Deep Learning Transformer and Newer Architectures

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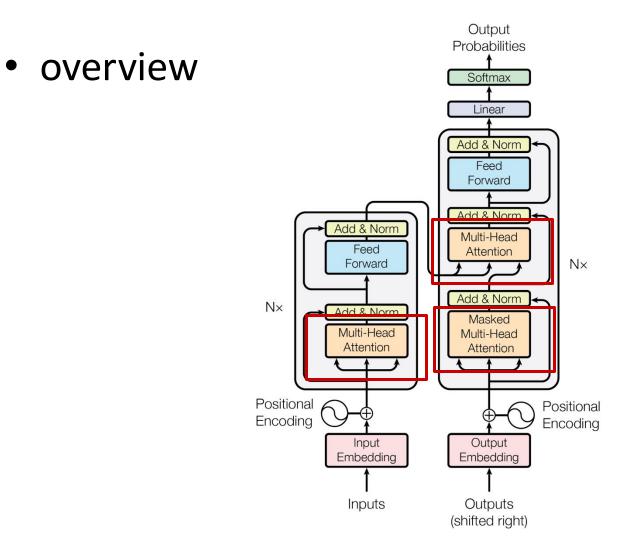
Why Transformer?

• Almost everything today in deep learning is **Transformer**

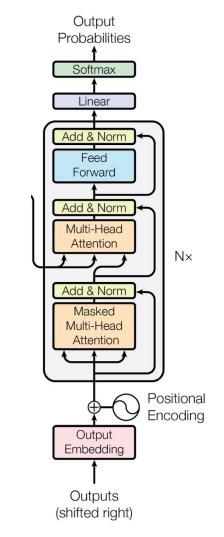


But...Why Transformer?

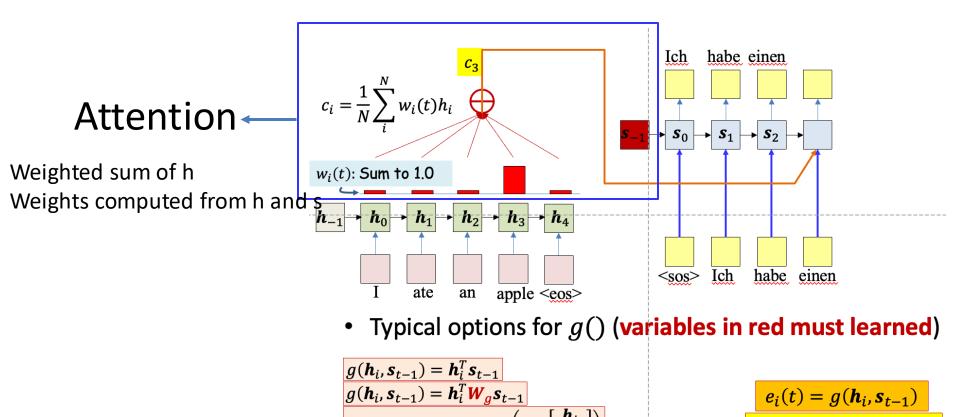
- Flexibility and universality of handling all modality
- Scaling with data and parameters
- "Emergent" capability and In-context Learning
- Parameter Efficient Tuning



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Recap: Attention in Seq2Seq Models

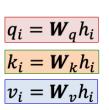


 $g(\boldsymbol{h}_i, \boldsymbol{s}_{t-1}) = \boldsymbol{v}_g^T tanh\left(\boldsymbol{W}_g \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{h}_i \\ \boldsymbol{s}_{t-1} \end{bmatrix}\right)$

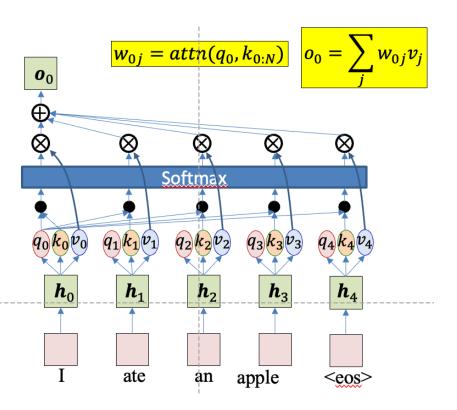
 $g(\boldsymbol{h}_i, \boldsymbol{s}_{t-1}) = \boldsymbol{MLP}([\boldsymbol{h}_i, \boldsymbol{s}_{t-1}])$

 $w_i(t) = \frac{\exp(e_i(t))}{\sum_i \exp(e_i(t))}$

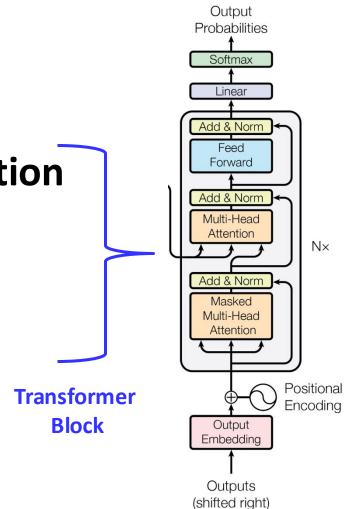
Recap: Self-Attention



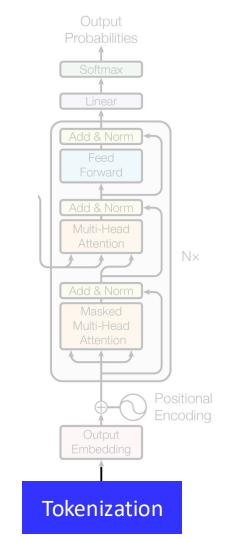
Weighted sum of v Weights computed from q and k q, k, v computed from inputs



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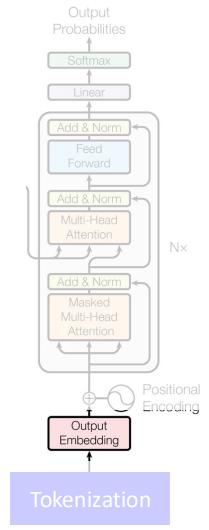


Tokenization

Maps a word into one/multiple tokens
 – Each token represented as an index/class

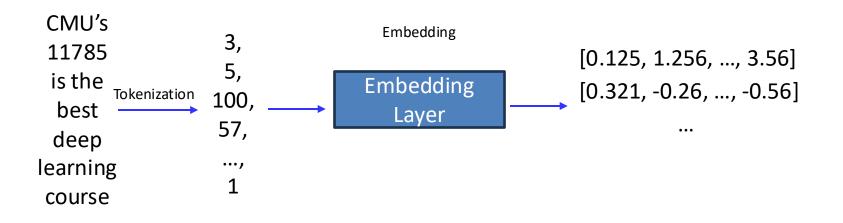
Tokens Characters	Tokens Characters
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CMU's 11-785 Introduction to Deep Learning is a comprehensive course that offers students foundational knowledge and hands-on experience in deep learning. Designed to equip students with both theoretical concepts and practical skills, the course covers essential topics such as neural networks, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), generative models, and unsupervised learning techniques . It integrates mathematical foundations, optimization methods, and the latest advancements in model architectures, making it an ideal course for those interested in mastering deep learning applications across various domains. Students engage in coding assignments and projects that require implementing algorithms from scratch, giving them practical insight into real-world challenges and problem-solving with deep learning. Text Token IDs	[14170, 52, 802, 220, 994, 12, 45085, 42915, 316, 28896, 25392, 382, 261, 16796, 4165, 484, 5297, 4501, 138200, 7124, 326, 8950, 13237, 3240, 306, 8103, 7524, 13, 53706, 316, 15160, 4501, 483, 2973, 47221, 23753, 326, 17377, 7870, 11, 290, 4165, 17804, 8731, 15083, 2238, 472, 58480, 20240, 11, 137447, 280, 58480, 20240, 350, 124144, 82, 936, 94157, 58480, 20240, 350, 49, 19022, 82, 936, 2217, 1799, 7015, 11, 326, 3975, 5813, 37861, 7524, 12905, 13, 1225, 91585, 58944, 64929, 11, 34658, 7933, 11, 326, 290, 6898, 102984, 306, 2359, 138910, 11, 4137, 480, 448, 9064, 4165, 395, 2617, 9445, 306, 133763, 8103, 7524, 9391, 5251, 5890, 45513, 13, 23372, 22338, 306, 22458, 41477, 326, 8554, 484, 1841, 36838, 41730, 591, 29133, 11, 9874, 1373, 17377, 24058, 1511, 1374, 52939, 13525, 326, 4792, 122400, 483, 8103, 7524, 13]

