

# What is the purpose of a hidden layer?

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Consider a scalar time series

$$\{x^{(t)} : t=1, 2, \dots\}$$

Output time series:

$$\{y^{(t)} : t=1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$y^{(t)} = x^{(t)} + x^{(t-1)} + x^{(t-2)} \quad \text{for } t \geq 1.$$

$$\{x^{(t)}\} : \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5$$

$$\{y^{(t)}\} : \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 6 \quad 9 \quad 12 \quad \dots$$

Goal: Build a model s.t.  $\hat{y}^{(t)} = y^{(t)} \quad \forall t$

(1)  $\hat{y}^{(t)} = \text{FCNN}(x^{(t)})$  X no memory.

(2)  $\hat{y}^{(t)} = \text{General linear function on } \{x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(t)}\}$   
 $= \sum_{s=1}^t a^{(s)} x^{(s)}$   
fit to data X

(3)  $h_1^{(t)} = x^{(t)}$   
 $h_2^{(t)} = h_1^{(t-1)} = x^{(t-1)}$   
 $h_3^{(t)} = h_2^{(t-1)} = x^{(t-2)}$

Model:  $\hat{y}^{(t)} = h_1^{(t)} + h_2^{(t)} + h_3^{(t)}$   
 $= x^{(t)} + x^{(t-1)} + x^{(t-2)} = y^{(t)}$

Vectorize above:

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} h_1^{(t)} \\ h_2^{(t)} \\ h_3^{(t)} \end{pmatrix}}_{h^{(t)}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{W} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} h_1^{(t-1)} \\ h_2^{(t-1)} \\ h_3^{(t-1)} \end{pmatrix}}_{h^{(t-1)}} + \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{b} x^{(t)}$$

$$\underbrace{u_1^{(t)}}_{h(t)}$$

$$\underbrace{u_2^{(t)}}_W$$

$$\underbrace{u_3^{(t)}}_{h(t-1)}$$

$$\underbrace{u_4^{(t)}}_U$$

$$\hat{y}(t) = \underbrace{(1 \quad 1 \quad 1)}_V \begin{pmatrix} h_1(t) \\ h_2(t) \\ h_3(t) \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{\quad}_{h(t)}$$

$$h(t) = \sigma_r(W h(t-1) + U x^{(t)} + b)$$

$$\hat{y}(t) = \sigma_o(V \cdot h(t) + c)$$