

# Deep Learning

## 12. Recurrent Neural Networks

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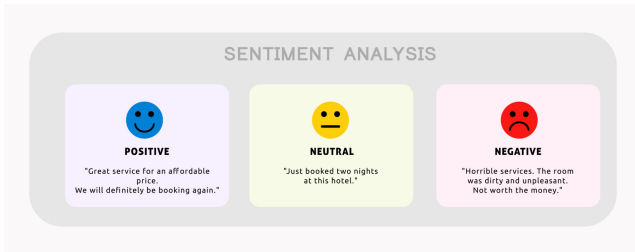
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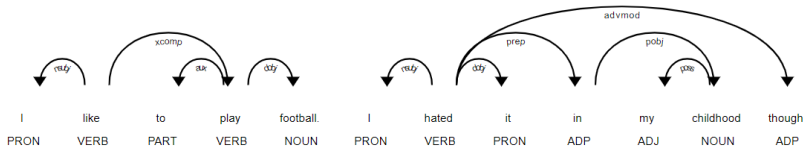
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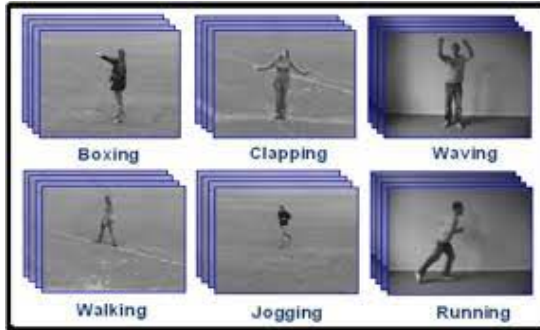
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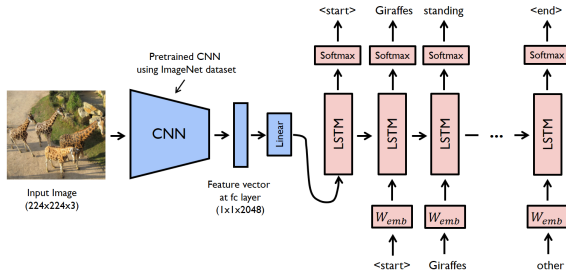
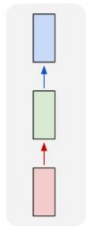


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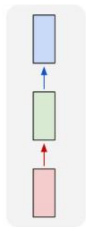


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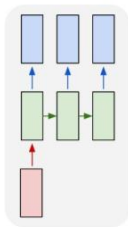


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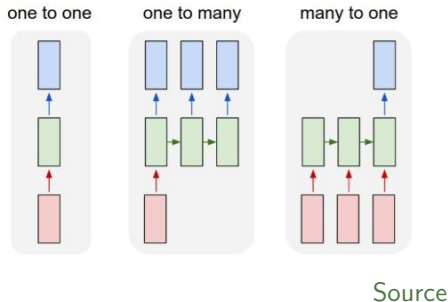


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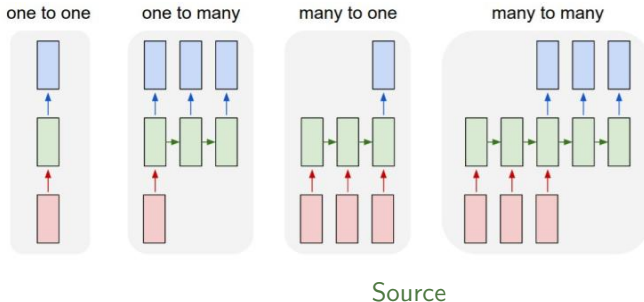


