

# **EE7207 Lecture 8**

Modern Recurrent Neural Networks

# About me

Just call me Nick!



**Nick LUO Wuqiong**

Vice President  
Data Science Lead  
OCBC AI Lab

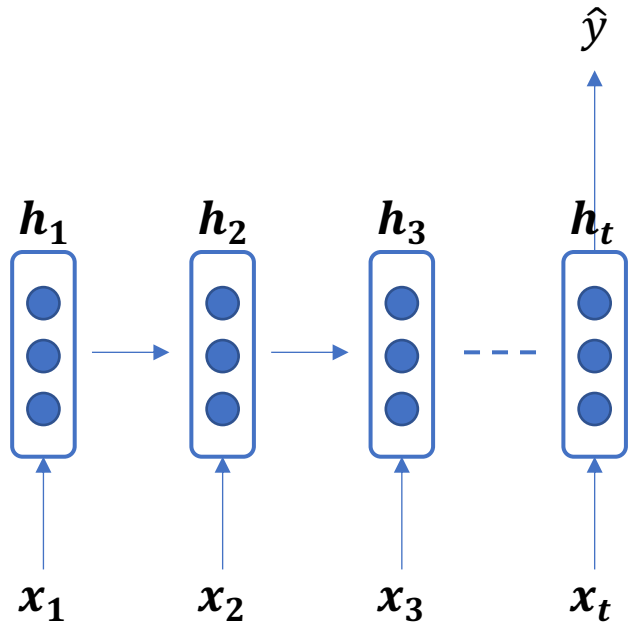


# Examples of sequence data in applications

Language Model	Speech Recognition	Machine Translation	Stock Prediction
Sequence to one	Sequence to sequence	Sequence to sequence	Sequence to one
X: text sequence Y: next word	X: wave sequence Y: text sequence	X: text sequence (in one language) Y: text sequence (in another language)	X: sequence of market data Y: next day/year price/direction

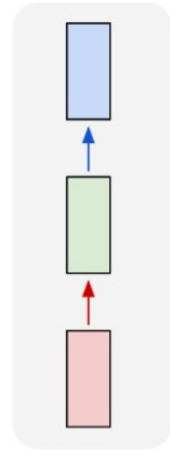
- Most machine learning models can only handle structured data in a tabular form
- It's difficult to deal with unstructured sequence data
- Earlier attempt of converting unstructured sequence data into structured form:
  - Bag-of-words: the text sequence is represented as the bag of its words, discarding the word order

