RNN and LSTM

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What's in it for you?

- What is a Neural Network?
- Popular Neural Networks
- Why Recurrent Neural Network?
- What is a Recurrent Neural Network?
- **How does a RNN work?**
- Vanishing and Exploding Gradient Problem
- Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)
- Use case implementation of LSTM

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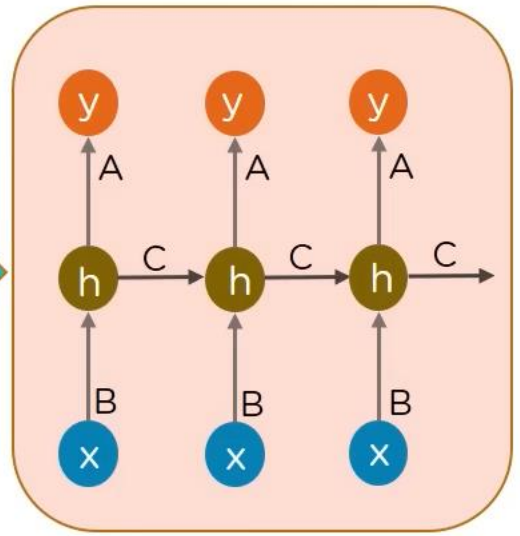

Fed to a Recurrent Neural Network

Analyses the data by finding the sequence of words occurring frequently and builds a model to predict the next word in the sentence

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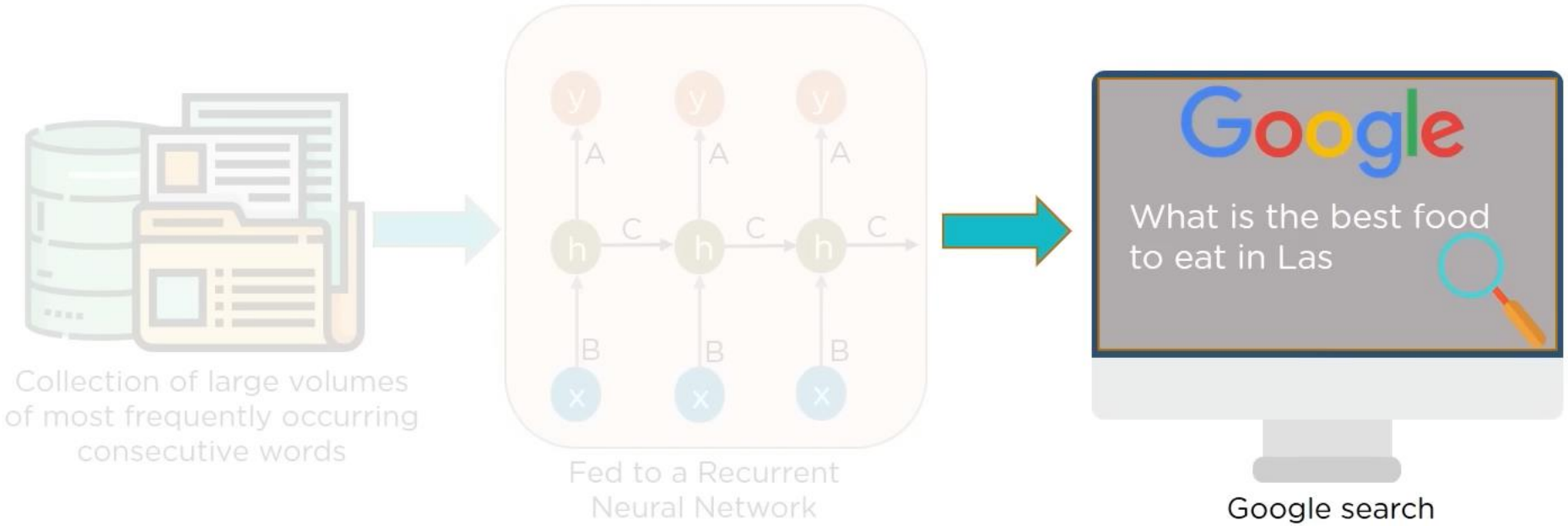

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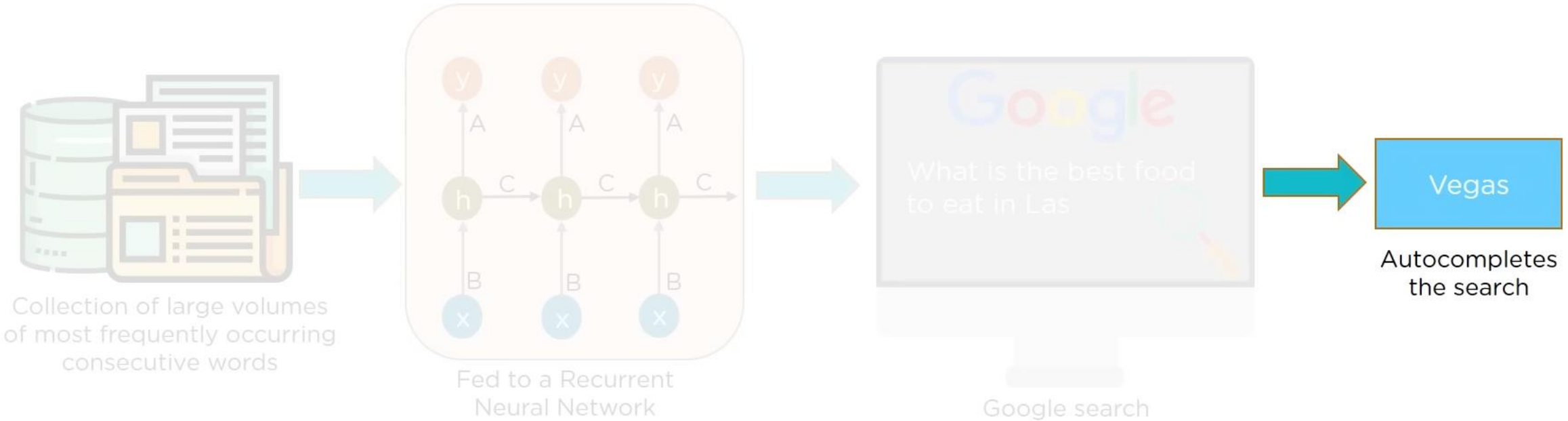

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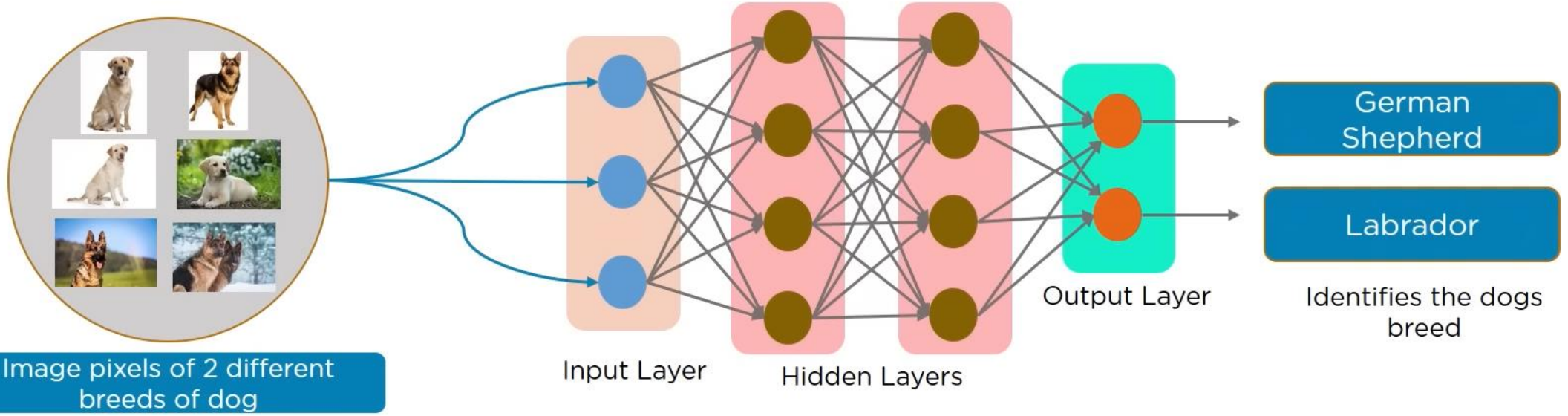

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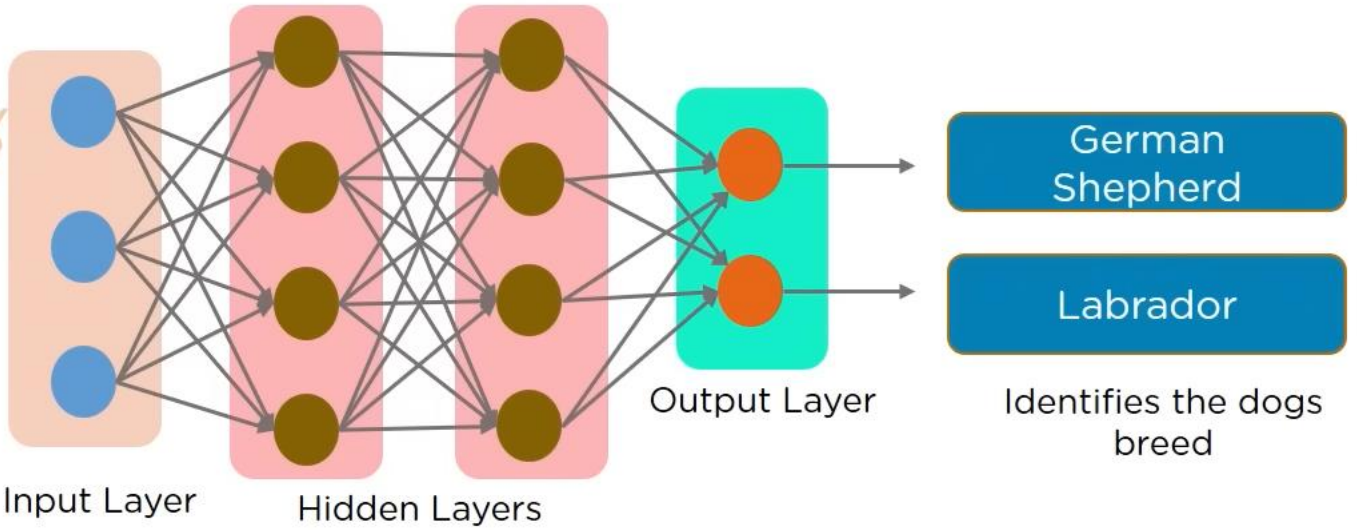
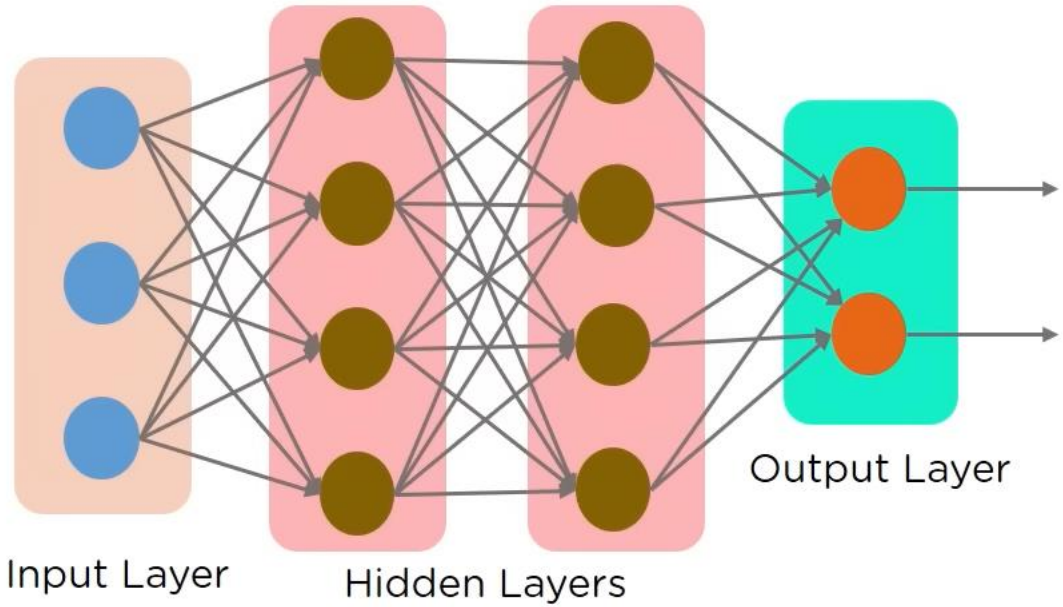
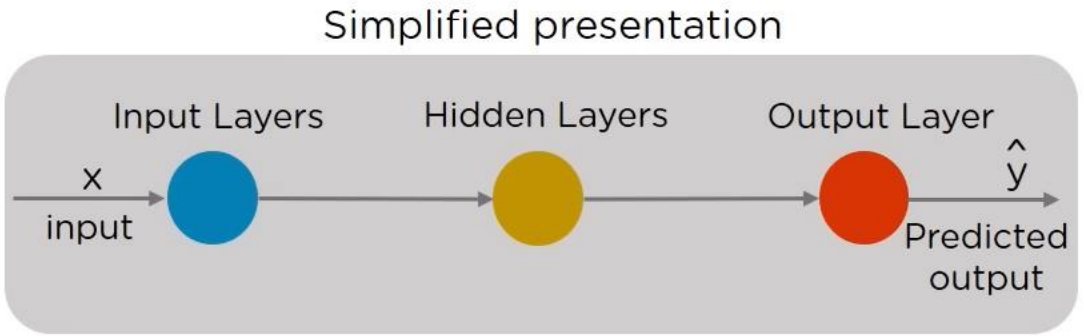


Feed Forward Neural Network

In a Feed-Forward Network , information flows only in forward direction, from the input nodes, through the hidden layers (if any) and to the output nodes. There are no cycles or loops in the network.

