

Recurrent Neural Networks I

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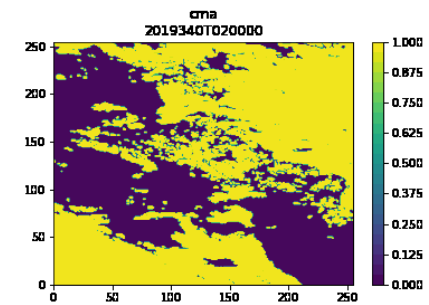
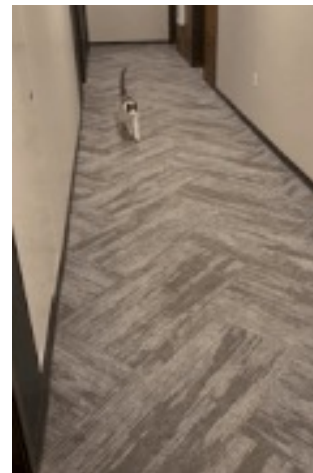
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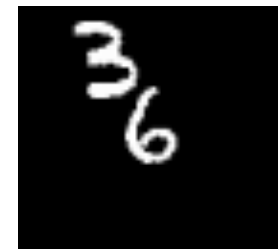
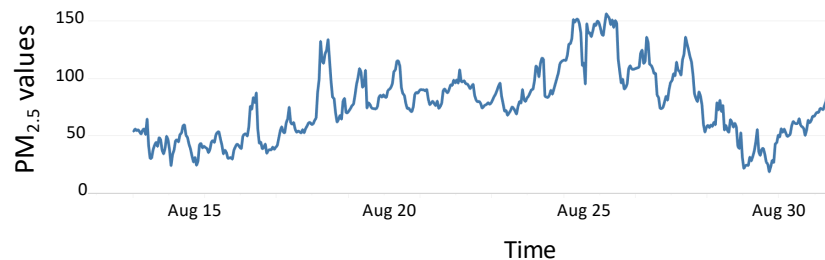


Sequences

- Sequences are everywhere
 - Natural language
 - “This morning I took my cat for a walk”
 - Audio and video
 - Sensor observations (e.g., air quality, traffic, noise)



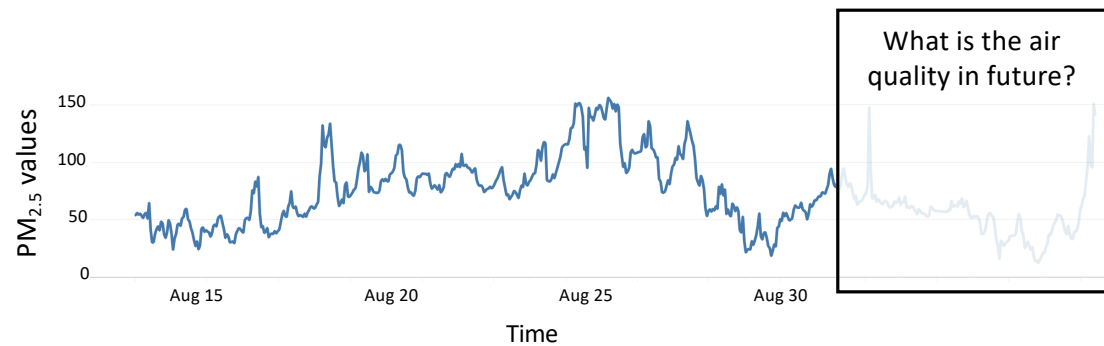
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Sequence Modeling

- Sequence modeling is the task of predicting what comes next
 - E.g., “This morning I took my cat for a walk ”
 - given previous words
 - predict the next word
 - E.g., given historical air quality, forecast air quality in next couple of hours



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- We need information from **the distant past** to accurately predict the correct word

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- Bag-of-words model
 - Define a **vocabulary** and initialize a zero vector where **each element represents for each word**
 - Compute **word frequency** and update the correspond position in the vector

[0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0]

- Use the vector for prediction

Here 1 is the count for the work “a”

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- Limitation: Counts don't preserve order
 - “The food was good, not bad at all.” VS. “The food was bad, not good at all.”
- We need to preserve the information about **order**

A Sequence Modeling Example

Predict the Next Word

- Idea #3: Use a big fixed window

“This morning I took my cat for a walk”

given these
words

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- One-hot encoding

[1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0]

this

morning

I

- Use the one-hot encoding vector for prediction

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- Limitation: Each of these inputs has a separate parameter

- “I took my cat this morning for a walk”

[0001000 100000000000001]

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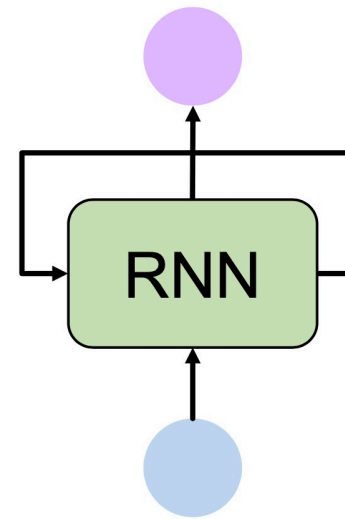
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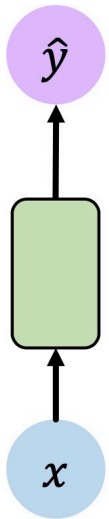
- Things we learn about the sequence should be applicable when they appear elsewhere in the sequence

Sequence Modeling

- To model sequences, we need to:
 - Handle **variable-length** sequences
 - Track **long-term** dependencies
 - Maintain information about **order**
 - **Share parameters** across the sequence
- Solution:
 - Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs)

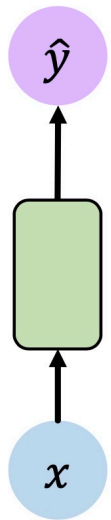


Standard Feed-Forward Neural Network

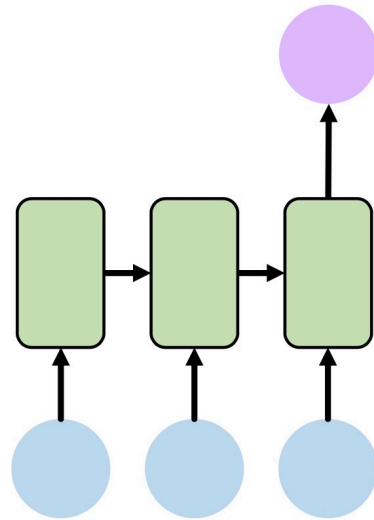


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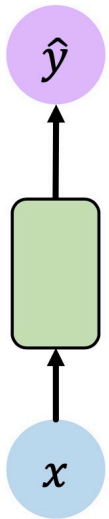


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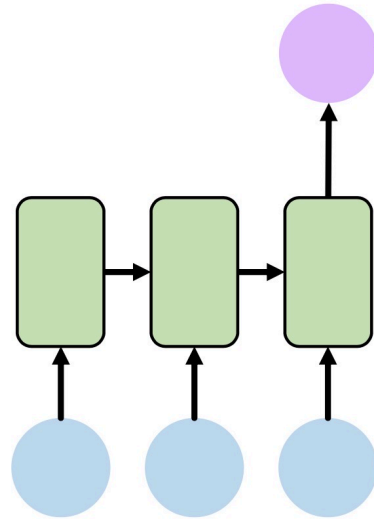


Many to One
Sentiment Classification

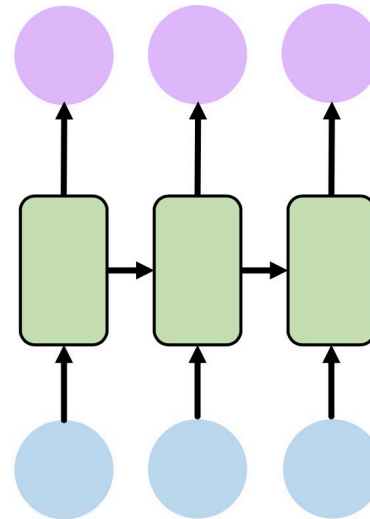
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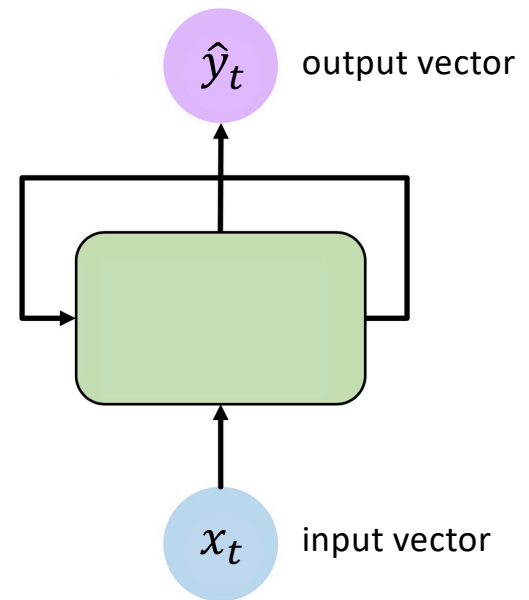
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Many to Many
Music Generation

... and many other
architectures and
applications

A Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)



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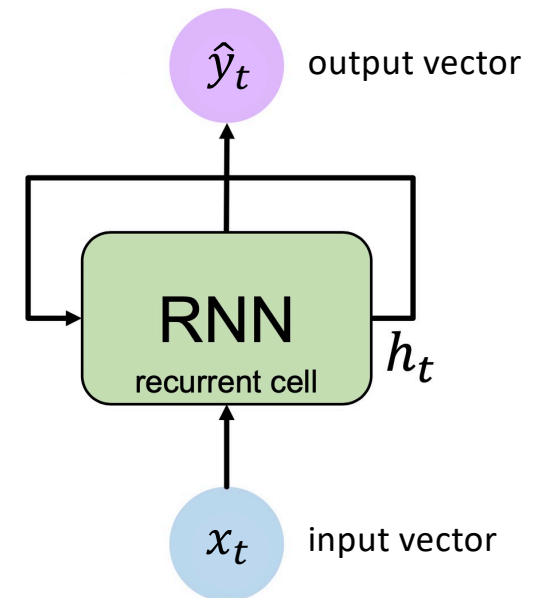
- Apply a recurrence relation at every time step to process a sequence:

$$\boxed{h_t} = f_W(\boxed{h_{t-1}}, \boxed{x_t})$$

cell state old state

a function parameterized by W current input

Note: the same function and set of parameters are used at every time step



RNN: State Update and Output

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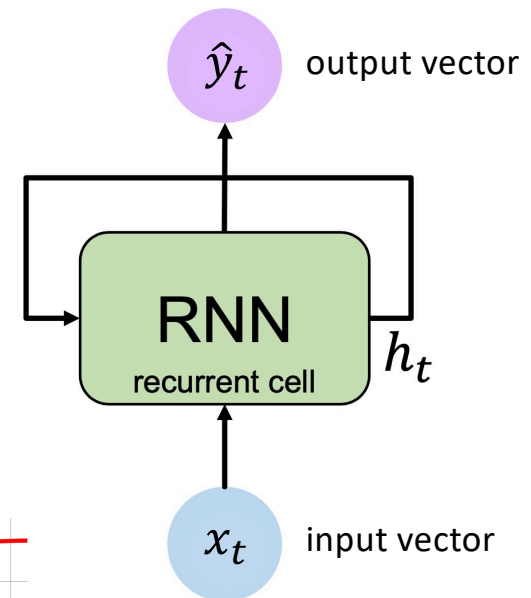
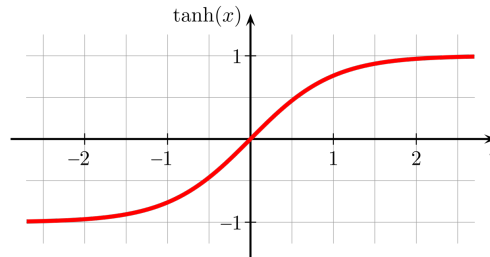
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- Update hidden state, f_W

$$h_t = \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{xh}x_t)$$

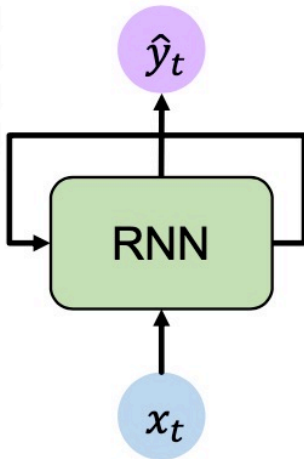
- Compute output vector

$$\hat{y}_t = W_{hy}h_t$$



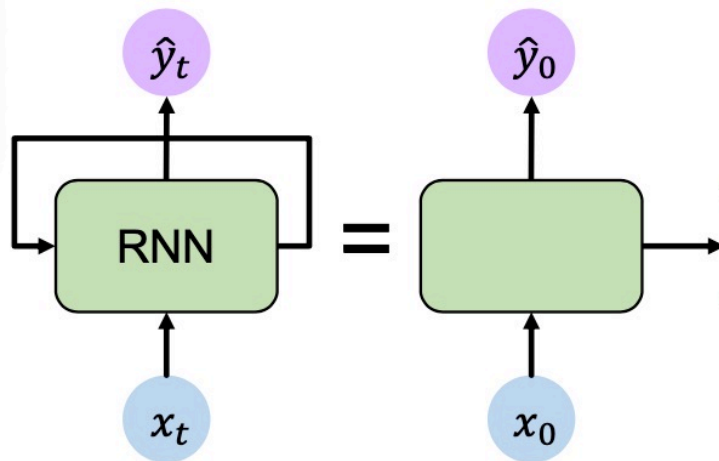
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- Represent as computational graph unrolled across time