# Recurrent Neural Network

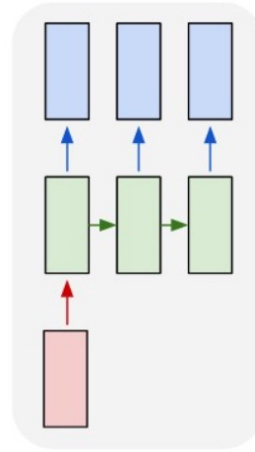


many to one example

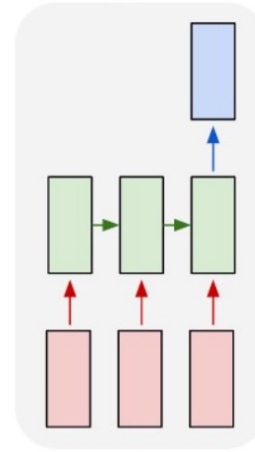
one to one



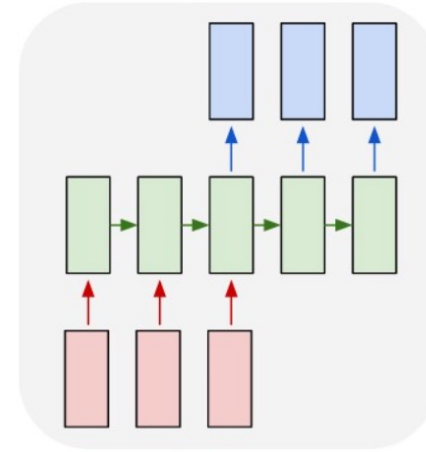
one to many



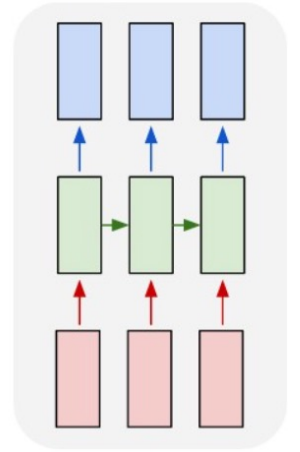
many to one



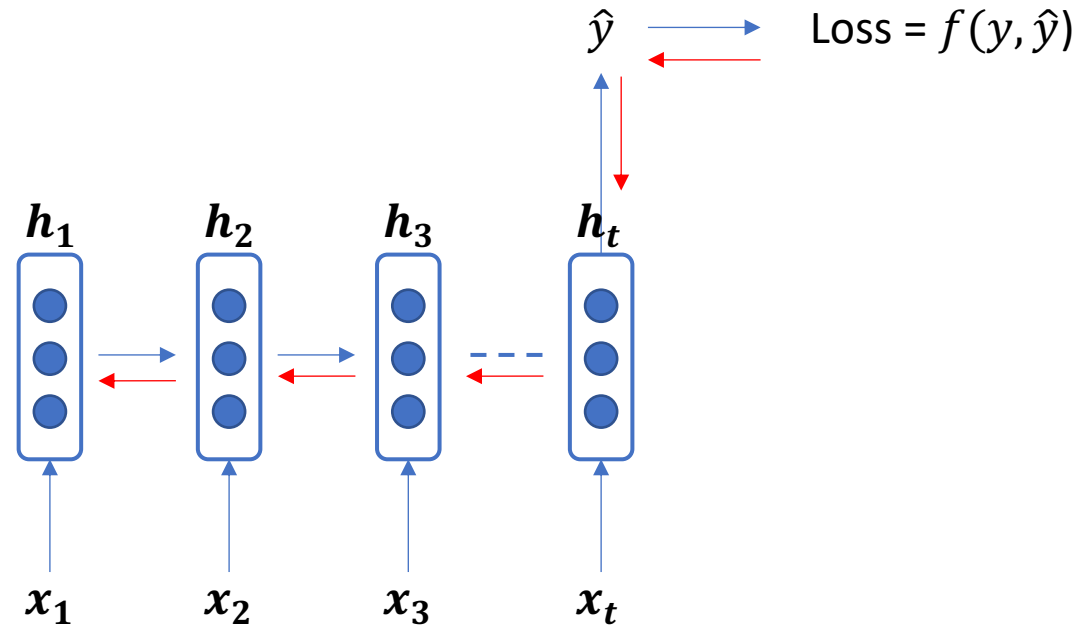
many to many



many to many



# Backpropagation through time



# Vanishing gradients and exploding gradient problem

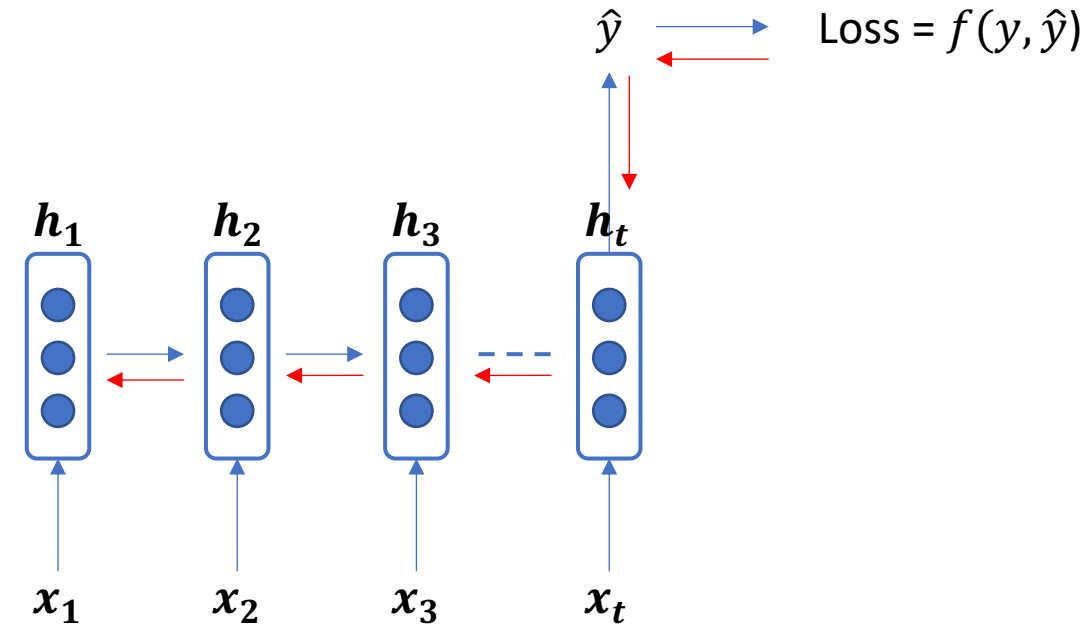
The chain rule:  $\sigma'(h_t) \times \sigma'(h_{t-1}) \times \dots \times \sigma'(h_1)$

The value becomes **very large** if each of them is greater than 1:  
exploding gradients problem

- Gradient clipping: cap the gradient at a predefined value

The value becomes **0** fast if each of them is less than 1:  
vanishing gradients problem

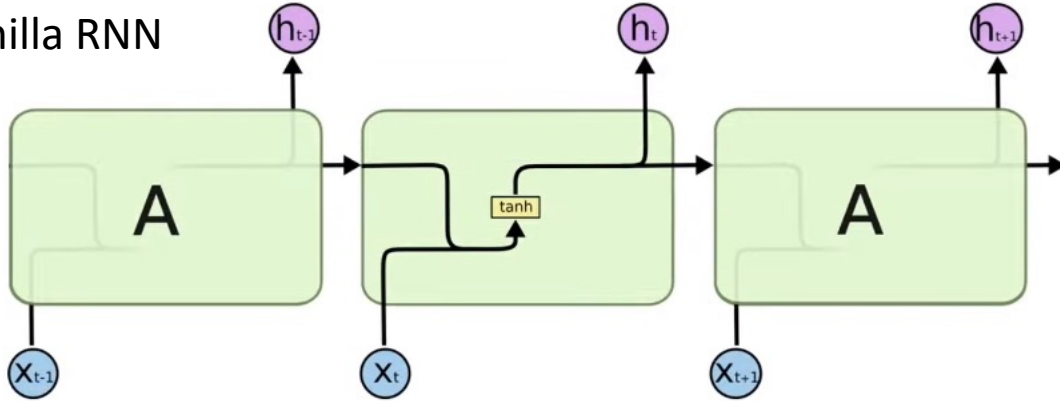
- No easy way to handle this for vanilla RNN, we'll be introducing LSTM and GRU that can (partially) address this issue



Vanilla RNN is not good at capturing long-term dependencies.