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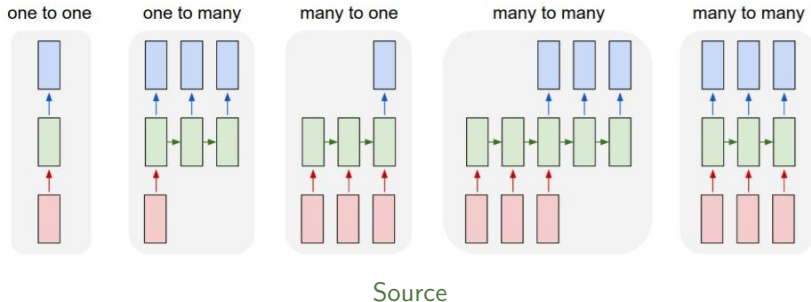
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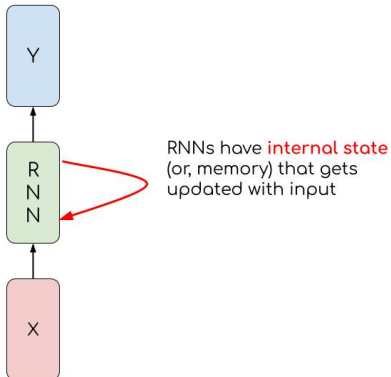
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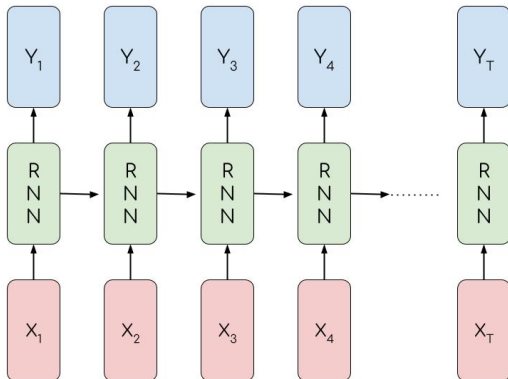
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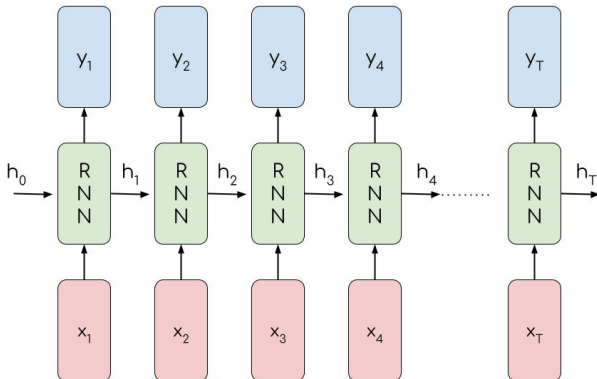
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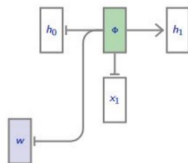
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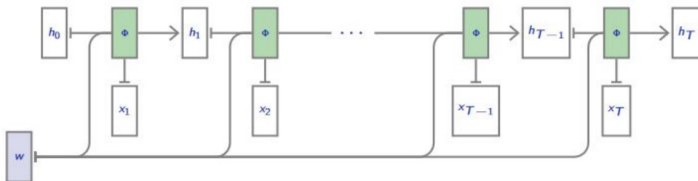
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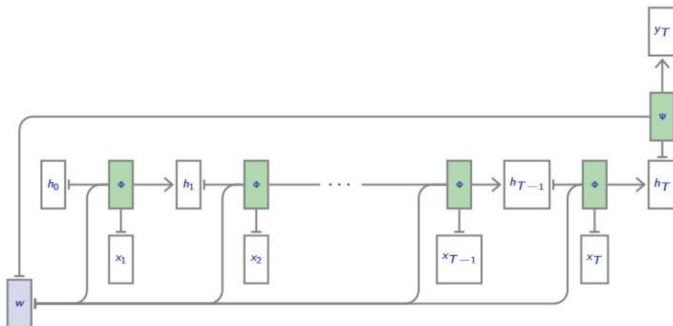
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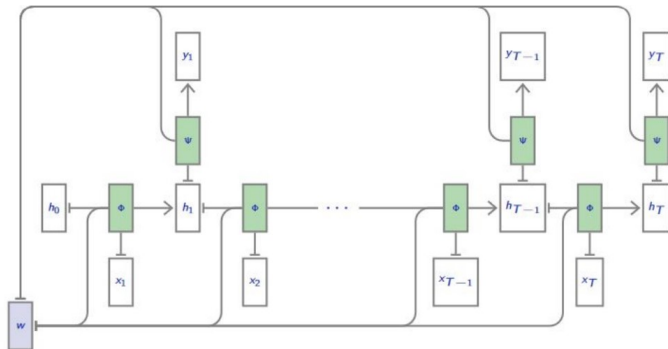
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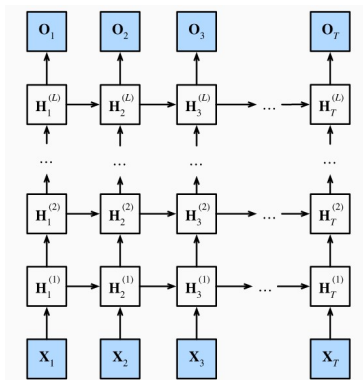
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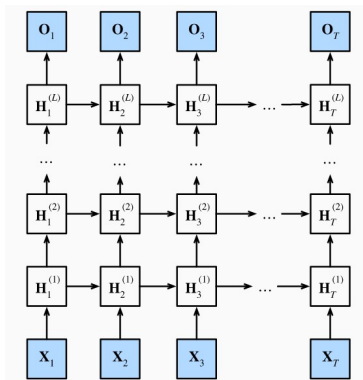
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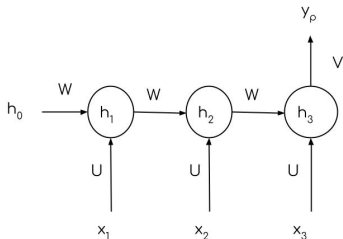


