Neural BLACKLIST

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In The Old Days

Today

Filter by threat: Botnet C&Cs | Payment Sites | Distribution Sites

Filter by malware: TeslaCrypt | CryptoWall | TorrentLocker | PadCrypt | Locky | CTB-Locker | FAKBEN | PayCrypt | DMALocker | Cerber | Sage

Dateadded (UTC)	Threat	Malware	Host (?)	Domain Registrar (?)	IP address (ASN, Cou
2017-08-20 06:45	Payment Site	Cerber	qfjhpgbefuhenjp7.1e1jbc.top	Eranet International Limited	92.63.91.45 (Latvia)
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Source: https://ransomwaretracker.abuse.ch/tracker/cerber/

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Locky


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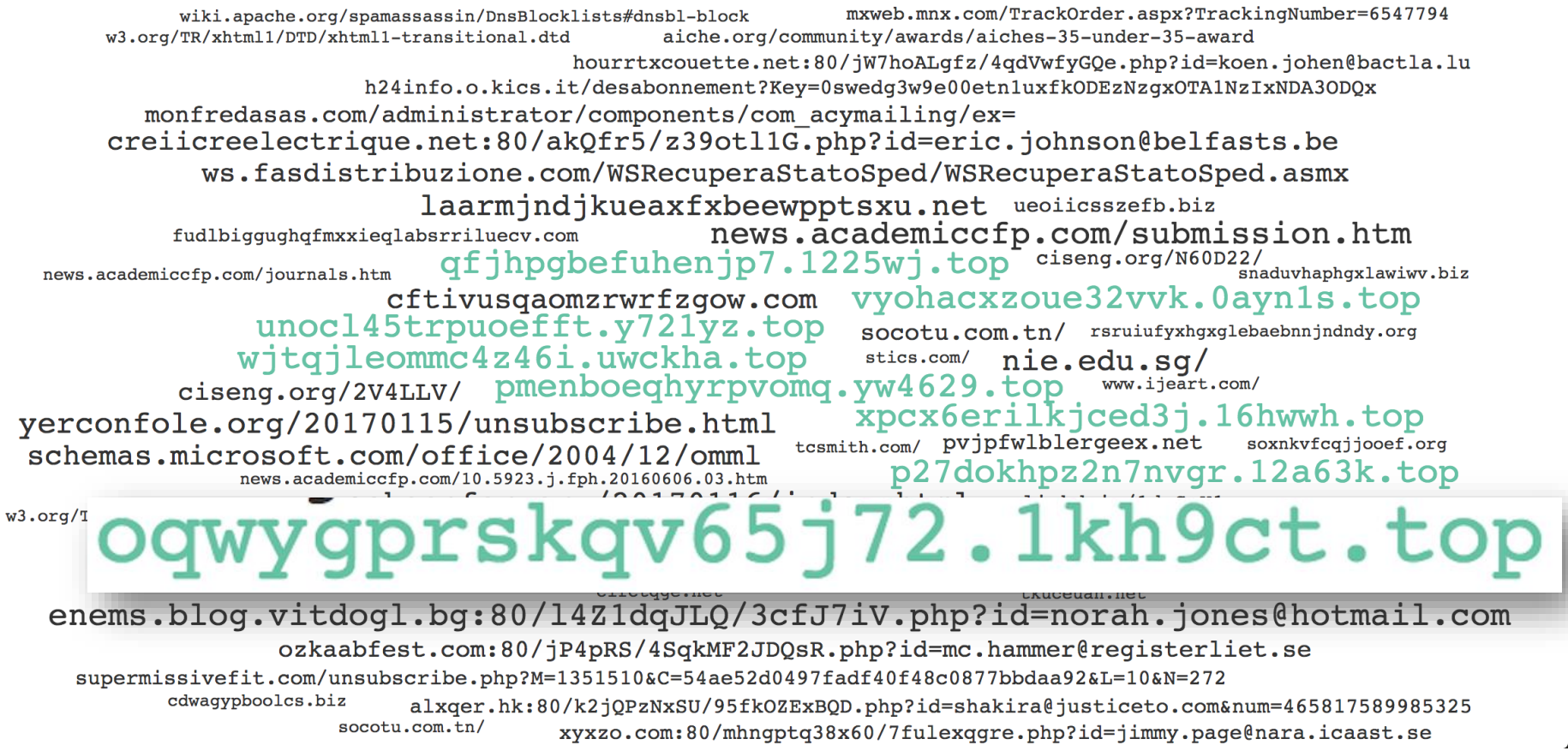

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Machine Learning

XGBoost, SVM, Random Forest, ...

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trainx, testx, trainy, testy = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.3, random_state=7)
trainset, testset = xgb.DMatrix(trainx, trainy), xgb.DMatrix(testx)

params = {'max_depth':10, 'eta':1, 'silent':1, 'objective':'binary:logistic' }
model = xgb.train(params, trainset, num_boost_round=10)

predictions = model.predict(testset)
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                        7:[f0<5.5] yes=15,no=16,missing=15
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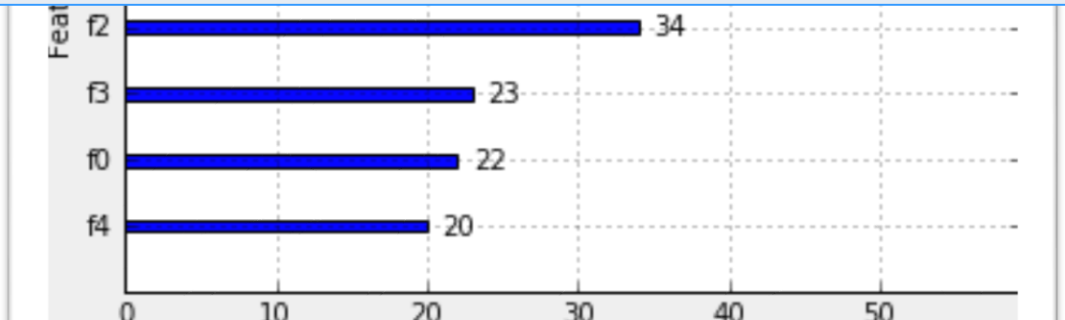


