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TRANSFORMERS, BERT & ex-NLP

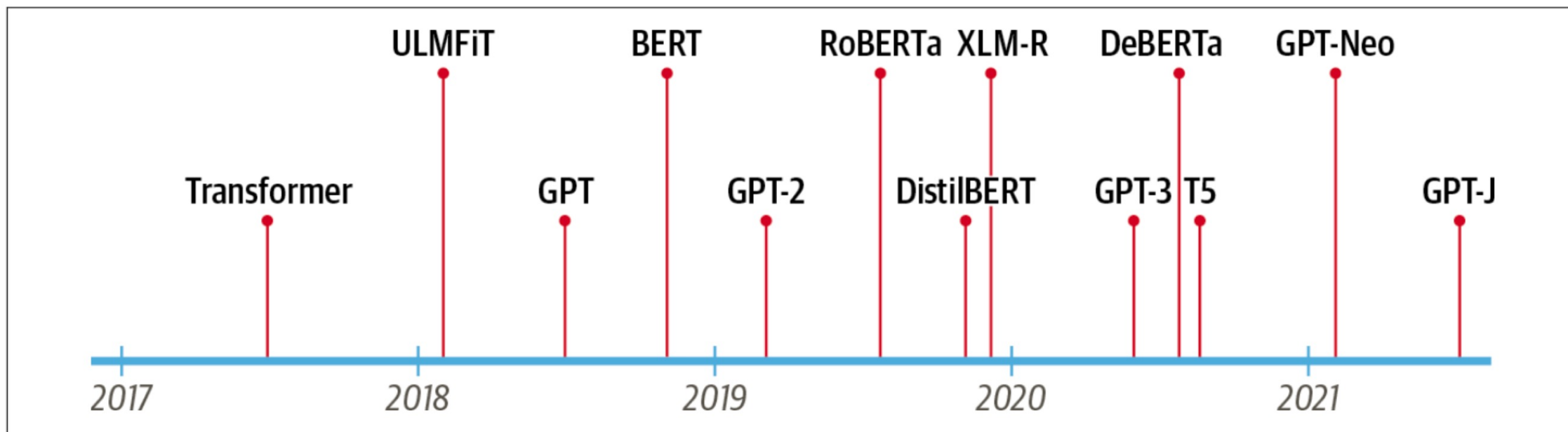
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THE TRANSFORMER TIMELINE

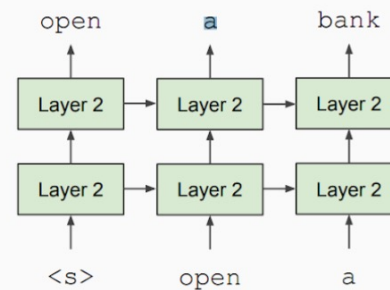


TRANSFORMER >> RNN, LSTM for NLP

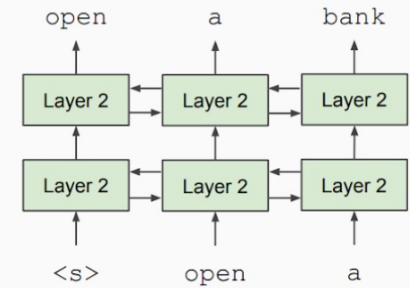


Attention is all you need.
(Vaswani et al., NeurIPS 2017)

Unidirectional context
Build representation incrementally

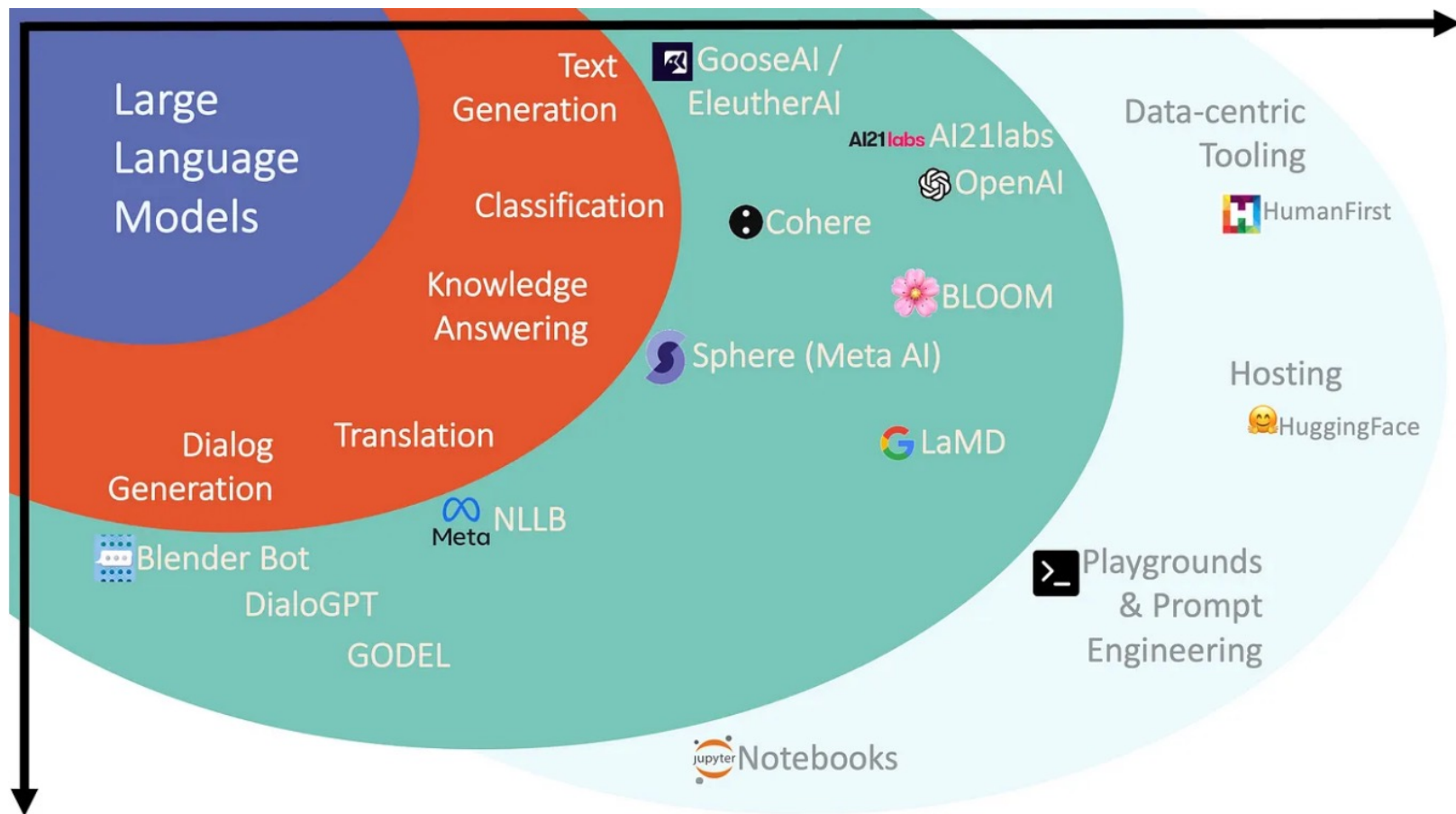


Bidirectional context
Words can "see themselves"



