

# Recurrent Neural Networks

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# Recurrent Neural Network

- A variant of the conventional feed-forward artificial neural networks to deal with **sequential** data
- Hold the knowledge about the past (Have **memory!**)

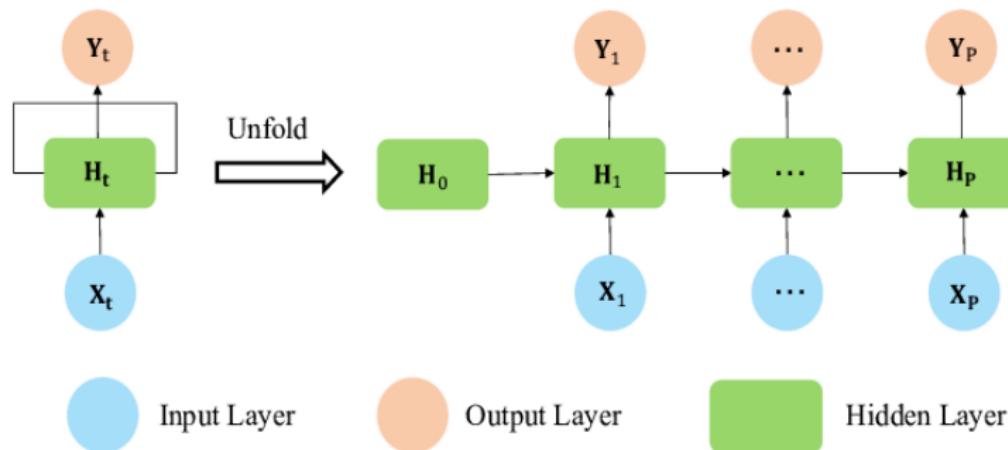


Figure: The folded and unfolded structure of recurrent neural networks, [source](#)

# An Online Example!



Figure: SpeechBrain, [source](#)

## ■ SpeechBrain: Automatic Speech Recognition

- ▶ Model Input: Audio
- ▶ Model Output: Text
- ▶ An example (HelloWorld.mp3)

HELLO WORLD

## ■ Interested? Test it yourself:

<https://huggingface.co/speechbrain/asr-crdnn-rnnlm-librispeech>

# Fake Wikipedia Page!

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Figure: In case you were wondering, the yahoo url in the generated Wikipedia page doesn't actually exist, the model just hallucinated it.

# Fake Algebraic Geometry Book!

For  $\bigoplus_{n=1,\dots,m}$  where  $\mathcal{L}_{m,n} = 0$ , hence we can find a closed subset  $\mathcal{H}$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  and any sets  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ ,  $U$  is a closed immersion of  $S$ , then  $U \rightarrow T$  is a separated algebraic space.

*Proof.* Proof of (1). It also start we get

$$S = \text{Spec}(R) = U \times_X U \times_X U$$

and the comparicoly in the fibre product covering we have to prove the lemma generated by  $\coprod Z \times_U U \rightarrow V$ . Consider the maps  $M$  along the set of points  $\mathcal{Sch}_{fppf}$  and  $U \rightarrow U$  is the fibre category of  $S$  in  $U$  in Section ?? and the fact that any  $U$  affine, see Morphisms, Lemma ???. Hence we obtain a scheme  $S$  and any open subset  $W \subset U$  in  $\mathcal{Sh}(G)$  such that  $\text{Spec}(R') \rightarrow S$  is smooth or an

$$U = \bigcup U_i \times_{S_i} U_i$$

which has a nonzero morphism we may assume that  $f_i$  is of finite presentation over  $S$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a scheme where  $x, x', s' \in S'$  such that  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X',x'}$  is separated. By Algebra, Lemma ?? we can define a map of complexes  $\text{GL}_{S'}(x'/S')$  and we win.  $\square$

To prove study we see that  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  is a covering of  $\mathcal{X}'$ , and  $\mathcal{T}_i$  is an object of  $\mathcal{F}_{X/S}$  for  $i > 0$  and  $\mathcal{F}_p$  exists and let  $\mathcal{F}_i$  be a presheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules on  $\mathcal{C}$  as a  $\mathcal{F}$ -module. In particular  $\mathcal{F} = U/\mathcal{F}$  we have to show that

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}^\bullet = \mathcal{I}^\bullet \otimes_{\text{Spec}(k)} \mathcal{O}_{S,s} - i_X^{-1} \mathcal{F}$$

is a unique morphism of algebraic stacks. Note that

$$\text{ARROWS} = (\mathcal{Sch}/S)_{fppf}^{\text{opp}}, (\mathcal{Sch}/S)_{fppf}$$

and

$$V = \Gamma(S, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow (U, \text{Spec}(A))$$

is an open subset of  $X$ . Thus  $U$  is affine. This is a continuous map of  $X$  is the inverse, the groupoid scheme  $S$ .

*Proof.* See discussion of sheaves of sets.  $\square$

The result for prove any open covering follows from the less of Example ???. It may replace  $S$  by  $X_{\text{spaces},\text{étale}}$  which gives an open subspace of  $X$  and  $T$  equal to  $S_{\text{Zar}}$ , see Descent, Lemma ???. Namely, by Lemma ?? we see that  $R$  is geometrically regular over  $S$ .

**Lemma 0.1.** Assume (3) and (3) by the construction in the description.

Suppose  $X = \lim |X|$  (by the formal open covering  $X$  and a single map  $\text{Proj}_X(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Spec}(B)$  over  $U$  compatible with the complex

$$\text{Set}(\mathcal{A}) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_{X,\mathcal{O}_X}).$$

When in this case of to show that  $\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{Z/X}$  is stable under the following result in the second conditions of (1), and (3). This finishes the proof. By Definition ?? (without element is when the closed subschemes are catenary. If  $T$  is surjective we may assume that  $T$  is connected with residue fields of  $S$ . Moreover there exists a closed subspace  $Z \subset X$  of  $X$  where  $U$  in  $X'$  is proper (some defining as a closed subset of the uniqueness it suffices to check the fact that the following theorem

(1)  $f$  is locally of finite type. Since  $S = \text{Spec}(R)$  and  $Y = \text{Spec}(R)$ .

*Proof.* This is form all sheaves of sheaves on  $X$ . But given a scheme  $U$  and a surjective étale morphism  $U \rightarrow X$ . Let  $U \cap U = \coprod_{i=1,\dots,n} U_i$  be the scheme  $X$  over  $S$  at the schemes  $X_i \rightarrow X$  and  $U = \lim_i X_i$ .  $\square$

The following lemma surjective retrocomposes of this implies that  $\mathcal{F}_{x_0} = \mathcal{F}_{x_0} = \mathcal{F}_{X,\dots,0}$ .

**Lemma 0.2.** Let  $X$  be a locally Noetherian scheme over  $S$ ,  $E = \mathcal{F}_{X/S}$ . Set  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{J}_1 \subset \mathcal{I}'_n$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}^n \subset \mathcal{I}^n$  are nonzero over  $i_0 \leq p$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{J}_{n,0} \circ \mathcal{A}_2$  works.

**Lemma 0.3.** In Situation ???. Hence we may assume  $q' = 0$ .

*Proof.* We will use the property we see that  $p$  is the next functor (??). On the other hand, by Lemma ?? we see that

$$D(\mathcal{O}_{X'}) = \mathcal{O}_X(D)$$

where  $K$  is an  $F$ -algebra where  $\delta_{n+1}$  is a scheme over  $S$ .  $\square$

**Figure:** A sample of a recurrent network. The network is trained on the raw Latex source file of a book on algebraic geometry. Amazingly, the resulting sampled Latex almost compiles!

# Fake C Code!

```

/*
 * Increment the size file of the new incorrect UI_FILTER group information
 * of the size generatively.
 */
static int indicate_policy(void)
{
    int error;
    if (fd == MARN_EPT) {
        /*
         * The kernel blank will cold it to userspace.
         */
        if (ss->segment < mem_total)
            unblock_graph_and_set_blocked();
    } else
        ret = 1;
    goto bail;
}
segaddr = in_SB(in.addr);
selector = seg / 16;
setup_works = true;
for (i = 0; i < blocks; i++) {
    seq = buf[i++];
    bpf = bd->bd.next + i * search;
    if (fd) {
        current = blocked;
    }
}
rw->name = "Getjbbregs";
bprm_self_clearl(&iv->version);
regs->new = blocks[(BPF_STATS << info->historidac)] | PFMR_CLOBATHINC_SECONDS << 12;
return segtable;
}

```

**Figure:** This time the network is trained on the linux source code. Notice the comments, pointer notation and brackets in the above code. What are the code errors?

# The Effectiveness of Recurrent Neural Networks

- All previous examples were generated blindly by recurrent neural network with simple architectures.
- Interested? Take a look at the source:  
<http://karpathy.github.io/2015/05/21/rnn-effectiveness/>

# Modeling Series

- In many situations one must consider a series of inputs to produce an output.
  - ▶ Outputs too may be a series
  
- Examples...?