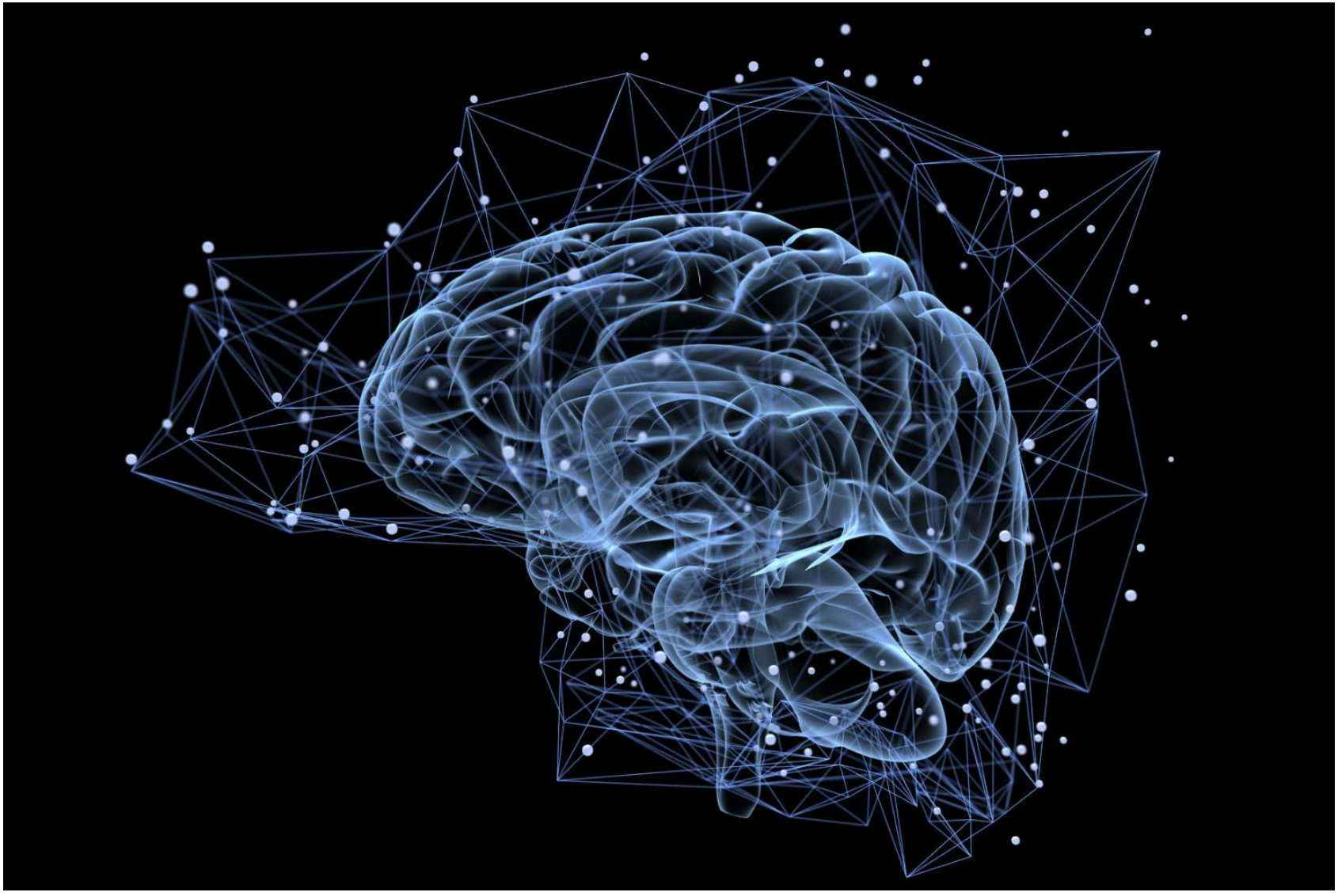
Would Traditional ML Work?

XGBoost/SVM/RandomForest

- Pros
  - Easy to program
  - Very fast training
  - Perform well against tabular input data
  - Use human intelligence and heuristics
- Cons
  - Hard to debug when it mis-predicts
  - Development cost is high
  - Feature engineering is required

Deep Learning

Neural Network



Malicious URL Detection

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Classification finished in 5.2 sec
Result saved in 0.0 sec
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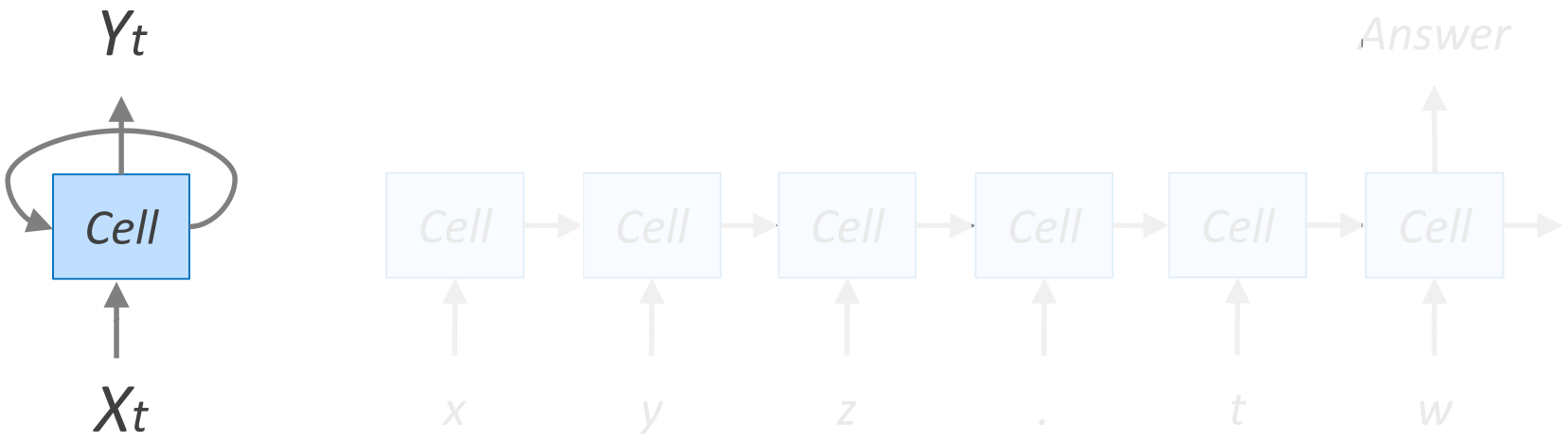
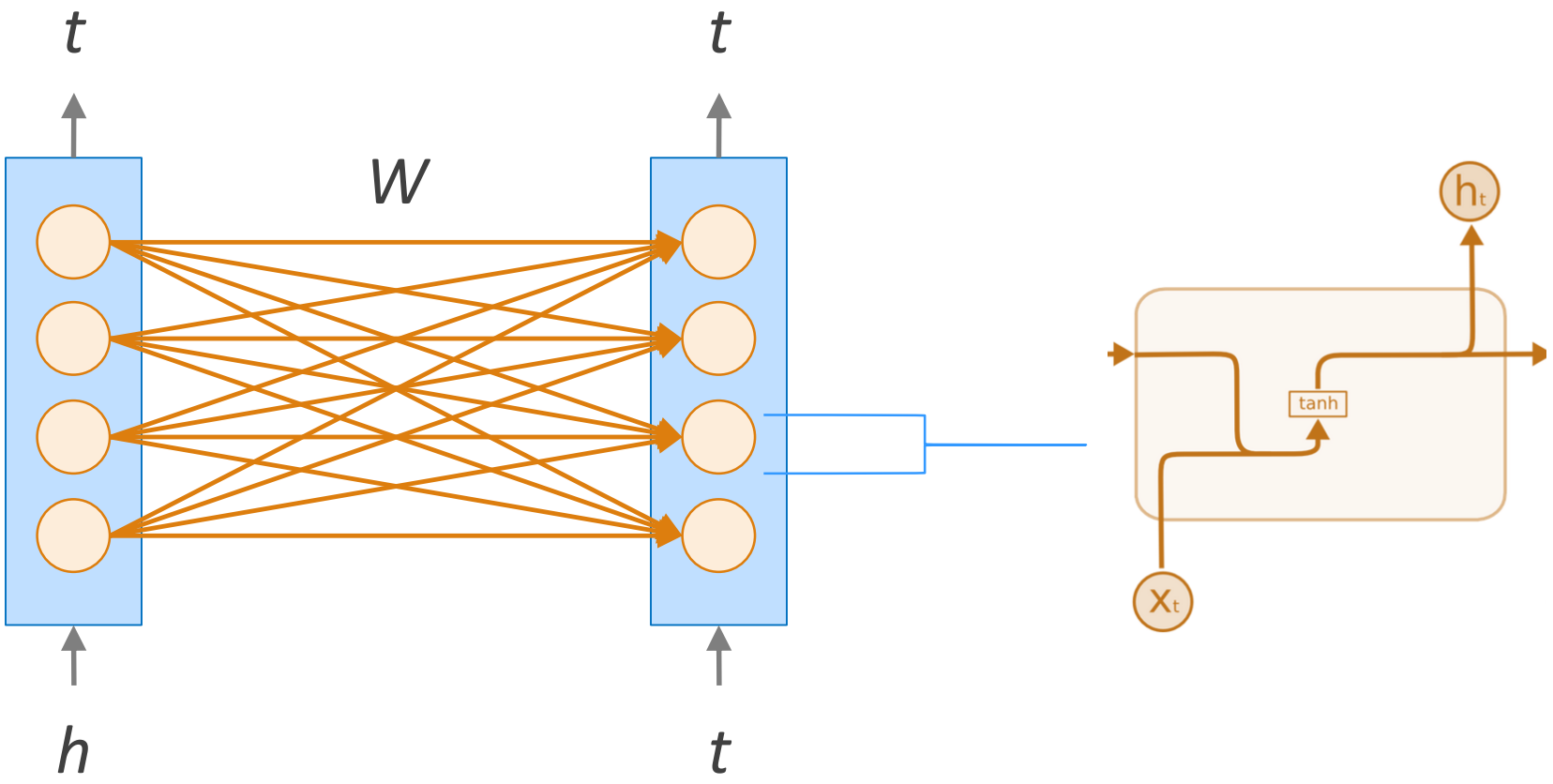
DEMO

