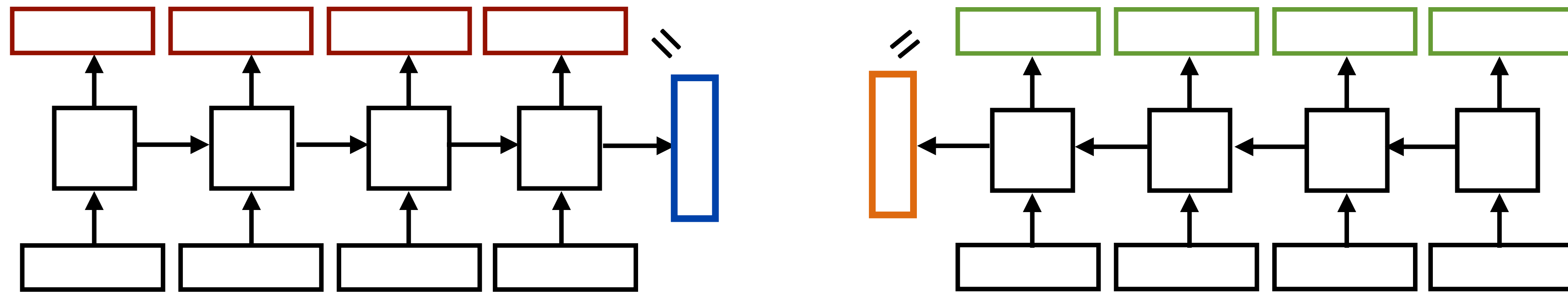


CNNs & Neural CRFs

Wei Xu

(many slides from Greg Durrett, Stanford 231n)

Recap — What do RNNs produce?



- ▶ RNN can be viewed as a transformation of a sequence of vectors into a sequence of context-dependent vectors

This Lecture

- ▶ Neural CRFs
- ▶ CNNs
- ▶ CNNs for Sentiment, Entity Linking

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- ▶ Reading — Goldberg 9 (CNN); Eisenstein 3.4, 7.6

A Primer on Neural Network Models for Natural Language Processing

Yoav Goldberg

Draft as of October 5, 2015.

The most up-to-date version of this manuscript is available at <http://www.cs.biu.ac.il/~yogo/nlp.pdf>. Major updates will be published on arxiv periodically. I welcome any comments you may have regarding the content and presentation. If you spot a missing reference or have relevant work you'd like to see mentioned, do let me know. first.last@gmail

Abstract

Over the past few years, neural networks have re-emerged as powerful machine-learning models, yielding state-of-the-art results in fields such as image recognition and speech processing. More recently, neural network models started to be applied also to textual natural language signals, again with very promising results. This tutorial surveys neural network models from the perspective of natural language processing research, in an attempt to bring natural-language researchers up to speed with the neural techniques. The tutorial covers input encoding for natural language tasks, feed-forward networks, convolutional networks, recurrent networks and recursive networks, as well as the computation graph abstraction for automatic gradient computation.

Neural CRF

NER Revisited



- ▶ Features in CRFs: $I[\text{tag}=\text{B-LOC} \ \& \ \text{curr_word}=\text{Hangzhou}]$, $I[\text{tag}=\text{B-LOC} \ \& \ \text{prev_word}=\text{to}]$, $I[\text{tag}=\text{B-LOC} \ \& \ \text{curr_prefix}=\text{Han}]$
- ▶ Linear model over features
- ▶ Downsides:
 - ▶ Lexical features mean that words need to be seen in the training data
 - ▶ Linear model can't capture feature conjunctions as effectively (doesn't work well to look at more than 2 words with a single feature)

LSTMs for NER

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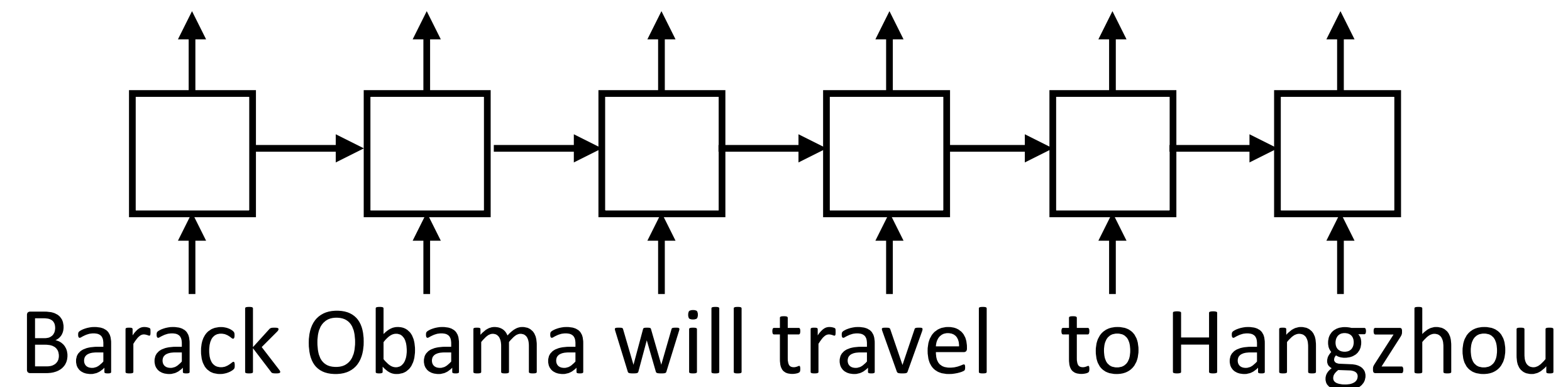
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- ▶ Transducer (LM-like model)
- ▶ Q1: What are the strengths and weaknesses of this model compared to the linear CRFs?

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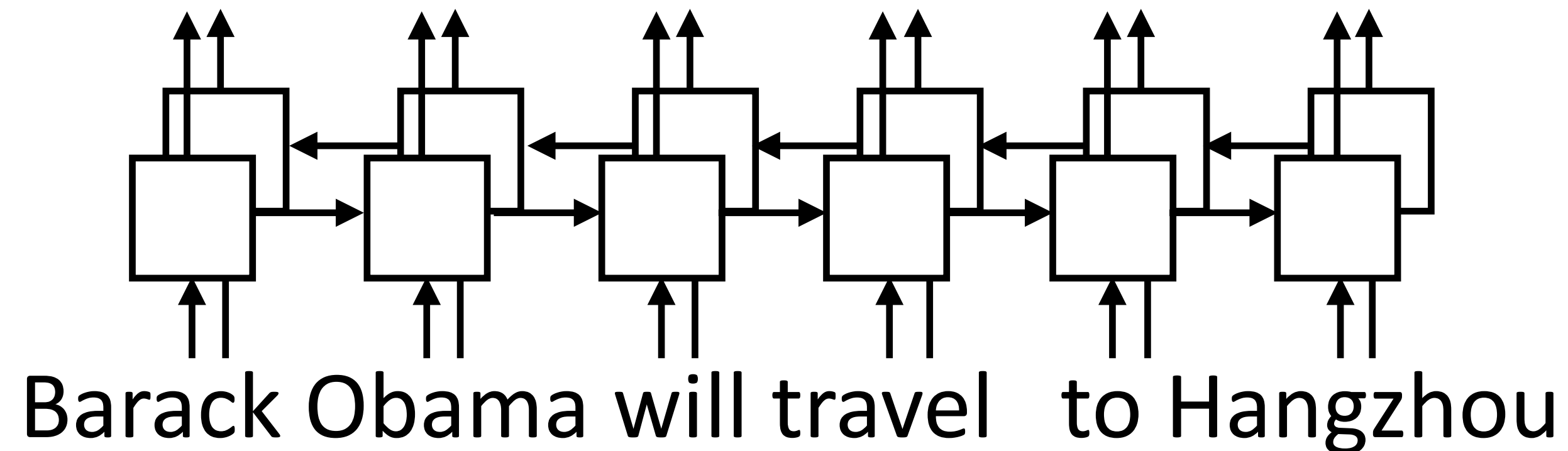
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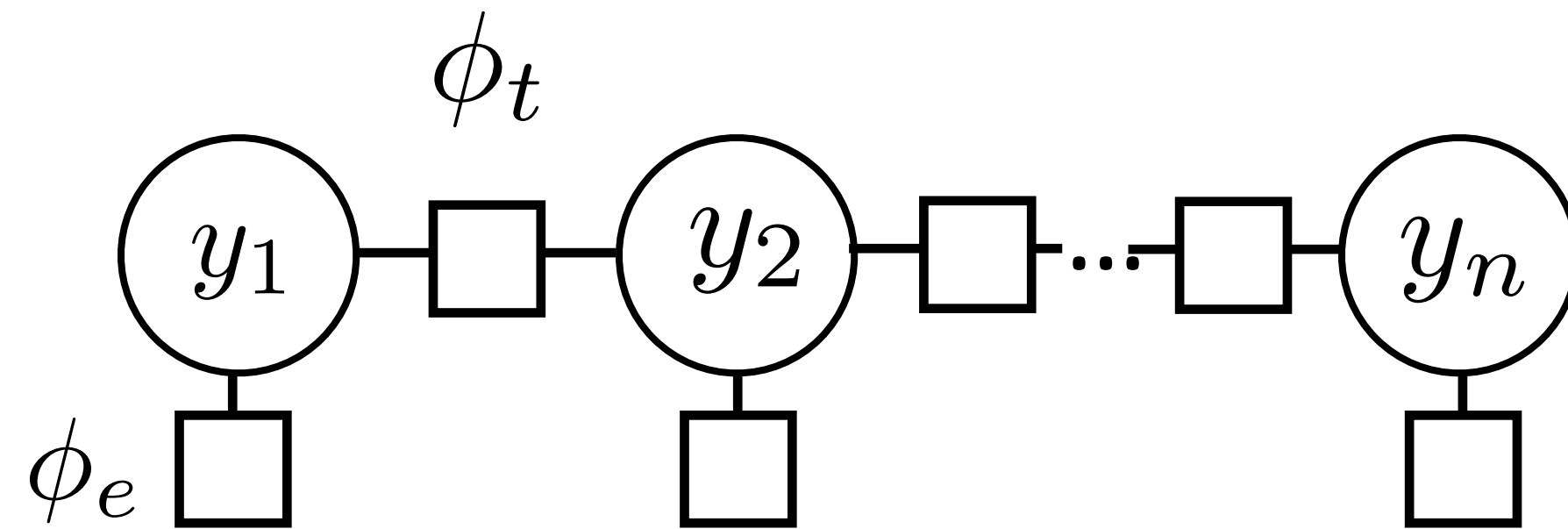


- ▶ Bidirectional transducer model
- ▶ Q2: What are the strengths and weaknesses of this model compared to the linear CRFs?

Recall: Sequential CRFs

► Model:
$$P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=2}^n \exp(\phi_t(y_{i-1}, y_i)) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}))$$

► Normalizing constant
$$Z = \sum_{\mathbf{y}} \prod_{i=2}^n \exp(\phi_t(y_{i-1}, y_i)) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}))$$

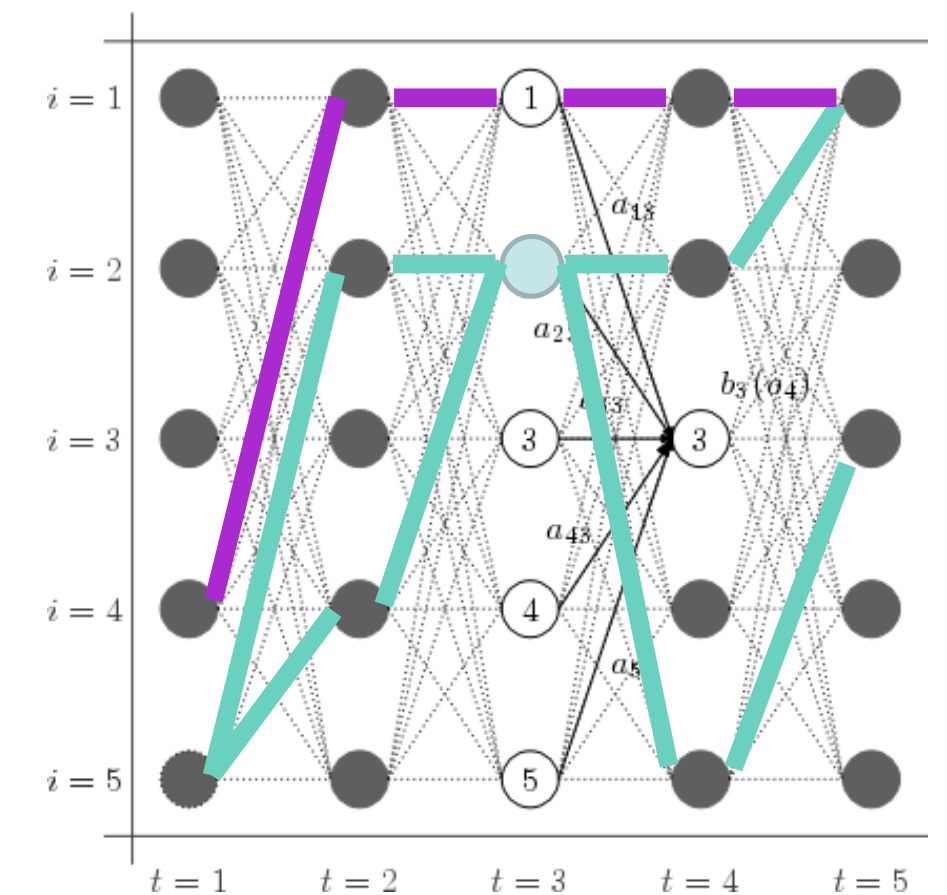


Recall — Sequential CRFs

- ▶ Model: $P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=2}^n \exp(\phi_t(y_{i-1}, y_i)) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}))$
- ▶ Inference: $\operatorname{argmax} P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$ from Viterbi
- ▶ Learning: run forward-backward to compute marginals

$$P(y_i = s|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_n} P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})$$

$P(y_i = s_1, y_{i+1} = s_2|\mathbf{x})$, then update gradient



Neural CRFs

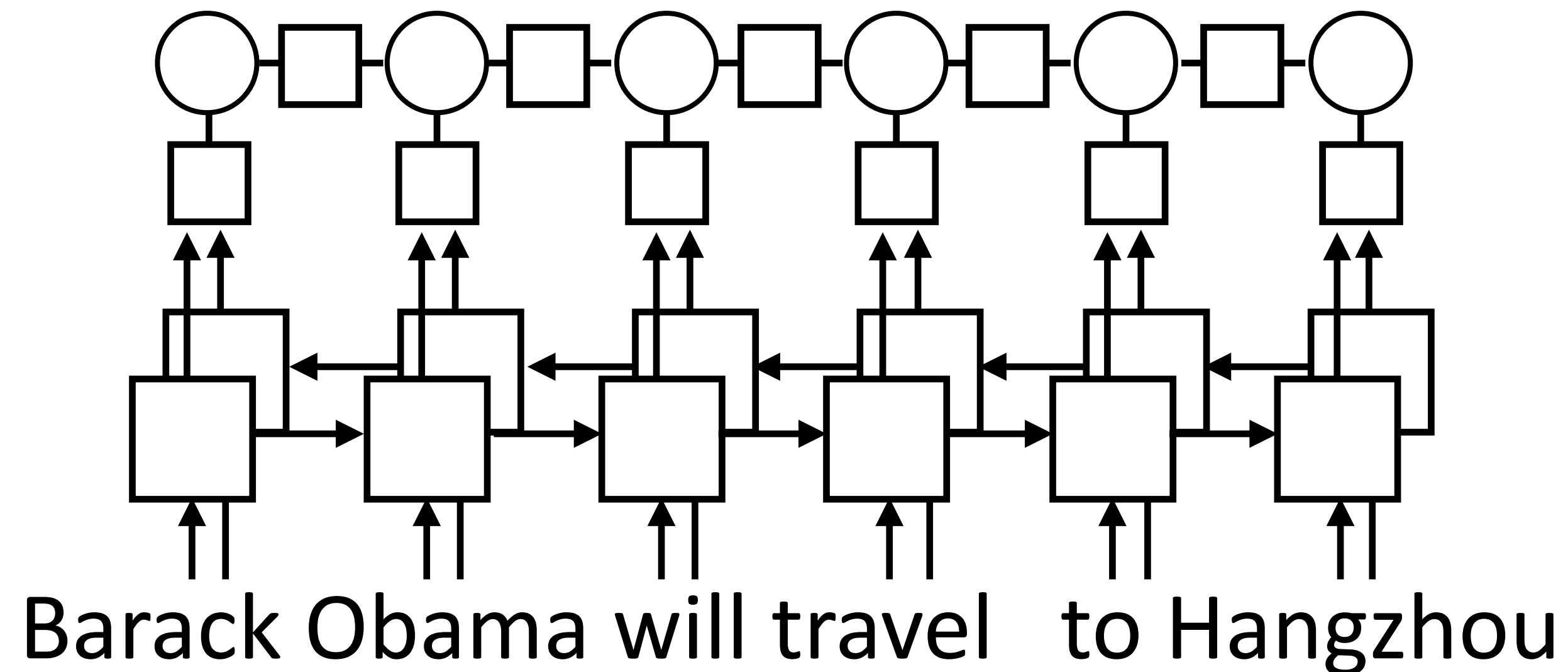
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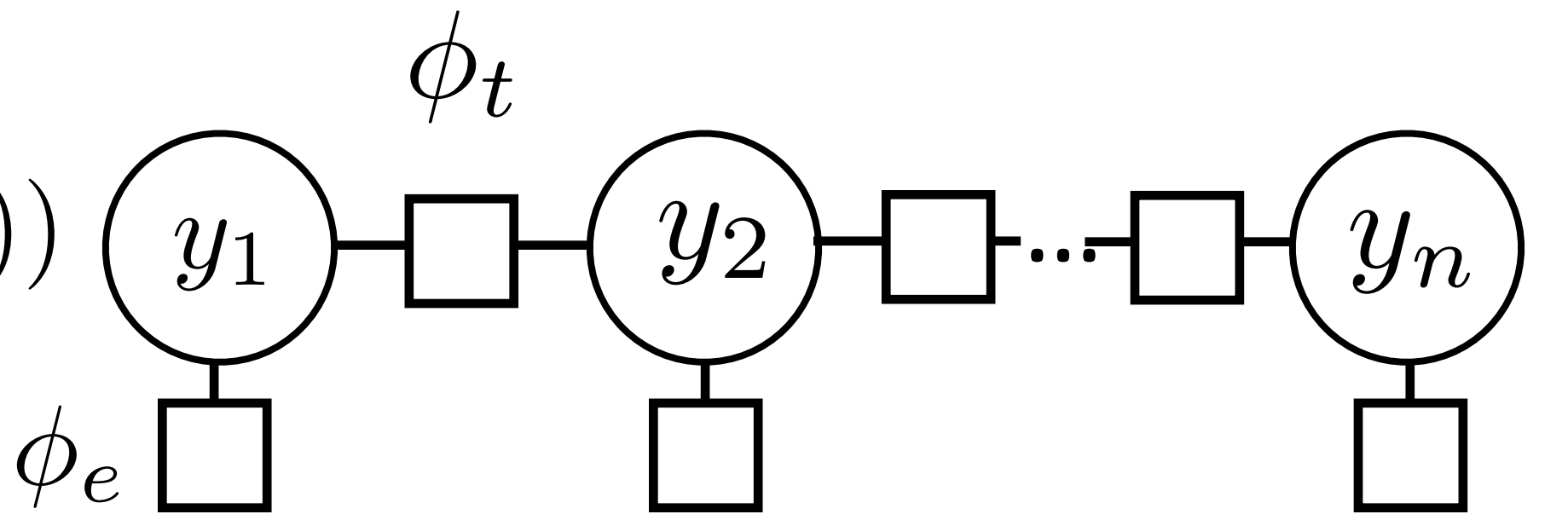
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- ▶ Neural CRFs: bidirectional LSTMs (or some NN) compute emission potentials, capture structural constraints in transition potentials

Neural CRFs

$$P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=2}^n \exp(\phi_t(y_{i-1}, y_i)) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}))$$


- ▶ Linear model: $\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}) = w^\top f_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x})$
- ▶ Neural: $\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}) = W_{y_i}^\top f(i, \mathbf{x})$ W is a `num_tags x len(f)` matrix
- ▶ $f(i, \mathbf{x})$ could be the output of a feedforward neural network looking at the words around position i , or the i th output of an LSTM, ...
- ▶ Neural network computes unnormalized potentials that are consumed and “normalized” by a structured model
- ▶ Inference: compute f , use Viterbi

Computing Gradients

$$P(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{i=2}^n \exp(\phi_t(y_{i-1}, y_i)) \prod_{i=1}^n \exp(\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}))$$

▶ Conventional: $\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}) = w^\top f_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x})$

▶ Neural: $\phi_e(y_i, i, \mathbf{x}) = W_{y_i}^\top f(i, \mathbf{x})$

$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_{e,i}} = -P(y_i = s|\mathbf{x}) + I[s \text{ is gold}]$ “error signal”, compute with F-B

