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Recurrent and Recursive Neural
Networks

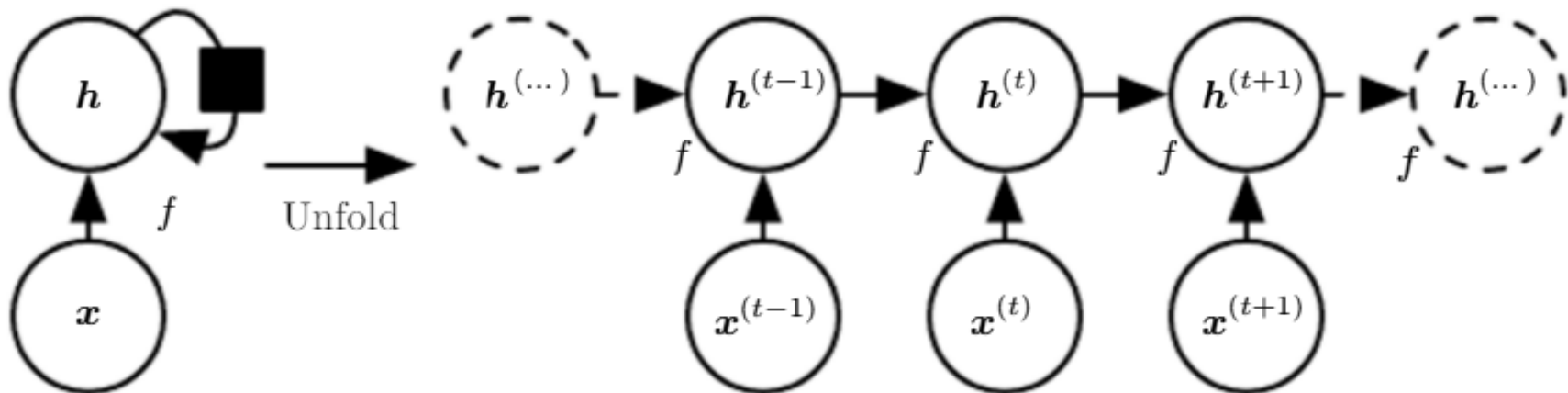
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Variable length data

- Traditional feed forward neural networks can only handle fixed length data
- Variable length data (e.g., sequences, time-series, spatial data) leads to a variable # of parameters
- Solutions:
 - Recurrent neural networks
 - Recursive neural networks

Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)

- In RNNs, outputs can be fed back to the network as inputs, creating a recurrent structure that can be unrolled to handle varying length data.



Training

- Recurrent neural networks are trained by backpropagation on the unrolled network
 - E.g. backpropagation through time
- Weight sharing:
 - Combine gradients of shared weights into a single gradient
- Challenges:
 - Gradient vanishing (and explosion)
 - Long range memory
 - Prediction drift

