



Transformer Language models

Lecture 2 - Decoder-only models

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-Language definition



Language Definition



Chomsky (1959: 137) “A language is a collection of sentences of **finite length** all constructed from a **finite alphabet** (or, where our concern is limited to syntax, a **finite vocabulary**) of symbols.”

DNA Language

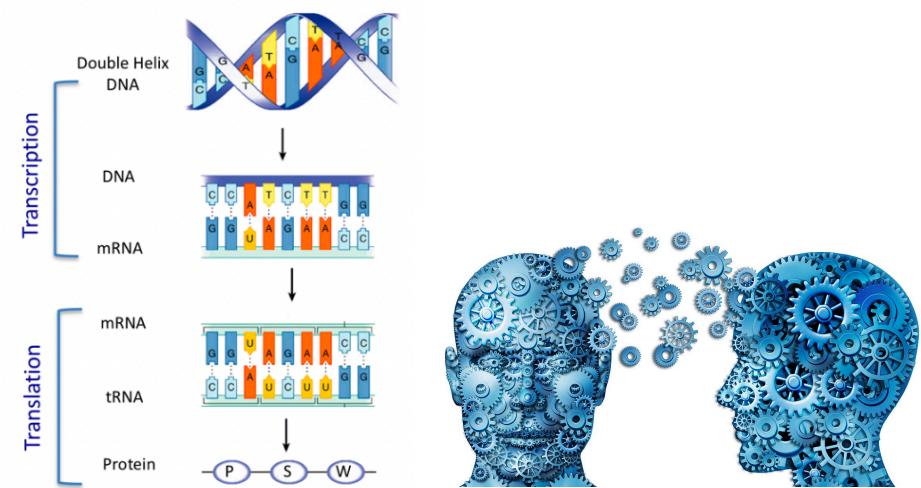
Sentences out of {A,T,C,G}

RNA Language

Sentences out of {A,U,C,G}

Protein Language

Sentences out of
{A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T,V,W,X,Y}



–Distributional Hypothesis



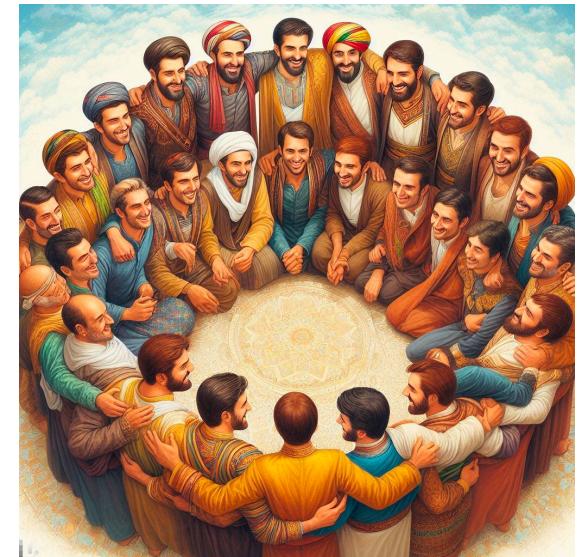
Distributional hypothesis



J.R. Firth

Firth (1950) “*a word is characterized by the company it keeps*”

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A picture of a good friendship circle in Persian culture
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Language modeling

$$p(\text{start}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \text{stop})$$

$$p(\text{start}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \text{stop}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \gamma(w_i \mid w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{i-1})$$

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N-gram Language modeling

$$p(\text{start}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \text{stop}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \gamma(w_i \mid w_1, w_2, \dots, w_{i-1})$$

Bi-gram

$$p(\text{start}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \text{stop}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \gamma(w_i \mid w_{i-1})$$

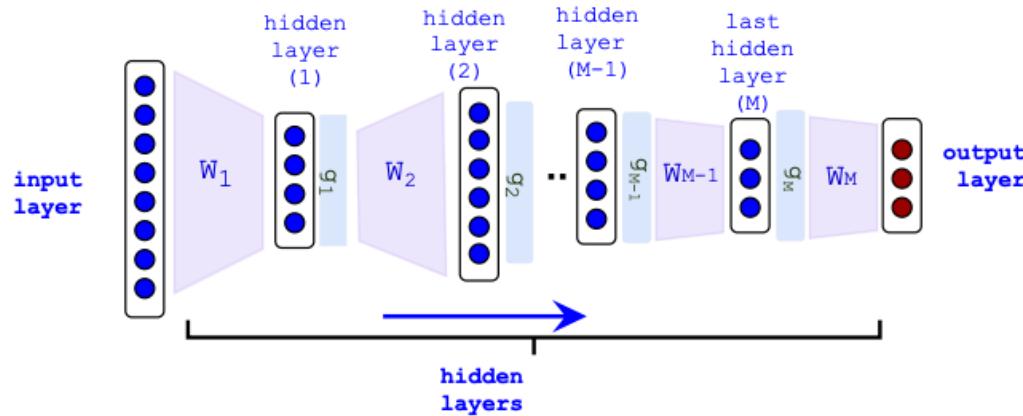
Markov (m^{th} order)

$$p(\text{start}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \text{stop}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n+1} \gamma(w_i \mid w_{i-m}, \dots, w_{i-1})$$

