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Deep Learning

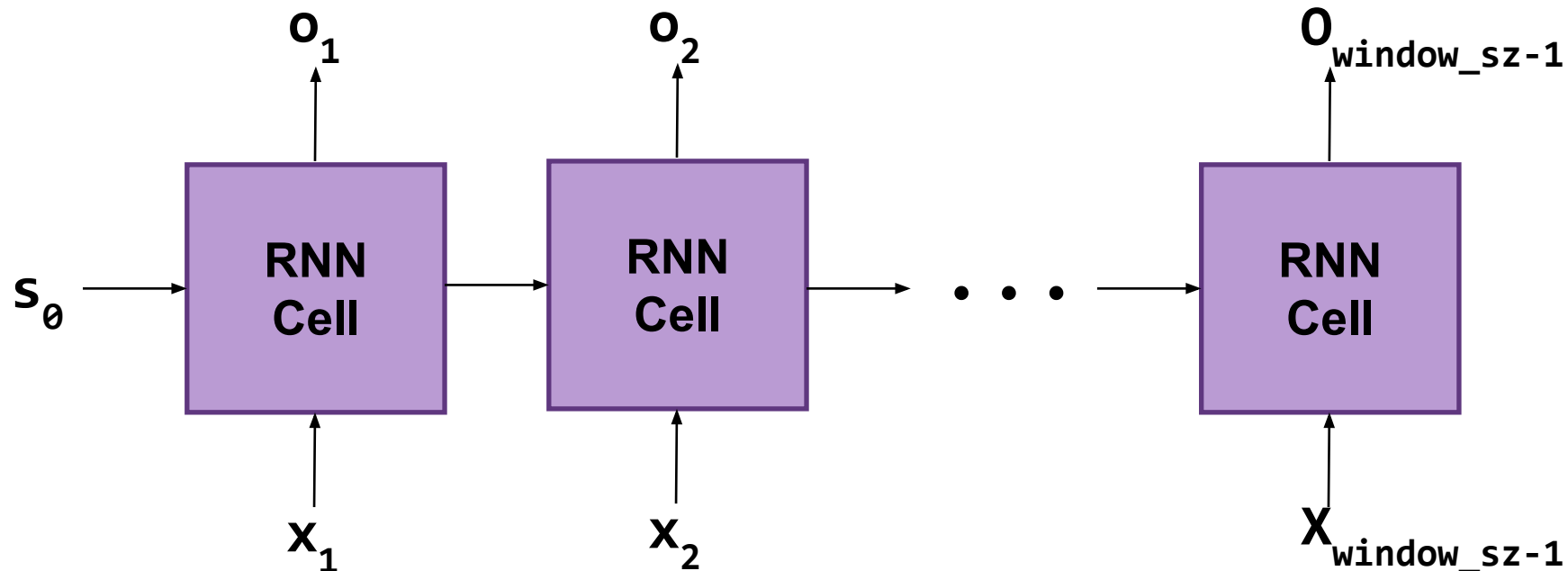


Review: RNN

Recurrent Neural Networks are networks in the form of a directed ***cyclic*** graph.

They pass previous *state* information from previous computations to the next.

They can be used to process sequence data with relatively low model complexity when compared to feed forward models.



RNN

Goal of RNNs: remember information from the past

RNN

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_____.”*



RNN

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Want: *“tail”*



RNN Weaknesses

But....RNNs are not very good at remembering things ***far*** in the past.



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- “dog” and predicted word are separated by **12** words
 - On the outer limit of what a vanilla RNN would be able to remember.

Review: RNN update rule

$$s_t = \rho((e_t, s_{t-1})W_r + b_r)$$

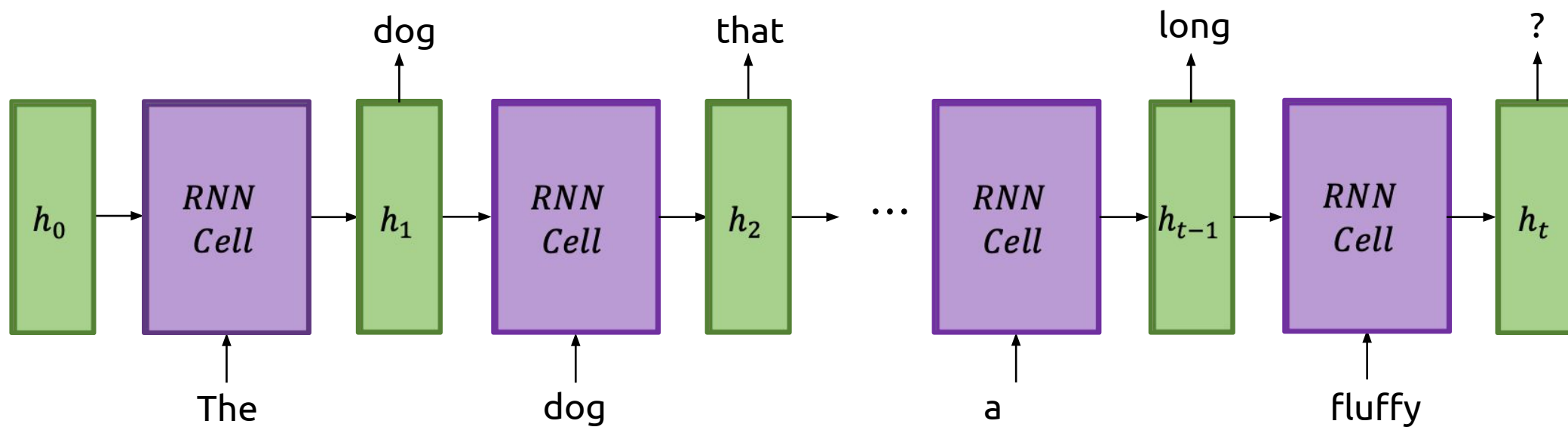
Activation function

Embedding of word t

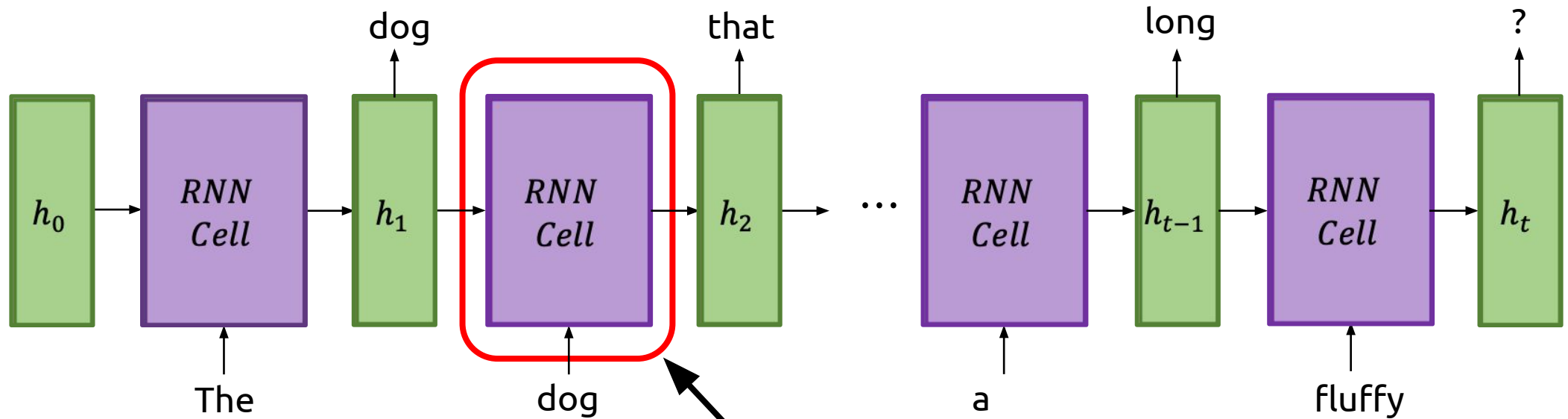
$$o_t = \sigma(s_t W_o + b_o)$$

Can call it a
hidden state

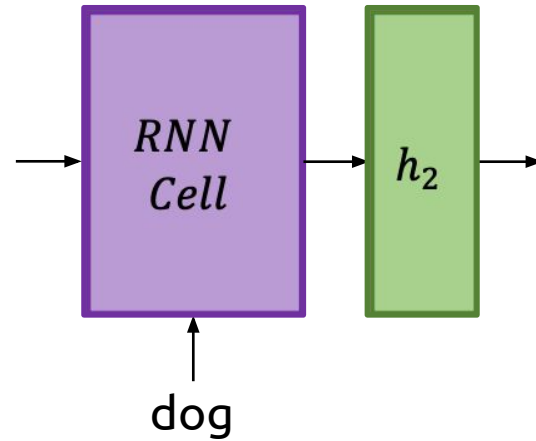
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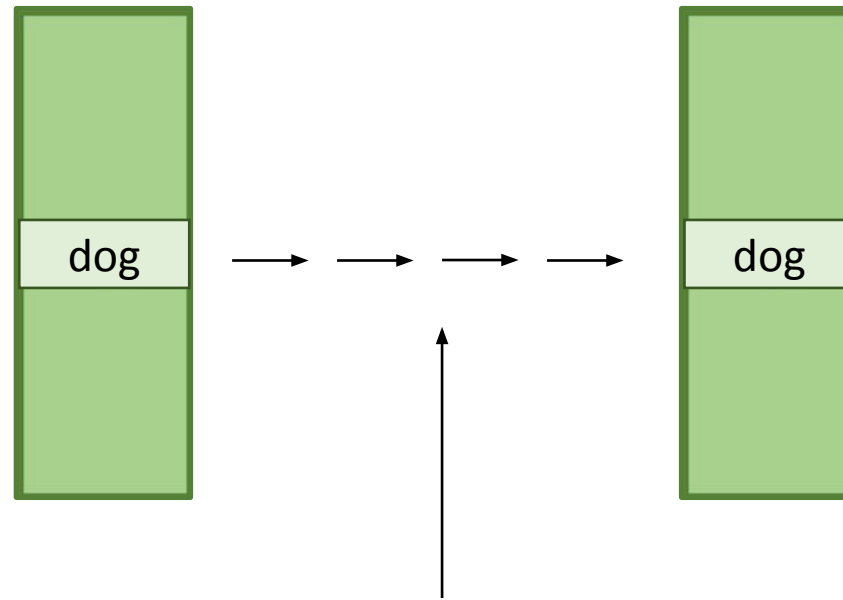
An Illustrative Example:

Can imagine that the information about “*dog*” is stored in some part of the RNN’s hidden state vector



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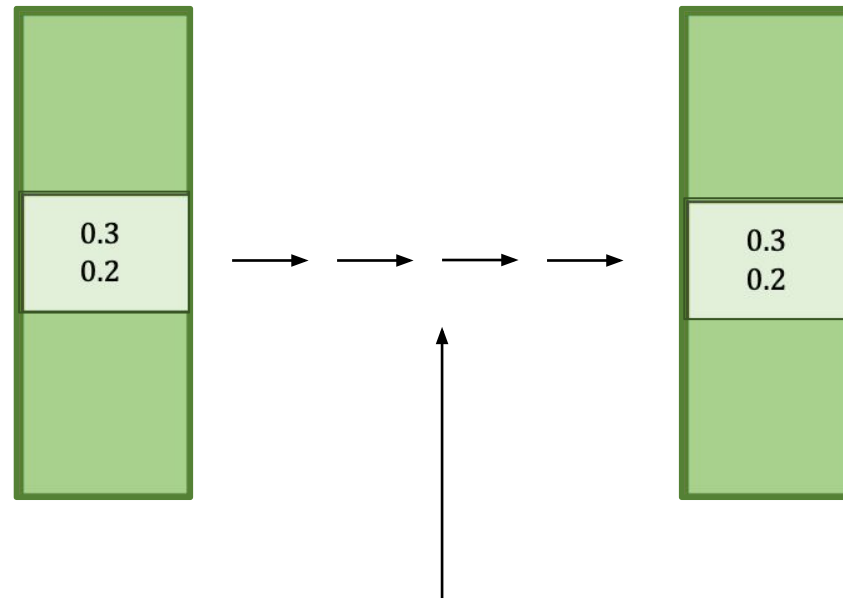
Through all subsequent RNN steps, we want “*dog*” to stay the same



RNN steps

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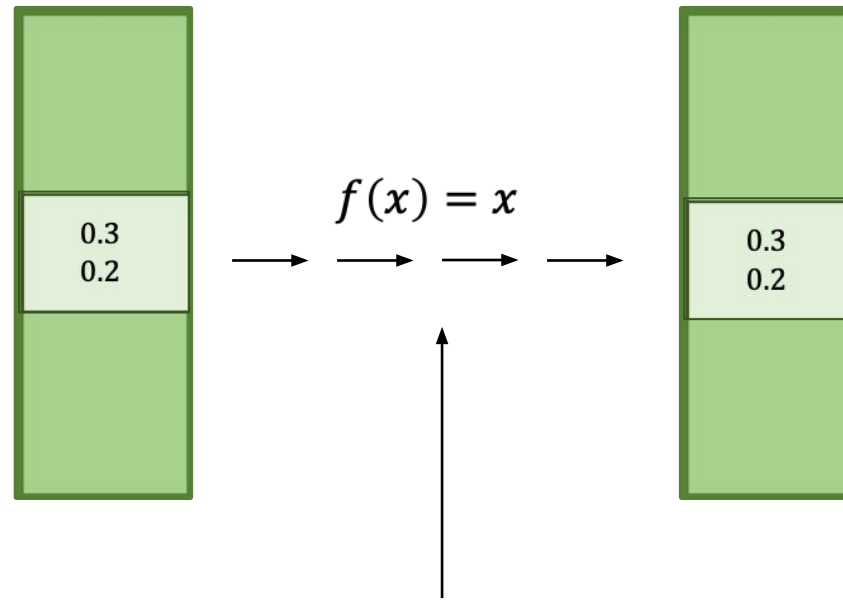
If we think of “*dog*” as just a few entries in the vector...



RNN steps

An Illustrative Example:

...to preserve “dog”, we need to compute the *identity function* over the part of the vector that stores it



But will that happen?

No

Why?

How does this affect the hidden state?

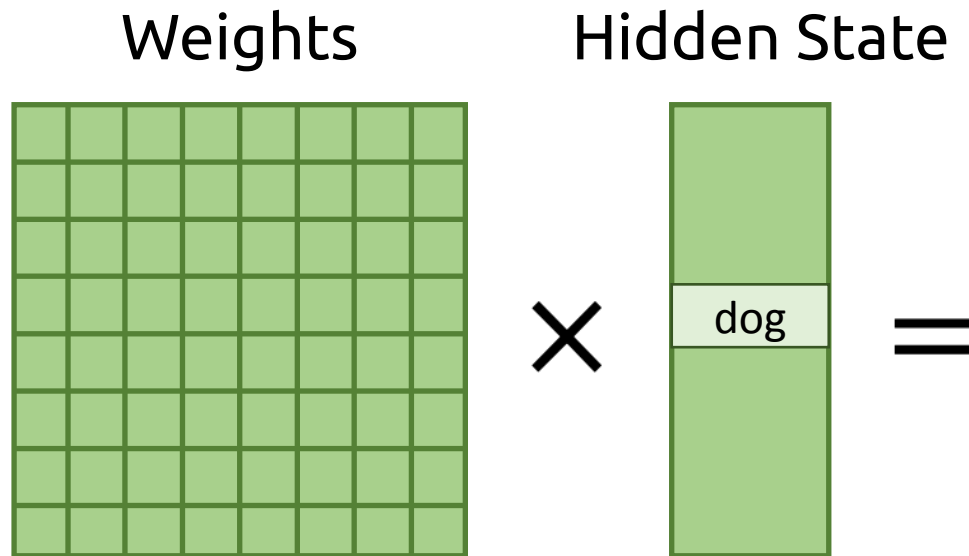
RNN update

$$h_t = \rho((e_t, h_{t-1})W_r + b_r)$$

The hidden state goes
through a fully connected
layer!

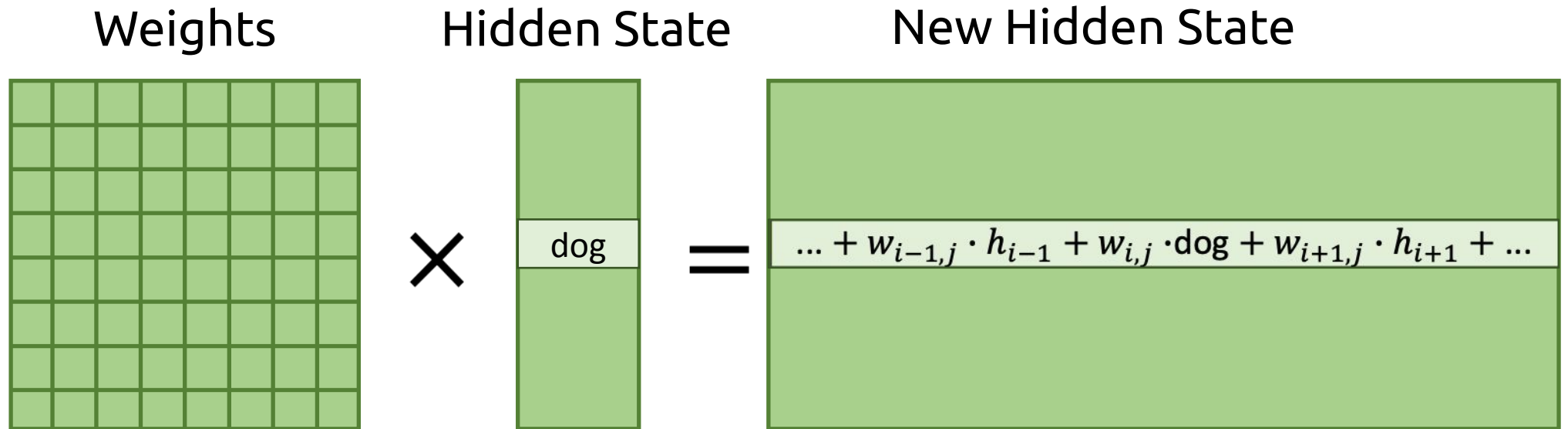
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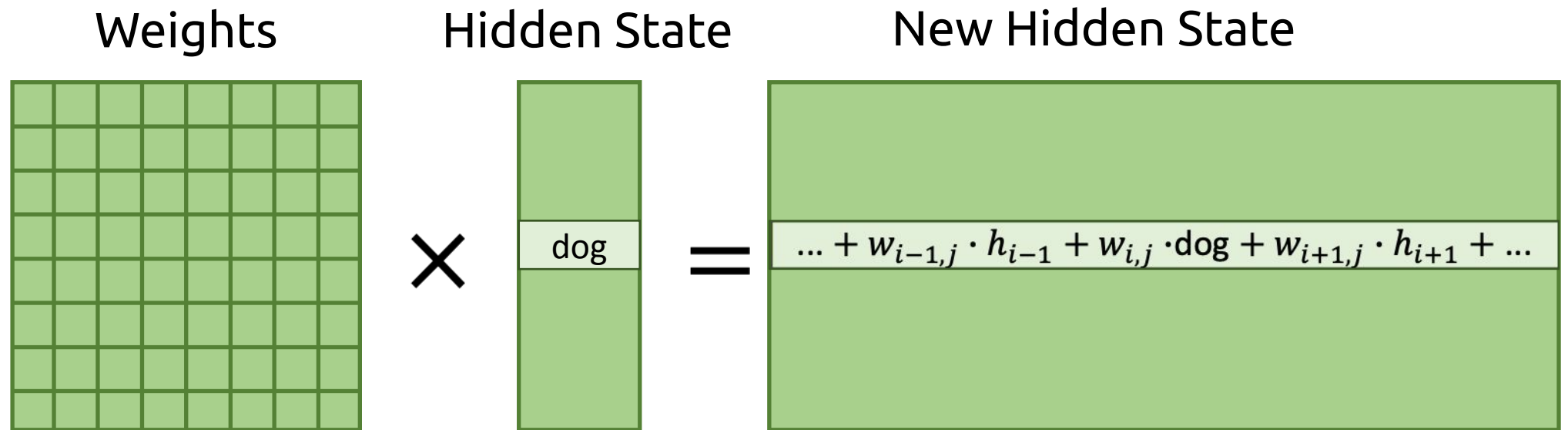
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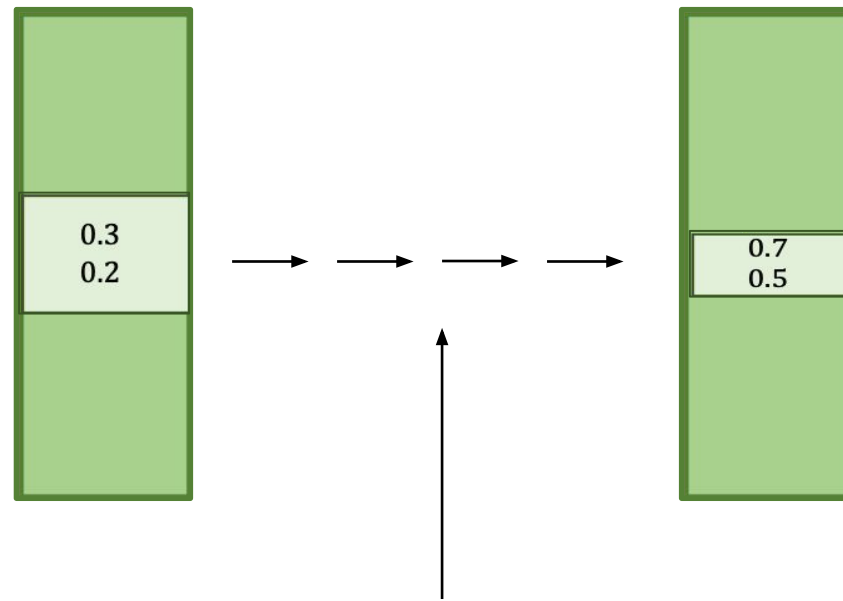
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Dog gets lost in all the other information!



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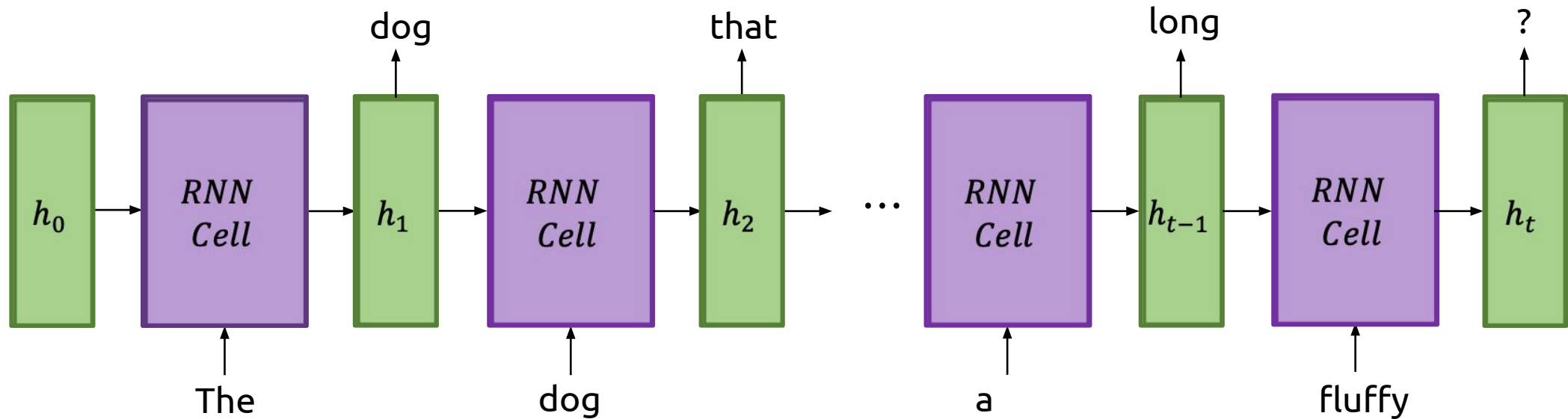
- “dog” in hidden state gets combined and mixed with rest of hidden state



RNN forgets
about the dog
after a certain
time 😞

RNN steps

RNNs cannot learn “long term” dependency

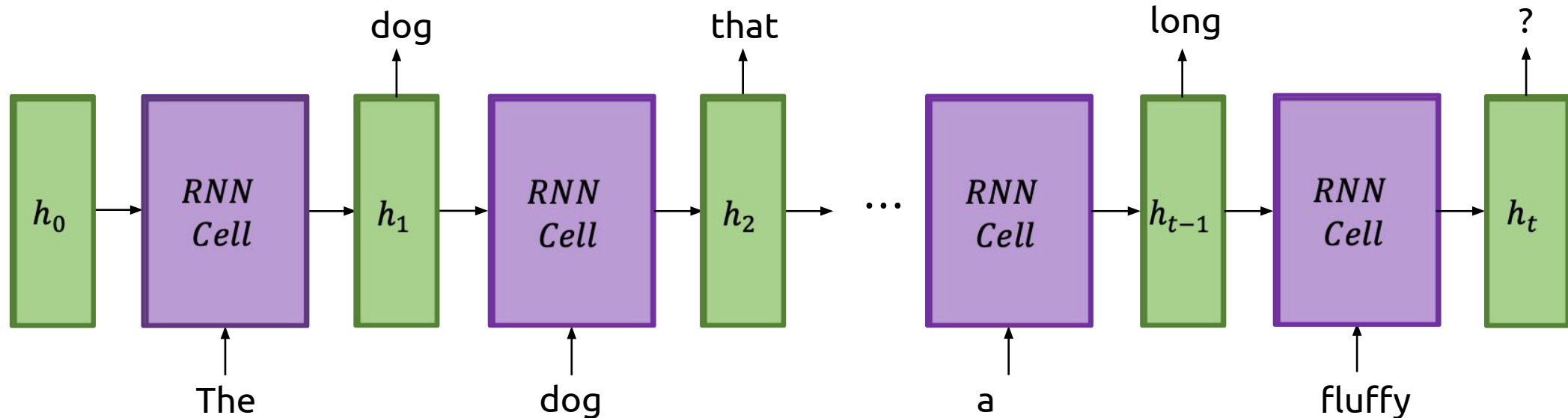


We need new way to update hidden state!

How?

An analogy to human (or computer) memory:

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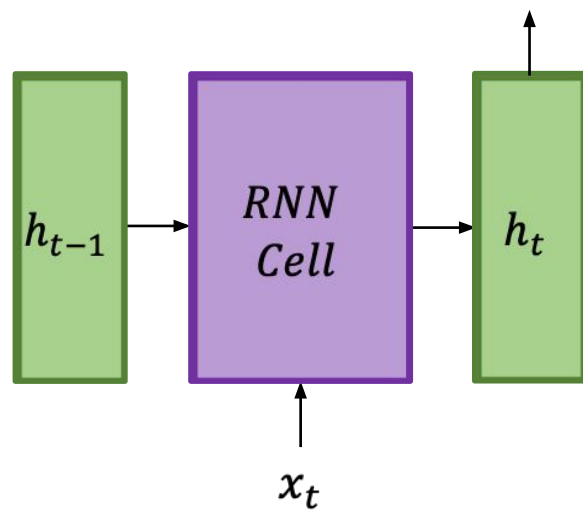


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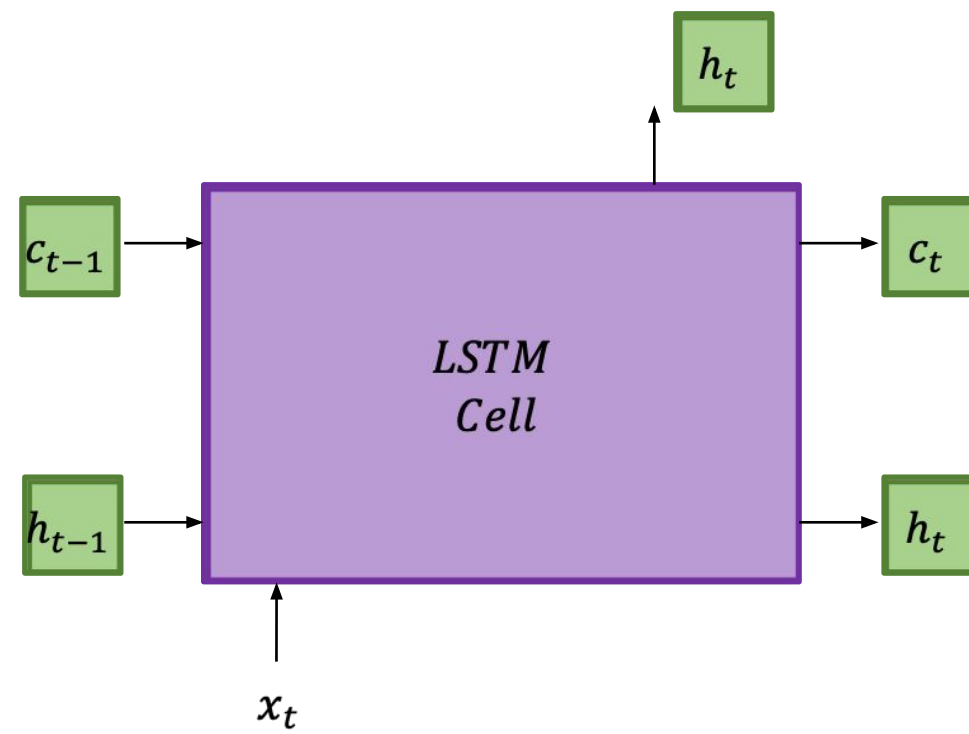
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- What we want → “long term memory/disk”
 - Some state representing knowledge that persists
 - Like how contents of disk persist across shut-downs...
 - ...or how sleep consolidates human memory into long-term memory
- **Long** Short Term Memory (LSTM)
 - “Short-term memory that persists over time”
 - i.e. “hidden states that remember information for longer”

What is different?

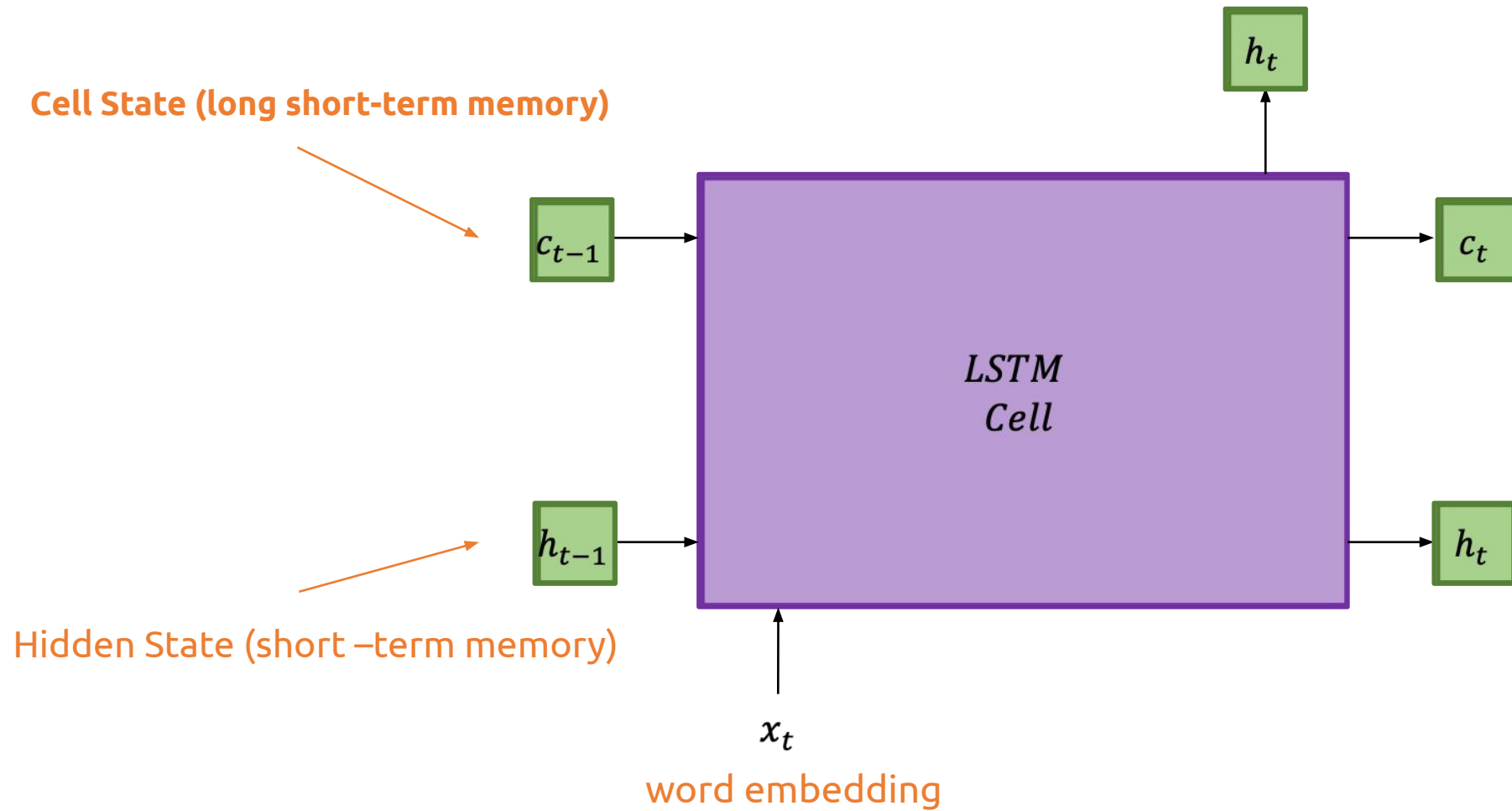
Vanilla RNN



LSTM



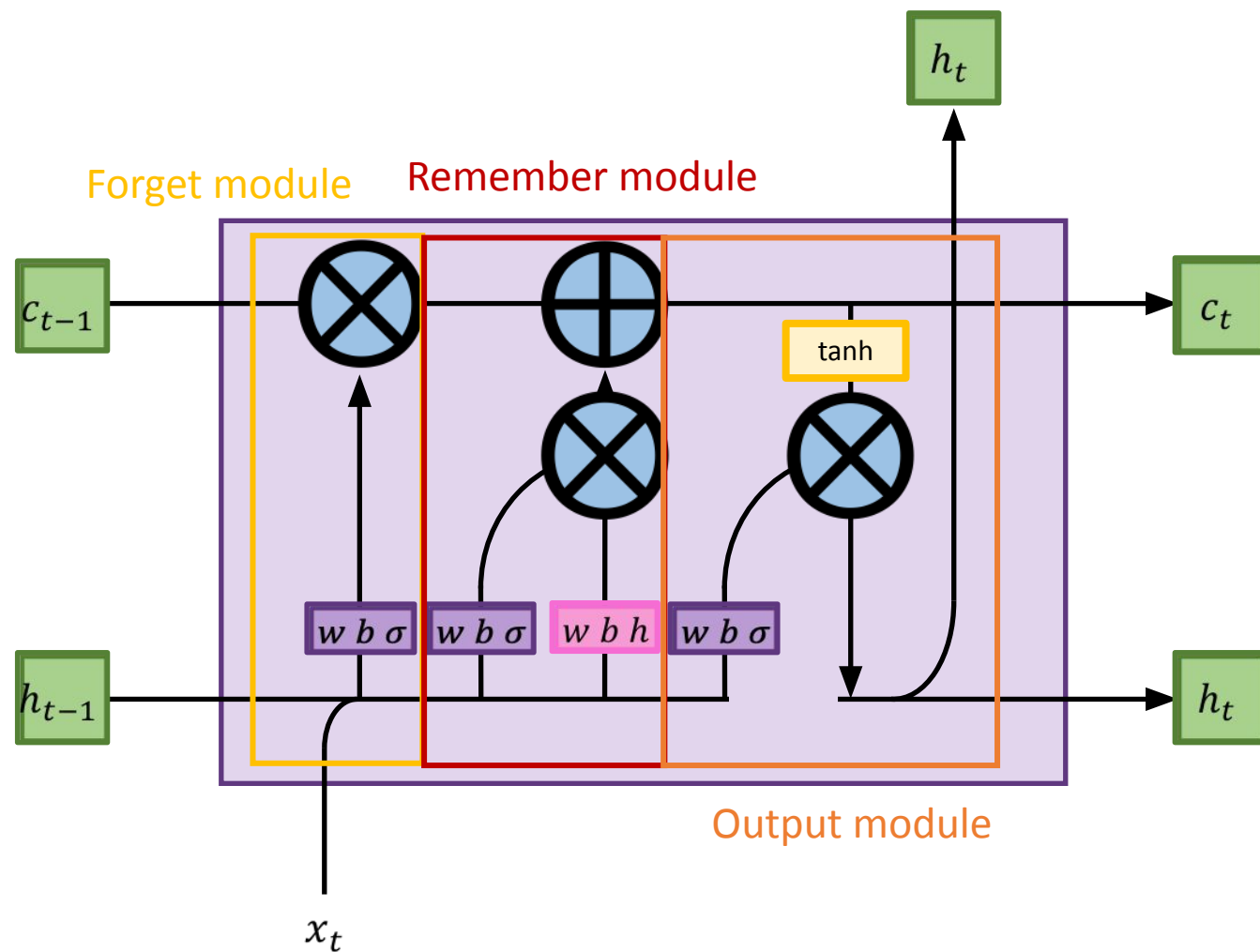
LSTM



How an LSTM works

- An LSTM consists of 3 major modules:
 - Forget module
 - Remember module
 - Output module

The Complete LSTM



Forget Module

Say we just predicted *“tail”* in *“My dog has a fluffy _____.”*

Next set of words: *“I love my dog”*



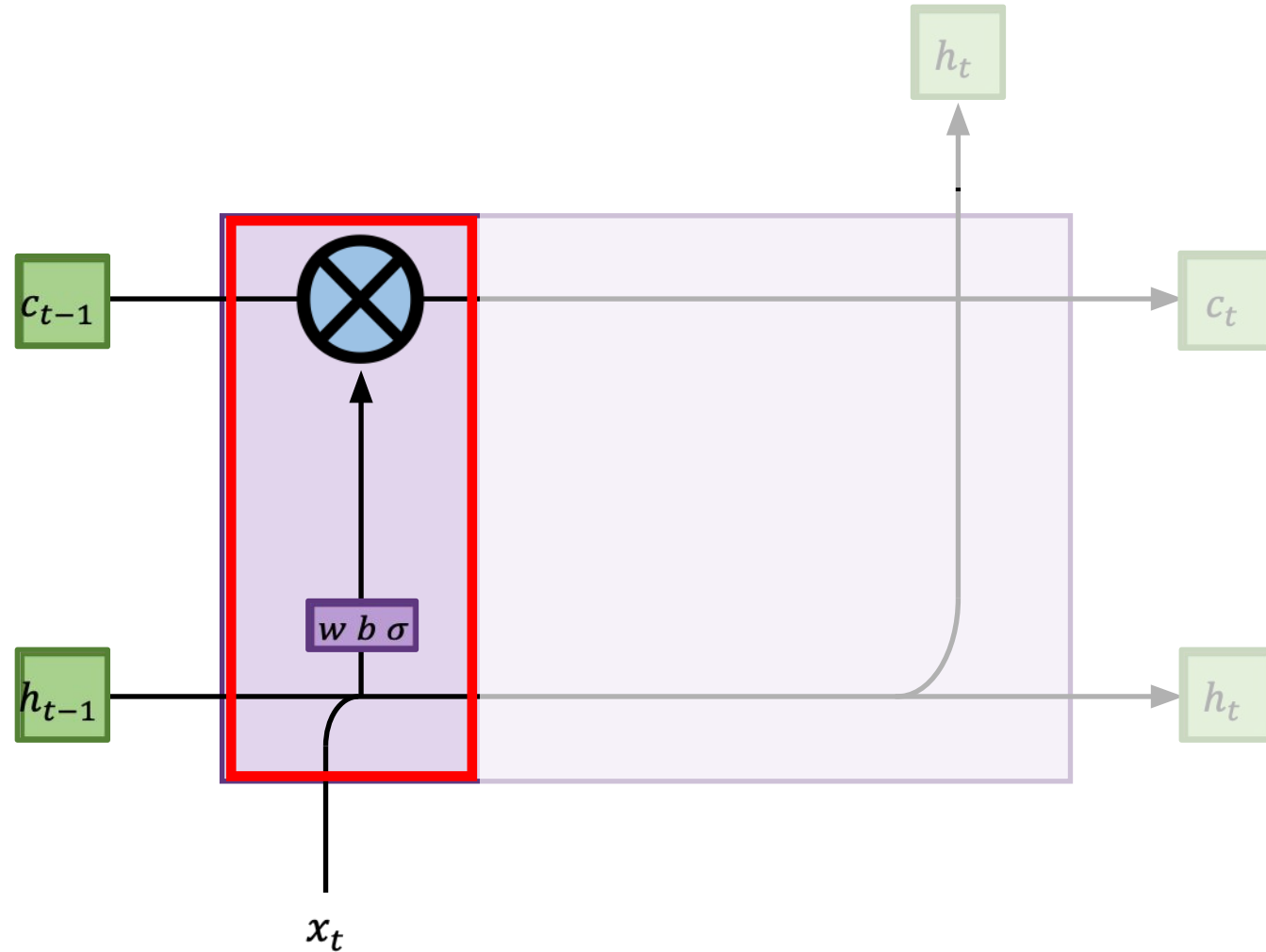
Forget Module

- Model no longer needs to know about “*dog*”
- Ready to **delete** information about subject



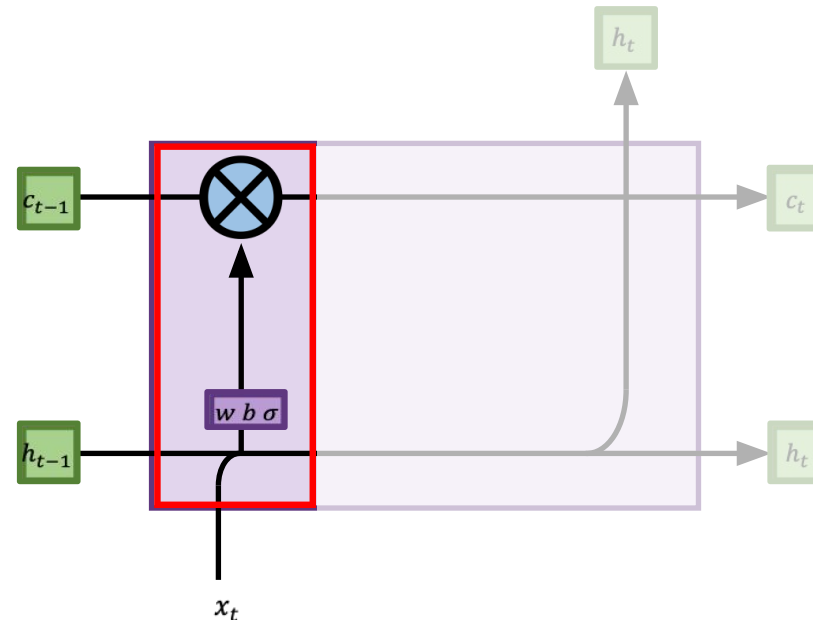
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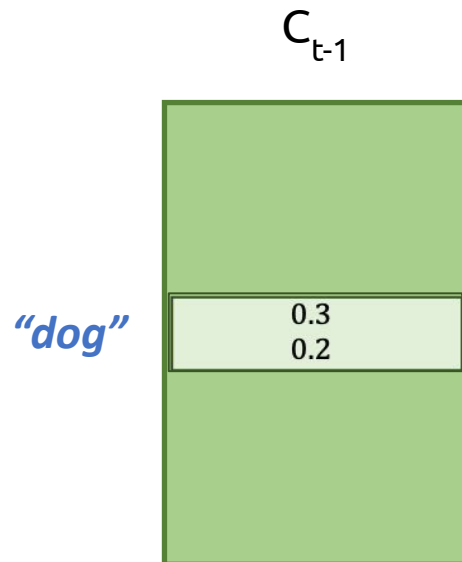
Forget Module

- Filters out what gets allowed into the LSTM cell from the last state
 - Example: If it's remembering gender pronouns, and a new subject is seen, it will forget the old gender pronouns
- Either lets parts of C_{t-1} pass through or not



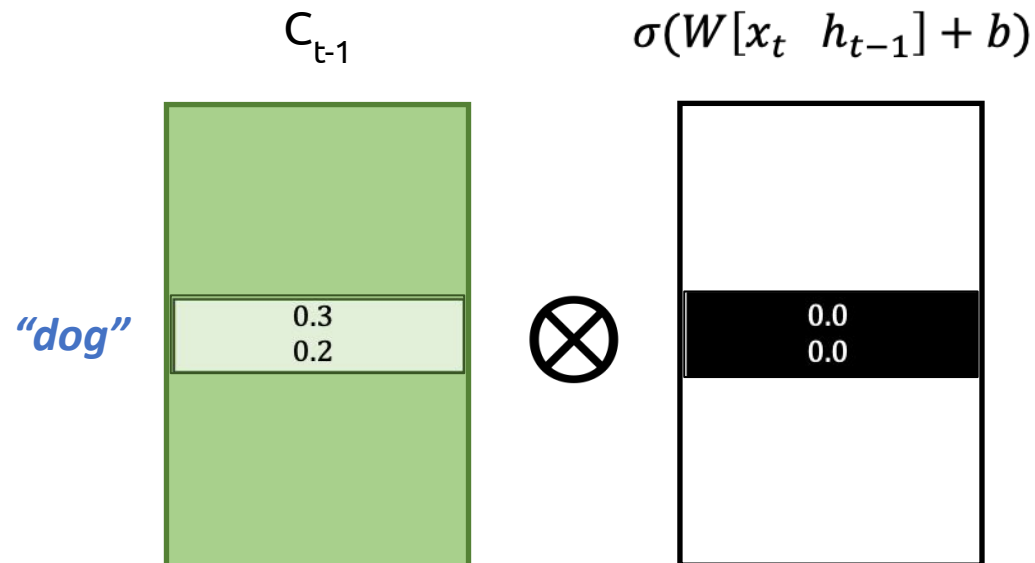
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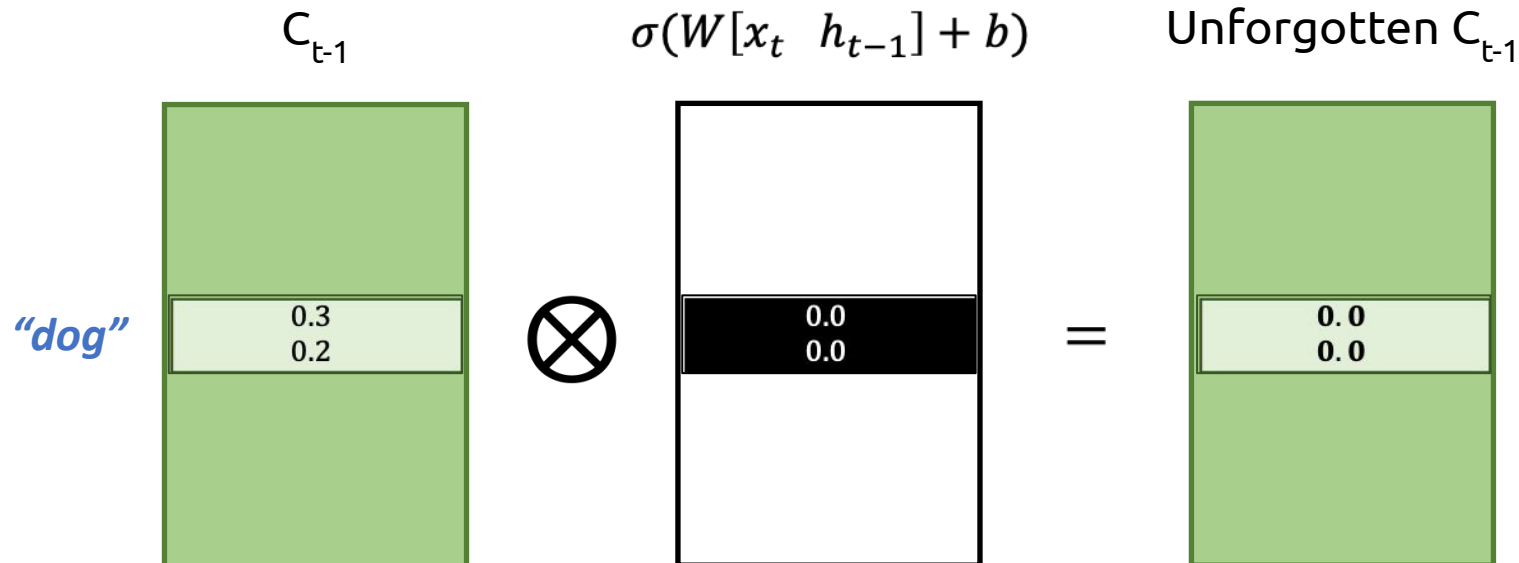
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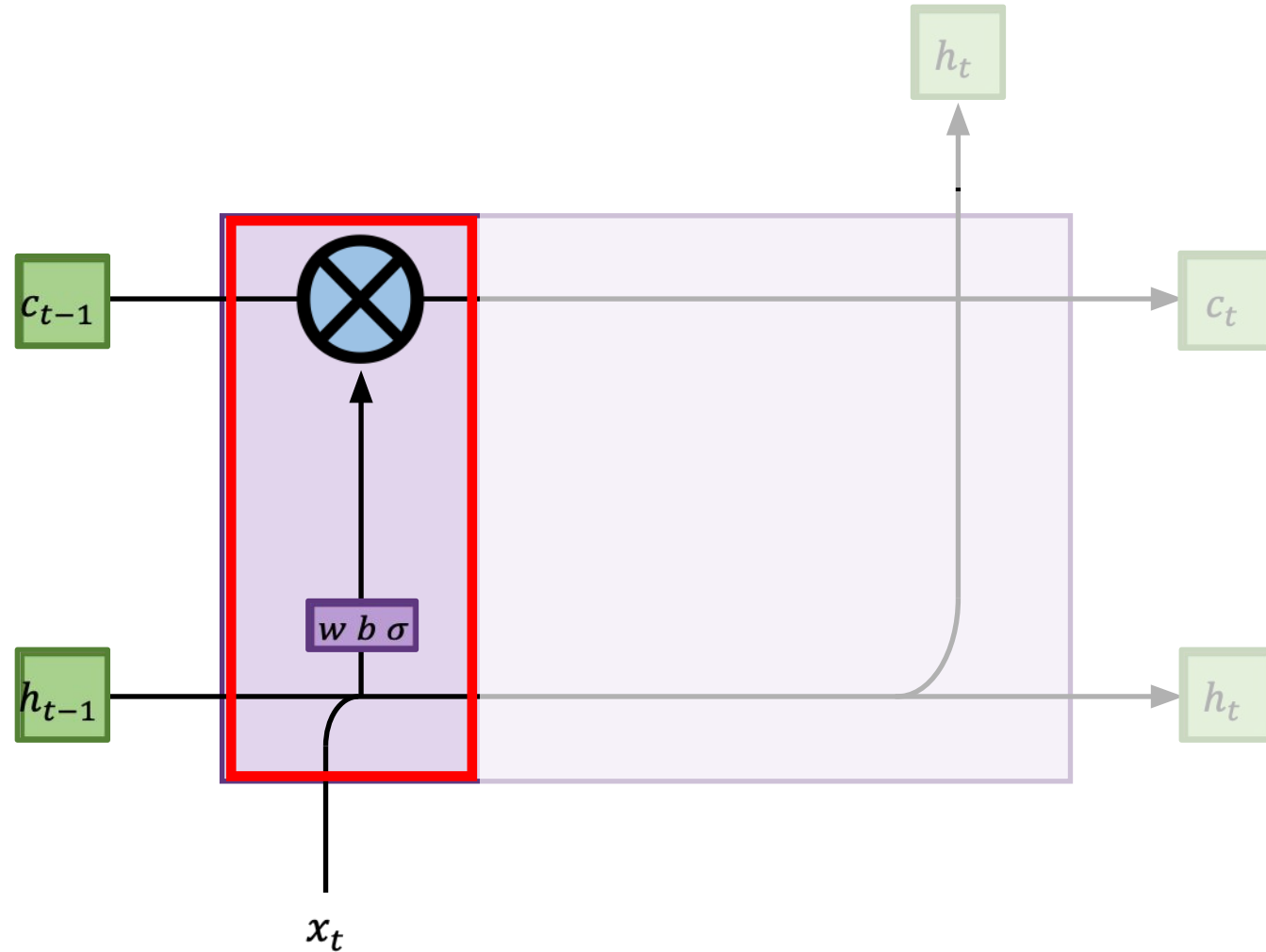
Forgetting information

- Use pointwise multiplication by a **mask vector** to forget information
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 - Output of fully connected + sigmoid is what we want to forget
 - “Zeros out” a part of the cell state
 - Pointwise multiplication by a learned mask vector is known as ***gating***



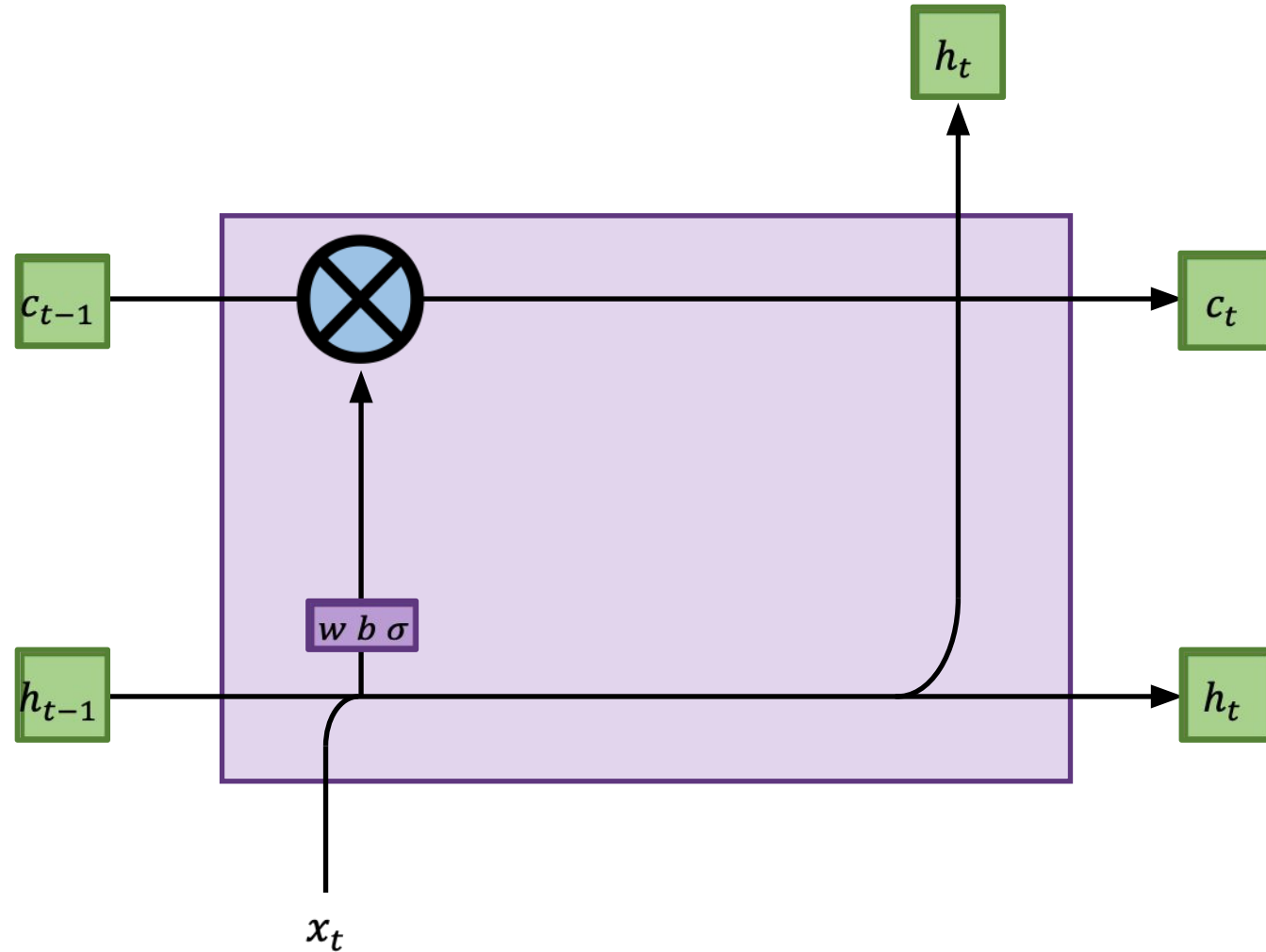
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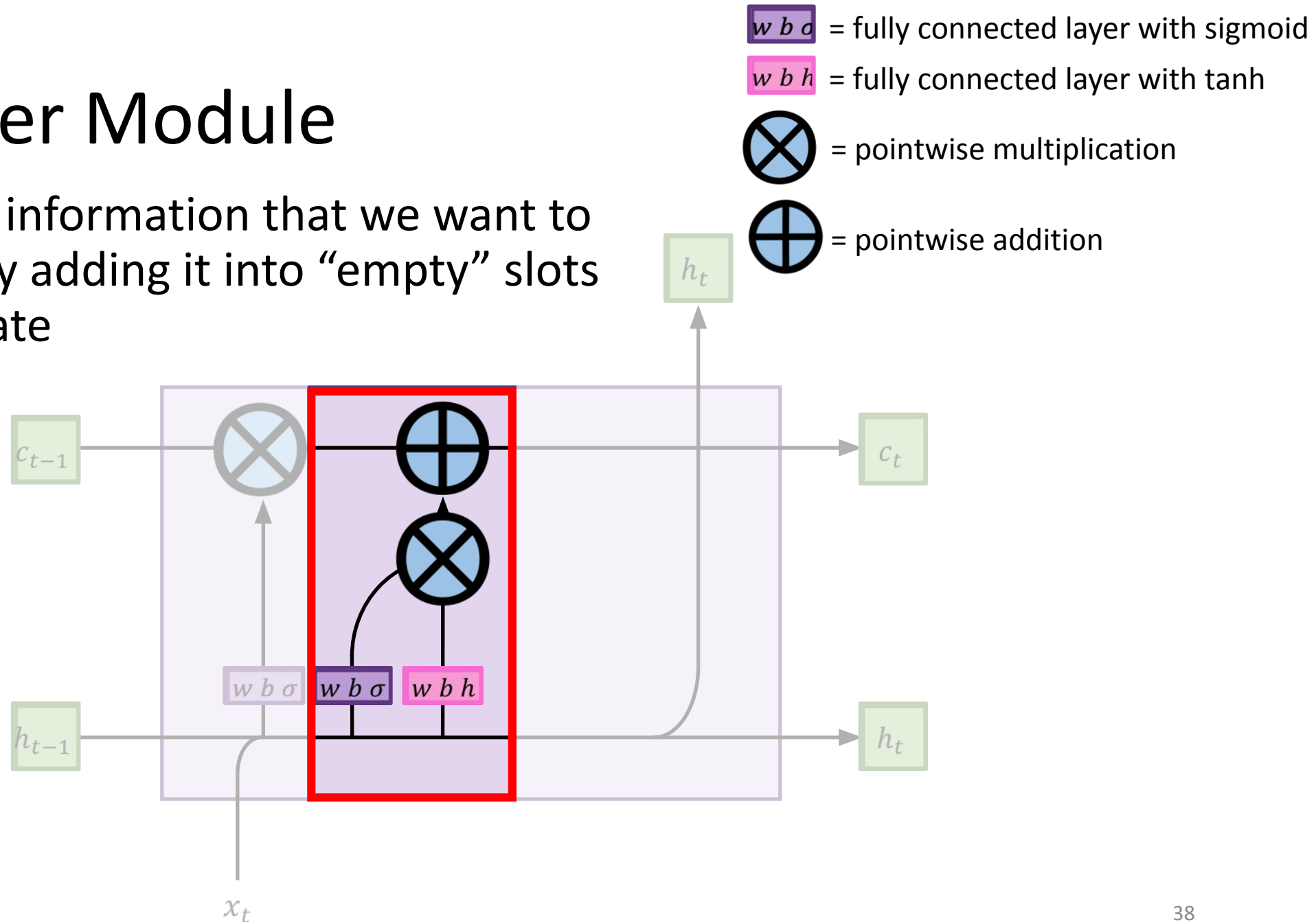
What's next?

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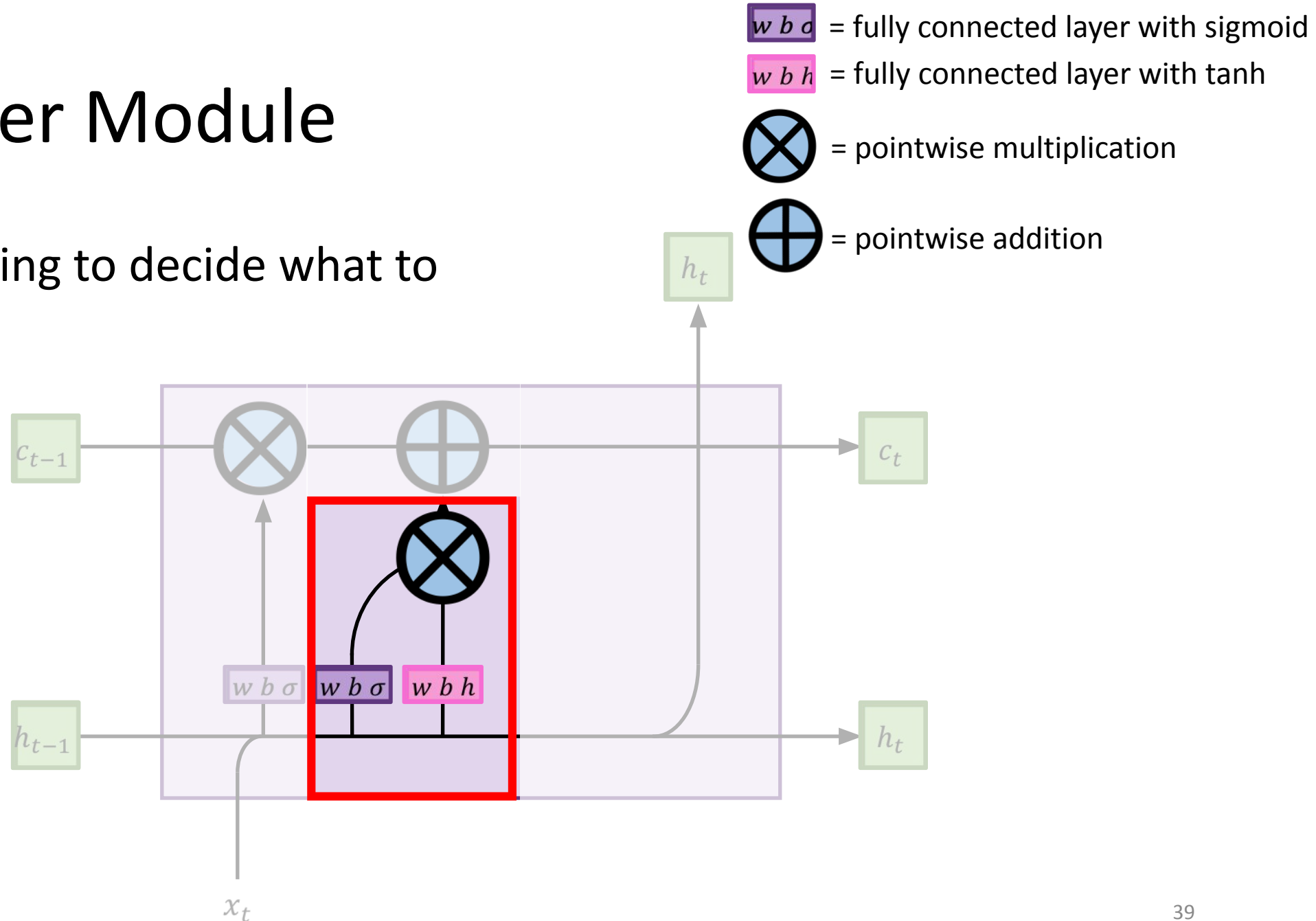
Remember Module

- We can save information that we want to remember by adding it into “empty” slots in the cell state



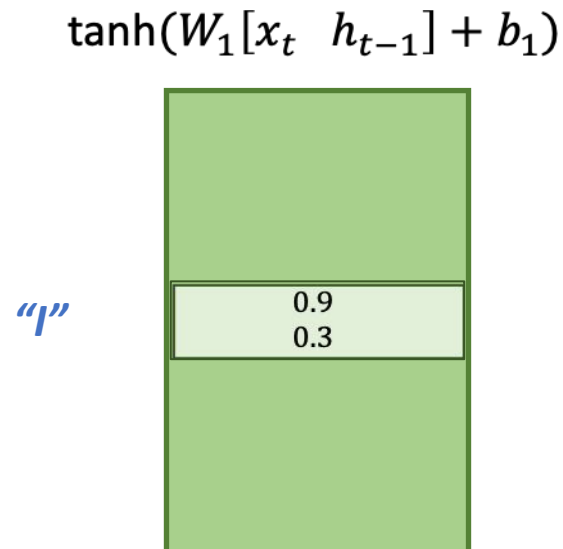
Remember Module

- First: use gating to decide what to remember



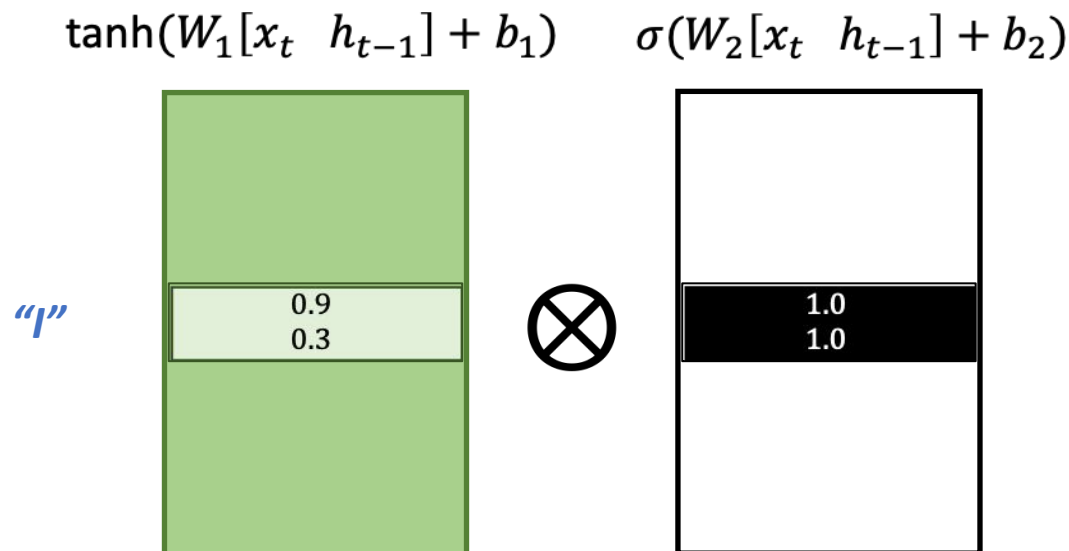
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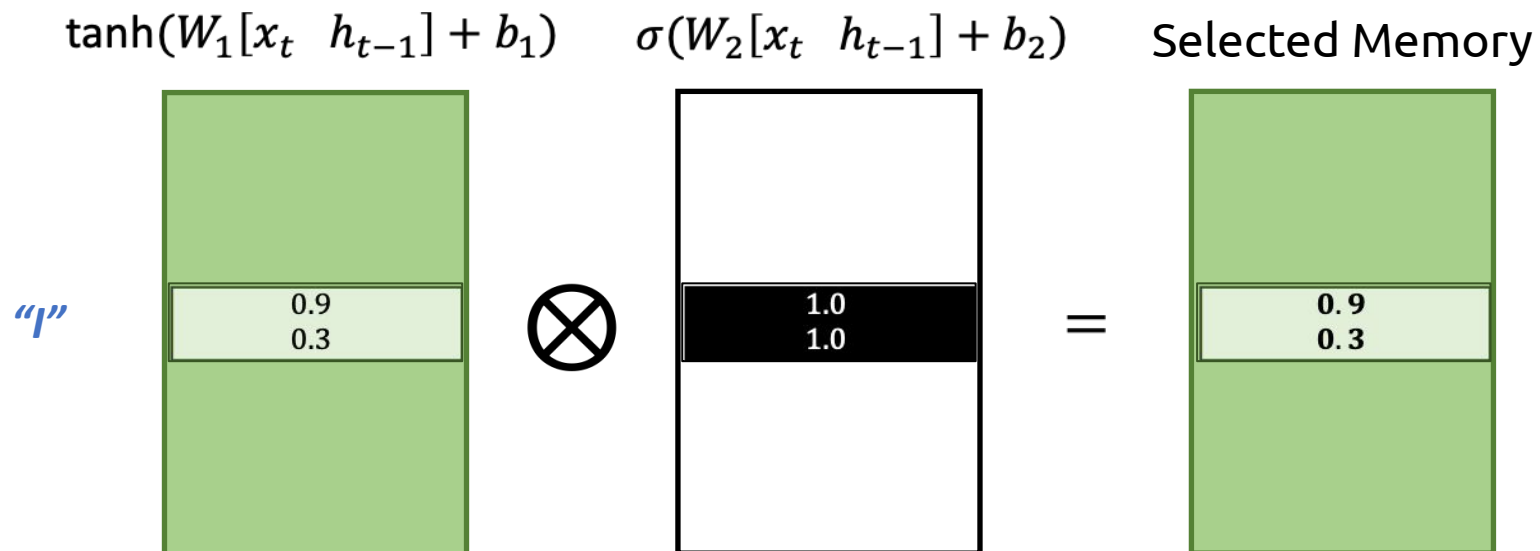
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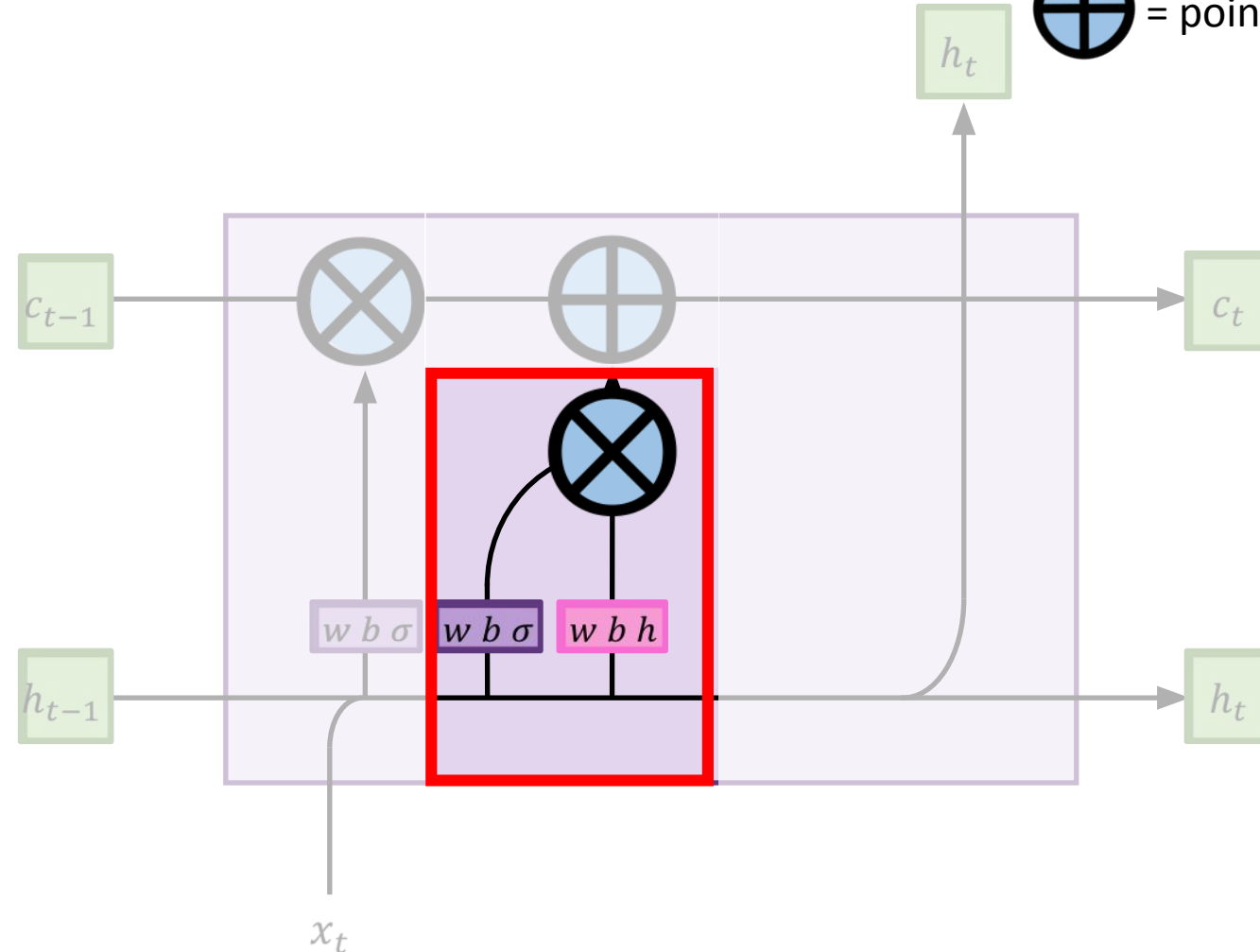
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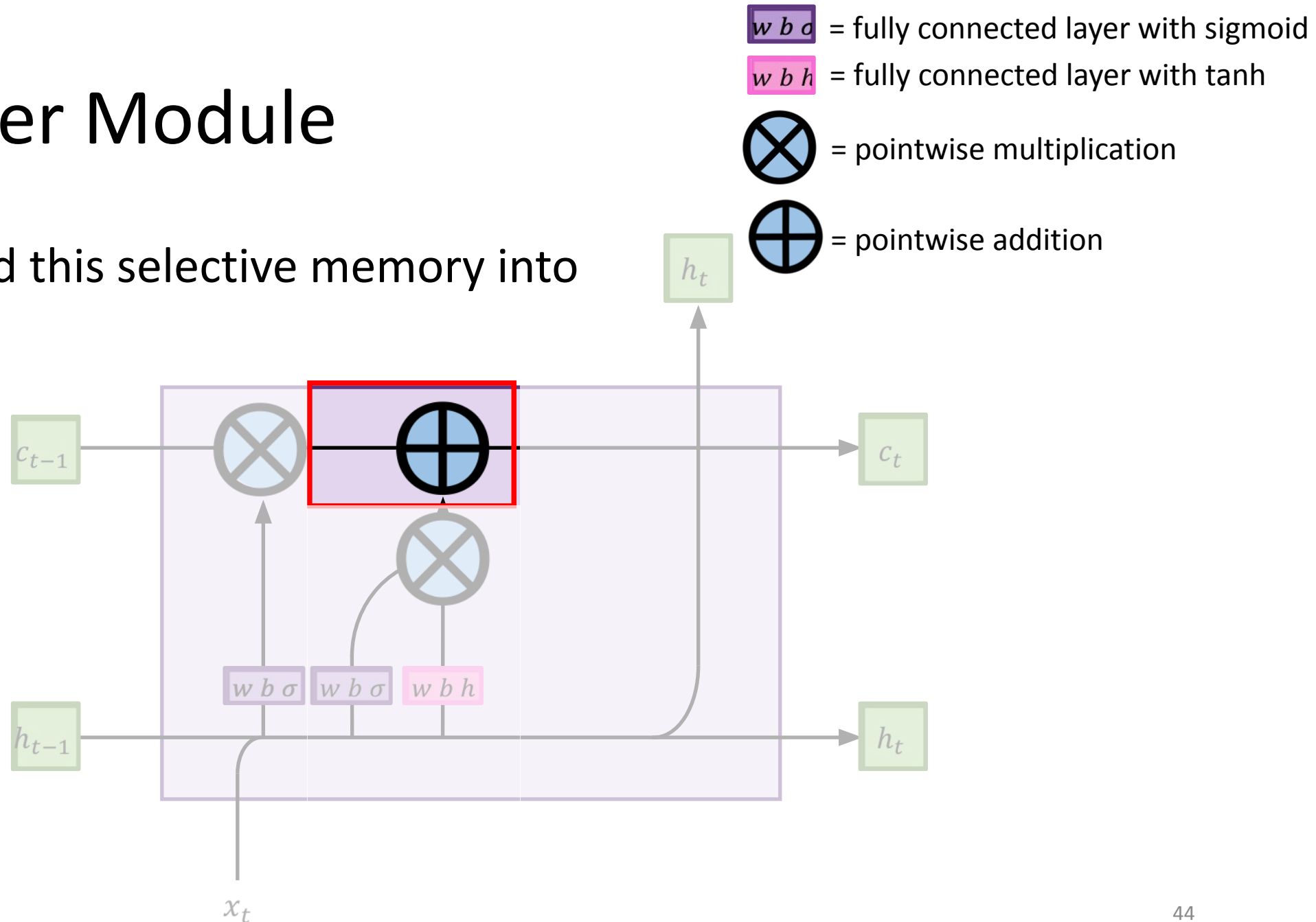
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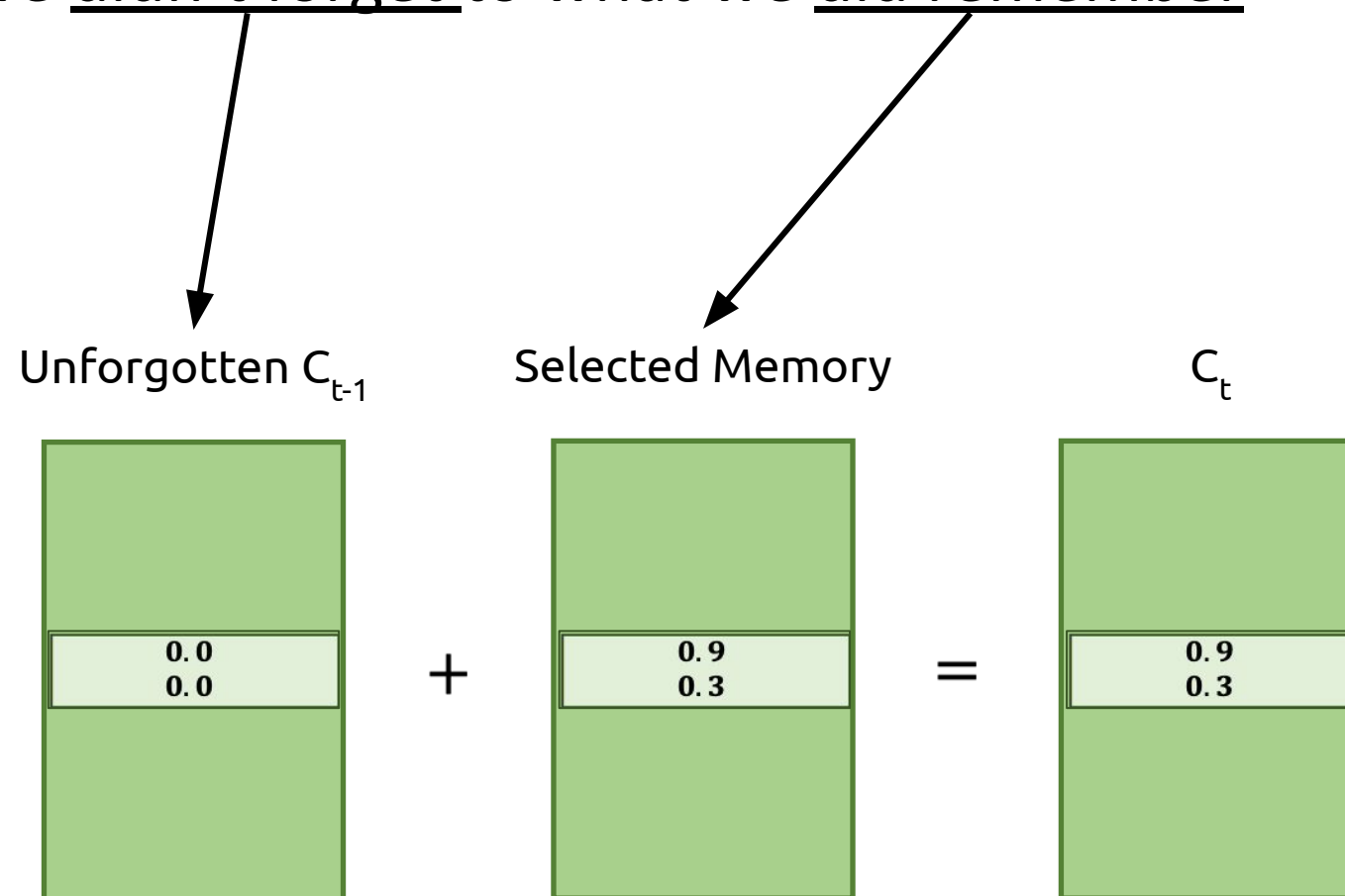
Remember Module

- Then: we add this selective memory into the cell state



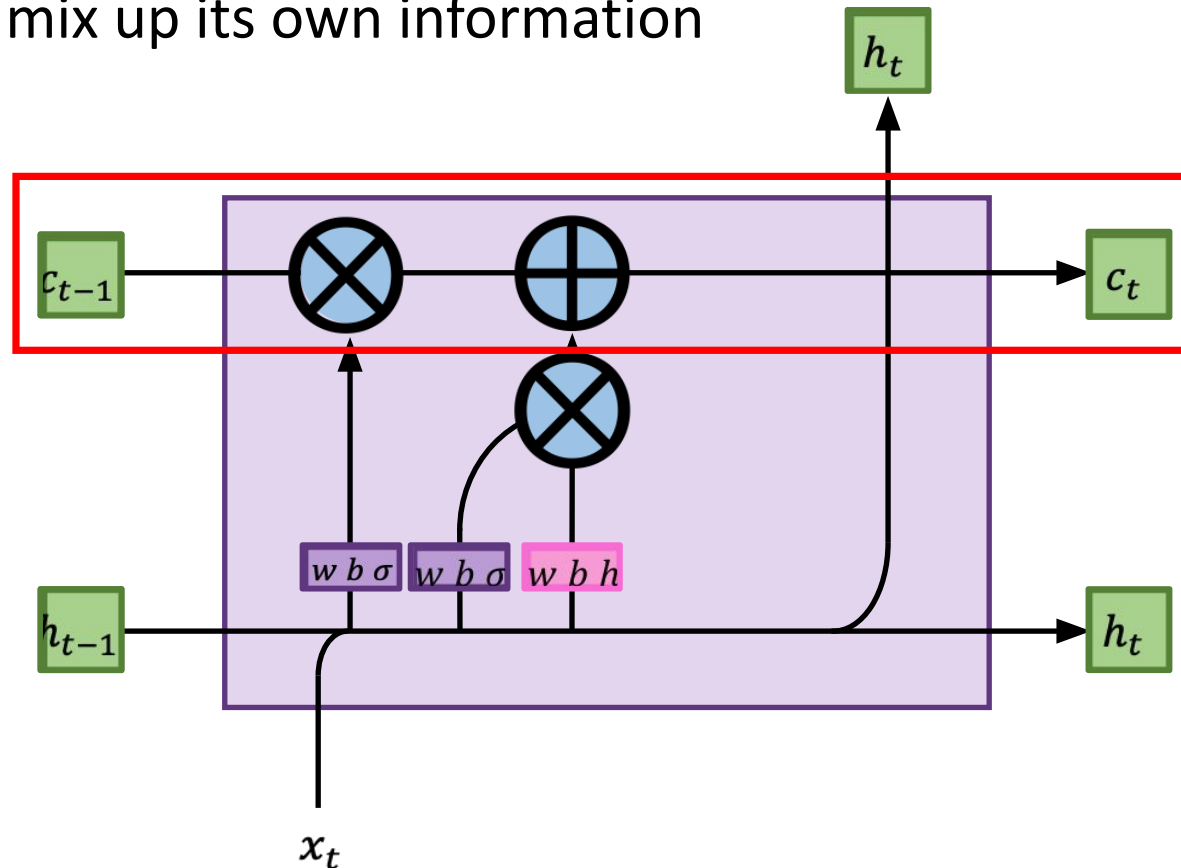
Remembering information

- Add what we didn't forget to what we did remember



Why does this solve our problem?

- Cell state never goes through a fully connected layer!
 - Never has to mix up its own information



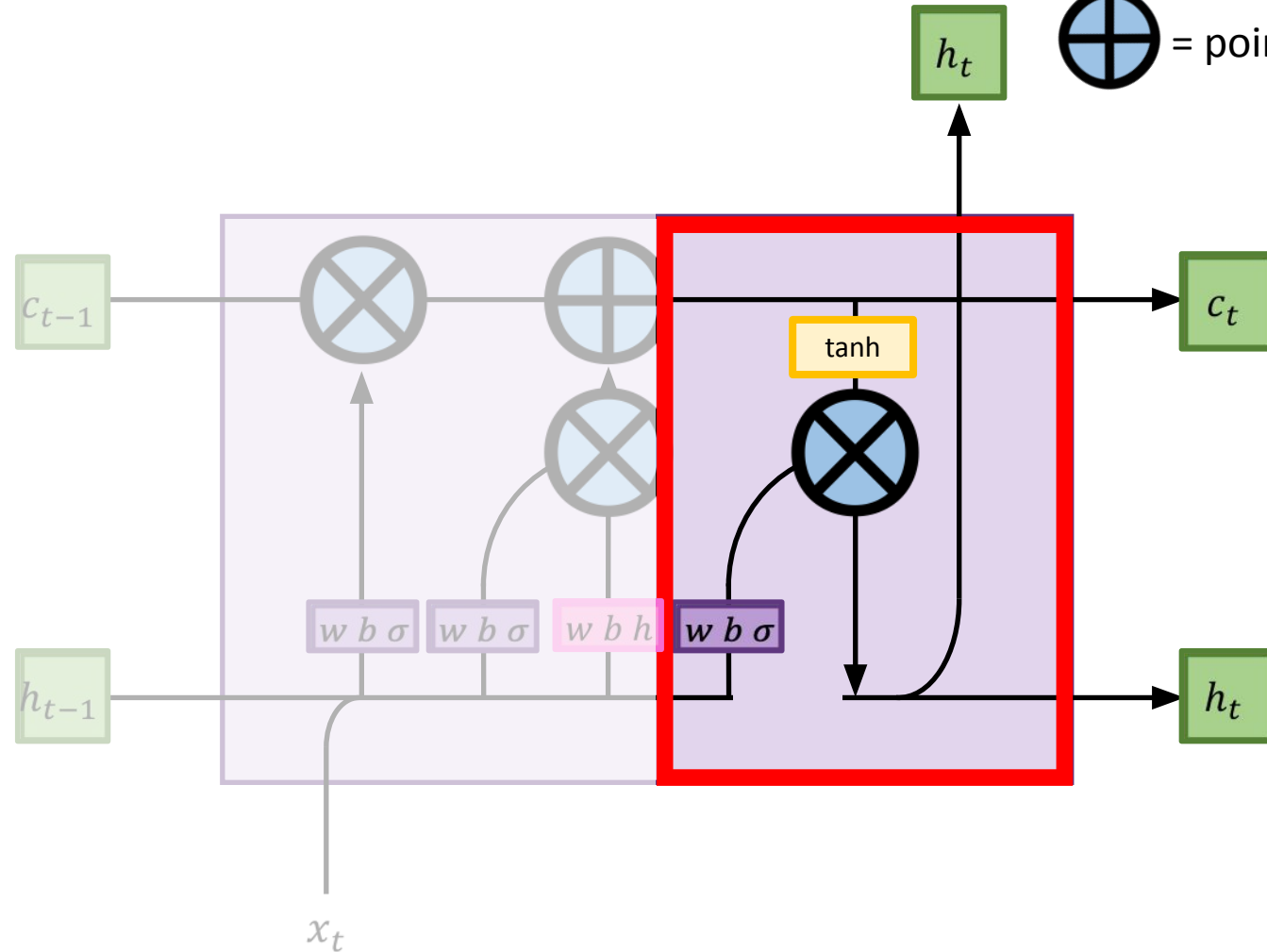
Output Module

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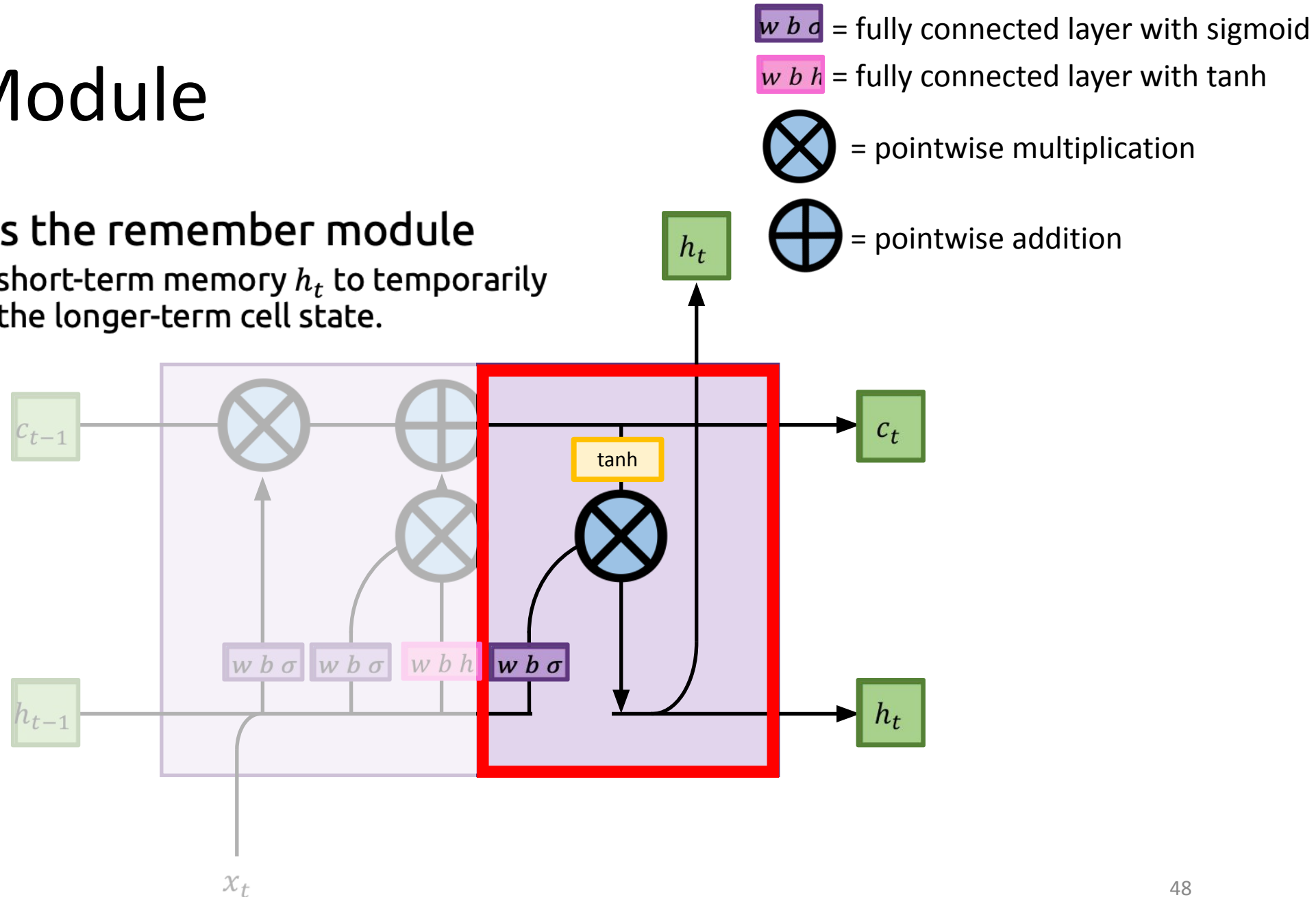
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Output Module

- Same structure as the remember module
 - Provides path for short-term memory h_t to temporarily acquire info from the longer-term cell state.



Any questions?



The Complete LSTM

$$i_t = \sigma(W_i h_{t-1} + U_i x_t + b_i)$$

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f h_{t-1} + U_f x_t + b_f)$$

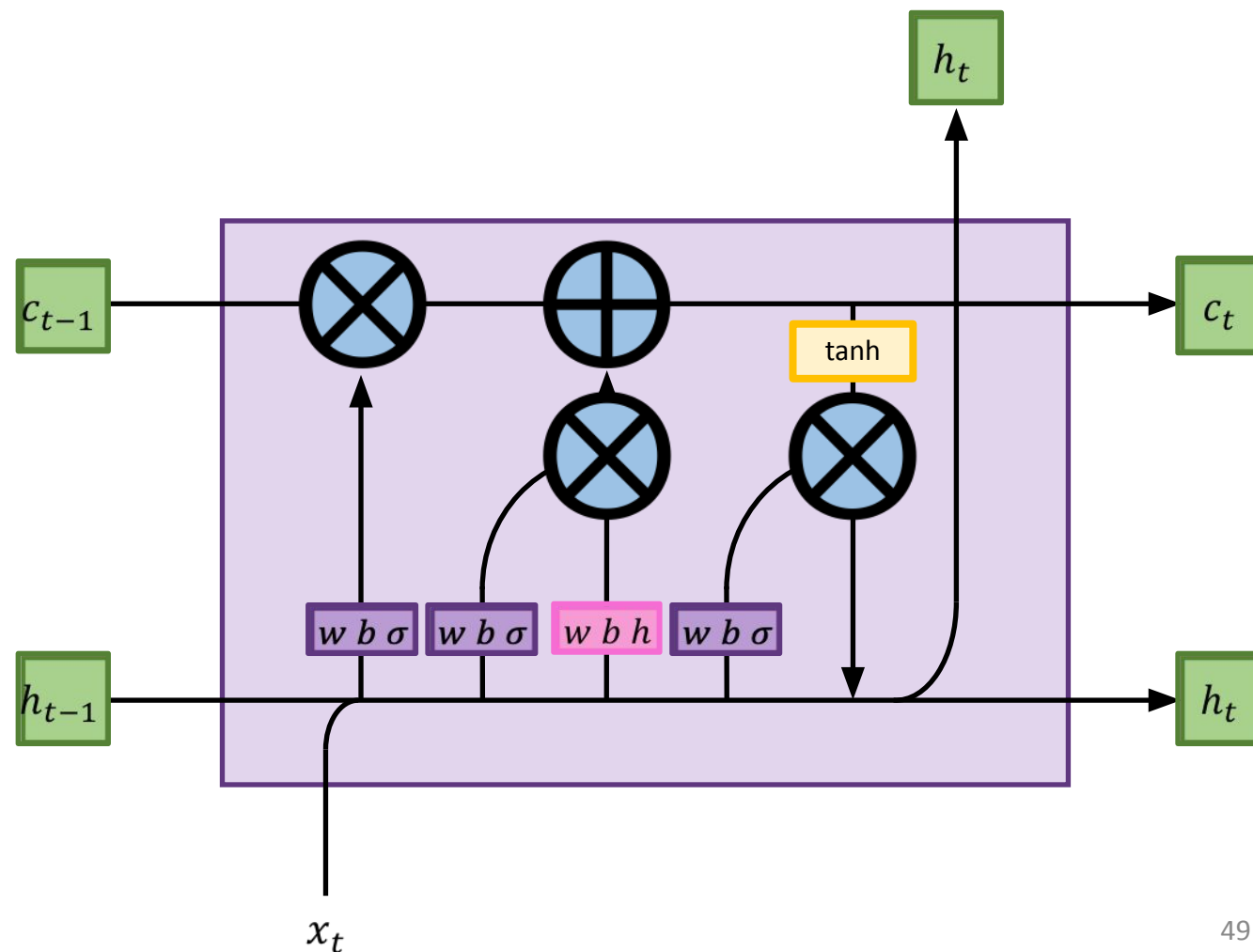
$$o_t = \sigma(W_o h_{t-1} + U_o x_t + b_o)$$

$$\tilde{c}_t = \tanh(W h_{t-1} + U x_t + b)$$

$$c_t = f_t \circ c_{t-1} + i_t \circ \tilde{c}_t$$

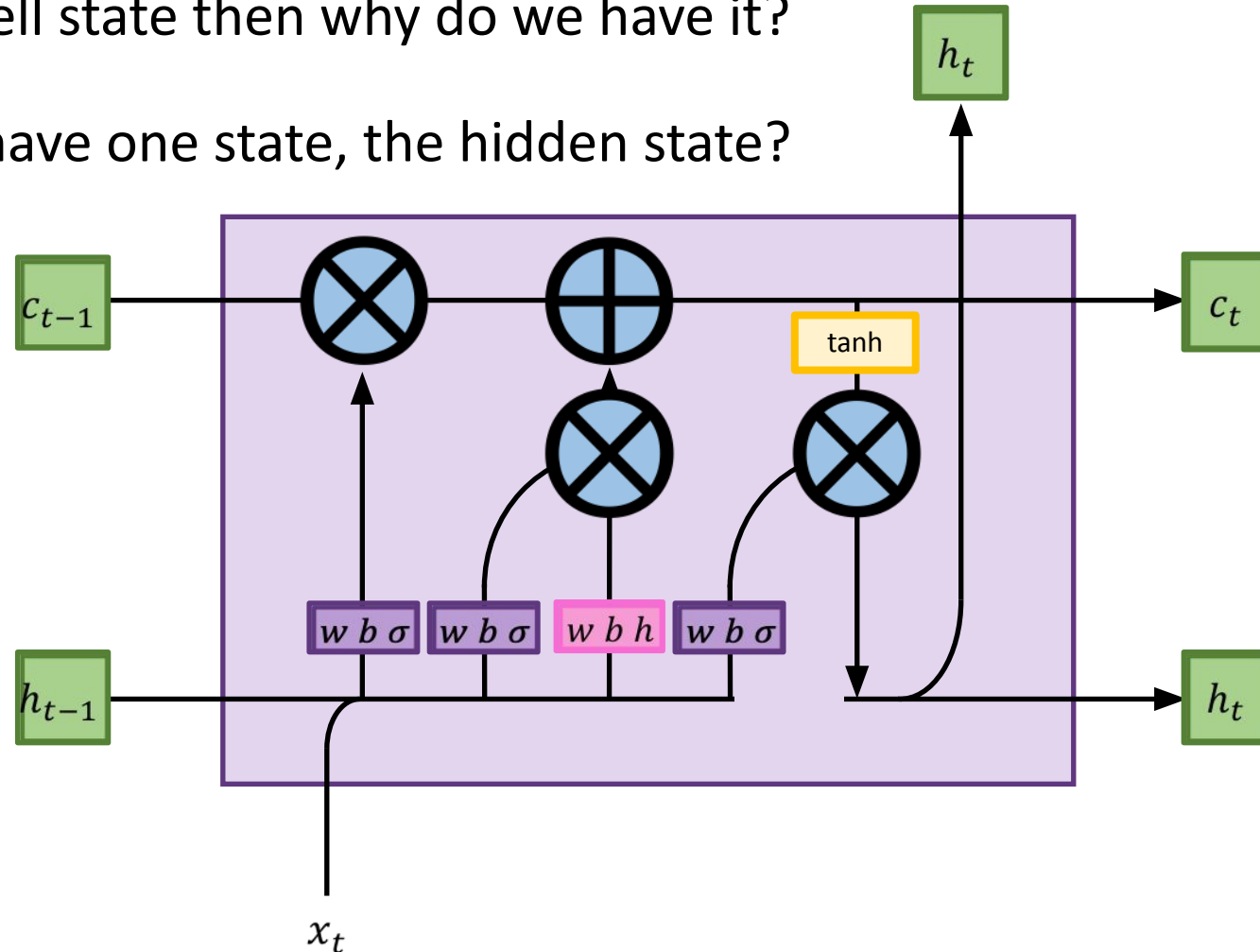
$$h_t = o_t \circ \tanh(c_t)$$

$$y_t = h_t$$



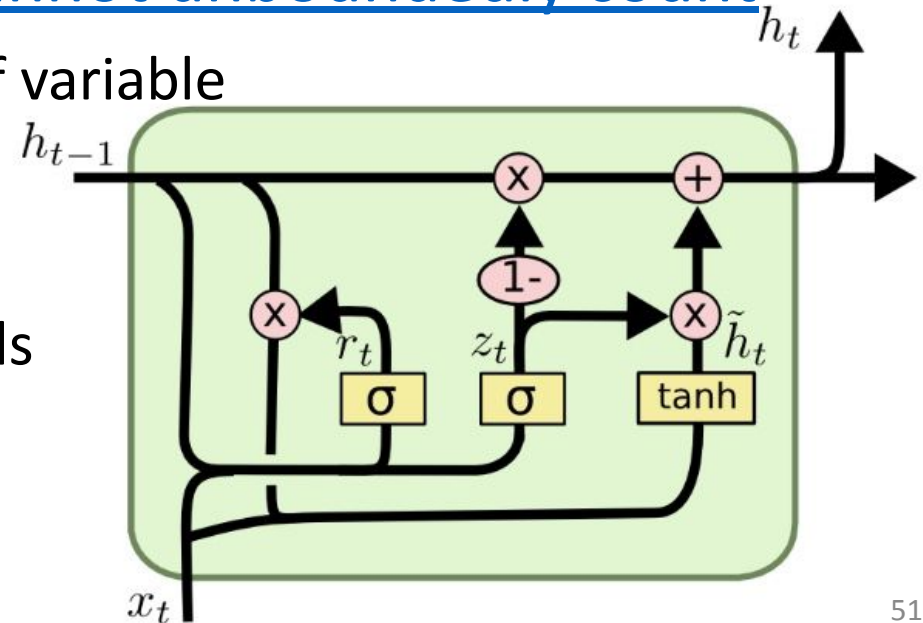
The Complete LSTM

- If we never output cell state then why do we have it?
- Is it possible to just have one state, the hidden state?

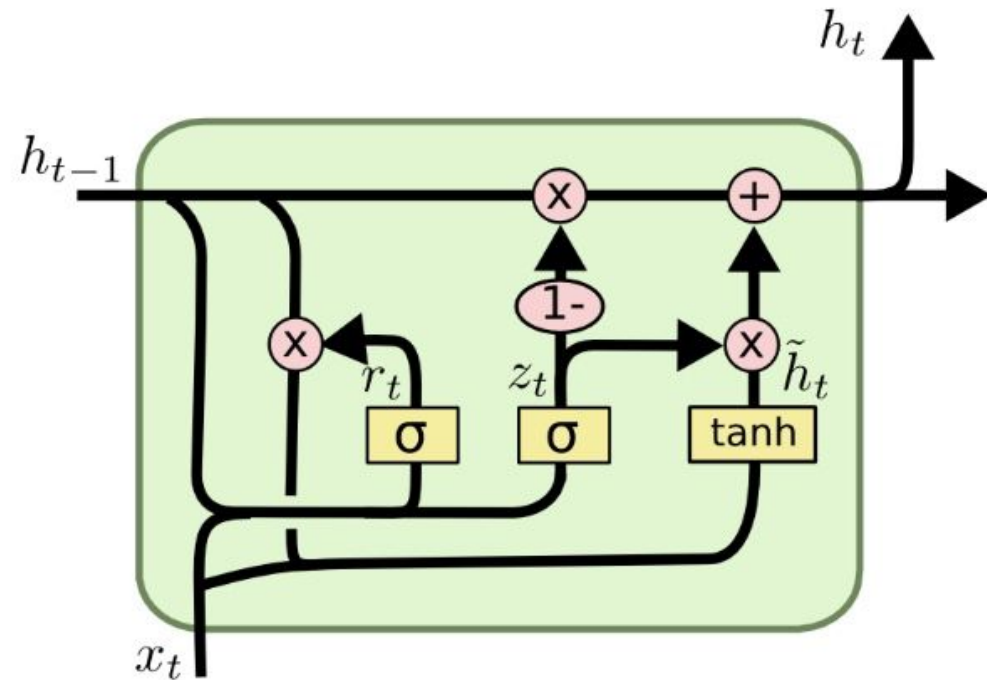


GRU

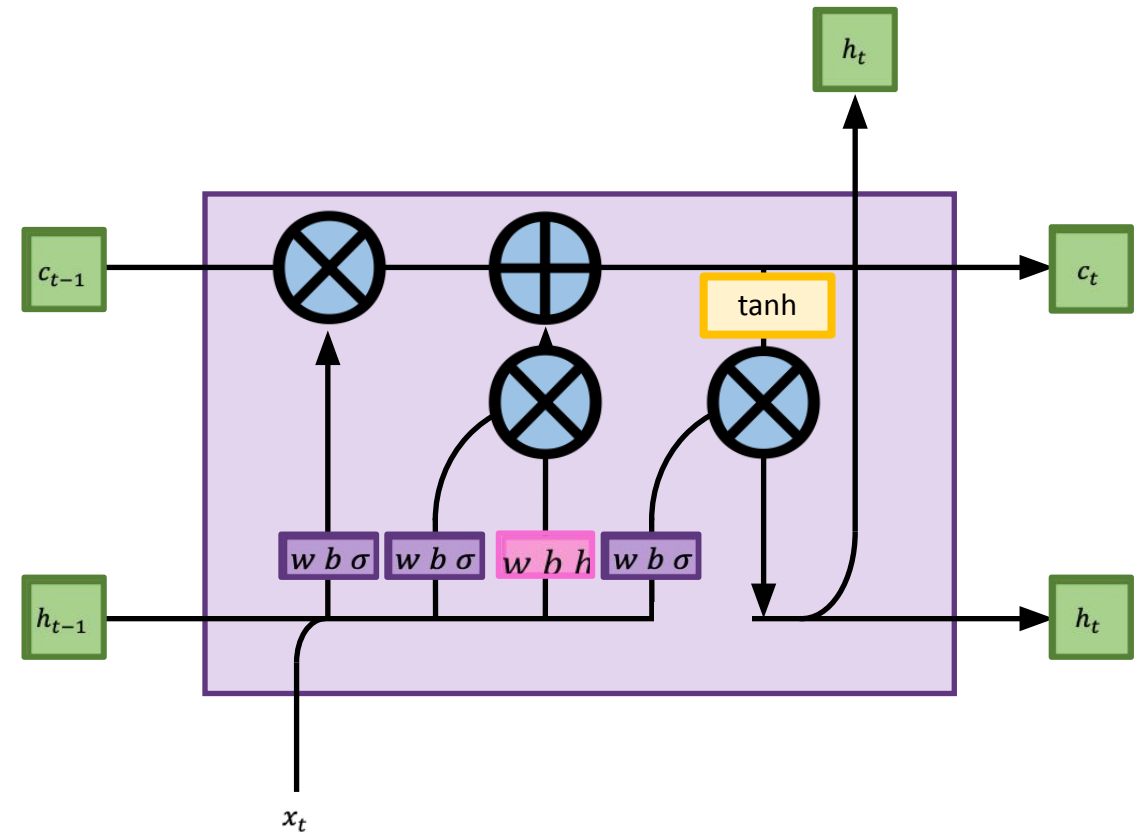
- **Gated Recurrent Unit**
- In practice, similar performance and may train faster
 - Removes cell state, computationally more efficient and less complex
- In theory, weaker than LSTMs since it cannot unboundedly count
 - Counting: track increment or decrement of variable
 - e.g. Validate brackets in code
[... (... { ... } ...) ...]
Requires counting brackets & nesting levels



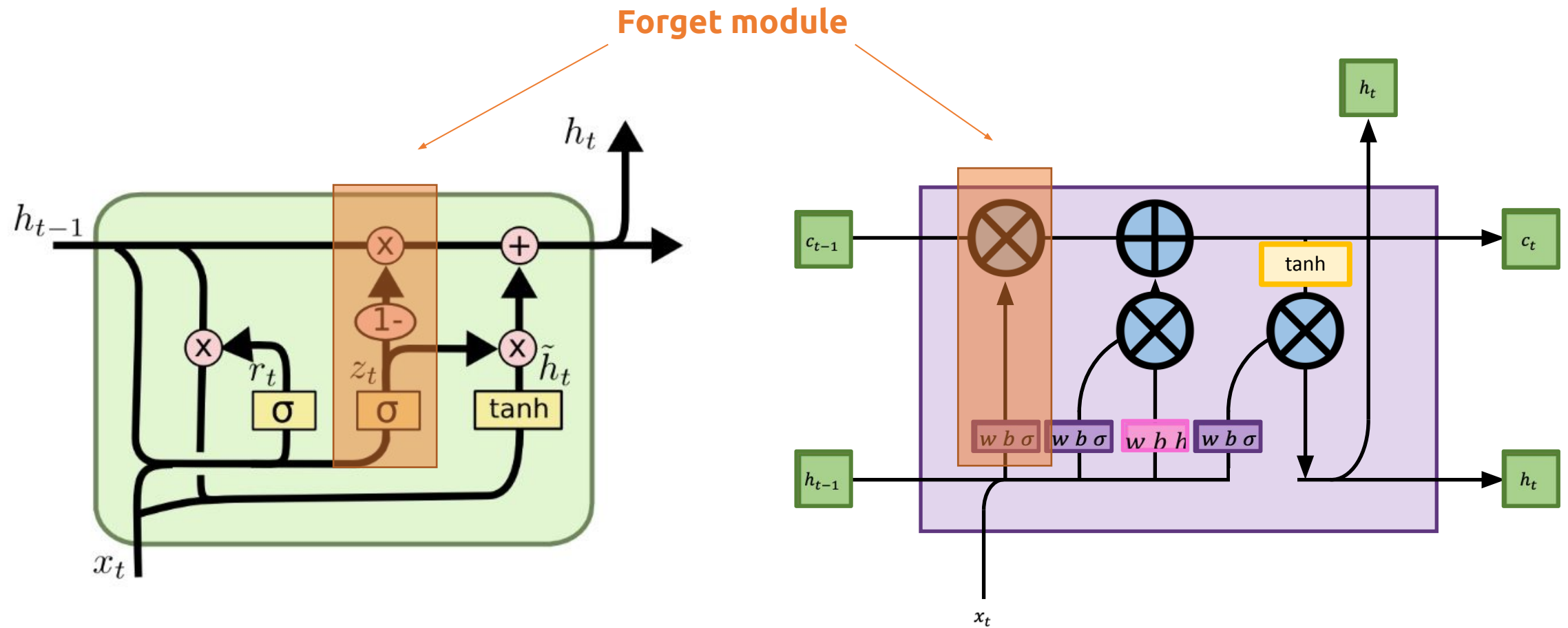
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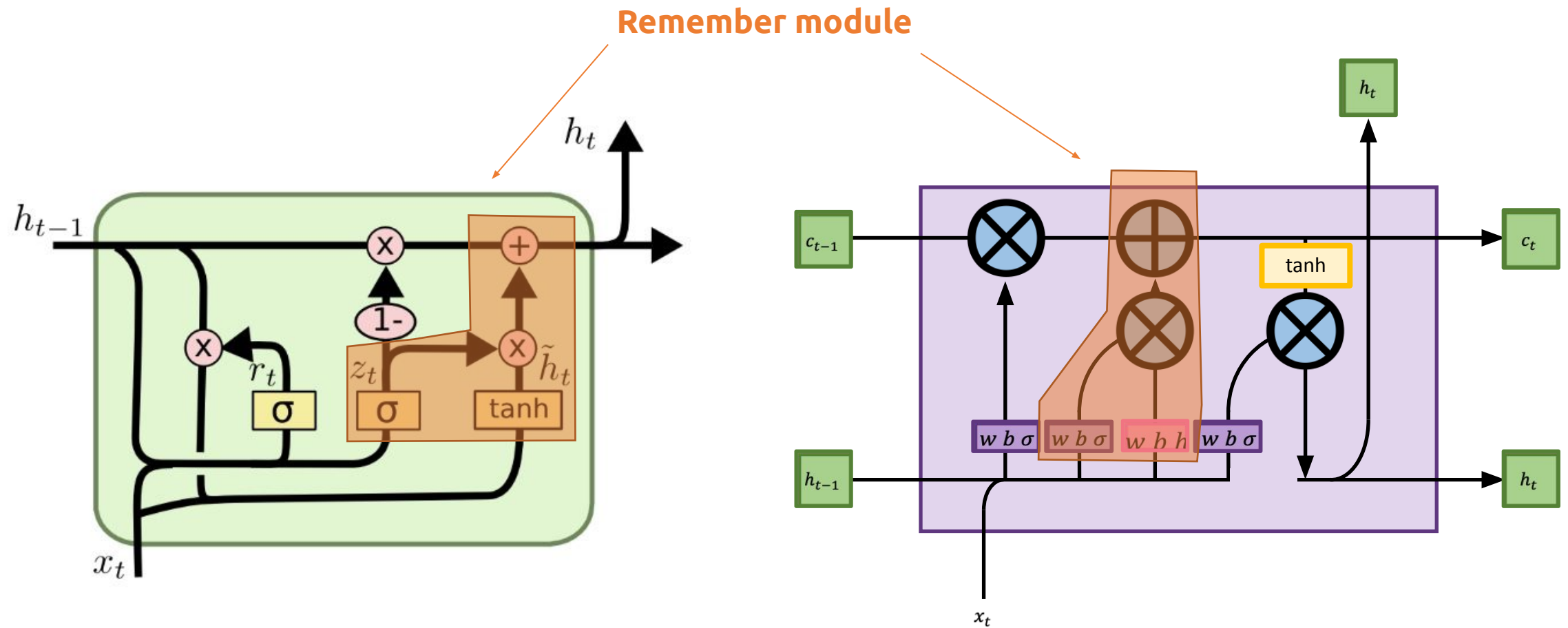
Can you guess which part is forget module, which one is remember module, and which one is output module in the GRU?



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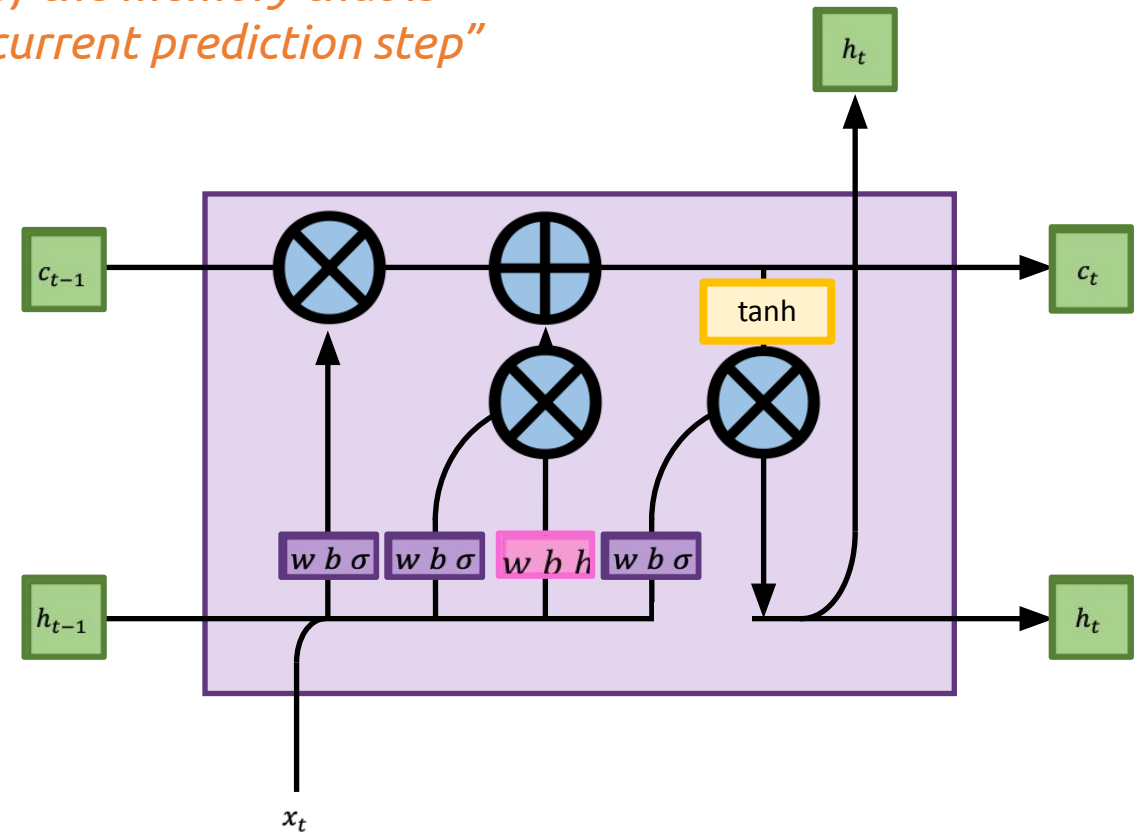
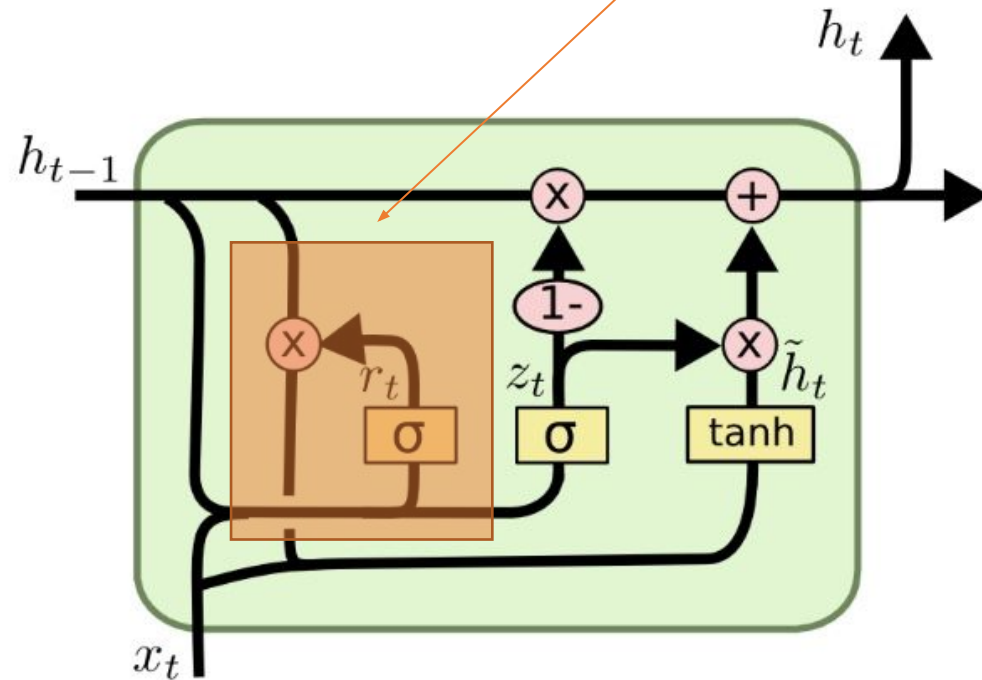


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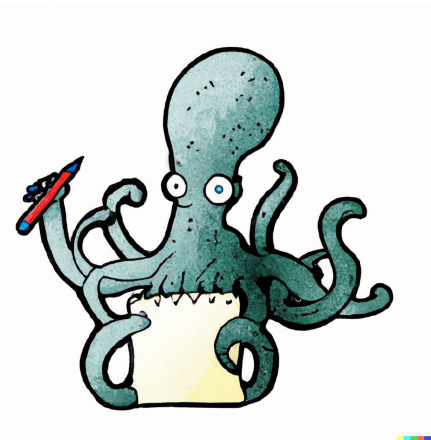
GRU vs LSTM

No direct analogue in LSTM
"Select the part of the memory that is relevant for the current prediction step"



Recap

Limitations of RNNs



LSTMS

RNN cell state \square Hidden state

Hidden state gets modified over time

Cannot capture long-term dependency

Cell state + Hidden state

3 modules

GRU vs LSTM