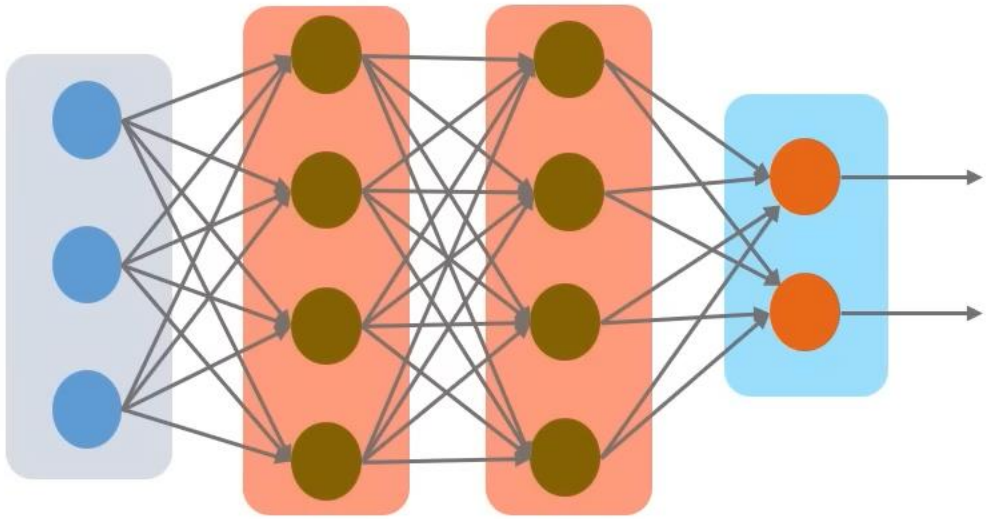




- Decisions are based on current input
- No memory about the past
- No future scope

Why Recurrent Neural Network?

Issues in Feed Forward Neural Network



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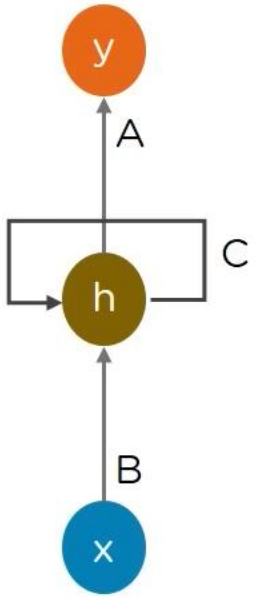

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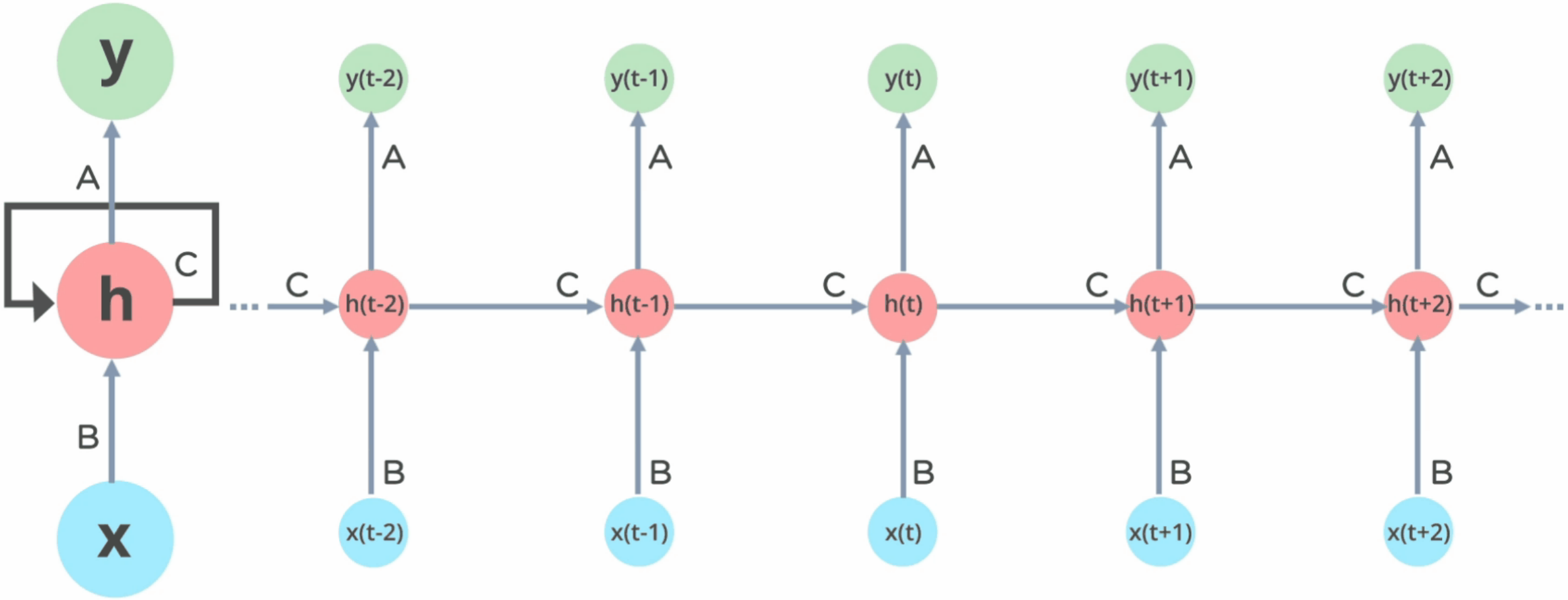
02 considers the current input and also the previously received inputs

03 can memorize previous inputs due to its internal memory

How RNN Looks Like



Applications of RNN

"A Dog catching a ball in mid air"

Image captioning

RNN is used to caption an image by analyzing the activities present in it

Applications of RNN

Time series prediction

Any time series problem like predicting the prices of stocks in a particular month can be solved using RNN

Applications of RNN

When it rains, look for rainbows.
When it's dark, look for stars.

Positive Sentiment

Natural Language Processing

Text mining and Sentiment analysis can be carried out using RNN for Natural Language Processing

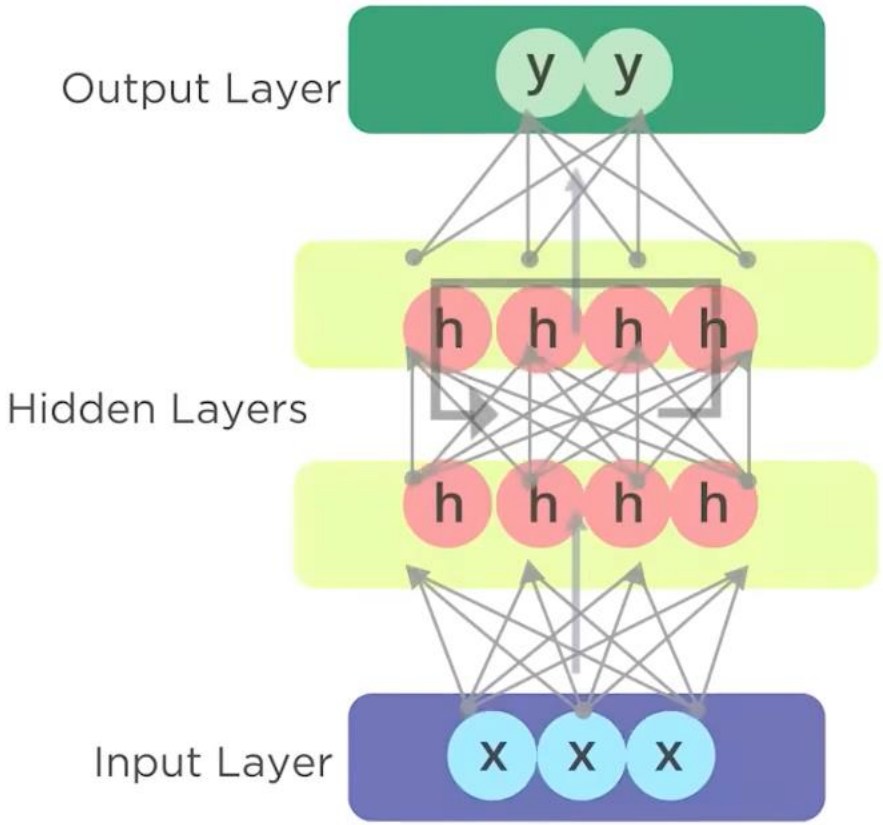
Applications of RNN

Here the person is speaking in English and it is getting translated into Chinese, Italian, French, German and Spanish languages

Machine Translation

Given an input in one language, RNN can be used to translate the input into different languages as output

How does a RNN look like?



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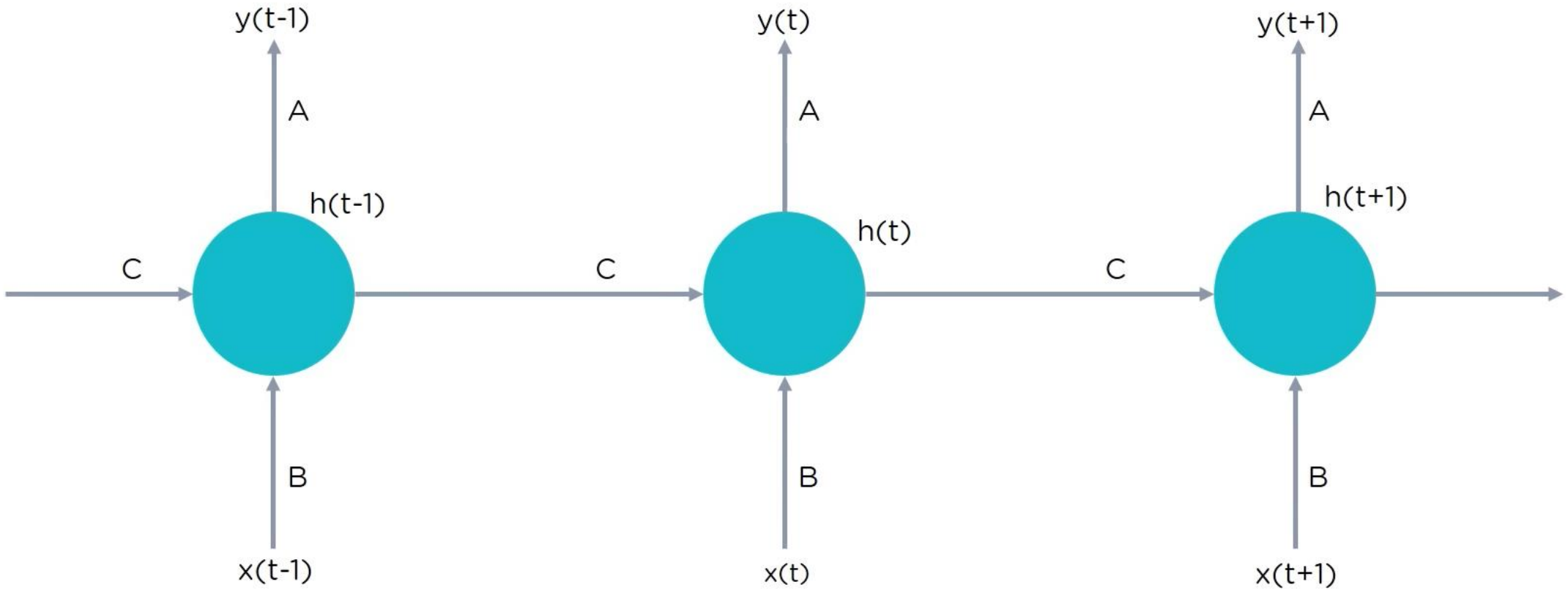

$h(t) = f_c(h(t-1), x(t))$

h(t) = new state
f_c = function with parameter c
h(t-1) = old state
x(t) = input vector at time step t

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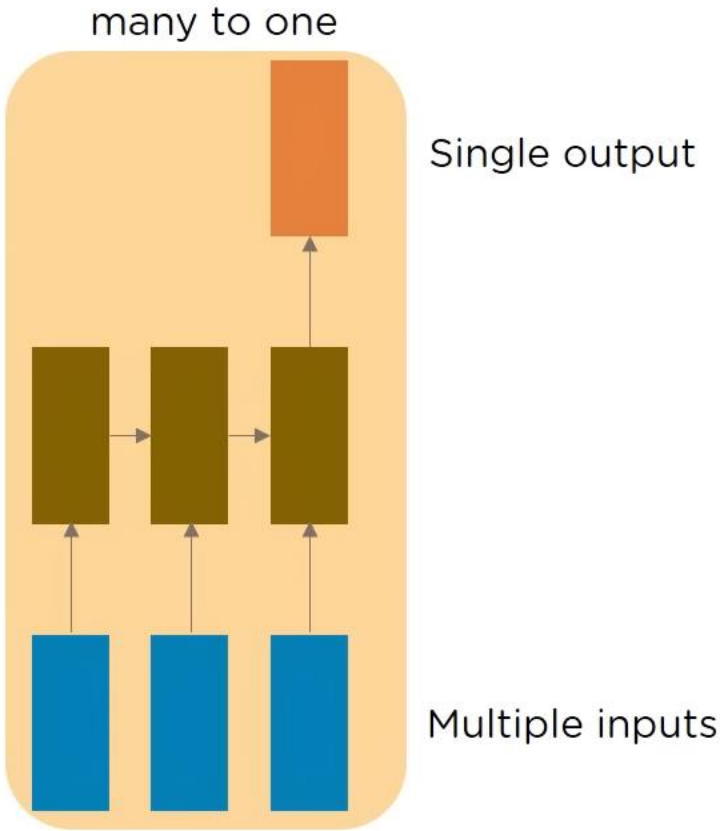
many to one network takes in a sequence of inputs. Example: Sentiment analysis where a given sentence can be classified as expressing positive or negative sentiments



