



# Assignment 2 - Retrieval-based QA

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# Outline

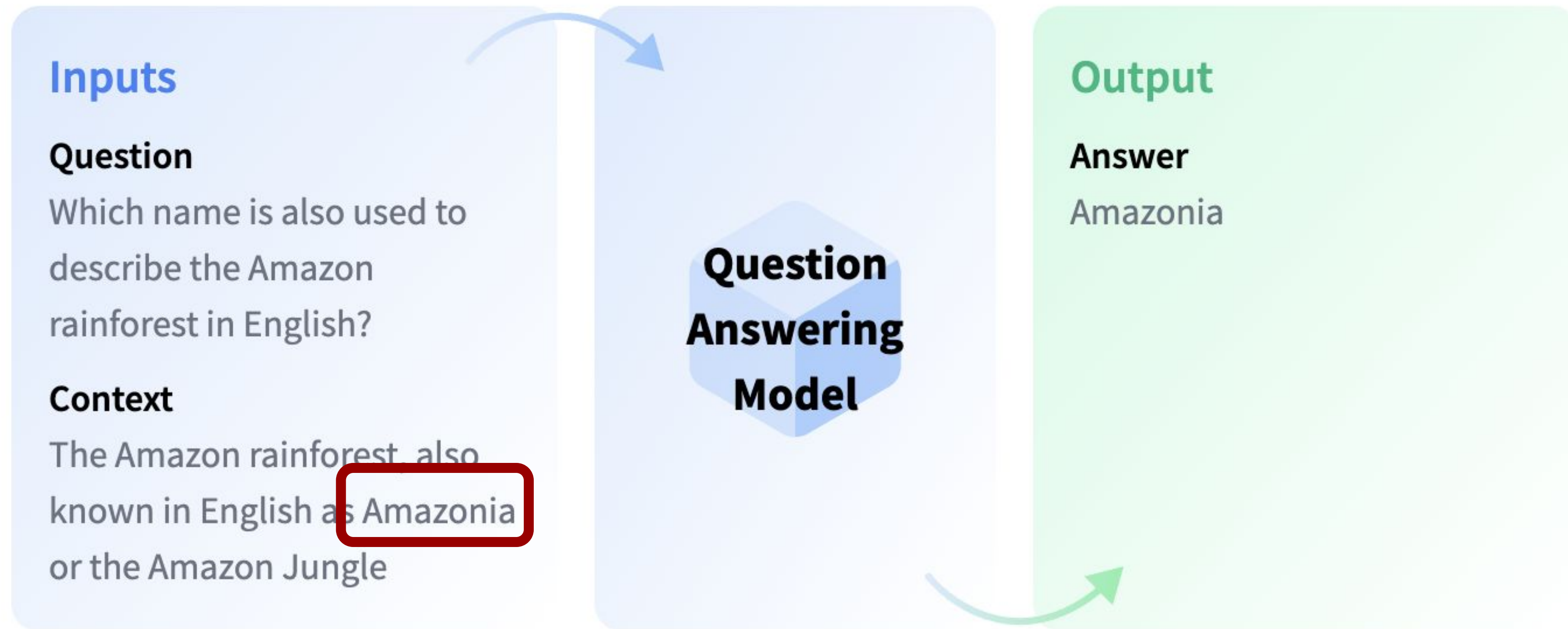




# Task Description

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# Extractive QA



Source: <https://huggingface.co/tasks/question-answering>

# Retrieval-based QA



natural language processing



## 其他人也問了以下問題

What is meant by natural language processing? ^

Natural language processing (NLP) refers to the branch of computer science—and more specifically, the branch of artificial intelligence or AI—concerned with giving computers the ability to understand text and spoken words in much the same way human beings can.

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## What is Natural Language Processing? - IBM

搜尋：[What is meant by natural language processing?](#)

What is natural language processing with example? ▼

What are the 5 steps in NLP? ▼



# SearchQA

**Question:** born poland , first prime minister israel

**Answer:** ben gurion

**Snippets:**

Not all search result snippets in this task contain answers. But there is no question that cannot be answered.

