

Formal Techniques for Neural-symbolic Modeling: Lecture 2

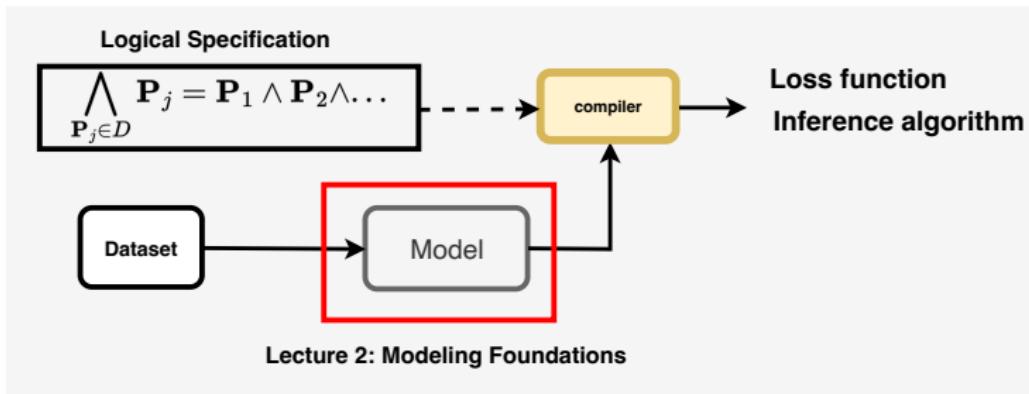
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Neural-symbolic modeling: big picture



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How do these models (e.g., ChatGPT) work?

Goals for this lecture

1. What are *language models*? Classical approaches, limitations
2. What are *contextual models*? Differences with classical approaches
3. What is *attention* and how do *transformers* work?
4. How are these models trained and used in practice? Large-scale *pre-training* and *fine-tuning*.

Language Modeling Basics

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Generation: Can be used to generate text (*decoding*).

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Intuitively, taking N to be the vocabulary size, the perplexity of a uniform probability model, i.e.,

$$p(w_j \mid w_{<j}) = \frac{1}{N}$$

is equal to N , the *effective vocabulary size* under model.

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Immediate Problems: Hard to obtain reliable counts for large contexts (*sparsity*), not feasible to store *all* possible contexts.

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Observation: Still many parameters, e.g., for vocabulary of 100,000 words, 10^{15} (*quadrillion*) parameters (see Norvig (2012)).

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Early datasets: Google n-gram corpus. E.g., (Lin et al., 2012), 8 million books, 6% of all books published, around 500 billion tokens for English.

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`norway.vector`, general-purpose (non-contextual) representation of *Norway* learned from data (e.g., [Mikolov et al. \(2013\)](#)), useful for similarity.

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semantically: approximates the *intensional* meaning of words, the sense of *Norway*.

Beyond Static Word Vectors

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2 from sentence_transformers import SentenceTransformer
3 model = SentenceTransformer("all-MiniLM-L6-v2")
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5 sentence=["Norway is to the west of Sweden"]
6 sentence_vector = model.encode(sentence)
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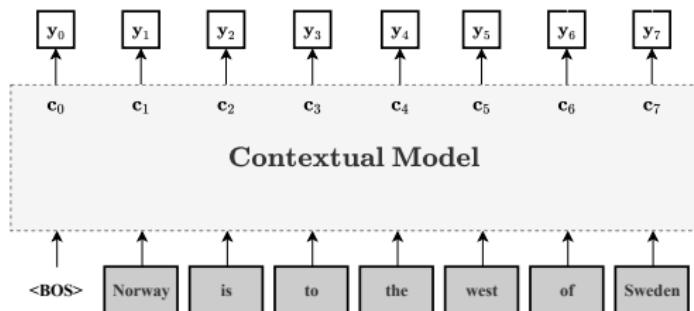
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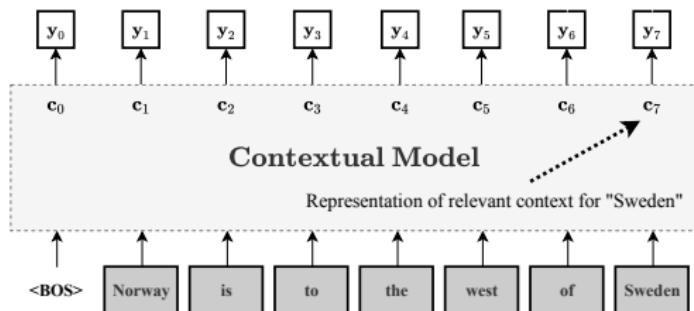
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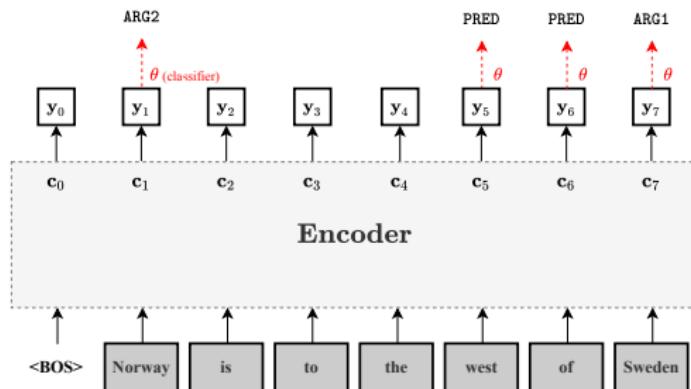
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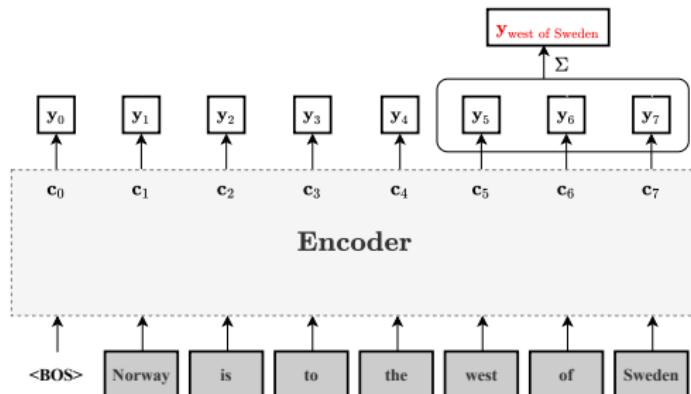
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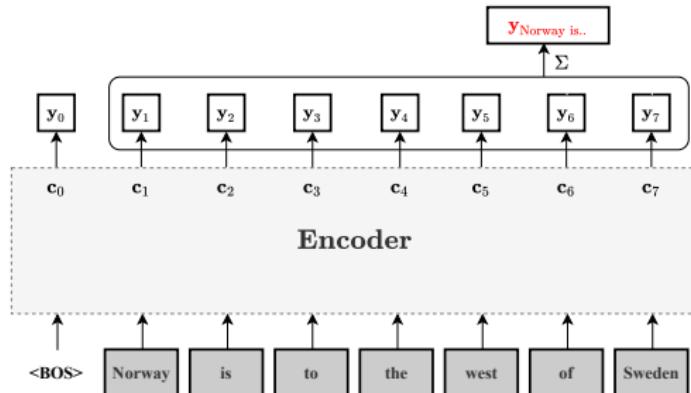
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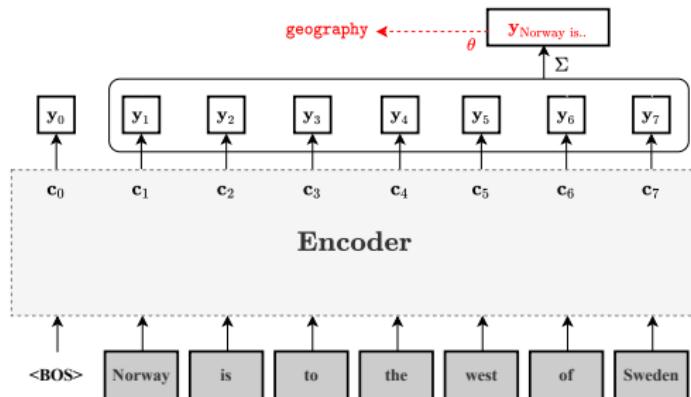
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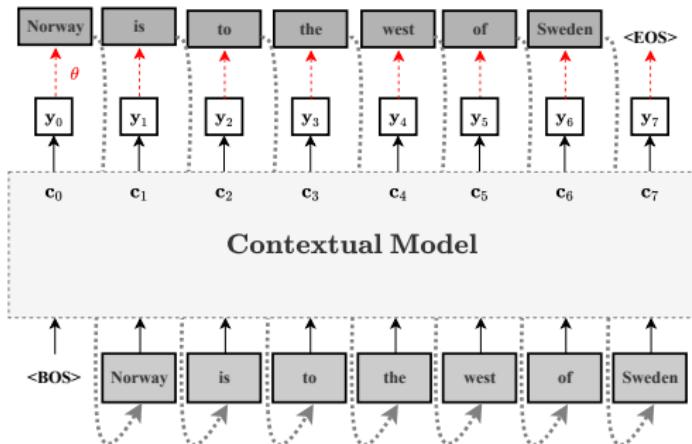
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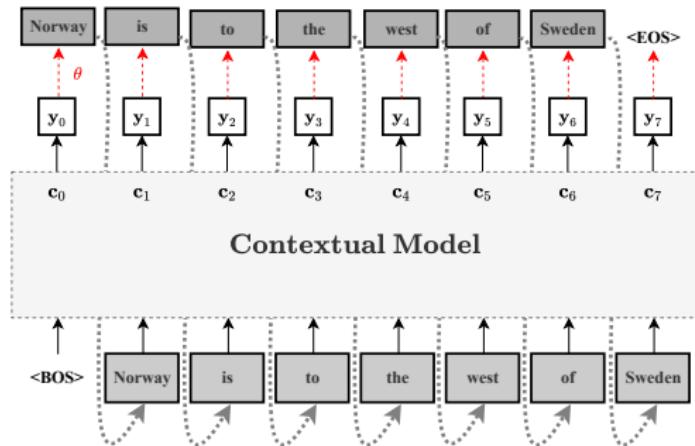
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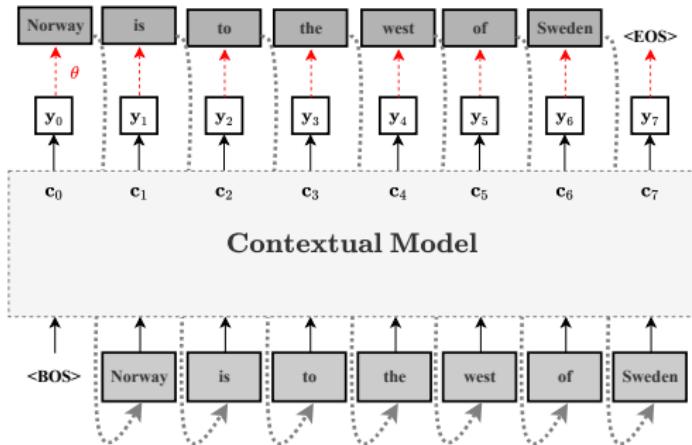
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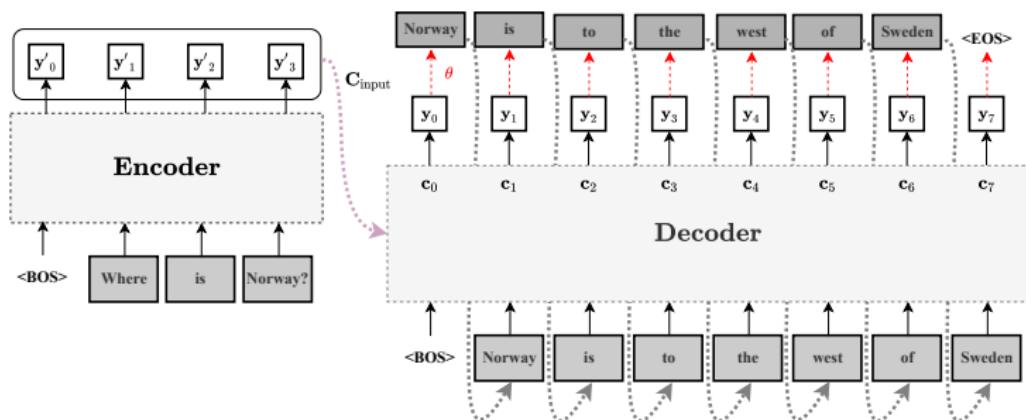
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Model Architectures: how information is processed, internal representations are constructed. **Common:** RNNs, Transformers.

