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Large Language Model and Its Applications

LLM05: Retrieval and Question Answering

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1. Introduction

Question (Q)



Answer (A)

The goal of question answering is to build systems that **automatically** answer questions posed by humans in a **natural language**.

Question Answering Taxonomy

- **Source type:**

- A text passage
- Web documents
- Knowledge bases
- Tables
- Images
- ...



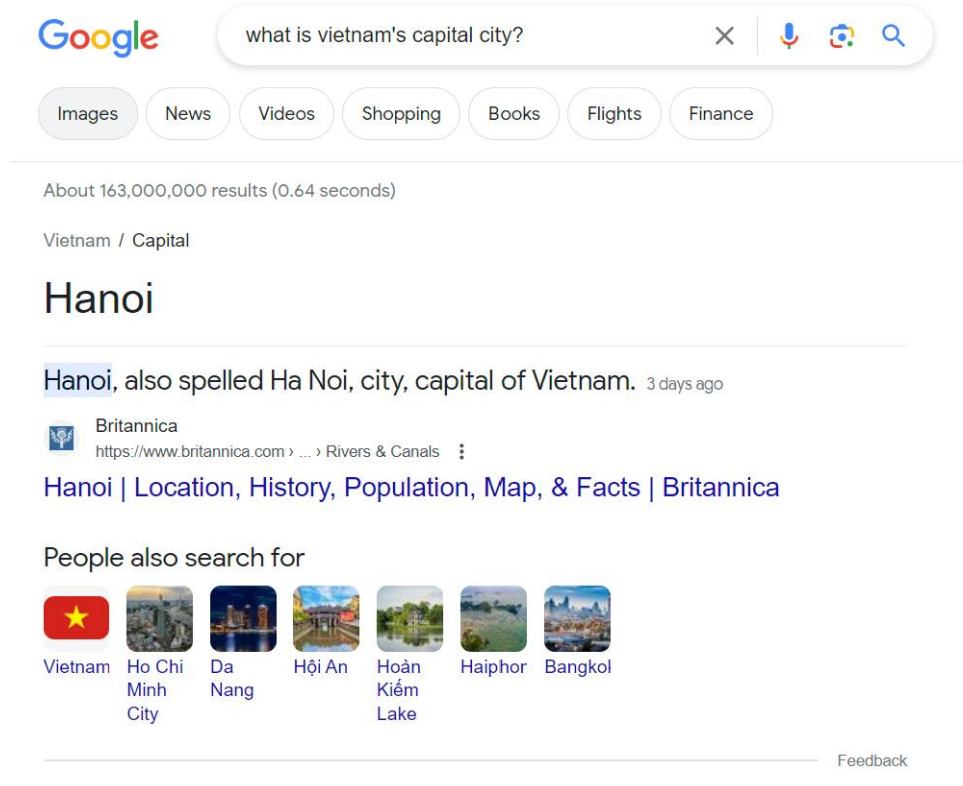
- **Answer type:**

- Sentences
- Tokens
- List
- Yes/no
- ...

- **Question type:**

- Factoid & non-factoid
- Open-domain & closed-domain

Google Search Engine



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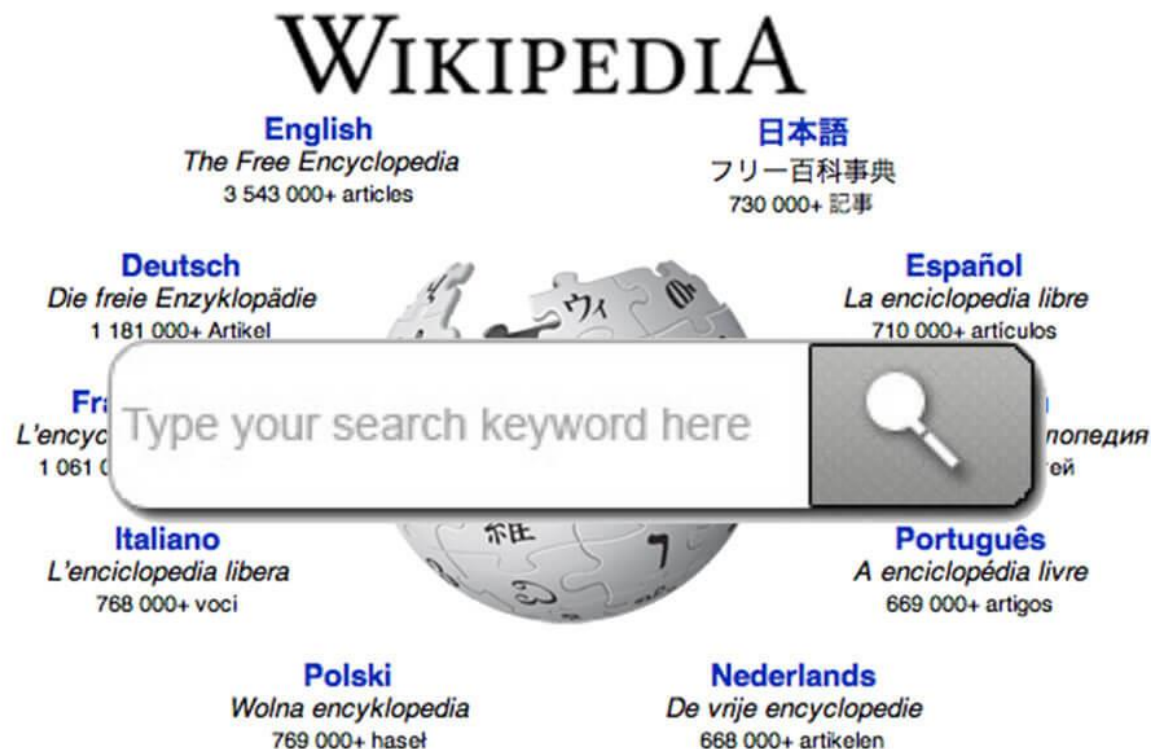
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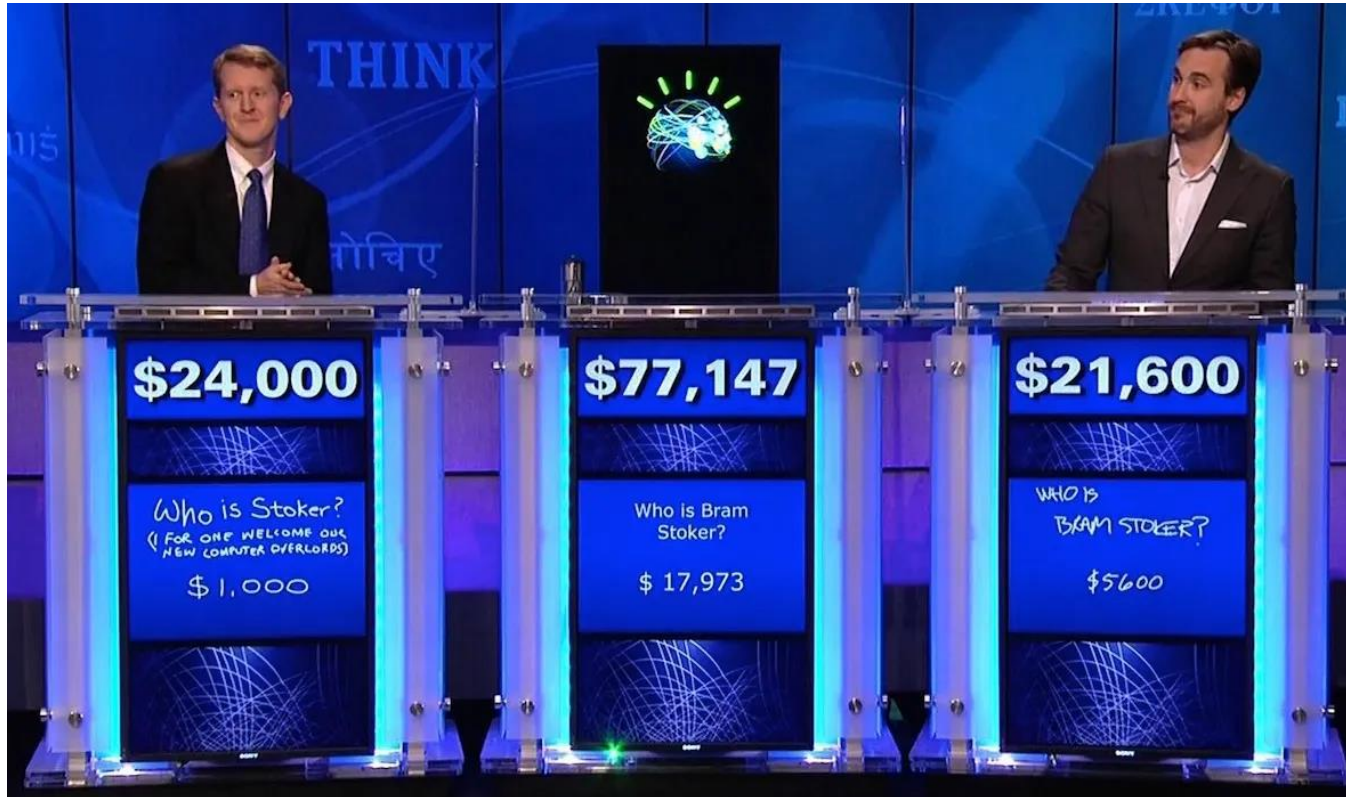
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Feedback



