

Learning General Language Processing Agents

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Language and Intelligence

A uniquely human ability that is a **core component** of our intelligence, independent of the surface forms it manifests in (Hockett, 1960).

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Aloha こんにちは Sveiki ଶ୍ଲୋ

Ciao Ahoj **Hello** Сайн уу
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Здравствуйте مرحبا Merhaba

Hej 你好 Hola xin chào

Language and Intelligence

A primary medium through which we **acquire** new skills and knowledge (+visual perception).



Language and Intelligence

The **most effective** form of communication to **transmit** information and knowledge to others.

(Language for communication; Wittgenstein, 1953; Austin, 1975)



Language and Intelligence

A mechanism with which we **formulate our thought process**. (Language for thinking; Spelke, 2003)



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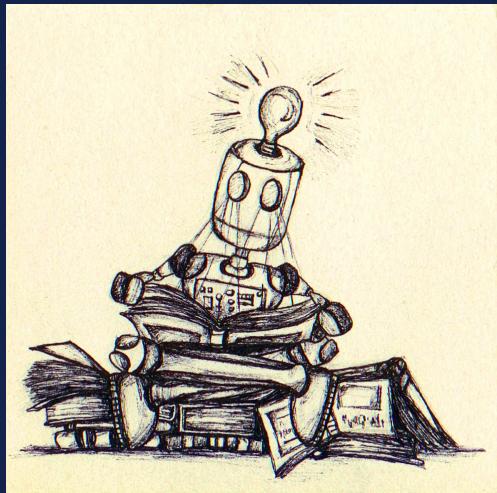
Language is key to **human intelligence** and is important for
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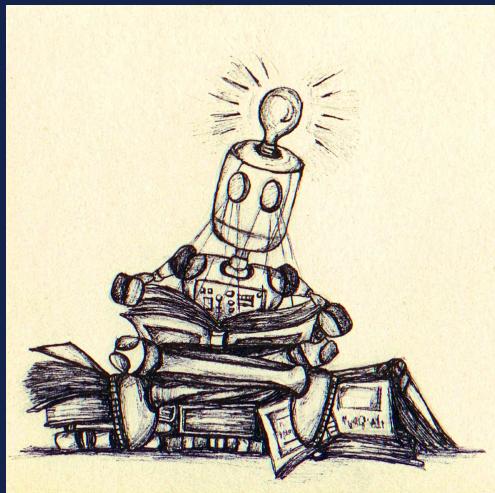
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The State of Natural Language Processing

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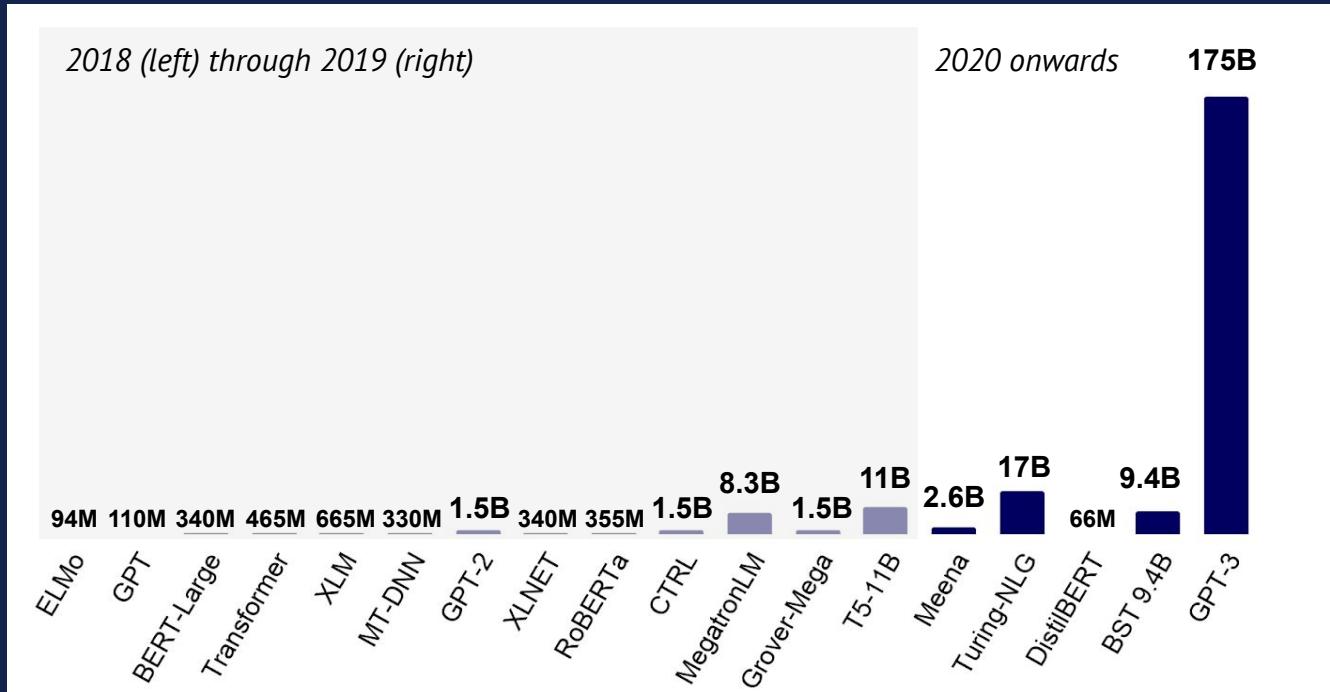


Figure taken from [State of AI Report 2020](#).

Challenges: Human Learning vs. Machine Learning



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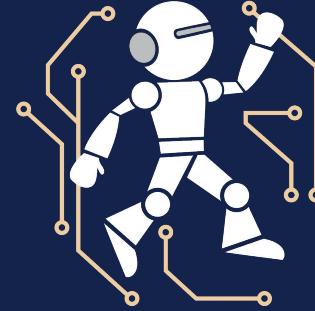
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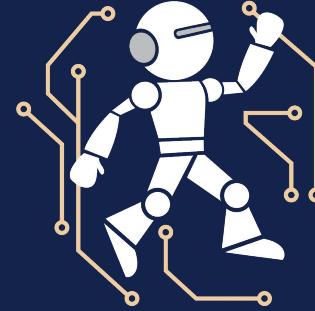
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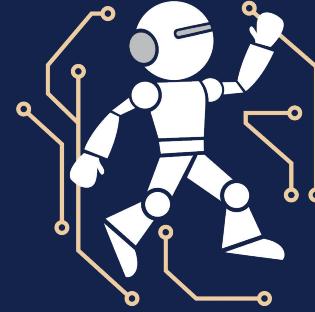
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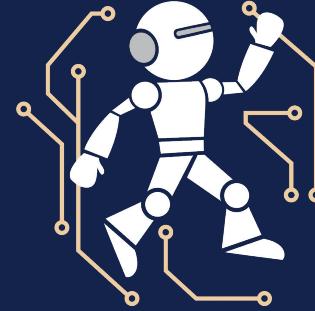
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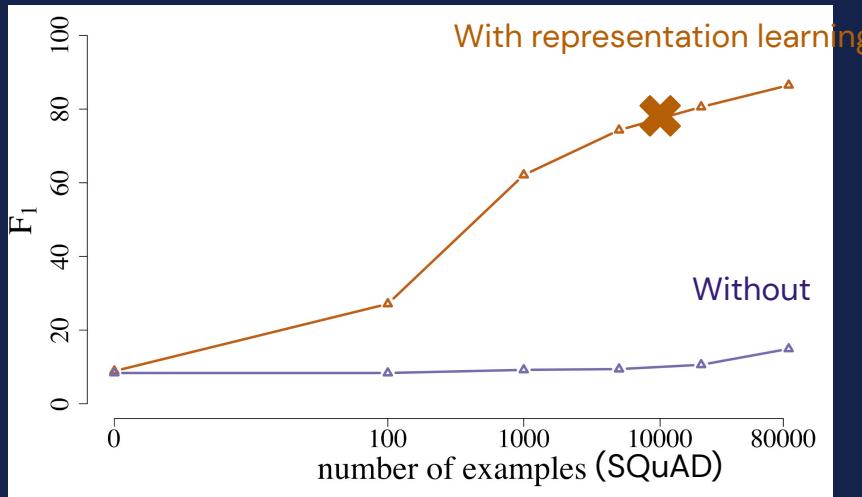
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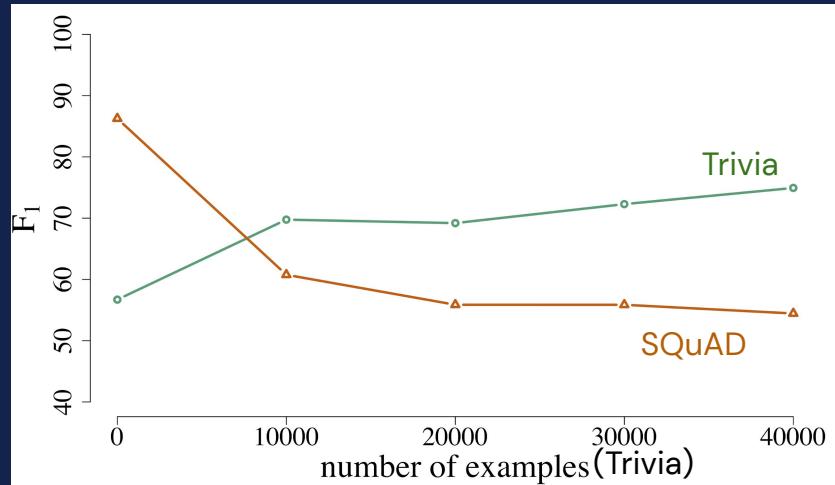
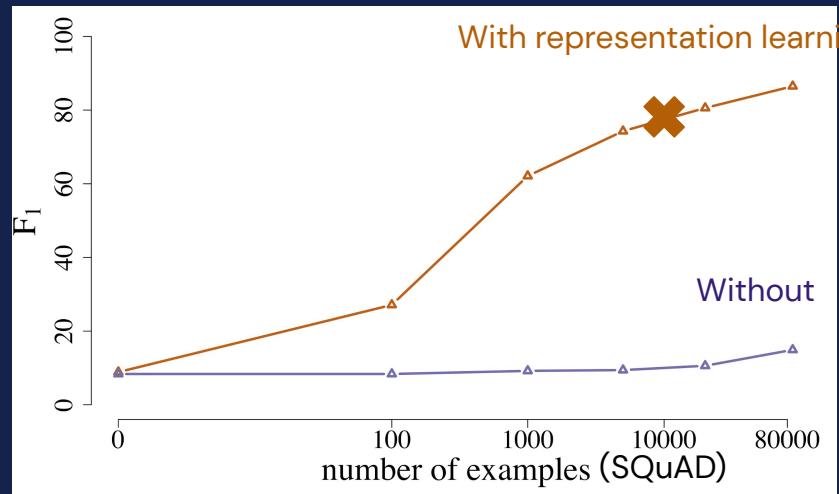


Yogatama et al., arXiv 2019

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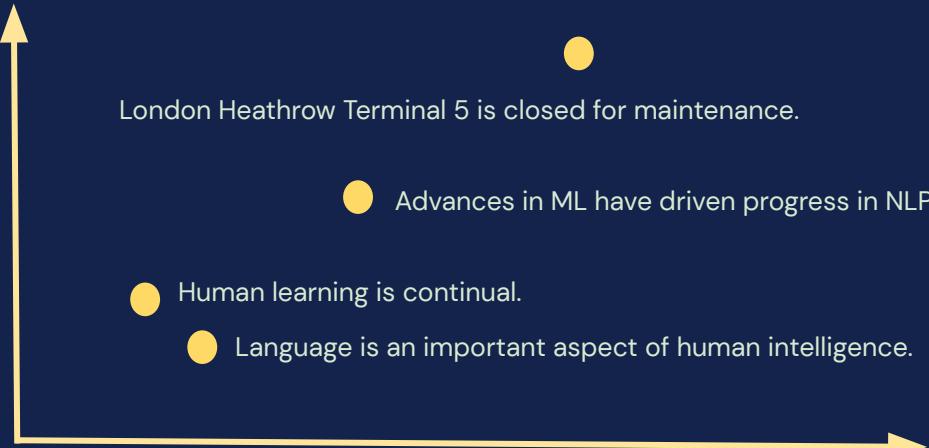
Yogatama and Smith, ACL 2014

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Yogatama and Smith; ICML 2015

Kong, de Masson d'Autume, Ling, Yu, Dai, Yogatama; ICLR 2020

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Generative Training

Yogatama et al., TACL 2014

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Cao and Yogatama, arXiv 2020

$$\mathcal{L} = \log p(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

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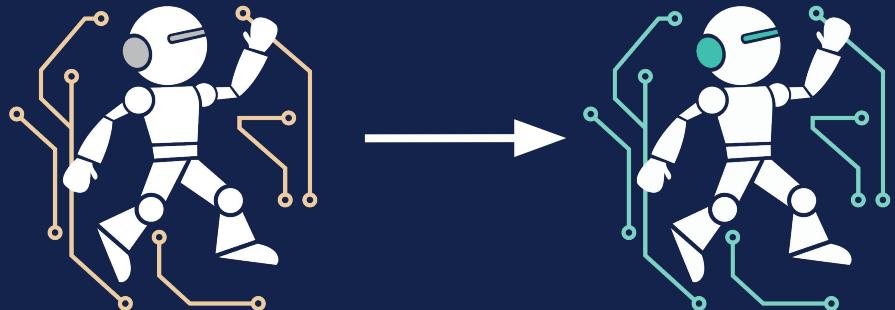
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Few-shot and Transfer Learning

Yogatama and Mann, AISTATS 2014

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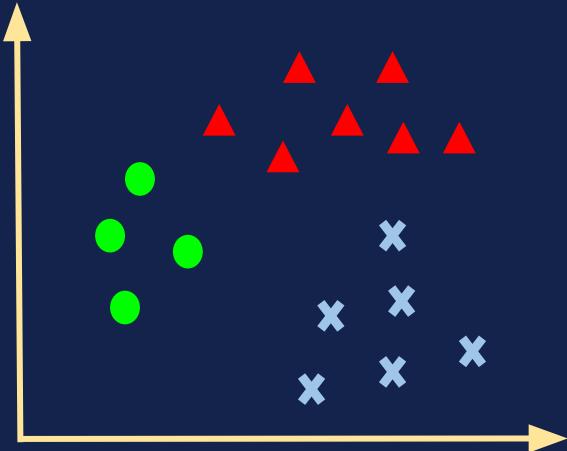
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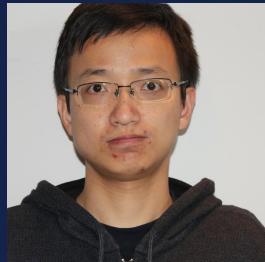
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This Talk

