



# Trends in Multi-Agent Deep Reinforcement Learning for Distributed Computing

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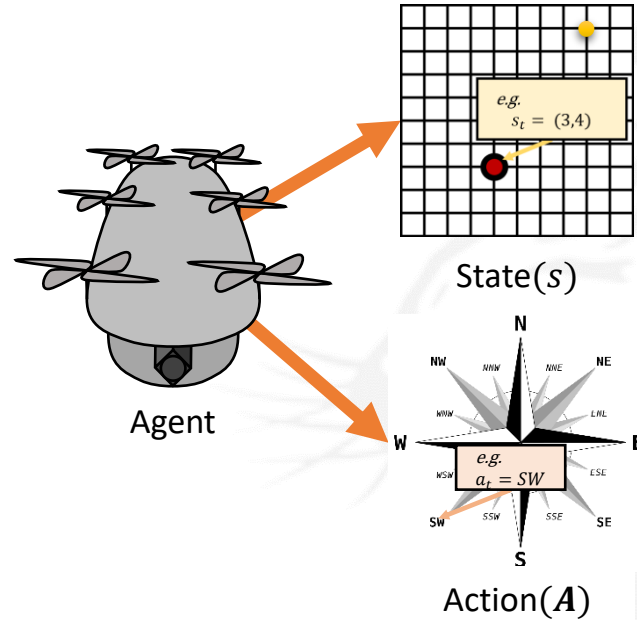
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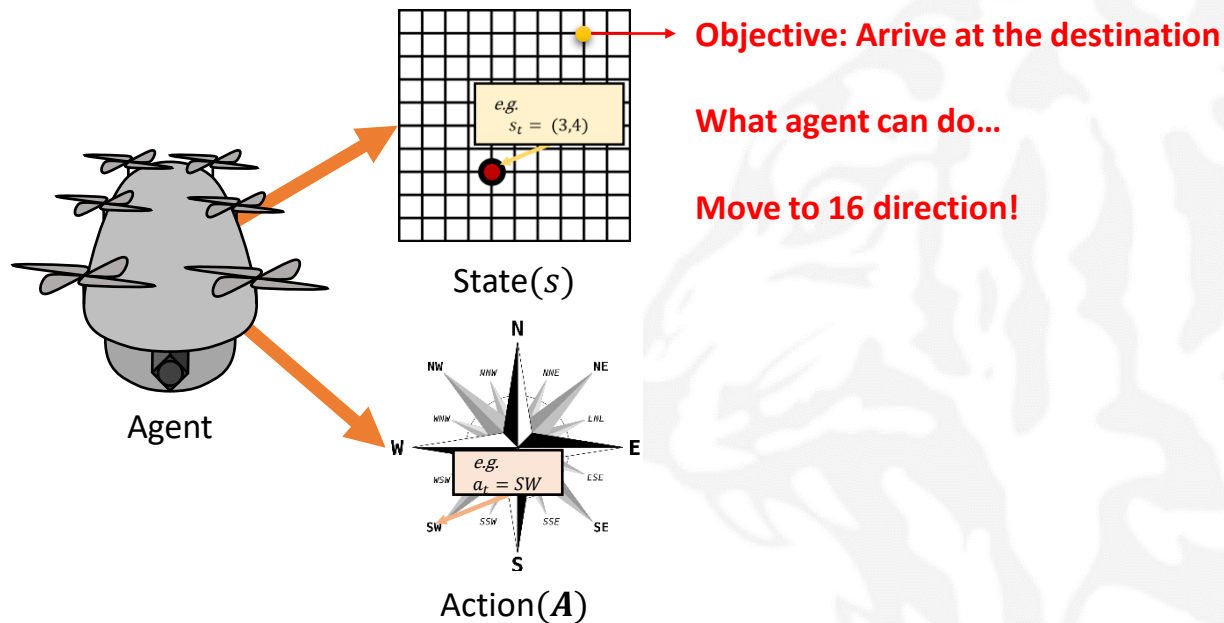
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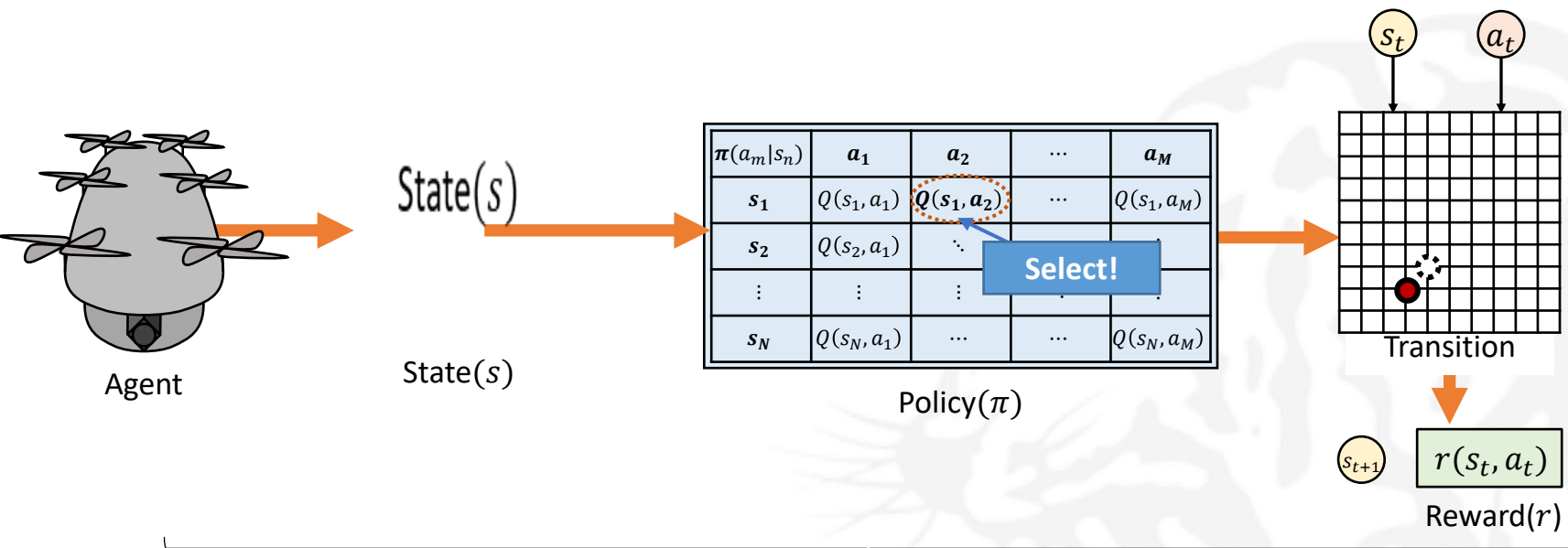
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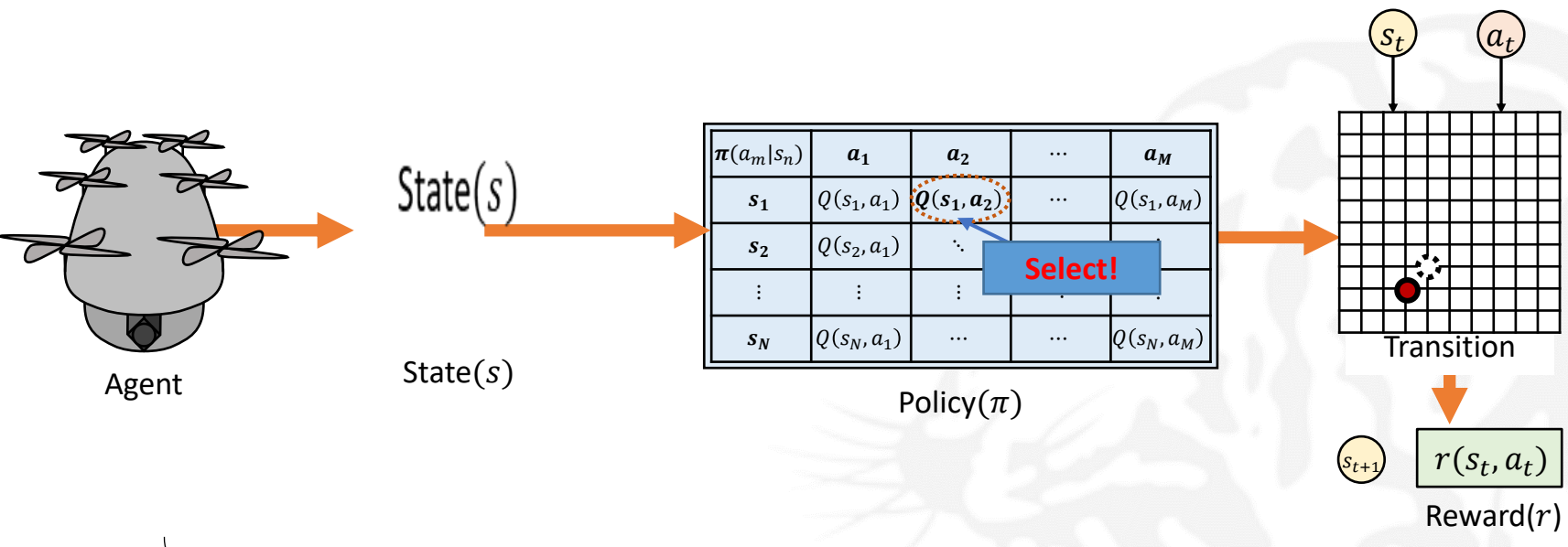
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[1] Watkins., Q-Learning, 1989