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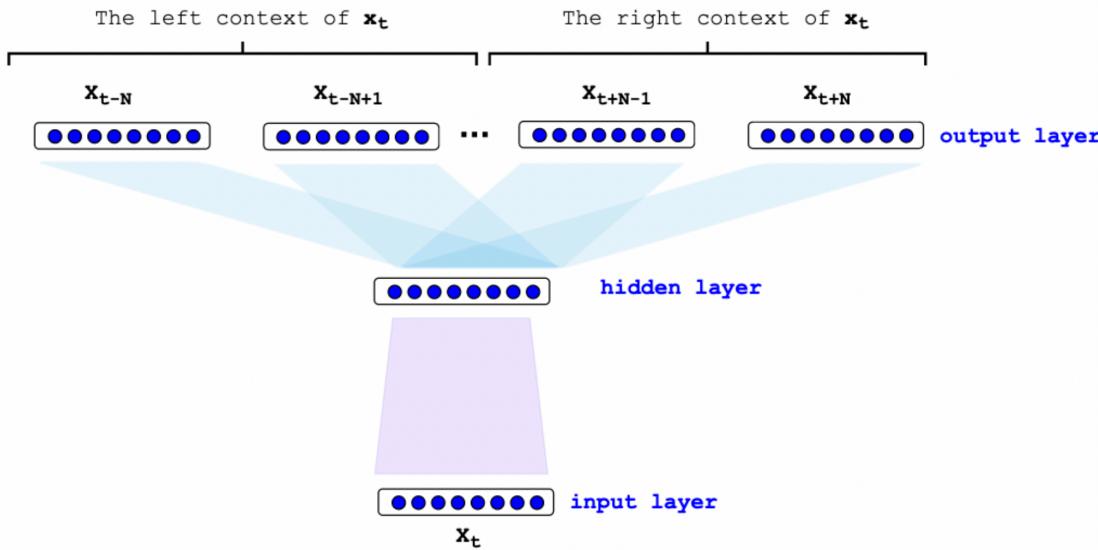
Neural Language modeling

$$p(\text{start}, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, \text{stop})$$



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Skip-gram – Similar to Language Models



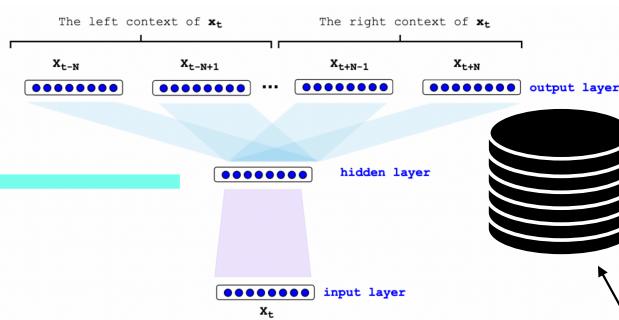
Maximizing the following likelihood:

$$\sum_{t=1}^M \sum_{c \in [t-N, t+N]} \log p(w_c | w_t) \longrightarrow \left| \sum_{t=1}^T \left[\sum_{c \in [t-N, t+N]} \log (1 + e^{-s(w_t, w_c)}) + \sum_{w_r \in \mathcal{N}_{t,c}} \log (1 + e^{s(w_t, w_r)}) \right] \right|$$
$$p(w_c | w_t; \theta) = \frac{e^{v_c \cdot v_t}}{\sum_{c' \in \mathcal{C}} e^{v_{c'} \cdot v_t}}$$
$$s(w_t, w_c) = v_t^\top \cdot v_c$$

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Fixed embeddings – Skip-gram



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Fixed embeddings – Skip-gram



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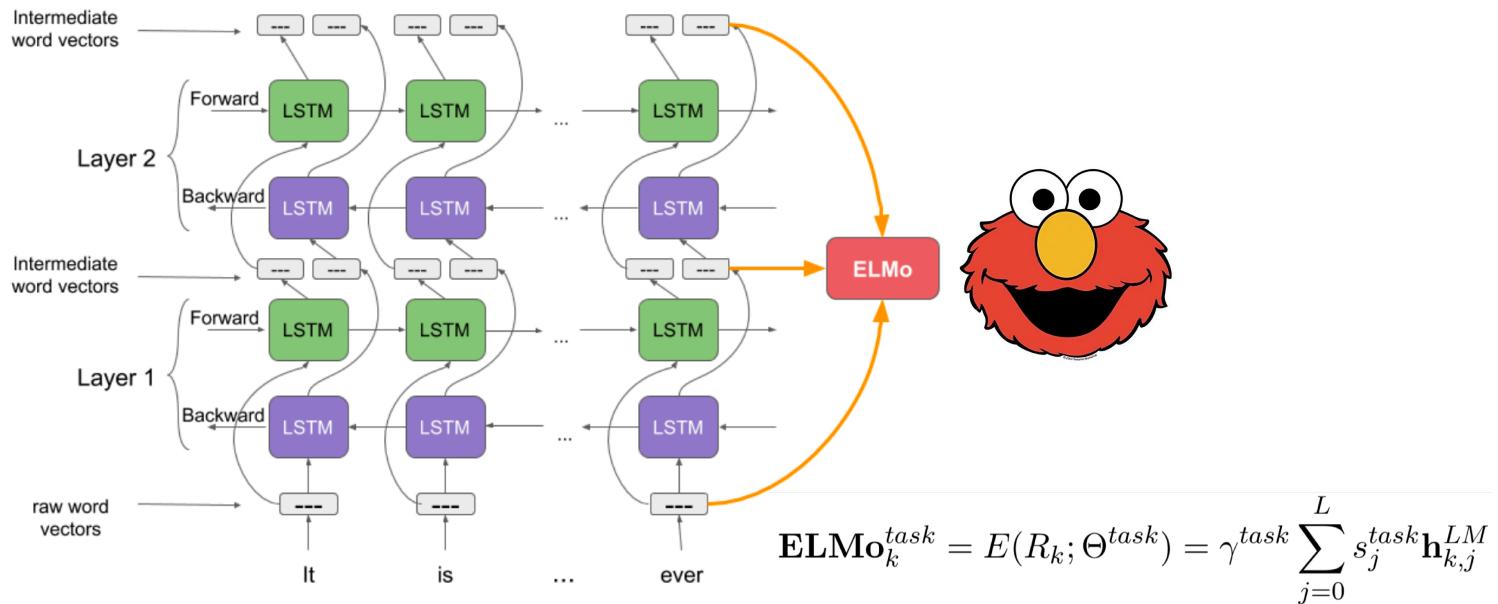
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ELMO: Deep contextualized word representations



