

Sequences Part II: Attention & Transformers

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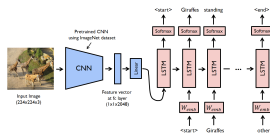


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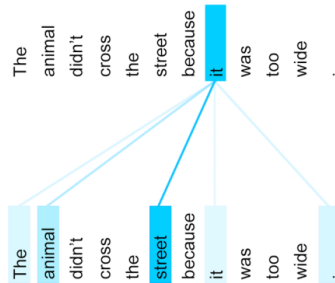
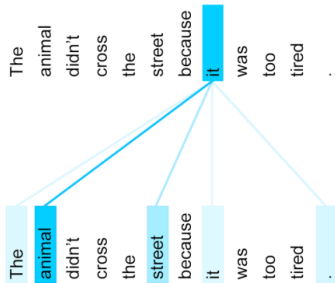
- Attention Mechanism
 - Motivation
 - How it works
 - Self-Attention
 - Multihead attention
- Positional Encoding
- Transformers
 - Encoder
 - Decoder
- Fine-tuning

Types of Tasks with Sequences

- Seq2Vec (sequence classification)
- Vec2Seq (sequence generation)
- Seq2Seq (sequence translation)

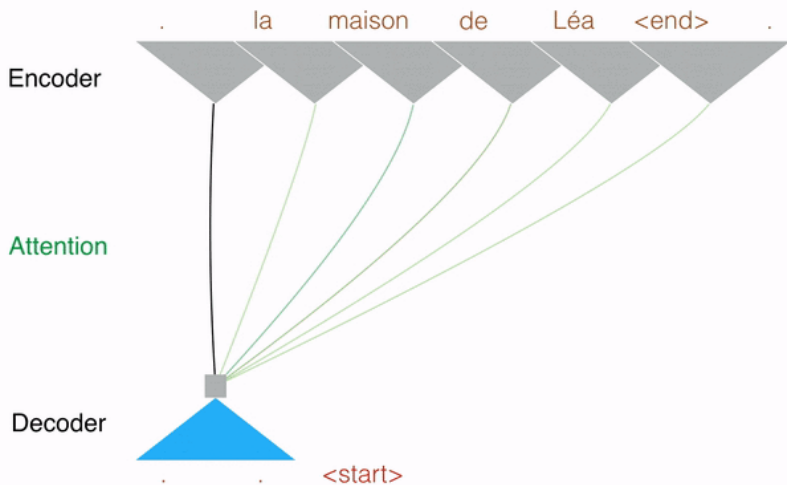


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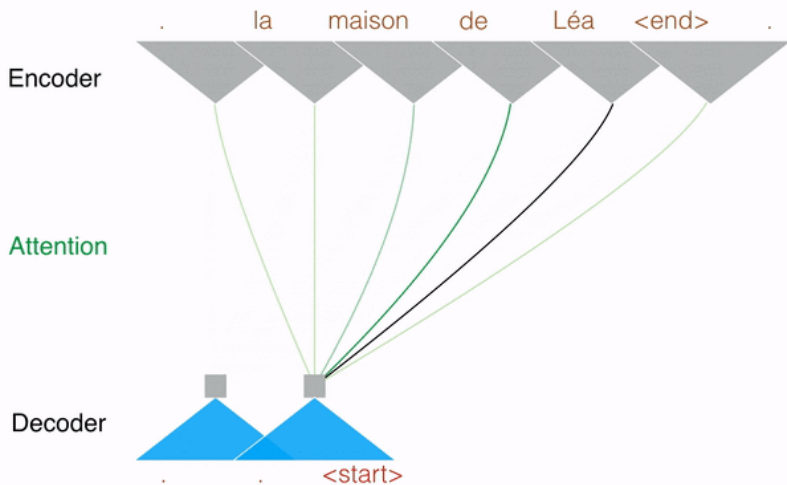
