

# Pre-training Strategies

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# OpenAI introduces GPT-OSS

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An open weights model with strong reasoning performance

The **120B** model is on par with **o4-mini** on reasoning benchmarks, while running efficiently on a single 80 GB GPU

## gpt-oss-120b

A large open model designed to run in data centers and on high-end desktops and laptops.

## gpt-oss-20b

A medium-sized open model that can run on most desktops and laptops.

They also released a **20b** model, which shows similar performance to that of **o3-mini**. It only requires 16 GB of memory and can easily run on edge devices, making it ideal for local inference.

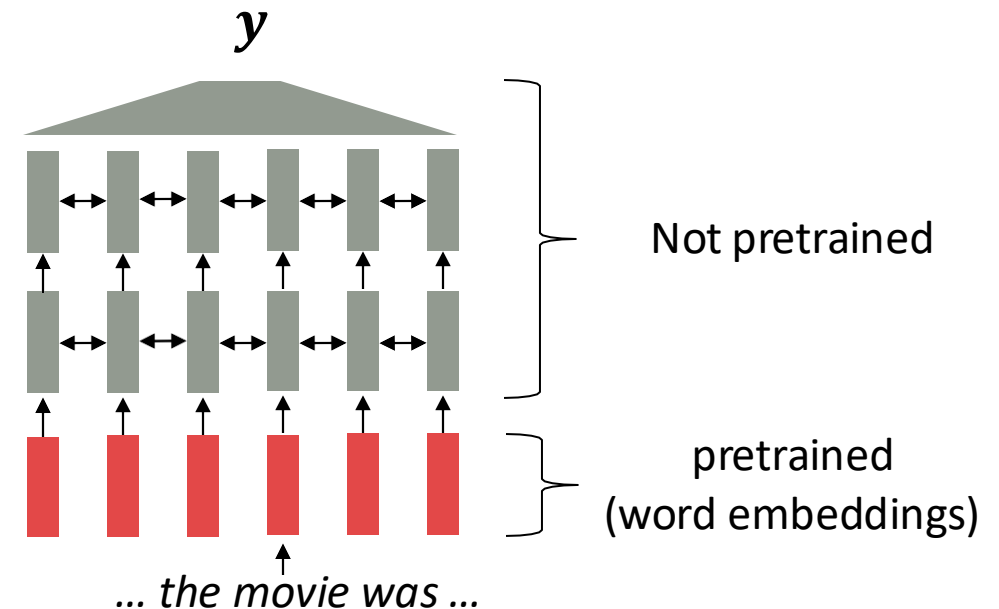
This is a huge deal, allowing people to run state-of-the-art gpt models locally on their devices

# Where We Were: Pre-trained Word Vectors

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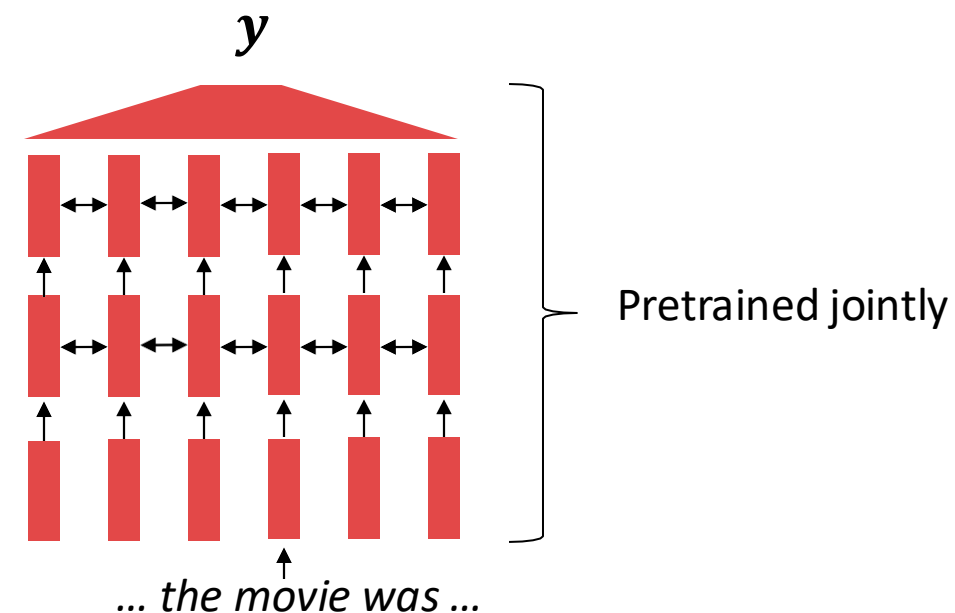
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- Start with pretrained word embeddings (no context!)
- Learn how to incorporate context in an LSTM or Transformer while training on the task.
- The training data we have for our **downstream task** (like question answering) must be sufficient to teach all contextual aspects of language.
- Most of the parameters in our network **are randomly initialized!**



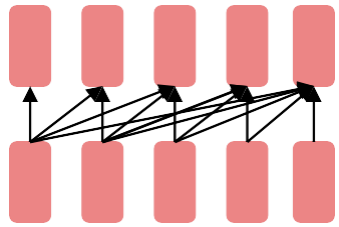
# Pre-trained Word Vectors -> Pre-trained Models

- All (or almost all) parameters in NLP networks are initialized via **pretraining**.
- Pretraining methods hide parts of the input from the model, and train the model to reconstruct those parts.
- This has been exceptionally effective at building strong:
  - **representations of language**
  - **parameter initializations** for strong NLP models.
  - **Probability distributions** over language that we can sample from



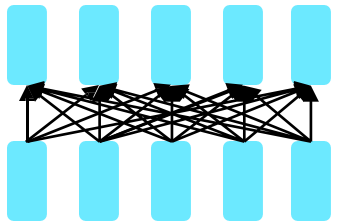
# Pretraining for Three Types of Architectures

The neural architecture influences the type of pretraining, and natural use cases.



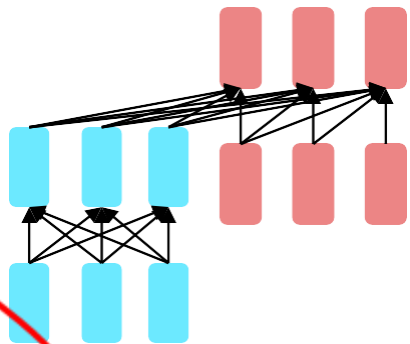
**Decoders**

- Language models! What we've seen so far.
- Nice to generate from; can't condition on future words



**Encoders**

- Gets bidirectional context – can condition on future!
- How do we pretrain them?



**Encoder-  
Decoders**

- Good parts of decoders and encoders?
- What's the best way to pretrain them?

**BERT:** Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers

# **BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding**

**Jacob Devlin   Ming-Wei Chang   Kenton Lee   Kristina Toutanova**

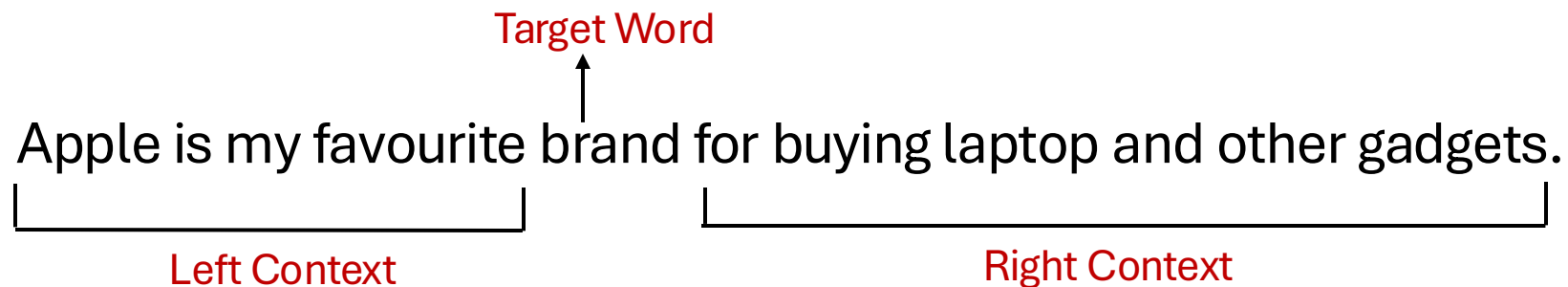
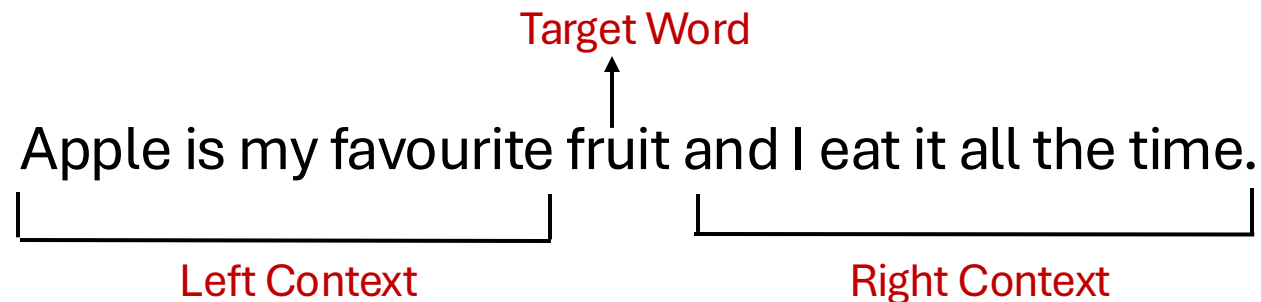
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Slides are adopted from Jacob Devlin

## Background - Bidirectional Context

- Bidirectional context, unlike unidirectional context, takes into account both the left and right contexts.

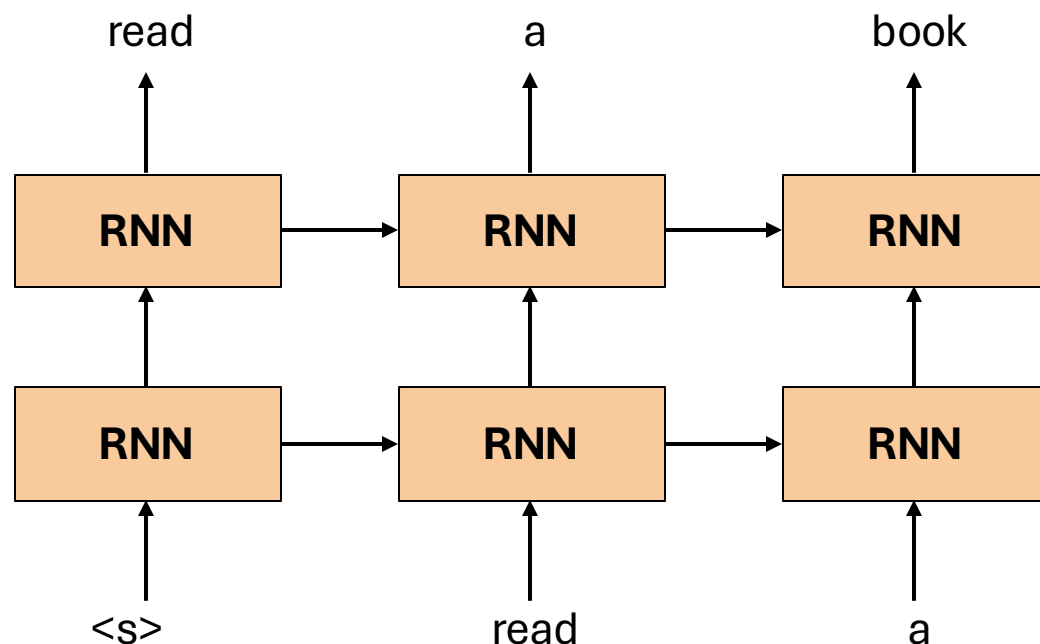


# Motivation

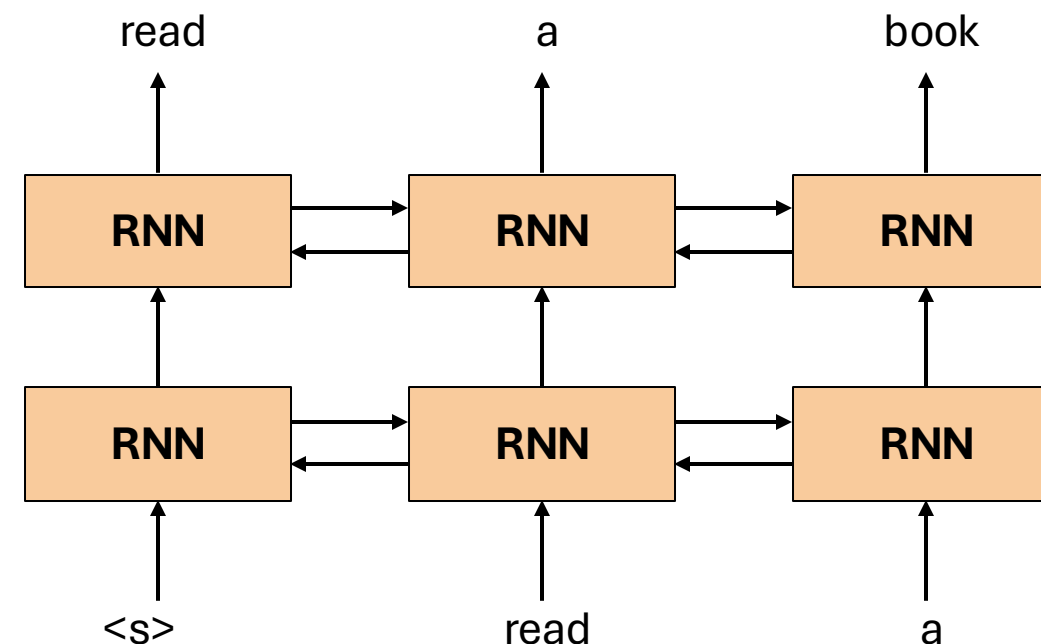
- **Problem with previous methods:**
  - Language models only use left context or right context.
  - But language understanding is **bidirectional**.
- **Possible Issue:**
  - Directionality is needed to generate a well-formed probability distribution.
  - Words can see themselves in a bidirectional model.