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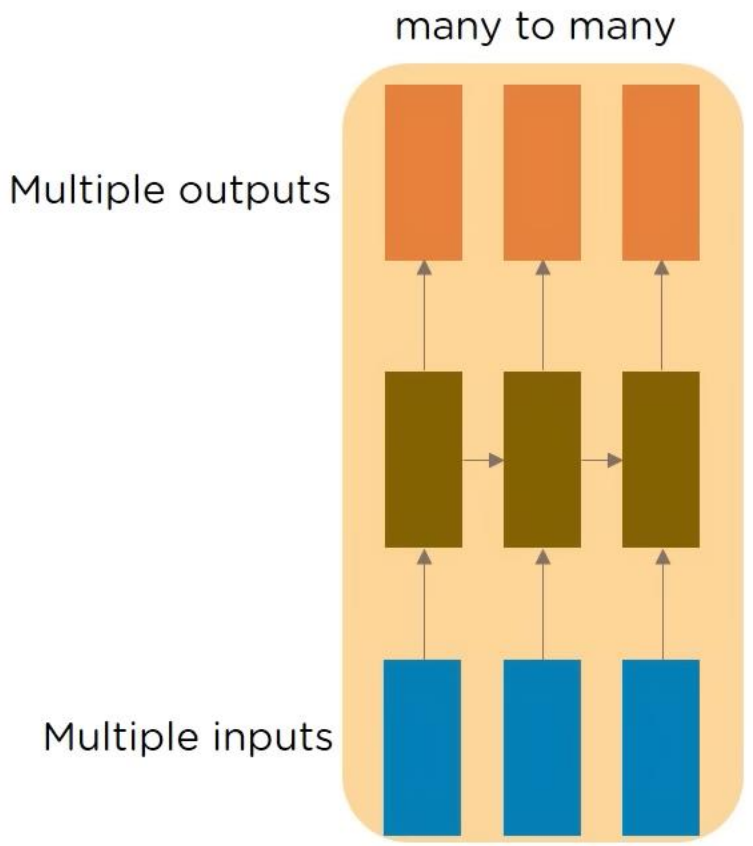
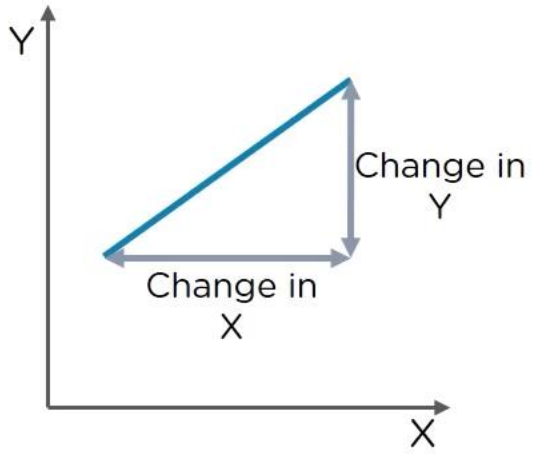
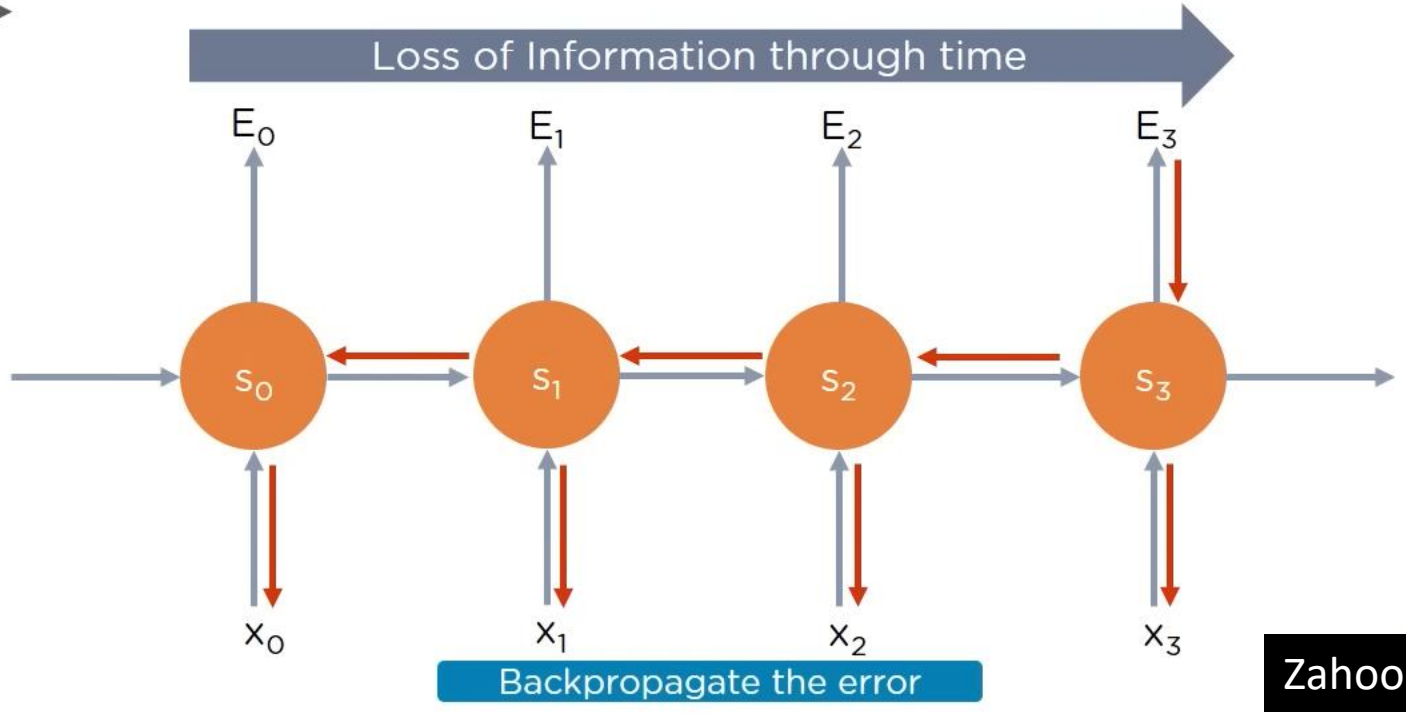


Vanishing Gradient Problem



While training a RNN, your slope can be either too small or very large and this makes training difficult. When the slope is too small, the problem is know as *Vanishing gradient.*



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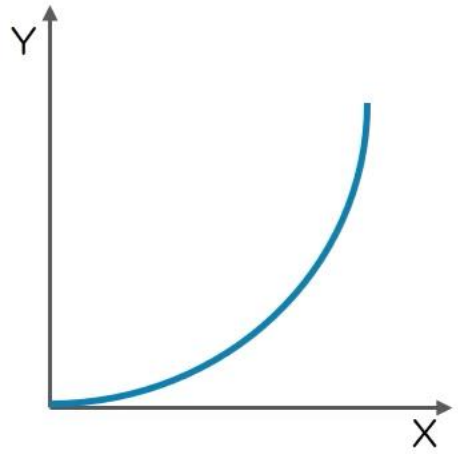

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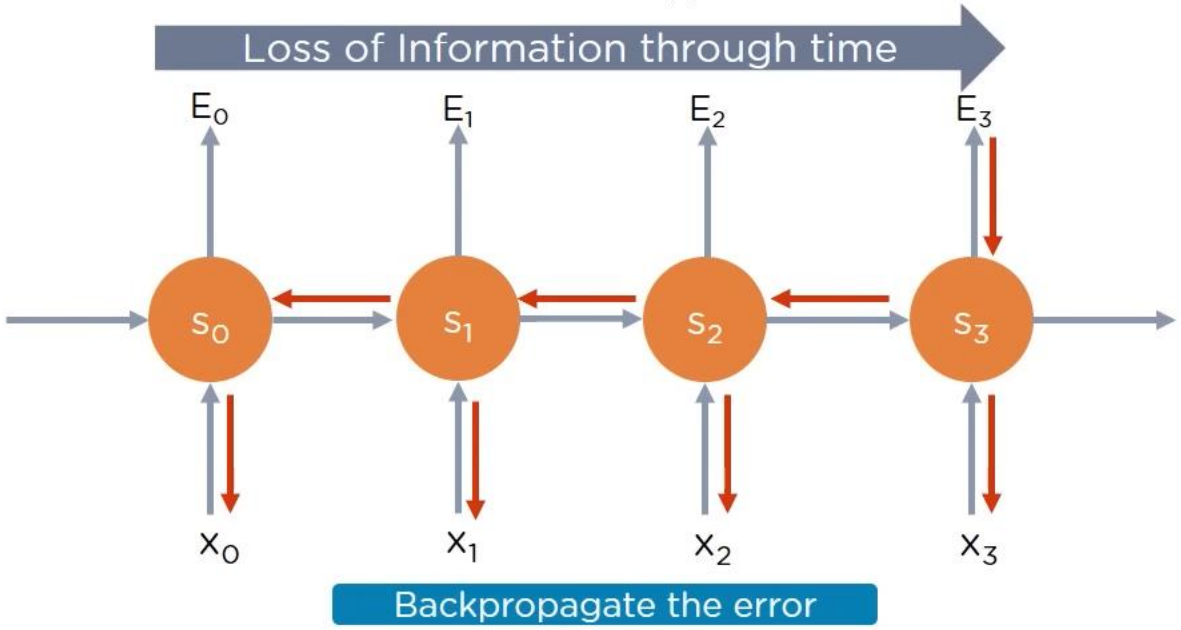

Issues in Gradient Problem

- Long training time
- Poor performance
- Bad accuracy

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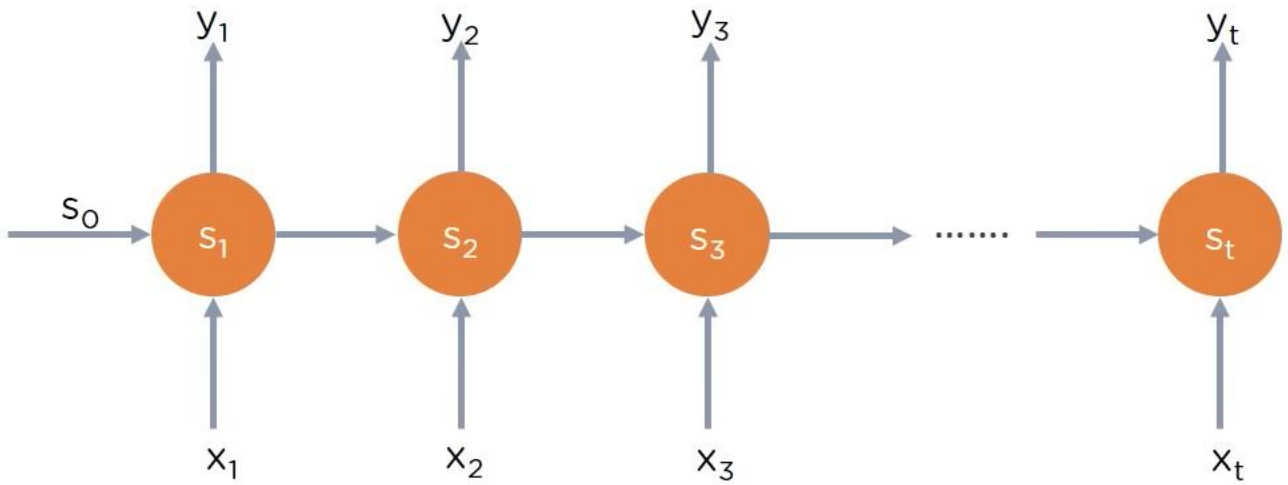

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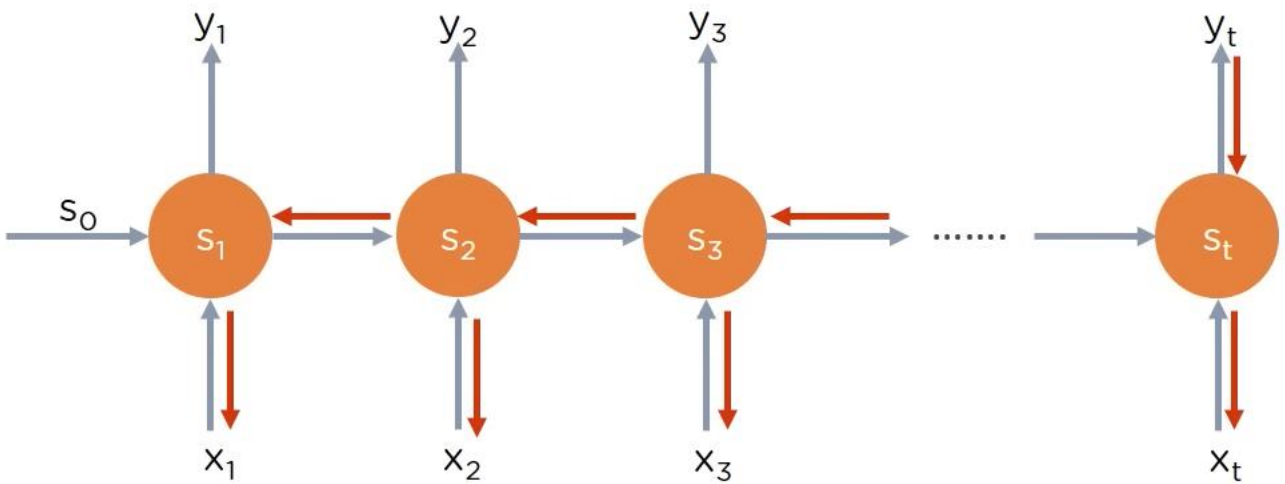

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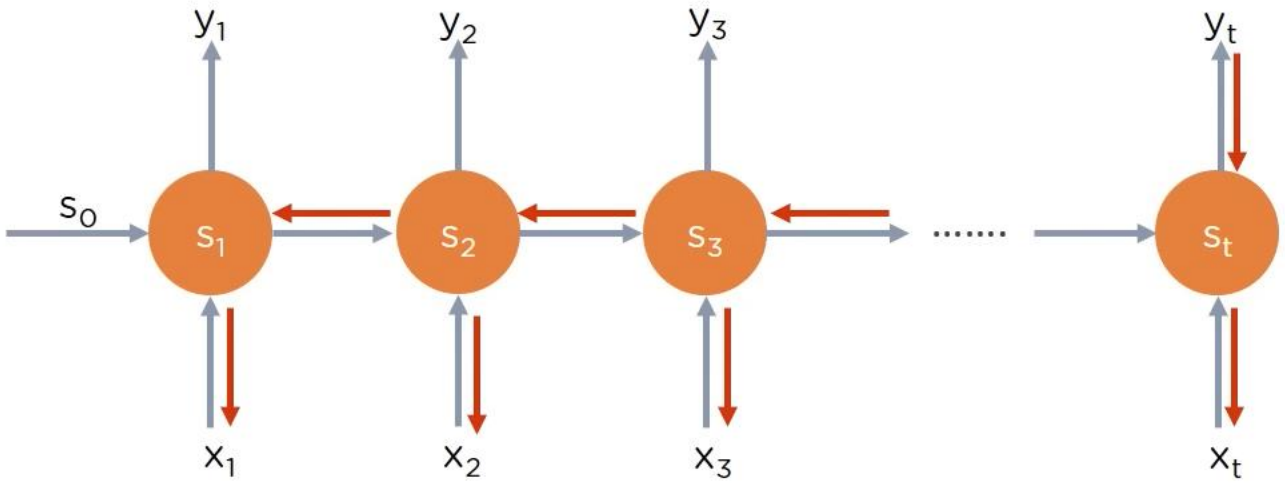