- A framework for self-supervised language representation learning methods.
Kong et al., ICLR 2020
- Semiparametric (memory-augmented) language models.
Yogatama et al., TACL 2021

A Mutual Information Maximization Perspective of Language Representation Learning

Kong et al., ICLR 2020



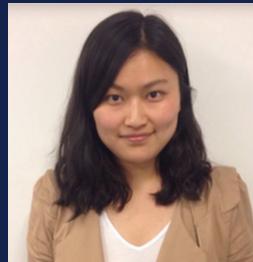
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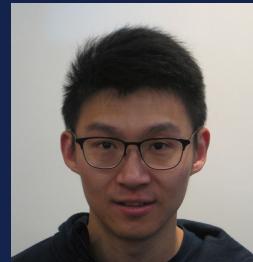
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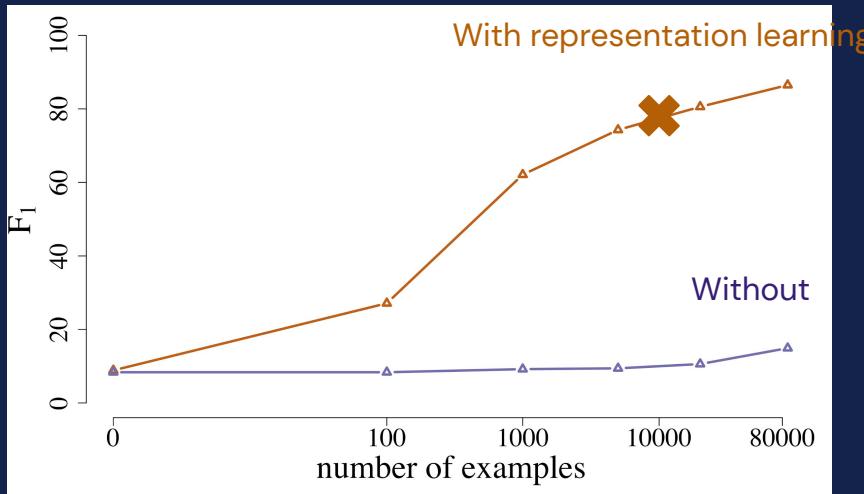
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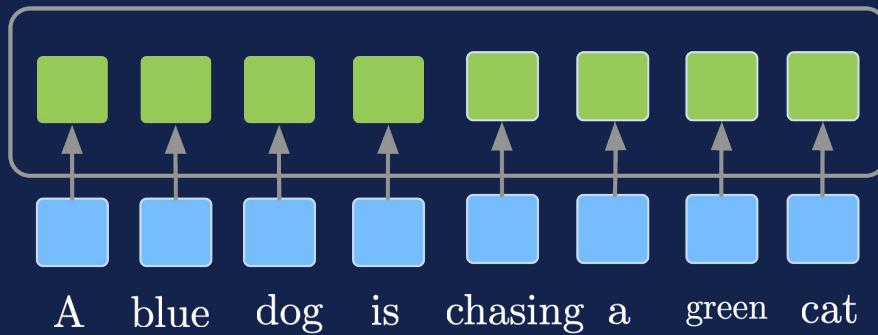
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Text Representations

Good representations facilitate more efficient transfer.



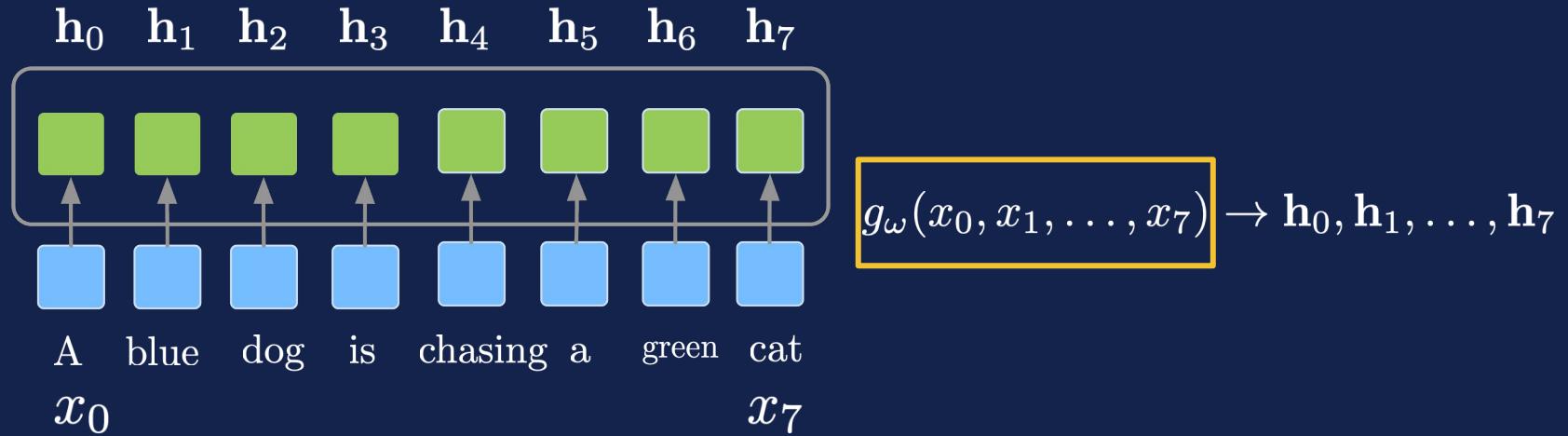
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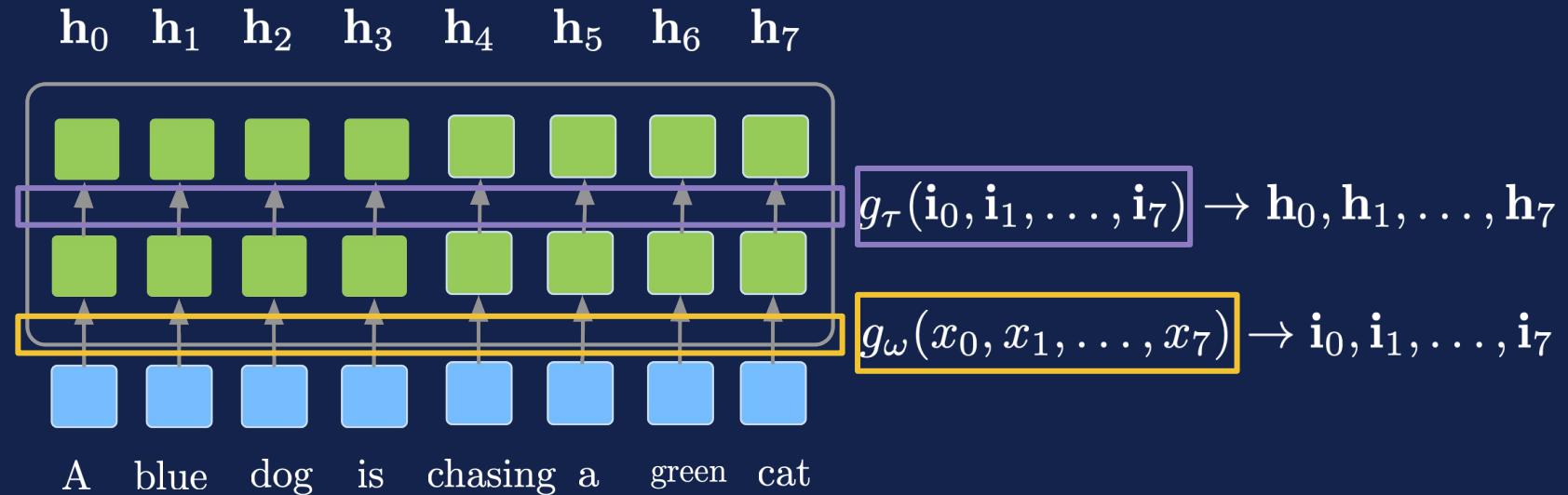
a sequence of vectors
(word representations)

a sequence of words

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Bag of words

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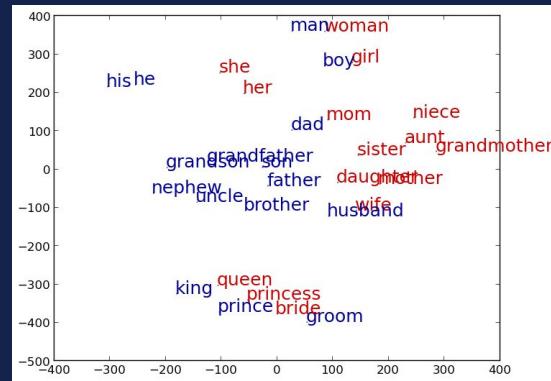


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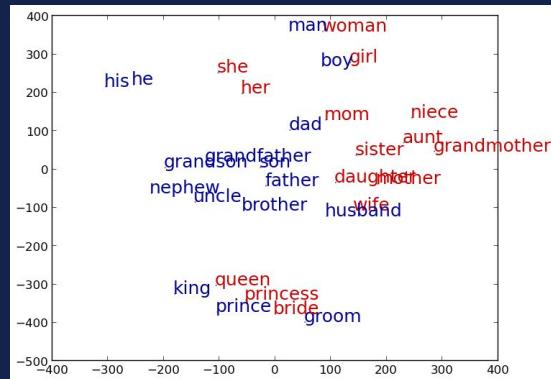


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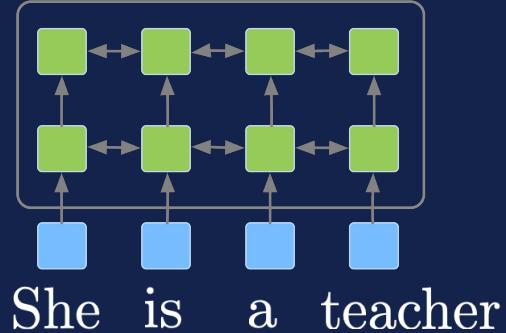
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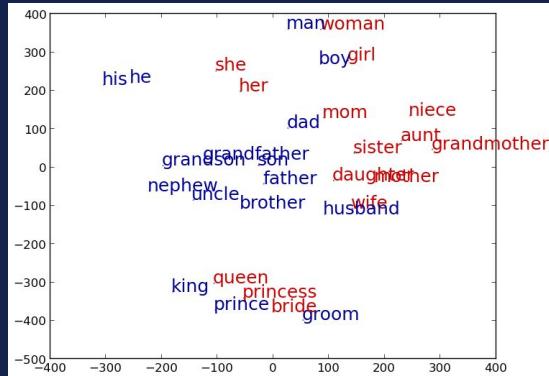
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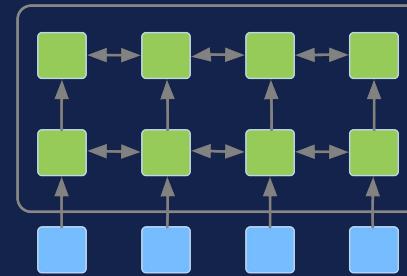
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Human learning is continual.

Advances in ML have driven progress in NLP.
Logistic regression can be used for classification.
Transformer uses self attention.

There are many direct flights between London and Tokyo.
London Heathrow Terminal 5 is closed for maintenance.

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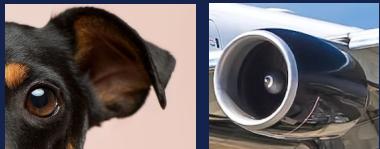
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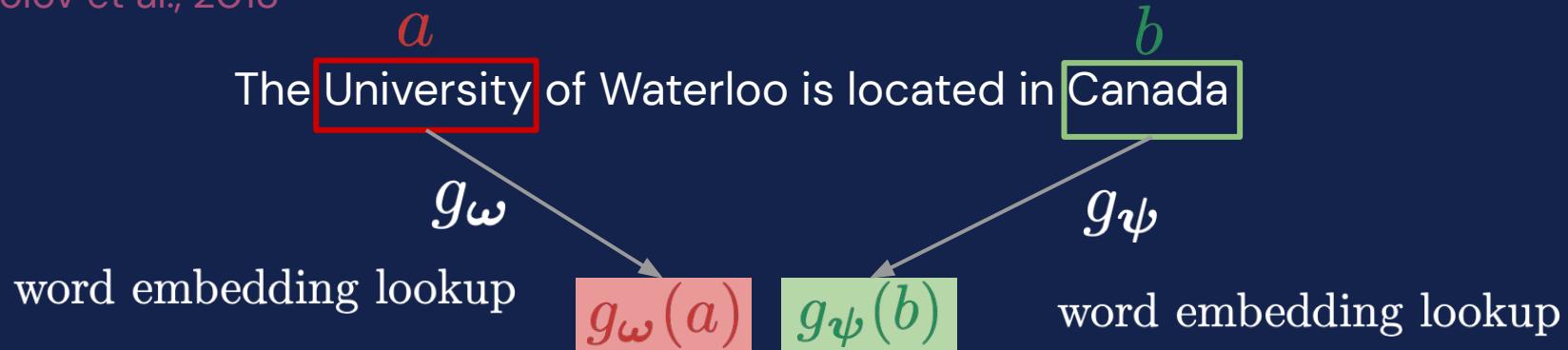
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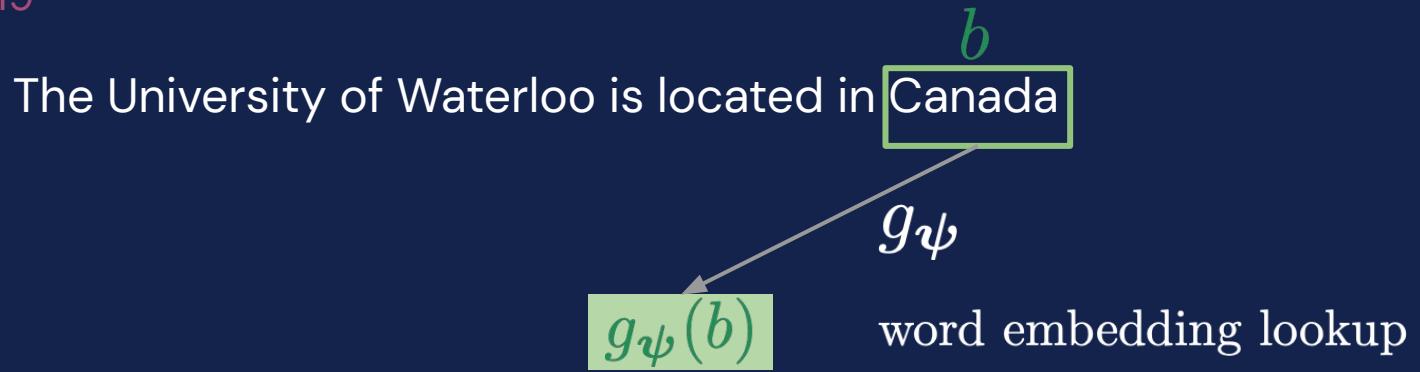
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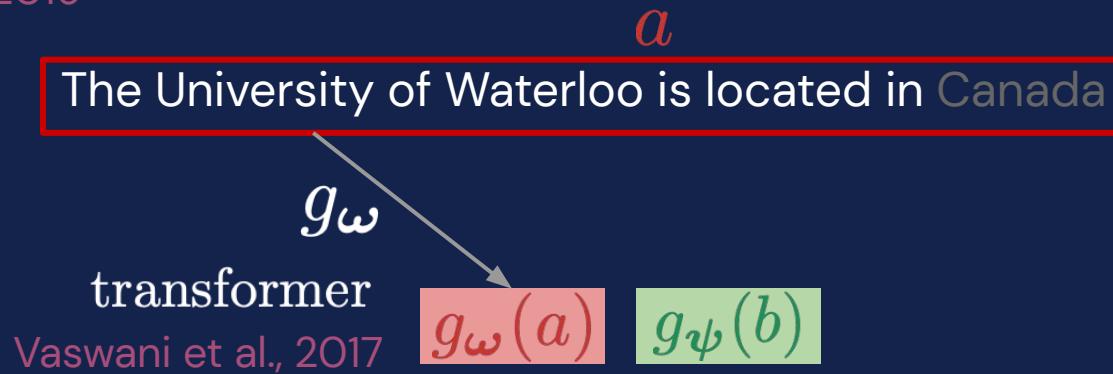
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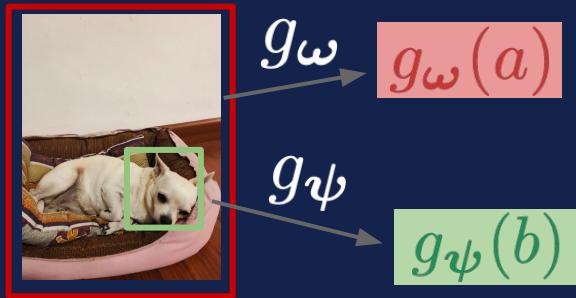
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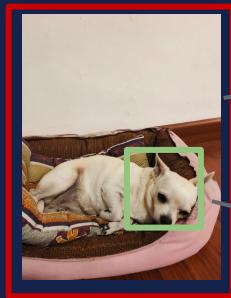
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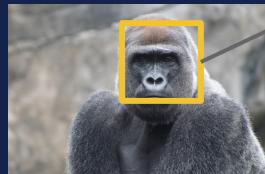
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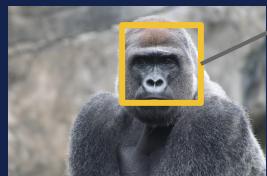
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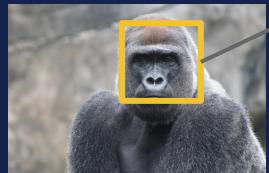
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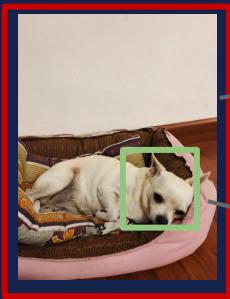
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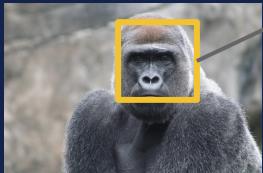
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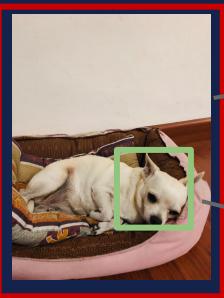


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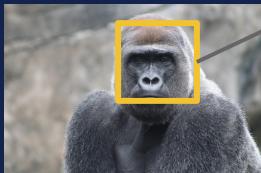
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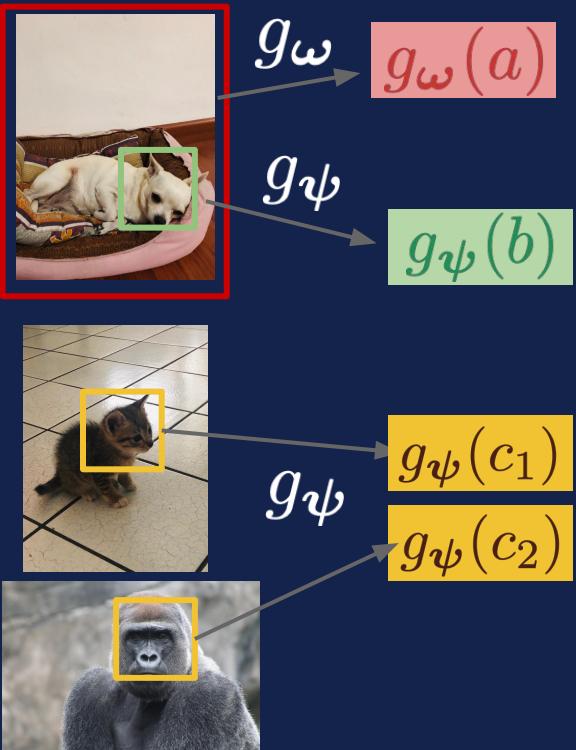
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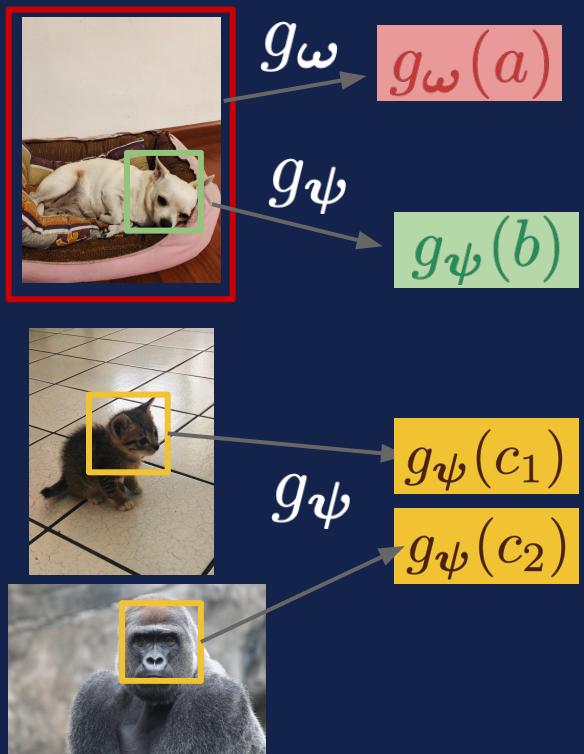
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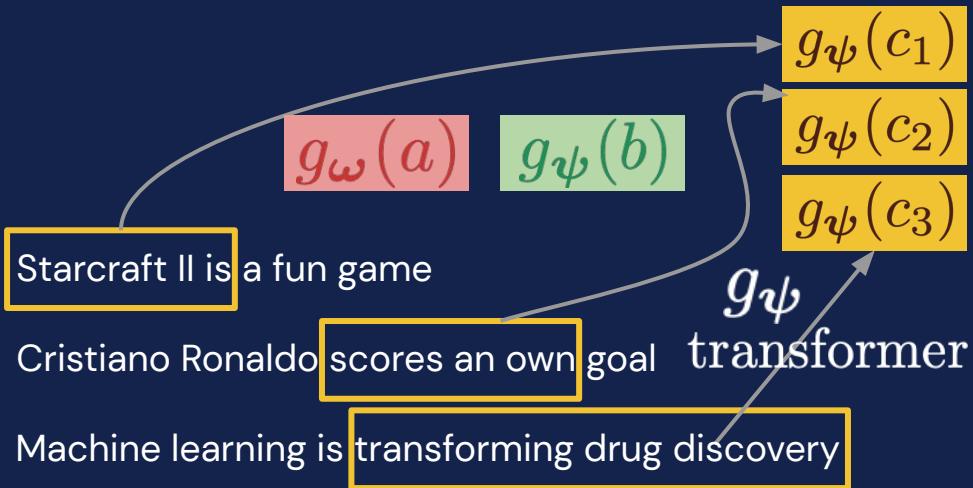
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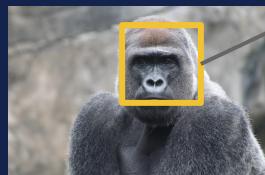
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Experiments

Question answering on SQuAD ([Rajpurkar et al., 2016](#)).

		F1
Small Model	BERT	90.9
	Ours	91.4
Large Model	BERT	92.7
	Ours	93.1

F1 scores (0-100), higher is better.

BERT: [Devlin et al., 2019](#).

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BERT	context	word	transformer	lookup
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Adaptive Semiparametric Language Models

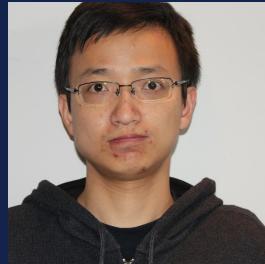
Yogatama et al., TACL 2021



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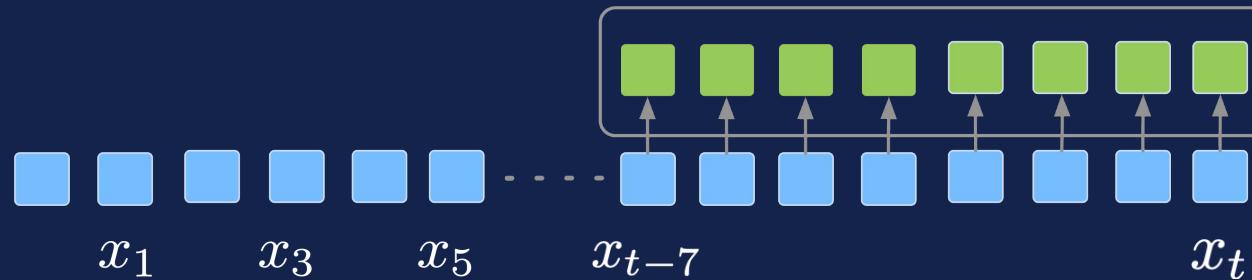
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What are core limitations of existing architectures?

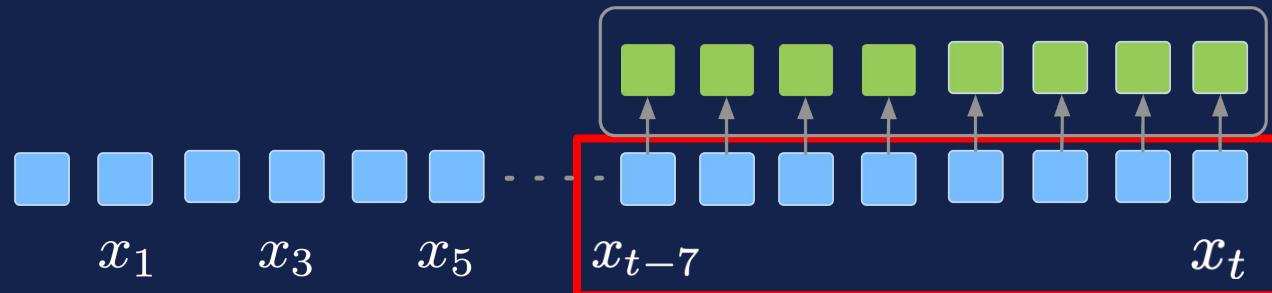
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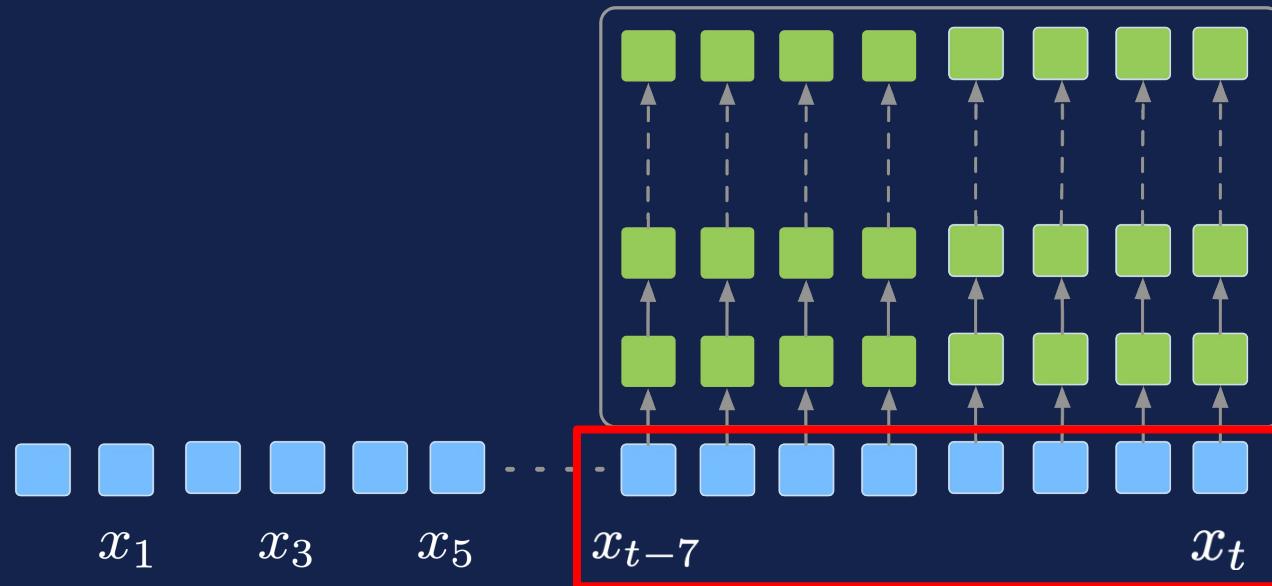
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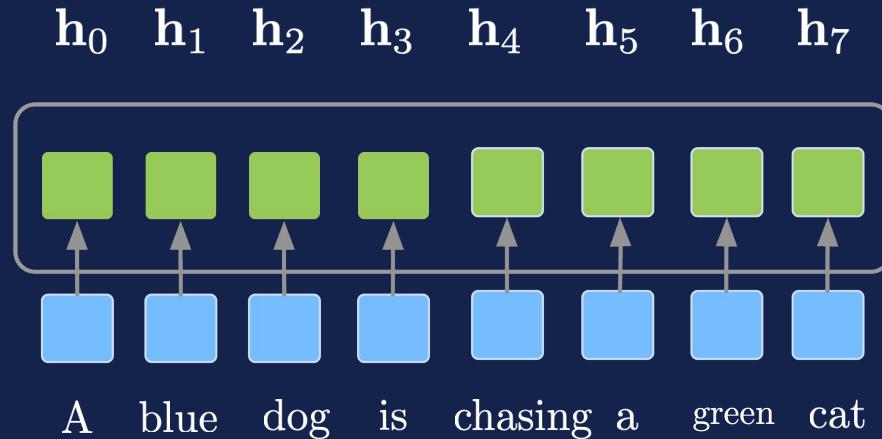


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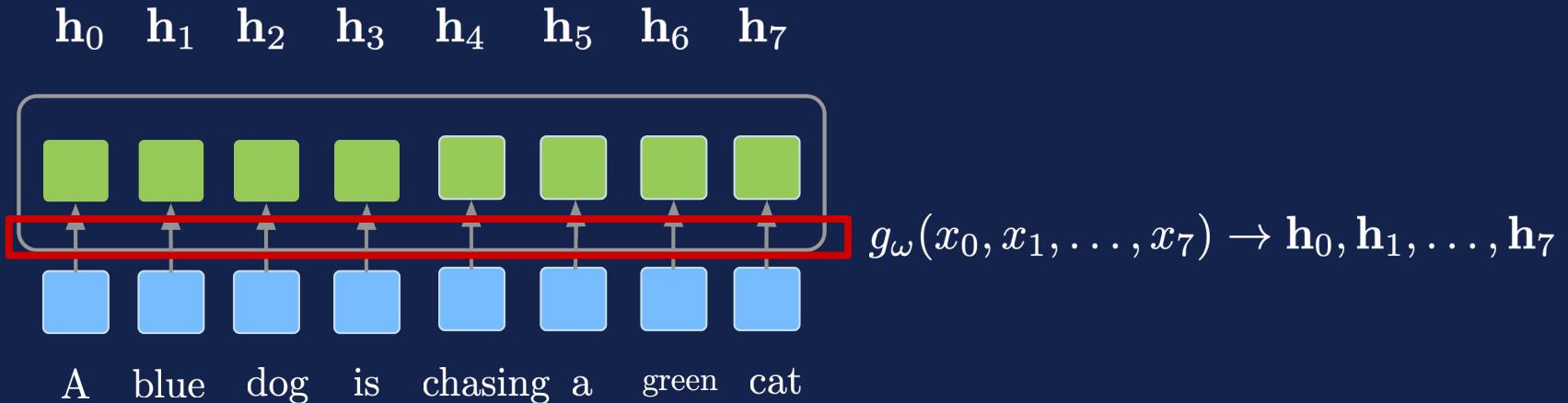
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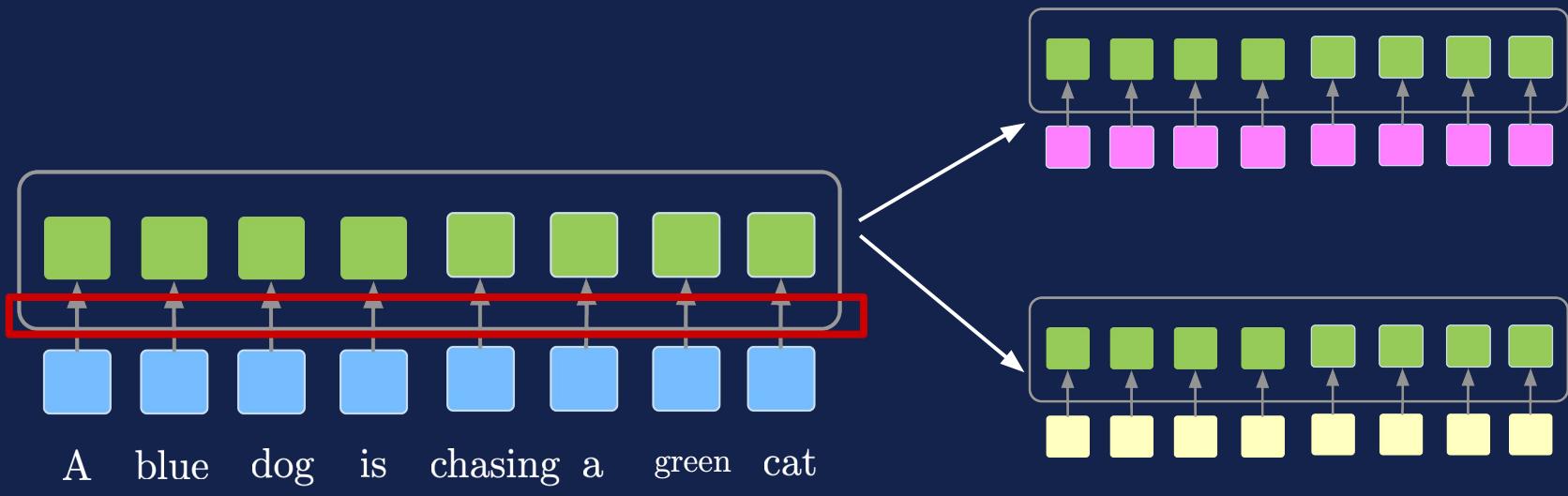
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Update weights with new knowledge



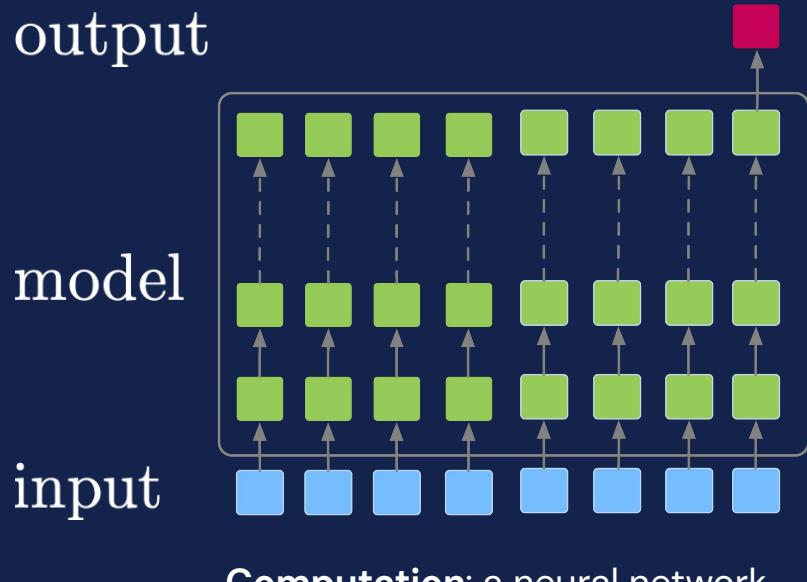
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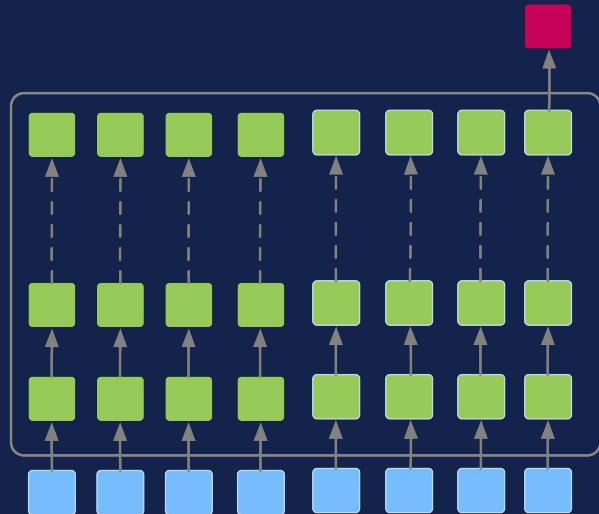
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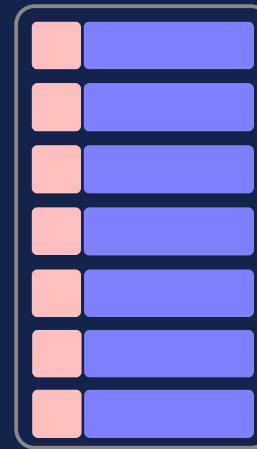
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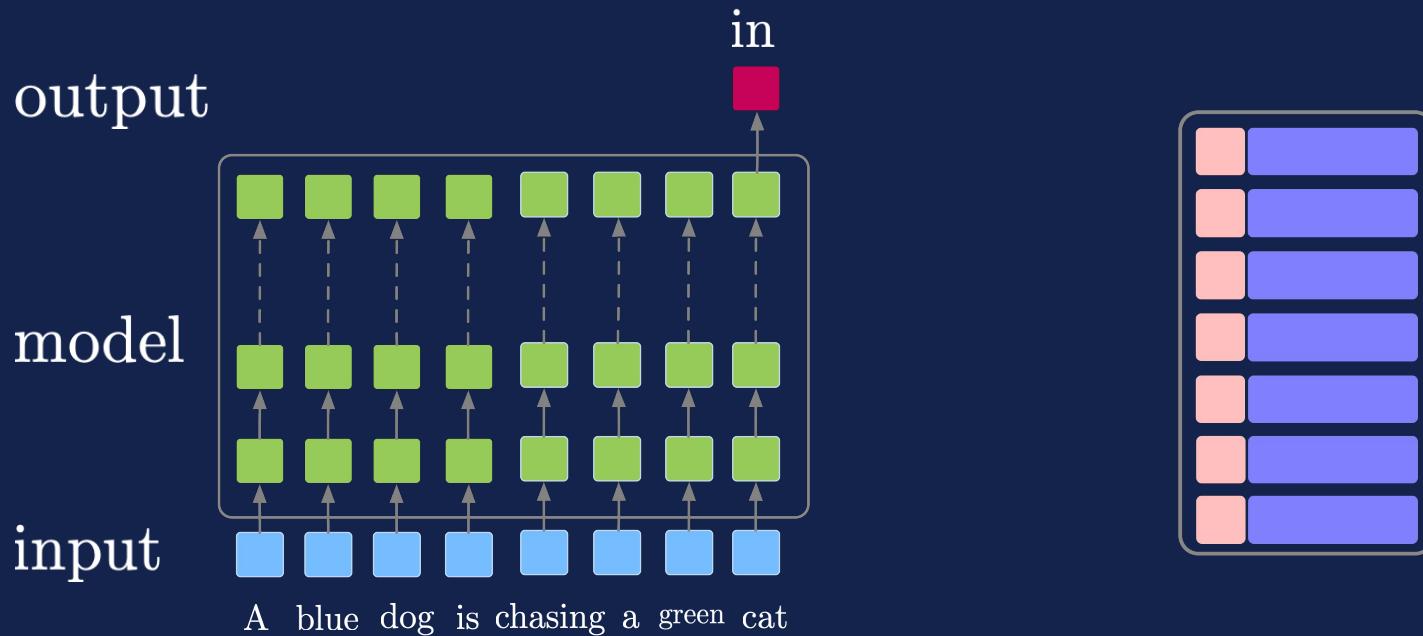


Computation: a neural network



Memory (storage): a key-value database

Semiparametric Language Models



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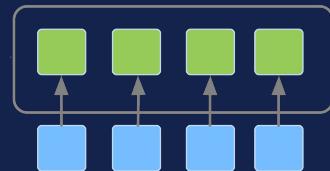
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Long-term memory

Waterloo Park Wikipedia

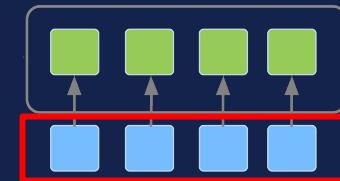
Waterloo Park is an urban park situated in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

Language Model



UWaterloo is a public

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Input: a sequence of tokens.

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Encoder: transformer
(Vaswani et al., 2017)



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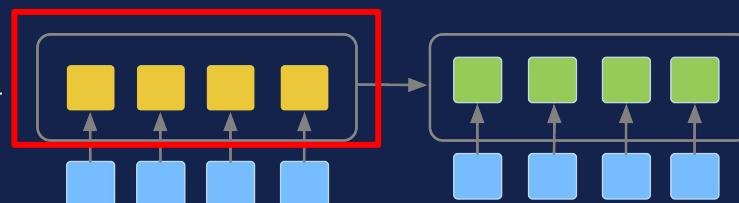
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Short-term memory:

transformer-XL (Dai et al., 2019)

