

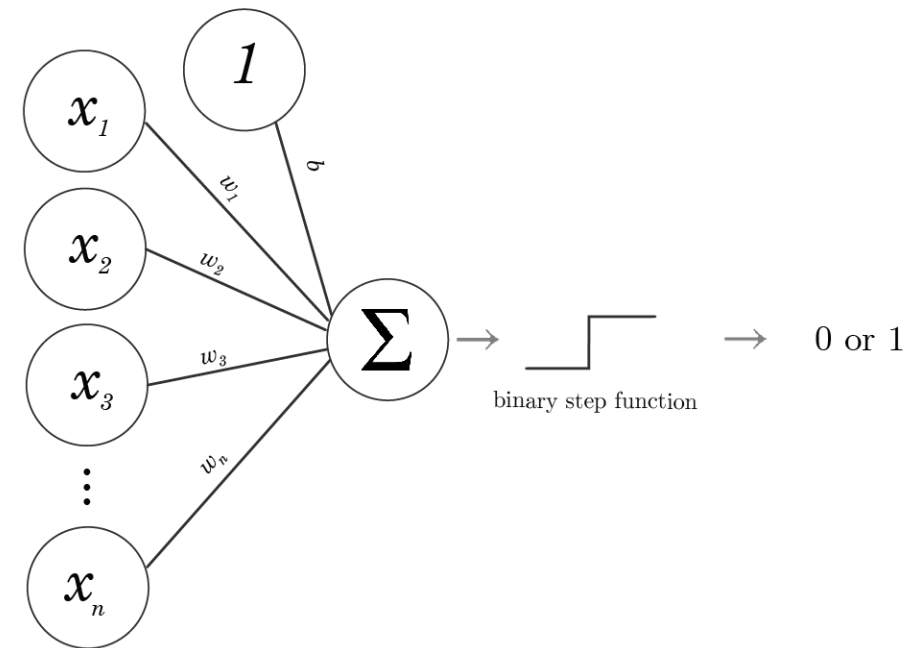
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Neural Networks

The building block: The Perceptron

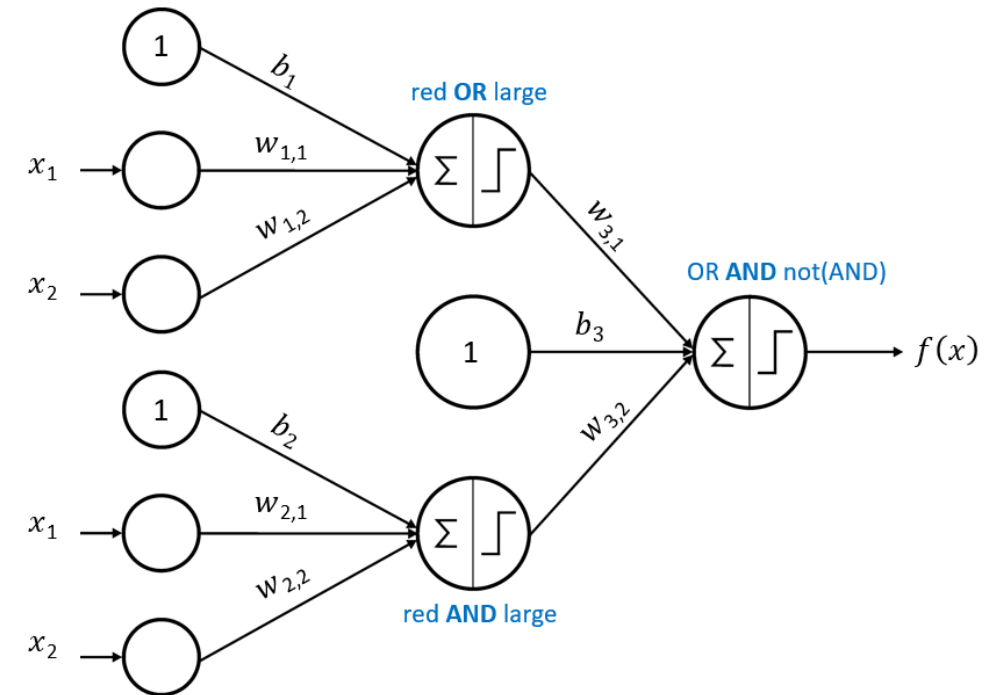
- Demo
- Can we work around the “linear separability” issue?



