

# RNN and LSTM: Introduction

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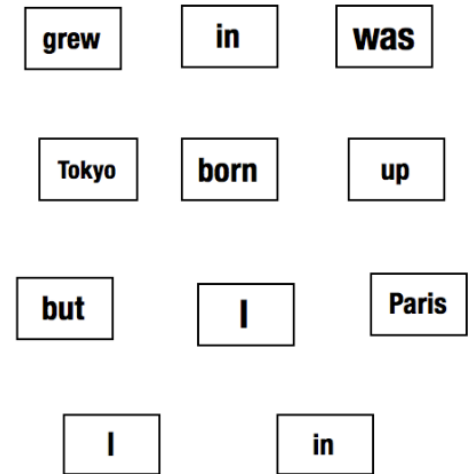
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# Sequential Data

- NLP: sentiment analysis, language translation, text prediction
- Time Series prediction

**"I WAS BORN IN PARIS BUT I GREW UP IN  
TOKYO. THEREFORE, I SPEAK FLUENT  
\_\_\_\_\_."**

Text prediction problem



Bag of Words

People's opinions can change significantly over time.



Movie Rating

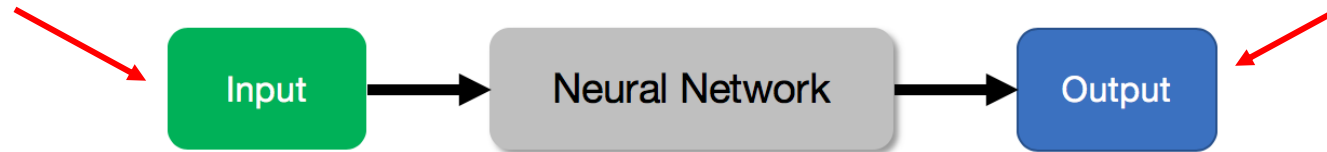
*using temporal dynamics led  
to more accurate movie  
recommendations  
(Kohen, 2019)*

- Seasonality, Holidays
- Anchoring – Oscar ratings affect a movie rating for a few month (Wu et al., 2017)
- Hedonic adaptation: expectations depend on previous good or bad movies.

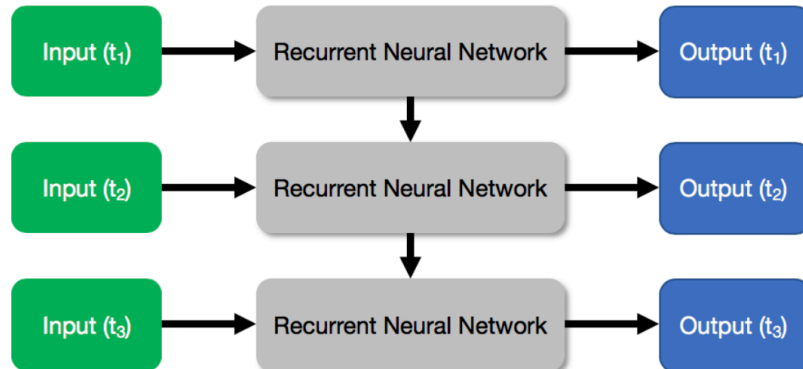
# Neural Network

Neural network (CNN, MLP) architecture constraint: no sequential data

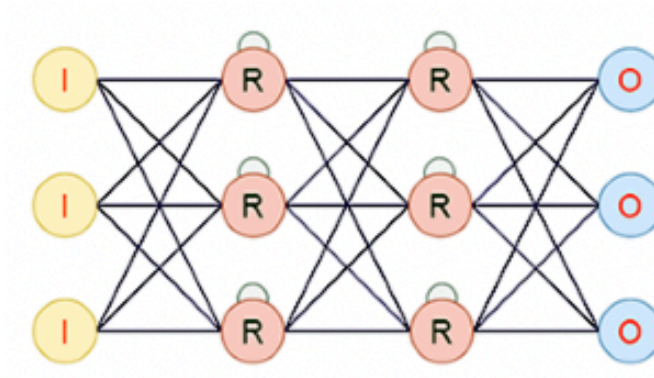
Fixed input vector



## Recurrent Neural Network



word = time step

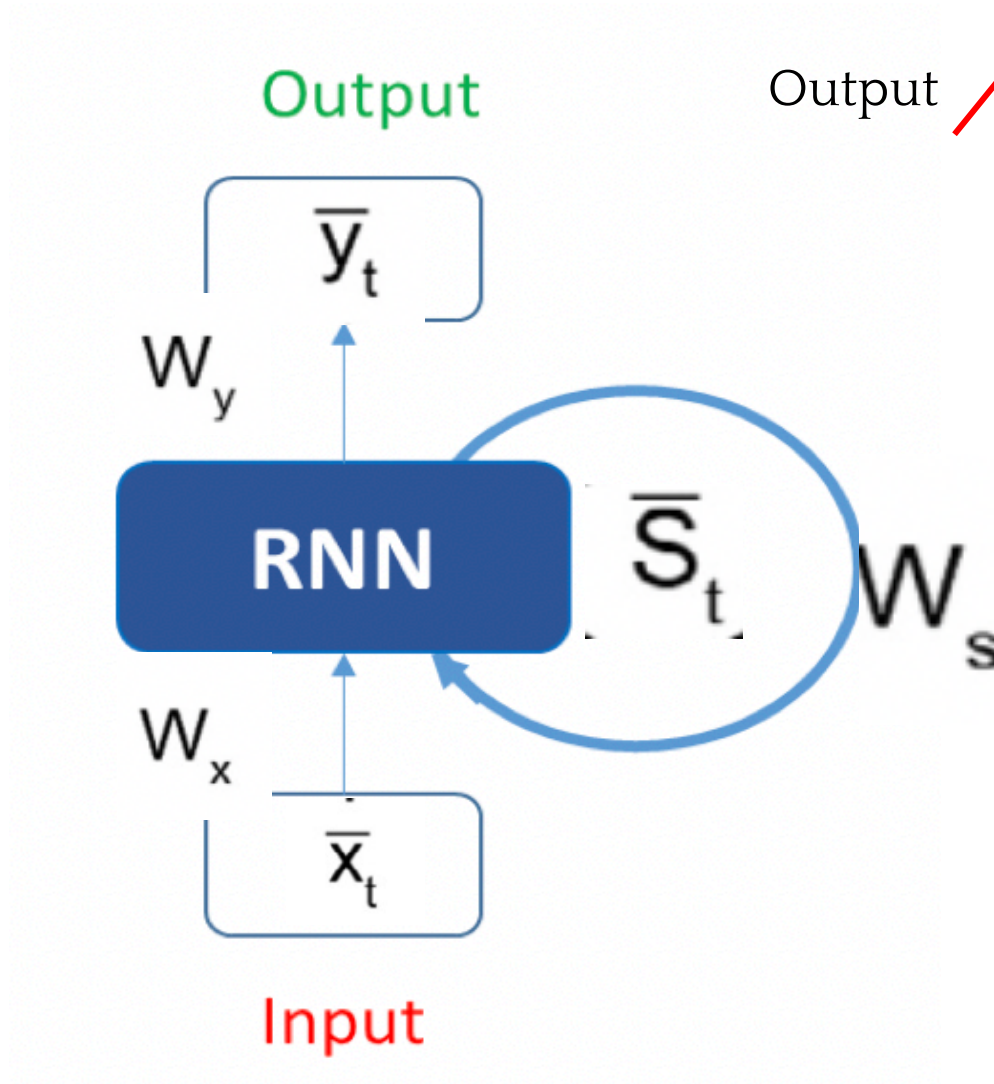


recurrent cells

## RNN Applications

- Speech Recognition: Alexa, Siri, Cortana
- Time Series Predictions: website traffic, Google Maps, Call center traffic
- NLP: Google translate, chatbots (Slack and Google), Question-answering

# Simple RNN Structure



$$\bar{y}_t = F(\bar{x}_t, \bar{x}_{t-1}, \bar{x}_{t-2}, \dots, \bar{x}_{t-t_0}, W)$$

Diagram illustrating the output calculation function  $\bar{y}_t = F(\bar{x}_t, \bar{x}_{t-1}, \bar{x}_{t-2}, \dots, \bar{x}_{t-t_0}, W)$ . Red arrows point from the text labels to the corresponding terms in the equation:

- Output:** Points to  $\bar{y}_t$ .
- Function of input and weights:** Points to  $F$ .
- Previous input:** Points to  $\bar{x}_{t-1}$  and  $\bar{x}_{t-2}$ .
- Weights:** Points to  $W$ .

**Xt** : Current input vector in the input sequence

**Yt:**  $\bar{x}_t$  it output vector in the output sequence

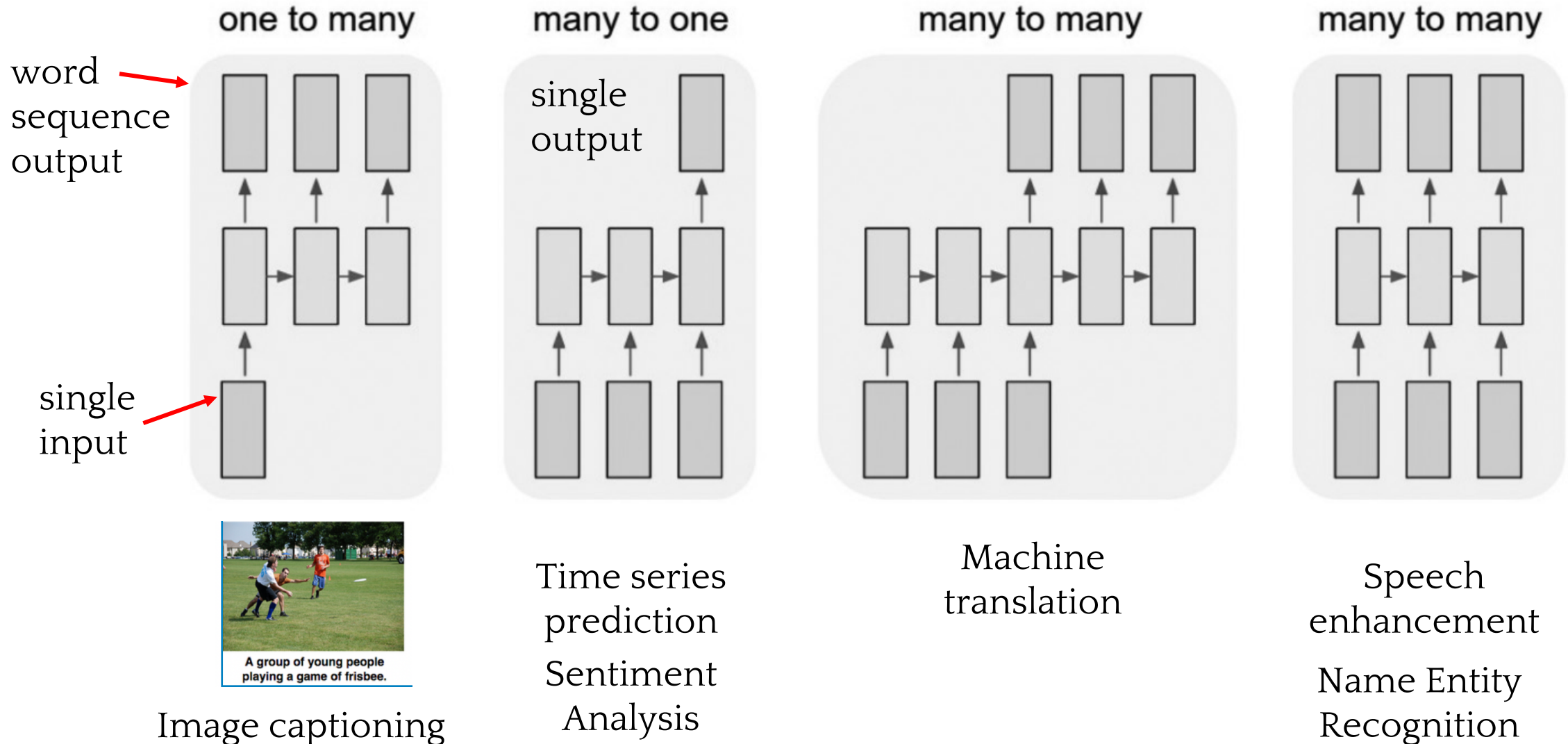
**St**: Current state vector

**Wx**: Weight matrix connecting the input vector to the state vector

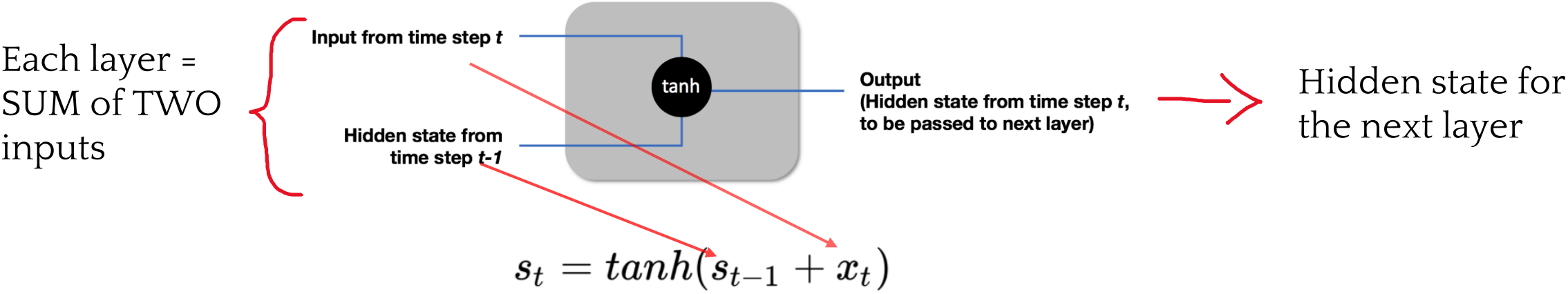
**Wy**: Weight matrix connecting the state vector to the output vector

**Ws**: Weight matrix connecting the state vector of previous timestep to the next one

# Text RNN Architecture



# Commonly Used Activation Functions



## Activation functions

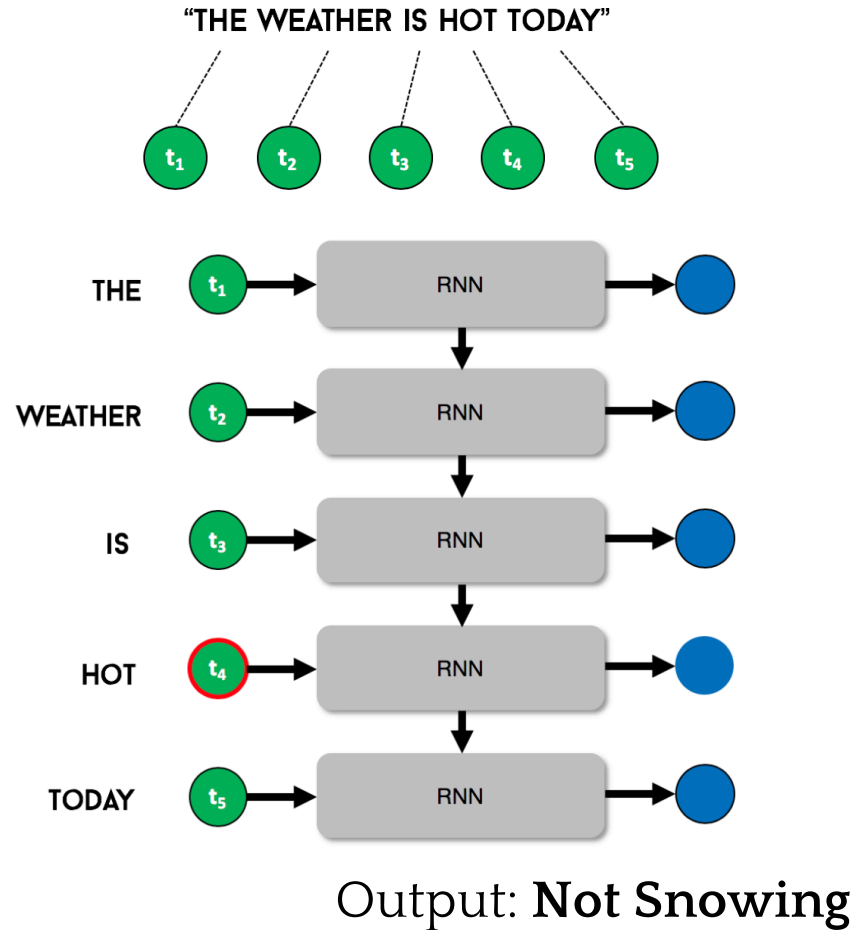
Final output

Sigmoid	Tanh	RELU
$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$	$g(z) = \frac{e^z - e^{-z}}{e^z + e^{-z}}$	$g(z) = \max(0, z)$

$O_n = \text{sigmoid}(s_n)$

# RNN: Length Dependency

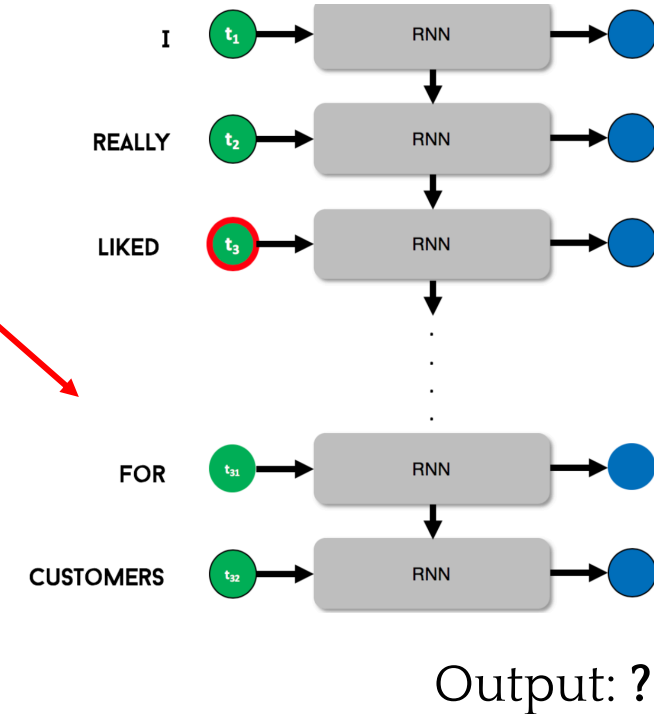
## Short Term Dependency



## Long Term Dependency

"I really liked the movie but I was disappointed in the service and cleanliness of the cinema. The cinema should be better maintained in order to provide a better experience for customers."

Vanishing Gradient Problem



# The Vanishing Gradient Problem

## LOSS function

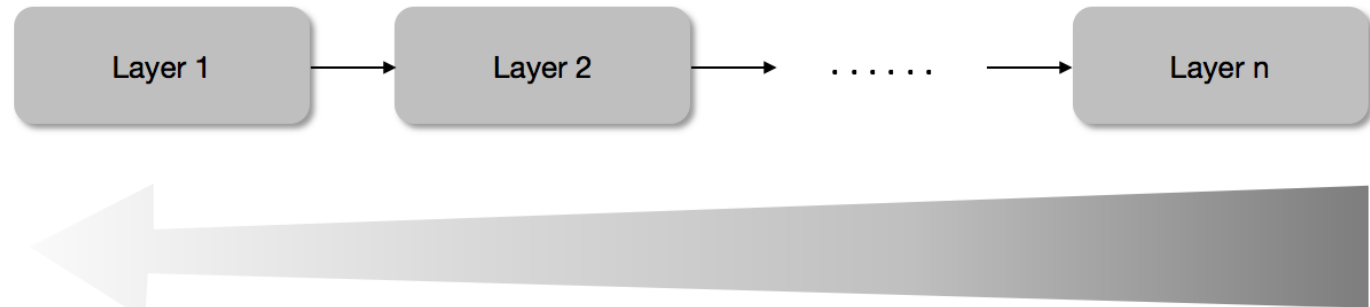
Error metric for evaluating the goodness of predictions:

- Mean Squared Error MSE (regression)
- Categorical Crossentropy (multiclass classification)
- Binary Crossentropy (binary classification)

## Backpropagation

Propagating error metrics back and adjusting weights

*The LOSS propagated back tends to decrease*



Magnitude of Loss Propagated Decreases

Impossible to adjust weights for the first layers (loss is very small)



# LSTM: Long Short-Term Memory (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997)

"I loved this movie! The action sequences were on point and the acting was terrific. Highly recommended!"

Movie rating is positive

**Cell States**  
the current memory

**Hidden States**  
the overall memory  
(both important and unimportant)

**LSTM** The ability to selectively remember important inputs

- Forget gate
- Input gate
- Output gate

$$\sigma(\text{concatenate}(h_{t-1}, x_t))$$

if (f) = 0 -> forget

if (f) = 1 -> remember

forget gate (f) =

Previous  
Hidden State  
( $h_{t-1}$ )

Input ( $x_t$ )

input gate (i) =

$$\sigma(\text{concatenate}(h_{t-1}, x_t)) * \tanh(\text{concatenate}(h_{t-1}, x_t))$$

current cell state C =  $C_t = (f * C_t) + i$

Previous Cell  
State ( $C_{t-1}$ )

Output Cell  
State ( $C_t$ )

Output  
Hidden State  
( $h_t$ )

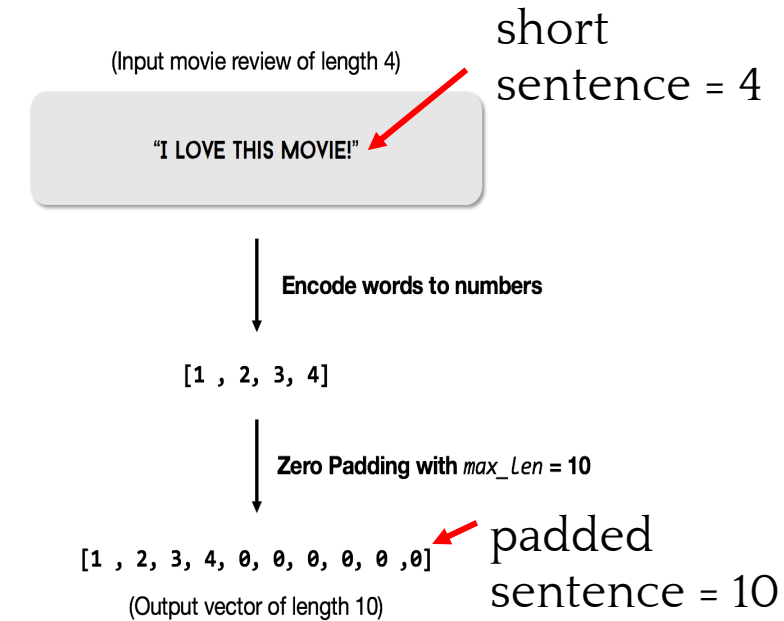
S

Sigmoid

T

tanh

# Movie Review IMDb (Keras)



1 Word vectors must be of the same length. Define MaxLen to truncate long sentences and to pad short sentences with zeros

2 Define Sequential class 

```
from keras.models import Sequential
model = Sequential()
```

3 Add embedding layer 

```
from keras.layers import Embedding
model.add(Embedding(input_dim = 10000, output_dim = 128))
```

← number of unique words

4 Add LSTM layer 

```
from keras.layers import LSTM
model.add(LSTM(units=128))
```

5 Add Dense layer 

```
from keras.layers import Dense
model.add(Dense(units=1, activation='sigmoid'))
```

6 Summary 

```
model.summary()
```

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
embedding_3 (Embedding)	(None, None, 128)	1280000
lstm_3 (LSTM)	(None, 128)	131584
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 1)	129