

# Computational Linguistics

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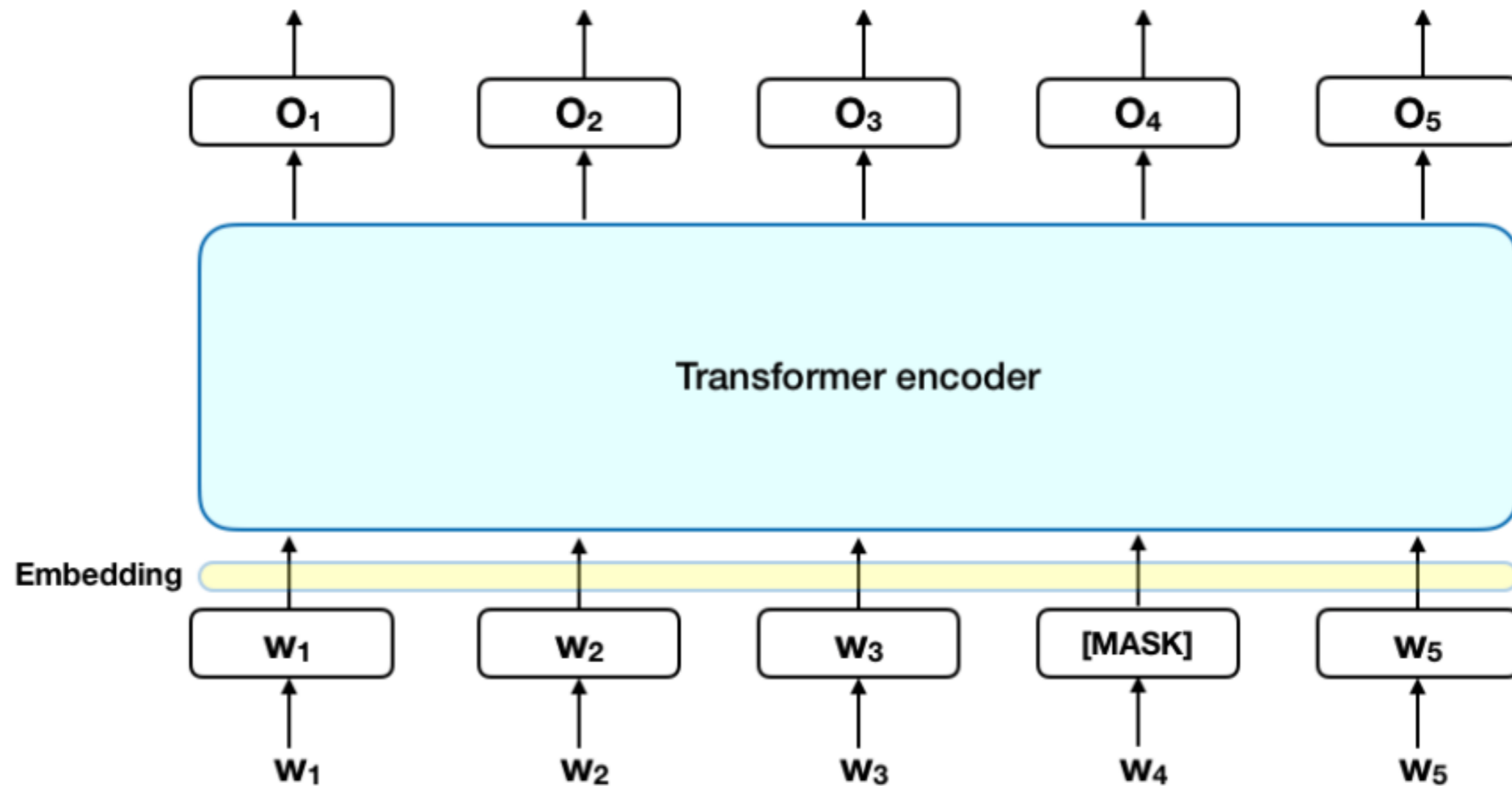
# 4B

## 4b. BERT

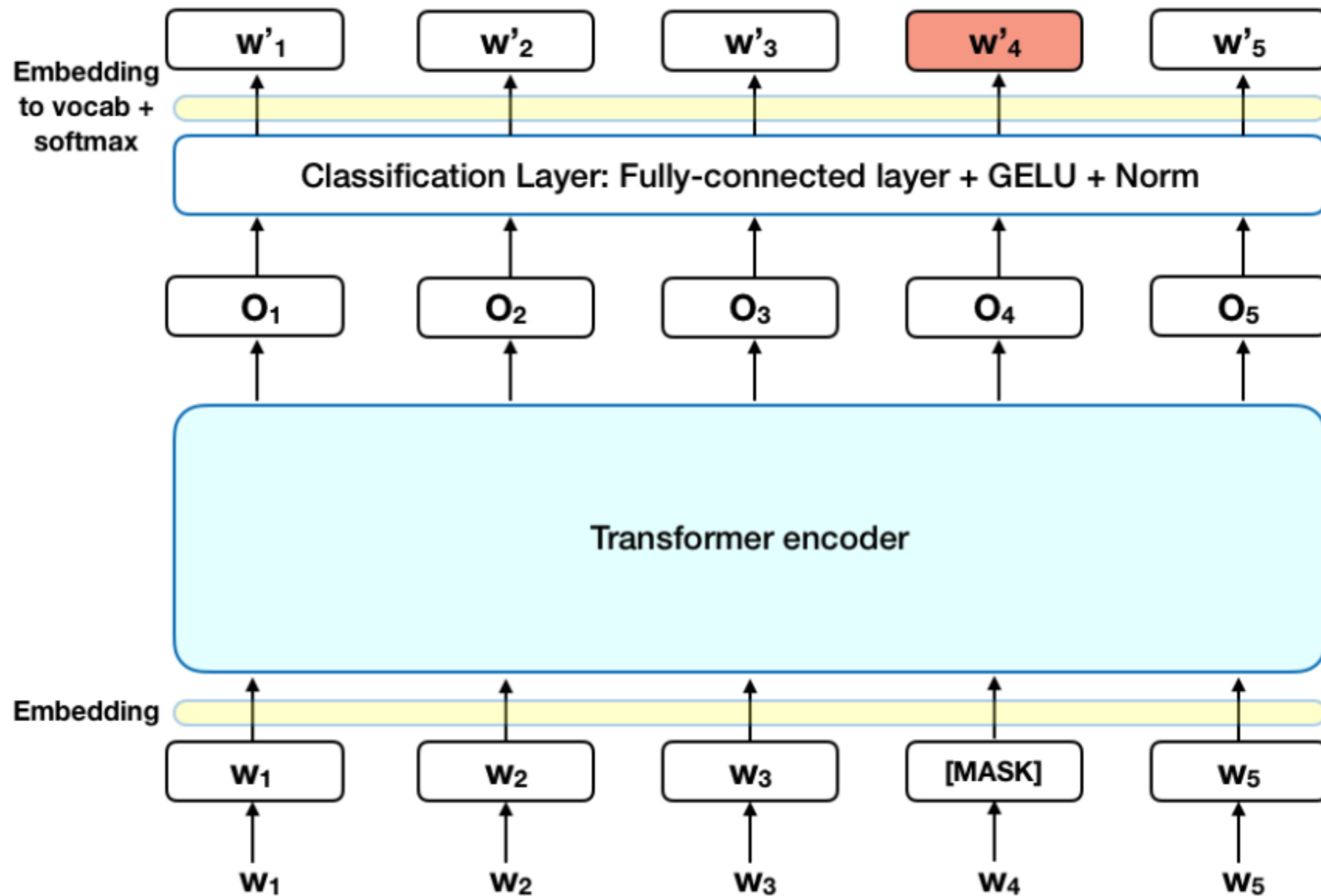
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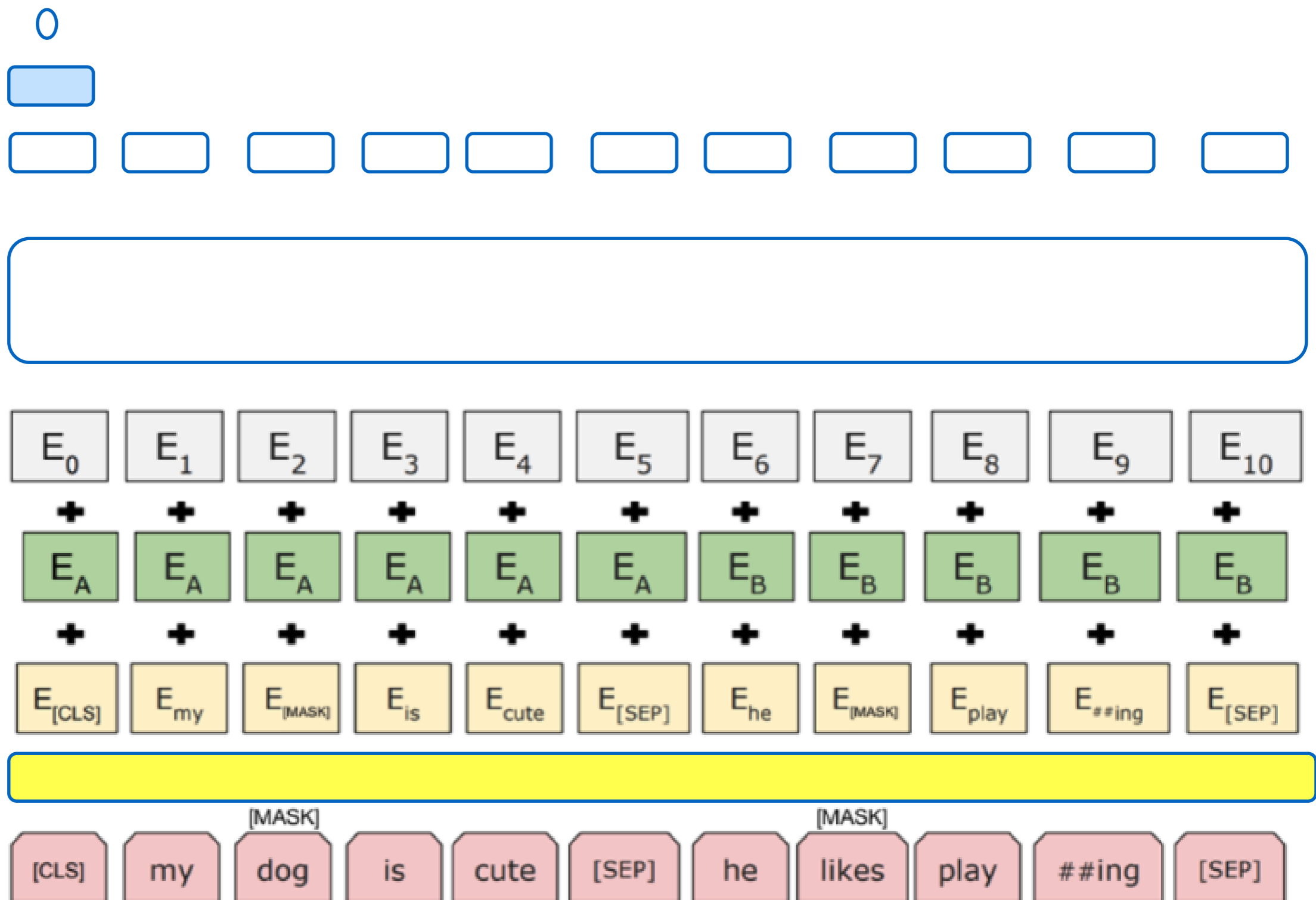
# BERT



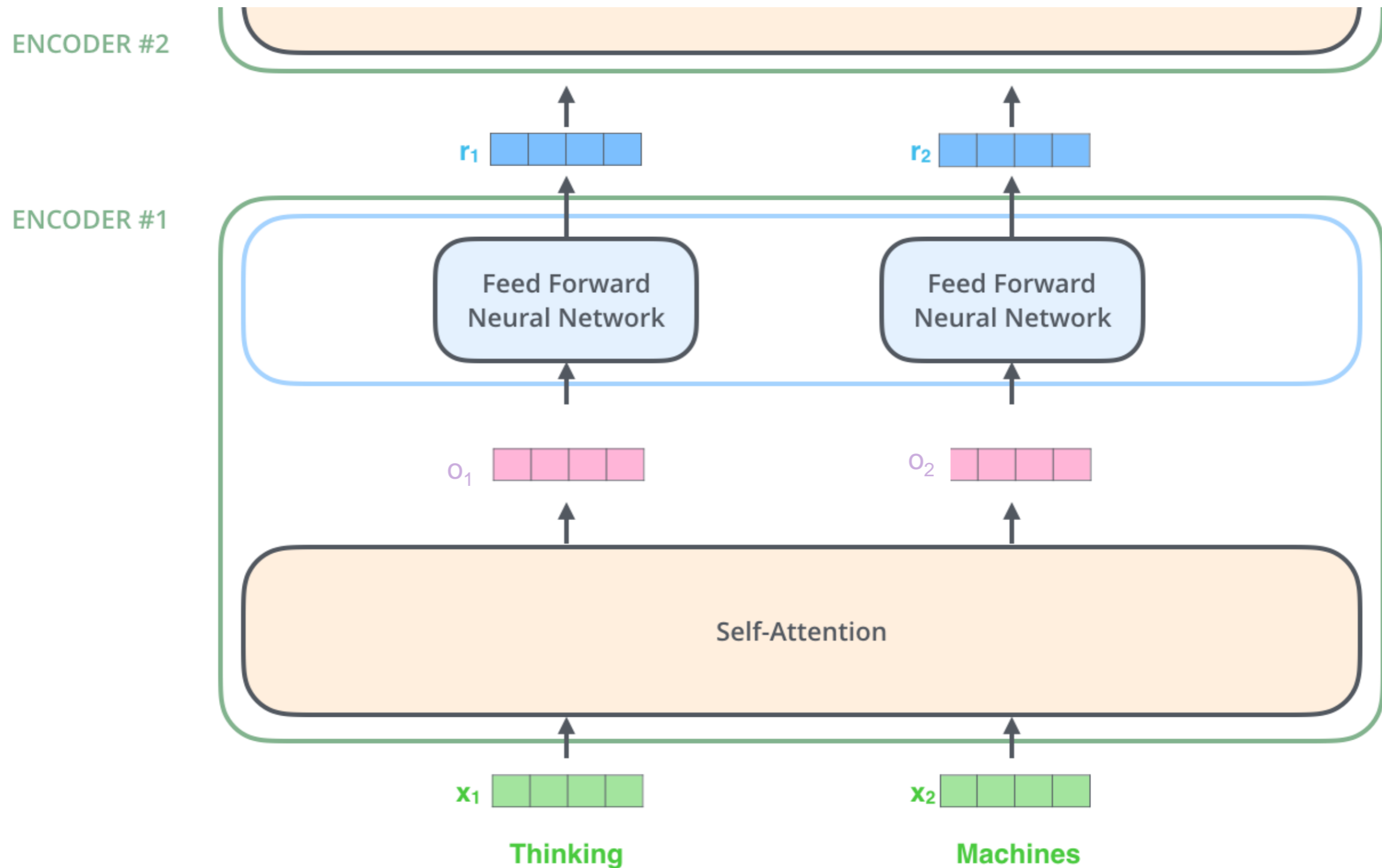
# Training task 1: Masking



# Training task 2: Next Sent.

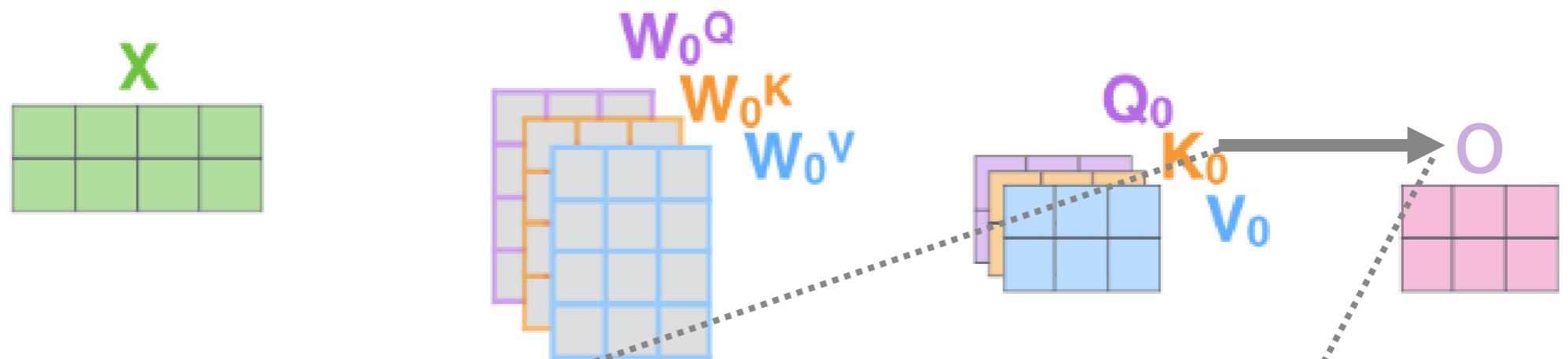


# Transformers



# Self-attention

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$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(q_i^T k_j)}{\sum_{l=1}^n \exp(q_i^T k_l)} \quad o_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_{ij} v_j$$

# Multiheaded Self attention

1) This is our input sentence\*

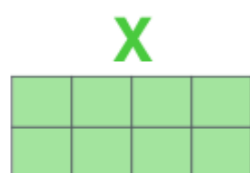
2) We embed each word\*

3) Split into 8 heads. We multiply  $X$  or  $R$  with weight matrices

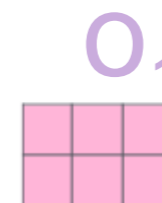
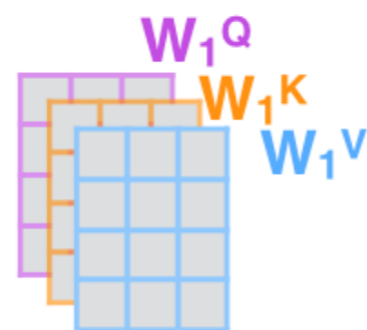
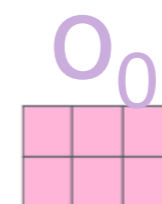
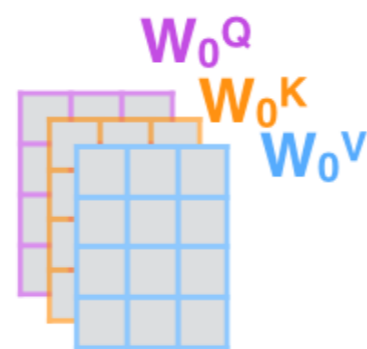
4) Calculate attention using the resulting  $Q/K/V$  matrices

5) Concatenate the resulting  $Z$  matrices, then multiply with weight matrix  $W^O$  to produce the output of the layer

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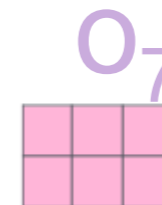
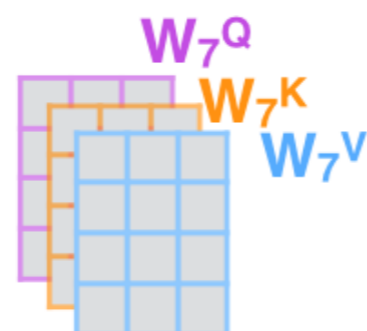
\* In all encoders other than #0, we don't need embedding. We start directly with the output of the encoder right below this one



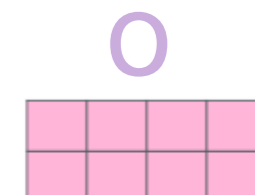
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$W^O$



# Positional encodings

$$\vec{p}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \sin(\omega_1 \cdot t) \\ \cos(\omega_1 \cdot t) \\ \sin(\omega_2 \cdot t) \\ \cos(\omega_2 \cdot t) \\ \vdots \\ \sin(\omega_{d/2} \cdot t) \\ \cos(\omega_{d/2} \cdot t) \end{bmatrix}_{d \times 1}$$

where

$$\vec{p}_t^{(i)} = f(t)^{(i)} := \begin{cases} \sin(\omega_k \cdot t), & \text{if } i = 2k \\ \cos(\omega_k \cdot t), & \text{if } i = 2k + 1 \end{cases}$$

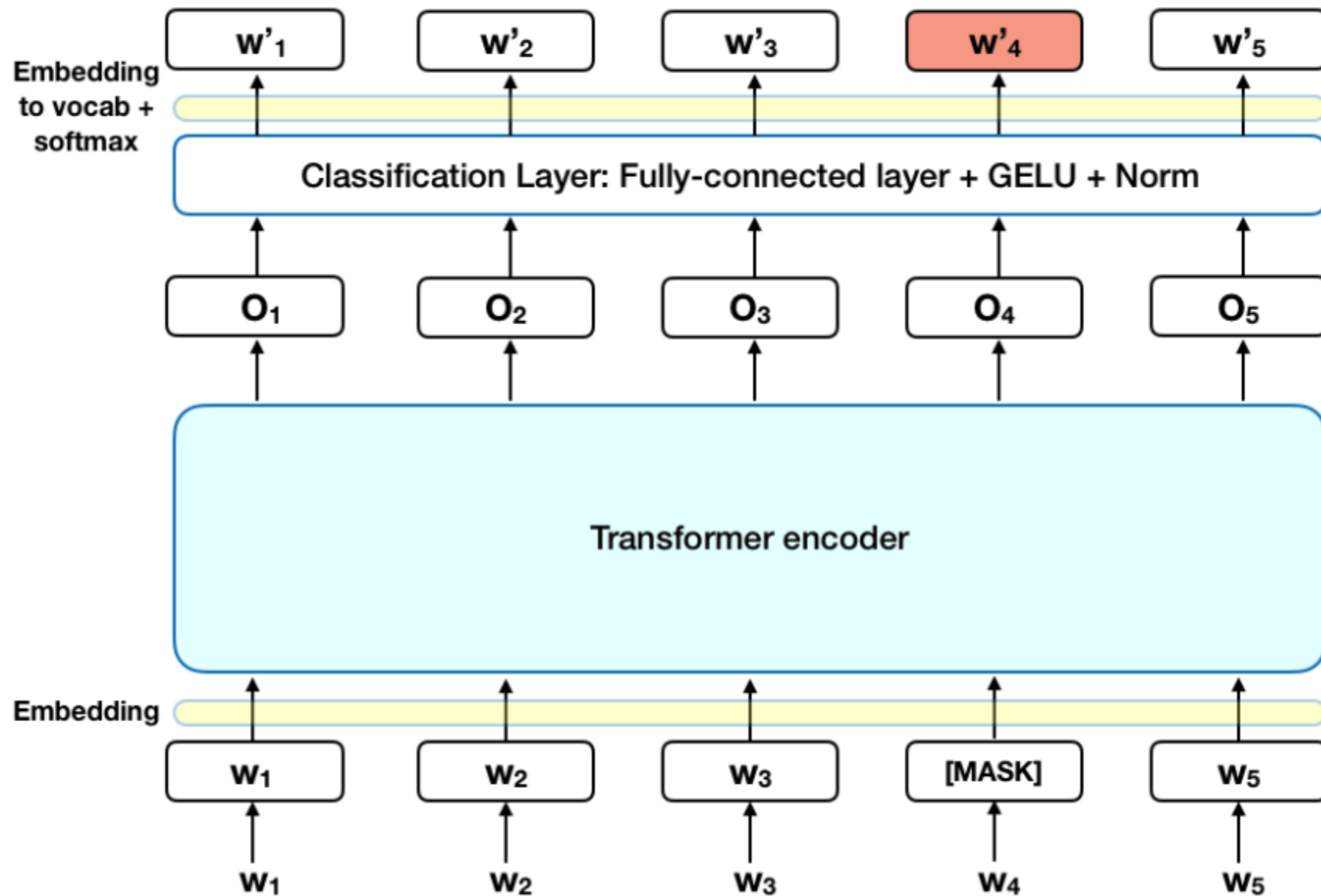
$$\omega_k = \frac{1}{10000^{2k/d}}$$



# Huh?

- Encodings of any two distinct positions are distinct
- Each position maps to only one encoding
- Test sentences may be longer than training
- Distance between two positions should be constant across sentences (of varying lengths).

# Training task 1: Masking



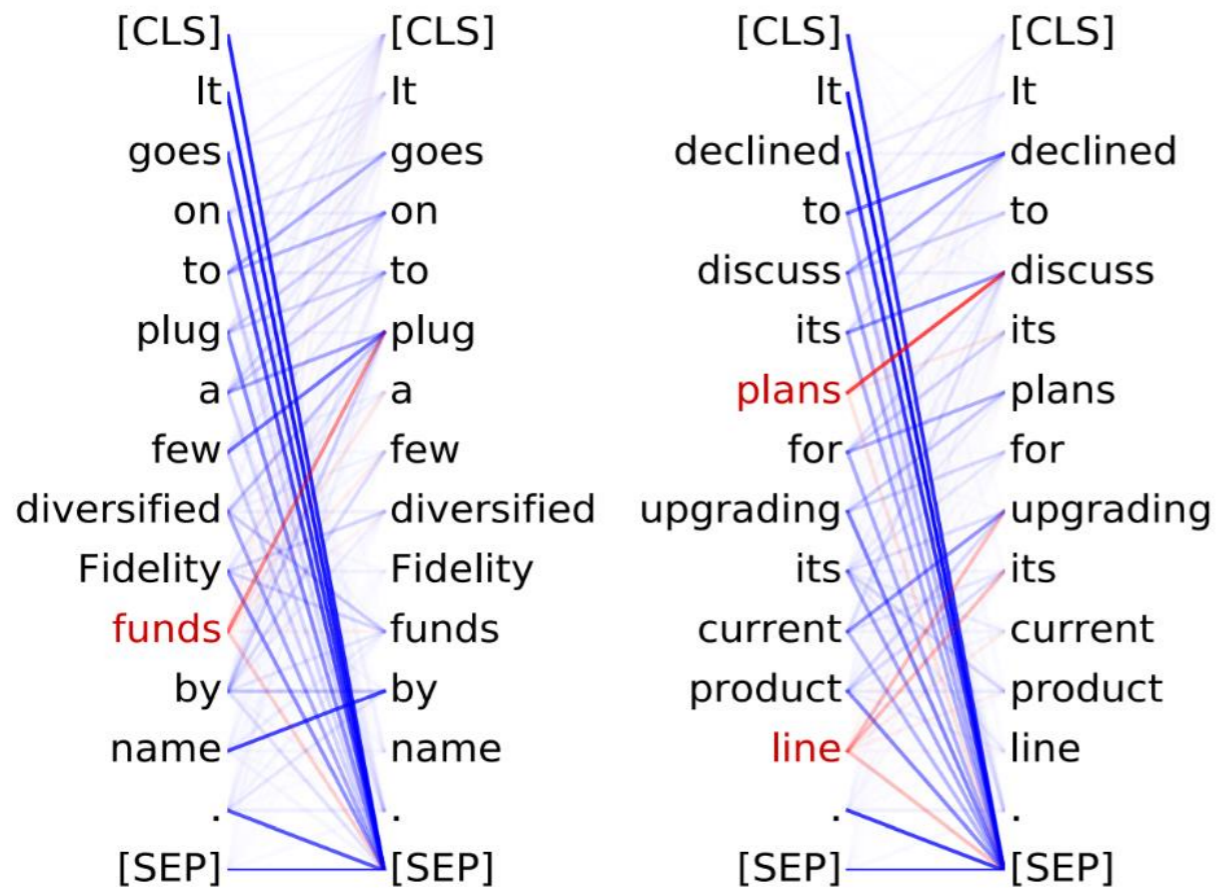
# The truth about masking

- Real easy to do well on MASKed position and nothing else
- Real easy to learn to copy the context-independent embedding
- So...
  - 80% of the time: MASK
  - 10% of the time: correct word
  - 10% of the time: another random word

# Grammatical fn. in BERT

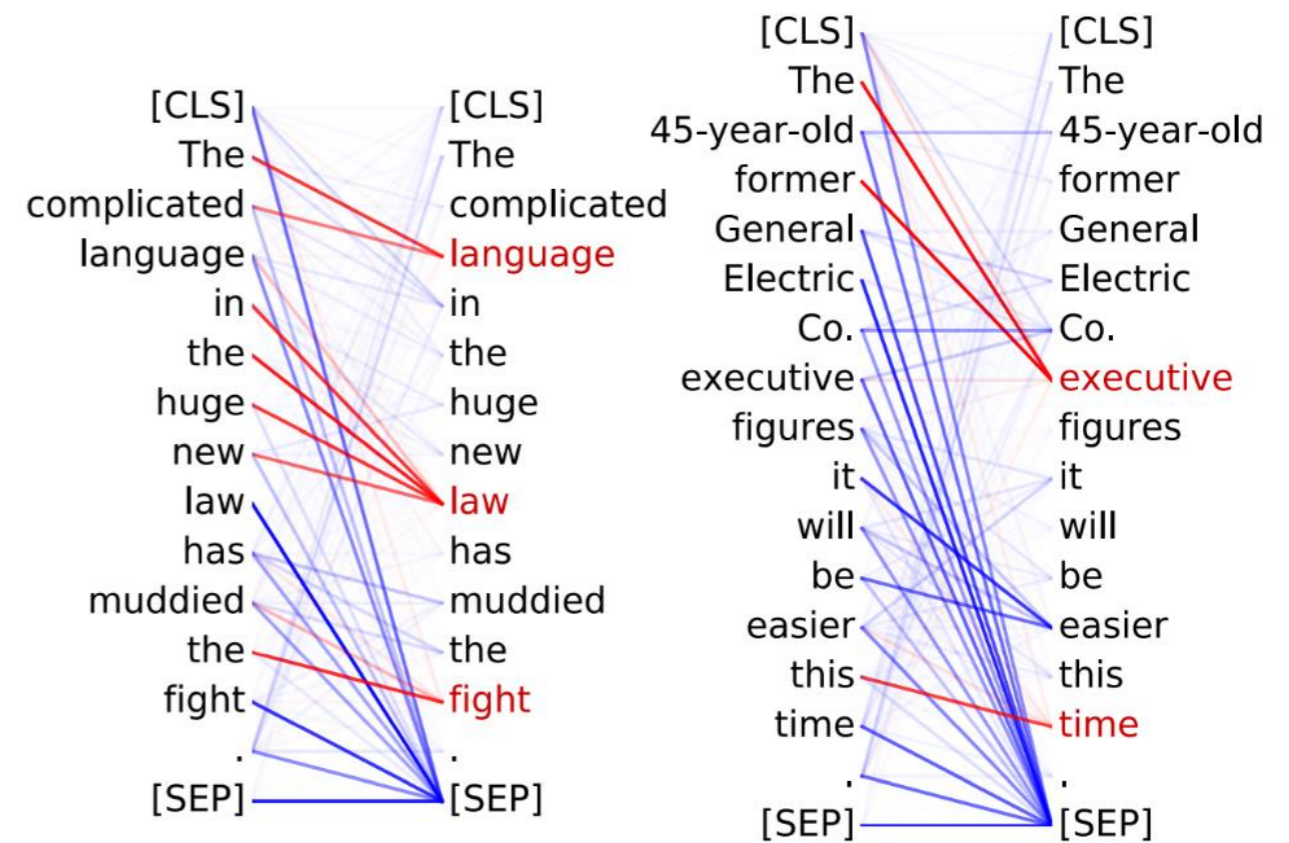
## Head 8-10

- **Direct objects** attend to their verbs
- 86.8% accuracy at the dobj relation



## Head 8-11

- **Noun modifiers** (e.g., determiners) attend to their noun
- 94.3% accuracy at the det relation



# Grammatical fn. in BERT

| <b>Relation</b> | <b>Head</b> | <b>Accuracy</b> | <b>Baseline</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| All             | 7-6         | 34.5            | 26.3 (1)        |
| prep            | 7-4         | 66.7            | 61.8 (-1)       |
| pobj            | 9-6         | <b>76.3</b>     | 34.6 (-2)       |
| det             | 8-11        | <b>94.3</b>     | 51.7 (1)        |
| nn              | 4-10        | 70.4            | 70.2 (1)        |
| nsubj           | 8-2         | 58.5            | 45.5 (1)        |
| amod            | 4-10        | 75.6            | 68.3 (1)        |
| dobj            | 8-10        | <b>86.8</b>     | 40.0 (-2)       |
| advmod          | 7-6         | 48.8            | 40.2 (1)        |
| aux             | 4-10        | 81.1            | 71.5 (1)        |
| poss            | 7-6         | <b>80.5</b>     | 47.7 (1)        |
| auxpass         | 4-10        | <b>82.5</b>     | 40.5 (1)        |
| ccomp           | 8-1         | <b>48.8</b>     | 12.4 (-2)       |
| mark            | 8-2         | <b>50.7</b>     | 14.5 (2)        |
| prt             | 6-7         | <b>99.1</b>     | 91.4 (-1)       |

# Coreference in BERT

| <b>Model</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Pronoun</b> | <b>Proper</b> | <b>Nominal</b> |
|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Nearest      | 27         | 29             | 29            | 19             |
| Head match   | 52         | 47             | 67            | 40             |
| Rule-based   | 69         | 70             | 77            | 60             |
| Neural coref | 83*        | –              | –             | –              |
| Head 5-4     | 65         | 64             | 73            | 58             |

\*Only roughly comparable because on non-truncated documents and with different mention detection.



# Still room for natural logic...

| <b>Model</b>                 | <b>P</b> | <b>R</b>    | <b>acc.</b> |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>ML/DL-based systems</b>   |          |             |             |
| BERT (base, uncased)         | 86.8     | 85.4        | 86.7        |
| Yin and Schütze (2017)       | –        | –           | 87.1        |
| Beltagy et al. (2016)        | –        | –           | 85.1        |
| <b>Logic-based systems</b>   |          |             |             |
| Abzianidze (2017)            | 98.0     | 58.1        | 81.4        |
| Martínez-Gómez et al. (2017) | 97.0     | 63.6        | 83.1        |
| Yanaka et al. (2018)         | 84.2     | 77.3        | 84.3        |
| Hu et al. (2020)             | 83.8     | 70.7        | 77.2        |
| Abzianidze (2020)            | 94.3     | 67.9        | 84.4        |
| <b>Hybrid System</b>         |          |             |             |
| Hu et al. (2020)+BERT        | 83.2     | 85.5        | 85.4        |
| Kalouli et al. (2020)        | –        | –           | 86.5        |
| <b>Our System</b>            |          |             |             |
| NeuralLog (full system)      | 88.0     | <b>87.6</b> | <b>90.3</b> |
| – ALBERT-SV                  | 68.9     | 79.3        | 71.4        |
| – Monotonicity               | 74.5     | 75.1        | 74.7        |

Table 3: Performance on the SICK test set

# NeuralLog

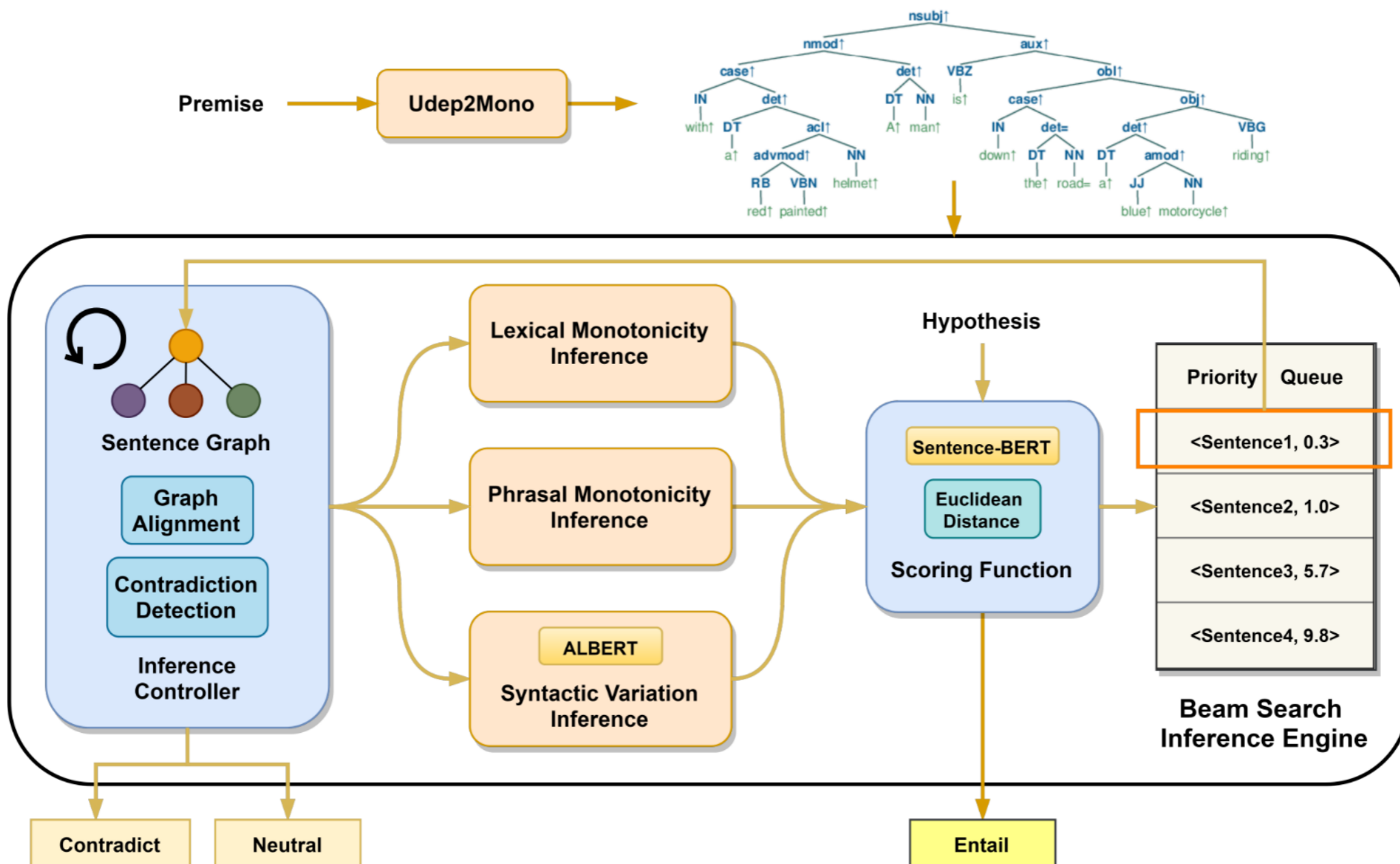


Figure 2: Overview system diagram of NeuralLog.