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Embedding

Represents each discrete token index as continuous token embeddings



Embedding Layer

• The embedding layer is a look-up table that converts token index to continuous vectors

Token Index	Token Embedding
0	[0.235, -1.256, 3.513,, -0.187]
1	[1.291, -2.012, 0.624,, -1.291]
2	[0.536, 0.012, -0.024,, 2.345]
Vocab Size V	[0.131, 2.102, 0.935,, -0.125]

• In Pytorch, it is *nn*.Embedding

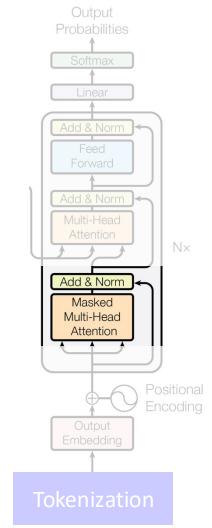
Embedding Layer is a Linear Layer

• *nn.Embedding* is essentially a linear layer Y = XW

One-Hot Vector Token Index $X \in \mathcal{R}^{N imes \mathcal{V} $			Weight Matrix $W \in \mathcal{R}^{ V \times D}$							
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Token Embedding Y $\epsilon \mathcal{R}^{N \times D}$

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• Attention Operation

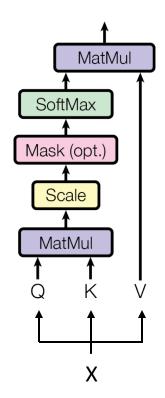
$$ext{Attention} \left(Q, K, V
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Scaled Dot-Product Attention

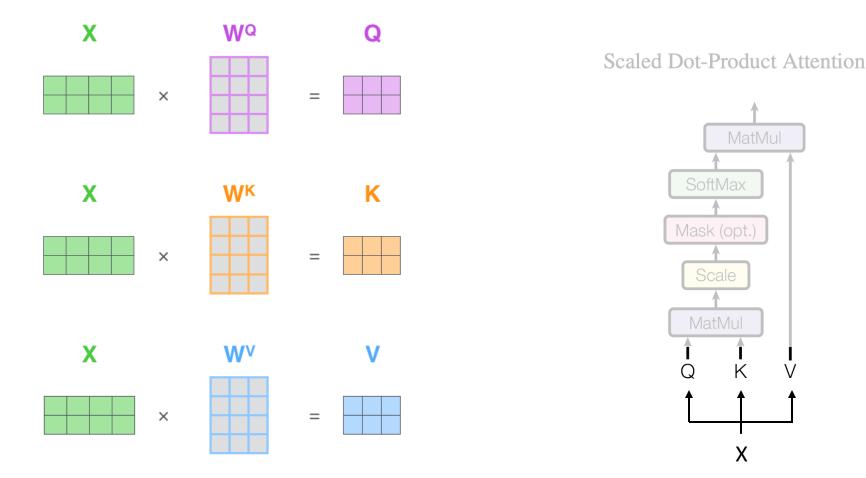
• Query-Key-Value

Linear affine from input X itself

- Weighted-sum of V based on similarity/correlation between Q and K
 - Each token's weights sum to one

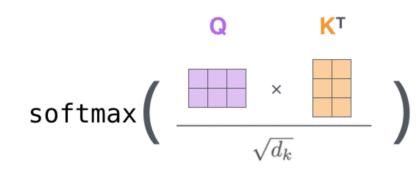


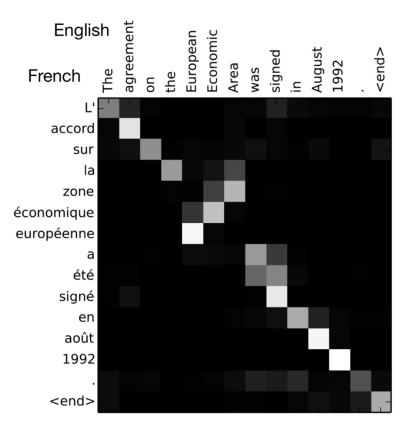
• Query-Key-Value from Three Linear Affine of X



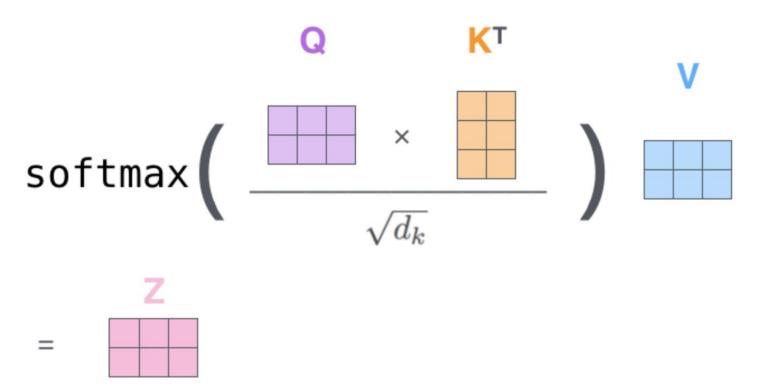
The Illustrated Transformer. https://jalammar.github.io/illustrated-transformer/

• Attention weights





• Output

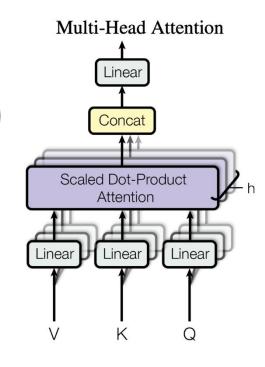


Multi-Head Self-Attention

• Multiple self-attention operations over the channel dimension

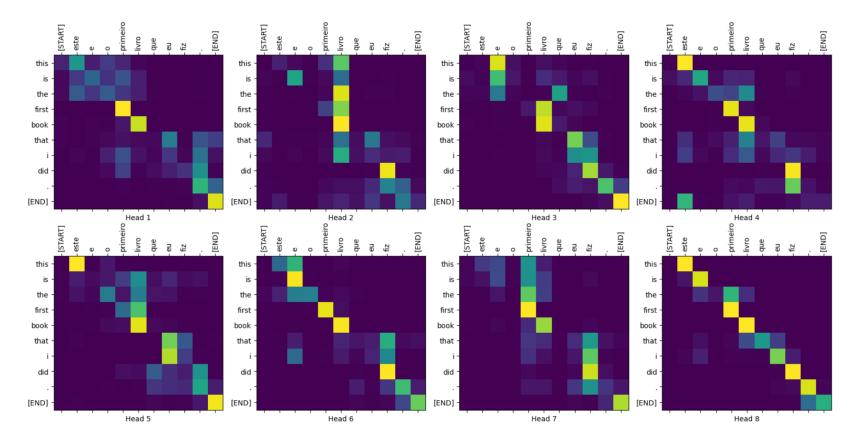
 $egin{aligned} ext{MultiHead}(Q,K,V) &= ext{Concat} \left(ext{head}_1,\ldots, ext{ head}_{ ext{h}}
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 Different attention maps capture different relationships

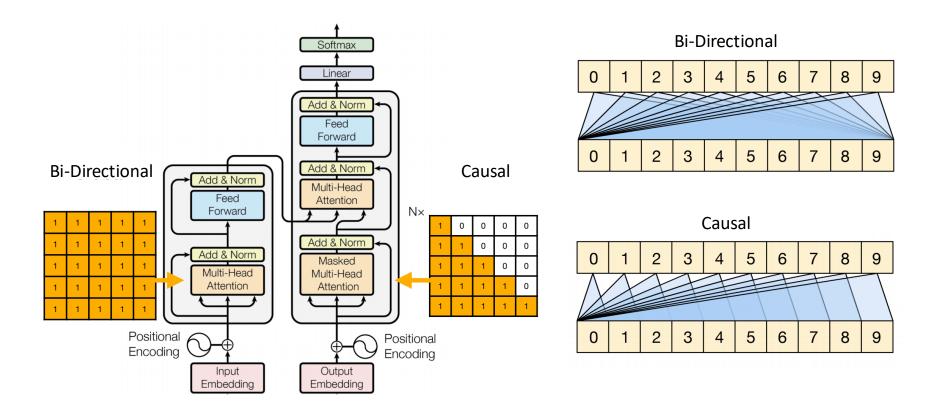


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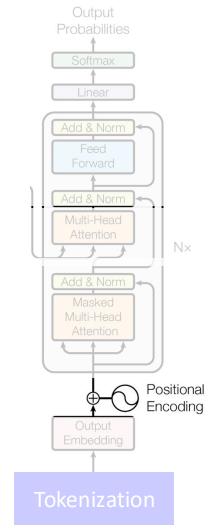
• Each head captures different semantics



Attention Masking

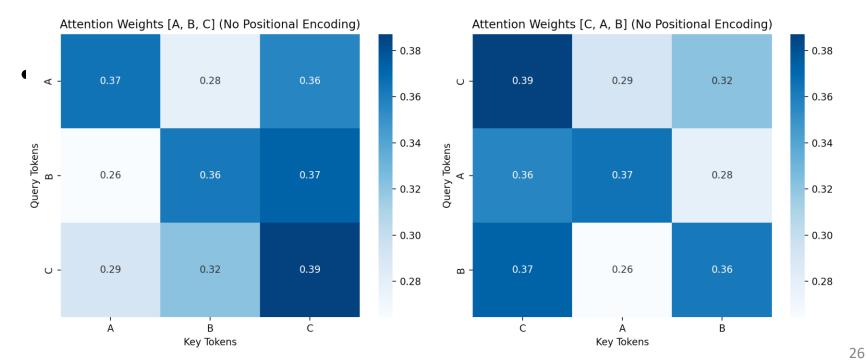


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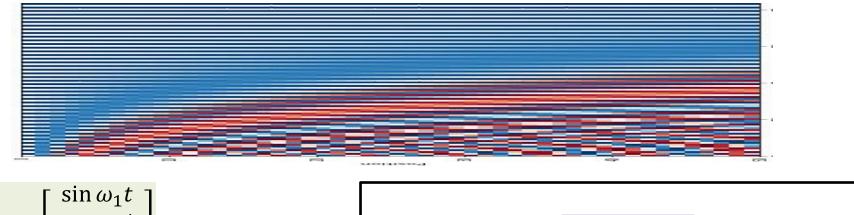
Position Encoding

- Why do we need them?
 - Self-attention is permutation-invariant!
- Considering a sequence of
 - [A, B, C] vs. [C, A, B]



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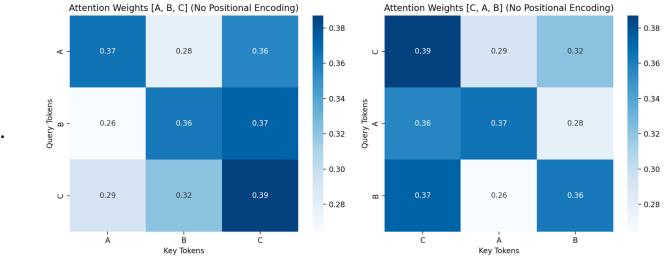
• Captures the abs./relative distance between tokens



$$P_{t} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega_{1} t \\ \sin \omega_{2} t \\ \cos \omega_{2} t \\ \vdots \\ \sin \omega_{d/2} t \\ \sin \omega_{d/2} t \end{bmatrix} \qquad \omega_{l} = \frac{1}{10000^{2l/d}} \qquad M_{\tau} = diag \left(\begin{bmatrix} \cos \omega_{l} \tau & \sin \omega_{l} \tau \\ -\sin \omega_{l} \tau & \cos \omega_{l} \tau \end{bmatrix}, l = 1 \dots d/2 \right)$$

- A vector of sines and cosines of a harmonic series of frequencies
- Never Repeats

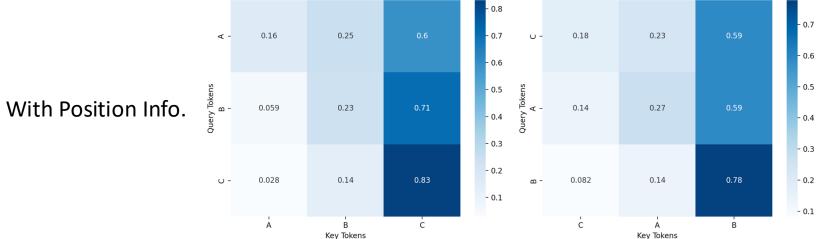
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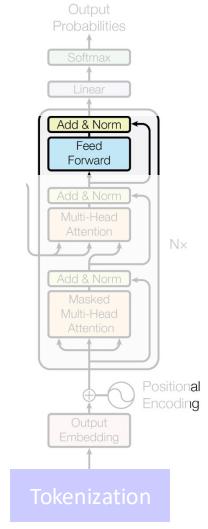
Attention Weights [C, A, B] (Positional Encoding)

No Position Info.

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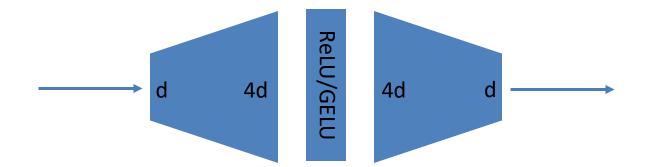
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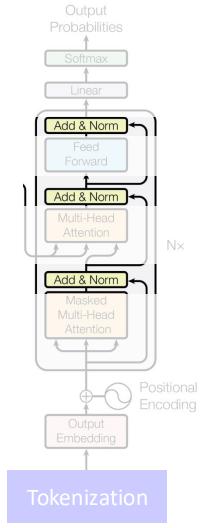
Feed-Forward Block

• Just a MLP!

 $\operatorname{FFN}(x) = \max{(0, xW_1 + b_1)W_2 + b_2}$

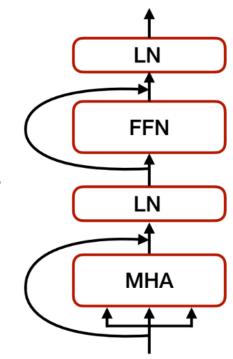


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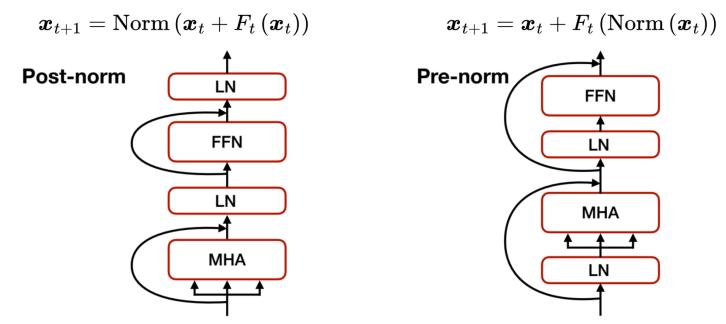
Residual and Normalization

- Each layer in Transformer has:
 - A residual connection
 - A normalization layer
- Layer Norm. normalize each token by its embedding size dimension
 - For more stable training



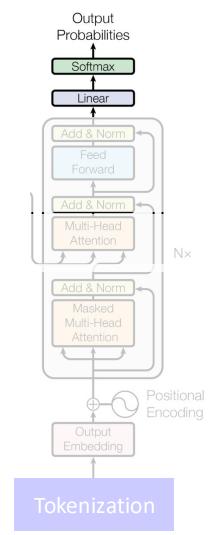
Position of Normalization

Post-Norm vs Pre-Norm



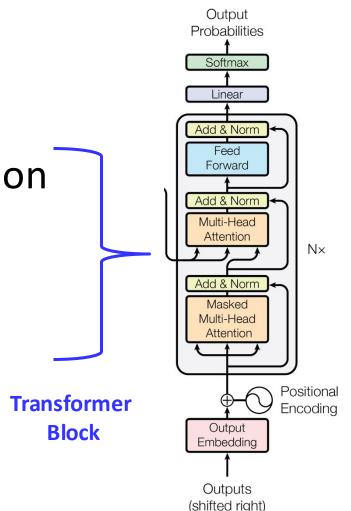
- Pre-Norm is easier and more stable to train
- Post-Norm tends to present better performance if properly trained

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 Just a linear layer



Putting Them Together - Transformer

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Transformer in NLP

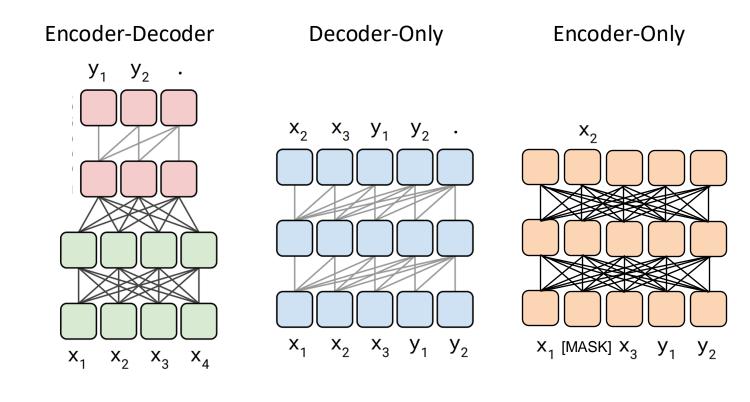
NLP Tasks with Transformer

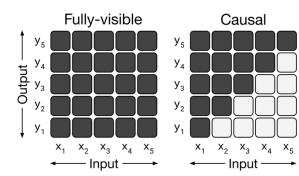
- Question Answering.
- Machine Translation.
- Summarization.
- Code Generation.
- Text Completion.
- Sentiment Analysis.
- Dialogue Generation and Conversational AI.
- Semantic Search.
- Text Anonymization.

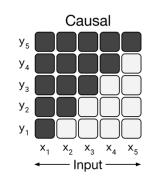
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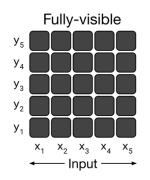
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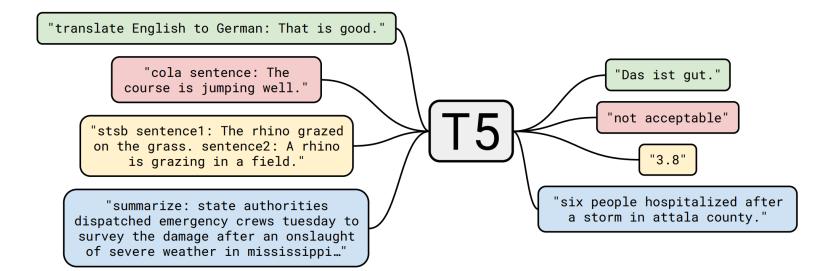






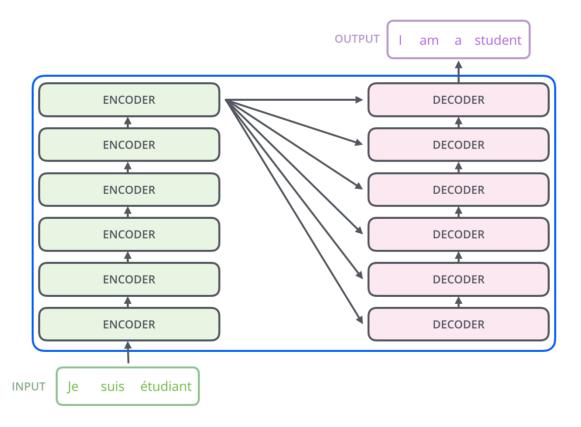
Encoder-Decoder - T5

- Encoder-Decoder architecture as in the original transformer paper
- A text-to-text model on various NLP tasks



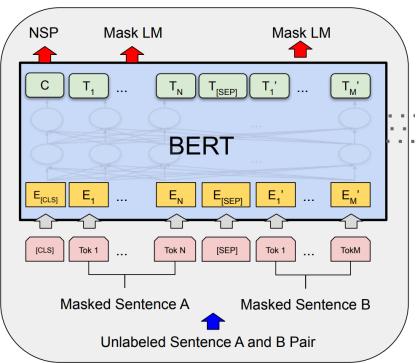
Encoder-Decoder - T5

• The prompt is fed into encoder, and the decoder generates answer



Encoder-Only - BERT

- Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT)
 - Encoder-only arch.
- Trained with
 - Mask token prediction
 - Next sentence prediction



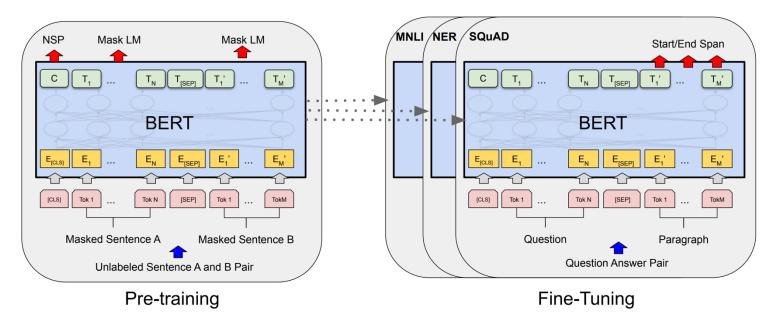
Pre-training and then Fine-Tuning

Pre-training on a proxy task

- Masked token prediction
- Next sentence prediction

Fine-tuning on specific downstream tasks

- Machine translation
- Question answering



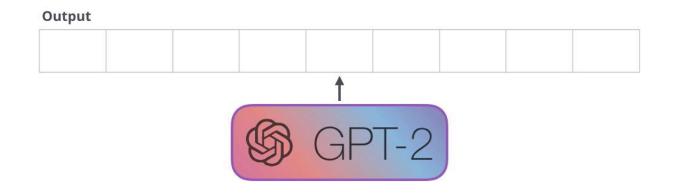
Decoder-Only - GPT

• Generative Pre-training (GPT)

- Decoder-only

- Trained with next token prediction
 - A language model!

$$L_1(\mathcal{U}) = \sum_i \log P\left(u_i \mid u_{i-k}, \dots, u_{i-1}; \Theta
ight)$$



Radford et. al. Improving Language Understanding by Generative Pre-Training. Illustrated GPT-2.

Large Language Model

• GPT-2

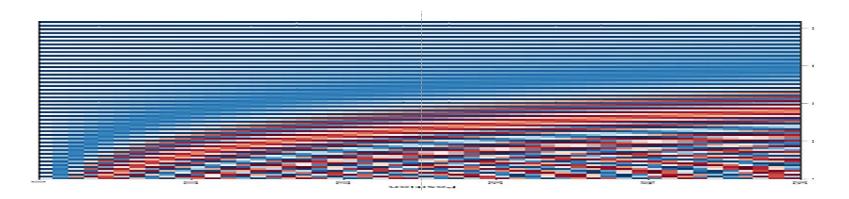
Pre-training and fine-tuning on specific tasks

- GPT-3
 - zero-shot capability
 - in-context learning
 - ChatGPT!
- GPT-4

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Absolute Position Encoding

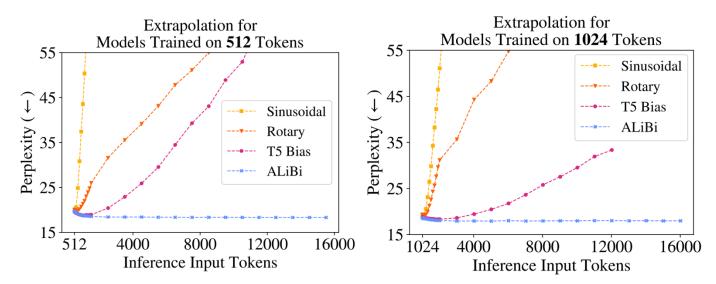
• Absolute position embedding fuses the position information into input embeddings



• Fixed length! Not generalize to longer input sequence

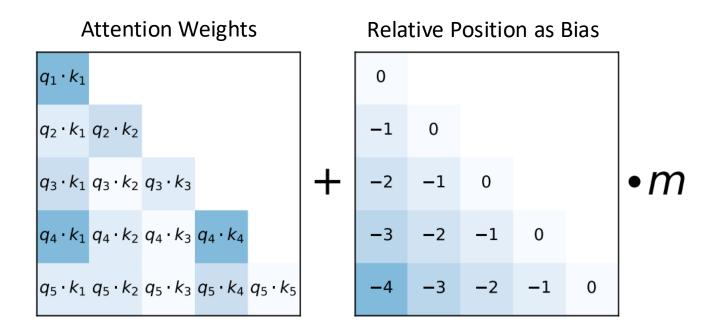
Relative Position Encoding

- Relative position embedding fuses position information into attention matrices
- Attention with linear bias
 - Input length extrapolation!



Train Short, Test Long: Attention with Linear Biases Enables Input Length Extrapolation. 2021.

