

# NLP FROM SCRATCH IN TF

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# OVERVIEW

- (Some) NLP Tasks
- Prior to NN for NLP
- NLP (Almost) From Scratch
- Text Representation for MLP and ConvNet
- <https://github.com/nrlewis/nlpfromscratch-tf>



# HELPFUL REFERENCES

- Natural Language Processing (almost) from Scratch
  - Collobert et. al
  - <https://arxiv.org/abs/1103.0398>
- A Primer on Neural Network Models for Natural Language Processing
  - Yoav Goldberg
  - <http://u.cs.biu.ac.il/~yogo/nnlp.pdf>
- Implementing CNN for Text Classification
  - <http://www.wildml.com/2015/12/implementing-a-cnn-for-text-classification-in-tensorflow/>
  - Good for CNNs

# NOTES ABOUT CODE

- Implements MLP and Sentence Convolution Approach
- Contains training data from CONLL for POS Tagging and Chunking
- Tensorboard
  - Writes the vocab for embedding PCA
  - Has metrics for Precision, Recall, and F1 Measures
- Please check out!
- If problems, please let me know!

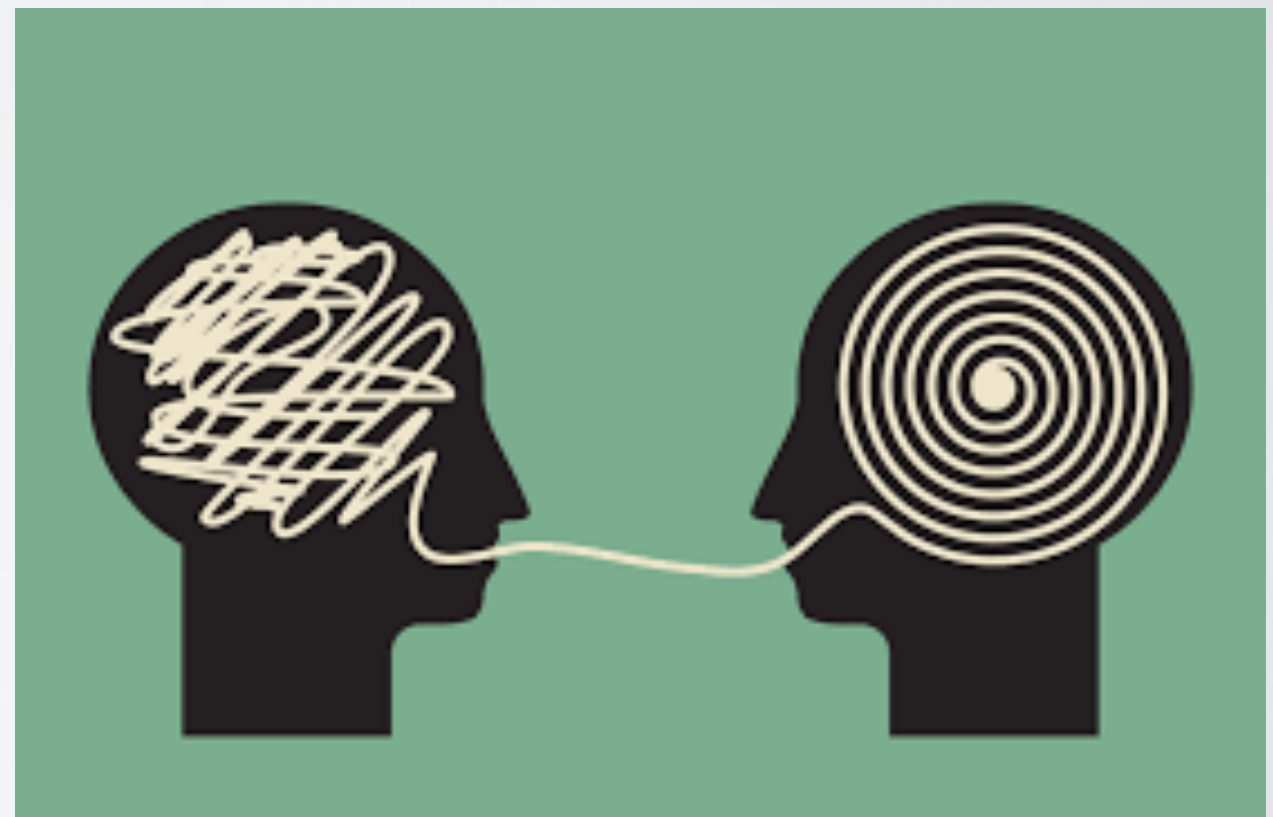
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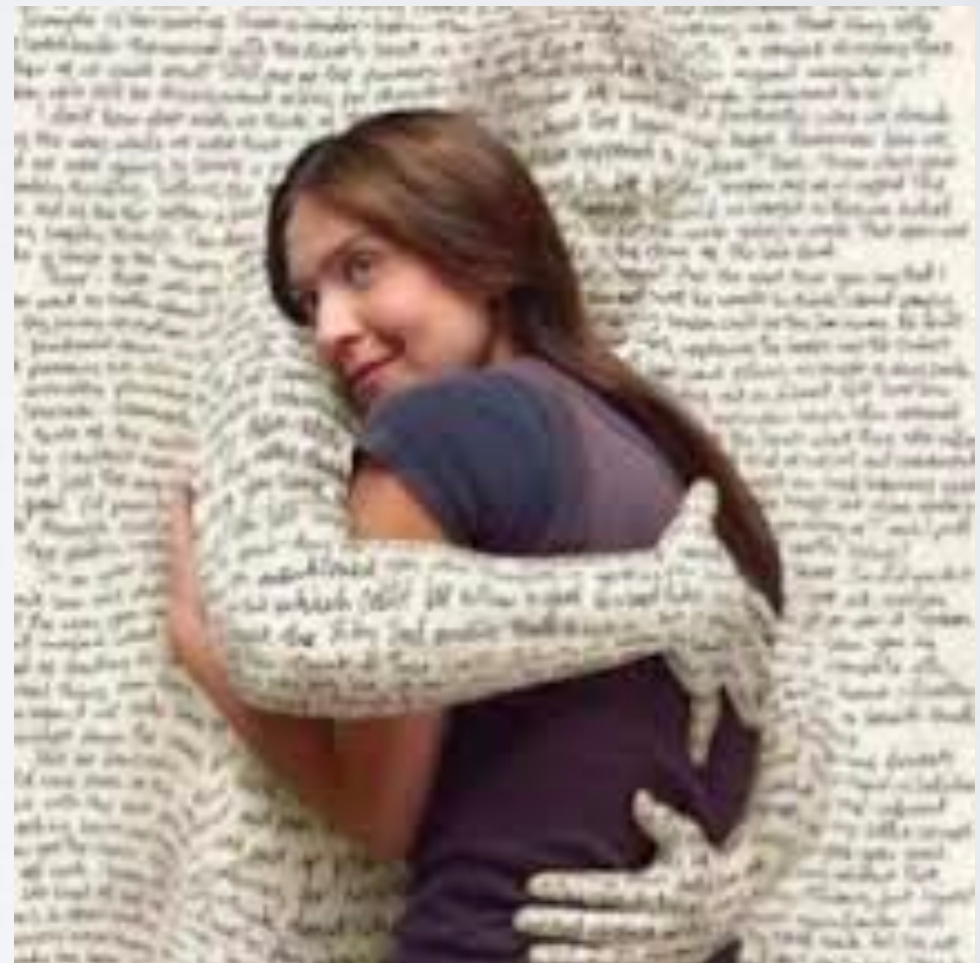