# Example 1: Speech Recognition

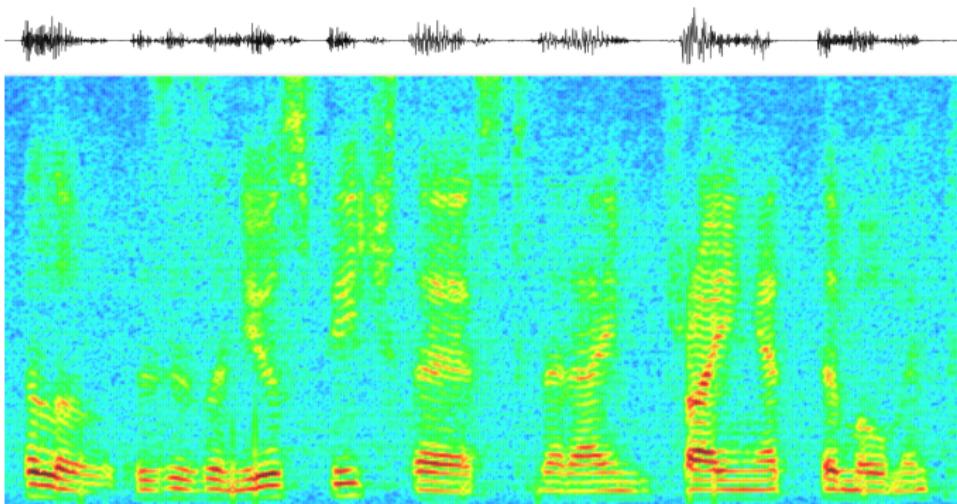


Figure: source

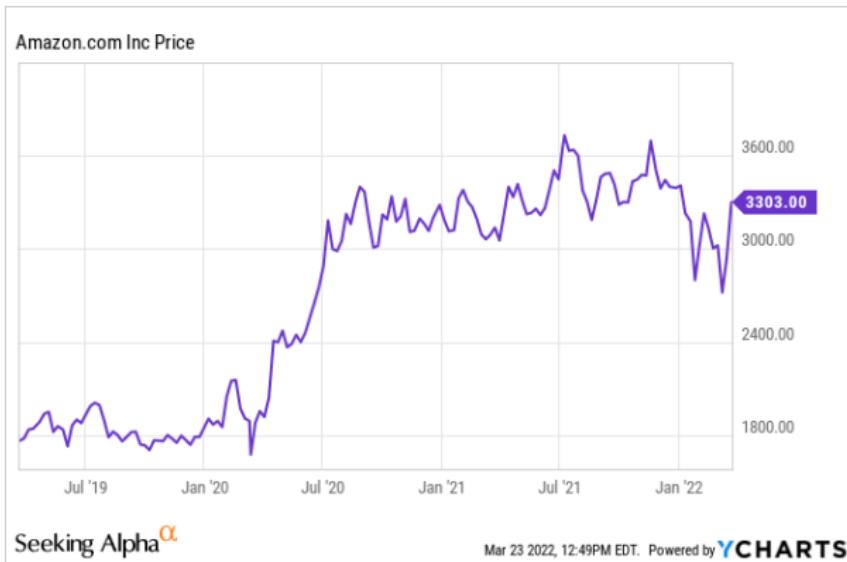
- Speech Recognition
  - ▶ Analyze a series of spectral vectors, determine what was said.
- Note: Inputs are sequences of vectors. Output is a classification result.

## Example 2: Text Analysis

*Stephen Curry scored 34 points and was named the NBA Finals MVP as the Warriors claimed the franchise's seventh championship overall. And this one completed a journey like none other, after a run of five consecutive finals, then a plummet to the bottom of the NBA, and now a return to greatness just two seasons after having the league's worst record.*

- Football or Basketball?
- Text Analysis
  - ▶ E.g. analyze document, identify topic
    - Input series of words, output classification output
  - ▶ E.g. read English, output Persian
    - Input series of words, output series of words

## Example 3: Stock Market Prediction



- Stock Market Prediction
  - ▶ Should I invest, vs. should I not invest in X?
  - ▶ Decision must be taken considering how things have fared over time.
- Note: Inputs are sequences of vectors. Output may be scalar or vector.

# Long-Term Dependencies

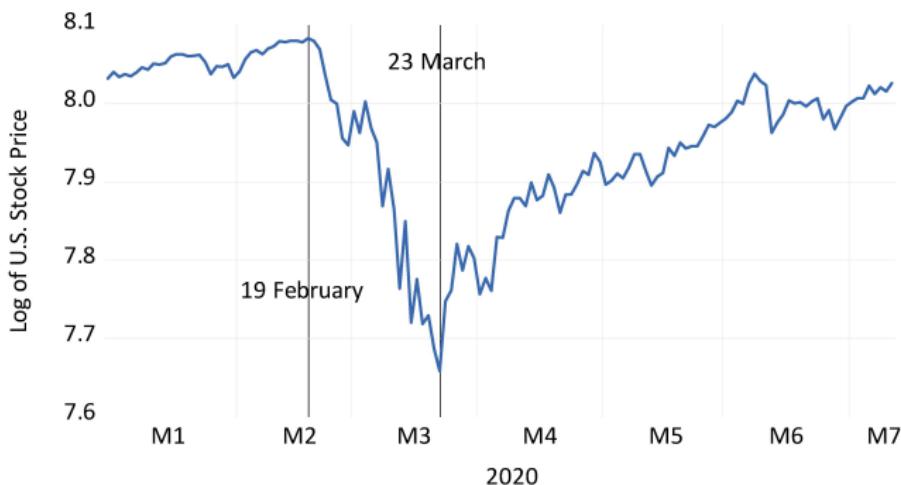


Figure: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the U.S. Economy, [source](#)

- Systems often have long-term dependencies
  - ▶ Weekly/Monthly/Annual trends in the market
  - ▶ Though longer historic events tends to affect us less than more recent events
- Can you think of an example?

# RNN, An Infinite Response System

- We can process a sequence of vectors  $x$  by applying a recurrence formula at every time step
  - ▶  $h_t = f(x_t, h_{t-1})$ ,      $y_t = g(h_t)$
  - ▶  $h_t$  is the state of the network
  - ▶  $x_t$  is the input vector at  $t$
  - ▶  $y_t$  is the output at  $t$
  - ▶ Need to define initial state  $h_{-1}$  for  $t = 0$
  - ▶ An input  $x_0$  at  $t = 0$  produces  $h_0$
  - ▶  $h_0$  produces  $h_1$  which produces  $h_2$  and so on...
  - ▶  $h_t$  can be produced from  $h_{t-1}$  even if  $x_t$  is 0
  - ▶ A single input influences the output for the rest of time
- This is a fully recurrent neural network, or simply a recurrent neural network
- Don't worry, we will get back to this slide

# Vanilla Neural Networks

one to one

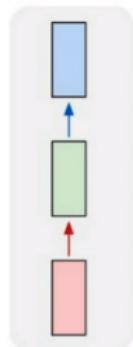
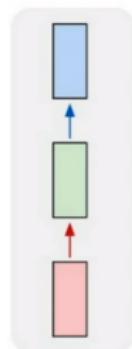


Figure: Types of Sequence Problems, [source](#)

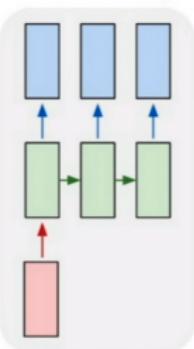
- Vanilla Neural Networks
- Example: Image Classification
- Fixed-sized input and output

# Sequence Output

one to one



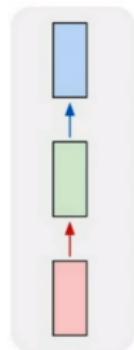
one to many

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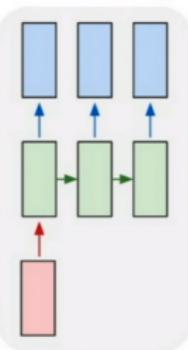
- Sequence Output
- Example: Image Captioning
- image → sequence of words

# Sequence Input

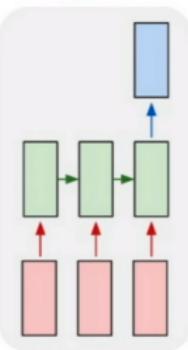
one to one



one to many



many to one

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- Sequence Input
- Example: Sentiment Analysis
- sequence of words → sentiment

# Sequence Input And Sequence Output

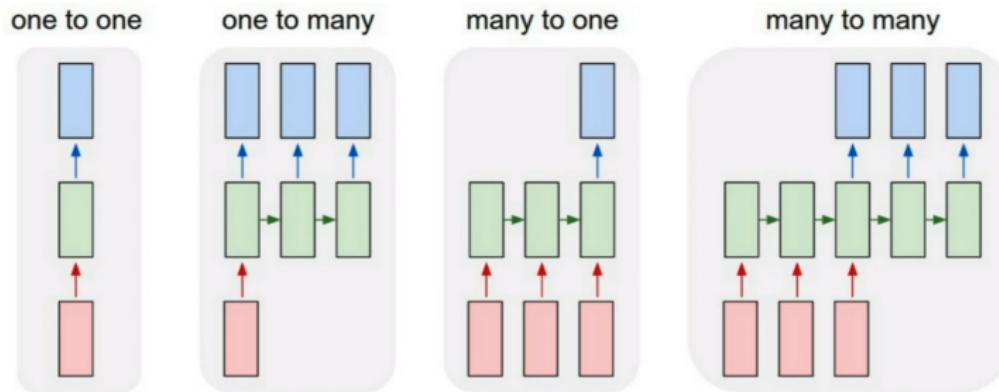
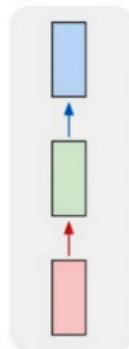