2011: IBM Watson beat Jeopardy! champions



PubMed.gov "hip pain" [Title/Abstract:~2] [Advanced](#) [Create alert](#) [Create RSS](#) [User Guide](#)

Sorted by: Best match

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RESULTS BY YEAR: 1935 2023

☐ 1 **Hip Pain in Adults: Evaluation and Differential Diagnosis.**
Chamberlain R.
Cite Am Fam Physician. 2021 Jan 15;103(2):81-89.
PMID: 33448767 [Free article](#). [Review](#).
Share **Hip pain** is usually located anteriorly, laterally, or posteriorly. Anterior **hip pain** includes referred **pain** from intra-abdominal or intrapelvic causes; extra-articular etiologies, such as **hip** flexor injuries; and intra-articular etiologies ...

☐ 8 Differential diagnosis of **pain around the hip** joint.
Tibor LM, Sekiya JK.
Cite Arthroscopy. 2008 Dec;24(12):1407-21. doi: 10.1016/j.arthro.2008.06.019. Epub 2008 Aug 28.
PMID: 19038713
Share With the current advancements in **hip** arthroscopy, more patients are being evaluated for **hip pain**. ...All of these advances have broadened the differential diagnosis of **pain around the hip** joint and improved the treatment of these problems. ...

☐ 9 Which factors differentiate athletes with **hip/groin pain** from those without? A systematic review with meta-analysis.
Mosler AB, Agricola R, Weir A, Hölmich P, Crossley KM.
Cite Br J Sports Med. 2015 Jun;49(12):810. doi: 10.1136/bjsports-2015-094602.
PMID: 26031646 [Free PMC article](#). [Review](#).
Share BACKGROUND: **Hip** and groin injuries are common in many sports. Understanding the factors differentiating athletes with **hip/groin pain** from those without these injuries could facilitate management and prevention. ...Sixty-two different outcome measures were exa ...

Legal Question Answering

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Question | Hợp đồng ủy quyền có hiệu lực khi đáp ứng tiêu chí nào? <i>(An authorization contract is effective when it meets what criteria?)</i> |
| Answer | Article 117 from Document 91/2015/QH13 |
| Article Title | Điều kiện có hiệu lực của giao dịch dân sự <i>(Valid conditions of civil transactions)</i> |
| Article Content | <p>Giao dịch dân sự có hiệu lực khi có đủ các điều kiện sau đây:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Chủ thể có năng lực pháp luật dân sự, năng lực hành vi dân sự phù hợp với giao dịch dân sự được xác lập;b) Chủ thể tham gia giao dịch dân sự hoàn toàn tự nguyện;c) Mục đích và nội dung của giao dịch dân sự không vi phạm điều cấm của luật, không trái đạo đức xã hội. Hình thức của giao dịch dân sự là điều kiện có hiệu lực của giao dịch dân sự trong trường hợp luật có quy định. <p><i>(A civil transaction takes effect when the following conditions are satisfied:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>a) The subject has civil legal capacity and civil act capacity suitable to the established civil transactions;</i><i>b) Entities participating in civil transactions completely voluntarily;</i><i>c) The purpose and content of the civil transaction do not violate the prohibition of the law and do not violate social ethics. The form</i> |

QA based on Knowledge Graph



Visual Question Answering

Who is wearing glasses?

man



woman

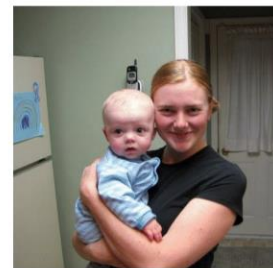


Where is the child sitting?

fridge



arms



Is the umbrella upside down?

yes



no



How many children are in the bed?

2



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2. Retrieval based Question Answering

The retrieval-based QA problem can be simply stated as follows:

Input: given a query q and a text corpus $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\}$

Output: the retrieval-based QA aims to find the most likely document that maximizes the relevance score: $d^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{d \in D} R(q, d)$

where $R(q, d)$ represents the relevance score of the query q and document d .

Metric of Retrieval

$$MRR = \frac{1}{|Q|} \sum_{i=1}^{|Q|} \frac{1}{rank_i}$$

Reciprocal Rank

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------|
| Query 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 / 1 = 1 |
| Query 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 / 2 = 0.5 |
| Query 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 / 5 = 0.2 |
| MRR = (1+0.5+0.2)/3 = 0.567 | | | | | | |

$$AP = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (P(k) * rel(k))}{\text{number of relevant items}}$$

$$MAP = \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{q=1}^Q AP(q)$$

| | | | | | |
|-------------|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Precision@K | 1 | 1/2 | 2/3 | 2/4 | 3/5 |

