## STOR566: Introduction to Deep Learning Lecture 16: Transformer

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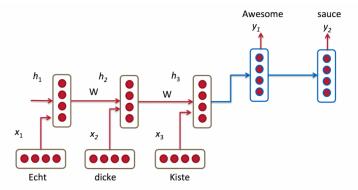
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## Neural Machine Translation

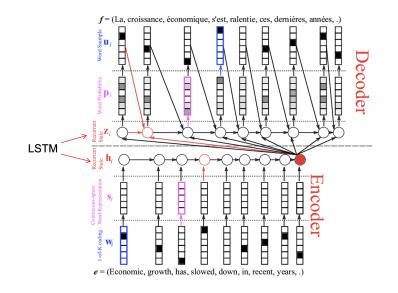
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## Neural Machine Translation (NMT)

- Out the translated sentence from an input sentence
- Training data: a set of input-output pairs (supervised setting)
- Encoder-decoder approach:
  - Encoder: Use (RNN/LSTM) to encode the input sentence input a latent vector
  - Decoder: Use (RNN/LSTM) to generate a sentence based on the latent vector

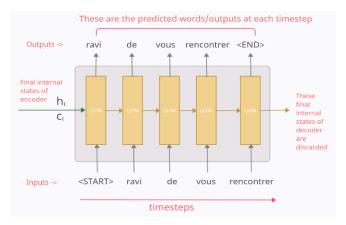


#### Neural Machine Translation



## **RNN: Neural Machine Translation**

- Start input of the decoder?
- When to stop?



picture from https://medium.com/analytics-vidhya/encoder-decoder-seq2seq-models-clearly-explained-c34186fbf49b

## Attention in NMT

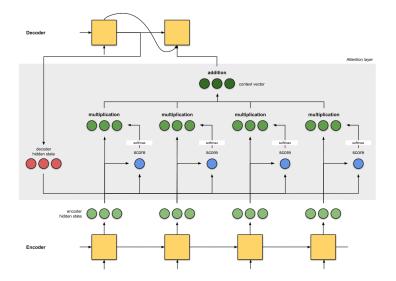
- Usually, each output word is only related to a subset of input words (e.g., for machine translation)
- Let u be the current decoder latent state
  v<sub>1</sub>,..., v<sub>n</sub> be the latent sate for each input word
- Compute the weight of each state by

$$\boldsymbol{p} = \mathsf{Softmax}(\boldsymbol{u}^T \boldsymbol{v}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{u}^T \boldsymbol{v}_n)$$

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• Compute the context vector by  $V \boldsymbol{p} = p_1 \boldsymbol{v}_1 + \dots + p_n \boldsymbol{v}_n$ 

## Attention in NMT



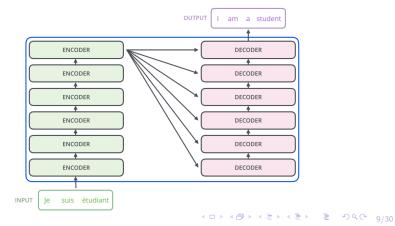
## Transformer

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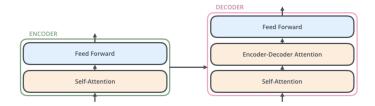
## Transformer

- An architecture that relies entirely on attention without using CNN/RNN
- Proposed in "Attention Is All You Need" (Vaswani et al., 2017)
- Initially used for neural machine translation



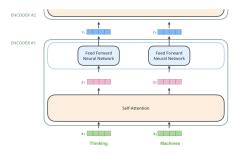
#### Encoder and Decoder

- Self attention layer: the main architecture used in Transformer
- Decoder: will have another attention layer to help it focuses on relevant parts of input sentences.