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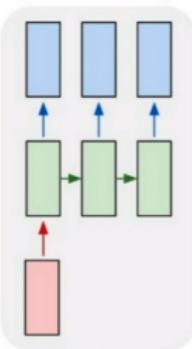
- Sequence Input And Sequence Output
- Example: Machine Translation
- sequence of words in English → sequence of words in Persian

# Synced Sequence Input And Output

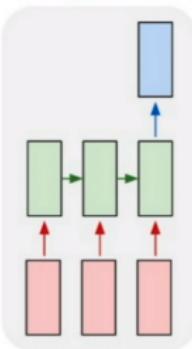
one to one



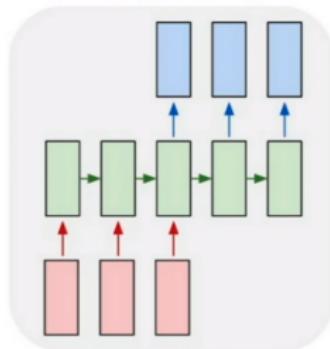
one to many



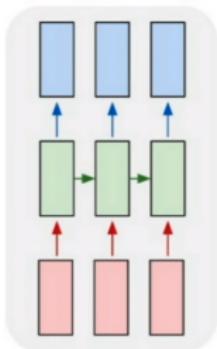
many to one



many to many



many to many

Figure: Types of Sequence Problems, [source](#)

- Synced Sequence Input And Output
- Example: Video Classification
- frames of the video → label of each frame

# Latent Variable Model

- In n-grams for language modeling the conditional probability of token  $x_t$  at time step  $t$  only depends on the  $n$  previous tokens.
- If we want to incorporate the possible effect of tokens earlier than time step  $t - n$  on  $x_t$ , we need to increase  $n$ .
- By increasing  $n$  the number of model parameters would also increase exponentially with it.
- Hence, rather than modeling  $\mathbb{P}(x_t | x_{t-1}, \dots, x_{t-n})$  it is preferable to use a latent variable model:

$$\mathbb{P}(x_t | x_{t-1}, \dots, x_1) \approx \mathbb{P}(x_t | h_{t-1})$$

- $h_{t-1}$  is a hidden state that stores the sequence information up to time step  $t - 1$ .
- In general, the hidden state at any time step  $t$  could be computed based on both the current input  $x_t$  and the previous hidden state  $h_{t-1}$ :

$$h_t = f(x_t, h_{t-1})$$

# Recurrent Neural Network

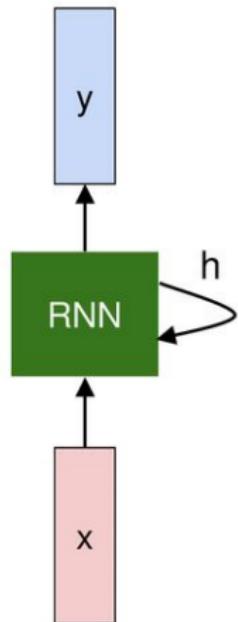
$$h_t = f_W(h_{t-1}, x_t)$$

new state      /      old state      input vector at  
some function      some time step  
with parameters W

Figure: RNN formula, source

- We can process a sequence of vectors  $x$  by applying a recurrence formula at every time step
- The same function and the same set of parameters are used at every time step.

# Vanilla RNN



$$\begin{aligned} h_t &= f_W(h_{t-1}, x_t) \\ y_t &= g_W(h_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} h_t = \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{hx}x_t + b_h) \\ y_t = W_{yh}h_t + b_y \end{cases}$$

# RNN: Forward Pass

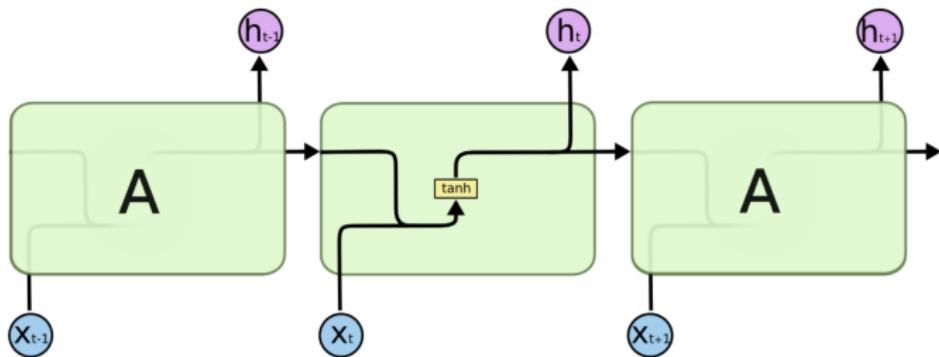


Figure: The repeating module in a standard RNN contains a single layer, [source](#)

$$\begin{aligned} h_t &= \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{hx}x_t + b_h) \\ &= \tanh((W_{hh}W_{hx}) \begin{pmatrix} h_{t-1} \\ x_t \end{pmatrix} + b_h) \\ &= \tanh(W \begin{pmatrix} h_{t-1} \\ x_t \end{pmatrix} + b_h) \end{aligned}$$

# RNN: Code Example

```
[2] 1 import tensorflow as tf
2
3 W_hh, h = tf.random.normal((4, 4)), tf.random.normal((4, 3))
4 W_hx, x_t = tf.random.normal((4, 1)), tf.random.normal((1, 3))
5 b_h = tf.random.normal((4, 3))
6
7 tf.matmul(W_hh, h) + tf.matmul(W_hx, x_t) + b_h

⇒ <tf.Tensor: shape=(4, 3), dtype=float32, numpy=
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[25] 1 tf.matmul(tf.concat((W_hh, W_hx), axis=1), tf.concat((h, x_t), axis=0)) + b_h

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Figure: The calculation of  $W_hh_{t-1} + W_hx_{xt}$  for the hidden state is equivalent to matrix multiplication of concatenation of  $W_hh$  and  $W_hx$  and concatenation of  $h_{t-1}$  and  $x_t$

# RNN: Computational Graph

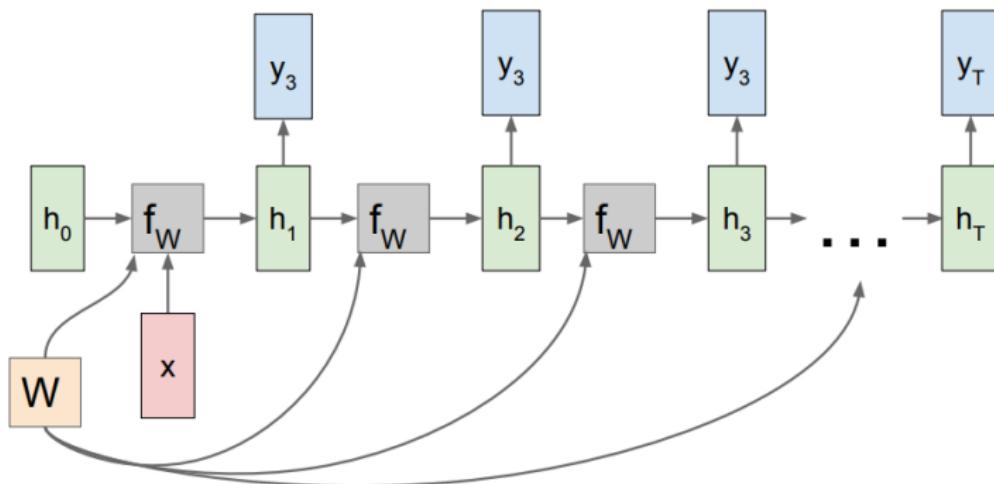


Figure: RNN One to Many Computational Graph, [source](#)

# RNN: Computational Graph

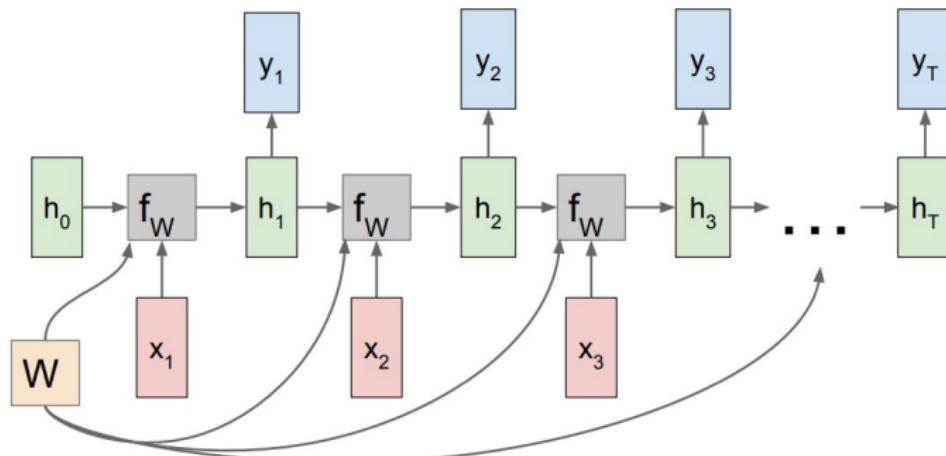
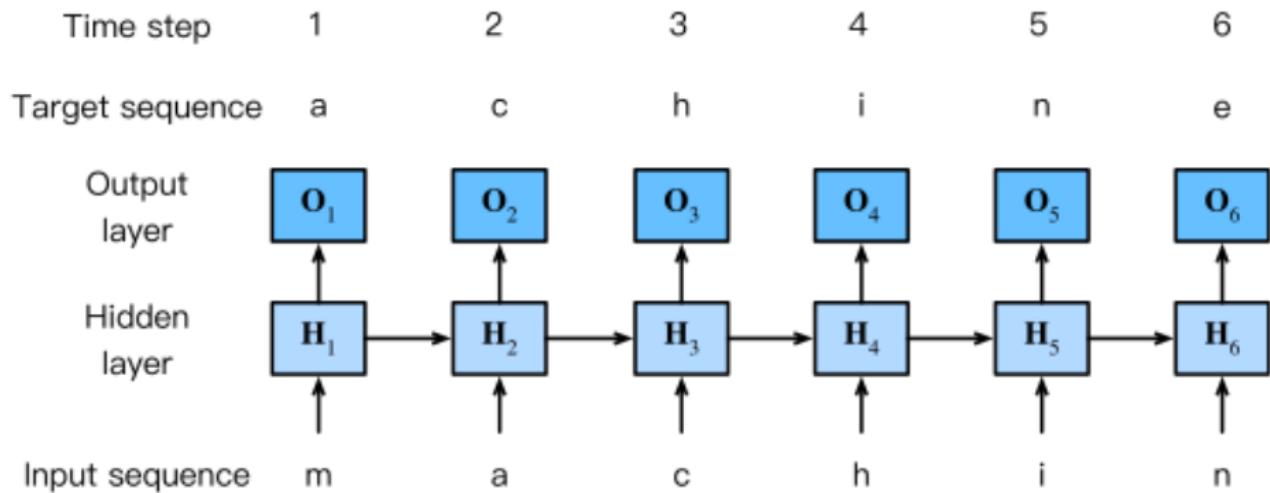


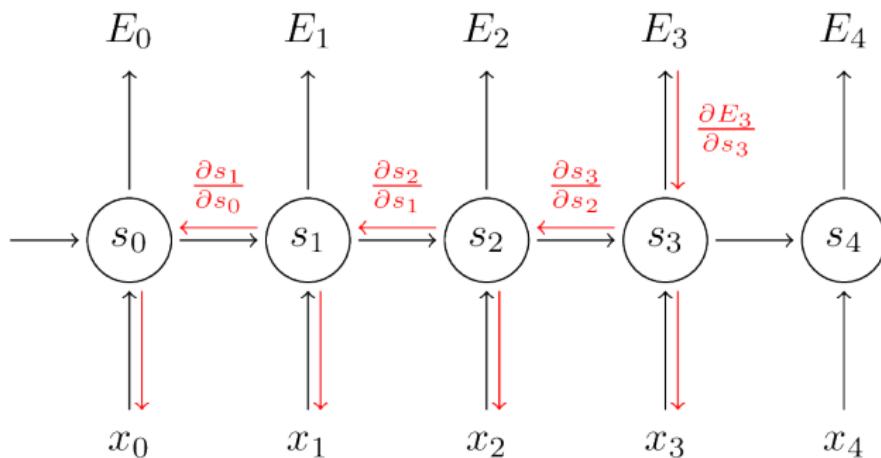
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# Example: Character-Level Language Model



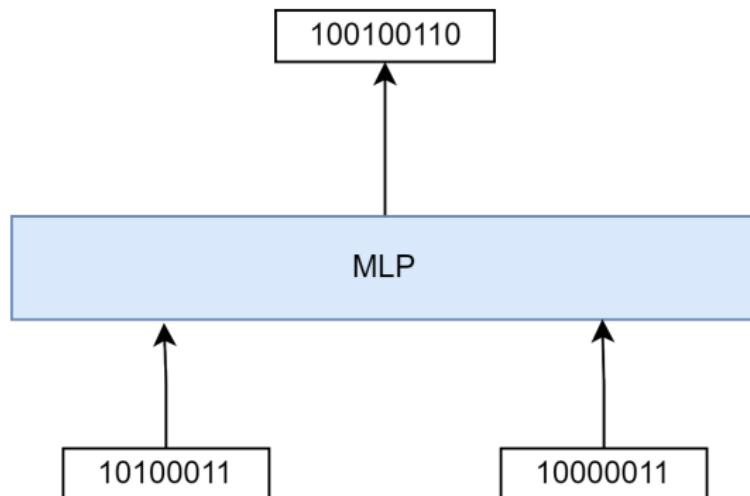
**Figure:** A character-level language model based on the RNN. The input and target sequences are “machin” and “achine”, respectively, source

# Training RNN: Backpropagation Through Time



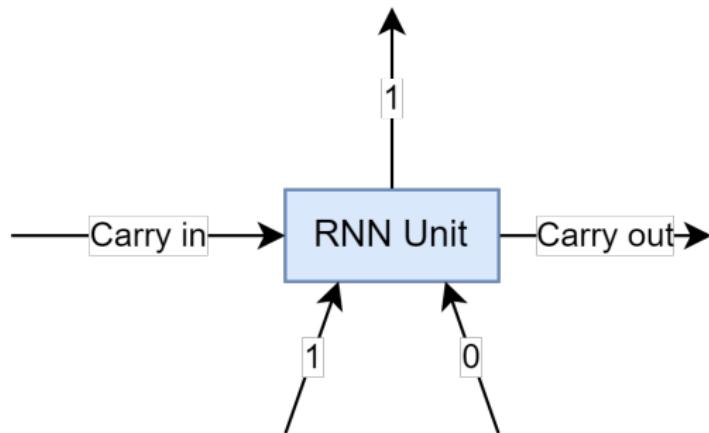
- We will explain BPTT fully in the next session

# MLPs vs RNN: The Addition Problem



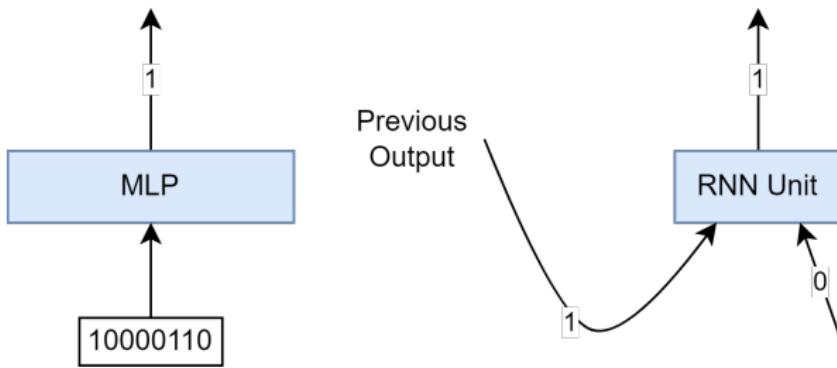
- The addition problem: Add two N-bit numbers to produce a N+1-bit number
  - ▶ Input is binary
  - ▶ MLP will require large number of training instances
  - ▶ Network trained for N-bit numbers will not work for N+1 bit numbers

# MLPs vs RNN: The Addition Problem



- The addition problem: Add two N-bit numbers to produce a N+1-bit number
  - ▶ RNN solution: Very simple
  - ▶ Can add two numbers of any size
  - ▶ Needs very little training data

# MLPs vs RNN: The Parity Problem



- Is the number of “ones” even or odd
  - ▶ MLP solution: XOR network, quite complex
  - ▶ RNN solution: Simple, generalizes to input of any size

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

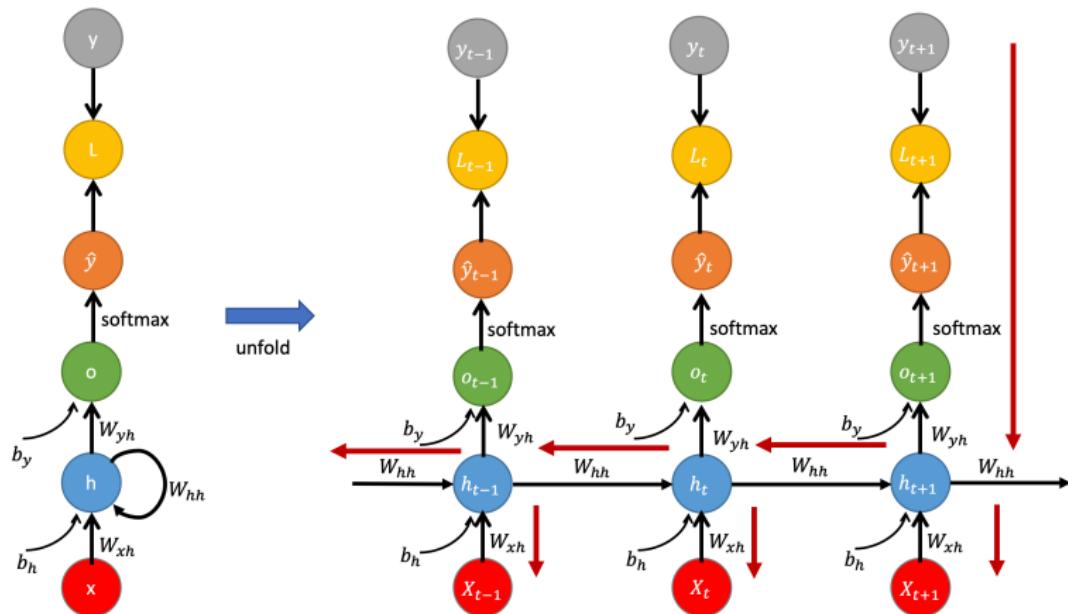


Figure: Simple RNN Computational Graph, Source

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

- Suppose that in this example, we have

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

$$o_t = h_t \cdot W_{yh} + b_y$$

$$y_t = \text{Softmax}(o_t)$$

- And our loss function is Log Loss. So as you remember, we have

$$L(y, \hat{y}) = \sum_{t=1}^T L_t(y_t, \hat{y}_t) = - \sum_{t=1}^T y_t \log \hat{y}_t = - \sum_{t=1}^T y_t \log [\text{Softmax}(o_t))]$$

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

- Now, we are going to calculate derivative of  $L$  w.r.t  $W_{yh}, W_{hh}, W_{xh}, b_y, b_h$ 
  - Part I: The Straight Ones

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{yh}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial W_{yh}}$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial o_t} \frac{\partial o_t}{\partial W_{yh}}$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{y}_t - y_t) \otimes h_t$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_y} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial o_t} \frac{\partial o_t}{\partial b_y} = \sum_{t=1}^T (\hat{y}_t - y_t)$$

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

■ Cont.

► Part II: The Tricky Ones

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

we know that  $h_t$  is a function of  $h_{t-1}$  and  $W_{hh}$ ,  $h_{t-1}$  itself is a function of  $W_{hh}$  and  $h_{t-2}$ , and so on. Thus, we have

$$\frac{\partial h_t}{\partial W_{hh}} = \left( \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial W_{hh}} \right)_{h_{t-1}} + \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_{t-1}} \frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial W_{hh}}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial W_{hh}} = \left( \frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial W_{hh}} \right)_{h_{t-2}} + \frac{\partial h_{t-1}}{\partial h_{t-2}} \frac{\partial h_{t-2}}{\partial W_{hh}}$$

In conclusion, the following equation holds (by substitution)

$$\frac{\partial L_t}{\partial W_{hh}} = \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial h_t} \left( \sum_{k=1}^t \left( \prod_{j=k}^{t-1} \frac{\partial h_{j+1}}{\partial h_j} \right) \left( \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial W_{hh}} \right)_{h_{k-1}} \right)$$

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

- Cont. It's also true that

$$\prod_{j=k}^{t-1} \frac{\partial h_{j+1}}{\partial h_j} = \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_k}$$

That leads us to

$$\frac{\partial L_t}{\partial W_{hh}} = \sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_k} \left( \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial W_{hh}} \right)_{h_{k-1}}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{hh}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_k} \left( \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial W_{hh}} \right)_{h_{k-1}}$$

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

- Cont. Similar to the mentioned way, we could compute derivative of  $L$  w.r.t  $W_{xh}, b_h$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W_{xh}} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_k} \left( \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial W_{xh}} \right)_{h_{k-1}}$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_h} = \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial \hat{y}_t} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_t}{\partial h_t} \frac{\partial h_t}{\partial h_k} \left( \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial b_h} \right)_{h_{k-1}}$$

# Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT)

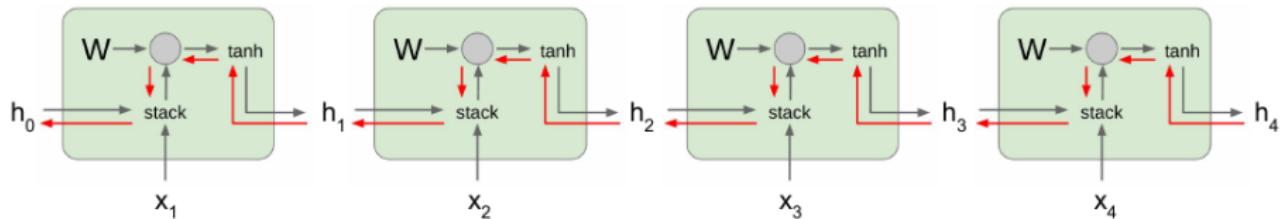


Figure: Vanilla RNN Gradient Flow, Source

## RNN Training Issues

- ▶ Exploding Gradients

What can we do to solve exploding?

- ▶ Vanishing Gradients

What can we do to solve vanishing?

# RNN Unit

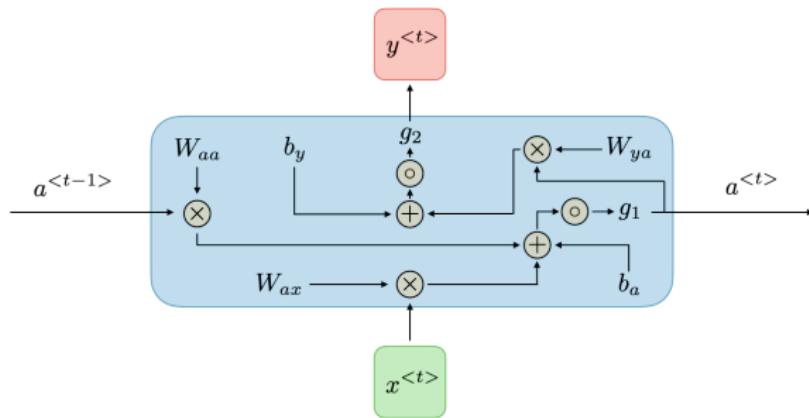


Figure: RNN Unit, Source

- For a simple RNN unit we had:

$$a^{<t>} = g_1(W_{aa}a^{<t-1>} + W_{ax}x^{<t>} + b_a)$$

$$y^{<t>} = g_2(W_{ya}a^{<t>} + b_y)$$

# Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

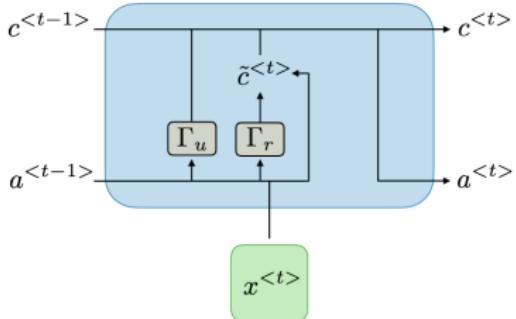


Figure: GRU Unit, Source

$$\tilde{c}^{<t>} = \tanh(W_c[\Gamma_r * a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_c)$$

$$\Gamma_r = \sigma(W_r[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_r)$$

$$\Gamma_u = \sigma(W_u[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_u)$$

$$c^{<t>} = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + (1 - \Gamma_u) * c^{<t-1>}$$

$$c^{<t>} = a^{<t>}$$

# Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

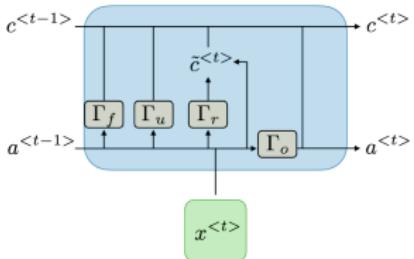