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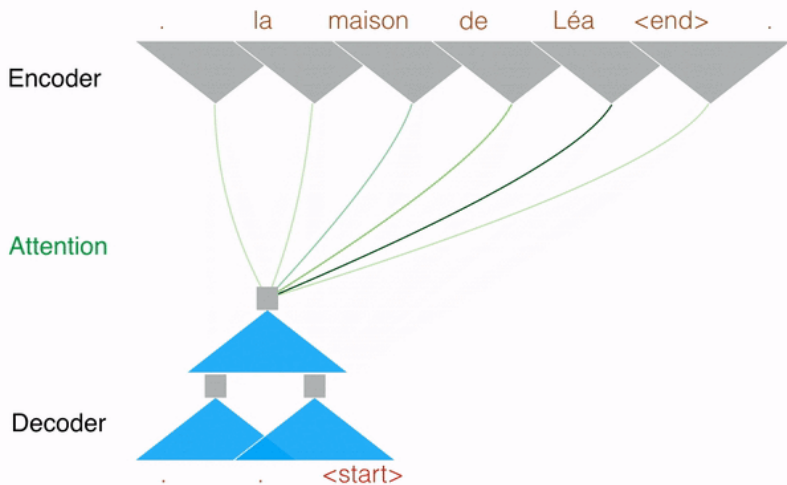
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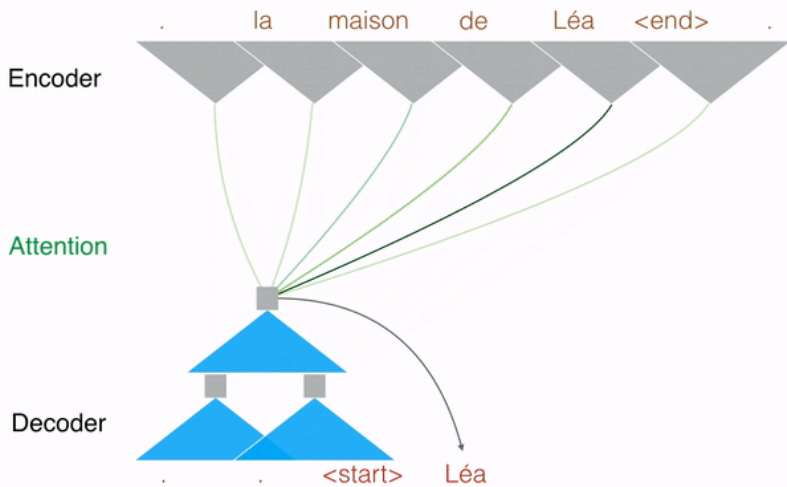
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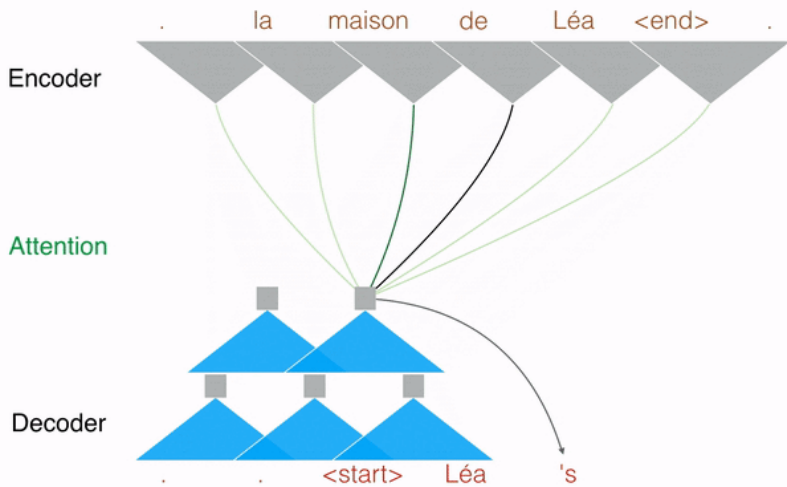
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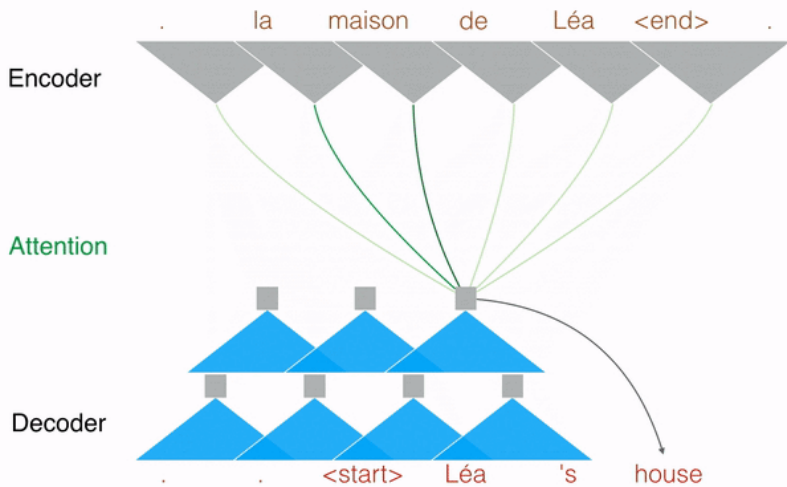
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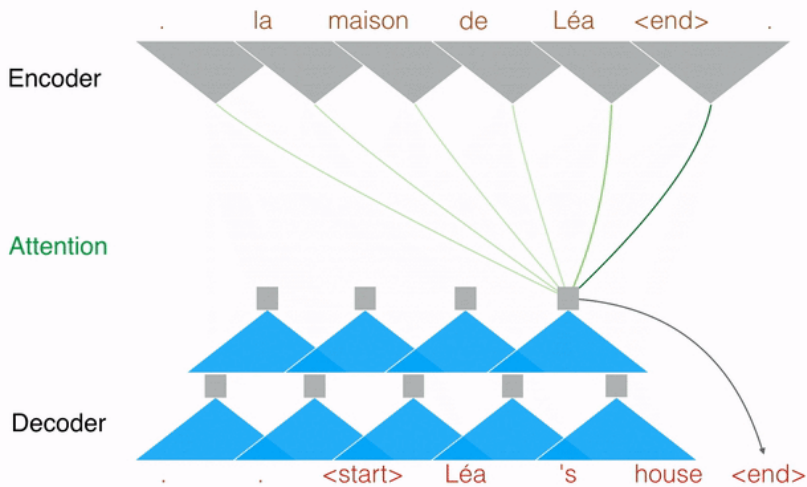
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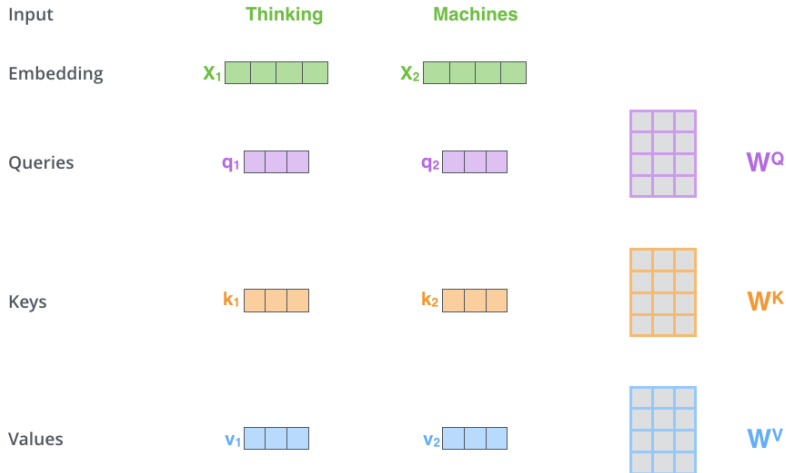
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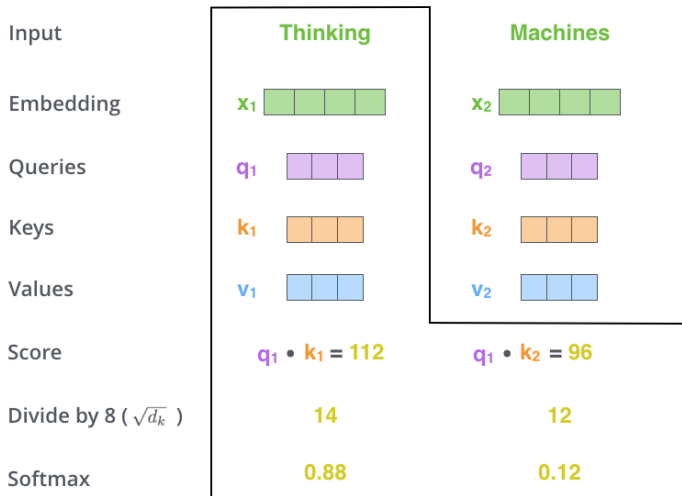