▶ For linear model: $\frac{\partial \phi_{e,i}}{w_i} = f_{e,i}(y_i, i, \mathbf{x})$ chain rule say to multiply together, gives our update

▶ For neural model: compute gradient of phi w.r.t. parameters of neural net

LSTM Neural CRFs

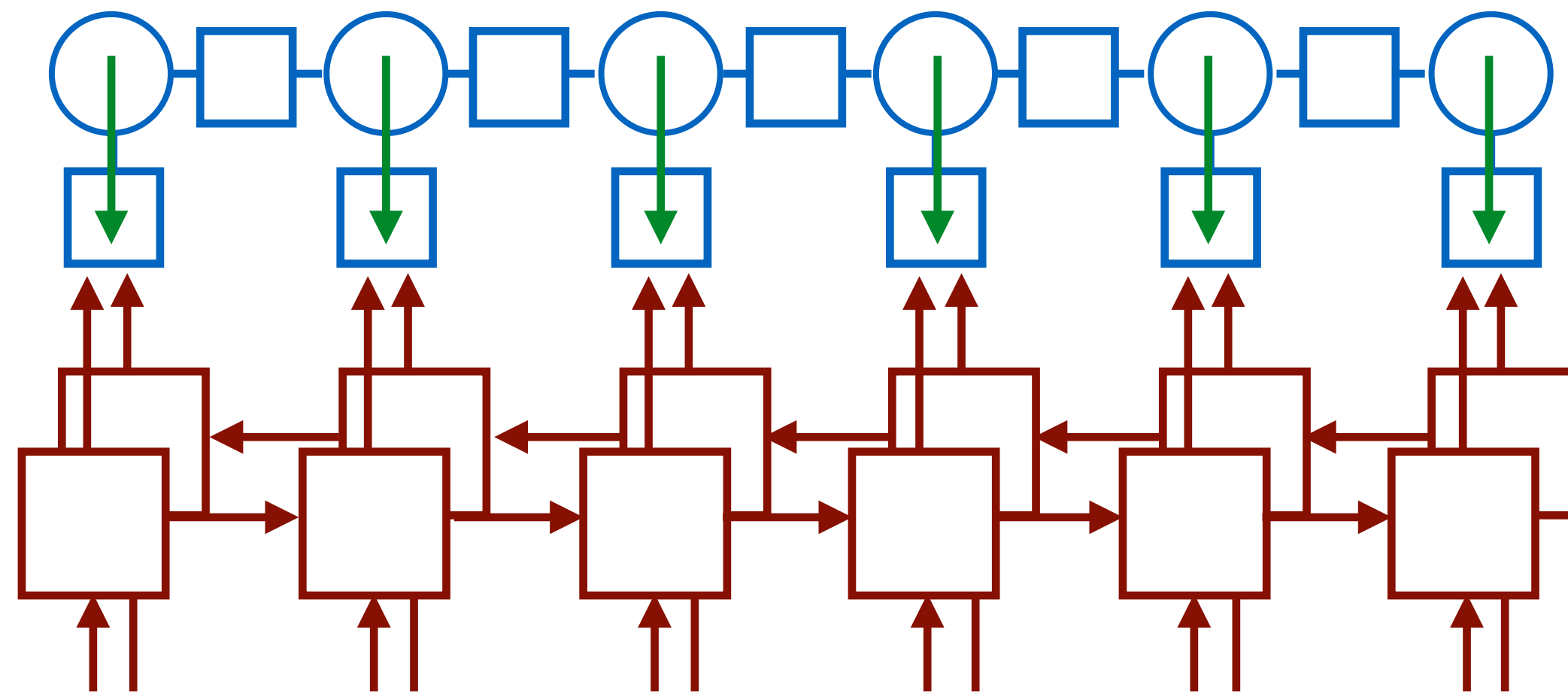
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2) Run forward-backward

3) Compute error signal

1) Compute $f(\mathbf{x})$

4) Backprop (no knowledge of sequential structure required)

FFNN Neural CRF for NER

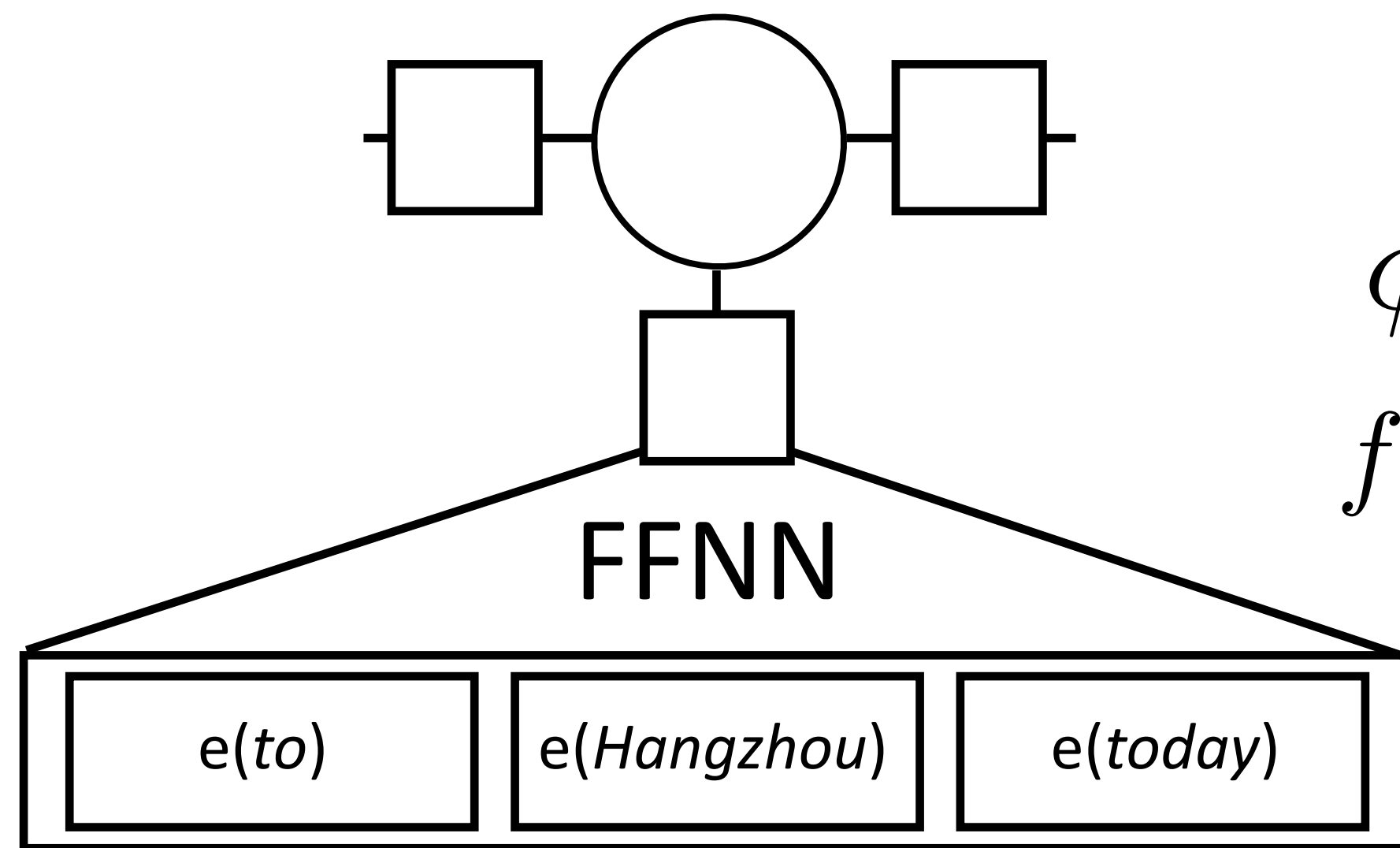
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$$\phi_e = Wg(Vf(\mathbf{x}, i))$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}, i) = [\text{emb}(\mathbf{x}_{i-1}), \text{emb}(\mathbf{x}_i), \text{emb}(\mathbf{x}_{i+1})]$$

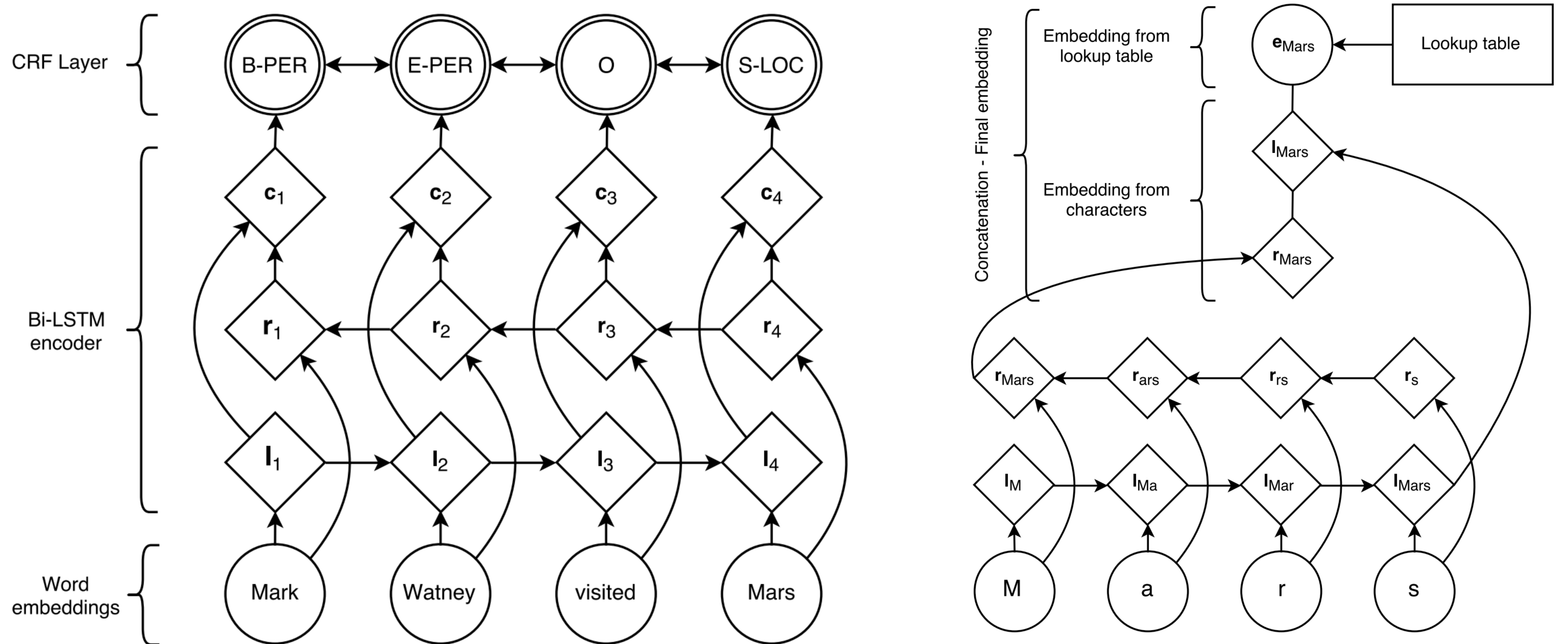
previous word curr word next word

to Hangzhou today

Applications

Neural CRFs with LSTMs

- Neural CRF using character LSTMs to compute word representations



Chiu and Nichols (2015), Lample et al. (2016)

Neural CRFs with LSTMs

- ▶ Chiu+Nichols: character CNNs instead of LSTMs
- ▶ Lin/Passos/Luo: use external resources like Wikipedia
- ▶ LSTM-CRF captures the important aspects of NER: word context (LSTM), sub-word features (character LSTMs), outside knowledge (word embeddings)

Model	F ₁
Collobert et al. (2011)*	89.59
Lin and Wu (2009)	83.78
Lin and Wu (2009)*	90.90
Huang et al. (2015)*	90.10
Passos et al. (2014)	90.05
Passos et al. (2014)*	90.90
Luo et al. (2015)* + gaz	89.9
Luo et al. (2015)* + gaz + linking	91.2
Chiu and Nichols (2015)	90.69
Chiu and Nichols (2015)*	90.77
LSTM-CRF (no char)	90.20
LSTM-CRF	90.94

