



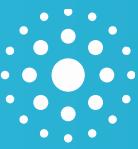
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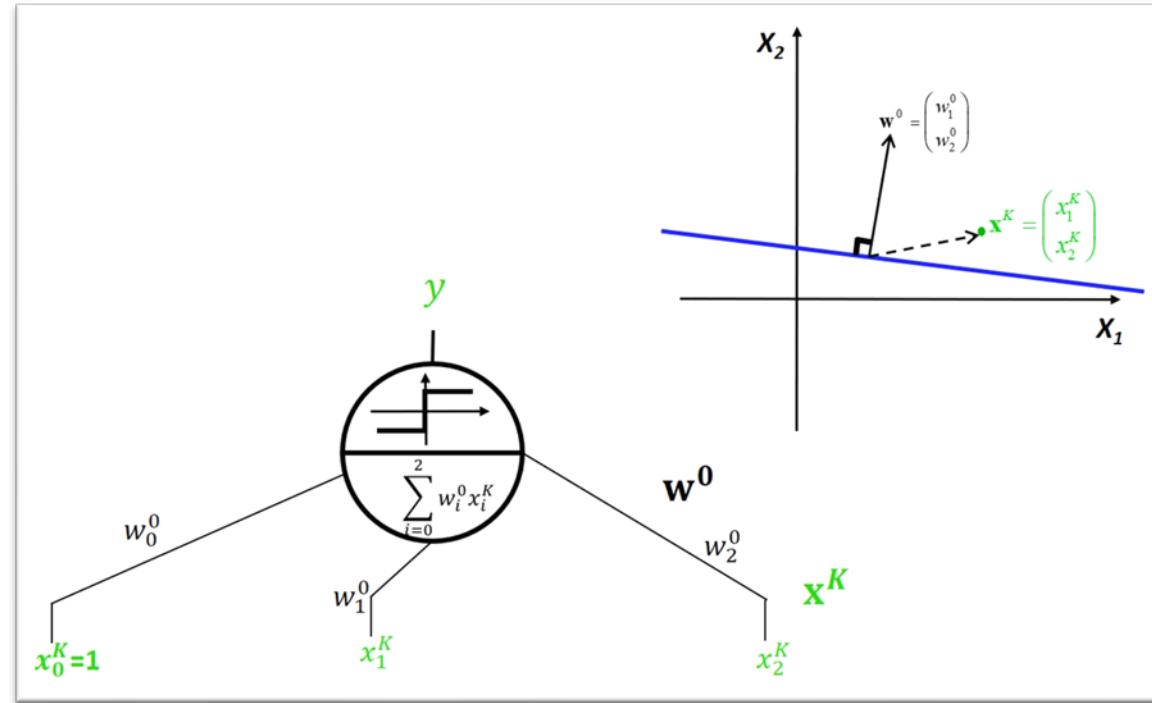
Transformers

(A big part of this lecture comes from Prof. Adriana Kovashka)

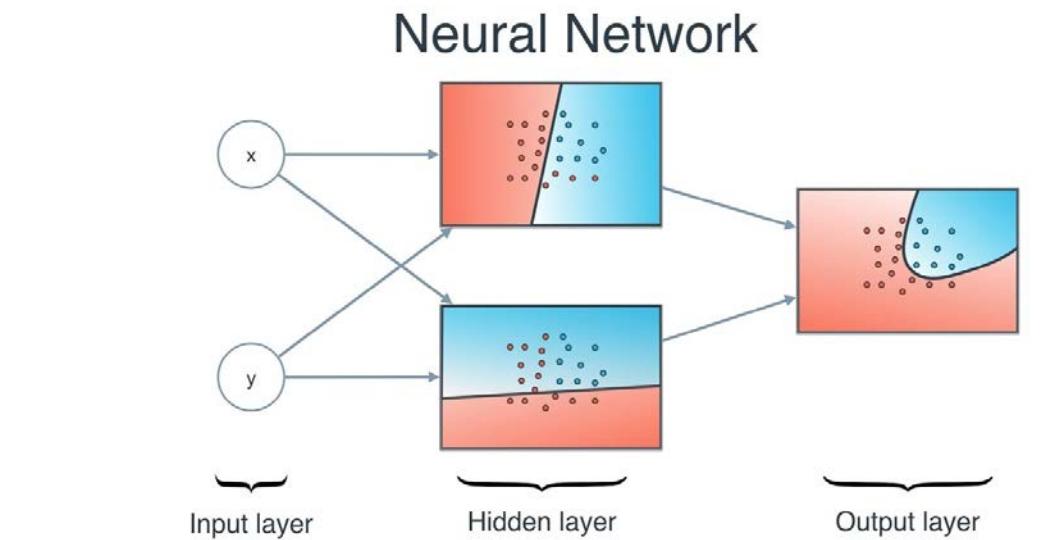
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DEEP LEARNING BASICS



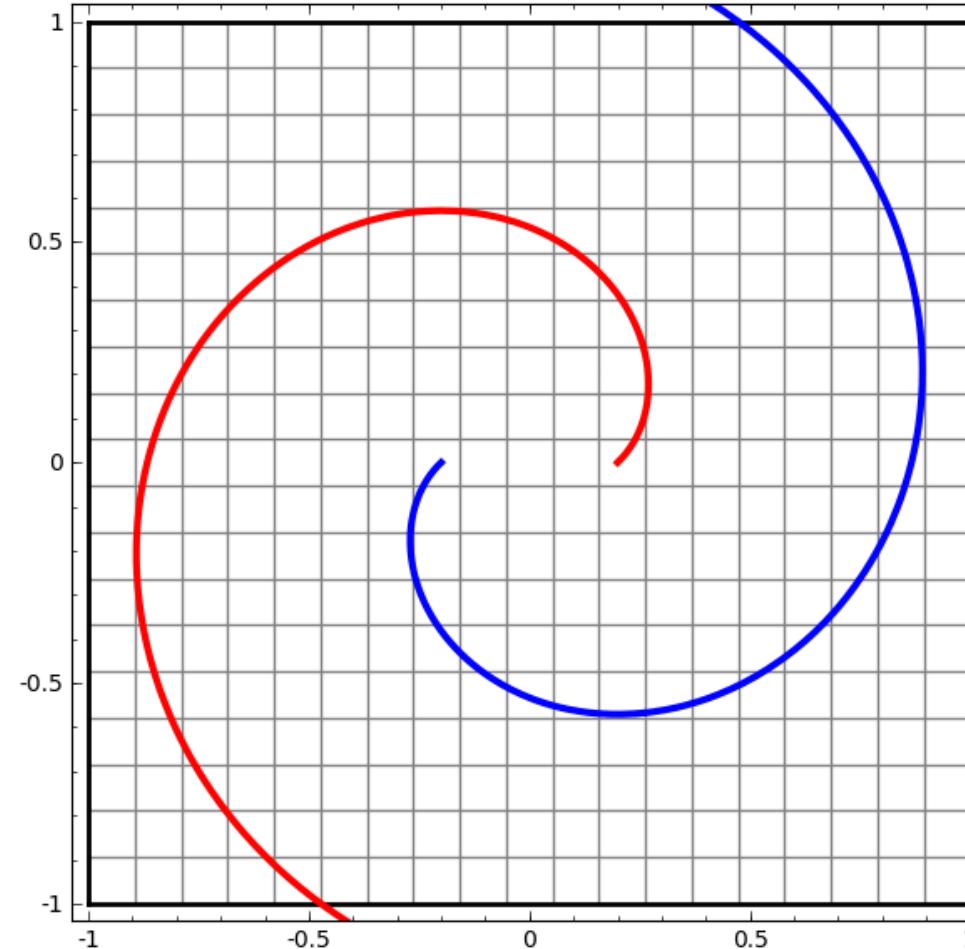
From perceptron to network



@tachyeonz: A friendly introduction to neural networks and deep learning.



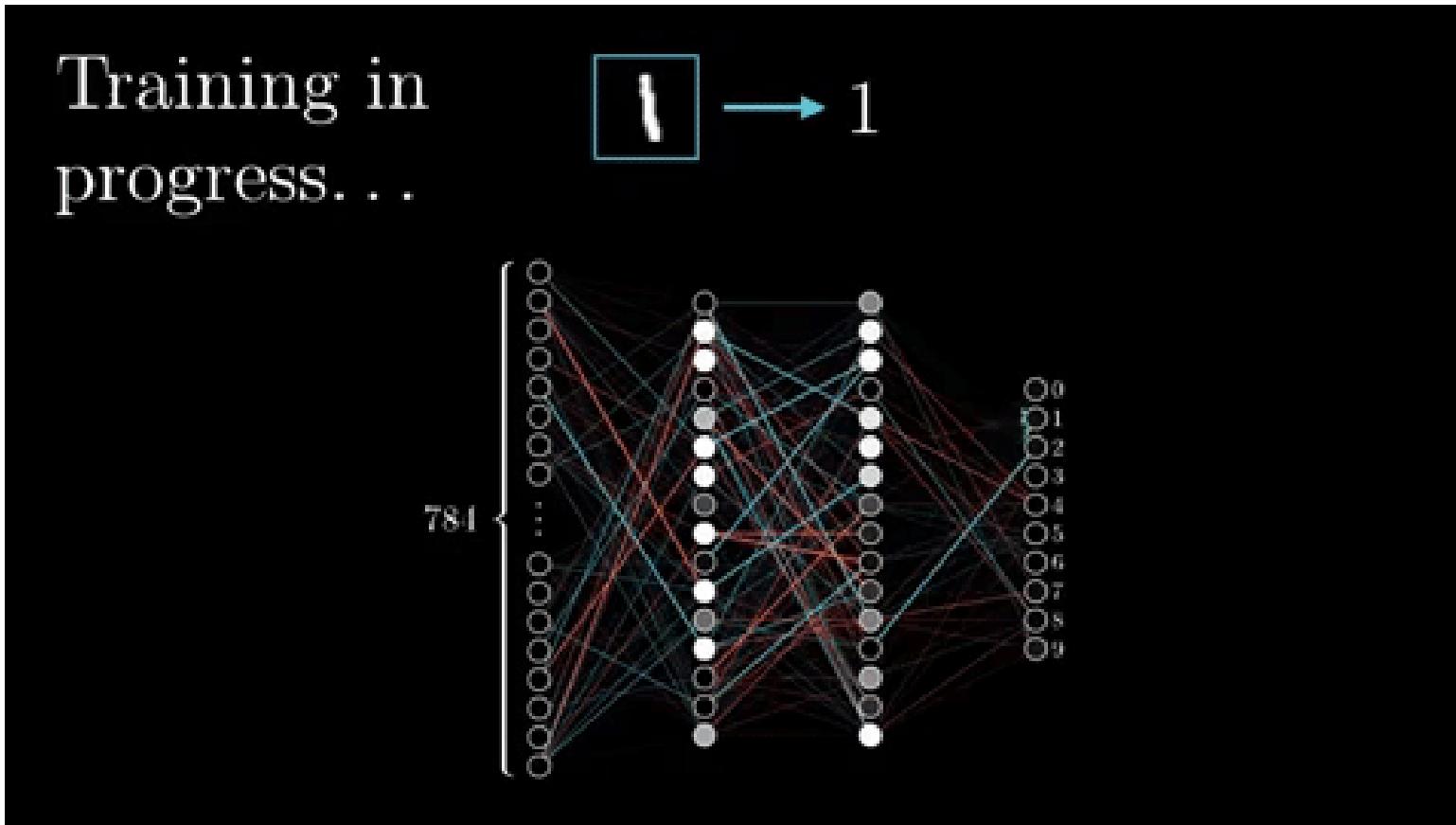
Multi-Layer Perceptron, manifold disentanglement



Illustrations from: <http://colah.github.io/posts/2014-03-NN-Manifolds-Topology/>

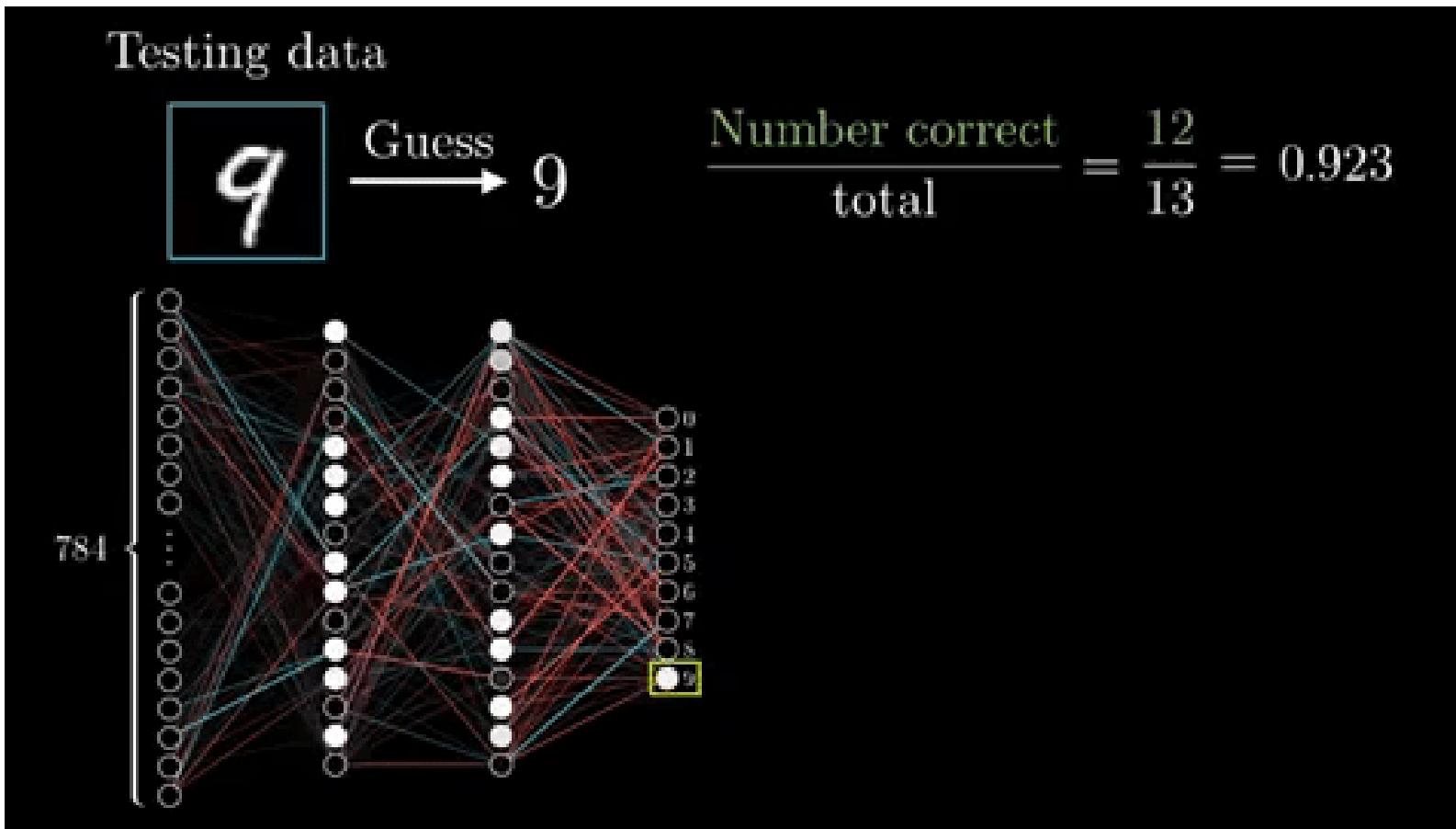
Training

At training you want to set the weights:



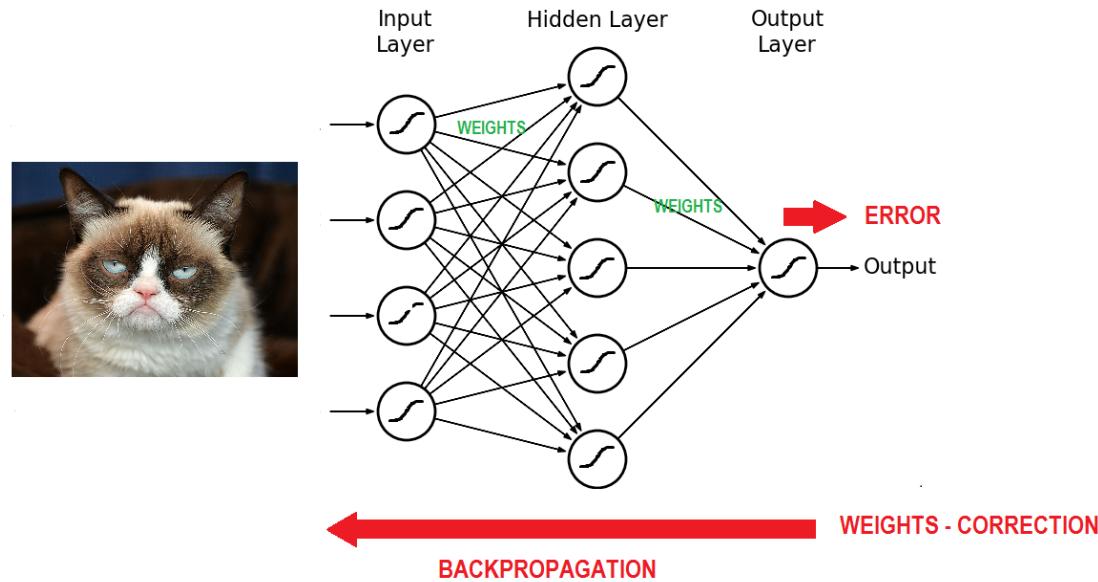
Prediction

At testing the weights do not evolve anymore:



Multi-Layer Perceptron

- Training a neural network by gradient descent (backpropagation)
[Rumelhart et al. / Yann Le Cun et al. 1985]

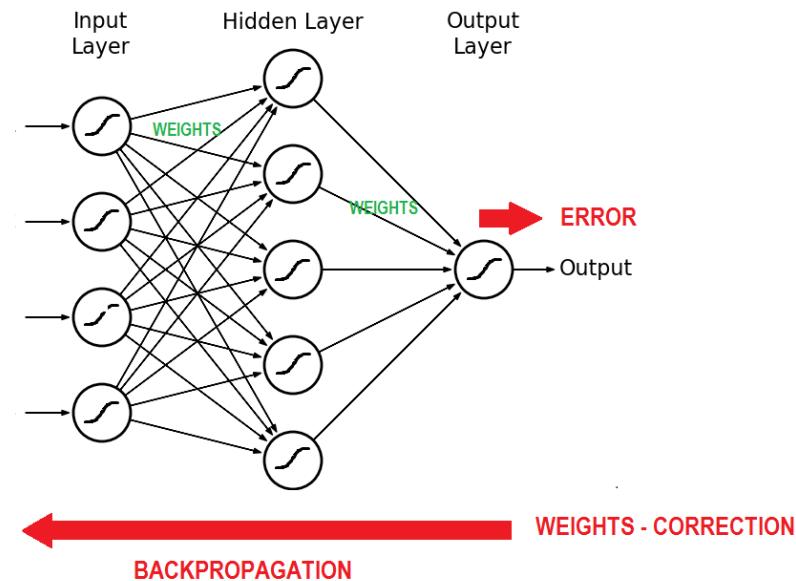


- Unknown parameters: topology of the network and weights on the synapses



Multi-Layer Perceptron

- Minimizing a cost function: some metrics between the predicted output and the given output



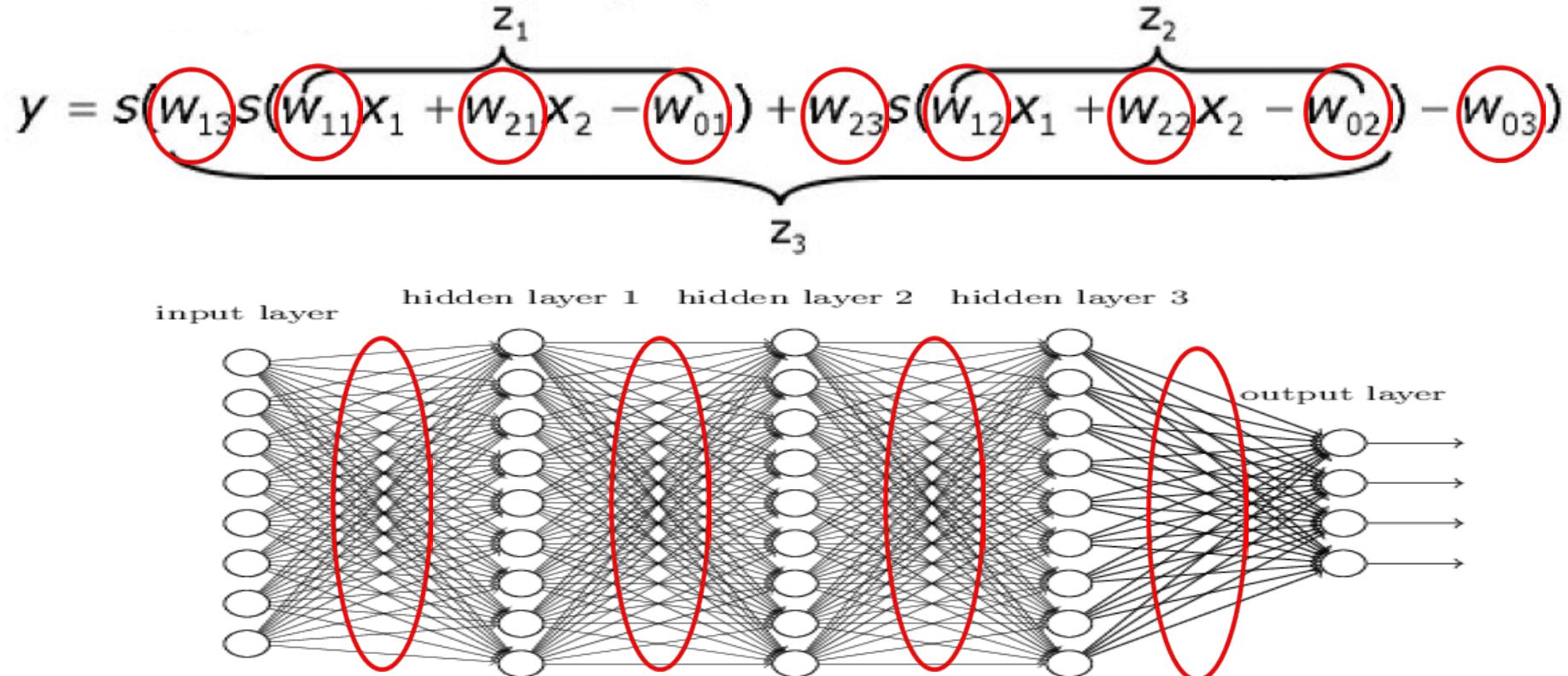
- Equation for a network of 3 neurons (i.e. 3 perceptrons):

$$y = s(w_{13}s(w_{11}x_1 + w_{21}x_2 + w_{01}) + w_{23}s(w_{12}x_1 + w_{22}x_2 + w_{02}) + w_{03})$$

Deep network

Structure the network?

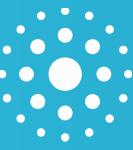
- Can we put any structure reducing the space of exploration and providing useful properties (invariance, robustness...)?





Enabling factors

- Why do it now ? Before 2006, training deep networks was unsuccessful because of practical aspects
 - faster CPU's
 - parallel CPU architectures
 - advent of GPU computing
- Hinton, Osindero & Teh « [A Fast Learning Algorithm for Deep Belief Nets](#) », Neural Computation, 2006
- Bengio, Lamblin, Popovici, Larochelle « [Greedy Layer-Wise Training of Deep Networks](#) », NIPS'2006
- Ranzato, Poultney, Chopra, LeCun « [Efficient Learning of Sparse Representations with an Energy-Based Model](#) », NIPS'2006
- Results...
 - 2009, sound, interspeech + ~24%
 - 2011, text, + ~15% without linguistic at all
 - 2012, images, ImageNet + ~20%
 - 2020, molecules, AlphaFold +~20% +27% +...

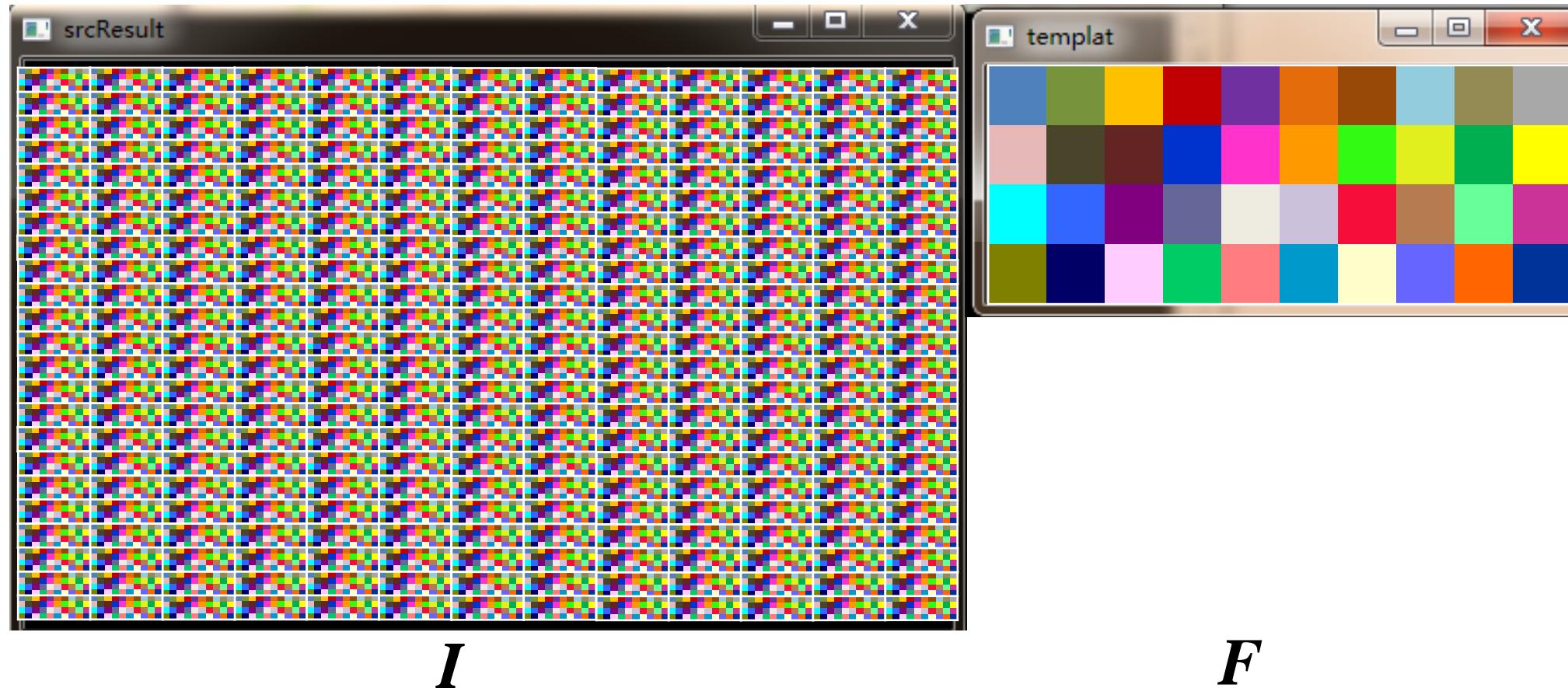


Spatial correlations

**CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS
(AKA CNN, ConvNET)**

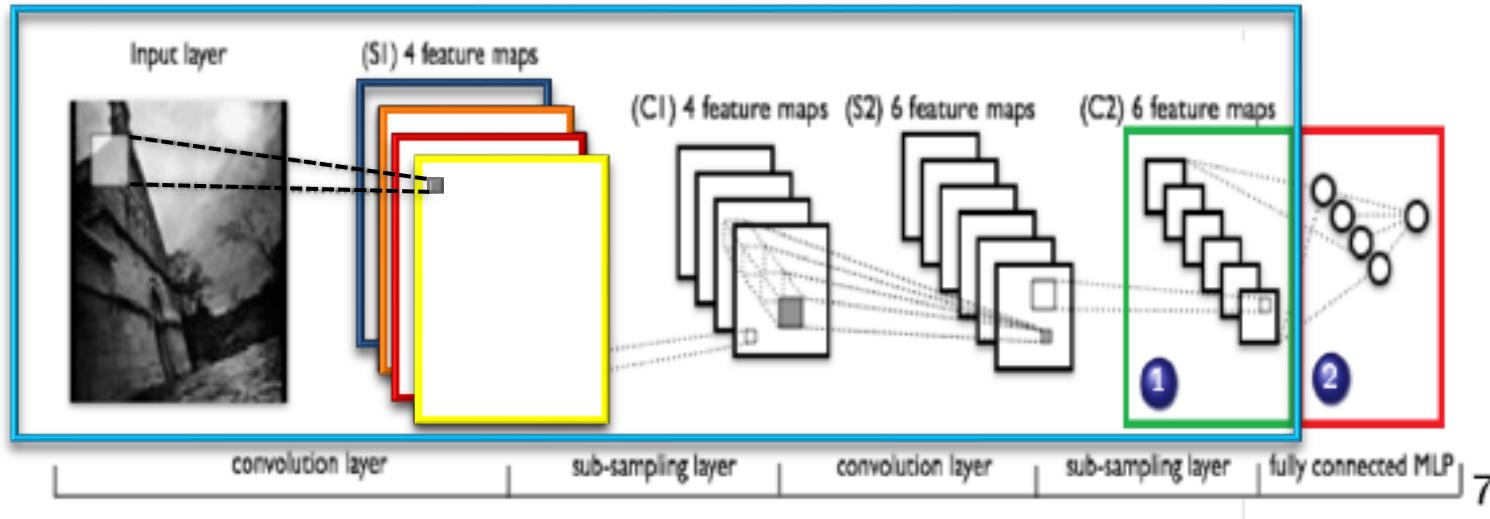
How to define these templates?

And instead of scanning I , let us just **duplicate** the template **into a grid**.



Deep representation by CNN

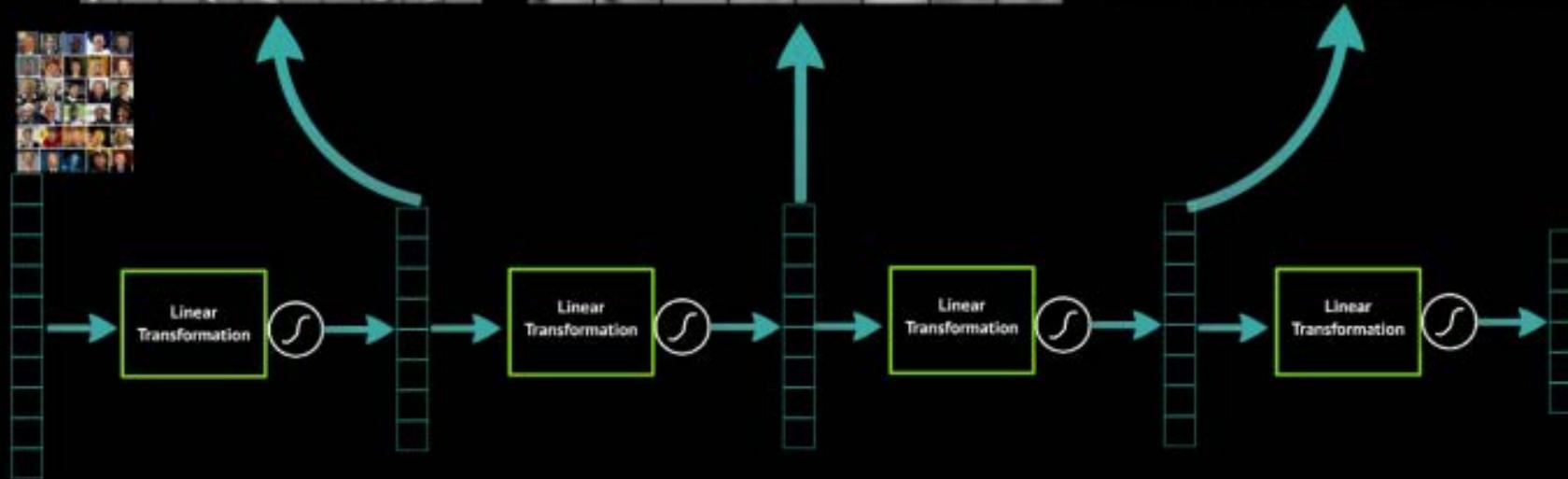
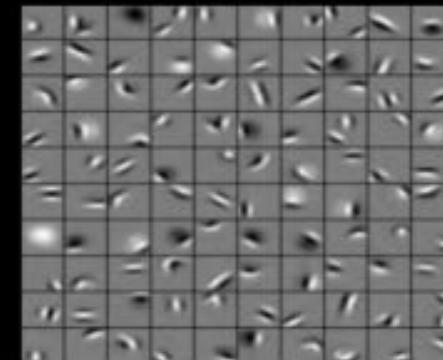
- feature map = result of the convolution
- convolution with a filter extract characteristics (*edge detectors*)
- extract parallelised characteristics at each layer



- ➊ final representation of our data
- ➋ classifier (MLP)

Deep representation by CNN

Deep Learning learns layers of features



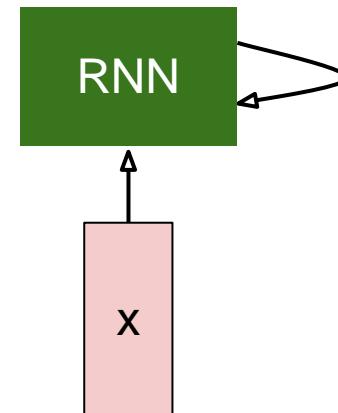


Sequential correlations

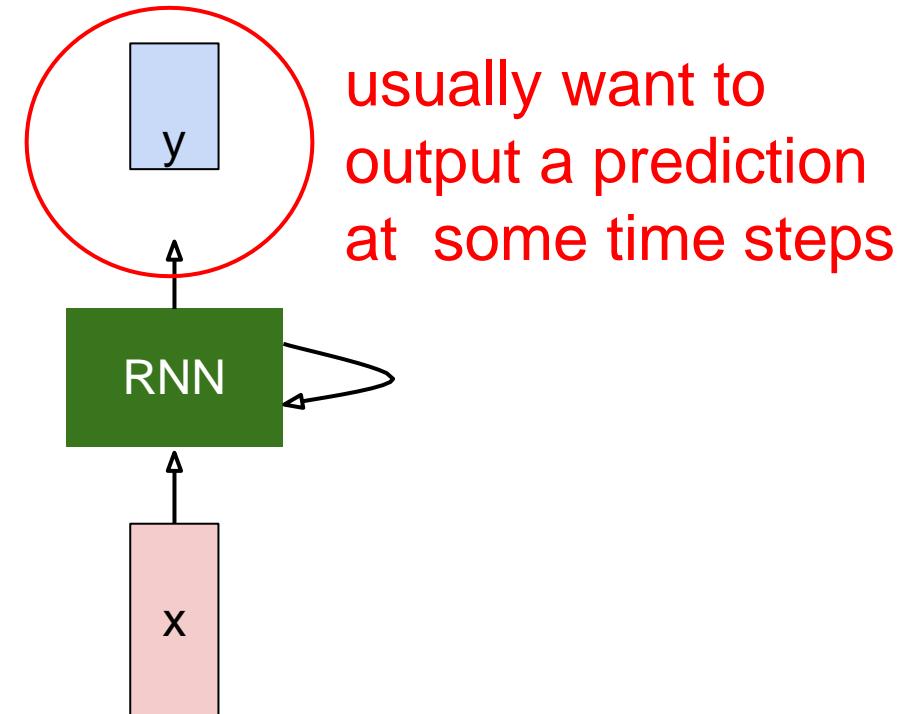
**RECURRENT NEURAL NETWORKS
(AKA RNN, LSTM / GRU)**



Recurrent Neural Network

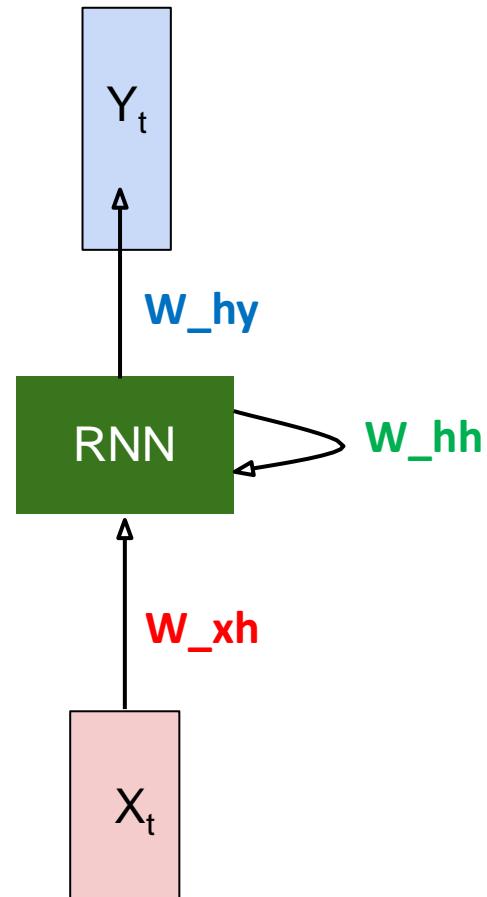


Recurrent Neural Network



Recurrent Neural Network

- REMEMBER!!!

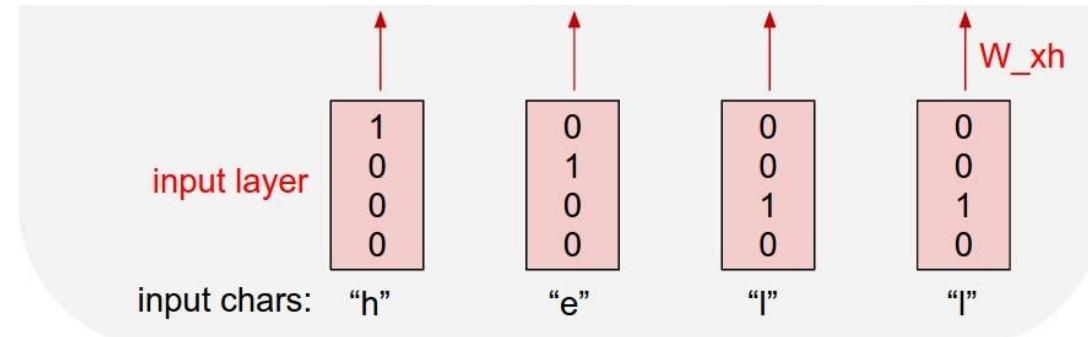


Example

Character-level language model example

Vocabulary:
[h,e,l,o]

Example training
sequence:
“hello”



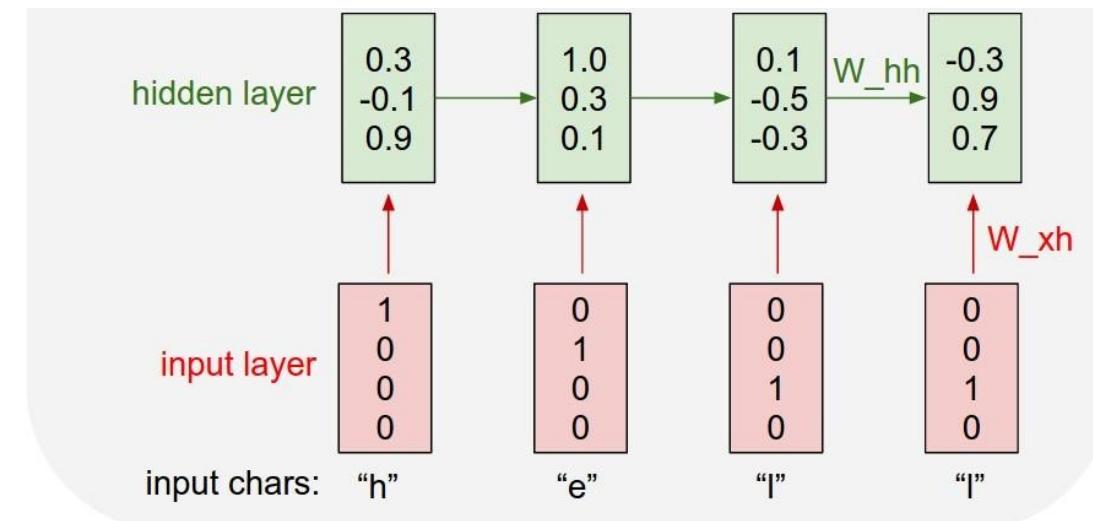
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$$h_t = \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{xh}x_t)$$

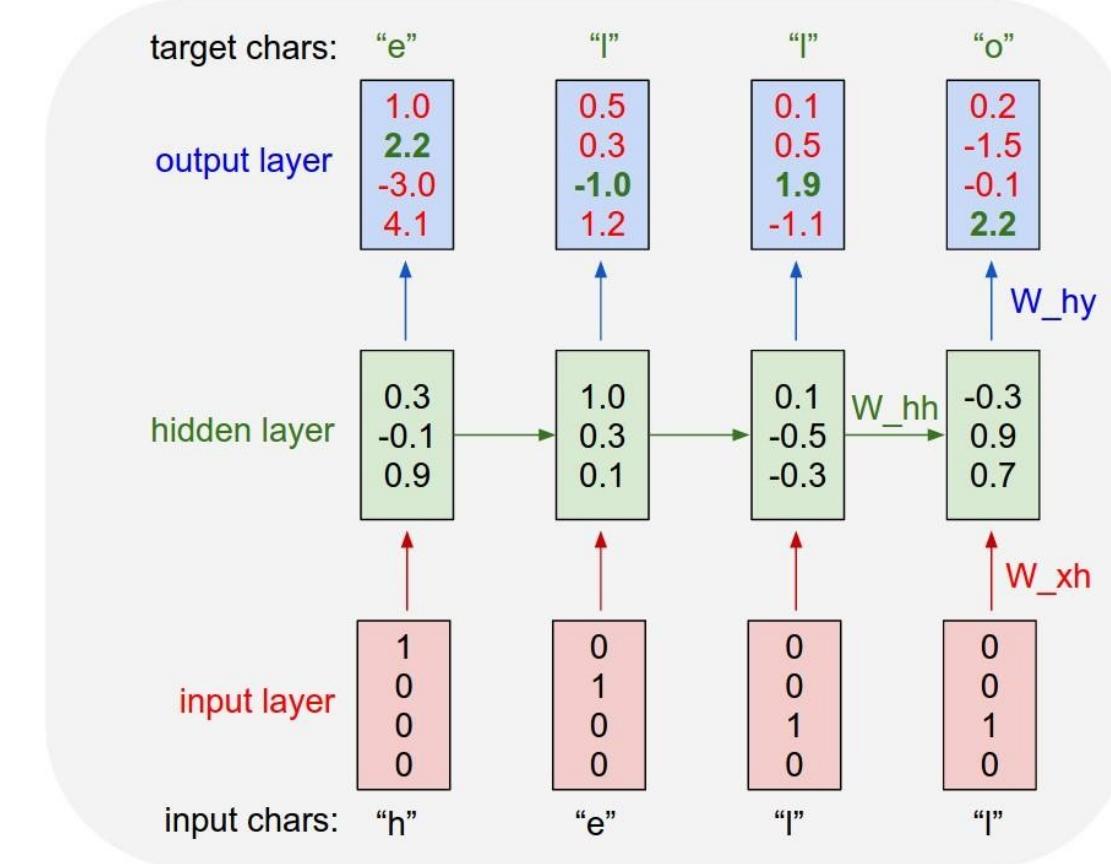


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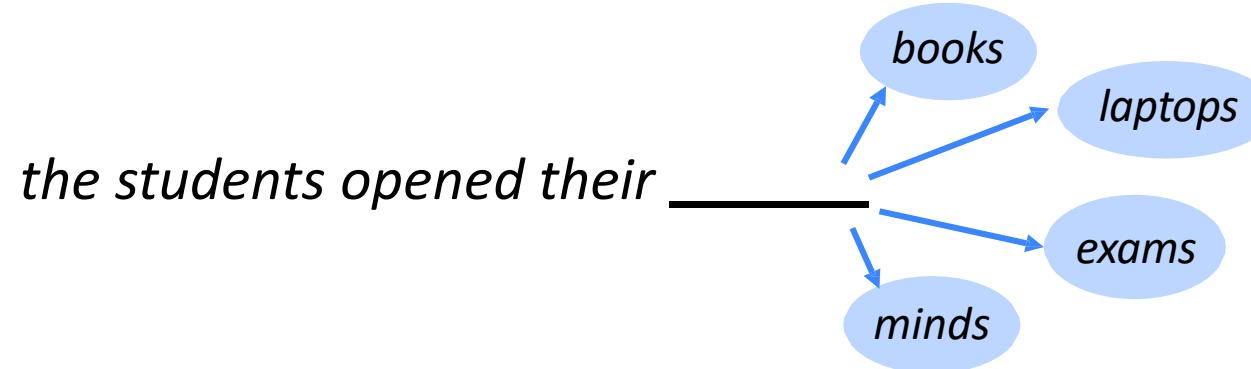
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Language Modeling

- **Language Modeling** is the task of predicting what word comes next.



- More formally: given a sequence of words $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(t)}$, compute the probability distribution of the next word $\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)}$:

$$P(\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)} | \mathbf{x}^{(t)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(1)})$$

where $\mathbf{x}^{(t+1)}$ can be any word in the vocabulary $V = \{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{|V|}\}$

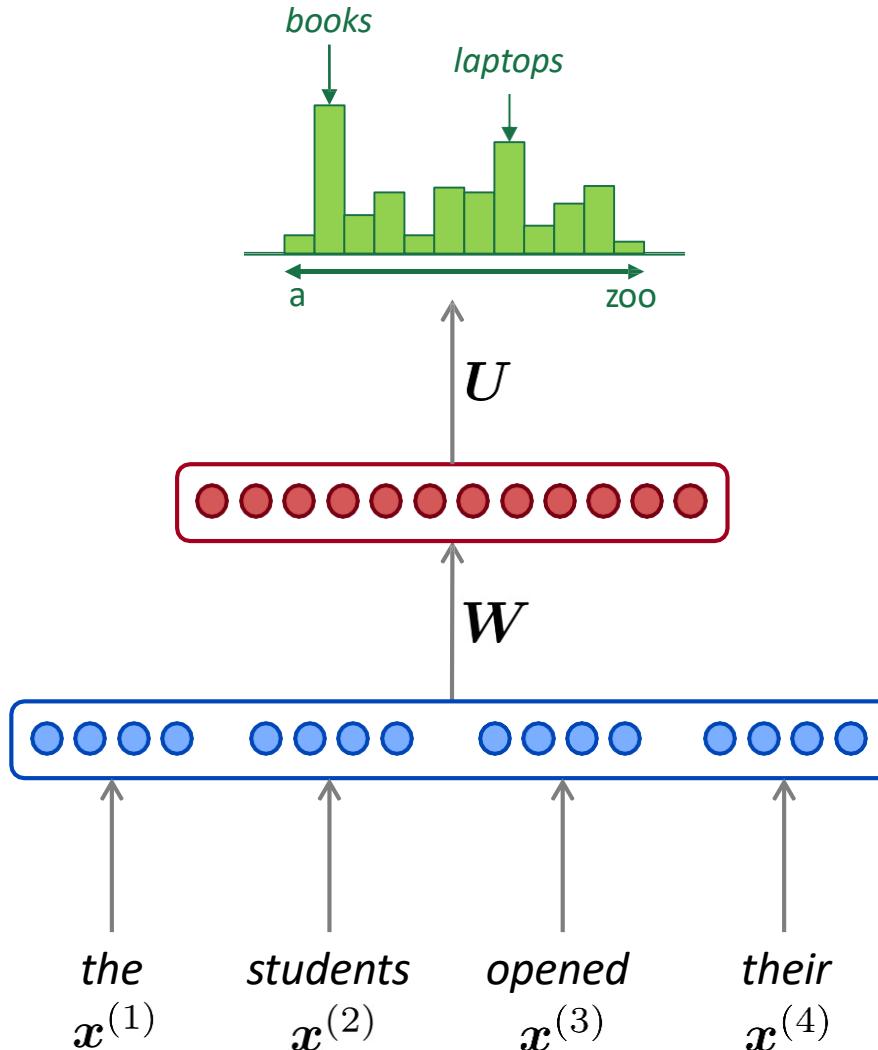
- A system that does this is called a **Language Model**.

A fixed-window neural Language Model (as CNN)

Remaining **problems**:

- Fixed window is **too small**
- Enlarging window enlarges W
- Window can never be large enough!
- $x^{(1)}$ and $x^{(2)}$ are multiplied by completely different weights in W .
No symmetry in how the inputs are processed.