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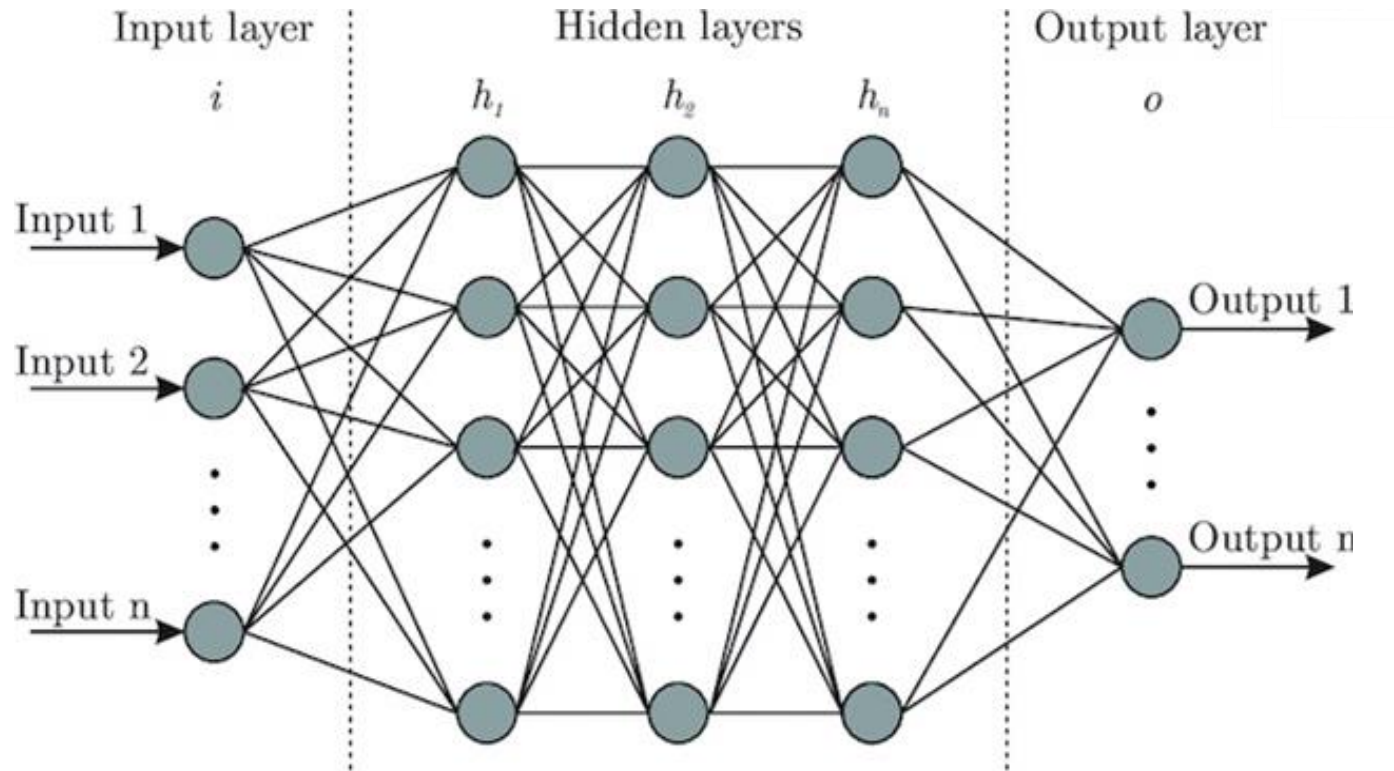
Power in Numbers: Multiple Perceptrons

- Demo



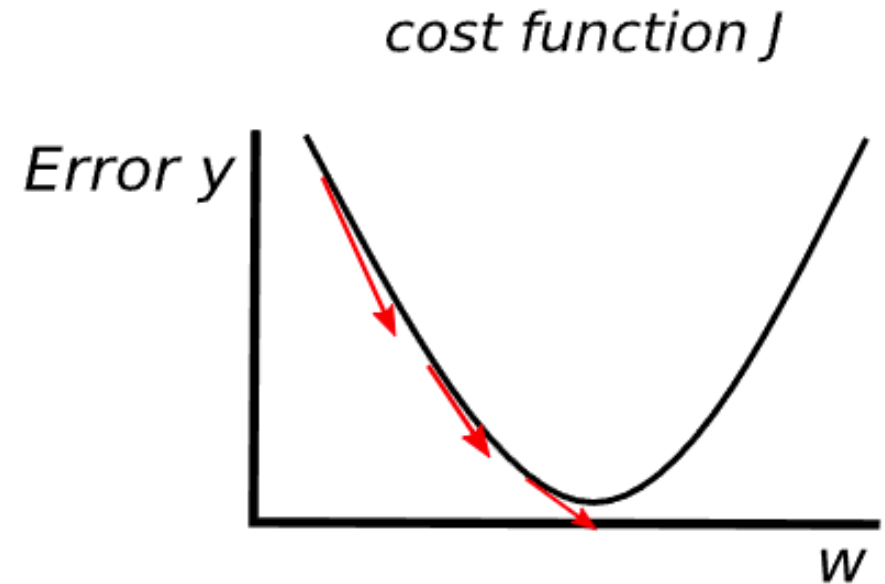
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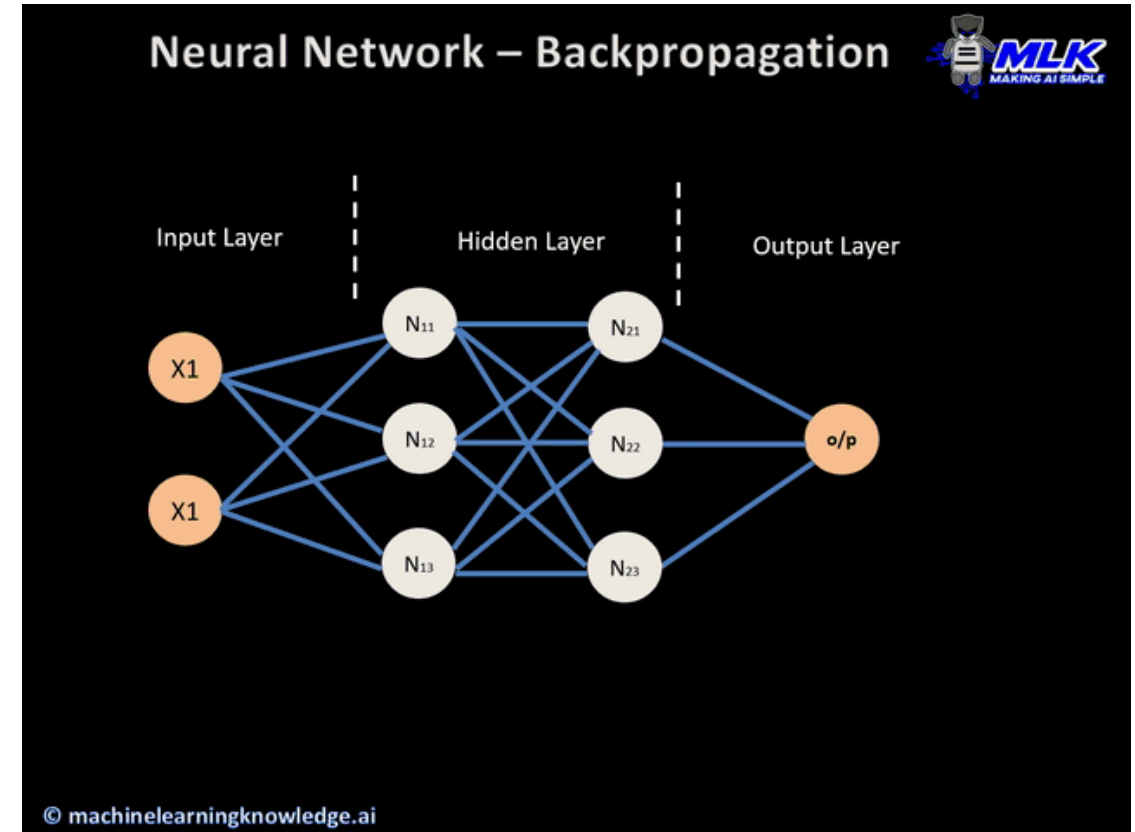
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- A neural network has “weights” (or “parameters”).
- We want to assign these weights the values that lead to the lowest error.
 - Error \equiv loss \equiv cost function
 - Generally using gradient descent with backpropagation.