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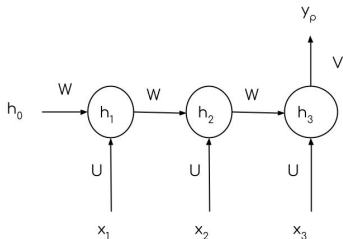
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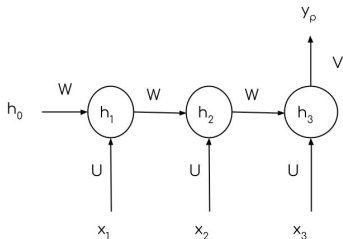


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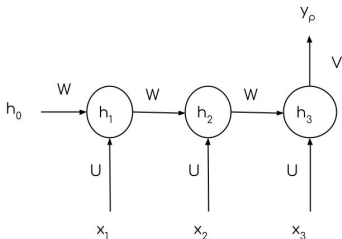


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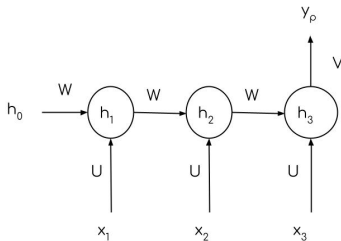


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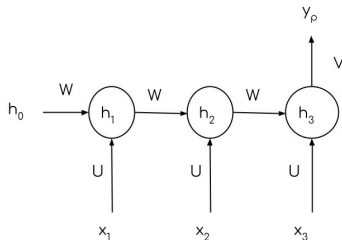
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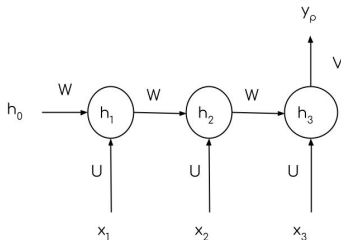


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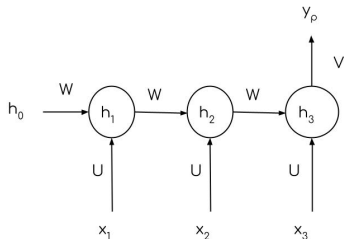


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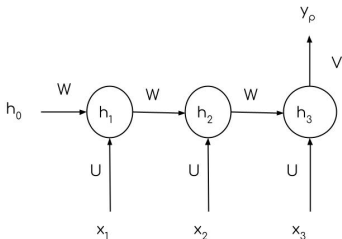