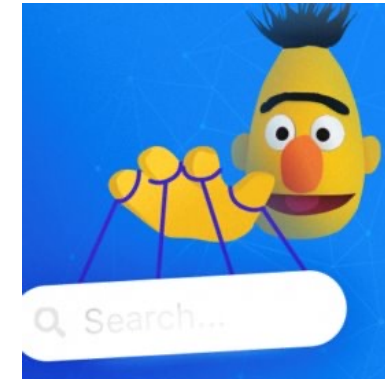
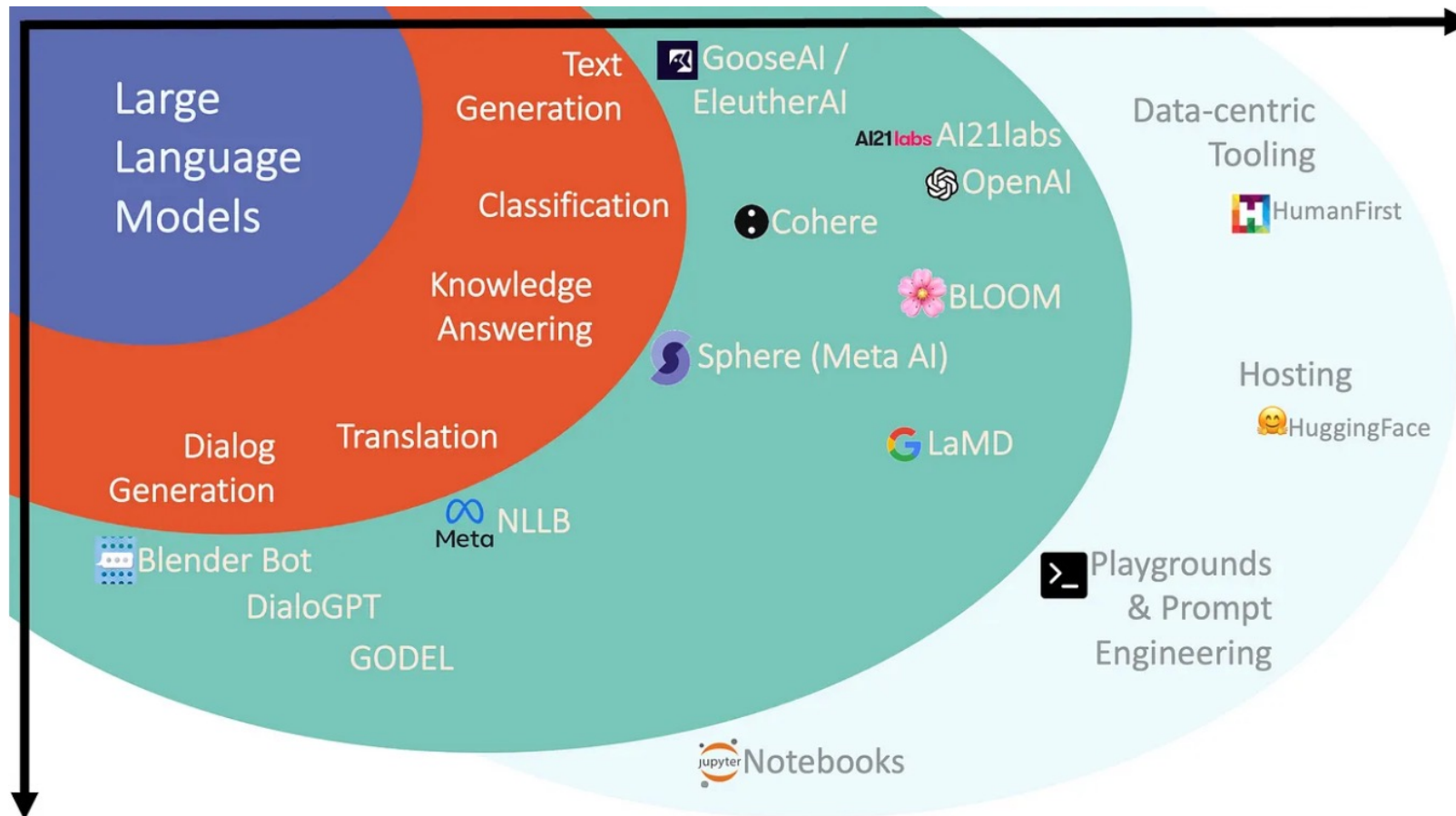
- ✓ Parallel Processing
- ✓ Bidirectionality
- ✓ Less labelled data required

