EEP 596: LLMs: From Transformers to GPT || Lecture 7 Dr. Karthik Mohan

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Deep Learning

Great reference for the theory and fundamentals of deep learning: Book by Goodfellow and Bengio et al Bengio et al Deep Learning History

Embeddings SBERT and its usefulness SBert Details

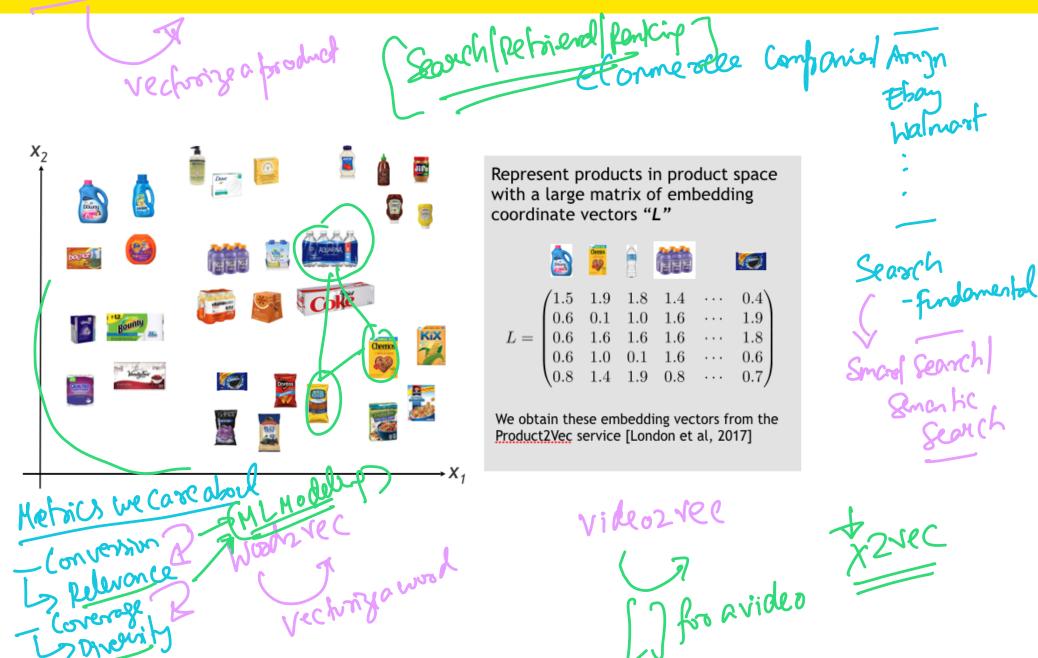
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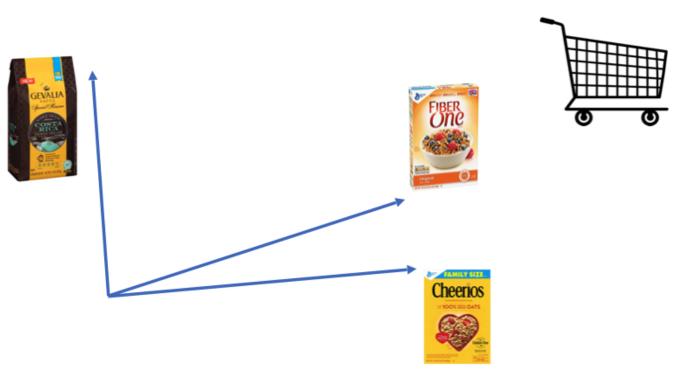