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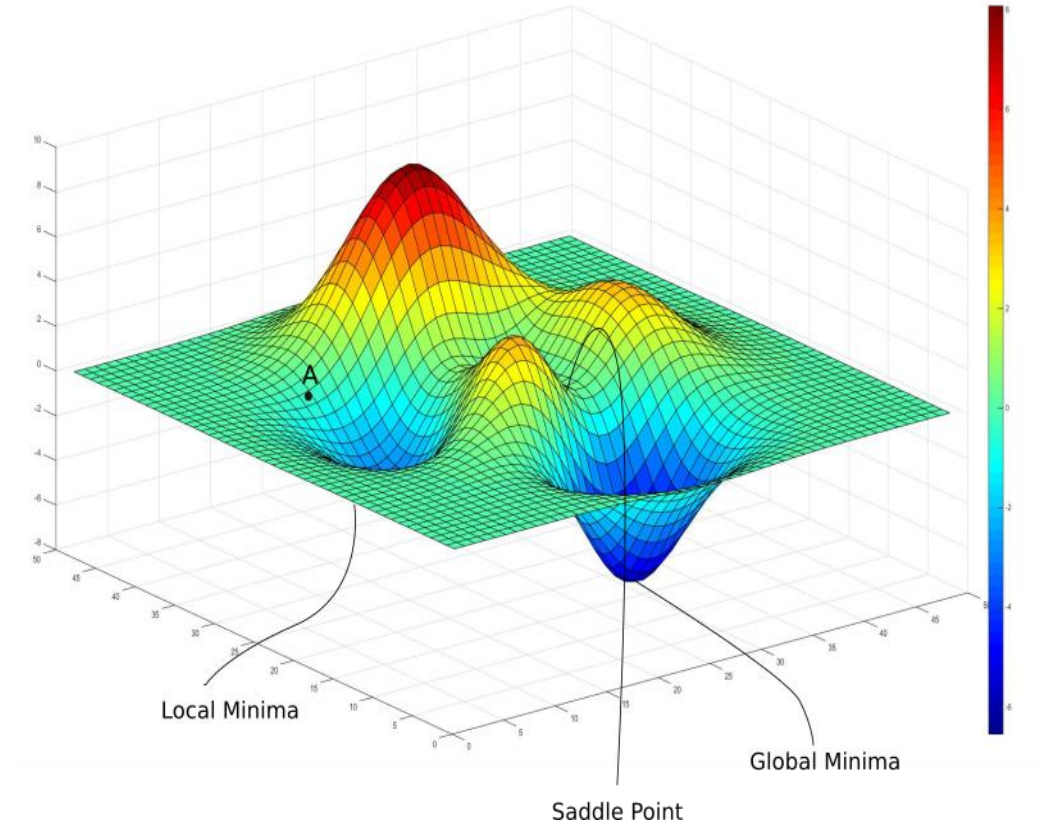
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Optimization

- Can we always achieve lowest error?
- [Demo](#)



TechTalks

Are the results bad?

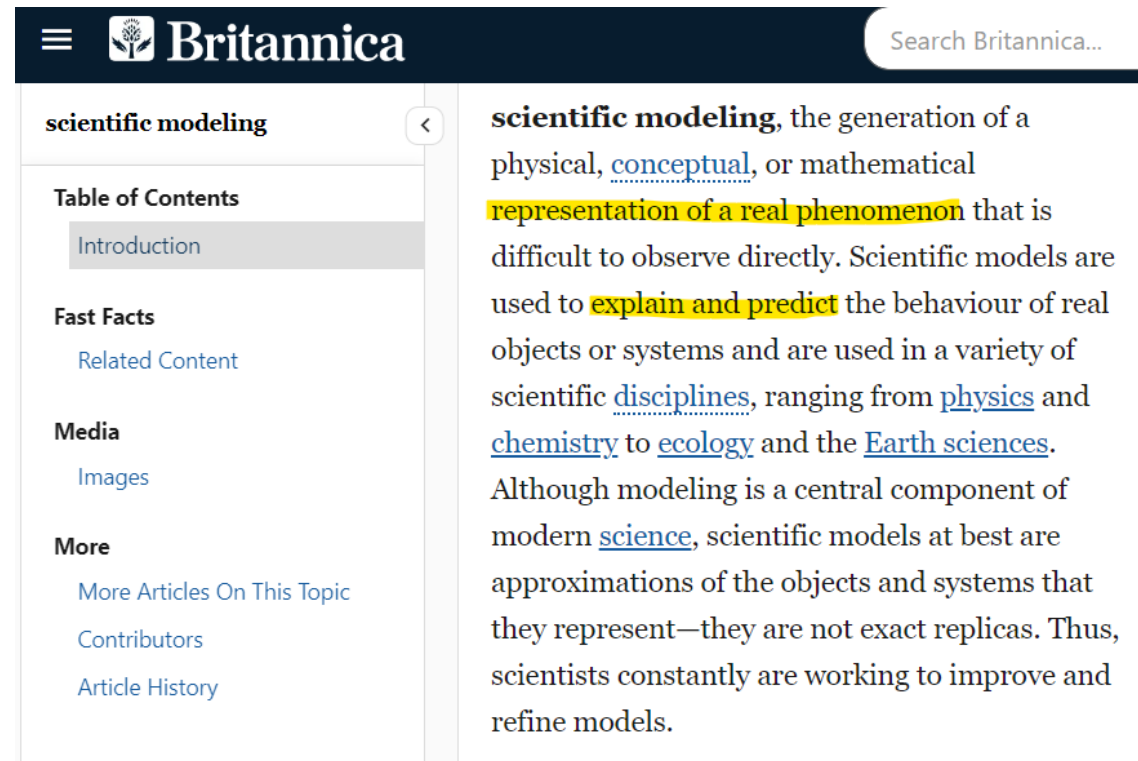
- Check against a benchmark!
 - paperswithcode.com
 - kaggle.com
 - **huggingface.com

How do I improve my results?