NER in StackOverflow

I am passing an array list as message header to camel route

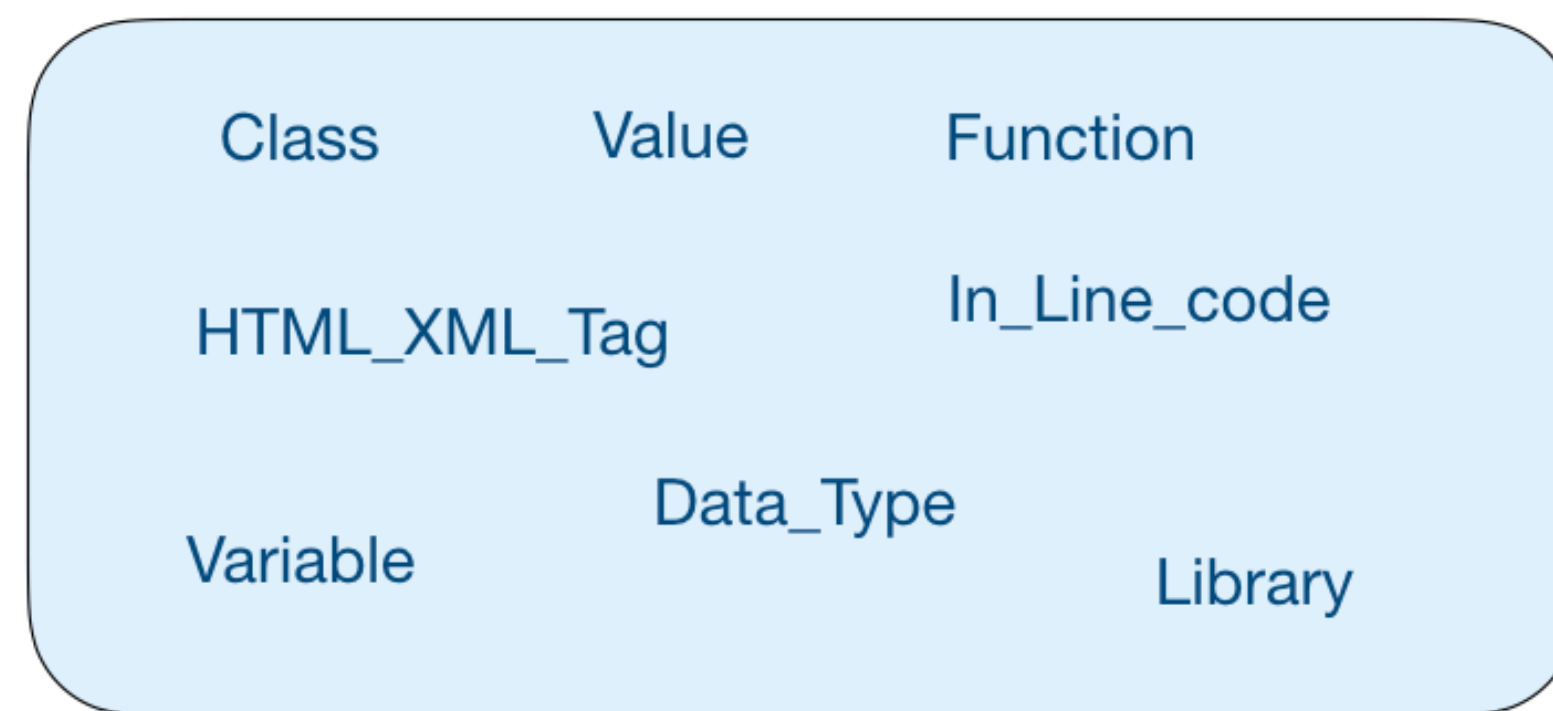
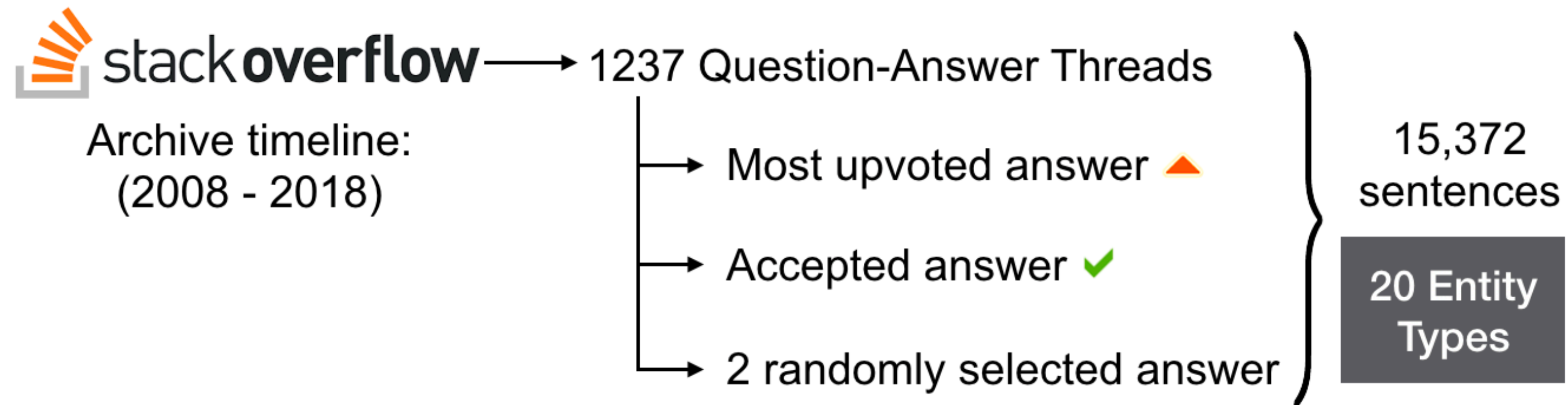
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```
ArrayList<String> list=new ArrayList<String>();  
    list.add("http://www.google.com");  
    list.add("http://www.stackoverflow.com");  
    list.add("http://www.tutorialspoint.com");  
    list.add("http://localhost:8080/sampleExample/query");  
    exchange.getOut().setHeader("endpoints",list);
```

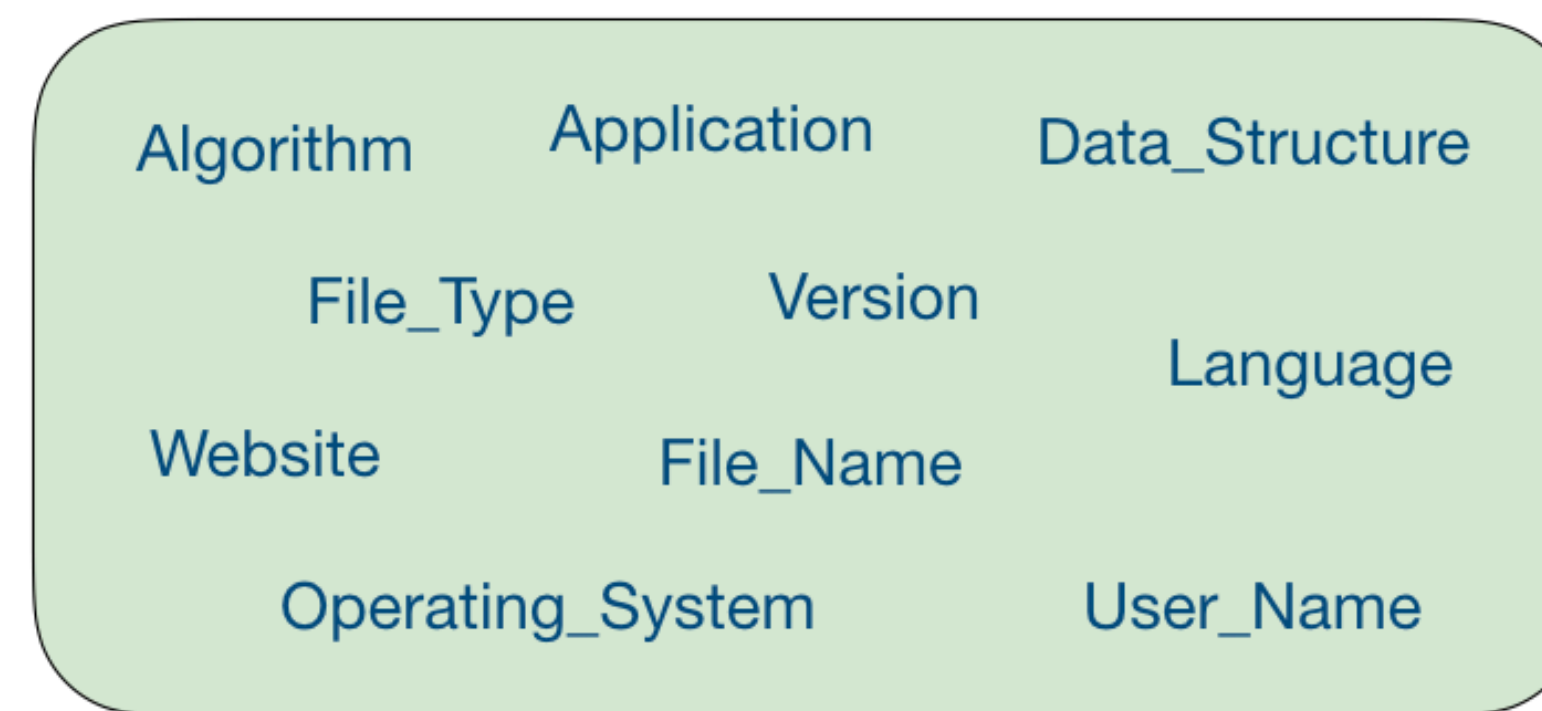
and, inside camel route i want to iterate through this list

NER in StackOverflow

StackOverflow NER Corpus



Code Entity Types



Natural Language Entity

NER in StackOverflow

Two Main Challenges

- (1) **Polysemy** — e.g., “key”, “windows”.
- (2) **Inline code** — code-switch between human and programming languages.

Before adding element to array, check if **key** is numeric is `is_numeric($key)` function. If it return false, then, covert **key** to integer using typecasting, `(int)$key`.

Now, the array will have numeric **keys** only and can be ordered.

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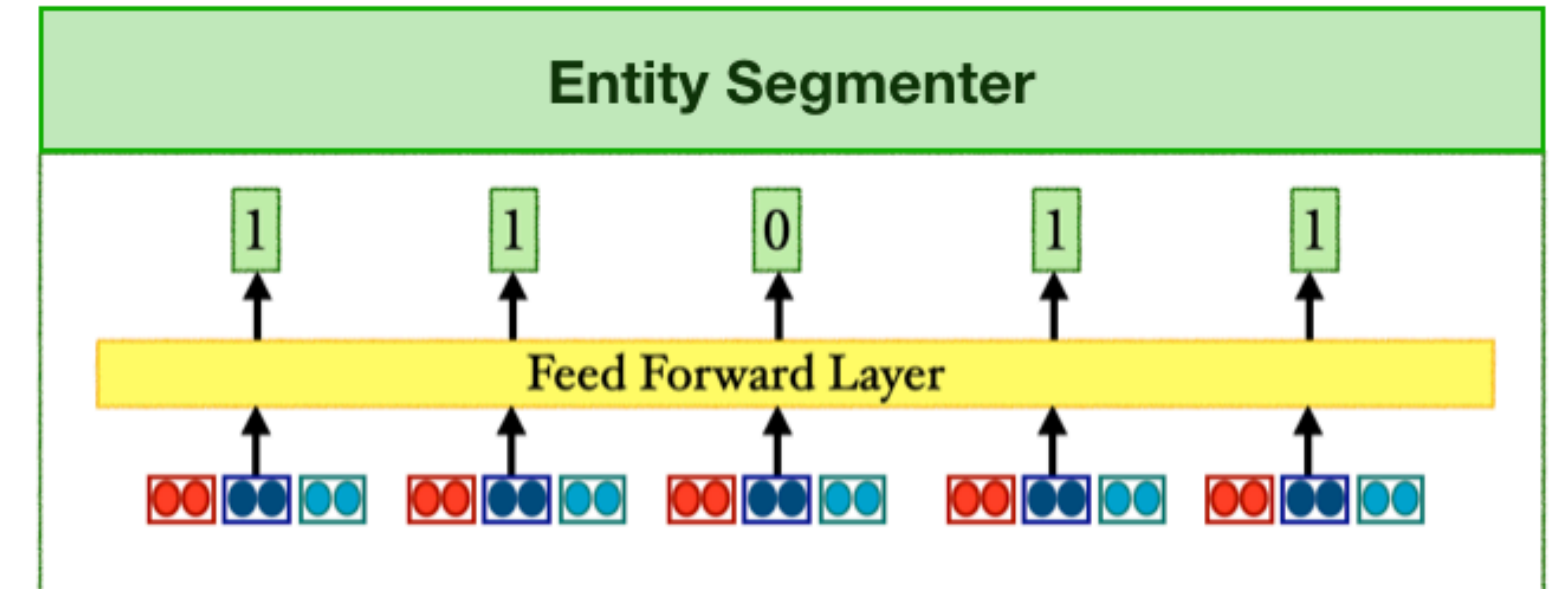
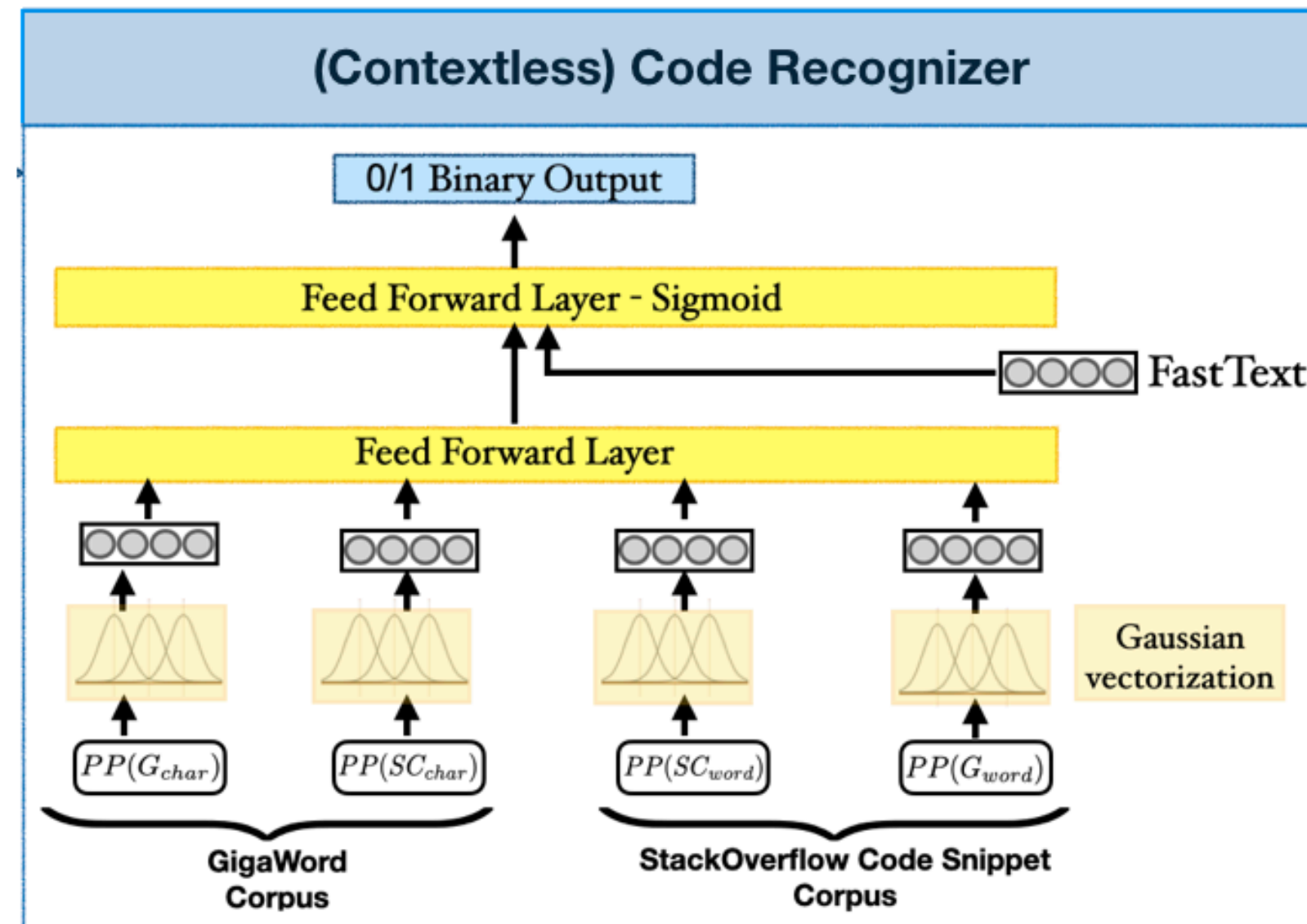
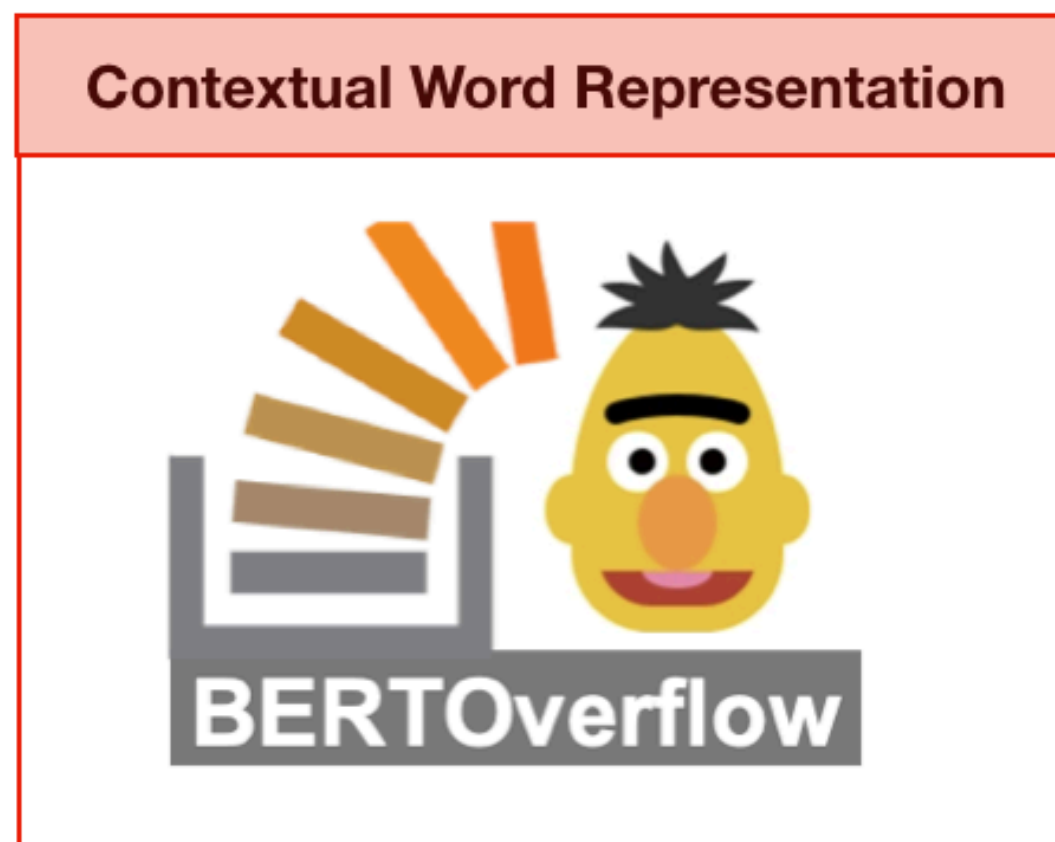
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SoftNER Model

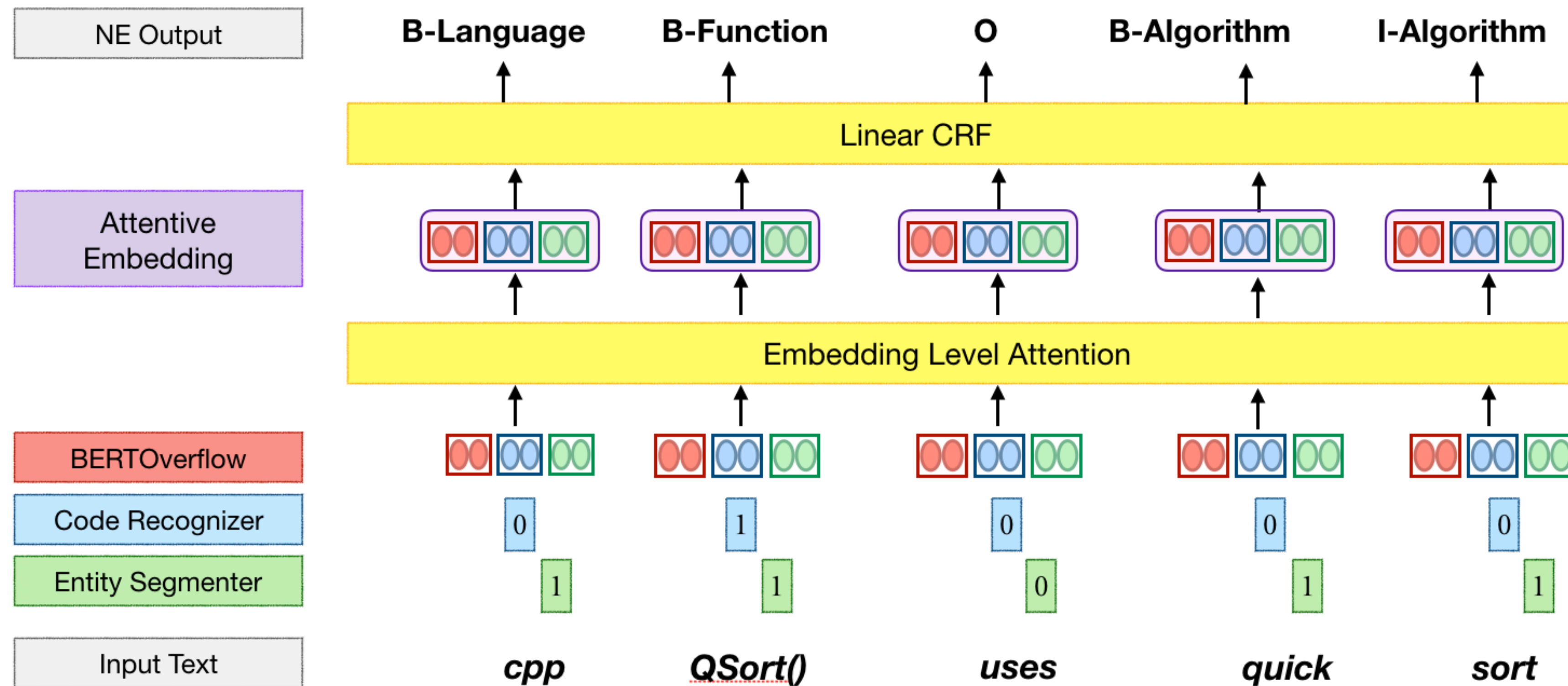
Combines BERTOverflow with domain-specific embeddings (Code Recognizer & Entity Segmenter) via attention.



NER in StackOverflow

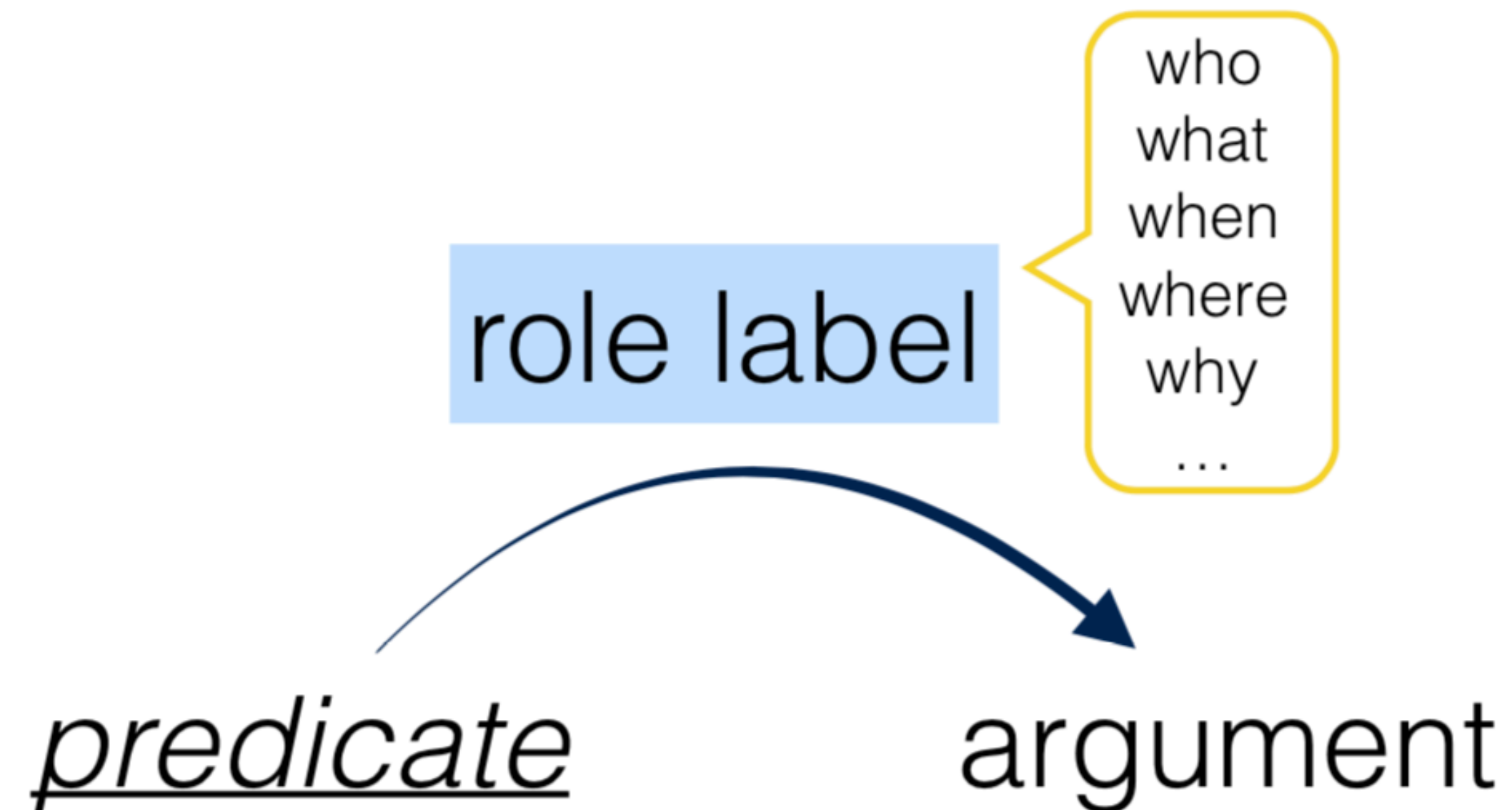
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Semantic Role Labeling

- ▶ Find out 5W in text — “who did what to whom, when and where”
- ▶ Identify predicate, disambiguate it, identify that predicate’s arguments

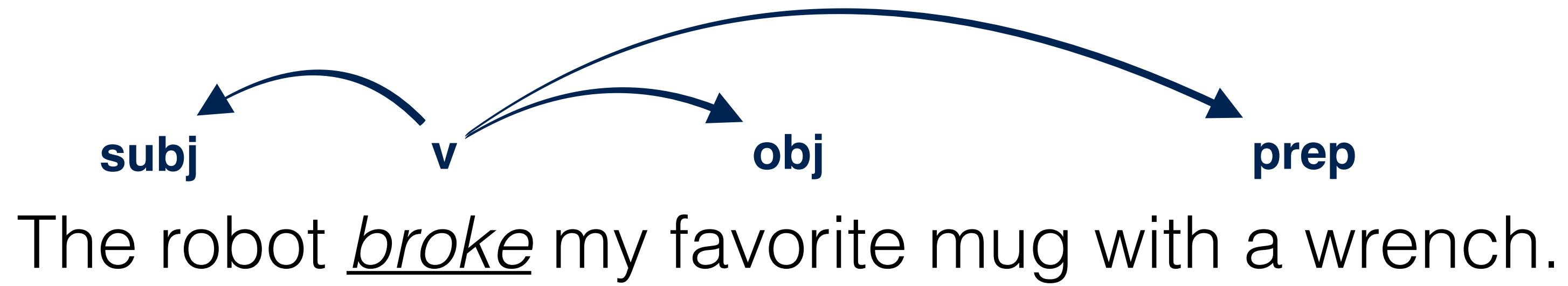


Semantic Role Labeling

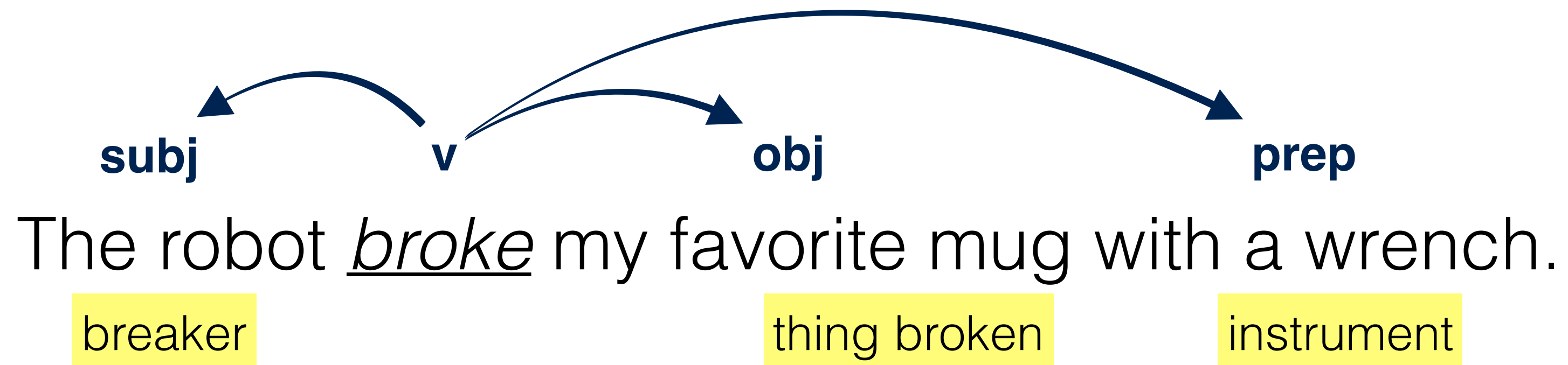
The robot broke my favorite mug with a wrench.

My mug broke into pieces immediately.

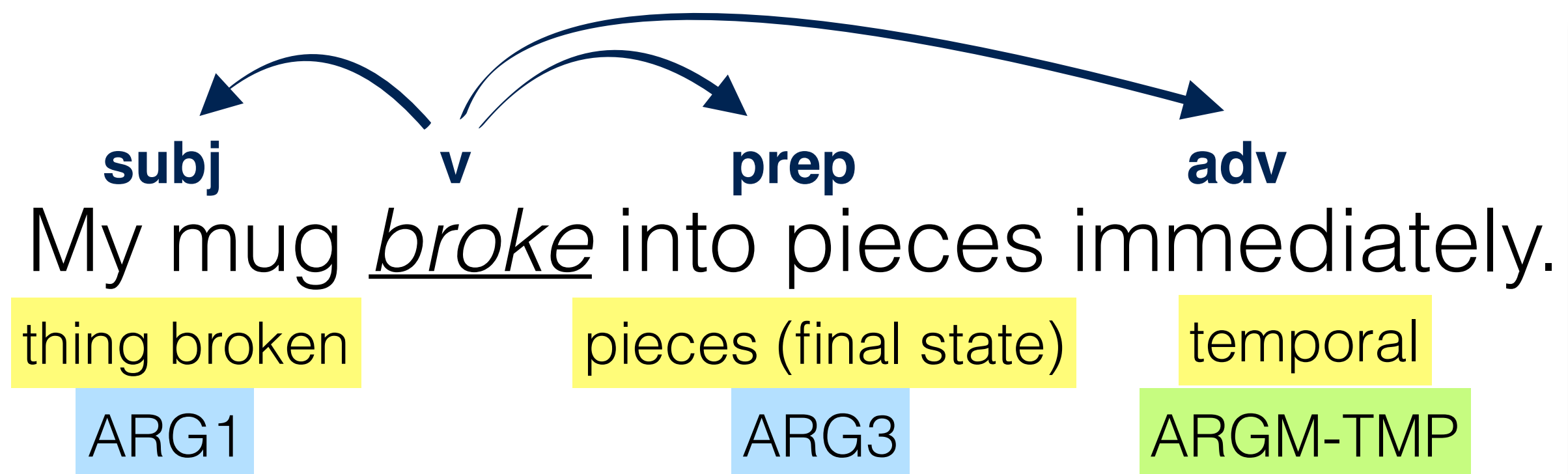
Semantic Role Labeling



Semantic Role Labeling



Semantic Role Labeling



Frame: break.01

role	description
ARG0	breaker
ARG1	thing broken
ARG2	instrument
ARG3	pieces
ARG4	broken away from what?

The Proposition Bank (PropBank)

Core roles:
Verb-specific roles (ARG0-
ARG5) defined in frame files

Frame: *break.01*

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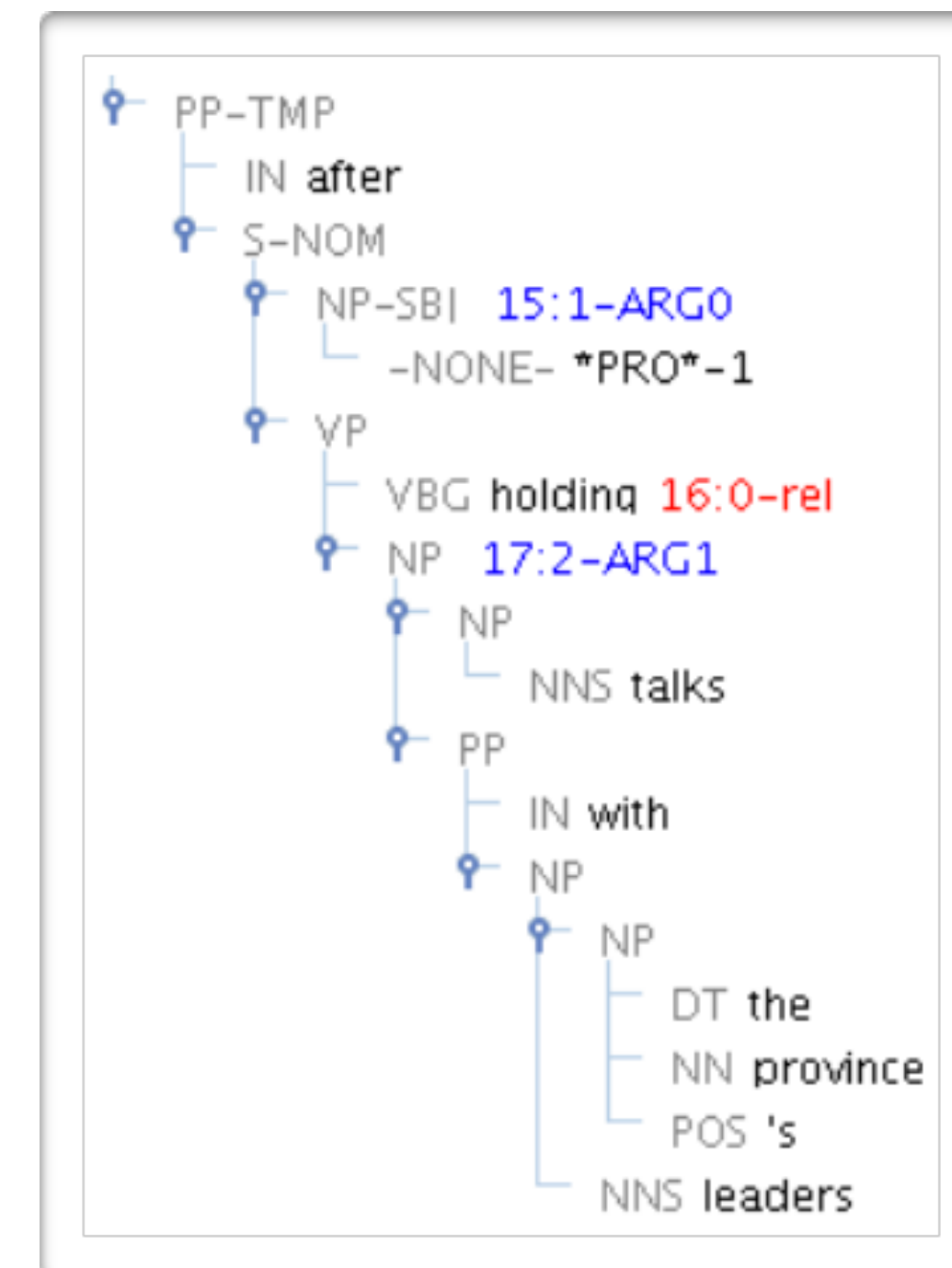
Frame: *buy.01*

role	description
ARG0	buyer
ARG1	thing bough
ARG2	seller
ARG3	price paid
ARG4	benefactive

Adjunct roles:
(ARGM-) shared
across verbs

role	description
TMP	temporal
LOC	location
MNR	manner
DIR	direction
