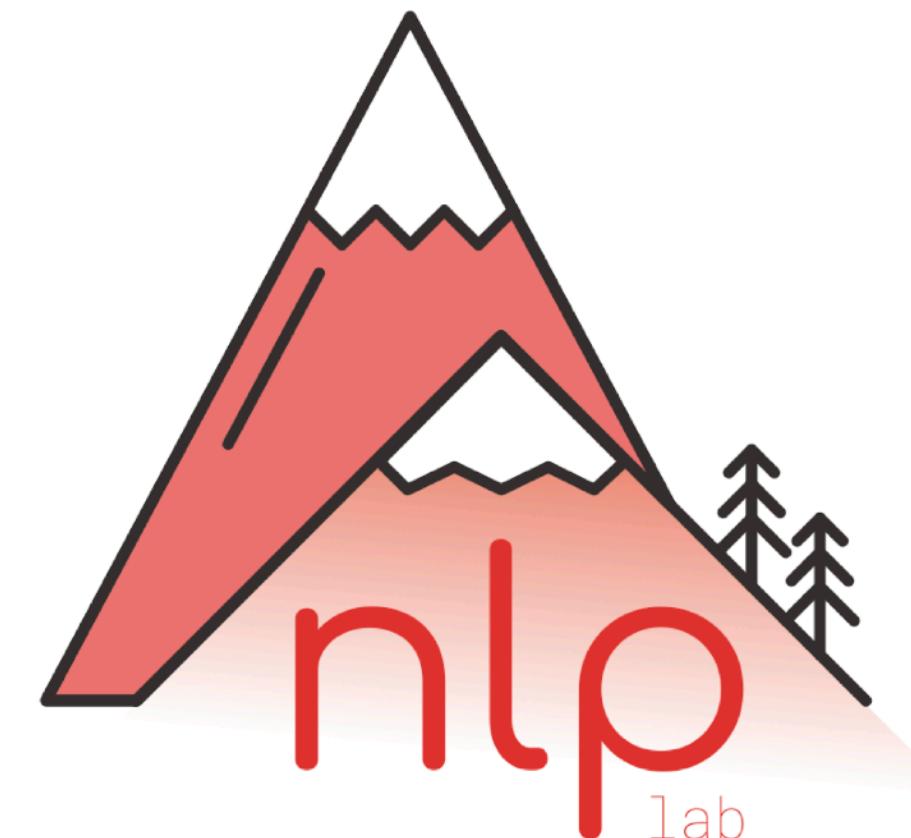
- First, estimate n-gram prob. on training set
- Then, estimate lambdas (hyperparameters) to maximize probability on the held-out development/validation set
- Use best model from above to evaluate on test set

# Recap

- $n$ -gram language models are simple, effective methods for estimating the probability of sequences
- **Problem #1:** Number of modelable sequences grows exponentially with  $n$
- **Problem #2:** Smoothing heuristics must be used to estimate the probability of sequences unseen during training

# Language Models: Fixed-context Neural Models

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- **Part 2:** Fixed-context Language Models
- **Additional Slides:** Neural networks recap

# Question

**What's another issue with n-gram language models?**

# Problem

**With n-gram language models, there is no notion of similarity unless sequence overlaps!**

**We treat all words / prefixes as independent of one another!**

students opened their \_\_

pupils opened their \_\_

scholars opened their \_\_

undergraduates opened their \_\_

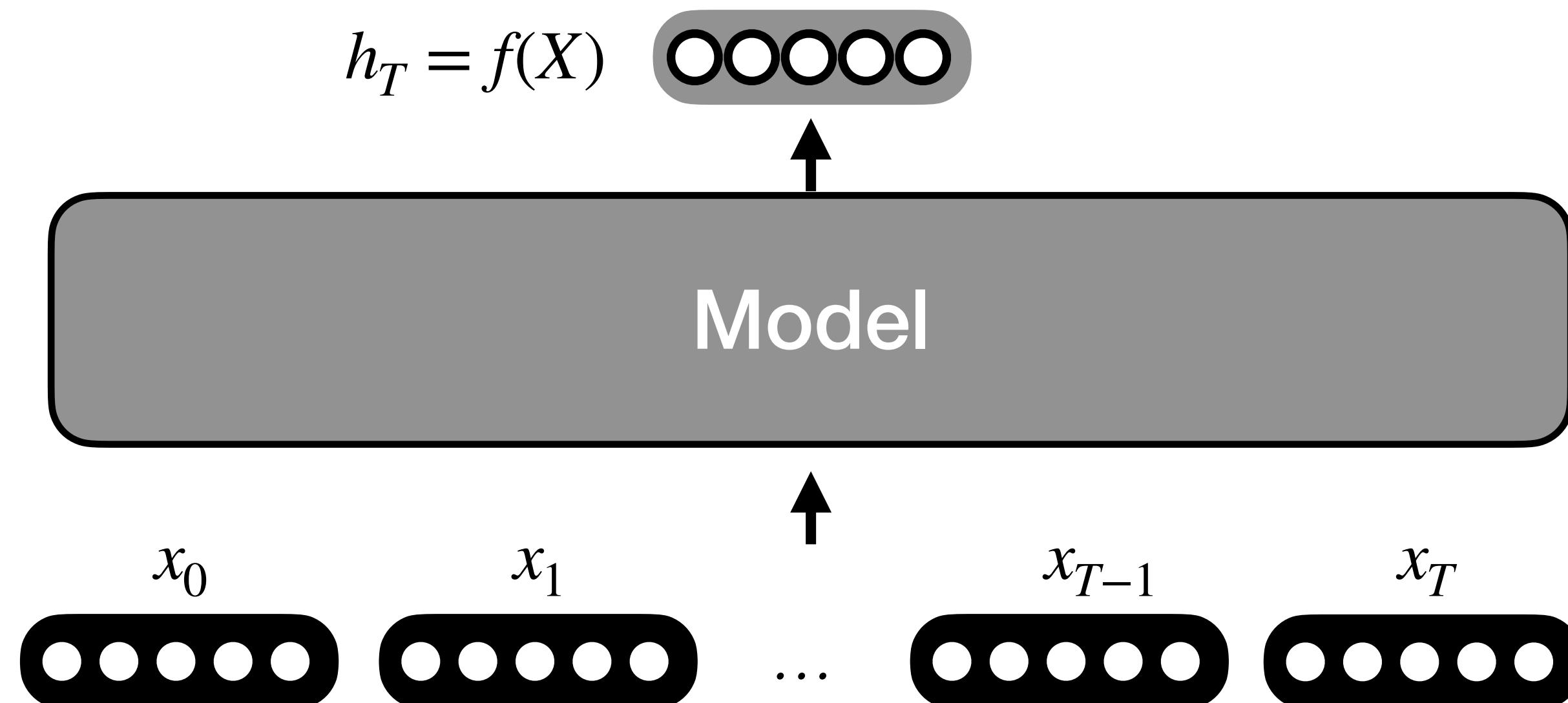
students turned the pages of their \_\_

students attentively perused their \_\_

**Ideally, we should share information across these same prefixes!**

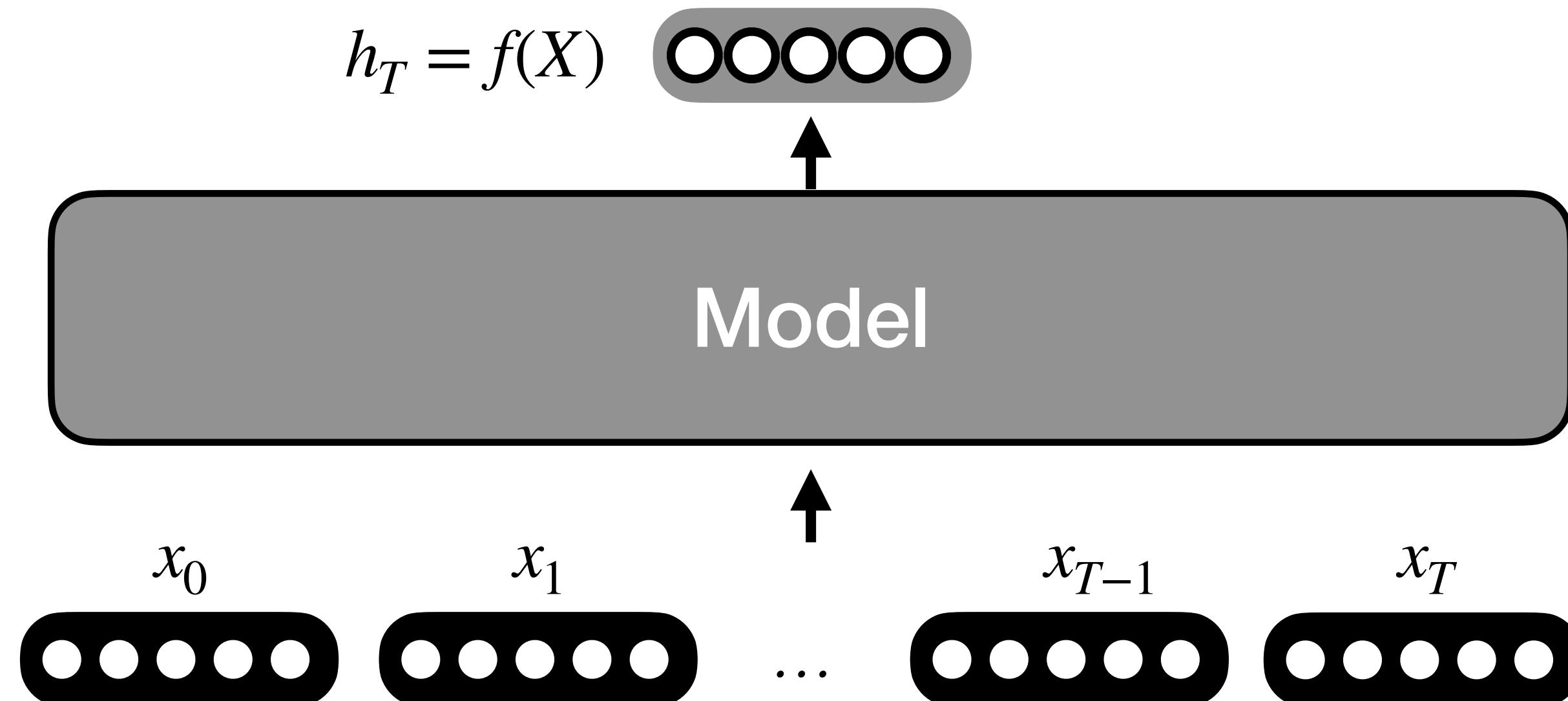
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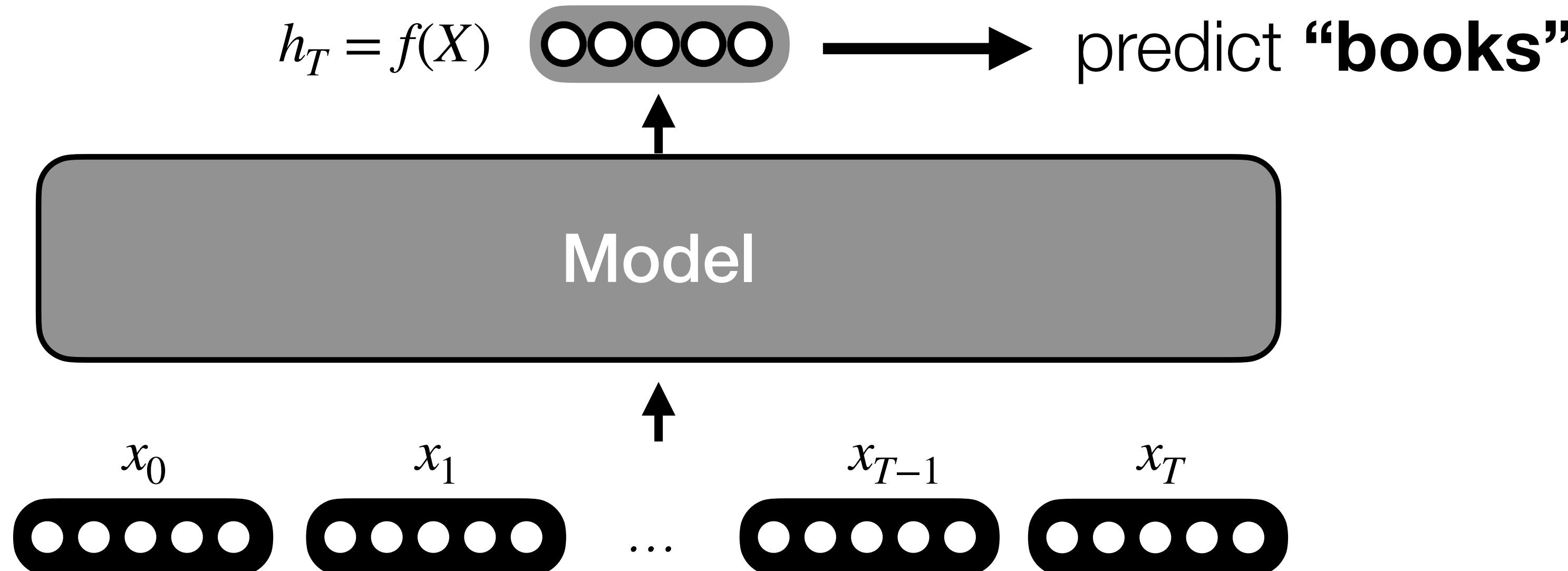
- neural networks **compose** word embeddings into vectors for natural language phrases, sentences, and documents
- Predict the next word from composed prefix representation



# How does this happen?

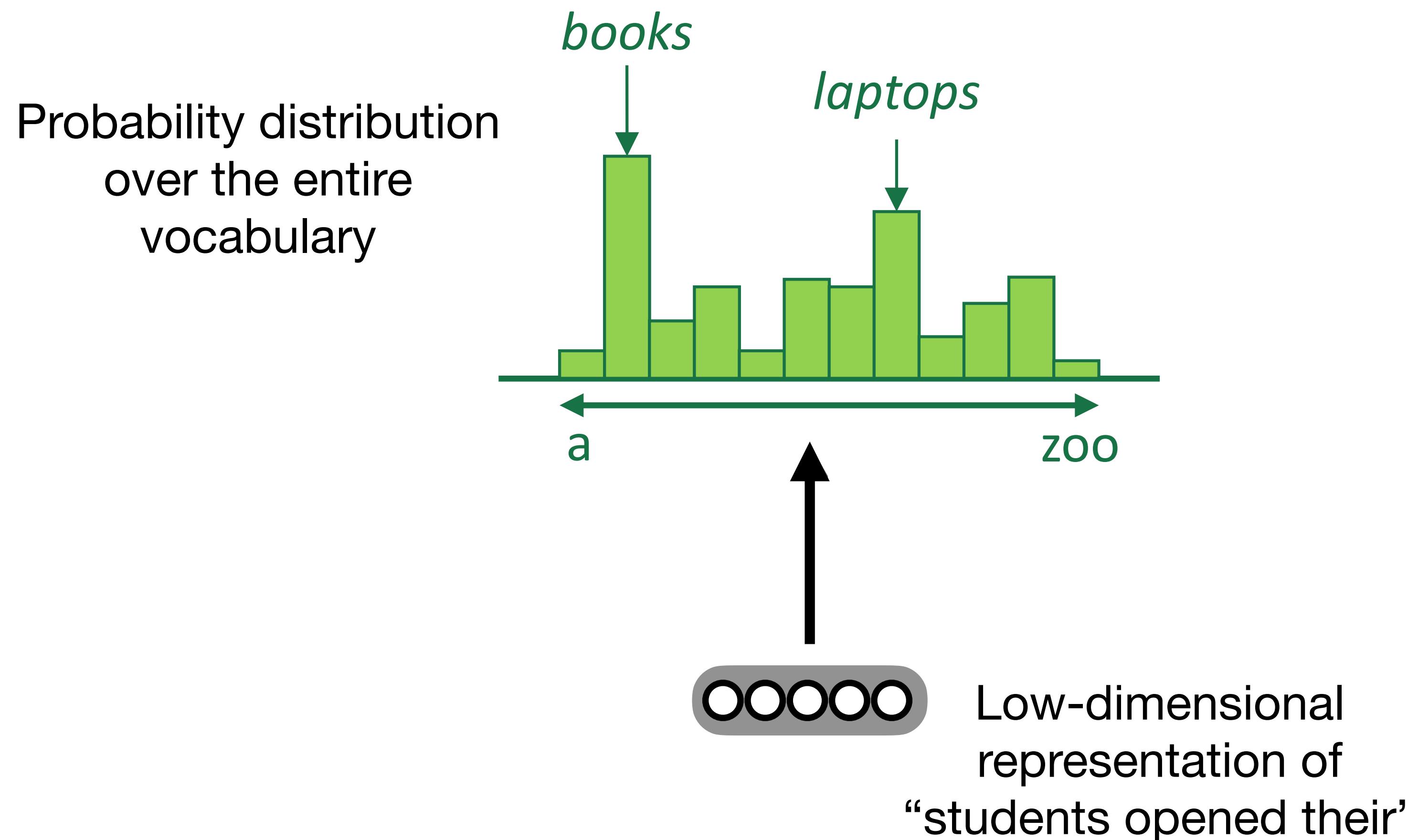
Vocab Projection + Softmax layers:

Converts a vector representation  
into a probability distribution over  
the entire vocabulary



# Vocabulary Space Projection

$P(w_i | \text{vector for "students opened their"})$



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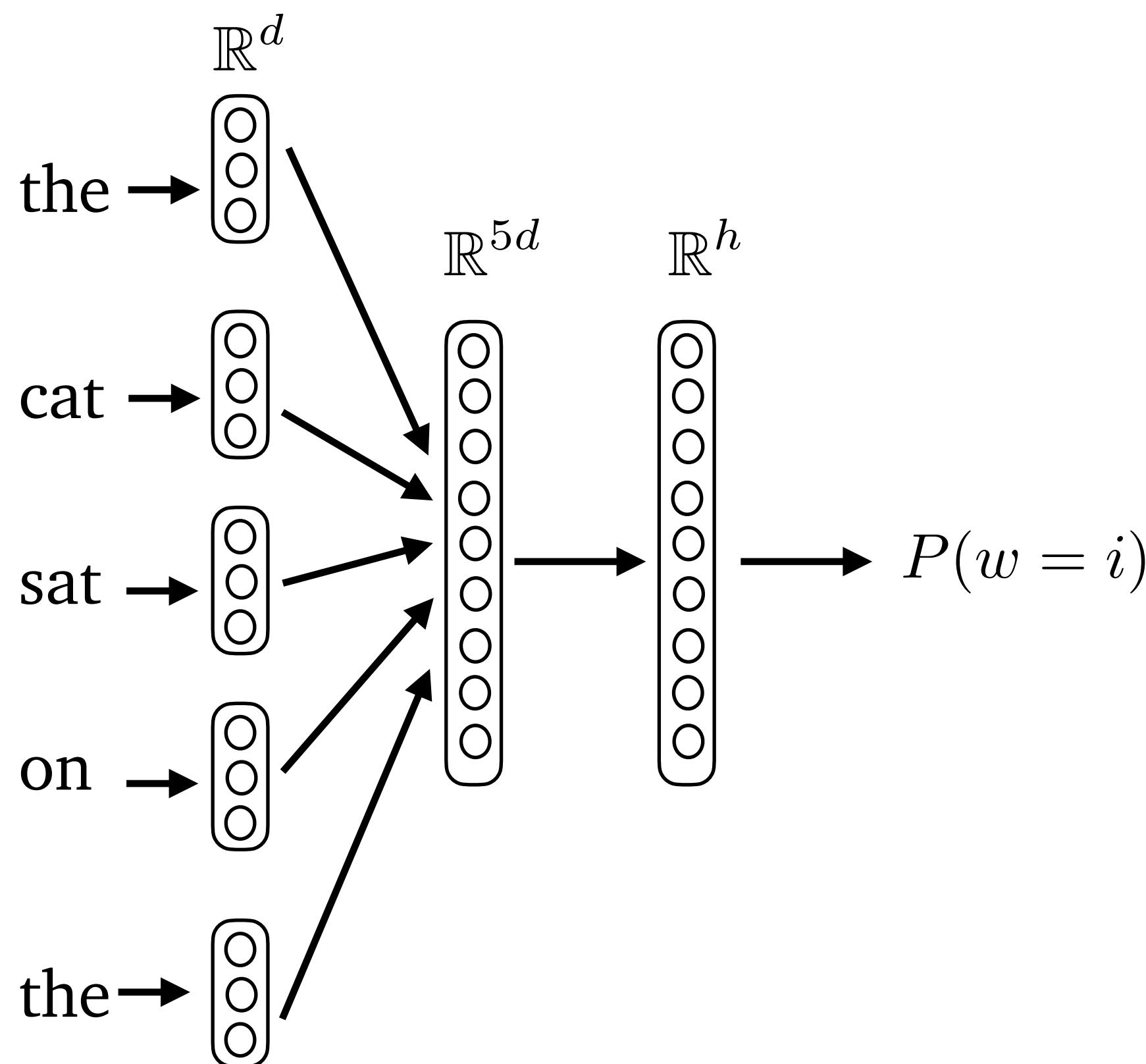
- Given a  $d$ -dimensional vector representation  $\mathbf{x}$  of a prefix, we do the following to predict the next word:
  1. Project it to a  $V$ -dimensional vector using a matrix-vector product (a.k.a. a “linear layer”, or a “feedforward layer”), where  $V$  is the size of the vocabulary
  2. Apply the softmax function to transform the resulting vector into a probability distribution

# Question

**How can we use these principles to come up with  
a better language model than the n-gram one?**

# Fixed-context Neural Language Models

- $P(\text{mat} \mid \text{the cat sat on the}) = ?$



- Input layer ( $n = 5$ ):

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{e}_{\text{the}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{cat}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{sat}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{on}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{the}}] \in \mathbb{R}^{dn}$$

- Hidden layer

$$\mathbf{h} = \tanh(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) \in \mathbb{R}^h$$

- Output layer (softmax)

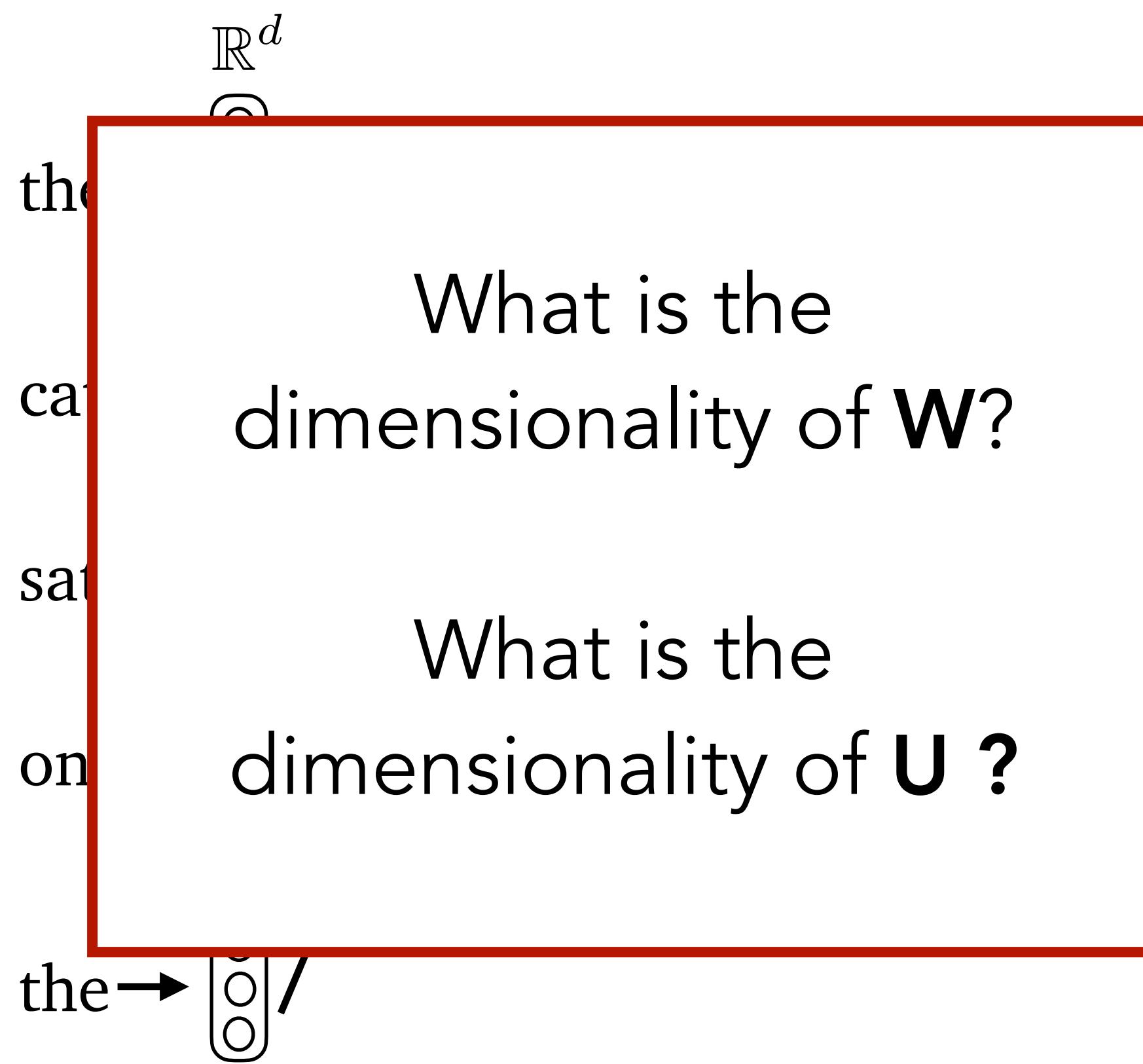
$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

$$P(w = i \mid \text{the cat sat on the})$$

$$= \text{softmax}_i(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_k e^{z_k}}$$

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$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{e}_{\text{the}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{cat}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{sat}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{on}}; \mathbf{e}_{\text{the}}] \in \mathbb{R}^{dn}$$

- Hidden layer

$$\mathbf{h} = \tanh(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}) \in \mathbb{R}^h$$

- Output layer (softmax)

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

$$P(w = i \mid \text{the cat sat on the})$$

$$= \text{softmax}_i(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_k e^{z_k}}$$

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# Advantages vs. Disadvantages

- No more sparsity problem
  - All sequences can be estimated with non-zero probability ! **Why?**
- Model size is much smaller!
  - Depends on number of weights in model, not number of sequences!
- Fixed windows are still too small to encode **long-range dependencies**
- Enlarging the window size makes the weight matrix **W** larger (more computationally expensive!)
- Weights in **W** aren't shared across embeddings in the window (computationally inefficient!)

# Sequences are not of consistent length

The **cat** chased the **mouse**

The starving **cat** chased the **mouse**

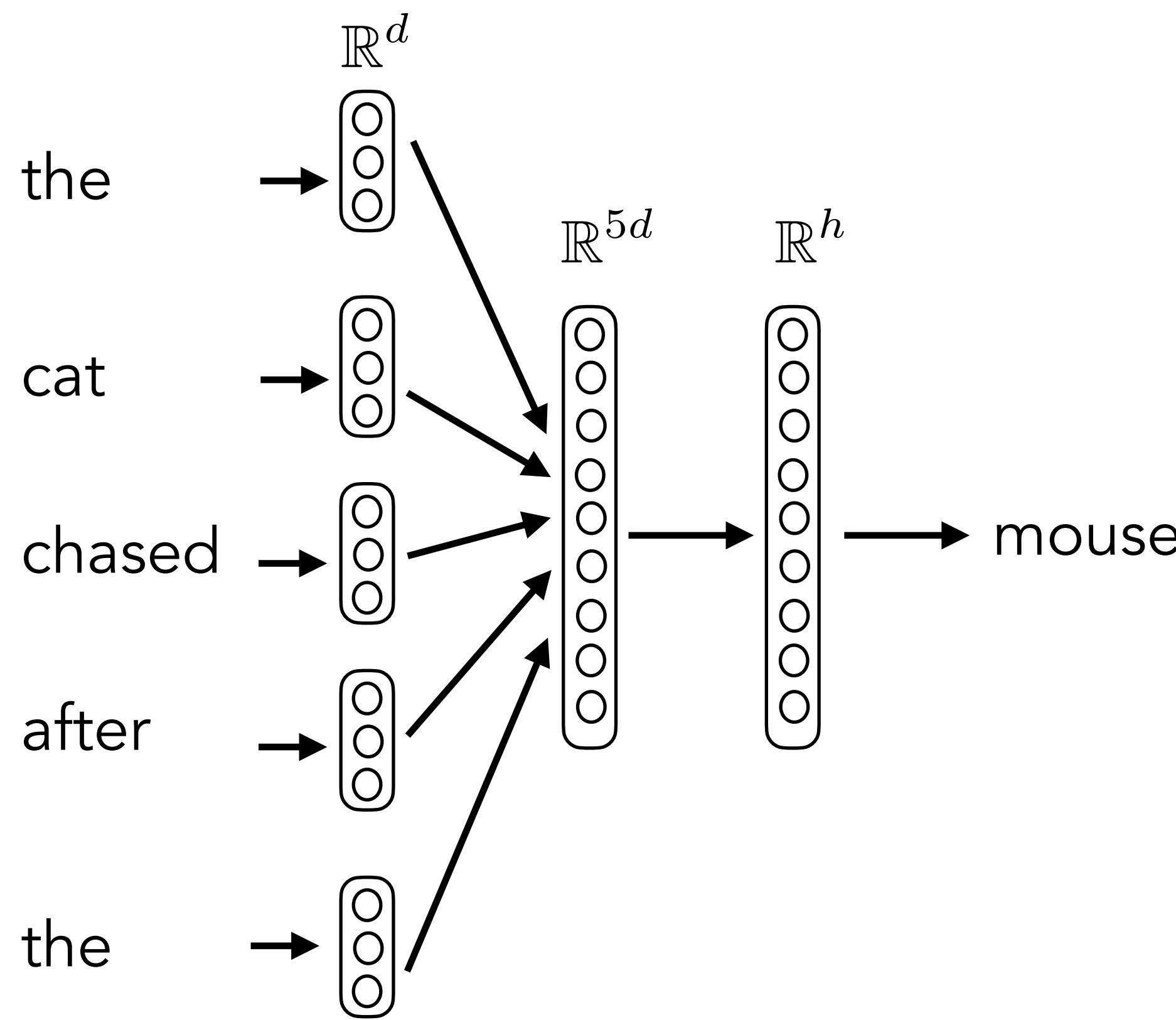
The starving **cat** fanatically chased the **mouse**

The starving **cat** fanatically chased the elusive **mouse**

The starving **cat**, who had not eaten in six days, fanatically chased the elusive **mouse**



# Fixed-context Neural Language Models



$P(\text{mouse} \mid \text{the cat chase the})$



$P(\text{mouse} \mid \text{the starving cat chased the})$



$P(\text{mouse} \mid \text{starving cat chased after the})$



$P(\text{mouse} \mid \text{cat fanatically chased after the})$



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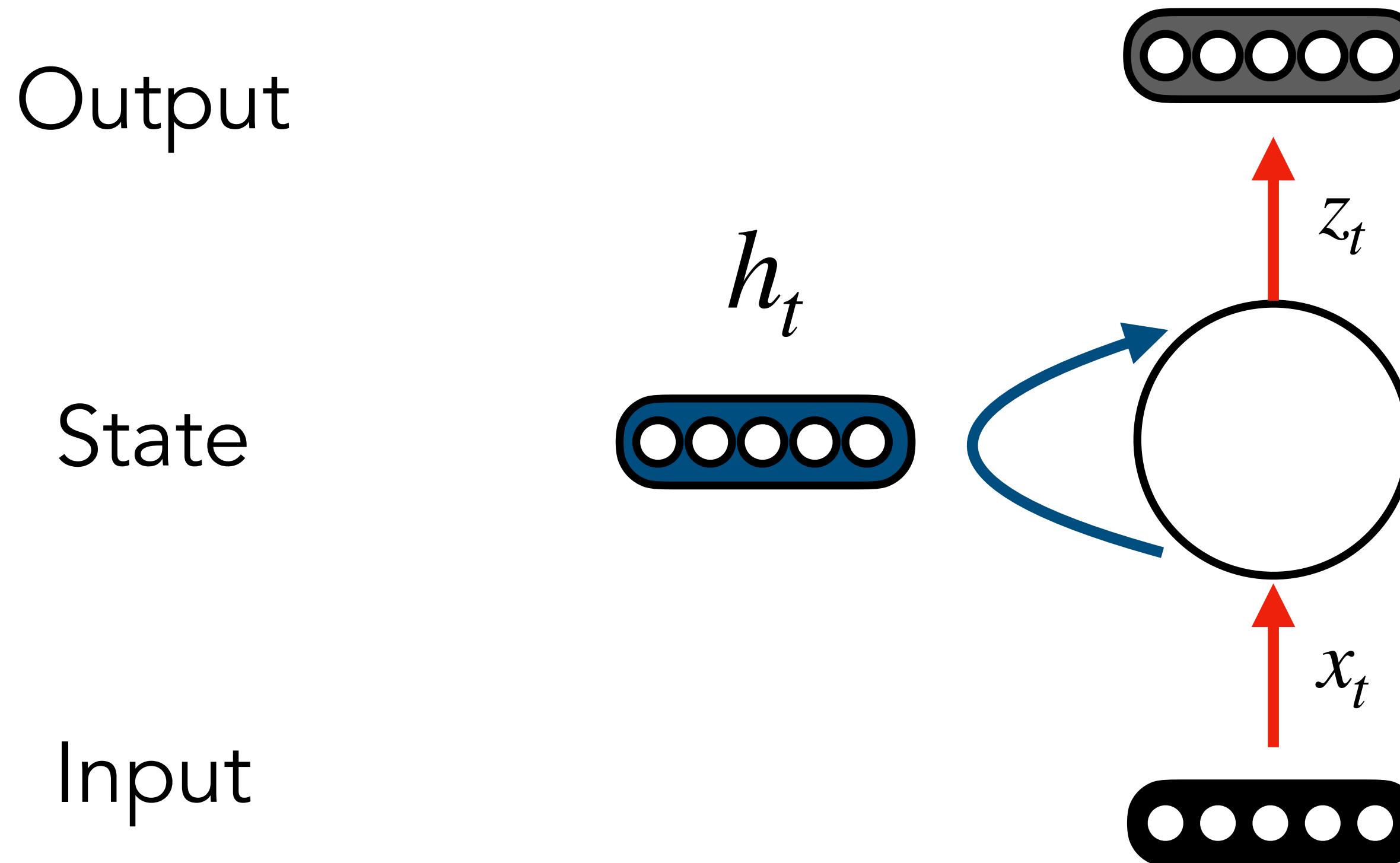
# Language Models: Recurrent Neural Networks

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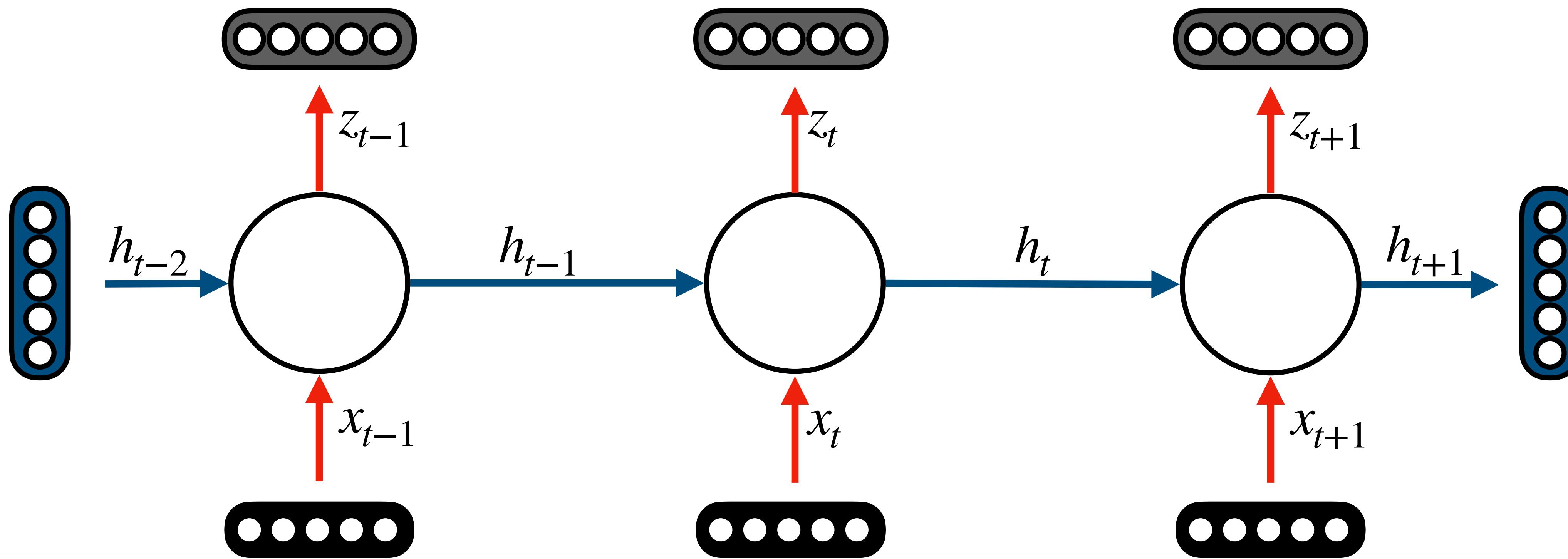
# Recurrent Neural Networks

