#### **Recurrent Neural Networks** for NLP

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### What do we need them for? (I/II)

General case:

We need RNNs for representing a sequence of **variable length** as a single vector (encoder) OR generating a sequence of **variable length** from a single vector (decoder)

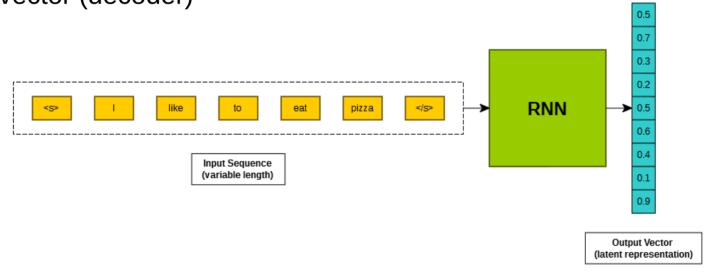


Fig. 1: High level representation of an encoder





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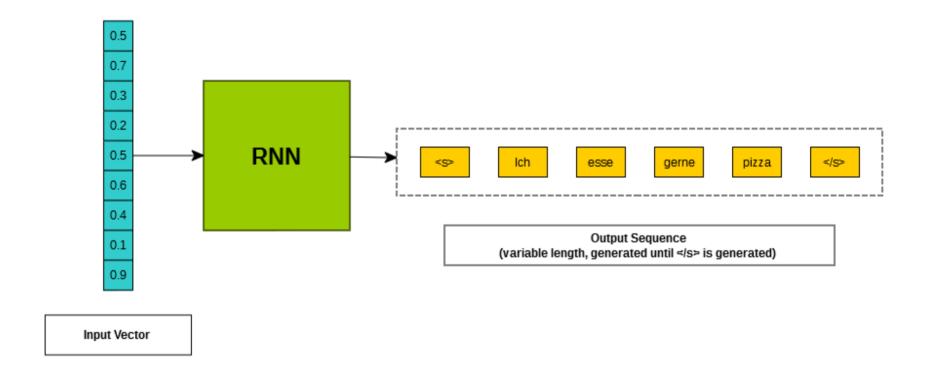


Fig. 2: High level representation of a decoder





### Types of RNNs relevant to us

- Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)
- Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)





Fig. 3.1: High level represenation of GRU cell





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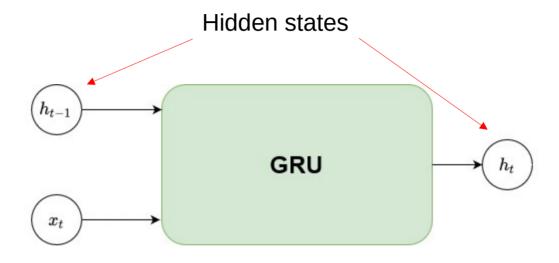


Fig. 3.2: High level represenation of GRU cell





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Output of the previous time step.  $h_{t=0} = [0, ..., 0]$ 



Fig. 3.3: High level represenation of GRU cell



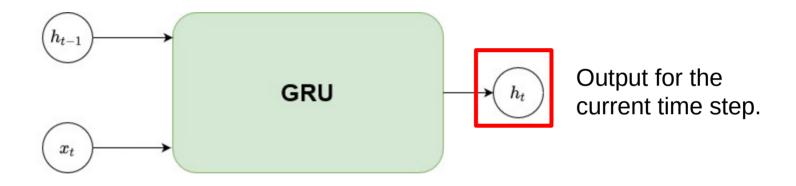


Input for the current time step.
Embedding for token t

Fig. 3.4: High level represenation of GRU cell





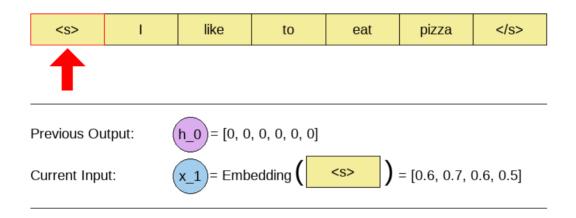


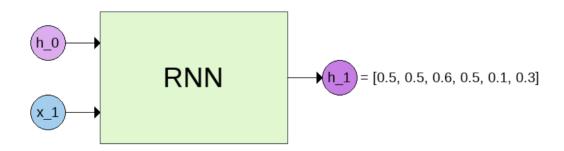
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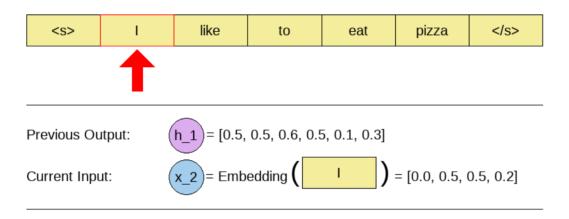


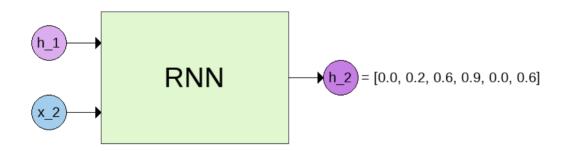






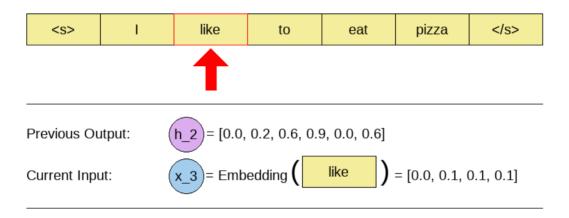


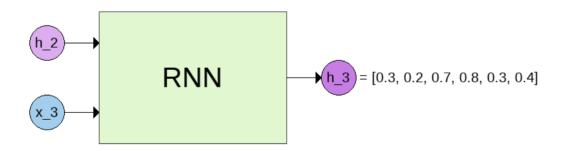






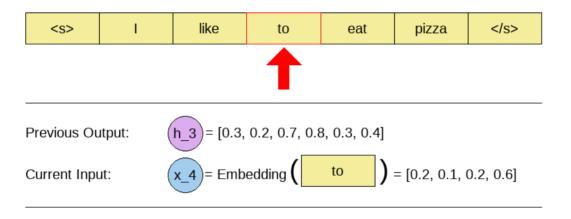


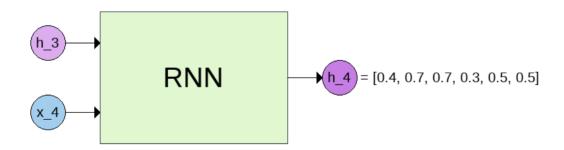






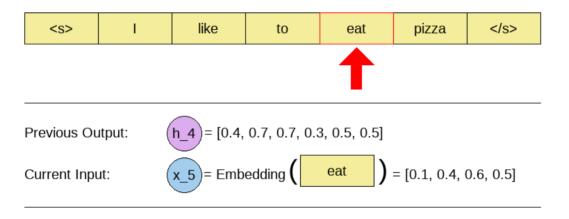


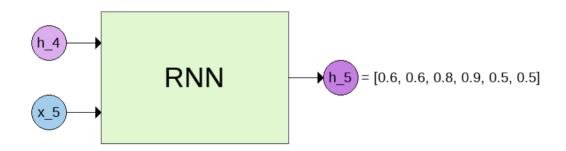






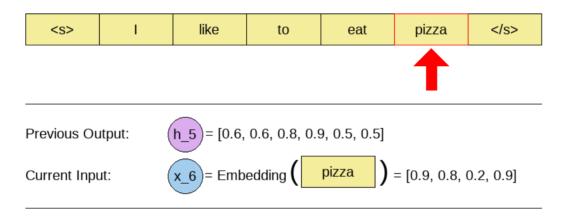


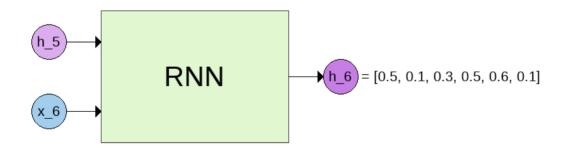






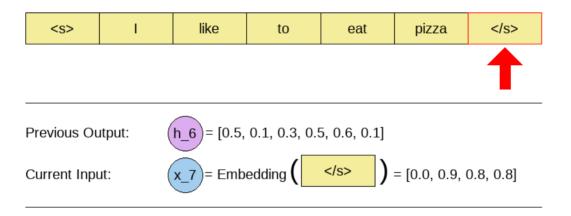


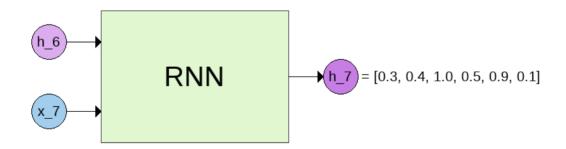






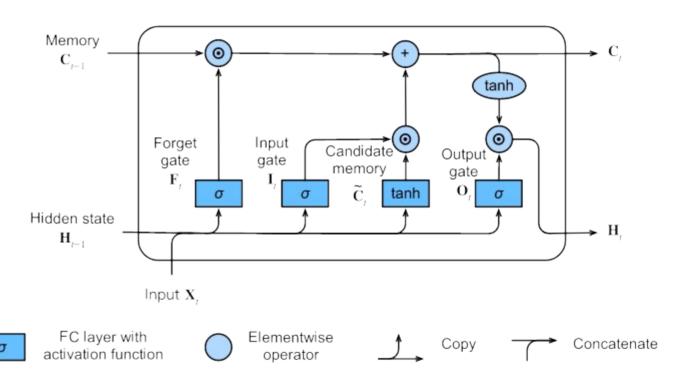






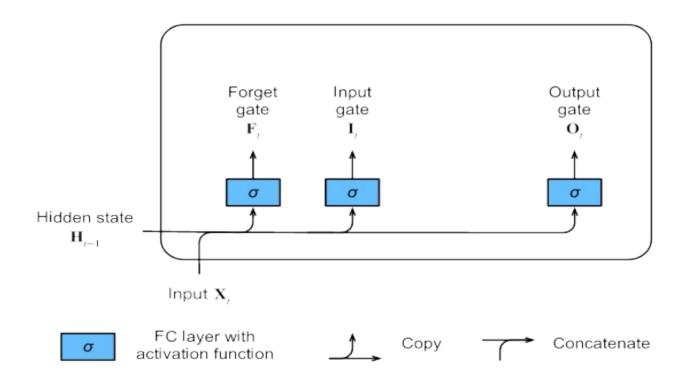






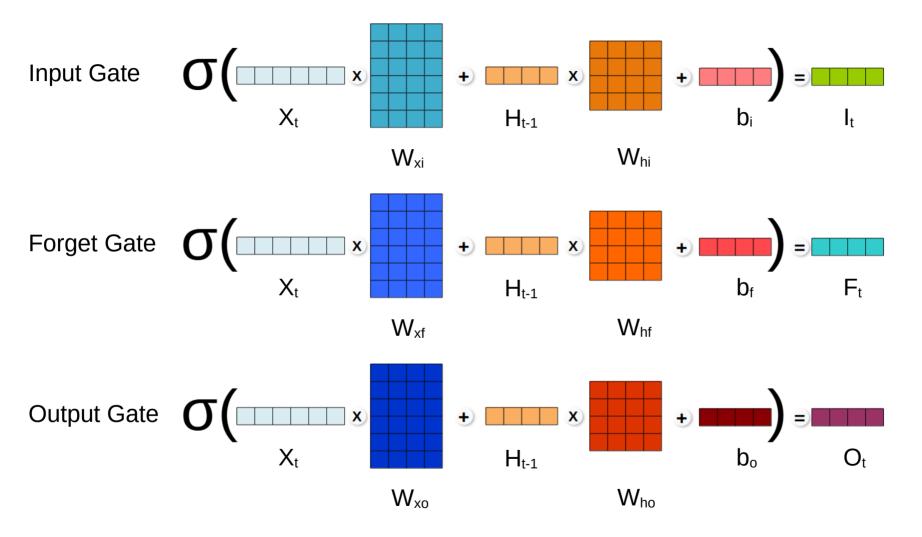






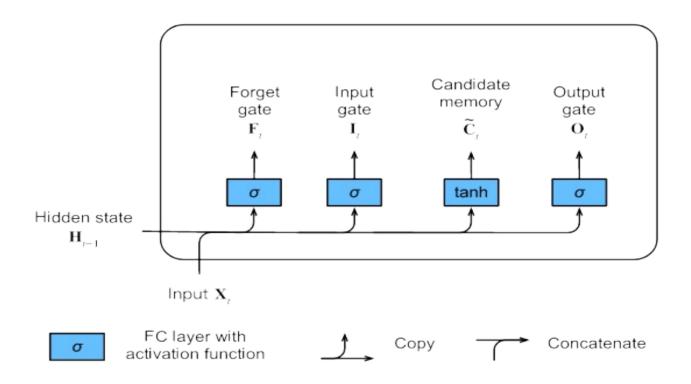






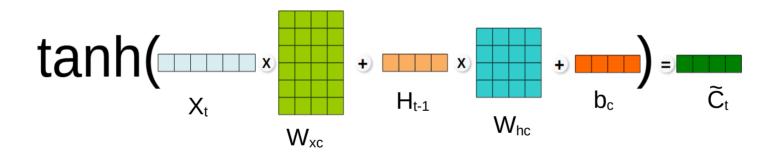






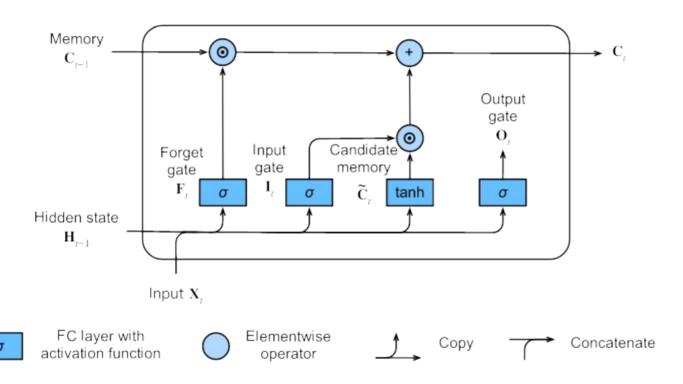










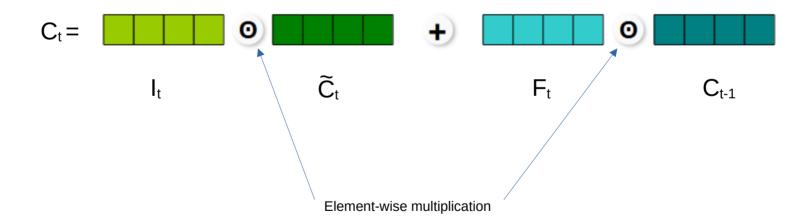






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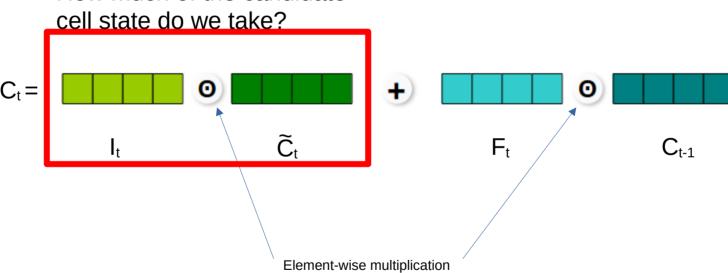




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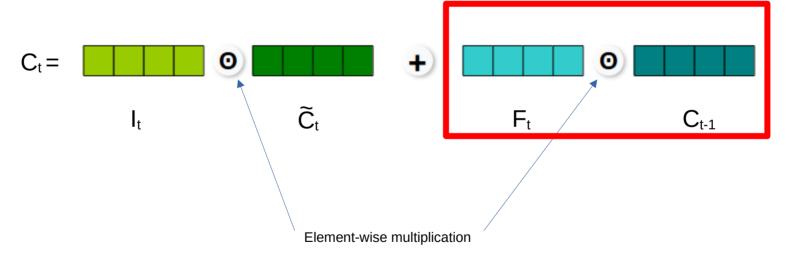
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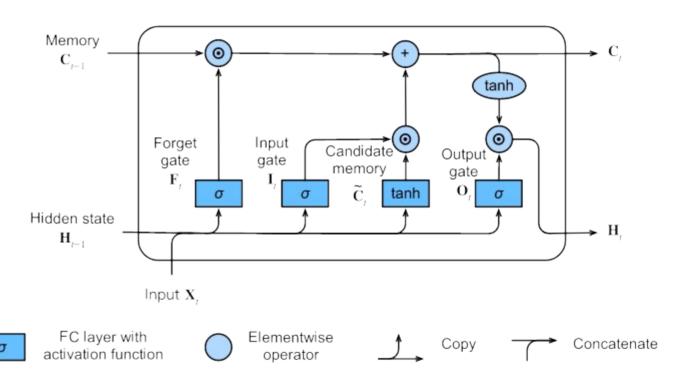
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How much of the previous cell state do we keep?













Compute hidden state (output)

