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# Gesture Phase Segmentation

IE7615 Neural Networks and Deep Learning Project

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# Motivation

- Process of dividing continuous gestures into distinct phases
- Identify boundaries between different gestures

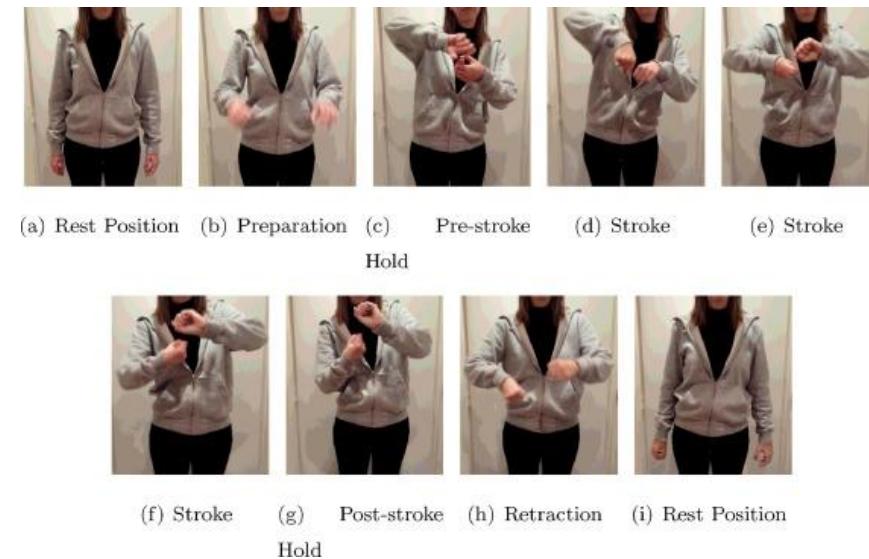


Figure 1: Gestures

# Objectives

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Gesture phase segmentation  
on temporal features  
extracted from video frames

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Compare performance of  
different neural network  
models

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# Implementation

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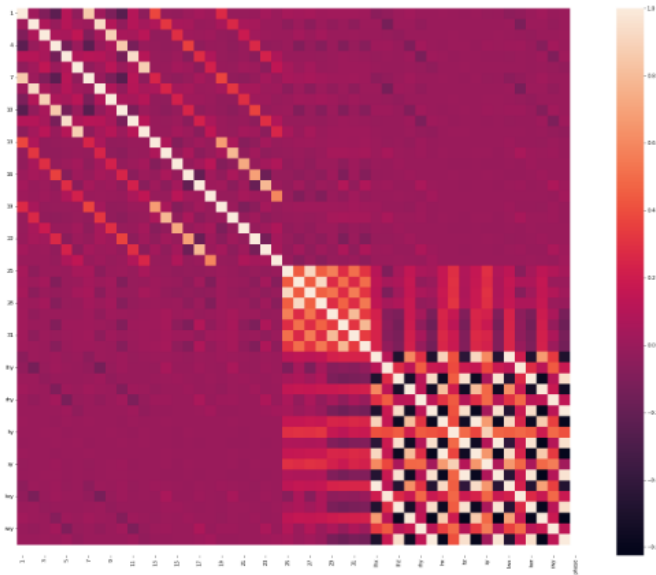