CAU	cause
PRP	purpose
...	

Annotated on top of the
Penn Treebank Syntax



PropBank Annotation Guidelines,
Bonial et al., 2010

Figure from He et al. (2017)

Syntax vs. Semantics

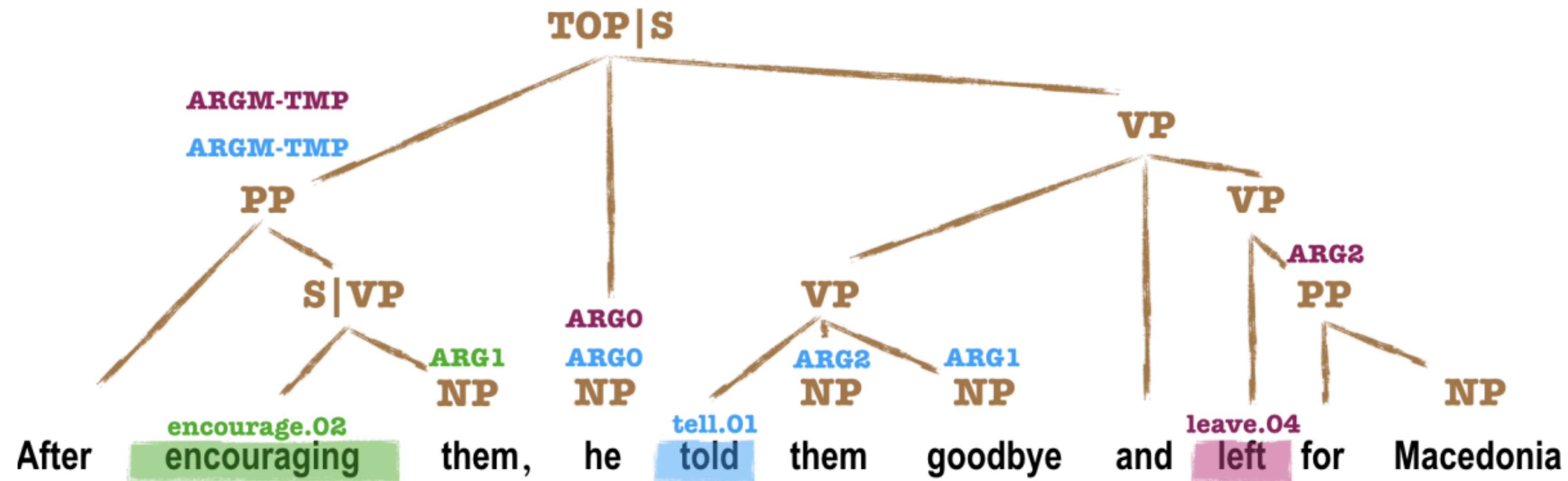


Figure 1.2: Syntax and semantics are closely related. The phrase-syntactic tree is shown in brown above the sentence. Semantic role labeling (SRL) structures from PropBank (Palmer et al., 2005) are shown alongside, in green, blue and magenta. Under SRL, words in the sentence that indicate stand-alone events are selected as predicates. These are shown as highlighted leaf nodes—"encouraging", "told" and "left". Each predicate is disambiguated to its relevant sense shown above it. Arguments to the predicates are annotated on top of syntactic nodes, with the role labels color-coded by the predicate. SRL substructures (predicates, arguments) thus fully overlap with phrase-syntactic nodes.

Question-Answer Driven SRL

In 1950 Alan M. Turing *published* "Computing machinery and intelligence" in Mind, in which he *proposed* that machines could be *tested* for intelligence *using* questions and answers.

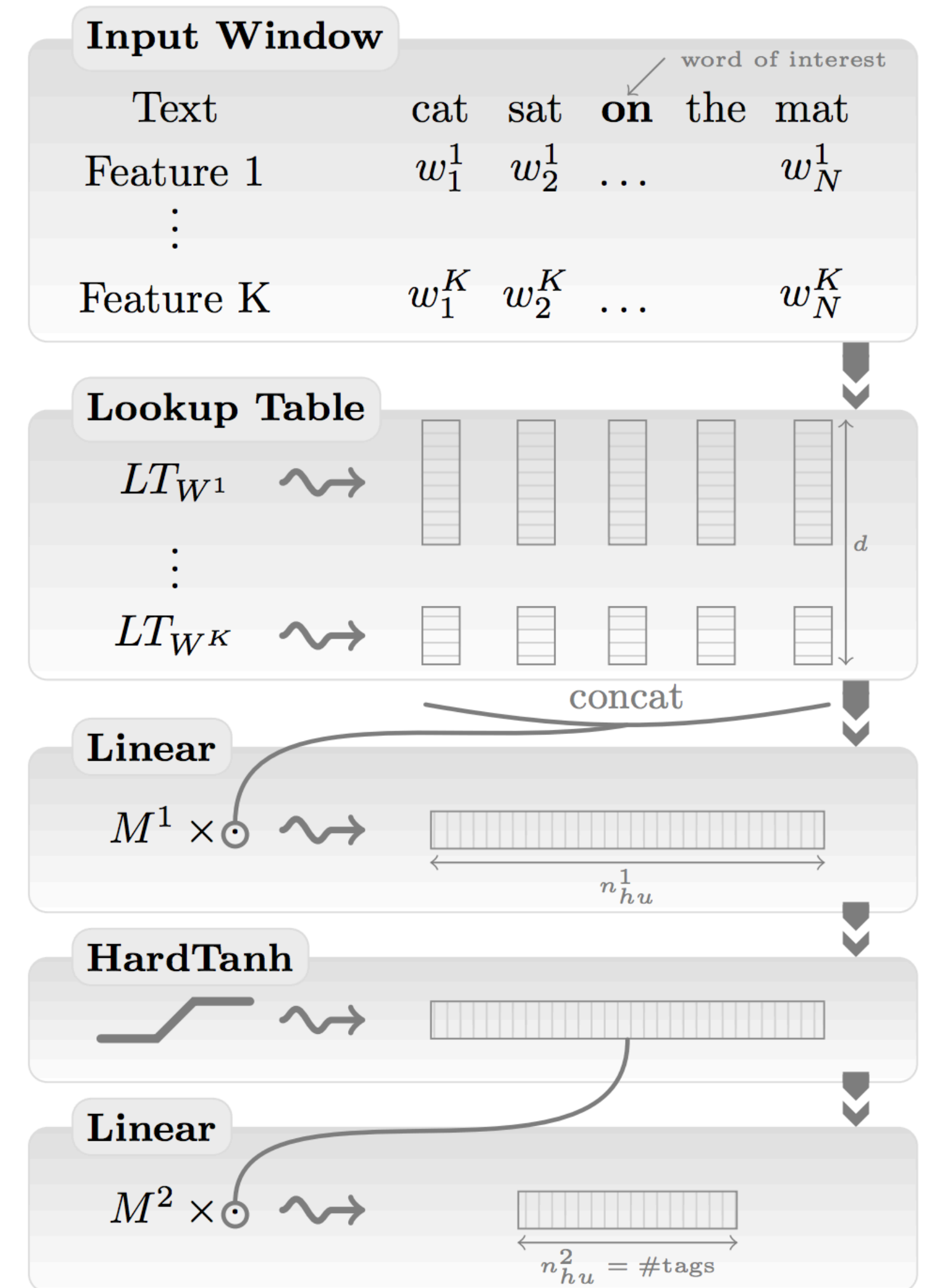
<u>Predicate</u>		<u>Question</u>	<u>Answer</u>
published	1	Who published something?	Alan M. Turing
	2	What was published?	"Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
	3	When was something published?	In 1950
proposed	4	Who proposed something?	Alan M. Turing
	5	What did someone propose?	that machines could be tested for intelligent using questions and answers
	6	When did someone propose something?	In 1950
tested	7	What can be tested?	machines
	8	What can something be tested for?	intelligence
	9	How can something be tested?	using questions and answers
using	10	What was being used?	questions and answers
	11	Why was something being used?	tested for intelligence

Figure from FitzGerald et al. (2018)

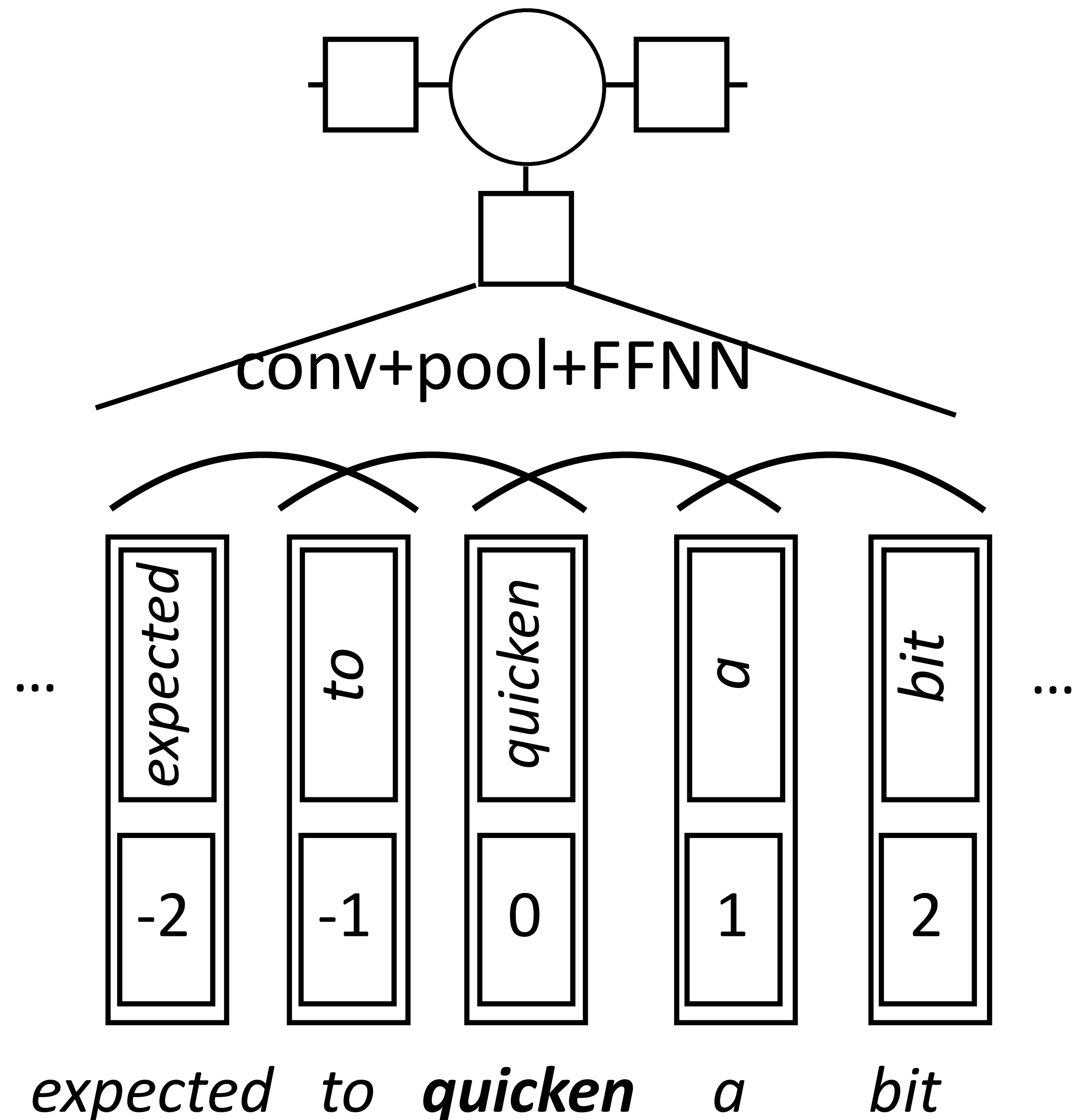
“NLP (Almost) From Scratch”

Approach	POS (PWA)	CHUNK (F1)	NER (F1)	SRL (F1)
Benchmark Systems	97.24	94.29	89.31	77.92
NN+WLL	96.31	89.13	79.53	55.40
NN+SLL	96.37	90.33	81.47	70.99
NN+WLL+LM1	97.05	91.91	85.68	58.18
NN+SLL+LM1	97.10	93.65	87.58	73.84
NN+WLL+LM2	97.14	92.04	86.96	58.34
NN+SLL+LM2	97.20	93.63	88.67	74.15

- ▶ WLL: independent classification; SLL: neural CRF
- ▶ LM2: word vectors learned from a precursor to word2vec/GloVe, trained for 2 weeks (!) on Wikipedia



CNN Neural CRFs



- ▶ Append to each word vector an *embedding of the relative position* of that word
- ▶ Convolution over the sentence produces a position-dependent representation
- ▶ Use this for SRL: the verb (predicate) is at position 0, CNN looks at the whole sentence “relative” to the verb

