# **Self-Attention**

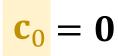
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#### **Self-Attention**

- Self-Attention [2]: attention [1] beyond Seq2Seq models.
- The original self-attention paper uses LSTM.
- To make teaching easy, I replace LSTM by SimpleRNN.

#### **Original paper:**

- 1. Bahdanau, Cho, & Bengio. Neural machine translation by jointly learning to align and translate. In *ICLR*, 2015.
- 2. Cheng, Dong, & Lapata. Long Short-Term Memory-Networks for Machine Reading. In *EMNLP*, 2016.









#### SimpleRNN:

$$\mathbf{h}_1 = \tanh\left(\mathbf{A} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_1 \\ \mathbf{h}_0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{b}\right)$$

 $\mathbf{c}_0$ 

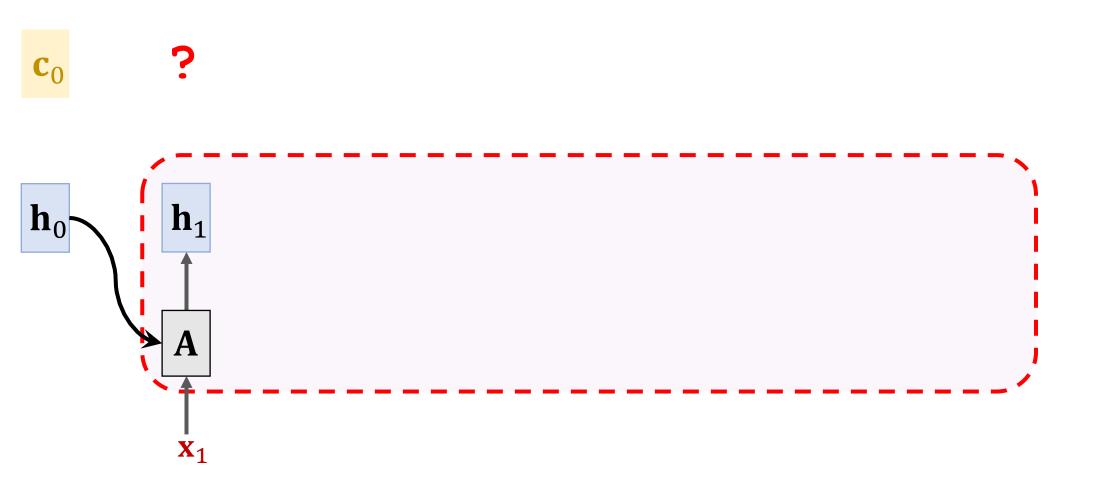


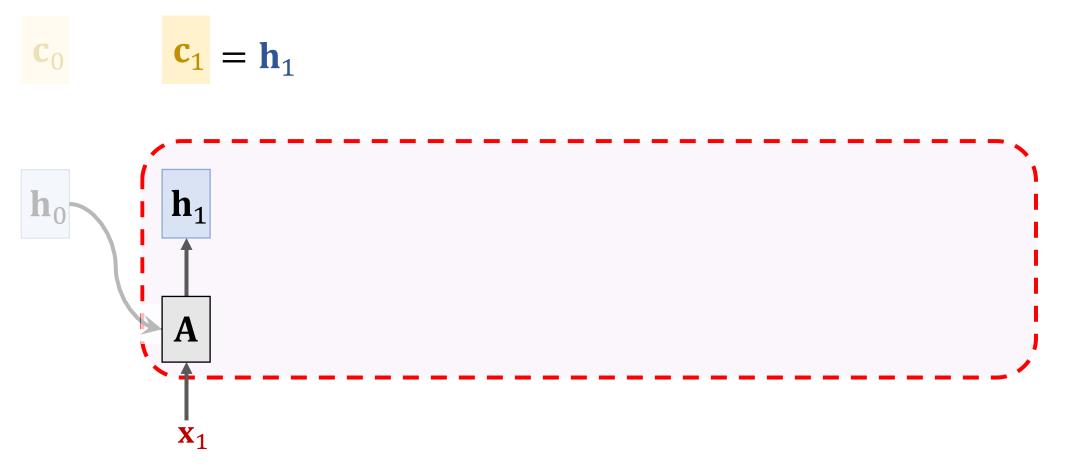
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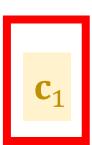