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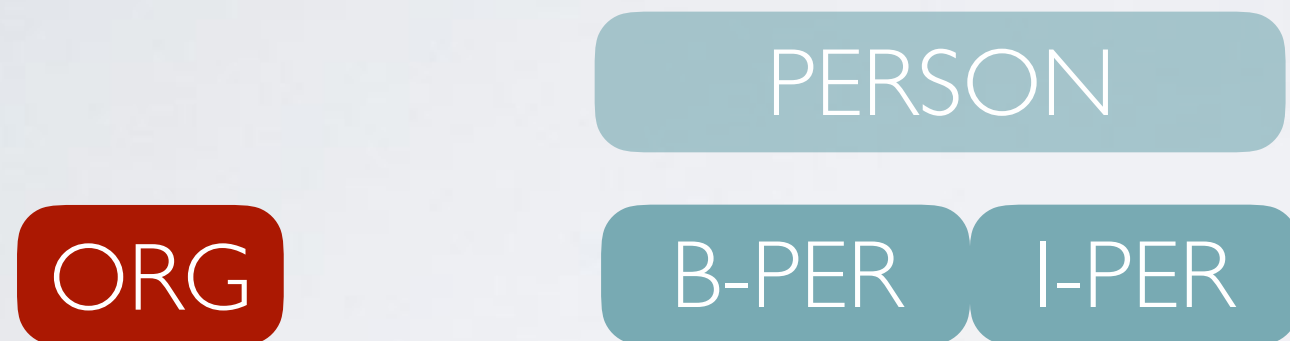
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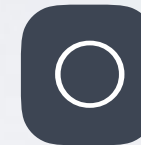
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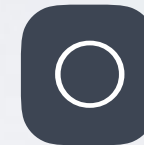
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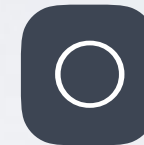
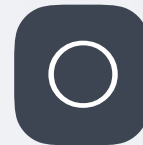
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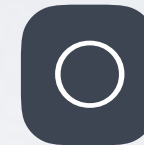
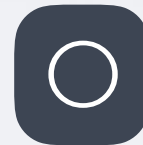
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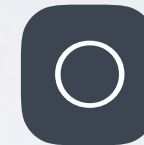
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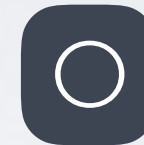
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## **Prior Approaches**