$$H_t = contain (contain the contain the c$$

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### LSTM - Complexity

- Number of parameters:
- Input dimensionality of d
  - Output dimensionality of h
  - 4 input weight matrices of (d x h)
  - 4 hidden weight matrices of (h x h)
  - 4 biases of (h x 1)
- $\rightarrow$  Number of parameters = 4\*d\*h + 4\*h\*h + 4\*h = 4h\*(d + h + 1)
- Example:
  - Input size of 300
  - Output size of 32
  - → 42,624 parameters



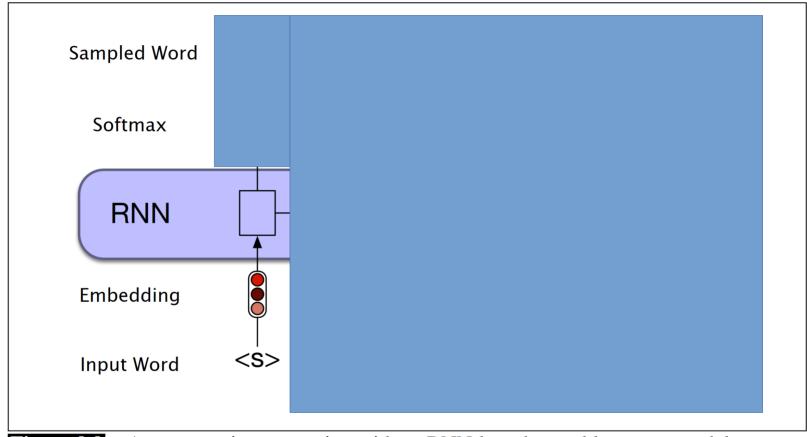


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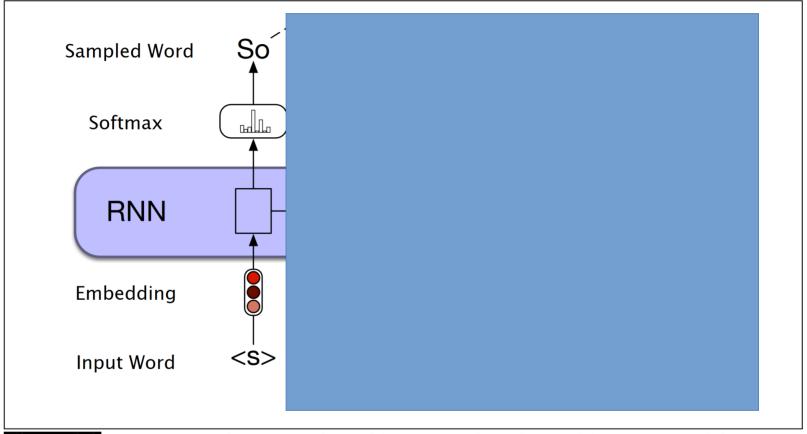


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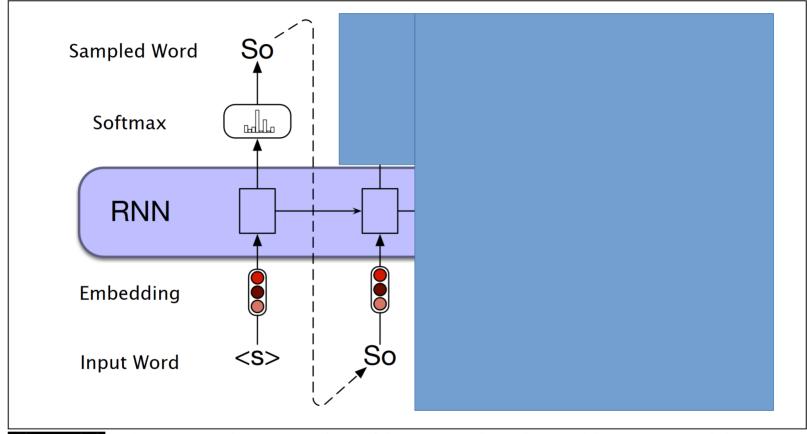


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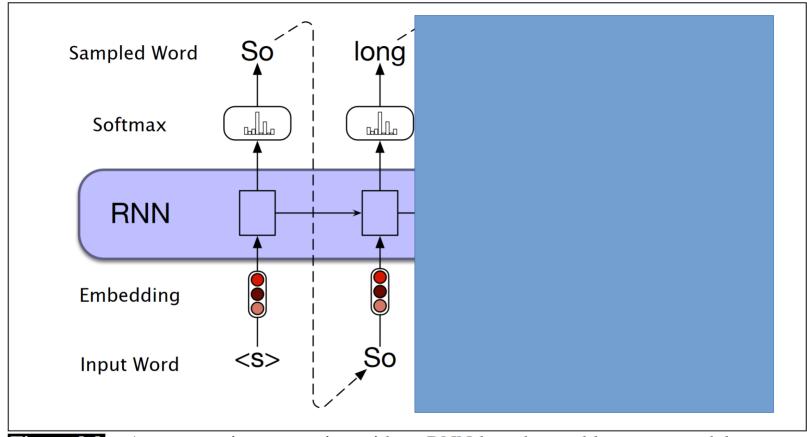


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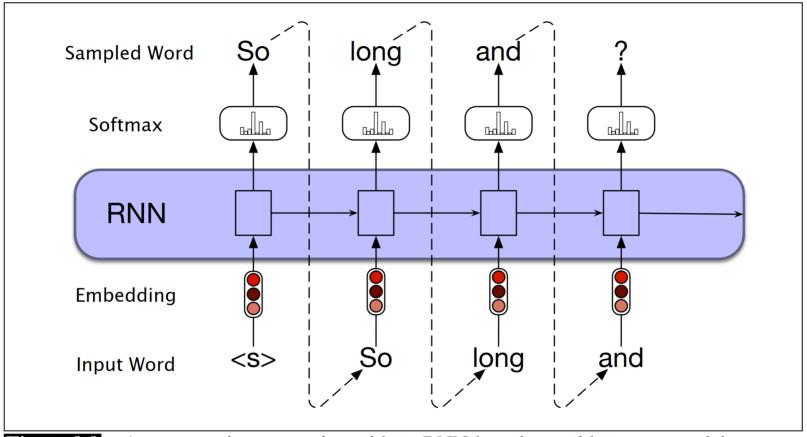


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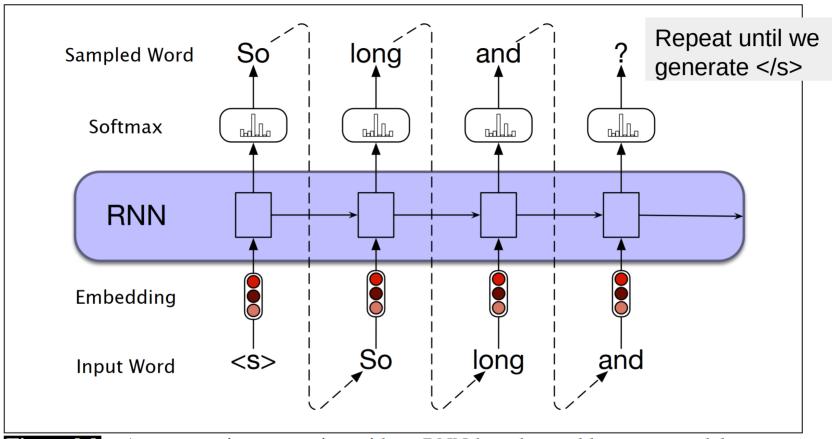


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How do we train this model?