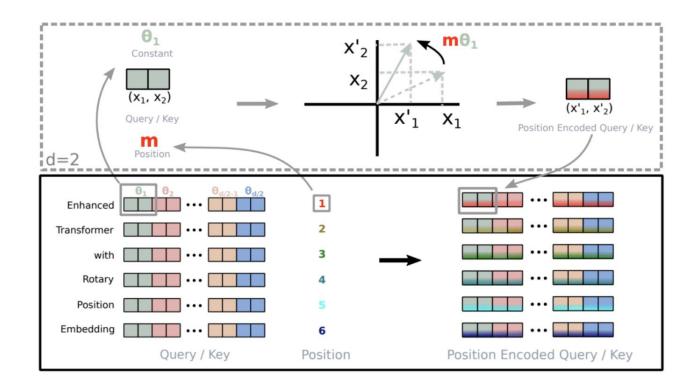
Relative Position Encoding



- Relative distance as offset added to attention matrix
- Absolute position embedding not needed

Rotary Position Encoding

- Used in Large Language Models such as LLAMA
- Rotate the embedding in 2D space



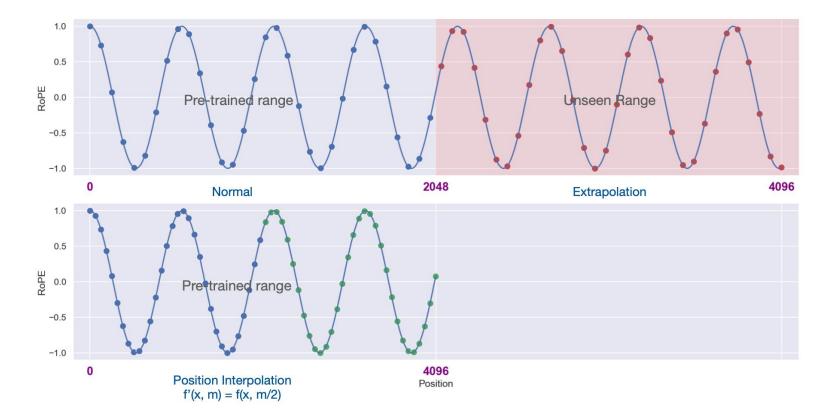
Rotary Position Encoding

General form

 $\boldsymbol{R}_{\Theta,m}^{d} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos m\theta_{1} & -\sin m\theta_{1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \sin m\theta_{1} & \cos m\theta_{1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \sin m\theta_{1} & \cos m\theta_{1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cos m\theta_{2} & -\sin m\theta_{2} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin m\theta_{2} & \cos m\theta_{2} & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cos m\theta_{d/2} & -\sin m\theta_{d/2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sin m\theta_{d/2} & \cos m\theta_{d/2} \end{pmatrix}$

Rotary Position Encoding

Allows extension of the context window



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Quadratic Complexity

• Self-attention has quadratic complexity to input length Attention $(Q, K, V) = \operatorname{softmax}\left(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V$

$$- O(L^2 d)$$
 FLOPS

- Many attempts for reducing the quadratic complexity to linear
 - Linear Attention
 - Other Variants

Linear Attention

• Modification on Softmax

Softmax
$$(QK^T)V = \frac{\exp(QK^T)}{\sum_{i=1}^{L}\exp(QK_i^T)}V \longrightarrow \frac{\sin(Q,K)}{\sum_{i=1}^{L}\sin(Q,K_i)}V$$

• Kernel function

$$sim(Q,K) = \phi(Q) \cdot \phi(K) = \phi(Q)\phi(K)^T$$

• Linear form of attention

$$O\left(L^{2}\right) \overset{\phi(Q)\phi(K)^{T}}{\sum_{i=1}^{L}\phi(Q)\phi(K_{i})^{T}}V = \frac{\phi(Q)\left(\phi(K)^{T}V\right)}{\phi(Q)\sum_{i=1}^{L}\phi(K_{i})^{T}} O\left(d'd\right)$$

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Transformer in Computer Vision

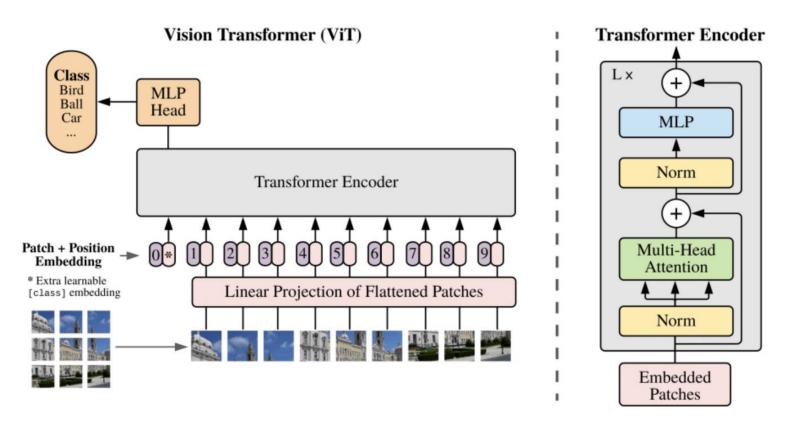
CV Tasks with Transformer

- Classification
- Segmentation
- Detection
- Depth Prediction
- 3D Reconstruction
- Image/Video Generation

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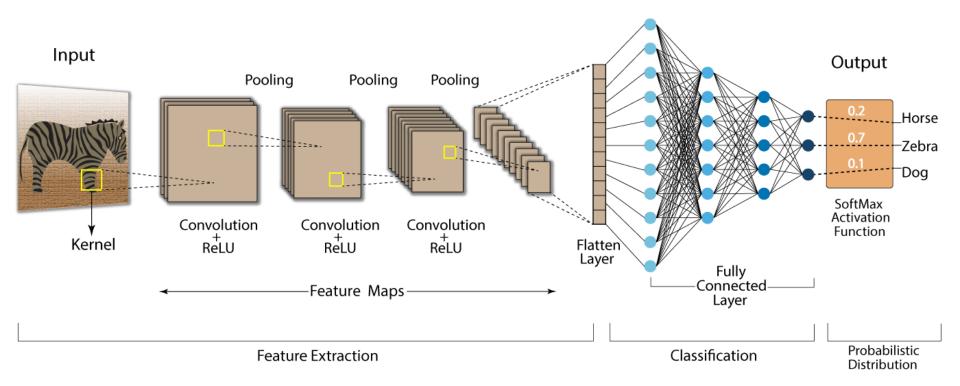
Vision Transformer (ViT)



- Transformer architecture can also be used for images
- How do we process an image into tokens?



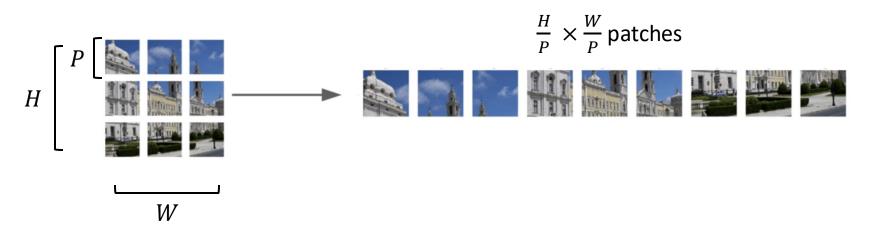
Convolution Neural Network (CNN)



• Naturally fits to 2D images

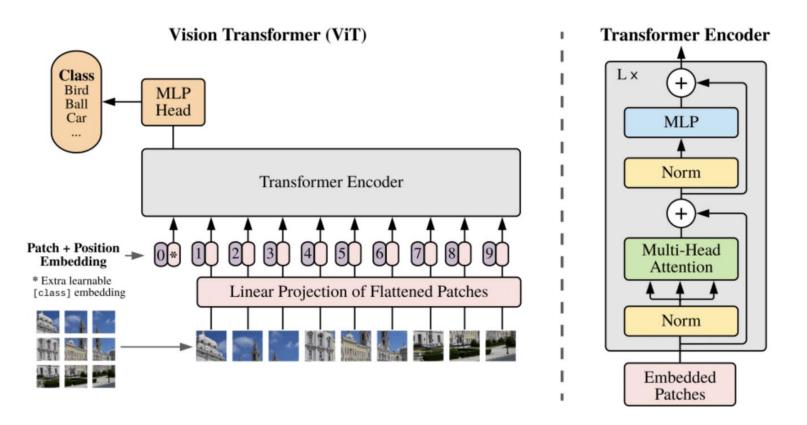
ViT

• Split images into a sequence of **patches**



- Each patch is treated as one token as input to ViT
 - A convolution layer with kernel P and stride P!
 - Or a linear layer on the flatten pixels

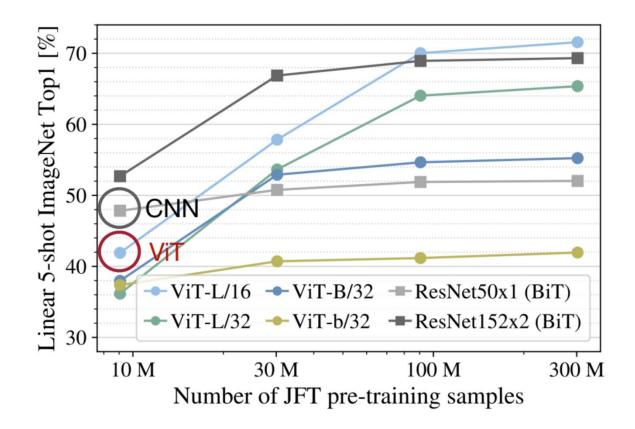
ViT



The remaining is same as Transformer
 As an encoder-only model

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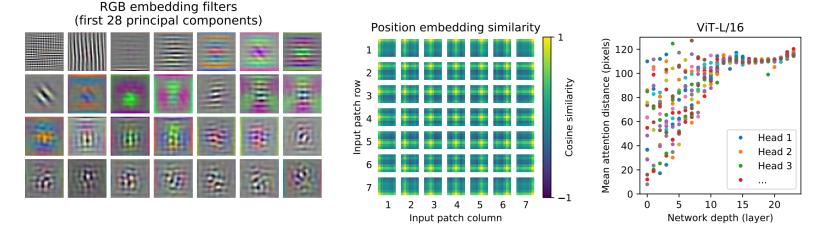
Image Classification



 Inferior performance compared to CNN when dataset size is limited – Why?