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- Support Vector Machines
  - Conditional Random Fields
  - Logistic Regression
  - Ensemble... And More!
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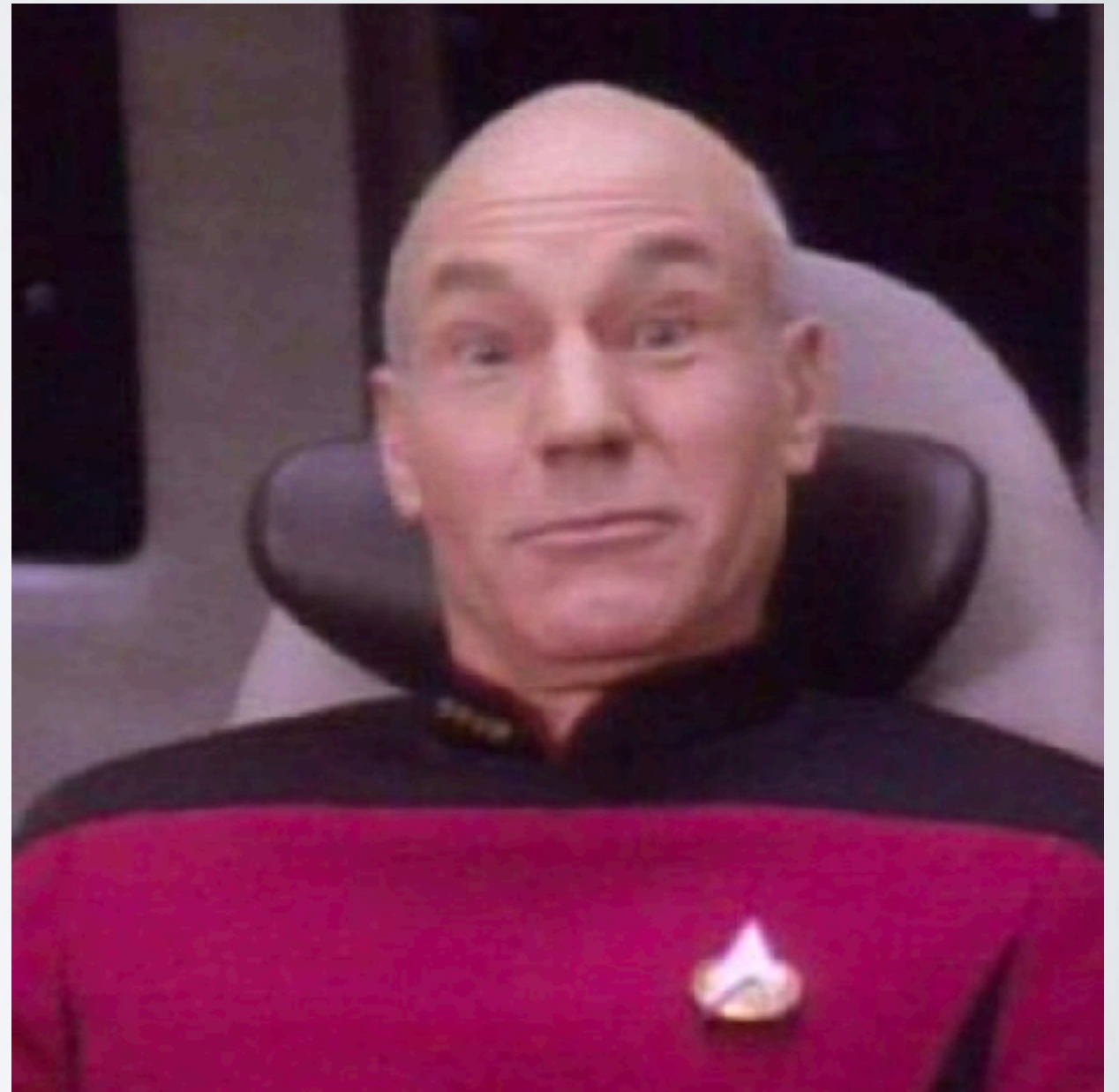


