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# Deep Learning

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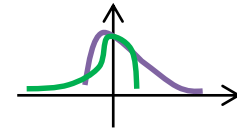
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# Last lecture review

## Part 1

$$\hat{x}_i = \frac{x_i - E[x_i]}{\sqrt{\text{Var}[x_i]}}$$

$$y_i = \gamma_i \hat{x}_i + \beta_i$$



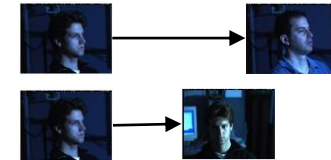
## Part 2

Multi-class classification

Triplet loss

Face verification

Contrastive loss



## Part 3

R-CNN



Fast R-CNN



Faster R-CNN



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# Lecture 7: Recurrent Neural Networks

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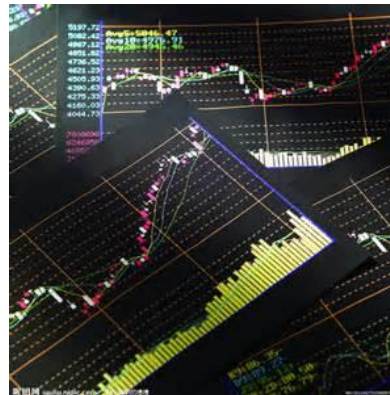
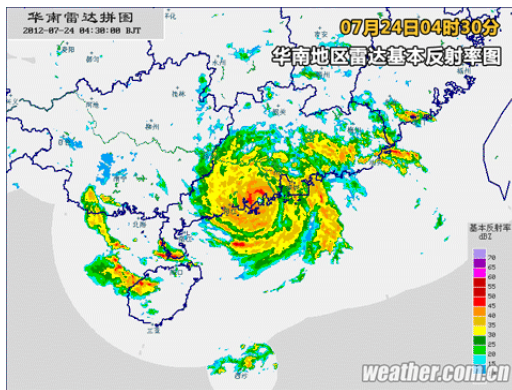
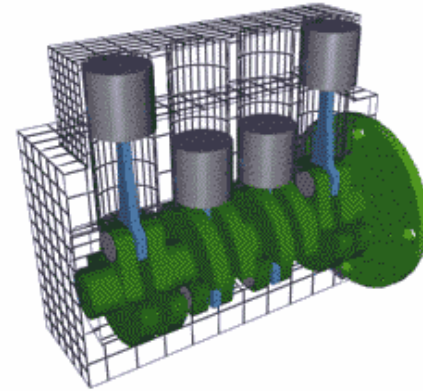
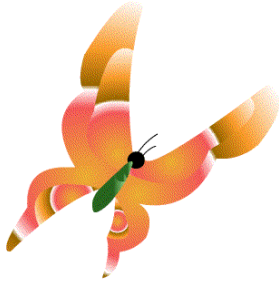
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# Outline

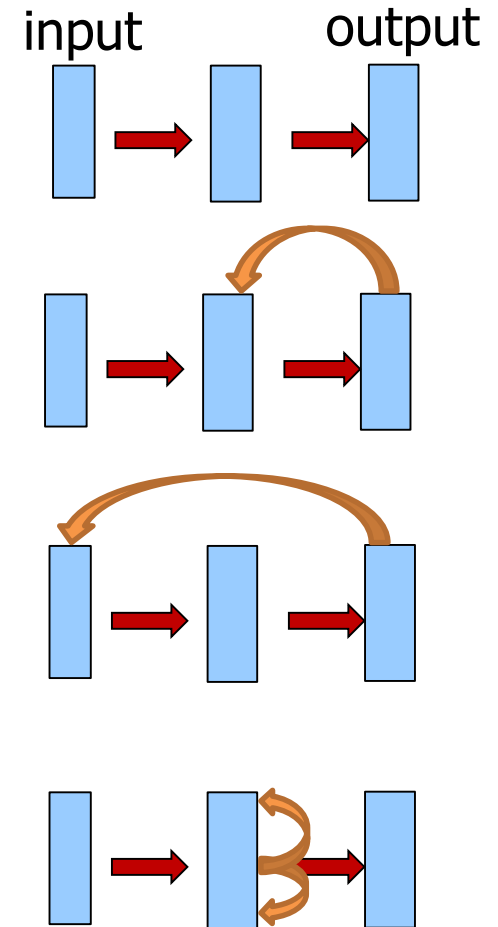
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# Dynamic systems



# Feedback connections

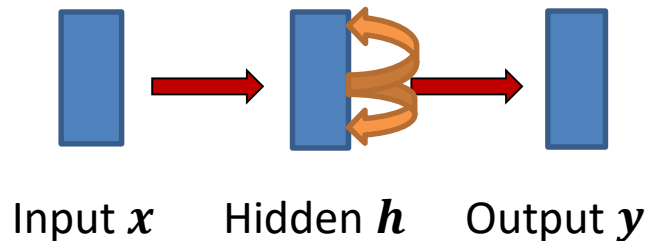
- Feedforward networks
  - No feedback
- Recurrent networks
  - Between-layer feedback
  - Within-layer feedback



With feedback connections, the state (and therefore output) of neurons will **change over time**

# RNNs are dynamic systems

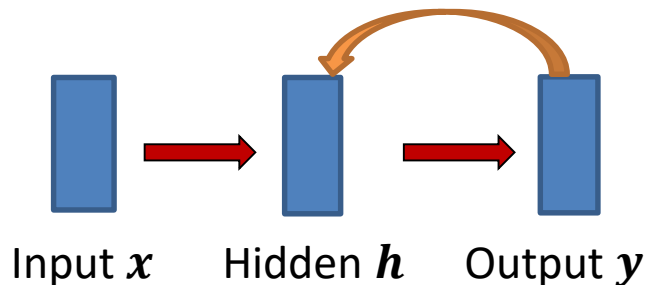
Elman network



$$h(t) = \sigma_h(W_h x(t) + U_h h(t-1) + b_h)$$
$$y(t) = \sigma_y(W_y h(t) + b_y)$$

where  $\sigma_h$  and  $\sigma_y$  are activation functions,  $W$ ,  $U$ ,  $b$  are parameters

Jordan network



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# RNNs in general

- The **states** of the neurons in RNN evolve over time

$$\mathbf{h}(t + 1) = f(\mathbf{h}(t), \mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t))$$

- $\mathbf{h}$  denotes the states of *all neurons*
  - $\mathbf{x}$  denotes input to the network
  - $\mathbf{y}$  denotes output of the network
  - $f$  is a nonlinear function
- Often, the output neurons  $\mathbf{y}$  are separated from the above equation
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = g(\mathbf{h}(t), \mathbf{x}(t))$$
  - where  $g$  denotes the output function
- Such systems are termed **(discrete) dynamic systems**
- **Linear VS nonlinear**:  $f$  is linear or nonlinear
- **Non-autonomous VS autonomous**:  $f$  depends on  $t$  explicitly or not

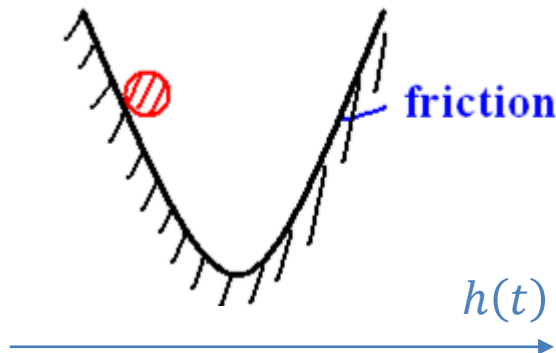


# Properties of dynamic systems

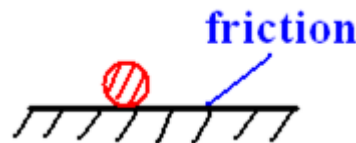
- For autonomous system

$$\mathbf{h}(t + 1) = f(\mathbf{h}(t))$$

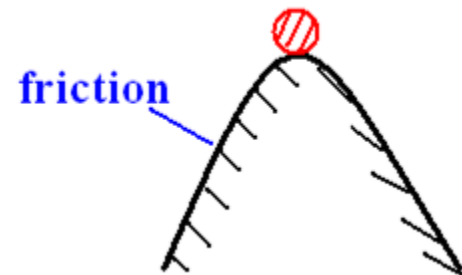
- A point  $\mathbf{h}^*$  satisfying  $\mathbf{h}^* = f(\mathbf{h}^*)$  is called a **fixed point or equilibrium point**
- A system might be stable or not **around** its fixed points



Asymptotically stable



Marginally stable



Unstable

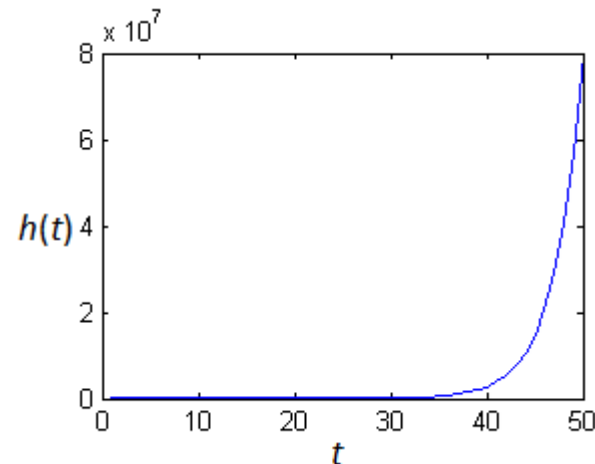
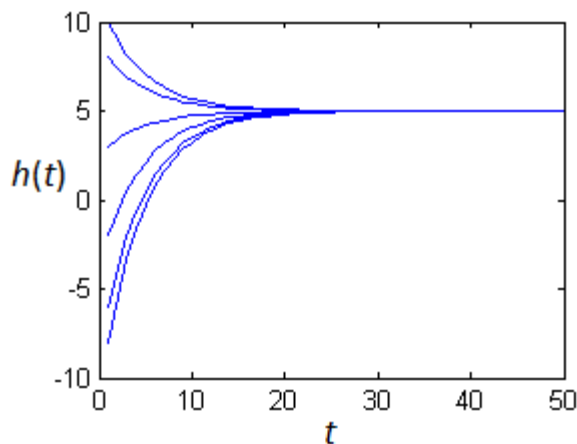
# Examples about stability

- For 1D problem, by approximating  $f$  with a linear function, we get that a fixed point  $h^*$  is **stable** whenever  $|f'(h^*)| < 1$
- Consider the linear system

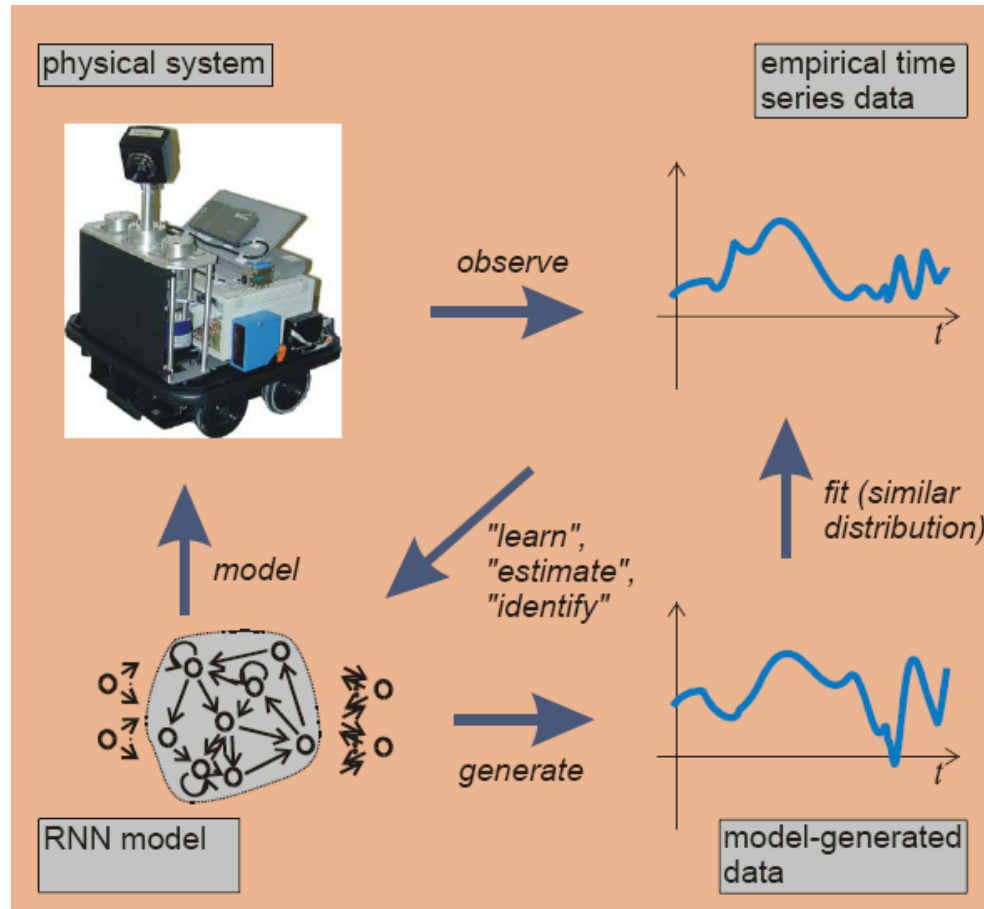
$$h(t+1) = 0.8h(t) + 1$$

It is stable (globally converges to  $h^* = 5$ )

- But  $h(t+1) = 1.4h(t) + 1$  is **unstable**



# (1) Model dynamic systems with RNN



# Why do we need RNN?

- Case 1: At every time step  $t$  you always have an input  $x(t)$  and the **desired output  $r(t)$**

Can you train an MLP or CNN to do the prediction task?

- Case 2: You only have input at the beginning, but the desired output at different time is different

Can you train an MLP or CNN to do the prediction task?

