COMP5046 Natural Language Processing

Lecture 11: Advanced NLP: Machine Translation and Transformer

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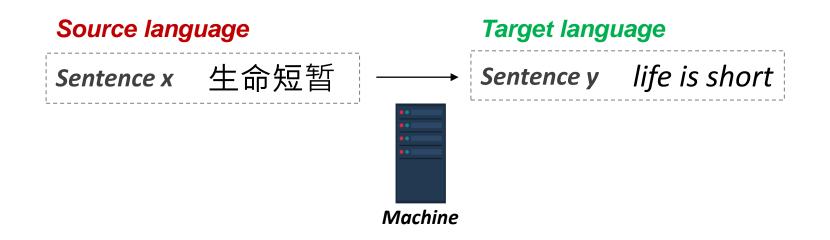
- Machine Translation
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- Neural Machine Translation
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- The Rise of the Pre-trained Model

Machine Translation



Machine Translation

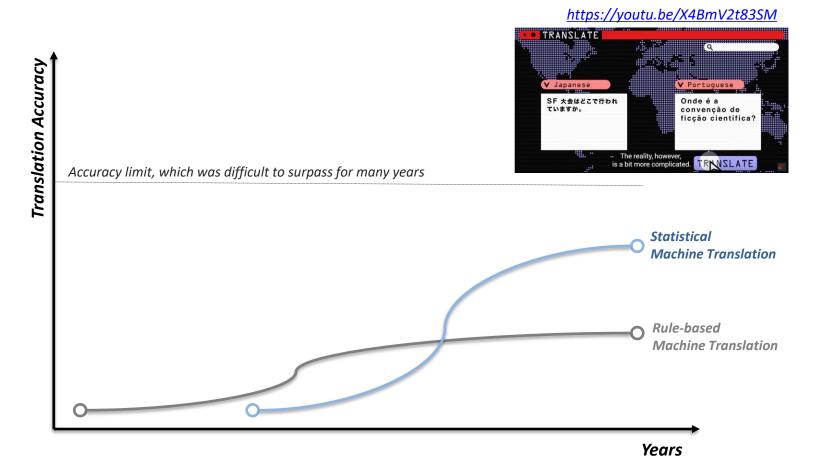
"translate a sentence x from one language (the source language) to a sentence y in another language (the target language)."



Machine Translation



Machine Translation progress over time





Statistical Machine Translation

"Learning a **probabilistic model** from data"



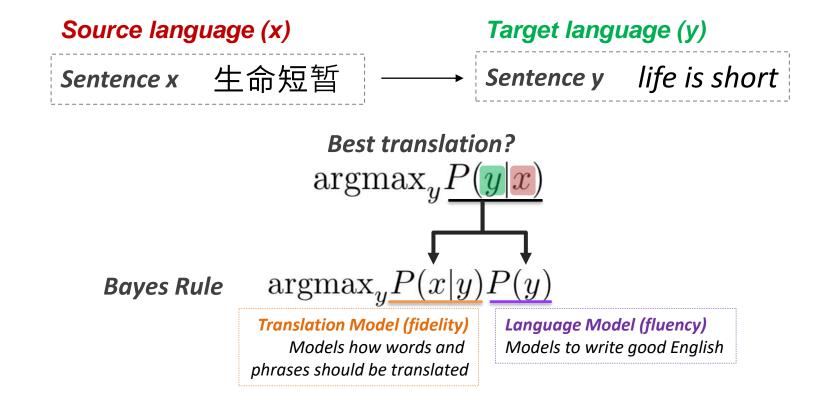
Best translation? $\operatorname{argmax}_y P(y|x)$

How to learn translation model P(x|y) ?



Statistical Machine Translation

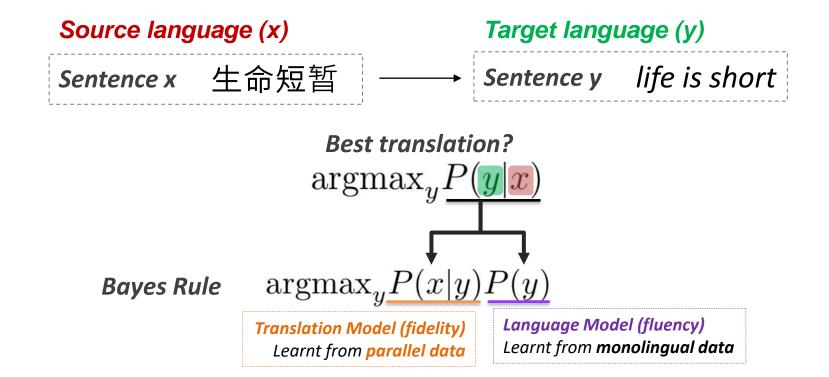
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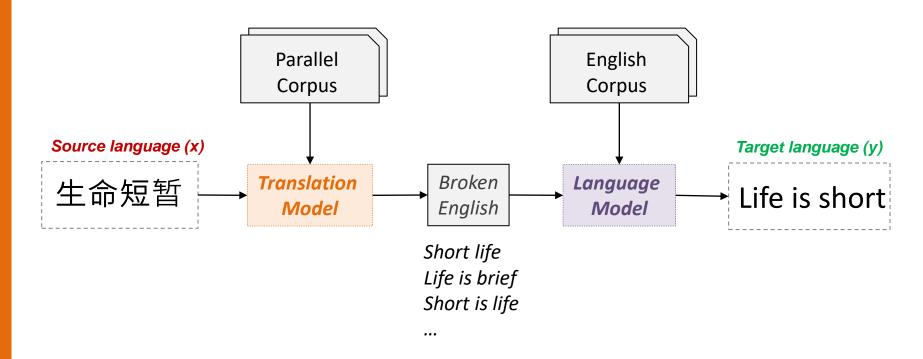
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How to learn translation model with <u>parallel corpus</u>?



Bayes Rule $\operatorname{argmax}_y P(x|y) P(y)$

Translation Model (fidelity)Learnt from parallel data

Language Model (fluency)
Learnt from monolingual data



Parallel corpus and Alignment

How to learn translation model **from the** parallel corpus?

i.e. pairs of human-translated Chinese/English sentences



... the open parallel corpus

OPUS is a growing collection of translated texts from the web. In the OPUS project we try to convert and align free online data, to add linguistic annotation, and to provide the community with a publicly available parallel corpus. OPUS is based on open source products and the corpus is also delivered as an open content package. We used several tools to compile the current collection. All pre-processing is done automatically. No manual corrections have been carried out.

The OPUS collection is growing! Check this page from time to time to see new data arriving ... Contributions are very welcome! Please contact <jorg.tiedemann@helsinki.fi >

Search & download resources: en (English) ▼ | zh (Chinese) ▼ | >1M ▼

Language resources: click on [tmx | moses | xces | lang-id] to download the data! (raw = untokenized, ud = parsed with universal dependencies, alg = word alignments and phrase tables)

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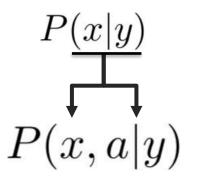
How to align these sentence (Open subtitles)

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(trq)="1"> 片名: 解放的潘多拉
(src)="1"> My name is Alice.
(trg)="2"> 我的 名字 是 阿?丽斯。
(src)="2"> Alice Bonnard ...
(tra)="3"> 阿?丽斯...
(src)="3" > like my father and mother .
(trg)="4"> 象我 的 父母。
(src)="4"> I hate people.
(trg)="5"> 我恨周?围的人。
(src)="5"> They oppress me .
(trg)="6"> 他 ?? 压 迫 我。
(src)="6"> All year, I was away at school.
(trq)="7"> 整年 我 都 是 去 ? 学 校 。
(src)="7"> I only came home for end- of- term holidays
(trg)="8"> 我只有?学期近?结束?时回家
(src)="8"> Summer holidays were the worst.
(trg)="9"> 暑假 最麻?烦。
(src)="9"> They were endless.
(trg)="10">?没完?没了。
(src)="10"> I' m a little girl .
(trg)="11"> 我 是 一? 个 小女孩。
(src)="11" > I don' t know, no, I don' t know.
(trq)="12"> 我 不知道,不,我 不知道。
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How to learn translation model?

How to learn translation model **from the <u>parallel corpus</u>**?



i.e. pairs of human-translated Chinese/English sentences



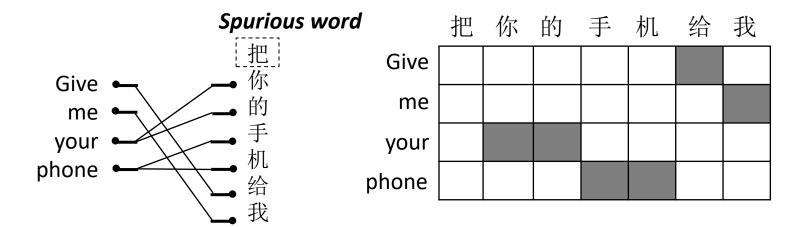
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Alignment is the correspondence between particular words in the translated sentence pair. (i.e. word-level correspondence between source sentence x and target sentence y)



What is Alignment a?

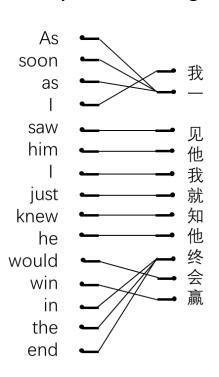
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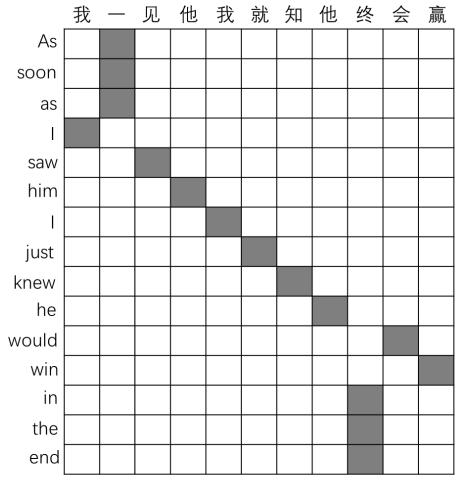




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Many-to-One Alignment

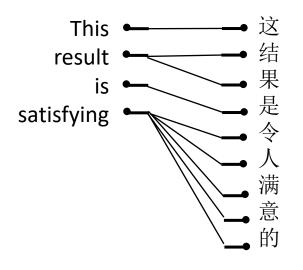


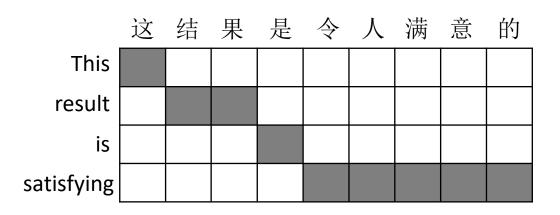




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One-to-Many Alignment

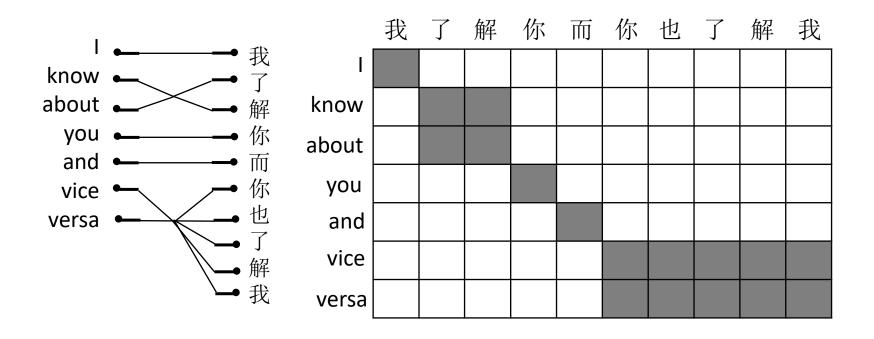






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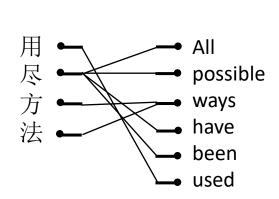
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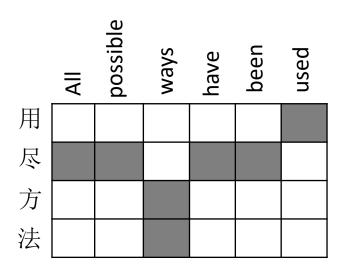




What is Alignment a?

Some word has no single-word equivalent in English



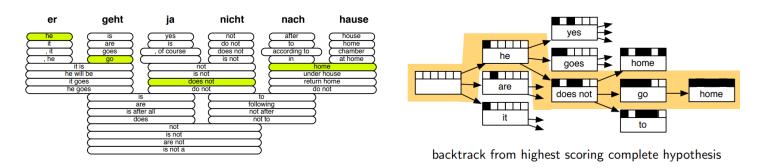




Decoding for SMT

 $\underset{\text{Learnt from parallel data}}{\operatorname{argmax}_{y} P(x|y) P(y)}$

- We could enumerate every possible y and calculate the probability?
 Too expensive!
- Answer: Use a heuristic search algorithm to search for the best translation, discarding hypotheses that are too low-probability





Statistical Machine Translation

The Best System

SMT was a huge research field and Extremely complex System

Hundreds of important details (haven't mentioned here)

- Systems had many separately-designed subcomponents
- Lots of feature engineering
 - Need to design features to capture particular language phenomena
- Require compiling and maintaining extra resources
 - Like tables of equivalent phrases
- Lots of human effort to maintain
 - Repeated effort for each language pair!

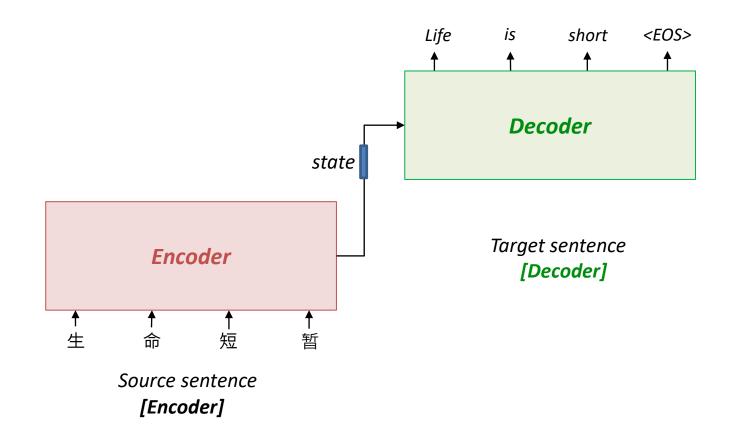




Neural Machine Translation with Seq2Seq

"a way to do Machine Translation with a single neural network (NN)"

The NN architecture is called seq2seq and involves two RNNs.



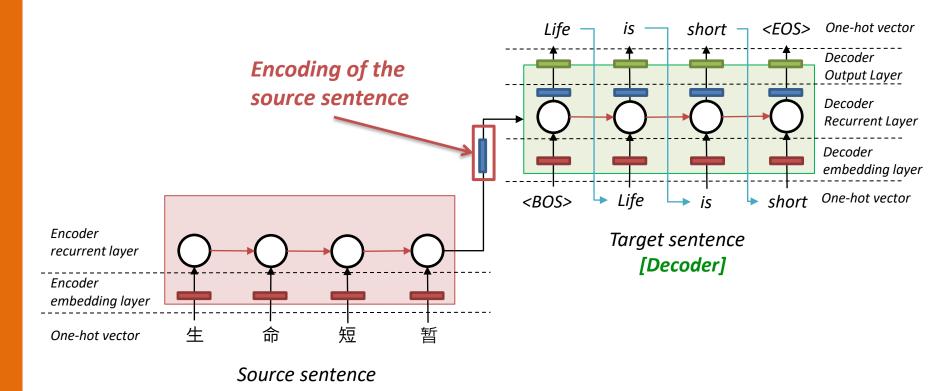
[Encoder]



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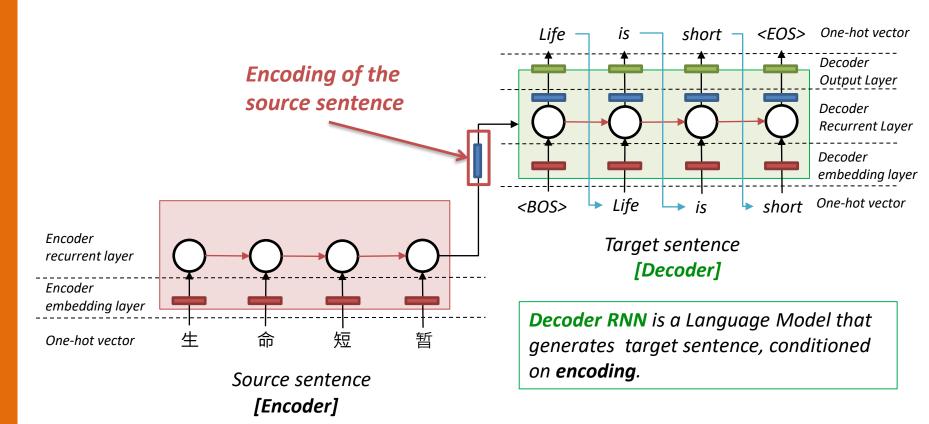




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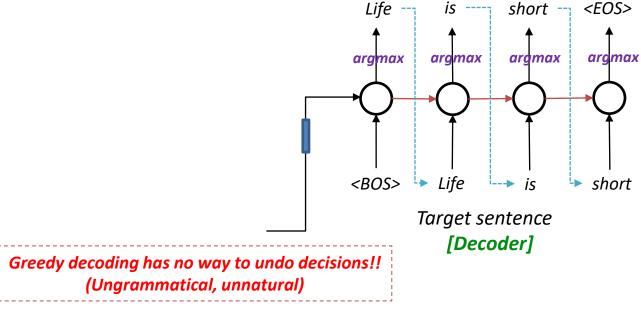




Neural Machine Translation: Greedy Decoding [Recap]

Language Model Decoding: Recap

- Generate the sentence by taking argmax (the most probable word) on each step
- Use that as the next word, and feed it as input on the next step
- Keep going until you produce <EOS>



Solution..? try computing all possible sequences



Neural Machine Translation: Beam Search Decoding [Recap]

Language Model Decoding: Recap

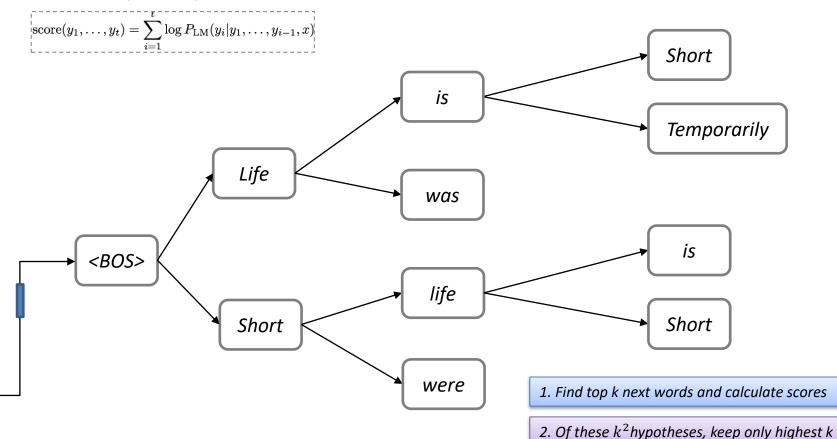
- A search algorithm which aims to find a high-probability sequence (not necessarily the optimal sequence, though) by tracking multiple possible sequences at once.
- On each step of decoder, keep track of the k most probable partial sequences (which we call hypotheses)
- K is the beam size (in practice around 5 to 10)
- After you reach some stopping criterion, choose the sequence with the highest probability (factoring in some adjustment for length)



Neural Machine Translation: Beam Search Decoding

Language Model Decoding: Recap

Assume that k(beam size)=2





Evaluate Machine Translation

BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy)

"Compares the machine-written translation to one or several human-written translation(s), and computes a similarity score based on"

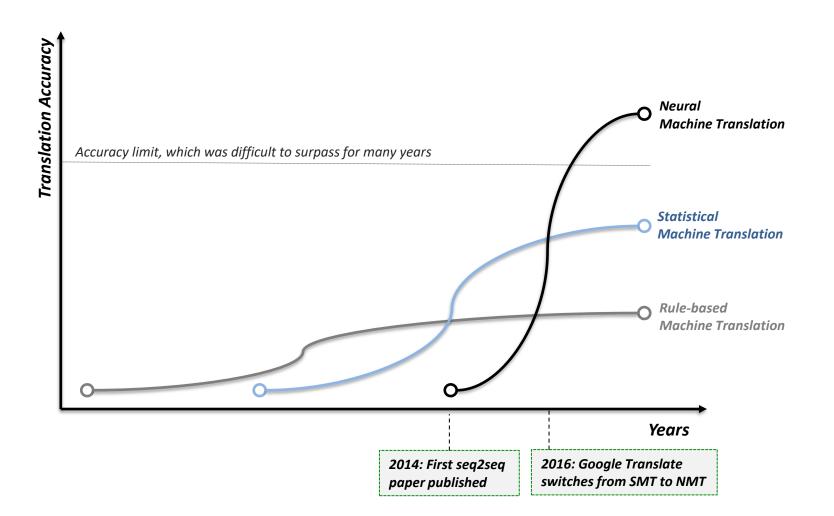
- n-gram precision (usually for 1 to 4-grams)
- Plus a penalty for too-short system translations

BLEU is useful but imperfect

- Many valid ways to translate a sentence
- So a good translation can get a poor BLEU score because it has low ngram overlap with the human translation



Machine Translation progress over time



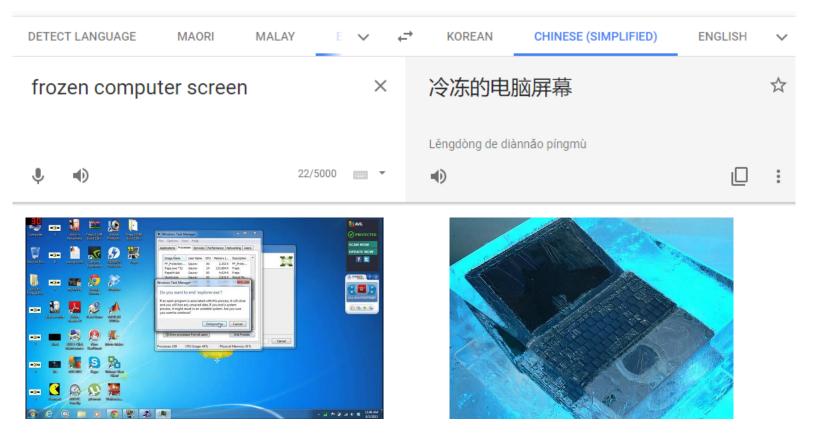


However, there are still several difficulties...

- Out-of-vocabulary (OOV) words
- Domain mismatch between train and test data
- Maintaining context over longer text
- Low-resource language pairs



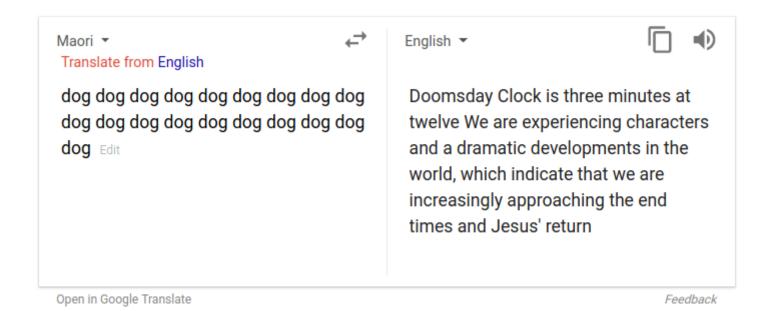
Machine Translation is not PERFECT...



Using common sense is still hard and NMT picks up biases in training data



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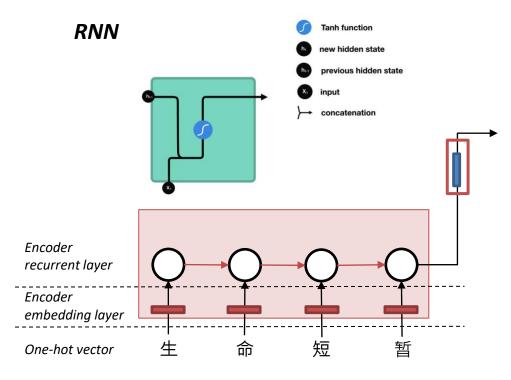


Uninterpretable systems do strange things



Neural Machine Translation with Seq2Seq

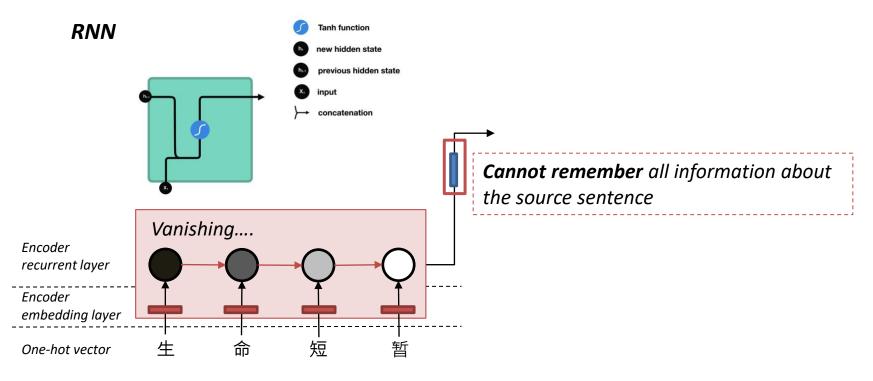
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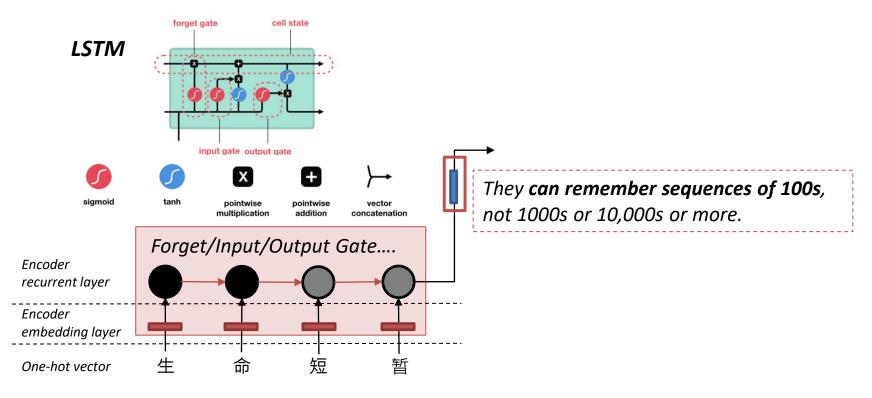
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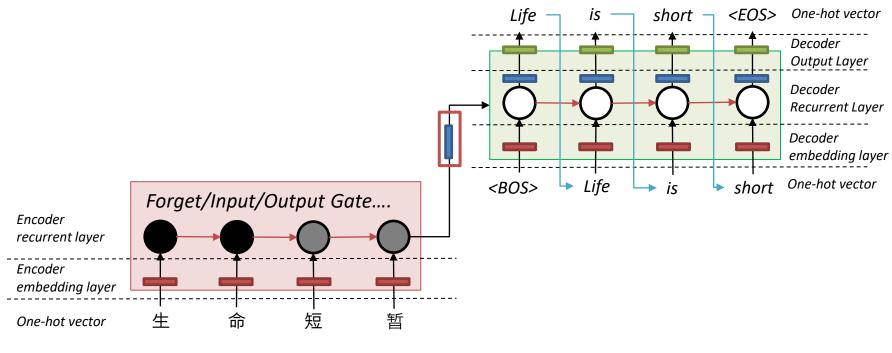