Figure2: Correlation Heatmap

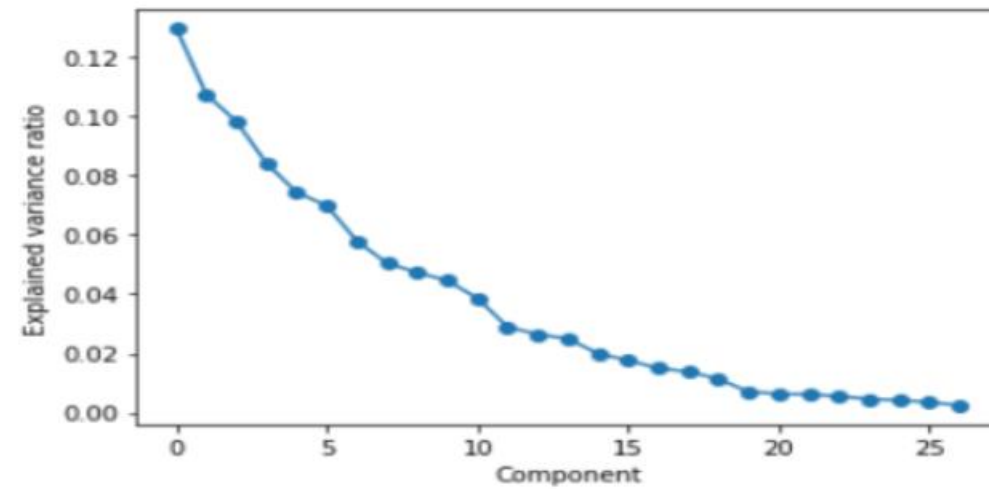


Figure3: Variance and PCA

# Implementation

- Inspired by structure and functioning of human brain
- Neurons are fundamental units
- Layers of interconnected nodes
- Feed output of one layer to next layer