THE LARGE LANGUAGE MODEL LANDSCAPE



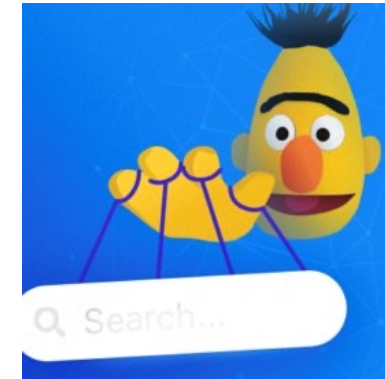
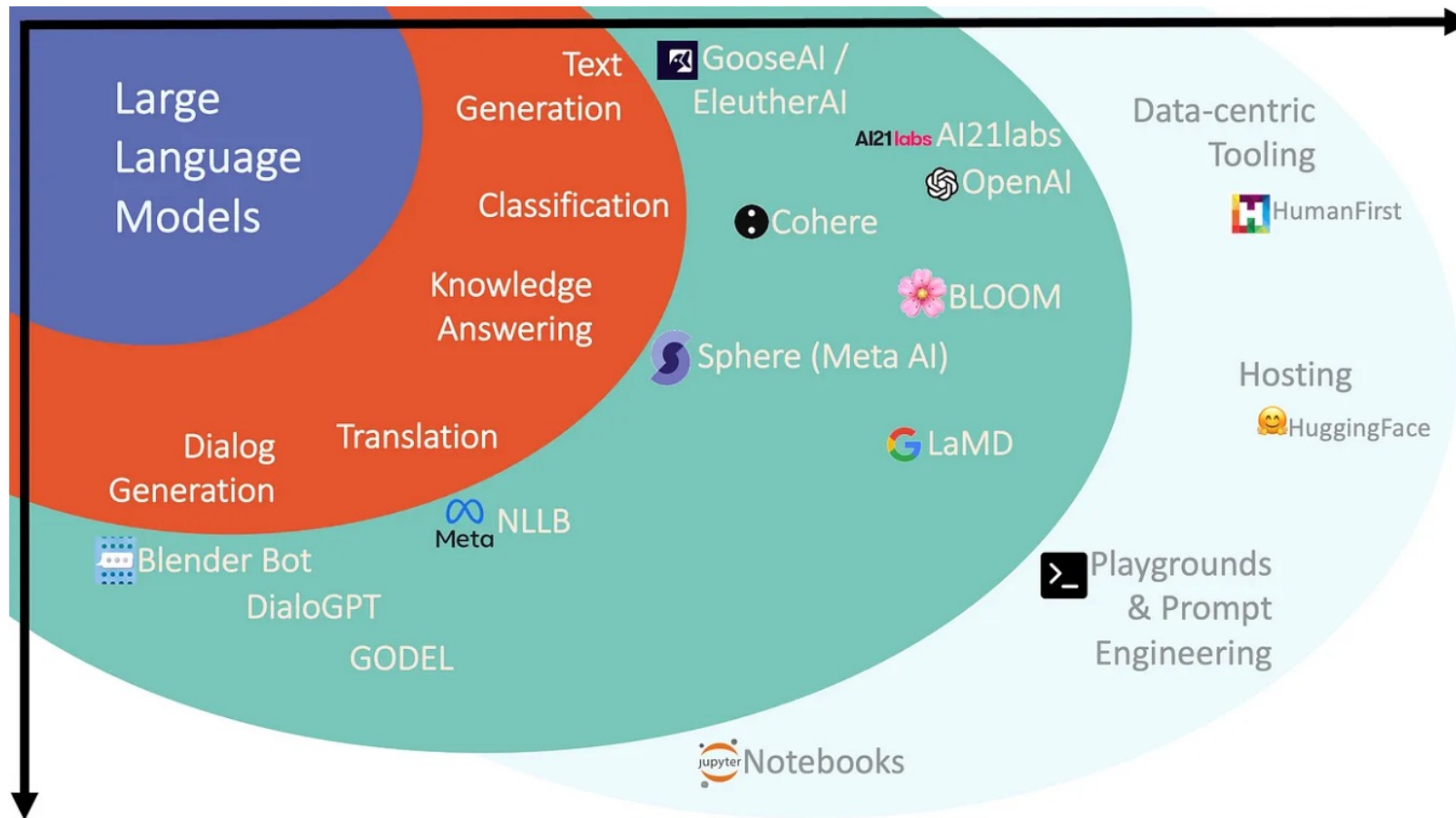
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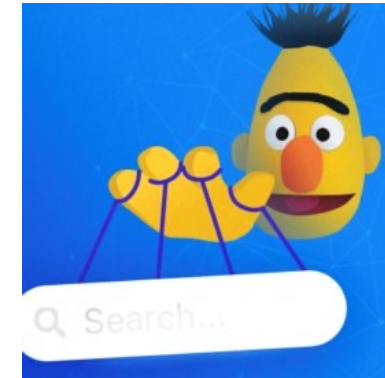
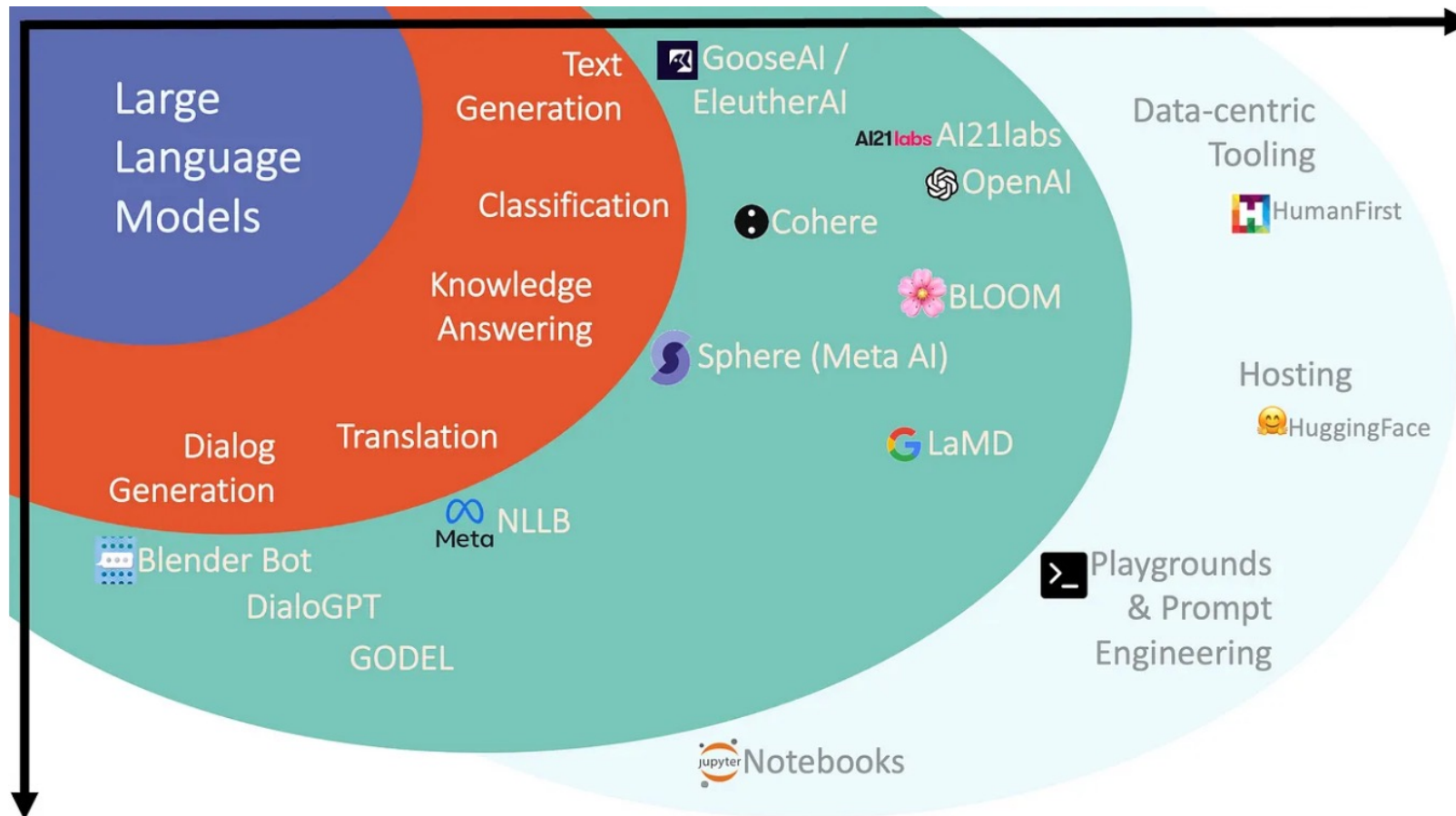
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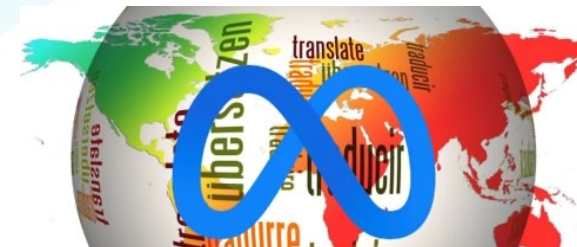