- **Solution:** Recurrent neural networks — NNs with feedback loops



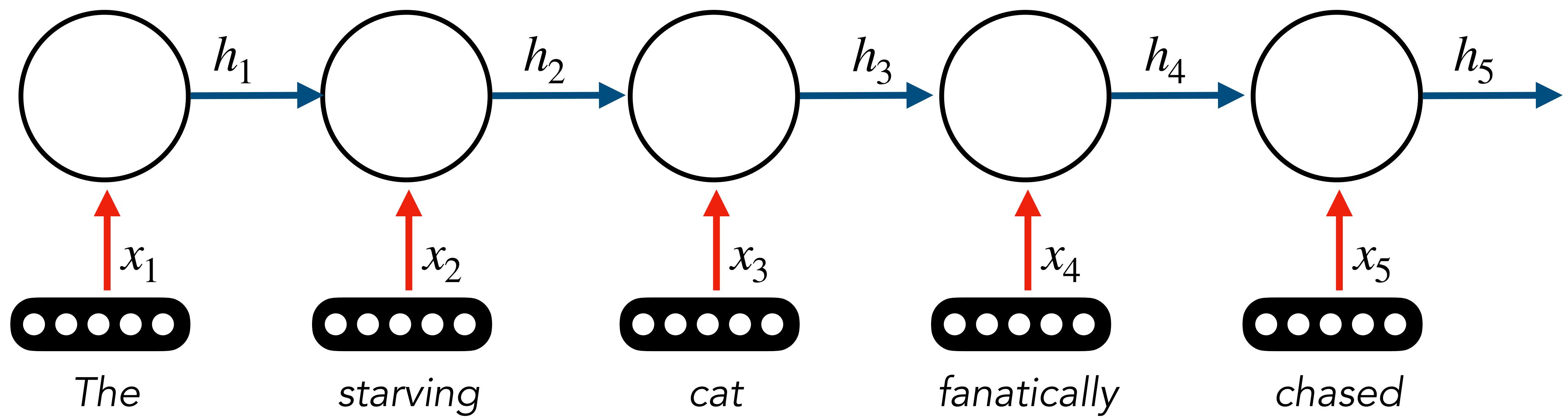
# Unrolling the RNN

Unrolling the RNN across all time steps gives full computation graph

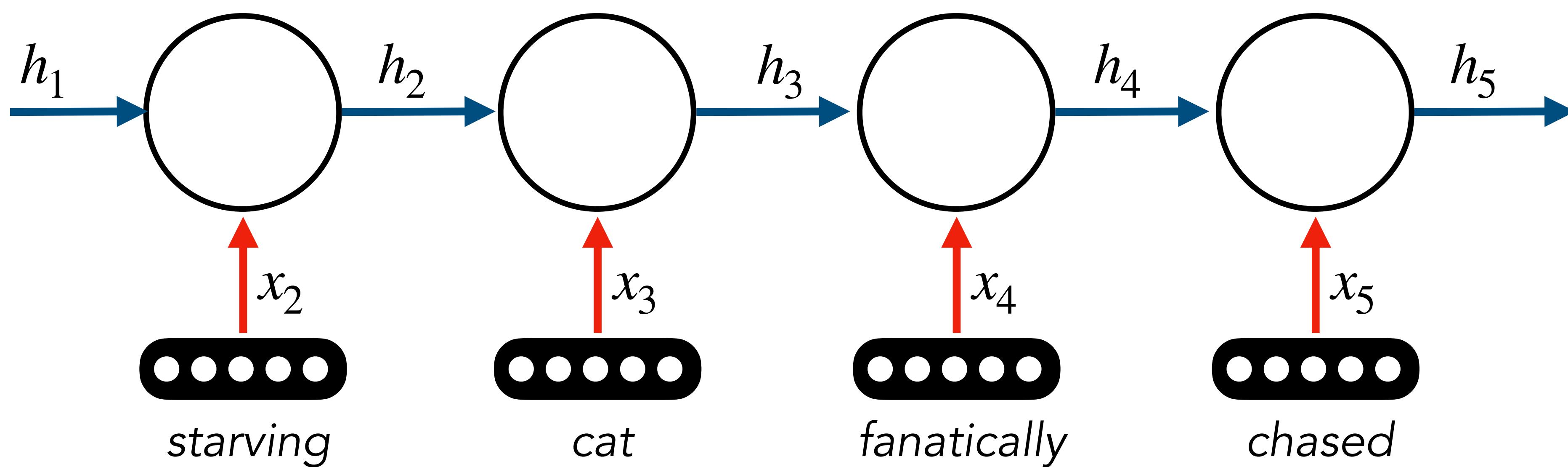


Allows for learning from entire sequence history, regardless of length

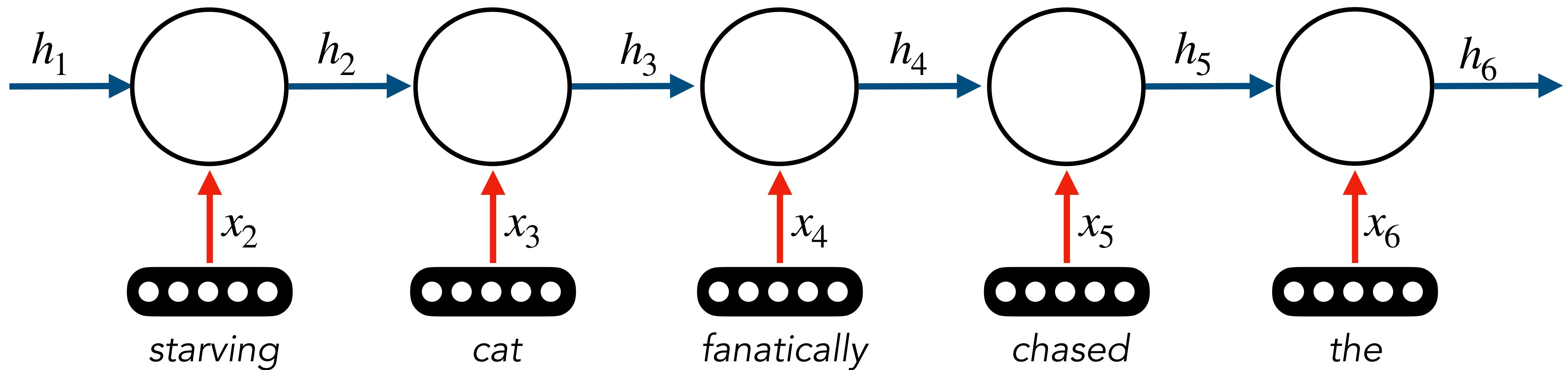
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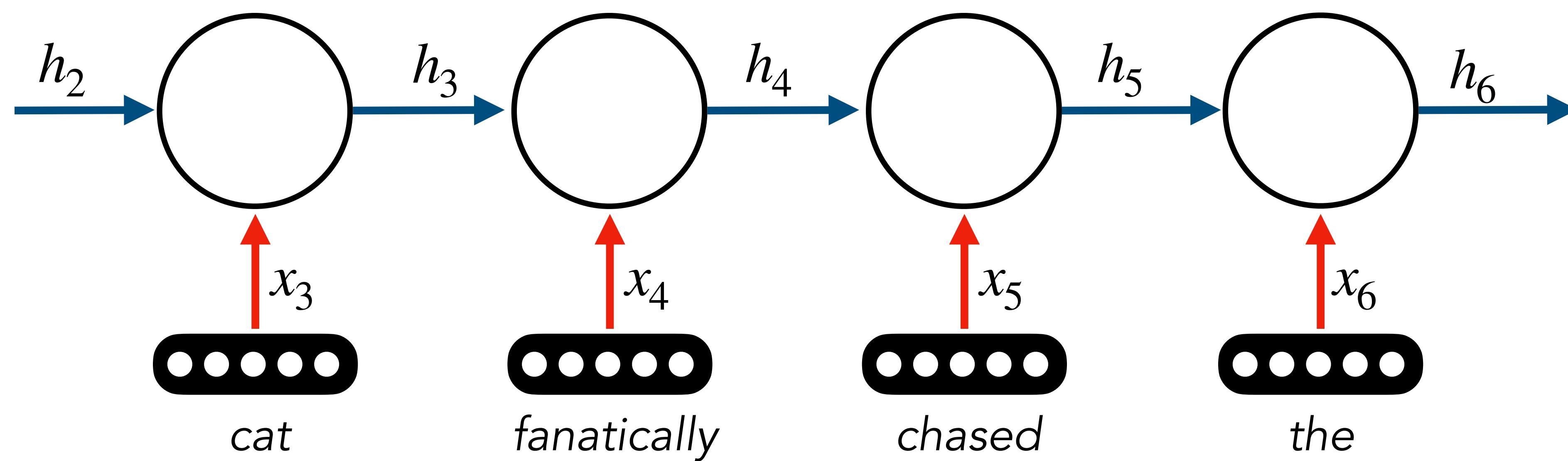
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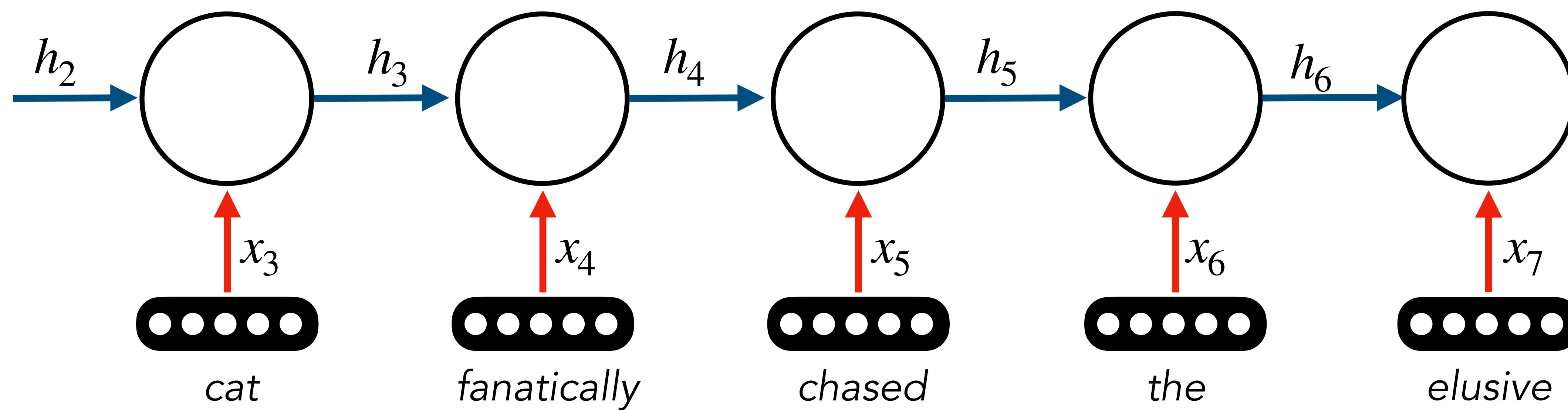
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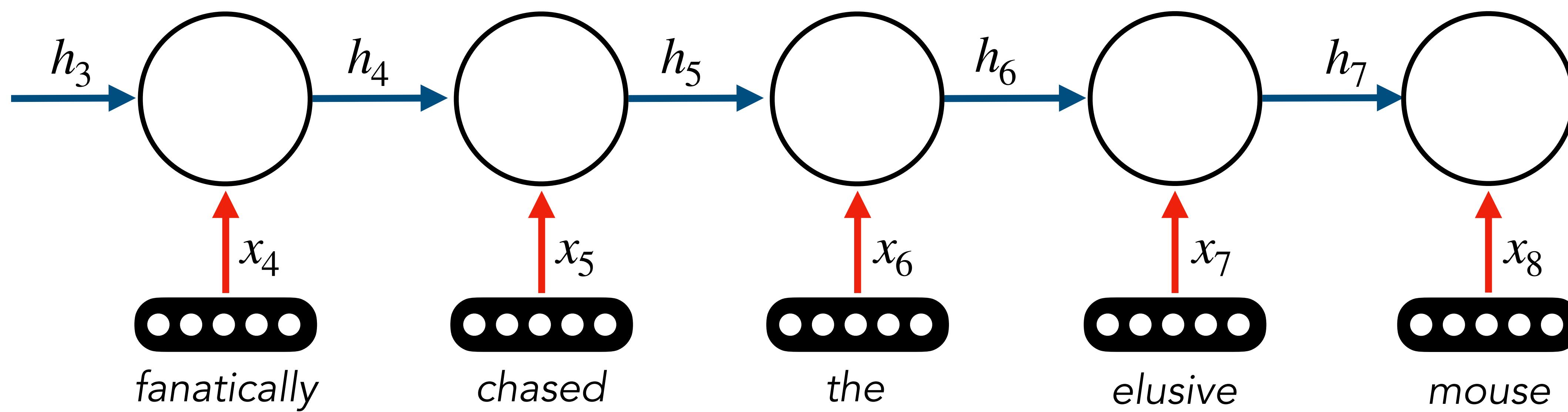
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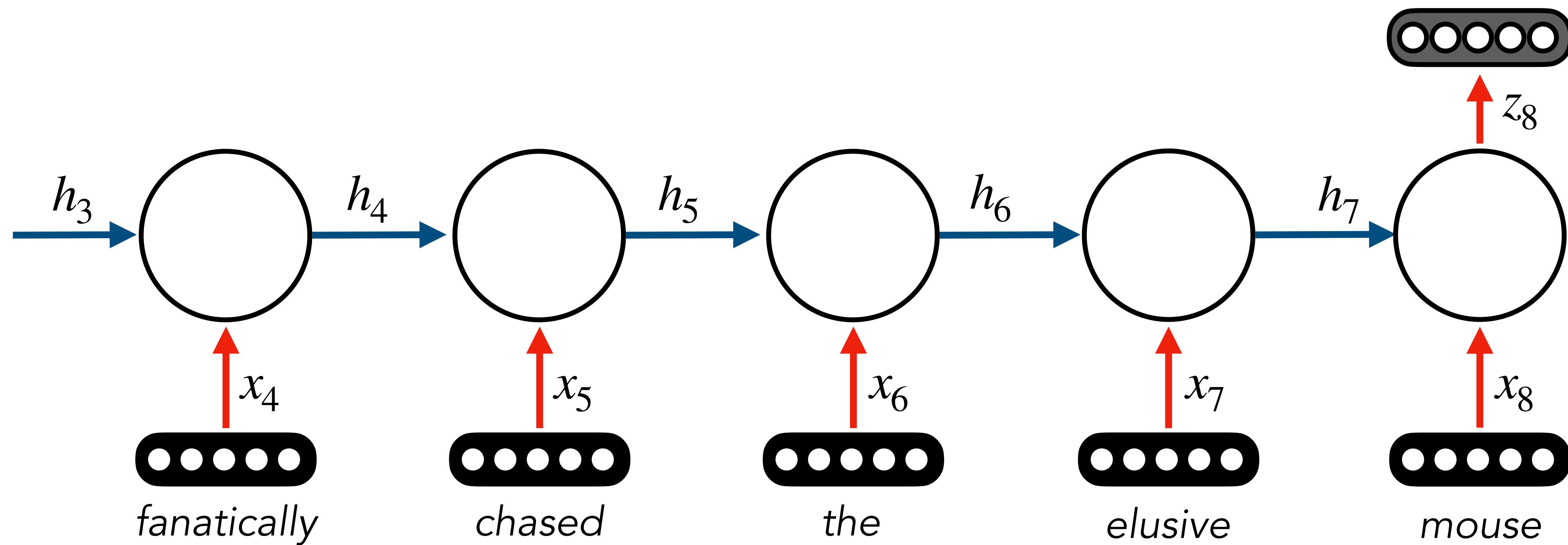
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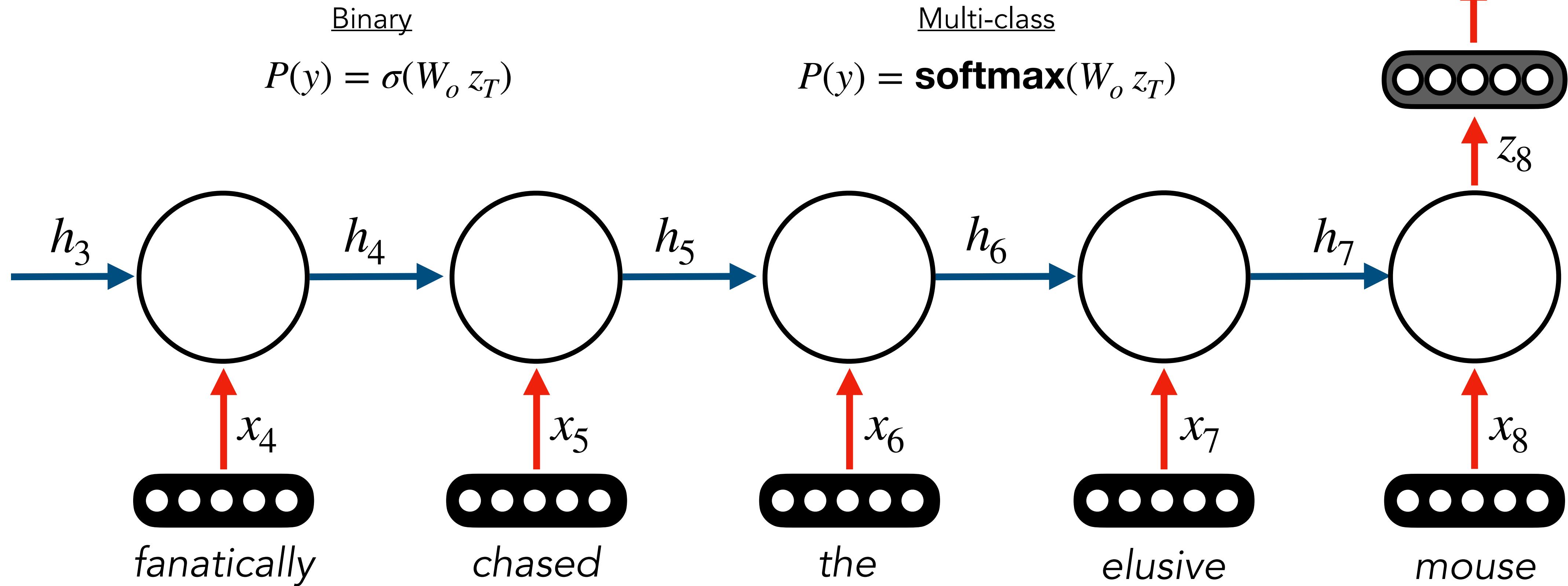


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# Classification

- Classifier is just an output projection followed by a softmax!