ELMo (Peters et al., 2018; NAACL 2018 best paper)

- Train two separate unidirectional LMs (left-to-right and right-to-left) based on LSTMs
- Feature-based approach: pre-trained representations used as input to task-specific models

– Self-attention



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How to contextualize the fixed embeddings?



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Self-Attention Idea

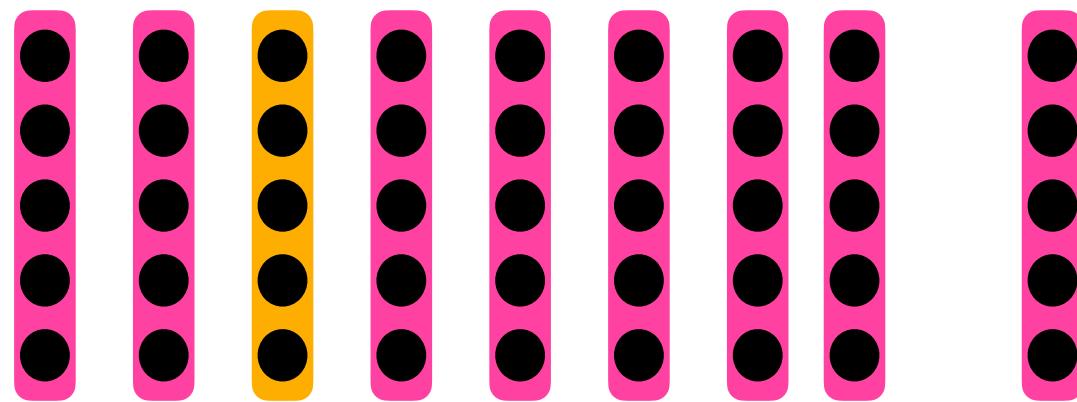
Input embeddings

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

Output embeddings

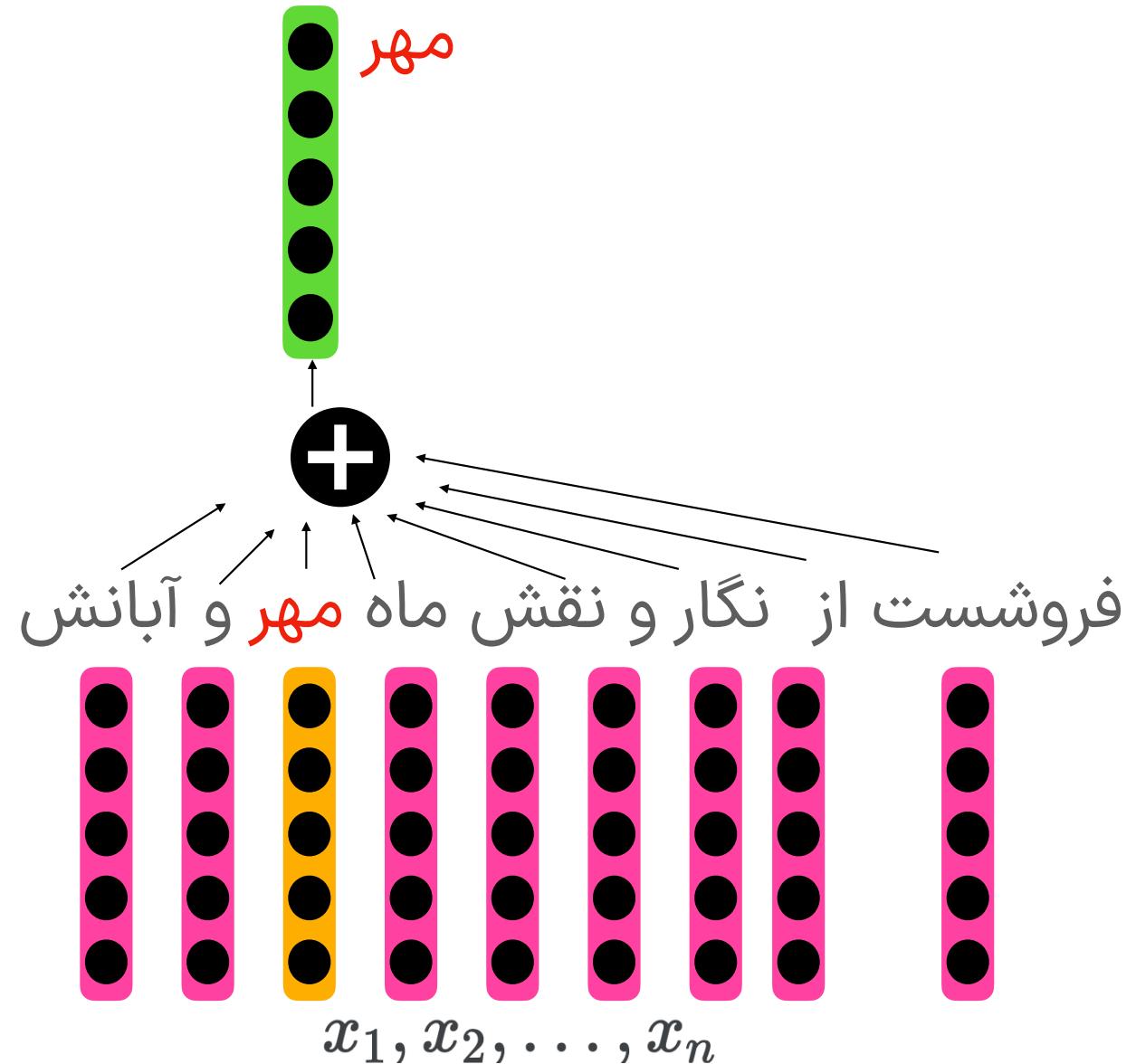
$$y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$$

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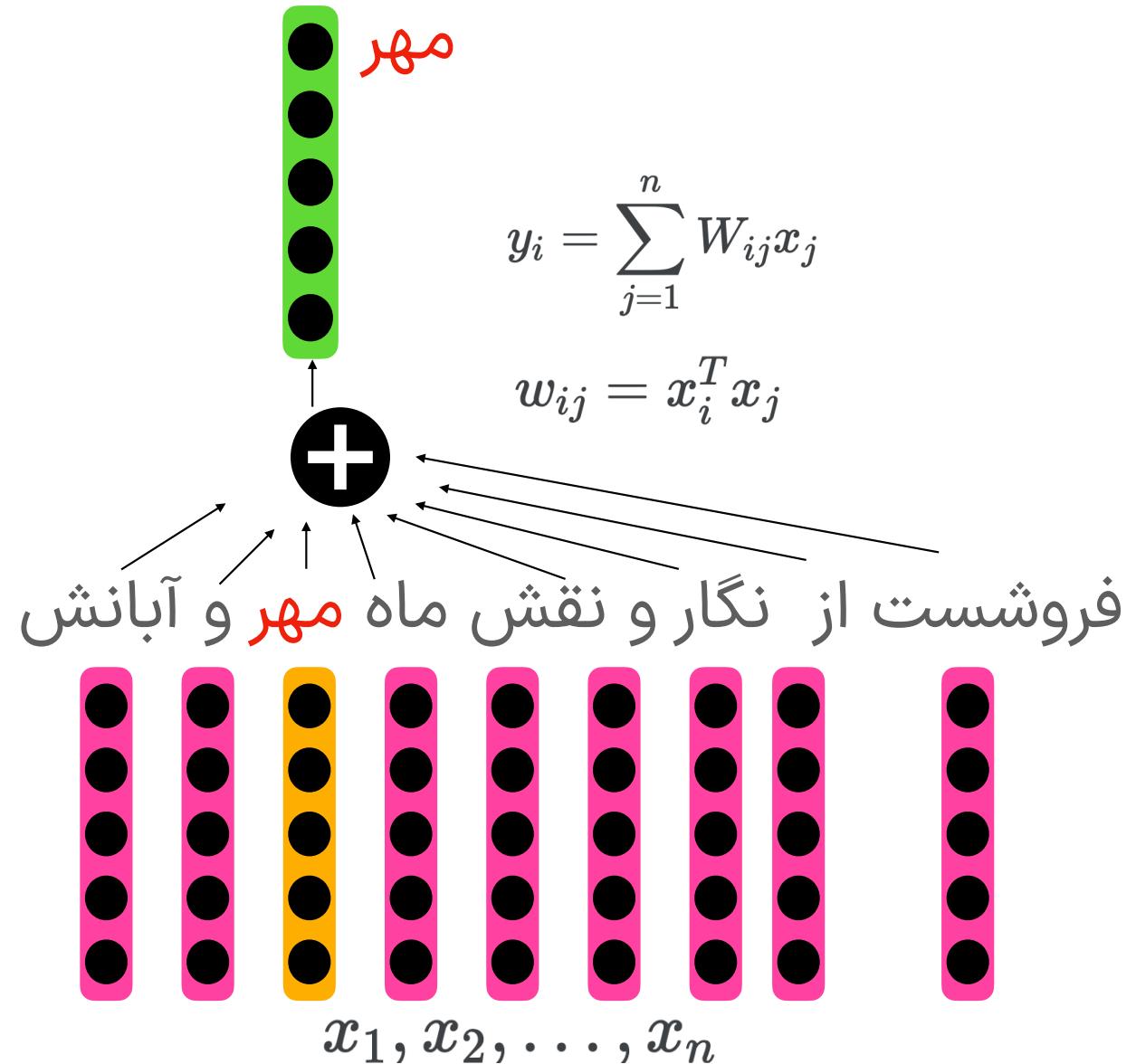
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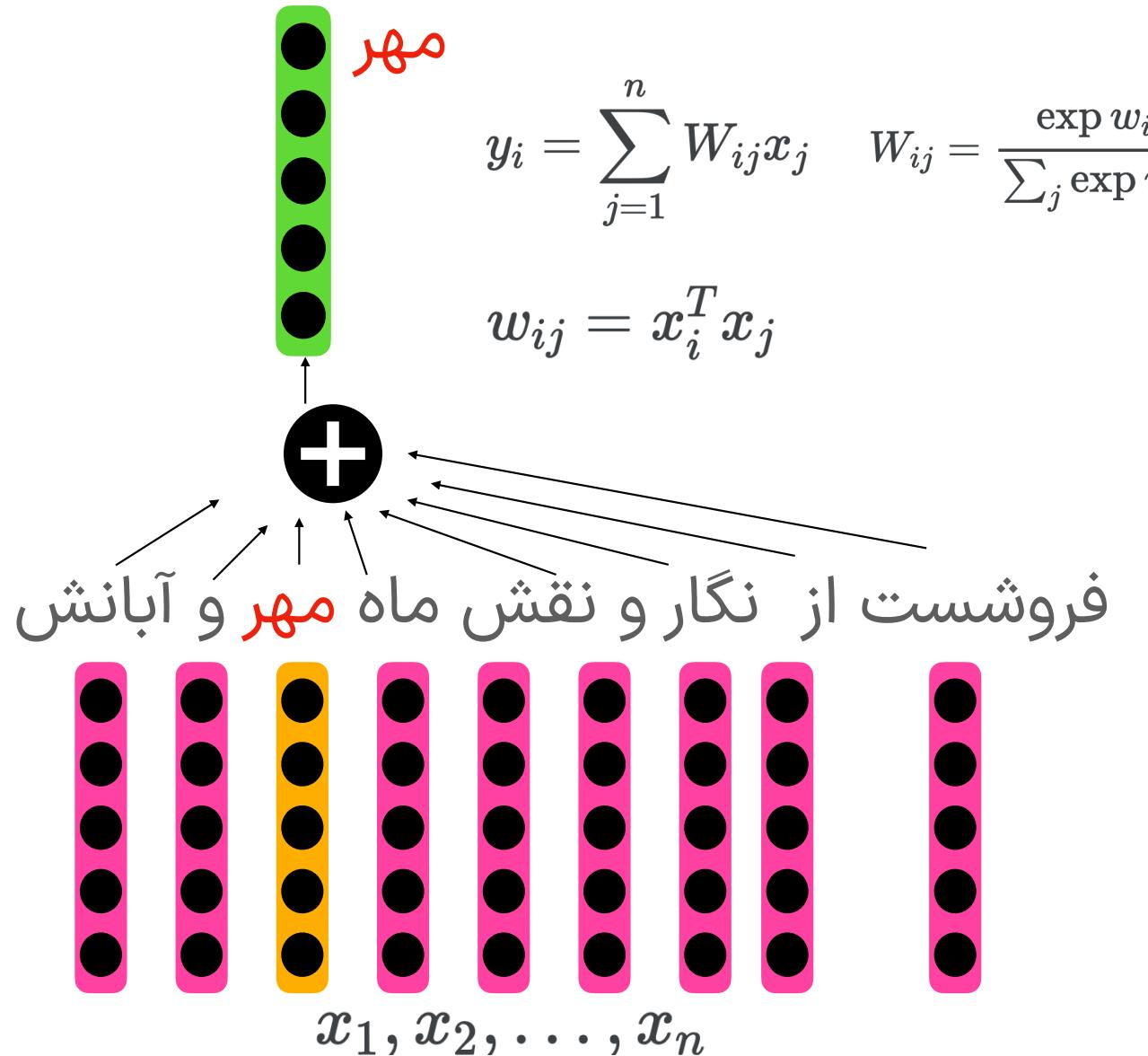