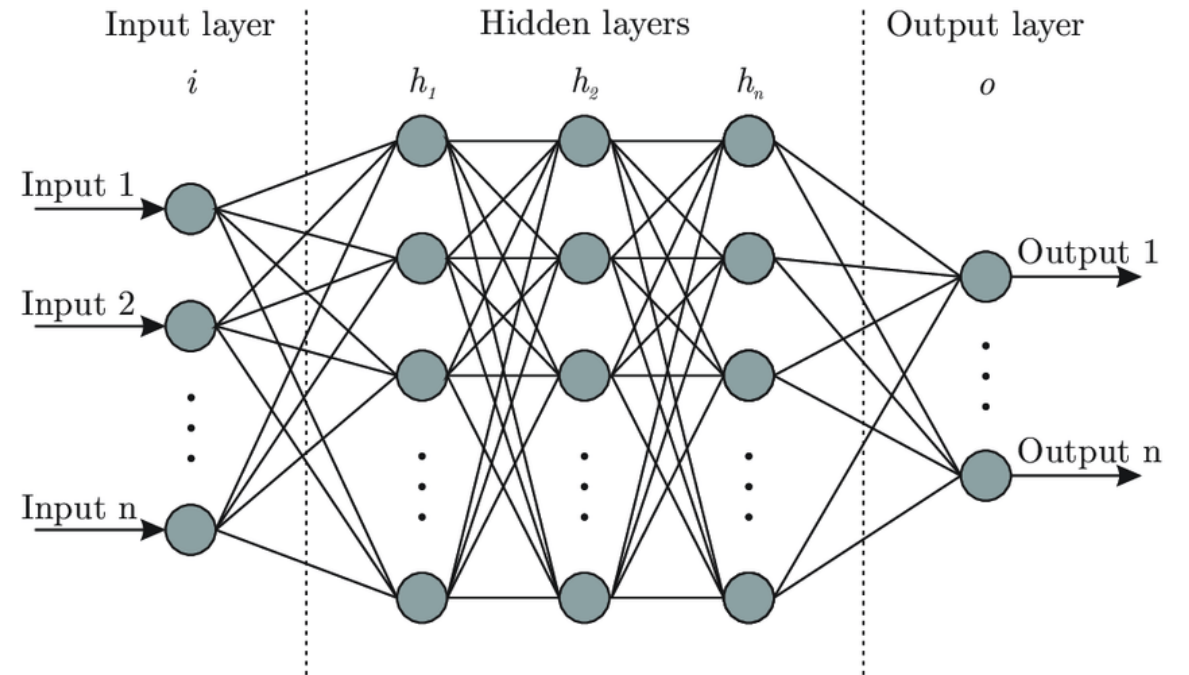


Figure4: Artificial Neural Networks

# Implementation

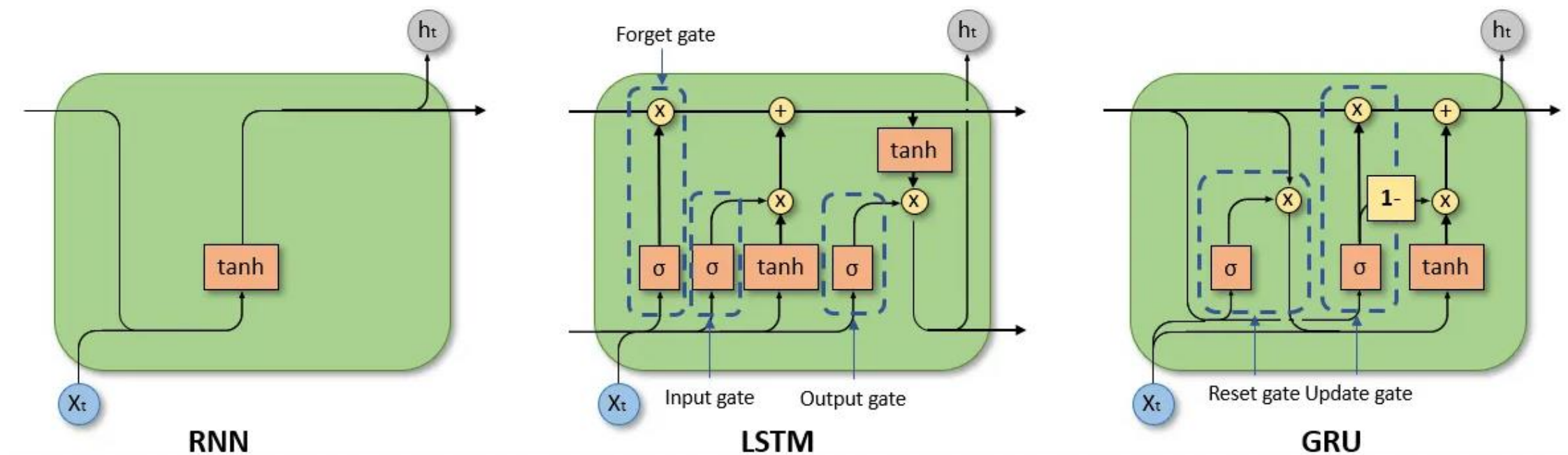


Figure5: Recurrent Neural Networks

# Dataset

- Features extracted from 7 videos of people gesticulating for purpose of studying gesture phase segmentation problem
- Raw files are composed of user's position of hands, wrists, head and spine in each frame
- processed files are comprised of information regarding user's hands, wrists' velocity and acceleration

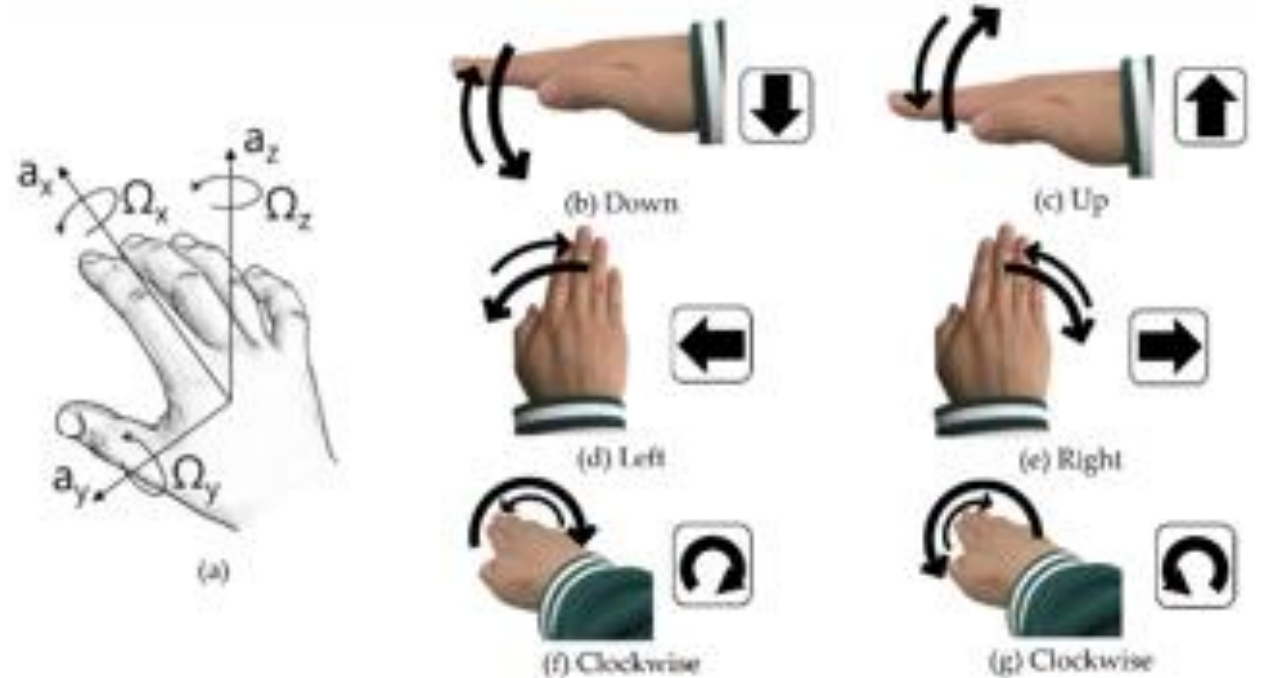


Figure 6

# Results

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# Artificial Neural Networks

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- Summary of ANN model

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense_566 (Dense)	(None, 512)	3072
dropout_201 (Dropout)	(None, 512)	0
dense_567 (Dense)	(None, 256)	131328
dropout_202 (Dropout)	(None, 256)	0
dense_568 (Dense)	(None, 128)	32896
dropout_203 (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_569 (Dense)	(None, 256)	33024
dense_570 (Dense)	(None, 128)	32896
dense_571 (Dense)	(None, 64)	8256
dropout_204 (Dropout)	(None, 64)	0
dense_572 (Dense)	(None, 64)	4160
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Total params: 248,325		
Trainable params: 248,325		
Non-trainable params: 0		

# Artificial Neural Networks

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Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	100
Batch Size	16
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of principal components	5
Activation function	ReLU
Dropout	0.01
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 1: Hyperparameters for ANN for 79.99 % Accuracy

Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	300
Batch Size	32
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of principal components	5
Activation function	ReLU
Dropout	0.02
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 2: Hyperparameters for ANN for 74.43 % Accuracy

# Artificial Neural Networks

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Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	100
Batch Size	8
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of principal components	5
Activation function	ReLU
Dropout	0.02
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 3: Hyperparameters for ANN for 65.55 % Accuracy

Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	300
Batch Size	16
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of principal components	5
Activation function	ReLU
Dropout	0.02
SGD Optimizer	0.01 , 0.9

Table 4: Hyperparameters for ANN for 64.33 % Accuracy

# Recurrent Neural Networks



Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	300
Batch Size	32
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of features	50
Activation function	ReLU, Softmax
Dropout	0.02
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 6: Hyperparameters for 'Vanilla' RNN for 66.6 % Accuracy

Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	100
Batch Size	32
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of features	50
Activation function	ReLU, Softmax
Dropout	0.02
SGD Optimizer	0.01, 0.09

Table 7: Hyperparameters for 'Vanilla' RNN for 39.9 % Accuracy

# Recurrent Neural Networks



Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	50
Batch Size	32
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of features	50
Activation function	ReLU, Softmax
Dropout	0.02
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 8: Hyperparameters for LSTM RNN for 70.4 % Accuracy

Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	50
Batch Size	132
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of features	50
Activation function	ReLU, Softmax
Dropout	0.02
SGD Optimizer	0.01 , 0.9

Table 9: Hyperparameters for LSTM RNN for 71.1 % Accuracy

# Recurrent Neural Networks

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Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	100
Batch Size	32
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of features	50
Activation function	ReLU, Softmax
Dropout	0.2
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 10: Hyperparameters for GRU RNN for 75.2 % Accuracy

Hyperparameter	Value
Epoch	100
Batch Size	32
L2 Regularizer	0.01
No of features	50
Activation function	ReLU, Softmax
Dropout	0.2
Adam Optimizer	0.01

Table 10: Hyperparameters for GRU RNN for 75.2 % Accuracy

# Results of performance evaluation

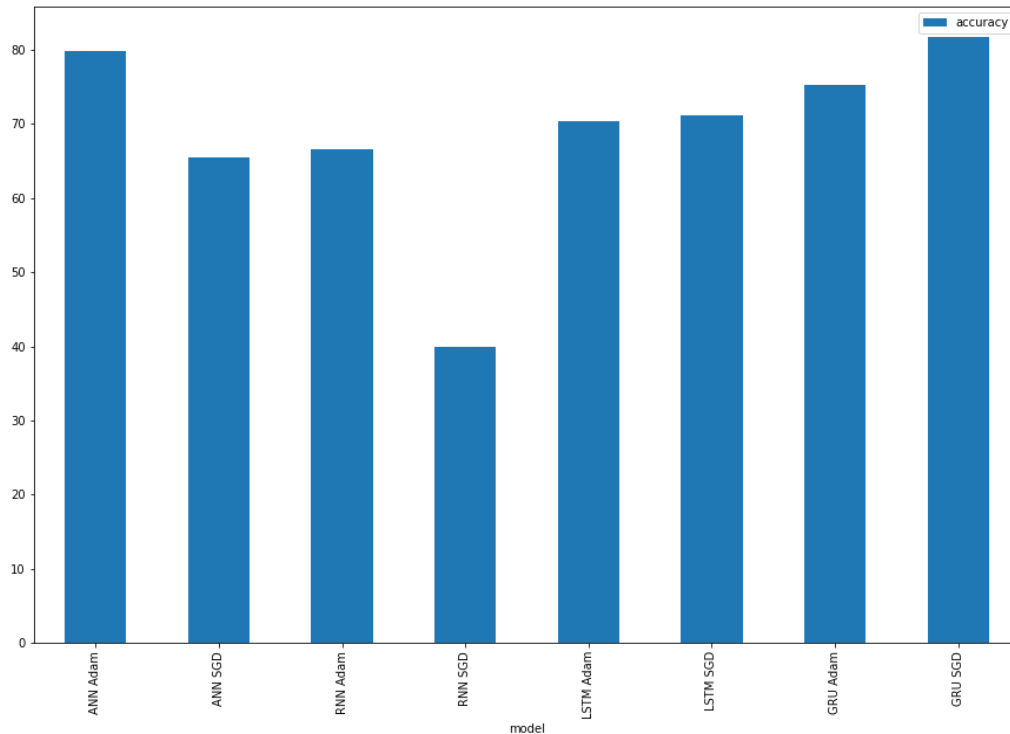


Figure 7

Model	Optimizer	Accuracy
ANN	Adam	79.99%
ANN	SGD	65.55%
RNN	Adam	66.60%
RNN	SGD	39.90%
LSTM	Adam	70.40%
LSTM	SGD	71.10%
GRU	Adam	75.20%
GRU	SGD	81.70%

# Drawbacks

- **Artificial Neural Networks**

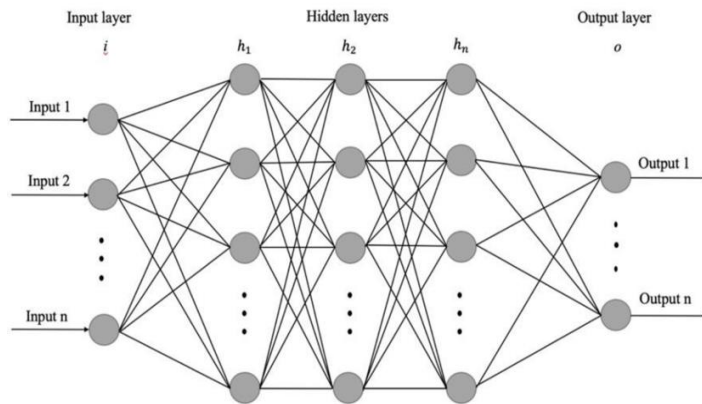


Figure 8

## Adam Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
- 0.01 regularizer

## SGD Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01, 0.09 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
- 0.01 regularizer

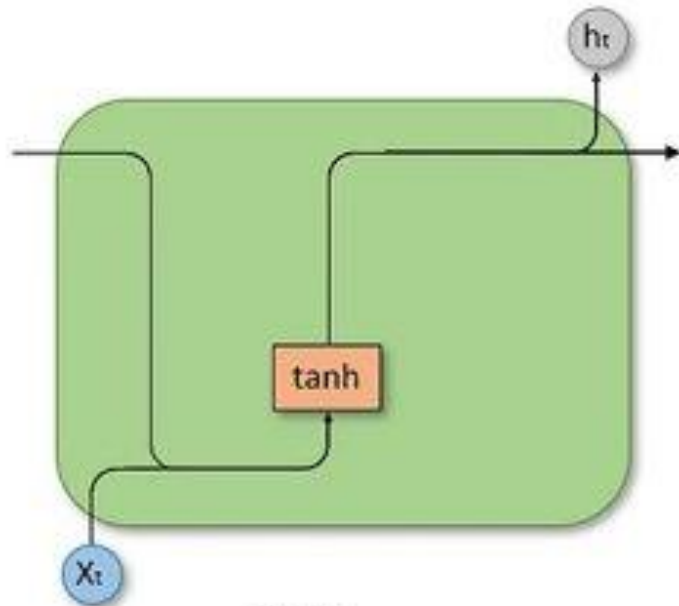
## Drawbacks:

- **Not suitable for time-series data**
- **Risk of overfitting**
- **Long training**



# Drawbacks

- **'Vanilla' Recurrent Neural Networks**



RNN

Figure 9

## Adam Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
- 0.01 regularizer

## SGD Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01, 0.09 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
- 0.01 regularizer

## Drawbacks:

- **Too simple for time series**
- **No control of amount of information**
- **Long training**
- **Complex training**

# Drawbacks

- **Long Short-Term Memory RNN**

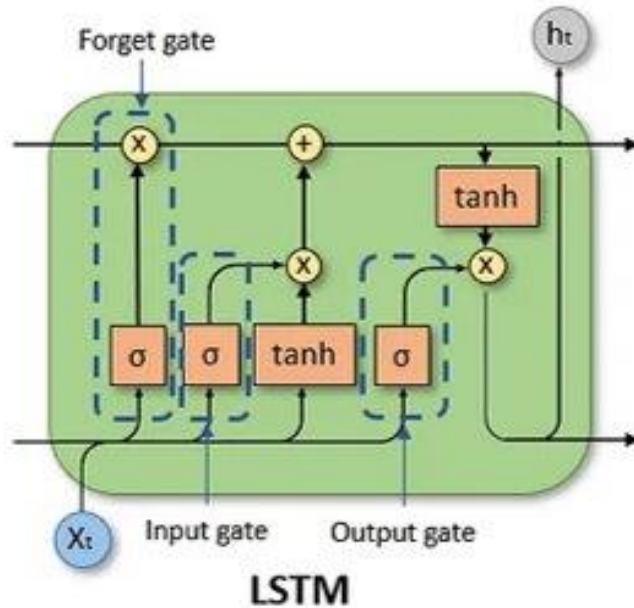


Figure 10

## Adam Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
- 0.01 regularizer

## SGD Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01, 0.09 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
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## Drawbacks:

- **Time inefficiency due to complexity**
- **Low learning efficiency**
- **Complex training**

# Drawbacks

- **Gated Recurrent Unit RNN**

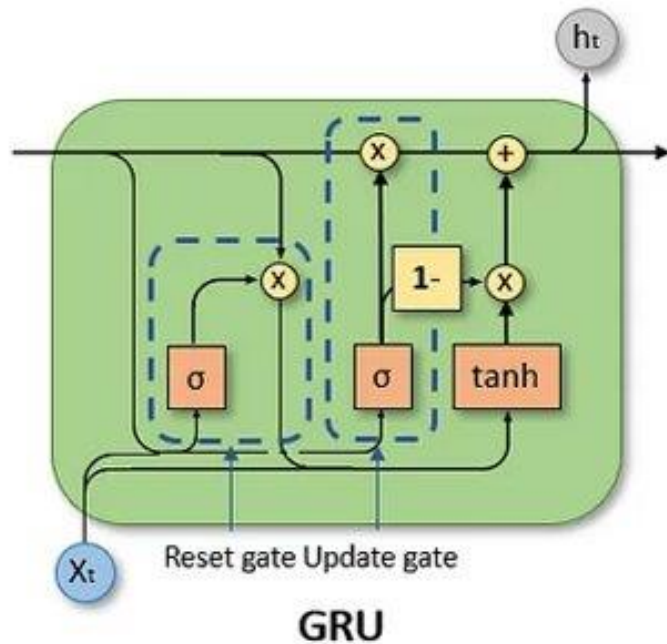


Figure 11

## Adam Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01 optimizer
- 0.02 dropout
- 0.01 regularizer

## SGD Optimization:

- ReLU activation
- 0.01, 0.09 optimizer
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- 0.01 regularizer

## Drawbacks:

- **Slow convergence**
- **Low learning efficiency**
- **Long training**
- **Risk of underfitting**

# Conclusion

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RNN performs slightly better than ANN. Out of variety of RNN models, GRU works the best.

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We consider this as expected discovery, since our dataset consists of timesteps and RNN is focused on fitting time-series data.

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Additionally, we have observed how different optimizers and hyperparameters may influence the performance of models and the difference in the time efficiency between models.

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GRU = process twice more epochs than LSTM/same time, which makes GRU more efficient model to implement for larger datasets.

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LSTM might have performed better for larger number of epochs, but it will not be time efficient.

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Questions?



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