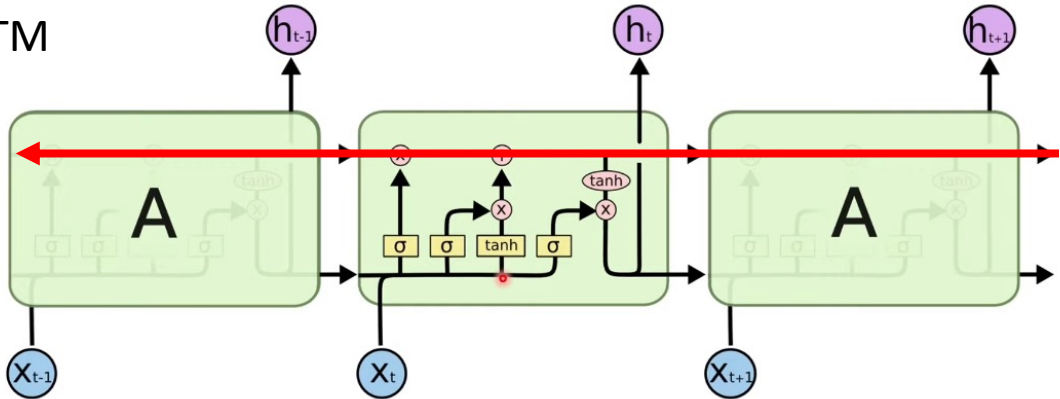
# Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) Networks

Vanilla RNN



- LSTM has **gates** to optionally let information through
- LSTM can decide how much old information to forget and how much new information to remember

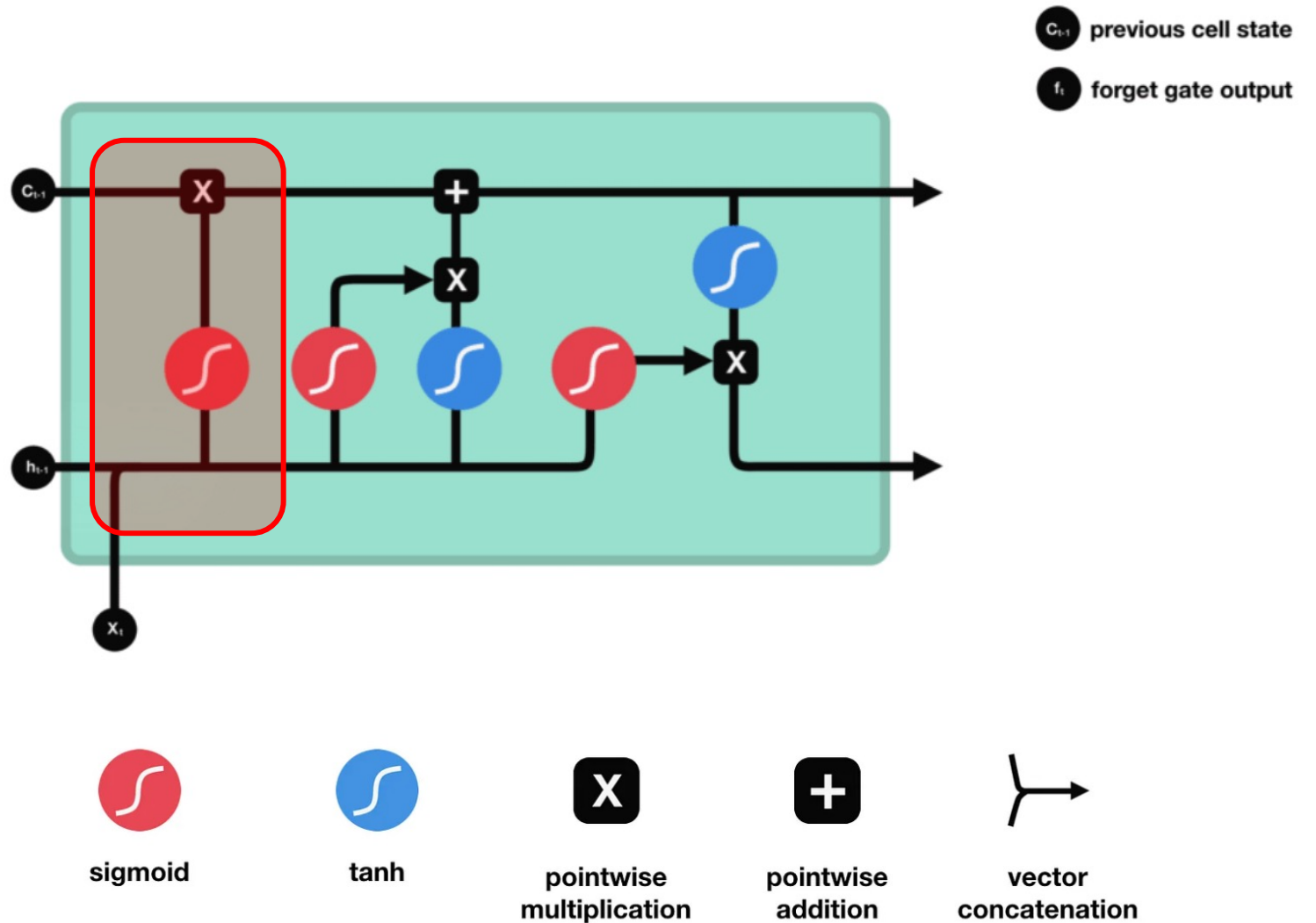
LSTM



- A highway for gradients to pass through
- Similar to ResNet for computer vision