Deep Learning

Recurrent neural network (RNN)

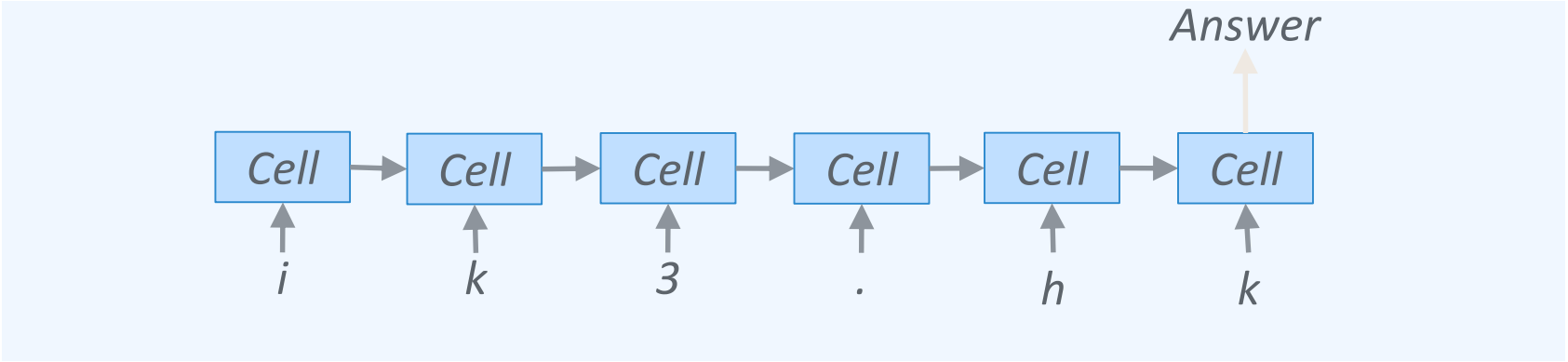


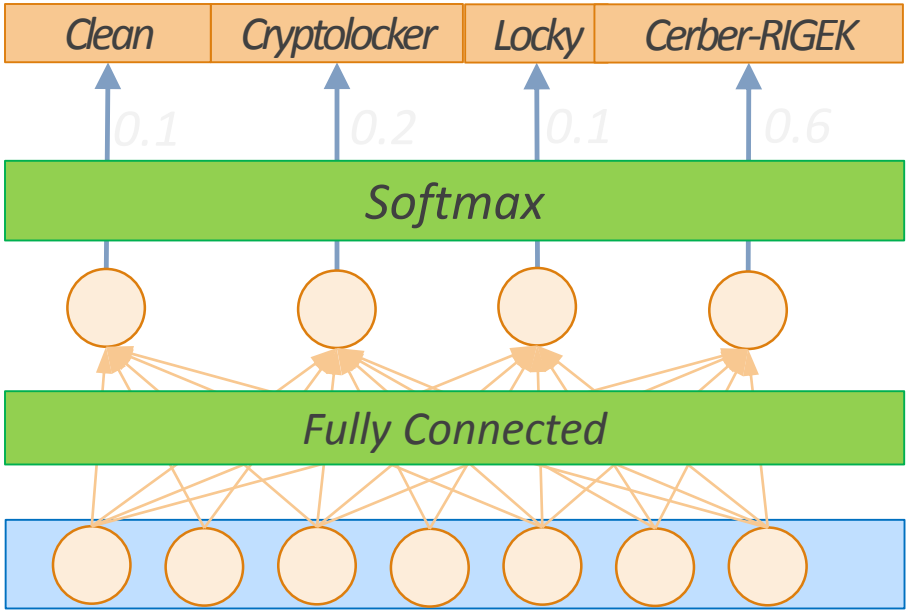
RNN Cell and Connections



Classification Using RNN Cell

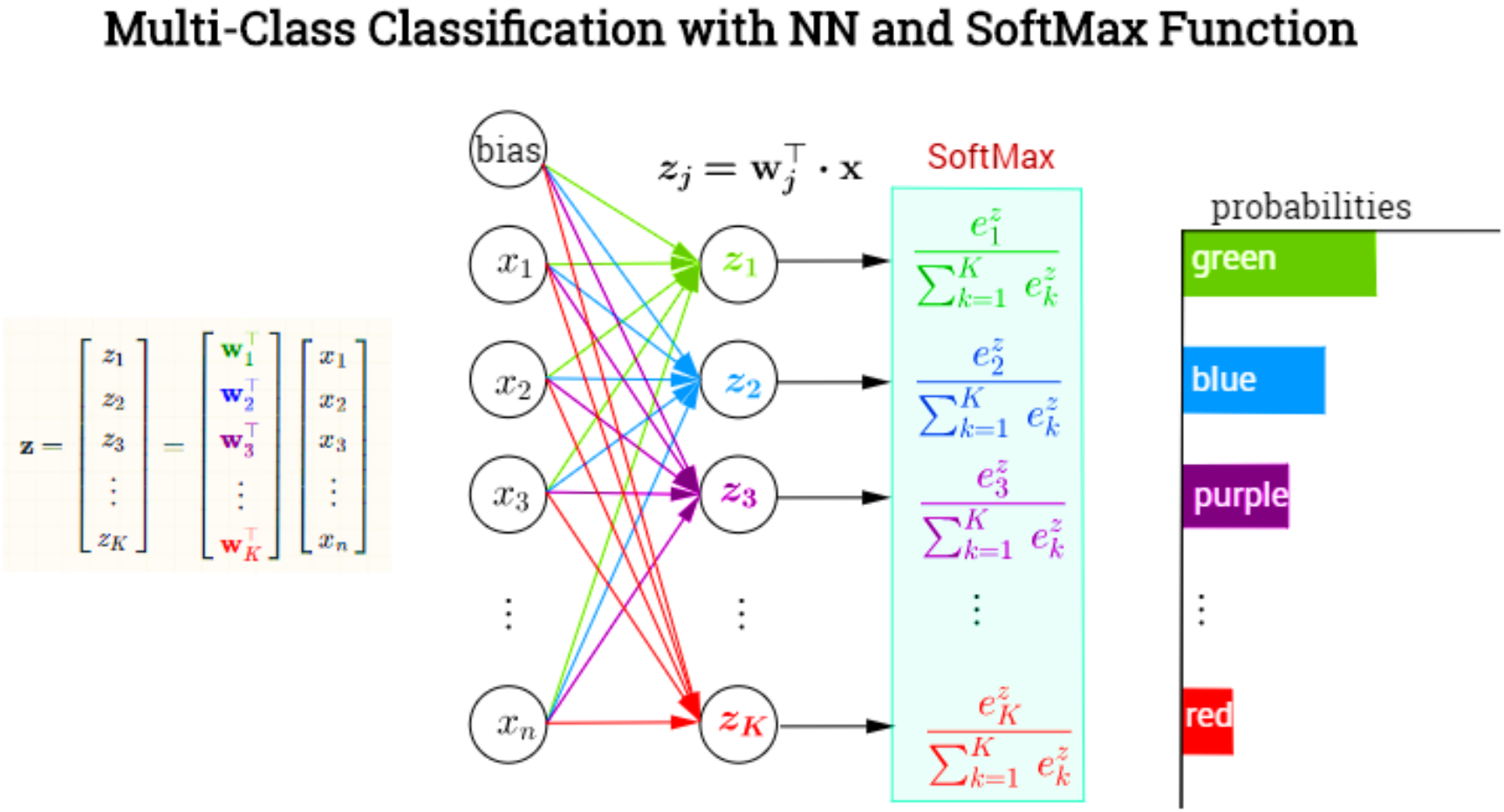