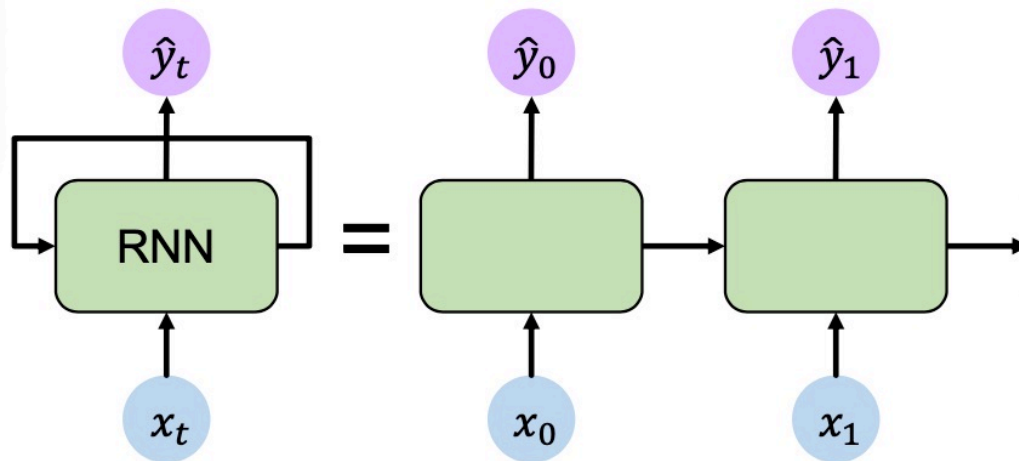
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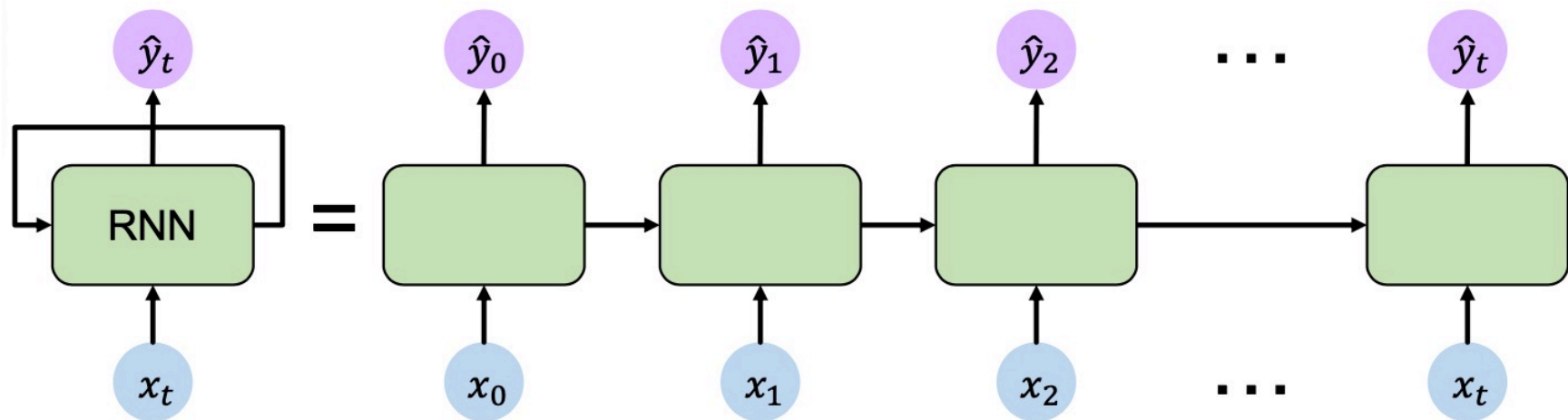
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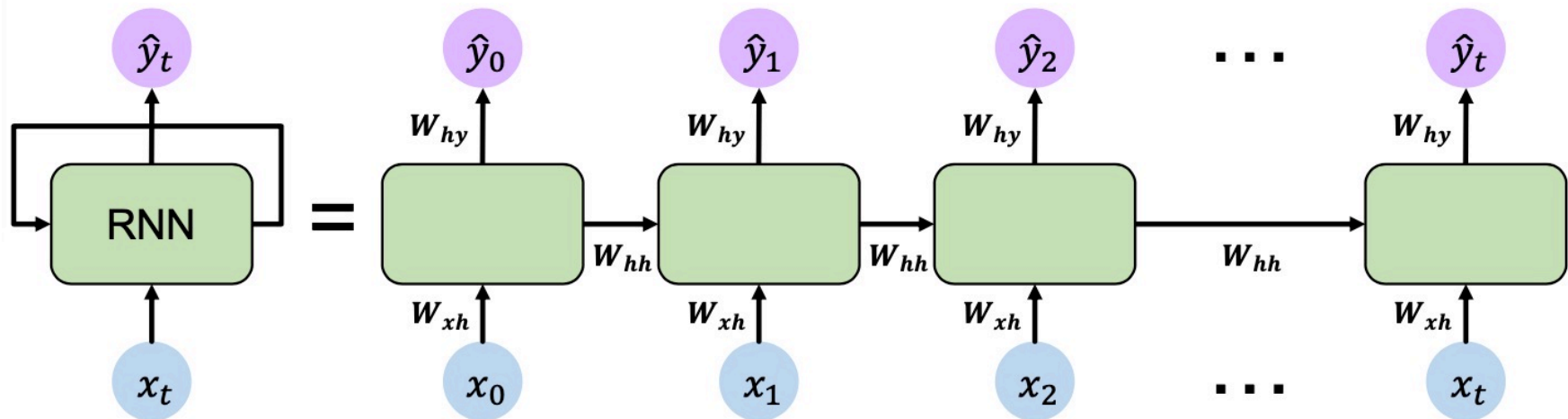
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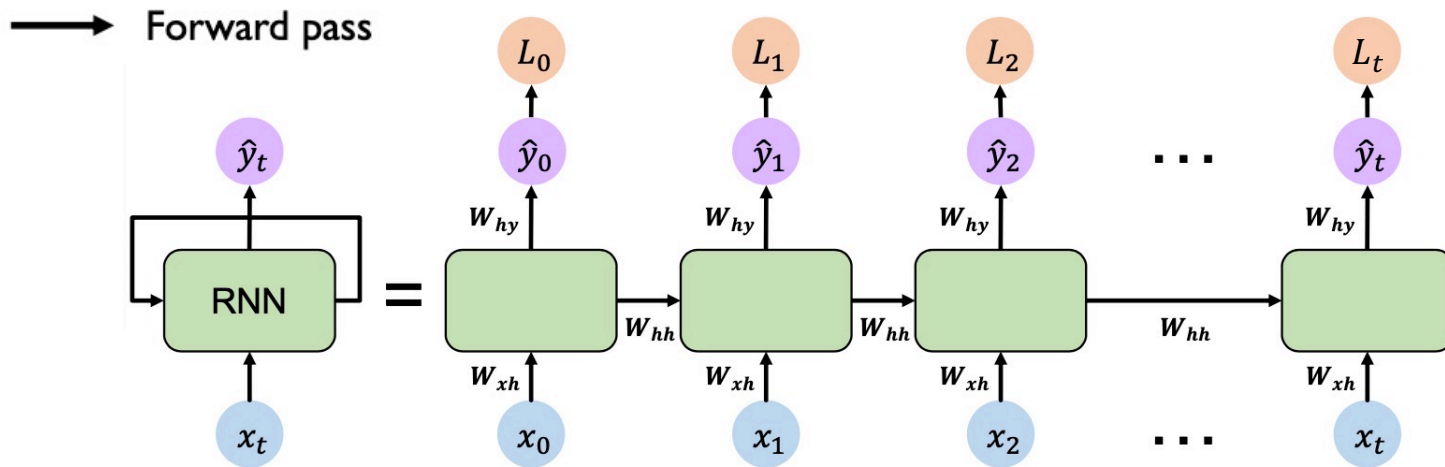
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- Re-use the same weight matrices at every time step



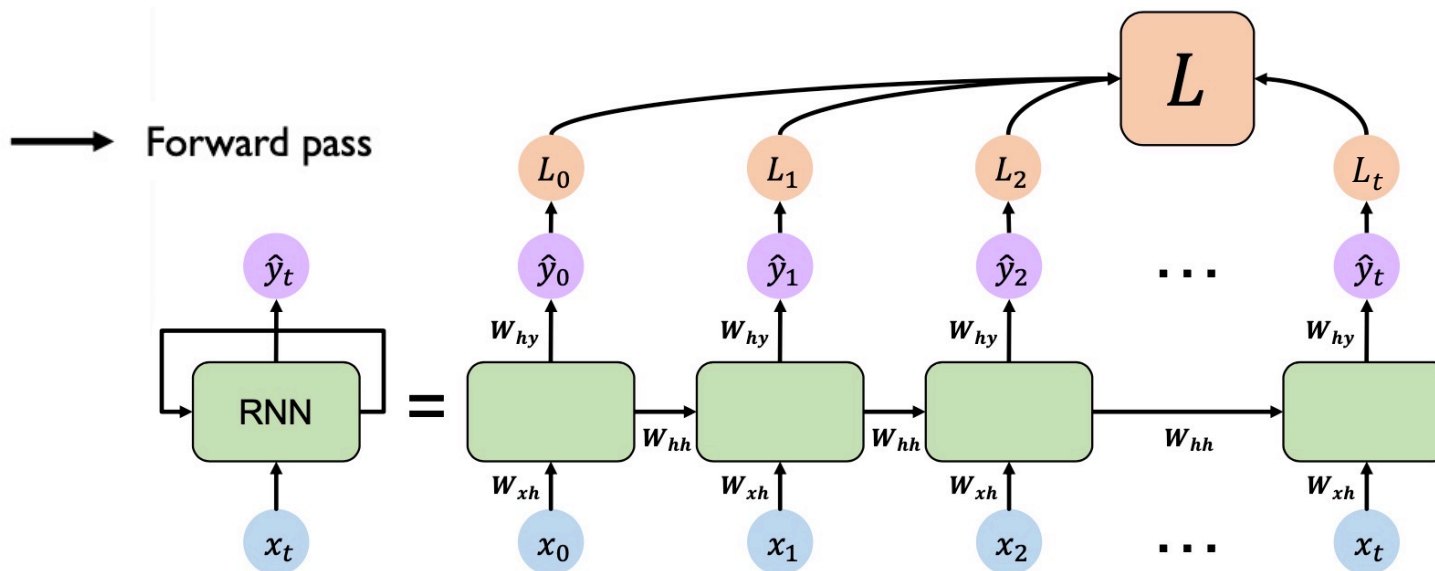
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- Compute the loss L_t by comparing \hat{y}_t and y_t (y_t is ground truth)
 - E.g., $L_t = (\hat{y}_t - y_t)^2$



