



Lecture 8-6: GPT-2

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GPT-2: Language Models are Unsupervised Multitask Learners

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be seen from the air without having to move too much to see them - they were so close
they could touch their horns.

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animals were believed to be descendants of a lost race of people who lived there
before the arrival of humans in those parts of South America.

While their origins are still unclear, some believe that perhaps the creatures were
created when a human and a unicorn met each other in a time before human
civilization. According to Pérez, "In South America, such incidents seem to be
quite common."


However, Pérez also pointed out that it is likely that the only way of knowing for
sure if unicorns are indeed the descendants of a lost alien race is through DNA. "But
they seem to be able to communicate in English quite well, which I believe is a sign
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- Debates on GPT model



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by Karen Hao

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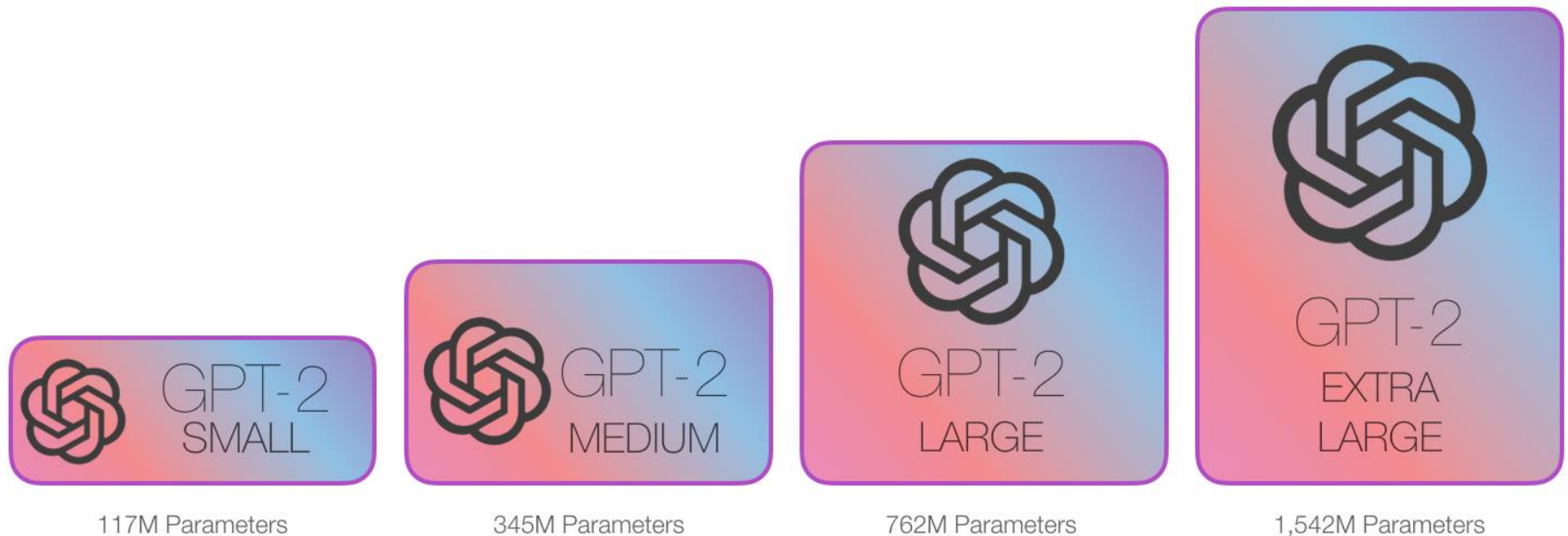
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The full version of GPT-2 is now publicly available, following nearly nine months of heated debates and some smaller model releases. The large-scale unsupervised language model was kept under lock and key for this long as it was deemed too dangerous—a controversial decision that led to backlash from the open source community.

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- GPT-2 is not a particularly novel architecture – it is very similar to the decoder-only transformer
- However, it was trained on a massive dataset (40GB, WebText)



<https://demo.allennlp.org/next-token-lm?text=AllenNLP%20is>

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- GPT-2 Example

Every year, OpenAI's employees vote on when they believe artificial general intelligence, or AGI, will finally **arrive**. It's mostly seen as a fun way to bond, and their estimates differ widely. But in a field that still debates whether human-like autonomous systems are even possible, half the lab bets it is likely to happen within 15 years.

Language Modeling

This demonstration uses the public 345M parameter [OpenAI GPT-2](#) language model to generate sentences.

Enter some initial text and the model will generate the most likely next words. You can click on one of those words to choose it and continue or just keep typing. Click the left arrow at the bottom to undo your last choice.

Sentence:

Every year, OpenAI's employees vote on
when they believe artificial intelligence
will finally



Predictions:

25.8% **be**
9.3% **become**
3.7% **make**
3.1% **reach**
3.1% **win**
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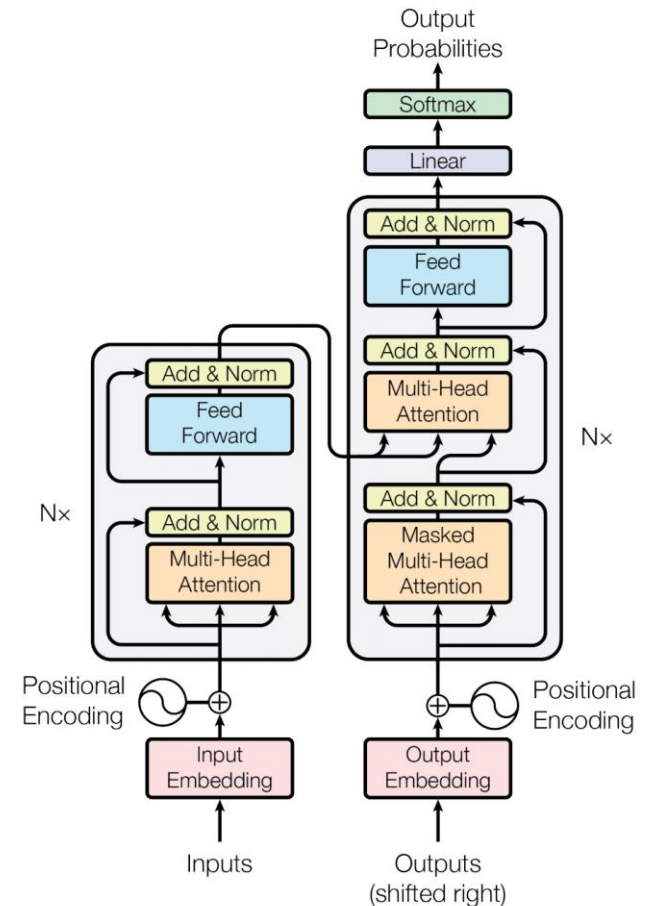
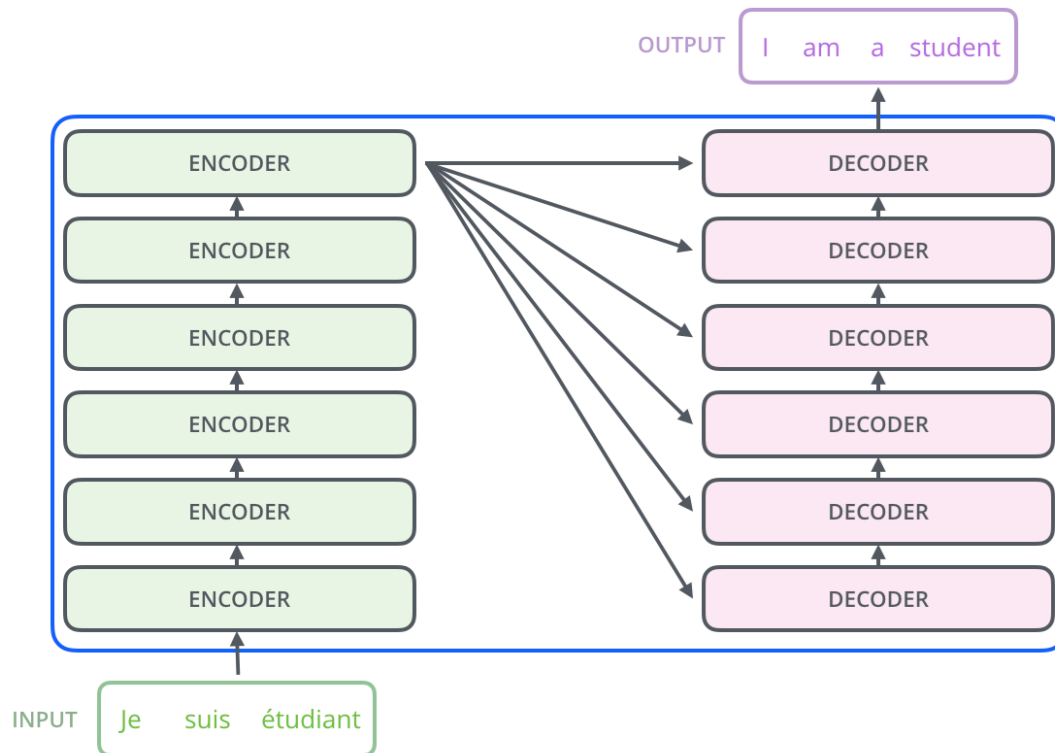
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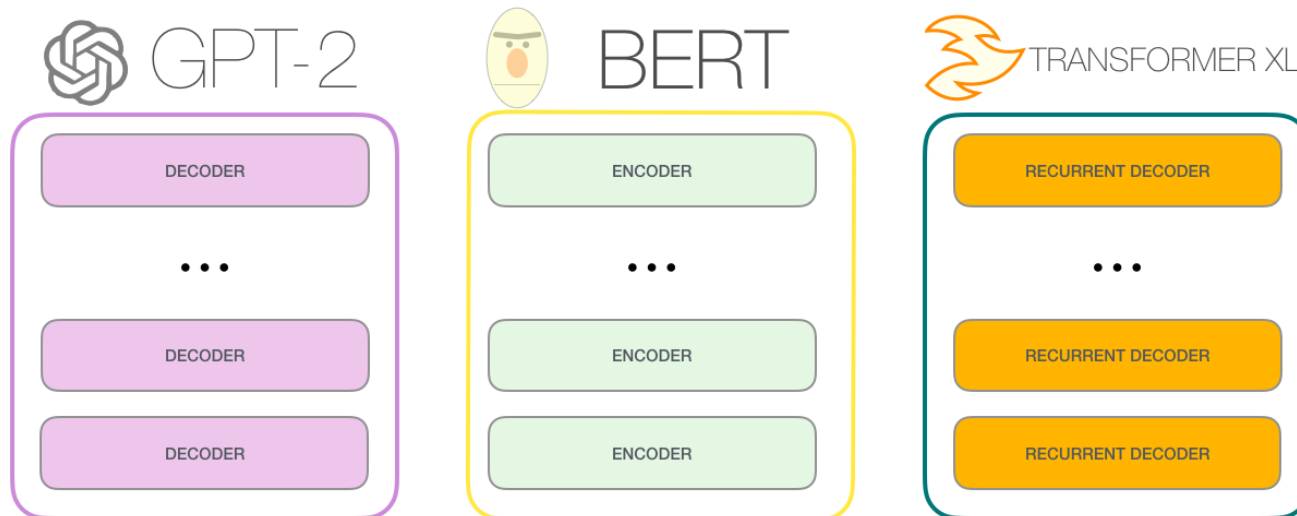
- Transformer revisited



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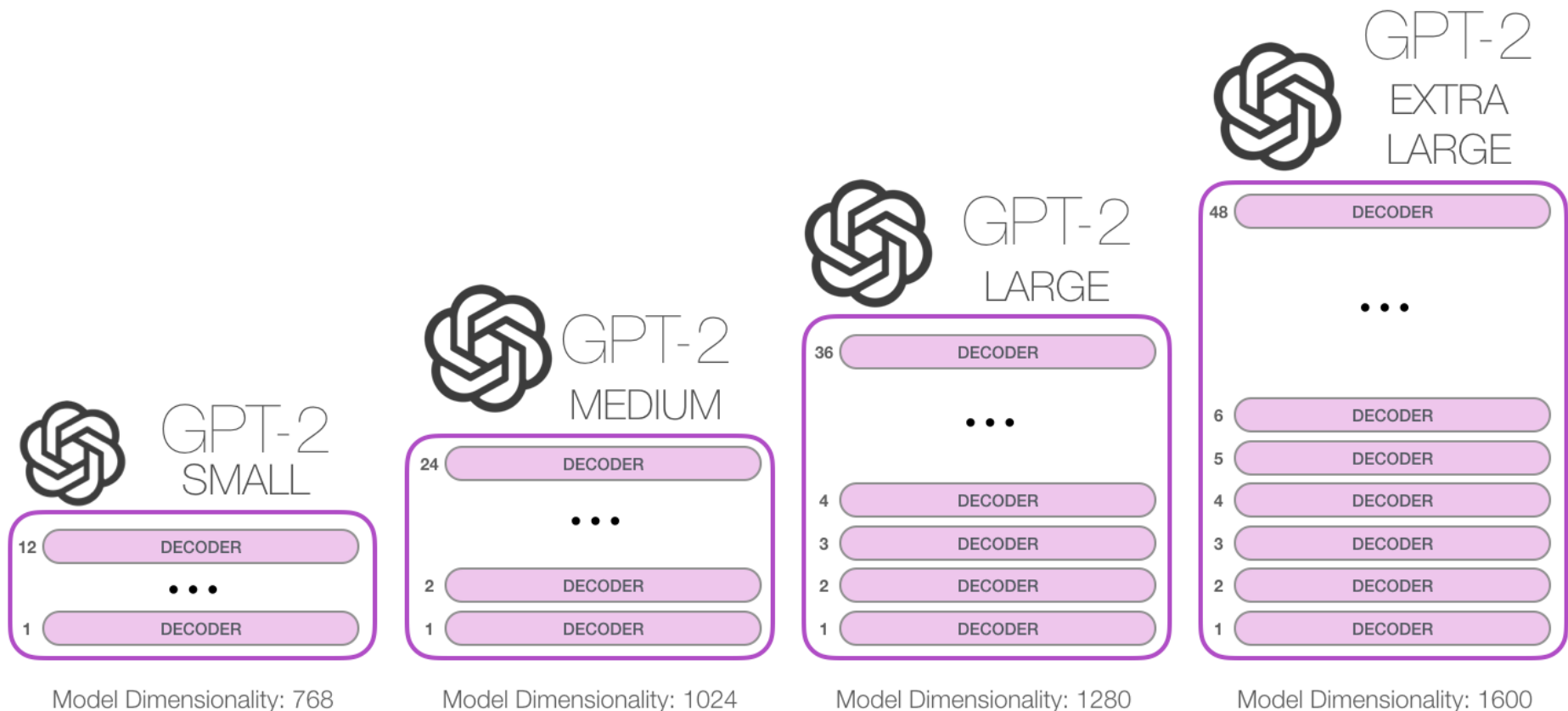
- Transformer revisited
 - ✓ A lot of the subsequent research work saw the architecture shed either the encoder or decoder, and use just one stack of transformer blocks
 - ✓ Stacking them up as high as practically possible, feeding them massive amounts of training text, and throwing vast amounts of compute at them
 - ✓ Hundreds of thousands of dollars to train some of these language models, likely millions in the case of [AlphaStar](#)