- Best way: Get more GOOD data
 - If not, clean-up existing data.
- Are you overfitting or underfitting?
 - Overfitting: get **more data** or use a **less complex model**.
 - Underfitting: get a **more complex model**.
- Keep it simple!
 - Start with a simple model, simple data, simple code.
 - Test by component
 - Test by example

Language Modeling

What is a model?



The screenshot shows the Britannica website interface for the article "scientific modeling". The left sidebar contains a "Table of Contents" with "Introduction" selected, and sections for "Fast Facts", "Media", and "More" with links to "Related Content", "Images", "More Articles On This Topic", "Contributors", and "Article History". The main content area defines scientific modeling as the generation of a physical, conceptual, or mathematical representation of a real phenomenon that is difficult to observe directly. It states that scientific models are used to explain and predict the behavior of real objects or systems and are used in a variety of scientific disciplines, ranging from physics and chemistry to ecology and the Earth sciences. It also notes that although modeling is a central component of modern science, scientific models at best are approximations of the objects and systems that they represent—they are not exact replicas. Thus, scientists constantly are working to improve and refine models.

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What is language modeling?...

Web search engine / ...

I saw a cat|

I saw a cat on the chair

I saw a cat running after a dog

I saw a cat in my dream

I saw a cat book

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Greetings,

I would like to

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What is language modeling?...

I grabbed the **branch** and broke it.

I went to the **branch** and deposited some money.

Context matters!

What is language modeling?...

- I went to ____.
- I woke up at 7 am and went to ____.
- I woke up at 7 am, packed my book and notebook, and went to ____.

The more context, the more certain

What is language modeling?...

I went to the **branch** and deposited some money.

I went to the **bank** and deposited some money.

I went to the **ATM** and deposited some money.

Words which frequently appear in **similar contexts** have **similar meaning**.

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Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Includes text generation:

- Text completion.
- Text summarization.
- Question answering.

But there are also many other tasks such as Text classification: (e.g., Sentiment analysis, Reviews, Fake news) or word classification.

Formalizing our thoughts

- It seems we process language sequentially**.
- So, language modeling is the chaining of word probabilities.

$P(\text{I saw a cat on } \dots) =$

$P(\text{I}) \cdot P(\text{saw}|\text{I}) \cdot P(\text{a}|\text{I saw}) \cdot P(\text{cat}|\text{I saw a}) \cdot P(\text{on}|\text{I saw a cat}) \cdot \dots$

Probability of I saw a cat on

- How do we calculate these probabilities?

counting...

$$P(\text{cat}) = \frac{N(\text{"cat" in corpus})}{N(\text{all words in corpus})}$$

$$P(\text{cat} | \text{my}) = \frac{N(\text{"my cat" in corpus})}{N(\text{"my" in corpus})}$$

Can you foresee any problem with this calculation?...

N-grams

Instead, let's just use a context of *fixed-length*.

$P(\text{I saw a cat on a mat}) =$

- $P(\text{I})$
- $P(\text{saw} \mid \text{I})$
- $P(\text{a} \mid \text{I saw})$
- $P(\text{cat} \mid \text{I saw a})$
- $P(\text{on} \mid \text{I saw a cat})$
- $P(\text{a} \mid \text{I saw a cat on})$
- $P(\text{mat} \mid \text{I saw a cat on a})$

- $n=3$ (trigram model): $P(y_t \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = P(y_t \mid y_{t-2}, y_{t-1})$,
- $n=2$ (bigram model): $P(y_t \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = P(y_t \mid y_{t-1})$,
- $n=1$ (unigram model): $P(y_t \mid y_1, \dots, y_{t-1}) = P(y_t)$.

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N-grams

Context is like a sliding window into the past.

Hugging Face is a startup based in New York City and Paris

$p(\text{word})$

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Context size

- I went to the beach...
 - My wife sat next to me. She was replying to some emails, and...
 - the bird stole our sandwich. Then...
 - it started raining suddenly and ____.
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- Longer context: predictable outcome.
 - Shorter context: Too unpredictable.

In-Class Work

Neural Nets in Language Modeling

Continued...

Fast Forward...

