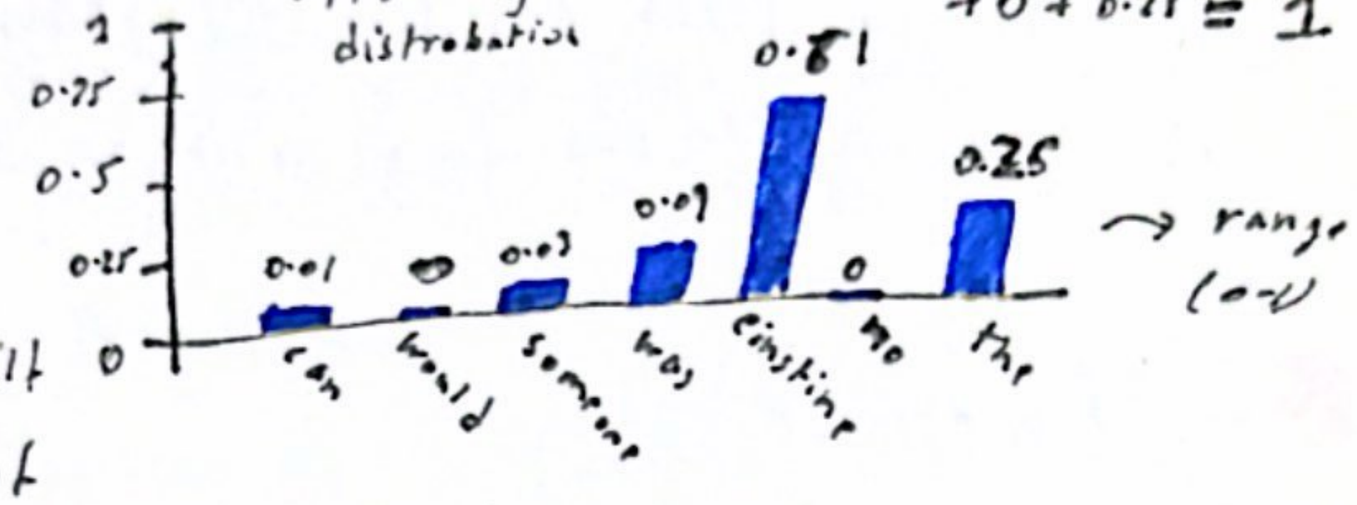
Softmax (LLM notes)

- if you want a sequence of numbers to act as a probability distribution or a distribution over all next words, then each value has to be between 0 and 1 and for all of them to add up to 1



- but since we have alot of dot products and matrix multiplication the output we have by default don't follow these rules of probability distribution

- Softmax is a way to turn a list of arbitrary numbers into a valid distribution in such a way that the largest values end up closer to 1 and the smaller values end up closer to 0
- this is known as a normalization step

$$\text{Softmax}(x)_i = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} e^{x_n}}$$

- in this way if one input is meaningfully bigger (3.4) then it dominates the distribution and vise versa so if we were sampling from this we would almost always pick the largest and most meaningful one (best prediction)

- Temperature (Creativity)

- we can add a constant T to the denominator of Softmax

$$\text{Softmax with temp}(X)_i = \frac{e^{x_i / T}}{\sum e^{x_n / T}}$$

- if T is larger more weight is given to the lower values boosting them up and vise versa at T = 0 all weight is given to the max input