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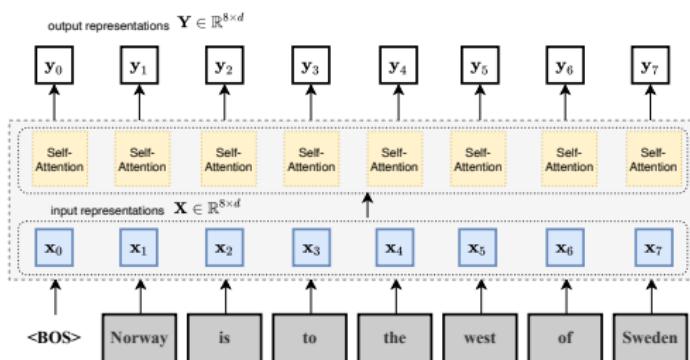
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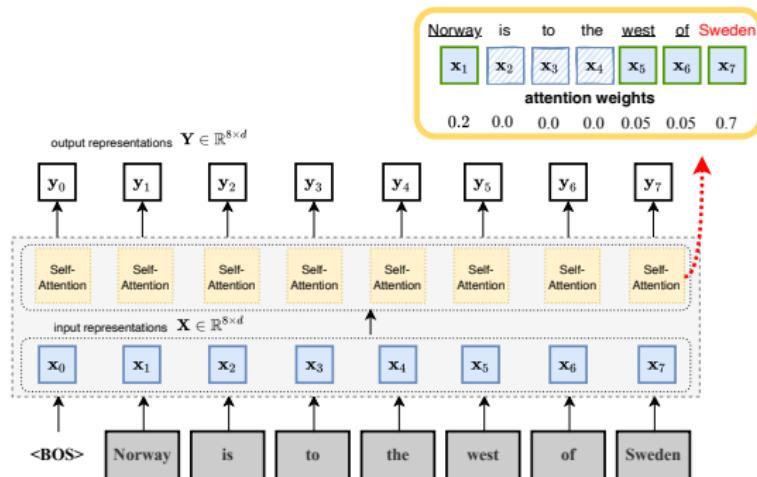


Self-Attention: Embeddings Representations

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2
3 ### word embedding parameters and matrix E
4 E = torch.nn.Embedding(
5     embedding_dim=768, ##<--- dimensionality
6     num_embeddings=3000, ##<--- # words
7 )
8
9 ##e.g., Representation of our Input
10 X = E(torch.tensor([
11     0, # <BOS>
12     1, # Norway
13     2, # is
14     3, # to
15     4, # the
16     5, # west
17     6, # of
18     7, # Sweden
19 ])) ### => matrix 7 * 768
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22 print(x1)
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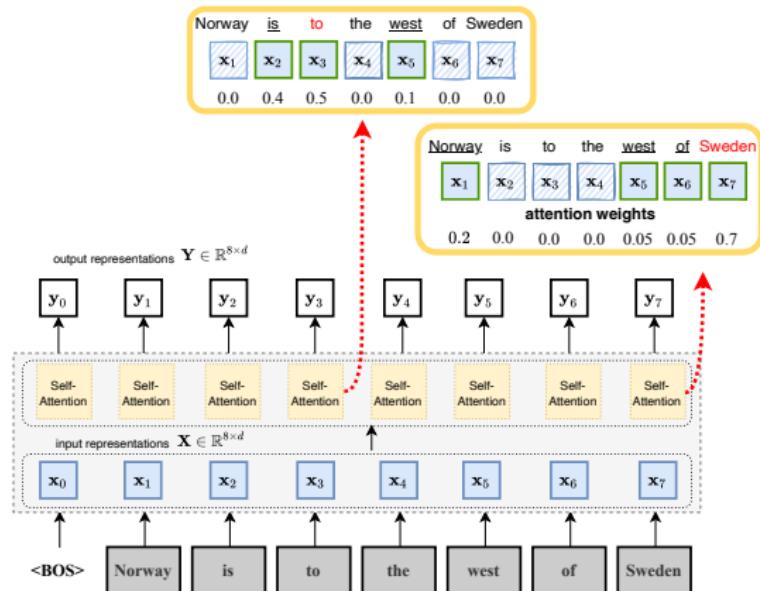
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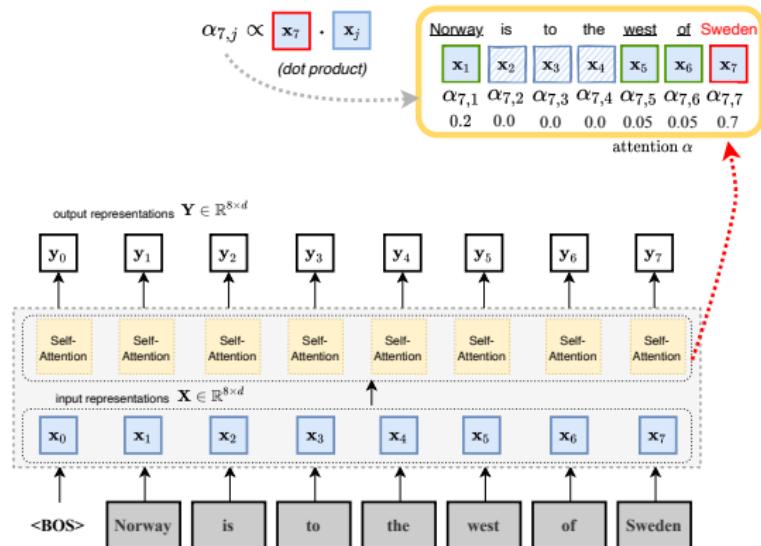
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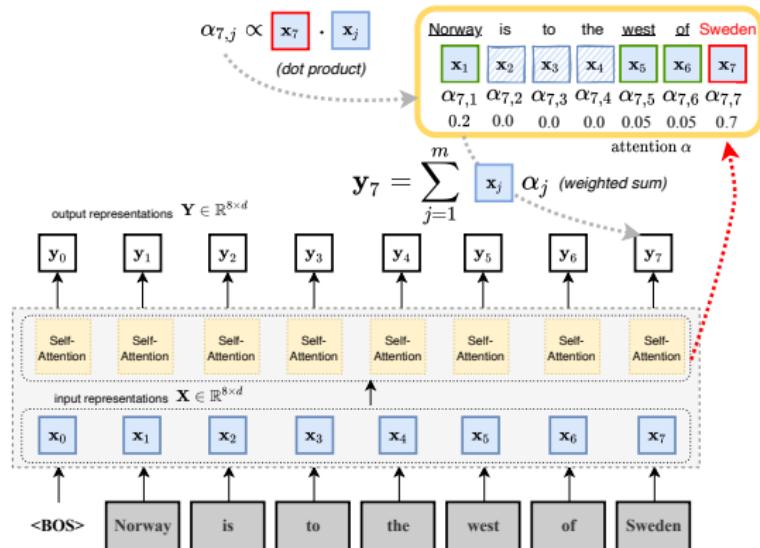
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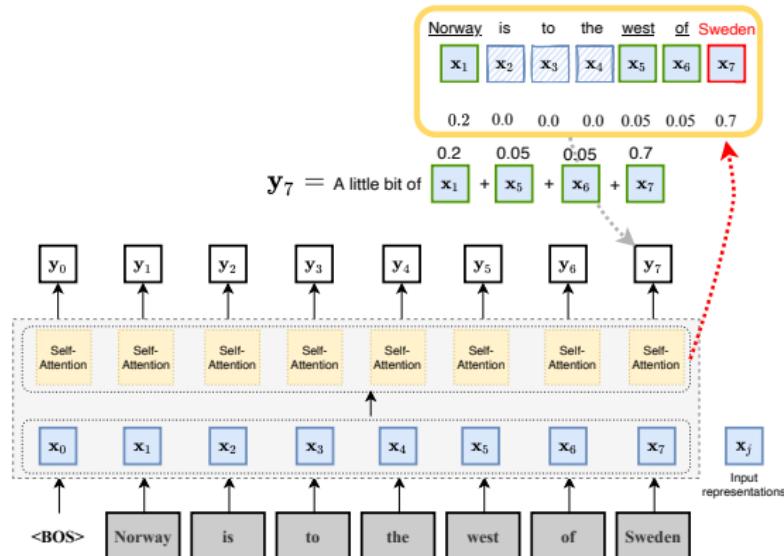
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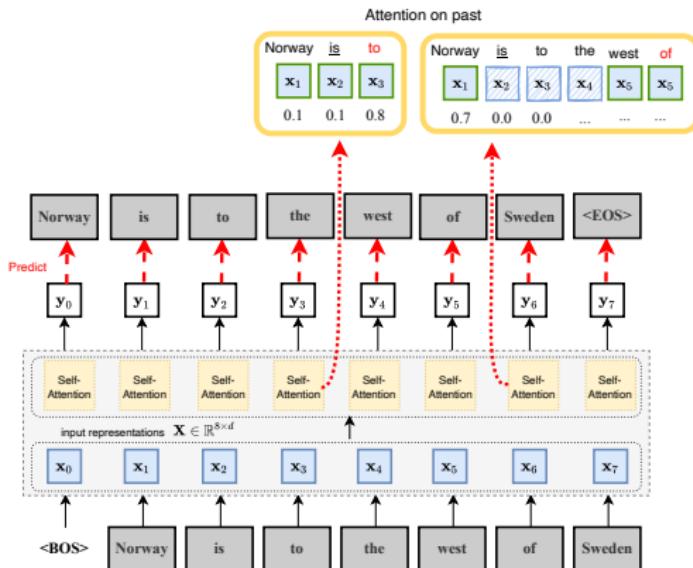
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Attention: A kind of brute-force looking around and aggregation of contextual information.