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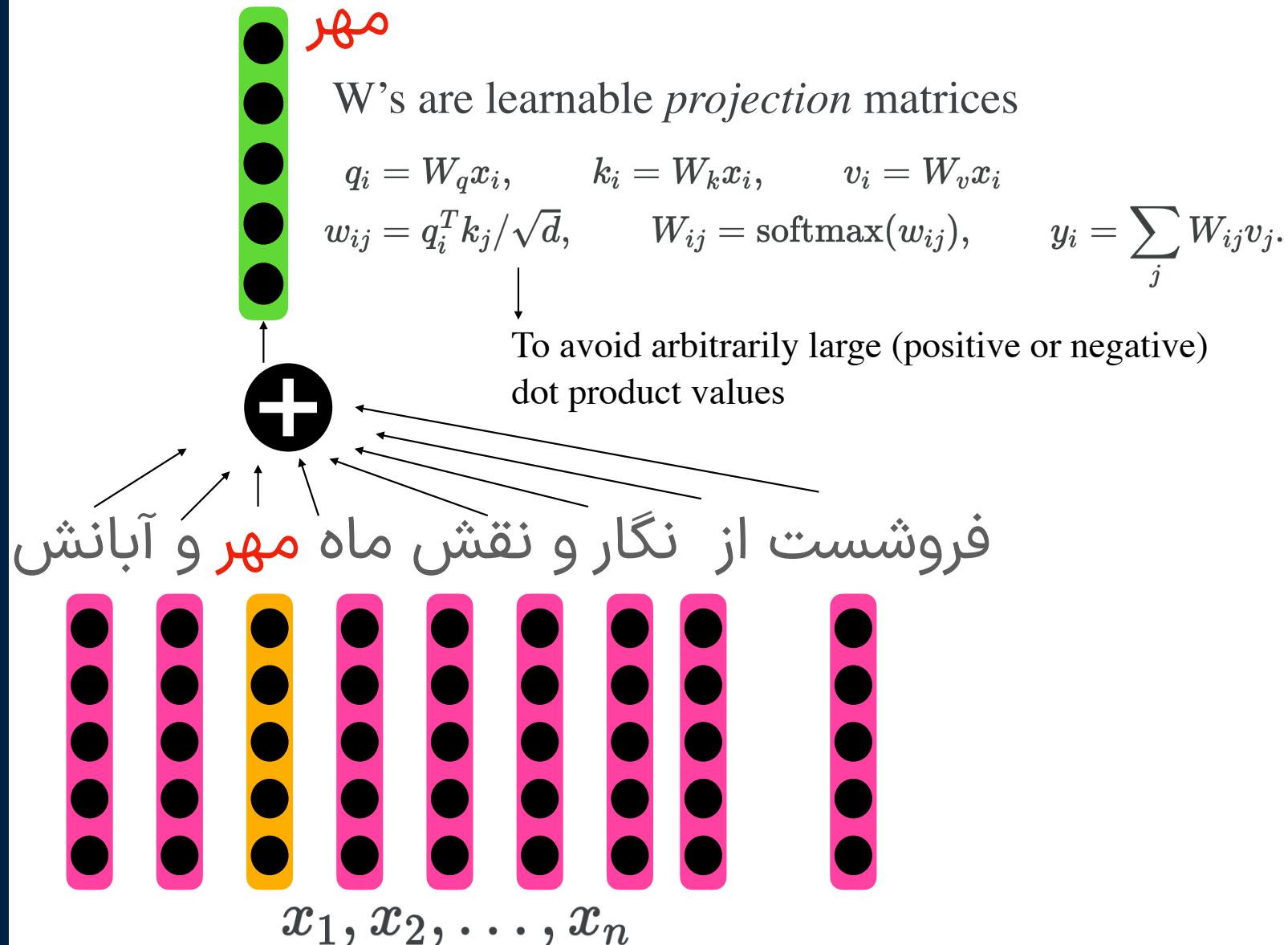
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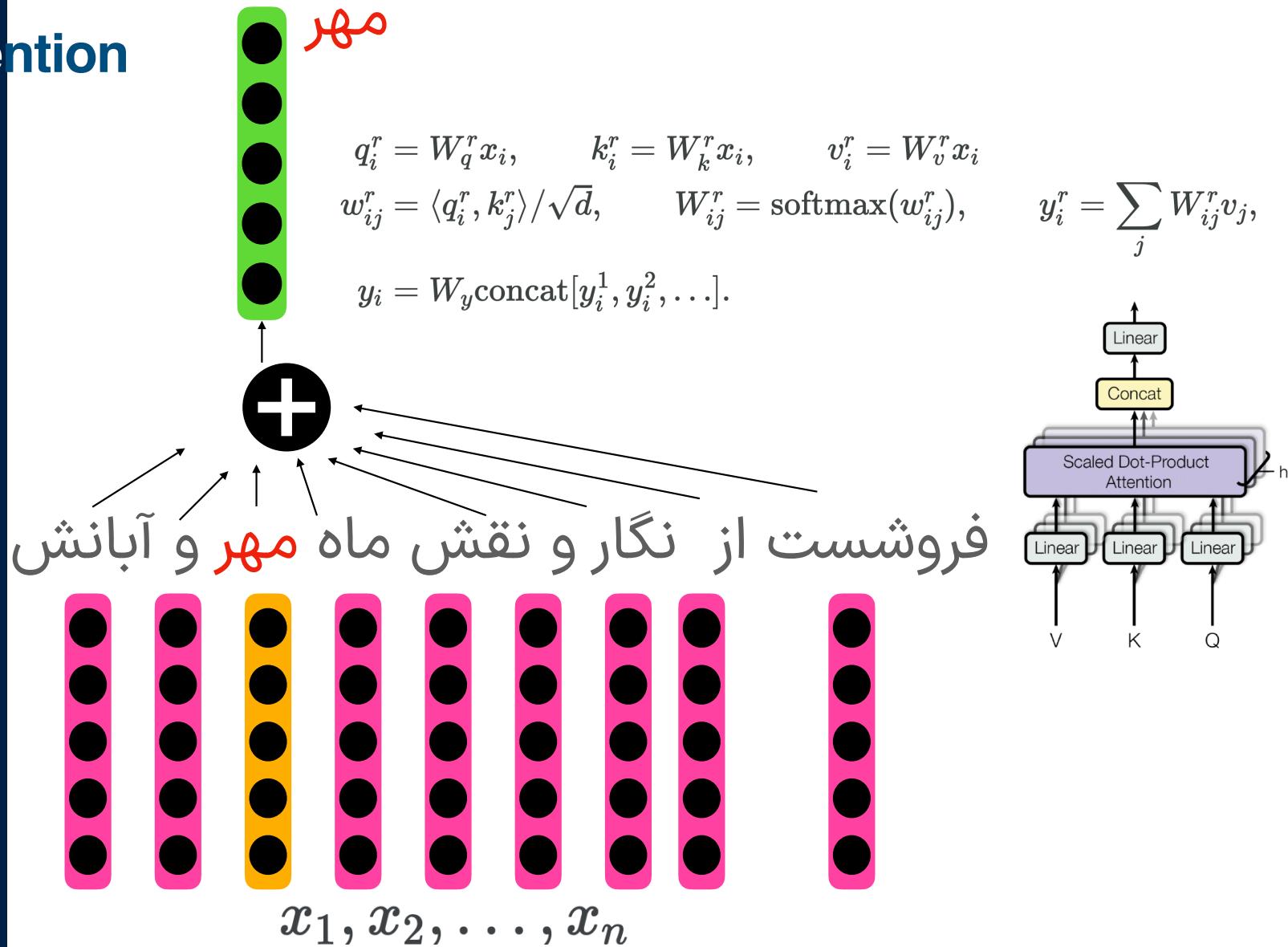
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- Inputs: a query q and a set of key-value (k-v) pairs to an output
 - All presented as vectors
 - Output is weighted sum of values
 - Weight of each value: inner product of query and corresponding key

