

Recurrent Neural Networks

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Lecture Outline

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- Recurrent Neural Networks
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Shapes of data

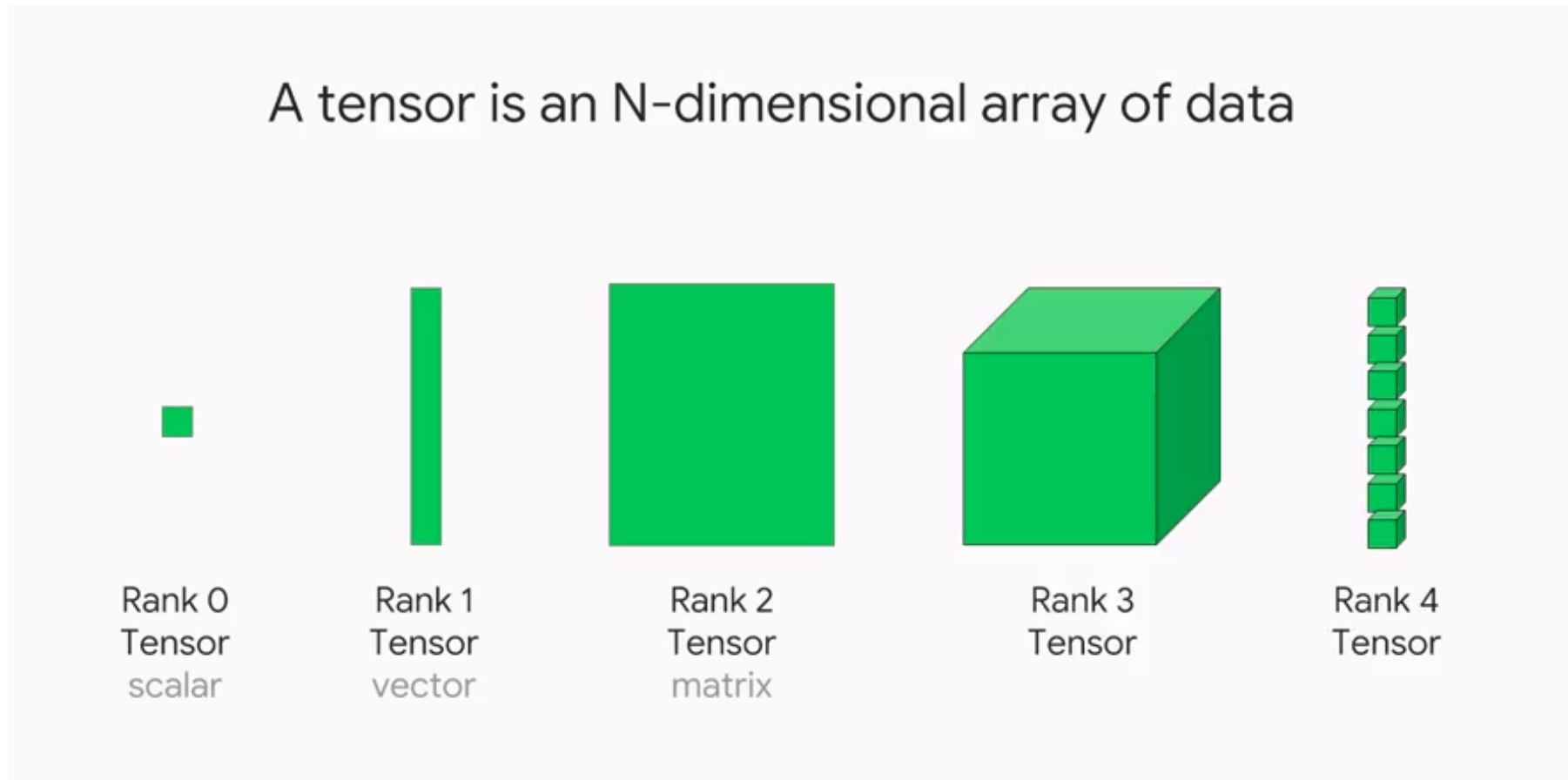


Illustration of tensors of different rank.



Source: Paras Patidar (2019), [Tensors — Representation of Data In Neural Networks](#), Medium article.

The `axis` argument in numpy

Starting with a (3, 4)-shaped matrix:

```
1 X = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
2 X
```

```
array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3],
       [ 4,  5,  6,  7],
       [ 8,  9, 10, 11]])
```

`axis=0`: (3, 4) \rightsquigarrow (4,).

```
1 X.sum(axis=0)
```

```
array([12, 15, 18, 21])
```

`axis=1`: (3, 4) \rightsquigarrow (3,).

```
1 X.prod(axis=1)
```

```
array([ 0, 840, 7920])
```

The return value's rank is one less than the input's rank.

⚠ Important

The `axis` parameter tells us which dimension is removed.



Using `axis` & `keepdims`

With `keepdims=True`, the rank doesn't change.

```
1 X = np.arange(12).reshape(3,4)
2 X
```

```
array([[ 0,  1,  2,  3],
       [ 4,  5,  6,  7],
       [ 8,  9, 10, 11]])
```

`axis=0`: $(3, 4) \rightsquigarrow (1, 4)$.

```
1 X.sum(axis=0, keepdims=True)
```

```
array([[12, 15, 18, 21]])
```

```
1 X / X.sum(axis=1)
```

ValueError: operands could not be broadcast together with shapes (3,4) (3,)

`axis=1`: $(3, 4) \rightsquigarrow (3, 1)$.

```
1 X.prod(axis=1, keepdims=True)
```

```
array([[ 0],
       [840],
       [7920]])
```

```
1 X / X.sum(axis=1, keepdims=True)
```

```
array([[0.  , 0.17, 0.33, 0.5 ],
       [0.18, 0.23, 0.27, 0.32],
       [0.21, 0.24, 0.26, 0.29]])
```



The rank of a time series

Say we had n observations of a time series x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n .

This $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ would have shape $(n,)$ & rank 1.

If instead we had a batch of b time series'

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} x_7 & x_8 & \dots & x_{7+n-1} \\ x_2 & x_3 & \dots & x_{2+n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_3 & x_4 & \dots & x_{3+n-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

the batch \mathbf{X} would have shape (b, n) & rank 2.



Multivariate time series

t	x	y
0	x_0	y_0
1	x_1	y_1
2	x_2	y_2
3	x_3	y_3

Say n observations of the m time series, would be a shape (n, m) matrix of rank 2.

In Keras, a batch of b of these time series has shape (b, n, m) and has rank 3.

Note

Use $\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}$ to denote the vector of all time series at time t . Here, $\mathbf{x}_t = (x_t, y_t)$.



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Recurrence relation

A recurrence relation is an equation that expresses each element of a sequence as a function of the preceding ones. More precisely, in the case where only the immediately preceding element is involved, a recurrence relation has the form

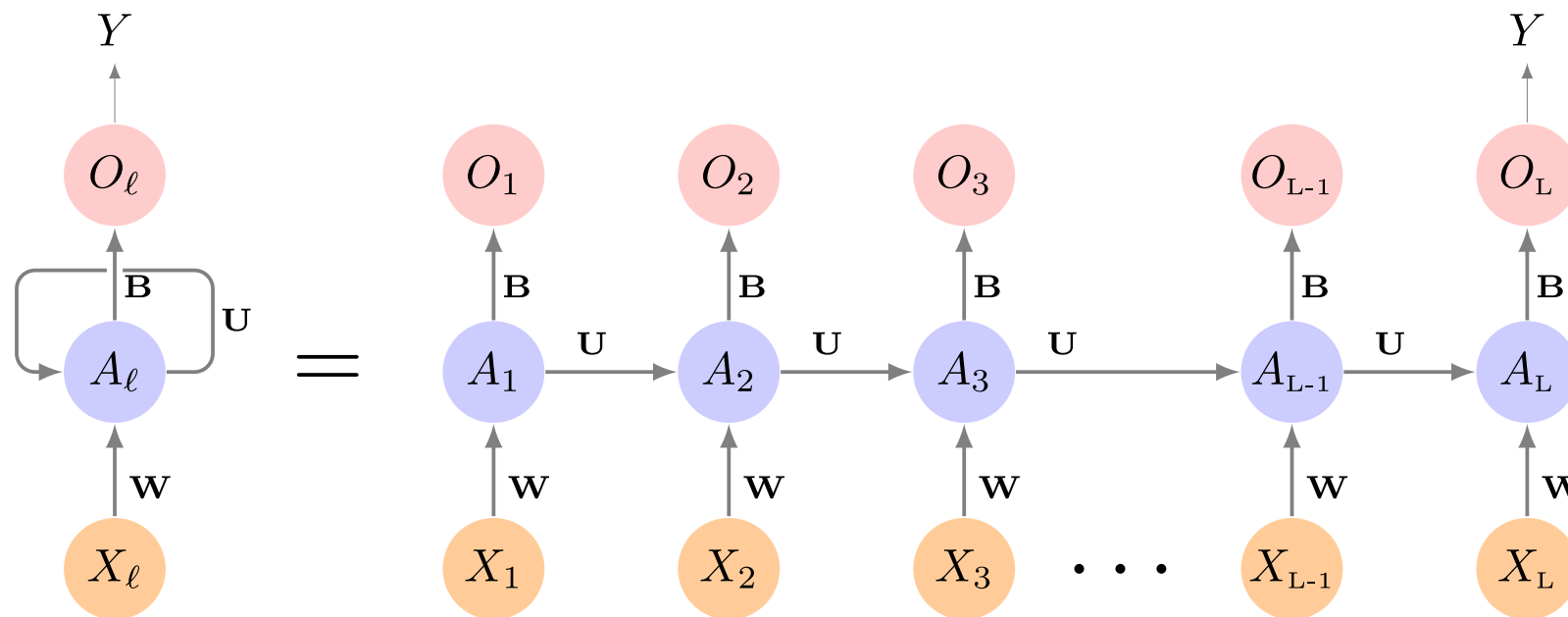
$$u_n = \psi(n, u_{n-1}) \quad \text{for } n > 0.$$

Example: Factorial $n! = n(n - 1)!$ for $n > 0$ given $0! = 1$.



Diagram of an RNN cell

The RNN processes each data in the sequence one by one, while keeping memory of what came before.



Schematic of a simple recurrent neural network. E.g. SimpleRNN, LSTM, or GRU.

A SimpleRNN cell.

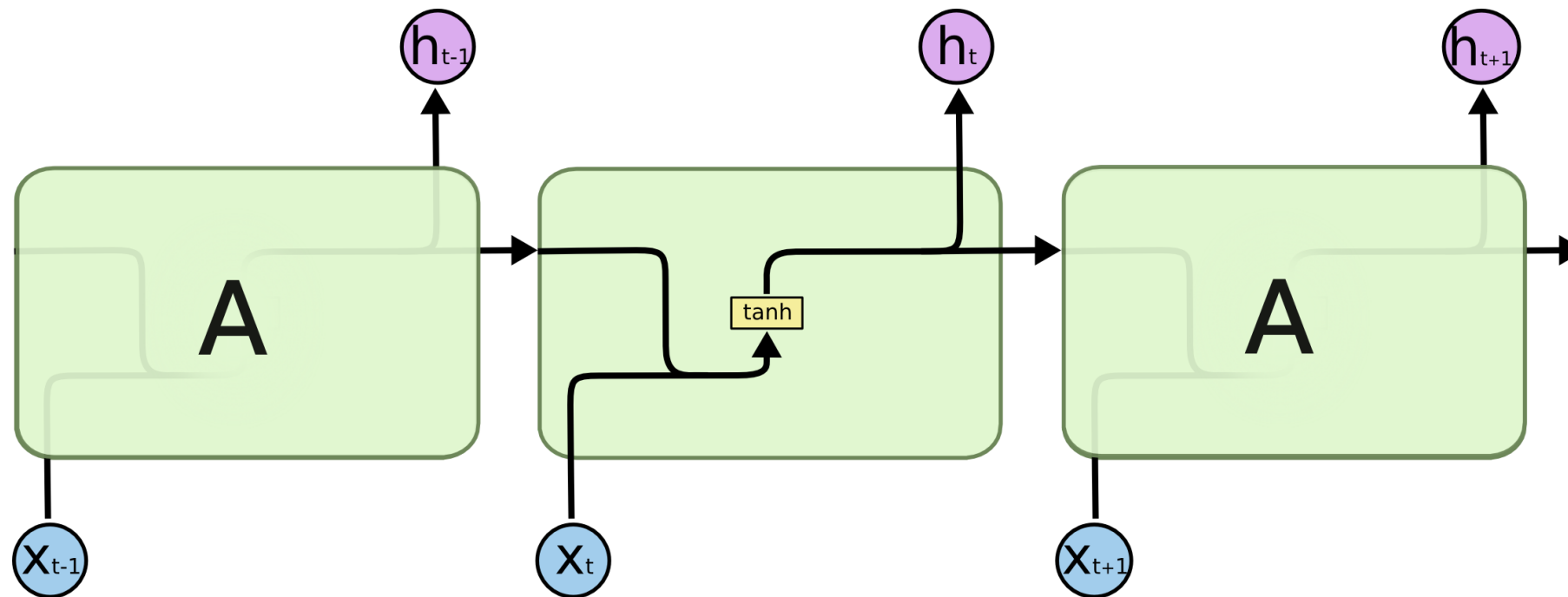


Diagram of a SimpleRNN cell.

All the outputs before the final one are often discarded.

SimpleRNN

Say each prediction is a vector of size d , so $\mathbf{y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}$.

Then the main equation of a SimpleRNN, given $\mathbf{y}_0 = \mathbf{0}$, is

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \psi(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{W}_x + \mathbf{y}_{t-1} \mathbf{W}_y + \mathbf{b}).$$

Here,

$$\mathbf{x}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times m}, \mathbf{W}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d},$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{t-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times d}, \mathbf{W}_y \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$



SimpleRNN (in batches)

Say we operate on batches of size b , then $\mathbf{Y}_t \in \mathbb{R}^{b \times d}$.

The main equation of a SimpleRNN, given $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \mathbf{0}$, is

$$\mathbf{Y}_t = \psi(\mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{W}_x + \mathbf{Y}_{t-1} \mathbf{W}_y + \mathbf{b}).$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_t &\in \mathbb{R}^{b \times m}, \mathbf{W}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}, \\ \mathbf{Y}_{t-1} &\in \mathbb{R}^{b \times d}, \mathbf{W}_y \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}, \text{ and } \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^d. \end{aligned}$$

Remember, $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{b \times n \times m}$, $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{b \times d}$, and \mathbf{X}_t is equivalent to $\mathbf{X}[:, t, :]$.



Simple Keras demo

```

1 num_obs = 4
2 num_time_steps = 3
3 num_time_series = 2
4
5 X = np.arange(num_obs*num_time_steps*num_time_series).astype(np.float32) \
6     .reshape([num_obs, num_time_steps, num_time_series])
7
8 output_size = 1
9 y = np.array([0, 0, 1, 1])

```

```
1 X[:2]
```

```

array([[[ 0.,  1.],
        [ 2.,  3.],
        [ 4.,  5.]],

       [[ 6.,  7.],
        [ 8.,  9.],
        [10., 11.]]], dtype=float32)

```

```
1 X[2:]
```

```

array([[[12., 13.],
        [14., 15.],
        [16., 17.]],

       [[18., 19.],
        [20., 21.],
        [22., 23.]]], dtype=float32)

```



Keras' SimpleRNN

As usual, the `SimpleRNN` is just a layer in Keras.

```
1 from keras.layers import SimpleRNN
2
3 random.seed(1234)
4 model = Sequential([
5     SimpleRNN(output_size, activation="sigmoid")
6 ])
7 model.compile(loss="binary_crossentropy", metrics=["accuracy"])
8
9 hist = model.fit(X, y, epochs=500, verbose=False)
10 model.evaluate(X, y, verbose=False)
```

```
[8.05906867980957, 0.5]
```

The predicted probabilities on the training set are:

```
1 model.predict(X, verbose=0)
array([[8.56e-05],
       [2.25e-10],
       [5.98e-16],
       [1.59e-21]], dtype=float32)
```



SimpleRNN weights

```
1 model.get_weights()
```

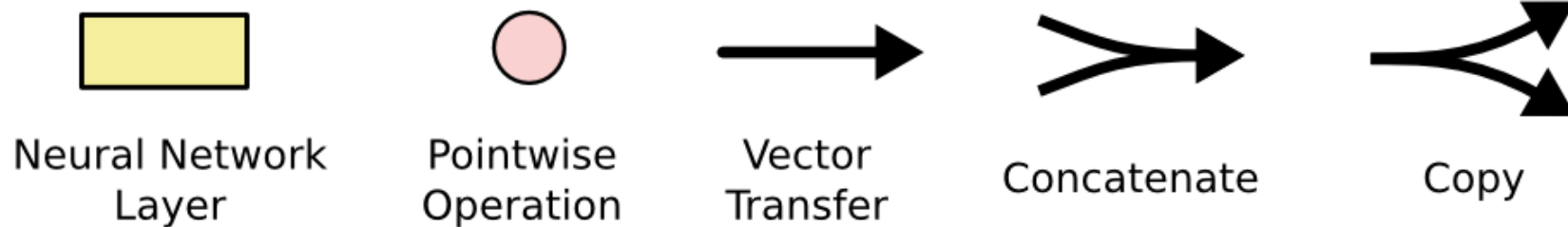
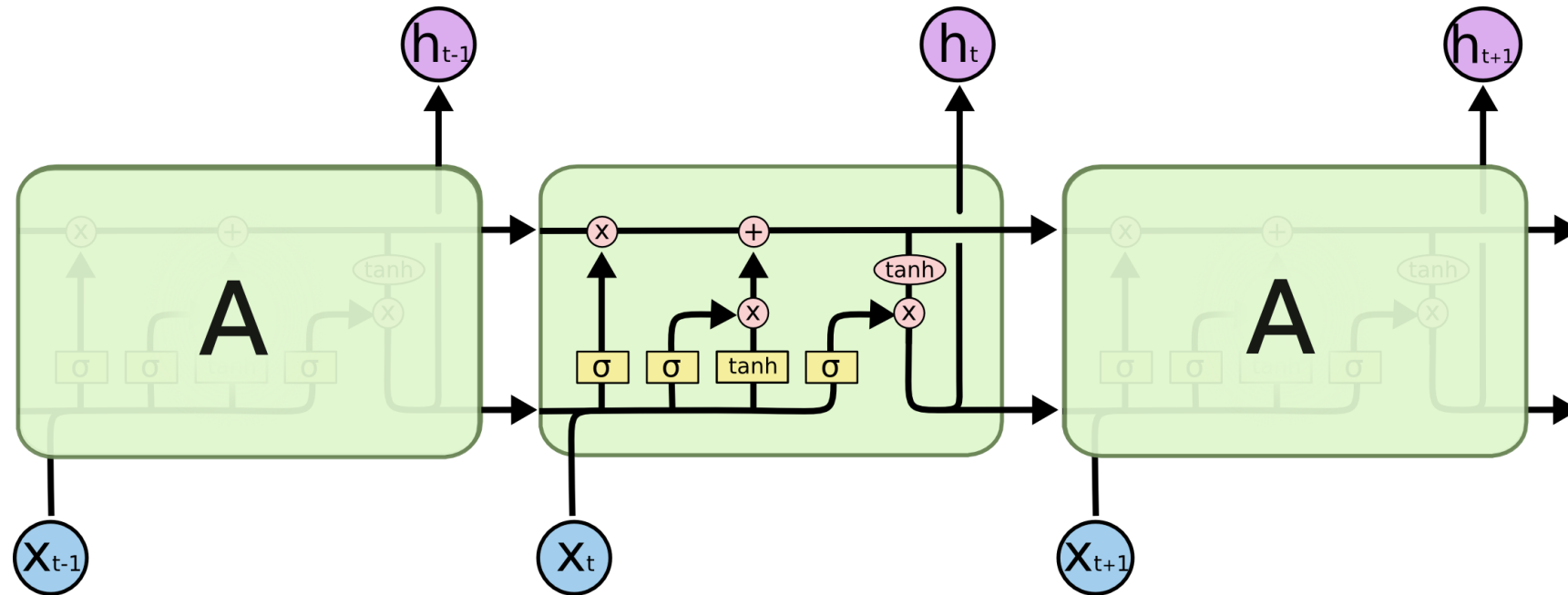
```
[array([[ -1.47],
        [-0.67]], dtype=float32),
 array([[0.99]], dtype=float32),
 array([-0.14], dtype=float32)]
```

```
1 def sigmoid(x):
2     return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-x))
3
4 W_x, W_y, b = model.get_weights()
5
6 Y = np.zeros((num_obs, output_size), dtype=np.float32)
7 for t in range(num_time_steps):
8     X_t = X[:, t, :]
9     z = X_t @ W_x + Y @ W_y + b
10    Y = sigmoid(z)
11
12 Y
```

```
array([[8.56e-05],
        [2.25e-10],
        [5.98e-16],
        [1.59e-21]], dtype=float32)
```



LSTM internals



Source: Christopher Olah (2015), [Understanding LSTM Networks](#), Colah's Blog.