**We use another dynamic system (RNN) to approximate the real dynamic system!**

# Why is it possible?

- The hidden states  $\mathbf{h}$  in an RNN

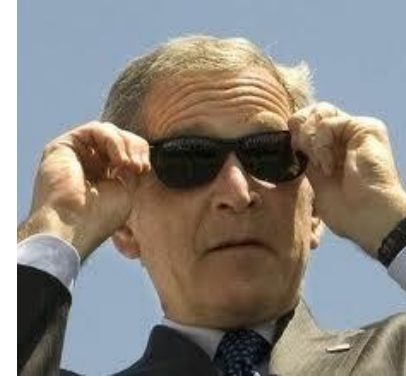
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have a **memory** of previous events

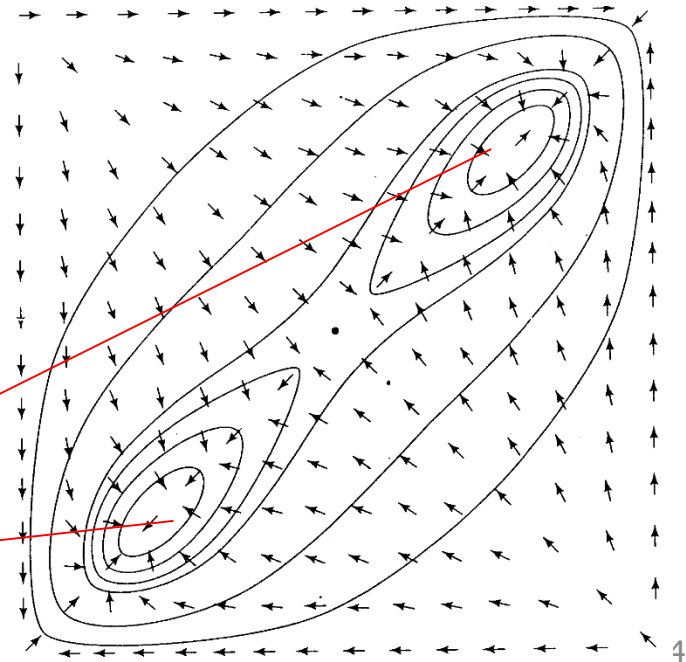
- The hidden states are expected to capture the past information, or **temporal dependence** in the system that the RNN tries to model
- This memory resembles **short-term memory** of animals
- Given many input-output pairs of the system, there exists efficient algorithms to learn the parameters of the RNN
  - Backpropagation through time (BPTT)

## (2) Explain how the brain works\*

- A **partial or approximate** representation of a stored item is used to recall the full item.
- This can be a dynamic process in the brain



attractors



# Continuous Hopfield network\*

The continuous version

$$\frac{d\mathbf{I}}{dt} = -\frac{\mathbf{I}}{\rho} + \mathbf{h} + \mathbf{M}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{I}),$$

Same as type I  
model with  $\rho = 1$



where  $F'(I_i) > 0$  for all  $i$ . The energy function

$$E(\mathbf{I}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_v} \left( \int_0^{I_i} dz_i \frac{z_i F'(z_i)}{\rho} - h_i F(I_i) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N_v} F(I_i) M_{ij} F(I_j) \right)$$

has the property  $\frac{dE}{dt} = - \sum_i^{N_v} F'(I_i) \left( \frac{dI_i}{dt} \right)^2$ .

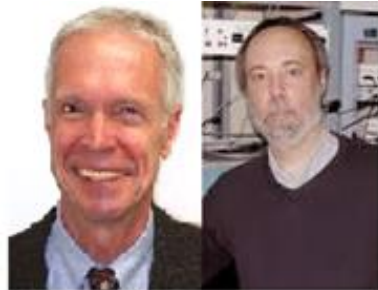
- If  $F(I_i)$  is a sigmoid function, the model converges to  $\mathbf{I} = \rho(\mathbf{h} + \mathbf{M}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{I}))$ .
- For high-gain sigmoid functions,  $F(I_i) \approx \text{sgn}(I_i)$  and the model behaves like a discrete-time model.

# History of RNN

Brain dynamics



Grossberg



Hopfield & Tank

Learning



Schmidhuber



Elman



Jordan

1957

1984

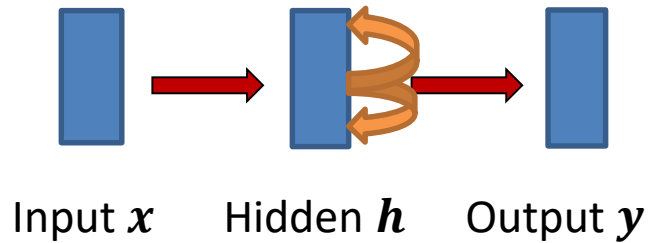
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1997



# Summary of Part 1

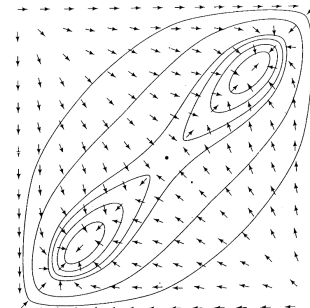
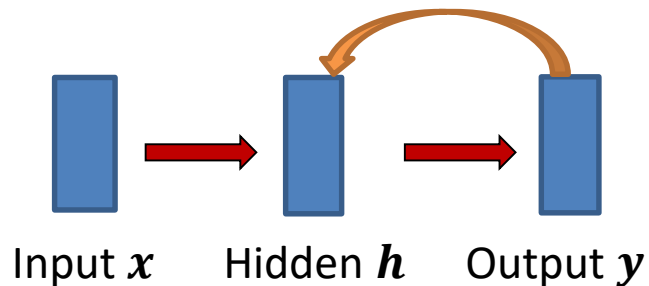
Feedback results in dynamics



Model dynamic systems



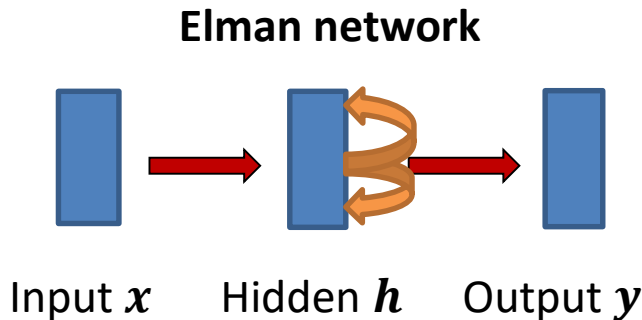
Model the brain\*



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# Elman network



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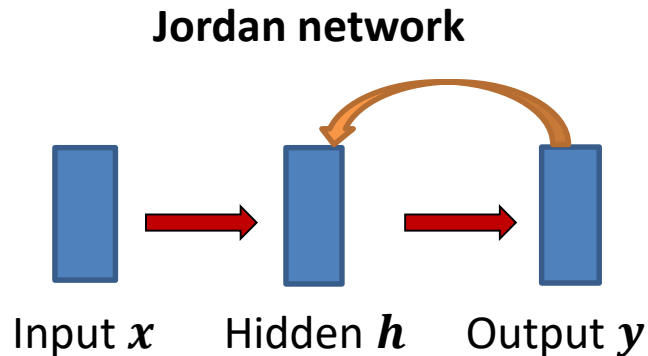
- Dynamic system:

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are parameters

- Jeffrey Elman
  - BS in 1969 from Harvard University
  - Ph.D. in 1977 from the University of Texas at Austin
- Professor of cognitive science at the UCSD

# Jordan network



- Dynamic system:

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- Michael I Jordan
  - BS in Psychology in 1978 from the Louisiana State University,
  - MS in Mathematics in 1980 from Arizona State University
  - PhD in Cognitive Science in 1985 from the UCSD
- At UCSD, Jordan was a student of [David Rumelhart](#)
- Now at UC Berkeley

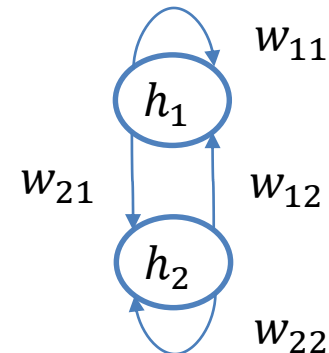
# Back-propagation through time (BPTT)

Unfold the temporal operation of the network into a layered **feedforward** network, the topology of which grows by one layer at every time step.

Consider a linear system without input:

$$h_1(t + 1) = w_{11}h_1(t) + w_{12}h_2(t)$$

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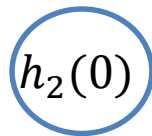
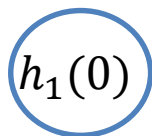
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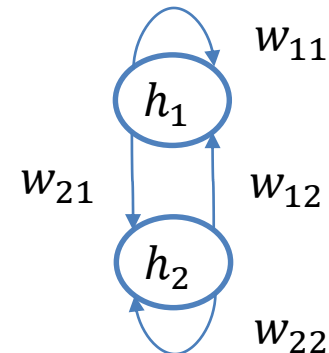
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Unfold through time:



time      0



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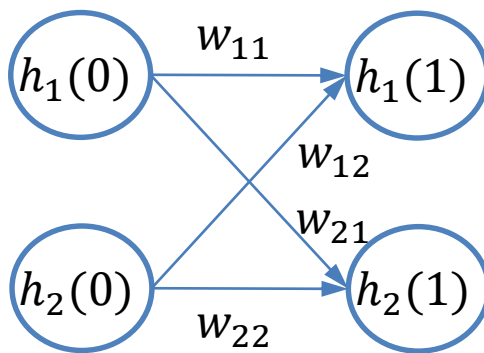
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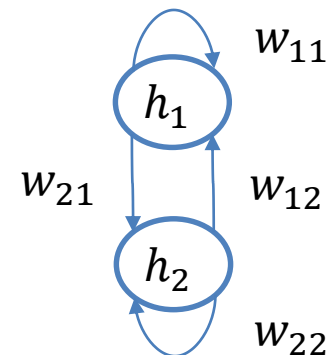
Unfold through time:



time

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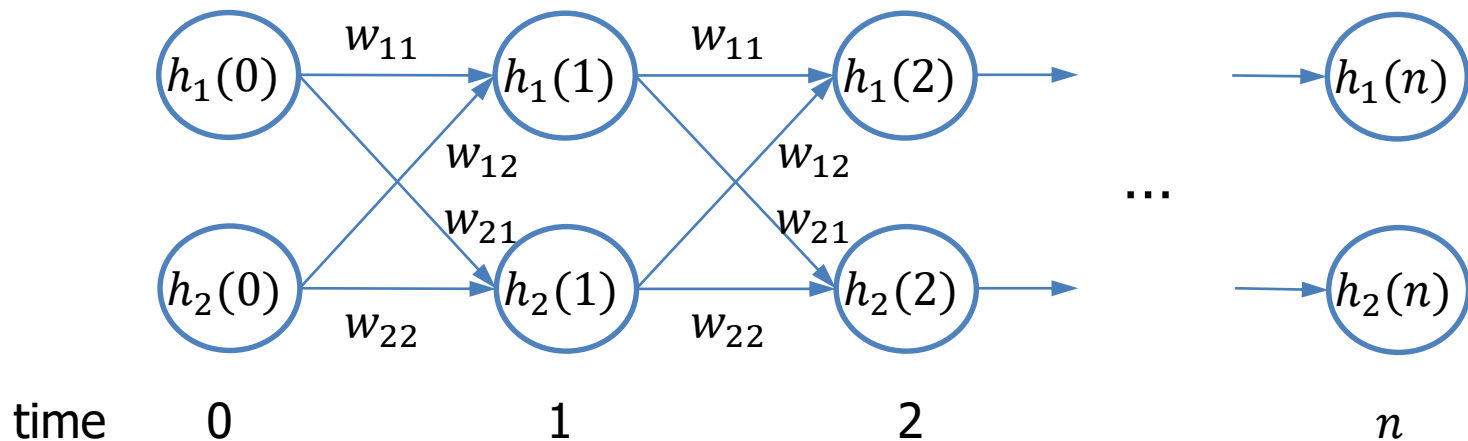
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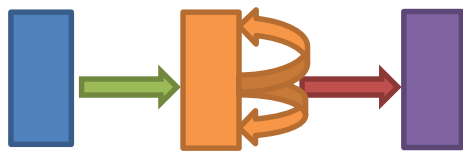
Unfold through time:





# Unfold the Elman network

Unfold for  $q$  times



Input  $x$  Hidden  $h$  Output  $y$

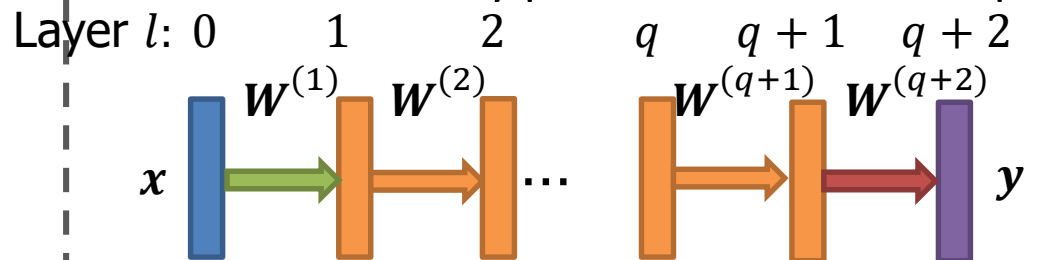
$h(t)$

$$= \sigma_h(W_h x(t) + U_h h(t-1) + b_h)$$

$$y(t) = \sigma_y(W_y h(t) + b_y)$$

## • Case 1:

- $x$  is only present at the first step
- Label  $r$  is only present at the last step

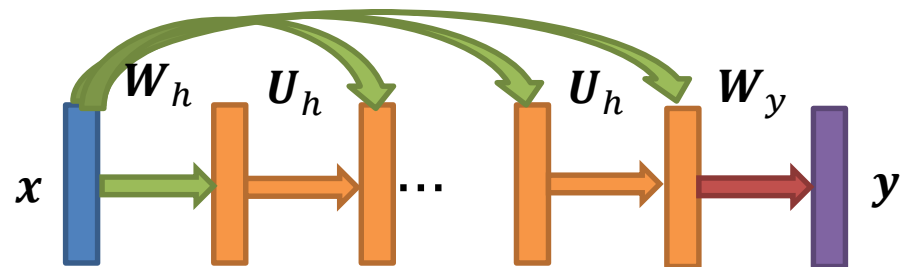


$$W^{(1)} = W_h, W^{(2)} = \dots = W^{(q+1)} = U_h$$

$$W^{(q+2)} = W_y$$

## • Case 2:

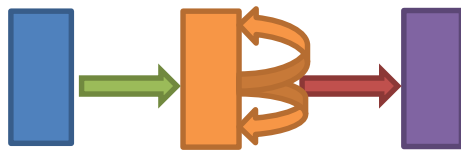
- $x$  is fixed but present at all steps
- Label  $r$  is only present at the last step
- E.g., image classification (Liang, Hu, CVPR 2015)



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# Unfold the Elman network

Unfold for  $q$  times

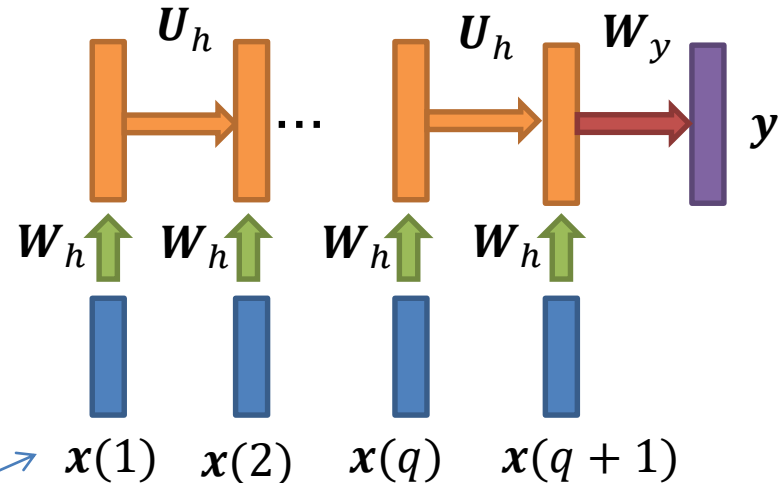


Input  $x$    Hidden  $h$    Output  $y$

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- Case 3:
  - $x$  is time-varying
  - Label  $r$  is only present at the last step
  - E.g., sentence classification

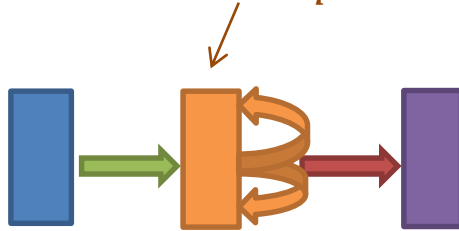


This can be viewed as layer 0  
attached to the orange backbone

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# Unfold the Elman network

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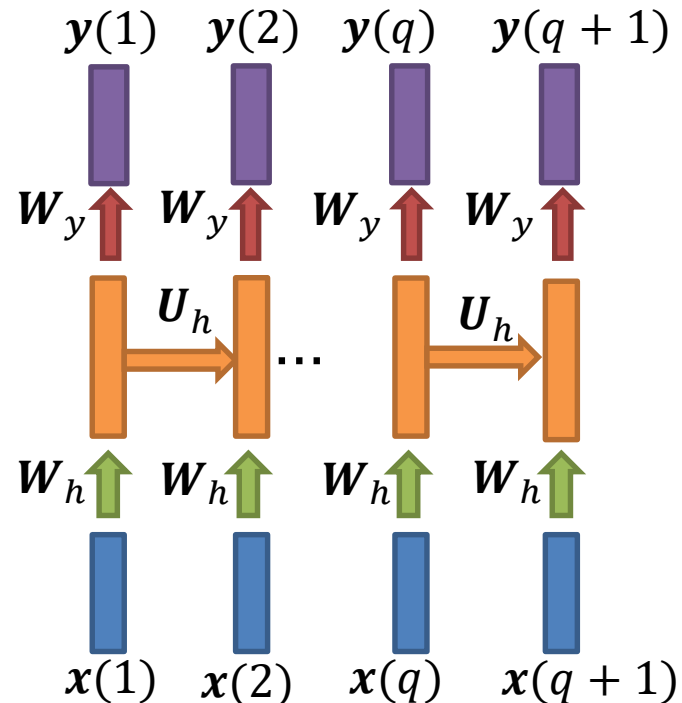
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Do you know  
other cases?

