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- RNNs and vanishing/exploding gradients
- Solutions



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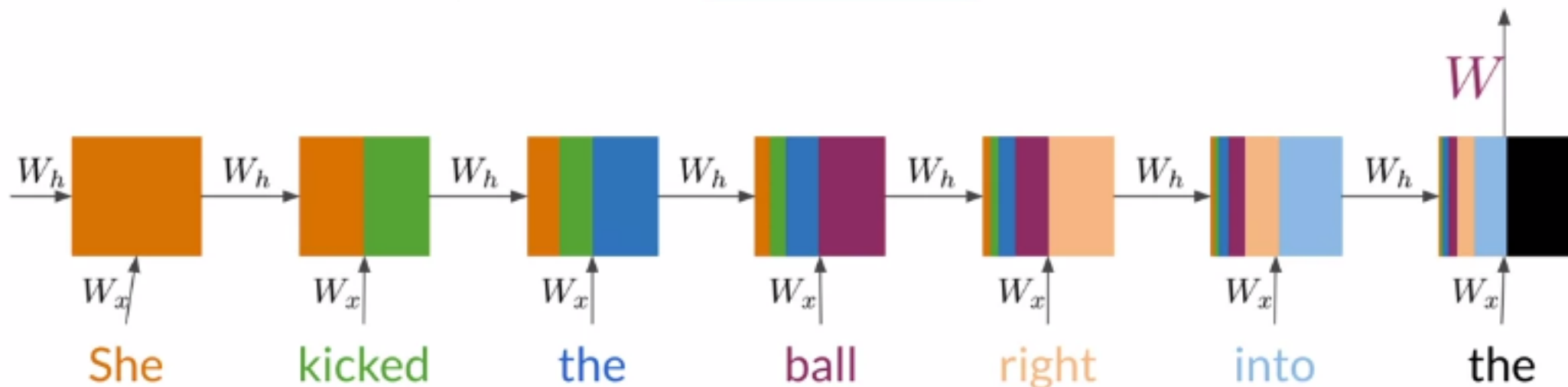
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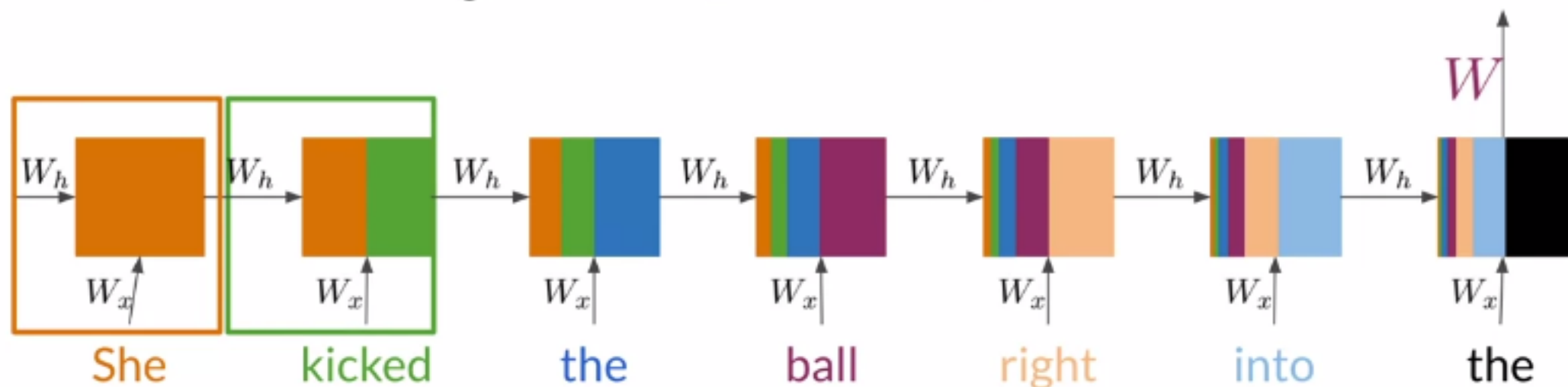


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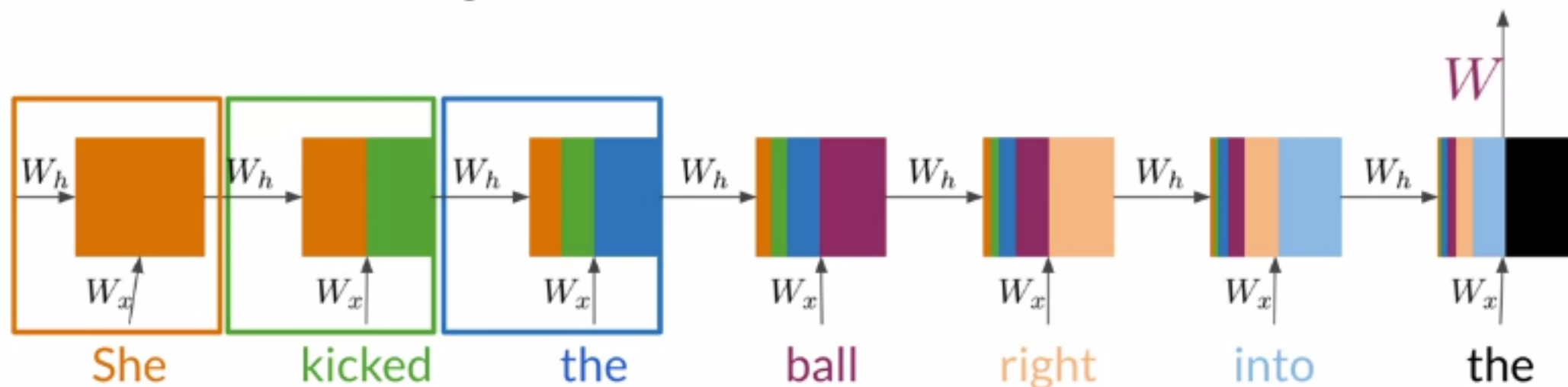
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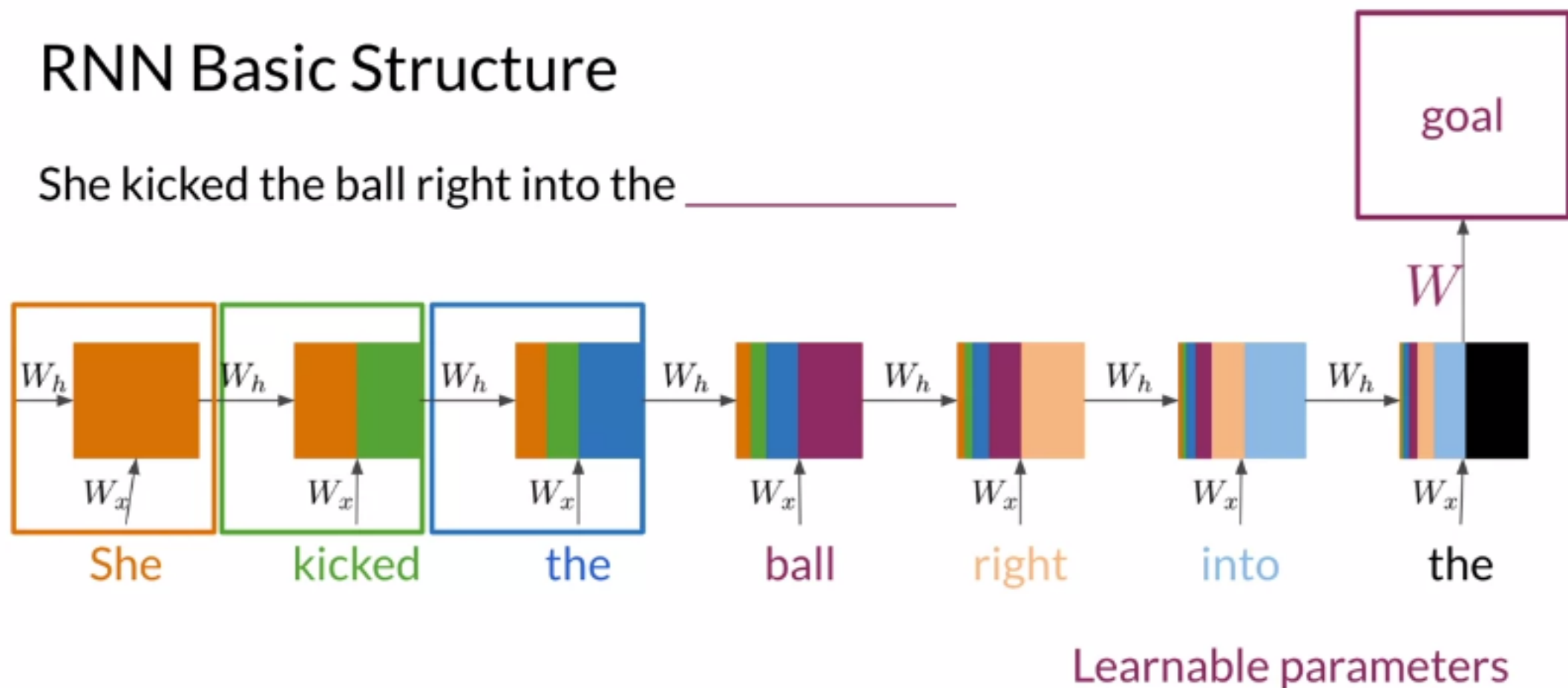
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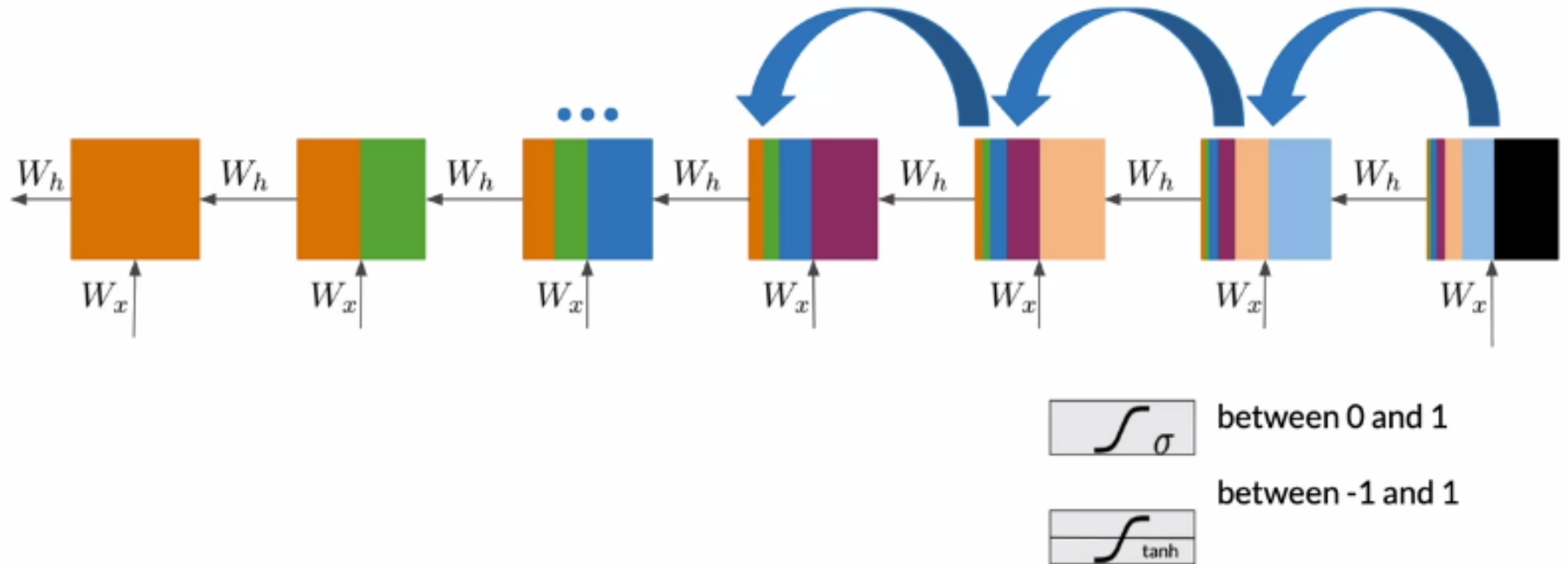
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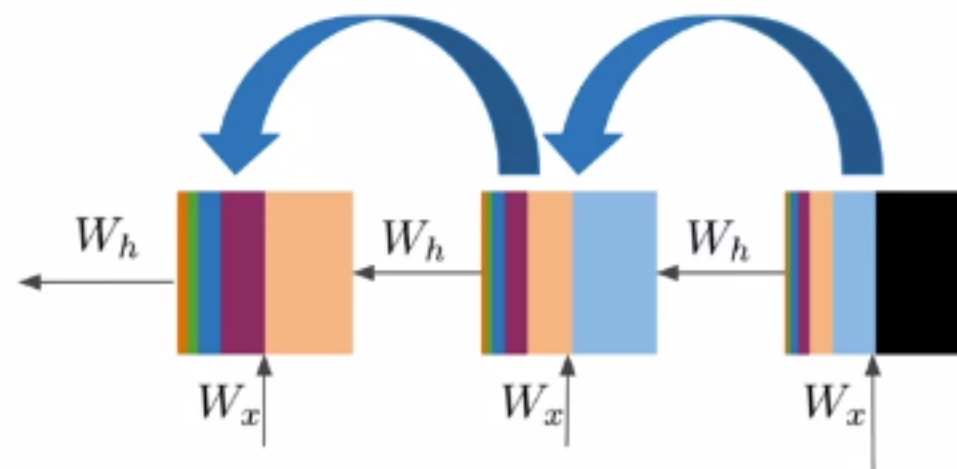


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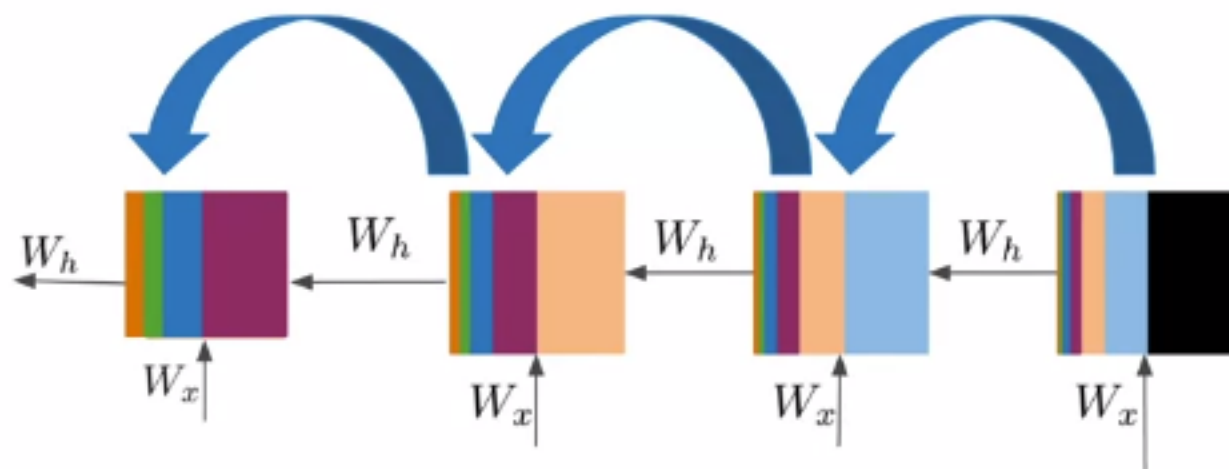
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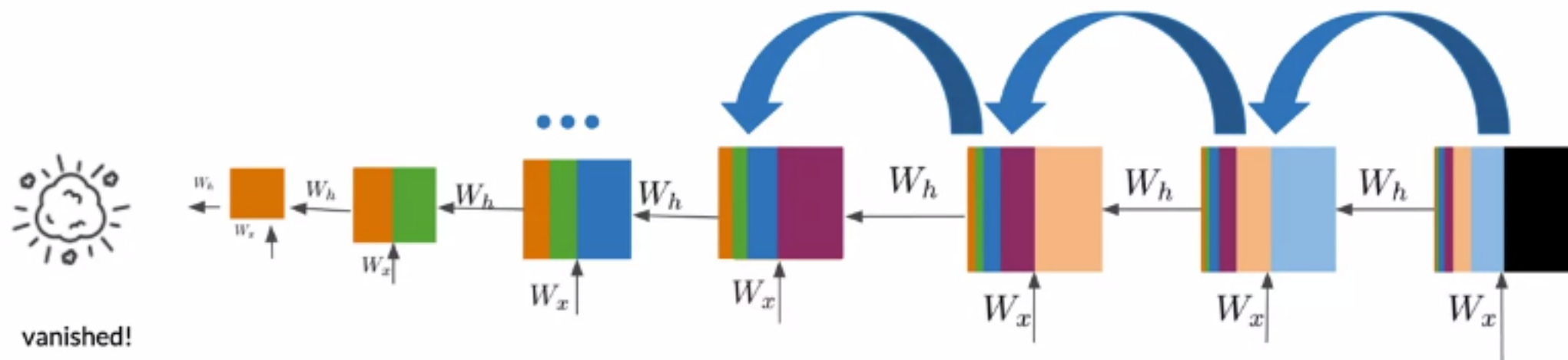
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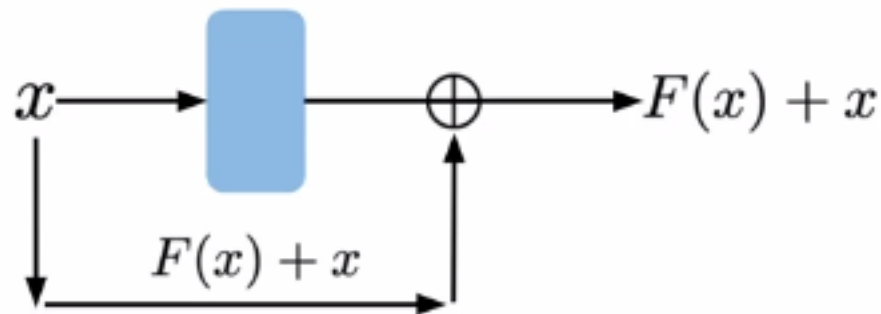
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- LSTM architecture