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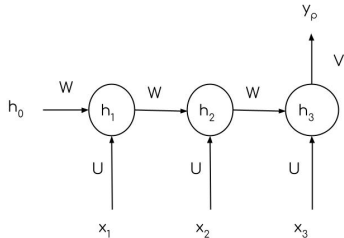


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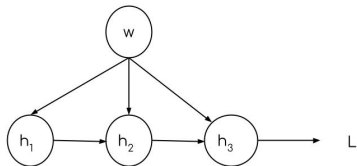
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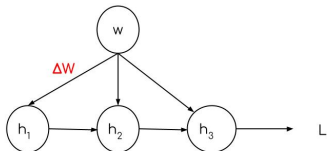


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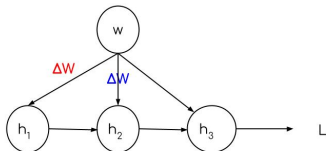
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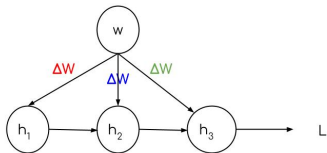
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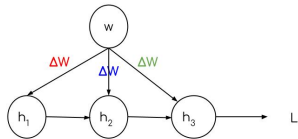
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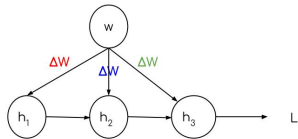
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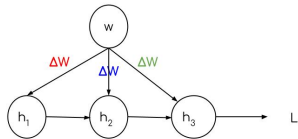
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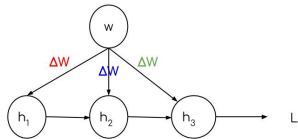
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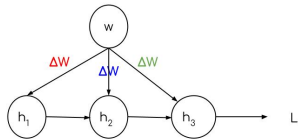
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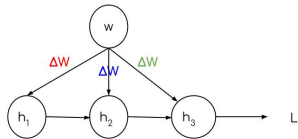
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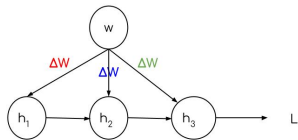


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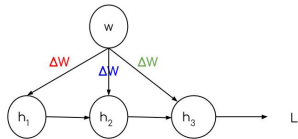
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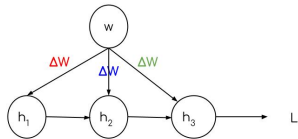
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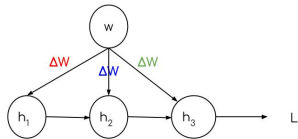
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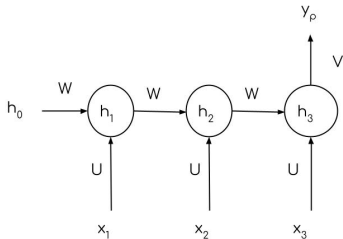
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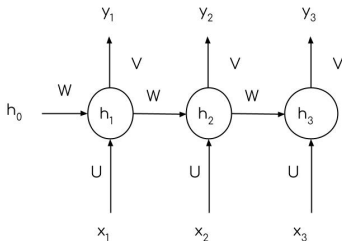


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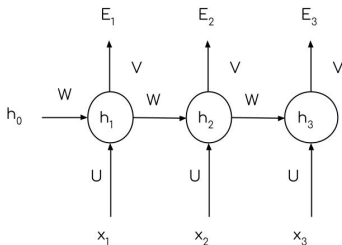
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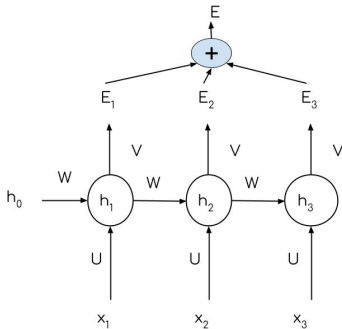
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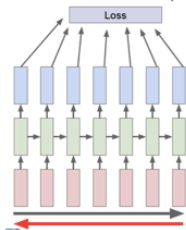
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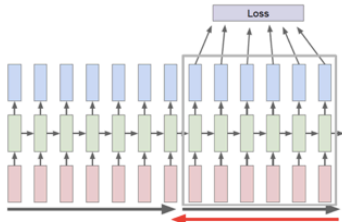
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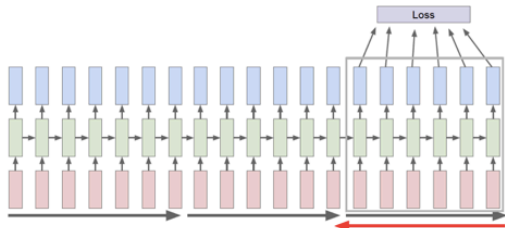
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Truncated BPTT (CS231n)