- Case 4:
  - $x$  is time-varying
  - Label  $r$  is present at all steps
  - E.g., speech recognition

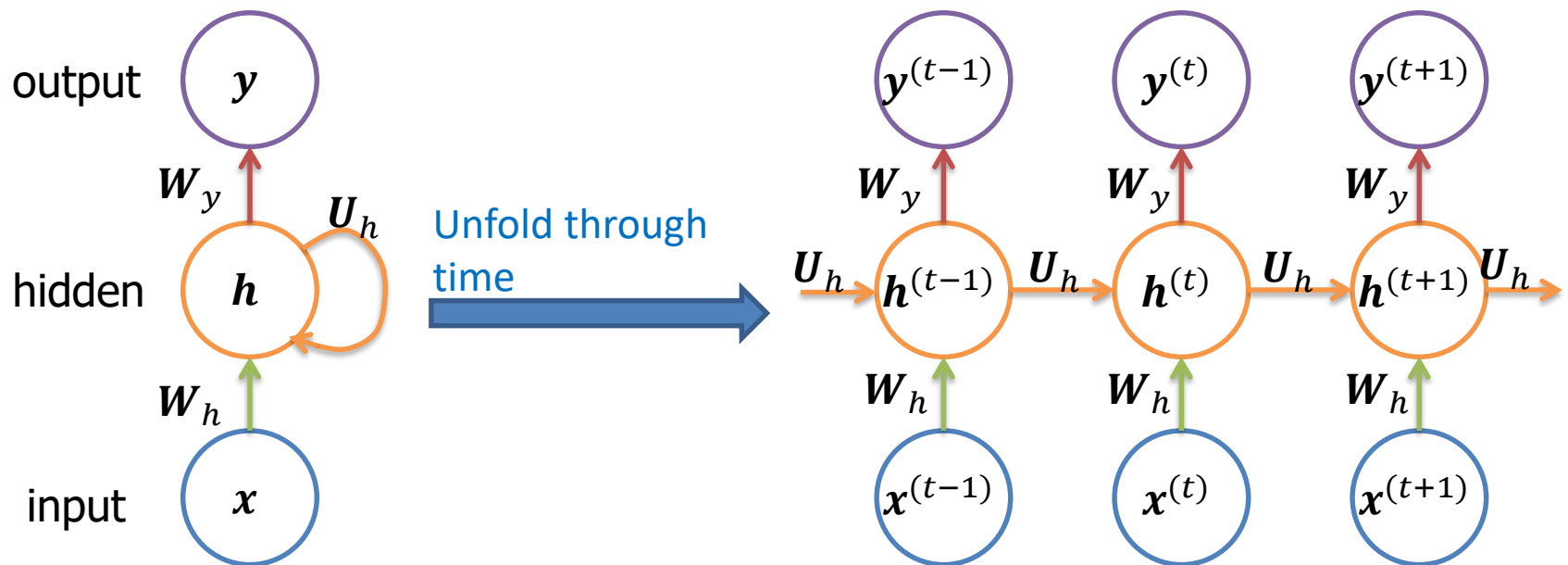


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# Simplified illustration (Elman network)

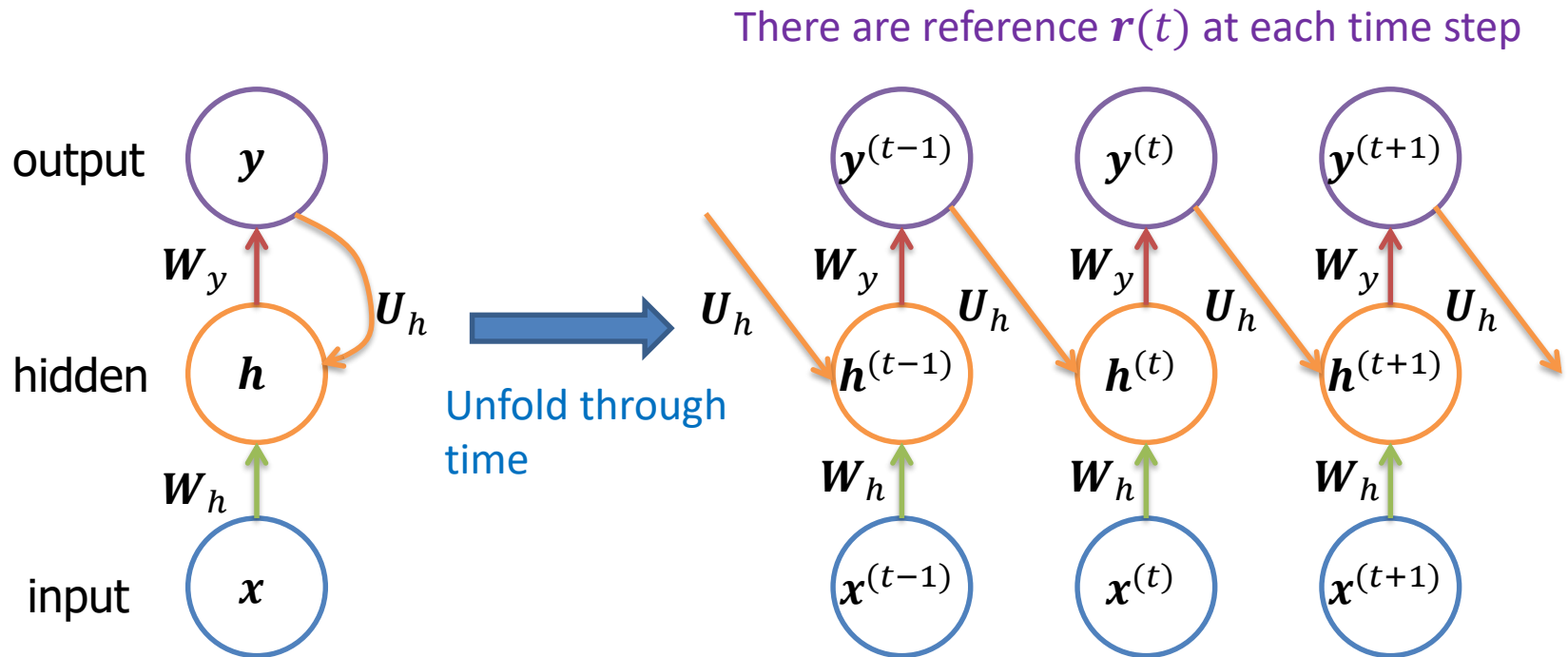
- Use circles to represent vectors (one circle one layer)
- Put time step into superscript

There are reference  $r(t)$  at each time step



- The forward propagation runtime is  $O(q)$  and cannot be reduced

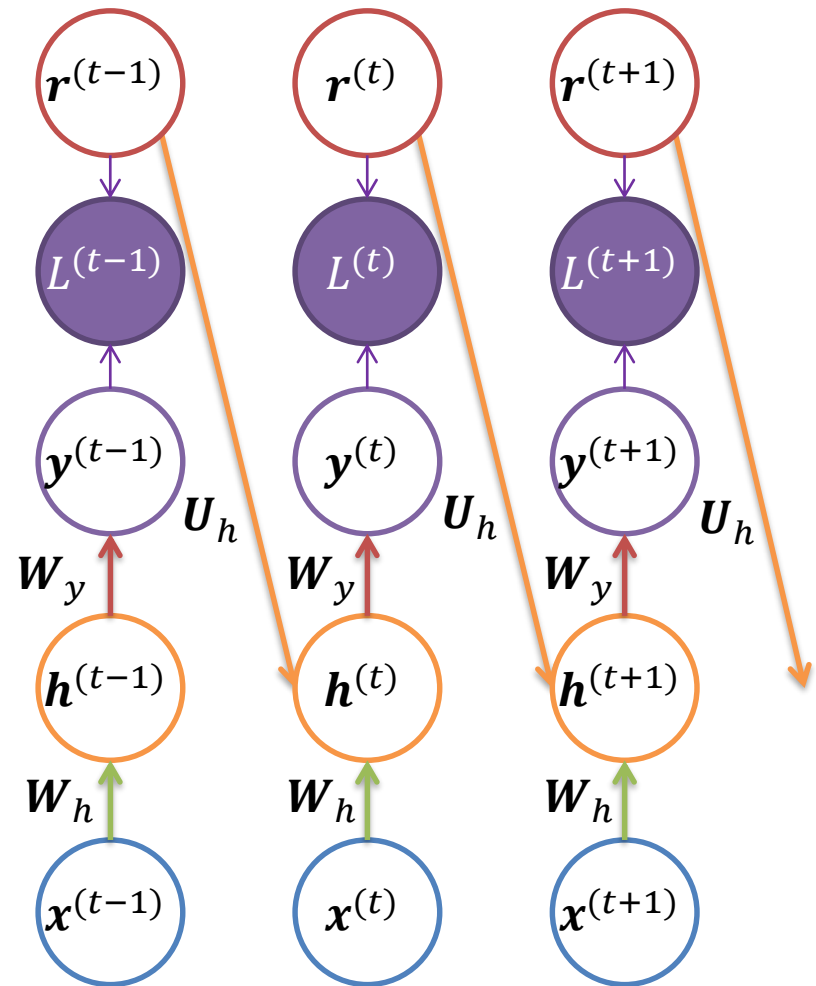
# Unfold the Jordan network



- If the loss is based on comparing  $y(t)$  and  $r(t)$ , all time steps are decoupled and training can be parallelized

# Teacher forcing

- Some networks such as Jordan network, have connections from the **output** at one time step to values computed in the next time step
- Then, what should be input to the next time step to represent the **output**?
- **Teacher forcing**: in training, we use the **reference signal**



# Teacher forcing

- However, **in testing**, there is **no reference signal** and we have to use the network's output at time  $t$
- The kind of inputs that the network sees during training could be quite different from the kind of inputs that it will see at test time
- To mitigate this problem:
  - **Alternately** use teacher-forced inputs and free-running inputs for a number of time steps
  - **Randomly** choose between the teacher-forced input and free-running input at every time step



# Bidirectional RNN

- In many applications, the prediction at the current time step may depend on **the whole input sequence** (both the past and the future)

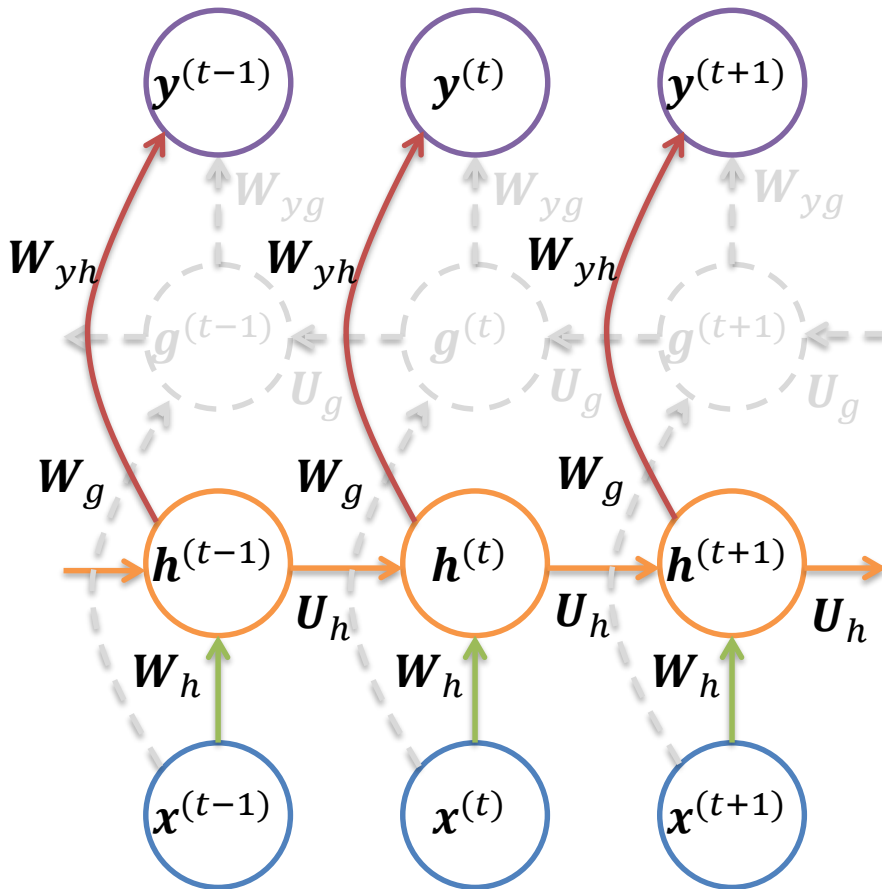
*Bank is the side of a river.*

*Bank provides various financial services.*

- Bidirection RNNs combine an RNN that moves forward through time with another RNN that moves backward through time
- The output of the entire network at every time step then receives **two inputs**



