

How NLP Cracked Transfer Learning Part 2

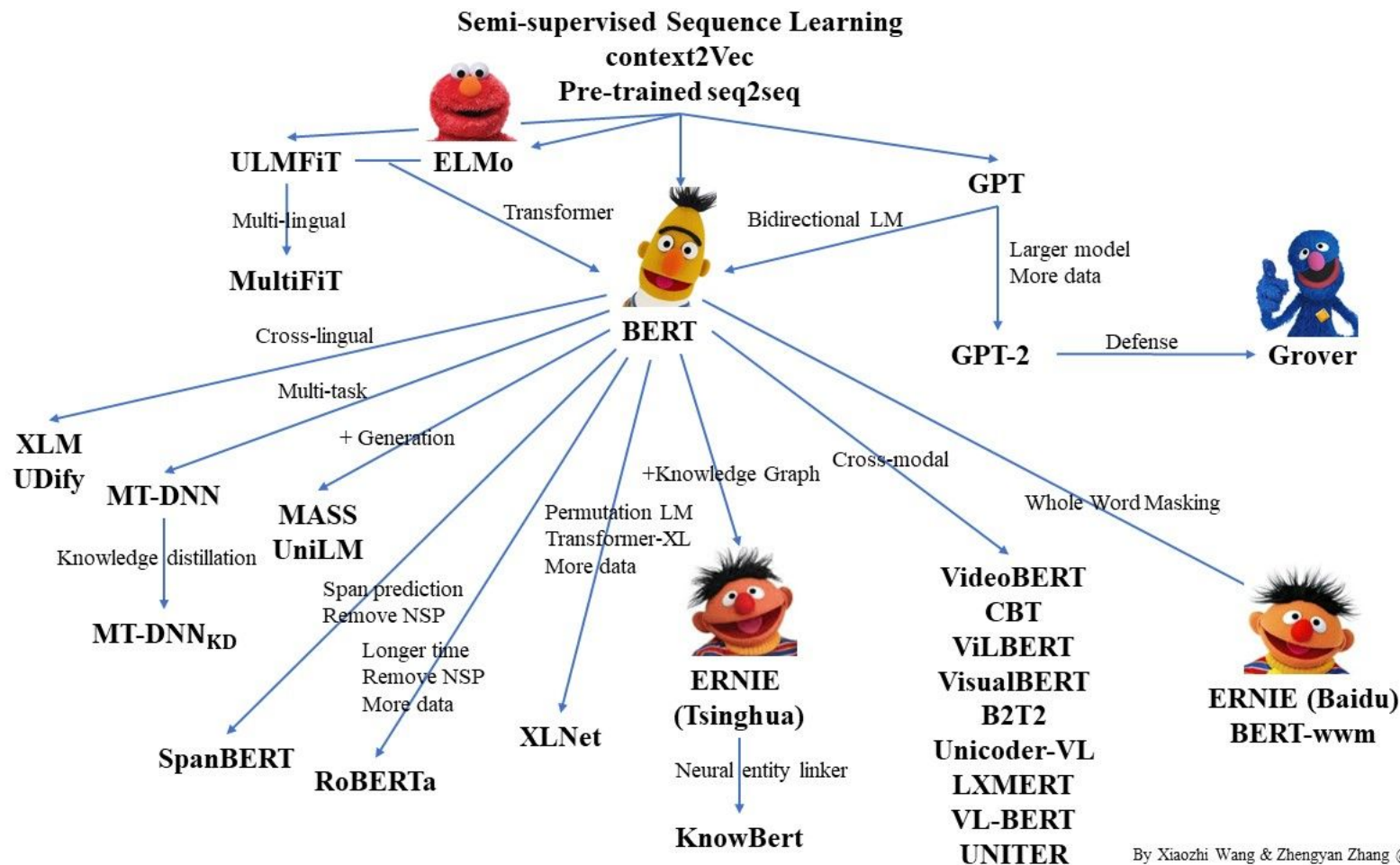
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 2. ELMO
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4. GPT, GPT-2, GPT-3
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 6. XLNET
 7. Reformer
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GPT, GPT-2 and GPT-3

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- Trained to predict the **next** word
- 1.5 billion parameters
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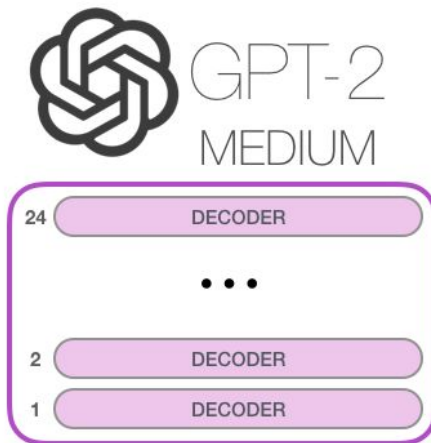
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On language tasks (question answering, reading comprehension, summarization, translation) works well **WITHOUT** fine-tuning

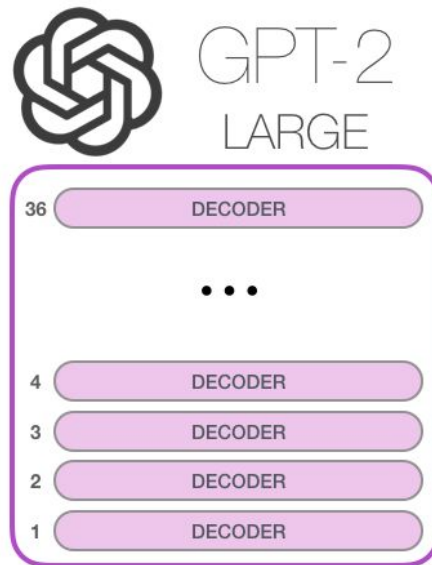
GPT-2



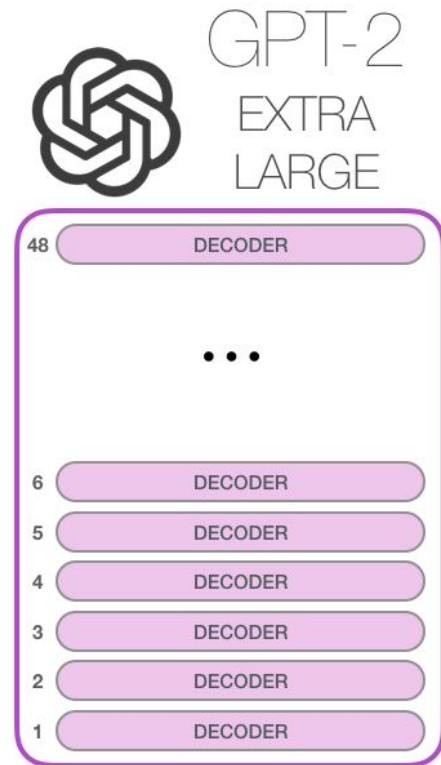
Model Dimensionality: 768



Model Dimensionality: 1024



Model Dimensionality: 1280



Model Dimensionality: 1600

GPT-2: question answering

EXAMPLES

Who wrote the book the origin of species?

Correct answer: *Charles Darwin*

Model answer: Charles Darwin

What is the largest state in the U.S. by land mass?

Correct answer: *Alaska*

Model answer: California

GPT-2: language modeling

EXAMPLE

Both its sun-speckled shade and the cool grass beneath were a welcome respite after the stifling kitchen, and I was glad to relax against the tree's rough, brittle bark and begin my breakfast of buttery, toasted bread and fresh fruit. Even the water was tasty, it was so clean and cold. It almost made up for the lack of...

Correct answer: *coffee*

Model answer: food

GPT-2: machine translation

EXAMPLE

French sentence:

Un homme a expliqué que l'opération gratuite qu'il avait subie pour soigner une hernie lui permettrait de travailler à nouveau.

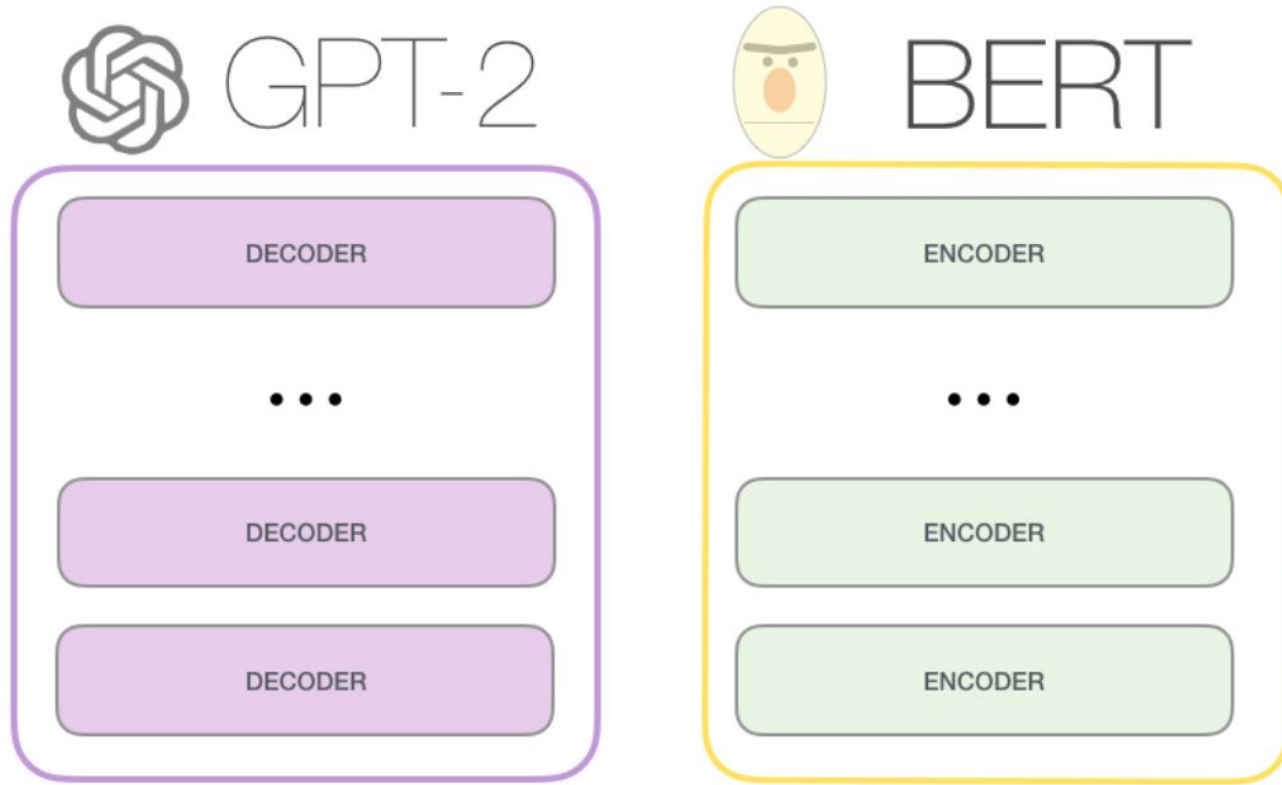
Reference translation:

One man explained that the free hernia surgery he'd received will allow him to work again.

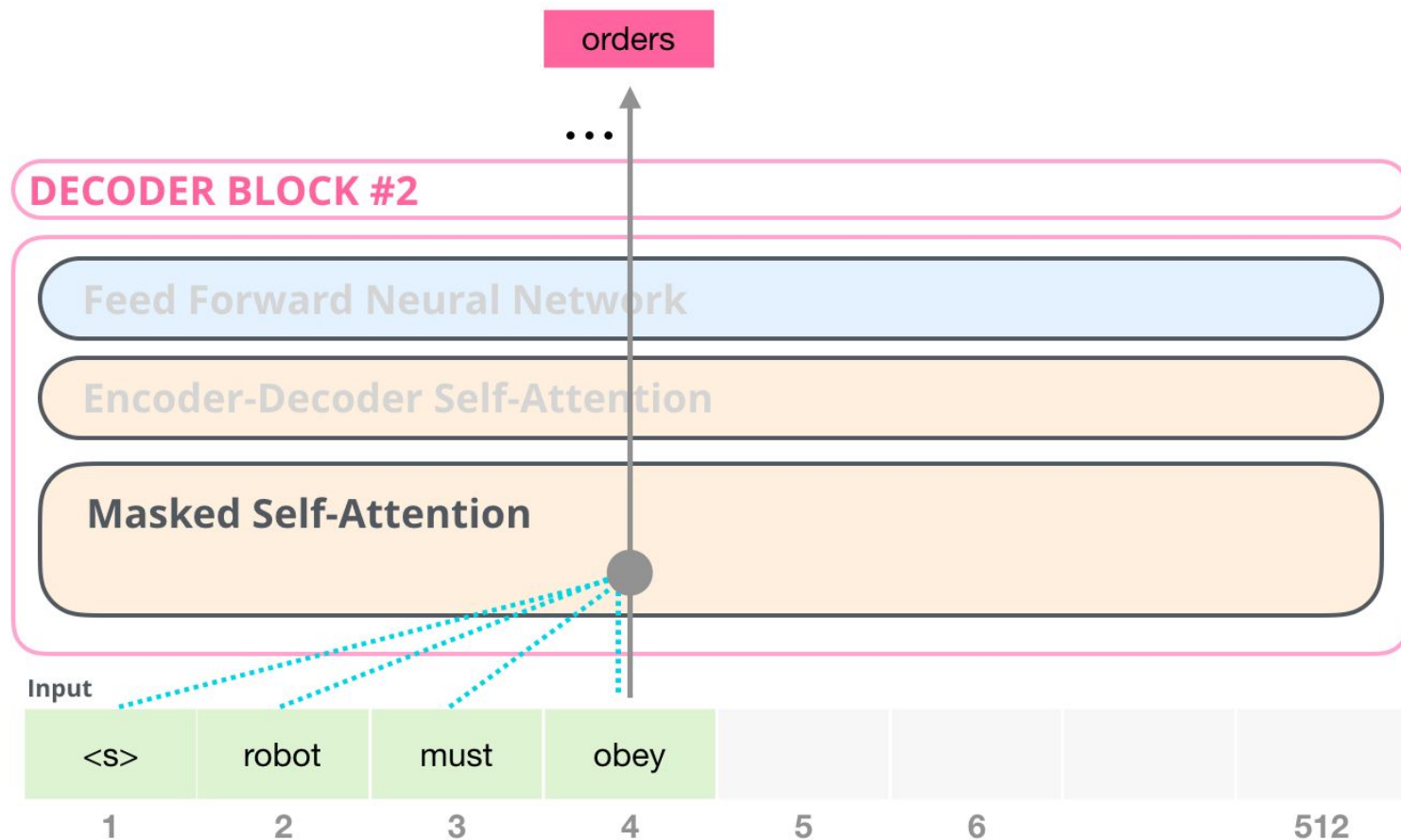
Model translation:

A man told me that the operation gratuity he had been promised would not allow him to travel.