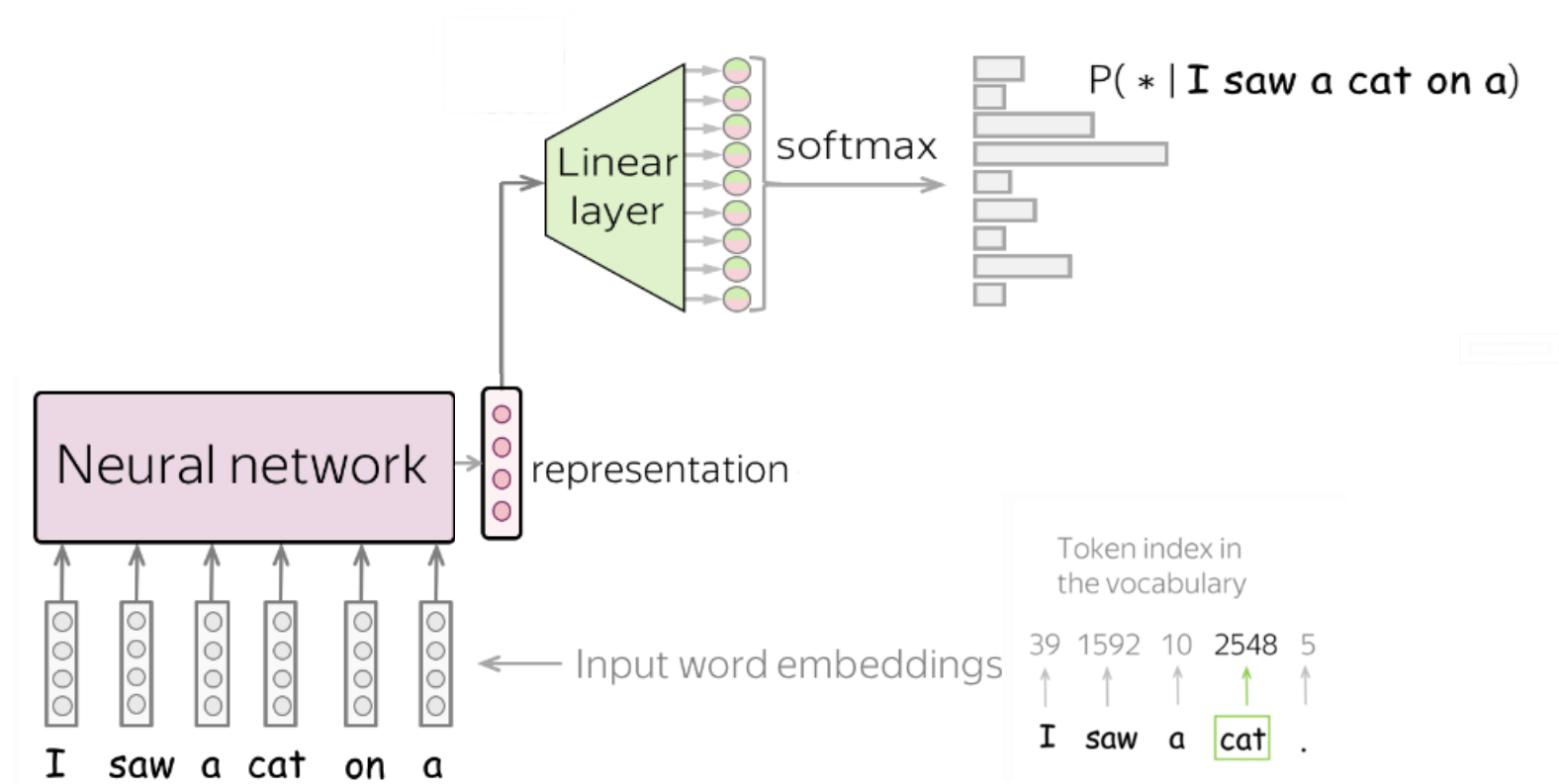
As neural networks arrived at the scene, they were utilized for language modeling.

- N-grams look for exact prefixes, which is limiting...
- However, neural networks can learn more interesting relationships between the words.

Example: All humans are mortal. Socrates is a human. Therefore,

Socrates is mortal.

General Model Architecture



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Can you see any issue with inputting words in an NN?

What is an embedding?

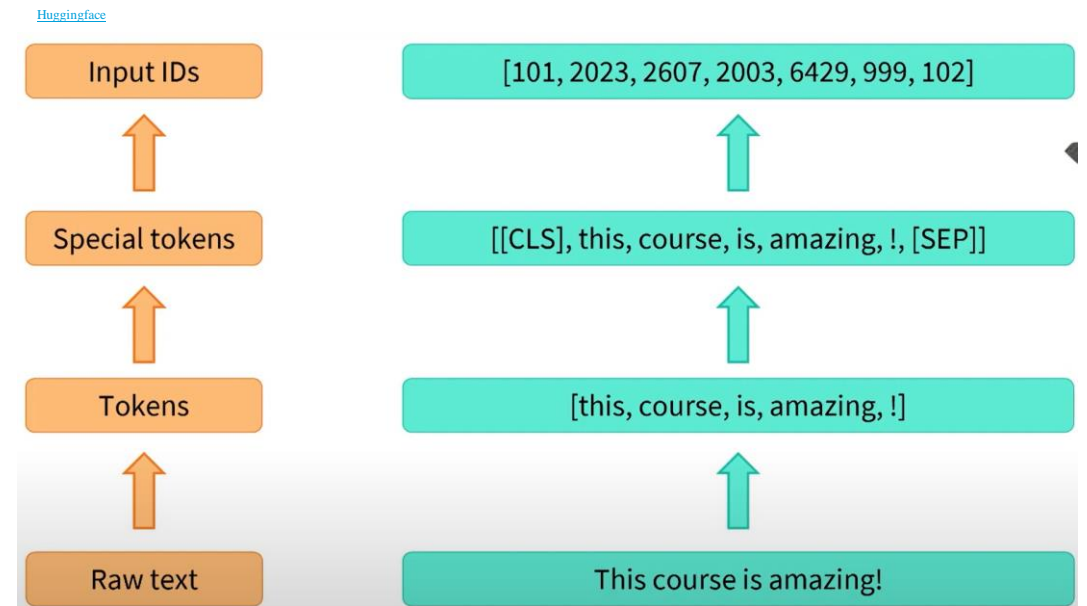
- It is the numeric representation of data.
- [Example for images.](#)

Word Embeddings

- We ideally want related words (i.e., *similar* meanings) to have smaller distances.
- [Demo](#)
- Examples:
 1. [Word2Vec \(Google\)](#)
 2. [GloVe \(Stanford\)](#)
 3. [Train your own!](#)

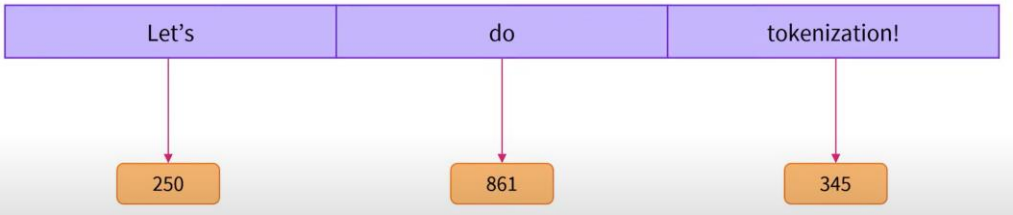
Tokenization

- Inputs can only be numbers.
- We need to convert the text into tokens (e.g., words).
- Each token can then be represented as a number.