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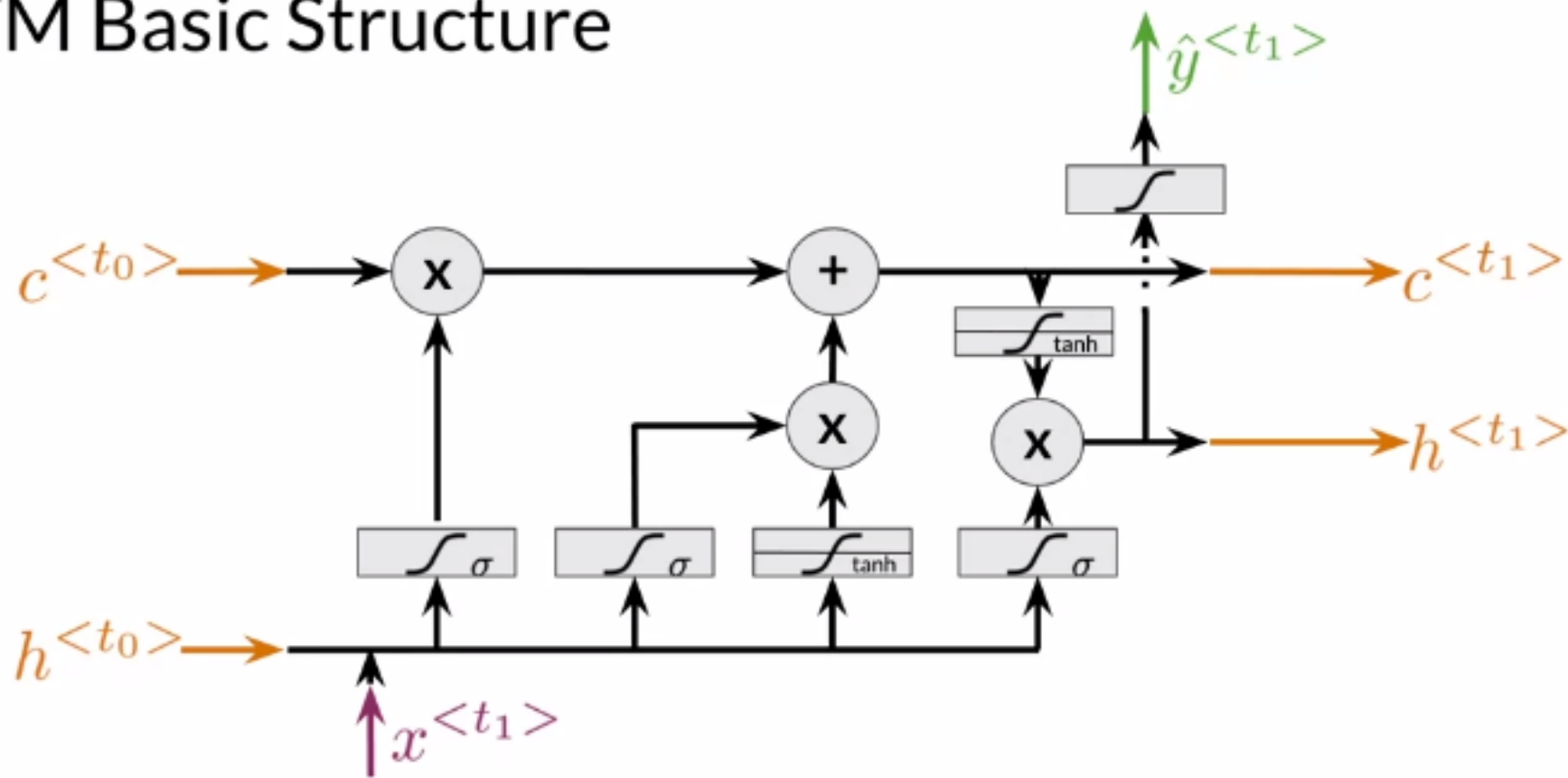
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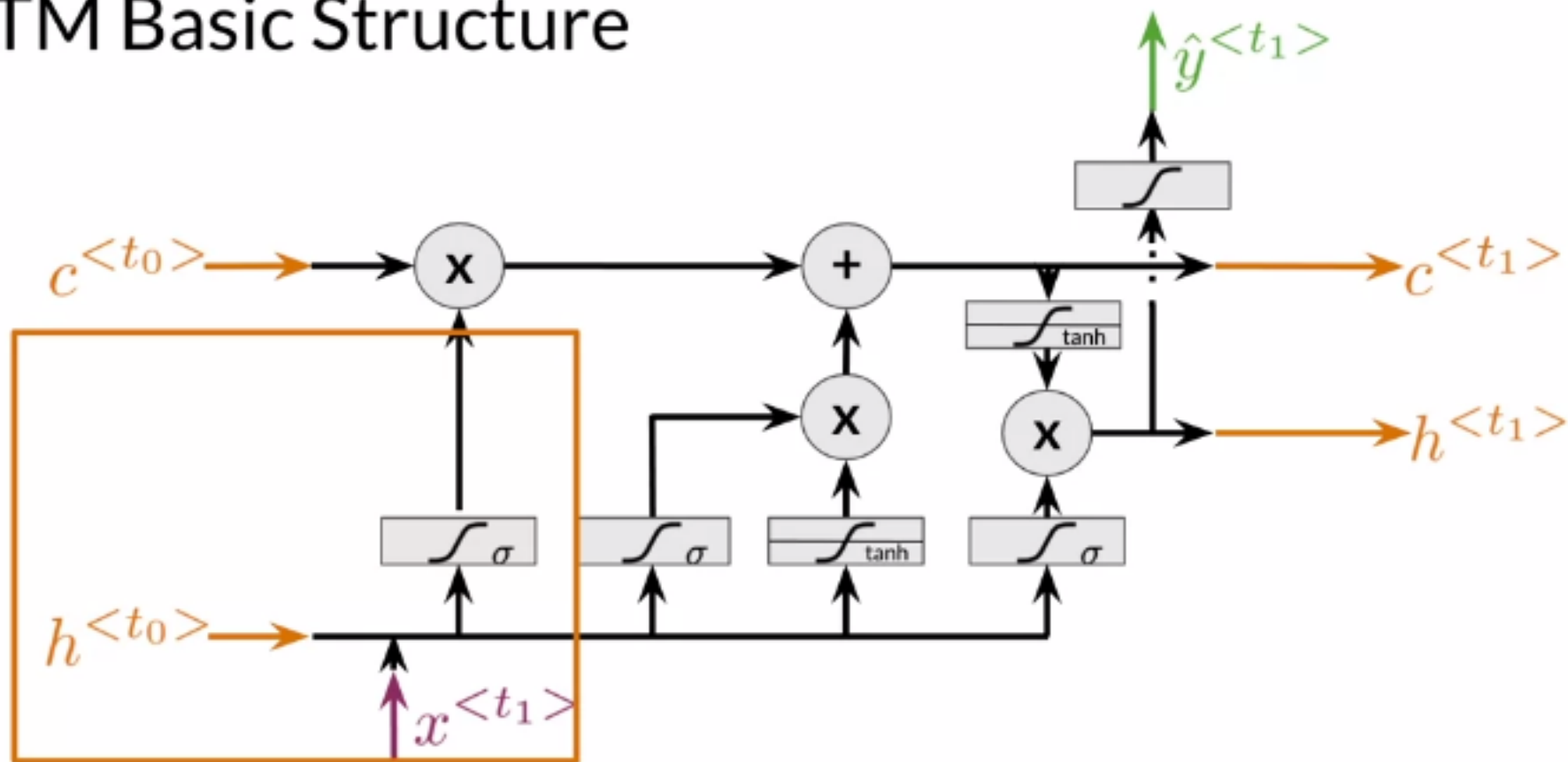
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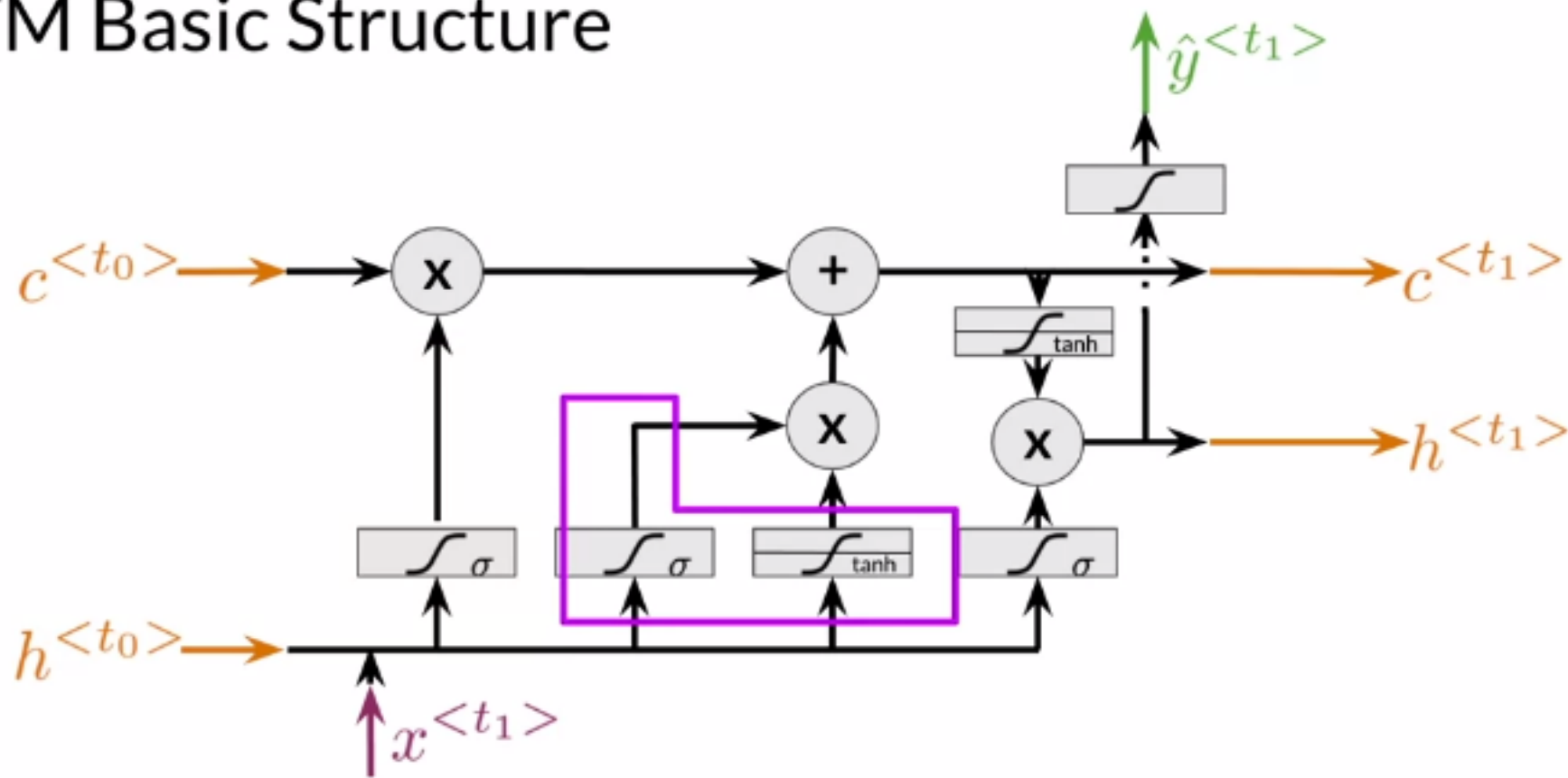
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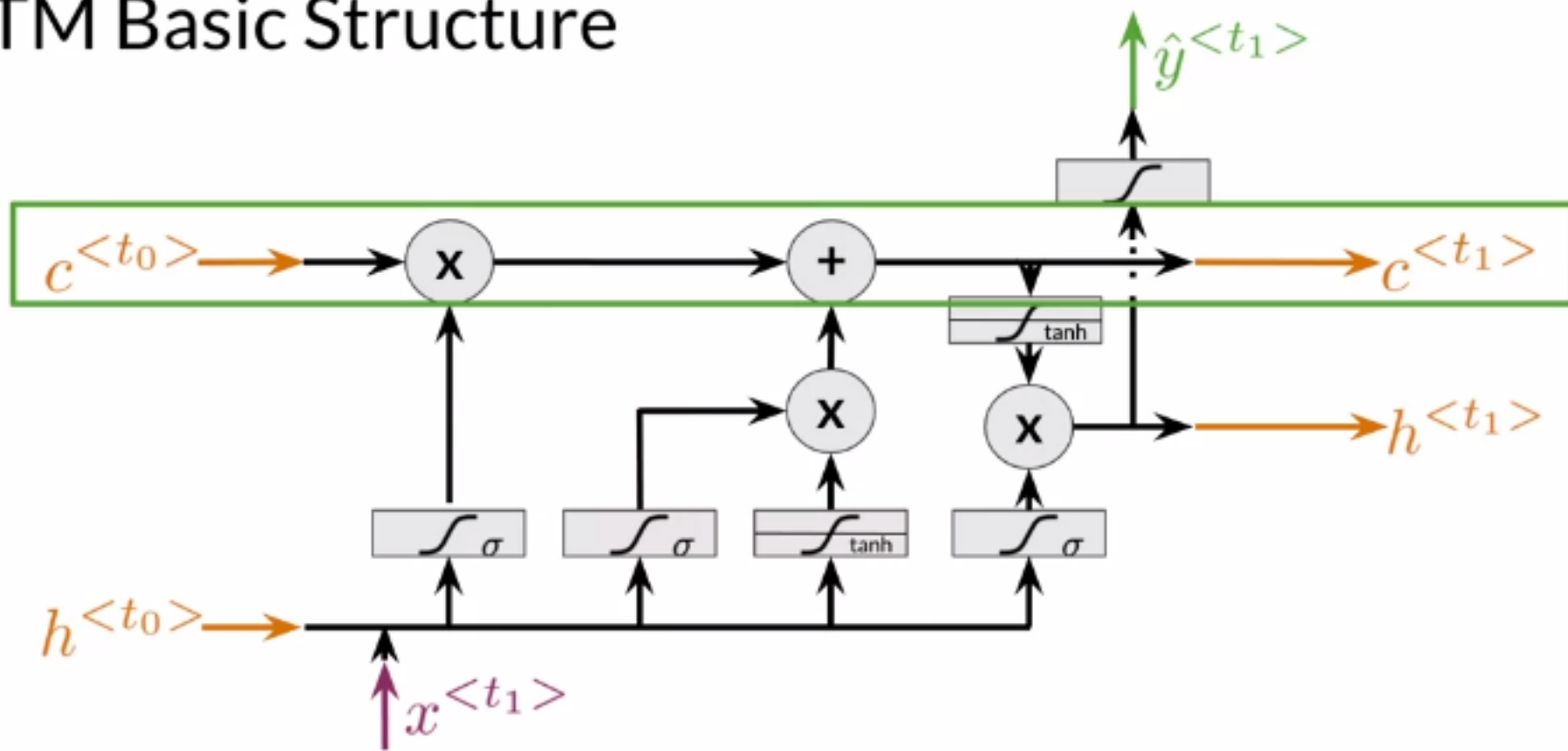
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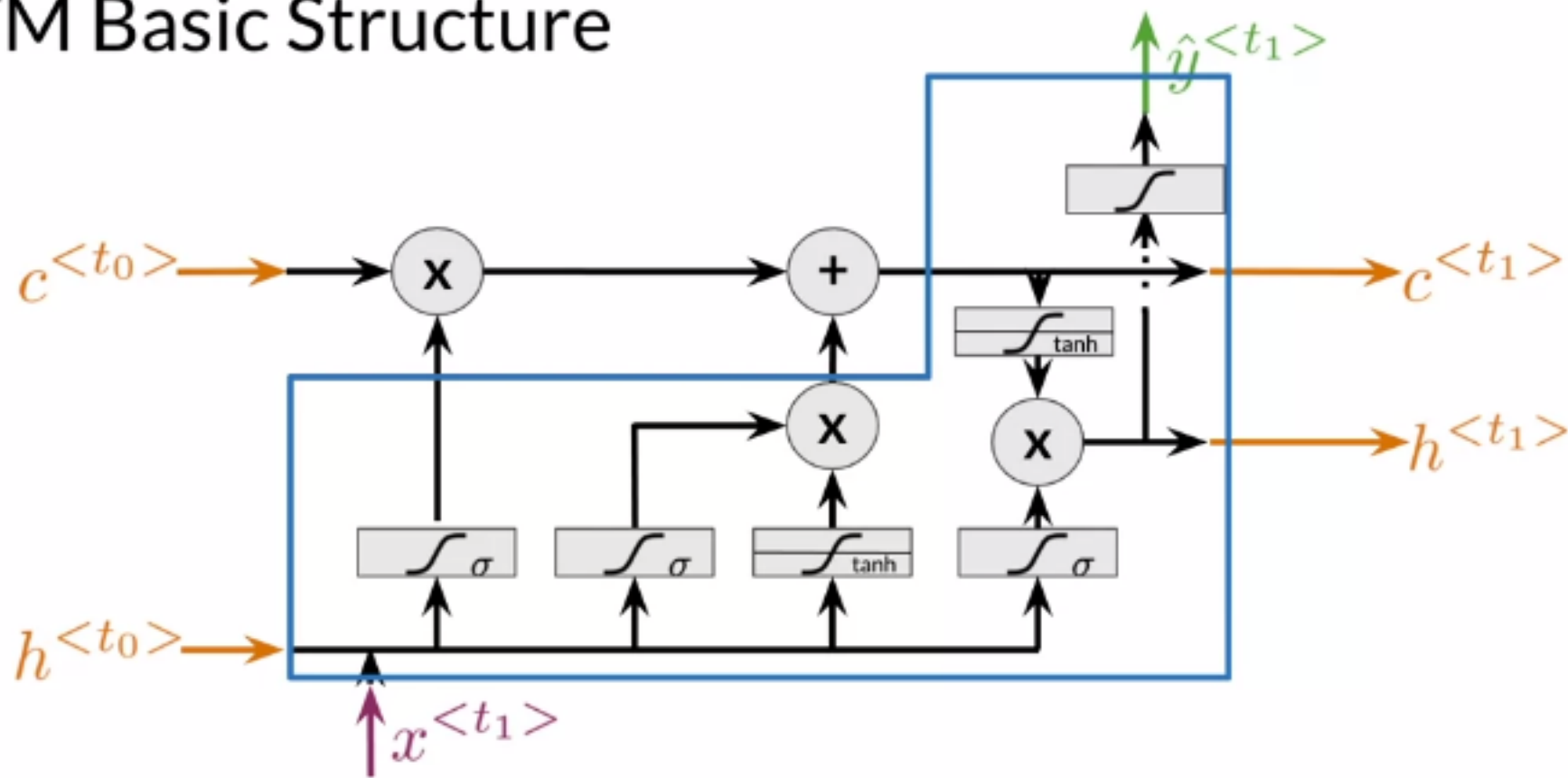