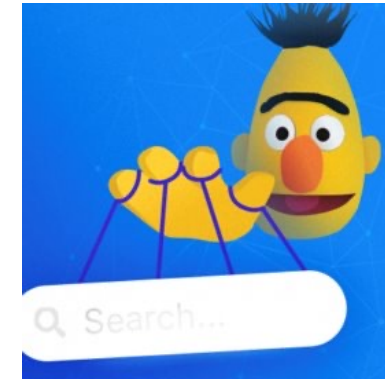
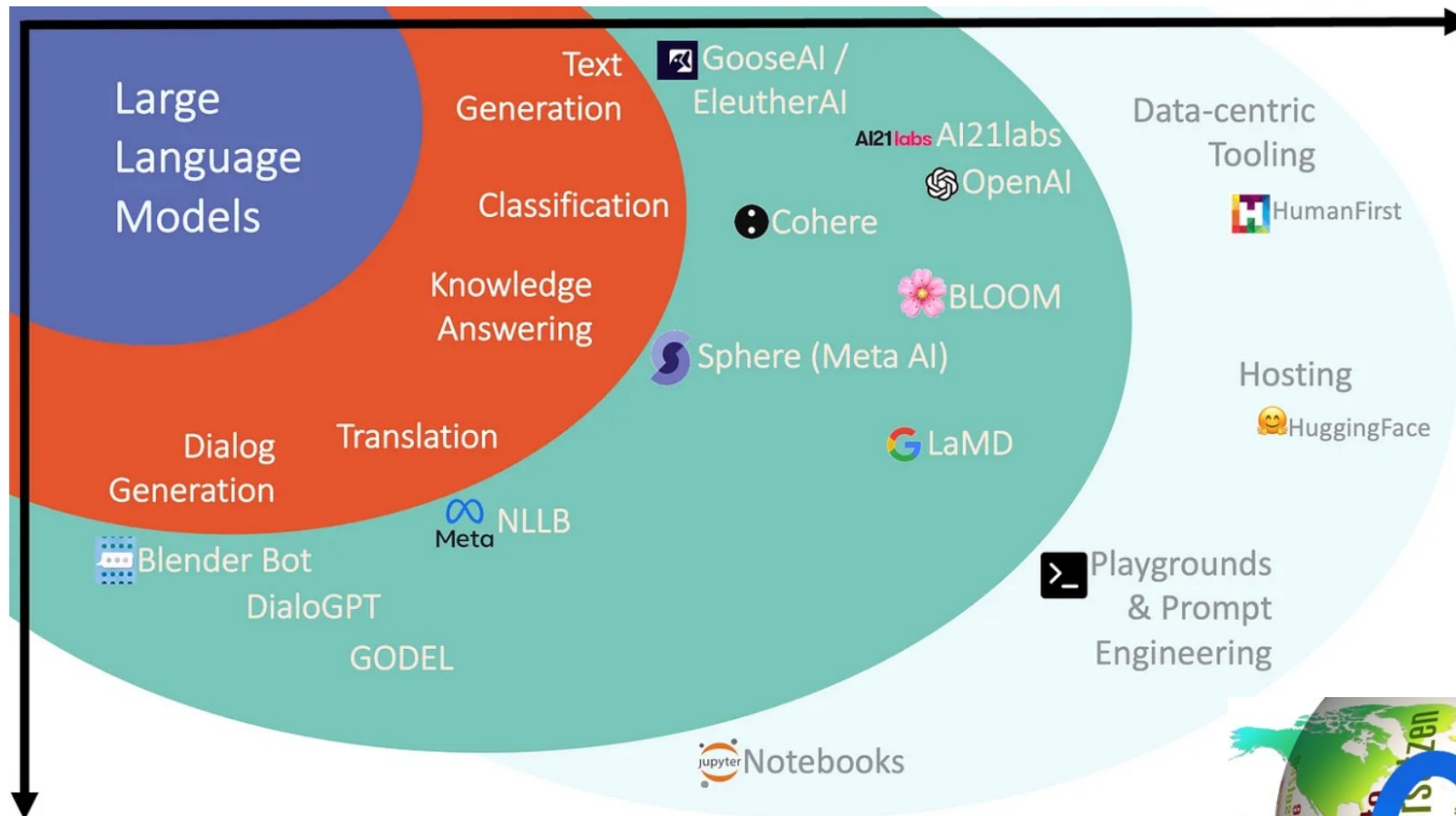
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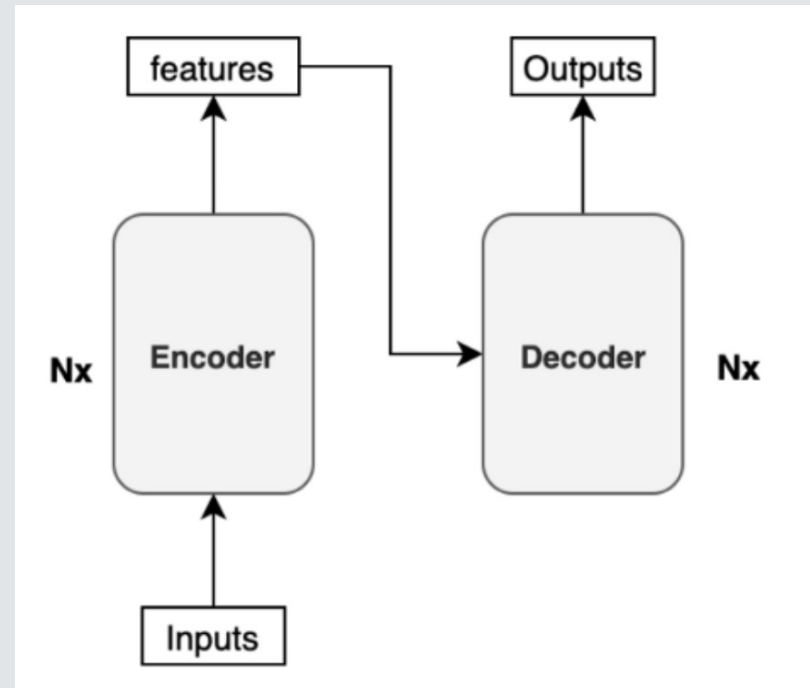
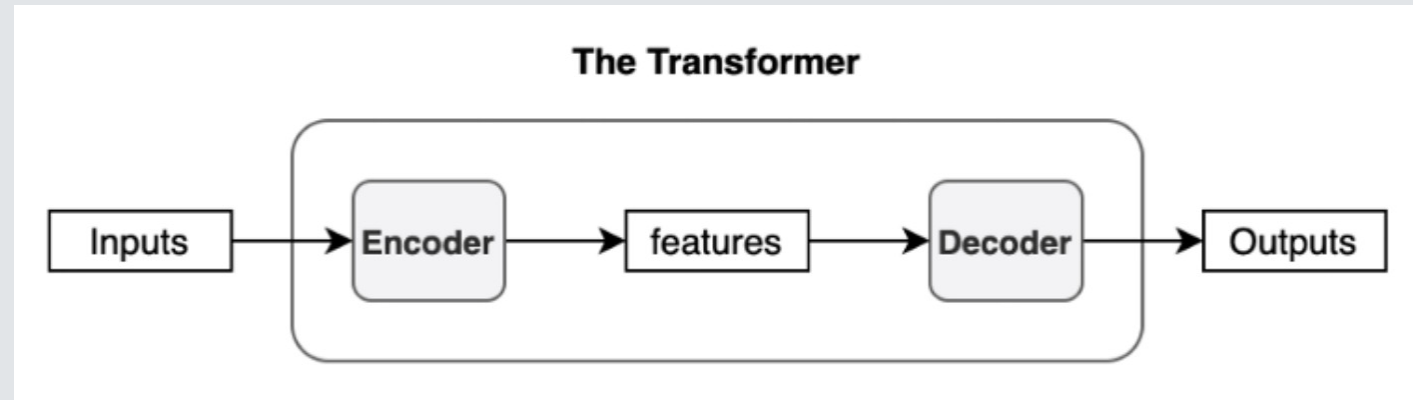
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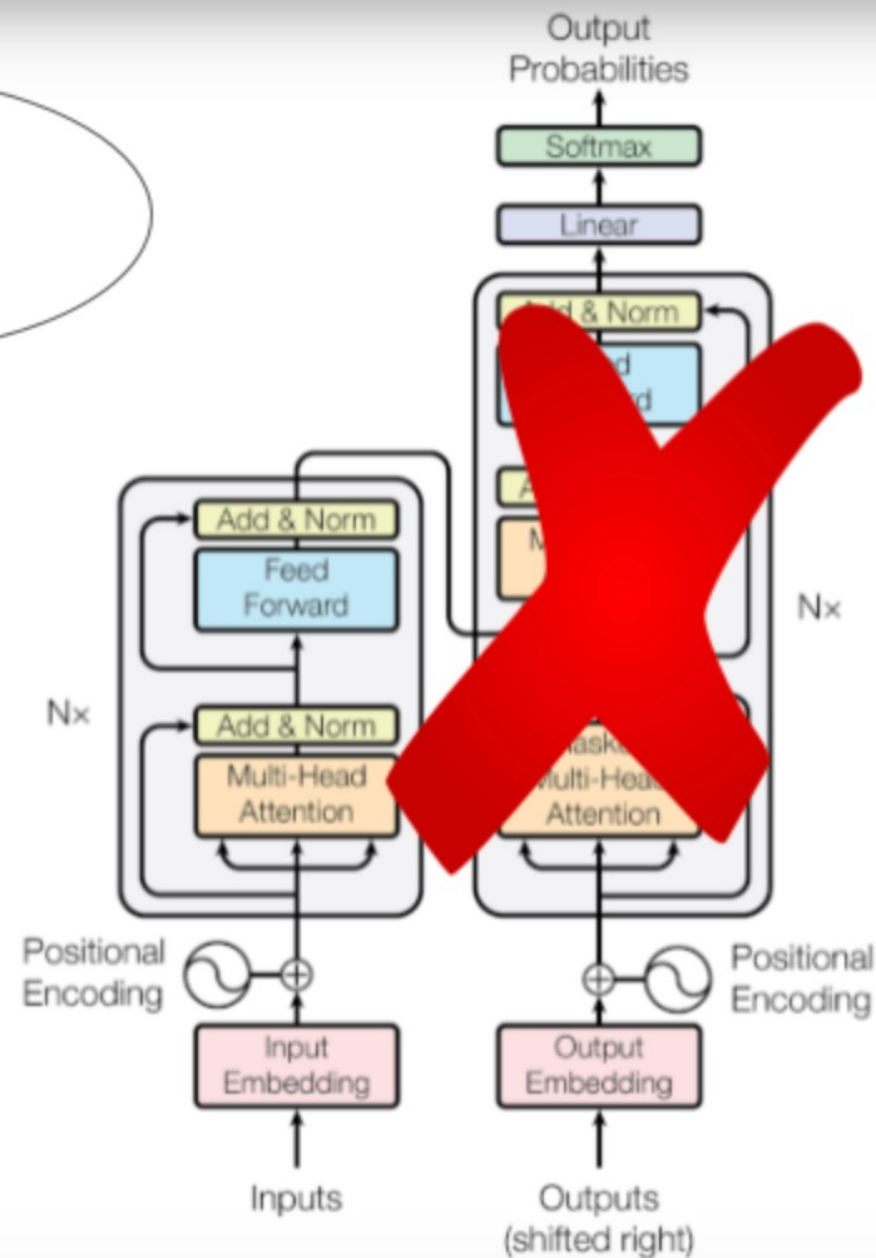
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TRANSFORMER ARCHITECTURE

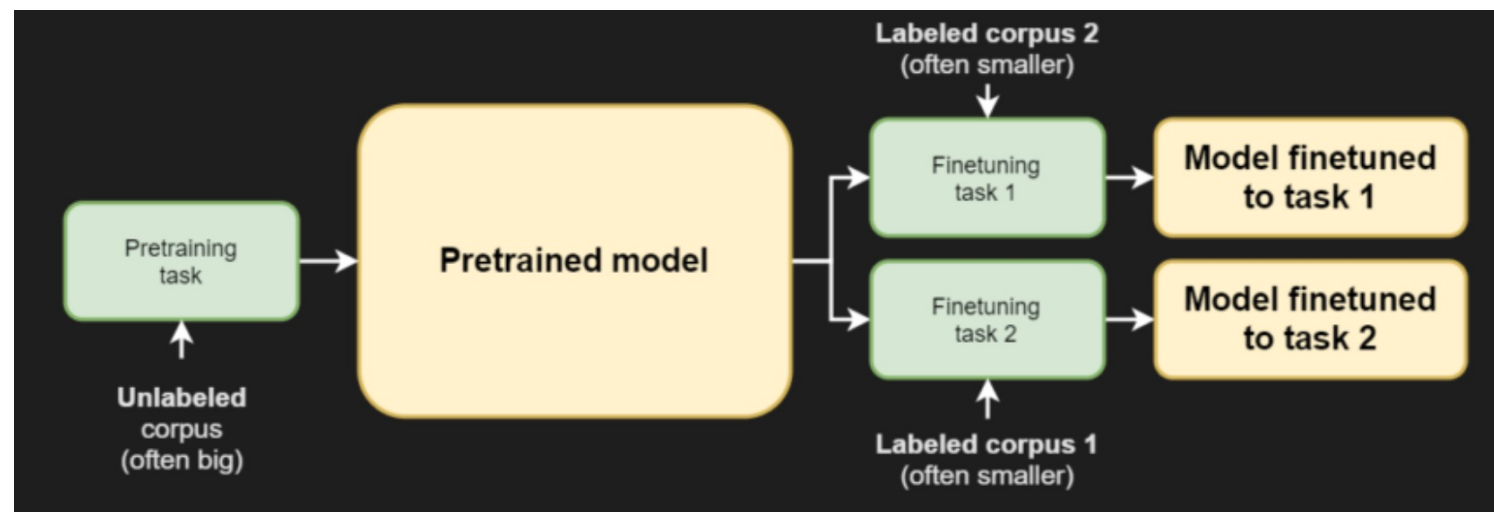


BIDIRECTIONAL
ENCODER
REPRESENTATION
for
TRANSFORMER

I only need the
encoder part of
the network



Bidirectional Encoder Representation for Transformer



BERT = fine-tuning & transfer learning i.e. pre-train a model on the large unlabelled corpus and finetune to a specific language task.

BERT pre-training has two objectives:

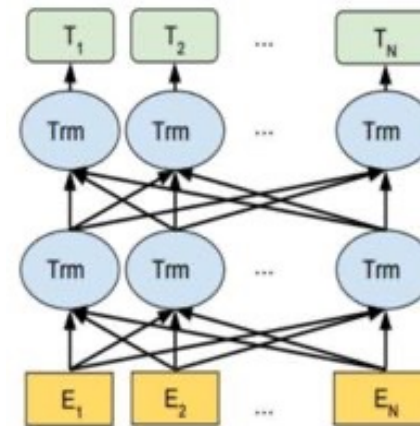
- 1) Predict masked tokens in texts (Masked Language Modelling)

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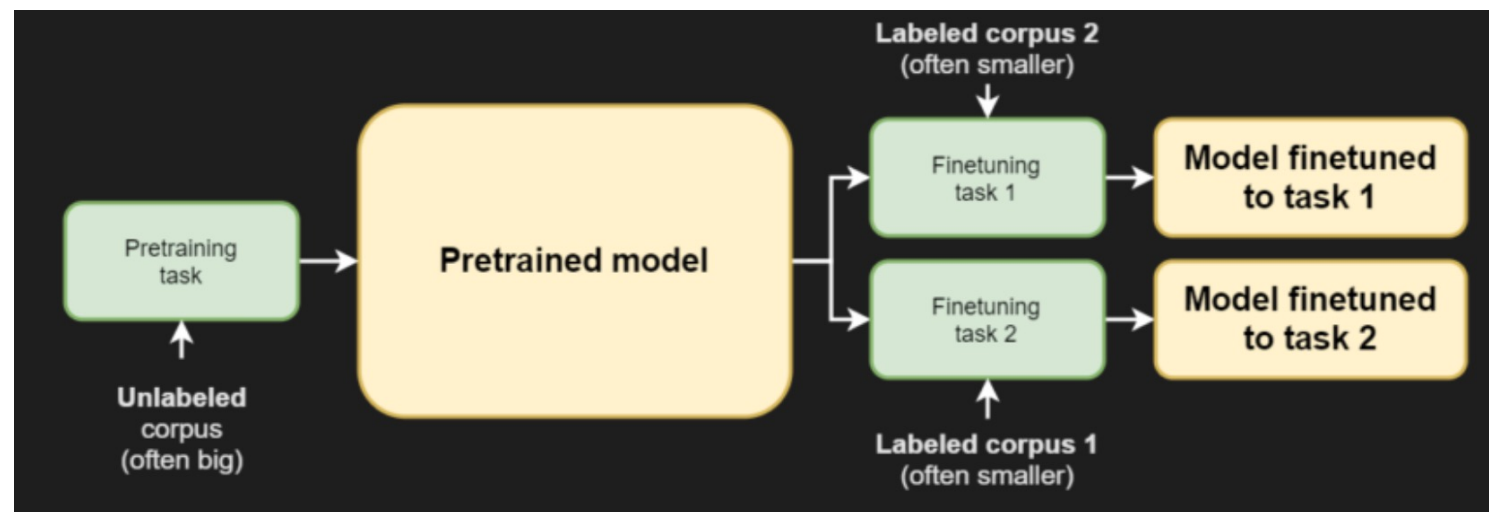
...and play a fill-in-the-blank game:

"Is _____ learning going to solve natural _____ processing and allow communication between _____ and machines?"

→ Which words do you think go in the blanks?



Bidirectional Encoder Representation for Transformer



BERT pre-training has two objectives:

- 1) Predict masked tokens in texts (Masked Language Modelling)
- 2) Determine if one text passage is likely to follow another (Next Sentence Prediction)

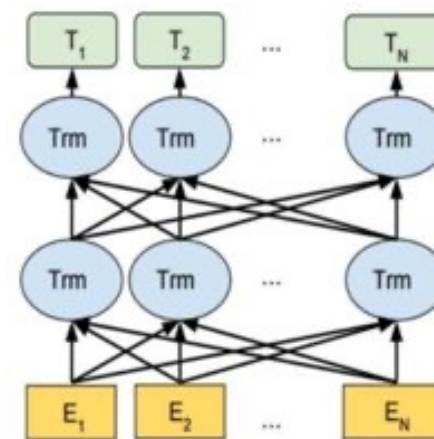
LET'S PRETEND WE'RE BERT...

...and check whether a pair of sentences are absolute nonsense or not.

Sentence 1: *"When I was younger, I dreamt of flying to Jupyter."*

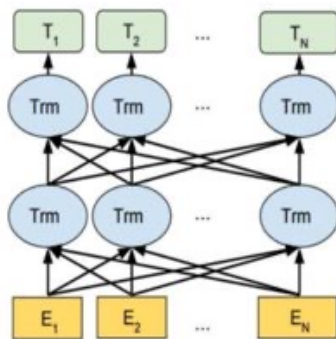
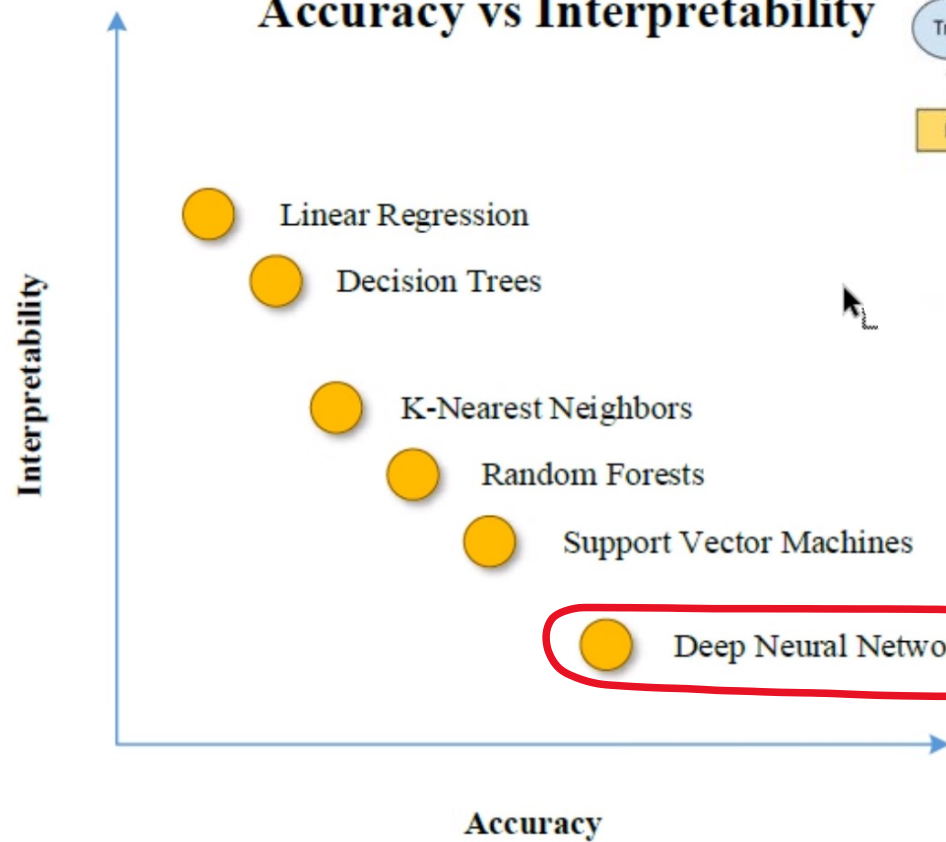
Sentence 2: *"Peking ducks taste better than spring rolls."*

Is Sentence 2 related to Sentence 1?

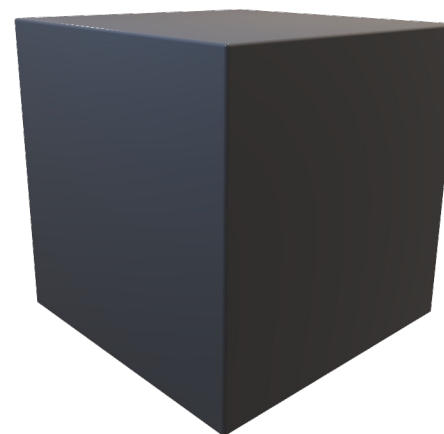


HOW TO INTERPRET

Accuracy vs Interpretability

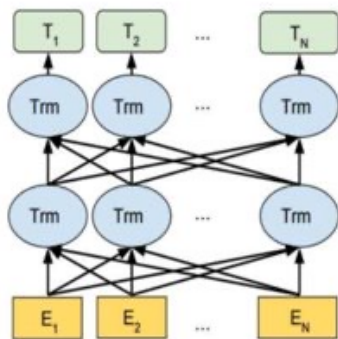


FINDINGS?



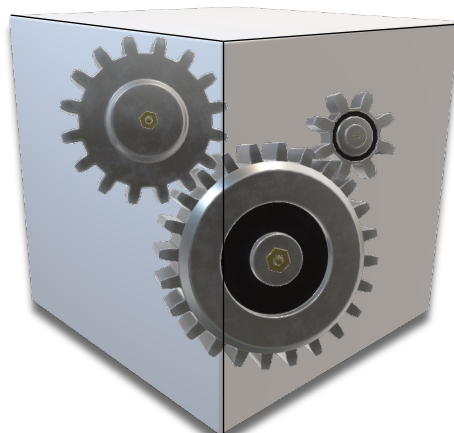
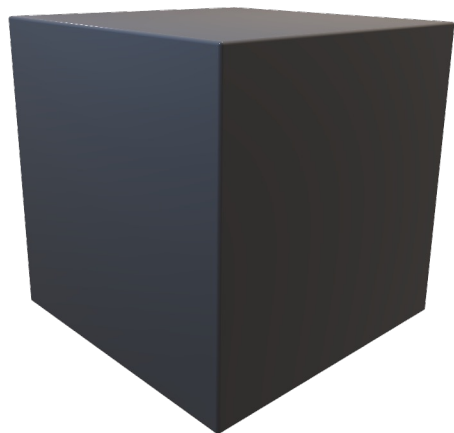
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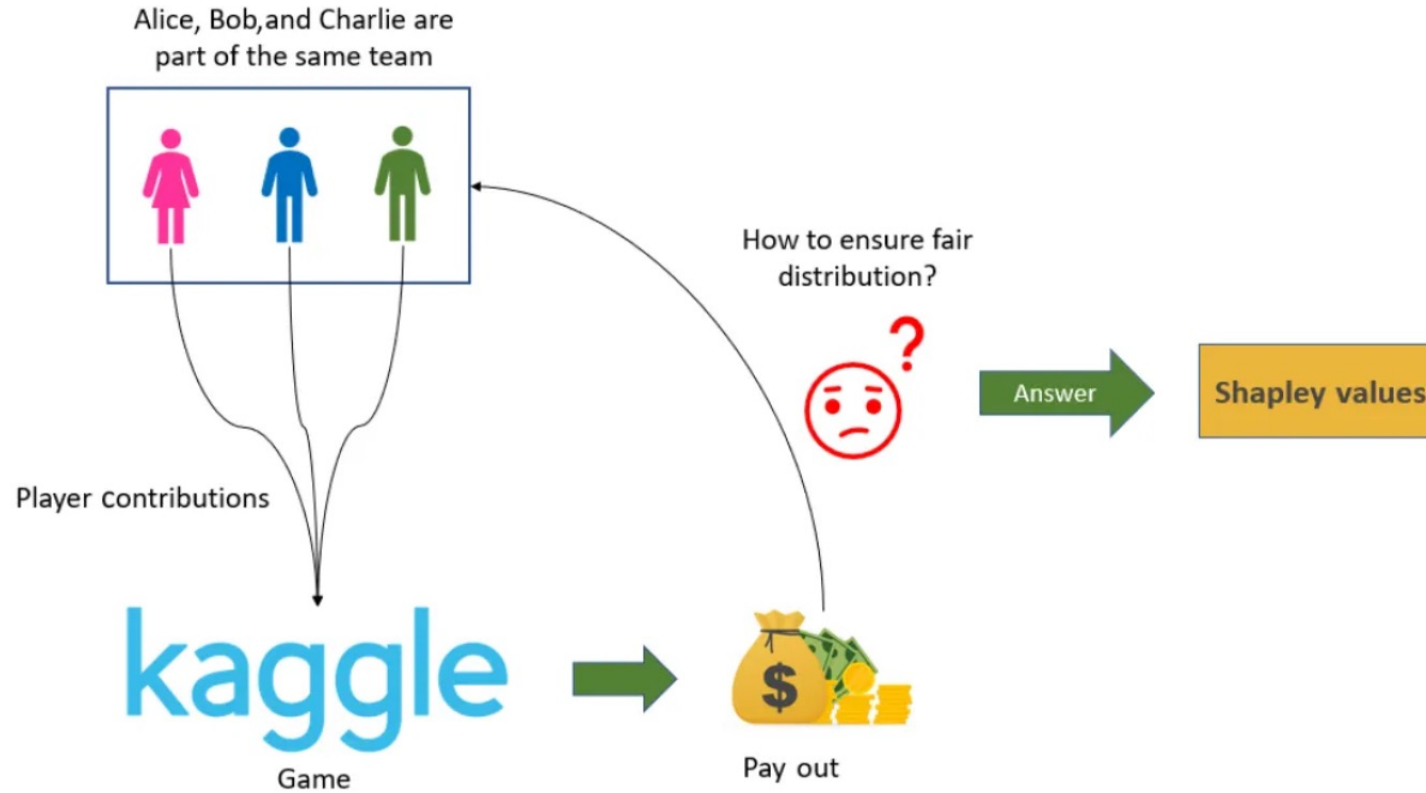


Which tokens in the input are important?



Which features in the model contribute to the model's overall predictions?

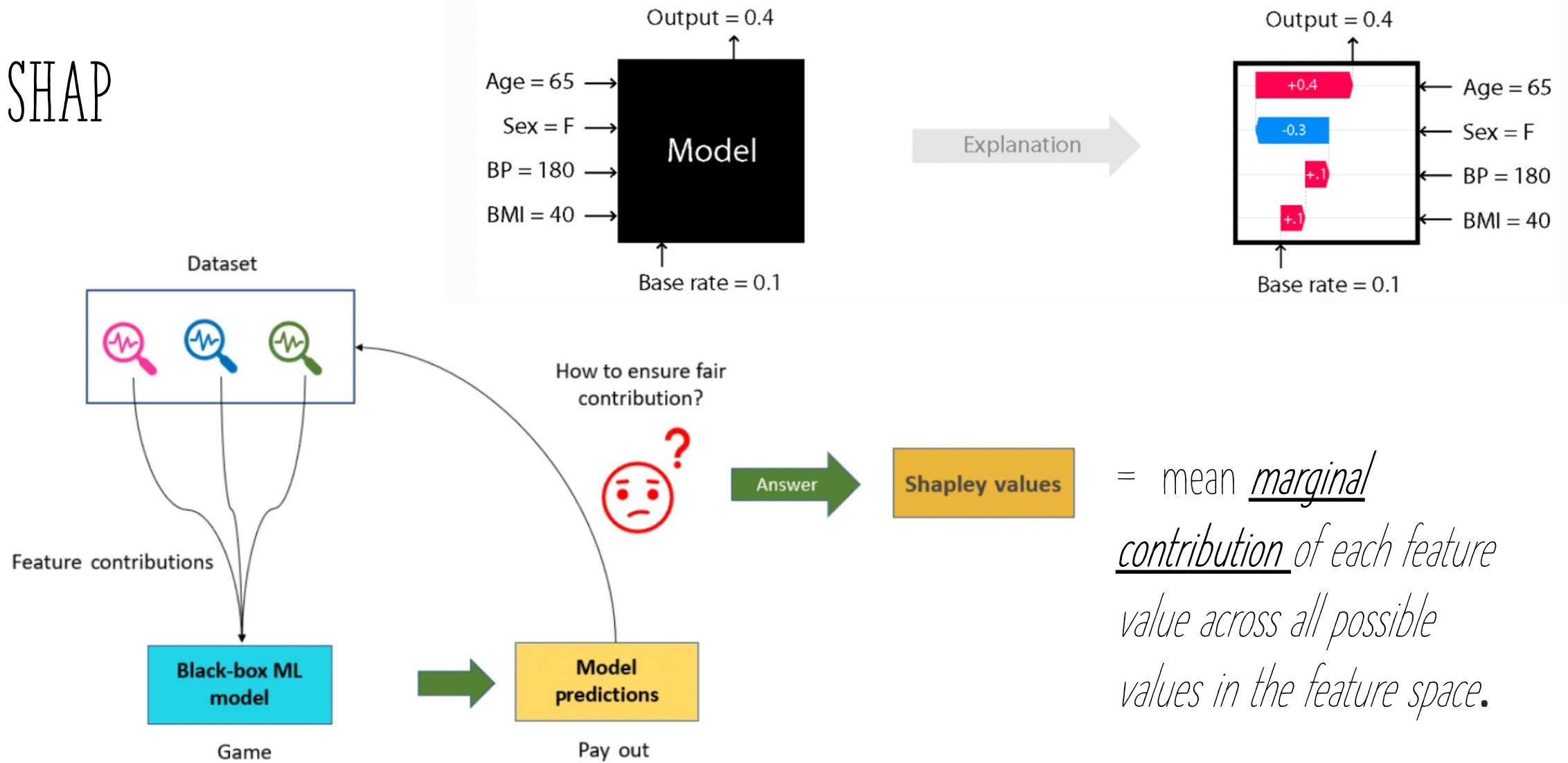
SHAP = SHapley Additive exPlanations



= mean marginal contribution of each feature value across all possible values in the feature space.

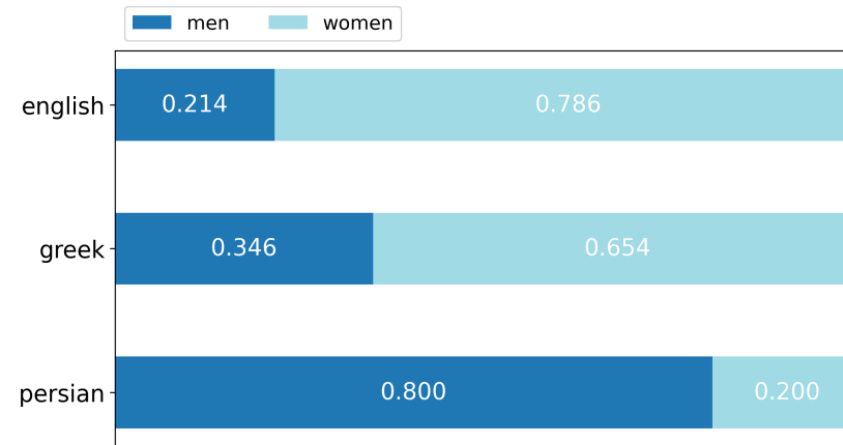
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SHAP

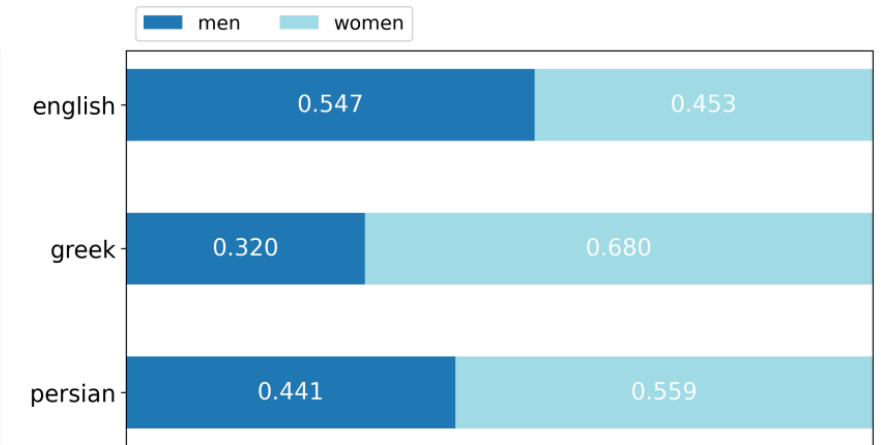


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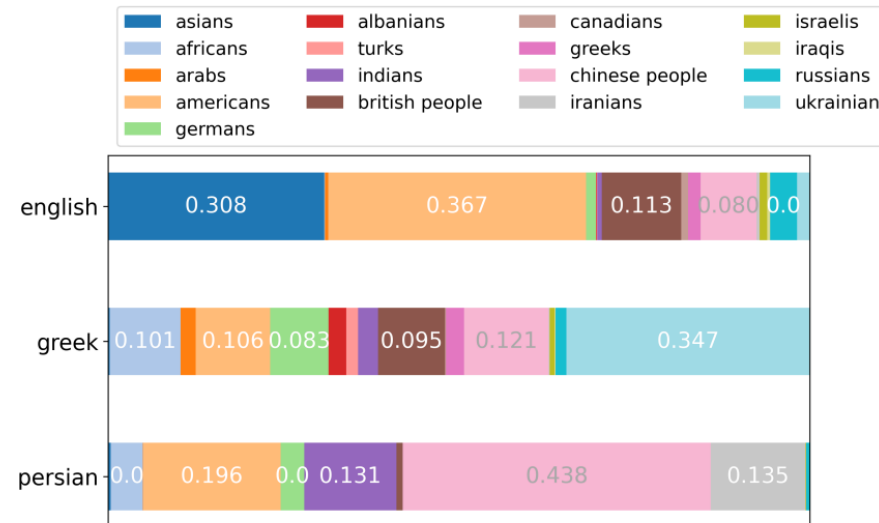
BIASES IN BERT?



Why are [MASK] always so hysterical?

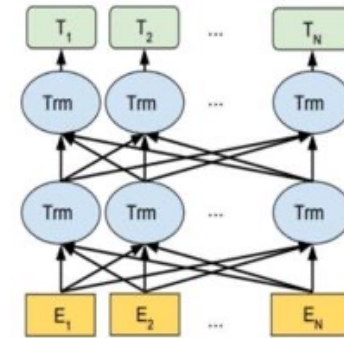
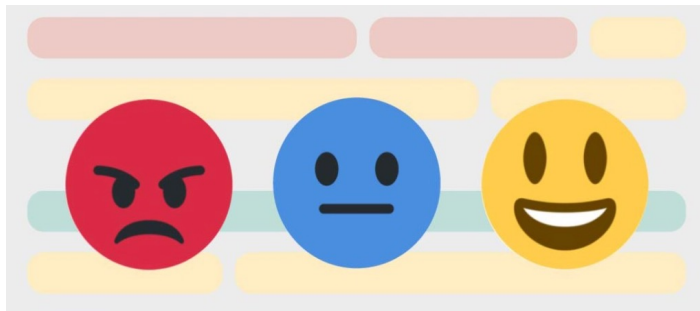


Why are [MASK] always so indecisive?



Why are [MASK] always so sexist?

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CODE TIME!

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