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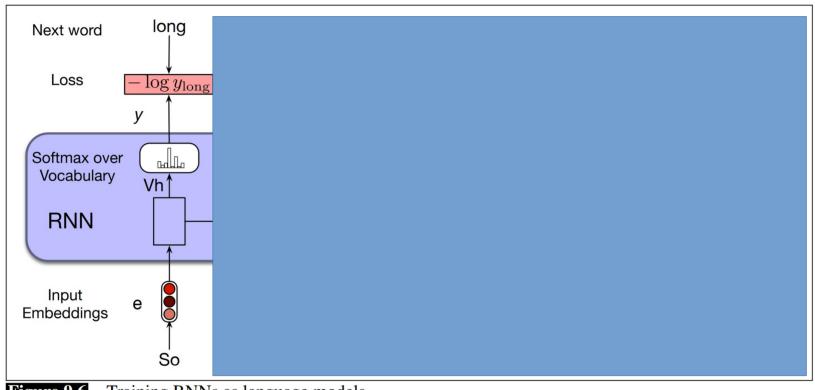


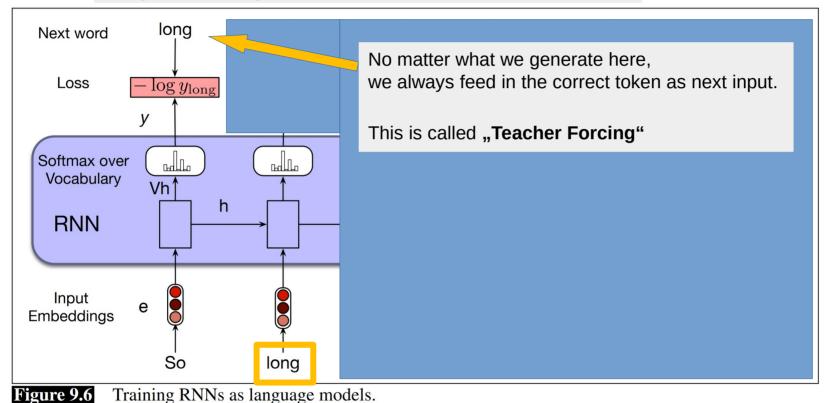
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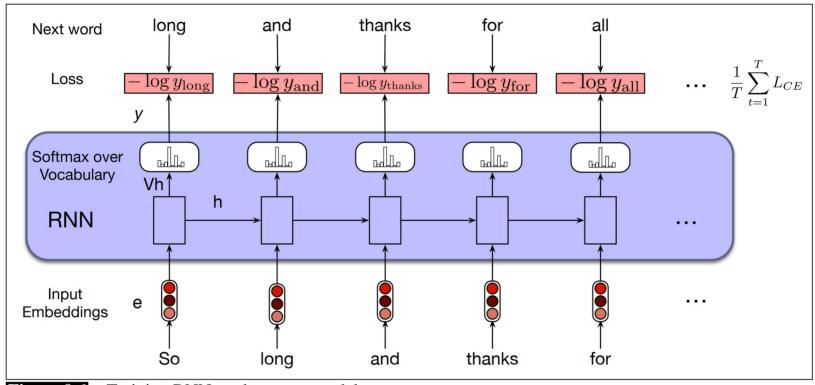


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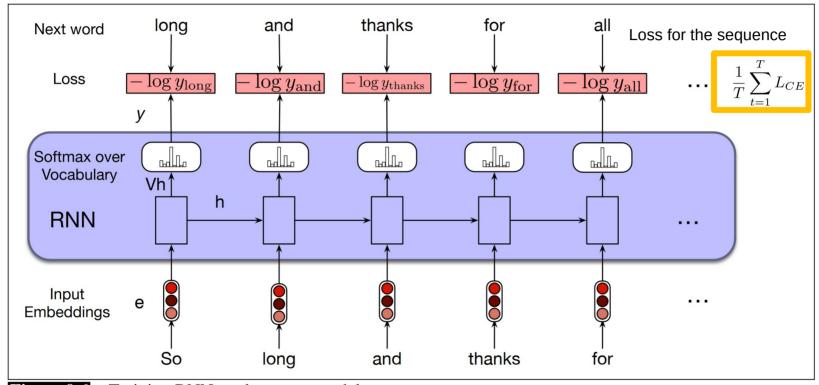
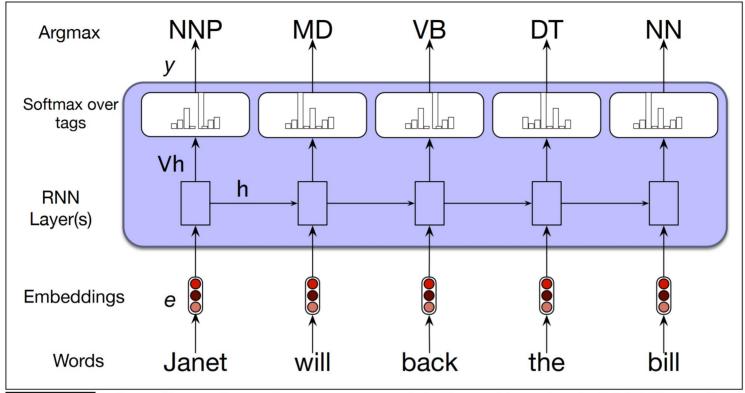