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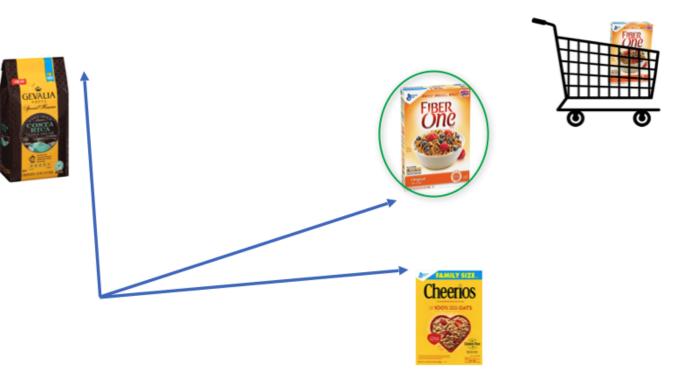
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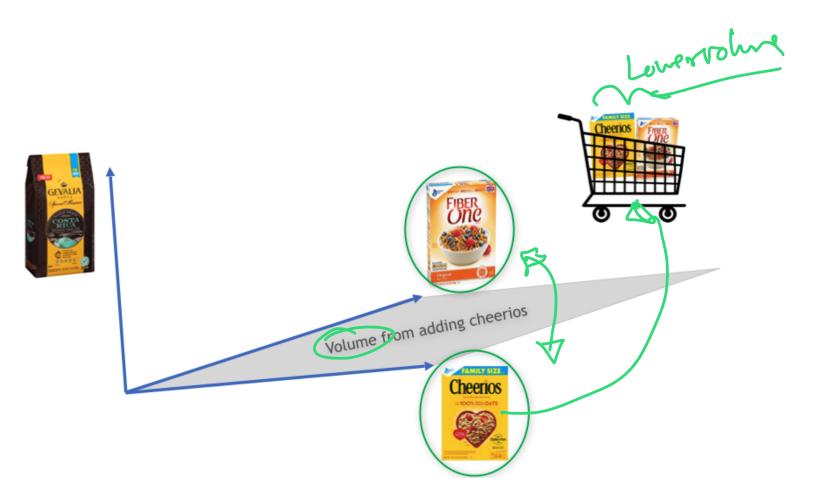
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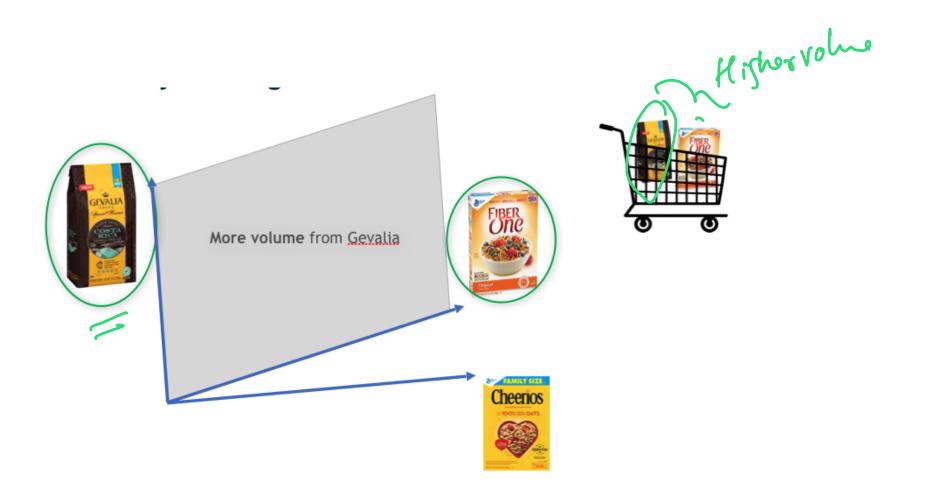
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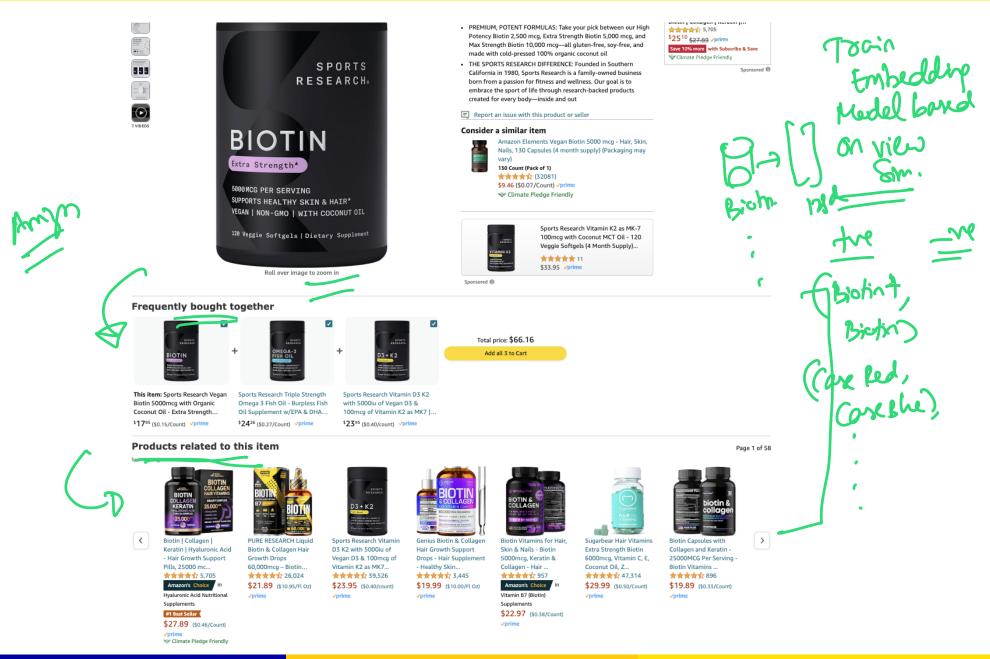
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View Similarity or Purchase Similarity

