

Text Generation with LSTM Units

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- I also wanted to have fun.

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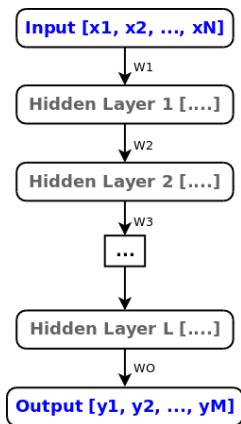
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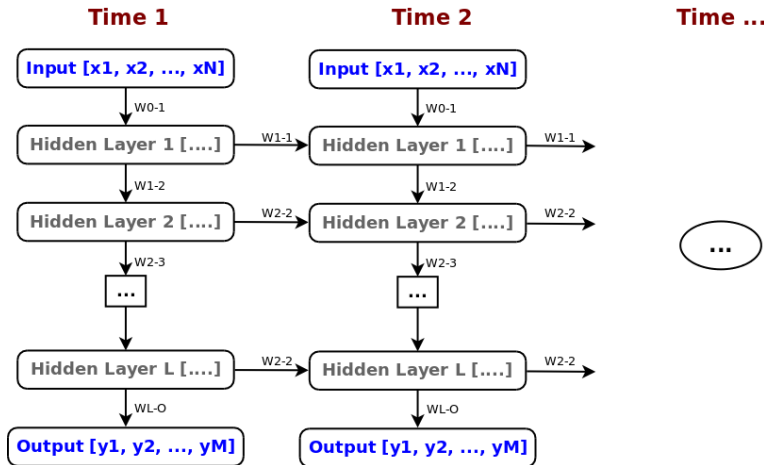
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- Transformation: Multiply the input with a matrix and apply a function to each element of the result.

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The Input

The output

What Kinds of Layers are Needed

- I needed three kinds of layers:
 - Tanh Layers.
 - LSTM Layers.
 - Softmax Layers.

How Does a Tanh Layer Work

- It is a simple mapping: $f_w : (-1, 1)^n \mapsto (-1, 1)^m$.

How Does a LSTM Layer Work

- It is also a mapping: $f_{w,s} : (-1, 1)^n \mapsto (-1, 1)^m$.
- But it has an internal state, meaning that previous runs of the neural network may influence the output.

How Does a Softmax Layer Work

- It is a mapping: $f_w : (-1, 1)^n \mapsto (0, 1)^m$.
- Where the output values add up to one, so that the output can be interpreted as a probability distribution.

The end