RNN for belief monitoring

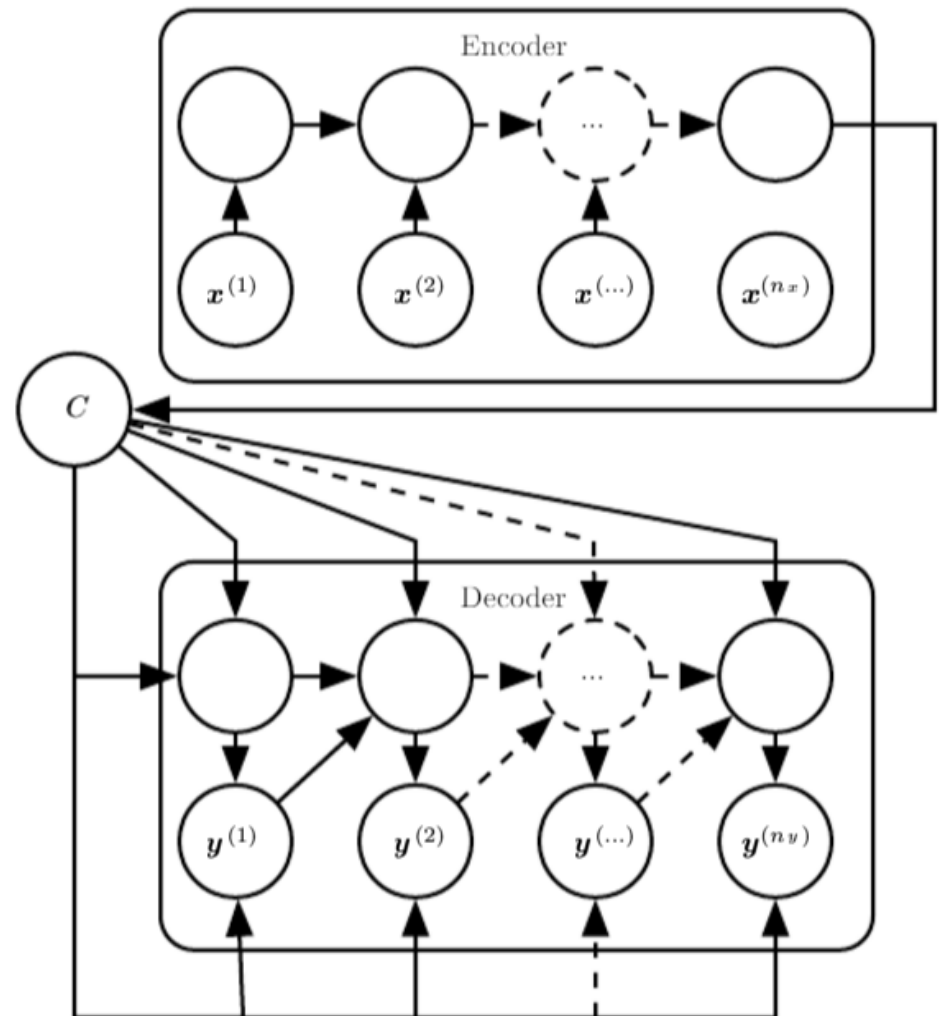
- HMM can be simulated and generalized by a RNN

Bi-Directional RNN

- We can combine past and future evidence in separate chains

Encoder-Decoder Model

- Also known as sequence2sequence
 - $x^{(i)}$: i^{th} input
 - $y^{(i)}$: i^{th} output
 - c : context (embedding)
- Usage:
 - Machine translation
 - Question answering
 - Dialog



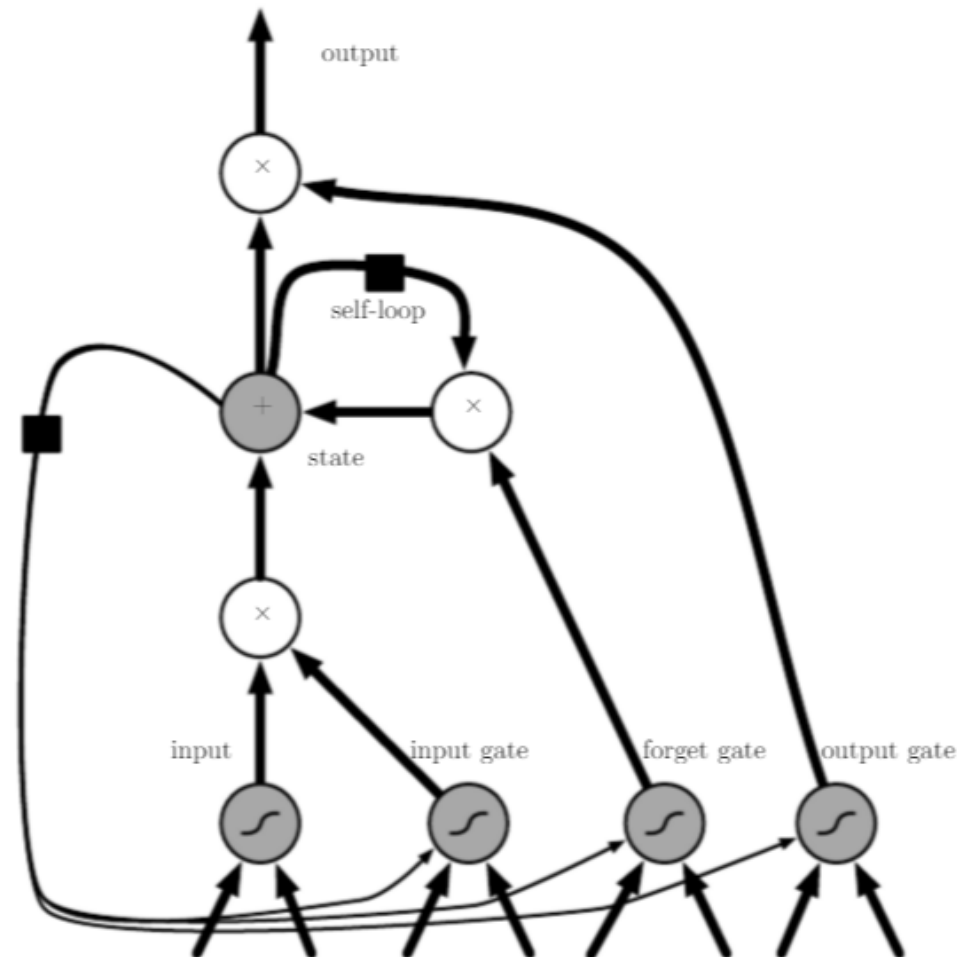
Machine Translation

- Cho, van Merriënboer, Gulcehre, Bahdanau, Bougares, Schwenk, Bengio (2014) Learning Phrase Representations using RNN Encoder-Decoder for Statistical Machine Translation

Source	Translation Model	RNN Encoder-Decoder
at the end of the	[a la fin de la] [f la fin des années] [être supprimés à la fin de la]	[à la fin du] [à la fin des] [à la fin de la]
for the first time	[r © pour la première fois] [été donnés pour la première fois] [été commémorée pour la première fois]	[pour la première fois] [pour la première fois ,] [pour la première fois que]
in the United States and	[? aux ?tats-Unis et] [été ouvertes aux États-Unis et] [été constatées aux États-Unis et]	[aux Etats-Unis et] [des Etats-Unis et] [des États-Unis et]
, as well as	[?s , qu'] [?s , ainsi que] [?re aussi bien que]	[, ainsi qu'] [, ainsi que] [, ainsi que les]
one of the most	[?t ?l' un des plus] [?!' un des plus] [être retenue comme un de ses plus]	[l' un des] [le] [un des]

Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)

- Special gated structure to control memorization and forgetting in RNNs
- Mitigate gradient vanishing
- Facilitate long term memory



Unrolled LSTM

- Picture

LSTM cell in practice

- Adjustments:
 - Hidden state h_t called cell state c_t
 - Output y_t called hidden state h_t

- Update equations

Input gate: $i_t = \sigma(W^{(ii)}\bar{x}_t + W^{(hi)}h_{t-1})$

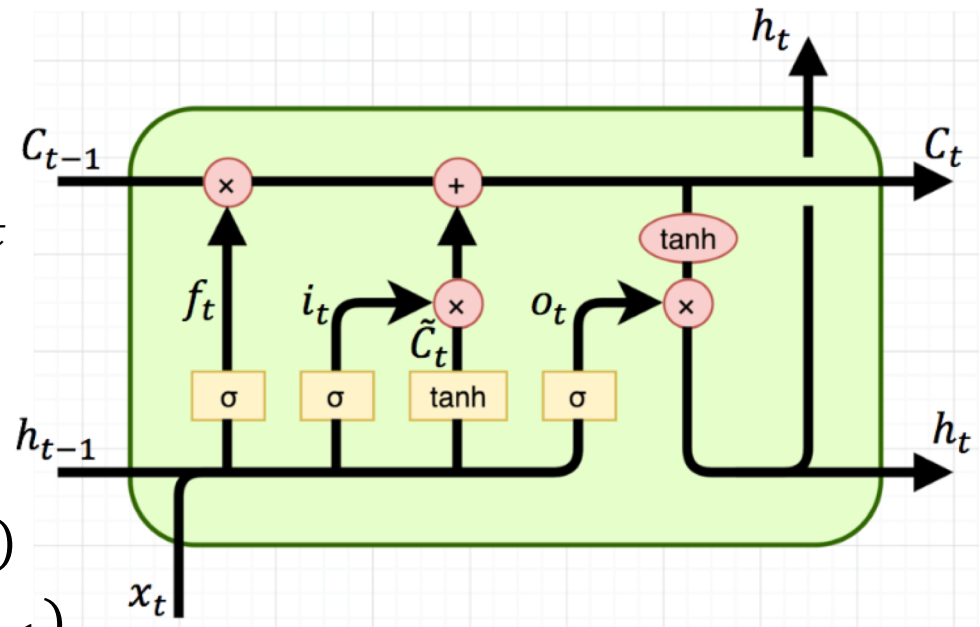
Forget gate: $f_t = \sigma(W^{(if)}\bar{x}_t + W^{(hf)}h_{t-1})$

Output gate: $o_t = \sigma(W^{(io)}\bar{x}_t + W^{(ho)}h_{t-1})$

Process input: $\tilde{c}_t = \tanh(W^{(i\tilde{c})}\bar{x}_t + W^{(h\tilde{c})}h_{t-1})$

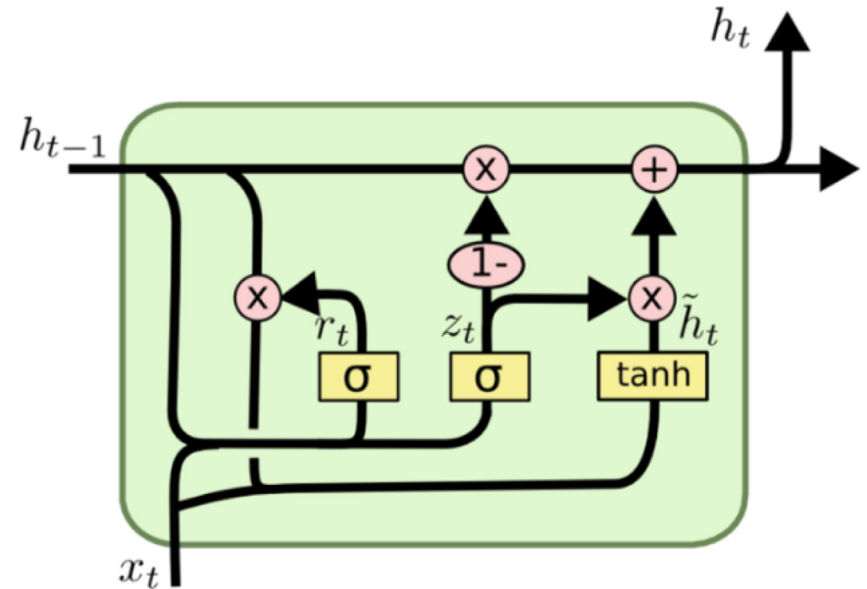
Cell update: $c_t = f_t * c_{t-1} + i_t * \tilde{c}_t$

Output: $y_t = h_t = o_t * \tanh(c_t)$



Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU)

- Simplified LSTM
 - No cell state
 - Two gates (instead of three)
 - Fewer weights



- Update equations

Reset gate: $r_t = \sigma(W^{(ir)}\bar{x}_t + W^{(hr)}h_{t-1})$

Update gate: $z_t = \sigma(W^{(iz)}\bar{x}_t + W^{(hz)}h_{t-1})$

Process input: $\tilde{h}_t = \tanh\left(W^{(i\tilde{h})}\bar{x}_t + r_t * (W^{(h\tilde{h})}h_{t-1})\right)$

Hidden state update: $h_t = (1 - z_t) * h_{t-1} + z_t * \tilde{h}_t$

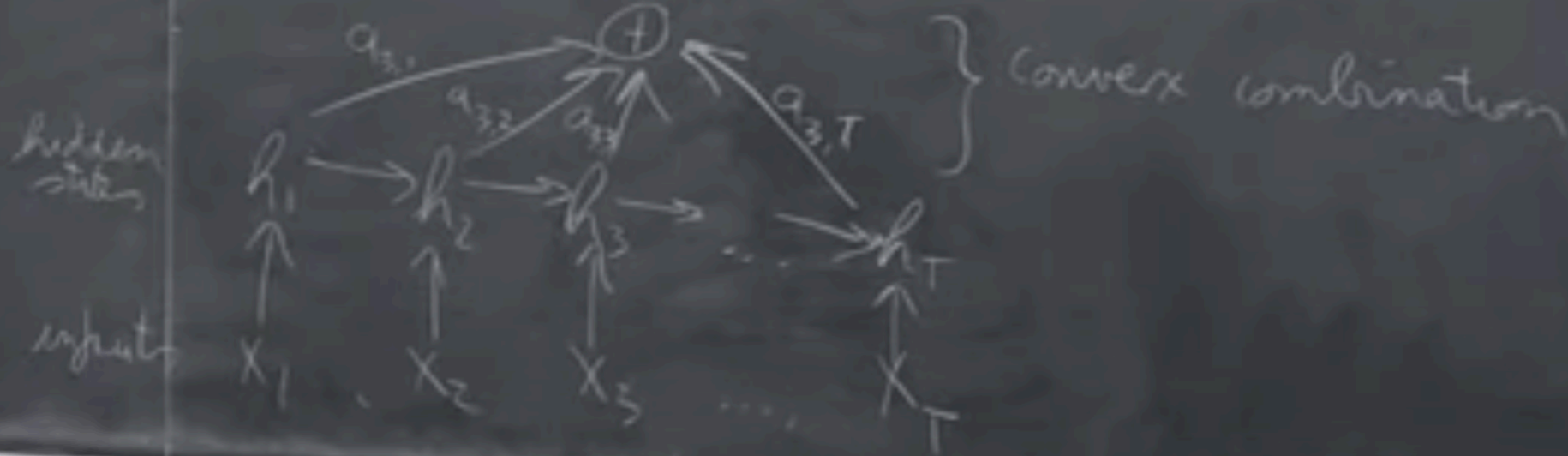
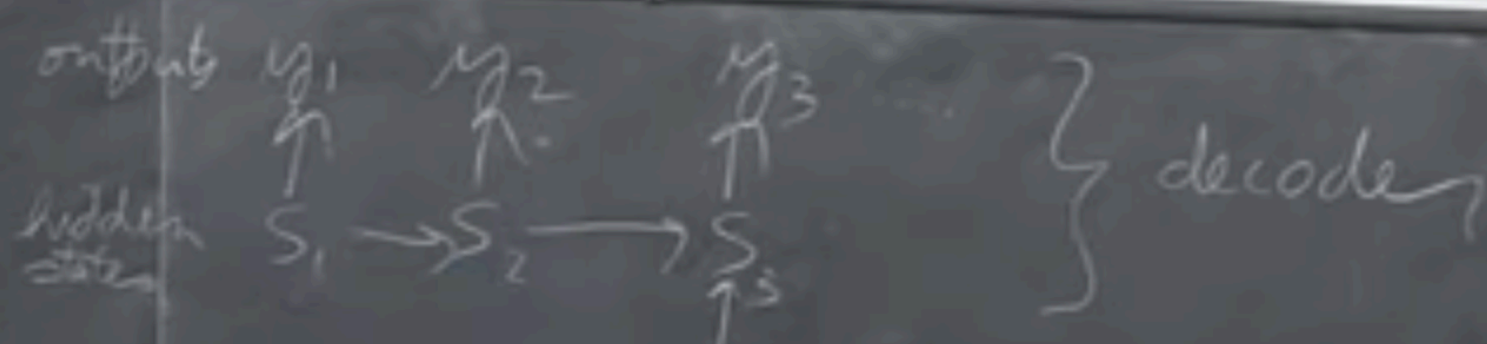
Output: $y_t = h_t$

Attention

- Mechanism for alignment in machine translation, image captioning, etc.
- Attention in machine translation: align each output word with relevant input words by computing a softmax of the inputs
 - Context vector c_i : weighted sum of input encodings h_j
$$c_i = \sum_j a_{ij} h_j$$
 - Where a_{ij} is an alignment weight between input encoding h_j and output encoding s_i
$$a_{ij} = \frac{\exp(\text{alignment}(s_{i-1}, h_j))}{\sum_{j'} \exp(\text{alignment}(s_{i-1}, h_{j'}))} \text{ (softmax)}$$
 - Alignment example: $\text{alignment}(s_{i-1}, h_j) = s_{i-1}^T h_j$

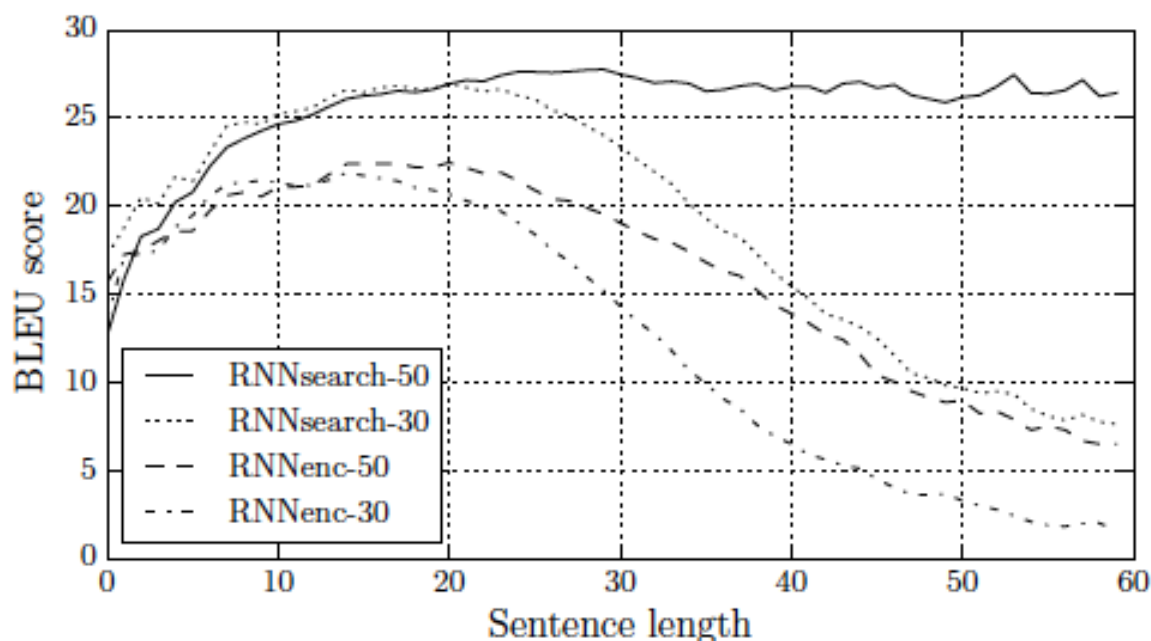
Attention

- Picture



Machine Translation with Bidirectional RNNs, LSTM units and attention

- Bahdanau, Cho, Bengio (ICLR-2015)

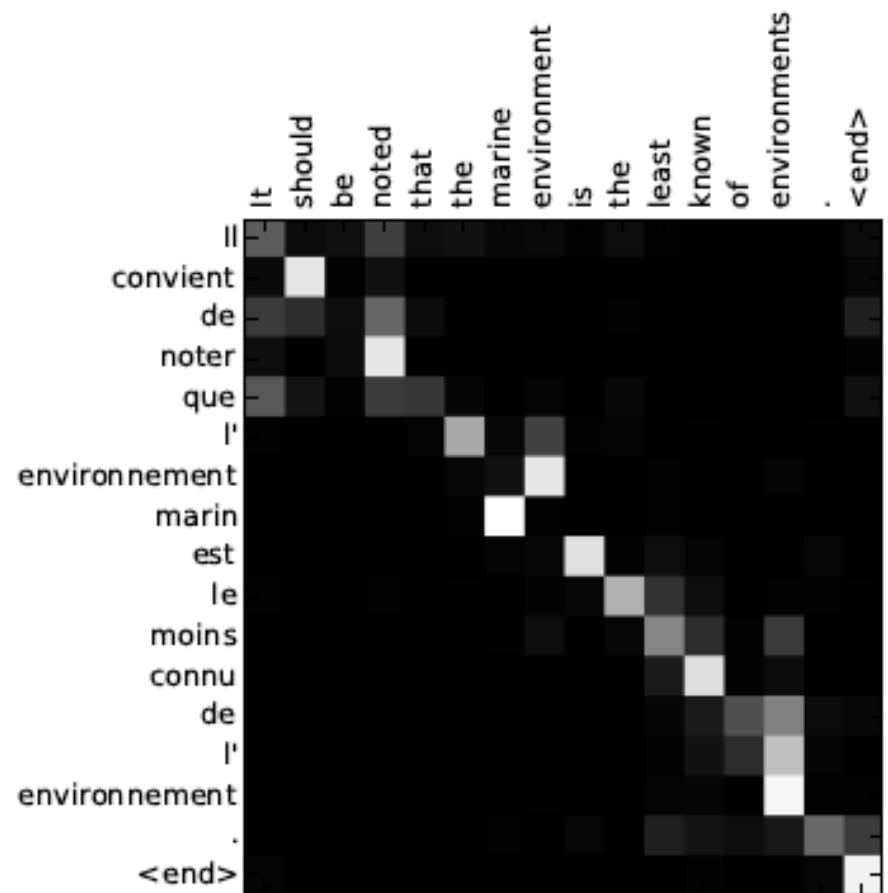
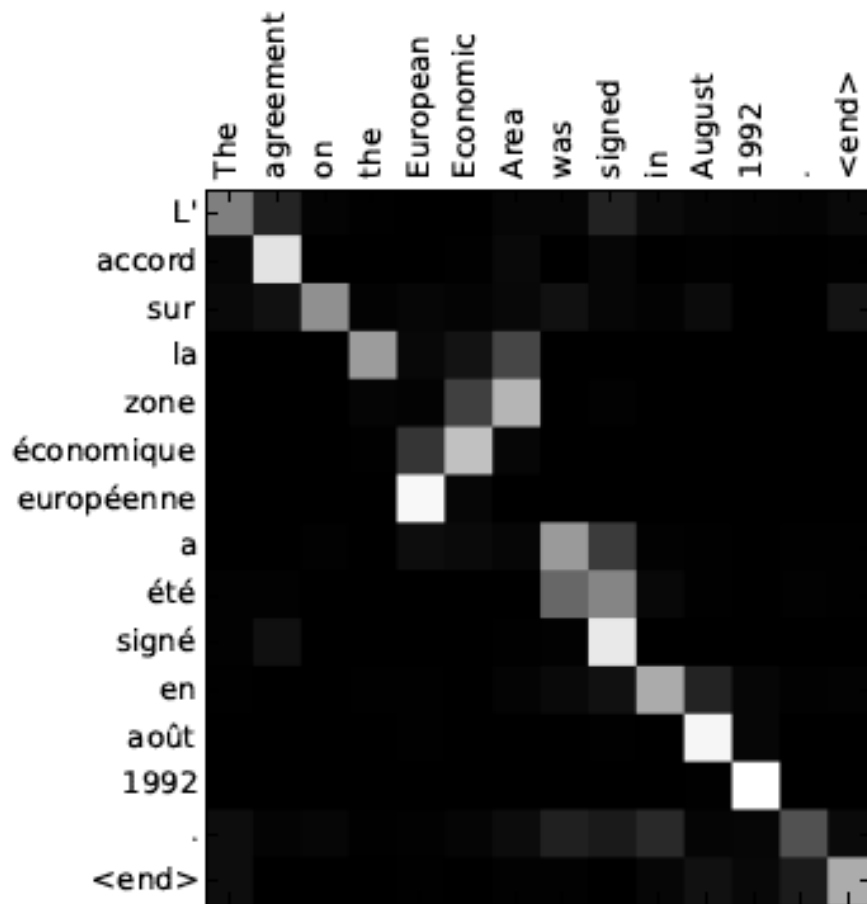


RNNsearch: with attention
RNNenc: no attention

- Bleu: BiLingual Evaluation Understudy
 - Percentage of translated words that appear in ground truth

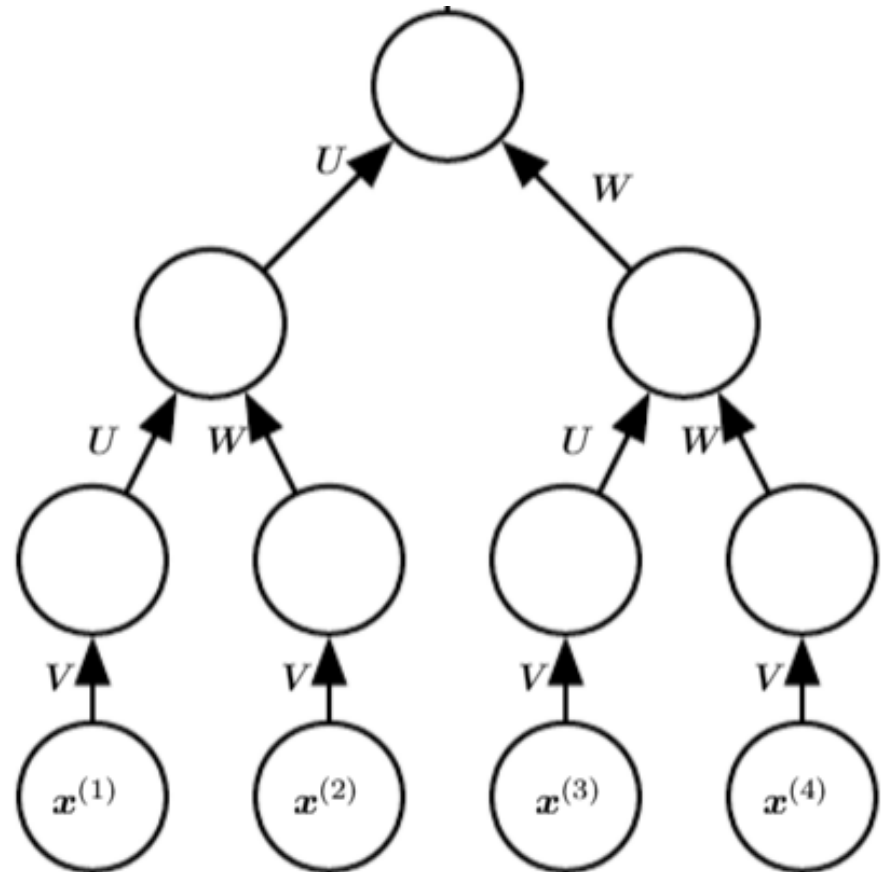
Alignment example

- Bahdanau, Cho, Bengio (ICLR-2015)



Recursive Neural network

- Recursive neural networks generalize recurrent neural networks from chains to trees.
- Weight sharing allows trees of different sizes to fit variable length data.
- What structure should the tree follow?



Example: Semantic Parsing

- Use a parse tree or dependency graph as the structure of the recursive neural network
- Example: