

# Training and Finetuning Transformers. Supervised Learning, Transfer Learning, Few-Shot and Zero-shot learning

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# Outline

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- Quick recap
- The encoder-decoder transformer
  - Training a transformer model
- Transfer Learning and Finetuning
  - Decoder transformers: GPT
  - Encoder transformers: BERT
- In-context learning. Zero-shot and Few-shot learning

Quick recap:  
Encoder Decoder. Attention. Transformers.

# Encoder decoder models

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- Mapping between data of different format, size, and structure
  - Two texts of different length and alignment, image and text
- Simple idea
  - Encoder “represents” the source (e.g., English)
  - Decoder “generates” the target (e.g., German)

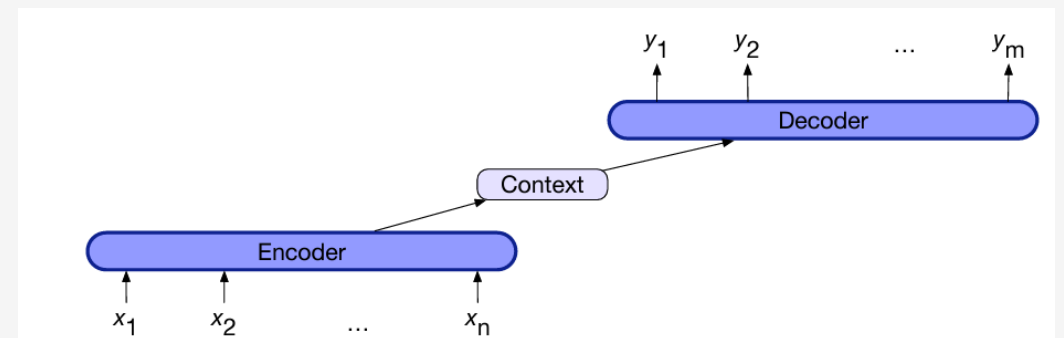


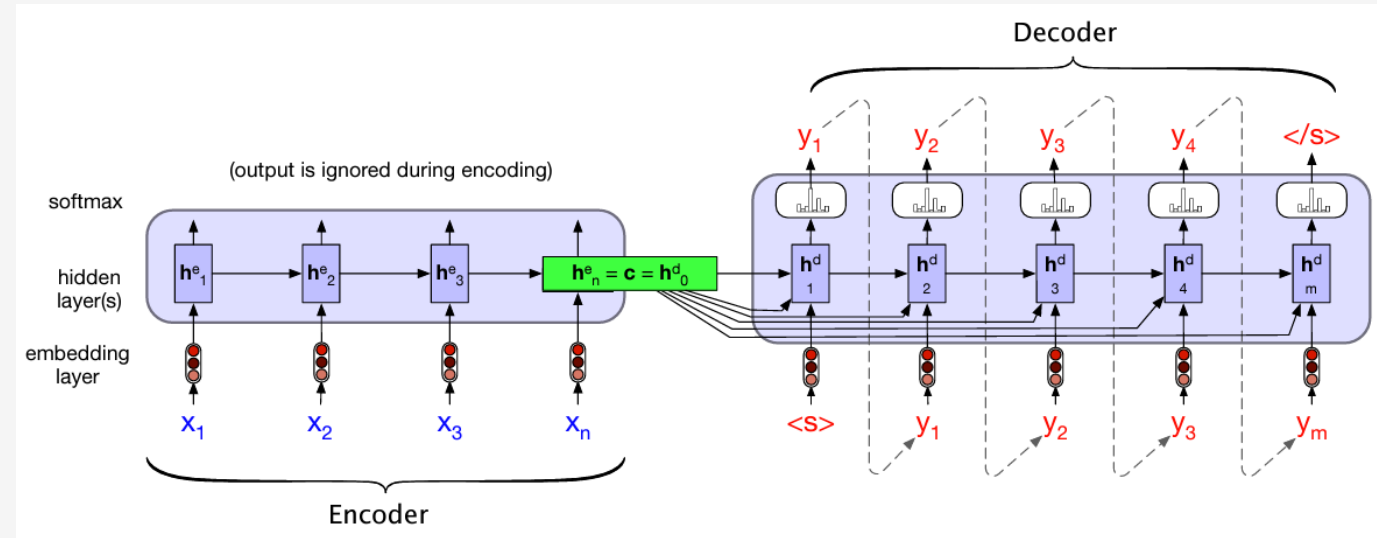
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# Using RNNs for encoder and decoder

- Encode the input
- Pass the context at every step

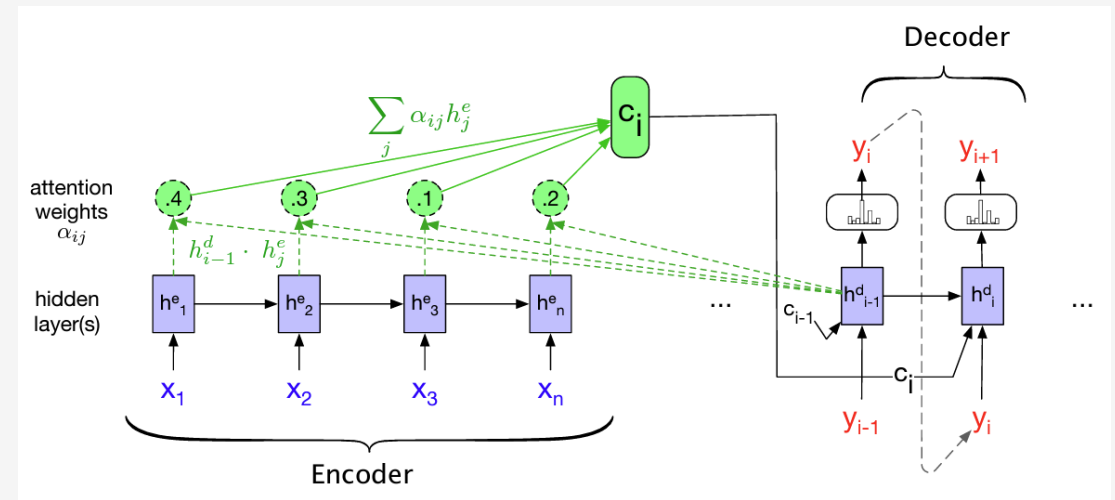
$$\mathbf{h}_t^d = g(\hat{y}_{t-1}, \mathbf{h}_{t-1}^d, \mathbf{c})$$

- Limitations
  - Single vector representation is a bottleneck
  - Long distance dependencies in source



# Attention – intuition

- Intuition: each token in the target should use a “personalized” context
- Access all the hidden states in the encoder
- Still needs to have a fixed length, regardless of variable input length
- The context – weighted sum of all hidden states



# Dot product attention (formally)

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- Scoring function:

$$\text{score}(\mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d, \mathbf{h}_j^e) = \mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d \cdot \mathbf{h}_j^e$$

- Weight vector:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{ij} &= \text{softmax}(\text{score}(\mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d, \mathbf{h}_j^e)) \\ &= \frac{\exp(\text{score}(\mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d, \mathbf{h}_j^e))}{\sum_k \exp(\text{score}(\mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d, \mathbf{h}_k^e))} \end{aligned}$$

- Personalized context:

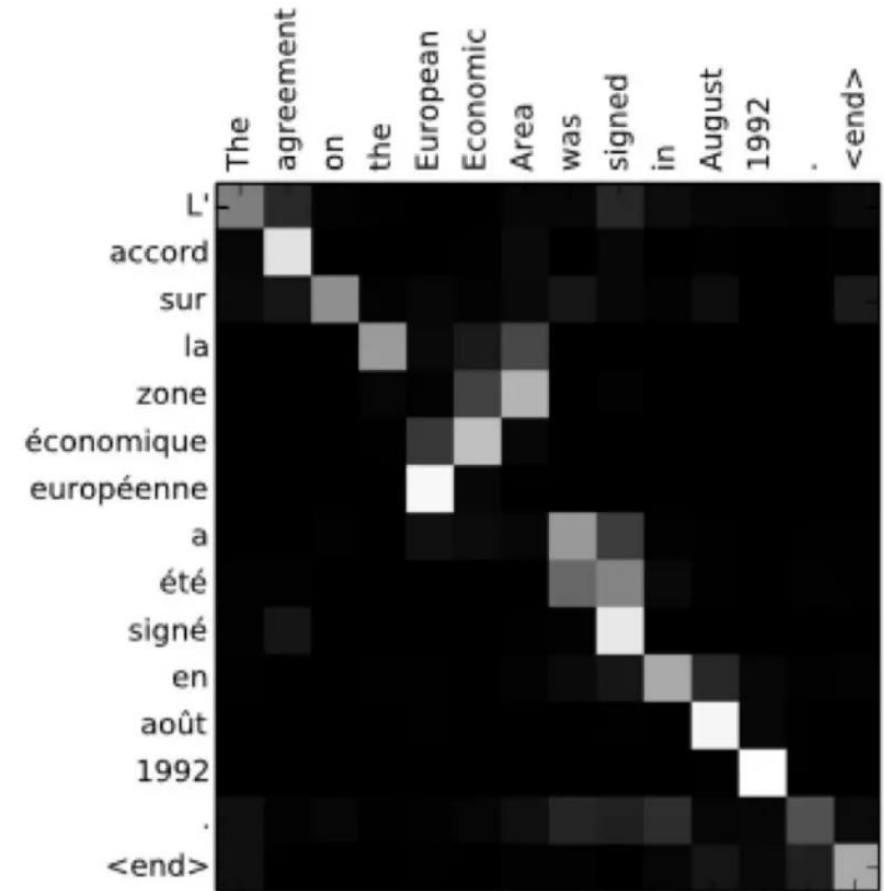
$$\mathbf{c}_i = \sum_j \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{h}_j^e$$

- More complex scoring functions:

$$\text{score}(\mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d, \mathbf{h}_j^e) = \mathbf{h}_{i-1}^d \mathbf{W}_s \mathbf{h}_j^e$$

# Visualizing attention

- Linear weights are interpretable
- We can see which word is more important
- Can we use attention for explainability?
- How would a context of an RNN/LSTM look for enc-dec?





# Do we need LSTM?

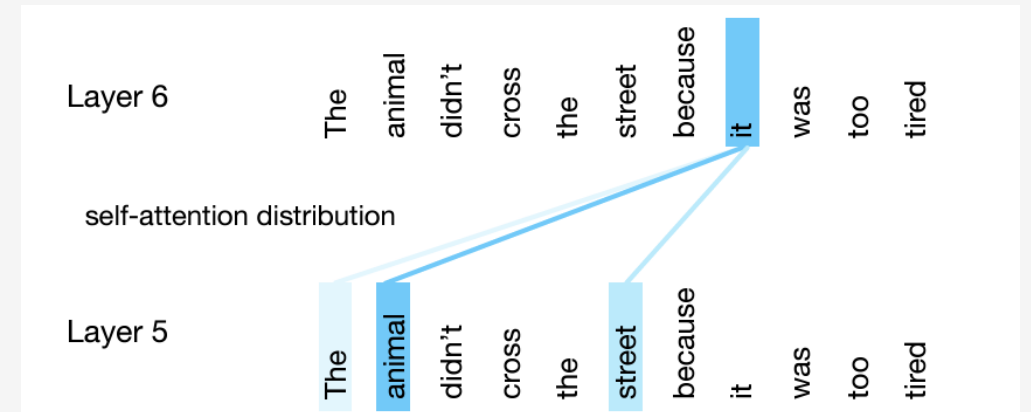
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- Original implementation: two LSTMs + attention
- Do we need LSTM?
  - Can process input sequentially
  - Some long-distance dependencies
  - Can't be parallelized (why?)
- Can we replace RNN/LSTM with attention?
  - "Attention is all you need"

# Self attention

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- Attention is used to inform the decoder of relevant context
- It models relations external to the model
- Self-attention can replace RNN/LSTM for compositionality
- It models internal relations within the same layer