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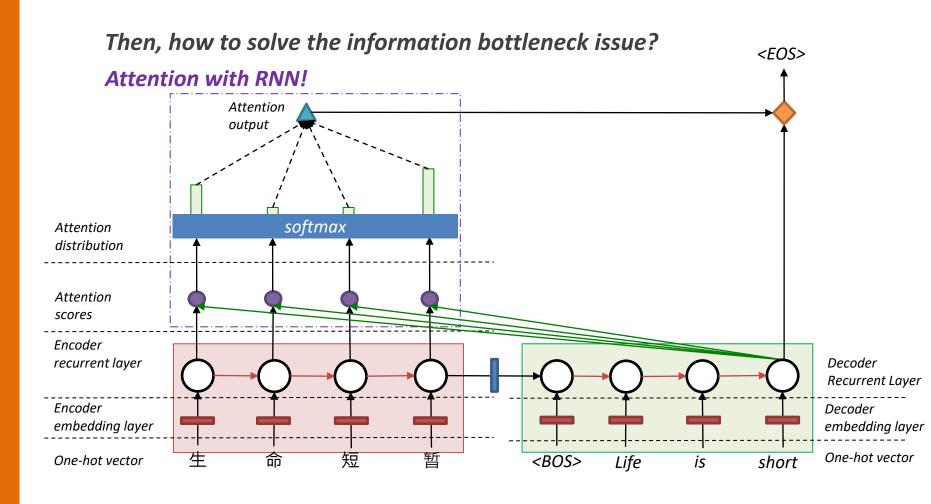
Then, how to solve the information bottleneck issue?

Attention!





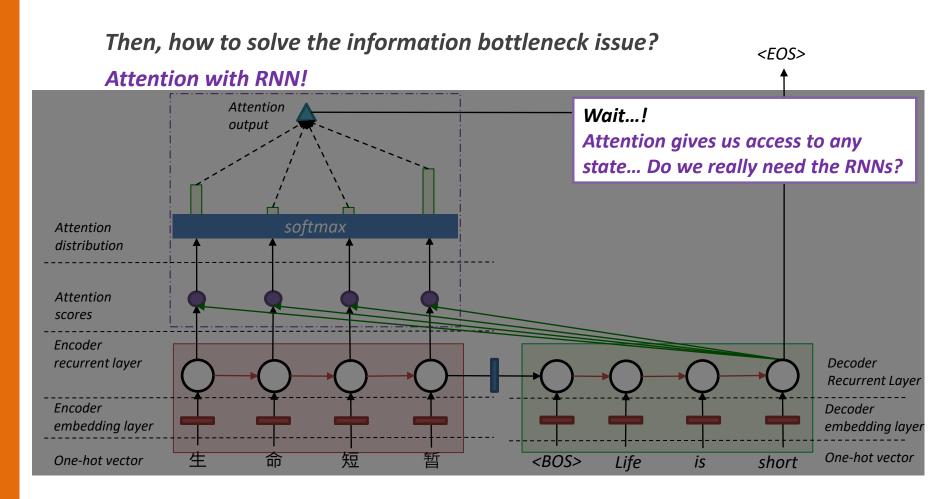
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Neural Machine Translation



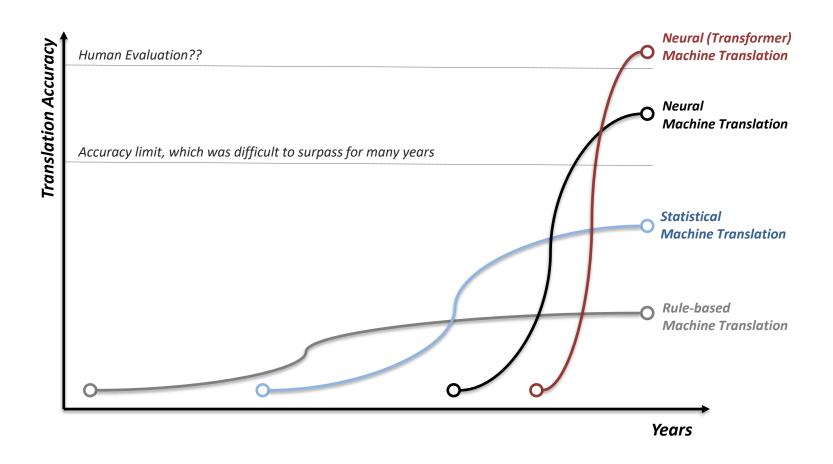
Neural Machine Translation with RNN and Attention



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Machine Translation progress over time





Attention is All You Need (Vaswani et al., 2017)

Encoder-Decoder with only Attention

Core Task: Machine Translation with Parallel Corpus

- Use self-attention in the encoder, instead of RNN or CNNs
- Predict each translated word
- Final cost/error function
- → standard cross-entropy error on top of a softmax classifier

Attention Is All You Need

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Attention is All You Need!

'The Transformer'!!

Output (Target Language)

Hello World

The Transformer!

こんにちは世界

Input (Source Language)



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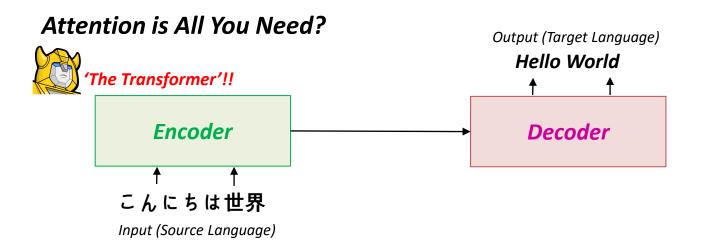
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The Transformer



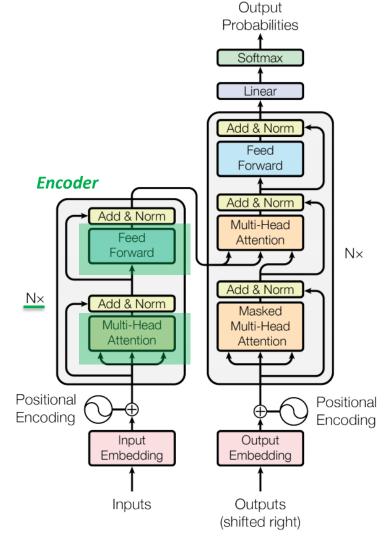
Encoder – Decoder Architecture

Encoder

A stack of N=6 identical layers.

Each layer with two sub-layers:

- Multi-head self-attention mechanism
- Position-wise fully connected feed-forward network



The transformer – model architecture

^{*} Residual connection around each of the two sub-layers, followed by layer normalisation



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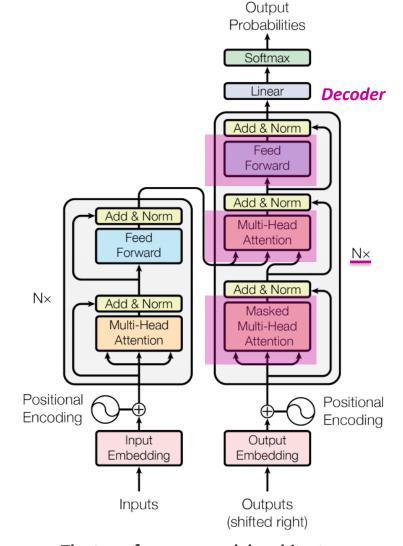
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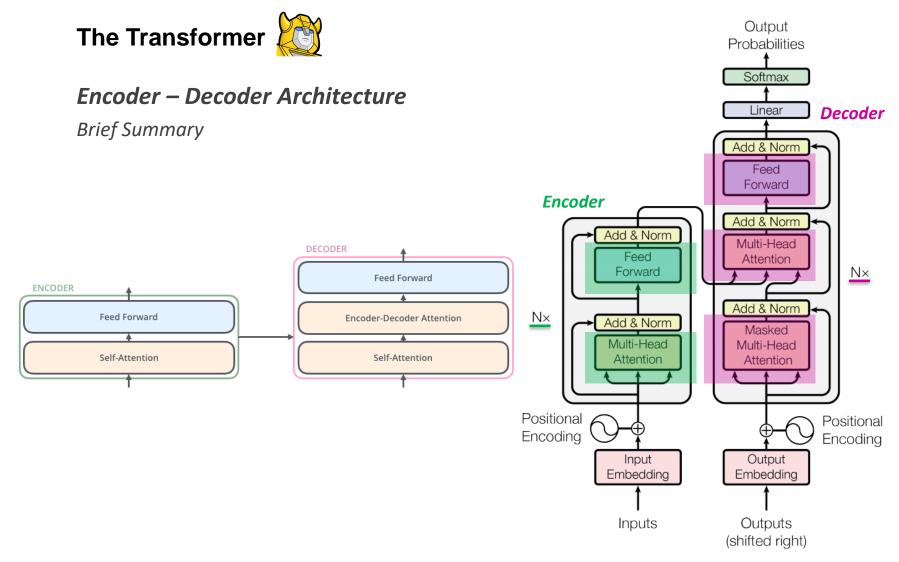
- Multi-head self-attention mechanism
- Position-wise fully connected feed-forward network
- Masked Multi-head self-attention