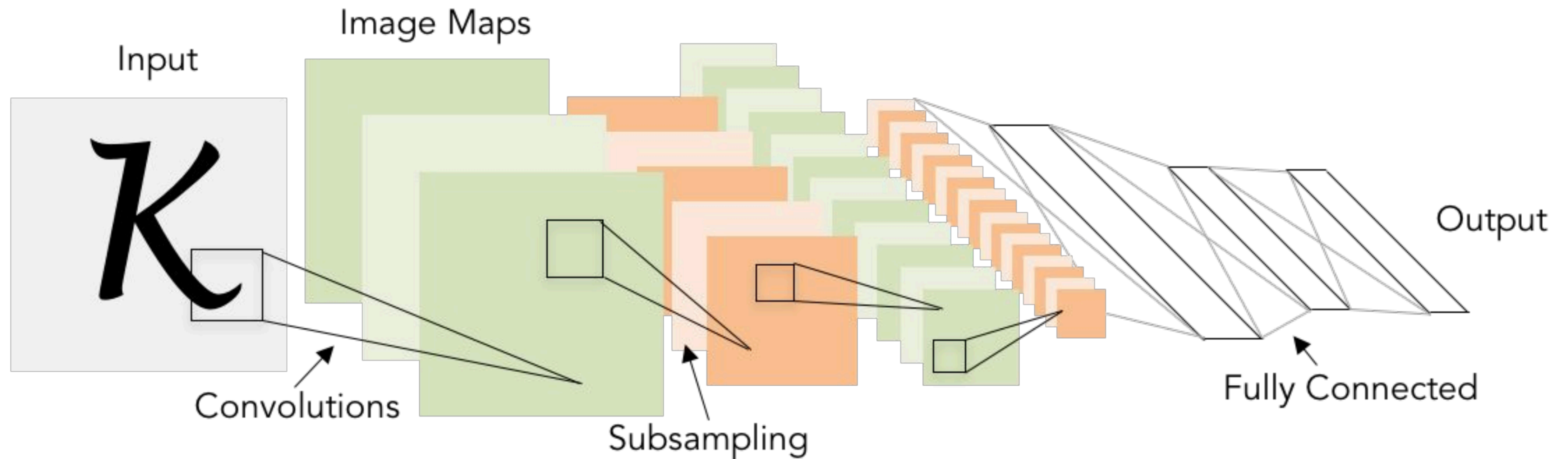
CNN NCRFs vs. FFNN NCRFs

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	<i>Window Approach</i>			
NN+SLL+LM2	97.20	93.63	88.67	–
	<i>Sentence Approach</i>			
NN+SLL+LM2	97.12	93.37	88.78	74.15

- ▶ Sentence approach (CNNs) is comparable to window approach (FFNNs) except for SRL where they claim it works much better

CNN

A Bit of History



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwFduRA_L6Q

LeCun et al. (1998), earlier work in 1980s

ImageNet - Object Recognition

Steel drum

The Image Classification Challenge:

1,000 object classes

1,431,167 images



Output:

Scale

T-shirt

Steel drum

Drumstick

Mud turtle



Output:

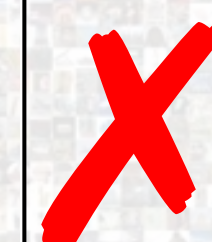
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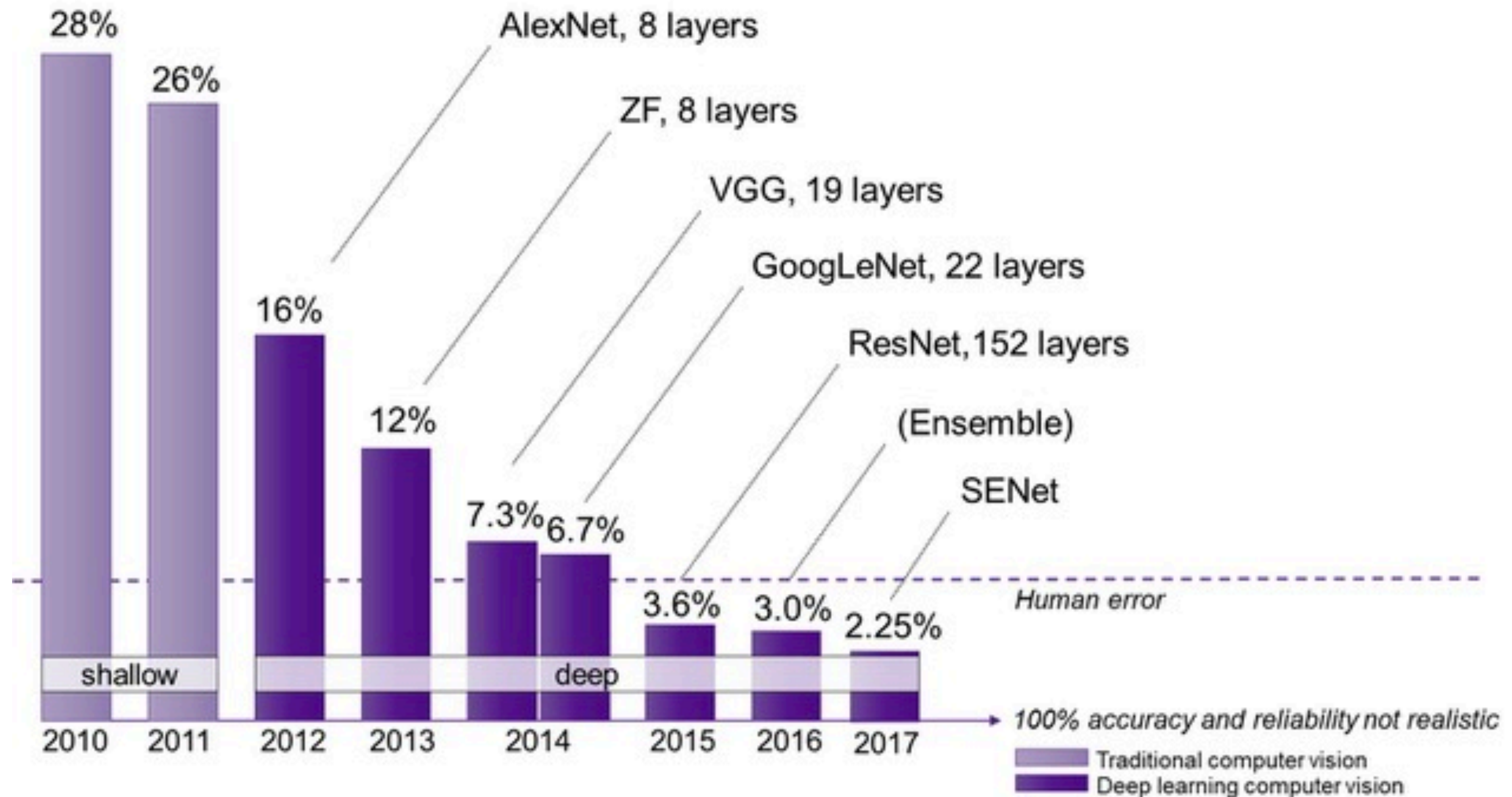
Giant panda

Drumstick

Mud turtle

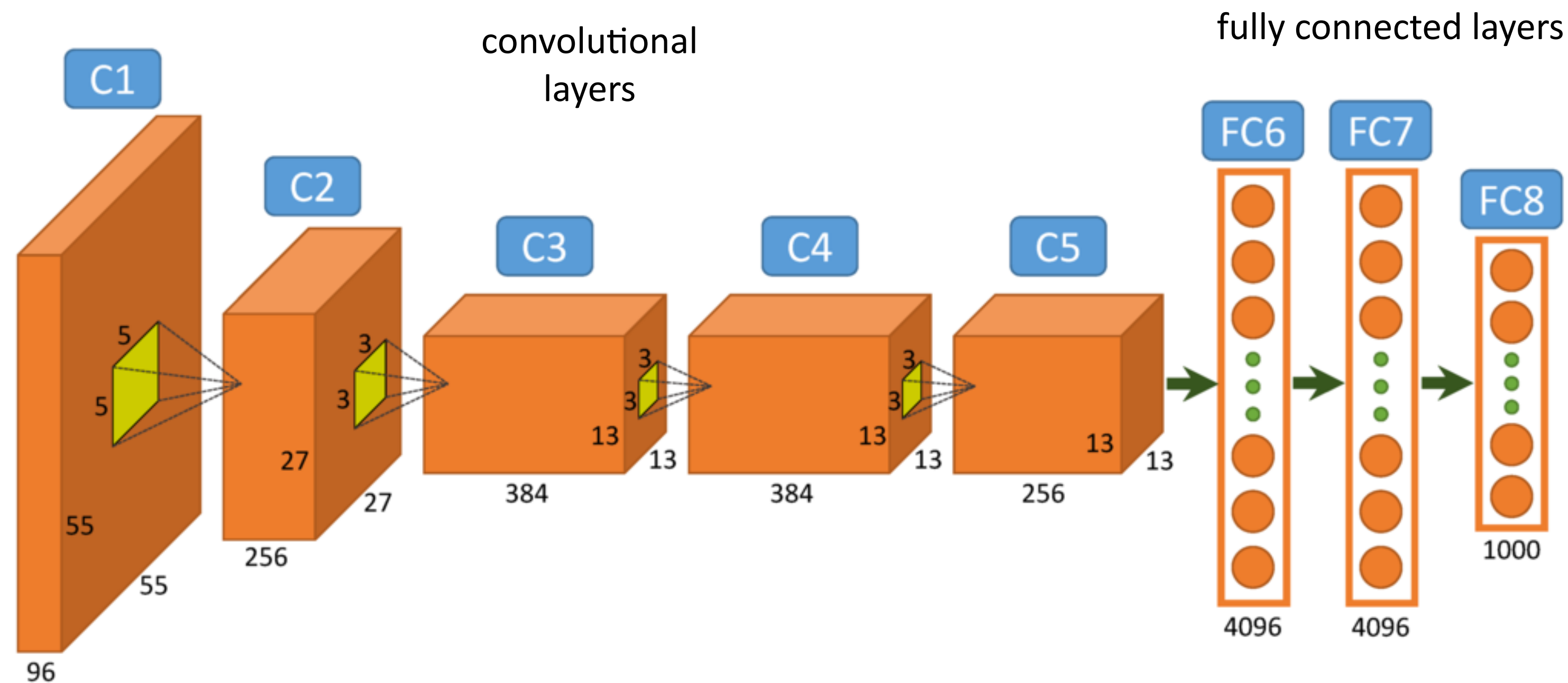


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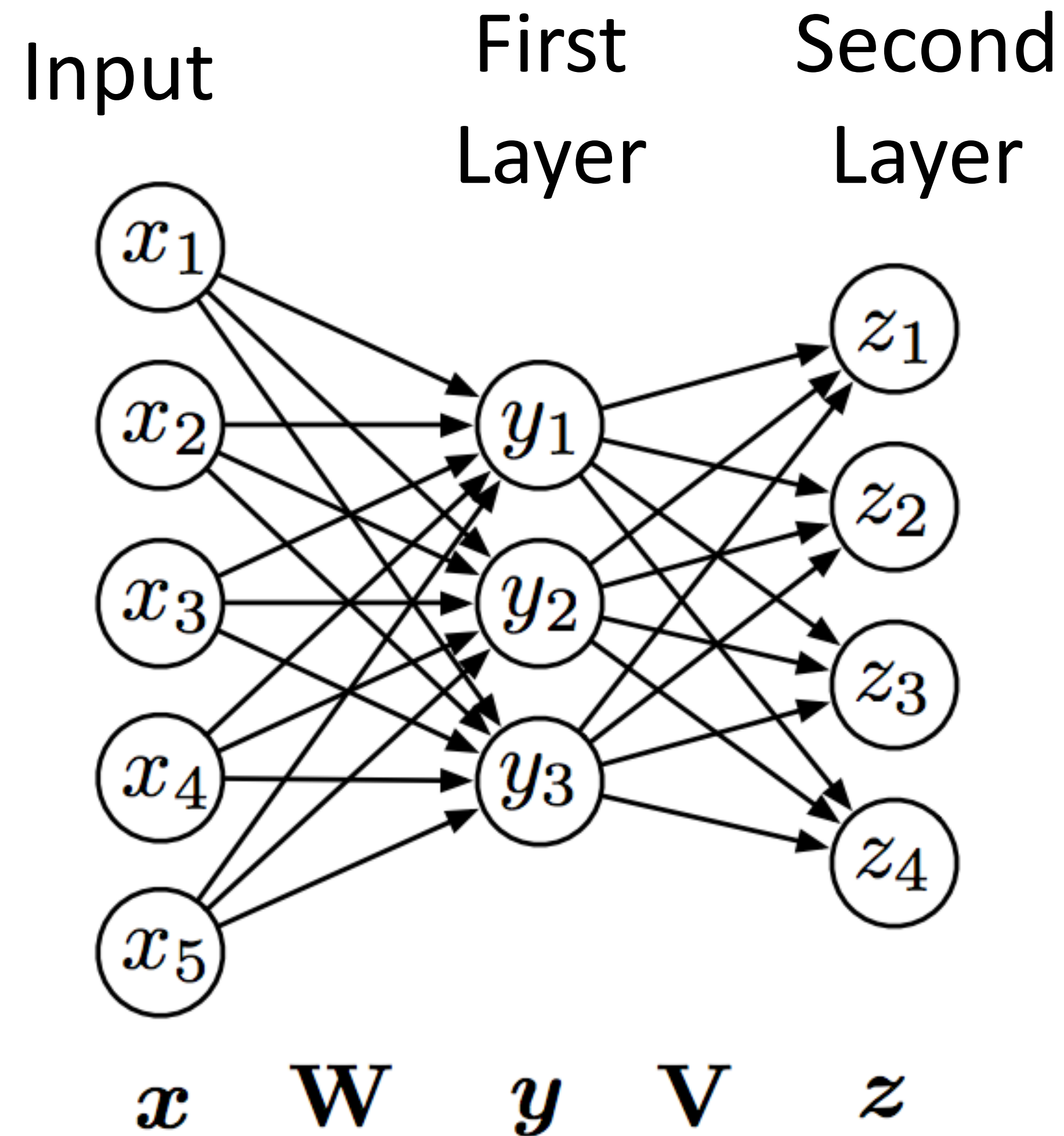
Convolutional Neural Networks

- ▶ AlexNet - one of the first strong results
- ▶ more filters per layer as well as stacked convolutional layers
- ▶ use of ReLU for the non-linear part instead of Sigmoid or Tanh



Krizhevsky et al. (2012)

Feedforward Neural Networks (Recap)



$$y = g(\mathbf{W}x + \mathbf{b})$$

$$z = g(\mathbf{V}y + \mathbf{c})$$

$$z = g(\mathbf{V} \underbrace{g(\mathbf{W}x + \mathbf{b})}_{\text{output of first layer}} + \mathbf{c})$$

output of first layer

“Feedforward” computation (not recurrent)

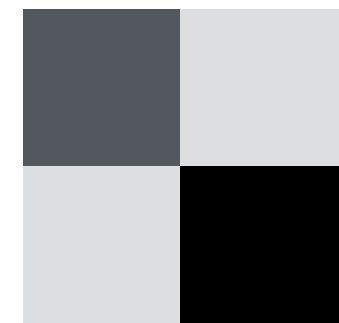
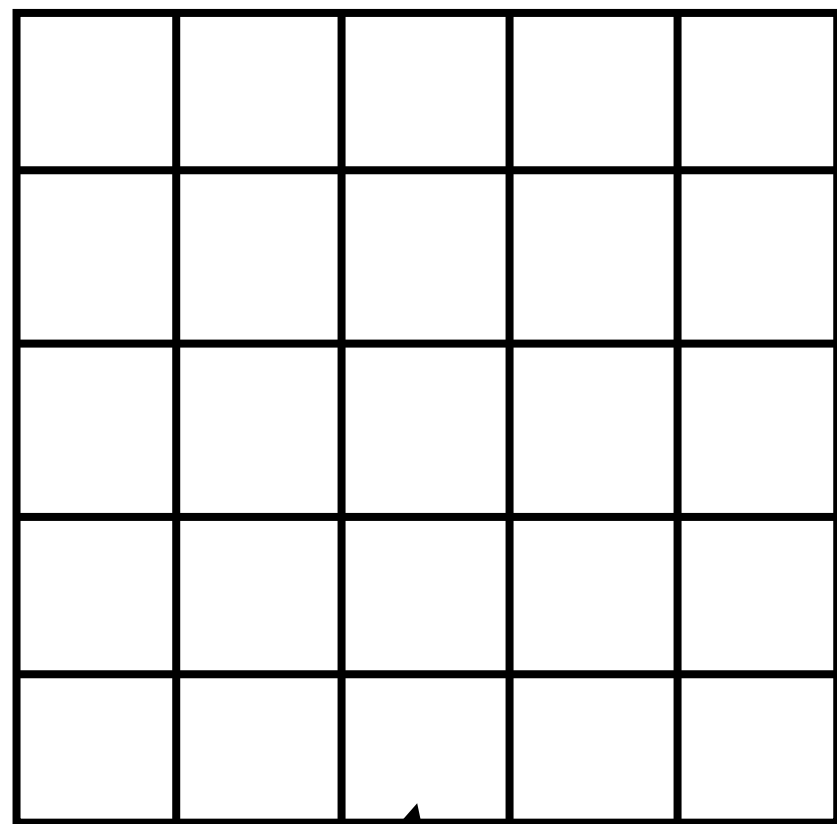
Check: what happens if no nonlinearity?
More powerful than basic linear models?

$$z = \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{W}x + \mathbf{b}) + \mathbf{c}$$

Convolutional Layer

- ▶ Applies a *filter* over patches of the input and returns that filter's activations
- ▶ Convolution: take dot product of filter with a patch of the input

image: $n \times n \times k$ filter: $m \times m \times k$



sum over dot products

$$\text{activation}_{ij} = \sum_{i_o=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j_o=0}^{m-1} \text{image}(i + i_o, j + j_o) \cdot \text{filter}(i_o, j_o)$$

offsets

Each of these cells is a vector with multiple values

Images: RGB values (3 dim)

Convolutional Layer

- ▶ An animated example: $k = 1$, and a filter of size 3×3 .

1 _{x1}	1 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	0	0
0 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	1 _{x0}	1	0
0 _{x1}	0 _{x0}	1 _{x1}	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0

Image

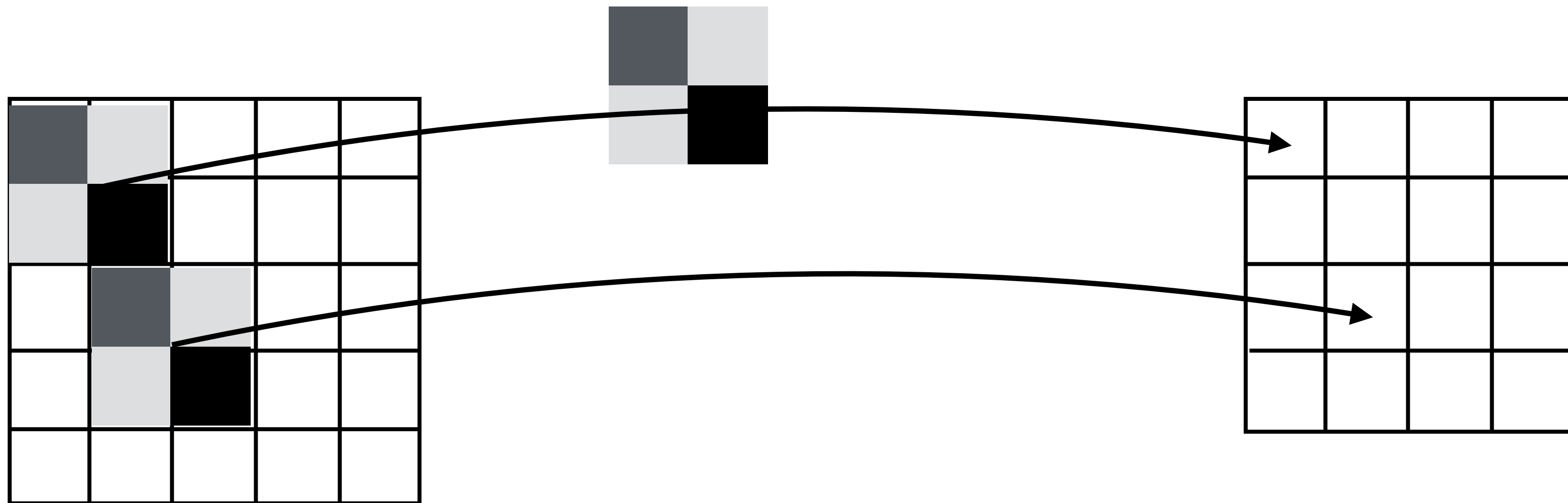