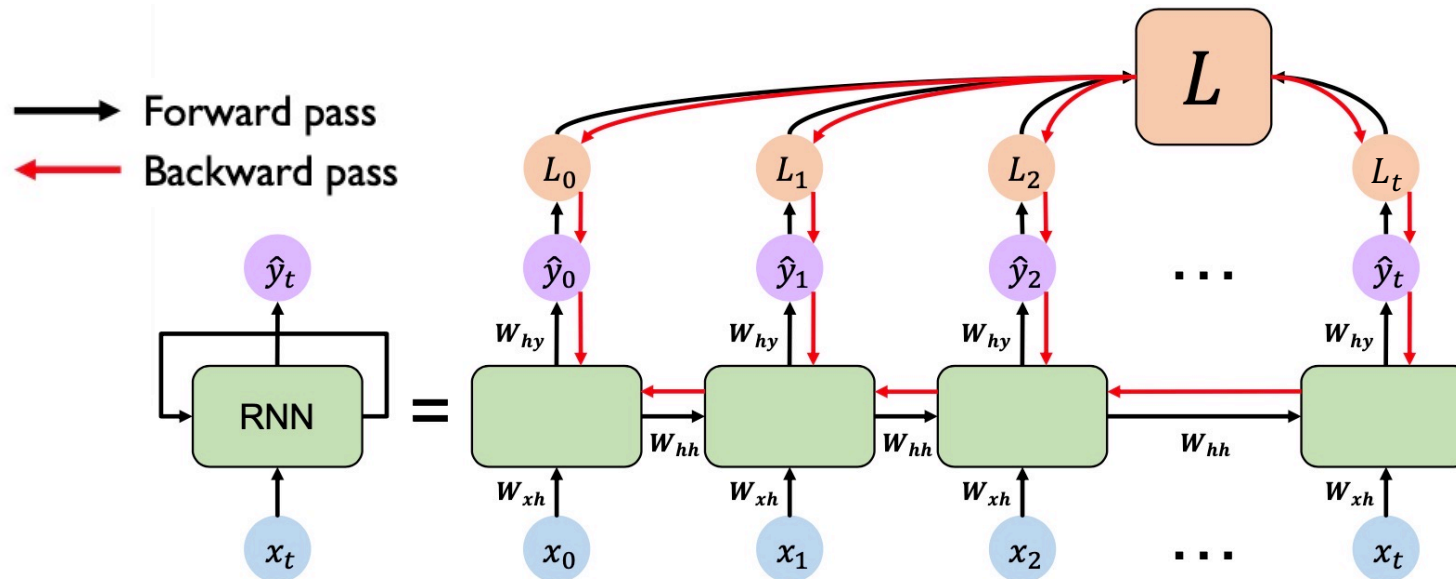
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- Total loss $L = \sum_{t=1}^T L_t$

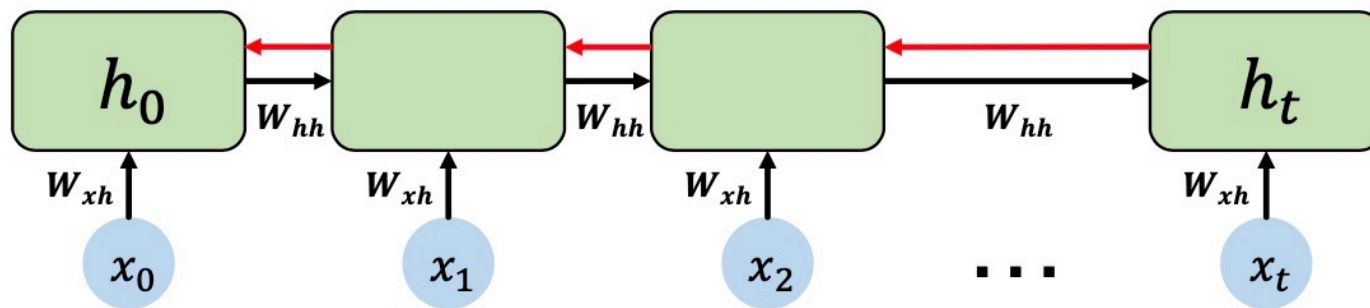


RNN: Backpropagation Through Time

- For backpropagation, we need to compute the gradients w.r.t. W_{hy} , W_{hh} , W_{xh}



RNN: Backpropagation Through Time



Computing the gradient involves **many multiplications** (and repeated f')

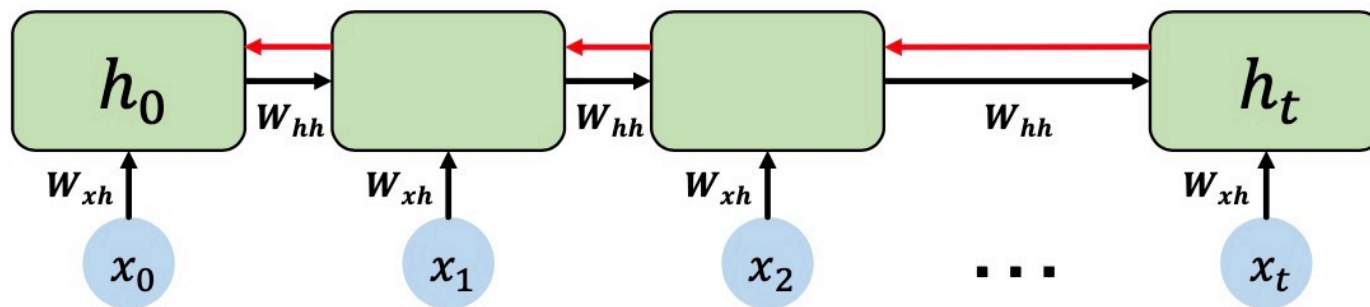
For example, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial w_h} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial l(y_t, \hat{y}_t)}{\partial w_{hh}}$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial l(y_t, \hat{y}_t)}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial g(h_t, w_{hy})}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial w_{hh}}$$

$$h_t = \tanh(W_{xh}x_t + W_{hh}h_{t-1})$$

$$\frac{\partial h_t}{\partial w_{hh}} = \frac{\partial f(x_t, h_{t-1}, w_{hh})}{\partial w_{hh}} + \frac{\partial f(x_t, h_{t-1}, w_{hh})}{\partial h_{t-1}} \frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial w_{hh}}$$

Gradient Flow: Exploding Gradients



Case 1: Many values are > 1

Exploding gradients

Trick : Gradient clipping to scale big gradients

Case 2: Many values are < 1

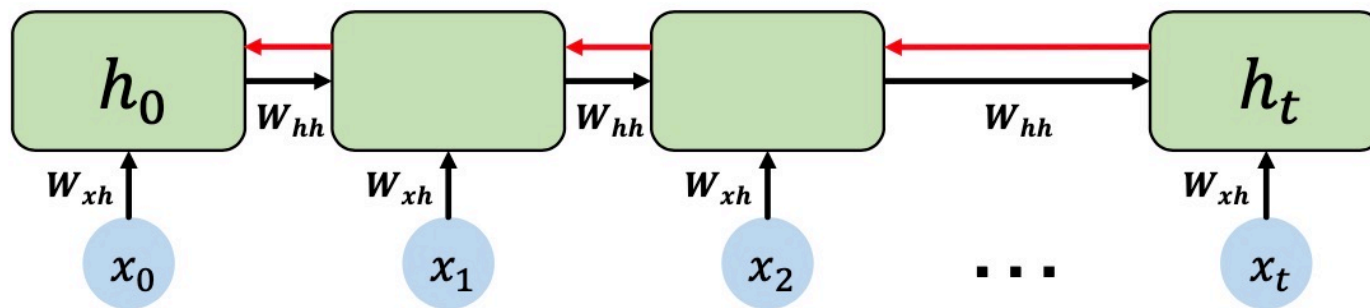
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Trick 2: Weight initialization

Trick 3: Network architecture

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Vanishing Gradients

What causes vanishing gradients?