GPT-2 vs. BERT

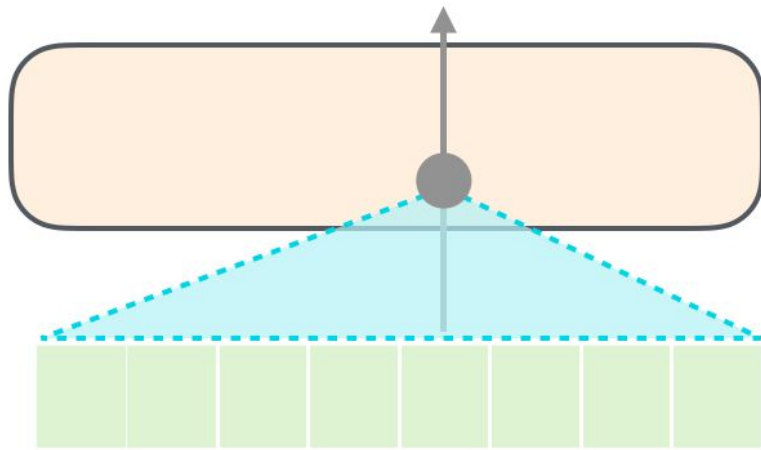


GPT-2 vs. BERT



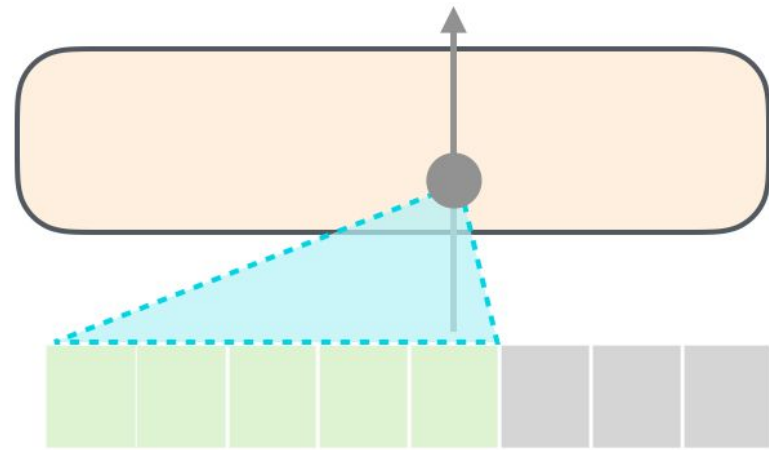
GPT-3 vs. BERT

Self-Attention



GPT

Masked Self-Attention



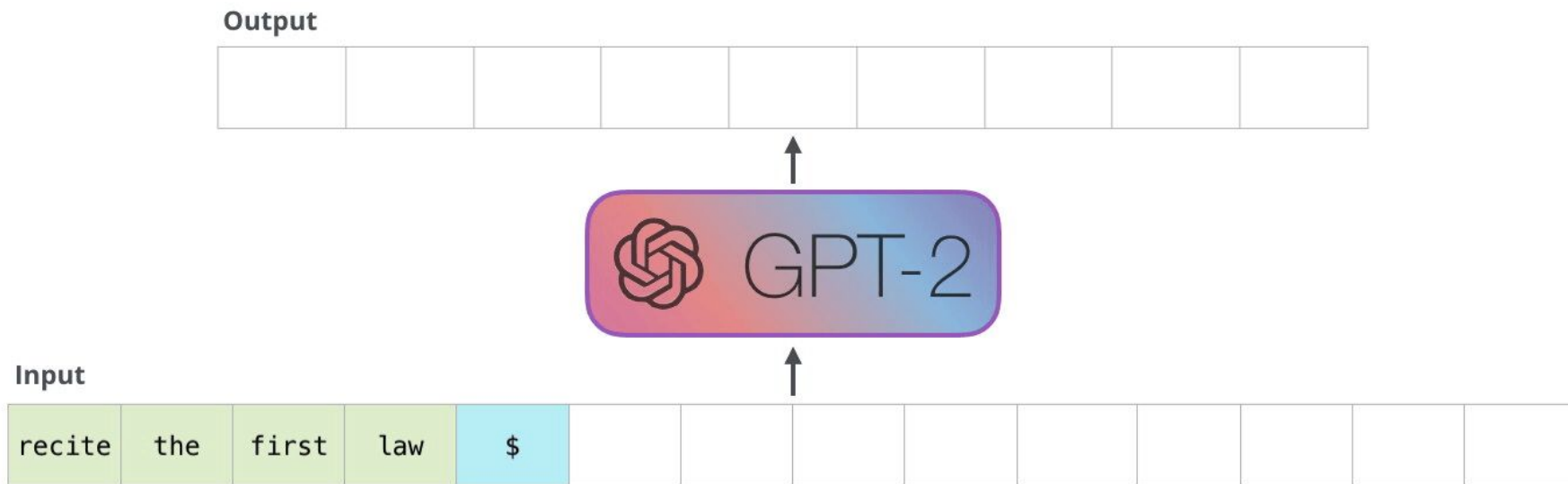
BERT

GPT-2: autoregression

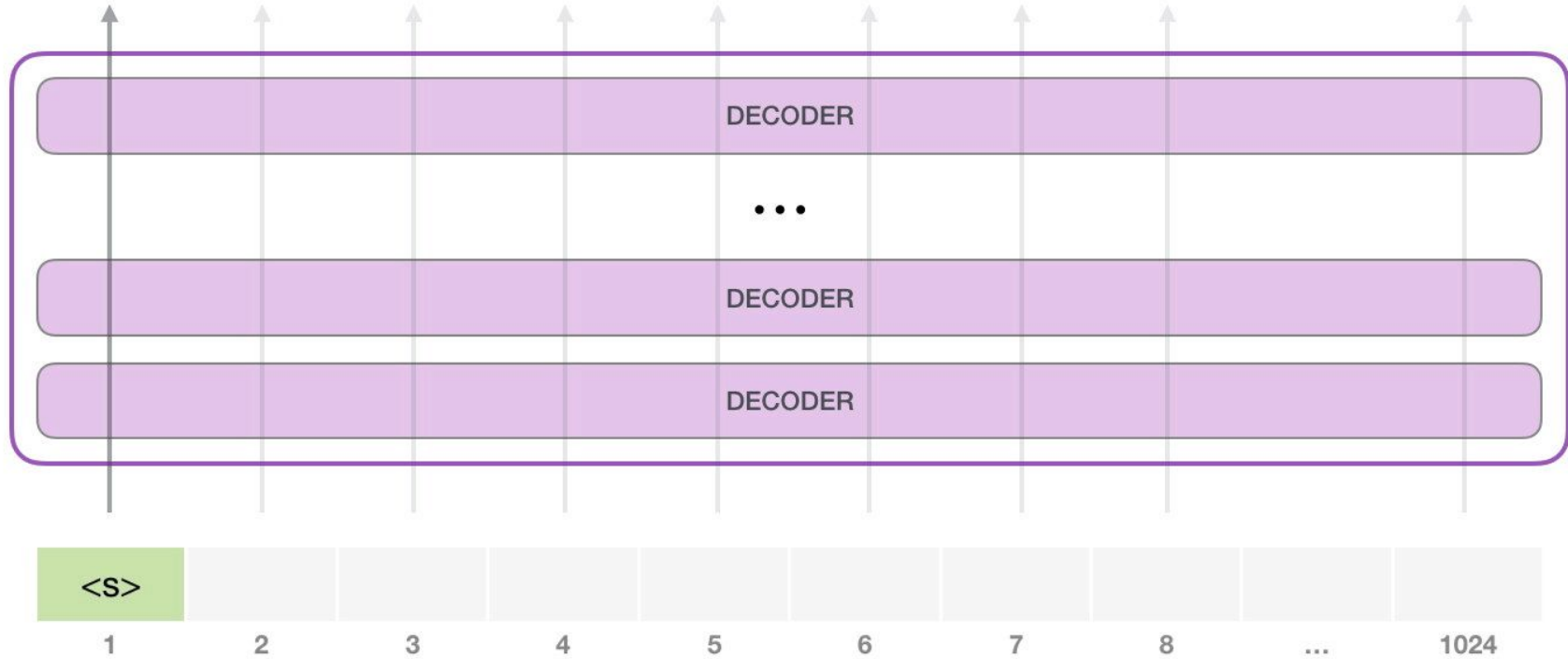
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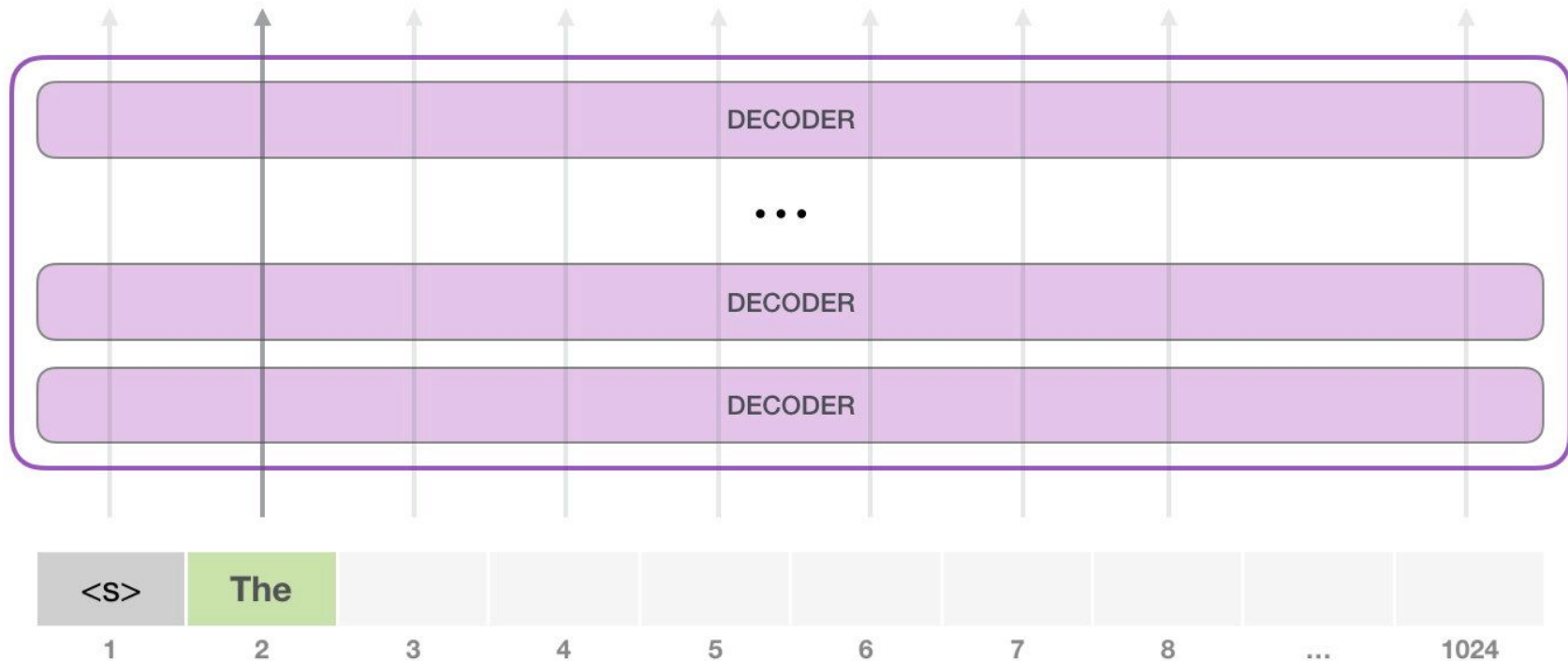
GPT-2: autoregression



GPT-2: text generation



GPT-2: text generation



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GPT-2: fake news and hype

Top stories



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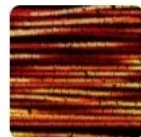
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- GPT-2: 1.5 billion parameters
- GPT-3: **175 billion** parameters



Geoffrey Hinton @geoffreyhinton · Jun 10

Extrapolating the spectacular performance of GPT3 into the future suggests that the answer to life, the universe and everything is just 4.398 trillion parameters.