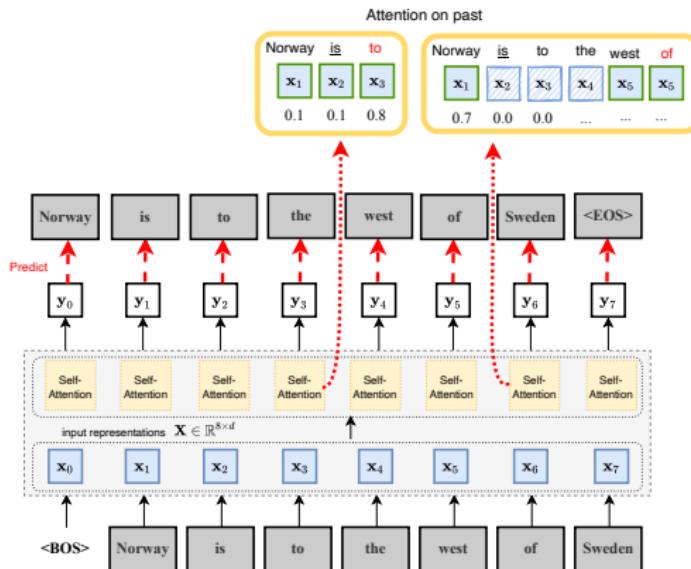
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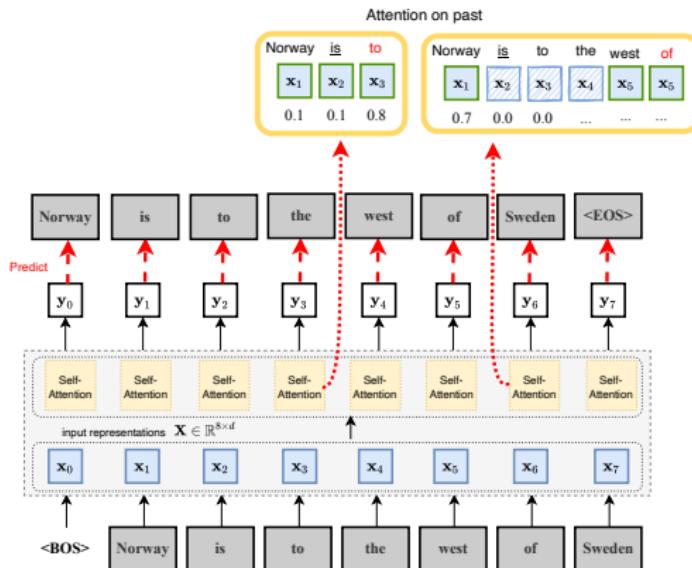
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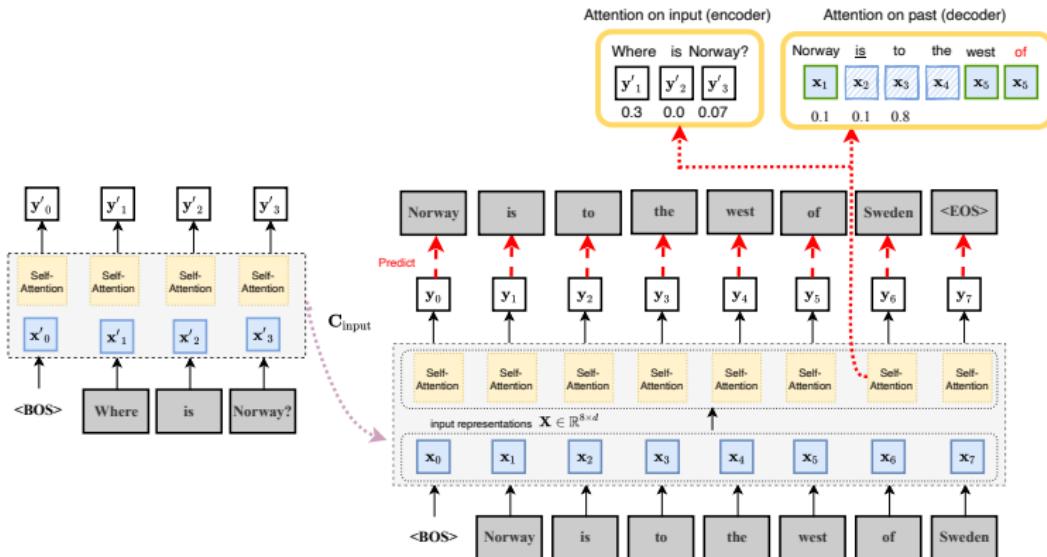
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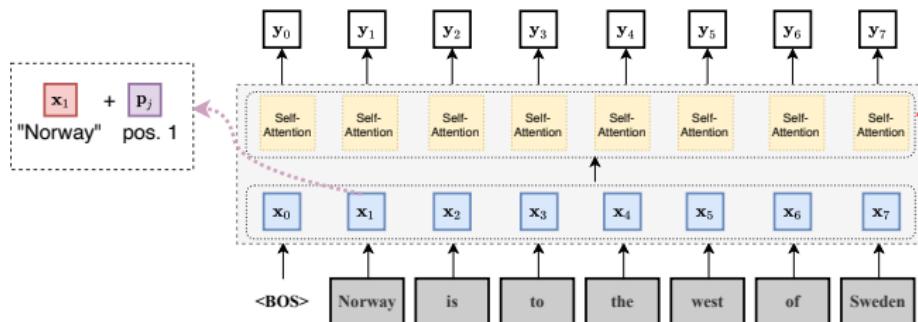
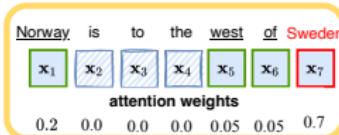
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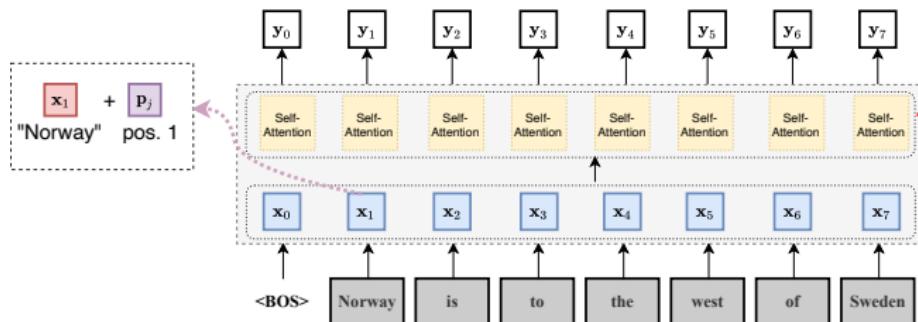
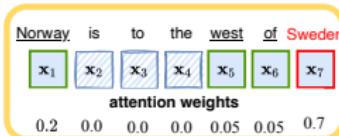
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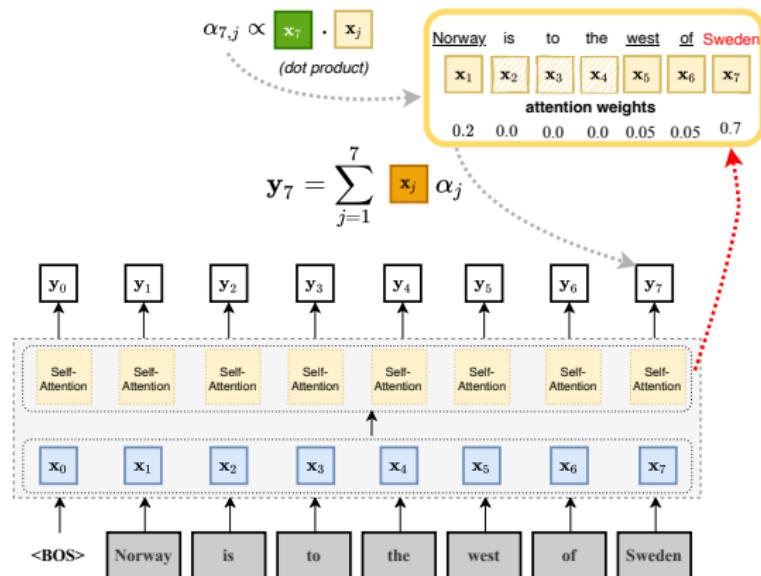
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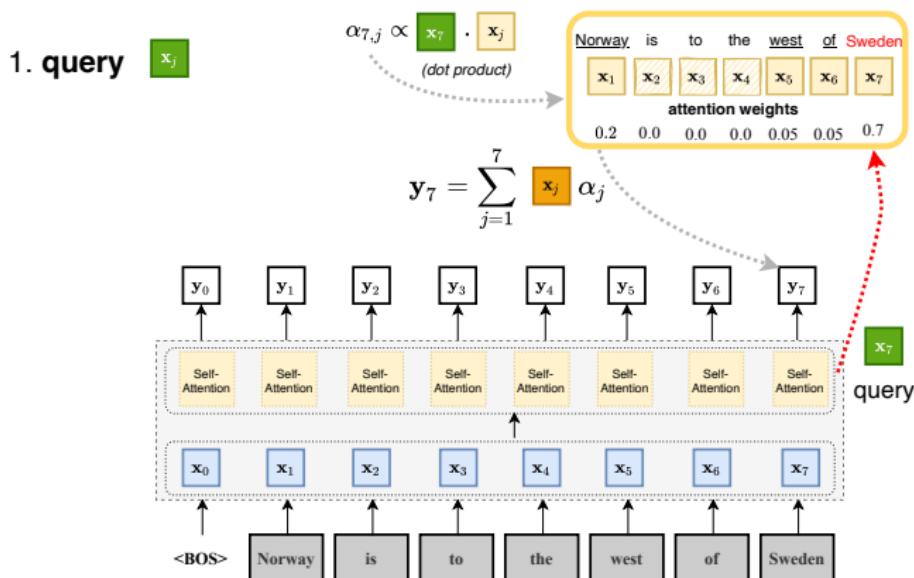
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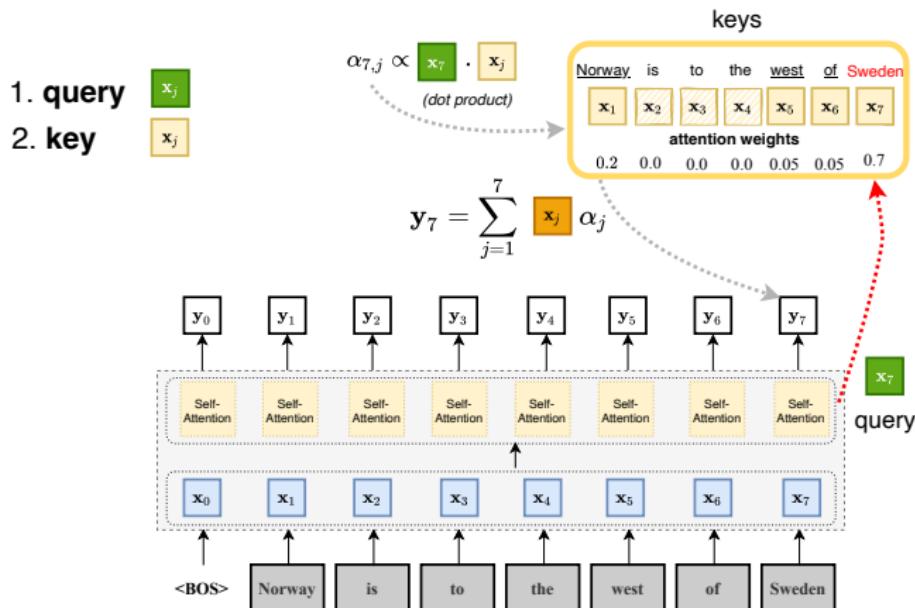
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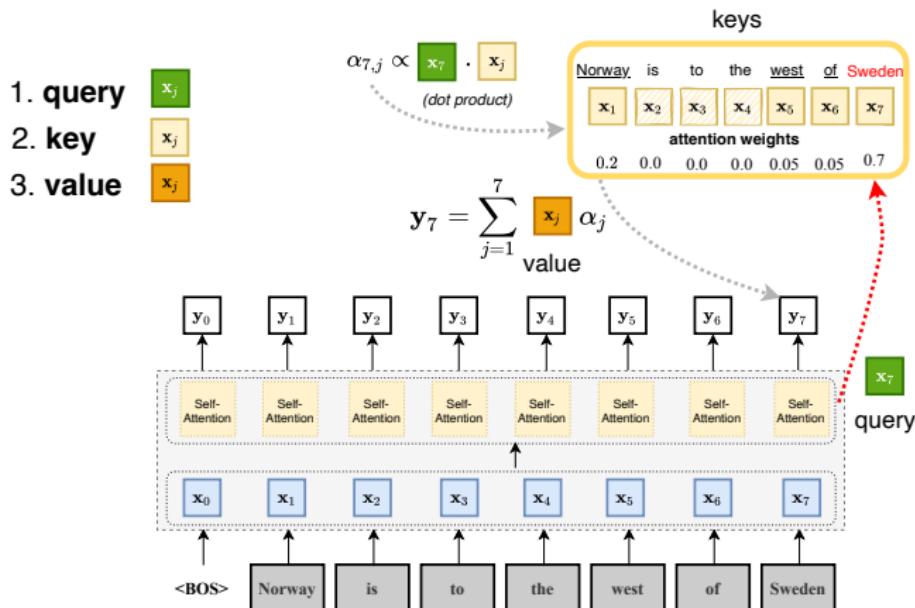
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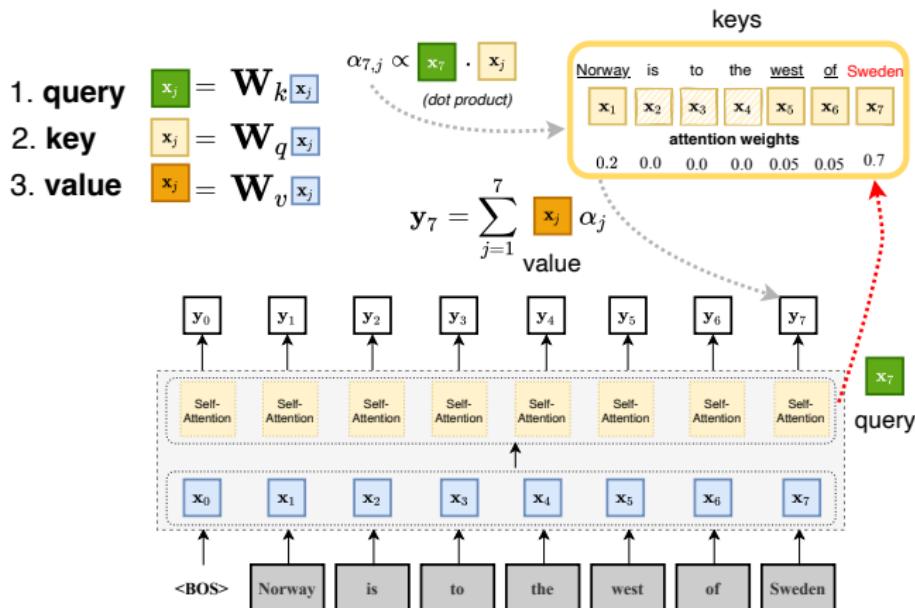
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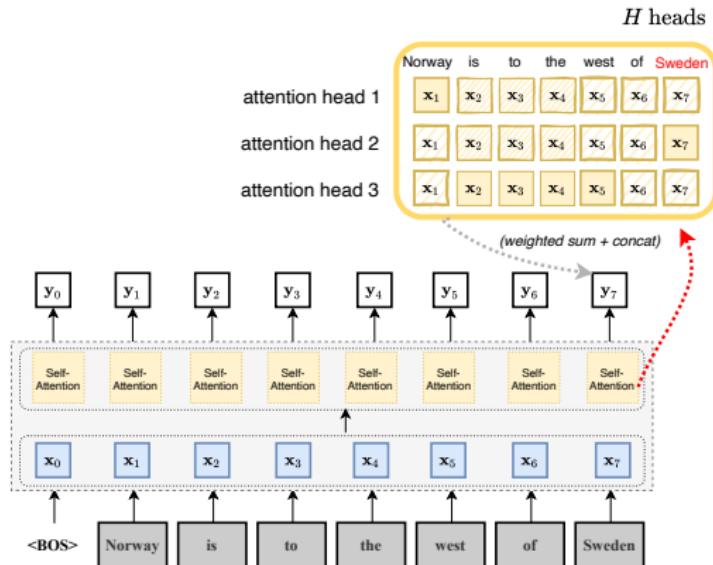
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Another few additional lines of PyTorch

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4
5 ### key, value, query parameters (linear layer)
6 W_k    = torch.nn.Linear(D, D, bias=False)
7 W_q    = torch.nn.Linear(D, D, bias=False)
8 W_v    = torch.nn.Linear(D, D, bias=False)
9
10 key_rep   = W_k(X) #<-- rep. of X as keys
11 query_rep = W_q(X) #<-- rep. of X as queries
12 value_rep = W_v(X) #<-- rep of X as values
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14 ### sample computation with parameters applied over 'X'
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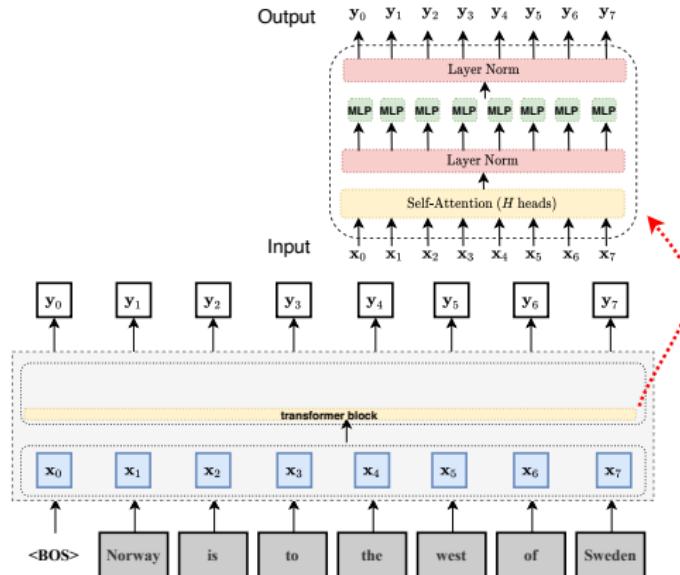
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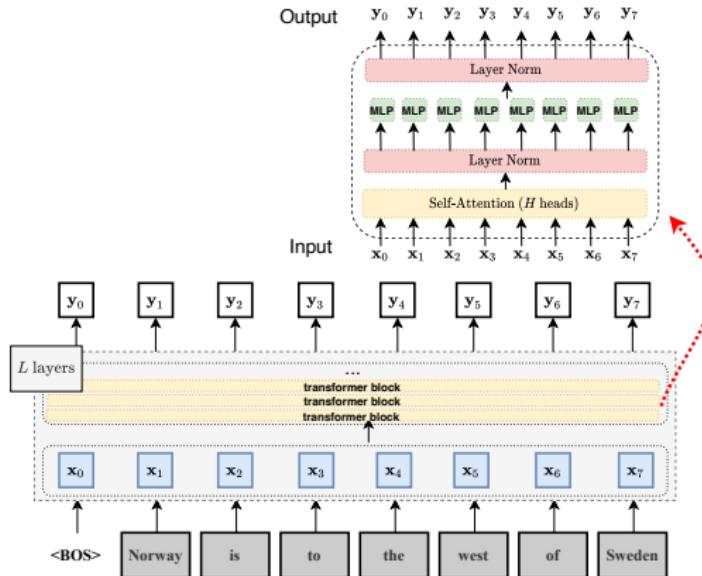
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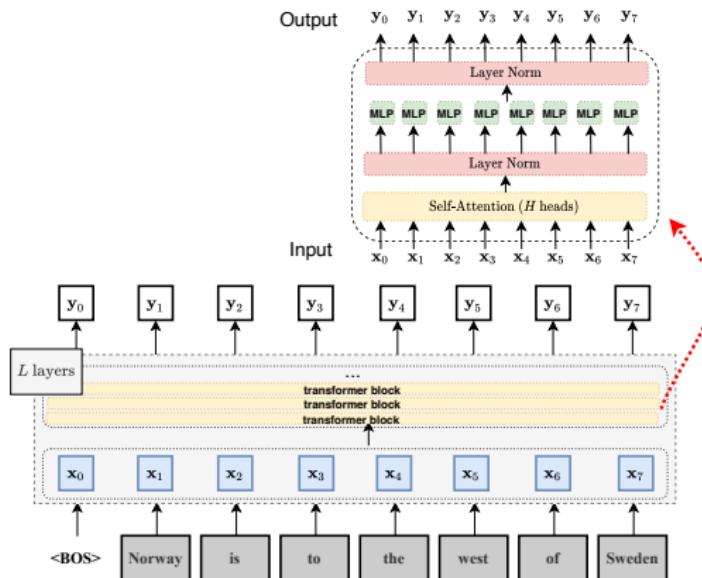
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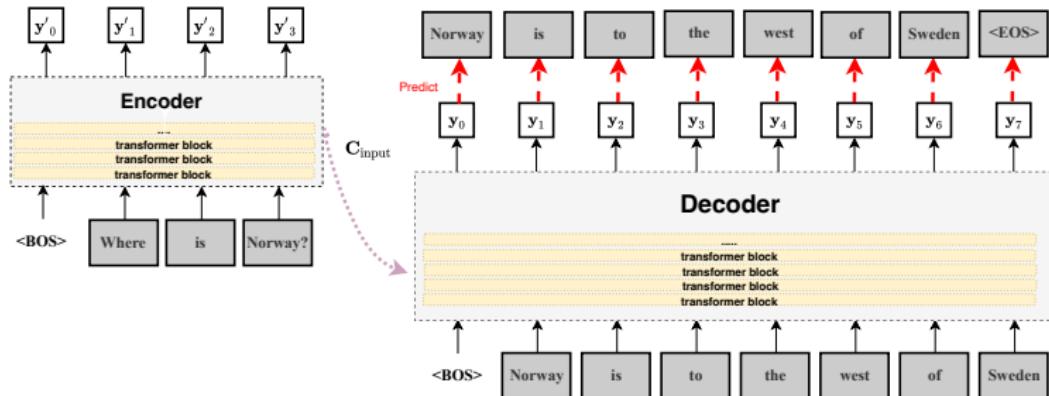
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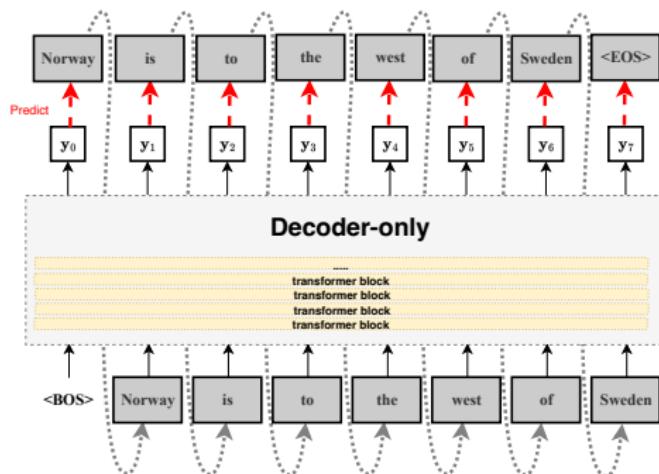
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T5 model ([Raffel et al., 2020](#)), text2text architecture: **encoder** and **decoder**, 24 layers, 128 heads, cross-attention (11B parameters).

