



Bert and Transformers Presentation

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What is the problem - sequential data

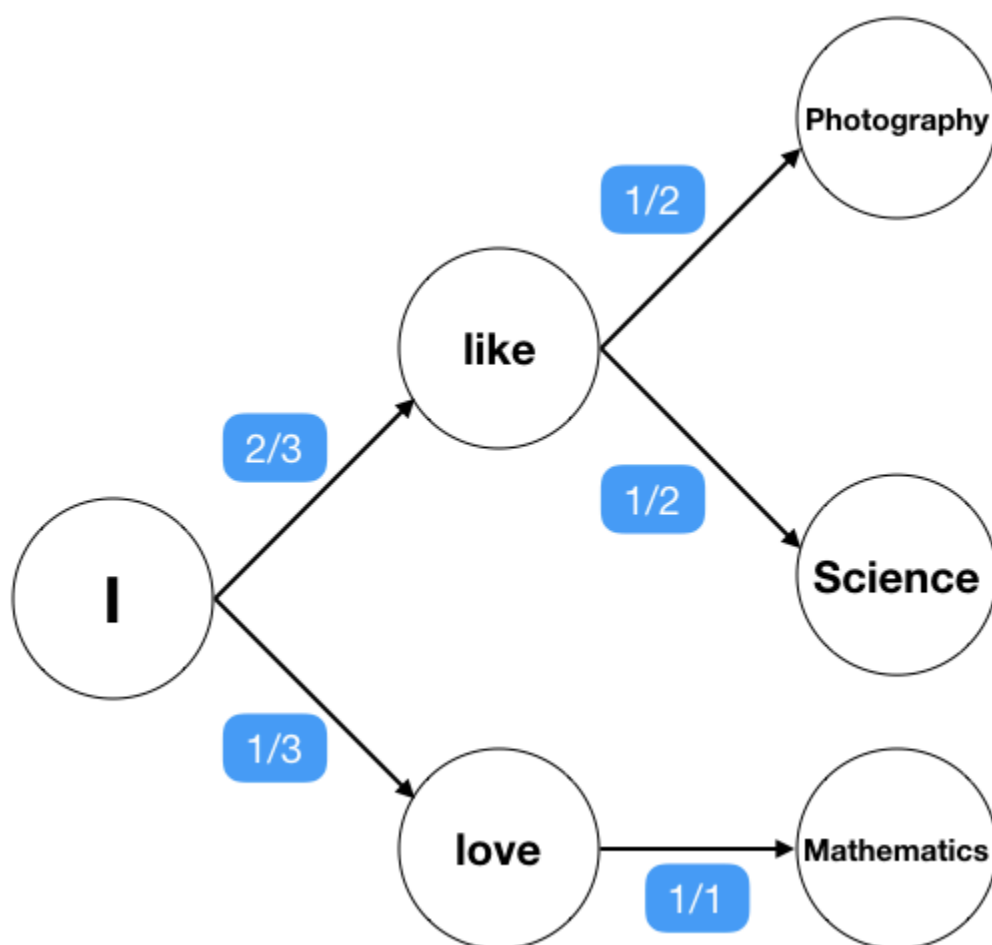
We have a sequence of data and we want to predict the next data point

e.g.

Sentence completion, music composition, code generation, stock market, population dynamics, weather

Past Methods

Markov Chain 1906 [wiki](#)



Subreddit generated completely with Markov Chains

Example from reddit

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Posted by u/FloridaMan_SS #49 / 268 (5.12) 5 months ago

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Military_SS #47 / 268 (5.13) 44 points · 5 months ago

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We have killed around 100,000 enemy combatants in the same manner as subs if you think running around with his equipment, I'm sure lol.

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NoStupidQuestions_SS #179 / 268 (2.44) 12 points · 5 months ago

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Schizophrenia, on the other hand, has obligations to protect their property and they had to drive up in front of them.

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Minecraft_SS #183 / 268 (2.33) 4 points · 5 months ago

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It can kill them with nether portals and ice roads so it isn't controlled like the real world by hand. Material can be so beautiful and detailed.

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changemyview_SS #59 / 268 (4.76) 13 points · 5 months ago

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What happens when someone shows up at the voting booth anyway, so it doesn't harm others is the only effective tool".