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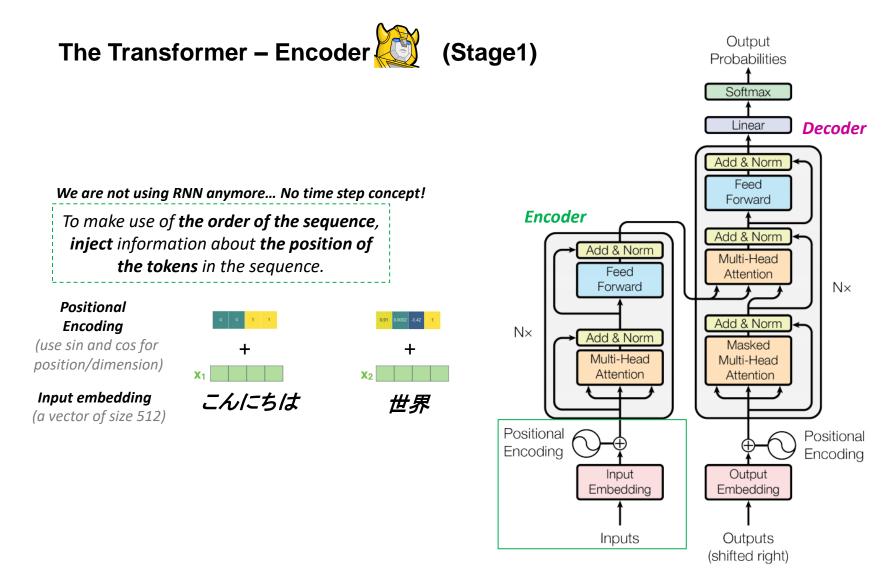
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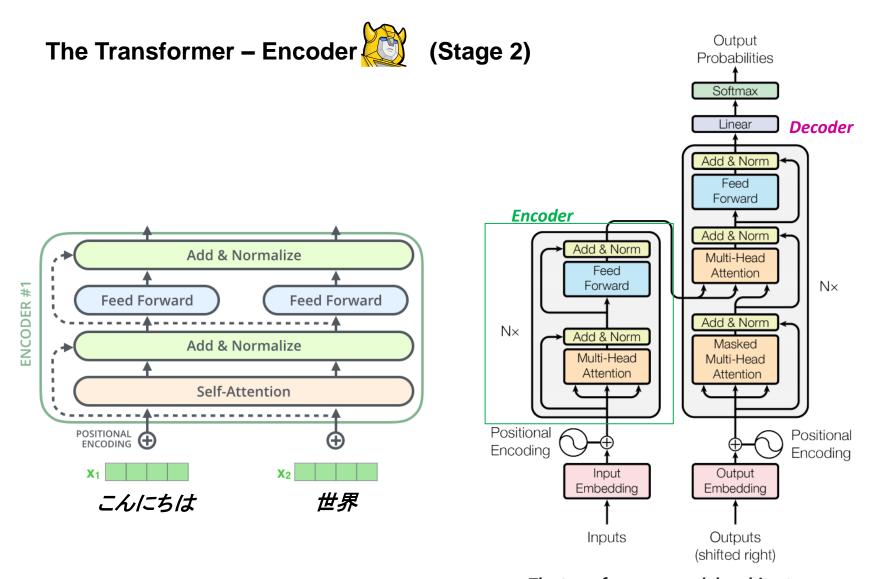
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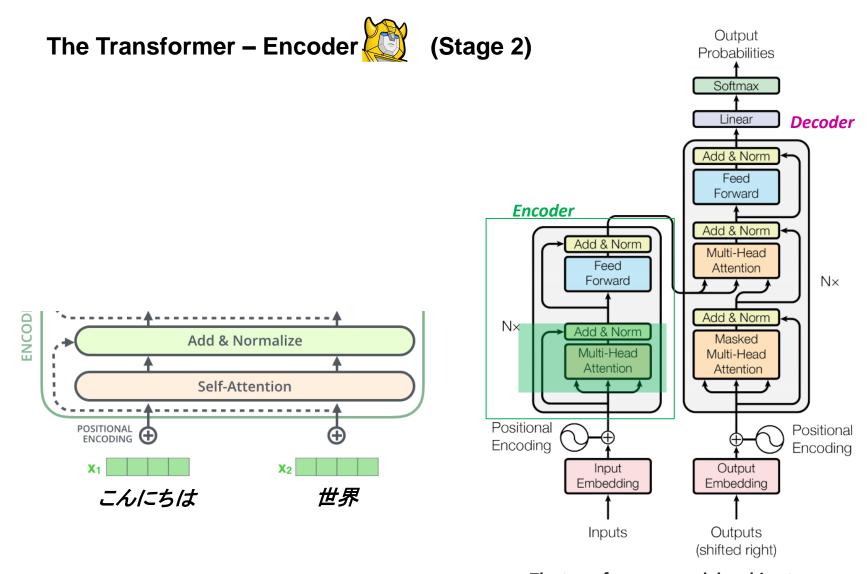
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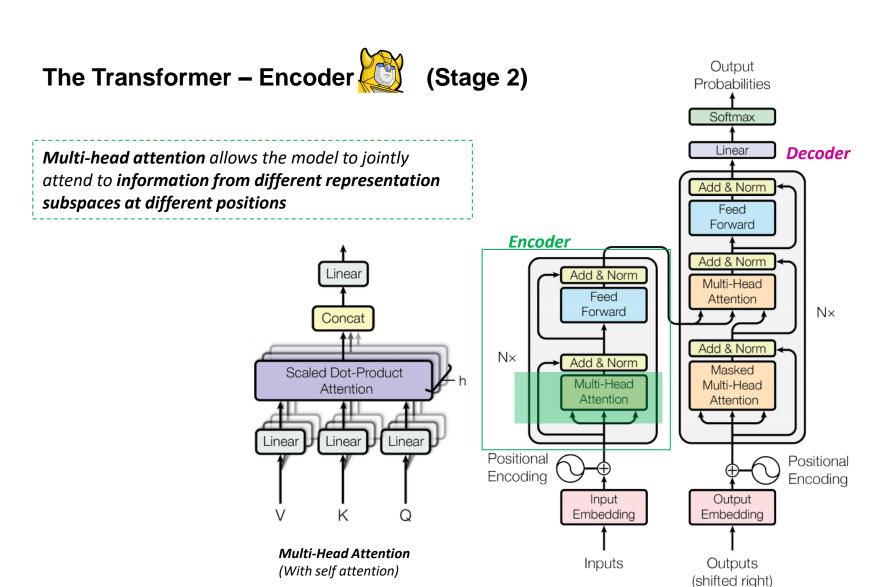
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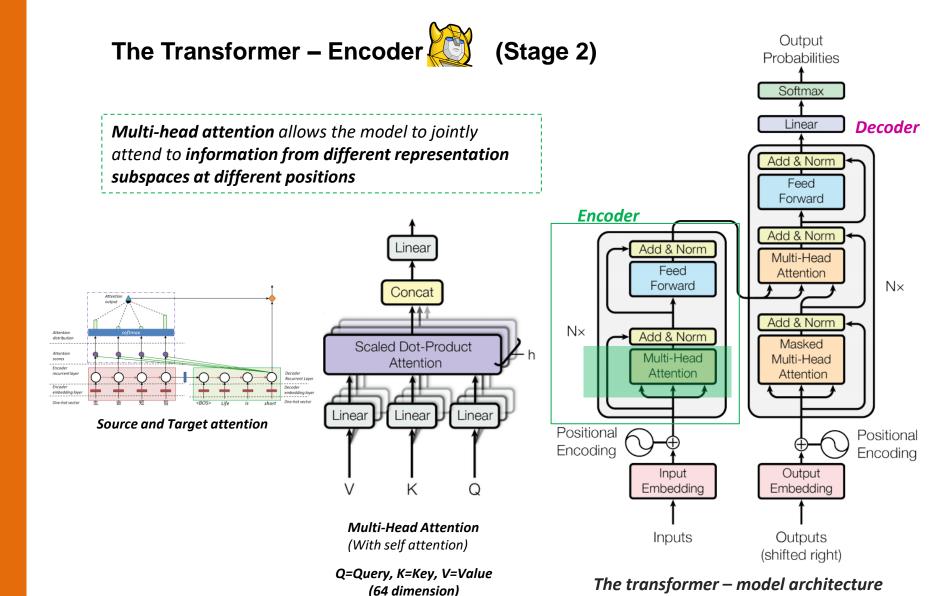