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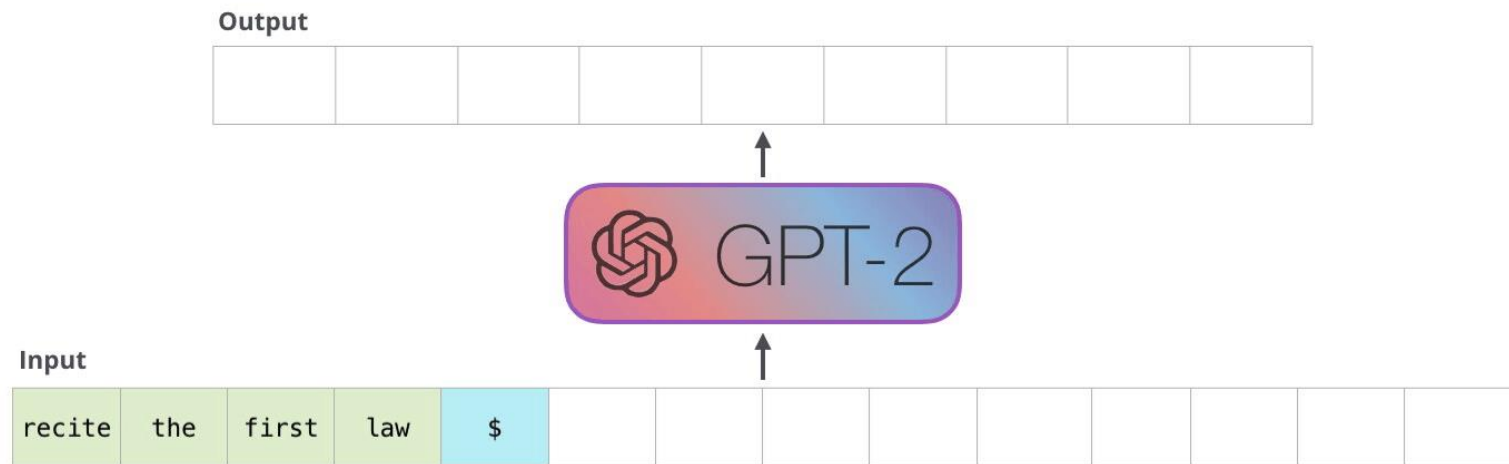
- How high can we stack up the blocks?
 - ✓ Main distinguishing factor of different GPT-2 models



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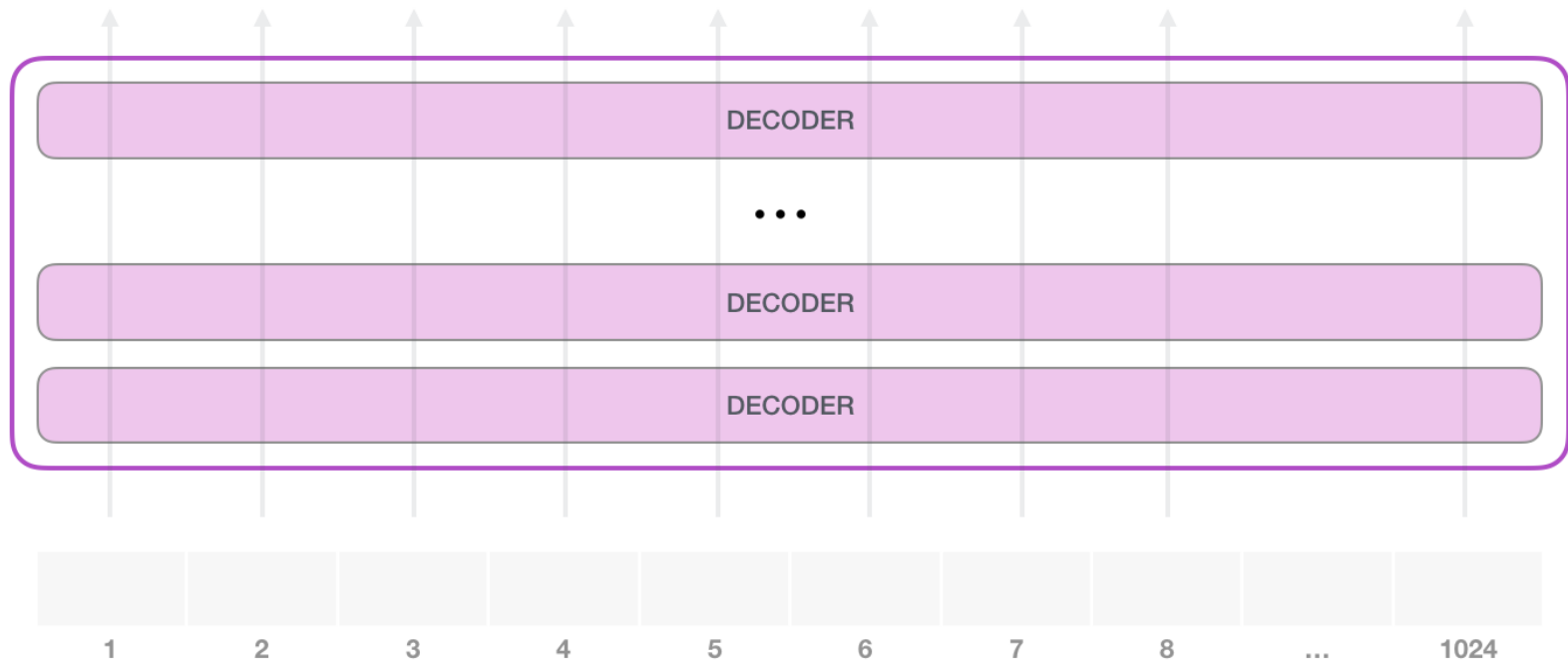
- Main difference between GPT-2 and BERT
 - ✓ GPT-2 is auto-regressive but BERT is not
 - After each token is produced, that token is added to the sequence of inputs



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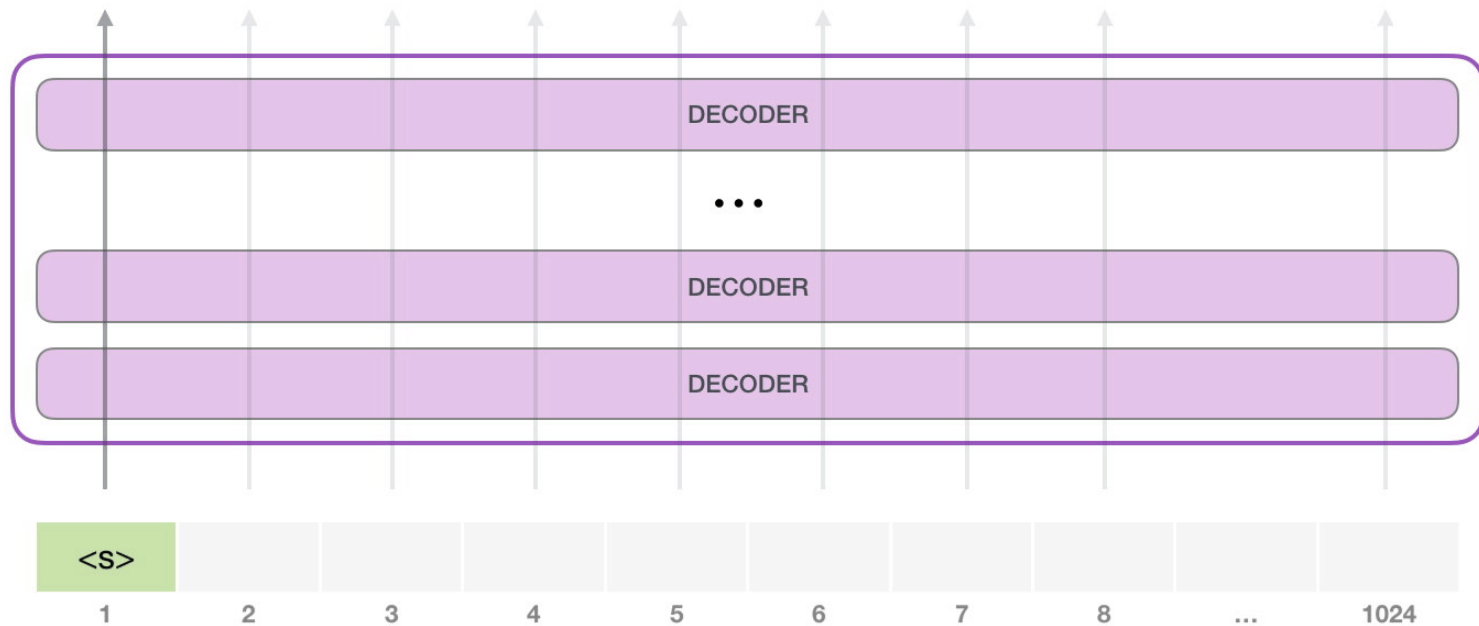
- GPT-2 can process 1024 tokens
 - ✓ Each token flows through all the decoder blocks along its own path