GRU internals

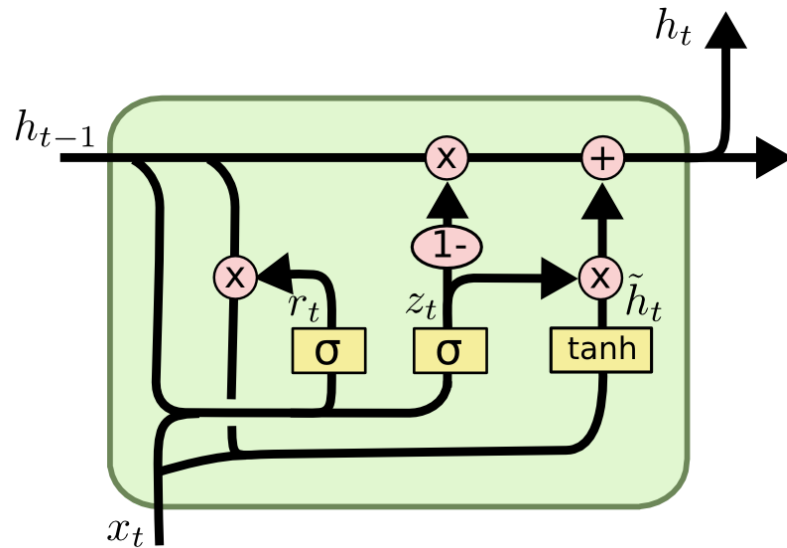


Diagram of a GRU cell.

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

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

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

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

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Basic facts of RNNs

- A recurrent neural network is a type of neural network that is designed to process sequences of data (e.g. time series, sentences).
- A recurrent neural network is any network that contains a recurrent layer.
- A recurrent layer is a layer that processes data in a sequence.
- An RNN can have one or more recurrent layers.
- Weights are shared over time; this allows the model to be used on arbitrary-length sequences.

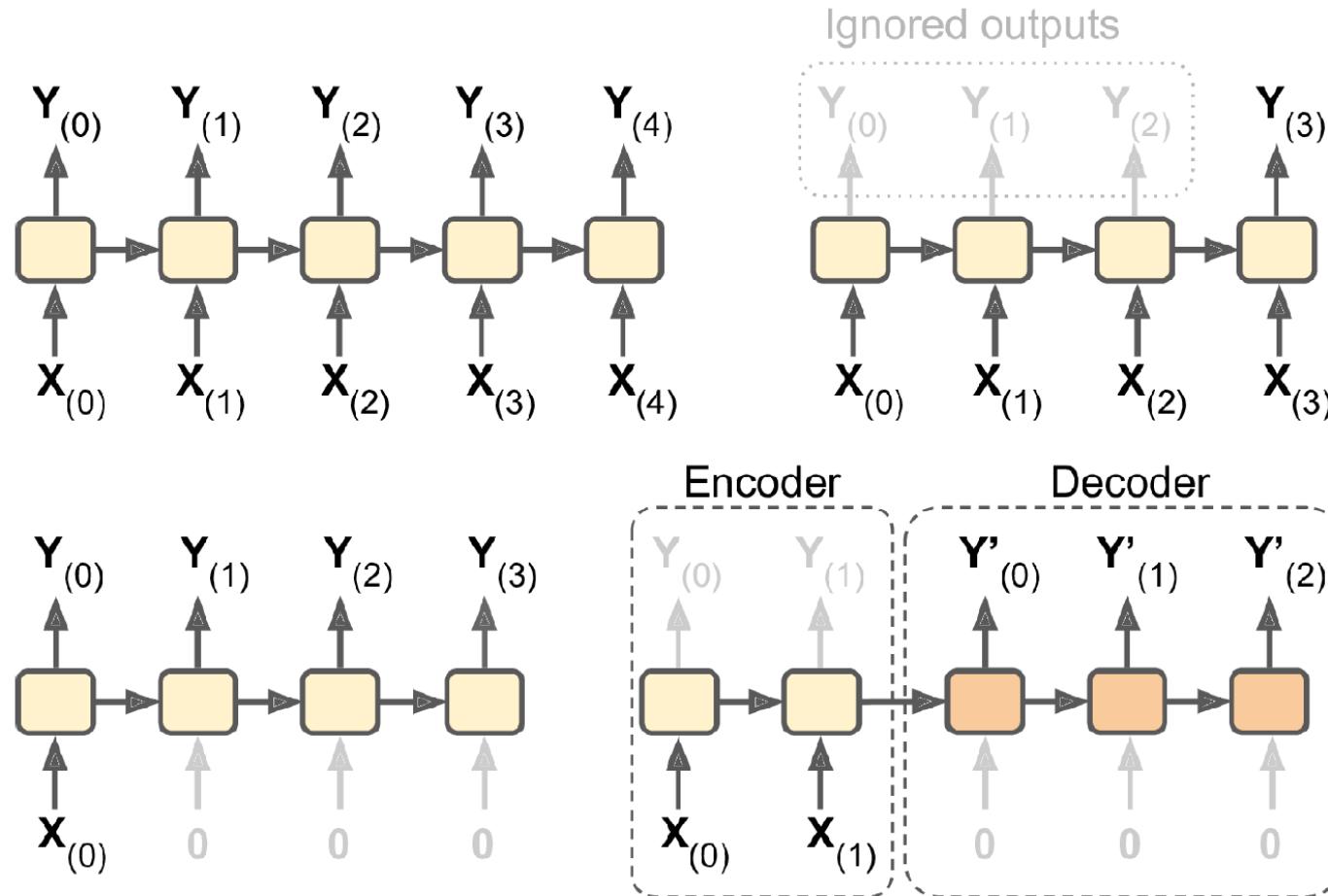


Applications

- Forecasting: revenue forecast, weather forecast, predict disease rate from medical history, etc.
- Classification: given a time series of the activities of a visitor on a website, classify whether the visitor is a bot or a human.
- Event detection: given a continuous data stream, identify the occurrence of a specific event. Example: Detect utterances like “Hey Alexa” from an audio stream.
- Anomaly detection: given a continuous data stream, detect anything unusual happening. Example: Detect unusual activity on the corporate network.



Input and output sequences



Categories of recurrent neural networks: sequence to sequence, sequence to vector, vector to sequence, encoder-decoder network.



Source: Aurélien Géron (2019), *Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn, Keras, and TensorFlow*, 2nd Edition, Chapter 15.

Input and output sequences

- Sequence to sequence: Useful for predicting time series such as using prices over the last N days to output the prices shifted one day into the future (i.e. from $N - 1$ days ago to tomorrow.)
- Sequence to vector: ignore all outputs in the previous time steps except for the last one. Example: give a sentiment score to a sequence of words corresponding to a movie review.

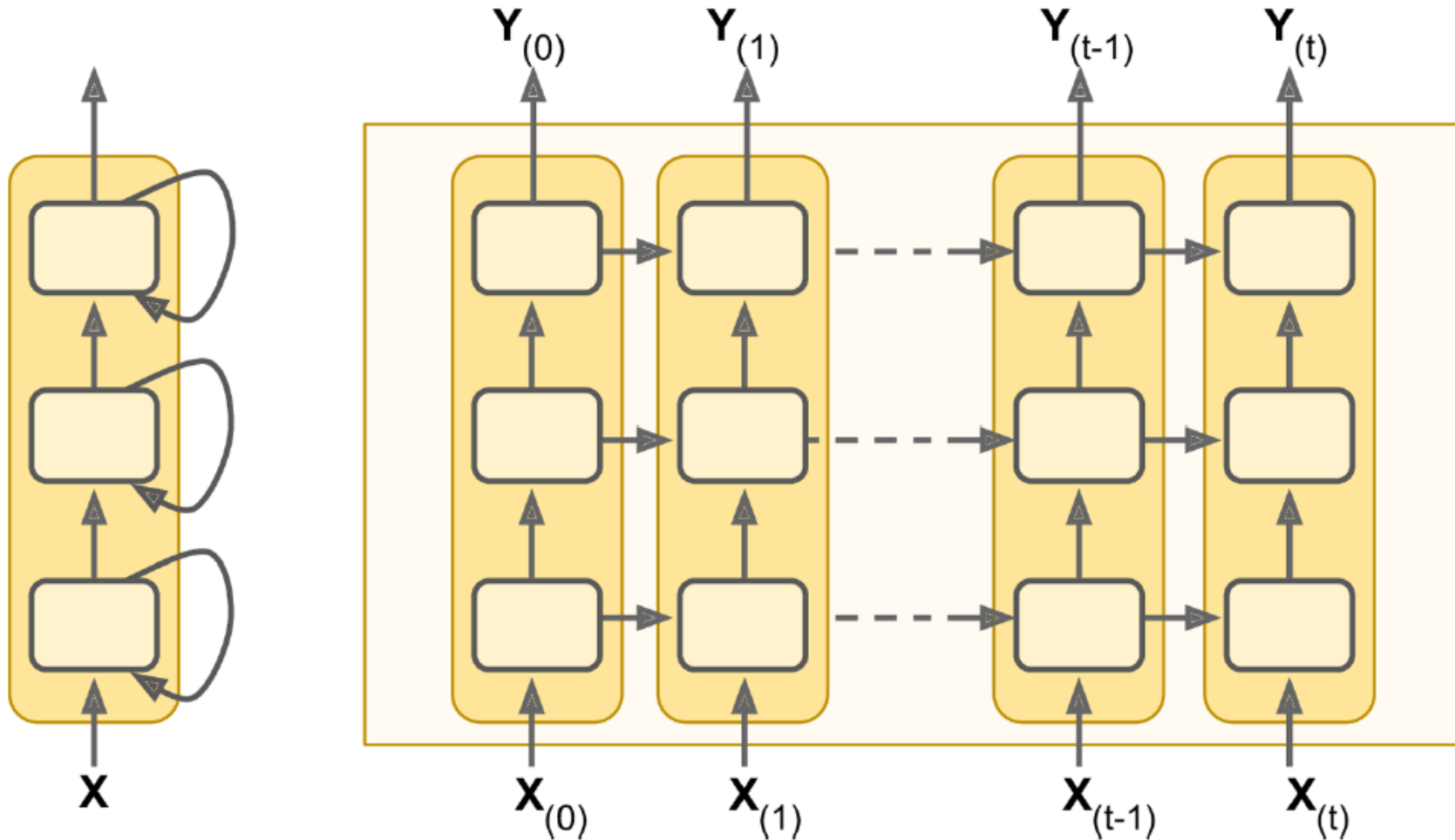


Input and output sequences

- **Vector to sequence:** feed the network the same input vector over and over at each time step and let it output a sequence. Example: given that the input is an image, find a caption for it. The image is treated as an input vector (pixels in an image do not follow a sequence). The caption is a sequence of textual description of the image. A dataset containing images and their descriptions is the input of the RNN.
- **The Encoder-Decoder:** The encoder is a sequence-to-vector network. The decoder is a vector-to-sequence network. Example: Feed the network a sequence in one language. Use the encoder to convert the sentence into a single vector representation. The decoder decodes this vector into the translation of the sentence in another language.



Recurrent layers can be stacked.



Deep RNN unrolled through time.



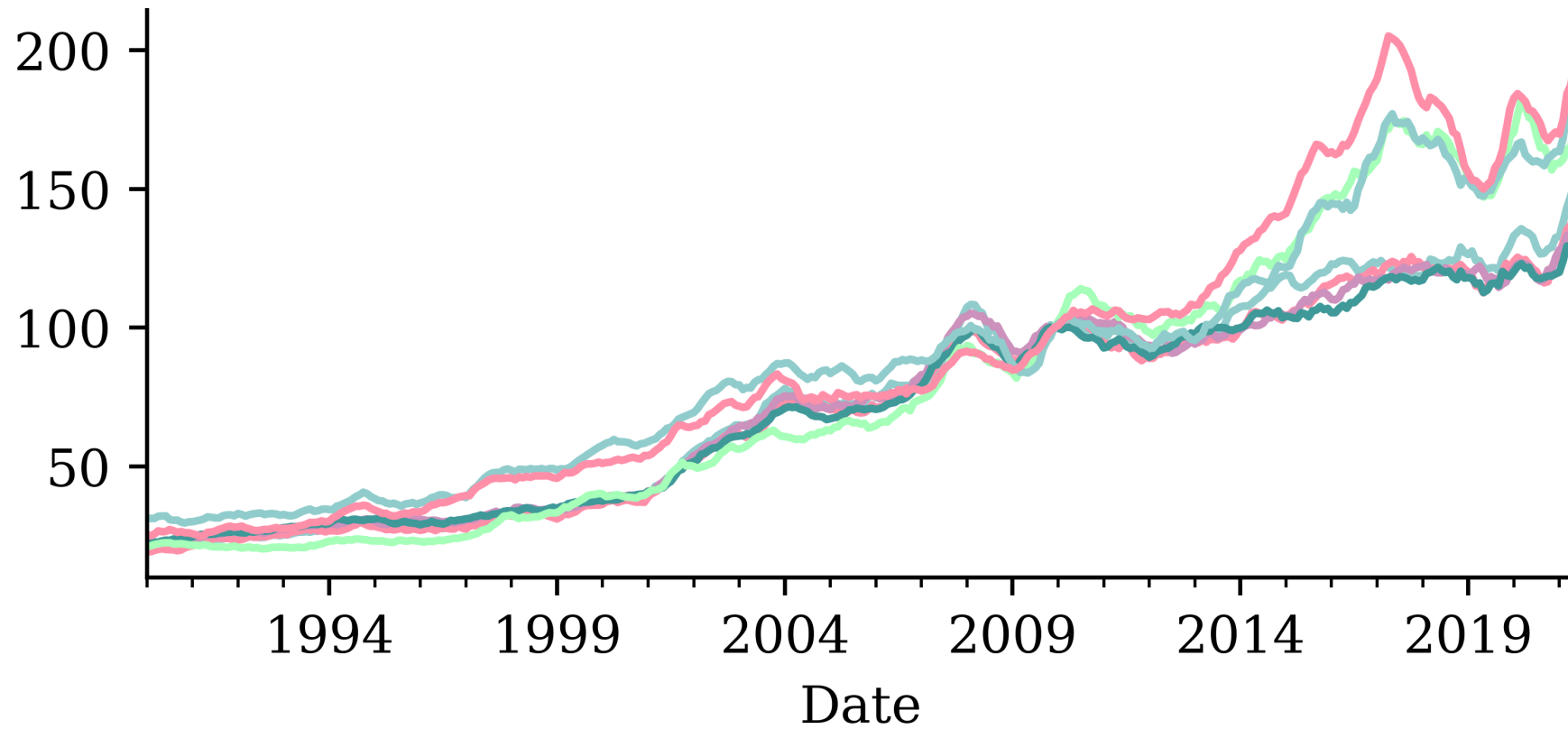
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Australian House Price Indices



Percentage changes

```
1 changes = house_prices.pct_change().dropna()
2 changes.round(2)
```

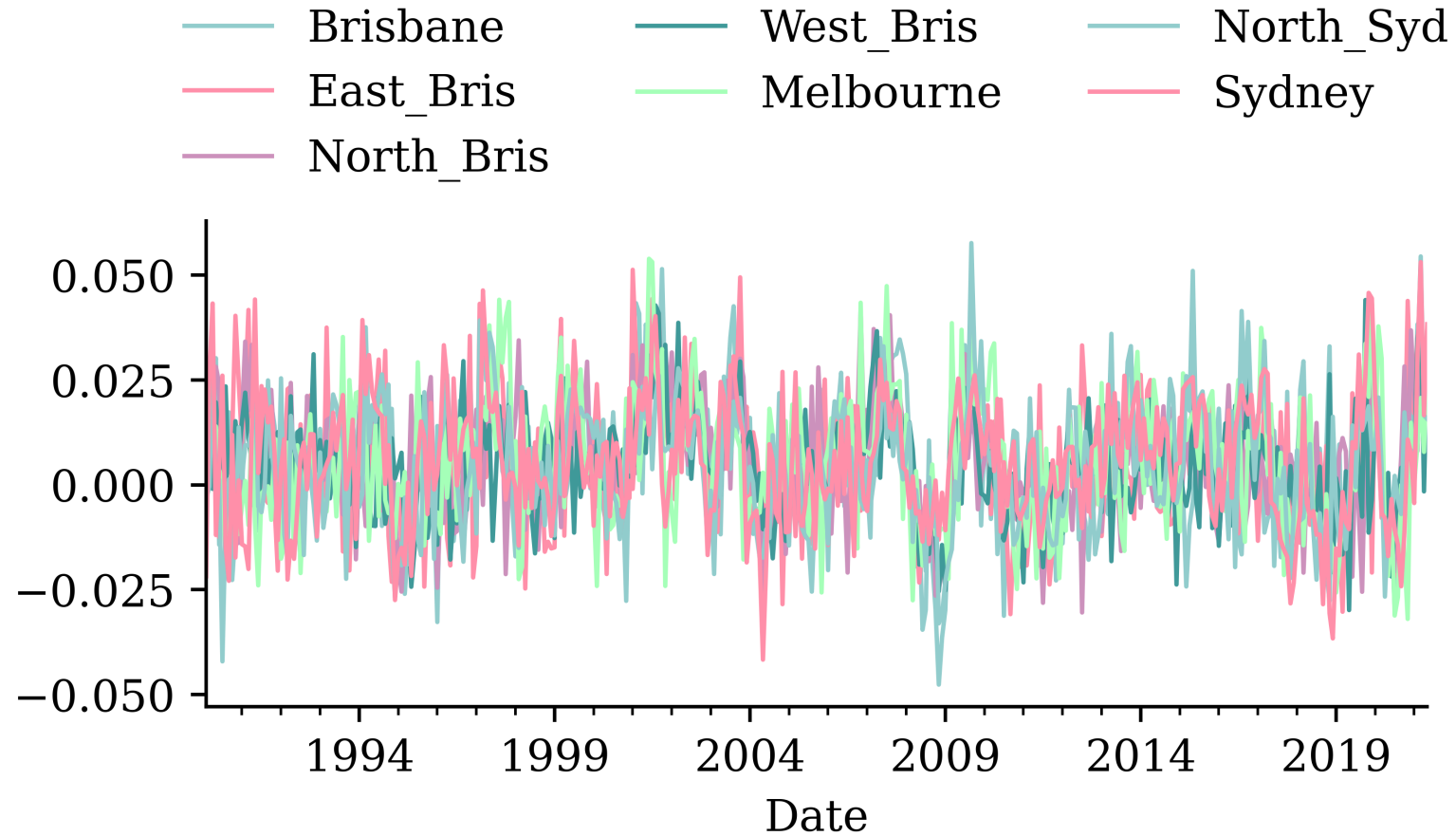
	Brisbane	East_Bris	North_Bris	West_Bris	Melbourne	North_Syd	Sydney
Date							
1990-02-28	0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.00	-0.02
1990-03-31	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	-0.00	0.03
...
2021-04-30	0.03	0.01	0.01	-0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02
2021-05-31	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04

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Percentage changes

```
1 changes.plot();
```



The size of the changes

```
1 changes.mean()
```

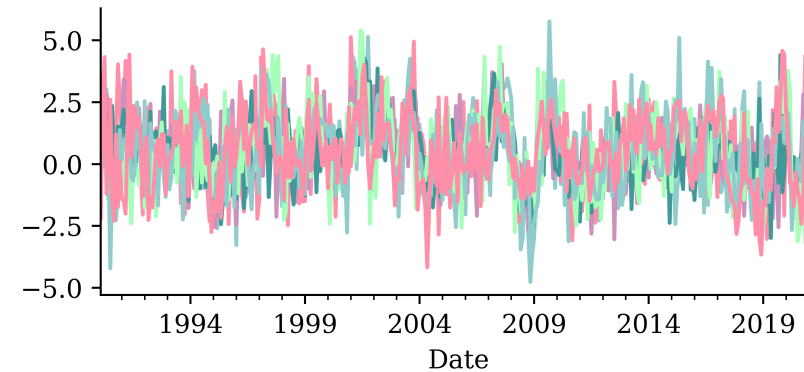
```
Brisbane      0.005496
East_Bris     0.005416
North_Bris    0.005024
West_Bris     0.004842
Melbourne     0.005677
North_Syd    0.004819
Sydney        0.005526
dtype: float64
```

```
1 changes *= 100
```

```
1 changes.mean()
```

```
Brisbane      0.549605
East_Bris     0.541562
North_Bris    0.502390
West_Bris     0.484204
Melbourne     0.567700
North_Syd    0.481863
Sydney        0.552641
dtype: float64
```

```
1 changes.plot(legend=False);
```



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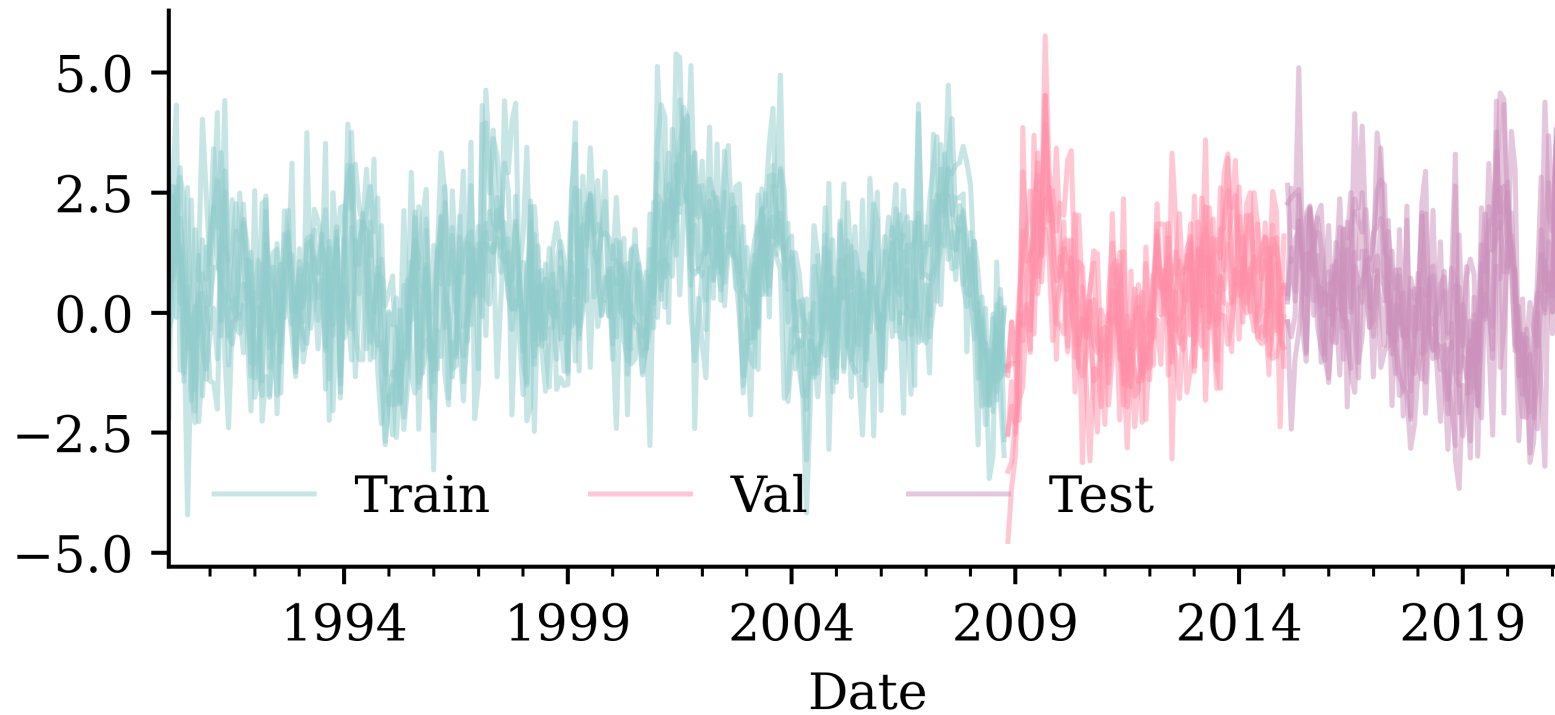
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Split *without* shuffling

```
1 num_train = int(0.6 * len(changes))
2 num_val = int(0.2 * len(changes))
3 num_test = len(changes) - num_train - num_val
4 print(f"# Train: {num_train}, # Val: {num_val}, # Test: {num_test}")
```

Train: 225, # Val: 75, # Test: 76



Subsequences of a time series

Keras has a built-in method for converting a time series into subsequences/chunks.

```
1 from keras.utils import timeseries_dataset_from_array
2
3 integers = range(10)
4 dummy_dataset = timeseries_dataset_from_array(
5     data=integers[:-3],
6     targets=integers[3:],
7     sequence_length=3,
8     batch_size=2,
9 )
10
11 for inputs, targets in dummy_dataset:
12     for i in range(inputs.shape[0]):
13         print([int(x) for x in inputs[i]], int(targets[i]))
```

```
[0, 1, 2] 3
[1, 2, 3] 4
[2, 3, 4] 5
[3, 4, 5] 6
[4, 5, 6] 7
```



Source: Code snippet in Chapter 10 of Chollet.

On time series splits

If you have a lot of time series data, then use:

```
1 from keras.utils import timeseries_dataset_from_array
2 data = range(20); seq = 3; ts = data[:-seq]; target = data[seq:]
3 nTrain = int(0.5 * len(ts)); nVal = int(0.25 * len(ts))
4 nTest = len(ts) - nTrain - nVal
5 print(f"# Train: {nTrain}, # Val: {nVal}, # Test: {nTest}")
```

Train: 8, # Val: 4, # Test: 5

```
1 trainDS = \
2     timeseries_dataset_fr
3     ts, target, seq,
4     end_index=nTrain)
```

Training dataset

```
[0, 1, 2] 3
[1, 2, 3] 4
[2, 3, 4] 5
[3, 4, 5] 6
[4, 5, 6] 7
[5, 6, 7] 8
```

```
1 valDS = \
2     timeseries_dataset_fr
3     ts, target, seq,
4     start_index=nTrain,
5     end_index=nTrain+nV
```

Validation dataset

```
[8, 9, 10] 11
[9, 10, 11] 12
```

```
1 testDS = \
2     timeseries_dataset_fr
3     ts, target, seq,
4     start_index=nTrain+
```

Test dataset

```
[12, 13, 14] 15
[13, 14, 15] 16
[14, 15, 16] 17
```



On time series splits II

If you *don't* have a lot of time series data, consider:

```
1 X = []; y = []
2 for i in range(len(data)-seq):
3     X.append(data[i:i+seq])
4     y.append(data[i+seq])
5 X = np.array(X); y = np.array(y);
```

```
1 nTrain = int(0.5 * X.sh
2 X_train = X[:nTrain]
3 y_train = y[:nTrain]
```

Training dataset

```
[0, 1, 2] 3
[1, 2, 3] 4
[2, 3, 4] 5
[3, 4, 5] 6
[4, 5, 6] 7
[5, 6, 7] 8
[6, 7, 8] 9
[7, 8, 9] 10
```

```
1 nVal = int(np.ceil(0.25
2 X_val = X[nTrain:nTrain
3 y_val = y[nTrain:nTrain
```

Validation dataset

```
[8, 9, 10] 11
[9, 10, 11] 12
[10, 11, 12] 13
[11, 12, 13] 14
[12, 13, 14] 15
```

```
1 nTest = X.shape[0] - nT
2 X_test = X[nTrain+nVal:
3 y_test = y[nTrain+nVal:
```

Test dataset

```
[13, 14, 15] 16
[14, 15, 16] 17
[15, 16, 17] 18
[16, 17, 18] 19
```



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Creating dataset objects

```

1 # Num. of input time series.
2 num_ts = changes.shape[1]
3
4 # How many prev. months to use.
5 seq_length = 6
6
7 # Predict the next month ahead.
8 ahead = 1
9
10 # The index of the first target.
11 delay = (seq_length+ahead-1)

```

```

1 val_ds = \
2     timeseries_dataset_from_array(
3         changes[:-delay],
4         targets=target_suburb[delay:],
5         sequence_length=seq_length,
6         start_index=num_train,
7         end_index=num_train+num_val)

```

```

1 # Which suburb to predict.
2 target_suburb = changes["Sydney"]
3
4 train_ds = \
5     timeseries_dataset_from_array(
6         changes[:-delay],
7         targets=target_suburb[delay:],
8         sequence_length=seq_length,
9         end_index=num_train)

```

```

1 test_ds = \
2     timeseries_dataset_from_array(
3         changes[:-delay],
4         targets=target_suburb[delay:],
5         sequence_length=seq_length,
6         start_index=num_train+num_val)

```



Converting `Dataset` to numpy

The `Dataset` object can be handed to Keras directly, but if we really need a numpy array, we can run:

```
1 X_train = np.concatenate(list(train_ds.map(lambda x, y: x)))
2 y_train = np.concatenate(list(train_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
```

The shape of our training set is now:

```
1 X_train.shape
```

```
(220, 6, 7)
```

```
1 y_train.shape
```

```
(220,)
```

Later, we need the targets as numpy arrays:

```
1 y_train = np.concatenate(list(train_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
2 y_val = np.concatenate(list(val_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
3 y_test = np.concatenate(list(test_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
```



A dense network

```
1 from keras.layers import Input, Flatten
2 random.seed(1)
3 model_dense = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     Flatten(),
6     Dense(50, activation="leaky_relu"),
7     Dense(20, activation="leaky_relu"),
8     Dense(1, activation="linear")
9 ])
10 model_dense.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
11 print(f"This model has {model_dense.count_params()} parameters.")
12
13 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
14 %time hist = model_dense.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
15     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0);
```

This model has 3191 parameters.

Epoch 126: early stopping

Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 76.

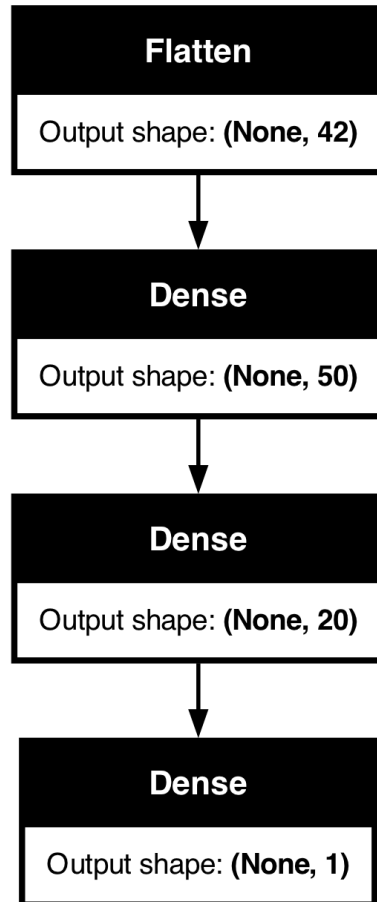
CPU times: user 6.43 s, sys: 3.52 s, total: 9.95 s

Wall time: 3.46 s

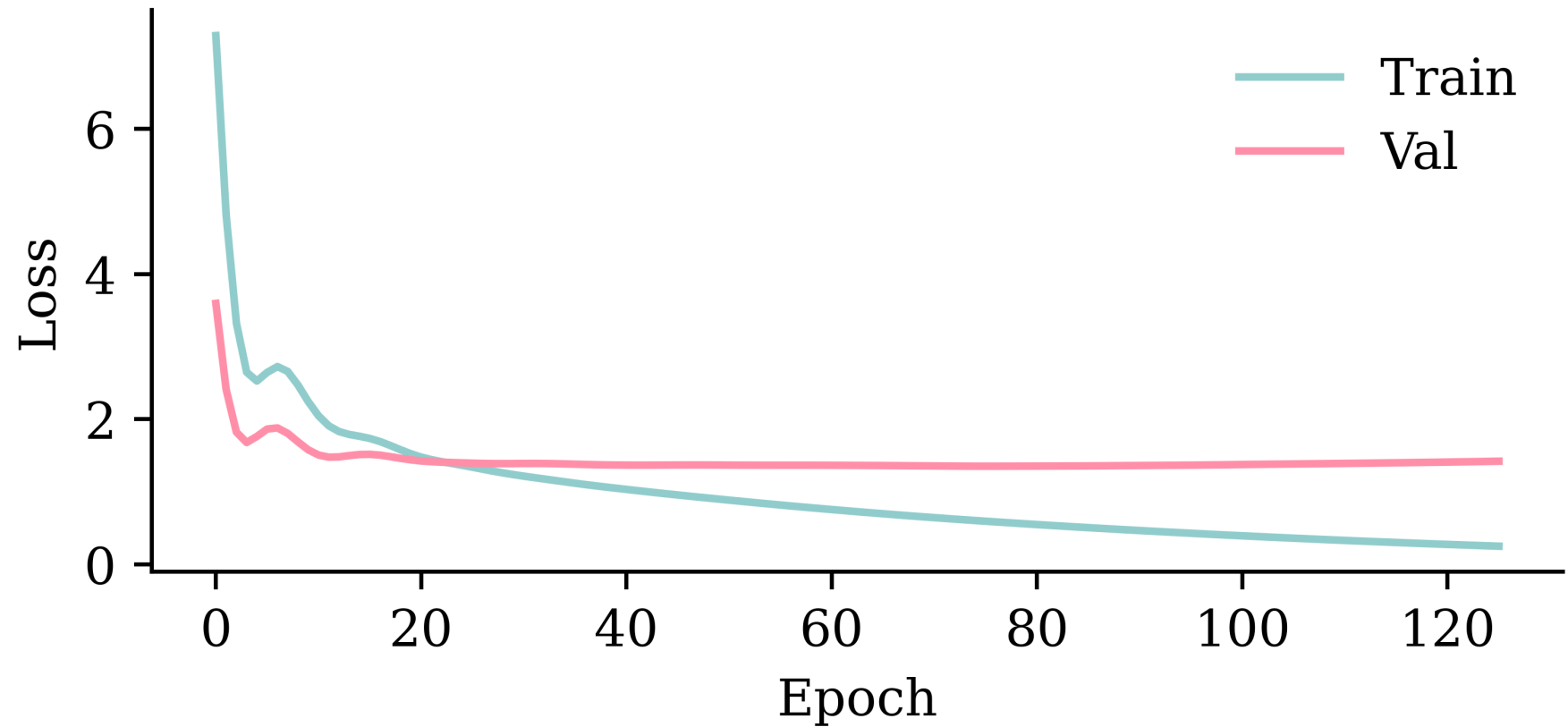


Plot the model

```
1 from keras.utils import plot_model
2 plot_model(model_dense, show_shapes=True)
```



Assess the fits

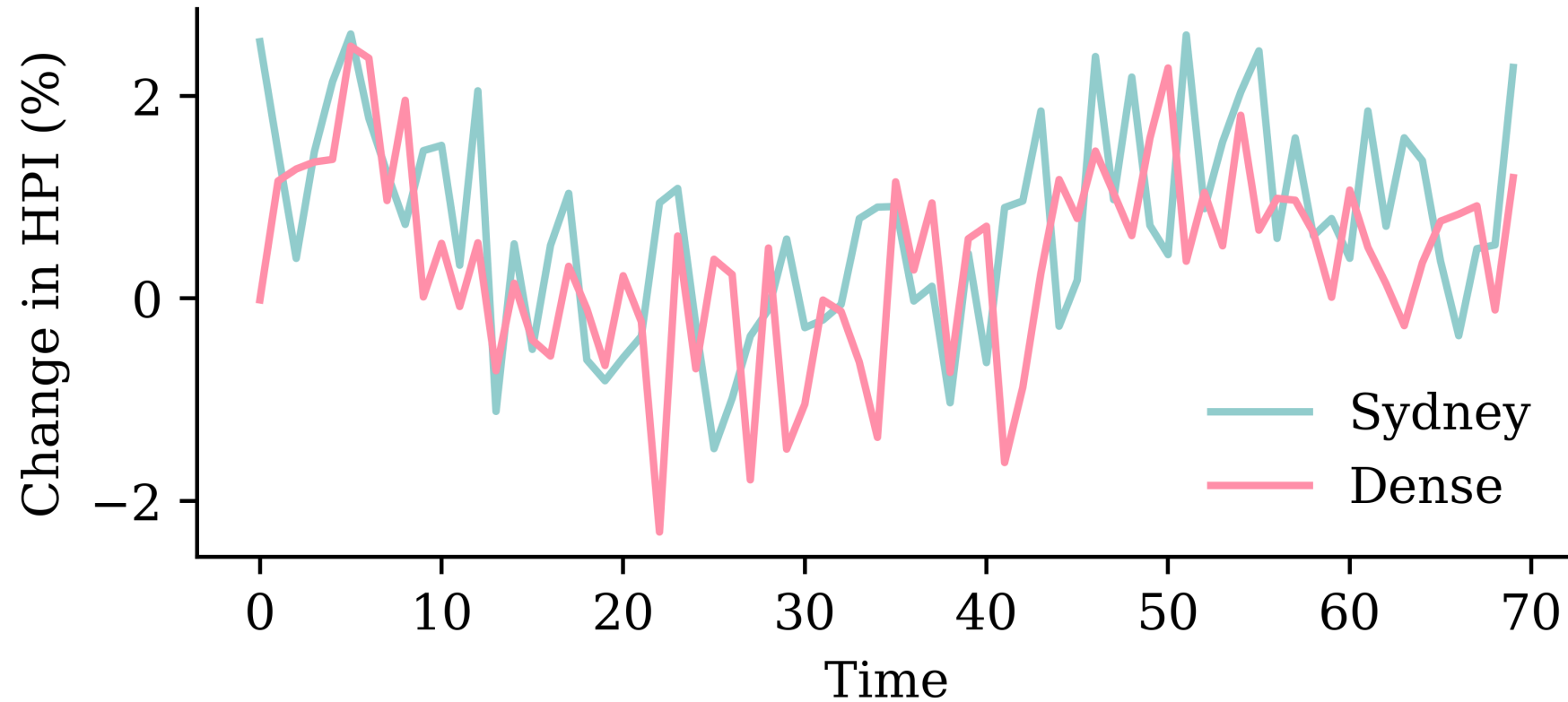


```
1 model_dense.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

1.3521653413772583



Plotting the predictions



A SimpleRNN layer

```
1 random.seed(1)
2
3 model_simple = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     SimpleRNN(50),
6     Dense(1, activation="linear")
7 ])
8 model_simple.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
9 print(f"This model has {model_simple.count_params()} parameters.")
10
11 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
12 %time hist = model_simple.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
13     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0);
```

This model has 2951 parameters.

Epoch 57: early stopping

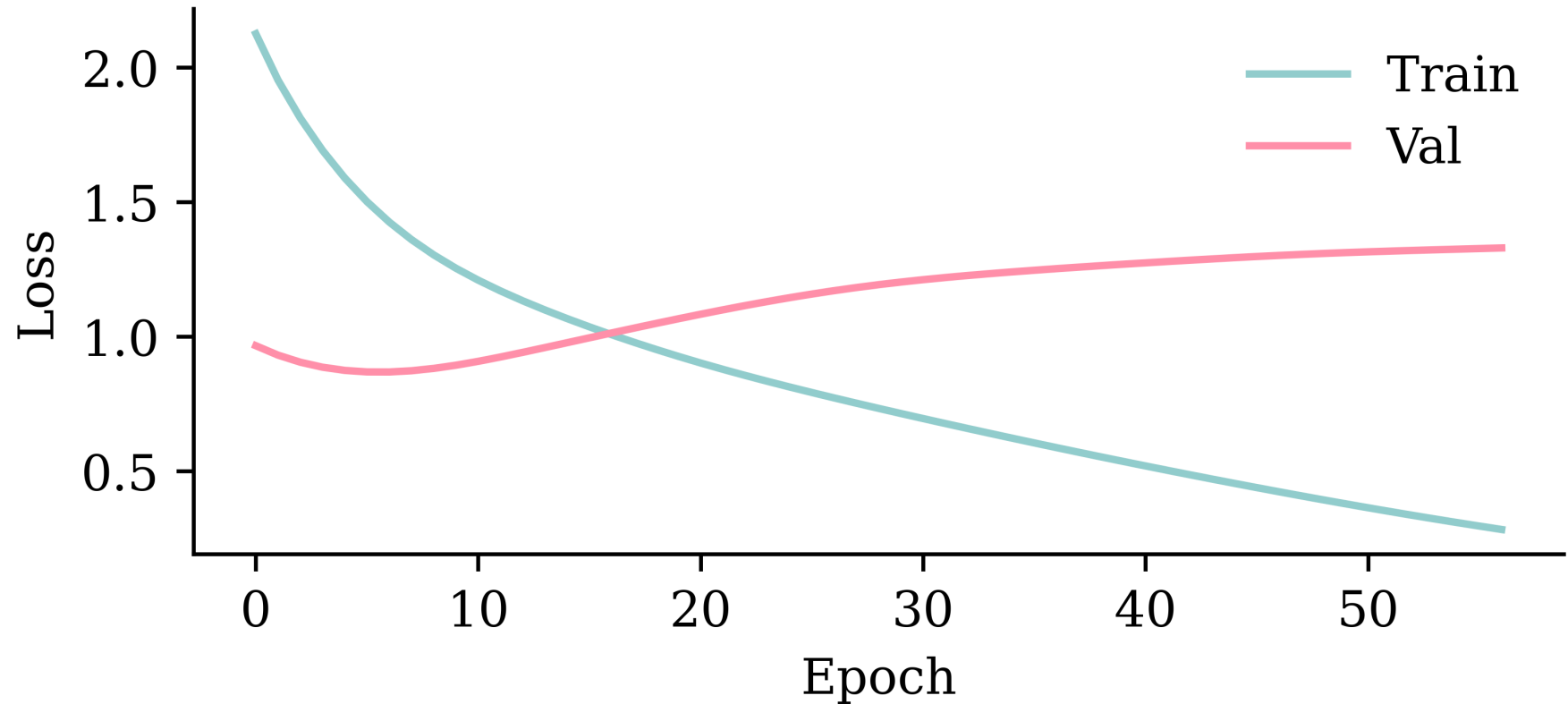
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 7.

CPU times: user 3.09 s, sys: 1.56 s, total: 4.65 s

Wall time: 1.74 s



Assess the fits



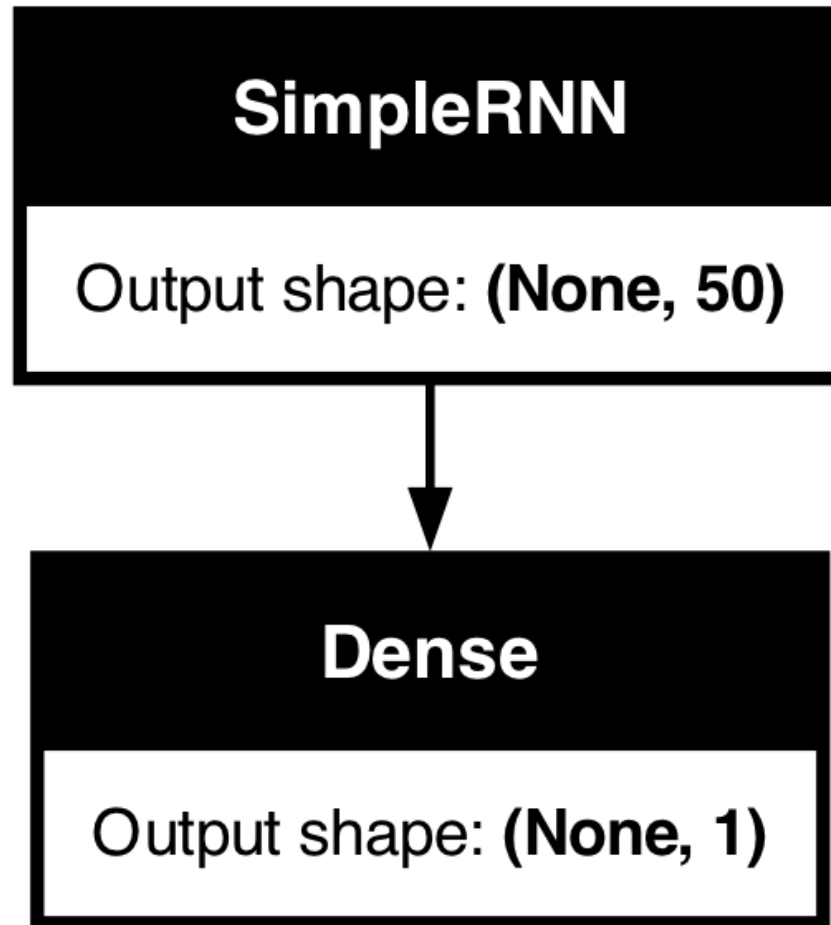
```
1 model_simple.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

0.8697079420089722

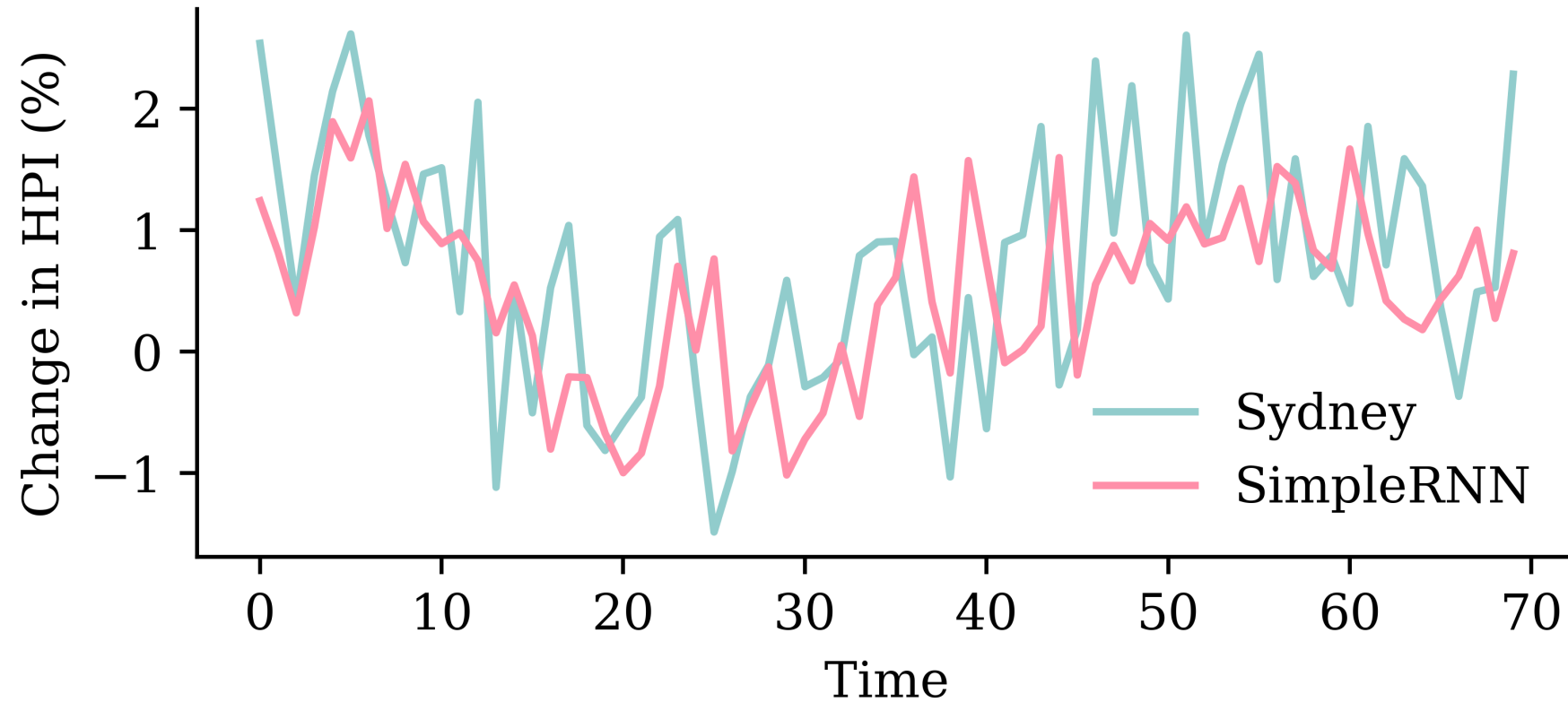


Plot the model

```
1 plot_model(model_simple, show_shapes=True)
```



Plotting the predictions



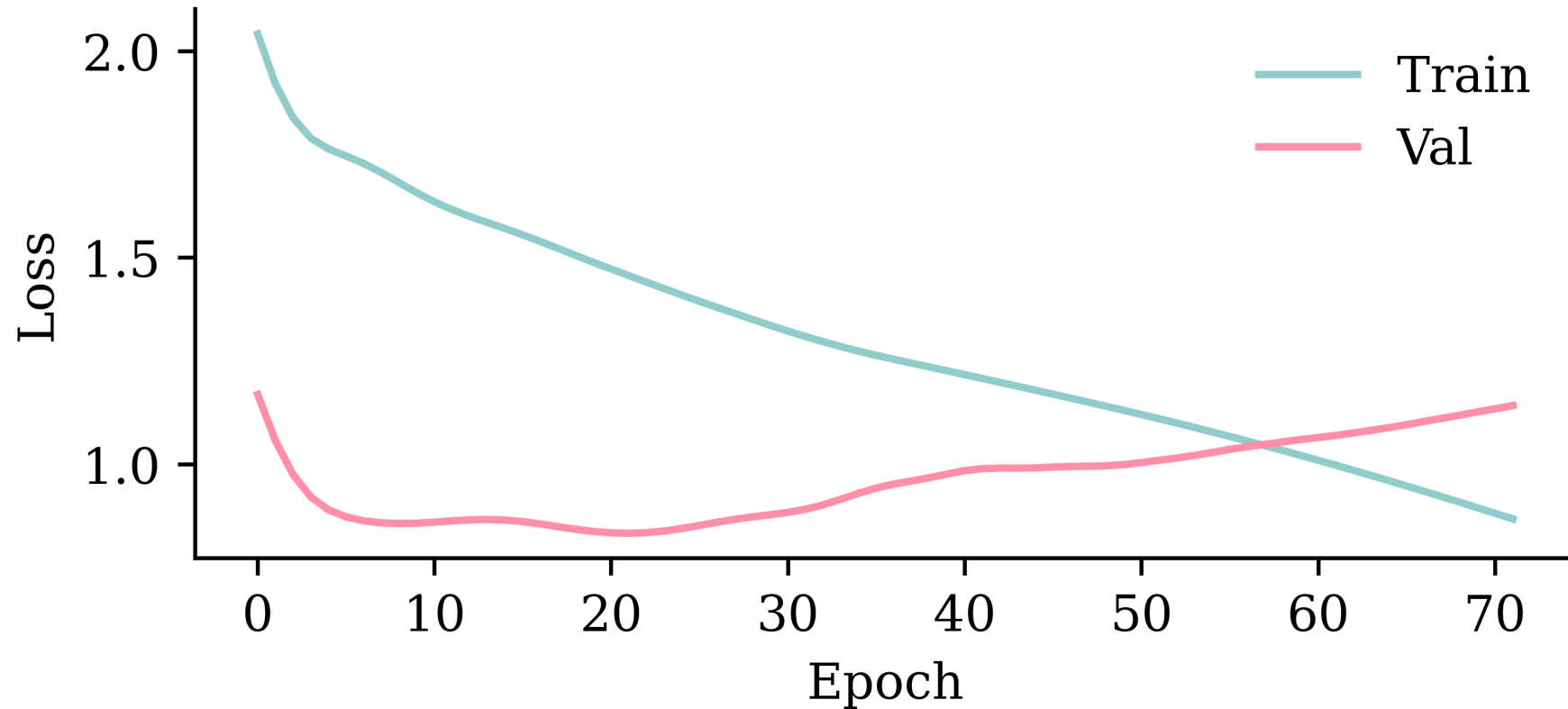
A LSTM layer

```
1 from keras.layers import LSTM
2
3 random.seed(1)
4
5 model_lstm = Sequential([
6     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
7     LSTM(50),
8     Dense(1, activation="linear")
9 ])
10
11 model_lstm.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
12
13 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
14
15 %time hist = model_lstm.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
16     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0);
```

Epoch 72: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 22.
CPU times: user 4.09 s, sys: 2.1 s, total: 6.19 s
Wall time: 2.42 s



Assess the fits

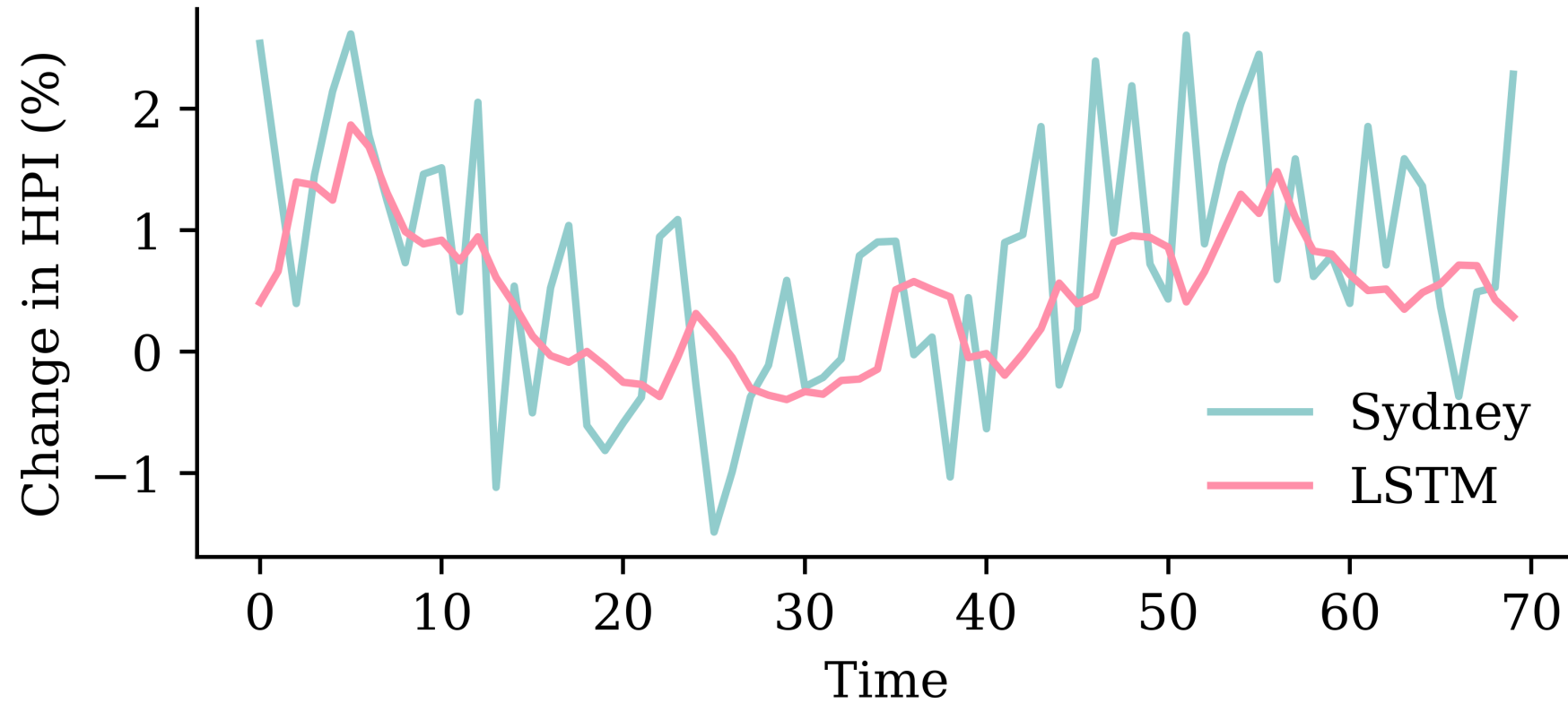


```
1 model_lstm.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

0.8331283330917358



Plotting the predictions



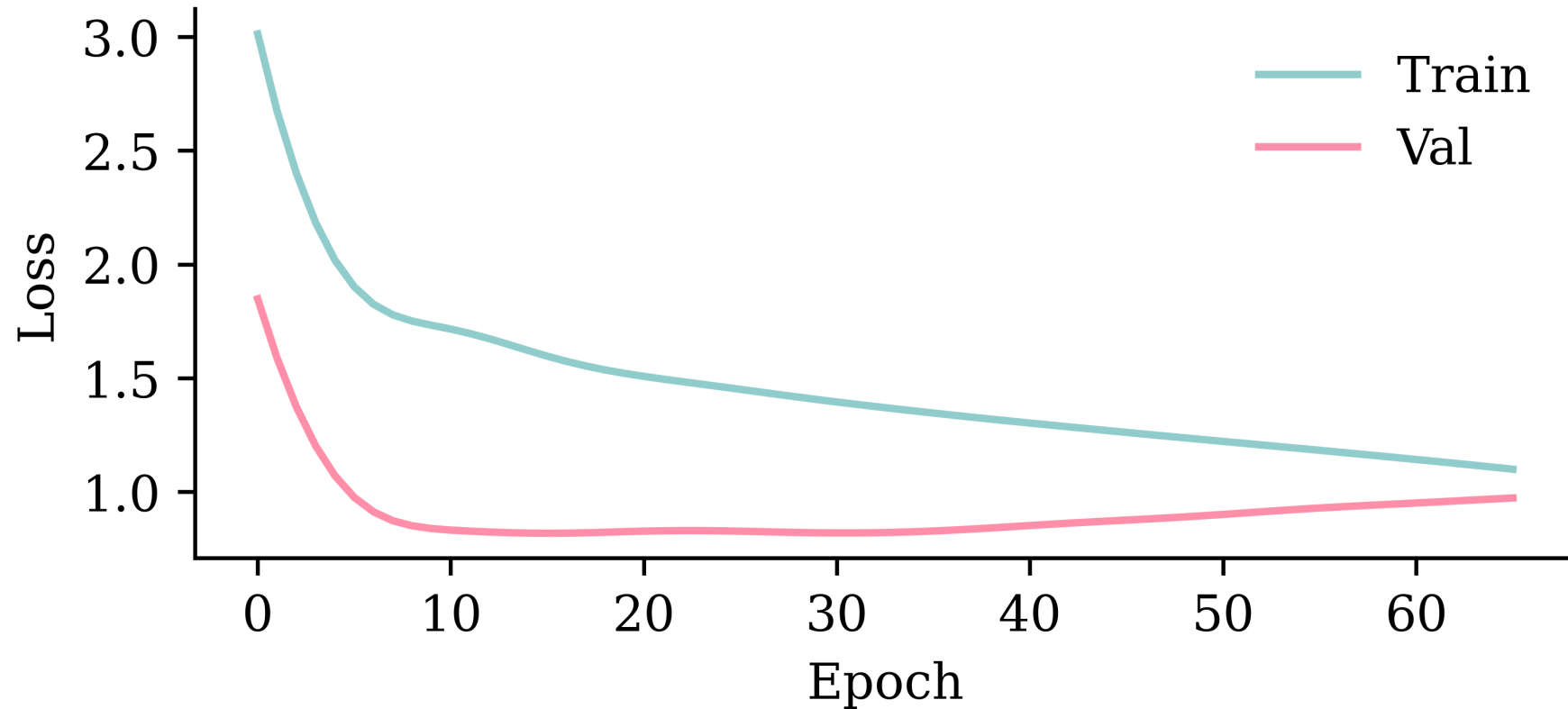
A GRU layer

```
1 from keras.layers import GRU
2
3 random.seed(1)
4
5 model_gru = Sequential([
6     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
7     GRU(50),
8     Dense(1, activation="linear")
9 ])
10
11 model_gru.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
12
13 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
14
15 %time hist = model_gru.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
16     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0)
```

Epoch 66: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 16.
CPU times: user 3.76 s, sys: 1.87 s, total: 5.63 s
Wall time: 2.25 s



Assess the fits

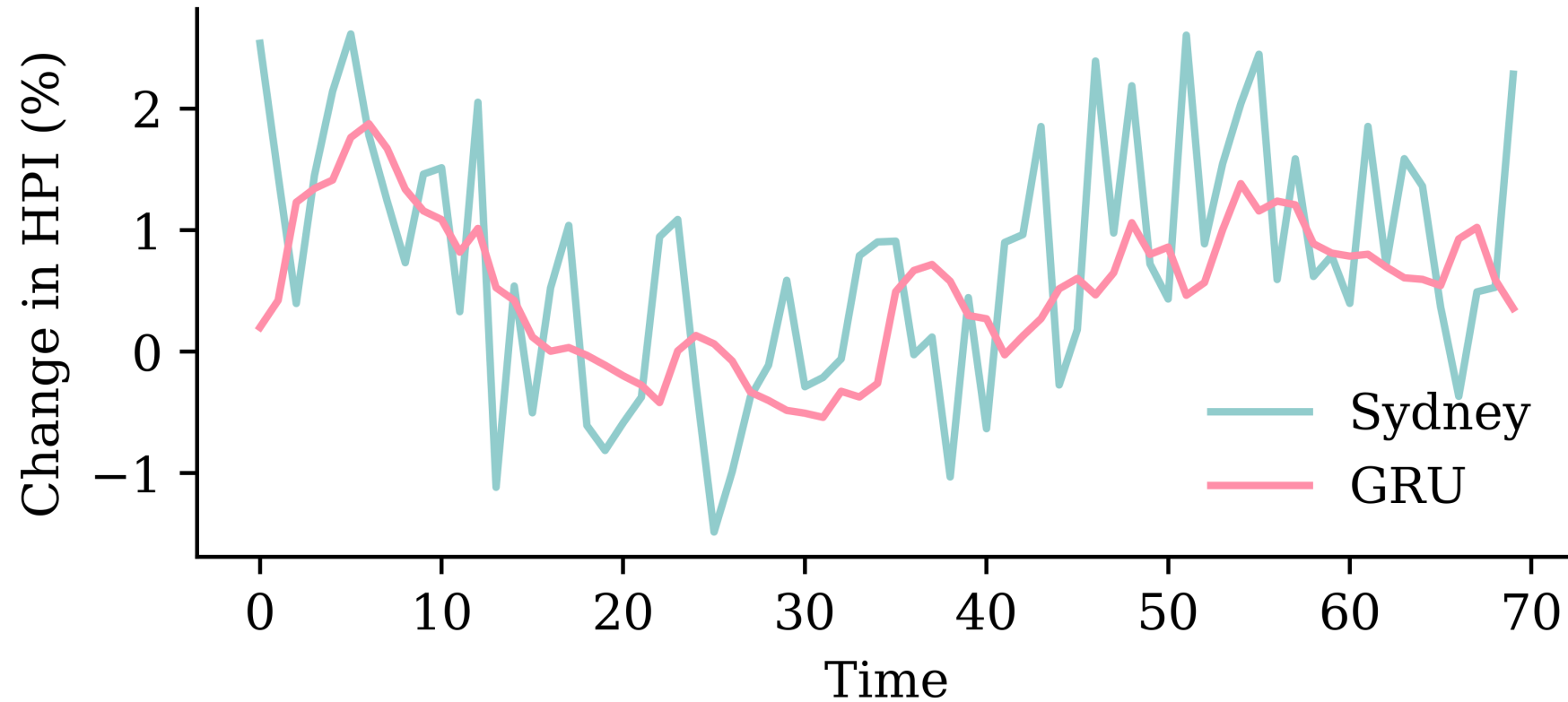


```
1 model_gru.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

0.8188608884811401



Plotting the predictions



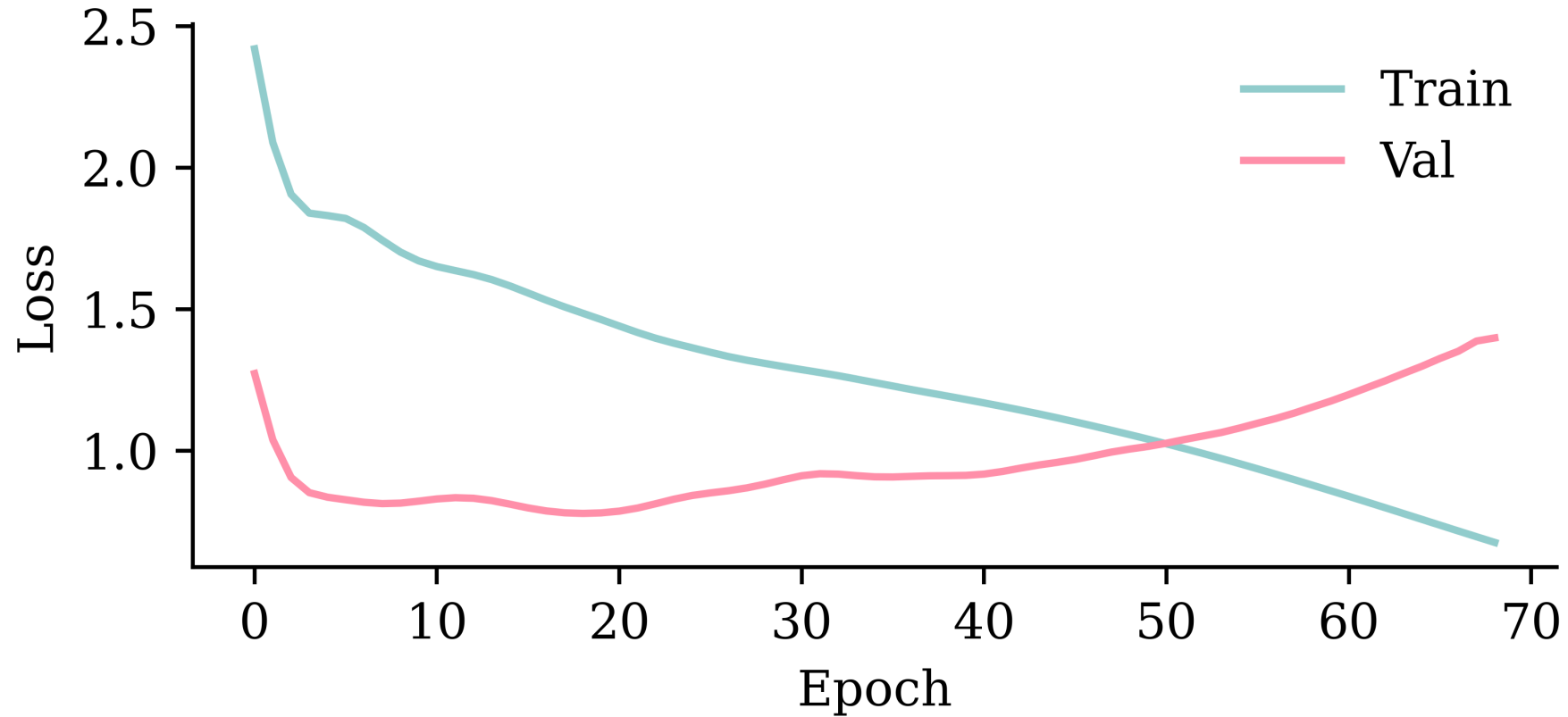
Two GRU layers

```
1 random.seed(1)
2
3 model_two_grus = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     GRU(50, return_sequences=True),
6     GRU(50),
7     Dense(1, activation="linear")
8 ])
9
10 model_two_grus.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
11
12 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
13
14 %time hist = model_two_grus.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
15     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0)
```

Epoch 69: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 19.
CPU times: user 4.5 s, sys: 1.98 s, total: 6.49 s
Wall time: 2.92 s