Q=Query, K=Key, V=Value

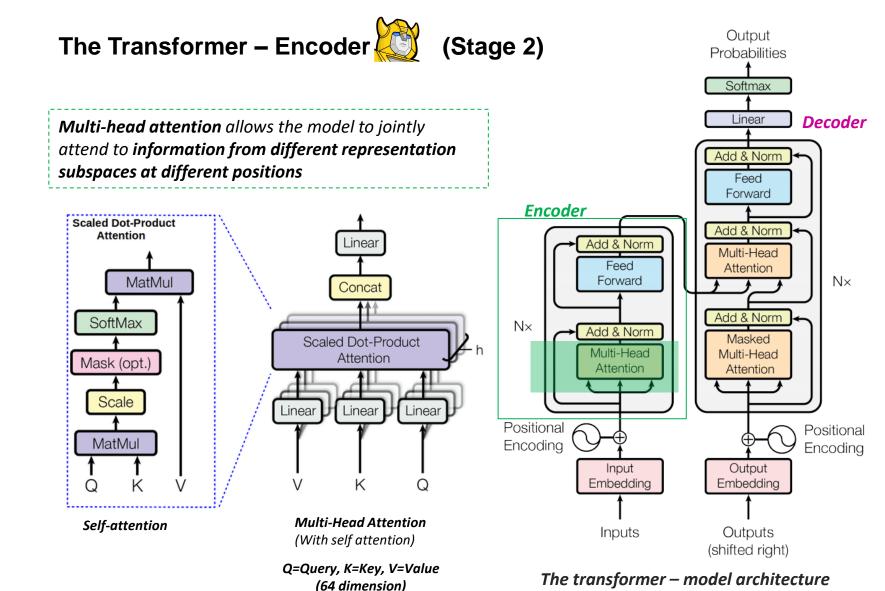
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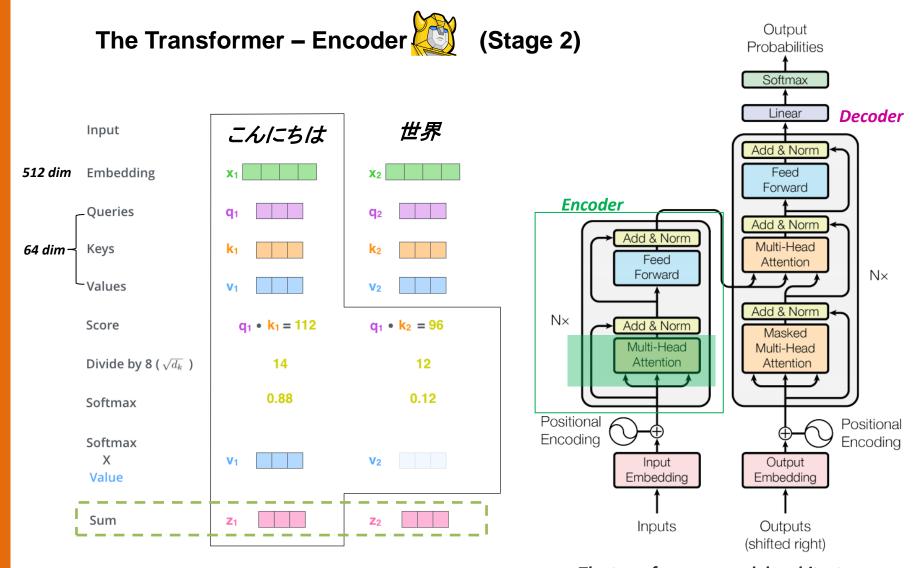






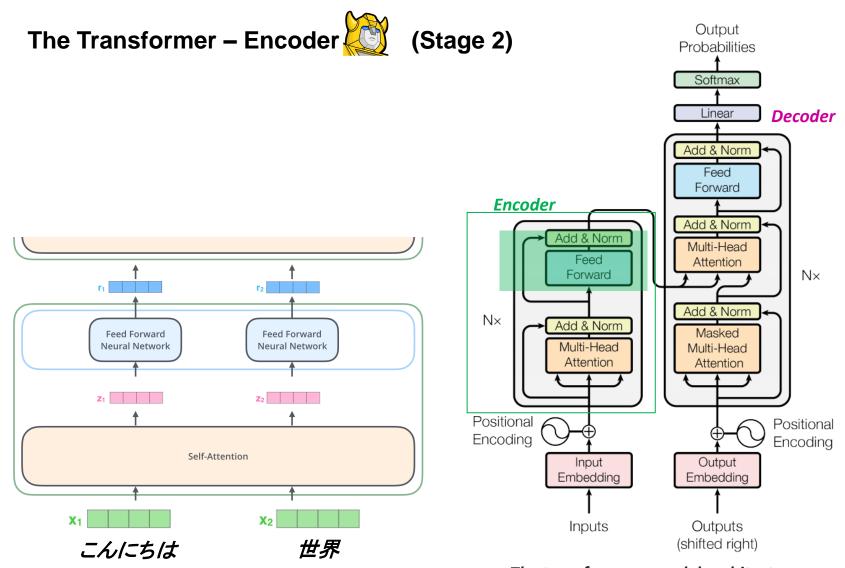






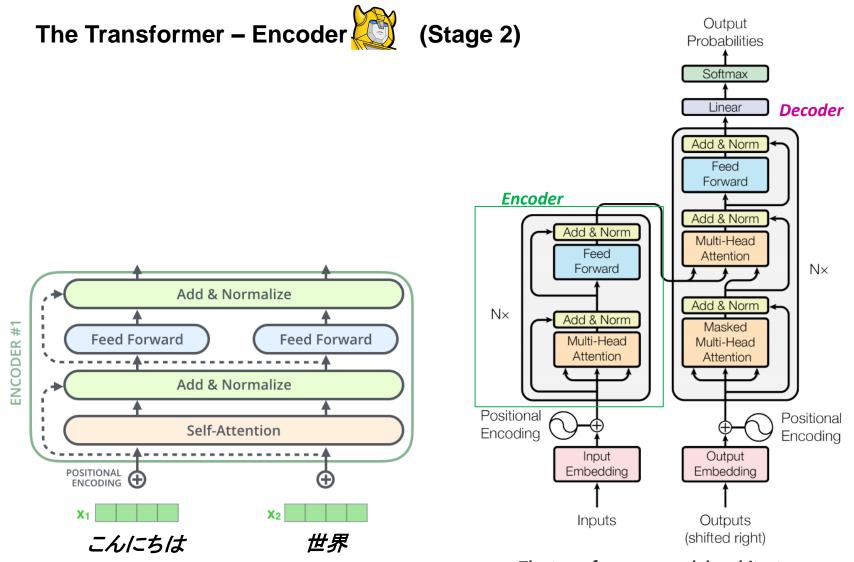
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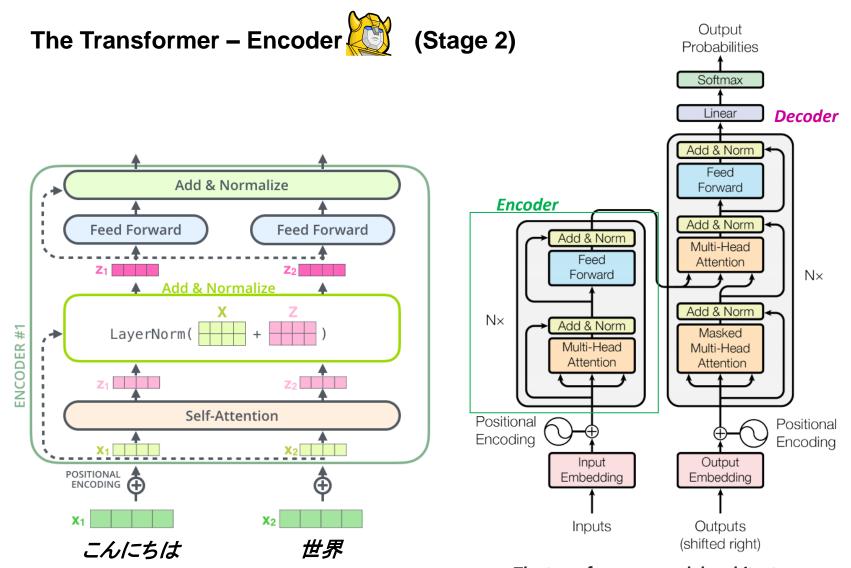
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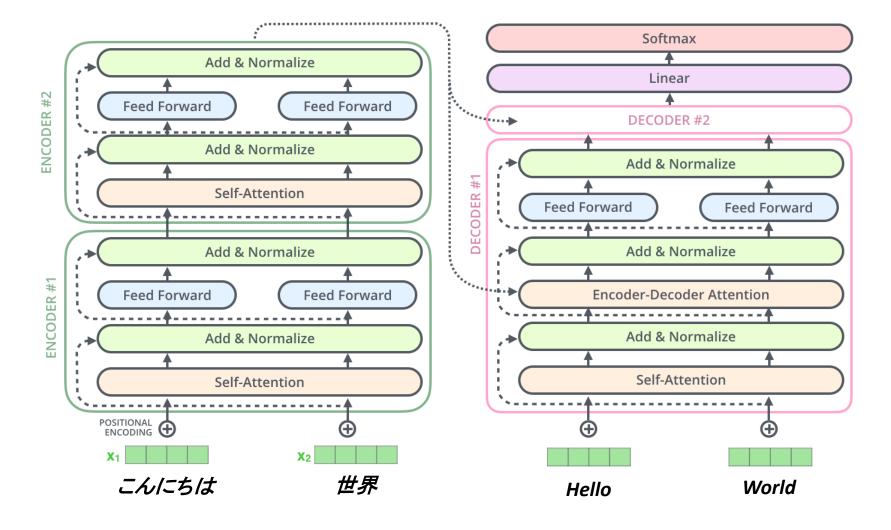


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The Transformer – Encoder to Decoder

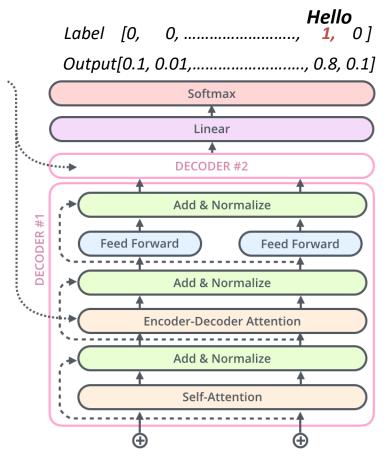


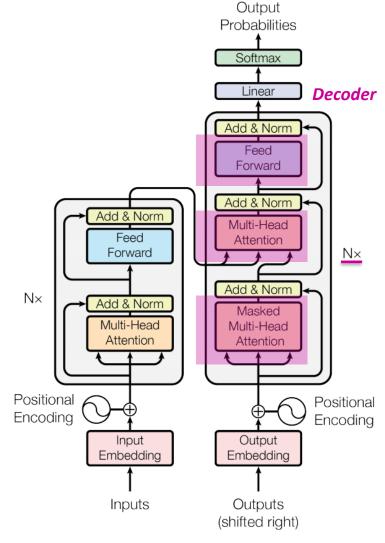




The Transformer - Decoder







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The Transformer with example – Encoder to Decoder

Decoding time step: 1 2 3 4 5 6 OUTPUT Linear + Softmax **ENCODER DECODER DECODER ENCODER EMBEDDING** WITH TIME **SIGNAL EMBEDDINGS** suis étudiant le **INPUT**





The Transformer with example – Decoding Phrases

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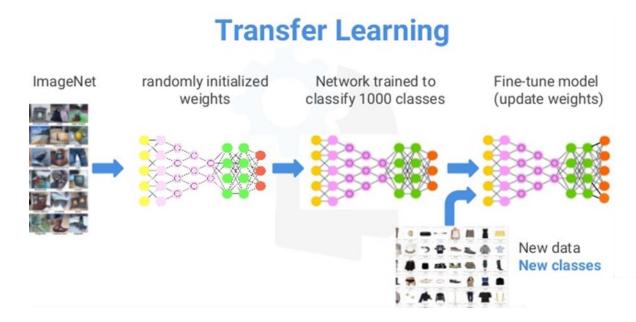
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Pre-training and Transfer Learning

In computer vision, prove the value of transfer learning

- pre-training a neural network on a known task (i.e. ImageNet)
- performing fine-tuning
- using the trained neural network as the basis of a new purpose-specific model.





Pre-training and Transfer Learning in NLP

Popular Pre-trained Model in NLP

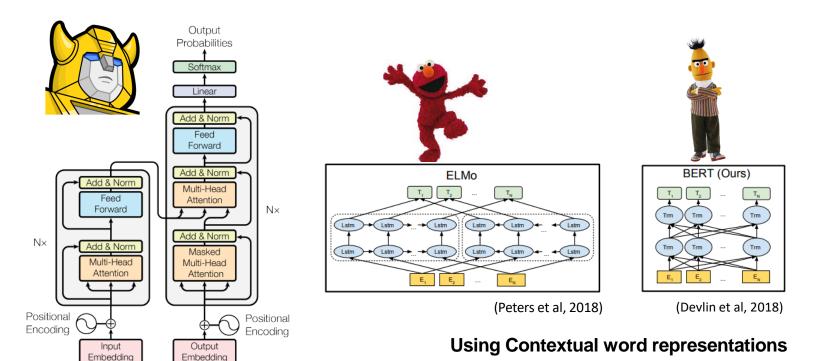


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

Outputs (shifted right)

Inputs



Pre-training and Transfer Learning in NLP

Popular Pre-trained Model: Contextual Representations

Word embeddings (i.e. word2vec, fastText, GloVe) are applied in a context free manner

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Step up to the bat bat [0.7, 0.2, -0.5, 1.1, ...]
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A vampire **bat** — **bat** [0.7, 0.2, -0.5, 1.1, ...]

Need to train **contextual representation** on text corpus

Step up to the **bat** — **bat** [1.1, -0.7, 0.8, 2.1, ...]

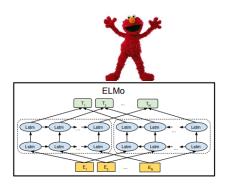
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Pre-training and Transfer Learning in NLP

ELMo: Deep Contextual Word Embeddings (2017)





ELMo provided a **significant step towards pre-training in the context of NLP**. Let's dig in what the ELMo's big secret is!

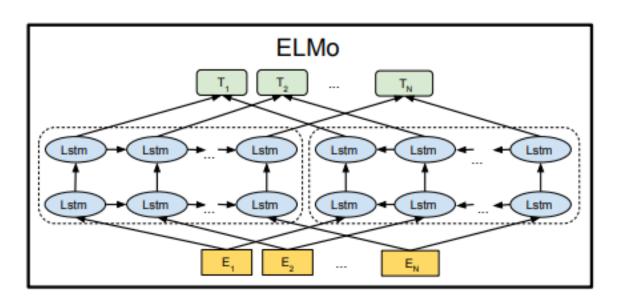




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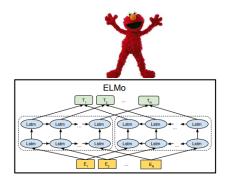
ELMo gained its language understanding from being trained to predict the next word in a sequence of words, Language Modeling Tasks. This is convenient because we have vast amounts of text data that such a model can learn from without needing labels.





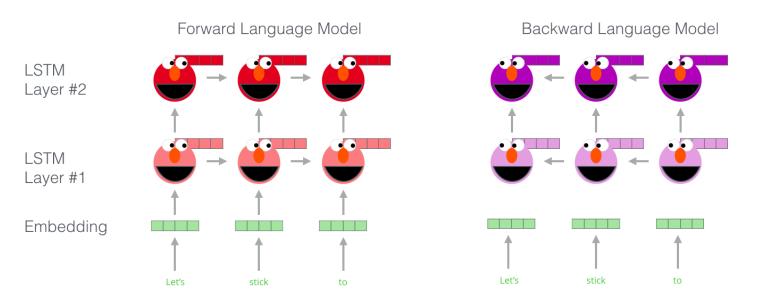
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We can see the hidden state of each unrolled-LSTM step peaking out from behind ELMo's head. Those come in handy in the embedding process after this pre-training is done.

ELMo goes a step further and trains a bi-directional LSTM – so that its language model doesn't only have a sense of the next word, but also the previous word.



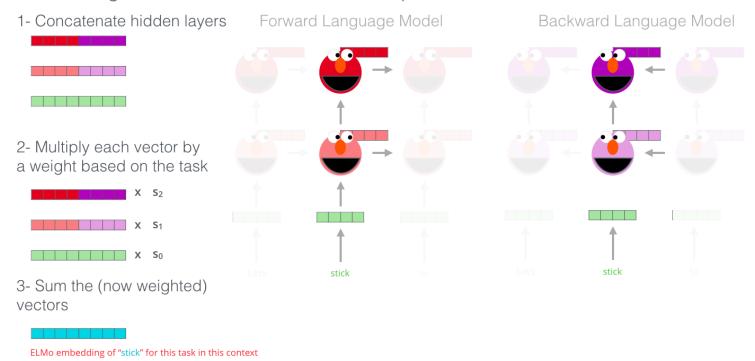


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ELMo comes with the contextualized embedding through grouping together the hidden states (and initial embedding) in a certain way (concatenation followed by weighted summation).

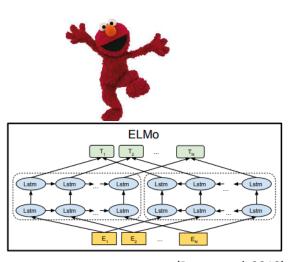
Embedding of "stick" in "Let's stick to" - Step #2



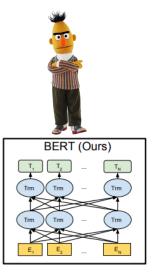


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ELMo and BERT



(Peters et al, 2018)



(Devlin et al, 2018)



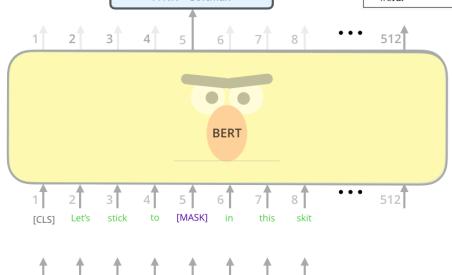
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BERT: Masked language Model

Use the output of the masked word's position to predict the masked word



- Rather than always replacing the chosen words with [MASK], the data generator will do the following:
- 80% of the time: Replace the word with the [MASK] token, e.g., my dog is hairy → my dog is [MASK]
- 10% of the time: Replace the word with a random word, e.g., my dog is hairy → my dog is apple
- 10% of the time: Keep the word unchanged, e.g., my dog is hairy → my dog is hairy. The purpose of this is to bias the representation towards the actual observed word.