- <s> shimon peres' family 5 fast facts need know heavy com sep 27 , 2016 six decades public life click learn former israeli prime minister 's family born august 21 , 1923 vishnyeva , poland time part belarus according academy </s>
- <s> 16 day history read happened today short display day gr daily infobits website , favorite first polish pope reigned pope 26 years prime minister israel , david ben gurion , born plonsk , poland </s>
- <s> shimon peres wikipedia shimon peres israeli statesman ninth president israel , serving 2007 2014 peres served twice prime minister israel twice interim prime minister , peres told rabbi menachem mendel schneerson born result blessing parents </s>
- <s> israel palestine google books result </s>

# Dataset Overview

- train & val

<s> snippet 1 </s> <s> snippet 2 </s> ... .. ||| Question ||| Answer

- test

<s> snippet 1 </s> <s> snippet 2 </s> ... .. ||| Question ||| “answer”

same order

- test-submit.txt

Question ||| “answer”

change to the answer your model predicts



# Model Architecture

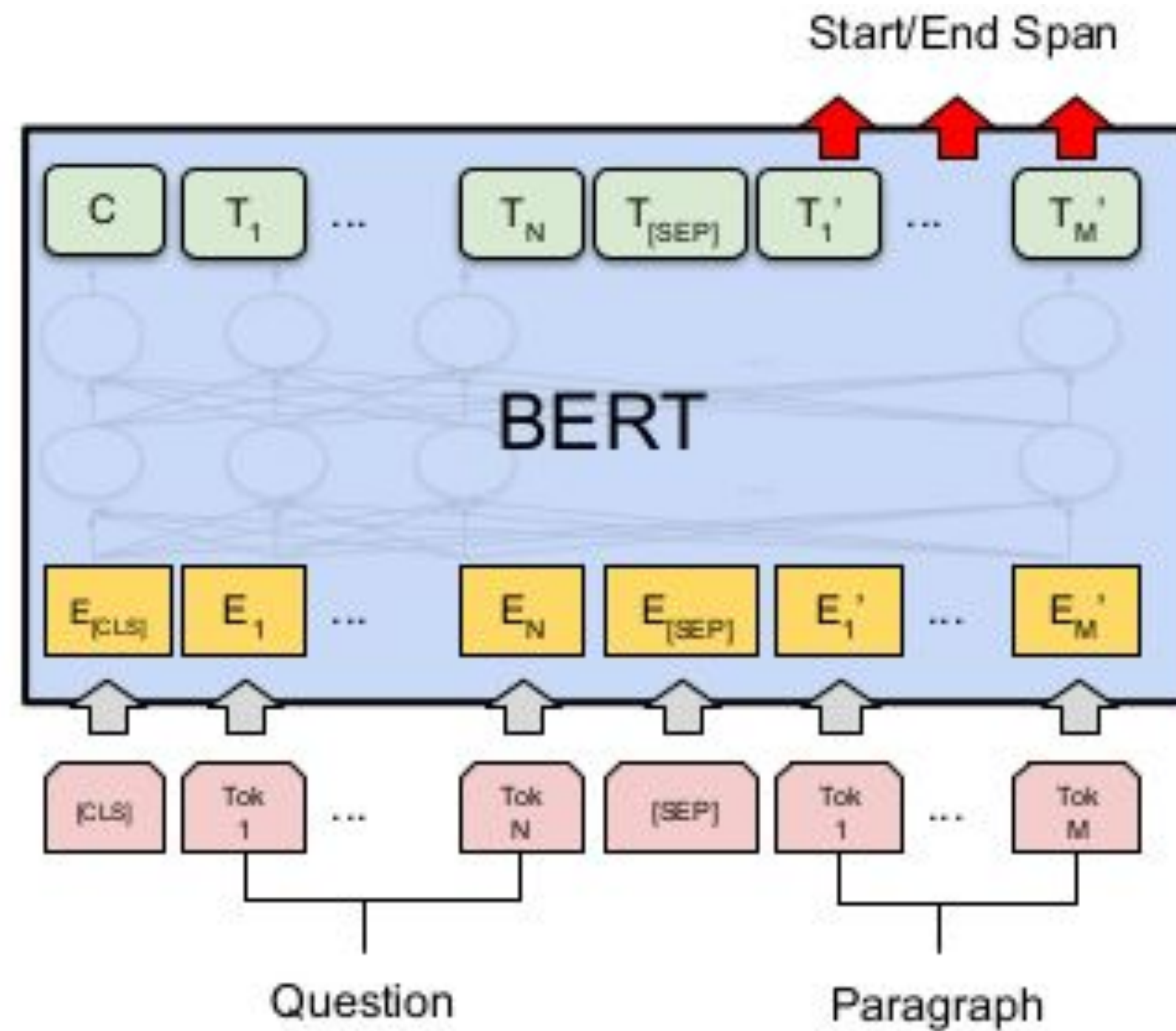
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Most of the materials in this chapter are from

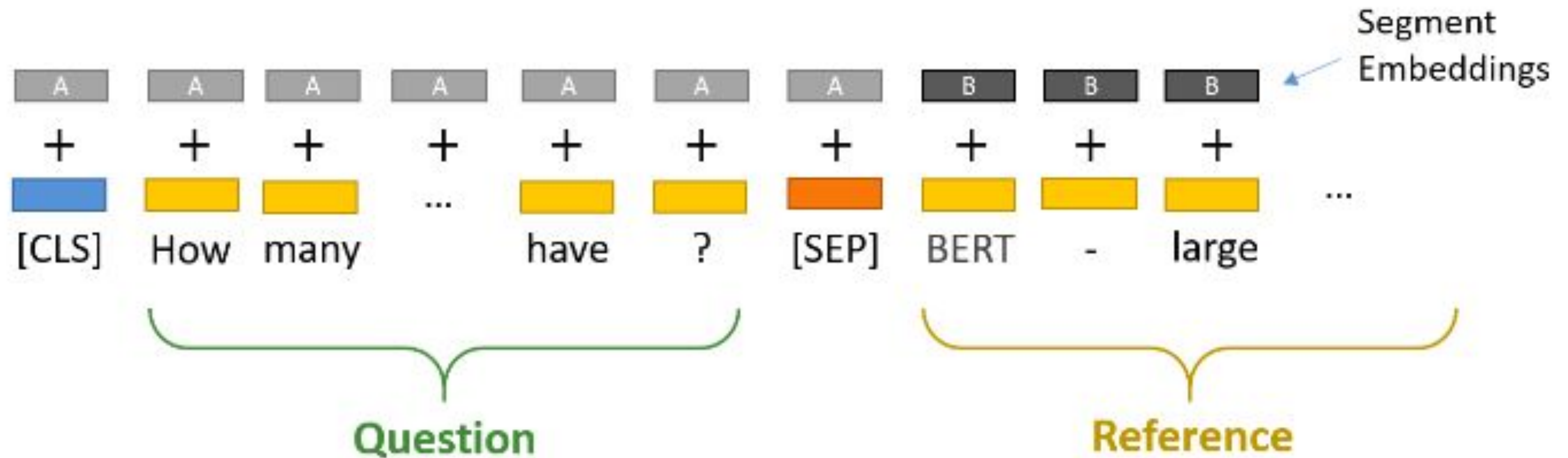
<https://medium.com/saarthi-ai/build-a-smart-question-answering-system-with-fine-tuned-bert-b586e4cfa5f5>



# Fine-tune PLM in QA task



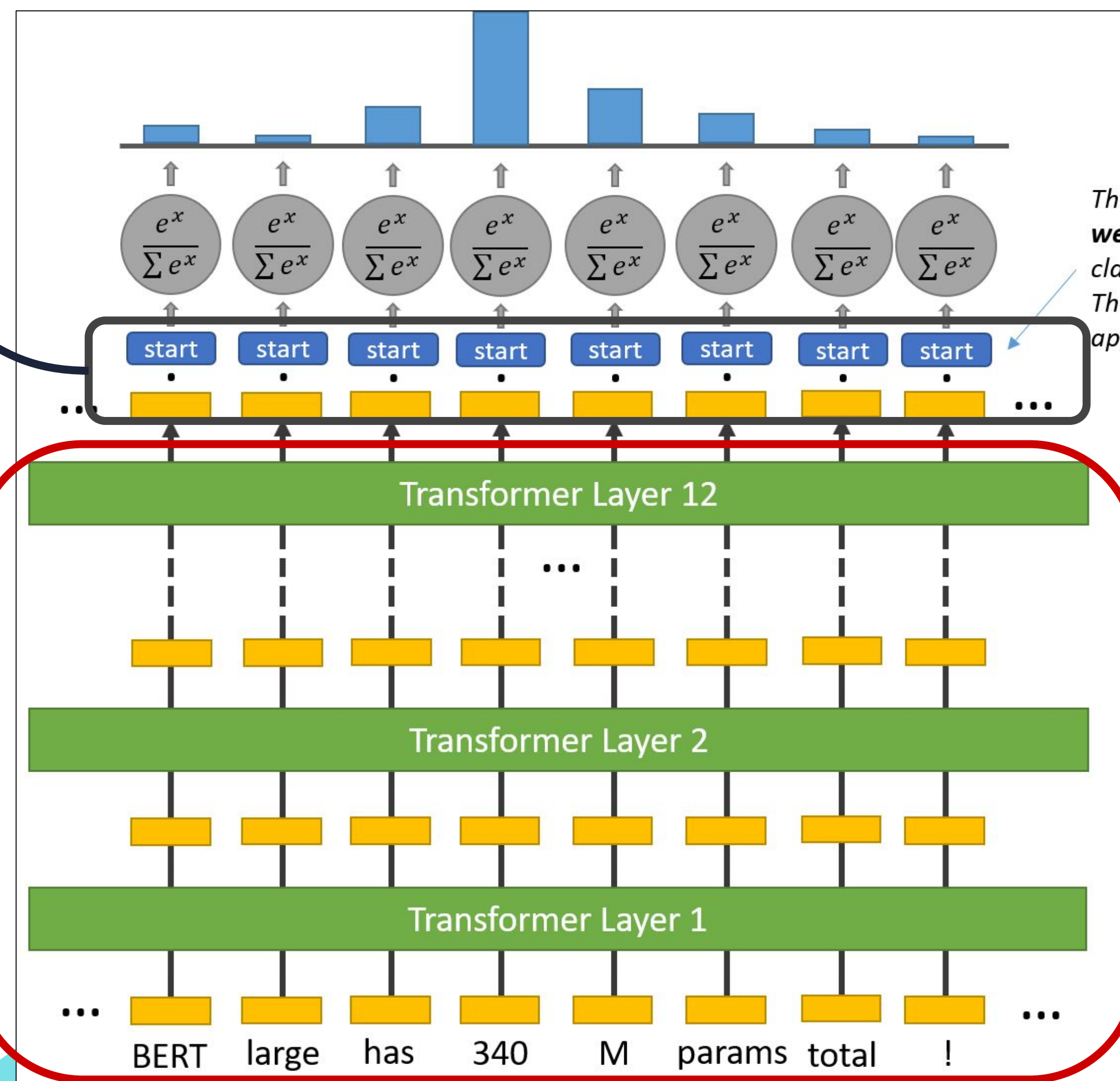
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Can be a simple model, like a linear layer.