$$AP = \frac{(1 + 2/3 + 3/5)}{3} = 0.7555$$

Metric of Retrieval

of relevant items from recommendations

$$\text{Recall}(R)_k = \frac{|\{r \in R : r \leq k\}|}{|R|}$$

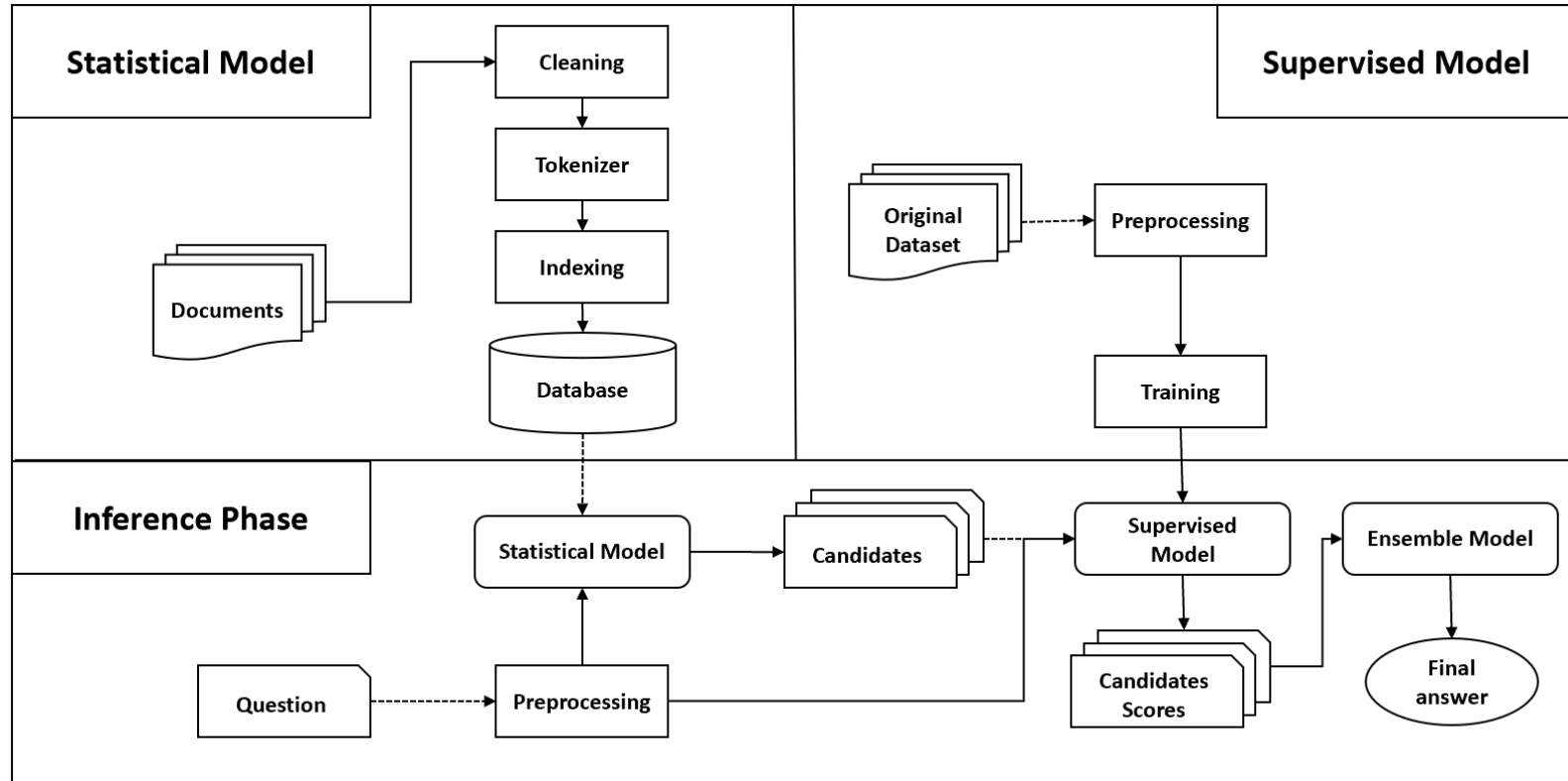
of relevant items for the given input



$$\text{Recall}@3 = 2/(2+1) = 2/3 = 0.67$$

$$F_2 = \frac{5P \times R}{4P + R}$$

Retrieval based Question Answering



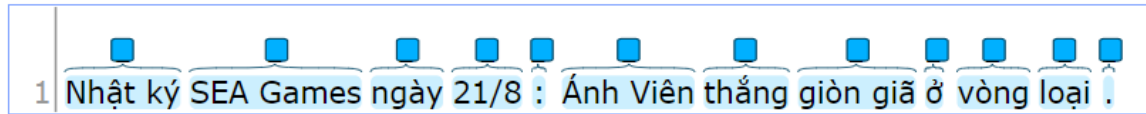
- **Normalizing Text:** remove capitalization that would confuse a computer model:
 - 'Hey' becomes 'hey'.
 - 'Amazon' becomes 'amazon'.
 - 'PLEASE FIX' becomes 'please fix'.
 - '@AmazonHelp' becomes '@amazonhelp'.
- **Removing Unicode Characters:** punctuation, Emoji's, URL's and @'s confuse AI models because they are unique signatures that either end up being translated unhelpfully into Unicode
- **Removing stopwords:** some words that don't directly apply to interpretation.
- **Stemming and Lemmatization:**
 - Stemming, the simpler of the two, groups words by their root stem.
 - Lemmatization, on the other hand, groups words based on root definition, and allows us to differentiate between present, past, and indefinite.

Pre-processing

Part of Speech (POS) Tagging: There are eight main parts of speech.

Tokenizer

Word Segmentation



Further Sorting: Text cleaning has three further sorting functions that may be of use:

- Translation
- Typo Correction
- Number Unification

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Noun | N |
| Verb | V |
| Adjective | ADJ |
| Adverb | ADV |
| Preposition | P |
| Conjunction | CON |
| Pronoun | PRO |
| Interjection | INT |

Term frequency matching

TF-IDF

(Term frequency-inverse document frequency)

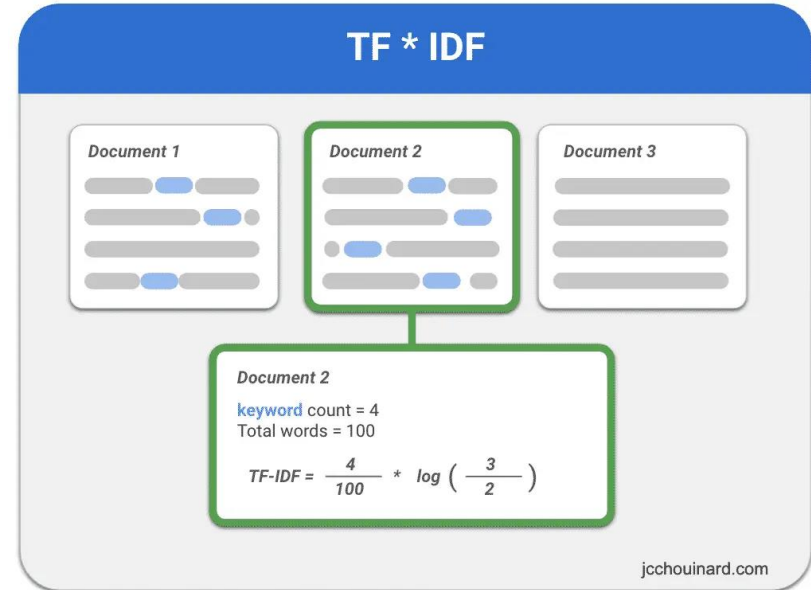
$$TF(t, A) = \frac{f(t, A)}{|A|}$$

$$IDF(t) = \log\left(\frac{n}{n(q_i)}\right)$$

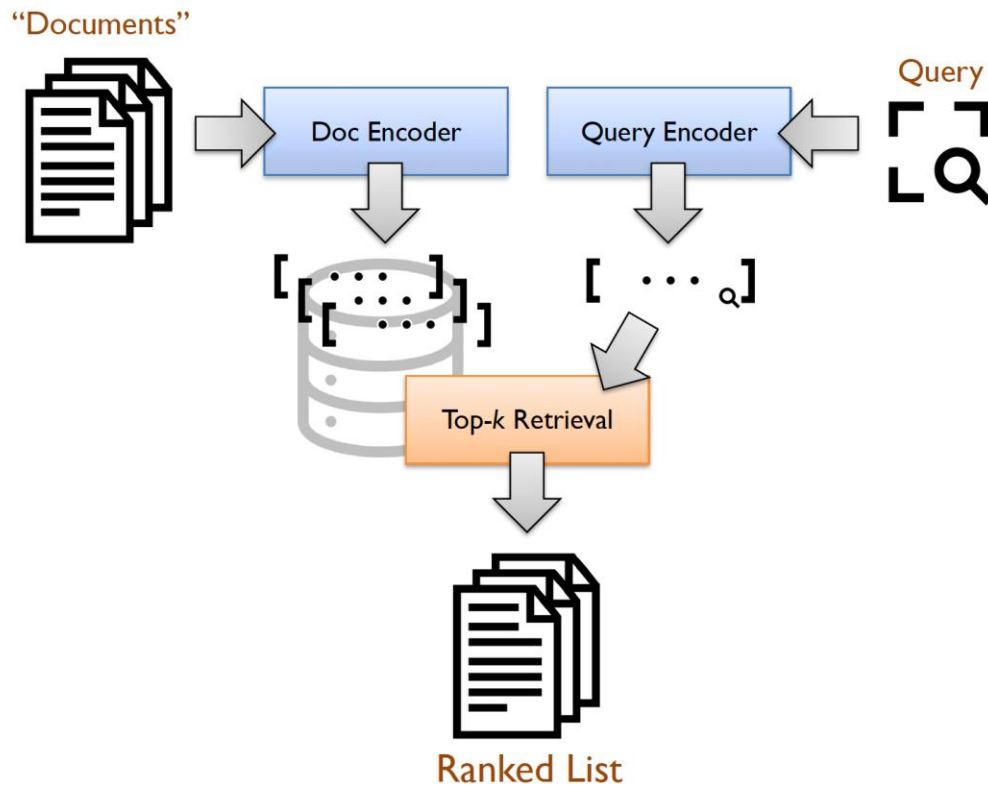
$$TF - IDF(t, A) = TF * IDF = \frac{f(t, A)}{|A|} * \log\left(\frac{n}{n(q)}\right)$$

The BM25

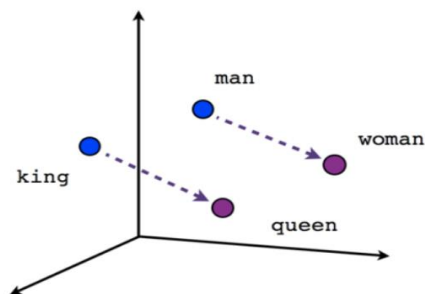
$$BM25S(Q, A) = \sum_{i=1}^n IDF(t_i) \cdot \frac{f(t_i, A) \cdot (k_1 + 1)}{f(t_i, A) + k_1 \cdot (1 - b + b \cdot \frac{|A|}{avgdl})}$$



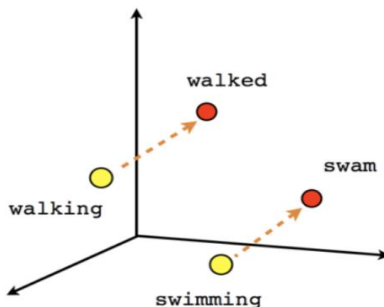
Semantic Search



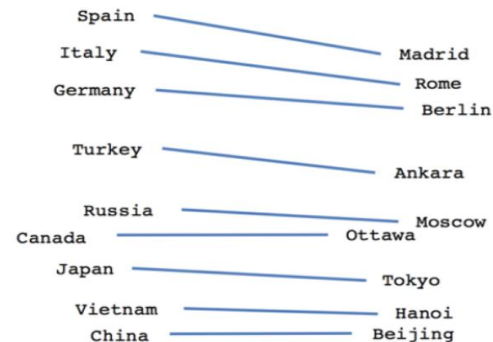
Word2vec



Male-Female



Verb tense



Country-Capital

Best word2vec method:

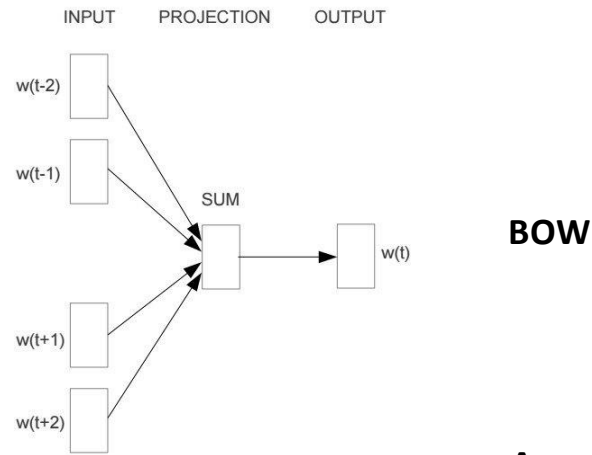
- Word2vec (Mikolov et al., 2013)
- Glove (Pennington et al., 2014)
- FastText (Bojanowski et al., 2017)

Cosine similarity

$$\cos(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j) = \frac{\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j}{\|\mathbf{u}_i\|_2 \times \|\mathbf{u}_j\|_2}.$$

Advantages:

- Short vectors are easier to use as features in ML systems
- Dense vectors may generalize better than storing explicit counts
- They do better at capturing synonymy



Average

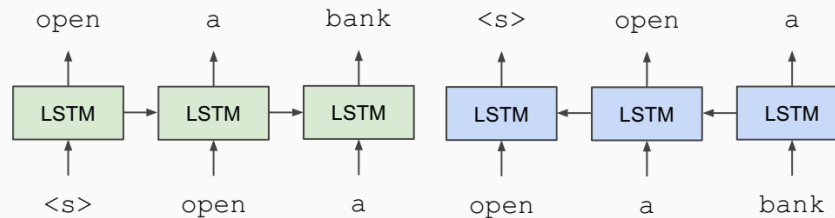
$$\begin{bmatrix} W_{11} \\ W_{12} \\ \vdots \\ W_{1n} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} W_{21} \\ W_{22} \\ \vdots \\ W_{2n} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} W_{n1} \\ W_{n2} \\ \vdots \\ W_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{W_{11} + W_{21} + \dots + W_{n1}}{n} \\ \frac{W_{12} + W_{22} + \dots + W_{n2}}{n} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{W_{1n} + W_{2n} + \dots + W_{nn}}{n} \end{bmatrix} \quad D$$

Contextual embedding

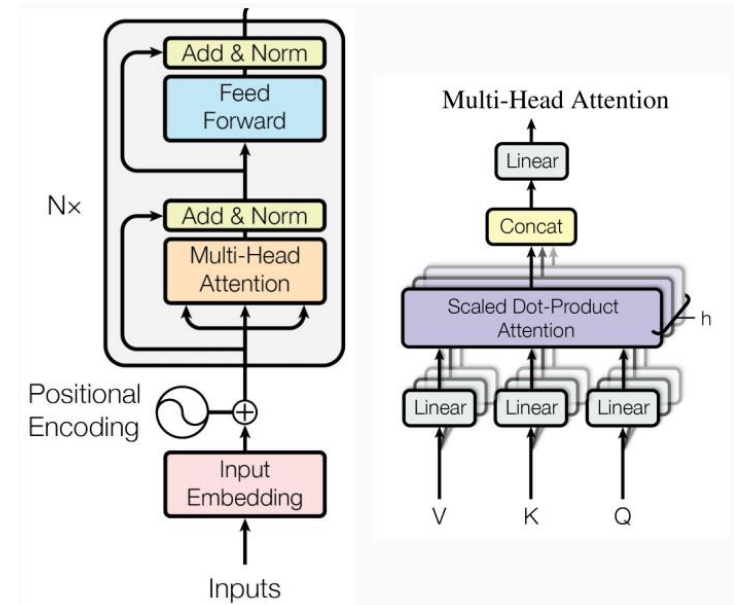
Contextual embedding refers to the representation of words or phrases in a text that takes into account their surrounding context

ELMo: Deep Contextual Word Embeddings, AI2 & University of Washington, 2017

Train Separate Left-to-Right and Right-to-Left LMs

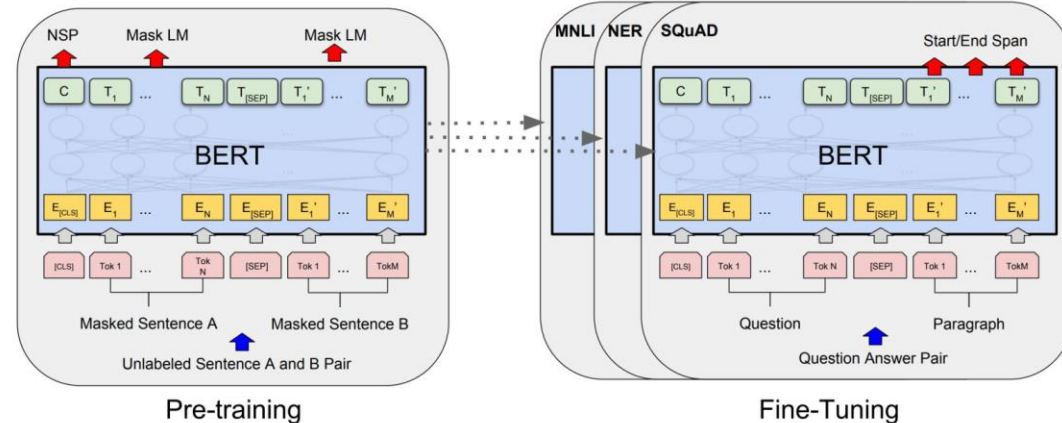
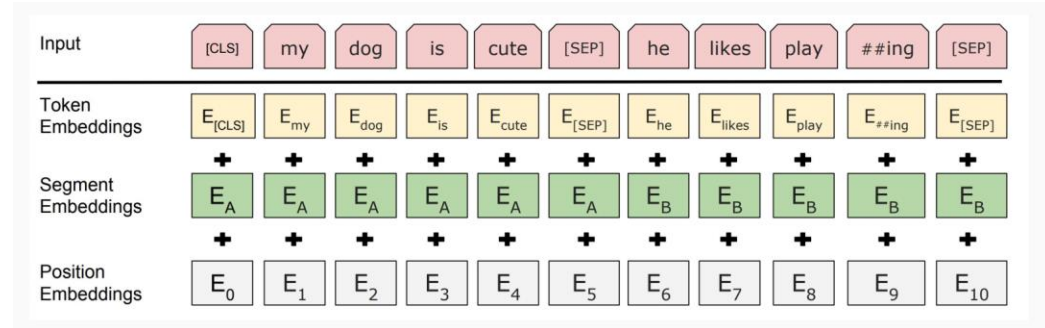


Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training, OpenAI, 2018



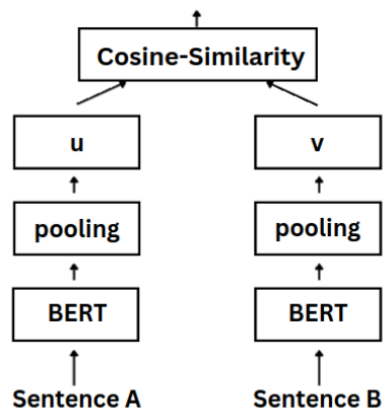
Contextual embedding

- Use 30,000 Word Piece vocabulary on input.
- Each token is sum of three embeddings
- Single sequence is much more efficient.

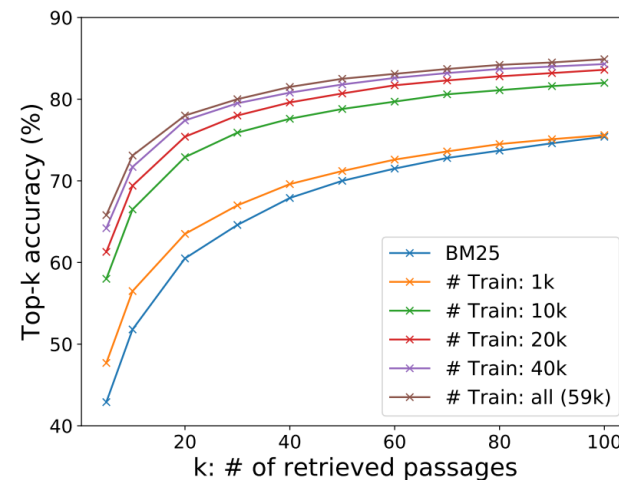
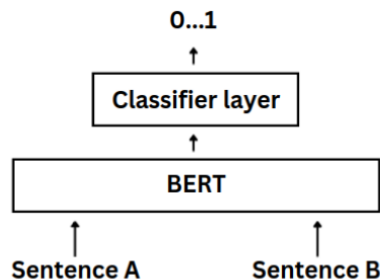


Applying Language Model in Retrieval

Bi-Encoder



Cross-Encoder



Karpukhin et al., 2020. Dense Passage Retrieval for Open-Domain Question Answering

3. Question Answering



3. Answer Sentence Selection

Question:

- Which country won the FIFA world cup 2018?