Figure: LSTM Unit, Source

$$\tilde{c}^{<t>} = \tanh(W_c[\Gamma_r * a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_c)$$

$$\Gamma_r = \sigma(W_r[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_r)$$

$$\Gamma_u = \sigma(W_u[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_u)$$

$$\Gamma_o = \sigma(W_o[a^{<t-1>}, x^{<t>}] + b_o)$$

$$c^{<t>} = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^{<t>} + (\Gamma_f) * c^{<t-1>}$$

$$a^{<t>} = \Gamma_o * c^{<t>}$$

# Type of Gates

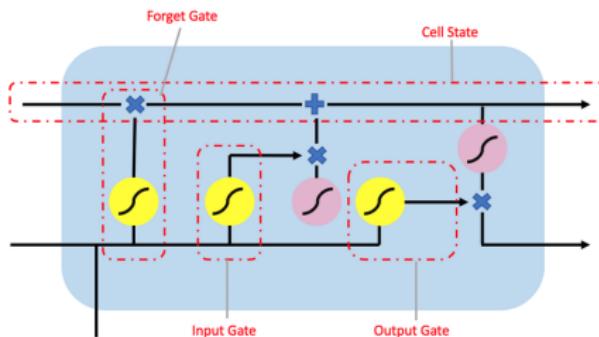


Figure: Gates, Source

- Forget gate  $\Gamma_f$ : Erase a cell or not
- Relevance Gate  $\Gamma_r$ : Drop previous information
- Update Gate  $\Gamma_u$ : How much past should matter
- Output gate  $\Gamma_o$ : How much to reveal of a cell

# LSTM Walk Through

- The first step in our LSTM is to decide what information we're going to throw away from the cell state.

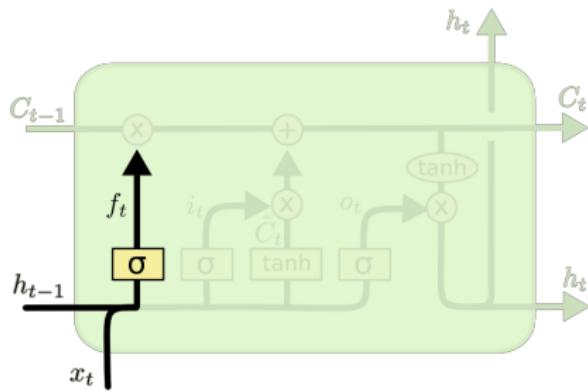


Figure: Forget Gate Layer, [Source](#)

# LSTM Walk Through

- The next step is to decide what new information we're going to store in the cell state.

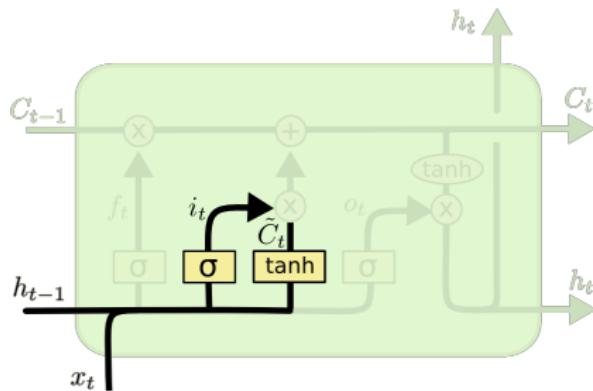


Figure: Input Gate Layer, Source

# LSTM Walk Through

- It's now time to update the old cell state,  $C_{t-1}$ , into the new cell state  $C_t$ .

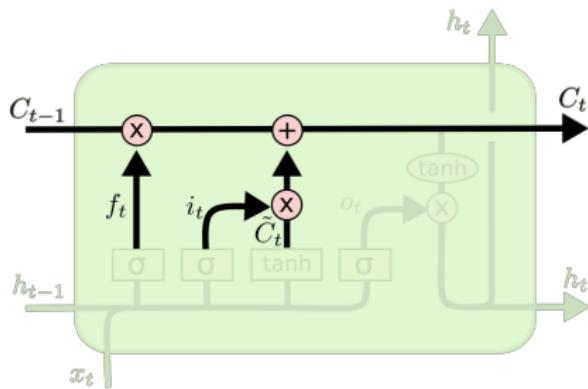


Figure: Update Cell State, Source

# LSTM Walk Through

- Finally, we need to decide what we're going to output. This output will be based on our cell state

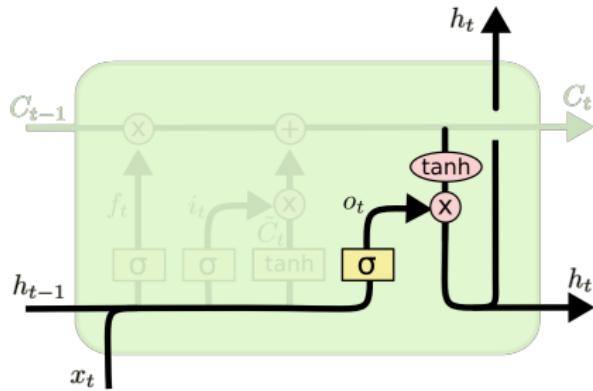


Figure: Output Gate Layer, Source

# Why LSTMs?

- The LSTM does have the ability to remove and add information to the cell state.
- The gates in the previous slide let the information to pass through the units.
- The gates value are between zero and one and specify how much information should be let through .
- They also somehow solve the vanishing gradient .
- We can use more blocks of them so there will be more information to remember.

# How LSTMs solve vanishing gradients

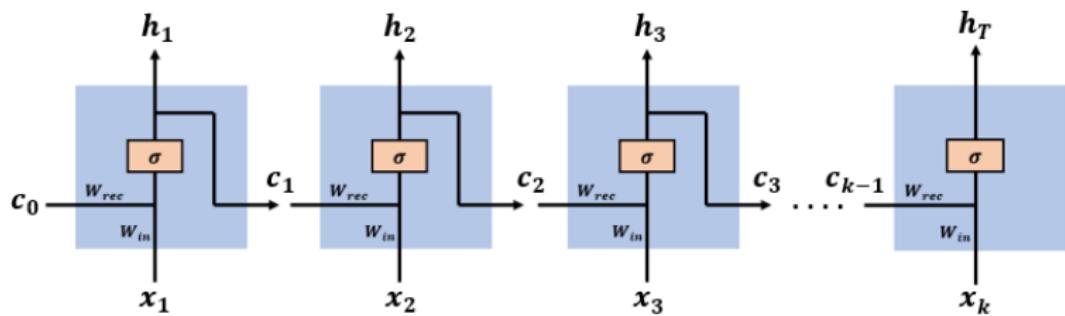


Figure: Simple Recurrent Neural Network, Source

# How LSTMs solve vanishing gradients

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial W} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\partial L_t}{\partial W}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_k}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L_k}{\partial h_k} \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial c_k} \cdots \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial c_1} \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L_k}{\partial h_k} \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial c_k} \left( \prod_{t=2}^k \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \right) \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial W}$$

$$\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} = \sigma'(W_{rec} \cdot c_{t-1} + W_{in} \cdot x_t) W_{rec}$$

$$\frac{\partial L_k}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L_k}{\partial h_k} \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial c_k} \left( \prod_{t=2}^k \sigma'(W_{rec} \cdot c_{t-1} + W_{in} \cdot x_t) W_{rec} \right) \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial W}$$

- For large K the gradient tends to vanish or if  $W_{rec}$  is large enough it cause exploding gradient which is solved by *Gradient Clipping*.

# How LSTMs solve vanishing gradients

- In LSTM we also have