Consider a company that sells products online. As we know, embedding representations for words or products in this case are learned from data. The question is which data to use? These are referred to as signals sometimes. So the question is, does **view similarity** of products represent a better signal for learning embeddings or **purchase similarity**? Remember: Good embeddings embed similar products close to each other dis-similar products away from each other.

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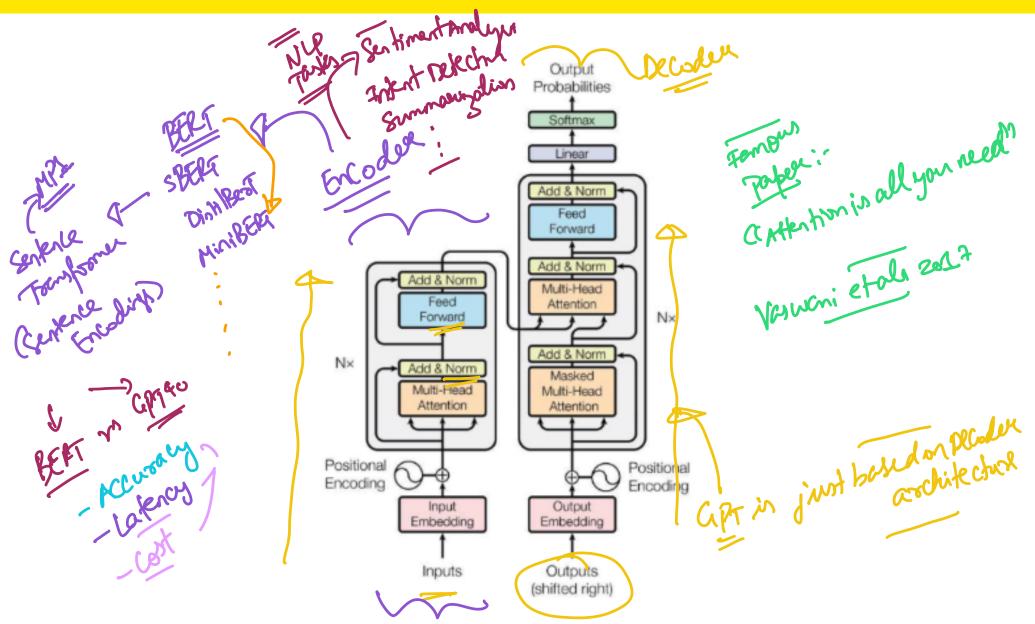
Next Topic: Transformers, BERT and connections to Embeddings

Capturing Sequence of information

As we discussed in the history of Deep Learning - RNNs and LSTMs are DL archs that are able to capture sequence information in a sentence to some extent (the **chocolate milk** vs **milk chocolate** example). On the other hand, they weren't robust to larger context or multiple sentences and could only operate with smaller sentence lengths. This is where the advent of Transformers was a breakthrough for ML/DL and AI in general -They could do much better in capturing context, sequential information, supported multiple sentences and paragraphs, etc.