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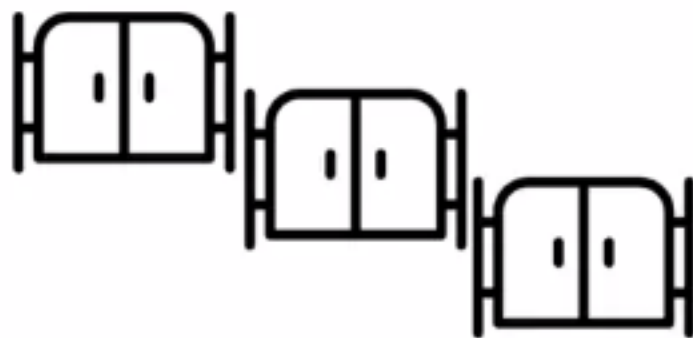


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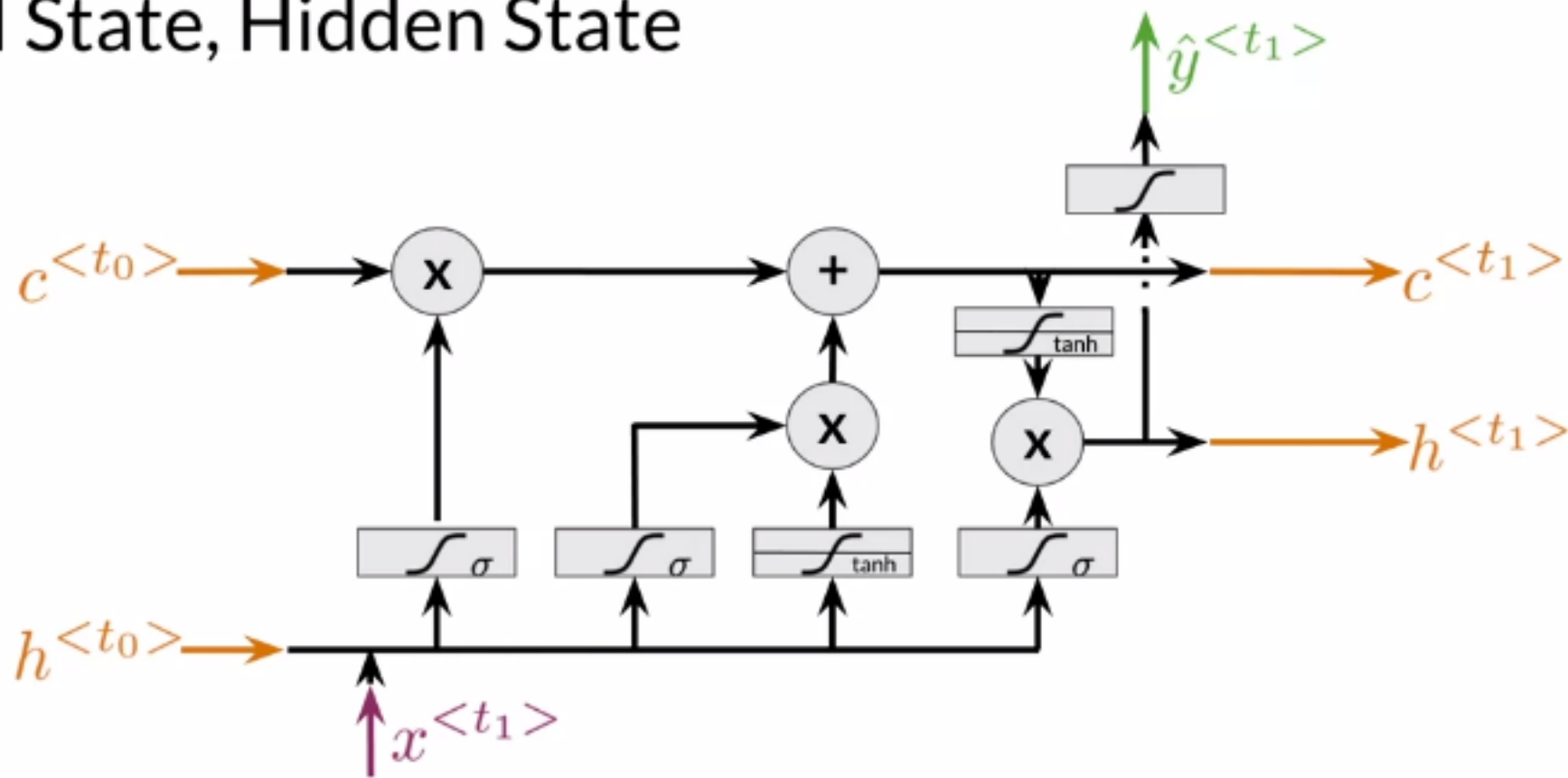
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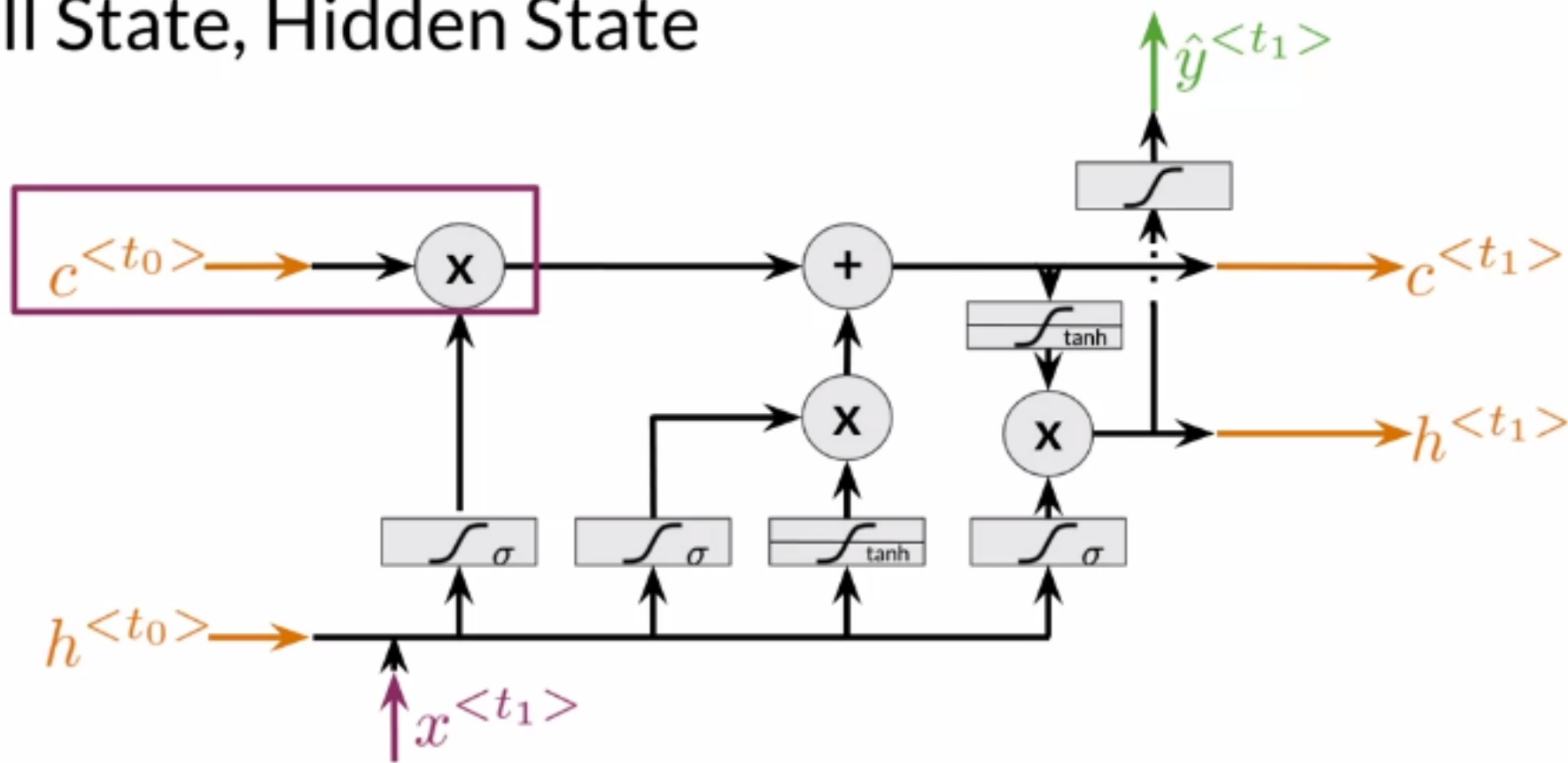




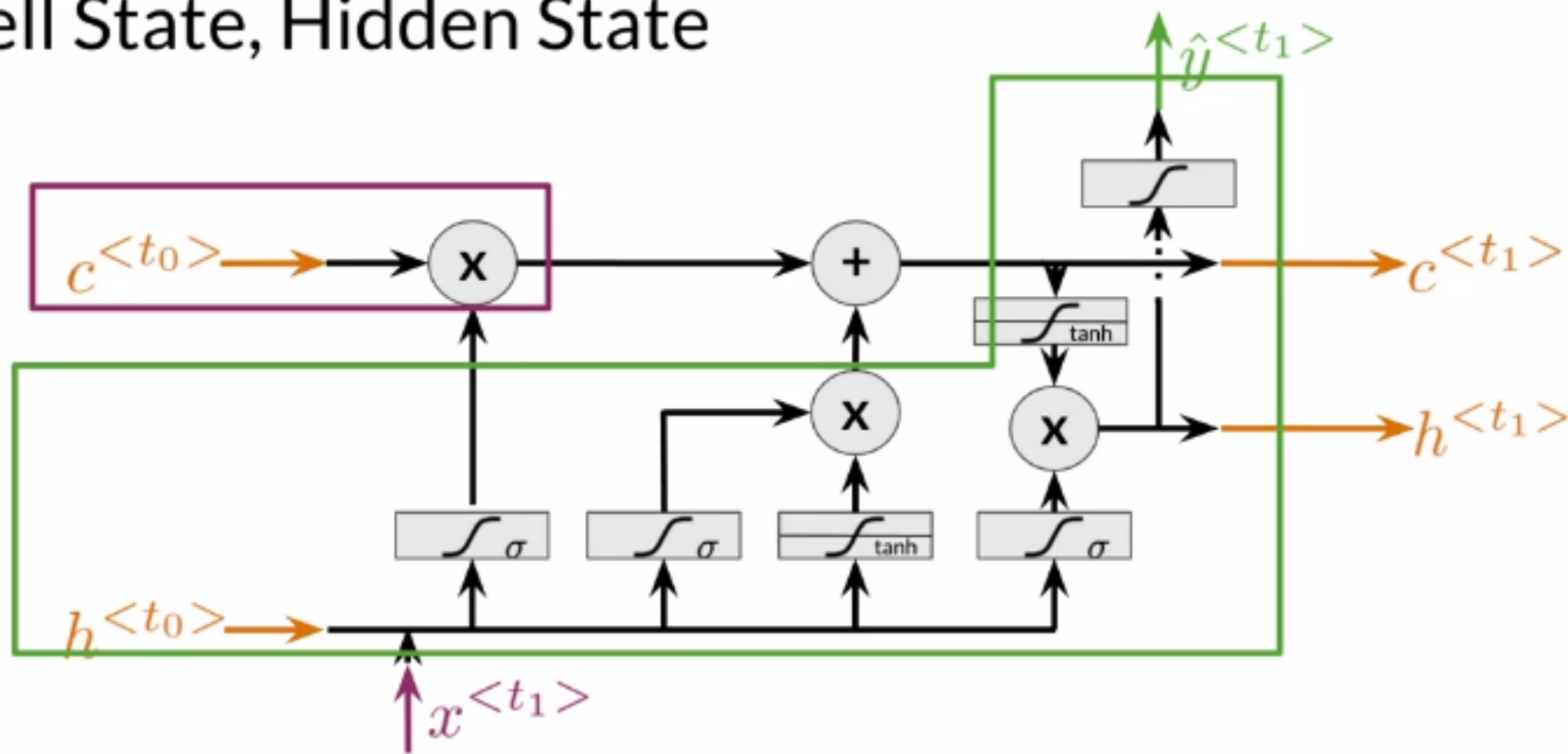
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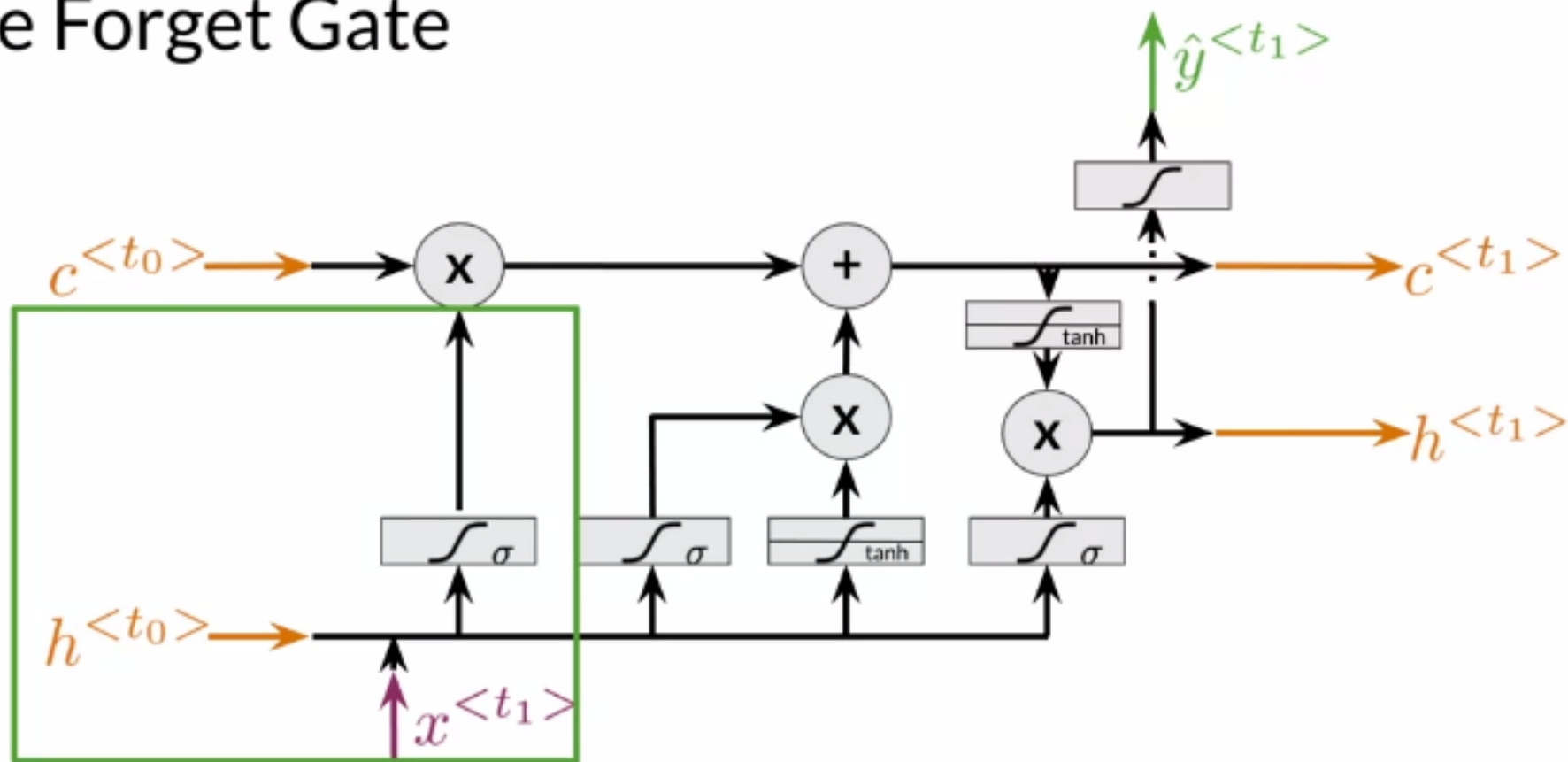
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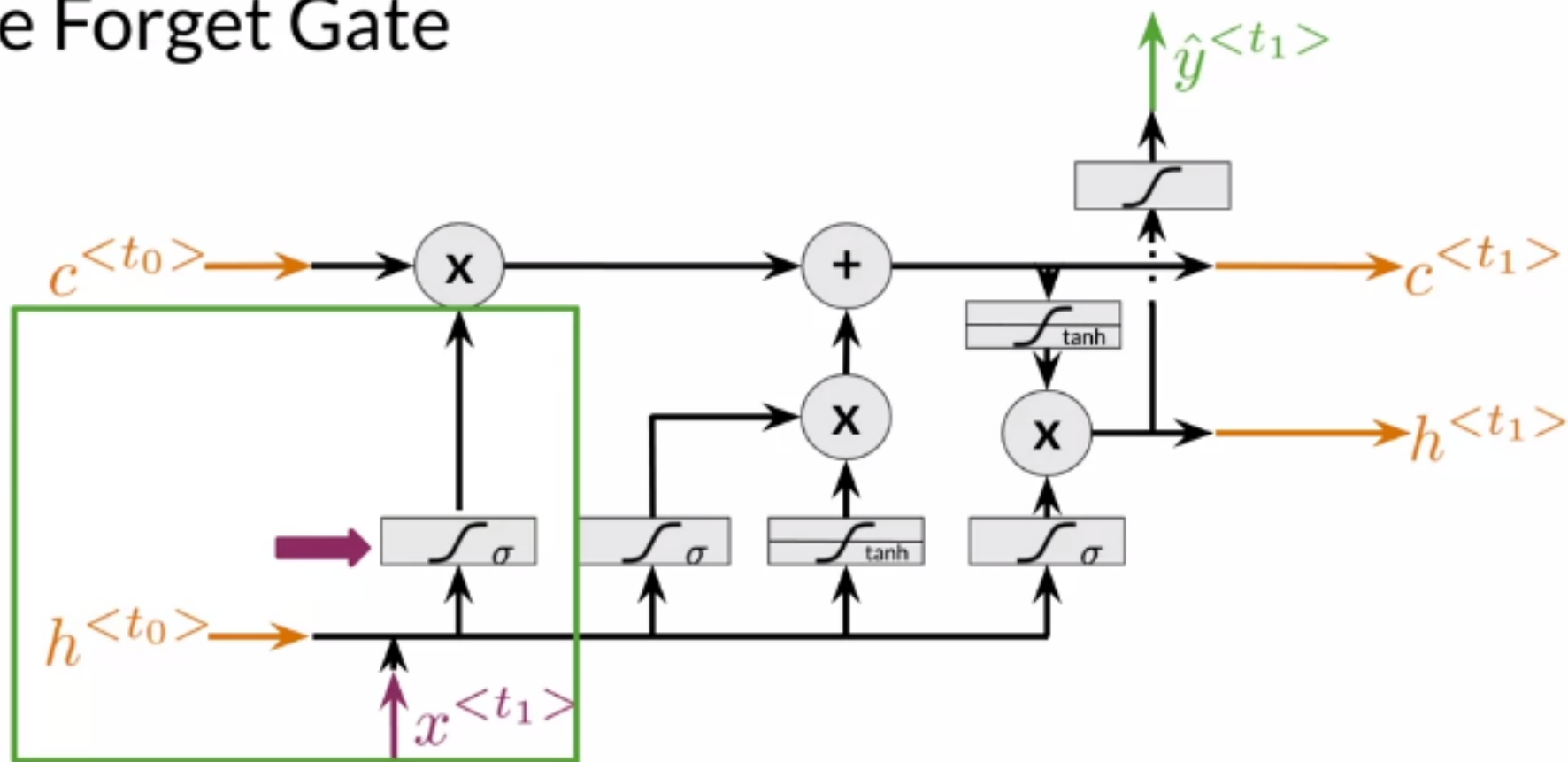