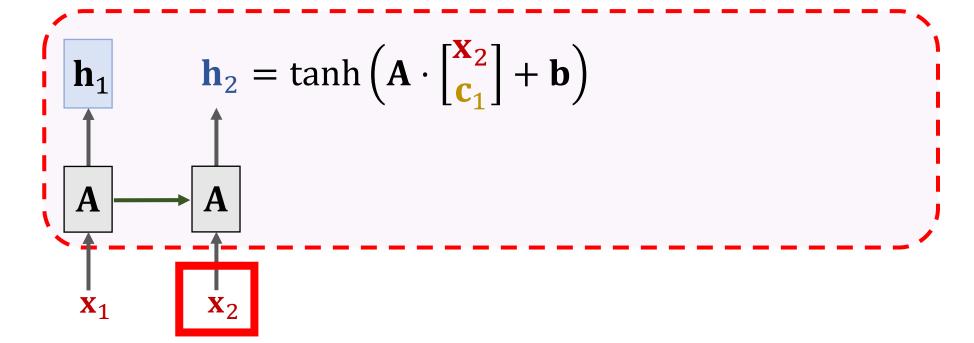




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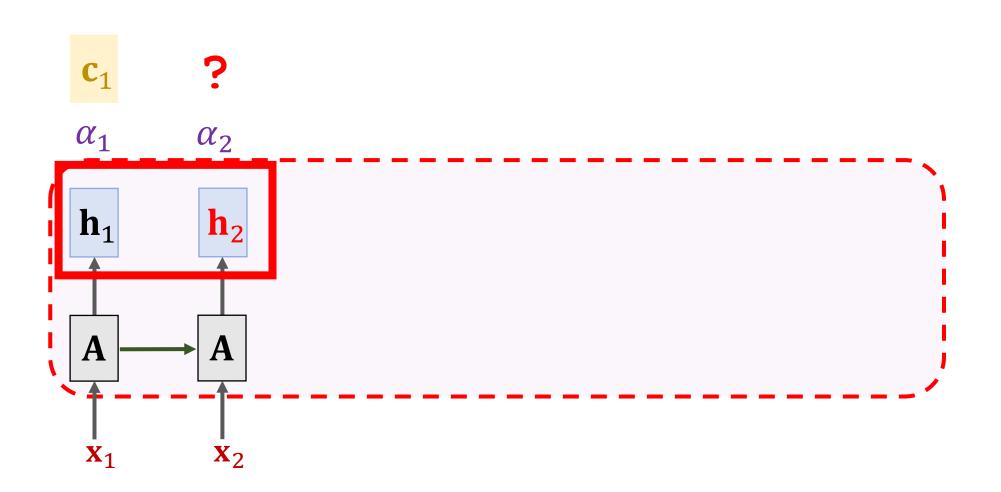


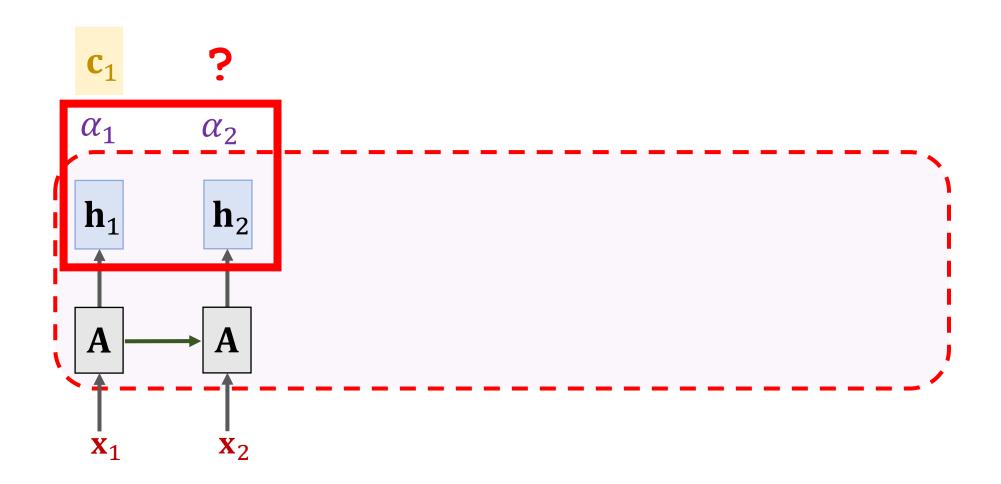


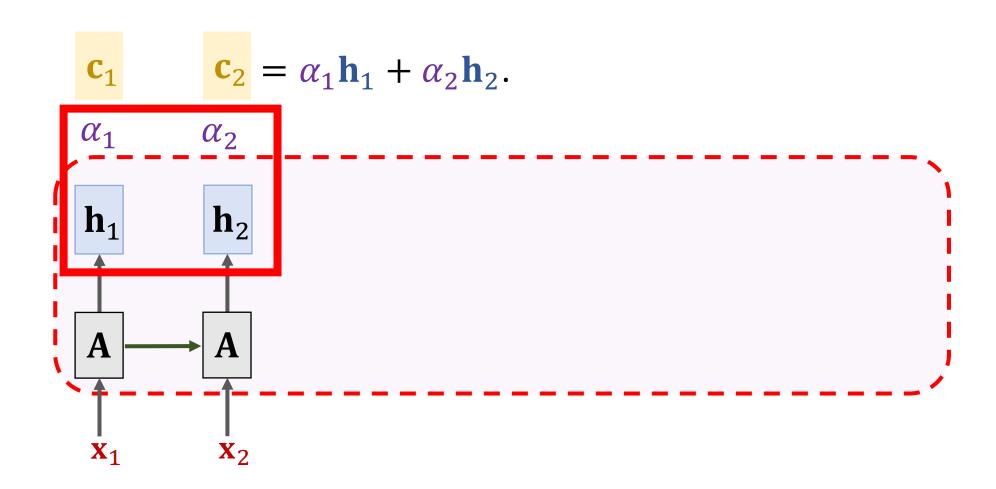


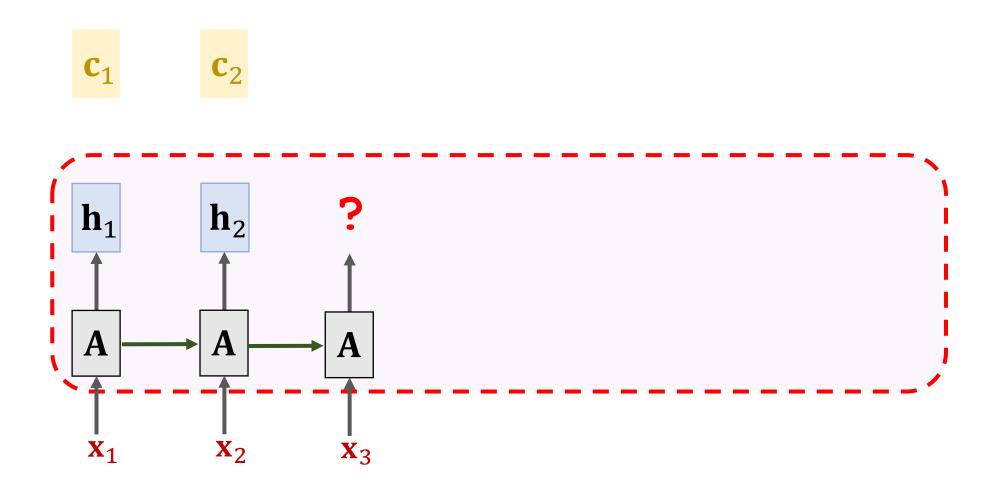


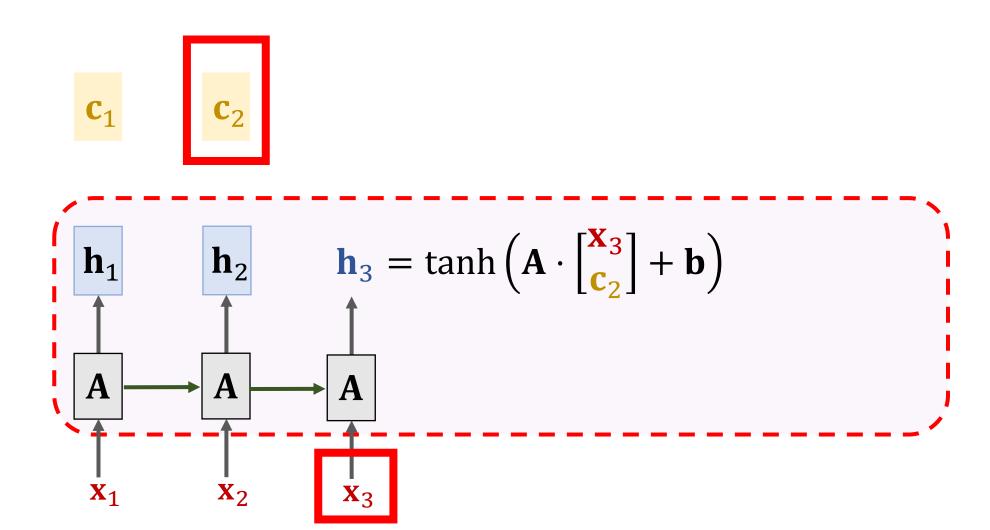
Weights:  $\alpha_i = \operatorname{align}(\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_2)$ .

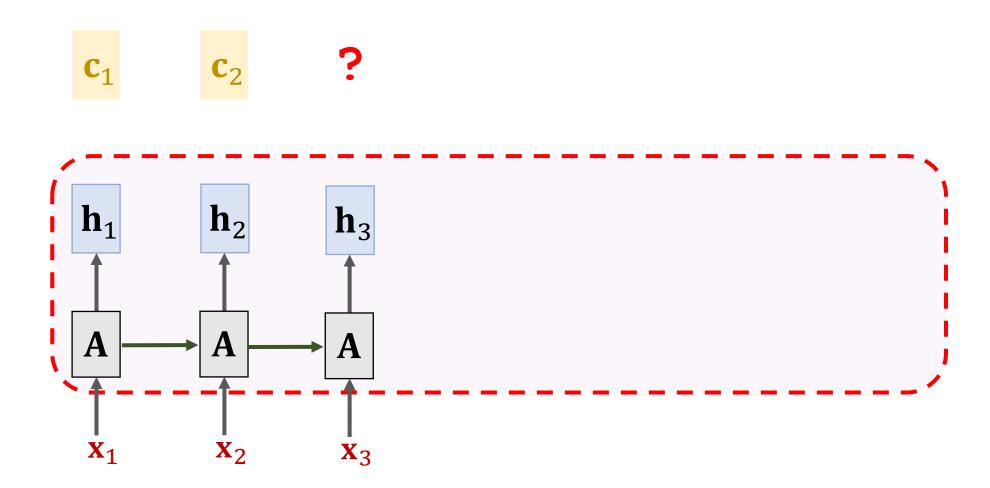




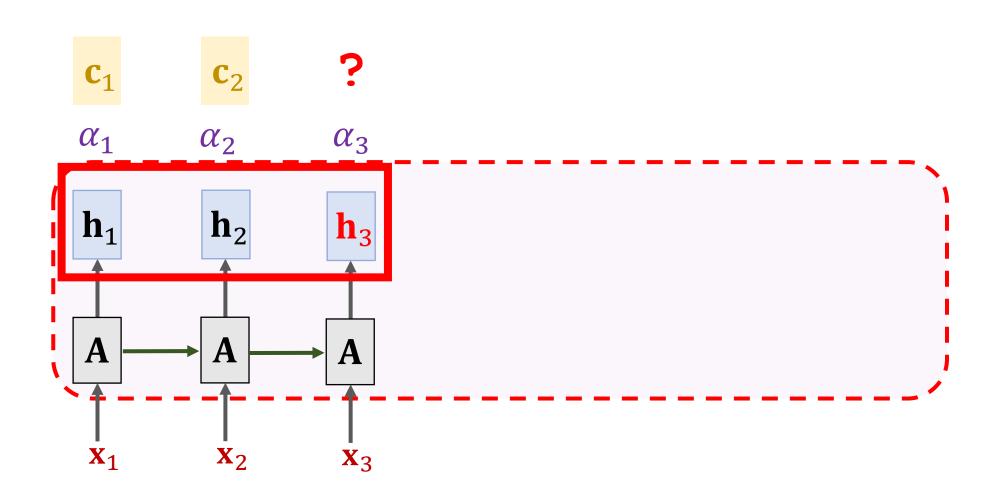


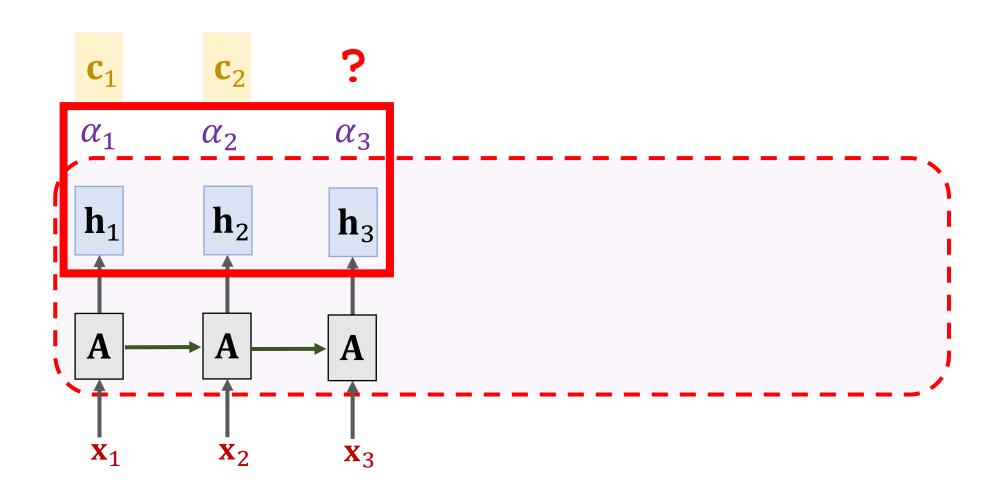


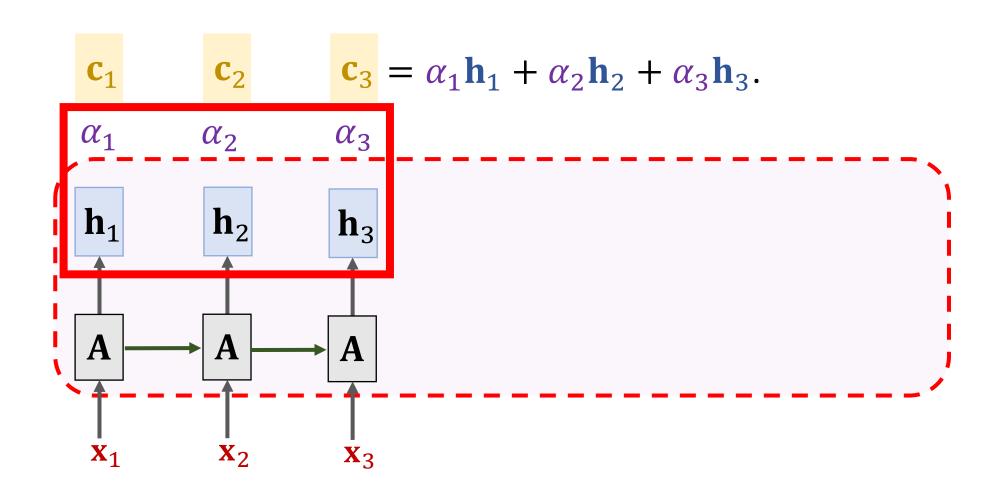


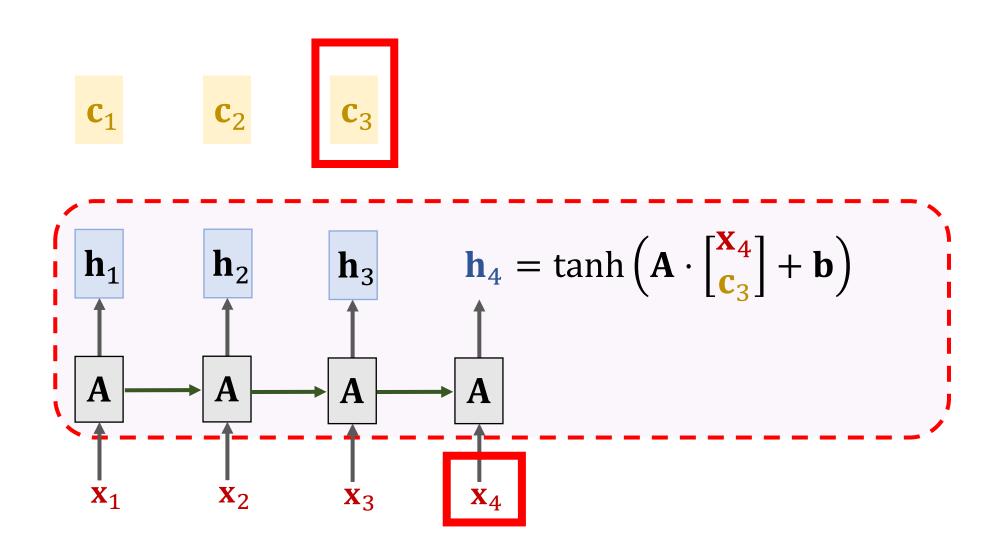


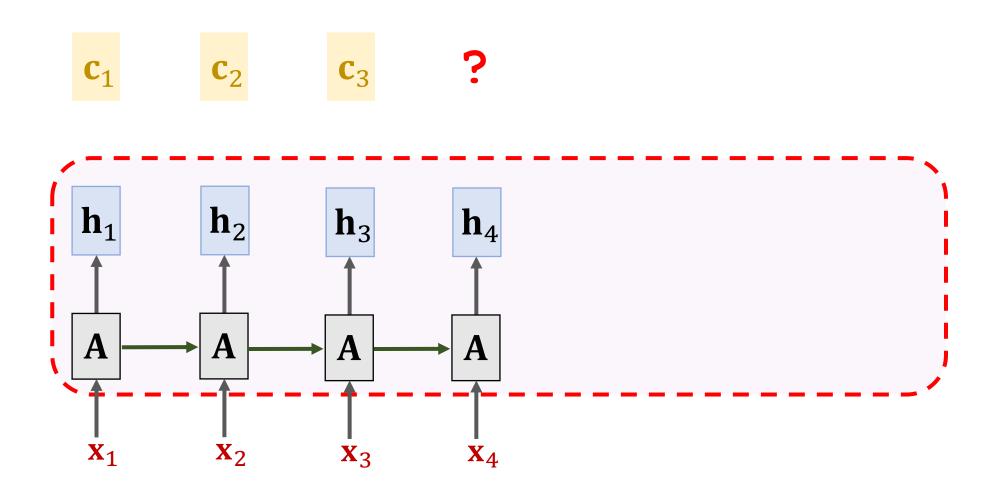
Weights:  $\alpha_i = \text{align}(\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_3)$ .



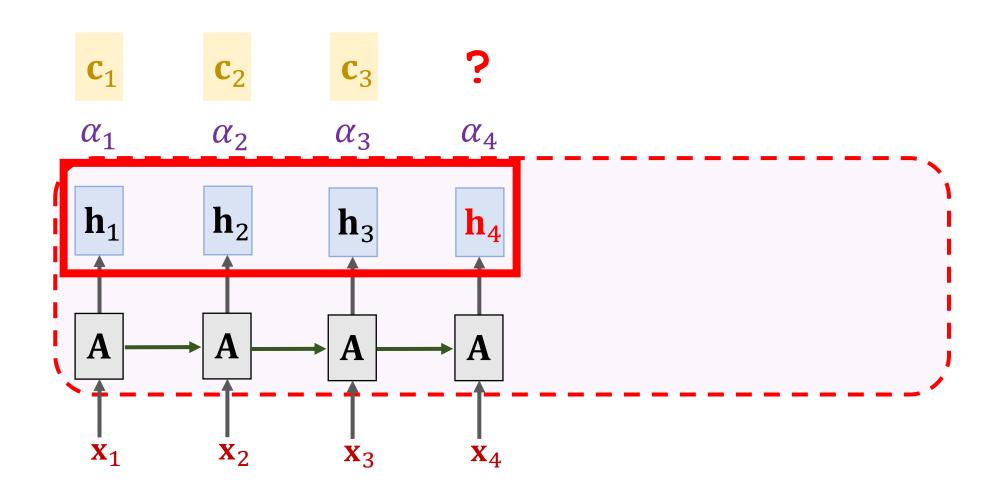


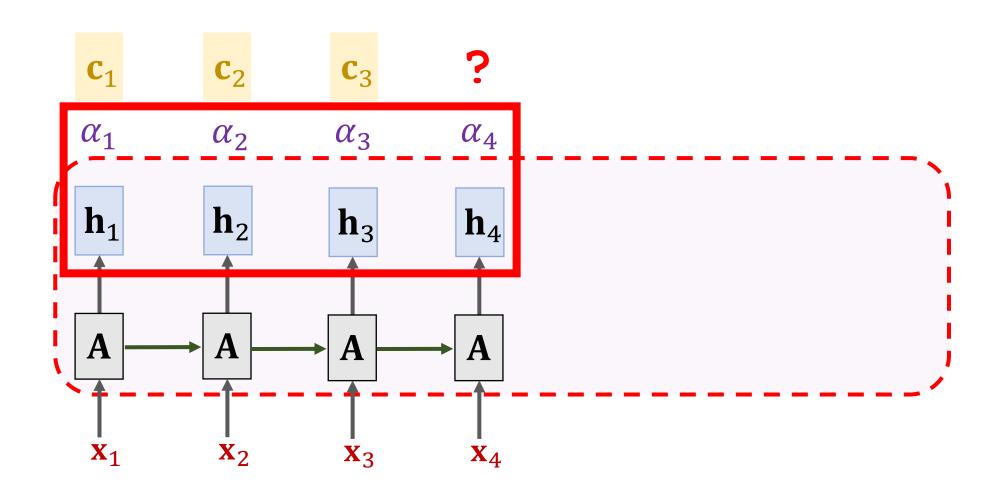




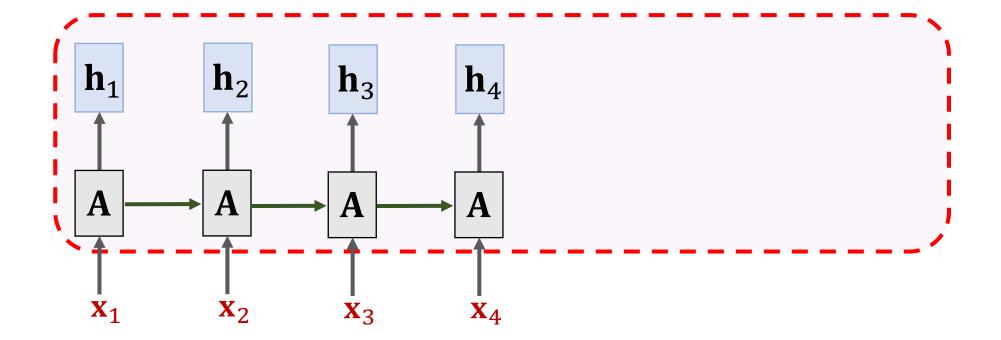


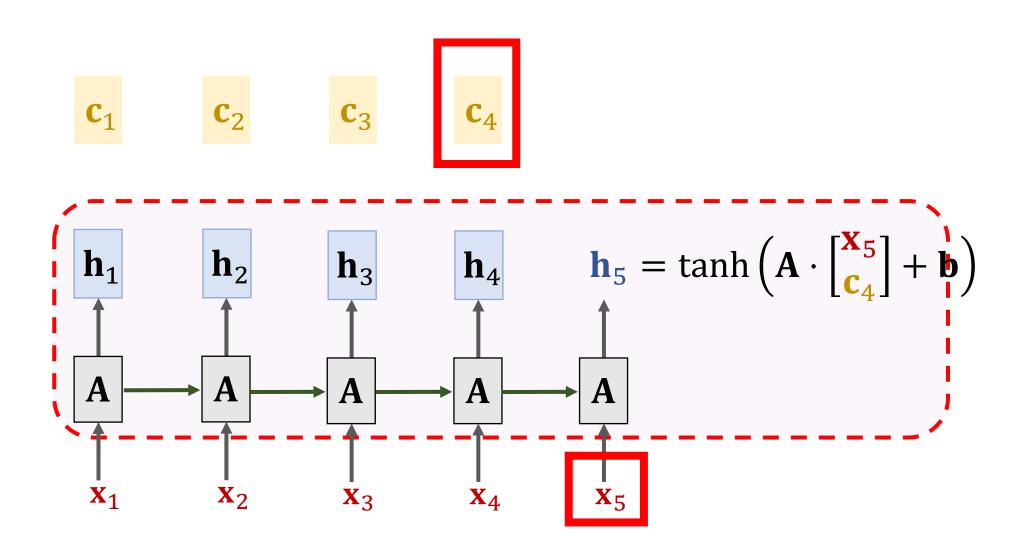
Weights:  $\alpha_i = \text{align}(\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_4)$ .

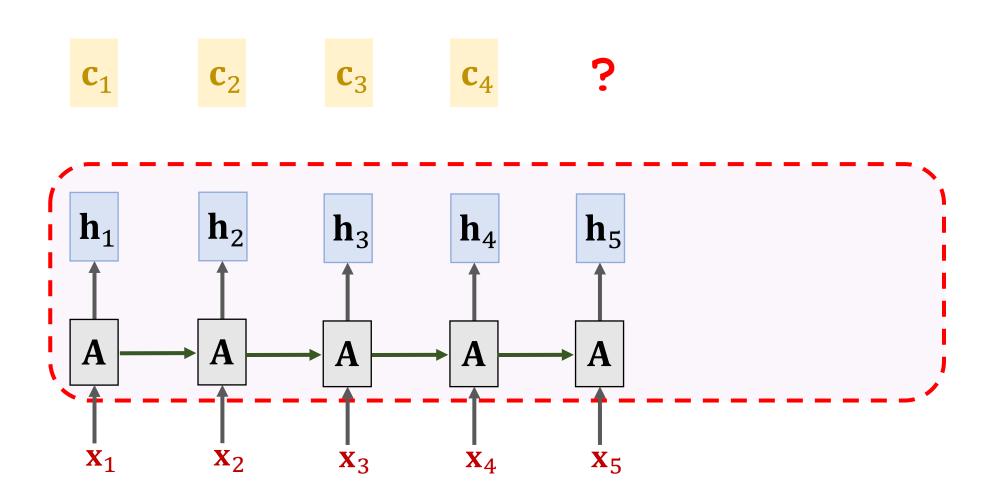




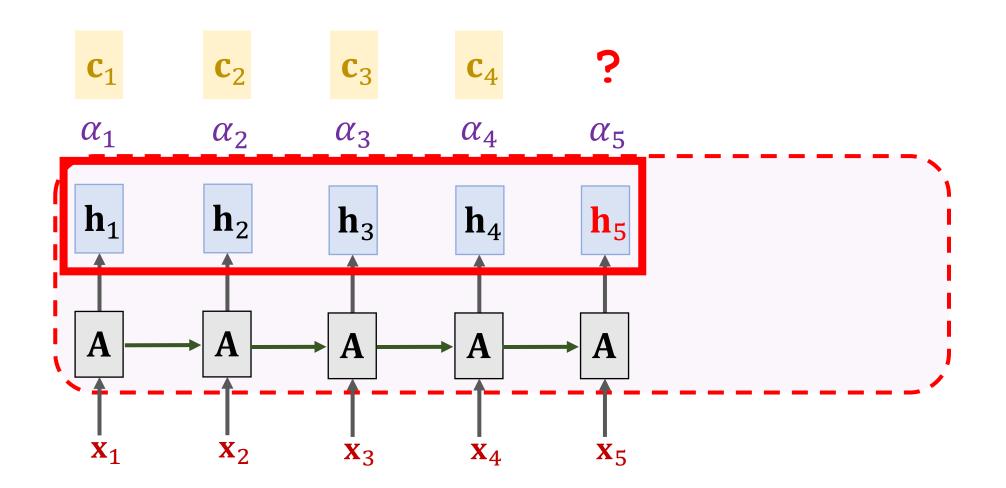
 $\mathbf{c}_1 \qquad \mathbf{c}_2 \qquad \mathbf{c}_3 \qquad \mathbf{c}_4 = \alpha_1 \mathbf{h}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{h}_2 + \alpha_3 \mathbf{h}_3 + \alpha_4 \mathbf{h}_4.$ 

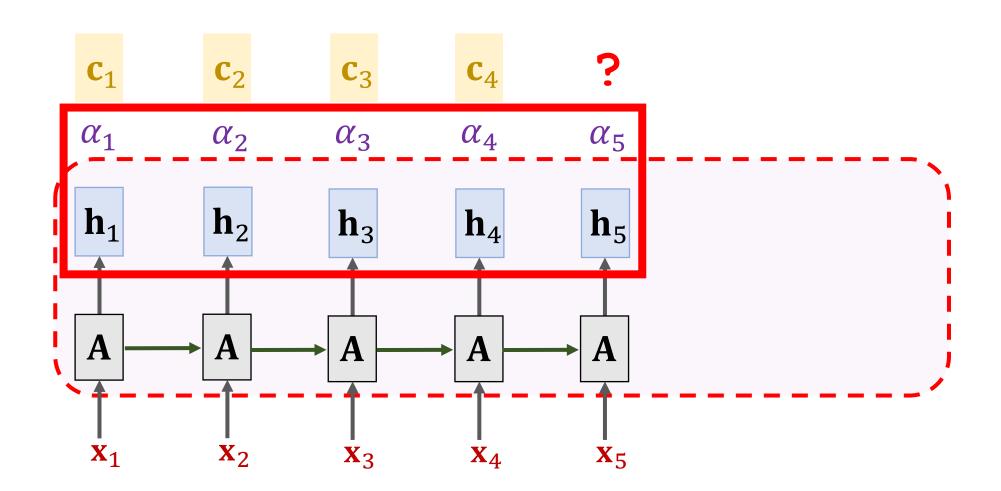




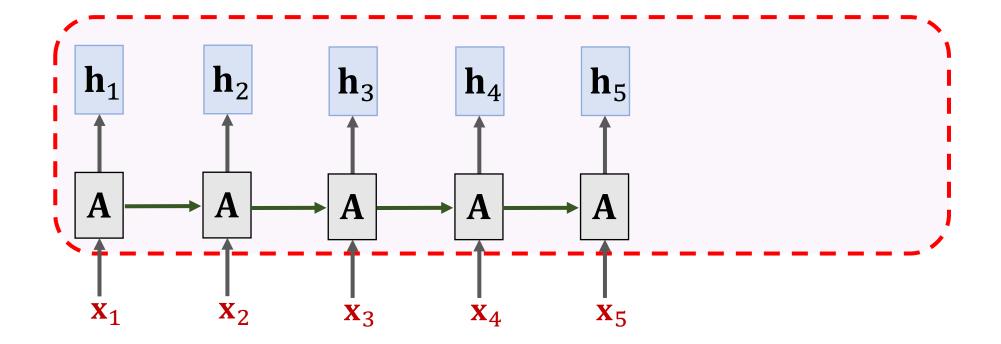


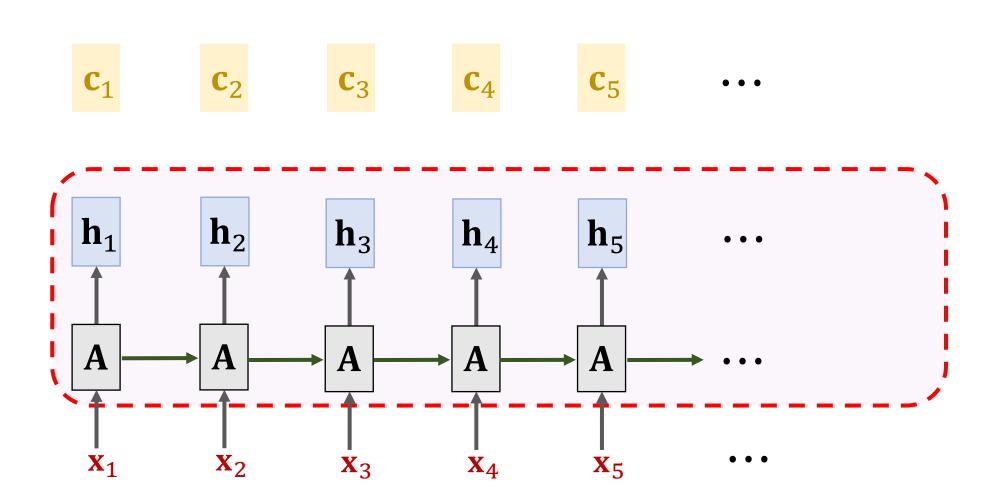
Weights:  $\alpha_i = \text{align}(\mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_5)$ .





 $\mathbf{c_1}$   $\mathbf{c_2}$   $\mathbf{c_3}$   $\mathbf{c_4}$   $\mathbf{c_5} = \alpha_1 \mathbf{h}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{h}_2 + \dots + \alpha_5 \mathbf{h}_5.$ 





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- Pay attention to the context relevant to the new input.

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Figure is from the paper "Long Short-Term Memory-Networks for Machine Reading."

Thank you!