Cost: softmax cross entropy





Classification Using RNN Cell

Training: Back Propagation Through Time



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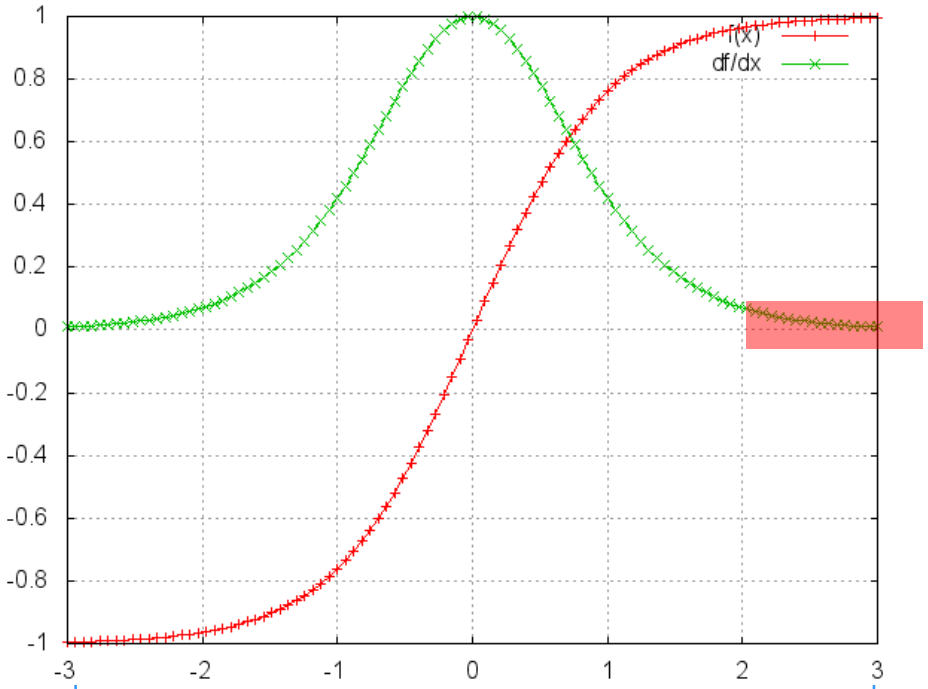
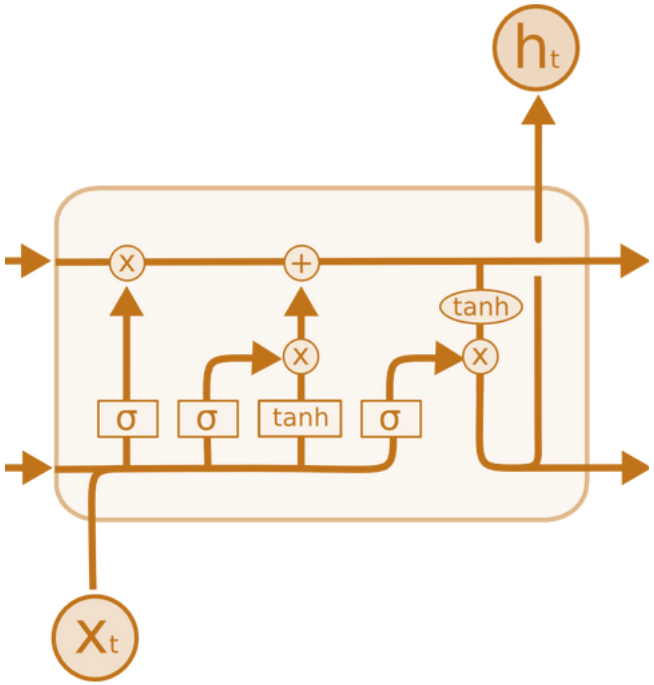
RNN Cell