Assess the fits

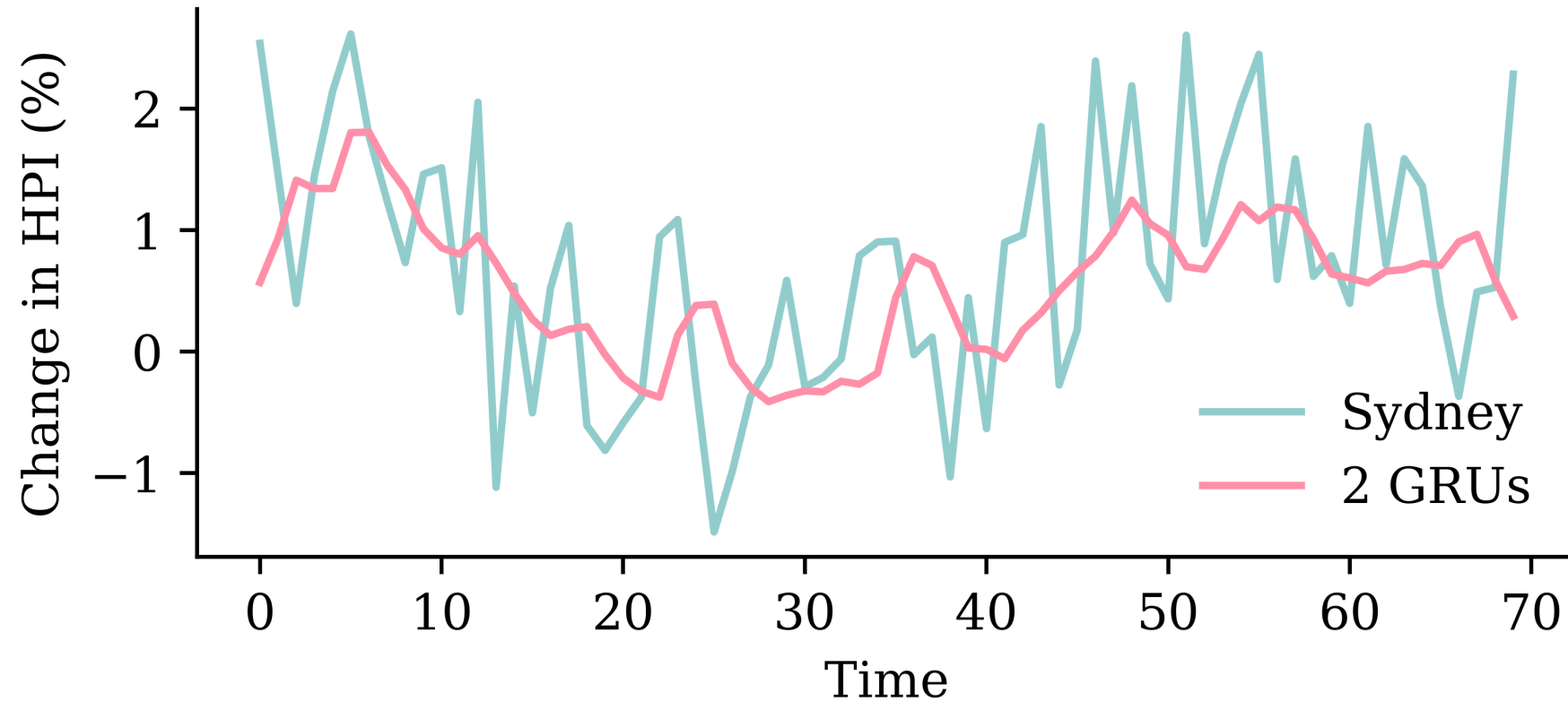


```
1 model_two_grus.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

0.777770459651947



Plotting the predictions



Compare the models

	Model	MSE
0	Dense	1.352165
1	SimpleRNN	0.869708
2	LSTM	0.833128
3	GRU	0.818861
4	2 GRUs	0.777770

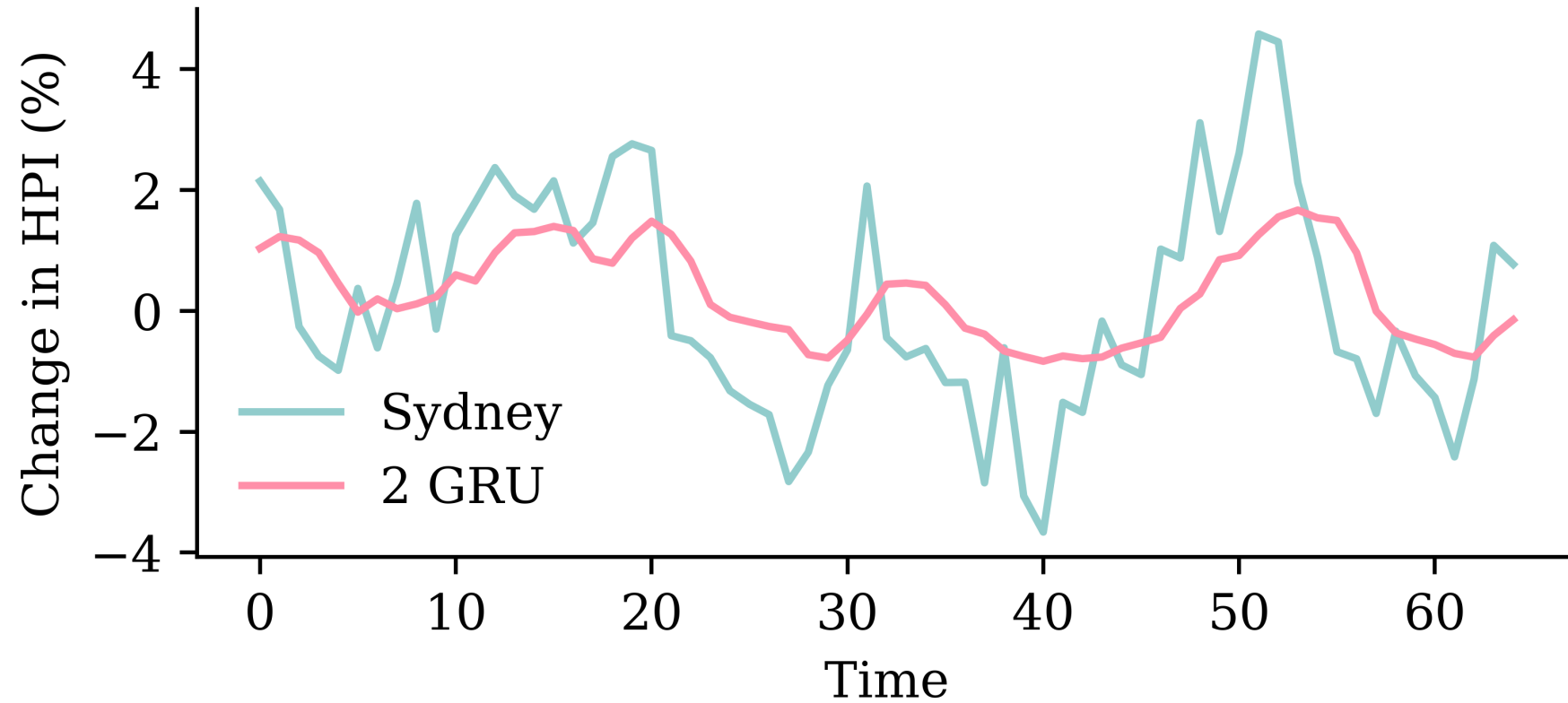
The network with two GRU layers is the best.

```
1 model_two_grus.evaluate(test_ds, verbose=0)
```

```
1.9774343967437744
```



Test set



Lecture Outline

- Tensors & Time Series
- Some Recurrent Structures
- Recurrent Neural Networks
- CoreLogic Hedonic Home Value Index
- Splitting time series data
- Predicting Sydney House Prices
- **Predicting Multiple Time Series**



Creating dataset objects

Change the **targets** argument to include all the suburbs.

```
1 val_ds = \  
2     timeseries_dataset_from_array(  
3         changes[:-delay],  
4         targets=changes[delay:],  
5         sequence_length=seq_length,  
6         start_index=num_train,  
7         end_index=num_train+num_val)
```

```
1 train_ds = \  
2     timeseries_dataset_from_array(  
3         changes[:-delay],  
4         targets=changes[delay:],  
5         sequence_length=seq_length,  
6         end_index=num_train)
```

```
1 test_ds = \  
2     timeseries_dataset_from_array(  
3         changes[:-delay],  
4         targets=changes[delay:],  
5         sequence_length=seq_length,  
6         start_index=num_train+num_val)
```



Converting **Dataset** to numpy

The shape of our training set is now:

```
1 X_train = np.concatenate(list(train_ds.map(lambda x, y: x)))
2 X_train.shape
```

(220, 6, 7)

```
1 Y_train = np.concatenate(list(train_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
2 Y_train.shape
```

(220, 7)

Later, we need the targets as numpy arrays:

```
1 Y_train = np.concatenate(list(train_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
2 Y_val = np.concatenate(list(val_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
3 Y_test = np.concatenate(list(test_ds.map(lambda x, y: y)))
```



A dense network

```
1 random.seed(1)
2 model_dense = Sequential([
3     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
4     Flatten(),
5     Dense(50, activation="leaky_relu"),
6     Dense(20, activation="leaky_relu"),
7     Dense(num_ts, activation="linear")
8 ])
9 model_dense.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
10 print(f"This model has {model_dense.count_params()} parameters.")
11
12 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
13 %time hist = model_dense.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
14     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0);
```

This model has 3317 parameters.

Epoch 96: early stopping

Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 46.

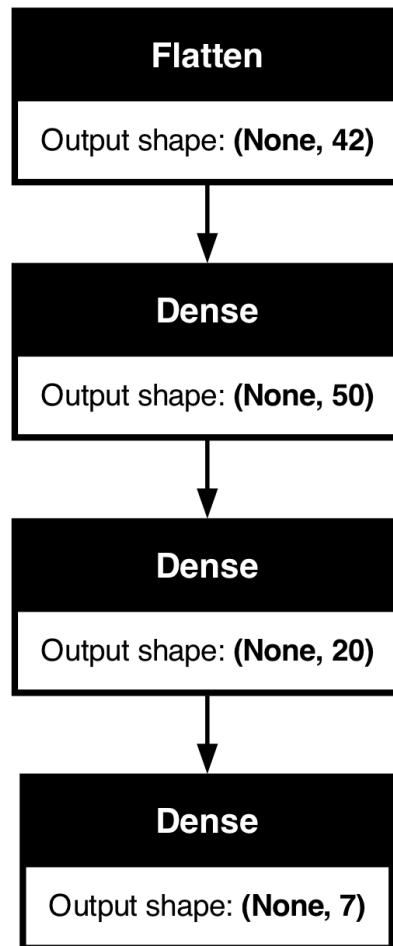
CPU times: user 4.94 s, sys: 2.72 s, total: 7.66 s

Wall time: 2.67 s

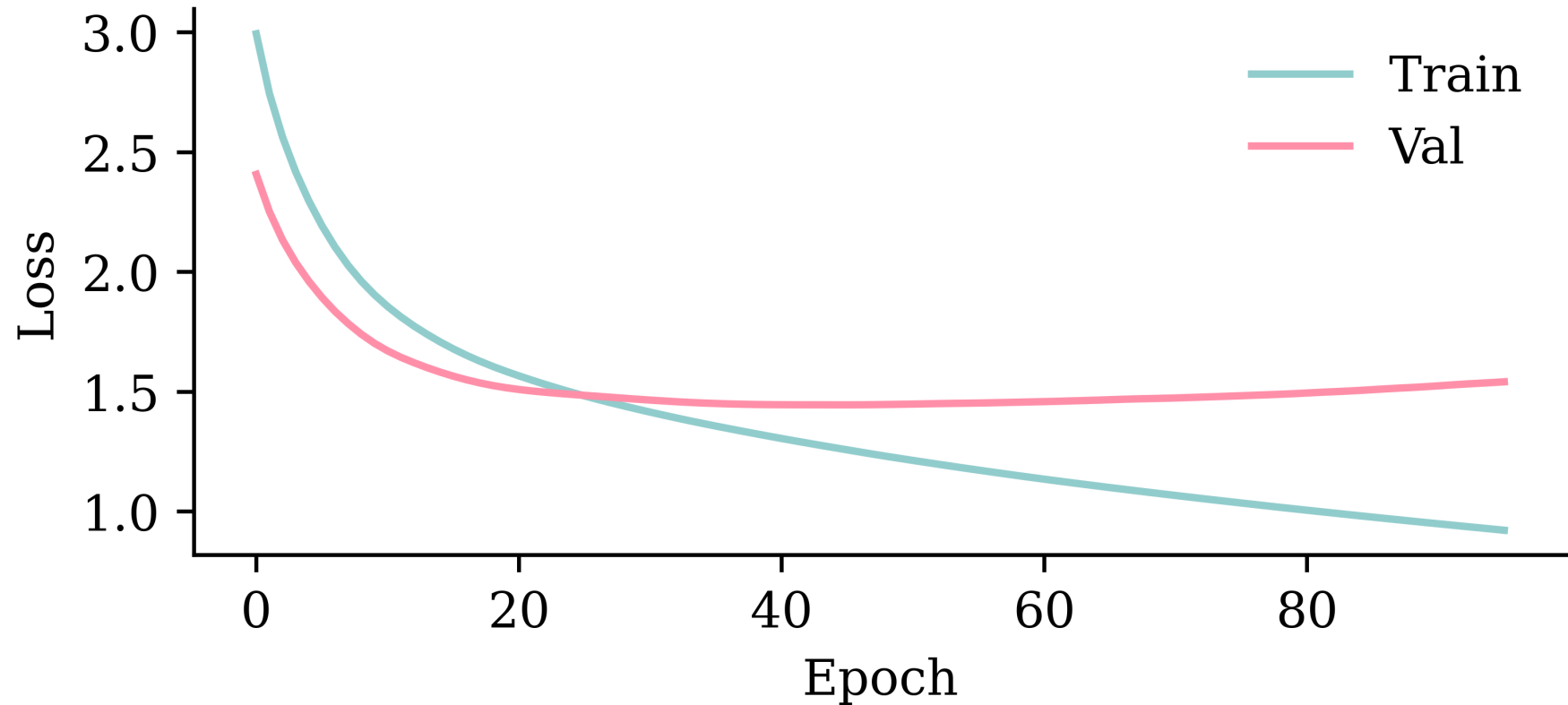


Plot the model

```
1 plot_model(model_dense, show_shapes=True)
```



Assess the fits

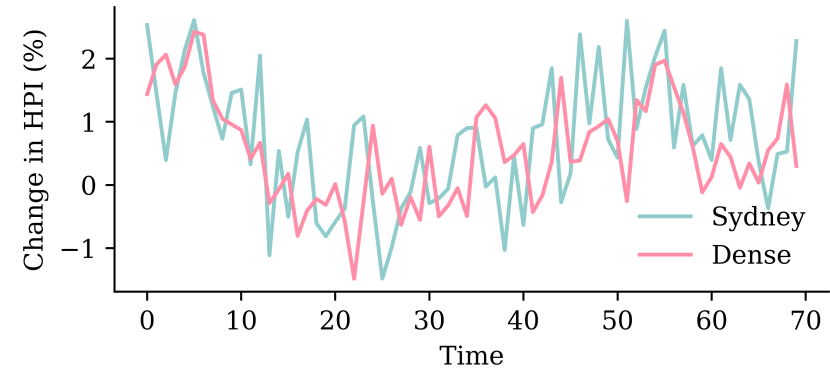
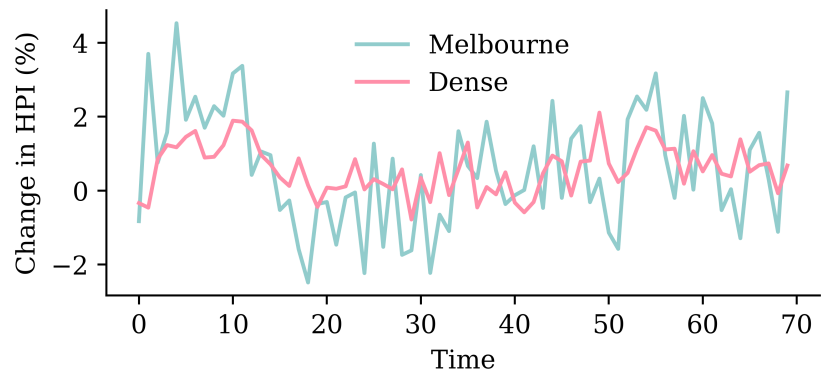
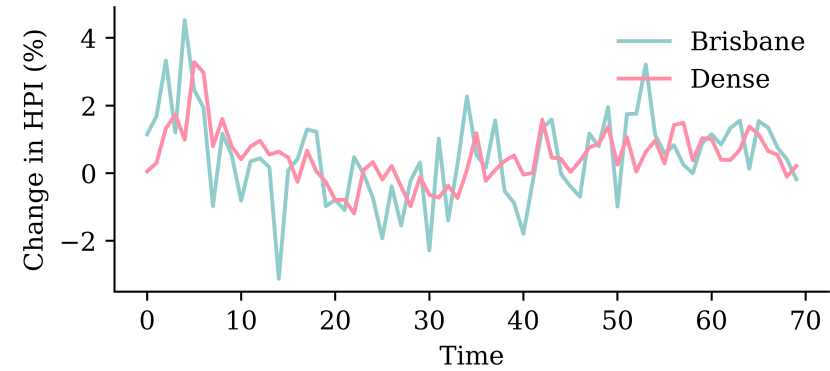
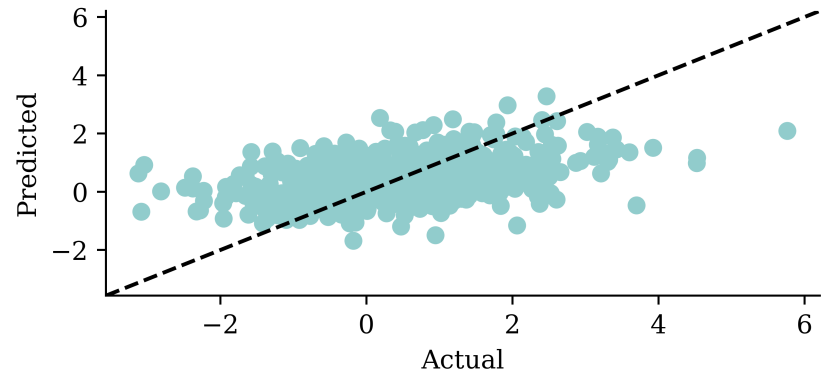


```
1 model_dense.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

1.445832371711731



Plotting the predictions



A SimpleRNN layer

```
1 random.seed(1)
2
3 model_simple = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     SimpleRNN(50),
6     Dense(num_ts, activation="linear")
7 ])
8 model_simple.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
9 print(f"This model has {model_simple.count_params()} parameters.")
10
11 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
12 %time hist = model_simple.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
13     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0);
```

This model has 3257 parameters.

Epoch 93: early stopping

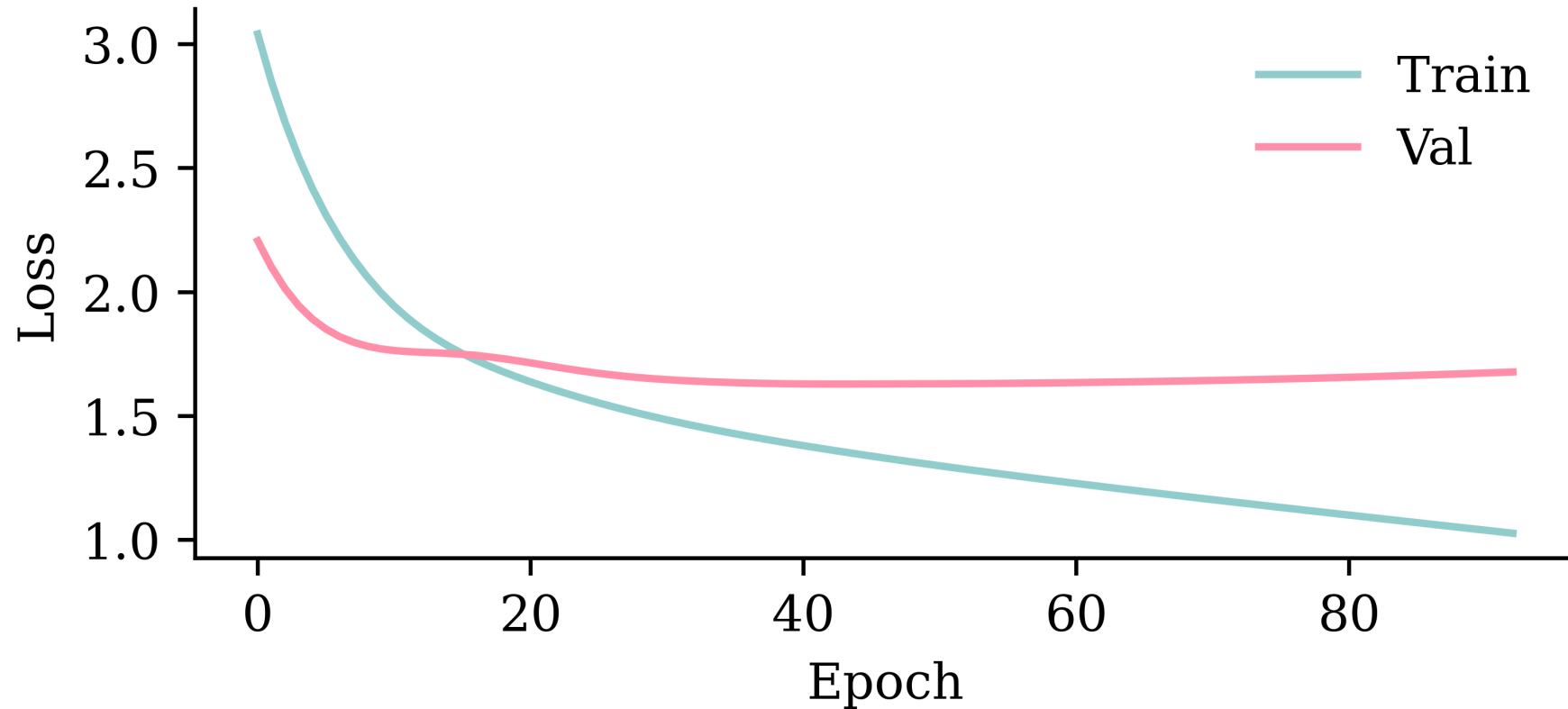
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 43.