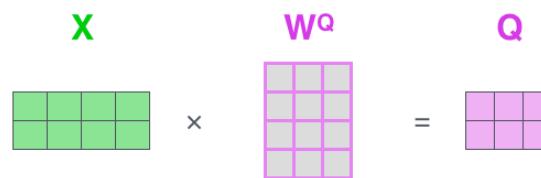
$$A(q, K, V) = \sum_i \frac{e^{q \cdot k_i}}{\sum_j e^{q \cdot k_j}} v_i$$

Multihead Attention



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Matrix Attention

$$\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W}^Q = \mathbf{Q}$$


$$\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W}^K = \mathbf{K}$$


$$\mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{W}^V = \mathbf{V}$$

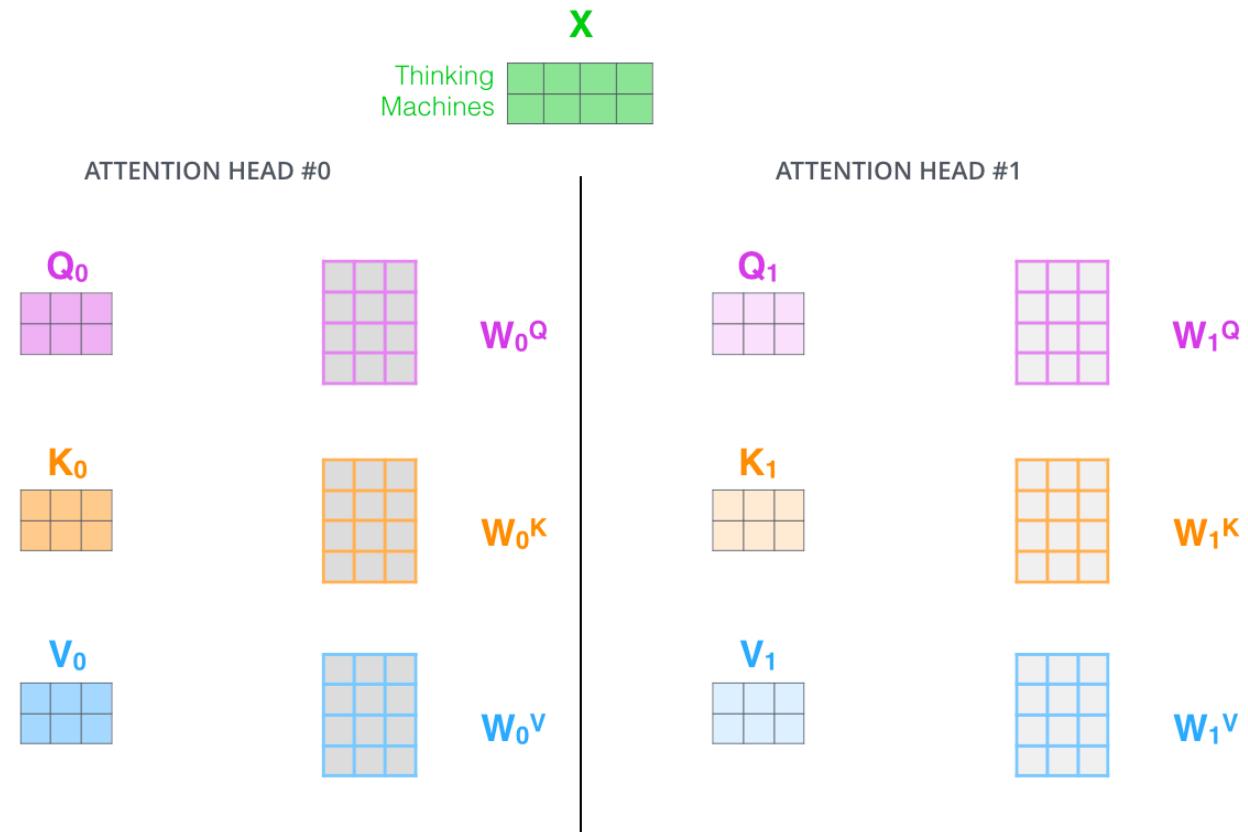

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Matrix Attention

$$\text{softmax}\left(\frac{\begin{matrix} \text{Q} & \times & \text{K}^T \\ \begin{matrix} \text{pink} \end{matrix} & \times & \begin{matrix} \text{orange} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) \begin{matrix} \text{V} \\ \begin{matrix} \text{blue} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$
$$= \begin{matrix} \text{Z} \\ \begin{matrix} \text{pink} \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

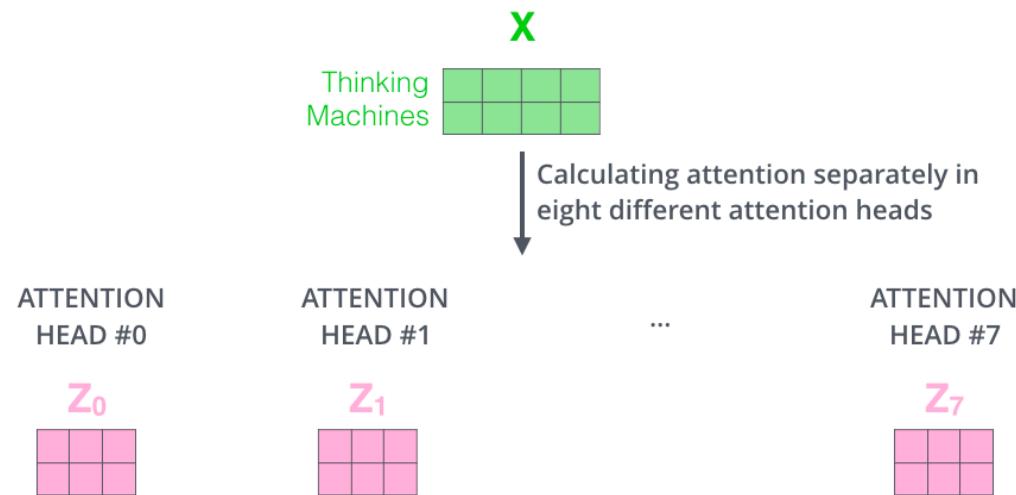
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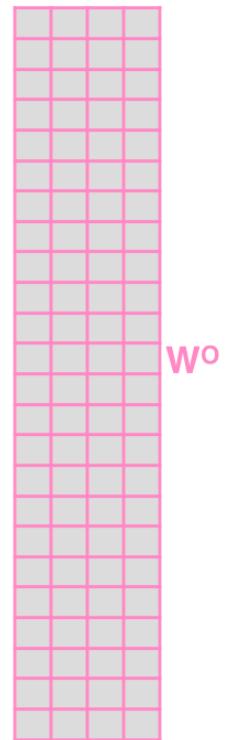
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1) Concatenate all the attention heads



2) Multiply with a weight matrix W^o that was trained jointly with the model

X



3) The result would be the Z matrix that captures information from all the attention heads. We can send this forward to the FFNN

$$= \begin{matrix} Z \\ \hline \text{---} \\ \begin{matrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{matrix} \end{matrix}$$

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– Transformers



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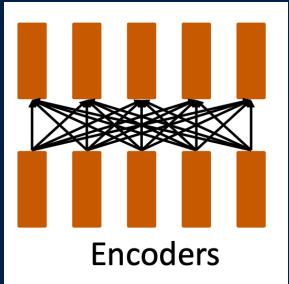
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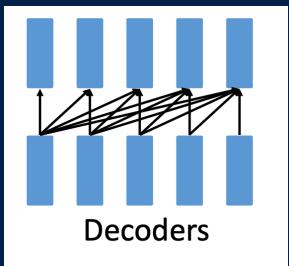
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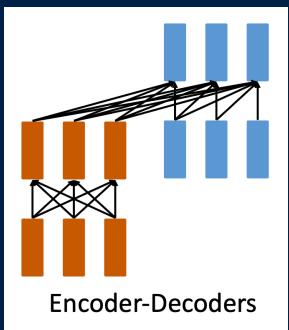
Transformer Architectures



- Encoder-only (e.g., BERT): bidirectional contextual embeddings



- Decoder-only (e.g., GPT-x): unidirectional contextual embeddings, generate one token at a time



- Encoder-decoder (e.g., T5): encode input, decode output