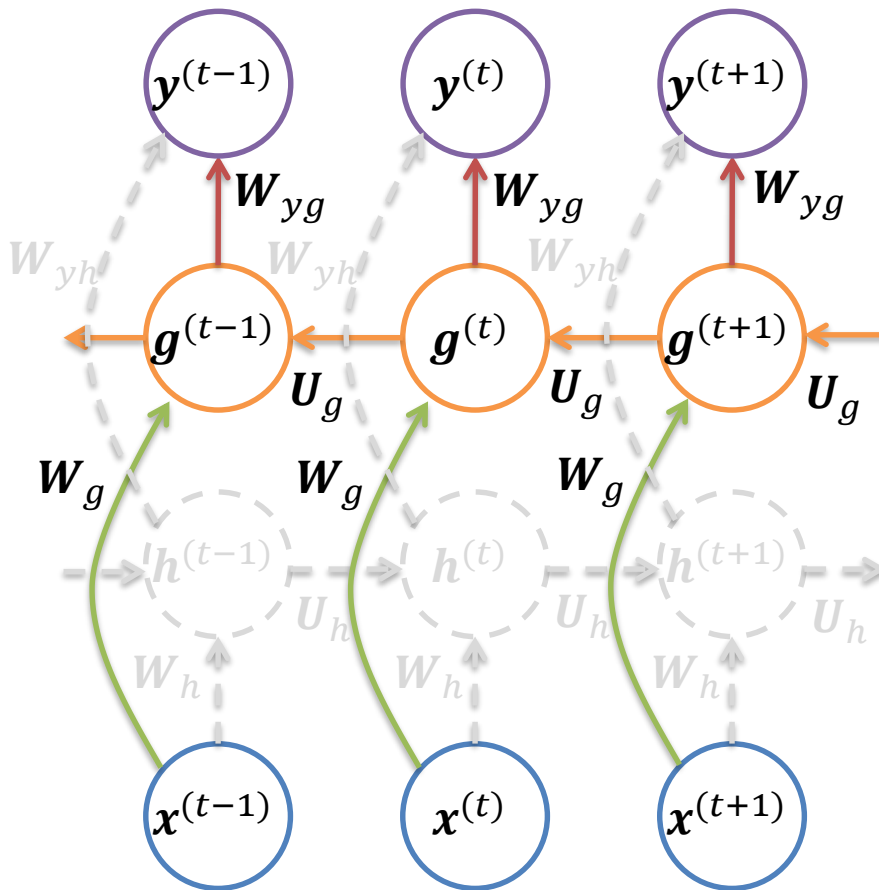
# Bidirectional RNN



$W_{yh}$ : connection weights from the sub-RNN  $g$  to output

One sub-RNN moves forward, same as before

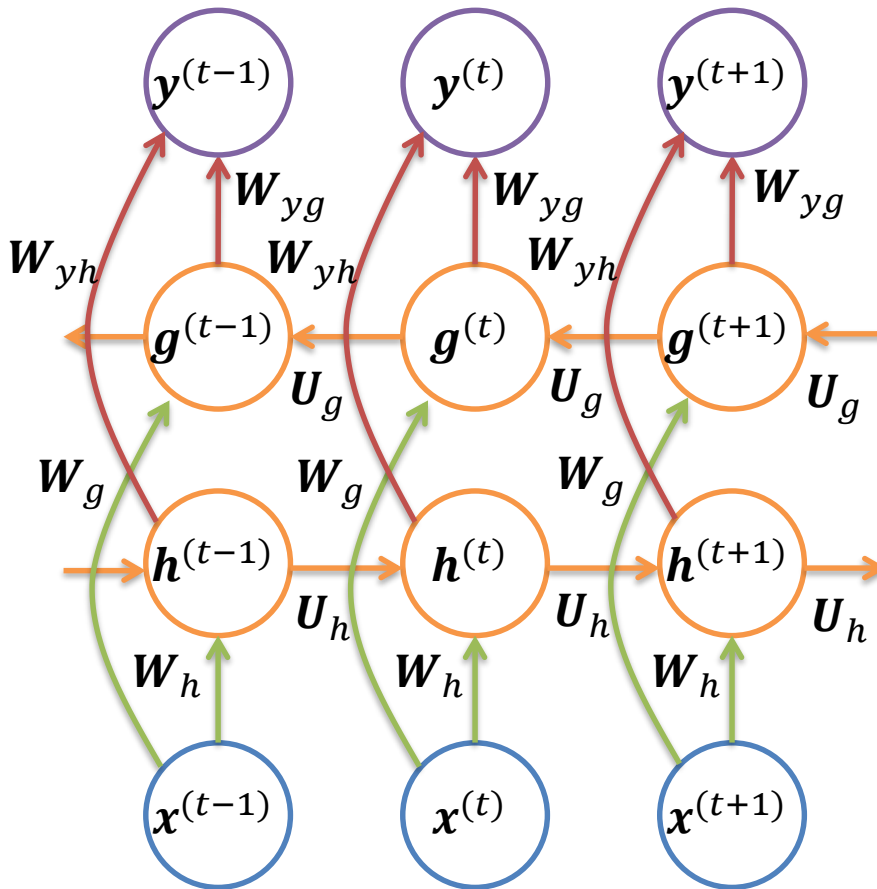
# Bidirectional RNN



$W_{yg}$ : connection weights from the sub-RNN  $g$  to output

One sub-RNN moves backward

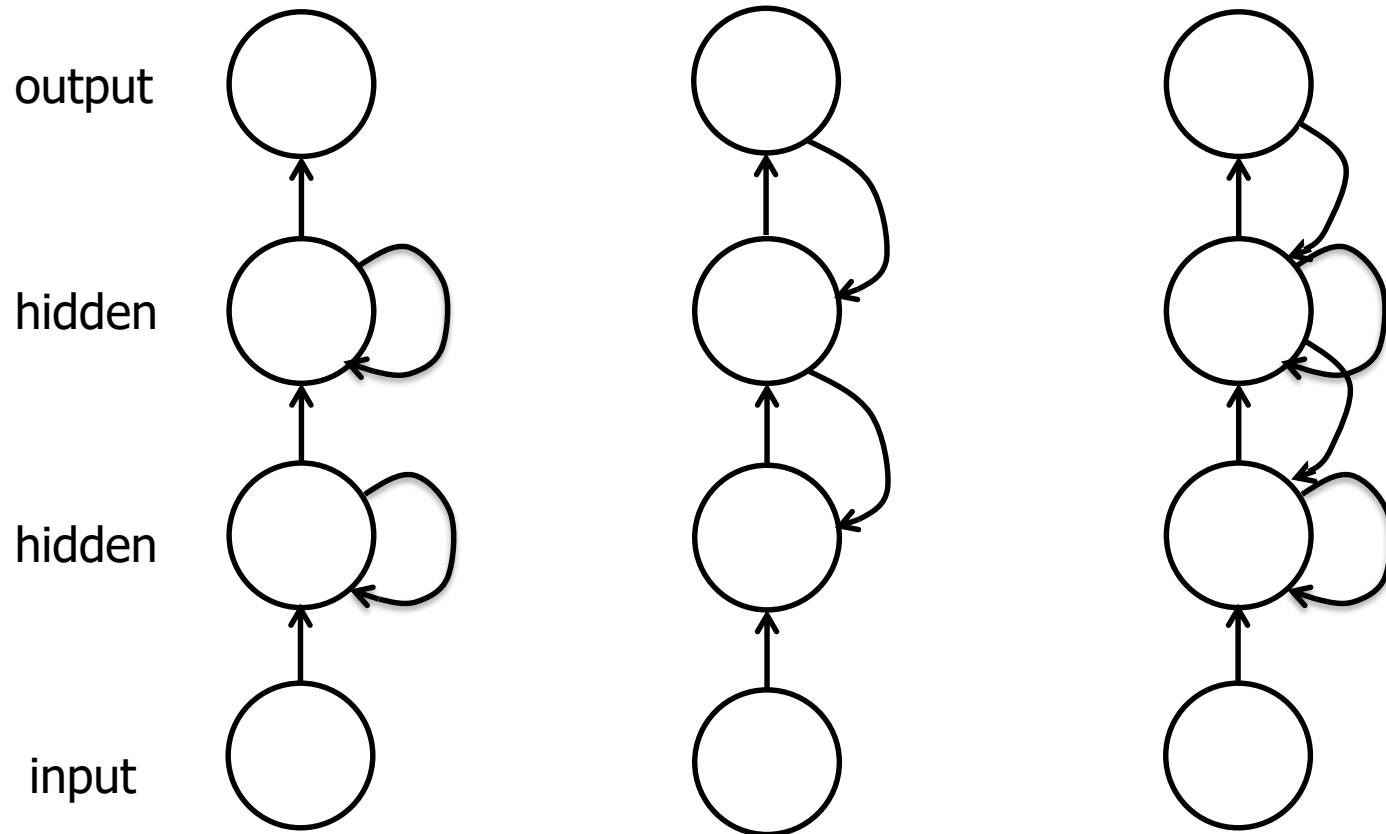
# Bidirectional RNN



The output  $y^{(t)}$  receives input from both sub-RNNs via  $W_{yh}$  and  $W_{yg}$

# Deep RNNs

- Many ways to construct deep RNNs



# Challenges

- Consider the 1D Elman network

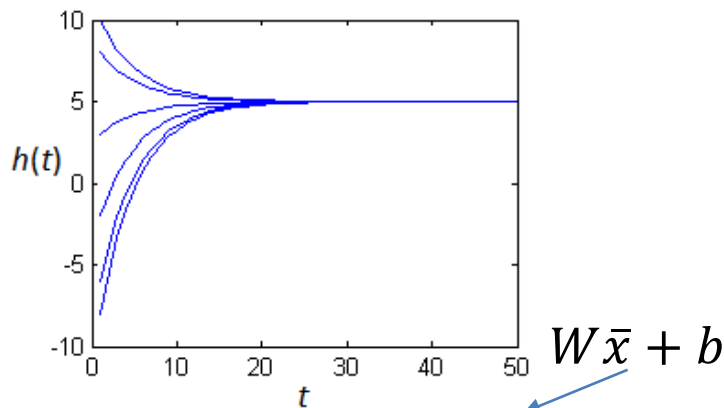
$$h(t) = \sigma_h(Wx(t) + Uh(t-1) + b)$$

- Suppose  $\sigma_h$  is an identity mapping,  $x(t)$  is a constant  $\bar{x}$

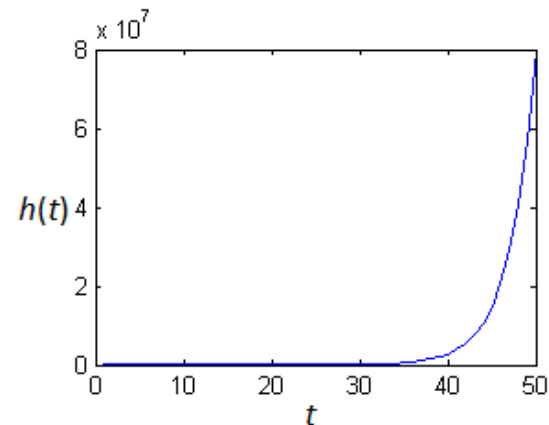
$$h(t) = Uh(t-1) + W\bar{x} + b$$

Autonomous  
system

- If  $U > 1$ ,  $h(t)$  will approach **infinity**
- If  $U < 1$ ,  $h(t)$  will converge to a **fixed point**



$$h(t+1) = 0.8h(t) + 1$$



$$h(t+1) = 1.4h(t) + 1$$

# Challenges

- Even for time-varying  $x(t)$ , when  $U > 1$ ,  $h(t)$  will also approach **infinity**

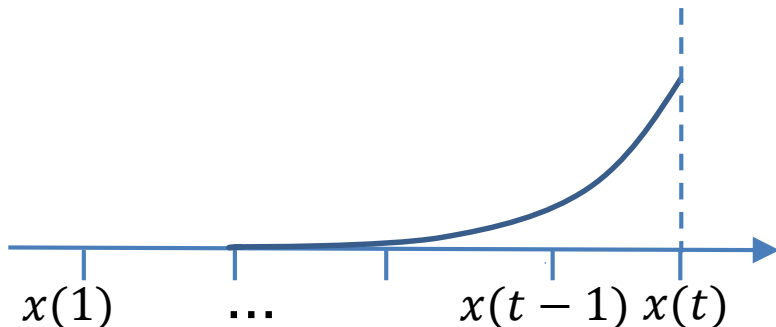
$$h(t) = Uh(t-1) + Wx(t) + b$$

- Let  $b = 0$ . After  $t$  steps from zero

$$h(t) = U^{t-1}Wx(1) + U^{t-2}Wx(2) + \dots + Wx(t) + U^t h(0) \rightarrow \infty$$

- What if  $U < 1$ ?

Contribution to  $h(t)$



The contribution of  $x(t - \tau)$  to  $h(t)$  exponentially decays when  $\tau > 0$  increases



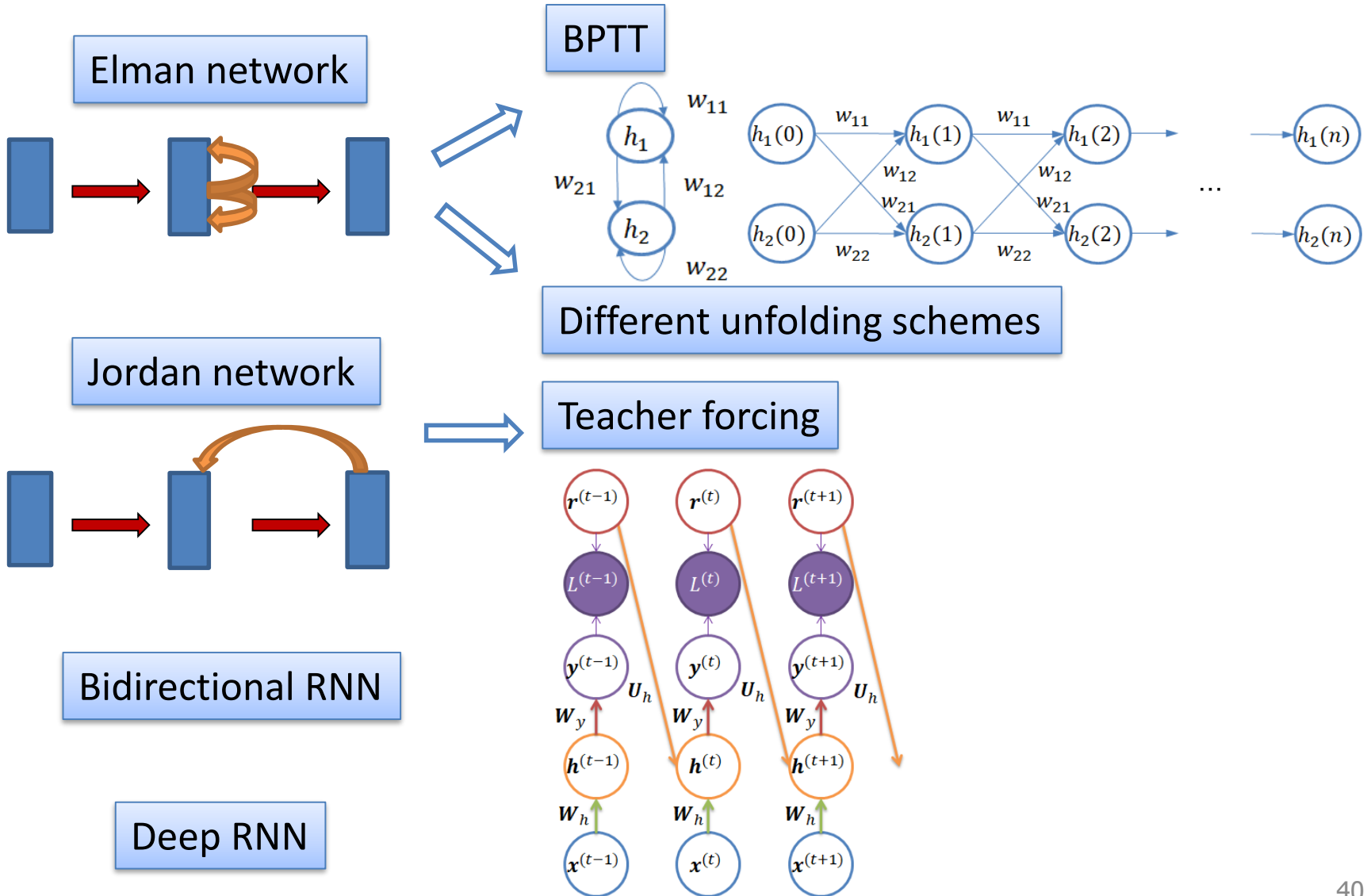
$h(t)$  is mainly determined by recent input