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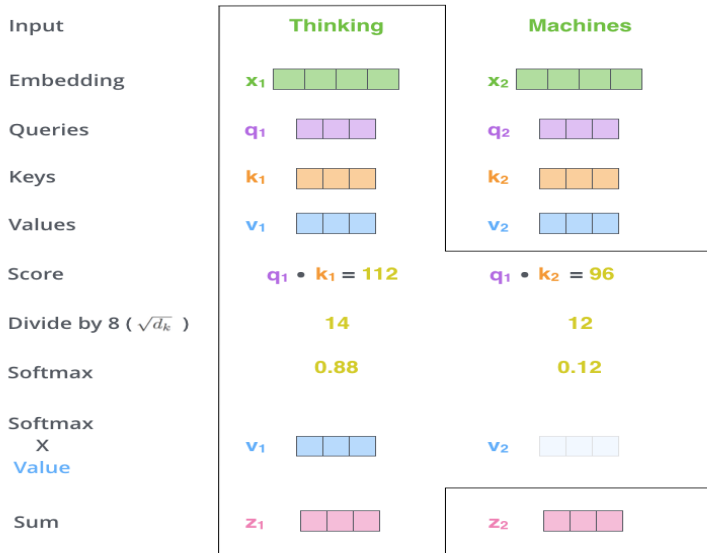
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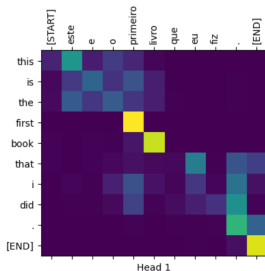
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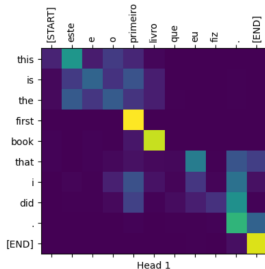
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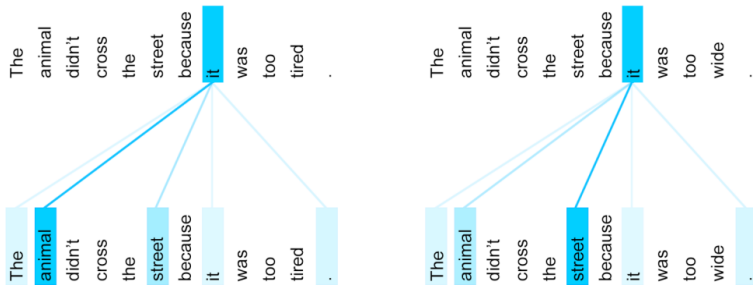
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Self-Attention