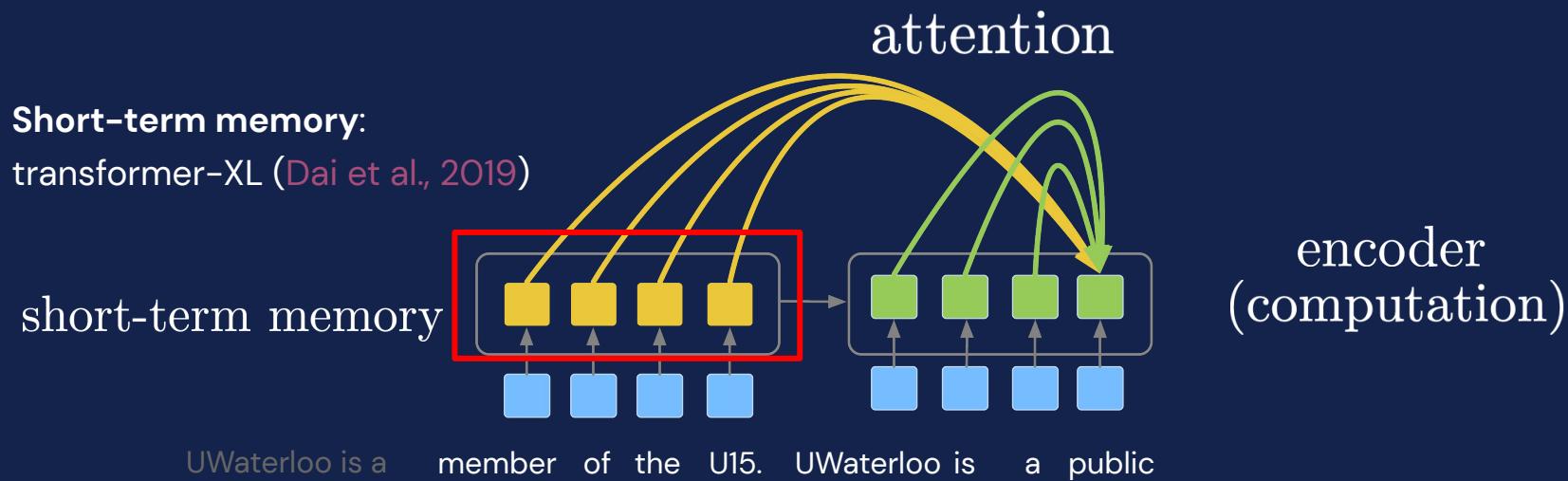
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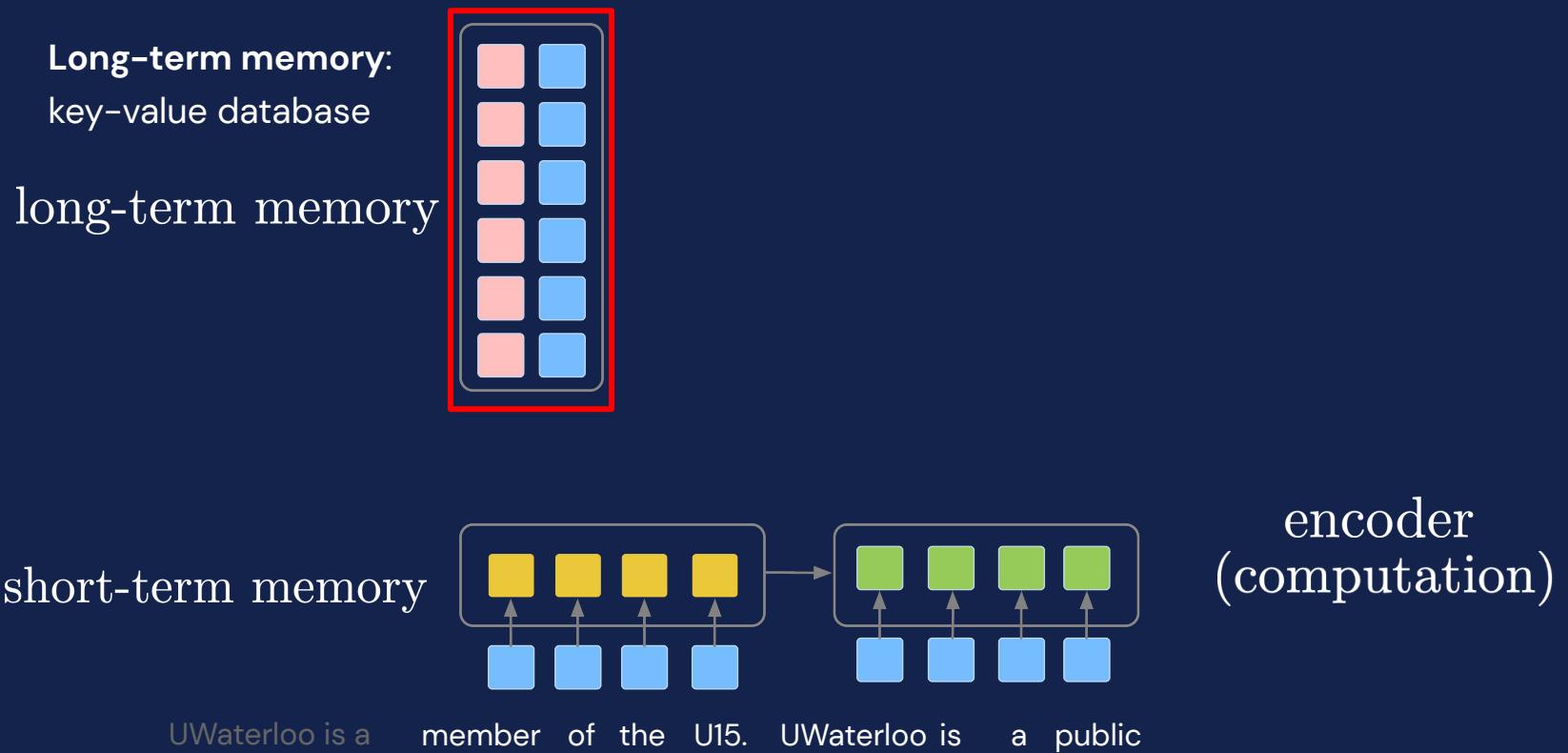
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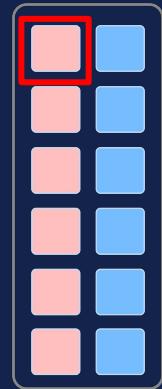


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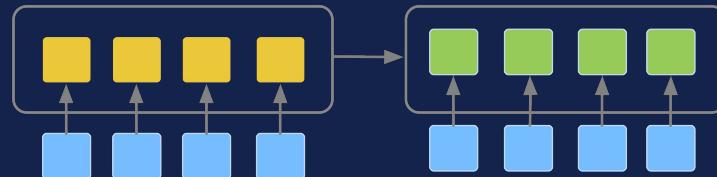
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Key: compressed long-term context

Canada is a beautiful

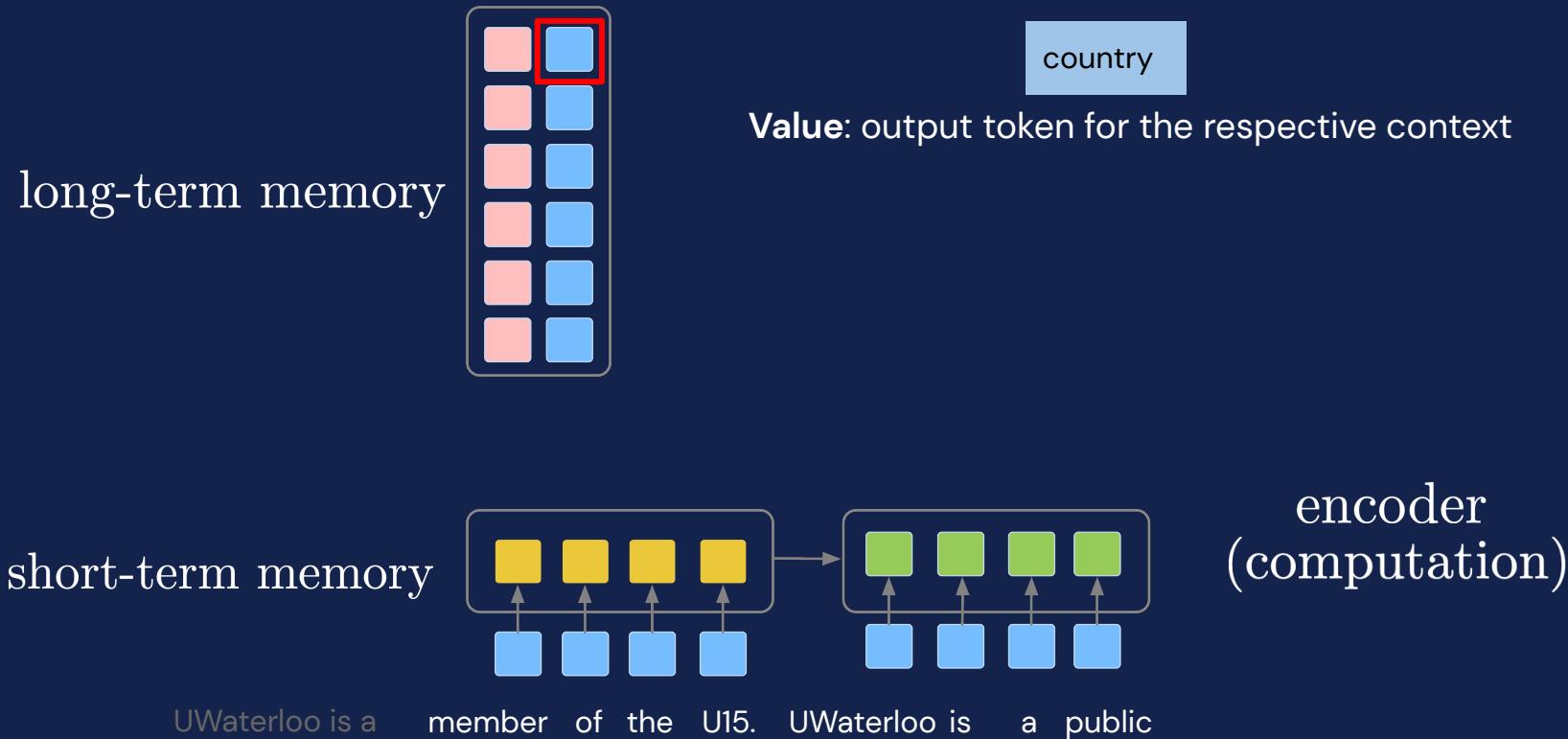
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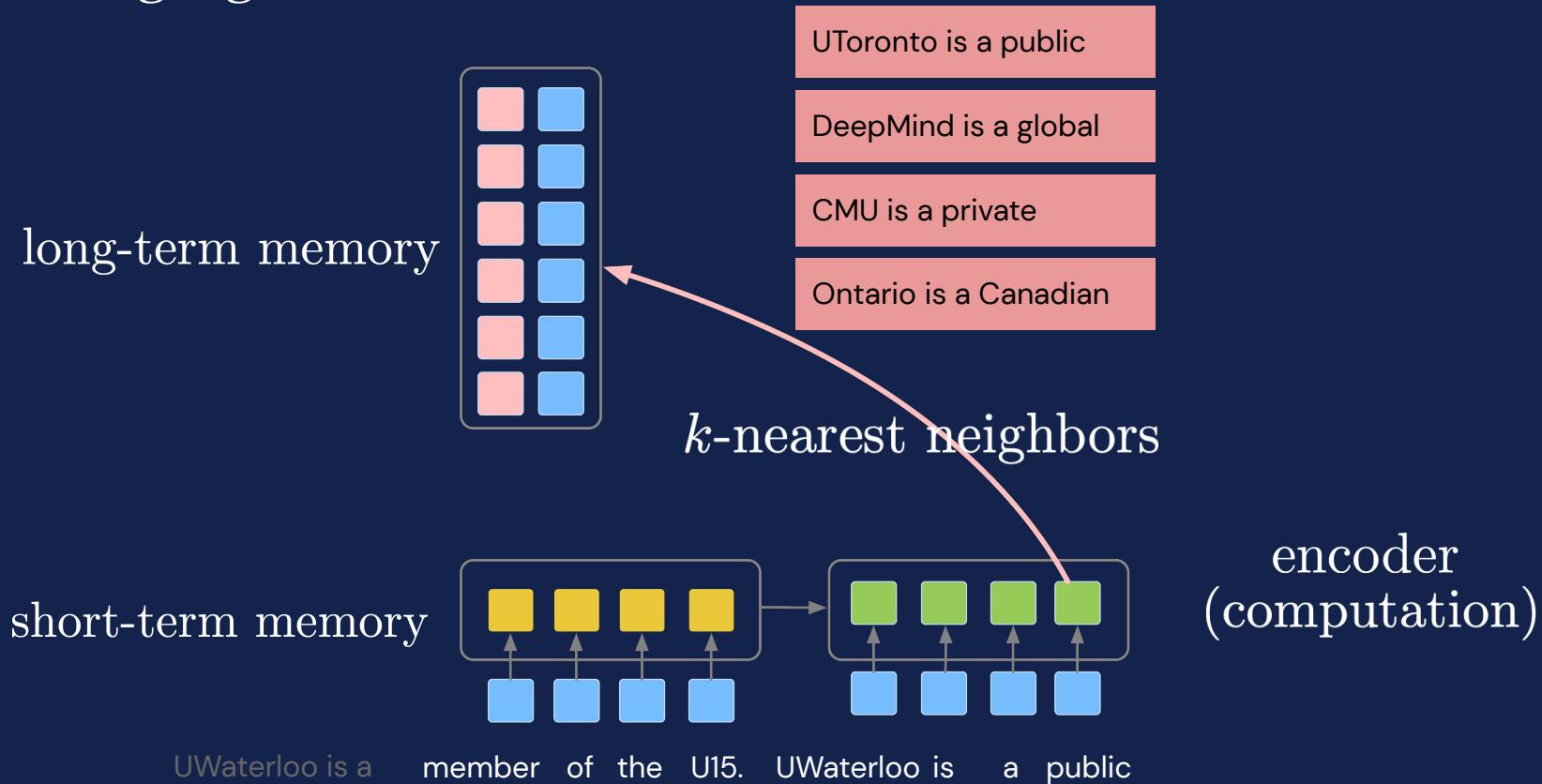
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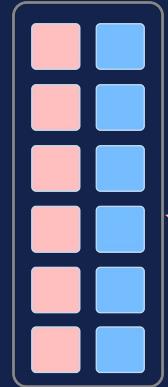
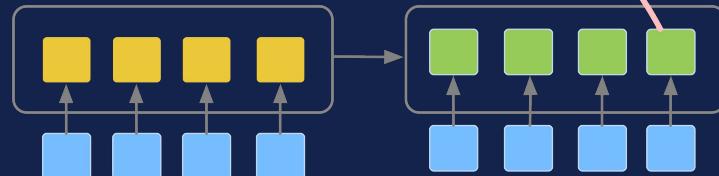
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UToronto is a public	research
DeepMind is a global	research
CMU is a private	university
Ontario is a Canadian	province

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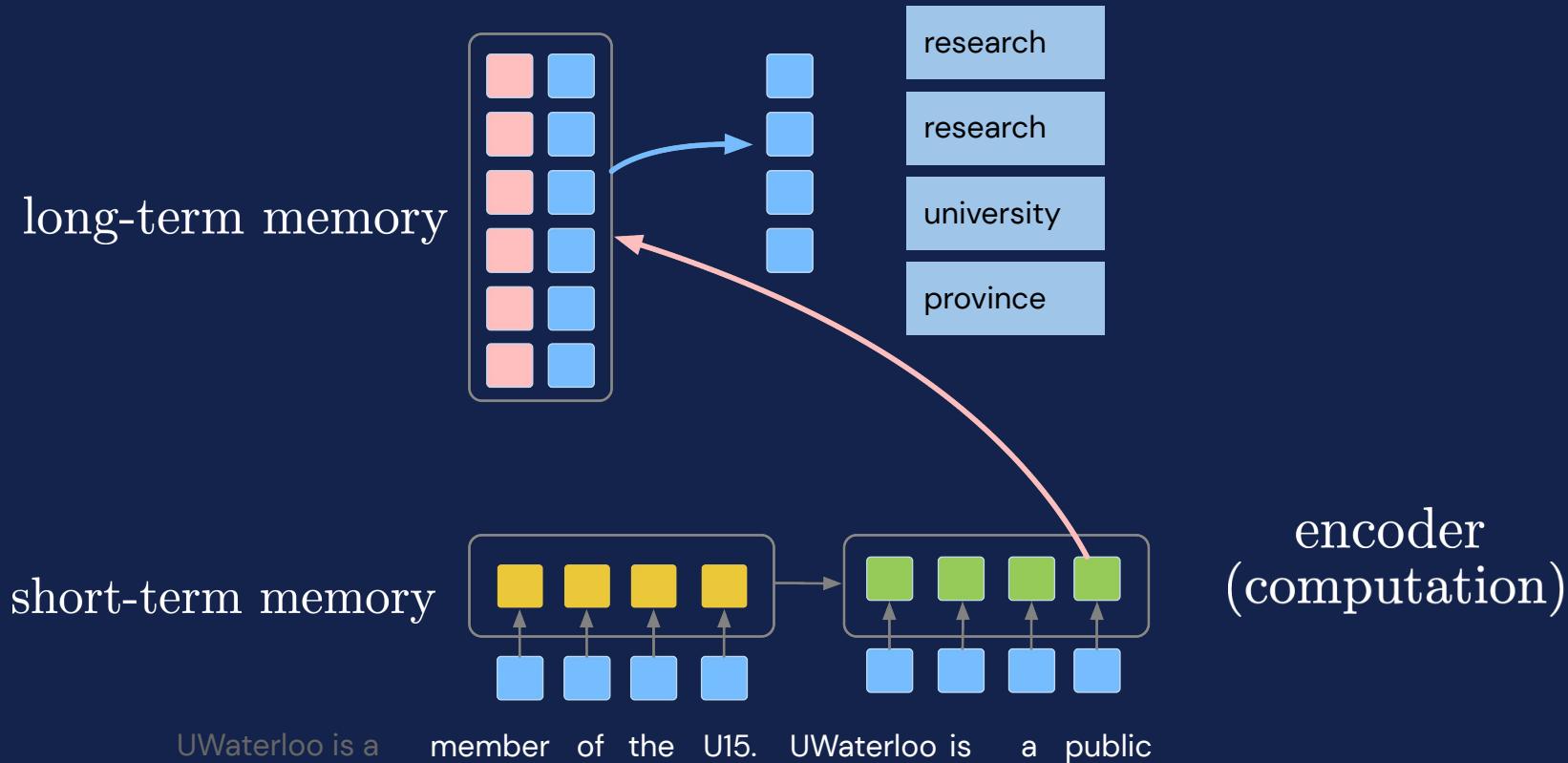
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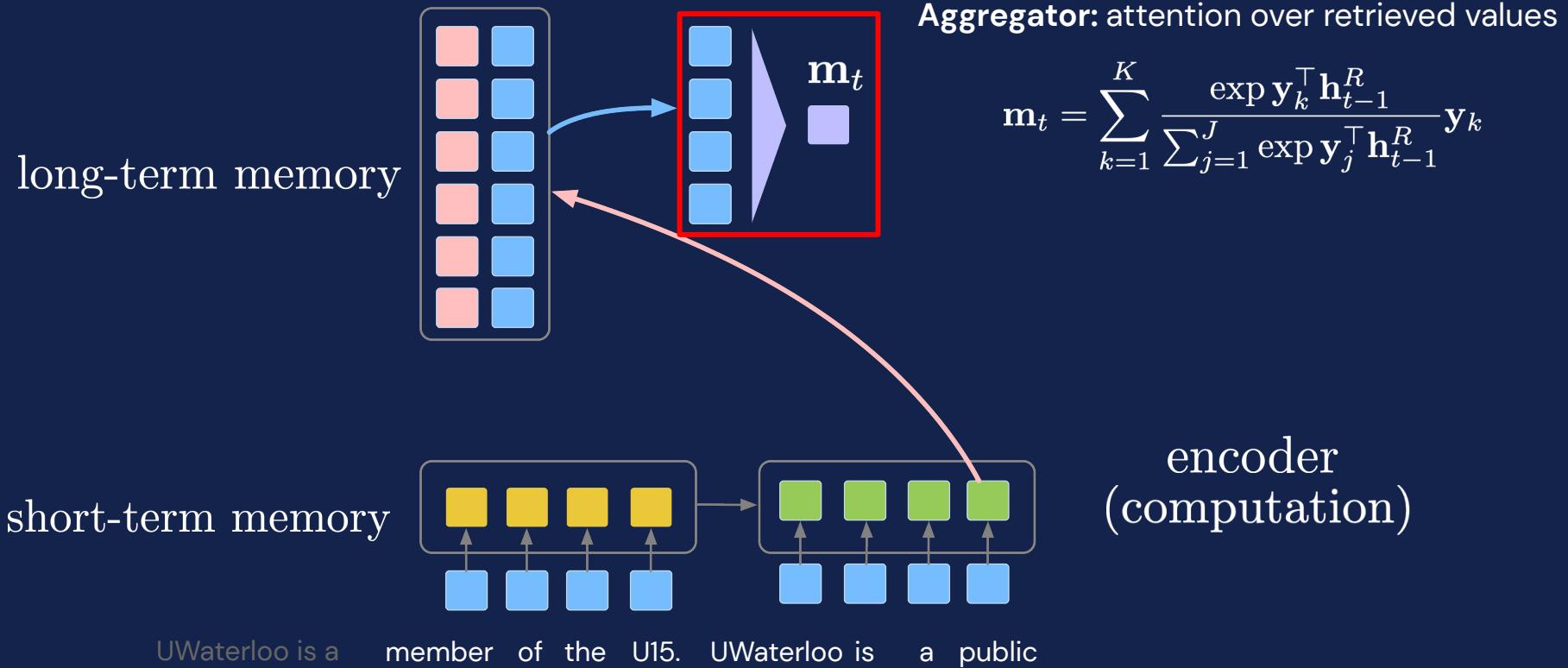
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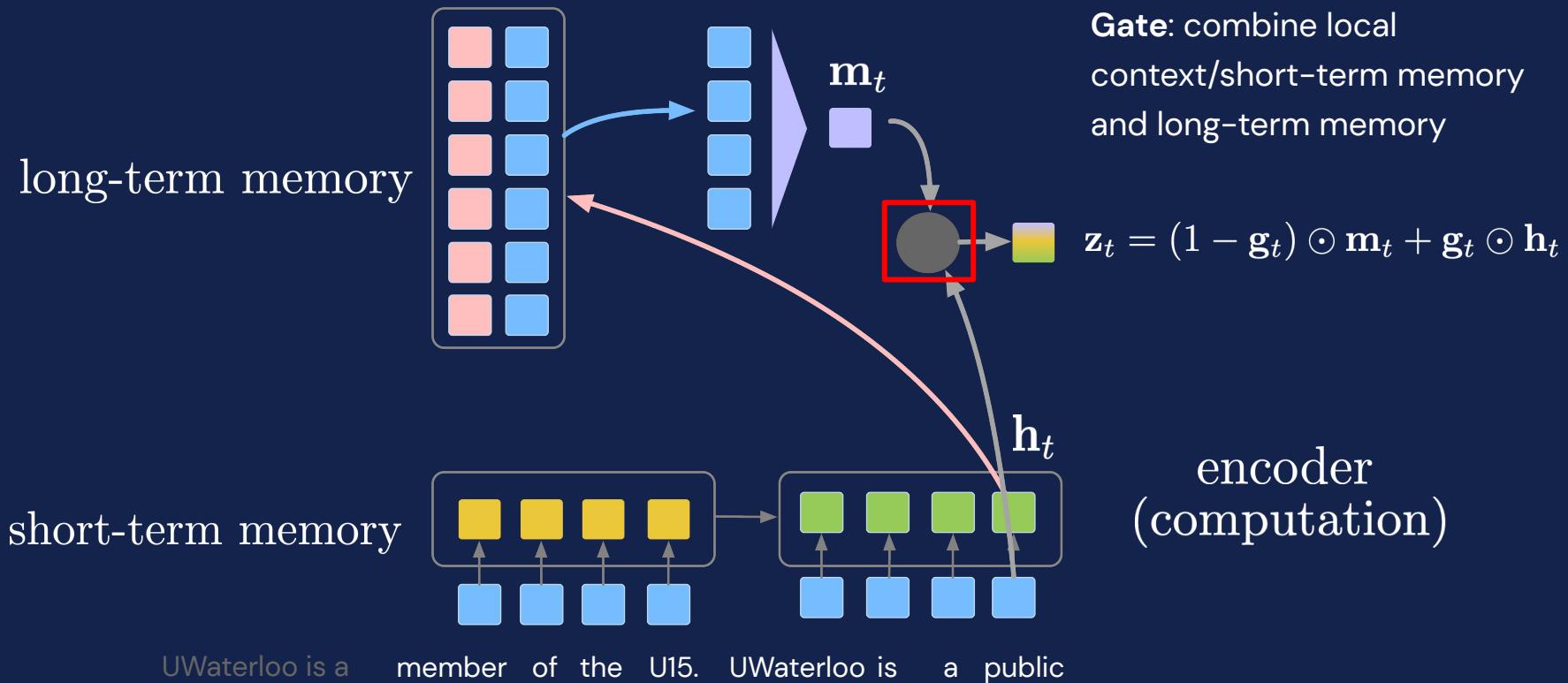
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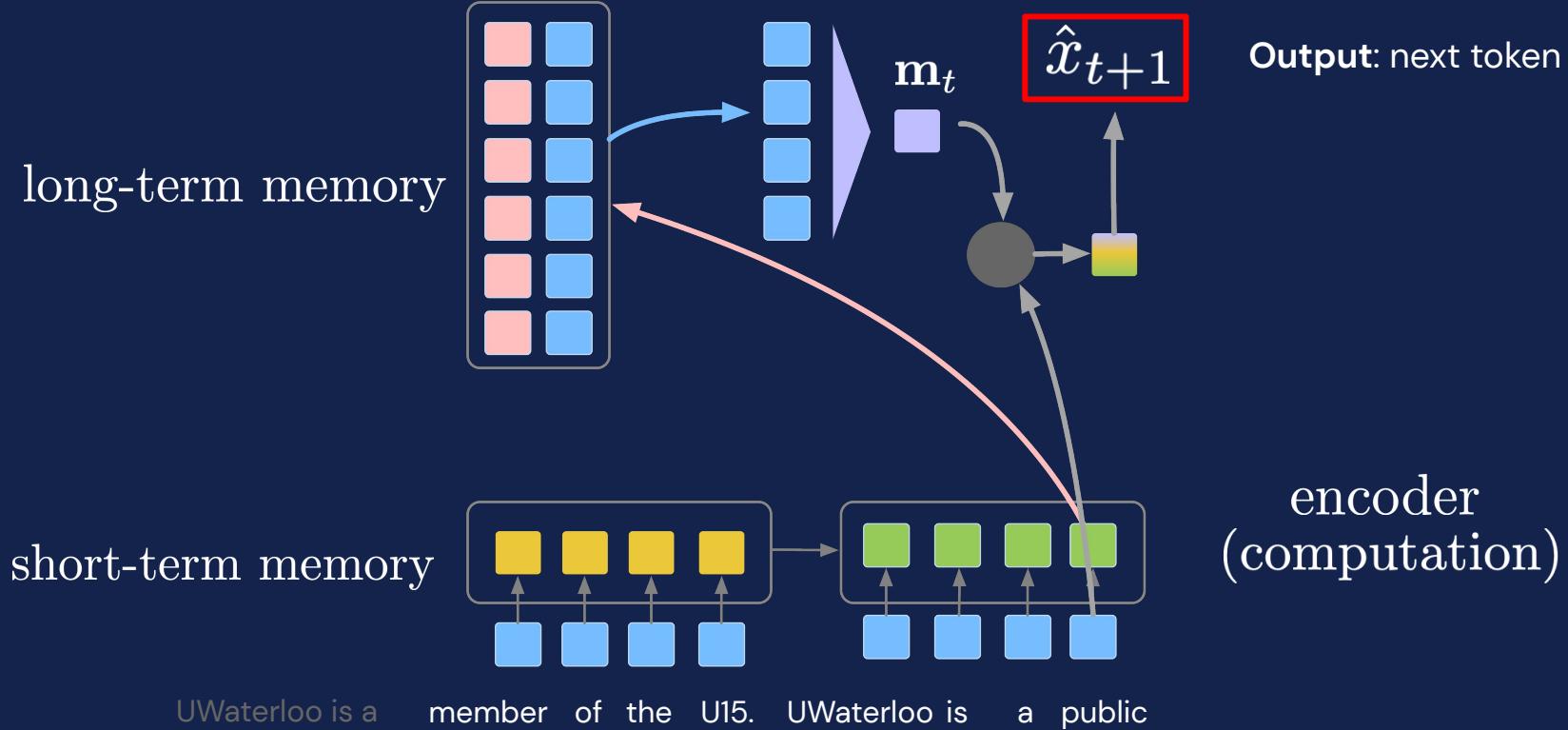
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Experiments

- Word-level language modeling.
 - WikiText-103 English (Merity et al., 2016).
 - WMT 2019 English: <http://www.statmt.org/wmt19/>.
- Character-level language modeling.
 - enwik8: <http://prize.hutter1.net>.

Experiments

Perplexity (1-inf), lower is better

	Base	TXL	kNN-LM	Ours
WikiText-103	21.8	19.1	18.0	17.6*
WMT	16.5	15.5	15.2	14.1

Transformer: Vaswani et al., 2017

Transformer-XL: Dai et al., 2019

kNN-LM: Khandelwal et al., 2020

Analysis

Liberal Democrat leader Jo Swinson has said she would work with Donald Trump in government as

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What's in the long-term memory?

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Analysis

What's in the long-term memory?