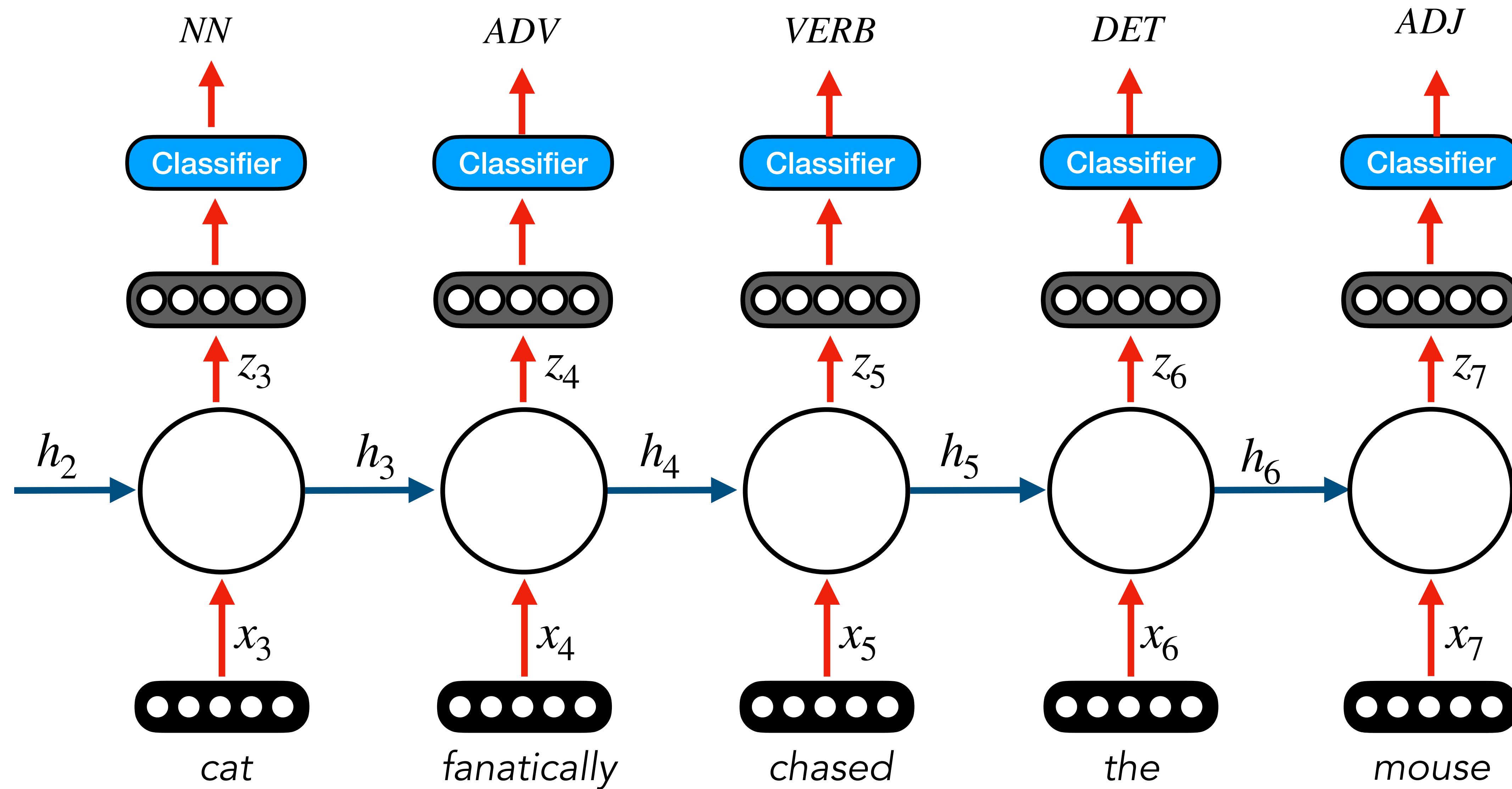


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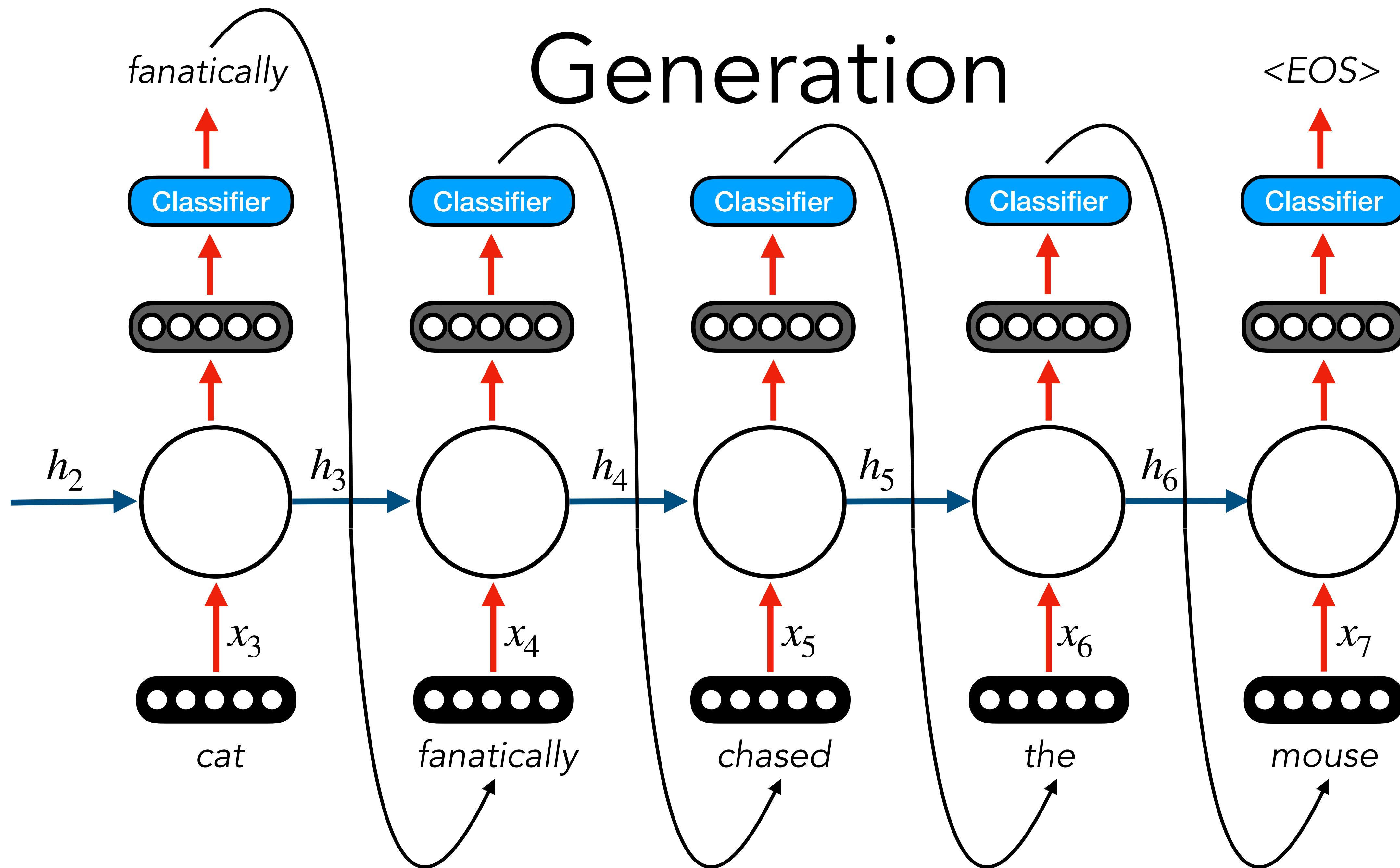
**Why would you use the output of the last recurrent unit as the one to predict a label?**

**It's the only one that has seen the whole sequence!**

# Sequence Labeling



# Generation



# Example

PANDARUS:

Alas, I think he shall be come approached and the day  
When little strain would be attain'd into being never fed,  
And who is but a chain and subjects of his death,  
I should not sleep.

Second Senator:

They are away this miseries, produced upon my soul,  
Breaking and strongly should be buried, when I perish  
The earth and thoughts of many states.

DUKE VINCENTIO:

Well, your wit is in the care of side and that.

Second Lord:

They would be ruled after this chamber, and  
my fair nues begun out of the fact, to be conveyed,  
Whose noble souls I'll have the heart of the wars.

Clown:

Come, sir, I will make did behold your worship.

VIOLA:

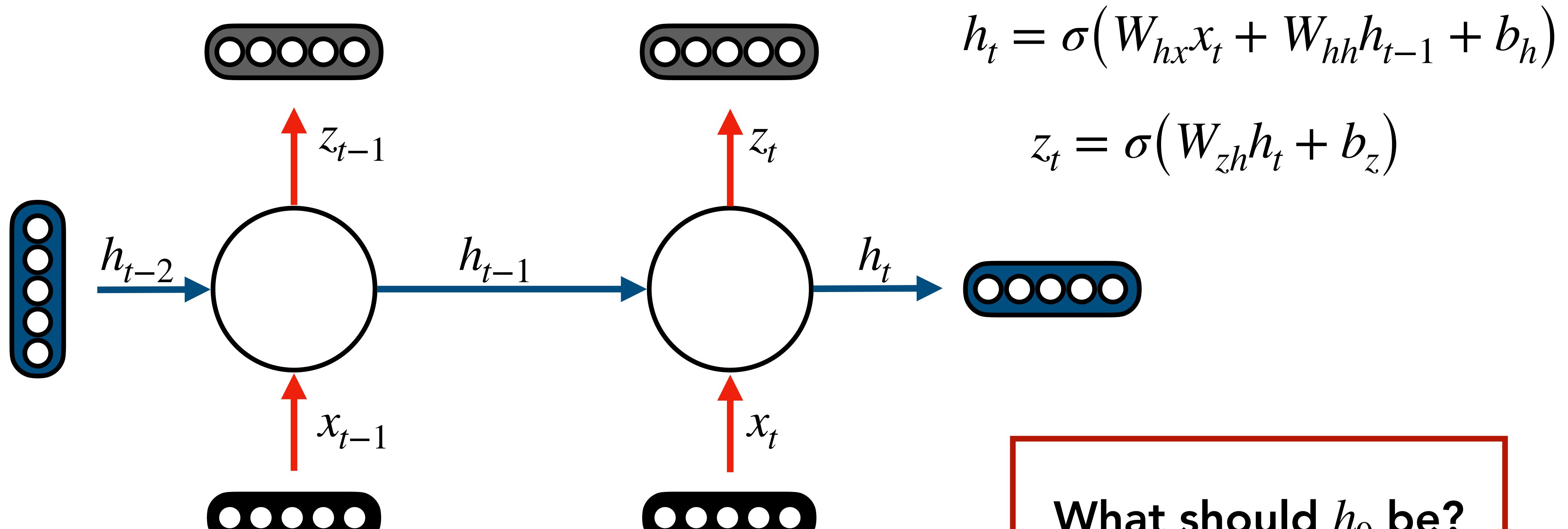
I'll drink it.