Inductive Bias

- Convolutional Neural Networks
 - Locality
 - Sharing weights
- Vision Transformer
 - None!
 - Has to learn locality and dependency from data!
 - A lot lot lot lot lot lot lot lot of data!

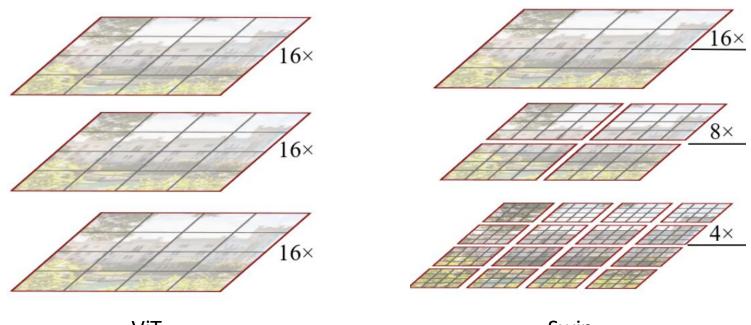


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- Vision Transformer Architecture
- Efficient ViT (Training and Modeling)
- Connection with Convolution
- Transformer Architectures in Vision

Swin-Transformer

- Window Attention
 - Restricts attention within a window of tokens
 - Brings locality back to transformer

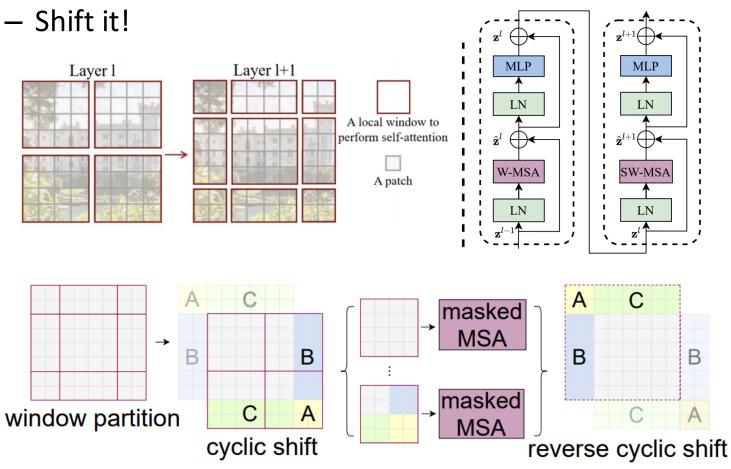


ViT

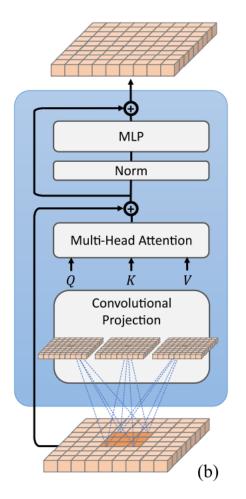
Swin

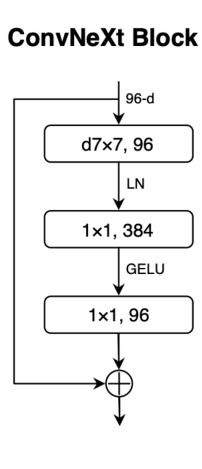
Swin-Transformer

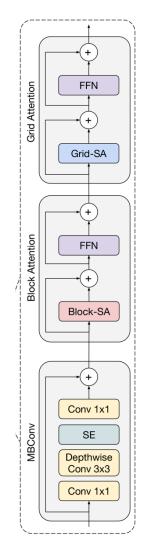
How to compute attention across the windows?



More Variants







CvT

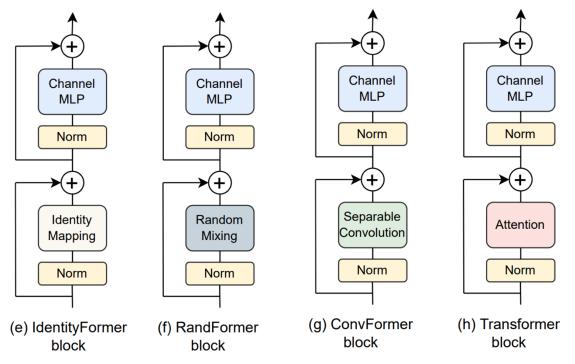
ConvNext

MaxViT

Wu et al. CvT: Introducing Convolutions to Vision Transformers. 2021. Liu et al. A ConvNet for the 2020s. 2022. Tu et al. MaxViT: Multi-Axis Vision Transformer. 2022

Metaformer

• Meta architecture of transformer matters



- These variants produce similar classification results
- In practice, select the best one for your task

Overview

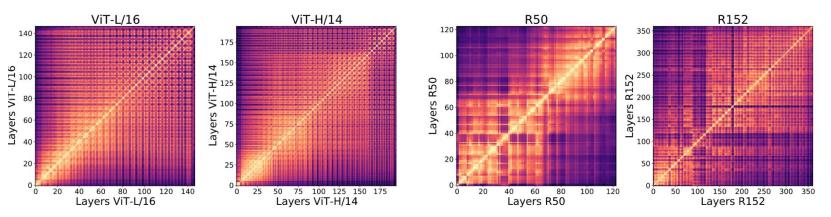
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CNN and Transformer

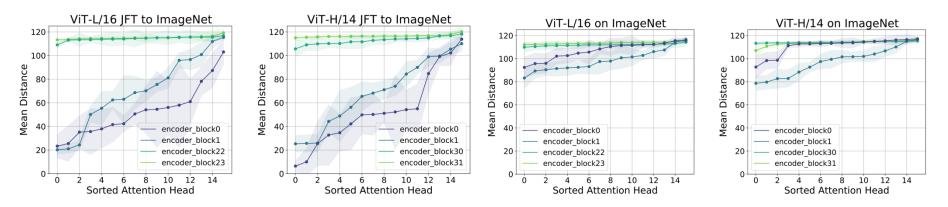
- Convolutional Neural Networks
 - Locality
 - Sharing weights
- Vision Transformer
 - Learns global dependency from data
 - Dynamic weights from data
- But...are they really un-related?

ViT Learns Different Features

• Self-attention in ViT learns more uniform features across layers



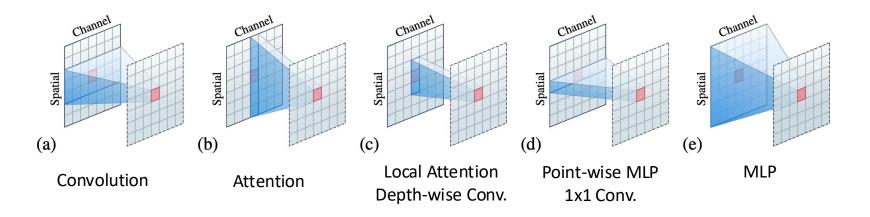
- Lower layers attend locally and globally, higher layers mainly attend globally
- Less data do not learn local attention at lower layers well



Convolution -> Self-attention

• Difference

- Locality vs. Global Dependency
- Weight sharing vs. Dynamic weights



Large-Kernel CNN

 Scaling up kernel size to 31x31

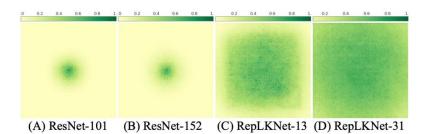
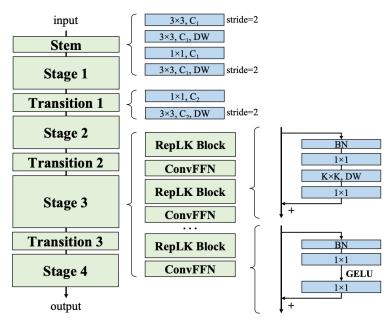


Table 5. RepLKNet with different kernel sizes. The models are pretrained on ImageNet-1K in 120 epochs with 224×224 input and finetuned on ADE20K with UperNet in 80K iterations. On ADE20K, we test the *single-scale* mIoU, and compute the FLOPs with input of 2048×512 , following Swin.

		ImageNet			ADE20K		
]	Kernel size	Top-1	Params	FLOPs	mIoU	Params	FLOPs
	3-3-3-3	82.11	71.8M	12.9G	46.05	104.1M	1119G
7	7-7-7-7	82.73	72.2M	13.1G	48.05	104.6M	1123G
]	13-13-13-13	83.02	73.7M	13.4G	48.35	106.0M	1130G
2	25-25-25-13	83.00	78.2M	14.8G	48.68	110.6M	11 59G
2	31-29-27-13	83.07	79.3M	15.3G	49.17	111.7 M	1170G

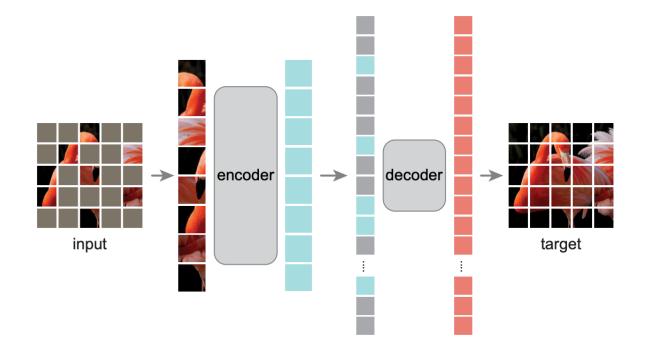


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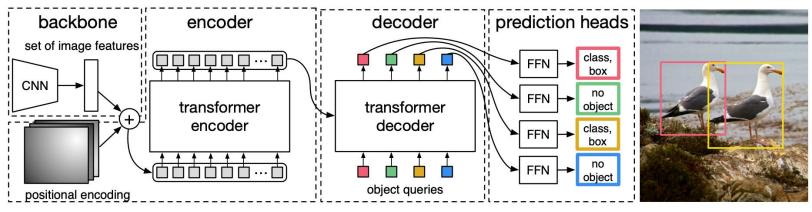
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Encoder-Decoder - MAE

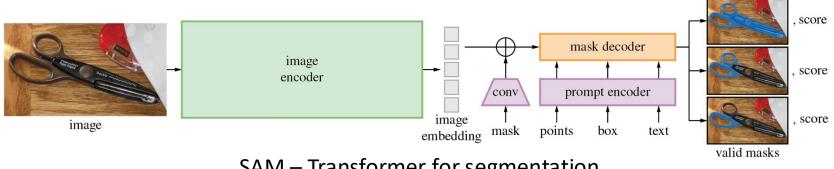
• Masked Auto-Encoder (MAE)



Encoder-Decoder – DERT/SAM/etc.



DETR – Transformer for detection

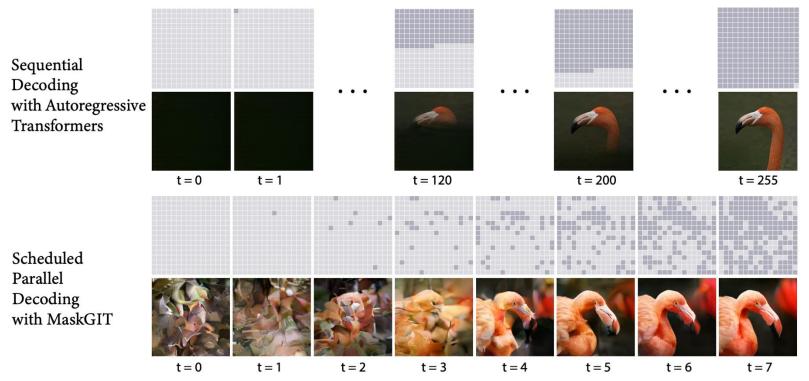


SAM – Transformer for segmentation

Carion et al. End-to-End Object Detection with Transformers. 2020.

Decoder-Only - MaskGiT

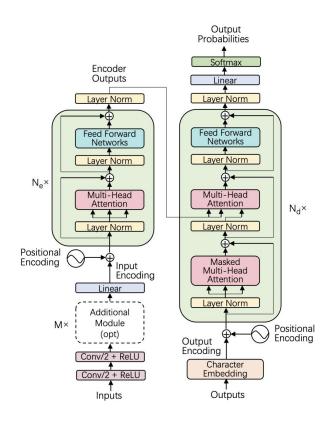
- Masked Generative Image Transformer (MaskGiT)
 - Image Generation with decoder-only arch.
 - Trained with masked token prediction

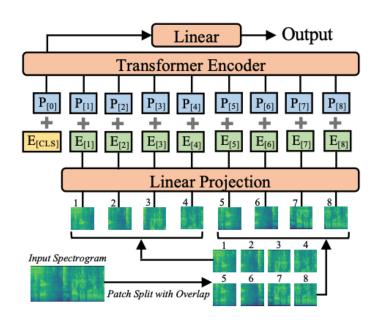


Poll

Transformer in Audio

Transformer in Audio





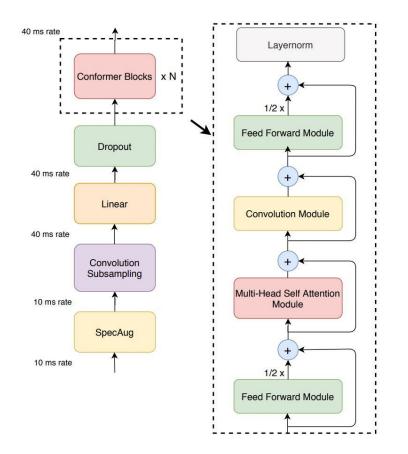
Speech Transformer for ASR

Audio Spectrogram Transformer

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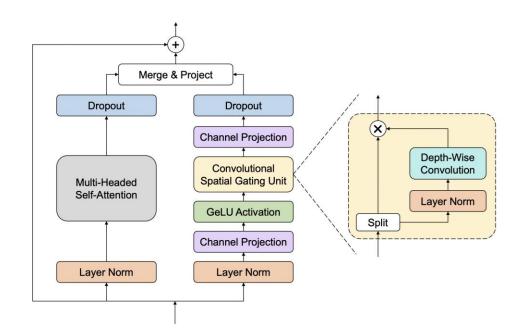
Conformer

- The Conformer architecture augments a transformer by embedding convolution layers within the transformer blocks.
- Transformers capture global dependencies, CNNs capture local features efficiently.



Branchformer

- Branchformer introduces a parallelbranch layer.
- One branch uses self-attention, while the other branch employs a convolutional-gated MLP (cgMLP).
- The two branches are merged using either concatenation or weighted average.
- The branch weights reveal how global and local relationships are utilized across layers.



Parameter Efficient Tuning

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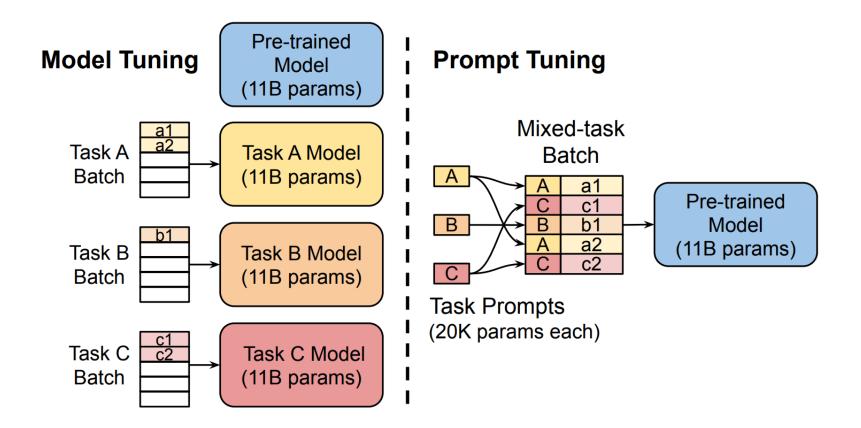
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Parameter Efficient Tuning

- Traditionally, you need to fine-tune entire network on specific downstream tasks
- Parameter Efficient Tuning Only tune a small proportion of parameters of the pre-trained transformer
 - Prompt tuning
 - Adapter
 - LoRA