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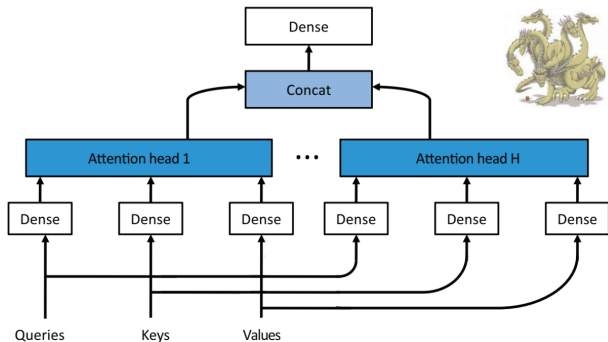
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Attention Mechanism – Multi-Head Attention

Besides going deep, we can also go wide by having MHA with each head indexed by $i \in \{1, \dots, H\}$:

Query: $\mathbf{Q}_i = \mathbf{XW}_i^{(q)}$; Key: $\mathbf{K}_i = \mathbf{XW}_i^{(k)}$; Value: $\mathbf{V}_i = \mathbf{XW}_i^{(v)}$

Self-attention: $\mathbf{A}_i = \text{Attn}(\mathbf{Q}_i, \mathbf{K}_i)$; Word embedding: $\mathbf{Z}_i = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{V}_i$

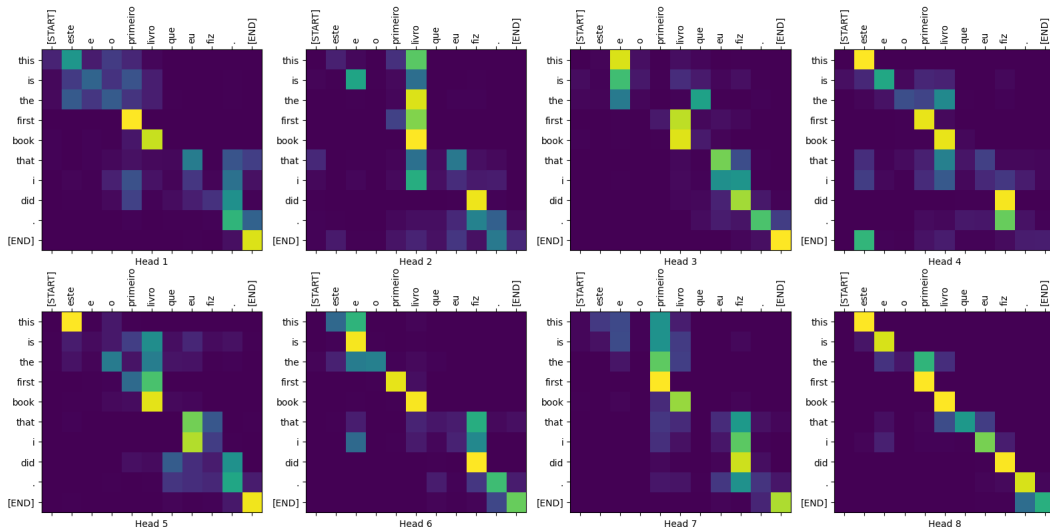


We then concatenate the outputs from all H attention heads and feed them into a dense layer (i.e., a full-connected layer) to get the final embedding:

$$\mathbf{Z} = [\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_H] \mathbf{W}_o \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$$

where \mathbf{W}_o is a $(\sum_{i=1}^H K_i) \times K$ matrix.

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$$p_{i,2j} = \sin\left(\frac{i}{C^{2j/D}}\right), \quad p_{i,2j+1} = \cos\left(\frac{i}{C^{2j/D}}\right),$$
where C (e.g., $C = 10,000$) is some large constant that is not important here.

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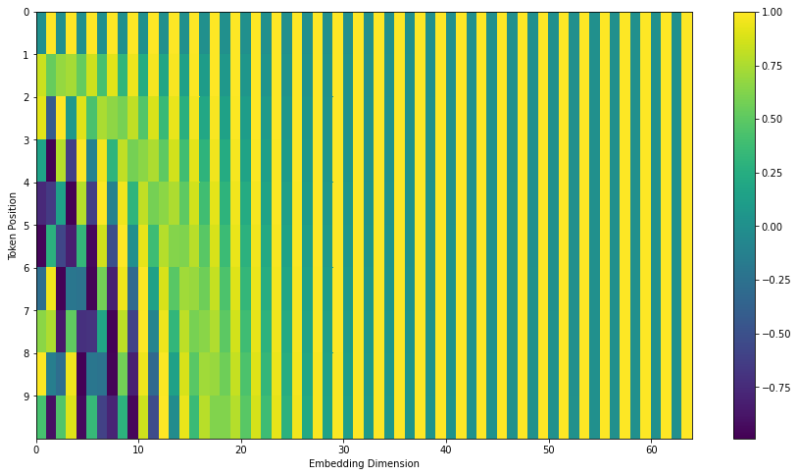
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Positional Encoding

Positional encoding for 10 tokens and $D = 64$:



Transformers

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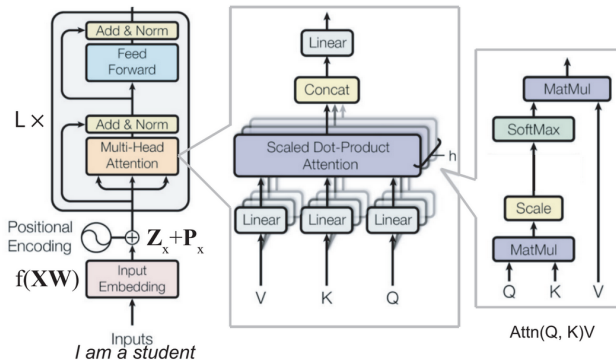
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Encoder



```

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3         ↪ + X)
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5     return E

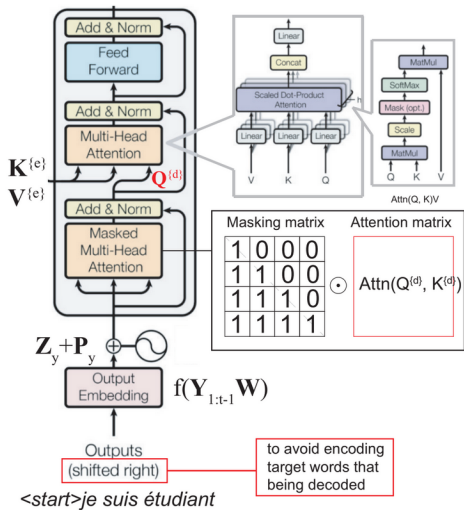
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1 def Encoder(X, L):
2     Ze = POS(Embed(X))
3     for l in range(L):
4         Ze = EncoderBlock(Ze)
5     return Ze

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Decoder



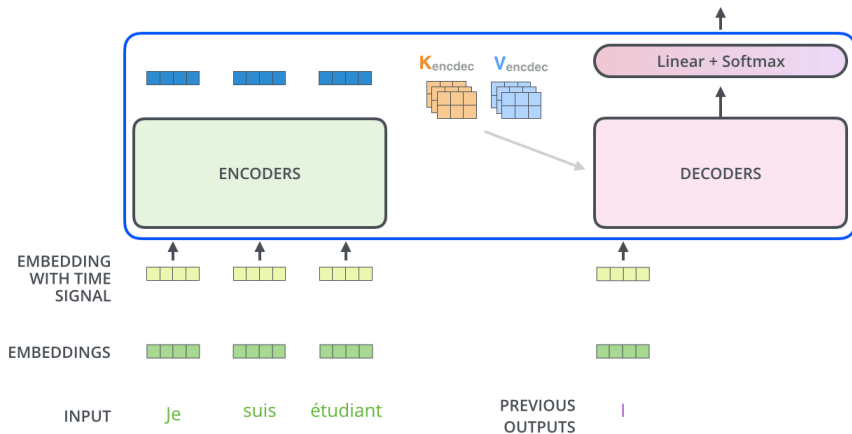
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def DecoderBlock(Y, Ke, Ve):
    Zd = LayerNorm(
        MaskedMultiHeadAttn(Q=Y, K=Y, V=Y) + Y)
    Zd = LayerNorm(
        MultiHeadAttn(Q=Zd, K=Ke, V=Ve) + Zd)
    Zd = LayerNorm(FeedForward(Zd) + Zd)
    return Zd
```

```
def Decoder(Y, Ke, Ve, L):
    Zd = POS(Embed(Y))
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```

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Decoding time step: 1 2 3 4 5 6

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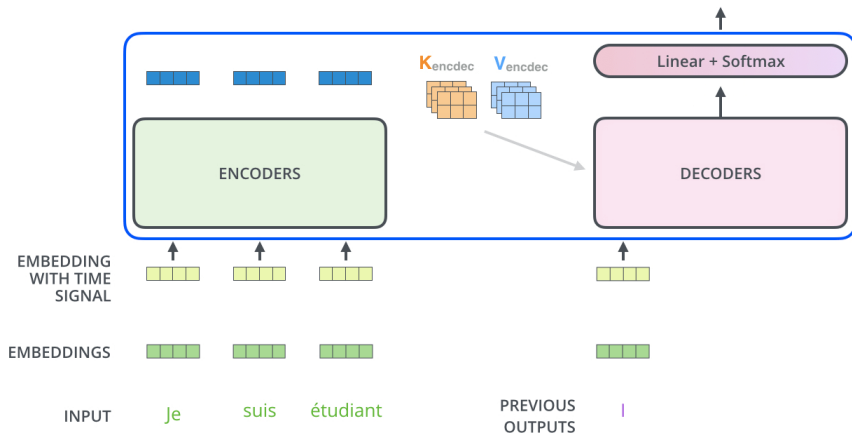


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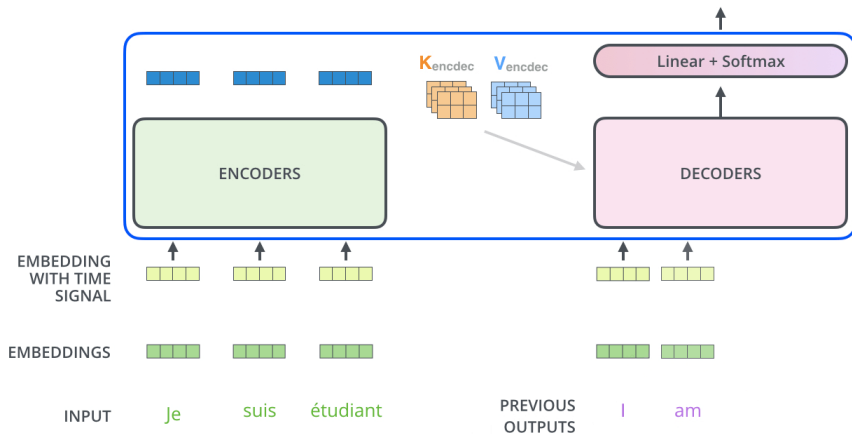


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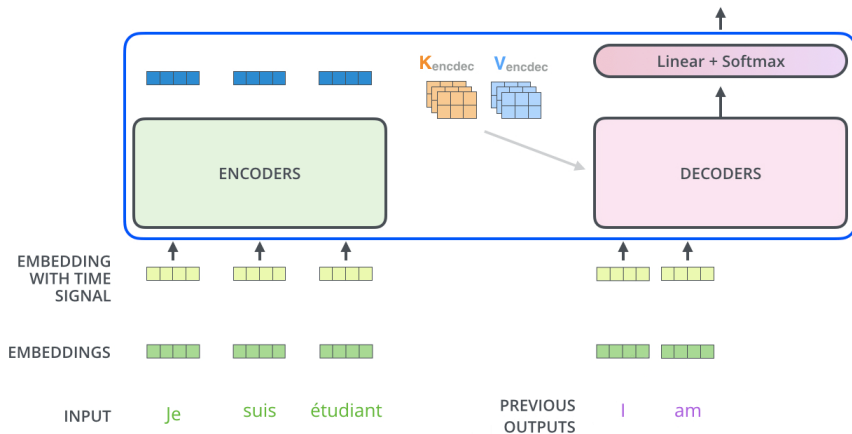


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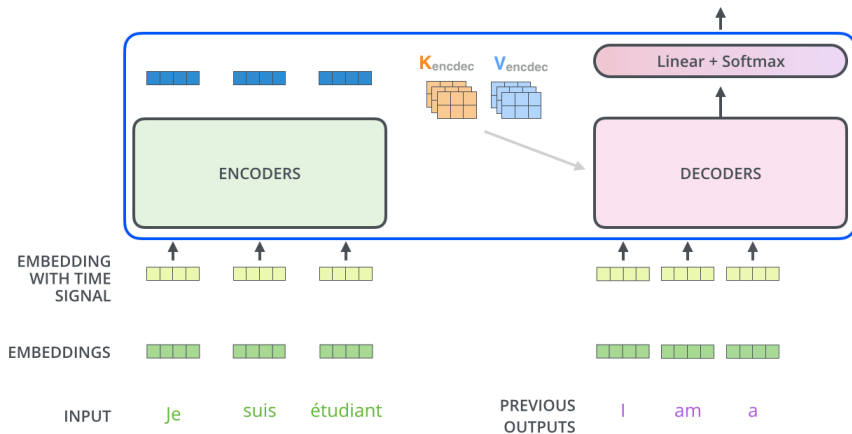


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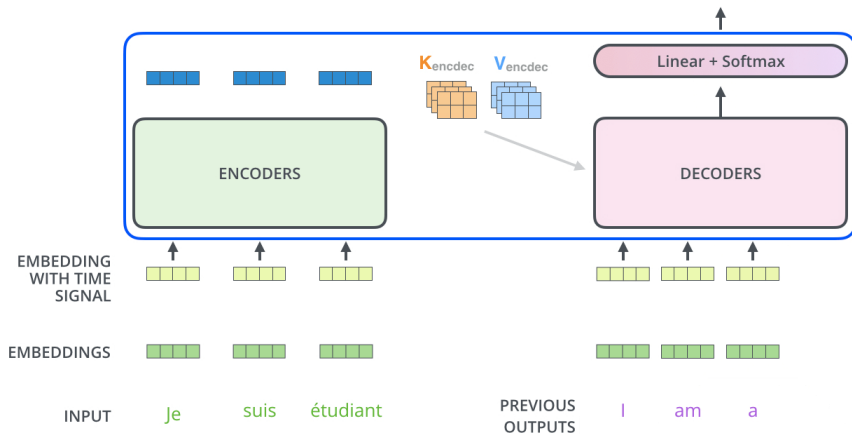


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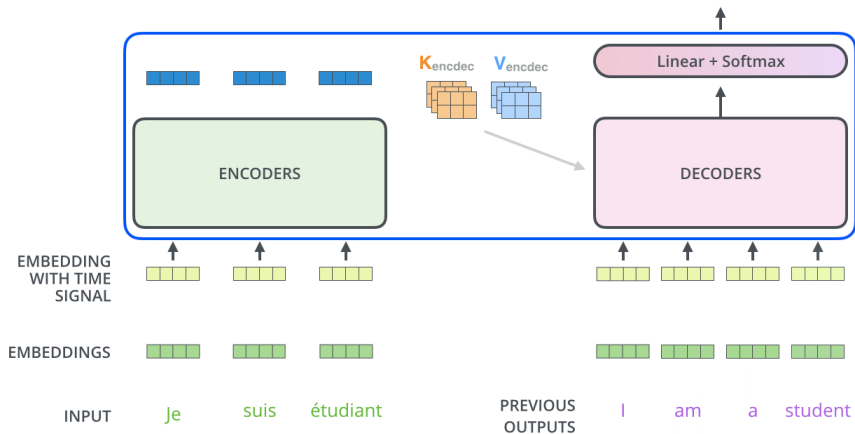


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OUTPUT I am a student



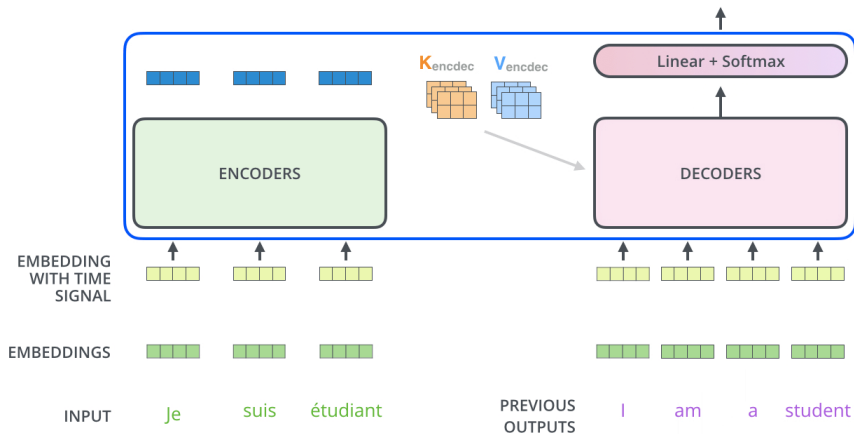
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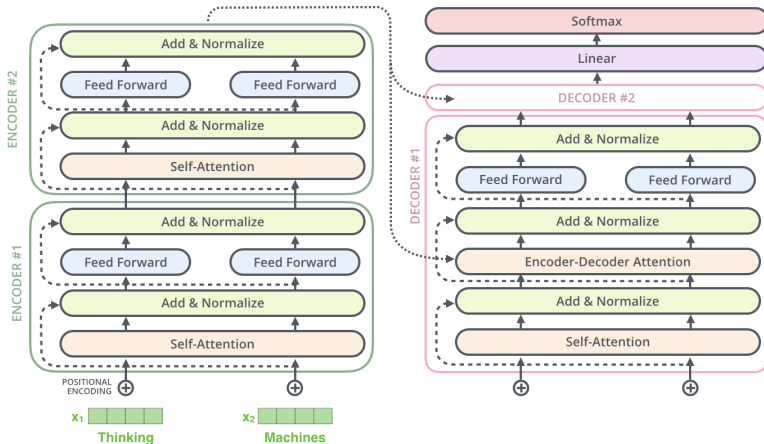
I am a student <end of sentence>



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Vec2Seq and Seq2Vec ?

With a Transformer we saw how to do Seq2Seq. How can we do Vec2Seq or Seq2Vec?



Open AI Generative Pre-Trained Transformer (i.e. ChatGPT)

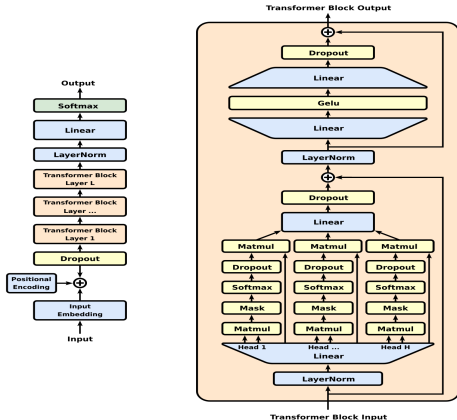


Figure: Open AI GPT architecture (source: Wikipedia)

Trained on next word(s) prediction.

Open AI GPT (i.e. ChatGPT)

Model	Architecture	Parameters	Training data	Release date	Training cost
GPT-1	12-level, 12-headed Transformer decoder (no encoder).	117 million	BookCorpus: 4.5 GB of text, from 7000 unpublished books.	June 11, 2018	30 days on 8 P600 GPUs, or 1 petaFLOP/s-day.
GPT-2	GPT-1, but with modified normalization	1.5 billion	WebText: 40 GB of text, 8 million documents, from 45 million webpages upvoted on Reddit.	February 14, 2019 (initial/limited version) and November 5, 2019 (full version)	"tens of petaflop/s-day", or 1.5×10^{21} FLOP.