List of Candidate Answers:

- England have won the Cricket World Cup 2019.
- **France have won the FIFA world cup 2018.**
- France have won the FIFA world cup 2014.

Potential Ranking:

- **France have won the FIFA world cup 2018.**
- France have won the FIFA world cup 2014.
- England have won the Cricket World Cup 2019.

3. Answer Sentence Selection

Input: given a question q and a text corpus $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$

Output: $Answer = \{s_i | s_i \in S\}$

- A family of LSTM-based models with attention (2016–2018):

Zhiguo Wang, Wael Hamza and Radu Florian. 2017. Bilateral Multi-Perspective Matching for Natural Language Sentences. IJCAI 2017.

Yi Tay, Minh C. Phan, Luu Anh Tuan and Siu Cheung Hui. 2017 Learning to Rank Question Answer Pairs with Holographic Dual LSTM Architecture. In SIGIR 2017.

- Fine-tuning BERT-like models for reading comprehension (2019+)

Siddhant Garg, Thuy Vu, Alessandro Moschitti, TANDA: Transfer and Adapt Pre-Trained Transformer Models for Answer Sentence Selection, in AAAI 2020

Md Tahmid Rahman Laskar, Jimmy Huang, Enamul Hoque, Contextualized Embeddings based Transformer Encoder for Sentence Similarity Modeling in Answer Selection Task, In LREC 2020

Bilateral Multi-Perspective Matching

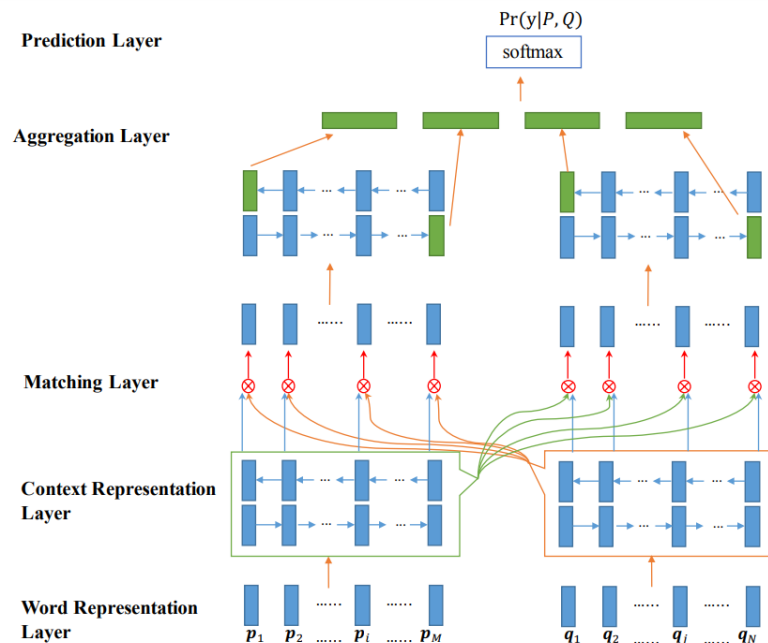


Figure 1: Architecture for Bilateral Multi-Perspective Matching (BiMPM) Model, where \otimes is the multi-perspective matching operation described in sub-section 3.2.

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Holographic Dual LSTM

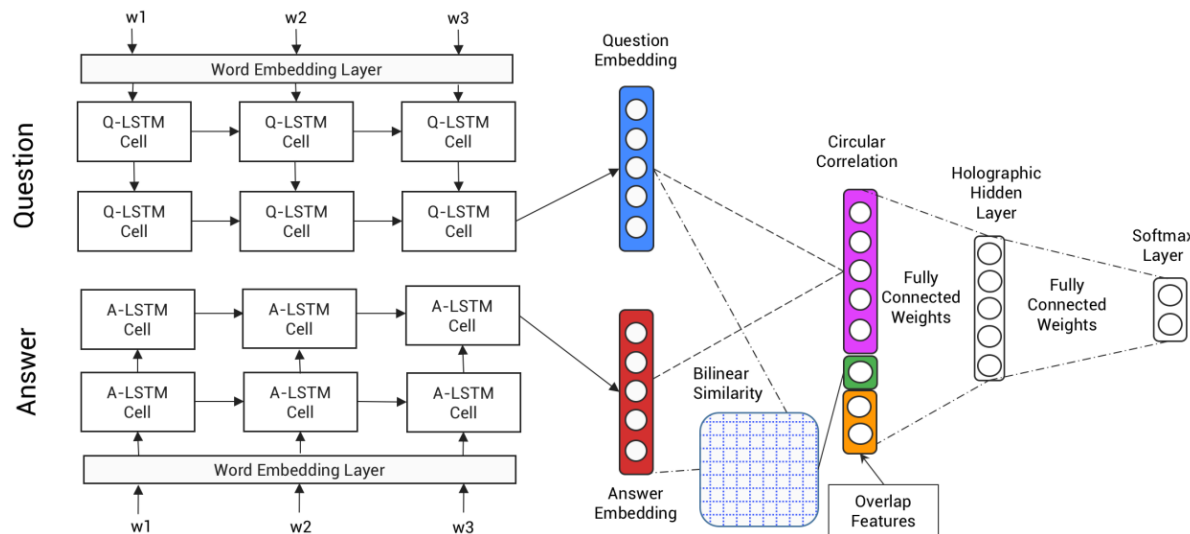


Figure 1: Holographic Dual LSTM Deep Learning Model for Ranking of QA Pairs

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Contextualized Embeddings based Transformer Encoder

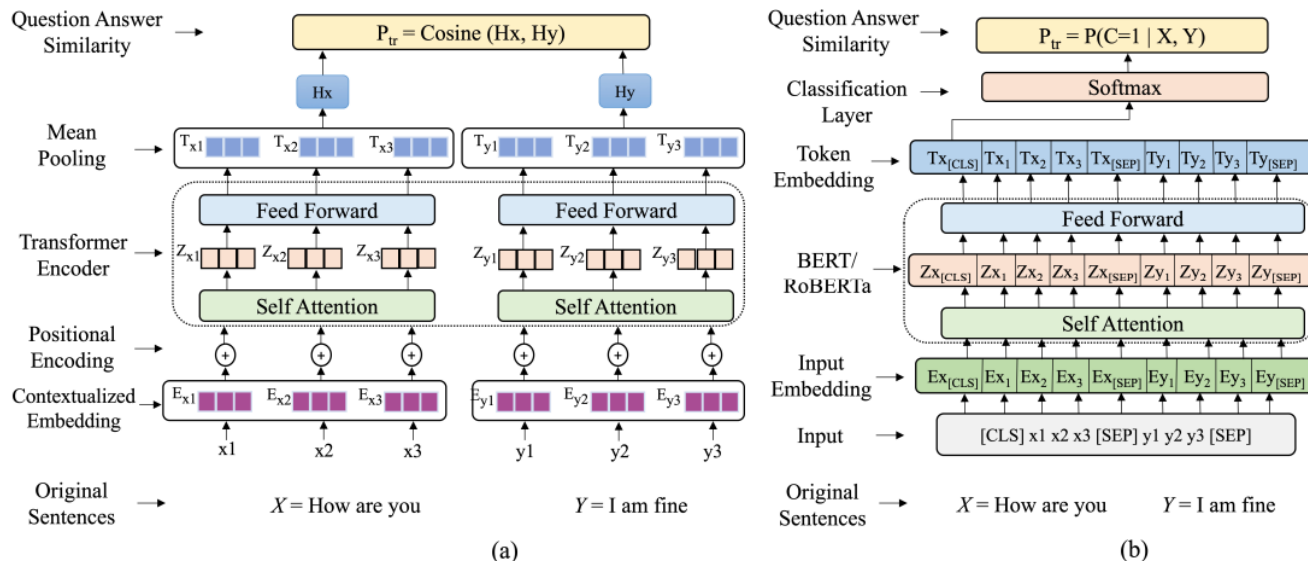


Figure 1: Our similarity modeling framework that applies contextualized embeddings: (a) Feature-based approach using the transformer encoder. (b) Fine-tuning-based approach using the BERT/RoBERTa model.

