

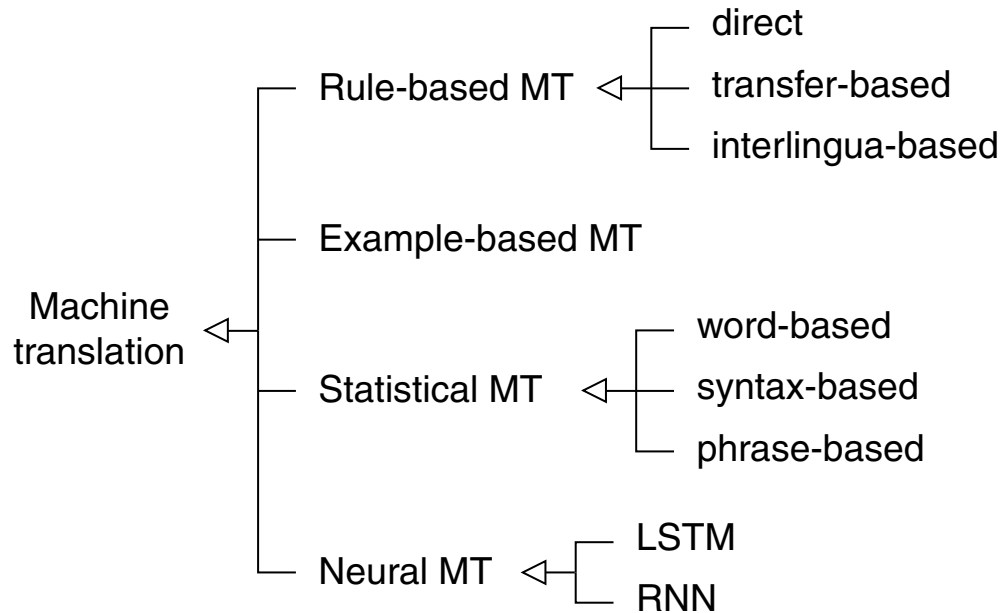
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IX. Deep Learning

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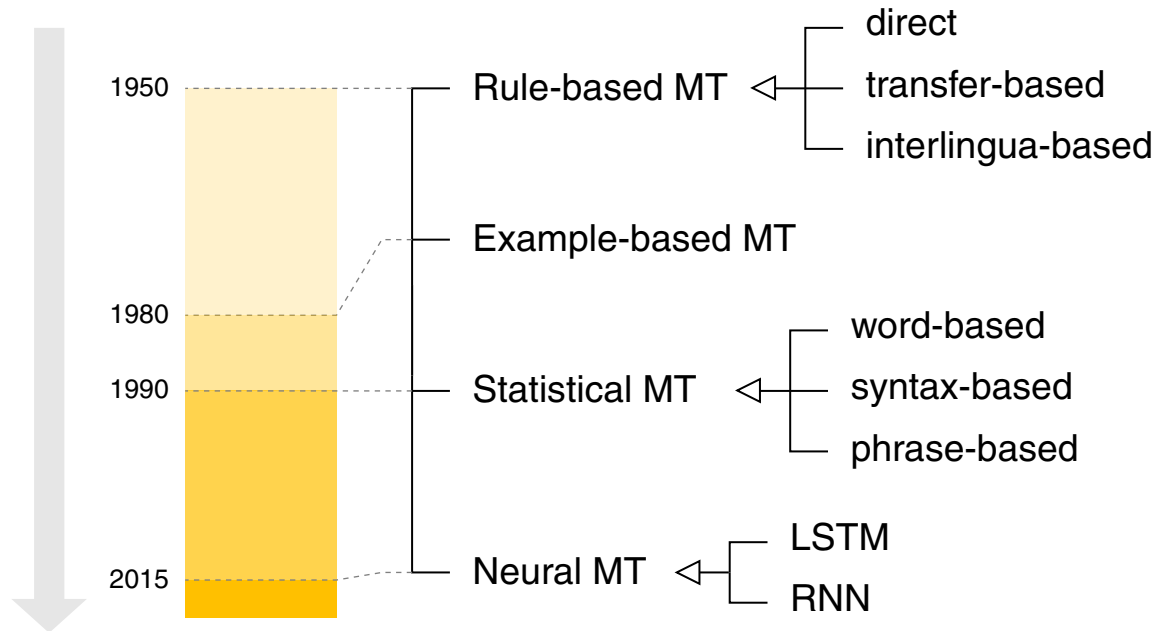
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Statistical Machine Translation (SMT)



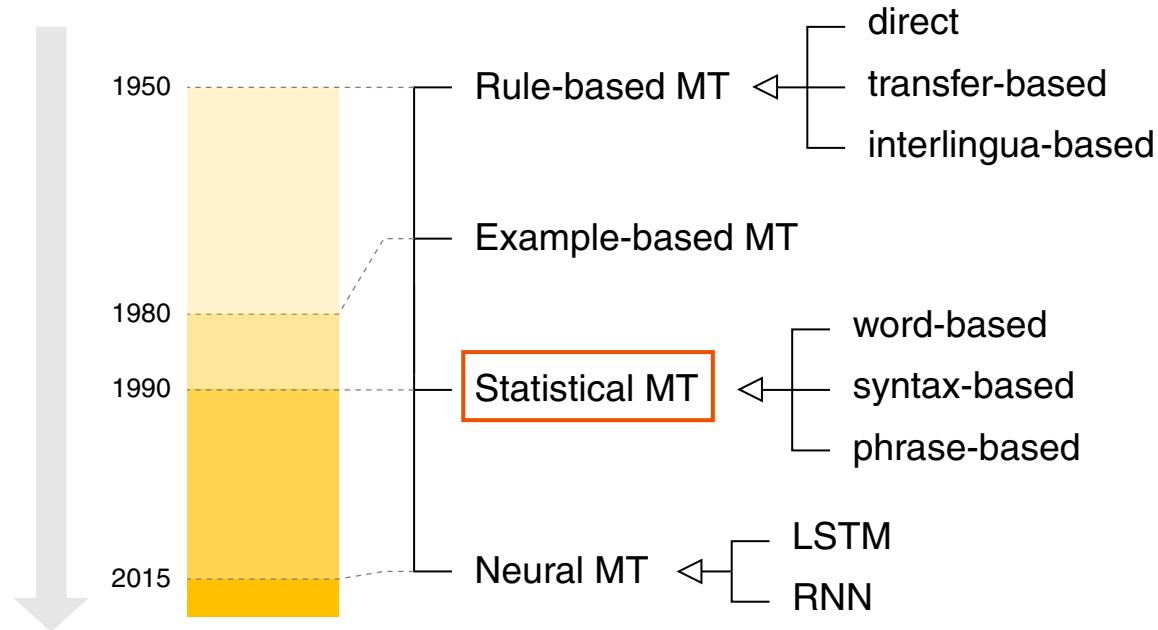
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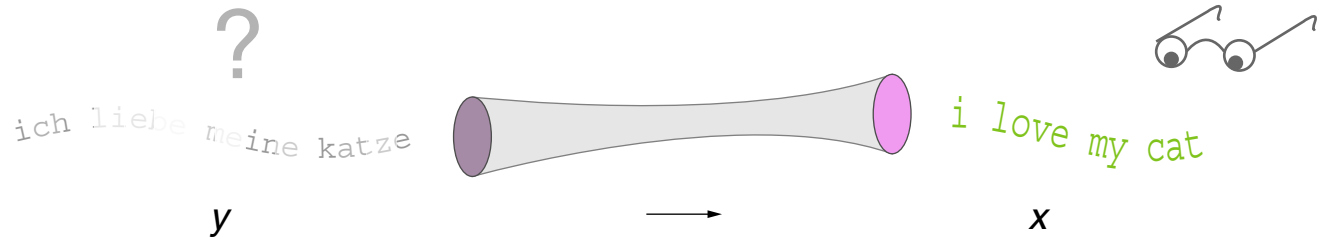


“Noisy channel” model applied to SMT:

Learn from a parallel corpus D a probabilistic model, $P(Y | X)$, which can be used to decode the channel input (the target sentence y , e.g. in German) from the channel output (the source sentence x in a foreign language (e.g., English)).

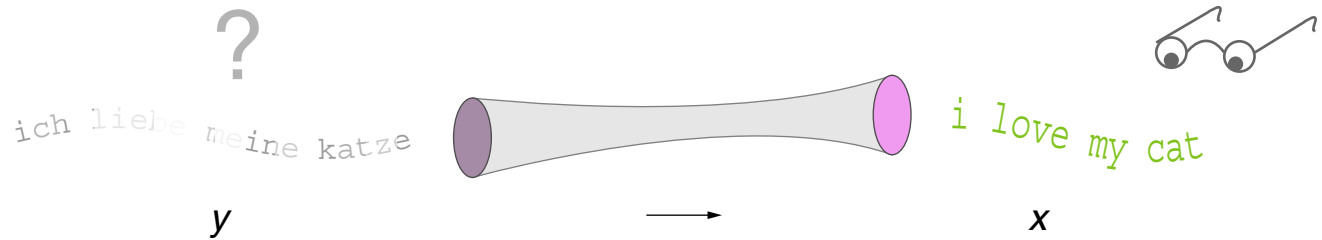
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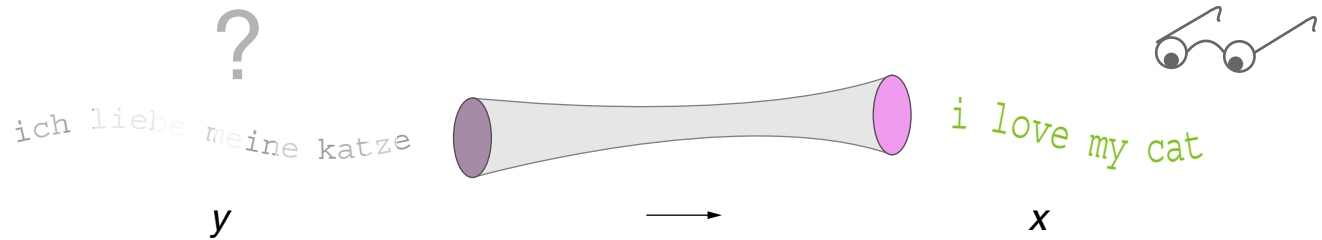
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Task: Given a sentence x in a foreign language (here: English), what is the most probable translation y in our own language (here: German)?

$$p(y \mid x) \rightarrow \max$$

Remarks:

- ❑ Noisy Channel model I. When the (German) sentence y was transmitted over a noisy channel, it got corrupted and came out as sentence x in a foreign language (English). The task is to recover the original sentence, i.e., to decode (= translate) the English (source) into German (target).
- ❑ Noisy Channel model II. We can observe only x , and we ask ourselves which sentence y might have induced x . Among the candidates for y we search the most probable sentence, which we then consider as translation of x . I.e., the Noisy Channel model does *not* take sentence y and looks for a translation x (= varies x), but takes “the condition” x as given and varies among the y .

Tackling this translation task with coupled RNNs (= [Neural Machine Translation](#)) reflects this view: Conditioned by the hidden vector encoding of x , denoted as $\mathbf{y}^e(T^e)$ in the [figure](#), the decoder has to generate the most probable sentence y .

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Statistical Machine Translation (SMT) (continued)

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Remarks (statistical machine translation) :

- Although $p(y \mid x)$ can be maximized directly, Bayes rule is applied since the decomposition of $p(y \mid x)$ into $p(x \mid y)$ and $p(y)$ comes along with a number of advantages.
- In the language model syntax, $p(y) = p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$ denotes the probability of the event to observe the sentence $y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m$, where y_1 corresponds to the first word of the sentence, y_2 to the second, etc. The y_i are realizations of random variables, which can be written in any order as arguments of $p()$. I.e., to capture the word order, y_i does not only denote the word, but also its position: y_i corresponds to the event “Word y_i at position i .”

In summary, $p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m)$ is a short form of $P(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, \dots, Y_m = y_m)$, where the Y_i are random variables whose realizations are the possible words at position i . Note that these random variables are neither independent nor identically distributed.

- Learning $p(x, a \mid y)$ from a parallel corpus D is a highly sophisticated endeavor since the alignments features are complex and given as latent variables only.

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Neural Machine Translation (NMT)

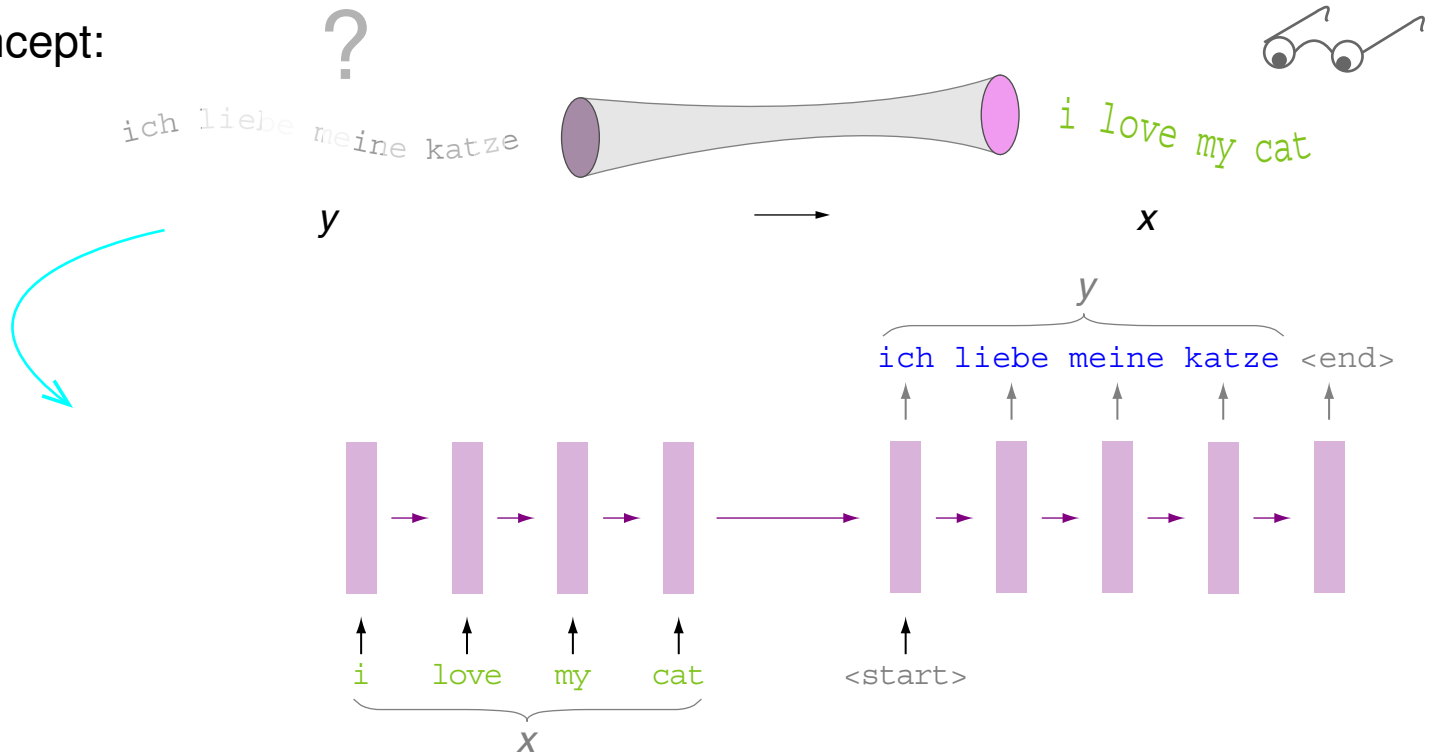
Concept:

- ❑ Machine translation with a multilayer perceptron (MLP).
- ❑ Network architecture is a sequence-to-sequence model:
 1. Encoder RNN, calculates an **encoding** of the source sentence x .
 2. Decoder RNN, generates the target sentence y . The decoder RNN is a *conditional* language model—it is conditioned on the **RNN encoding**.
- ❑ Optimization (loss minimization) is done for the network as a whole, which means that backpropagation is performed “end-to-end”.

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Neural Machine Translation (NMT) (continued)

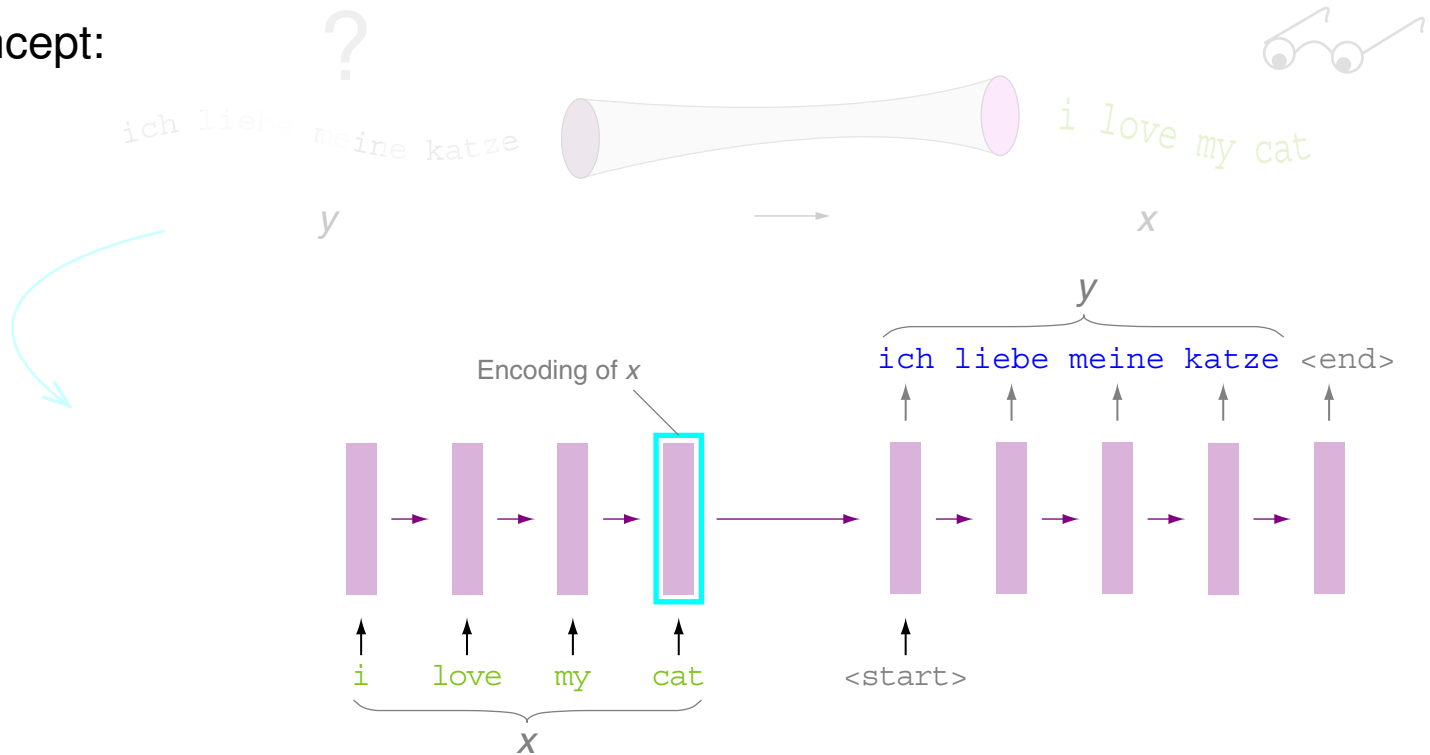
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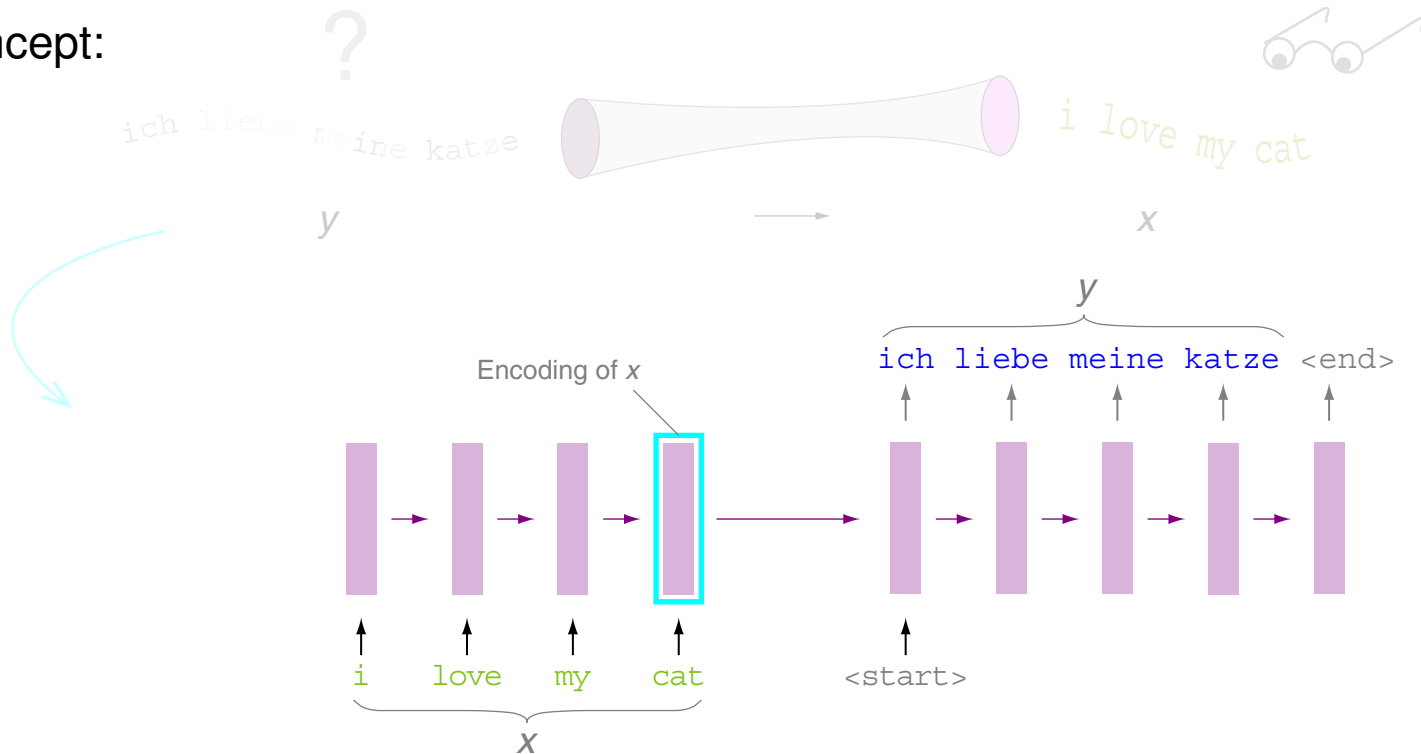
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Neural Machine Translation (NMT) (continued)

Concept:



The sequence-to-sequence RNN directly calculates $p(y \mid x)$:

$$\underline{p(y \mid x)} = p(y_1 \mid x) \cdot p(y_2 \mid y_1, x) \cdot p(y_3 \mid y_1, y_2, x) \cdot \dots \cdot p(y_\tau \mid y_1, \dots, y_{\tau-1}, x)$$

Remarks:

- ❑ “End-to-end” is not an architectural feature of a network (observe that every network is used in this way). It is a strategy for solving a task by *not* decomposing it, but by processing the original input-output examples in an indivisible manner.
- ❑ The sequence-to-sequence model is an example of a conditional language model: (1) It is a language model because the decoder is predicting the next word y_t of the target sentence based on the preceding words y_1, \dots, y_{t-1} . (2) It is conditional because its predictions are also conditioned on the source sentence x . [Manning 2021, lecture CS224N]
- ❑ In the following slides, the hidden vector $\mathbf{y}^e(T^e)$ represents the RNN encoding of the source sentence x . In particular,
 - the words x_t from a source (input) sentence x are denoted as $\mathbf{x}(t)$,
 - the words y_t from a output sentence are denoted as $\mathbf{y}(t)$,
 - the words y_t from a target sentence y are denoted as $\mathbf{c}(t)$.

Note that we have not distinguished whether y_t is output or target.

- ❑ Don't get confused: The input y of the noisy channel becomes the target (output) of the RNN. Similarly, the output x of the noisy channel becomes the source (input) of the RNN.

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Types of Learning Tasks [Recap]

(S1) sequence \rightarrow class

sentence $\rightarrow \{\oplus, \ominus\}$

i love my cat $\rightarrow \oplus$

(S2) class \rightarrow sequence

$\{\oplus, \ominus\} \rightarrow$ sentence

$\oplus \rightarrow$ i love my cat

(S3) **sequence \rightarrow sequence**

English sentence \rightarrow German sentence

i love my cat \rightarrow ich liebe meine katze

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(S3) Sequence-to-Sequence: Machine Translation

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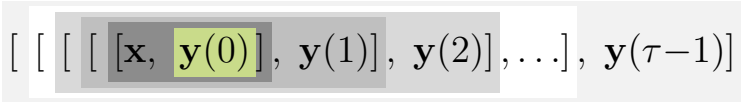
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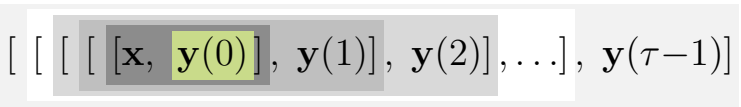
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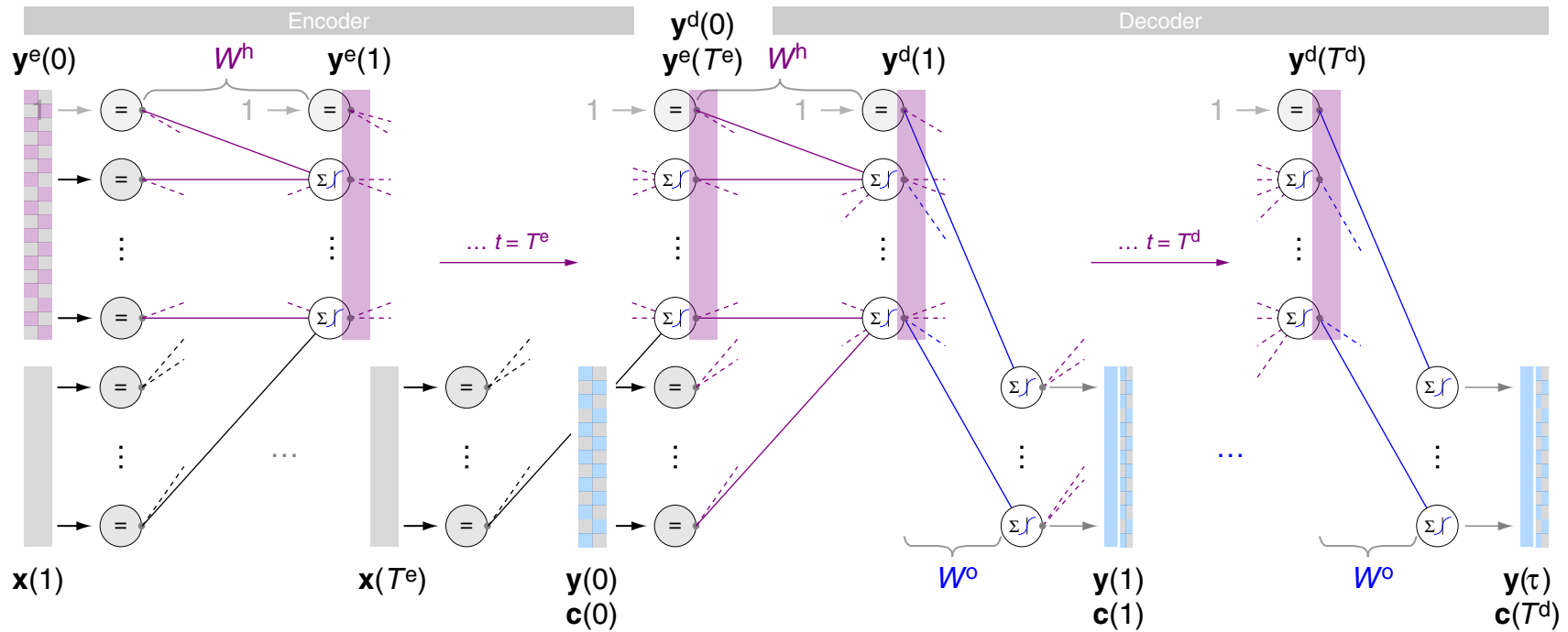
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(S3) Sequence-to-Sequence Mapping with RNNs



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$$x, [y(1), \dots, y(\tau-1)]$$

Output:

$$y(t) = \sigma_1(W^o y^d(t)), t = 1, \dots, \tau$$

Hidden:

$$y^e(t) = \sigma \left(W^h \begin{pmatrix} y^e(t-1) \\ x(t) \end{pmatrix} \right), t = 1, \dots, T^e$$

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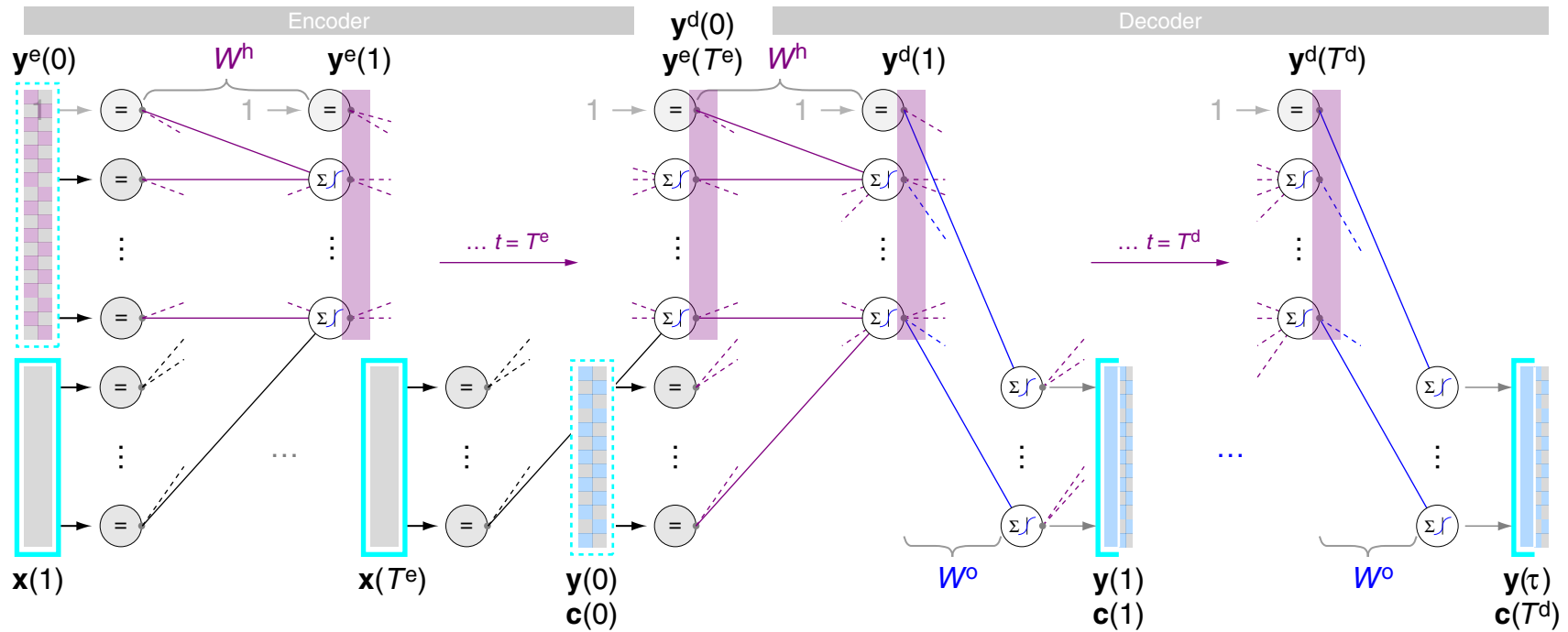
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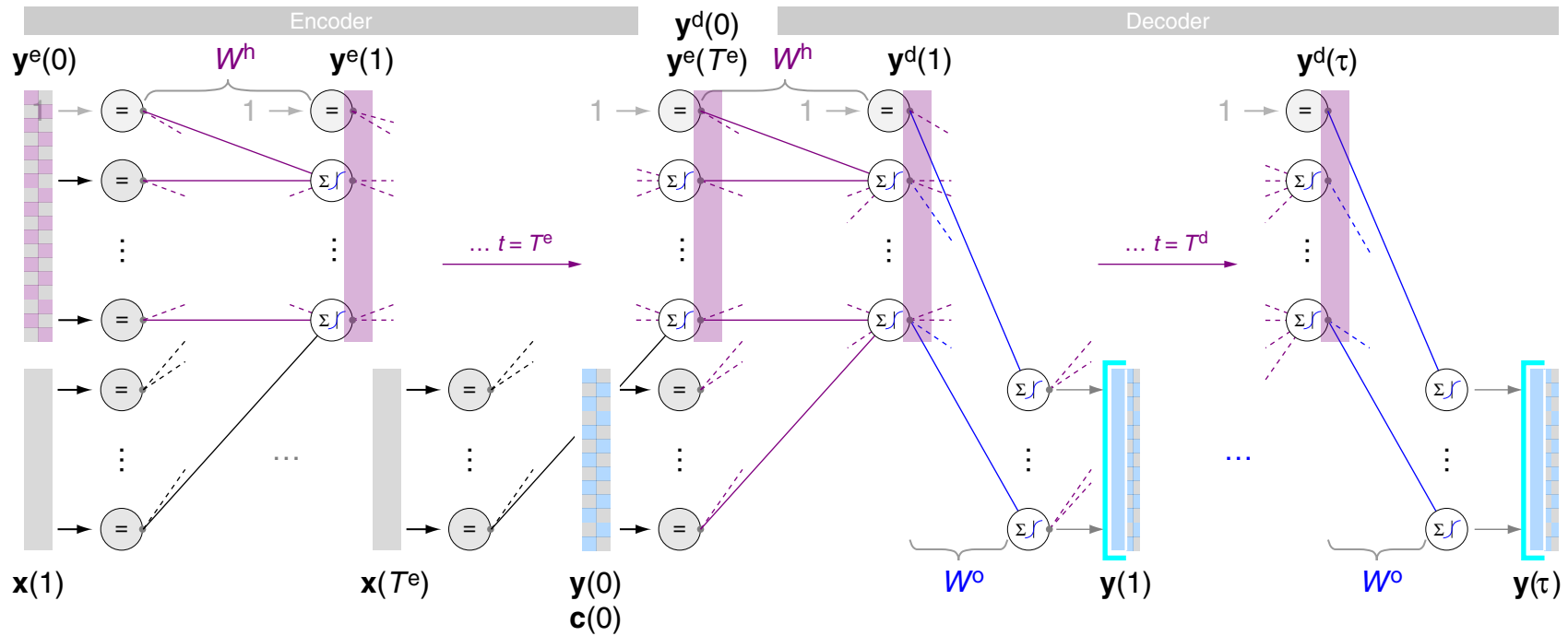
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$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \sigma_1(W^o \mathbf{y}^d(t)), t = 1, \dots, \tau$$

Hidden:

$$\mathbf{y}^e(t) = \sigma \left(W^h \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}^e(t-1) \\ \mathbf{x}(t) \end{pmatrix} \right), t = 1, \dots, T^e$$

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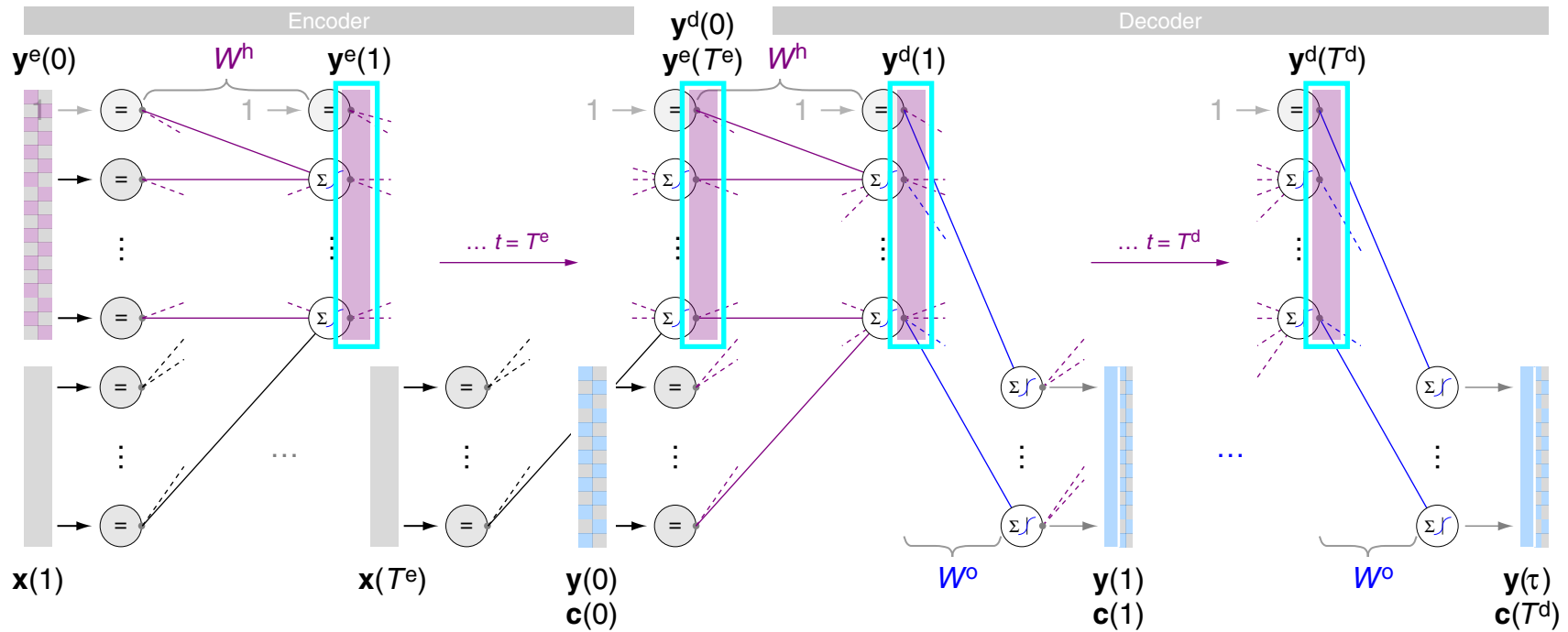
Target:

$$[\mathbf{c}(1), \dots, \mathbf{c}(T)]$$

$$\mathbf{c}(T) \hat{=} \langle \text{end} \rangle$$

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(S3) Sequence-to-Sequence Mapping with RNNs (continued)



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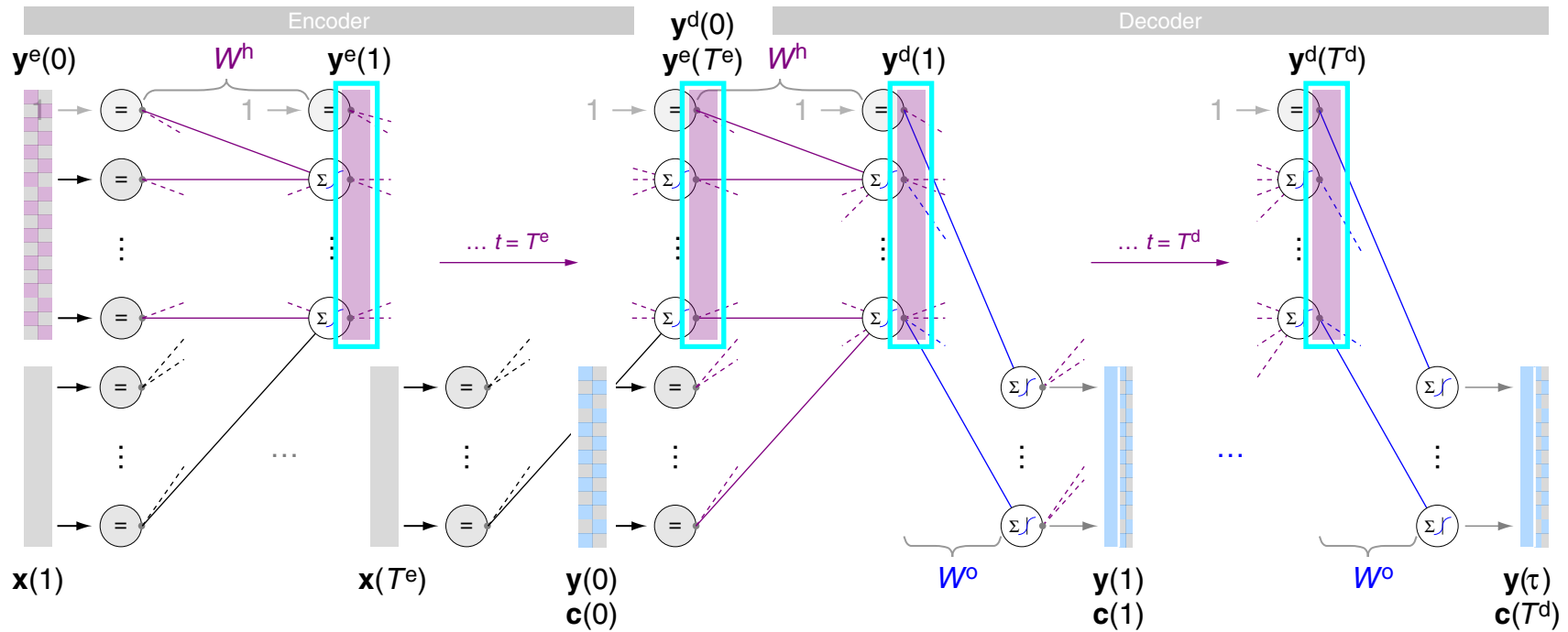
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(S3) Sequence-to-Sequence Mapping with RNNs (continued)



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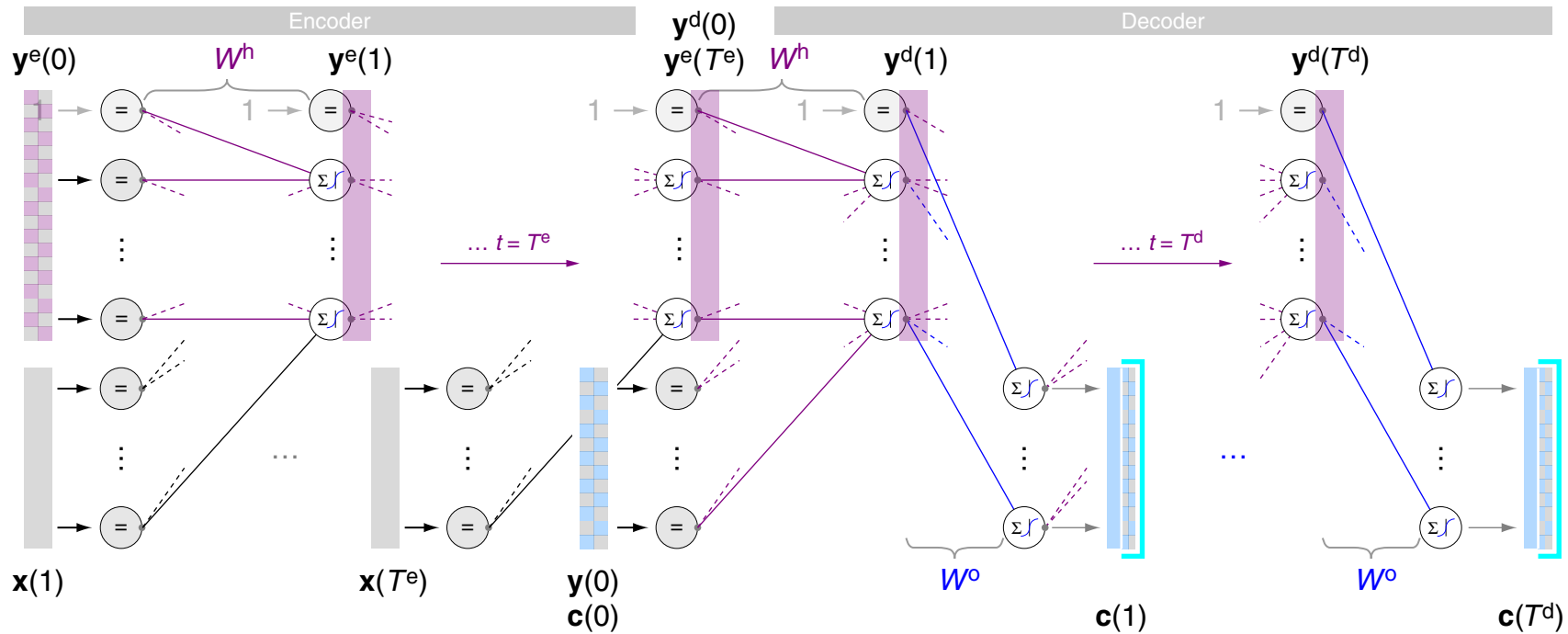
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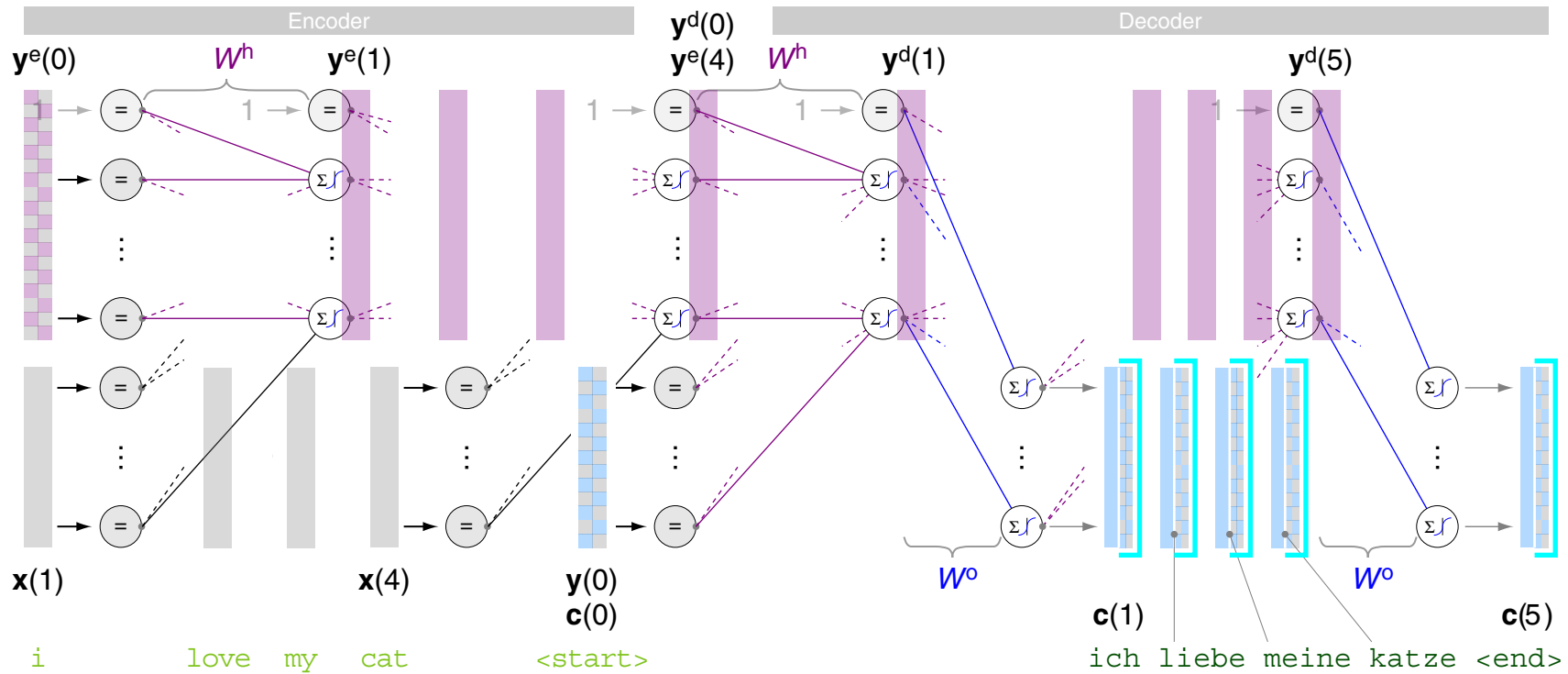
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$$\mathbf{c}(T) \hat{=} \text{<end>}$$

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(S3) Sequence-to-Sequence Mapping with RNNs (continued)



Input:

$x, [y(1), \dots, y(4)]$

Output:

$y(t) = \sigma_1(W^o y^d(t)), t = 1, \dots, 5$

Hidden:

$$y^e(t) = \sigma \left(W^h \begin{pmatrix} y^e(t-1) \\ x(t) \end{pmatrix} \right), t = 1, \dots, 4$$

$$y^d(t) = \sigma \left(W^h \begin{pmatrix} y^d(t-1) \\ c(t-1) \end{pmatrix} \right), t = 1, \dots, 5$$

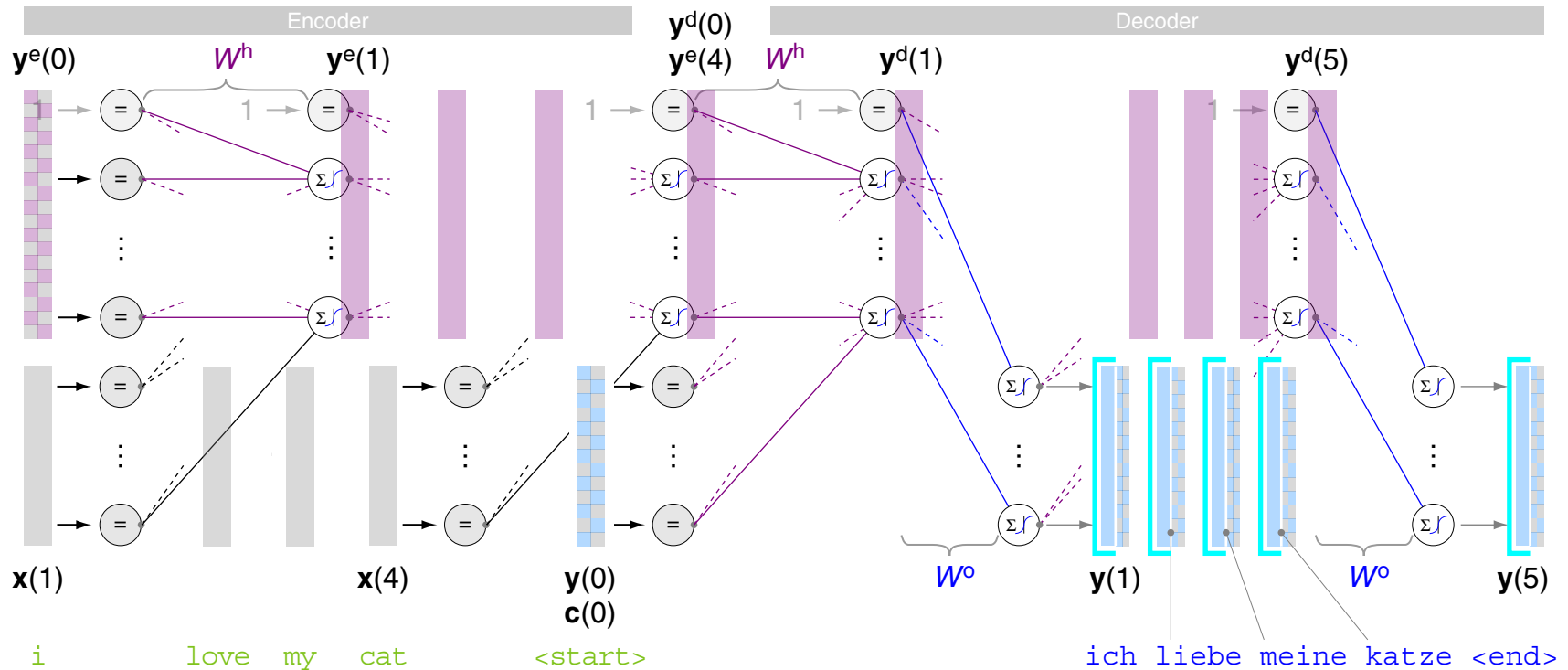
Target:

$[c(1), \dots, c(5)]$

$c(5) \hat{=} \text{<end>}$

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(S3) Sequence-to-Sequence Mapping with RNNs (continued)



Input:

$$\mathbf{x}, [y(1), \dots, y(4)]$$

Output:

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Target:

$$[c(1), \dots, c(5)]$$

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Remarks:

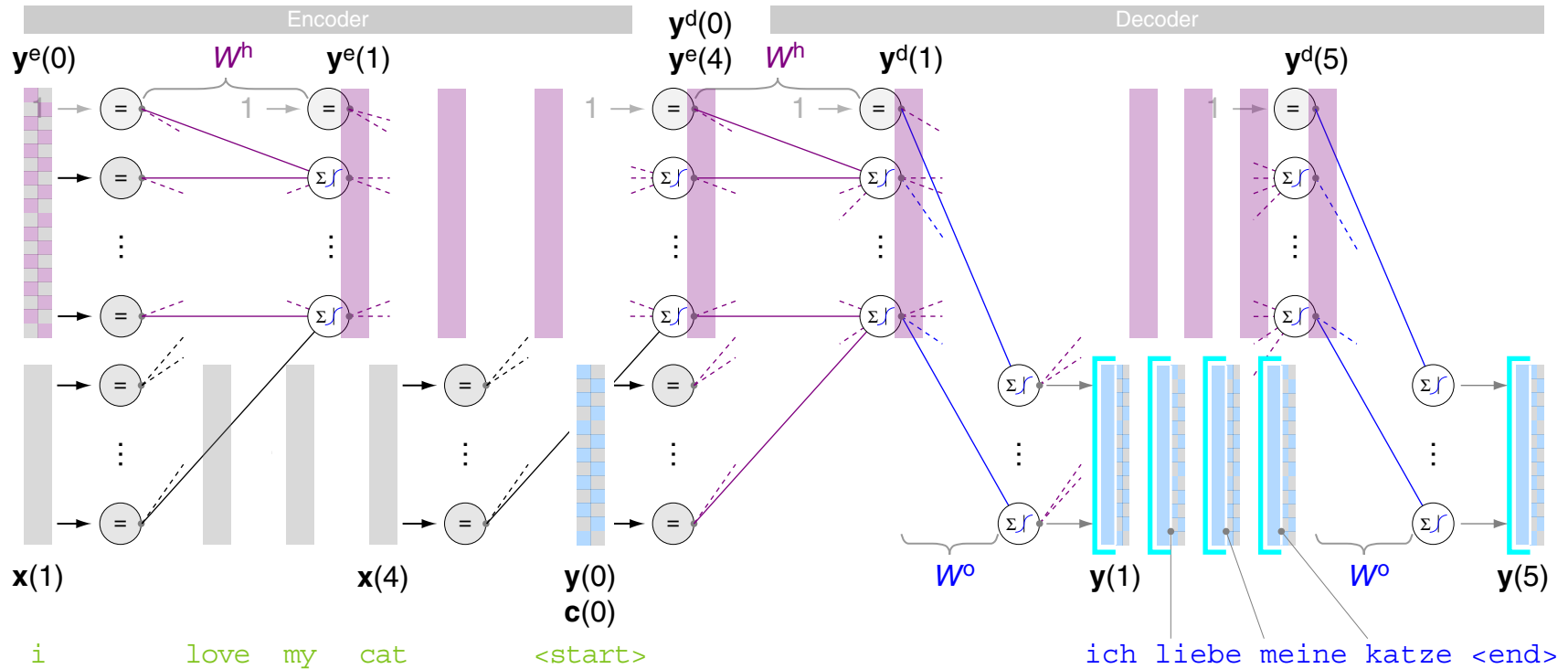
- ❑ The final encoder hidden state, $\mathbf{y}^e(T^e)$, represents the encoding of the source sentence. $\mathbf{y}^e(T^e)$ is unified with the first decoder hidden state, $\mathbf{y}^d(0)$.
- ❑ The encoder hidden state $\mathbf{y}^e(t)$ represents the input sequence *up* to time step t , $[\mathbf{x}(1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(t)]$.
- ❑ The decoder hidden state $\mathbf{y}^d(t)$ represents the entire input sequence $[\mathbf{x}(1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(T^e)]$, as well as the output sequence *up* to time step $t-1$, $[\mathbf{y}(1), \dots, \mathbf{y}(t-1)]$.
- ❑ Note that, as before, we are given a model function $\mathbf{y}()$, which maps some input (actually, a *sequence* of feature vectors, $[\mathbf{x}(1), \dots, \mathbf{x}(T^e)]$) to some output (a sequence of output vectors, $[\mathbf{y}(1), \dots, \mathbf{y}(T^d)]$).

Sequence-to-Sequence RNNs are Conditional Language Models



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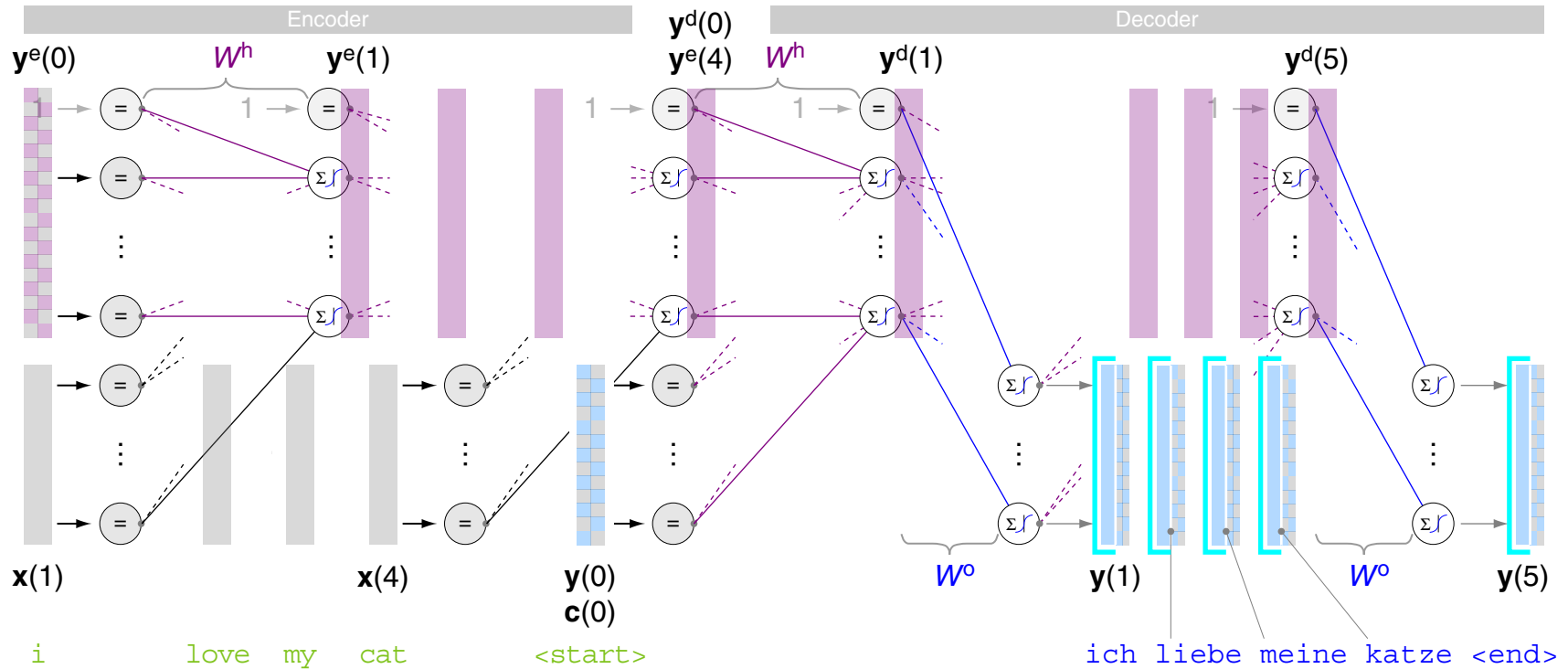


The sequence-to-sequence RNN directly calculates $p(y \mid x)$:

$$p(y \mid x) = p(y_1 \mid x) \cdot p(y_2 \mid y_1, x) \cdot p(y_3 \mid y_1, y_2, x) \cdot p(y_4 \mid y_1, y_2, y_3, x)$$

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Sequence-to-Sequence RNNs are Conditional Language Models (continued)

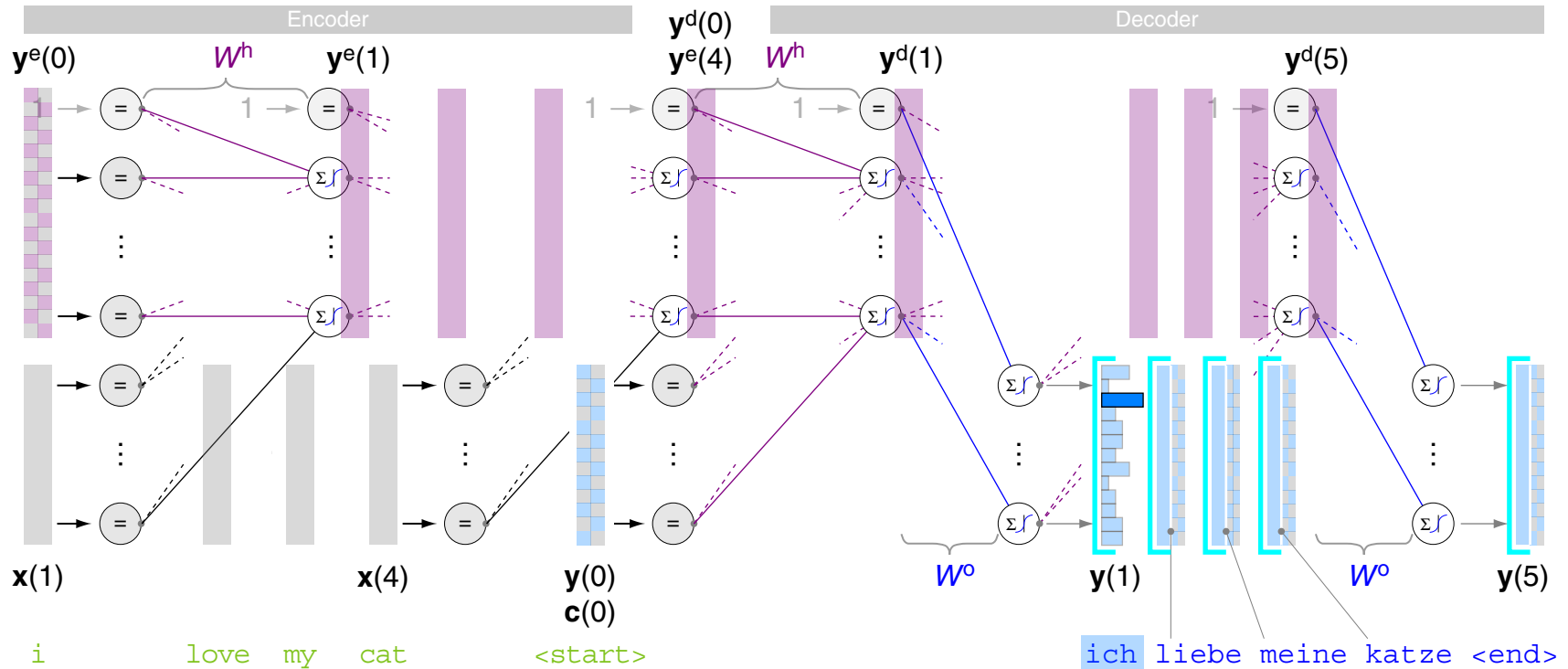


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Sequence-to-Sequence RNNs are Conditional Language Models (continued)

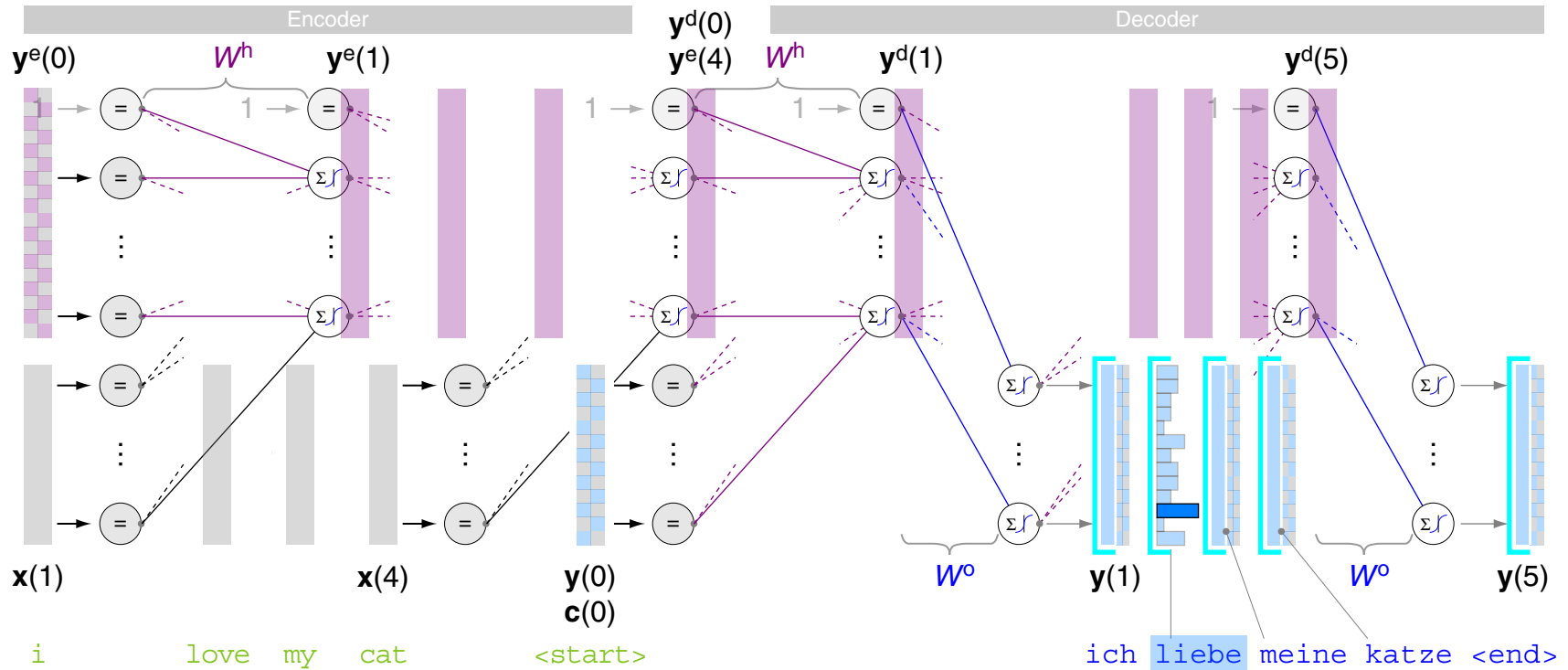


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Sequence-to-Sequence RNNs are Conditional Language Models (continued)

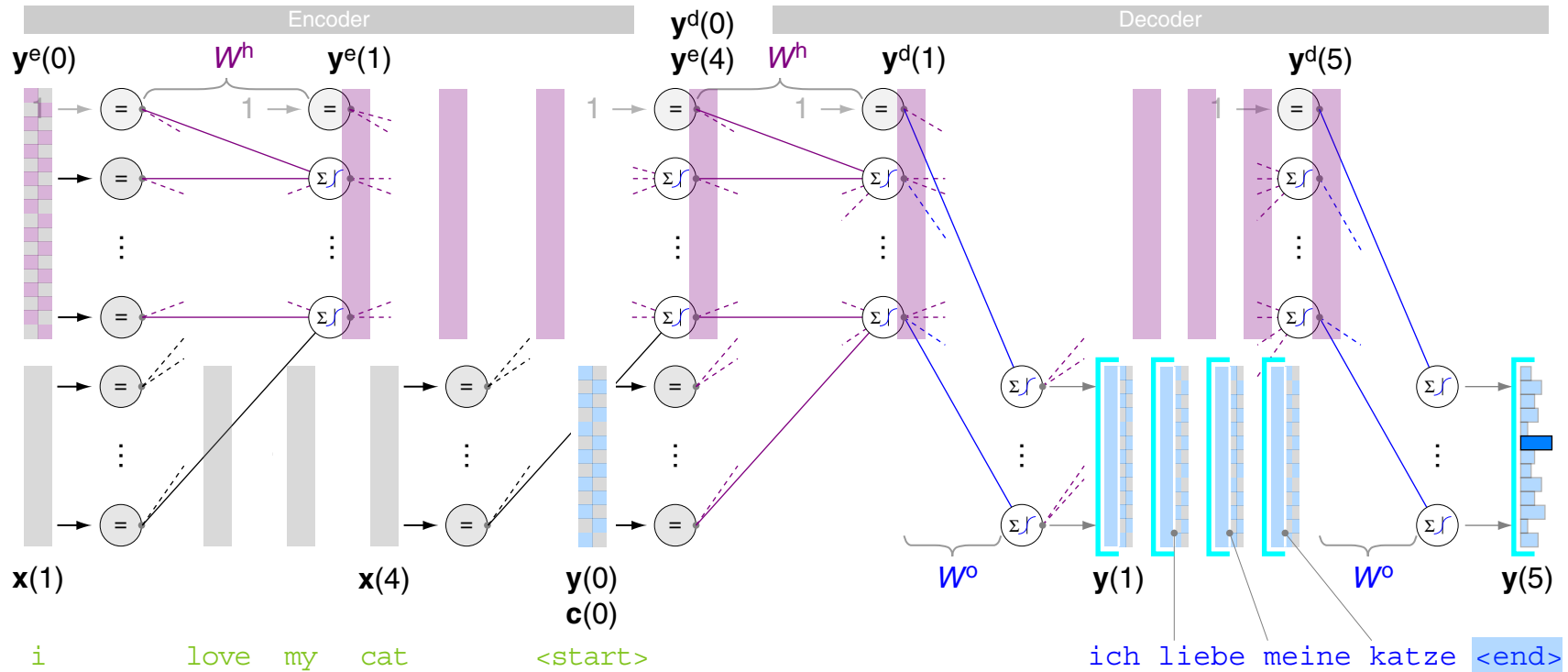


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Sequence-to-Sequence RNNs are Conditional Language Models (continued)



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 \end{aligned}$$

Remarks:

- ❑ Each output vector $\mathbf{y}(t)$ corresponds to a probability distribution over [Vocabulary^d](#) (recall the σ_1 -function). Here, the illustration of generation (aka decoding) steps shows an argmax-operation on each $\mathbf{y}(t)$, called “greedy decoding”: the word with the highest probability is chosen.
- ❑ To maximize $\prod_{t=1}^{\tau} p(\mathbf{y}(t) \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}(0), \dots, \mathbf{y}(t-1))$, a complete search in the space of all sequences (target sentences) that can be generated is necessary, which is computationally intractable. Instead, heuristic search such as beam search is applied, where a beam size around 5 to 10 has shown good results in practice.

The beam size is the number of generated successors in each decoding step; they are added to the OPEN list of the heuristic search algorithm. [\[Course on Search Algorithms\]](#)

- ❑ Sequence-to-sequence RNNs can be “stacked”, this way forming a multilayer RNN, which is able to compute more complex representations. The idea is that the lower (higher) RNNs should compute lower-level (higher-level) features.

Practice has shown that 2-4 layers are useful for neural machine translation, while transformer-based networks are typically deeper and comprise 12-24 layers.

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