Vanishing Gradient Problem



LSTM Cell

Long Short Term Memory



$$X = X_t \mid H_{t-1}$$

$$f = \sigma(X.W_f + b_f)$$

$$u = \sigma(X.W_u + b_u)$$

$$r = \sigma(X.W_r + b_r)$$

$$X' = \tanh(X.W_c + b_c)$$

$$C_t = f * C_{t-1} + u * X'$$

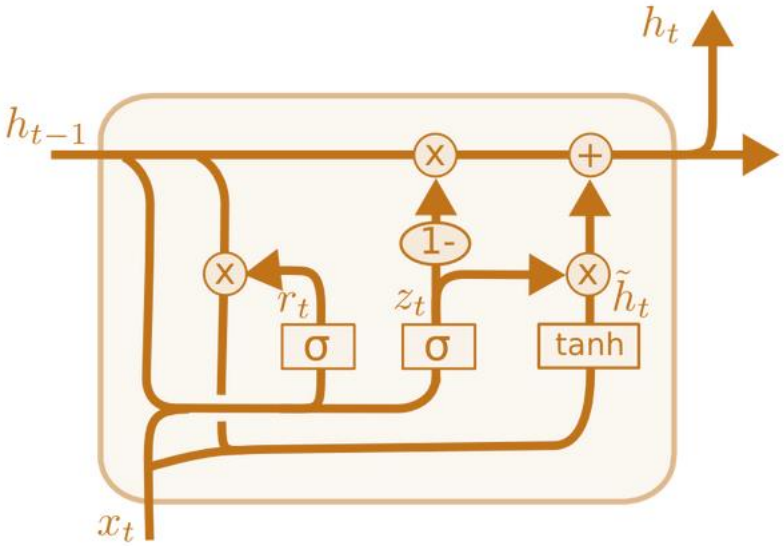
$$H_t = r * \tanh(C_t)$$

$$Y_t = \text{softmax}(H_t.W + b)$$

Source: http://colah.github.io/posts/2015-08-Understanding-LSTMs/

GRU Cell

Gated Recurrent Unit



$$z_t = \sigma\left(W_z \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]\right)$$

$$r_t = \sigma\left(W_r \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t]\right)$$

$$\tilde{h}_t = \tanh\left(W \cdot [r_t * h_{t-1}, x_t]\right)$$

$$h_t = (1 - z_t) * h_{t-1} + z_t * \tilde{h}_t$$

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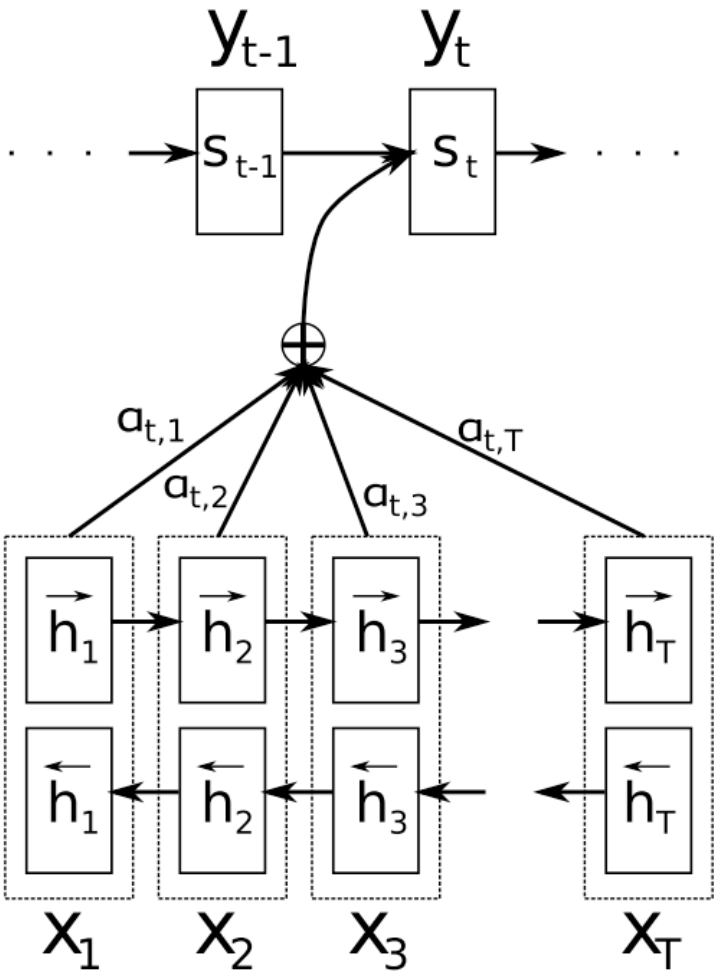
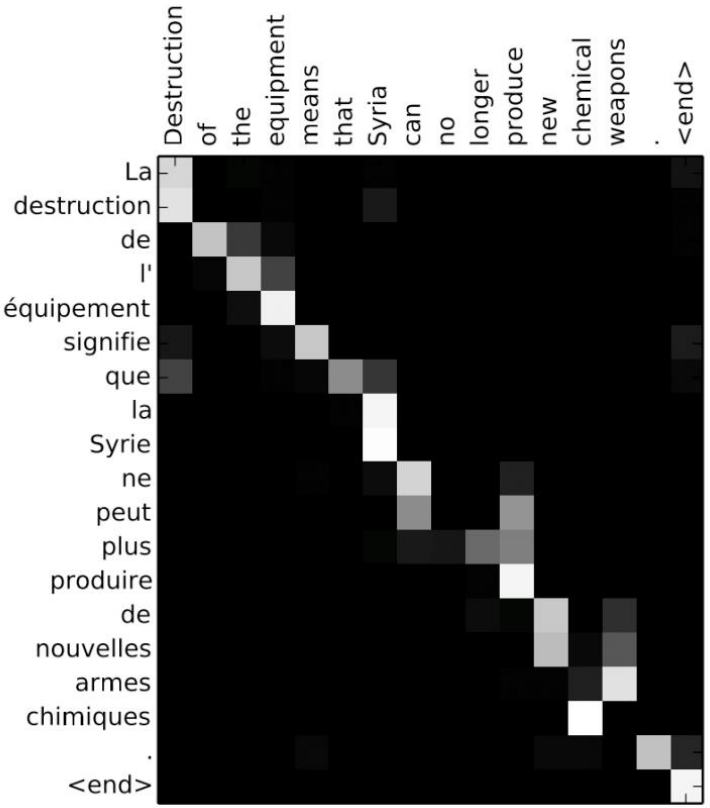
RNN with Attention

Example: Neural Machine Translation (NMT)





Source: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1409.0473.pdf

Embedding

- Symbols do not carry their natural semantics within them whereas continuous signals such as audios and videos do.