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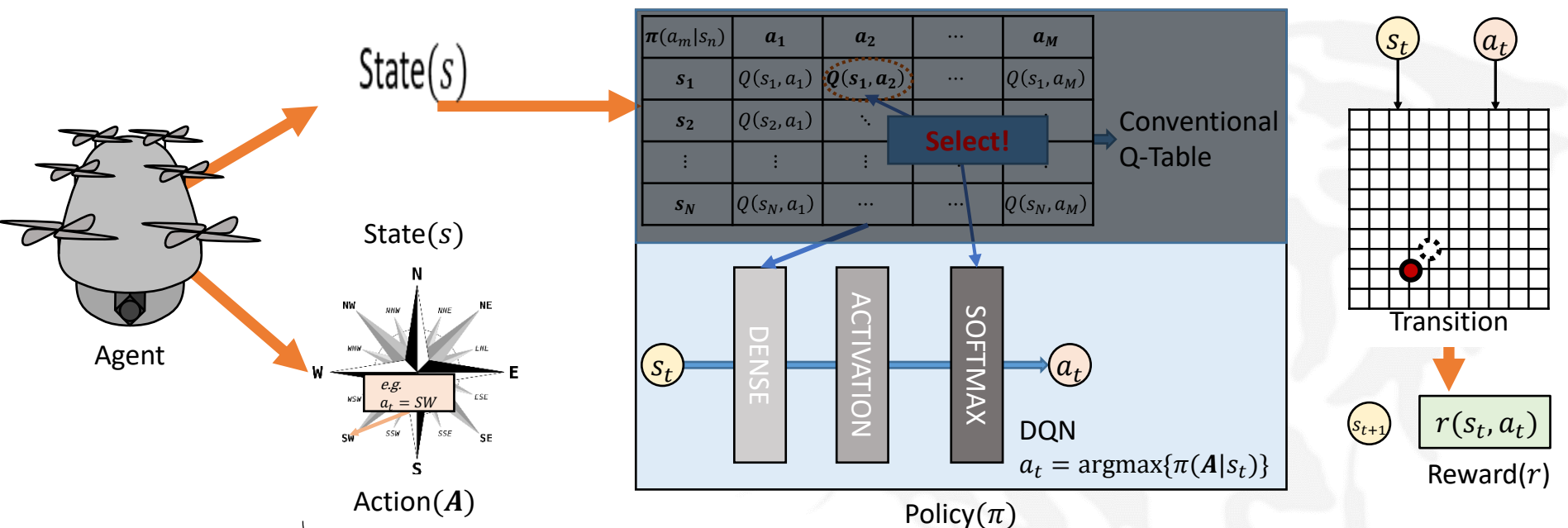
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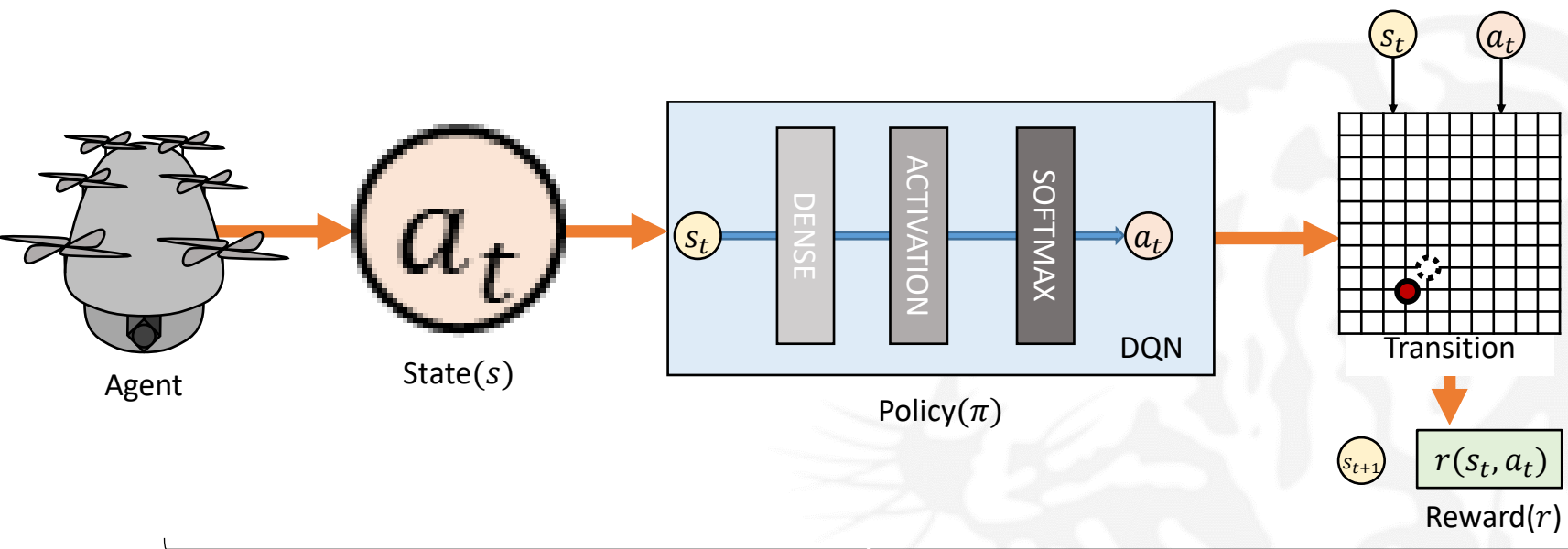


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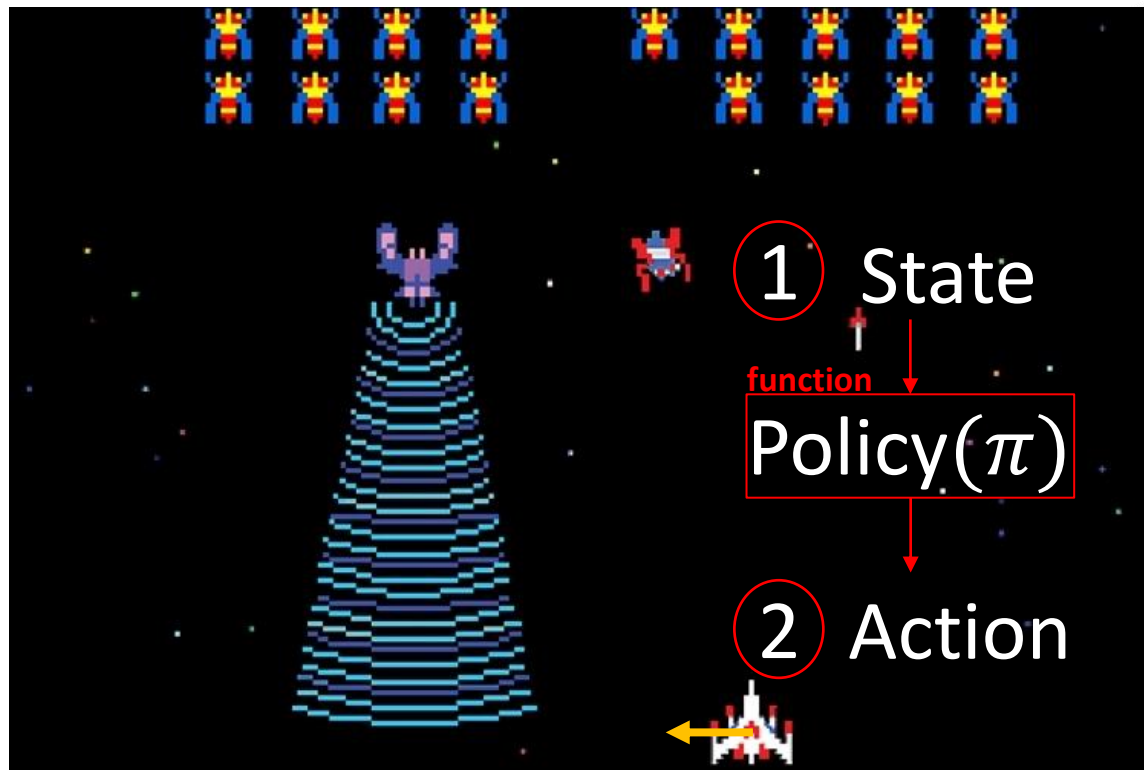
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[2] V. Mnih., Playing Atari with Deep Reinforcement Learning, *NIPS 2013*

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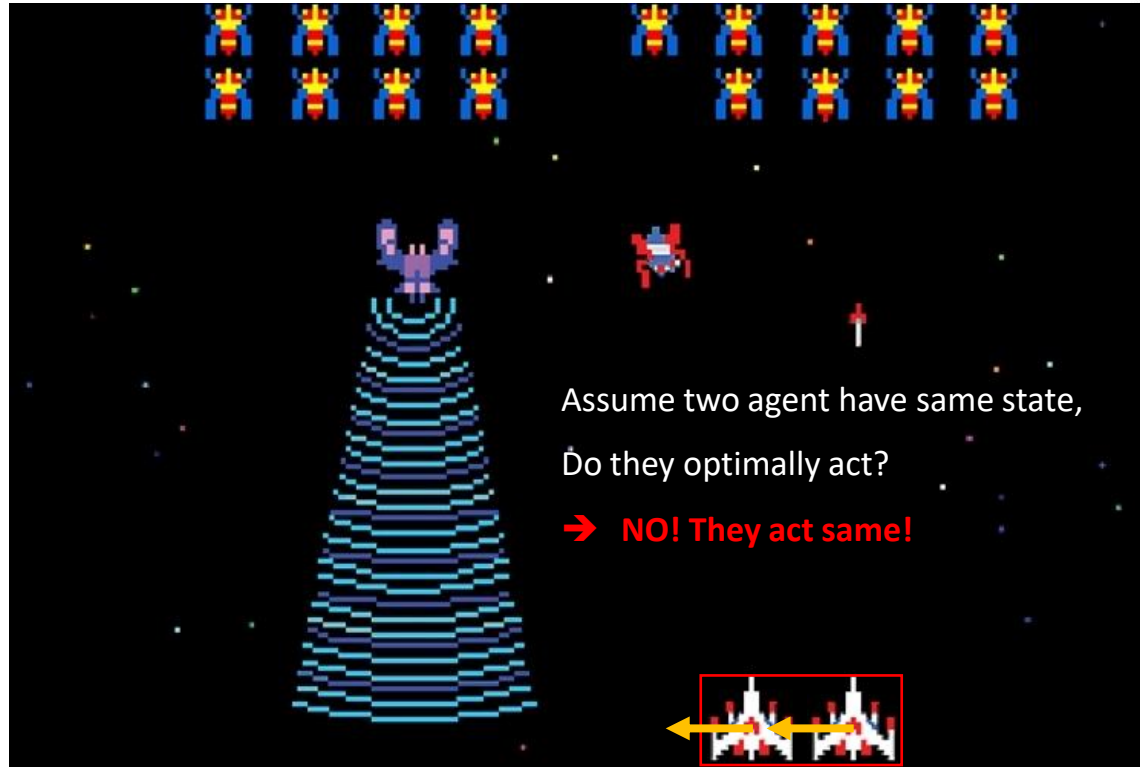
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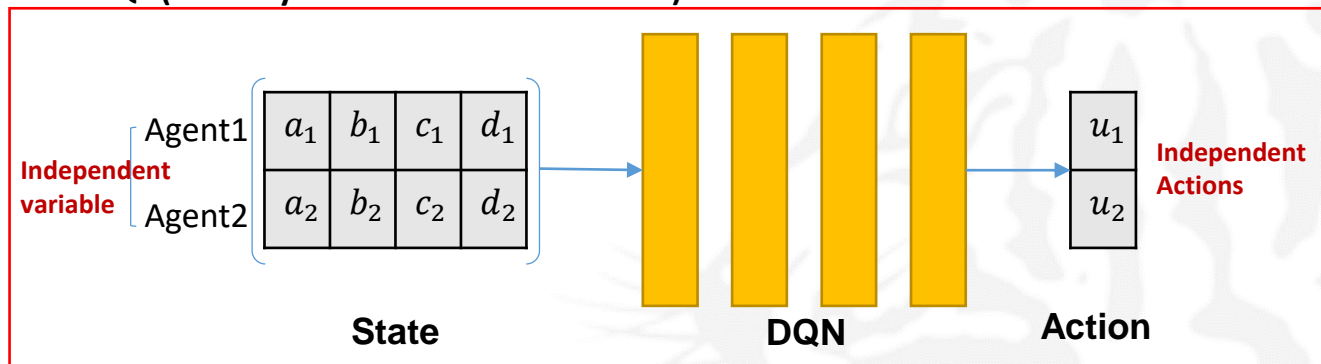
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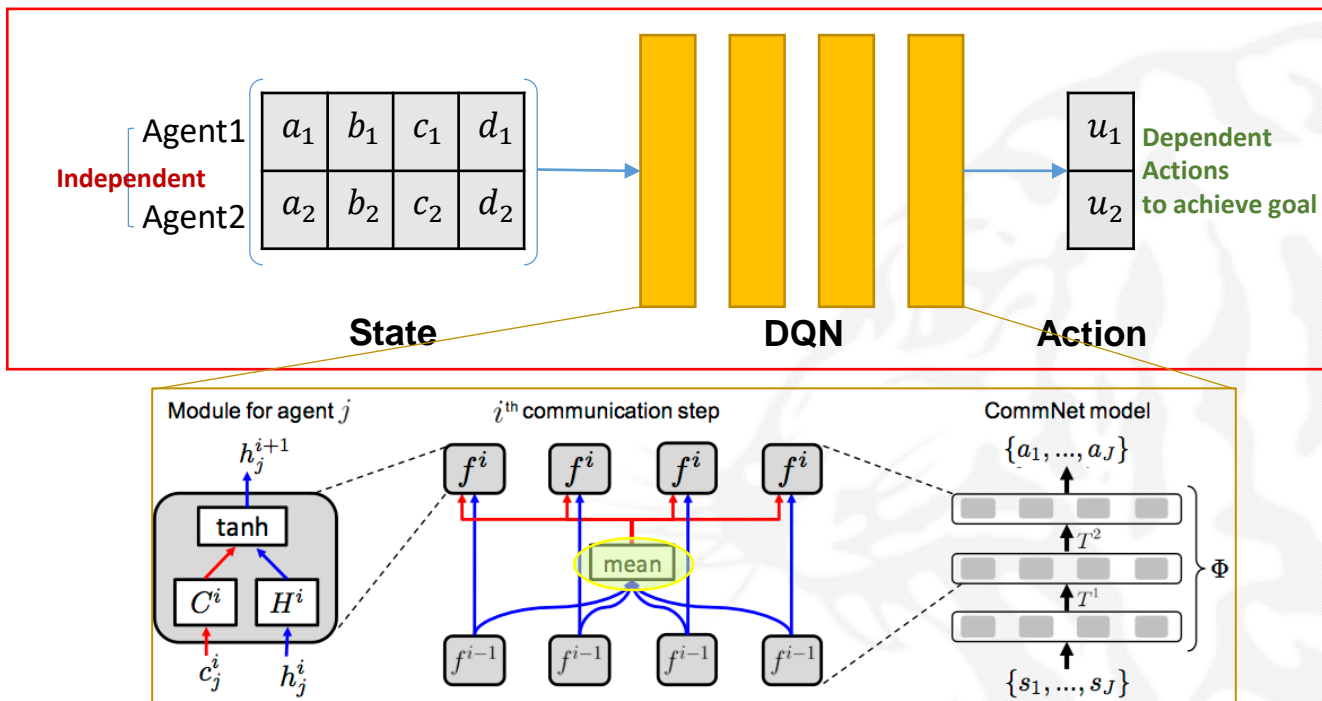
With Previous method.

With DQN(Partially Observable Environment)





# DQN-based CommNet

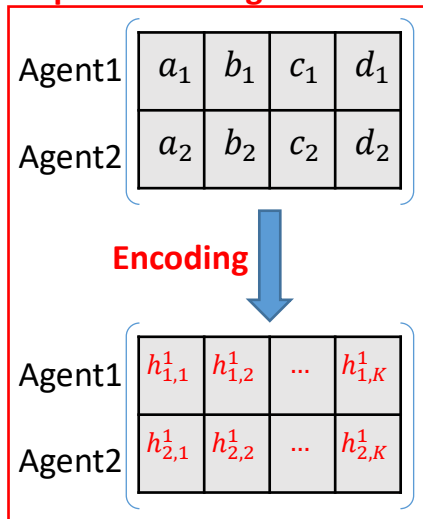


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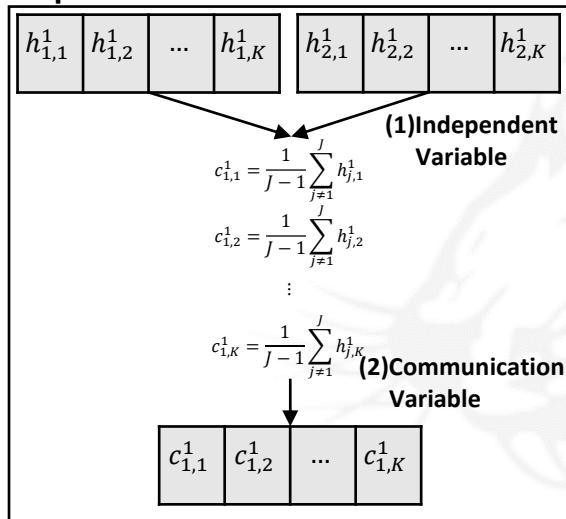
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$$h_j^{i+1} = f^i(h_j^i, c_j^i)$$

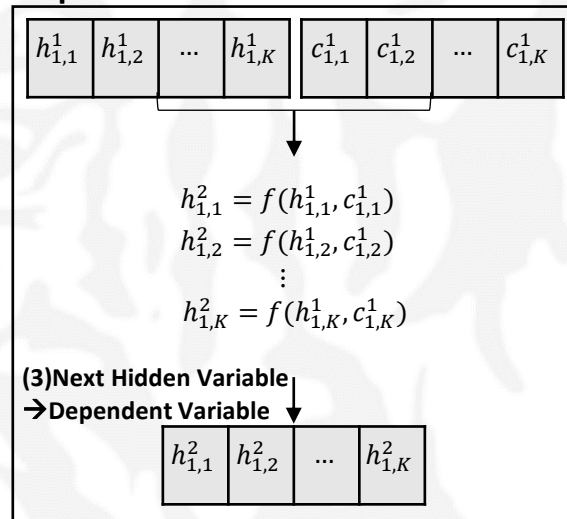
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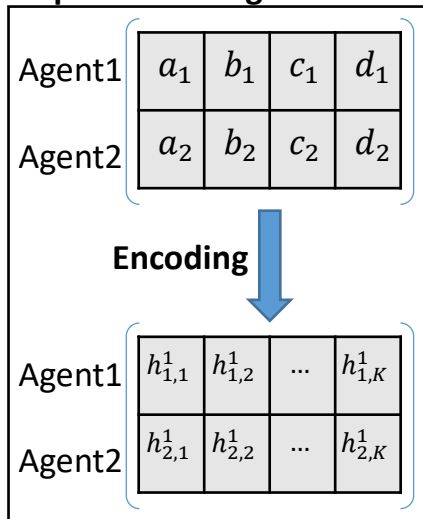


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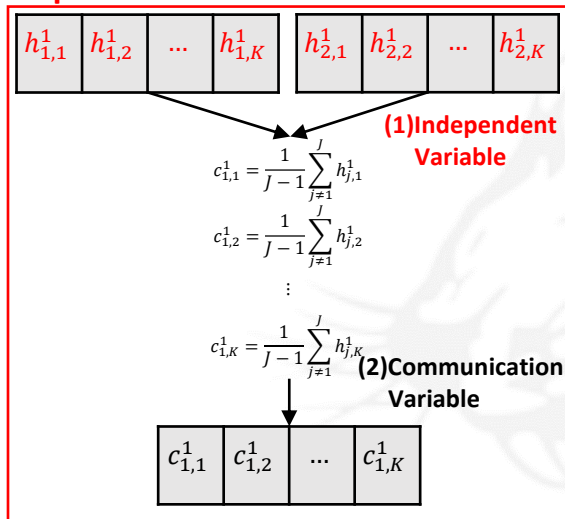


[3] S. Sukhbaatar et al., Learning Multiagent Communication with Backpropagation, *NIPS 2016*

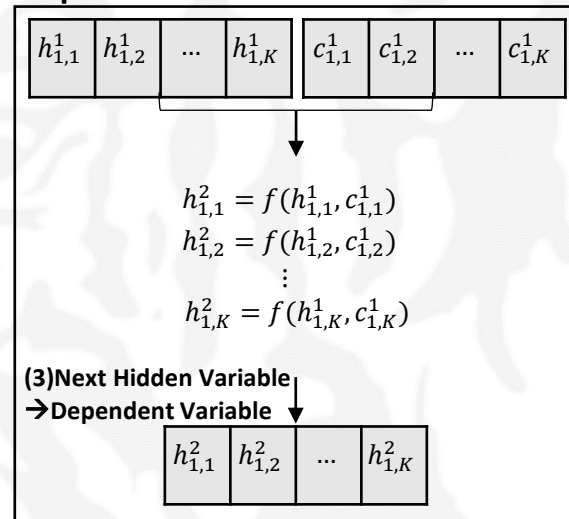
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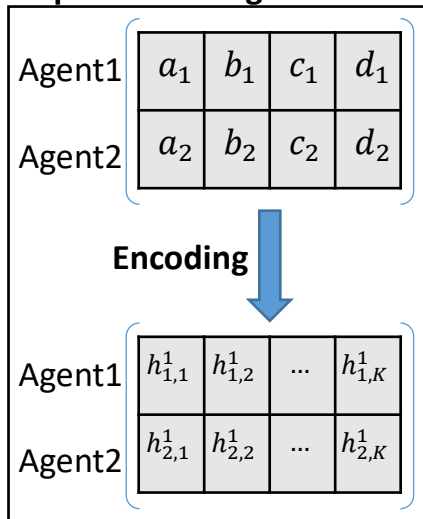
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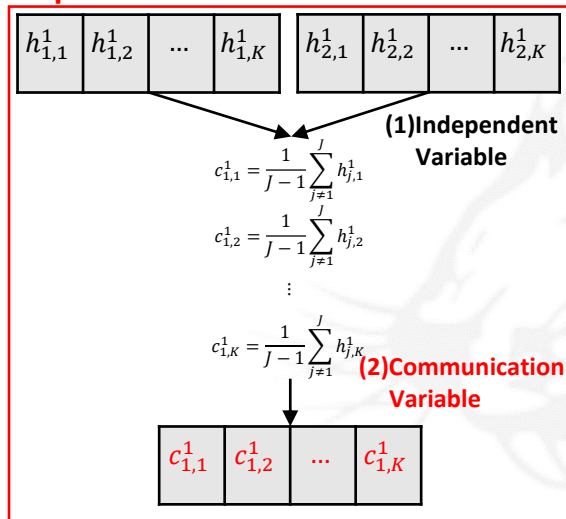
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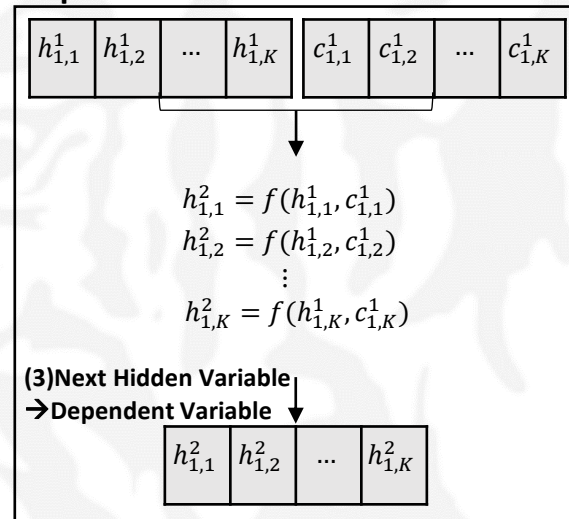
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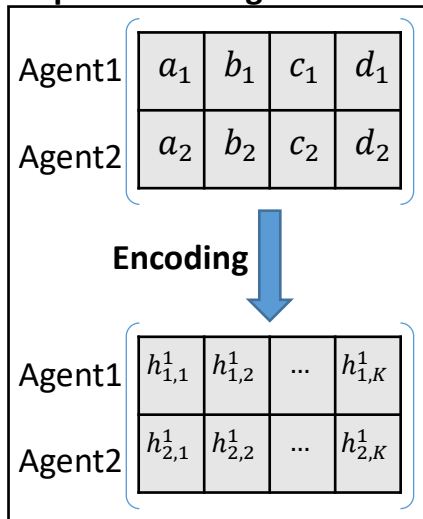
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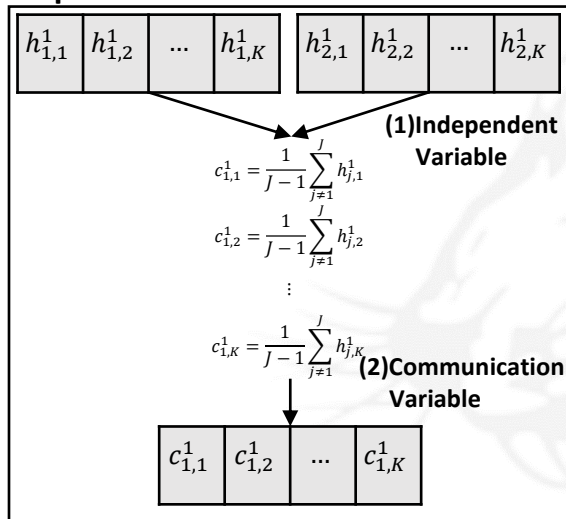
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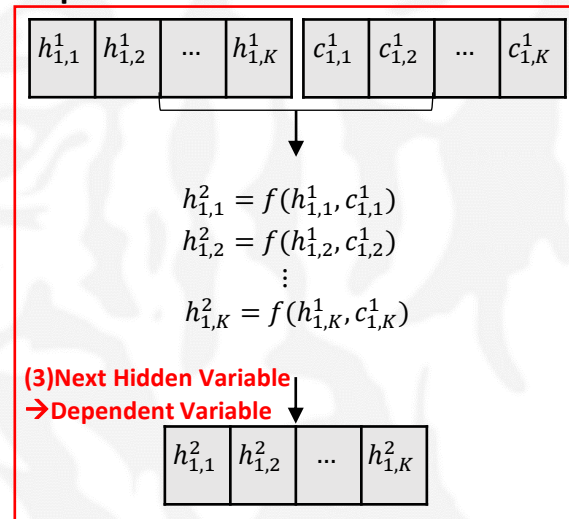
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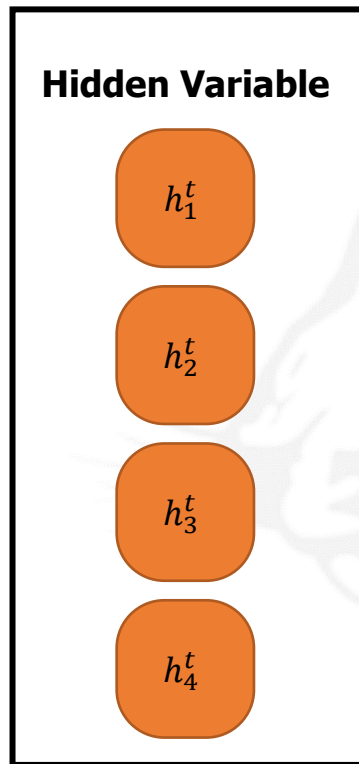


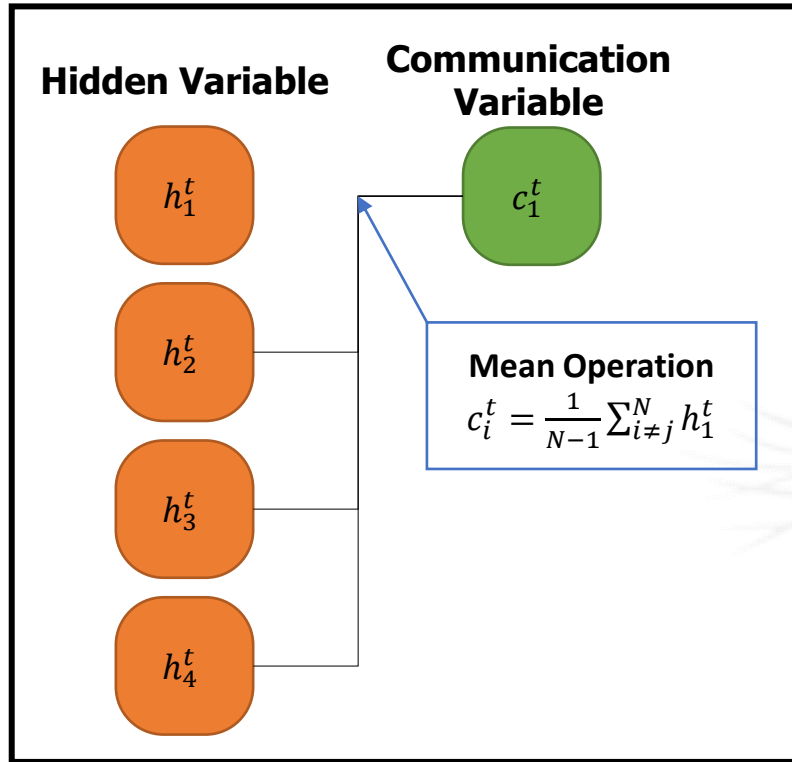
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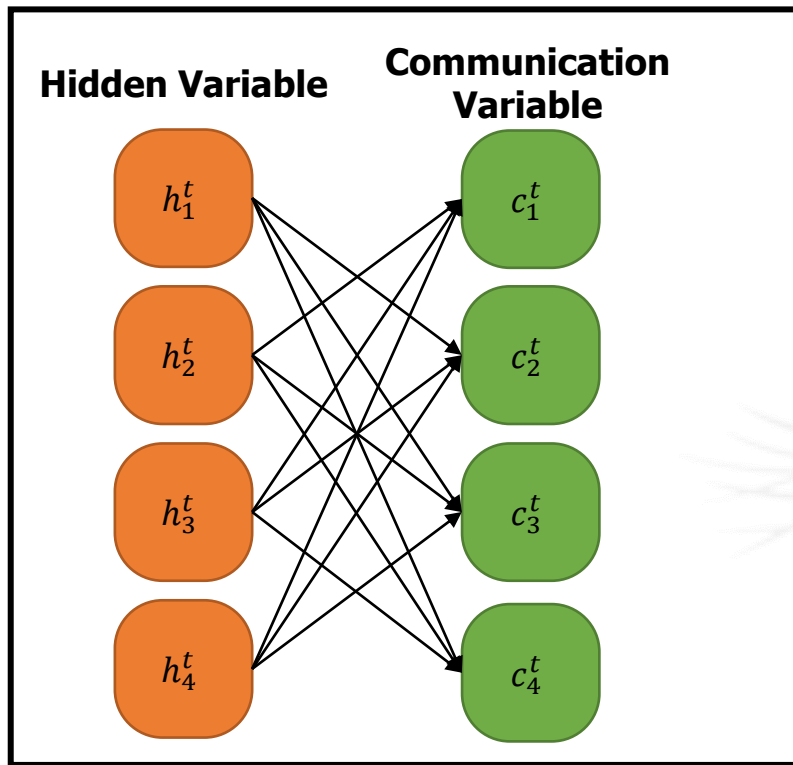


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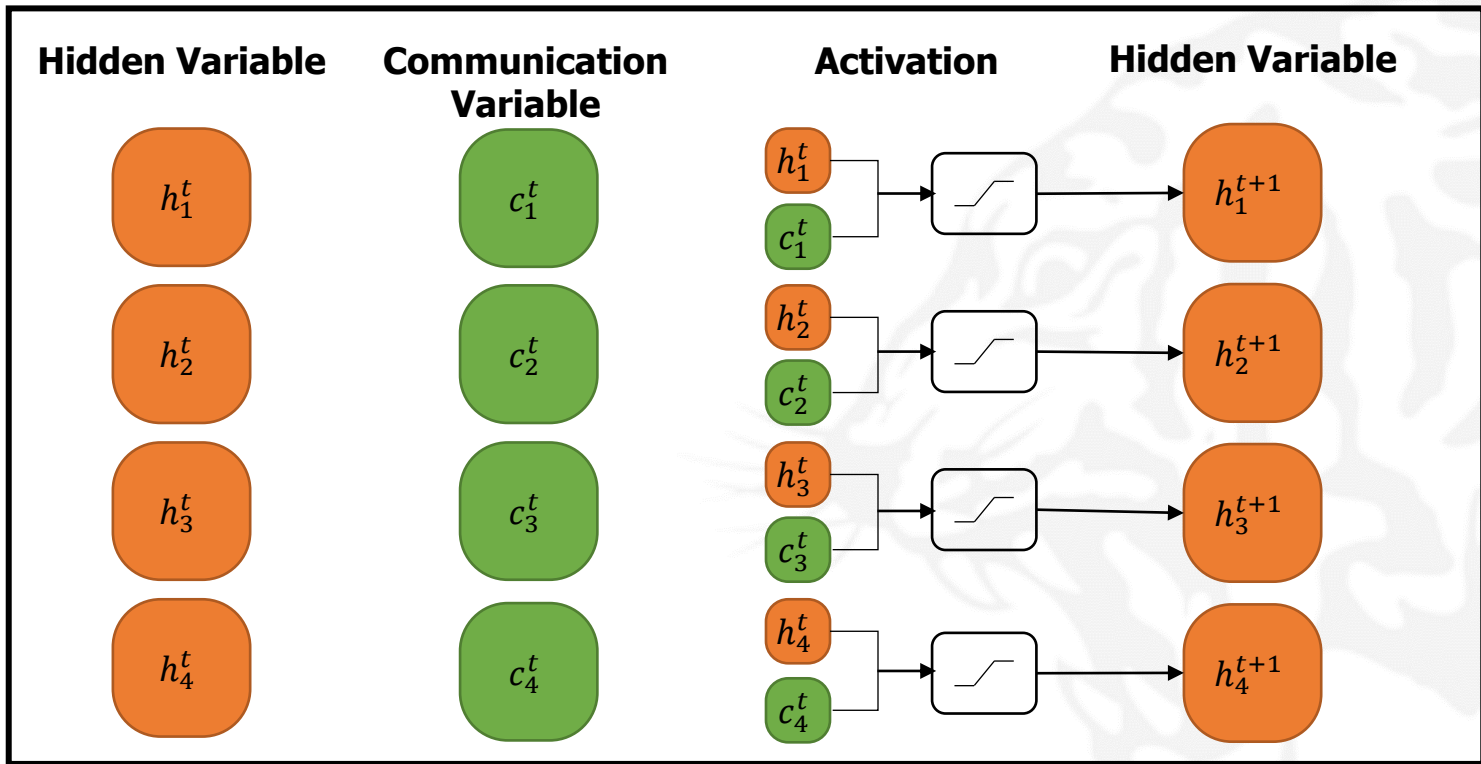




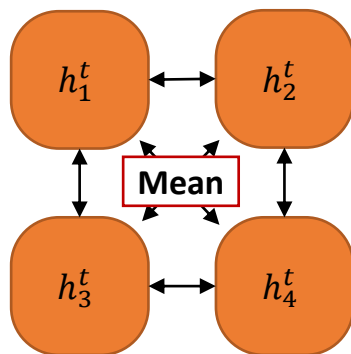








### CommNet

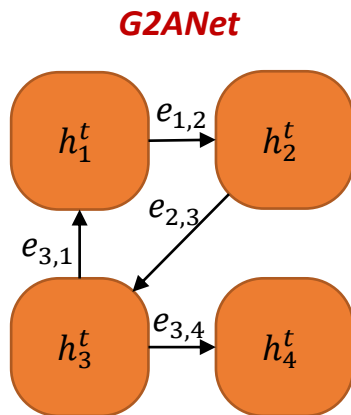


### In Graph Approach.

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Now we are curious that...



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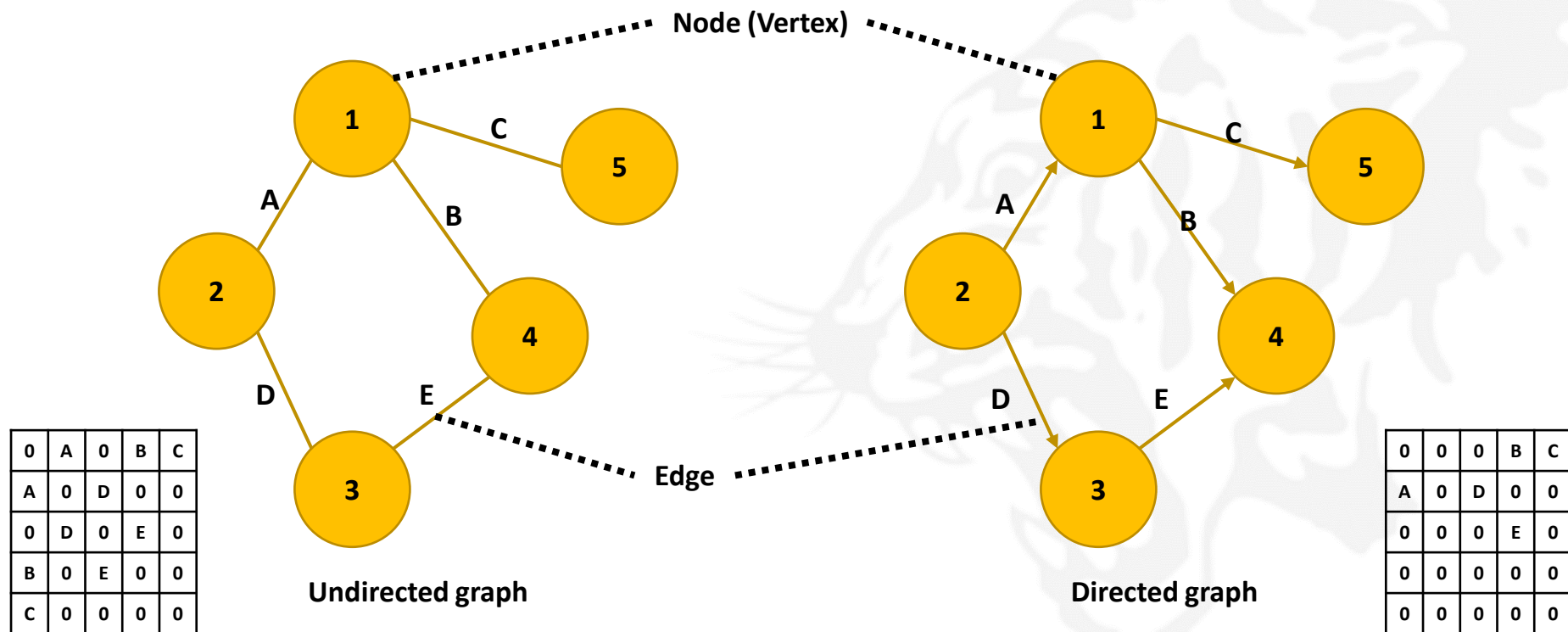
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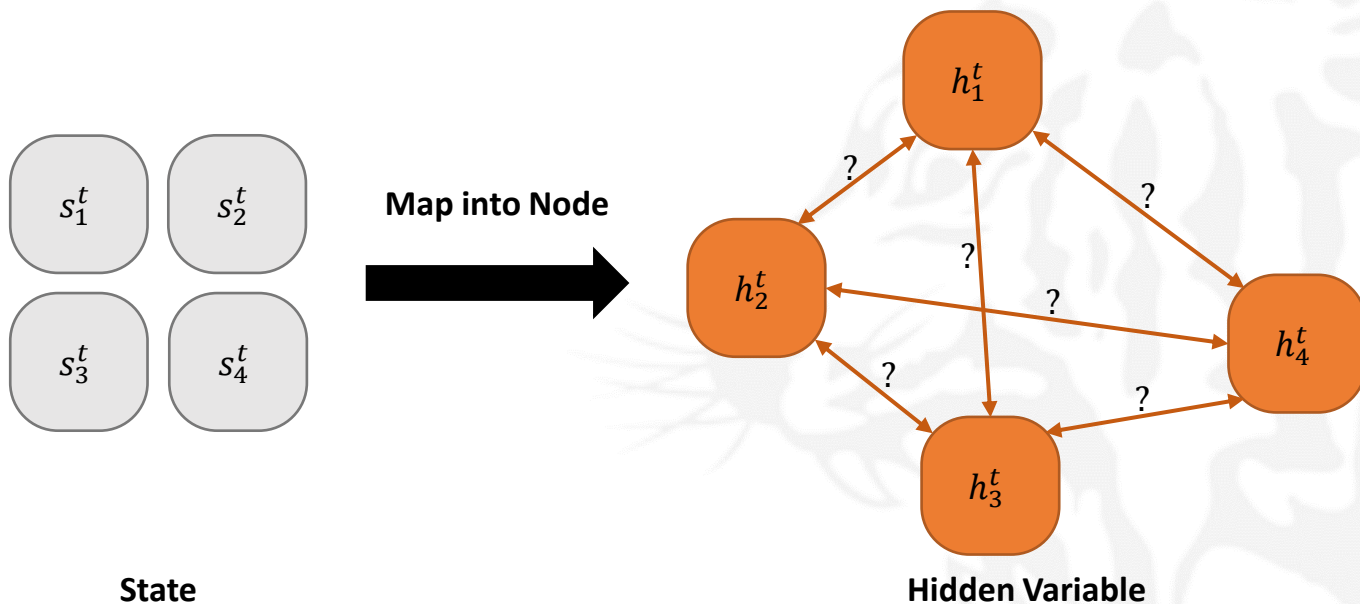
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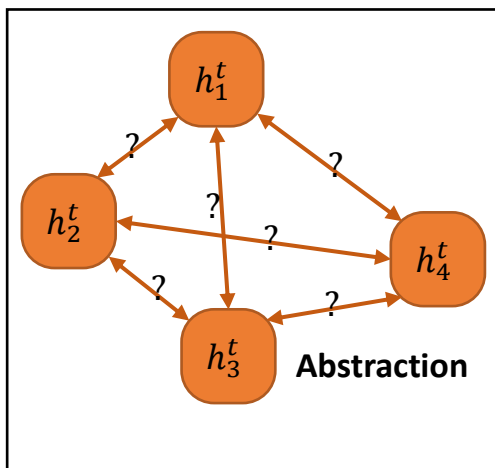


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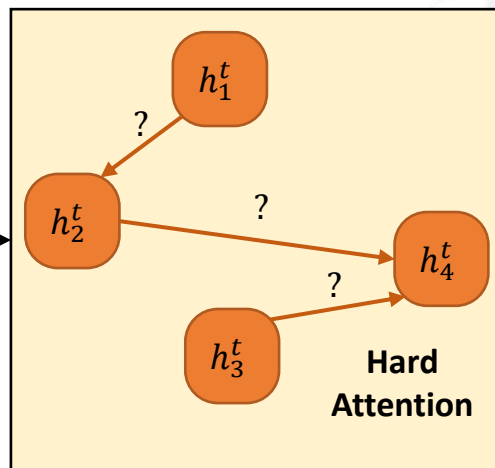
- States of agent are mapped into nodes (vertices).



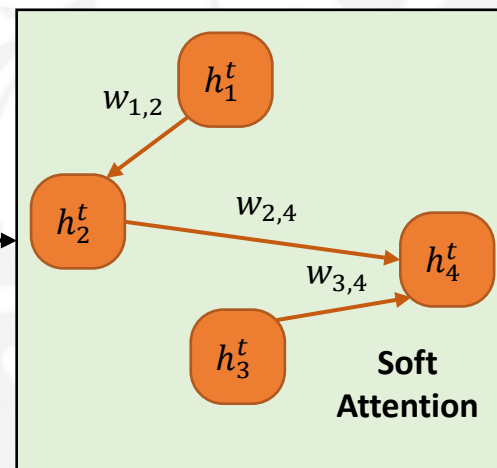
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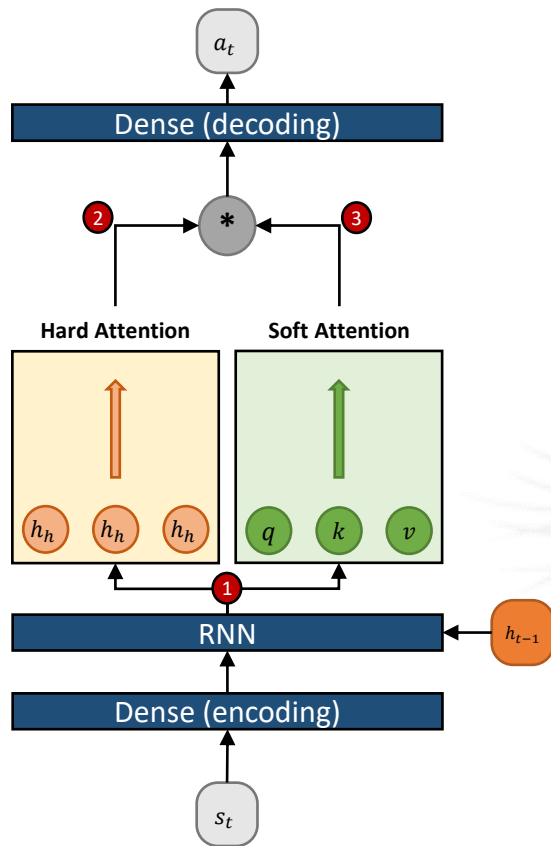
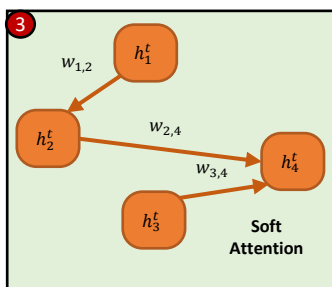
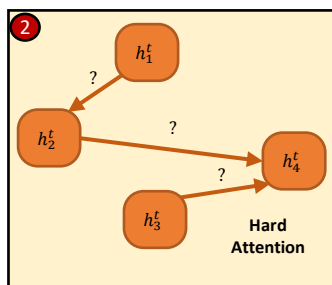
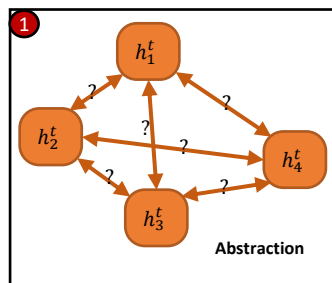


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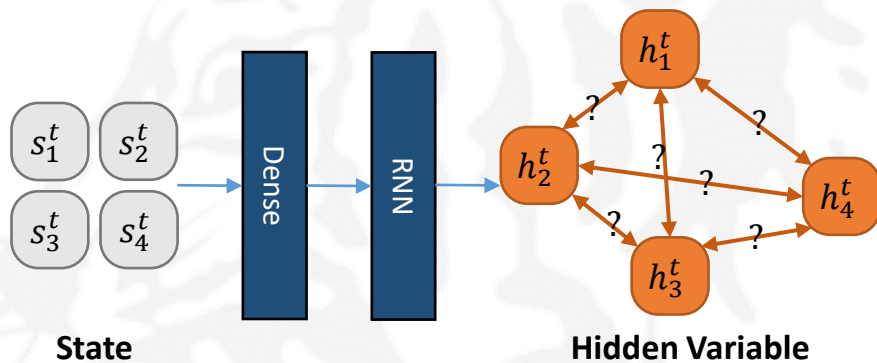
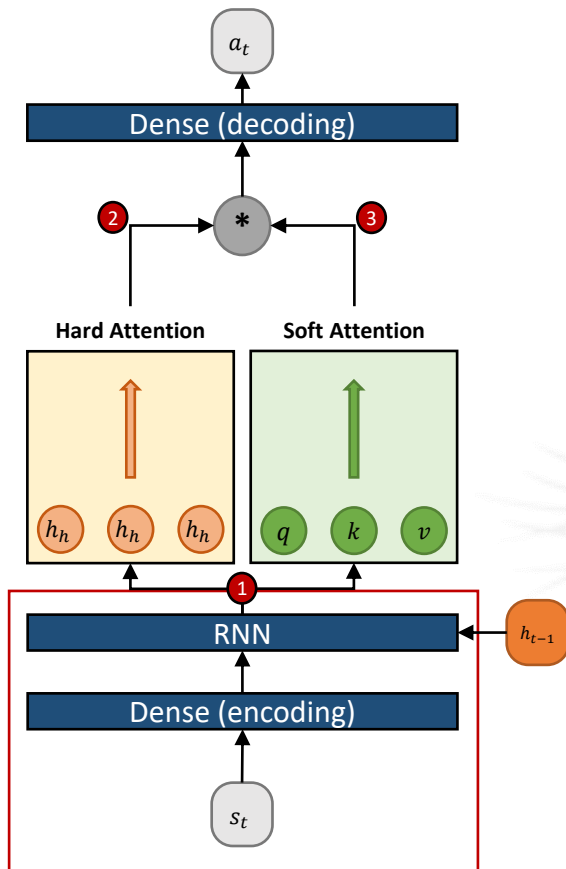
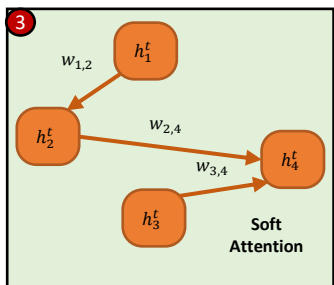
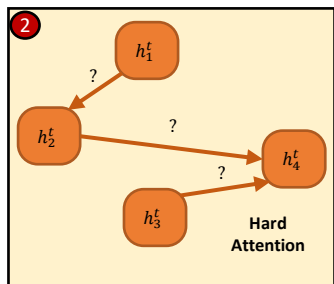
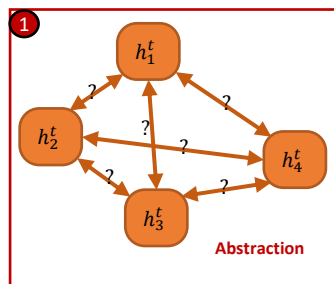


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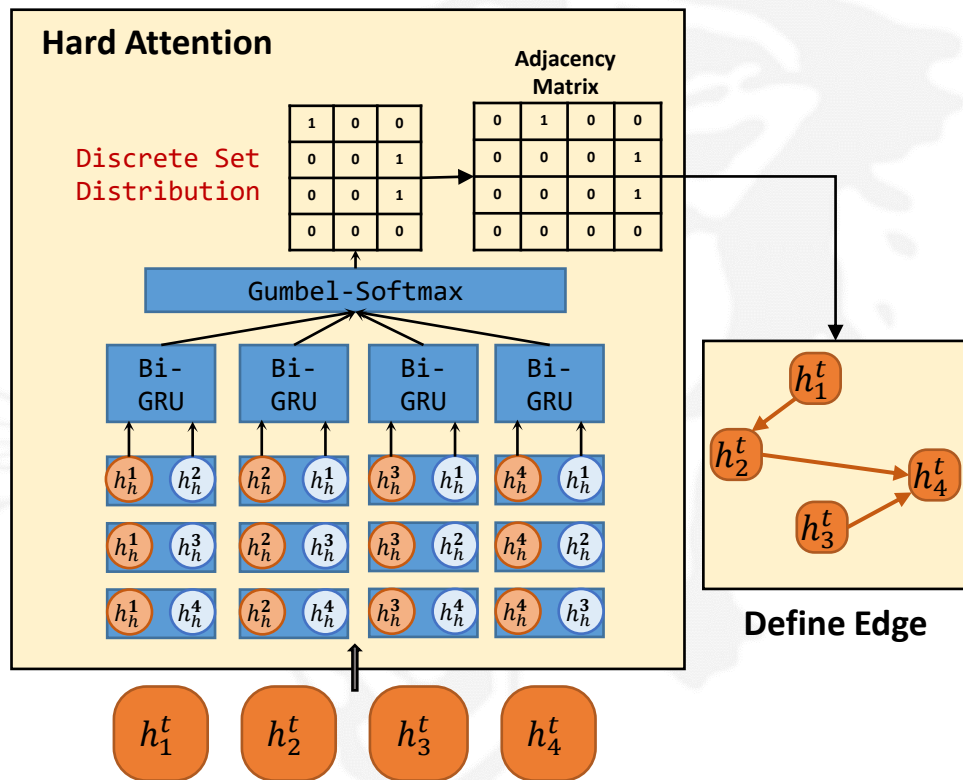
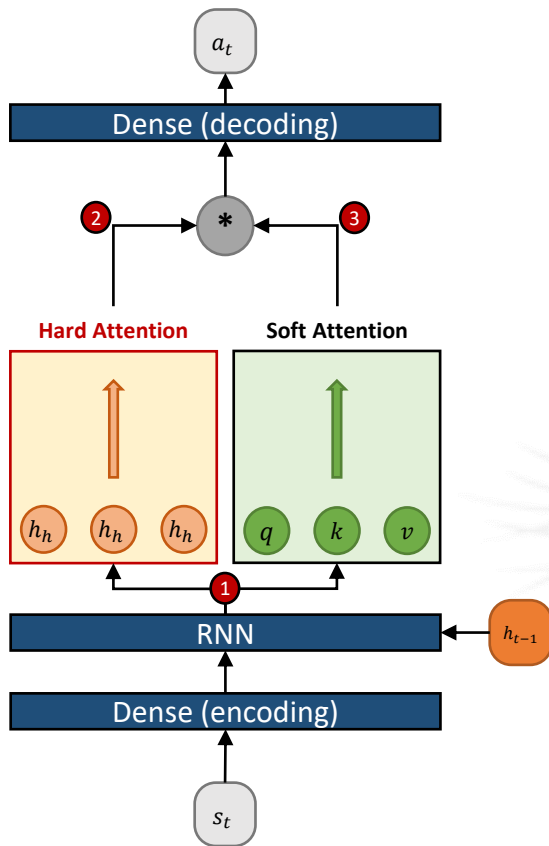
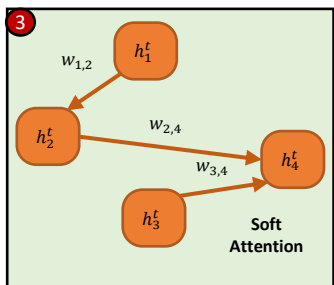
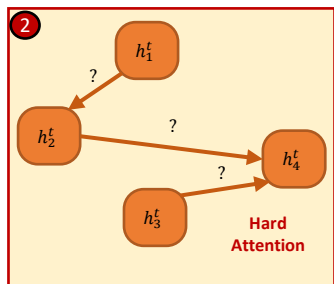
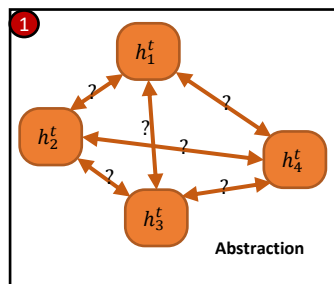


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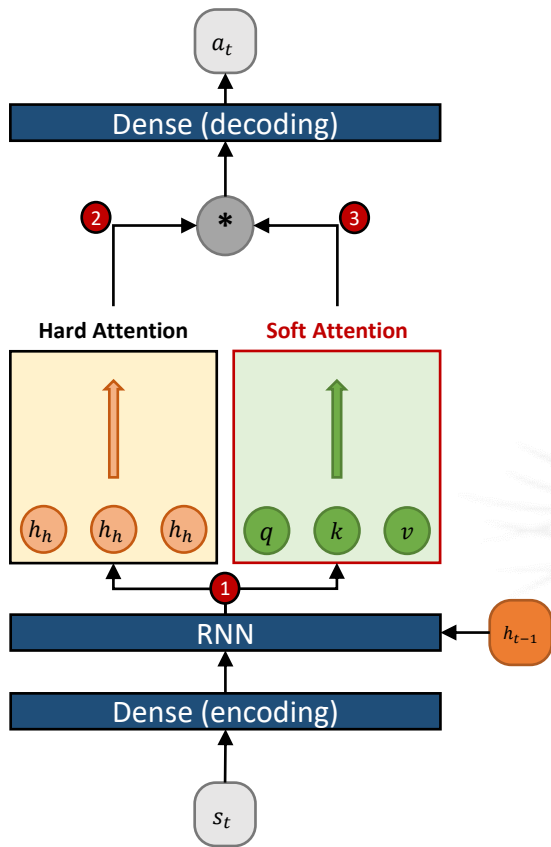
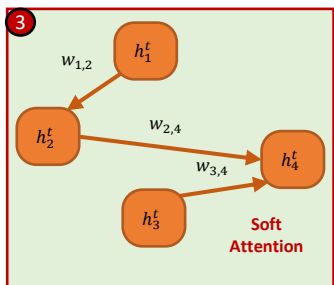
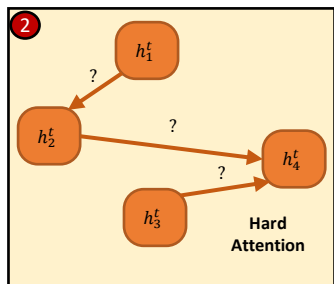
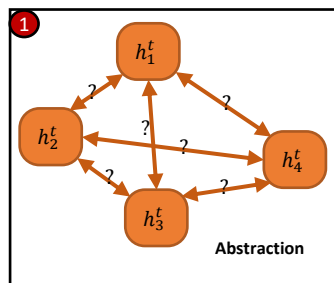




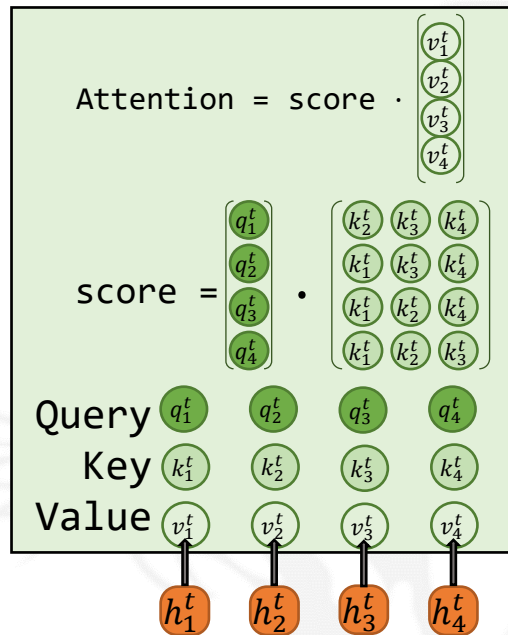
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## Soft Attention



## Soft Attention Output (message)

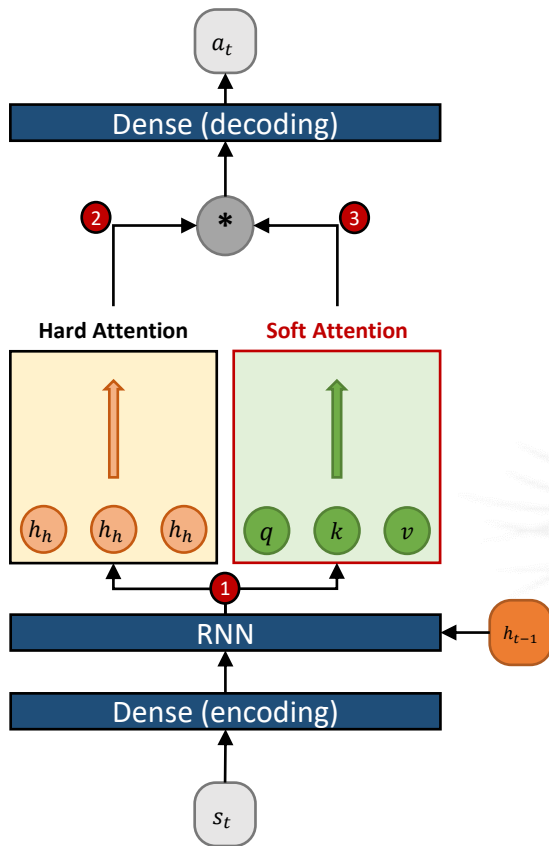
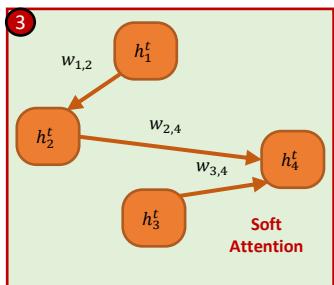
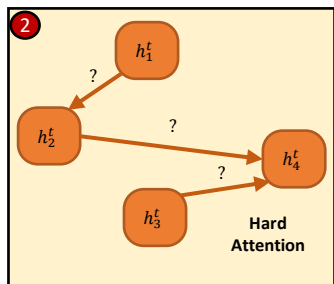
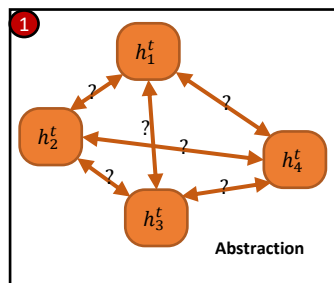
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0.1	0.18	0.72
0.34	0.38	0.28
0.16	0.14	0.70

$$\text{Score} = q \cdot k = q^T * k$$

$$\text{Score}_{\text{scaled}} = \frac{\text{Score}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\text{Attention}(q, k, v) = \text{Score}_{\text{scaled}} * v$$

# G2ANet Architecture: Soft Attention & GNN



Hard Attention  
Output (connection)

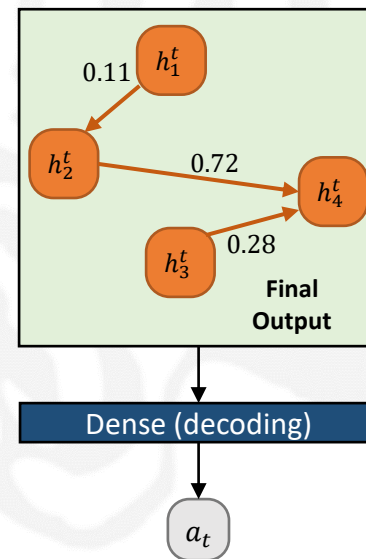
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0	0	1
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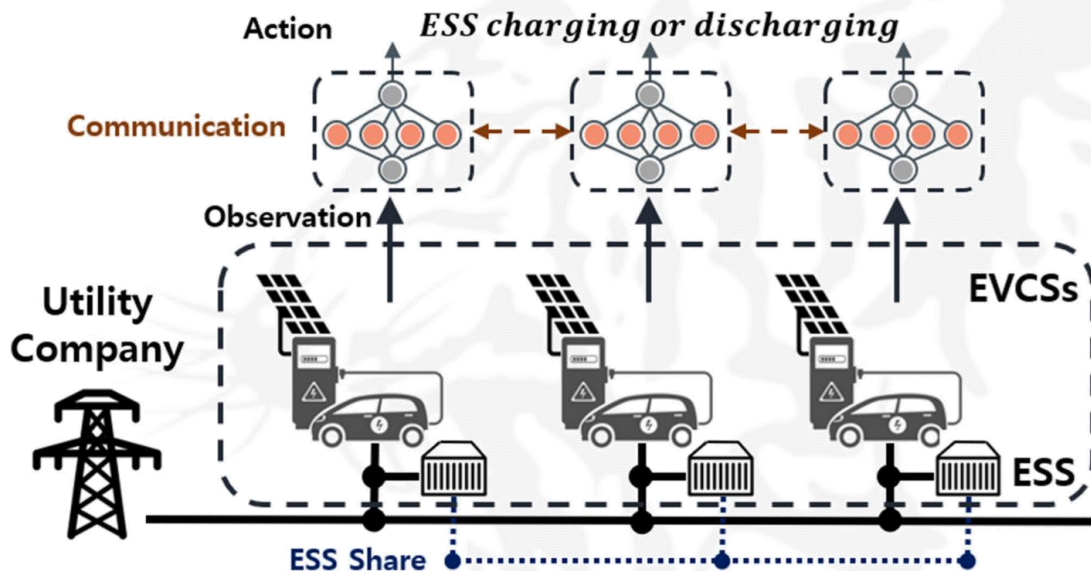


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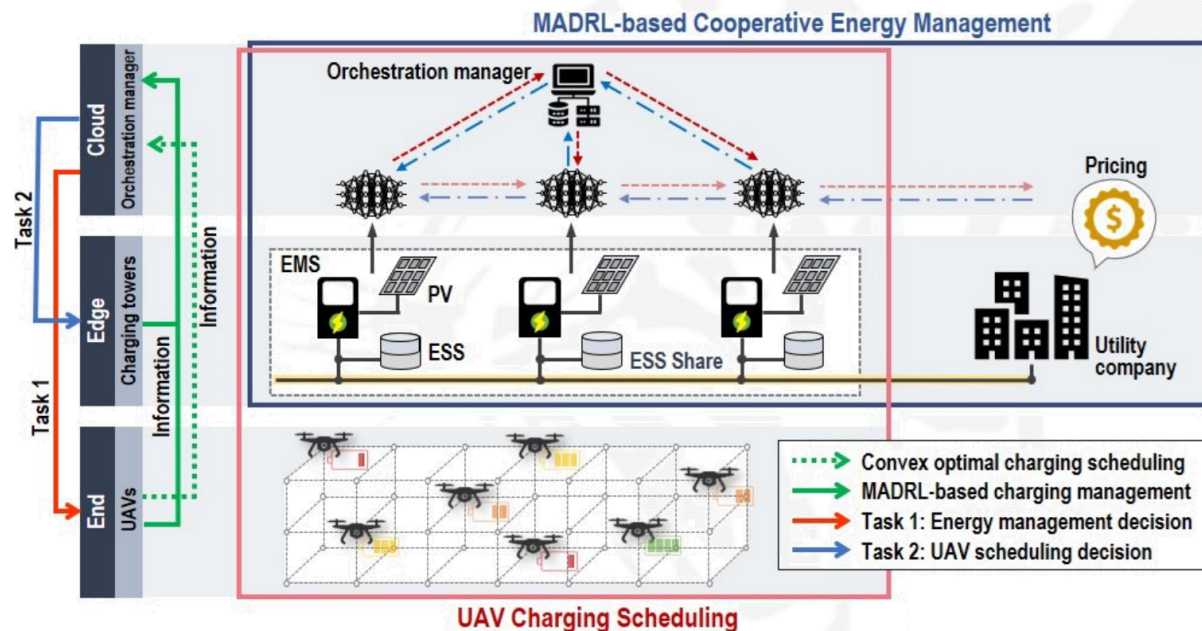
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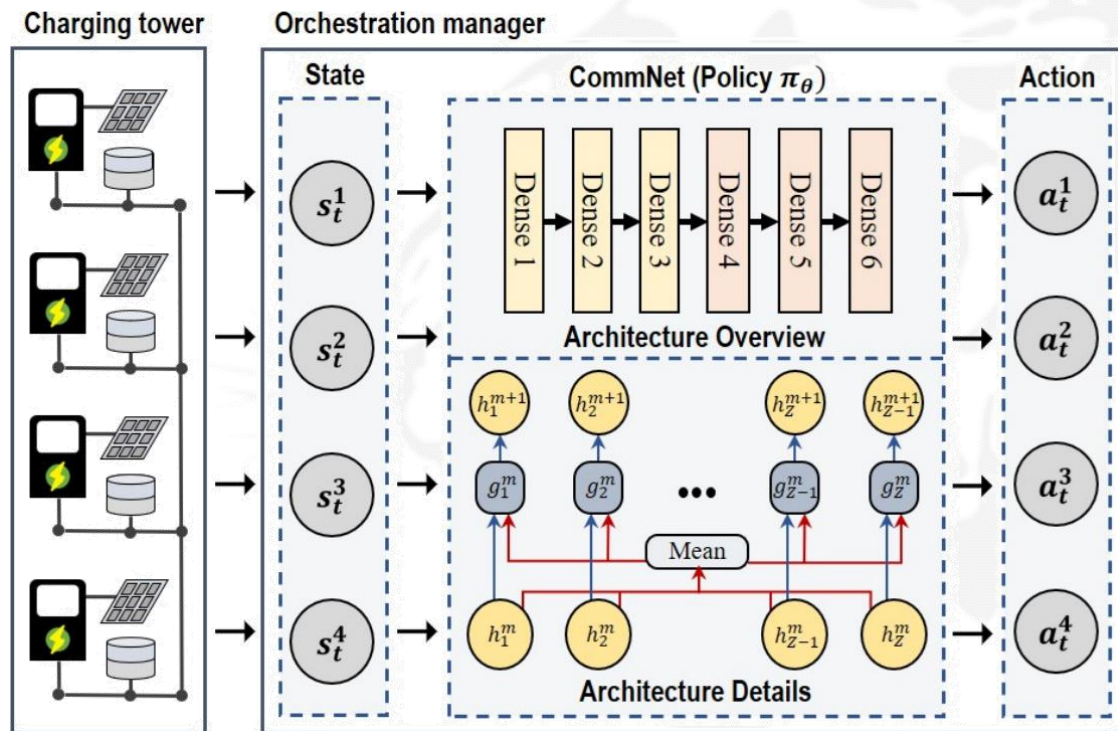
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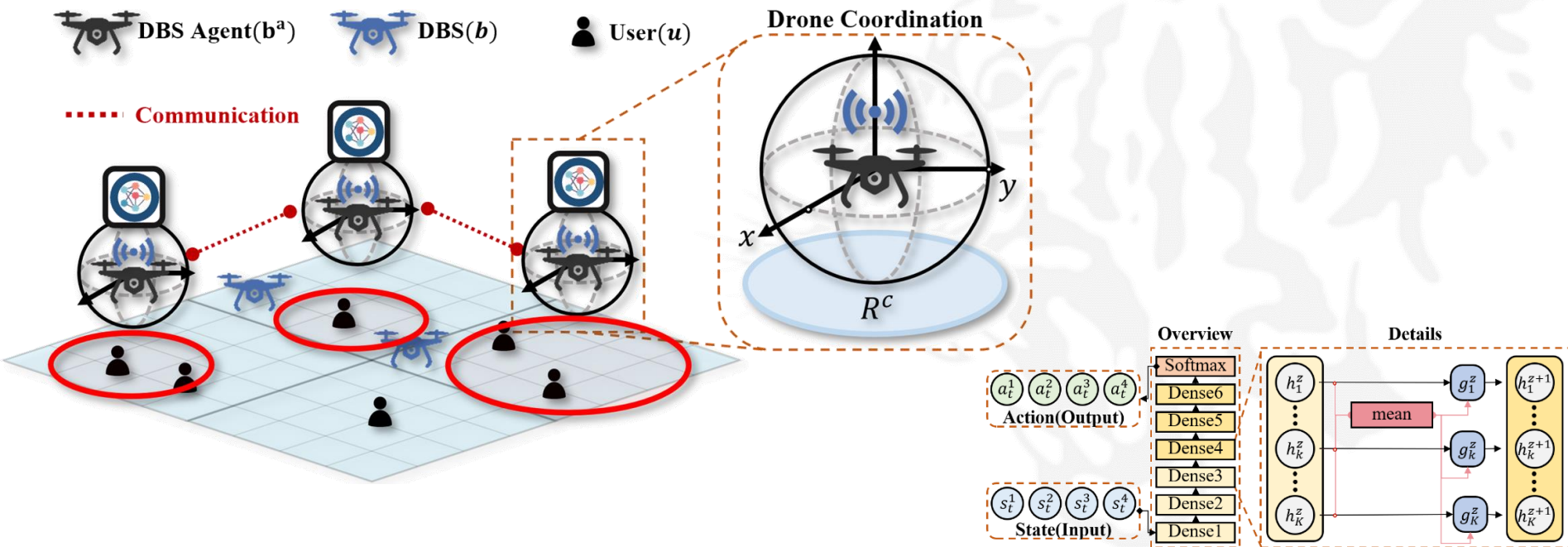


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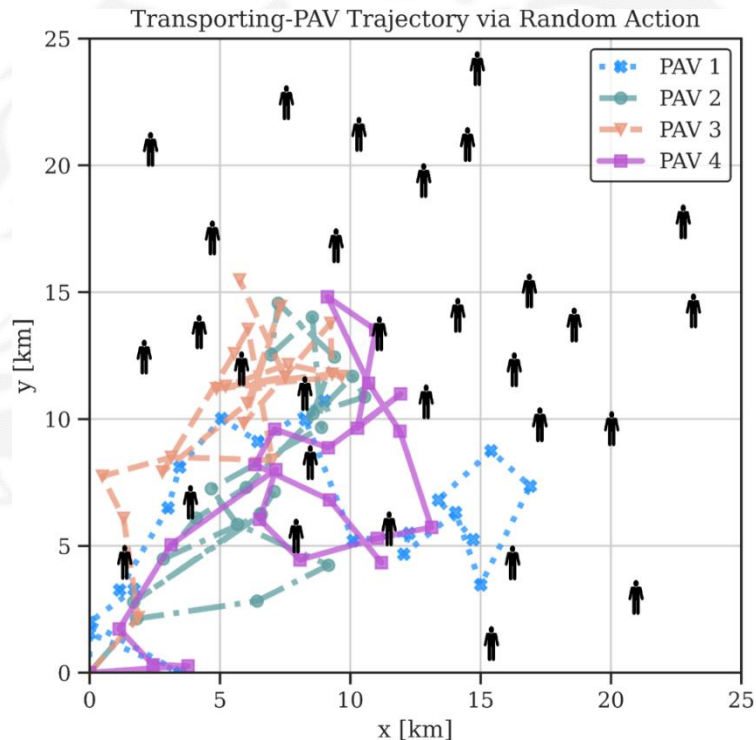
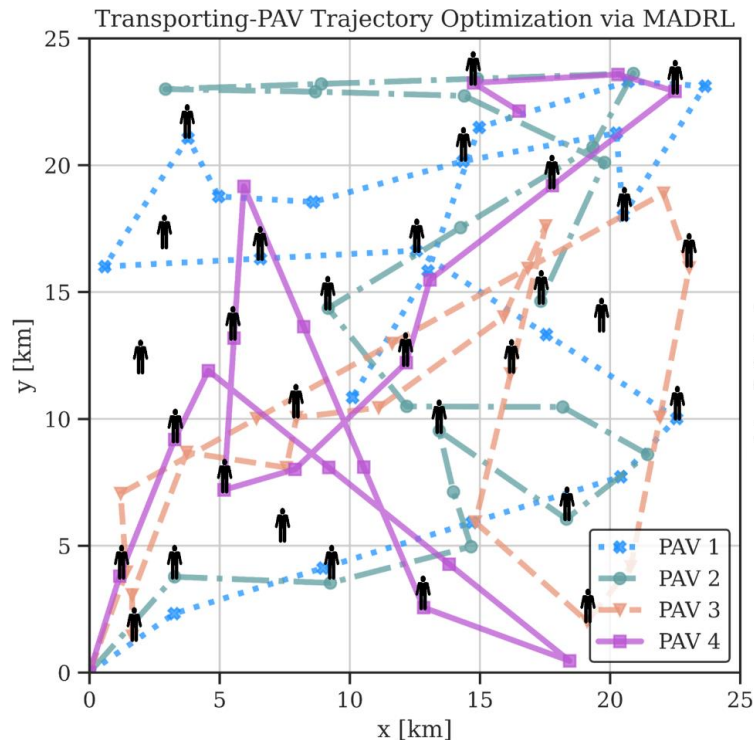
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