# The query, key, and value

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- Single representation can be a bottleneck
  - The representation  $x_i$  has multiple roles
  - Dot product is commutative
  - Learning can be inefficient
- Learn different representations (projections) for each role

## The query, key, and value (2)

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- We project the input vector  $x$  to three vectors that serve different purpose: "query", "key", and "value"
- Two vector operations in the original attention:
  - "Score": for indexes  $i$  and  $j$ , calculate how important is  $x_j$  for  $x_i$ :  $\text{score}(x_i, x_j)$
  - "Scale": for index  $i$ , calculate the hidden state  $h_i$  as a weighted sum of  $x_1 \dots x_i$ :  $h_i = \sum_{j \leq i} \alpha_{ij} x_j$
- Each input vector  $x$  can have three different roles
  - Argument 1 in  $\text{score}()$  ["dog" in  $\text{score}(\text{"dog"}, \text{"black"})$ ] -> **query**
  - Argument 2 in  $\text{score}()$  ["black" in  $\text{score}(\text{"black"}, \text{"dog"})$ ] -> **key**
  - The **value** used in scale to calculate the hidden state

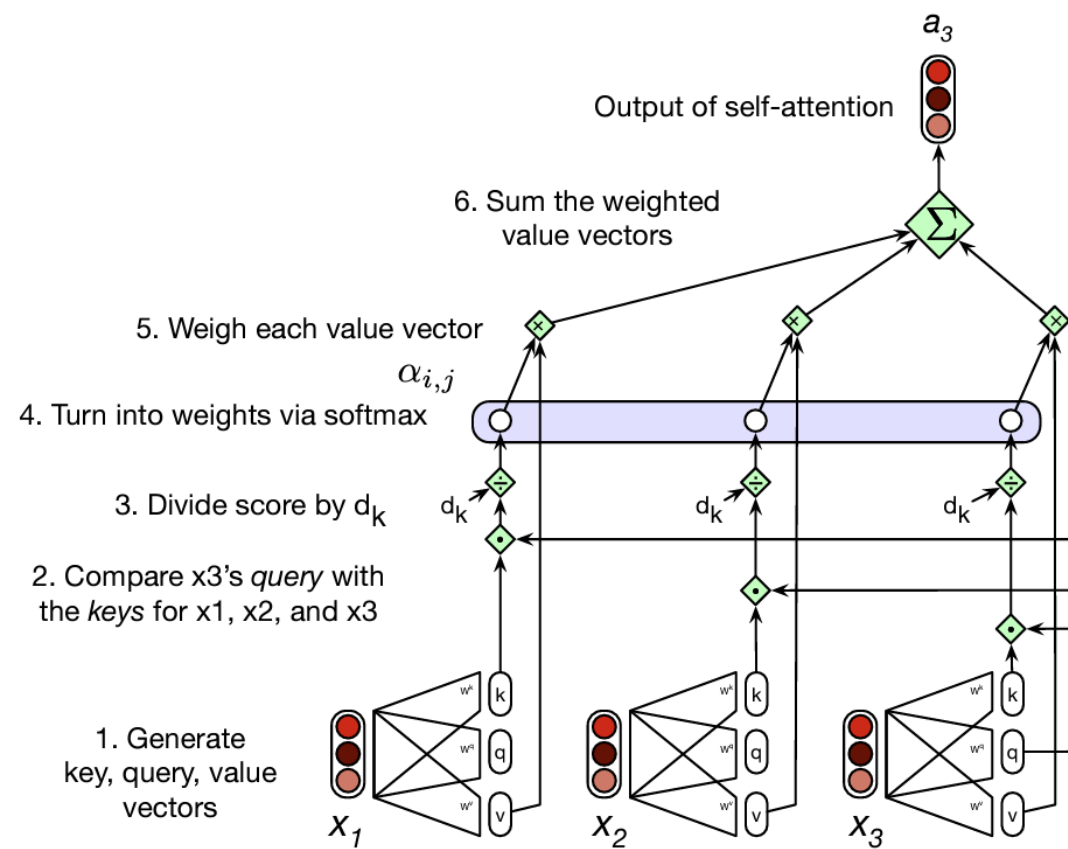
# The transformer self attention

1.  $\mathbf{q}_i = \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}^Q; \mathbf{k}_i = \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}^K; \mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{W}^V$

2. and 3.  $\text{score}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \frac{\mathbf{q}_i \cdot \mathbf{k}_j}{\sqrt{d_k}}$

4.  $\alpha_{ij} = \text{softmax}(\text{score}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j)) \quad \forall j \leq i$

5. and 6.  $\mathbf{a}_i = \sum_{j \leq i} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{v}_j$



# Multiheaded self-attention

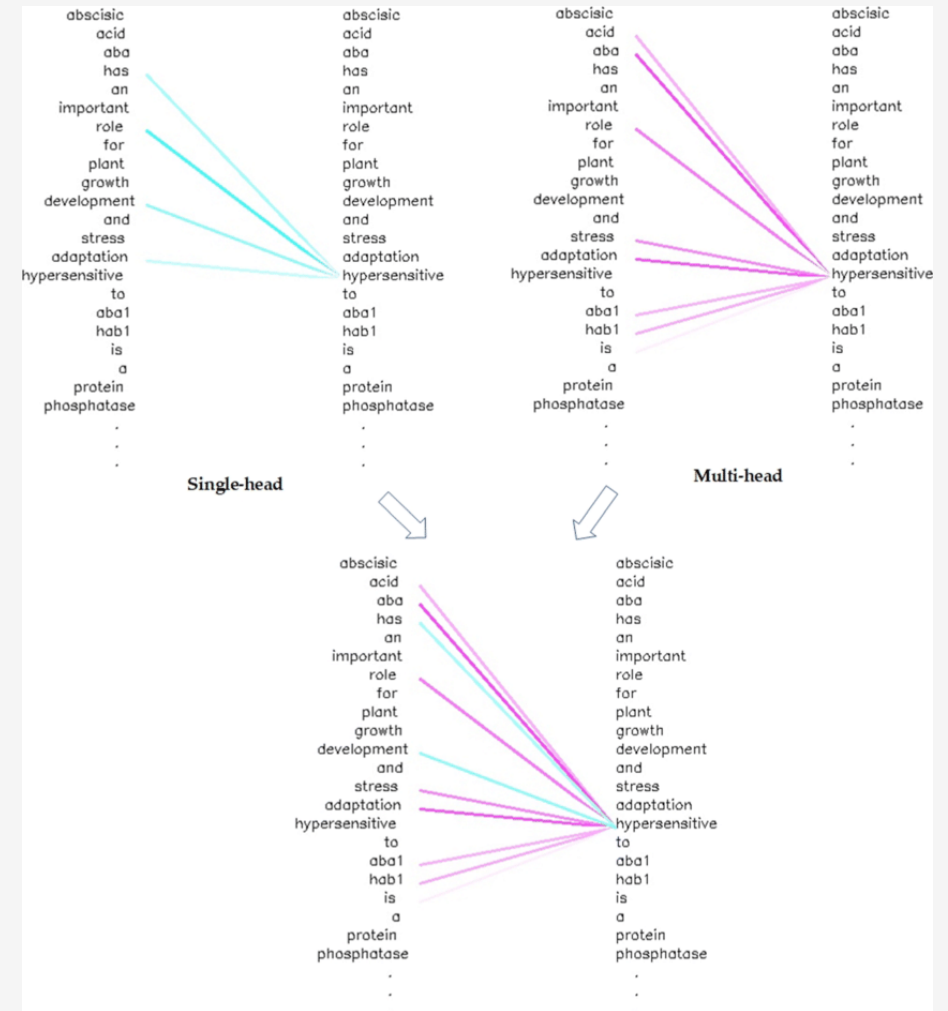
- Instead of using a single self attention, we can use multiple
- Each “head” has its own weights  $W^Q$ ,  $W^K$ ,  $W^V$
- The outputs of all heads are concatenated and projected to input dimensions
- Formally:

$$\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{XW}_i^Q ; \mathbf{K} = \mathbf{XW}_i^K ; \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{XW}_i^V$$

$$\text{head}_i = \text{SelfAttention}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V})$$

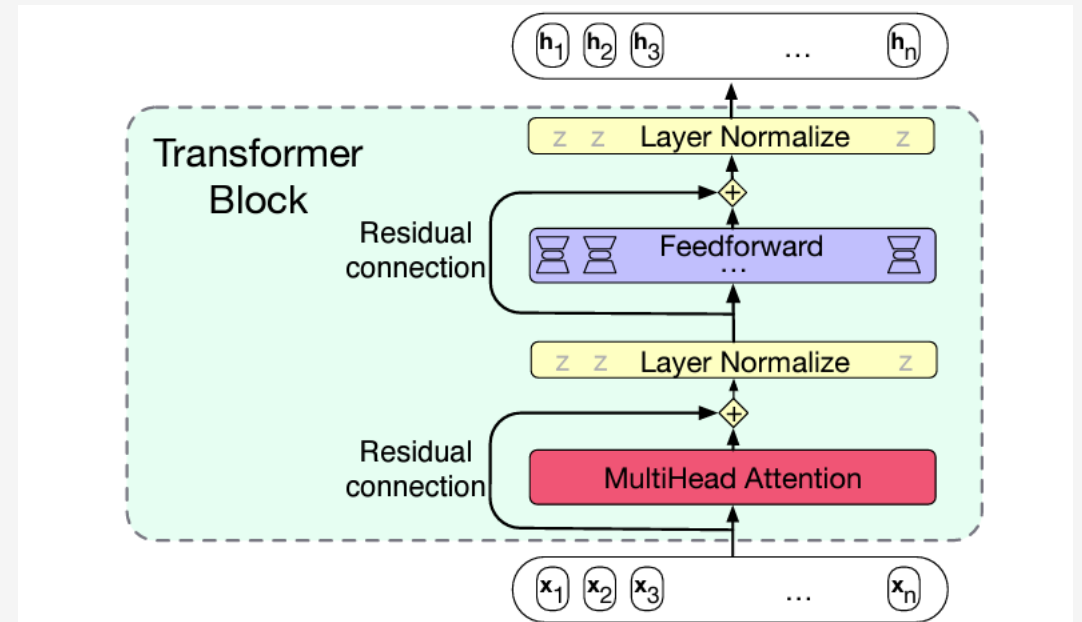
$$\mathbf{A} = \text{MultiHeadAttention}(\mathbf{X}) = (\text{head}_1 \oplus \text{head}_2 \dots \oplus \text{head}_h) \mathbf{W}^O$$

- Intuition:
- Similar to using multiple filters in CNN



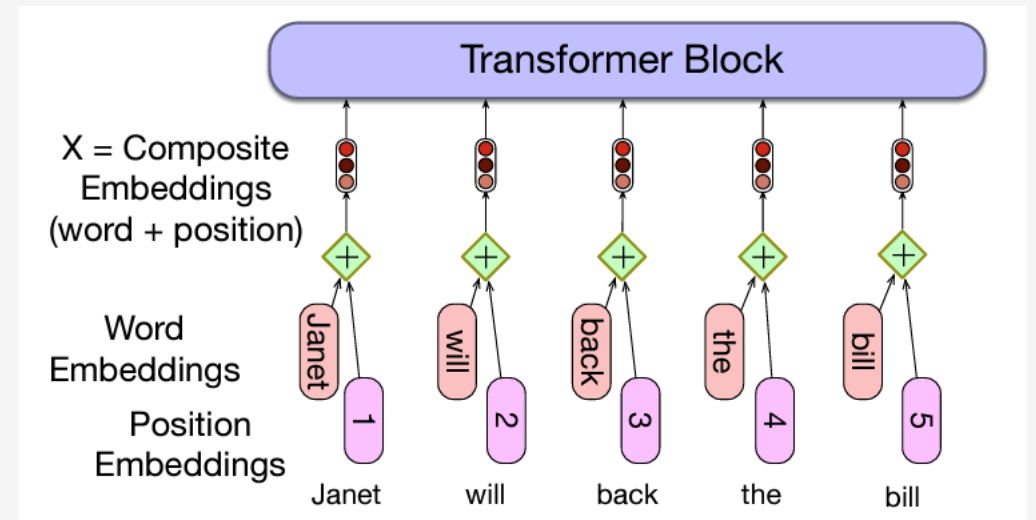
# The transformer block

- Residual connection
  - Copy the input of a layer to its output
- Layer normalize
  - Rescale each  $x$  vector to 0-mean with  $STD=1$
- Feedforward
  - Apply the same fully connected FFN to each  $x$



# Encoding the Input. Positional Embeddings.

- Semantic embeddings
  - One-hot encoding maps to a row in a matrix
- Positional embeddings
  - One embedding for each position
  - Learnable; Same dimension as semantic
- Add semantic and positional embeddings
- Why do we need positional embeddings?