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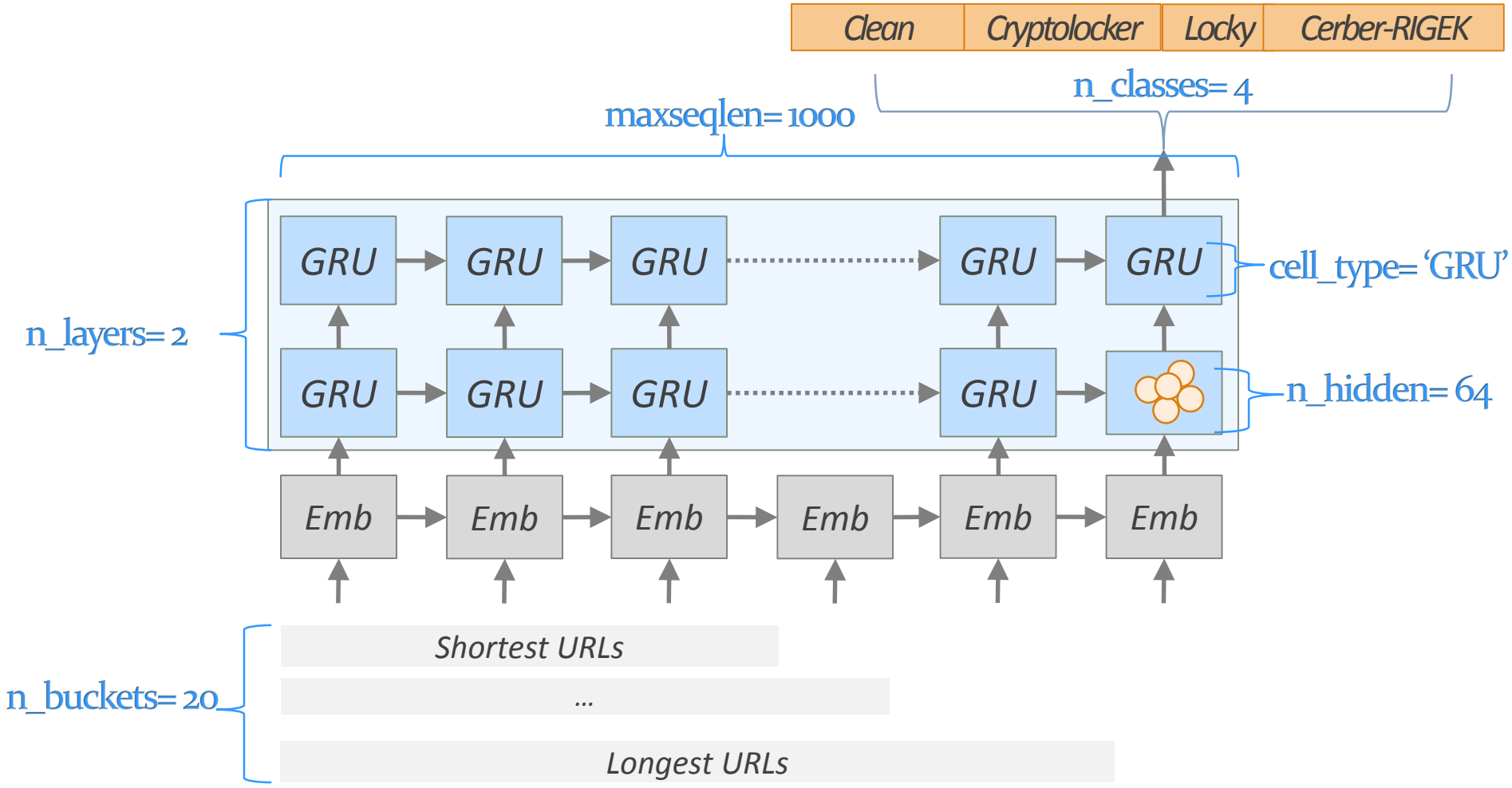
Neural Blacklist Network

Architecture & Hyper parameters



Feature & Dataset

- Feature

```
>> batch_x[2]
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        74,  83,  56, 104,  87,  74, 108,  69, 111, 107, 119, 100,  69,
        73, 106, 115,  99,  81, 109,  88, 116, 102,  95, 115,  66,  48,
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       105, 117, 106,  69,  86,   0,   0,   0,   0,   0,   0,   0,   0], dtype=int32)
>> tochar(batch_x[2])
'e.wetsealnewsletter.com/q/JS8hWJlEokwdEIjscQmXtf_sB0zEHSwcn47hiVa7WJ-L1J8QqpzviujEV\x00\
```
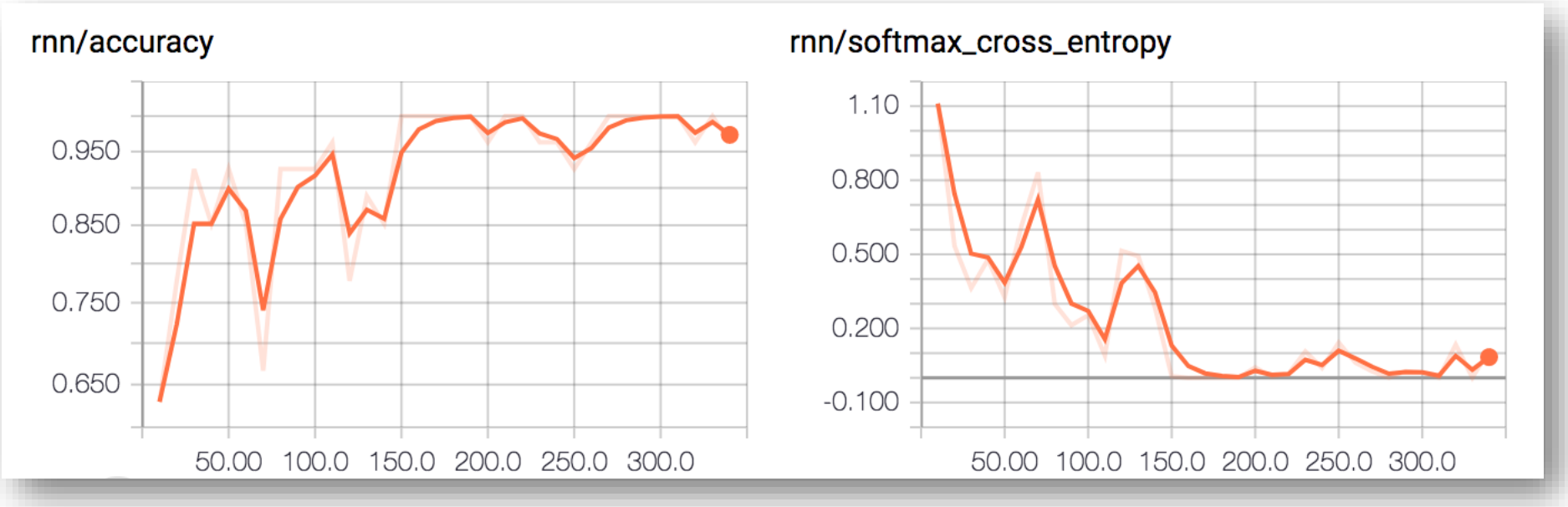

- Dataset
  - Sourcing
    - Legitimate URLs: Akamai log
    - Cryptolocker: Malware operations team
    - Locky v2/ Cerber-RIGEK : Ransomware tracker
  - Splits
    - train : validation : test = 0.1 : 0.1 : 0.8