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643

3.4K



GPT-3: OpenAI API released

- You can [request access](#) in order to integrate the API into your product
- Given any text prompt, the API will return a text completion, attempting to match the pattern you gave it

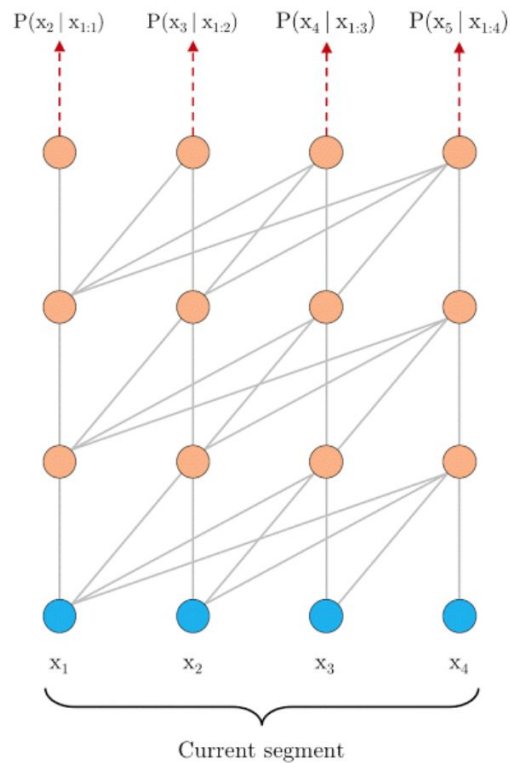
Transformer XL

- Vanilla Transformer works with a fixed-length context at training time. That's why:
 - the algorithm is not able to model dependencies that are longer than a fixed length.
 - the segments usually do not respect the sentence boundaries, resulting in context fragmentation which leads to inefficient optimization.

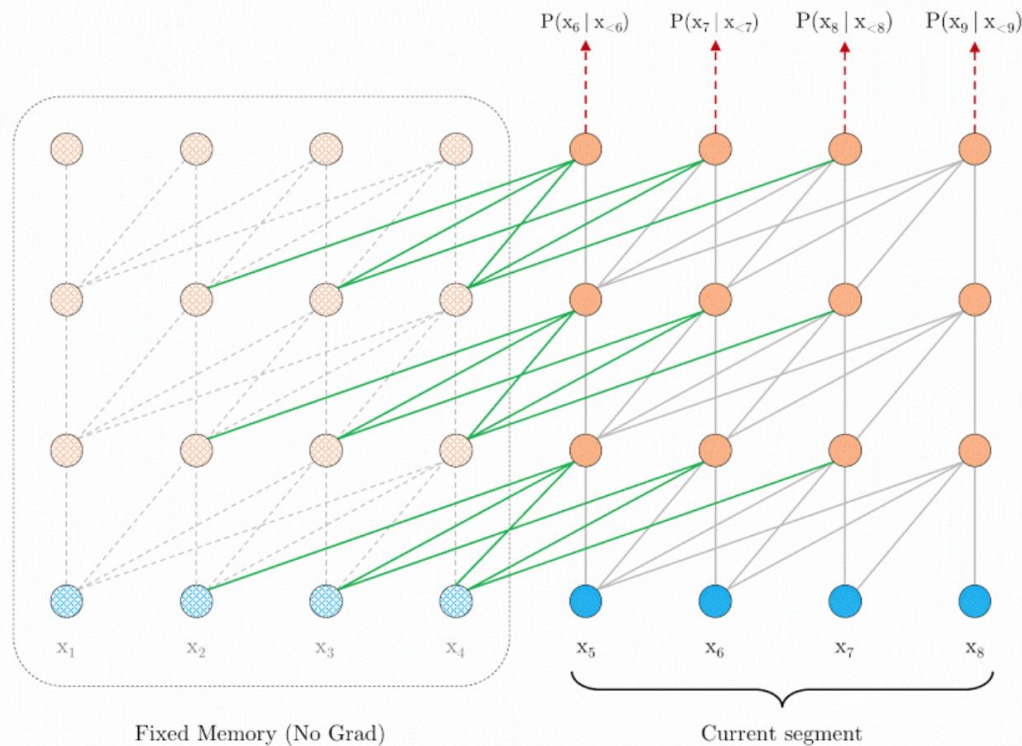
Segment-level Recurrence

- During training, the representations computed for the previous segment are fixed and cached to be reused as an extended context when the model processes the next new segment.
- Contextual information is now able to flow across segment boundaries.
- Recurrence mechanism also resolves the context fragmentation issue, providing necessary context for tokens in the front of a new segment.

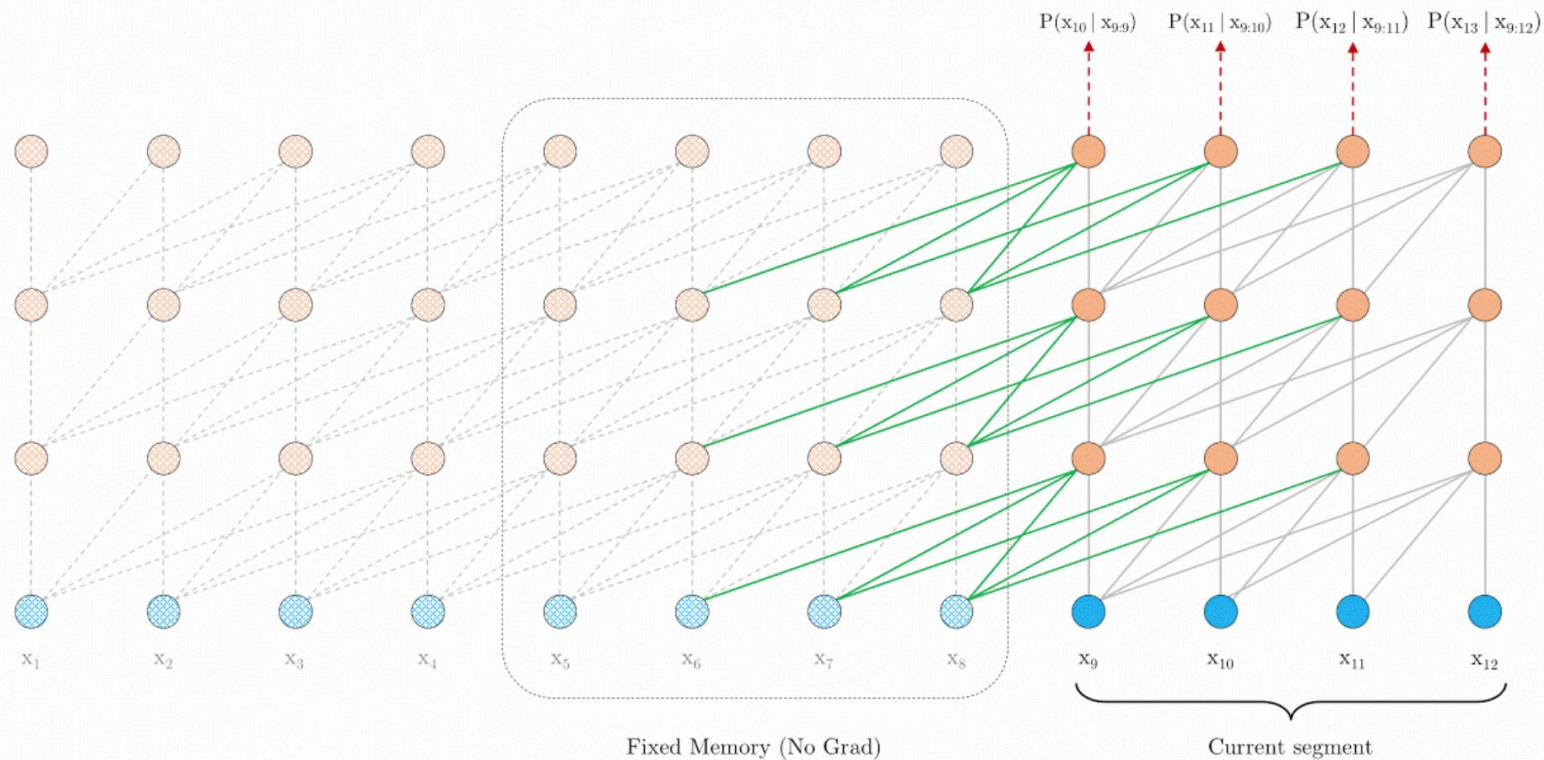
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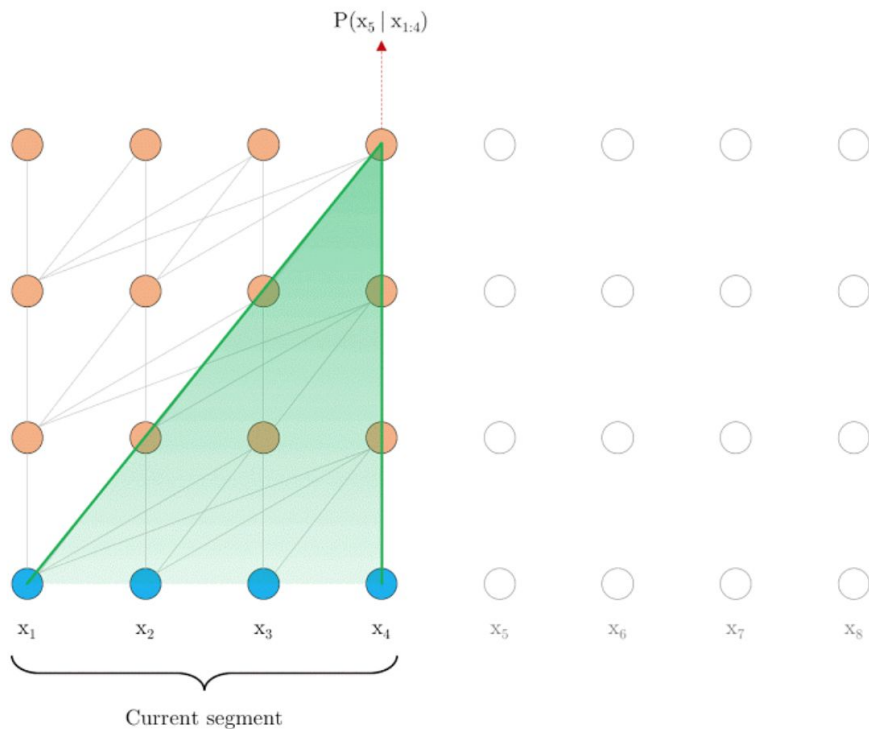
Relative Positional Encodings

