## **NTU 2020 Spring Machine Learning**

#### **Self-Supervised Learning**

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## Previously on this Course

#### Supervised Learning

• Given: a dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \{(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y})_i\}_{i=1}^N$  and a loss function  $\ell: \hat{\mathcal{Y}} \times \mathcal{Y} \to \mathbb{R}, (\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}, \boldsymbol{y}) \to \ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{y}}, \boldsymbol{y})$ 

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Goal: \min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}) \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[ \ell(f_{\theta}(\boldsymbol{x}), \boldsymbol{y}) \right]
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- Works well when labeled data is abundant.
- Learn useful representation with the supervision.
- Problem:

Can we learn useful representation without the supervision?

## Why Self-Supervised Learning?



Labeled Data



**Unlabeled Data** 

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## Why Self-Supervised Learning?

- "Pure" Reinforcement Learning (cherry)
- ➤ The machine predicts a scalar reward given once in a while.
- ► A few bits for some samples
- Supervised Learning (icing)
- ➤ The machine predicts a category or a few numbers for each input
- ➤ Predicting human-supplied data
- ► 10→10,000 bits per sample
- Self-Supervised Learning (cake génoise)
  - The machine predicts any part of its input for any observed part.
  - ► Predicts future frames in videos
  - ► Millions of bits per sample



Yann LeCun's cake

## What is Self-Supervised Learning?

A version of unsupervised learning where data provides the supervision.

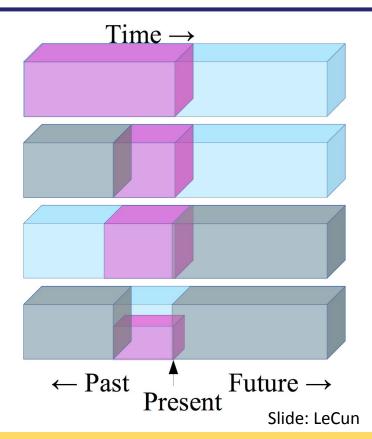
I Now call it "self-supervised learning", because
"unsupervised" is both a loaded and confusing term.

In self-supervised learning, the system learns to predict part of its input from other parts of it input. In...

- In general, withhold some part of the data and the task a neural network to predict it from the remaining parts.
- Goal: Learning to represent the world before learning tasks.

## Self-Supervised Learning= Filling the Blanks

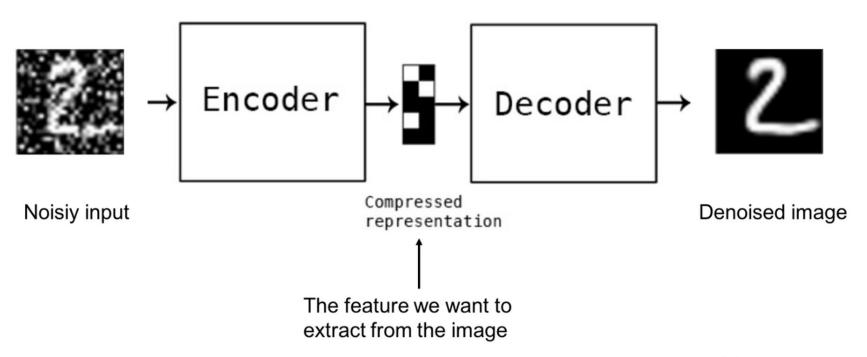
- Predict any part of the input from any other part.
- ► Predict the future from the past.
- Predict the future from the recent past.
- Predict the past from the present.
- ► Predict the top from the bottom.
- Predict the occluded from the visible
- Pretend there is a part of the input you don't know and predict that.



## Methods of Self-Supervised Learning

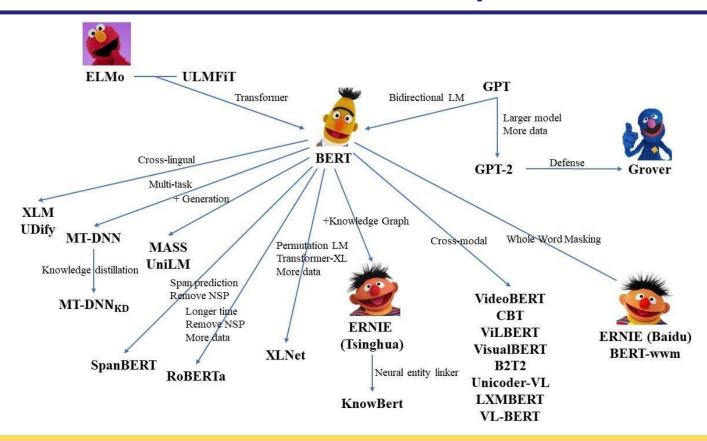
- Reconstruct from a corrupted (or partial) data
  - Denoising Autoencoder
  - Bert-Family (Text)
  - In-painting (Imagae)
- Visual common sense tasks
  - Jigsaw puzzles
  - Rotation
- Contrastive Learning
  - word2vec
  - Contrastive Predictive Coding (CPC)
  - SimCLR

## Denoising AutoEncoder



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## **BERT-Family**



## Language Model

- A statistical **language model** is a probability distribution over sequences of words. Given such a sequence, say of length m, it assigns a probability  $P(w_1, \ldots, w_m)$  to the whole sequence. ex. P("Is it raining now?") > P("Is it raining yesterday?")
- How to Compute?
  - n-gram model

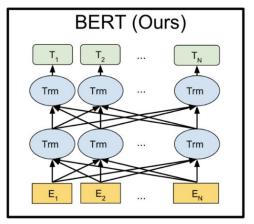
$$P(w_1, \dots, w_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(w_i \mid w_1, \dots, w_{i-1}) pprox \prod_{i=1}^m P(w_i \mid w_{i-(n-1)}, \dots, w_{i-1})$$

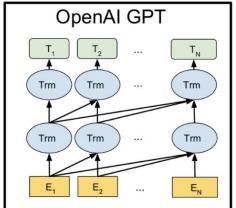
Neural Network

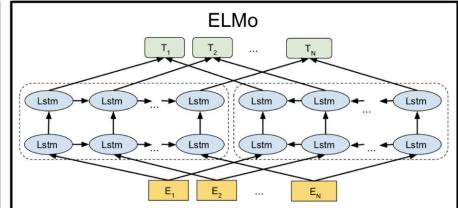
$$P(w_t | \text{context}) \, \forall t \in V$$

Wiki: Language Model

### ELMO & GPT & BERT

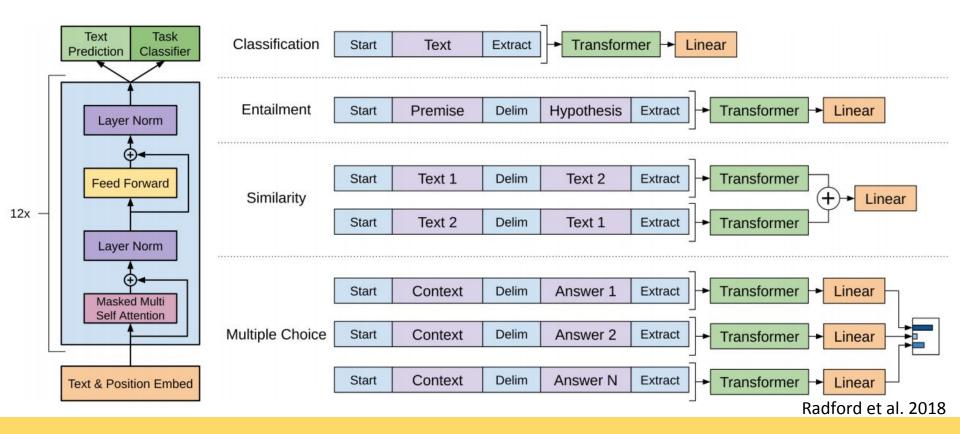






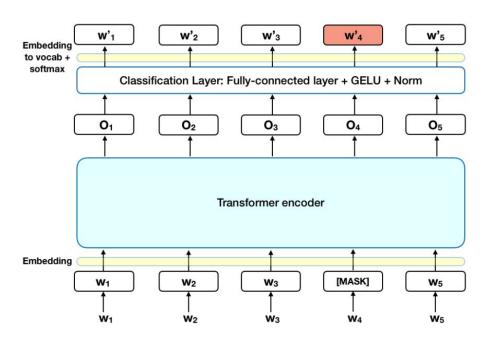
Devlin et al. 2018

## **GPT - Language Model**



#### **BERT - Masked LM**

#### Masked LM:



Predict 15% of the tokens in the input.

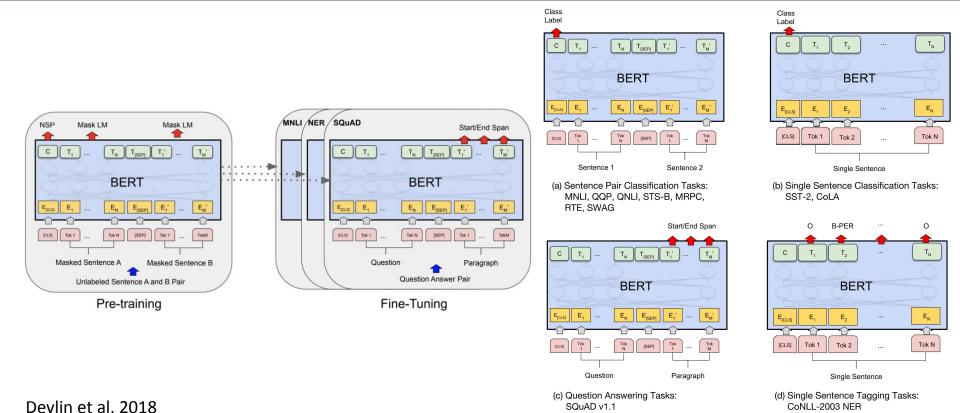
80% replaced with a masked token 10% replaced with a random word 10% remain the same

ex.

Input: The [mask] sat on the [mask].

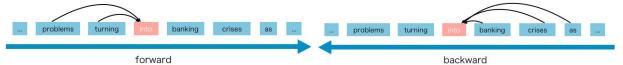
Output: The cat sat on the mat.

# **BERT** - Pipeline

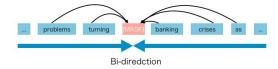


#### ARLM vs AELM

- Autoregressive Language Model (ARLM)
  - Pro: Does not rely on data corruption
  - Con: Can only be forward or backward



- Autoencoding Language Model (AELM a.k.a MaskedLM)
  - Pro: Can use bidirectional information (Context Dependency)
  - Con: Pretrain-Finetune discrepancy (Input Noise), Independence Assumption



Yang et al. 2019

#### **XLNet - Permutation LM**

#### Permutation LM:

Step 1. Permutation

Step 2. Autoregressive

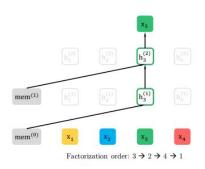
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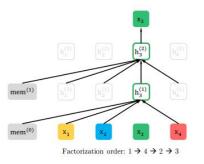
Given Sequence [x1, x2, x3, x4]

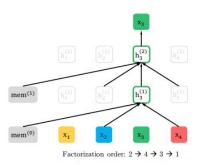
Step 1.  $[x1, x2, x3, x4] \rightarrow [x2, x4, x3, x1]$ 

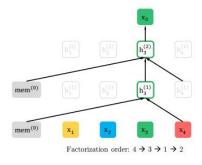
Step 2. Given [x2] predict [x2, x4]

- -> Given [x2, x4] predict [x2, x4, x3]
- -> Given [x2, x4, x3] predict [x2, x4, x3, x1]





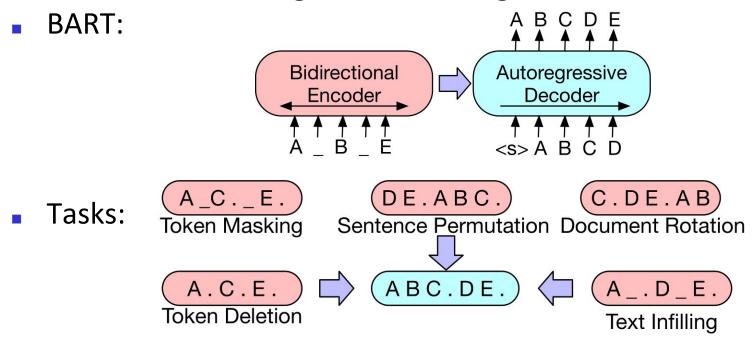




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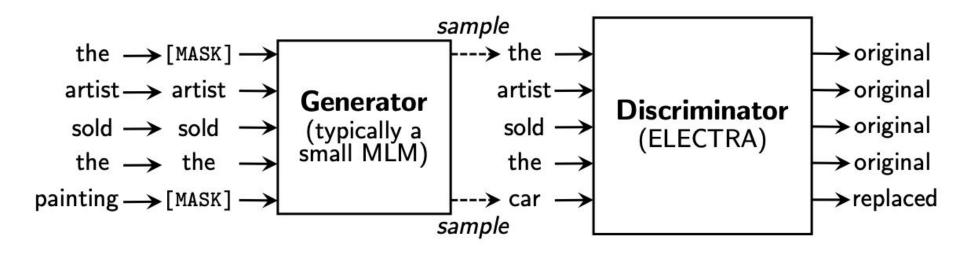
#### BART - Encoder & Decoder

Previous: Fixed-length to Fixed-length



Lewis et al. 2018

#### **ELECTRA** - Discriminator



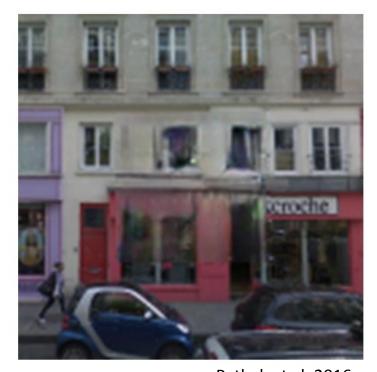
Clark et al. 2018

#### **Others**

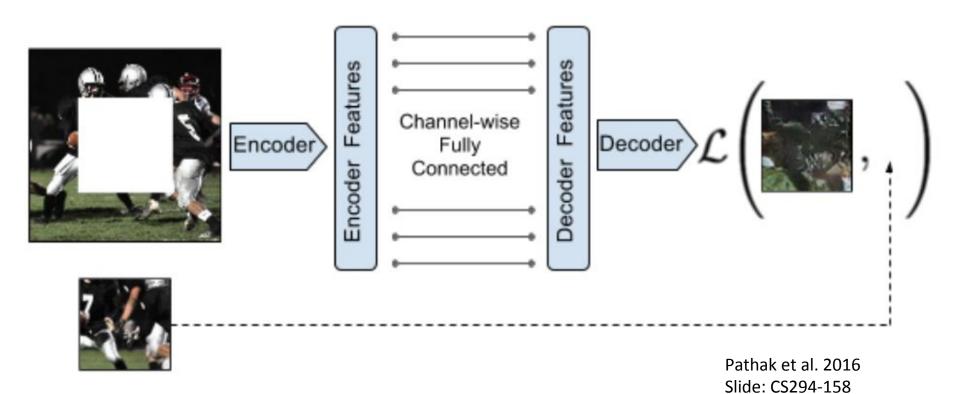
- RoBERTa: A Robustly Optimized BERT Pretraining Approach
- ALBERT: A LITE BERT FOR SELF-SUPERVISED LEARNING
   OF LANGUAGE REPRESENTATIONS

# Predict missing pieces

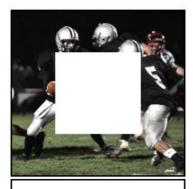


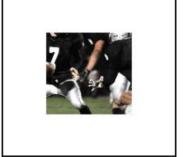


Pathak et al. 2016 Slide: CS294-158

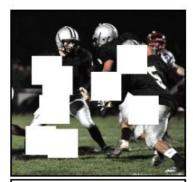


#### **Context Encoder**





(a) Central region





(b) Random block

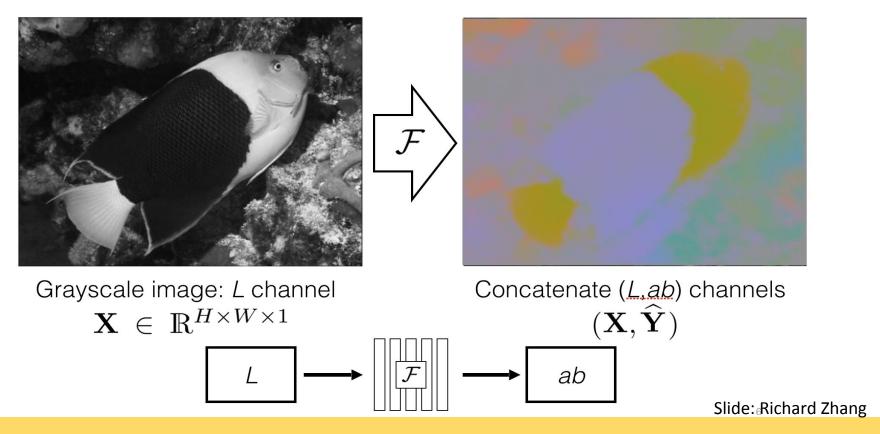


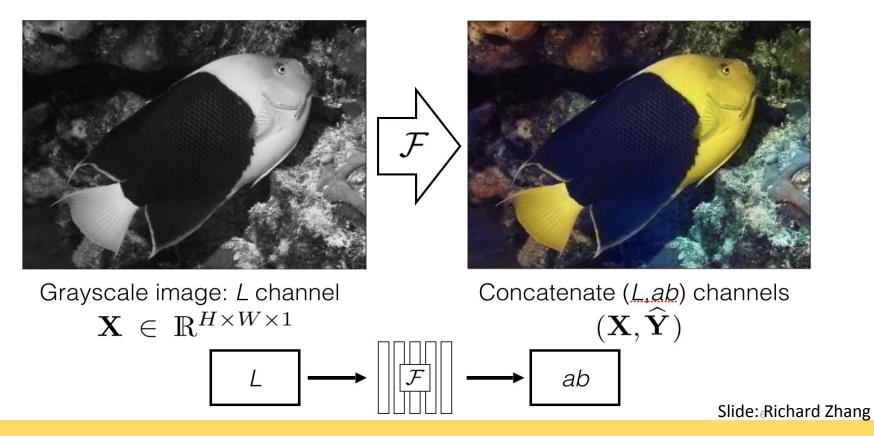


(c) Random region

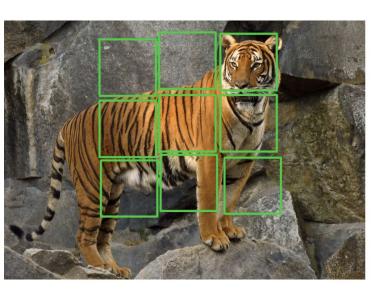
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## Predicting one view from another





# Solving Jigsaw Puzzles







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### Rotation



90° rotation



270° rotation

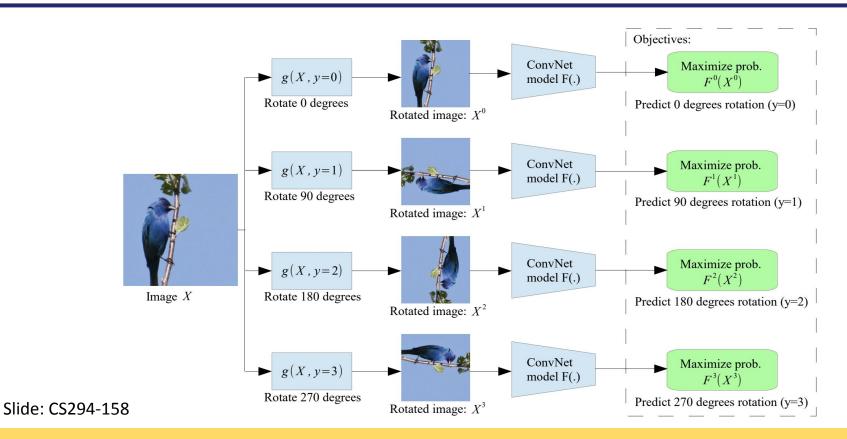


180° rotation

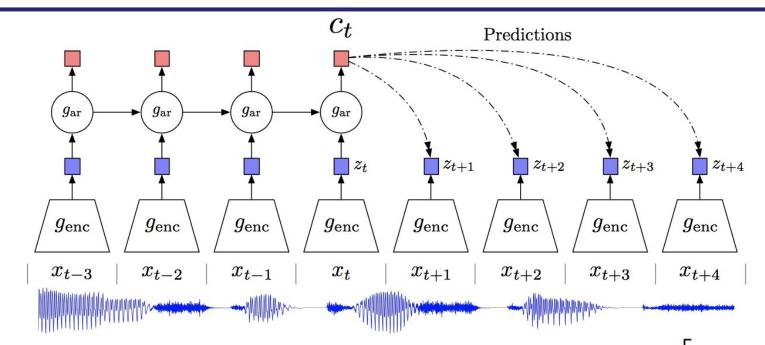


 $0^{\circ}$  rotation

#### Rotation



## **Contrastive Predictive Coding**

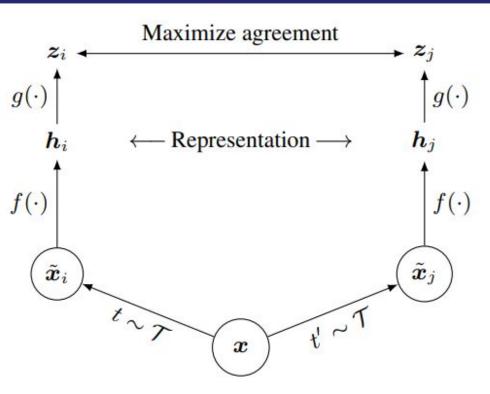


Remember Word2Vec? They are almost the same idea.

$$\mathcal{L}_{N} = -\mathbb{E}_{X} \left[ \log \frac{f_{k}(x_{t+k}, c_{t})}{\sum_{x_{j} \in X} f_{k}(x_{j}, c_{t})} \right]$$

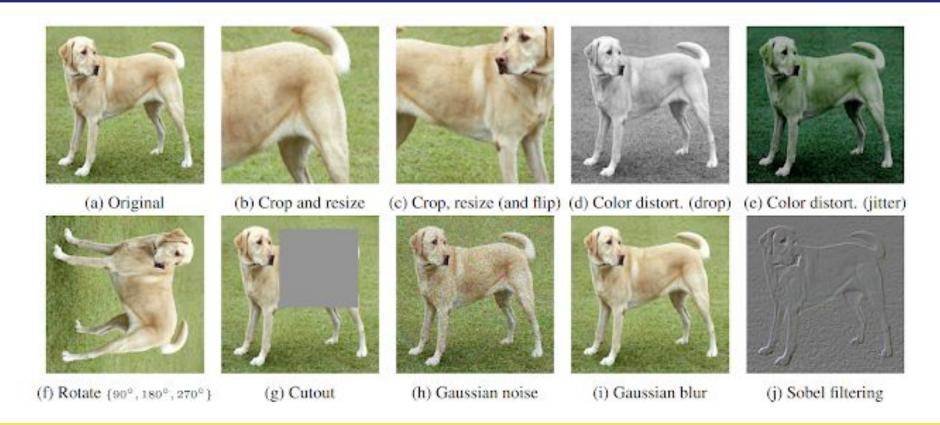
van den Oord et al. 2020

### **SimCLR**



Chen et al. 2020

### **SimCLR**



#### Reference

- CS294-158 Deep Unsupervised Learning Lecture 7
- AAAI 2020 Keynotes Turing Award Winners Event
- Learning From Text OpenAl
- Learning from Unlabeled Data Thang Luong