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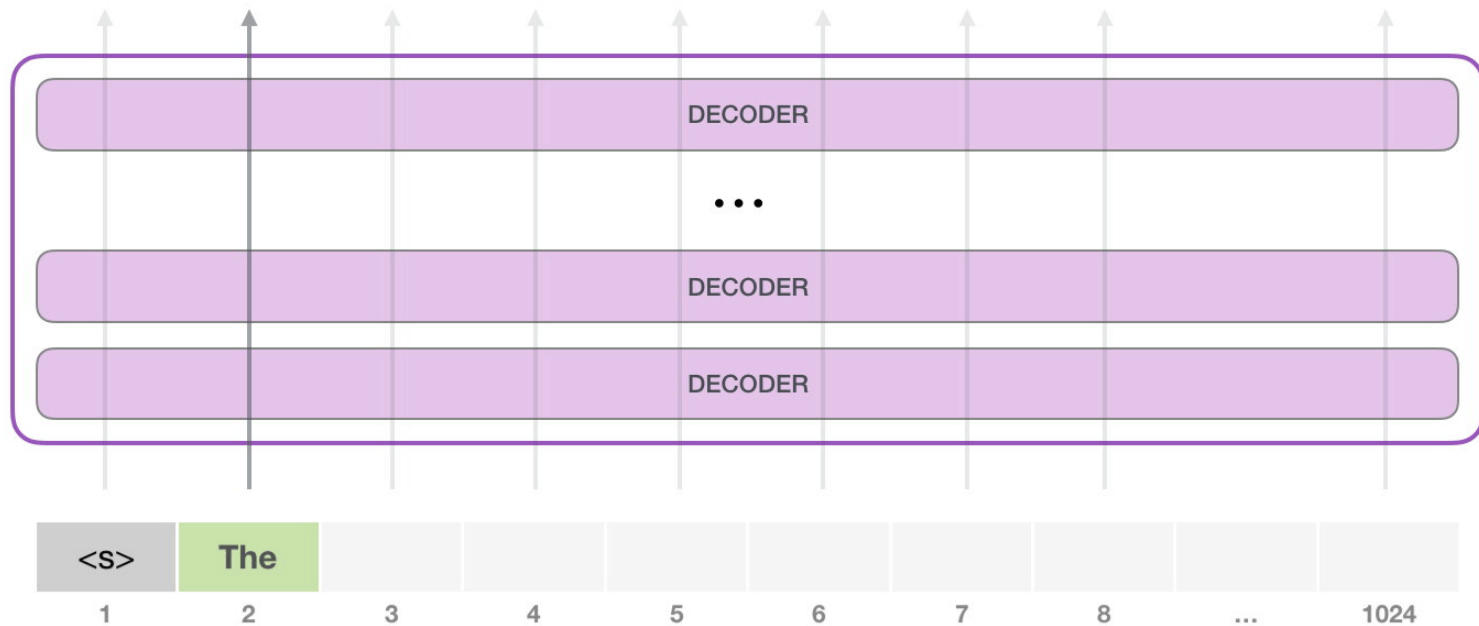
- The simplest way to run a trained GPT-2 is to allow it to ramble on its own
 - ✓ Generating unconditional samples
 - ✓ GPT-2 has a parameter called top-k that we can use to have the model consider sampling words other than the top word



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- In the next step, we add the output from the first step to our input sequence, and have the model make its next prediction:
 - ✓ The second path is the only that's active in this calculation
 - ✓ GPT-2 does not re-interpret the first token in light of the second token

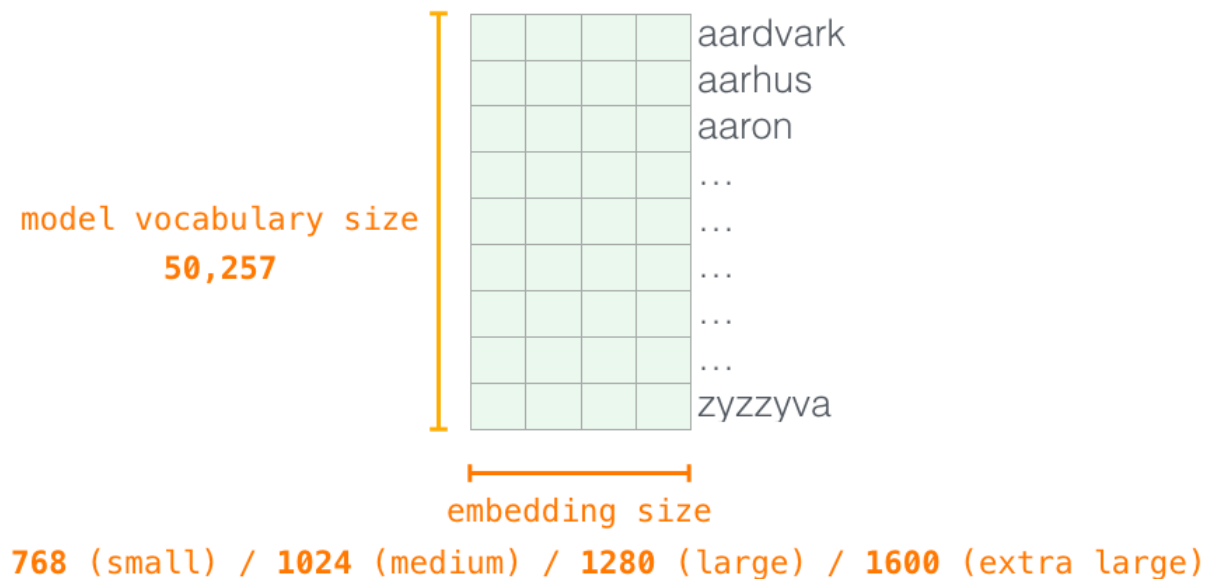


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- GPT2: A deeper look inside
 - ✓ Input encoding

Token Embeddings (wte)

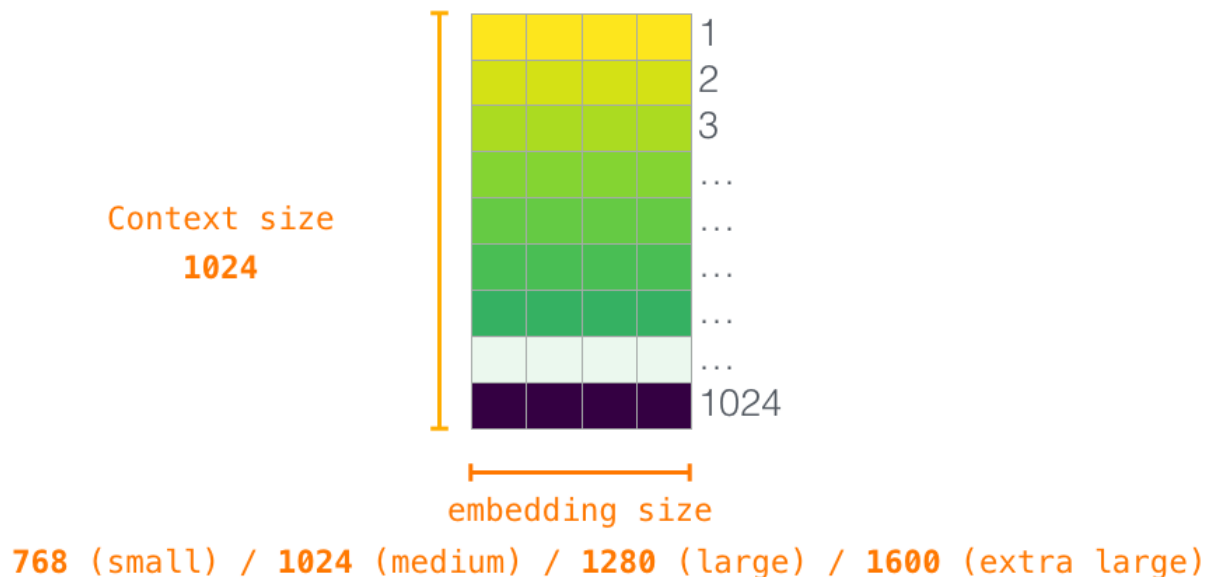


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- GPT2: A deeper look inside
 - ✓ Positional encoding