RNN Model Space Analysis

Tensorboard

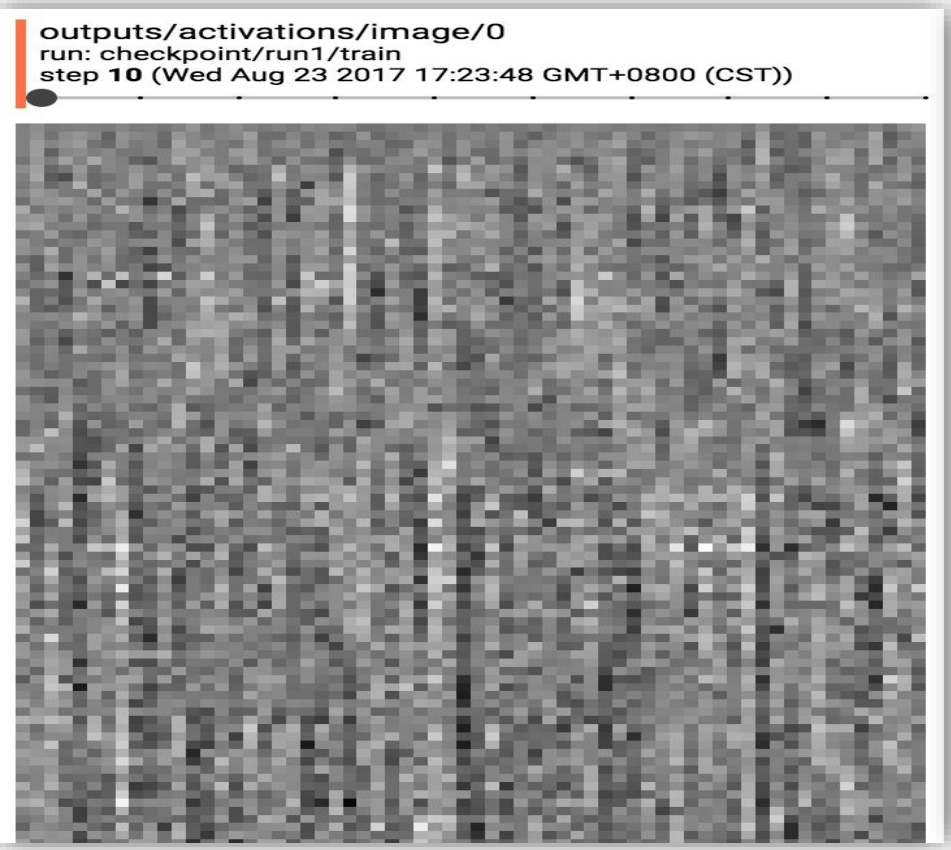
Accuracy & Cost



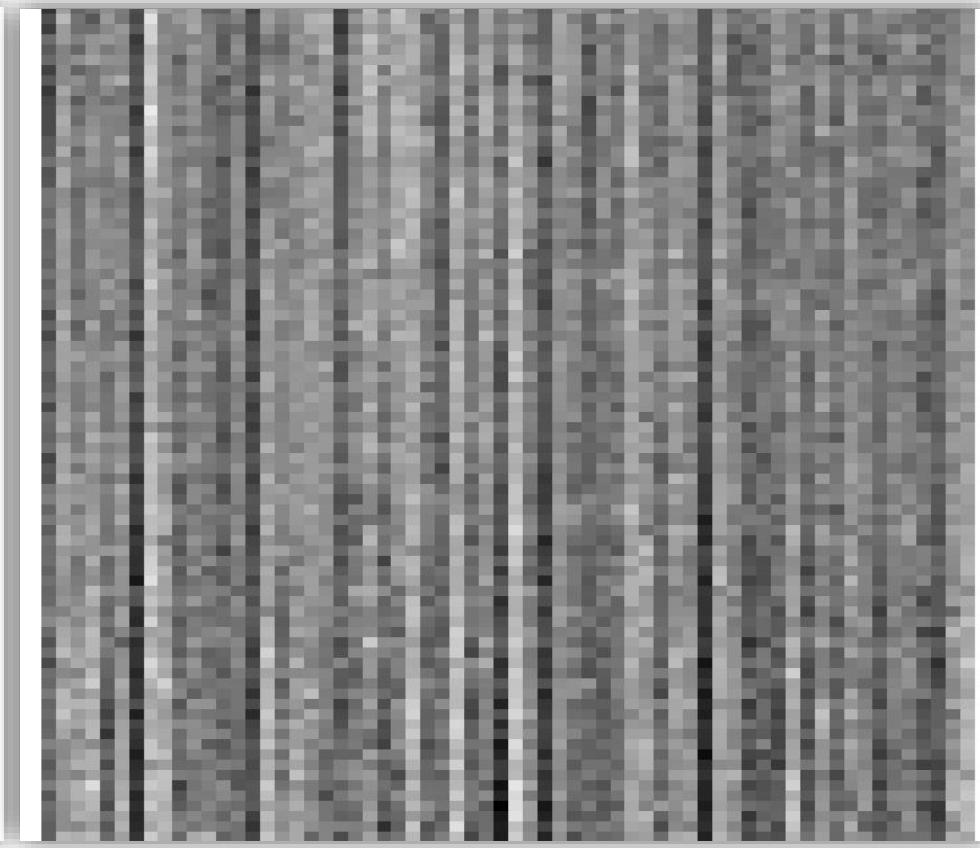
Tensorboard

Network States

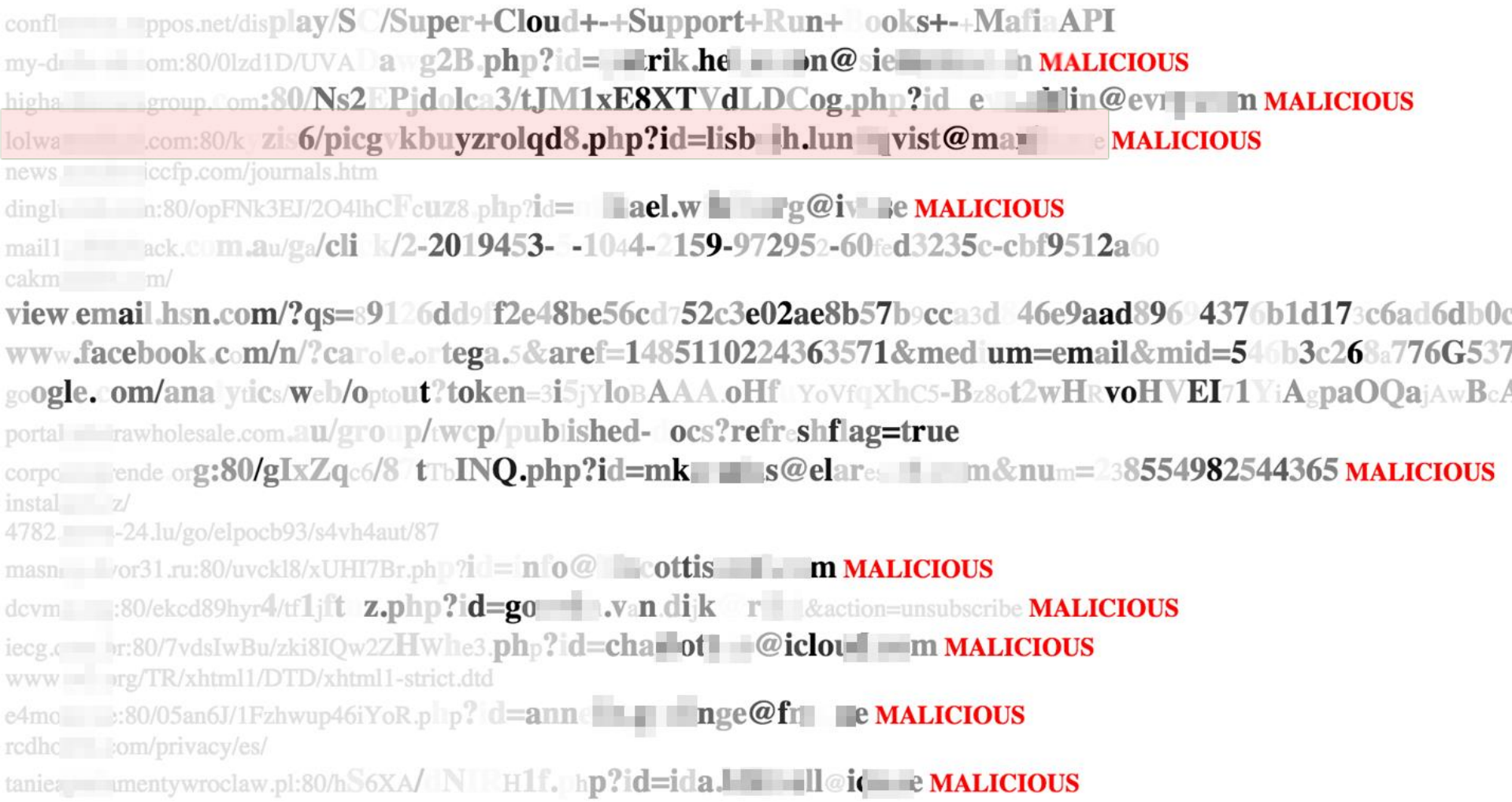
Before Training



After Training



CryptoLocker URL detection using attention



Experiment Summary

```
epoch 102 iteration 2492: cost 0.000037 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 2 3]=[16  9  2]
epoch 102 iteration 2493: cost 0.000643 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 2]=[ 4 23]
epoch 102 iteration 2494: cost 0.001896 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 2]=[ 1 26]
epoch 102 iteration 2495: cost 0.000000 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 1]=[ 3 24]
epoch 102 iteration 2496: cost 0.000000 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 1]=[ 4 23]
epoch 102 iteration 2497: cost 0.000008 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 2]=[ 6 21]
epoch 102 iteration 2498: cost 0.000000 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0]=[27]
epoch 102 step 99: validation accuracy 100.000000%