- Fixed embeddings with learnable transformations instead of learnable embeddings

As a result:

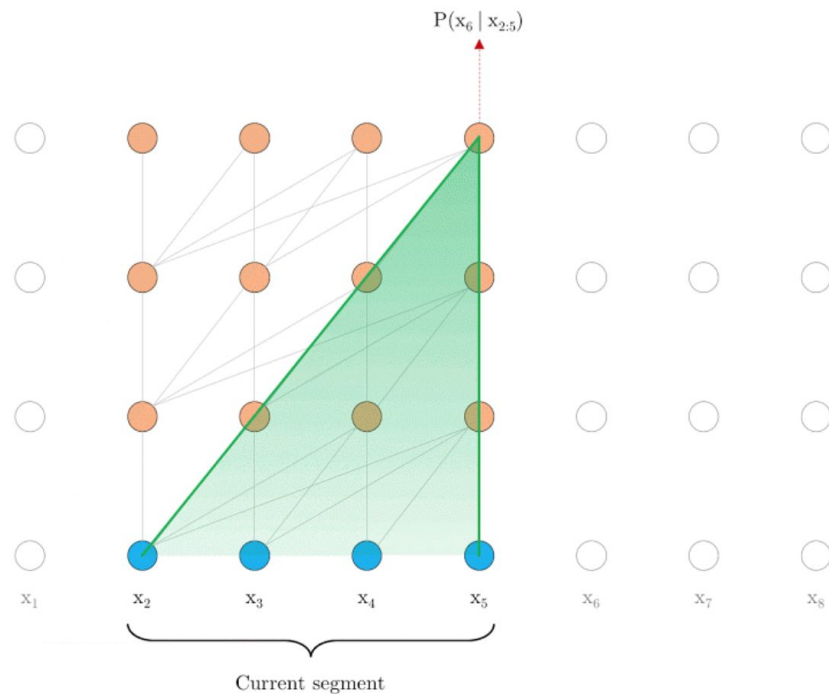
- more generalizable to longer sequences at test time
- longer effective context

Vanila Transformer vs. Transformer-XL



Vanilla Transformer with a fixed-length context at evaluation time

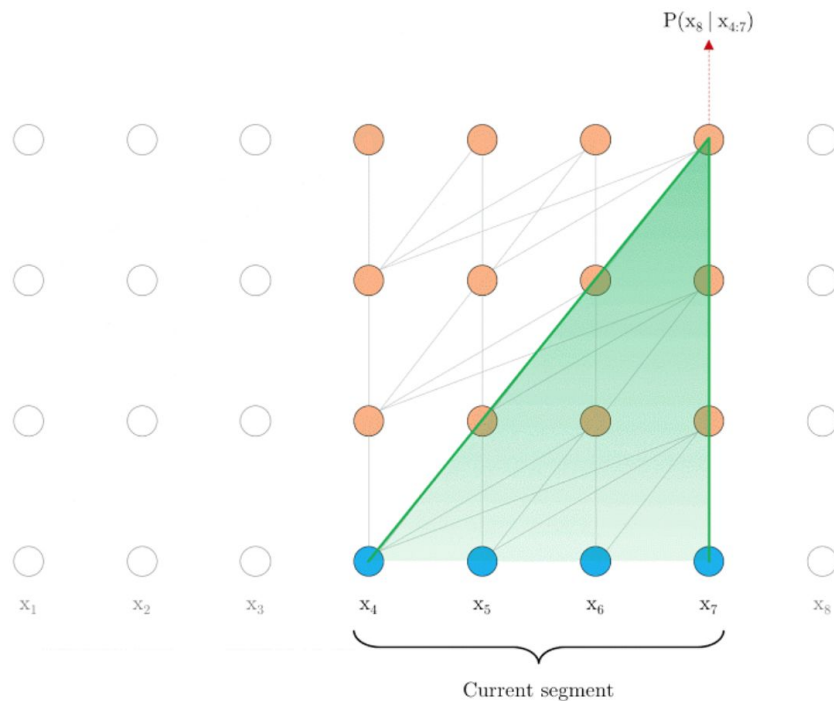
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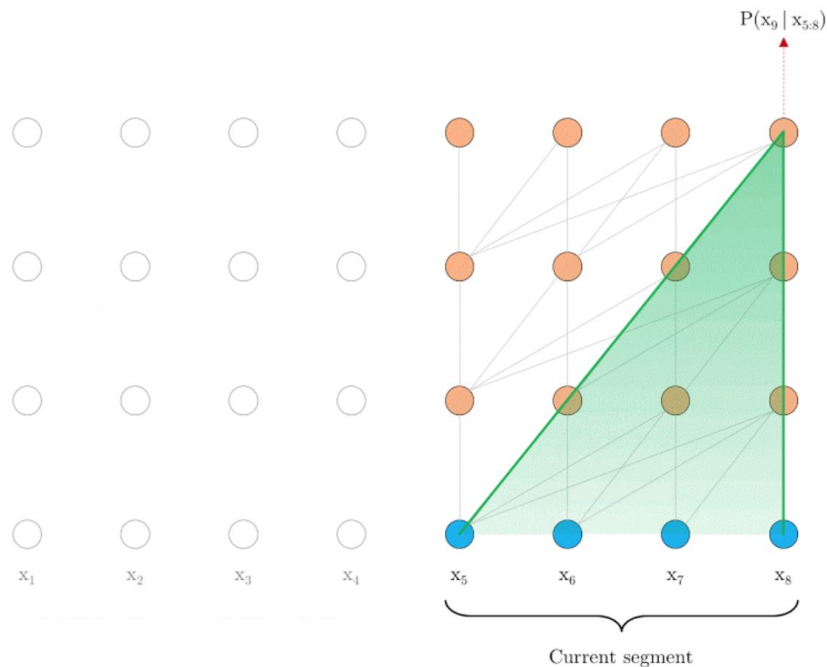
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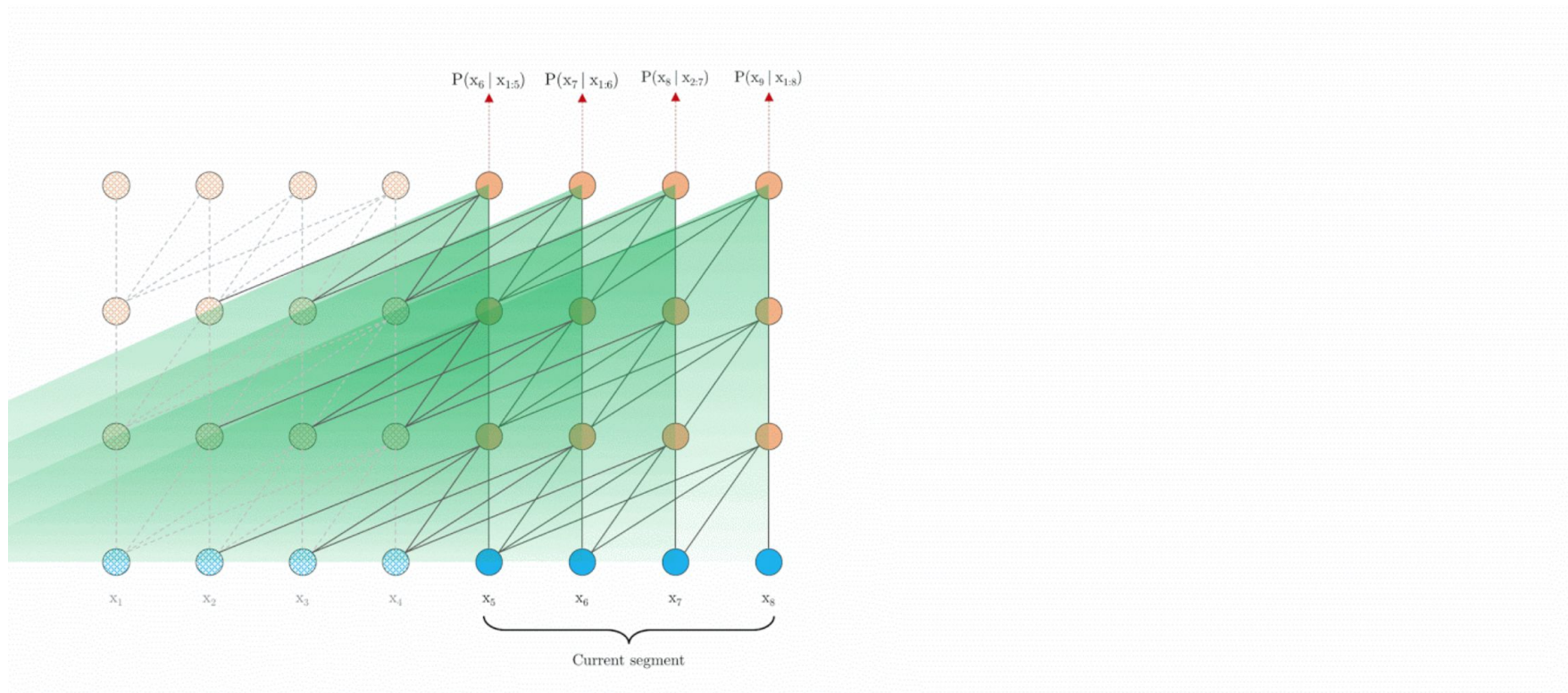
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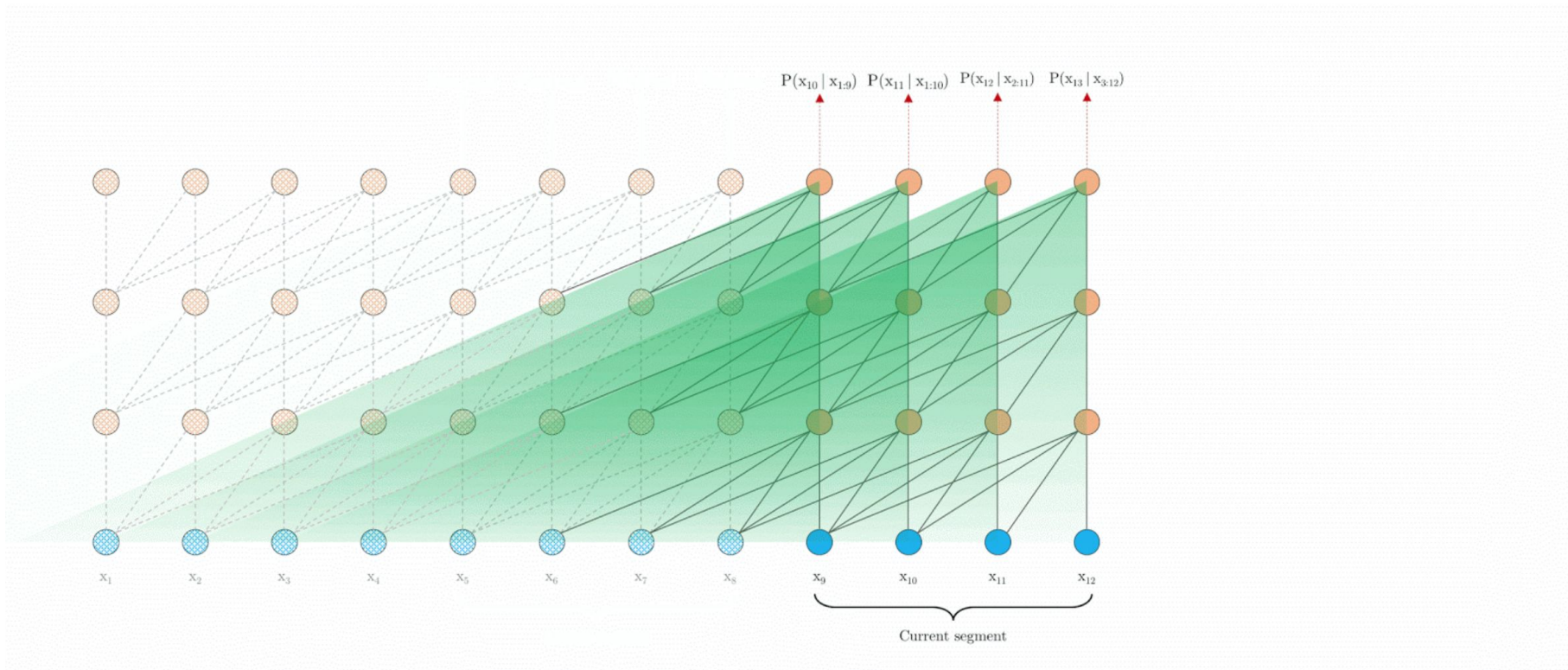
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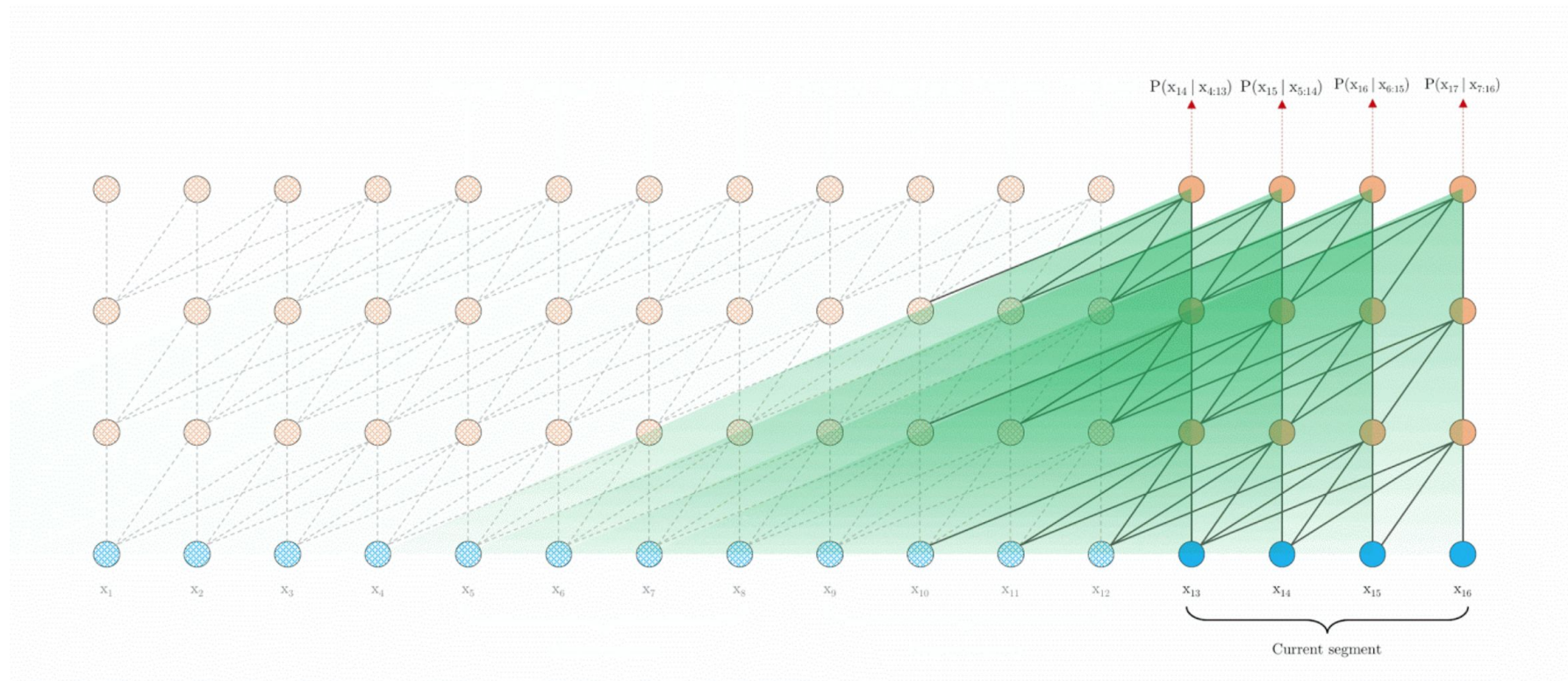
Transformer-XL with segment-level recurrence at evaluation time

Vanila Transformer vs. Transformer-XL



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Vanila Transformer vs. Transformer-XL



Transformer-XL with segment-level recurrence at evaluation time

Vanila Transformer vs. Transformer-XL

- Transformer-XL learns dependency that is about 80% longer than RNNs and 450% longer than vanilla Transformers
- Transformer-XL is up to 1,800+ times faster than a vanilla Transformer during evaluation on language modeling tasks, because no re-computation is needed

XLNET

BERT problems

- The [MASK] token used in training does not appear during fine-tuning

BERT problems

- BERT generates predictions independently

I went to [MASK] [MASK] and saw the [MASK] [MASK] [MASK]

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Ground truth solutions:

- I went to New York and saw the Empire State building.
- I went to San Francisco and saw the Golden Gate bridge.