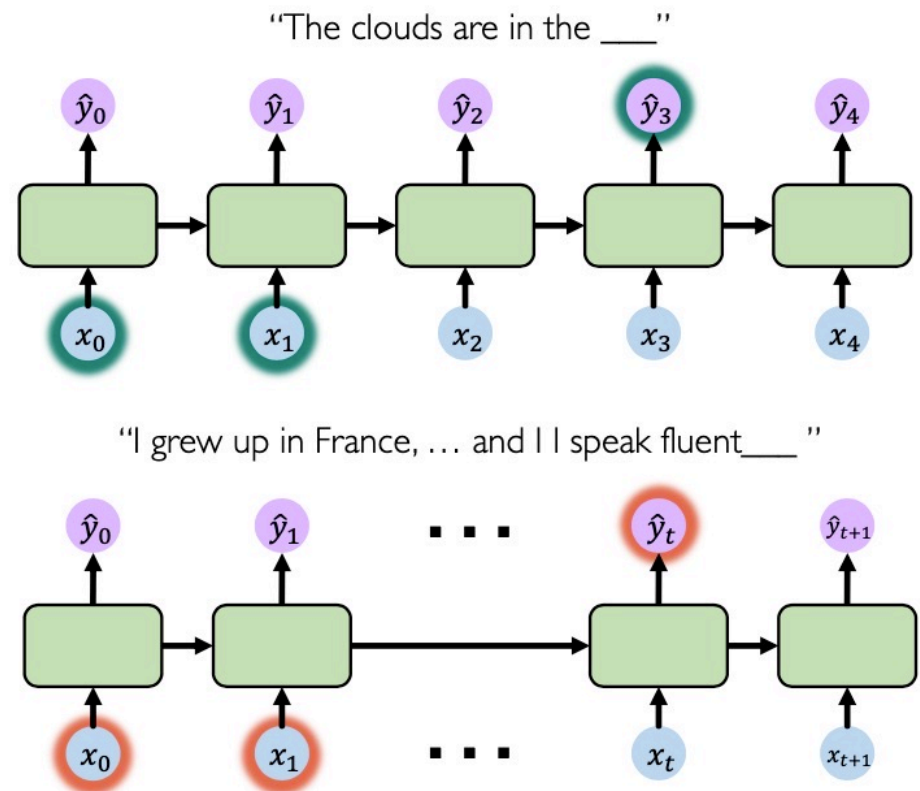
Multiply many small numbers together



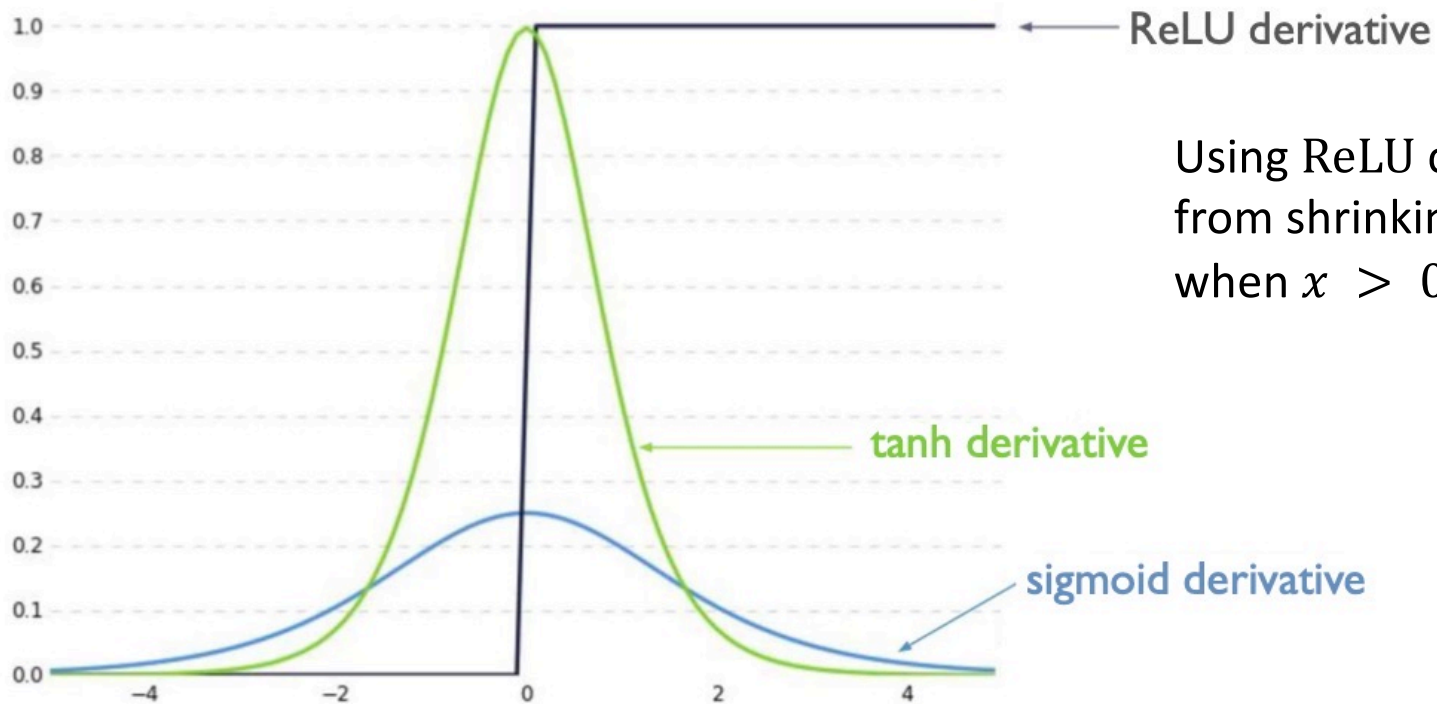
Further back time steps would have smaller and smaller gradients



Fail to capture long-term dependencies



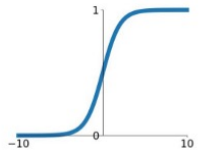
Trick 1: Activation Functions



Using ReLU can prevent f' from shrinking the gradients when $x > 0$

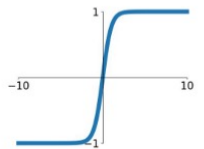
Sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



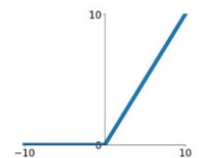
tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



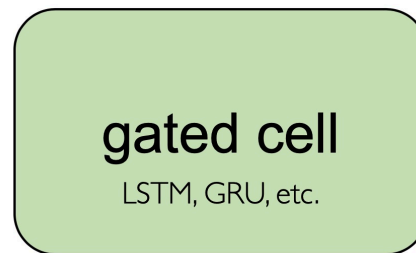
ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



Trick 2: Network Architecture – Gated Cells

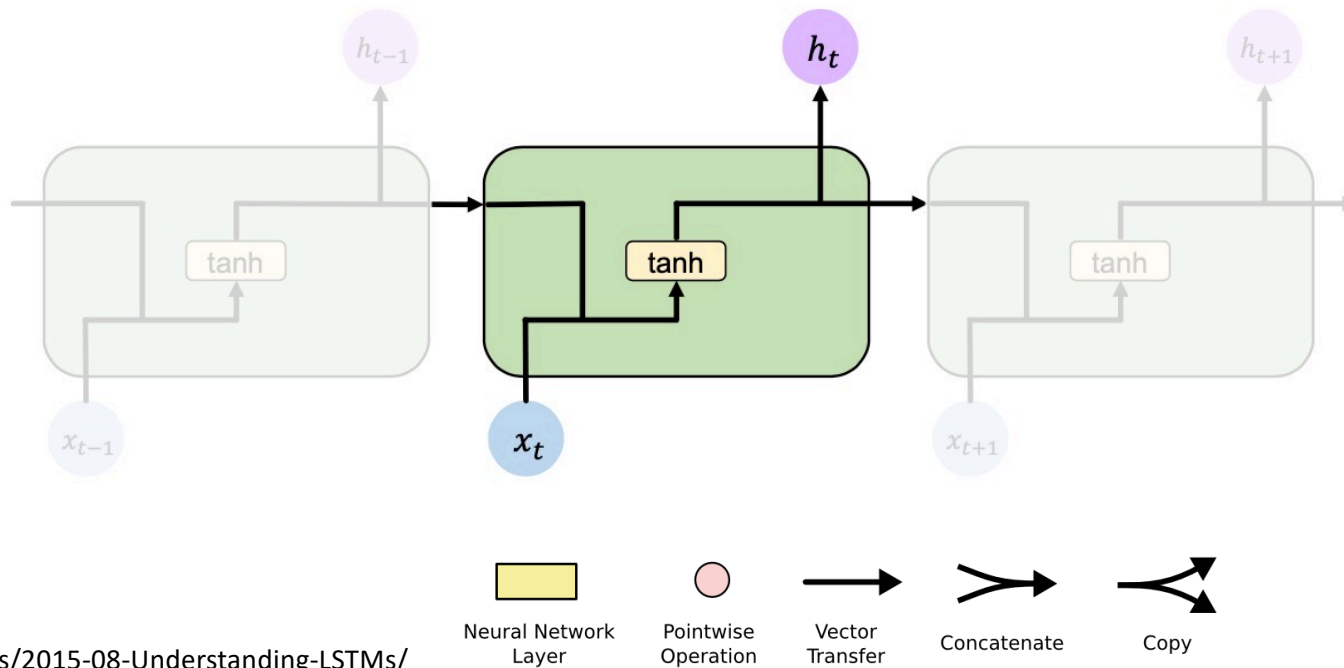
- Use a more **complex recurrent unit with gates** to **control what information is passed through**



- Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks rely on **a gated cell** to track information throughout many time steps.