# LSTM Networks – Forget Gate

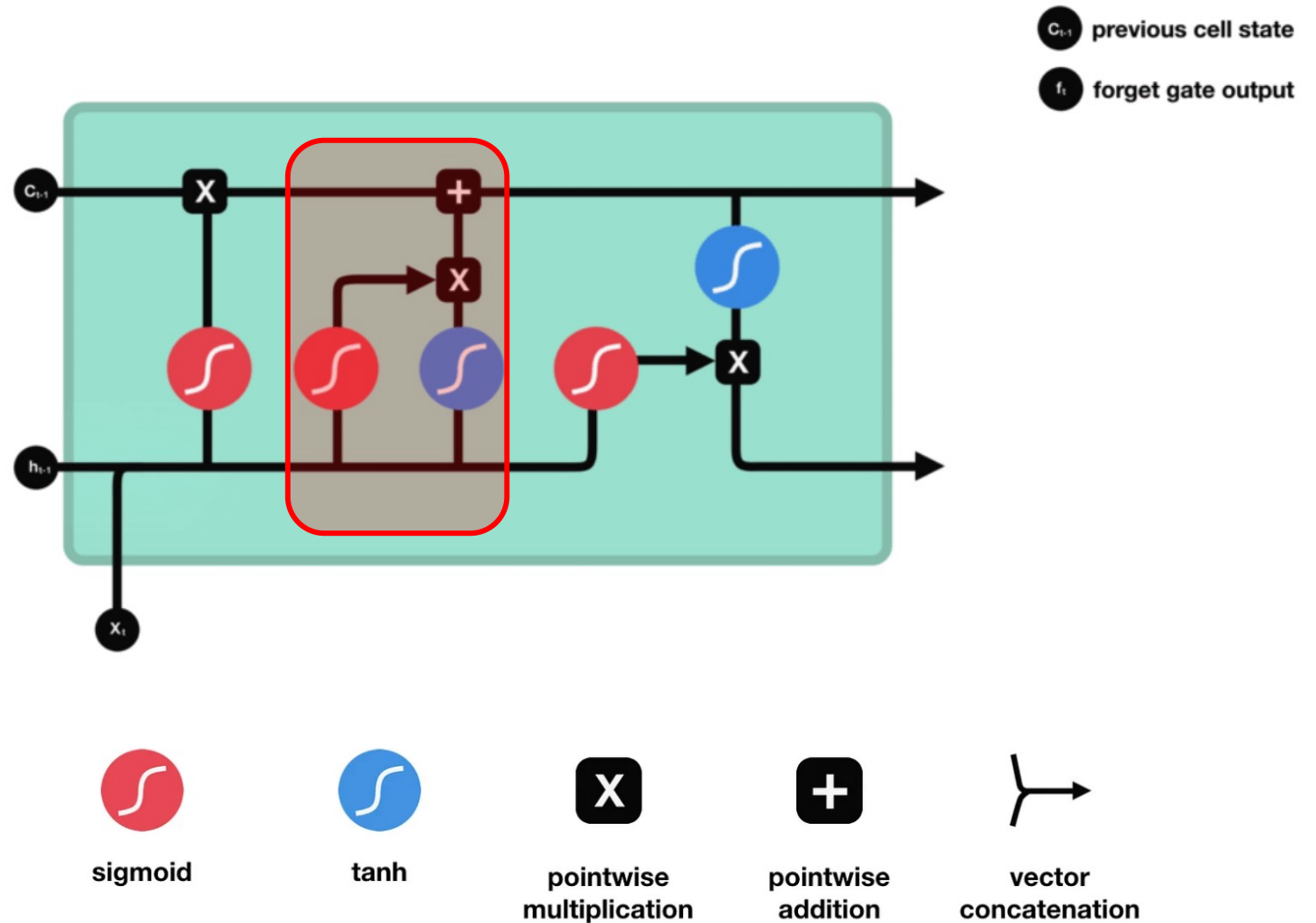
- Forget gate: how much information in previous cell state shall be kept or forgotten
- Input of sigmoid: previous hidden states and current input
- Output of sigmoid: value between 0 and 1
  - 0: forget all previous cell info
  - 1: keep all previous cell info





