EECE 571F: Advanced Topics in Deep Learning

Lecture 2: Invariance, Equivariance, and Deep Learning Models for Sets/Sequences

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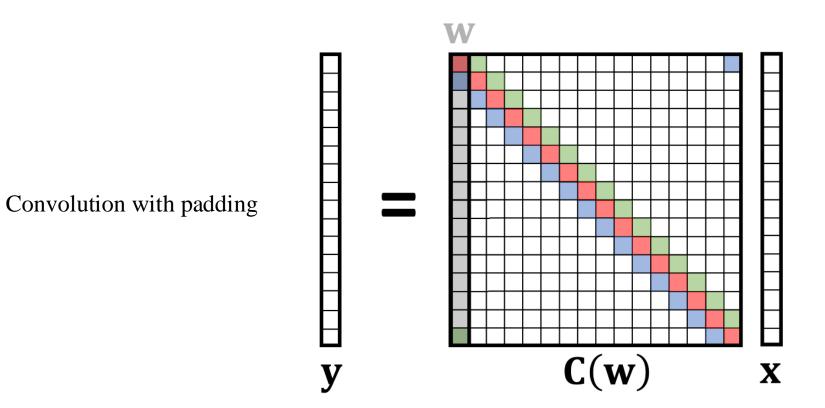
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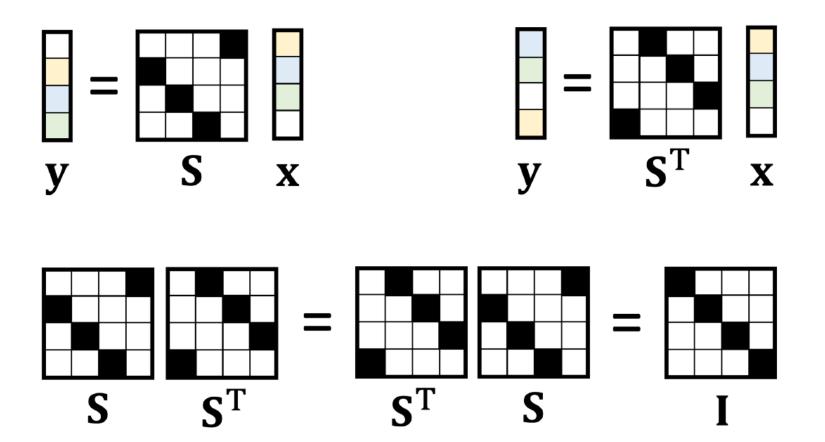
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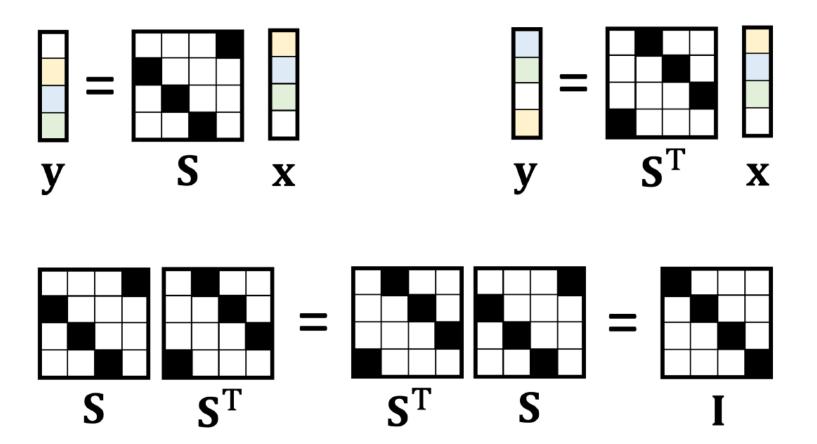
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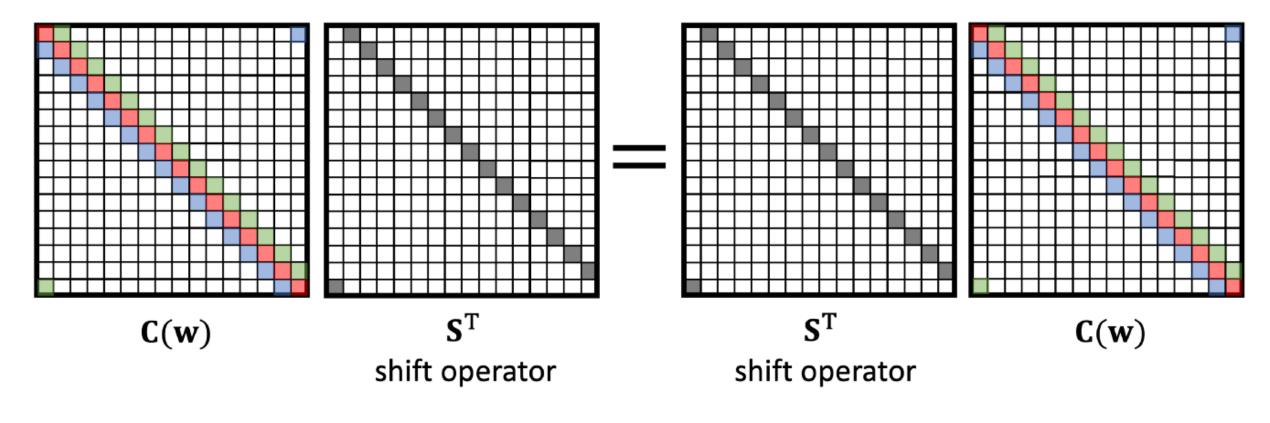
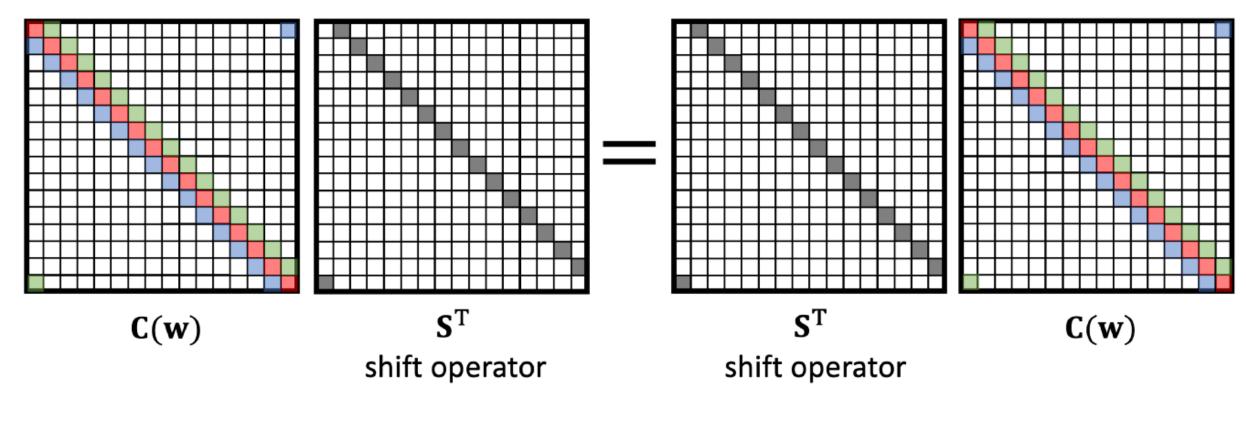


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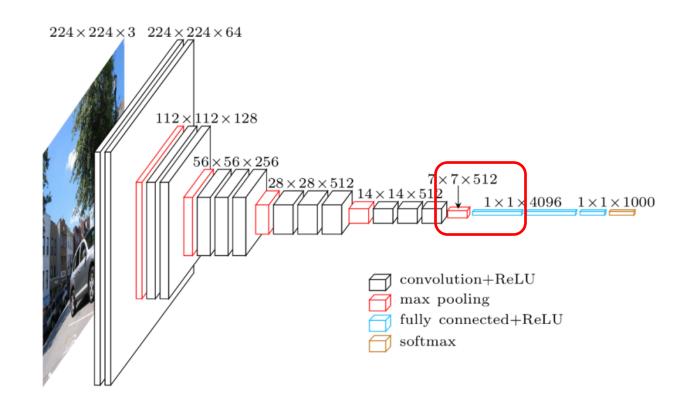
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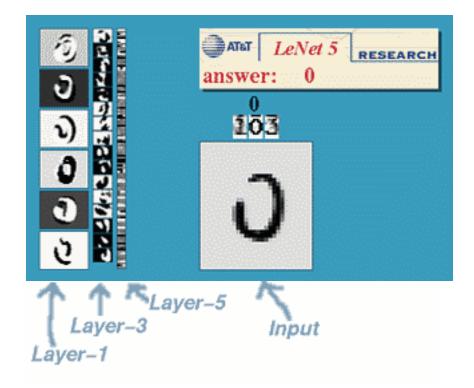
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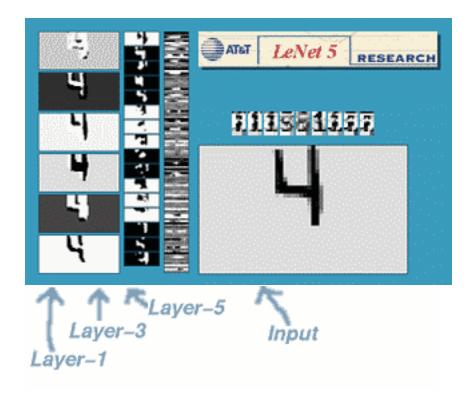
Global pooling gives you shift-invariance!



Translation/Shift Equivariance Invariance

Yann LeCun's LeNet Demo:

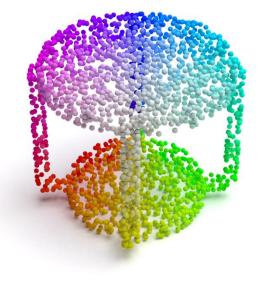




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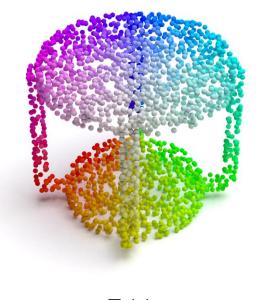
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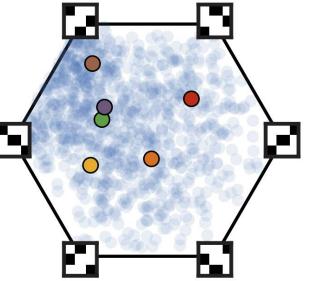
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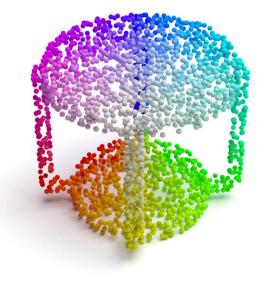
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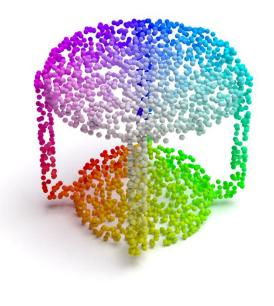
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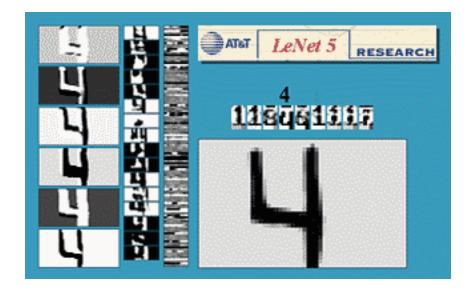
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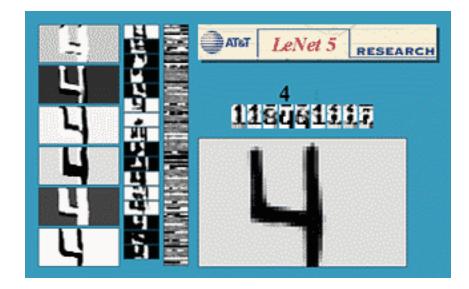
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Prediction of a set depends on all points, e.g., point cloud classification

Key Challenges:

- Varying-sized input sets
- Permutation equivariant and invariant models
- Expressive models

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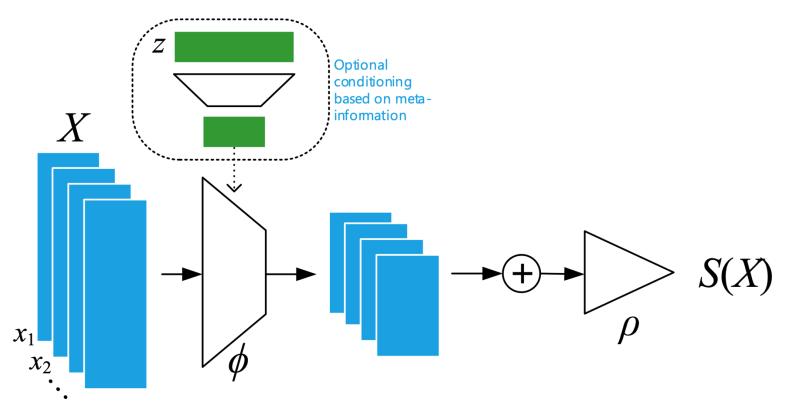
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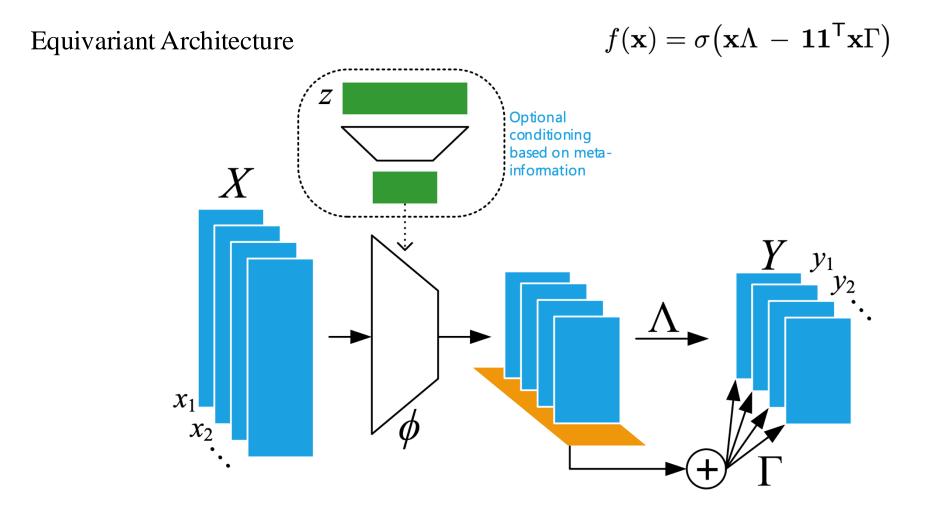
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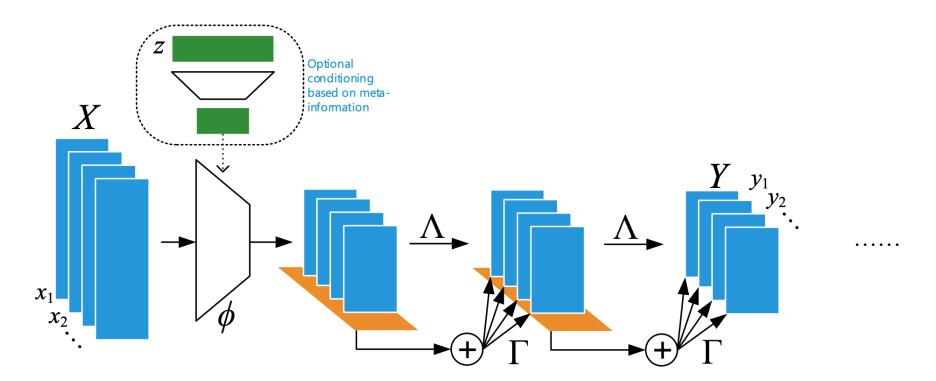
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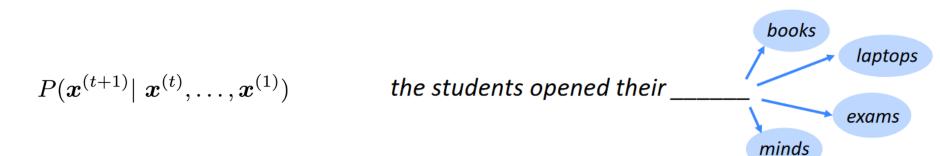
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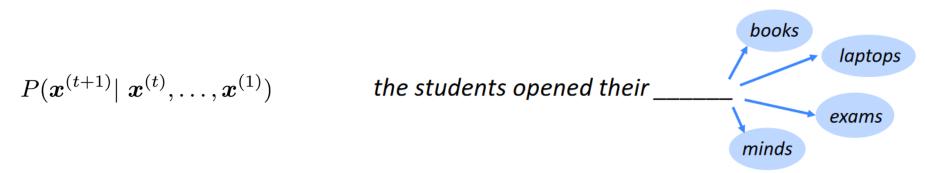
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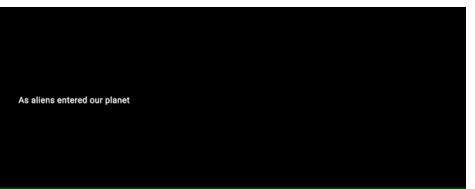