For

Perhaps
Like
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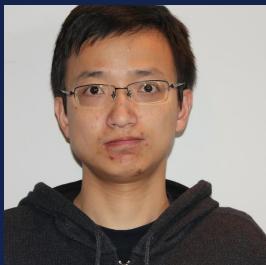
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- A variant of the models for question answering (**de Masson d'Autume et al., NeurIPS 2019**)



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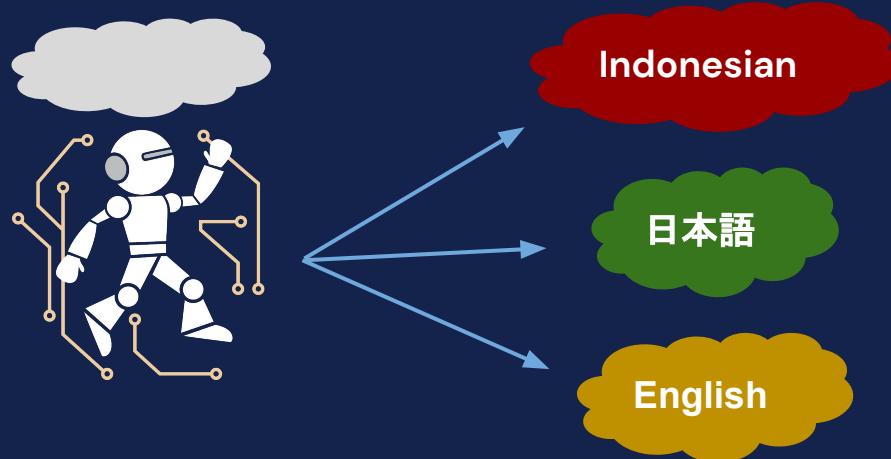
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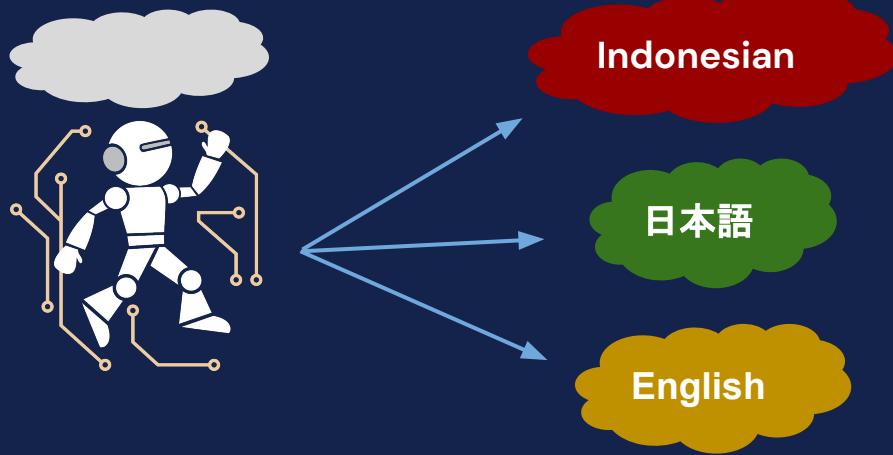
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Learning cross-lingual
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Artetxe et al., ACL 2020



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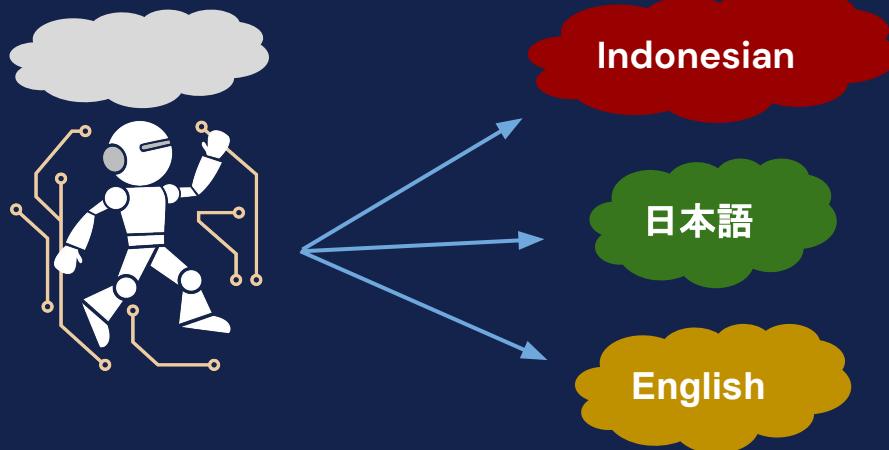


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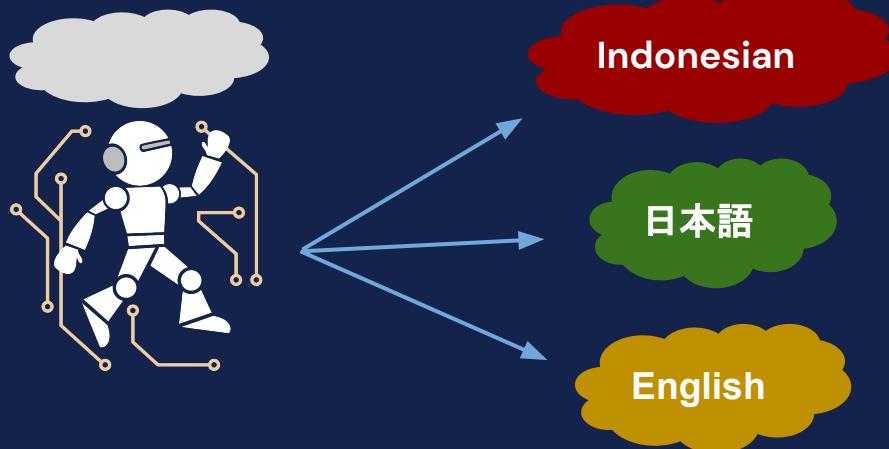
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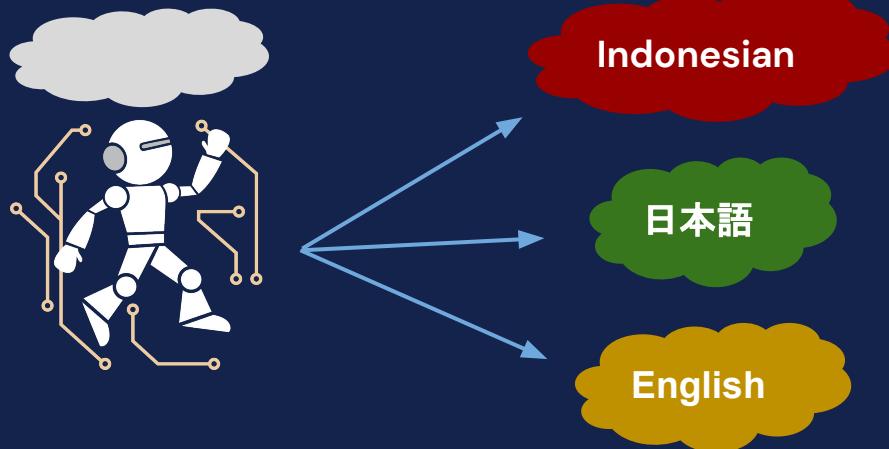
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Ensuring that a language model works equally well across languages (important for fairness)

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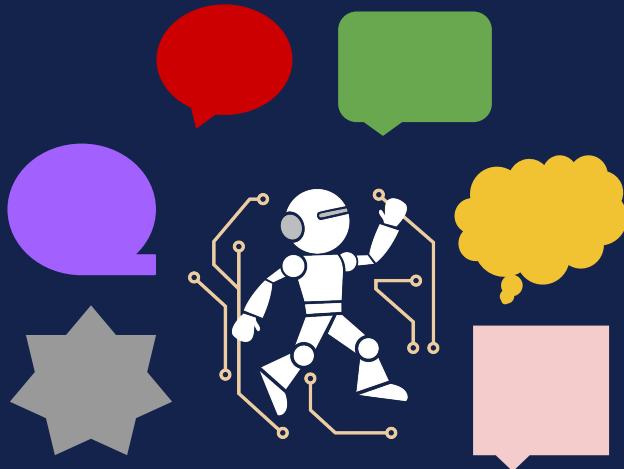
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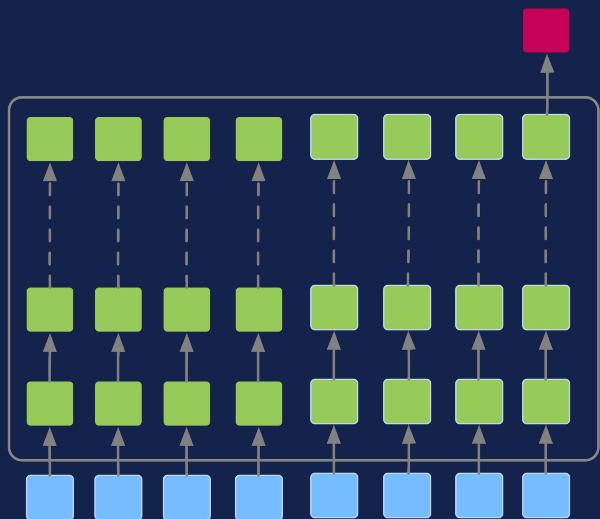


Integration of data from various sources and modalities.

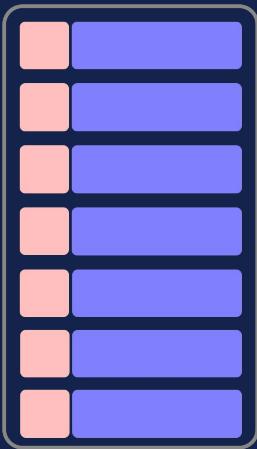
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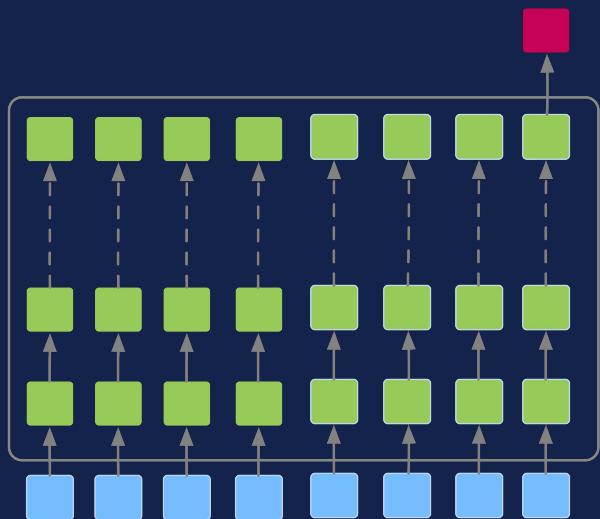


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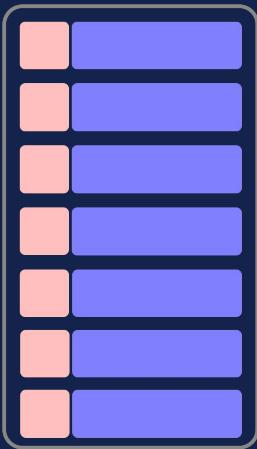
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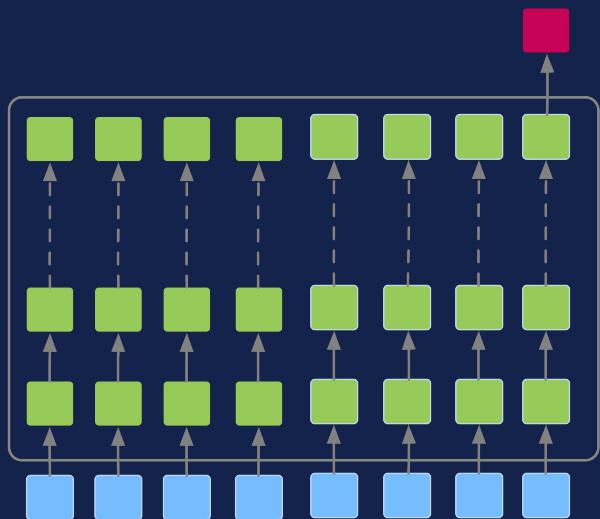
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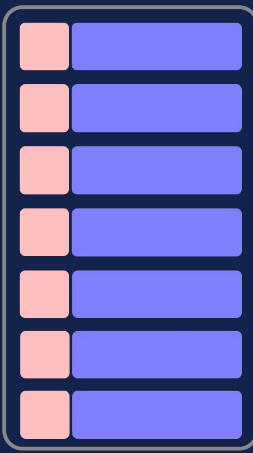
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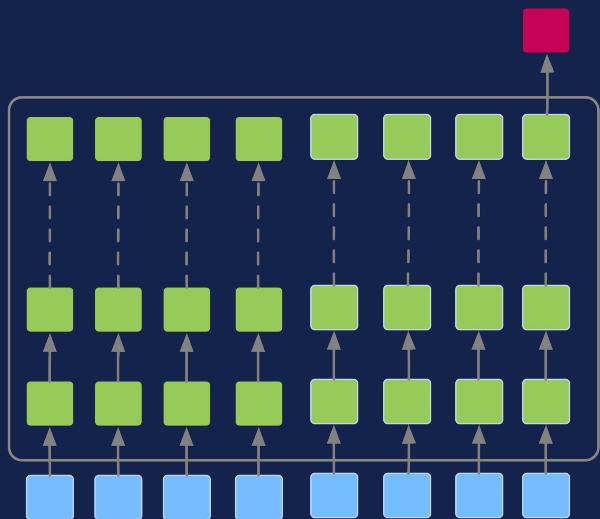
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A screenshot of a profile page for Cristiano Ronaldo. At the top, there is a grid of five small images showing him in various poses. Below the images, his name "Cristiano Ronaldo" is displayed in a large, bold, black font, followed by the subtitle "Portuguese footballer". A link "cristianoronaldo.com" and a "Wikipedia" link are also present. The main bio text reads: "Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro GOIH ComM is a Portuguese professional footballer who plays as a forward for Serie A club Juventus and captains the Portugal national team." Below the bio, there are several facts: "Born: 5 February 1985 (age 36 years), Hospital Dr. Nélio Mendonça, Funchal, Portugal", "Height: 1.87 m", "Partner: Georgina Rodríguez (2017–)", "Salary: 31 million EUR (2019)", "Children: Cristiano Ronaldo Jr., Alana Martina dos Santos Aveiro, Eva Maria Dos Santos, Mateo Ronaldo", and "Current teams: Juventus F.C. (#7 / Forward), Portugal national football team (#7 / Forward)".

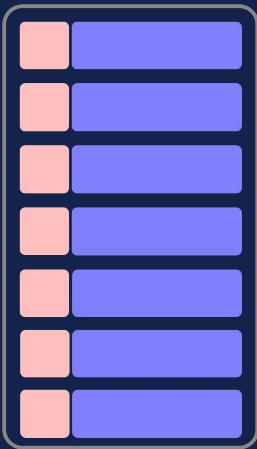
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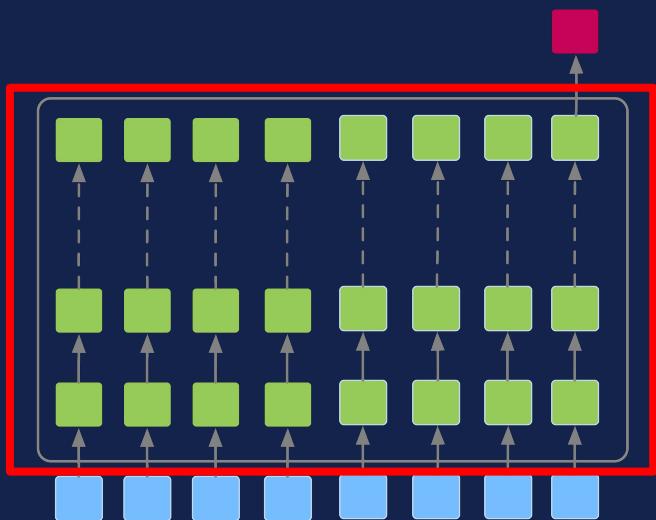
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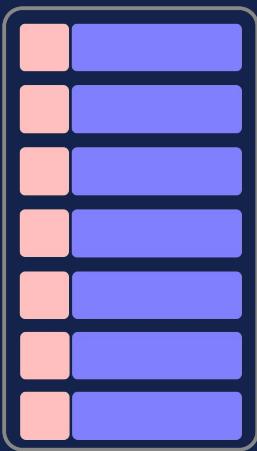
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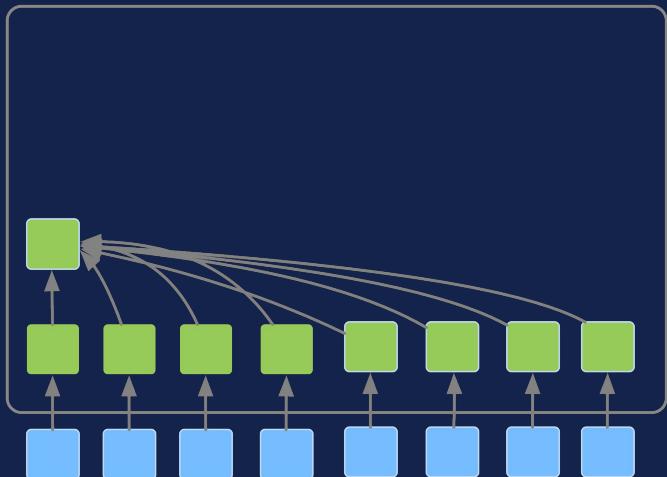
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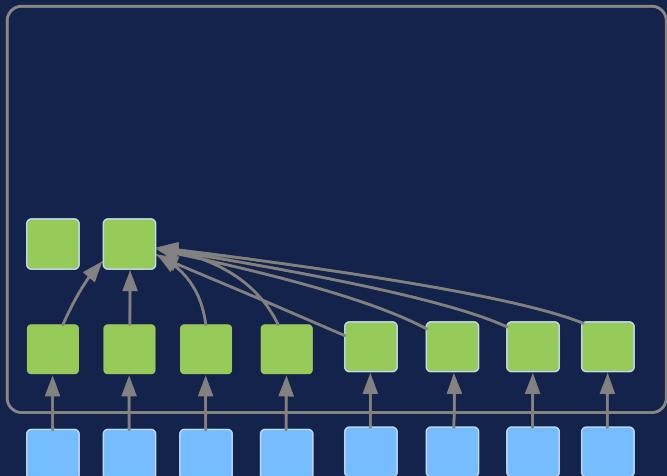
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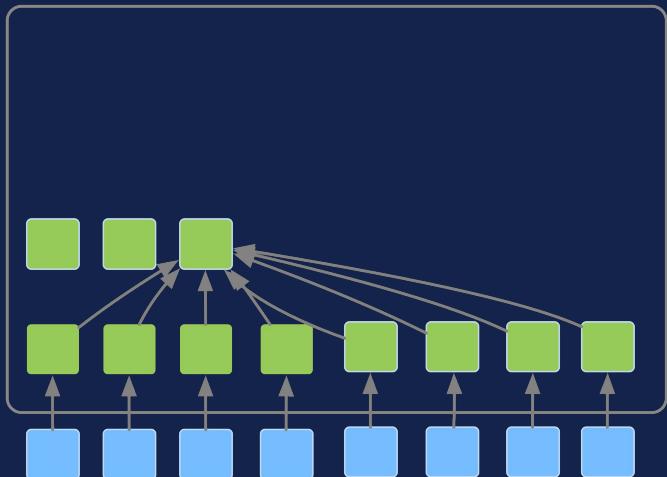
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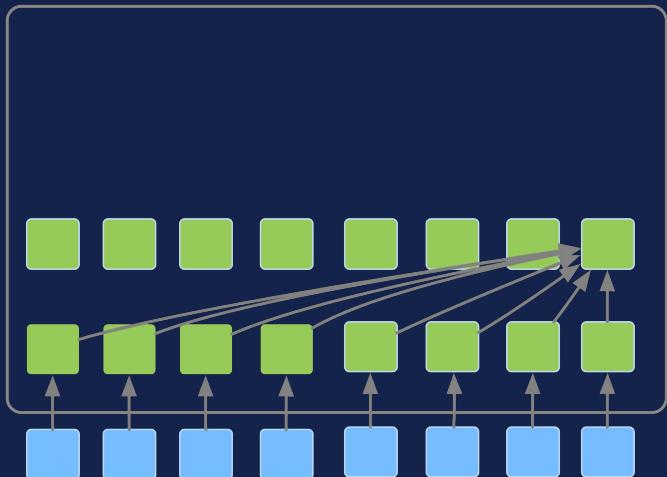
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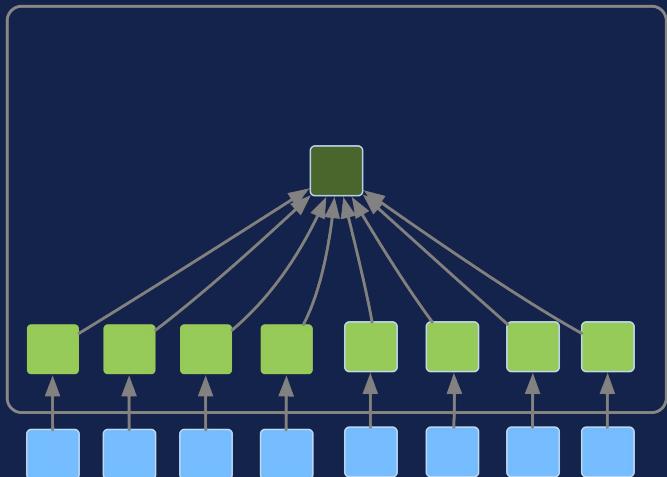
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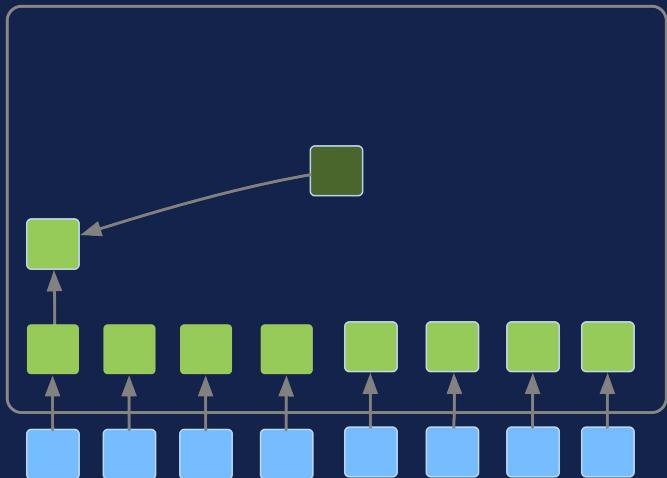
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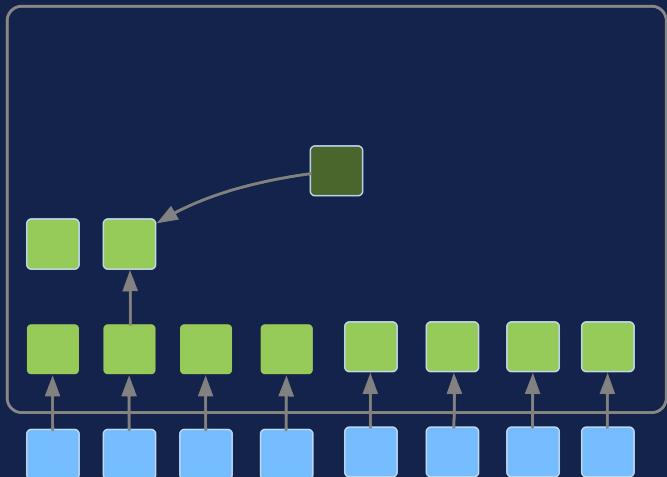
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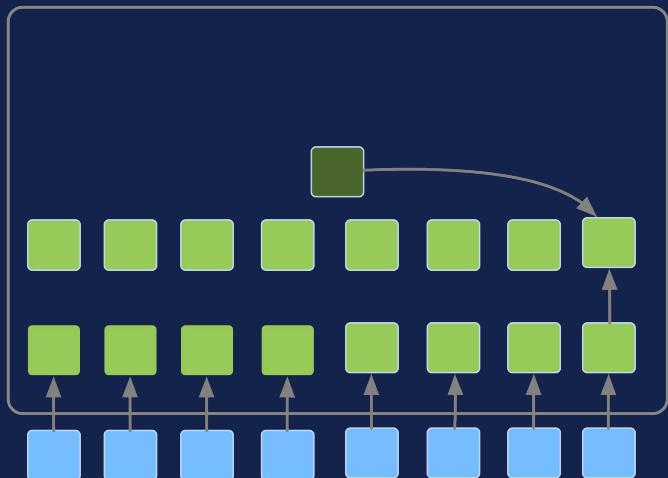
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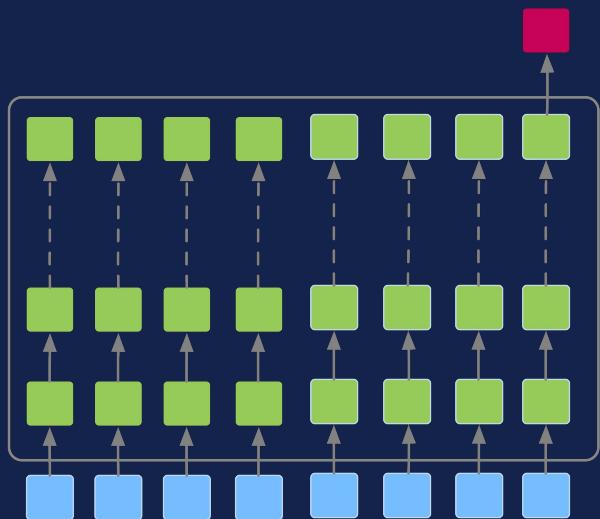
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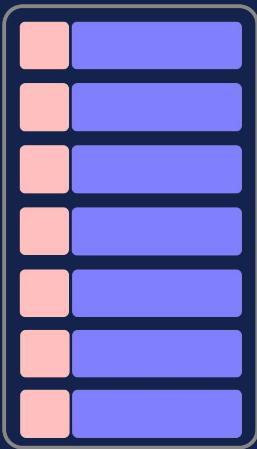
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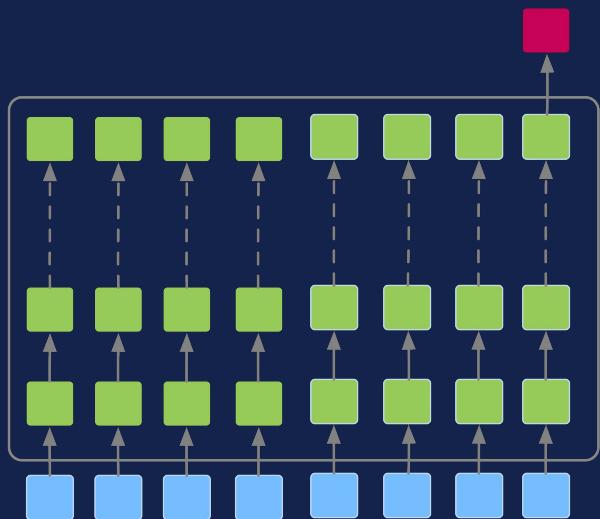
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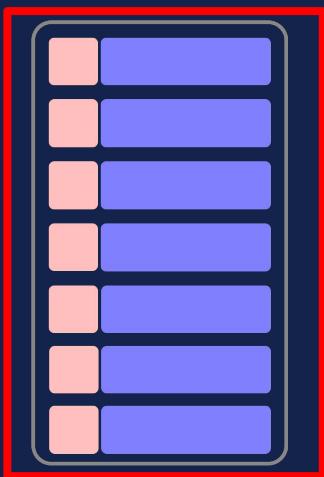
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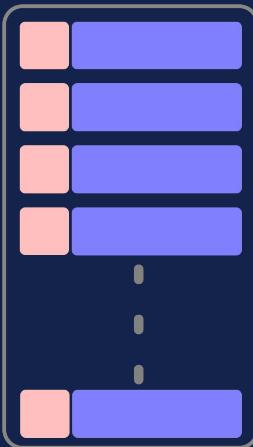


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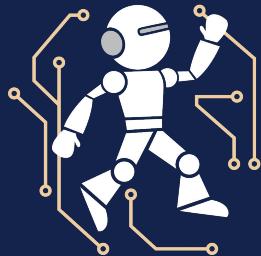


Constant-size memory

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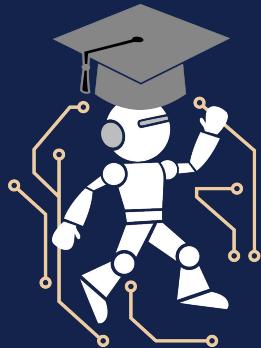
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