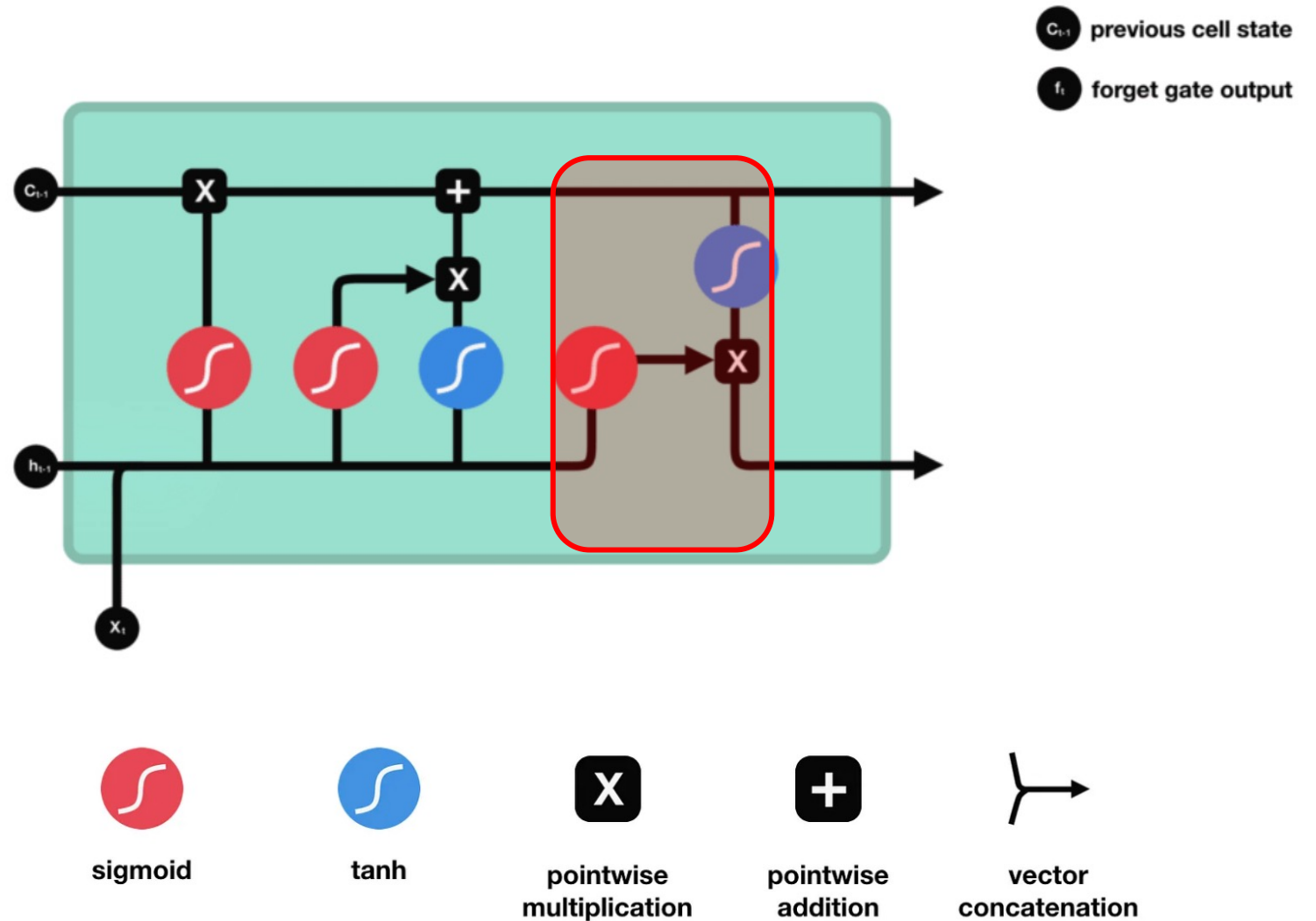
# LSTM Networks – Input Gate

- Input gate: how much new information to be added to the cell state
- Input of sigmoid: previous hidden states and current input
- Output of sigmoid: value between 0 and 1 to decide which values are important
- Output of tanh: regulate the value to be between -1 and 1
- Multiply tanh output with sigmoid output: discount non-important information from the tanh output



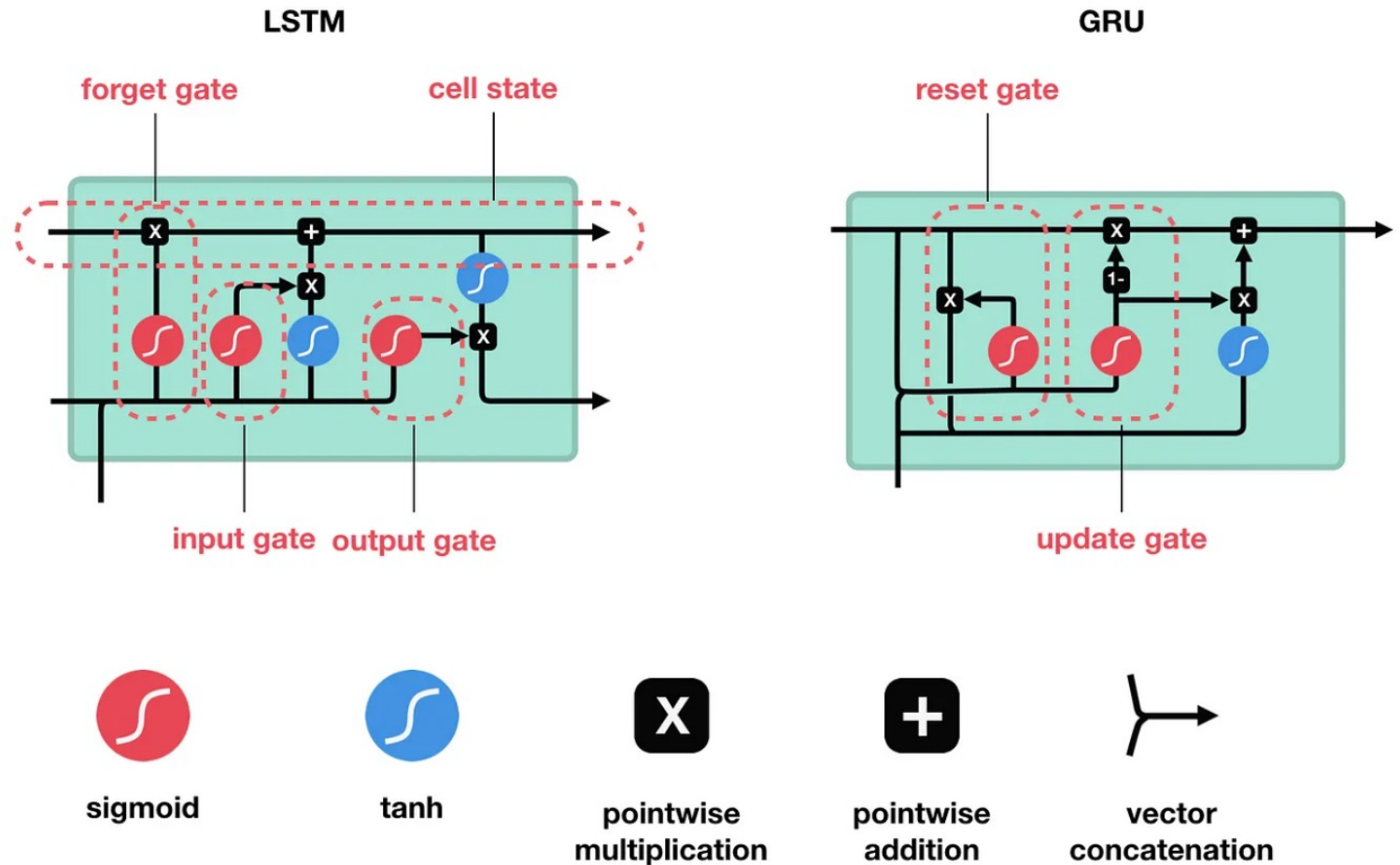
# LSTM Networks – Output Gate

- Output gate: what shall be the next hidden state
- Input of sigmoid: previous hidden states and current input
- Output of sigmoid: value between 0 and 1 to decide which information hidden state shall carry forward
- Pass the newly updated cell state through a tanh function, then multiply with sigmoid output
- Result will be the updated hidden state