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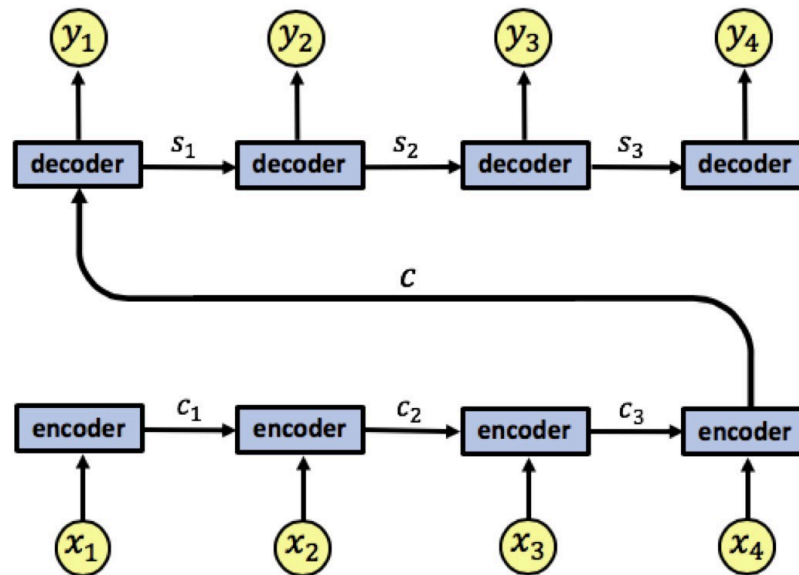
Pros:

- Simple to understand and implement
- Locally makes sense

Cons:

- Long sentences stop making sense
- Combinatorial explosion

RNN 1986 - Recurrent Neural Network



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Use case: Google translate

Pros:

- Better than Markov chain in long sequences

Cons:

- Long sequences still often don't make sense
- Vanishing gradients when training
- Forget the start of long sequences
- Hard to parallelize training
- Need large amounts of data
- Training bottleneck means diminishing returns

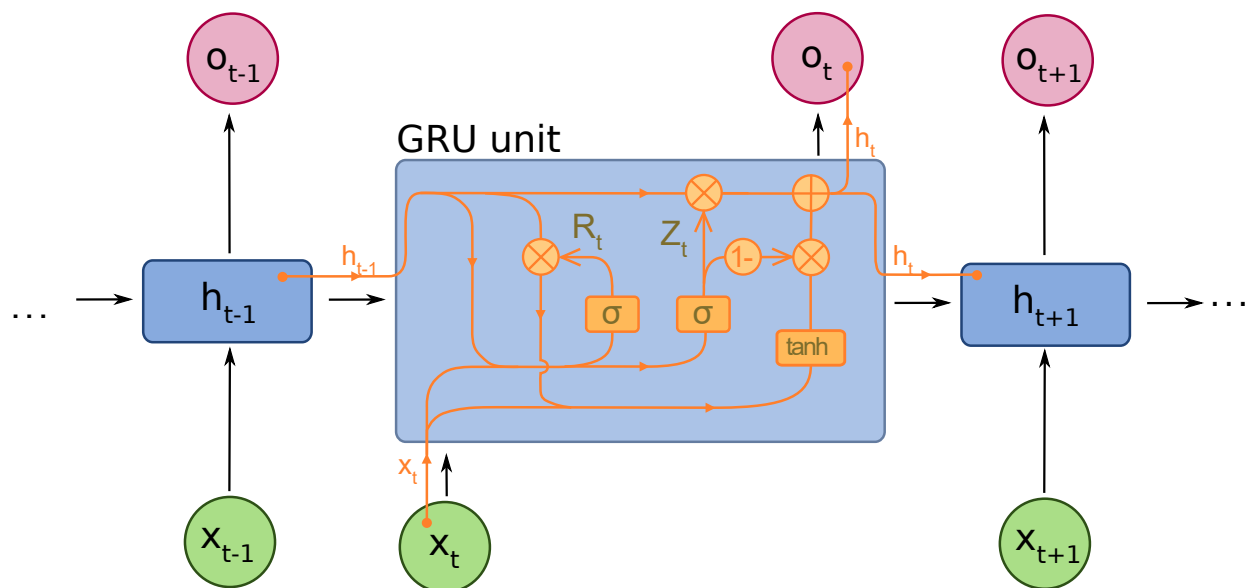
Information loss from sequential pipeline



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LSTM 1997 - Long Short Term Memory

GRU 2014 Gated Recurrent Unit



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These are modified versions of RNNs with gates that can be set/reset