**The short-term memory is too short!**

# Remarks

- Similar arguments hold for multi-dimensional Elman network
  - Some assumptions on  $U$  are needed, e.g.,  $U$  is symmetric and has eigenvalue-eigenvector decomposition
- Same conclusions can be drawn on the Jordan network
  - You can express  $\mathbf{y}(t)$  as a function of  $\mathbf{y}(0)$  and  $\mathbf{x}(1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(t)$

# Summary of Part 2



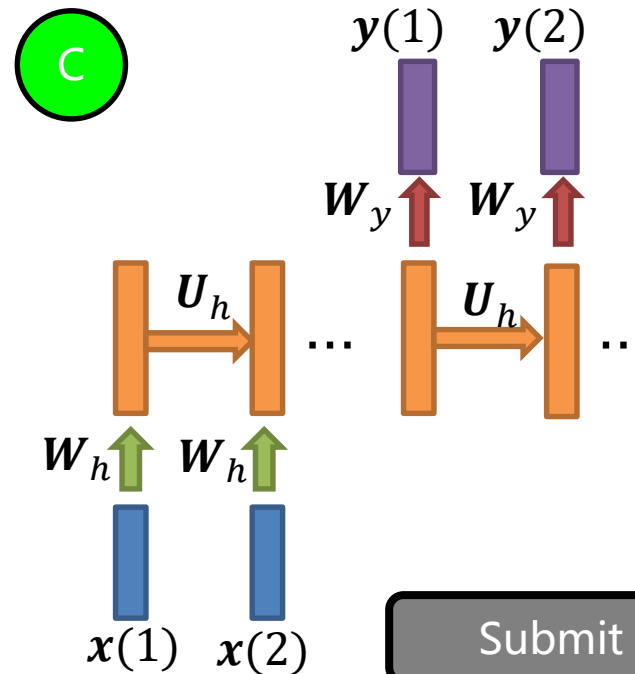
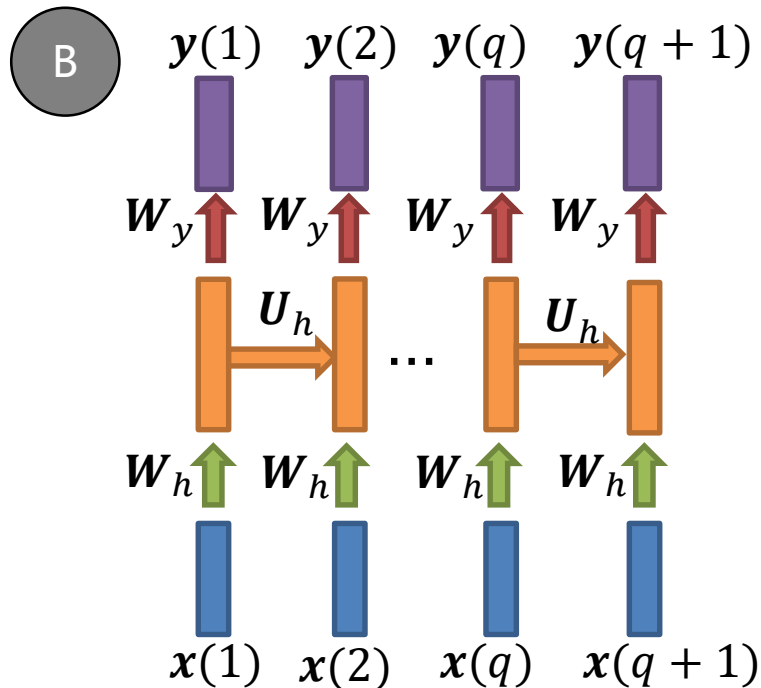
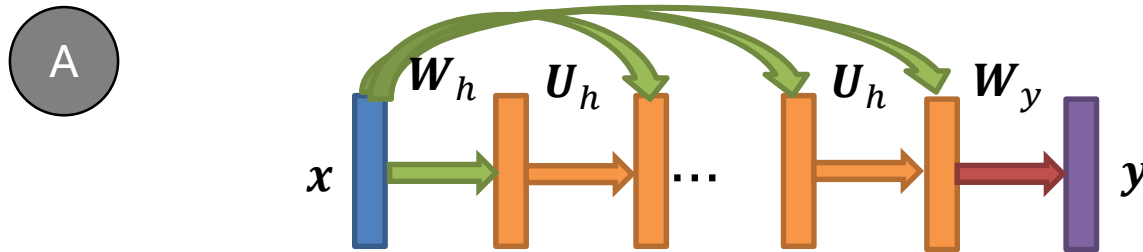


If you want your RNN' s prediction depends on both history and future, which model would you choose?

- ☐ A Deep RNN
- ☒ B Bidirectional RNN

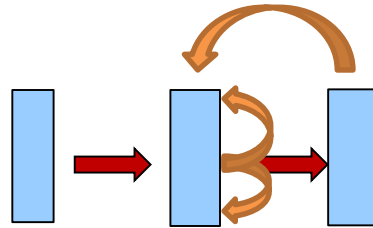
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Consider using an RNN to do translation, which unfolding scheme suits this task?



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Can we use teacher forcing to train an RNN with both hidden-to-hidden and output-to-hidden recurrent connections?

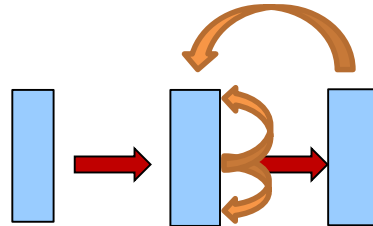


☒ A Yes

☐ B No

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Consider training an RNN using teacher forcing, which has both hidden-to-hidden and output-to-hidden recurrent connections. Can we train all time steps in parallel?



☐ A Yes

☒ B No

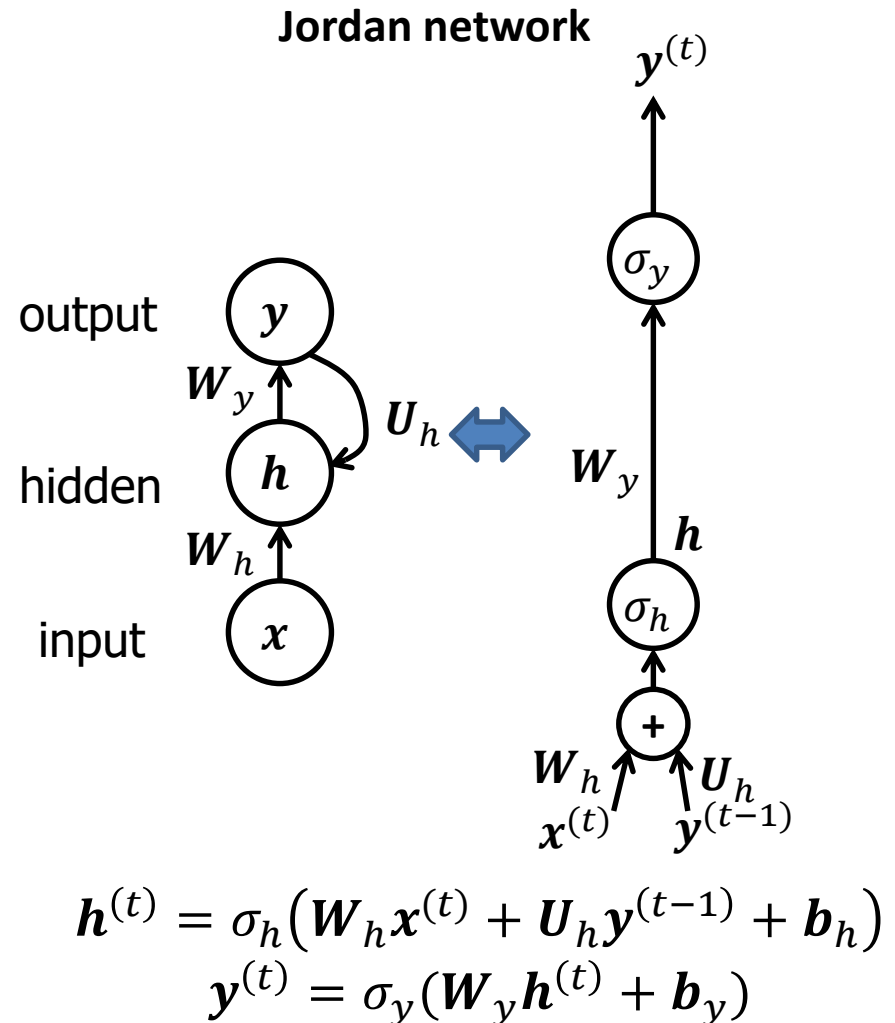
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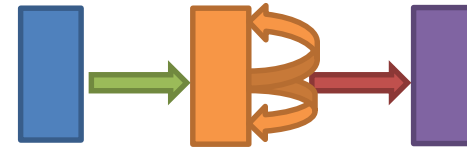
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# Long short-term memory (LSTM) cell

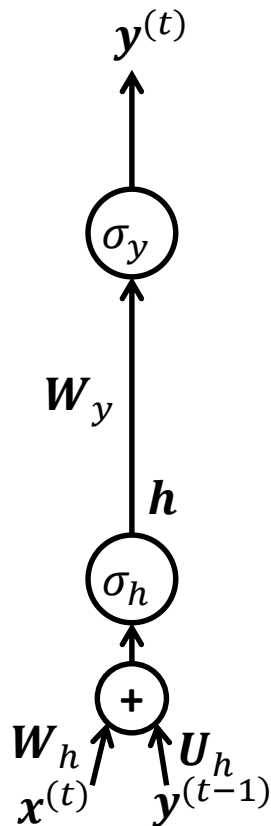
- It can be viewed as a **combination** of the **Jordan network** and the **Elman network**
  - The output is connect to the input
  - A self-loop is used to capture the information about the past
- Redraw** the Jordan network
  - Use circles to denote operations
  - Variables are indicated on arrows
  - Bias ***b*** is ignored



# Step 1: add a self-loop



Jordan network



$$h^{(t)} = \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h y^{(t-1)} + b_h)$$

$$y^{(t)} = \sigma_y(W_y h^{(t)} + b_y)$$



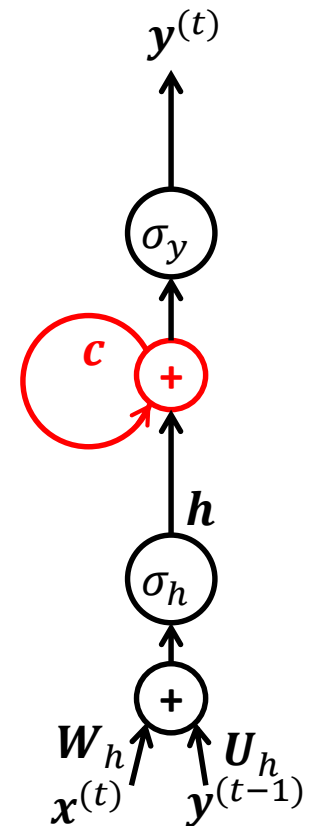
$$h^{(t)} = \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h y^{(t-1)} + b_h)$$

$$\mathbf{c}^{(t)} = \mathbf{c}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{h}^{(t)}$$

$$y^{(t)} = \sigma_y(\mathbf{c}^{(t)})$$

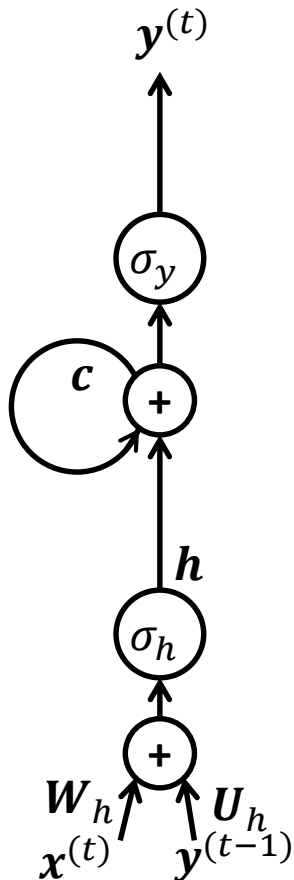
(We eliminate the linear transformation in the output)

- $\sigma_h$  is either the logistic sigmoid function or tanh function
- $\sigma_y$  is often tanh function



# Step 2: add three gates

Gates are introduced to adaptively control the flow of information

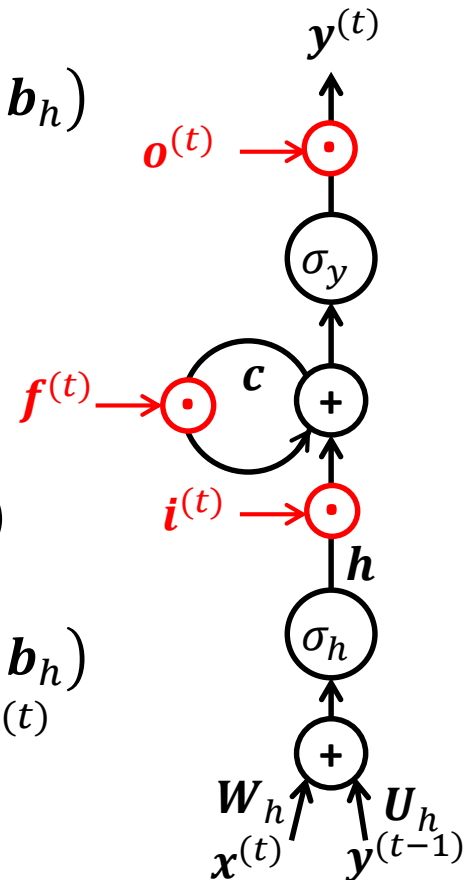


$$\begin{aligned} h^{(t)} &= \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h y^{(t-1)} + b_h) \\ c^{(t)} &= c^{(t-1)} + h^{(t)} \\ y^{(t)} &= \sigma_y(c^{(t)}) \end{aligned}$$