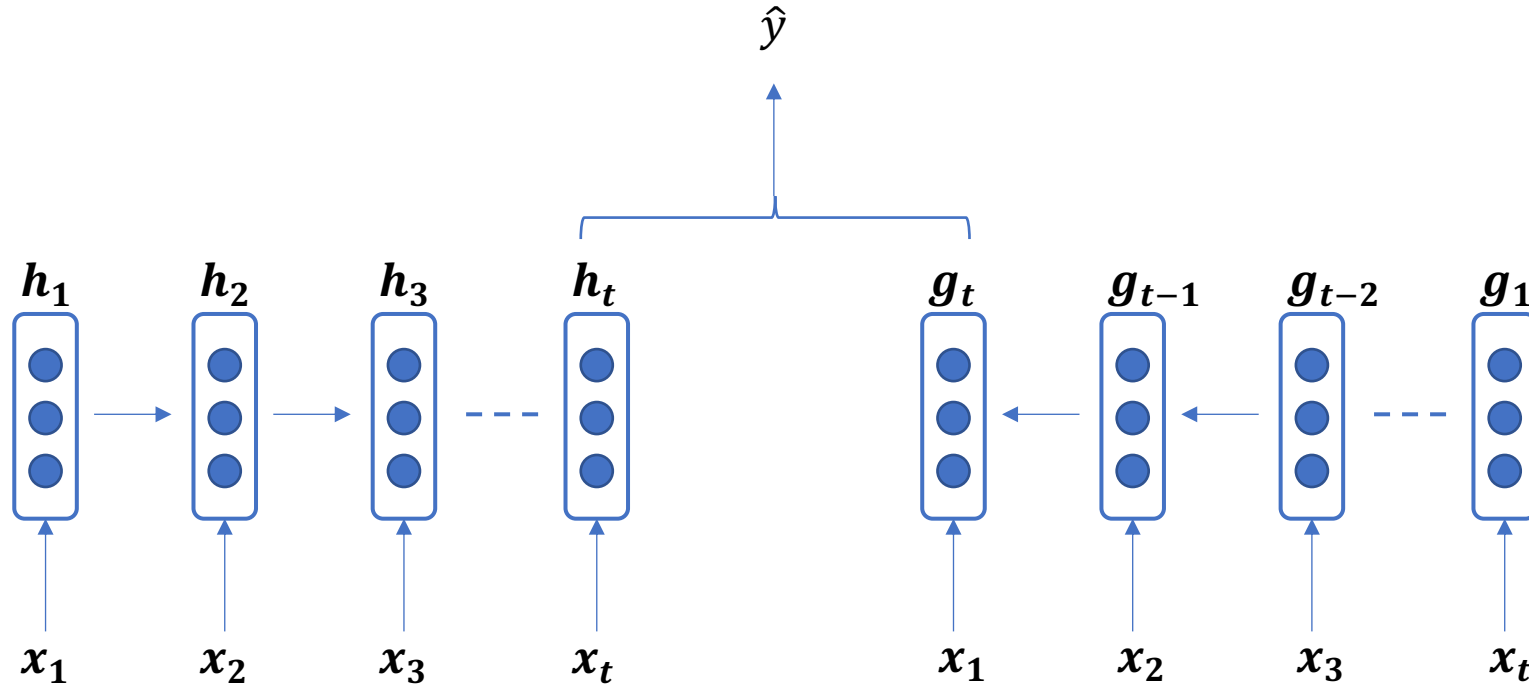


# Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs)

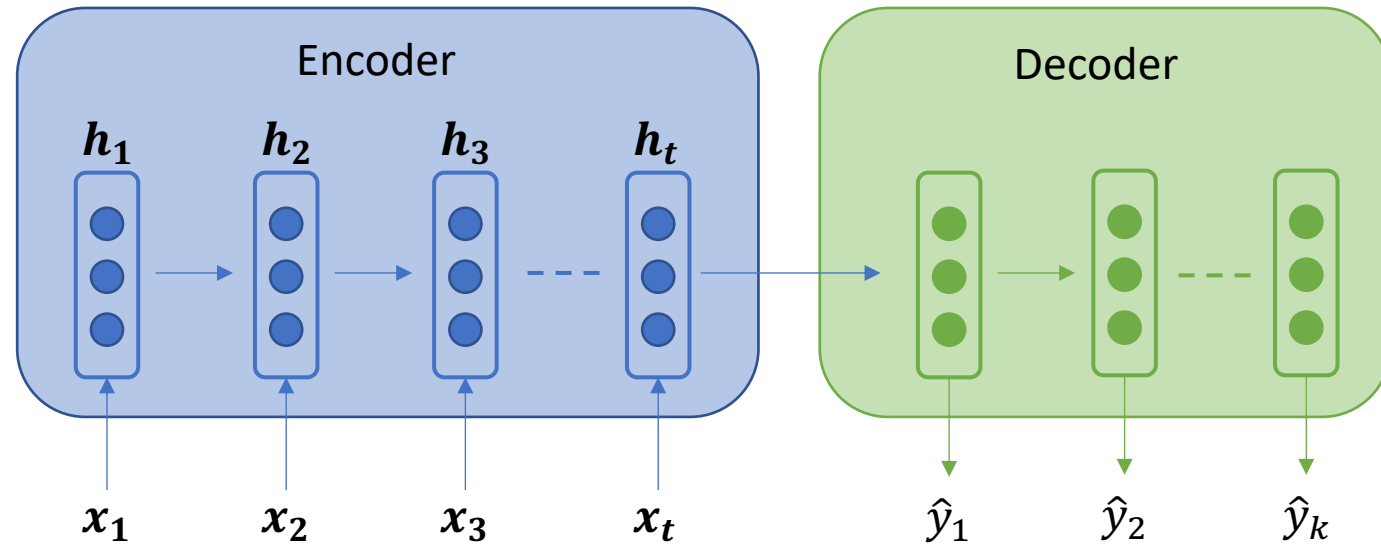
- GRU is simpler than LSTM, and can be used to build much bigger networks
- LSTM is more general and powerful
- Both LSTM and GRU employs **Gating Mechanism** to address the issue of long term dependencies



# Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks (Bi-RNNs)