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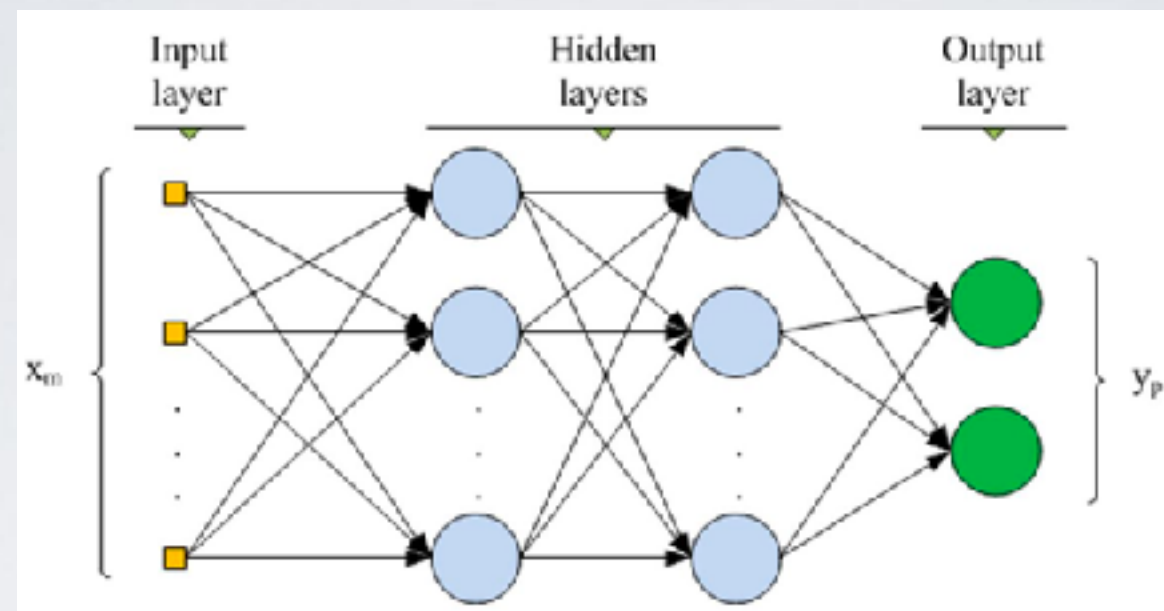
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