# Using functions for positional embeddings

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- Learning representations for positions can be a problem – data sparsity
- Using mathematical functions to encode position as a vector
  - Using the position, calculate (deterministically) a vector representation
  - OG transformer approach – using sine and cosine
- Same underlying concept – use positional embedding to modify the semantic embedding

# Positional embeddings with sine and cosine

- Given: Input length  $L$ , number of dimensions  $d$ , constant  $n$

- For each  $k = 0$  to  $L - 1$ :
  - For each  $i = 0$  to  $\frac{d_{model}}{2}$ :
    - $PE_{(k,2i)} = \sin\left(\frac{k}{\frac{2i}{n^{d_{model}}}}\right)$
    - $PE_{(k,2i+1)} = \cos\left(\frac{k}{\frac{2i}{n^{d_{model}}}}\right)$

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$d_{model} = 4$

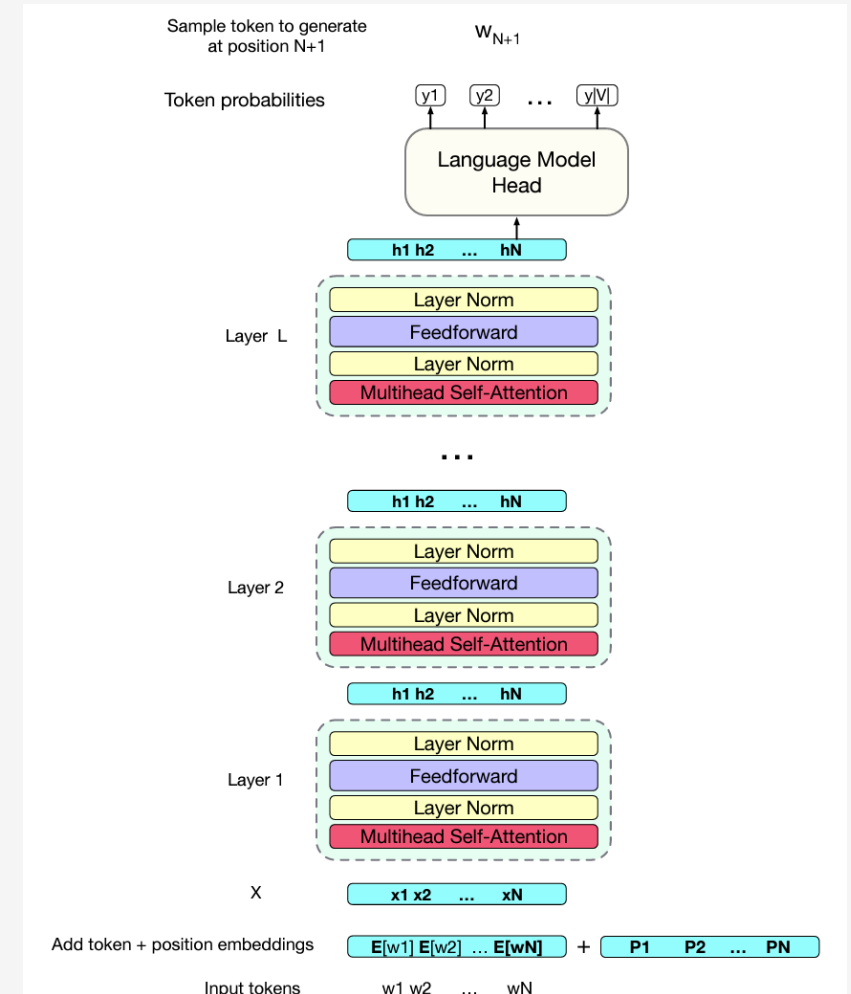
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$i=0 \quad i=0 \quad i=1 \quad i=1$

- Generate even dimensions using sin, odd dimensions using cos
- Example with  $L=6$ ,  $d=4$ ,  $n=10000$

# A final transformer representation for LM

- Token + positional embedding
- Multiple stacked transformer blocks
- A classification head
  - To train, we need a task and an error function
  - Language modeling with weight tying and sampling



# The original transformer

# An encoder-decoder architecture using two transformers

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- The original transformer is an encoder-decoder used for machine translation
- Both encoder and decoder have 6 stacked layers
- 8 multiheads, 64 dimensions per head, hidden size of 512
- Sin/Cos positional embeddings

# Image

- Encoder
  - Bi-directional attention can “see” all tokens
  - Follows the architecture we have seen last week
- Decoder
  - Causal attention
  - Additional Multiheaded Attention
    - Why do we need it?
    - What would be the Q, K, V used by it?

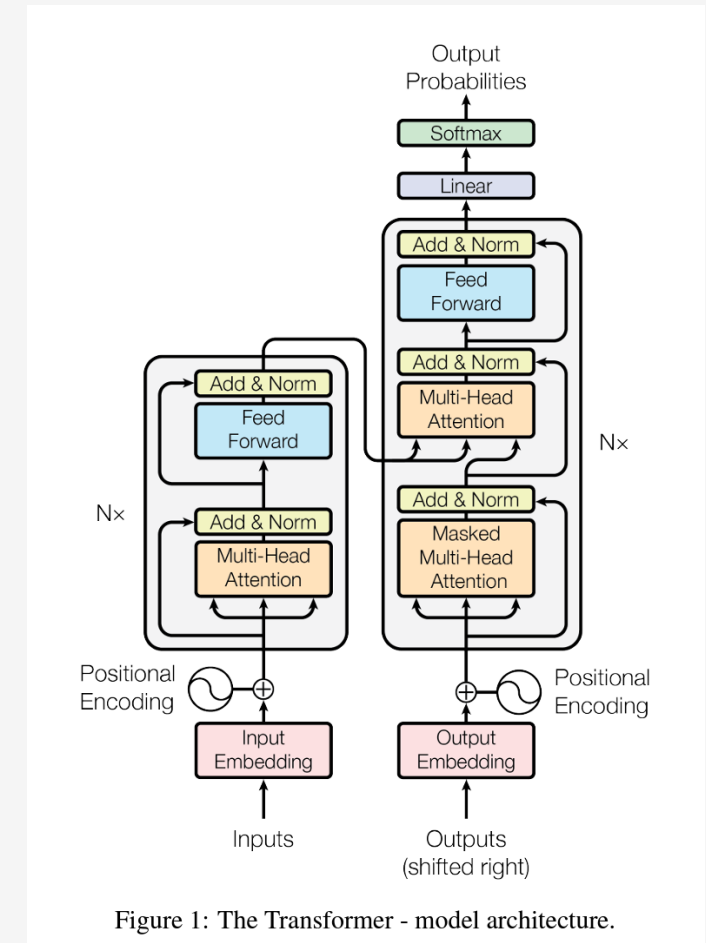


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

# Training configuration

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- Training set:
  - 4.5 million En-De sentence pairs; 36 million En-FR sentence pairs
- Hardware and time:
- Parameters and specifications:
  - 65 million parameters for base; 213 million for large
  - 37k BPE token vocabulary for EN-DE; 32k for EN-FR

# Text generation from a probability distribution

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- The output of a neural LM is a probability distribution
- How do we choose which word to generate?
  - Process called “decoding”
  - Efficient decoding is still a challenge
  - Any suggestions?



# Random sampling

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- Random sampling – choosing a word at random, according to its probability
- Pop quiz: When do we stop?
- Objectives of sampling:
  - Quality: how good (coherent/likely/factual) is the generated text
  - Diversity: how boring/repetitive/biased is the generated text
  - Can these objectives be aligned?

# Restricting the sampling

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- Greedy sampling – always pick the most probable word
- Top k sampling – randomly sample one of the k most probable words (re-scaling the probability to sum to 1)
  - How would greedy and top k perform in terms of quality and diversity?
- Top p sampling – select tokens that represent p percentage of the probability mass
- Temperature sampling – modify the probability distribution
  - Low temperature( $< 1$ ) – more probability to frequent tokens; High temperature – more probability to unfrequent
  - How: divide the logit by temperature:  $y = \text{softmax}(u/\tau)$

# Training a transformer model

- Original transformer is trained on translation data
  - Uses bilingual data
- Calculate the error at each token (use teacher forcing)
- Aggregate the error across the target language (e.g. French)
- Backpropagate the error through both encoder and decoder

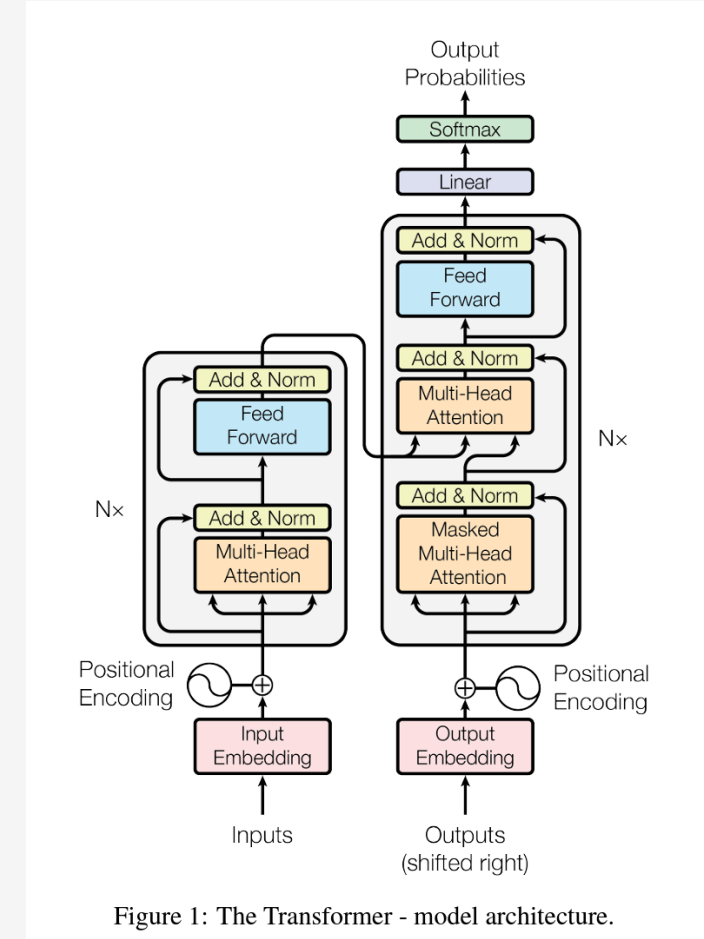


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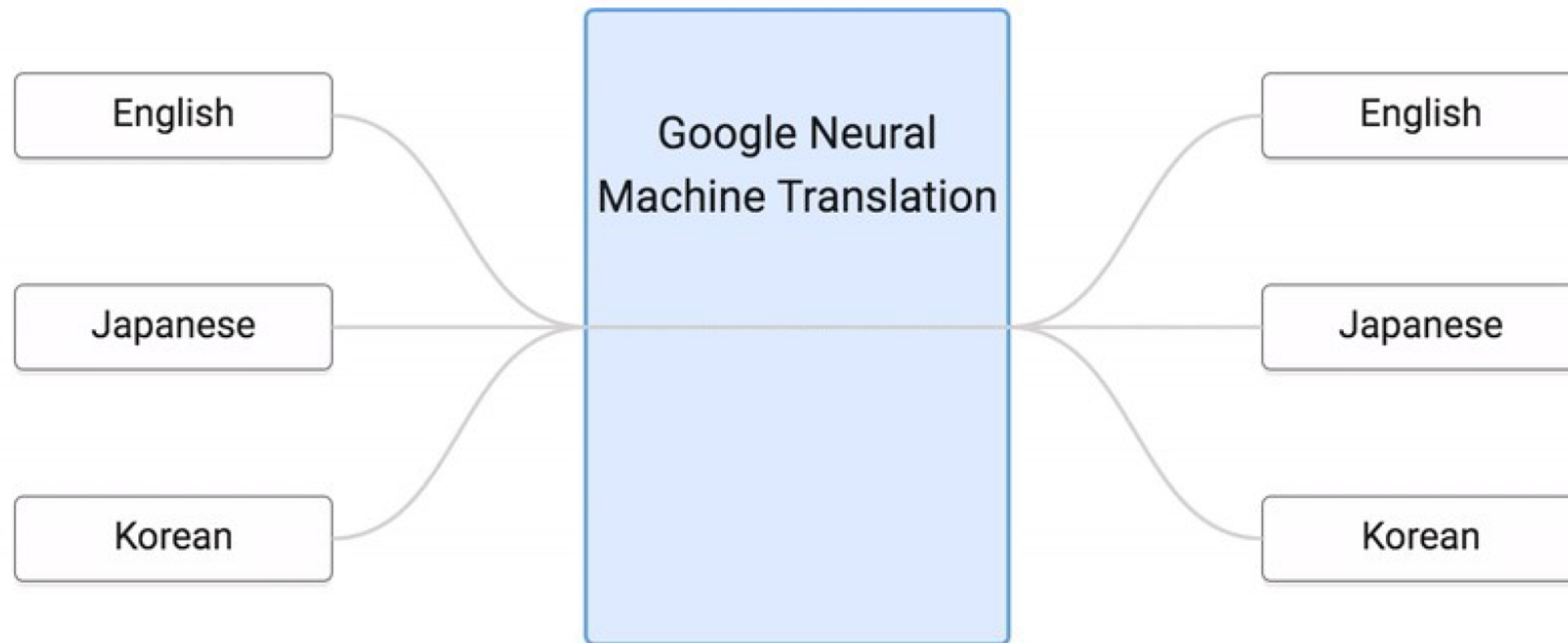
# Multilingual NMT

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- To train encoder-decoder for EN-DE, you need bilingual data in EN-DE
  - E.g., books translated from EN to DE
- To train encoder-decoder for EN-FR, you need bilingual data in EN-FR
- Do you need bilingual data for every pair that you want to train?

# Multilingual NMT

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<https://research.googleblog.com/2016/11/zero-shot-translation-with-googles.html>

# Transfer Learning

## BERT and GPT

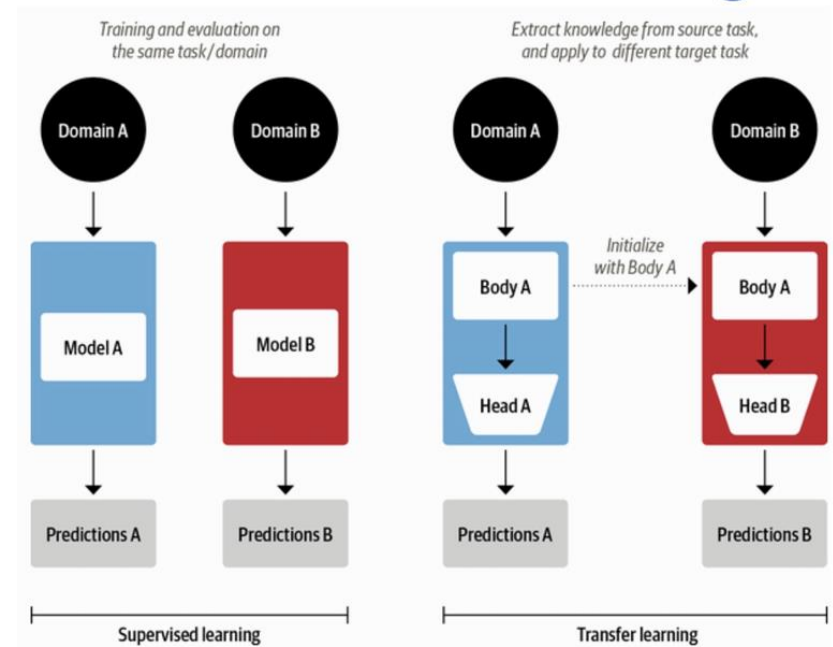
# The concept of transfer learning in vision

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- Transfer learning has been used in vision for a while
- Pretrain and finetune idea
  - Pretrain to capture general features and properties
  - Finetune to learn task-specific weights and compositions
- Can we do that for language?
  - Embeddings have some limited success

# Supervised learning vs Transfer learning

- What are the goals and benefits of transfer learning?
- What are some potential issues or risks?
- Are there any other paradigms that you can think of in that area?



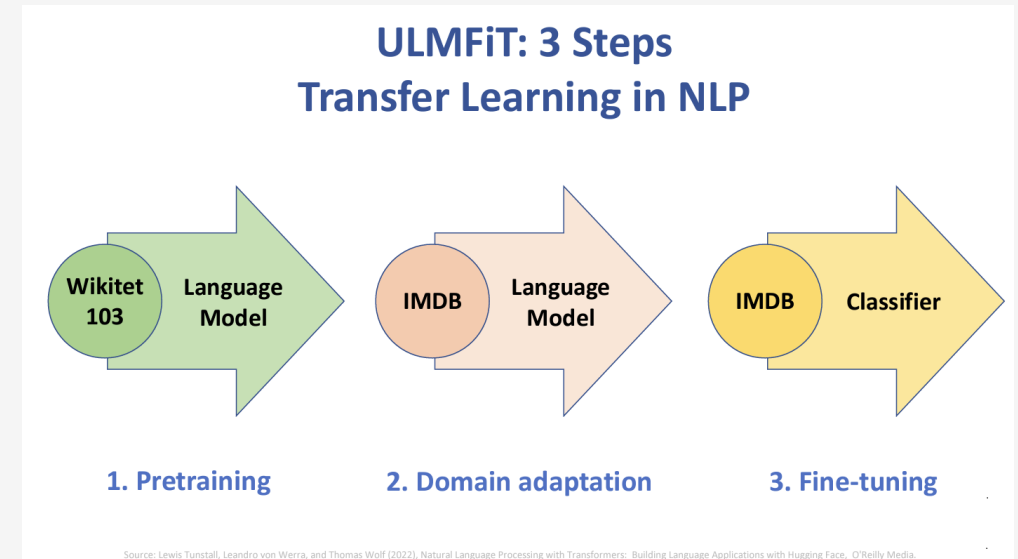
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# ULMFiT (Howard and Ruder et al., 2018)

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- “Universal Language Model Finetuning”
- Training a language model for “inductive transfer learning”
  - Model trained on a source task (language modeling)
  - Finetuned with limited data on target task
- Language modeling – the analogy of ImageNet
- Base model - BiLSTM



# ULMFiT Pipeline

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- General-domain LM pretraining
  - Train BiLSTM on Wikipedia
- Target-task LM finetuning
  - Change the LM so it predicts words in a specific domain (e.g. IMDB)
  - Use dynamic learning rate techniques to facilitate training
- Target-task classifier finetuning
  - Add additional layers (heads) for classification: batch normalization, dropout, relu, and a final softmax

# ULMFiT Pipeline

- Which parts are reused?
- What happened with last layers?

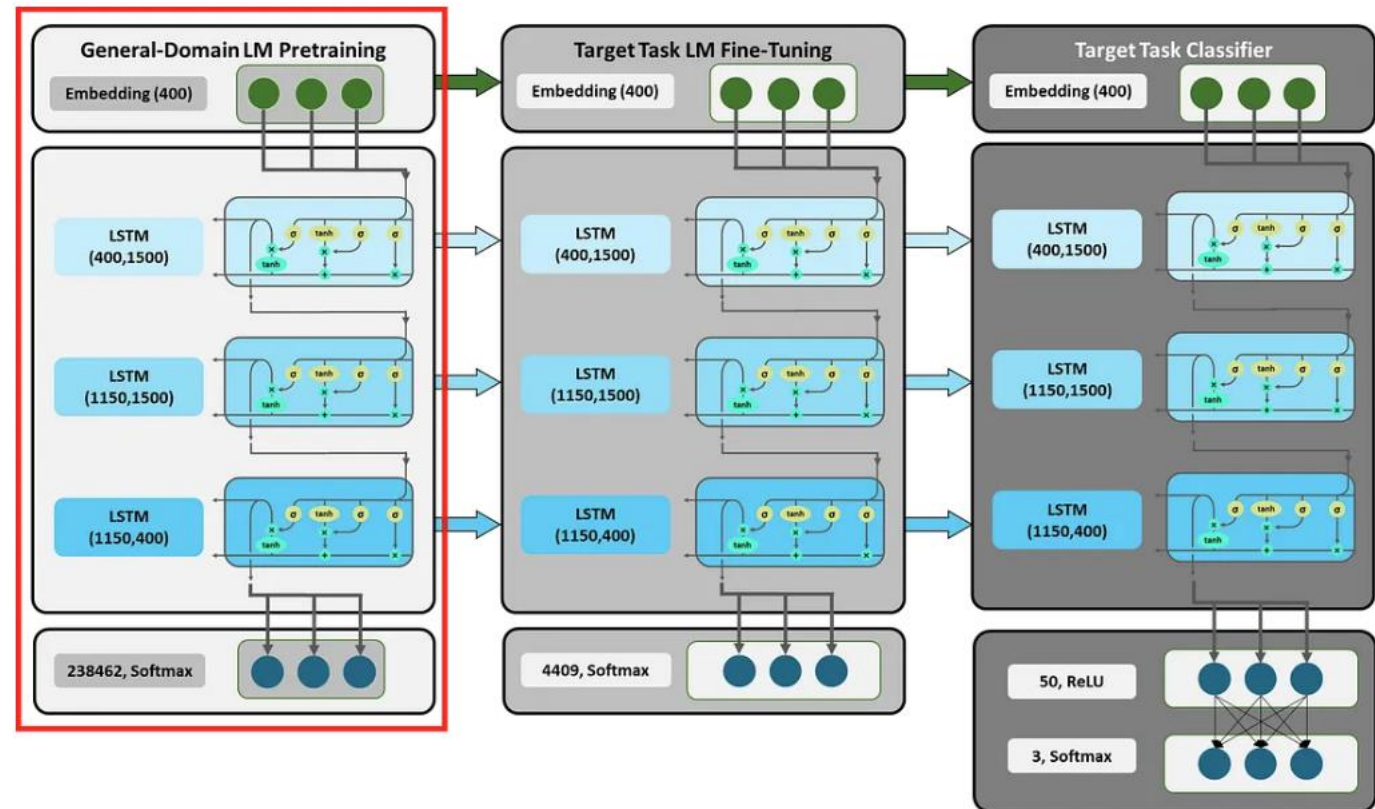


Figure 5: Block Diagram of ULMFiT in Text Analysis — Image from by [HU-Berlin](#) from [GitHub](#)

# Layer Freezing and Catastrophic Forgetting

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- Catastrophic forgetting is an (unsolved) challenge in transfer learning
  - How to know what to learn and what to forget?
  - Overfitting to the task
- Freezing lower layers
  - Reducing training time
  - Reducing catastrophic forgetting and overfitting
  - Dynamic un-freezing (typically from top to bottom)

# Transfer learning and Transformers

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- The original transformer was designed for encoder-decoder models
  - Initial application: Machine learning
- Soon after:
  - Encoder models: BERT, ROBERTA, DistilBERT
  - Decoder models: GPT, GPT2
- Reusing the concepts of ULMFiT, enabling transfer learning for multiple tasks

# The decoder transformer: GPT

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- GPT1 combines different concepts we know so far
  - The standard transformer block
  - Neural Language Modeling
  - Transfer learning capabilities
- Intuition:
  - Generative pre-training
  - Discriminative finetuning

# Training GPT

- Self-supervision

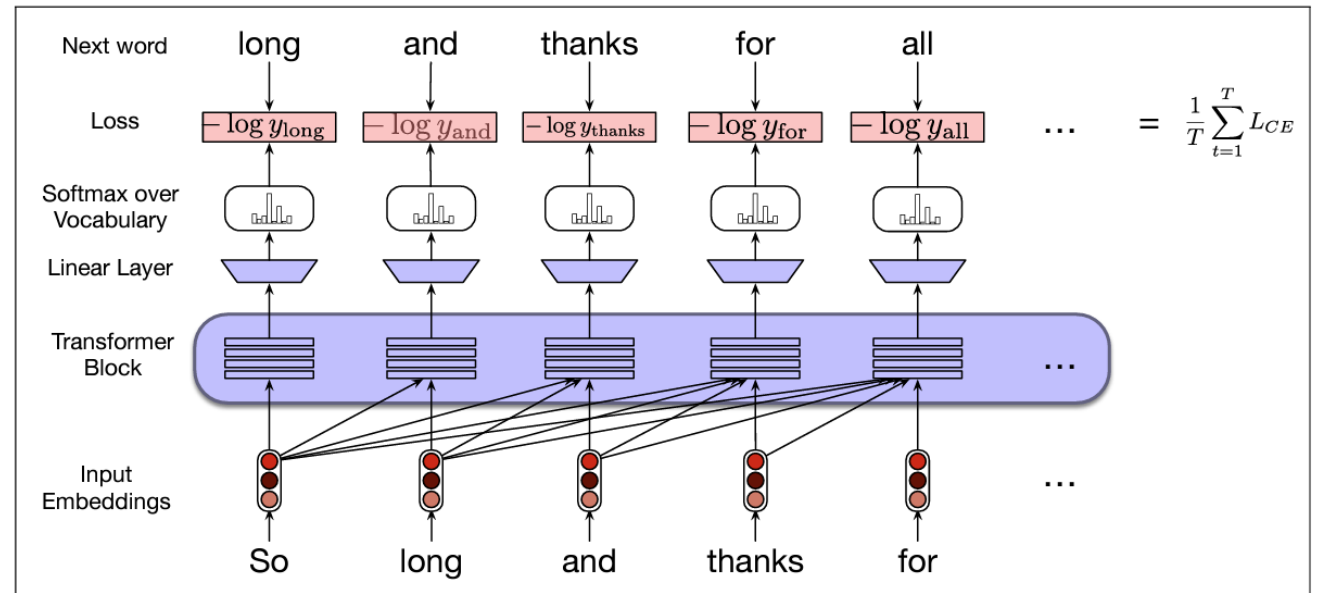
- Maximizing the likelihood of the text:

$$L_1(\mathcal{U}) = \sum_i \log P(u_i | u_{i-k}, \dots, u_{i-1}; \Theta)$$

- Minimizing cross entropy loss

$$L_{CE}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}_t, \mathbf{y}_t) = -\log \hat{\mathbf{y}}_t[w_{t+1}]$$

- Trained on the Book Corpus (7000 books)



**Figure 10.18** Training a transformer as a language model.

# Finetuning GPT

- After pretraining, use the hidden state at last layer
- Add a last linear layer with m neurons (m = number of classes)
- Predict the target class:

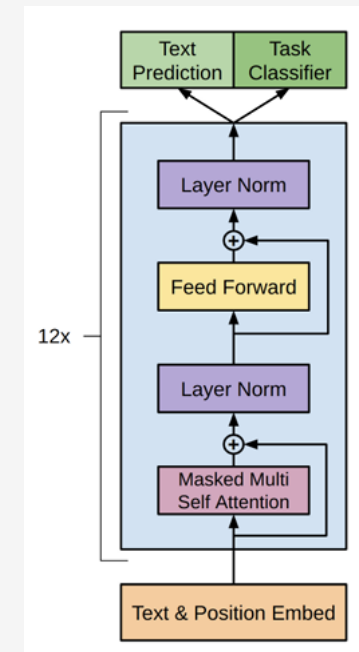
$$P(y|x^1, \dots, x^m) = \text{softmax}(h_l^m W_y).$$

- Maximize the probability of the correct labels (need labeled data)

$$L_2(\mathcal{C}) = \sum_{(x,y)} \log P(y|x^1, \dots, x^m).$$

- Combining both losses together

$$L_3(\mathcal{C}) = L_2(\mathcal{C}) + \lambda * L_1(\mathcal{C})$$





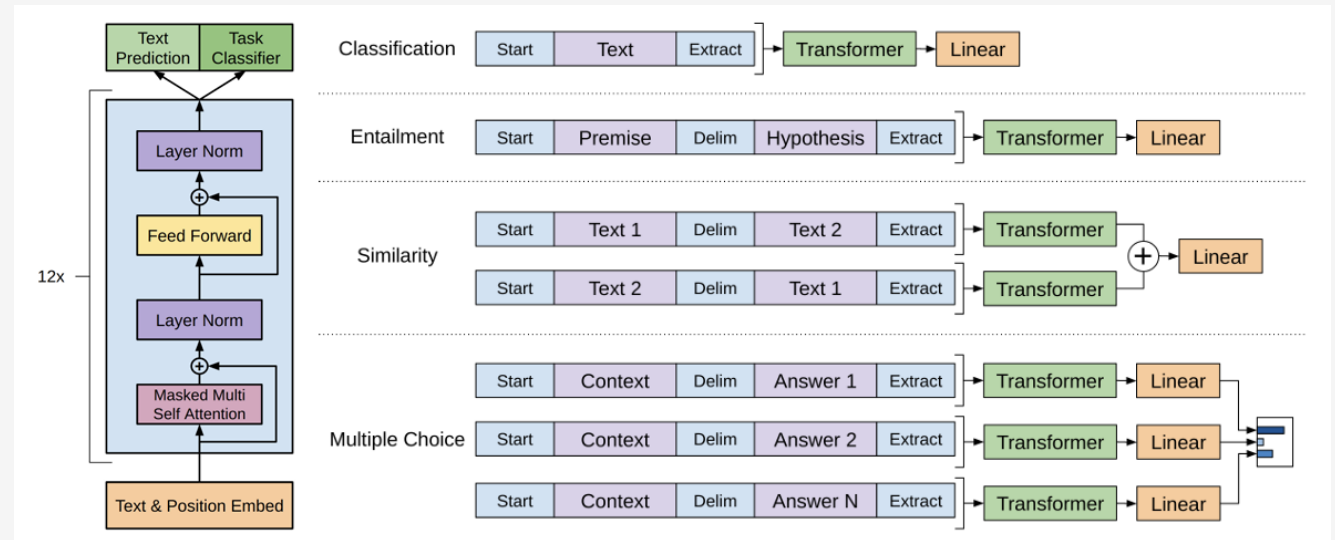
# Task specific input transformations

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- Out-of-the-box GPT can do:
  - Text generation / Next word prediction
  - Text classification
- How can it perform paraphrase identification?
  - "Is text 1 the same as text 2"
  - Suggestions?

# Task specific input transformations

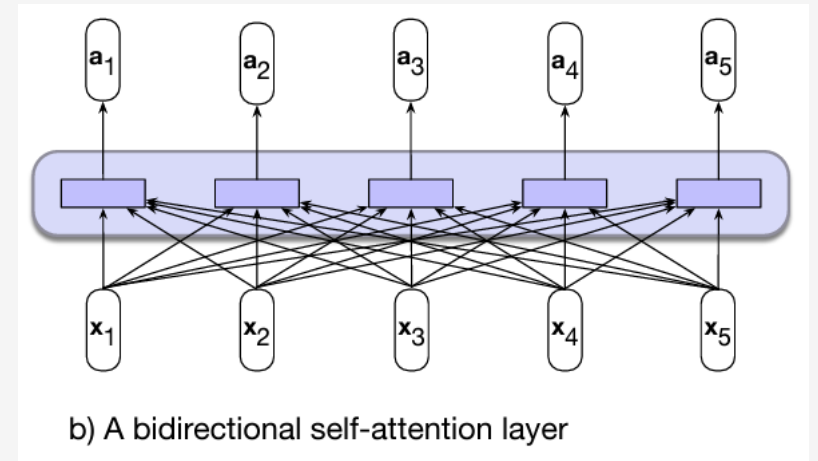
- Task reformulating
- Using special tokens (sep, start/end)
- Comparing separate "streams"
- Task design is a non-trivial task
  - Task formulation; Data format; Metrics and Evaluation



# The encoder transformer

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- The encoder in “attention is all you need”
- Same architecture as the decoder
- Bi-directional self-attention
  - All key/query values, no masking
- Better for encoding source information



# Encoder transformer for classification

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- Can an encoder be better for classification?
- Follow the ULMFiT approach
  - Pretrain on a generic task
  - Add task specific layer and finetune
- How do we pretrain?
  - We cannot use "next word prediction", why?

# The encoder transformer: BERT

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- The original encoder-only transformer
- An English-only sub-word vocabulary consisting of 30,000 tokens
  - Most of the modern algorithms use subwords tokenizers and embeddings
- 768 hidden size
- 12 layers, 12 heads in each multi-head attention
- 100M parameters
- Trained on two tasks: Masked Language Modeling and Next Sentence Prediction

# Masked language modeling objective

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- Based on “cloze” tasks:
  - “Can I have a \_\_\_\_ of water, please?”
  - Does that remind you of something?
- Masked Language Modeling (MLM)
  - Randomly sample tokens from the text and perform alternations
  - Predict the original inputs for each position

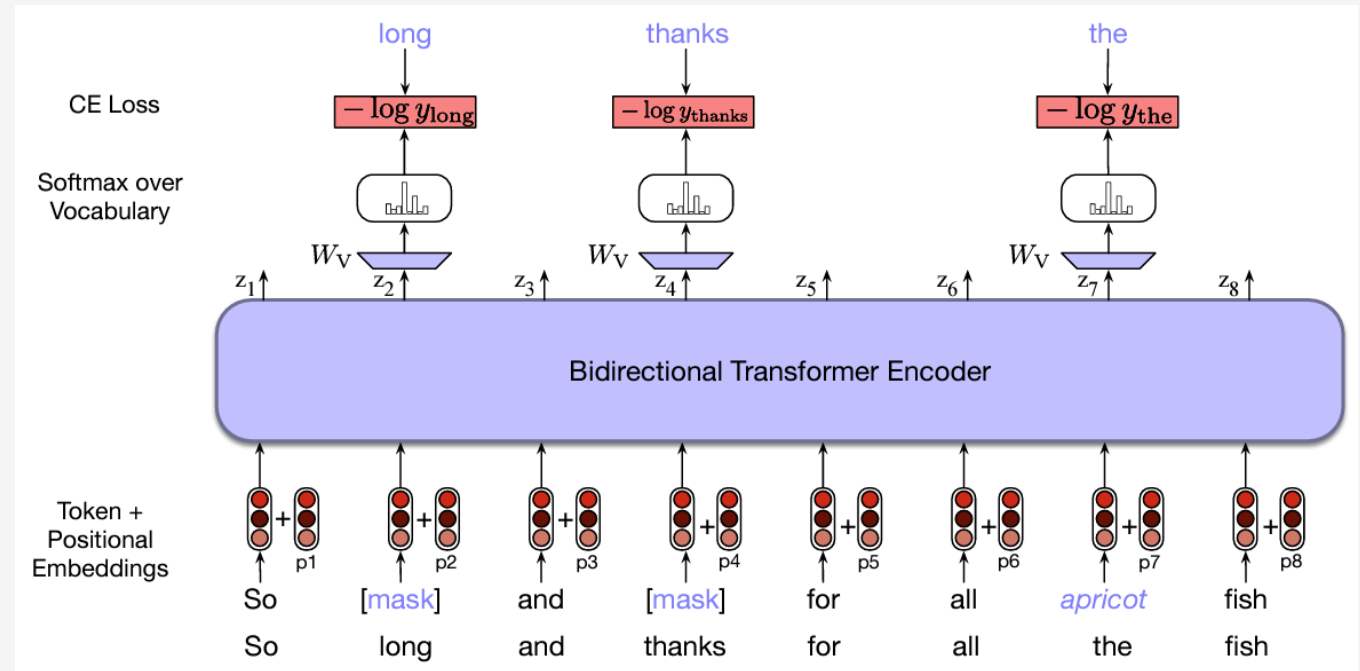
# MLM and masking

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- Rate of sampling – 15% of the input
- Alternations on sampled tokens
  - replace them with [MASK] (80%)
  - replace them with another word (10%)
  - do nothing (10%)
- Use the attention mechanism to calculate the hidden state at all masked positions
- Calculate cross entropy loss and backpropagate

# MLM (visualization)

- In Traditional LMs we predict next token
- In MLM we predict “current” token
- All words participate in attention
- Only “masked” tokens participate in learning





# MLM Efficiency and pop quizzes

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- Is MLM a self supervised approach?
- How efficient is MLM compared to traditional LM
- Why didn't we have MLM in original encoder-decoder?
  - How did we train the encoder there?

# Next Sentence Prediction

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- MLM predicts relationships between words
- Transformers want to also process sentences
- Next sentence prediction task
  - Given two sentences, predict whether they are a pair of adjacent sentences

# Next sentence prediction. The CLS token.

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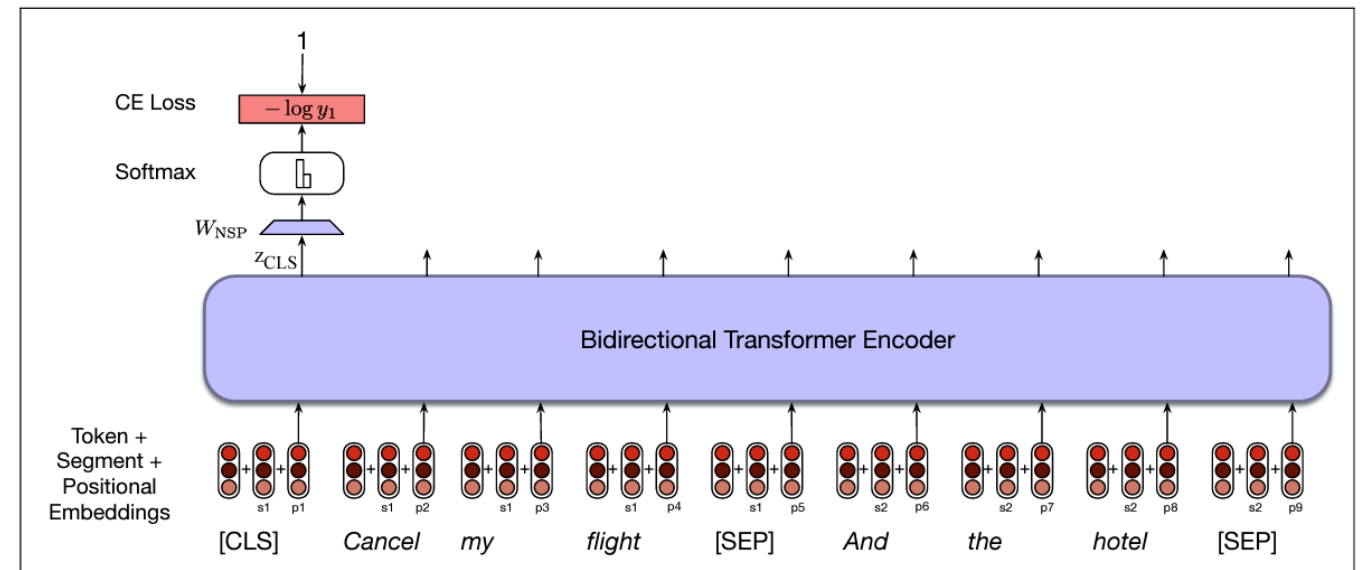
- Next sentence prediction
  - 50 % true adjacent pairs
  - A special [CLS] token added at the beginning
  - A special [SEP] token added between texts
  - Special "sentence position" (first/second) are added to input
- When predicting the sentence relation, we use the CLS as an input to softmax

# The CLS token

- Sentence predictions by BERT are based on the CLS token

$$y_i = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{W}_{\text{NSP}} h_i)$$

- Why do we want to use the CLS token?
- Is there any other way to predict the sentence relation?



**Figure 11.5** An example of the NSP loss calculation.

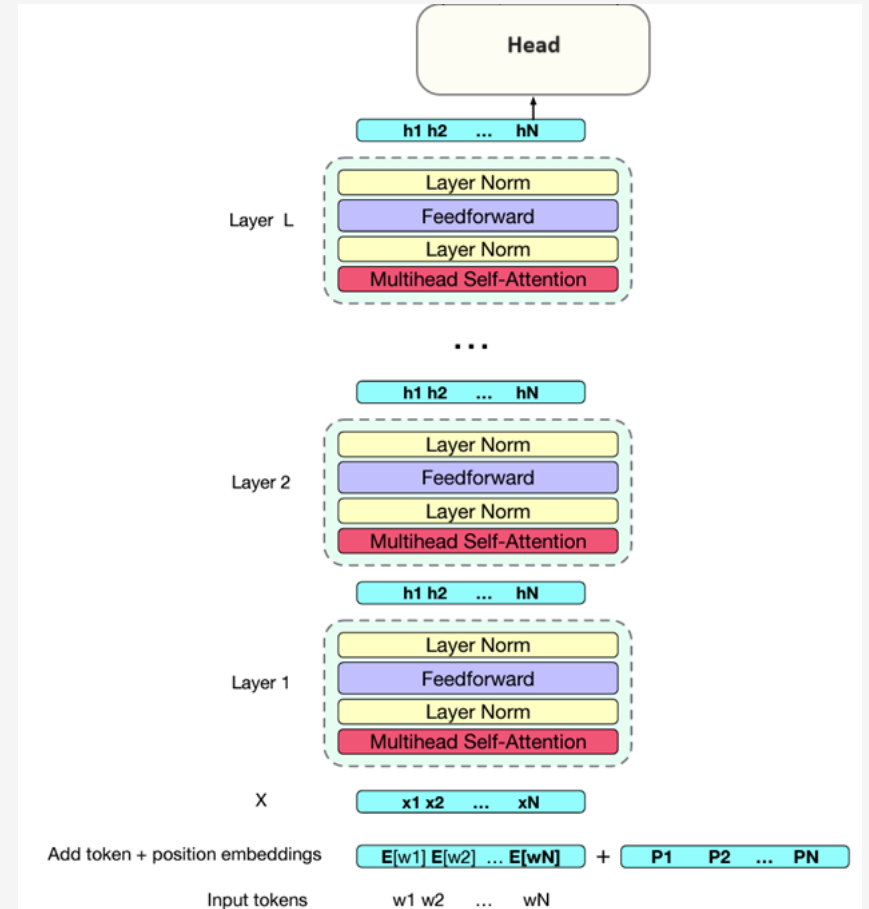
# Representing sentences

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- A recurring problem
- Word representations
  - Static or contextual
- How do we represent sentences or documents?
  - What strategies have we used before?

# Representing sentences

- What strategies can we use to encode the full text?
  - Vector addition
  - Vector concatenation
  - Let the head deal with it
  - Which vector representations are we to use?
- BERT – uses the CLS token instead
  - Learning compositionality as a “special token”



# Training BERT

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- Combination of Wikipedia and Book Corpus
- Pairing of sentences (true/false pairs)
- Masking of tokens within both sentences
- Combining the MLM loss and NSP loss
  - Which other architecture had two losses? What were they?

# Finetuning BERT

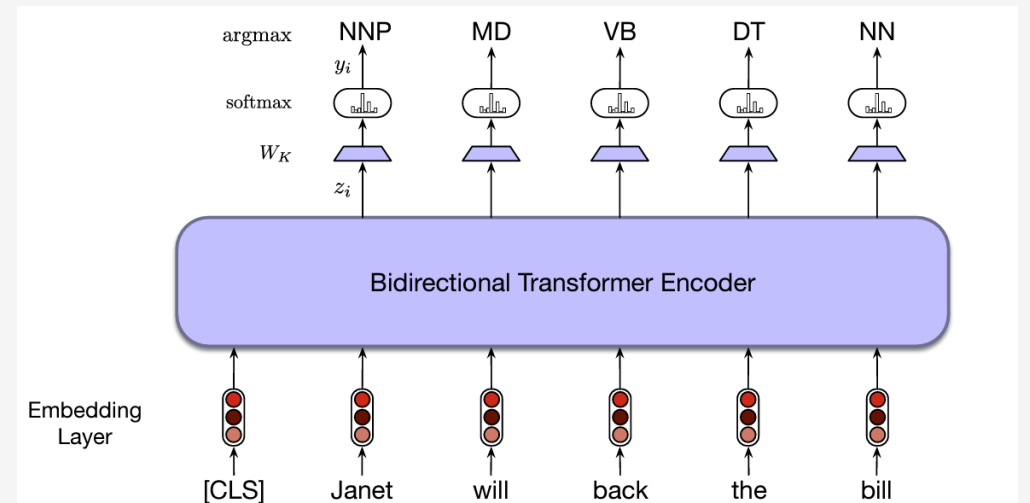
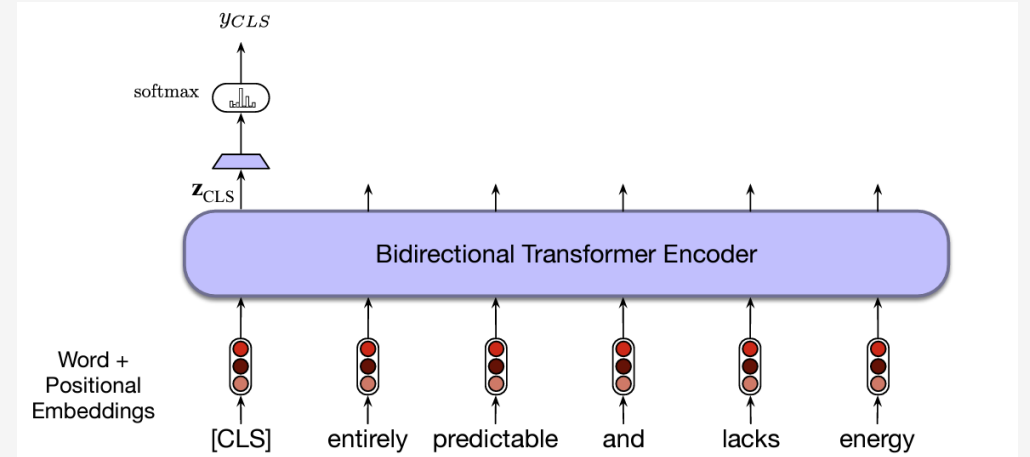
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- The same conceptual idea as in ULMFiT and GPT
- Train BERT on web data
- Change the classifier “head” and finetune
  - What would we use as an input to the classifier head?
- What weights are we updating during finetuning?



# Adapting other tasks to work with BERT

- How would we perform paraphrase identification?
- What is the input/output/classification process?
- Performing other tasks:
  - Extractive QA
  - Sequence labeling



# Popularity and use of encoder-only models

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- Original BERT model achieved SOTA on almost all benchmarks
- Improved models:
  - ROBERTA, DistilBERT, ELECTRA, ALBERT
- Reframing multiple tasks as text classification
- Much better than GPT and GPT2
  - The arrival of GPT3 and increasing scale of training resulted in paradigm shift

# What information do transformers capture?

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- Pipeline approaches follow a (linguistic) logic
- End-to-end neural models are optimized for a task
  - Difficult to interpret
- Pretraining for CV follows “meaningful” patterns
- What patterns do linguistic pretraining follow?

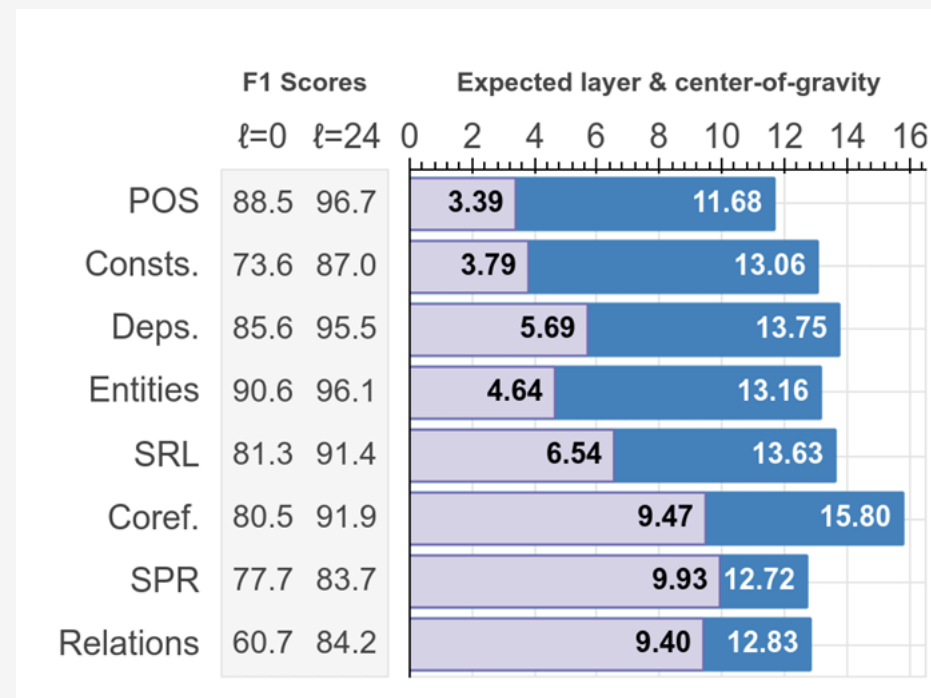
# Bert rediscovers the classical NLP pipeline

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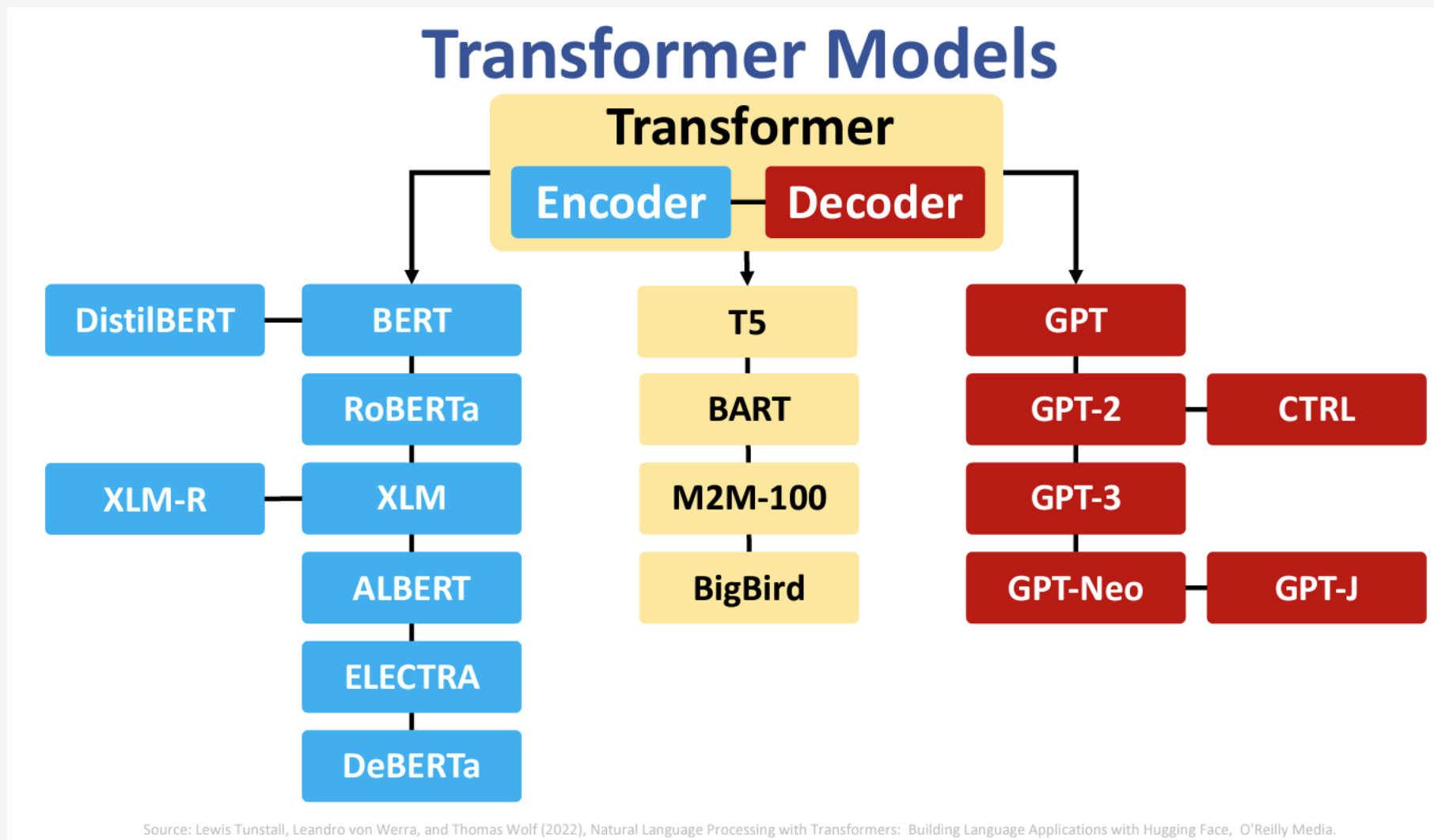
- Probing different layers of BERT for linguistic information
  - Lower layers capture local information; Higher layers capture complex structures
  - Sometimes information can be spread across multiple layers
- Tenney et al. (2019)
  - Does BERT encode traditional NLP preprocessing steps: POS tagging, syntactic parsing...
  - Does BERT follow the same order of operations?
  - What happens with a sentence as it goes through BERT?

# Bert rediscovers the classical NLP pipeline (2)

- Two different evaluation criteria
  - Purple – at which layer is most of the information encoded
  - Blue – average layer “used”
- Different linguistic properties are “discovered” in order
  - “Early” properties have a long “tail”



# The transformer family tree



# Scaling laws

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- What makes LLMs better and how much better can they be?
- The performance of LLMs depends on three factors:
  - Model size
  - Data size
  - Compute power
- The (expected) performance of different models can be represented as a function of those factors
  - Kaplan et al. (2020) proposes “scaling laws” for LLMs

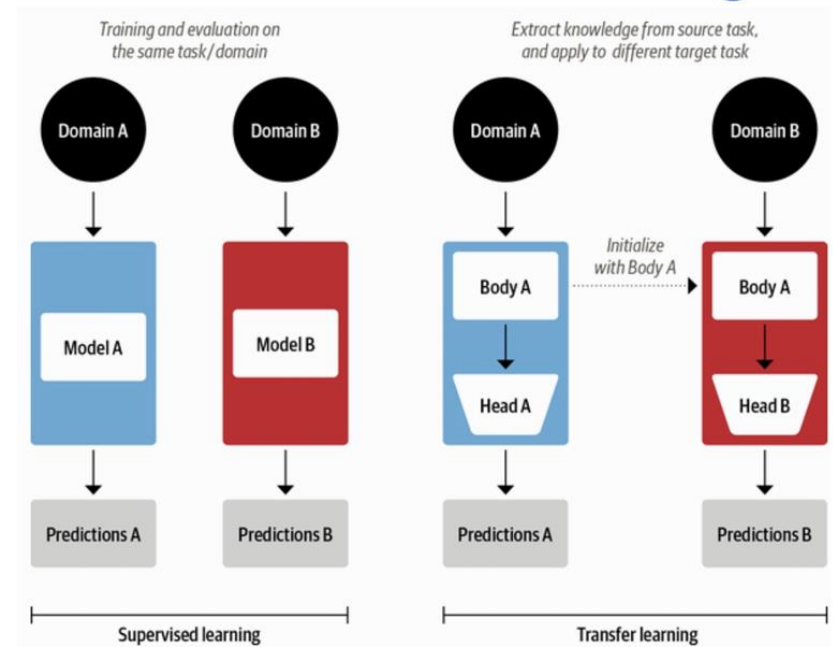
# Path towards AGI?

## Zero-shot and Few-shot learning



# Supervised Learning vs Transfer Learning

- In supervised learning, we train from scratch
- In transfer learning, we only change the head
- Can we go further in reducing need for data?
- How do humans perform tasks?



Source: Lewis Tunstall, Leandro von Werra, and Thomas Wolf (2022), Natural Language Processing with Transformers: Building Language Applications with Hugging Face, O'Reilly Media.

# NLP Paradigm shifts

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- Several key papers driving paradigm shifts in NLP
  - Word2Vec – Mikolov et al. (2013)
  - End-to-end LSTM/BiLSTM and GRU – multiple papers in 2014
  - Attention – Bhadana et al. (2014)
  - Transformer – Vaswani et al. (2017)
  - BERT – Devlin et al. (2019)
  - GPT 3 – Brown et al. (2020)
  - Instruct-GPT – Ouyang et al. (2022)

# GPT3

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- A major shift in NLP paradigm
  - Arguably the largest shift since moving from pipeline to end-to-end models
- Introduced few-shot and zero-shot learning
  - Teaching a model to perform a task without changing the weights (!)
- In-context learning and prompt engineering

# GPT3 and current LLMs

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- Almost all of current chat-enabled LLMs are based off the concepts in GPT3
- Newer models are performing better
  - More parameters; larger and better datasets
  - Additional training: supervised and RLHF finetuning
  - Human-driven and machine-driven prompt engineering
- GPT3 can, in principle, do anything that modern LLMs can
  - The difference is in the implementation, not in the core concepts (!)

# Few-shot and Zero-shot learning

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- The problem
  - Getting training data is complex and expensive (there are far more tasks than datasets)
  - Overfitting (to spurious correlations)
  - Humans don't need large training data for all tasks
- The goal
  - One model that can perform multiple tasks
  - In-context learning
  - AGI?

# In-context learning vs supervised/transfer learning

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- Using the input to specify the task
- Consider the following inputs to a transformer model:
  - "I like this movie, it's the best in the Avengers series!"
  - "I bike to work every day. <SEP> I drive to work every day."
- What is the task? What is the output?
  - The task is what you train the model to do
  - The first sentence can be an input to a NER model
  - The second sentence can be an NLI task or a similarity task

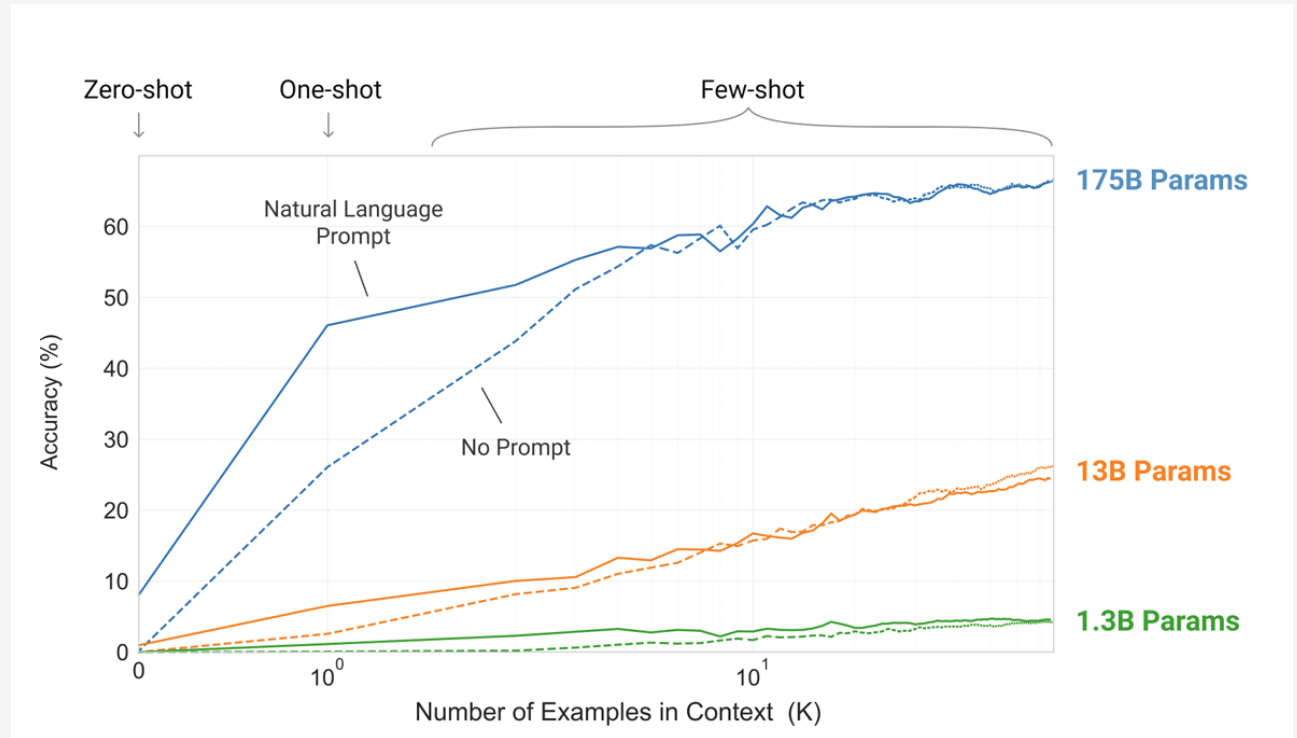
# In context learning

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- Now consider the following inputs:
  - “What is the sentiment of the following text: I like this movie, it’s the best in the Avengers series!”
  - “Do those sentences contradict each other: I bike to work every day. <SEP> I drive to work every day.”
- How do we achieve in-context learning?
  - GPT3 paper argues that scale and emerging properties are the answer
  - Increasing model size from 17B to 175B

# In-context learning and model size

- Two key factors
  - Model size
  - Number of examples
- Model size -> "emerging properties"





# Zero- One- and Few-shot learning

- Three different experimental conditions
- No gradient update or finetuning
- The only difference – number of examples

The three settings we explore for in-context learning

## Zero-shot

The model predicts the answer given only a natural language description of the task. No gradient updates are performed.

```
1 Translate English to French: ← task description
2 cheese => ..... ← prompt
```

## One-shot

In addition to the task description, the model sees a single example of the task. No gradient updates are performed.

```
1 Translate English to French: ← task description
2 sea otter => loutre de mer ← example
3 cheese => ..... ← prompt
```

## Few-shot

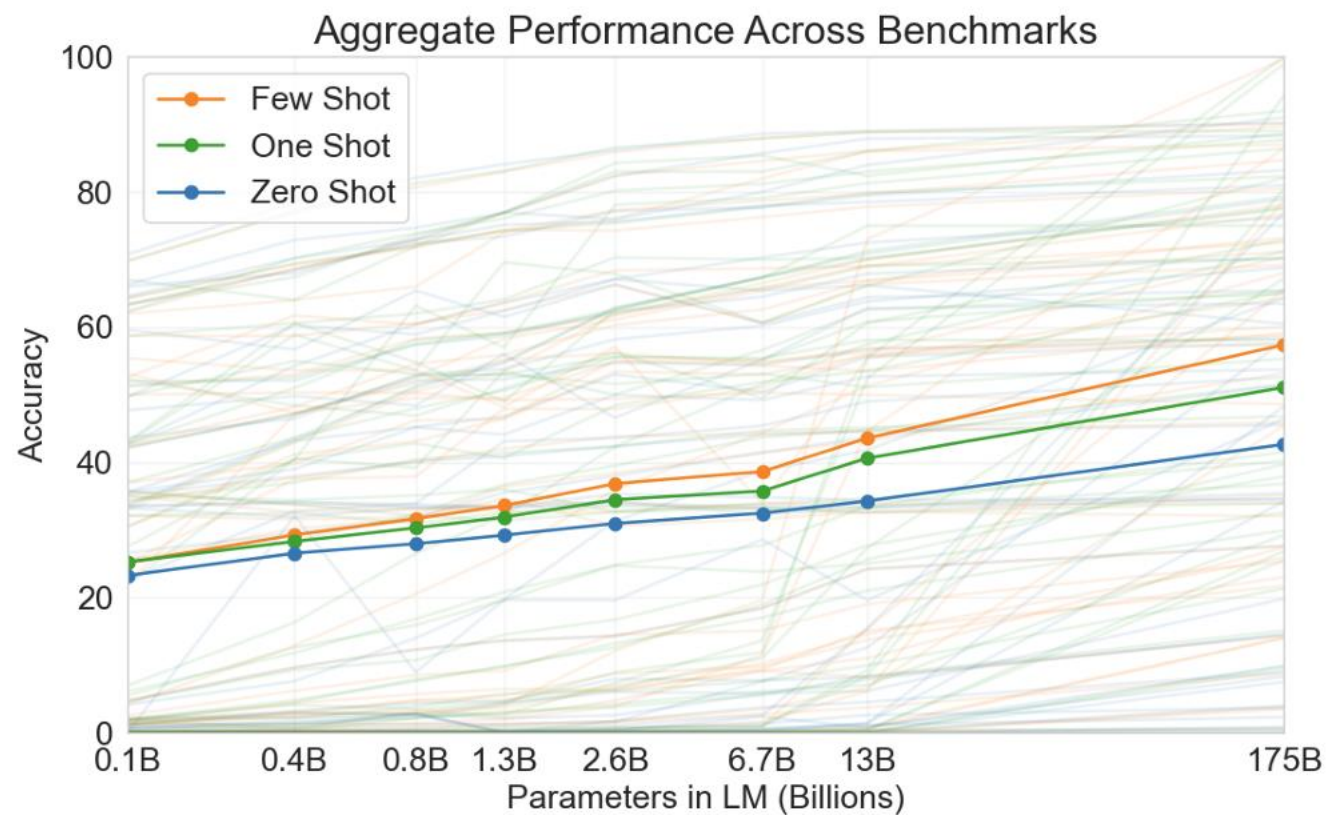
In addition to the task description, the model sees a few examples of the task. No gradient updates are performed.

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1 Translate English to French: ← task description
2 sea otter => loutre de mer ← examples
3 peppermint => menthe poivrée ←
4 plush girafe => girafe peluche ←
5 cheese => ..... ← prompt
```

# In-context learning and model size

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- Same model
- Different sizes
- Different number of examples

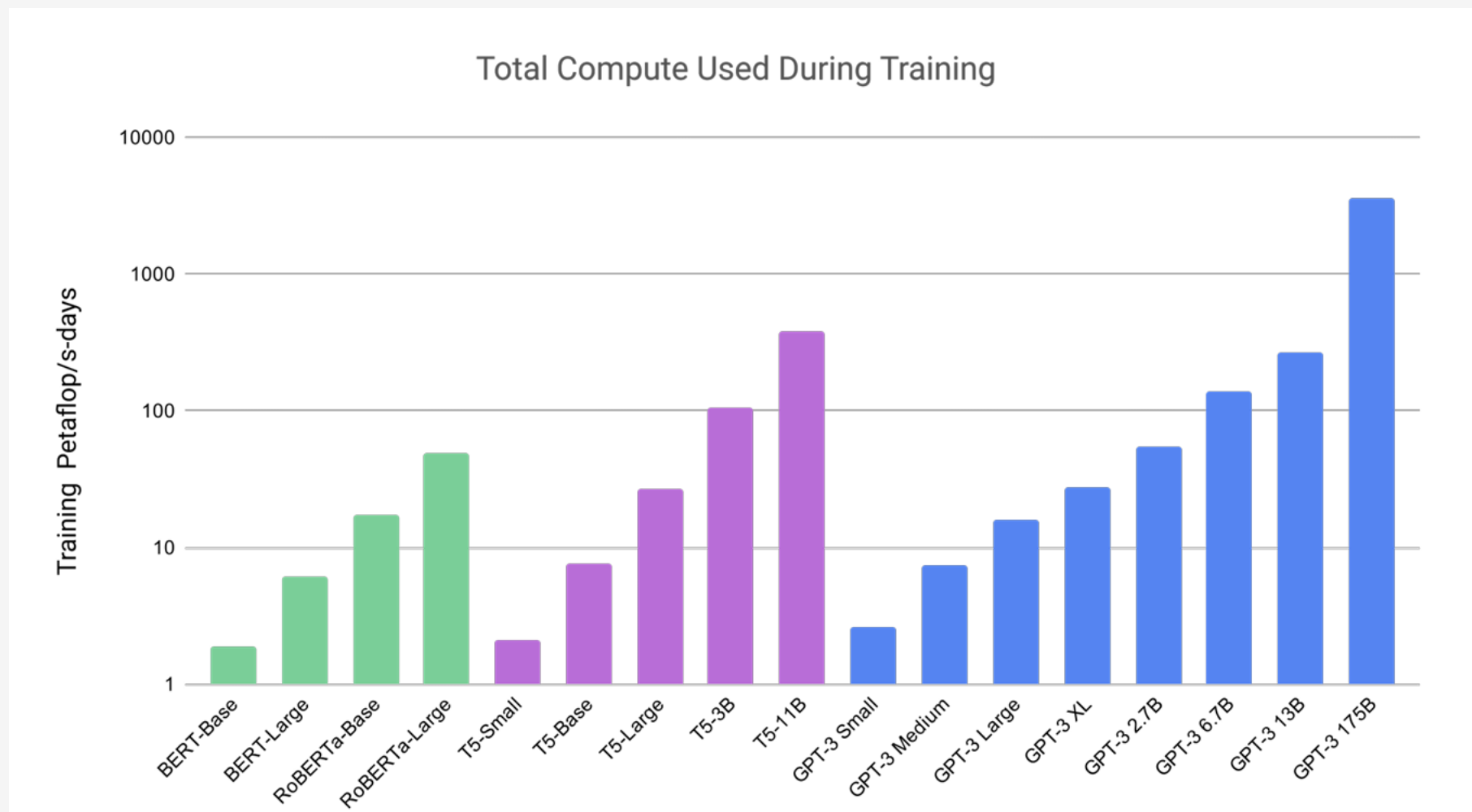


# Mode architecture

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- Same as GPT2, scaled to 175B params
  - 96 layers
  - 96 attention heads
  - 128 d per head -> 12k d for the hidden state
- Causal attention, trained on LM task
  - Trained on Common Crawl (1 trillion words) + data filtering
  - Additional curated high-quality datasets

# Compute used for training



# GPT and contemporary LLMs (2)

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- GPT3 paved the path towards contemporary LLMs
- Modern LLMs build upon GPT3 focusing on several key directions
  - Improved training practices (instruction tuning)
  - Increased model size
  - Increased data size and data quality
  - Multimodality
  - Prompt engineering