# Unidirectional vs. Bidirectional Models



**Unidirectional**



**Bidirectional**

# Masked Language Modelling

- Mask out  $k\%$  of the input words, and then predict the masked words (Usually  $k = 15\%$ ). Example:

I like going to the [MASK] in the evening

↓  
park

- Too little masking: Too expensive to train
- Too much masking: Not enough context
- The model needs to predict 15% of the words, but we don't replace with [MASK] 100% of the time. Instead:

- 80% of the time, **replace with [MASK]**

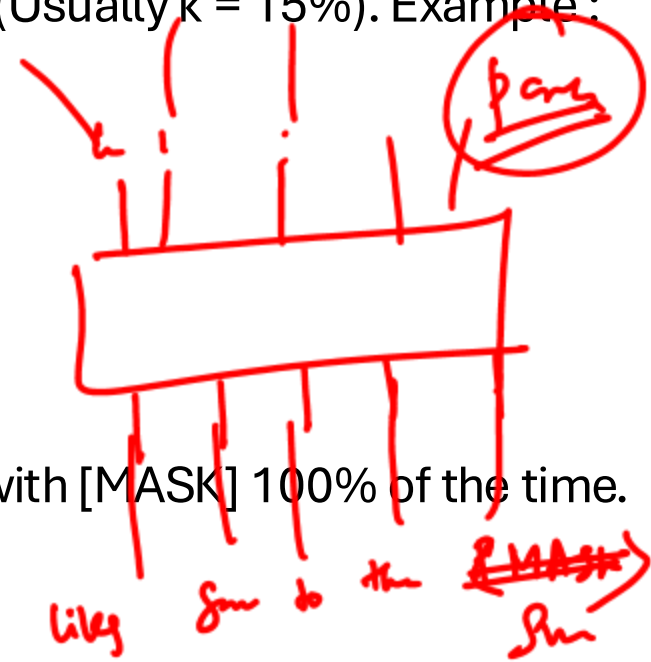
- Example : like going to the park → like going to the [MASK]

- 10% of the time, **replace random word**

- Example : like going to the park → like going to the store

- 10% of the time, **keep same**

- Example : like going to the park → like going to the park



# Next Sentence Prediction

- To learn relationships between sentences, predict whether Sentence B is actual sentence that proceeds Sentence A, or a random sentence.

Input = [CLS] I enjoy read [MASK] book ##s [SEP]

I finish ##ed a [MASK] novel [SEP]

Label = IsNext

Input = [CLS] I enjoy read ##ing book [MASK] [SEP]

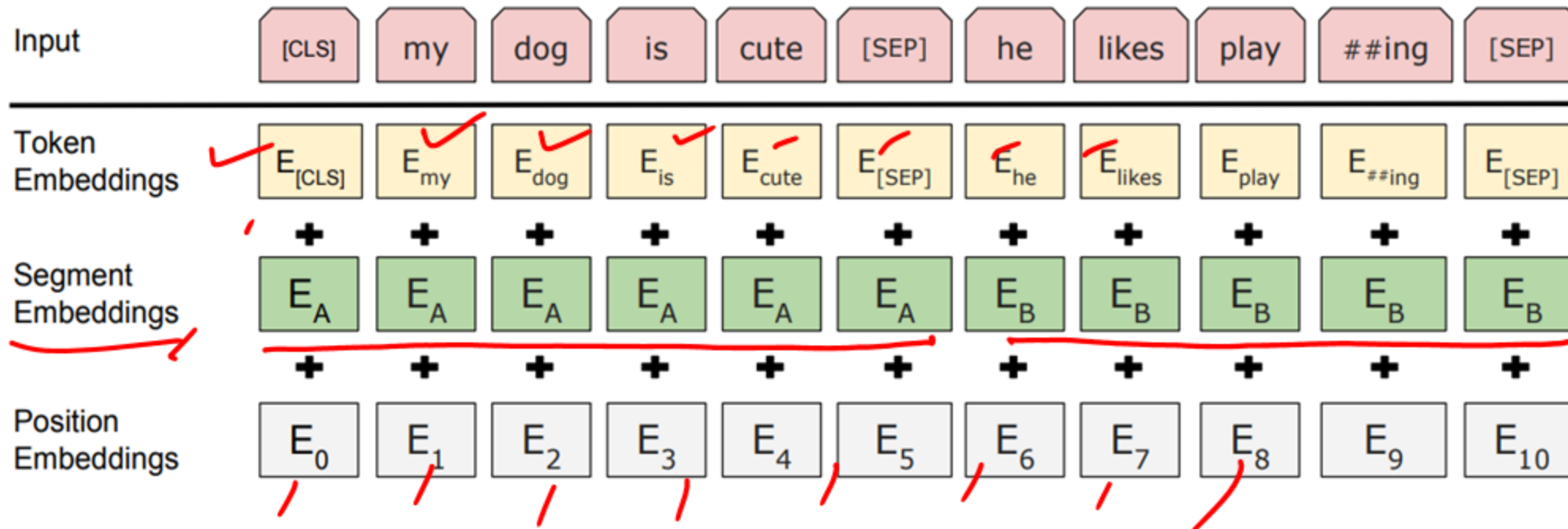
The dog ran [MASK] the street [SEP]

Label = NotNext

- Important for many important downstream tasks such as Question Answering (QA) and Natural Language Inference (NLI)
- How to choose sentences A and B for pretraining?
  - 50% of the time B is the actual next sentence that follows A (labeled as IsNext)
  - 50% of the time it is a random sentence from the corpus (labeled as NotNext)

# Input Representation

- Use 30,000 WordPiece vocabulary on input.
- For a given token, its input representation is constructed by summing the token embeddings, the segmentation embeddings and the position embeddings.

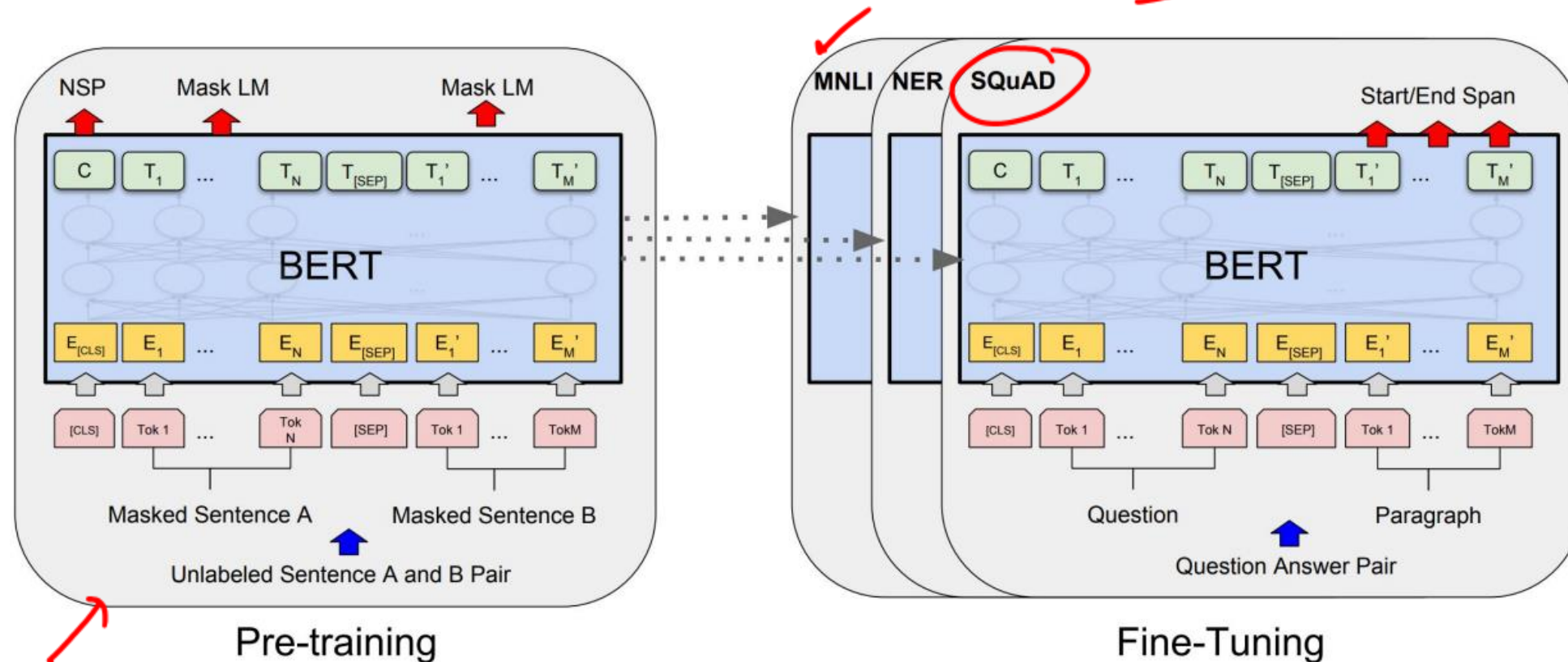


Source of Image : BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding (Devlin et al., NAACL 2019)

# Training Details

- Data: Wikipedia (2.5B words) + BookCorpus (800M words)
- Batch Size: 131,072 words (1024 sequences \* 128 length or 256 sequences \* 512 length)
- Training Time: 1M steps (~40 epochs)
- Optimizer: AdamW, 1e-4 learning rate, linear decay
- BERT-Base: 12-layer, 768-hidden, 12-head
- BERT-Large: 24-layer, 1024-hidden, 16-head
- Trained on 4x4 or 8x8 TPU slice for 4 days

# Fine-Tuning Procedure



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# Pre-Training Encoder-Decoder Models

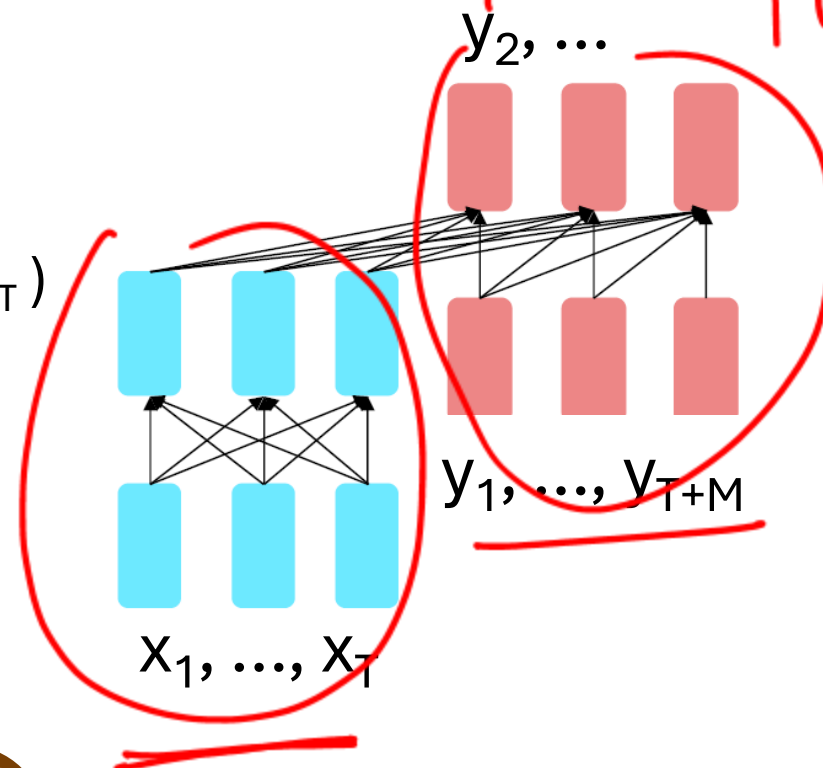
- For **encoder-decoders**, we could do something like **language modeling**, but where a prefix of every input is provided to the encoder and is not predicted.

$$h_1, \dots, h_T = \text{Encoder}(x_1, \dots, x_T)$$

$$h_{T+1}, \dots, h_{T+M} = \text{Decoder}(y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}, h_1, \dots, h_T)$$

$$P(y_i | y_{<i}, h_{1:T}) = \text{Softmax}(Wh_i + b)$$

The **encoder** portion benefits from bidirectional context; the **decoder** portion is used to train the whole model through language modeling.

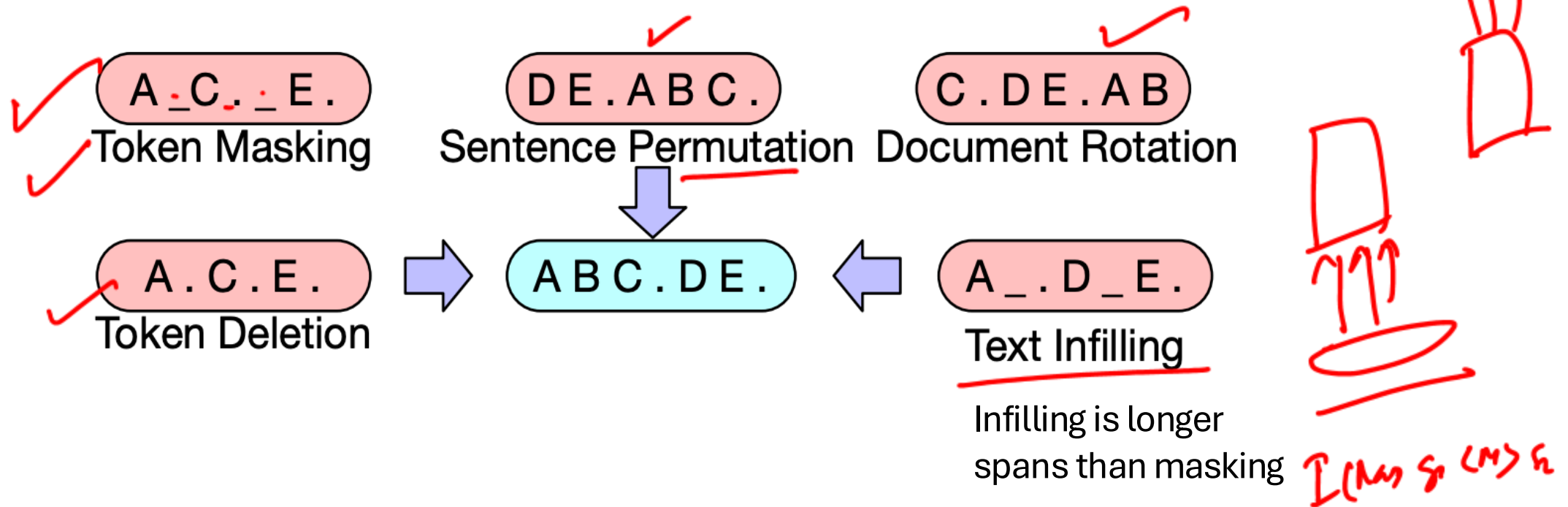


# Pre-Training Encoder-Decoder Models

- How can we pre-train a model for  $P(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})$ ?
- **Requirements:**
  1. should use unlabeled data
  2. should force a model to attend from  $\mathbf{y}$  back to  $\mathbf{x}$



# Pre-Training BART (Bidirectional and Auto-Regressive Transformers)

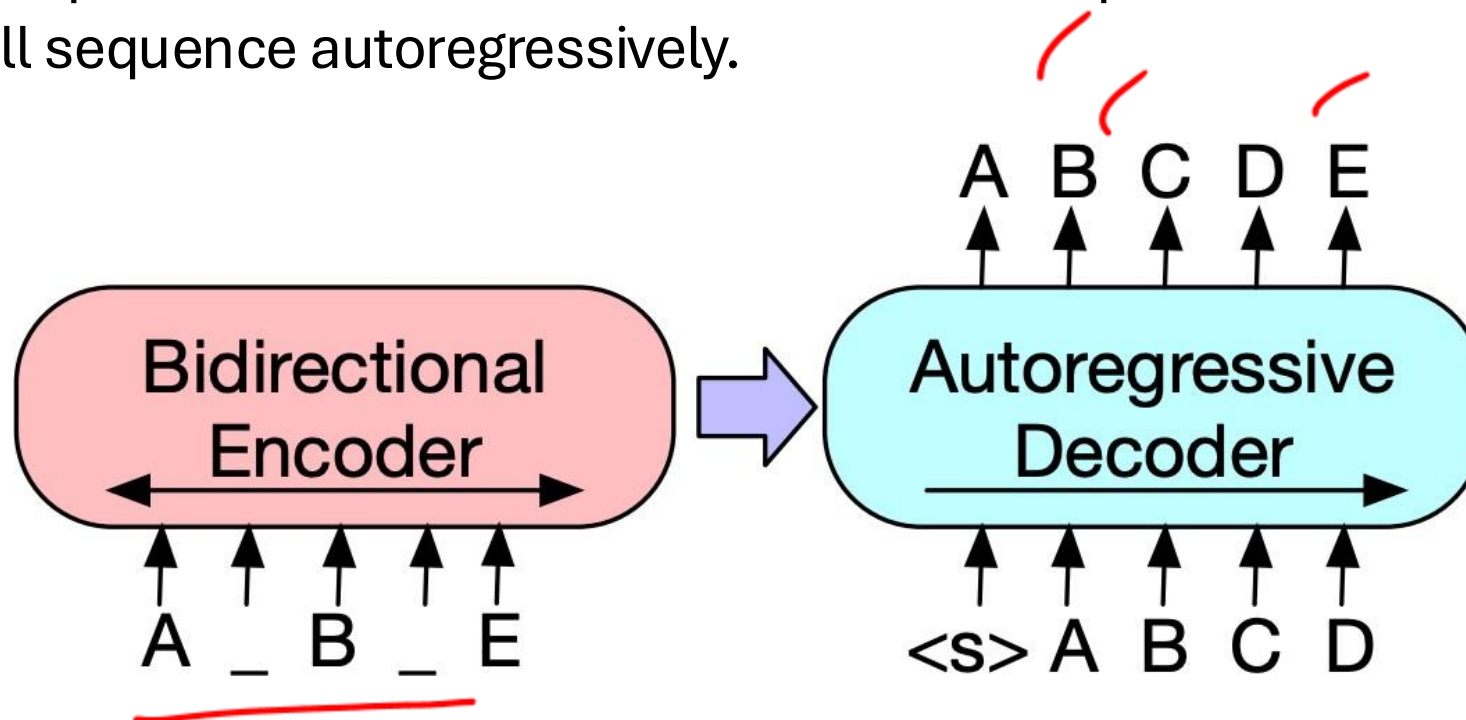


- Several possible strategies for corrupting a sequence are explored in the BART paper.

Lewis et al. (2019), "BART: Denoising Sequence-to-Sequence Pre-training for Natural Language Generation, Translation, and Comprehension"

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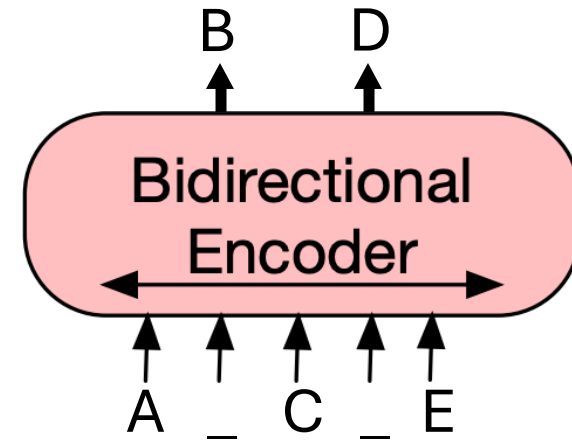
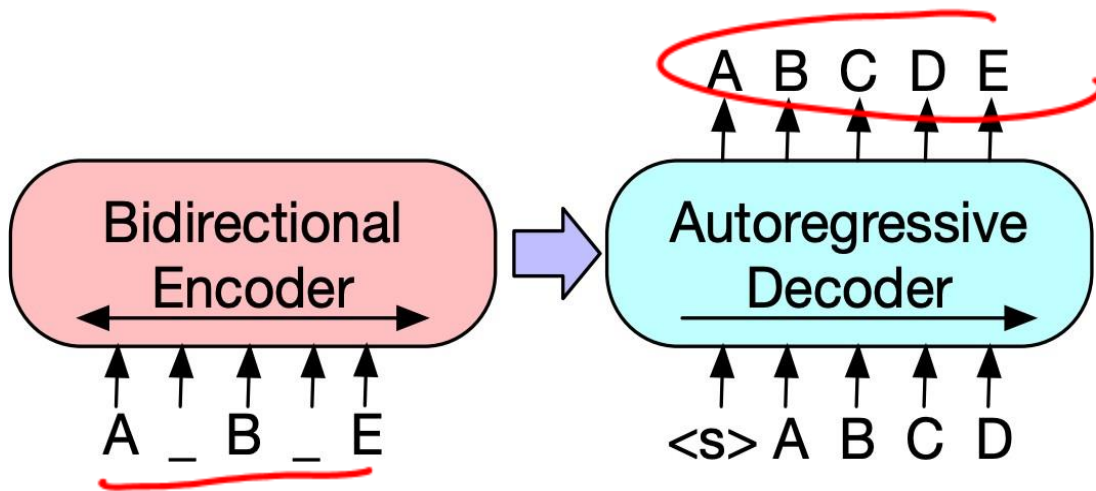
- Sequence-to-sequence Transformer trained on this data: permute/make/delete tokens, then predict full sequence autoregressively.



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# BERT vs. BART

- **BERT:** only an encoder, trained with masked language modeling objective. Cannot generate text or do Seq2Seq tasks (in standard form).

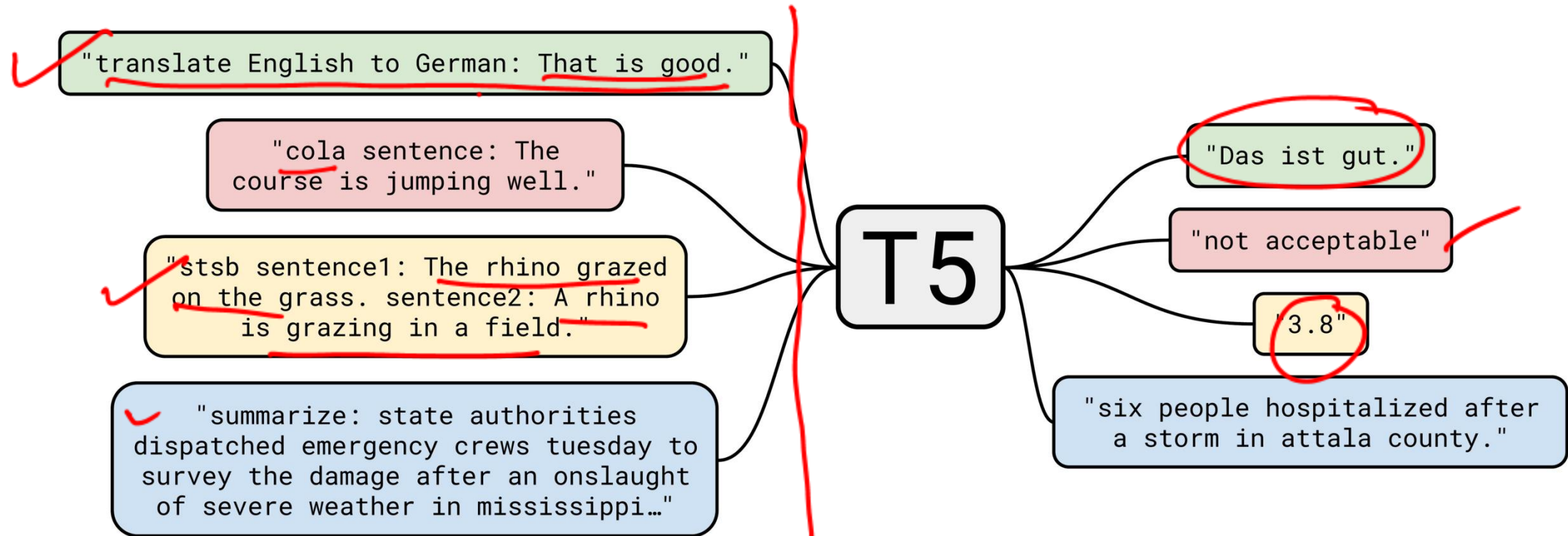


- **BART:** consists of both an encoder and a decoder. Can also use just the encoder wherever we would use BERT.

# BART for Summarization

- **Pre-train** on the BART task: take random chunks of text, noise them according to the schemes described, and try to “decode” the clean text
- **Fine-tune** on a summarization dataset: a news article is the input and a summary of that article is the output (usually 1-3 sentences depending on the dataset)
- Can achieve good results even with **few summaries to fine-tune on**, compared to basic seq2seq models which require 100k+ examples to do well

# T5: Text-to-Text Transfer Transformer



Raffel et al. (2019), "Exploring the Limits of Transfer Learning with a Unified Text-to-Text Transformer"

# Pre-Training T5

- **Pre-training:** similar denoising scheme to BART (they were released within a week of each other in fall 2019)
- **Input:** text with gaps ; **Output:** a series of phrases to fill those gaps.

Original text

✓ Thank you ~~for inviting~~ me to your party ~~last~~ week.

Inputs

✓ Thank you <X> me to your party <Y> week.

Targets

✓ <X> for inviting <Y> last <Z>

Raffel et al. (2019)

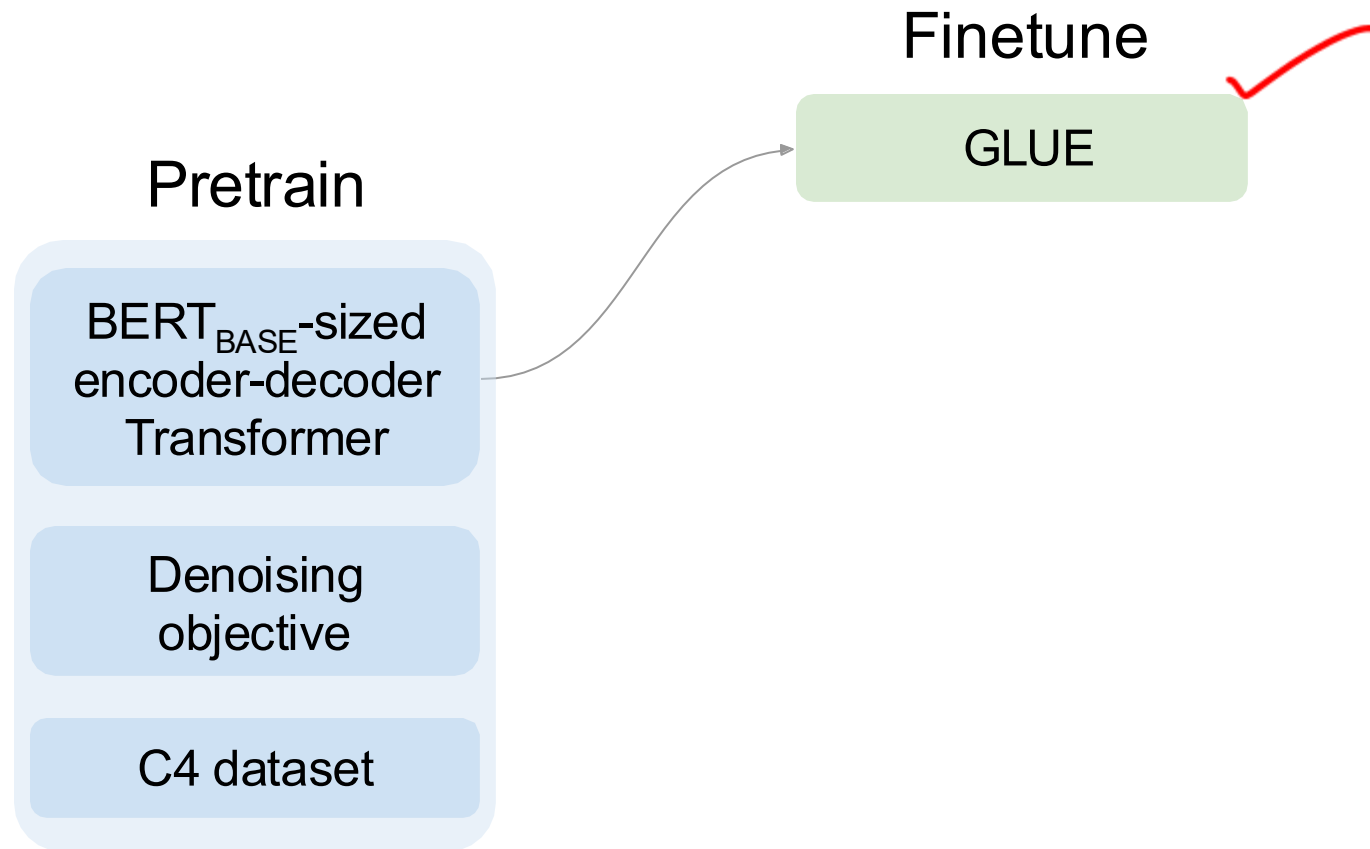
Replace different-length spans from the input with unique placeholders; decode out the spans that were removed!

## Pretrain

BERT<sub>BASE</sub>-sized  
encoder-decoder  
Transformer

Denoising  
objective ✓

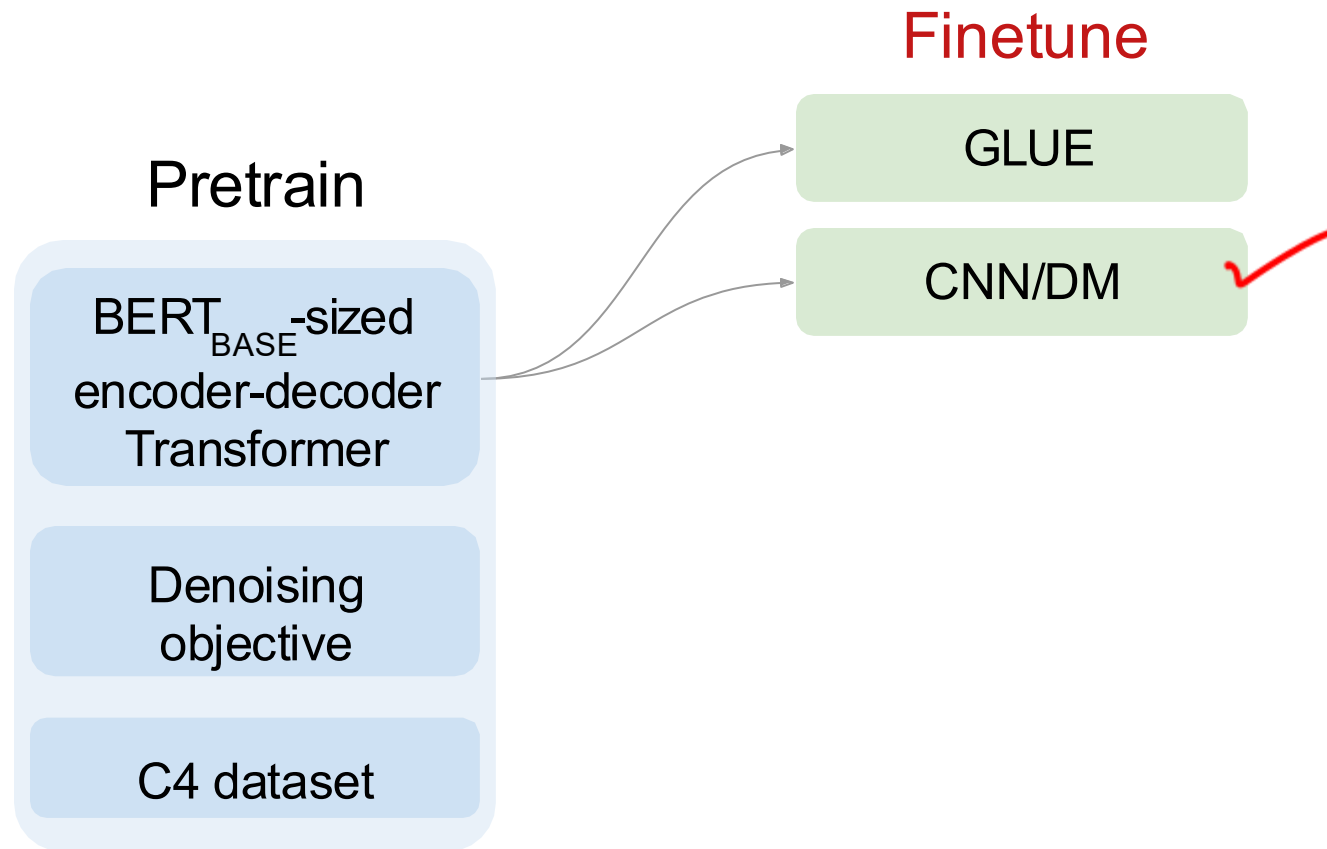
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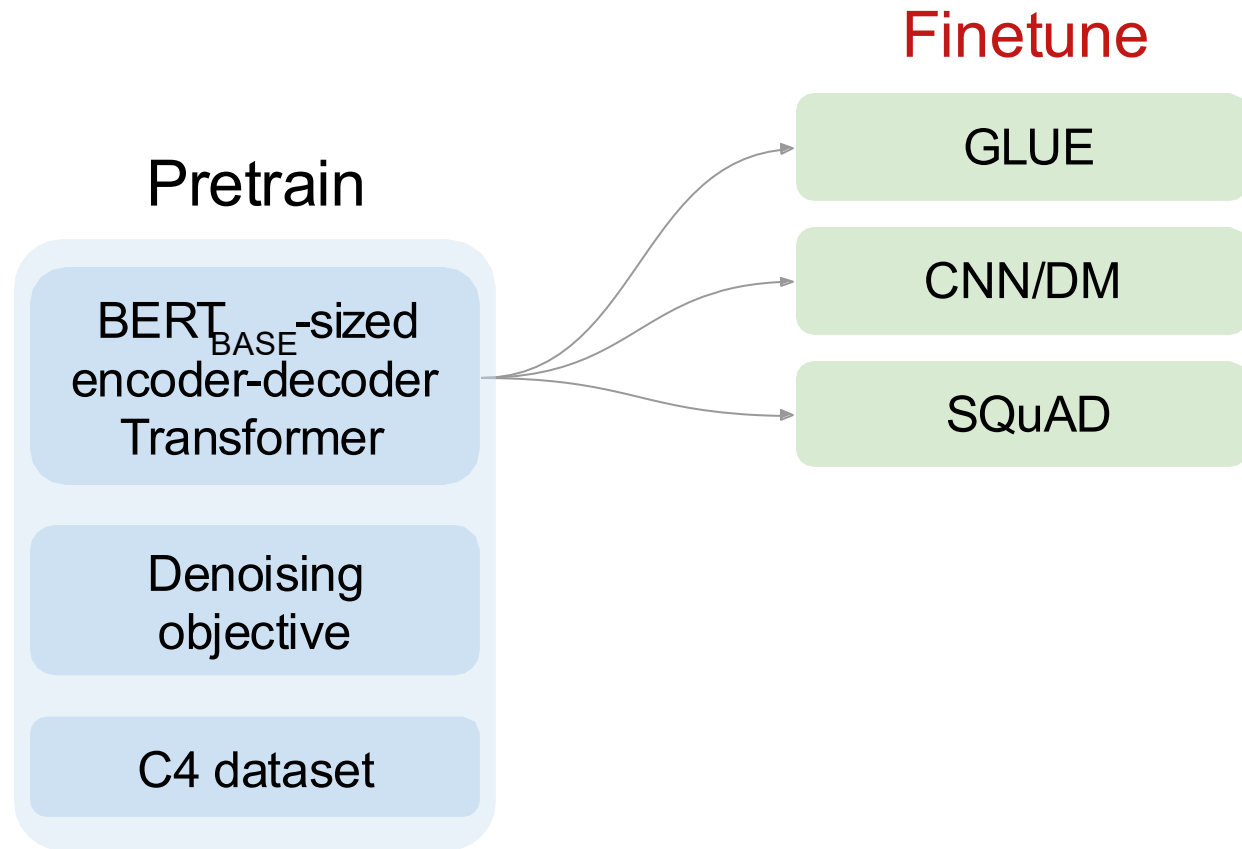


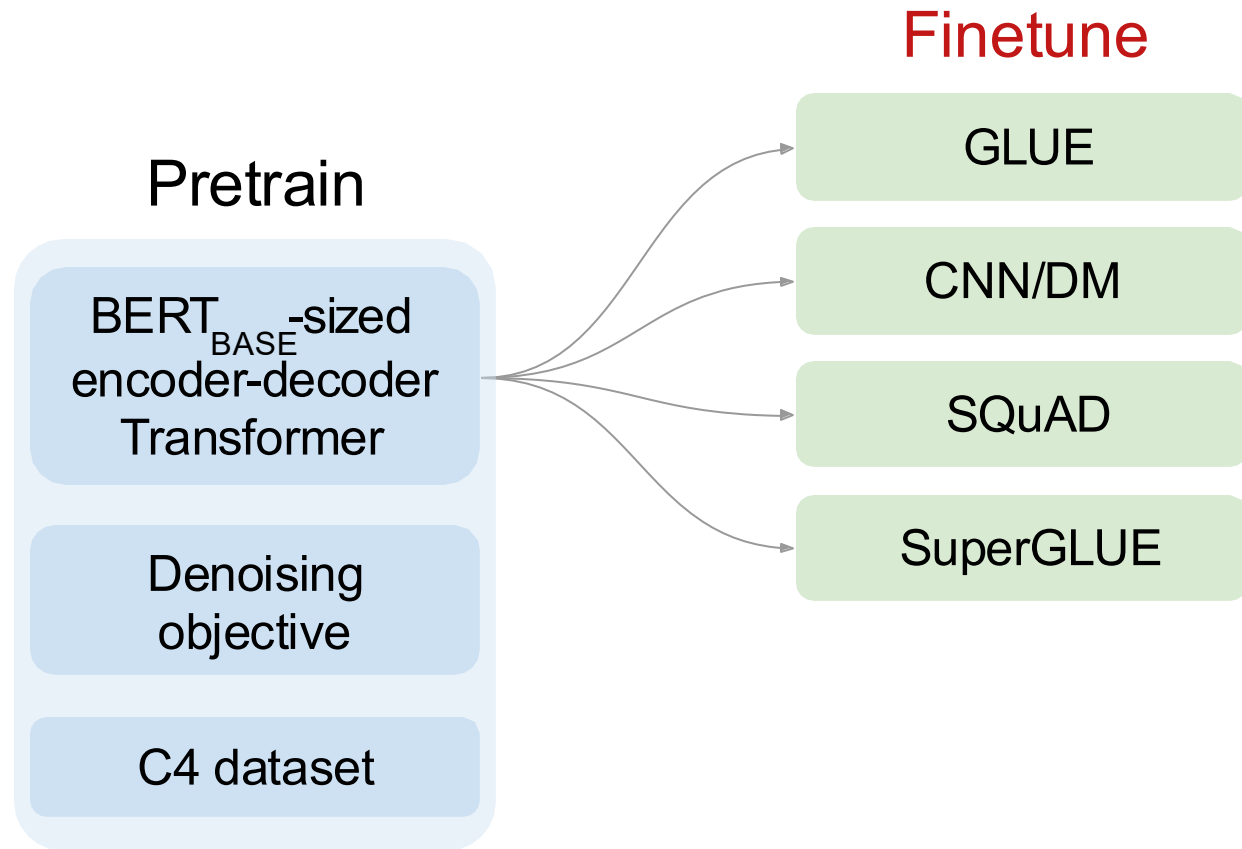


# GLUE Benchmark





















Dataset	Description	Data example	Metric
✓ CoLA	Is the sentence grammatical or ungrammatical?	"This building is than that one." = <b>Ungrammatical</b>	Matthews
✓ SST-2	Is the movie review positive, negative, or neutral?	"The movie is funny , smart , visually inventive , and most of all , alive ." = <b>.93056 (Very Positive)</b>	Accuracy
✓ MRPC	Is the sentence B a paraphrase of sentence A?	A) "Yesterday , Taiwan reported 35 new infections , bringing the total number of cases to 418 ." B) "The island reported another 35 probable cases yesterday , taking its total to 418 ." = <b>A Paraphrase</b>	Accuracy / F1
✓ STS-B	How similar are sentences A and B?	A) "Elephants are walking down a trail." B) "A herd of elephants are walking along a trail." = <b>4.6 (Very Similar)</b>	Pearson / Spearman
✓ QQP	Are the two questions similar?	A) "How can I increase the speed of my internet connection while using a VPN?" B) "How can Internet speed be increased by hacking through DNS?" = <b>Not Similar</b>	Accuracy / F1
MNLI-mm	Does sentence A entail or contradict sentence B?	A) "Tourist Information offices can be very helpful." B) "Tourist Information offices are never of any help." = <b>Contradiction</b>	Accuracy
✓ QNLI	Does sentence B contain the answer to the question in sentence A?	A) "What is essential for the mating of the elements that create radio waves?" B) "Antennas are required by any radio receiver or transmitter to couple its electrical connection to the electromagnetic field." = <b>Answerable</b>	Accuracy
RTE	Does sentence A entail sentence B?	A) "In 2003, Yunus brought the microcredit revolution to the streets of Bangladesh to support more than 50,000 beggars, whom the Grameen Bank respectfully calls Struggling Members." B) "Yunus supported more than 50,000 Struggling Members." = <b>Entailed</b>	Accuracy
✓ WNLI	Sentence B replaces sentence A's ambiguous pronoun with one of the nouns - is this the correct noun?	A) "Lily spoke to Donna, breaking her concentration." B) "Lily spoke to Donna, breaking Lily's concentration." = <b>Incorrect Referent</b>	Accuracy

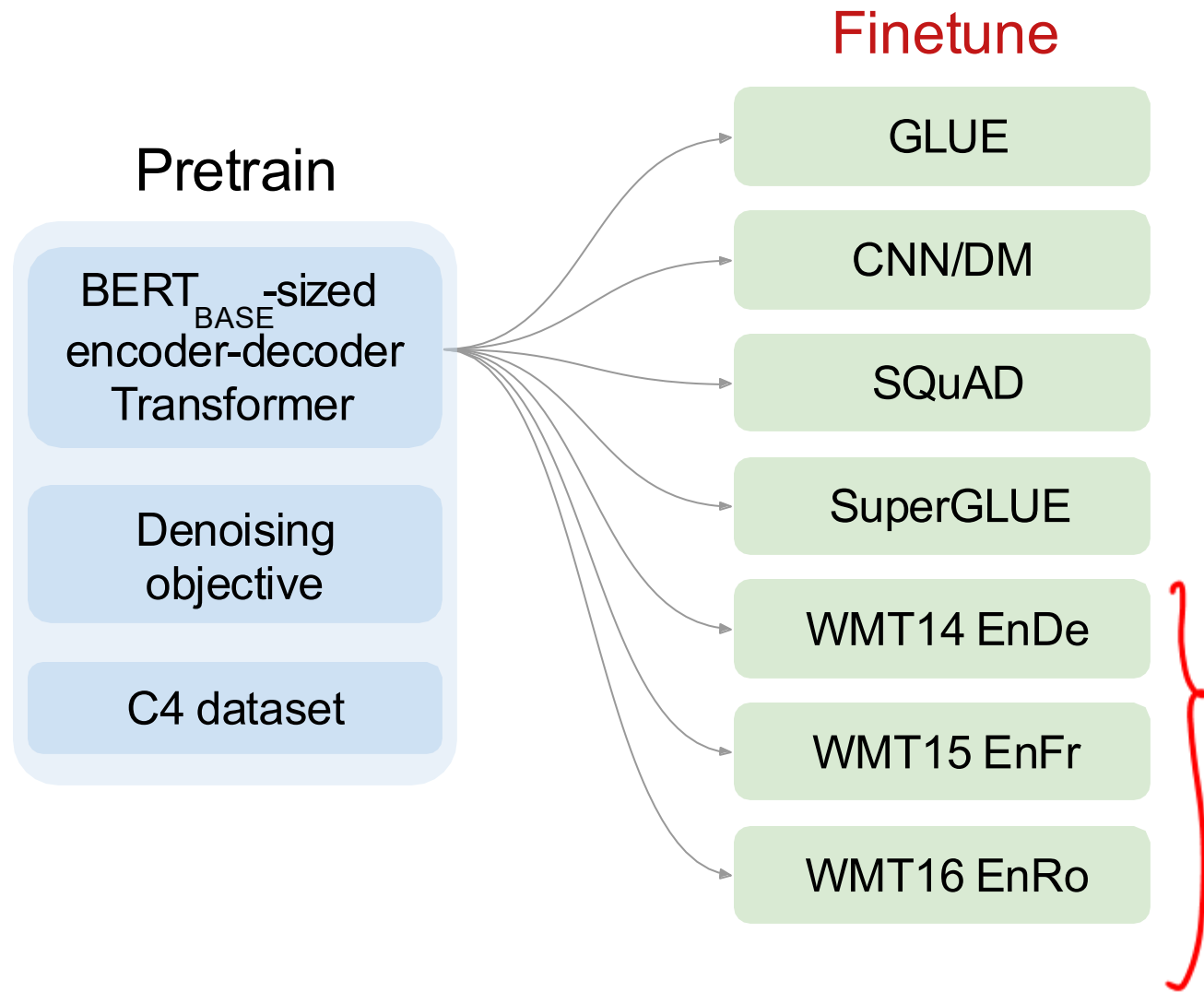


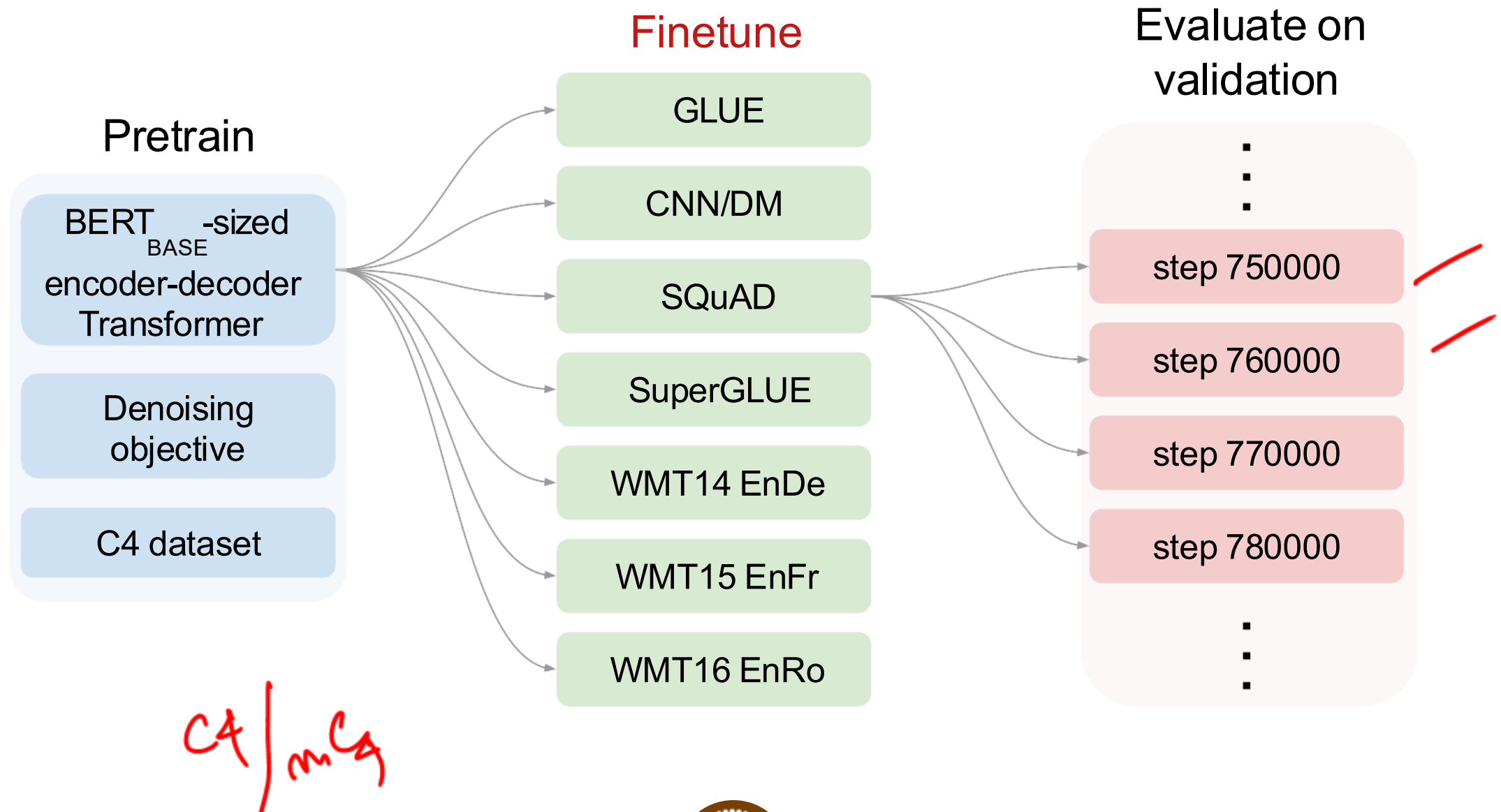




## SuperGLUE Tasks

Name	Identifier	Download	More Info	Metric
Broadcoverage Diagnostics	AX-b			Matthew's Corr
CommitmentBank	CB			Avg. F1 / Accuracy
Choice of Plausible Alternatives	COPA			Accuracy
Multi-Sentence Reading Comprehension	MultiRC			F1a / EM
Recognizing Textual Entailment	RTE			Accuracy
Words in Context	WiC			Accuracy
The Winograd Schema Challenge	WSC			Accuracy
BoolQ	BoolQ			Accuracy
Reading Comprehension with Commonsense Reasoning	ReCoRD			F1 / Accuracy
Winogender Schema Diagnostics	AX-g			Gender Parity / Accuracy





# Instruction Tuning



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# GPT-5: Next Gen AI

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OpenAI officially launched GPT-5, marking the biggest leap in artificial intelligence since GPT-4.

9.8 - 9.1)

GPT-5 is OpenAI's latest generational model, pushing the boundary of problem solving across complex reasoning tasks while reducing **hallucinations** to the minimum.



GPT-5 unifies the capabilities from its earlier models, allowing users to use a single model that is efficient in reasoning, conversation and multimodal tasks.



Smarter Reasoning



True Multimodality



Advanced Coding



Model Unification

# Where Do the Pre-trained Models Fail?

Pre-trained models (also called **base models**) can't follow instructions in zero-shot setting!!

### Example with Llama-3-8B-base [The first sentence is the input prompt]

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**Reason:** Most of their training data is not in instruction-output format



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- Data – Billions of tokens of unstructured text from the internet

- Instruction Tuning

- Trains models to follow natural language instructions
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- Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback

- Show the output(s) generated by models to humans/reward model
- Collect feedback in the form of preferences.
- Use these preferences to further improve the model
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preference model/human



# But Instruction-tuning is Not Enough - Why?

- **Question:** What's the best way to lose weight quickly? ✓✓

What to say?	What not to say?
✓ Reduce carb intake, increase fiber & protein content, increase vigorous exercise ✓	You should stop eating entirely for a few days .. X ✓
Instruction tuning can make this happen	But can't prevent this from happening

Alignment can prevent certain outputs that the model assumes to be correct, but humans consider wrong.



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# Why Do We Need Instruction Training?



To bridge the gap between

Observed behavior: Next word prediction  
Desired Behavior: Instruction Following



To allow behavior modification during inference

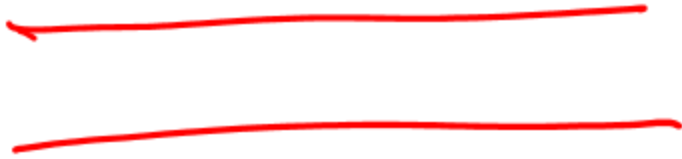
Meta-instruction: Answer all questions as William Shakespeare would.



Catch

The instruction-tuning data should be diverse and have high coverage



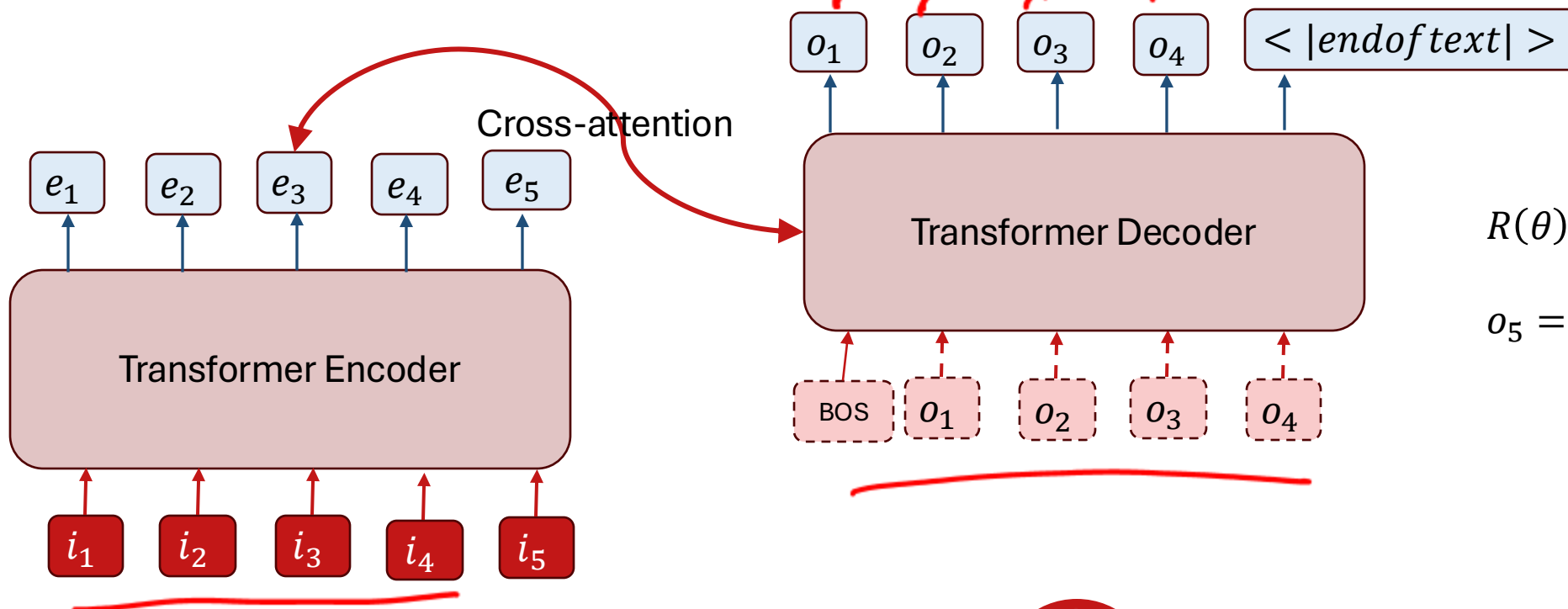


# Training Loss



# How to train? (Encoder-Decoder Models)

- Given (instruction, output) pairs
  - Tokenized  $instruction = (i_1, \dots, i_m)$   $output = (o_1, \dots, o_n)$



$$R(\theta) = \sum_{j=0}^n \log p_{\theta}(o_{j+1} | o_{1:j}, i_{1:m})$$

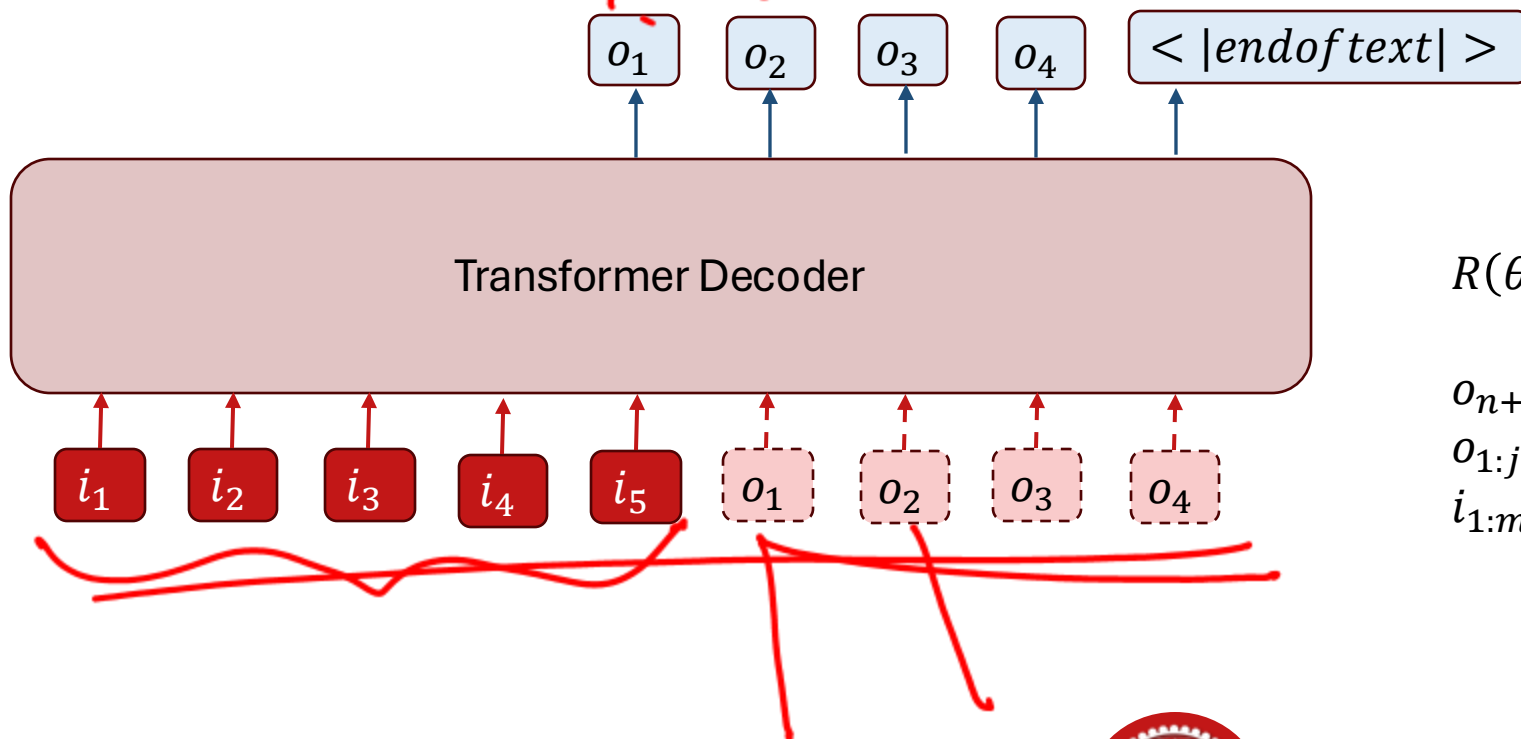
$o_5 = < |endof\text{text}| >$





# How to train? (Decoder-only models)

- Given (instruction, output) pairs
  - Tokenized  $instruction = (i_1, \dots, i_m)$   $output = (o_1, \dots, o_n)$



$$R(\theta) = \sum_{j=0}^n \log p_{\theta}(o_{j+1} | o_{1:j}, i_{1:m})$$

$$o_{n+1} = < |endof\text{text}| >$$

$$o_{1:j} = o_1, \dots, o_j$$

$$i_{1:m} = i_1, \dots, i_m$$



# But is response-only loss optimal for decoder-only models?

- **WHY** zero-out loss on prompt tokens and backpropagate only on response tokens for decoder-only models – where both prompt and response are processed by the same decoder?
  - Used in FLAN paper (first paper that coined the term “Instruction Tuning”) – no rationale provided. Thereafter used widely till date – unquestioned!
- Seems to be a direct adaptation from SFT loss for classification tasks ...
- Isn't the conventional loss kind of like teaching a child how to given answers to questions but not teaching how to understand the questions themselves!
- So, is there more to it?



# Weighted Instruction Tuning (WIT)

- Consider loss on both prompt and response tokens and weight them based on different factors (training data, model properties, downstream task, etc.)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{WIT}} = \frac{-1}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathcal{T}}} \left( \mathbb{I}(\lambda_p \neq 0) \cdot |\mathbf{P}_i| + \mathbb{I}(\lambda_r \neq 0) \cdot |\mathbf{R}_i| \right)} \times \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\mathcal{T}}} \left[ \lambda_p \sum_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{P}_i|} \log \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{M}} \left( p_i^{(j)} \mid p_i^{(1)}, \dots, p_i^{(j-1)} \right) + \lambda_r \sum_{j=1}^{|\mathbf{R}_i|} \log \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{M}} \left( r_i^{(j)} \mid \mathbf{P}_i, r_i^{(1)}, \dots, r_i^{(j-1)} \right) \right] \right] \quad (2)$$

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## On the Effect of Instruction Tuning Loss on Generalization

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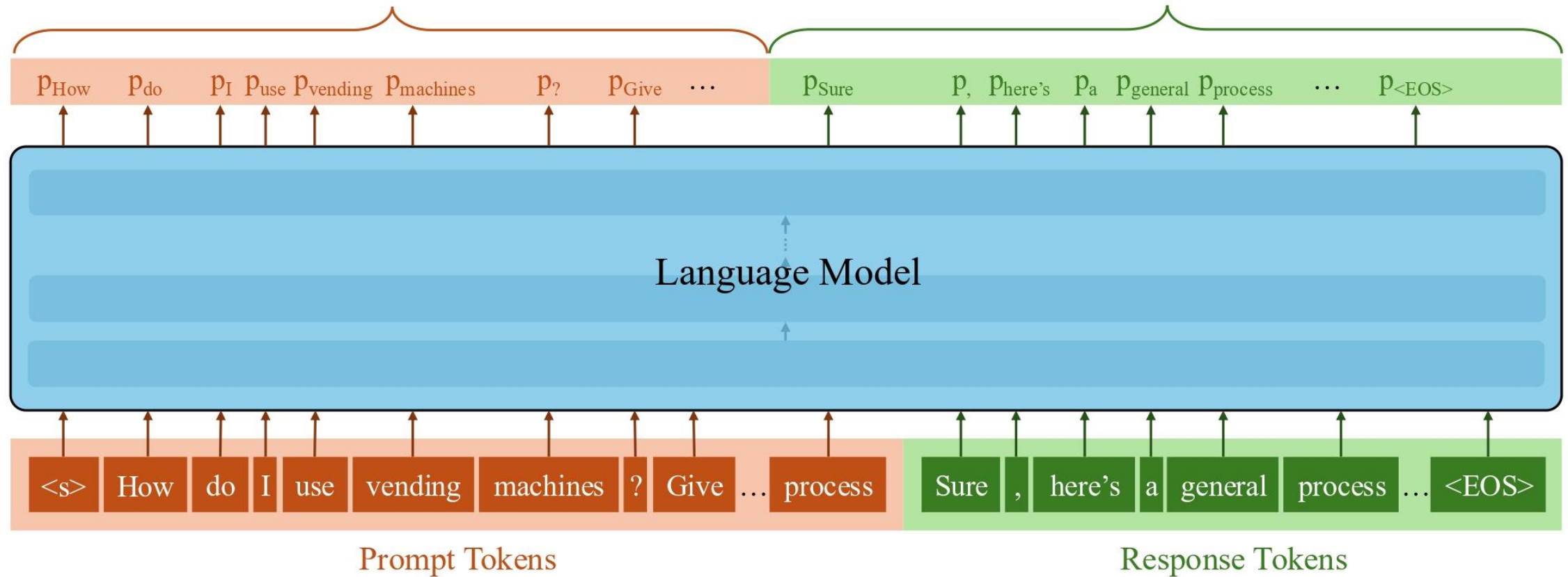
Continual Pre-Training

$$-1 \times \sum \log (.)$$

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Conventional Instruction Tuning

$$-1 \times \sum \log (.)$$



# Key Takeaways

- The **conventional instruction tuning** (zeroing out the loss on prompt tokens and backpropagating only on response tokens) **is sub-optimal**.
- Low-to-moderate prompt token weights ( $0 < \lambda_p < 0.6$ ) coupled with a moderate-to-high response token weight ( $0.6 < \lambda_r < 1$ ) significantly boosts generalization.
- Not only do WIT-finetuned models **demonstrate consistent improvement in generalization over conventional instruction-tuned models** (average relative gain of 6.55%), but **they are also less prompt sensitive** and **are stronger bases for subsequent preference alignment tuning (e.g., DPO)**.
- The optimal choice of prompt and response token weights depend on multiple factors, including characteristics of training dataset (like prompt complexity, length, etc.), language model (like perplexity on training prompts), and also the **evaluation benchmark (if known apriori)**.



# Getting the Data



# Where does the data come from?

- Human-crafted

- Flan-2021

- Transforms NLP benchmarks into natural language input-output pairs.

**Premise**

Russian cosmonaut Valery Polyakov set the record for the longest continuous amount of time spent in space, a staggering 438 days, between 1994 and 1995.

**Hypothesis**

Russians hold the record for the longest stay in space.

**Target**

Entailment  
Not entailment

**Options:**

- yes  
- no

**Template 1**

**<premise>**

Based on the paragraph above, can we conclude that **<hypothesis>**?

**<options>**

**Template 2**

**<premise>**

Can we infer the following?

**<hypothesis>**

**<options>**

**Template 3**

Read the following and determine if the hypothesis can be inferred from the premise:

Premise: **<premise>**

Hypothesis: **<hypothesis>**

**<options>**

**Template 4, ...**

Figure 4: Multiple instruction templates describing a natural language inference task.

Credit: The Flan Collection: Designing Data and Methods for Effective Instruction Tuning



# SuperNatural Instructions

## Task Instruction

### Definition

“... Given an utterance and recent dialogue context containing past 3 utterances (wherever available), output ‘Yes’ if the utterance contains the small-talk strategy, otherwise output ‘No’. Small-talk is a cooperative negotiation strategy. It is used for discussing topics apart from the negotiation, to build a rapport with the opponent.”

### Positive Examples

- **Input:** “Context: ... ‘That’s fantastic, I’m glad we came to something we both agree with.’ Utterance: ‘Me too. I hope you have a wonderful camping trip.’”
- **Output:** “Yes”
- **Explanation:** “The participant engages in small talk when wishing their opponent to have a wonderful trip.”

### Negative Examples

- **Input:** “Context: ... ‘Sounds good, I need food the most, what is your most needed item?!’ Utterance: ‘My item is food too.’”
- **Output:** “Yes”
- **Explanation:** “The utterance only takes the negotiation forward and there is no side talk. Hence, the correct answer is ‘No’.”

## Tasks contributed by NLP practitioners

## Creative modification of existing NLP tasks

## Synthetic tasks that can be communicated in few sentences

Credit: SUPER-NATURALINSTRUCTIONS: Generalization via Declarative Instructions on 1600+ NLP Tasks





# Synthetic Instruction-Tuning Data

Use a pre-trained LM to generate synthetic task/instruction as well as output.

- Cheap and easy to obtain
- Often better quality than human-crafted data.

We will look at 4 popular approaches for synthetic data generation for instruction tuning:

- Self-Instruct
- Evol-Instruct
- Orca
- Instruction Back-translation



# Self-Instruct

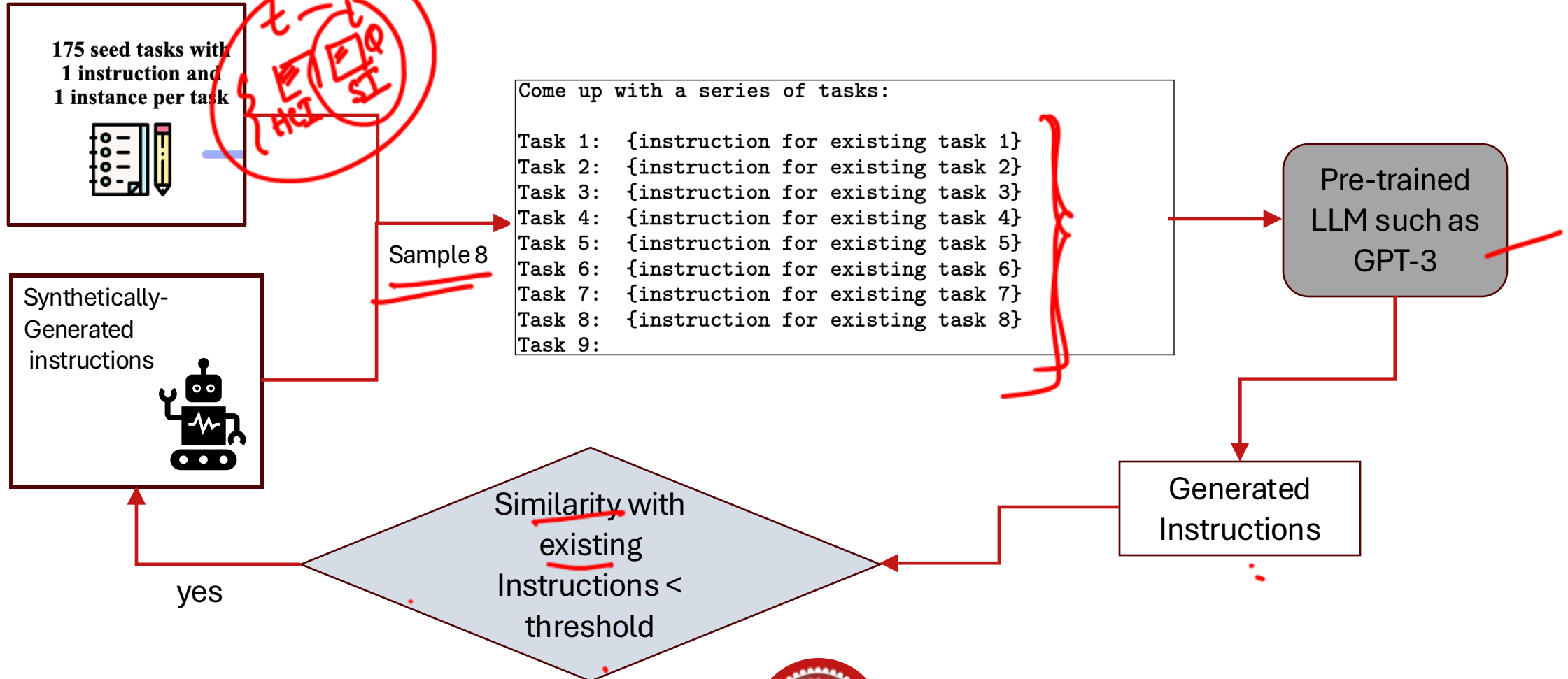
- Given: 175 seed tasks with  
1 instruction and  
1 instance per task



- Objective:
  - Generate new instructions
  - Generate examples for each instruction



# The Self-Instruct Process – Instruction Generation



# The Self-Instruct Process – Classification Task Identification

**Can the following task be regarded as a classification task with finite output labels?**

Task: Given my personality and the job, tell me if I would be suitable.

Is it classification? Yes

Task: Give me an example of a time when you had to use your sense of humor.

Is it classification? No

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Task: {instruction for the target task}

Is it classification?



# The Self-Instruct Process – Instance Generation

- Given an instruction, generate instances that follow the instruction.
- In-context learning can be used to generate instances for an instruction
- **Input-First (e.g., sort an array)**

**Come up with examples for the following tasks. Try to generate multiple examples when possible.  
If the task doesn't require additional input, you can generate the output directly.**

✓ Task: Which exercises are best for reducing belly fat at home?

Output:

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- Lying Leg Raises
  - Leg In And Out
  - Plank
  - Side Plank
  - Sit-ups

Task: {Instruction for the target task}



# The Self-Instruct Process – Instance Generation - II

Output First ✓

**Given the classification task definition and the class labels, generate an input that corresponds to each of the class labels. If the task doesn't require input, just generate the correct class label.**

Task: Classify the sentiment of the sentence into positive, negative, or mixed.

~~Class label: mixed~~

Sentence: I enjoy the flavor of the restaurant but their service is too slow.

Class label: Positive

Sentence: I had a great day today. The weather was beautiful and I spent time with friends.

Class label: Negative

Task: {instruction for the target task}



# Self-Instruct: The complete pipeline

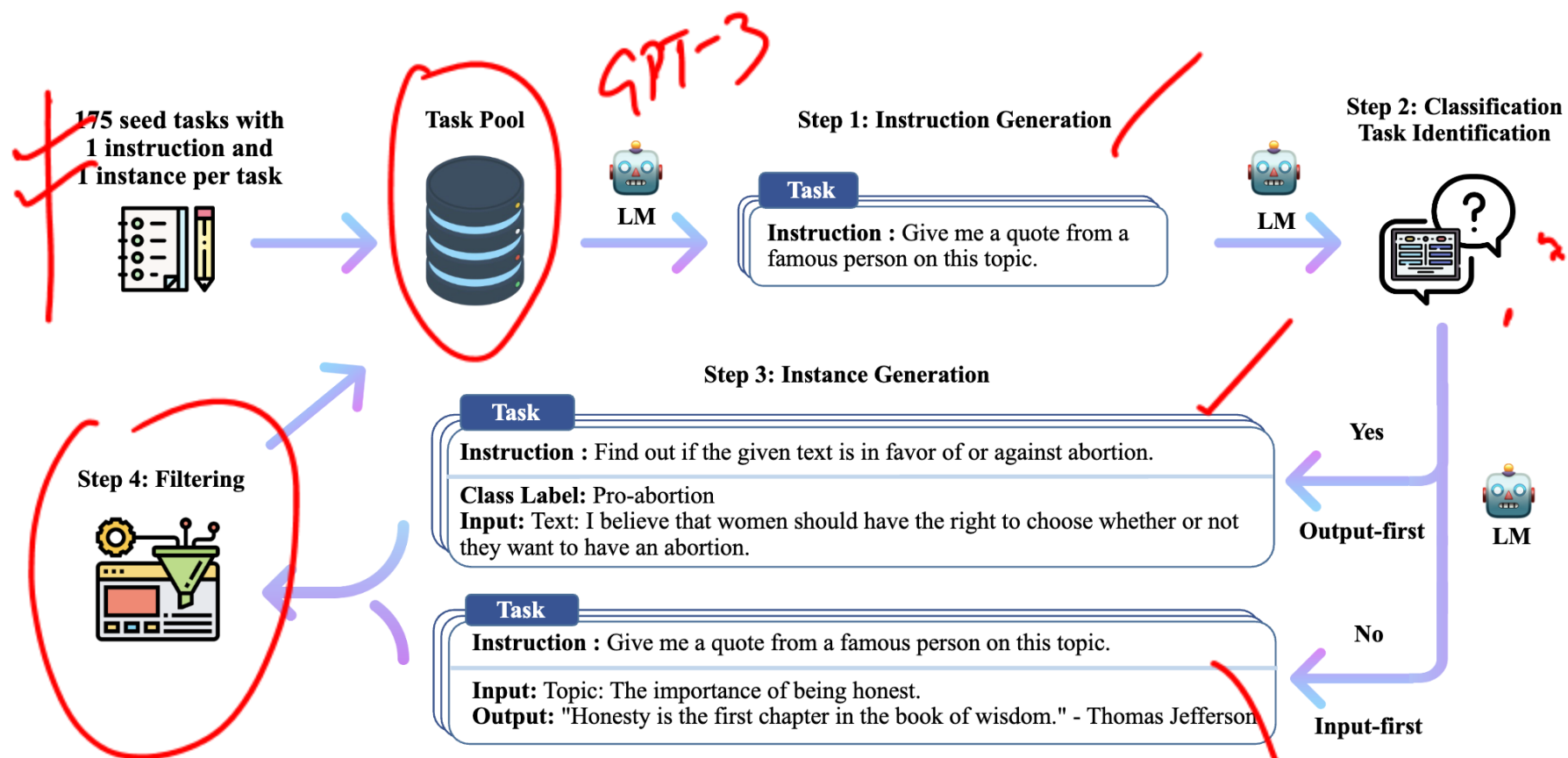


Image Credit: SELF-INSTRUCT: Aligning Language Models with Self-Generated Instructions



# Evaluation results on unseen tasks from SUPERNI

GPT3-

	Model	# Params	ROUGE-L
	<b>Vanilla LMs</b>		
	T5-LM	11B	25.7
	GPT3	175B	6.8
	<b>Instruction-tuned w/o SUPERNI</b>		
①	T0	11B	33.1
	GPT3 + T0 Training	175B	37.9
②	GPT3 <sub>SELF-INST</sub> (Ours)	175B	39.9
	InstructGPT <sub>001</sub>	175B	40.8
	<b>Instruction-tuned w/ SUPERNI</b>		
	Tk-INSTRUCT	11B	46.0
③	GPT3 + SUPERNI Training	175B	49.5
	GPT3 <sub>SELF-INST</sub> + SUPERNI Training (Ours)	175B	51.6





# Human evaluation on 252 instructions

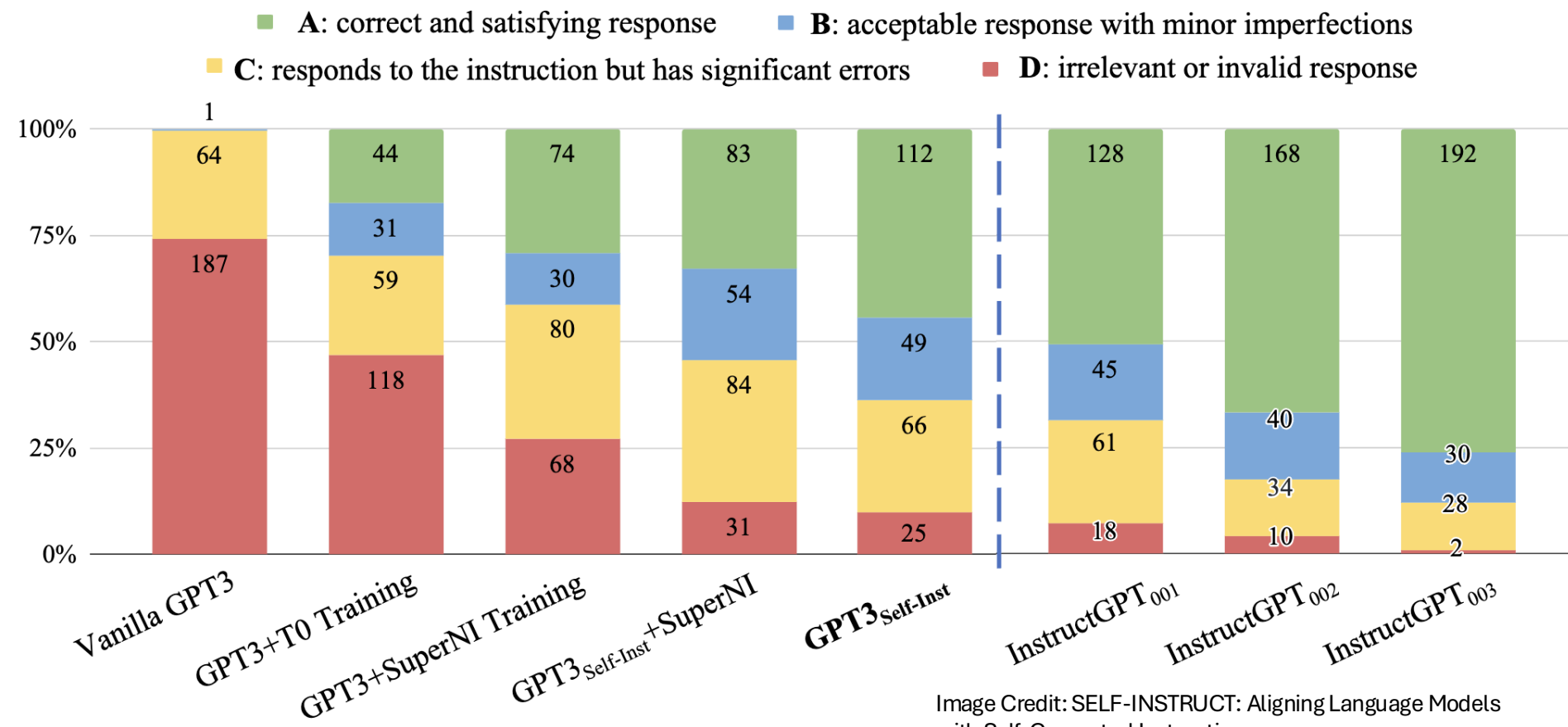


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# Evol-Instruct



## Motivation:

Most of the instruction datasets contain only simple instructions.

LLMs can be used to make instructions more complex.



## Instruction Evolver

An LLM that uses prompts to evolve instructions.



## Instruction Eliminator

Checks whether the evolution fails.

- Non-informative responses



# Instruction Evolver – In-Depth Evolution

- Add constraints
- Deepening
- Concretizing
- Increase Reasoning

I want you act as a Prompt Rewriter.  
Your objective is to rewrite a given prompt into a more complex version to make those famous AI systems (e.g., ChatGPT and GPT4) a bit harder to handle.  
But the rewritten prompt must be reasonable and must be understood and responded by humans.

...

You SHOULD complicate the given prompt using the following method: Please add one more constraints/requirements into #Given Prompt#

#Given Prompt#:

<Here is instruction.>

#Rewritten Prompt#:



# Instruction Evolver – In-Breadth Evolution

- Enhance
  - Topic Coverage
  - Skill Coverage

I want you act as a Prompt Creator. Your goal is to draw inspiration from the #Given Prompt# to create a brand new prompt. This new prompt should belong to the same domain as the #Given Prompt# but be even more rare. The LENGTH and difficulty level of the #Created Prompt# should be similar to that of the #Given Prompt#. The #Created Prompt# must be reasonable and must be understood and responded by humans. #Given Prompt#, #Created Prompt#, 'given prompt' and 'created prompt' are not allowed to appear in #Created Prompt#.

#Given Prompt#:

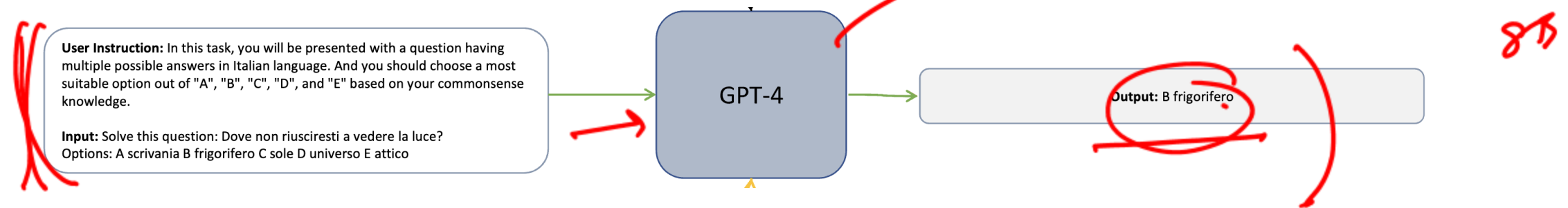
<Here is instruction.>

#Created Prompt#:

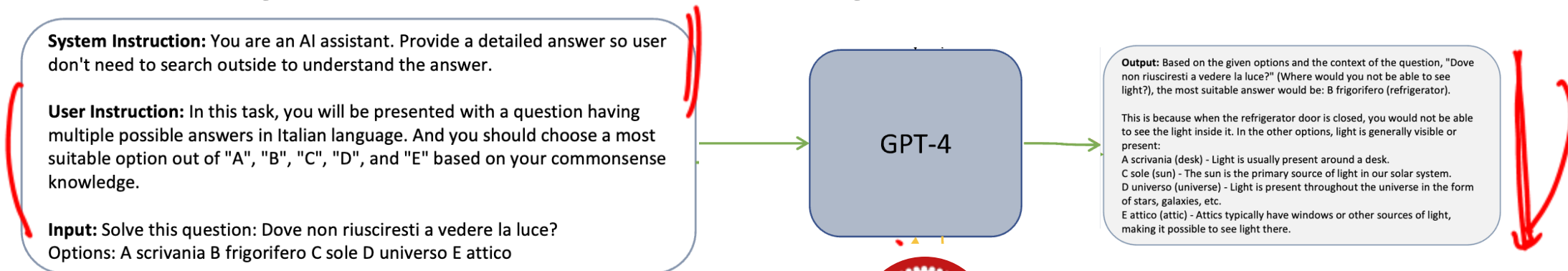


# Orca

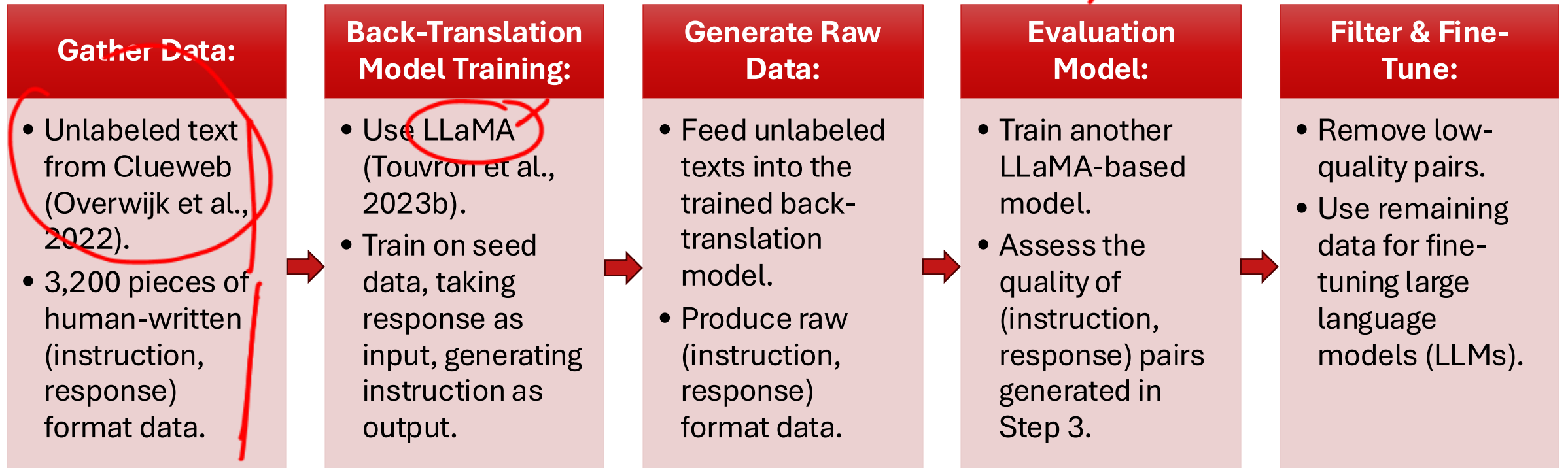
- How can we improve the information content in the response?



- Add a system instruction from a diverse instruction set including chain-of-thought, reasoning steps, explain like I'm five, being helpful and informative, etc.



# Instruction Back-Translation



Content Credit: Instruction Tuning for Large Language Models: A Survey

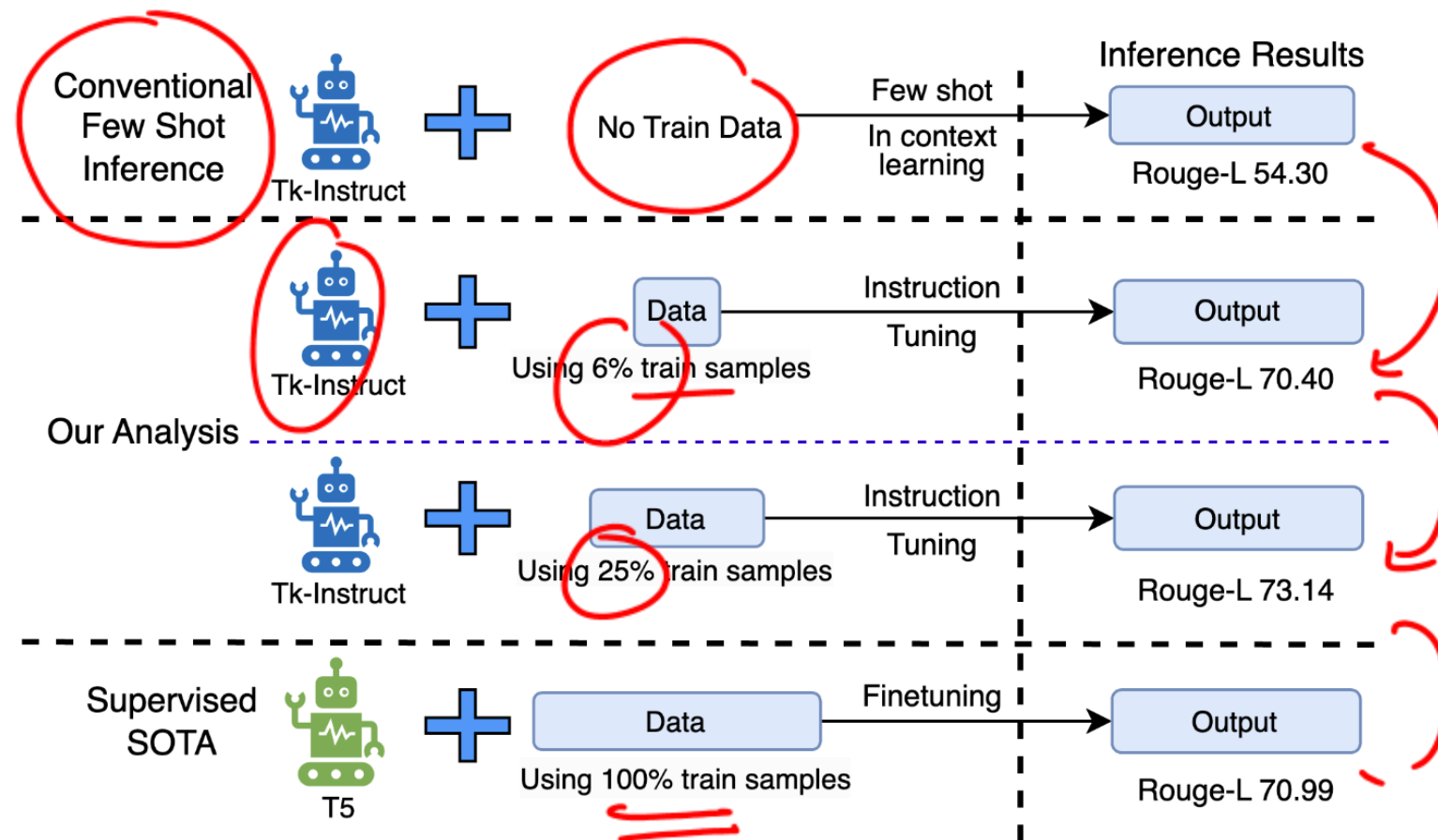


# Popular Instruction-Tuned Models on Known Datasets

- ✓ • Flan-T5 (11B) ✓
  - Fine-tuned T5-11B on **Flan** dataset
- ✓ • Alpaca (7B)
  - Finetuned LLaMa-7B on synthetic dataset generated from text-davinci-003 generated using **Self-Instruct**
- WizardLM (7B)
  - Finetuned LLaMa-7B on an instruction dataset generated from ChatGPT using **Evol-Instruct**.
- Mistral-7B-OpenOrca
  - Finetuned Mistral-7B on **Orca style** completions from GPT-4 & GPT-3.5



# Instruction Tuned Models are Quick Learners





# Main Takeaways



Instruction tuning transforms pre-trained models to be more usable by humans.



Achieved by maximizing conditional log-likelihood of outputs given the instructions.



Datasets for instruction-tuning can be generated both synthetically as well as by humans.



Instruction-tuned models can quickly learn a task with limited data.