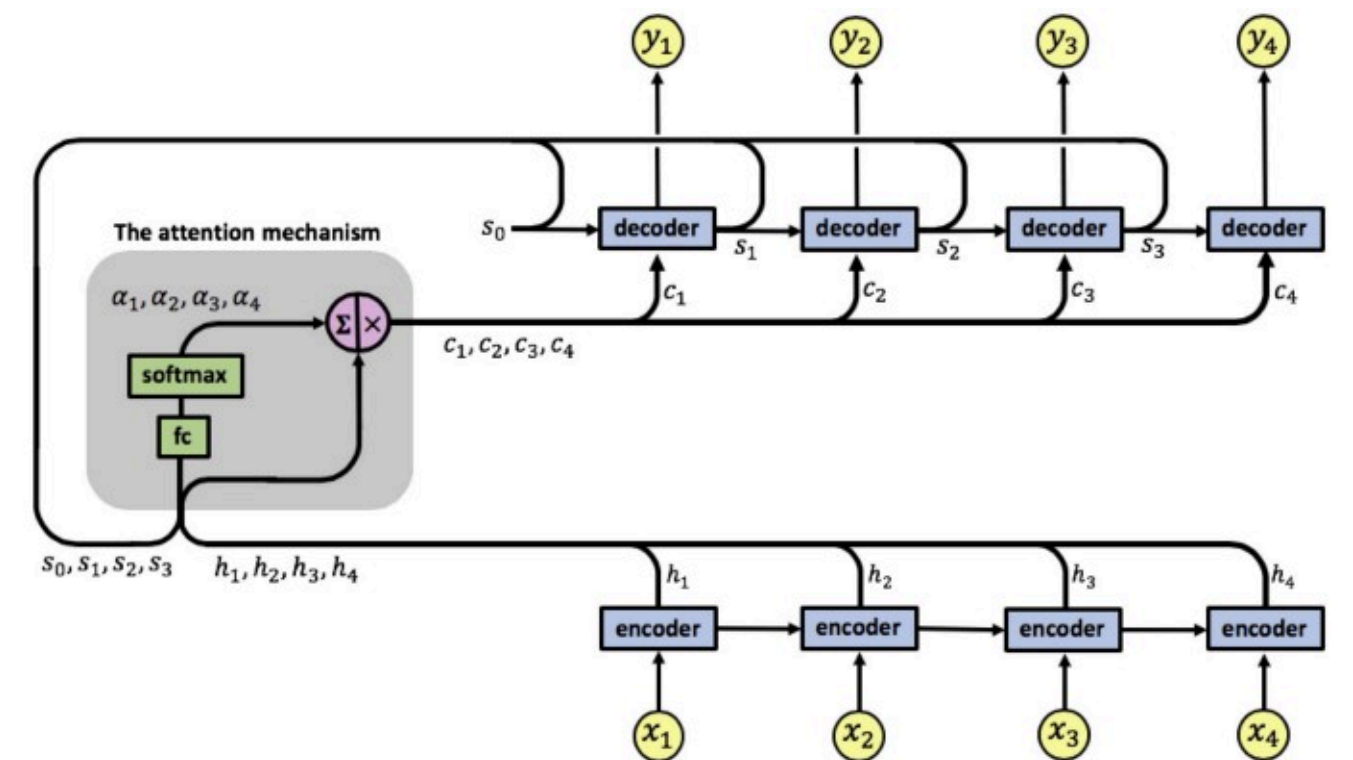
Pros:

- Forget and Remember gates can potentially have longer term memory

Cons:

- Still has most of the other cons of RNNs

RNN + Attention 2014 [Paper](#)



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Transformers 2017 [Paper: Attention Is All You Need](#)

BERT [Paper: BERT Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language](#)

