


# Large-Scale, Distributed Machine Learning



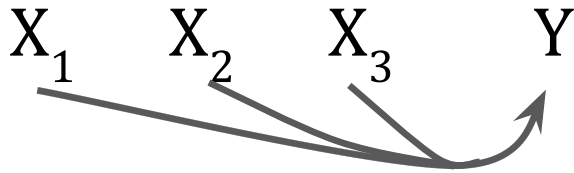
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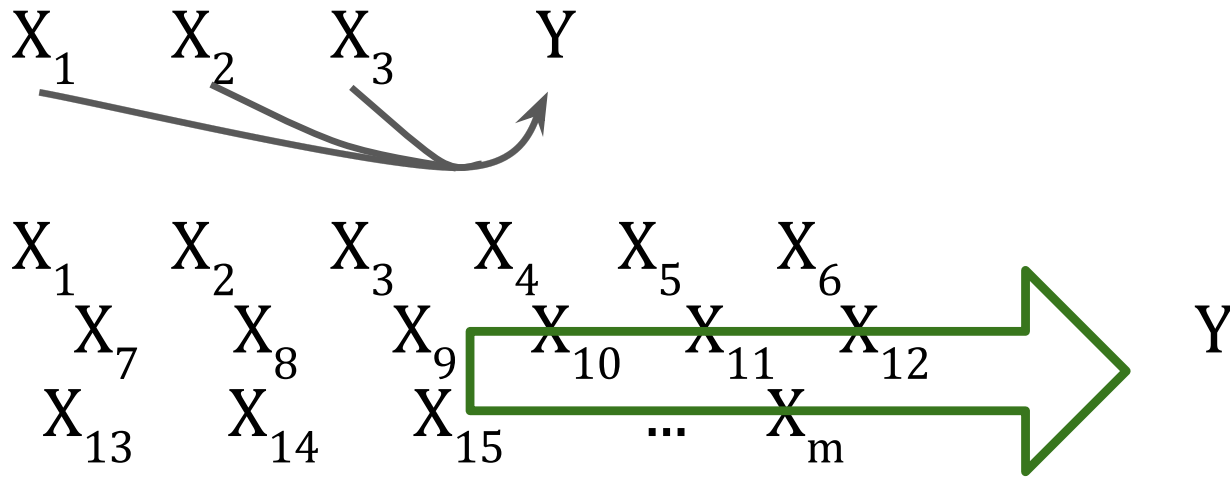
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 $X_1$     $X_2$     $X_3$     $Y$

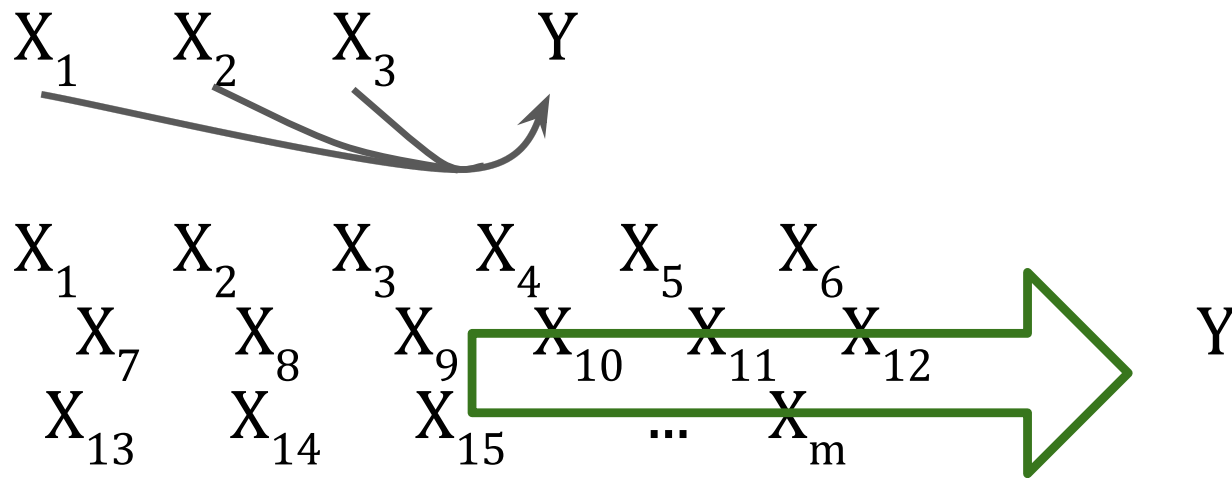
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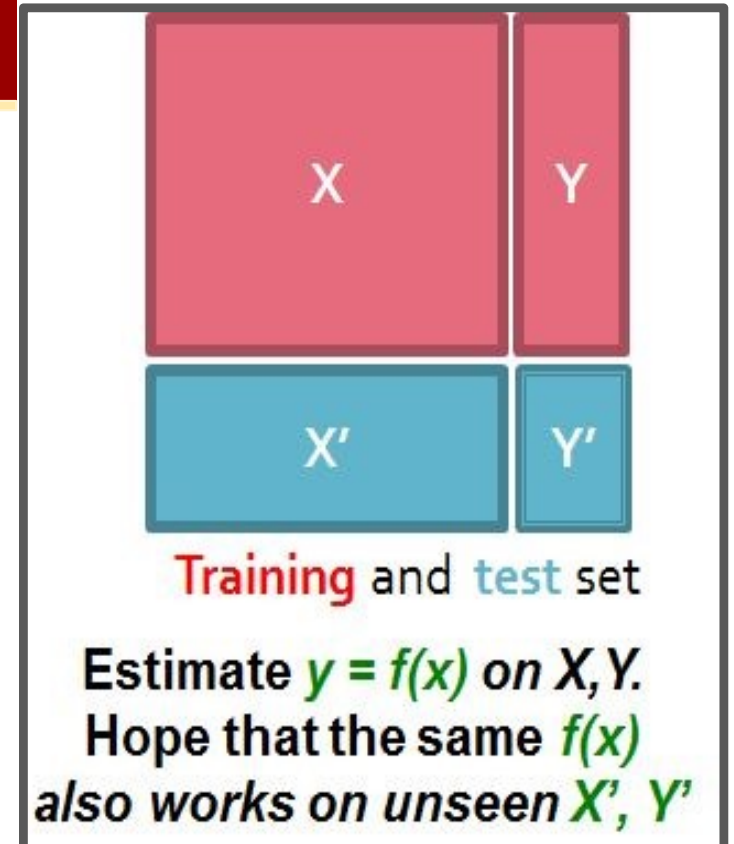
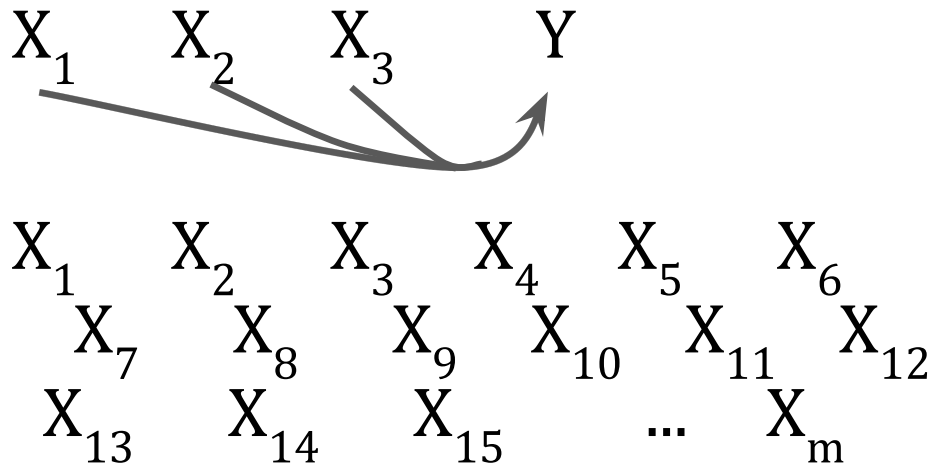


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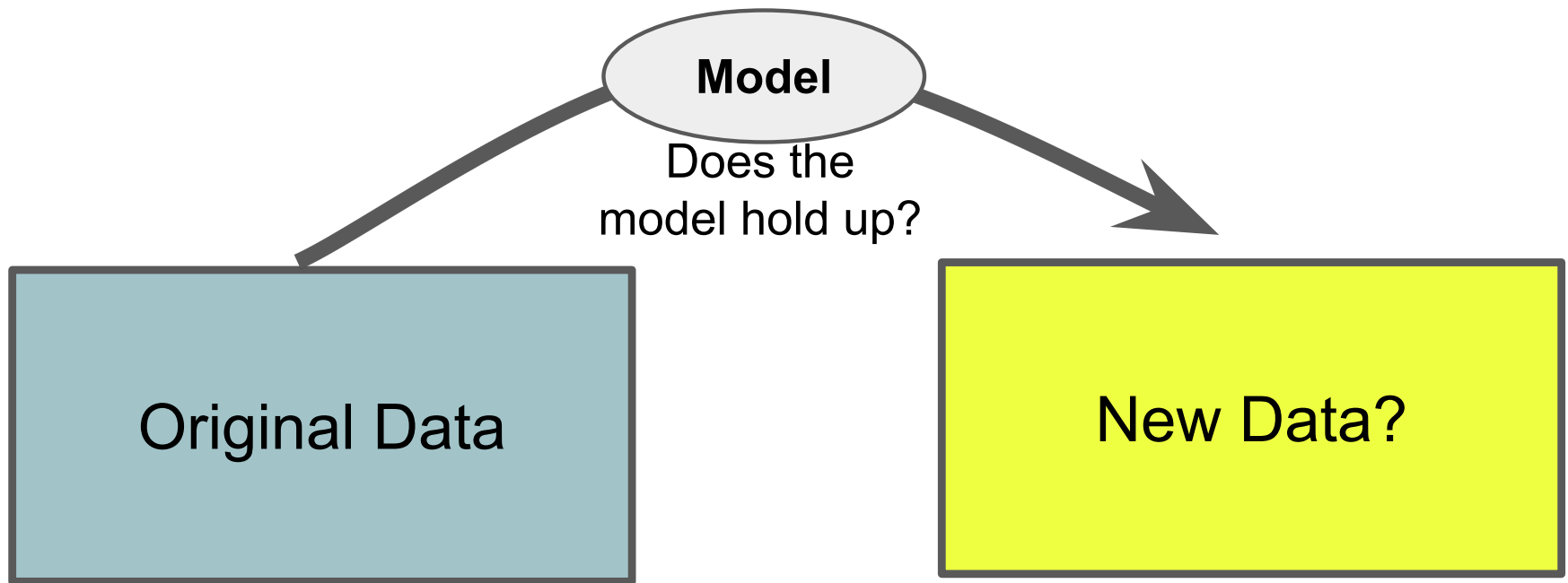
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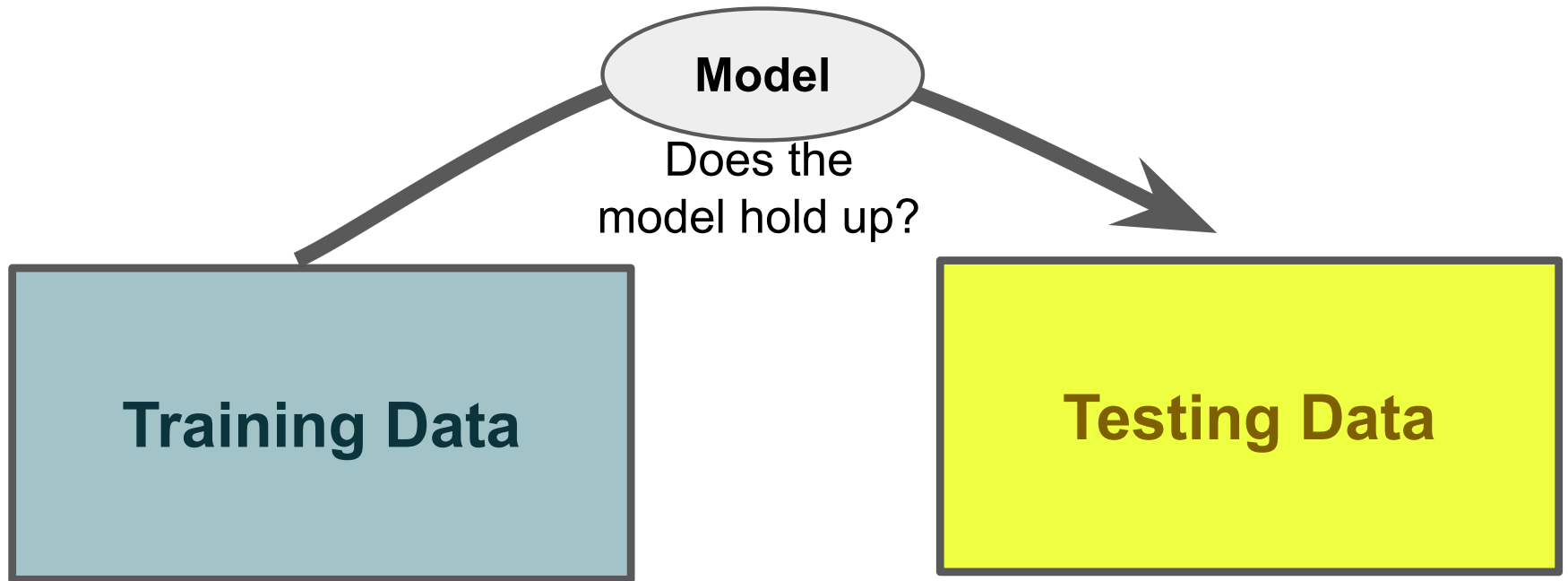
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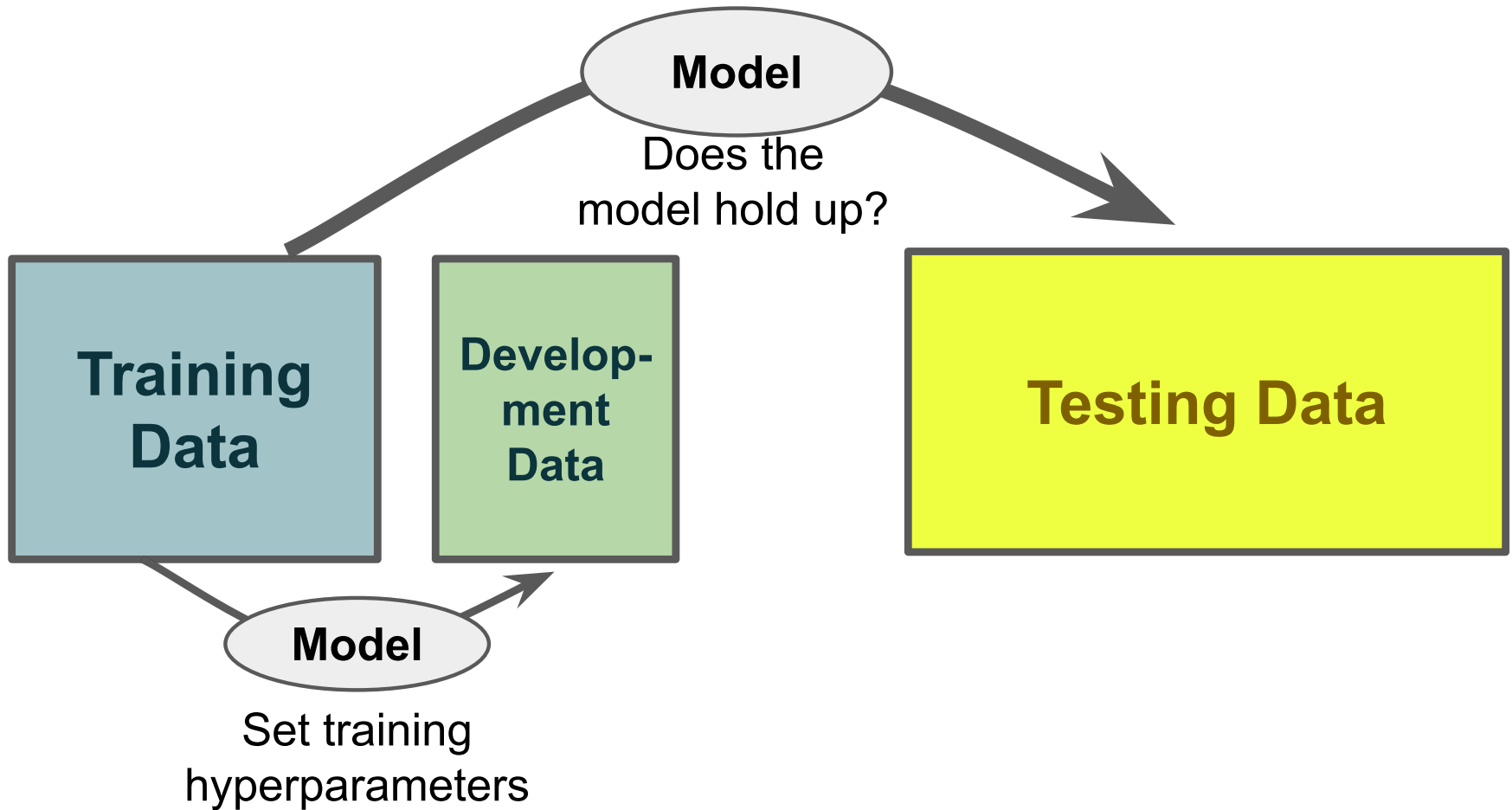


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# ML: GOAL

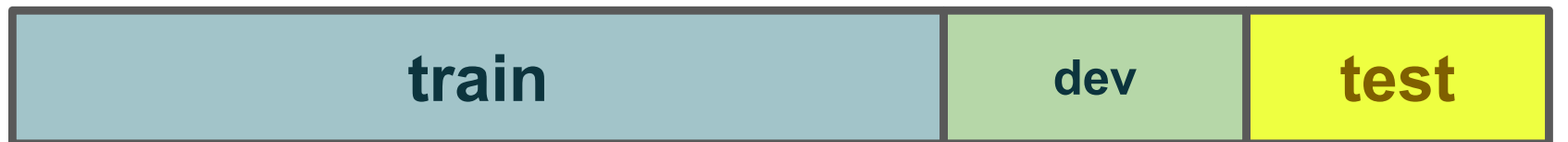


# N-Fold Cross Validation

Goal: Decent estimate of model accuracy



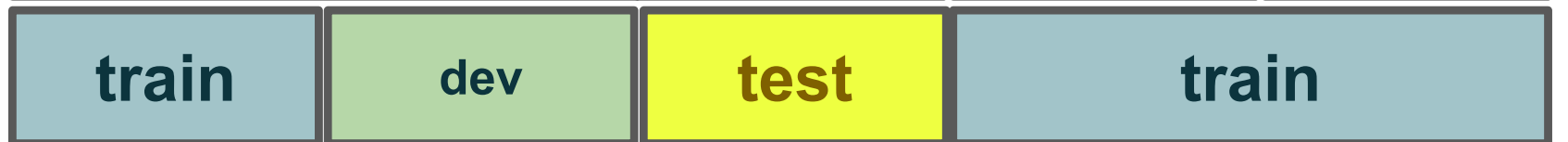
Iter 1



Iter 2



Iter 3



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# Review: Distributed ML

Done very often in practice. Not talked about much because it's mostly as easy as it sounds.

1. **Distribute copies of entire dataset**
  - a. Train over all with different parameters
  - b. Train different folds per worker node.

Pro: Easy; Good for compute-bound; Con: Requires data fit in worker memories

2. **Distribute data**
  - a. Each node finds parameters for subset of data
  - b. Needs mechanism for updating parameters
    - i. Centralized parameter server
    - ii. Distributed All-Reduce

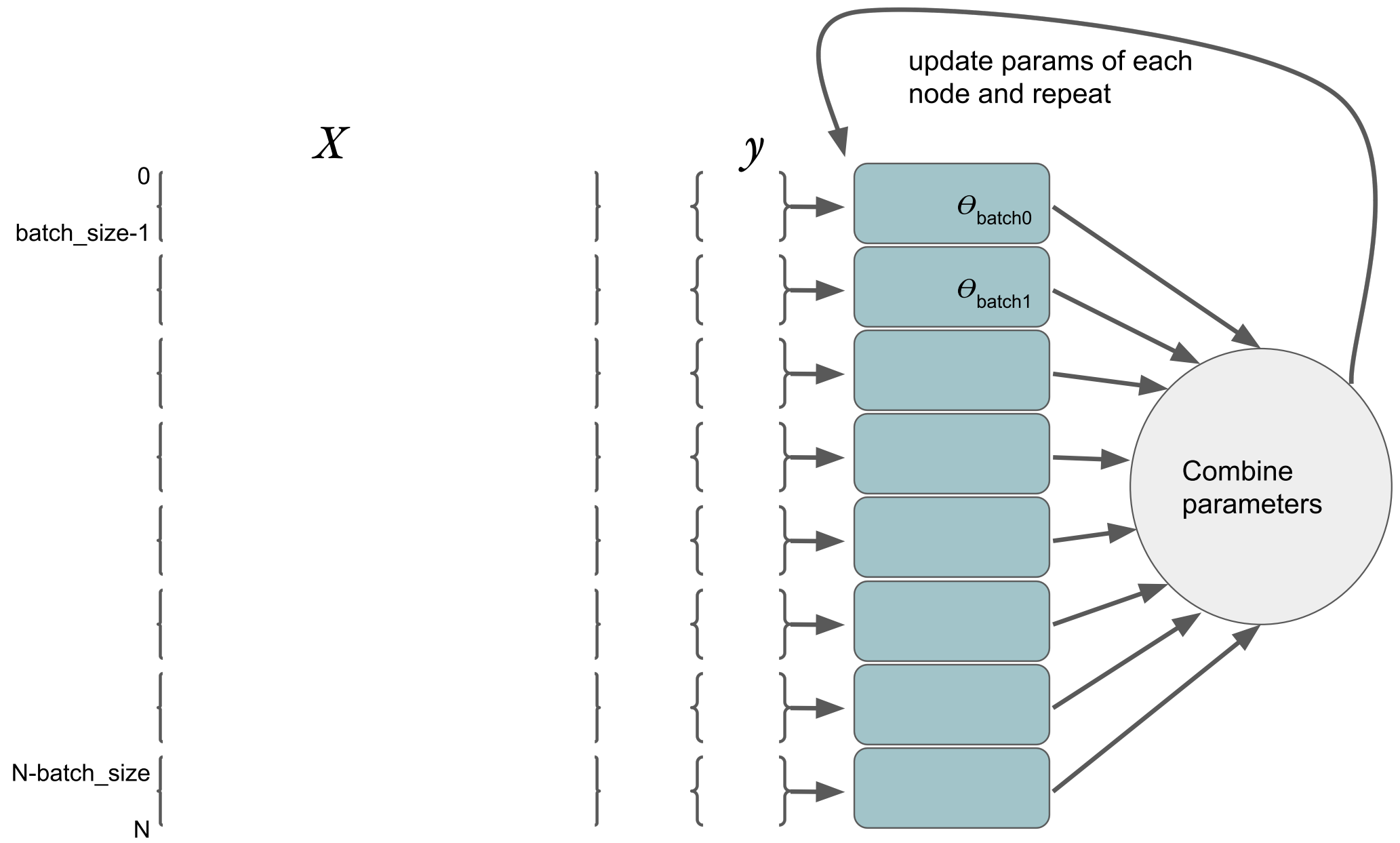
Preferred method for big data or very complex models (i.e. models with many internal parameters).

Pro: Flexible to all situations; Con: Optimizing for subset is suboptimal

3. **Distribute model or individual operations** (e.g. matrix multiply)

Pro: **Model Parallelism**

Con: High communication for transferring Intermediar data.



1. Linear modeling  
(linear and logistic regression)
2. **Recurrent Neural Networks**  
**Where  $X$  is a sequence of data**
3. Convolutional Neural Networks  
Where  $X$  might have spatial relationships

# From Linear Models to Neural Nets

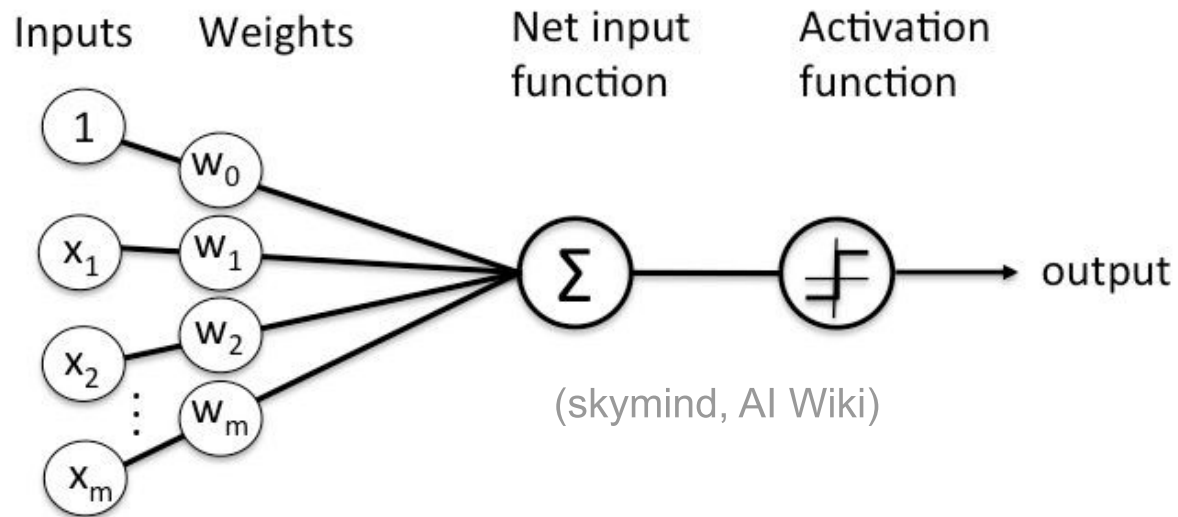
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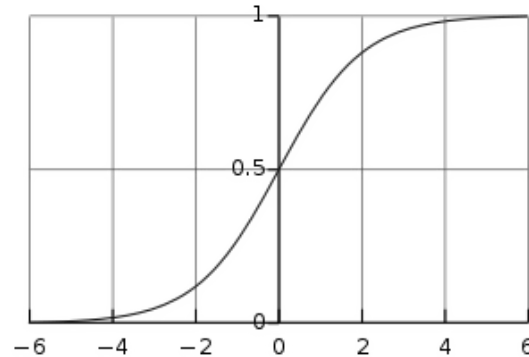
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# Common Activation Functions

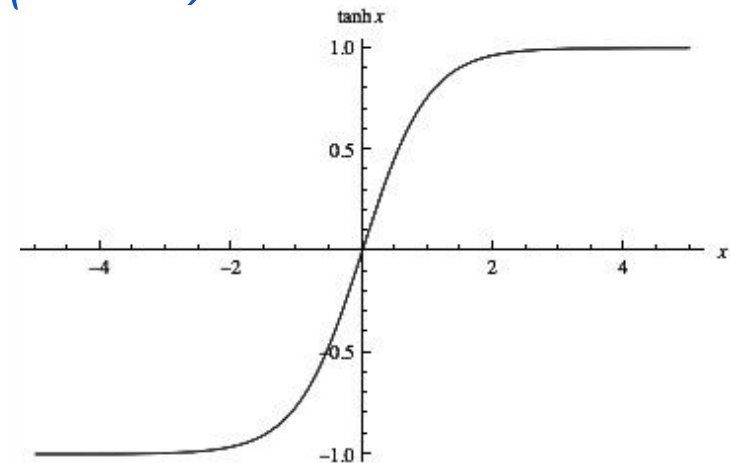
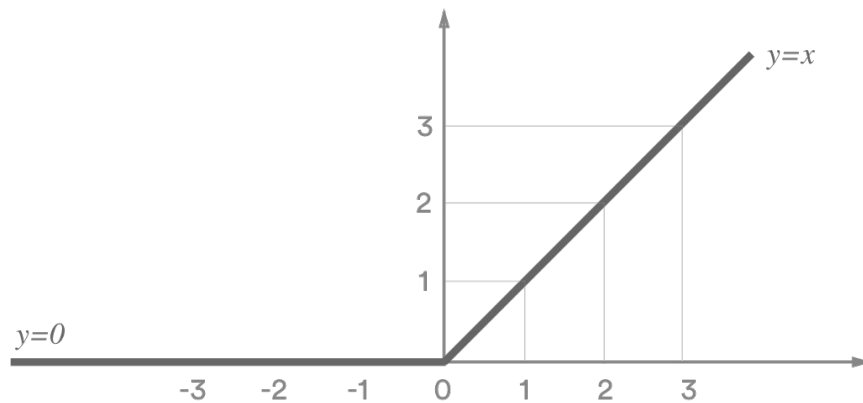
$$z = wX$$

Logistic:  $\sigma(z) = 1 / (1 + e^{-z})$



Hyperbolic tangent:  $\tanh(z) = 2\sigma(2z) - 1 = (e^{2z} - 1) / (e^{2z} + 1)$

Rectified linear unit (ReLU):  $ReLU(z) = \max(0, z)$

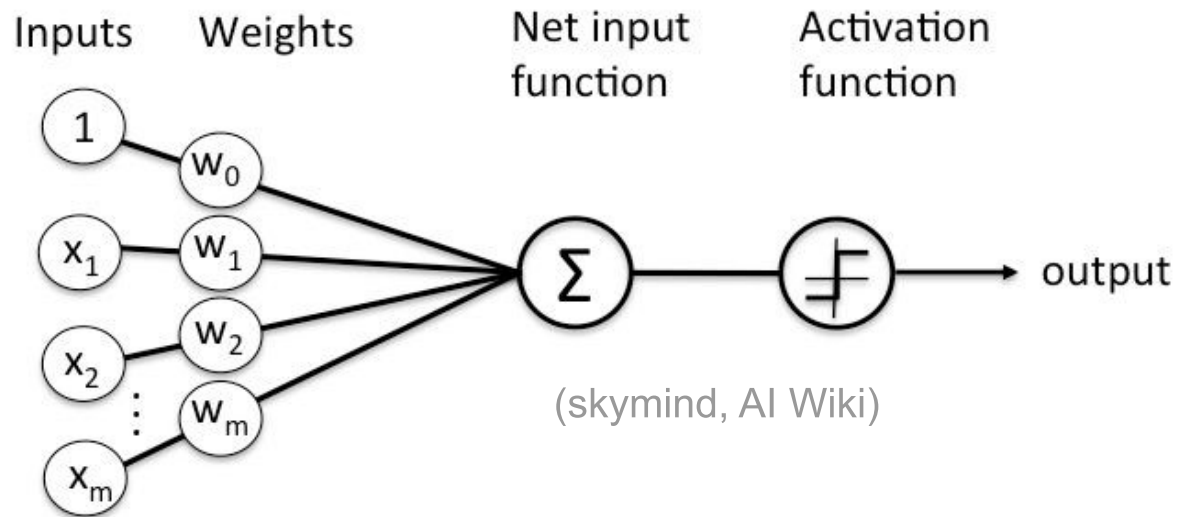




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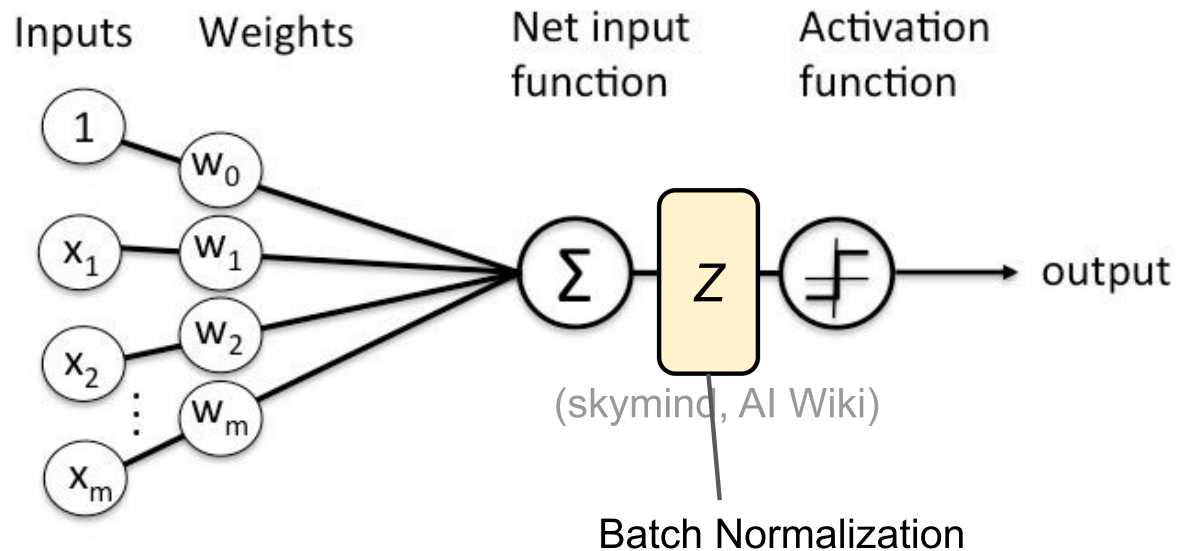
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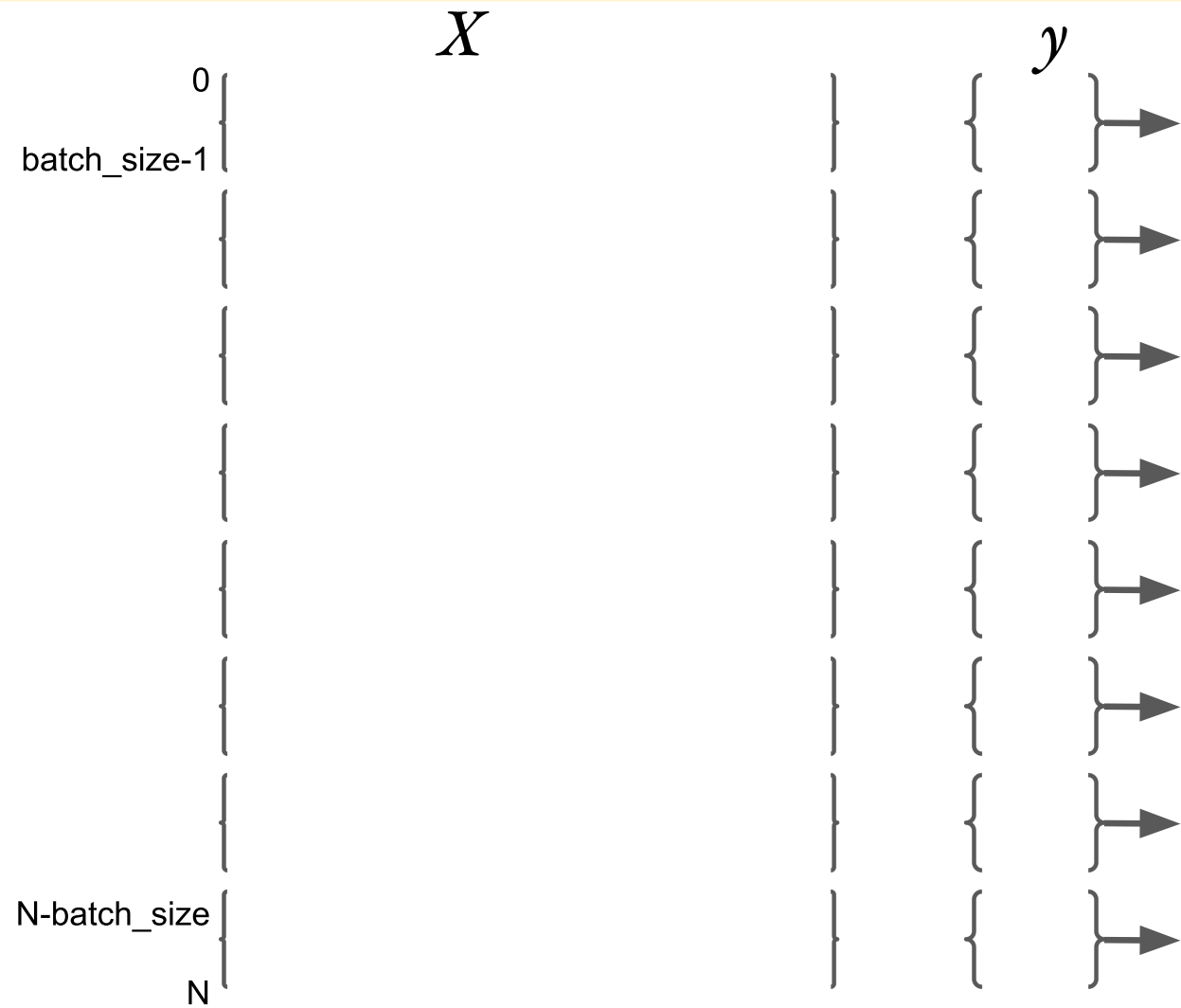
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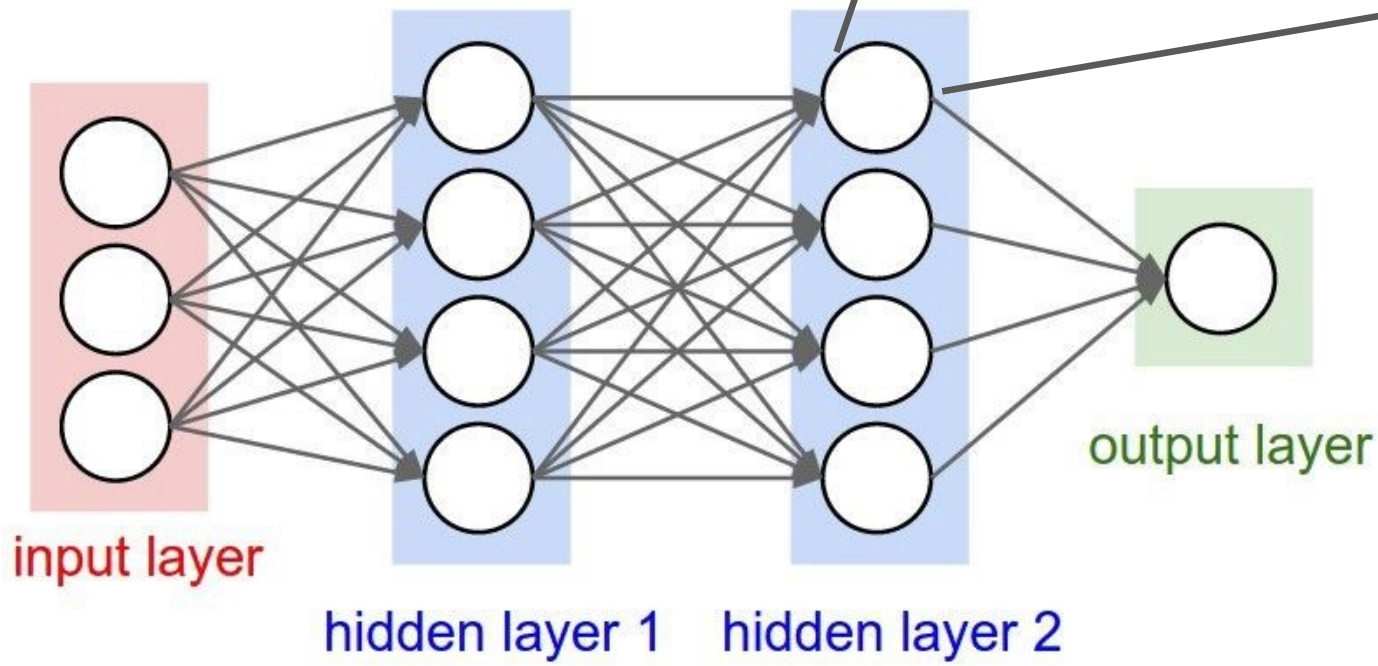
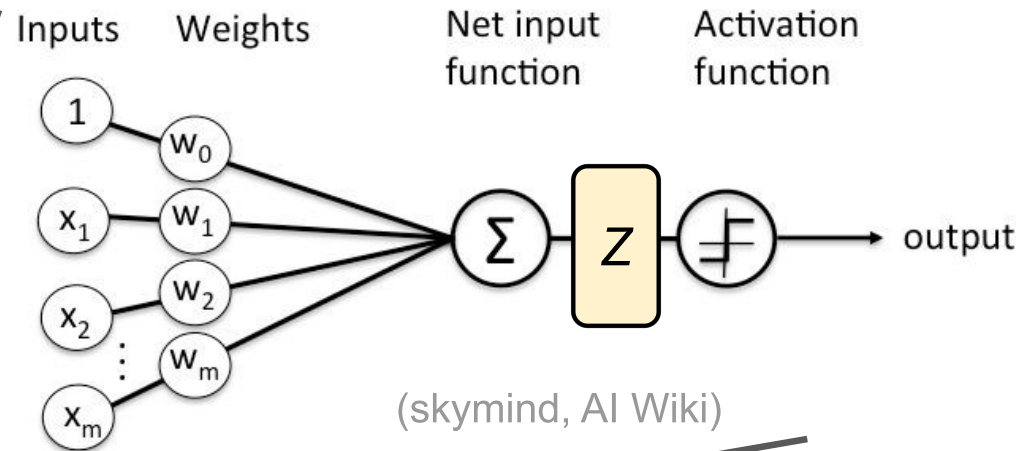
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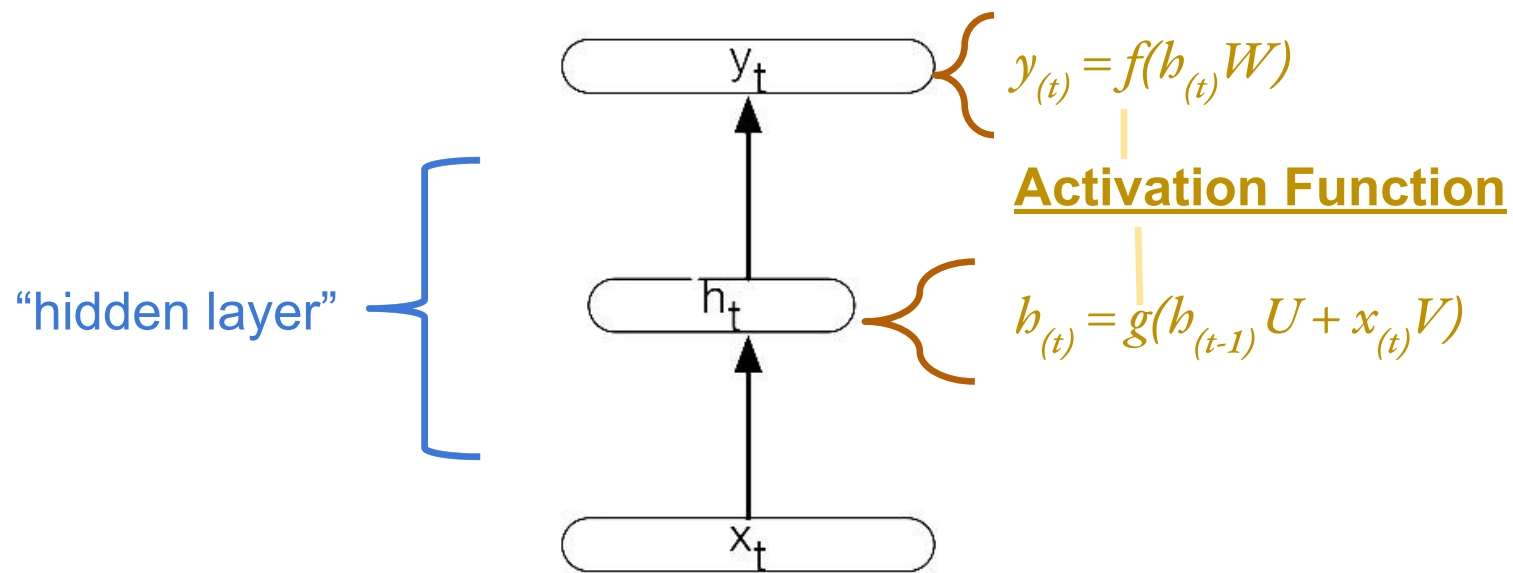
- Empirically, it works!
- Conceptually, generally good for weight optimization to keep data within a reasonable range (dividing by sigma) and such that positive weights move it up and negative down (centering).
- Small effect: When done over mini-batches, adds regularization due to differences between batches.

(Ioffe and Szegedy, 2015)

# Feed-Forward Network



# Recurrent Neural Network

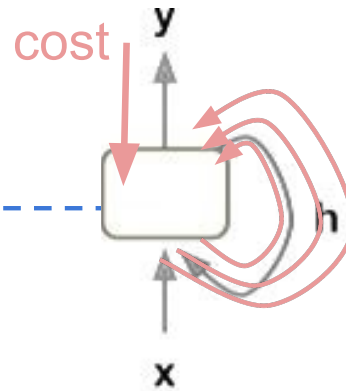


**Figure 9.2** Simple recurrent neural network after Elman (Elman, 1990). The hidden layer includes a recurrent connection as part of its input. That is, the activation value of the hidden layer depends on the current input as well as the activation value of the hidden layer from the previous timestep.

(Jurafsky, 2019)



# RNN: Optimization



## Backward Propagation through Time

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*#define forward pass graph:*

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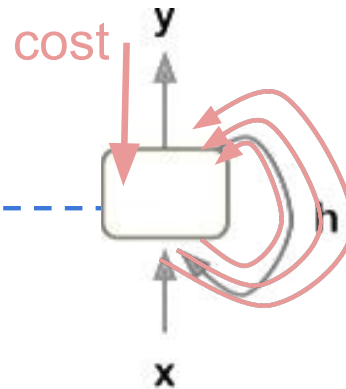
$h_{(i)} = \text{tf.tanh}(\text{tf.matmul}(U, h_{(i-1)}) + \text{tf.matmul}(W, x_{(i)}))$  *#update hidden state*

$y_{(i)} = \text{tf.softmax}(\text{tf.matmul}(V, h_{(i)}))$  *#update output*

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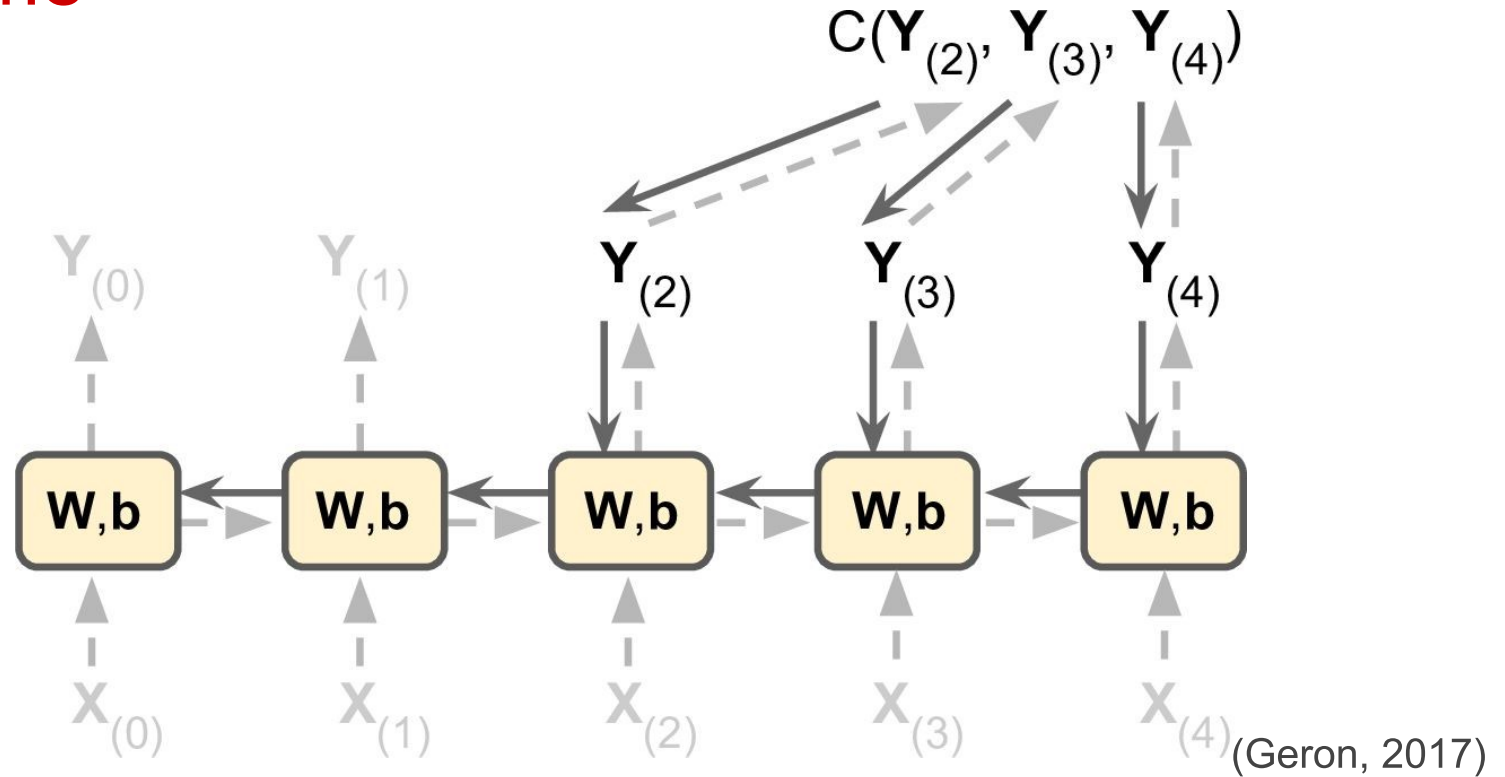
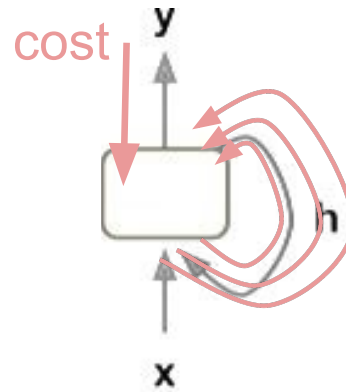
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To find the gradient for the overall graph, we use **back propogation**, which *essentially* chains together the gradients for each node (function) in the graph.

With many recursions, the gradients can vanish or explode (become too large or small for floating point operations).

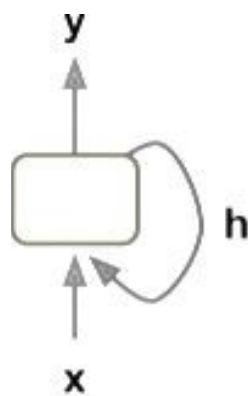
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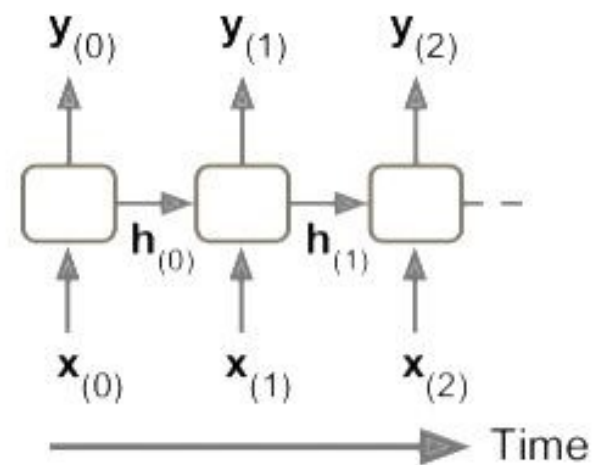


# How to Addressing Vanishing Gradient?

Dominant approach: Use Long Short Term Memory Networks (LSTM)



RNN model

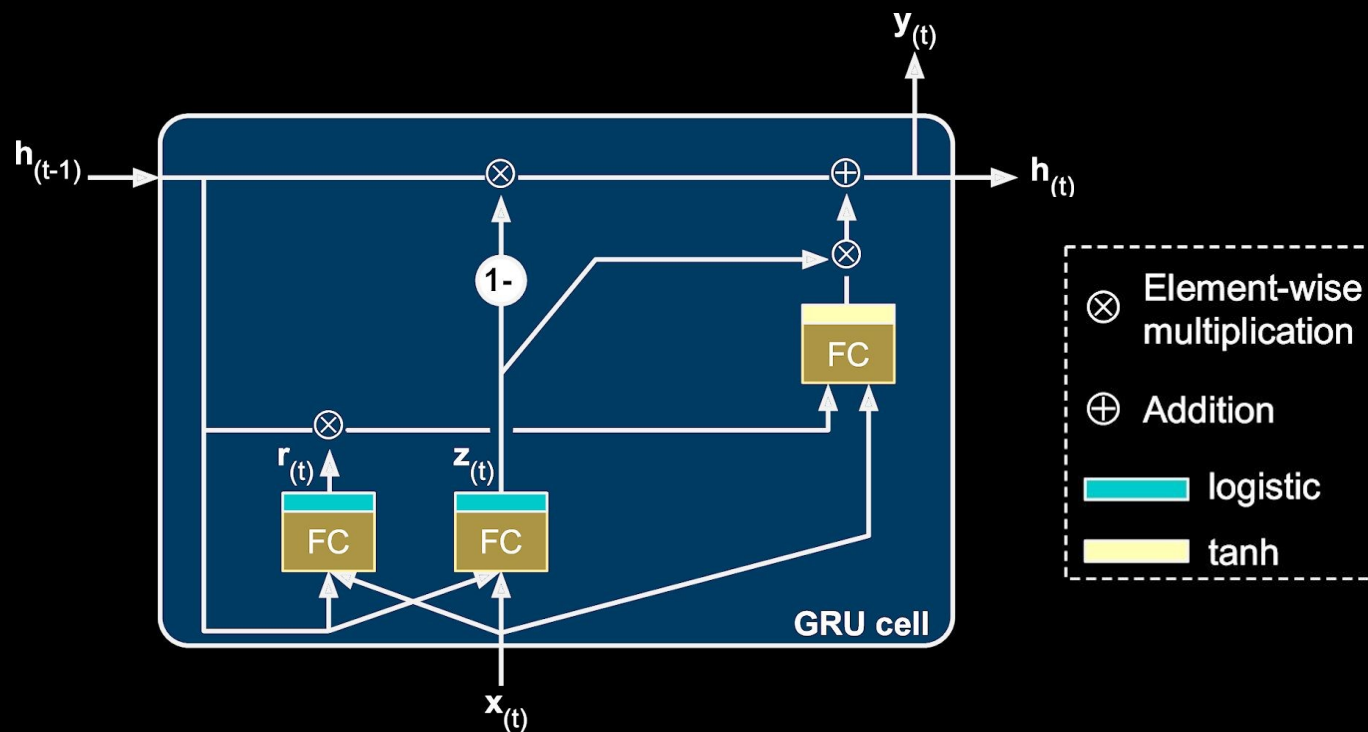


“unrolled” depiction

(Geron, 2017)

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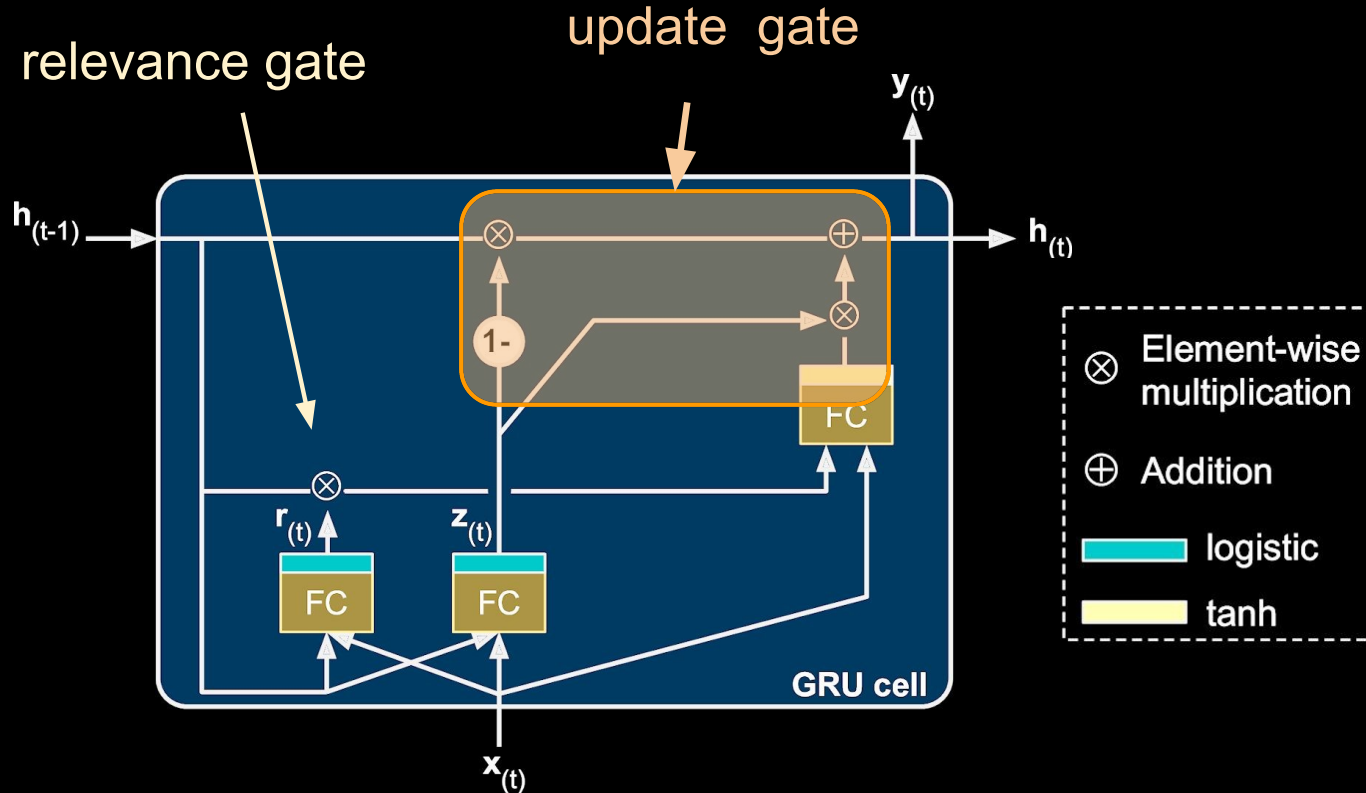
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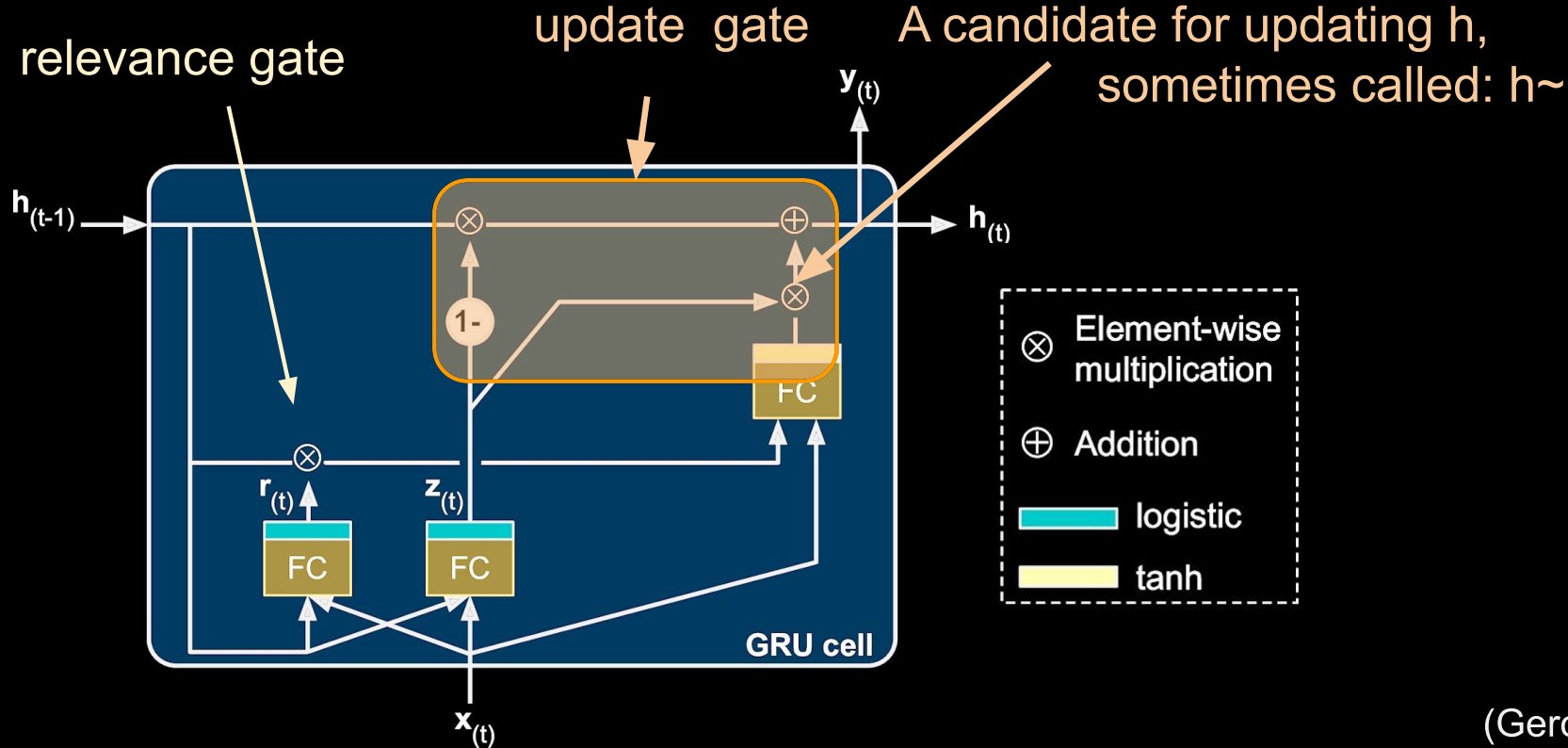
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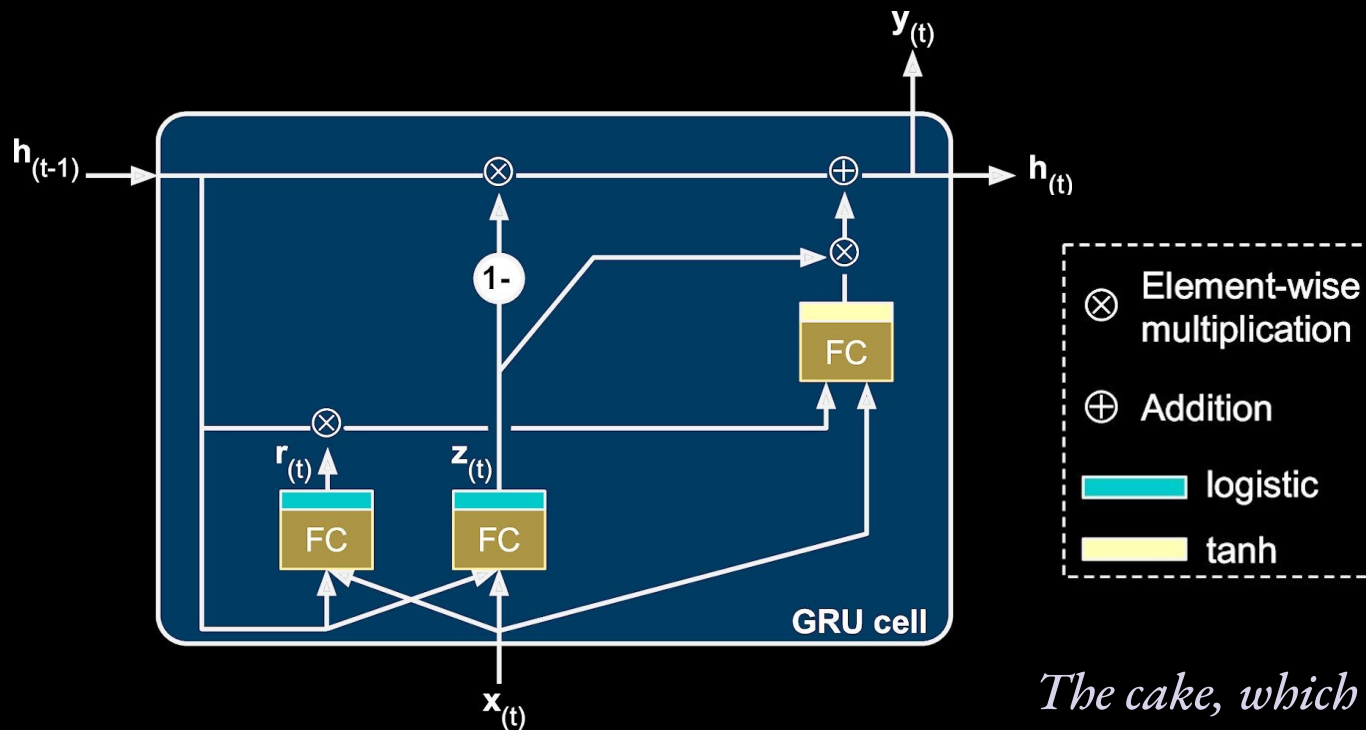
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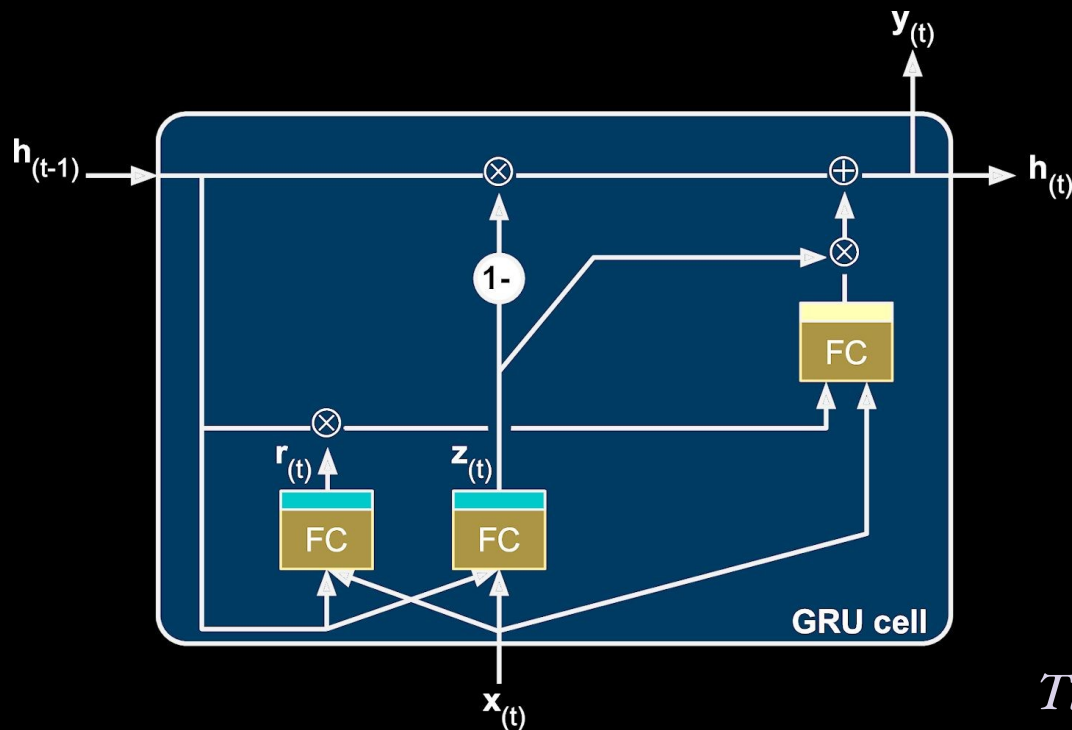
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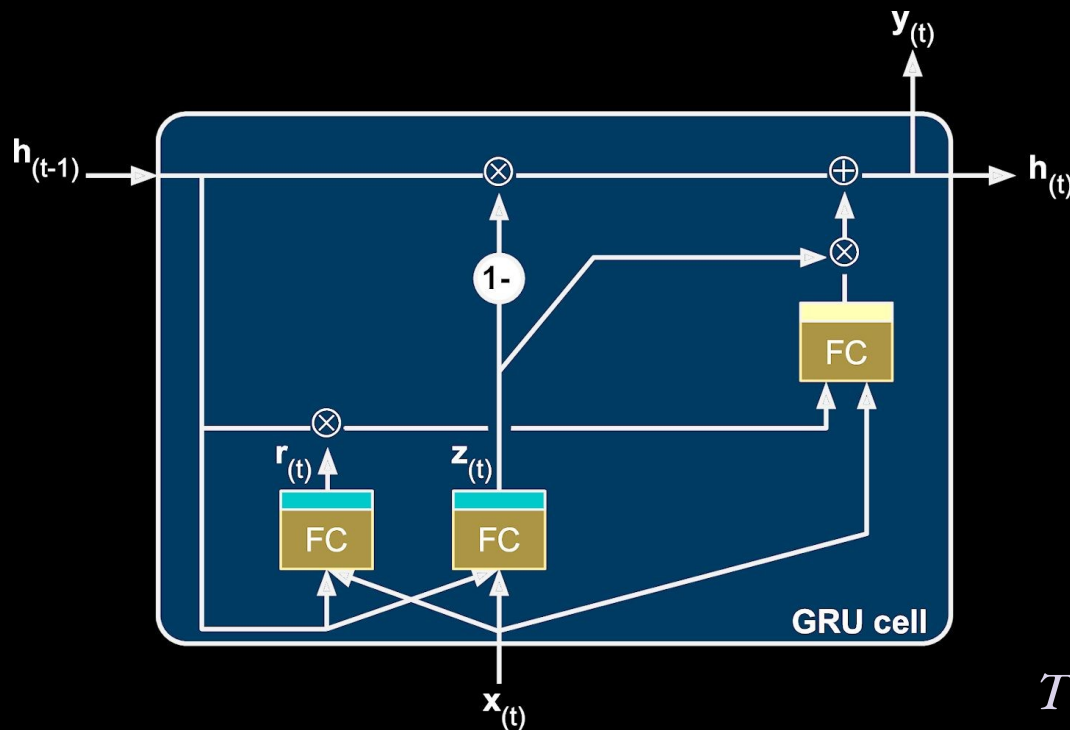
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This tends to keep the gradient from vanishing since the same values will be present through multiple times in backpropagation through time. (The same idea applies to LSTMs but is easier to see here).

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# The GRU (LSTM): Zoomed out

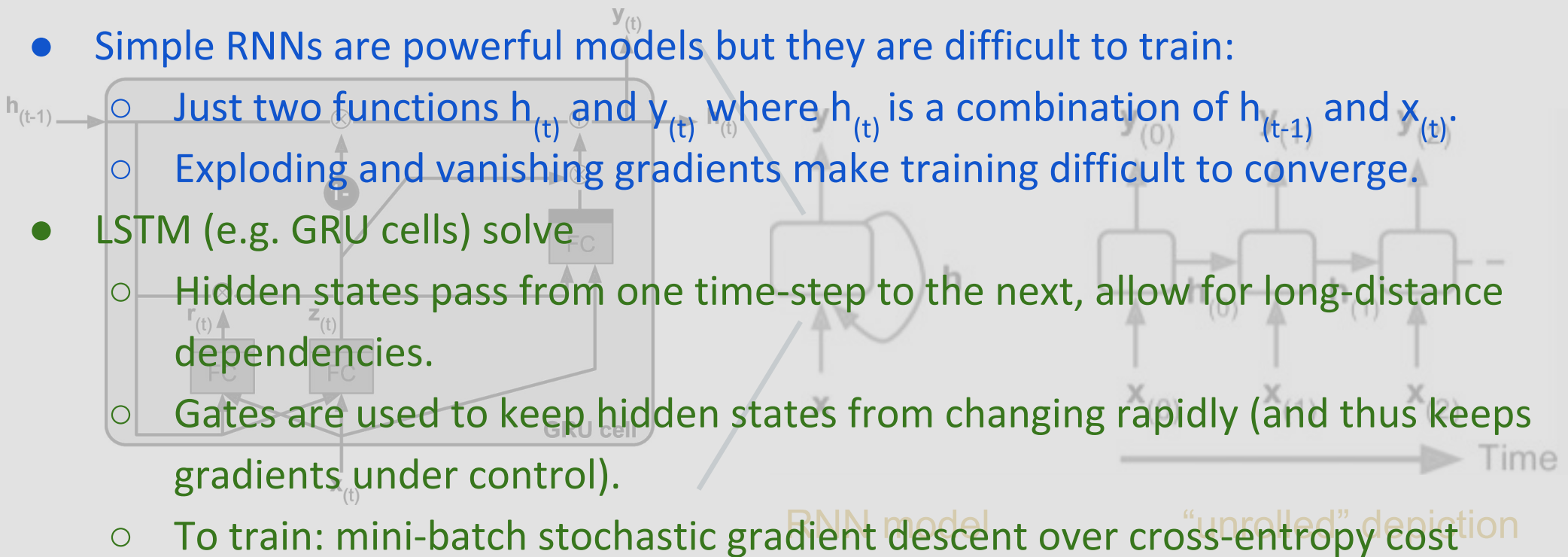
## Take-Aways

- Simple RNNs are powerful models but they are difficult to train:

- Just two functions  $h_t$  and  $y_t$  where  $h_t$  is a combination of  $h_{t-1}$  and  $x_t$ .
- Exploding and vanishing gradients make training difficult to converge.

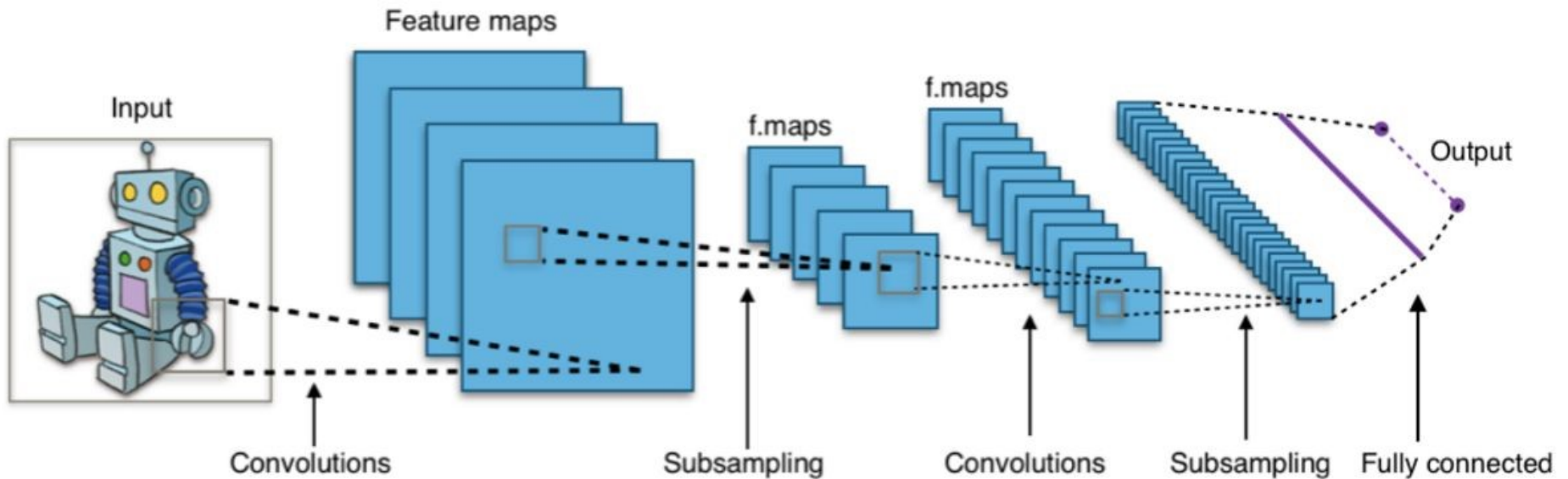
- LSTM (e.g. GRU cells) solve

- Hidden states pass from one time-step to the next, allow for long-distance dependencies.
- Gates are used to keep hidden states from changing rapidly (and thus keeps gradients under control).
- To train: mini-batch stochastic gradient descent over cross-entropy cost



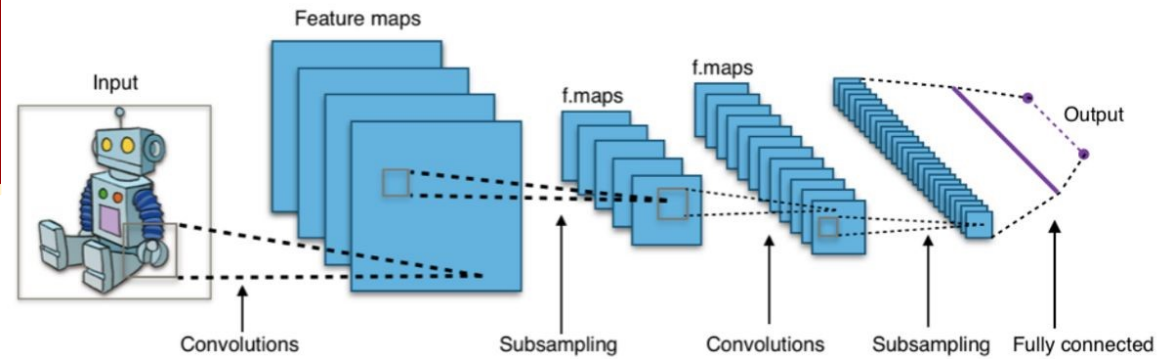
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# Convolutional Neural Networks



(wikipedia)

# Convolution Layer



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1	0	7	3	2	6
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9	2	6	2	5	1

Original image 6x6

“Convolution”

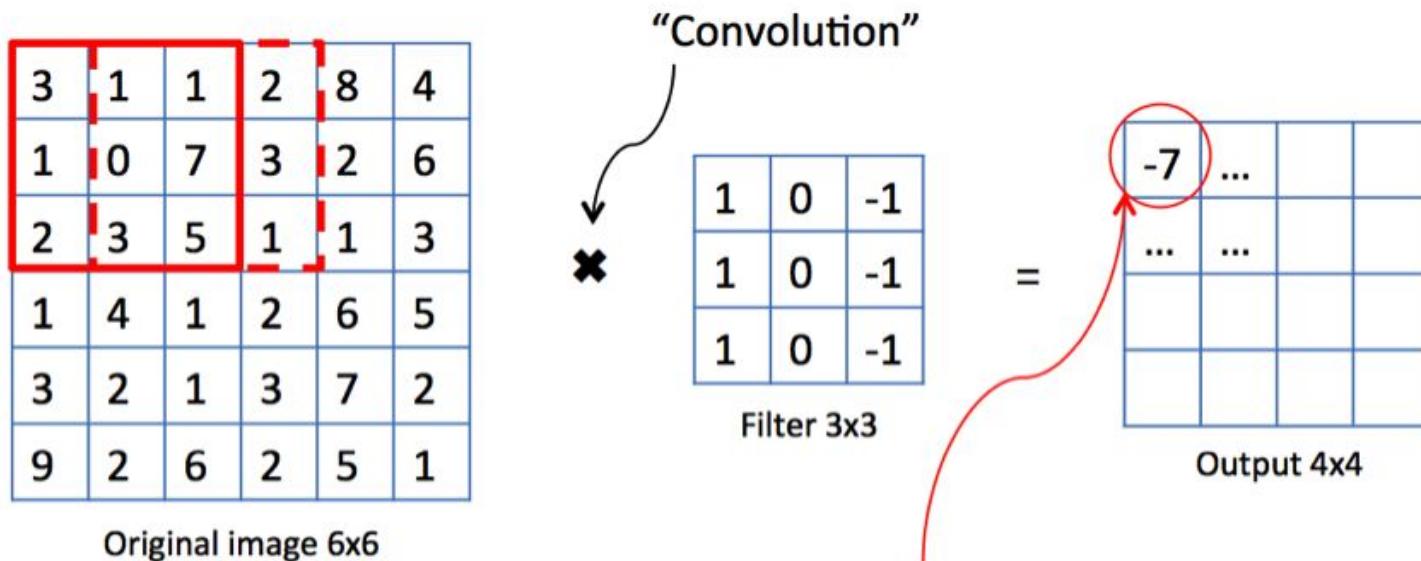
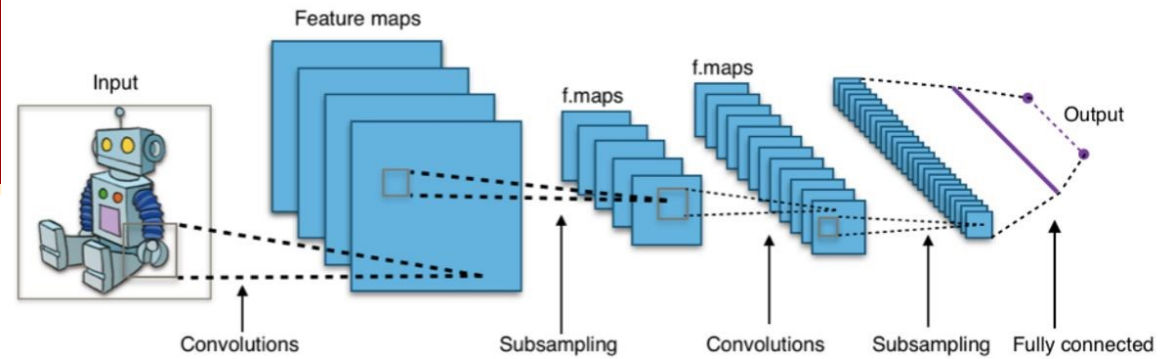
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Filter 3x3

(Barter, 2018)

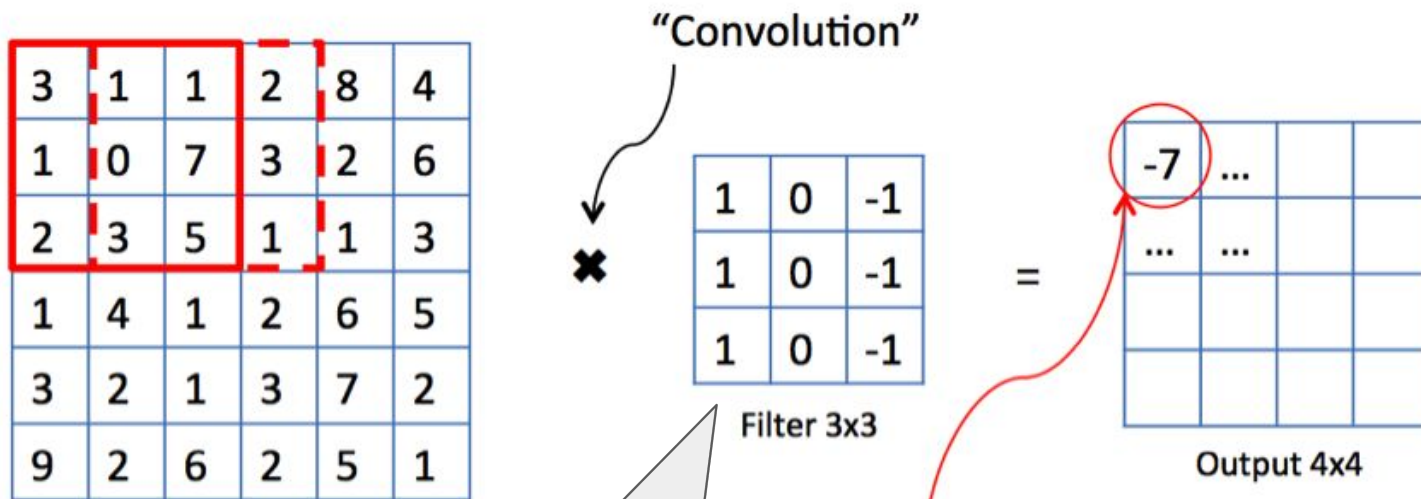
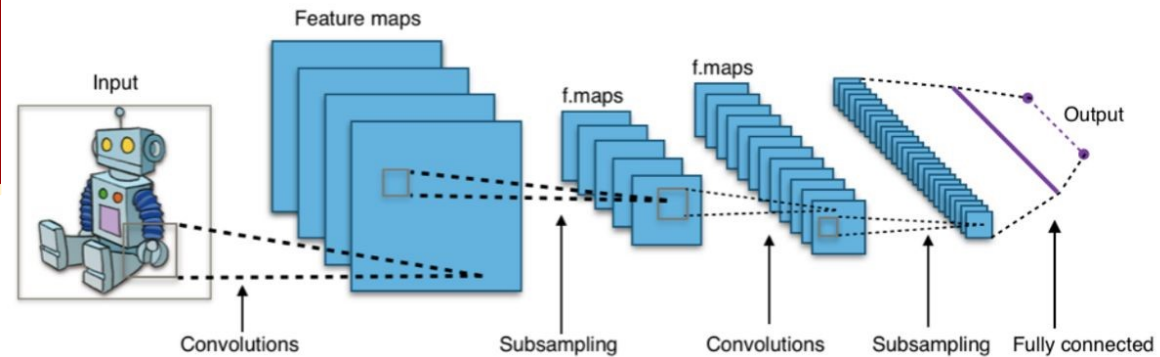
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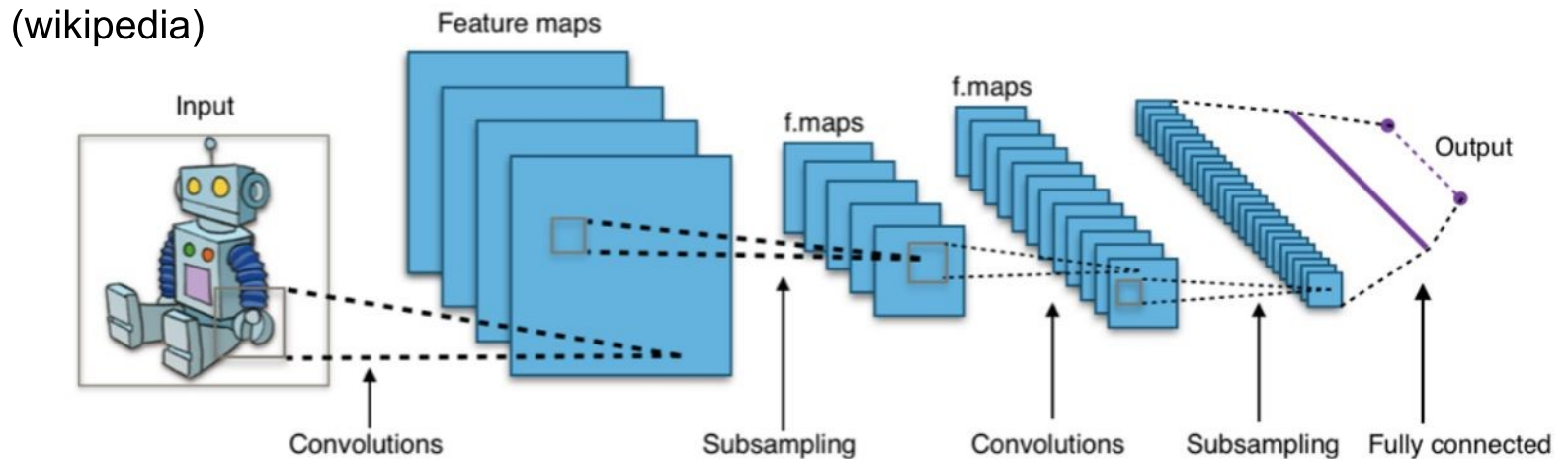
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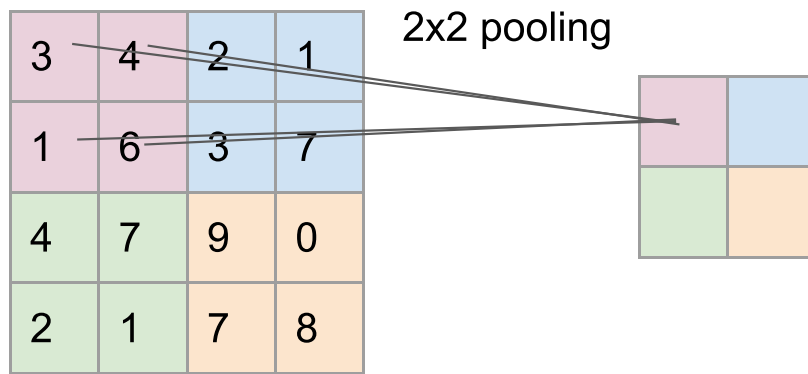
Breakthrough in image classification: Let the model automatically learn the filter weights!

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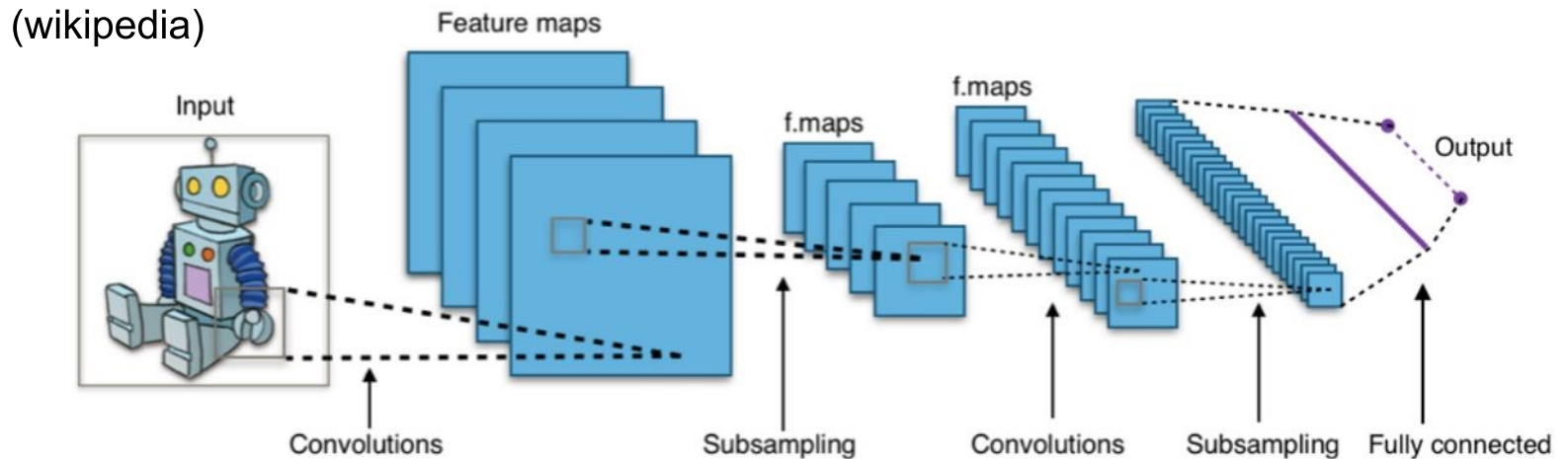


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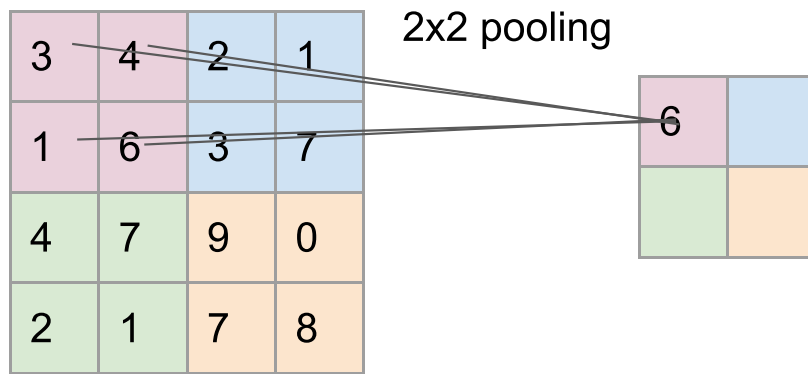




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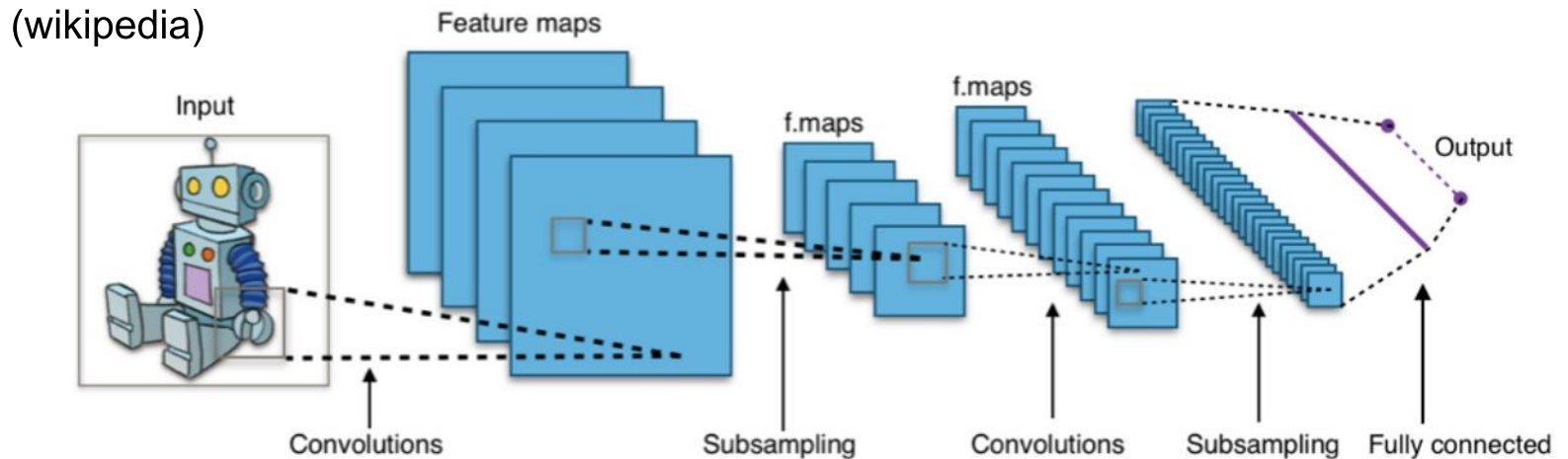
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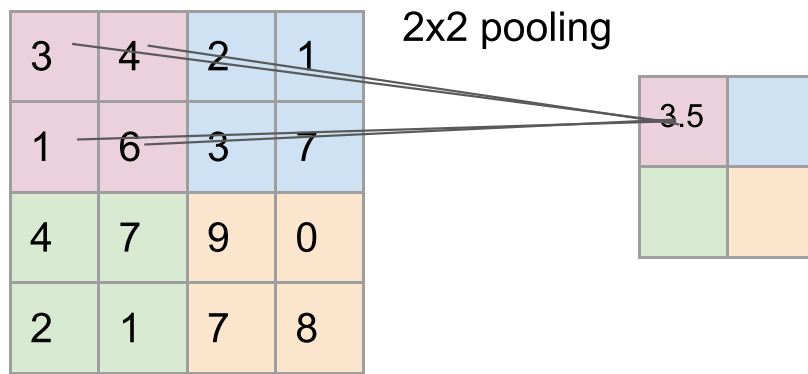
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Final Cost Function:  $J^{(t)} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{|V|} y_{i,j}^{(t)} \log \hat{y}_{i,j}^{(t)}$  -- "cross entropy error"

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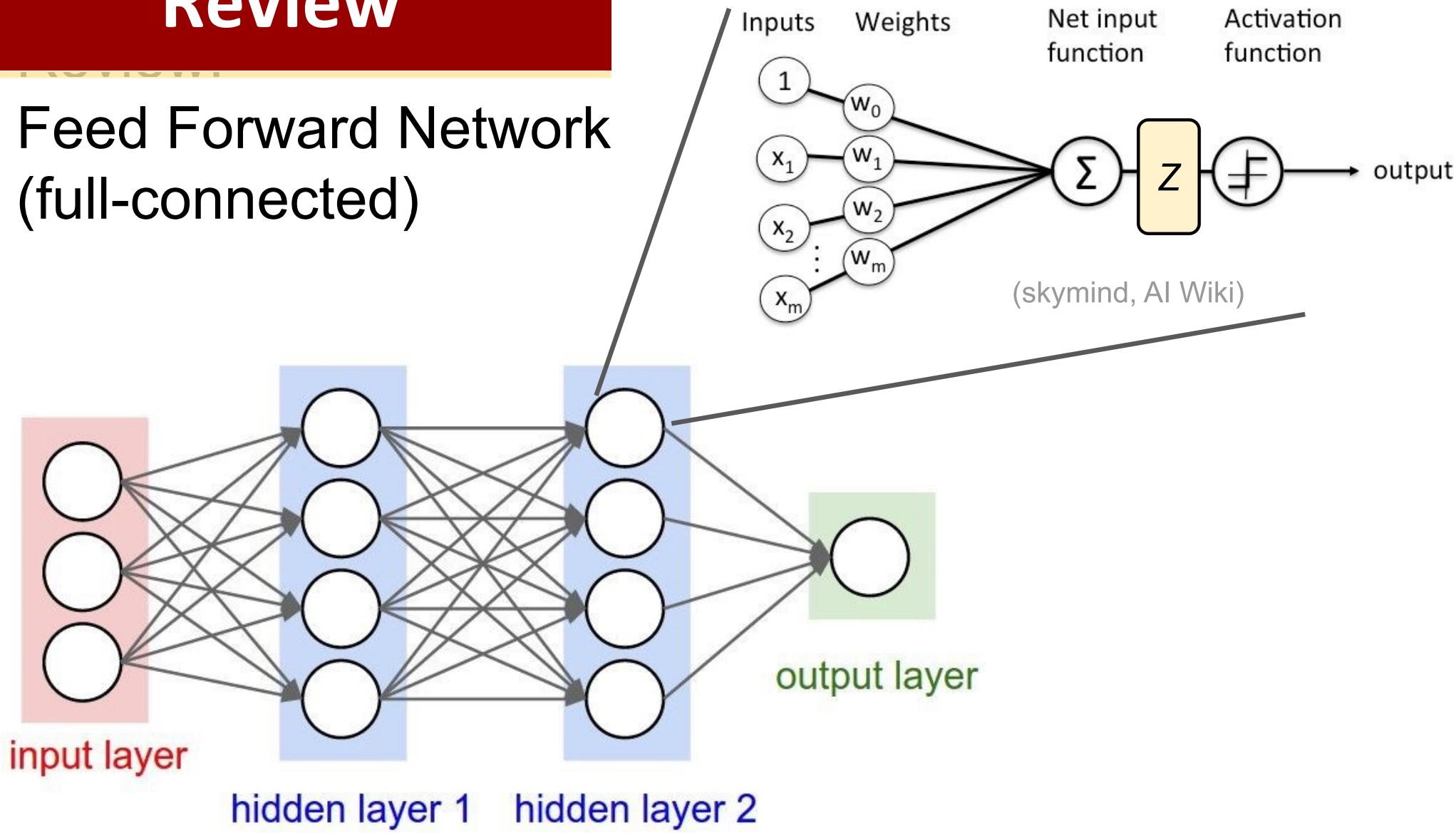
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**Cross-Entropy Cost:**  $J = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{|V|} y_{i,j} \log p(x_{i,j})$  (a "multiclass" log loss)

**Final Cost Function:**  $J^{(t)} = -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{|V|} y_{i,j}^{(t)} \log \hat{y}_{i,j}^{(t)}$  -- "cross entropy error"

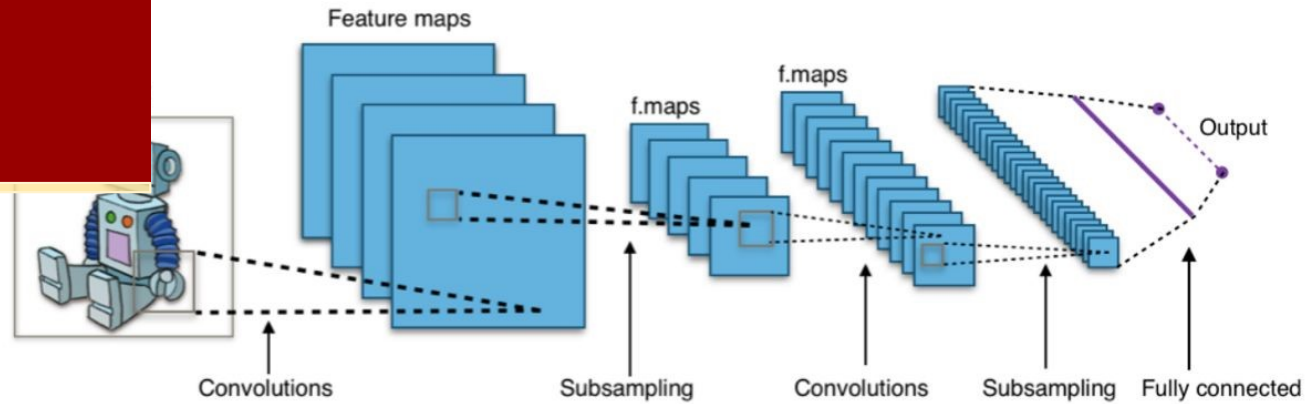
# Review

## Feed Forward Network (full-connected)



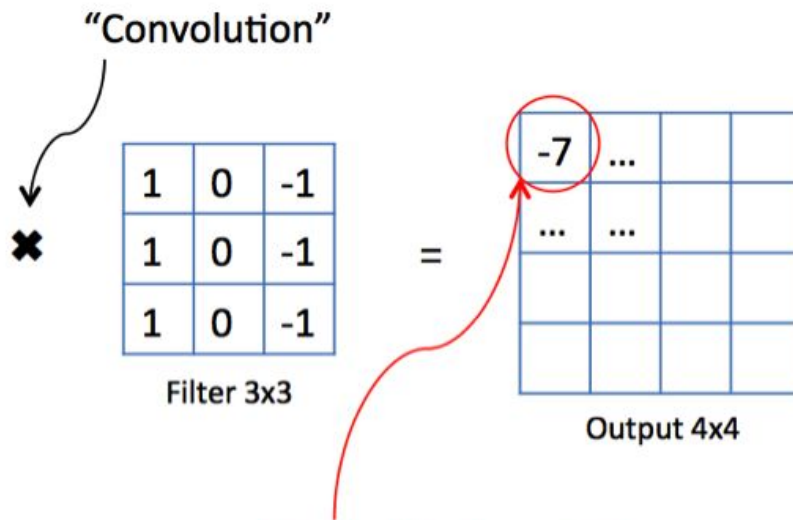
# Review

## Convolutional NN



3	1	1	2	8	4
1	0	7	3	2	6
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9	2	6	2	5	1

Original image 6x6

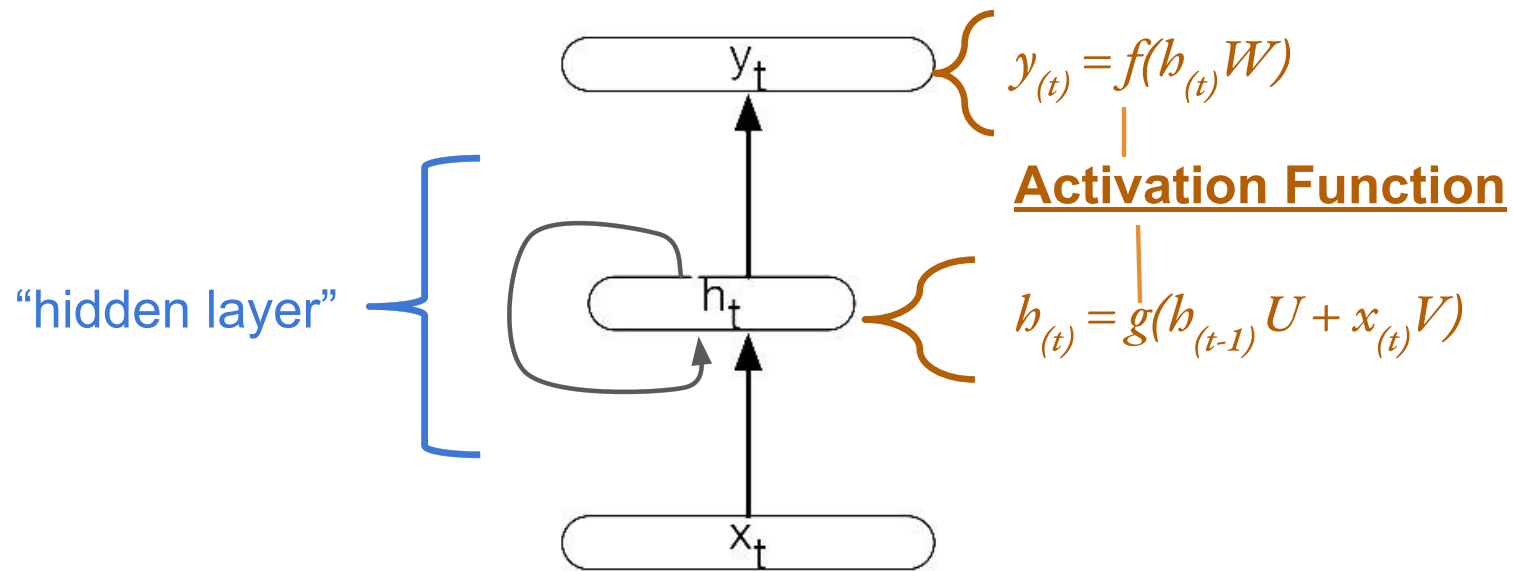


Result of the element-wise product and sum of the filter matrix and the original image

(Barter, 2018)

# Review

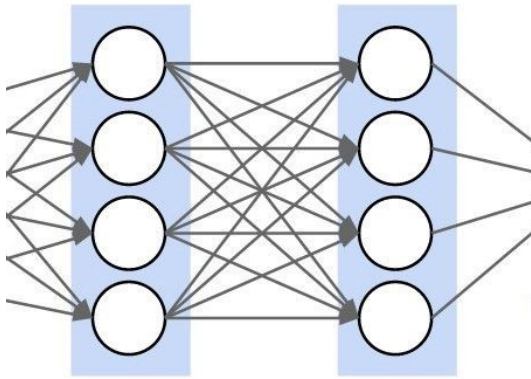
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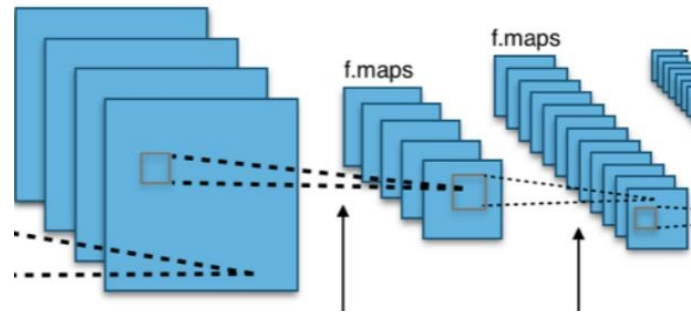
**Figure 9.2** Simple recurrent neural network after Elman (Elman, 1990). The hidden layer includes a recurrent connection as part of its input. That is, the activation value of the hidden layer depends on the current input as well as the activation value of the hidden layer from the previous timestep.

(Jurafsky, 2019)

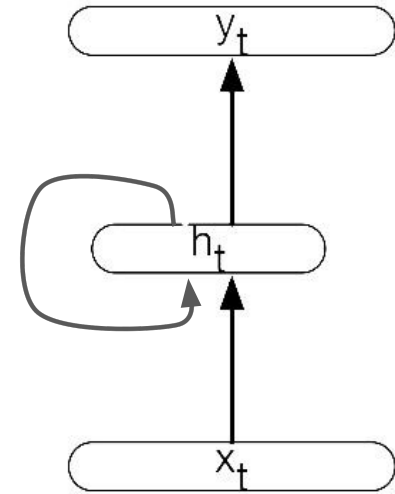
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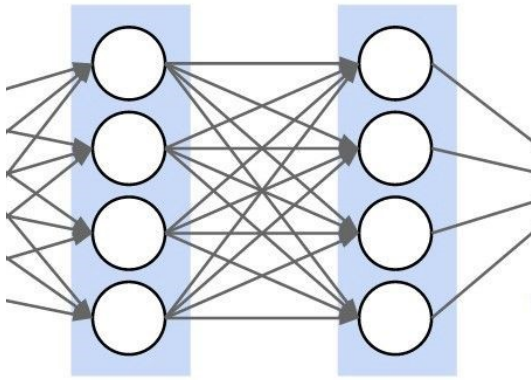


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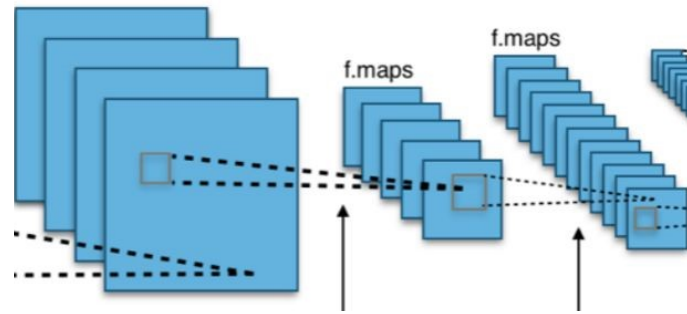




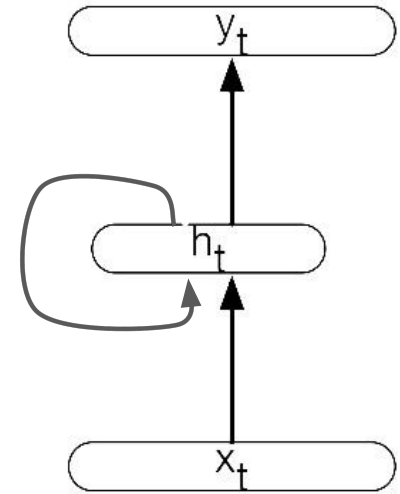
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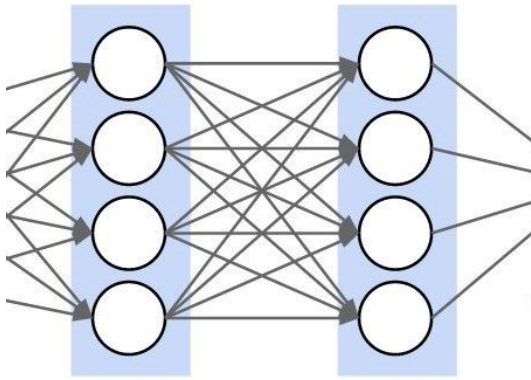
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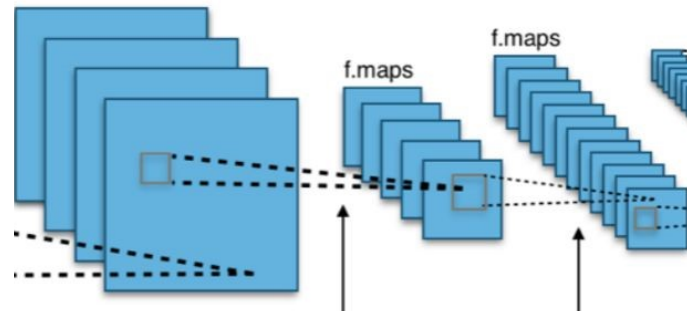
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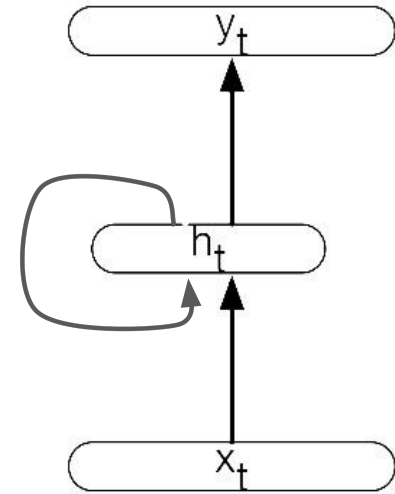
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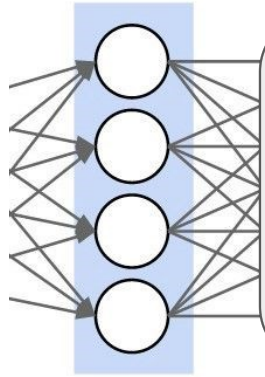
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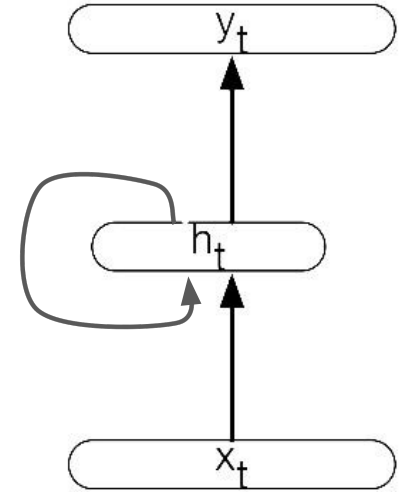
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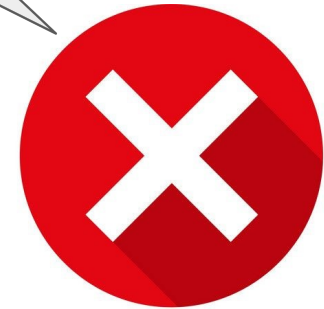
## RNN



*Ultimately limits how complex the model can be (i.e. it's total number of paramers/weights) as compared to a CNN.*



*Can model computation (e.g. matrix operations for a single input) be parallelized?*



# The Transformer: Attention-only Models

Can handle sequences and long-distance dependencies, but....

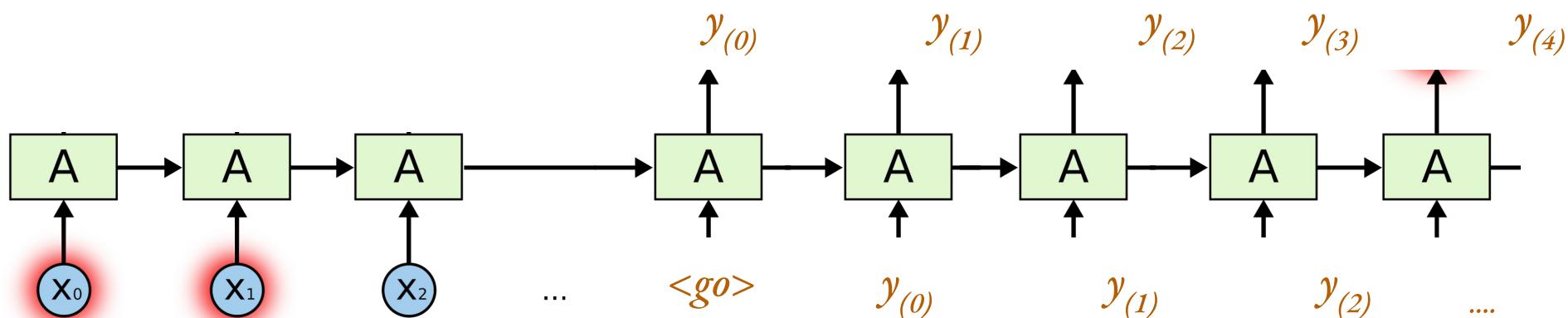
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- Enables “interactions” (i.e. adaptations) between words
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# The Transformer: Attention-only Models

Challenge:

*The ball was kicked by kayla.*

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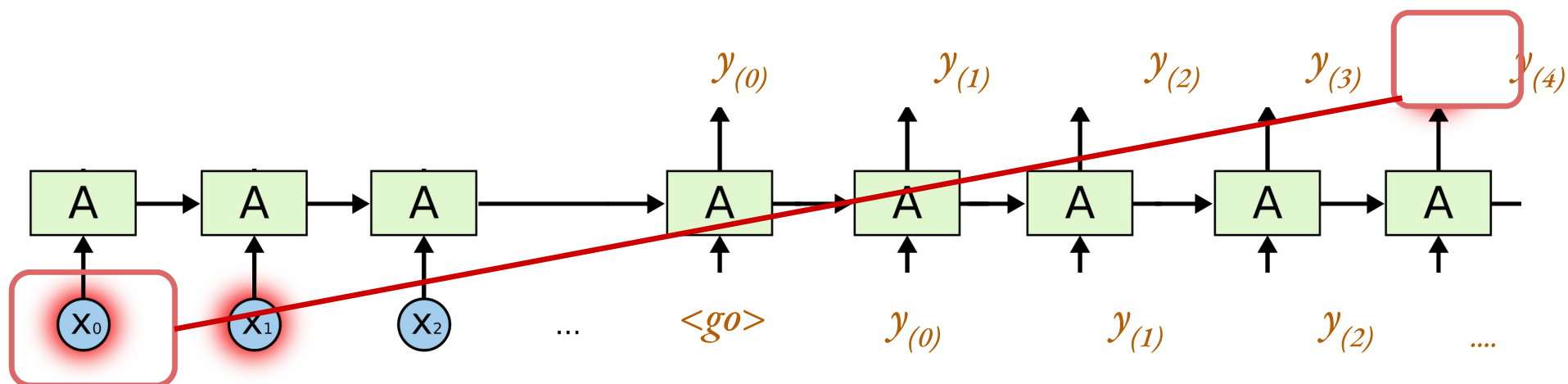
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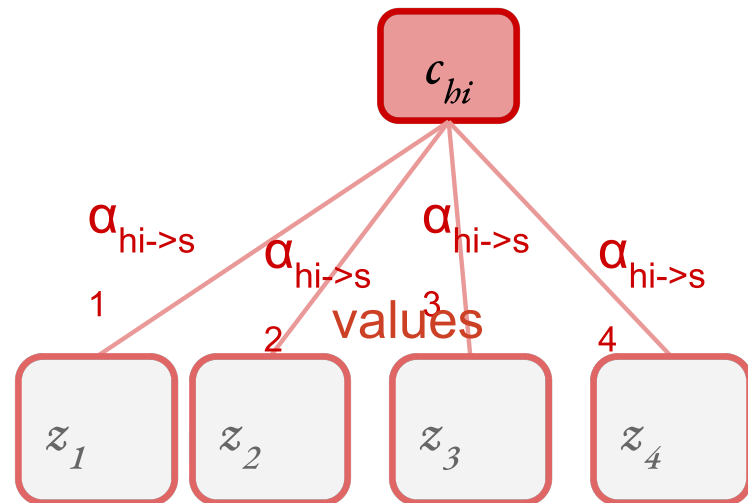
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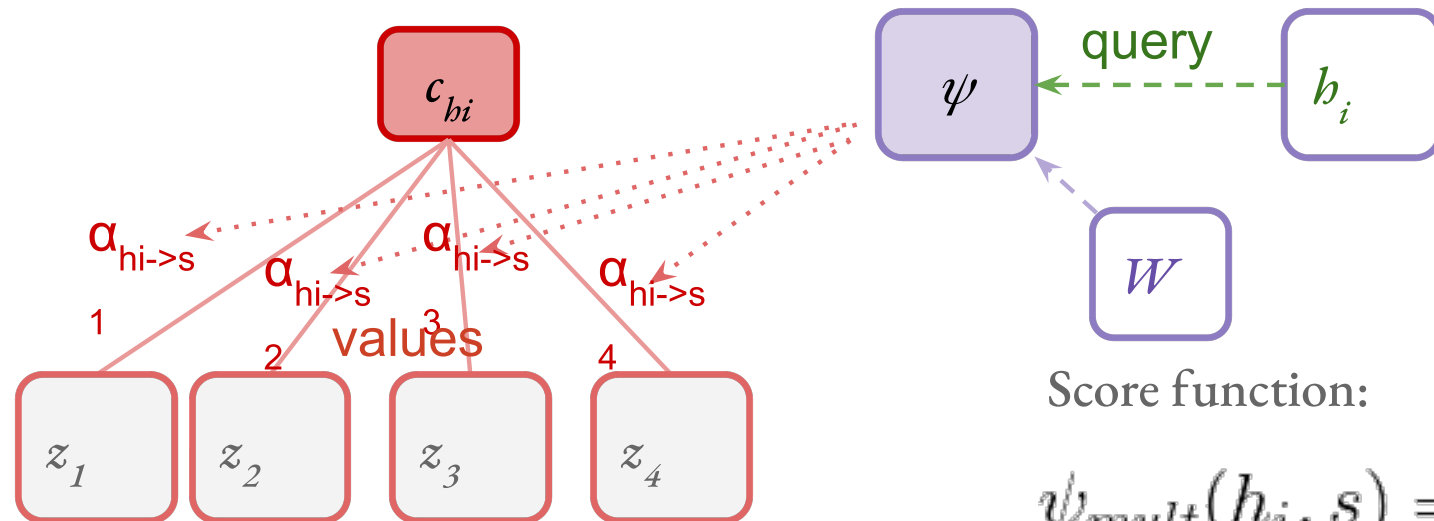


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# Attention



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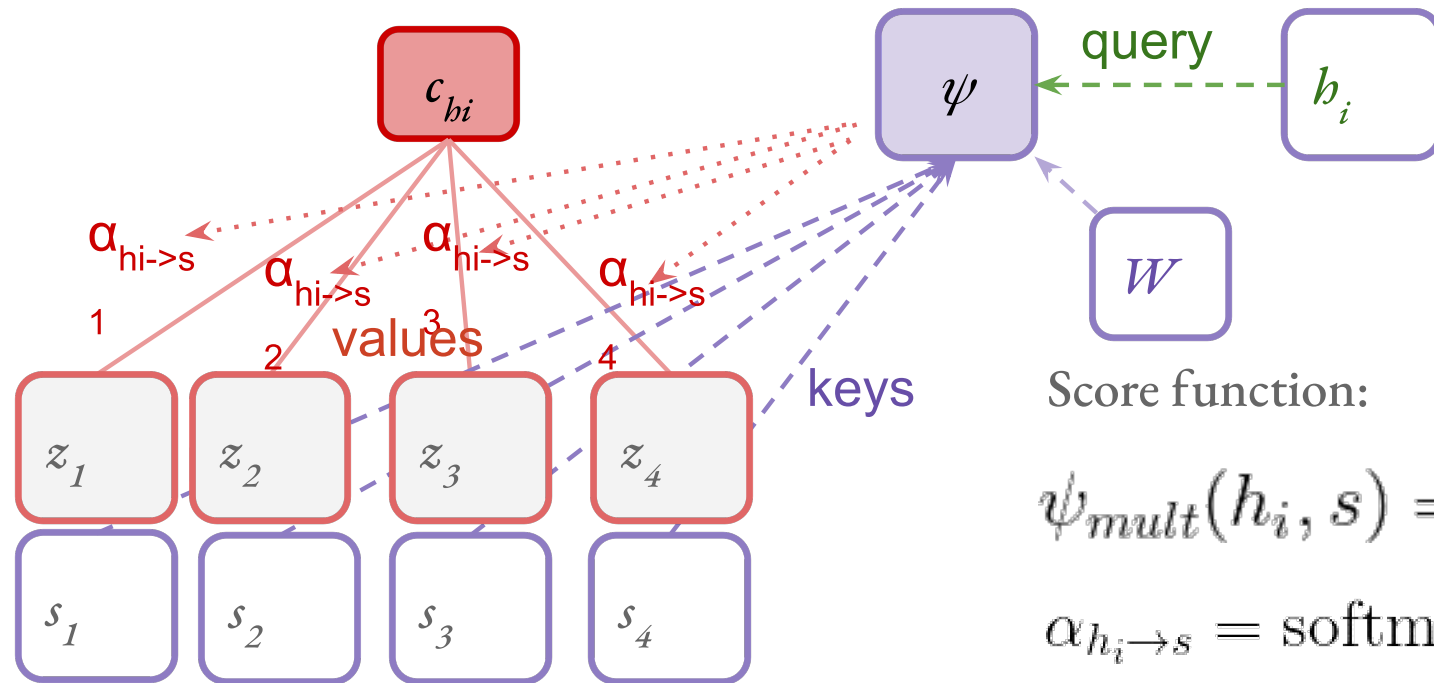
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Attention-only models

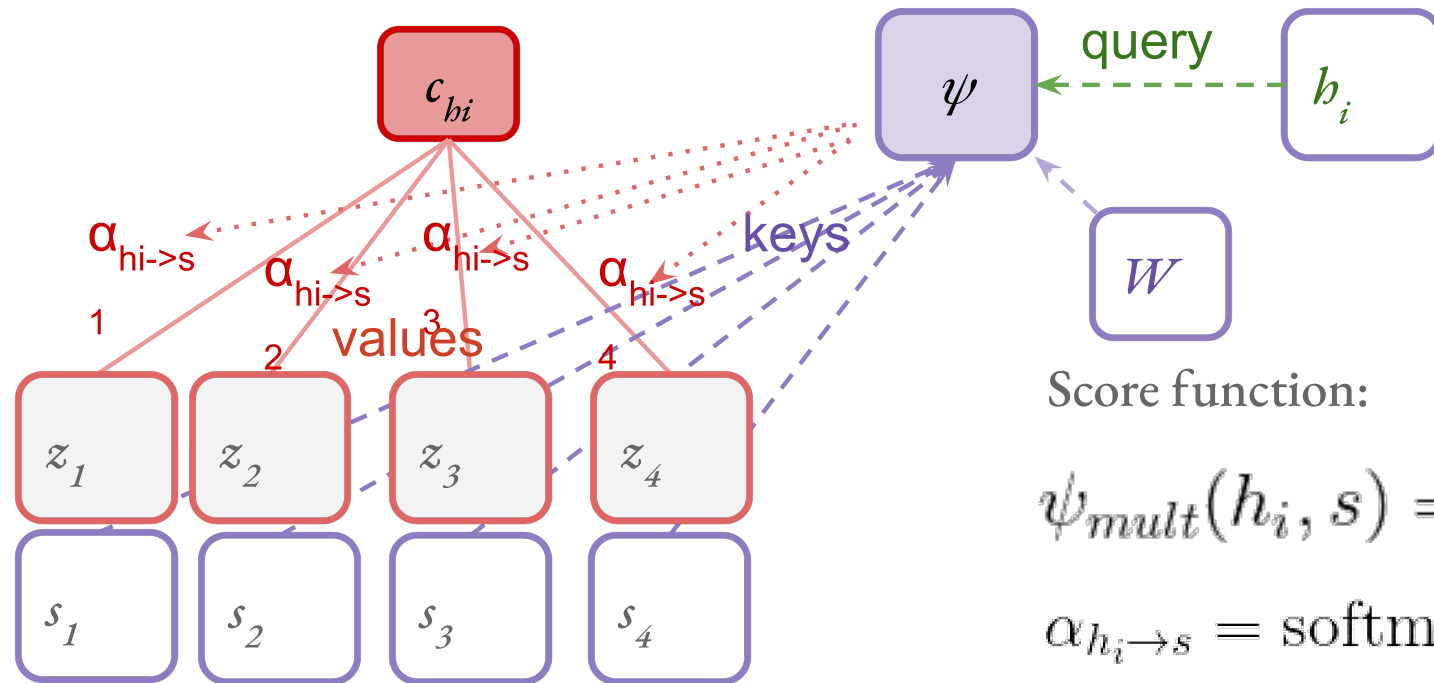
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Attention came about for encoder decoder models.

Then self-attention was introduced:

# Attention



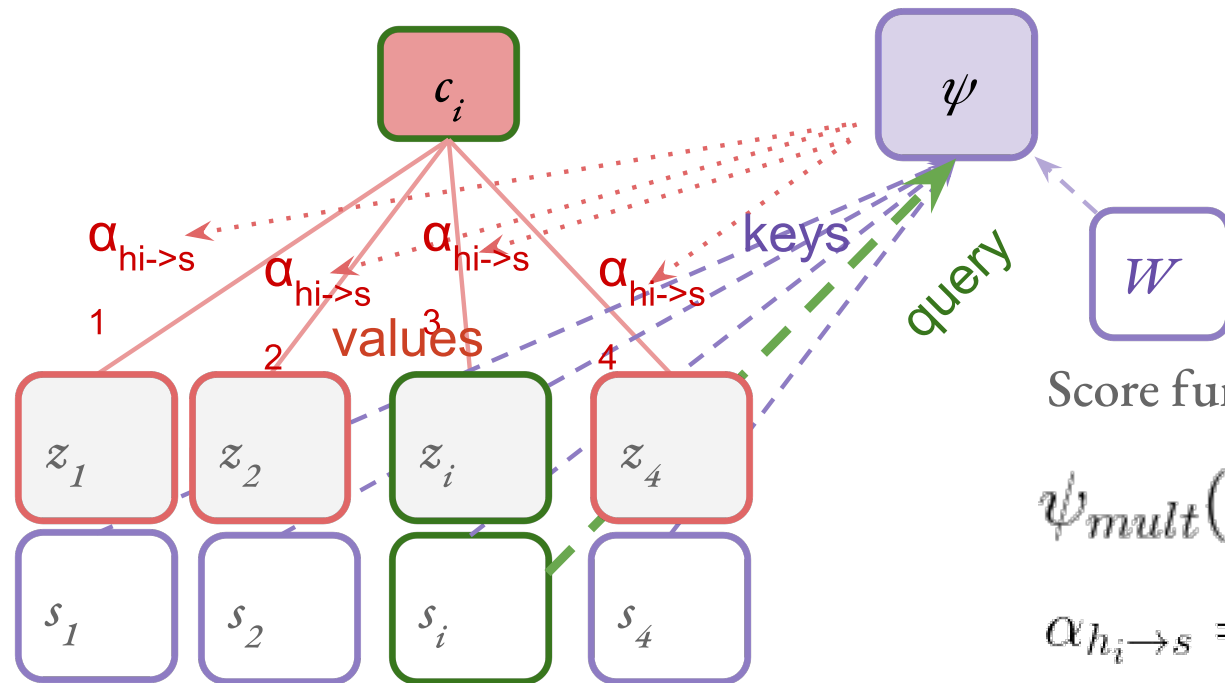
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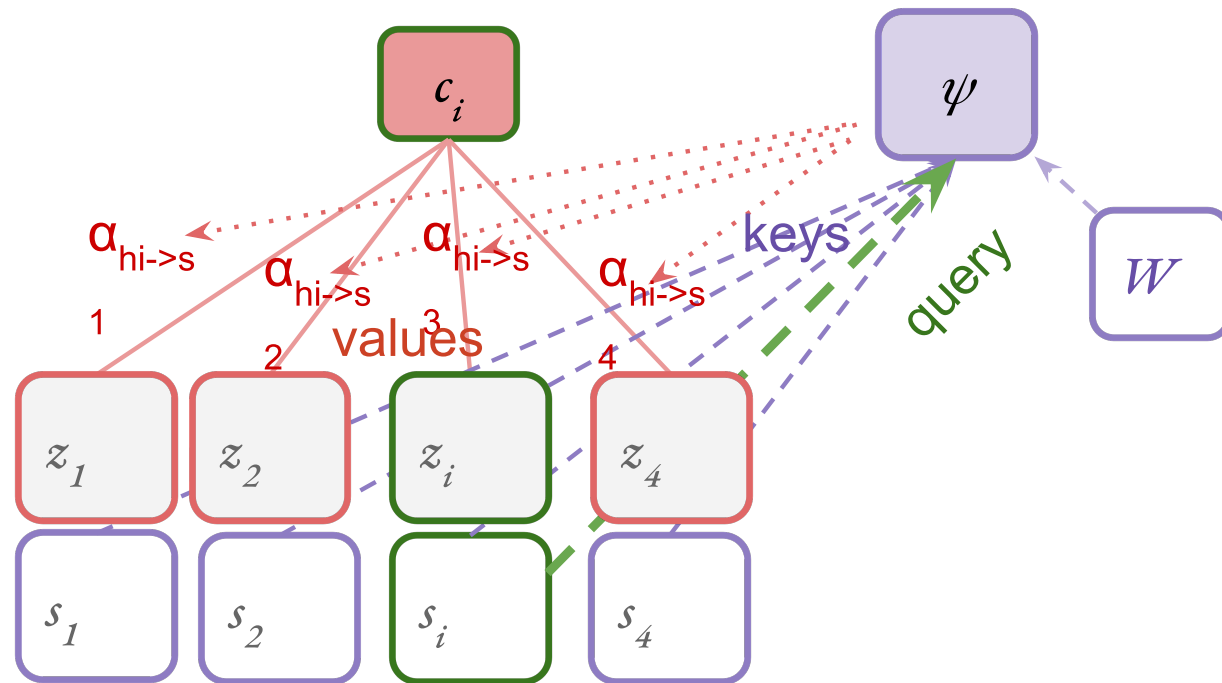
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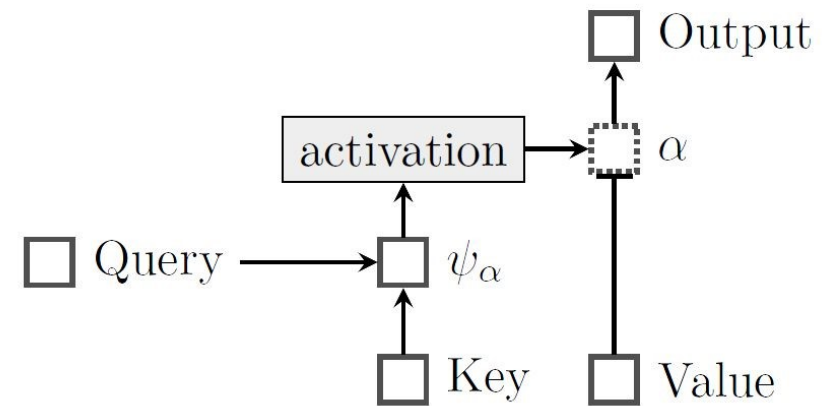
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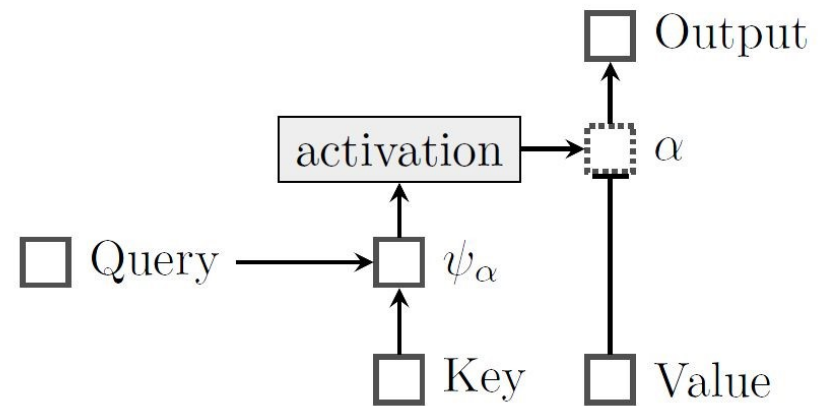
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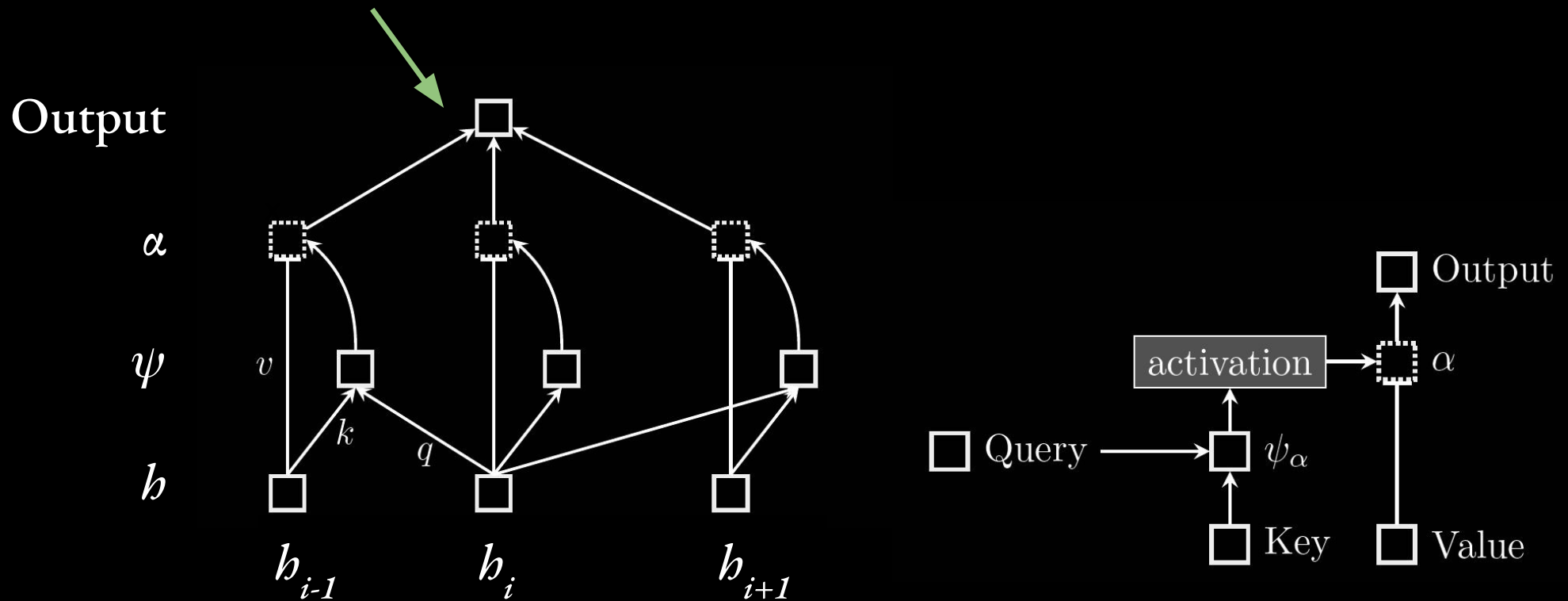
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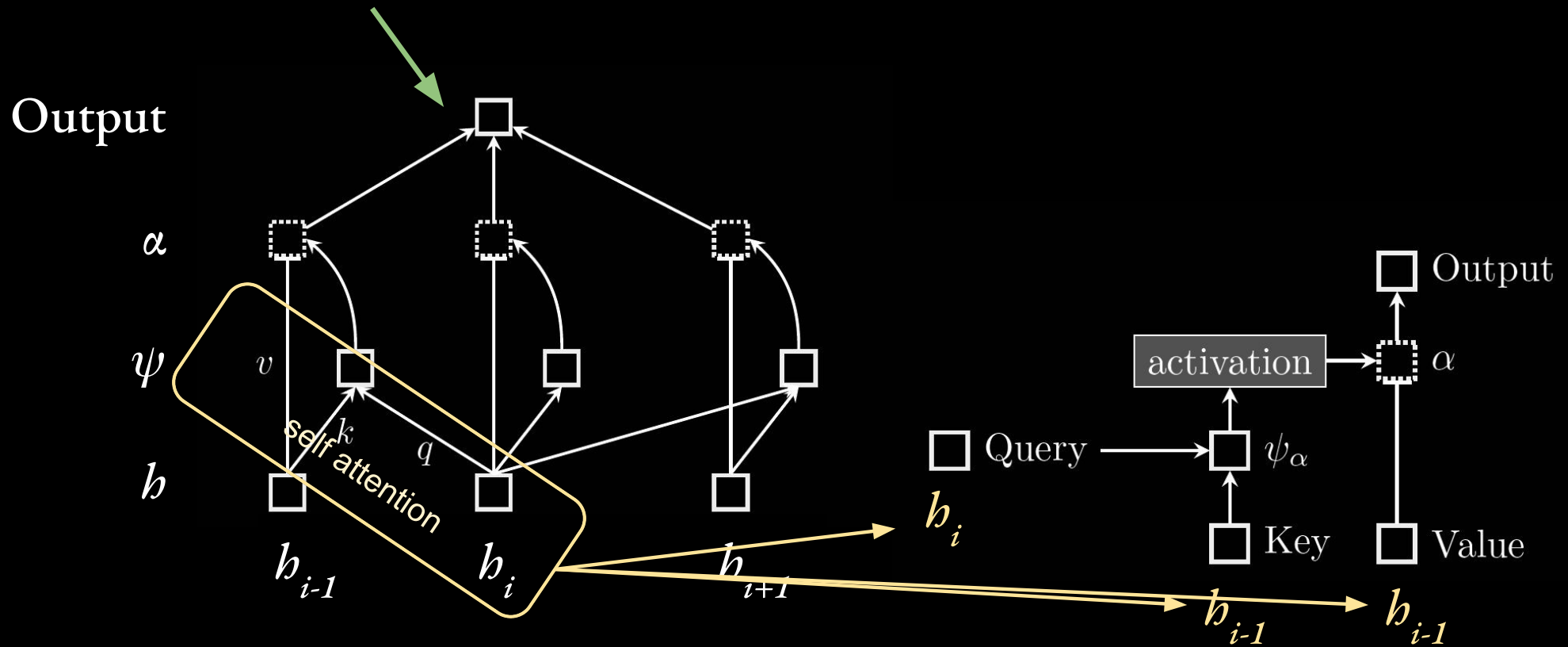
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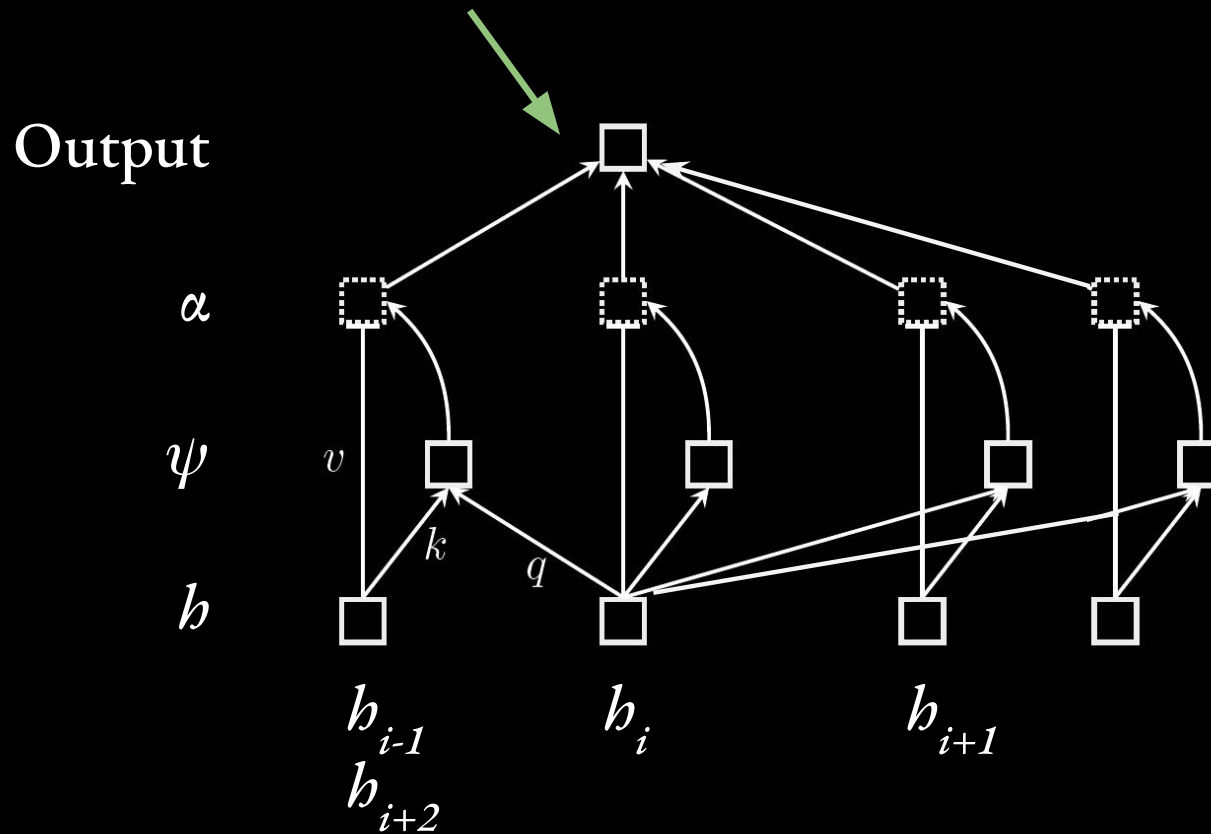
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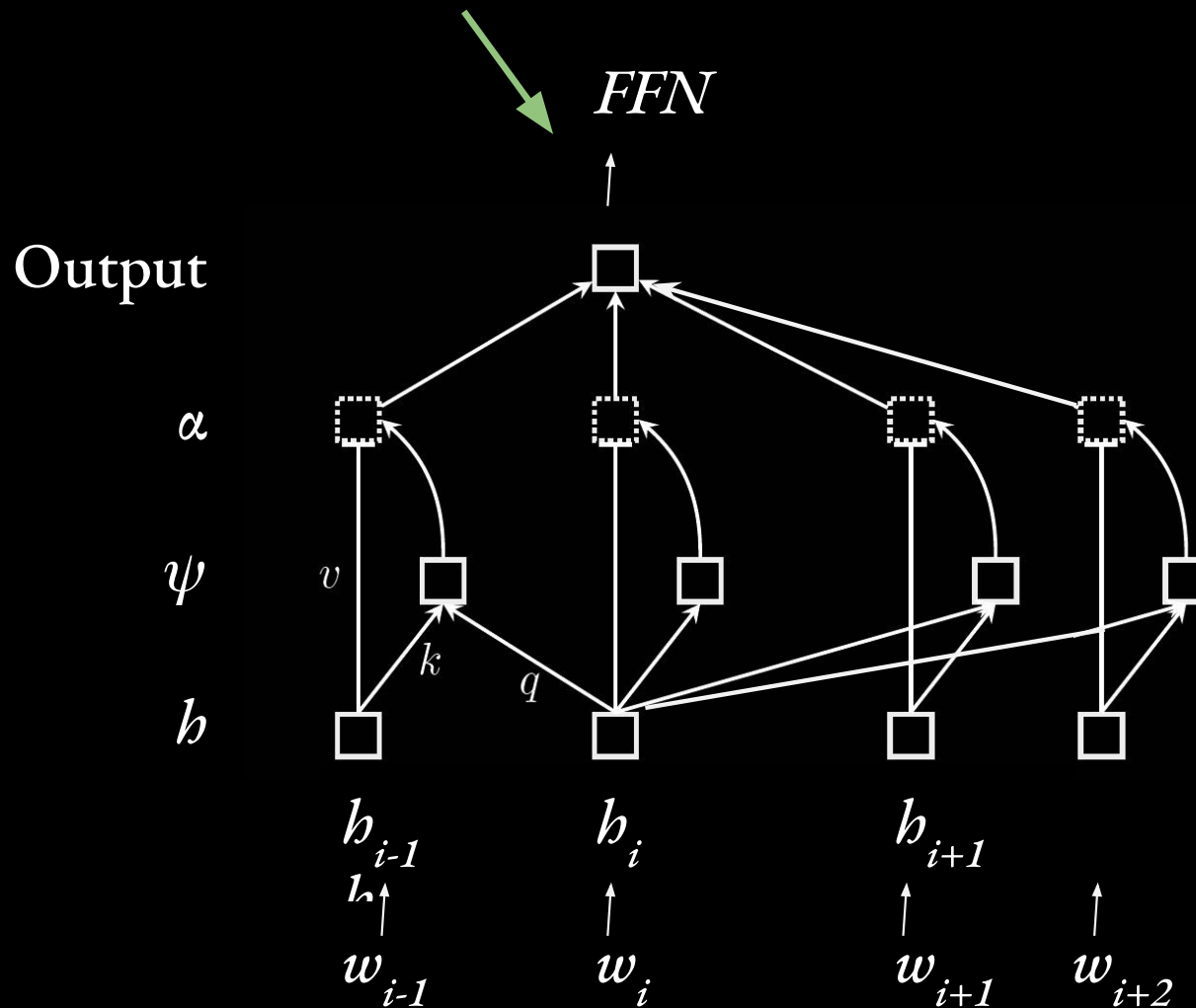
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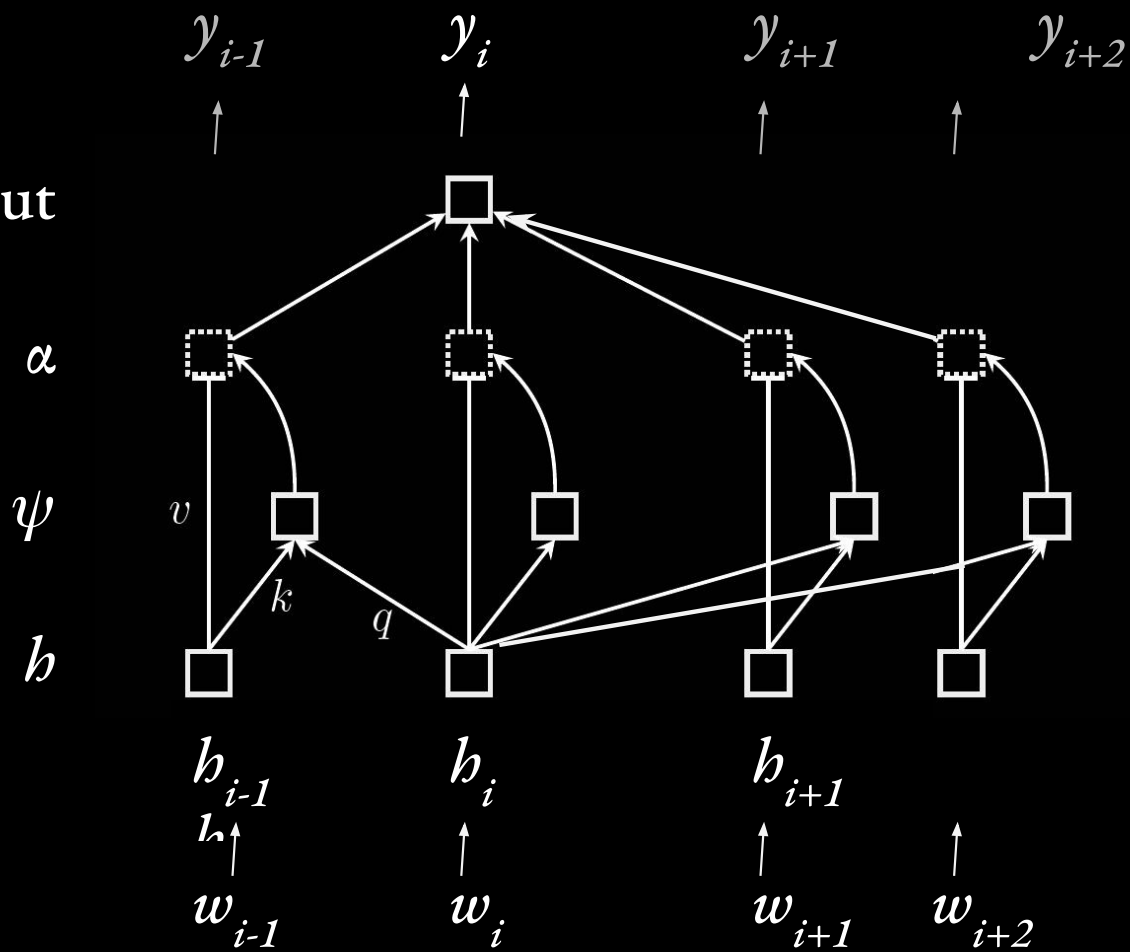
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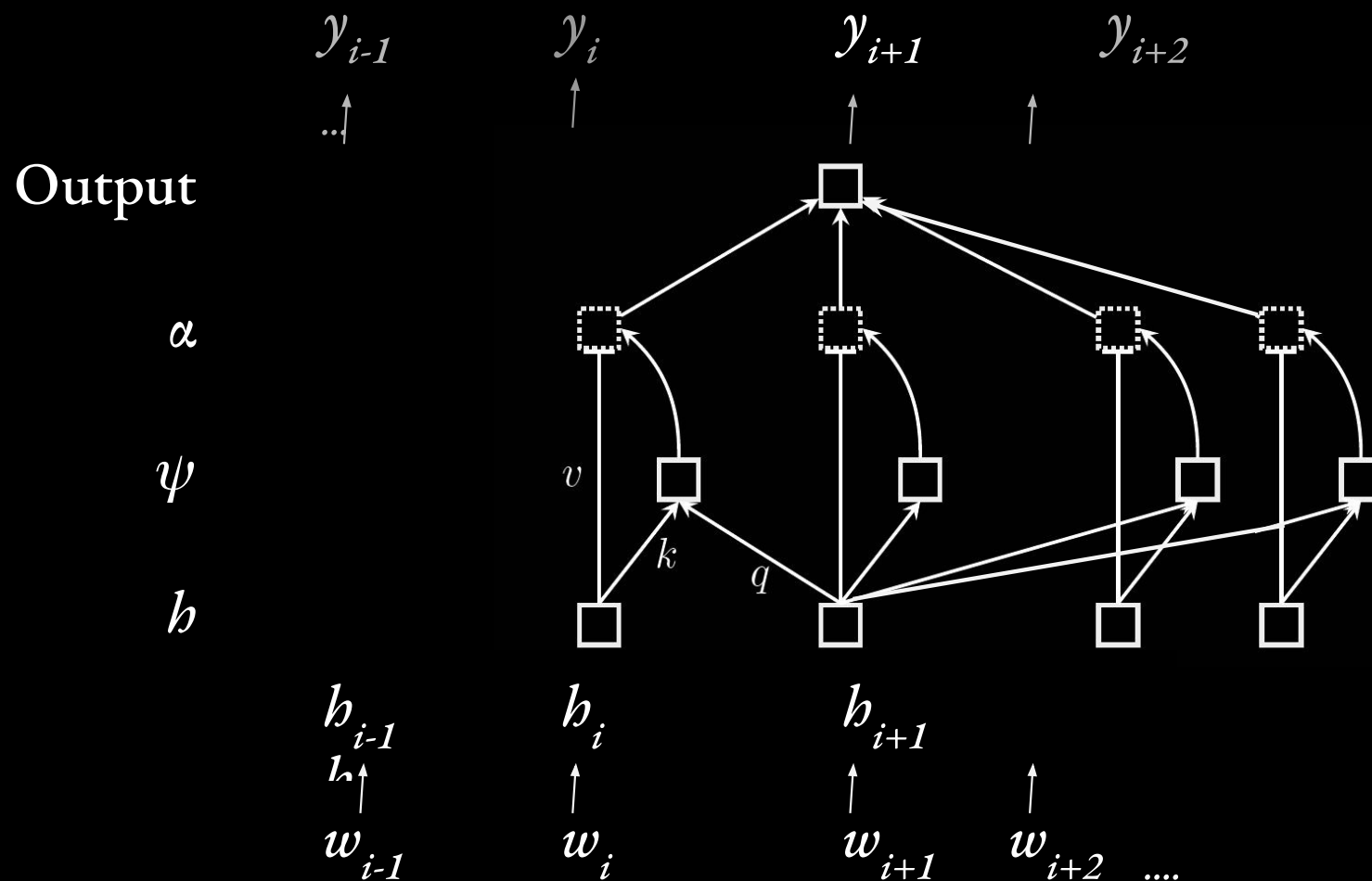
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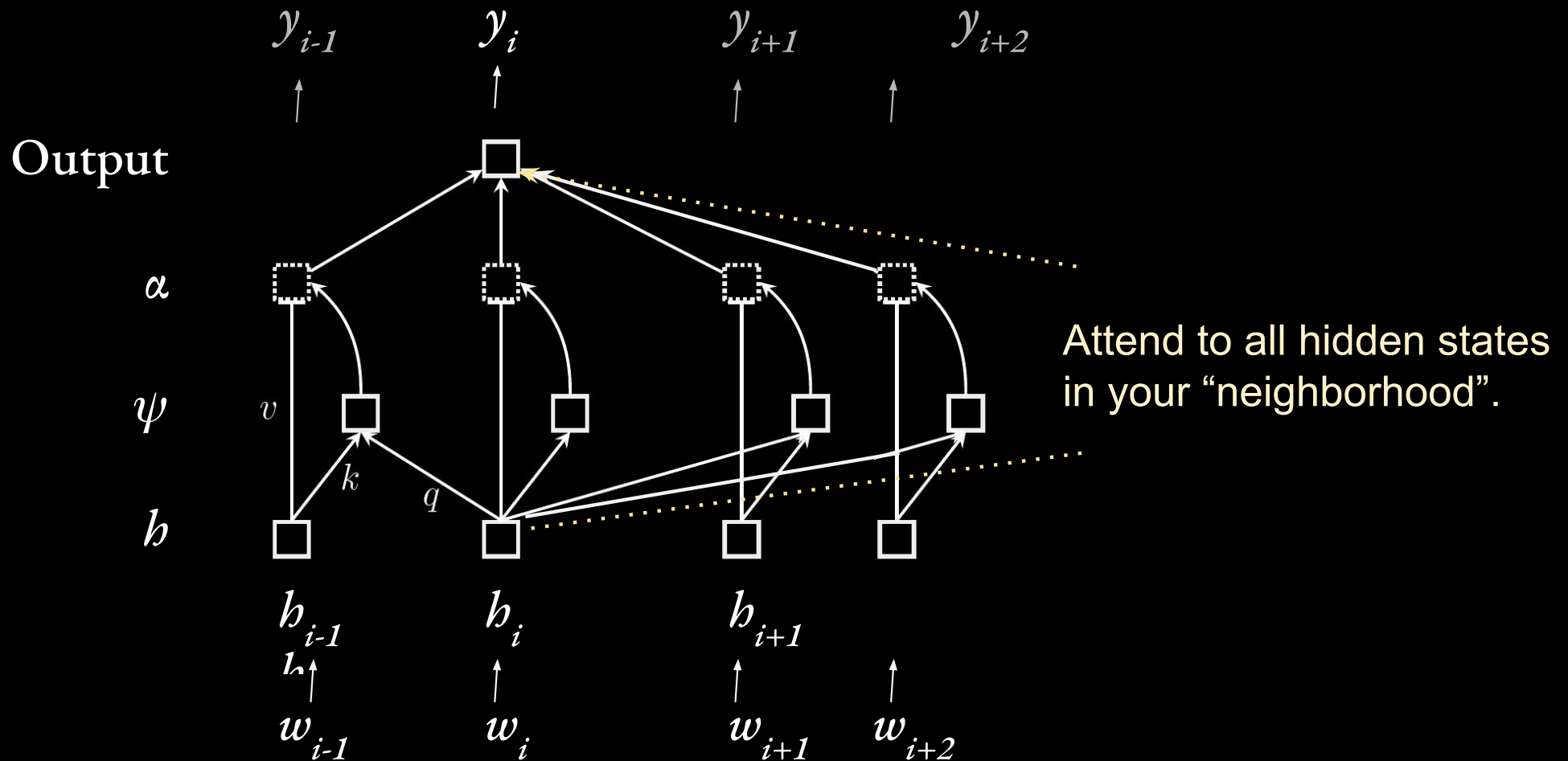
Output



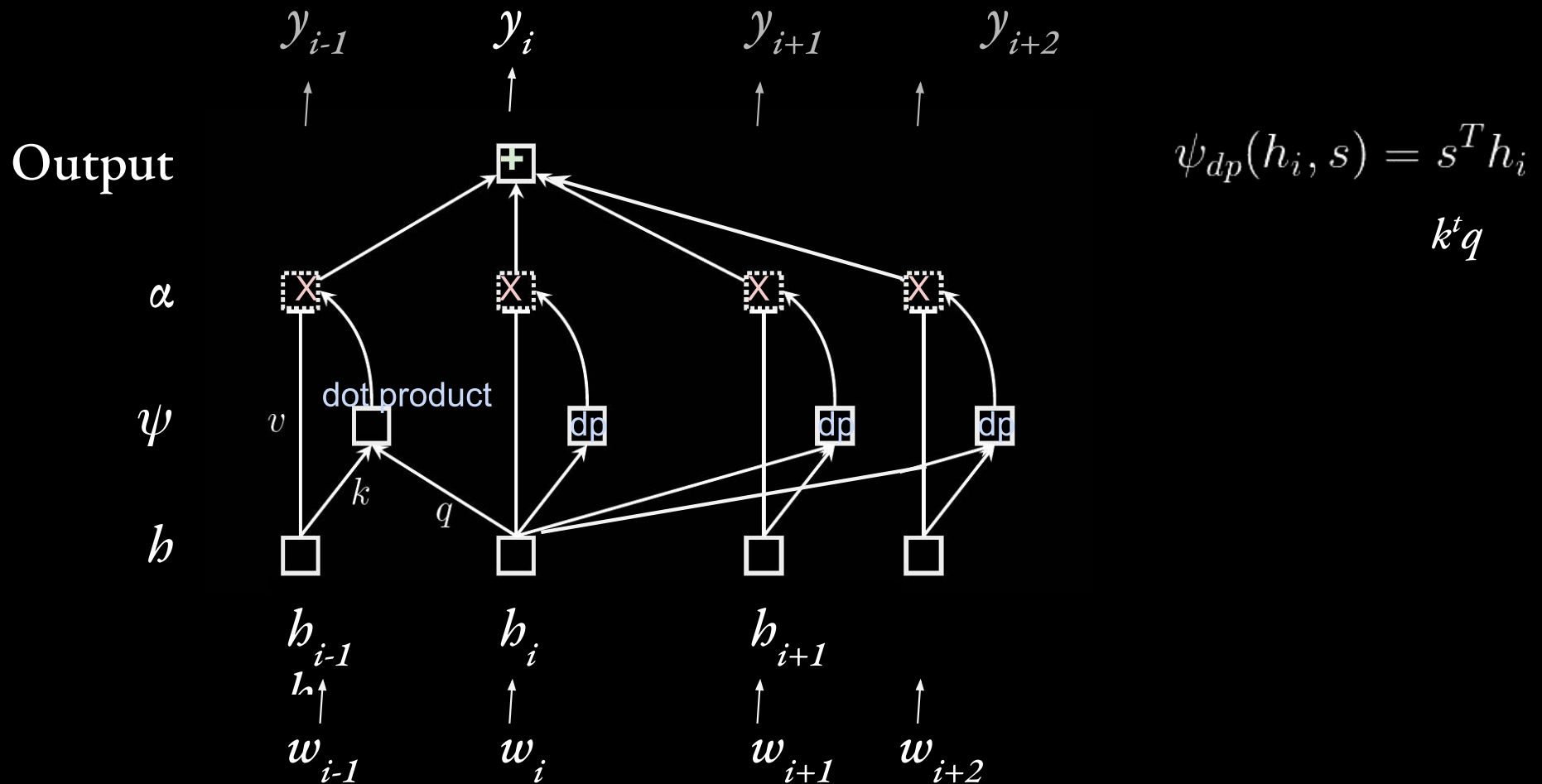
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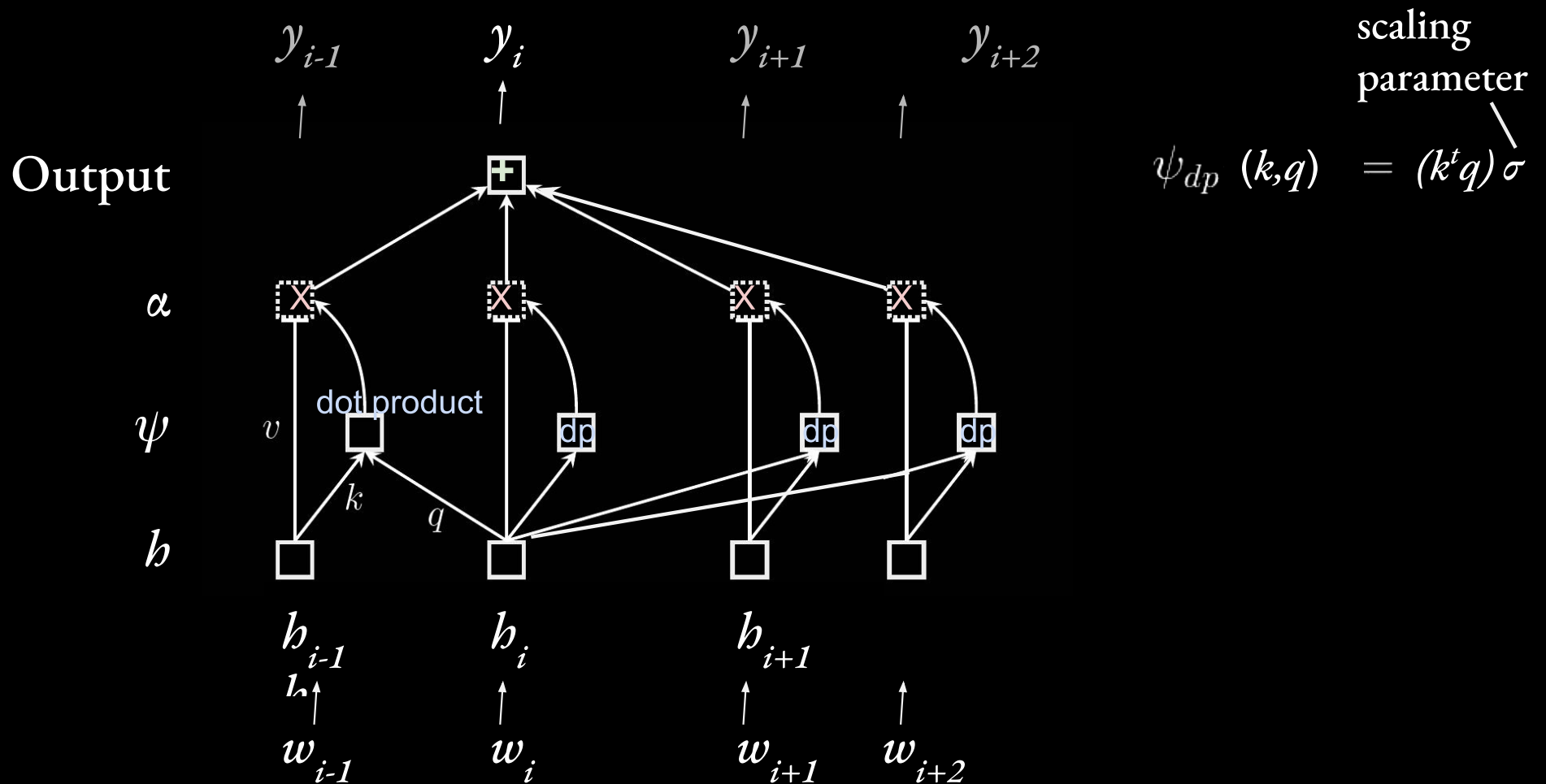
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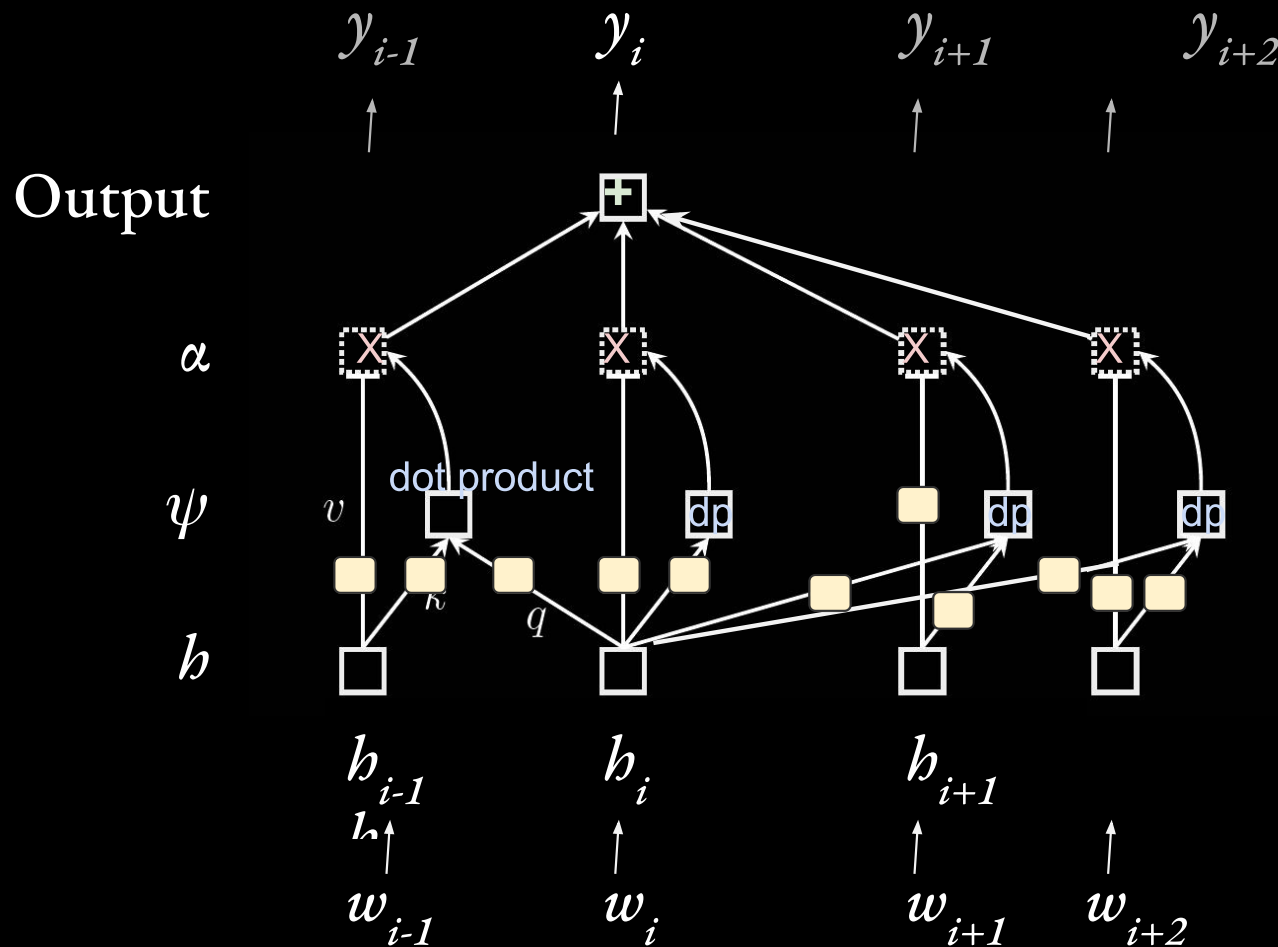
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$$\psi_{dp}(k, q) = (k^t q) \sigma$$

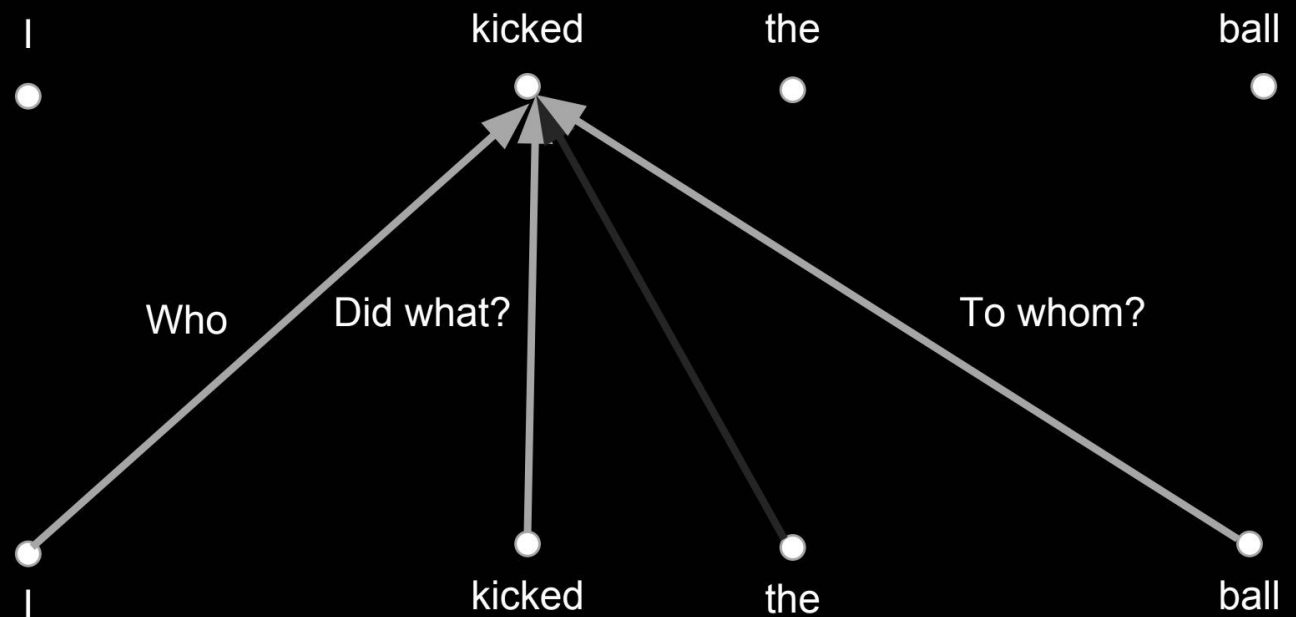
Linear layer:  
 $W^T X$

One set of weights for each of for K, Q, and V



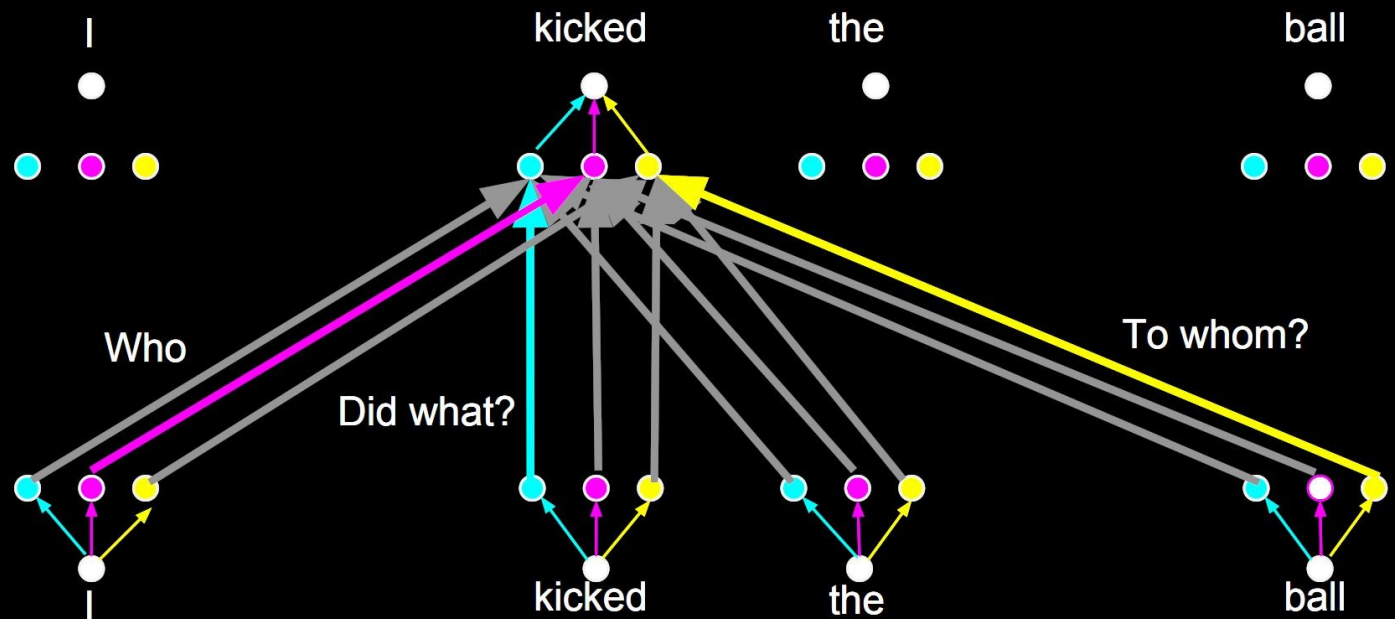
# The Transformer

Limitation (thus far): Can't capture multiple types of dependencies between words.

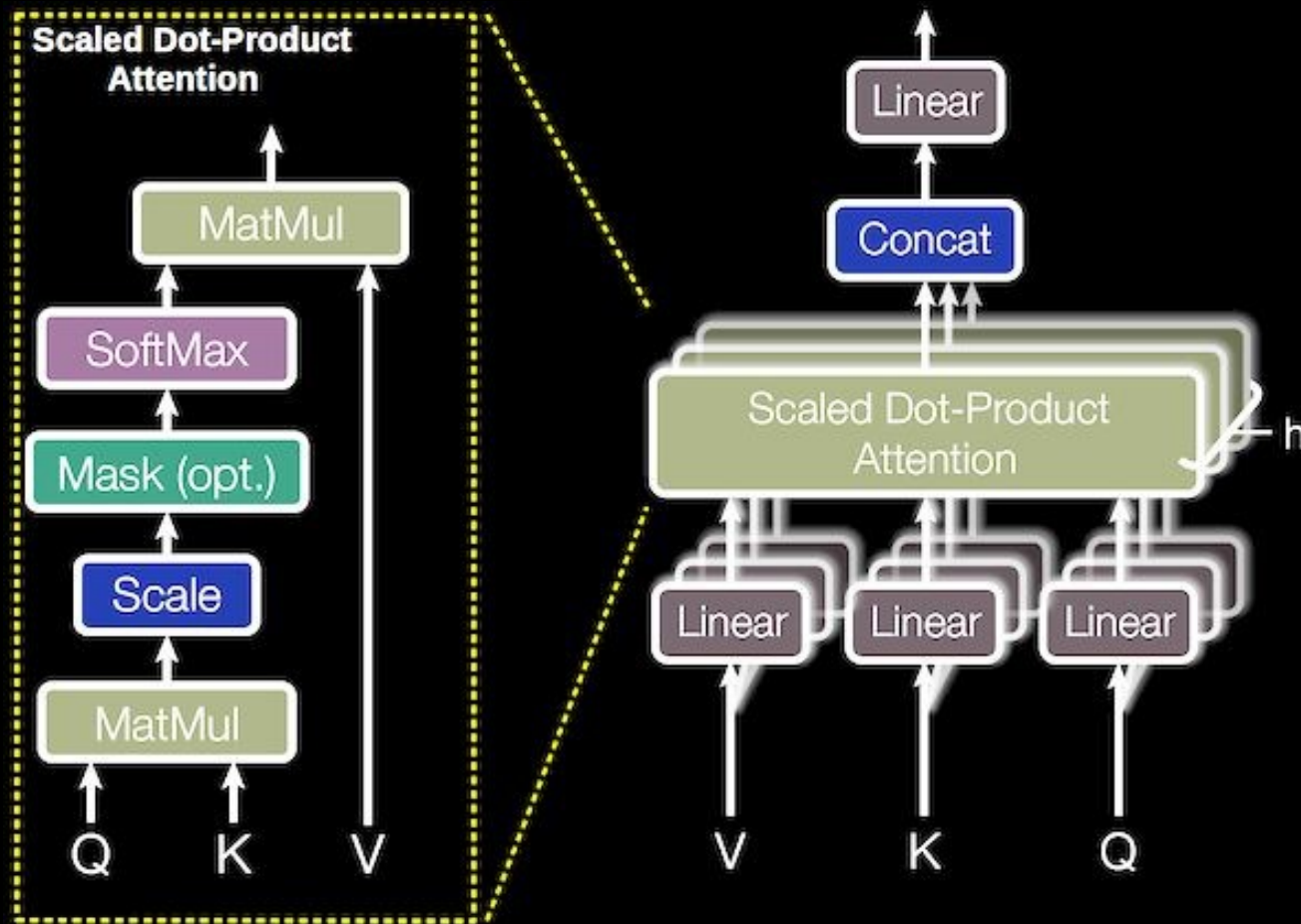


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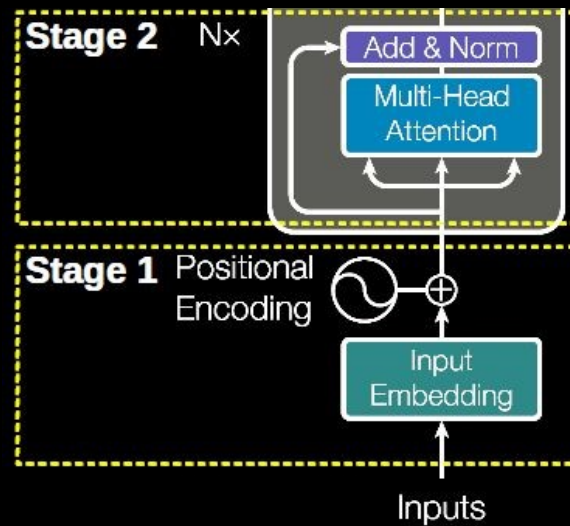
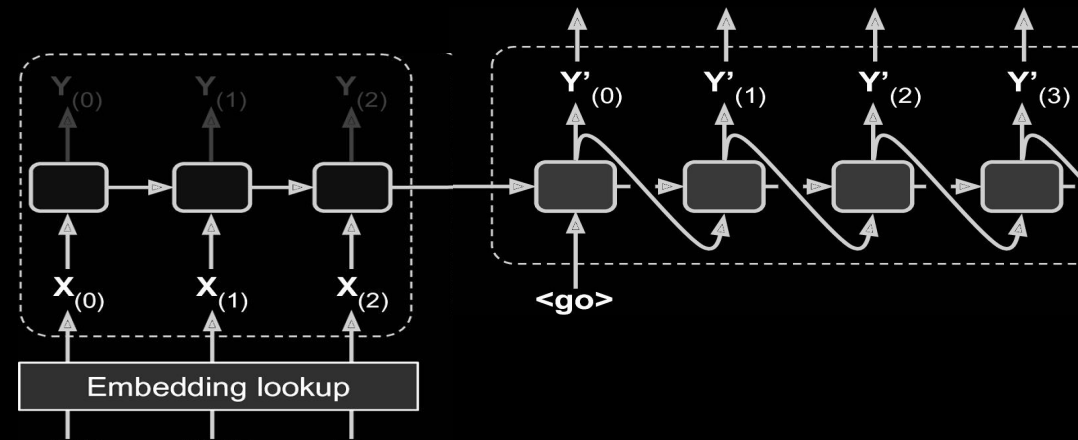
Solution: Multi-head attention



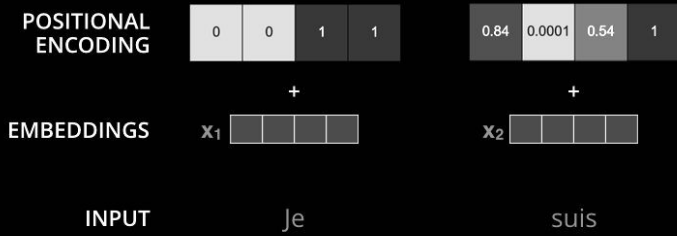
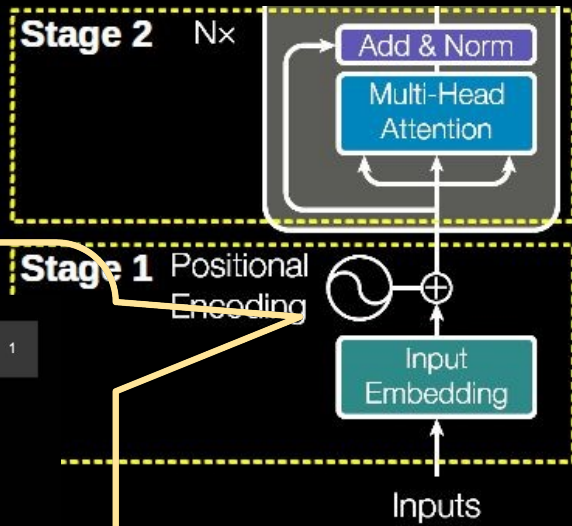
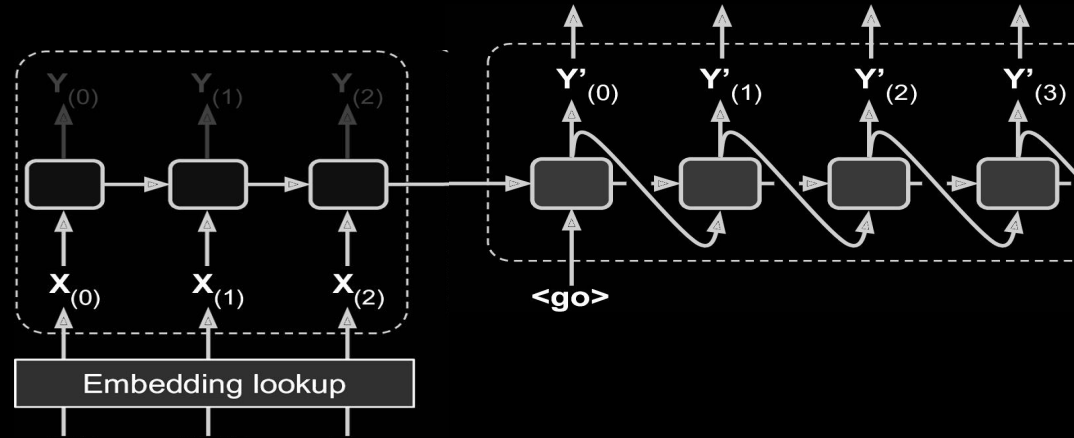
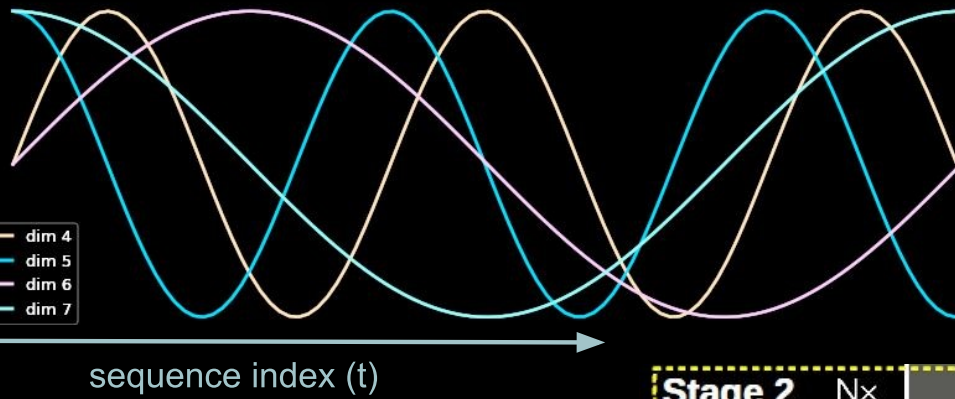
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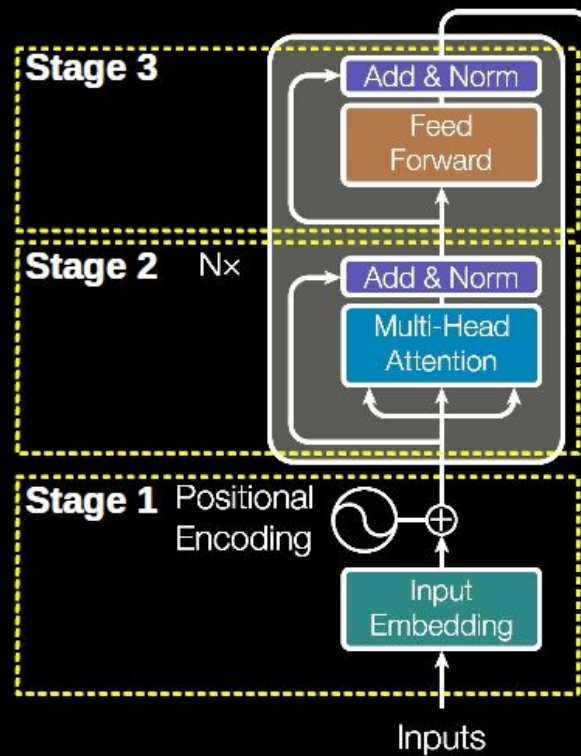
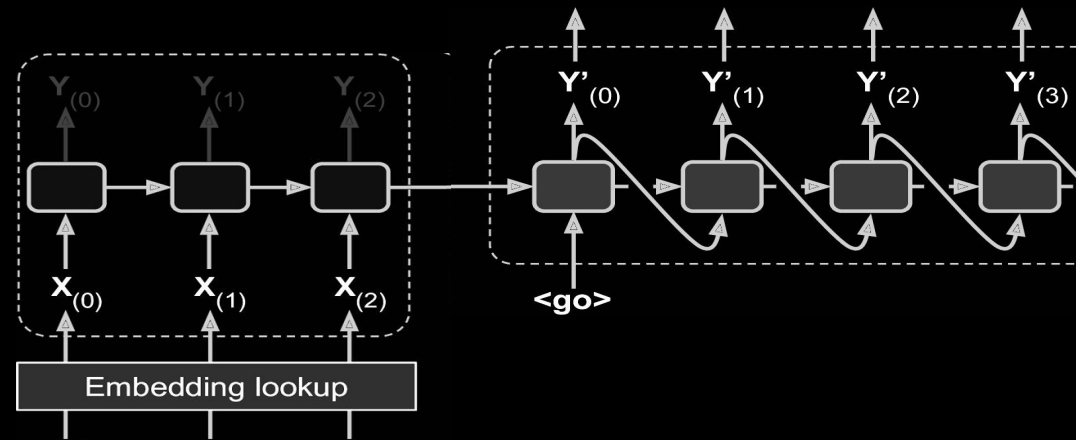
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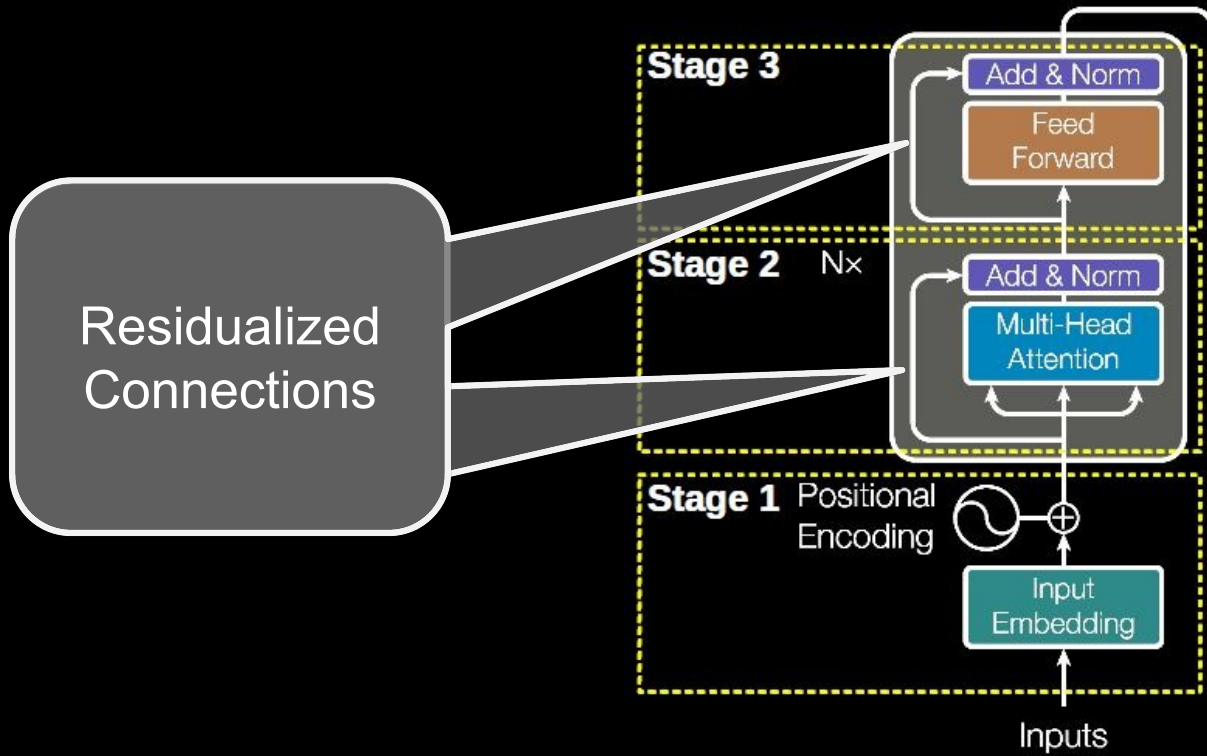
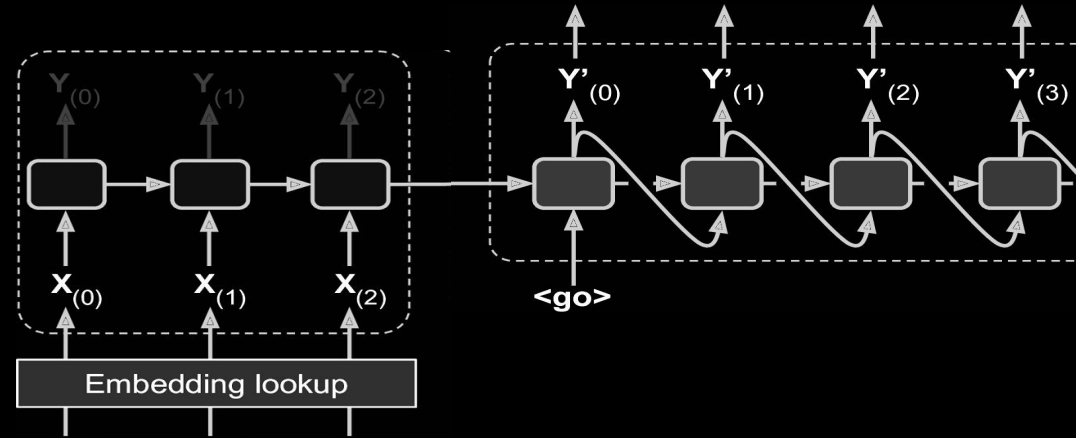
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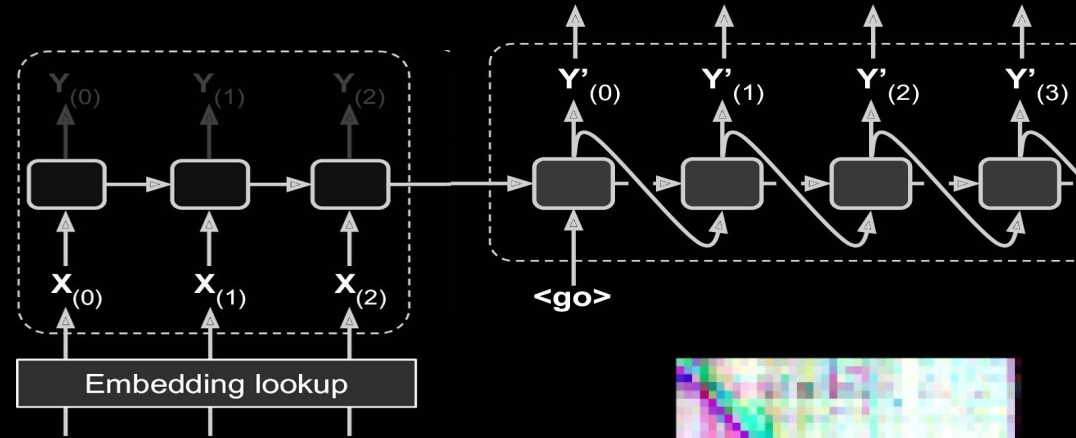
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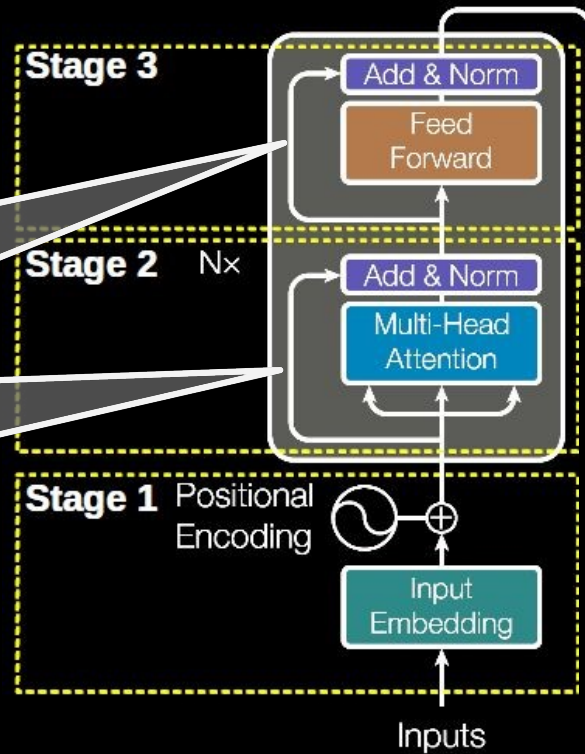
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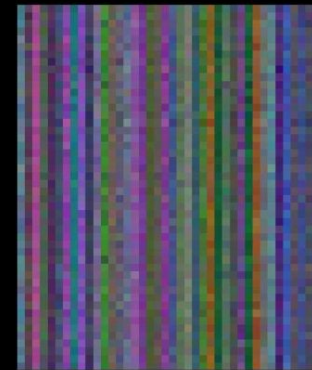
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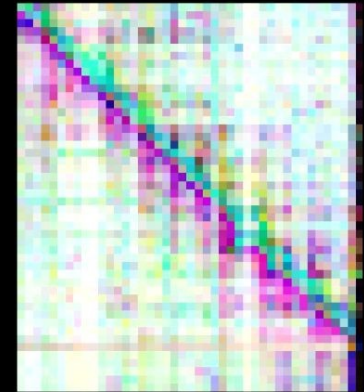
Residualized Connections



residuals enable positional information to be passed along



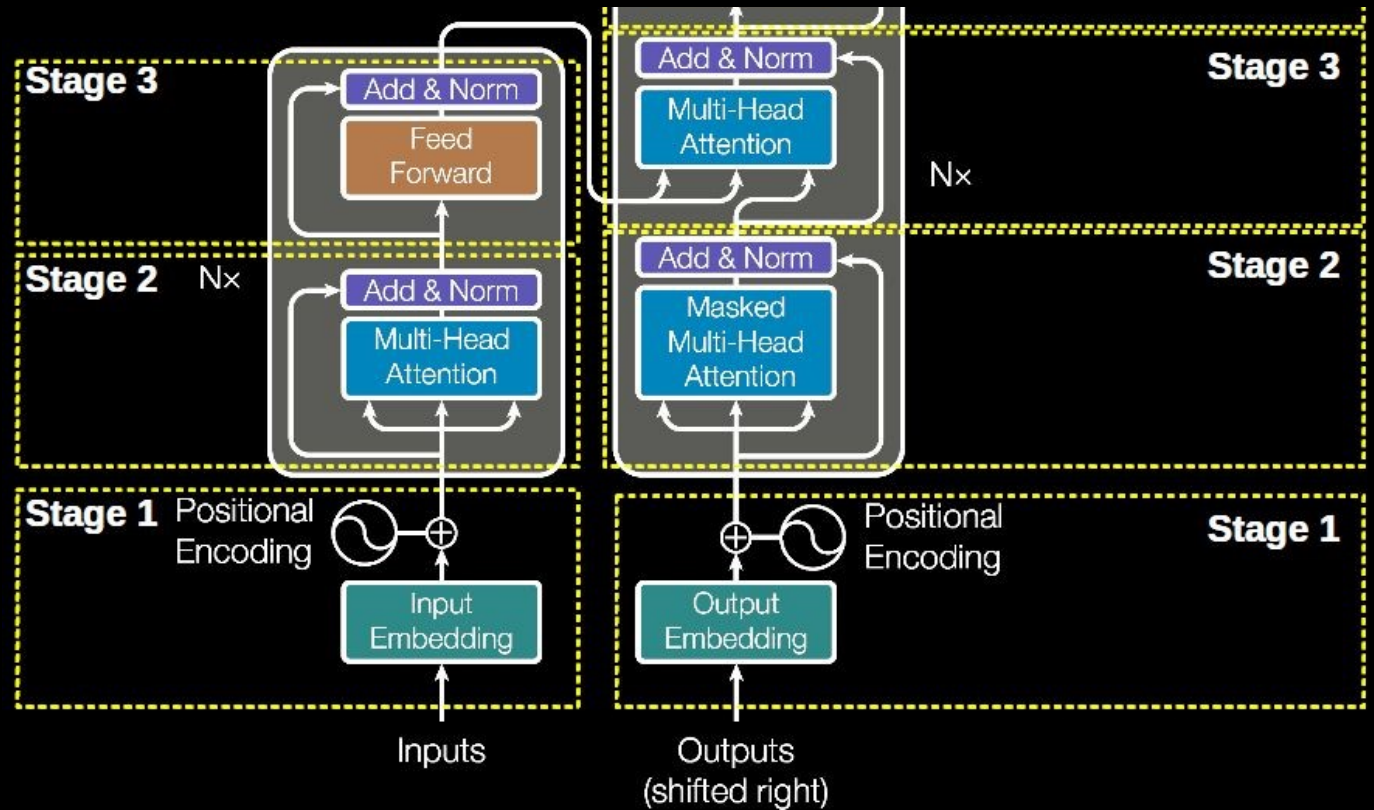
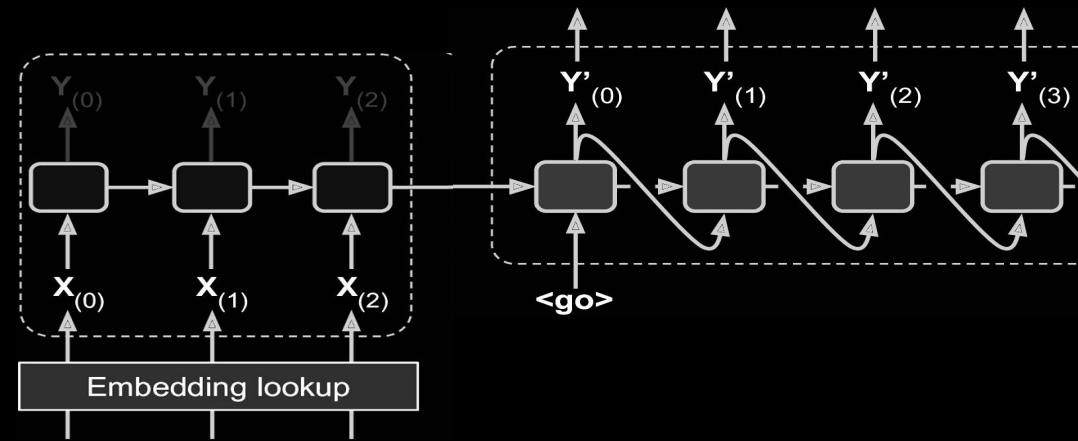
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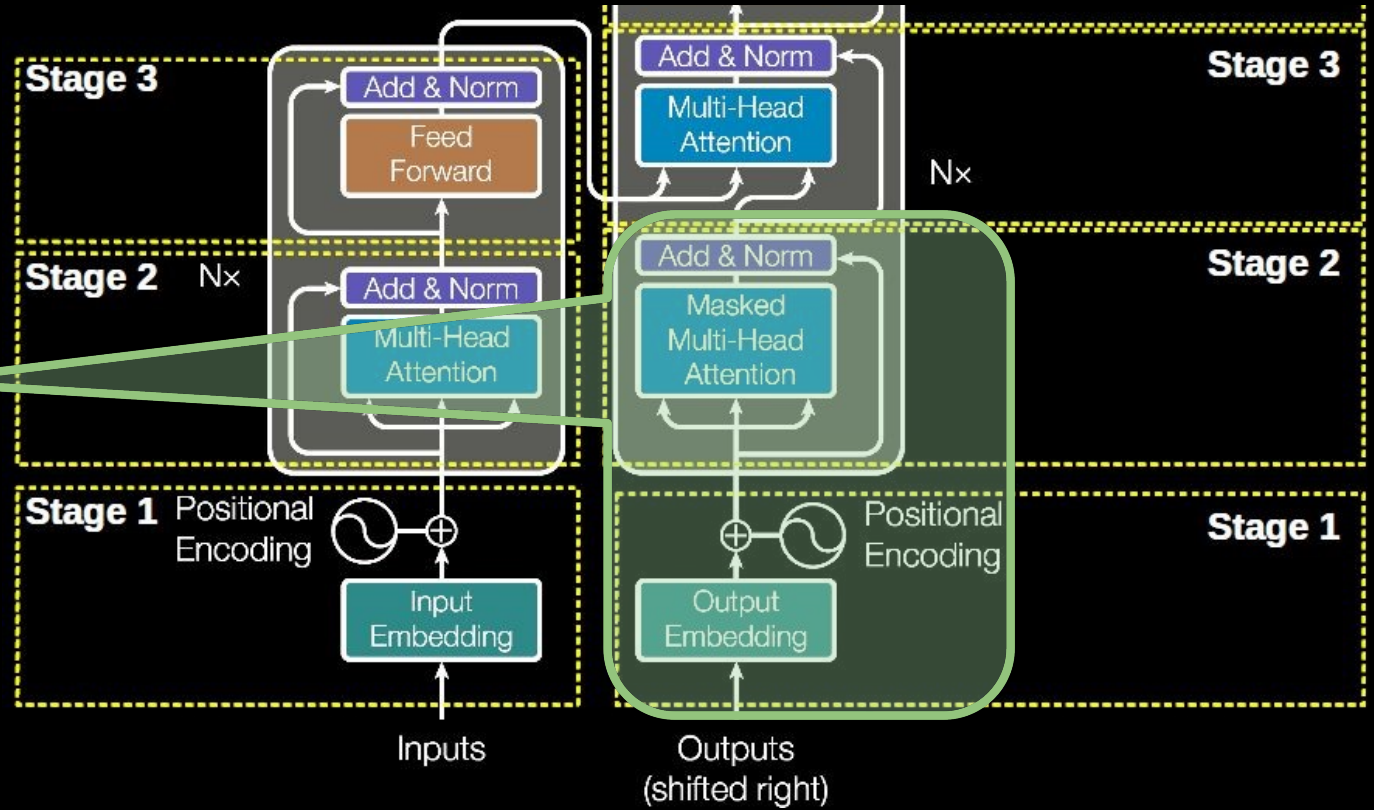
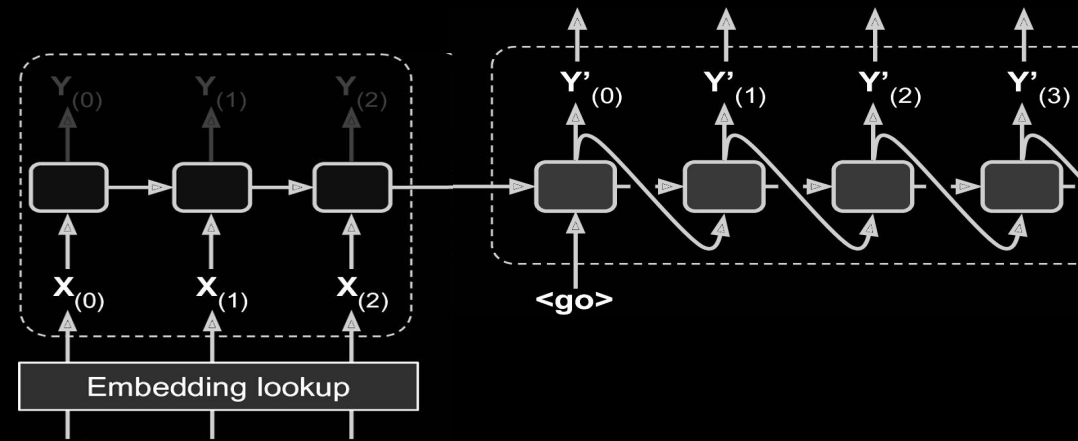
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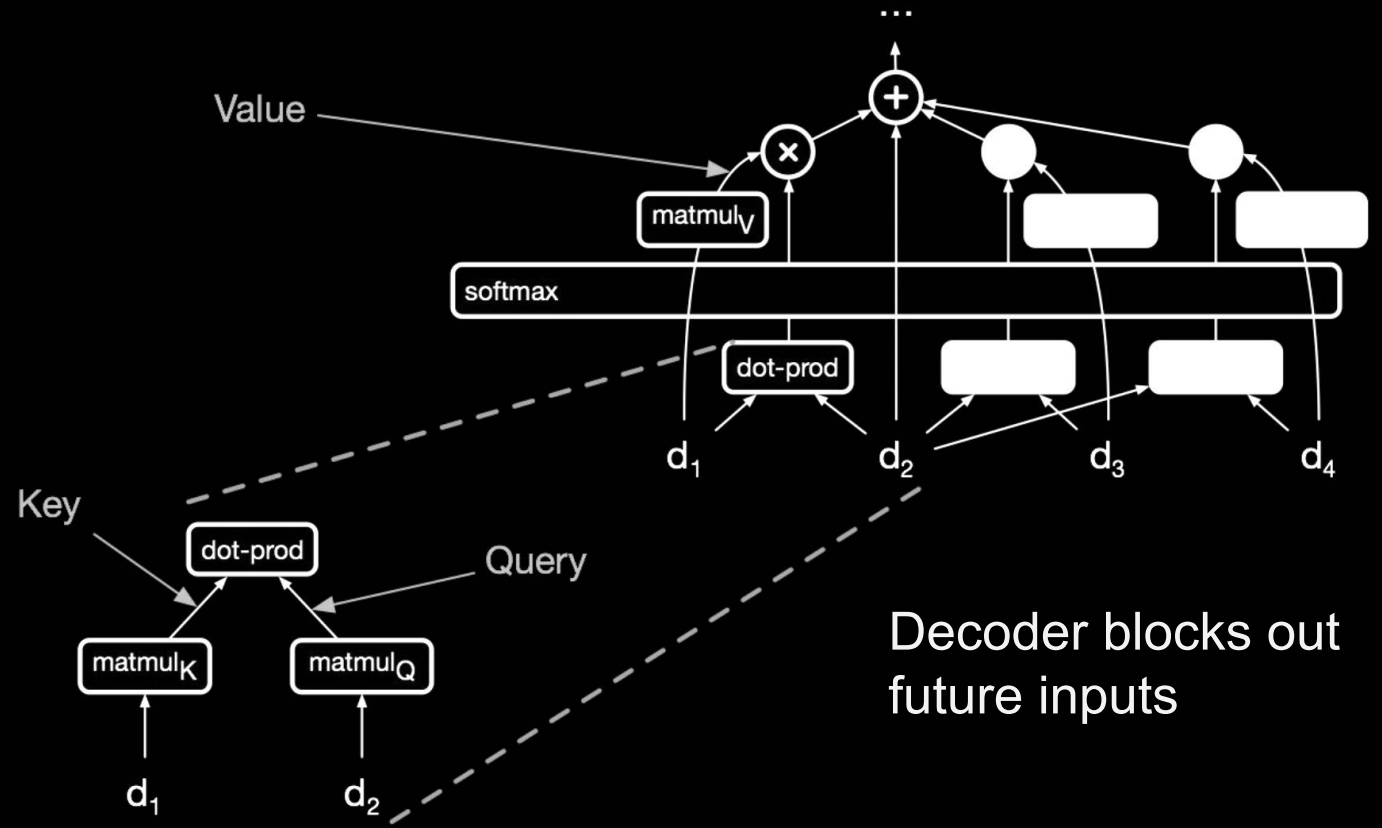
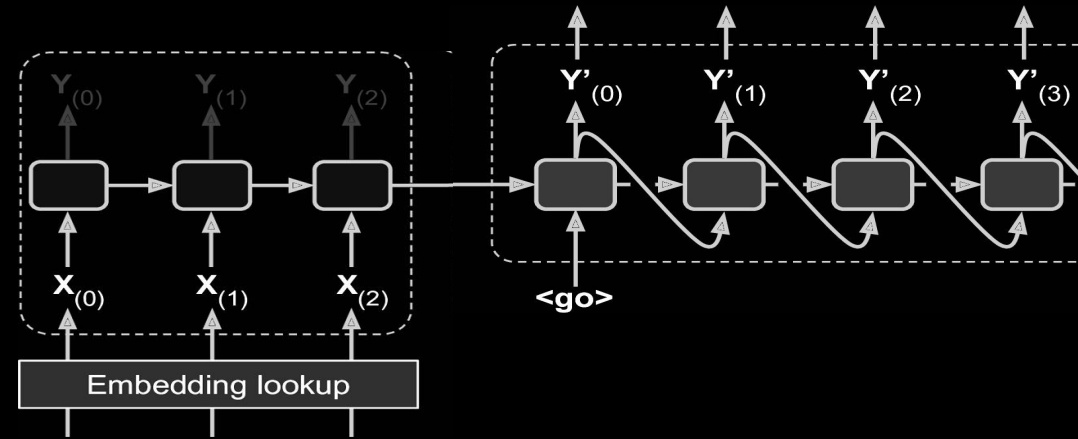


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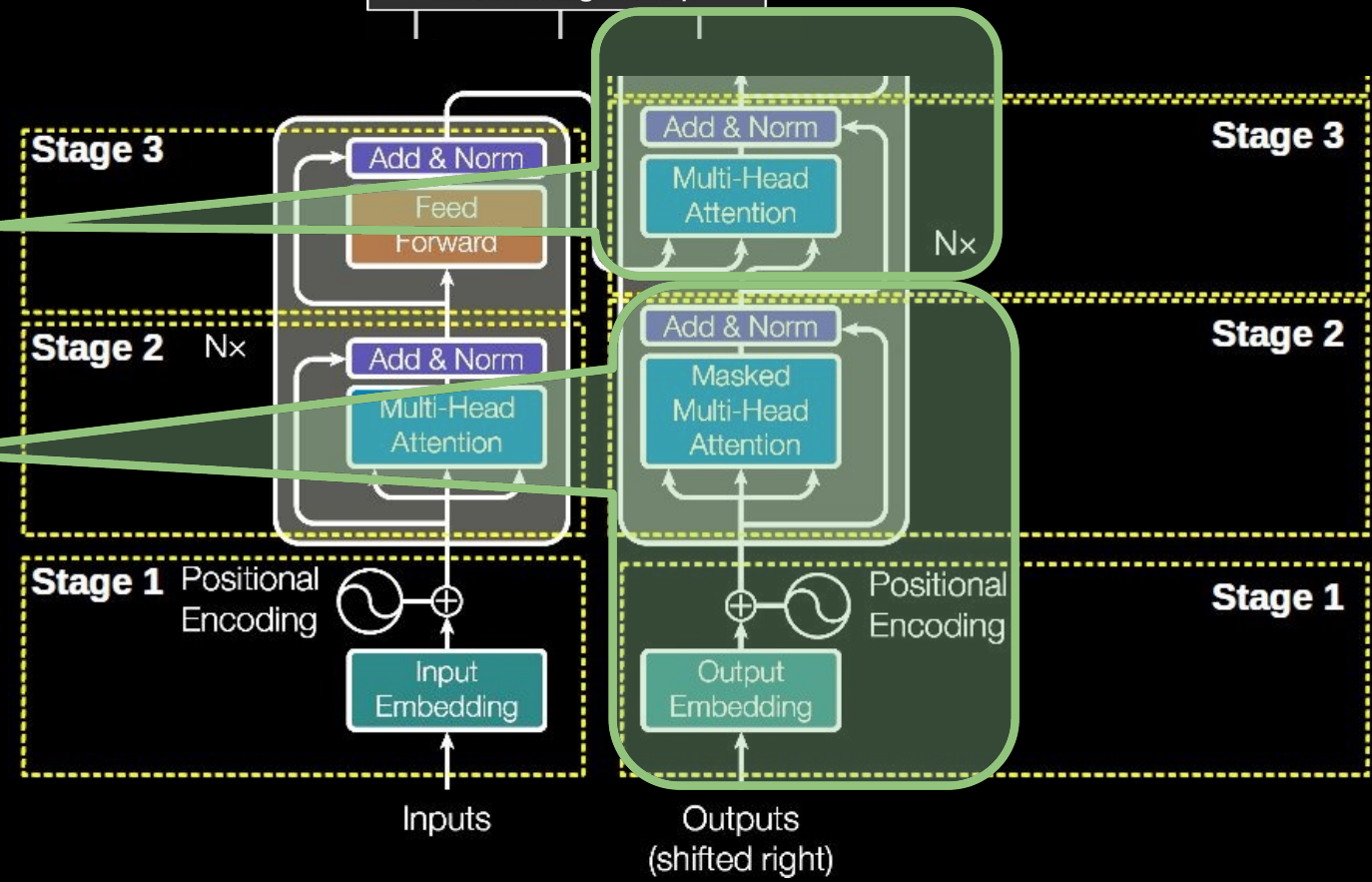
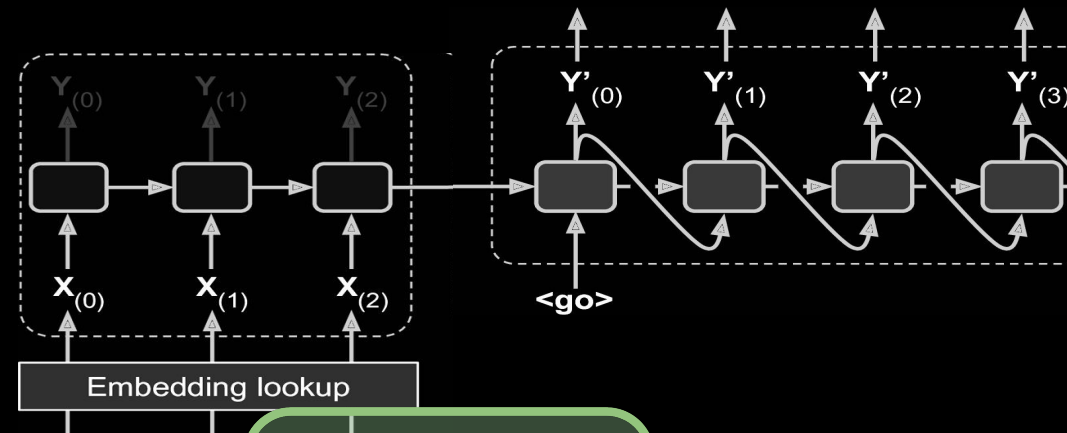
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Decoder blocks out future inputs

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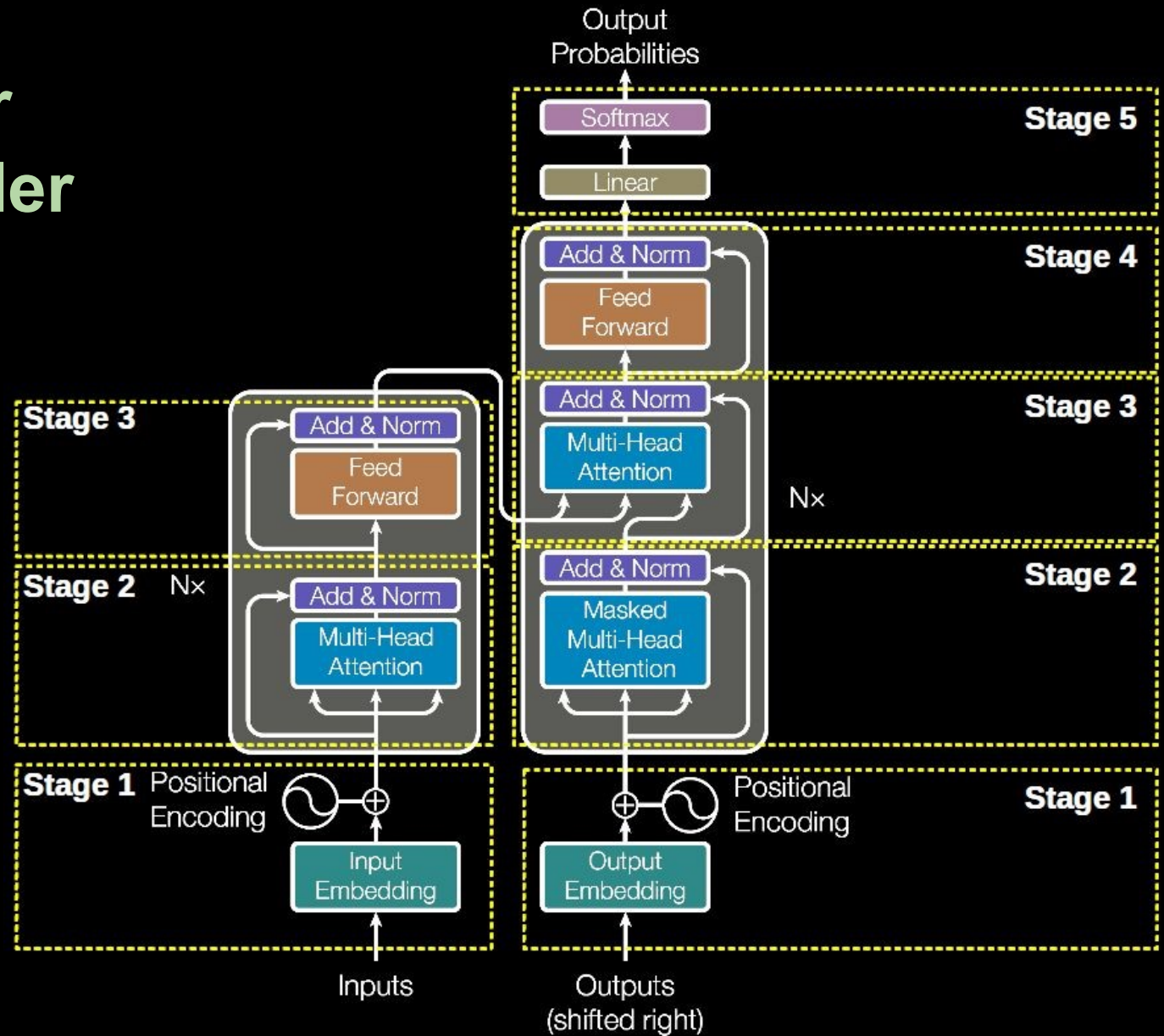
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Add conditioning of the LM based on the encoder

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# Transformer for Encoder-Decoder



# Transformer (as of 2017)

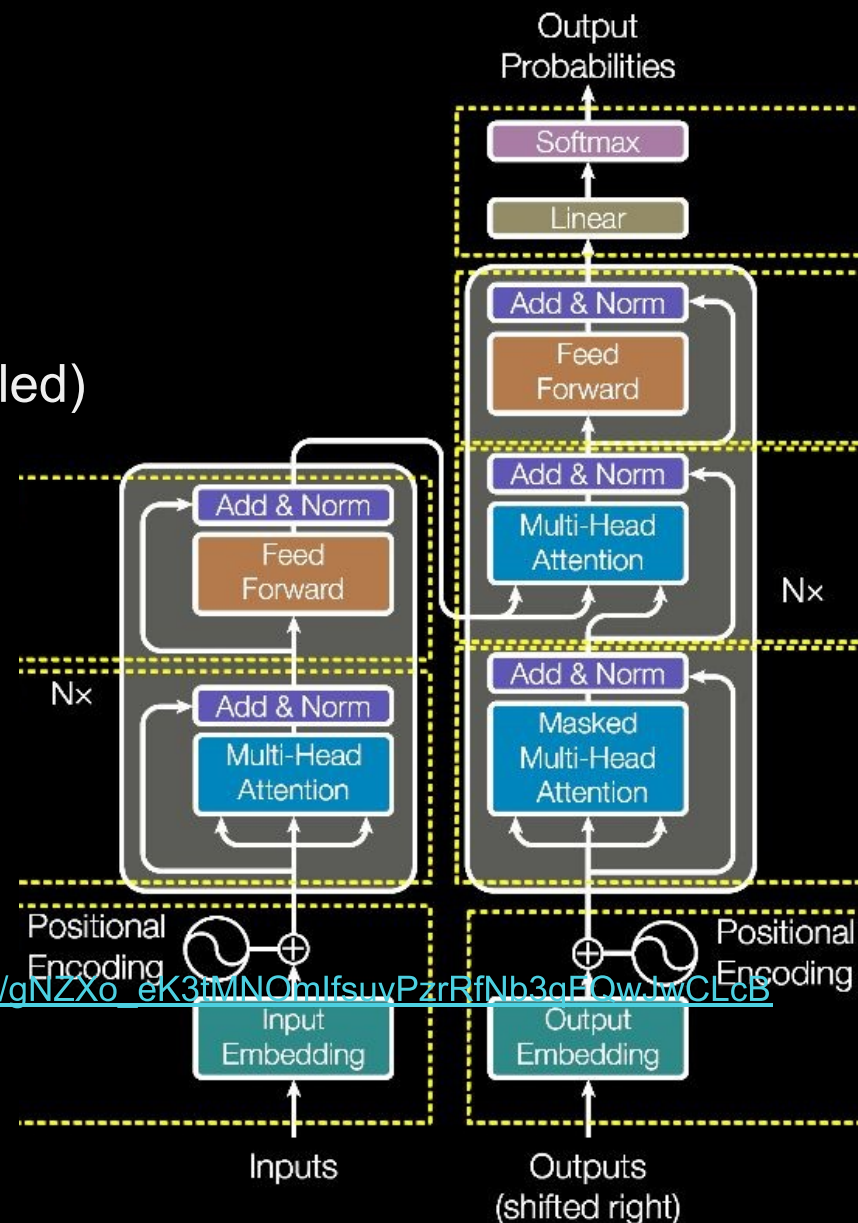
“WMT-2014” Data Set. BLEU scores:

	EN-DE	EN-FR
GNMT (orig)	24.6	39.9
ConvSeq2Seq	25.2	40.5
Transformer*	<b>28.4</b>	<b>41.8</b>

# Transformer

- Utilize Self-Attention
- Simple att scoring function (dot product, scaled)
- Added linear layers for Q, K, and V
- Multi-head attention
- Added positional encoding
- Added residual connection
- Simulate decoding by masking

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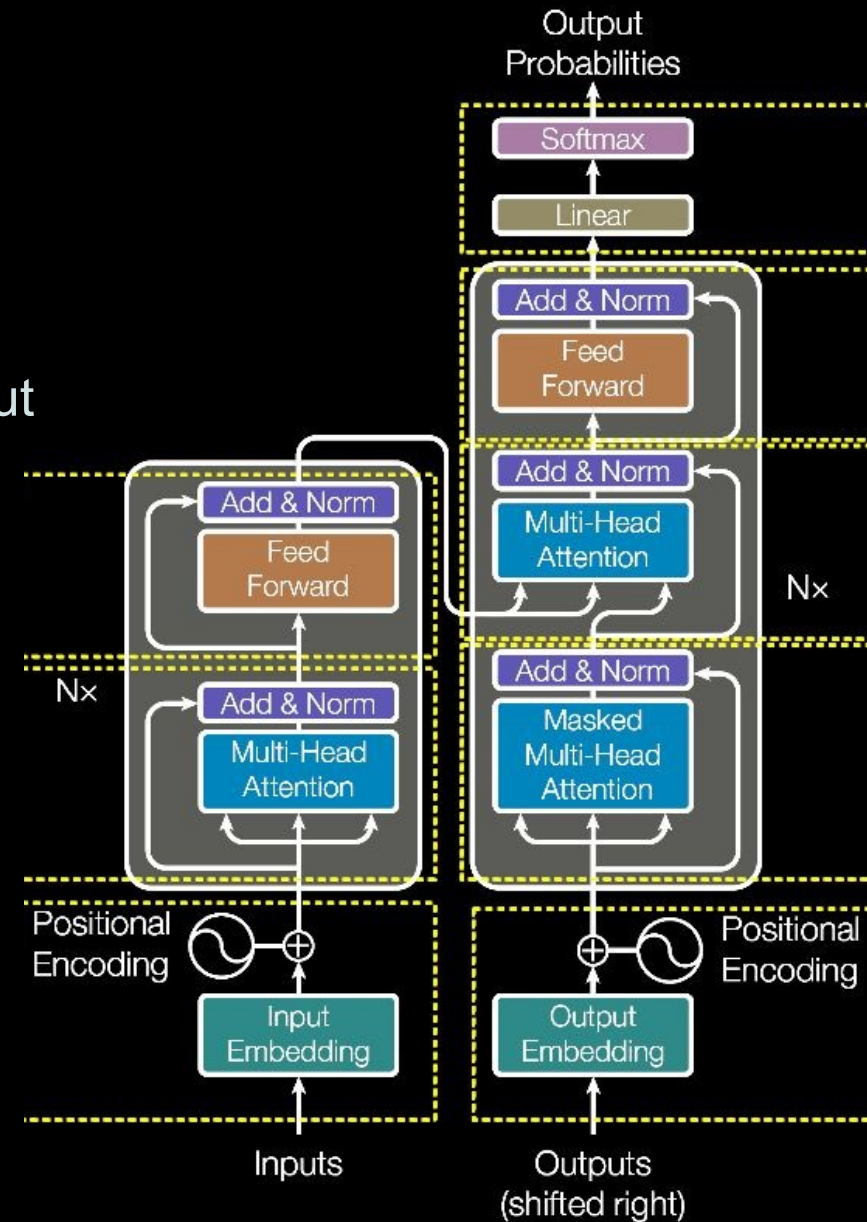
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- Bidirectional context by “masking” in the middle
- A lot of layers, hidden states, attention heads.

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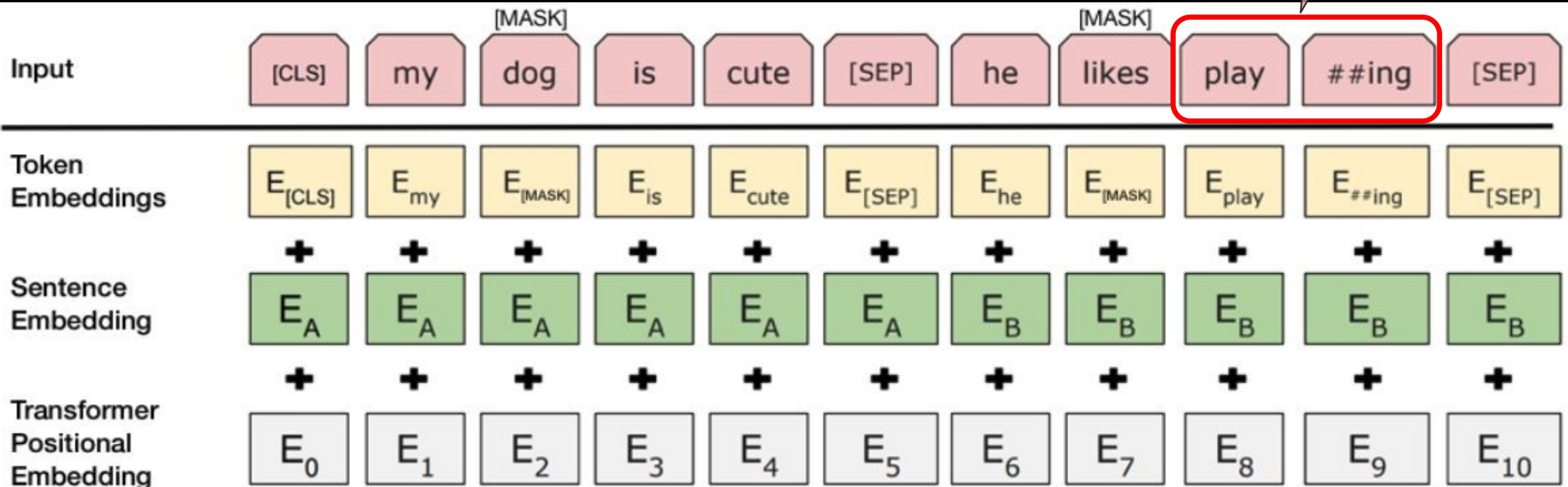
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# BERT

**Sentence A** = The man went to the store.  
**Sentence B** = He bought a gallon of milk.  
**Label** = IsNextSentence

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**Sentence B** = Penguins are flightless.  
**Label** = NotNextSentence

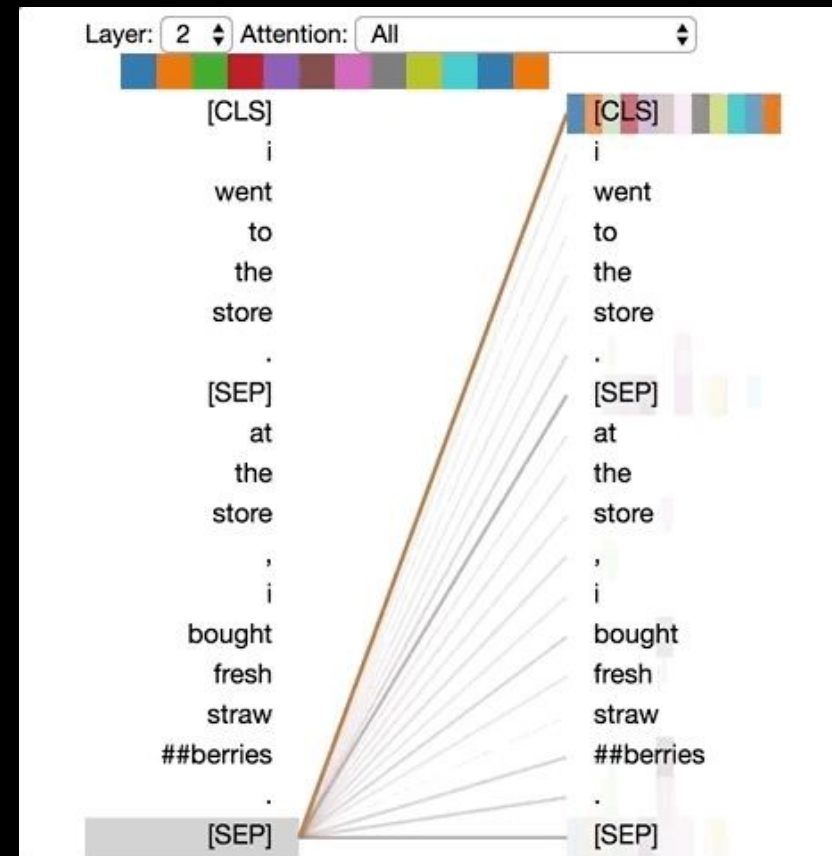
tokenize into "word pieces"



(Devlin et al., 2019)

# Bert: Attention by Layers

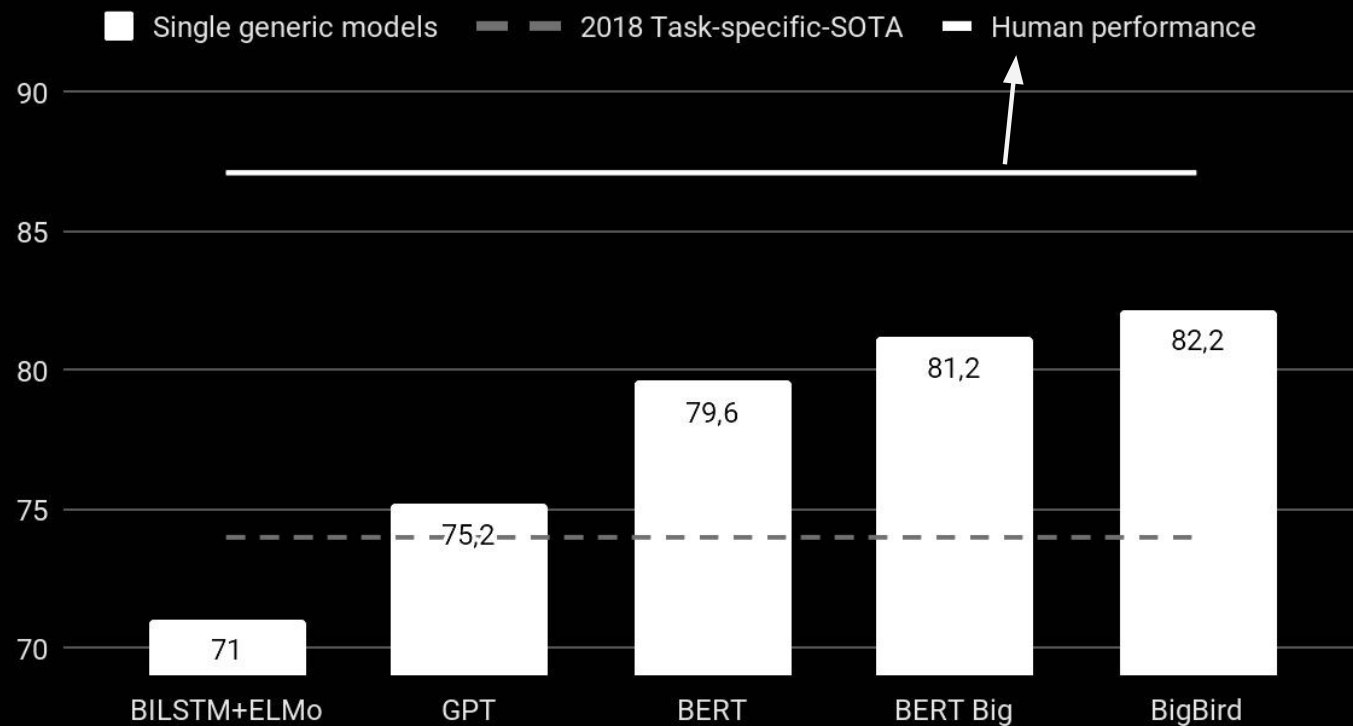
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(Vig, 2019)

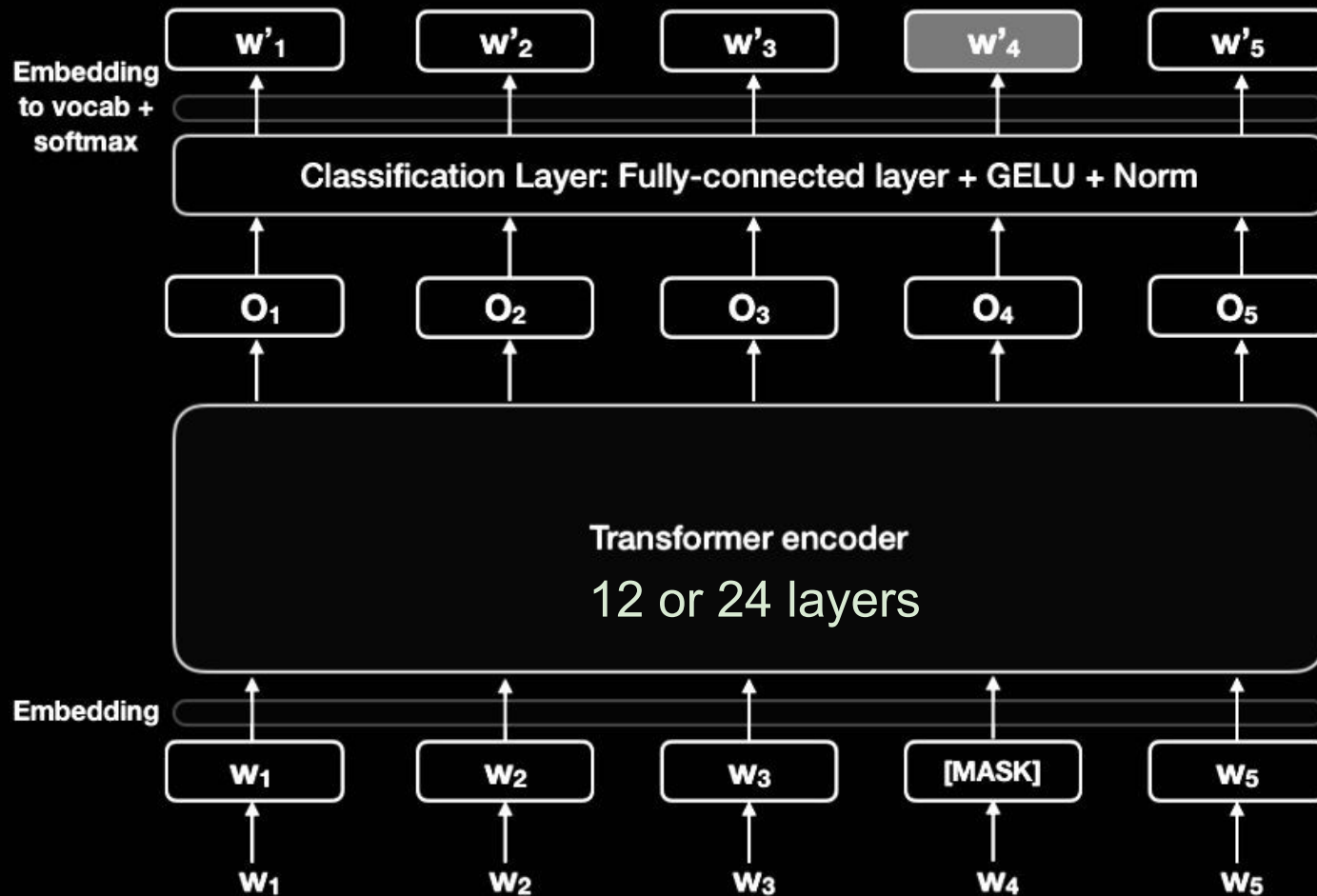
# BERT Performance: e.g. Question Answering

GLUE scores evolution over 2018-2019

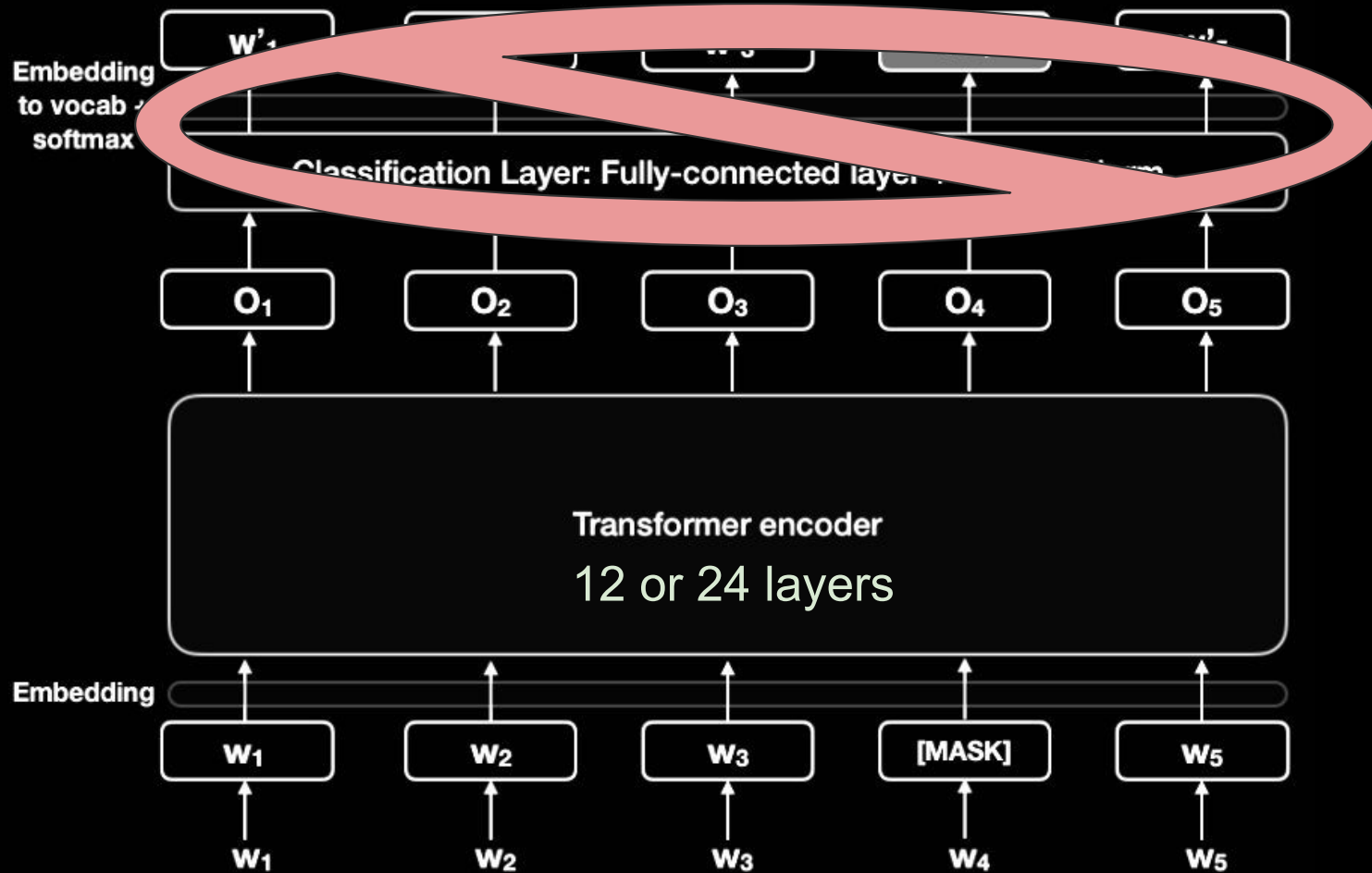


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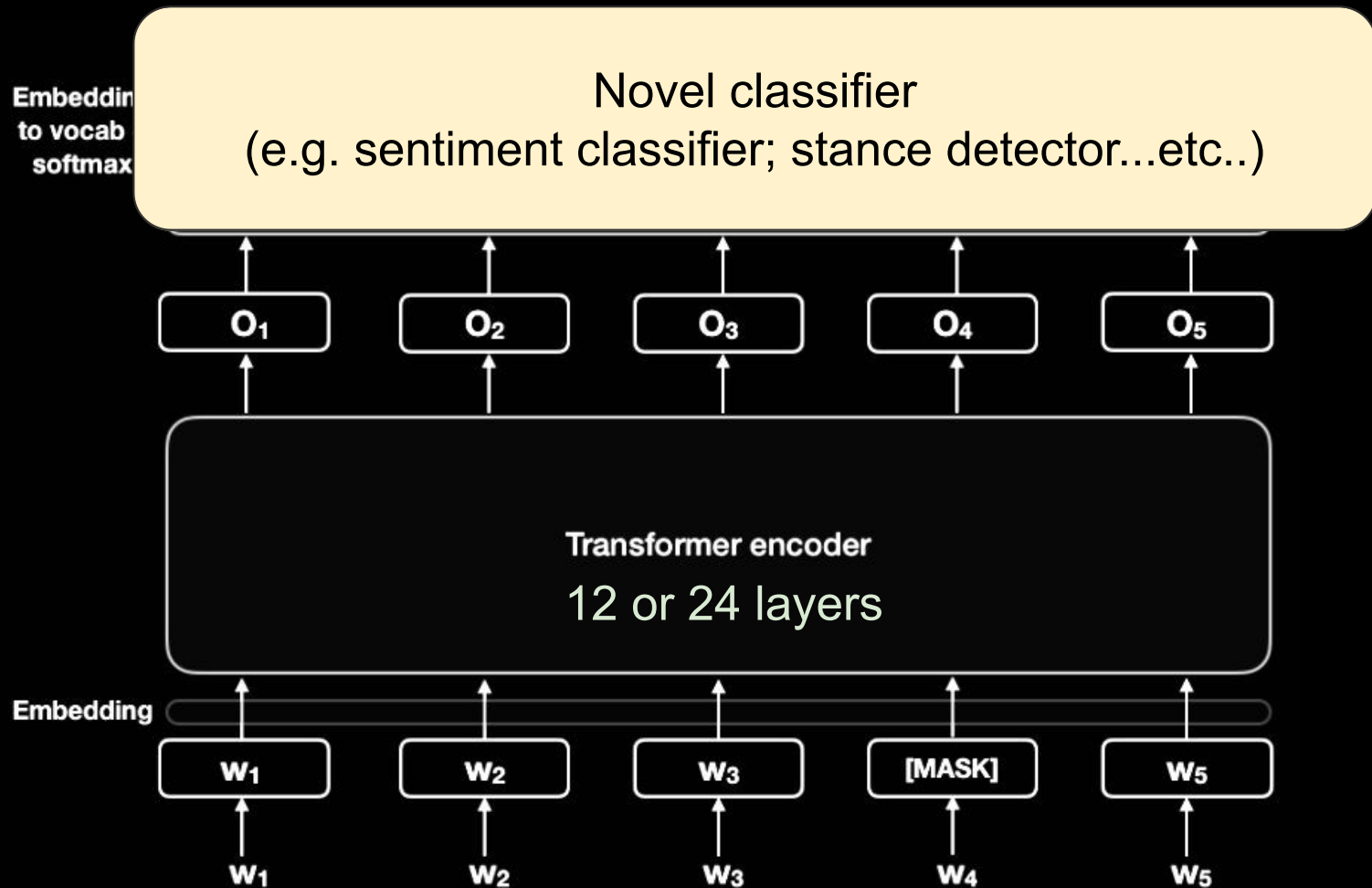
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# Summary

- Goal is accurate prediction of  $y$  (outcome) given features ( $x$ )
- Use L1 or L2 penalization (as a regularization) to avoid overfit
- Reason for Train, Dev, Test split
- Components of a neural network
- Batch Normalization
- Distribution options: why is data parallelism preferred?
- Recurrent Neural Network
- Convolution Operation with Filters