

# NLP Part 1

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# Tasks in NLP

- ▶ Building Word Embeddings
- ▶ Language Modeling
- ▶ Text Categorization
- ▶ Generating Text about a Topic
- ▶ Language Translation
- ▶ Question Answering
- ▶ Image Captioning
- ▶ Speech Transcription
- ▶ Generating Text Summaries

# Problem being Solved

How to Find Representations for Words



How to Find Representations for Sentences/Paragraphs

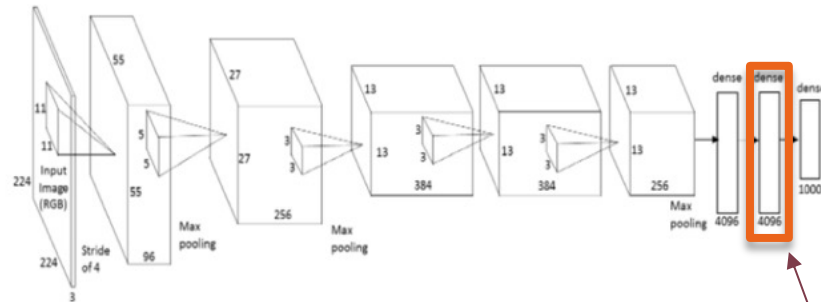
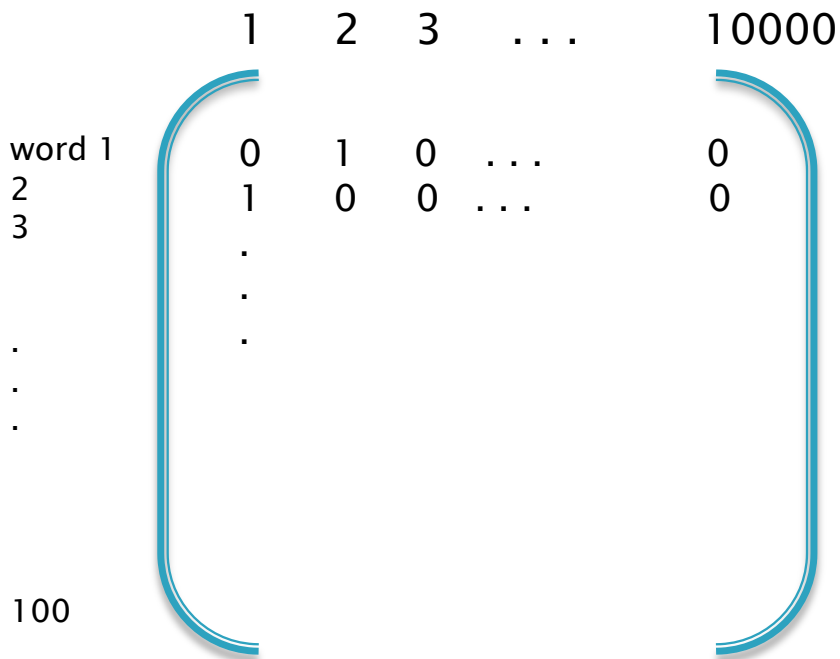


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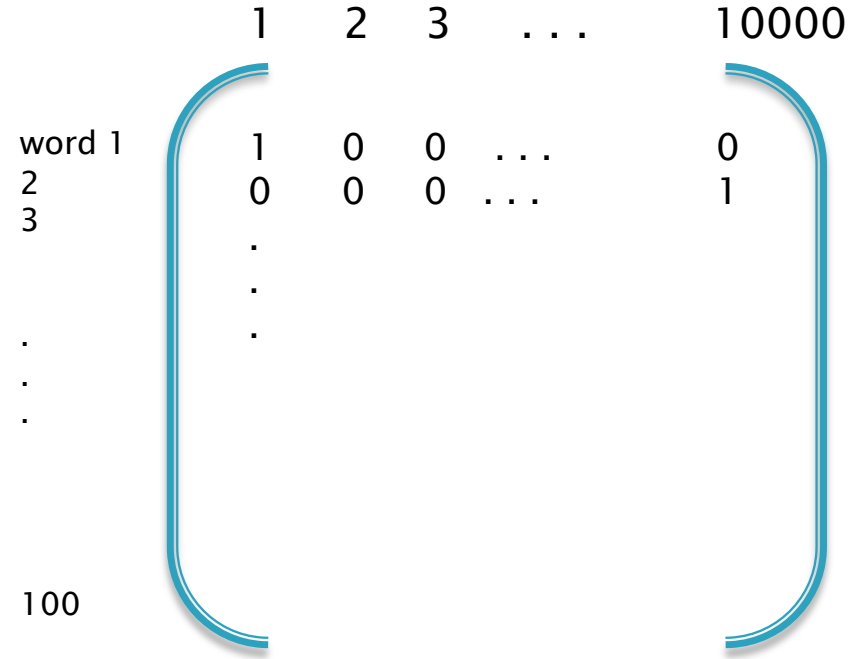
# Word Embeddings



# 1-Hot Encoding



Review 1



Review 2

- Results in very high dimensional representations
- Does not capture relationship between words

# Richer Representations

We want **richer representations** expressing **semantic similarity**.

**Distributional semantics:**

*"You shall know a word by the company it keeps."* — J.R. Firth (1957)

Idea: produce **dense** vector representations based on the **context/use** of words.



# Word Embeddings

	bite	cute	furry	loud
kitten	0	1	0	0
cat	0	1	1	0
dog	1	0	1	1

Use inner product or cosine as **similarity kernel**. E.g.:

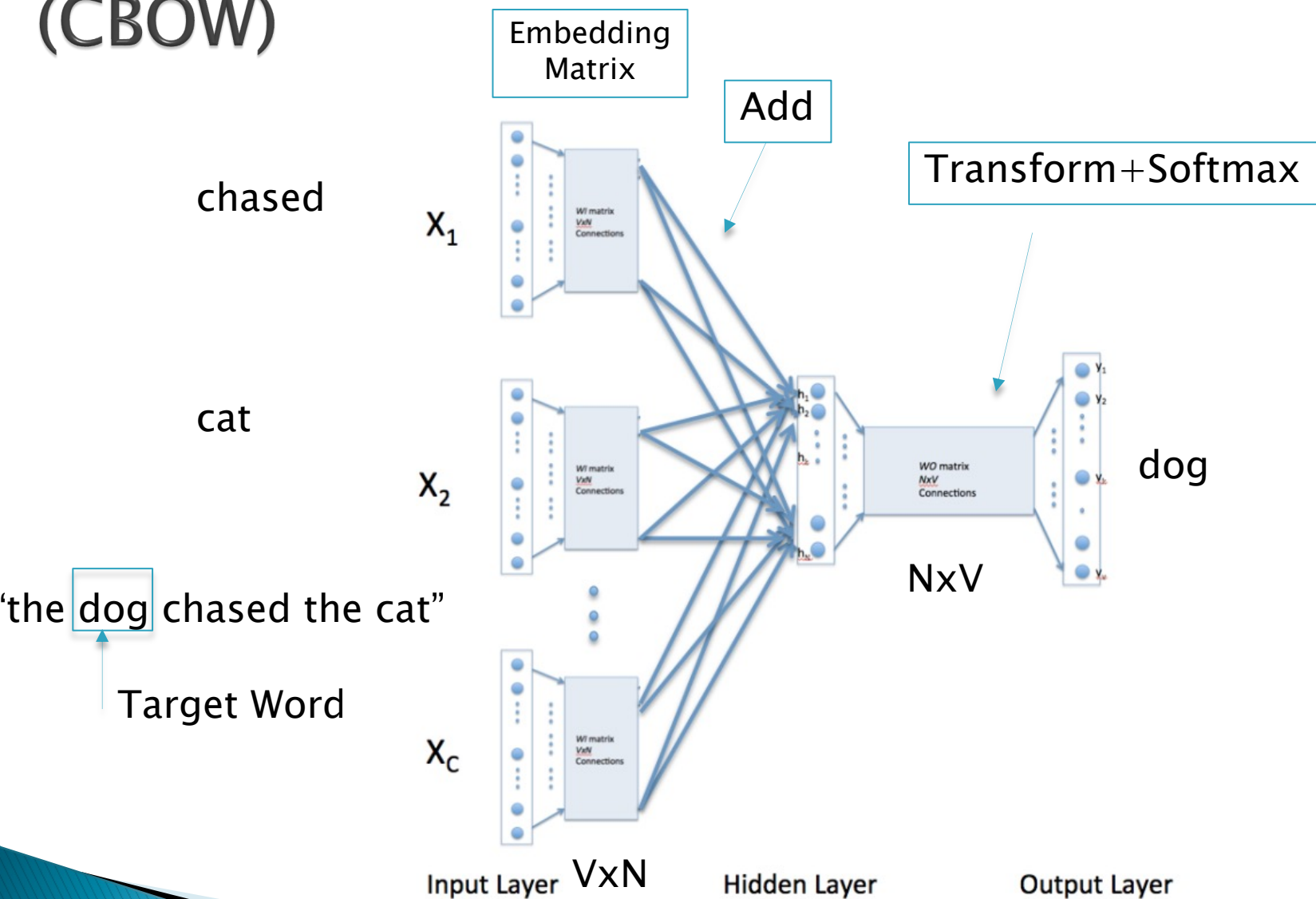
$$\text{sim}(\text{kitten}, \text{cat}) = \text{cosine}(\mathbf{kitten}, \mathbf{cat}) \approx 0.58$$

$$\text{sim}(\text{kitten}, \text{dog}) = \text{cosine}(\mathbf{kitten}, \mathbf{dog}) = 0.00$$

$$\text{sim}(\text{cat}, \text{dog}) = \text{cosine}(\mathbf{cat}, \mathbf{dog}) \approx 0.29$$

Reminder:  $\text{cosine}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{u}\| \times \|\mathbf{v}\|}$

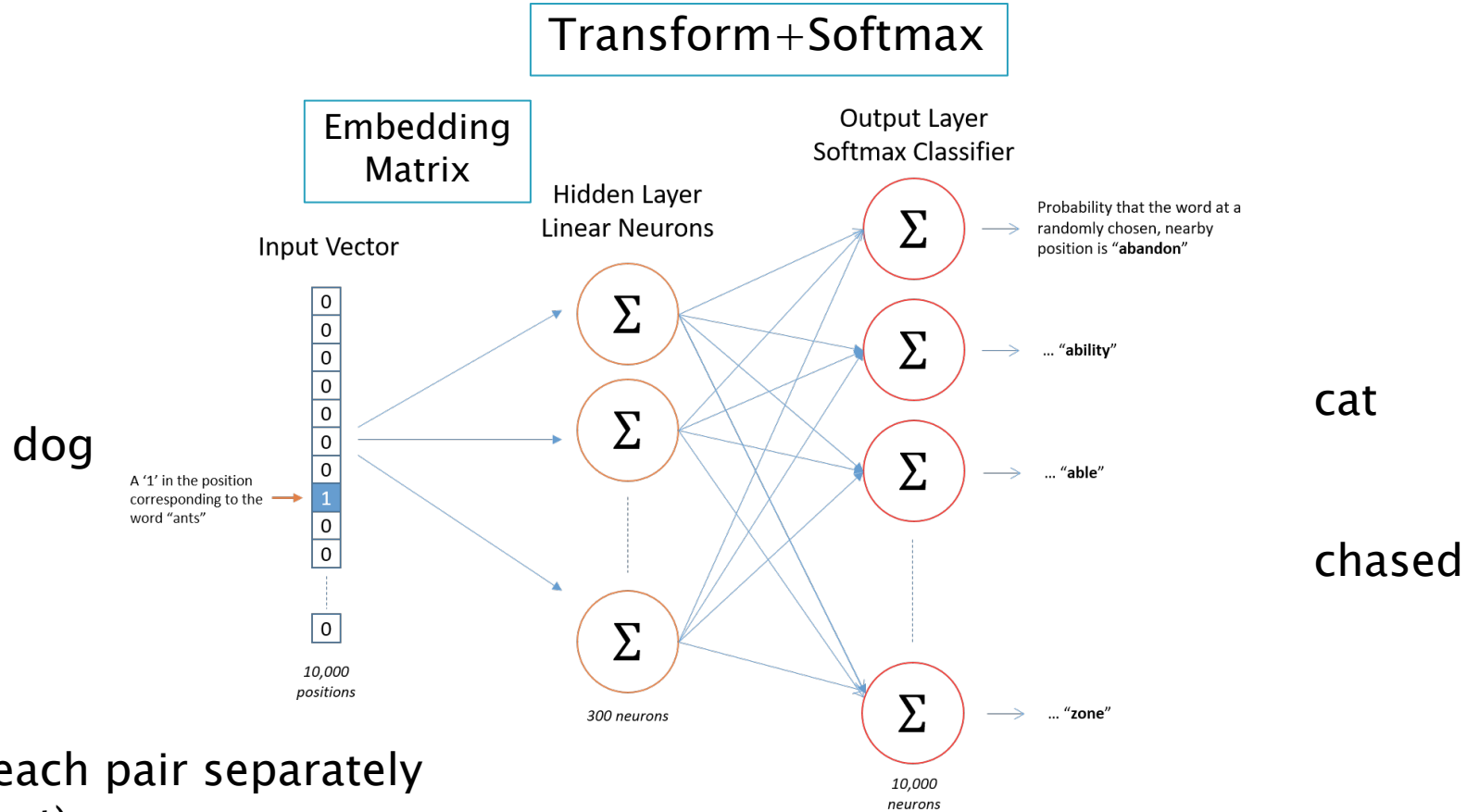
# Word2Vec: Continuous Bag of Words (CBOW)