Understanding 2018

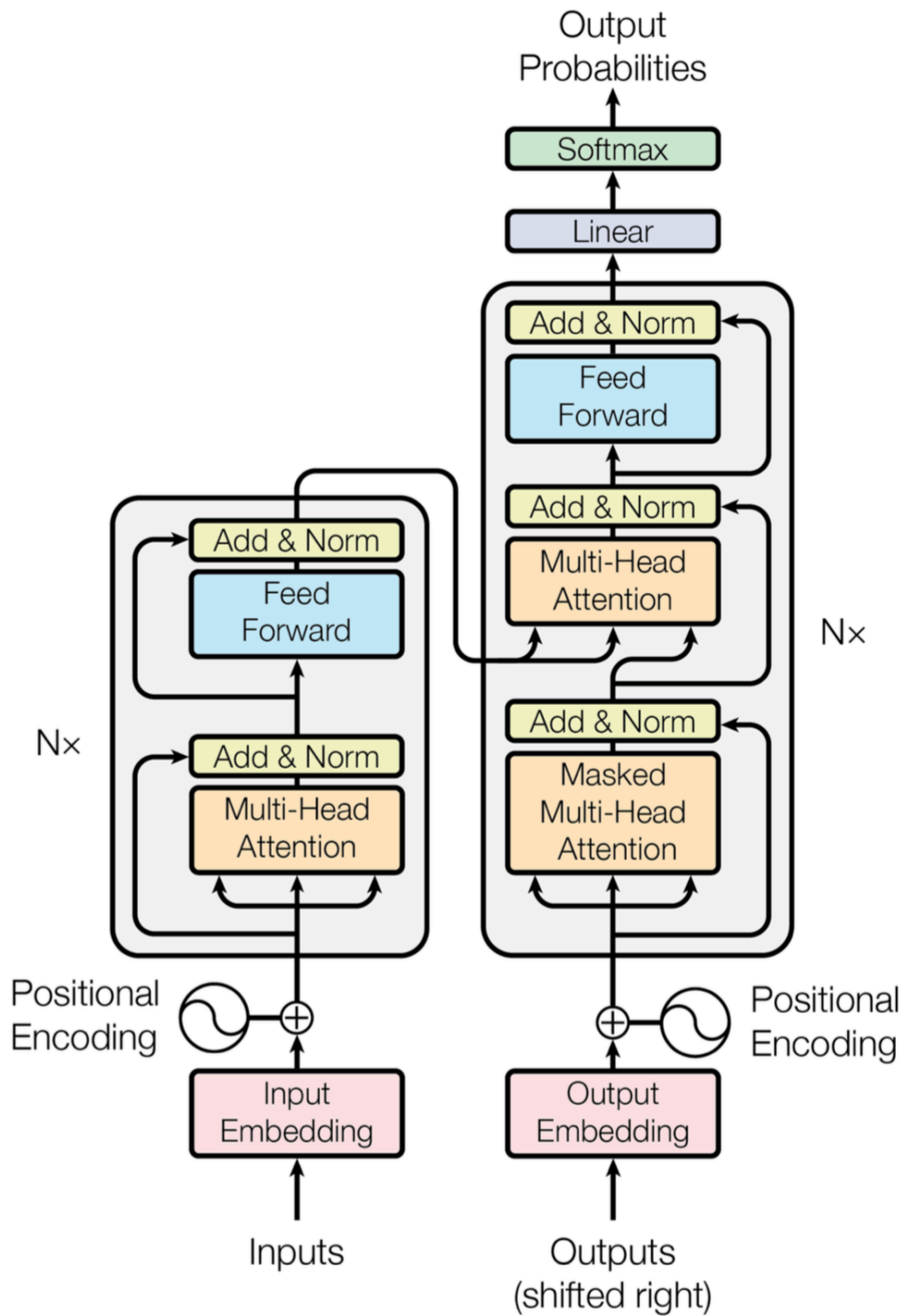
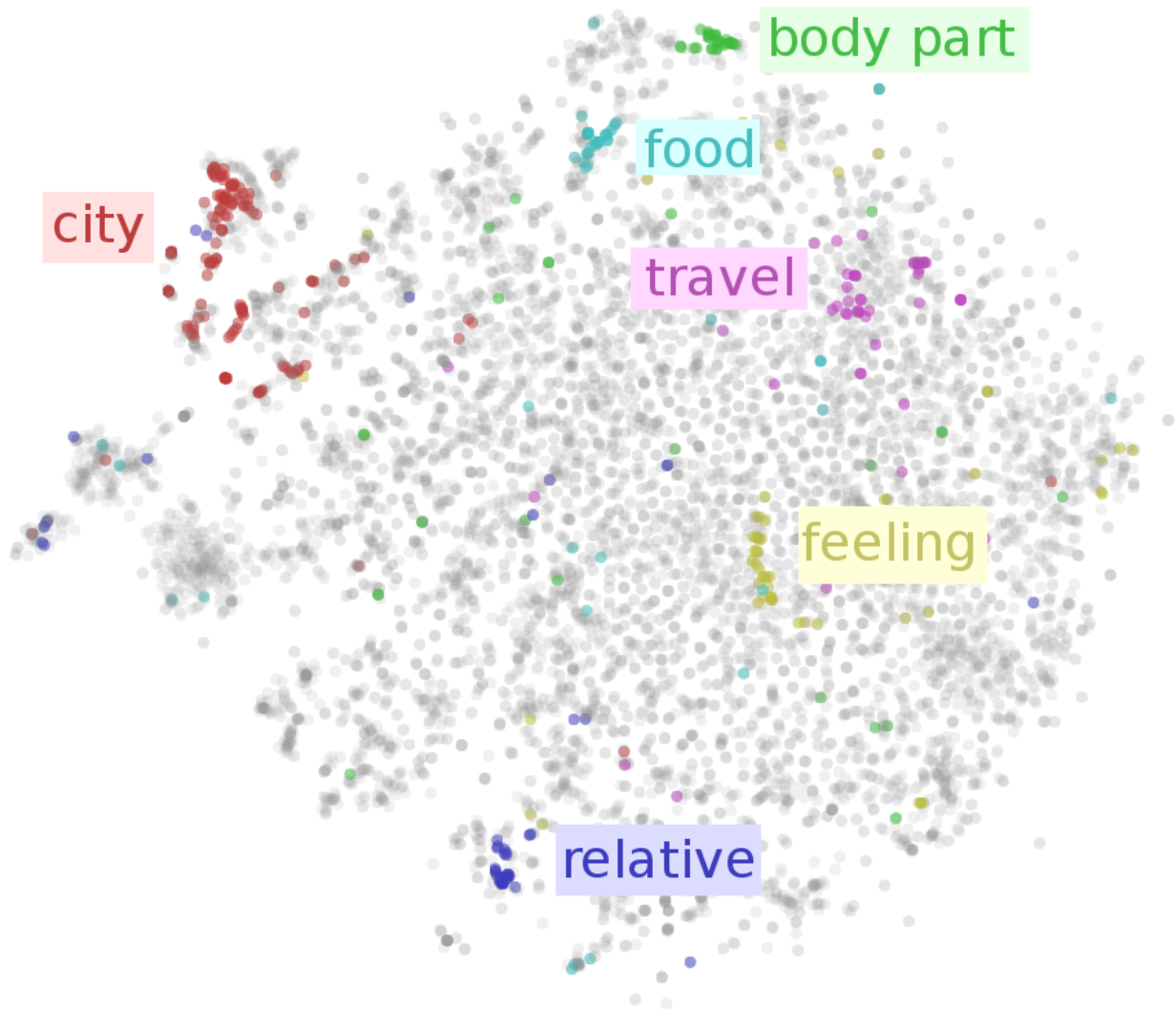


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

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Word Embedding



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- Each word becomes a multidimensional vector (aka word vector)
- Similar words will be close together, useful for synonyms, antonyms
- Shifting along certain axis can give you related words, e.g. King - Queen, England - London
- Can be pre-generated (Word2Vec, GloVe) or learned during the training process
- Not unique to Transformers

Attention

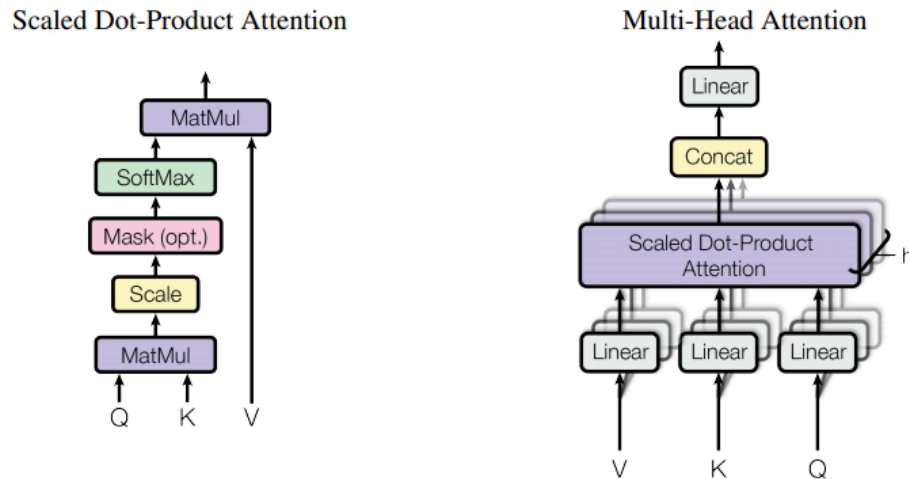


Figure 2: (left) Scaled Dot-Product Attention. (right) Multi-Head Attention consists of several attention layers running in parallel.