$$\frac{\partial L_k}{\partial W} = \frac{\partial L_k}{\partial h_k} \frac{\partial h_k}{\partial c_k} \left( \prod_{t=2}^k \frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \right) \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial W}$$

- But

$$c^t = \Gamma_u * \tilde{c}^t + (\Gamma_f) * c^{t-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial c_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} = \frac{\partial \Gamma_f}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot c_{t-1} + \Gamma_f + \frac{\partial \Gamma_u}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot \tilde{c}_t + \frac{\partial \tilde{c}_t}{\partial c_{t-1}} \cdot \Gamma_u$$

- Consider that the *forget gate* is added to other terms and allows better control of gradient values. But it doesn't guarantee that there is no vanishing or exploding in gradient.

# Bidirectional RNN

- How to get information from future?

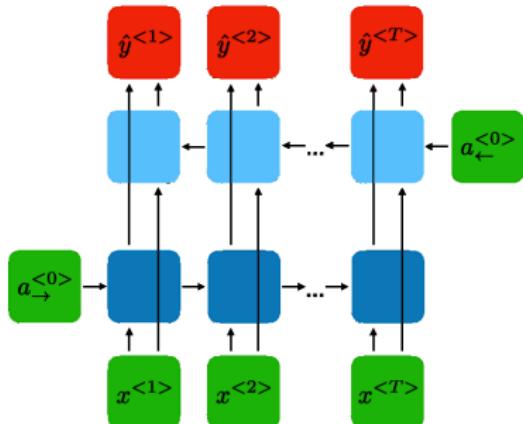


Figure: BRNN, Source

$$y^{<t>} = g(W_y[\vec{a}^{<t>} , \vec{a}^{<T-t>} ] + b_y)$$

# Bidirectional RNN

- They are usually used in natural language processing.
- They are powerful for modeling dependencies between words and phrases in both directions of the sequence because every component of an input sequence has information from both the past and present.

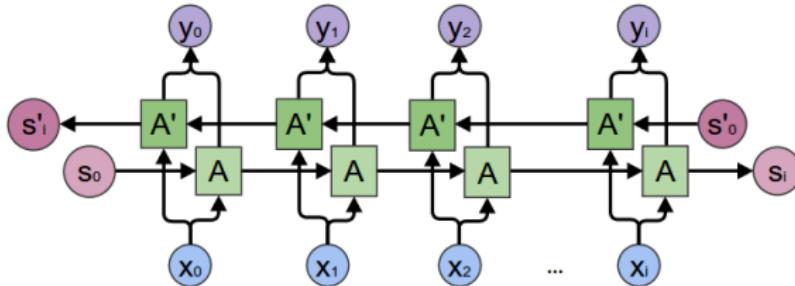


Figure: BRNN, Source

# Back-propagation in BRNN

- It is exactly the same as simple RNN

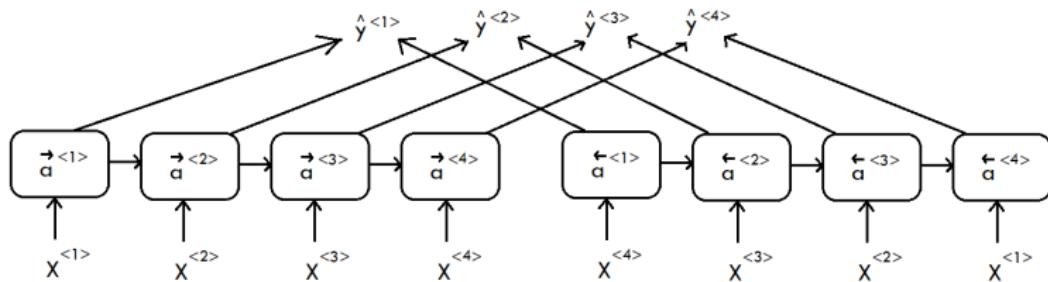


Figure: BRNN, Source

# Encoder-Decoder

- If we want an output with a **different length** from the input (e.g. Machine Translation), what should we do?
- Which **alignment** method should we use?

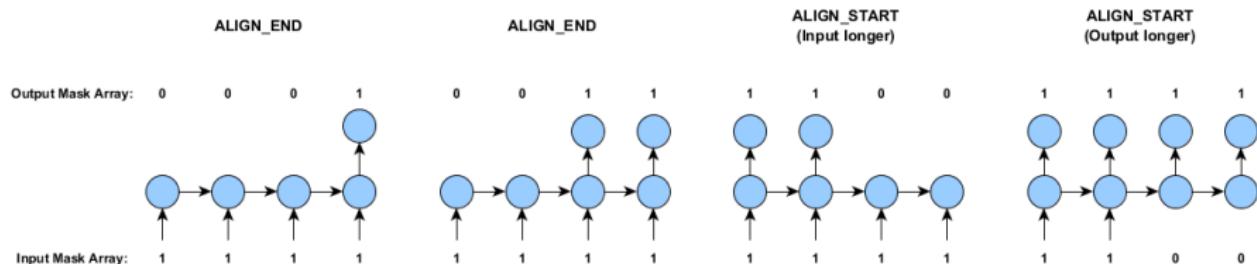


Figure: Problems in Sequence-to-Sequence Models, [Source](#)

# Encoder-Decoder

Encoder-Decoder architecture could be a solution.

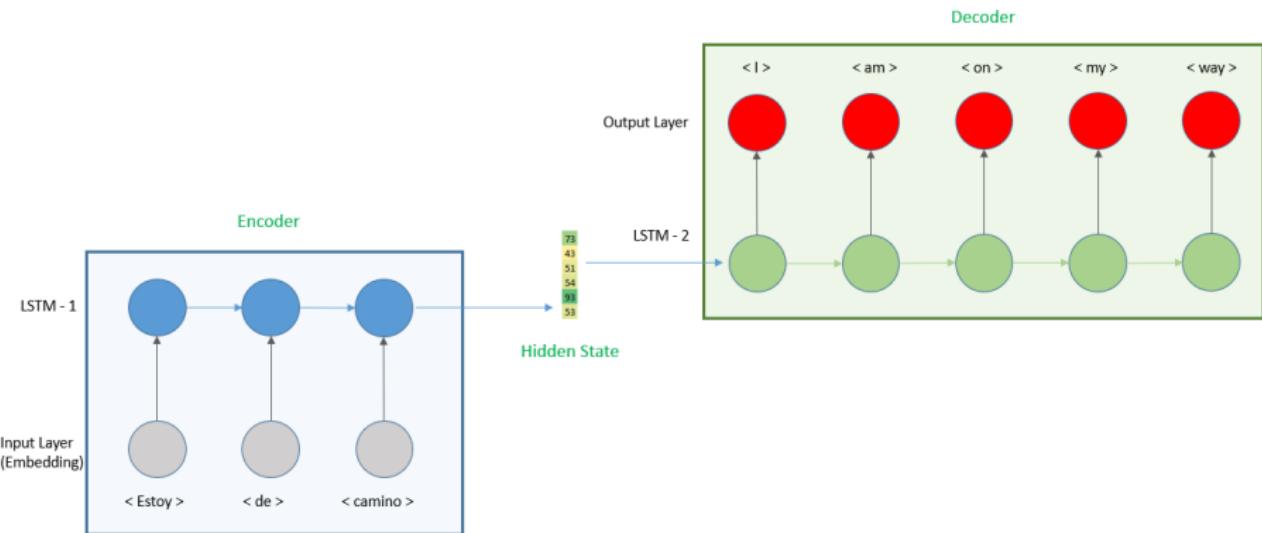


Figure: Encoder-Decoder, Source

# Encoder-Decoder

## Encoder

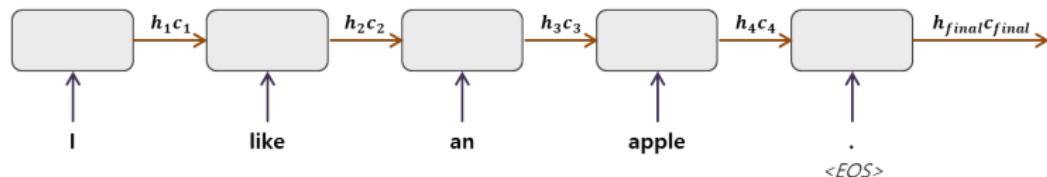


Figure: Encoder, Source

- **Encoder:** The encoder processes the input sequence and compresses the information into a fixed length vector, known as the context vector.

# Encoder-Decoder

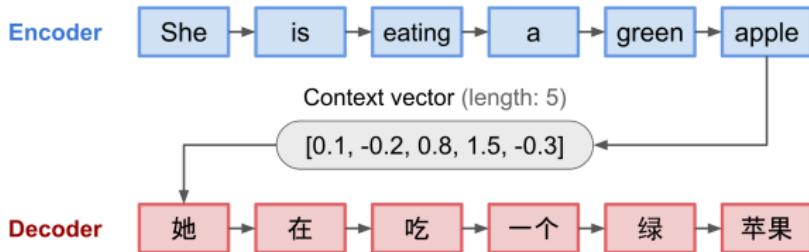


Figure: Context Vector, Source

- **Context Vector (Hidden State):** This vector is expected to convey the meaning of the whole source sequence from the encoder to the decoder.
  - ▶ The early work considered the last state of the encoder network as the context vector.

# Encoder-Decoder

## Decoder

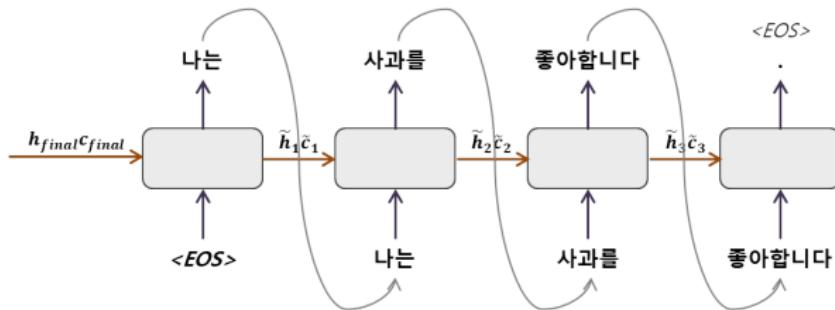


Figure: Decoder, Source

- **Decoder:** The decoder uses the context vector to output the desired target sequence.

# Encoder-Decoder Limitations

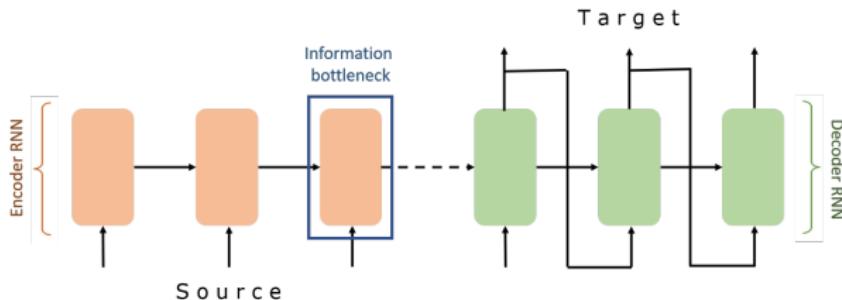


Figure: Bottleneck Phenomenon, Source

- The context vector is **bottleneck**. By increasing the length of the input sequence, the model captures the essential information roughly. How to solve it?

# Encoder-Decoder Limitations

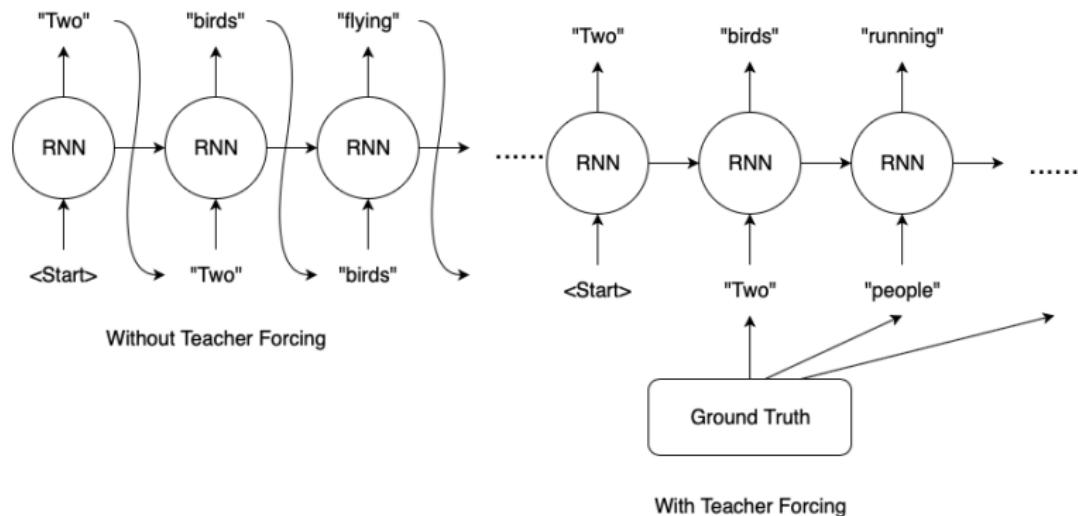


Figure: Teacher Forcing in Decoder Side, Source

# Teacher Forcing

- Teacher forcing is a method for training recurrent neural networks more efficiently.
- Teacher forcing works by using the actual output at the current time step  $y^{(t-1)}$  as input in the next time step, rather than the  $o^{(t-1)}$  generated by the network.

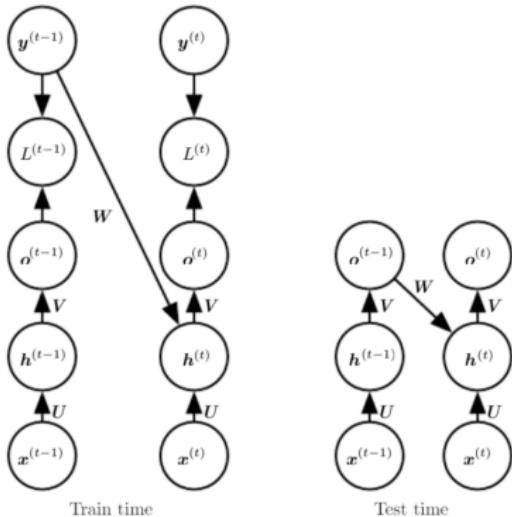


Figure: Teacher Forcing, Source