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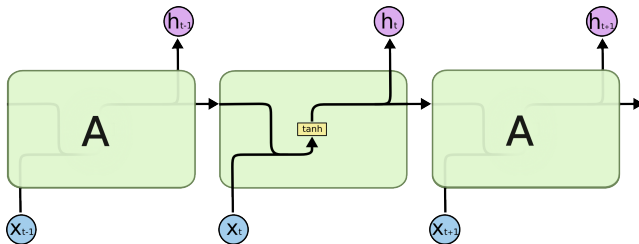
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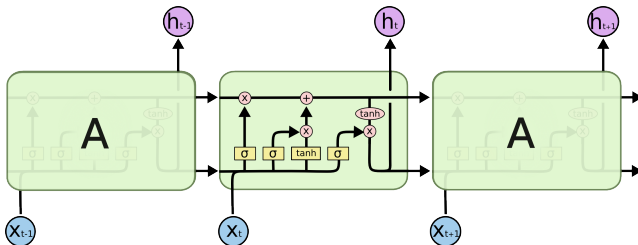
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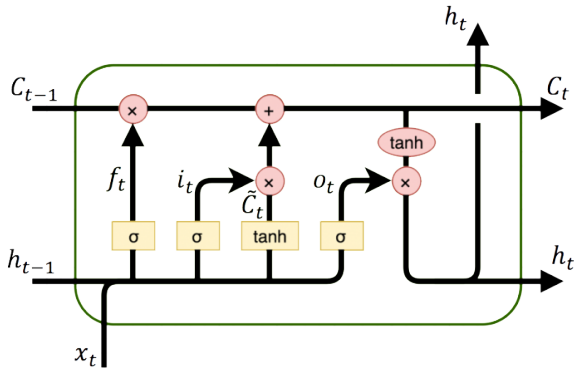
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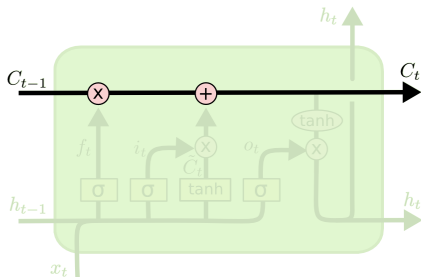
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The LSTM node. (Colah's blog)

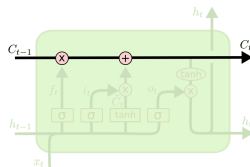
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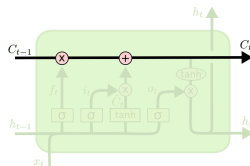
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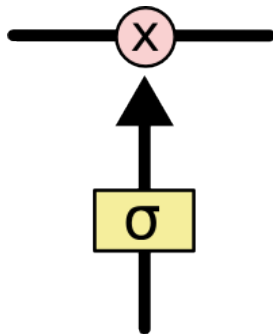
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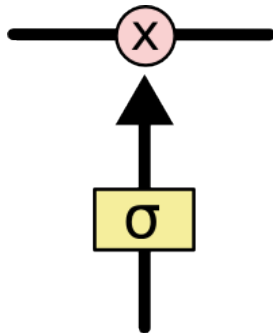
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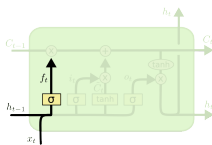


