

CS7015 (Deep Learning) : Lecture 14

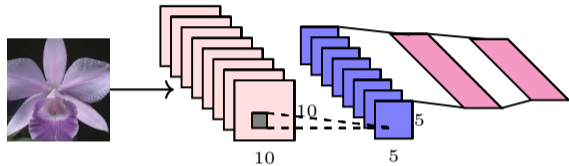
Sequence Learning Problems, Recurrent Neural Networks, Backpropagation Through Time (BPTT), Vanishing and Exploding Gradients, Truncated BPTT

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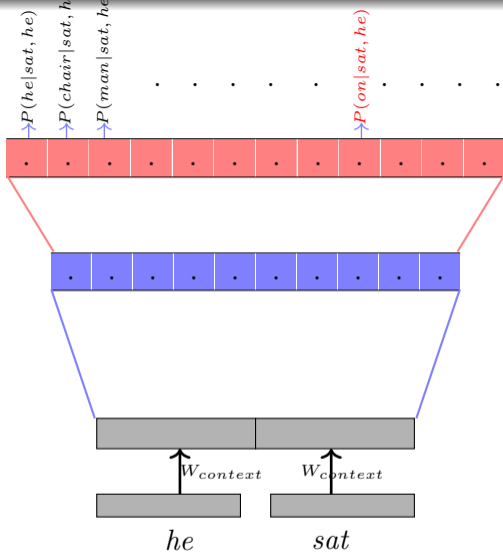
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Module 14.1: Sequence Learning Problems

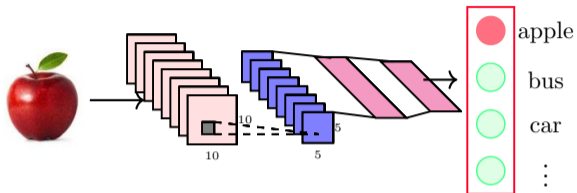
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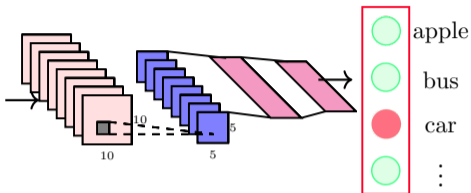
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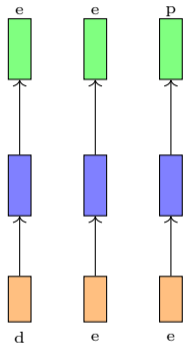
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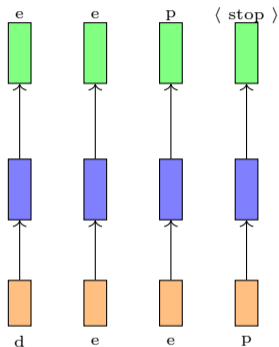
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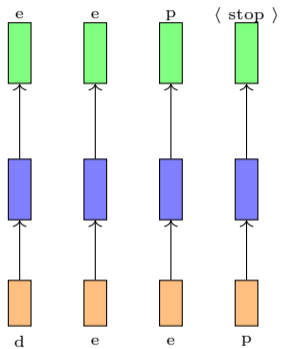


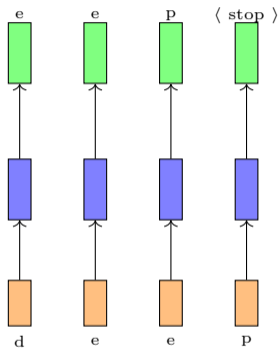
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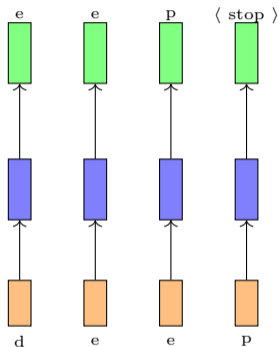
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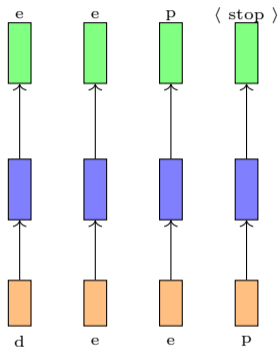




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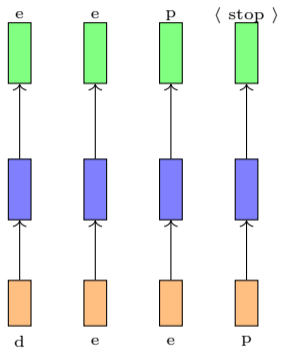


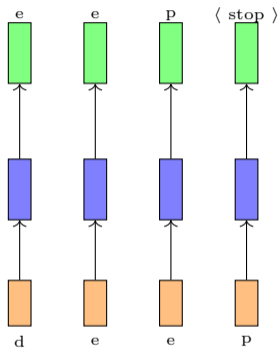
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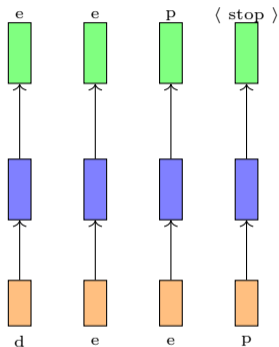
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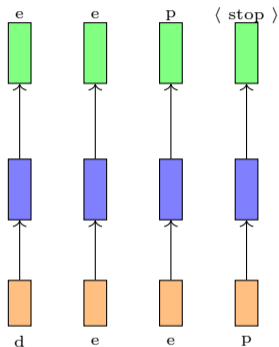




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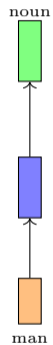
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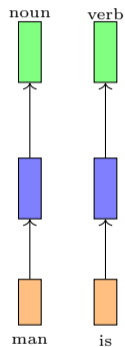
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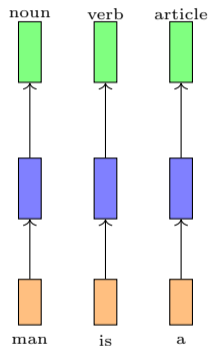
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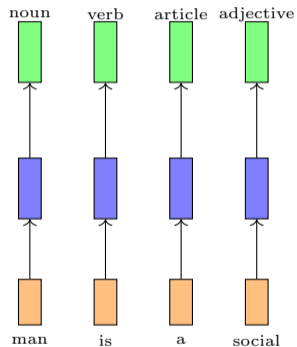
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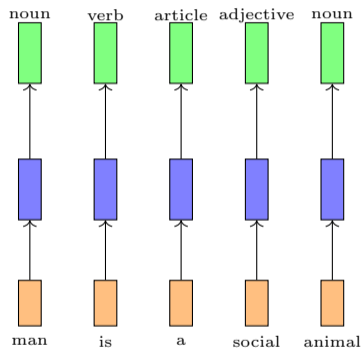
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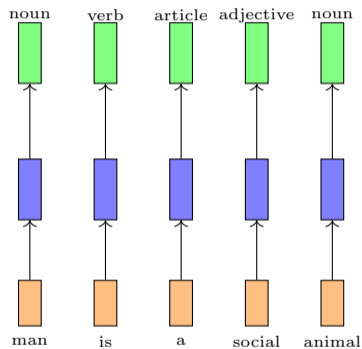


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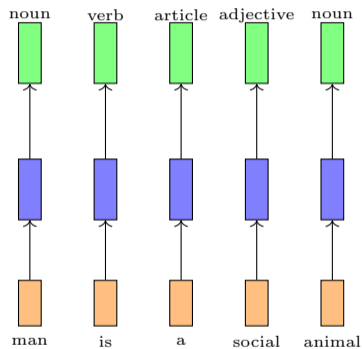


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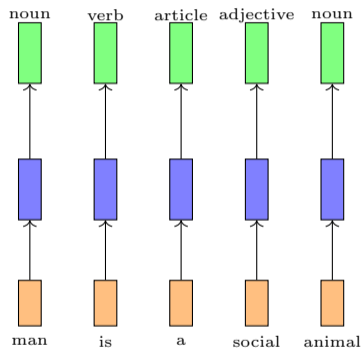




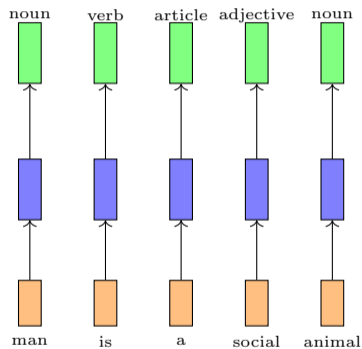
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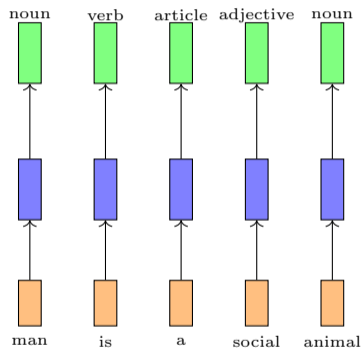
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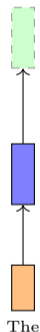


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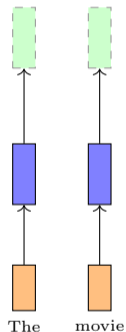
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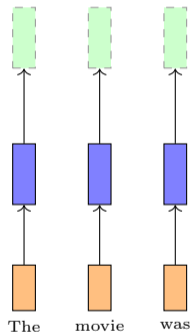
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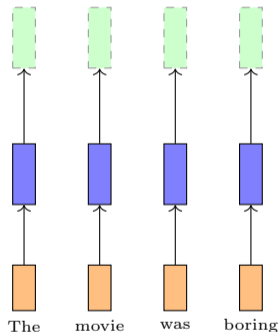
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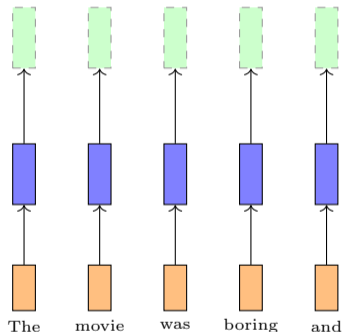
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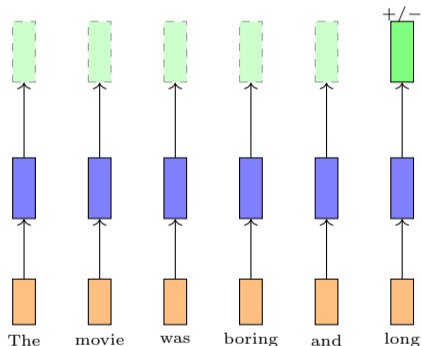
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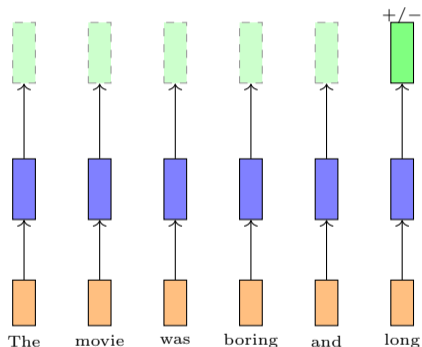
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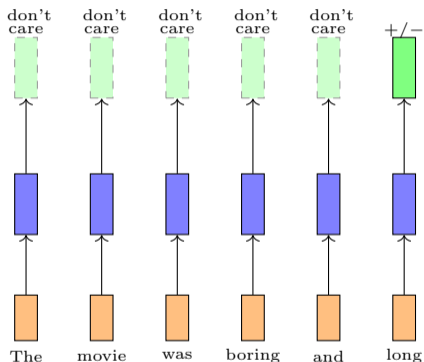
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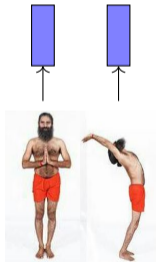
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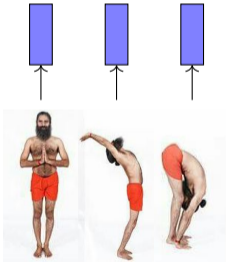
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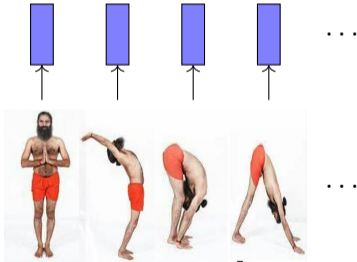
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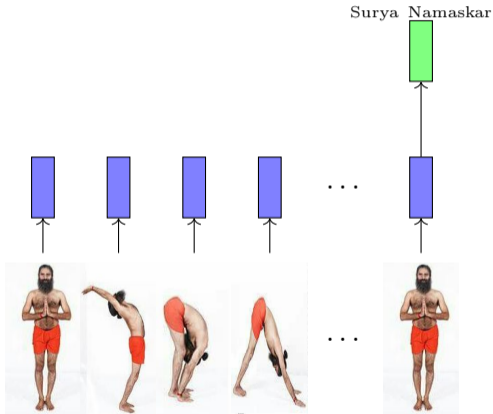
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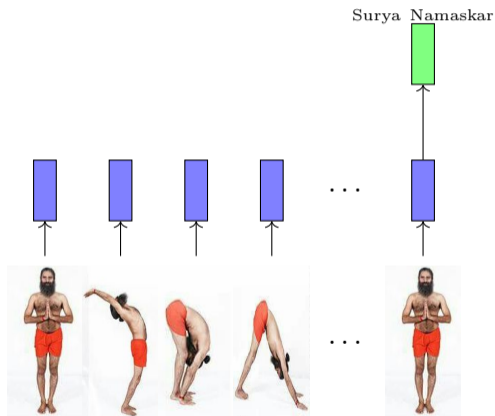
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Module 14.2: Recurrent Neural Networks

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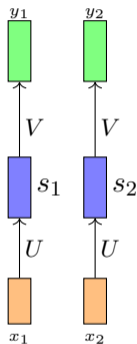
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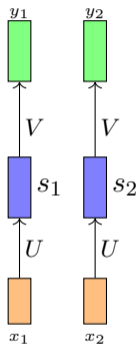
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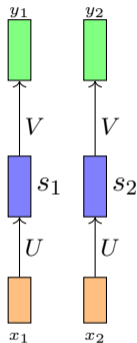
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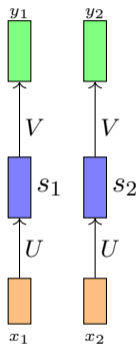
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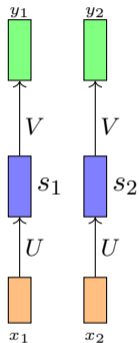
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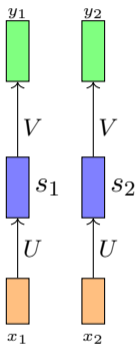
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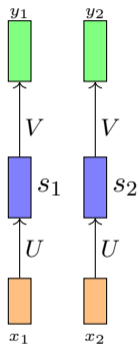
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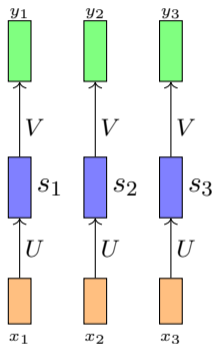




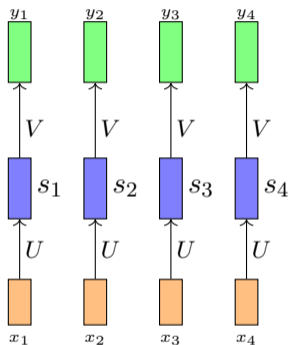
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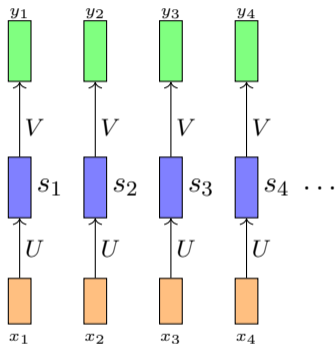
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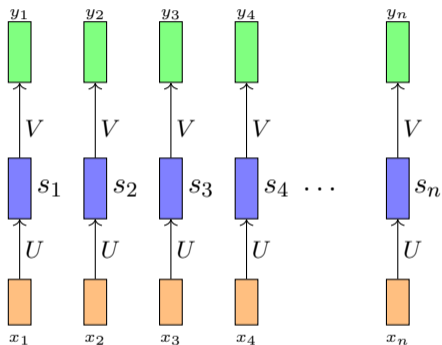
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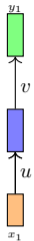


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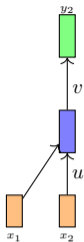
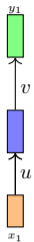


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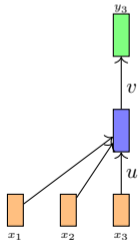
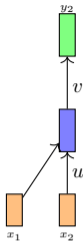
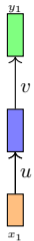
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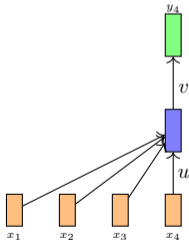
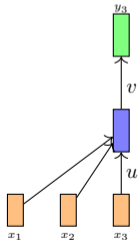
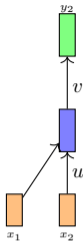
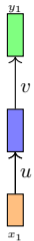
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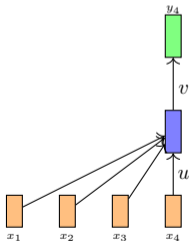
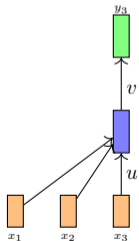
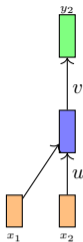
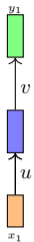
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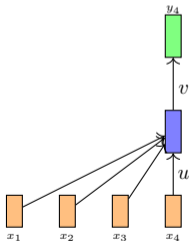
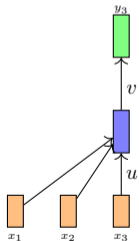
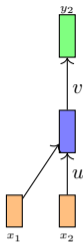
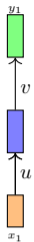
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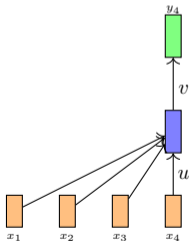
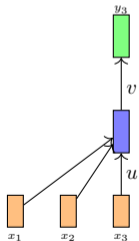
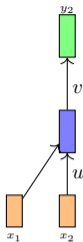
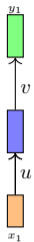
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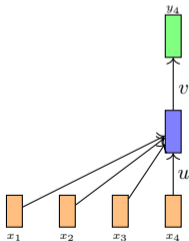
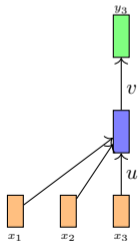
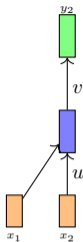
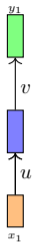
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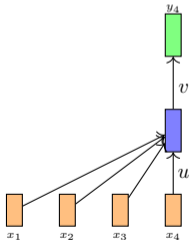
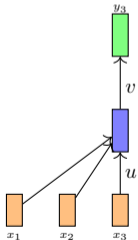
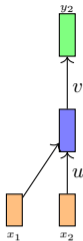
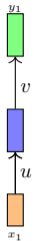


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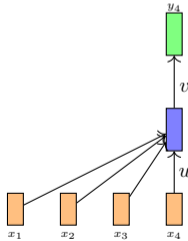
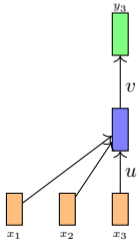
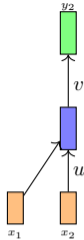
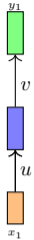
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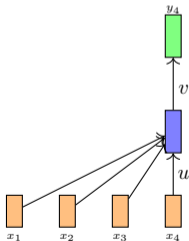
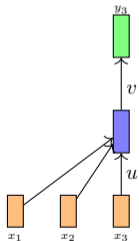
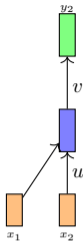
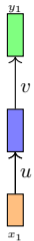
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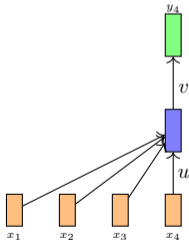
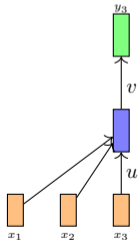
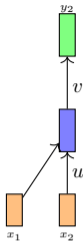
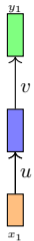




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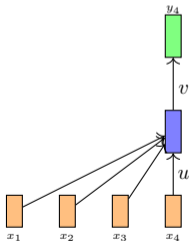
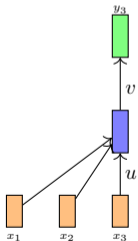
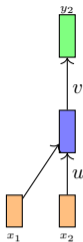
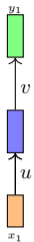


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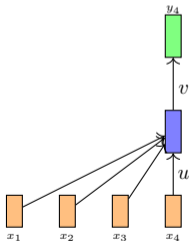
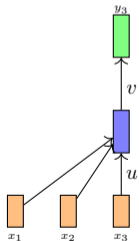
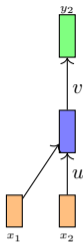
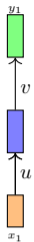
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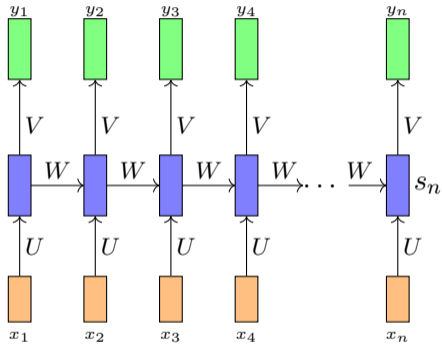
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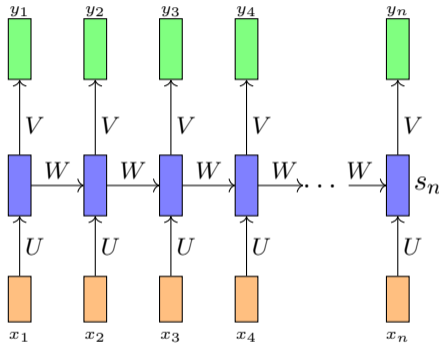
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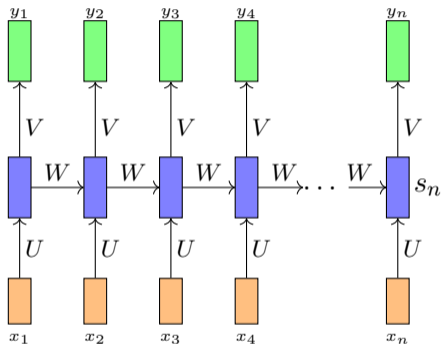
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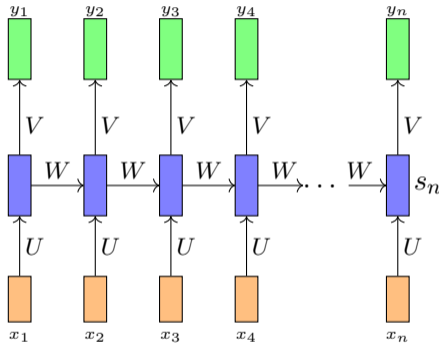
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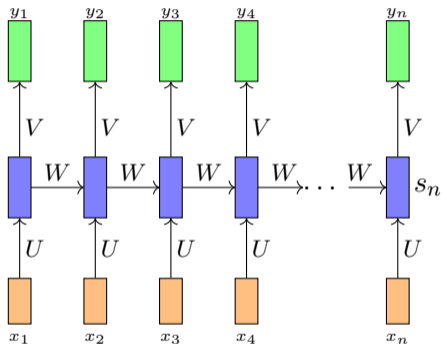


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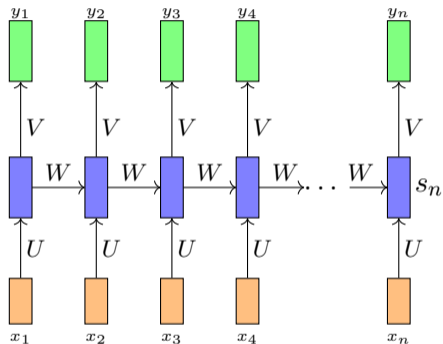
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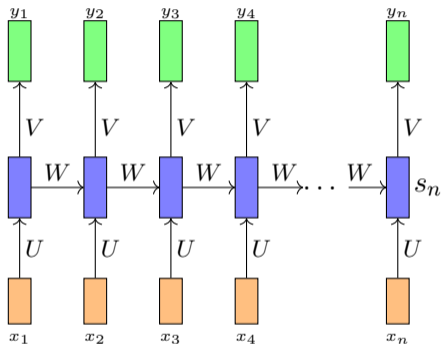
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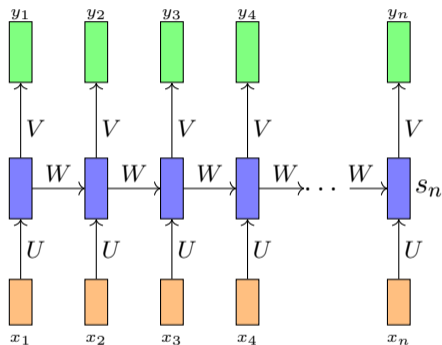
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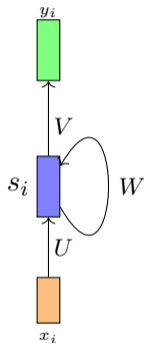
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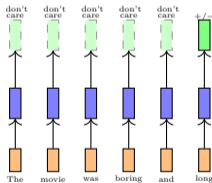
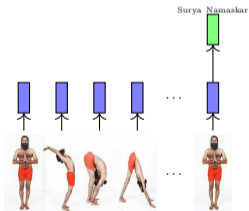
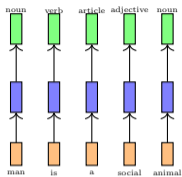
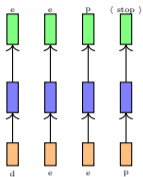
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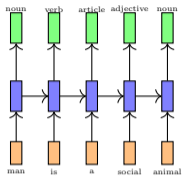
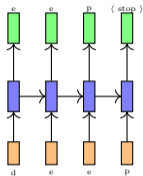
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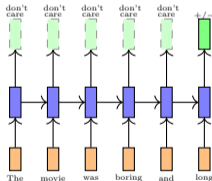
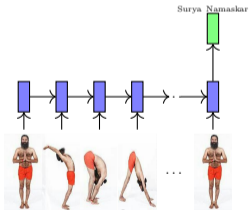


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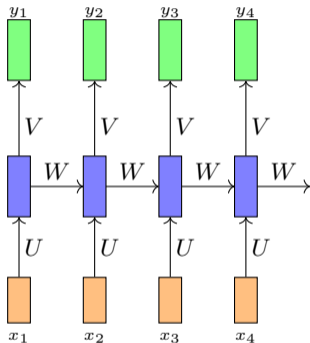


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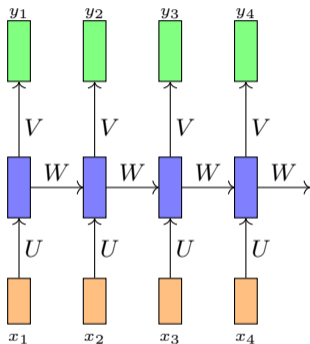
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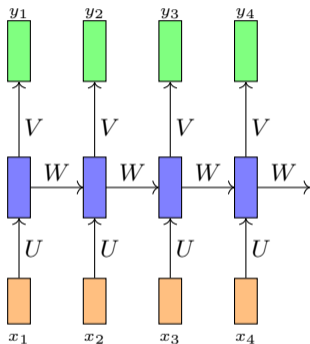


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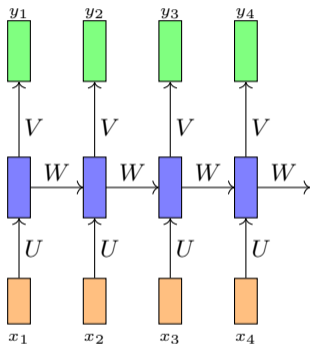
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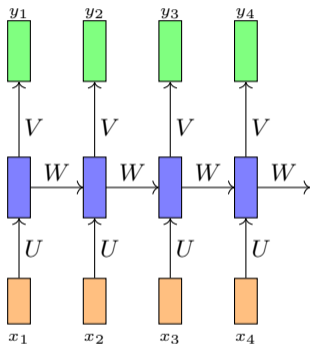


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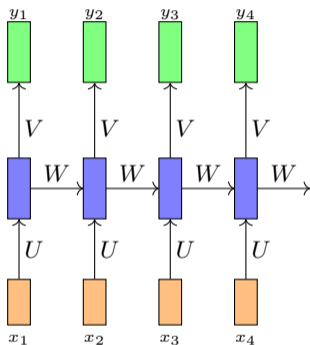
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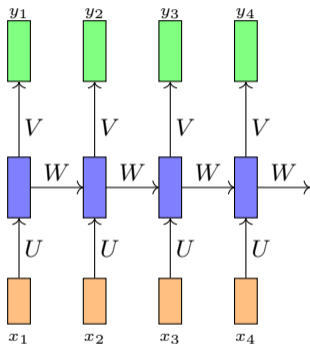
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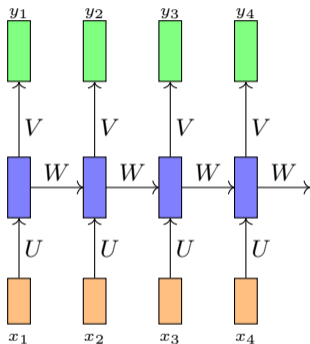
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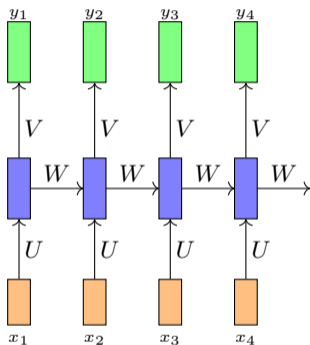
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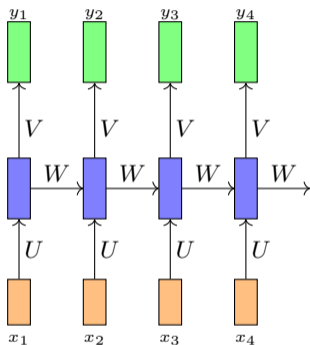
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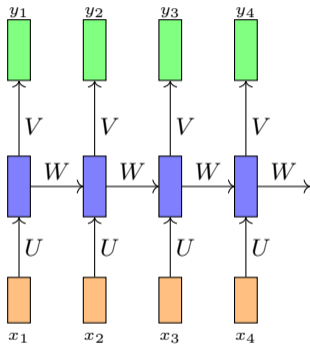
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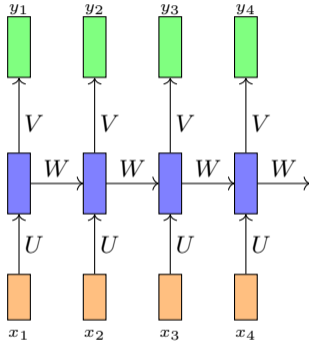
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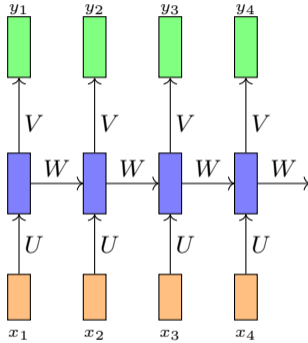
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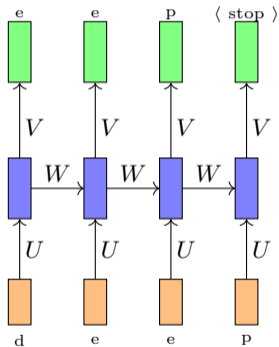
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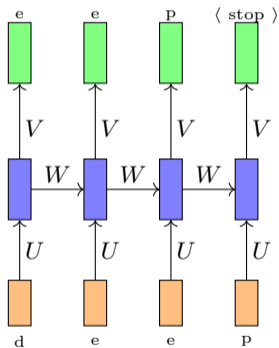


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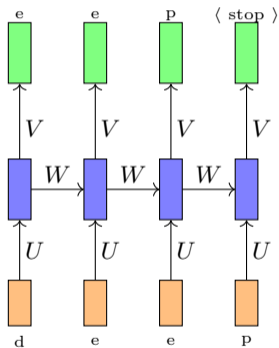


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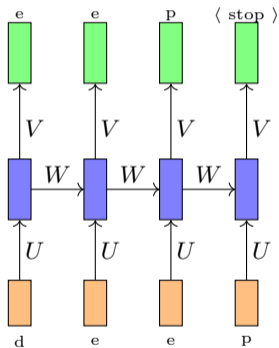




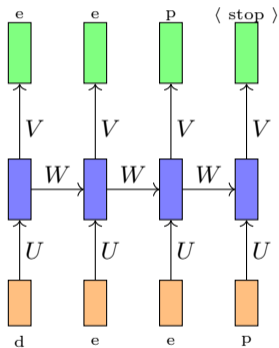
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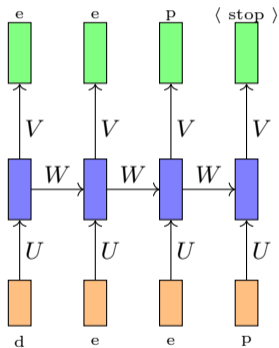
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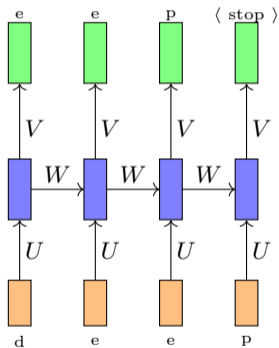
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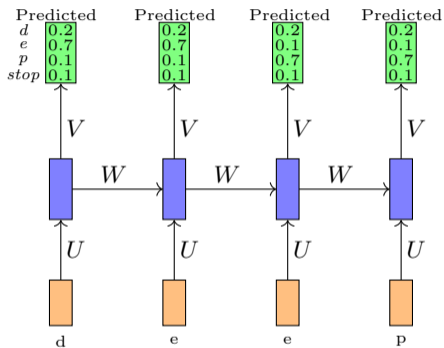


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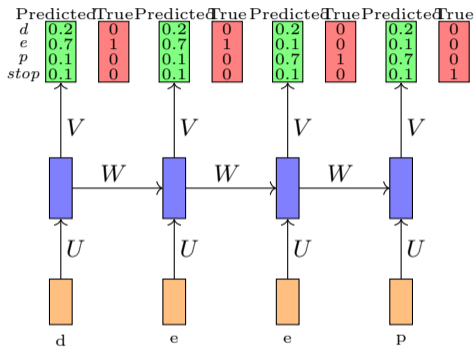


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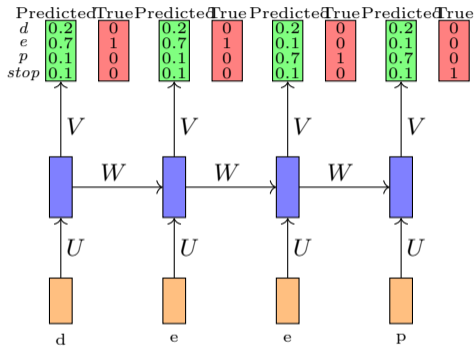
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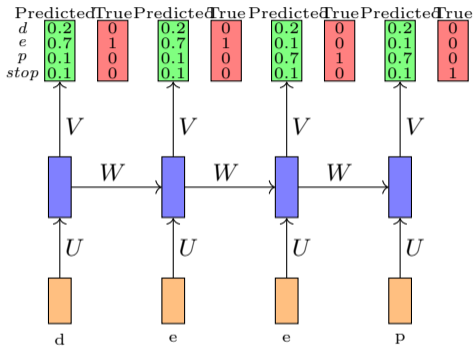


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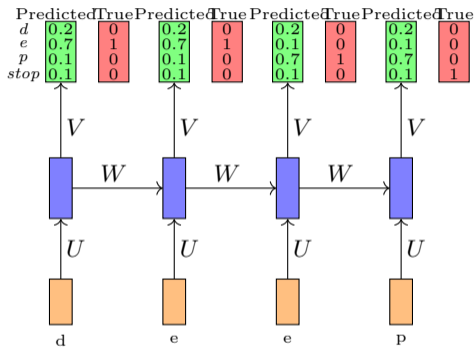


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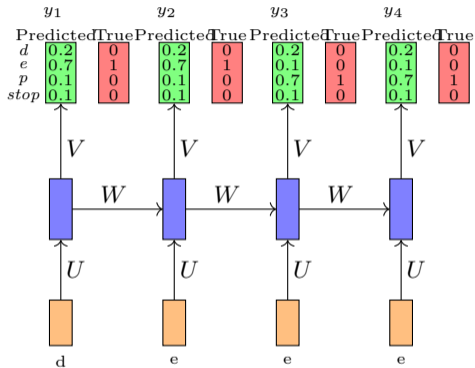


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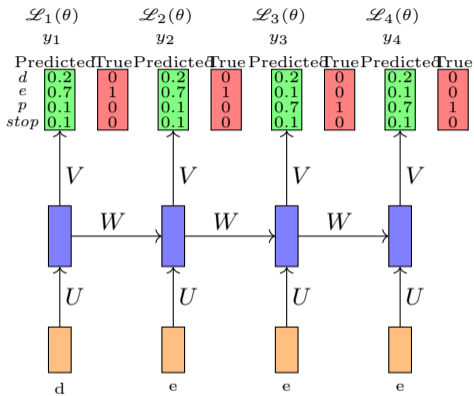


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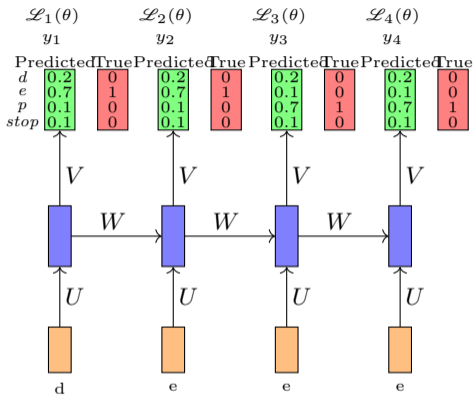


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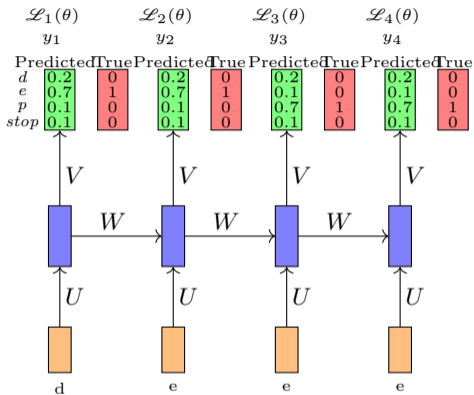
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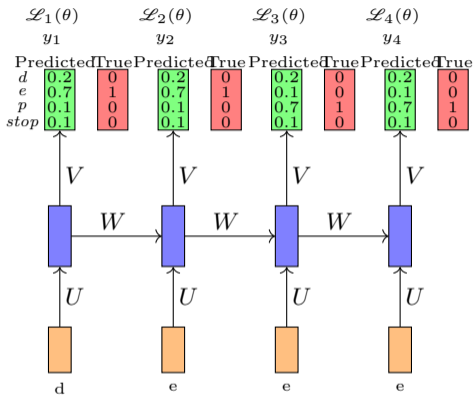


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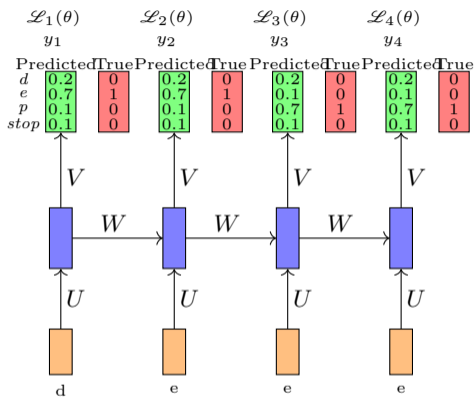


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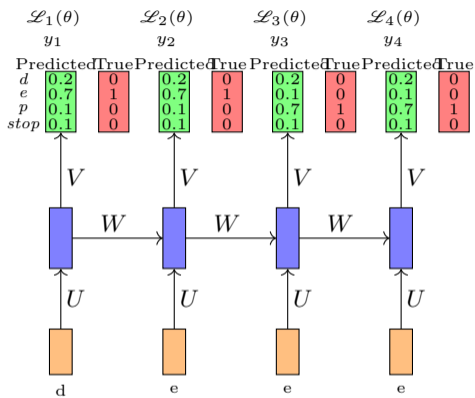
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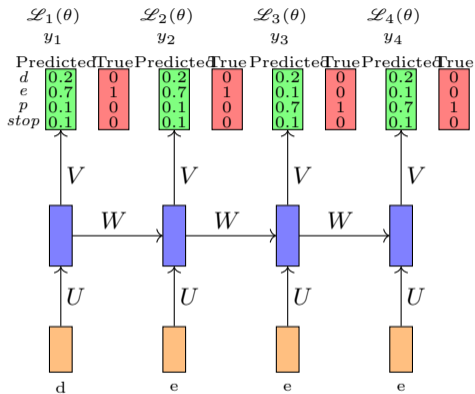
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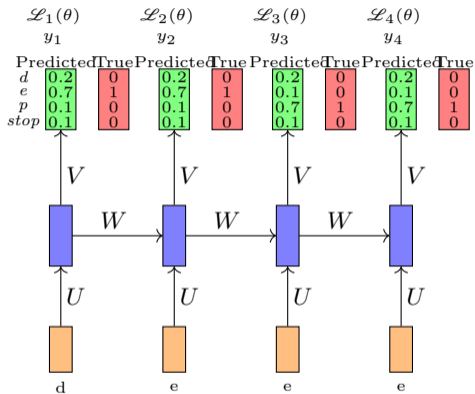
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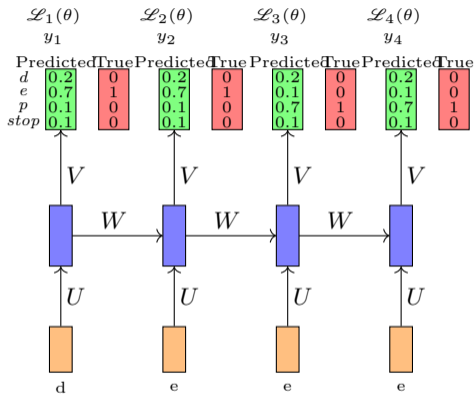


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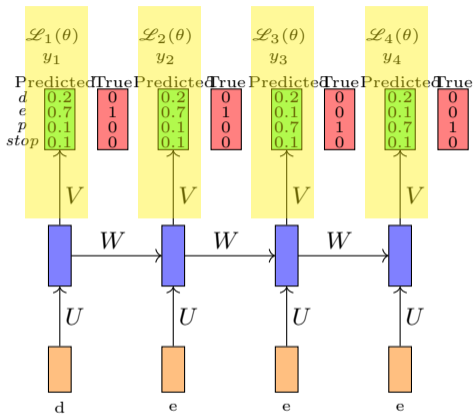
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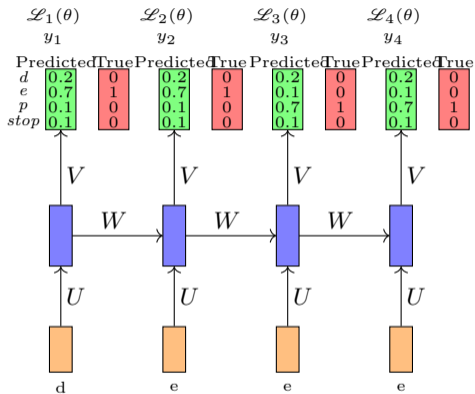


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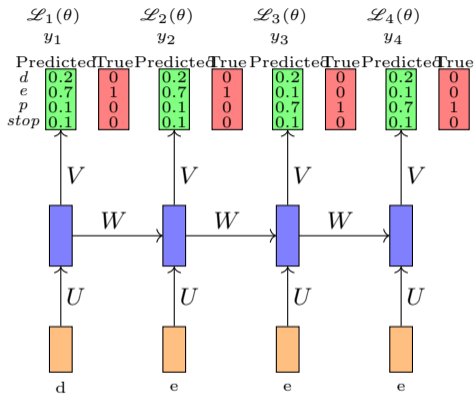
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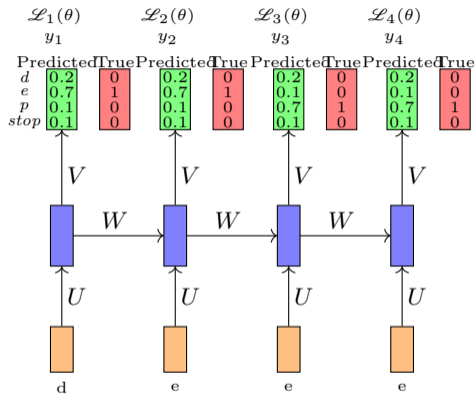
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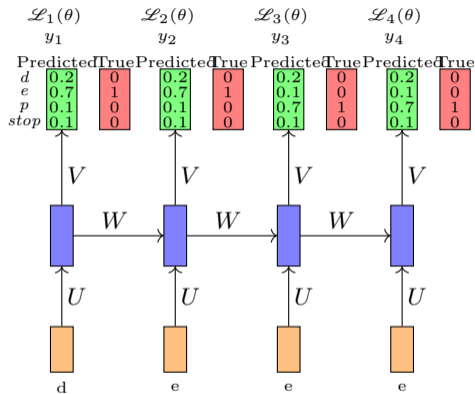
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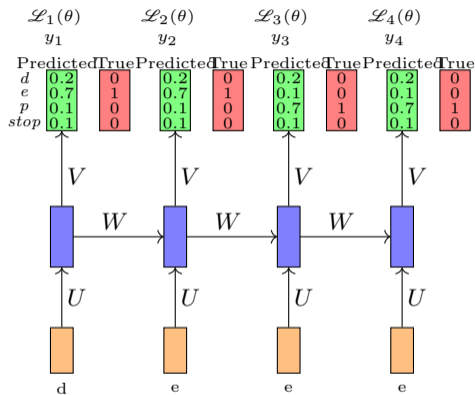
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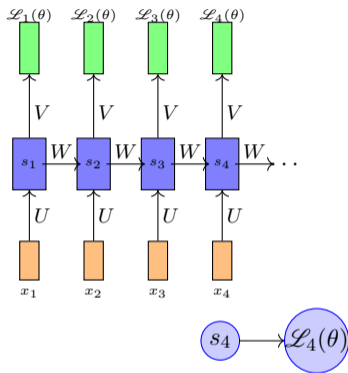
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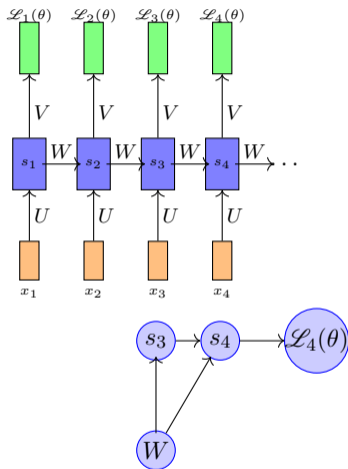


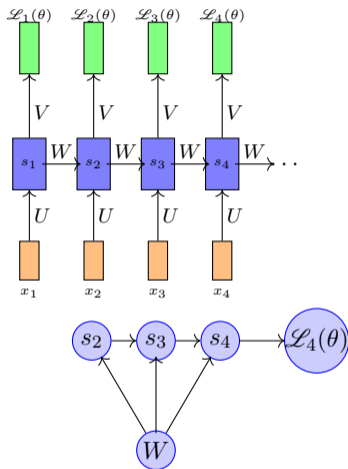
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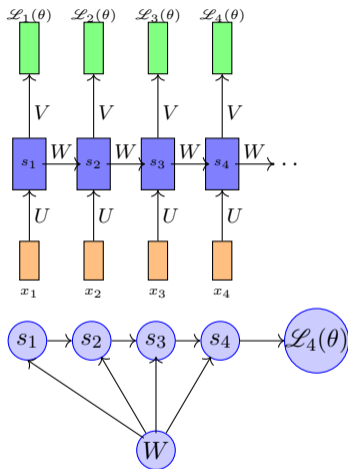


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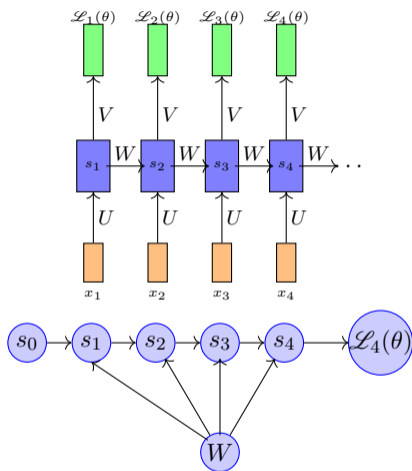




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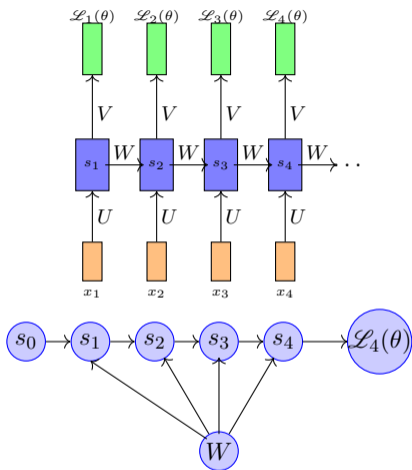


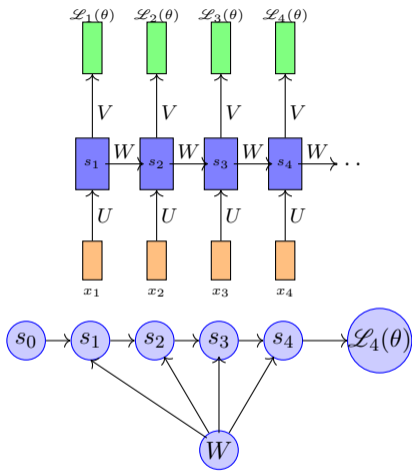
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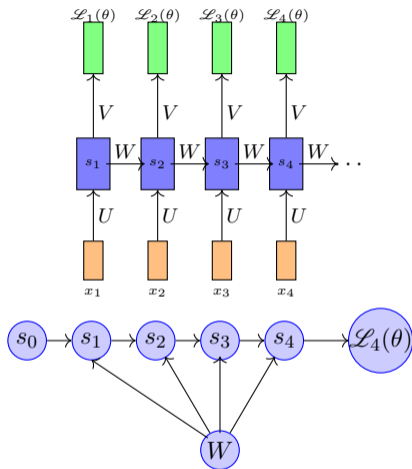
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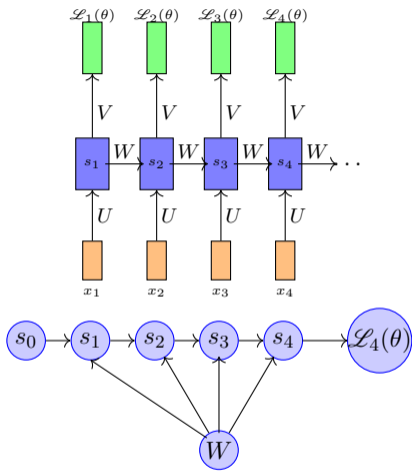


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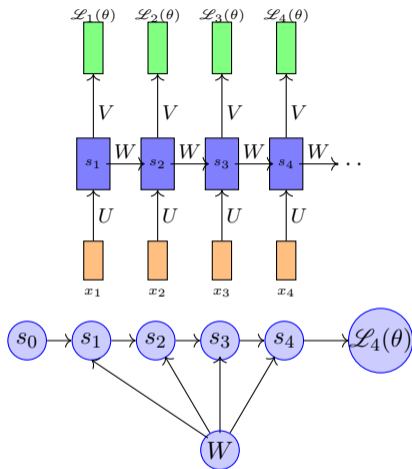
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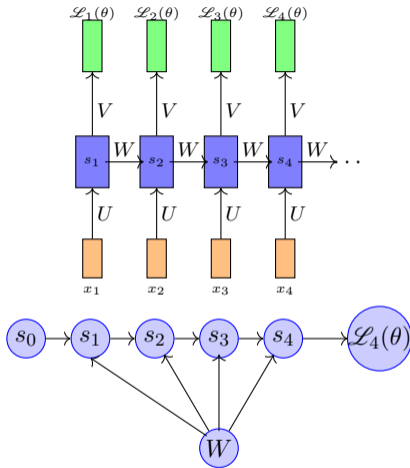
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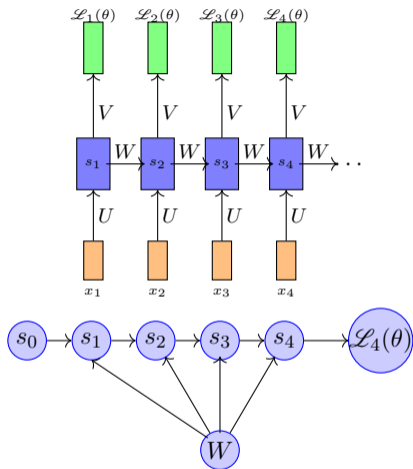
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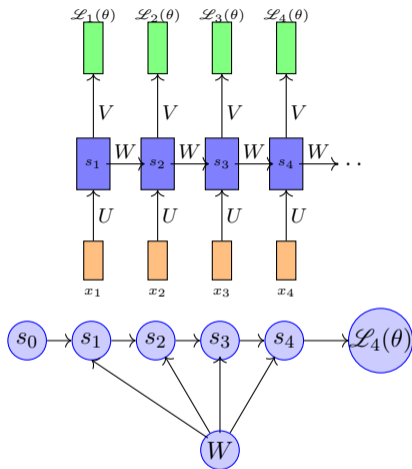




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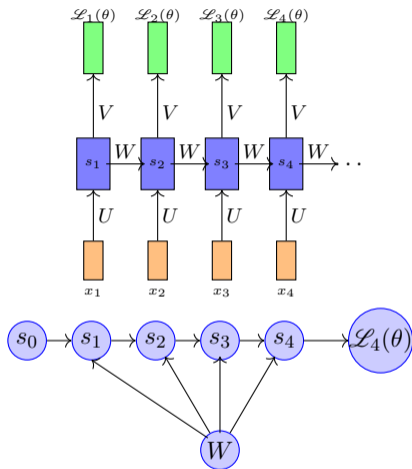
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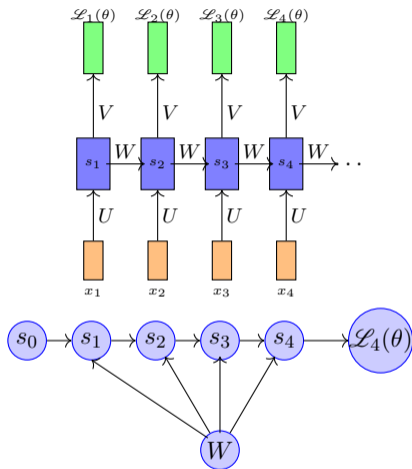
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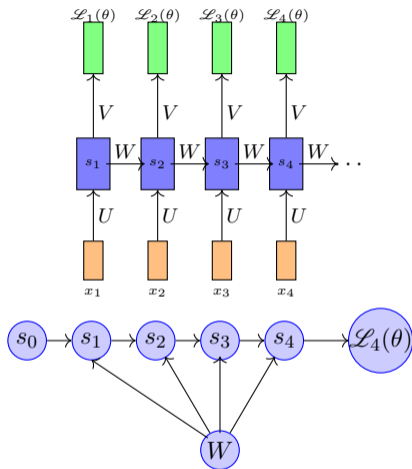
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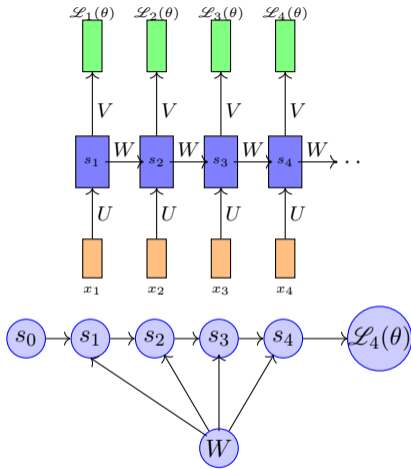
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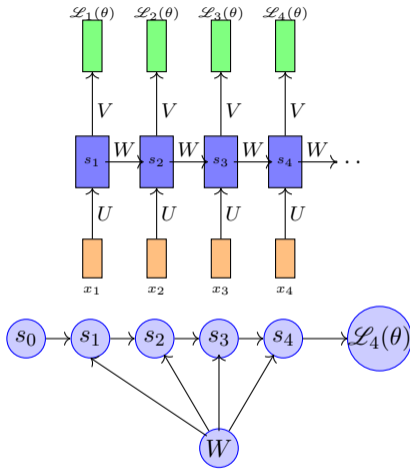
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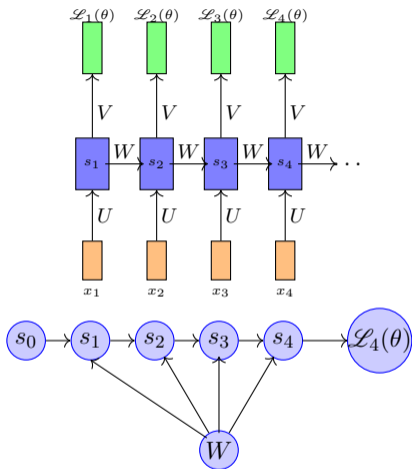
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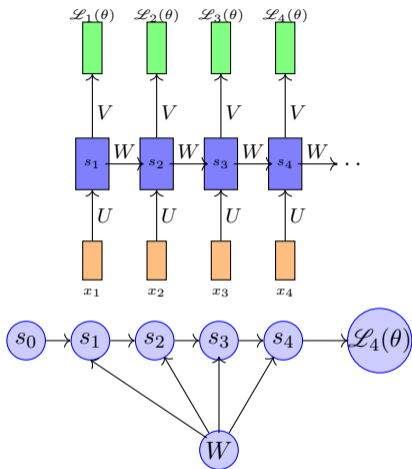
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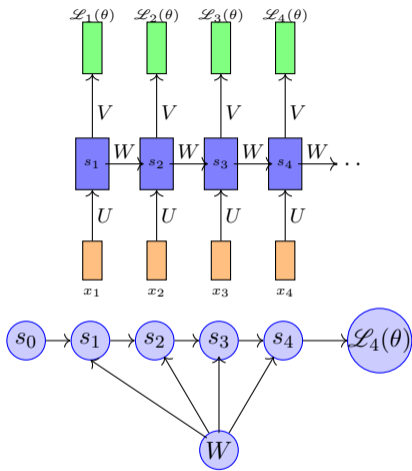
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- This algorithm is called backpropagation through time (BPTT) as we backpropagate over all previous time steps

Module 14.4: The problem of Exploding and Vanishing Gradients

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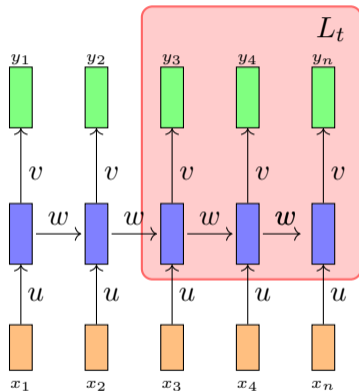
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Module 14.5: Some Gory Details

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