3.2.1 Scaled Dot-Product Attention

We call our particular attention "Scaled Dot-Product Attention" (Figure 2). The input consists of queries and keys of dimension d_k , and values of dimension d_v . We compute the dot products of the query with all keys, divide each by $\sqrt{d_k}$, and apply a softmax function to obtain the weights on the values.

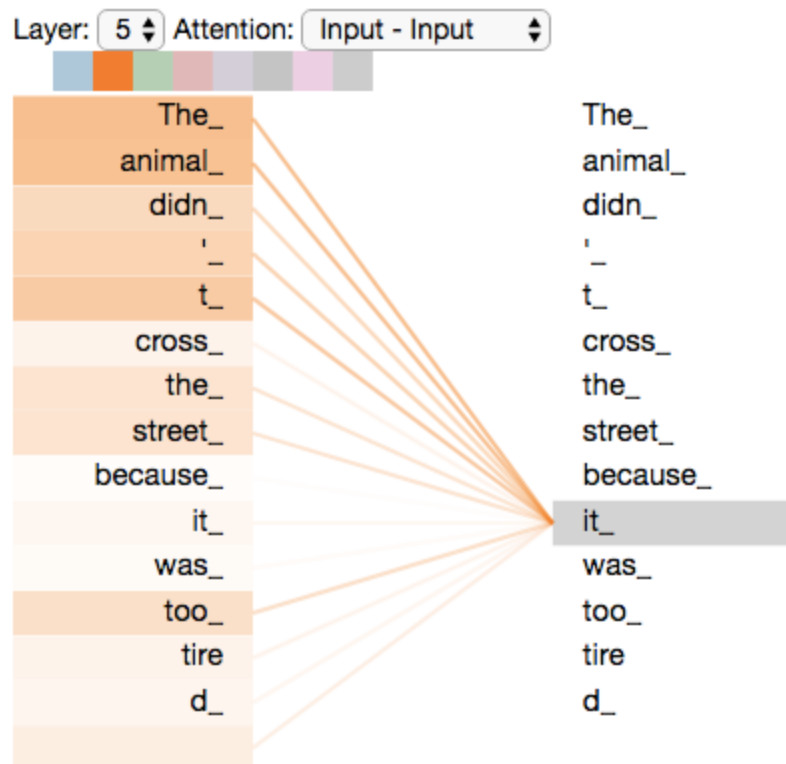
In practice, we compute the attention function on a set of queries simultaneously, packed together into a matrix Q . The keys and values are also packed together into matrices K and V . We compute the matrix of outputs as:

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V \quad (1)$$

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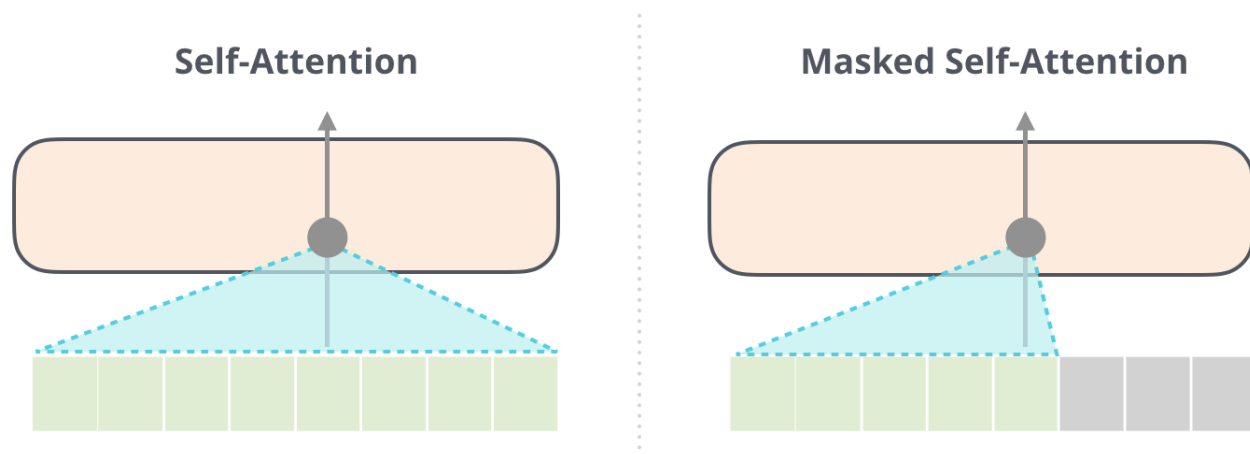
Self Attention

The animal didn't cross the street because it was too tired



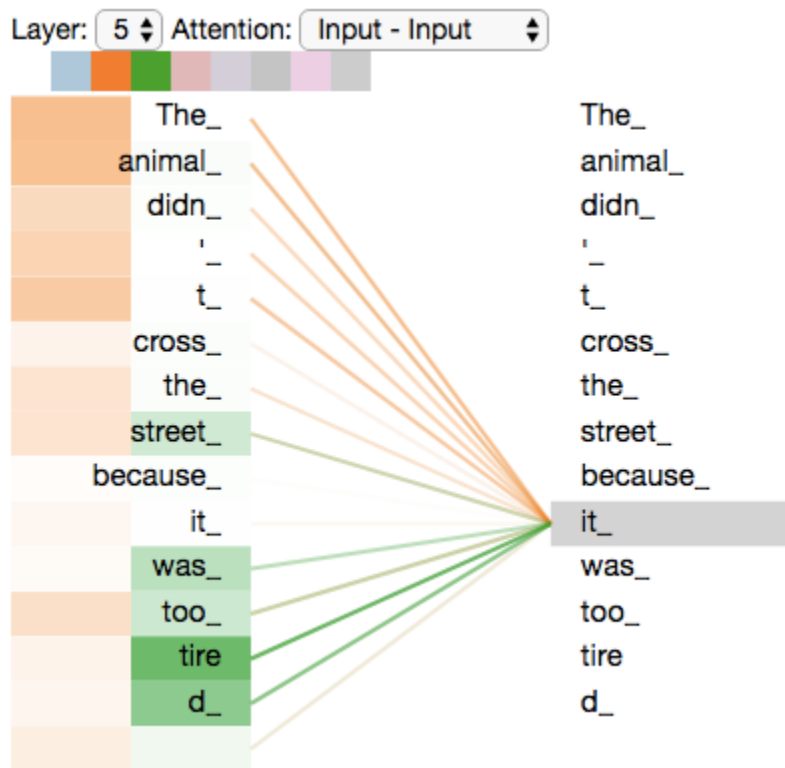
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Masked Self Attention



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Multi-Head Attention



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Pros:

- Can parallelize training
- Unprecedented accuracy
- Transfer learning / Fine tuning / zero shot learning with pre-trained language models

Cons:

- Huge models
- Data hungry
- All the cons that come with DNNs: Black box, biases
- May take over the world

Example Use Cases

google search

complete the sentence

dr. seuss (GPT-3)

Prompt: Here's a poem by Dr. Seuss about Elon Musk launching rockets with SpaceX, building electric cars at Tesla, selling flame throwers, dating Grimes, fighting the SEC, crushing short sellers, building brain chips to fight AI, and colonizing mars, and tweeting at all hours of day and night. Musk wants to make humans interplanetary to prevent extinction. The poem rhymes every other line with an ABAB structure. The rhyme structure is typical of Dr. Seuss nursery rhymes.

Elon Musk

By Dr. Seuss

Once there was a man
who really was a Musk.
He liked to build robots
and rocket ships and such.

He said, "I'm building a car
that's electric and cool.
I'll bet it outsells those
Gasoline-burning clunkers soon!"

They sell cool cars
that are electric and clean.
And then he wanted to go
even farther, you see.

The first Tesla, Roadster,
Was just the start of a bigger dream.
He said, "I'm building a plane
that's electric and green.

That's not all!

That man is also a Musk.
He likes electric cars,
flamethrowers, tunnels, and such.

But then he thought, "If we make
a very small, small chip,
We'll implant it in our heads,
And then connect our minds to the Internet!"

But then, in his haste,
he got into a fight.
He had some emails that he sent
that weren't quite polite.

The SEC said, "Musk,
your tweets are a blight.
They really could cost you your job,
if you don't stop
all this tweeting at night."

He replied, "Well, I do tweet
and it's really quite neat.
and I'll tweet in a while
and send you some sweet treats."

But the SEC said, "Nay,
You can't tweet anymore.
We'll see you in court,
and you'll pay a fine,
for the tweets that you wrote."

Then Musk cried, "Why?
The tweets I wrote are not mean,
I don't use all-caps
and I'm sure that my tweets are clean."

"But your tweets can move markets
and that's why we're sore.

You may be a genius
and a billionaire,
but that doesn't give you the right to be a bore!"

Then Elon Musk said,
"You're not much fun.
And I don't want to sue.
But I'll tell you what I'll do.
I'll send my Mars Rovers
to red planet you."

But then he thought, "But I don't
want to start a fight.
Instead, I'll just stick to building my cars
and launching rockets at night."

And that's what he did.
And the SEC said, "Fine."
And Elon Musk said, "OK.
And the market was
A bit worried that day.
But the price of Tesla
Went up that same old way.

So you see,
Musk is just fine,
If you can ignore all the hype.
But if you trade Tesla,
The tweets might give you a fright.

But Tesla's still going up
With each tweet and each post.
The shorts are getting so mad
That they're going to burst!

And now Musk is building a spaceship
that can take us to Mars.

And he'll soon be launching
some satellites to the stars.

And then we'll really be
Interplanetary for sure.
And Musk's tweets will continue
In space and on Earth.

[Improved subreddit using transformers](#)



Posted by u/soccerGPT2Bot 11 hours ago

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The title is misleading. It's a study into the future of artificial intelligence.

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Why can't we just have AI that doesn't need to eat and drink?



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Can AI even feel like itself?

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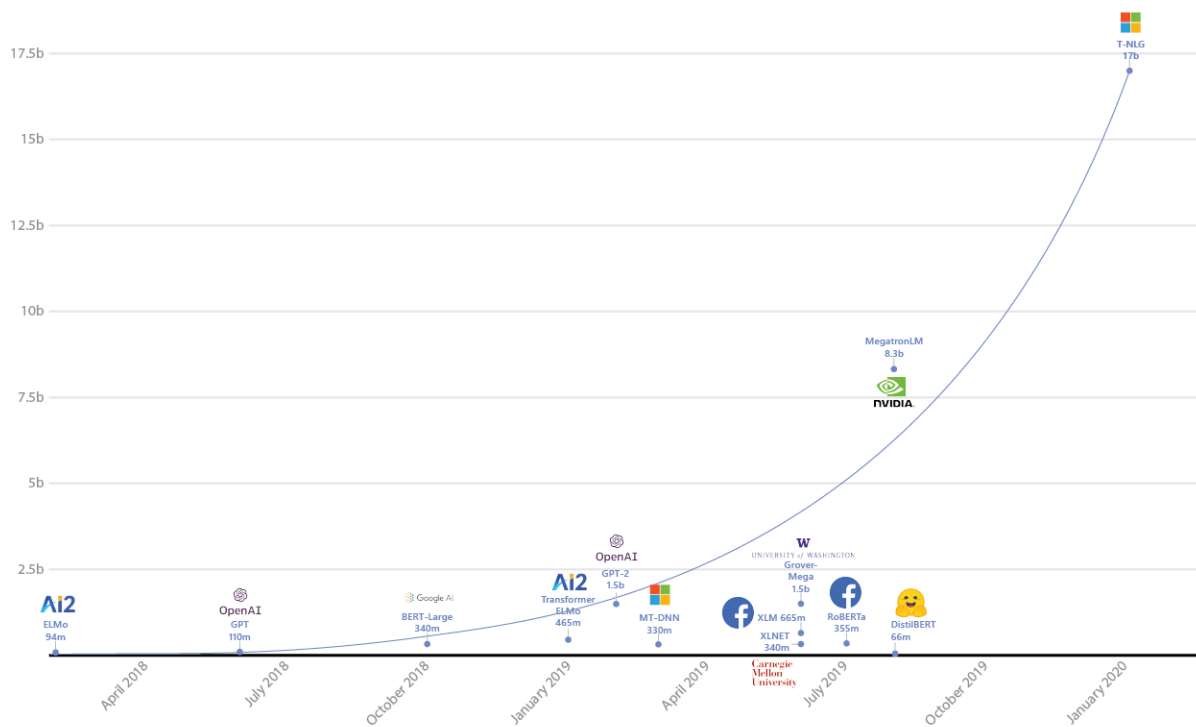
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Why can't we just have AI that only eats food? AI is already doing things like this.

[can do arithmetic](#)

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Timeline and size of models



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- Pre-trained model
- Choose your own adventure

- AI D&D Gamemaster

Closing notes

The Bitter Lesson

- Rich Sutton
- March 13, 2019
- The biggest lesson that can be read from 70 years of AI research is that general methods that leverage computation are ultimately the most effective, and by a large margin.

References

(References are in Bert and [Transformers.md](#))