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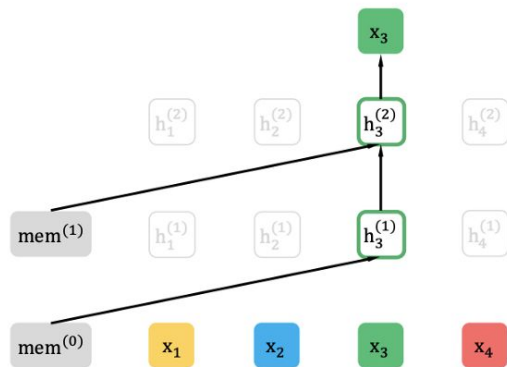
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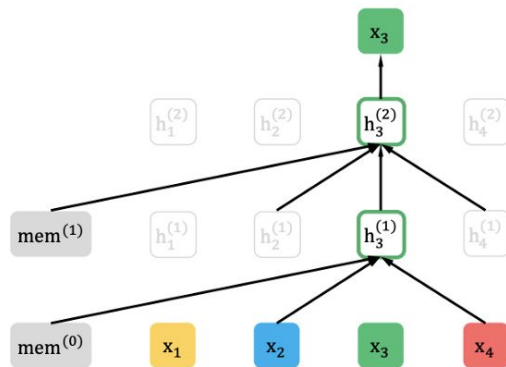
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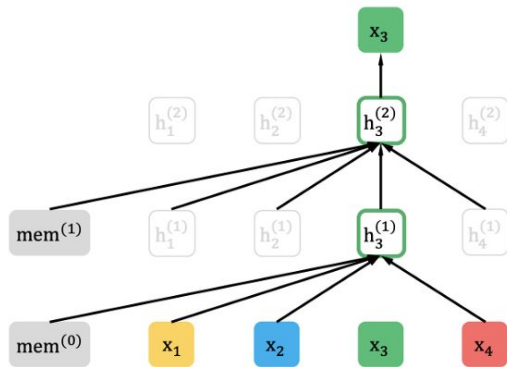
- XLNET is a generalized autoregressive model
- Permutation language modeling (PLM)
- Integrates the idea of auto-regressive models and bi-directional context modeling
- Outperforms BERT on 20 tasks



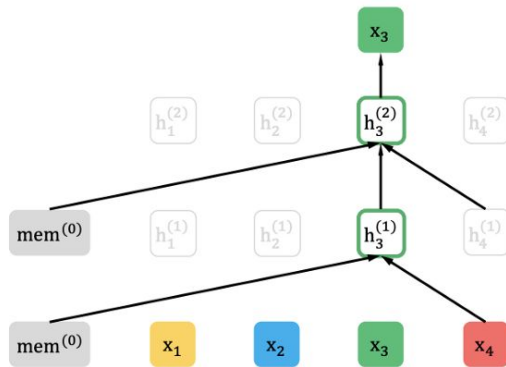
Factorization order: $3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$



Factorization order: $2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$



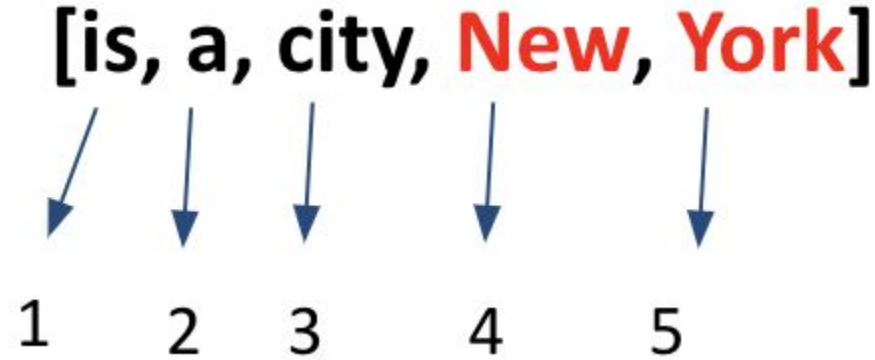
Factorization order: $1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3$



Factorization order: $4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2$

Figure 1: Illustration of the permutation language modeling objective for predicting x_3 given the same input sequence \mathbf{x} but with different factorization orders.

XLNET vs. BERT



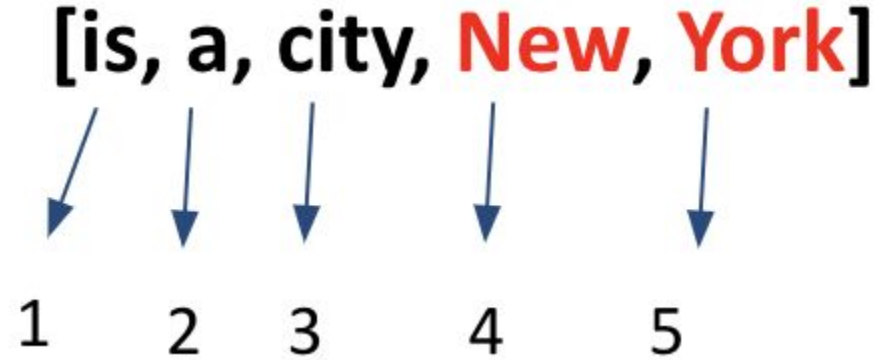
BERT

$$\log P(\text{New} \mid \text{is a city}) + \log P(\text{York} \mid \text{is a city})$$

XLNET

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XLNET vs. BERT



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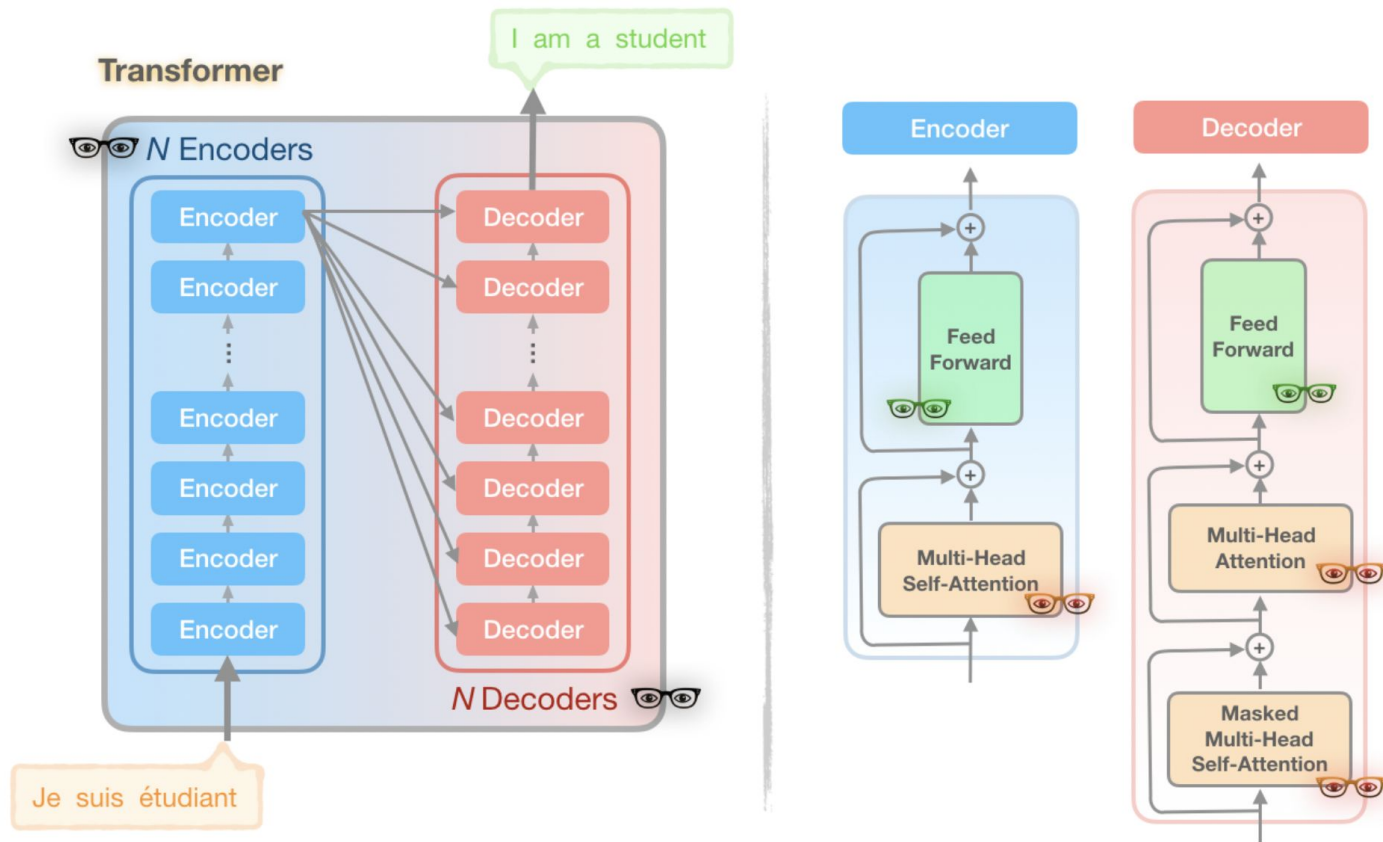
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The Reformer

Reformer: The Effective Transformer (ICLR 2020)