# Teacher Forcing

- At the early stages of training, the predictions of the model are very bad.
- If we do not use Teacher Forcing, the hidden states of the model will be updated by a sequence of wrong predictions, errors will accumulate.
- It will be difficult for the model to learn from that.
- This technique allows us to prevent backpropagation through time which was complex and time-consuming. With teacher forcing the model will be trained faster .

# Search Strategy

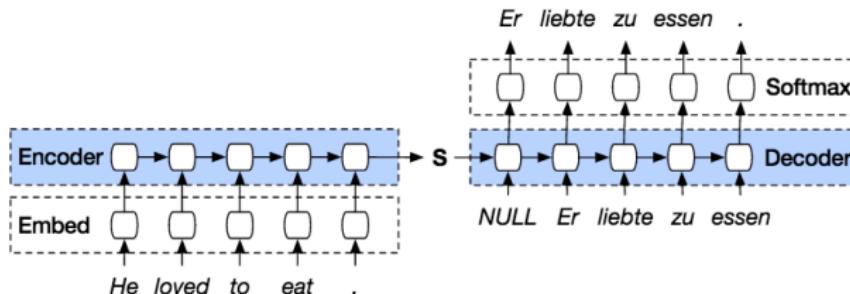


Figure: Simple Machine Translation Model, Source

- By now, we have discussed some important elements of sequence-to-sequence models (e.g. Machine Translation), including word embedding, LSTM, encoder, decoder, context vector, and softmax.
- But, there is a missing part! The search strategy for inference.

$$\hat{y}_T, \hat{y}_{T-1}, \dots, \hat{y}_1 = \underset{\tilde{y}_T, \tilde{y}_{T-1}, \dots, \tilde{y}_1}{\operatorname{argmax}} P(\tilde{y}_T, \tilde{y}_{T-1}, \dots, \tilde{y}_1 | S)$$

**Notice:**  $\tilde{y}_t$  is the corresponding word to time step t.

# Search Strategy

## ■ Exhaustive Search (Brute-force Search)

Iterate over all possible combinations of  $\tilde{y}_t, \tilde{y}_{t-1}, \dots, \tilde{y}_1$ .

- ▶ T: Total Time Step (the number of decoder units)
- ▶ V: Vocabulary Size (the number of possible words)
- ▶ Time Complexity:  $O(V^T)$
- ▶ So, it's not feasible.

# Search Strategy

## ■ Greedy Search

$$\max P(y_T, y_{T-1}, \dots, y_1 | S) = \max \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t | y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots, y_1, S)$$

$$\max \prod_{t=1}^T P(y_t | y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots, y_1, S) \approx \prod_{t=1}^T \max P(y_t | y_{t-1}, y_{t-2}, \dots, y_1, S)$$

Time step	1	2	3	4
A	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.0
B	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2
C	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
<eos>	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6

Figure: Greedy Search Example, [Source](#)

$$P((A, B, C, eos) | S) = P(A | (), S) P(B | (A), S) P(C | (A, B), S) P(eos | (A, B, C), S)$$

$$= 0.048$$

# Search Strategy

## ■ Greedy Search

### ► Advantages

- Time complexity:  $O(TV)$
- Sometimes it's a good approximation

### ► Disadvantages

- It is somehow too naive.
- It can be very inaccurate.

	Time step	1	2	3	4
A		0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
B		0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2
C		0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
<eos>		0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6

Figure: Greedy Search Example, [Source](#)

$$\begin{aligned} P((A, C, B, eos) | S) &= P(A | (), S) P(C | (A), S) P(B | (A, C), S) P(eos | (A, C, B), S) \\ &= 0.054 \end{aligned}$$

# Beam Search

## Beam Search

It's something between the two previous methods.

- ▶ Keeping a number of candidates (beam width) instead of one in Greedy Search and all of the combinations in Exhaustive Search.

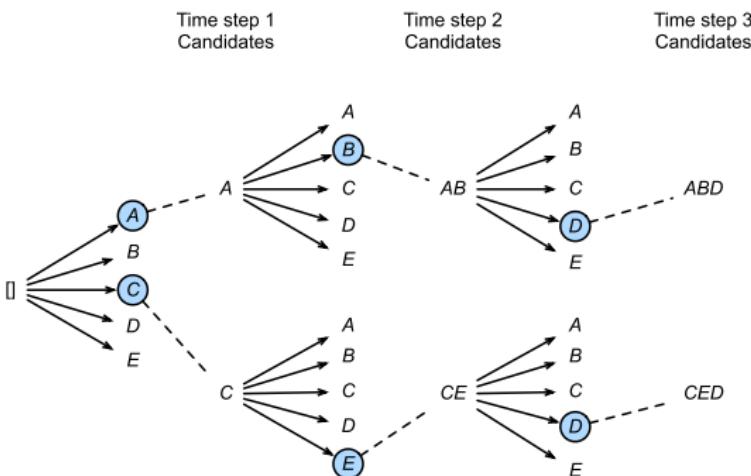


Figure: A Beam Search example in which beam width equals 2, [Source](#)

# Beam Search

## Beam Search

It's something between the two previous methods.

- ▶ k: Beam Width
- ▶ Time Complexity:  $O(\log(k)kVT)$  (By using max heap in each time step)

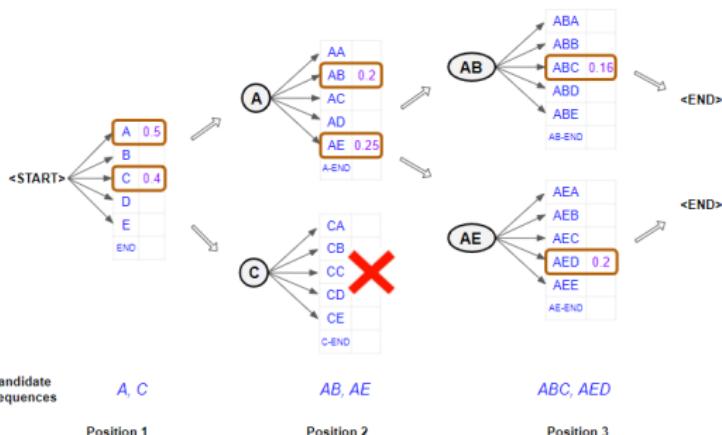


Figure: Another Beam Search example in which beam width equals 2, Source

# References

**Thank You!**

**Any Question?**