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Convolved
Feature

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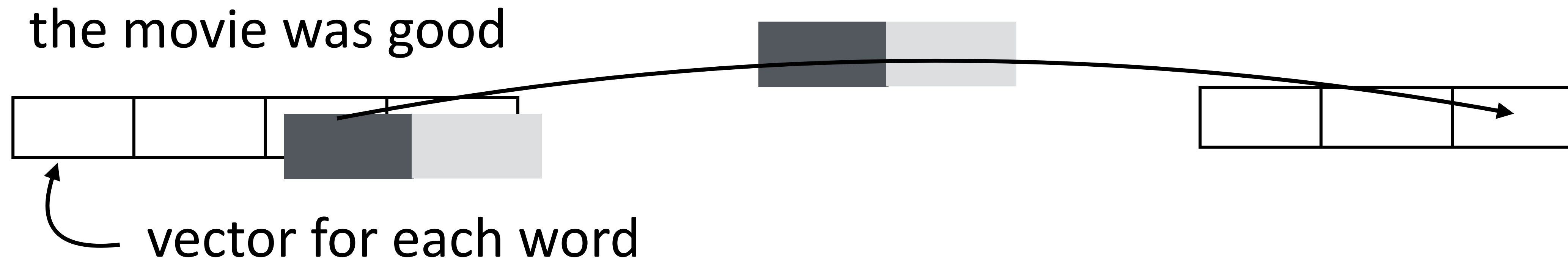
image: $n \times n \times k$ filter: $m \times m \times k$ activations: $(n - m + 1) \times (n - m + 1) \times 1$



Convolutions for NLP

- ▶ Input and filter are 2-dimensional instead of 3-dimensional

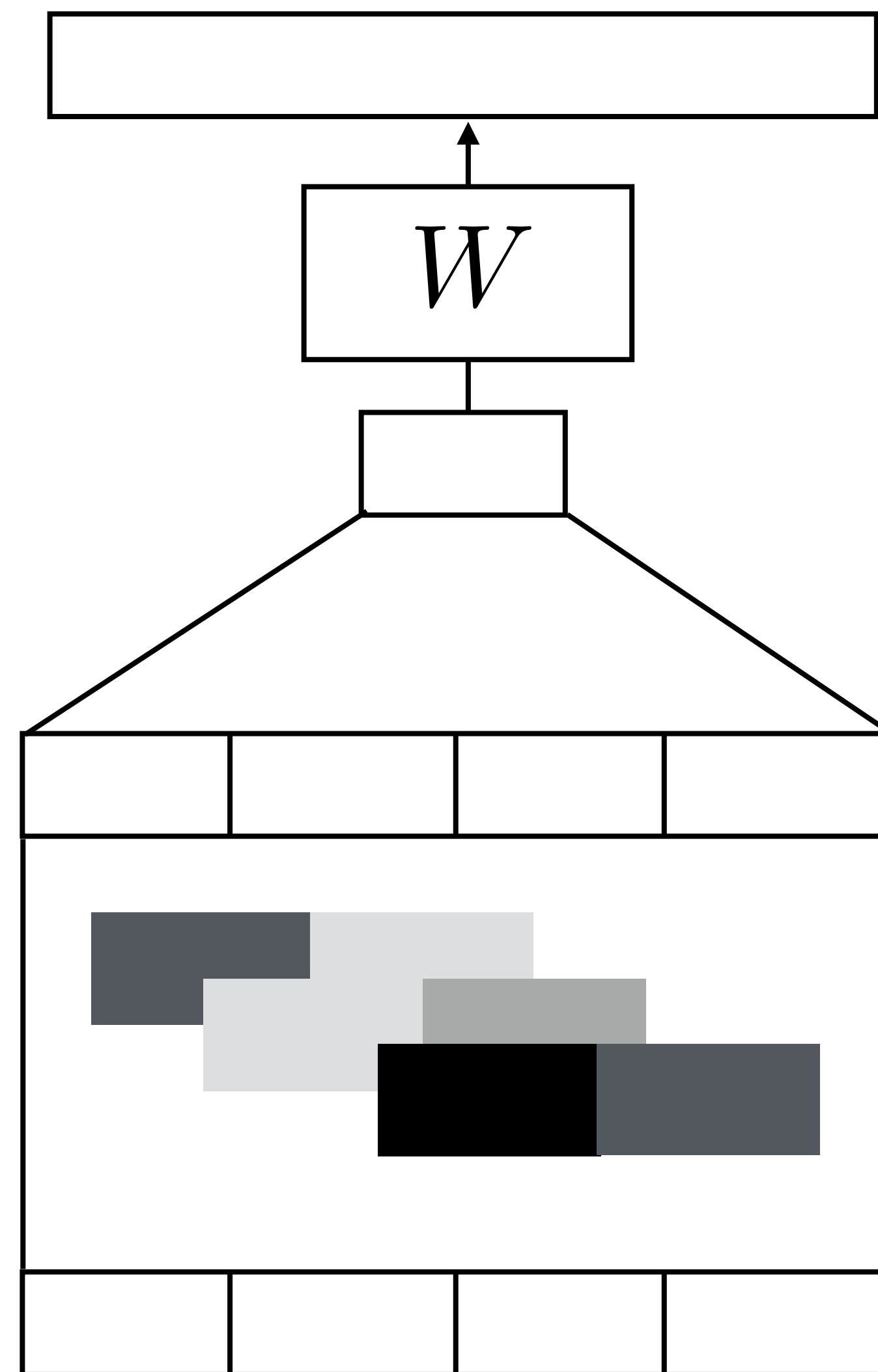
sentence: n words \times k vec dim filter: $m \times k$ activations: $(n - m + 1) \times 1$



- ▶ Combines evidence locally in a sentence and produces a new (but still variable-length) representation

CNNs for Sentiment

CNNs for Sentiment Analysis



$$P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

projection + softmax

c-dimensional vector

max pooling over the sentence

$n \times c$

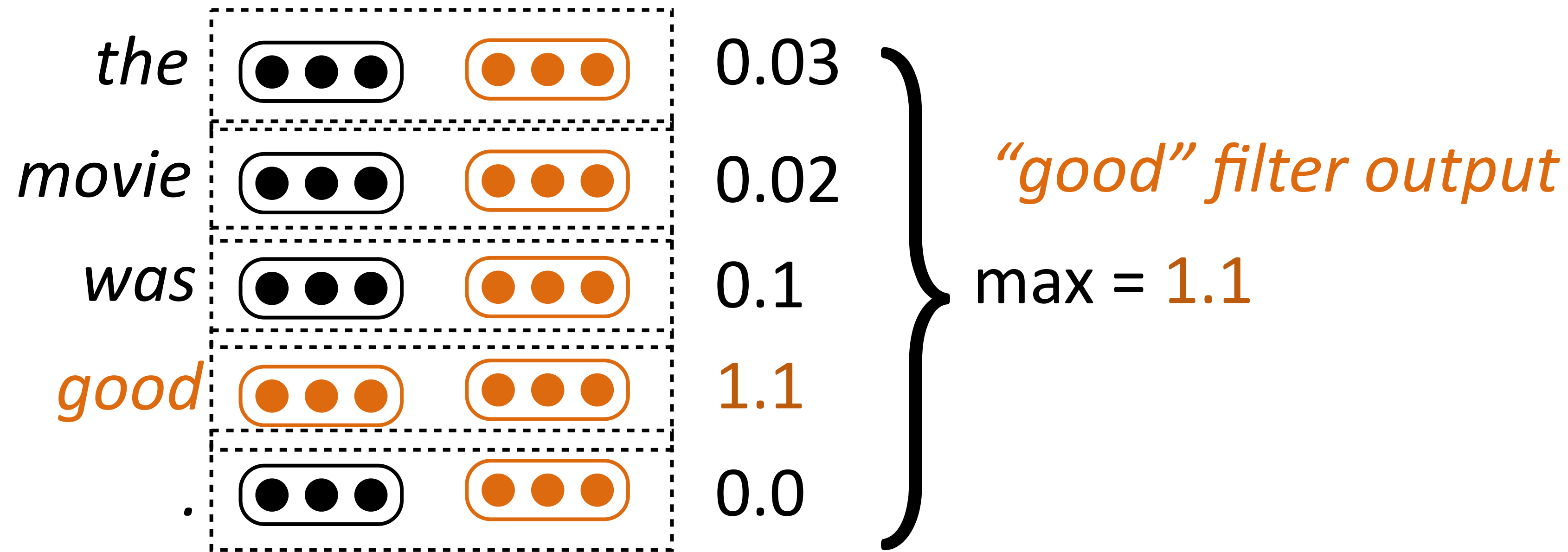
c filters,
 $m \times k$ each

$n \times k$

- ▶ Max pooling: return the max activation of a given filter over the entire sentence; like a logical OR (sum pooling is like logical AND)

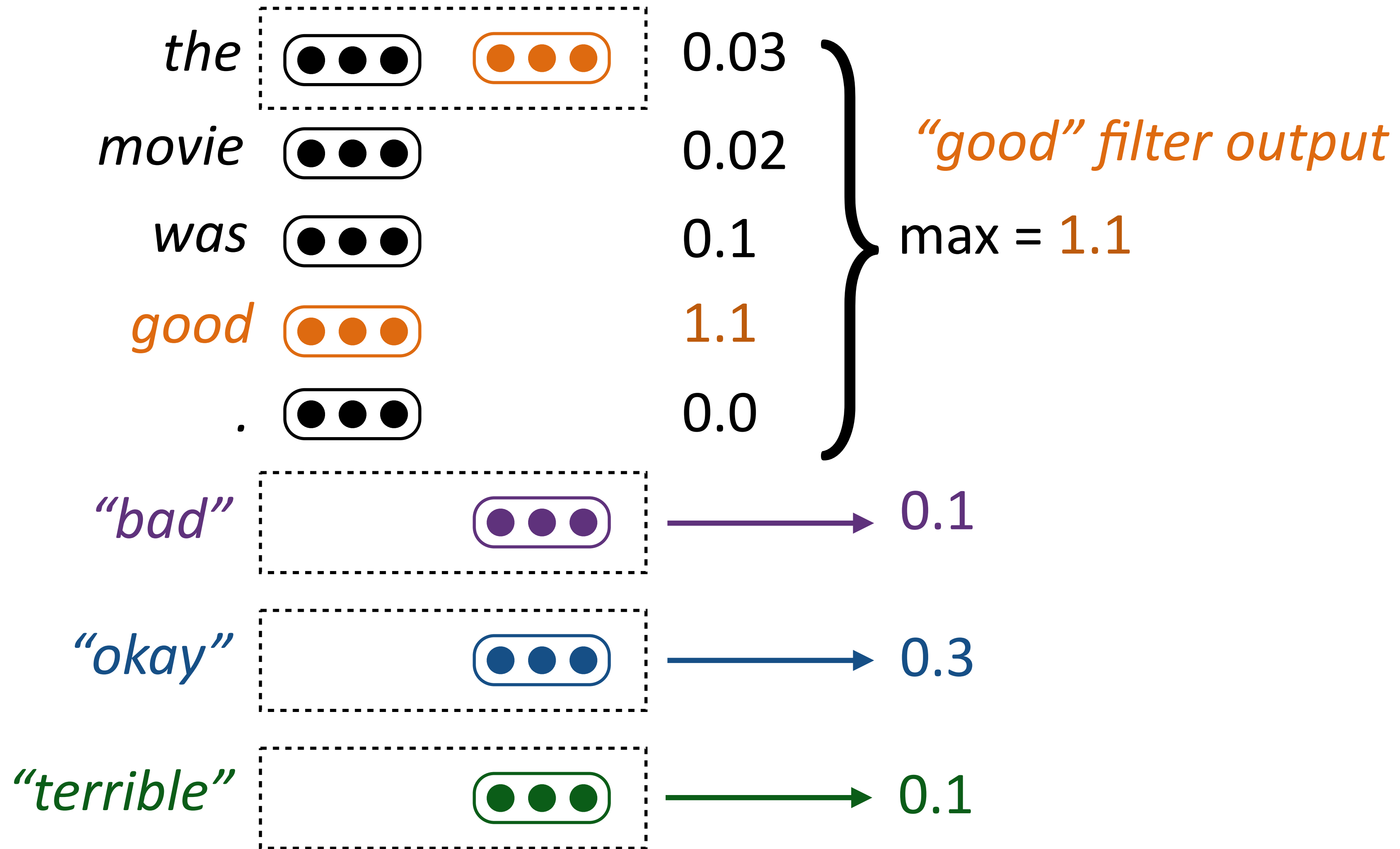
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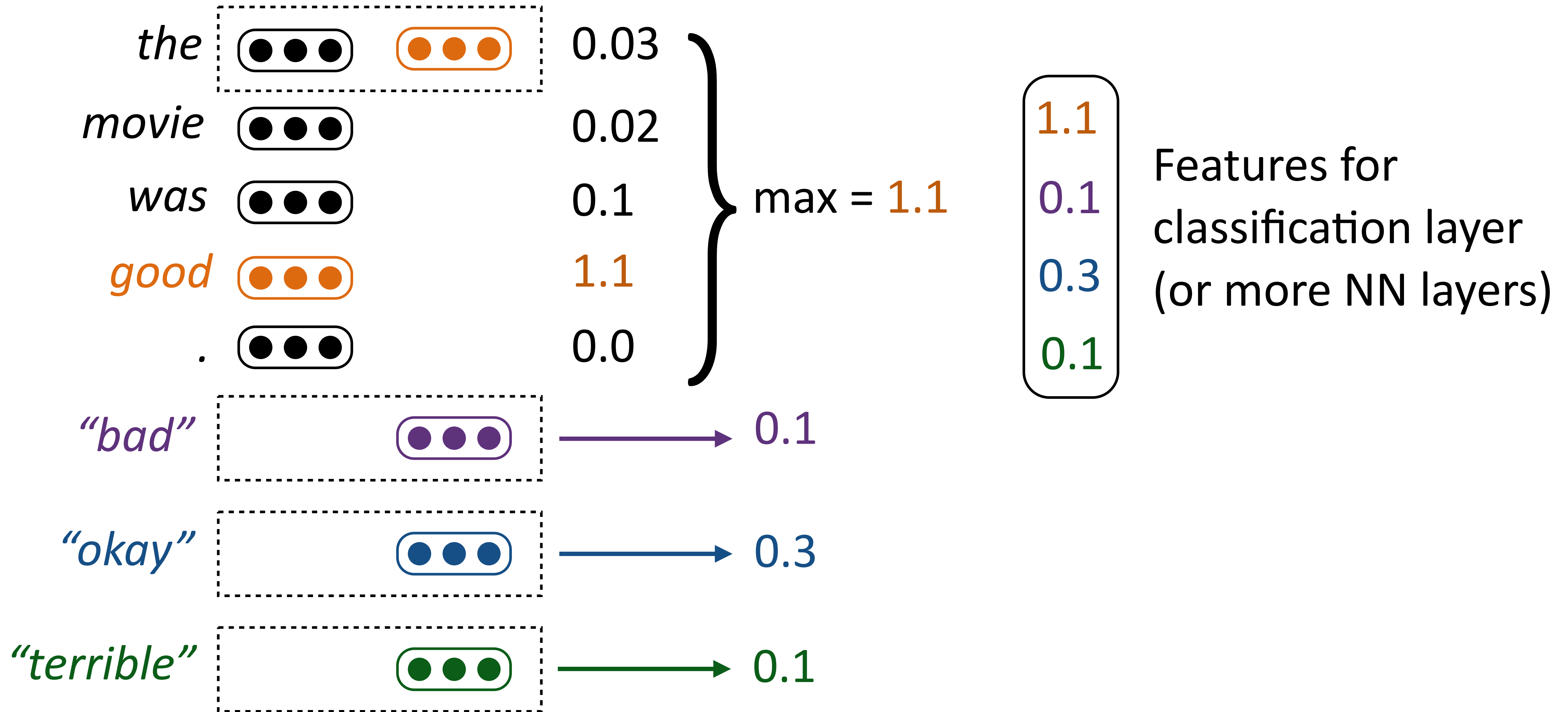


- ▶ Filter “looks like” the things that will cause it to have high activation

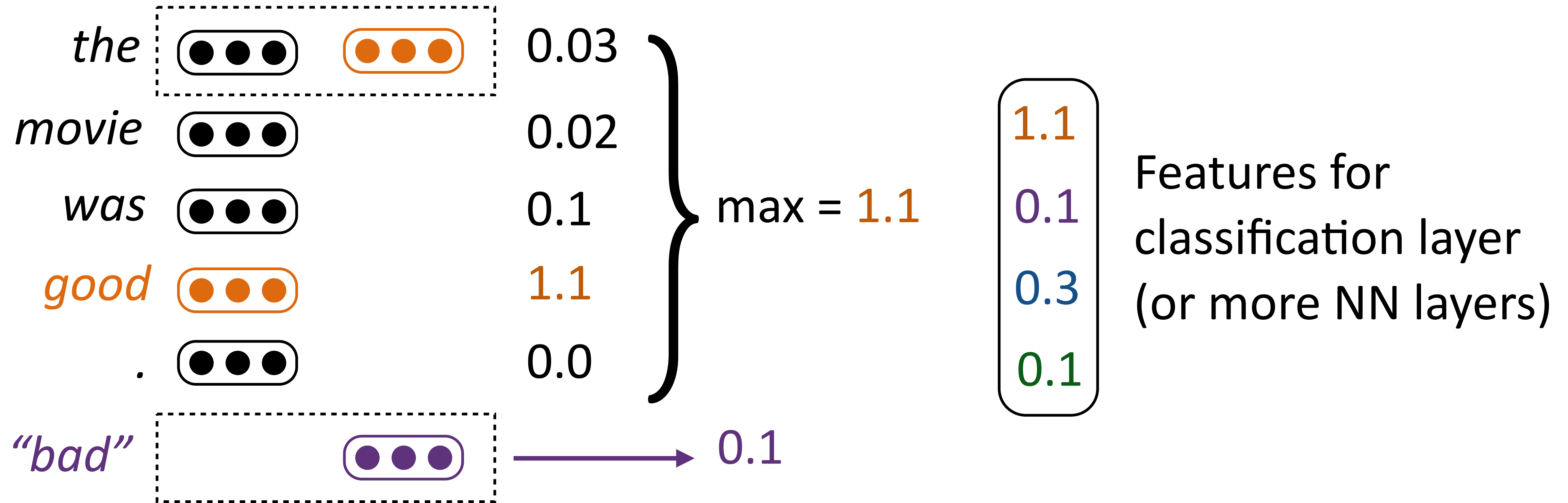
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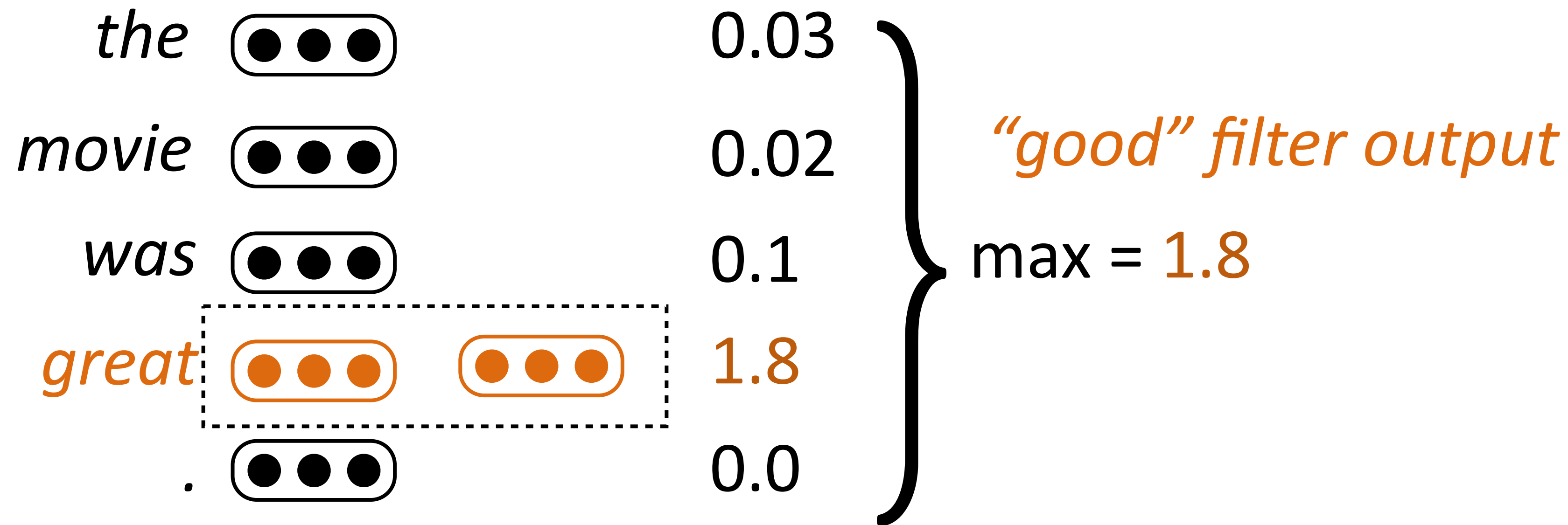


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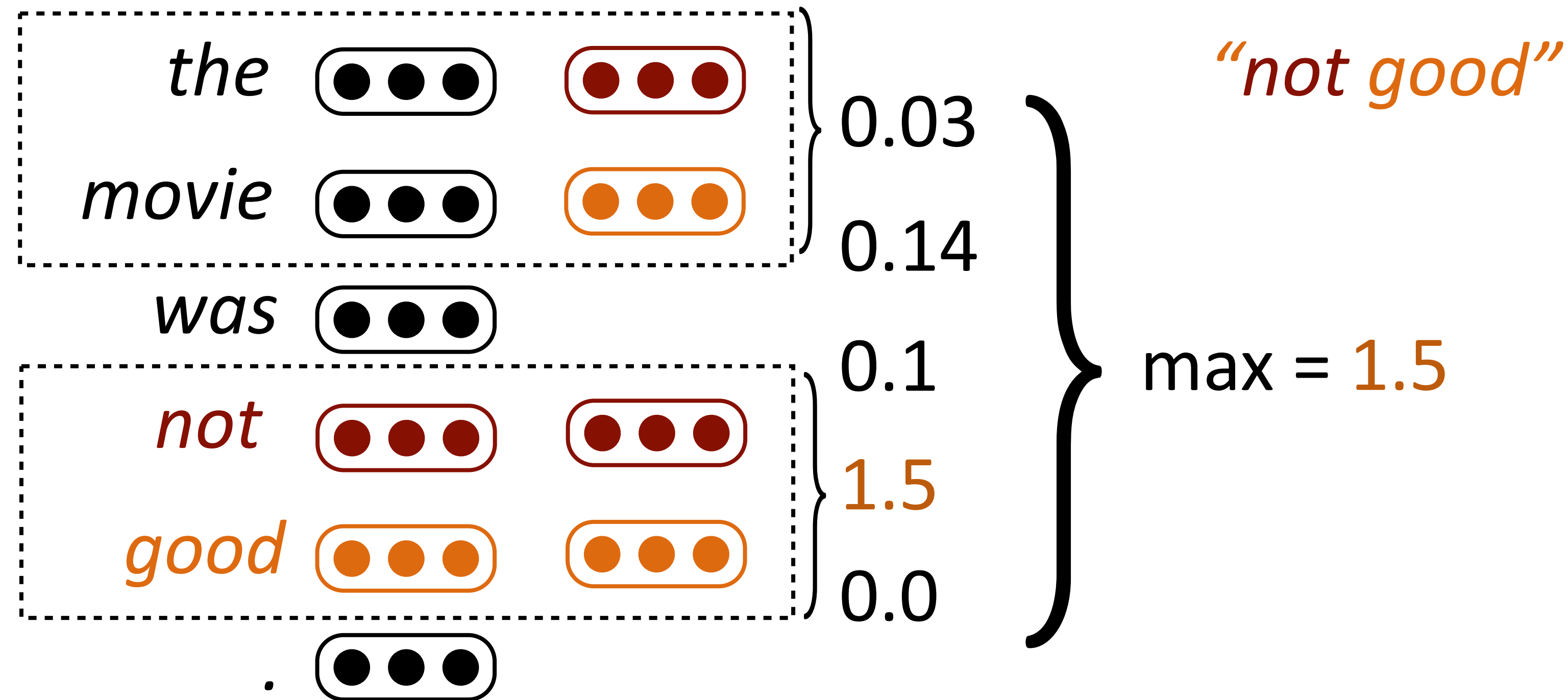
- ▶ Takes variable-length input and turns it into fixed-length output
- ▶ Filters are initialized randomly and then learned

Understanding CNNs for Sentiment



- ▶ Word vectors for similar words are similar, so convolutional filters will have similar outputs

Understanding CNNs for Sentiment



- ▶ Analogous to bigram features in bag-of-words models
- ▶ Indicator feature of text containing bigram \leftrightarrow max pooling of a filter that matches that bigram

What can CNNs learn?

- ▶ CNNs let us take advantage of word similarity

really not very good vs. really not very enjoyable

- ▶ CNNs are translation-invariant like bag-of-words

The movie was bad, but blah blah blah ... vs. ... blah blah blah, but the movie was bad.

- ▶ CNNs can capture local interactions with filters of width > 1

It was not good, it was actually quite bad vs. it was not bad, it was actually quite good

CNNs: Implementation

- ▶ Input is `batch_size x n x k` matrix, filters are `c x m x k` matrix (`c` filters)
- ▶ Typically use filters with `m` ranging from 1 to 5 or so (multiple filter widths in a single convnet)
- ▶ All computation graph libraries support efficient convolution operations

```
CLASS torch.nn.Conv1d(in_channels, out_channels, kernel_size, stride=1, padding=0, dilation=1, groups=1, bias=True, padding_mode='zeros')
```

[\[SOURCE\]](#)

Applies a 1D convolution over an input signal composed of several input planes.

In the simplest case, the output value of the layer with input size (N, C_{in}, L) and output (N, C_{out}, L_{out}) can be precisely described as:

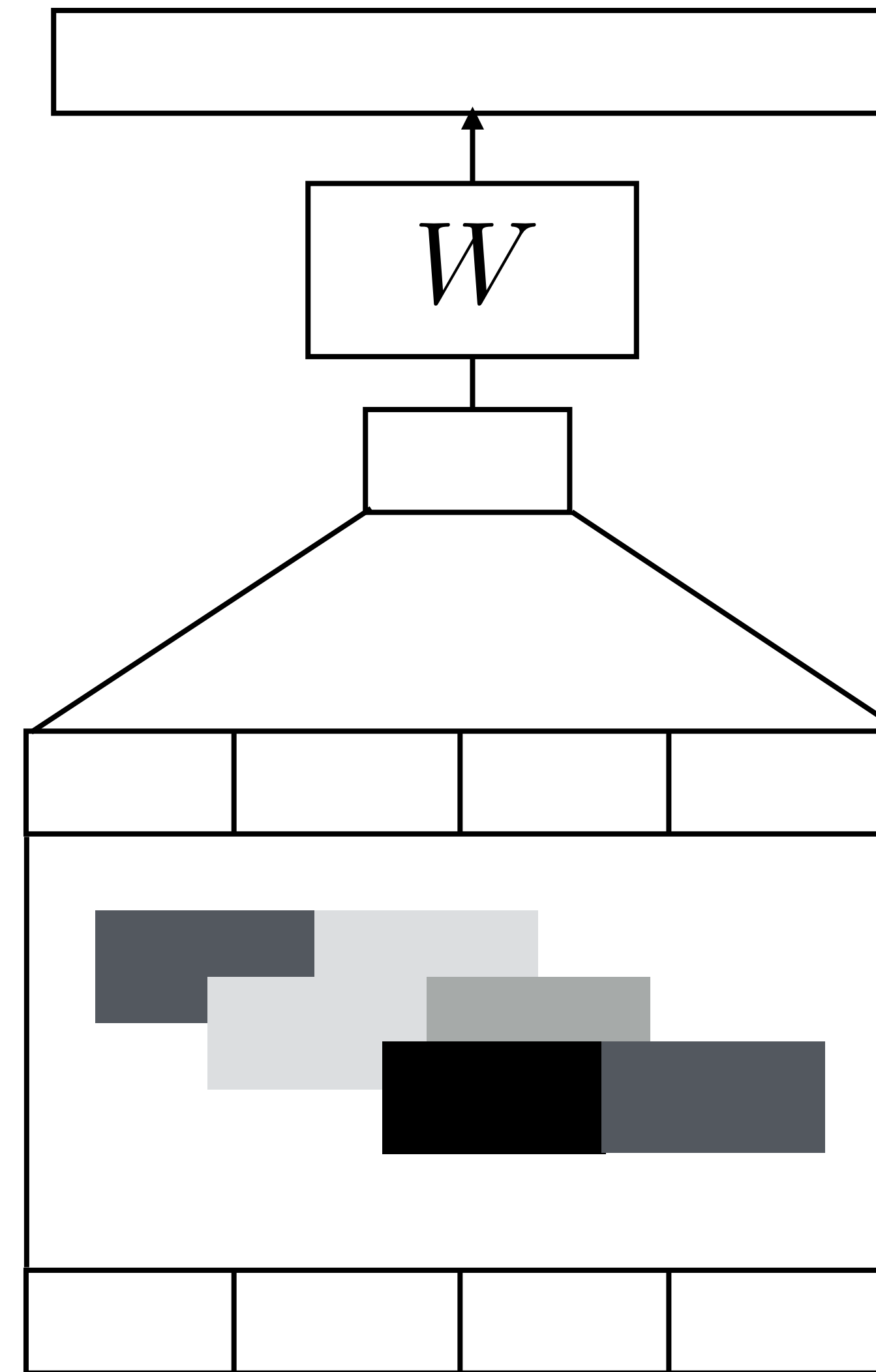
$$\text{out}(N_i, C_{out_j}) = \text{bias}(C_{out_j}) + \sum_{k=0}^{C_{in}-1} \text{weight}(C_{out_j}, k) \star \text{input}(N_i, k)$$

where \star is the valid **cross-correlation** operator, N is a batch size, C denotes a number of channels, L is a length of signal sequence.

- `stride` controls the stride for the cross-correlation, a single number or a one-element tuple.
- `padding` controls the amount of implicit zero-paddings on both sides for `padding` number of points.

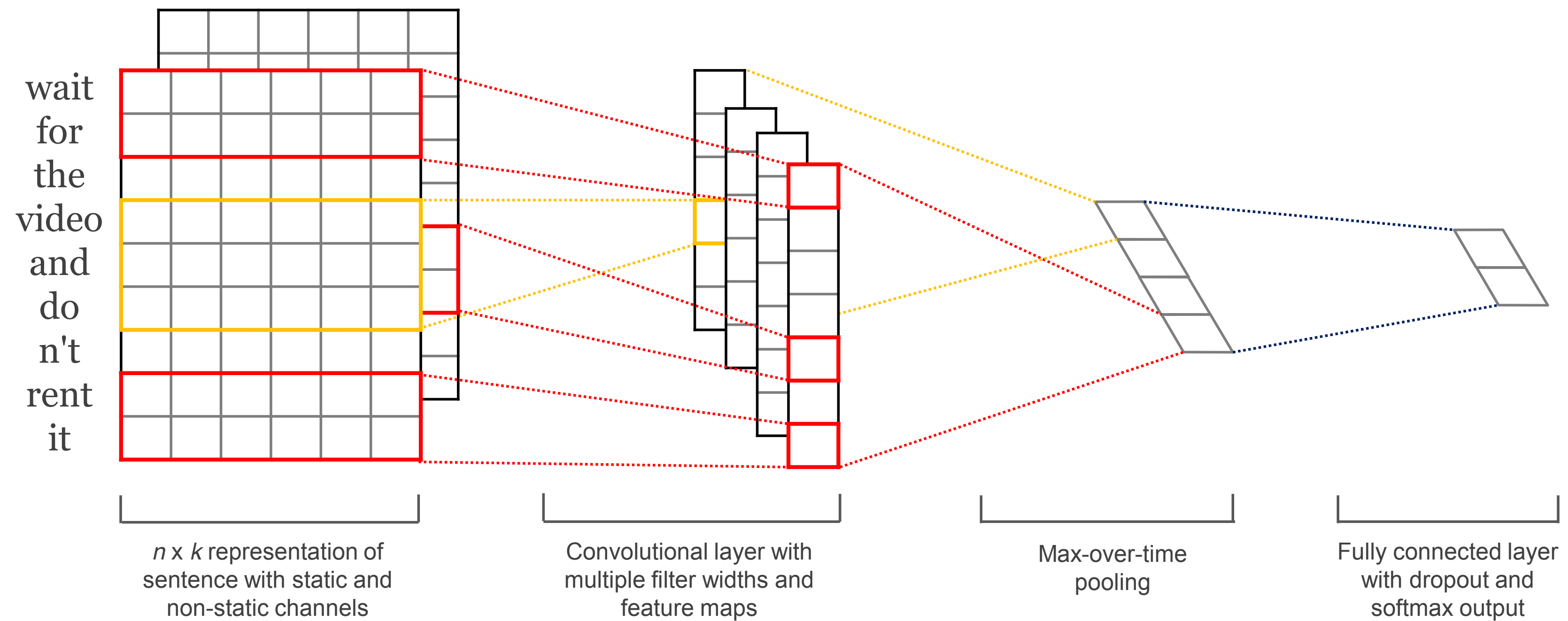
CNNs for Sentence Classification

- ▶ Question classification, sentiment, etc.
- ▶ Conv+pool, then use feedforward layers to classify
- ▶ Can use multiple types of input vectors (fixed initializer and learned)



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CNNs for Sentence Classification



Sentence Classification

movie review sentiment subjectivity/objectivity detection product reviews

Model	MR	SST-1	SST-2	Subj	TREC	CR	MPQA
CNN-multichannel	81.1	47.4	88.1	93.2	92.2	85.0	89.4
NBSVM (Wang and Manning, 2012)	79.4	—	—	93.2	—	81.8	86.3

question type classification

- ▶ Also effective at document-level text classification

Entity Linking

- ▶ CNNs can produce good representations of both sentences and documents like typical bag-of-words features
- ▶ Can distill topic representations for use in entity linking

that they had **disqualified** **Armstrong**
from his seven consecutive

cycling domain



Lance Armstrong

geopolitical domain



Armstrong County

Entity Linking

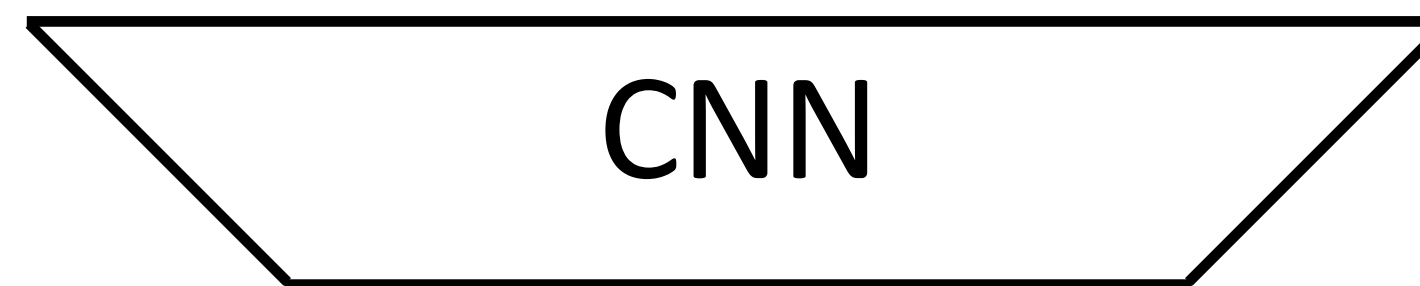
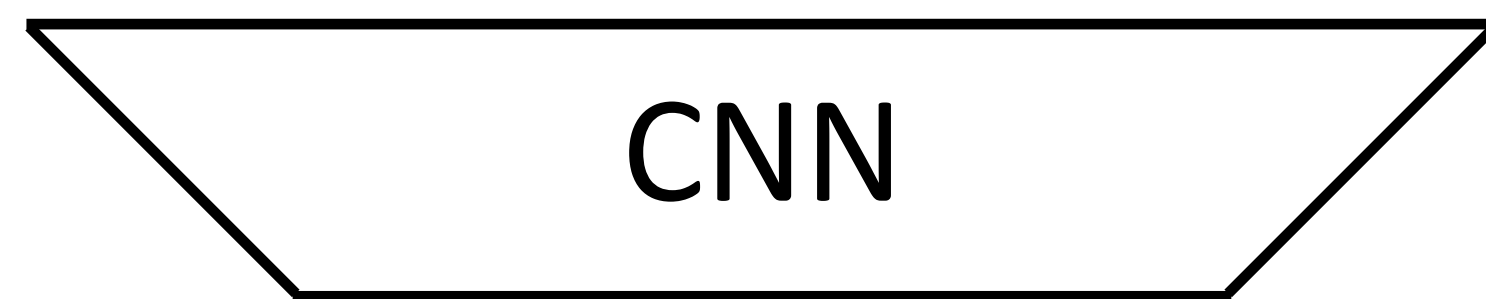
Although he originally won the event, the United States Anti-Doping Agency announced in August 2012 that they had disqualified **Armstrong** from his seven consecutive Tour de France wins from 1999–2005.



Lance Edward Armstrong is an American former professional road cyclist



Armstrong County is a county in Pennsylvania...



Document topic vector d

Article topic vector a_{Lance}

Article topic vector a_{County}

$$s_{\text{Lance}} = d \cdot a_{\text{Lance}}$$

$$s_{\text{County}} = d \cdot a_{\text{County}}$$

$$P(y|\mathbf{x}) = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{s})$$

Francis-Landau et al. (2016)

Entity Linking

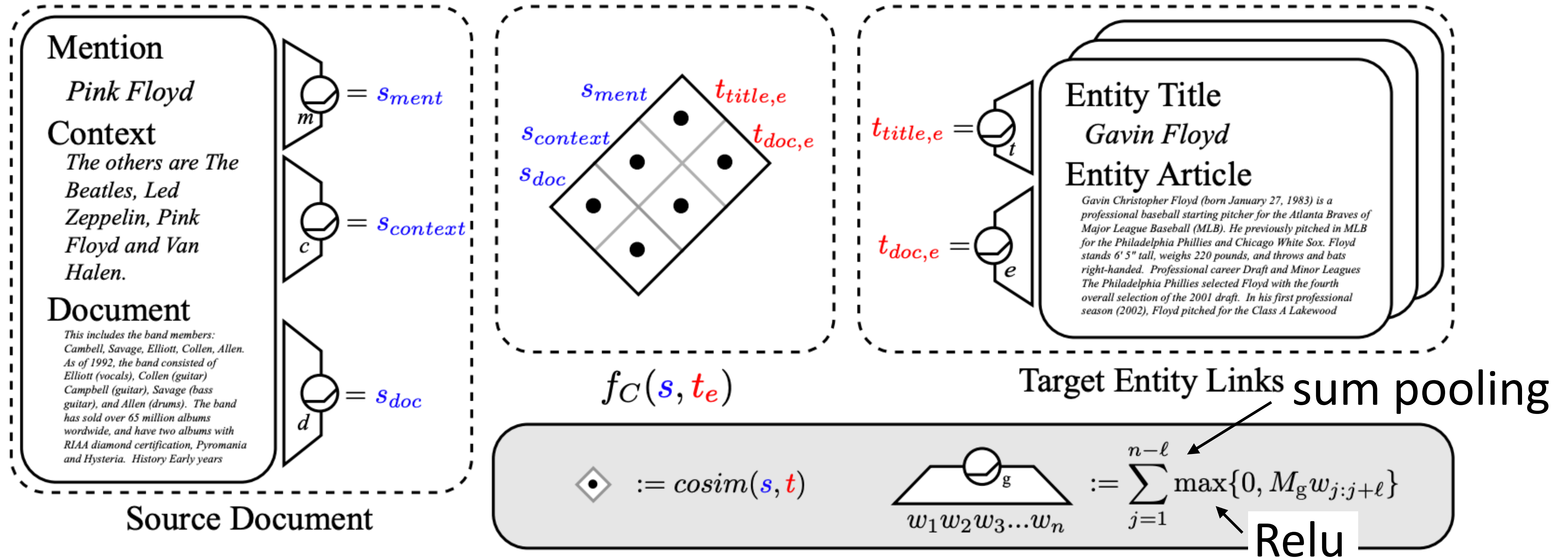
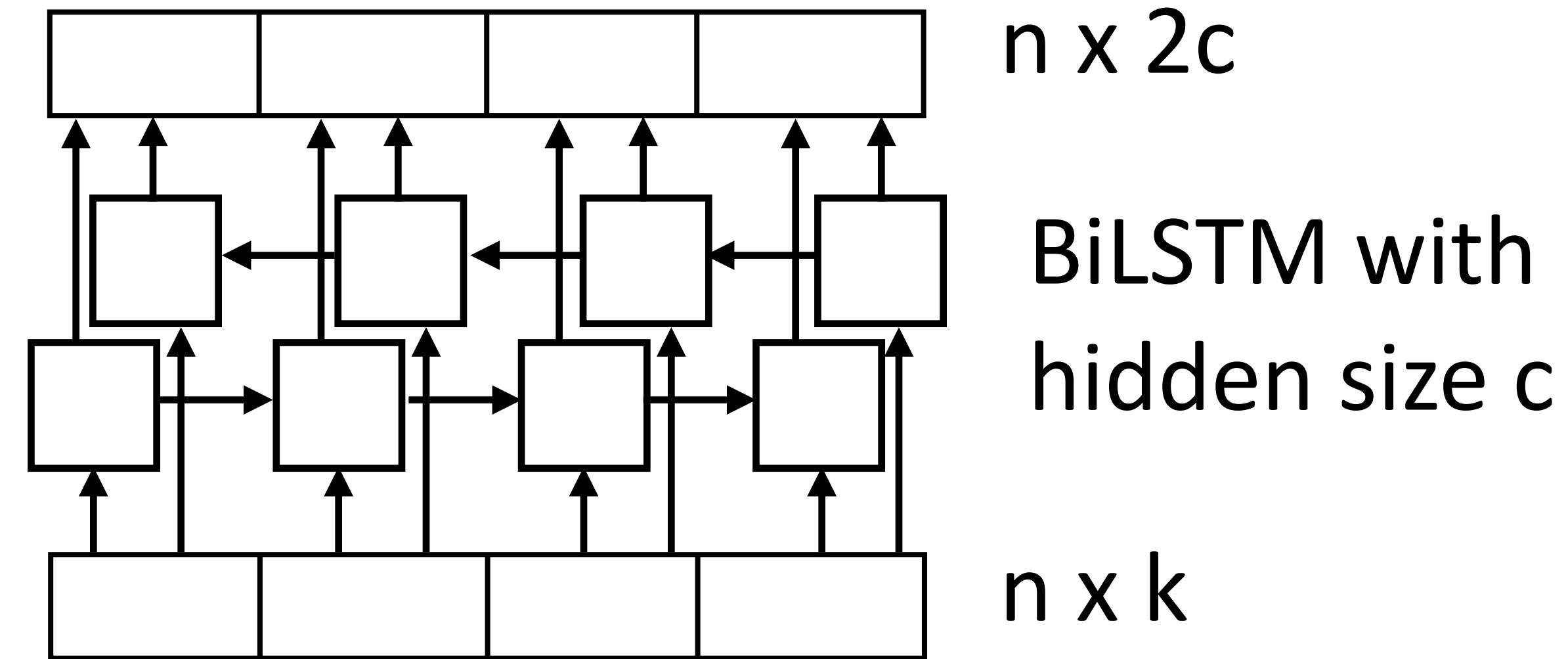


Figure 1: Extraction of convolutional vector space features $f_C(x, t_e)$. Three types of information from the input document and two types of information from the proposed title are fed through convolutional networks to produce vectors, which are systematically compared with cosine similarity to derive real-valued semantic similarity features.

Compare: CNNs vs. LSTMs



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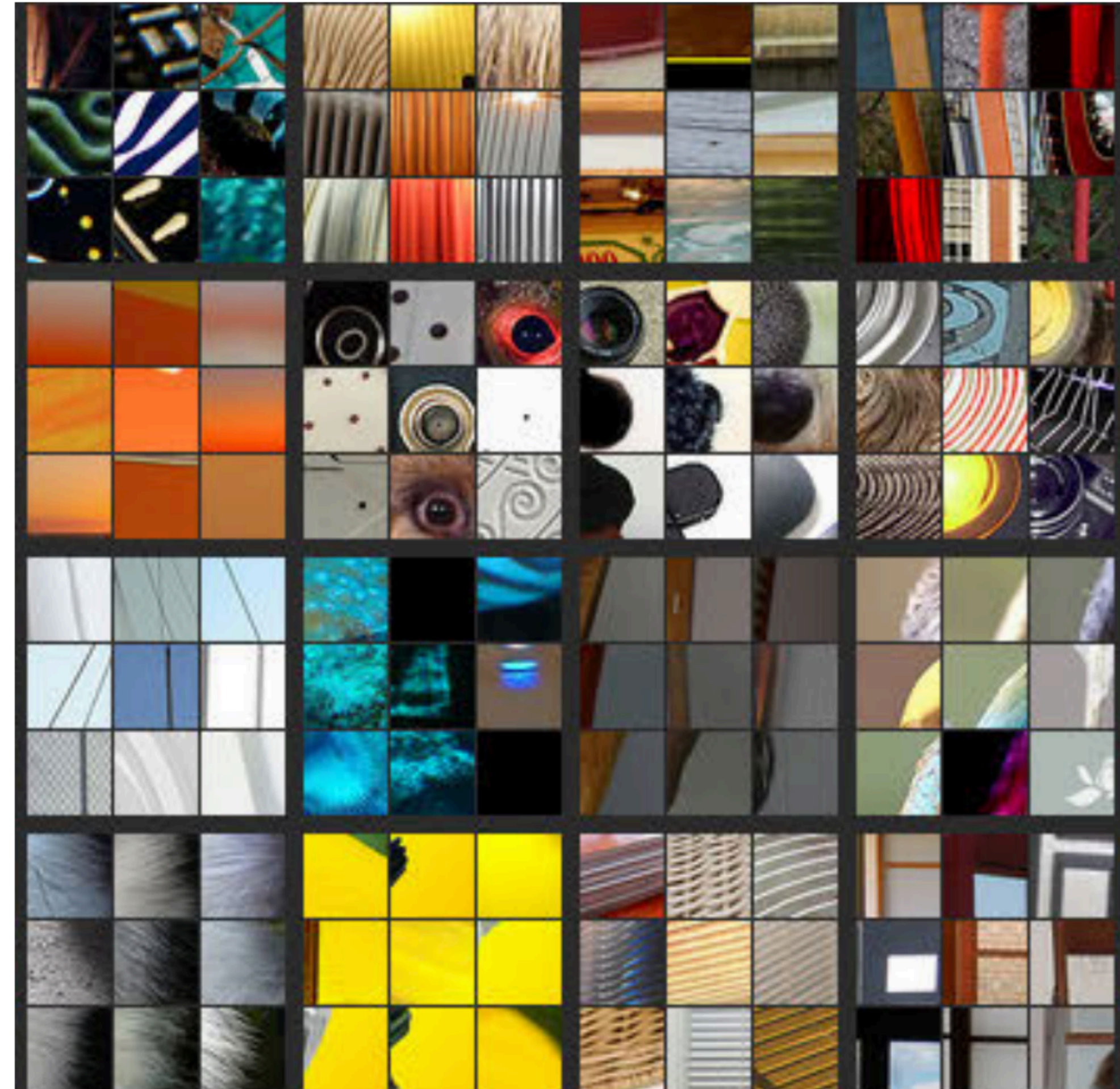
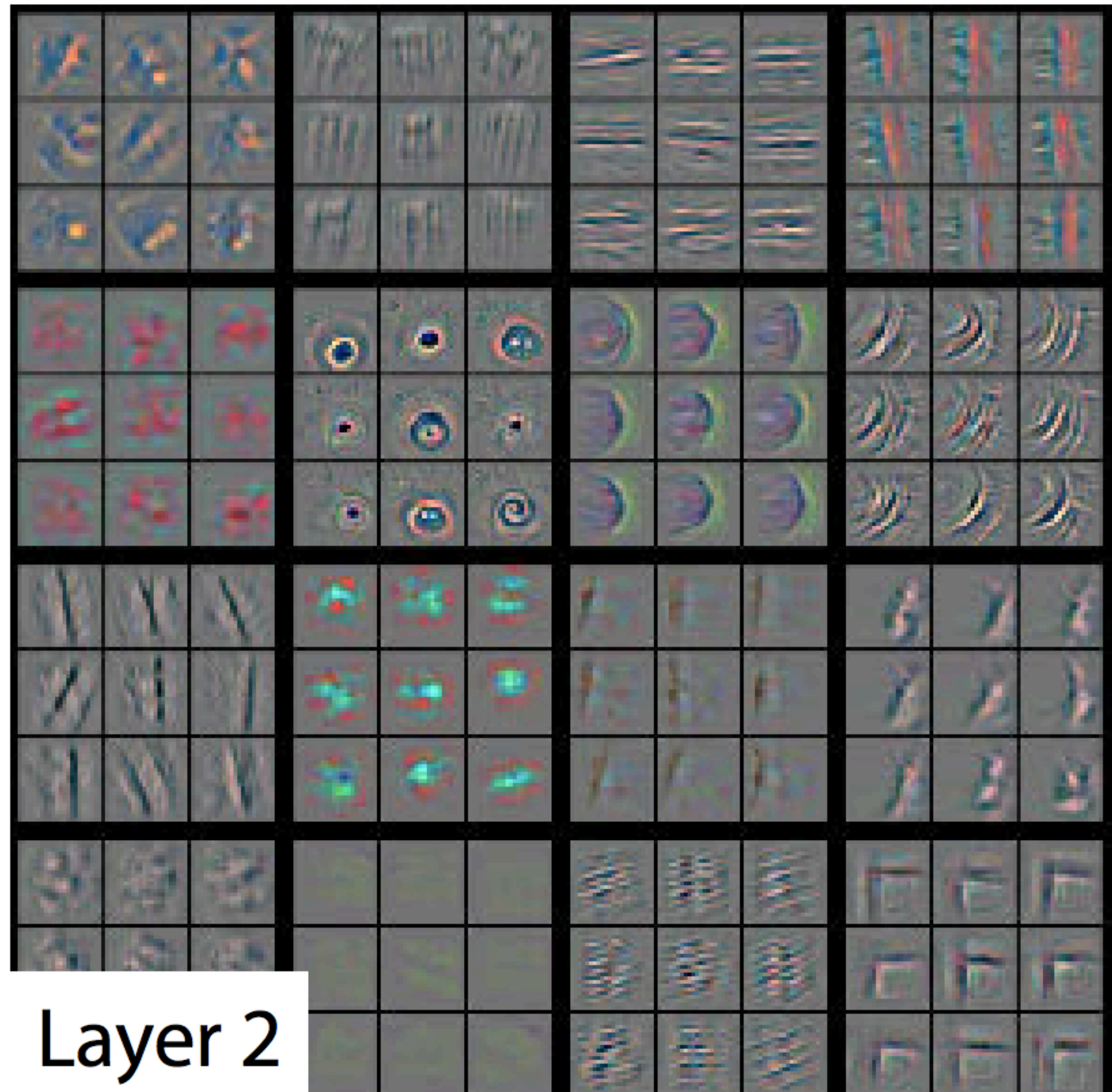


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- ▶ Both LSTMs and convolutional layers transform the input using context
- ▶ LSTM: “globally” looks at the entire sentence (but local for many problems)
- ▶ CNN: local depending on filter width + number of layers

Deep Convolutional Networks

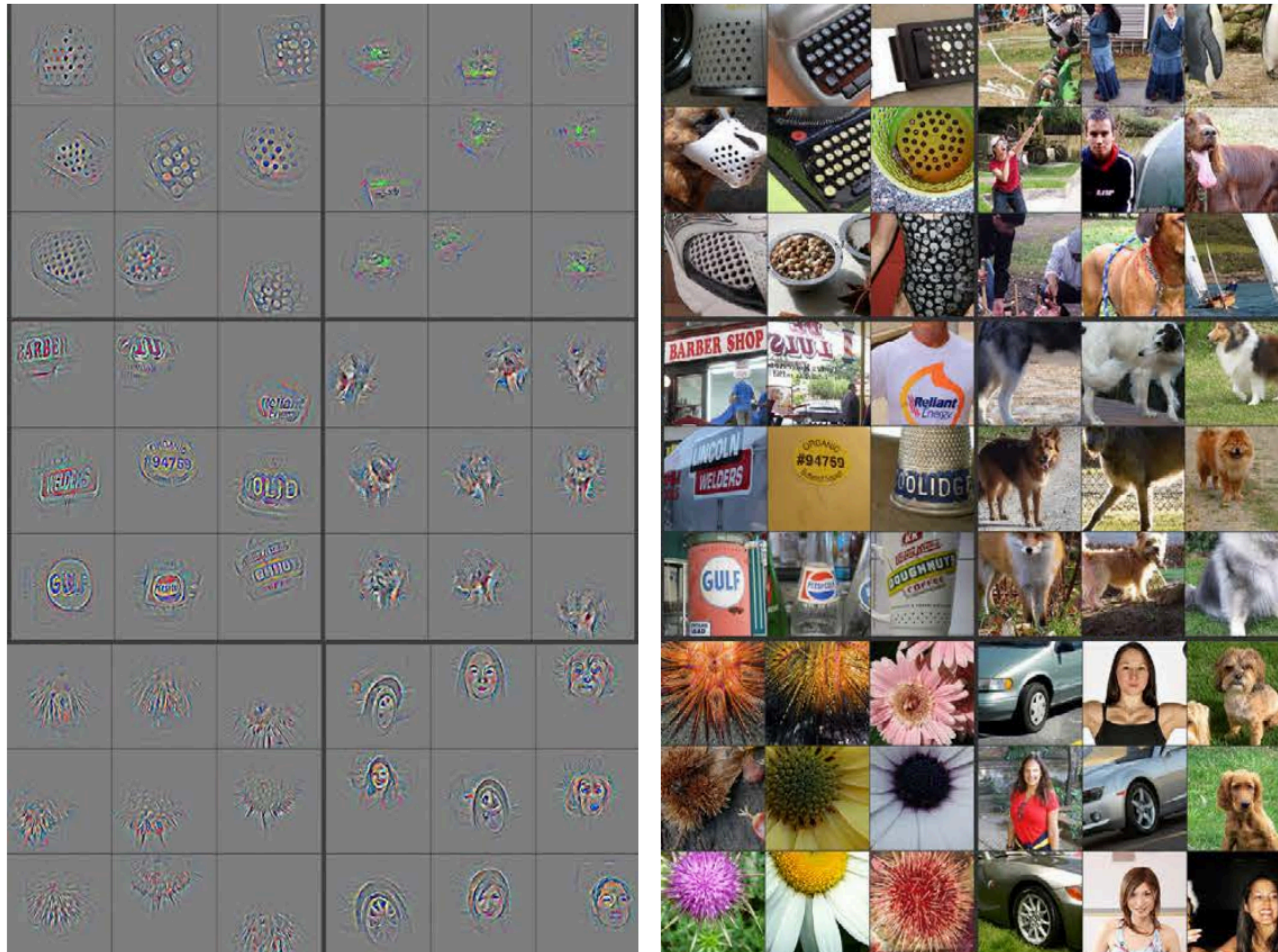
- ▶ Low-level filters: extract low-level features from the data



Zeiler and Fergus (2014)

Deep Convolutional Networks

- ▶ High-level filters: match larger and more “semantic patterns”



Zeiler and Fergus (2014)

Takeaways

- ▶ Neural CRF — All kinds of NNs can be integrated into CRFs for structured inference. Can be applied to NER, other tagging, parsing, ...
- ▶ CNN — CNNs are a flexible way of extracting features analogous to bag of n-grams, can also encode positional information

Sentence Alignment

► Neural CRF for Sentence Alignment


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Archaeologist may have found remains of ancient Egyptian Queen Nefertiti

By Robert Gebelhoff, Washington Post. 08.17.15



The 3,330-year-old bust of Nefertiti sits in an exhibition in the Kulturforum in Berlin, Germany, March 1, 2005. Photo: AP/Herbert Knosowski

Nefertiti — she's an ancient Egyptian queen and the source of a fantastic mystery regarding the iconic remnants of long-lost royalty.

For decades, archaeologists have speculated on the location of the queen's remains, the last royal mummy missing from the dynasty of the famous King Tutankhamun, better known as King Tut. But now, an archaeologist claims that he has found her

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Professional editors rewrite news articles into 4 different readability levels for grade 3-12 students.

Sentence Alignment

► Neural CRF for Sentence Alignment

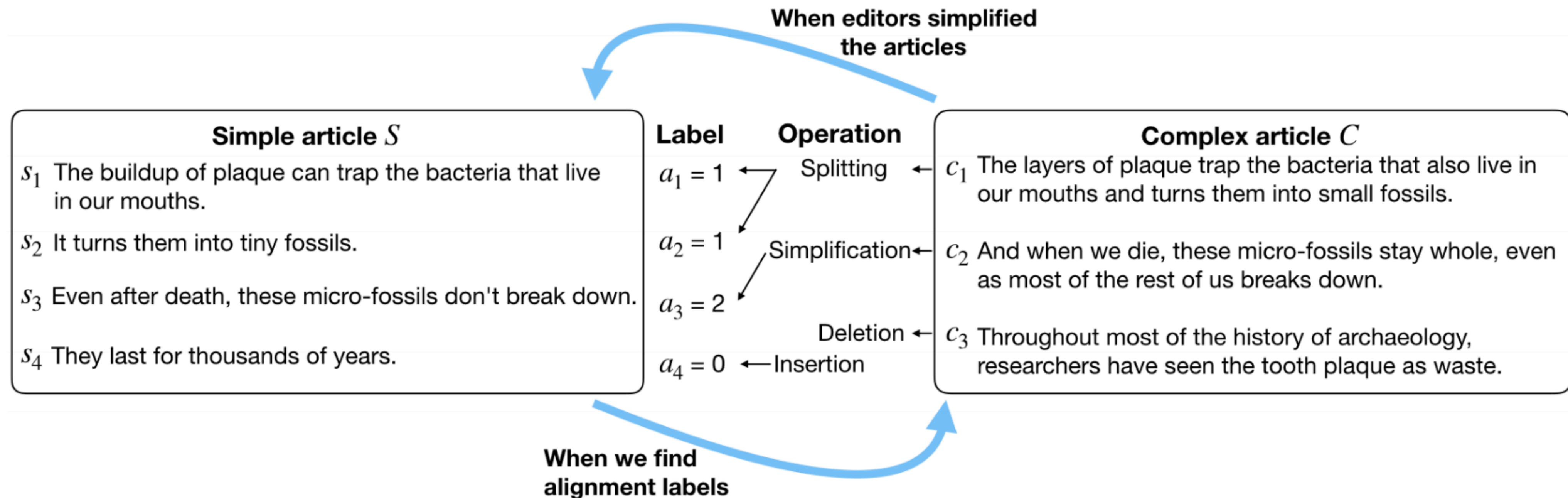
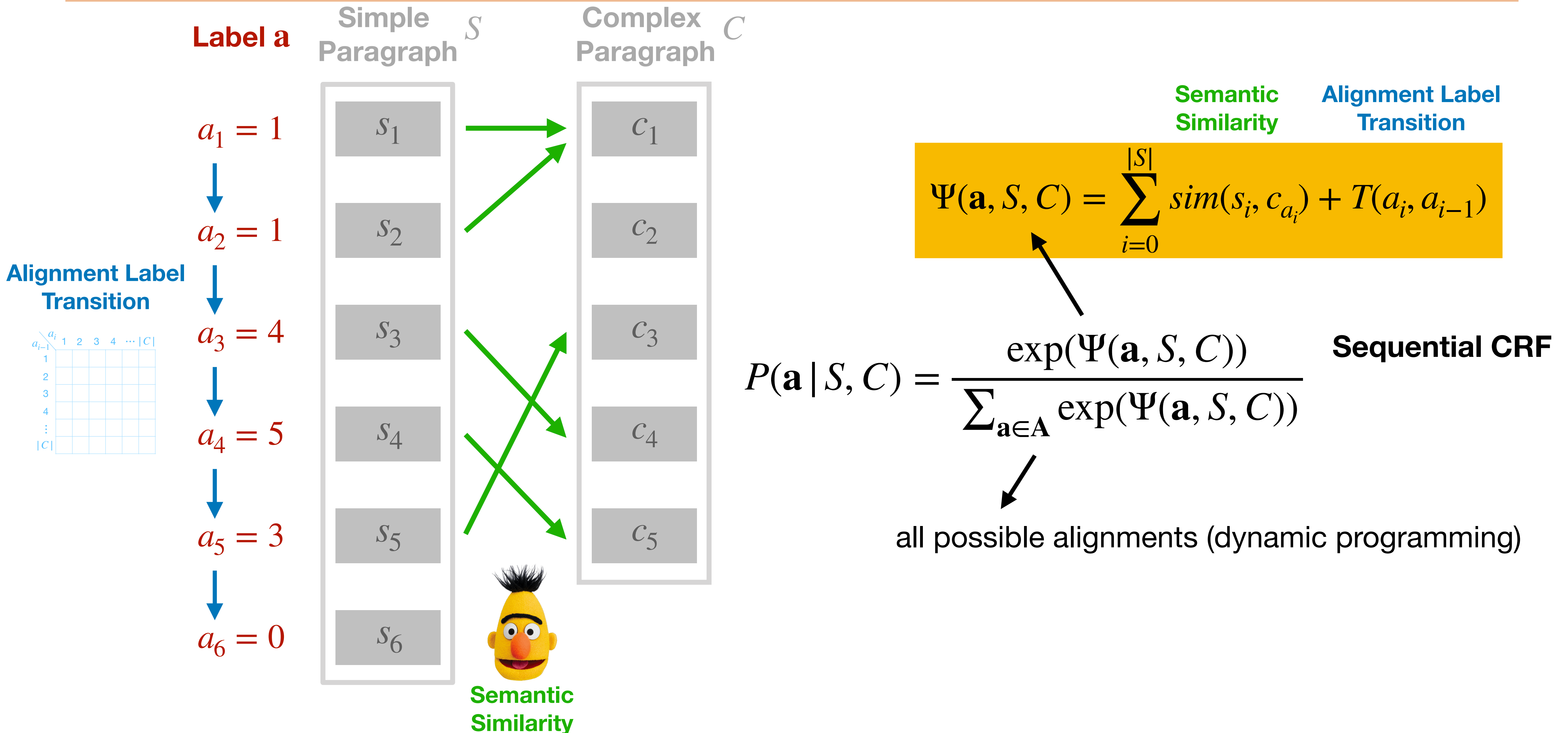


Figure 1: An example of sentence alignment between an original news article (right) and its simplified version (left) in Newsela. The label a_i for each simple sentence s_i is the index of complex sentence c_{a_i} it aligns to.

Sentence Alignment



Sentence Alignment

- Structure prediction + BERT_{finetune} → A neural CRF alignment model.

		aligned + partial vs. others*		
		Precision	Recall	F1
Greedy	JaccardAlign (Xu et al., 2015)	98.66	67.58	80.22
Dynamic Programming	MASSAlign (Paetzold et al., 2017)	95.49	82.27	88.39
Greedy	CATS (Štajner et al., 2018)	88.56	91.31	89.92
Threshold	BERT _{finetune}	94.99	89.62	92.22
Threshold	BERT _{finetune} + paragraph alignment	98.05	88.63	93.10
CRF	Our CRF aligner	97.86	91.31	95.59

+5.7

* Results are on the manually annotated Newsela dataset.