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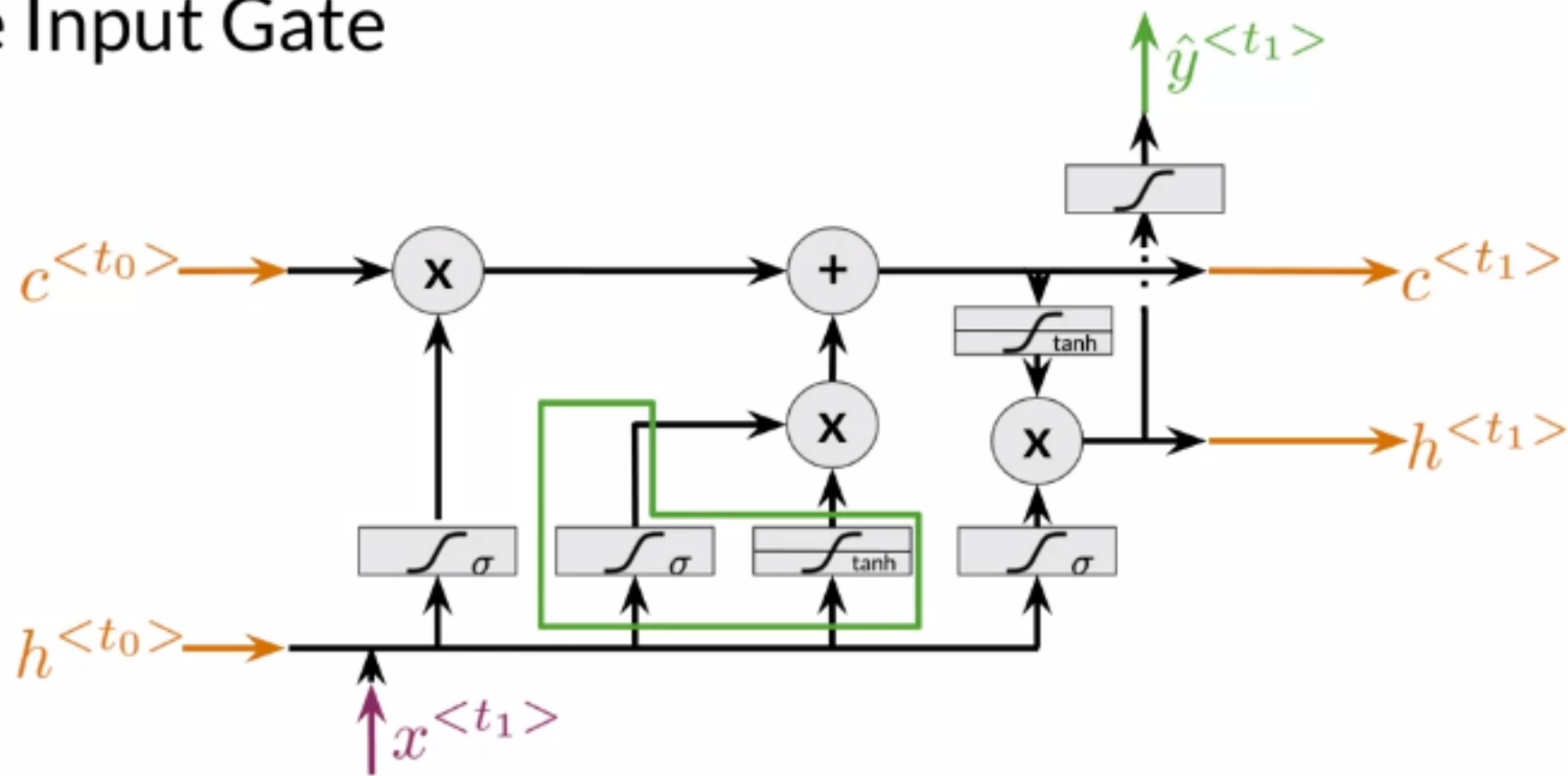
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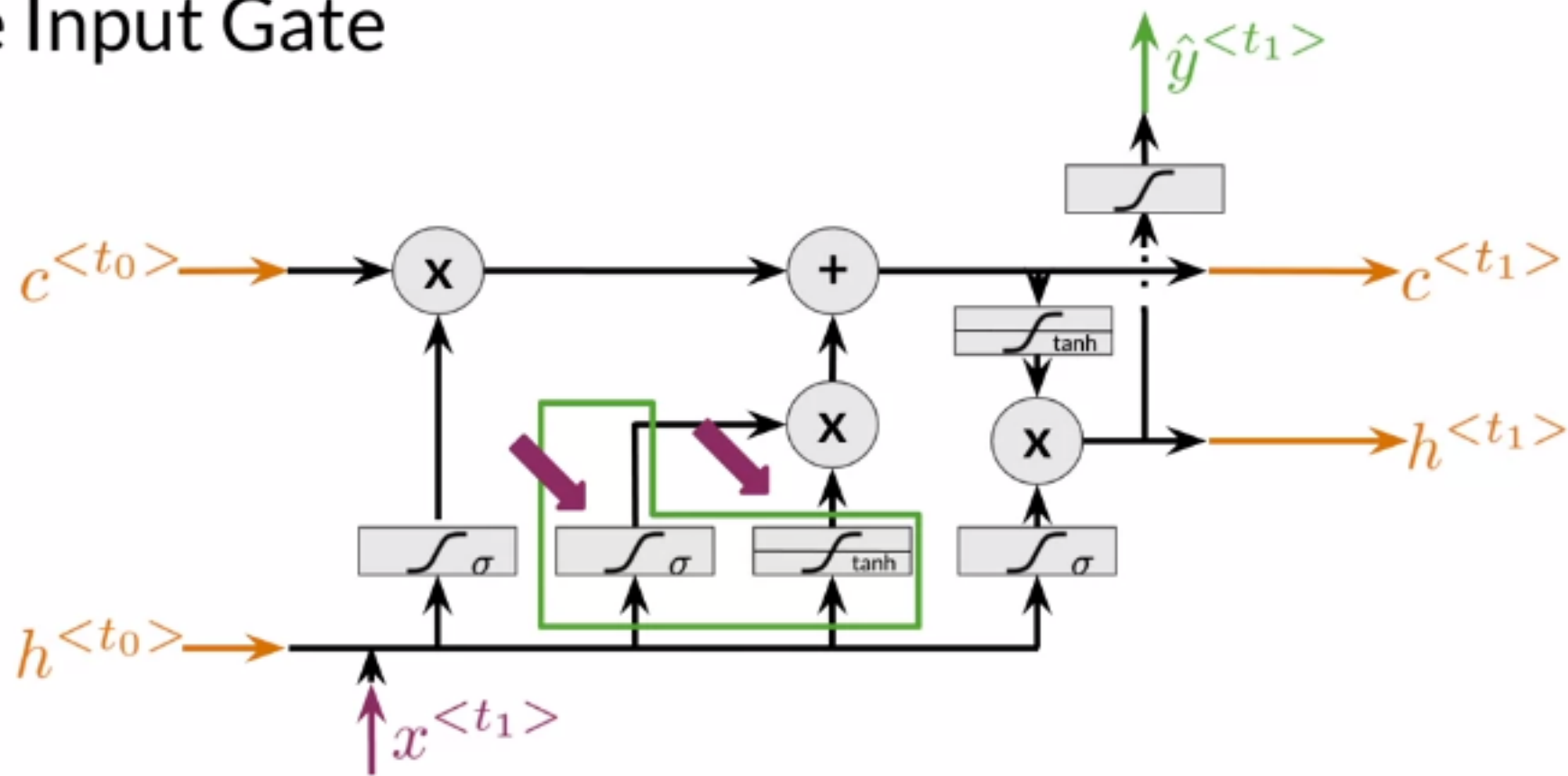
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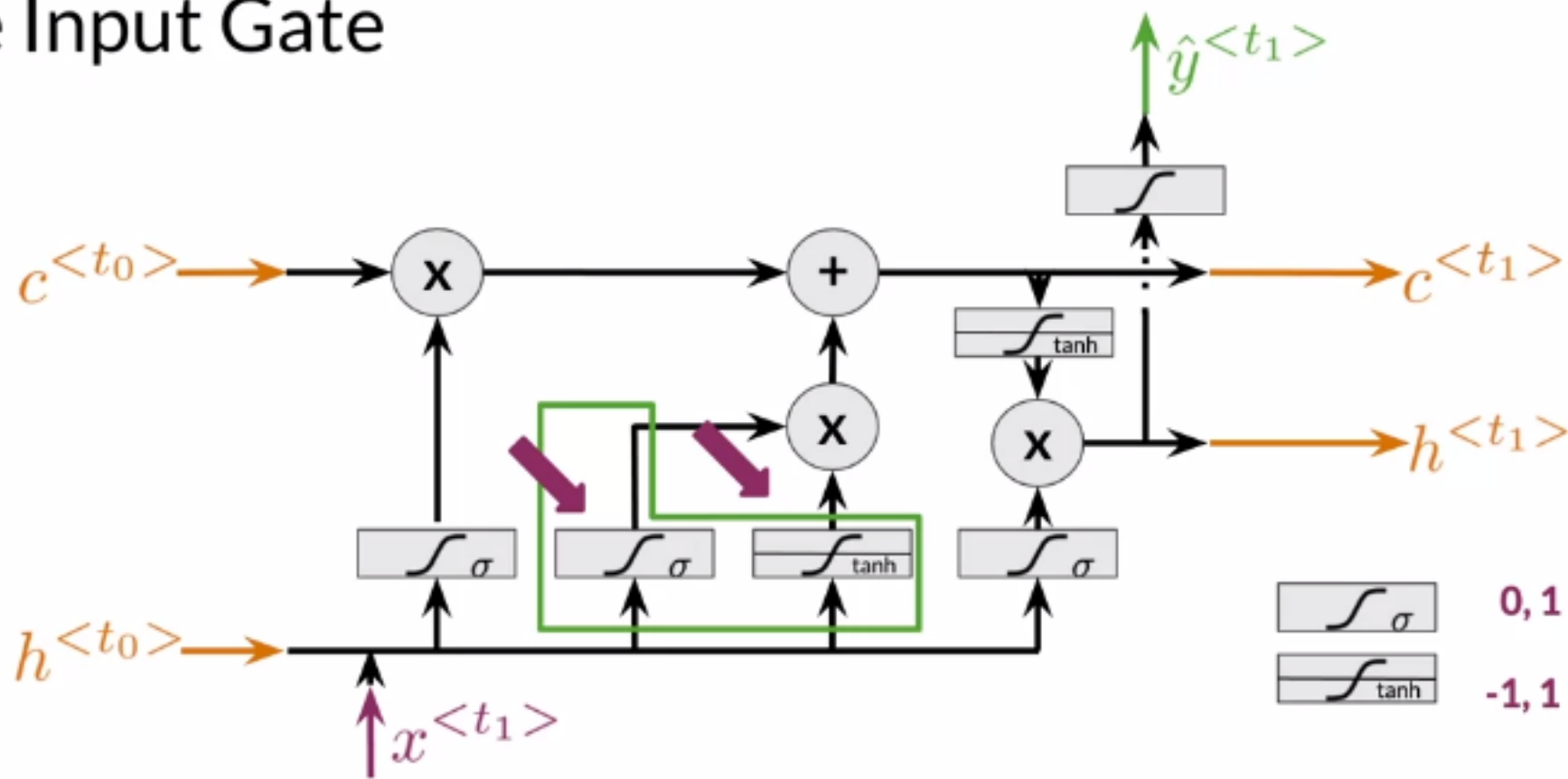
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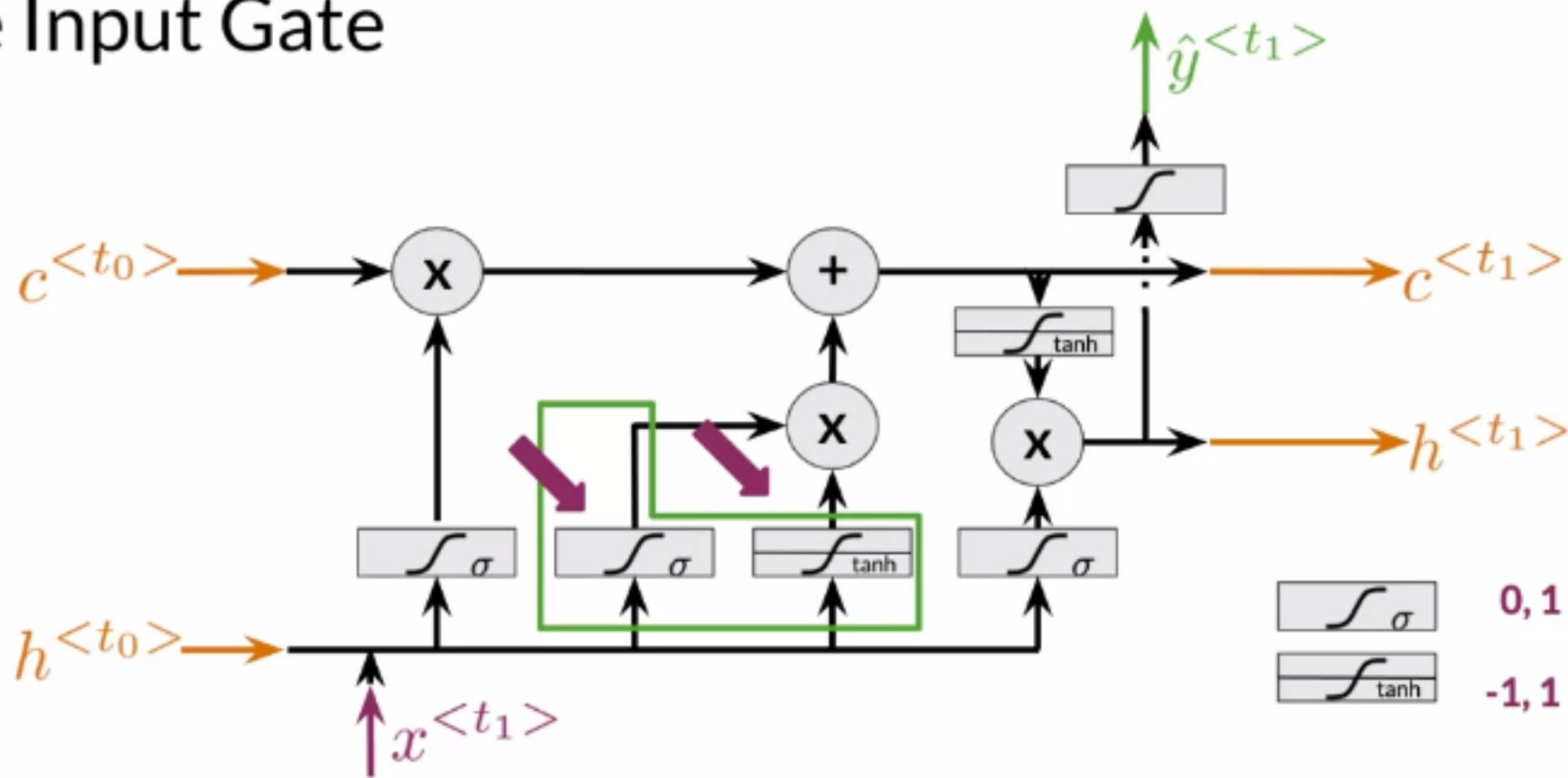


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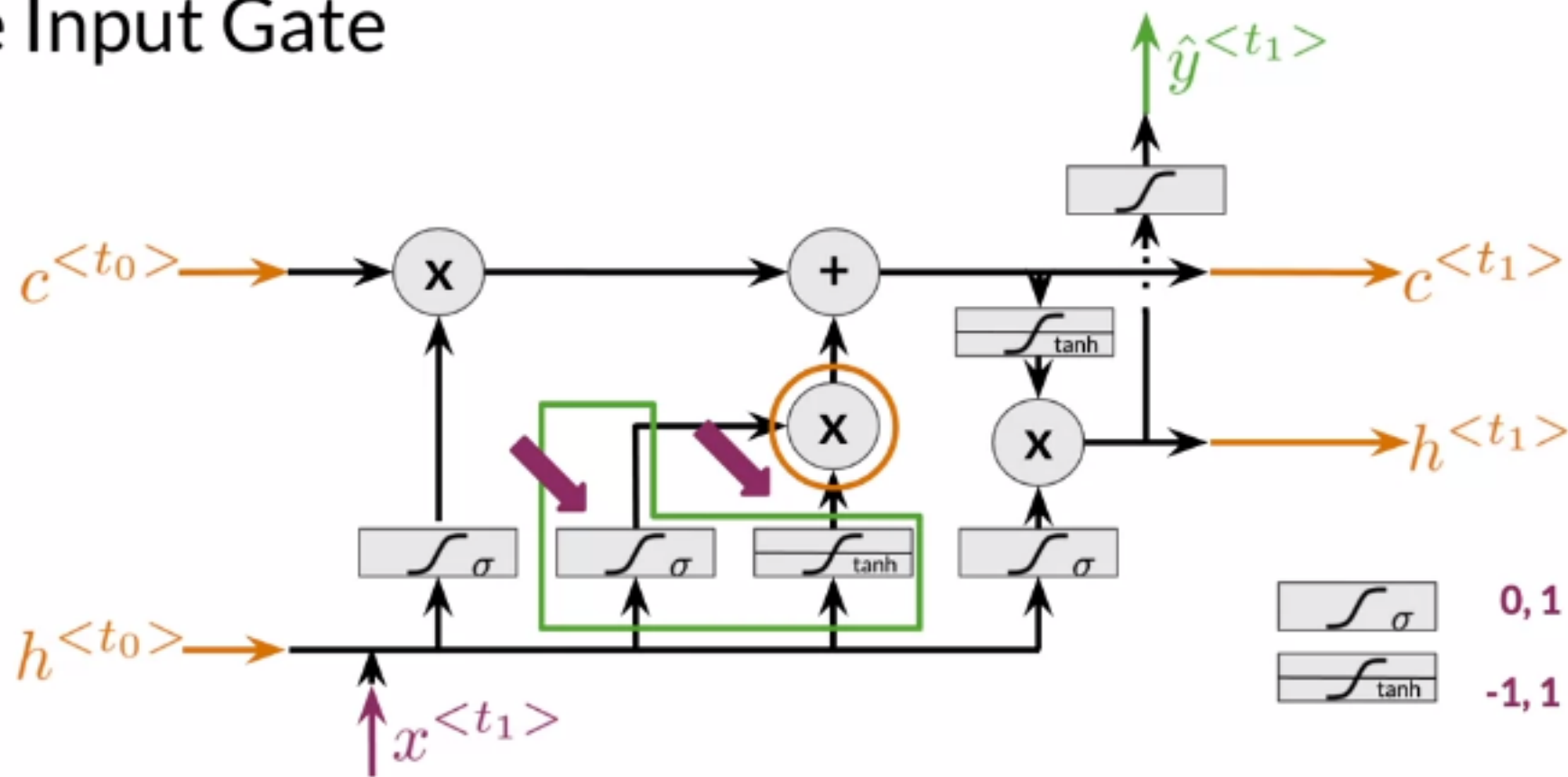




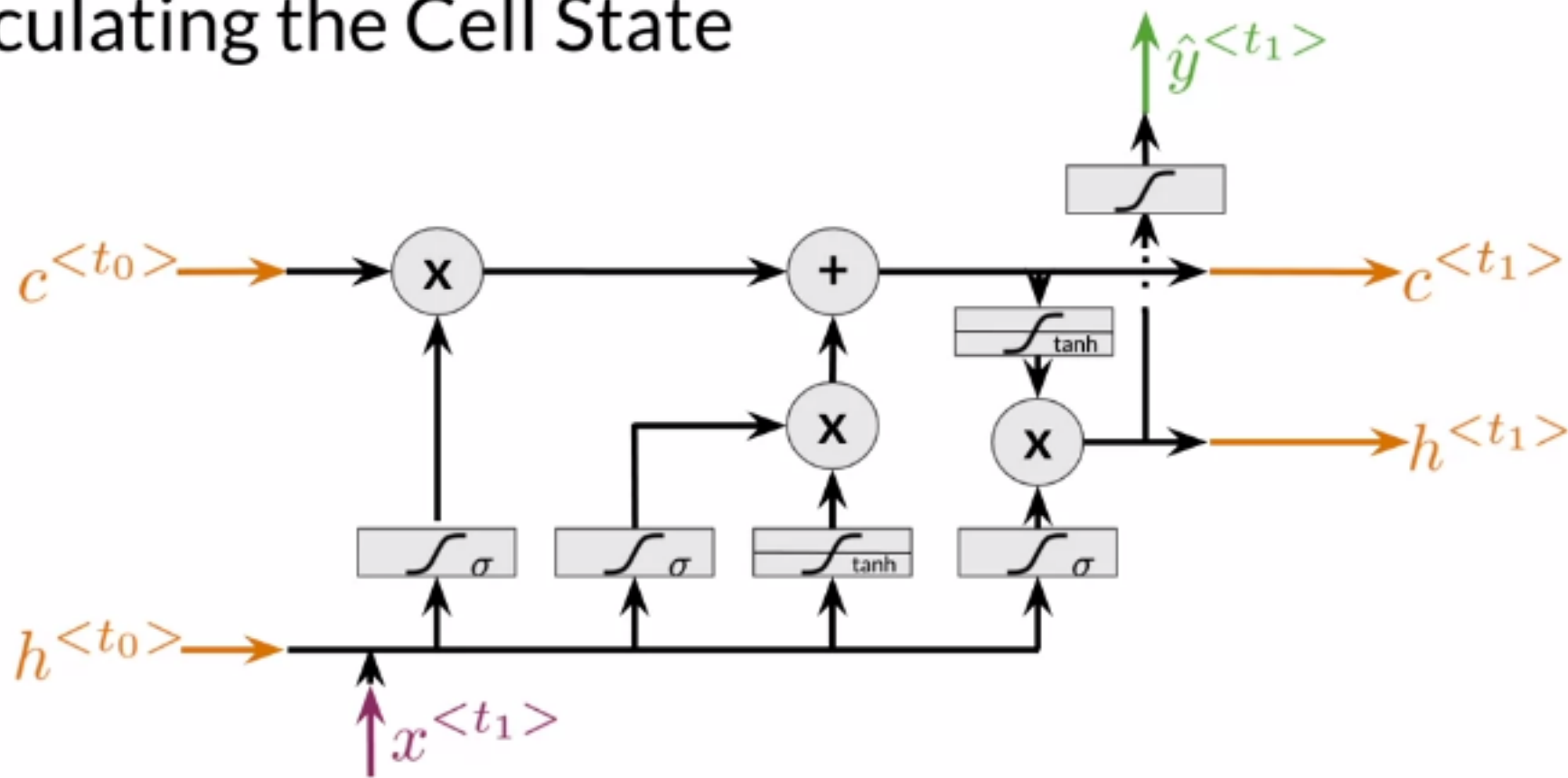
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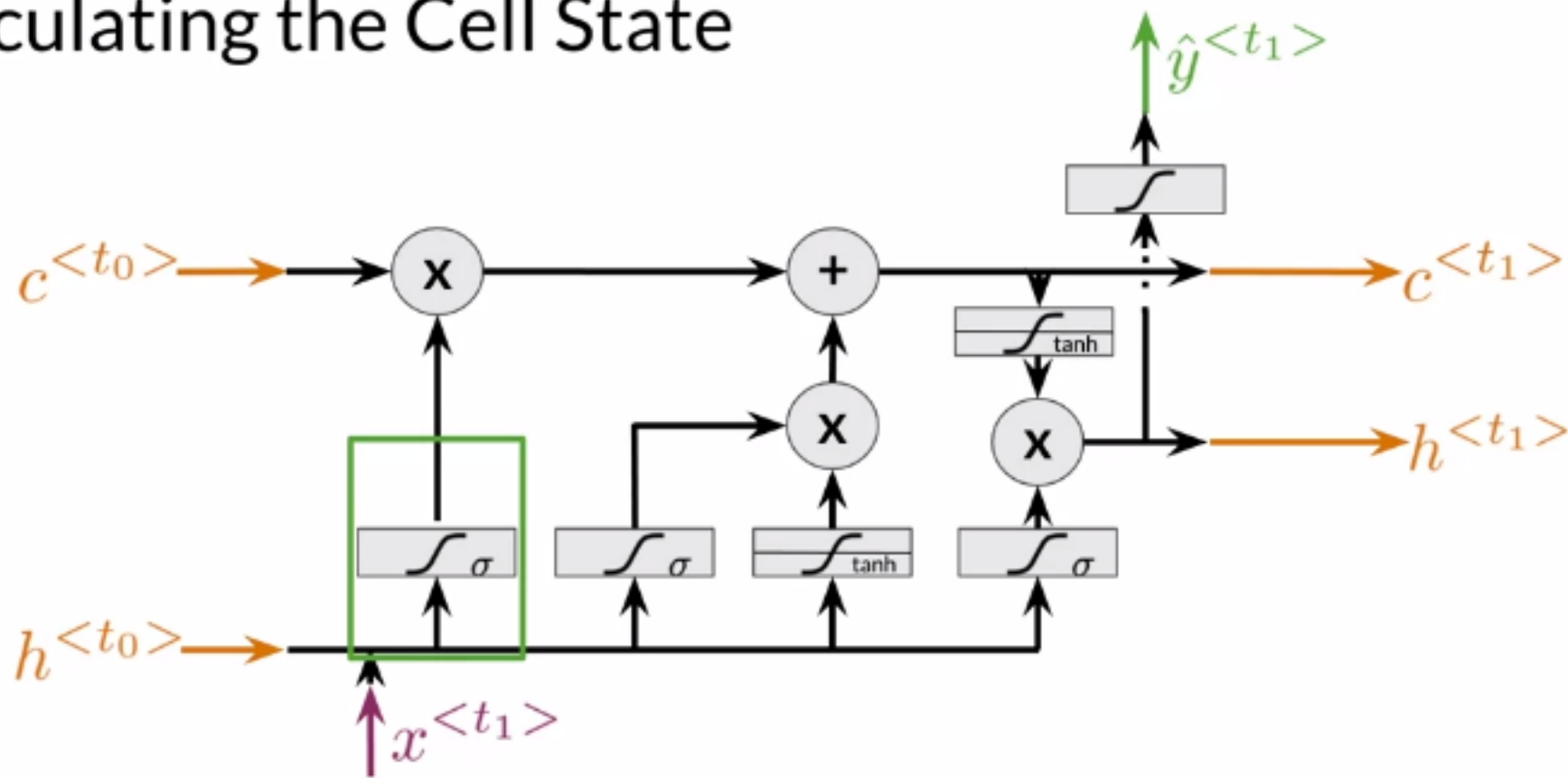
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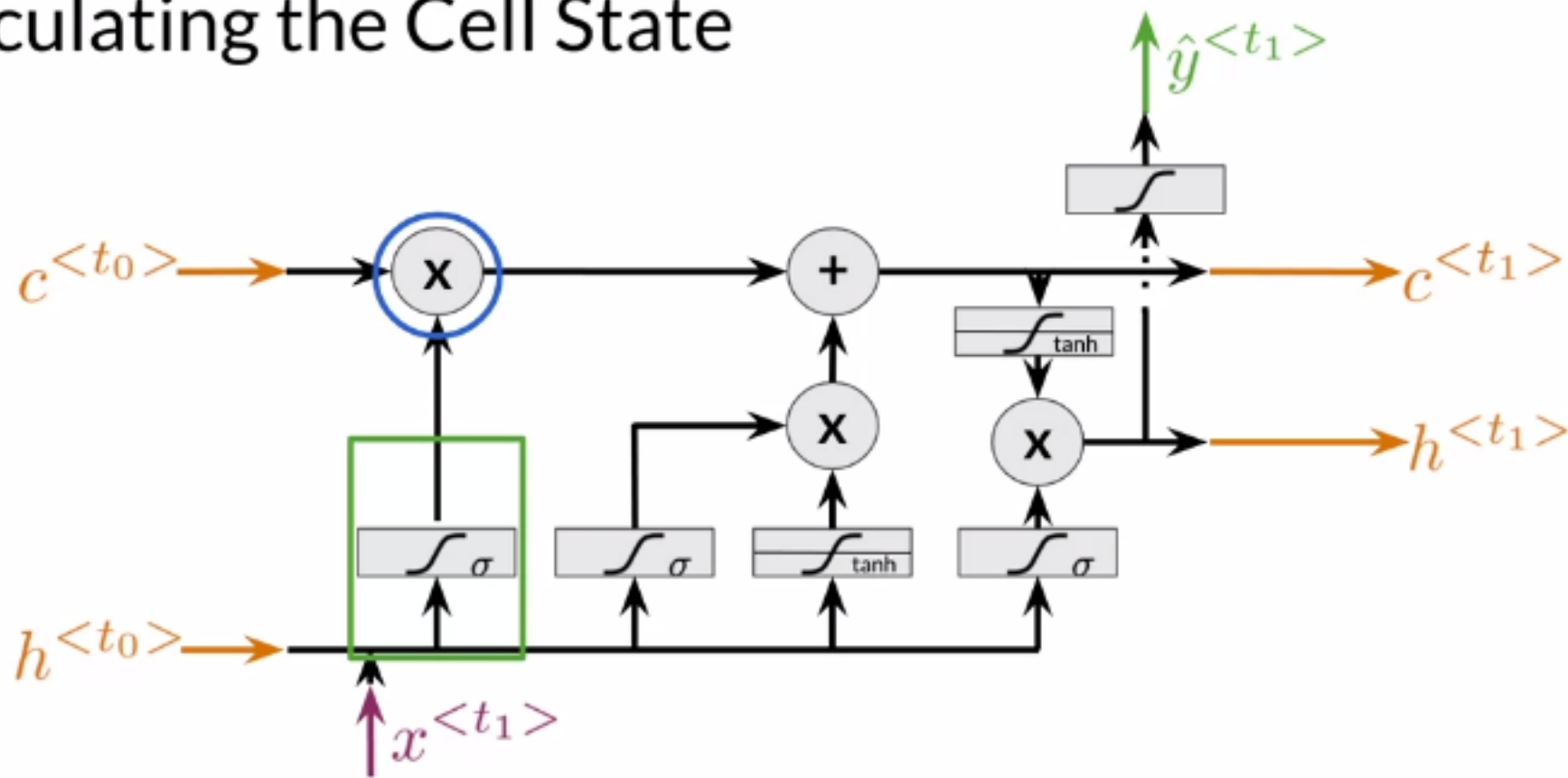
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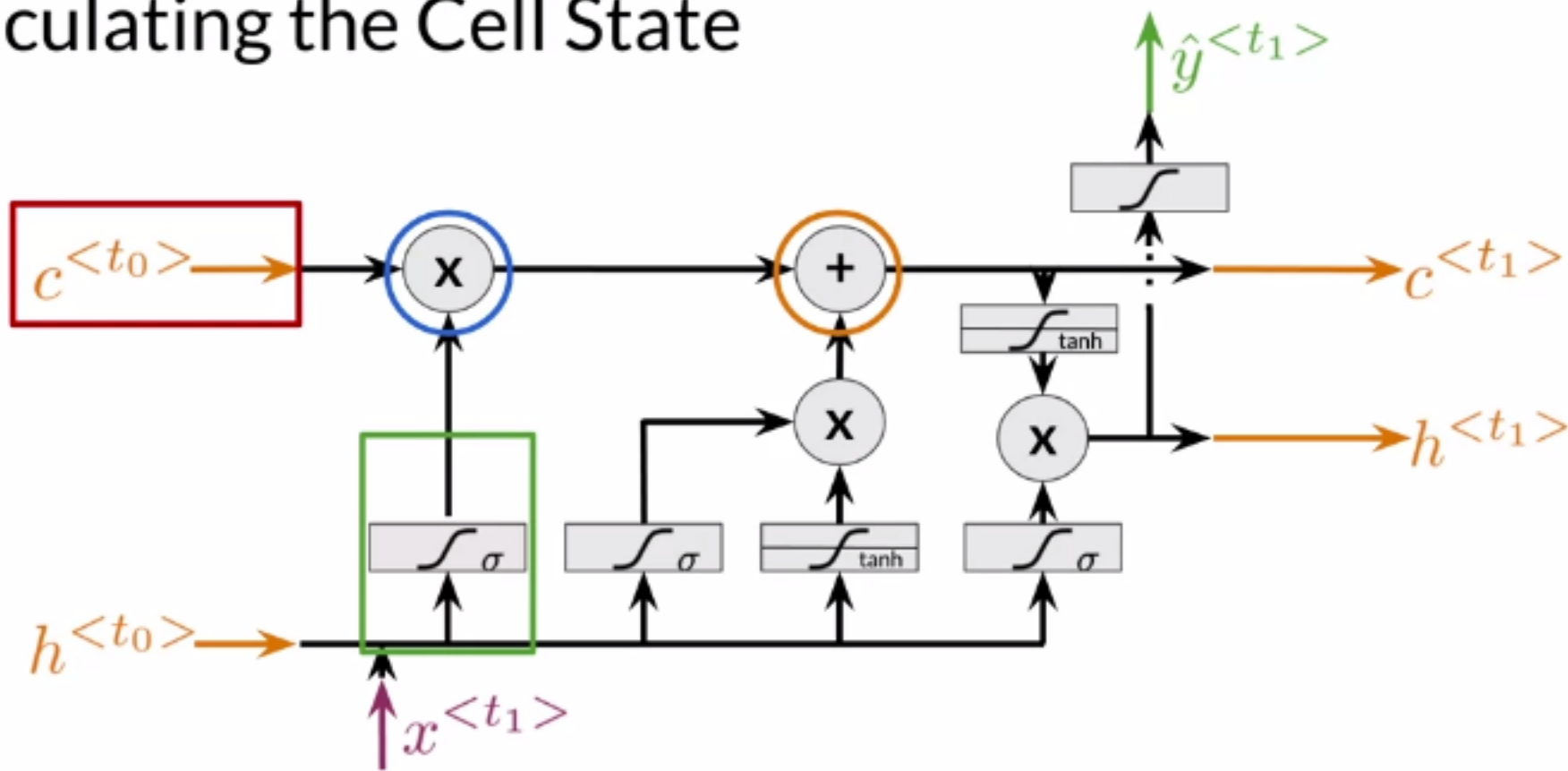
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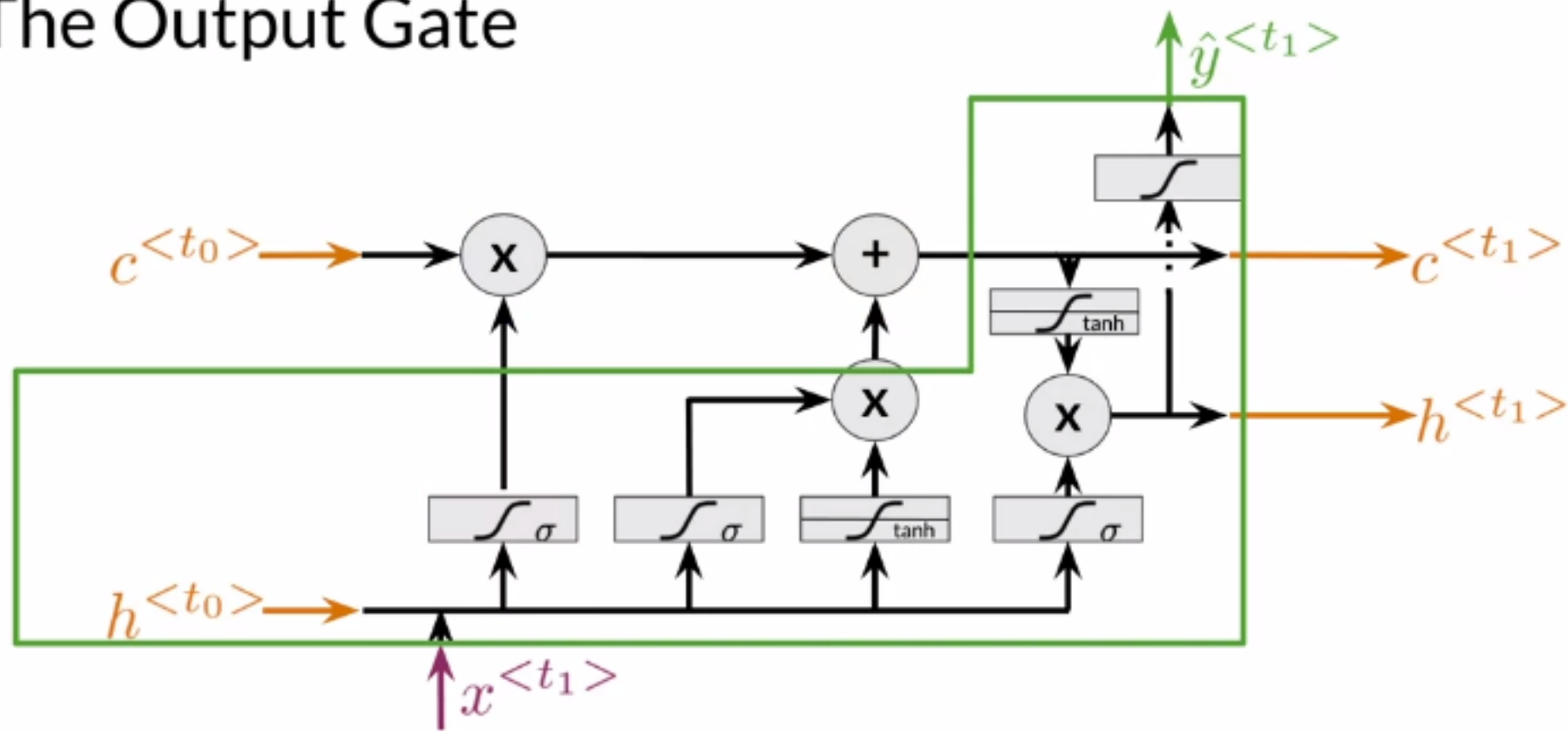
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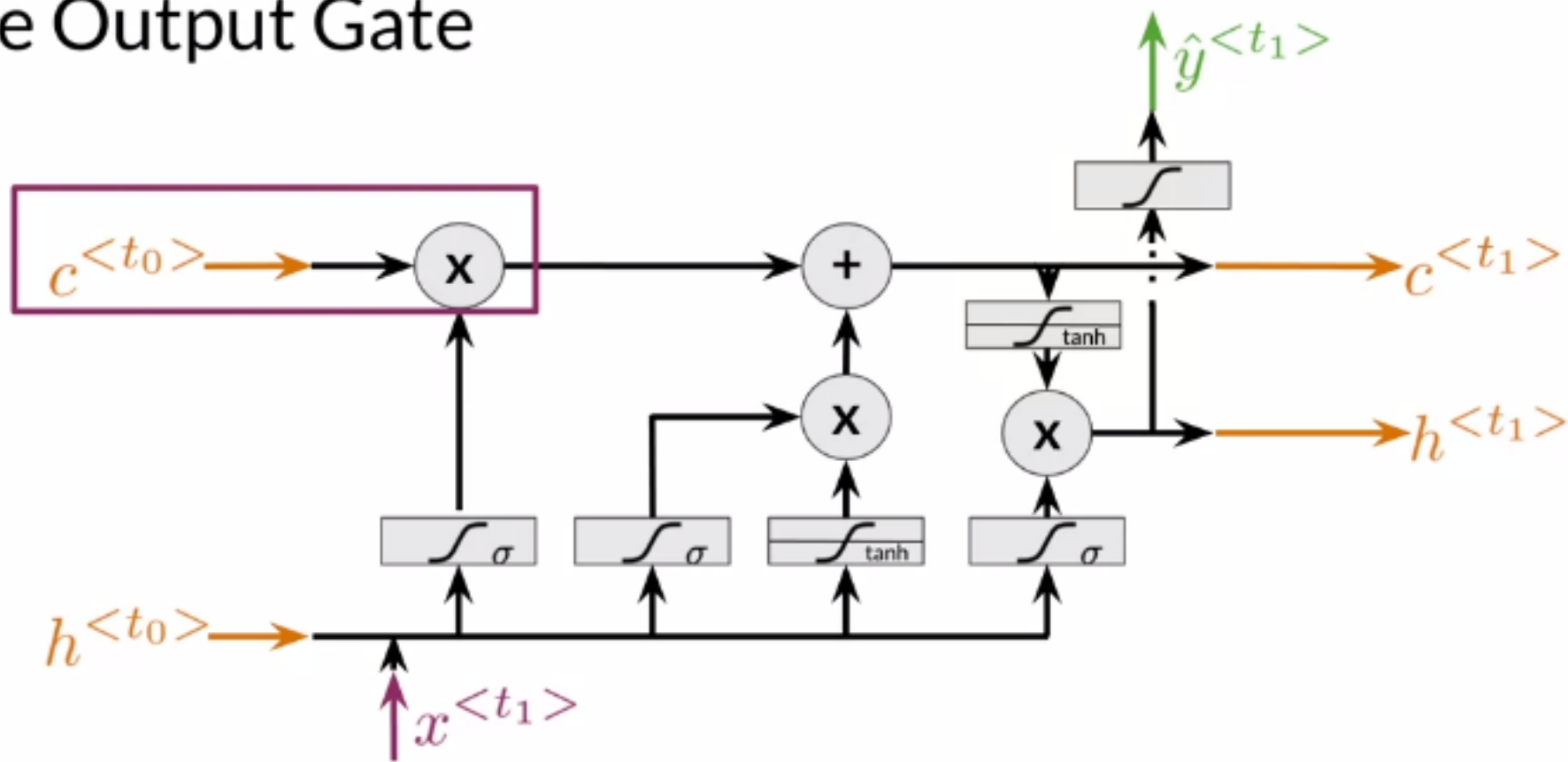
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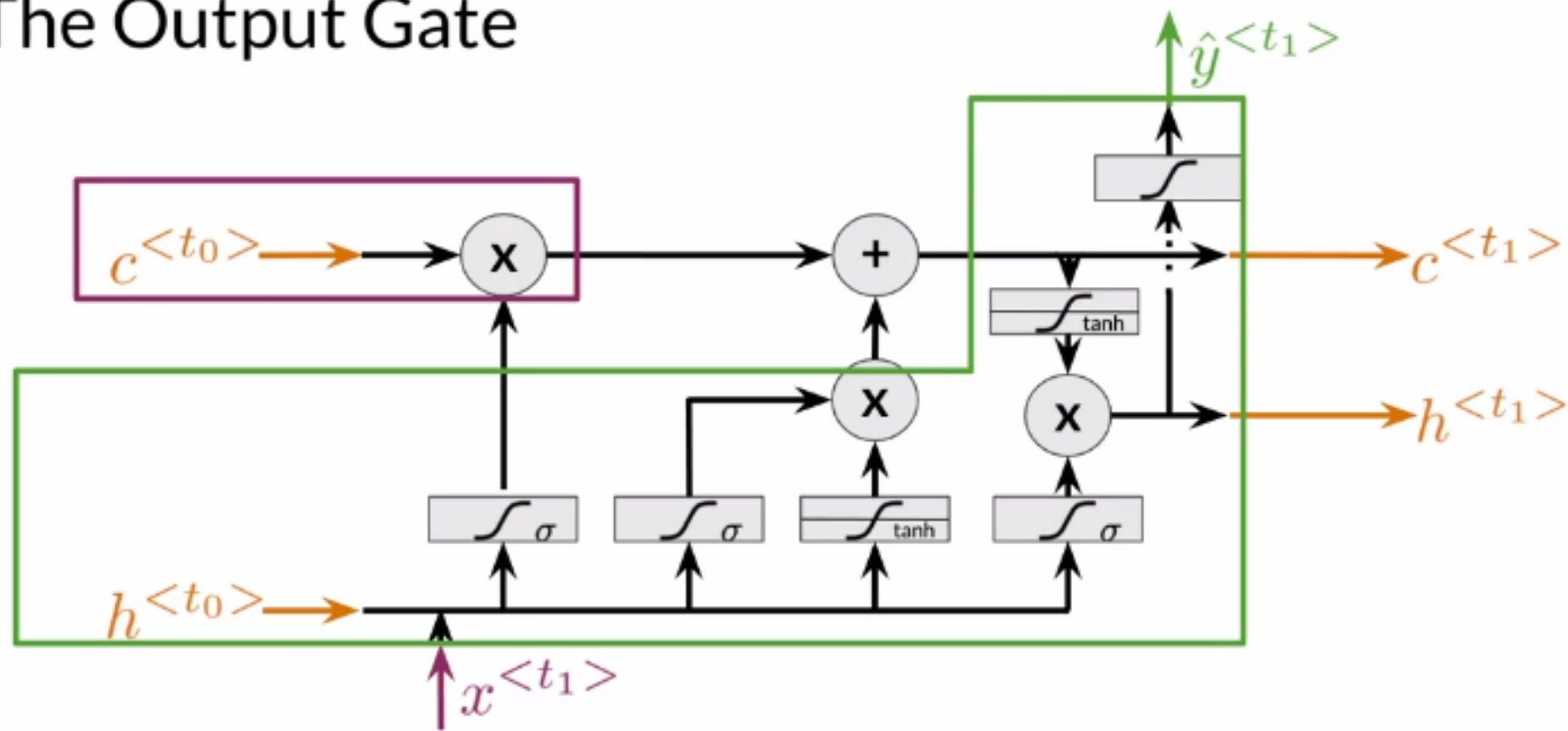


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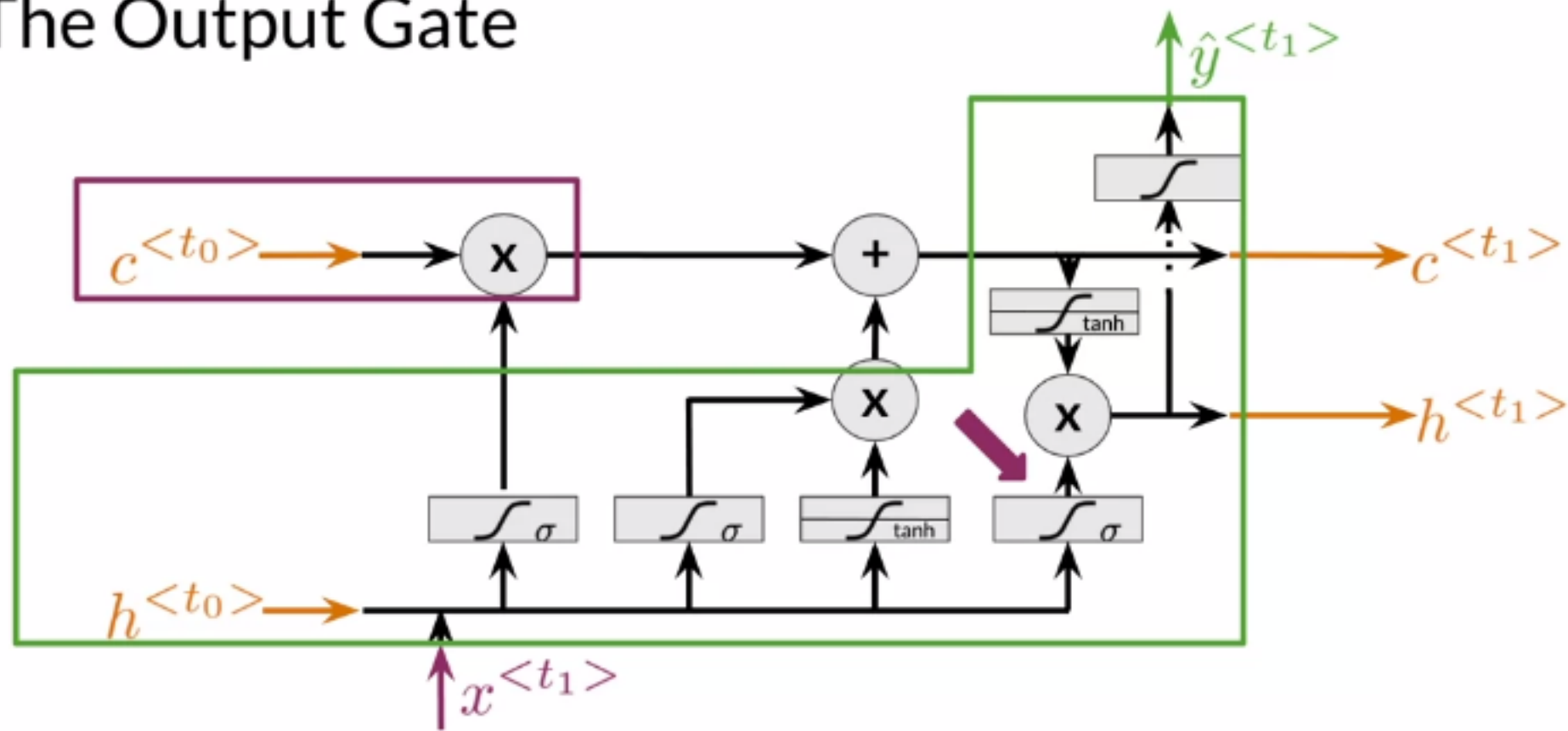




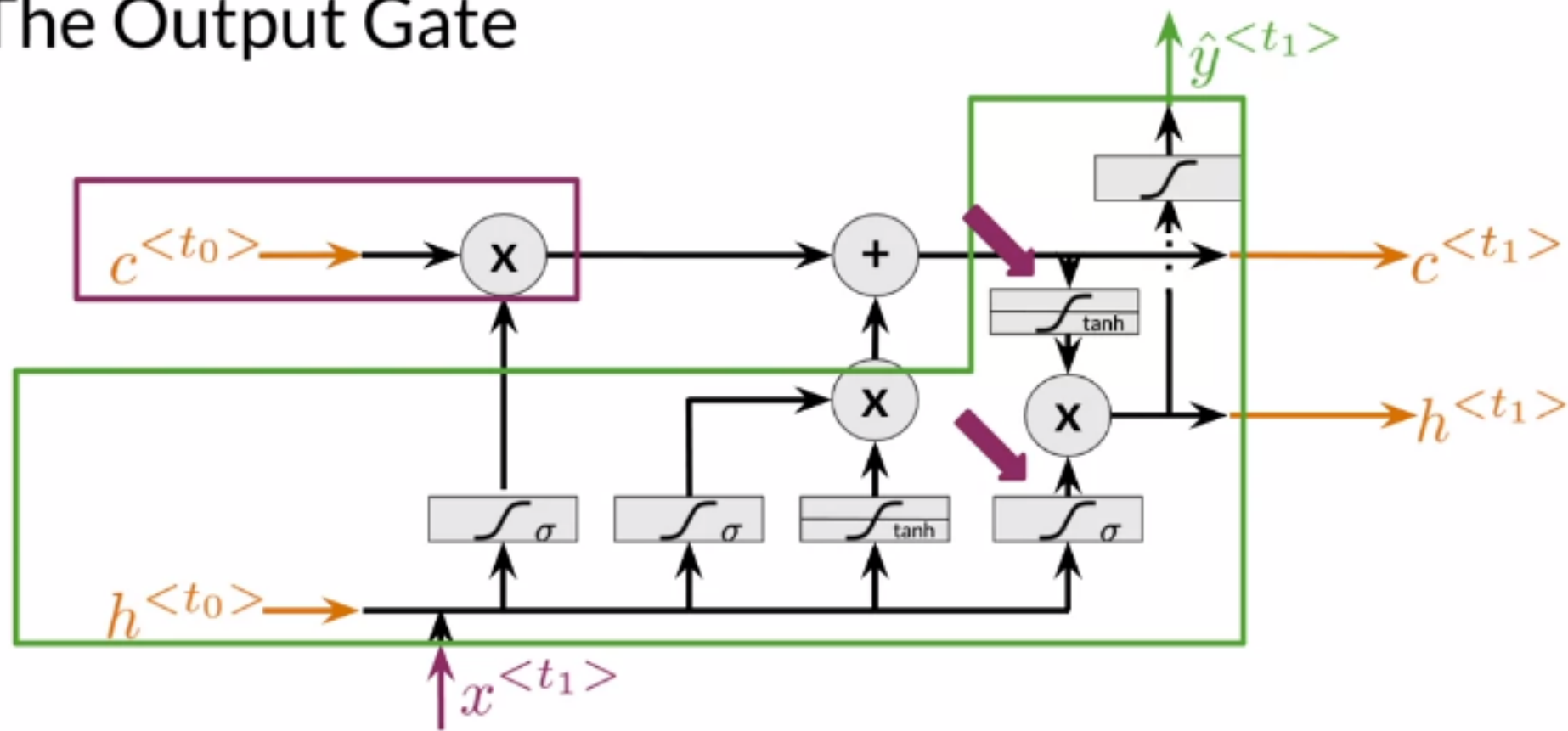
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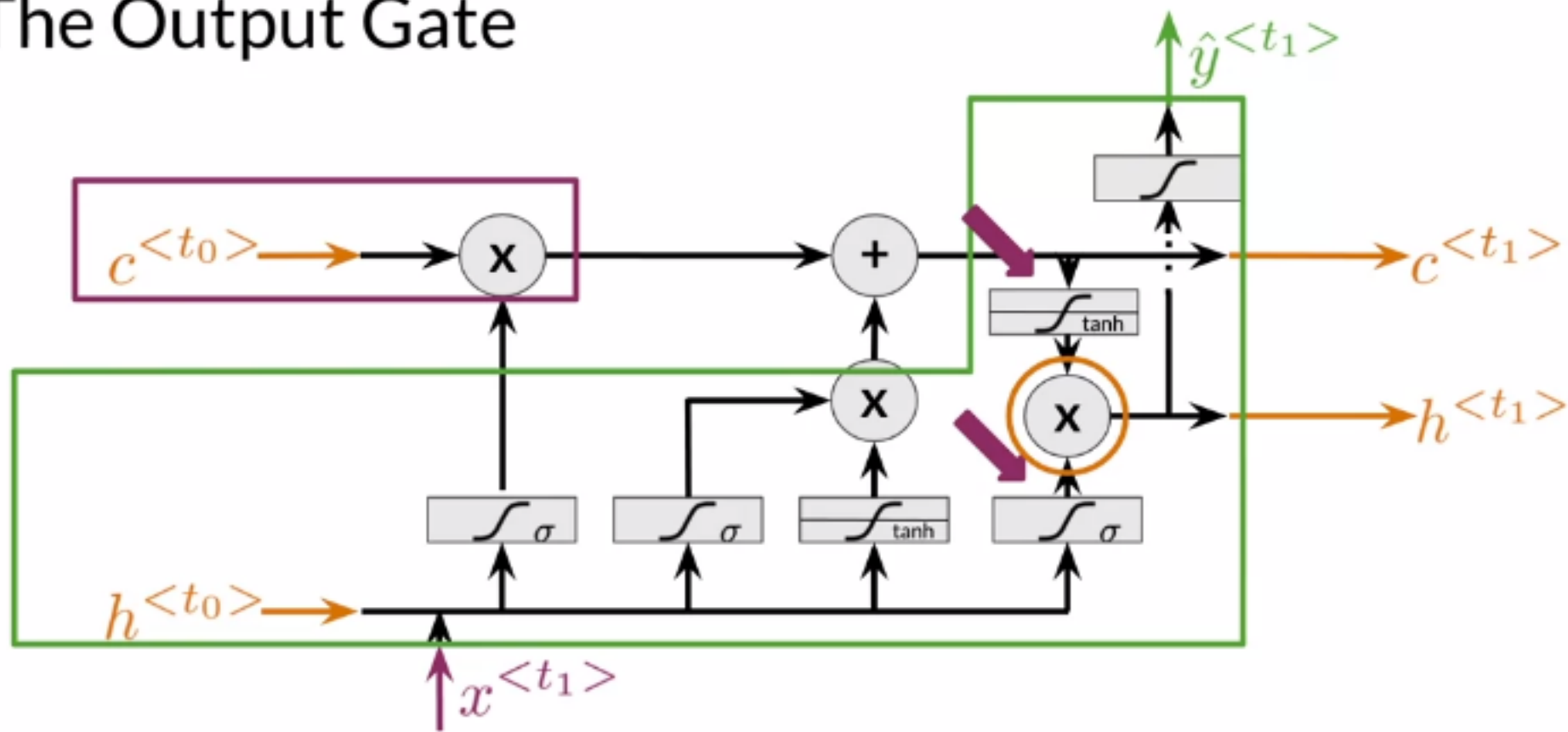
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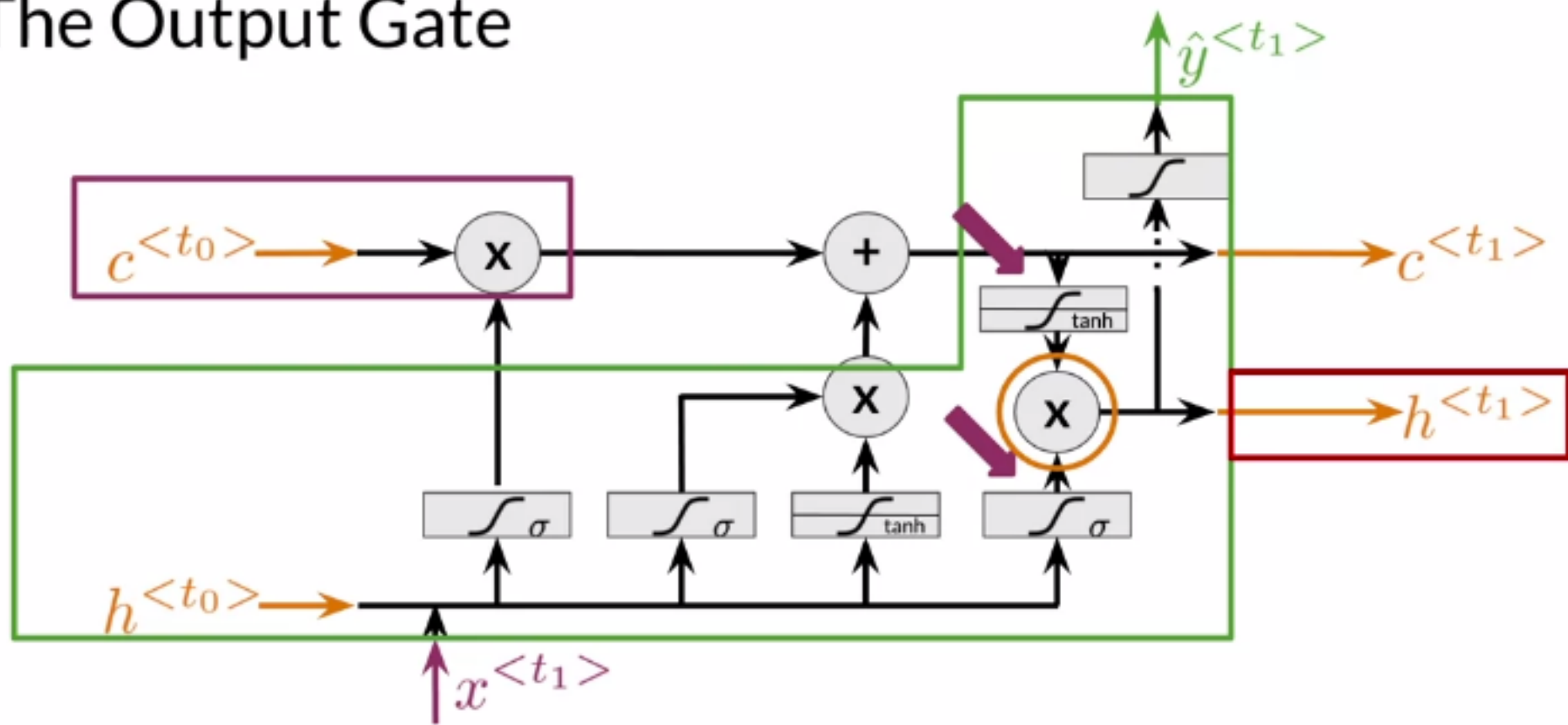
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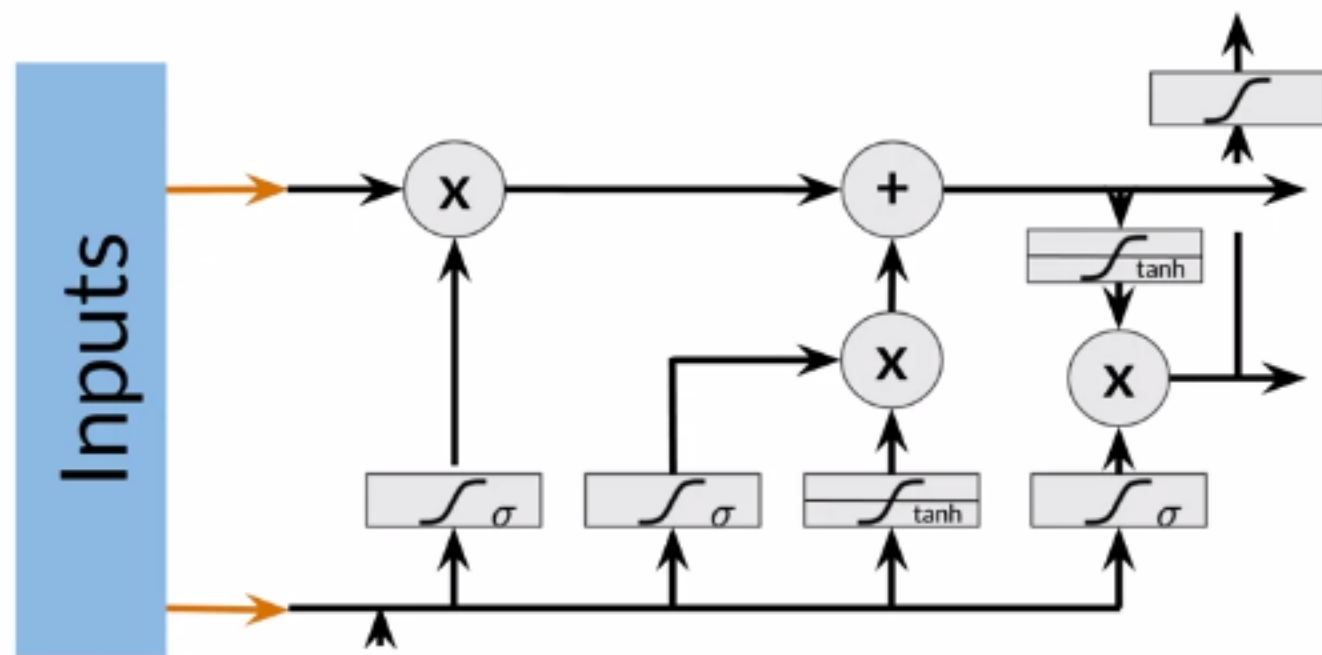