CPU times: user 5.02 s, sys: 2.45 s, total: 7.47 s

Wall time: 2.84 s



Assess the fits



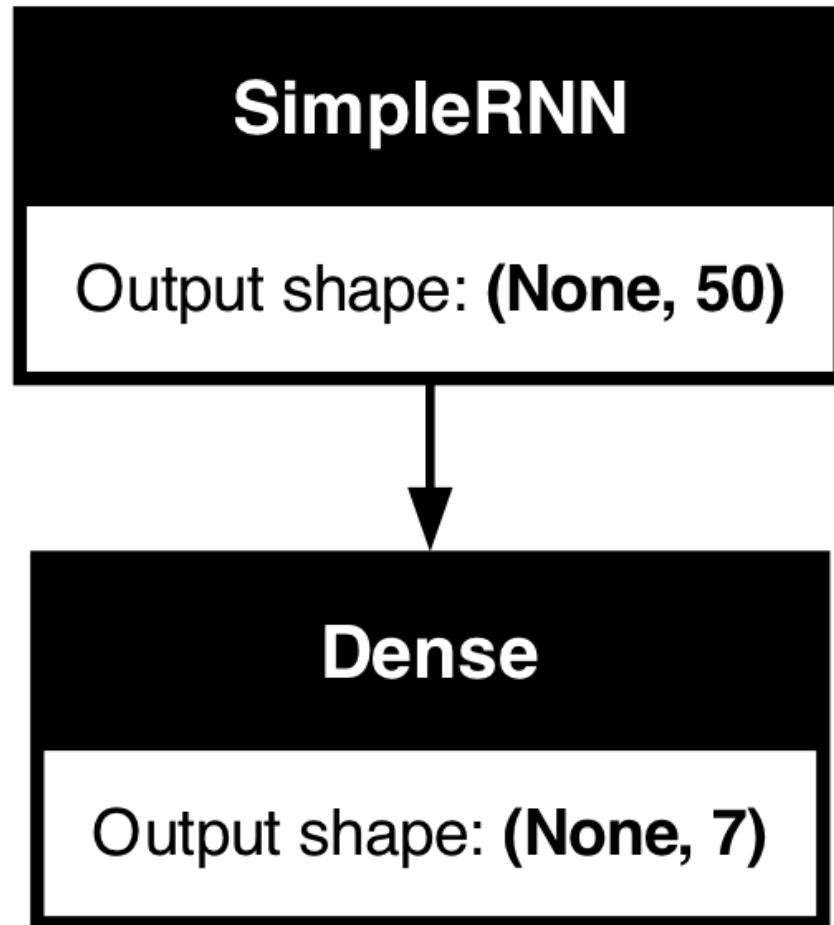
```
1 model_simple.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

1.6287589073181152

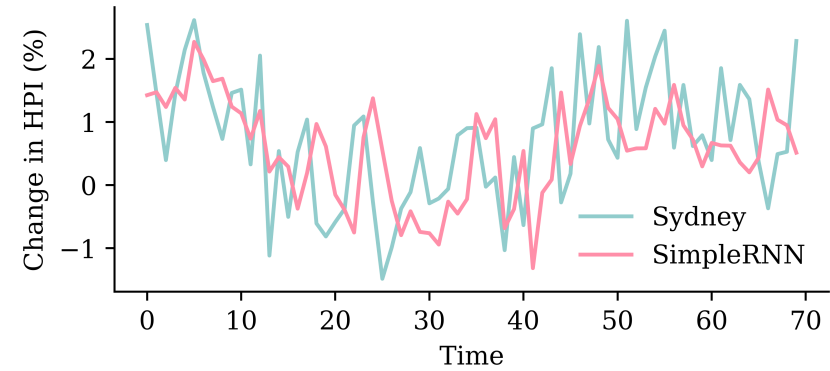
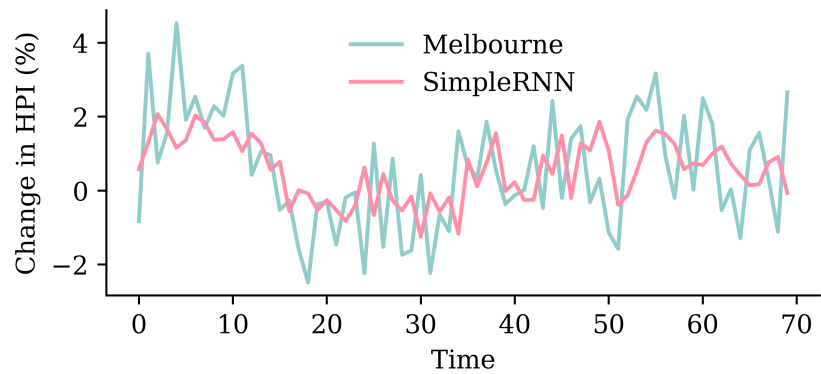
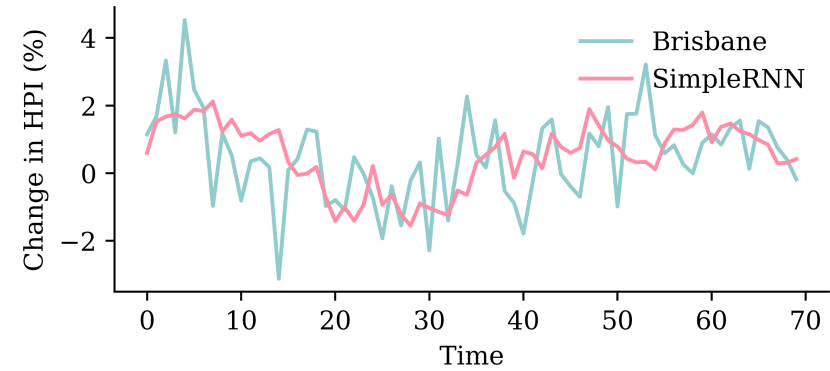
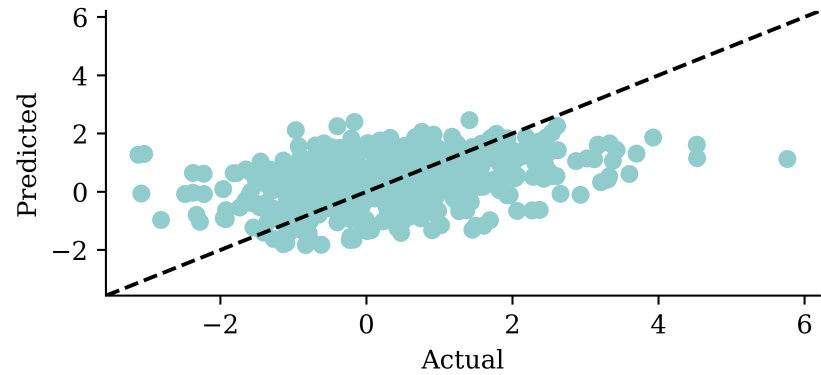


Plot the model

```
1 plot_model(model_simple, show_shapes=True)
```



Plotting the predictions



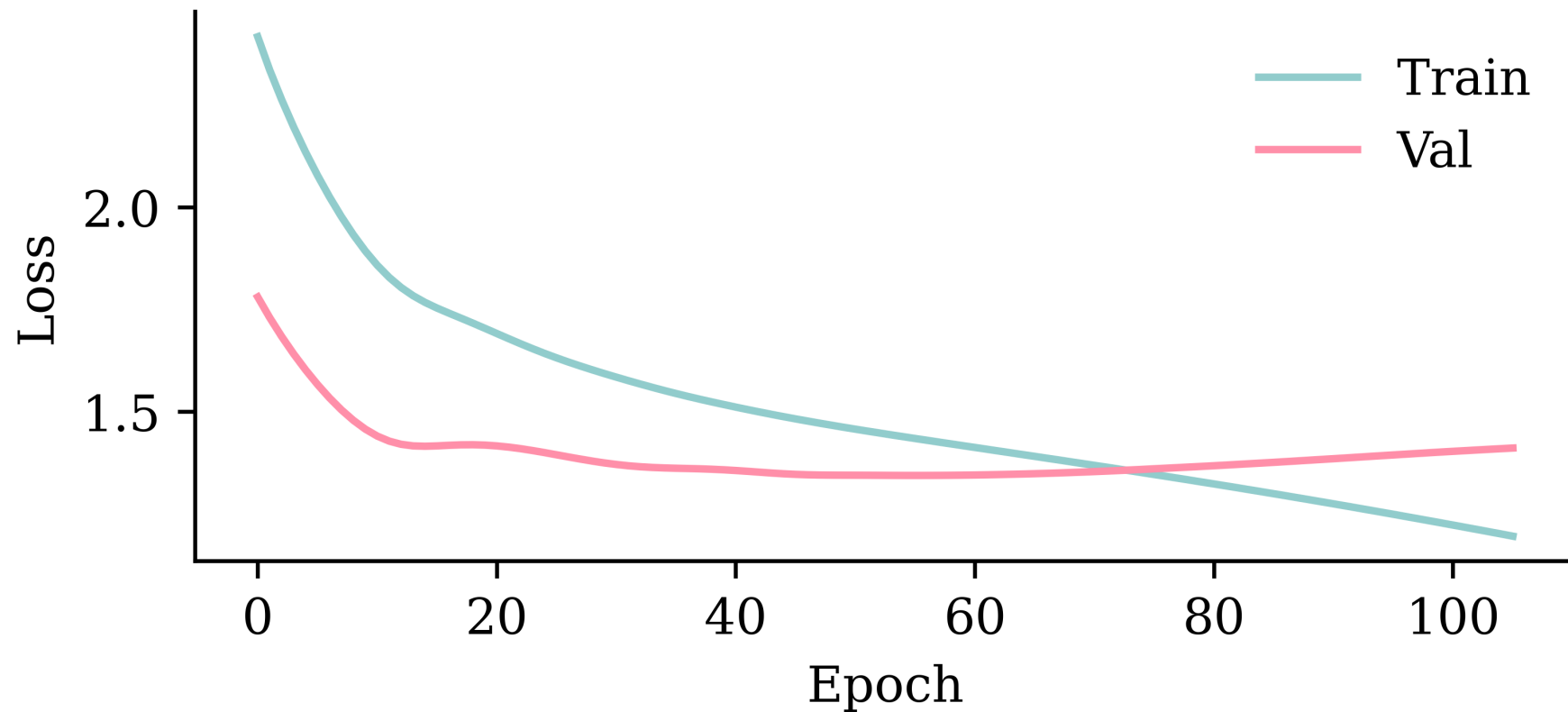
A LSTM layer

```
1 random.seed(1)
2
3 model_lstm = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     LSTM(50),
6     Dense(num_ts, activation="linear")
7 ])
8
9 model_lstm.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
10
11 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
12
13 %time hist = model_lstm.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
14     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0);
```

Epoch 106: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 56.
CPU times: user 6.03 s, sys: 2.87 s, total: 8.89 s
Wall time: 3.57 s



Assess the fits

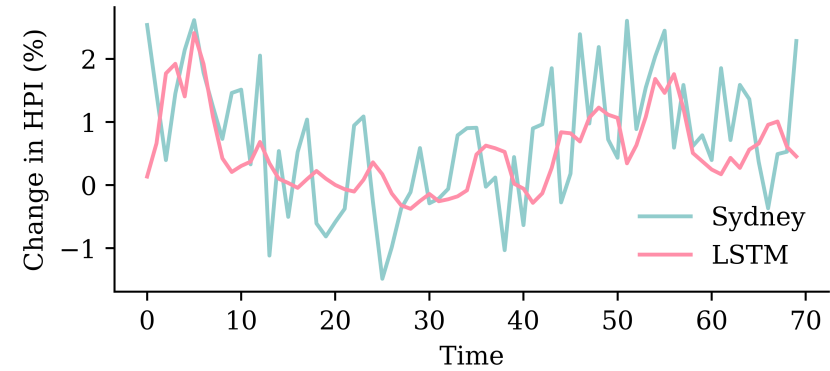
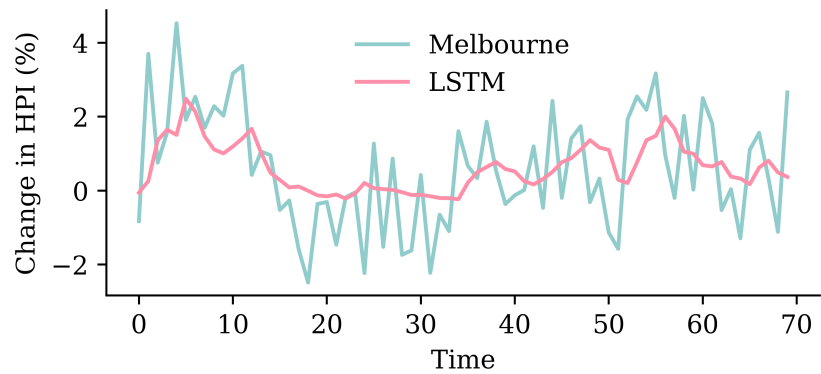
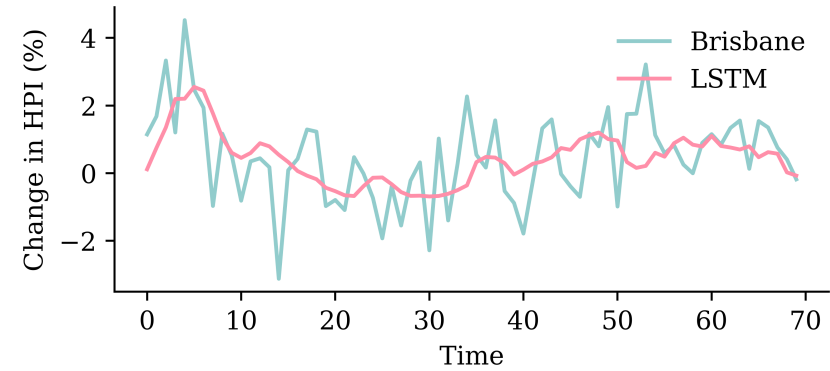
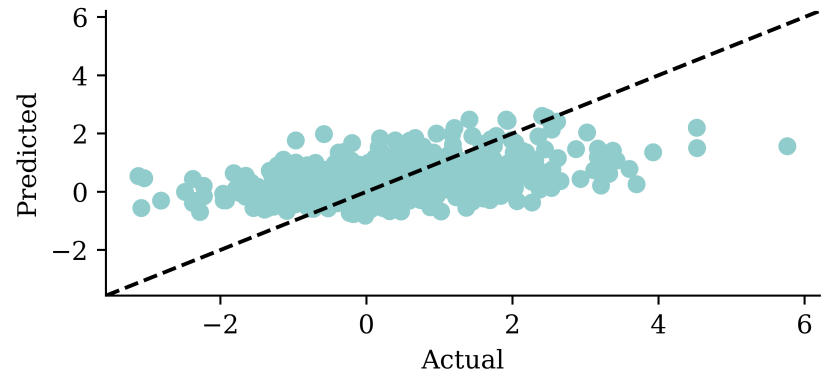


```
1 model_lstm.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

1.3439931869506836



Plotting the predictions



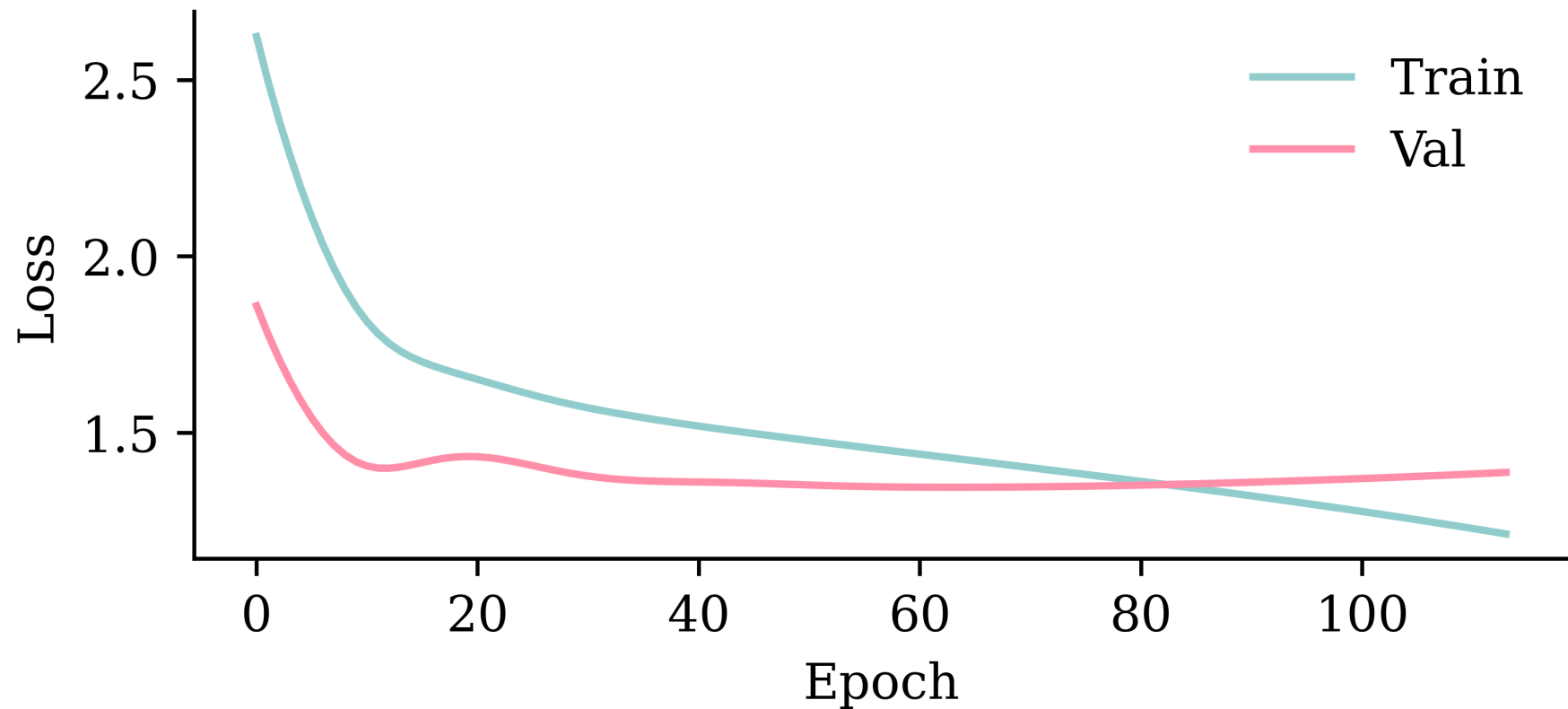
A GRU layer

```
1 random.seed(1)
2
3 model_gru = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     GRU(50),
6     Dense(num_ts, activation="linear")
7 ])
8
9 model_gru.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
10
11 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
12
13 %time hist = model_gru.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
14     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0)
```