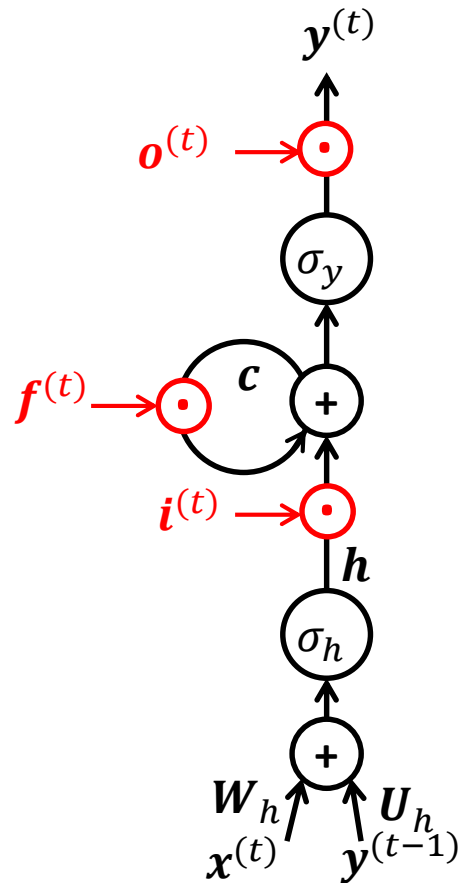
Forget gate  $f^{(t)}$ , input gate  $i^{(t)}$ ,  
output gate  $o^{(t)}$ : between (0,1)

$$\begin{aligned} h^{(t)} &= \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h y^{(t-1)} + b_h) \\ c^{(t)} &= f^{(t)} \odot c^{(t-1)} + i^{(t)} \odot h^{(t)} \\ y^{(t)} &= o^{(t)} \odot \sigma_y(c^{(t)}) \end{aligned}$$





# What determine these gates?



$$h^{(t)} = \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h y^{(t-1)} + b_h)$$

$$c^{(t)} = f^{(t)} \odot c^{(t-1)} + i^{(t)} \odot h^{(t)}$$

$$y^{(t)} = o^{(t)} \odot \sigma_y(c^{(t)})$$

- All of the gates are determined by the input  $x^{(t)}$  and  $y^{(t-1)}$

$$f^{(t)} = \sigma(W_f x^{(t)} + U_f y^{(t-1)} + b_f)$$

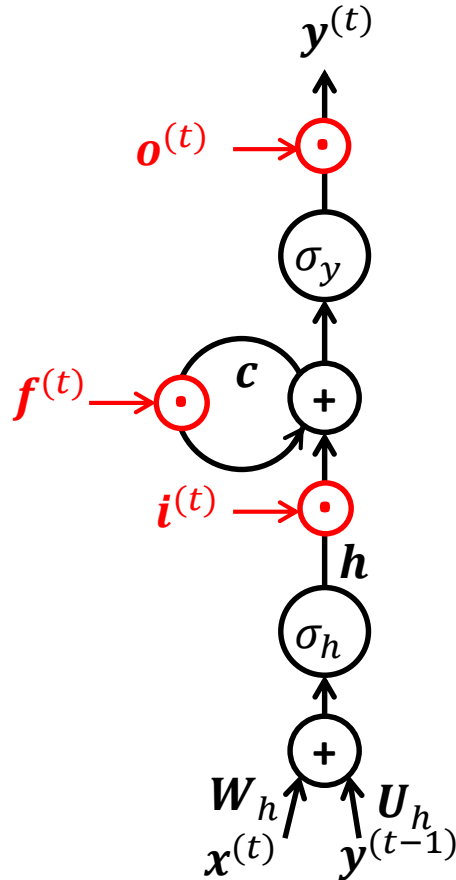
$$i^{(t)} = \sigma(W_i x^{(t)} + U_i y^{(t-1)} + b_i)$$

$$o^{(t)} = \sigma(W_o x^{(t)} + U_o y^{(t-1)} + b_o)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the logistic sigmoid function

- Sometimes, they are also determined by  $c^{(t)}$  and  $c^{(t-1)}$ : *peepholes*

# Terminology



$$\begin{aligned}h^{(t)} &= \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h y^{(t-1)} + b_h) \\c^{(t)} &= f^{(t)} \odot c^{(t-1)} + i^{(t)} \odot h^{(t)} \\y^{(t)} &= o^{(t)} \odot \sigma_y(c^{(t)})\end{aligned}$$

- $x^{(t)}$ : input
- $y^{(t)}$ : output
- $h^{(t)}$  and  $c^{(t)}$ : hidden states
- $f^{(t)}$ ,  $i^{(t)}$  and  $o^{(t)}$ : gates

Note: sometimes, the output  $y$  is also called *hidden state of LSTM*, especially when LSTM is integrated into a larger system.

Can LSTM keep longer short-term memory than the Elman network?

☒ A Yes

☐ B No

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}^{(t)} &= \sigma_h(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_h \mathbf{y}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{b}_h) \\ \mathbf{c}^{(t)} &= \mathbf{f}^{(t)} \odot \mathbf{c}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{i}^{(t)} \odot \mathbf{h}^{(t)} \\ \mathbf{y}^{(t)} &= \mathbf{o}^{(t)} \odot \sigma_y(\mathbf{c}^{(t)}) \end{aligned}$$

What's the ideal case for keeping the memory  $\mathbf{c}^{(n)}$  obtained at  $t = n$  forever?

- ☐ A  $\mathbf{i}^{(t)} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{o}^{(t)} = 1$  for  $t \geq n + 1$
- ☐ B  $\mathbf{i}^{(t)} = 1$  and  $\mathbf{f}^{(t)} = 0$  for  $t \geq n + 1$
- ☒ C  $\mathbf{i}^{(t)} = 0$  and  $\mathbf{f}^{(t)} = 1$  for  $t \geq n + 1$

# Advantage of LSTM

- The gates enable the model to keep the memory for a **longer** time than simple RNNs

**“Long short-term memory network”**

- Gates have been widely used in deep learning models, not only in RNNs but also CNNs
  - Highway Network (Srivastava et al., ICML 2015 Deep Learning workshop)
  - SEnet (Hu et al., CVPR 2018)
  - SKnet (Li et al., CVPR 2019 )

It is used in a more broad sense: **attention**

# Gated recurrent unit (GRU)

- In the Elman network, the **hidden units  $h$**  are used to capture the history information

$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \sigma_h(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{b}_h)$$

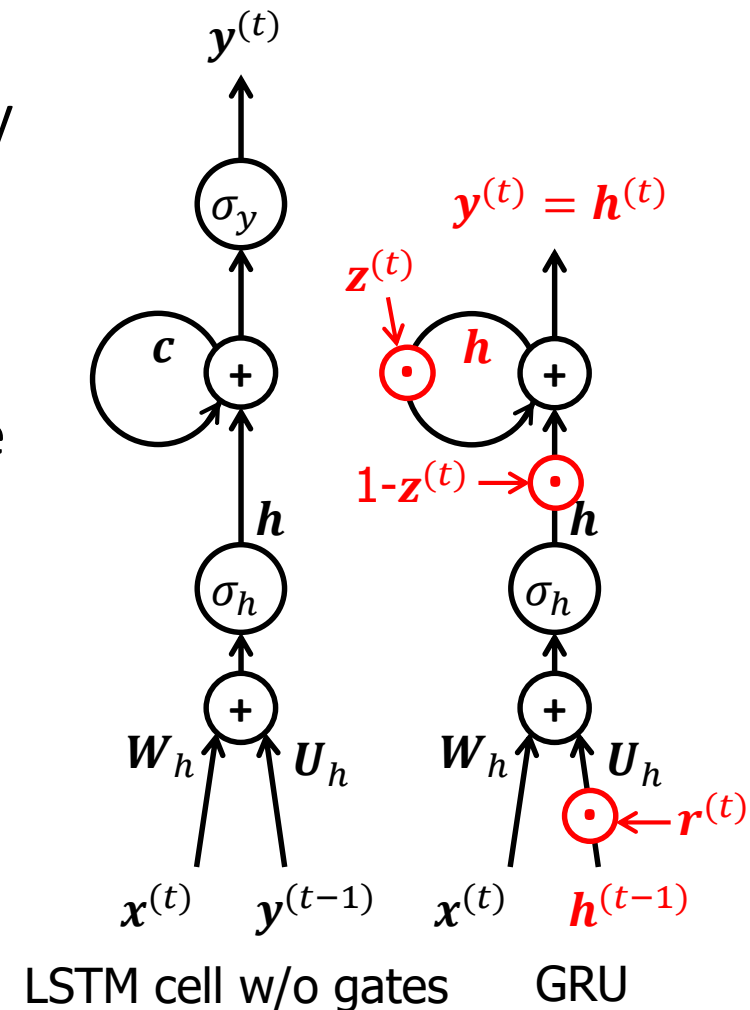
- In an LSTM cell without gates, a **new vector  $c$**  is introduced for this purpose

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{h}^{(t)} &= \sigma_h(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_h \mathbf{y}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{b}_h) \\ \mathbf{c}^{(t)} &= \mathbf{c}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{h}^{(t)} \end{aligned}$$

- Why not **use  $h$  directly**?
  - This is the **1<sup>st</sup> idea** of GRU
- $$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \mathbf{z}^{(t)} \odot \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + (1 - \mathbf{z}^{(t)}) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(t)}$$

where  $\mathbf{z}^{(t)} \in (0,1)$  and

$$\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(t)} = \sigma_h(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{b}_h)$$

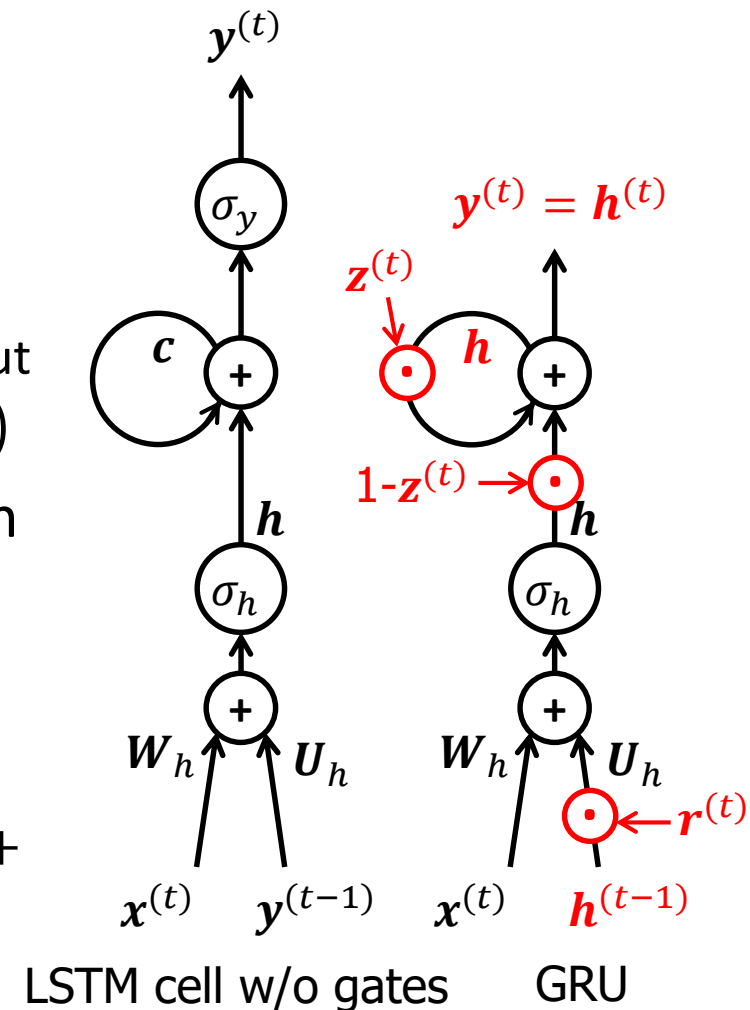


# Gated recurrent unit (GRU)

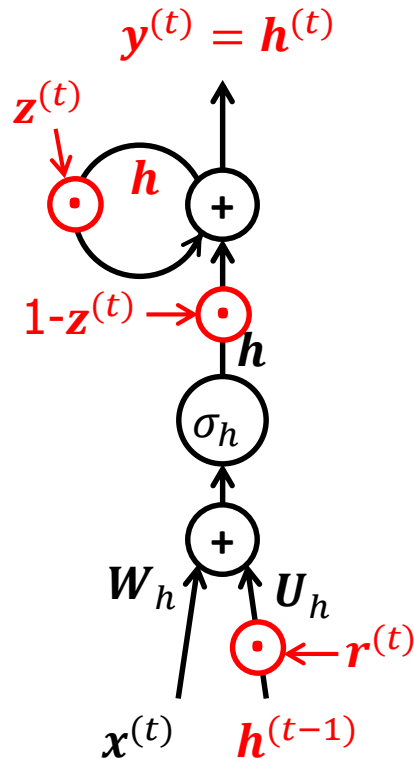
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> idea of GRU
  - Let output be equal to hidden states:  

$$\mathbf{y}^{(t)} = \mathbf{h}^{(t)}$$
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> idea of GRU
  - Use a gate to modulate the recurrent input  

$$\tilde{\mathbf{h}}^{(t)} = \sigma_h(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_h(\mathbf{r}^{(t)} \odot \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}) + \mathbf{b}_h)$$
- The gates depend on input and hidden states
  - Update gate  $\mathbf{z}^{(t)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_z \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_z \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{b}_z)$
  - Reset gate  $\mathbf{r}^{(t)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_r \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{U}_r \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{b}_r)$



# GRU in summary



- Dynamic equations

$$h^{(t)} = z^{(t)} \odot h^{(t-1)} + (1 - z^{(t)}) \odot \tilde{h}^{(t)}$$

$$\tilde{h}^{(t)} = \sigma_h(W_h x^{(t)} + U_h(r^{(t)} \odot h^{(t-1)}) + b_h)$$

where  $\sigma_h$  is either the logistic sigmoid function or tanh function

- The gates

$$z^{(t)} = \sigma(W_z x^{(t)} + U_z h^{(t-1)} + b_z)$$

$$r^{(t)} = \sigma(W_r x^{(t)} + U_r h^{(t-1)} + b_r)$$

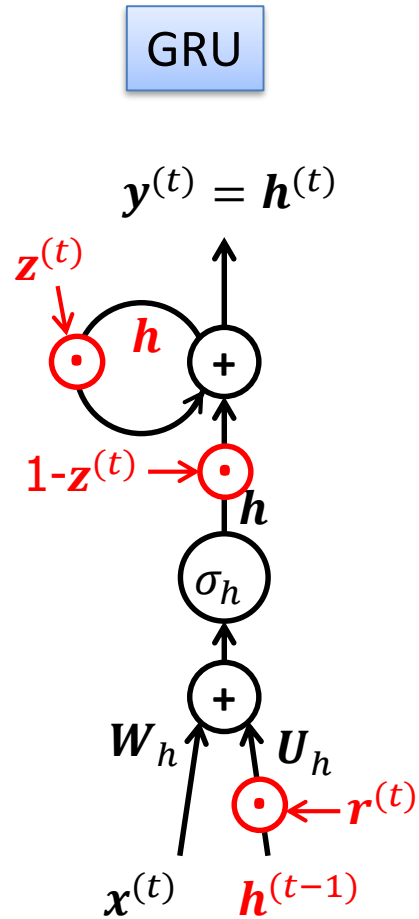
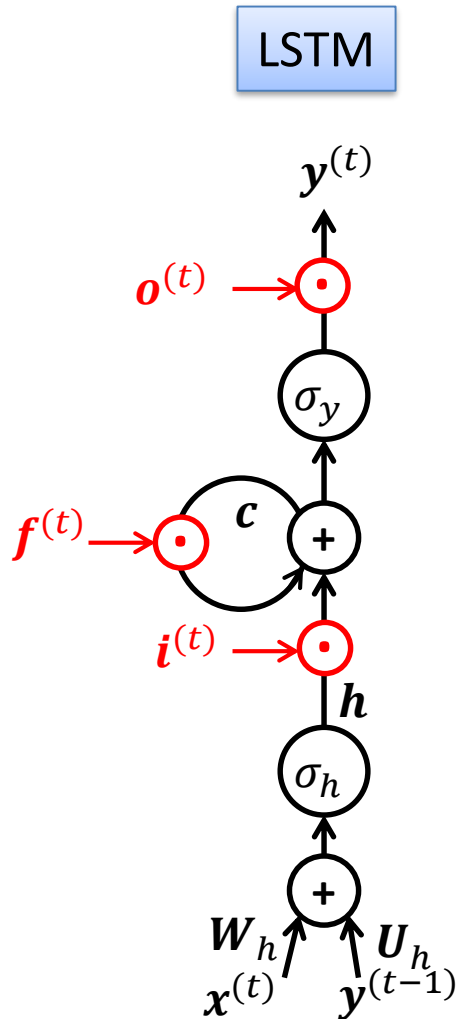
$\sigma$  is the logistic sigmoid function



# Which is better?

- LSTM and GRU perform similarly on many tasks
- There are many other variants of LSTM and GRU, but none of them would clearly beat these two across a wide range of tasks (Greff et al., TNNLS 2017)

# Summary of Part 3



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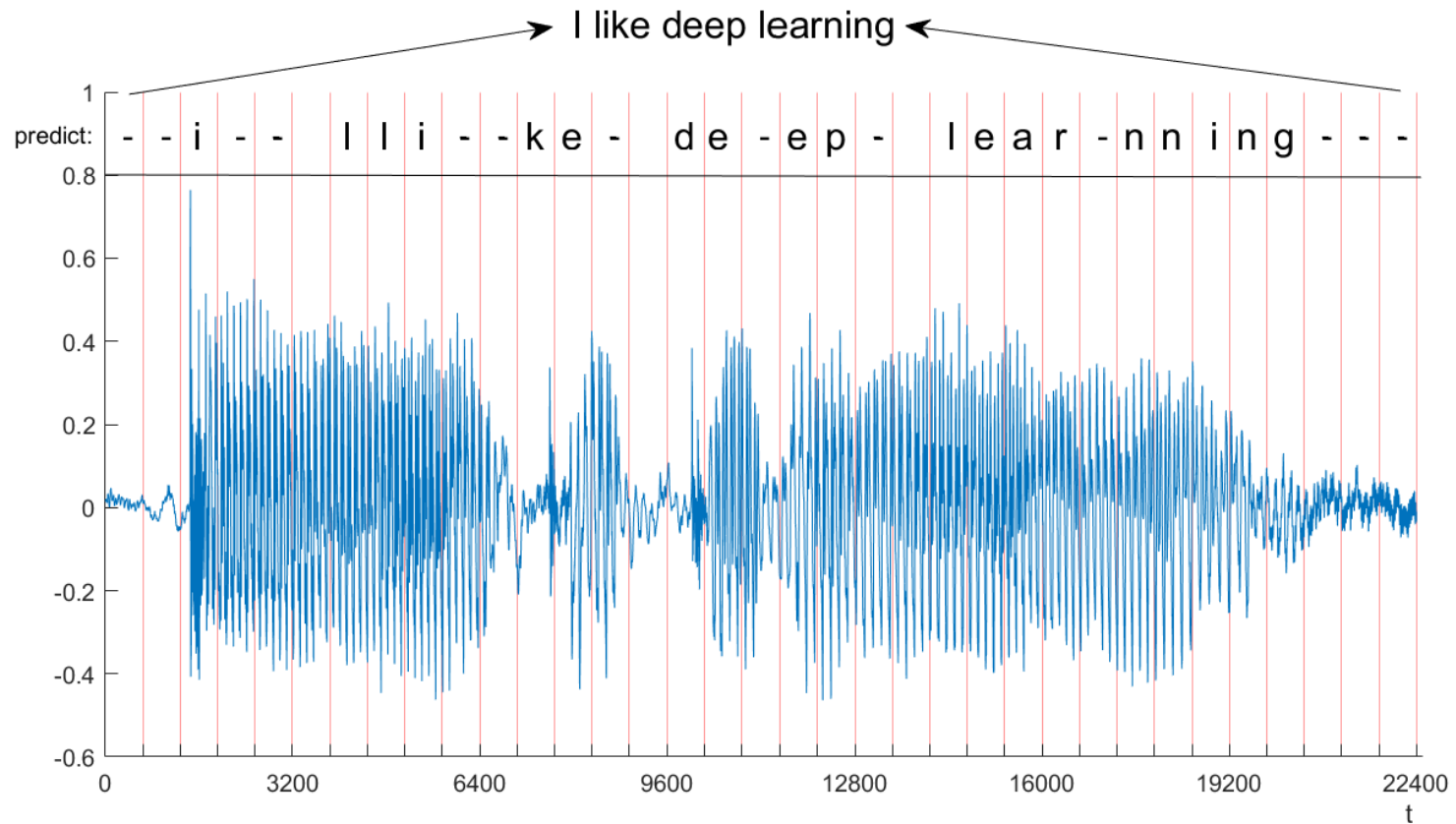
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# Speech recognition



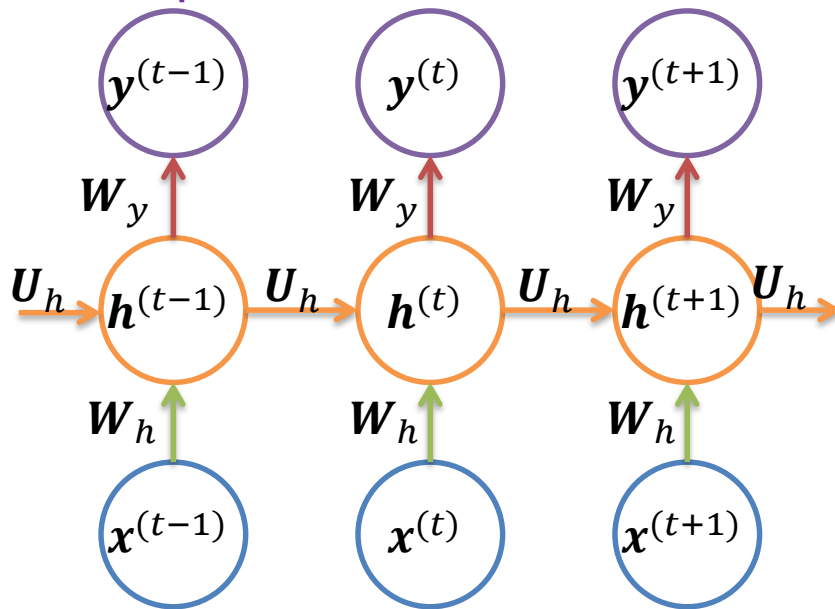
Apple Siri

# Speech recognition



# RNN setting

There is a reference  $r^{(t)}$  at each time step




- Suppose there is **no act fun**  
 $y^{(t)} = W_y h^{(t)} + b_y$
- At every time step, use a **softmax** fun to predict an output, e.g., a phoneme or a **blank**
  - There are  $K + 1$  classes at time  $t$ , where  $K$  is the number of phonemes, usually  $< 100$

$$P\left(\underset{\uparrow}{r_k^{(t)}} = 1 | h^{(t)}\right) = \frac{\exp\left(y_k^{(t)}\right)}{\sum_{k=1}^{K+1} \exp\left(y_k^{(t)}\right)}$$

A random variable,  
not reference value

# Objective function

- Maximize the prob of **reference class** at all time steps

$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{t=1}^T \ln P \left( \mathbf{r}_k^{(t)} = r_k^{(t)} \mid \mathbf{h}^{(t)} \right)$$


Reference value which is 1

- This is equivalent to minimizing the cross-entropy error

- The cross-entropy error at time  $t$

$$- \sum_{k=1}^{K+1} r_k^{(t)} \ln p \left( r_k^{(t)} = 1 \mid \mathbf{h}^{(t)} \right) = - \ln p \left( r_k^{(t)} = 1 \mid \mathbf{h}^{(t)} \right)$$

where  $k$  satisfies  $r_k^{(t)} = 1$  because other elements of  $\mathbf{r}^{(t)}$  are zeros

- Sum the cross-entropy error over time

$$- \sum_{t=1}^T \ln p \left( r_k^{(t)} = 1 \mid \mathbf{h}^{(t)} \right)$$

# Objective function

- Optimizing the objective function in the previous slide will result in  $T$  outputs

“learning”

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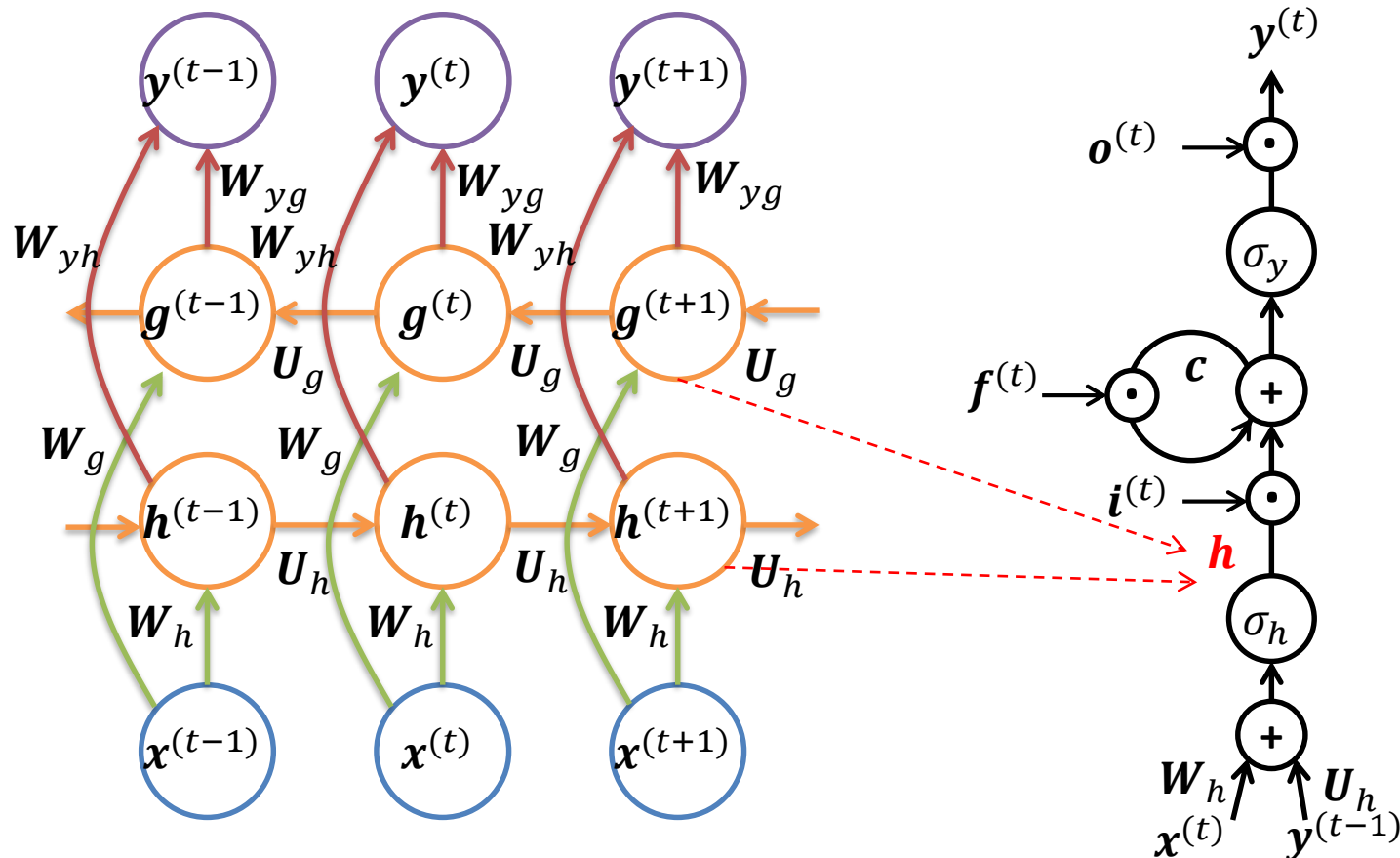
- But the reference sequence may be shorter or longer than it
- How to measure the difference and minimize the difference?
  - “edit-distance” is introduced: the minimum number of **insertions**, **substitutions** and **deletions** required to change seq **p** into seq **q**
  - A method called “Connectionist Temporal Classification (CTC)” is usually used ([Graves et al., 2006](#))