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Randomly mask 15% of tokens

Input



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BERT: Input Representation

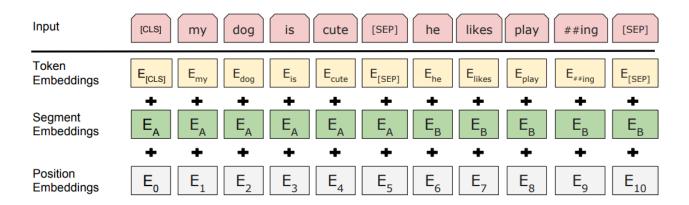
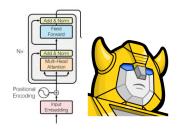


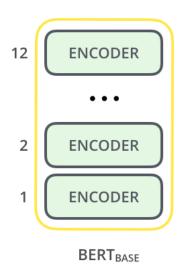
Figure 2: BERT input representation. The input embeddings is the sum of the token embeddings, the segmentation embeddings and the position embeddings.

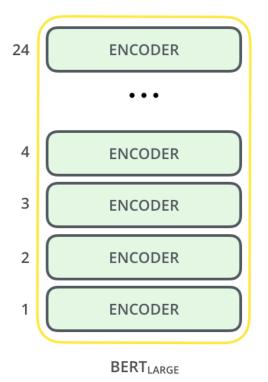






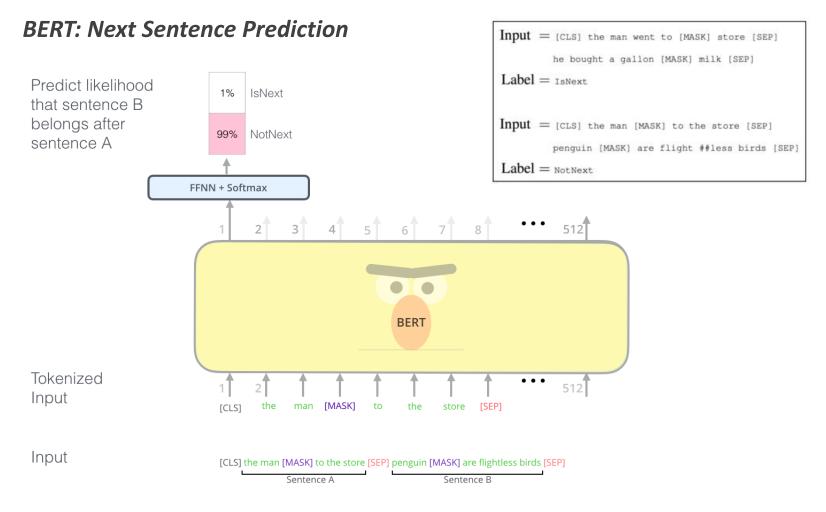
BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding







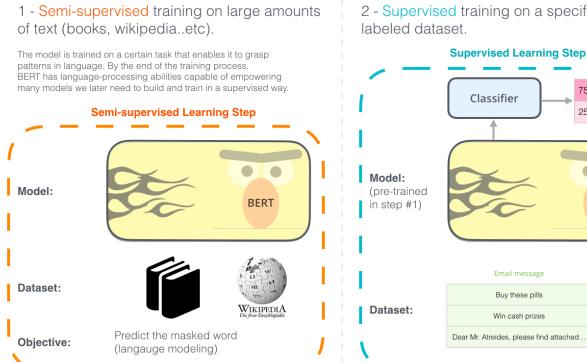
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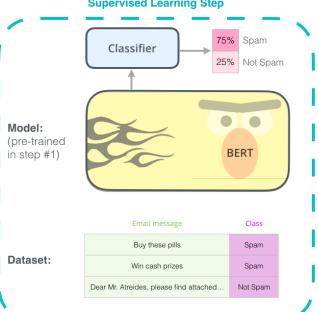


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The two steps of how BERT is developed. Download the model pretrained in step 1 (trained on un-annotated data), and only worry about fine-tuning it for step 2



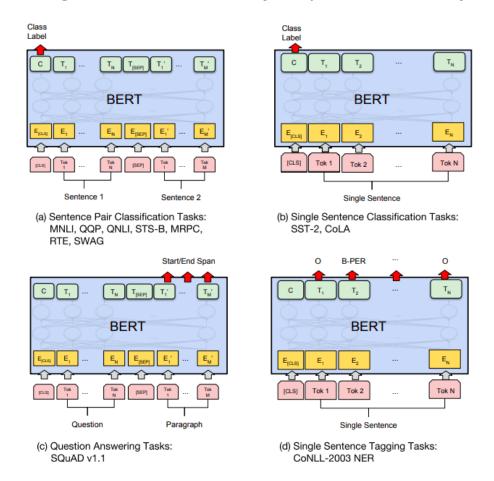
2 - Supervised training on a specific task with a





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The following shows a number of ways to use BERT for different tasks.





Accuracy... Performance

System	MNLI-(m/mm)	QQP	QNLI	SST-2	CoLA	STS-B	MRPC	RTE	Average
	392k	363k	108k	67k	8.5k	5.7k	3.5k	2.5k	-
Pre-OpenAI SOTA	80.6/80.1	66.1	82.3	93.2	35.0	81.0	86.0	61.7	74.0
BiLSTM+ELMo+Attn	76.4/76.1	64.8	79.9	90.4	36.0	73.3	84.9	56.8	71.0
OpenAI GPT	82.1/81.4	70.3	88.1	91.3	45.4	80.0	82.3	56.0	75.2
BERTBASE	84.6/83.4	71.2	90.1	93.5	52.1	85.8	88.9	66.4	79.6
$BERT_{LARGE}$	86.7/85.9	72.1	91.1	94.9	60.5	86.5	89.3	70.1	81.9

Table 1: GLUE Test results, scored by the GLUE evaluation server. The number below each task denotes the number of training examples. The "Average" column is slightly different than the official GLUE score, since we exclude the problematic WNLI set. OpenAI GPT = (L=12, H=768, A=12); BERT_{BASE} = (L=12, H=768, A=12); BERT_{LARGE} = (L=24, H=1024, A=16). BERT and OpenAI GPT are single-model, single task. All results obtained from https://gluebenchmark.com/leaderboard and https://blog.openai.com/language-unsupervised/.

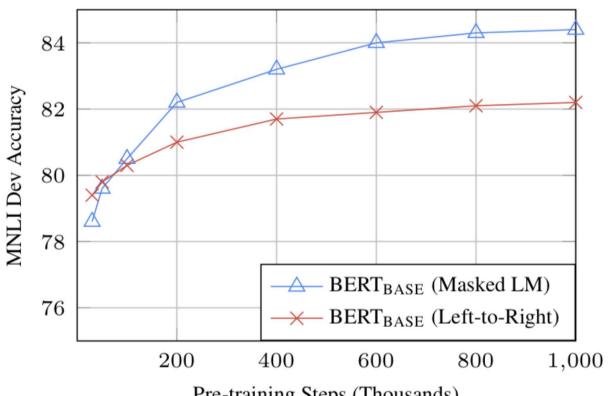


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BERT-Base: 4 Cloud TPUs (16 TPU chips total) in 4 days

BERT-Large: 16 Cloud TPUs (64 TPU chips total)



Pre-training Steps (Thousands)

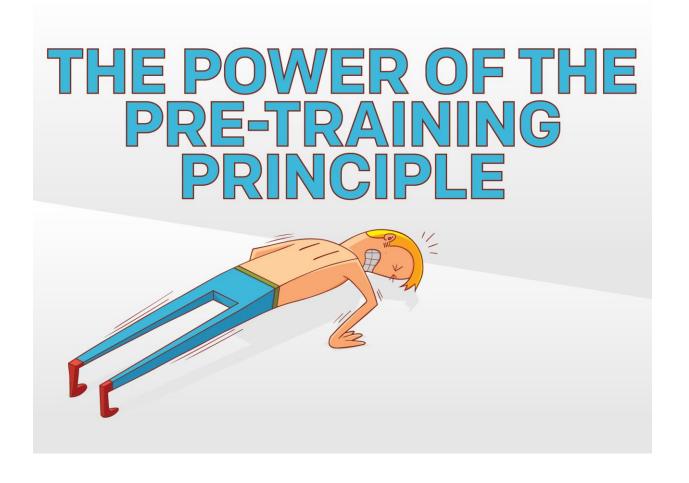


More advanced pre-trained model

	BERT	RoBERTa	DistilBERT	XLNet
Size (millions)	Base: 110 Large: 340	Base: 110 Large: 340	Base: 66	Base: ~110 Large: ~340
Training Time	Base: 8 x V100 x 12 days* Large: 64 TPU Chips x 4 days (or 280 x V100 x 1 days*)	Large: 1024 x V100 x 1 day; 4-5 times more than BERT.	Base: 8 x V100 x 3.5 days; 4 times less than BERT.	Large: 512 TPU Chips x 2.5 days; 5 times more than BERT.
Performance	Outperforms state-of- the-art in Oct 2018	2-20% improvement over BERT	3% degradation from BERT	2-15% improvement over BERT
Data	16 GB BERT data (Books Corpus + Wikipedia). 3.3 Billion words.	160 GB (16 GB BERT data + 144 GB additional)	16 GB BERT data. 3.3 Billion words.	Base: 16 GB BERT data Large: 113 GB (16 GB BERT data + 97 GB additional). 33 Billion words.
Method	BERT (Bidirectional Transformer with MLM and NSP)	BERT without NSP**	BERT Distillation	Bidirectional Transformer with Permutation based modeling



The future of NLP...



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What we learned in this course!

NLP and Machine		
Learning		
NLP		
Techniques		
Advanced		
Topic		

Week 13: Future of NLP and Exam Review



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