Pretrained Language Model such as BERT or RoBERTa



This length 768 vector is the **weights** for the start token classifier. The **same weights** are applied to **every position**.





# How to implement a BERT?

- Hugging Face 🤗

```
from transformers import BertTokenizer, BertModel
tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
text = "Replace me by any text you'd like."
encoded_input = tokenizer(text, return_tensors='pt')
output = model(**encoded_input)
```

Source: <https://huggingface.co/bert-base-uncased?text=The+goal+of+life+is+%5BMASK%5D>.



What you  
need to do?

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1. Document retrieval (e.g. BM25 or TF-IDF)
2. Build your dataset and doing tokenization.  
e.g. { Question, Reference, Ans\_start\_index, Ans\_end\_index...}
  - Tip: If there are entries with no answer, you can set both the start and end indice of the answer to the [CLS] token (usually index=0).
3. Implement the training process and then make inferences on the test data.

Note that you need to implement the output layer yourself, so you can't use any library that already assembles all the pieces for you.

For example ~~AutoModelForQuestionAnswering.from\_pretrained(model\_name)~~

```
1 from transformers import BertModel
2
3 class myModel(torch.nn.Module):
4
5     def __init__(self):
6
7         super(myModel, self).__init__()
8
9         self.bert = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-cased')
10        self.fc = nn.Linear(768, 4)
11
12
13    def forward(self, input_ids, attention_mask):
14
15        output = self.bert(input_ids=input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask, return_dict=True)
16        logits = output[0]
17        out = self.fc(logits)
18
19        return out
```

In fact, you can refer to the sample code of aicup as we treat the aicup task as a QA-like task.

# Leaderboard for this task

Rank	Model	EM	N-gram F1	Unigram Acc	F1	Paper	Code	Result	Year	Tags
1	Cluster-Former (#C=512)	68.0				Cluster-Former: Clustering-based Sparse Transformer for Long-Range Dependency Encoding			2020	
2	Locality-Sensitive Hashing	66.0				Reformer: The Efficient Transformer			2020	
3	Multi-passage BERT	65.1				Multi-passage BERT: A Globally Normalized BERT Model for Open-domain Question Answering			2019	
4	Sparse Attention	64.7				Generating Long Sequences with Sparse Transformers			2019	
5	DECAPROP	62.2				Densely Connected Attention Propagation for Reading Comprehension			2018	
6	Denoising QA	58.8	-	-	64.5	Denoising Distantly Supervised Open-Domain Question Answering			2018	
7	DecaProp	56.8	70.8	62.2	63.6	Densely Connected Attention Propagation for Reading Comprehension			2018	
8	R^3	49.0	-	-	55.3	R <sup>3</sup> : Reinforced Reader-Ranker for Open-Domain Question Answering			2017	
9	DrQA	41.9				Reading Wikipedia to Answer Open-Domain Questions			2017	
10	Bi-Attention + DCU-LSTM	-	59.5	49.4	-	Multi-Granular Sequence Encoding via Dilated Compositional Units for Reading Comprehension			2018	LSTM

<https://paperswithcode.com/sota/open-domain-question-answering-on-searchqa>

# Thanks!

Any questions?