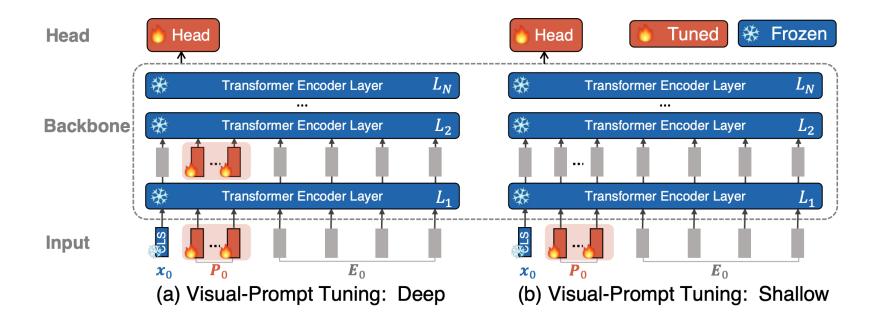
Prompt Tuning

• Only learns a set of 'prompt' or 'token' for each task



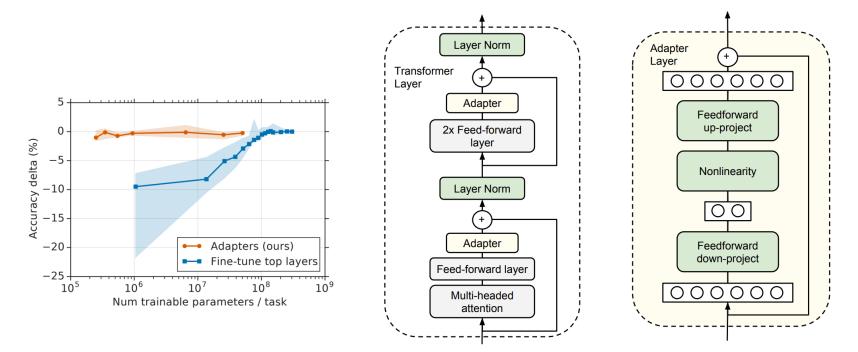
Visual Prompt Tuning

• Prompt tuning also applicable to vision transformers



Adapter

Insert MLP at Feed-forward layers



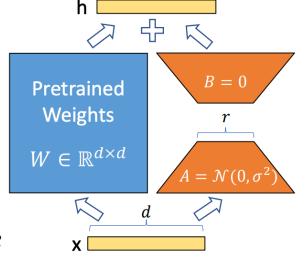
LoRA

• Low-rank Adaptation (LoRA)

No activation in-between

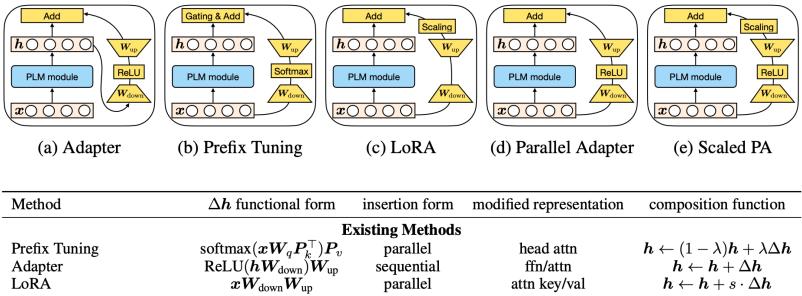
• A and B can be fused into W

 $h = W_0 x + \Delta W x = W_0 x + BA x$



Interpretation

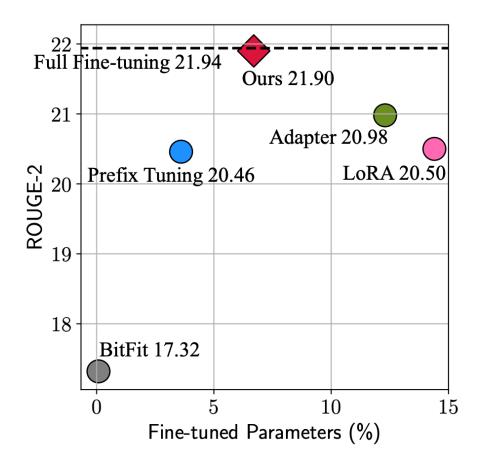
• Essentially, all parameter efficient tuning methods do the same thing – modifying pre-trained features with minimal amount of parameters



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	Ex	xisting Methods		
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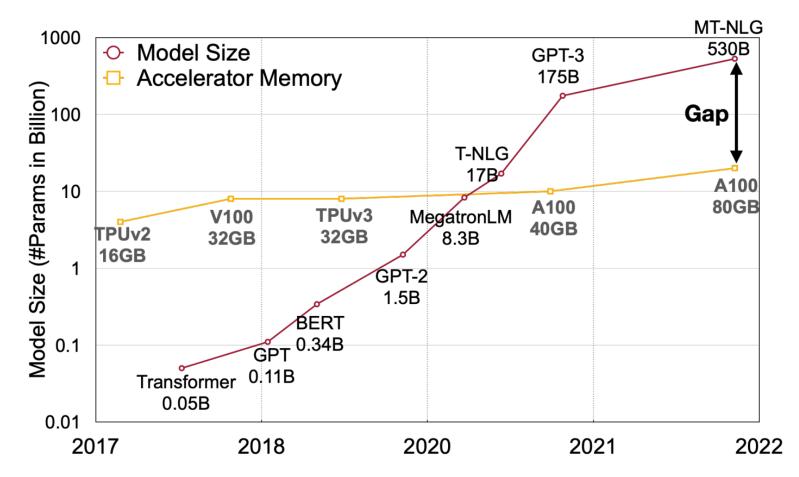
Parameter-Efficient Tuning

• Performance close to full fine-tuning while just train less than 15% of original parameters



Scaling Laws

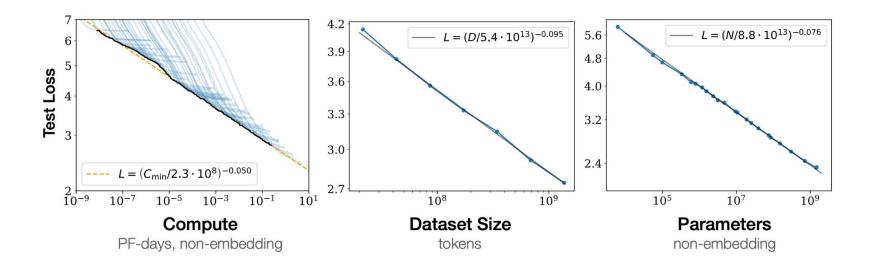
"Magic" of Transformer - Scaling



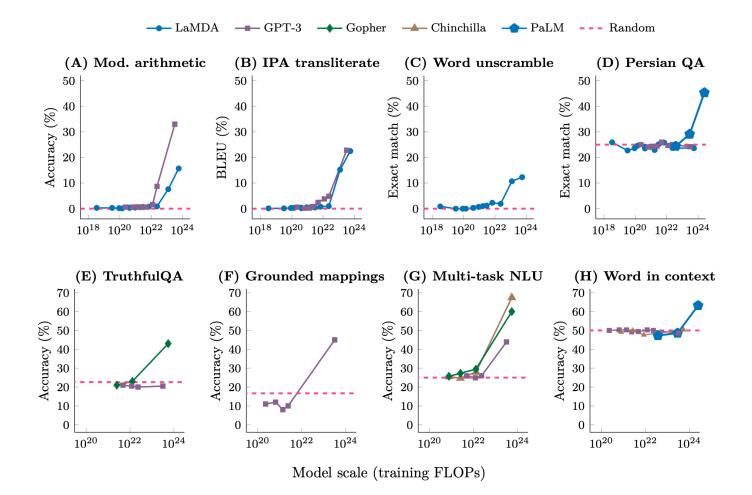
• Performance gets better as transformer scales up

Scaling Law

- For decoder-only models, the final performance is only related to **Compute**, **Data Size**, and **Parameter Size**
 - power law relationship for each factor
 - w/o constraints by the others



"Emergent" Capability



In-Context Learning

- Scaled models can generalize to new tasks without fine-tuning!
 - Zero-shot
 - Few-shot

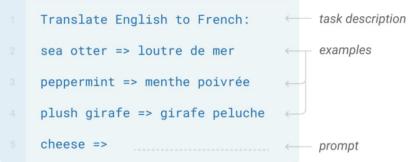
Zero-shot

The model predicts the answer given only a natural language description of the task. No gradient updates are performed.



Few-shot

In addition to the task description, the model sees a few examples of the task. No gradient updates are performed.



We learned...

- Transformer Architecture
- Transformer in Language
- Transformer in Vision
- Transformer in Audio
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- Scaling Laws