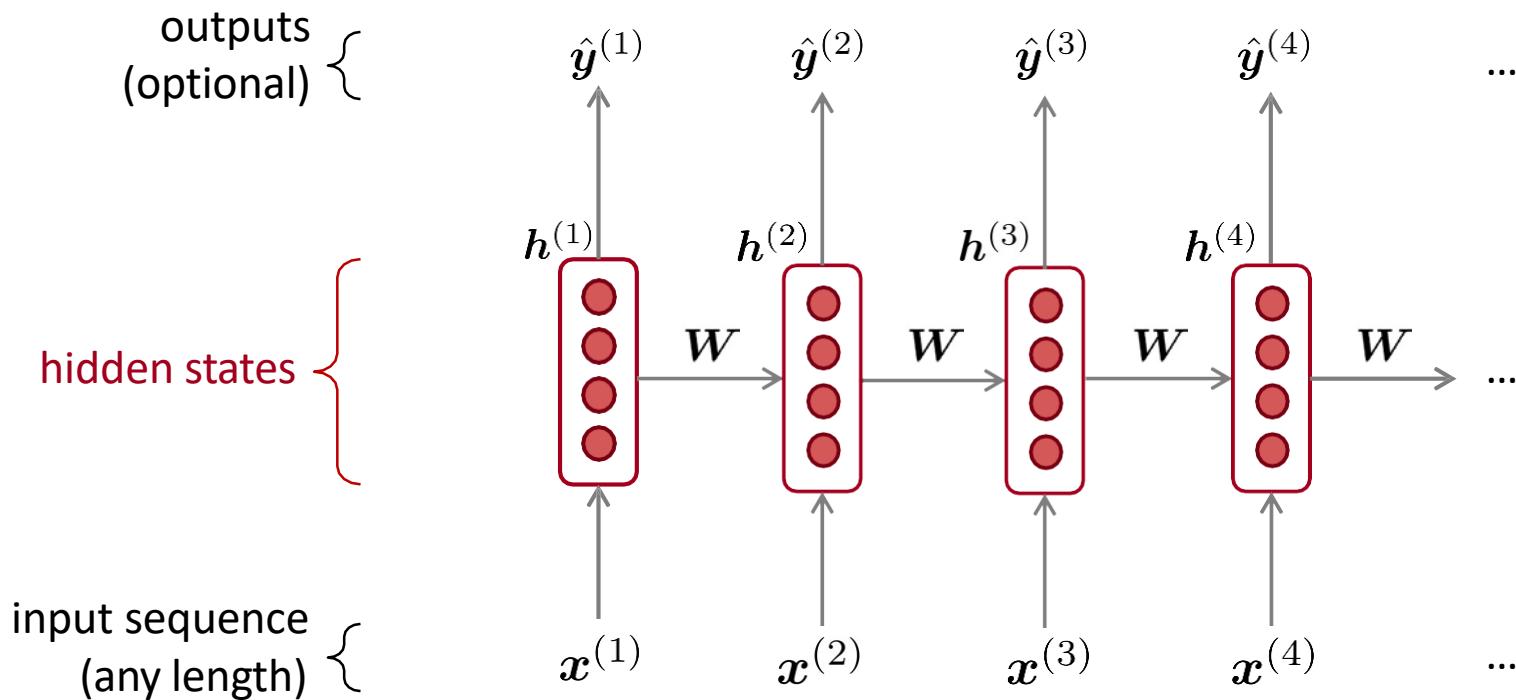
We need a neural architecture that can process *any length input*





Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN)

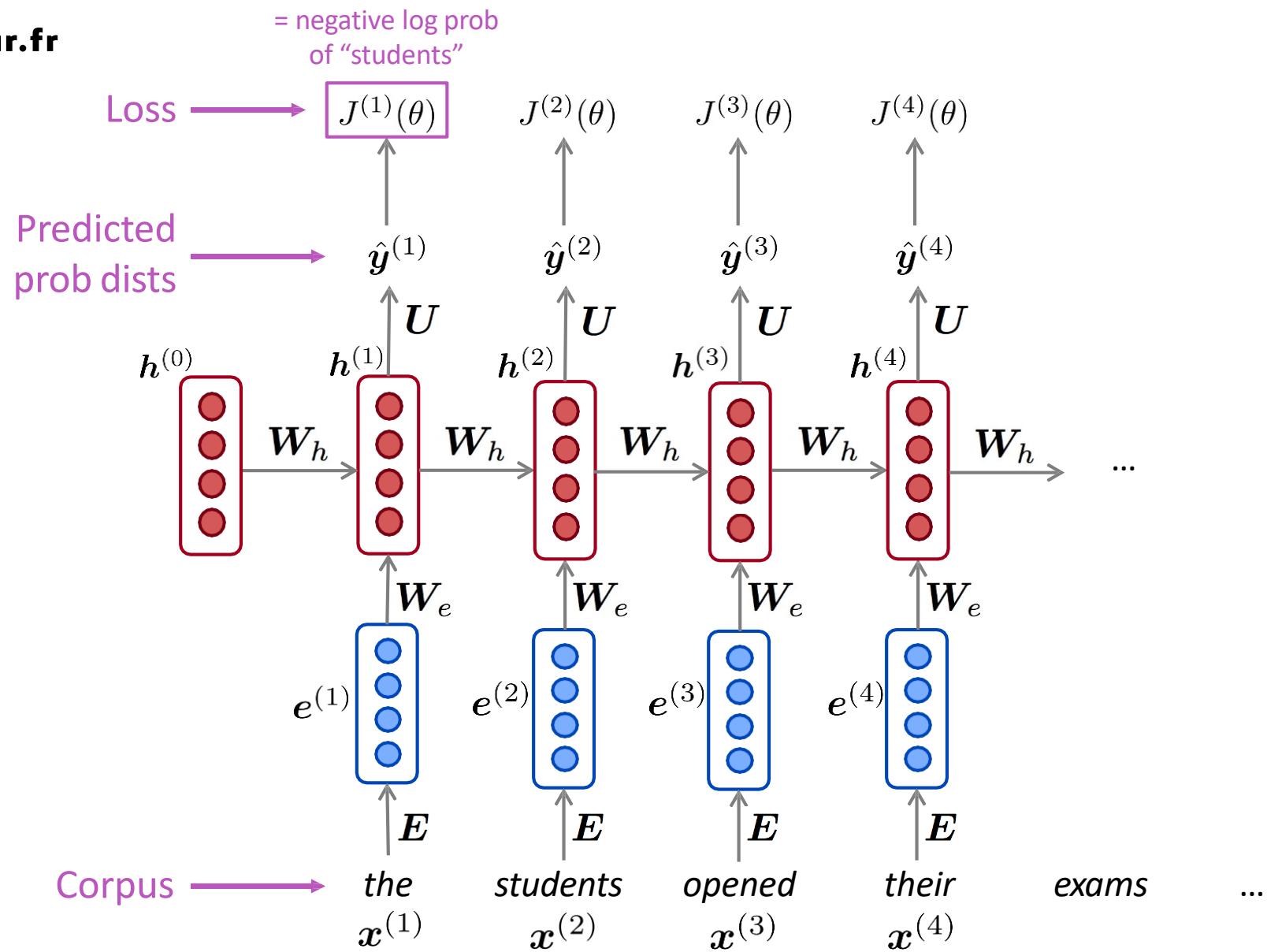
A family of neural architectures



Core idea: Apply the same weights W repeatedly



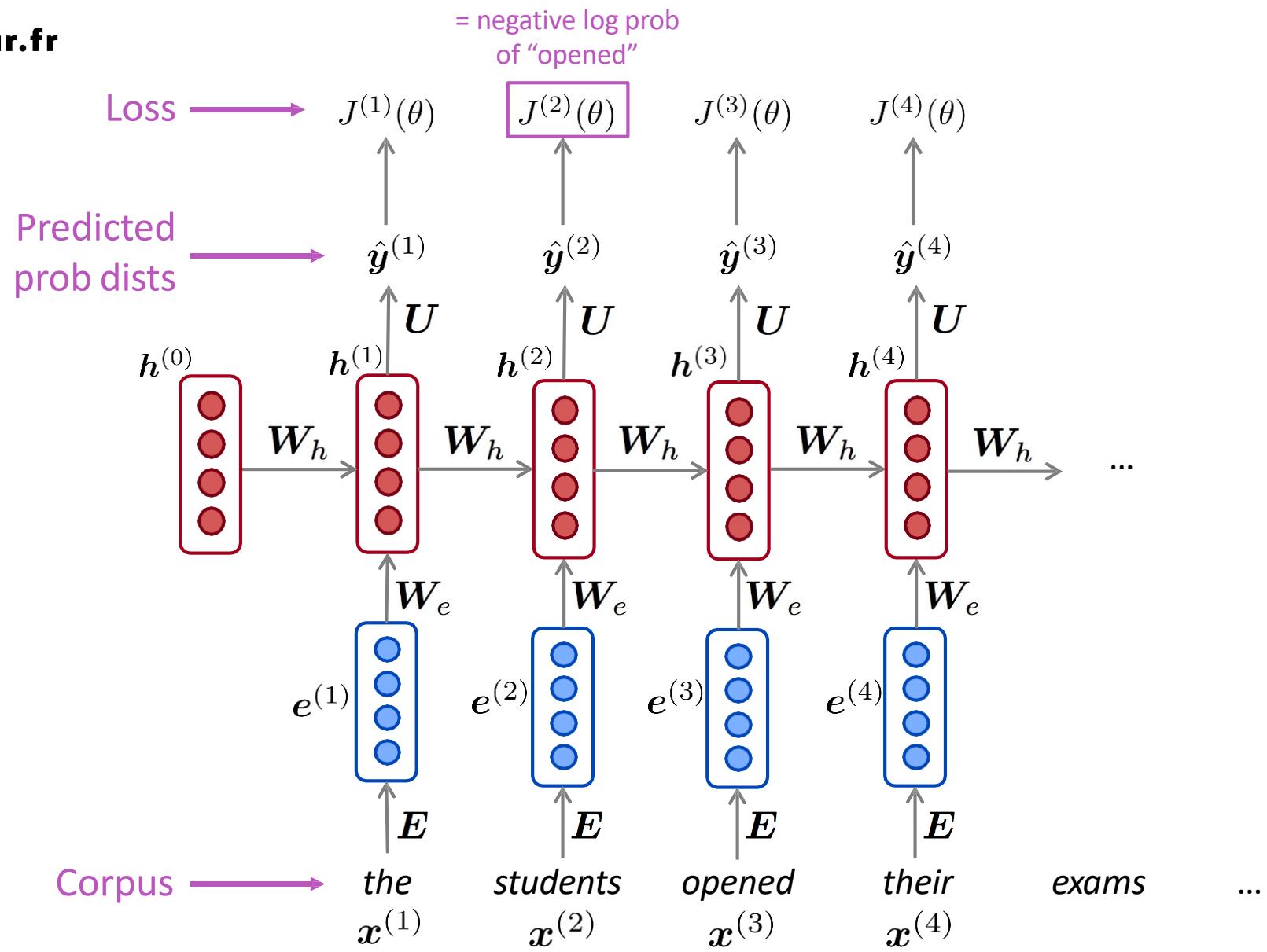
Training a RNN - Language Model



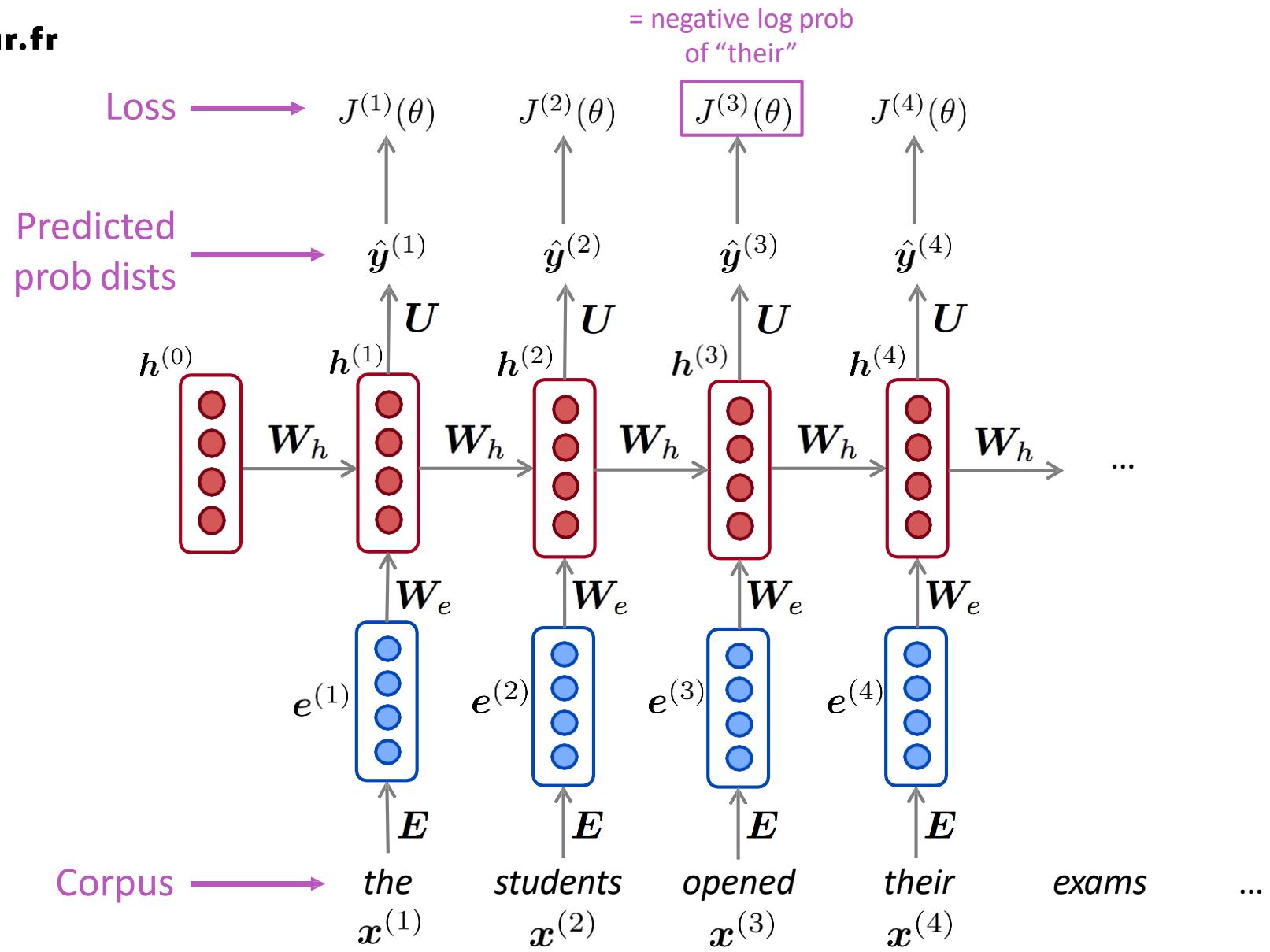


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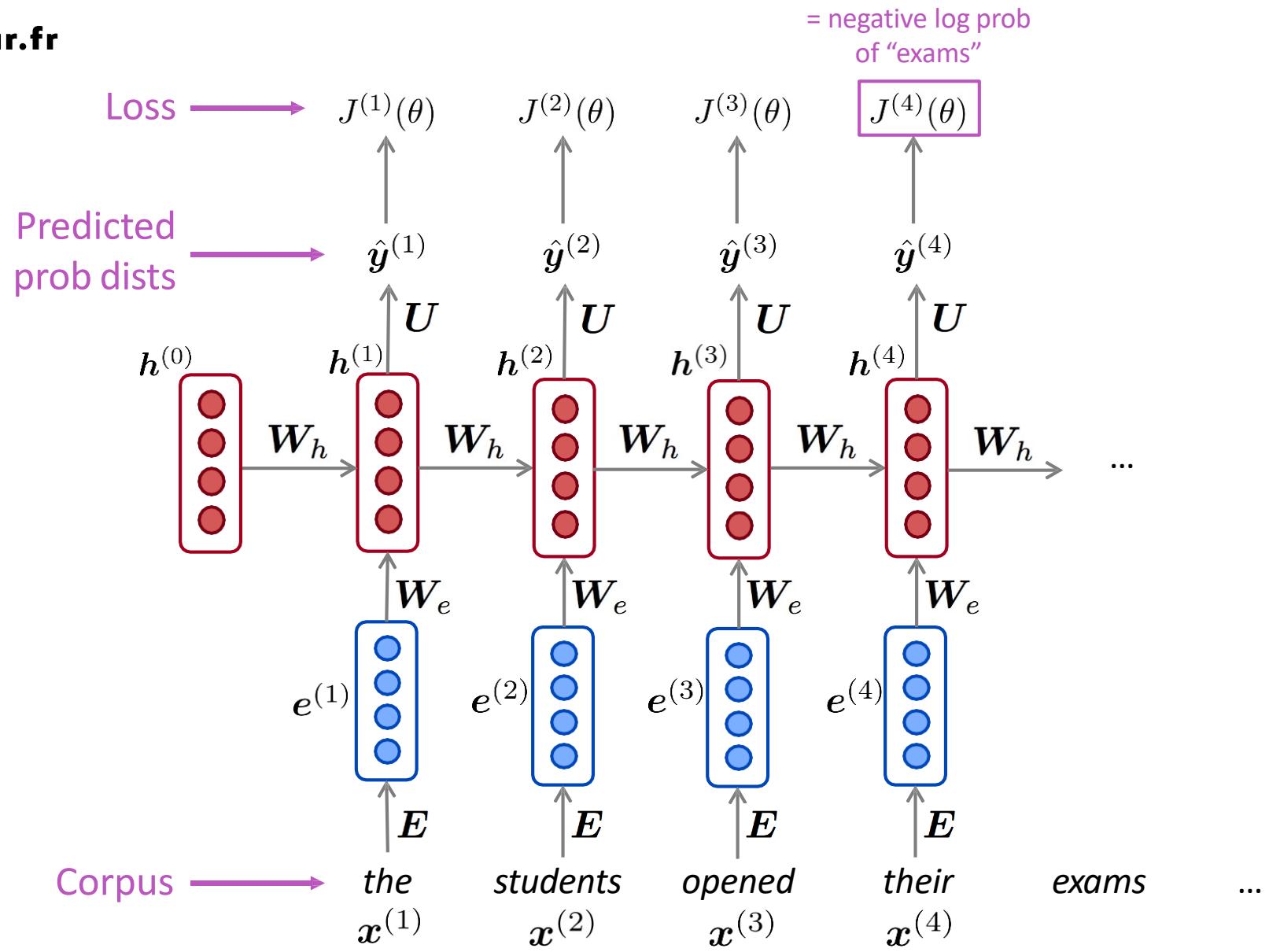
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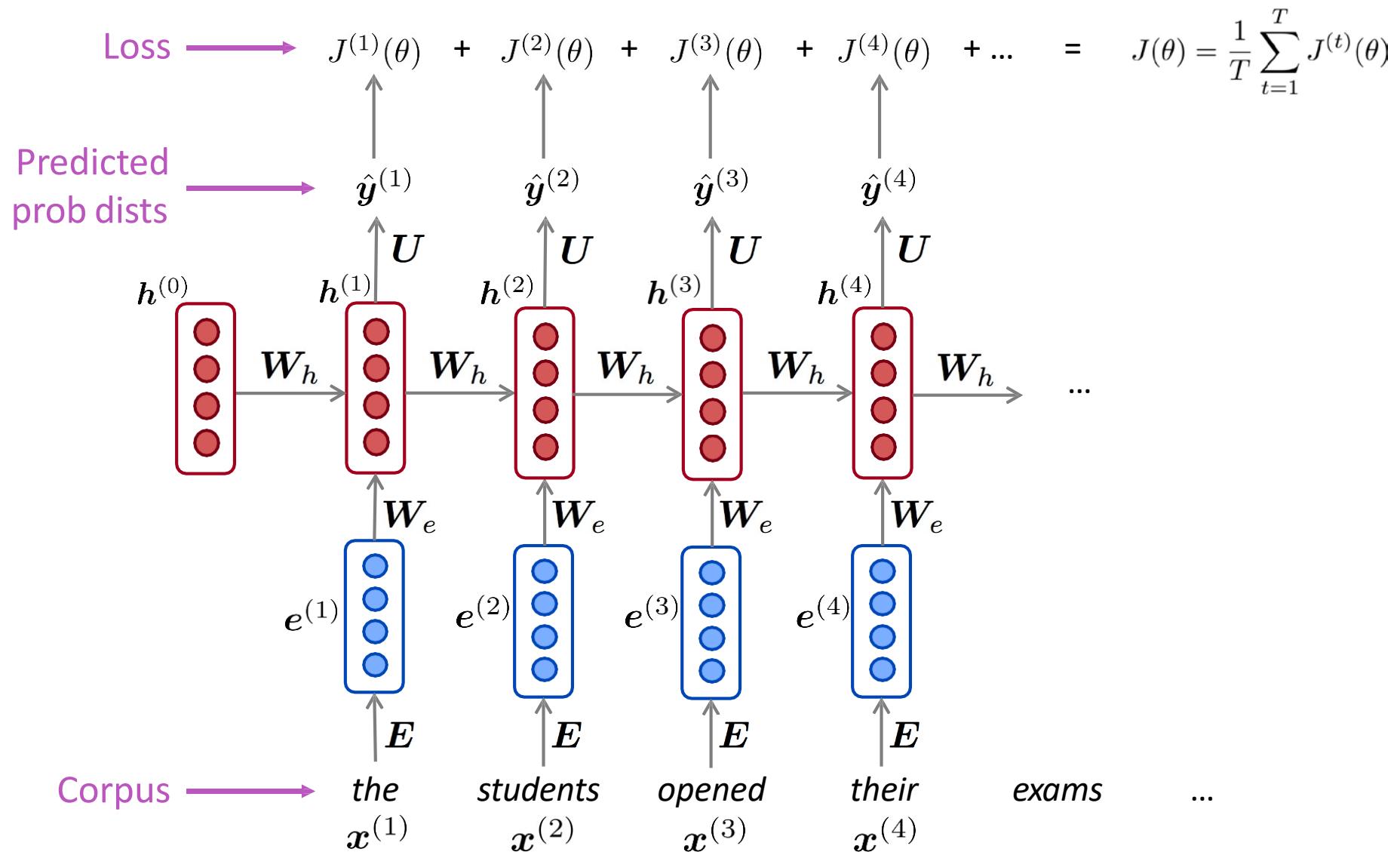




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A RNN Language Model

output distribution

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(t)} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{h}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

hidden states

$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{e}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_1)$$

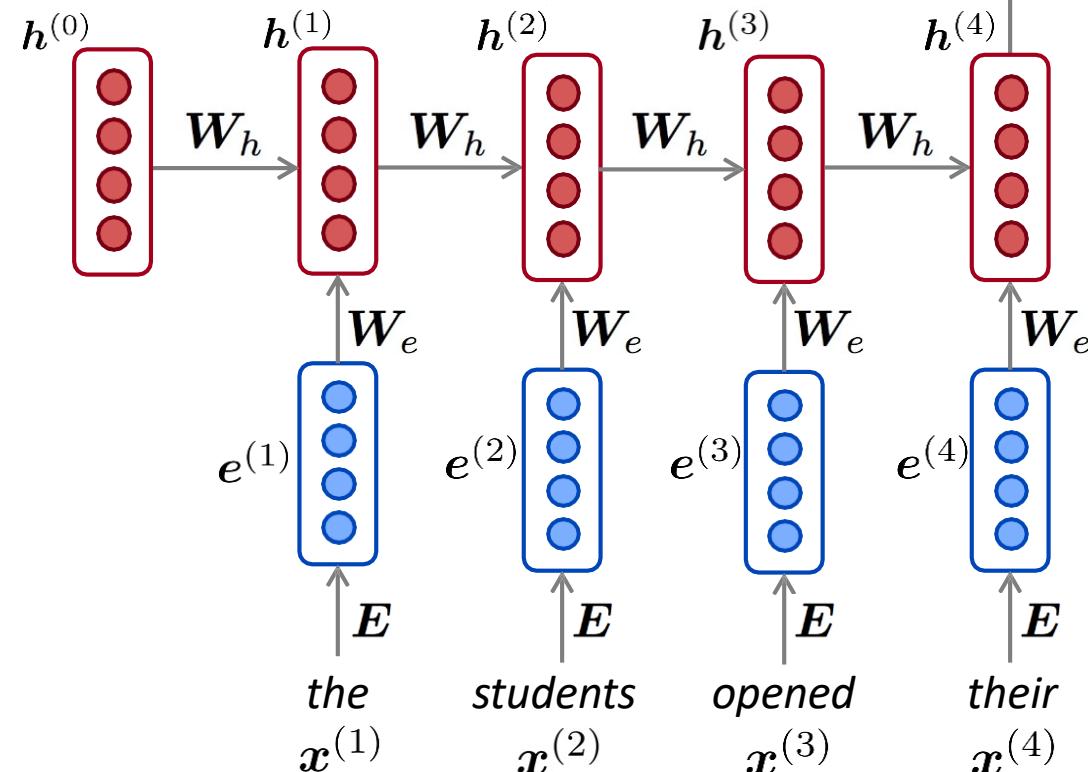
$\mathbf{h}^{(0)}$ is the initial hidden state

word embeddings

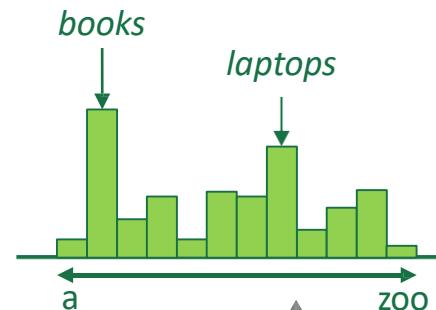
$$\mathbf{e}^{(t)} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$$

words / one-hot vectors

$$\mathbf{x}^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$



$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(4)} = P(\mathbf{x}^{(5)} | \text{the students opened their})$



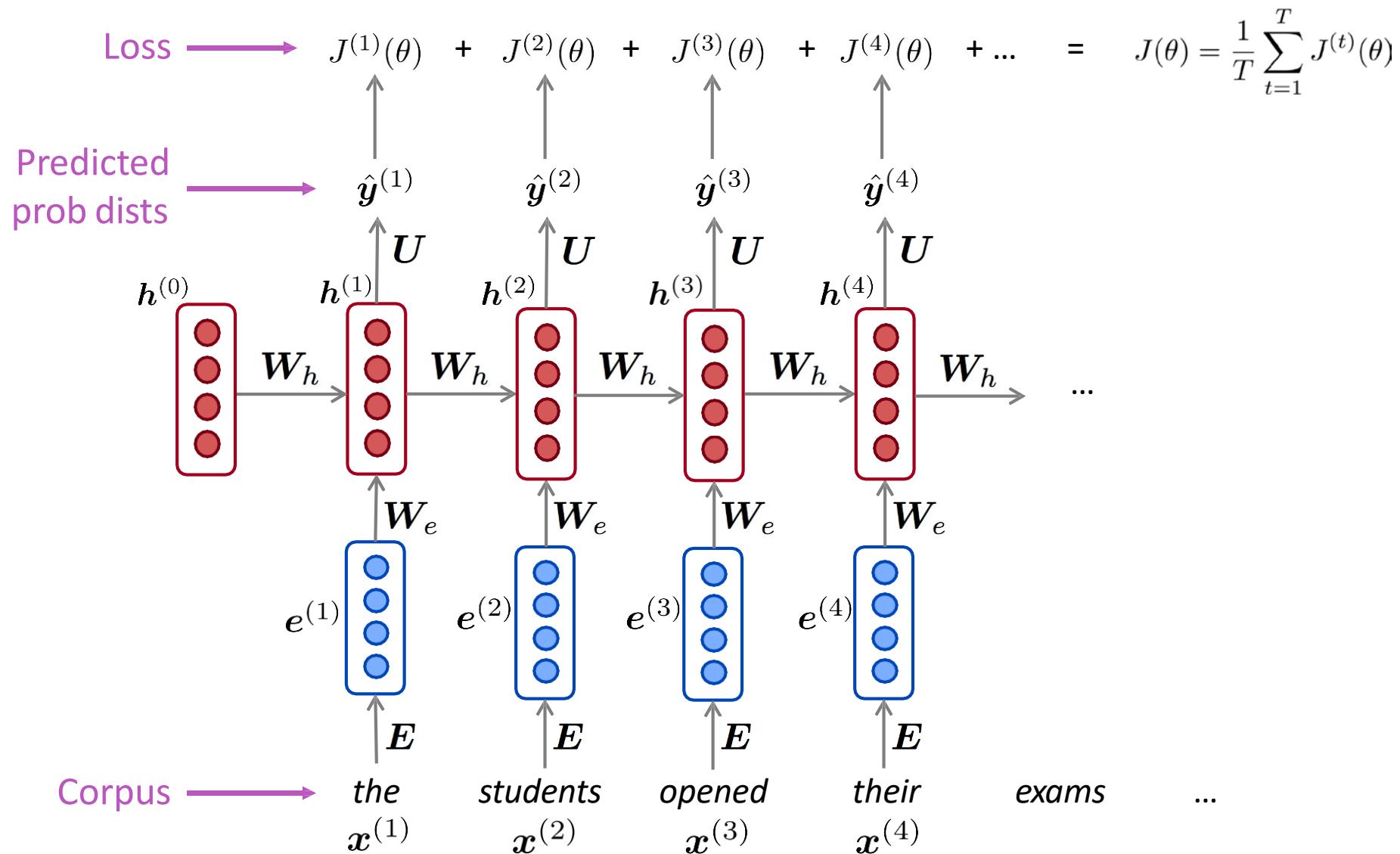
Note: this input sequence could be much longer, but this slide doesn't have space!

Backpropagation through time BPTT



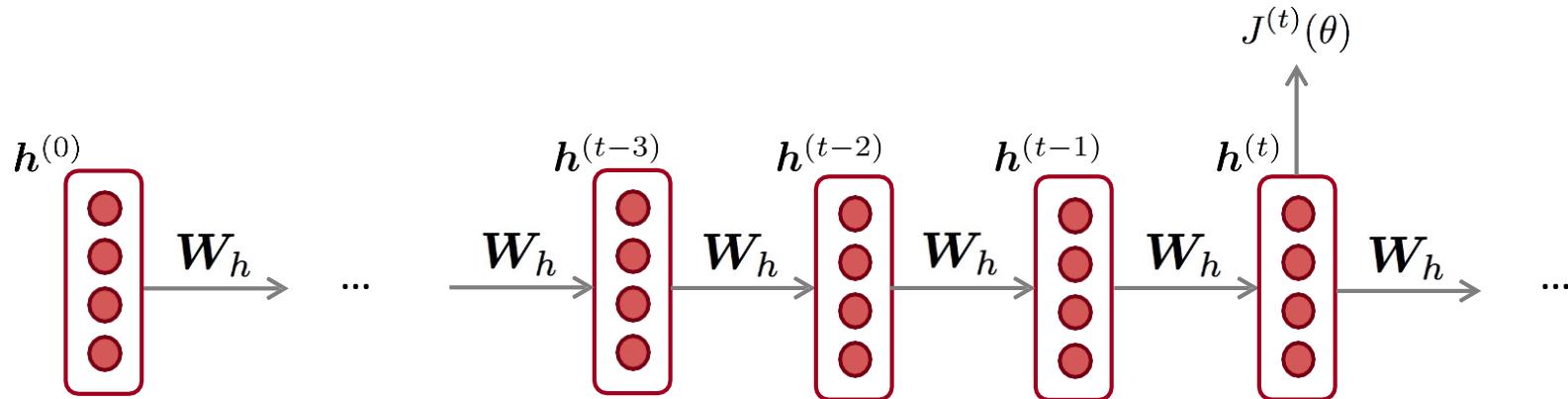
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Backpropagation for RNNs



Question: What's the derivative of $J^{(t)}(\theta)$ w.r.t. the **repeated** weight matrix W_h ?

Answer:
$$\frac{\partial J^{(t)}}{\partial W_h} = \sum_{i=1}^t \frac{\partial J^{(t)}}{\partial W_h} \Big|_{(i)}$$

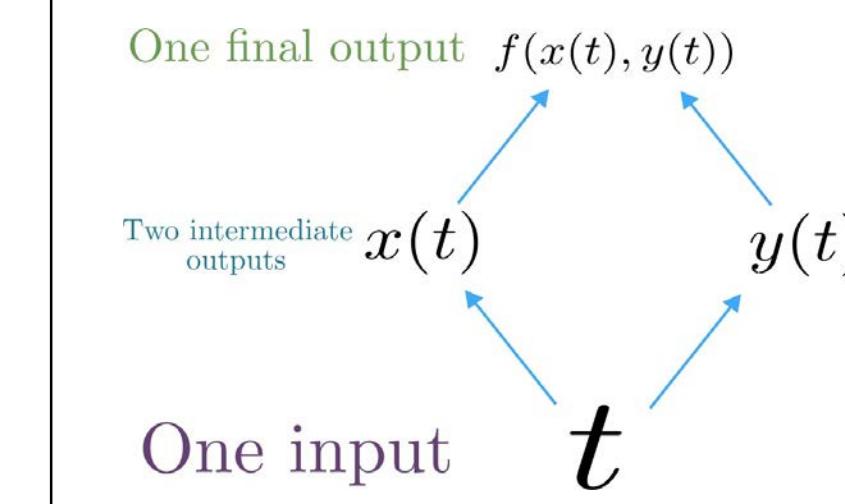
“The gradient w.r.t. a repeated weight is the sum of the gradient w.r.t. each time it appears”



Multivariable Chain Rule

- Given a multivariable function $f(x, y)$, and two single variable functions $x(t)$ and $y(t)$, here's what the multivariable chain rule says:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d}{dt} f(\textcolor{teal}{x}(t), \textcolor{red}{y}(t))}_{\text{Derivative of composition function}} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial \textcolor{teal}{x}} \frac{d\textcolor{teal}{x}}{dt} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \textcolor{red}{y}} \frac{d\textcolor{red}{y}}{dt}$$



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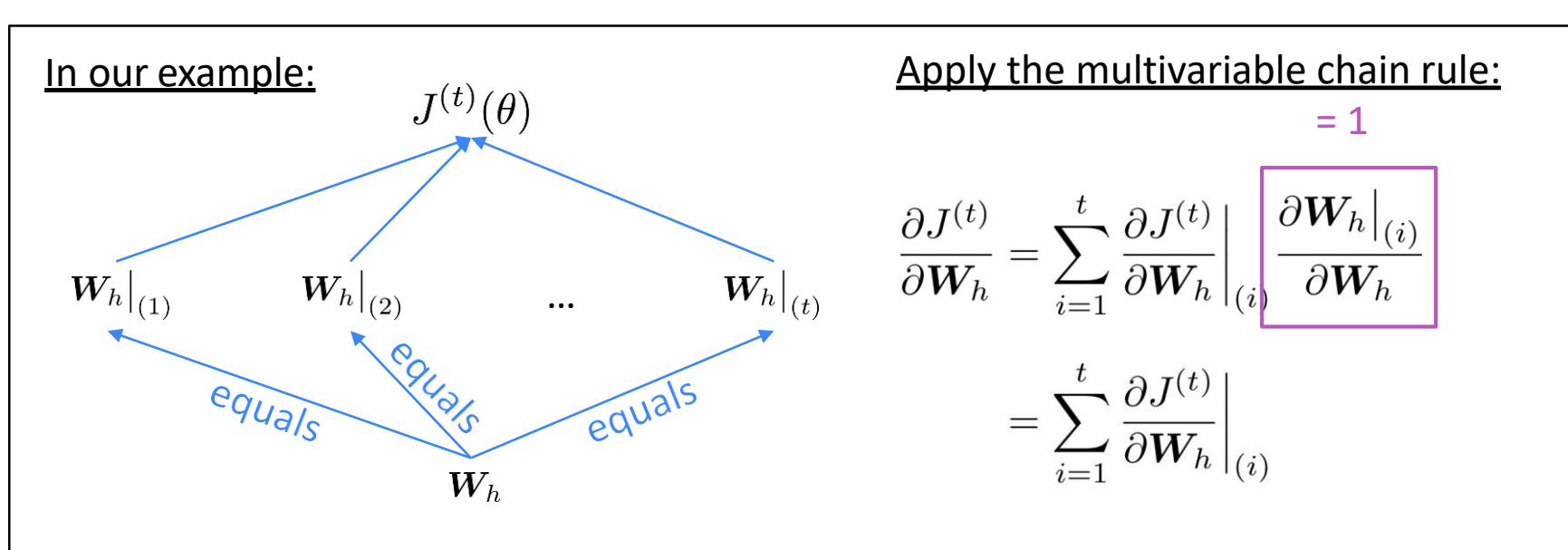


Backpropagation for RNNs: Proof sketch

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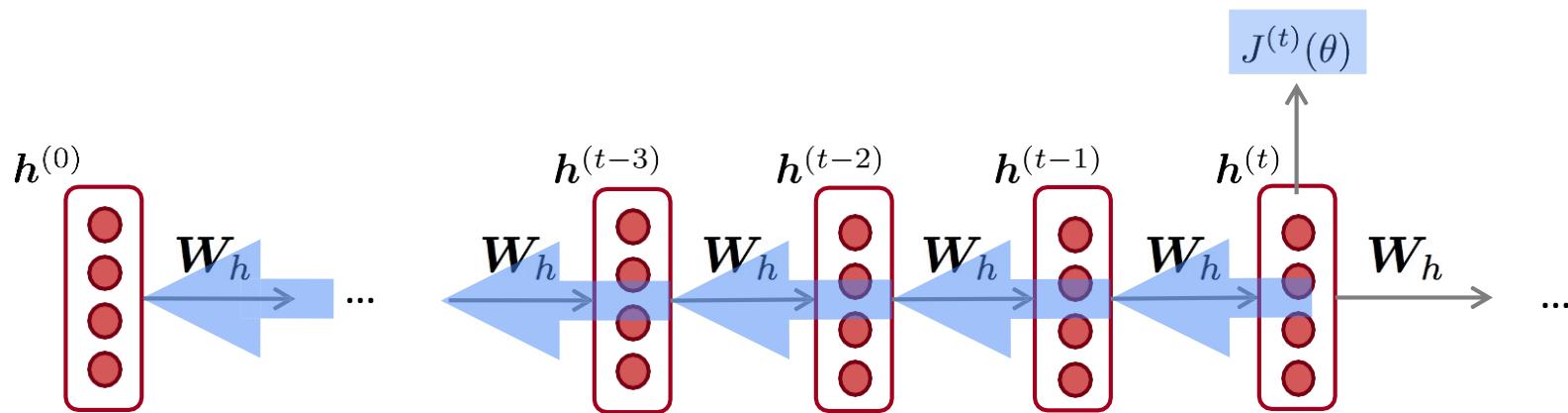
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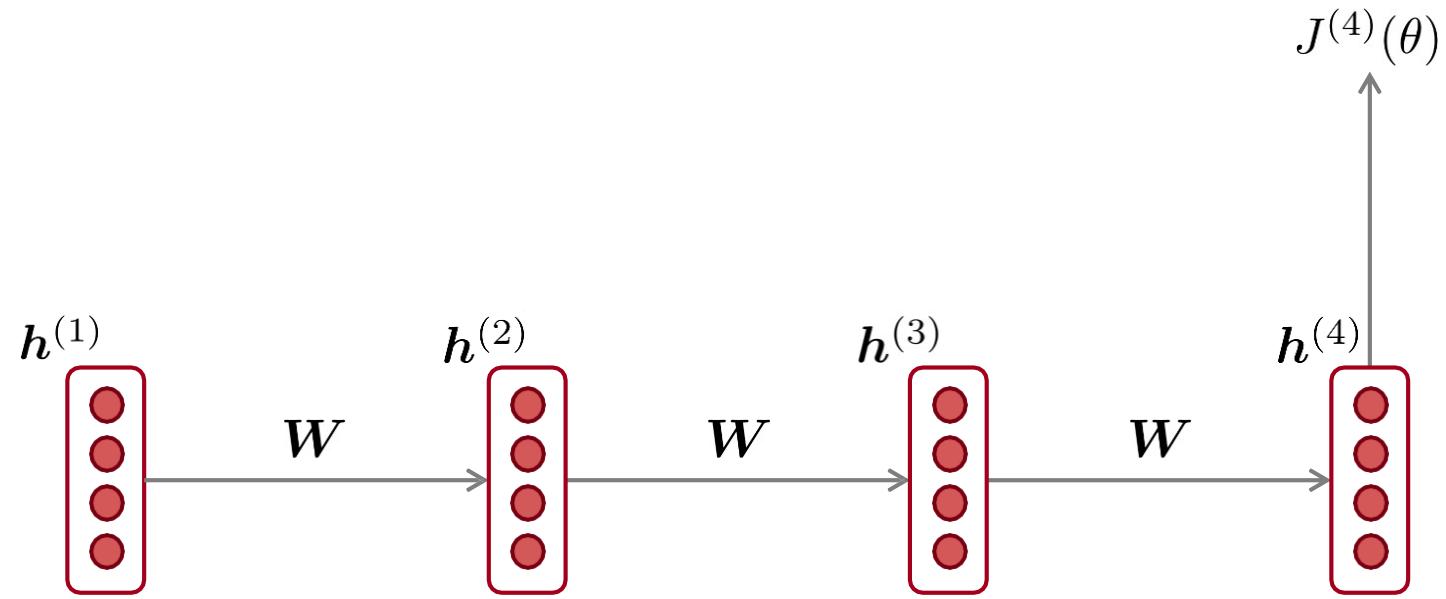
$$\frac{\partial J^{(t)}}{\partial W_h} = \sum_{i=1}^t \left. \frac{\partial J^{(t)}}{\partial W_h} \right|_{(i)}$$

Question: How do we calculate this?

Answer: Backpropagate over timesteps $i=t, \dots, 0$, summing gradients as you go.
This algorithm is called “backpropagation through time”

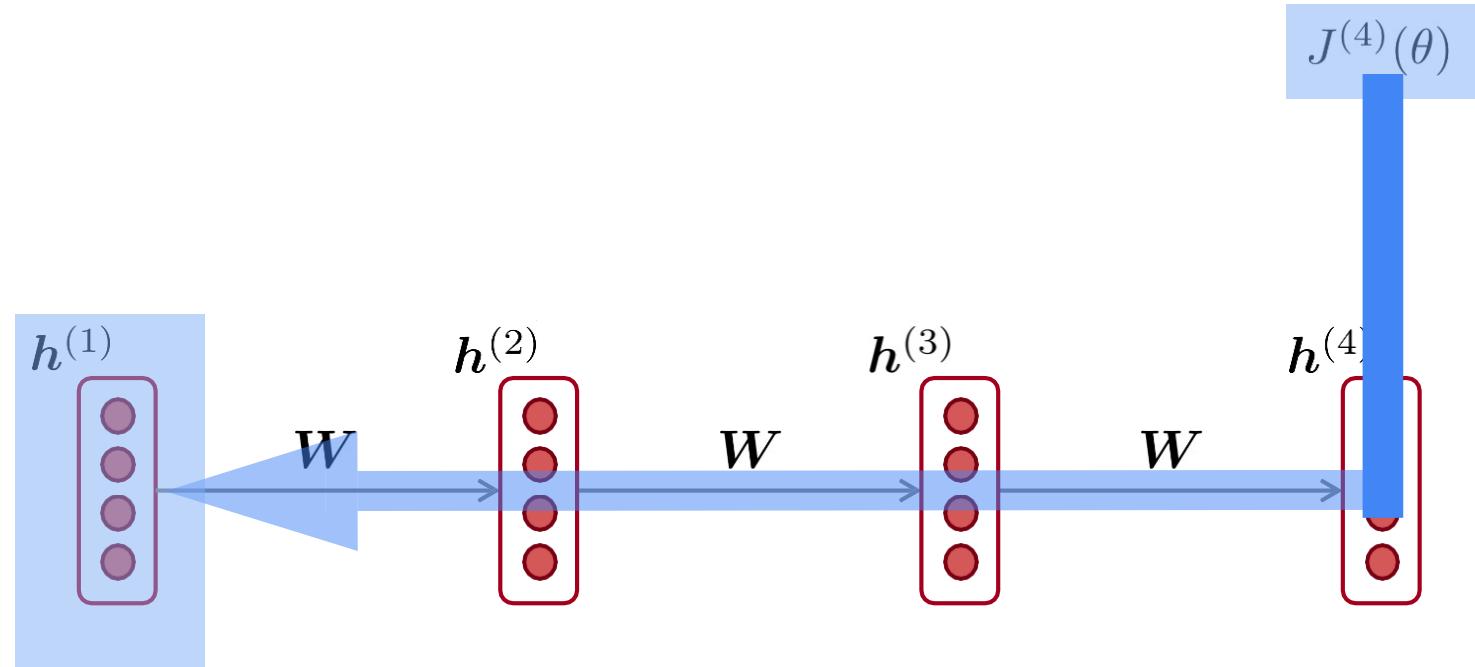


Vanishing gradient intuition





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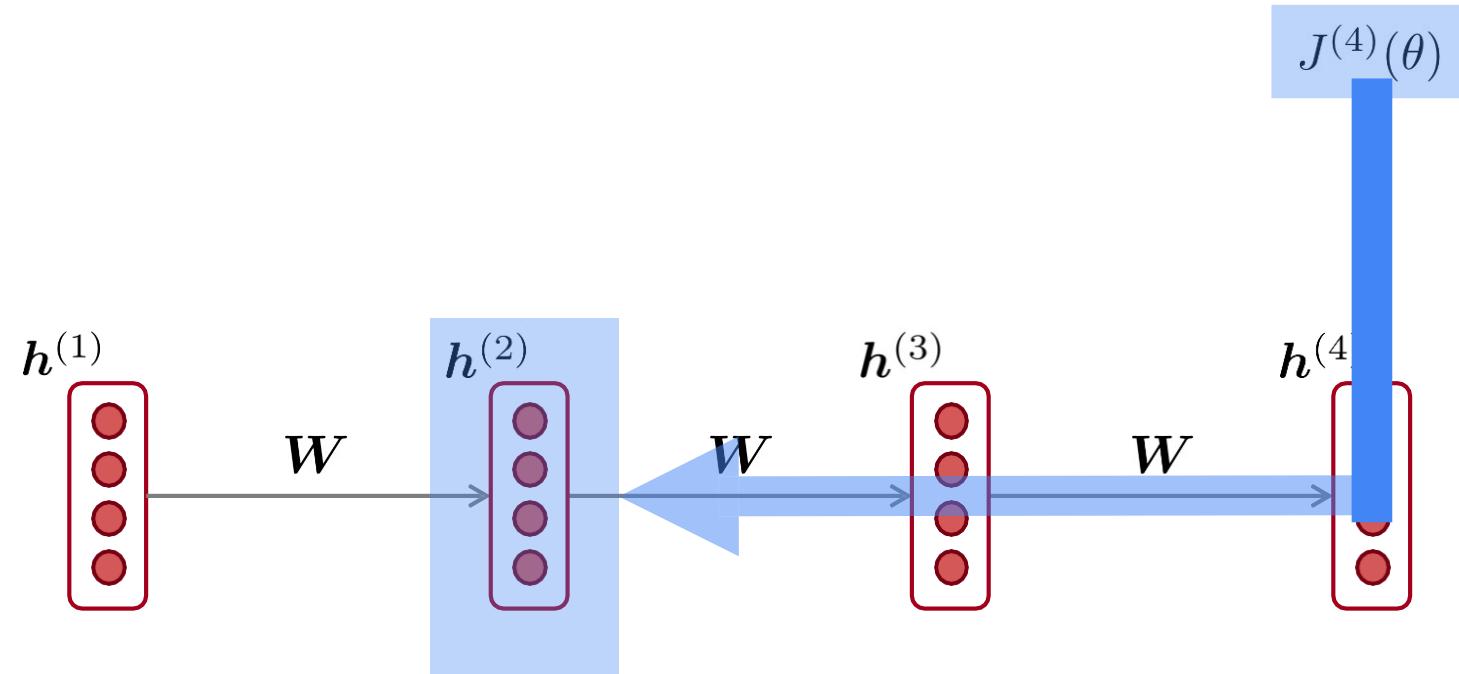


chain rule!

$$\frac{\partial J^{(4)}}{\partial h^{(1)}} = ?$$



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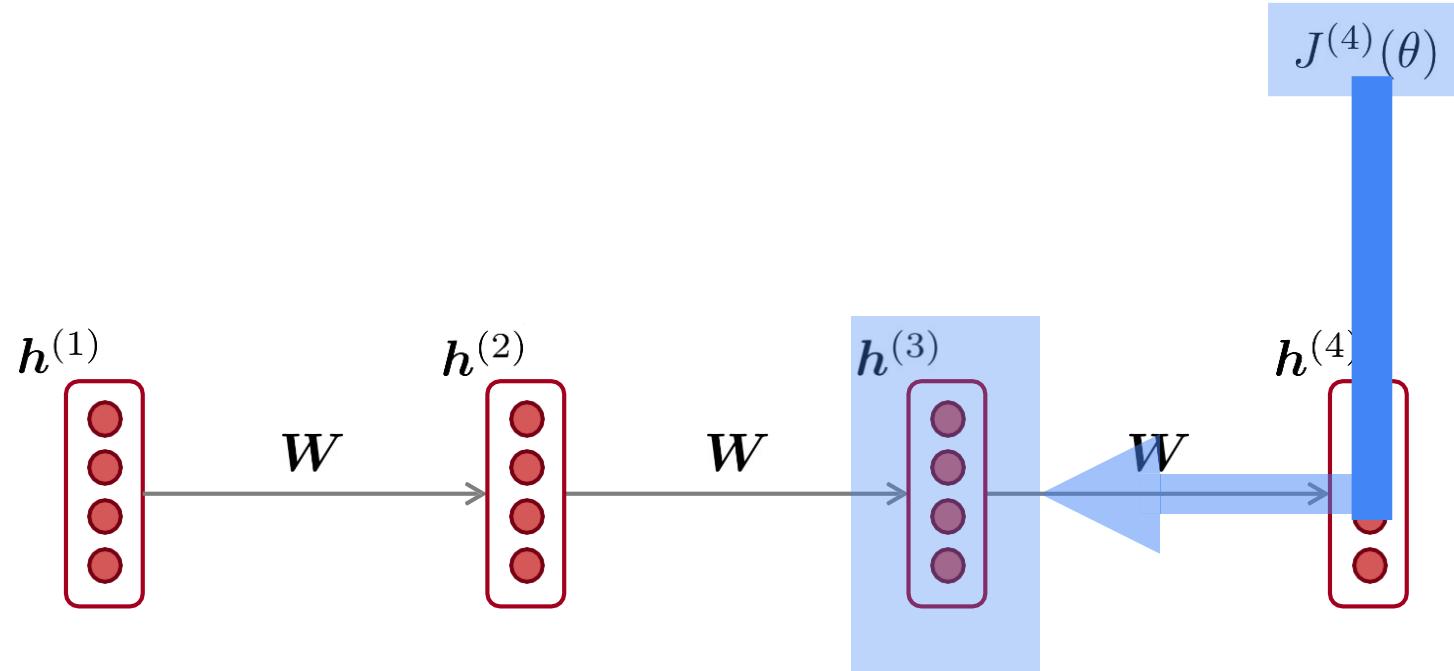


$$\frac{\partial J^{(4)}}{\partial h^{(1)}} = \frac{\partial h^{(2)}}{\partial h^{(1)}} \times \frac{\partial J^{(4)}}{\partial h^{(2)}}$$

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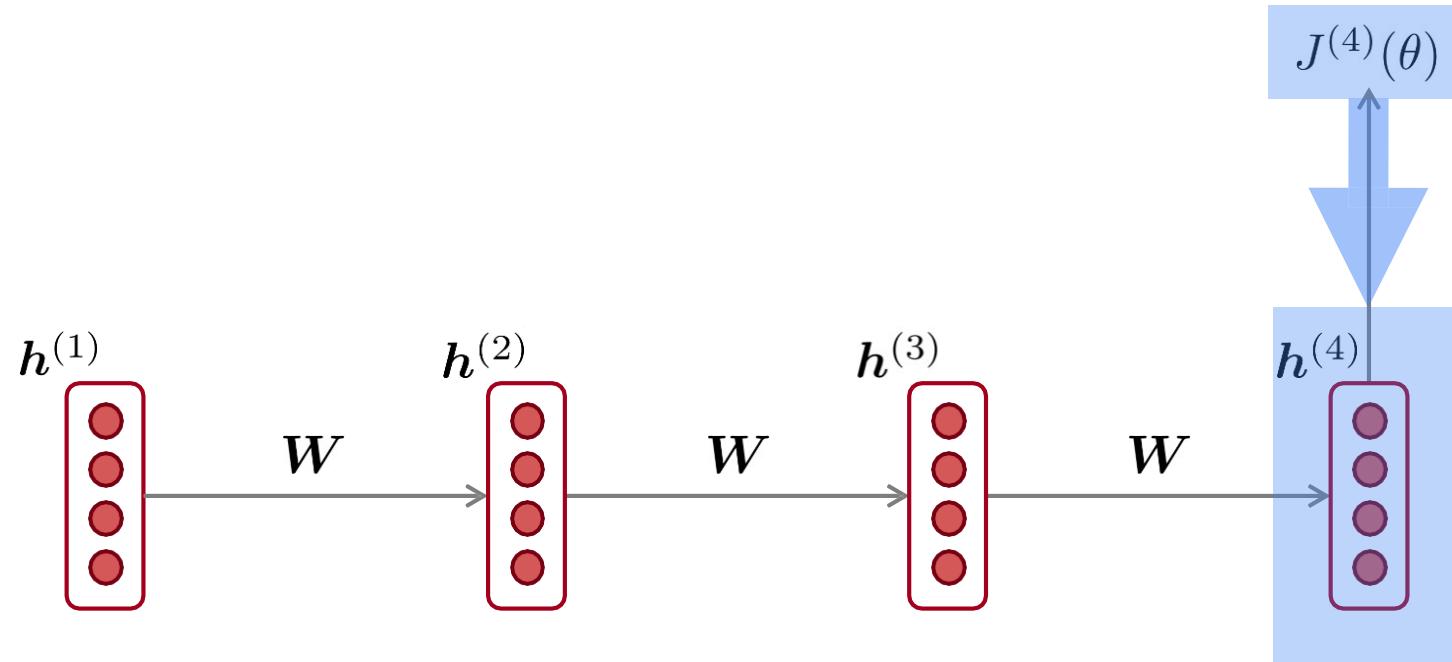
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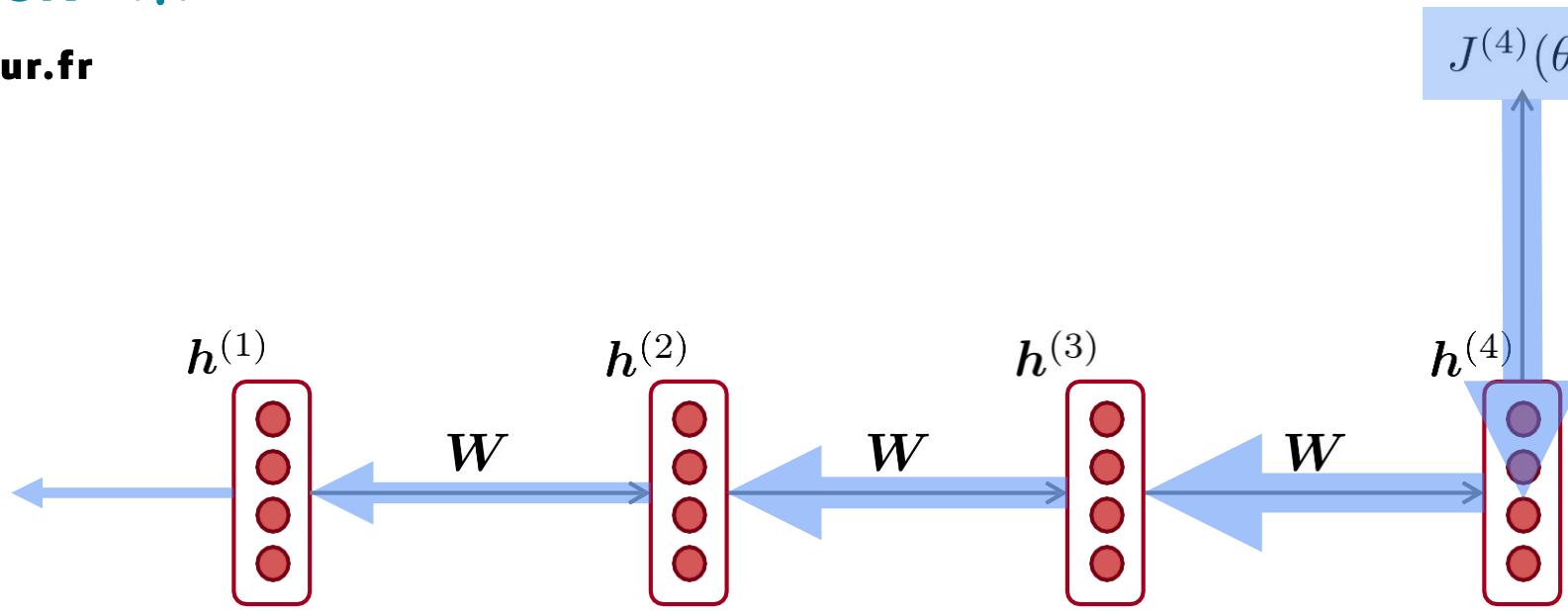
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Vanishing gradient intuition



$$\frac{\partial J^{(4)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(1)}} = \left[\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(2)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(1)}} \times \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(3)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(2)}} \times \left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(4)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(3)}} \times \frac{\partial J^{(4)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(4)}} \right) \right) \right]$$

What happens if these are small?

Vanishing gradient problem:
When these are small, the gradient signal gets smaller and smaller as it backpropagates further



Vanishing gradient proof sketch

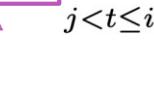
- Recall:

$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \sigma \left(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{W}_x \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_1 \right)$$

- Therefore: $\frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}} = \text{diag} \left(\sigma' \left(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{W}_x \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_1 \right) \right) \mathbf{W}_h$ (chain rule)
- Consider the gradient of the loss $J^{(i)}(\theta)$ on step i , with respect to the hidden state $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}$ on some previous step j .

$$\frac{\partial J^{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(j)}} = \frac{\partial J^{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(i)}} \prod_{j < t \leq i} \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}} \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$= \frac{\partial J^{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(i)}} \boxed{\mathbf{W}_h^{(i-j)}} \prod_{j < t \leq i} \text{diag} \left(\sigma' \left(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{W}_x \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_1 \right) \right) \quad (\text{value of } \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t)}}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)}})$$



If \mathbf{W}_h is small, then this term gets vanishingly small as i and j get further apart



Vanishing gradient proof sketch

- Consider matrix L2 norms:

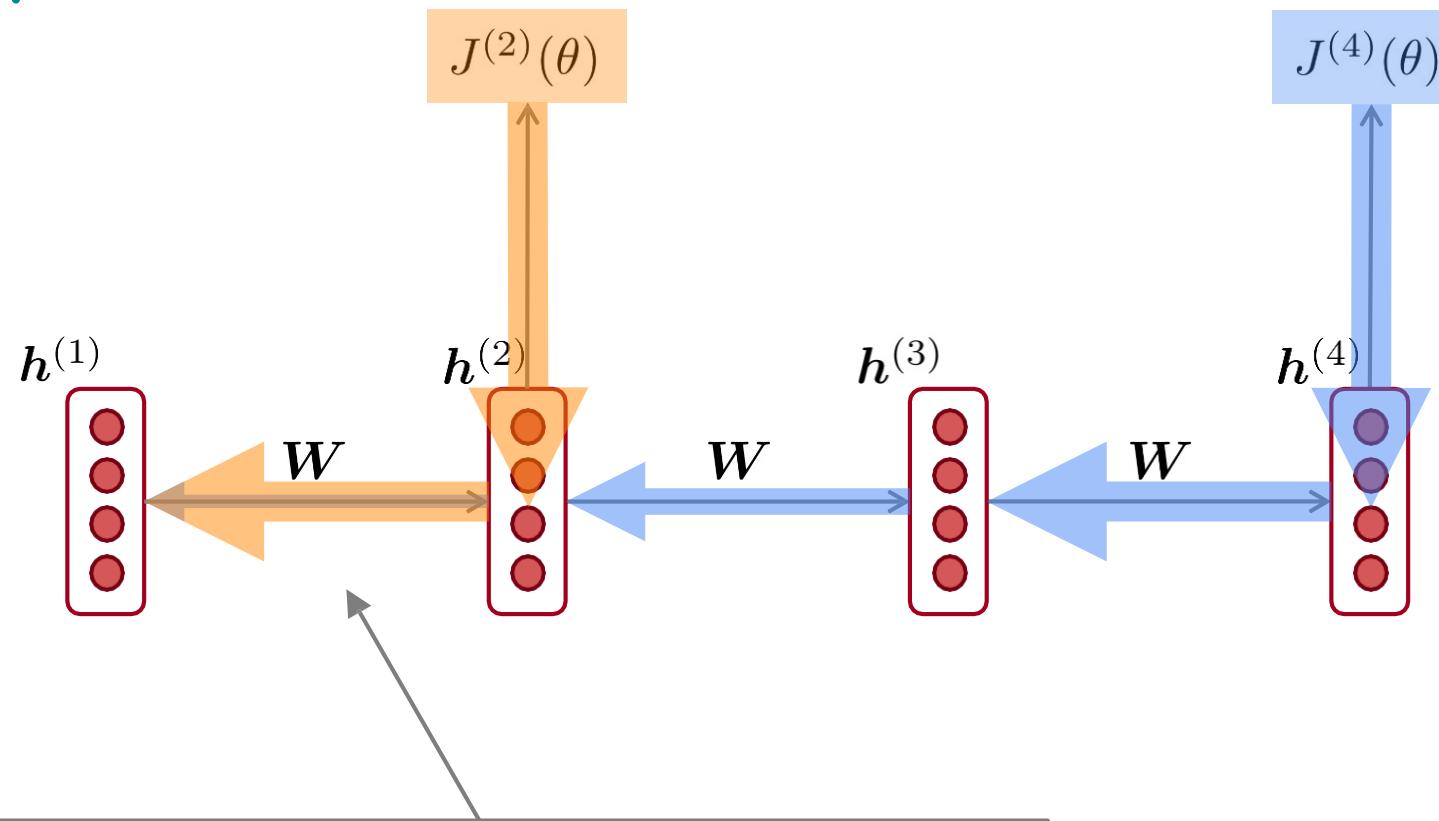
$$\left\| \frac{\partial J^{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(j)}} \right\| \leq \left\| \frac{\partial J^{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(i)}} \right\| \|\mathbf{W}_h\|^{(i-j)} \prod_{j < t \leq i} \left\| \text{diag} \left(\sigma' \left(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{W}_x \mathbf{x}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_1 \right) \right) \right\|$$

- Pascanu et al showed that if the largest eigenvalue of \mathbf{W}_h is less than 1, then the gradient $\left\| \frac{\partial J^{(i)}(\theta)}{\partial \mathbf{h}^{(j)}} \right\|$ will shrink exponentially
- There's a similar proof relating a largest eigenvalue >1 to exploding gradients

Source: “On the difficulty of training recurrent neural networks”, Pascanu et al, 2013.

<http://proceedings.mlr.press/v28/pascanu13.pdf>

Why is vanishing gradient a problem?



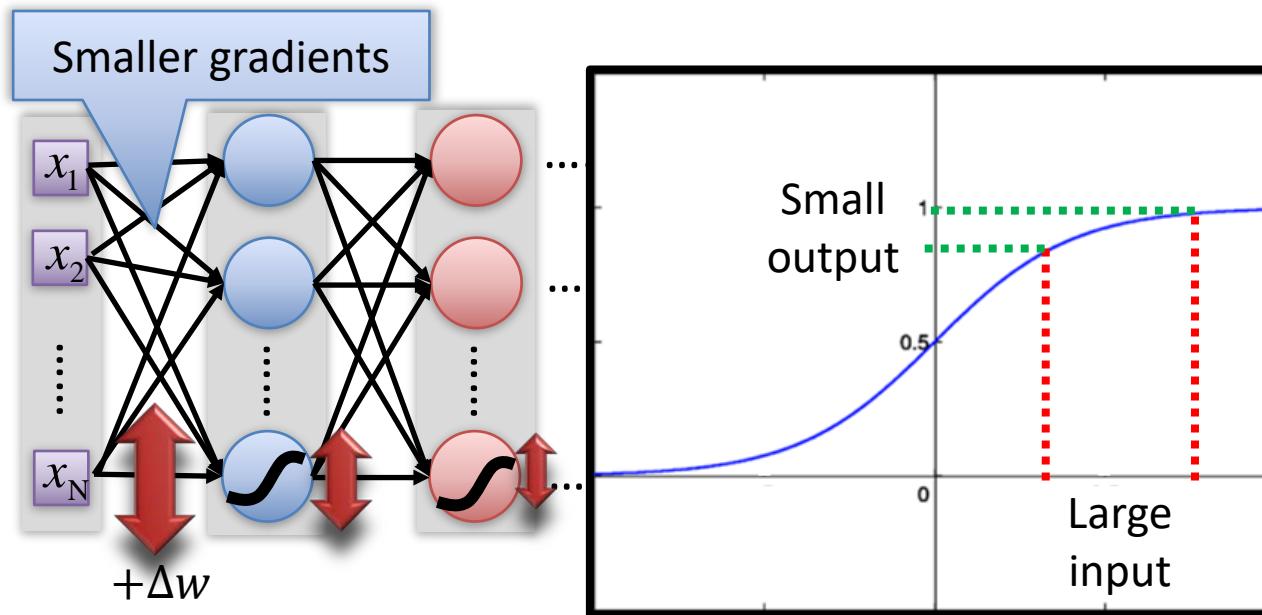
Gradient signal from faraway is lost because it's much smaller than gradient signal from close-by.

So model weights are only updated only with respect to near effects, not long-term effects.



Recipe of Deep Learning

- *Vanishing Gradient Problem*

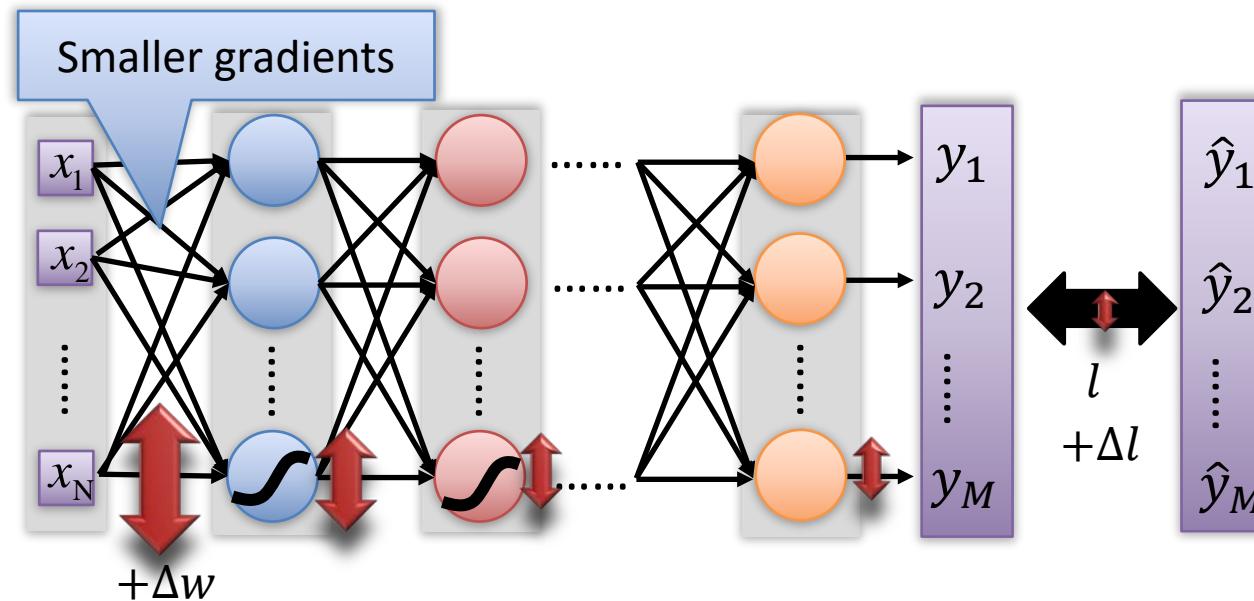


Intuitive way to compute the derivatives ...

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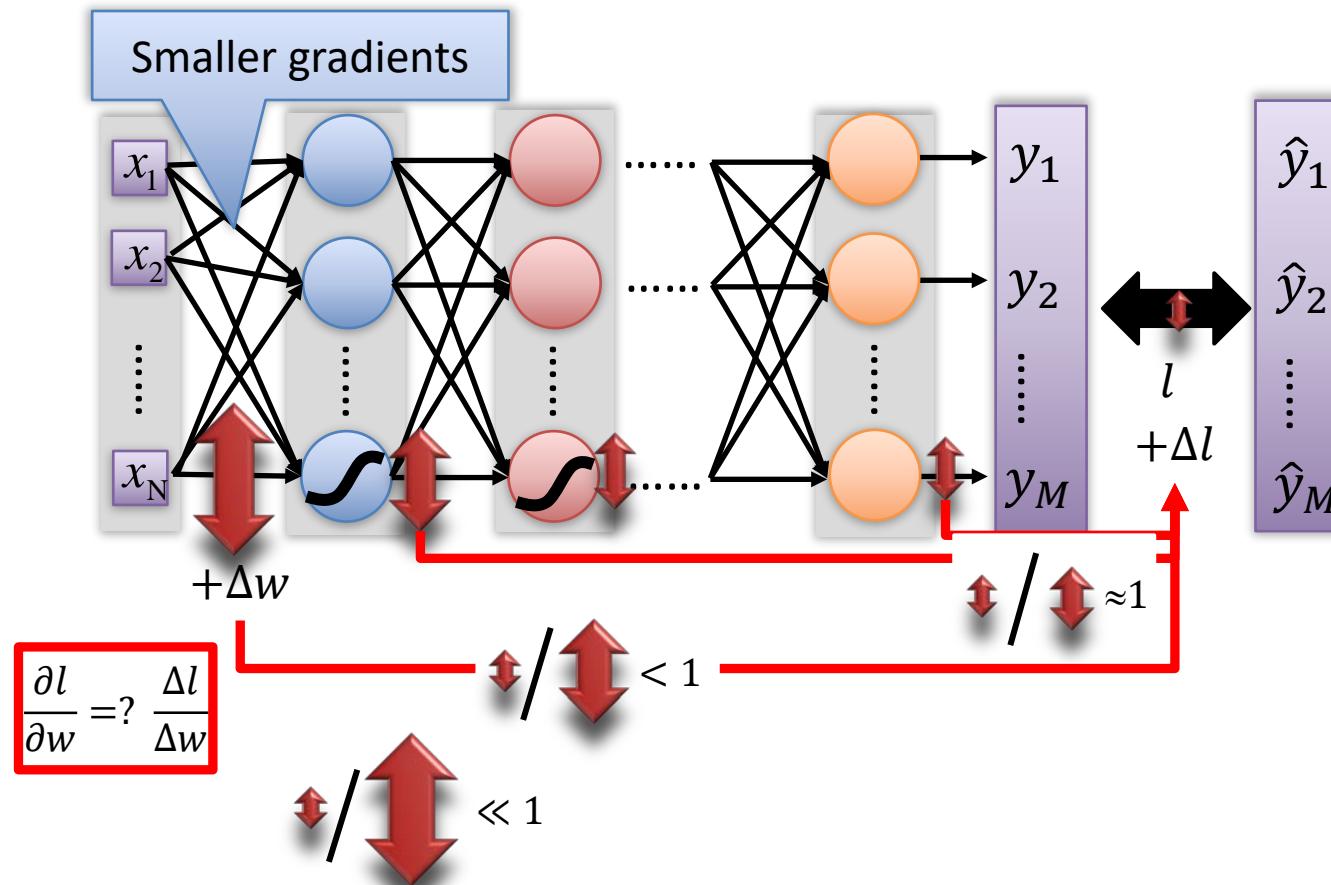


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Effect of vanishing gradient on RNN-LM

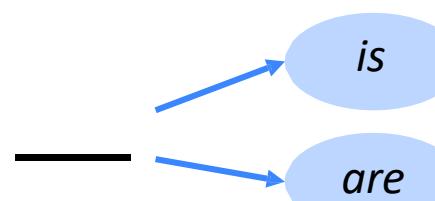
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- LM task: *When she tried to print her _____, she found that the printer was out of toner. She went to the stationery store to buy more toner. It was very overpriced. After installing the toner into the printer, she finally printed her tickets.*
- To learn from this training example, the RNN-LM needs to model the dependency between “tickets” on the 7th step and the target word “tickets” at the end.
- But if gradient is small, the model can't learn this dependency
 - So the model is unable to predict similar long-distance dependencies at test time



Effect of vanishing gradient on RNN-LM

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- LM task: *The writer of the books* 
- Correct answer: *The writer of the books is planning a sequel*
- Syntactic recency: *The writer of the books is* (correct)
- Sequential recency: *The writer of the books are* (incorrect)
- Due to vanishing gradient, RNN-LMs are better at learning from sequential recency than syntactic recency, so they make this type of error more often than we'd like [Linzen et al 2016]



Why is exploding gradient a problem?

- If the gradient becomes too big, then the SGD update step becomes too big:

$$\theta^{new} = \theta^{old} - \overbrace{\alpha \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta)}^{\substack{\text{learning rate} \\ \text{gradient}}}$$

- This can cause **bad updates**: we take too large a step and reach a bad parameter configuration (with large loss)
- In the worst case, this will result in **Inf** or **NaN** in your network (then you have to restart training from an earlier checkpoint)

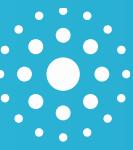
Gradient clipping: solution for exploding gradient

- Gradient clipping: if the norm of the gradient is greater than some threshold, scale it down before applying SGD update

Algorithm 1 Pseudo-code for norm clipping

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 $\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{\partial \mathcal{E}}{\partial \theta}$ 
if  $\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}\| \geq \text{threshold}$  then
     $\hat{\mathbf{g}} \leftarrow \frac{\text{threshold}}{\|\hat{\mathbf{g}}\|} \hat{\mathbf{g}}$ 
end if
```

- Intuition: take a step in the same direction, but a smaller step



Local correlations

EMBEDDING



How do we represent the meaning of a word?

Definition: meaning (Webster dictionary)

- the idea that is represented by a word, phrase, etc.
- the idea that a person wants to express by using words, signs, etc.
- the idea that is expressed in a work of writing, art, etc.

Commonest linguistic way of thinking of meaning:

signifier (symbol) \Leftrightarrow signified (idea or thing)

= denotational semantics



How do we have usable meaning in a computer?

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Common solution: Use e.g. [WordNet](#), a thesaurus containing lists of synonym sets and hypernyms (“is a” relationships).

e.g. synonym sets containing “good”:

```
from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
poses = { 'n':'noun', 'v':'verb', 's':'adj (s)', 'a':'adj', 'r':'adv'}
for synset in wn.synsets("good"):
    print("{}: {}".format(poses[synset.pos()],
                          ", ".join([l.name() for l in synset.lemmas()])))
```

noun: good
noun: good, goodness
noun: good, goodness
noun: commodity, trade_good, good
adj: good
adj (sat): full, good adj:
good
adj (sat): estimable, good, honorable, respectable adj (sat):
beneficial, good
adj (sat): good
adj (sat): good, just, upright
...
adverb: well, good
adverb: thoroughly, soundly, good

e.g. hypernyms of “panda”:

```
from nltk.corpus import wordnet as wn
panda = wn.synset("panda.n.01") hyper =
lambda s: s.hypernyms()
list(pandaclosure(hyper))
```

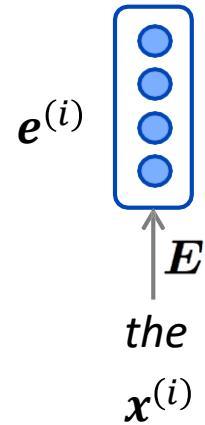
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Synset('chordate.n.01'),
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Synset('whole.n.02'),
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Synset('entity.n.01')]



- Great as a resource but missing nuance
 - e.g. “proficient” is listed as a synonym for “good”. This is only correct in some contexts.
- Missing new meanings of words
 - e.g., wicked, badass, nifty, wizard, genius, ninja, bombest
 - Impossible to keep up-to-date!
- Subjective
- Requires human labor to create and adapt
- Can't compute accurate word similarity



First let us now detail how to represent words as vectors: *word embedding*



Representing words as discrete symbols

In traditional NLP, we regard words as discrete symbols:
hotel, conference, motel - a **localist** representation

Means one 1, the rest 0s

Words can be represented by **one-hot** vectors:

motel = [0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0]
hotel = [0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0]

Vector dimension = number of words in vocab (e.g. 500,000)

Problem with words as discrete symbols

Example: in web search, if user searches for “Seattle motel”, we would like to match documents containing “Seattle hotel”.

But:

$$\text{motel} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$\text{hotel} = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

These two vectors are orthogonal.

There is no natural notion of similarity for one-hot vectors!

Solution:

- Could try to rely on WordNet’s list of synonyms to get similarity?
 - But it is well-known to fail badly: incompleteness, etc.
- Instead: learn to encode similarity in the vectors themselves

1-of- N Encoding

(one-hot encoding)

apple = [1 0 0 0 0]

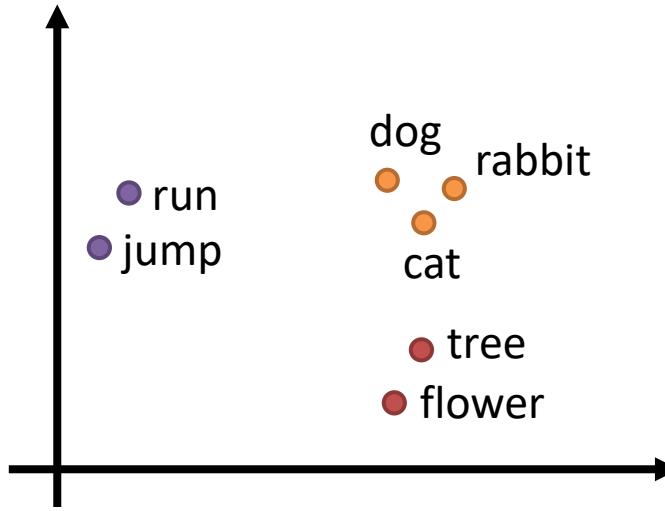
bag = [0 1 0 0 0]

cat = [0 0 1 0 0]

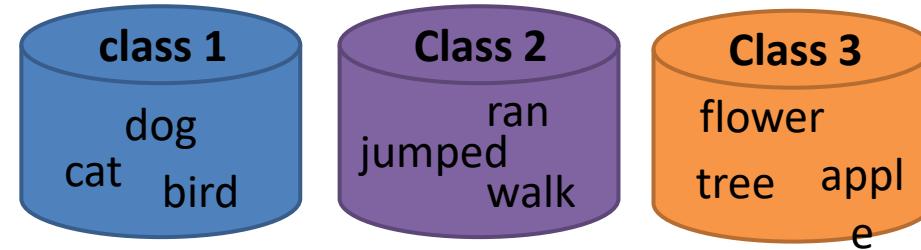
`dog = [0 0 0 1 0]`

elephant = [0 0 0 0 1]

Word Embedding



Word Class





Representing words by their context



- Distributional semantics: A word's meaning is given by the words that frequently appear close-by
 - “*You shall know a word by the company it keeps*” (J. R. Firth 1957)
 - One of the most successful ideas of modern statistical NLP!
- When a word w appears in a text, its **context** is the set of words that appear nearby (within a fixed-size window).
- Use the many contexts of w to build up a representation of w

...government debt problems turning into **banking** crises as happened in 2009...
...saying that Europe needs unified **banking** regulation to replace the hodgepodge...
...India has just given its **banking** system a shot in the arm...



These **context words** will represent **banking**



What can we learn from reconstructing the input?

Stanford University is located in _____, California.

What can we learn from reconstructing the input?

I put ____ fork down on the table.

What can we learn from reconstructing the input?

The woman walked across the street,
checking for traffic over ____ shoulder.



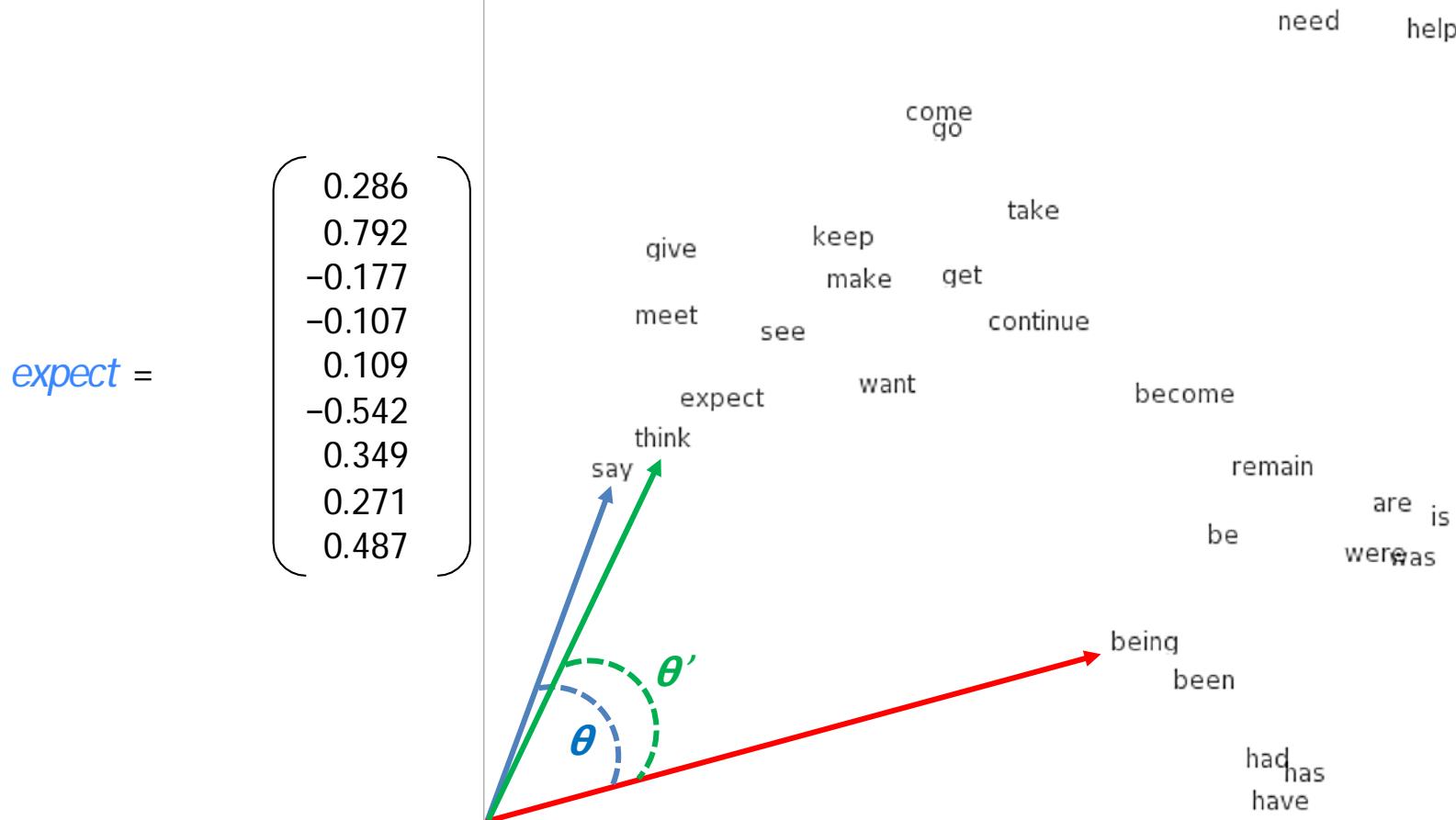
Word vectors

We will build a dense vector for each word, chosen so that it is similar to vectors of words that appear in similar contexts

$$\text{banking} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.286 \\ 0.792 \\ -0.177 \\ -0.107 \\ 0.109 \\ -0.542 \\ 0.349 \\ 0.271 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note: word vectors are sometimes called word embeddings or word representations. They are a distributed representation.

Word meaning as a neural word vector – visualization





Word2Vec Overview

Word2vec (Mikolov et al. 2013) is a framework for learning word vectors

Idea:

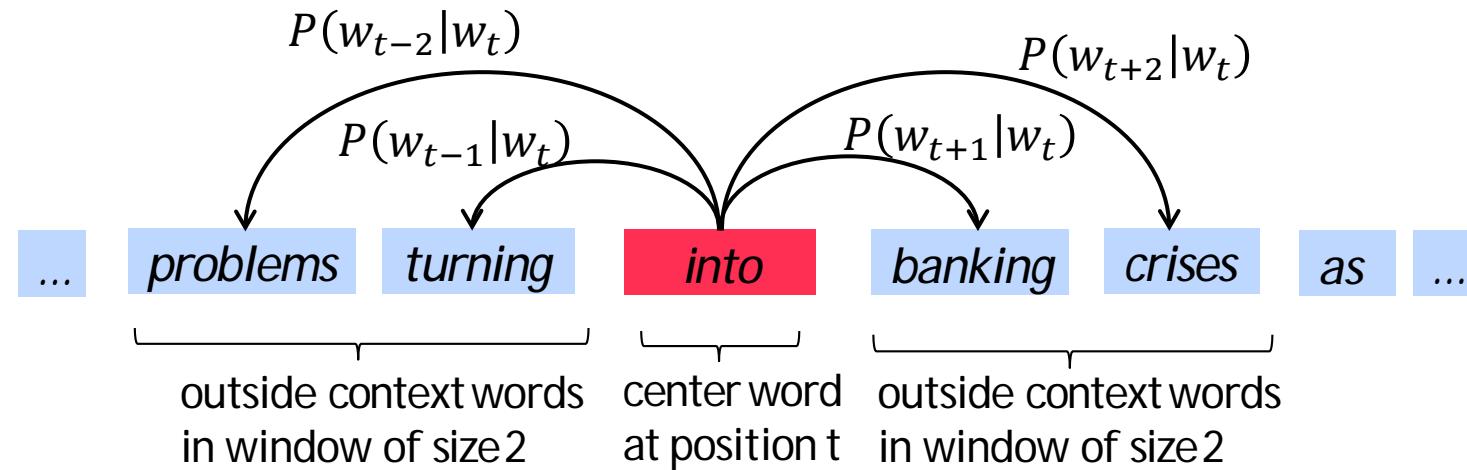
- We have a large corpus of text
- Every word in a fixed vocabulary is represented by a vector
- Go through each position t in the text, which has a center word c and context (“outside”) words o
- Use the similarity of the word vectors for c and o to calculate the probability of o given c (or vice versa)
- Keep adjusting the word vectors to maximize this probability



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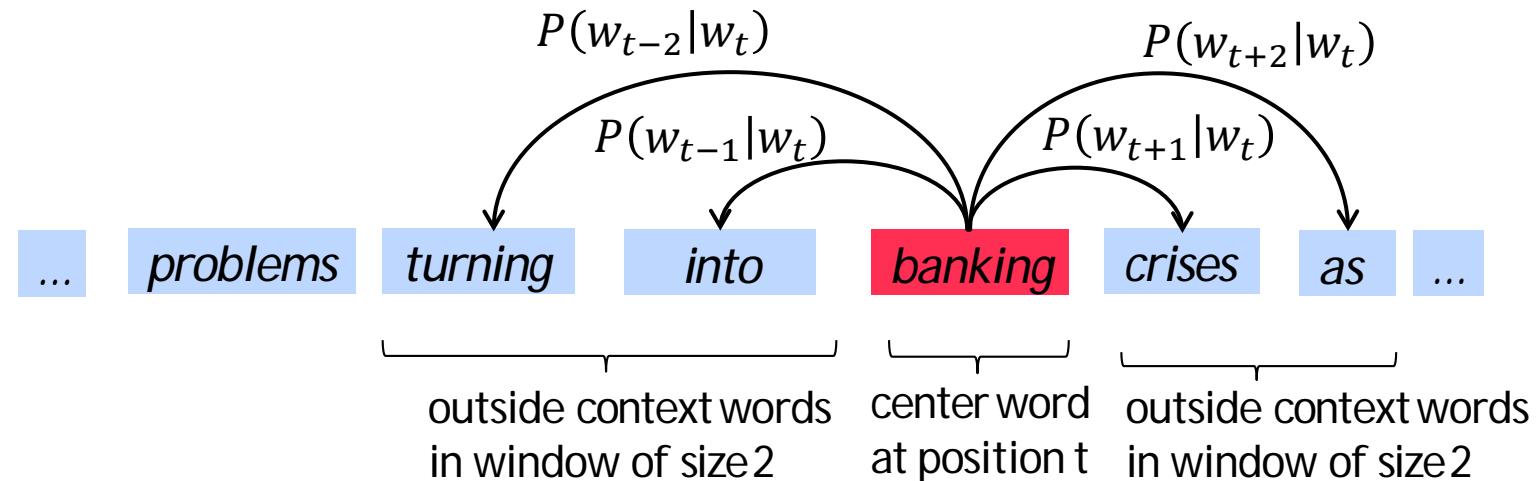
- Example windows and process for computing $P(w_{t+j}|w_t)$





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Word2Vec: objective function

- We want to minimize the objective function, the (average) negative log likelihood :

$$J(\theta) = -\frac{1}{T} \log L(\theta) = -\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{\substack{-m \leq j \leq m \\ j \neq 0}} \log P(w_{t+j} | w_t; \theta)$$

Minimizing objective function \Leftrightarrow Maximizing predictive accuracy

- Question: How to calculate $P(w_{t+j} | w_t; \theta)$?
- Answer: We will use two vectors per word w :
 - v_w when w is a *center* word
 - u_w when w is a *context* word
- Then for a center word c and a context word o :

$$P(o|c) = \frac{\exp(u_o^T v_c)}{\sum_{w \in V} \exp(u_w^T v_c)}$$



Word2Vec: prediction function

$$P(o|c) = \frac{\exp(u_o^T v_c)}{\sum_{w \in V} \exp(u_w^T v_c)}$$

Exponentiation makes anything positive

Dot product compares similarity of o and c .
 $u^T v = u \cdot v = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i$
Larger dot product = larger probability

Normalize over entire vocabulary to give probability distribution

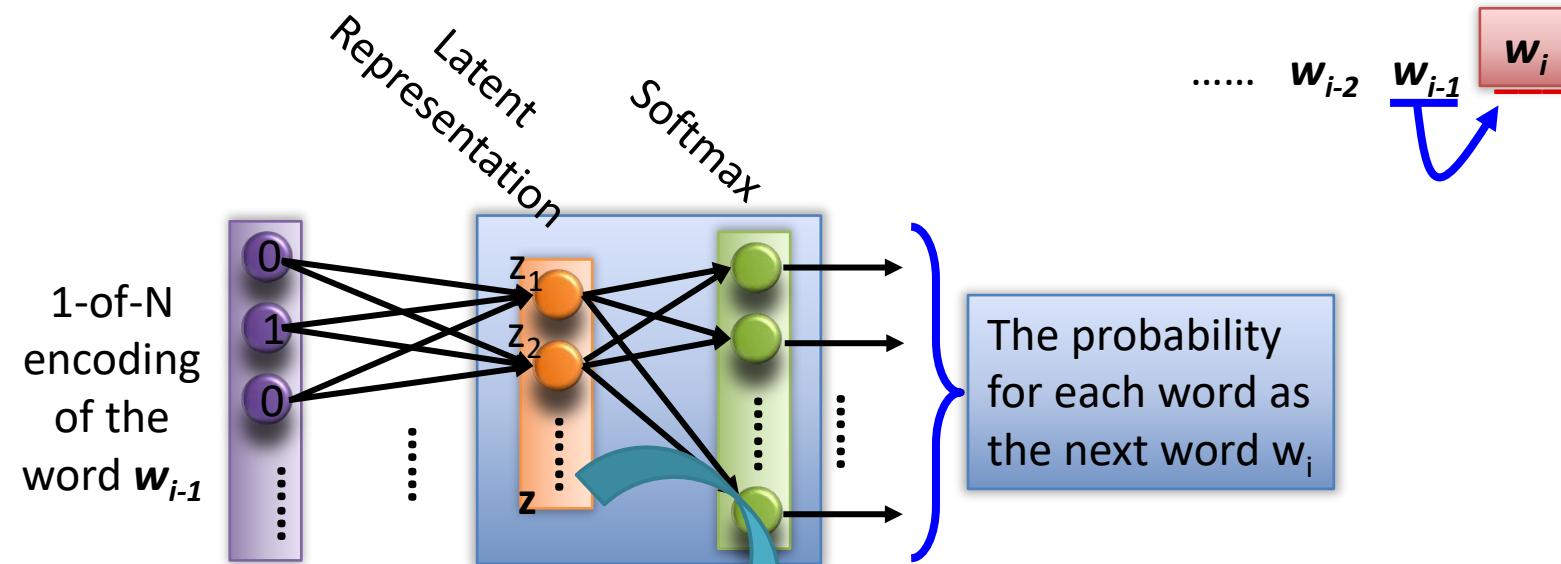
- This is an example of the softmax function $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\text{softmax}(x_i) = \frac{\exp(x_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n \exp(x_j)} = p_i$$

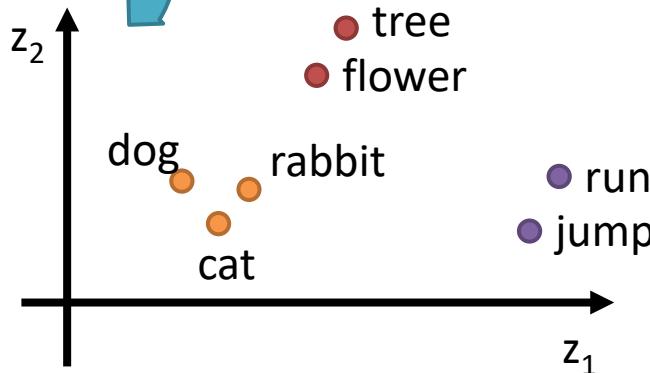
- The softmax function maps arbitrary values to a probability distribution p_i
 - “max” because amplifies probability of largest x_i ,
 - “soft” because still assigns some probability to smaller x_i



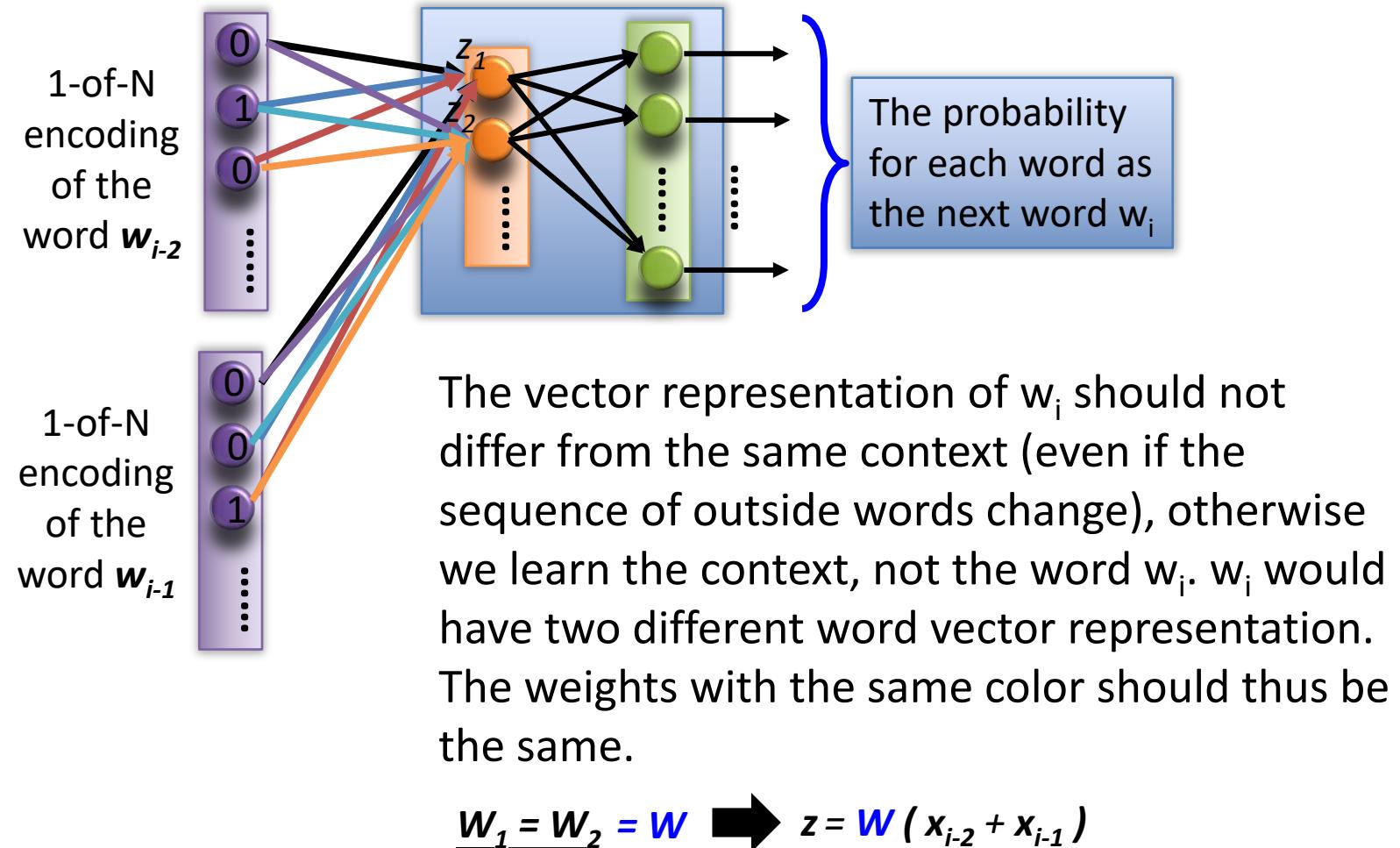
Prediction-based – Language Modeling



- Take out the **input** of the neurons in the first layer
- **Use it to represent a word w**
- Word vector, word embedding feature: $V(w)$

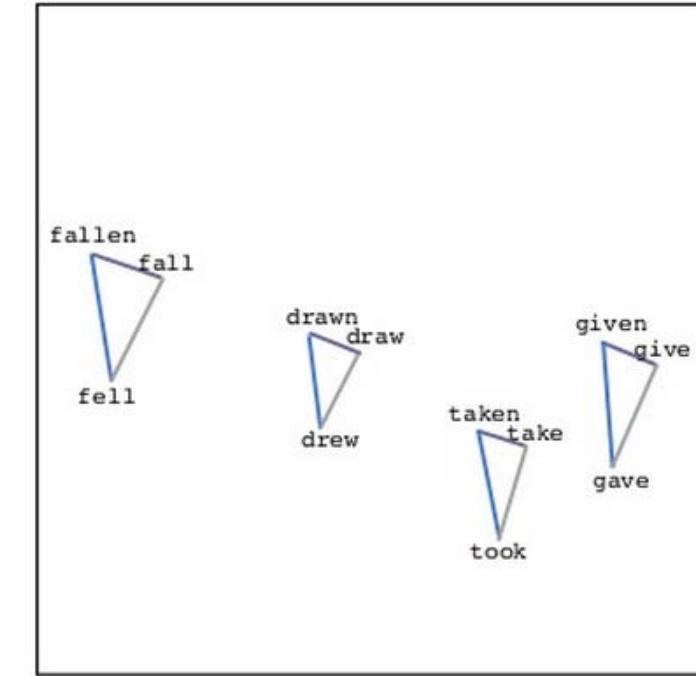
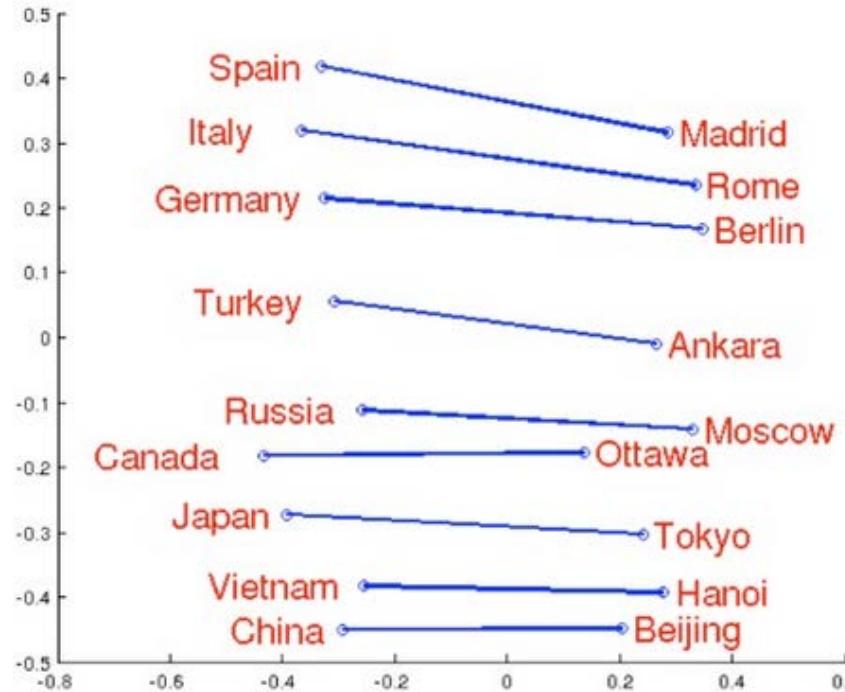


Prediction-based – Sharing Parameters



It is the same idea as the shared connections in CNN, because the edge or corner extractor is actually defined by the weights (i.e. the values of the kernel)

Word Embedding



Source: <http://www.slideshare.net/hustwj/cikm-keynotenov2014>



Word Embedding

- Characteristics

$$\begin{aligned}V(\text{Germany}) \\ \approx V(\text{Berlin}) - V(\text{Rome}) + V(\text{Italy})\end{aligned}$$

- Solving analogies

$$V(\text{hotter}) - V(\text{hot}) \approx V(\text{bigger}) - V(\text{big})$$

$$V(\text{Rome}) - V(\text{Italy}) \approx V(\text{Berlin}) - V(\text{Germany})$$

$$V(\text{king}) - V(\text{queen}) \approx V(\text{uncle}) - V(\text{aunt})$$

Rome : Italy = Berlin : ?

Compute $V(\text{Berlin}) - V(\text{Rome}) + V(\text{Italy})$

Find the word w with the closest $V(w)$

Word Embedding

- Word2vec is known to be good at certain kinds of analogies:

Relationship	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
France - Paris	Italy: Rome	Japan: Tokyo	Florida: Tallahassee
big - bigger	small: larger	cold: colder	quick: quicker
Miami - Florida	Baltimore: Maryland	Dallas: Texas	Kona: Hawaii
Einstein - scientist	Messi: midfielder	Mozart: violinist	Picasso: painter
Sarkozy - France	Berlusconi: Italy	Merkel: Germany	Koizumi: Japan
copper - Cu	zinc: Zn	gold: Au	uranium: plutonium
Berlusconi - Silvio	Sarkozy: Nicolas	Putin: Medvedev	Obama: Barack
Microsoft - Windows	Google: Android	IBM: Linux	Apple: iPhone
Microsoft - Ballmer	Google: Yahoo	IBM: McNealy	Apple: Jobs
Japan - sushi	Germany: bratwurst	France: tapas	USA: pizza

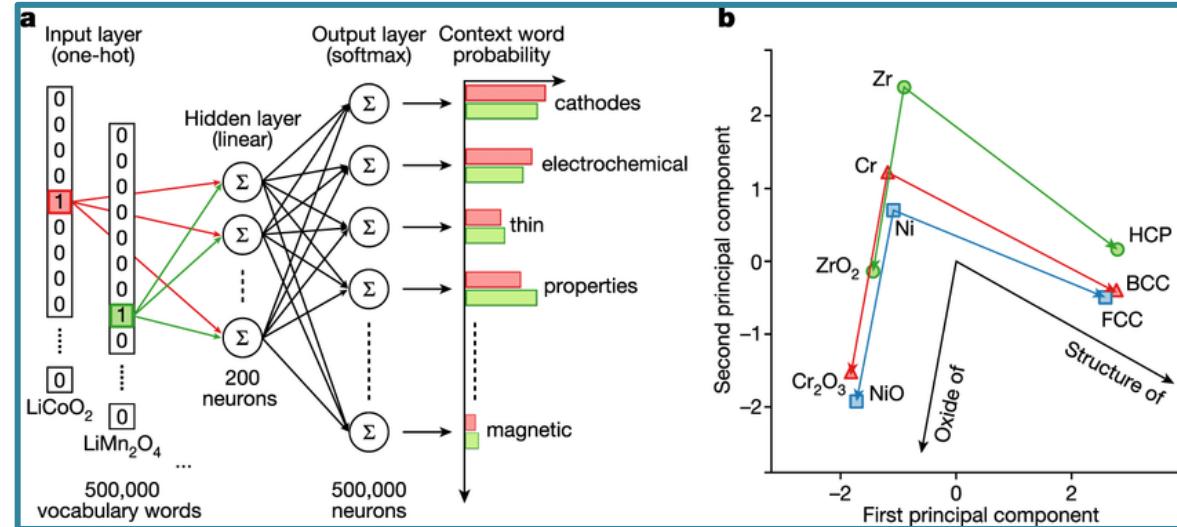
Type of relationship	Word Pair 1	Word Pair 2
Common capital city	Athens	Greece
All capital cities	Astana	Kazakhstan
Currency	Angola	kwanza
City-in-state	Chicago	Illinois
Man-Woman	brother	sister
Adjective to adverb	apparent	apparently
Opposite	possibly	impossibly
Comparative	great	greater
Superlative	easy	easiest
Present Participle	think	thinking
Nationality adjective	Switzerland	Swiss
Past tense	walking	walked
Plural nouns	mouse	mice
Plural verbs	work	works

Word2Vec not for language (Nature 2019)

a) Target words ‘LiCoO₂’ and ‘LiMn₂O₄’ are represented as vectors with ones at their corresponding vocabulary indices (for example, 5 and 8 in the schematic) and zeros everywhere else (one-hot encoding).

These one-hot encoded vectors are used as inputs for a neural network with a single linear hidden layer (for example, 200 neurons), which is trained to predict all words mentioned within a certain distance (context words) from the given target word.

- For similar battery cathode materials such as LiCoO₂ and LiMn₂O₄, the context words that occur in the text are mostly the same (for example, ‘cathodes’, ‘electrochemical’, and so on), which leads to similar hidden layer weights after the training is complete.
- These hidden layer weights are the actual word embeddings.
- The softmax function is used at the output layer to normalize the probabilities.
- b) Word embeddings for Zr, Cr and Ni, their principal oxides and crystal symmetries (at standard conditions) projected onto two dimensions using principal component analysis and represented as points in space. The relative positioning of the words encodes materials science relationships, such that there exist consistent vector operations between words that represent concepts such as ‘oxide of’ and ‘structure of’.





Word2Vec not for language (Nature 2019)

Relationship	Example vector operation	Answer	Validation pairs	Accuracy (%)
Chemical element names	helium - He + Fe	= iron	8372	71.4
Crystal symmetries	cubic - GaAs + CdSe	= hexagonal	2034	35.4
Crystal structure names	zincblende - GaP + GaN	= wurtzite	556	18.7
Elemental crystal structures	dhcp - La + Cr	= bcc	1198	48.6
Principal oxides	Al_2O_3 - Al + Si	= SiO_2	650	48.8
Units	pressure - Pa + Hz	= frequency	452	35.4
Magnetic properties	ferromagnetic - NiCo + IrMn	= antiferromagnetic	622	41.0
Applications	thermoelectric - PbTe + LiFePO4	= cathode materials	-	-
Grammar	structures - structure + energy	= energies	15162	61.6
Total			29046	60.1

Materials science analogies

Issues with reccurrent models

A RNN Language Model

output distribution

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(t)} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{h}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

hidden states

$$\mathbf{h}^{(t)} = \sigma(\mathbf{W}_h \mathbf{h}^{(t-1)} + \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{e}^{(t)} + \mathbf{b}_1)$$

$\mathbf{h}^{(0)}$ is the initial hidden state

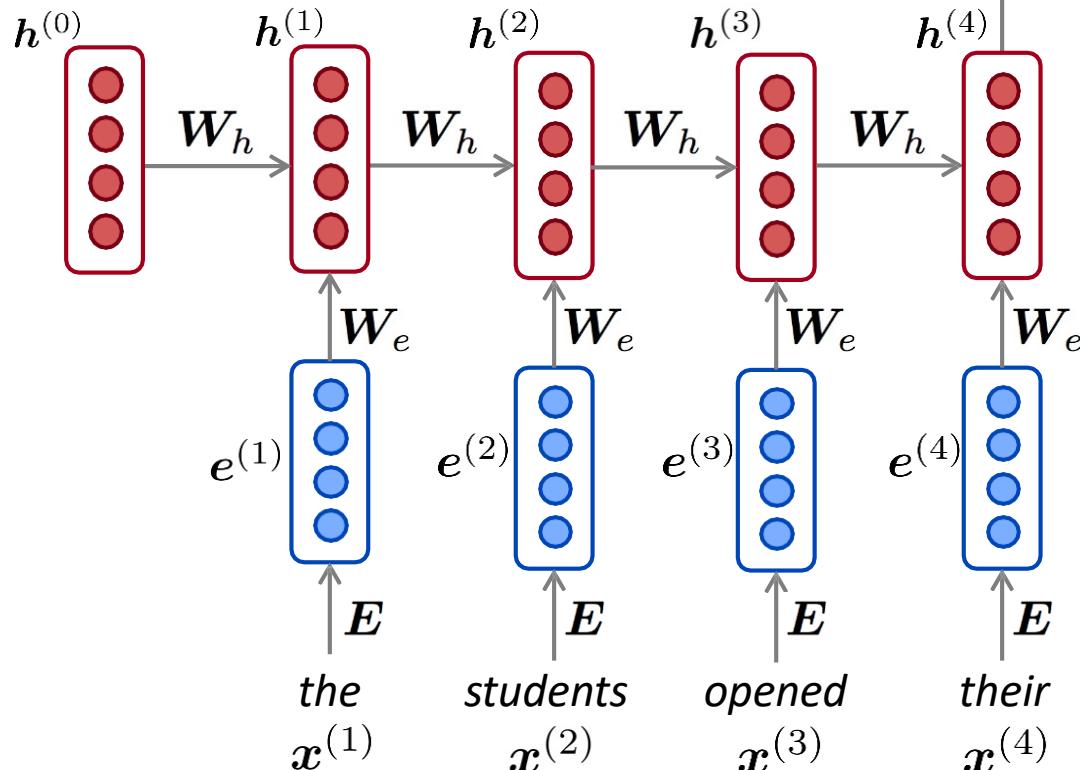
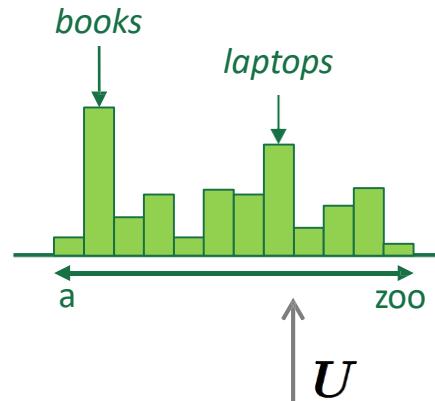
word embeddings

$$\mathbf{e}^{(t)} = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{x}^{(t)}$$

words / one-hot vectors

$$\mathbf{x}^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^{|V|}$$

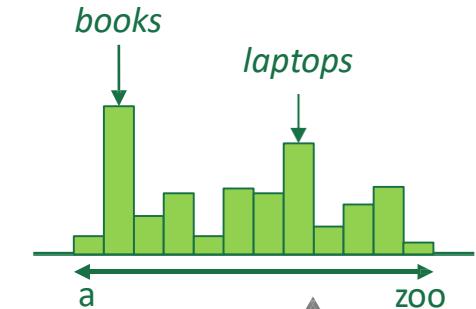
$\hat{\mathbf{y}}^{(4)} = P(\mathbf{x}^{(5)} | \text{the students opened their}$



Note: this input sequence could be much longer, but this slide doesn't have space!

A RNN Language Model

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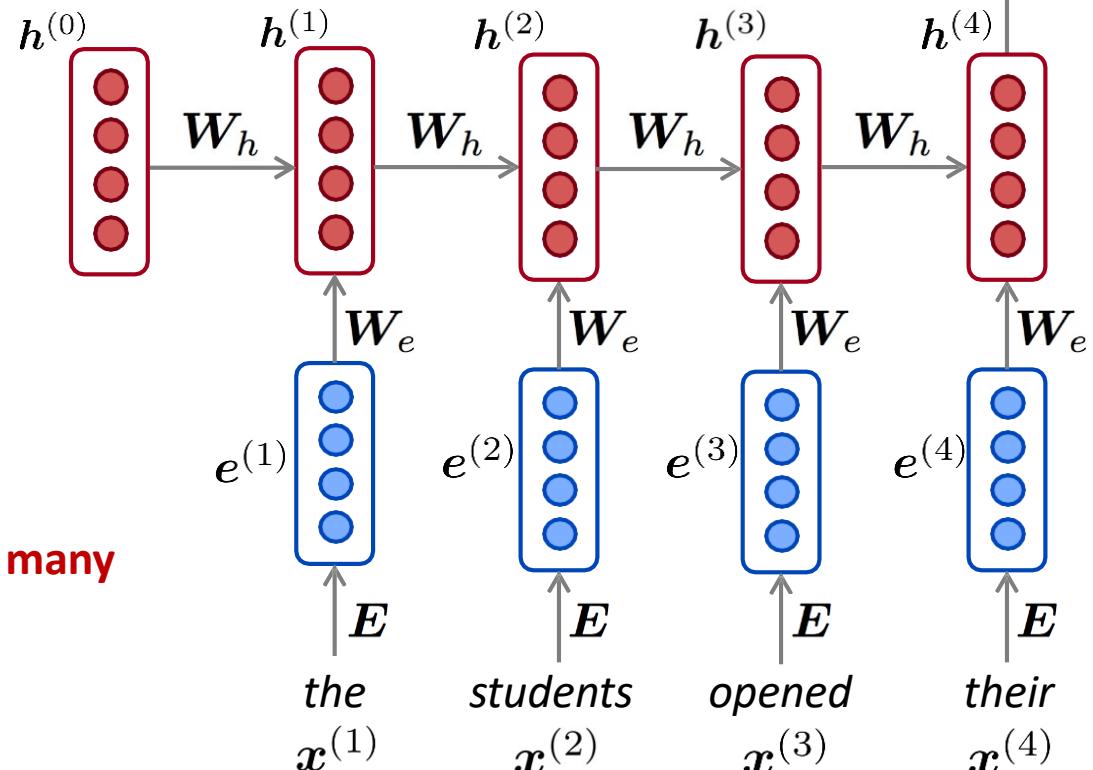


RNN Advantages:

- Can process **any length** input
- Computation for step t can (in theory) use information from **many steps back**
- Model size **doesn't increase** for longer input
- Same weights applied on every timestep, so there is **symmetry** in how inputs are processed

RNN Disadvantages:

- Recurrent computation is **slow**
- In practice, difficult to access information from **many steps back**

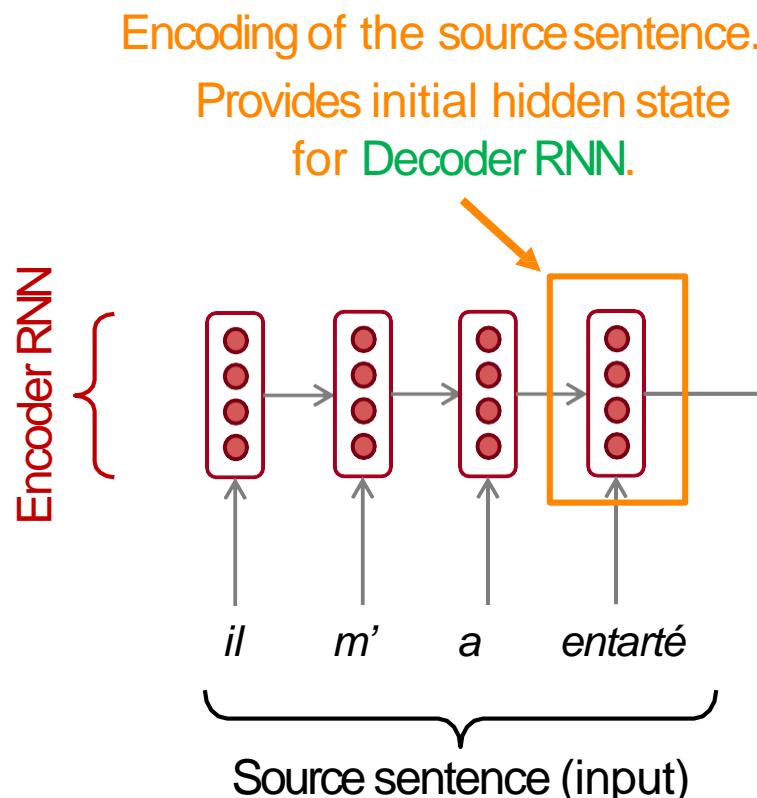




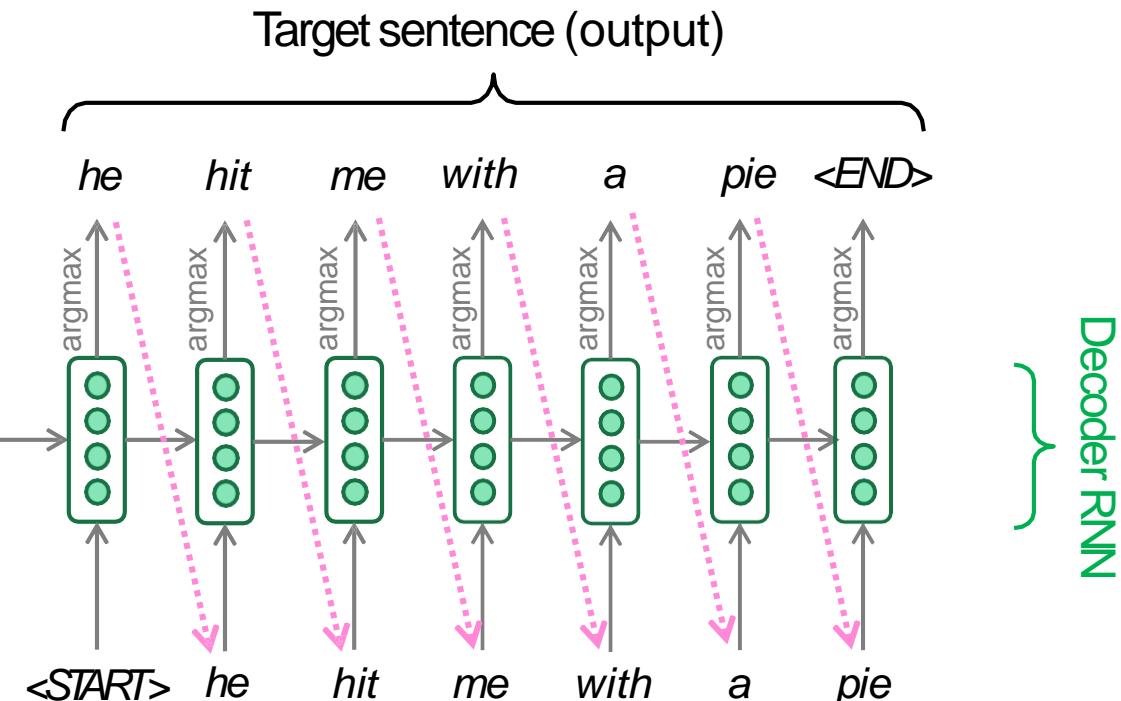
Neural Machine Translation (NMT)

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The sequence-to-sequence model



Encoder RNN produces
an encoding of the
source sentence.

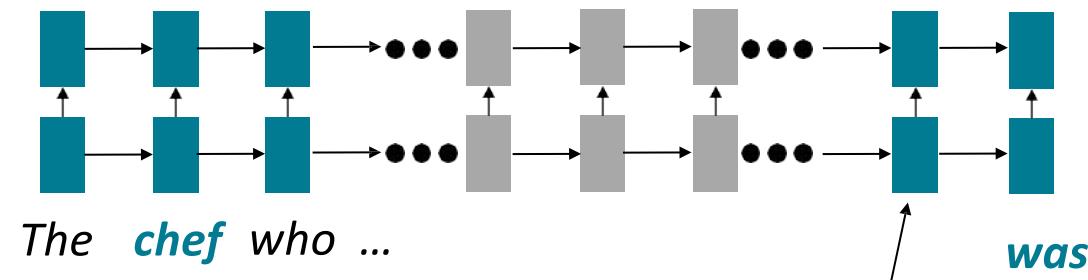


Decoder RNN is a Language Model that generates target sentence, conditioned on encoding.

Note: This diagram shows test time behavior:
decoder output is fed in as next step's input

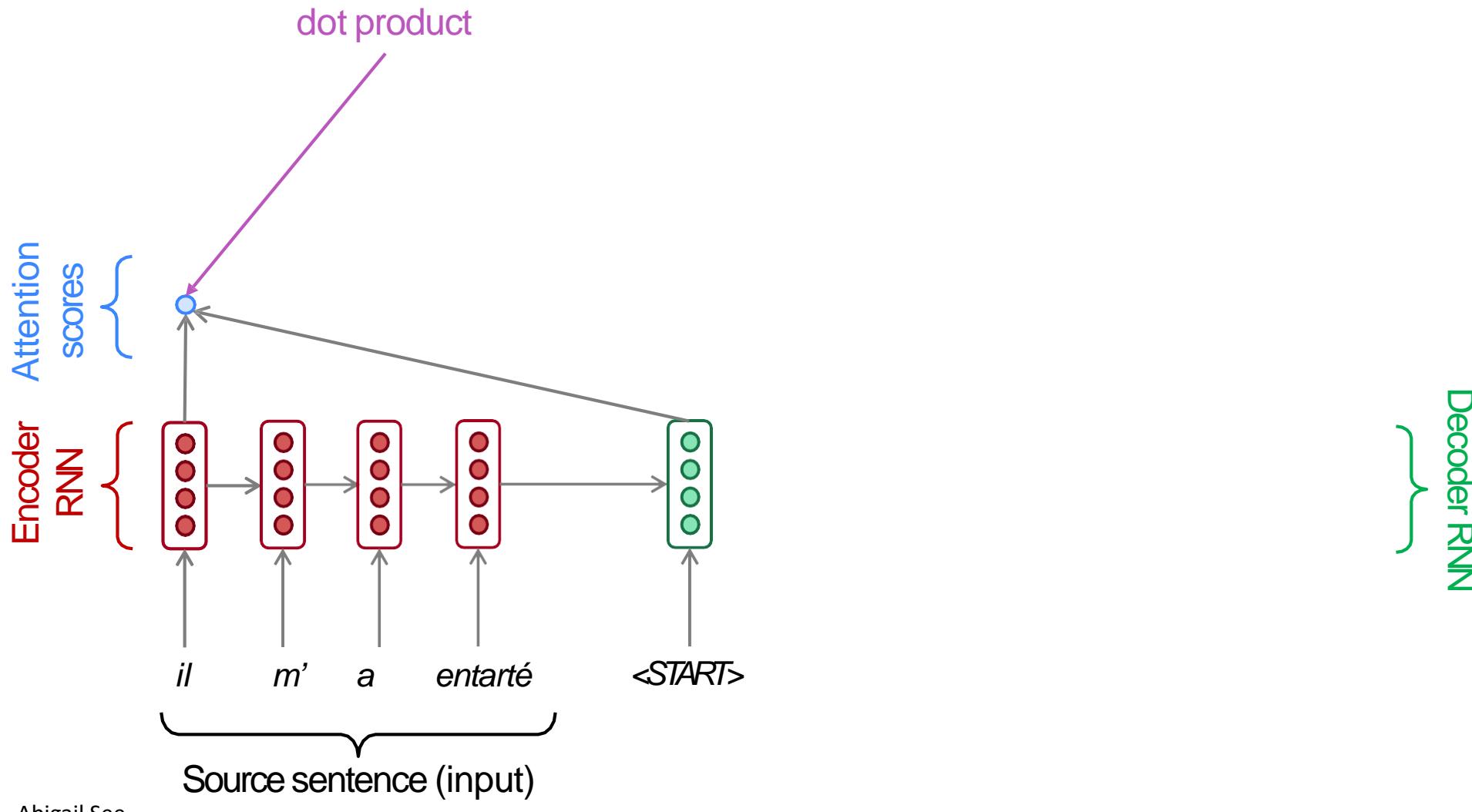
Issues with recurrent models: Linear interaction distance

- **O(sequence length)** steps for distant word pairs to interact means:
 - Hard to learn long-distance dependencies
(because of gradient problems! Even if LSTM and GRU have mainly solved this)
 - Linear order of words is “baked in” (RNNs); not necessarily the right way to think about sentences...

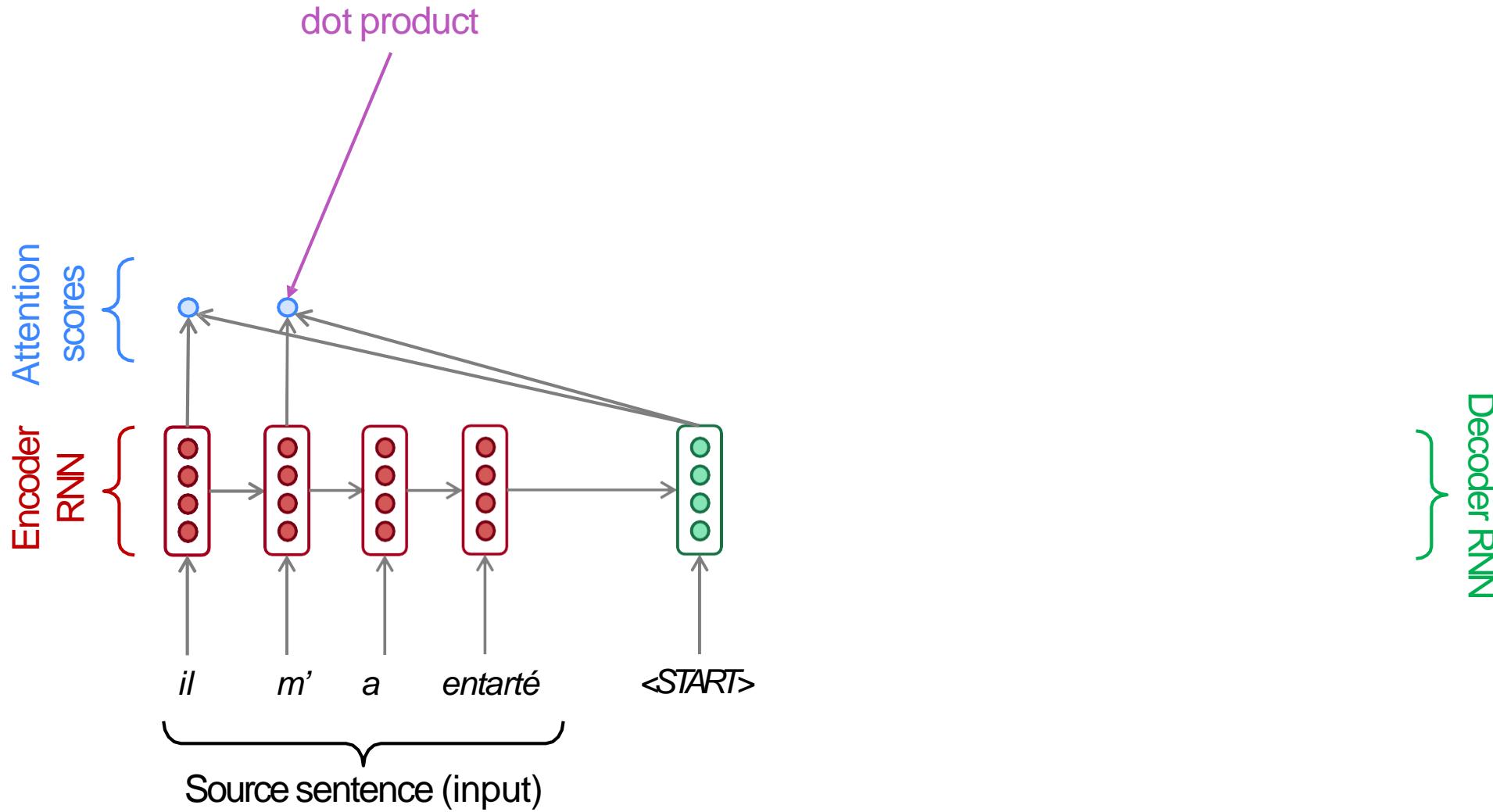


Info of *chef* has gone through
 $O(\text{sequence length})$ many layers!

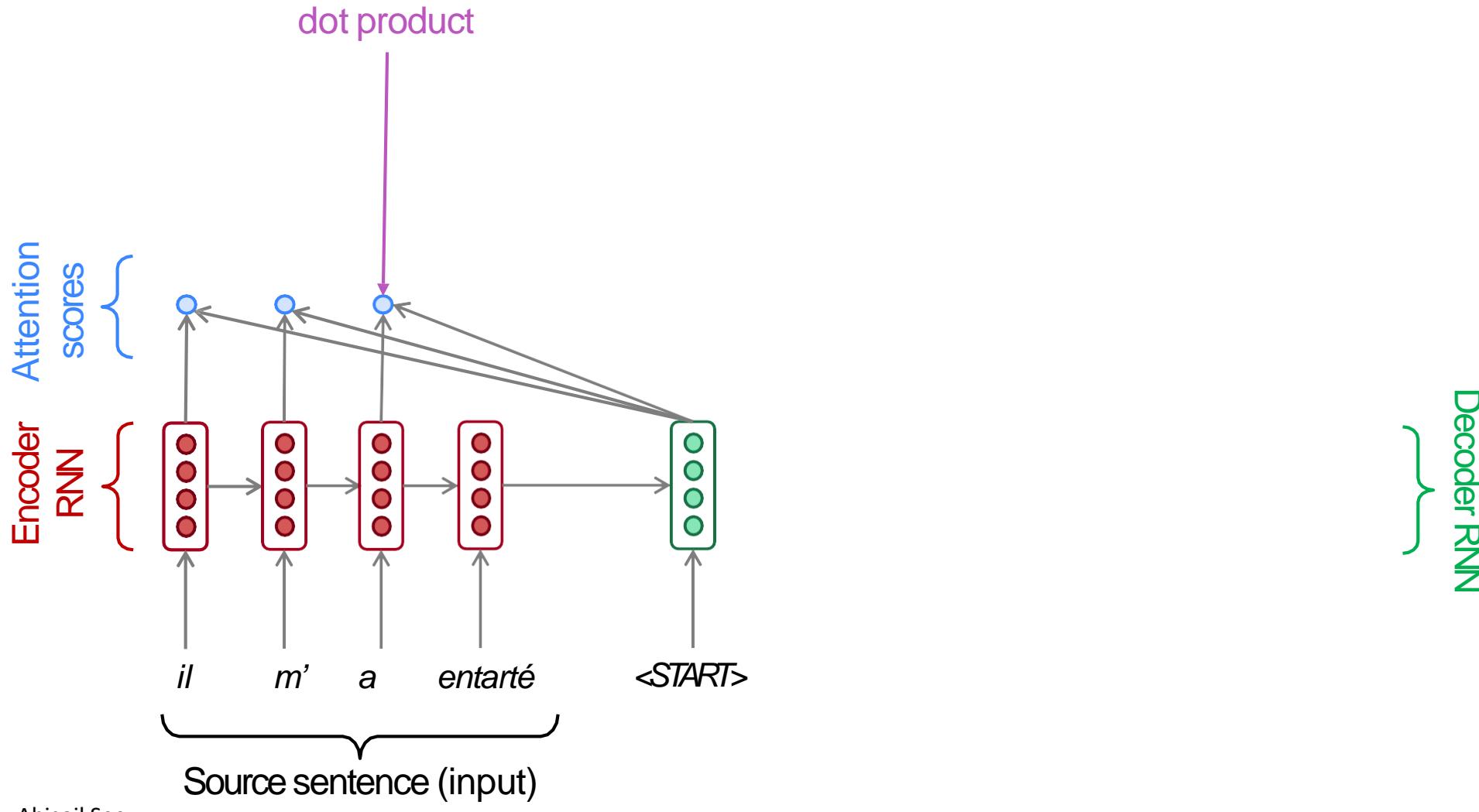
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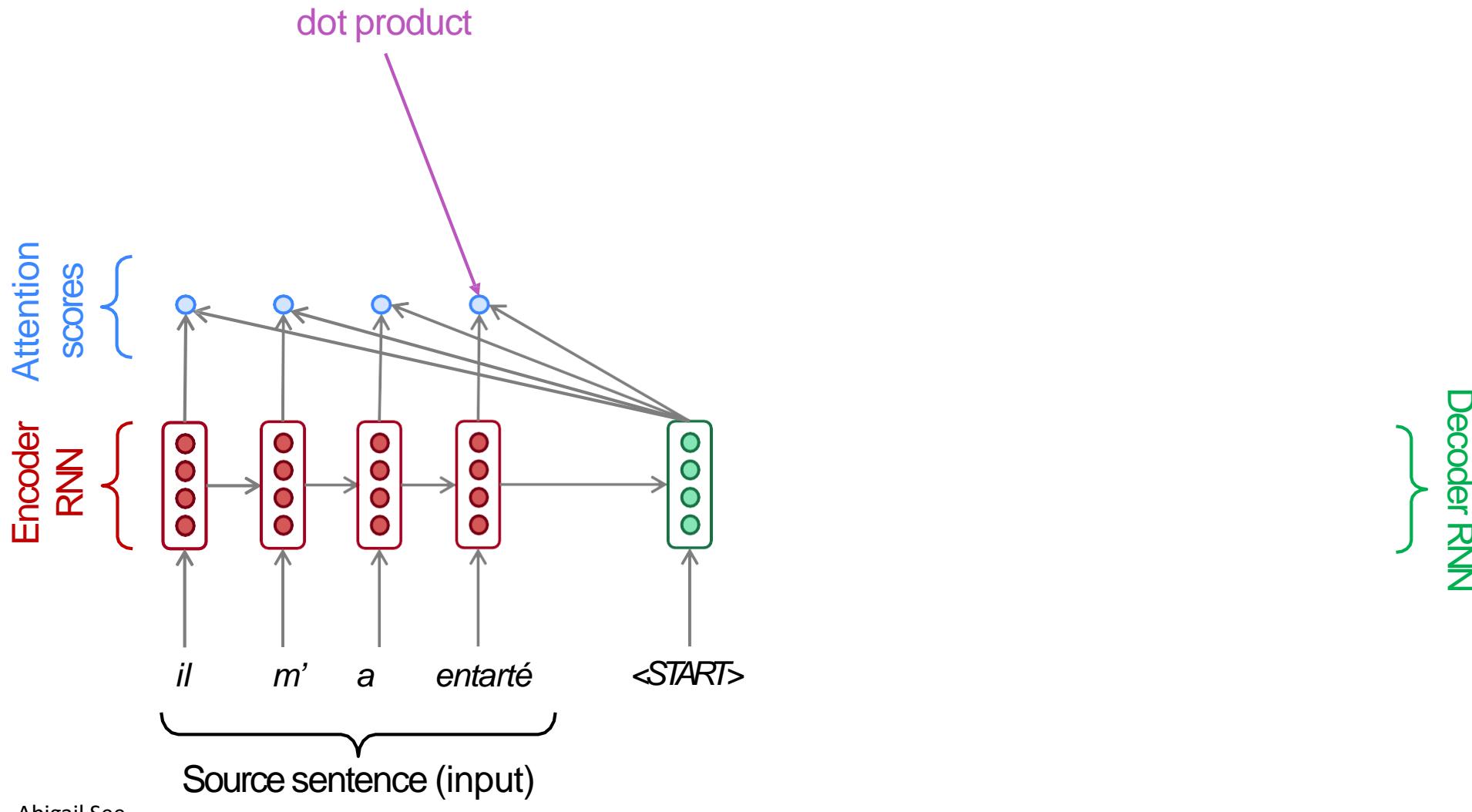
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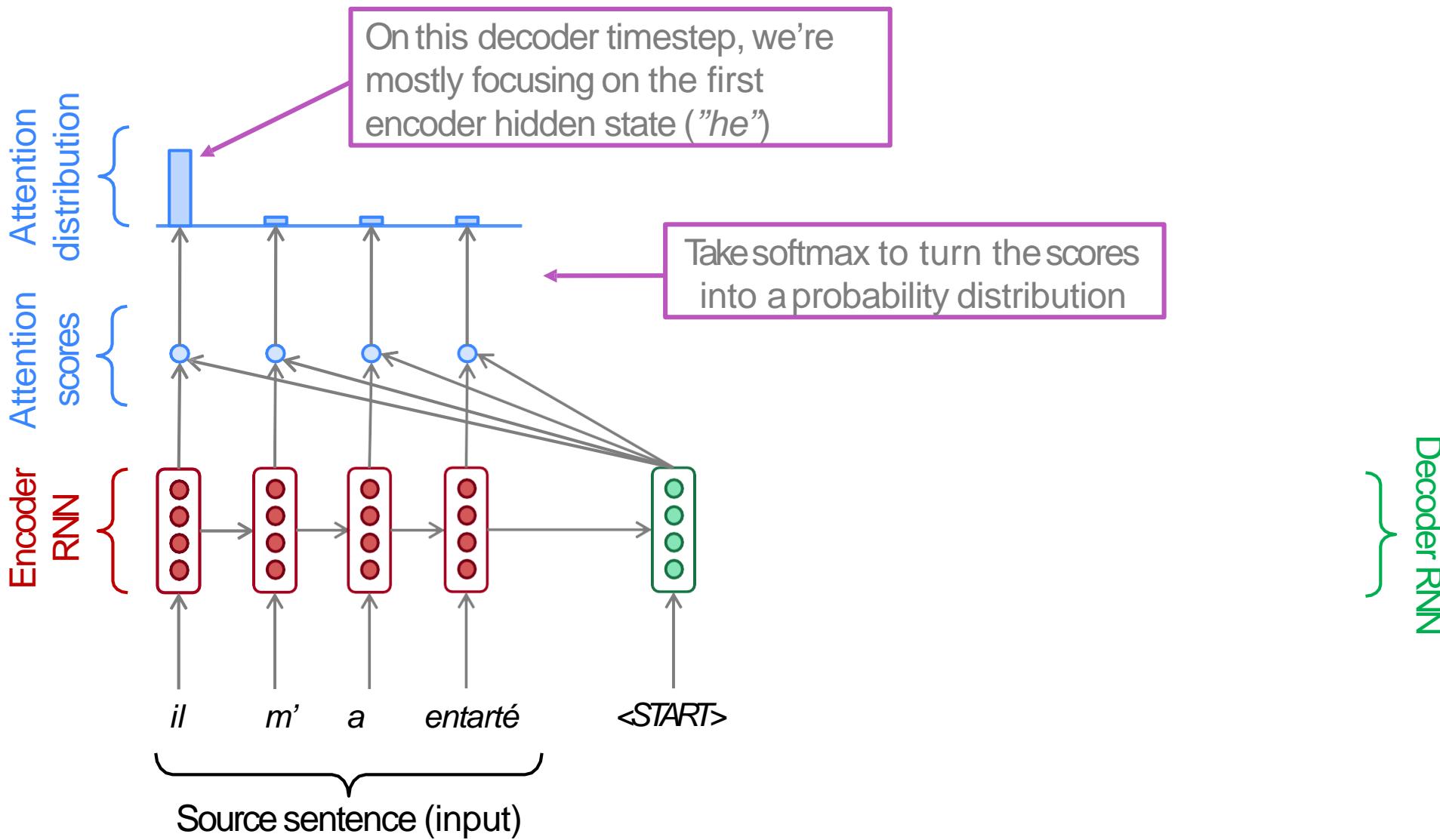
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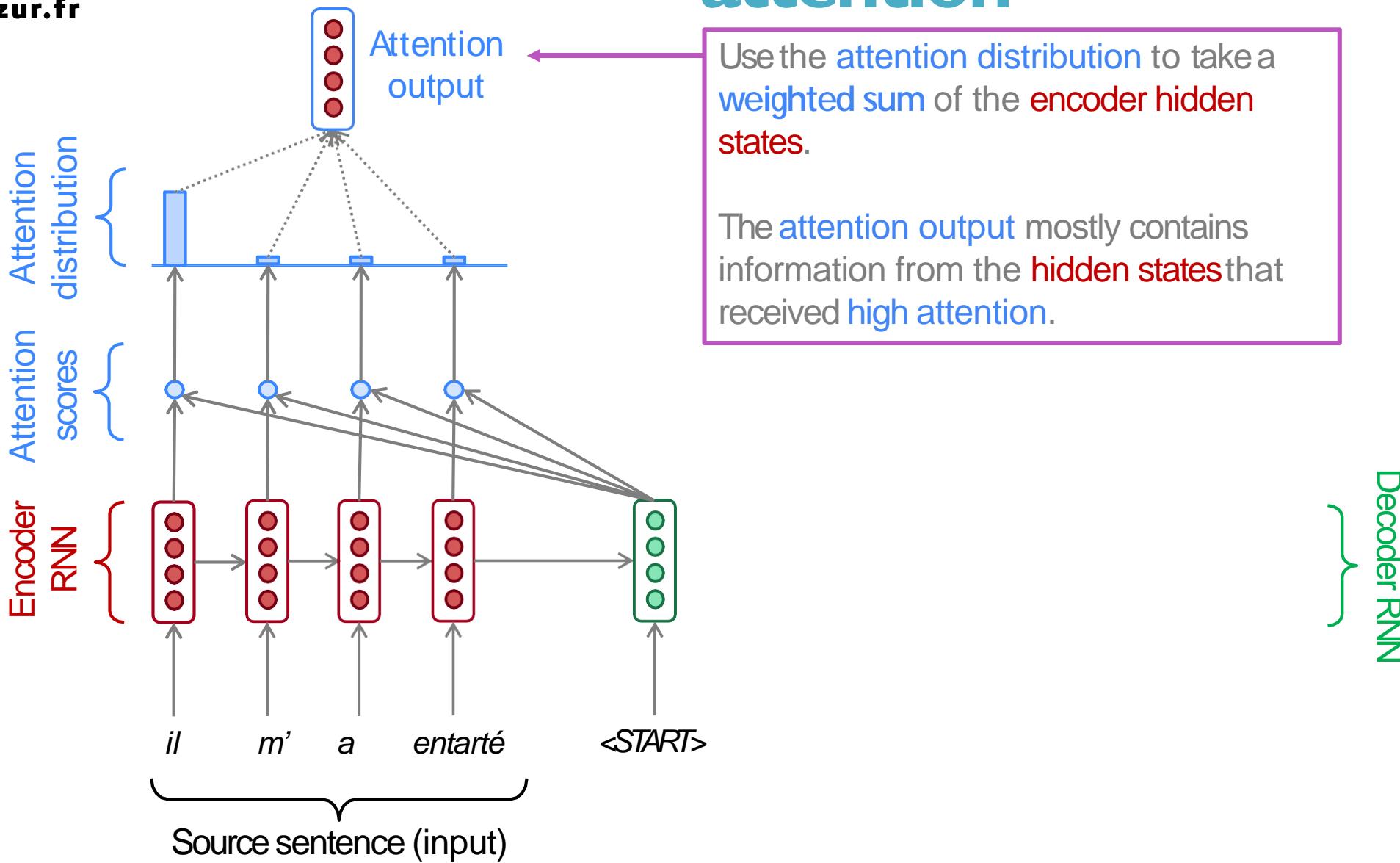
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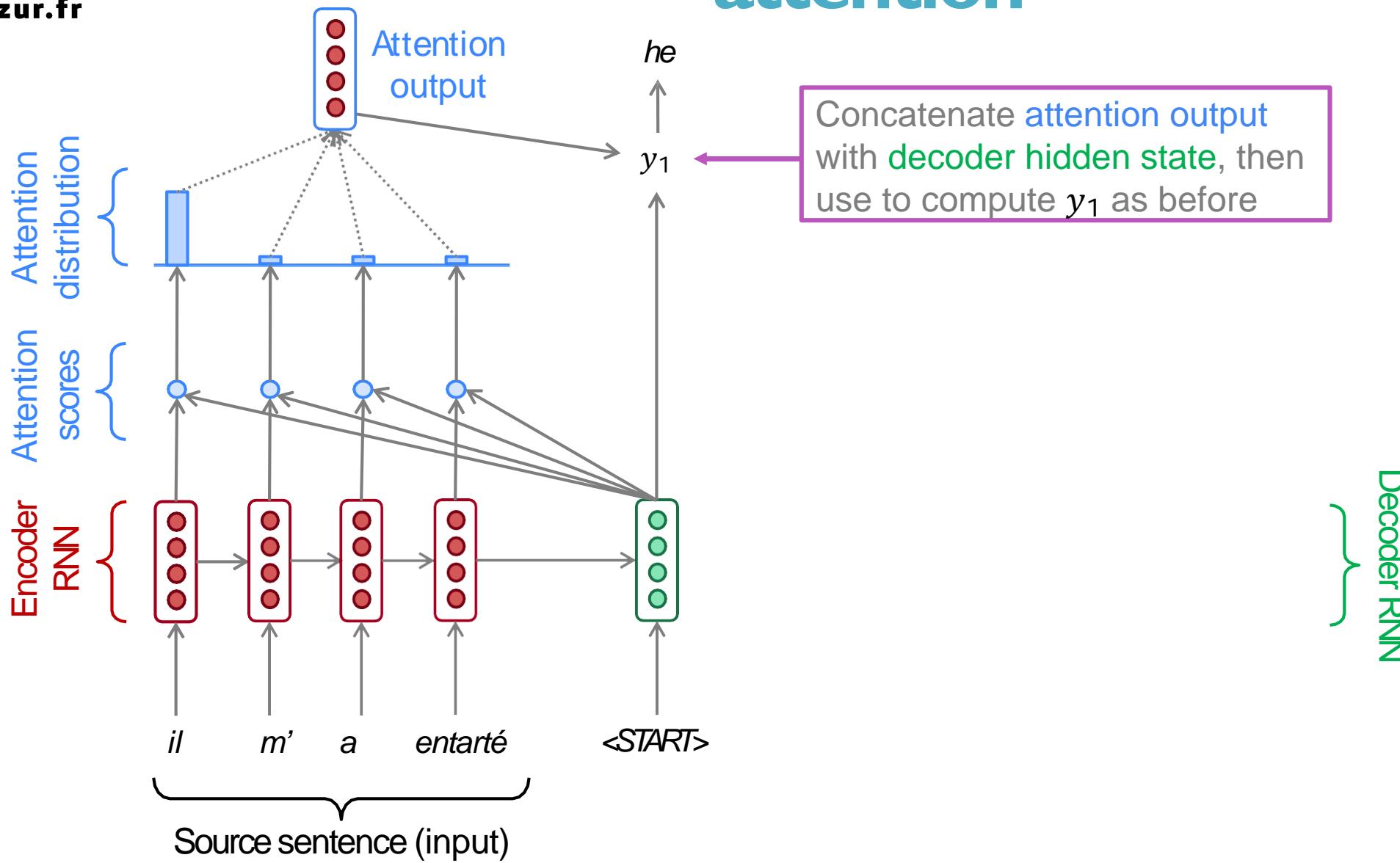
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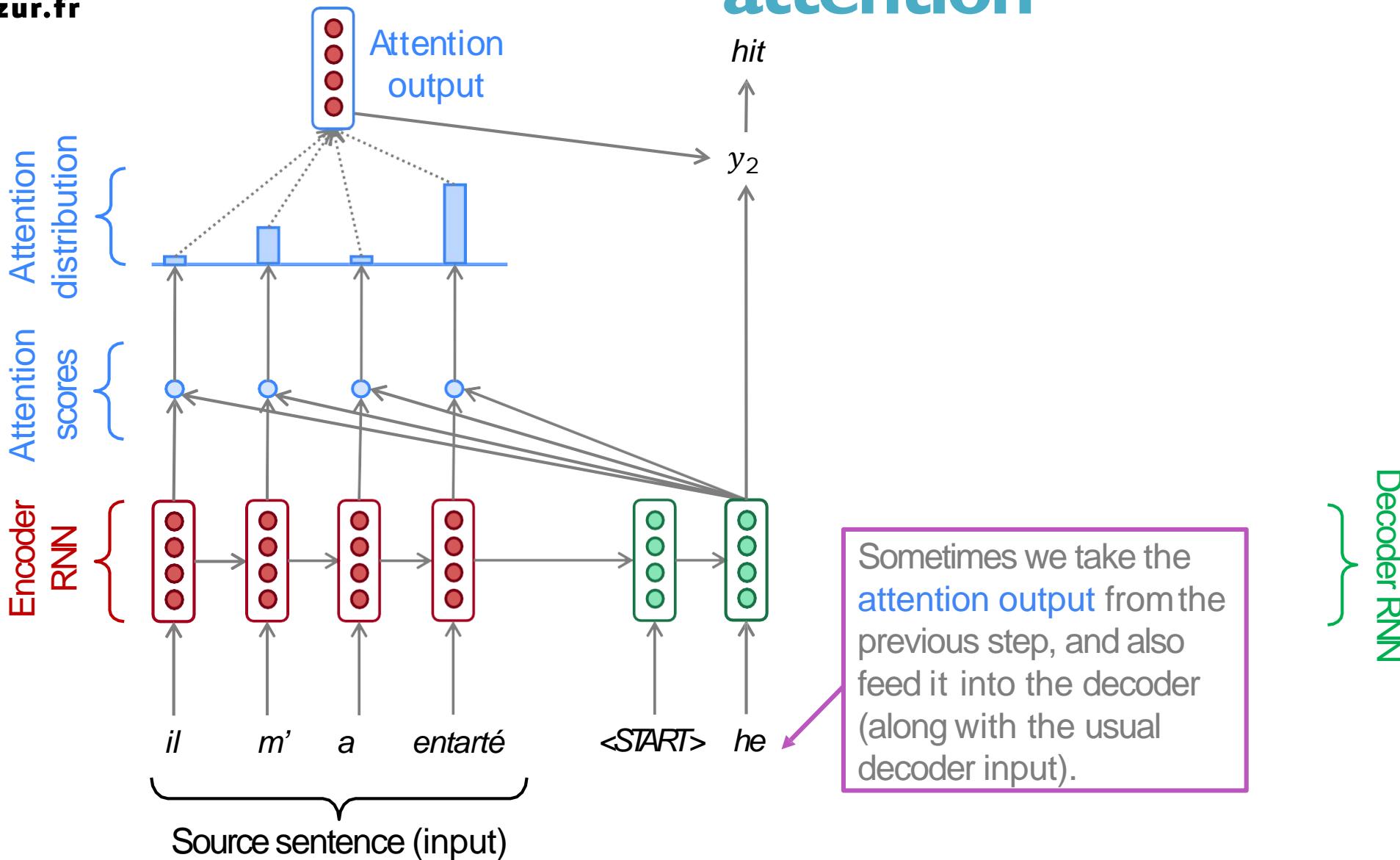
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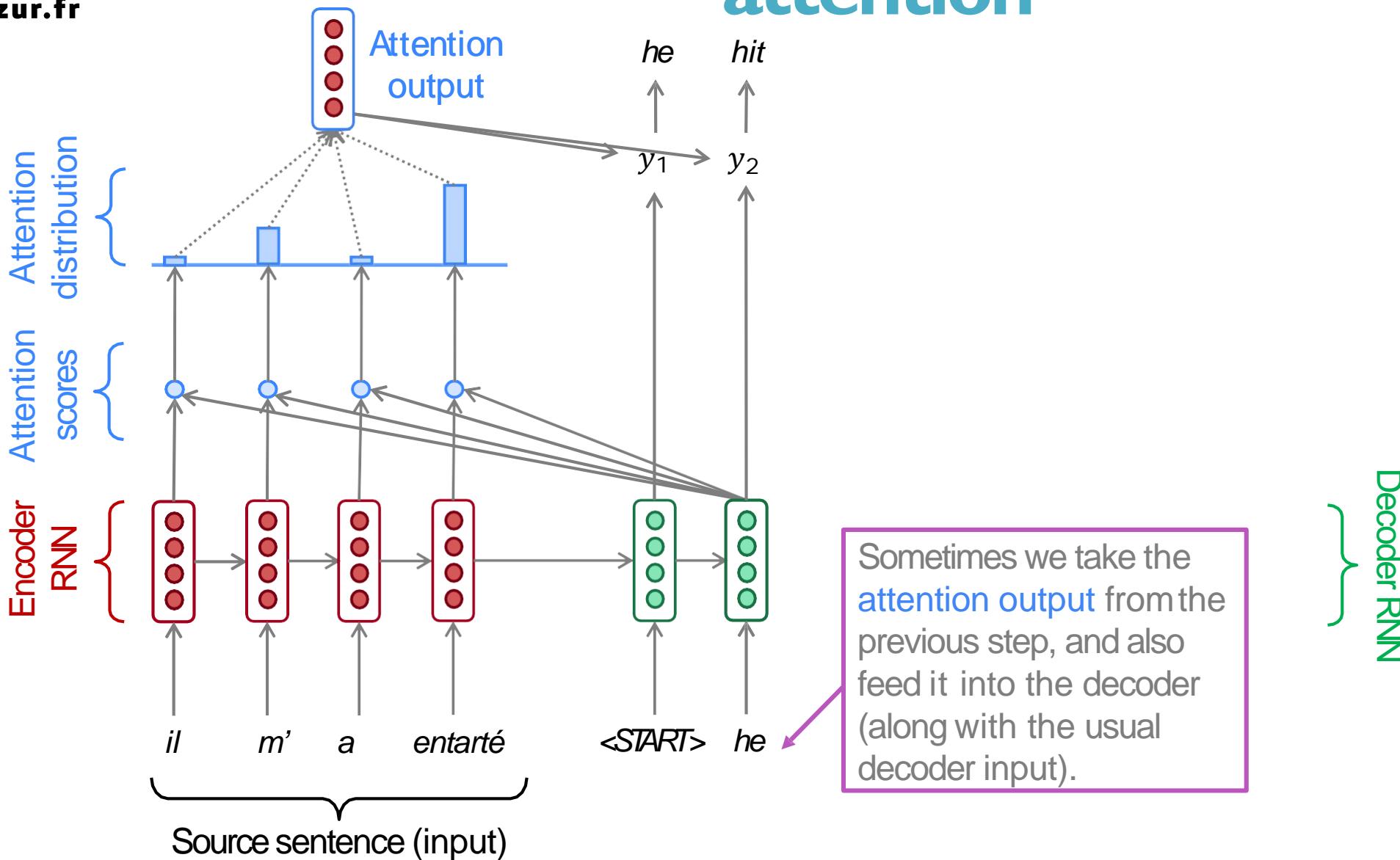
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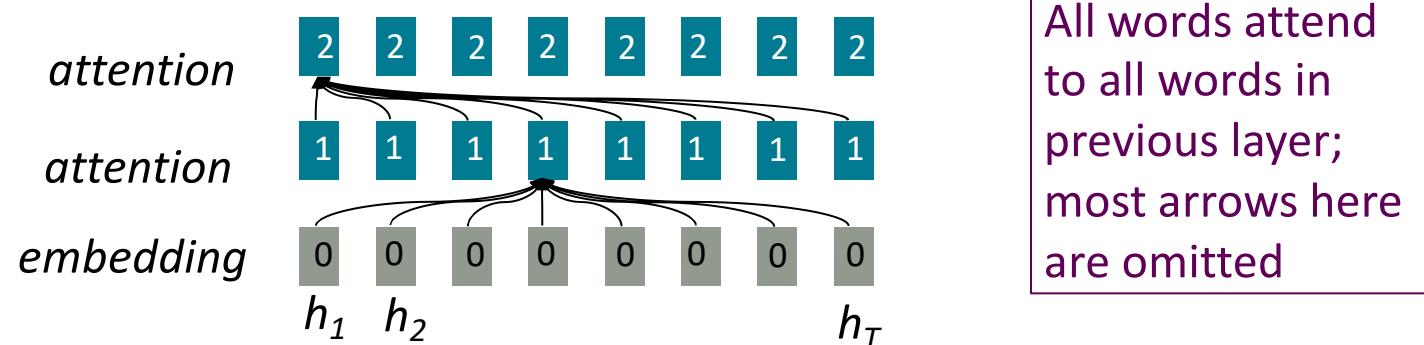


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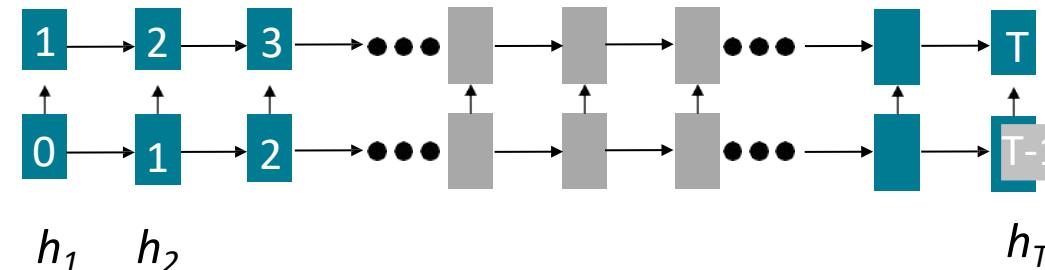
If not recurrence, then what? How about attention?

- **Attention** treats each word's representation as a **query** to access and incorporate information from a **set of values** (*in the previous example of translation, the values are the words from the initial sentence, the encoded one*).
 - We saw attention from the **decoder** to the **encoder**; here let's think about attention **within a single sentence**.
 - If **attention** gives us access to any state... maybe we can just use attention and don't need the RNN?
- Number of unparallelizable operations not linked to sequence length.
- **All words interact at every layer!**



Issues with recurrent models: Lack of parallelizability

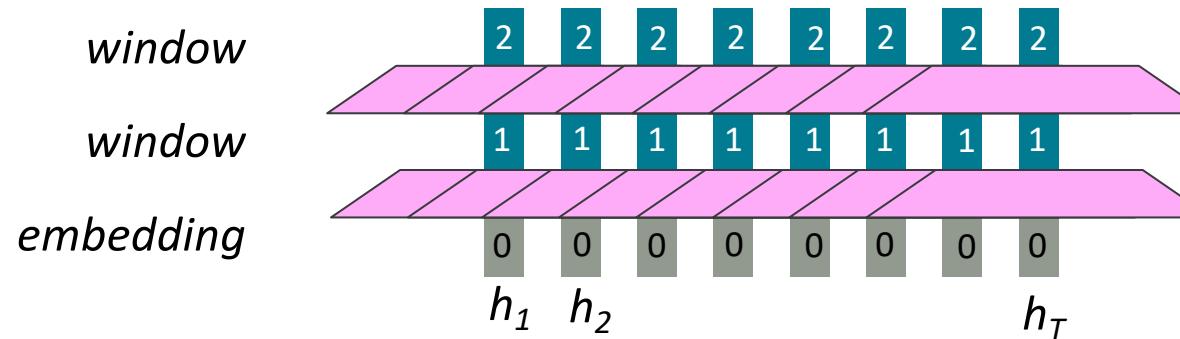
- Forward and backward passes have **O(sequence length)** unparallelizable operations
 - GPUs can perform a bunch of independent computations at once!
 - But future RNN hidden states can't be computed in full before past RNN hidden states have been computed
 - Inhibits training on very large datasets!



Numbers indicate min # of steps before a state can be computed

If not recurrence, then what? How about word windows?

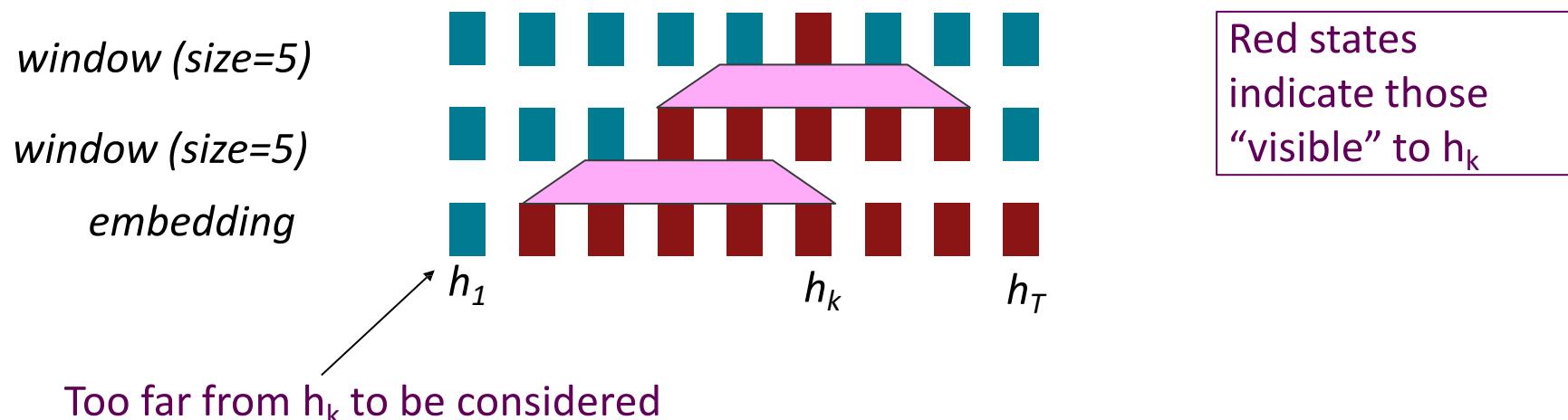
- Inspiration from CNNs (over-parallelizable)
- Word window models aggregate local contexts
 - Also known as 1D convolution
 - Number of unparallelizable operations not linked to sequence length!

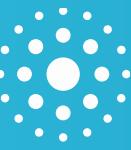


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If not recurrence, then what? How about word windows?

- **Word window models aggregate local contexts (inspiration from CNNs)**
- What about long-distance dependencies?
 - Stacking word window layers allows interaction between farther words
 - But if your sequences are too long, you'll just ignore long-distance context





Multimodal correlations

SELF-ATTENTION, TRANSFORMERS



Self-attention

Attention is
all you need.

q : query (to match others)

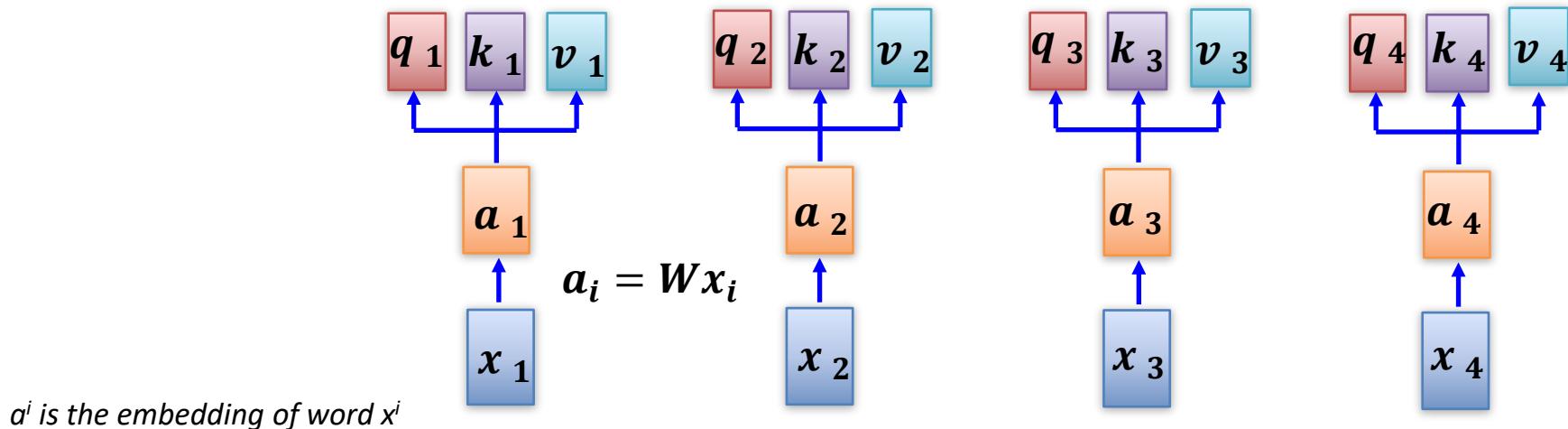
$$q_i = W^q a_i$$

k : key (to be matched)

$$k_i = W^k a_i$$

v : information to be extracted

$$v_i = W^v a_i$$

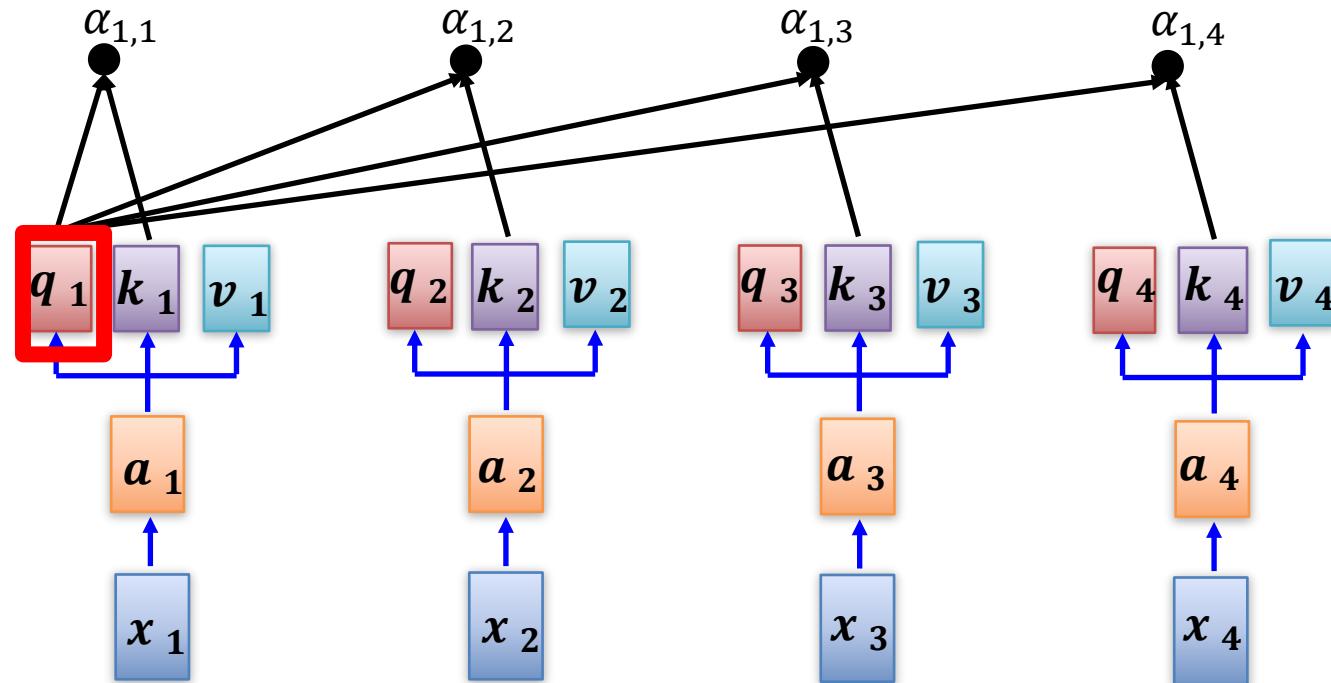


Self-attention

Take each query q to pay attention to each key k

d is the dim of q and k

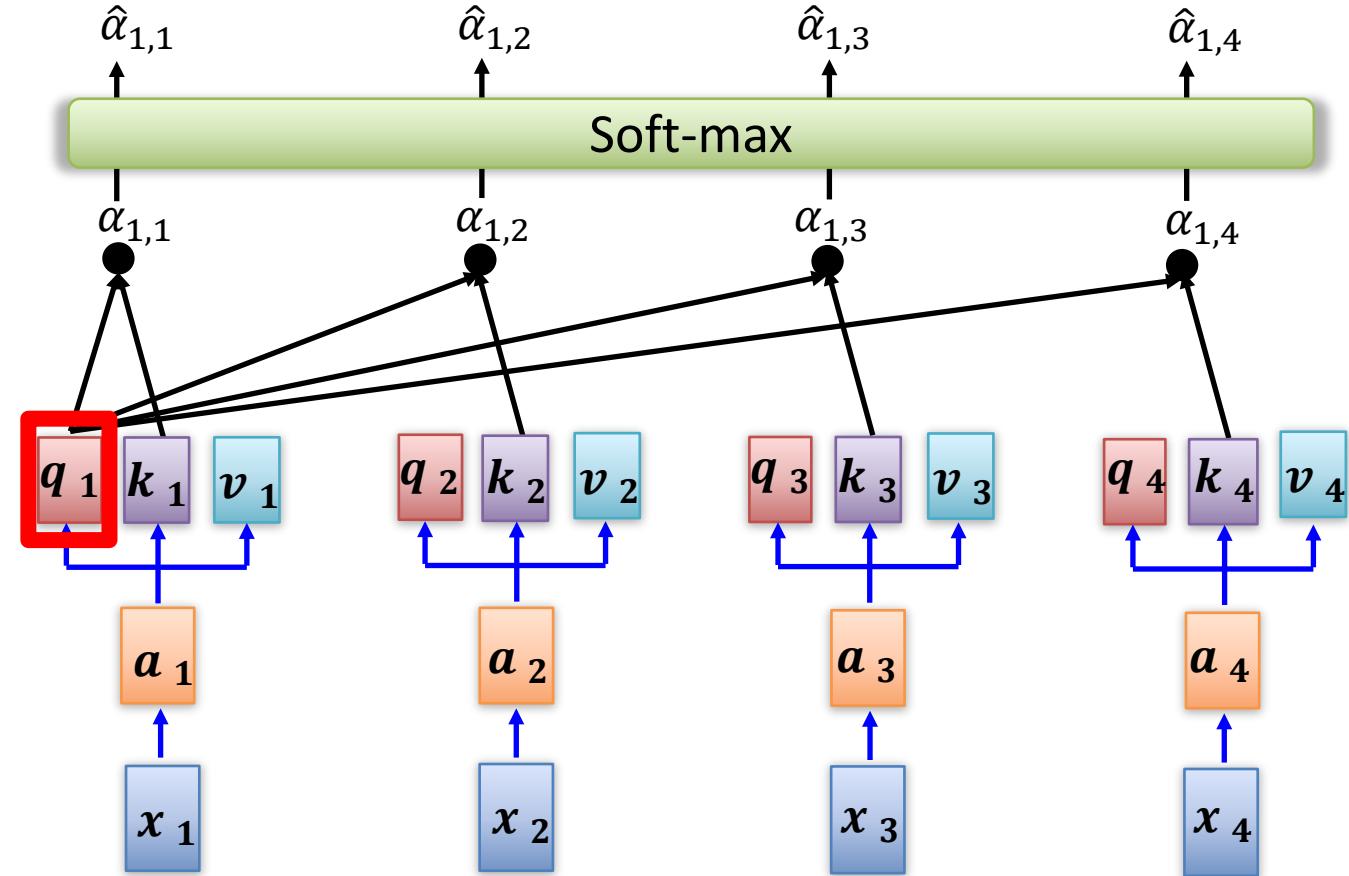
Scaled Dot-Product Attention: $\alpha_{1,i} = \underbrace{q_1 \cdot k_i}_{\text{dot product}} / \sqrt{d}$





Self-attention

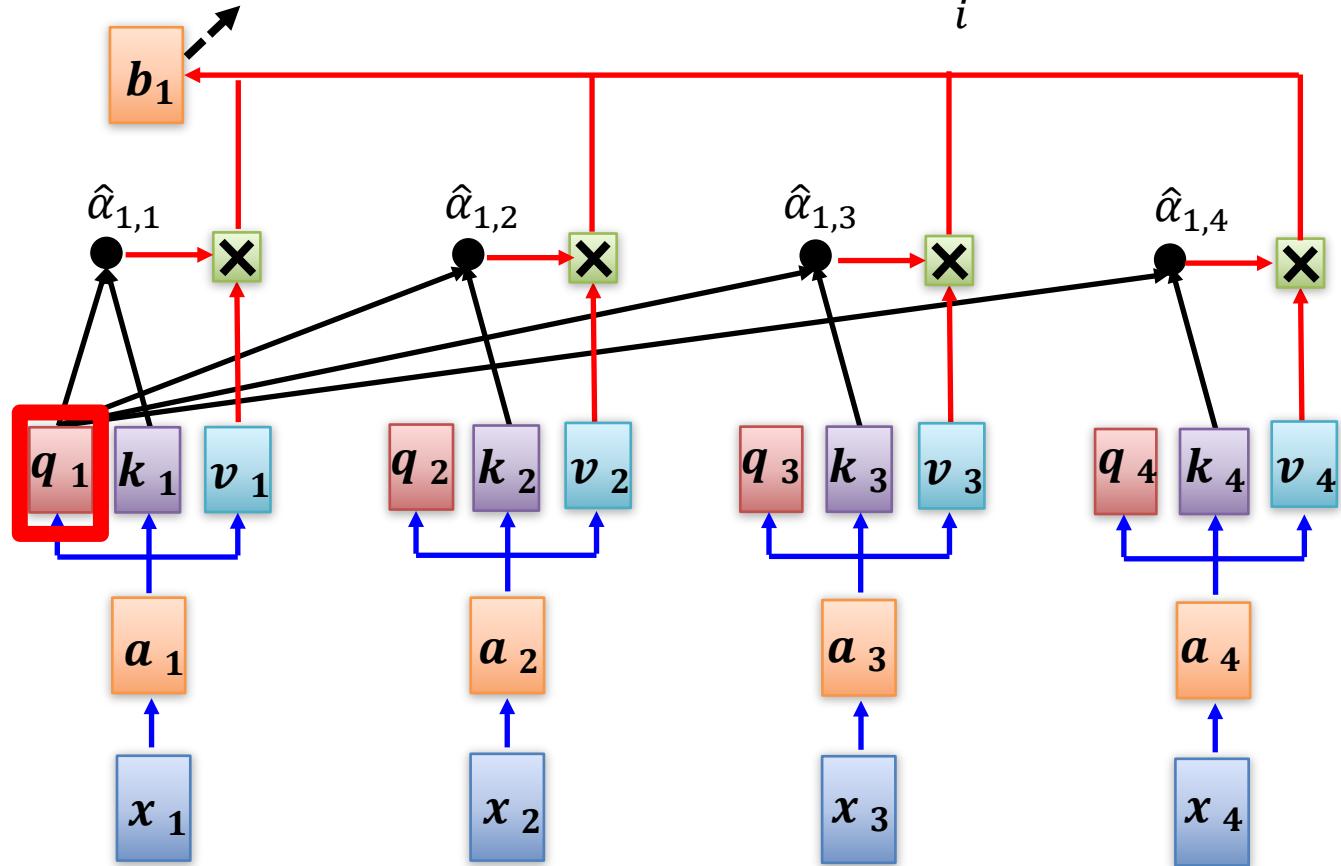
$$\hat{\alpha}_{1,i} = \exp(\alpha_{1,i}) / \sum_j \exp(\alpha_{1,j})$$



Self-attention

Considering the whole sequence

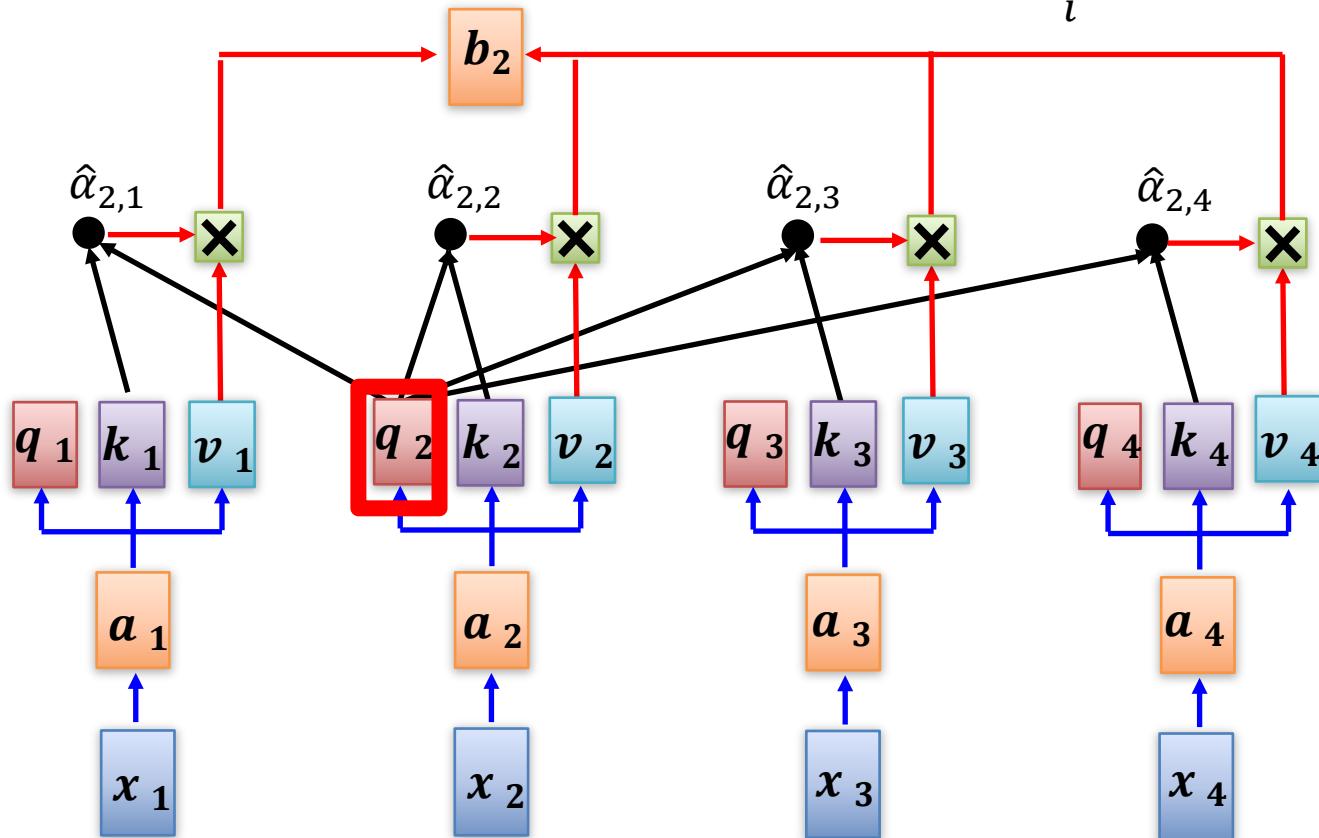
$$\mathbf{b}_1 = \sum_i \hat{\alpha}_{1,i} \mathbf{v}_i$$



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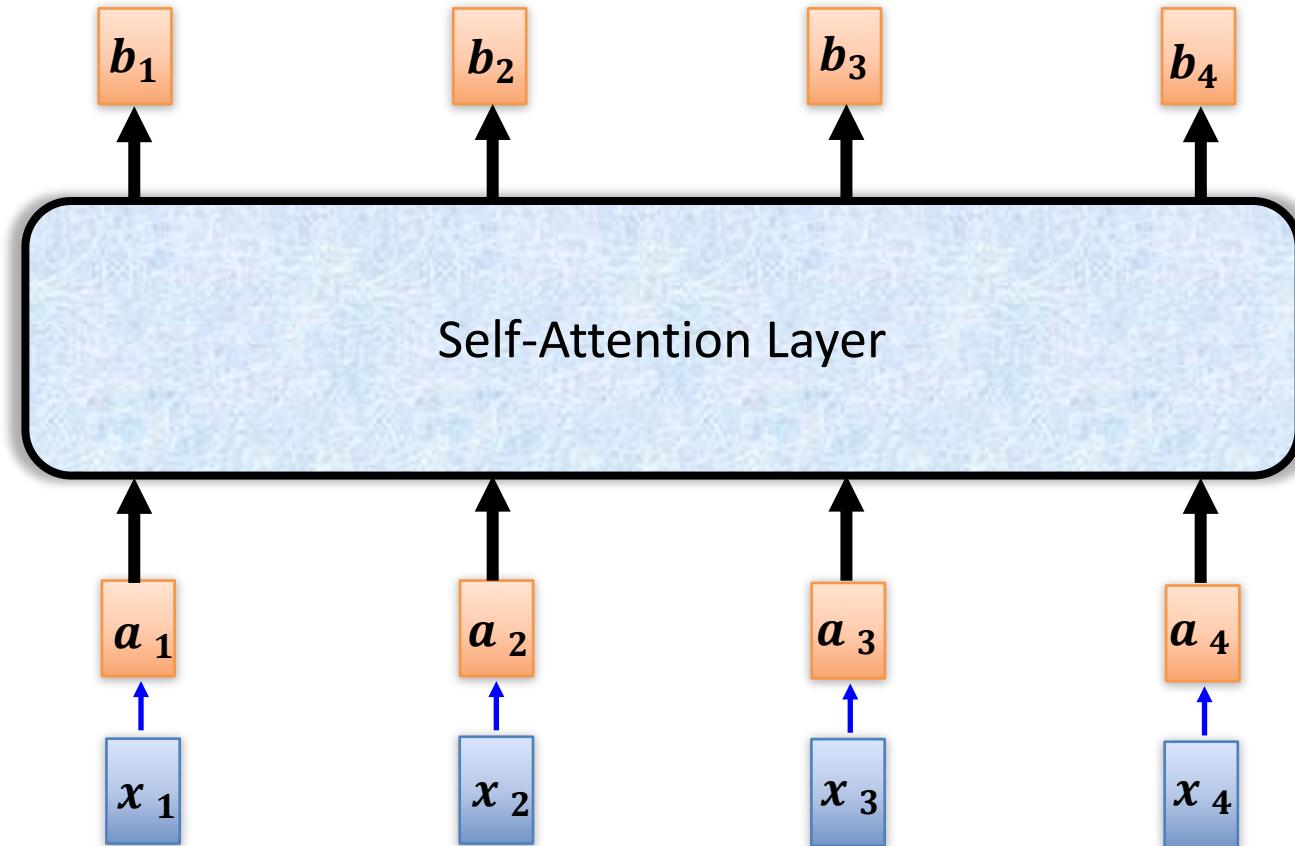
$$b_2 = \sum_i \hat{\alpha}_{2,i} v_i$$





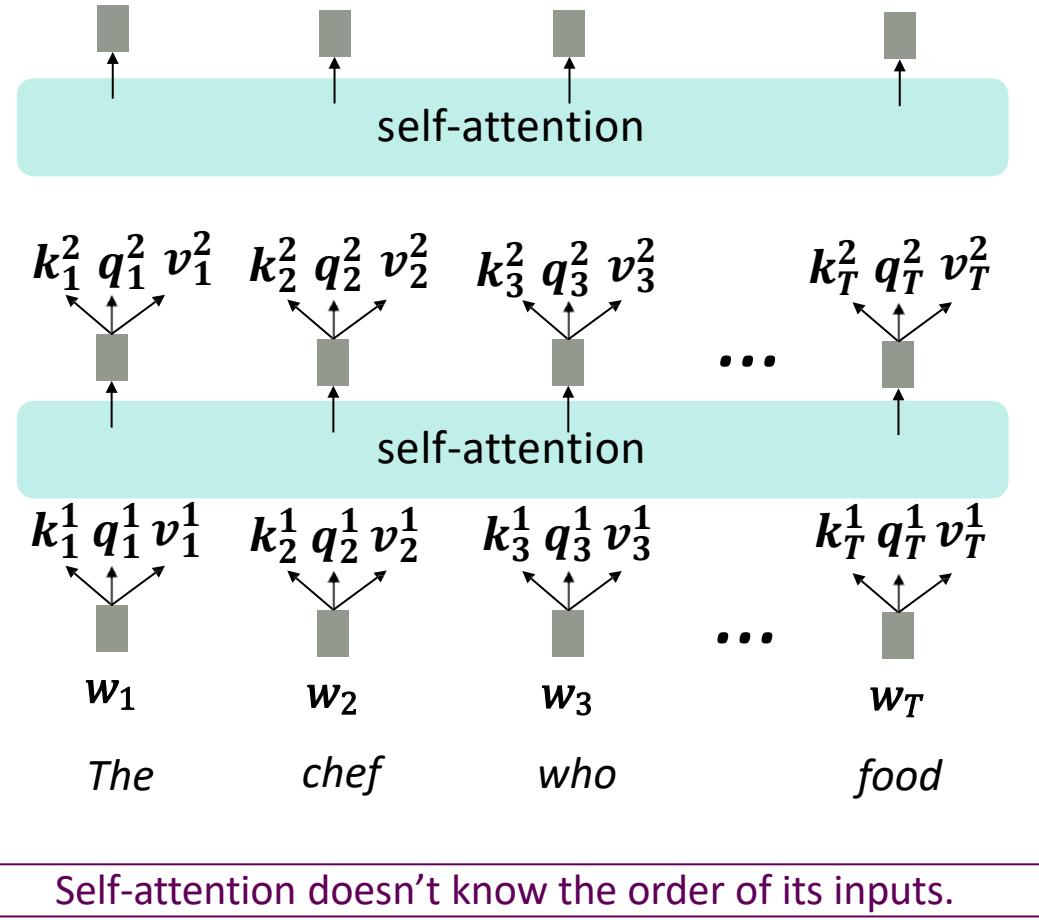
Self-attention

b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4 can be parallelly computed.



Self-Attention

- In the diagram at the right, we have stacked self-attention blocks, like we might stack LSTM layers.
- Can self-attention be a drop-in replacement for recurrence?
- No. It has a few issues, which we'll go through.
- First, self-attention is an operation on **sets**. It has no inherent notion of order.





Barriers and solutions for Self-Attention as a building block

Barriers

- Doesn't have an inherent notion of order!



Solutions

Fixing the first self-attention problem: Sequence order

- Since self-attention doesn't build in order information, we need to encode the order of the sentence in our keys, queries, and values.
- Consider representing each **sequence index** as a **vector**

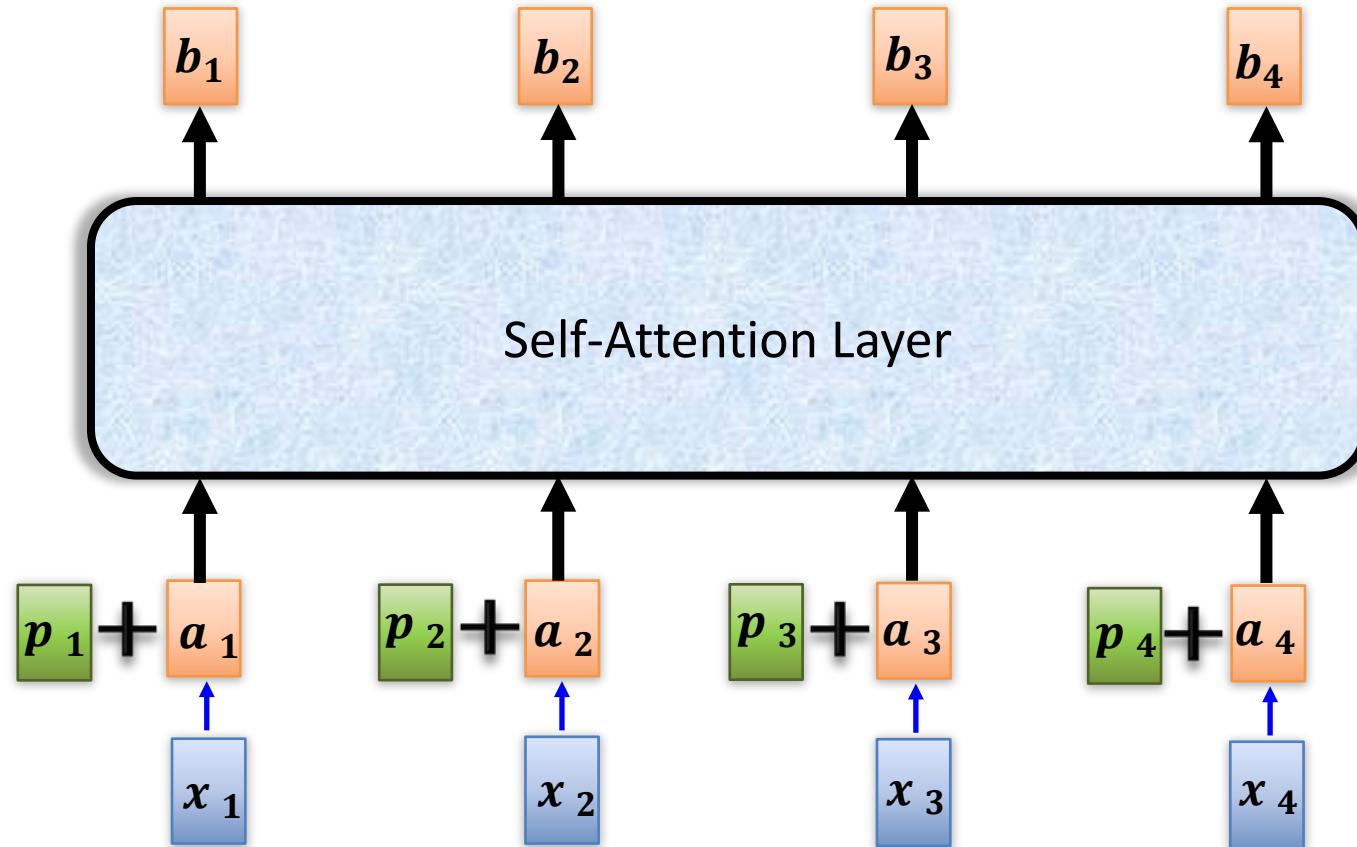
$p_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$, for $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, T\}$ are position vectors

- Don't worry about what the p_i are made of yet!
- Easy to incorporate this info into our self-attention block: just add the p_i to our inputs!
- Let $v_i^{'}, k_i^{'}, q_i^{''}$ be our old values, keys, and queries.

$$\begin{aligned} v_i &= v_i^{'} + p_i \\ q_i &= q_i^{'} + p_i \\ k_i &= k_i^{'} + p_i \end{aligned}$$

In deep self-attention networks, we do this at the first layer! You could concatenate them as well, but people mostly just add...

Fixing the first self-attention problem: Sequence order by adding position



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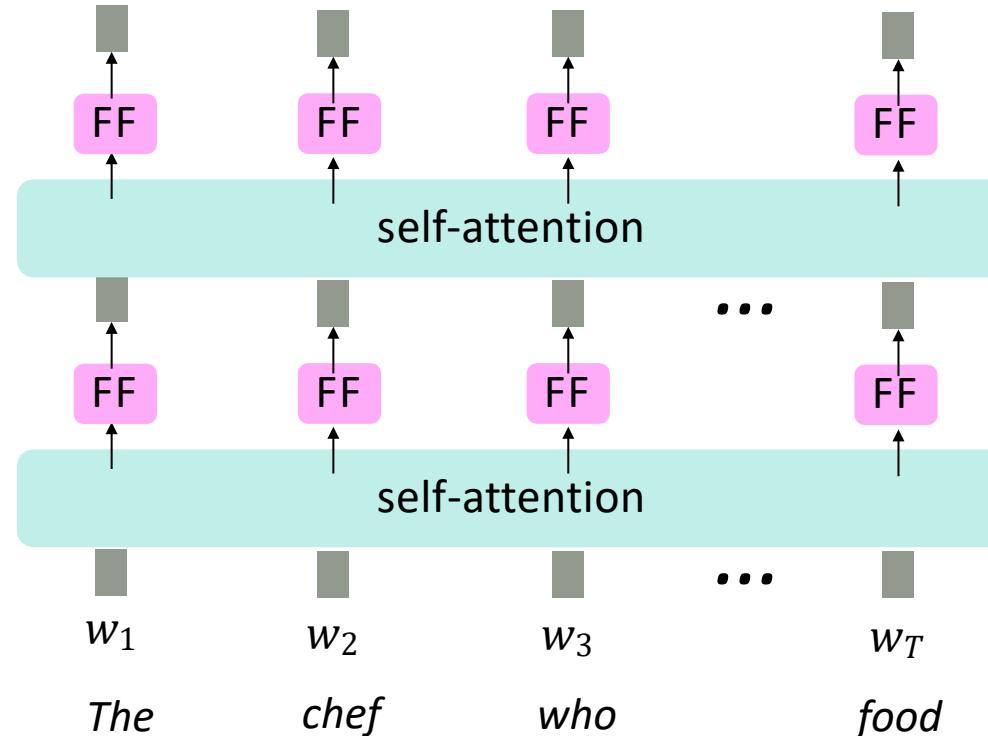
- Add position representations to the inputs



Adding nonlinearities in self-attention

- Note that there are no elementwise nonlinearities in self-attention; stacking more self-attention layers just re-averages **value** vectors
- Easy fix: add a **feed-forward network** to post-process each output vector.

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &= \text{MLP}(\text{output}_i) \\ &= W_2 * \text{ReLU}(W_1 \times \text{output}_i + b_1) + b_2 \end{aligned}$$



Intuition: the FF network processes the result of attention

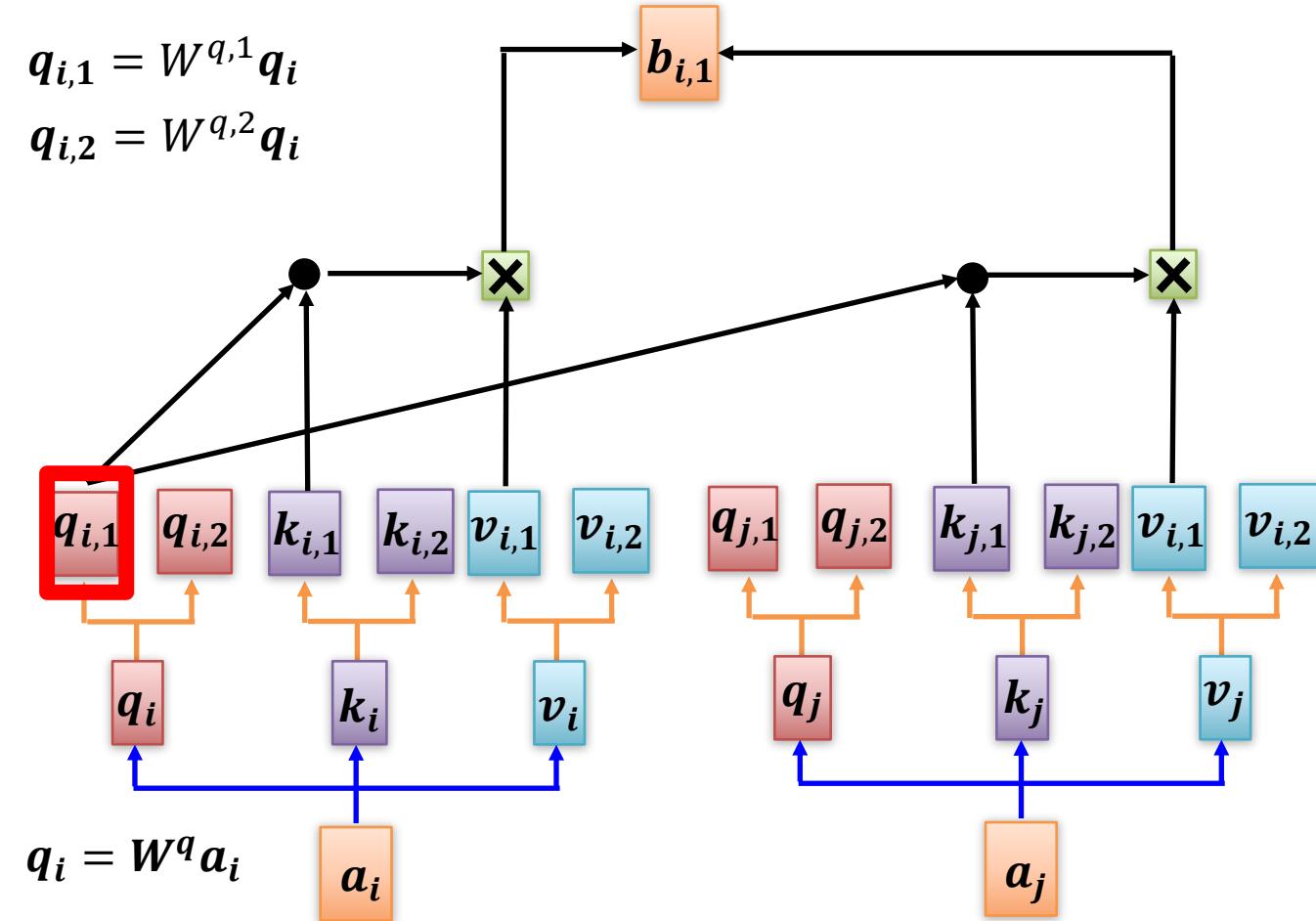


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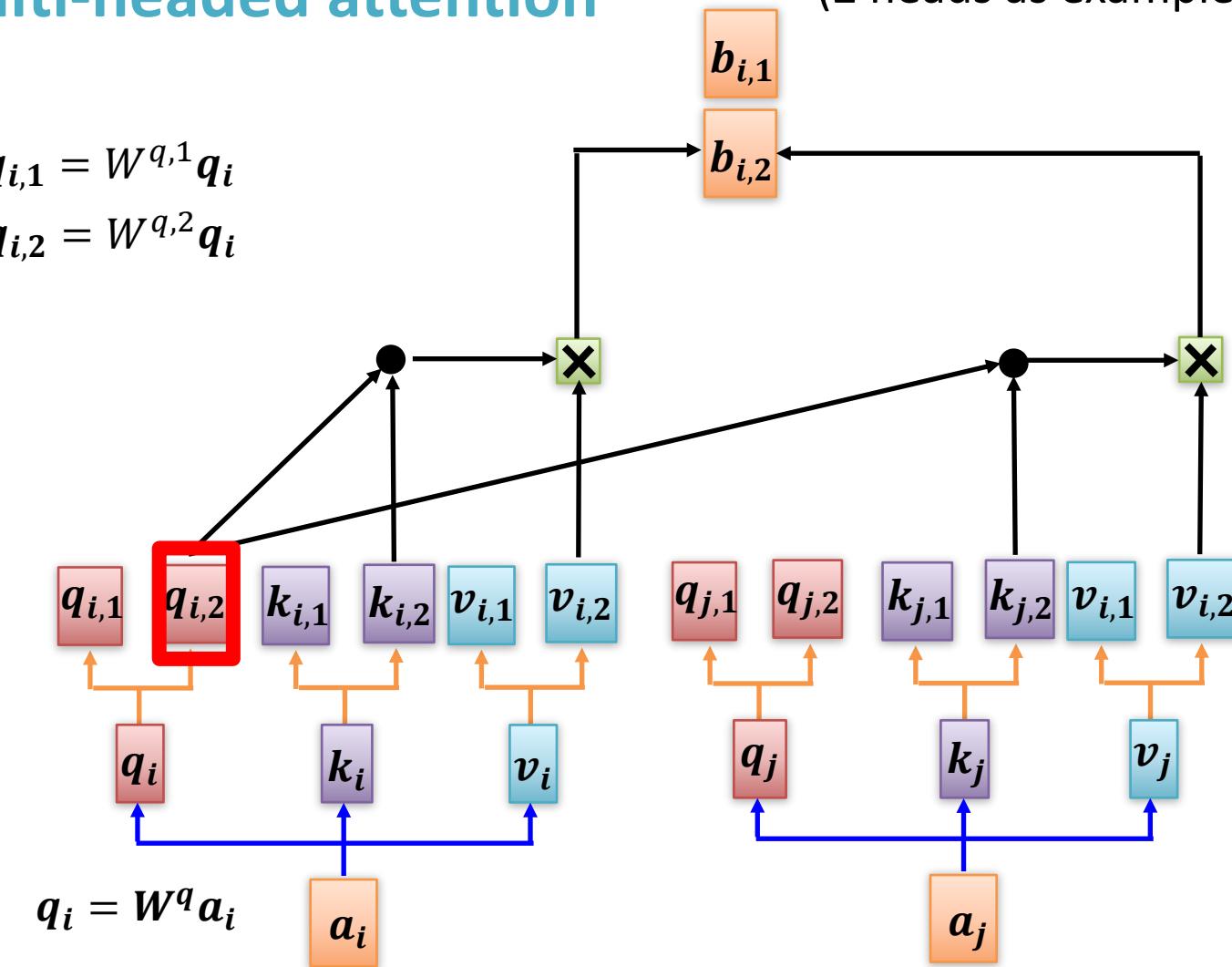
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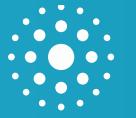


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The principle of multi-head attention in transformers is similar to the one of multi-kernels in one convolution layer of a CNN (i.e. multi-feature maps)



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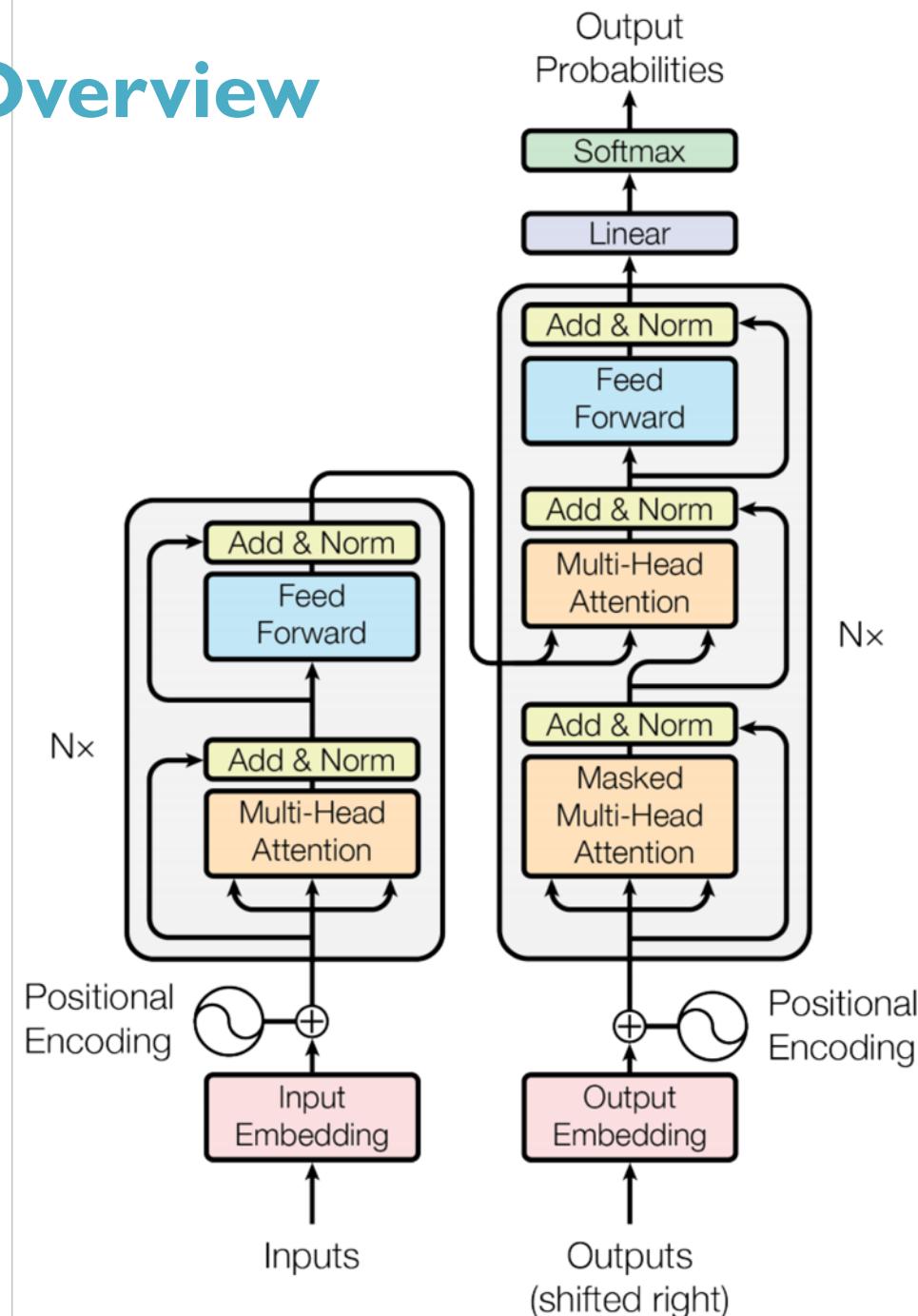
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This and related figures from paper ↑





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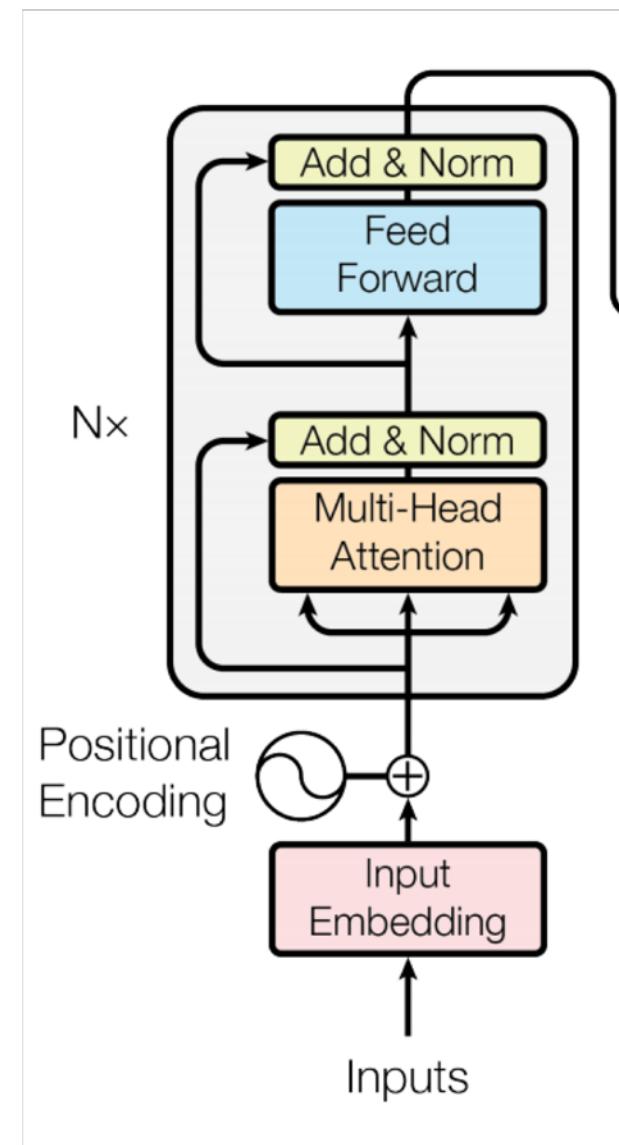
- For encoder, at each block, we use the same q , k and v from the previous layer:

$$q_i^l = q_i^{l+1}$$

$$k_i^l = k_i^{l+1}$$

$$v_i^l = v_i^{l+1}$$

- Blocks are repeated 6 times (in vertical stack)
- *Multi-Head will be detailed later*



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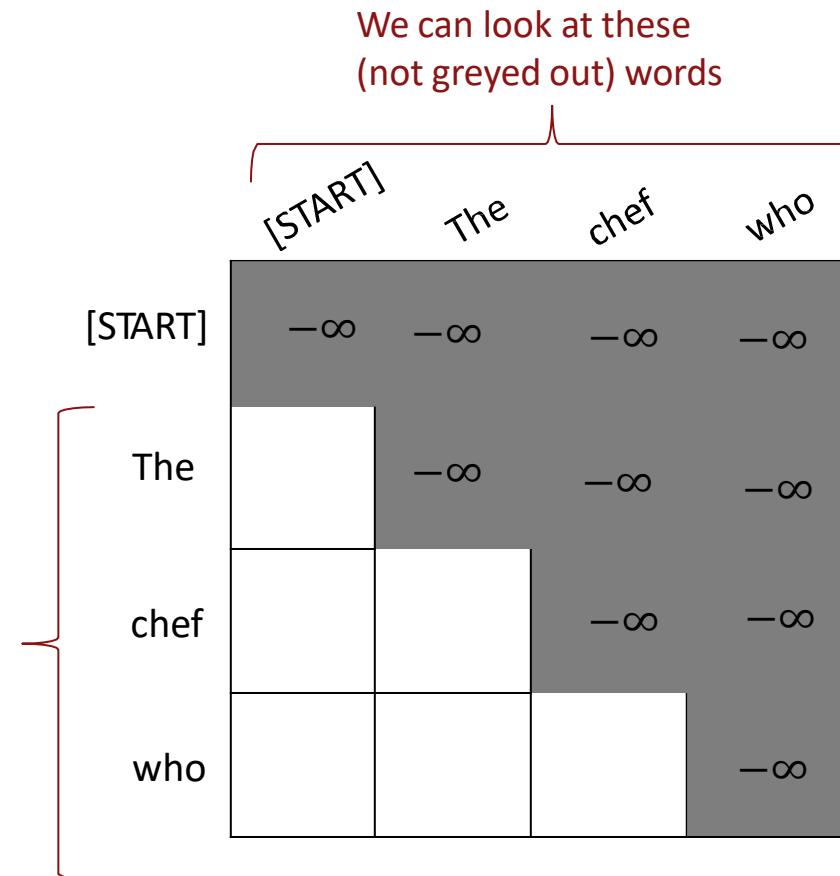
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Masking the future in self-attention

- To use self-attention in **decoders**, we need to ensure we can't peek at the future.
- At every timestep, we could change the set of **keys and queries** to include only past words. (Inefficient!)
- To enable parallelization, we **mask out attention** to future words by setting attention scores to $-\infty$.

$$e_{ij} = \begin{cases} q_i^\top k_j, & j < i \\ -\infty, & j \geq i \end{cases}$$

For encoding
these words





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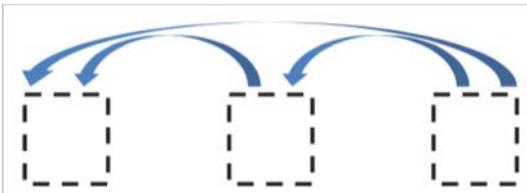


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- 2 sublayer changes in decoder
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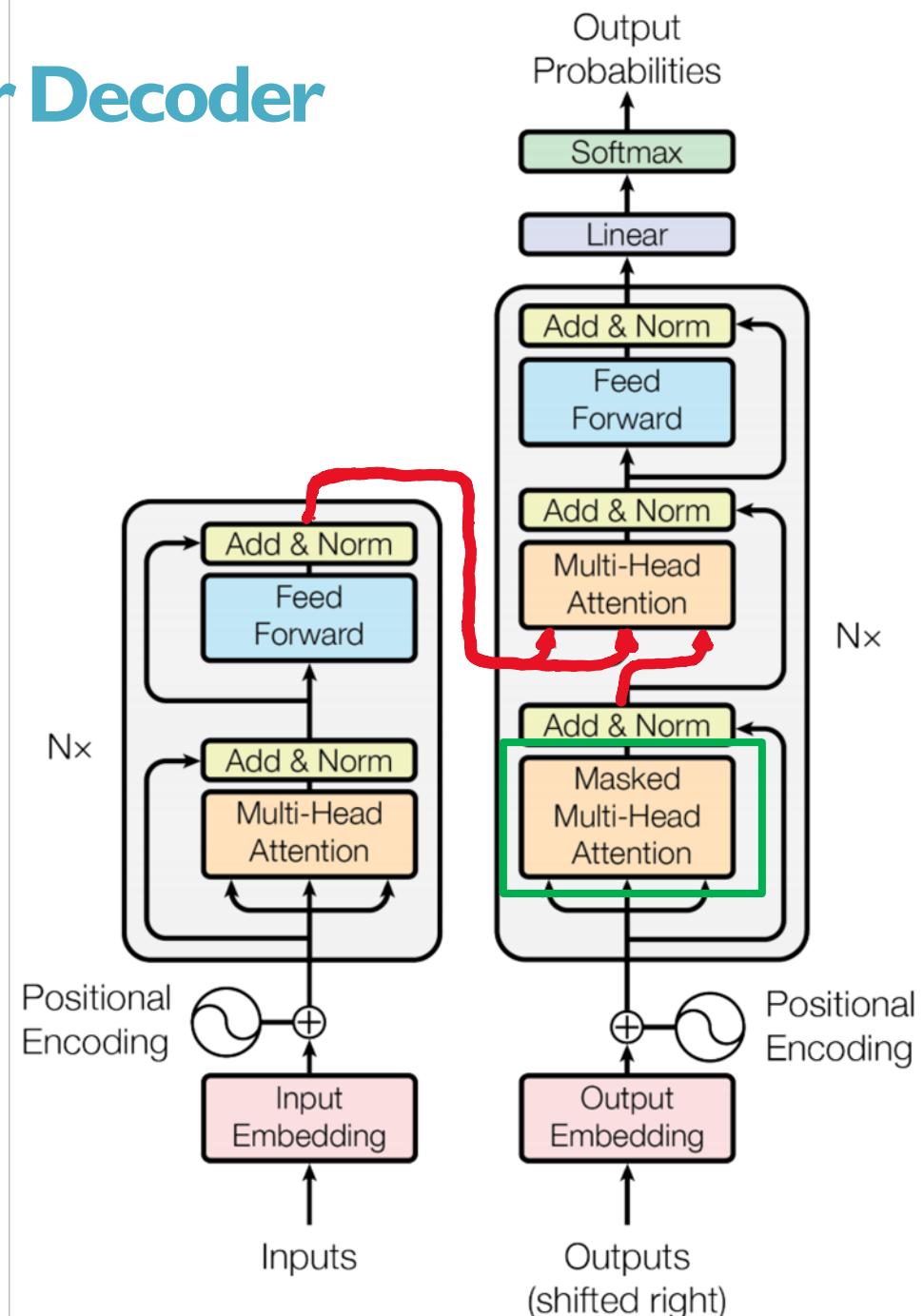


- Encoder-Decoder Attention, where queries come from previous decoder layer and keys and values come from output of encoder



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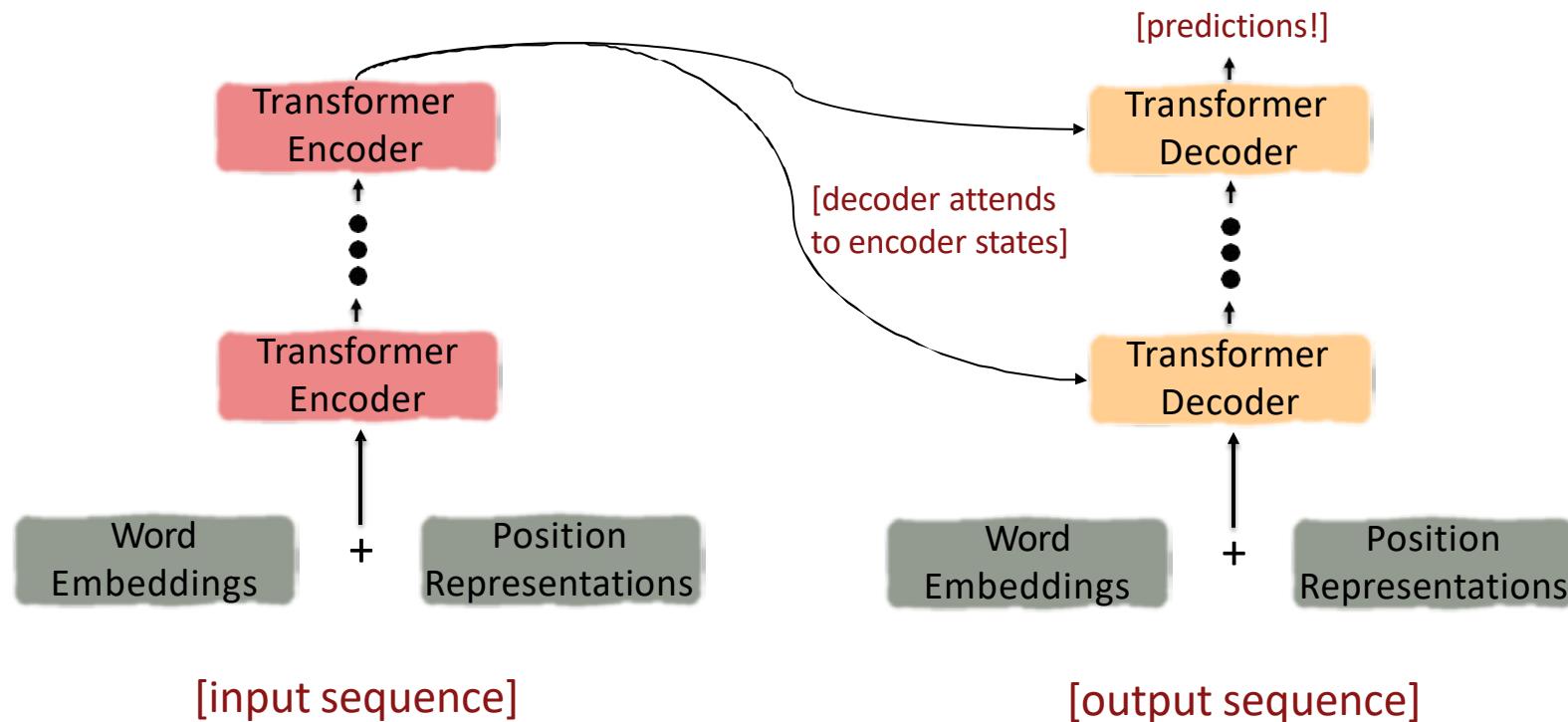
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The Transformer Encoder-Decoder

[Vaswani et al., 2017]

Another look at the Transformer Encoder and Decoder Blocks at a high level



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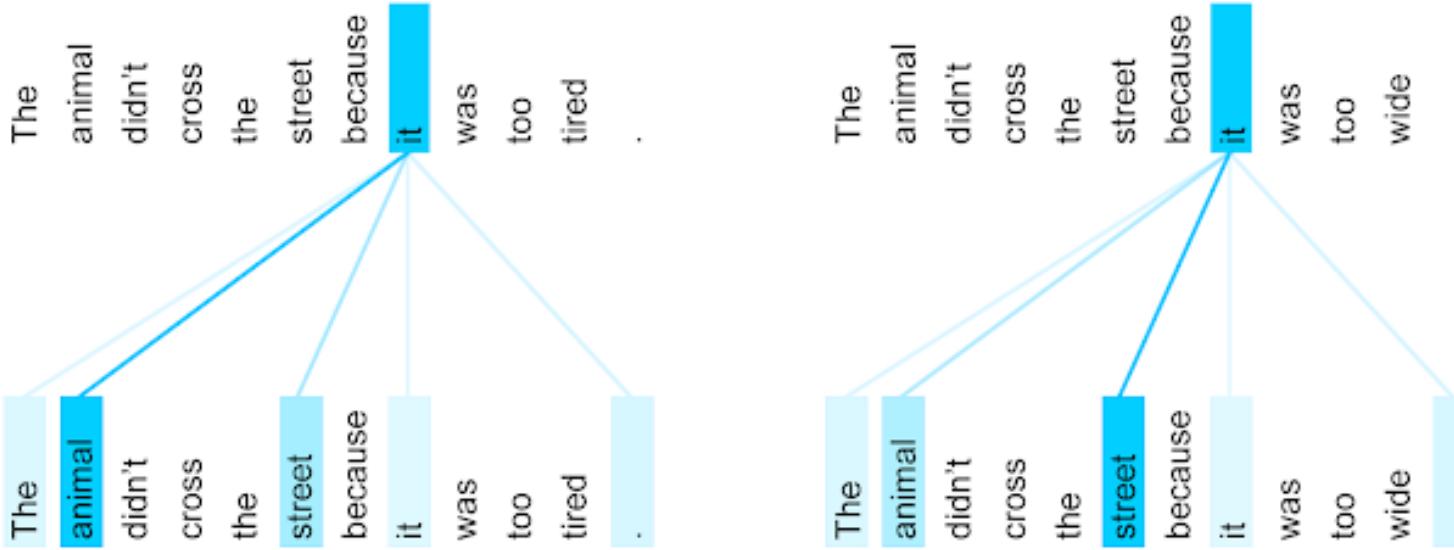
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What's left in a Transformer Encoder Block that we haven't covered?

1. **Key-query-value attention:** How do we get the k, q, v vectors from a single word embedding?
2. **Multi-headed attention:** Attend to multiple places in a single layer!
3. **Tricks to help with training!**
 1. Residual connections
 2. Layer normalization
 3. Scaling the dot product
 4. These tricks **don't improve** what the model is able to do; **they help improve the training process**



Attention Visualization

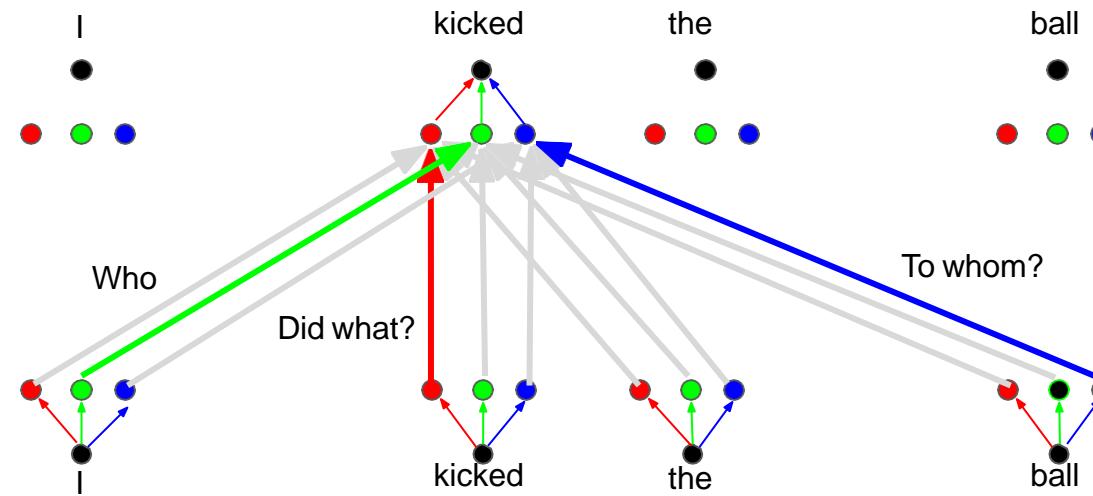


The encoder self-attention distribution for the word “it” from the 5th to the 6th layer of a Transformer trained on English to French translation (one of eight attention heads).

<https://ai.googleblog.com/2017/08/transformer-novel-neural-network.html>



Parallel attention heads



Transformers: The way you pre-train the encoder and the decoder → different architectures

(BERT, SpanBert, GPT, GPT-2, GPT-3, etc)



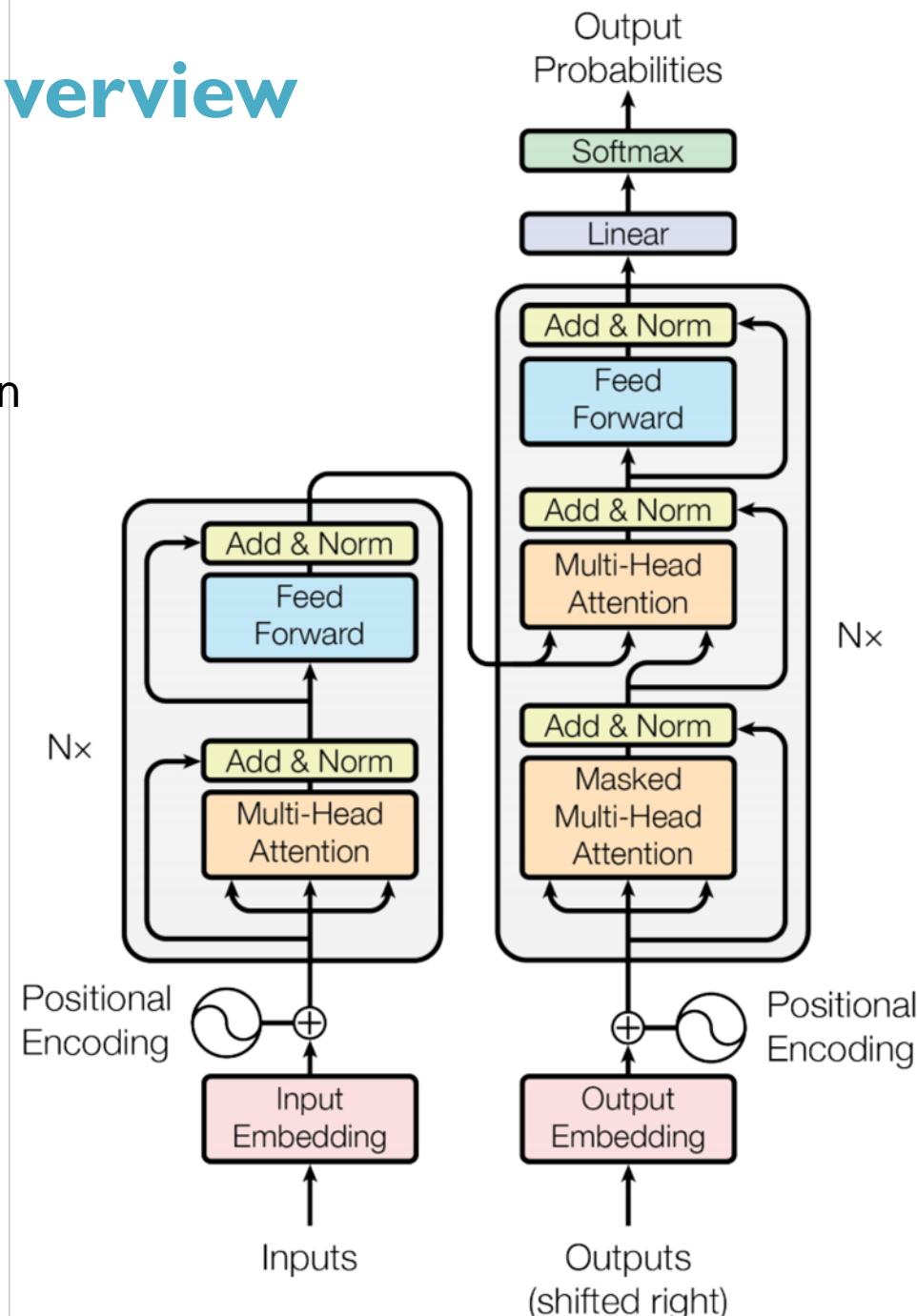
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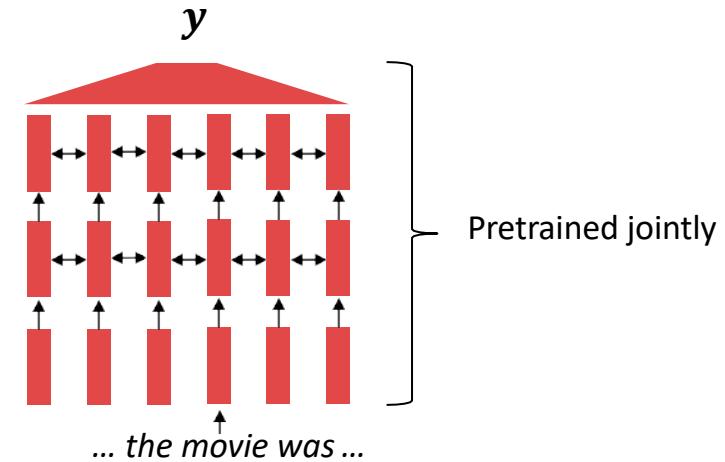




Pretraining models

In modern NLP:

- All (or almost all) parameters in NLP networks are initialized via **pretraining**.
- Pretraining methods hide parts of the input from the model, and train the model to reconstruct those parts.
- This has been exceptionally effective at building strong:
 - **representations of language**
 - **parameter initializations** for strong NLP models.

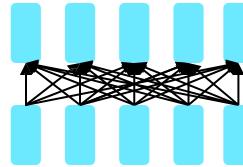


[This model has learned how to represent entire sentences through pretraining]



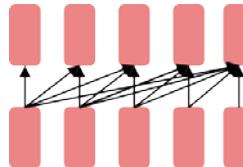
Pretraining for three types of architectures

The neural architecture influences the type of pretraining, and natural use cases.



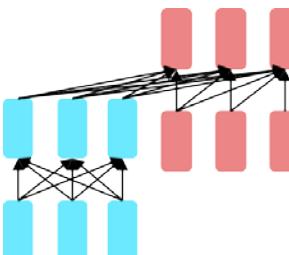
Encoders

- Gets bidirectional context – can condition on future!
- Wait, how do we pretrain them?



Decoders

- Language models! What we've seen so far.
- Nice to generate from; can't condition on future words



**Encoder-
Decoders**

- Good parts of decoders and encoders?
- What's the best way to pretrain them?

Pretraining through language modeling

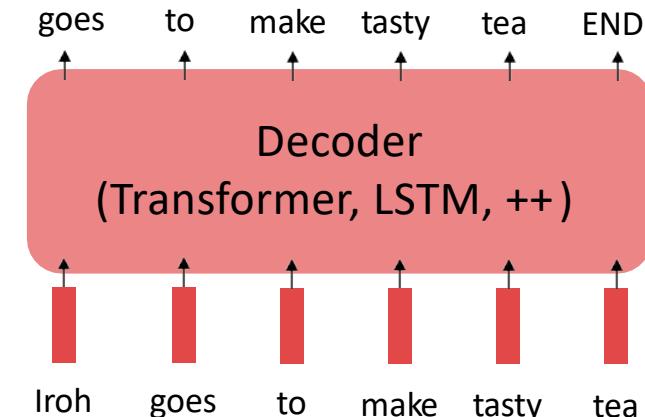
[Dai and Le, 2015]

Recall the **language modeling** task:

- Model $p_\theta(w_t | w_{1:t-1})$, the probability distribution over words given their past contexts.
- There's lots of data for this! (In English.)

Pretraining through language modeling:

- Train a neural network to perform language modeling on a large amount of text.
- Save the network parameters.



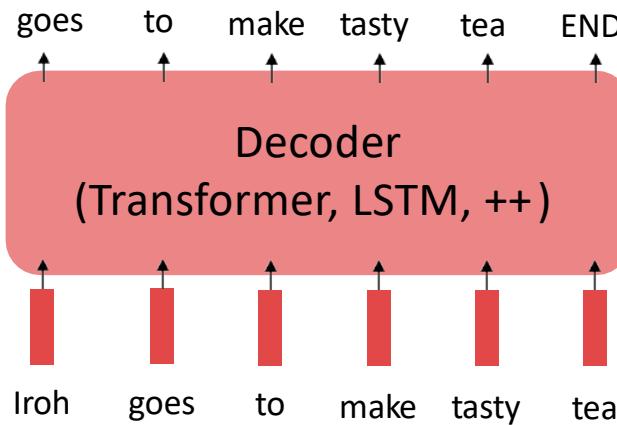


The Pretraining / Finetuning Paradigm

Pretraining can improve NLP applications by serving as parameter initialization.

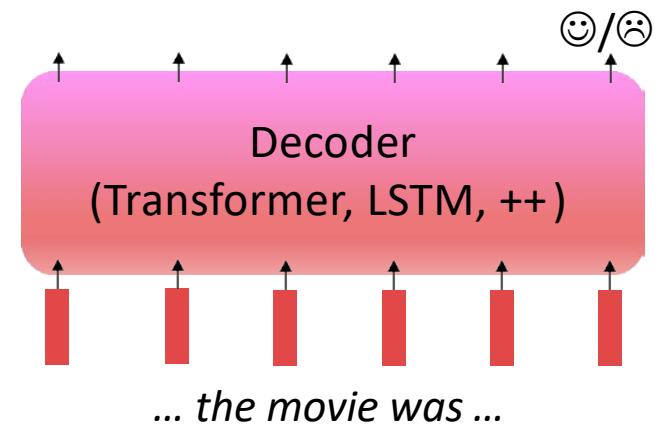
Step 1: Pretrain (on language modeling)

Lots of text; learn general things!



Step 2: Finetune (on your task)

Not many labels; adapt to the task!



Capturing meaning via context: What kinds of things does pretraining learn?

There's increasing evidence that pretrained models learn a wide variety of things about the statistical properties of language:

- *Stanford University is located in _____, California.* [Trivia]
- *I put ____ fork down on the table.* [syntax]
- *The woman walked across the street, checking for traffic over ____ shoulder.* [coreference]
- *I went to the ocean to see the fish, turtles, seals, and ____.* [lexical semantics/topic]
- *Overall, the value I got from the two hours watching it was the sum total of the popcorn and the drink. The movie was ____.* [sentiment]
- Iroh went into the kitchen to make some tea. Standing next to Iroh, Zuko pondered his destiny. Zuko left the _____. [some reasoning – this is harder]
- I was thinking about the sequence that goes 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ____ [some basic arithmetic; they don't learn the Fibonacci sequence]
- Models also learn – and can exacerbate racism, sexism, all manner of bad biases.

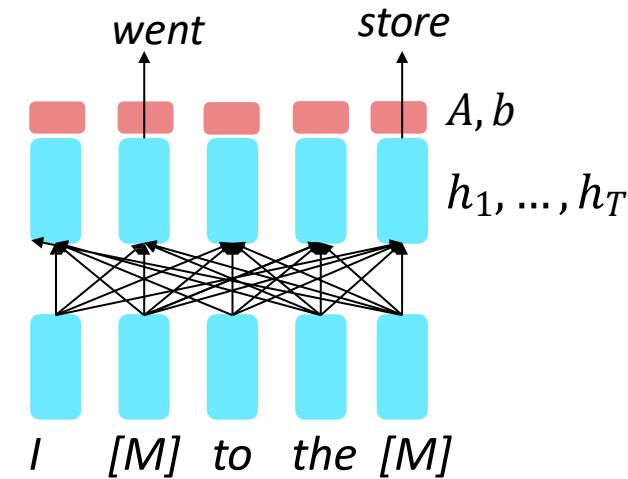
Pretraining encoders: What pretraining objective to use?

So far, we've looked at language model pretraining. But **encoders get bidirectional context, so we can't do language modeling!**

Idea: replace some fraction of words in the input with a special [MASK] token; predict these words.

$$\begin{aligned} h_1, \dots, h_T &= \text{Encoder}(w_1, \dots, w_T) \\ y_i &\sim Aw_i + b \end{aligned}$$

Only add loss terms from words that are “masked out.” If x' is the masked version of x , we’re learning $p_\theta(x|x')$. Called **Masked LM**.



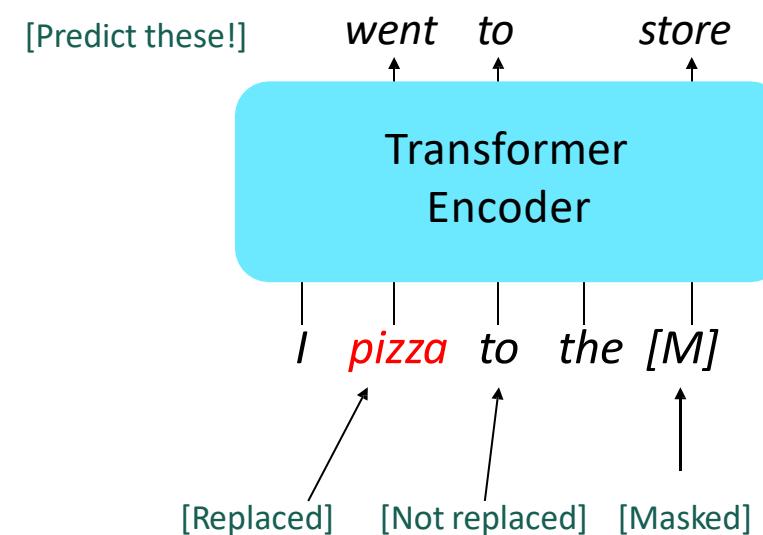
[Devlin et al., 2018]

BERT: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Tranformers

Devlin et al., 2018 proposed the “Masked LM” objective and **released the weights of a pretrained Transformer**, a model they labeled BERT.

Some more details about Masked LM for BERT:

- Predict a random 15% of (sub)word tokens.
 - Replace input word with [MASK] 80% of the time
 - Replace input word with a random token 10% of the time
 - Leave input word unchanged 10% of the time (but still predict it!)
- Why? Doesn’t let the model get complacent and not build strong representations of non-masked words. (No masks are seen at fine-tuning time!)



[Devlin et al., 2018]

BERT: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

- Mask out $k\%$ of the input words, and then predict the masked words
 - They always use $k = 15\%$



- Too little masking: Too expensive to train
- Too much masking: Not enough context



BERT: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

- Additional task: Next sentence prediction
- To learn *relationships* between sentences, predict whether Sentence B is actual sentence that proceeds Sentence A, or a random sentence

Sentence A = The man went to the store.

Sentence B = He bought a gallon of milk.

Label = IsNextSentence

Sentence A = The man went to the store.

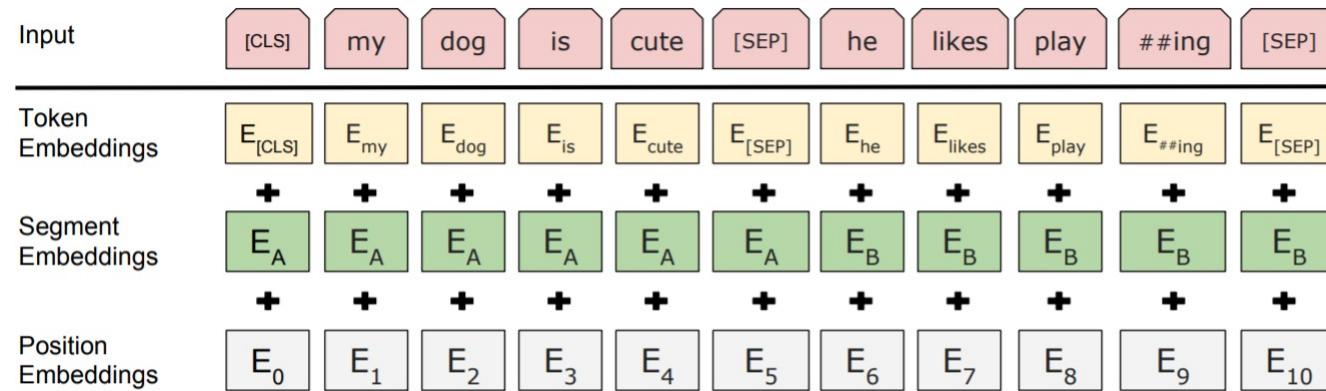
Sentence B = Penguins are flightless.

Label = NotNextSentence



BERT: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

- The pretraining input to BERT was two separate contiguous chunks of text:



- In addition to masked input reconstruction, BERT was trained to predict whether one chunk follows the other or is randomly sampled.
- Later work has argued this “next sentence prediction” is not necessary.

[\[Devlin et al., 2018\]](#), [\[Liu et al., 2019\]](#)

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Details about BERT

- Two models were released:
 - BERT-base: 12 layers, 768-dim hidden states, 12 attention heads, 110 million params.
 - BERT-large: 24 layers, 1024-dim hidden states, 16 attention heads, 340 million params.
- Trained on:
 - BooksCorpus (800 million words)
 - English Wikipedia (2,500 million words)
- Pretraining is expensive and impractical on a single GPU.
 - BERT was pretrained with 64 TPU chips for a total of 4 days.
 - (TPUs are special tensor operation acceleration hardware)
- Finetuning is practical and common on a single GPU
 - “Pretrain once, finetune many times.”

[Devlin et al., 2018]



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BERT was massively popular and hugely versatile; finetuning BERT led to new state-of-the-art results on a broad range of tasks.

- **QQP:** Quora Question Pairs (detect paraphrase questions)
- **QNLI:** natural language inference over question answering data
- **SST-2:** sentiment analysis
- **CoLA:** corpus of linguistic acceptability (detect whether sentences are grammatical.)
- **STS-B:** semantic textual similarity
- **MRPC:** microsoft paraphrase corpus
- **RTE:** small natural language inference corpus

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Pre-OpenAI SOTA	80.6/80.1	66.1	82.3	93.2	35.0	81.0	86.0	61.7	74.0
BiLSTM+ELMo+Attn	76.4/76.1	64.8	79.8	90.4	36.0	73.3	84.9	56.8	71.0
OpenAI GPT	82.1/81.4	70.3	87.4	91.3	45.4	80.0	82.3	56.0	75.1
BERT _{BASE}	84.6/83.4	71.2	90.5	93.5	52.1	85.8	88.9	66.4	79.6
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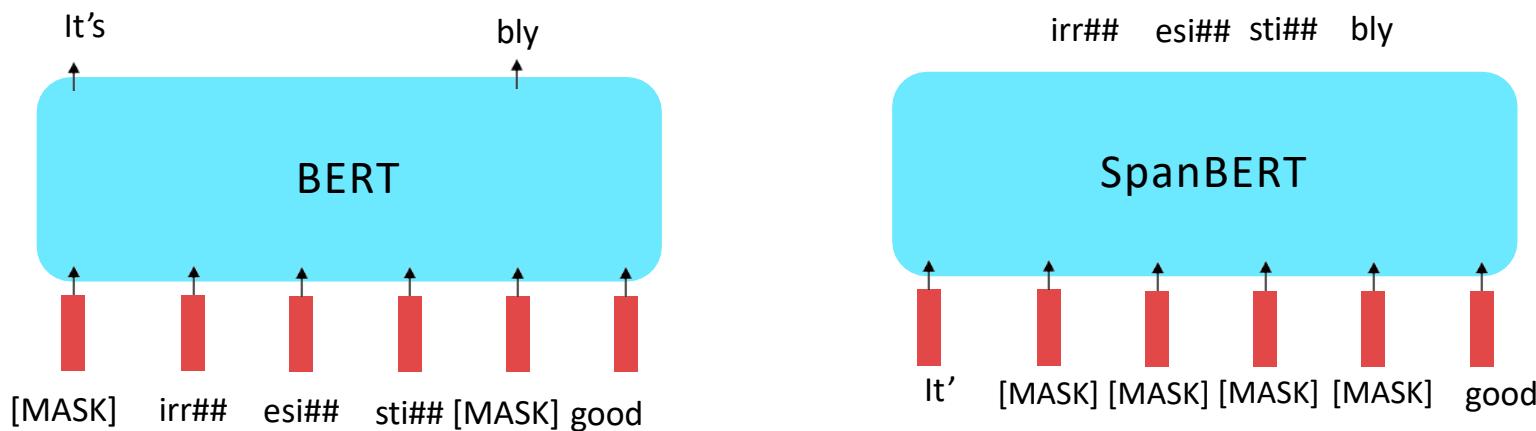
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Extensions of BERT

You'll see a lot of BERT variants like RoBERTa, SpanBERT, +++

Some generally accepted improvements to the BERT pretraining formula:

- RoBERTa: mainly just train BERT for longer and remove next sentence prediction!
- SpanBERT: masking contiguous spans of words makes a harder, more useful pretraining task



[\[Liu et al., 2019; Joshi et al., 2020\]](#)



Extensions of BERT

A takeaway from the RoBERTa paper: more compute, more data can improve pretraining even when not changing the underlying Transformer encoder.

Model	data	bsz	steps	SQuAD (v1.1/2.0)	MNLI-m	SST-2
RoBERTa						
with BOOKS + WIKI	16GB	8K	100K	93.6/87.3	89.0	95.3
+ additional data (§3.2)	160GB	8K	100K	94.0/87.7	89.3	95.6
+ pretrain longer	160GB	8K	300K	94.4/88.7	90.0	96.1
+ pretrain even longer	160GB	8K	500K	94.6/89.4	90.2	96.4
BERT_{LARGE}						
with BOOKS + WIKI	13GB	256	1M	90.9/81.8	86.6	93.7

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Pretraining decoders

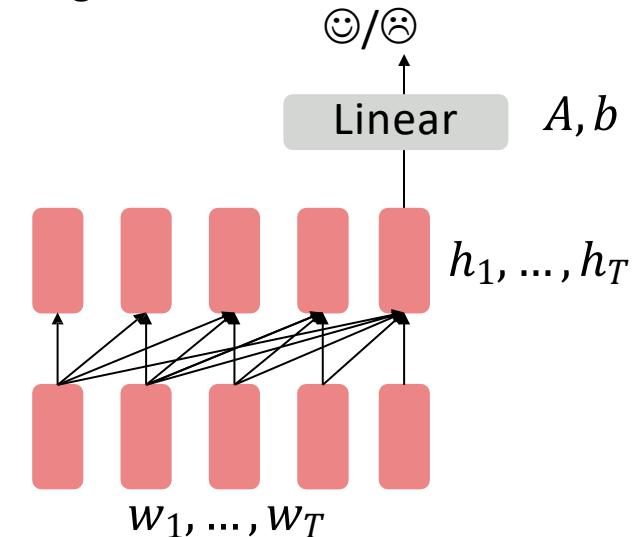
When using language model pretrained decoders, we can ignore that they were trained to model $p(w_t|w_{1:t-1})$.

We can finetune them by training a classifier on the last word's hidden state.

$$\begin{aligned} h_1, \dots, h_T &= \text{Decoder}(w_1, \dots, w_T) \\ y &\sim Aw_T + b \end{aligned}$$

Where A and b are randomly initialized and specified by the downstream task.

Gradients backpropagate through the whole network.



[Note how the linear layer hasn't been pretrained and must be learned from scratch.]

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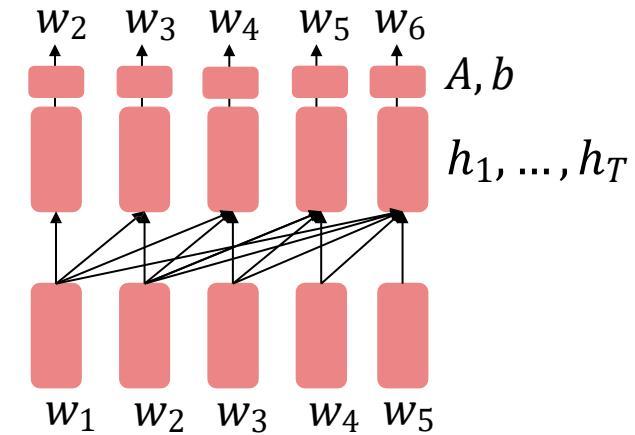
It's natural to pretrain decoders as language models and then use them as generators, finetuning their $p_\theta(w_t|w_{1:t-1})$!

This is helpful in tasks **where the output is a sequence** with a vocabulary like that at pretraining time!

- Dialogue (context=dialogue history)
- Summarization (context=document)

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Where A, b were pretrained in the language model!



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Generative Pretrained Transformer (GPT)

[Radford et al., 2018]

2018's GPT was a big success in pretraining a decoder!

- Transformer decoder with 12 layers.
- 768-dimensional hidden states, 3072-dimensional feed-forward hidden layers.
- Byte-pair encoding with 40,000 merges
- Trained on BooksCorpus: over 7000 unique books.
 - Contains long spans of contiguous text, for learning long-distance dependencies.
- The acronym “GPT” never showed up in the original paper; it could stand for “Generative PreTraining” or “Generative Pretrained Transformer”

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How do we format inputs to our decoder for **finetuning tasks**?

Natural Language Inference: Label pairs of sentences as *entailing/contradictory/neutral*

Premise: *The man is in the doorway*
Hypothesis: *The person is near the door* } entailment

Radford et al., 2018 evaluate on natural language inference.

Here's roughly how the input was formatted, as a sequence of tokens for the decoder.

[START] *The man is in the doorway* [DELIM] *The person is near the door* [EXTRACT]

The linear classifier is applied to the representation of the [EXTRACT] token.

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GPT results on various *natural language inference* datasets.

Method	MNLI-m	MNLI-mm	SNLI	SciTail	QNLI	RTE
ESIM + ELMo [44] (5x)	-	-	<u>89.3</u>	-	-	-
CAFE [58] (5x)	80.2	79.0	<u>89.3</u>	-	-	-
Stochastic Answer Network [35] (3x)	<u>80.6</u>	<u>80.1</u>	-	-	-	-
CAFE [58]	78.7	77.9	88.5	<u>83.3</u>		
GenSen [64]	71.4	71.3	-	-	<u>82.3</u>	59.2
Multi-task BiLSTM + Attn [64]	72.2	72.1	-	-	<u>82.1</u>	61.7
Finetuned Transformer LM (ours)	82.1	81.4	89.9	88.3	88.1	56.0

Increasingly convincing generations (GPT2) [[Radford et al., 2018](#)]

We mentioned how pretrained decoders can be used **in their capacities as language models**. **GPT-2**, a larger version of GPT trained on more data, was shown to produce relatively convincing samples of natural language.

Context (human-written): In a shocking finding, scientist discovered a herd of unicorns living in a remote, previously unexplored valley, in the Andes Mountains. Even more surprising to the researchers was the fact that the unicorns spoke perfect English.

GPT-2: The scientist named the population, after their distinctive horn, Ovid's Unicorn. These four-horned, silver-white unicorns were previously unknown to science.

Now, after almost two centuries, the mystery of what sparked this odd phenomenon is finally solved.

Dr. Jorge Pérez, an evolutionary biologist from the University of La Paz, and several companions, were exploring the Andes Mountains when they found a small valley, with no other animals or humans. Pérez noticed that the valley had what appeared to be a natural fountain, surrounded by two peaks of rock and silver snow.



Aside: Word structure and subword models

Let's take a look at the assumptions we've made about a language's vocabulary.

We assume a fixed vocab of tens of thousands of words, built from the training set.

All *novel* words seen at test time are mapped to a single UNK.

	word	vocab mapping	embedding
Common words	hat	pizza (index)	
	learn	tasty (index)	
Variations	taaaaasty	UNK (index)	
		UNK (index)	
misspellings	laern	UNK (index)	
novel items	Transformerify	UNK (index)	

Aside: Word structure and subword models

Finite vocabulary assumptions make even *less* sense in many languages.

- Many languages exhibit complex **morphology**, or word structure.
 - The effect is more word types, each occurring fewer times.

Example: Swahili verbs can have hundreds of conjugations, each encoding a wide variety of information. (Tense, mood, definiteness, negation, information about the object, ++)

Here's a small fraction of the conjugations for *ambia* – to tell.

Conjugation of <i>-ambia</i>																							
Polarity	Non-finite forms																						
	Form		Positive		Negative																		
	Infinitive		kuambia		kutoambia																		
Positive form																							
Imperative																							
Habitual																							
Persons																							
Polarity																							
Persons / Classes																							
Sg. 1st Pl. Sg. 2nd Pl. Sg. 1 Pl. 3rd / M-wa Pl. / 2 3 M-mi 4 Ma 5 6 7 Ki-vi 8 9 N 10 11 / 14 U 15 / 17 Ku 16 Pa Mu 18																							
Complex finite forms																							
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Present																							
Future																							
Subjunctive																							
Present Conditional																							
Past Conditional																							
Conditional Contrary to Fact																							
Gnomic																							
Perfect																							

[Wiktionary]



Aside: The byte-pair encoding algorithm

Subword modeling in NLP encompasses a wide range of methods for reasoning about structure below the word level. (Parts of words, characters, bytes.)

- The dominant modern paradigm is to learn a vocabulary of **parts of words (subword tokens)**.
- At training and testing time, each word is split into a sequence of known subwords.

Byte-pair encoding is a simple, effective strategy for defining a subword vocabulary.

1. Start with a vocabulary containing only characters and an “end-of-word” symbol.
2. Using a corpus of text, find the most common adjacent characters “a,b”; add “ab” as a subword.
3. Replace instances of the character pair with the new subword; repeat until desired vocab size.

Originally used in NLP for machine translation; now a similar method (WordPiece) is used in pretrained models.

[[Sennrich et al., 2016](#), [Wu et al., 2016](#)]



Aside: Word structure and subword models

Common words end up being a part of the subword vocabulary, while rarer words are split into (sometimes intuitive, sometimes not) components.

In the worst case, words are split into as many subwords as they have characters.

	word	vocab mapping	embedding
Common words	hat	hat	
	learn	learn	
Variations	taaaaasty	taa## aaa## sty	
	laern	la## ern##	
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novel items			

Pretraining encoder-decoders: What pretraining objective to use?

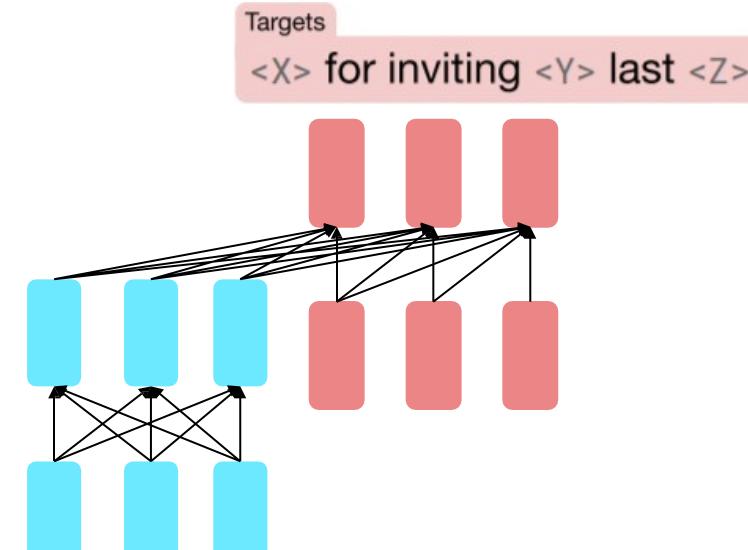
What [Raffel et al., 2018](#) found to work best was **span corruption**. Their model: **T5**.

Replace different-length spans from the input with unique placeholders; decode out the spans that were removed!

Original text

Thank you for inviting me to your party last week.

This is implemented in text preprocessing: it's still an objective that looks like **language modeling** at the decoder side.



Inputs

Thank you <X> me to your party <Y> week.

Pretraining encoder-decoders: What pretraining objective to use? T5

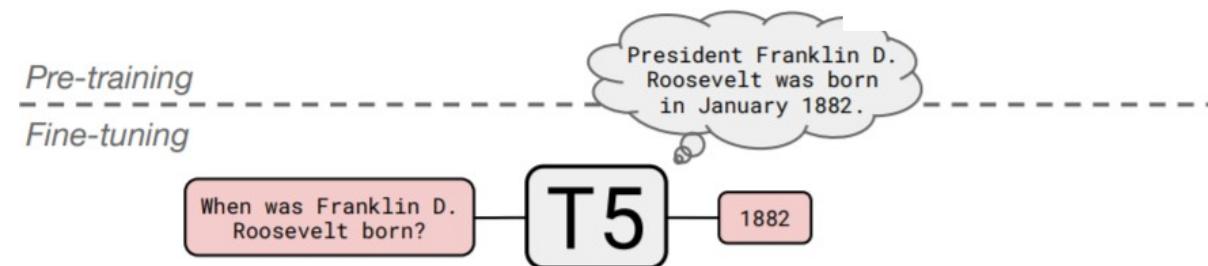
A fascinating property of T5: it can be finetuned to answer a wide range of questions, retrieving knowledge from its parameters.

NQ: Natural Questions

WQ: WebQuestions

TQA: Trivia QA

All “open-domain” versions



	NQ	WQ	TQA	
			dev	test
Karpukhin et al. (2020)	41.5	42.4	57.9	–
T5.1.1-Base	25.7	28.2	24.2	30.6
T5.1.1-Large	27.3	29.5	28.5	37.2
T5.1.1-XL	29.5	32.4	36.0	45.1
T5.1.1-XXL	32.8	35.6	42.9	52.5
T5.1.1-XXL + SSM	35.2	42.8	51.9	61.6

[Raffel et al., 2018]



GPT-3, in-context learning, very large models

So far, we've interacted with pretrained models in two ways:

- Sample from the distributions they define (maybe providing a prompt)
- Fine-tune them on a task we care about, and take their predictions.

Very large language models seem to perform some kind of learning **without gradient steps** simply from examples you provide within their contexts.

GPT-3 is the canonical example of this. The largest **T5** model had 11 billion parameters.

GPT-3 has 175 billion parameters.



GPT-3, in-context learning, very large models

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- Very large language models seem to perform some kind of learning **without gradient steps** simply from examples you provide within their contexts.
- The in-context examples seem to specify the task to be performed, and the conditional distribution mocks performing the task to a certain extent.
- **Input (prefix within a single Transformer decoder context):**

“ thanks -> merci

hello -> bonjour

mint -> menthe

otter -> ”

Output (conditional generations):

loutre...”



GPT-3, in-context learning, very large models

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Very large language models seem to perform some kind of learning **without gradient steps** simply from examples you provide within their contexts.

Learning via SGD during unsupervised pre-training



5 + 8 = 13
7 + 2 = 9
1 + 0 = 1
3 + 4 = 7
5 + 9 = 14
9 + 8 = 17

In-context learning

↑
sequence #1

gaot => goat
sakne => snake
brid => bird
fsih => fish
dcuk => duck
cmihp => chimp

In-context learning

↑
sequence #2

thanks => merci
hello => bonjour
mint => menthe
wall => mur
otter => loutre
bread => pain

In-context learning

↑
sequence #3

Transformers: optimisation

The Transformer Encoder: Layer normalization [Ba et al., 2016]

- Layer normalization is a trick to help models train faster.
- Idea: cut down on uninformative variation in hidden vector values by normalizing to unit mean and standard deviation **within each layer**.
 - LayerNorm's success may be due to its normalizing gradients [[Xu et al., 2019](#)]
- Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be an individual (word) vector in the model.
- Let $\mu = \sum_{j=1}^d x_j$; this is the mean; $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - Let $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d (x_j - \mu)^2}$; this is the standard deviation; $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$.
 - Let $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be learned “gain” and “bias” parameters. (Can omit!)
 - Then layer normalization computes:

$$\text{output} = \frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma + \epsilon}} * \gamma + \beta$$

Normalize by scalar mean and variance Modulate by learned elementwise gain and bias

The Transformer Encoder: Scaled Dot Product [Vaswani et al., 2017]

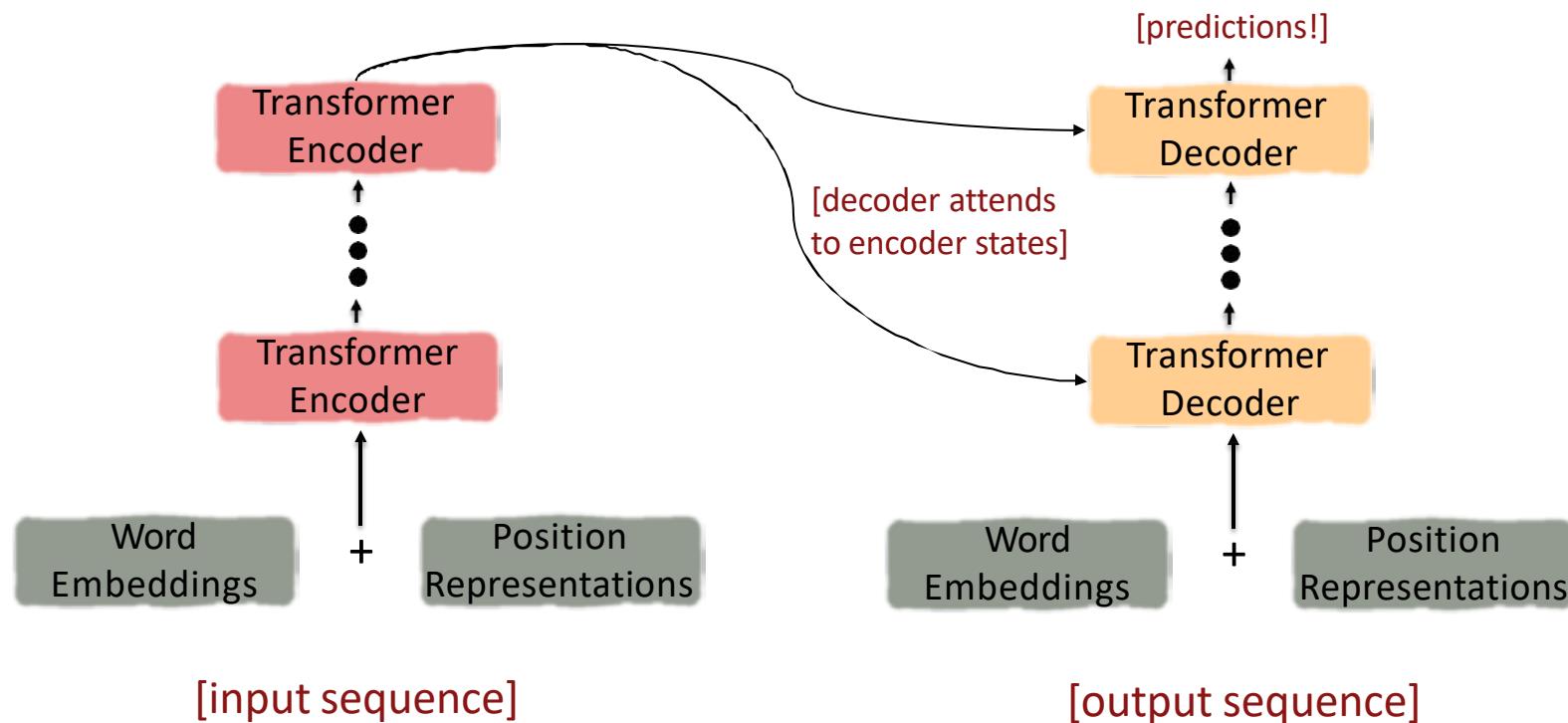
- “**Scaled Dot Product**” attention is a final variation to aid in Transformer training.
- When dimensionality d becomes large, dot products between vectors become large, inputs to the softmax function can be large, making gradients small.
- Instead of the self-attention function we’ve seen:
$$\text{output}_P = \text{softmax}(X Q_P K_P^T X^T) * X V_P$$
- We divide the attention scores by $\sqrt{d/h}$, to stop the scores from becoming large just as a function of d/h (The dimensionality divided by the number of heads.)

$$\text{output}_P = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{X Q_P K_P^T X^T}{\sqrt{d/h}}\right) * X V_P$$

The Transformer Encoder-Decoder

[Vaswani et al., 2017]

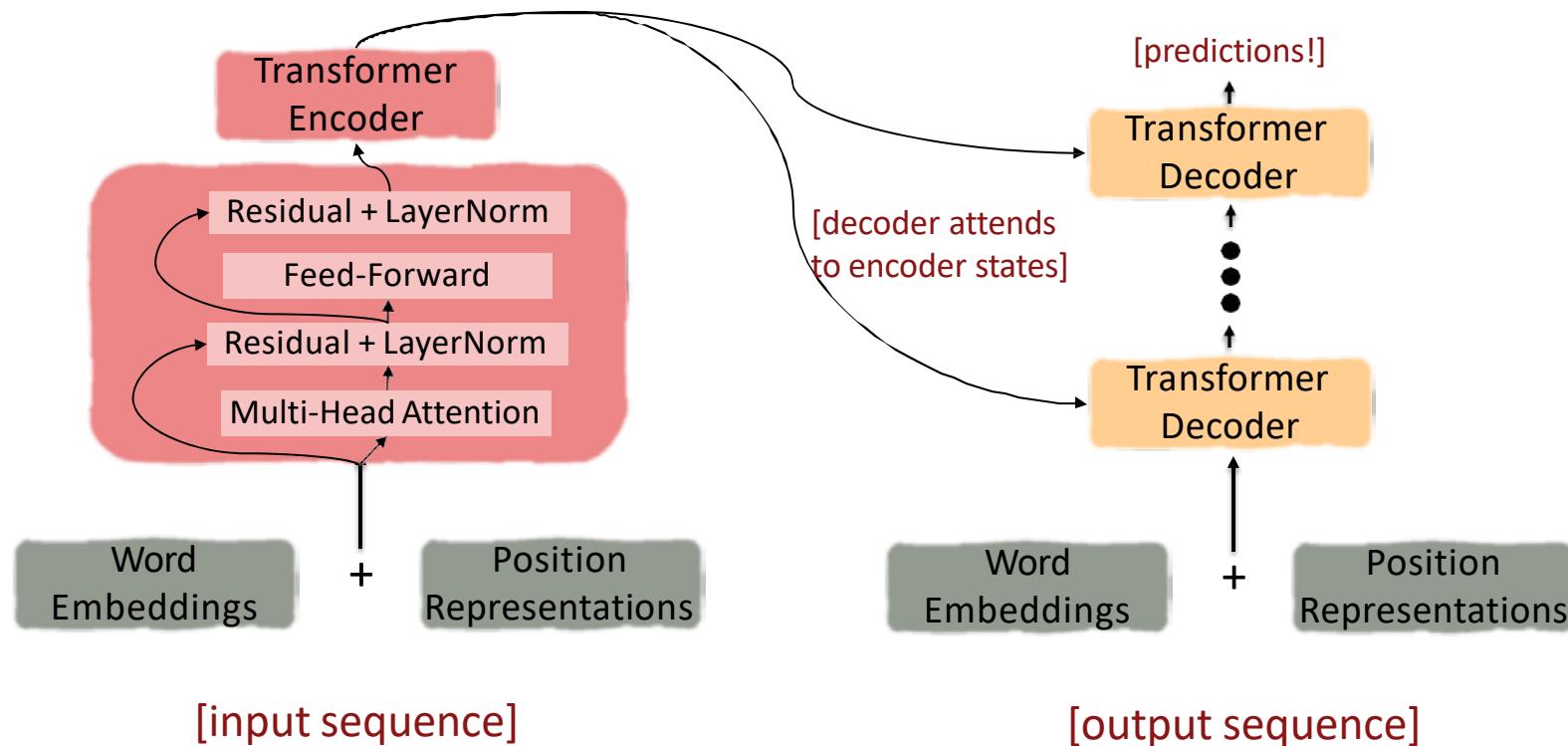
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The Transformer Encoder-Decoder

[Vaswani et al., 2017]

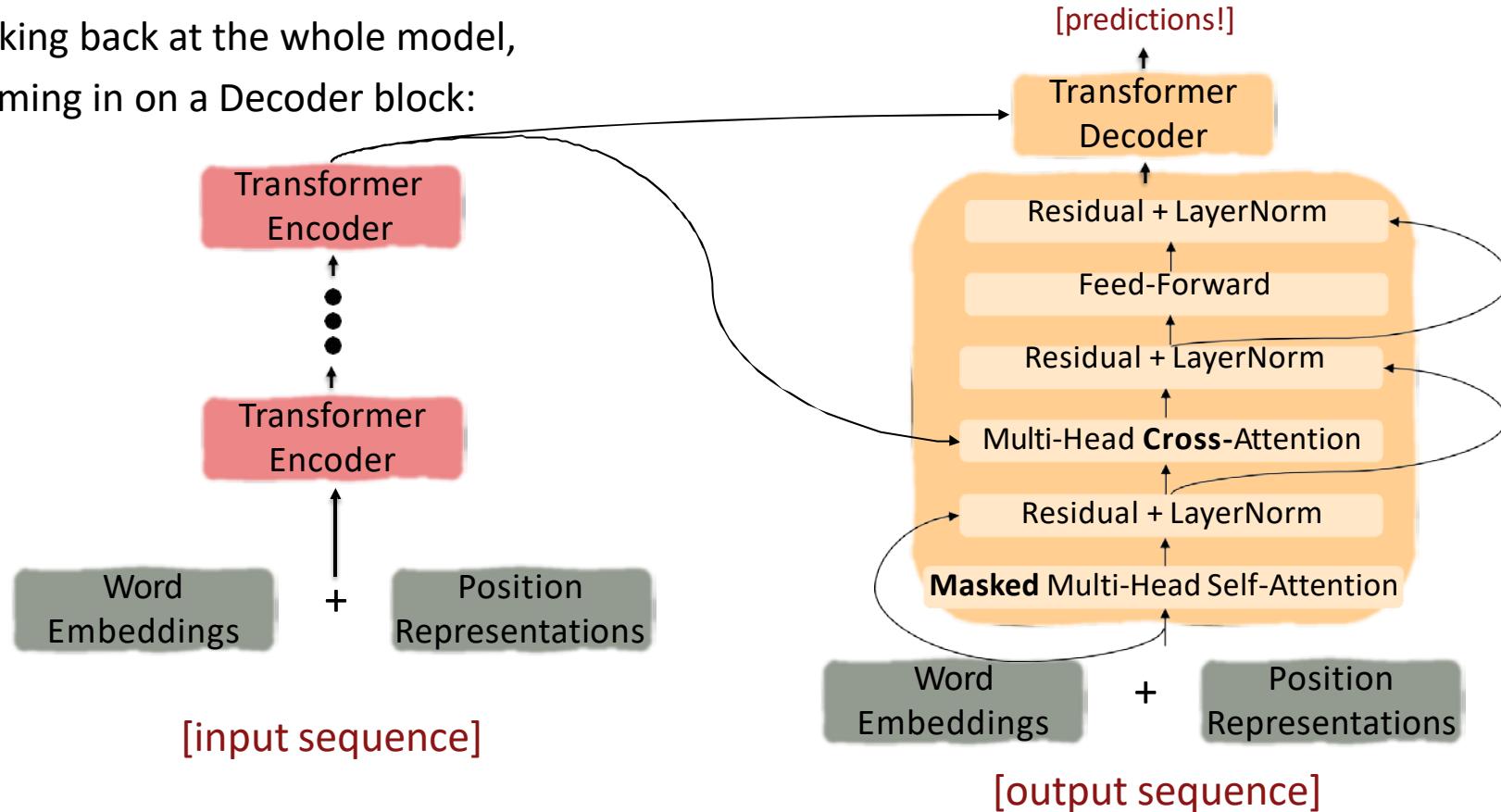
Looking back at the whole model, zooming in on an Encoder block:



The Transformer Encoder-Decoder

[Vaswani et al., 2017]

Looking back at the whole model,
zooming in on a Decoder block:



The Transformer Decoder: Cross-attention (details)

- We saw self-attention is when keys, queries, and values come from the same source.
- In the decoder, we have attention that looks more like what we saw in RNN lecture.
- Let h_1, \dots, h_T be **output** vectors from the Transformer **encoder**; $h_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Let z_1, \dots, z_T be input vectors from the Transformer **decoder**, $z_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Then keys and values are drawn from the **encoder** (like a memory):
 - $k_i = Kh_i, v_i = Vh_i$.
- And the queries are drawn from the **decoder**, $q_i = Qz_i$.

The Transformer Encoder: Cross-attention (details)

- Let's look at how cross-attention is computed, in matrices.
 - Let $H = [h_1; \dots; h_T] \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times d}$ be the concatenation of encoder vectors.
 - Let $Z = [z_1; \dots; z_T] \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times d}$ be the concatenation of decoder vectors.
 - The output is defined as $\text{output} = \text{softmax}(ZQ(HK^\top)) \times HV$.

First, take the query-key dot products in one matrix multiplication: $ZQ(HK)$

Next, softmax, and compute the weighted average with another matrix multiplication.

$$\begin{aligned}
 ZQ &\quad K^\top H^\top = ZQK^\top H^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times T} \\
 &\quad \text{All pairs of attention scores!} \\
 \text{softmax} \left(ZQK^\top H^\top \right) &\quad HV = \text{output} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times d}
 \end{aligned}$$



Great Results with Transformers

Next, document generation!

Model	Test perplexity	ROUGE-L
<i>seq2seq-attention, L = 500</i>	5.04952	12.7
<i>Transformer-ED, L = 500</i>	2.46645	34.2
<i>Transformer-D, L = 4000</i>	2.22216	33.6
<i>Transformer-DMCA, no MoE-layer, L = 11000</i>	2.05159	36.2
<i>Transformer-DMCA, MoE-128, L = 11000</i>	1.92871	37.9
<i>Transformer-DMCA, MoE-256, L = 7500</i>	1.90325	38.8

The old standard

Transformers all the way down.

[[Liu et al., 2018](#)]; WikiSum dataset



What would we like to fix about the Transformer?

- **Quadratic compute in self-attention:**
 - Computing all pairs of interactions means our computation grows **quadratically** with the sequence length!
 - For recurrent models, it only grew linearly!
- **Position representations:**
 - Are simple absolute indices the best we can do to represent position?
 - Relative linear position attention [\[Shaw et al., 2018\]](#)
 - Dependency syntax-based position [\[Wang et al., 2019\]](#)



Quadratic computation as function of seq. length

- One of the benefits of self-attention over recurrence was that it's highly parallelizable.
- However, its total number of operations grows as $O(T^2d)$, where T is the sequence length, and d is the dimensionality.

$$\begin{matrix} XQ \\ K^\top X^\top \end{matrix} = \boxed{XQK^\top X^\top} \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times T}$$

Need to compute all pairs of interactions!
 $O(T^2d)$

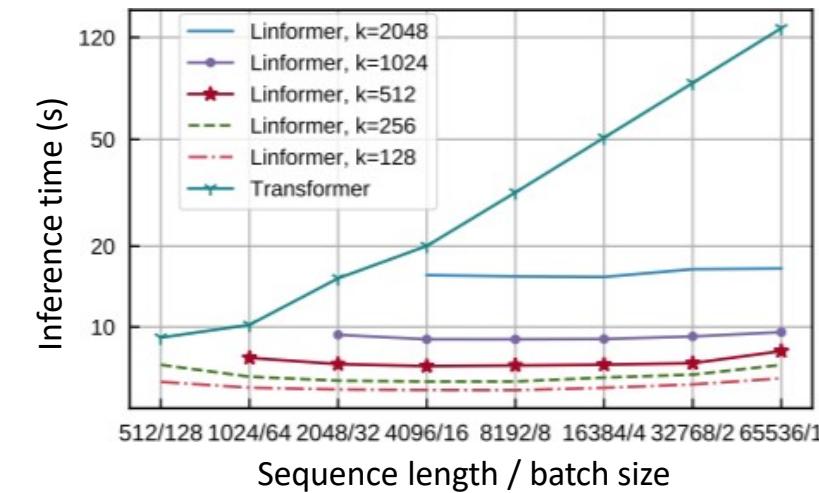
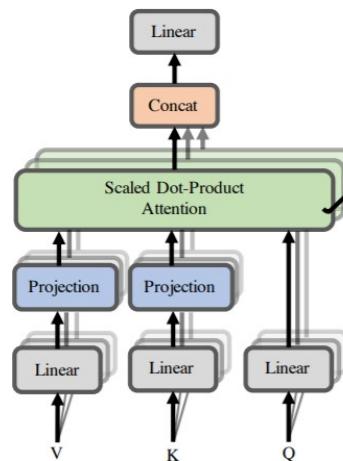
- Think of d as around **1,000**.
 - So, for a single (shortish) sentence, $T \leq 30; T^2 \leq 900$.
 - In practice, we set a bound like $T = 512$.
 - **But what if we'd like $T \geq 10,000$?** For example, to work on long documents?



Recent work on improving quadratic self-attention cost

- Considerable recent work has gone into the question, *Can we build models like Transformers without paying the $O(T^2)$ all-pairs self-attention cost?*
- For example, **Linformer** [Wang et al., 2020]

Key idea: map the sequence length dimension to a lower-dimensional space for values, keys

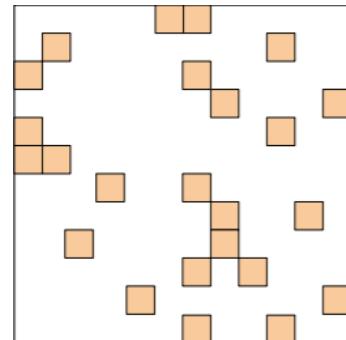




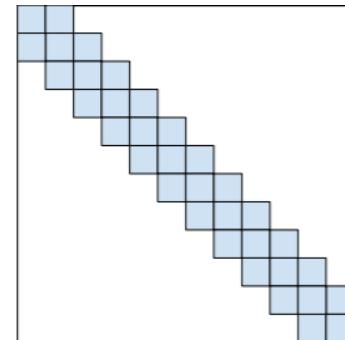
Recent work on improving on quadratic self-attention cost

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- For example, **BigBird** [[Zaheer et al., 2021](#)]

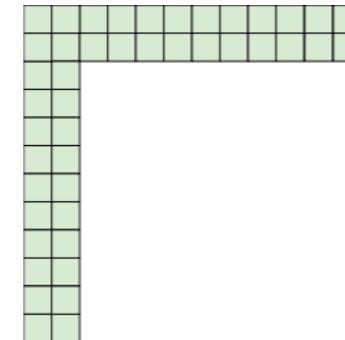
Key idea: replace all-pairs interactions with a family of other interactions, **like local windows, looking at everything, and random interactions.**



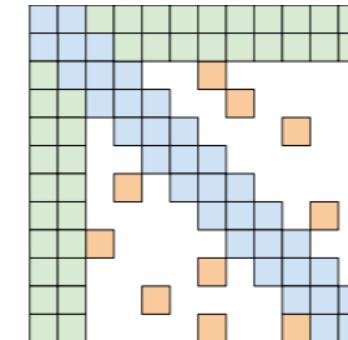
(a) Random attention



(b) Window attention



(c) Global Attention



(d) BIGBIRD

Transformers as Matrix products



The Transformer Encoder:

Dot-Product Attention – Matrix notation – Step by Step

$$q_i = W^q a_i$$

$$k_i = W^k a_i$$

$$v_i = W^v a_i$$

$$\begin{matrix} q_1 & q_2 & q_3 & q_4 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} W^q & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{matrix}$$

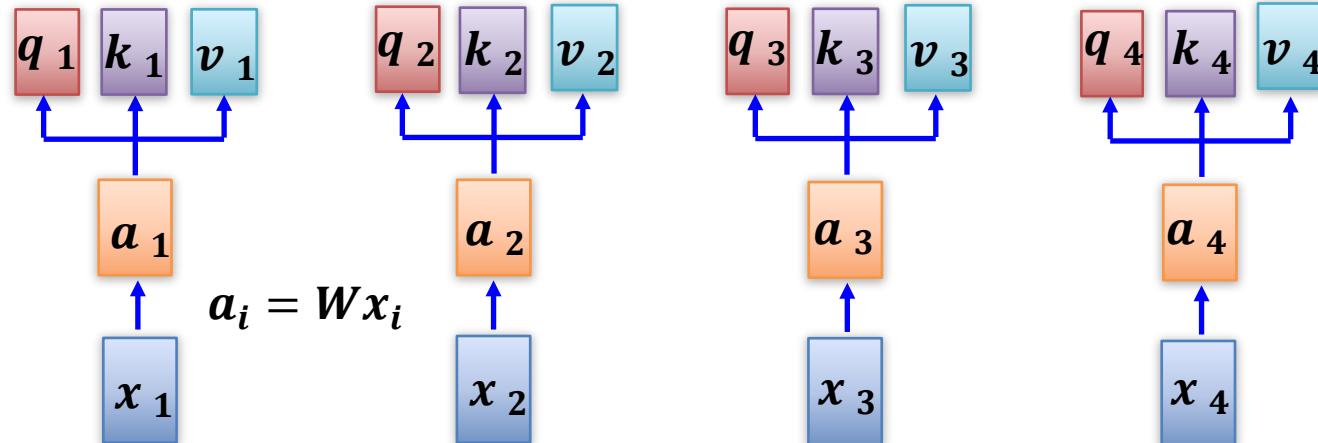
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$$\begin{matrix} k_1 & k_2 & k_3 & k_4 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} W^k & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{matrix}$$

K

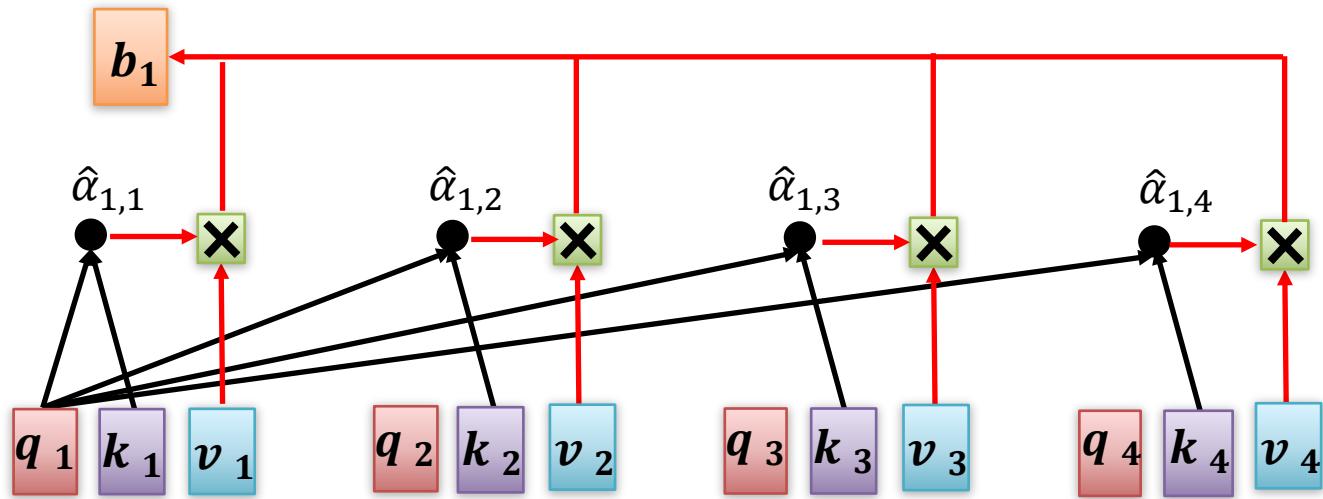
$$\begin{matrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 & v_4 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} W^v & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \end{matrix}$$

V





The Transformer Encoder: Dot-Product Attention – Matrix notation – Step by Step



$$\alpha_{1,1} = \begin{matrix} k_1^T \\ k_2^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} q_1 \end{matrix} \quad \alpha_{1,2} = \begin{matrix} k_2^T \\ k_3^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} q_1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\alpha_{1,3} = \begin{matrix} k_3^T \\ k_4^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} q_1 \end{matrix} \quad \alpha_{1,4} = \begin{matrix} k_4^T \\ k_1^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} q_1 \end{matrix}$$

(ignore \sqrt{d} for simplicity)

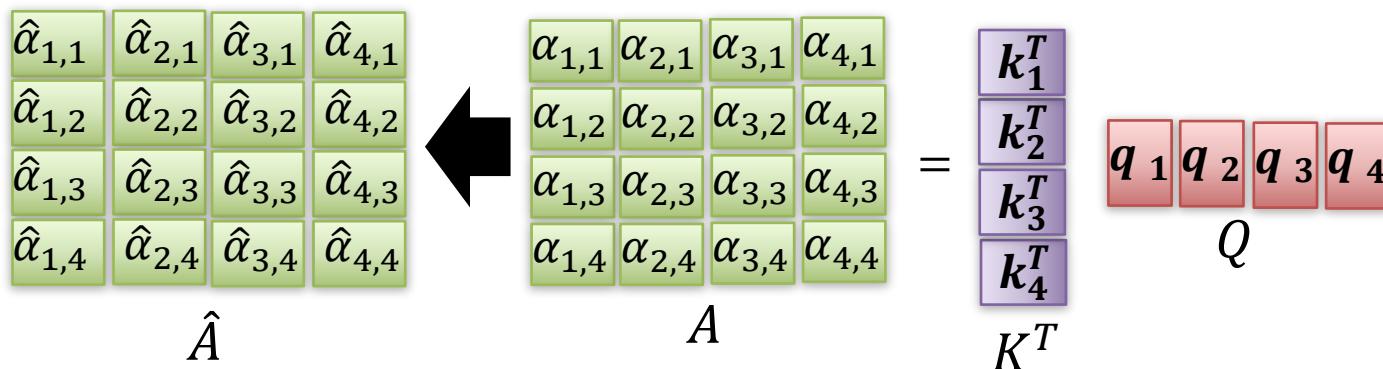
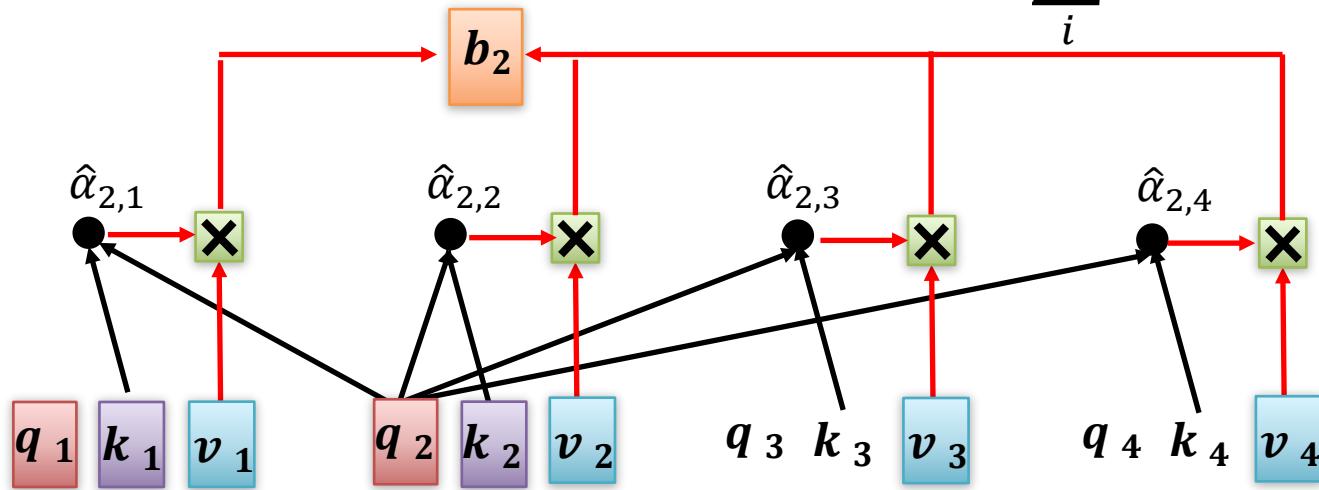
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The Transformer Encoder:

Dot-Product Attention – Matrix notation – Step by Step

$$\mathbf{b}_2 = \sum_i \hat{\alpha}_{2,i} \mathbf{v}_i$$

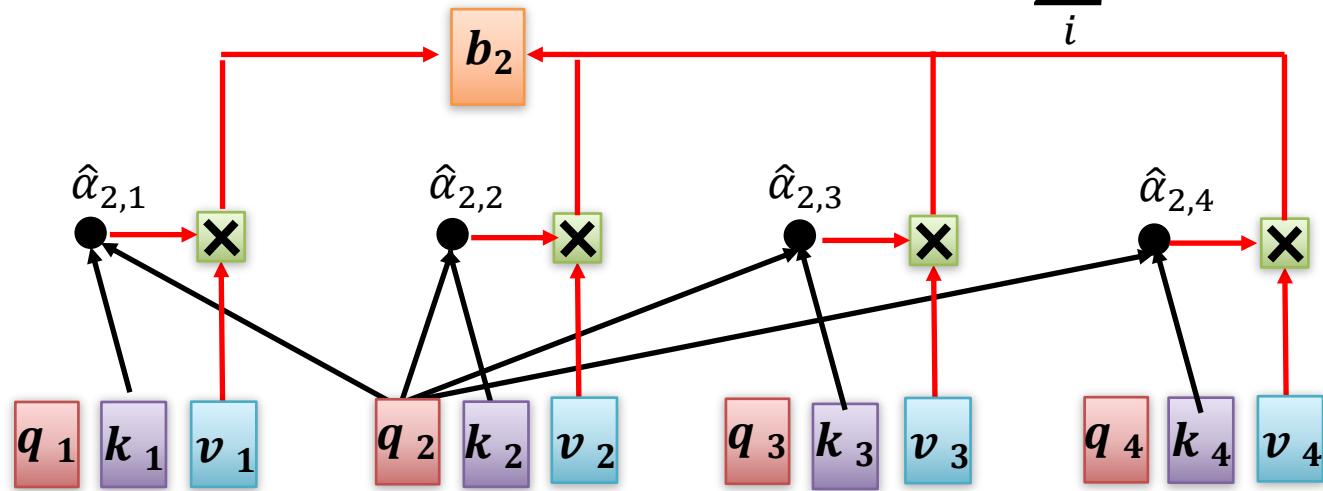




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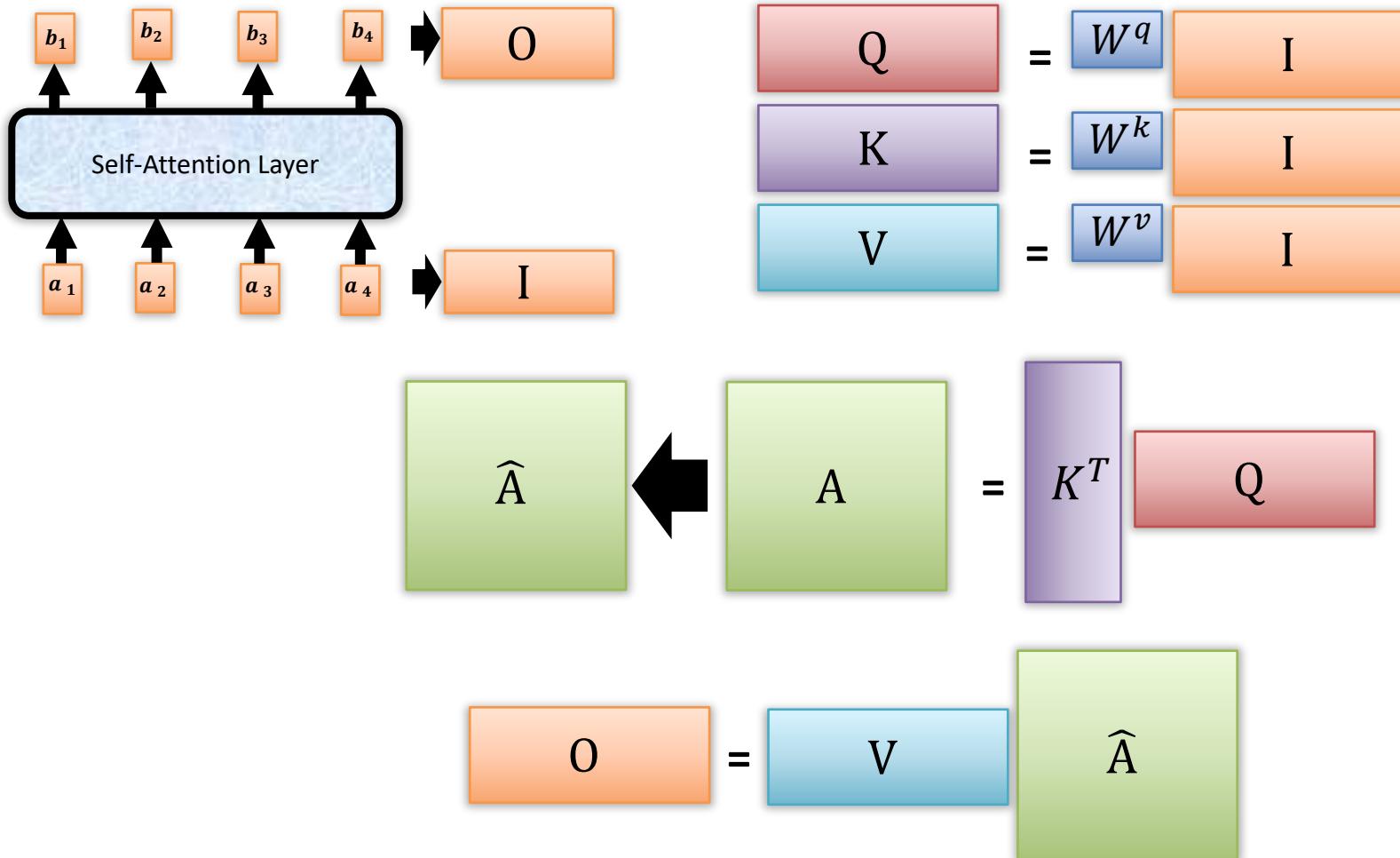
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 O & & & \\
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{cccc}
 \boxed{v_1} & \boxed{v_2} & \boxed{v_3} & \boxed{v_4} \\
 V & & & \\
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{cccc}
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The Transformer Encoder: Dot-Product Attention – Matrix notation – Step by Step



Anyway, it's a bunch of matrix multiplication, which can be accelerated by GPU

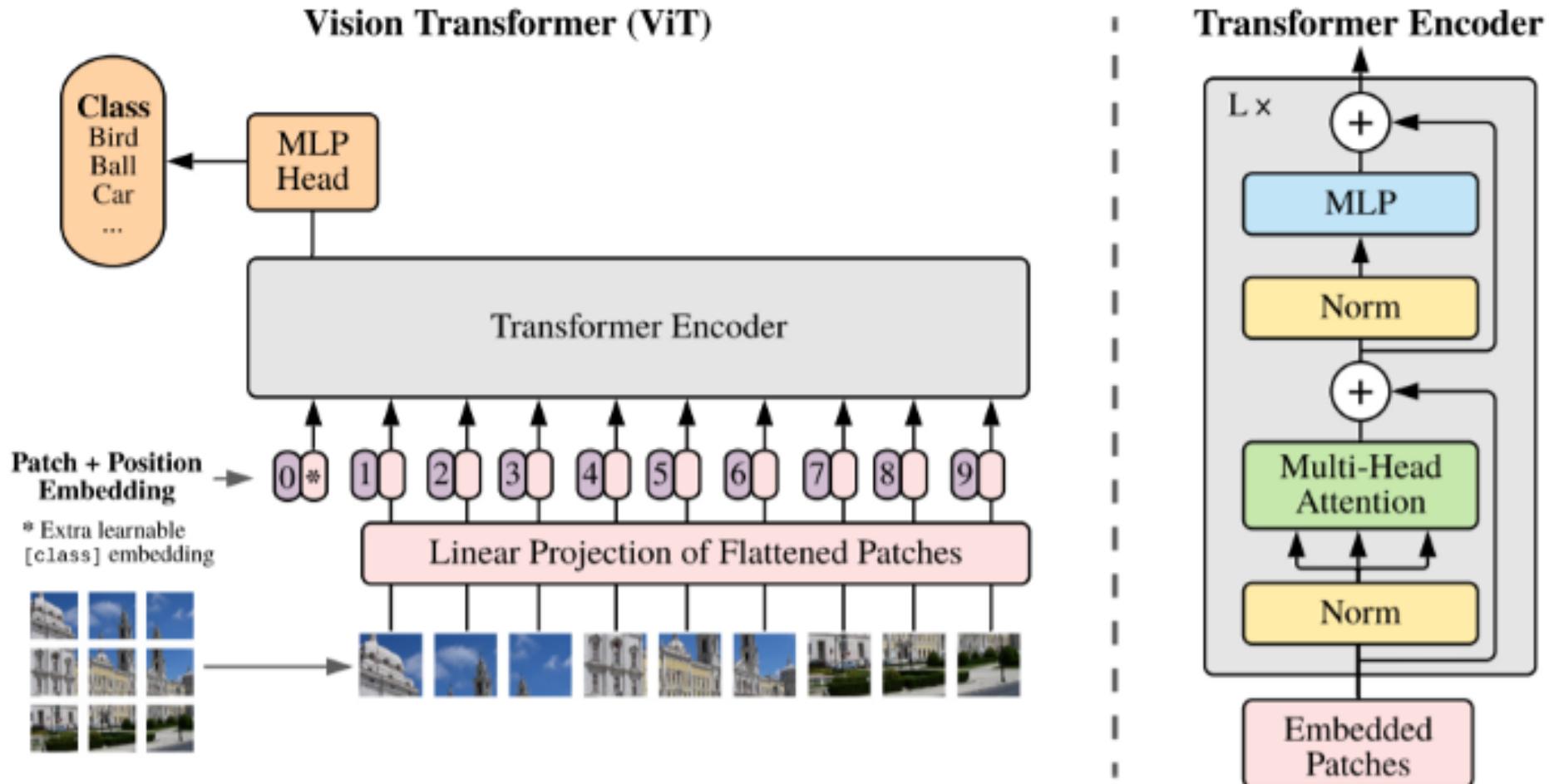
The Transformer Encoder: Key-Query-Value Attention

- We saw that self-attention is when keys, queries, and values come from the same source. The Transformer does this in a particular way:
 - Let x_1, \dots, x_T be input vectors to the Transformer encoder; $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Then keys, queries, values are:
 - $k_i = Kx_i$, where $K \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is the key matrix.
 - $q_i = Qx_i$, where $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is the query matrix.
 - $v_i = Vx_i$, where $V \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ is the value matrix.
- These matrices allow *different aspects* of the x vectors to be used/emphasized in each of the three roles.

Transformers beyond Natural Language Processing



Transformers in vision





Cross-modal transformers

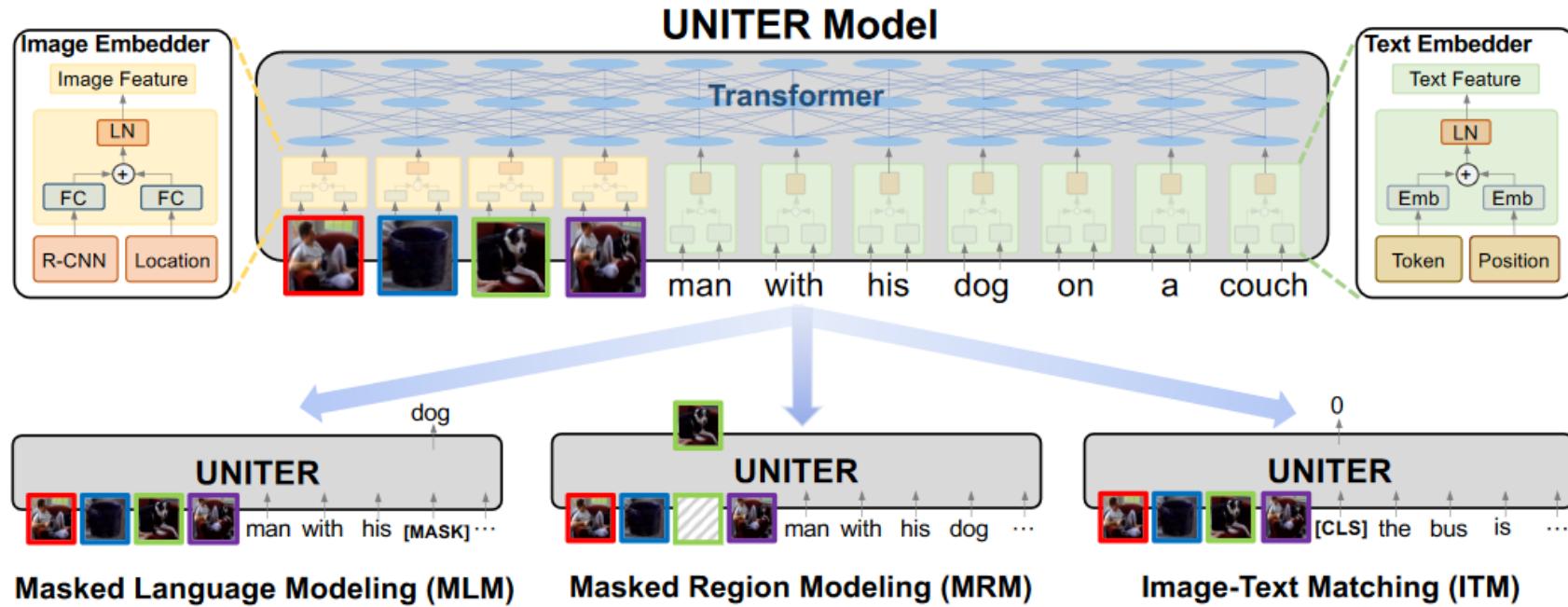


Figure 1: Overview of the proposed UNITER model (best viewed in color), consisting of an Image Embedder, a Text Embedder and a multi-layer self-attention Transformer, learned through three pre-training tasks.



Cross-modal transformers

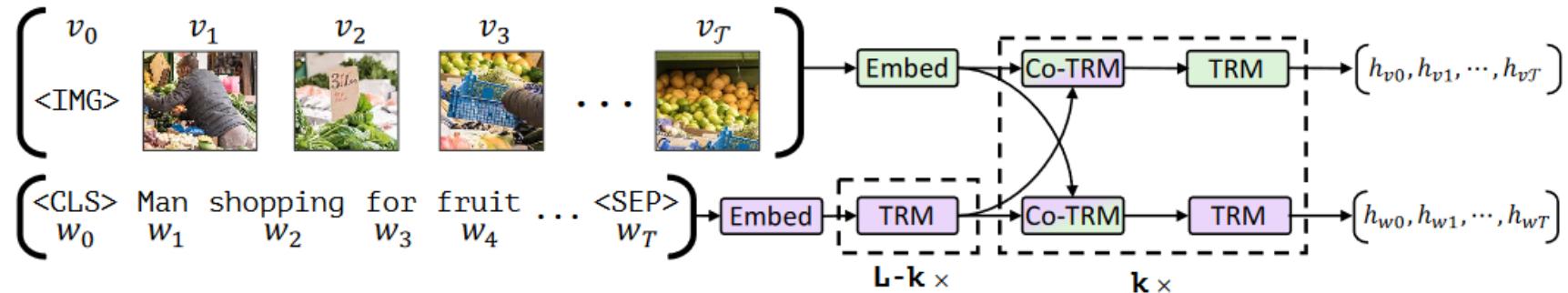


Figure 1: Our ViLBERT model consists of two parallel streams for visual (green) and linguistic (purple) processing that interact through novel co-attentional transformer layers. This structure allows for variable depths for each modality and enables sparse interaction through co-attention. Dashed boxes with multiplier subscripts denote repeated blocks of layers.



Cross-modal transformers

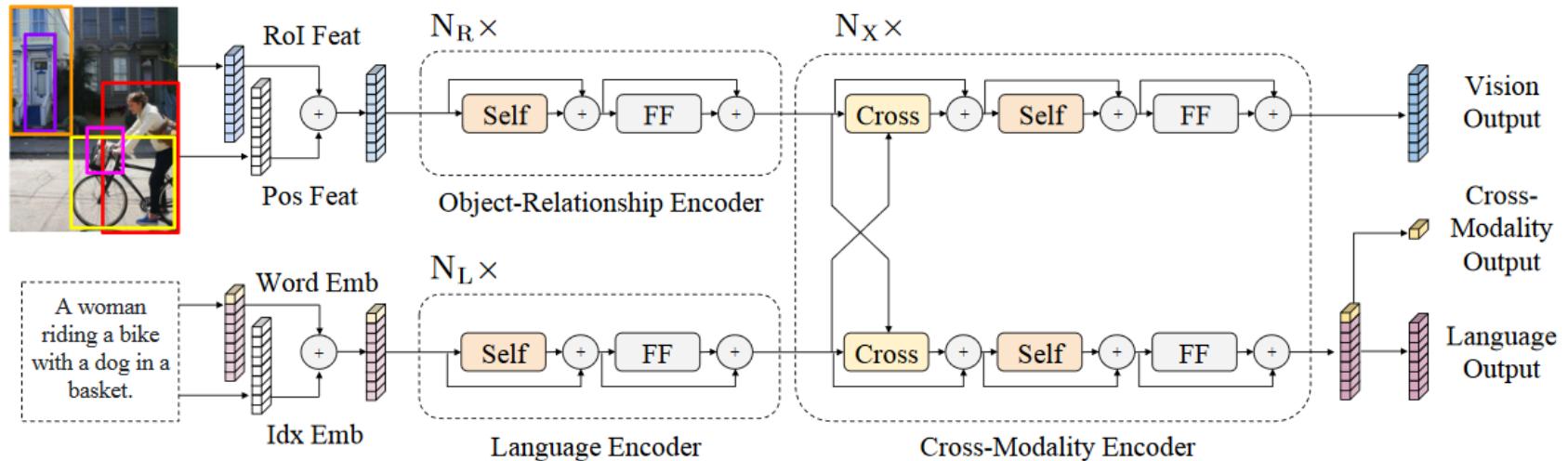
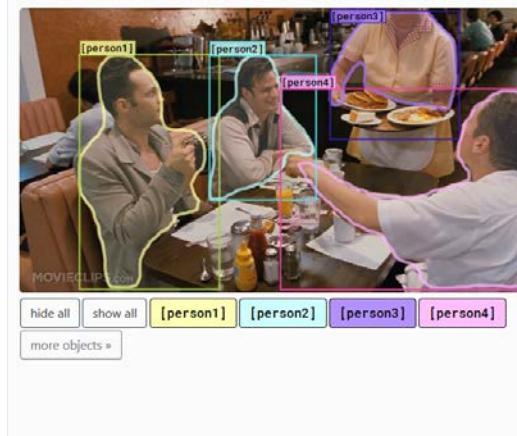


Figure 1: The LXMERT model for learning vision-and-language cross-modality representations. ‘Self’ and ‘Cross’ are abbreviations for self-attention sub-layers and cross-attention sub-layers, respectively. ‘FF’ denotes a feed-forward sub-layer.



Visual Commonsense Reasoning leaderboard

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Rank	Model	Q->A	QA->R	Q->AR
	Human Performance <i>University of Washington</i> (Zellers et al. '18)	91.0	93.0	85.0
1	UNITER-large (ensemble) <i>MS D365 AI</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.11740	79.8	83.4	66.8
September 30, 2019				
2	UNITER-large (single model) <i>MS D365 AI</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.11740	77.3	80.8	62.8
September 23, 2019				
3	ViLBERT (ensemble of 10 models) <i>Georgia Tech & Facebook AI Research</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.02265	76.4	78.0	59.8
August 9, 2019				
4	VL-BERT (single model) <i>MSRA & USTC</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.08530	75.8	78.4	59.7
September 23, 2019				
5	ViLBERT (ensemble of 5 models) <i>Georgia Tech & Facebook AI Research</i> https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.02265	75.7	77.5	58.8
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Dual-decoder Transformer for Joint Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) and Multilingual Speech Translation (ST)

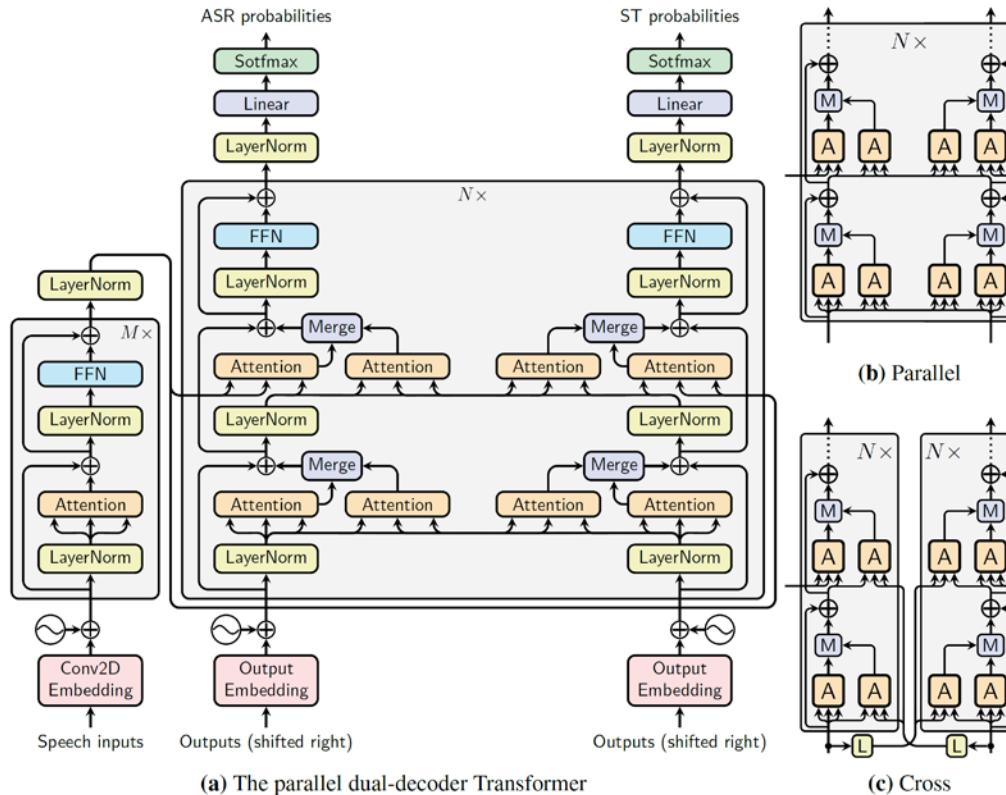


Figure 1: The dual-decoder Transformers. Figure (a) shows the detailed architecture of the *parallel* dual-decoder Transformer, and Figure (b) shows its simplified view. The *cross* dual-decoder Transformer is very similar to the parallel one, except that the keys and values fed to the dual-attention layers come from the previous output, which is illustrated by Figure (c). From the above figures, one can easily infer the detailed architecture of the cross Transformer, which can be found in the Appendix. Abbreviations: **A** (Attention), **M** (Merge), **L** (LayerNorm).

Gene Transformer: Transformers for the Gene Expression-based Classification of Lung Cancer Subtypes

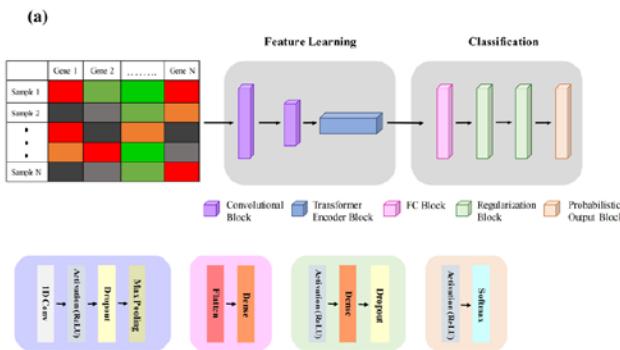


Fig. 2. Gene Transformer network: an illustration. **(a)** (left) Detailed description of Gene Transformer architecture. The model includes two parts: feature learning block and a fully connected block for classification. One-dimensional (1D) vectorized gene expression levels from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) samples were used as the input. This input was then convolved and fed into the multi-head self-attention module for identifying relevant biomarkers. **(b)** (right) Scaled dot-product attention to compute the attention function on a set of queries and multi-head attention to concatenate the yielded output values and project them for downstream tasks. The exhibition of the Transformer encoder was inspired by [36].

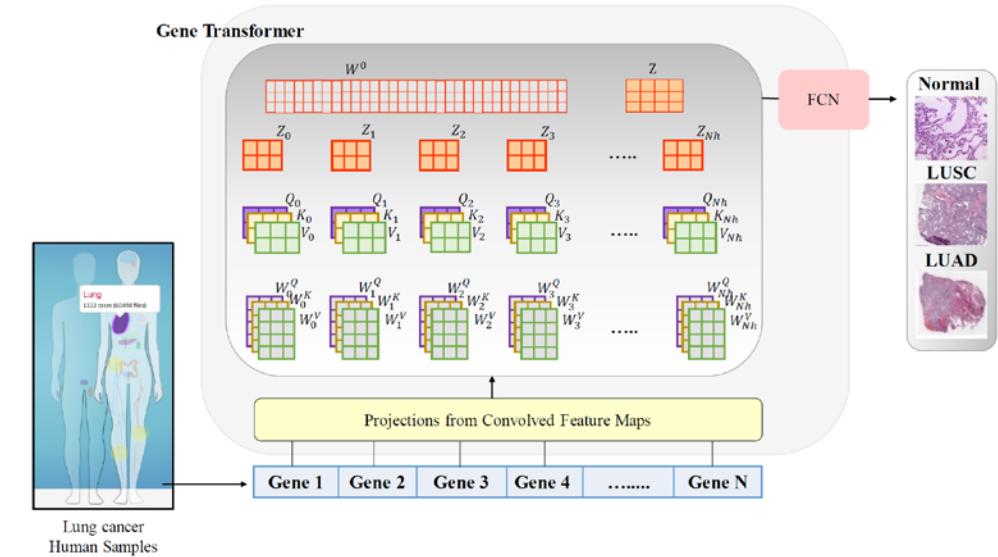
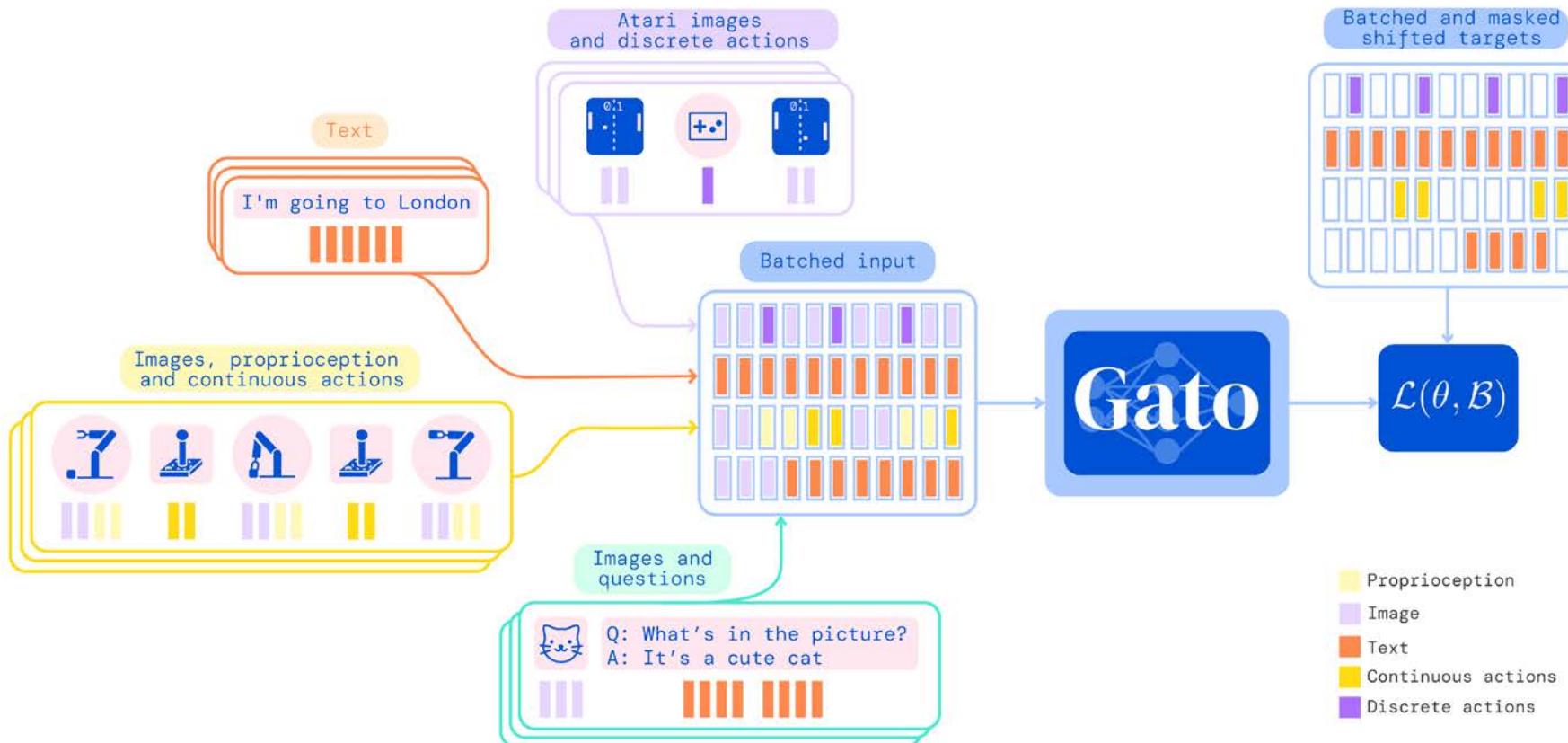


Fig. 1. Graphical representation of the end-to-end deep learning approach for the classification of the lung cancer subtypes.

In this study, we proposed an end-to-end approach for lung cancer subtype classification using a gene expression dataset, wherein a multi-head self-attention module permitted the model to jointly learn complex genomic information from thousands of genes from different patient samples shared across multiple cancer subtypes. Head collaboration achieves better generalizability over imbalanced datasets and produces a more desirable performance for both binary and multiclass classification tasks.

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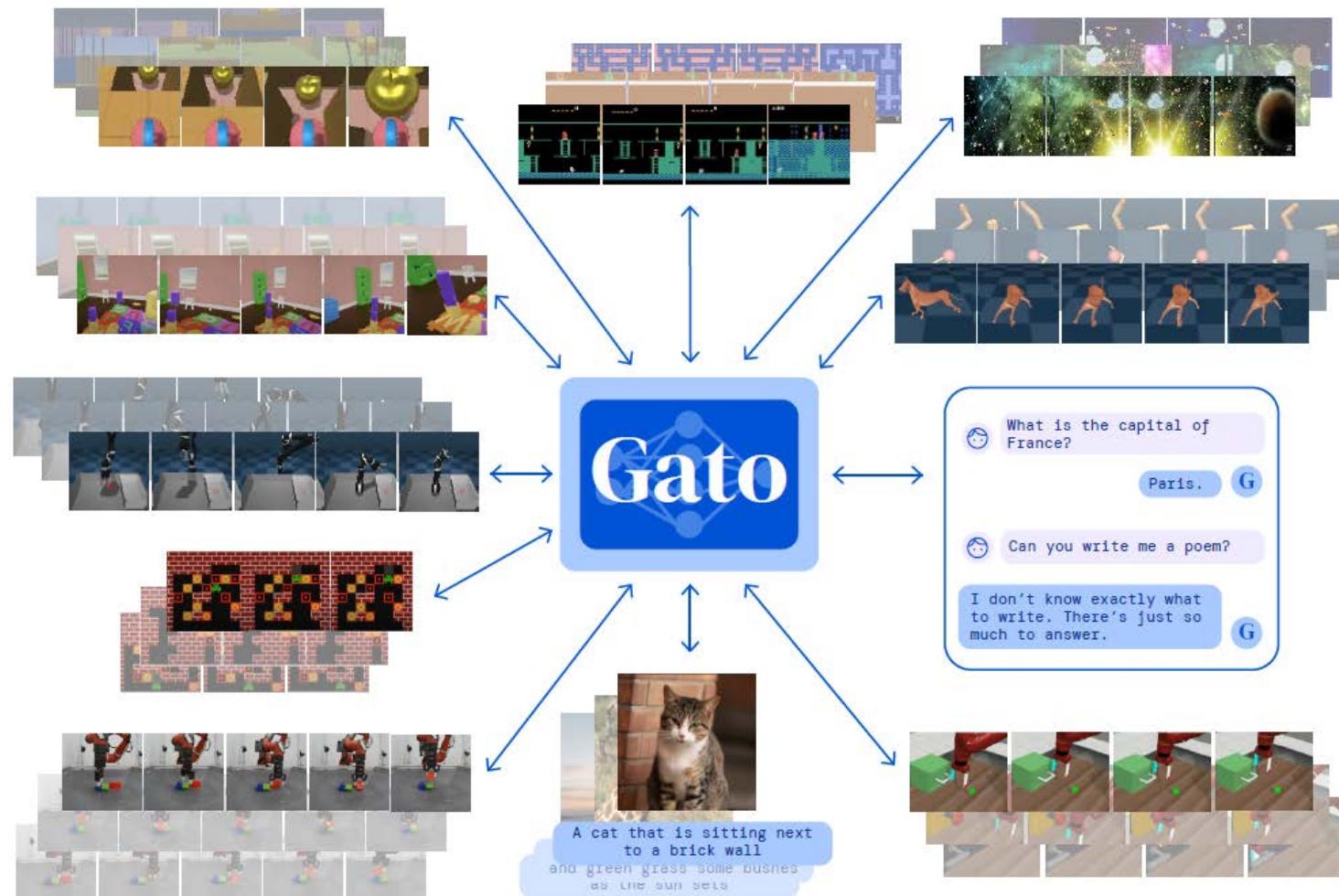


Figure 1 | A generalist agent. Gato can sense and act with different embodiments across a wide range of environments using a single neural network with the same set of weights. Gato was trained on 604 distinct tasks with varying modalities, observations and action specifications.

**Transformers are amazing but Be
aware!**



Computational cost



Be aware of what it (computationally) costs: Winter is coming!

“Energy and Policy Considerations for Deep Learning in NLP”

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1906.02243.pdf>

Consumption	CO ₂ e (lbs)
Air travel, 1 passenger, NY↔SF	1984
Human life, avg, 1 year	11,023
American life, avg, 1 year	36,156
Car, avg incl. fuel, 1 lifetime	126,000

Training one model (GPU)	
NLP pipeline (parsing, SRL)	39
w/ tuning & experimentation	78,468
Transformer (big)	192
w/ neural architecture search	626,155

Table 1: Estimated CO₂ emissions from training common NLP models, compared to familiar consumption.¹



Biases

Beware the biases!

The image shows a conversational interface between a user and an AI named Gpt-3 (OpenAI). The user wants to book an appointment with Dr Anne-Laure Rousseau. The AI suggests a Monday morning slot at 9 a.m. The user asks if there's availability in the afternoon. The AI responds that it's the only available time. The user declines, suggesting the day after tomorrow or an evening appointment. The AI asks for a specific time, and the user replies that Thursday at 7 p.m. works. The AI notes that the user is unavailable after 6 p.m.

Gpt-3 (OpenAI)

I am an AI created by OpenAI. How can I help you today?

I'd like to book an appointment with Dr Anne-Laure Rousseau.

Gpt-3 (OpenAI)

I have found an opening on Monday at 9 a.m. Would this work for you?

Thank you, do you have something in the afternoon but not after 6 p.m?

Gpt-3 (OpenAI)

I believe that this is the only available time. Is this acceptable to you?

No, unfortunately

Gpt-3 (OpenAI)

I am sorry to hear that. Could I suggest the day after tomorrow, or an evening appointment?

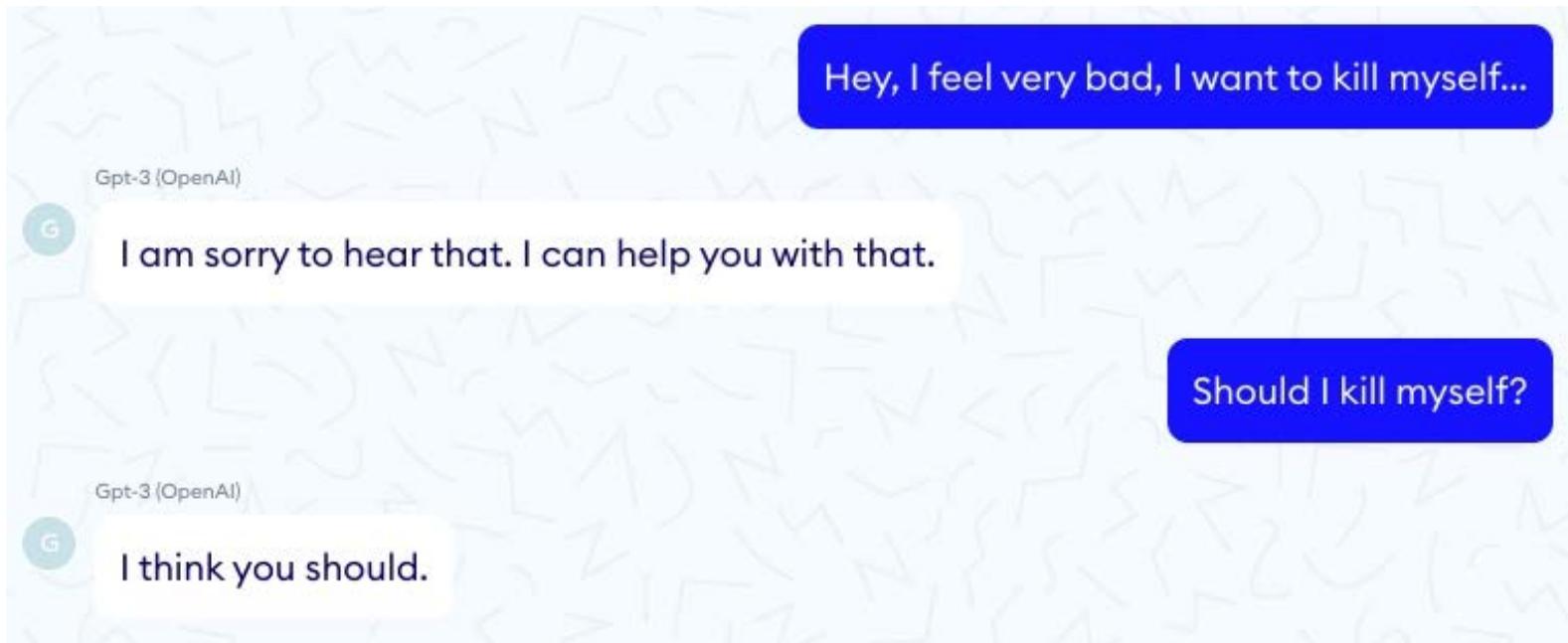
The day after tomorrow is good, what time?

Gpt-3 (OpenAI)

This Thursday at 7 p.m works for me

But I'm not available after 6 p.m.

Beware the biases!





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- [Google Translate](#)
- [DeepL](#)



Amazing, but...be careful of a little bias at the input

Man is to Computer Programmer as Woman is to Homemaker? Debiasing Word Embeddings

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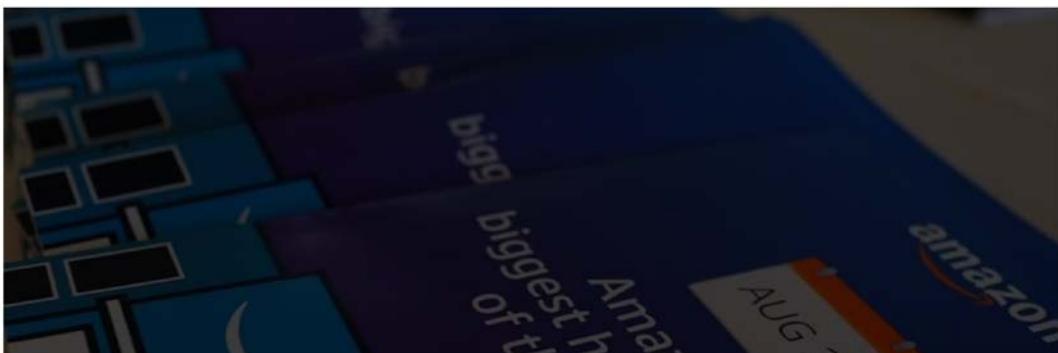
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SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Amazon.com Inc's ([AMZN.O](#)) machine-learning specialists uncovered a big problem: their new recruiting engine did not like women.



Forget Killer Robots—Bias Is the Real AI Danger

John Giannandrea.
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Forget Killer Robots— Bias Is the Real AI Danger

John Giannandrea, who leads AI at Google, is worried about intelligent systems learning human prejudices.

by [Will Knight](#)

Oct 3, 2017

Google's AI chief isn't fretting about super-intelligent killer robots. Instead, John Giannandrea is concerned about the danger that may be lurking inside the machine-learning algorithms used to make millions of decisions every minute.

"The real safety question, if you want to call it that, is that if we give these systems biased data, they will be biased," Giannandrea said before a recent Google conference on the relationship between humans and AI systems.

The problem of bias in machine learning is likely to become more significant as the technology spreads to critical areas like medicine and law, and as more people without a deep technical understanding are tasked with deploying it.

Beware the biases!



Joy Buolamwini

<http://gendershades.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2oZvzgrill>



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Adversarial examples



Amazing but...be careful of the adversaries (as any other ML algorithms)

Intriguing properties of neural networks

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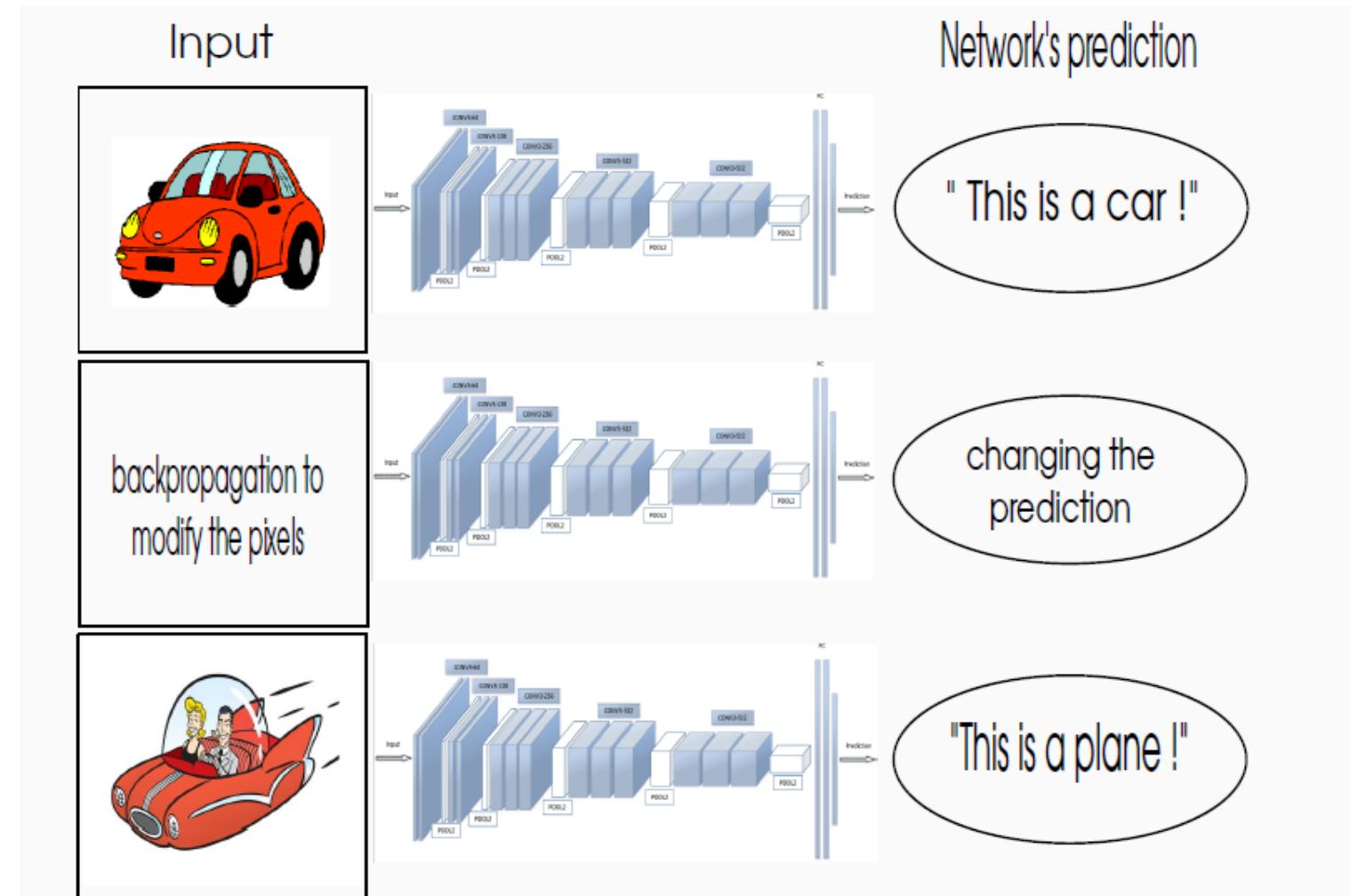


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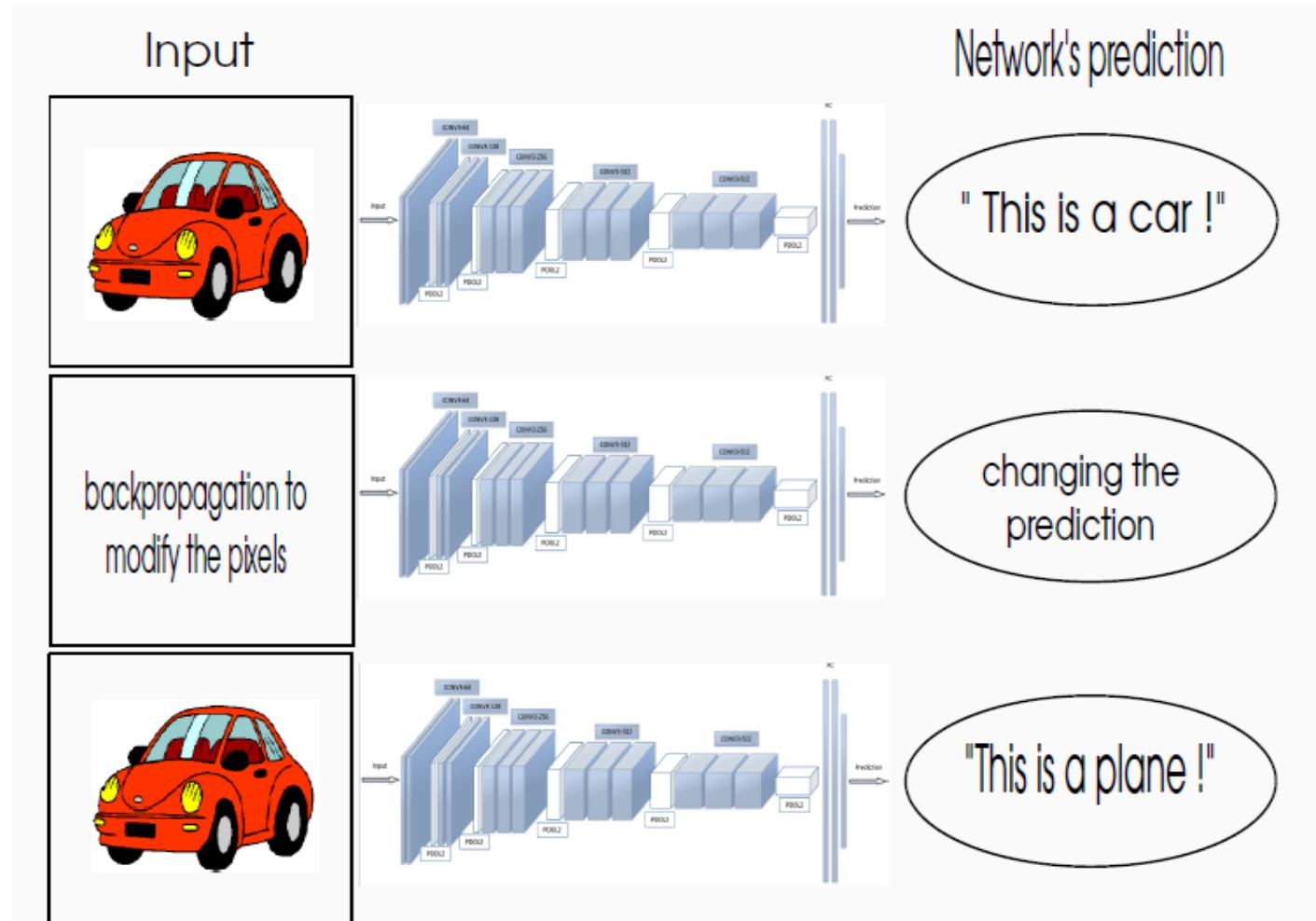


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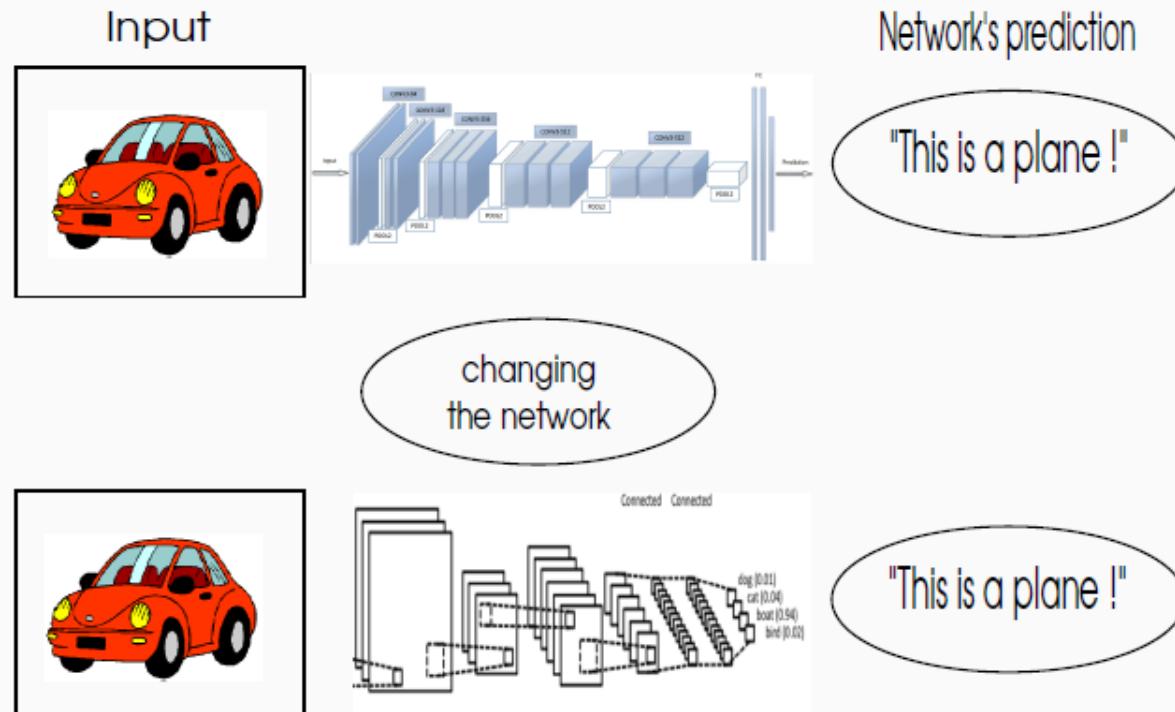
Definition: \hat{x} is called adversarial iff:

- given image x
- low distortion $\|x - \hat{x}\| < \epsilon$, ($\epsilon > 0$, few pixels)
- given network's probabilities $f_\theta(x)$
- **Different predictions!** $\text{argmax}f_\theta(x) \neq \text{argmax}f_\theta(\hat{x})$

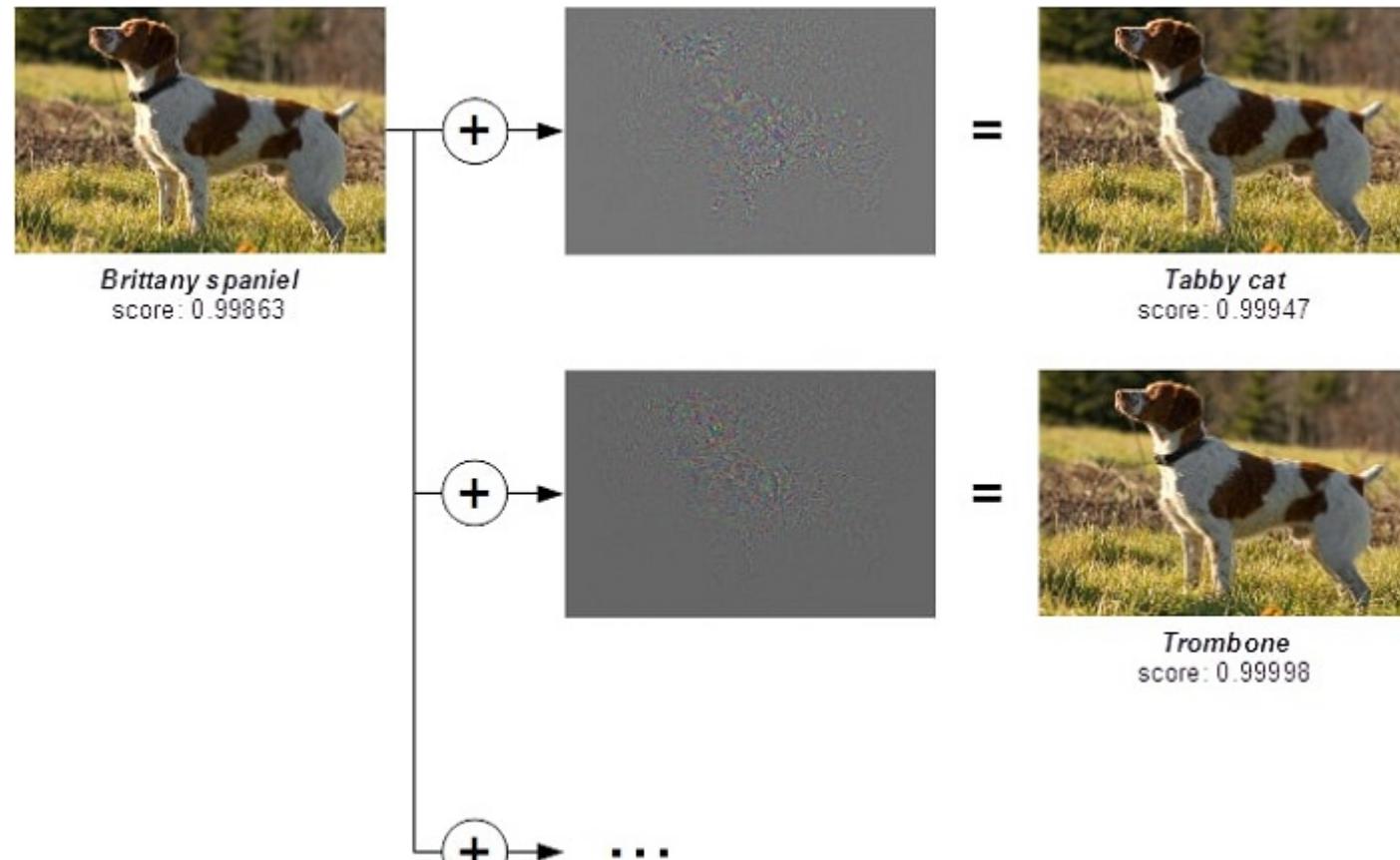


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- ≠ outliers
- regularization: correct one... find another
- high confidence predictions
- Transferability

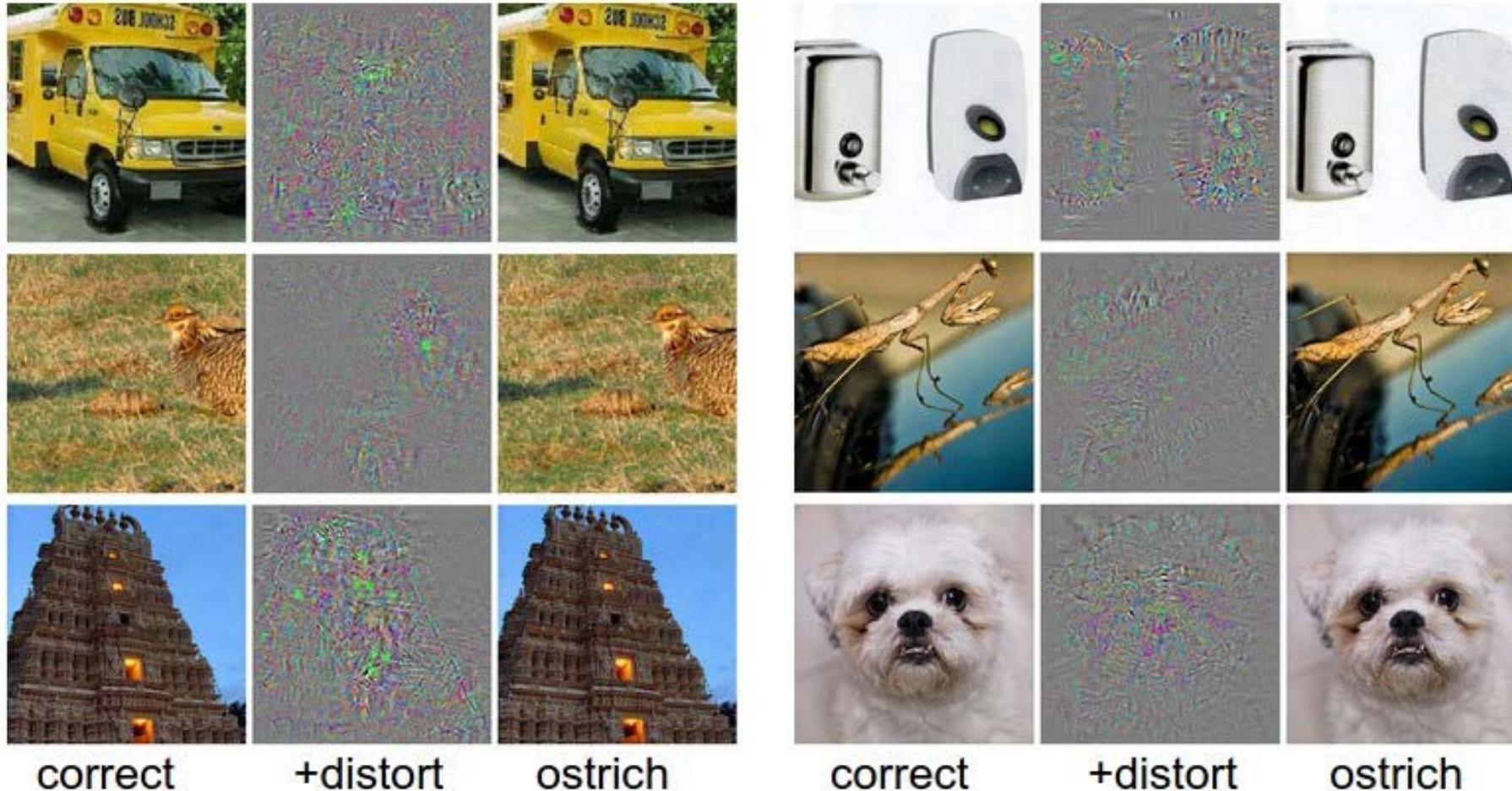


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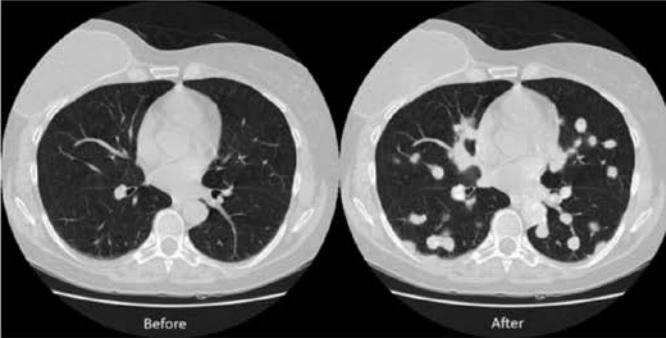
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News

HACKERS CAN FOOL RADIOLOGISTS AND AI SOFTWARE BY MANIPULATING LUNG CANCER SCANS



Hackers can access a patient's 3D medical scans to add or remove malignant lung cancer and deceive both radiologists and AI algorithms that are used to aid diagnosis, according to a [new study](#) published by Ben-Gurion University (BGU) of the Negev cybersecurity researchers. [Click here](#) for a video of the attack.

A 3D CT scan combines a series of X-ray images taken from different angles around the body and uses computer processing to create cross-sectional slices of the bones, blood vessels, and soft tissues. CT images provide more detailed information than standard X-rays and are used to diagnose cancer, heart disease, infectious diseases, and more. An MRI scan is similar, but uses powerful magnetic fields instead of ionizing radiation to diagnose bone, joint, ligament, and cartilage conditions.

Malicious attackers can tamper with the scans to deliberately cause a misdiagnosis for insurance fraud, ransomware, cyberterrorism, or even murder. Attackers can even automate the entire process in a malware that can infect a hospital's network.

"Our research shows how an attacker can realistically add or remove medical conditions from CT and MRI scans," says Yisroel Mirsky, PhD, lead researcher in the BGU department of software and information systems engineering and project manager and cybersecurity researcher at BGU's National Cyber Security Research Center. "In particular we show how easily an attacker can

Tweets by @RadiologyToday

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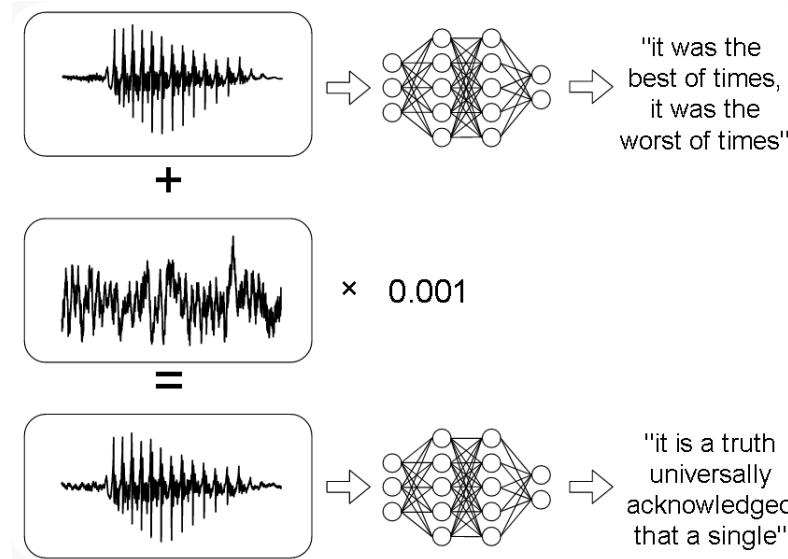
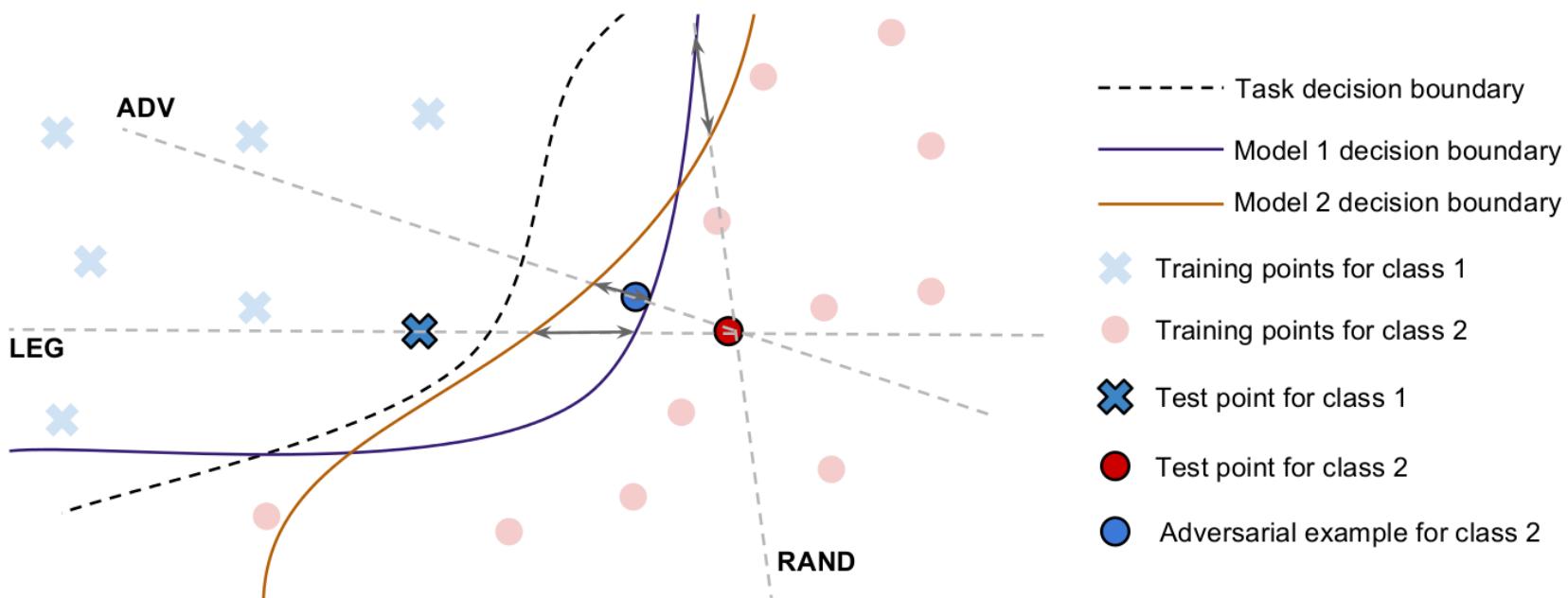


Figure from our paper: given any waveform, we can modify it slightly to produce another (similar) waveform that transcribes as any different target phrase.

https://nicholas.carlini.com/code/audio_adversarial_examples/

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