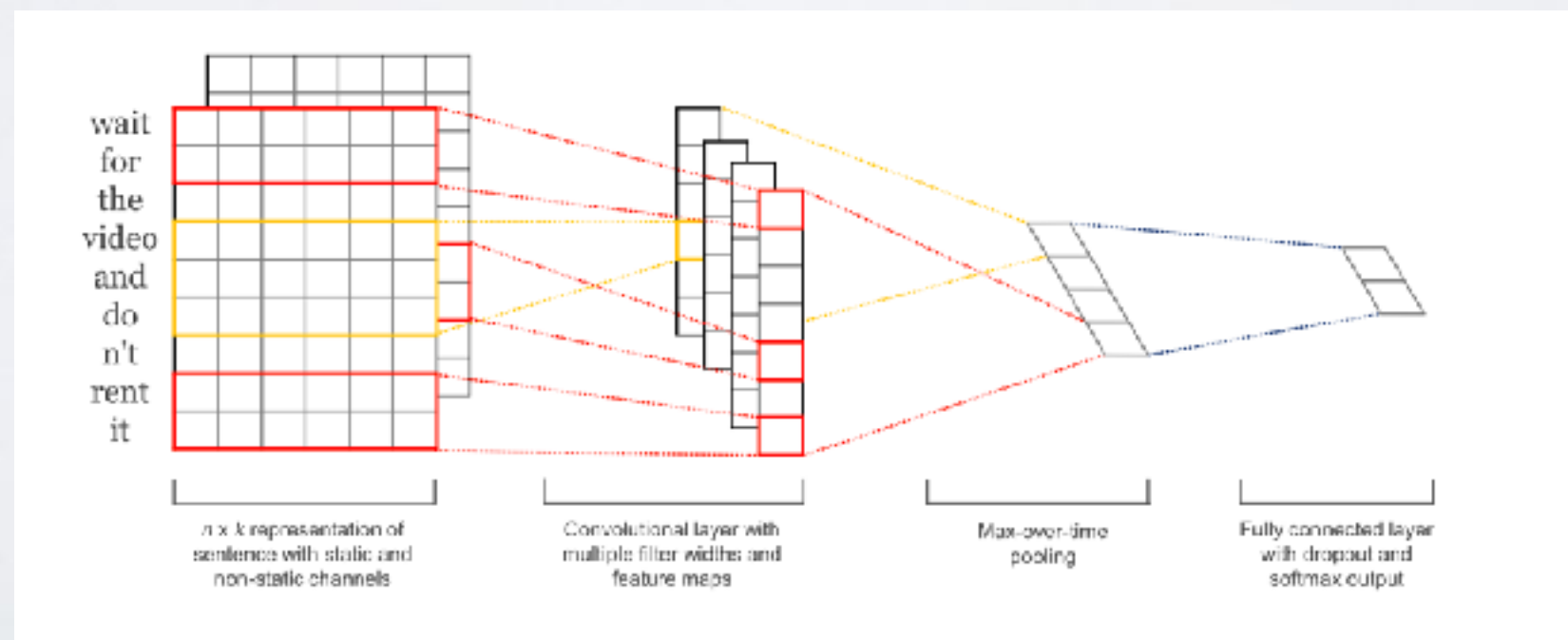
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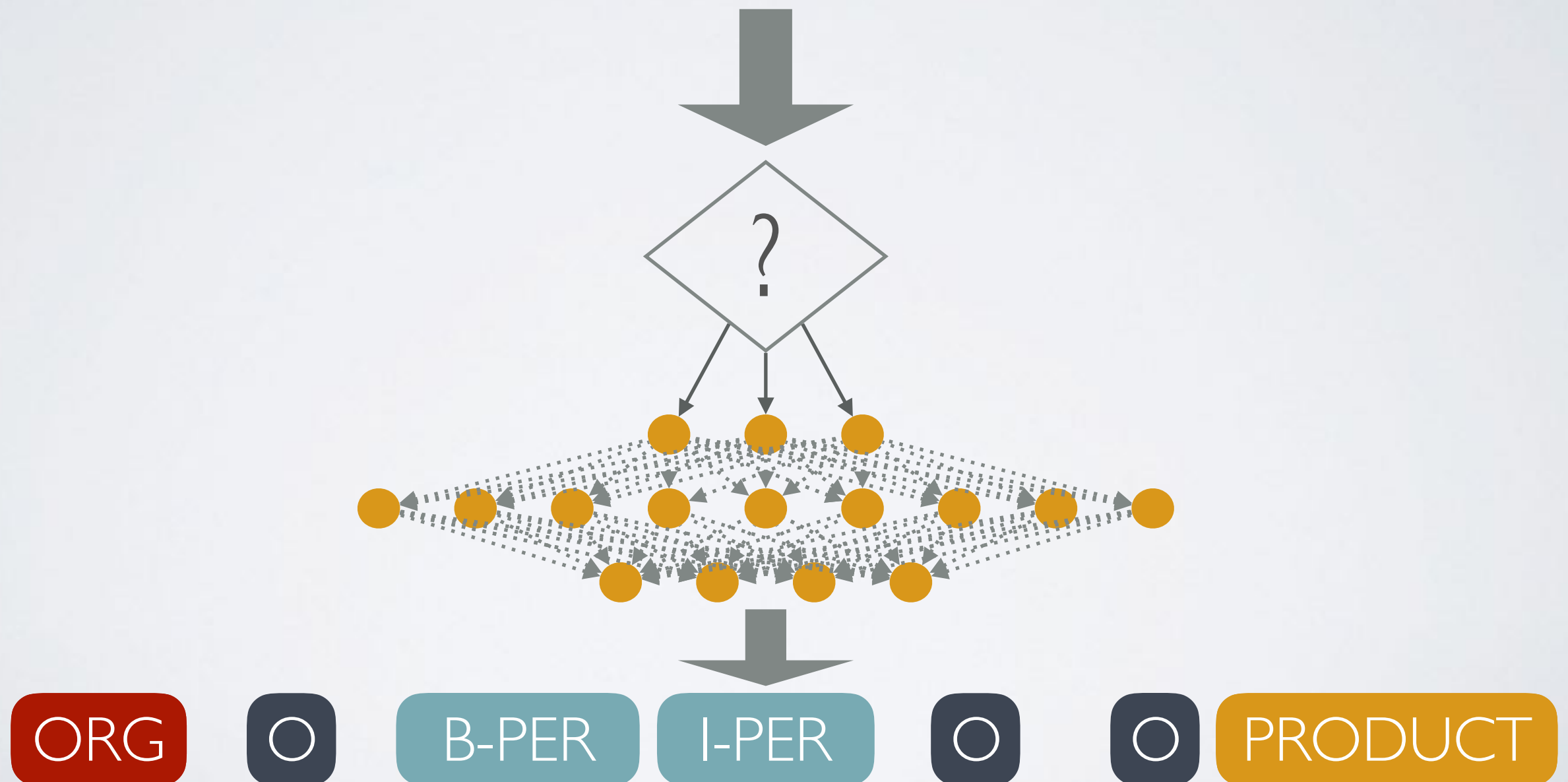


# Convolutional Neural Network



# HOW DO WE REPRESENT INPUT?

“Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone.”



# DISCRETE INPUT REPRESENTATION

Original			
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# MINIMAL PREPROCESSING

	INPUT		
Original	Token	Caps	LABEL
Apple	apple	TITLE	B-ORG
CEO	ceo	UPPER	O
Steve	steve	TITLE	B-PER
Jobs	jobs	TITLE	I-PER
unveiled	unvieled	LOWER	O
the	the	LOWER	O
iPhone	iphone	MIXED	B-PROD
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# DENSE FEATURE VECTORS

## LOOKUP TABLES

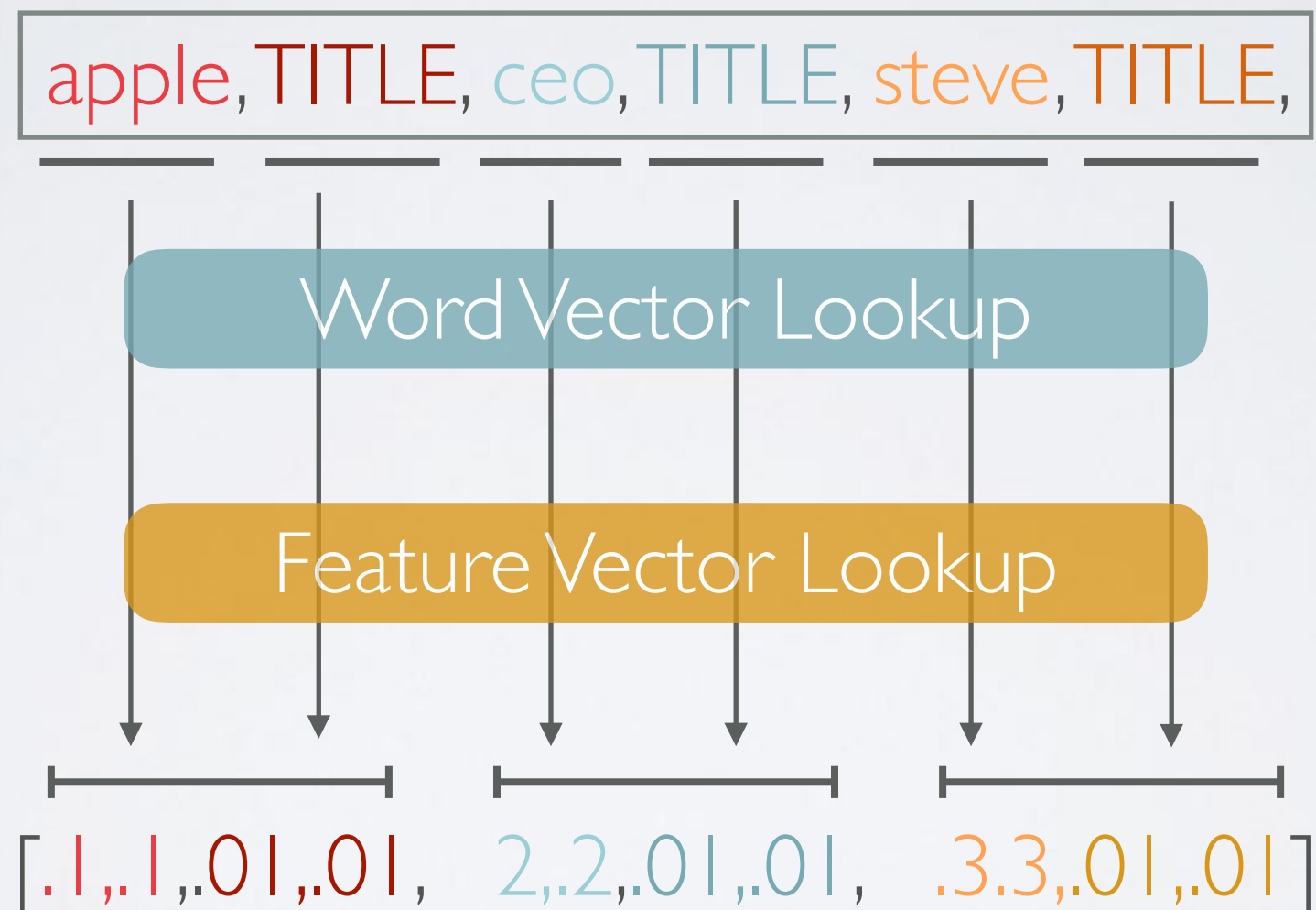
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ceo	[.2, .2, .2, .2, .2, .2, .2, .2, .2, .2]
steve	[.3, .3, .3, .3, .3, .3, .3, .3, .3, .3]
jobs	[.4, .4, .4, .4, .4, .4, .4, .4, .4, .4, ]
unvieled	[.5, .5, .5, .5, .5, .5, .5, .5, .5, .5]
the	[.6, .6, .6, .6, .6, .6, .6, .6, .6, .6]
iphone	[.7, .7, .7, .7, .7, .7, .7, .7, .7, .7]

Feature (Key)	Feature Vectors (Value)
TITLE	[.01, .01, .01]
LOWER	[.02, .02, .02]
pos_-1	[.03, .03, .03]
pos_0	[.04, .04, .04]
pos_1	[.05, .05, .05]

# LOOKUP AND CONCAT

apple, TITLE, ceo, TITLE, steve, TITLE,

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# WINDOW AND CONCAT

Token	apple	ceo	steve	jobs	unviold	the	iphone
Caps	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	LOWER	LOWER	MIXED
Label	B-ORG	O	B-PER	I-PER	O	O	B-PROD



Input #	w_ <sub>-1</sub>	f_ <sub>-1</sub>	w <sub>0</sub>	f <sub>0</sub>	w <sub>1</sub>	f <sub>1</sub>	Label
1	PAD	PAD	<b>apple</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	ceo	TITLE	B-ORG
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# CONVERT TO VECTOR

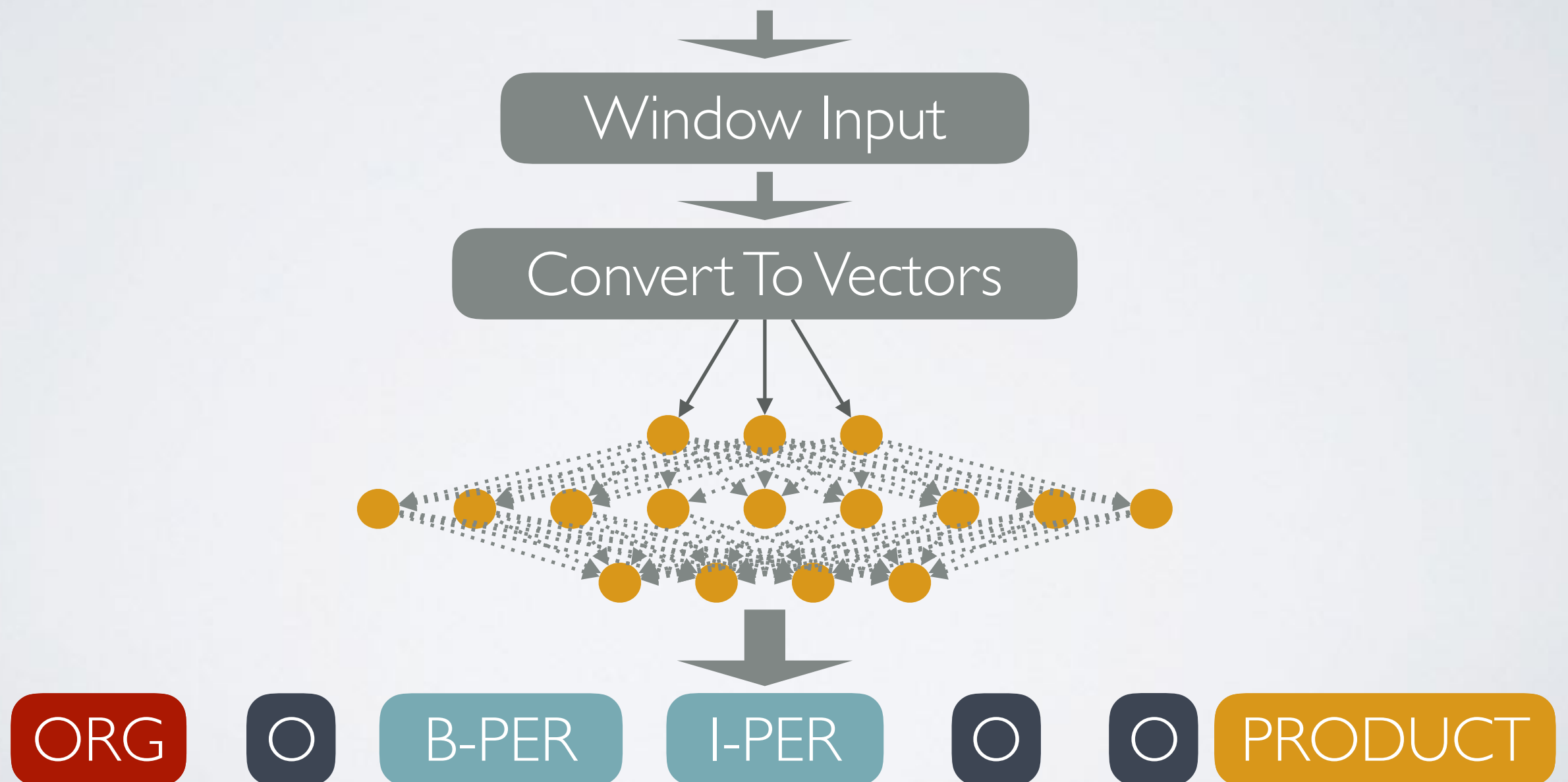
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2	[.2, .2; .01, .01; <b>.3, .3; .01, .01</b> ; .4, .4; .01, .01]	O
3	[.3, .3; .01, .01; <b>.4, .4; .01, .01</b> ; .5, .5; .02, .02]	B-PER
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# WINDOWING INTO MLP