Md Tahmid Rahman Laskar, Jimmy Huang, Enamul Hoque, Contextualized Embeddings based Transformer Encoder for Sentence Similarity Modeling in Answer Selection Task, In LREC 2020

Performance comparisons with recent progress on TREC-QA and WikiQA datasets

| Model | TREC-QA | | | | WikiQA | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | RAW | | Cleaned | | | |
| | MAP | MRR | MAP | MRR | MAP | MRR |
| (Chen et al., 2017) | - | - | 0.781 | 0.851 | 0.721 | 0.731 |
| (Bian et al., 2017) | - | - | 0.821 | 0.899 | 0.754 | 0.764 |
| (Tay et al., 2018) | 0.770 | 0.825 | 0.784 | 0.865 | 0.712 | 0.727 |
| (Chen et al., 2018a) | - | - | 0.823 | 0.889 | 0.736 | 0.745 |
| (Chen et al., 2018b) | - | - | 0.841 | 0.917 | 0.730 | 0.743 |
| (Sha et al., 2018) | - | - | - | - | 0.746 | 0.758 |
| (Madabushi et al., 2018) | 0.836 | 0.863 | 0.865 | 0.904 | - | - |
| (Tymoshenko and Moschitti, 2018) | 0.777 | 0.869 | - | - | 0.762 | 0.776 |
| (Kamath et al., 2019) | 0.852 | 0.891 | - | - | 0.700 | 0.716 |
| (Rao et al., 2019) | 0.774 | 0.843 | - | - | - | - |
| (Lai et al., 2019) | - | - | 0.914 | 0.957 | 0.857 | 0.872 |
| (Garg et al., 2019) | - | - | 0.943 | 0.974 | - | - |
| Transformer Encoder + GloVe | 0.708 | 0.764 | 0.728 | 0.812 | 0.671 | 0.686 |
| CETE (ELMo Embeddings) | 0.798 | 0.869 | 0.791 | 0.858 | 0.762 | 0.774 |
| CETE (BERT _{Base} Embeddings) | 0.799 | 0.855 | 0.791 | 0.857 | 0.727 | 0.741 |
| CETE (BERT _{Large} Embeddings) | 0.806 | 0.897 | 0.789 | 0.887 | 0.714 | 0.731 |
| XLNet _{Base} Fine Tuning | 0.903 | 0.939 | 0.900 | 0.938 | 0.808 | 0.820 |
| XLNet _{Large} Fine Tuning | 0.939 | 0.979 | 0.920 | 0.973 | 0.836 | 0.847 |
| CETE (BERT _{Base} Fine Tuning) | 0.891 | 0.925 | 0.888 | 0.953 | 0.829 | 0.843 |
| CETE (BERT _{Large} Fine Tuning) | 0.917 | 0.947 | 0.905 | 0.967 | 0.843 | 0.857 |
| CETE (RoBERTa _{Base} Fine Tuning) | 0.927 | 0.962 | 0.905 | 0.950 | 0.847 | 0.860 |
| CETE (RoBERTa _{Large} Fine Tuning) | 0.950 | 0.980 | 0.936 | 0.978 | 0.900 | 0.915 |

Performance comparisons

Advantages of LSTM-based model:

Resource Efficiency: less computationally intensive, making them more accessible for smaller-scale projects or when computational resources are limited.

Customizability: can be tailored to specific tasks by adjusting the number of layers, hidden units, and other hyperparameters.

Disadvantages of LSTM-based Models:

Limited Context Understanding: difficulty capturing long-range dependencies and complex contextual relationships in text, which is a limitation for many natural language processing tasks.

Data Dependency: require a substantial amount of labeled training data for each specific task, which may not be available or practical for all applications.

Advantages of BERT:

Contextual Understanding: excels at capturing contextual information by considering the entire input text bidirectionally, enabling it to understand nuances and complex language relationships.

Transfer Learning: is pre-trained on a vast amount of text data, making it highly effective for transfer learning across a wide range of natural language processing tasks. Fine-tuning BERT models often requires less task-specific labeled data.

Large-scale Pre-training: BERT benefits from extensive pre-training on large corpora, giving it a strong understanding of language.

Disadvantages of BERT:

Computational Intensity: BERT models are computationally demanding, requiring powerful hardware and significant training time. This can be a drawback for smaller projects or those with limited resources.

Complexity: BERT's architecture is more complex than LSTMs, making it less interpretable and challenging to fine-tune for specific domain or task requirements.

Need for Pre-trained Models: BERT models are most effective when fine-tuned from pre-trained models, which means they may not be as suitable for tasks that lack access to relevant pre-trained models or a substantial amount of task-specific data.

Reading Comprehension

Reading comprehension = comprehend a passage of text and answer questions about its content (P, Q) → A

Passage: Nước biển có độ mặn không đồng đều trên toàn thế giới mặc dù phần lớn có độ mặn nằm trong khoảng từ **3,1%** tới 3,8%. Khi sự pha trộn với nước ngọt đổ ra từ các con sông hay gần các sông băng đang tan chảy thì nước biển nhạt hơn một cách đáng kể. Nước biển nhạt nhất có tại **vịnh Phần Lan**, một phần của biển Baltic.

(**English:** Seawater has uneven salinity throughout the world although most salinity ranges from **3.1%** to 3.8%. When the mix with freshwater pouring from rivers or near glaciers is melting, the seawater is significantly lighter. The lightest seawater is found in the **Gulf of Finland**, a part of the Baltic Sea.)

Question: Độ mặn thấp nhất của nước biển là bao nhiêu? (**English:** What is the lowest salinity of seawater?)

Answer: **3.1%** (**English:** 3.1%)

Question: Nước biển ở đâu có hàm lượng muối thấp nhất? (**English:** Where is the lowest salt content?)

Answer: **Vịnh Phần Lan.** (**English:** Gulf of Finland.)

Evaluation: exact match (0 or 1) and F1 (partial credit).

- For development and testing sets, 3 gold answers are collected, because there could be multiple plausible answers.
- We compare the predicted answer to *each* gold answer (a, an, the, punctuations are removed) and take max scores. Finally, we take the average of all the examples for both exact match and F1.
- Estimated human performance: EM = 82.3, F1 = 91.2

Q: What did Tesla do in December 1878?

A: {left Graz, left Graz, left Graz and severed all relations with his family}

Prediction: {left Graz and served}

Exact match: $\max\{0, 0, 0\} = 0$ F1: $\max\{0.67, 0.67, 0.61\} = 0.67$

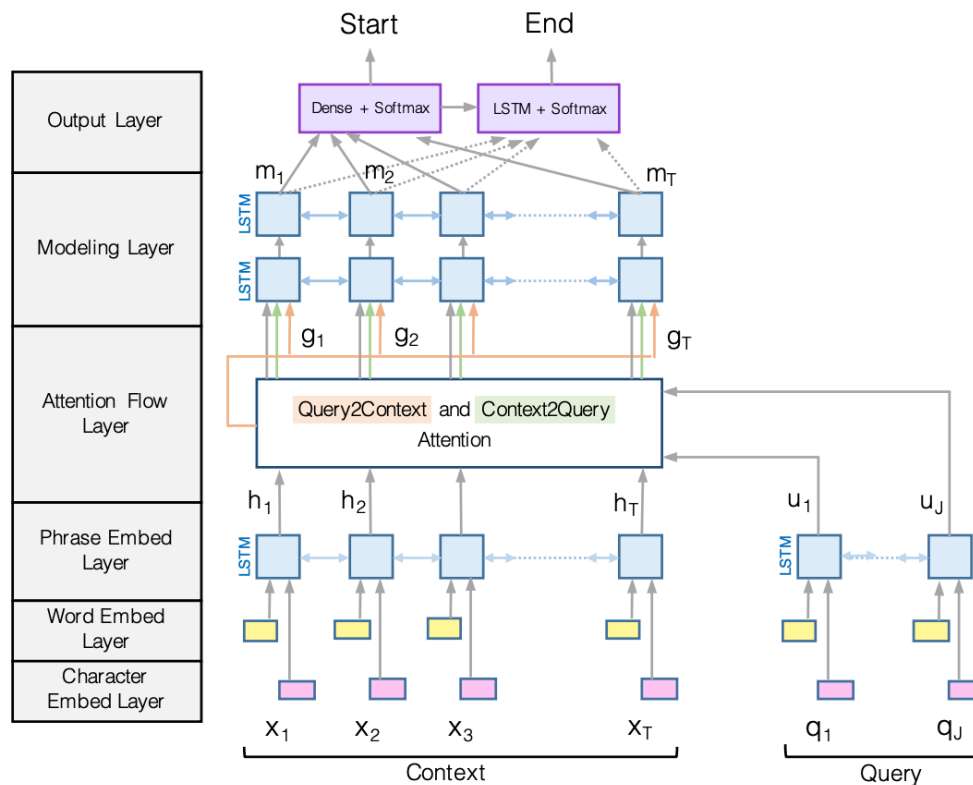
- Problem formulation
 - Input: $C = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_N)$, $Q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_M)$, $c_i, q_i \in V$
 - Output: $1 \leq \text{start} \leq \text{end} \leq N$