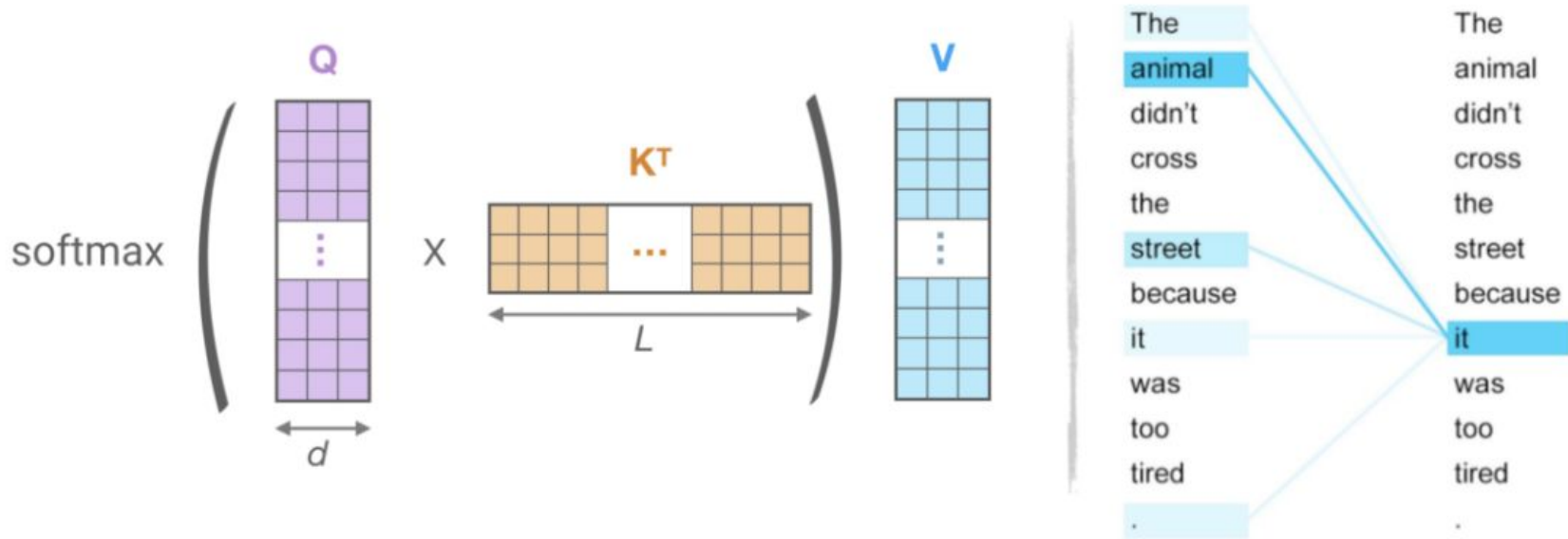
Transformer-based models have a problem:

- They require lots of GPUs to train
 - even cannot be fine-tuned on a single GPU



- Problem 1 (**Red** 🧐): Attention computation
- Problem 2 (**Black** 🧐): Large number of layers
- Problem 3 (**Green** 🧐): Depth of feed-forward layers

Attention computation

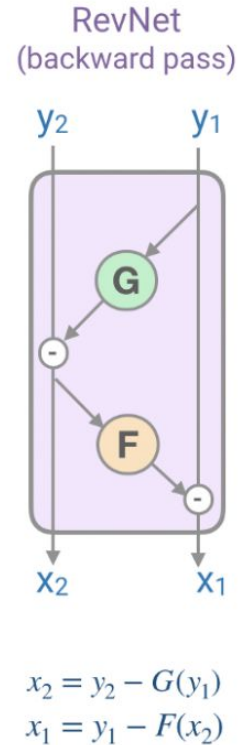
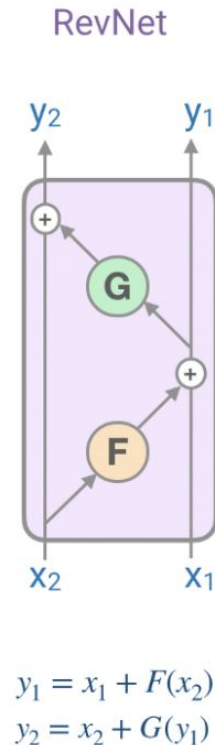
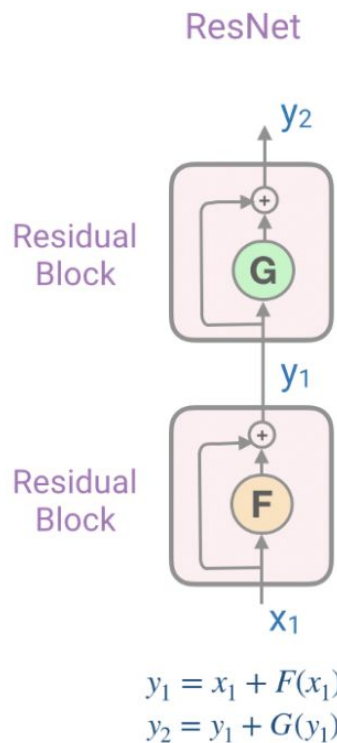
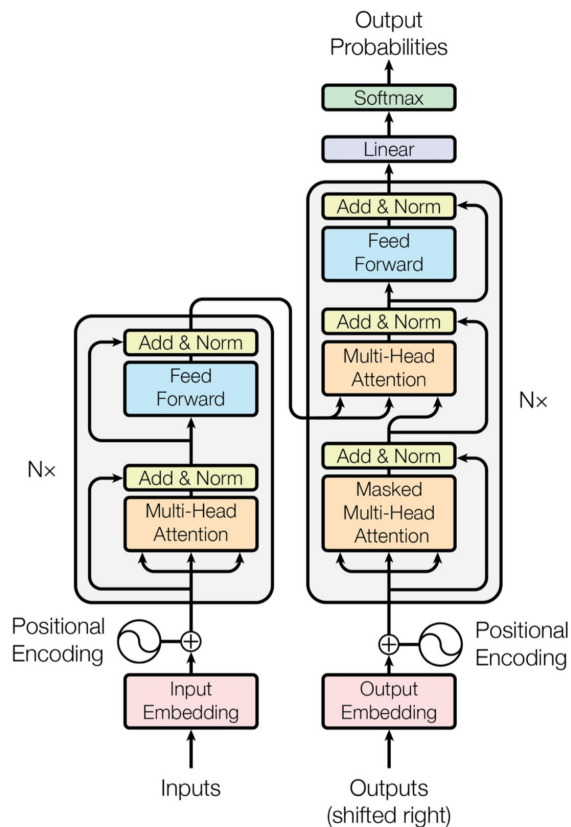


- Replace dot-product attention with locality-sensitive hashing (LSH)
 - changes the complexity from $O(L^2)$ to $O(L \log L)$

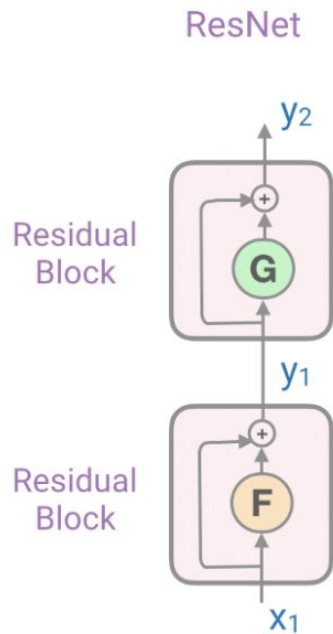
Locality-sensitive hashing for attention computation

- LSH - an efficient and approximate way of nearest neighbors search in high dimensional datasets.
- The main idea behind LSH is to select hash functions such that for two points 'p' and 'q', if 'q' is close to 'p' then with good enough probability we have 'hash(q) == hash(p)'.

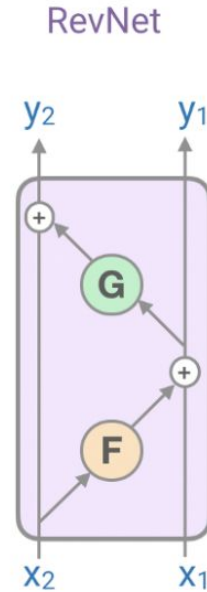
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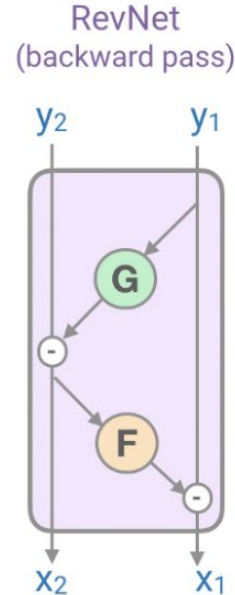
Reversible Transformer



$$y_1 = x_1 + F(x_1)$$
$$y_2 = y_1 + G(y_1)$$



$$y_1 = x_1 + F(x_2)$$
$$y_2 = x_2 + G(y_1)$$



$$x_2 = y_2 - G(y_1)$$
$$x_1 = y_1 - F(x_2)$$

- F - self-attention block
- G - feed-forward layer

Profit: storing activations only once during the training process

Chunking

Computations in feed-forward layers are independent across positions in a sequence => the computations for the forward and backward passes can be split into chunks.

$$Y_2 = \left[Y_2^{(1)}; \dots; Y_2^{(c)} \right] = \left[X_2^{(1)} + \text{FeedForward}(Y_1^{(1)}); \dots; X_2^{(c)} + \text{FeedForward}(Y_1^{(c)}) \right]$$

Chunking in the forward pass computation [Image is taken from the Reformer paper]

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