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# More applications



**Figure 9.7** Part-of-speech tagging as sequence labeling with a simple RNN. Pre-trained word embeddings serve as inputs and a softmax layer provides a probability distribution over the part-of-speech tags as output at each time step.





### **Machine Translation**

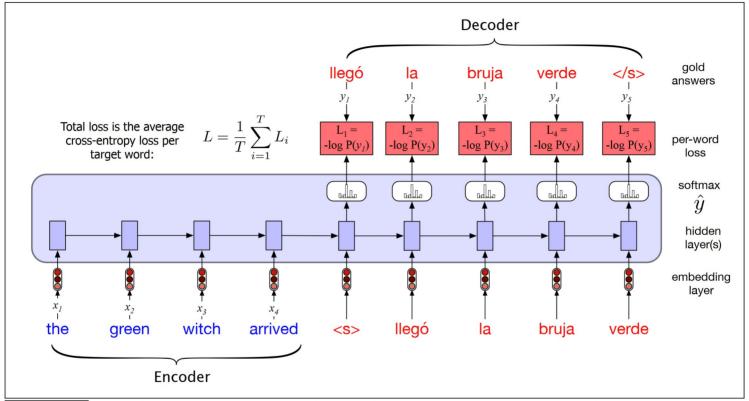


Figure 9.19 Training the basic RNN encoder-decoder approach to machine translation. Note that in the decoder we usually don't propagate the model's softmax outputs  $\hat{y}_t$ , but use **teacher forcing** to force each input to the correct gold value for training. We compute the softmax output distribution over  $\hat{y}$  in the decoder in order to compute the loss at each token, which can then be averaged to compute a loss for the sentence.





# Stacking RNN Layers

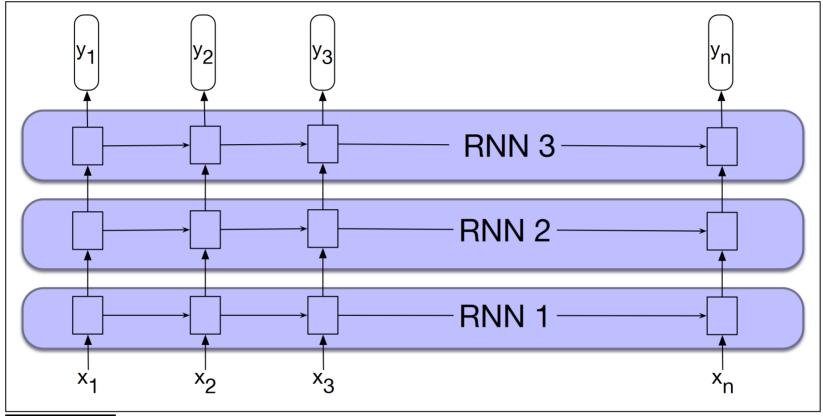
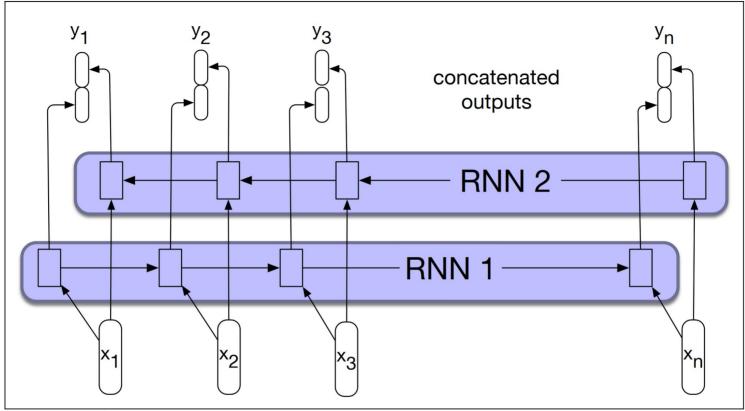


Figure 9.10 Stacked recurrent networks. The output of a lower level serves as the input to higher levels with the output of the last network serving as the final output.



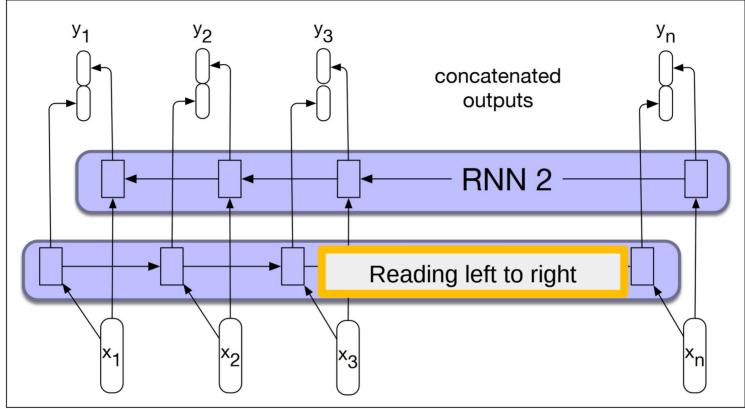




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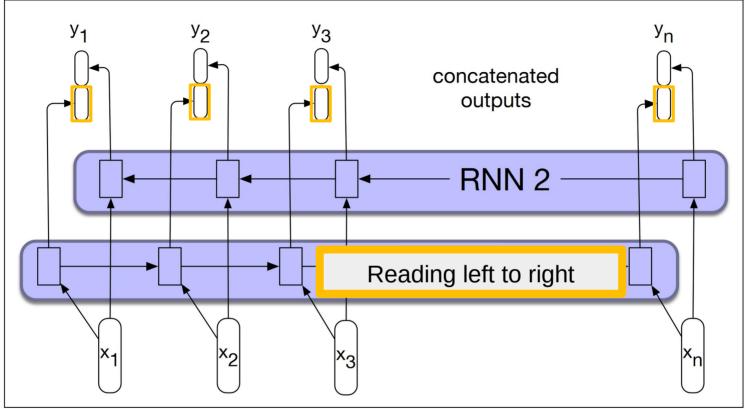




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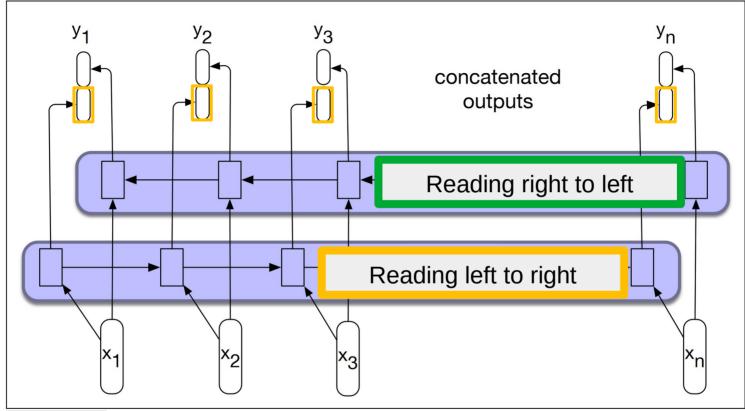




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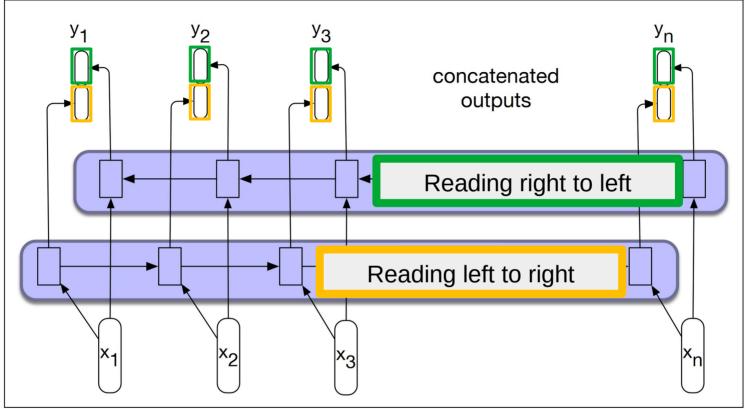




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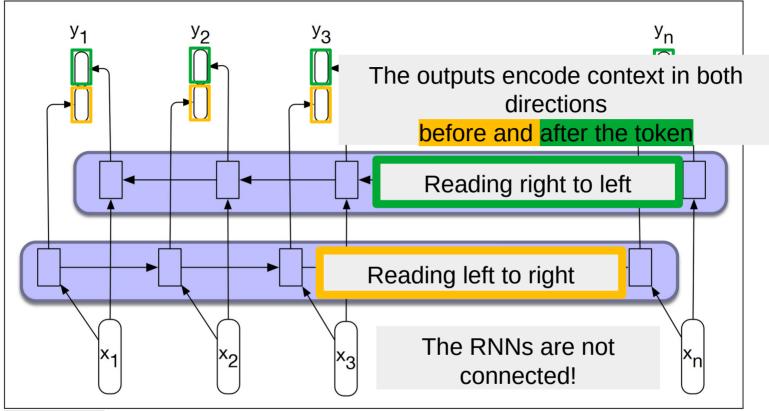




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