It might be sometimes difficult for the error to backpropagate to the beginning of the sequence to predict what should be the output

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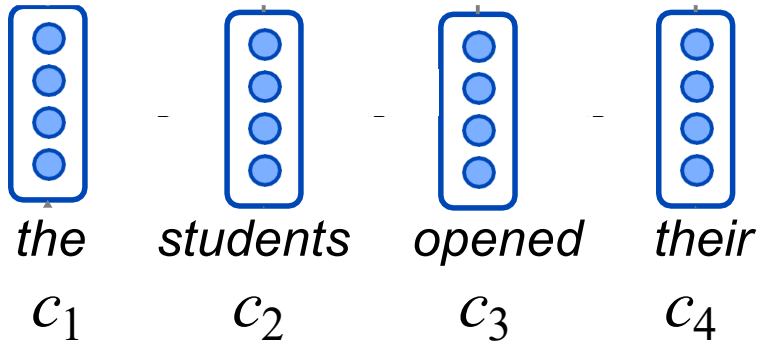

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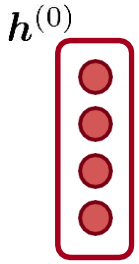

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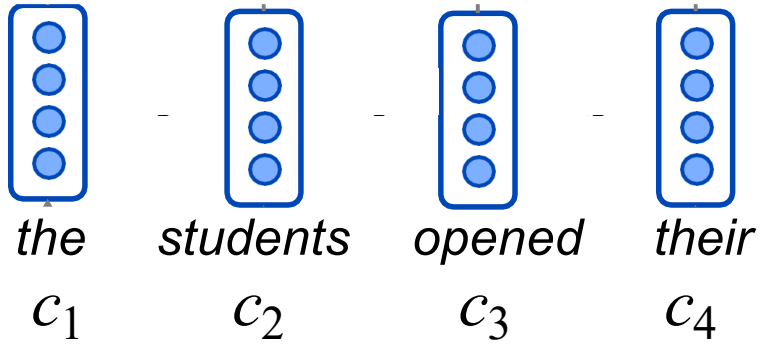

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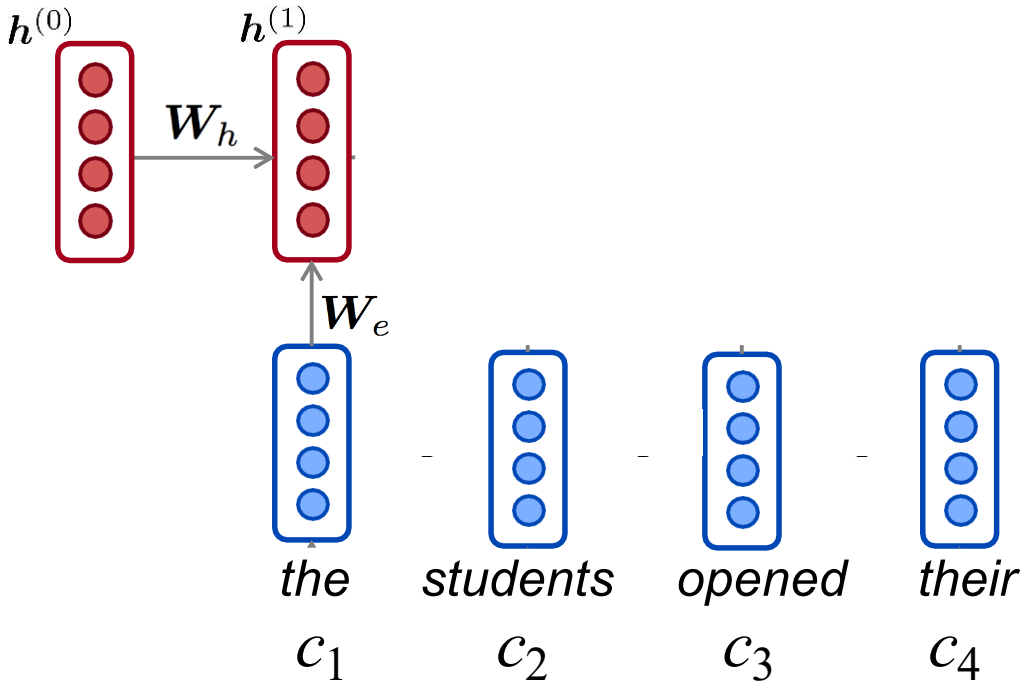

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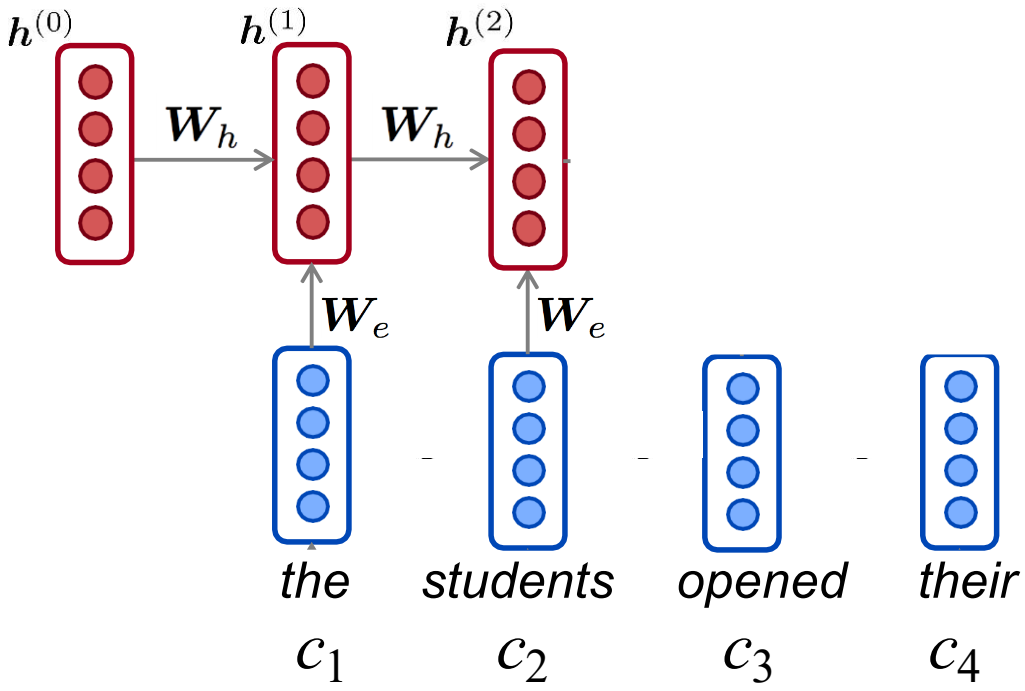

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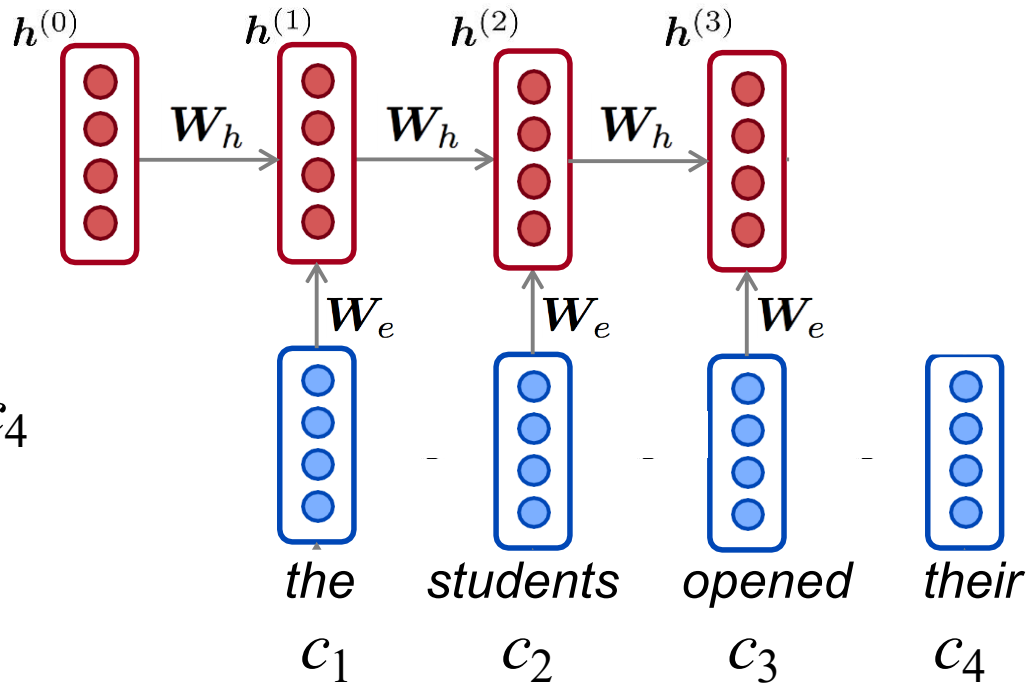

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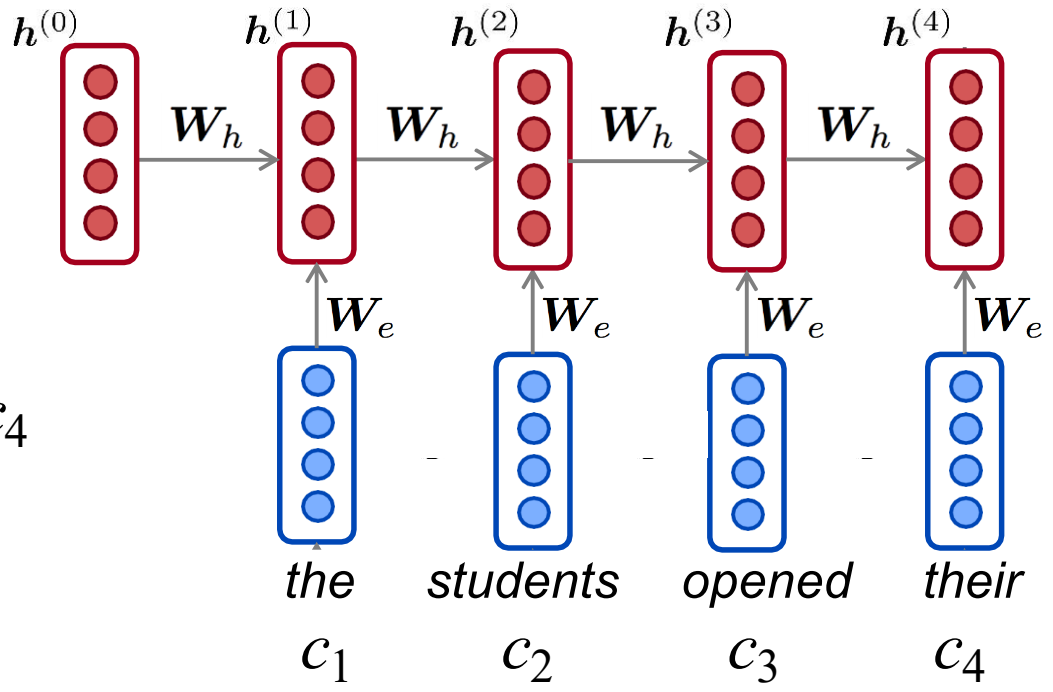

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output distribution

$$\hat{y} = \text{softmax}(W_2 h^{(t)})$$

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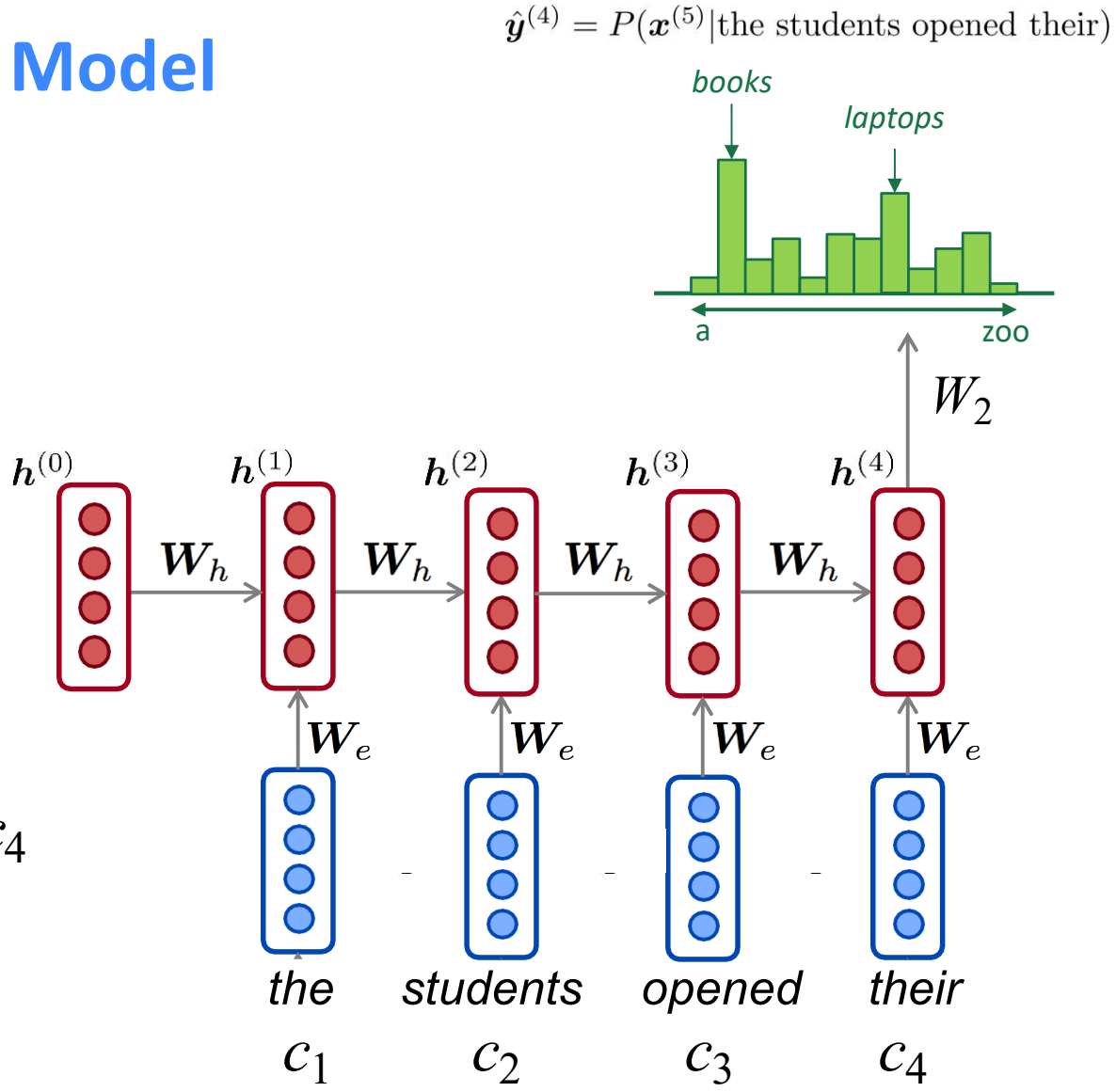


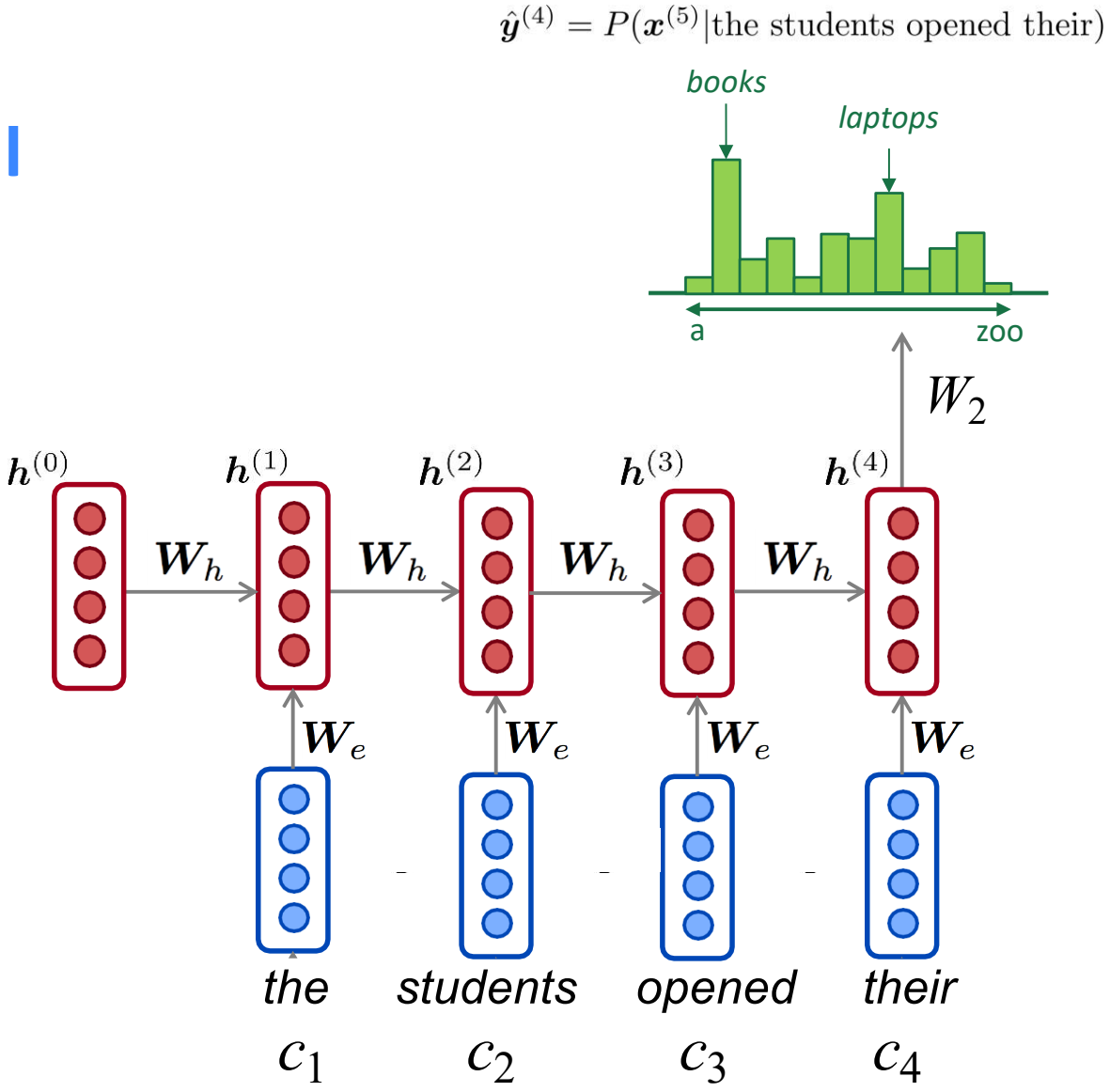
why is this good?

RNN **Advantages**:

- Can process any length input
- Model size doesn't increase for longer input
- Computation for step *t* can (in theory) use information from many steps back
- Weights are shared across timesteps → representations are shared

RNN **Disadvantages**:

- Recurrent computation is slow
- In practice, difficult to access information from many steps back



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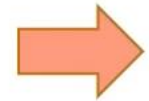

" The clouds are in the sky "

Here we do not need any further context. It's pretty clear the last word is going to be "*sky*".

Long-Term Dependencies

Suppose we try to predict the last word in the text

"I have been staying in Spain for the last 10 years... I can speak fluent _____."

The word we predict will depend on the previous few words in context

- Here we need the context of **Spain** to predict the last word in the text.
- It's possible that the gap between the relevant information and the point where it is needed to become very large.
- **LSTMs** help us solve this problem.

Long Short-Term Memory Networks

LSTMs are special kind of Recurrent Neural Networks, capable of learning long-term dependencies. Remembering information for long periods of time is their default behavior.

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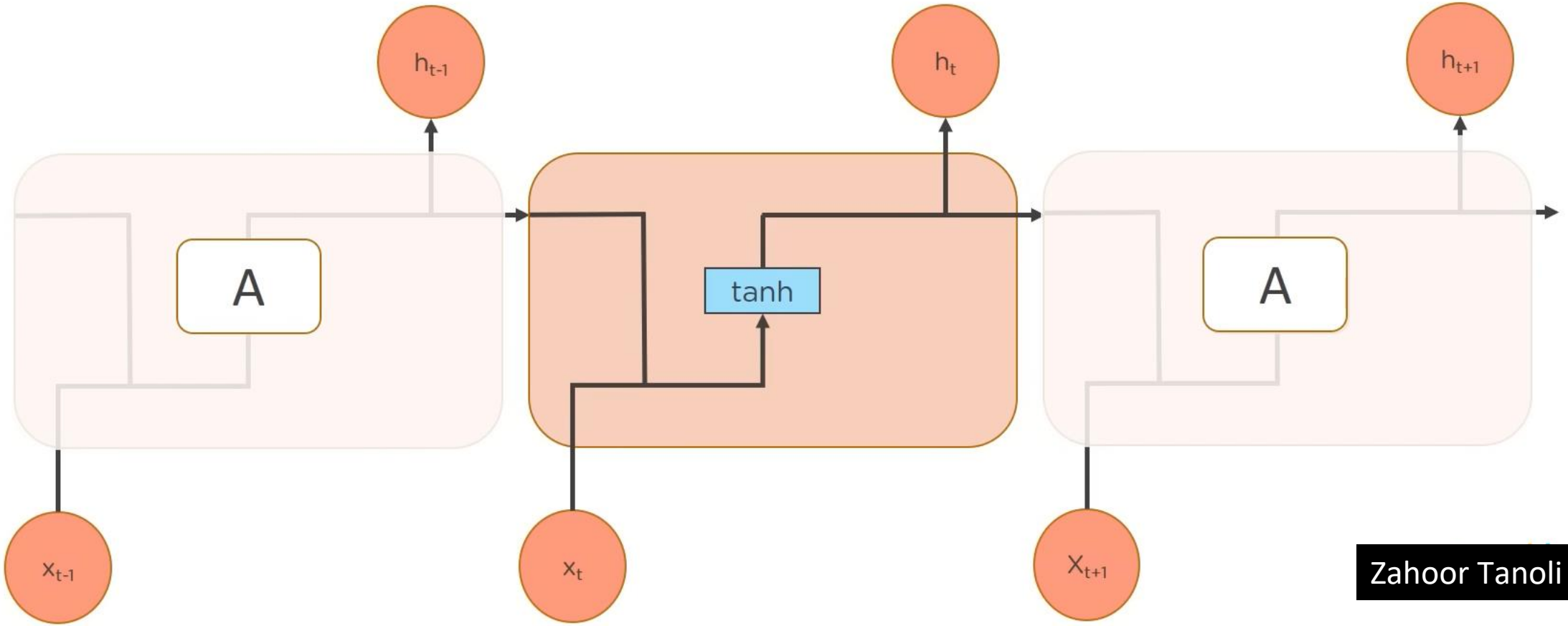

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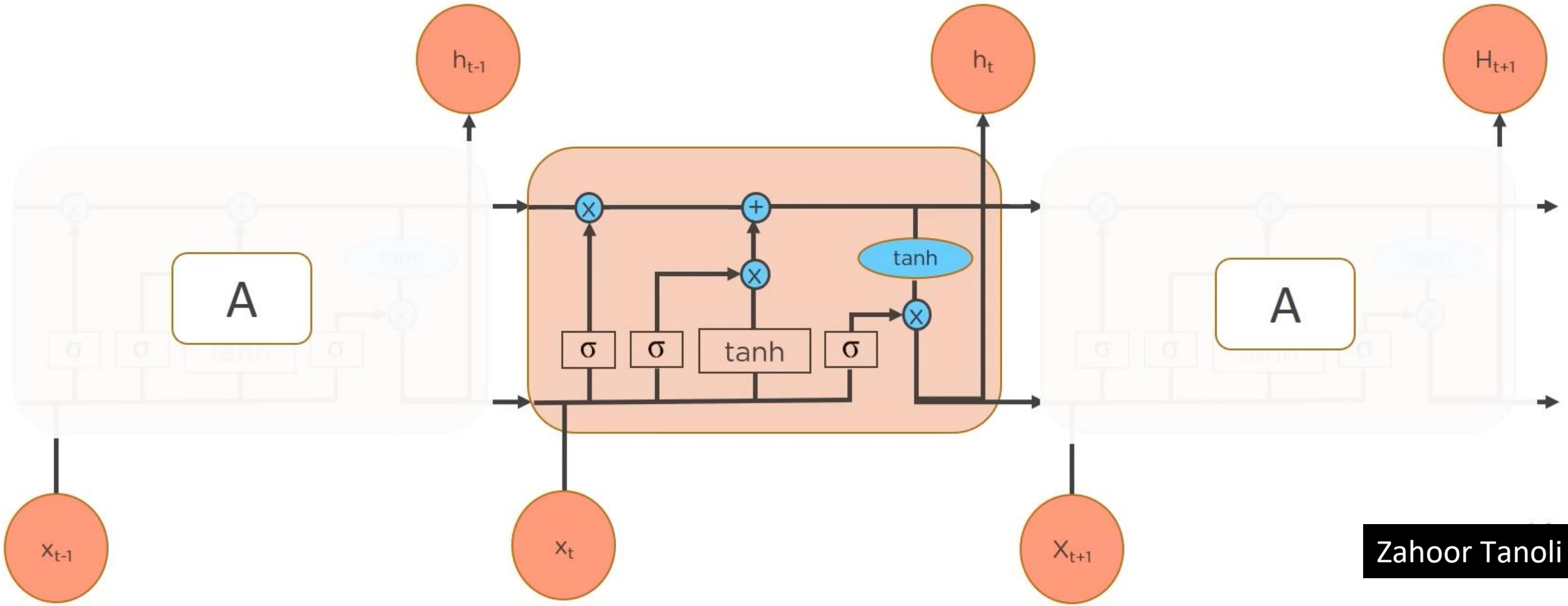