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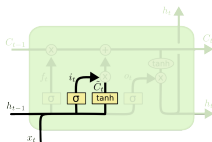


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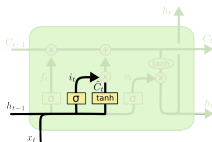
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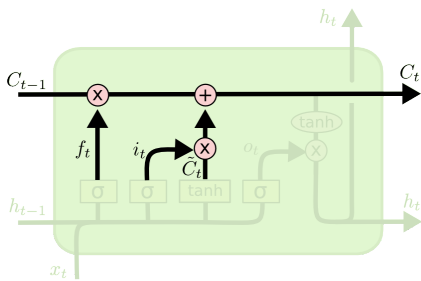
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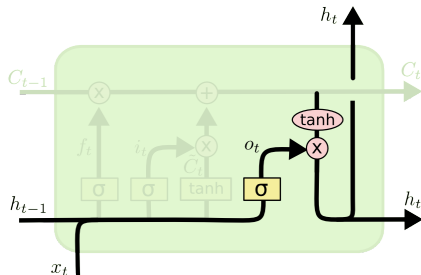
# LSTM: The cell state update



$$C_t = f_t * C_{t-1} + i_t * \tilde{C}_t$$

Cell state update in LSTM (Colah's blog)

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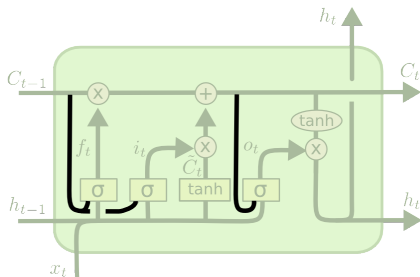
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$$h_t = o_t * \tanh(C_t)$$

Output computation in LSTM (Colah's blog)

e.g. may be a verb that is coming next in case of a language model

# LSTM variant: Peephole connections



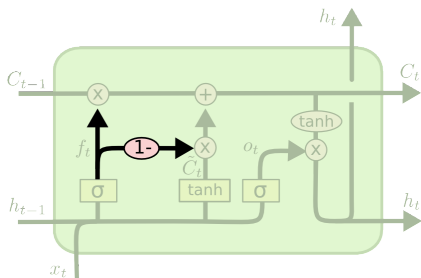
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Variant with gates looking into the Cell state in LSTM by Ger et al. (Colah's blog)

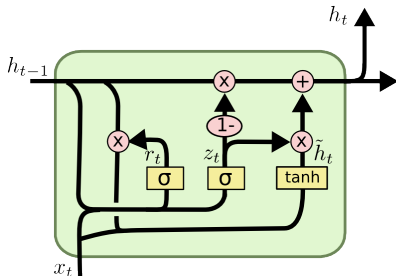
# LSTM variant: Coupled i/p and forget gates



$$C_t = f_t * C_{t-1} + (1 - f_t) * \tilde{C}_t$$

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# LSTM → GRU



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Gated Recurrent Unit (Colah's blog)



# LSTM: handling the vanishing gradients

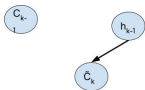
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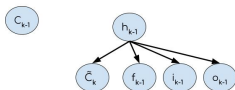
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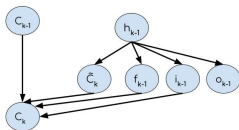
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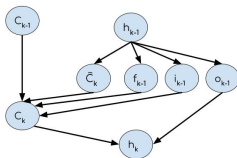
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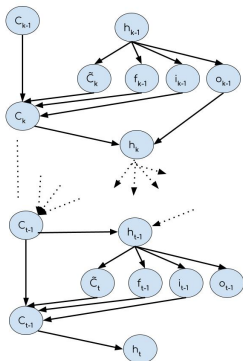
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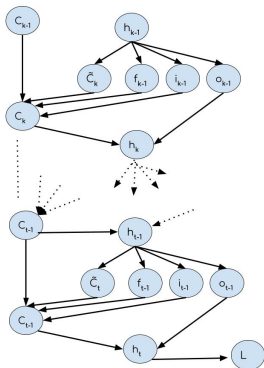
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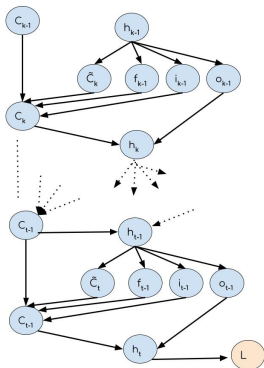
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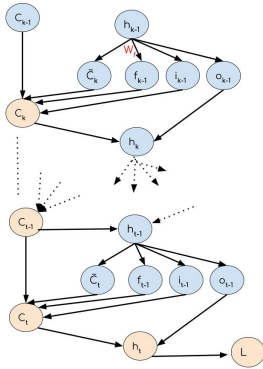


