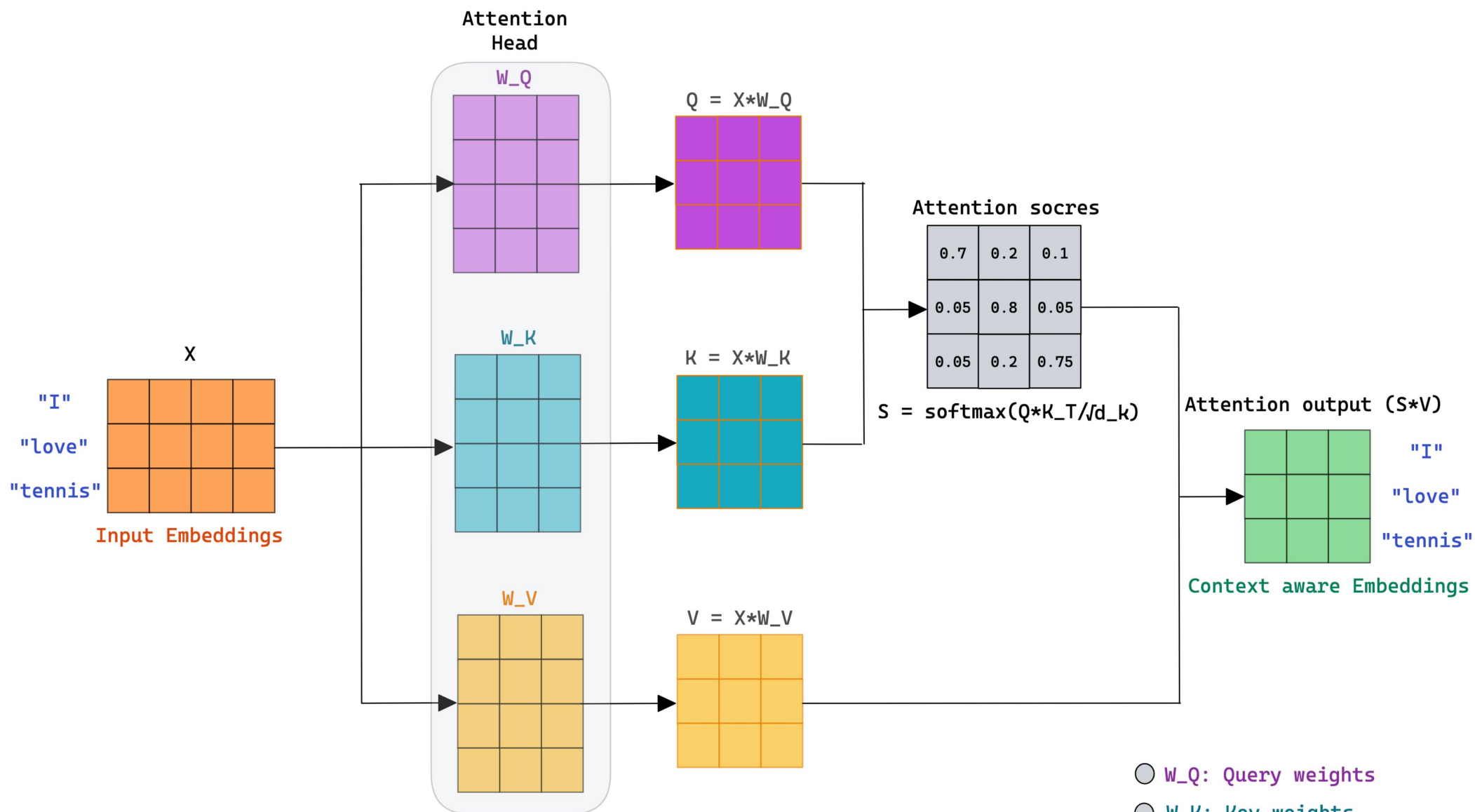


# Self Attention Clearly Explained!



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- $W_Q$ : Query weights
- $W_K$ : Key weights
- $W_V$ : Value weights
- $d_k$ : attention head size

Computers are good with numbers !

In NLP we convert the sequence of words into token & then token to embeddings.