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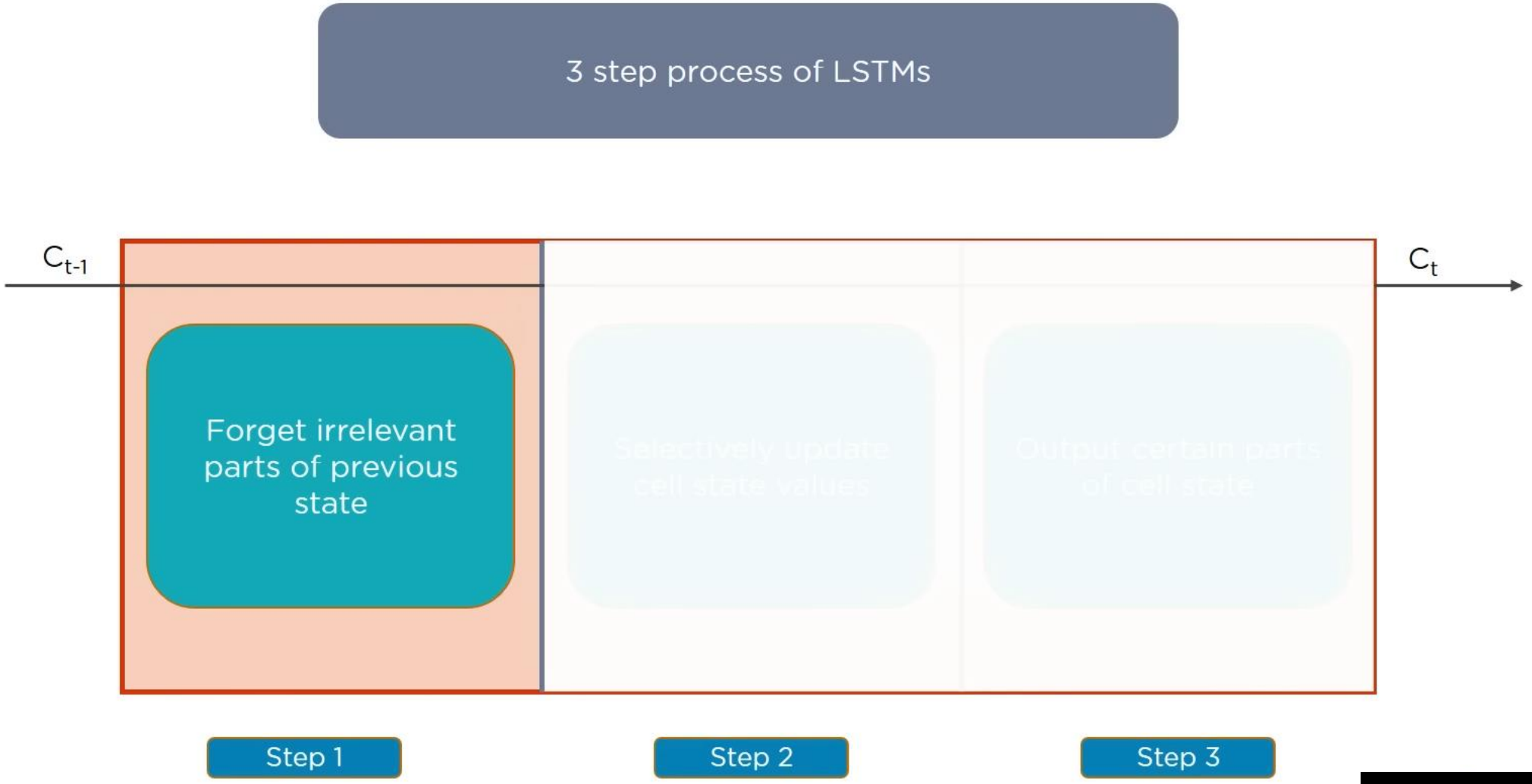

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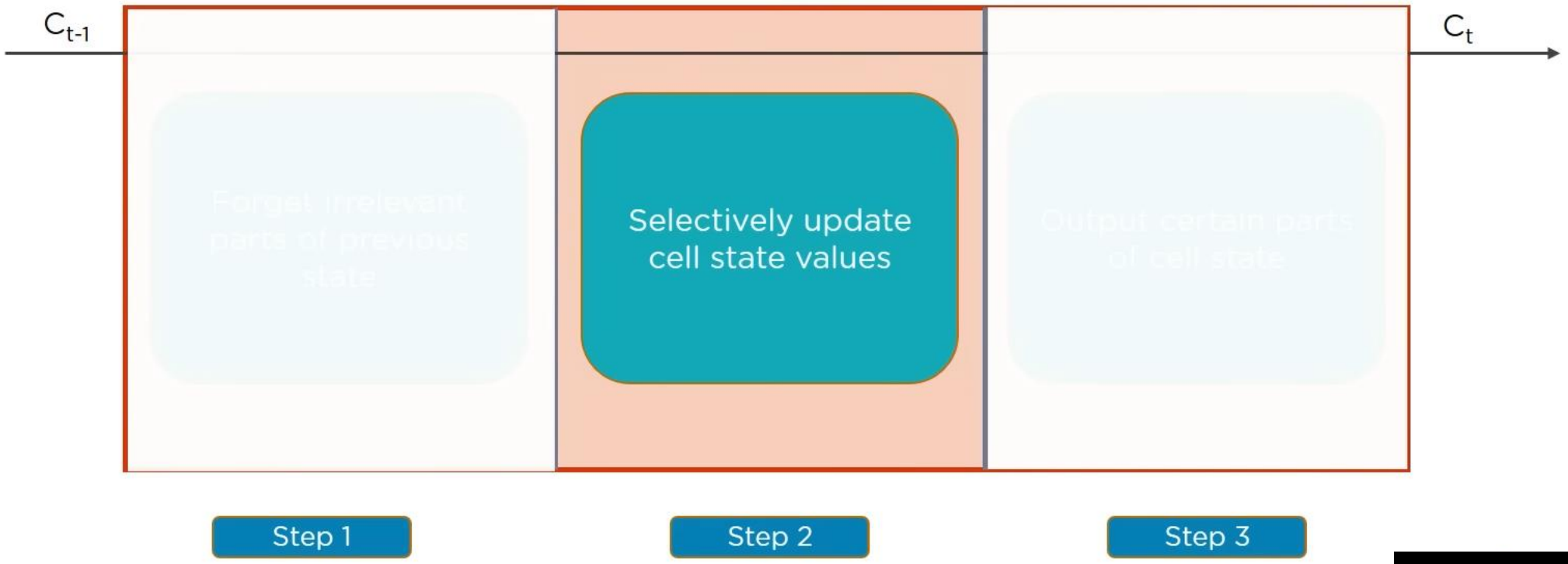
3 step process of LSTMs



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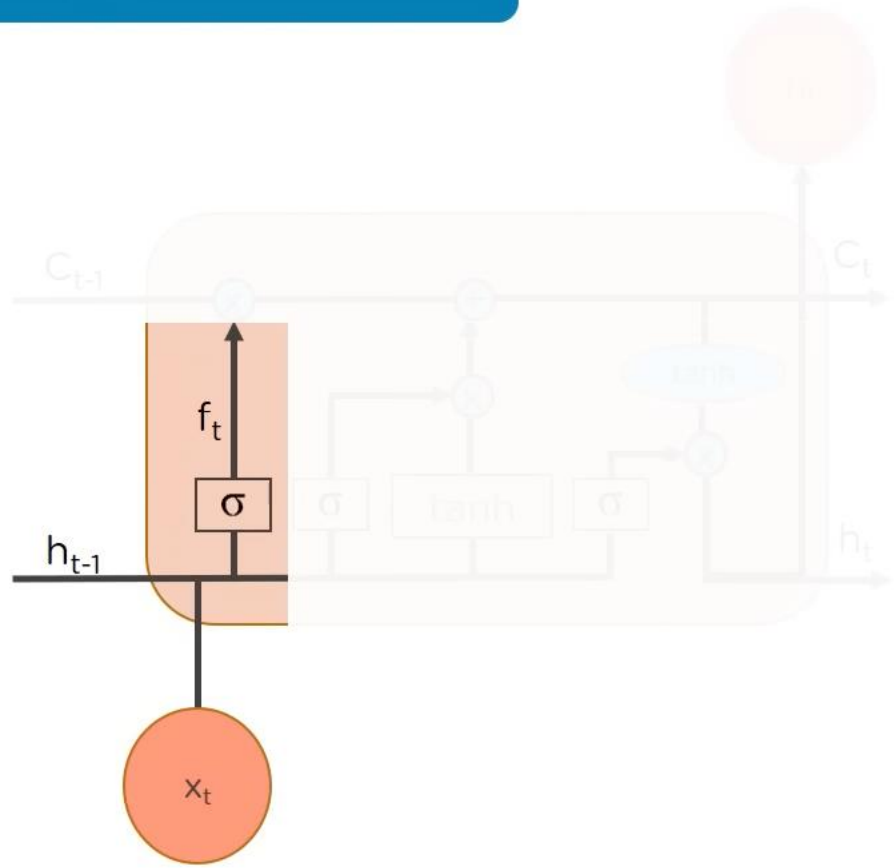

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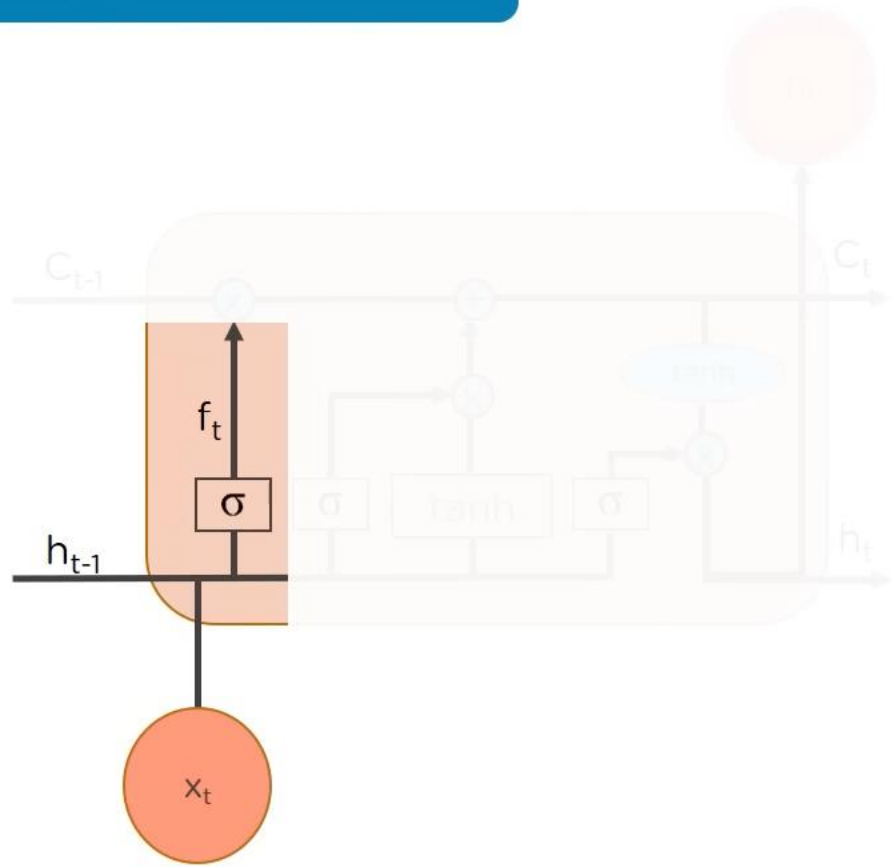

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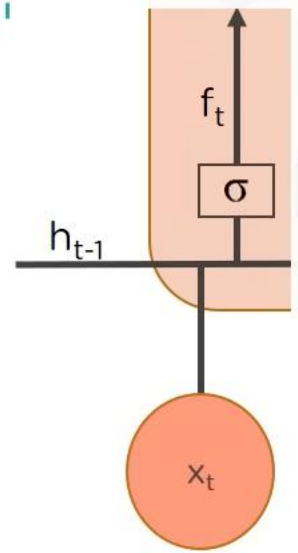

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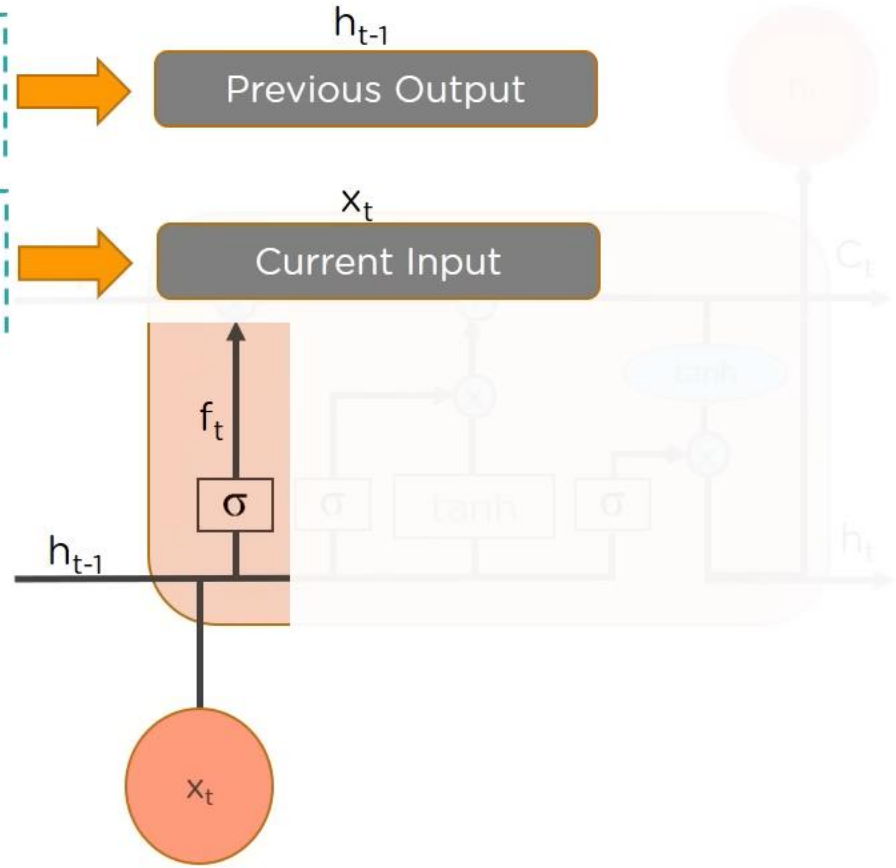