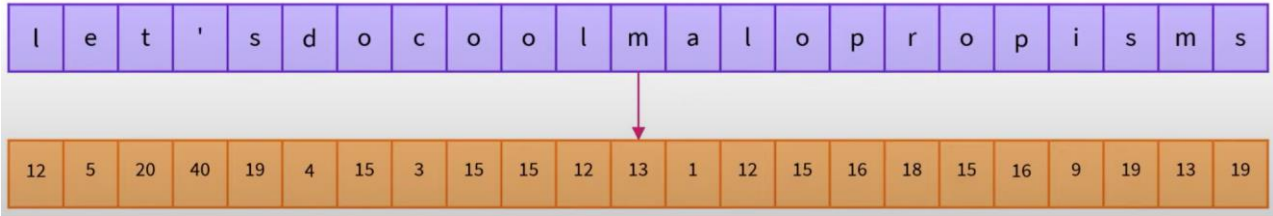
What Level of Tokenization to Use?

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Issues?

- Very large vocabularies
- Large quantity of out-of-vocabulary tokens
- Loss of meaning across very similar words

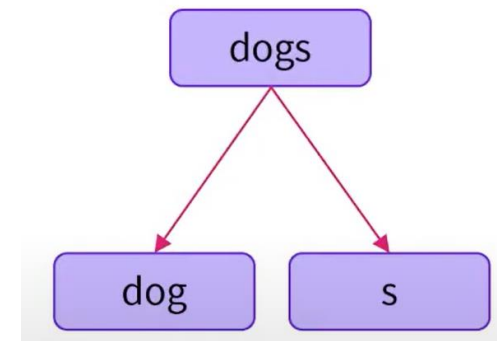
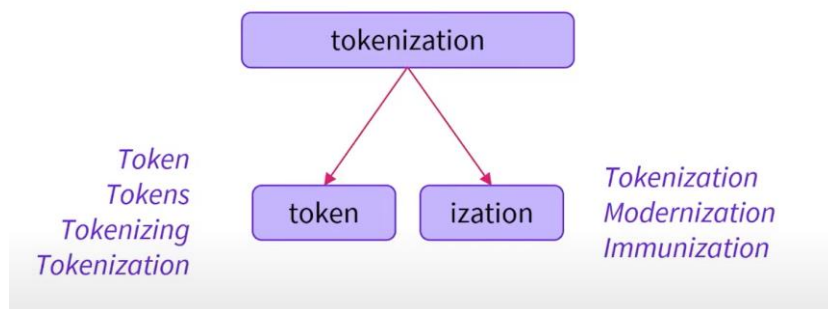


Issues?

- Very long sequences
- Less meaningful individual tokens

What Level of Tokenization to Use?

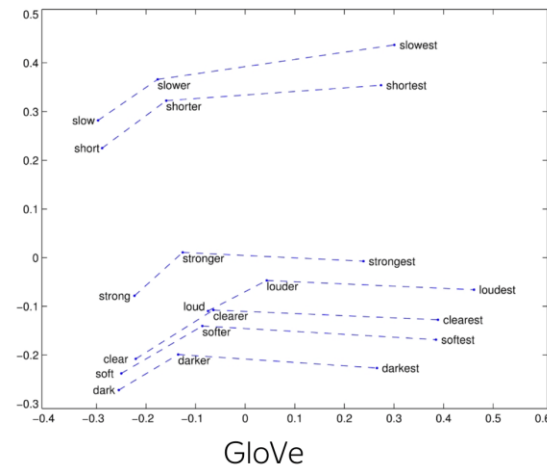
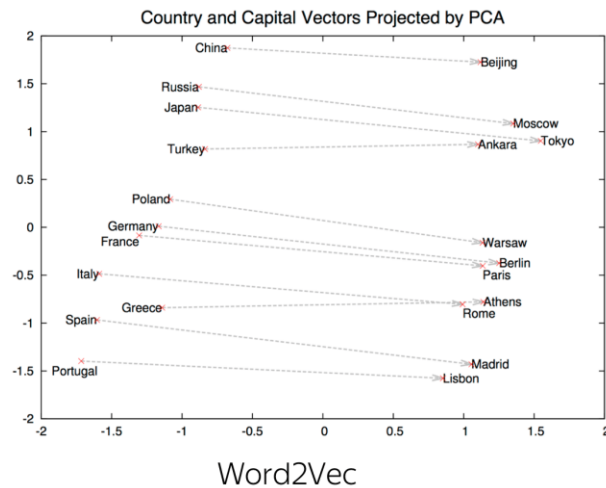
How about sub-words?



Word Embeddings

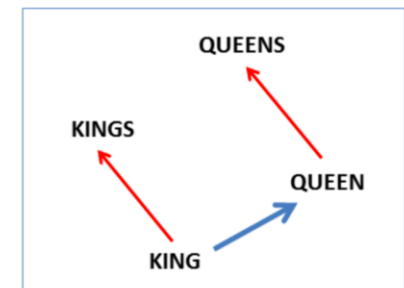
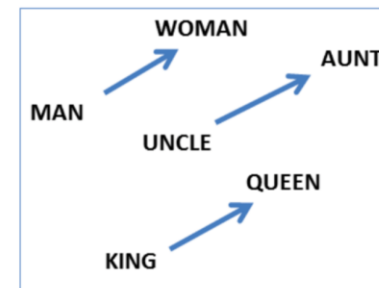
Since word embeddings carry *meaning*, certain directions in their space carry certain significance:

- Demo (dimensionality)