# Use bidirectional LSTM

Graves et al., 2013

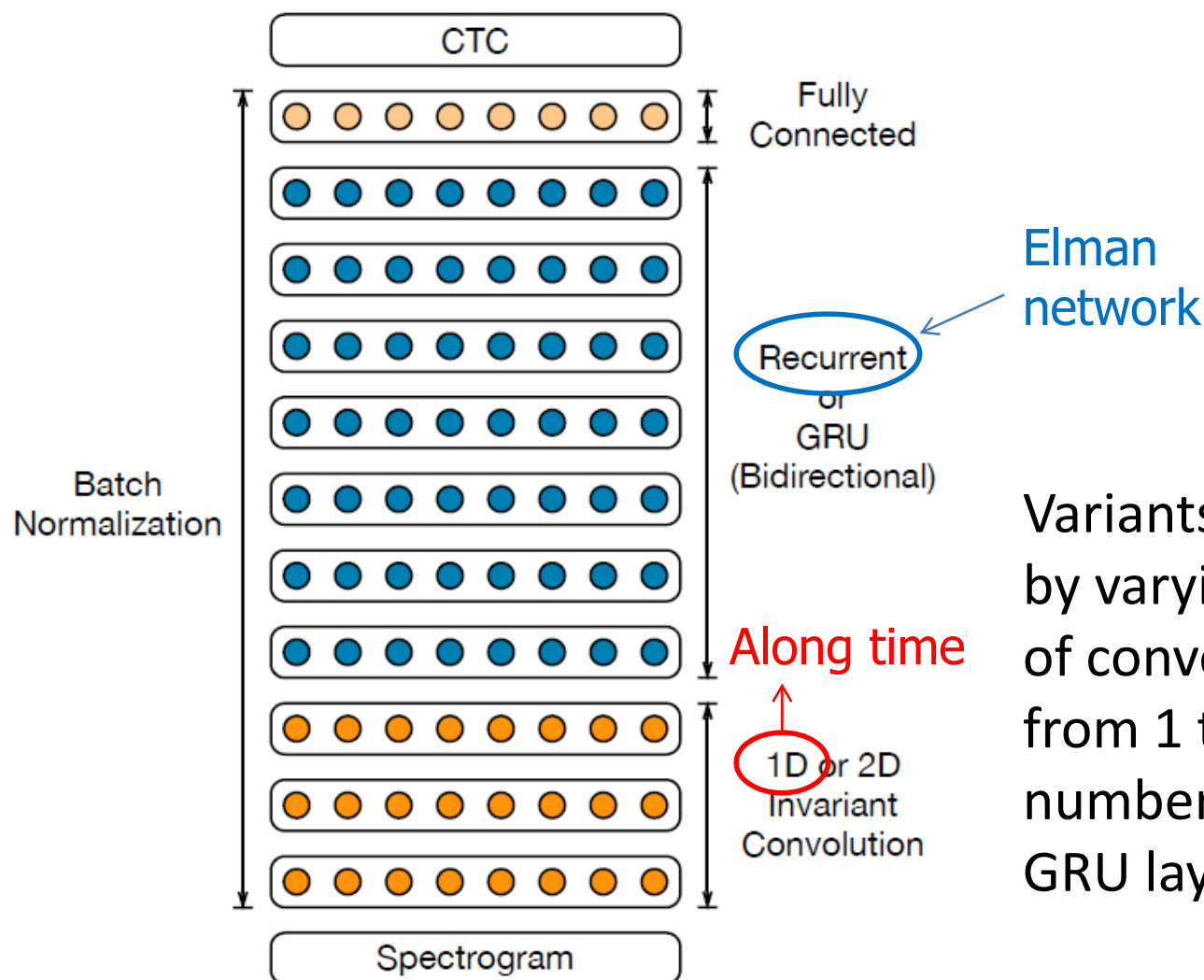
Each of the two RNNs are LSTMs



Define the obj fun the same as before based on:  $\mathbf{y}^{(t)} = \mathbf{W}_{yh}\mathbf{h}^{(t)} + \mathbf{W}_{yg}\mathbf{g}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_y$

# Deep RNN – Deep Speech 2 by Baidu

Amodei et al., 2015



Variants were explored by varying the number of convolutional layers from 1 to 3 and the number of recurrent or GRU layers from 1 to 7

# Data preprocessing

- Usually, the input to the model is not raw wav signal, but the **spectral-temporal** signal
  - In (Graves et al., 2013), the audio data was encoded using a Fourier-transform-based filter-bank with 40 coefficients (plus energy) distributed on a **mel-scale**, together with their first and second temporal derivatives
  - Each input vector was therefore size 123
  - The data were normalized so that every element of the input vectors had zero mean and unit variance over the training set

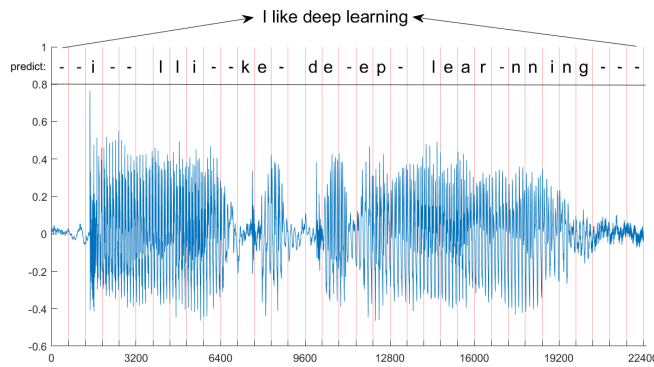
# Benchmark datasets

- Benchmark datasets
  - TIMIT, small
  - Switchboard, 260 hours
  - LibriSpeech, 1000 hours
  - CHiME, with various environment noises
- Many benchmark datasets are only used for testing, and you need to use your own training set
  - Deep speech 2 the English system was trained on 11,940 hours of English speech, while the Mandarin system was trained on 9,400 hours. Data synthesis was used to further augment the data.
- Researchers tend to opensource their models but **do not release the training set**
  - This makes the evaluation of different models difficult

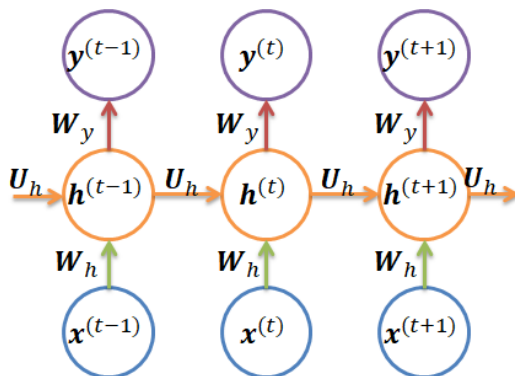
# State of the art

- In 2017, Microsoft announced that their speech recognition system has achieved **5.1% word error rate (WER)** on Switchboard
  - This is average level of professional transcribers
- However, all current models perform poorly on noisy data
  - The lowest WER in *CHiME 2018 Challenge* is about **50%**.  
See results here:  
[http://spandh.dcs.shef.ac.uk/chime\\_challenge/results.htm](http://spandh.dcs.shef.ac.uk/chime_challenge/results.htm)  
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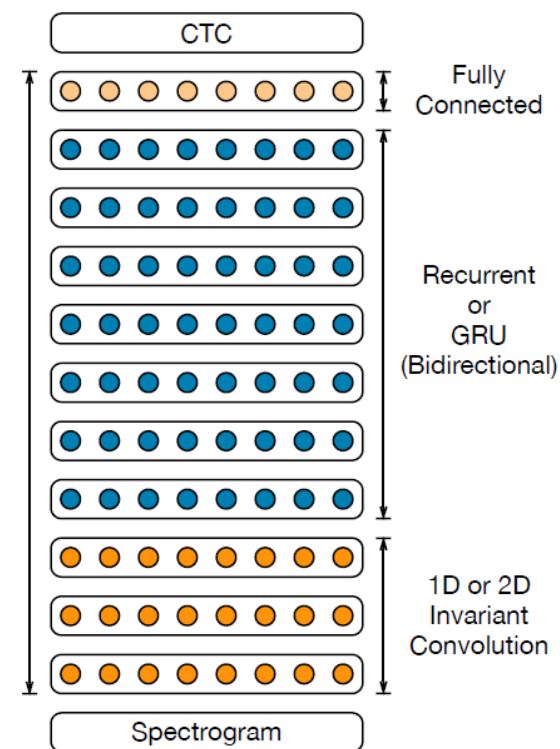


Elman network



**Difficulty:** difference between sequences

Deep Speech 2



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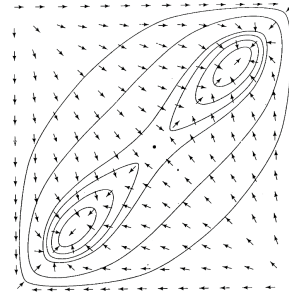
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### 1. Dynamic systems

Model dynamic systems

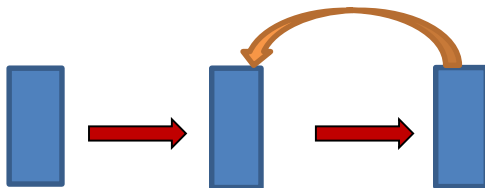


Model the brain\*

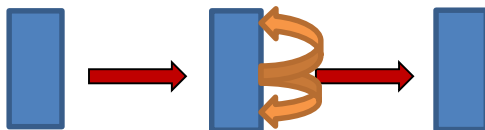


### 2. Simple RNNs

Jordan network



Elman network



Training

BPTT

Teacher forcing

Extensions

Bidirectional RNN

Deep RNN

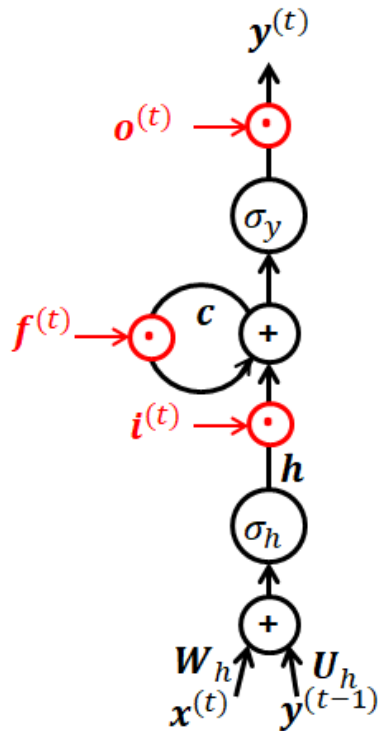


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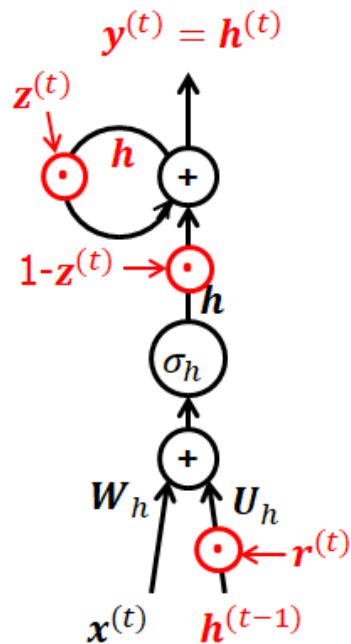
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### 3. Gated RNNs

#### LSTM

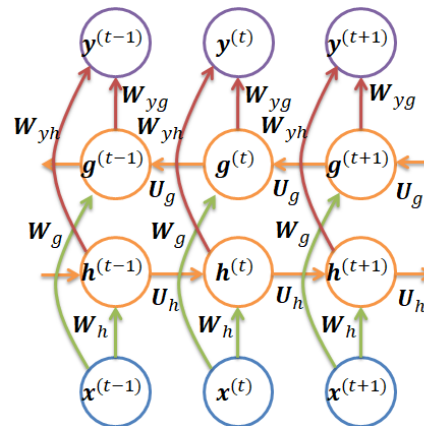


#### GRU

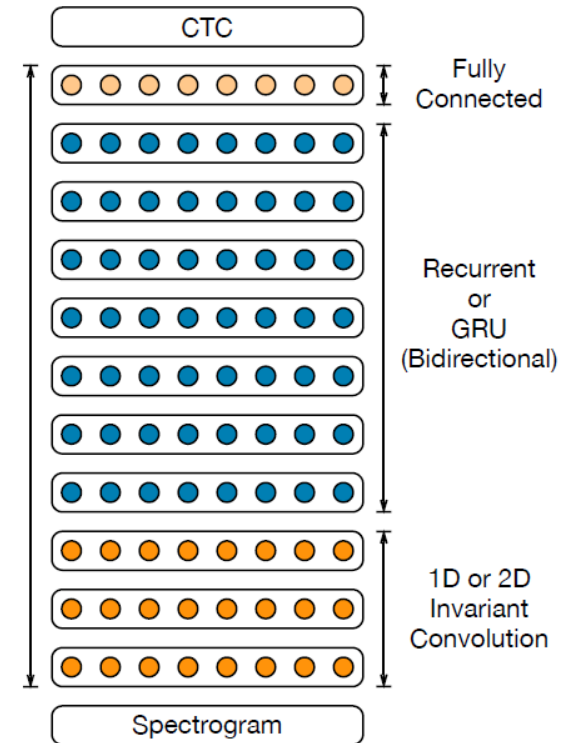


### 4. Applications to speech recognition

#### Bidirectional LSTM



#### Deep Speech 2



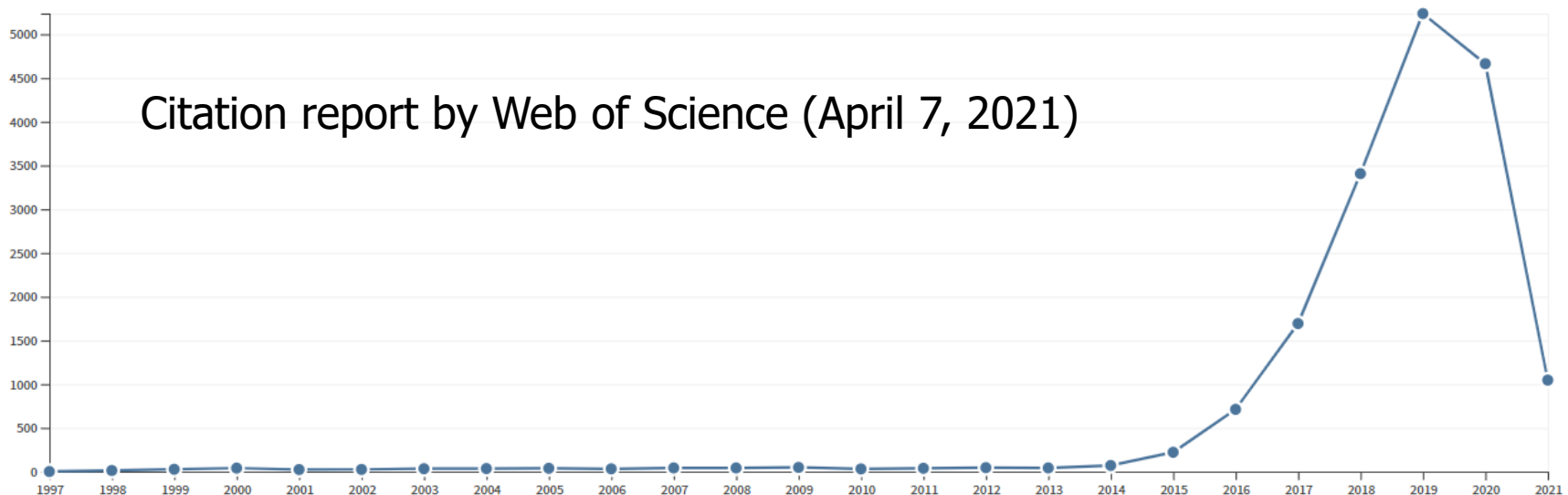
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## Value

Hochreiter, S, Schmidhuber, J, Long short-term memory,  
Neural Computation, vol 9, no. 8, pp. 1735-1780, 1997



Jürgen  
Schmidhuber



A good work needs time to be recognized!

# Recommended reading

- Goodfellow, Bengio and Courville, 2016  
Deep Learning, MIT Press, Chapters 10
- Understanding LSTM networks  
<http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/>
- Graves, Mohamed, Hinton (2013)  
Speech recognition with deep recurrent neural networks  
IEEE ICASSP

# Prepare for the next lecture

- Form groups of 2 and every group prepares a 5-minute presentation with slides for one of the following papers
  - Greff, Srivastava, Koutník, Steunebrink, Schmidhuber, “LSTM: a search space odyssey,” IEEE Trans. on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, 2017
  - Liang, Hu, “Recurrent convolutional neural network for object recognition,” CVPR 2015