A family of LSTM-based models with attention (2016–2018)

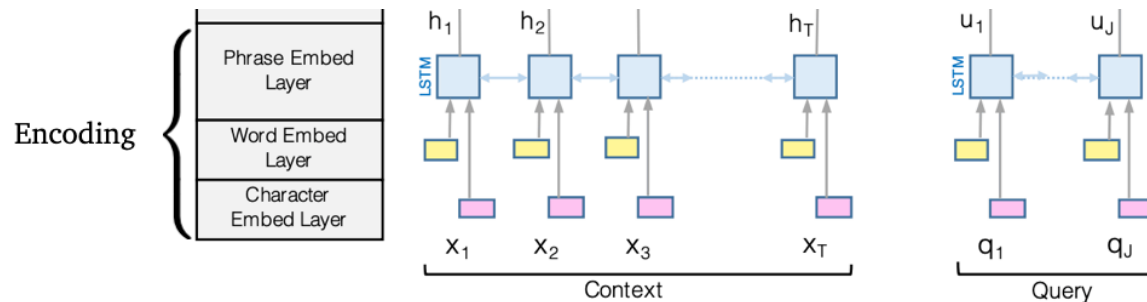
Attentive Reader (Hermann et al., 2015), Stanford Attentive Reader (Chen et al., 2016), MatchLSTM (Wang et al., 2017), BiDAF (Seo et al., 2017), Dynamic coattention network (Xiong et al., 2017), DrQA (Chen et al., 2017), R-Net (Wang et al., 2017), ReasoNet (Shen et al., 2017)..

- Fine-tuning BERT-like models for reading comprehension (2019+)

BiDAF: the Bidirectional Attention Flow



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- Use a concatenation of word embedding (GloVe) and character embedding (CNNs over character embeddings) for each word in context and query.

$$e(c_i) = f([\text{GloVe}(c_i); \text{charEmb}(c_i)])$$

$$e(q_i) = f([\text{GloVe}(q_i); \text{charEmb}(q_i)])$$

- Then, use two **bidirectional** LSTMs separately to produce contextual embeddings for both context and query.

$$\vec{c}_i = \text{LSTM}(\vec{c}_{i-1}, e(c_i)) \in \mathbb{R}^H$$

$$\overleftarrow{c}_i = \text{LSTM}(\overleftarrow{c}_{i+1}, e(c_i)) \in \mathbb{R}^H$$

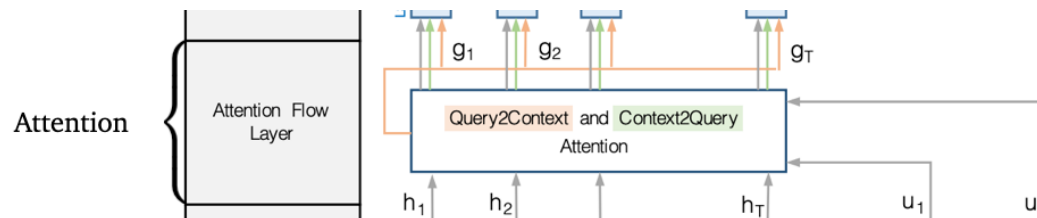
$$c_i = [\vec{c}_i; \overleftarrow{c}_i] \in \mathbb{R}^{2H}$$

$$\vec{q}_i = \text{LSTM}(\vec{q}_{i-1}, e(q_i)) \in \mathbb{R}^H$$

$$\overleftarrow{q}_i = \text{LSTM}(\overleftarrow{q}_{i+1}, e(q_i)) \in \mathbb{R}^H$$

$$q_i = [\vec{q}_i; \overleftarrow{q}_i] \in \mathbb{R}^{2H}$$

BiDAF: the Bidirectional Attention Flow



- Context-to-query attention: For each context word, choose the most relevant words from the query words.
- Query-to-context attention: choose the context words that are most relevant to one of query words.

Q: Who leads the United States?

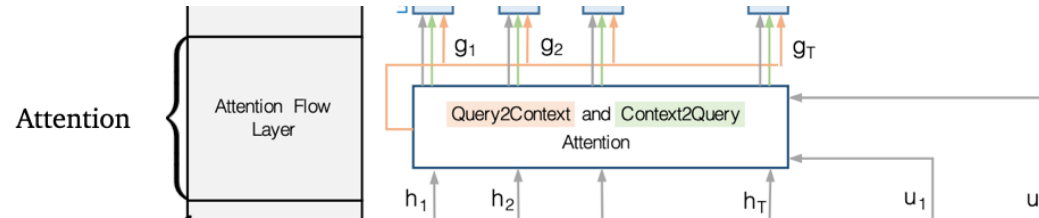
C: Barak Obama is the president of the USA.

For each context word, find the most relevant query word.

While Seattle's weather is very nice in summer, its weather is very rainy in winter, making it one of the most gloomy cities in the U.S. LA is ...

Q: Which city is gloomy in winter?

BiDAF: the Bidirectional Attention Flow



- First, compute a similarity score for every pair of $(\mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{q}_j)$:

$$S_{i,j} = \mathbf{w}_{\text{sim}}^T [\mathbf{c}_i; \mathbf{q}_j; \mathbf{c}_i \odot \mathbf{q}_j] \in \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbf{w}_{\text{sim}} \in \mathbb{R}^{6H}$$

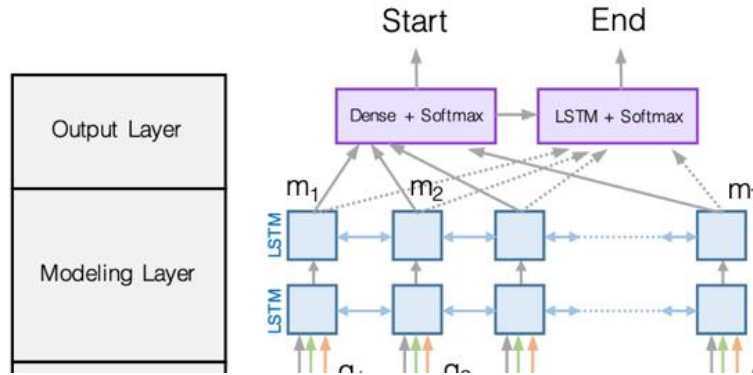
- Context-to-query attention (which question words are more relevant to c_i):

$$\alpha_{i,j} = \text{softmax}_j(S_{i,j}) \in \mathbb{R} \quad \mathbf{a}_i = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_{i,j} \mathbf{q}_j \in \mathbb{R}^{2H}$$

- Query-to-context attention (which context words are relevant to some question words):

$$\beta_i = \text{softmax}_i(\max_{j=1}^M (S_{i,j})) \in \mathbb{R}^N \quad \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^N \beta_i \mathbf{c}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{2H}$$

BiDAF: the Bidirectional Attention Flow



Modeling layer: pass to another two layers of **bi-directional** LSTMs.