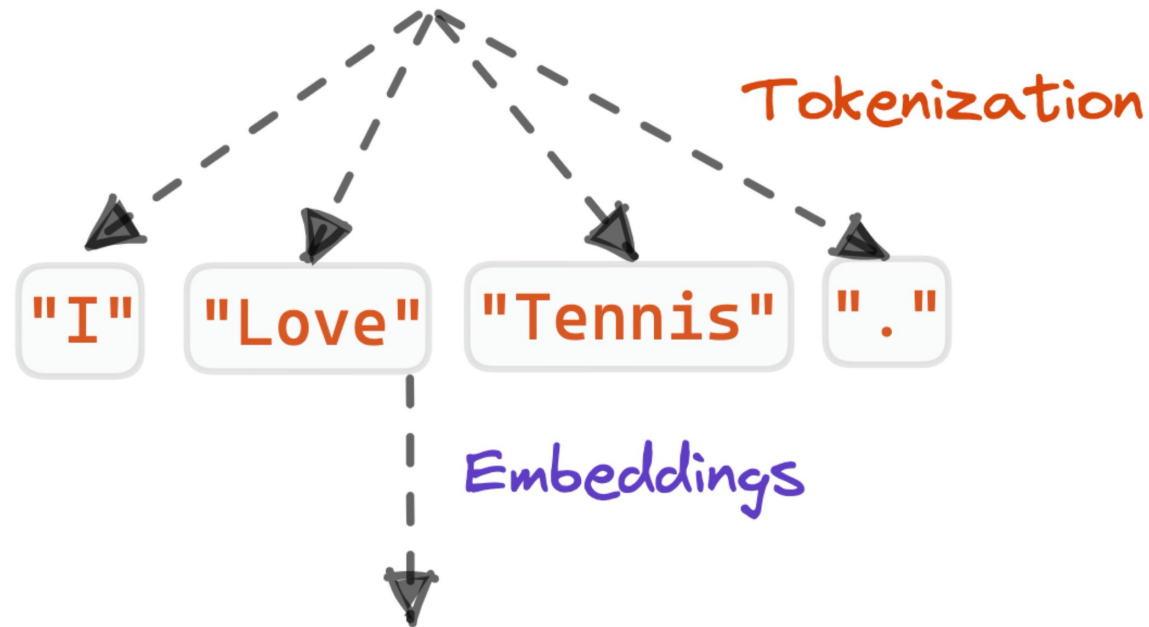
You can think of embedding as a meaningful representation of each token using a bunch of numbers.

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I love Tennis.



"I"

[0.89, 0.45, 0.67, ..., 0.32, 0.04]

"Love"

[0.59, 0.35, 0.75, ..., 0.12, 0.24]

"Tennis"

[0.99, 0.48, 0.27, ..., 0.52, 0.18]

"."

[0.16, 0.55, 0.97, ..., 0.79, 0.84]



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Now, for a language model to perform at a human level, it's not sufficient for it to process these tokens independently.

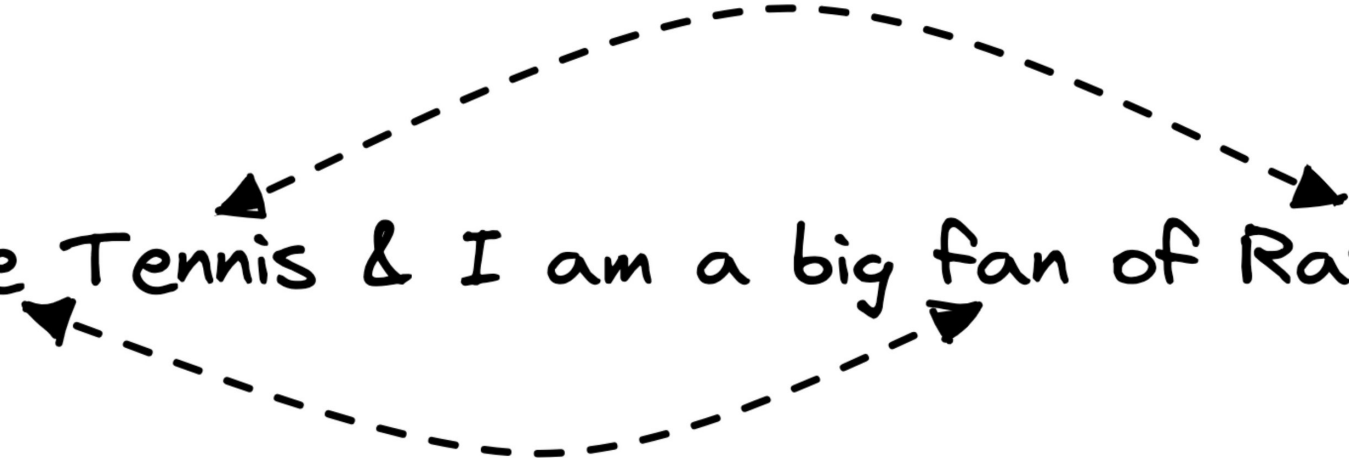
It's also important to understand the relationship between them!