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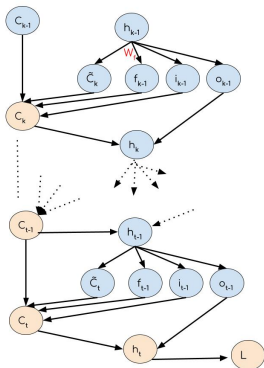
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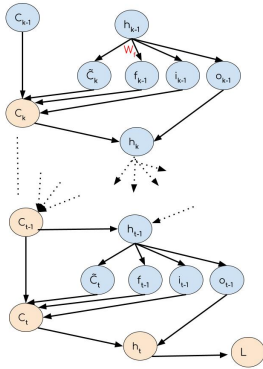
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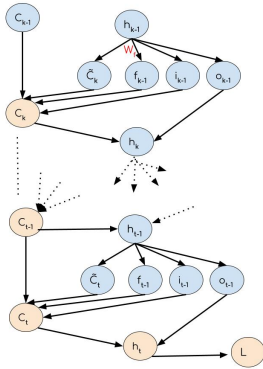
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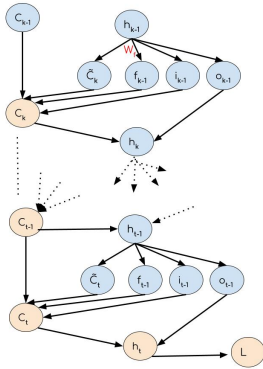
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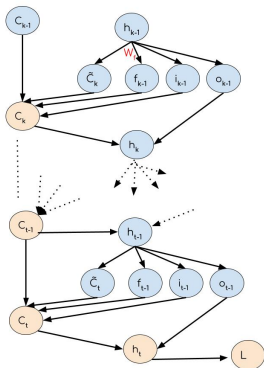
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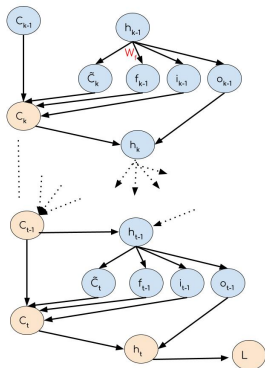
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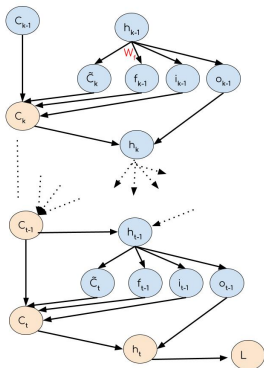
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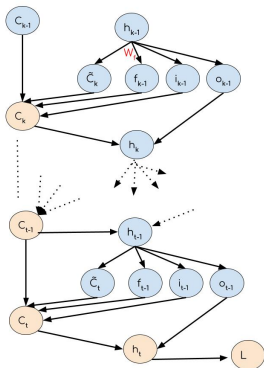


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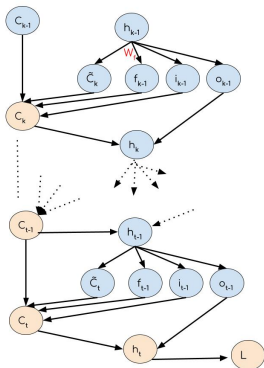
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