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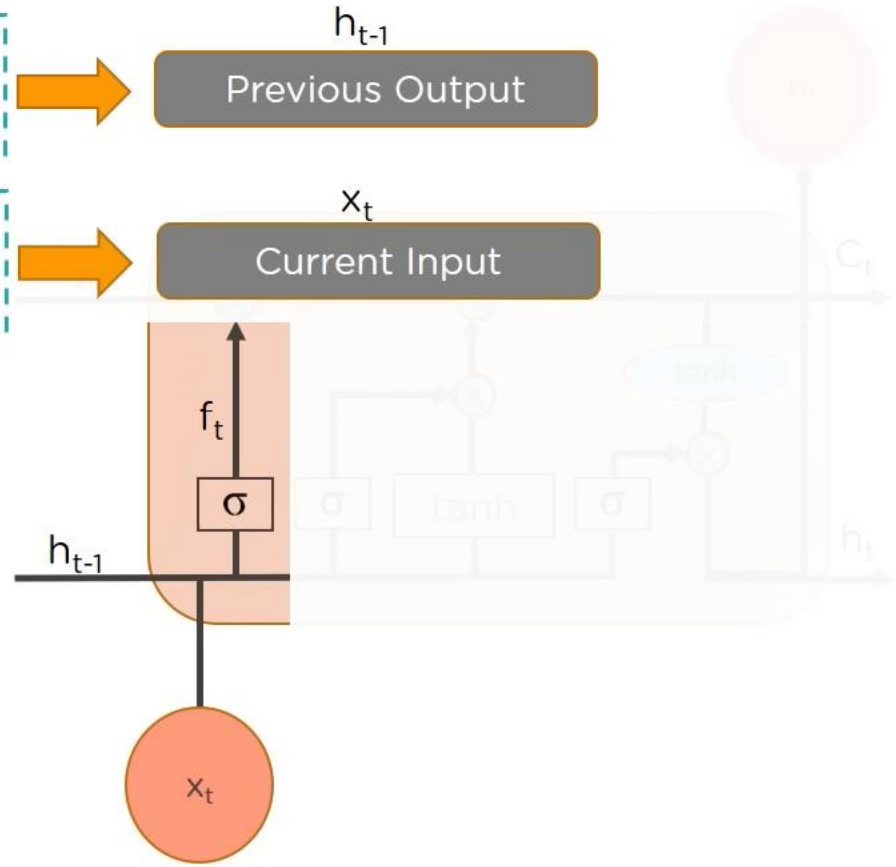

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Step-2

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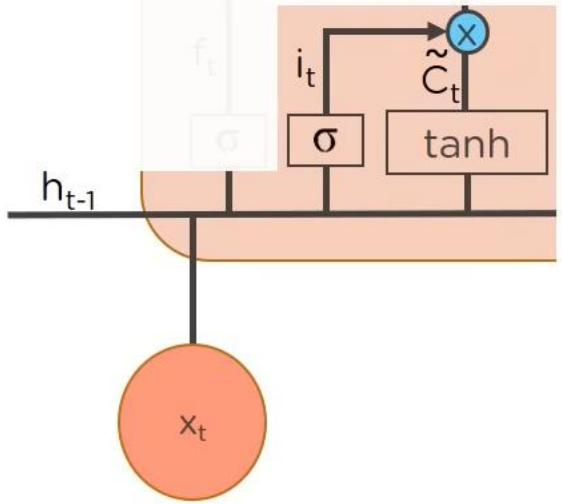
$$i_t = \sigma\left(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] \; + \; b_i\right)$$

$$\tilde{C}_t = \tanh(W_C \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] \; + \; b_C)$$

i_t = input gate
Determines which information to let through based on its significance in the current time step



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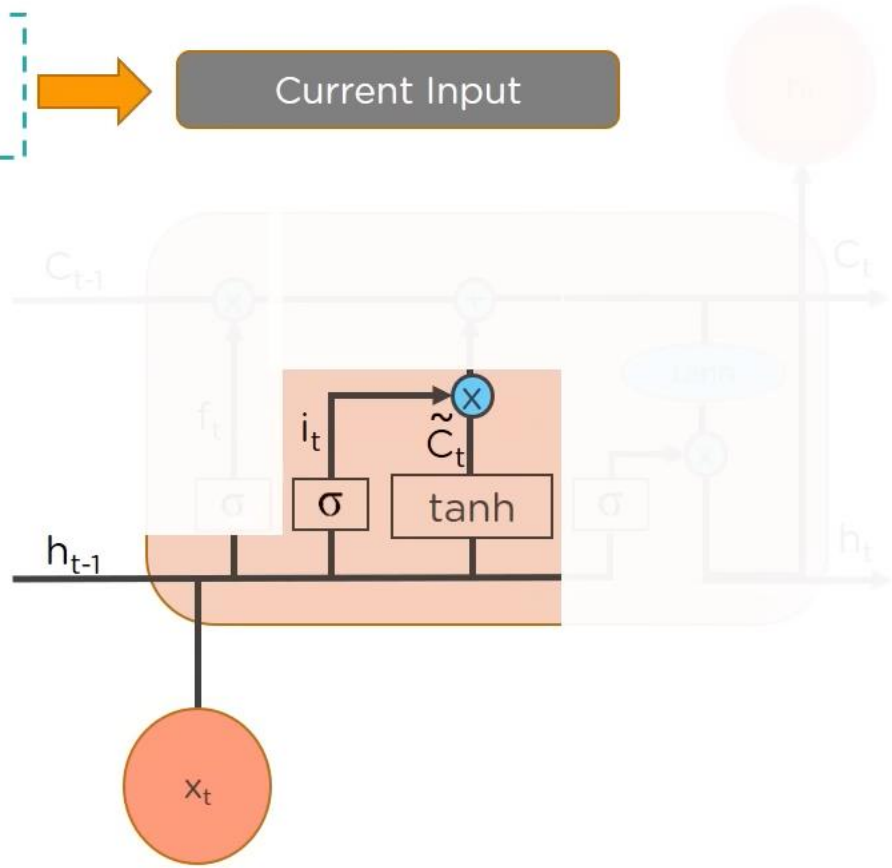

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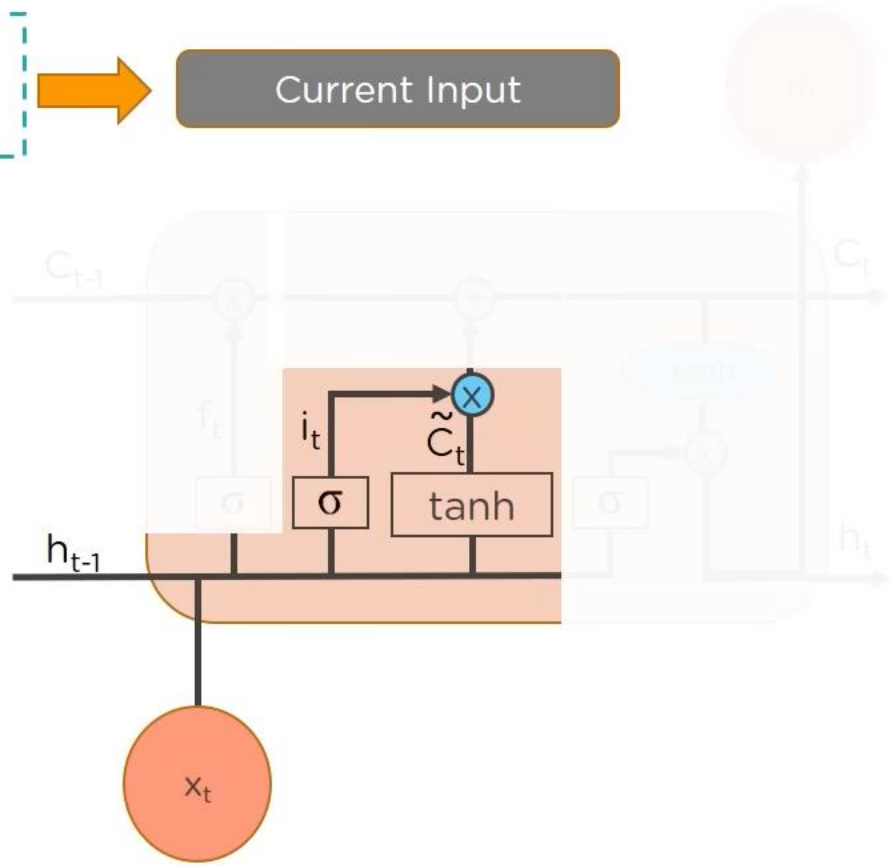

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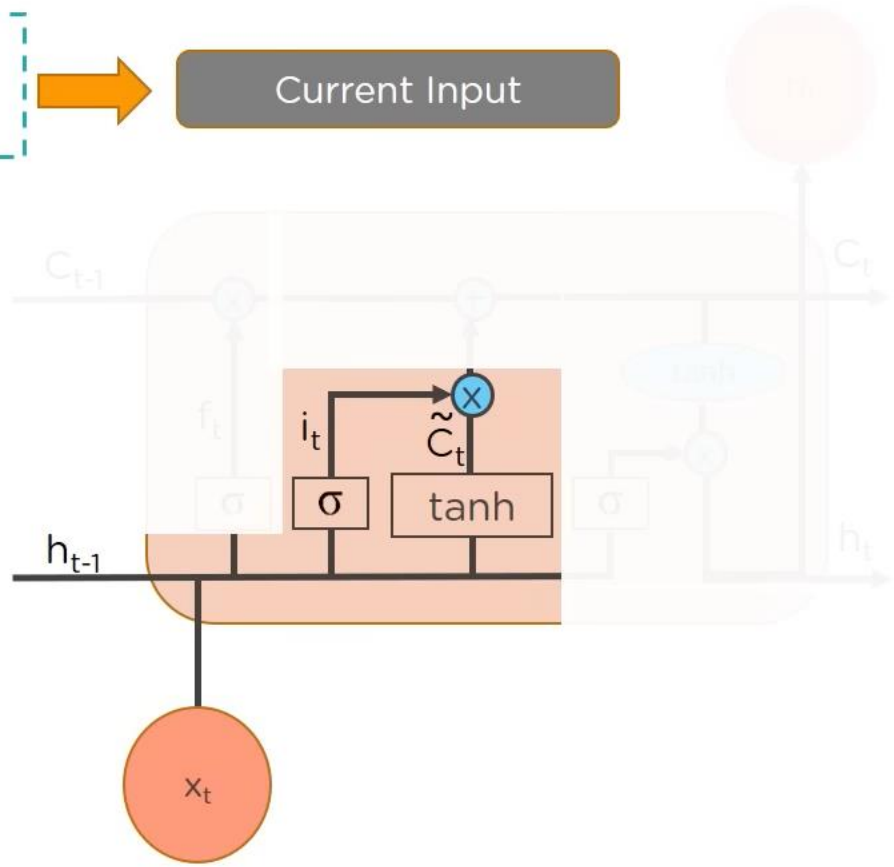

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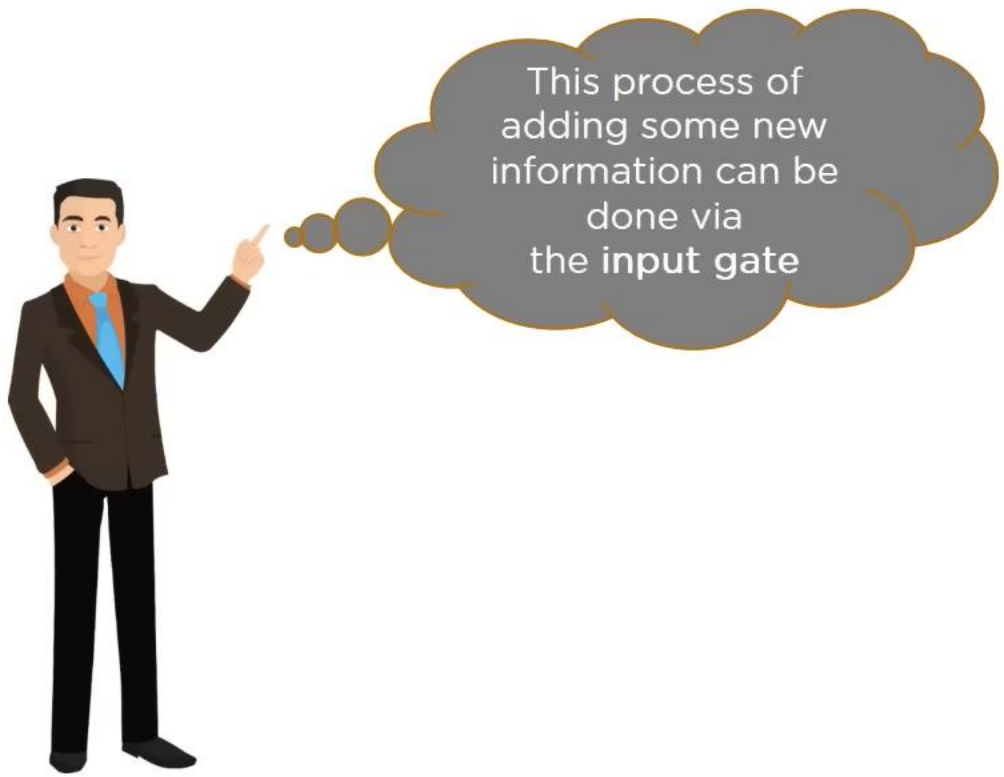