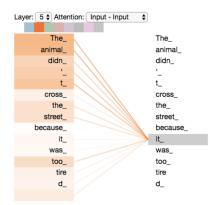
#### Encoder

- Each word has a corresponding "latent vector" (initially the word embedding for each word)
- Each layer of encoder:
  - Receive a list of vectors as input
  - Passing these vectors to a self-attention layer
  - Then passing them into a feed-foward layer
  - Output a list of vectors

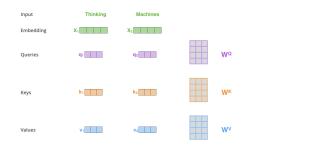


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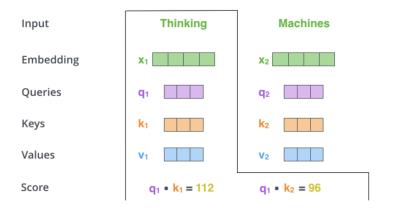
- Main idea: The actual meaning of each word may be related to other words in the sentence
- The actual meaning (latent vector) of each word is a weighted (attention) combination of other words (latent vectors) in the sentences



- Input latent vectors:  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$
- Self-attention parameters:  $W^Q, W^K, W^V$  (weights for query, key, value)
- For each word *i*, compute
  - Query vector:  $\boldsymbol{q}_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i W^Q$
  - Key vector:  $\boldsymbol{k}_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i W^K$
  - Value vector:  $\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{x}_i W^V$

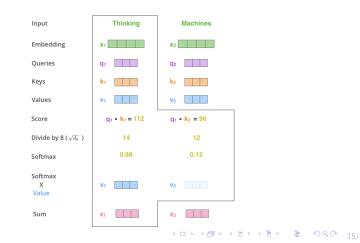


- For each word *i*, compute the scores to determine how much focus to place on other input words
  - The attention score for word j to word i:  $\boldsymbol{q}_i^T \boldsymbol{k}_i$



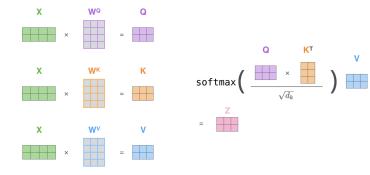
• For each word *i*, the output vector

$$\sum_{j} s_{ij} \boldsymbol{v}_{j}, \quad \boldsymbol{s}_{i} = \operatorname{softmax}(\boldsymbol{q}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{k}_{1}, \dots, \boldsymbol{q}_{i}^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{k}_{n})$$



## Matrix form

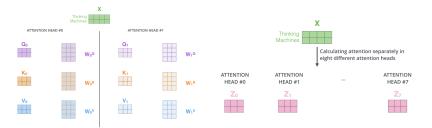
$$Q = XW^Q, \ K = XW^K, \ V = XW^V, \ Z = \operatorname{softmax}(QK^T)V$$



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## Multiple heads

- Multi-headed attention: use multiple set of (key, value, query) weights
- Each head will output a vector  $Z_i$



#### Multiply with weight matrix to reshape

- Gather all the outputs  $Z_1, \ldots, Z_k$
- Multiply with a weight matrix to reshape
- Then pass to the next fully connected layer



2) Multiply with a weight matrix W<sup>0</sup> that was trained jointly with the model

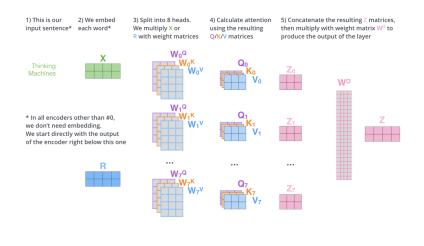
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3) The result would be the  ${\mathbb Z}$  matrix that captures information from all the attention heads. We can send this forward to the FFNN



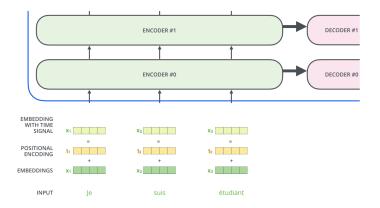


## Overall architecture



## Position encoding

- The above architecture ignores the sequential information
- Add a position encoding vector to each  $x_i$  (according to i)

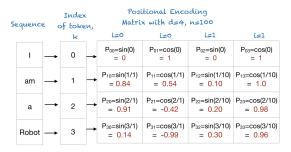


## Position encoding

• Sin/cosine functions with different wavelengths (used in the original Transformer)

$$P(k,i) = \sin\left(\frac{k}{n^{2i/d}}\right), P(k,i) = \cos\left(\frac{k}{n^{2i/d}}\right)$$

- smooth, parameter-free, inductive
- k: position, i: 0 ≤ i < d/2, n: user-defined scalar, 10,000 in the original paper



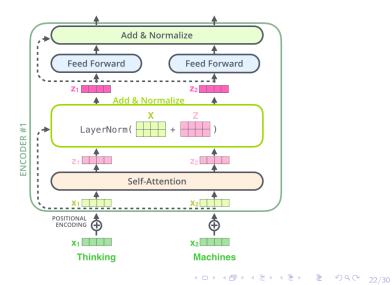
Positional Encoding Matrix for the sequence 'I am a robot'

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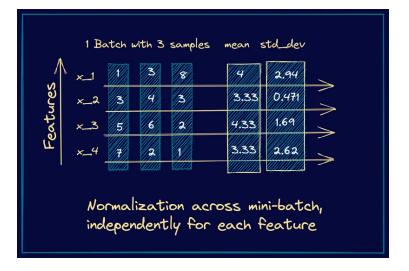
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## The Residuals

Residual connection and Normalization

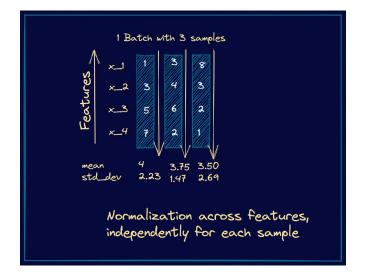


#### **Batch Normalization**



picture from https://www.pinecone.io/learn/batch-layer-normalization/

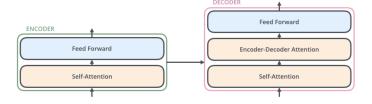
## Layer Normalization



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#### Decoder

• Decoder: Self attention layer + Encoder-Decoder Attention Layer + Feed Forward

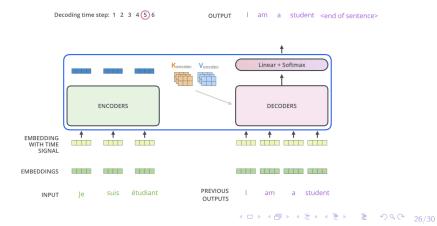


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• New: Encoder-Decoder Attention Layer

#### Encoder-decoder attention layer

- *K* and *V* from the final encoder layer used by all the encoder-decoder attention layers in the decoding part.
- Q query vectors produced by the decoder inputs will be used with K and V to produce the output of encoder-decoder attention layer.



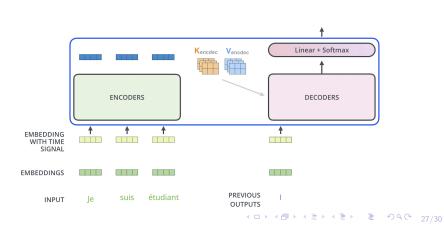
#### Decoder Self-attention

 Self-attention layer only uses information from previous positions in the output sequence

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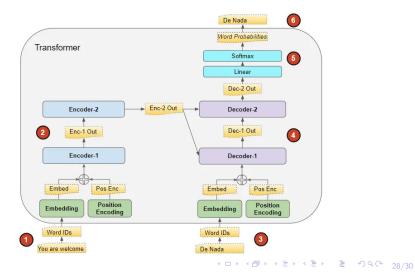
• Mask future positions with  $-\infty$ 

Decoding time step: 1 (2) 3 4 5 6



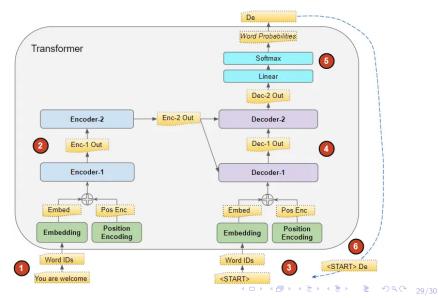
## Training

- Decoding parallelly
- $\bullet\,$  Mask future positions with  $-\infty$



## Inference

• Decoding sequentially not parallelly



## Conclusions

- A review of RNN and NMT
- A brief introduction of Transformer.

# Questions?

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