**Not bad for generating  
Shakespeare!**

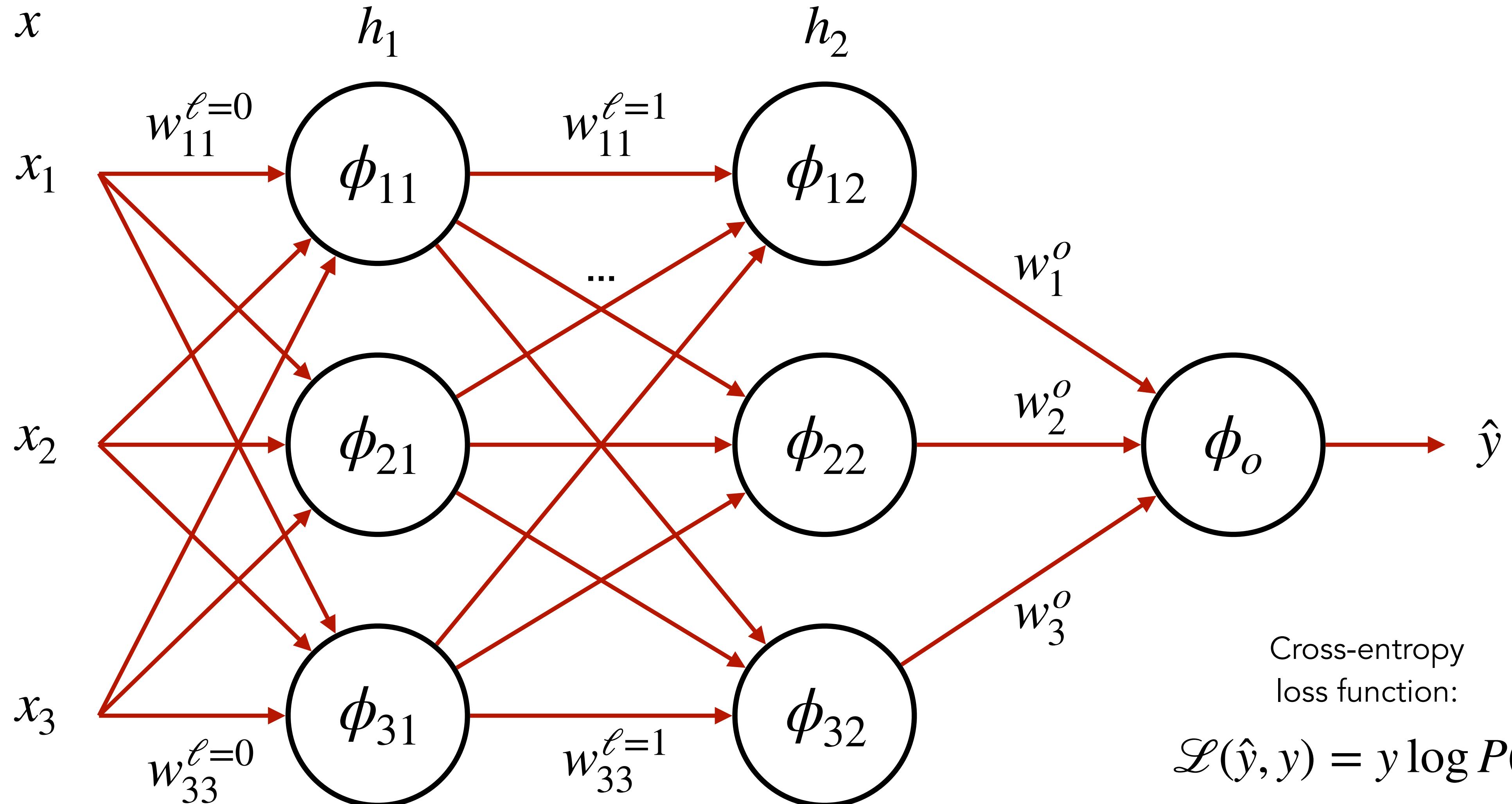
# Wikipedia works too!

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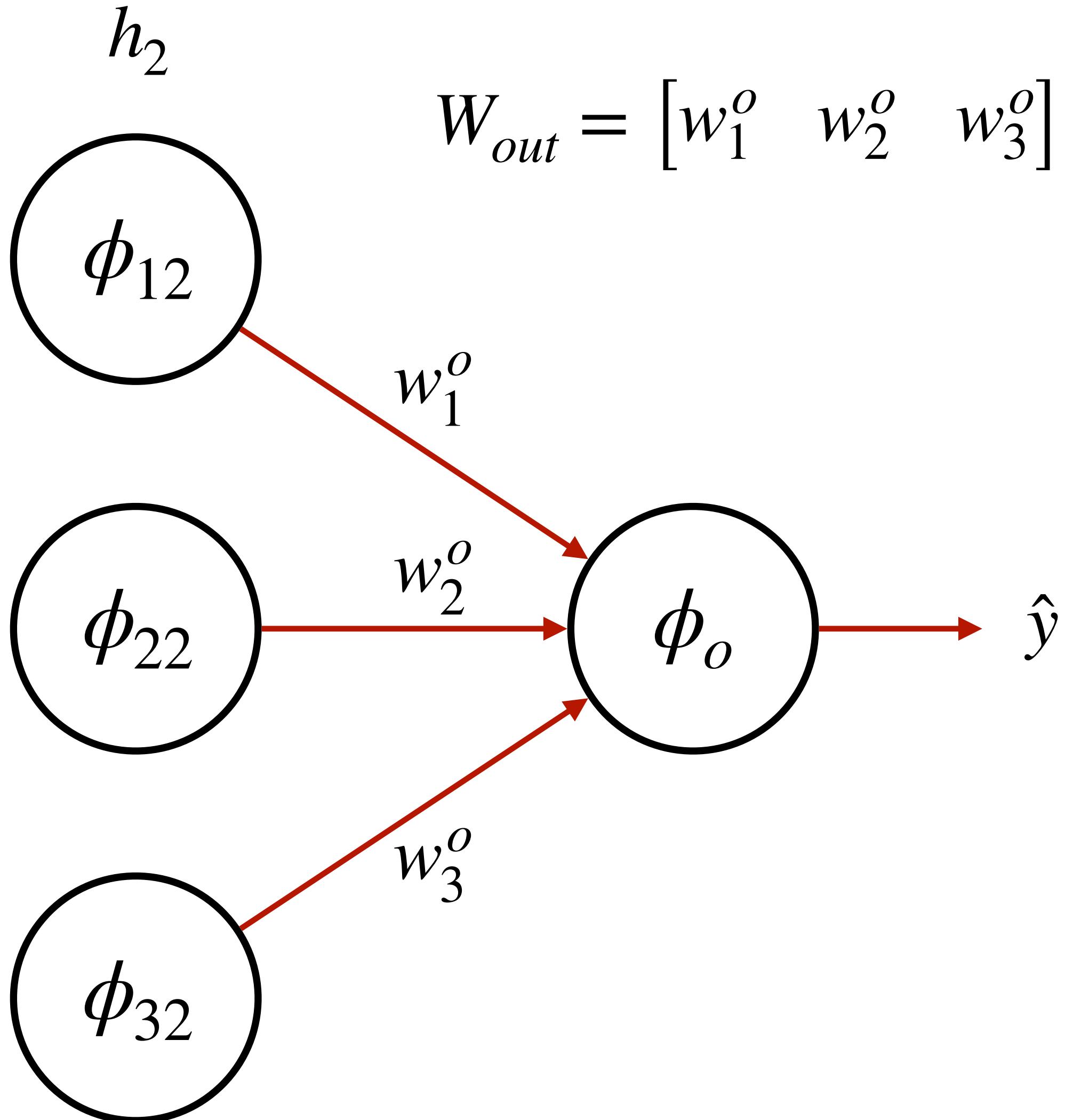
# Classical RNN: Elman Network