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I love Tennis & I am a big fan of Rafael Nadal.



The diagram illustrates dependencies between tokens in the sentence "I love Tennis & I am a big fan of Rafael Nadal." using two dashed curved arrows. The top arrow starts at the word "Tennis" and points to the word "Rafael". The bottom arrow starts at the word "fan" and points to the word "love".

A language model must see the entire context,  
It should be aware of the relative positions and  
relationships among the tokens.

Let's see how it's done 🧵



In the self-attention, relationships between tokens are expressed as probability scores.

Each token assigns the highest score to itself and additional scores to other tokens based on their relevance.

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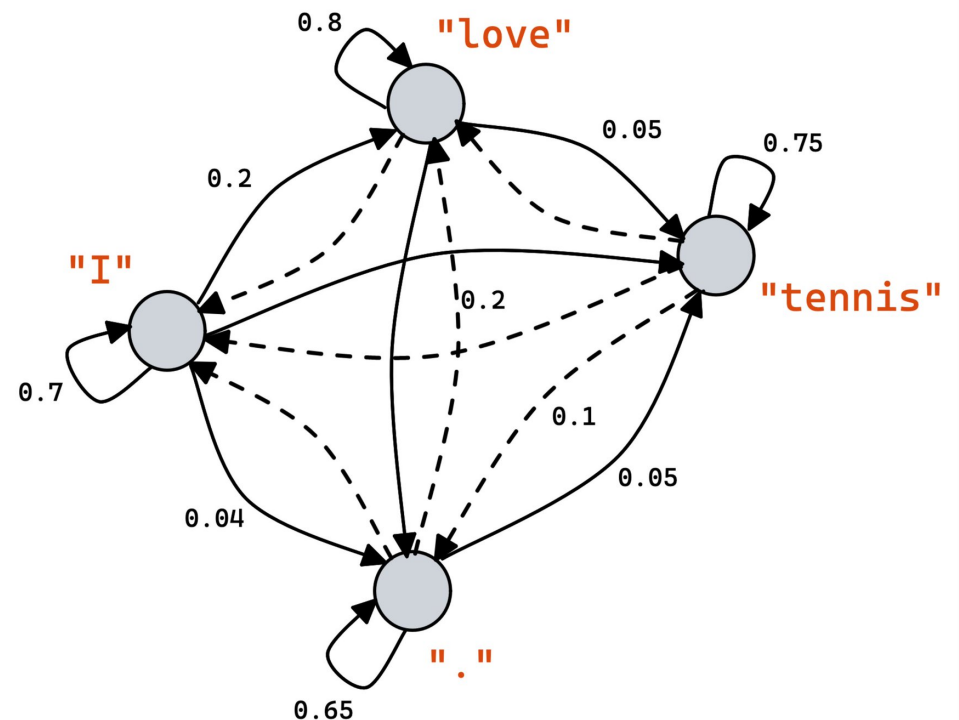
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# Attention: A communication mechanism

Attention probability scores:  
how much a token should pay attention  
to itself & the neighboring token

	"I"	"love"	"tennis"	"."
"I"	0.7	0.2	0.06	0.04
"love"	0.1	0.8	0.05	0.05
"tennis"	0.05	0.1	0.75	0.1
"."	0.1	0.2	0.05	0.65

Visualizing attention as a directed graph



Wondering where these numbers come from!?!  
Continue reading ... 📖

To understand how self-attention works we first need to understand 3 terms:

- Query Vector
- Key Vector
- Value Vector

These vectors are created by multiplying the input embedding by three weight matrices that are trainable.