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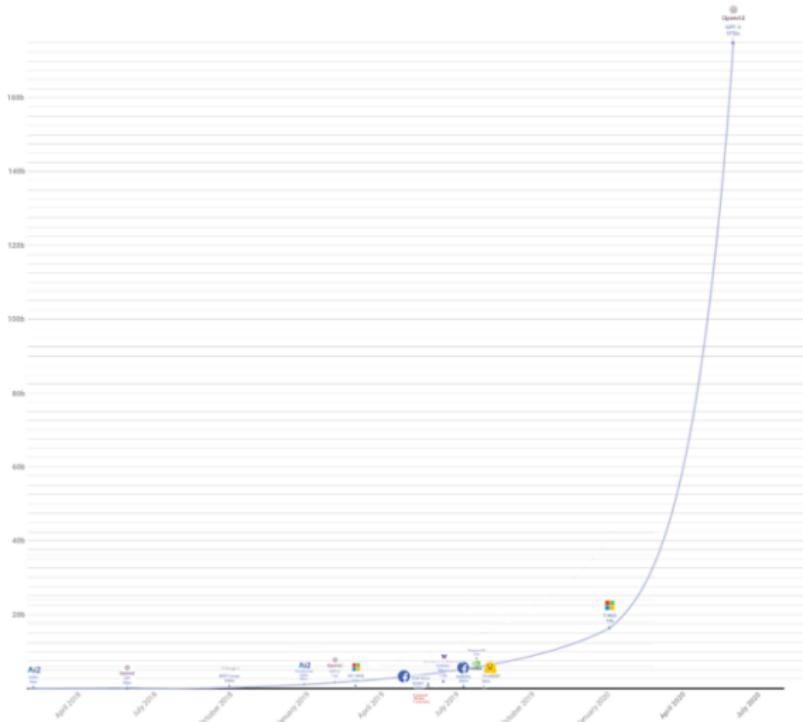
GPT3 (Brown et al., 2020): $L = 96$ layers each with $H = 96$ heads ($175B$ parameters), embedding dimension=12288

The Race for Larger Models (Sanh et al., 2019)

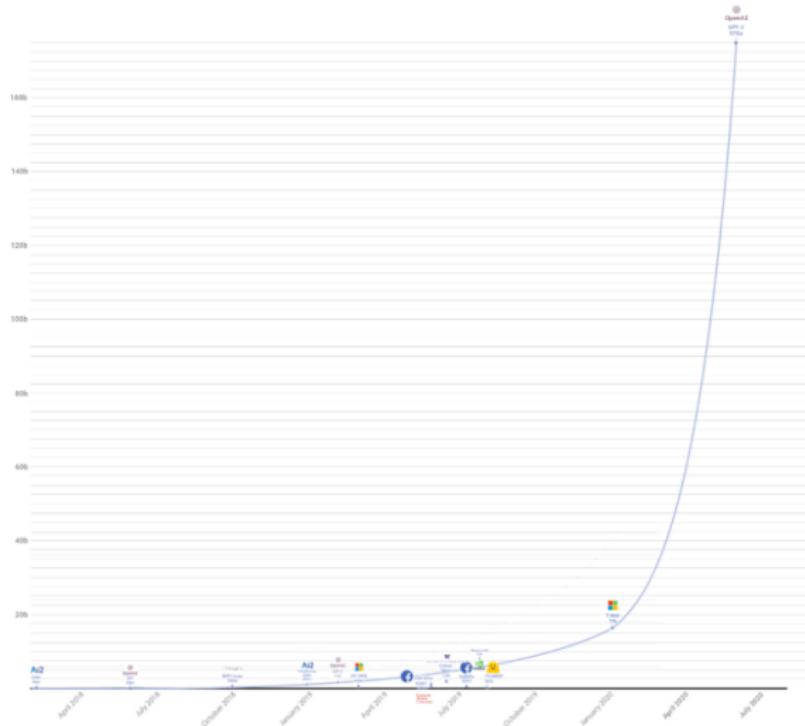


Not (yet) a quadrillion parameters, but models are quickly becoming much larger.

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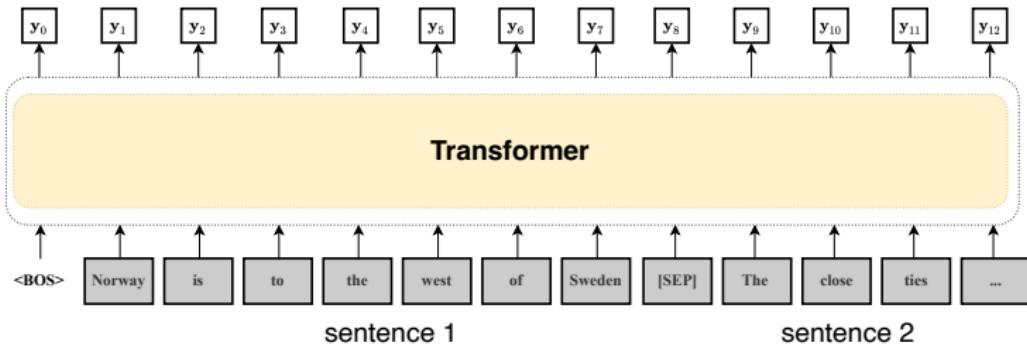
- ▶ How big are models like ChatGPT, GPT4? *We don't know.*

Attention and Transformers: Interim Summary

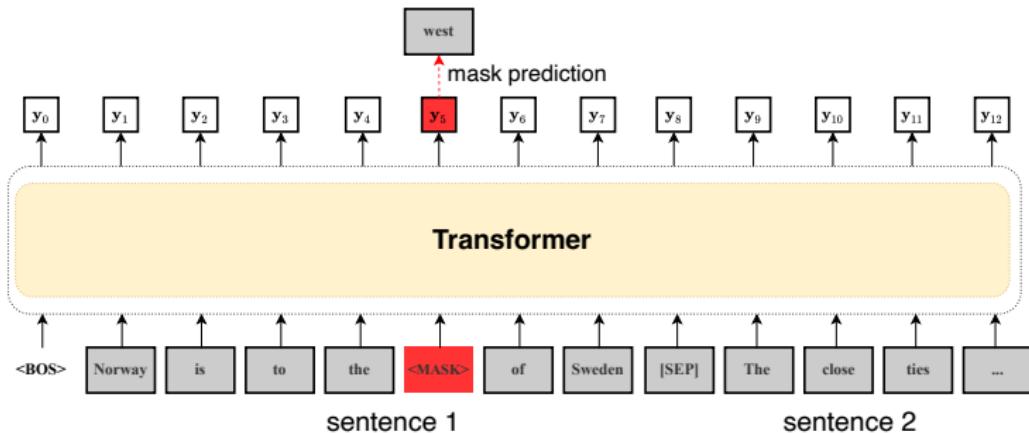
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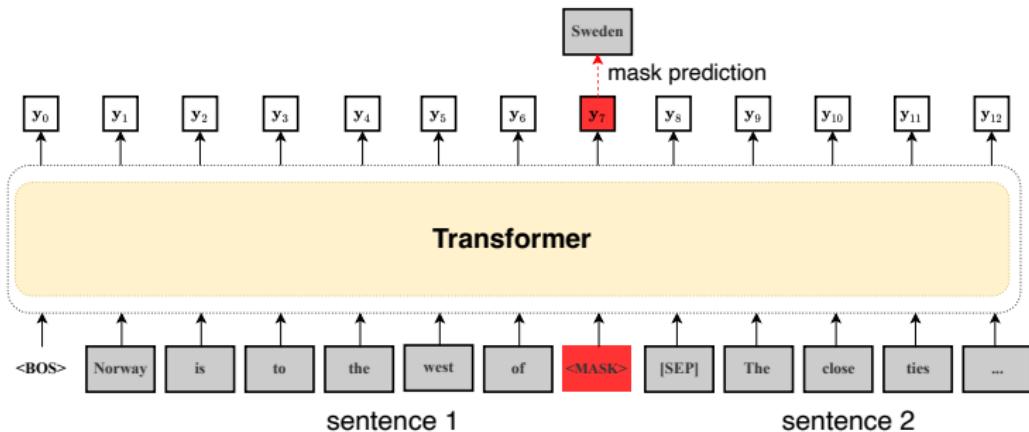
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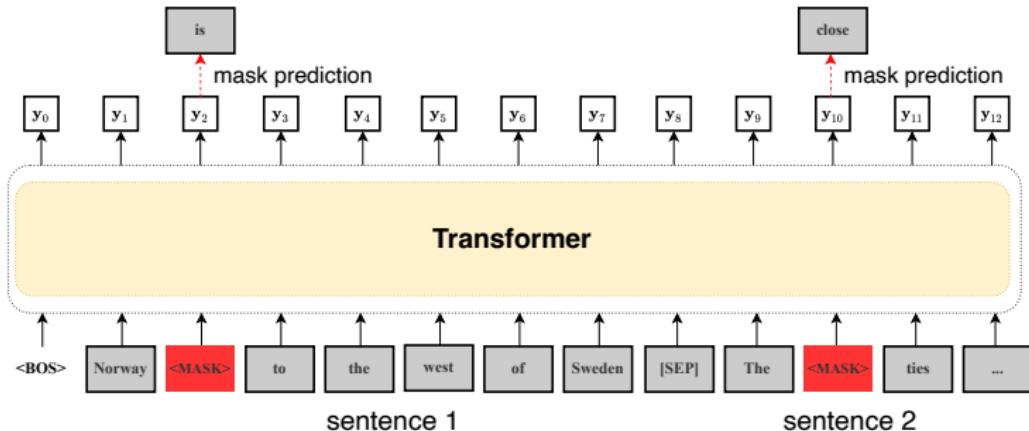


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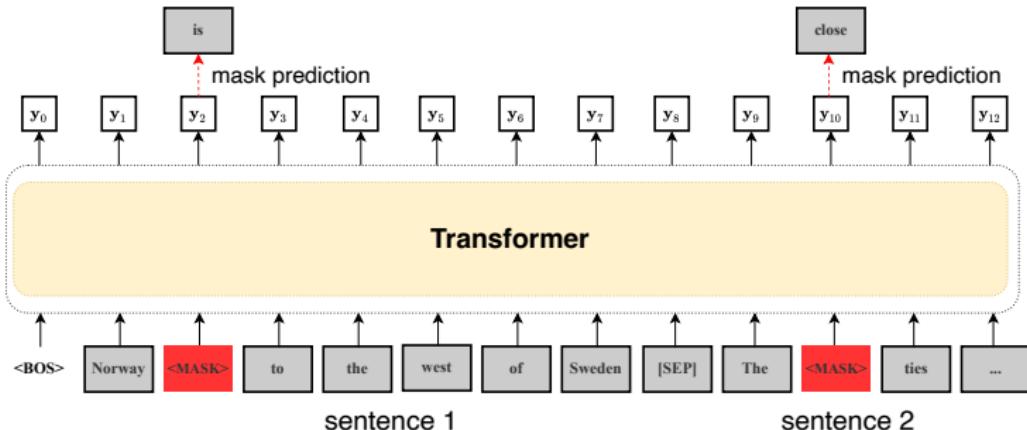
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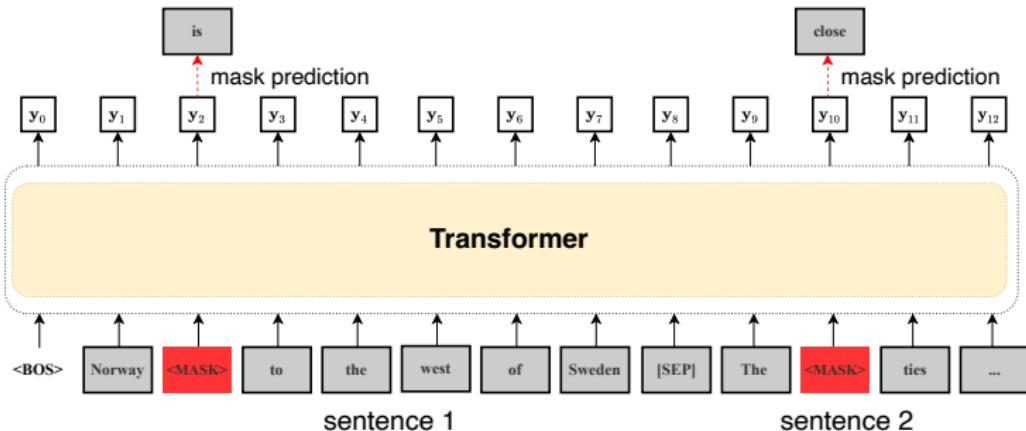
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Does this make sense to do? Has long been used as a teaching and assessment technique for humans (**cloze test**) (Taylor (1953)).

Pre-training Encoders (Devlin et al. (2018))



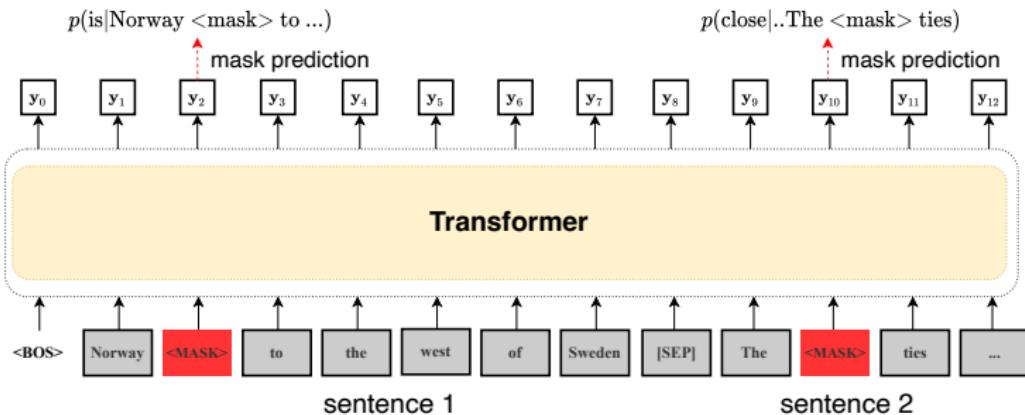
Self-supervised learning: no need for data annotation, can be scaled to large amounts of unlabeled data!

Mask prediction in action

- ▶ An example using **RoBERTa** (Liu et al., 2019) and Huggingface.

```
1 ## install: pip install transformers
2 from transformers import pipeline
3
4 mask_predictor = pipeline(
5     "fill-mask", model="roberta-base"
6 )
7
8 mask_predictor("This lecture is really <mask> .")
9 #[{'score': 0.392790824174881,
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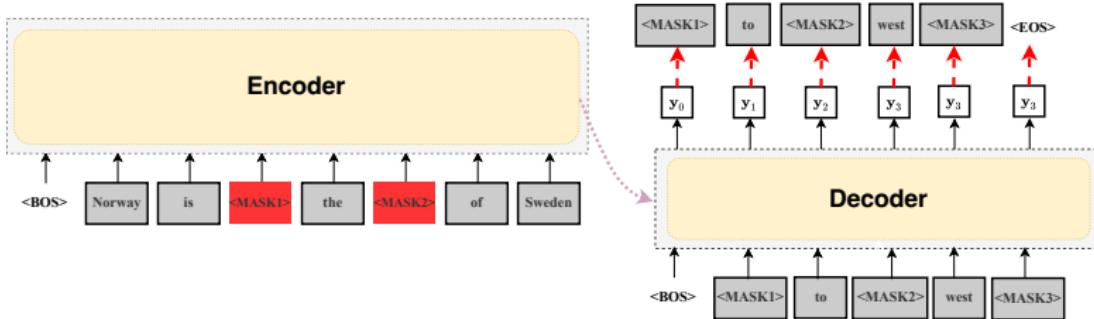
How this works technically



Maximum likelihood training (**mask language objective**), maximize the *likelihood* of correct token prediction.

Word Prediction Pre-training: Text2Text Models

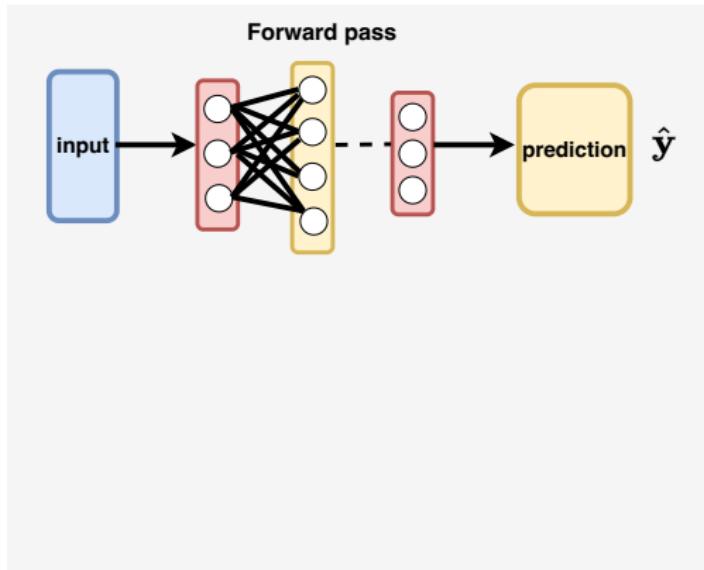
Objective	Inputs	Targets
Prefix language modeling	Thank you for inviting	me to your party last week .
BERT-style Devlin et al. (2018)	Thank you <ID> <ID> me to your party apple week .	(original text)
Deshuffling	party me for your to . last fun you inviting week Thank	(original text)
MASS-style Song et al. (2019)	Thank you <ID> <ID> me to your party <ID> week .	(original text)
L.i.d. noise, replace spans	Thank you <ID> me to your party <Y> week .	<ID> for inviting <Y> last <Z>
L.i.d. noise, drop tokens	Thank you me to your party week .	for inviting last
Random spans	Thank you <ID> to <Y> week .	<ID> for inviting me <Y> your party last <Z>



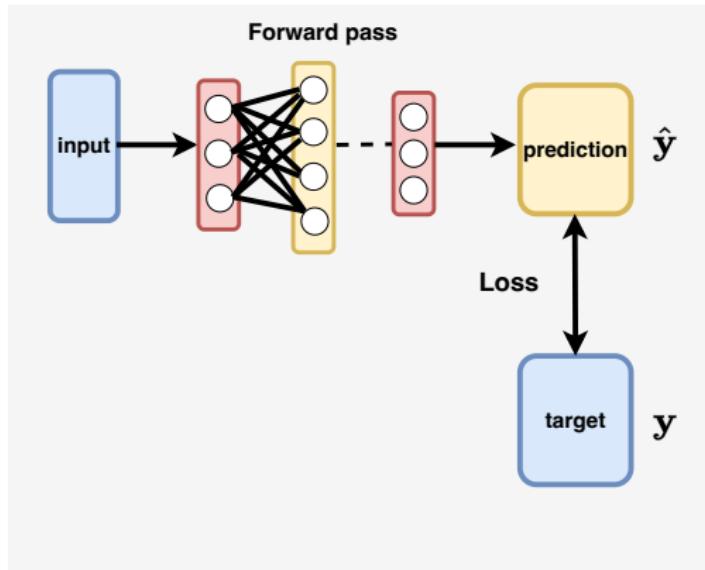
(Raffel et al., 2020)

- ▶ From perturbed input, reconstruct target sentence via generation; related to *generative* pre-training for decoders-only models (Radford et al., 2018).

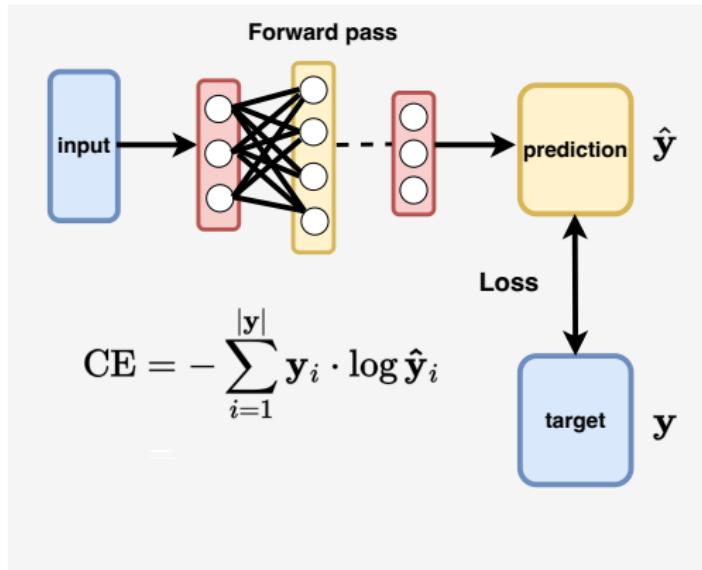
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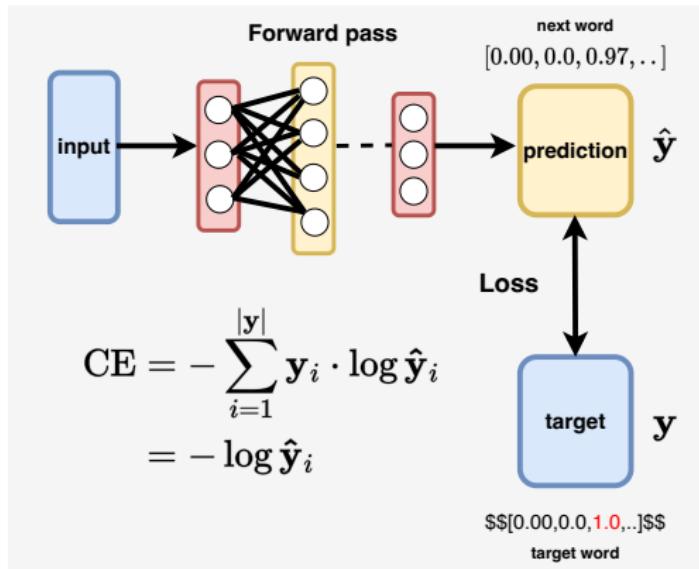
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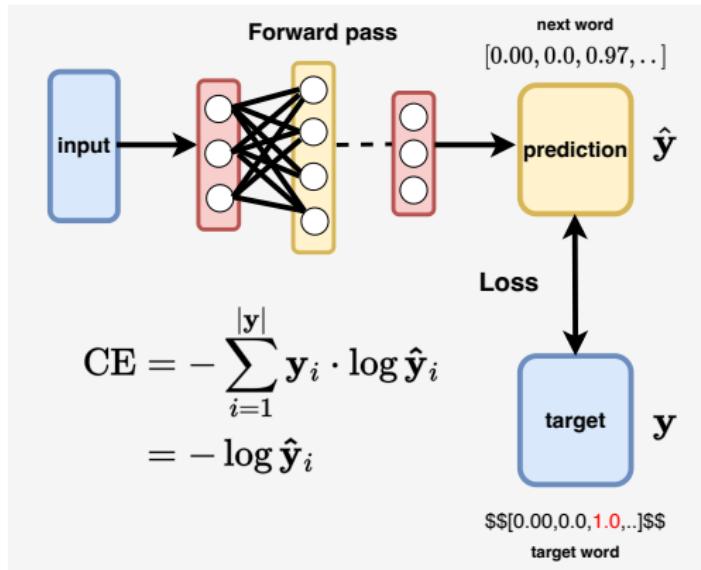
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Model training in a nutshell



- ▶ Involved gradient-based optimization (variants of SGD), efficient computation of gradients via **backpropagation**.

Pytorch Training Example

```
1 import torch
2 from transformers import GPT2Tokenizer, \
3     GPT2LMHeadModel
4
5     ### GPT model and tokenizer
6 tokenizer = GPT2Tokenizer.from_pretrained("gpt2")
7 model = GPT2LMHeadModel.from_pretrained("gpt2",
8         return_dict=True)
9 model.train()
10     ### optimizer
11 optimizer = torch.optim.SGD(model.parameters())
12     ### data
13 data = tokenizer(["this is a boring class"],
14                 return_tensors="pt"
15 )
16     ### run model
17 output = model(**data, labels=data.input_ids)
18 loss = output.loss ## CE loss
19 loss.backward()      ## computes gradients/backprop
20 optimizer.step()    ## update
```

see more details about training [here](#)

Large-scale pre-training

- ▶ **Pre-training:** training models (e.g., using masking objective, generative training) on a large corpus of text, learn general-purpose representations.

Large-scale pre-training

Web-scale resources for training e.g., C4 ([Raffel et al. \(2020\)](#); [Dodge et al. \(2021\)](#)),
English (raw): 1.4Tr tokens, 1.1B documents (2.3 TB raw text).



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What's in this corpus: we don't really know, a little of everything (see Dodge et al. (2021)), blackbox (*similar to our models*).

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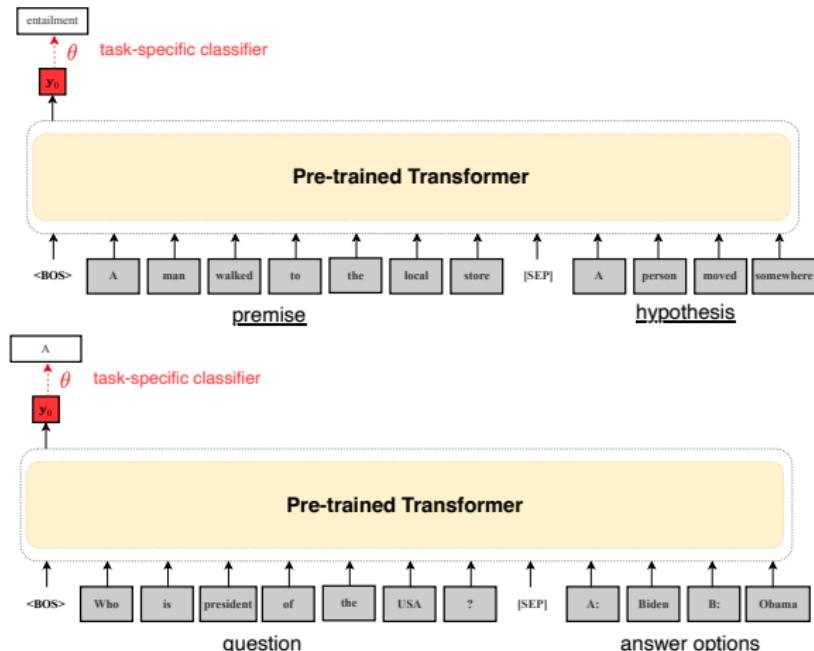
RedPajama-Data: An Open Source Recipe to Reproduce LLaMA training dataset



This repo contains a reproducible data recipe for the RedPajama data, with the following token counts:

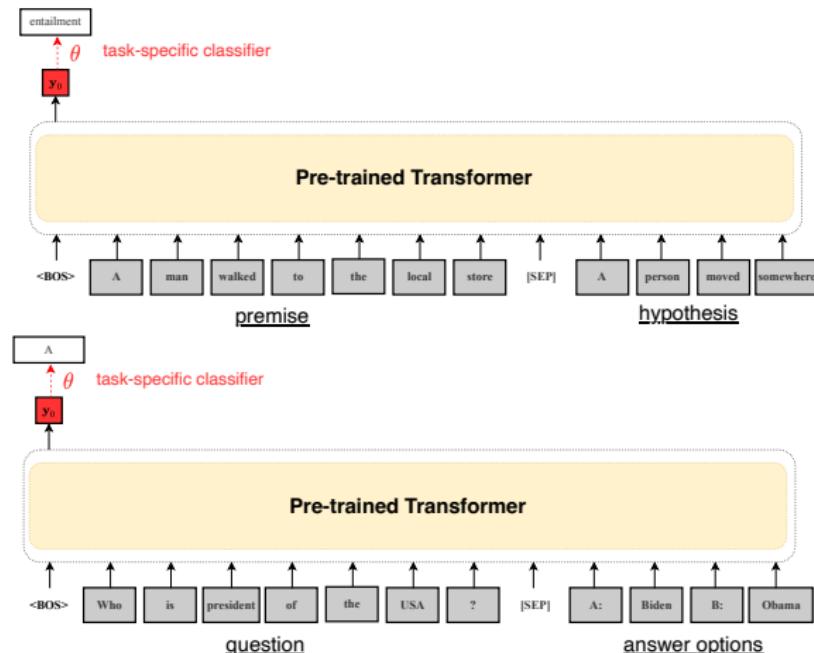
Dataset	Token Count
Commoncrawl	878 Billion
C4	175 Billion
GitHub	59 Billion
Books	26 Billion
ArXiv	28 Billion
Wikipedia	24 Billion
StackExchange	20 Billion
Total	1.2 Trillion

Model Fine-tuning



Fine-tuning: customizing models to target tasks using additional parameters; **idea:** bootstrap off of pre-training knowledge.

Typical experiment



Supervised Learning: fine-tune using labeled training set, measure and report prediction accuracy on unseen set.

Recent Developments: Prompting and In-context Learning

USER	Write me a poem about the ESSLLI summer school
ASSISTANT	<p>In the heart of summer's golden glow, Where curious minds wander and grow, There lies a place of learning delight, The haven that is ESSLLI, shining bright.</p> <p>From distant lands they gather, young and old, Seeking knowledge's treasure, untold. Linguists, logicians, philosophers too, Together they explore ideas anew.</p> <p>Like a tapestry woven with care, Each strand unique, yet all in flair. Days filled with lectures and workshops vast, Weaving knowledge, creating a future that lasts.</p>

Large language models (LLMs) are used without specialized training, frozen, after tuning on *instructions* (Ouyang et al., 2022).

Recent Developments: Prompting and In-context Learning

```
1 import openai
2
3 IN_CONTEXT=f"""
4 # This task requires you to negate sentences
5
6 sentence: I am swimming but sailing.
7 negation: I am not sailing but swimming instead.
8
9 sentence: She went over to the house but not inside
10 negation: She went to the house and entered the house.
11
12 sentence: {sentence}
13 """
14 new_problem = "Dan went to pick apples"
15 prompt = IN_CONTEXT.format(sentence=new_problem)
16
17 ##### call to GPT3
18 response = openai.Completion.create(
19     model="text-davinci-003",
20     prompt=prompt,
21 )
```

Conclusion

- ▶ **Language models:** assign probabilities to sequences, generation.
- ▶ **Recent Advances:** novel neural architectures (*transformers, attention*), large-scale pre-training of neural representations, enormous datasets.

State-of-the-art results on many NLP problems, many exciting areas for future research and new applications.

Credits and Additional Resources

- ▶ **Transformers:** Many examples taken from *Peter Bloem's* excellent survey **Transformers from Scratch** See also: **Annotated Transformer** (*Sasha Rush*), **Illustrated Transformer** (*Jay Alammar*)
- Classic NLP resources:** (*Jurafsky, 2000*) ([website](#)), (*Manning and Schutze, 1999*), **NLP notes** (*Michael Collins*)
- Topics glossed over:** Decoding and generation, see **this survey**, General machine learning: (*Daumé, 2017*) ([website](#), Ch. 7,10), (*Murphy, 2012*).
- Pytorch tutorials, math background.**

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