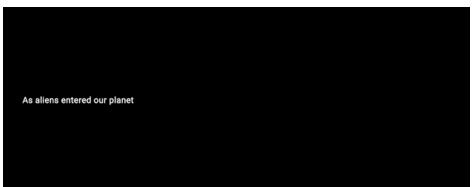
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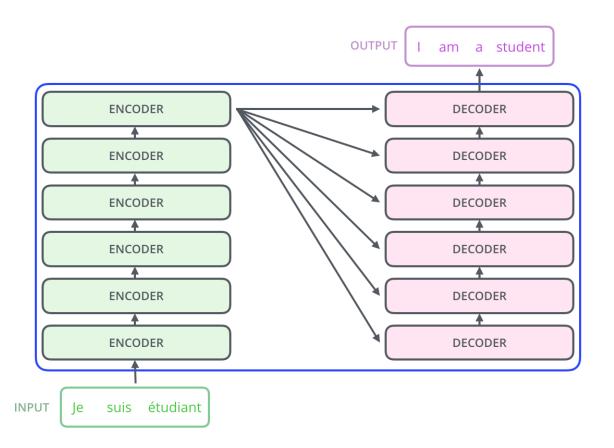
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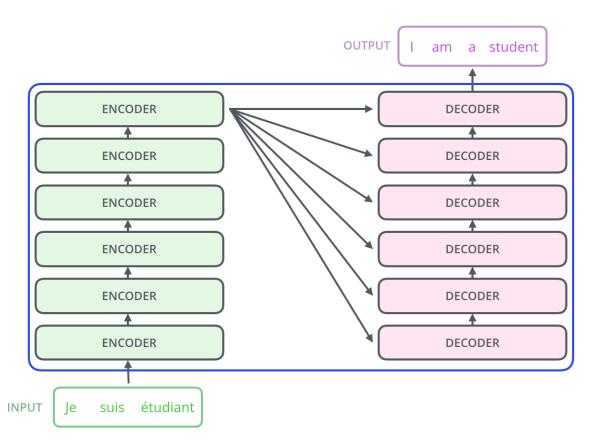
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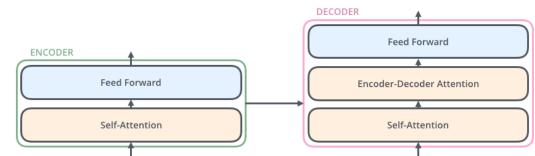


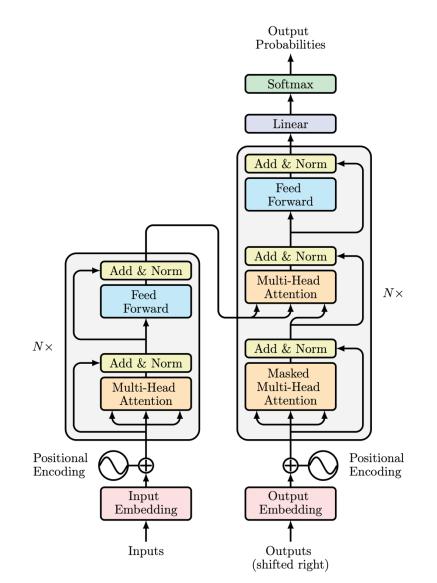
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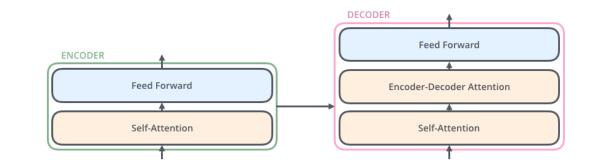
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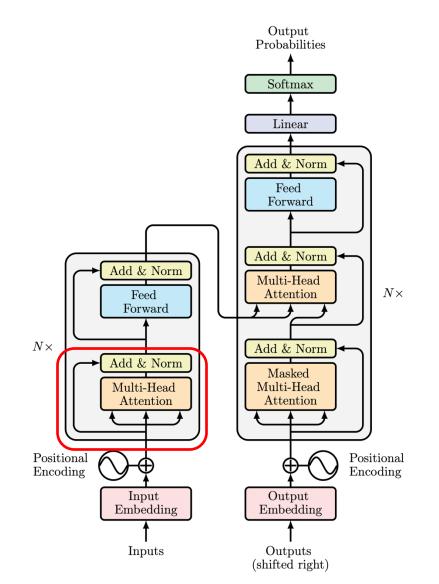


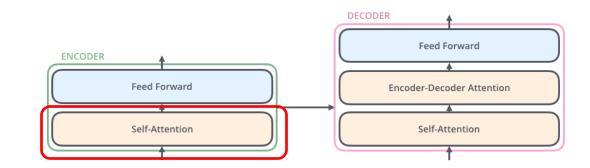


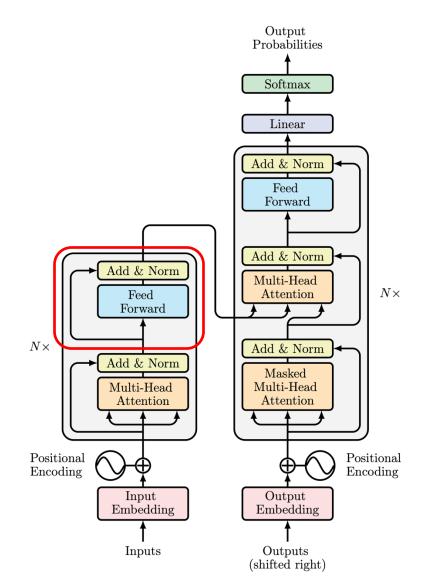












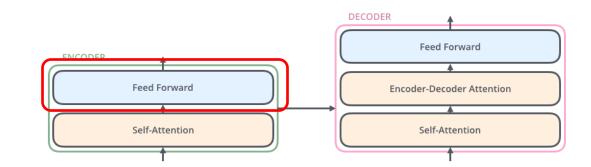
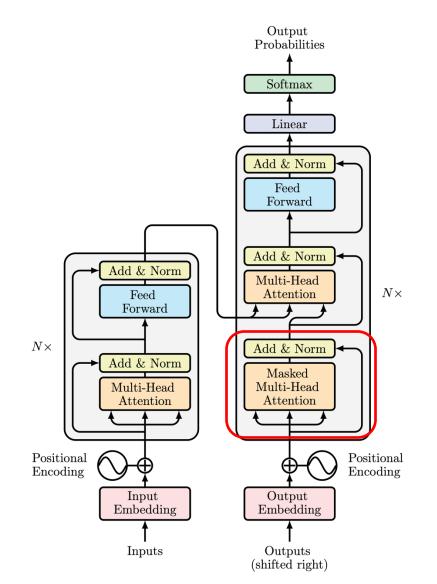


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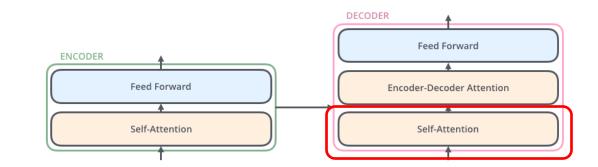
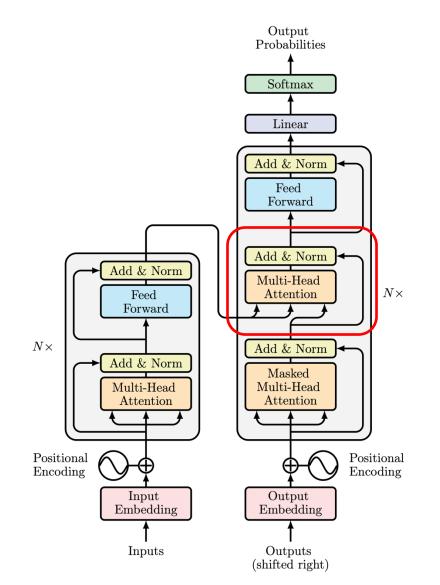
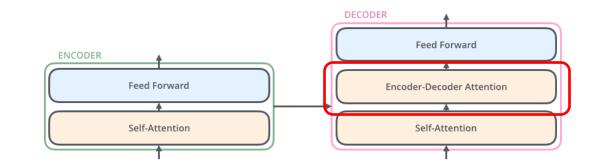


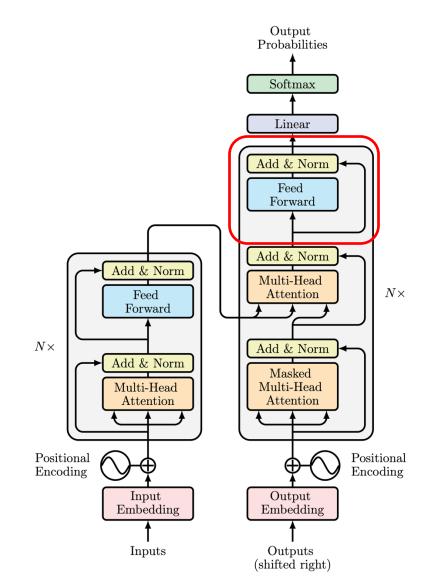
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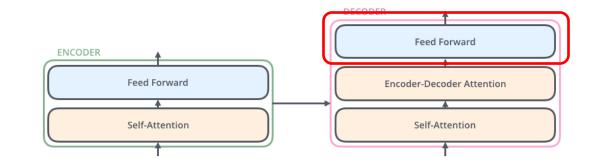
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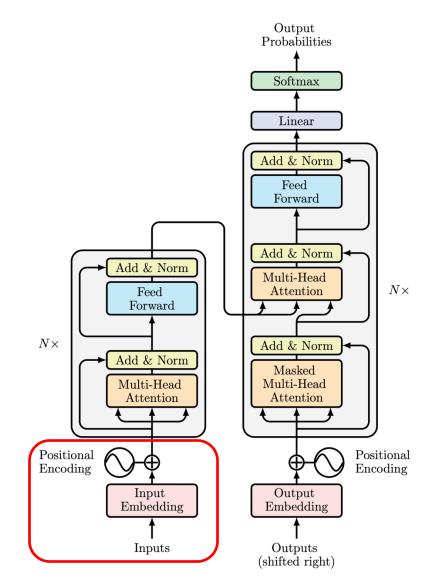


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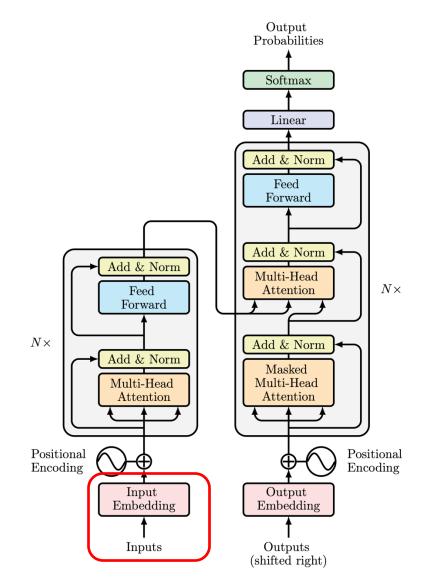




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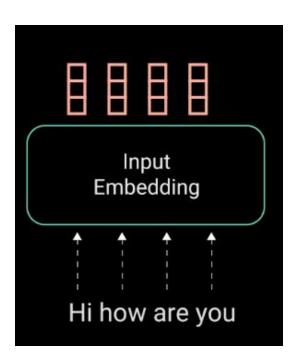
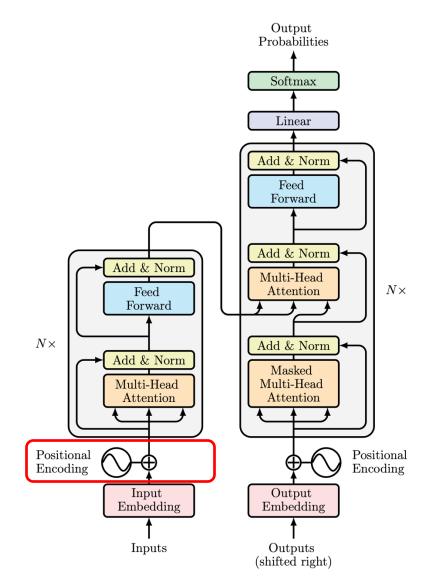


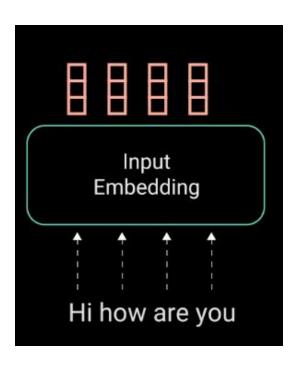
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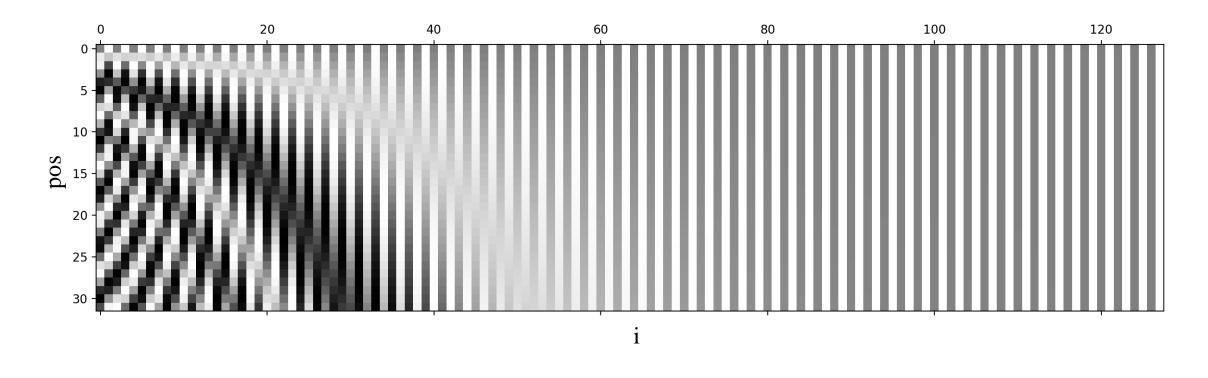




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Absolute vs. Relative Positional Encoding

Encode relative position information could help better model the dependency among tokens.

How to encode relative positions?

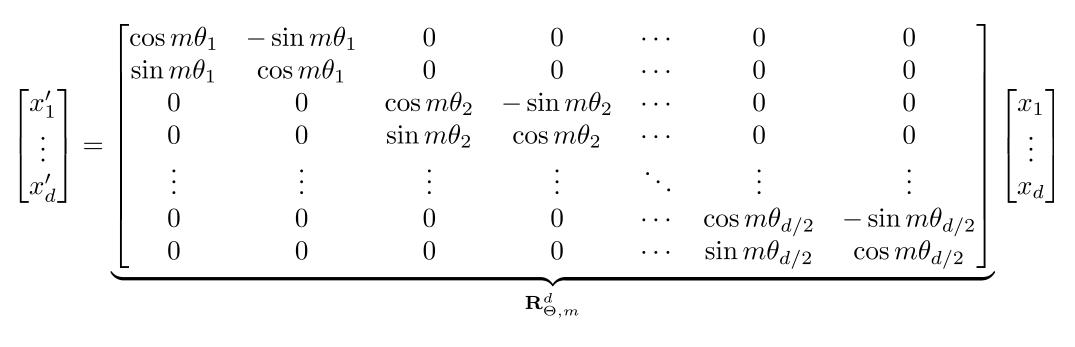
- We can inject the relative position into the bias of attention.
- We can use Rotary Position Embedding (RoPE) [1], which is more effective empirically.

To understand RoPE, let us recap how to rotate a 2D vector:

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Rotation matrix is orthogonal and preserves the norm!

RoPE first divide d-dimension vector space in d/2 subspaces and then rotate them based one the position:



Here
$$\Theta = \{\theta_i = 10000^{-2(i-1)/d}, i \in [1, 2, ..., d/2]\}$$

In practice, we can apply 2D rotations to pairs $(x_1, x_{1+d/2}), (x_2, x_{2+d/2}), \ldots, (x_{d/2}, x_d)$

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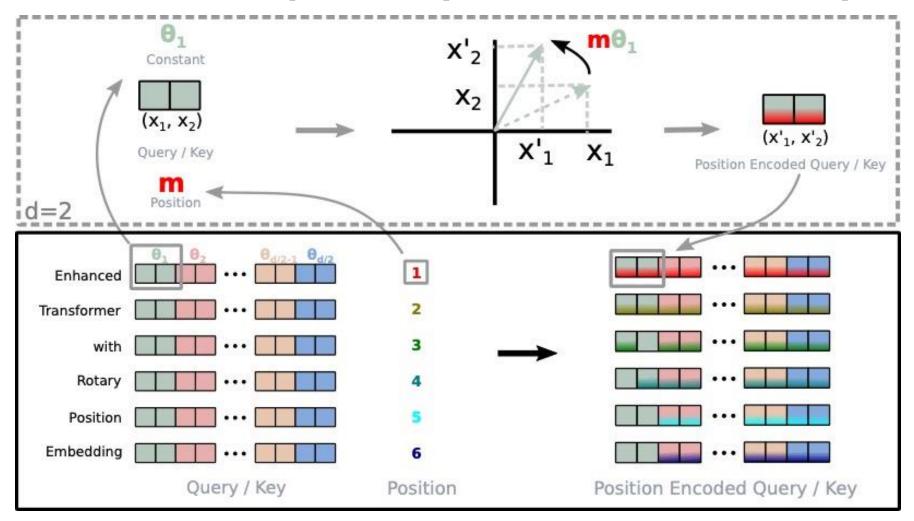


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What do we gain in RoPE?

• Inner product depends on the relative position

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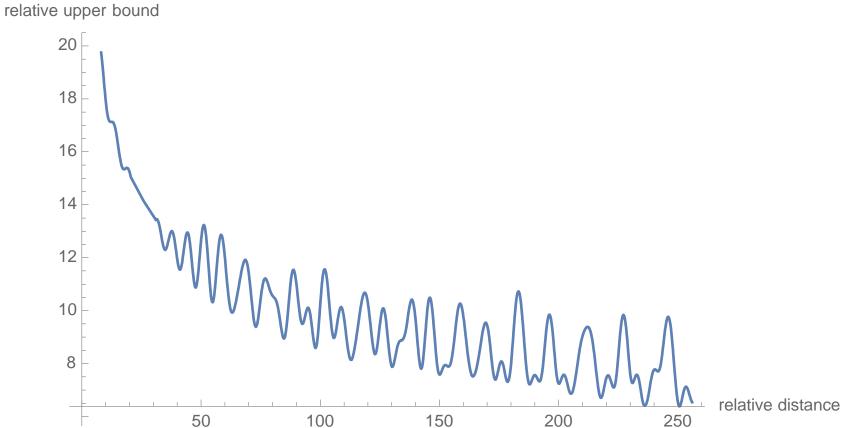
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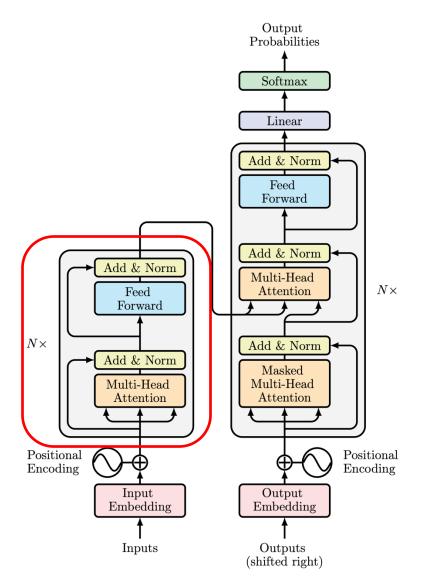
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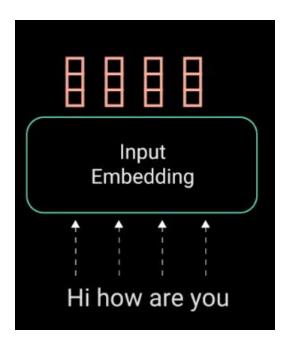
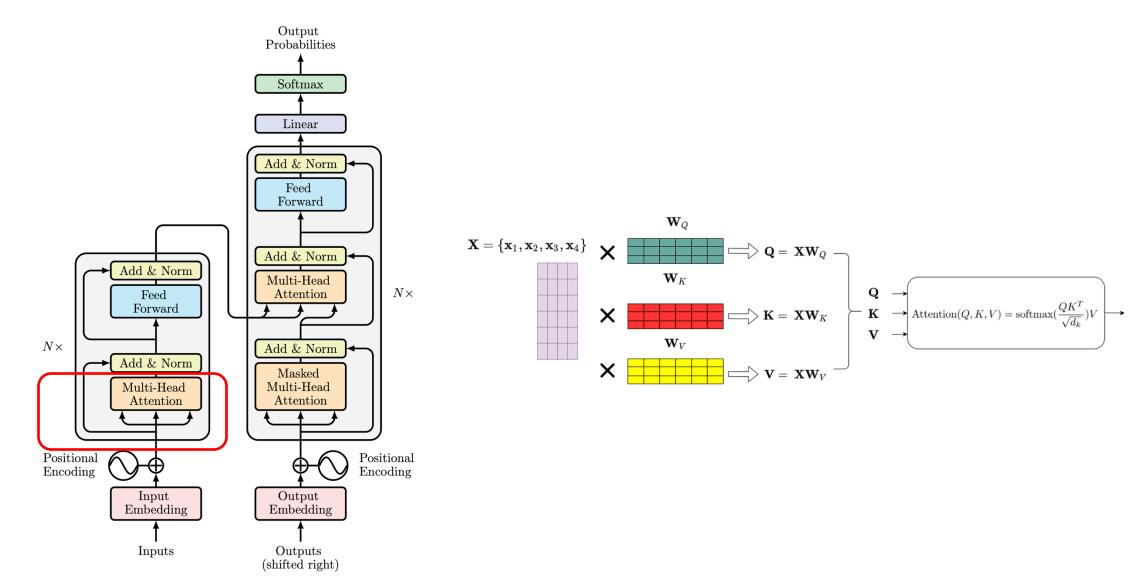
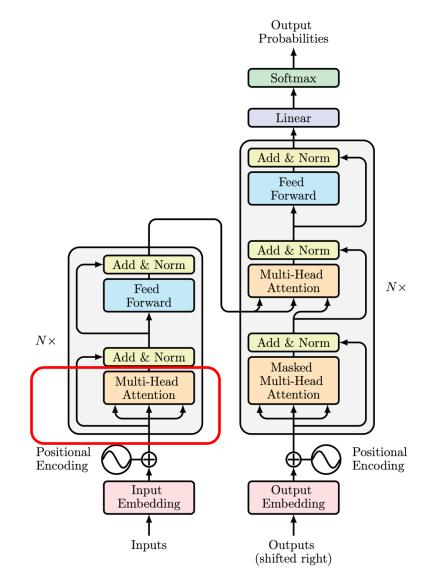


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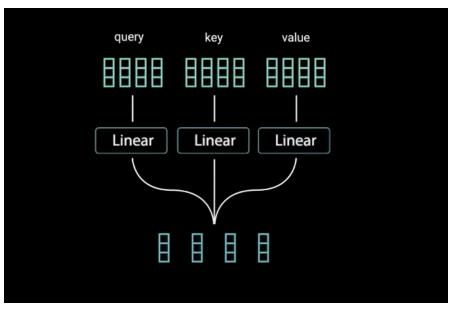
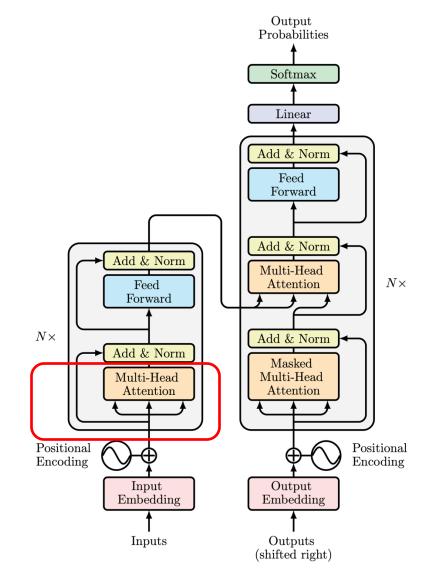


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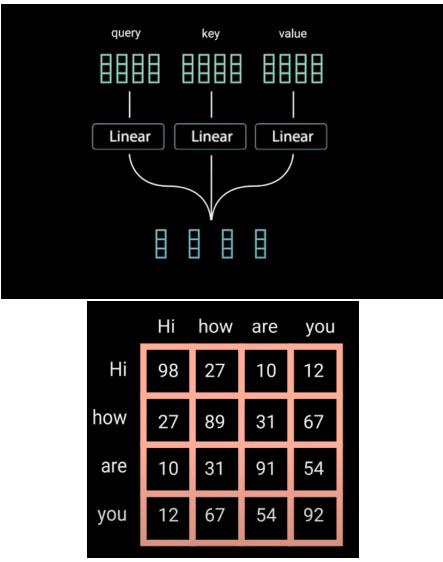
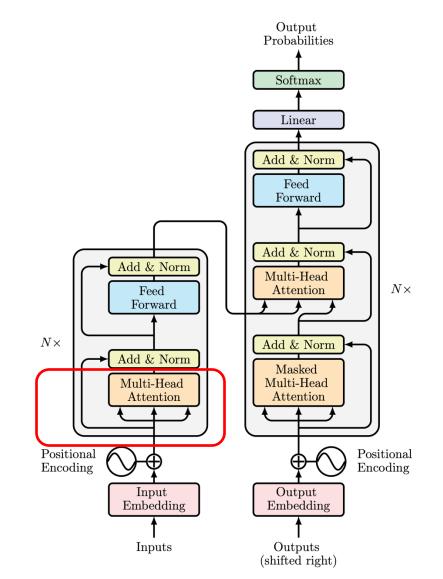


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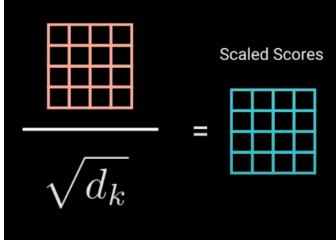
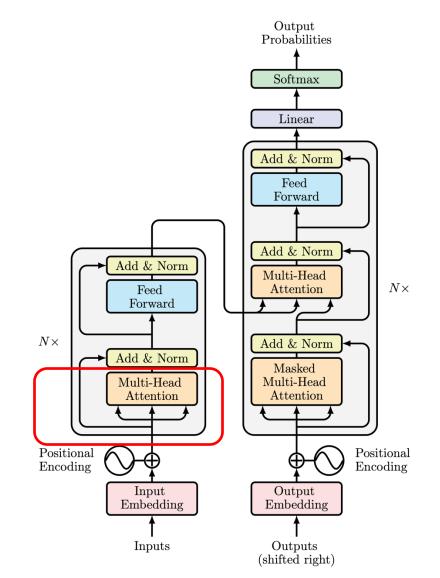
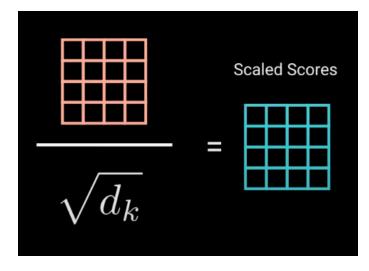


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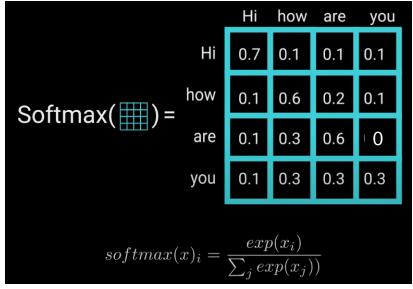
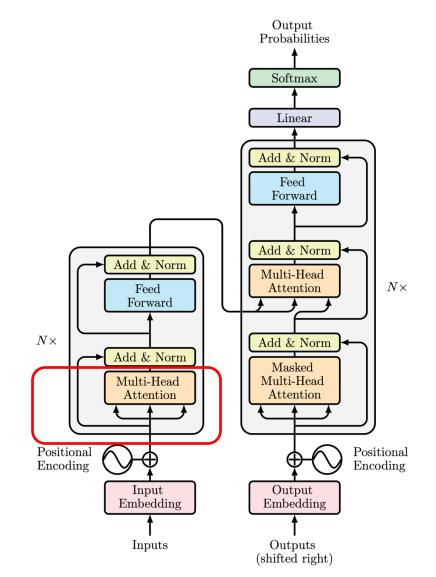
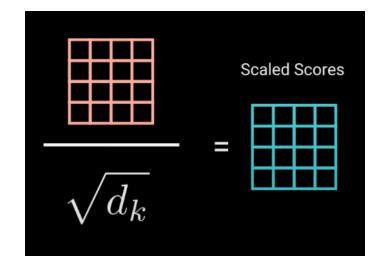


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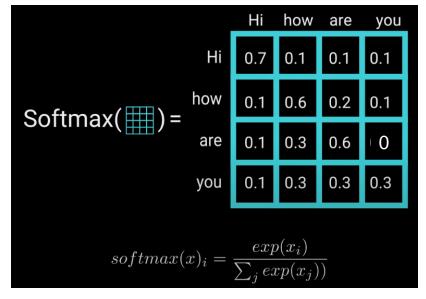


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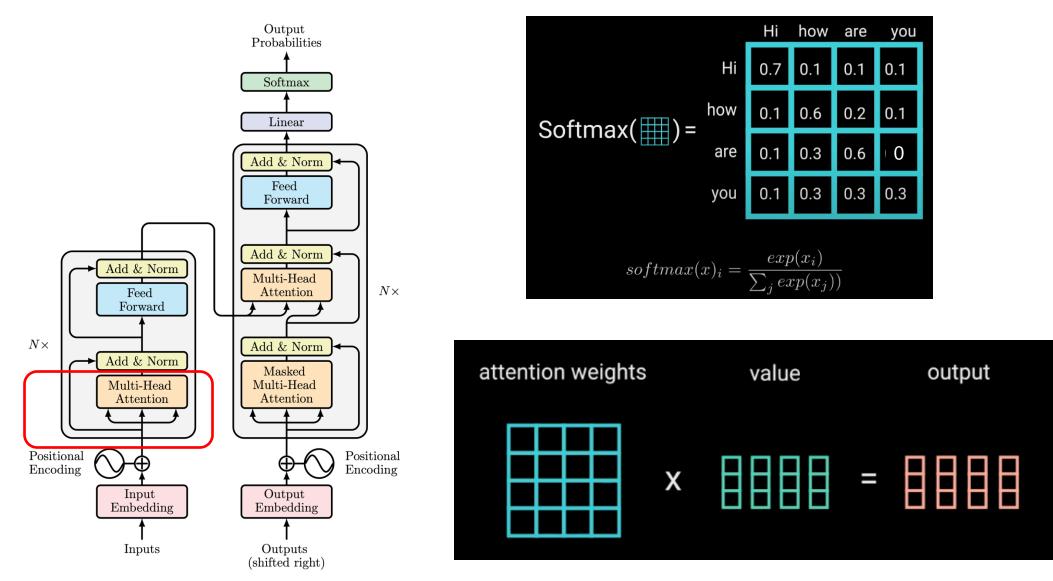


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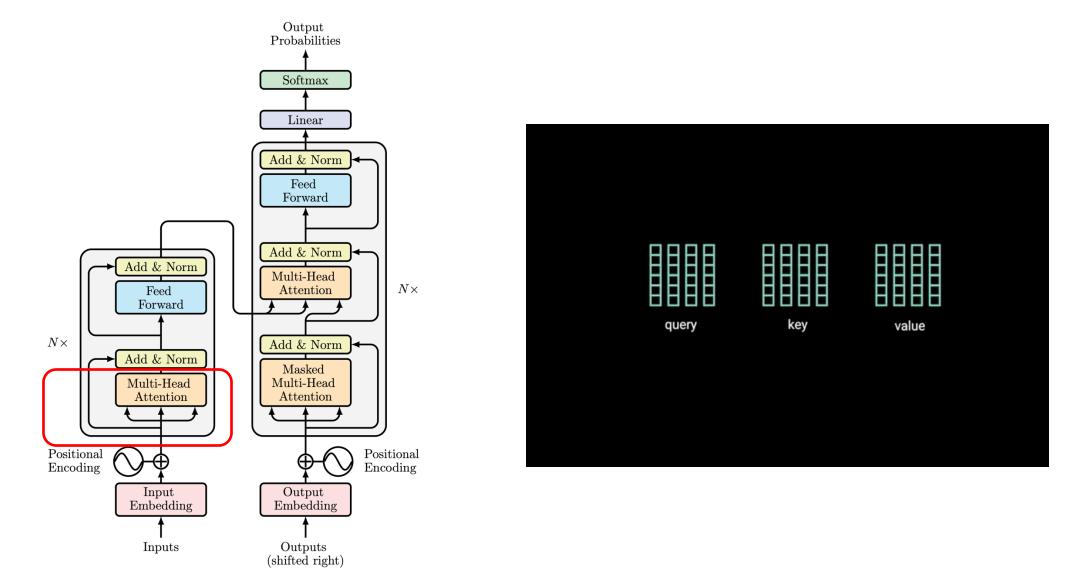
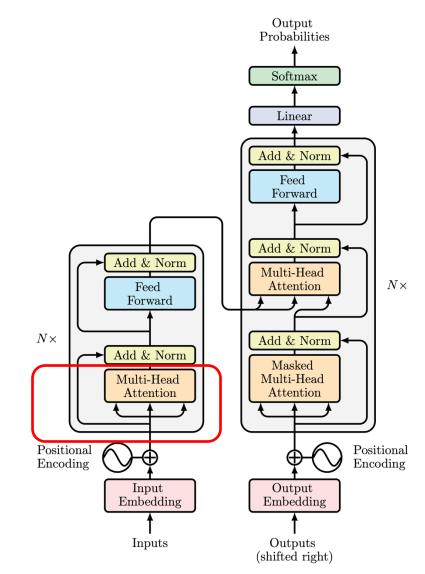
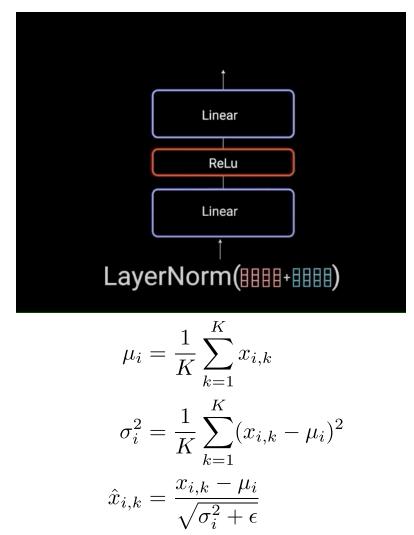


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Layer Norm [1] & Residual Connection





$$y_i = \gamma \hat{x}_i + \beta \equiv \mathrm{LN}_{\gamma,\beta}(x_i)$$

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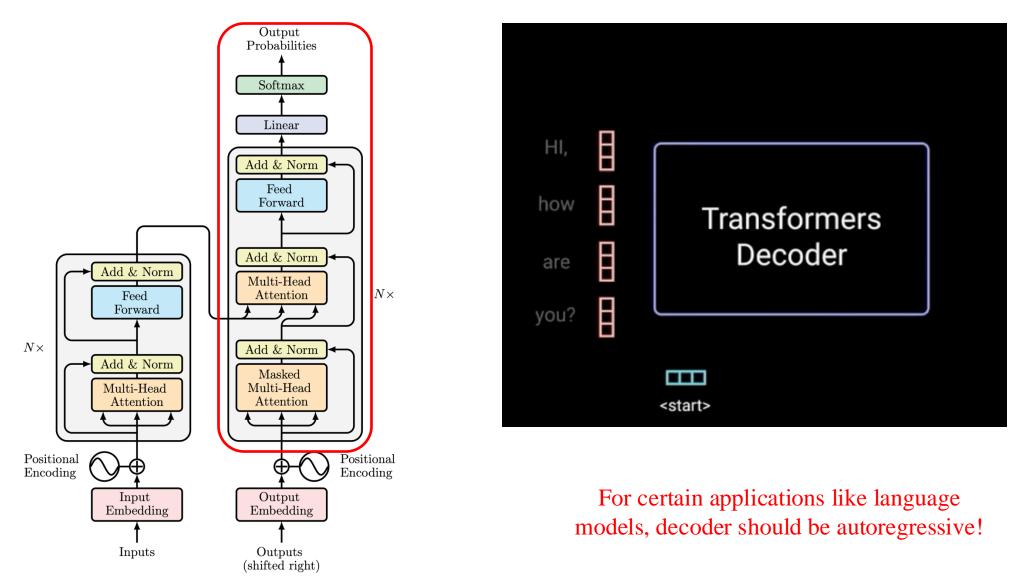
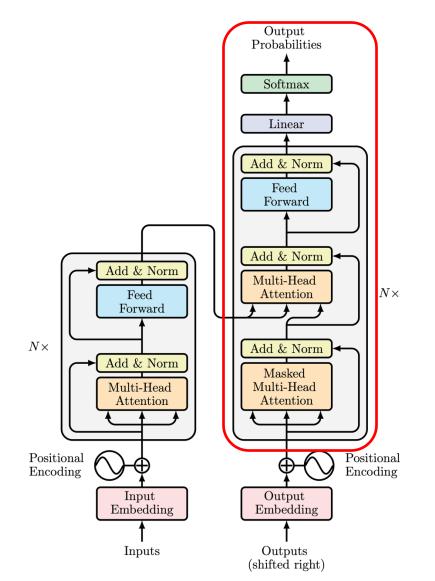
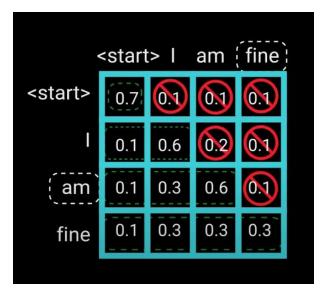


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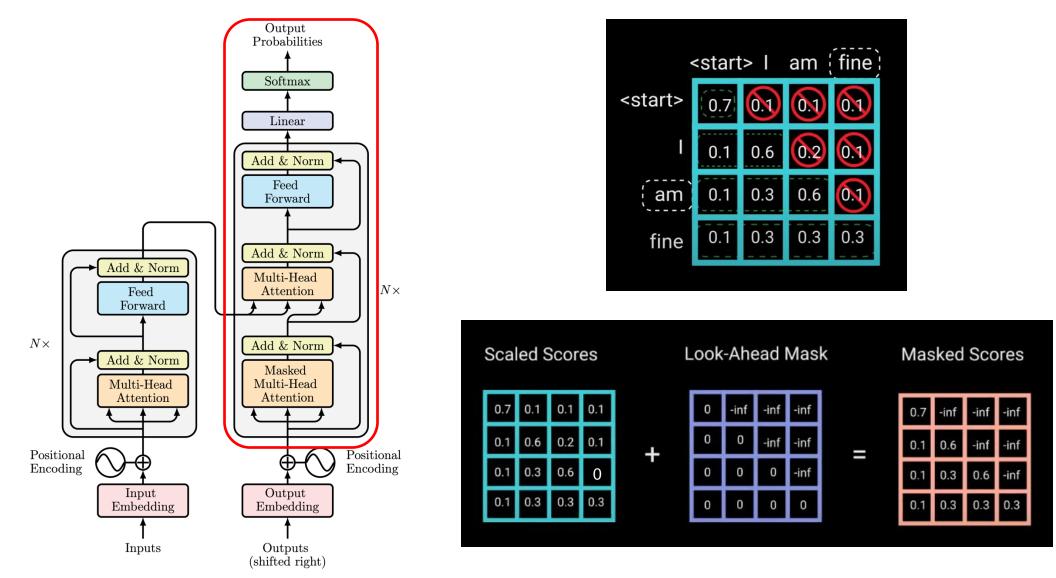
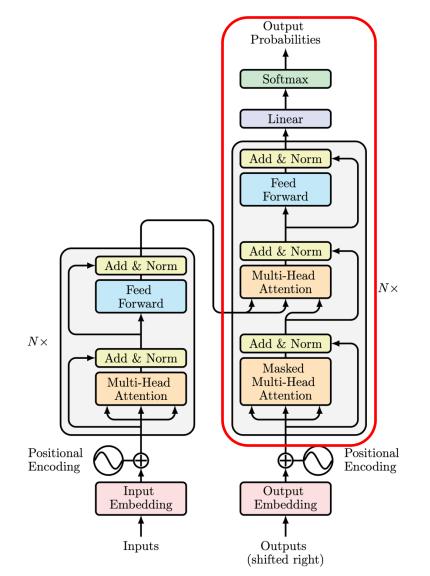


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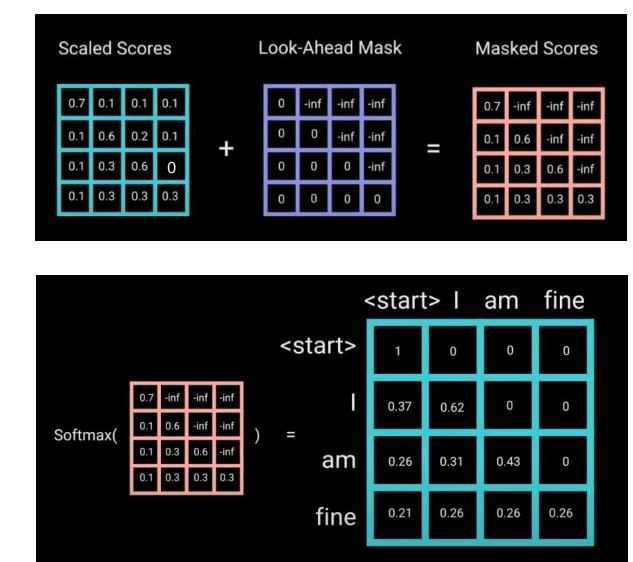
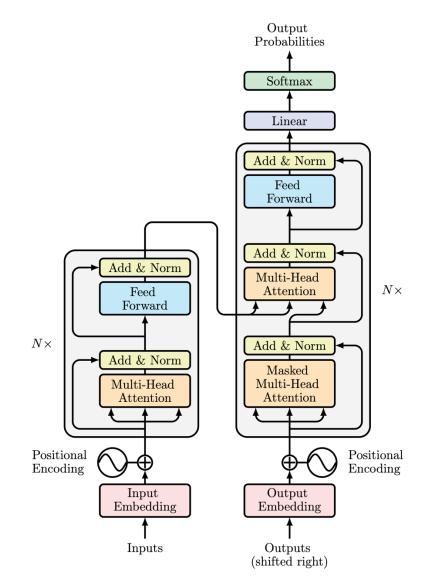


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Limitations



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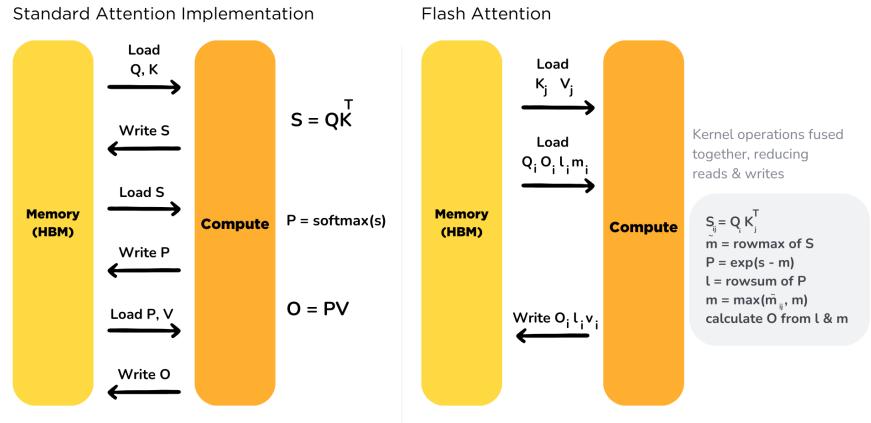
Methods like Reformer [1] speed up attention to O(L log L) using locality-sensitive hashing techniques

- How can we incorporate prior knowledge into attention rather than having a fully connected attention?
 - Encourage sparse attention
 - Inject known graph structures
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[1] Kitaev, Nikita, Łukasz Kaiser, and Anselm Levskaya. "Reformer: The efficient transformer." arXiv preprint arXiv:2001.04451 (2020). Image Credit: Vaswani, A. "Attention is all you meed." Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (2017).

Flash Attention [1]

Flash attention accelerates attention by using on-chip static random-access memory (SRAM, small memory but fast) to reduce the IO with high bandwidth memory (HBM, large memory but slow).



Initialize O, I and m matrices with zeroes. m and I are used to calculate cumulative softmax. Divide Q, K, V into blocks (due to SRAM's memory limits) and iterate over them, for i is row & j is column.

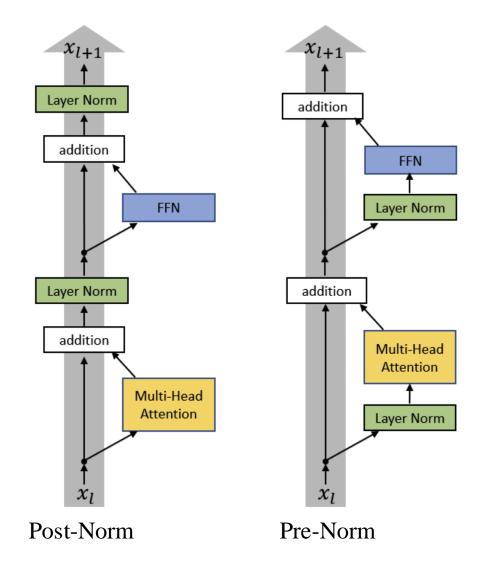
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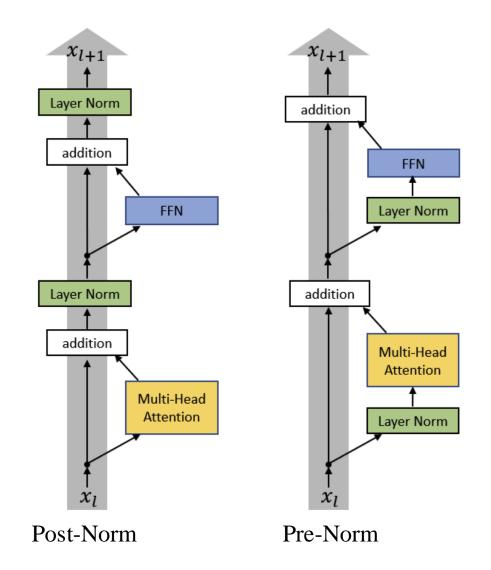
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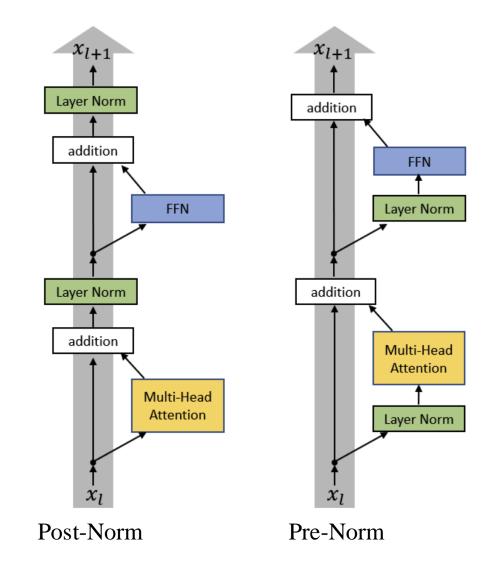
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Extensions: Vision Transformers [1]



[1] Dosovitskiy, Alexey, et al. "An Image is Worth 16x16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale." International Conference on Learning Representations. 2020. Image 10@dit: https://github.com/lucidrains/vit-pytorch

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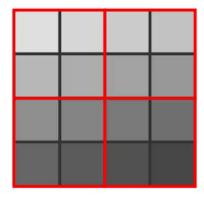
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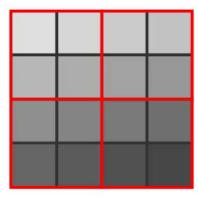




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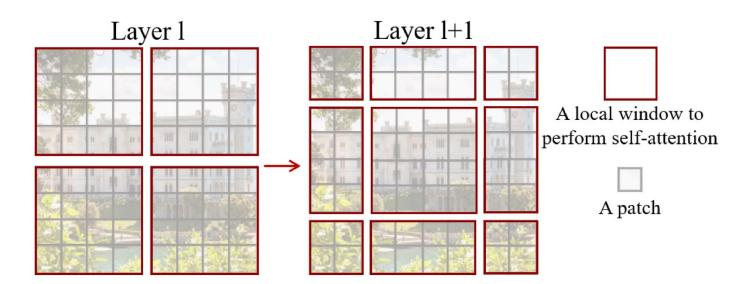


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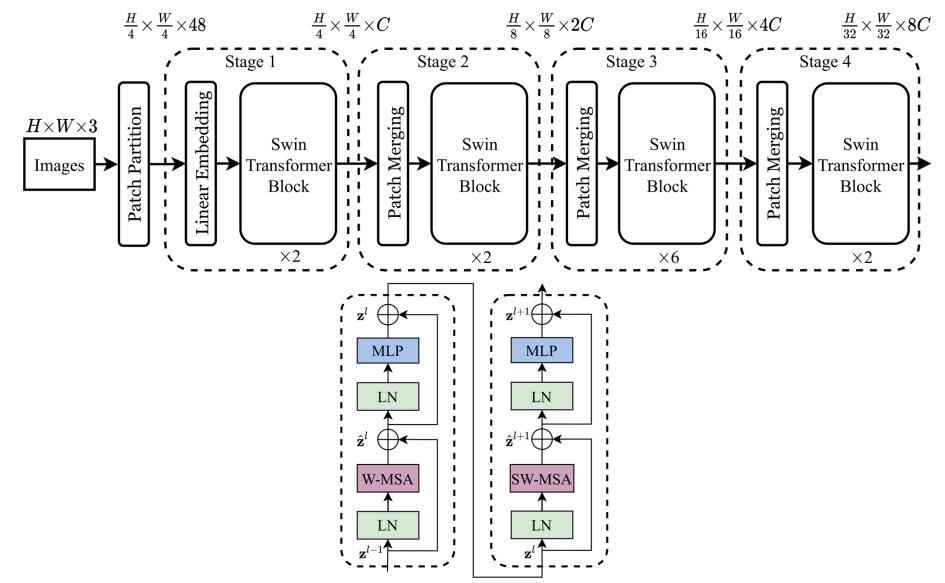


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