Positional Encodings (wpe)



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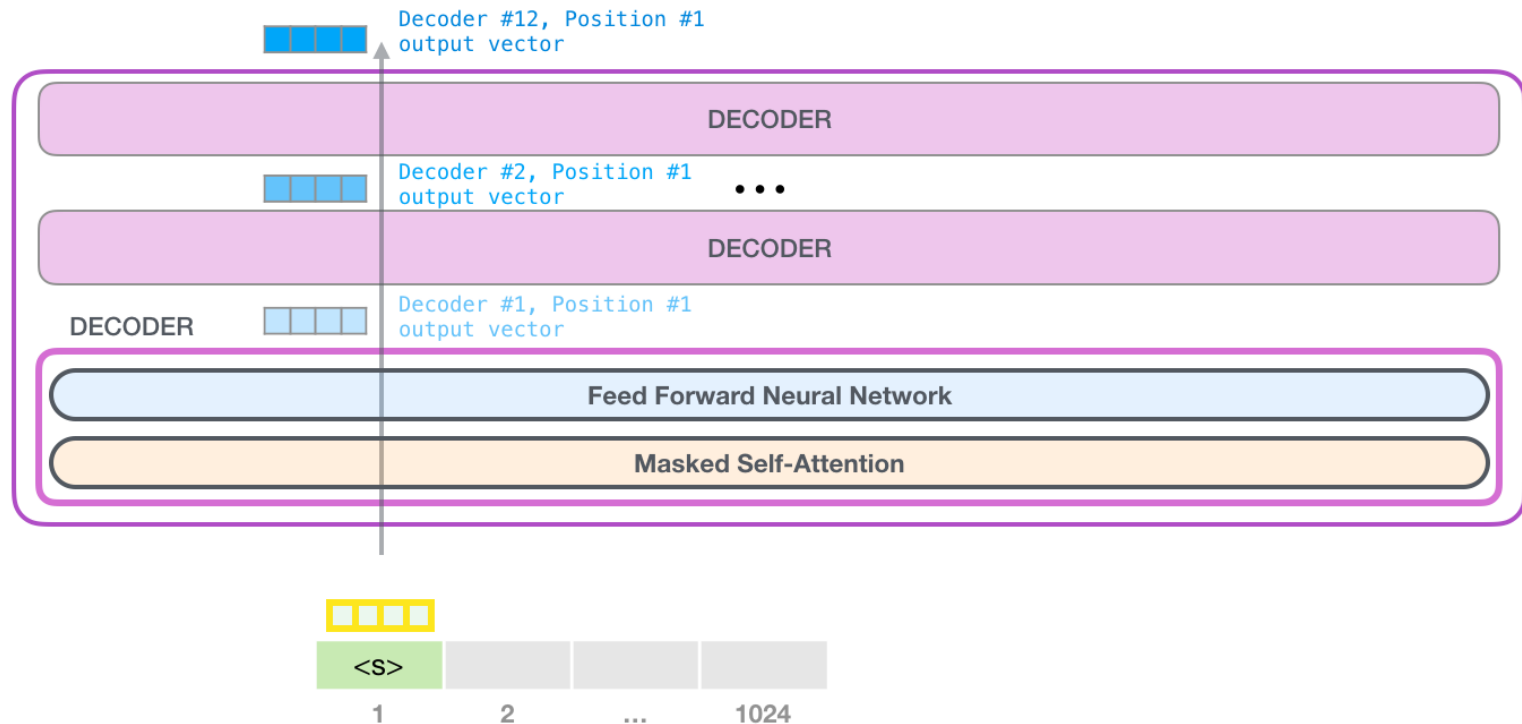
- GPT2: A deeper look inside
 - ✓ Sending a word to the first transformer block



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- A journey up the stack
 - ✓ Once a lower-level transformer block processes the token, it sends its resulting vector up the stack to be processed by the next block
 - The process is identical in each block, but each block has its own weights in both self-attention and the neural network sublayers



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- Self-Attention Recap
 - ✓ Language heavily relies on context
 - Look at the second law

First Law of Robotics

A robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm.

Second Law of Robotics

*A robot must obey the orders given **it** by human beings except where **such orders** would conflict with the **First Law**.*

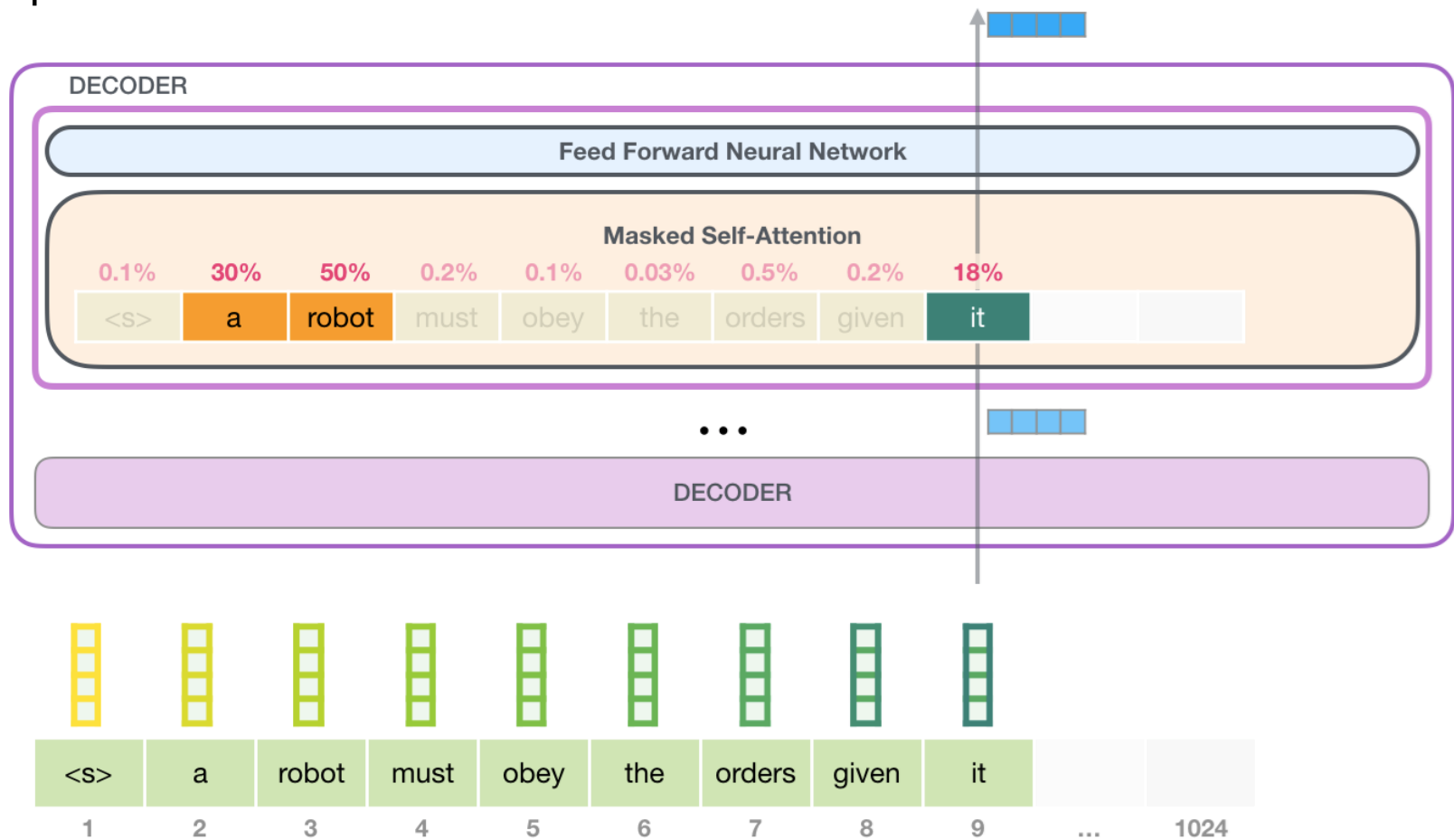
- ✓ When a model processes this sentence, it has to be able to know that
 - **it** refers to the robot
 - **such orders** refers to the earlier part of the law, namely “the orders given it by human beings”
 - **The First Law** refers to the entire First Law
- ✓ This is what self-attention does

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- Self-Attention Recap

- ✓ This self-attention layer in the top block is paying attention to “a robot” when it processes the word “it”

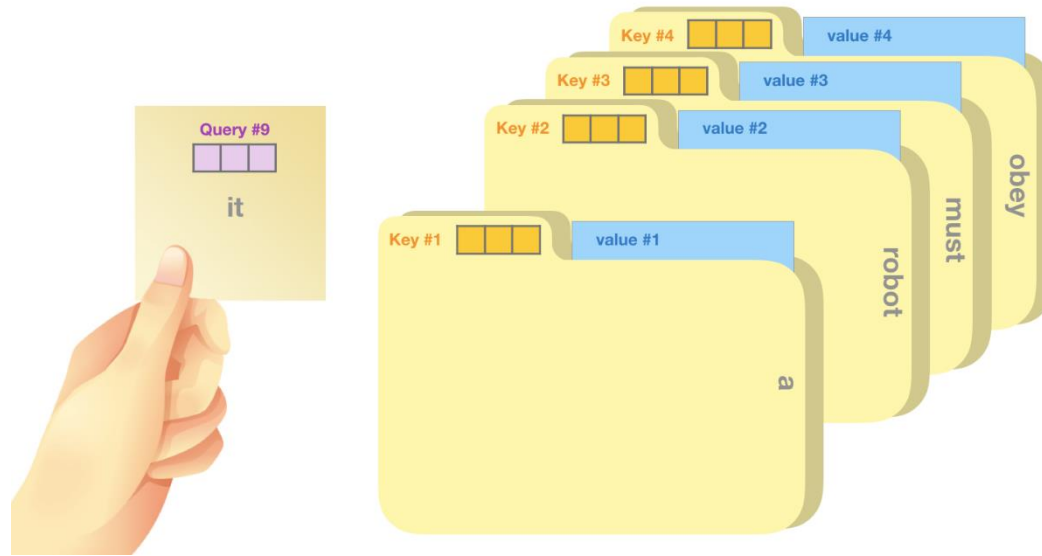


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- Self-Attention Recap

- ✓ Think of it like searching through a filing cabinet



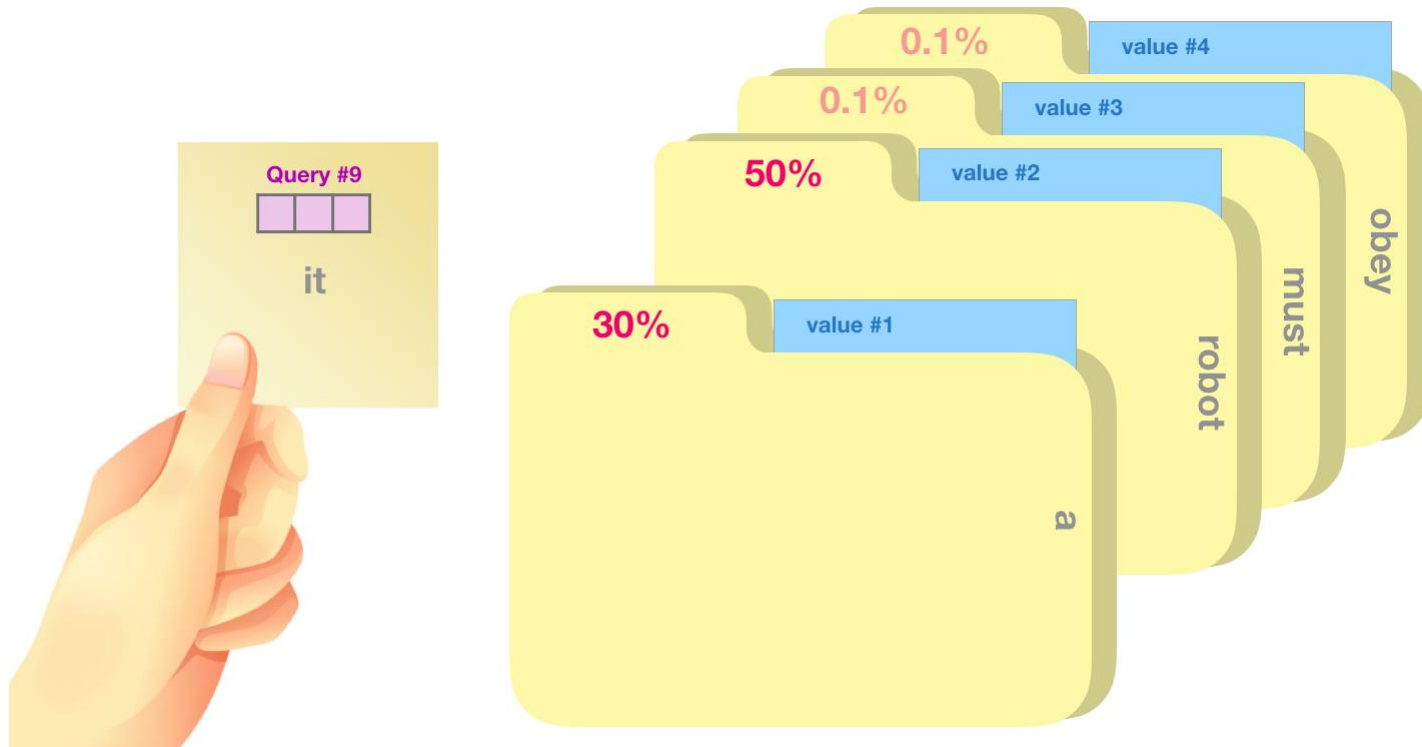
- The query is like a sticky note with the topic you're researching
- The keys are like the labels of the folders inside the cabinet
- When you match the tag with a sticky note, we take out the contents of that folder, these contents are the value vector
- Except you're not only looking for one value, but a blend of values from a blend of folders.

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- Self-Attention Recap

- ✓ Multiplying the query vector by each key vector produces a score for each folder (technically: dot product followed by softmax)






















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- Self-Attention Recap

✓ Multiply each value by its score and sum up – resulting in our self-attention outcome

Word	Value vector	Score	Value X Score
<s>		0.001	
a		0.3	
robot		0.5	
must		0.002	
obey		0.001	
the		0.0003	
orders		0.005	
given		0.002	
it		0.19	
		Sum:	

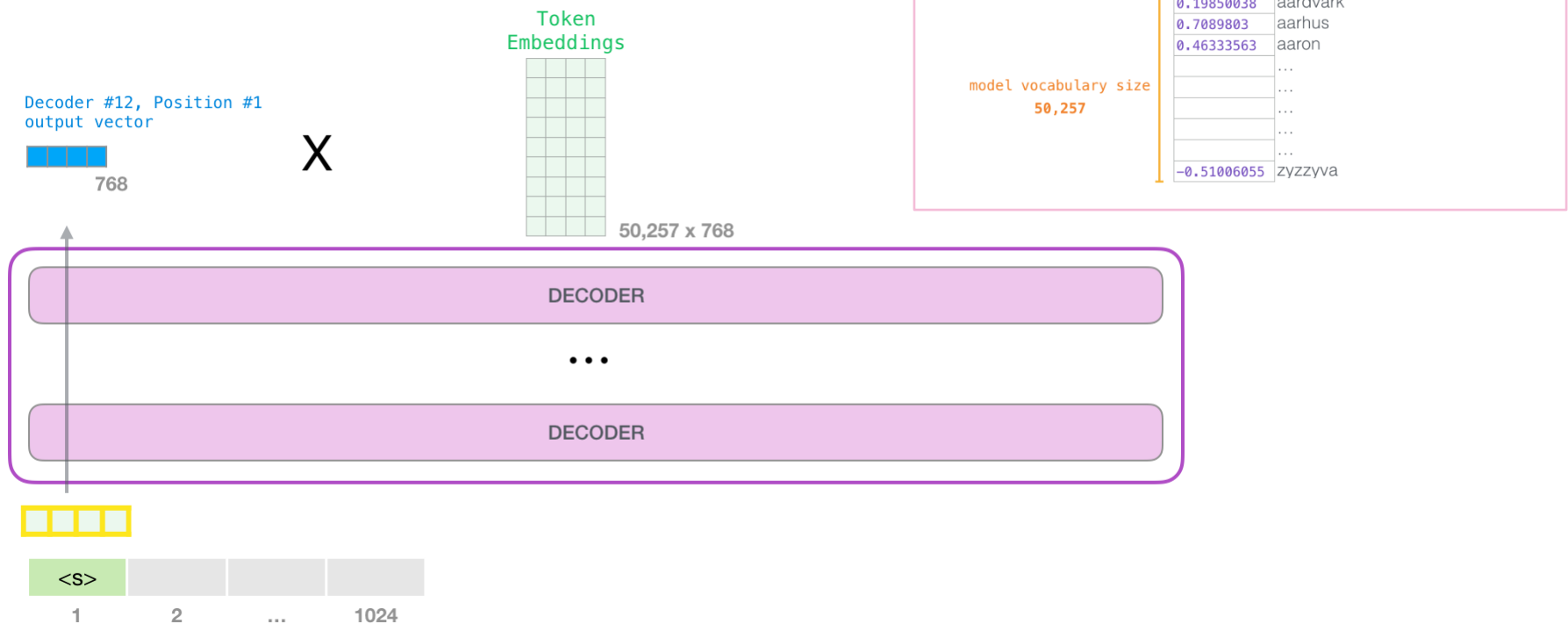
- This weighted blend of value vectors results in a vector that paid 50% of its attention to the word **robot**, 30% to the word **a**, and 19% to the word **it**

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- Model Output

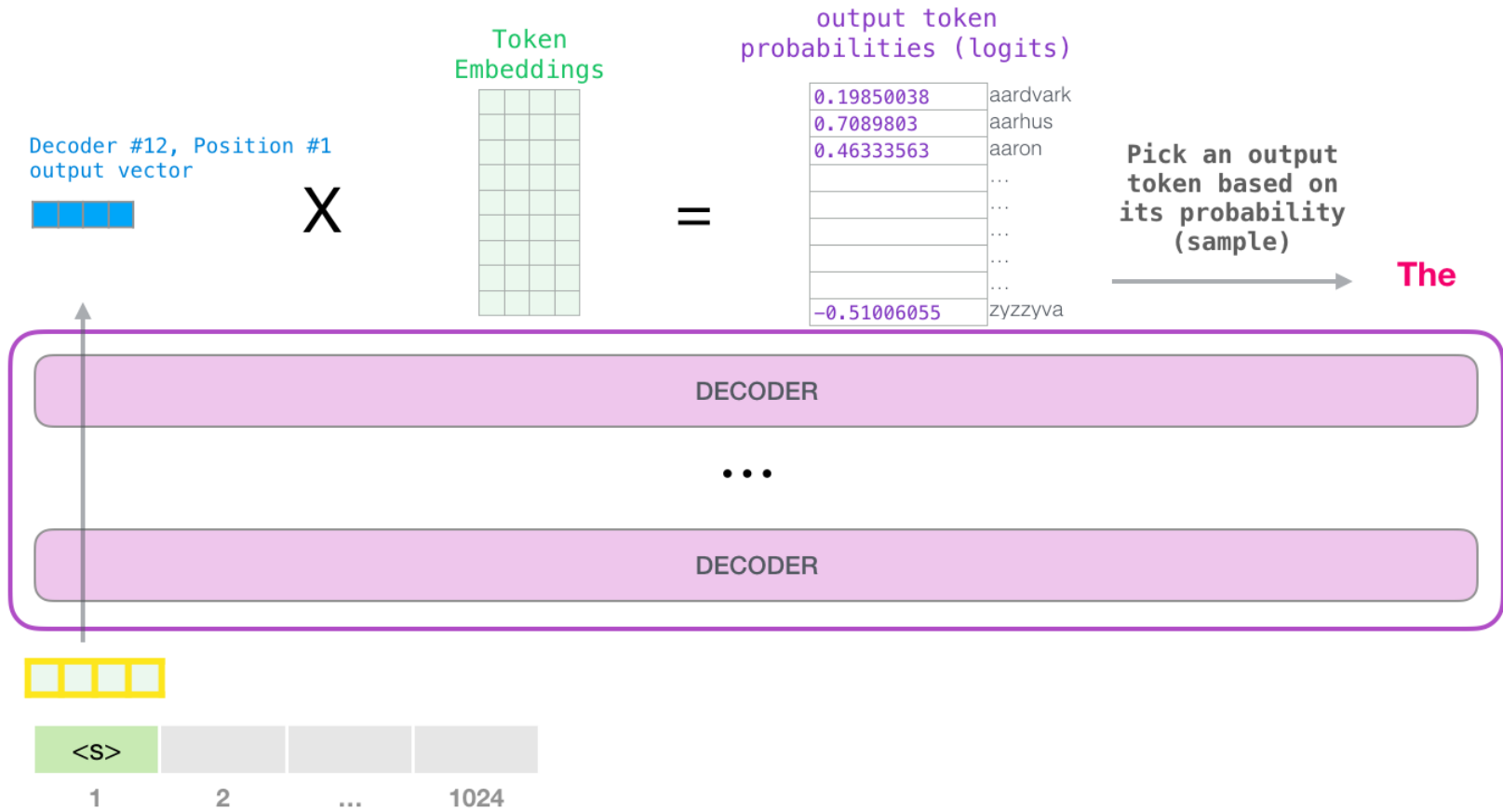
- ✓ When the top block in the model produces its output vector (the result of its own self-attention followed by its own neural network), the model multiplies that vector by the embedding matrix



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- Model Output



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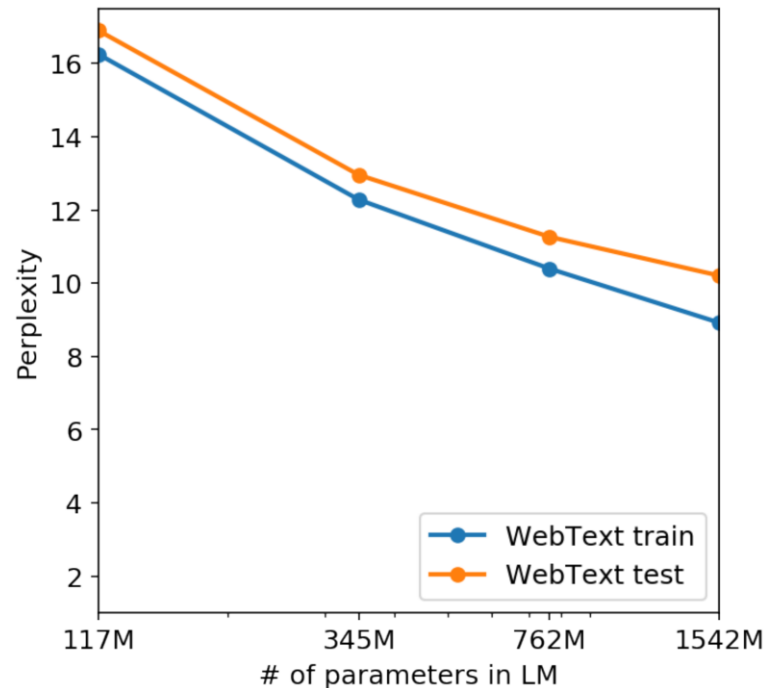
- Notes in GPT-2
 - ✓ GPT-2 uses Byte Pair Encoding to create the tokens in its vocabulary; tokens are usually parts of words
 - ✓ When training, a maximum of 512 tokens are processed at the same time
 - ✓ Layer normalization is important in Transformer structure

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- Experiments

- ✓ Performance w.r.t. model size



- ✓ Zero-shot results on Language Modeling datasets

	LAMBADA (PPL)	LAMBADA (ACC)	CBT-CN (ACC)	CBT-NE (ACC)	WikiText2 (PPL)	PTB (PPL)	enwik8 (BPB)	text8 (BPC)	WikiText103 (PPL)	1BW (PPL)
SOTA	99.8	59.23	85.7	82.3	39.14	46.54	0.99	1.08	18.3	21.8
117M	35.13	45.99	87.65	83.4	29.41	65.85	1.16	1.17	37.50	75.20
345M	15.60	55.48	92.35	87.1	22.76	47.33	1.01	1.06	26.37	55.72
762M	10.87	60.12	93.45	88.0	19.93	40.31	0.97	1.02	22.05	44.575
1542M	8.63	63.24	93.30	89.05	18.34	35.76	0.93	0.98	17.48	42.16

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- Experiments

- ✓ Answers for the questions not in the training dataset

Question	Generated Answer	Correct	Probability
Who wrote the book the origin of species?	Charles Darwin	✓	83.4%
Who is the founder of the ubuntu project?	Mark Shuttleworth	✓	82.0%
Who is the quarterback for the green bay packers?	Aaron Rodgers	✓	81.1%
Panda is a national animal of which country?	China	✓	76.8%
Who came up with the theory of relativity?	Albert Einstein	✓	76.4%
When was the first star wars film released?	1977	✓	71.4%
What is the most common blood type in sweden?	A	✗	70.6%
Who is regarded as the founder of psychoanalysis?	Sigmund Freud	✓	69.3%
Who took the first steps on the moon in 1969?	Neil Armstrong	✓	66.8%
Who is the largest supermarket chain in the uk?	Tesco	✓	65.3%
What is the meaning of shalom in english?	peace	✓	64.0%
Who was the author of the art of war?	Sun Tzu	✓	59.6%
Largest state in the us by land mass?	California	✗	59.2%
Green algae is an example of which type of reproduction?	parthenogenesis	✗	56.5%
Vikram samvat calender is official in which country?	India	✓	55.6%
Who is mostly responsible for writing the declaration of independence?	Thomas Jefferson	✓	53.3%
What us state forms the western boundary of montana?	Montana	✗	52.3%
Who plays ser davos in game of thrones?	Peter Dinklage	✗	52.1%
Who appoints the chair of the federal reserve system?	Janet Yellen	✗	51.5%
State the process that divides one nucleus into two genetically identical nuclei?	mitosis	✓	50.7%
Who won the most mvp awards in the nba?	Michael Jordan	✗	50.2%
What river is associated with the city of rome?	the Tiber	✓	48.6%
Who is the first president to be impeached?	Andrew Johnson	✓	48.3%
Who is the head of the department of homeland security 2017?	John Kelly	✓	47.0%
What is the name given to the common currency to the european union?	Euro	✓	46.8%
What was the emperor name in star wars?	Palpatine	✓	46.5%
Do you have to have a gun permit to shoot at a range?	No	✓	46.4%
Who proposed evolution in 1859 as the basis of biological development?	Charles Darwin	✓	45.7%
Nuclear power plant that blew up in russia?	Chernobyl	✓	45.7%
Who played john connor in the original terminator?	Arnold Schwarzenegger	✗	45.2%

Beyond ELMo, GPT, and BERT

Post BERT

BERT

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BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding by Jacob Devlin et al

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XLNet: Generalized Autoregressive Pretraining for Language Understanding

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ALBERT

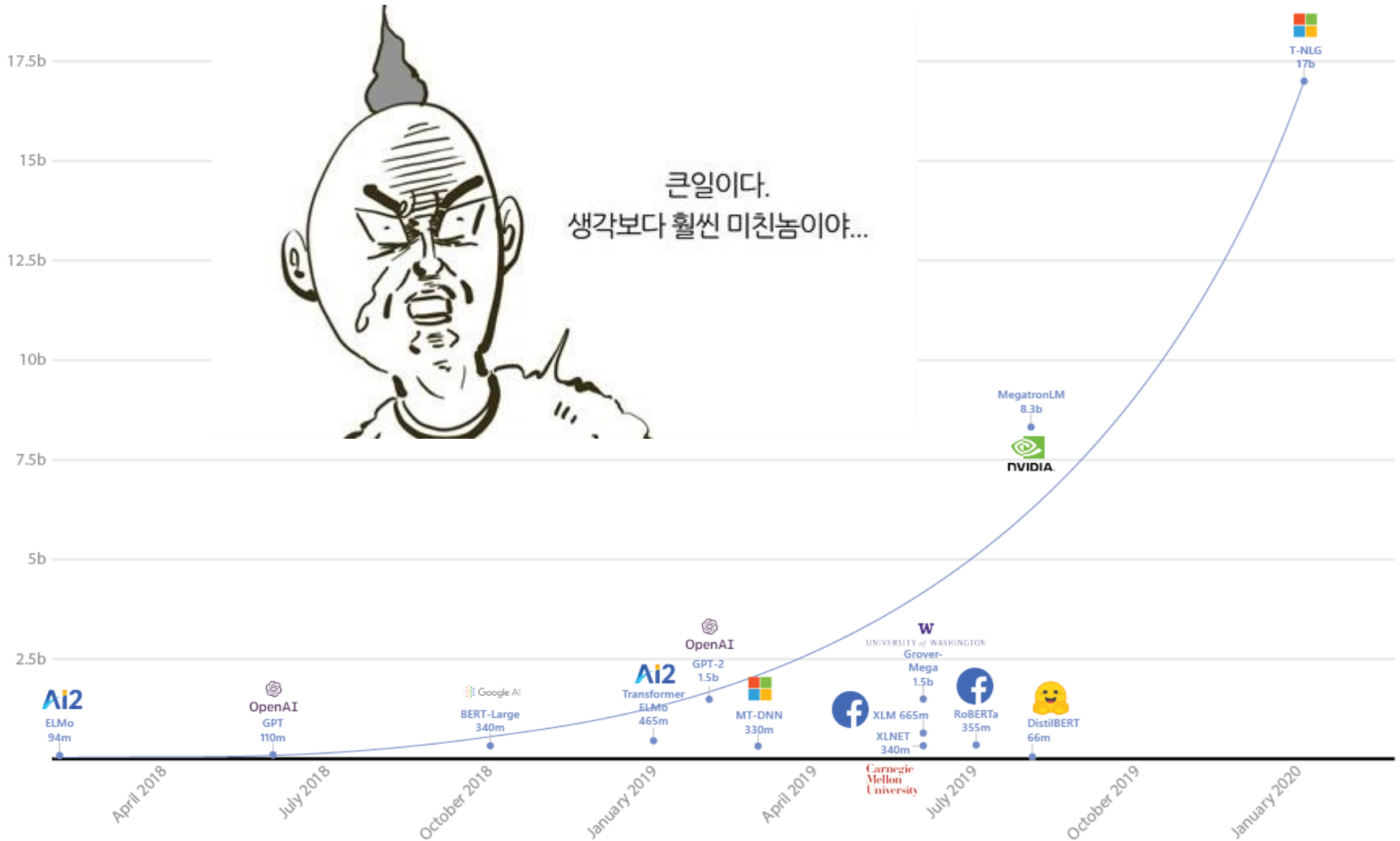
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Bigger, BIGger, BIGGER!!



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생각보다 훨씬 미친놈이야...



A person in a dark suit and light blue striped shirt is holding a white rectangular sign. The sign has the text "ANY questions?" written on it in a black, casual, handwritten font. The person's face is partially visible on the left, and their hand is on the right holding the sign. The background is slightly blurred, showing some orange and white elements.

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