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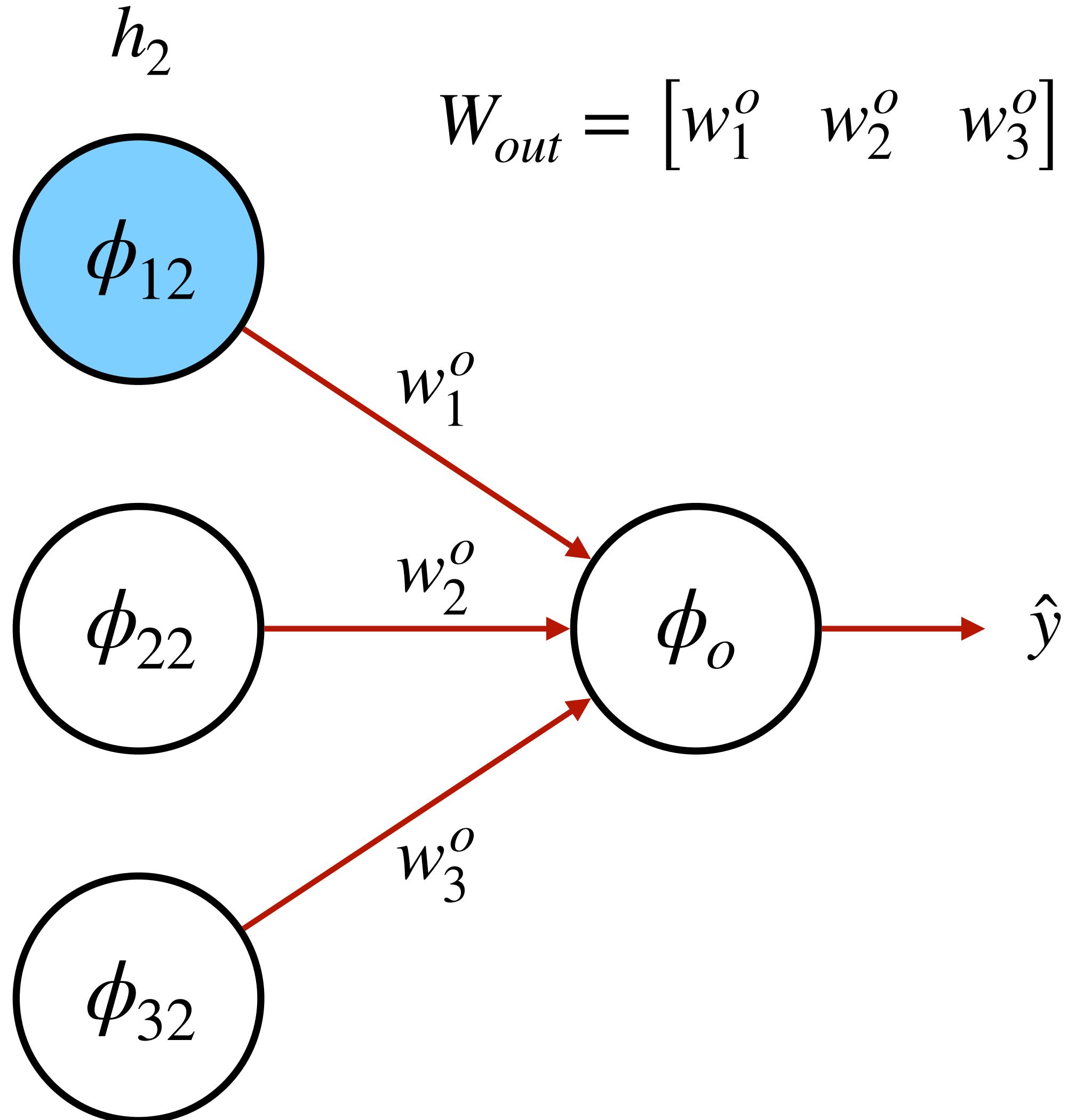
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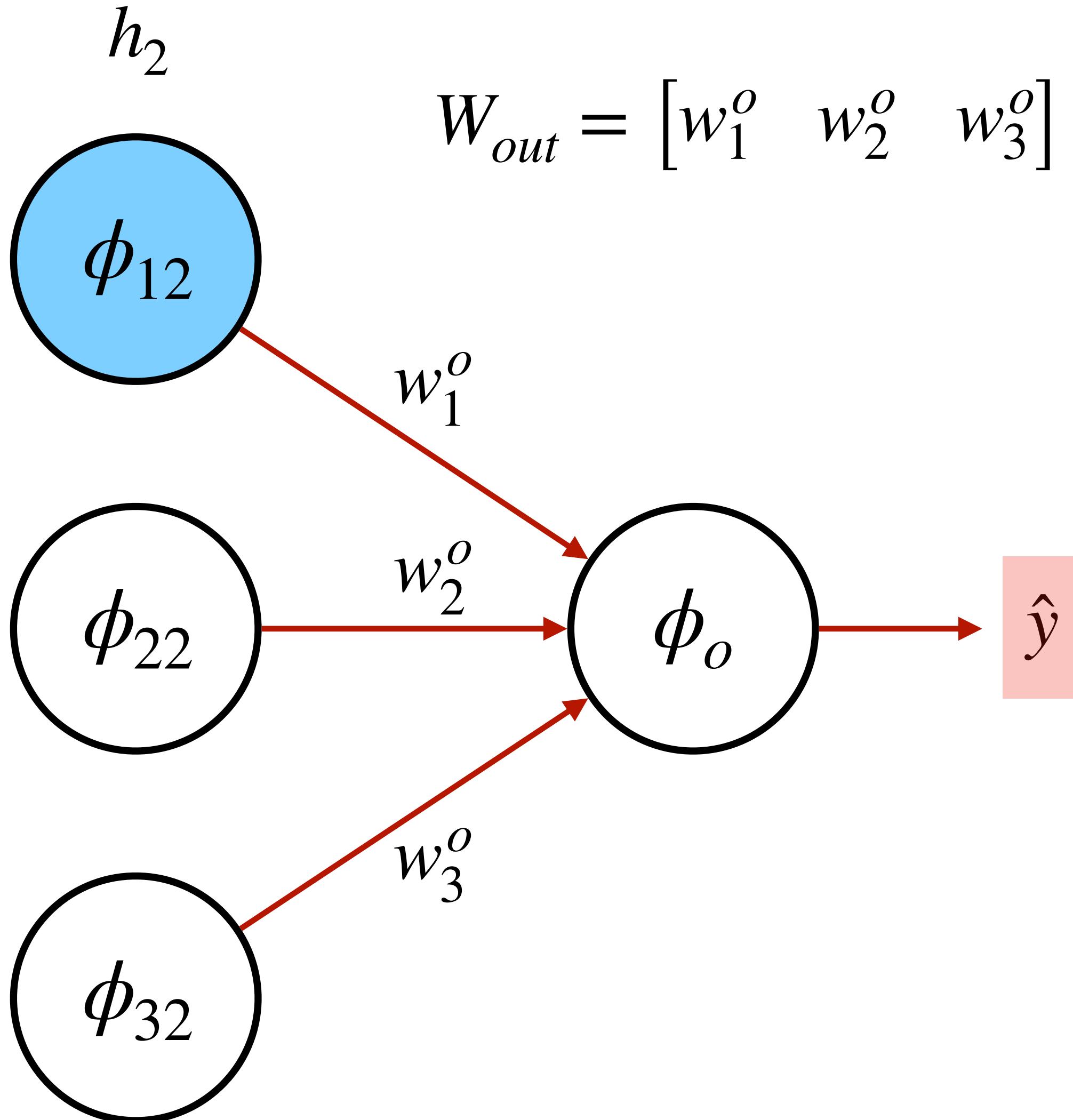
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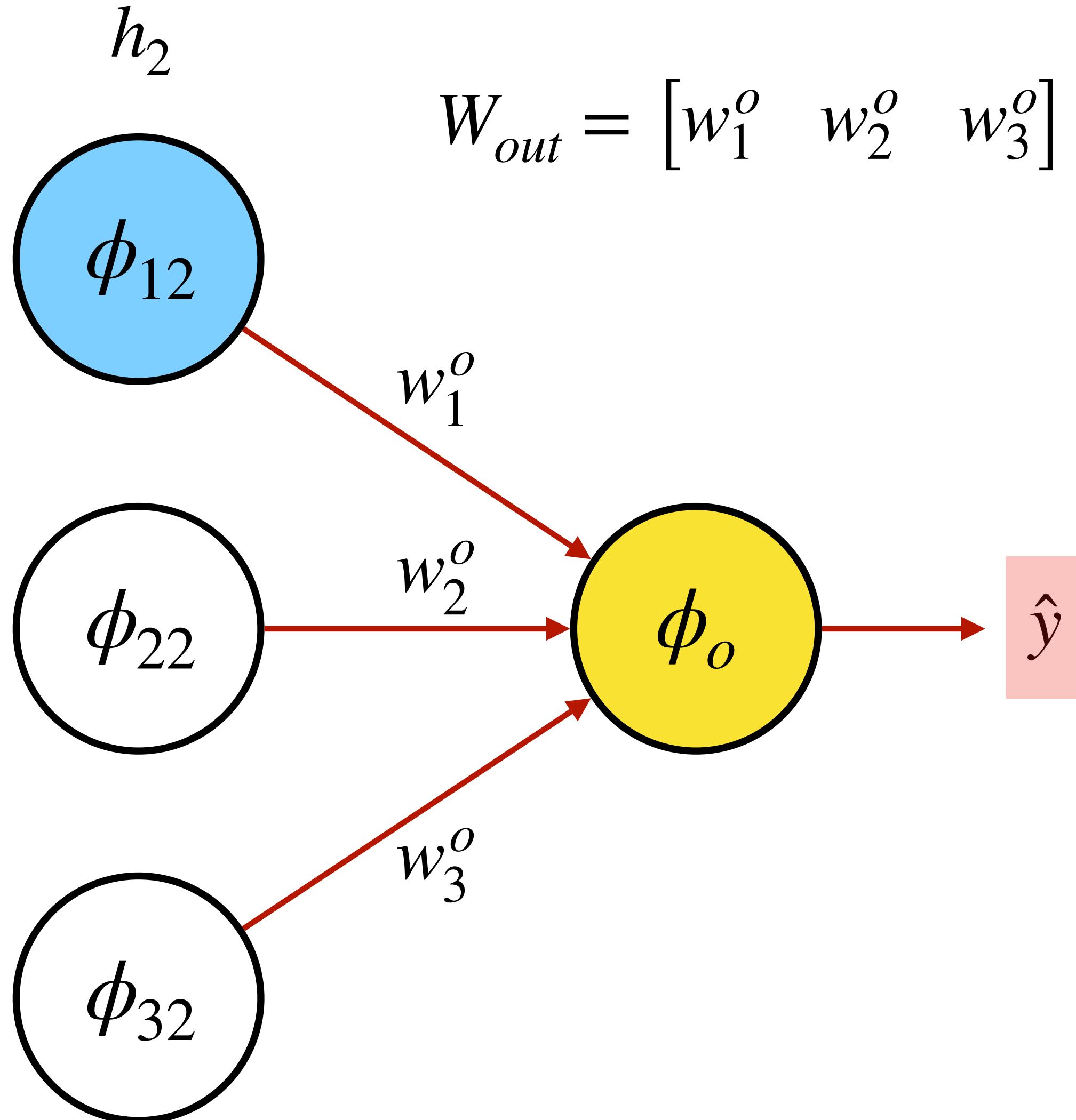
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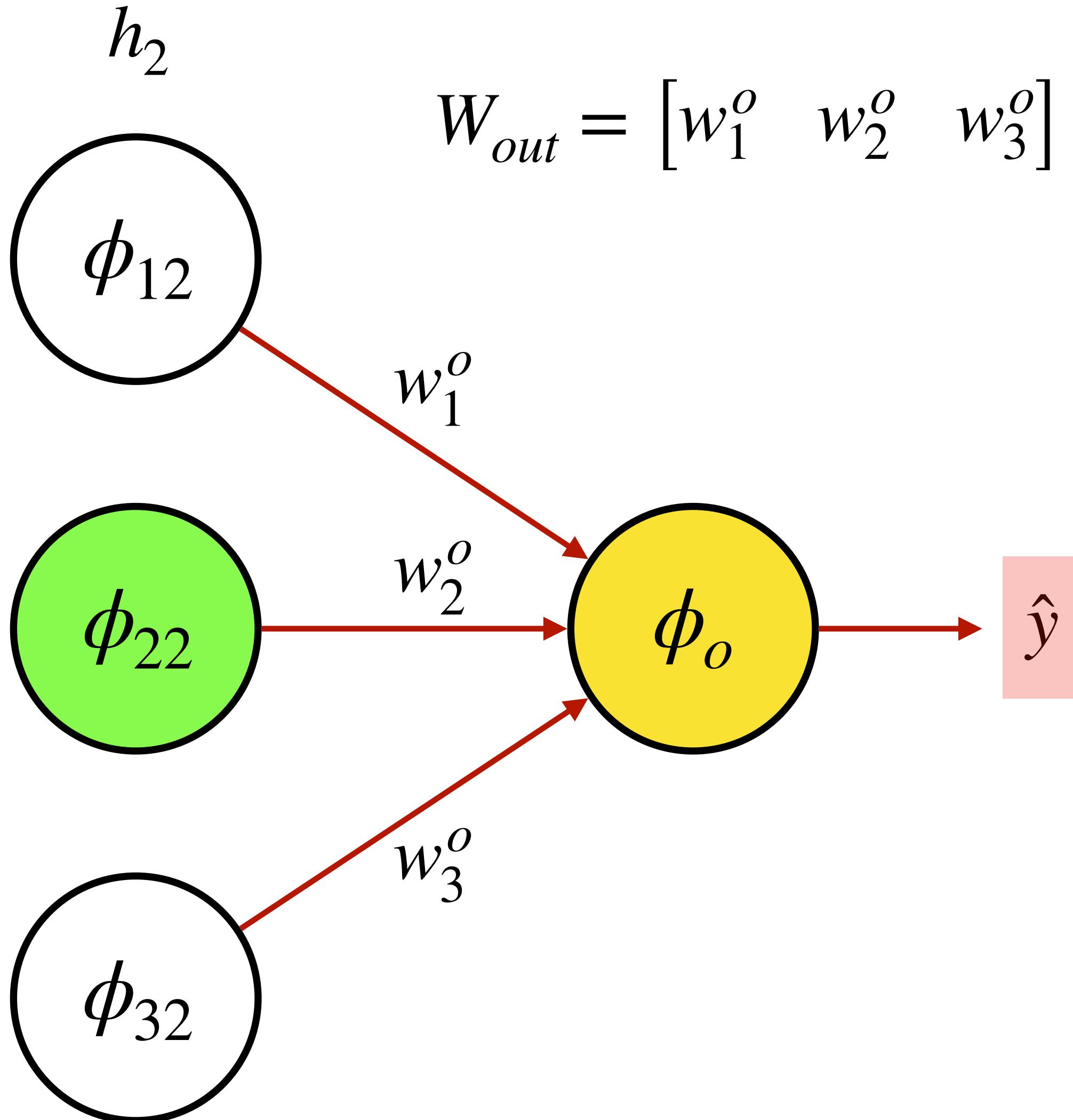
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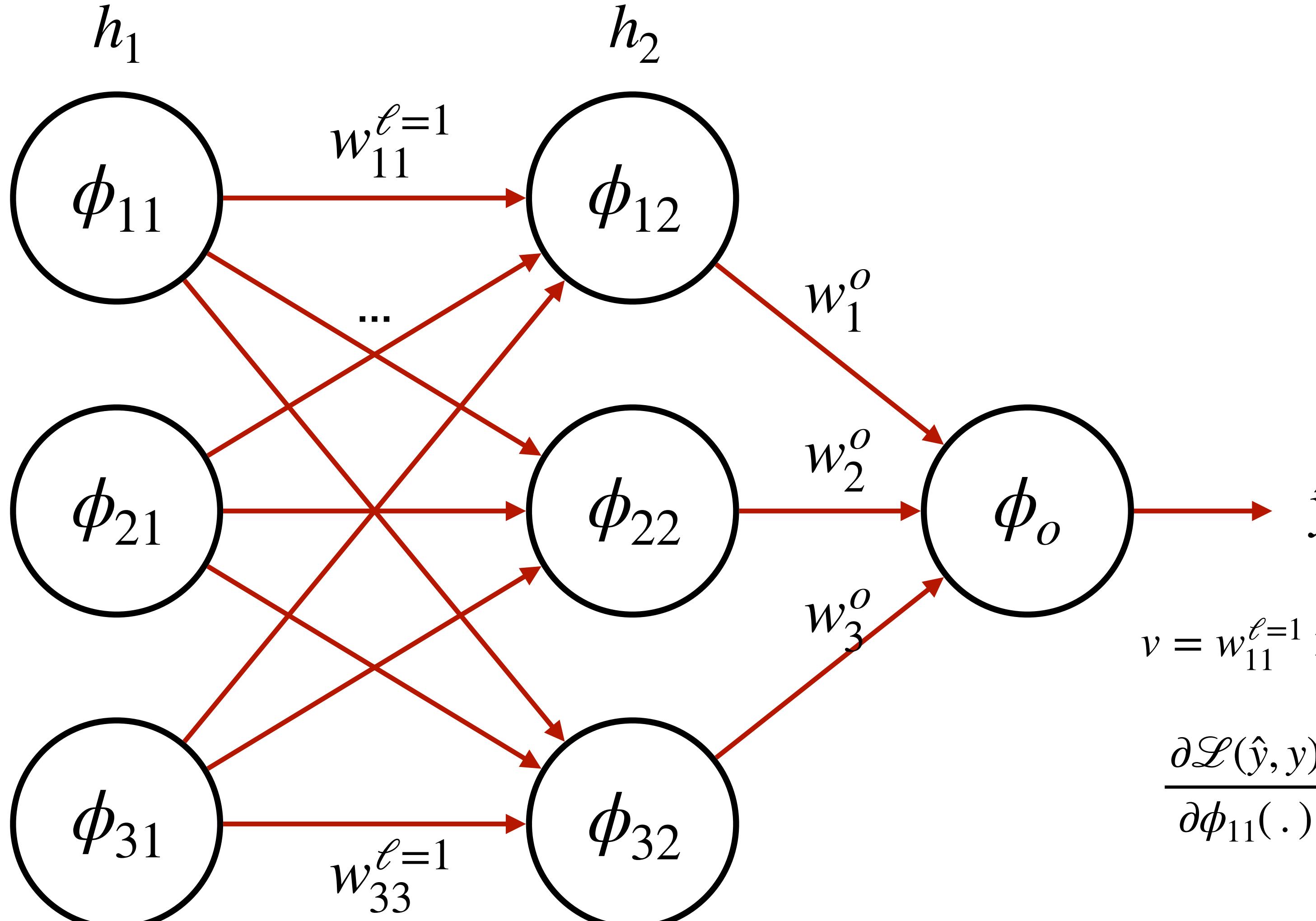
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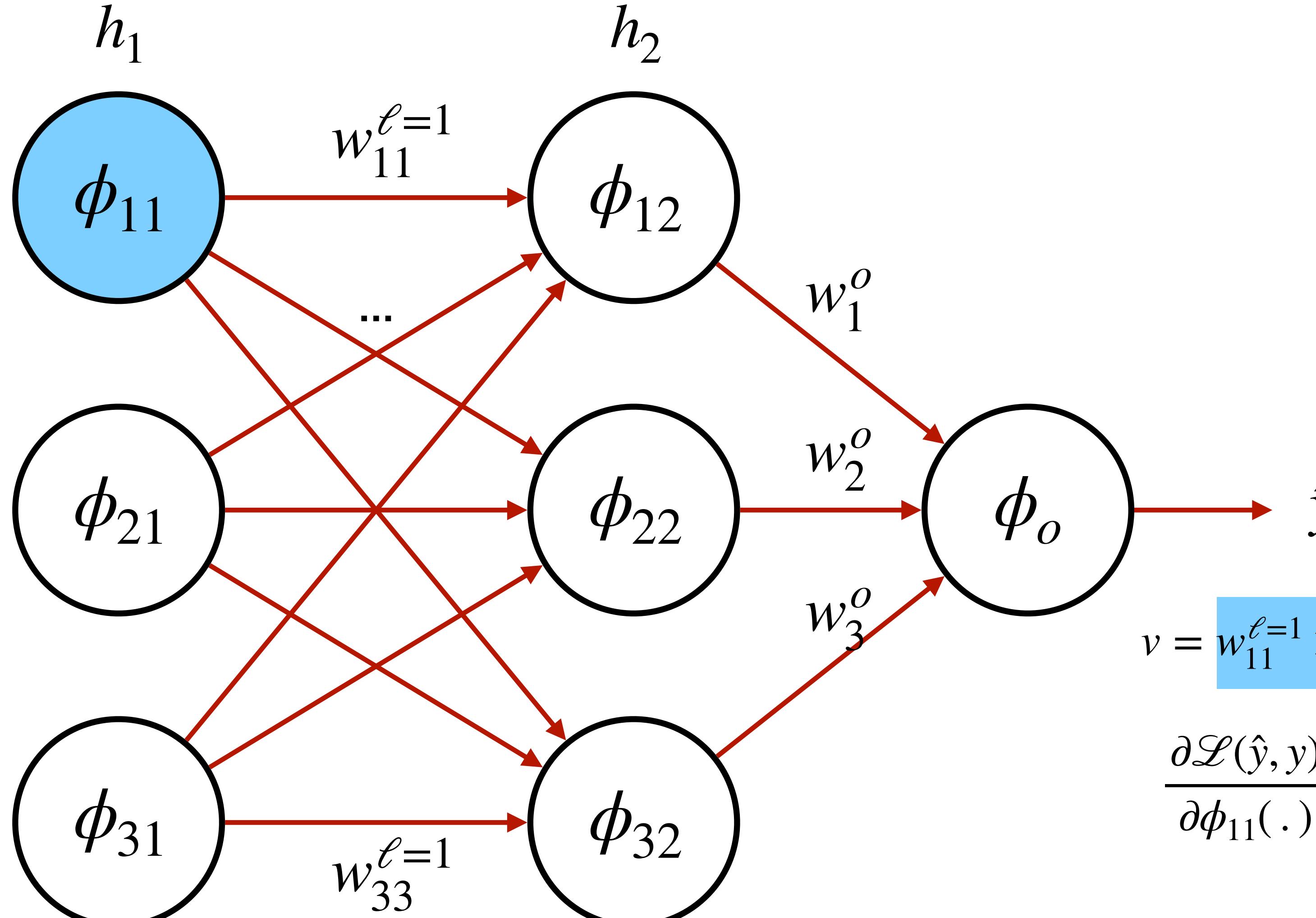
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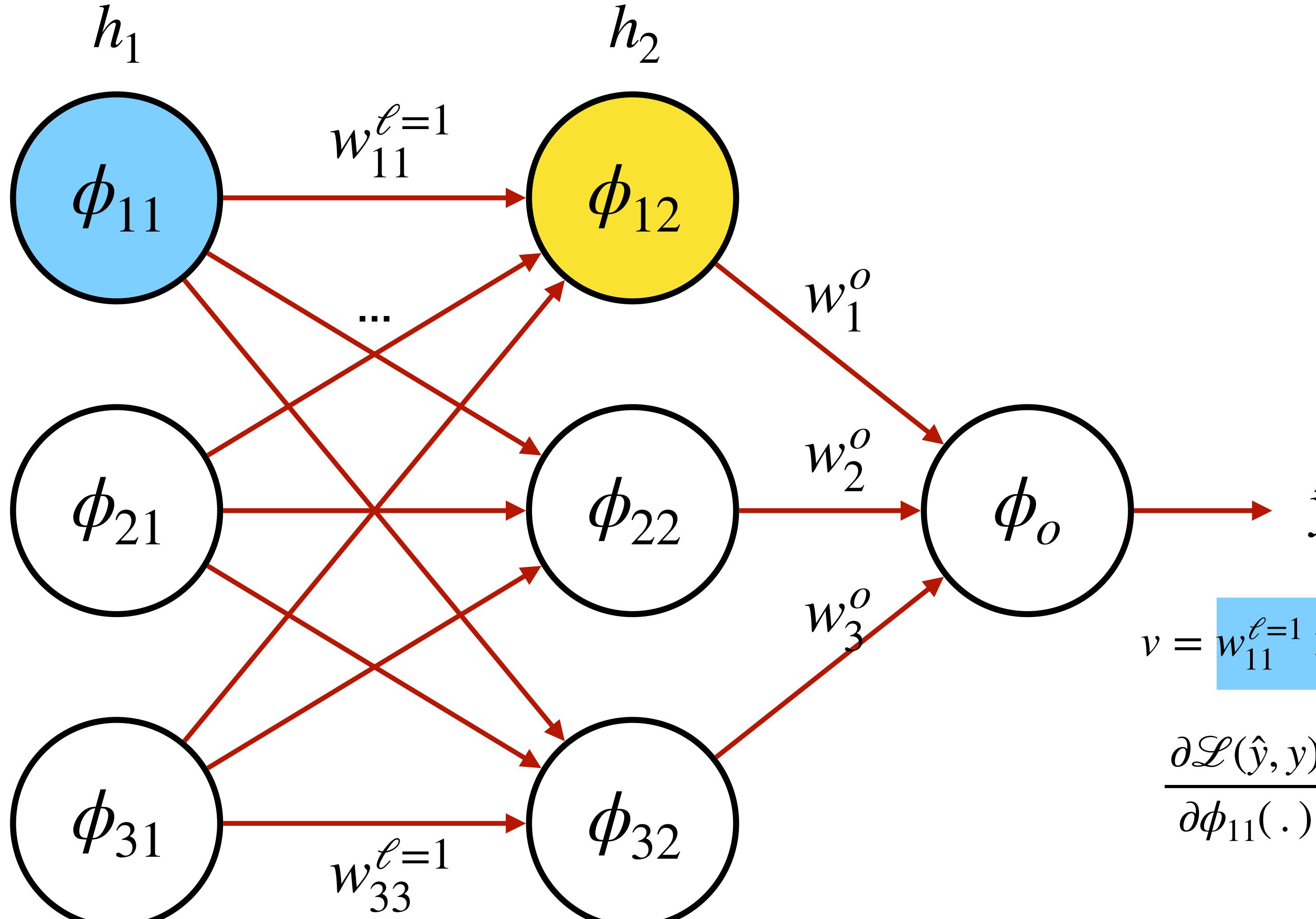
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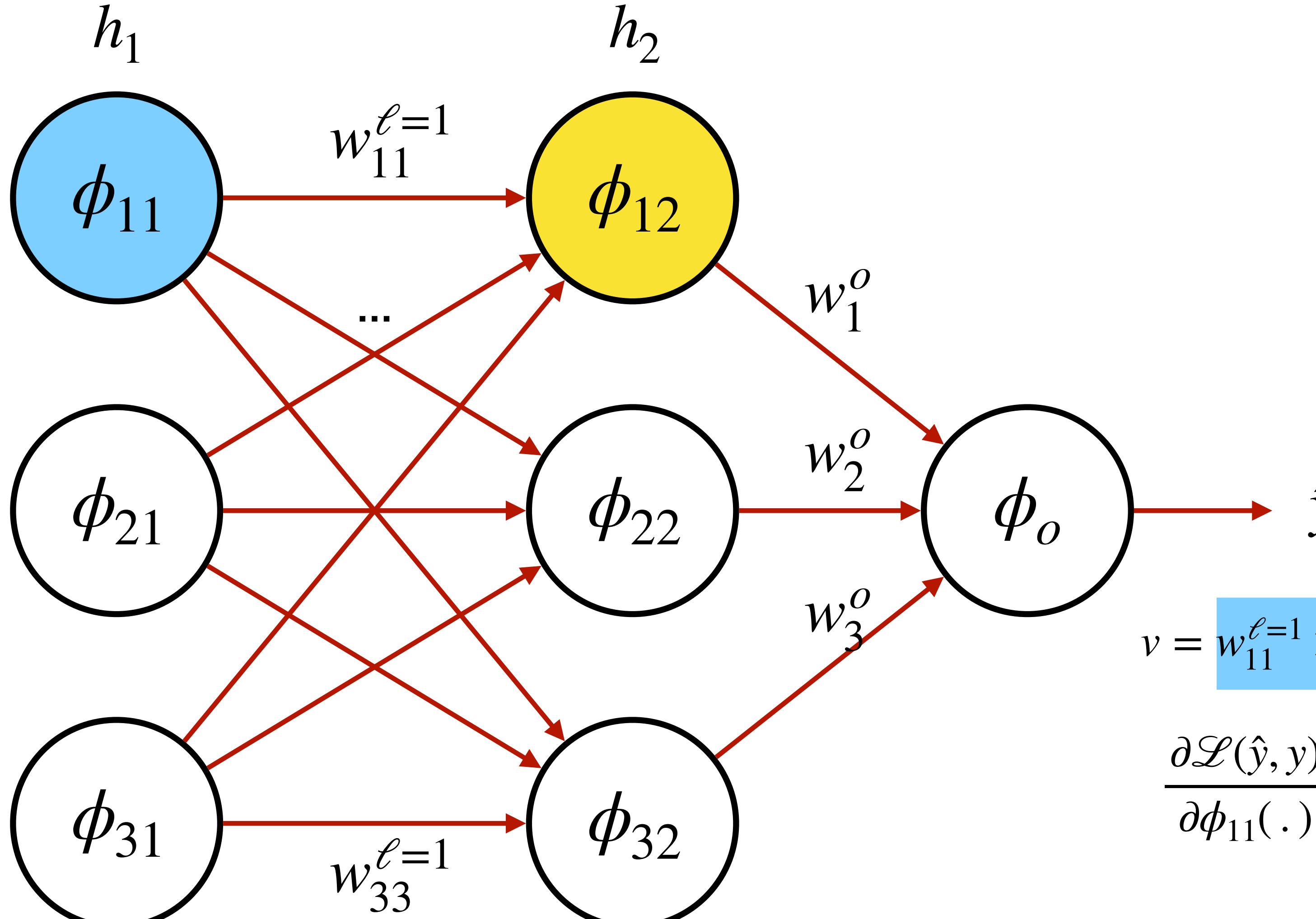