GPT-3	GPT-2, but with modification to allow larger scaling	175 billion	499 billion tokens of CommonCrawl (570 GB), WebText, English Wikipedia, book corpora (Books1 and Books2).	May 28, 2020	3640 petaflop/s-day.
GPT-3.5	Undisclosed	175 billion	Undisclosed	March 15, 2022	Undisclosed
GPT-4	Trained with both text prediction and RLHF.	Estimated 1.7 trillion.	Undisclosed	March 14, 2023	Undisclosed. Estimated 2.1×10^{10} FLOP.

source: [wiki](#)

LLMs

- ELMo (Embeddings from Language Model)
 - RNN based, trained unsupervised to minimize the negative log likelihood of the input sentence, i.e. $y_t = x_{t-1}$
- BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers)
 - Transformer-based: map a modified version of a sequence back to the unmodified form and compute the loss at the masked locations: **fill-in-the-blank** :

Let's make [MASK] chicken! [SEP] It [MASK] great with orange sauce

- GPT (Generative Pre-training Transformer)
 - uses a masked transformer as the decoder, see an open-source model [here](#) (20 billion parameters)

Fine-Tuning

How to fine-tune?

Summary

- Attention Mechanism
 - $Z = \text{softmax}(Q \cdot K^T / \sqrt{d}) \cdot V$
 - Self-Attention
 - Multihead attention
- Positional Encoding
- Transformers
 - Encoder (self-attention)
 - Decoder (self-attention to previous output + attention to encoder output)
- Fine-tuning