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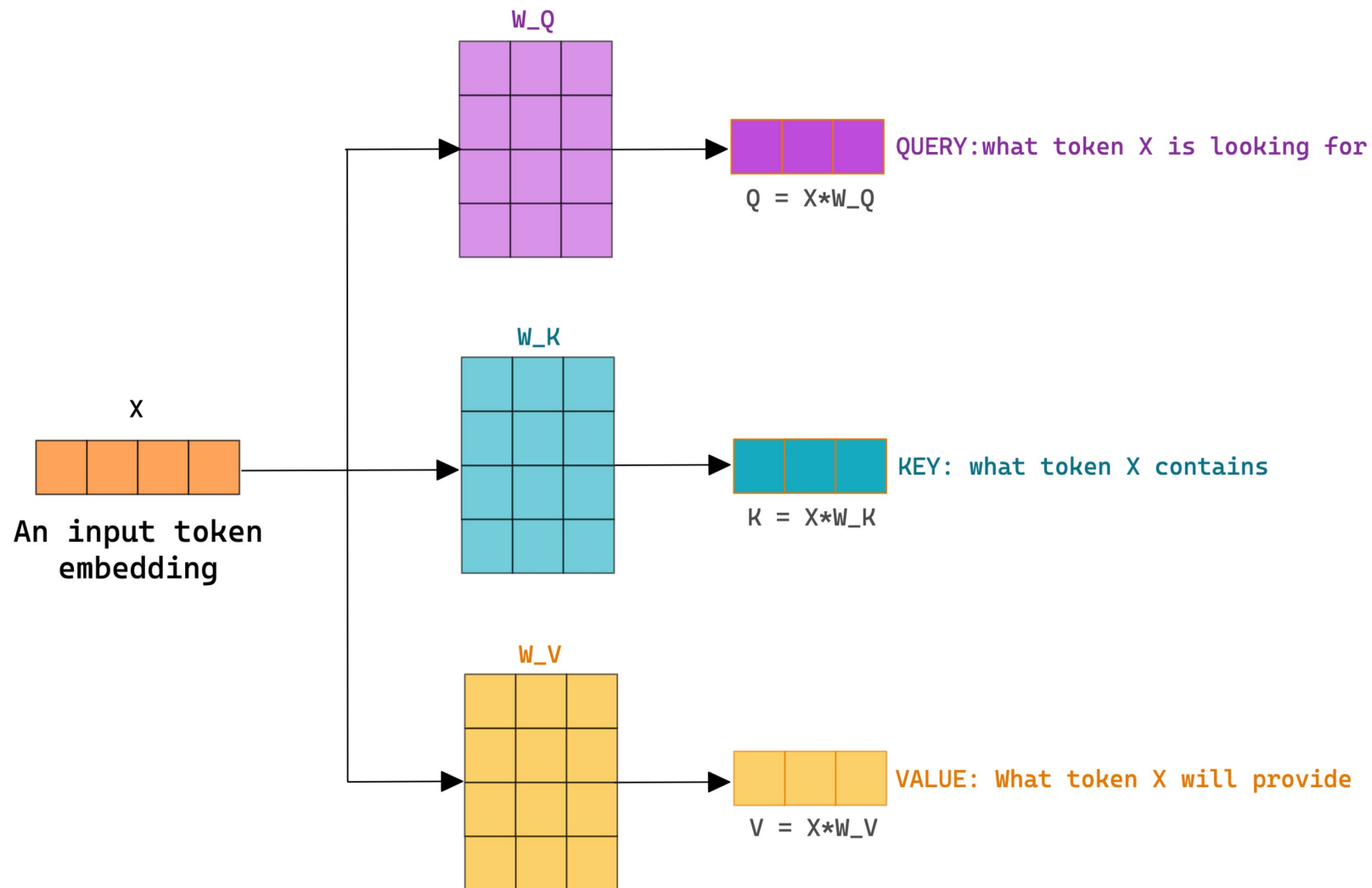


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# Understanding Keys, Queries & Values

$W_Q$ ,  $W_K$  &  $W_V$  are Trainable weight matrices.



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Self-attention allows models to learn long-range dependencies between different parts of a sequence.

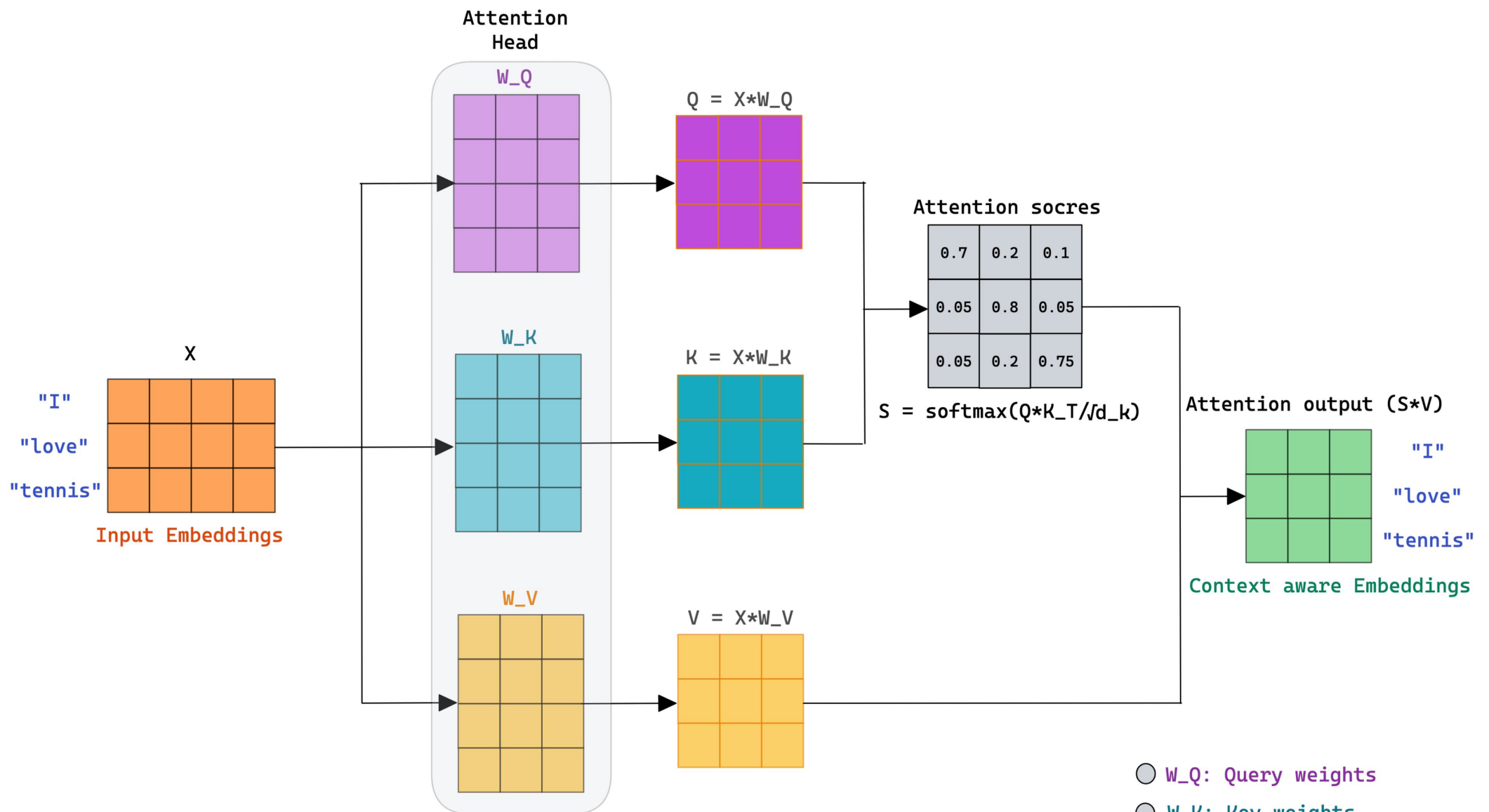
After acquiring keys, queries, and values, we merge them to create a new set of context-aware embeddings.

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Implementing self-attention using PyTorch,  
doesn't get easier! 🚀

It's very intuitive! 💡

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```
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
from torch.nn import functional as F

class SelfAttention(nn.Module):
    """ Single head of self-attention """

    def __init__(self, head_size):
        super().__init__()
        self.key = nn.Linear(n_embd, head_size, bias=False)
        self.query = nn.Linear(n_embd, head_size, bias=False)
        self.value = nn.Linear(n_embd, head_size, bias=False)
        self.register_buffer('tril', torch.tril(torch.ones(block_size, block_size)))

        self.dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout)

    def forward(self, x):
        B, T, C = x.shape
        k = self.key(x)
        q = self.query(x)
        # compute attention scores
        wei = q @ k.transpose(-2, -1) * k.shape[-1]**-0.5 (divide by root of d_k)
        wei = F.softmax(wei, dim=-1)
        v = self.value(x)
        out = wei @ v
        return out
```










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That's a wrap!

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