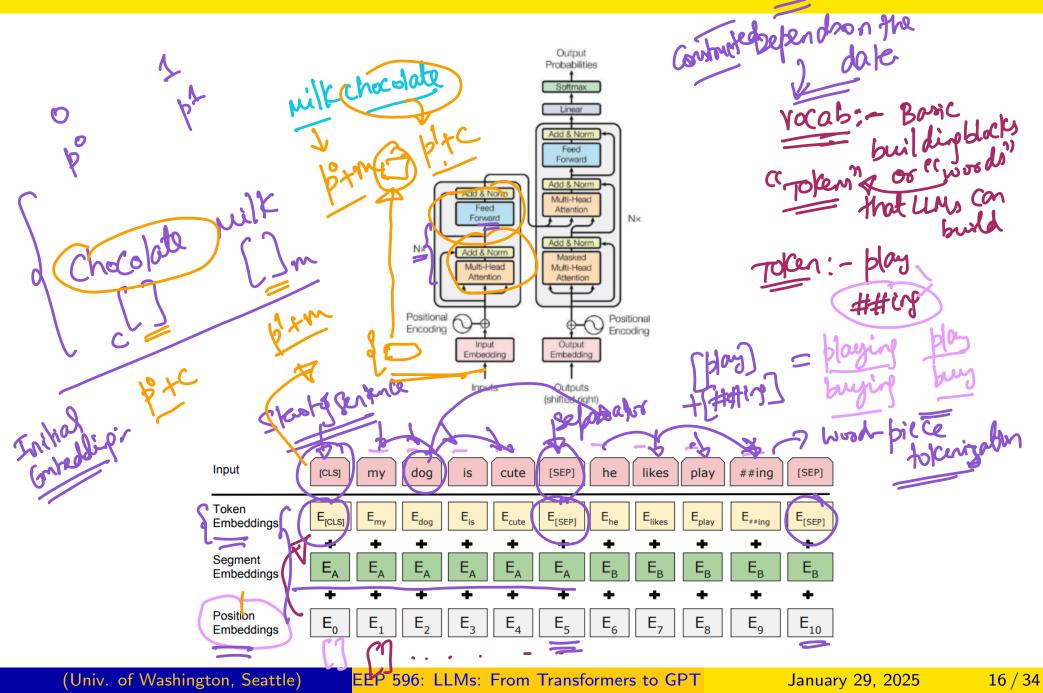
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Transformers - Encoder and Decoder Architecture

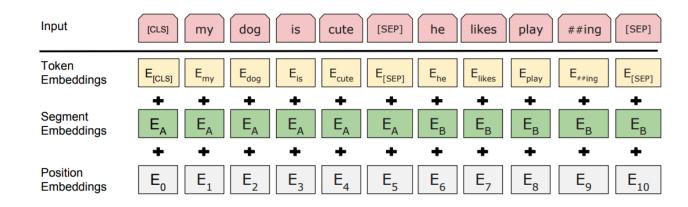


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Understanding Encoder/BERT at high-level



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OpenAI GPT	82.1/81.4	70.3	87.4	91.3	45.4	80.0	82.3	56.0	75.1
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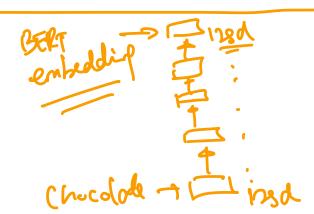
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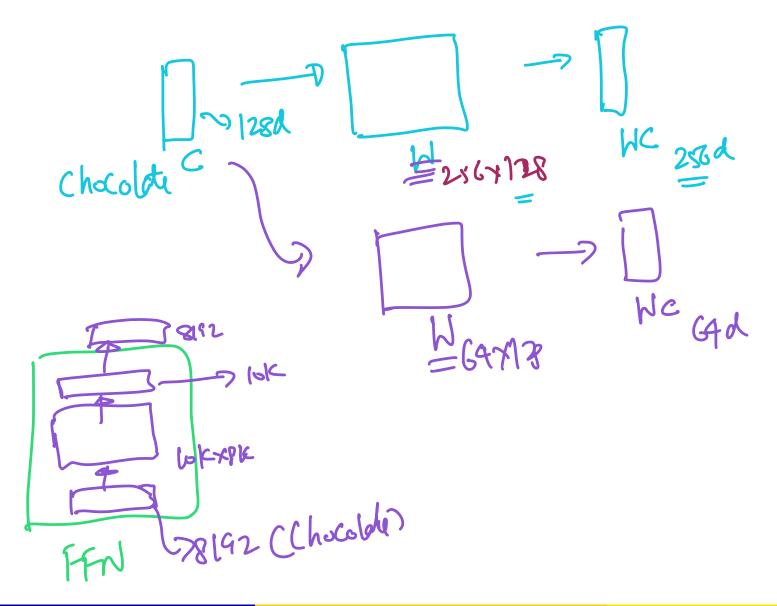
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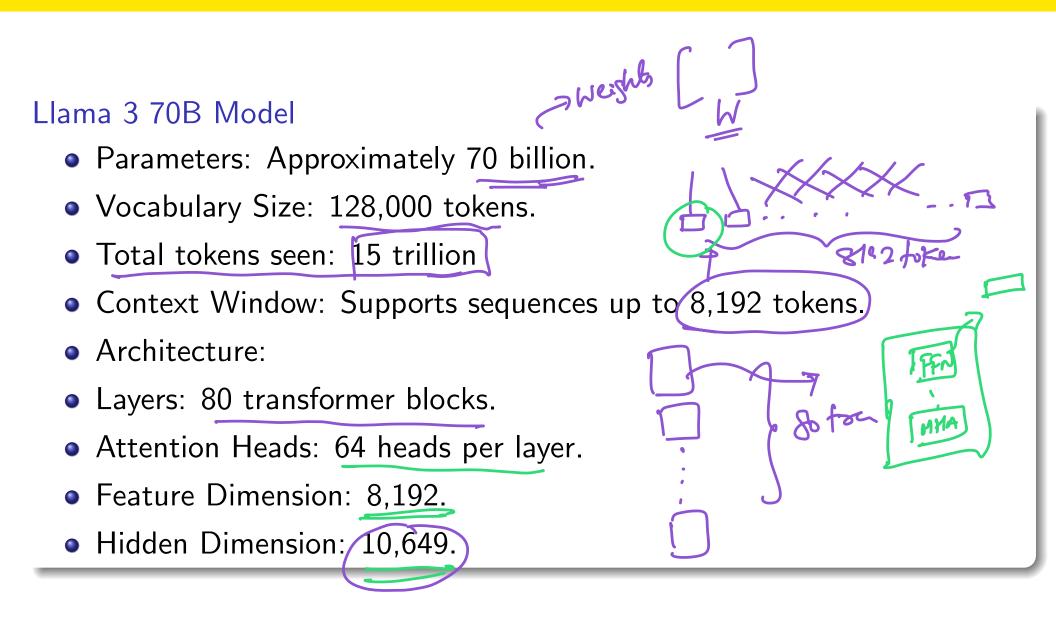
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- ③ BERT Embedding: This is the embedding or the vector used after having gone through the Encoder Architecture
- Sentence BERT (sBERT) Embedding: This is the embedding that you are using in Mini-Project 1, an encoding into a vector that's optimized for sentence similarity! (More on this in a bit)

Linear Transformations and Projections

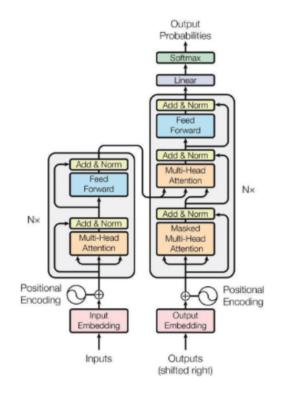


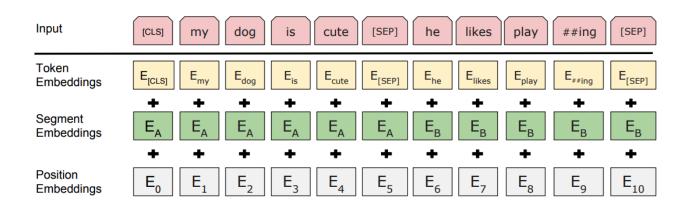
Path of a sentence through transformer layers

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Compute Sentence Embedding (15 mins)

Instructions: Write a python module to compute sentence embeddings given words and their embeddings.