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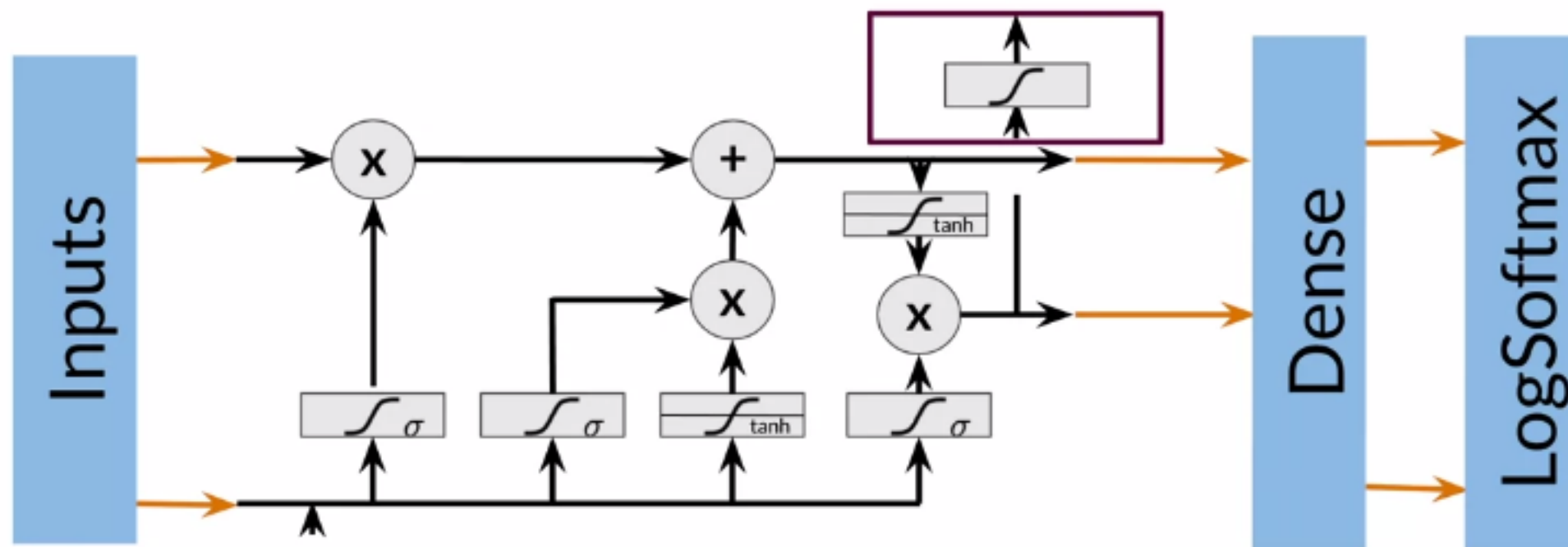


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# Layers in Trax

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)
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# Summary

- Convert words and entities into same-length numerical arrays
- Train in batches for faster processing
- Run the output through a final layer and activation





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