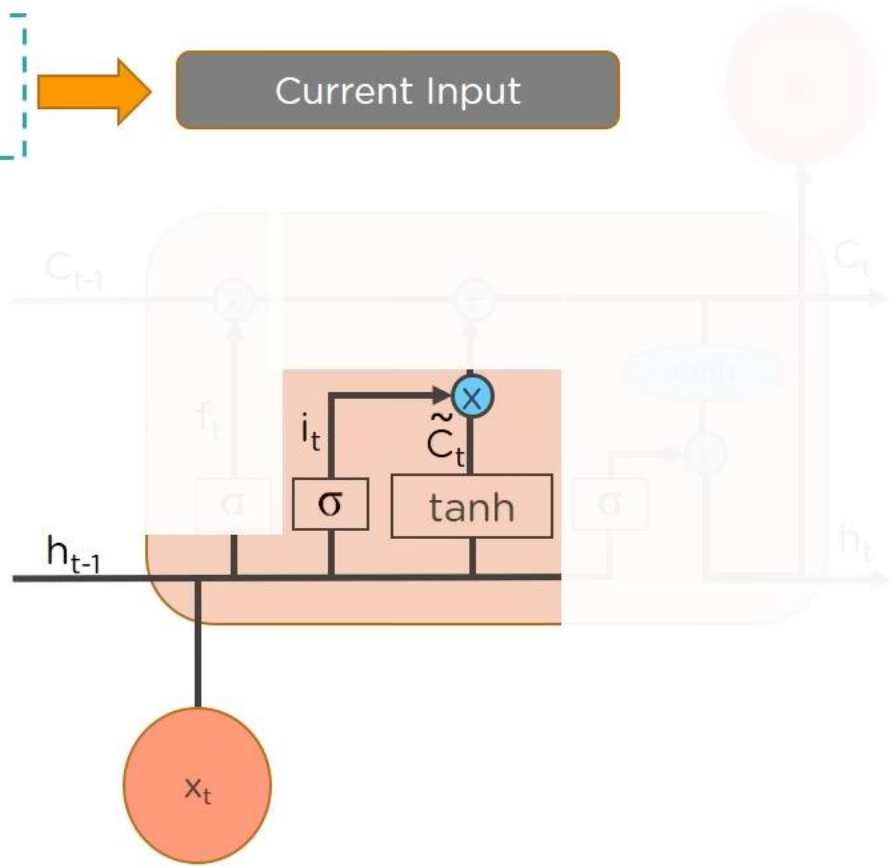

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Step-3

Decides what part of the current cell state makes it to the output

The third step is to decide what will be our output. First, we run a sigmoid layer which decides what parts of the cell state make it to the output. Then, we put the cell state through tanh to push the values to be between -1 and 1 and multiply it by the output of the sigmoid gate.

$$o_t = \sigma\left(W_o\ [h_{t-1}, x_t]\ +\ b_o\right)$$

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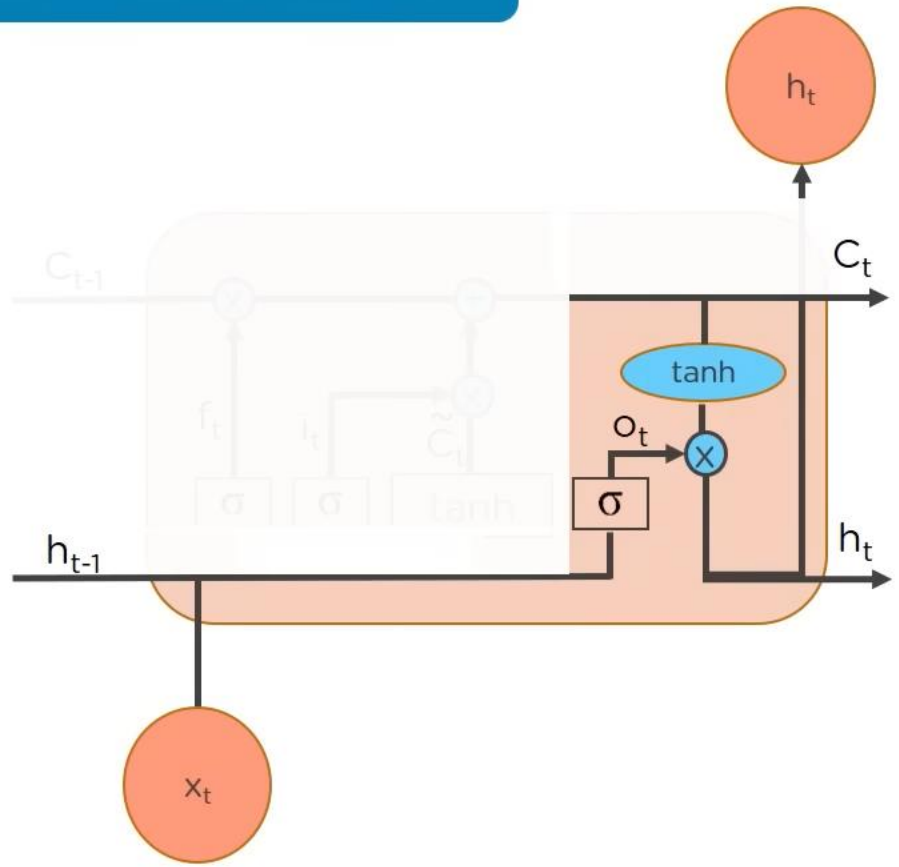
o_t = output gate
Allows the passed in information to impact the output in the current time step



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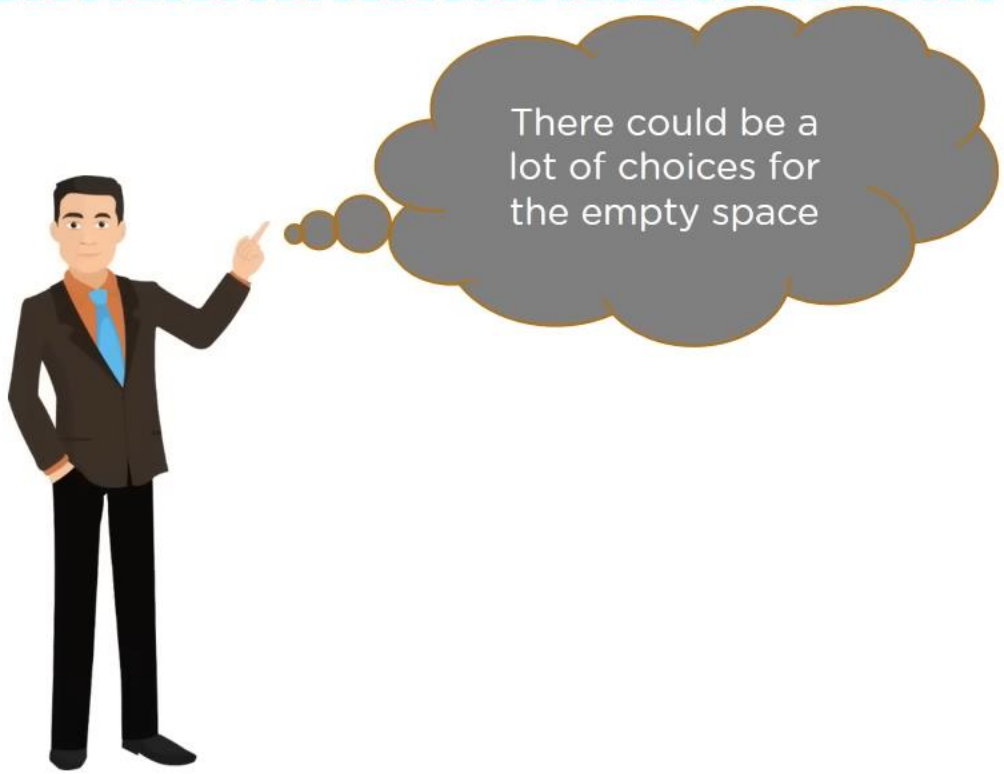

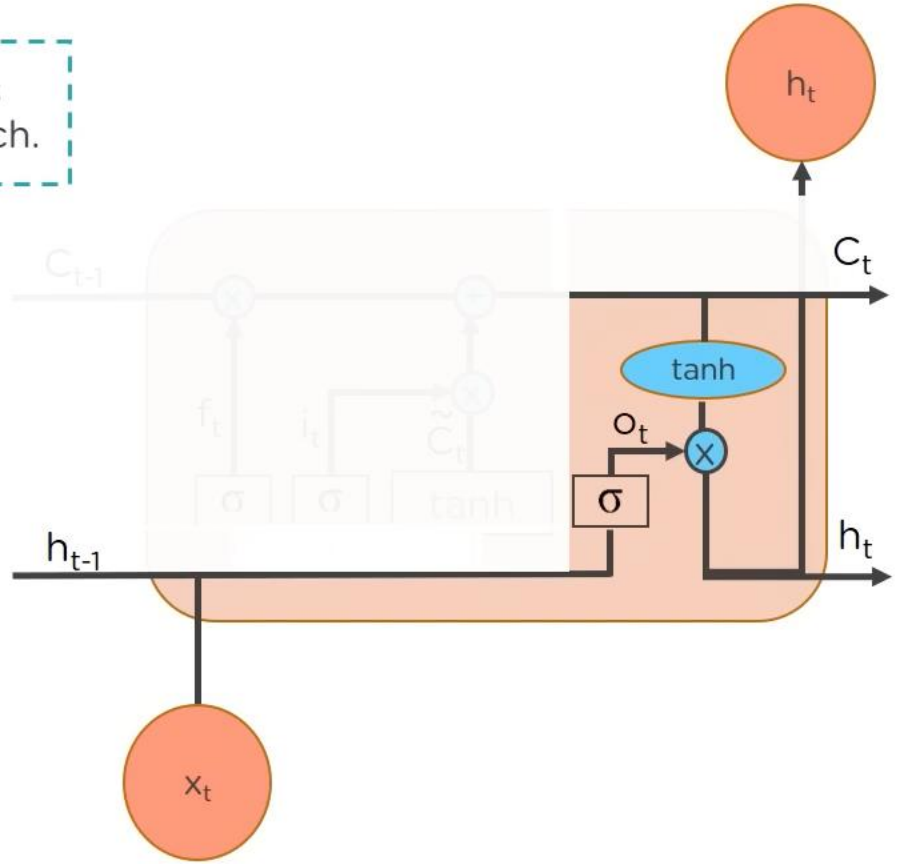

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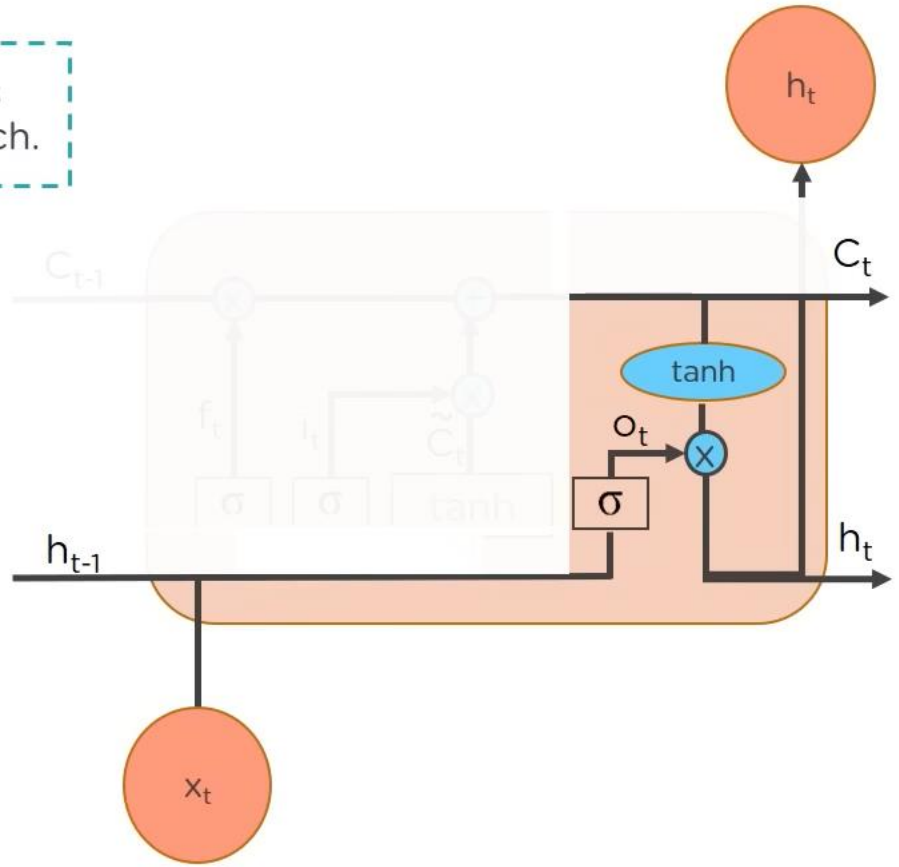

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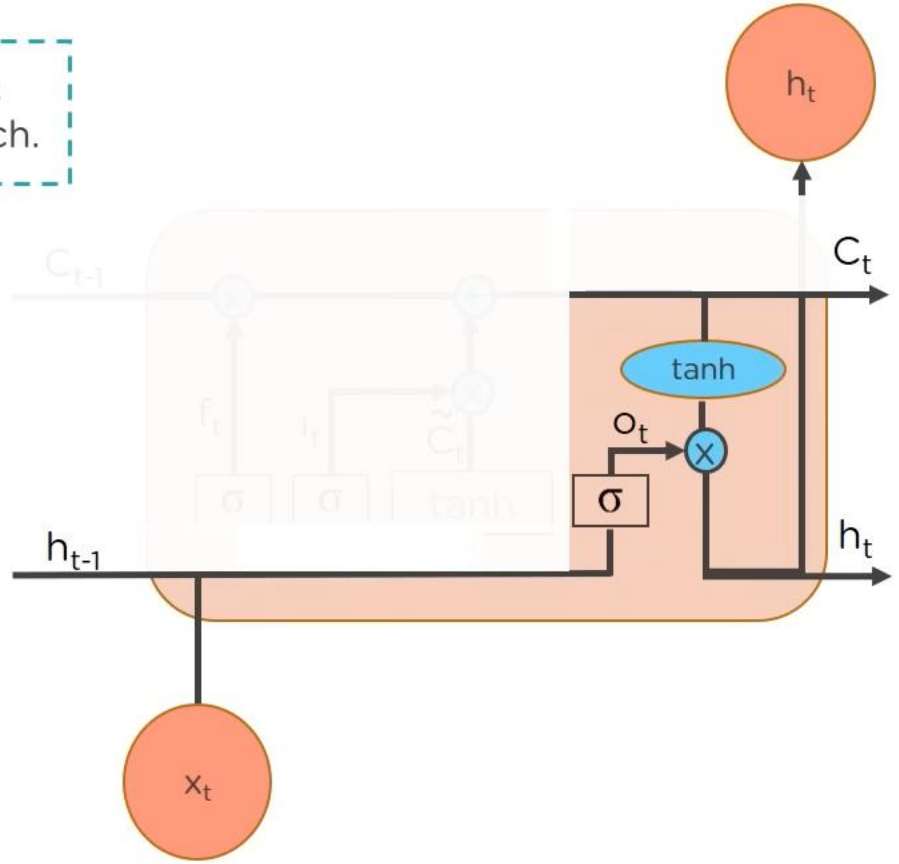

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