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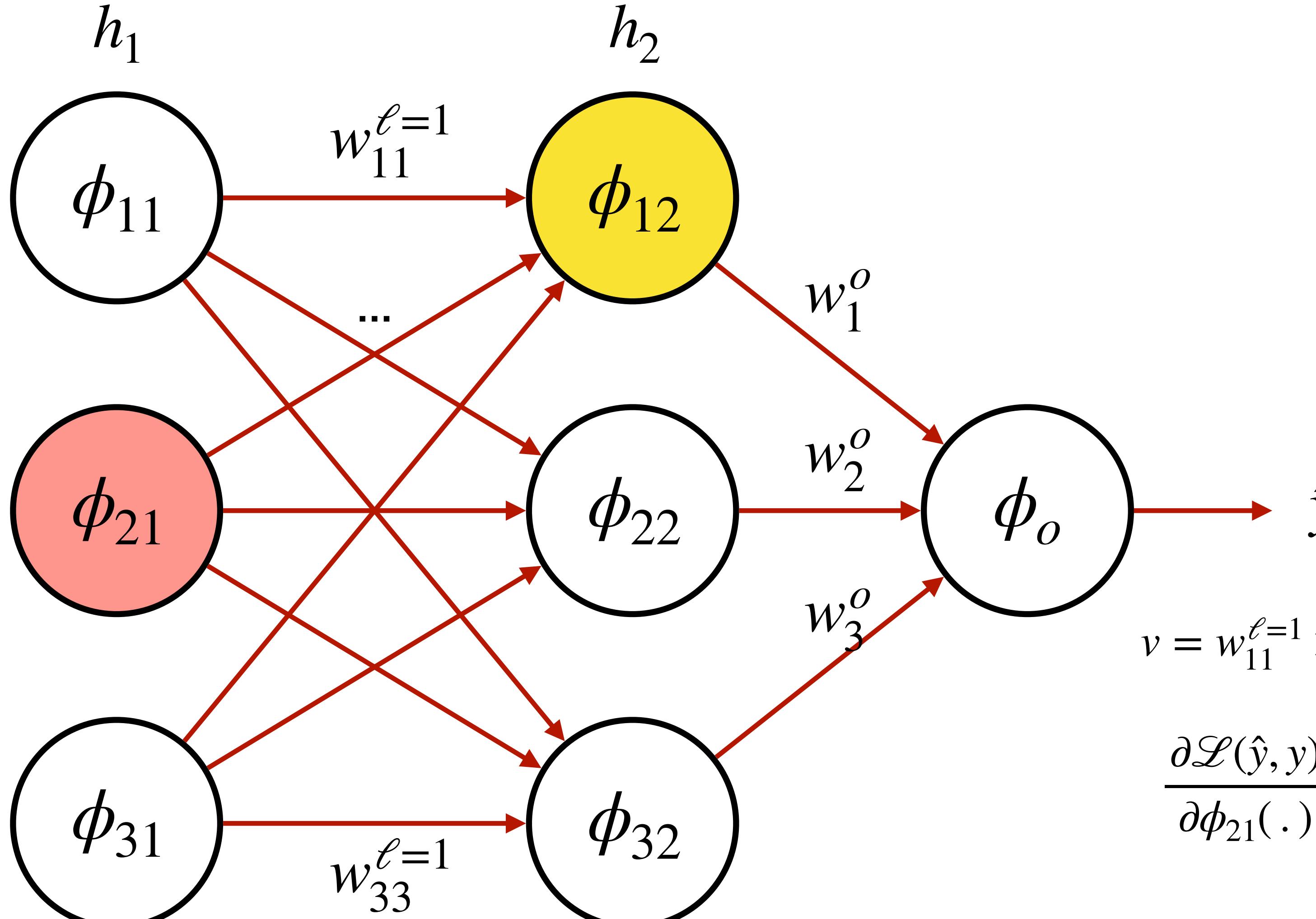
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# Question

**How would we extend backpropagation  
to a recurrent neural network?**

**Let's find out next class!**

# Recap

- Neural language models allow us to *share information* among similar sequences by learning neural representations that similarly represent them
- **Problem:** Fixed context language models can only process a limited window of the word history at a time
- **Solution:** recurrent neural networks can **theoretically** learn to model an **unbounded context length**
- **Next Class:** Training recurrent neural networks, associated challenges and mitigations through gated recurrent networks