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**Relative  
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# RESHAPE FOR CONVOLUTION

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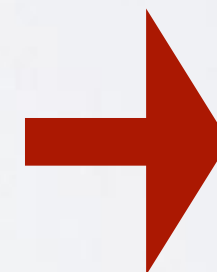
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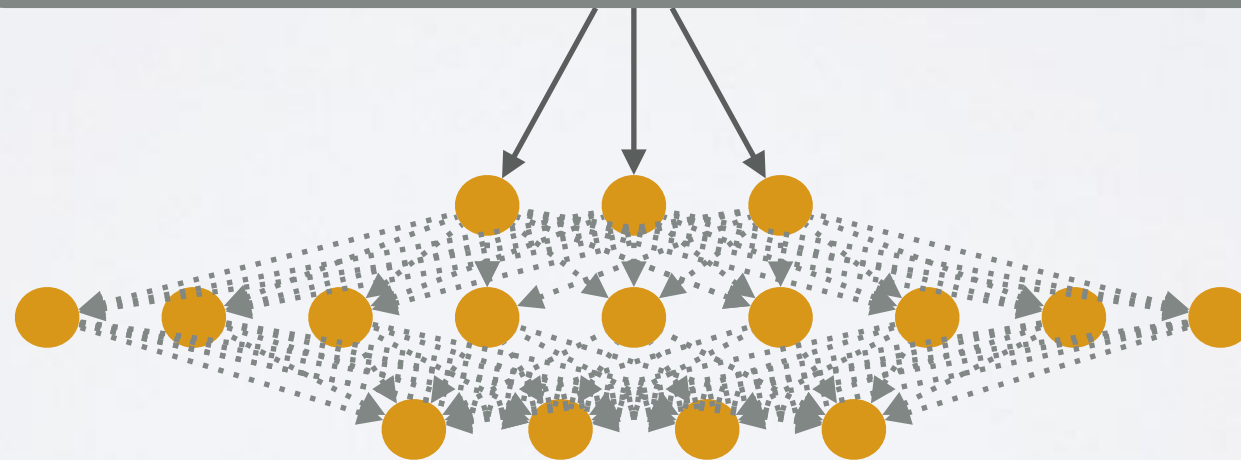
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# SENTENCE CONVOLUTION

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Expand Input and Convert to Vectors

Convolution and Max Pooling



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PRODUCT

A close-up photograph of a grey cat's face. The cat has large, round, orange eyes with dark pupils. Its mouth is open, showing its pink tongue and small, white, sharp teeth. The cat's fur is a mix of grey and white, with some darker patches. The background is a plain, light grey color.

**Questions?**