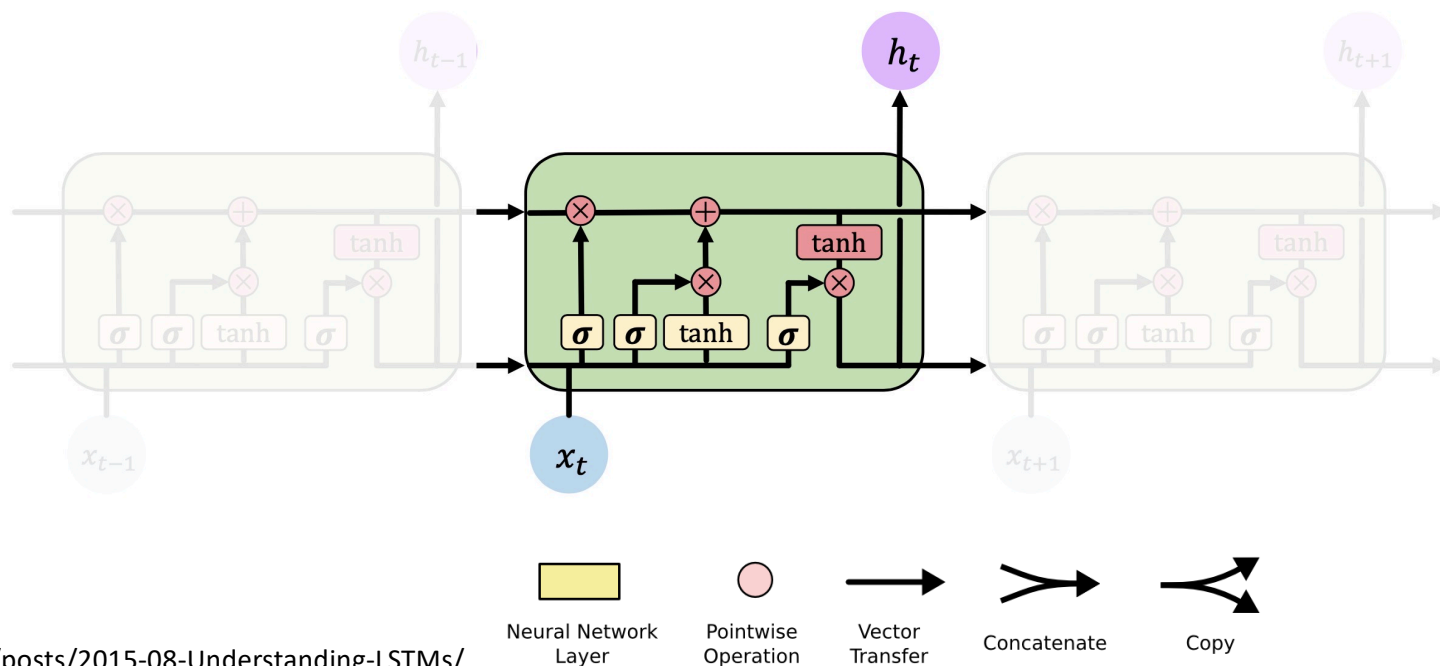
Standard RNNs

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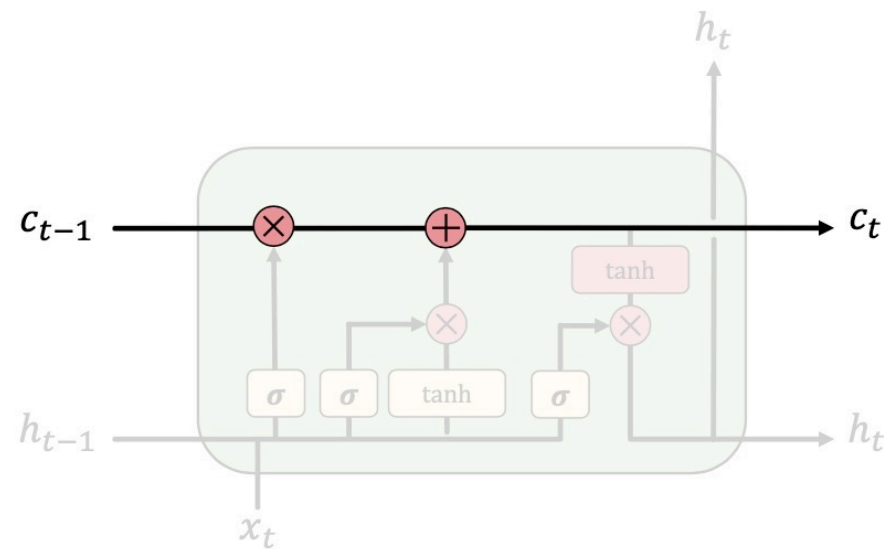
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- In an LSTM network, recurrent modules contain **gated cells** that control the information flow [Hochreiter et al., 1997]



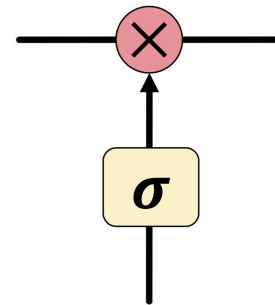
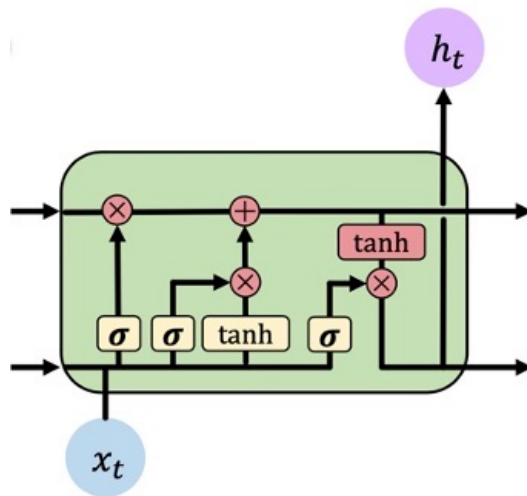
Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

- Besides hidden state h_t (same as RNN), LSTM maintains a **cell state** C_t where it's easy for information to flow



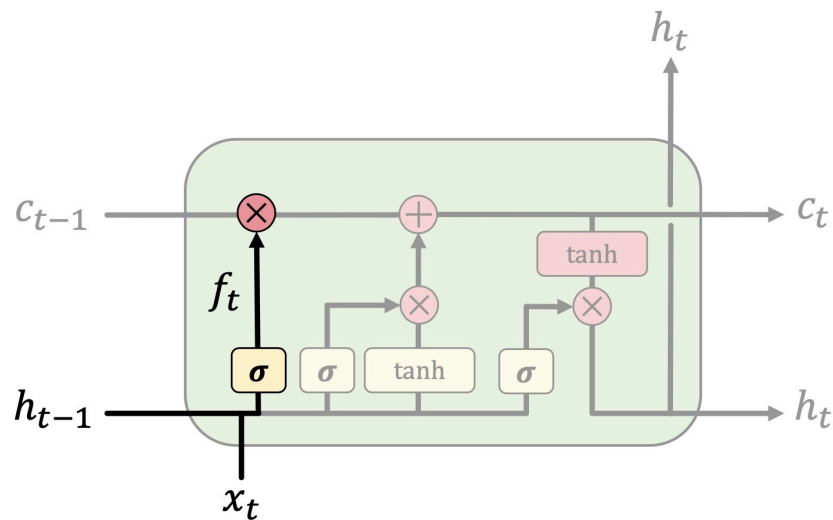
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- Information is **added** or **removed** to cell state through structures called **gates**



Gates optionally let information through, via a sigmoid layer and pointwise multiplication

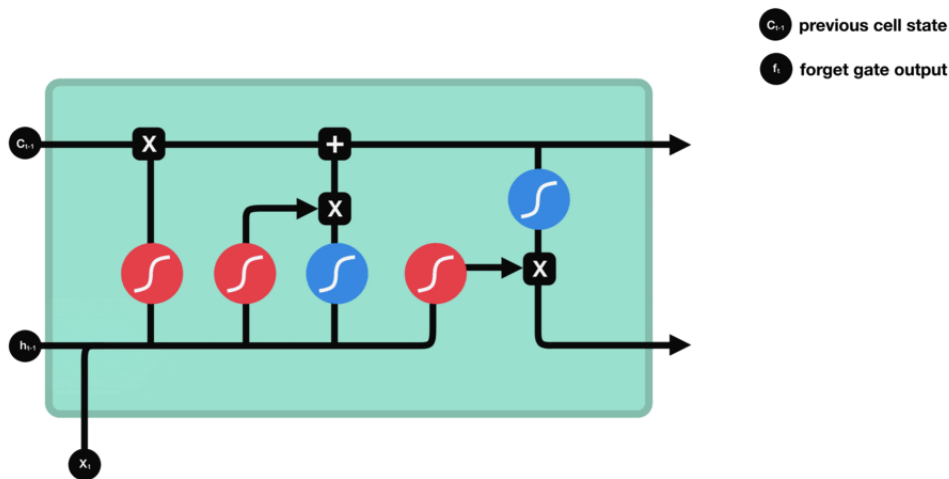
LSTM: Forget Irrelevant Information



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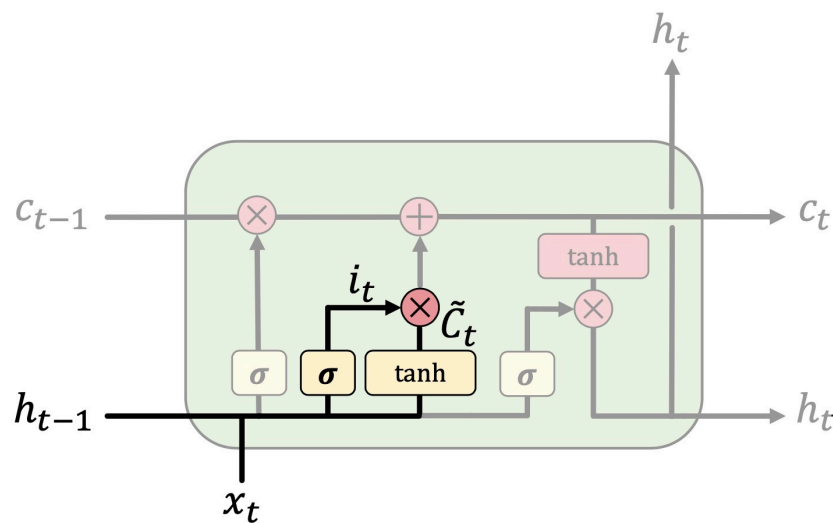
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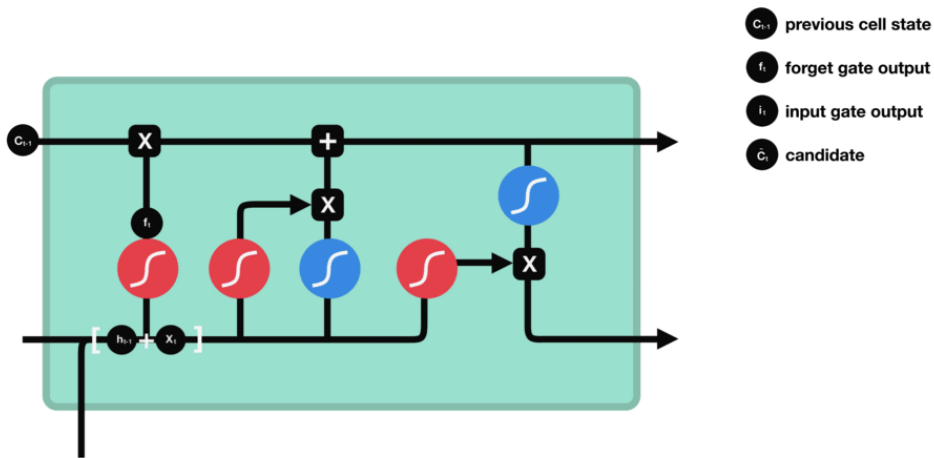


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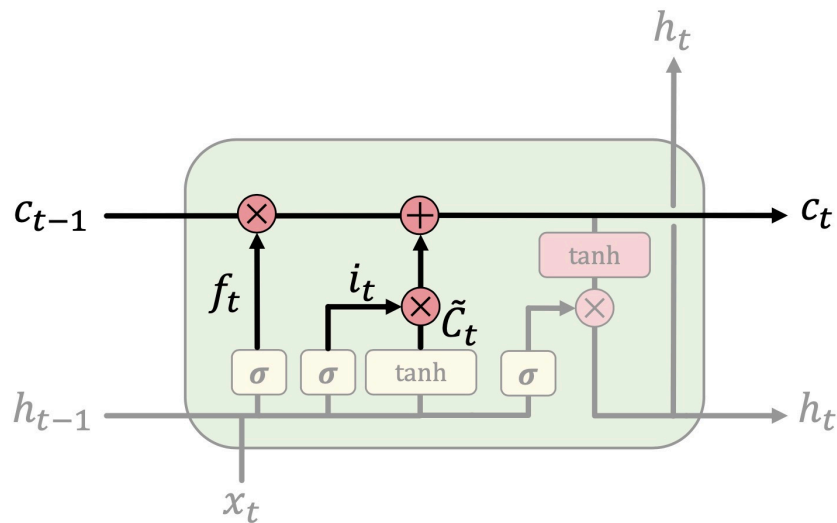


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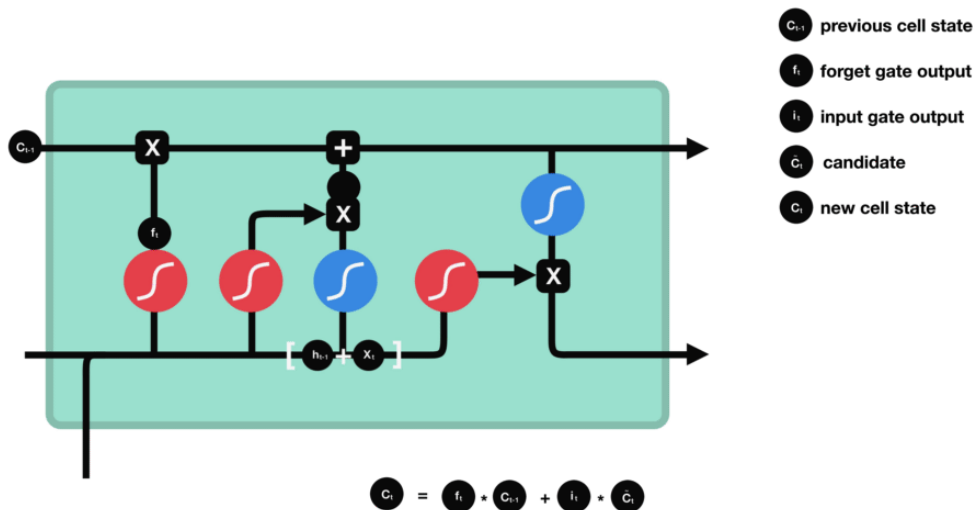
LSTM: Update Cell State



$$c_t = f_t * c_{t-1} + i_t * \tilde{c}_t$$

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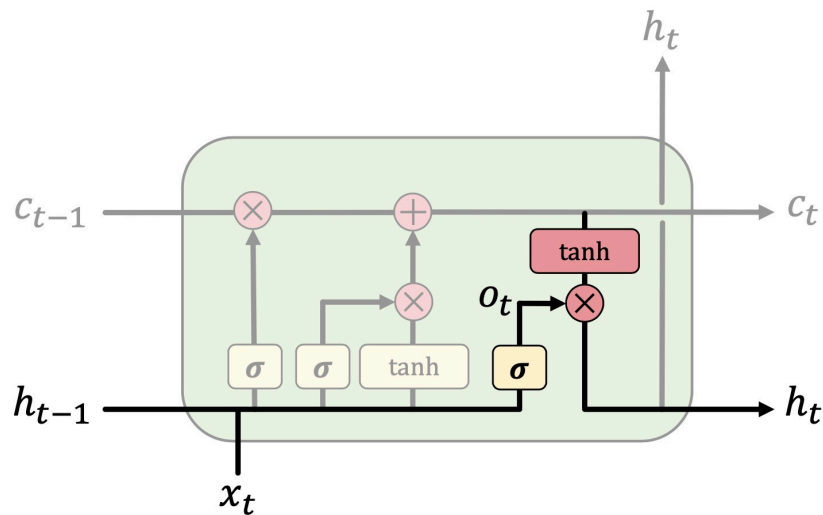
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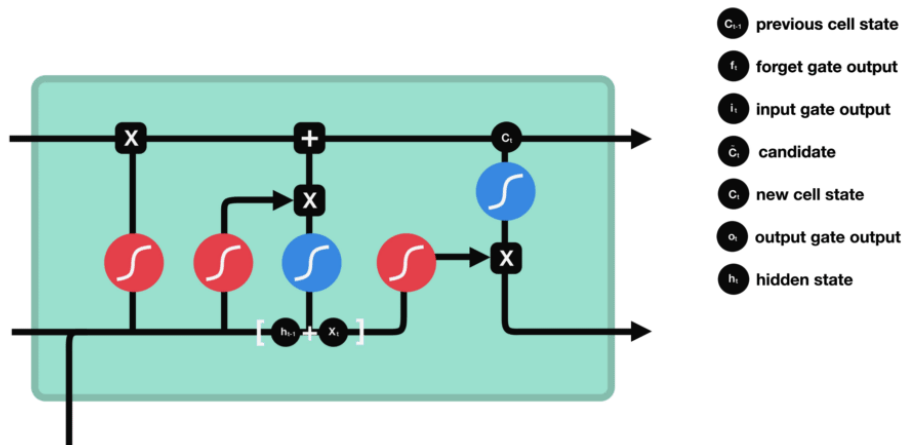


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LSTM: Feed Forward

$$\begin{aligned}f_t &= \sigma(W_f[h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f) \\i_t &= \sigma(W_i[h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i) \\\tilde{c}_t &= \tanh(W_c[h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_c) \\c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t \\o_t &= \sigma(W_o[h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_o) \\h_t &= o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)\end{aligned}$$

\odot is element-wise multiplication

Rewrite the functions
for computing
backpropagation

$$\begin{aligned}a_f &= W_{hf} \cdot h_{t-1} + W_{xf} \cdot x_t + b_f \\a_i &= W_{hi} \cdot h_{t-1} + W_{xi} \cdot x_t + b_i \\a_g &= W_{hg} \cdot h_{t-1} + W_{xg} \cdot x_t + b_g \\a_o &= W_{ho} \cdot h_{t-1} + W_{xo} \cdot x_t + b_o \\f_t &= \sigma(a_f) \\i_t &= \sigma(a_i) \\\tilde{c}_t &= \tanh(a_g) \\c_t &= f_t \odot c_{t-1} + i_t \odot \tilde{c}_t \\o_t &= \sigma(a_o) \\h_t &= o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)\end{aligned}$$

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- Compute gradient w.r.t. hidden state

$$\frac{\partial L_t}{\partial h_t} = \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \cdot \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial h_t}$$



This depends on the output function, e.g., fully connected layer

LSTM: Backpropagation Through Time

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$$a_o = W_{ho} \cdot h_{t-1} + W_{xo} \cdot x_t + b_o$$

$$f_t = \sigma(a_f)$$

$$i_t = \sigma(a_i)$$

$$\tilde{c}_t = \tanh(a_g)$$

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$$o_t = \sigma(a_o)$$

$$h_t = o_t \odot \tanh(c_t)$$

- Compute gradient w.r.t. output gate

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h_t} \cdot \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial o_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h_t} \cdot \tanh(c_t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial o_t} \cdot \frac{\partial o_t}{\partial a_o} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial h_t} \cdot \tanh(c_t) \cdot \frac{d(\sigma(a_o))}{da_o} \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial h_t} \cdot \tanh(c_t) \cdot \sigma(a_o)(1 - \sigma(a_o)) \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial h_t} \cdot \tanh(c_t) \cdot o_t(1 - o_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{ho}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o} \cdot \frac{\partial a_o}{\partial W_{ho}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o} \cdot h_{t-1}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{xo}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o} \cdot \frac{\partial a_o}{\partial W_{xo}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o} \cdot x_t$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial b_o} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o} \cdot \frac{\partial a_o}{\partial b_o} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_o}$$

LSTM: Backpropagation Through Time

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$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \tilde{c}_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial \tilde{c}_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot i_t$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_g} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \tilde{c}_t} \cdot \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_t}{\partial a_g} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot i_t \cdot \frac{d(\tanh(a_g))}{da_g} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot i_t \cdot (1 - \tilde{c}_t^2)$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hg}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_g} \cdot \frac{\partial a_g}{\partial W_{hg}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_g} \cdot h_{t-1}$$

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$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial i_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial i_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \tilde{c}_t$$

$$\bullet \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_i} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial i_t} \cdot \frac{\partial i_t}{\partial a_i} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \tilde{c}_t \cdot \frac{d(\sigma(a_i))}{da_i} \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \tilde{c}_t \cdot \sigma(a_i)(1 - \sigma(a_i)) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \tilde{c}_t \cdot i_t(1 - i_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hi}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_i} \cdot \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial W_{hi}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_i} \cdot h_{t-1}$$

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- Compute gradient w.r.t. forget gate

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial f_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial f_t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot c_{t-1}$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_f} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial f_t} \cdot \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial a_f} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot c_{t-1} \cdot \frac{d(\sigma(a_f))}{da_f}$$

$$= \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot c_{t-1} \cdot \sigma(a_f) (1 - \sigma(a_f)) = \frac{\partial L}{\partial c_t} \cdot c_{t-1} \cdot f_t (1 - f_t)$$

$$\bullet \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hf}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_f} \cdot \frac{\partial a_f}{\partial W_{hf}} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial a_f} \cdot h_{t-1}$$

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- These computation for backpropagation will be **calculated T times** (the number of time steps)
- The weights will be updated using the accumulated gradient w.r.t. each weight for all time steps
- For example, $\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hf}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hf}^t}$

$$W_{hf} += \alpha * \frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hf}}$$

LSTM: Mitigate Vanishing Gradient

- Vanilla RNNs
$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \mathbf{h}_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\left(\prod_{i=k+1}^n \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{i-1}} \right) \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_k}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{i-1}} \right\| < 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{i-1}} \quad \dots \quad \text{Vanish!}$$

$$\left\| \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{i-1}} \right\| > 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{h}_{i-1}} \quad \dots \quad \text{Explode!}$$

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- LSTM
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LSTM: Mitigate Vanishing Gradient

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$$\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{t-1}} [c_{t-1} \otimes f_t \oplus \tilde{c}_t \otimes i_t]$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{t-1}} [c_{t-1} \otimes f_t] + \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{t-1}} [\tilde{c}_t \otimes i_t]$$

$$= \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot c_{t-1} + \frac{\partial c_{t-1}}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot f_t + \frac{\partial i_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot \tilde{c}_t + \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot i_t$$

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$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{t-1}} [c_{t-1} \otimes f_t] + \frac{\partial}{\partial c_{t-1}} [\tilde{c}_t \otimes i_t]$$

$$= \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot c_{t-1} + \frac{\partial c_{t-1}}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot f_t + \frac{\partial i_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot \tilde{c}_t + \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot i_t$$

$$\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} = \sigma'(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_f \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot c_{t-1}$$

$$+ f_t$$

$$+ \sigma'(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_i \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot \tilde{c}_t$$

$$+ \sigma'(W_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_c \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot i_t$$

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$$+ \sigma'(W_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_c \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot i_t$$

$$A_t = \sigma'(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_f \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot c_{t-1}$$

$$B_t = f_t$$

$$C_t = \sigma'(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_i \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot \tilde{c}_t$$

$$D_t = \sigma'(W_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]) \cdot W_c \cdot o_{t-1} \otimes \tanh'(c_{t-1}) \cdot i_t$$

$$\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} = A_t + B_t + C_t + D_t \quad (6)$$

LSTM: Mitigate Vanishing Gradient

- LSTM

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$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{c}_t}{\partial \mathbf{c}_{t-1}} = A_t + B_t + C_t + D_t \quad (6)$$

- Addictive function (rather than multiplying) and B_t (forget gate vector) help mitigate the gradient vanishing problem

LSTM: Key Concepts

- Maintain a separate **cell state** from what is outputted
- Use **gates** to control the flow of information
 - Forget gate gets rid of irrelevant information
 - Selectively updates cell state
 - Output gate returns a filtered version of the cell state
- LSTM can mitigate vanishing gradient problem

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