epoch 102 iteration 2499: cost 0.000000 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0]=[27]
epoch 102 iteration 2500: cost 0.000000 (minibatch accuracy 100.000000%) [0 1]=[18  9]
Training finished in 2813.9s
Best validation accuracy 100.000000%
Optimization complete with best validation accuracy 100.000000%
Training finished 2500 iterations in 2813.90 sec
validation accuracy 100.000000%
last_hidden_state.train: shape (2700, 64)
prediction: shape (2700, 4)
embedding metadata path: last_hidden_state.train.tsv
last_hidden_state.validation: shape (2700, 64)
prediction: shape (2700, 4)
embedding metadata path: last_hidden_state.validation.tsv
saving checkpoint iteration 0
```

Is it perfect?

- Undetected URL from test-cryptolocker.txt

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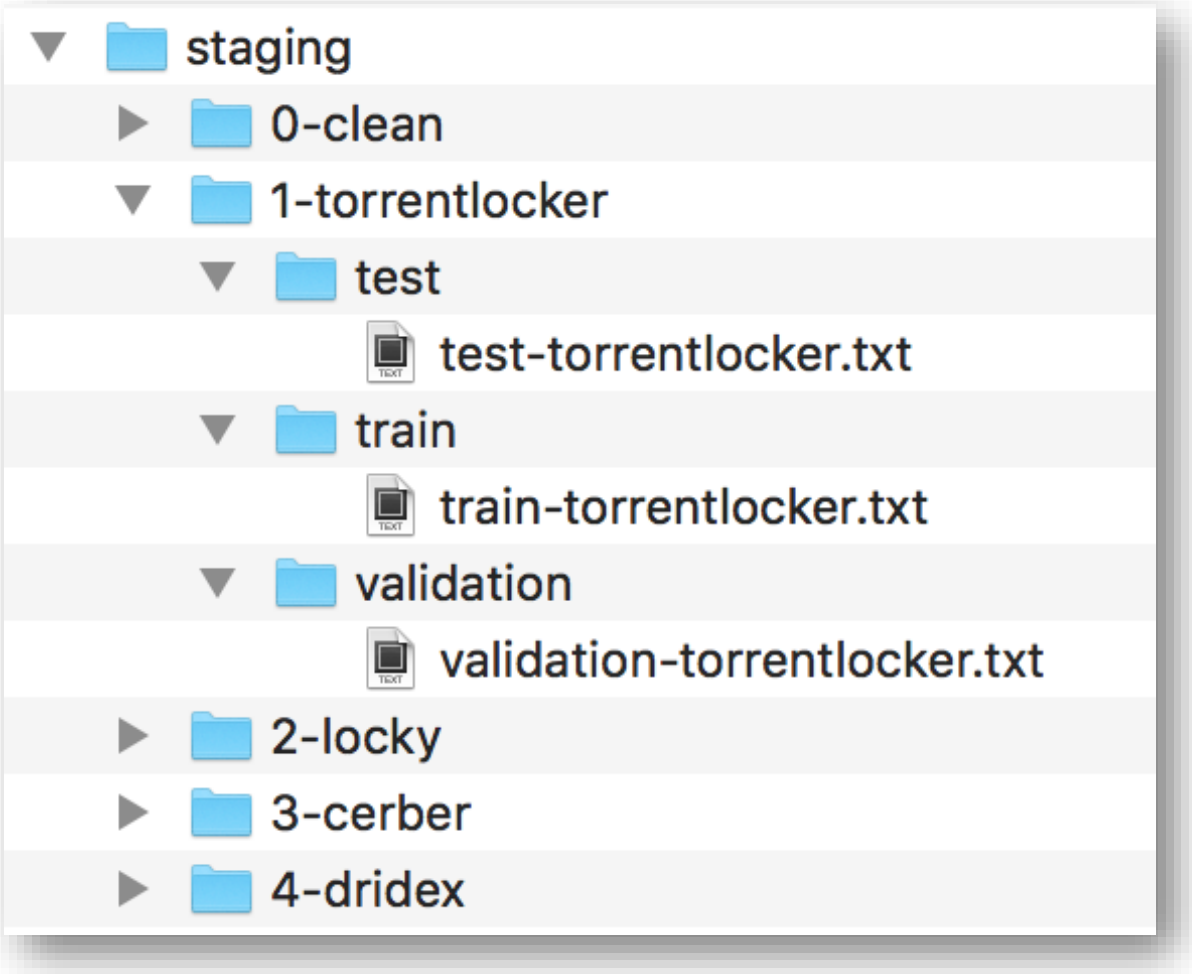
- Analysis

This URL was misplaced in the test cryptolocker sample list. So this missed detection is a correct behaviour.

Towards Production

- Training and Testing by the samples



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