# Encoder-Decoder Architecture



# Real-world case study: sentiment classification on external news

## Adopting AI in credit risk monitoring



20 November 2019 | By Nick Luo

🕒 5 mins read

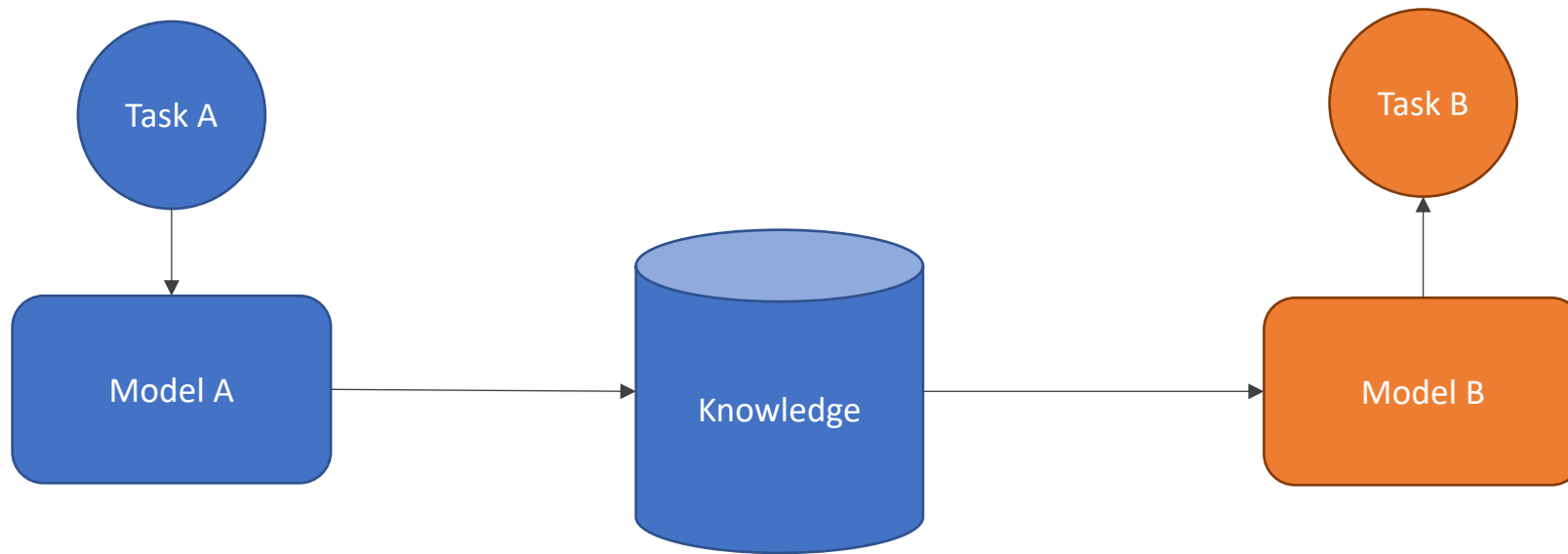
## Adopting AI in credit risk monitoring



Nick Luo (pictured standing, second from left) is a Data Scientist with the OCBC AI Lab under Group Customer Analytics & Decisioning, and the key person behind the Bank's auto news-scanning AI model developed for the Wealth Management team. Hear what Nick has to say about the project and how it has improved efficiency.

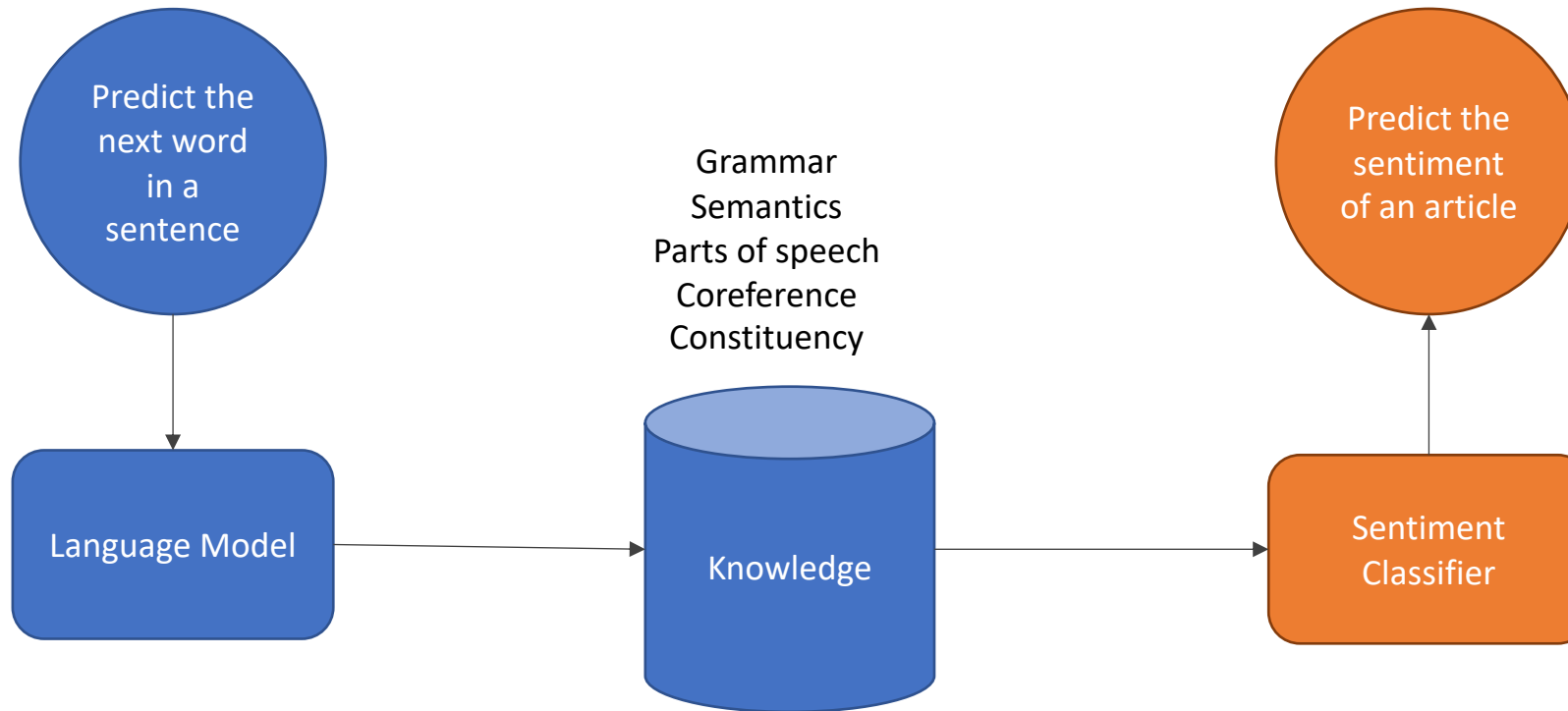
# Finetune Language Models for Sentiment Analysis

- Huge amount of **labelled data** is needed to train a big neural network from scratch
- **Transfer learning** can significantly reduce the amount of labelled data
- Transfer learning refers to the use of a model that has been trained to solve one problem as the starting point to solve another related problem



# Finetune Language Models for Sentiment Analysis

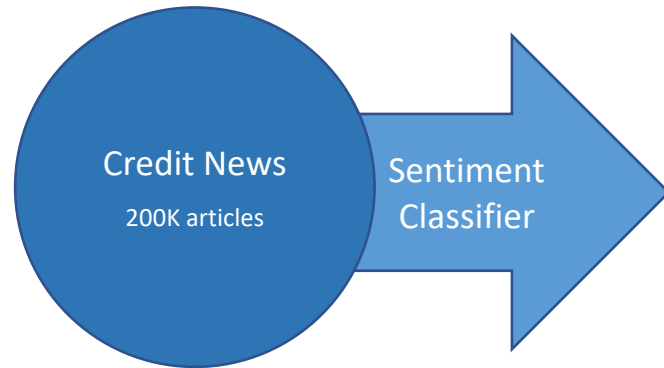
- Use a trained language model as the starting point to build a sentiment classifier





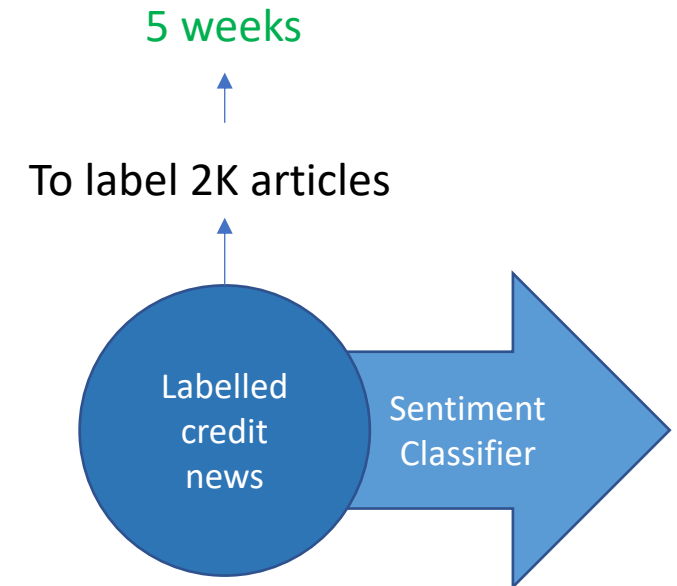
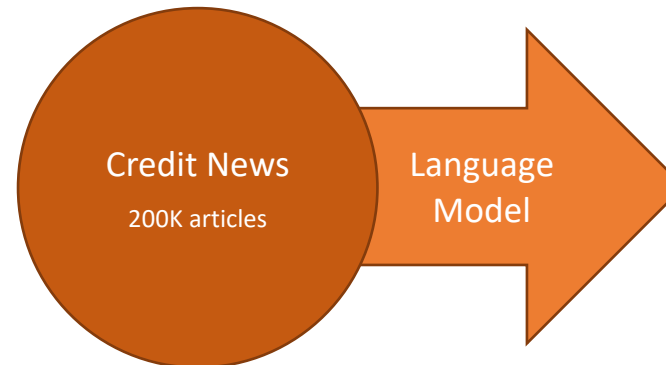
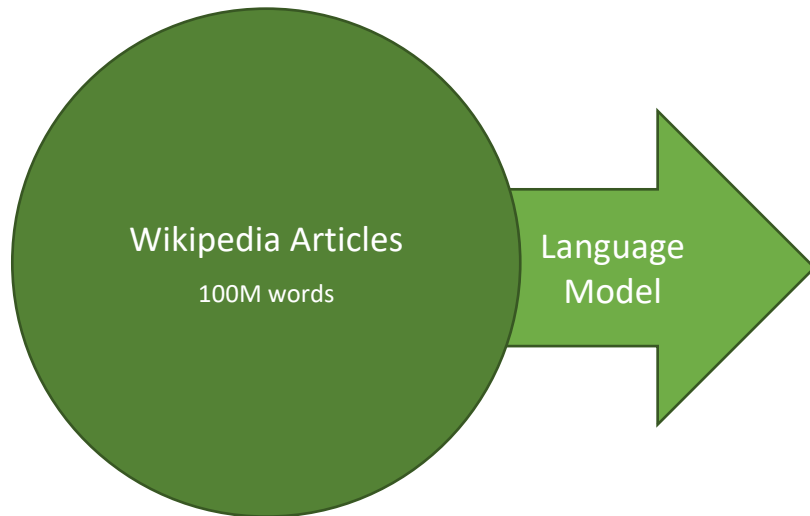
# Transfer learning helps reduce the amount of labelled data needed

- Without transfer learning



- Need to label 200K articles
- 400 articles per week
- 500 weeks  $\approx$  **10 years!**

- With transfer learning



# **Assignment: Sentiment Classification Model for Movie Reviews**