- Attention layer is modeling interactions between query and context
- Modeling layer is modeling interactions within context words

Output layer: two classifiers predicting the start and end positions

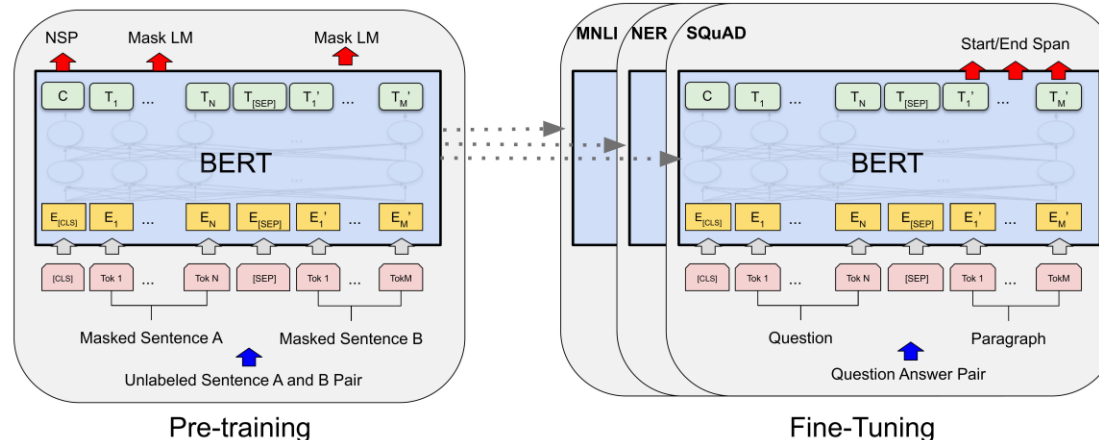
BiDAF: the Bidirectional Attention Flow

| | F1 |
|--|------|
| Logistic regression | 51.0 |
| Fine-Grained Gating (Carnegie Mellon U) | 73.3 |
| Match-LSTM (Singapore Management U) | 73.7 |
| DCN (Salesforce) | 75.9 |
| BiDAF (UW & Allen Institute) | 77.3 |
| Multi-Perspective Matching (IBM) | 78.7 |
| ReasoNet (MSR Redmond) | 79.4 |
| DrQA (Chen et al. 2017) | 79.4 |
| r-net (MSR Asia) [Wang et al., ACL 2017] | 79.7 |
| Human performance | 91.2 |

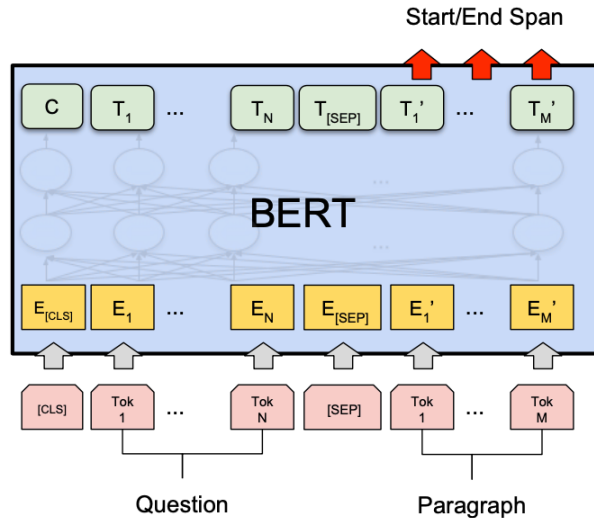
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BERT for reading comprehension

- BERT is a deep bidirectional Transformer encoder pre-trained on large amounts of text (Wikipedia + BooksCorpus)
- BERT is pre-trained on two training objectives:
 - Masked language model (MLM)
 - Next sentence prediction (NSP)
- BERT_{base} has 12 layers and 110M parameters, BERT_{large} has 24 layers and 330M parameters



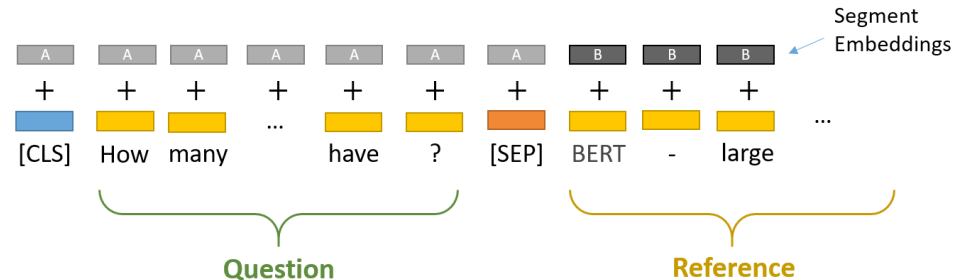
BERT for reading comprehension



Question = Segment A

Passage = Segment B

Answer = predicting two endpoints in segment B



Question: How many parameters does BERT-large have?

Reference Text: BERT-large is really big... it has 24 layers and an embedding size of 1,024, for a total of 340M parameters! Altogether it is 1.34GB, so expect it to take a couple minutes to download to your Colab instance.

BERT for reading comprehension

It works amazing well. Stronger pre-trained language models can lead to even better performance and SQuAD becomes a standard dataset for testing pretrained models.

| | F1 | EM |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Human performance | 91.2* | 82.3* |
| BiDAF | 77.3 | 67.7 |
| BERT-base | 88.5 | 80.8 |
| BERT-large | 90.9 | 84.1 |
| XLNet | 94.5 | 89.0 |
| RoBERTa | 94.6 | 88.9 |
| ALBERT | 94.8 | 89.3 |

- BERT model has many many more parameters (110M or 330M)

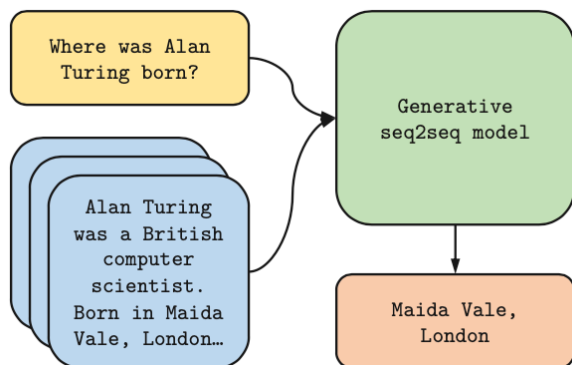
BiDAF has ~2.5M parameters.

- BiDAF is built on top of several bidirectional LSTMs while BERT is built on top of

Transformers (no recurrence architecture and easier to parallelize).

- BERT is **pre-trained** while BiDAF is only built on top of GloVe (and all the remaining parameters need to be learned from the supervision datasets)

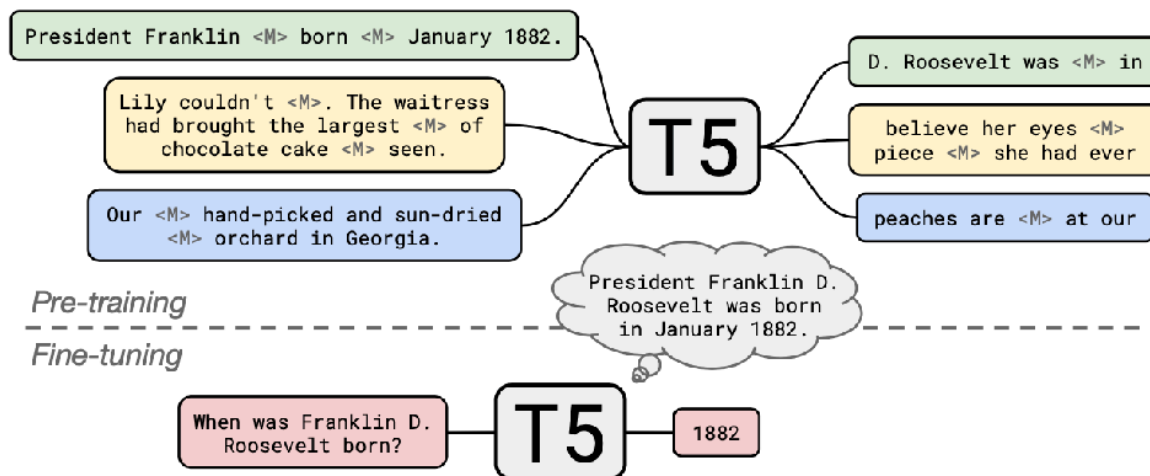
Generative question answering



| Model | NaturalQuestions | TriviaQA | |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| DrQA (Chen et al., 2017) | - | - | - |
| Multi-Passage BERT (Wang et al., 2019) | - | - | - |
| Path Retriever (Asai et al., 2020) | 31.7 | - | - |
| Graph Retriever (Min et al., 2019b) | 34.7 | 55.8 | - |
| Hard EM (Min et al., 2019a) | 28.8 | 50.9 | - |
| ORQA (Lee et al., 2019) | 31.3 | 45.1 | - |
| REALM (Guu et al., 2020) | 38.2 | - | - |
| DPR (Karpukhin et al., 2020) | 41.5 | 57.9 | - |
| SpanSeqGen (Min et al., 2020) | 42.5 | - | - |
| RAG (Lewis et al., 2020) | 44.5 | 56.1 | 68.0 |
| T5 (Roberts et al., 2020) | 36.6 | - | 60.5 |
| GPT-3 few shot (Brown et al., 2020) | 29.9 | - | 71.2 |
| Fusion-in-Decoder (base) | 48.2 | 65.0 | 77.1 |
| Fusion-in-Decoder (large) | 51.4 | 67.6 | 80.1 |

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Generative Model



*: Pre-trained on a multitask mixture including an **unsupervised “span corruption”** task on unlabeled text as well as supervised translation, summarization, classification, and reading comprehension tasks

AI generated faces x GPT-3

Enter description to generate

Generate

Describe a layout.

Just describe any layout you want, and it'll try to render below!

A div that contains 3 buttons each with a random color.

Generate

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