V: Number of words in corpus  
N: Size of Embedding Vector



# Word2Vec: Skip-Gram

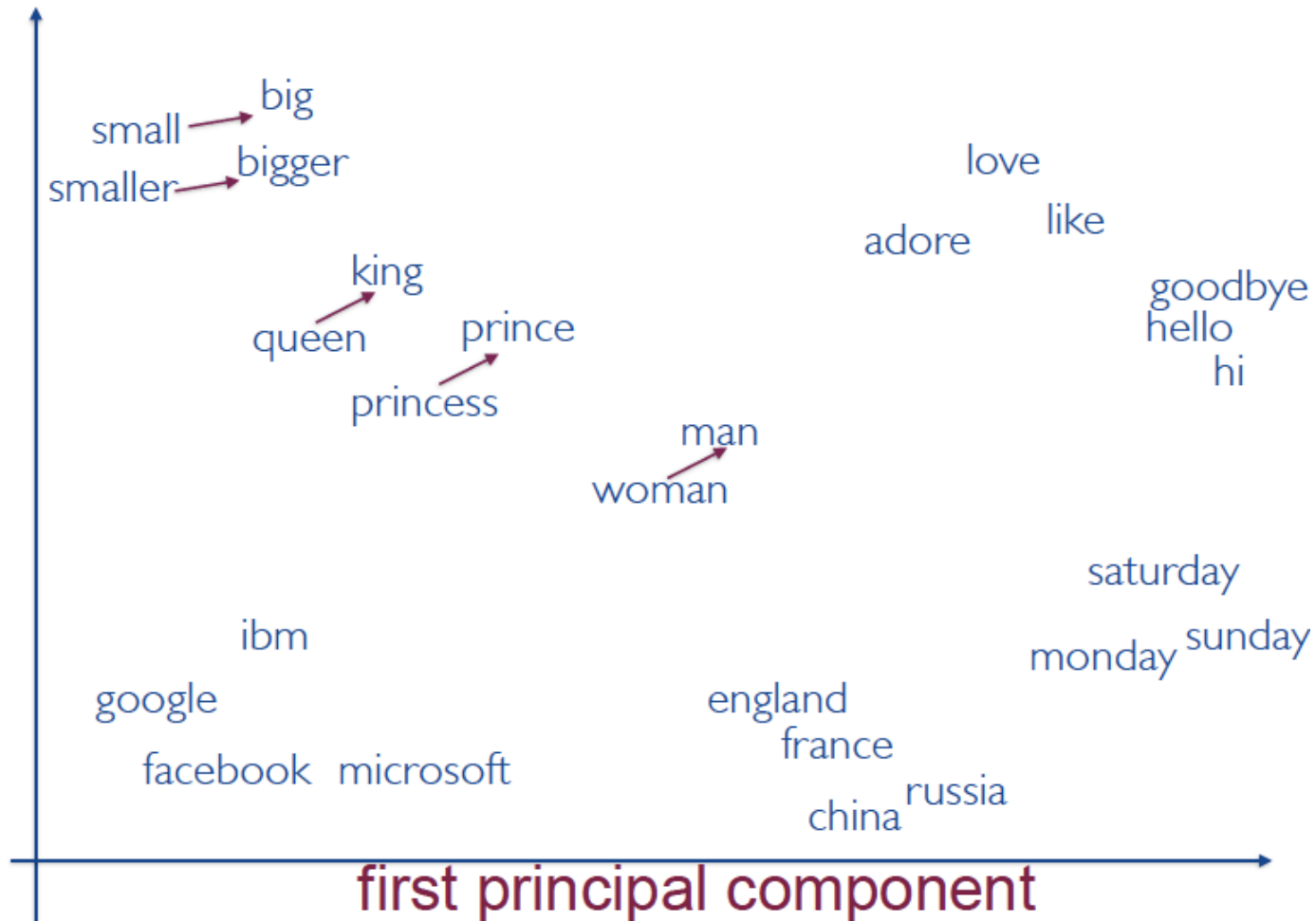


Train each pair separately  
(dog, cat)  
(dog, chased)

"the dog chased the cat"

Target Word

# Word Vectors

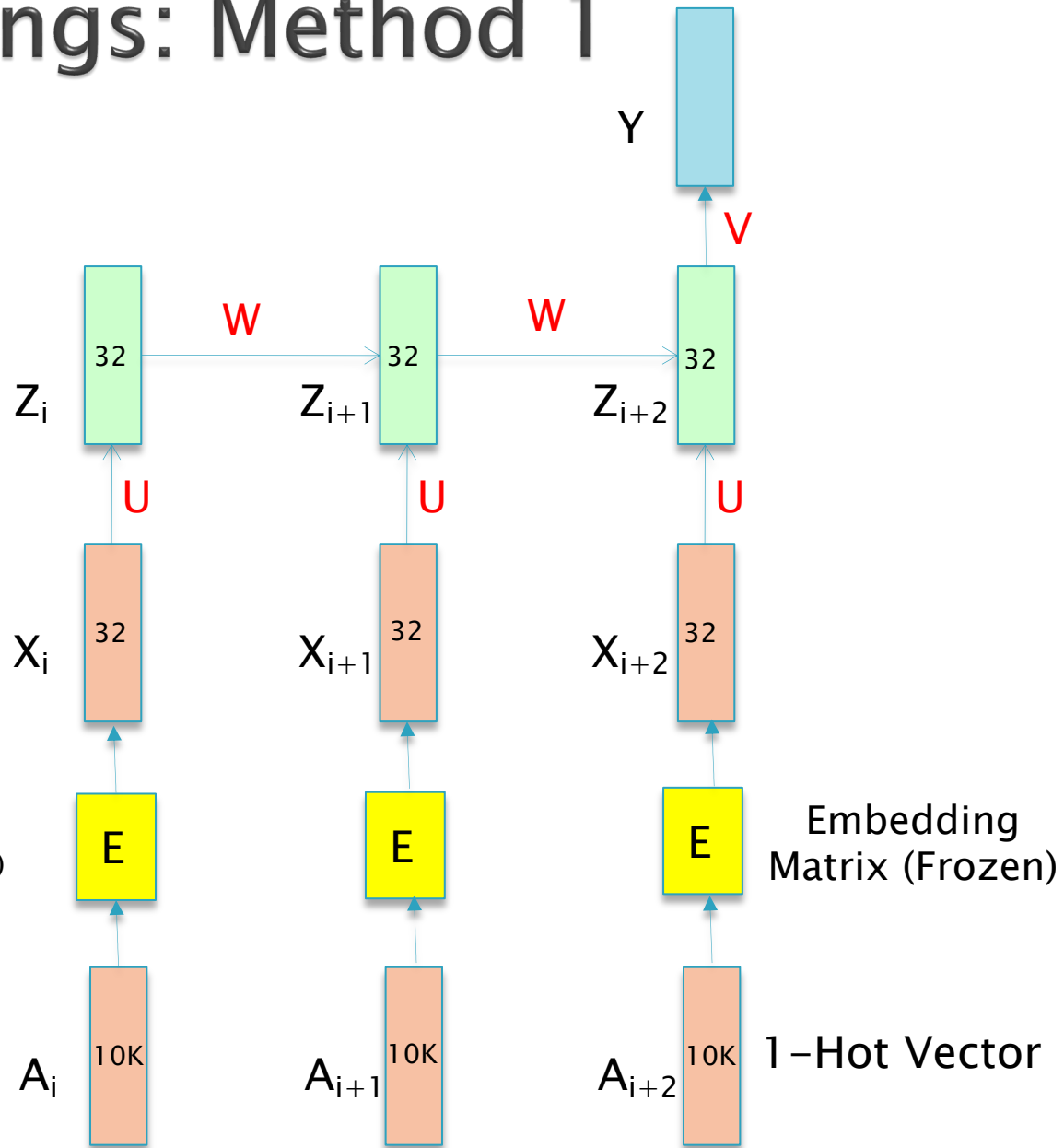


$$\text{king} - \text{queen} = \text{man} - \text{woman}$$

# Using Embeddings: Method 1

Use a Frozen Embedding Matrix  
- Glove  
- Word2Vec

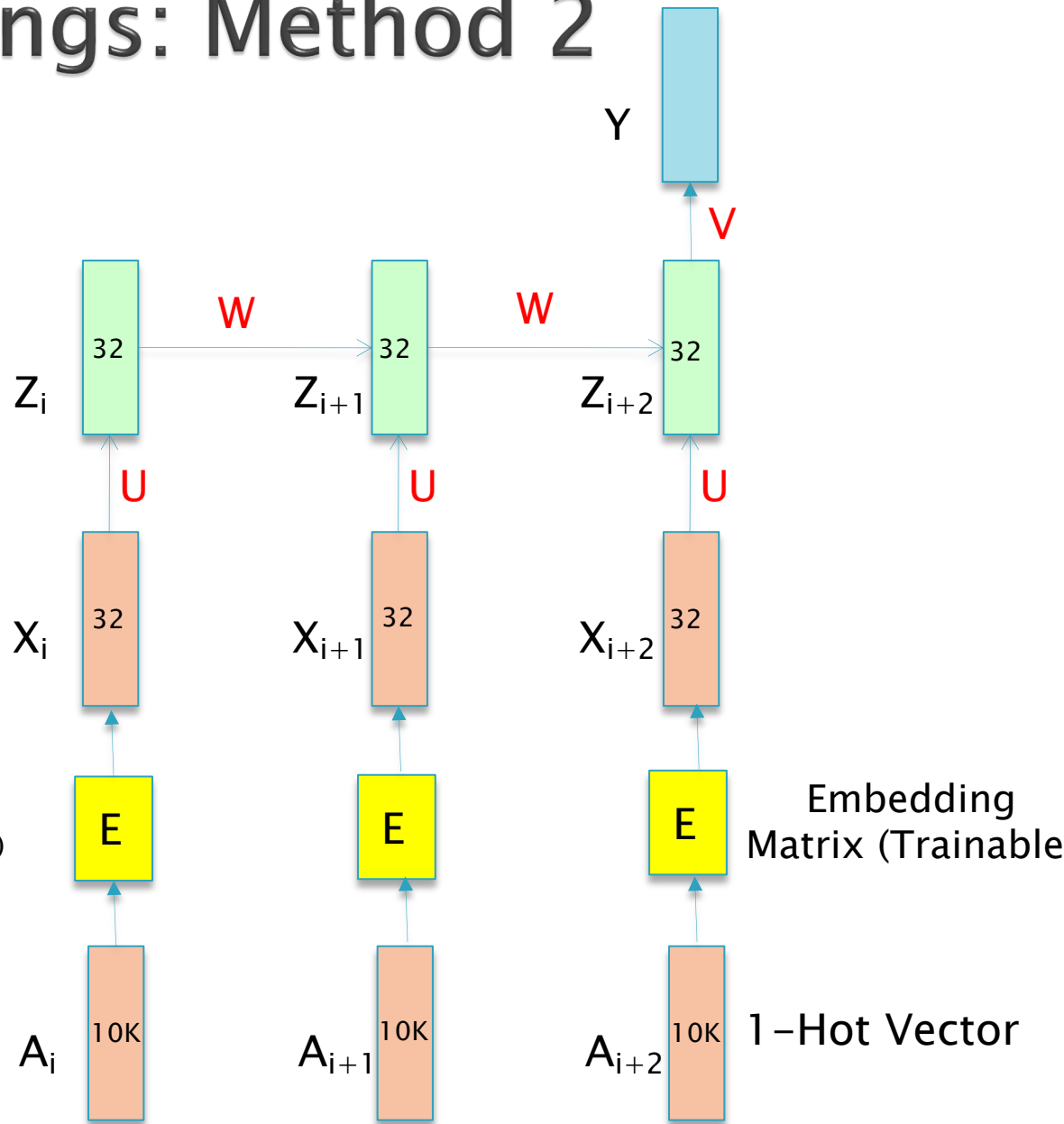
$$A(1 \times 10K)E(10K \times 32) = X(1 \times 32)$$



# Using Embeddings: Method 2

Use a Trainable Embedding Matrix

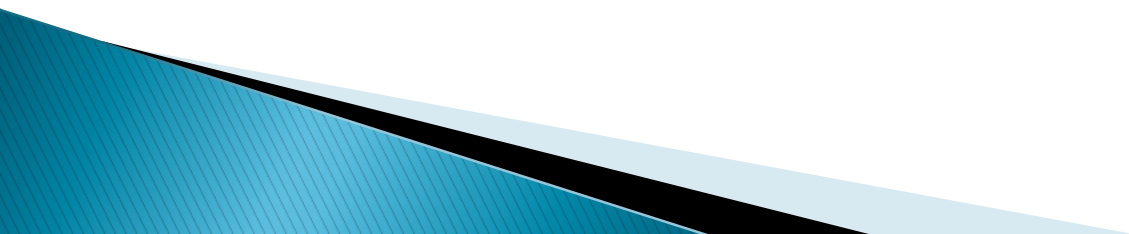
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# Learning Task Based Embeddings

- ▶ Embedding matrix can be learnt from scratch or initialized with pre-learned embeddings
- ▶ Using pre-learned embeddings (Word2Vec or Glove) is a type of Transfer Learning
- ▶ If enough training data available, then the embeddings can be computed during the training process (using backprop)
  - These capture embeddings that are relevant to the task

# Text Classification



# Applications of Text Classification

## K-ary Classification

- ▶ Is this email spam?
- ▶ Positive or Negative Review?
- ▶ What is the topic of this article?
- ▶ What language is this article in?
- ▶ Who is the Author of this article?

## Regression

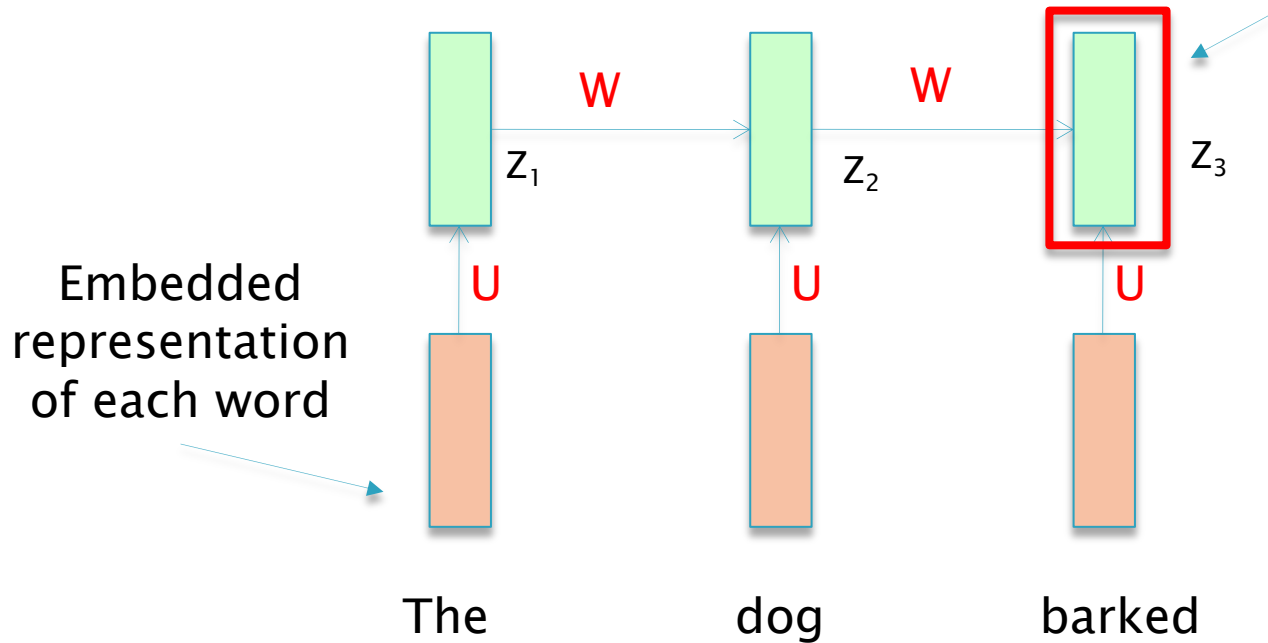
- ▶ What is the age/gender etc of the author

## Multi-Label Classification

- ▶ Predict hashtags for a tweet
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# Representing Text Using RNNs

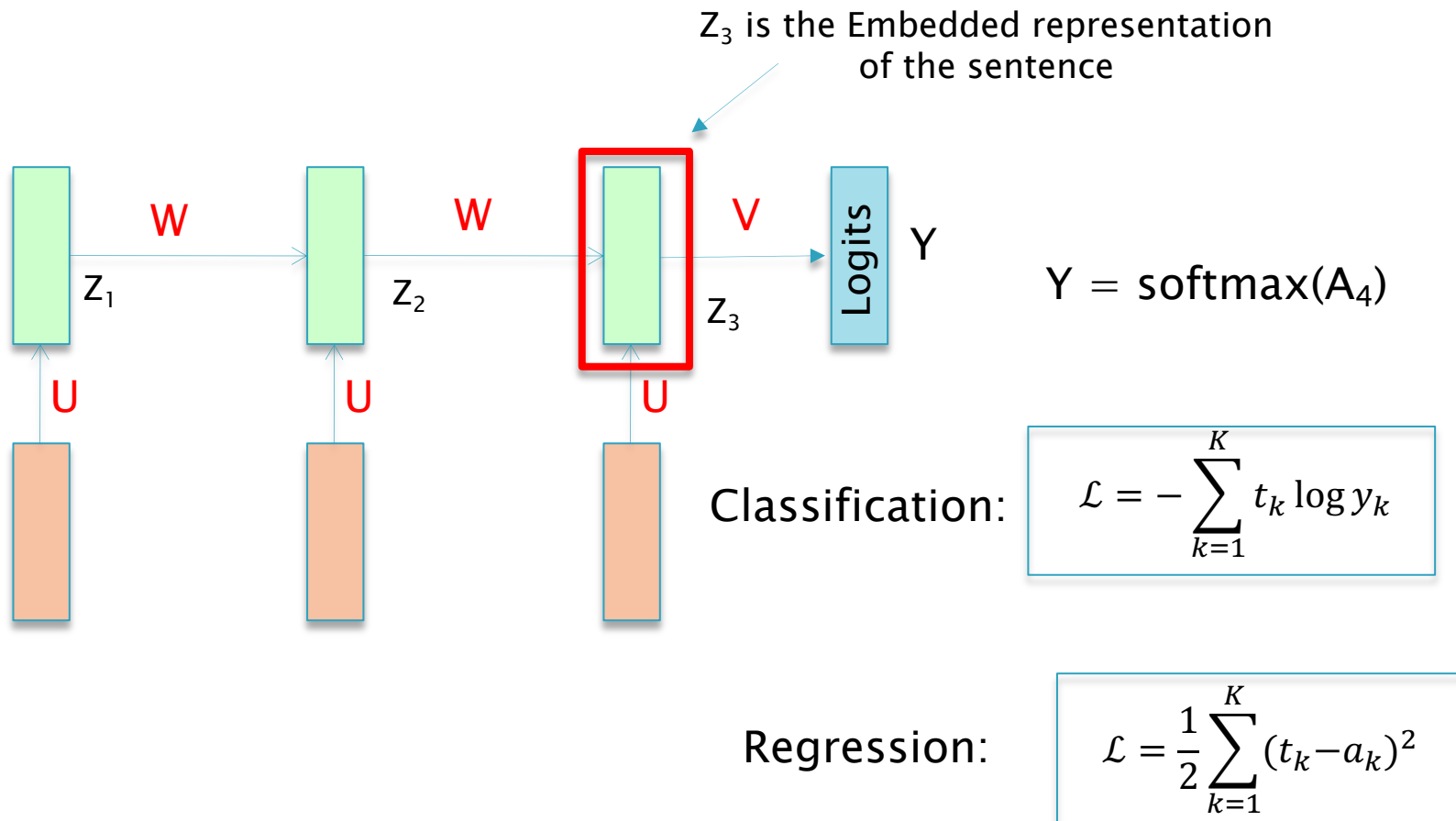
$Z_3$  is the Embedded representation of the sentence



$Z_3$  contains information about all the text in the sequence

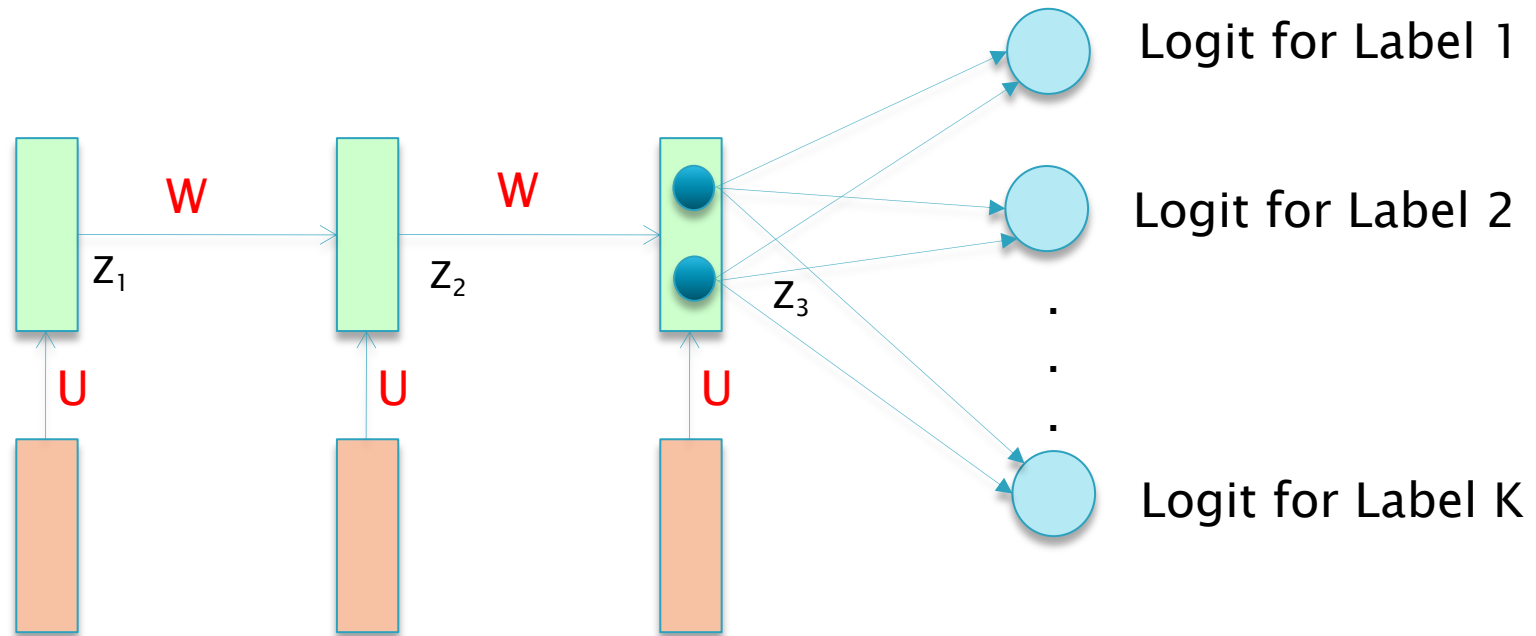


# Classification/Regression



# Multi-Label Classification

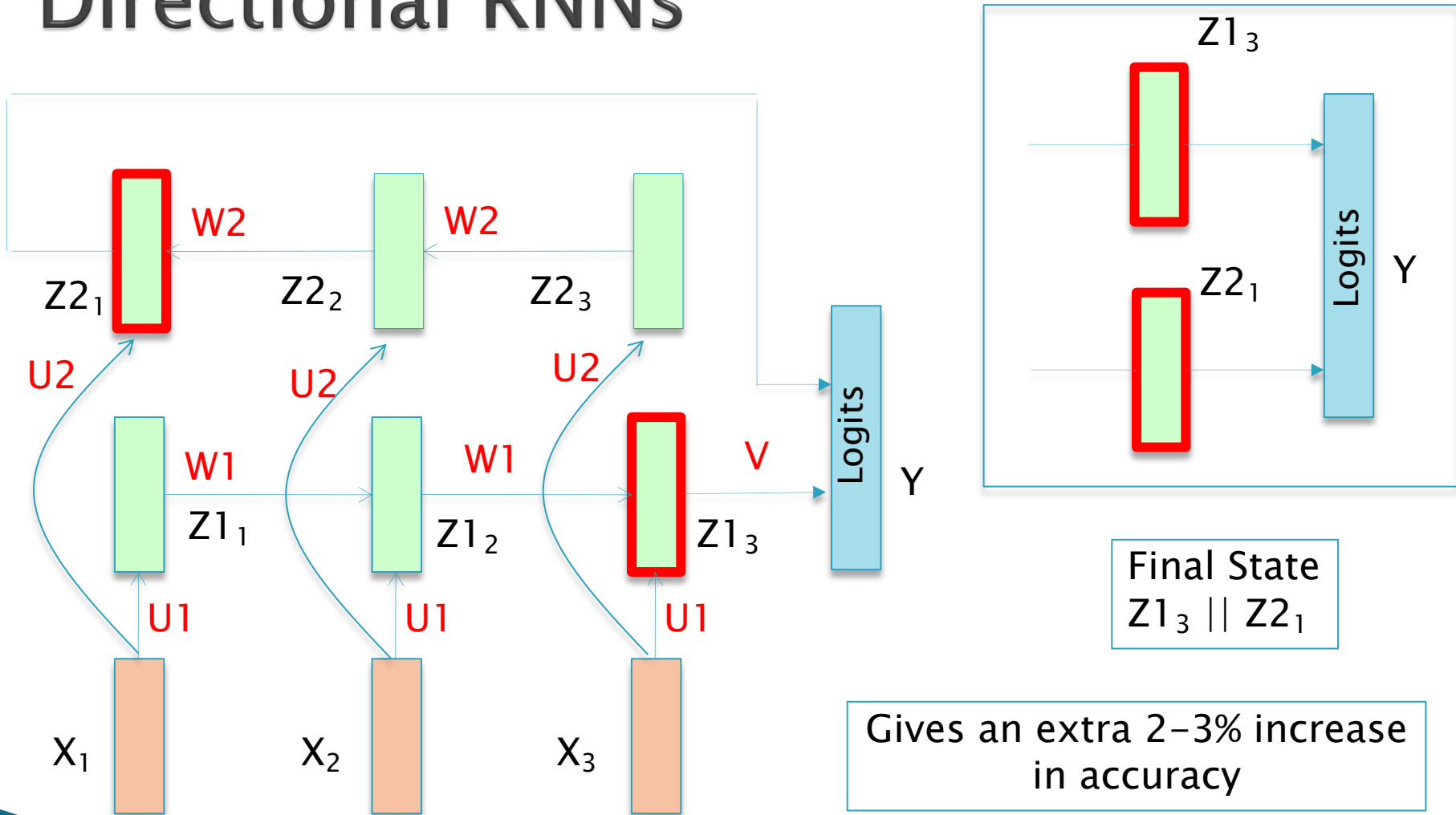
$$\mathcal{L} = -\sum_{k=1}^K [t_k \log y_k + (1 - t_k) \log(1 - y_k)]$$



A single sequence has multiple correct labels

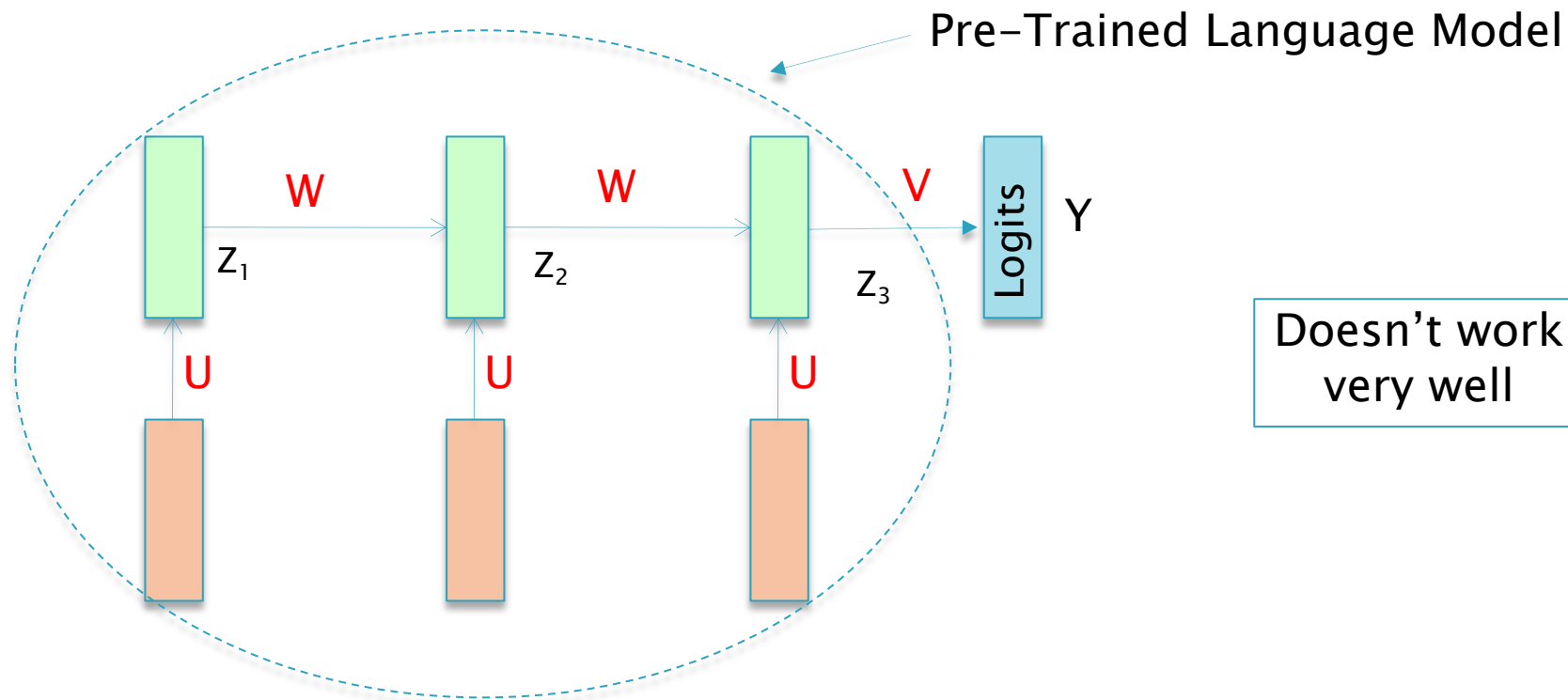
Problem reduced to  $K$  separate Yes/No decisions  
With  $K$  Binary Classifiers operating in Parallel

# Text Representation with Bi-Directional RNNs



In Keras: `model.add(layers.Bidirectional(layers.LSTM(32)))`

# Using Pre-Trained Language Models: Transfer Learning

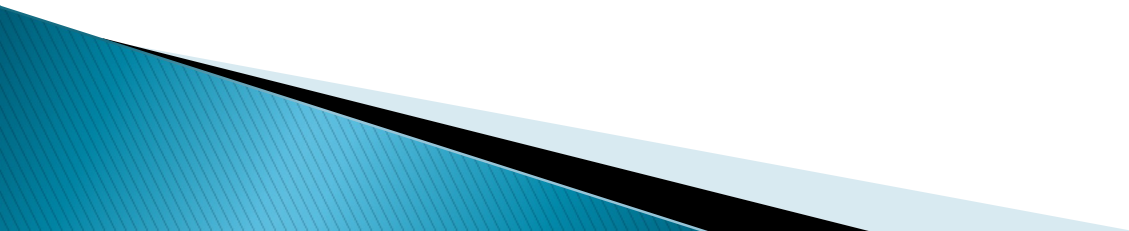


W, U are Frozen (with pre-trained weights)  
Only V needs to be trained

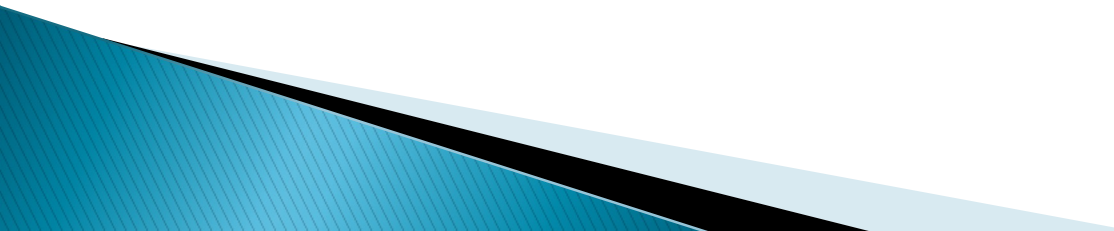
## Benefits:

- Can potentially classify sentences with words not in the classifier training dataset
- Smaller training dataset needed

# Language Models




# What is a Language Model?

- ▶ Definition 1: Given a sequence of words  $(w_1, \dots, w_N)$ , a Language Model predicts the most probable next word  $w_{N+1}$  in the sequence.
  - ▶ Definition 2: Given a sequence of words  $(w_1, \dots, w_N)$ , a Language Model can be used to compute the probability  $p(w_1, \dots, w_N)$  of that sequence occurring in the language
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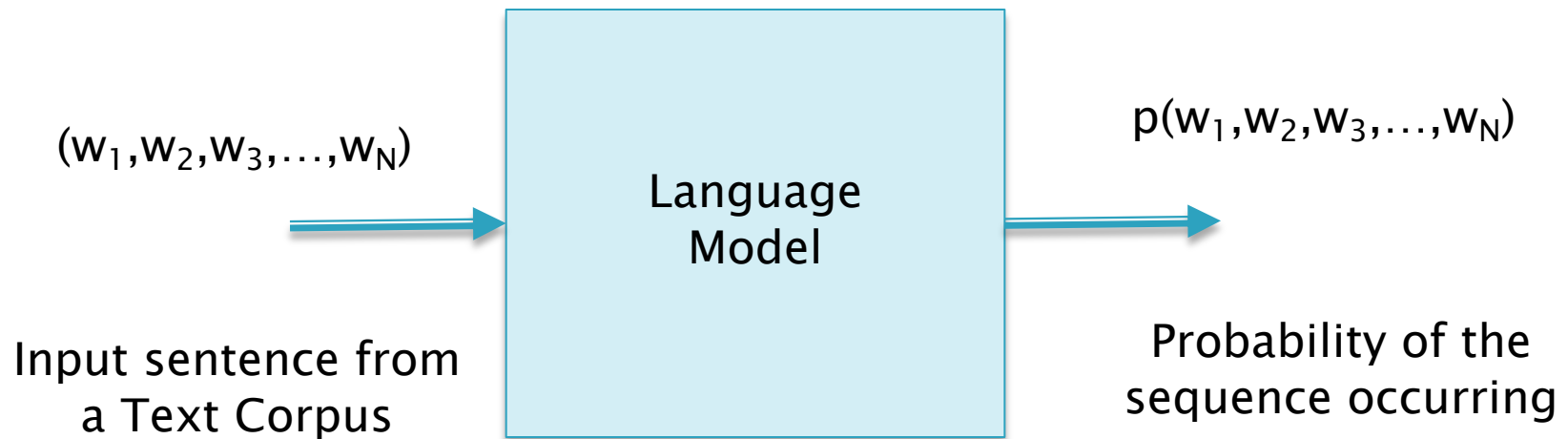
# Language Models: Definition 1



what is the | 

what is the **weather**  
what is the **meaning of life**  
what is the **dark web**  
what is the **xfi**  
what is the **doomsday clock**  
what is the **weather today**  
what is the **keto diet**  
what is the **american dream**  
what is the **speed of light**  
what is the **bill of rights**

# Language Models: Definition 2



A language model assigns a probability to a sequence of words, such that  $\sum_{w \in \Sigma^*} p(w) = 1$ :

*Given the observed training text, how probable is this new utterance?*



# Why are Language Models Useful?

- (1)  we can compare different orderings of words (e.g. Translation):

$$p(\text{he likes apples}) > p(\text{apples likes he})$$

Syntactically  
less probable

- (2) or choice of words (e.g. Speech Recognition):

$$p(\text{he likes apples}) > p(\text{he licks apples})$$

Syntactically  
correct but  
Semantically  
less probable

Language Models can also be used to Generate new text!

# How are Language Models Used?

Much of NLP can be structured as Conditional Language Modeling:

Translation:

$$p_{LM}(\textit{Les chiens aiment les os} \mid \text{Dogs love bones})$$

The translation is the sentence that has the maximum probability in Language 2, given the sentence in Language 1

Question Answering:

$$p_{LM}(\text{Answer} \mid \text{Document, Question})$$

The Answer is the word (or words) with the maximum probability of occurring given the Question and a reference Document

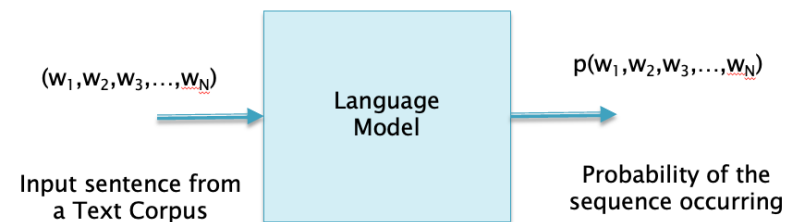
# Computing the Probability

## ▶ Using the Chain Rule of Probabilities

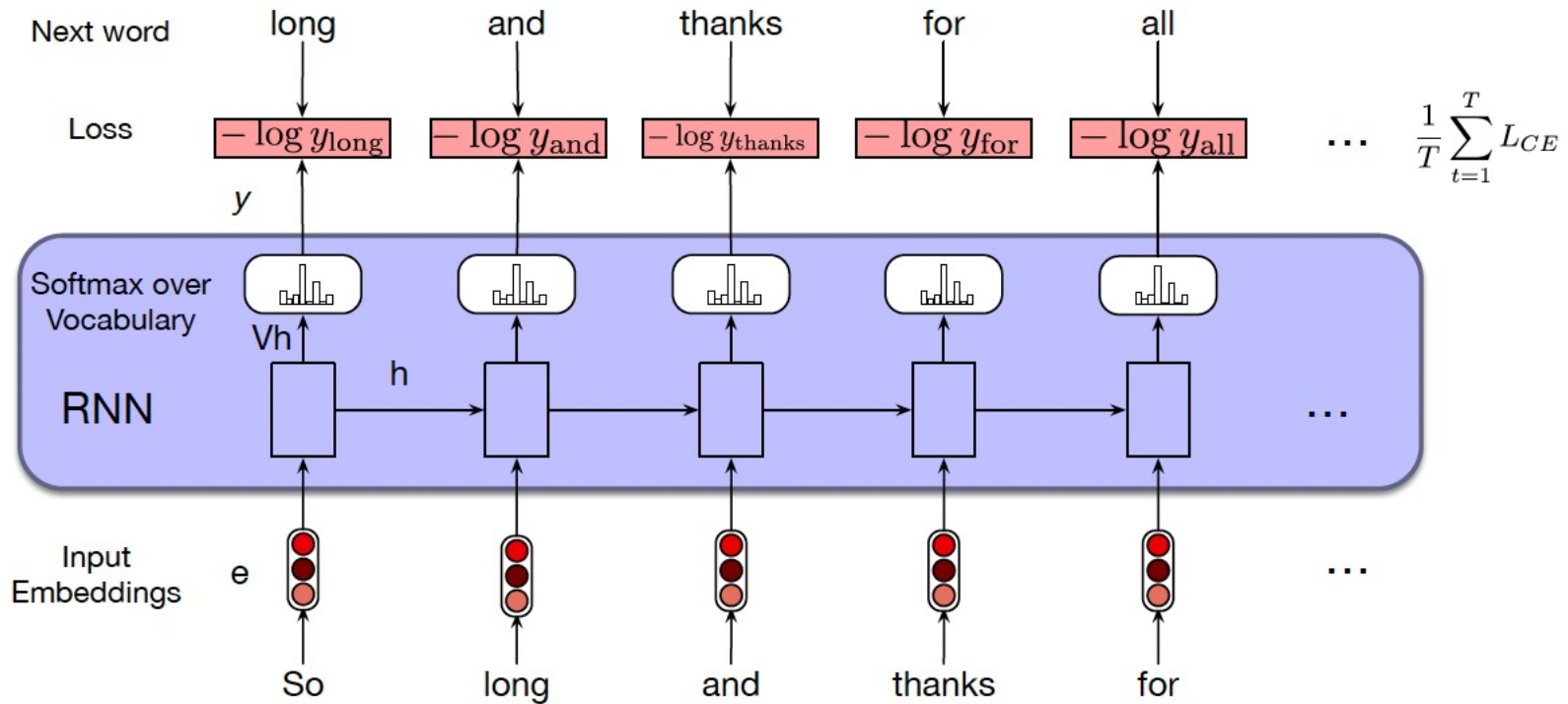
$$P(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) = P(w_1)P(w_2 | w_1)P(w_3 | w_2, w_1), \dots, P(w_n | w_{n-1}, \dots, w_1)$$

Language Modeling reduces to the problem of computing these conditional probabilities

The Conditional Probabilities can be computed with a RNN/LSTM

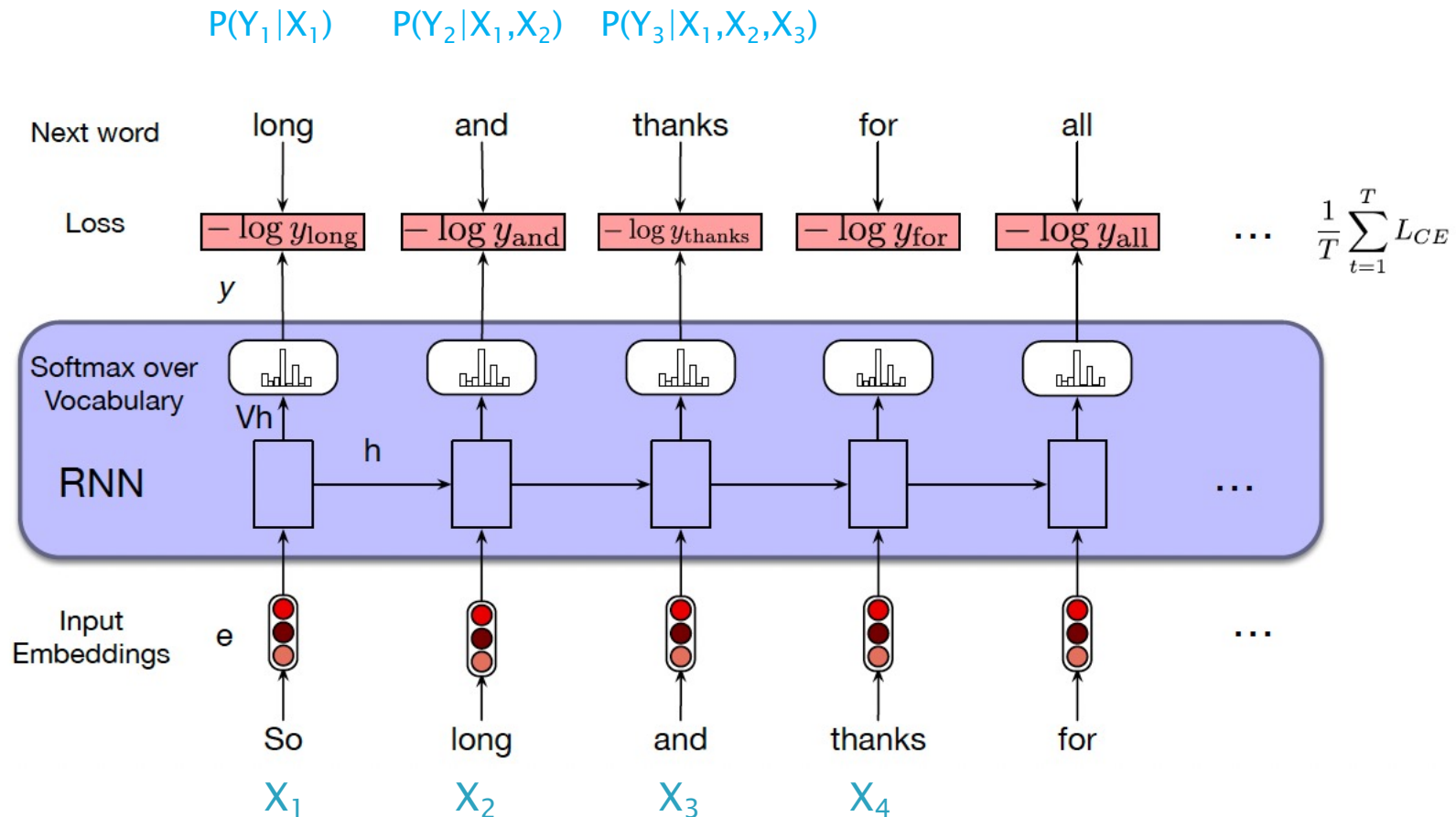


# Training the Language Model



Training the RNN  
by trying to predict next word

# Training the Language Model



Using a Trained Model we can compute  
 $P(X_1, X_2, X_3) = P(X_1)P(Y_1 = X_2 | X_1)P(Y_2 = X_3 | X_1, X_2)$

# Can a Language Model also be used to Generate Sentences?

Back to the Chain Rule of Probabilities

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3) = P(X_1) P(X_2|X_1) P(X_3|X_1, X_2)$$

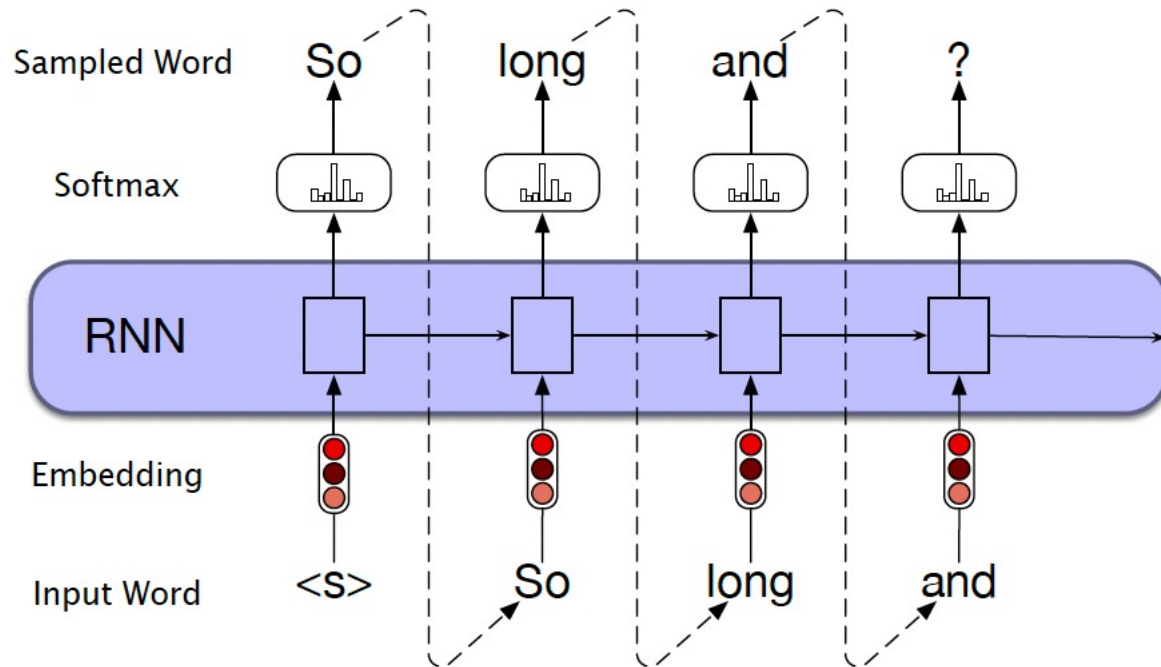
Start with  $X_1$

Sample  $(Y_1 = X_2 | X_1)$  to generate  $X_2$

Sample  $(Y_2 = X_3 | X_1, X_2)$  to generate  $X_3$

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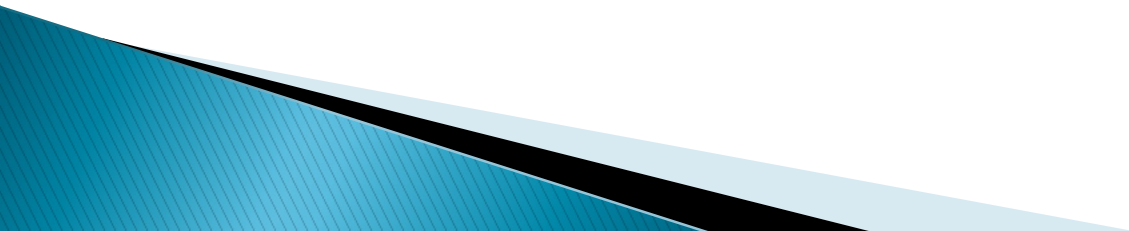
# Language Generation



Auto-Regressive Network!

The output of the network serves as its next input

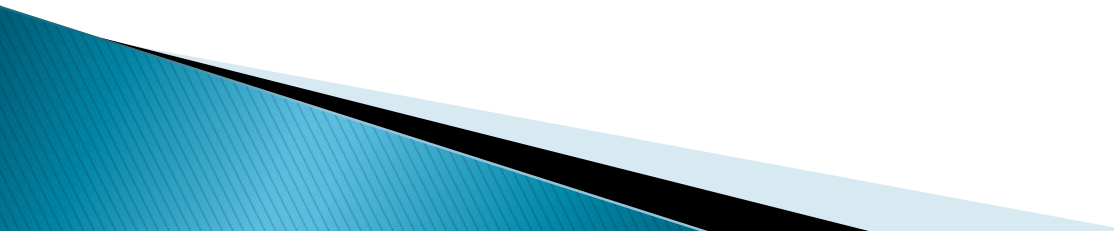
# Sampling Methods





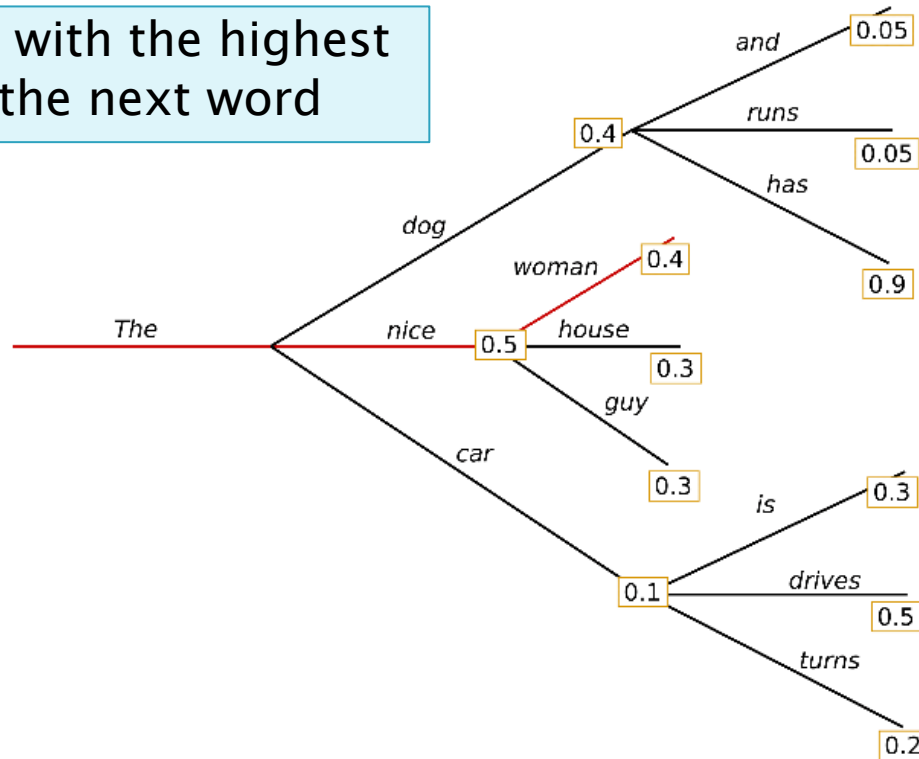
# Generating some Randomness during Sampling

Techniques:

- ▶ Greedy Search
  - ▶ Beam Search
  - ▶ Sampling
  - ▶ Sampling with Temperature
  - ▶ Top-K Sampling
  - ▶ Top-p (Nucleus) Sampling
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# Greedy Search

Chooses the word with the highest probability as the next word



Output: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog**, but I'm not sure if I'll ever be able to walk with my dog. I'm not sure if I'll ever be able to walk with my dog. I'm not sure if I'll

# Beam Search

Tries to remedy Greedy Search by simultaneously generating  $B$  sentences at the same time

$B=2$

## Stage 1

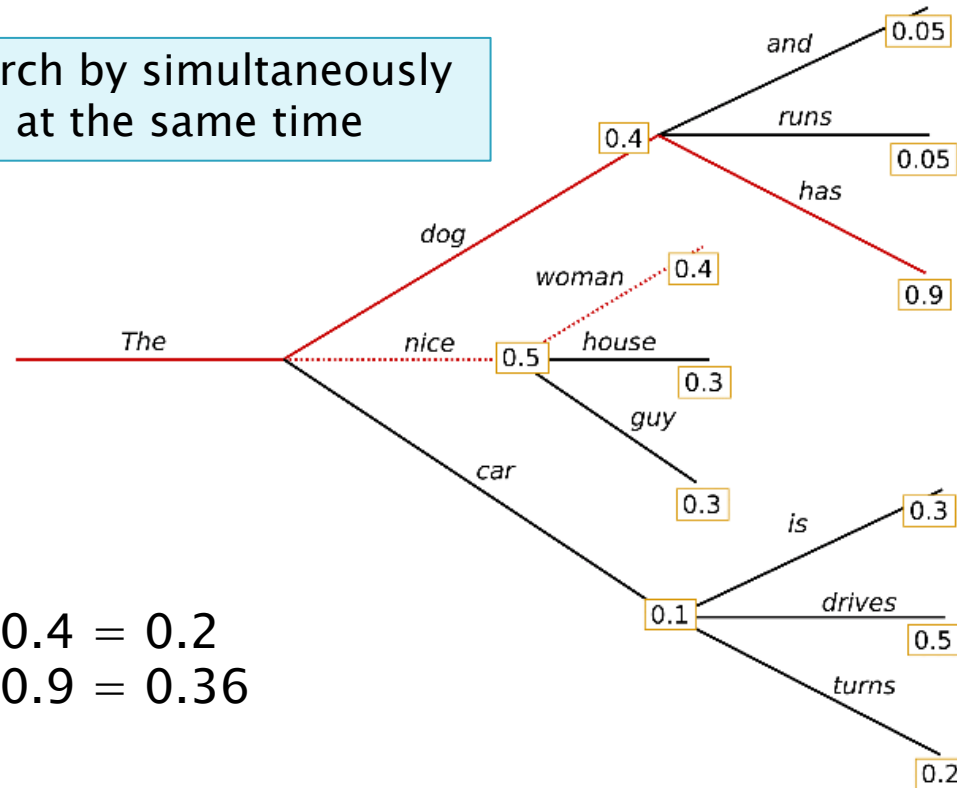
The nice - 0.5

The dog - 0.4

## Stage 2

The nice woman -  $0.5 \times 0.4 = 0.2$

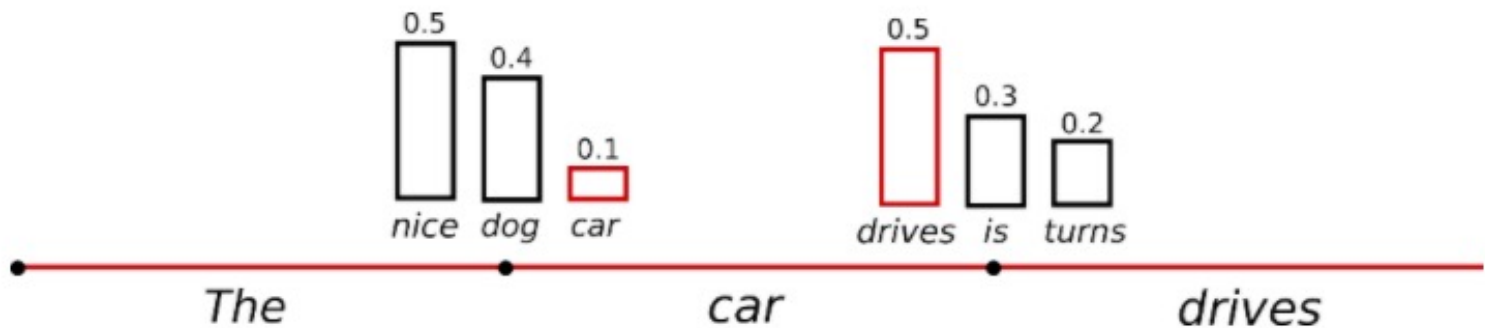
The dog has -  $0.4 \times 0.9 = 0.36$



Output: I enjoy walking with my cute dog, but I'm not sure if I'll ever be able to walk with him again. I'm not sure if I'll ever be able to walk with him again. I'm not sure if I'll

# Sampling

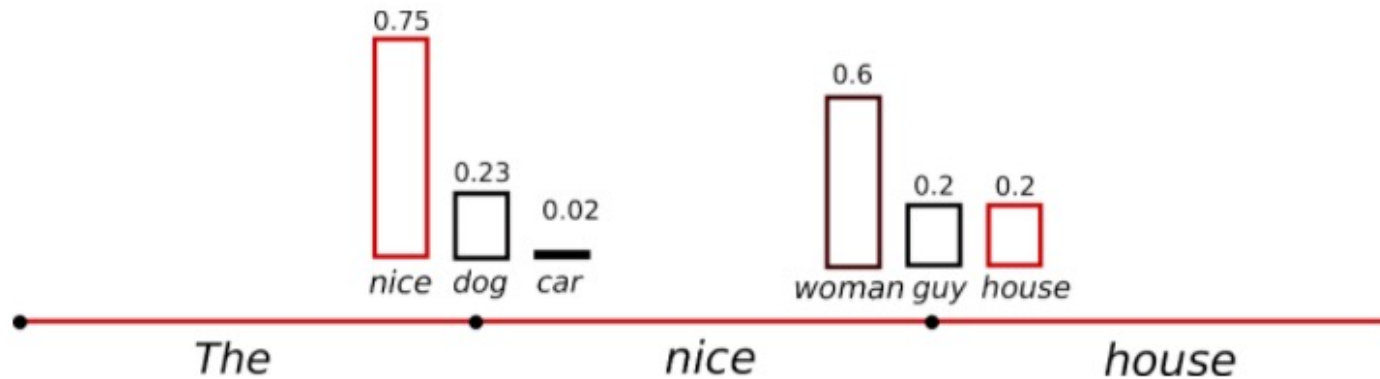
At each stage of the Language Model, we sample from the output distribution to generate the next word



Output: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog.** He just gave me a whole new hand sense."  
But it seems that the dogs have learned a lot from teasing at the local batte harness once they take on the outside. "I take



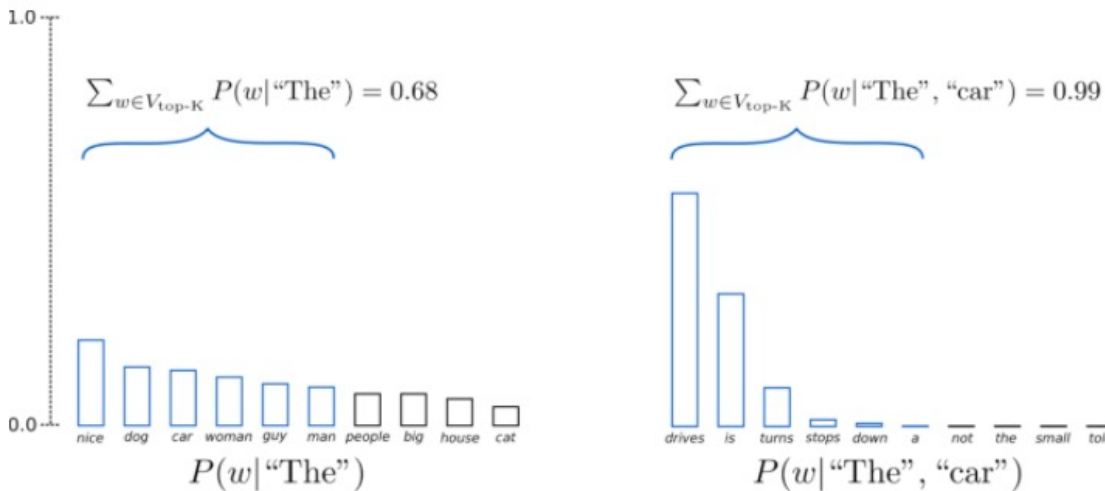
# Sampling with Low Softmax Temperature



Output: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog**, but I don't like to be at home too much.  
I also find it a bit weird when I'm out shopping.  
I am always away from my house a lot, but I do have a few friends

# Top-K Sampling (2018)

In *Top-K* sampling, the  $K$  most likely next words are filtered and the probability mass is redistributed among only those  $K$  next words.

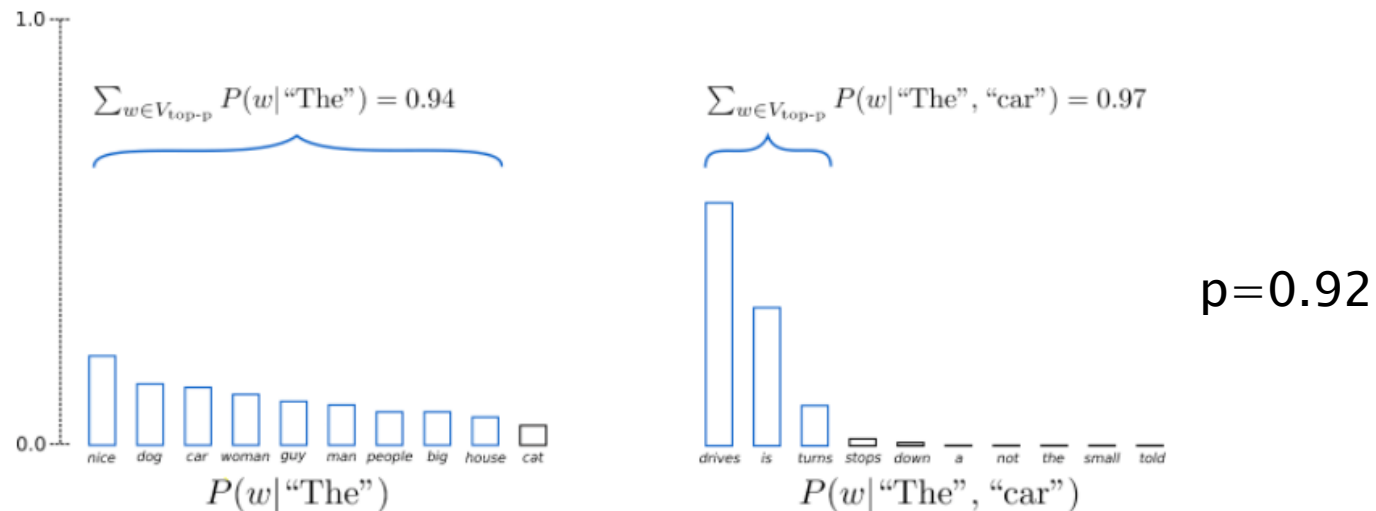


K = 6

Output: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog.** It's so good to have an environment where your dog is available to share with you and we'll be taking care of you. We hope you'll find this story interesting! I am from

# Top-p (Nucleus) Sampling (2019)

Instead of sampling only from the most likely  $K$  words, in *Top-p* sampling chooses from the smallest possible set of words whose cumulative probability exceeds the probability  $p$ . The probability mass is then redistributed among this set of words. This way, the size of the set of words (*a.k.a* the number of words in the set) can dynamically increase and decrease according to the next word's probability distribution.



Output: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog.** He will never be the same. I watch him play. Guys, my dog needs a name. Especially if he is found with wings. What was that? I had a lot of



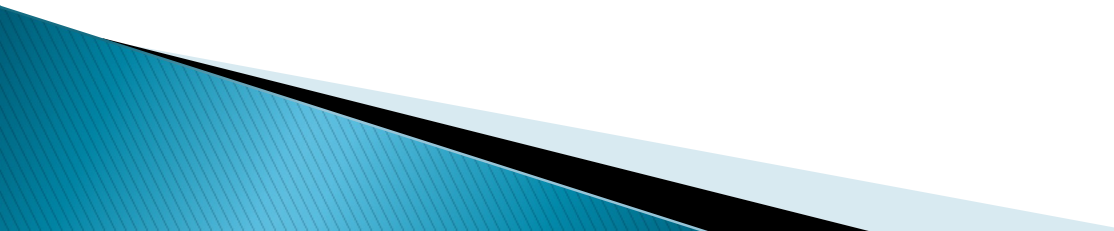
# Top-K + Top-p

K=50, p=0.95

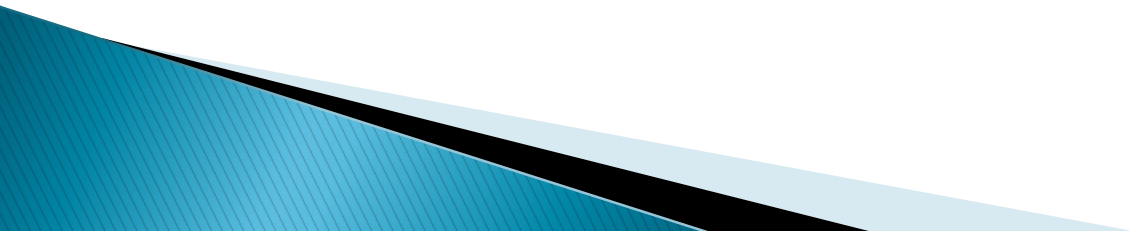
0: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog**. It's so good to have the chance to walk with a dog. But I have this problem with the dog and how he's always looking at us and always trying to make me see that I can do something

1: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog**, she loves taking trips to different places on the planet, even in the desert! The world isn't big enough for us to travel by the bus with our beloved pup, but that's where I find my love

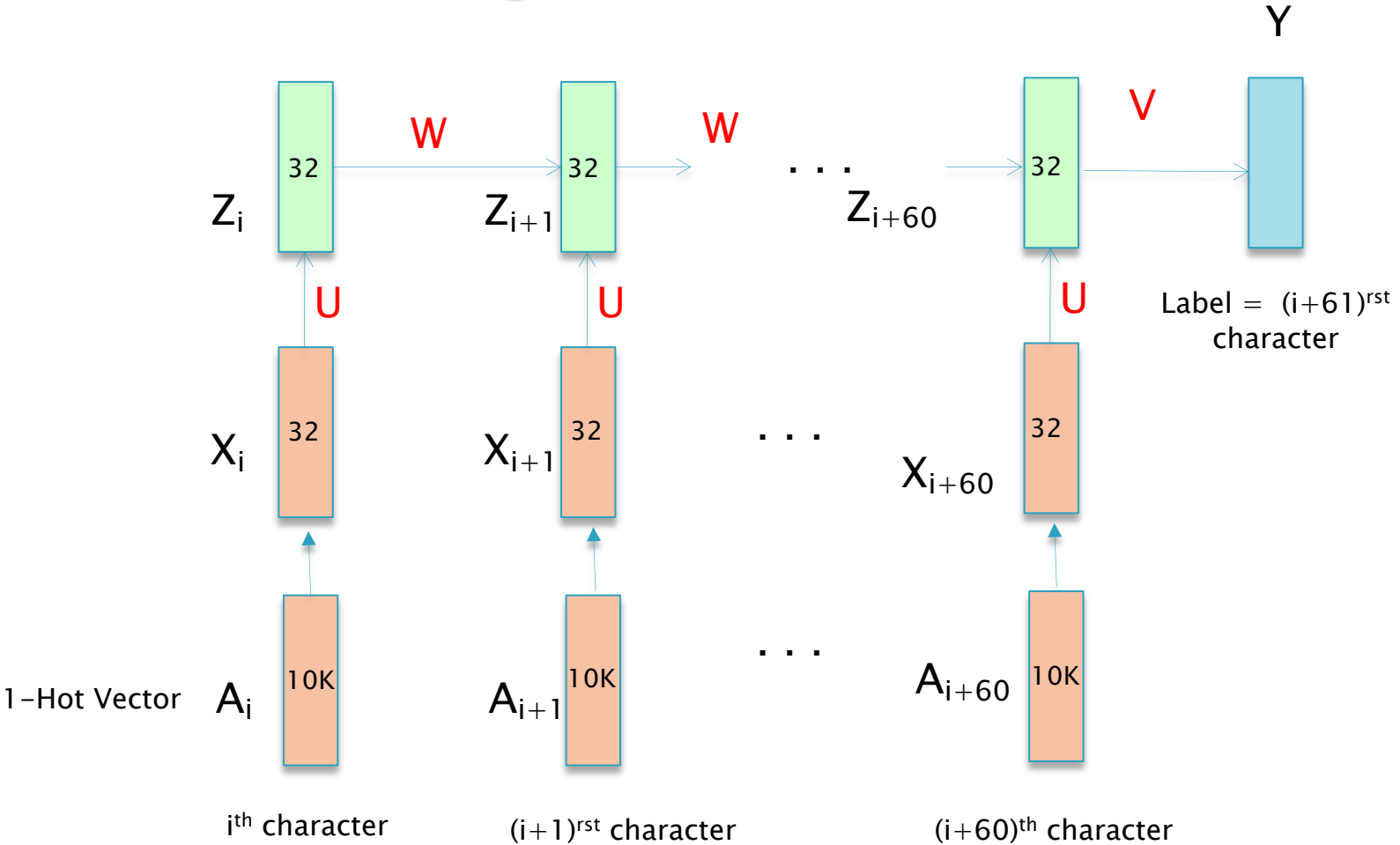
2: **I enjoy walking with my cute dog** and playing with our kids," said David J. Smith, director of the Humane Society of the US. "So as a result, I've got more work in my time," he said.

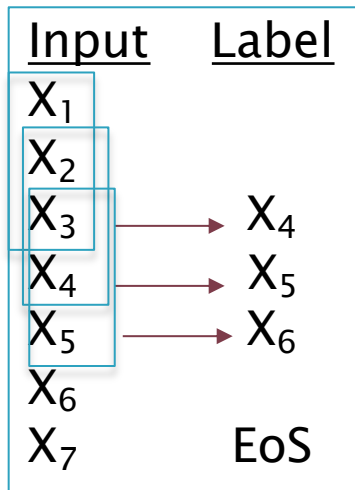
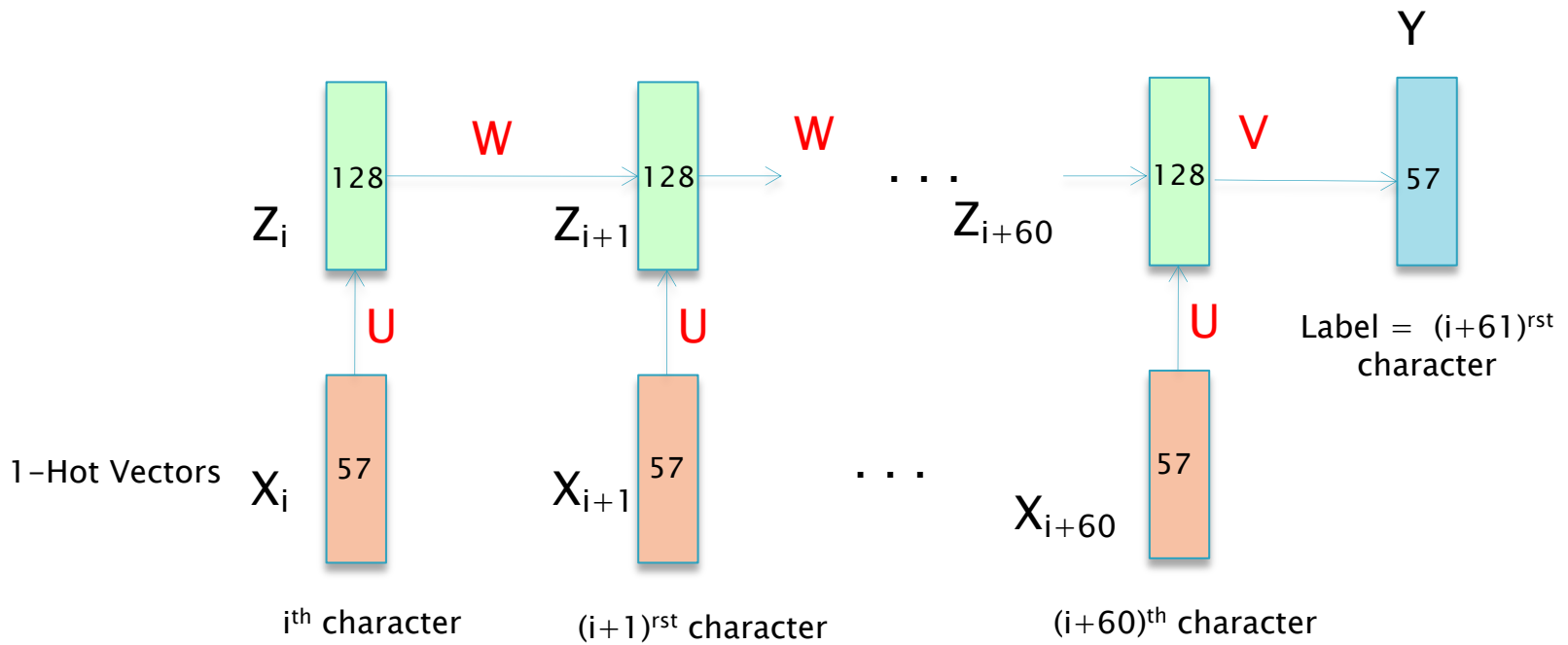


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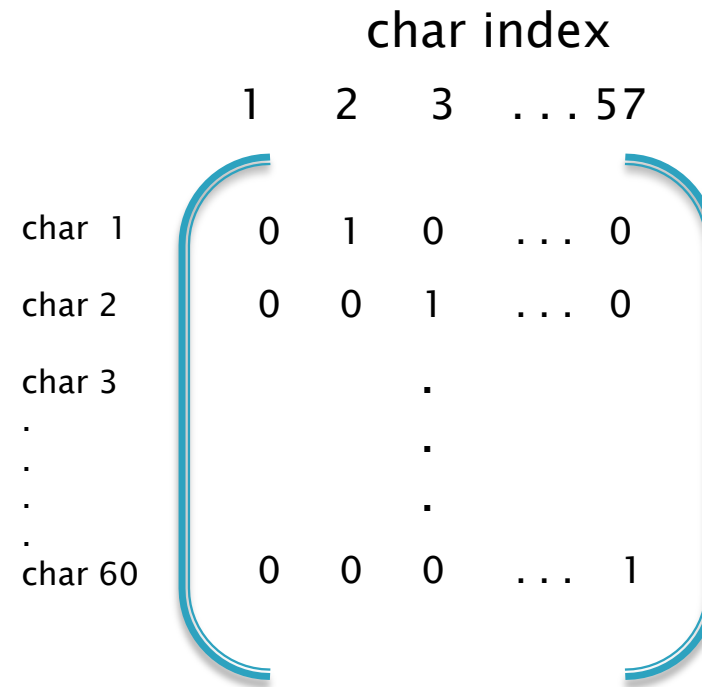


# Character Based Language Model: Training





A single input Sample



# Example: Generating Shakespeare

PANDARUS:

Alas, I think he shall be come approached and the day  
When little strain would be attain'd into being never fed,  
And who is but a chain and subjects of his death,  
I should not sleep.

Second Senator:

They are away this miseries, produced upon my soul,  
Breaking and strongly should be buried, when I perish  
The earth and thoughts of many states.

DUKE VINCENTIO:

Well, your wit is in the care of side and that.

Second Lord:

They would be ruled after this chamber, and  
my fair nudes begun out of the fact, to be conveyed,  
Whose noble souls I'll have the heart of the wars.

Clown:

Come, sir, I will make did behold your worship.

VIOLA:

I'll drink it.

- Trained using all the works of Shakespeare concatenated into a single (4.4MB) file.
- Using a 3 layer LSTM with 512 nodes per layer

# Example: Generating Tolstoy

at first:

tyntd-iafhatawiaoihrdemot lytdws e ,tfti, astai f ogoh eoase rrranbyne 'nhthnee e  
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↓ train more

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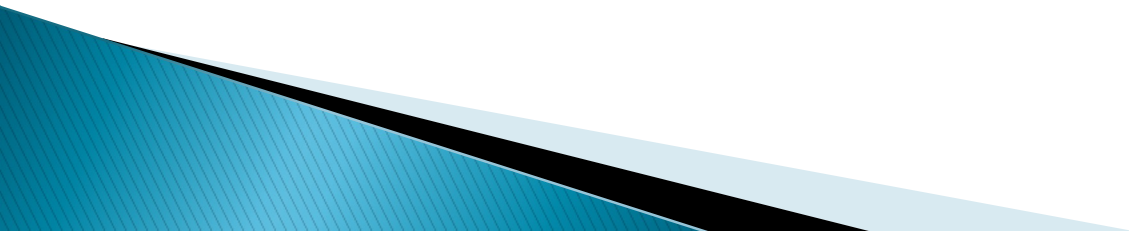
↓ train more

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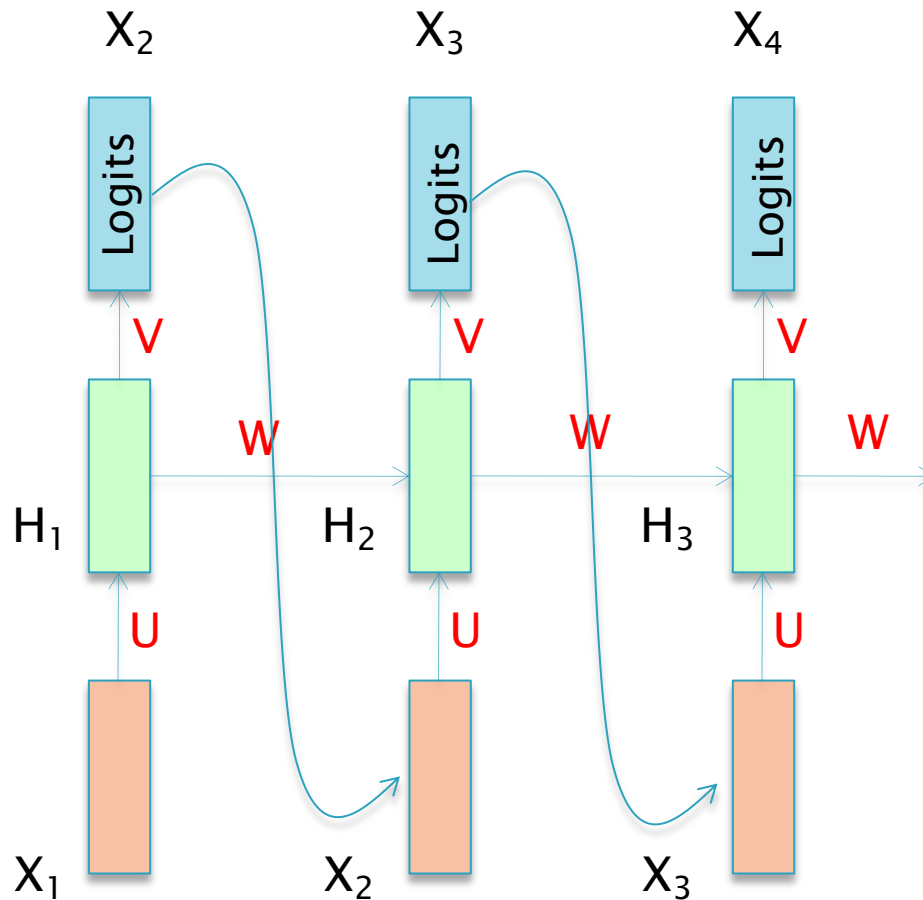
↓ train more

"Why do what that day," replied Natasha, and wishing to himself the fact the  
princess, Princess Mary was easier, fed in had oftened him.  
Pierre aking his soul came to the packs and drove up his father-in-law women.

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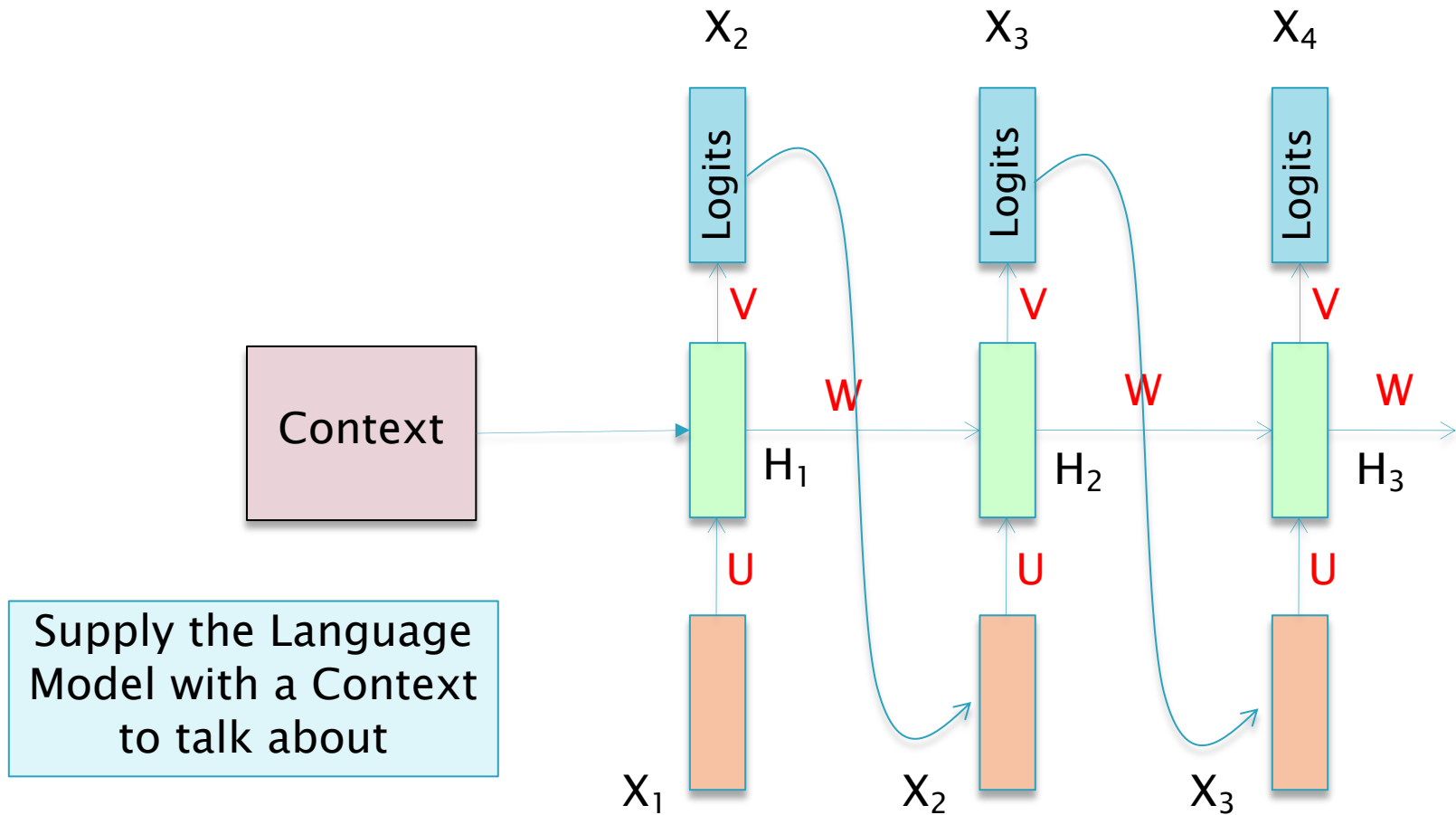
# So Far..



We know how to generate sentences but  
What is the sentence talking about?



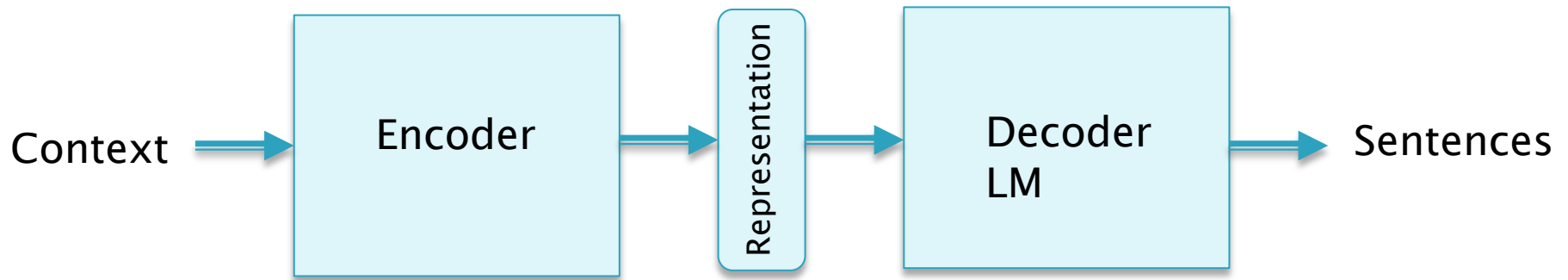
# Conditional Language Models



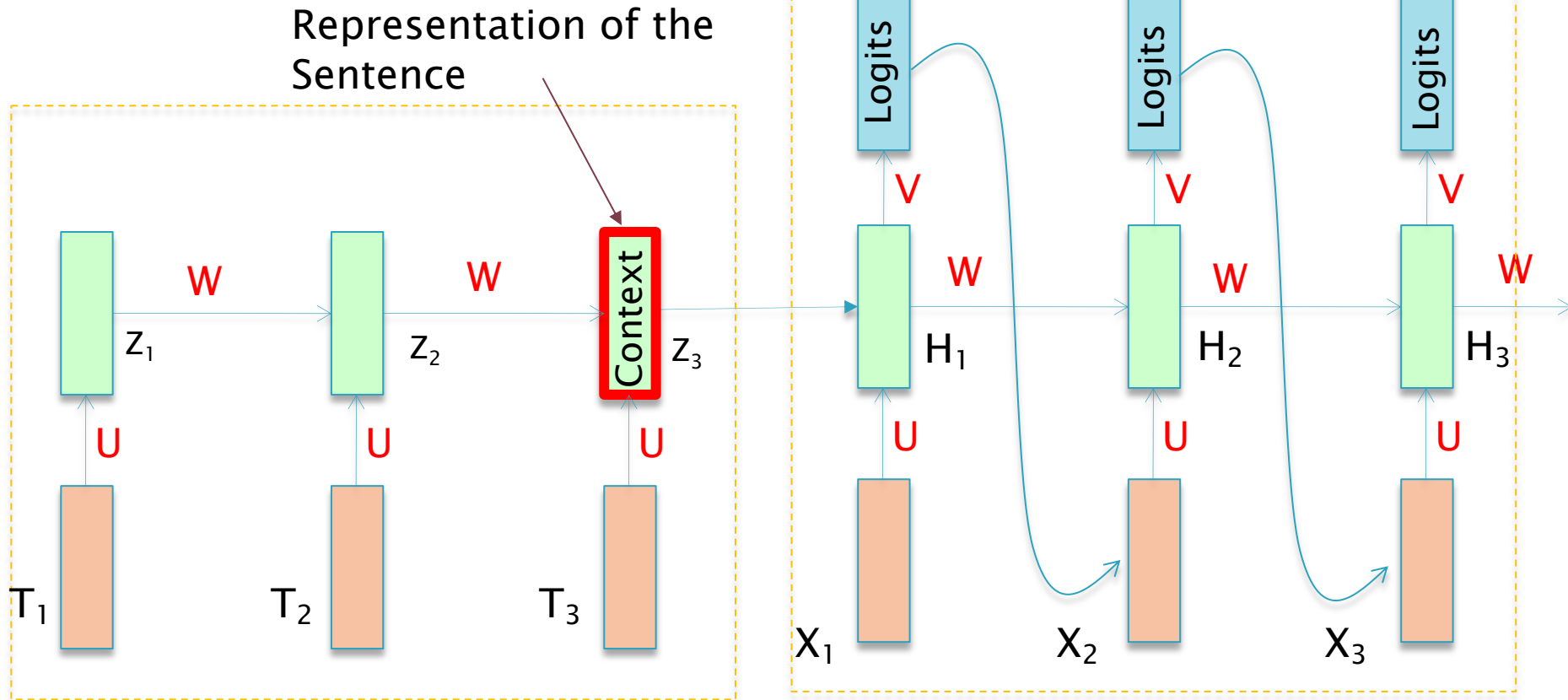
# Applications of Conditional LMs

Context	Language Model Output
A sentence in French	Its English Translation
An image	A text description of the image
A document	Its Summary
An acoustic signal	Transcription of Speech
A question + Document	Its Answer
A question + Image	Its Answer
Meteorological Measurements	A weather report
Conversational History + Database	Dialogue system response
An Email	Auto Reply to the Email

# Encoder-Decoder Systems

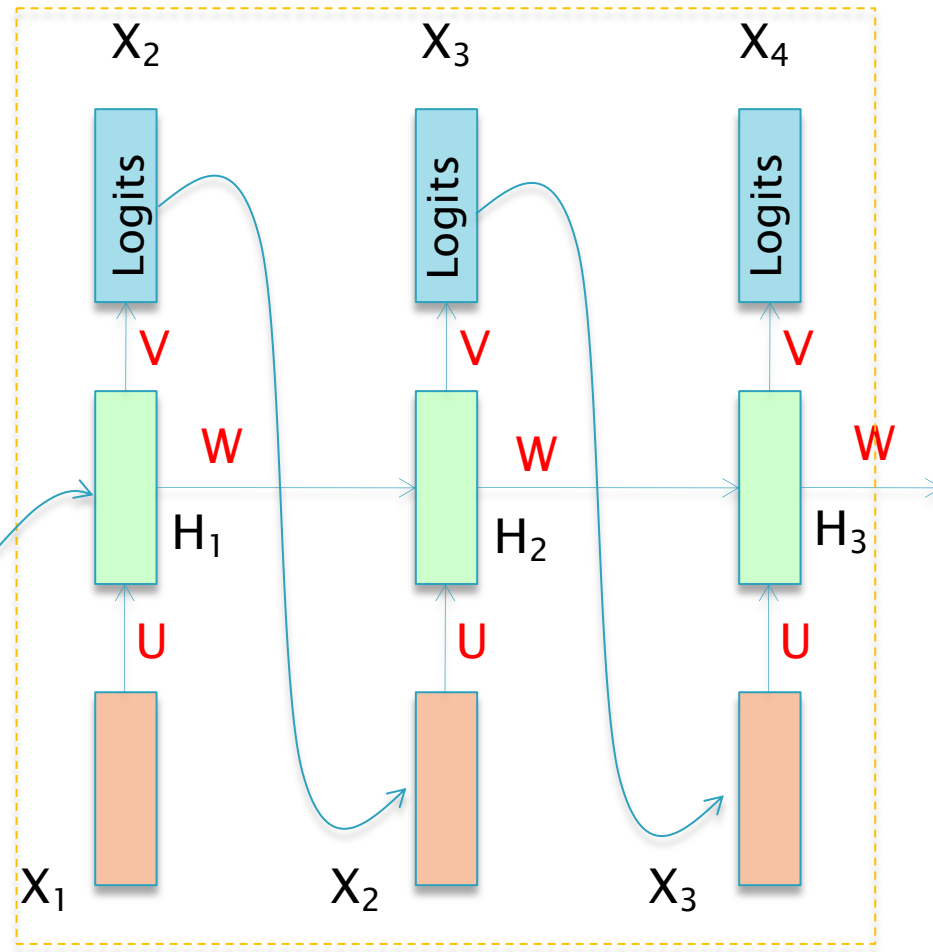
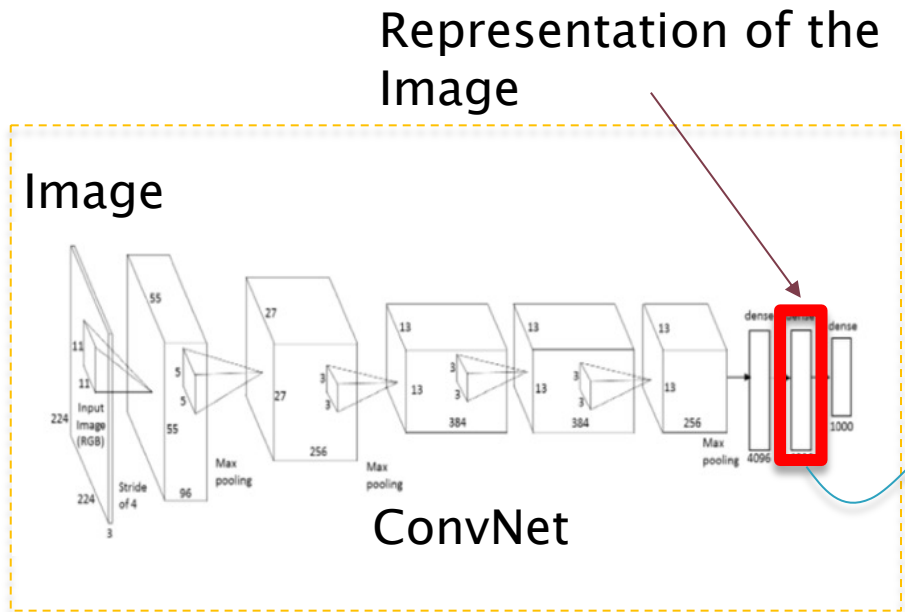


# Generating a Context: M/C Translation

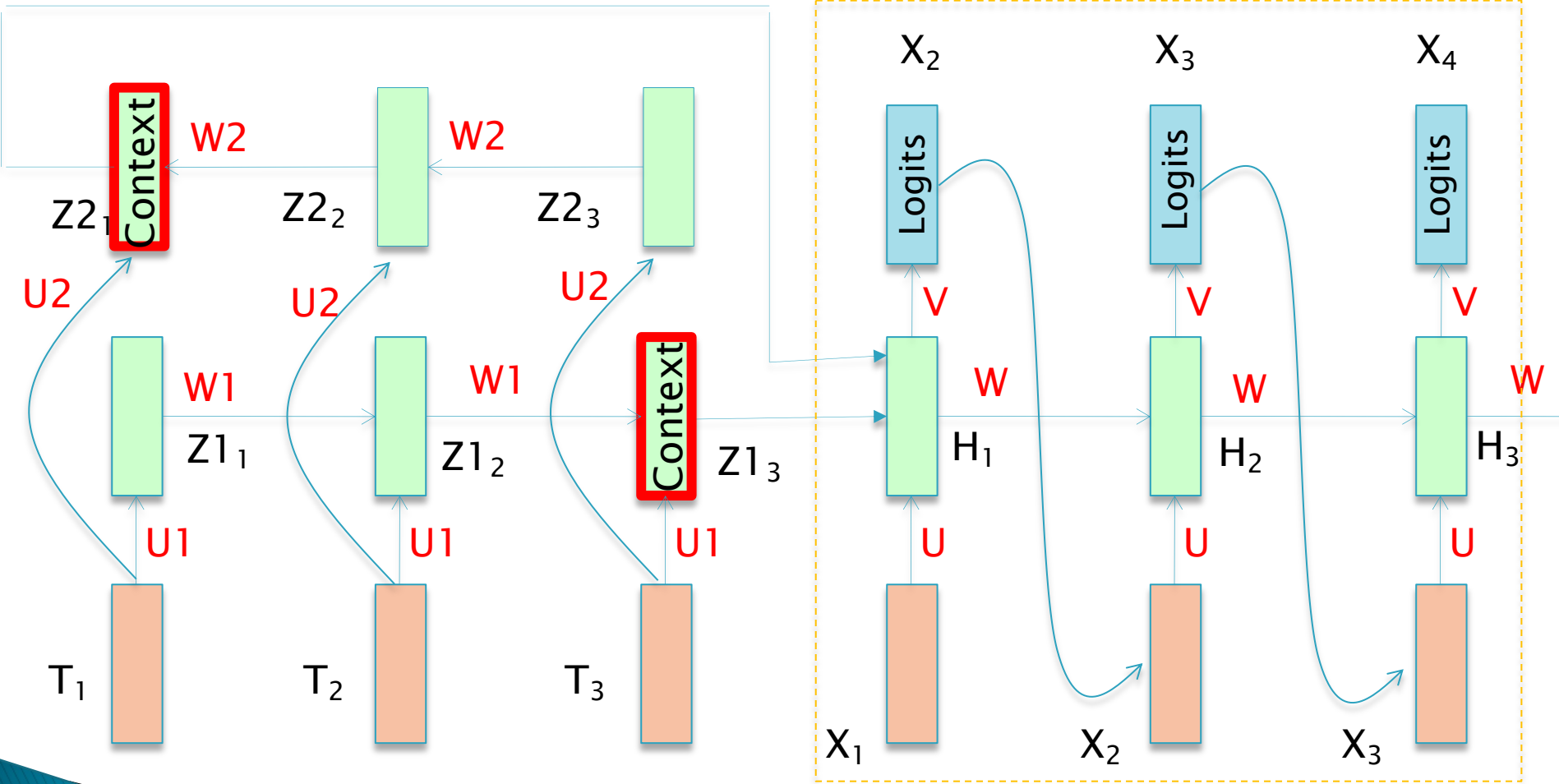


Encode Decoder systems  
Sequence to Sequence Systems

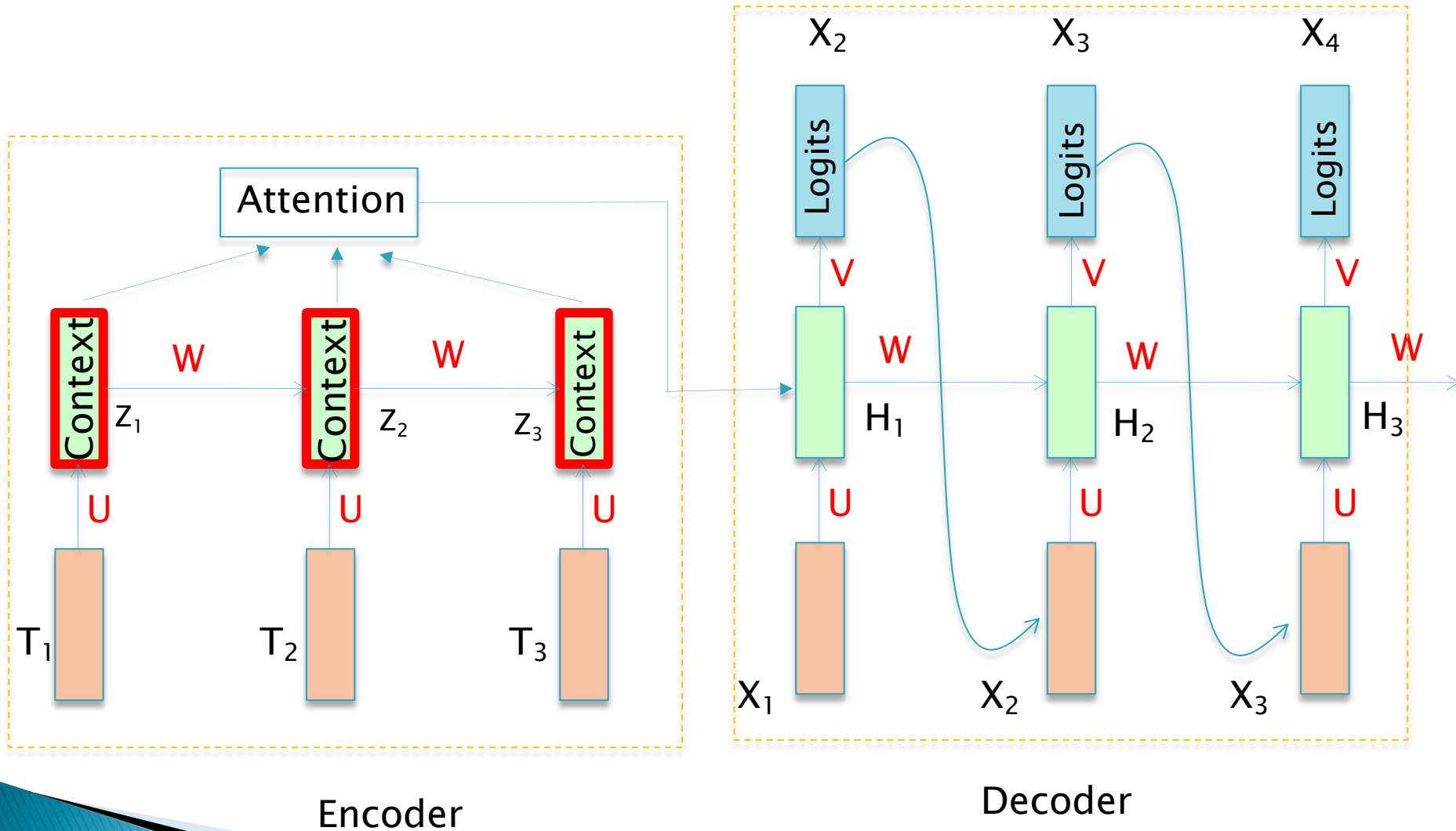
# Generating a Context: Captioning



# Generating a Context



# Generating a Context



# Further Reading

- ▶ Das and Varma: Chapter NLP
- ▶ Chollet: Chapter 11, Sections 11.1, 11.2, 11.3  
Chapter 12, Section 12.1

For a deeper dive into NLP:

- ▶ Jurafsky and Martin: Speech and Language Processing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition