

The output values from neurons in the hidden and output layers are computed as follows:

$$\mathbf{s}(t) = f(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{w}(t) + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{s}(t-1)) \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = g(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{s}(t)), \quad (2)$$

where $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ are sigmoid and softmax activation functions (the softmax function in the output layer is used to ensure that the outputs form a valid probability distribution, i.e. all outputs are greater than 0 and their sum is 1):

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}, \quad g(z_m) = \frac{e^{z_m}}{\sum_k e^{z_k}} \quad (3)$$