Epoch 114: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 64.
CPU times: user 6.51 s, sys: 3.18 s, total: 9.69 s
Wall time: 3.9 s



Assess the fits

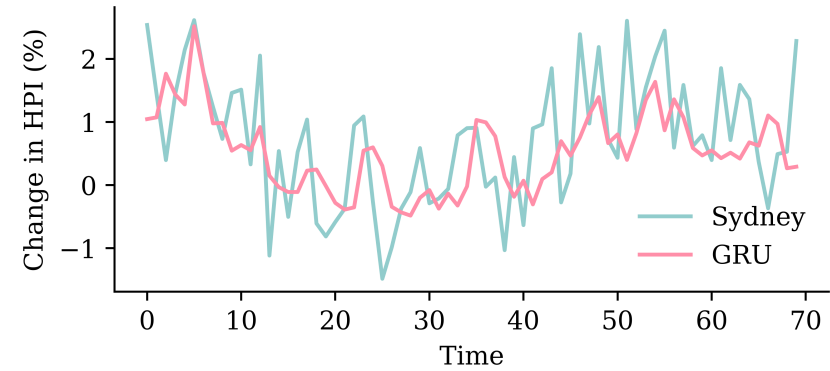
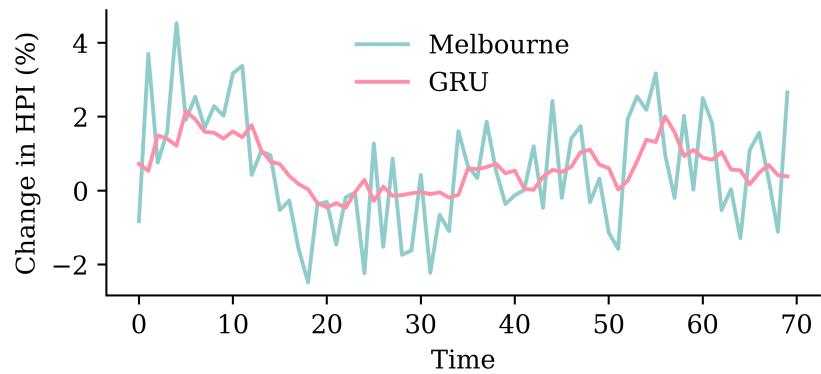
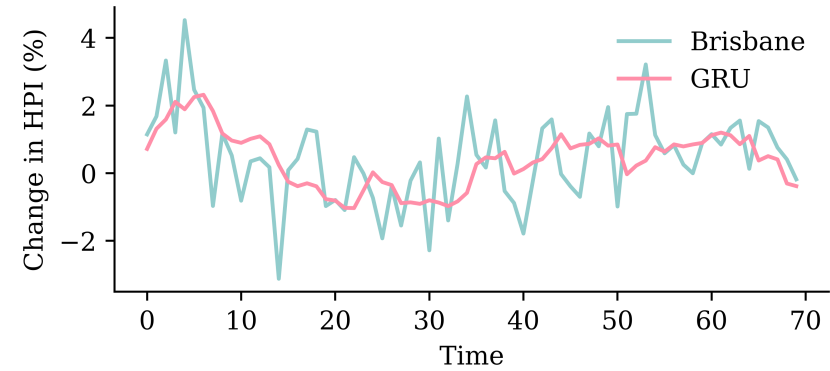
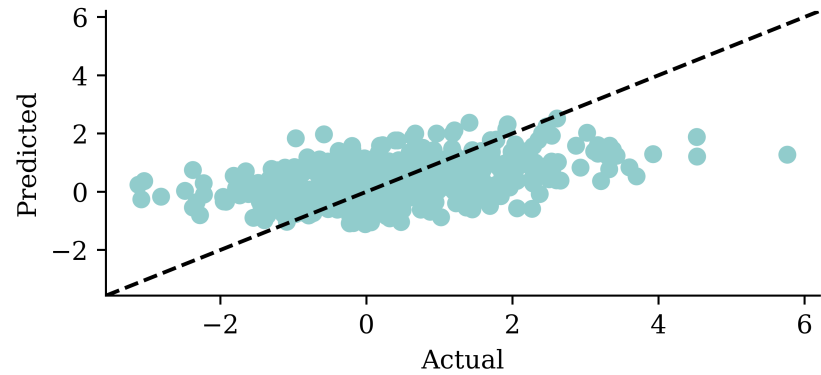


```
1 model_gru.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

1.3462404012680054



Plotting the predictions



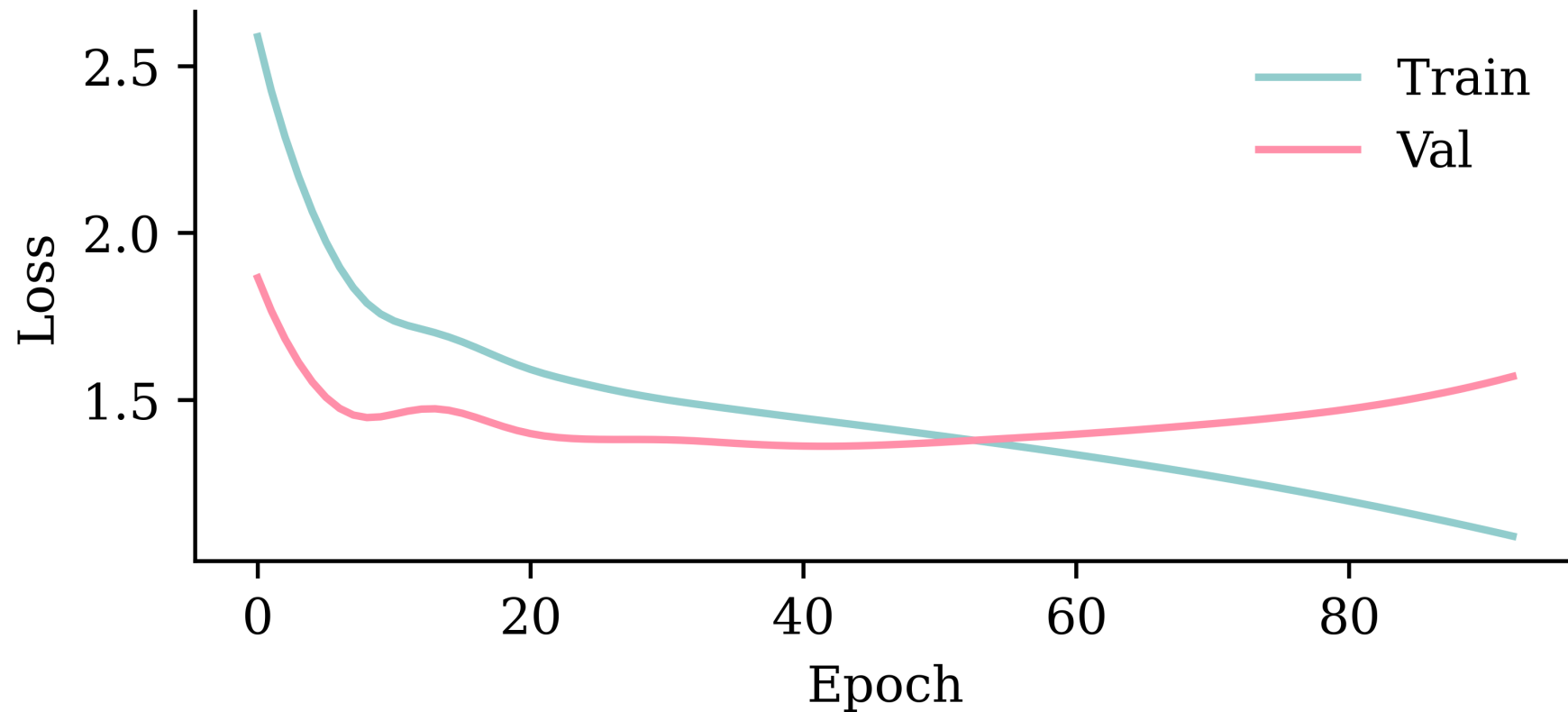
Two GRU layers

```
1 random.seed(1)
2
3 model_two_grus = Sequential([
4     Input((seq_length, num_ts)),
5     GRU(50, return_sequences=True),
6     GRU(50),
7     Dense(num_ts, activation="linear")
8 ])
9
10 model_two_grus.compile(loss="mse", optimizer="adam")
11
12 es = EarlyStopping(patience=50, restore_best_weights=True, verbose=1)
13
14 %time hist = model_two_grus.fit(train_ds, epochs=1_000, \
15     validation_data=val_ds, callbacks=[es], verbose=0)
```

Epoch 93: early stopping
Restoring model weights from the end of the best epoch: 43.
CPU times: user 6.1 s, sys: 2.6 s, total: 8.7 s
Wall time: 3.92 s



Assess the fits

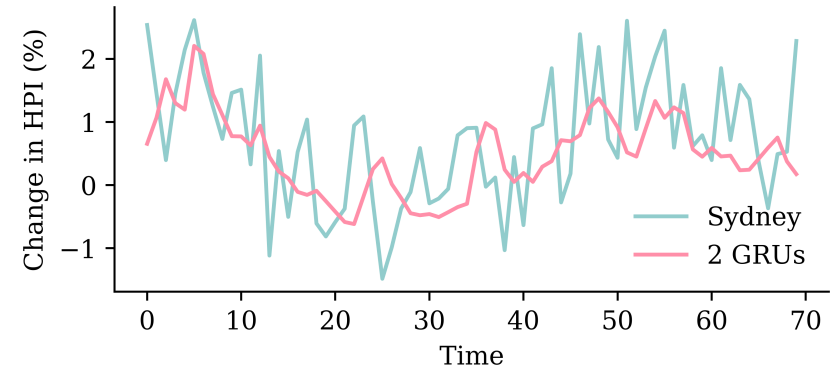
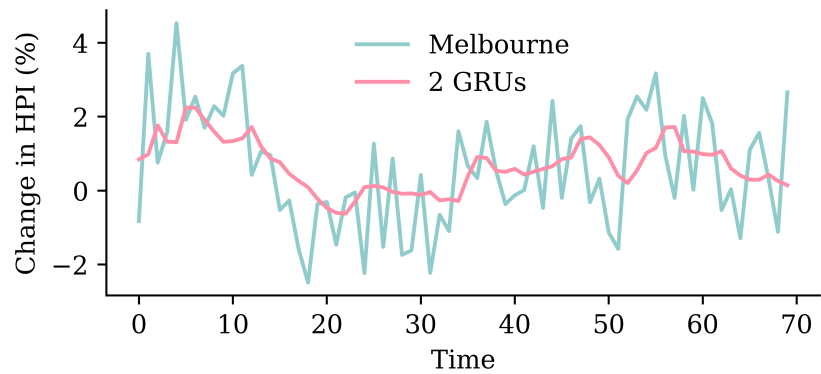
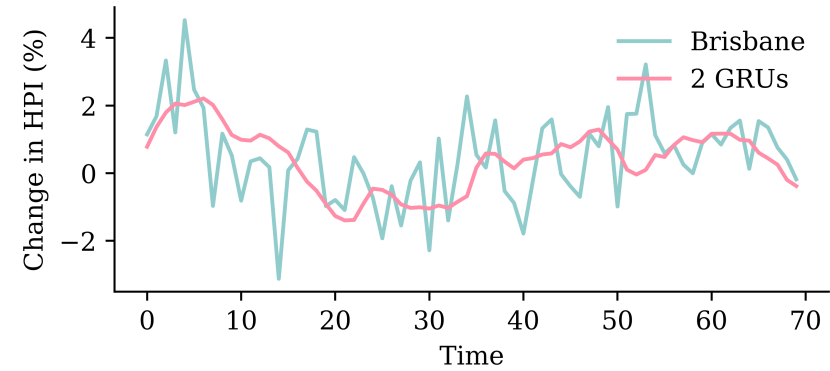
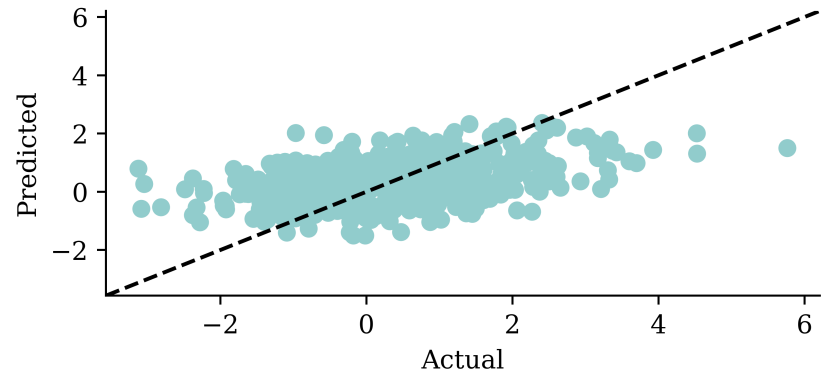


```
1 model_two_grus.evaluate(val_ds, verbose=0)
```

1.3611823320388794



Plotting the predictions



Compare the models

	Model	MSE
1	SimpleRNN	1.628759
0	Dense	1.445832
4	2 GRUs	1.361182
3	GRU	1.346240
2	LSTM	1.343993

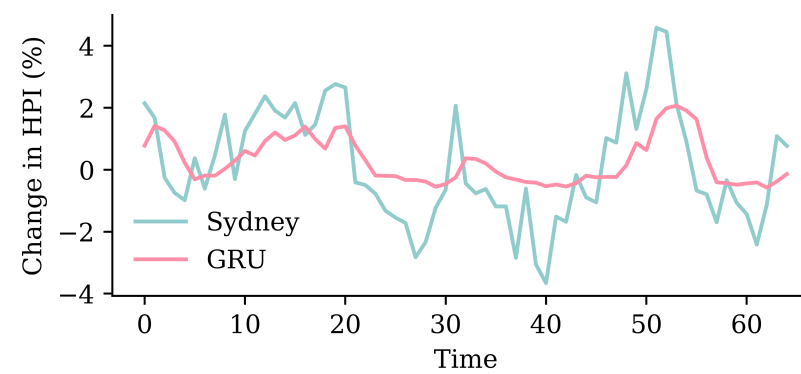
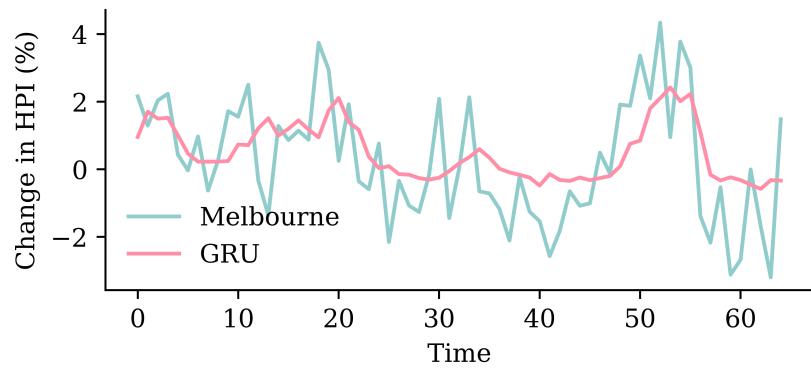
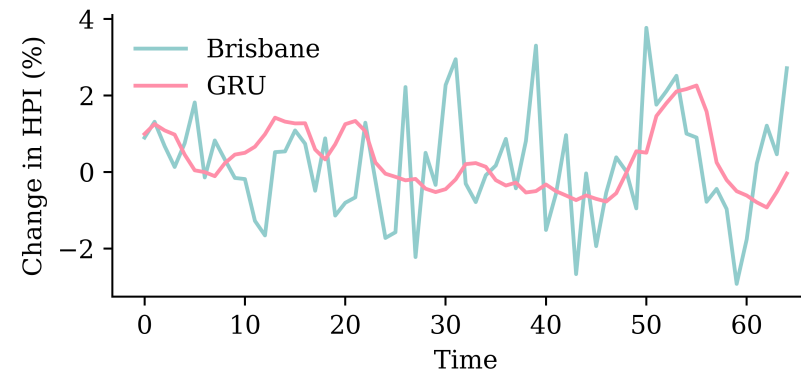
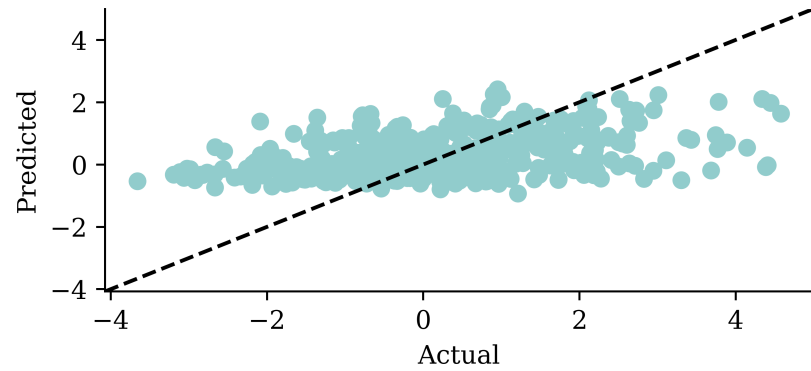
The network with an LSTM layer is the best.

```
1 model_lstm.evaluate(test_ds, verbose=0)
```

```
1.879453420639038
```



Test set



Package Versions

```
1 from watermark import watermark
2 print(watermark(python=True, packages="keras,matplotlib,numpy,pandas,seaborn,scipy,torch"))
```

```
Python implementation: CPython
Python version       : 3.11.8
IPython version      : 8.23.0
```

```
keras      : 3.2.0
matplotlib: 3.8.4
numpy      : 1.26.4
pandas     : 2.2.1
seaborn    : 0.13.2
scipy      : 1.11.0
torch      : 2.2.2
tensorflow: 2.16.1
tf_keras   : 2.16.0
```



Glossary

- GRU
- LSTM
- recurrent neural networks
- SimpleRNN