Encapsulate your code in a class structure. With one method for each of the sentence embedding computations asked below. Each method takes in as input a sentence and outputs a sentence embedding. Also have class variables to store vocab embeddings, filler words and attention weights (part 3).

Submit: Your code on canvas link that will be opened up shortly for bonus points that can be used towards your grade.

Vocabulary: Assume the vocabulary consists of 5 words:

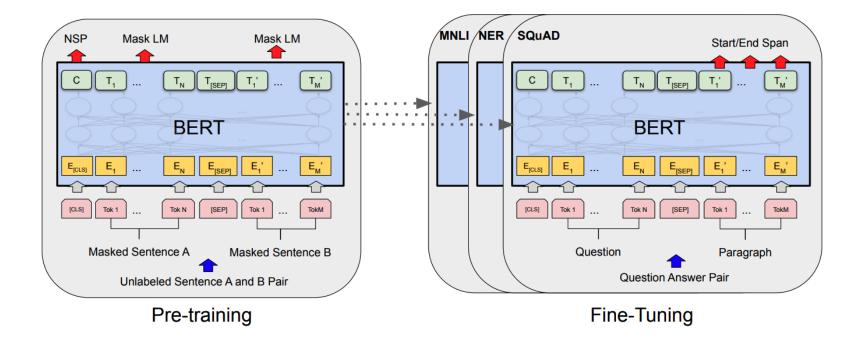
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1, Simple Average Embedding Compute the sentence embedding by simple averaging. For any word not in vocabulary, use the embedding as [-1, -1]. What's the resulting sentence embedding with this approach? 2. Skip filler words embedding: Let filler words be 1, and as, for, it, or, maybe. If you encounter any filler words in a sentence, skip the filler word for the embedding computation. What's the sentence embedding with this approach? **3. Learned Sentence embedding:** Assume you learned a set of weights that in word embeddings as input and give out sentence embedding as output. This is done by taking a weighted average of the embeddings. For the above sentence, let the weights learned could be from a self-attention layer. Assume the weights for words in the vecabulary are: [0.5, 1, 0.7, 0.9, 0.3, 0.2, 0, 4]. What would be the resulting embedding?

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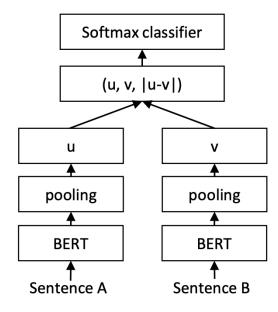
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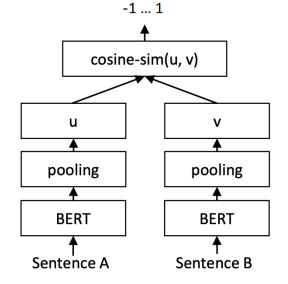


Figure 1: SBERT architecture with classification objective function, e.g., for fine-tuning on SNLI dataset. The two BERT networks have tied weights (siamese network structure).

Figure 2: SBERT architecture at inference, for example, to compute similarity scores. This architecture is also used with the regression objective function.

Loss Function for SBERT

Retrieving Tables with Chat bots — 7 mins

You are building a chat-bot product at your company where queries come in from customers that own data in your company's cloud service. Your chat-bot responds and retrieves the right table or combination of tables (through merge/filter operations) that contains this information or returns back with follow up questions to get more precise information or get back with a "Sorry, I don't have that information" response. How would you go about building a chat-bot like this? What data would you use? What data stores/data bases would be appropriate? What Deep Learning models would you use, would it be supervised or un-supervised learning? What would be your evaluation metric? How would you test if your chat bot is accurate in its responses?