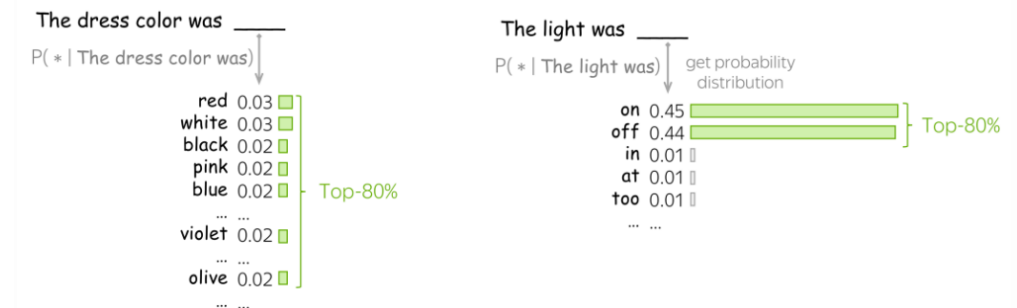
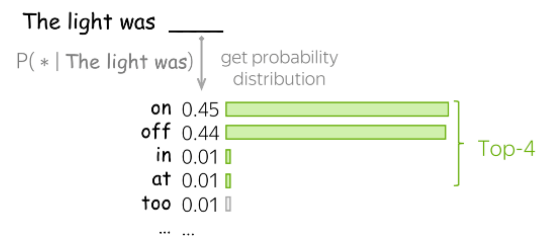
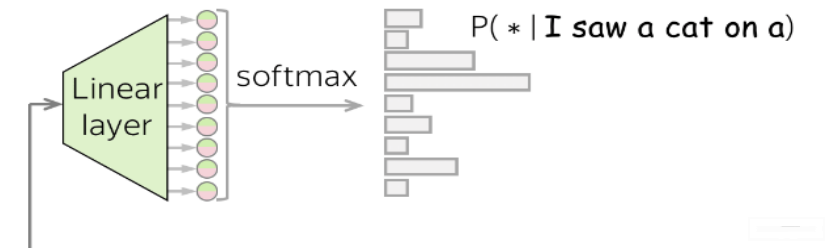
semantic: $v(\text{king}) - v(\text{man}) + v(\text{woman}) \approx v(\text{queen})$

syntactic: $v(\text{kings}) - v(\text{king}) + v(\text{queen}) \approx v(\text{queens})$



Sampling The Distribution

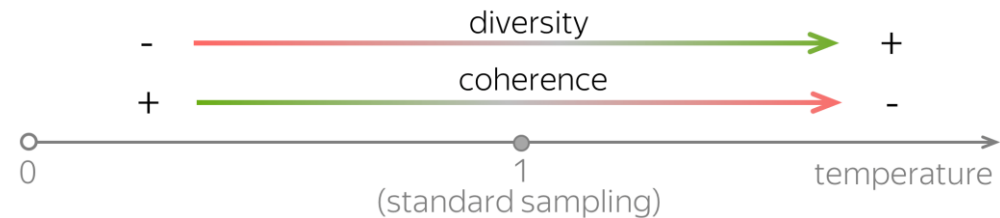
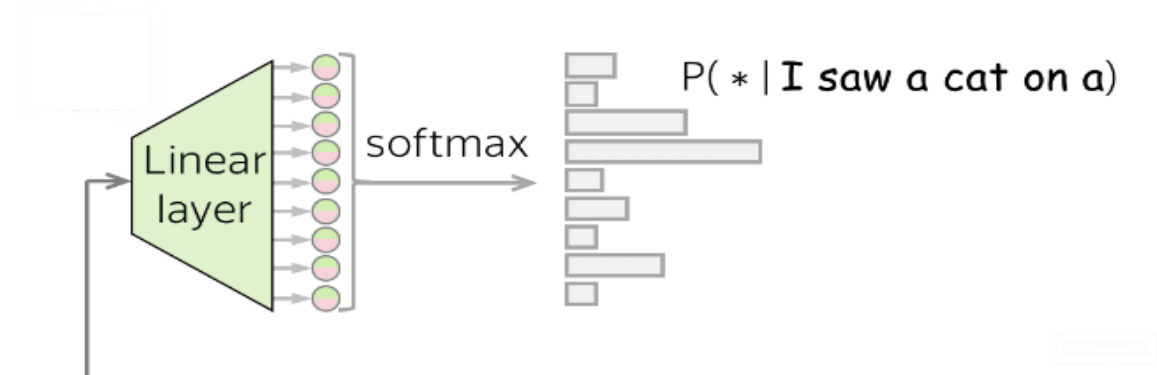
- Always take top probability?
 - That makes the model deterministic (no creativity).
- Alternative?
 - Top-k or top-p.



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Sampling The Distribution

- Some words have way higher probability than others.
- This can be manually tuned through **temperature**.
- [Demo](#)



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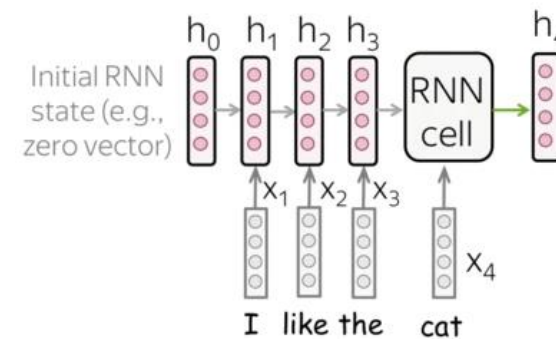
Measuring The Metric

- What are we looking for?
 - A model that is not surprised by the new text it seen.
- We use perplexity.
 - Takes values between 1 and number of possible tokens.
 - Smaller is better.
 - [Demo](#)

Fast Forward...

- There exists many types of Neural Nets for language modeling:
 - CNNs
 - RNNs ([Demo](#))
 - LSTMs...
- Generally, Neural Nets learn an *embedding* that represents the entire prefix to predict the next word.

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Text: I like the **cat** on a mat <eos>
 ↑
 we are here
 not read yet

Attention!

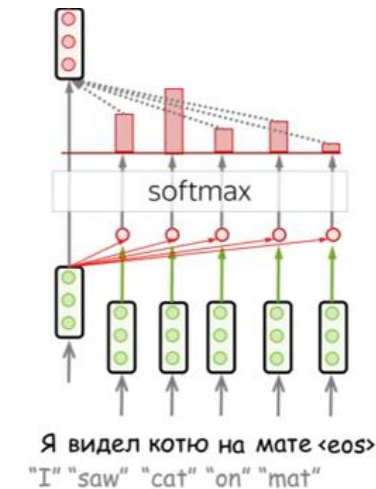
- These types of Neural Nets, however, suffered from various issues:
 - E.g., *catastrophic forgetting*, where earlier context in longer sentences tends to be forgotten.
- In 2015, *attention* in Neural Nets was invented:
 - It allowed models to attend to different parts of the sentence (instead of a single representation).

Published as a conference paper at ICLR 2015

NEURAL MACHINE TRANSLATION BY JOINTLY LEARNING TO ALIGN AND TRANSLATE

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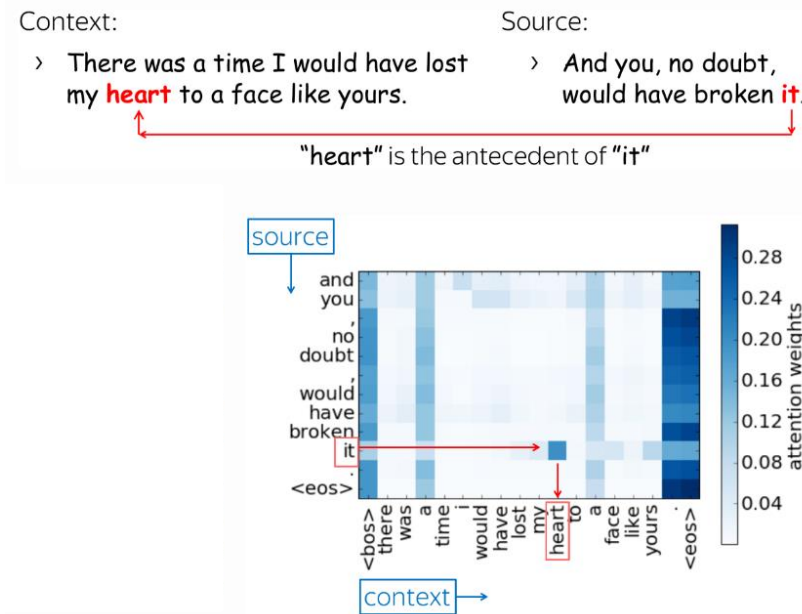
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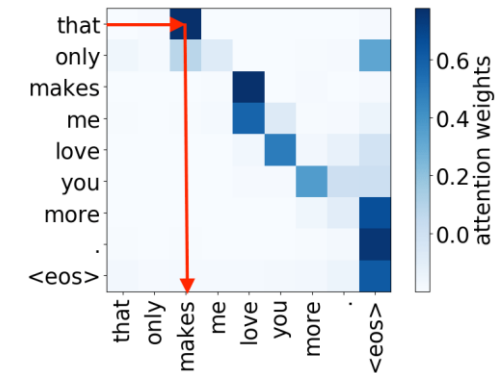
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Attention!

- Once each part has its own embedding, different types of *relationships* can be learned!



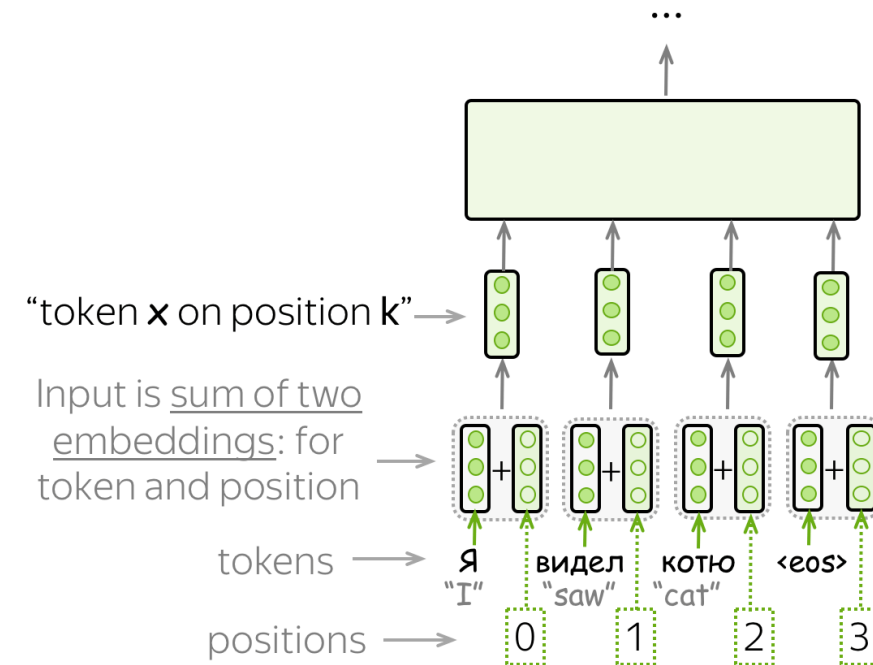
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Subject -> verb

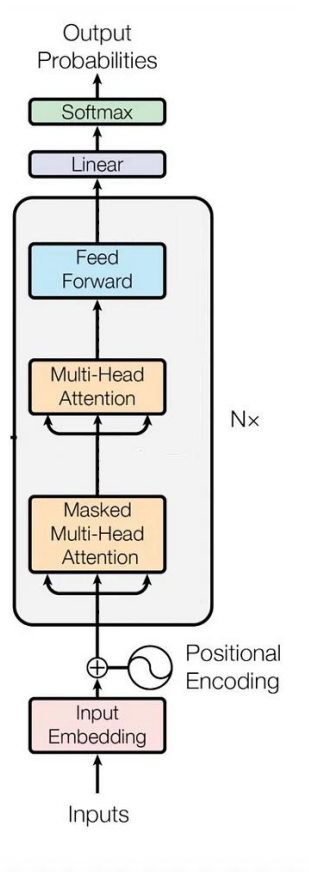
Order Matters: Positional Encoding!

- Since token embeddings do not contain information about the location of the word, they should be combined with a *positional encoding*.



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The Transformer is born!



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