# Sequence to Sequence Models, Attention and Transformers

CS60010: Deep Learning

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## Agenda

- § Understand basic neural language model, structured prediction and conditional language models
- § Using attention to handle information bottleneck problem
- § Self attention and transformer models

#### Resources

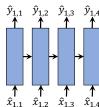
- § CS W182 course by Sergey Levine at UC Berkeley. [Link] [Lecture 11, 12]
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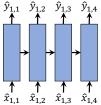
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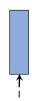


- Why does it need multiple outputs and multiple outputs?
- Most problems that require multiple outputs have strong dependencies between these outputs.
- This is sometimes referred to as structured prediction.

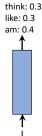
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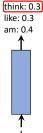
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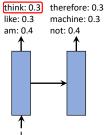
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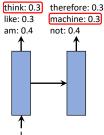
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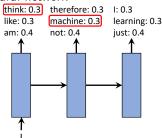
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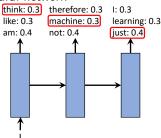
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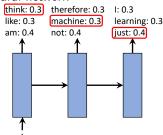
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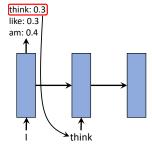
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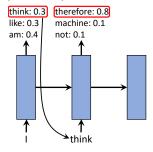


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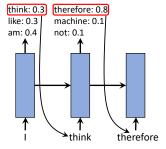
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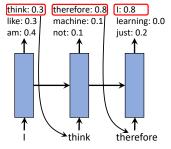


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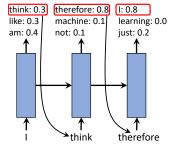


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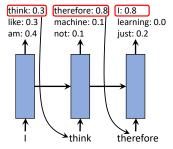
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- Simplest: tokenize the sentence (each word is a token) and use onehot vector representation.

$$x_{1,i} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

More complex: word embeddings (we'll cover this later)

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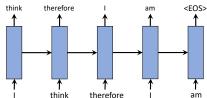
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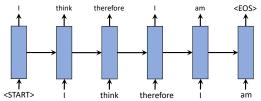
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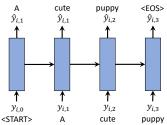


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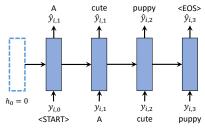
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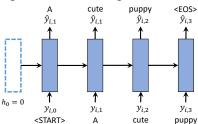
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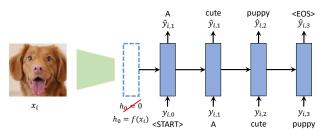
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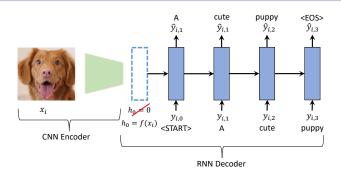
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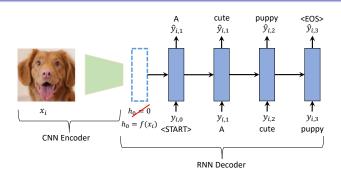
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- Both RNN and ConvNet are trained end-to-end.

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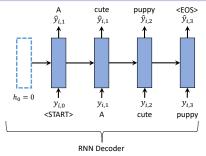


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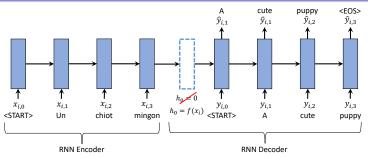
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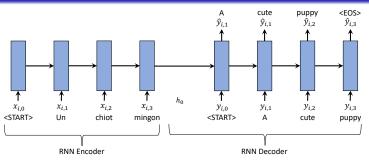
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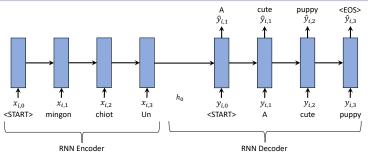
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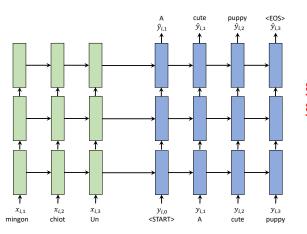
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- Sometimes, the encoder RNN reads the source language sentence in reverse.
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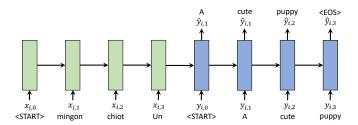
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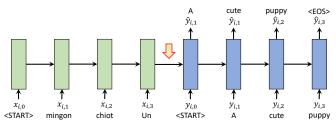
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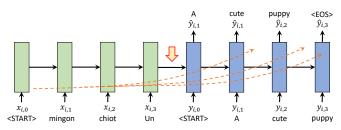
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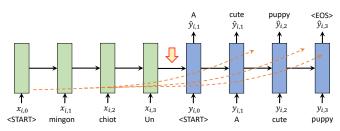


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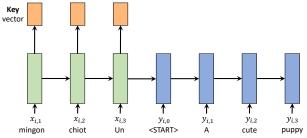
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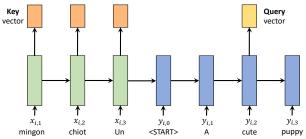
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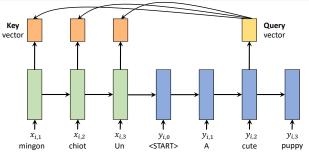
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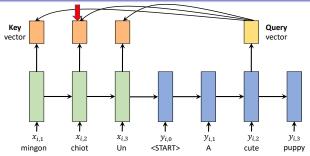
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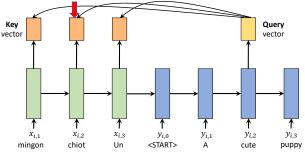
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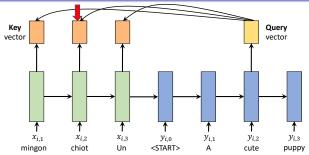
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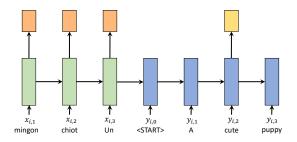


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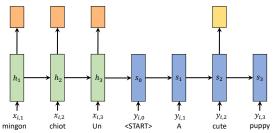


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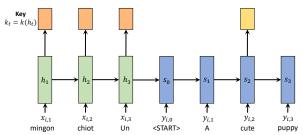
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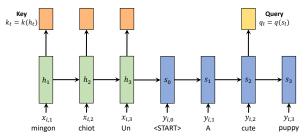


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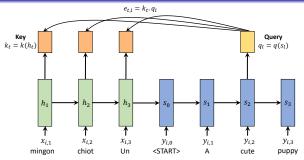
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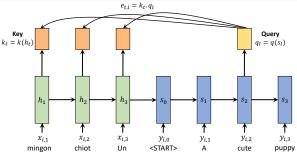
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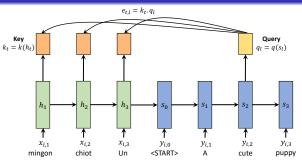


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- § Attention  $e_{t,l}$  measures the similarity between the key and the query and is given by the dot product between them
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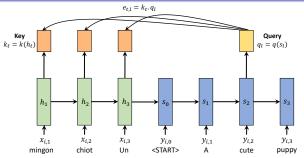
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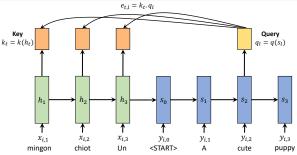
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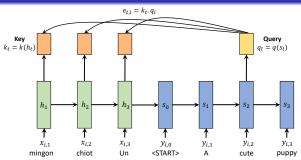
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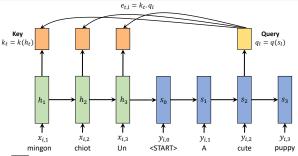
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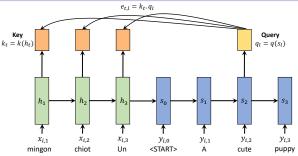
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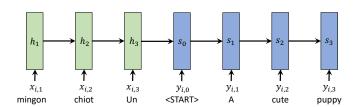
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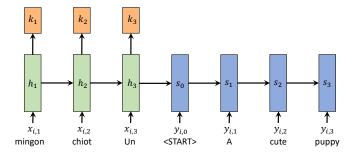


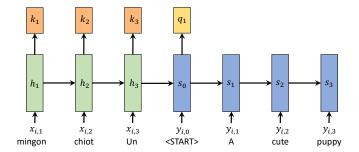
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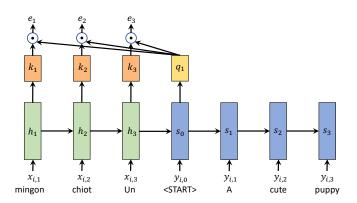


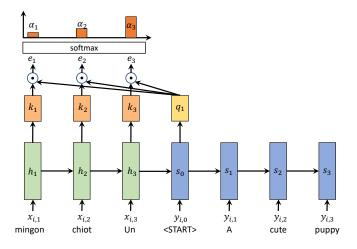
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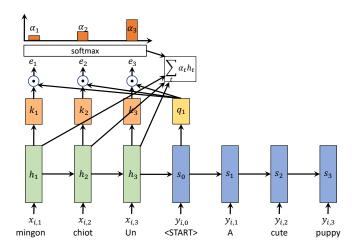


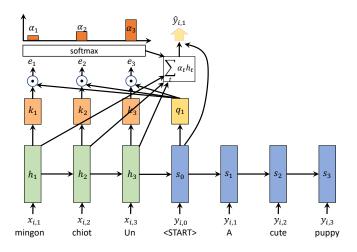




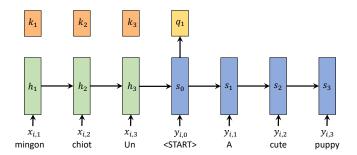




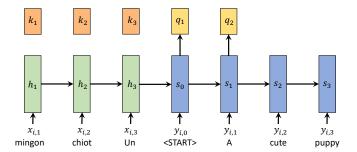


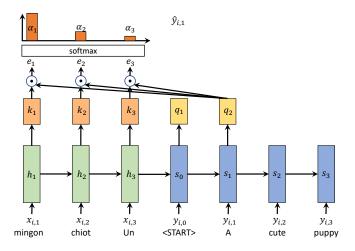


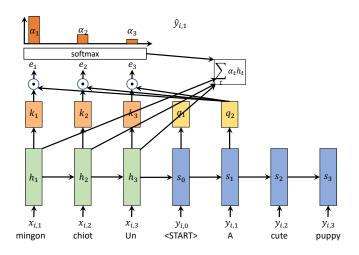
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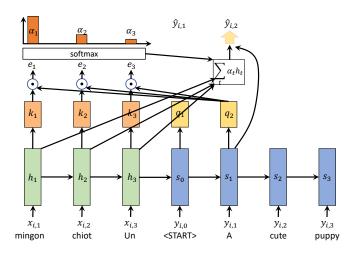


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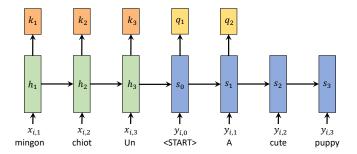


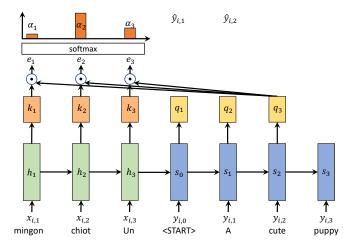




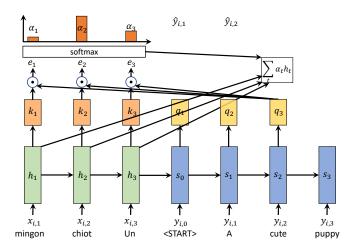
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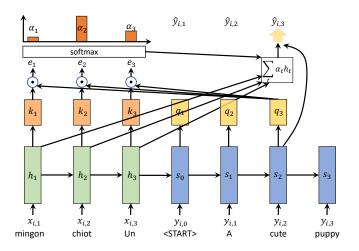


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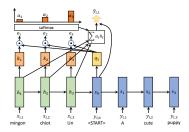
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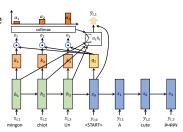
Solution
Can be used in different ways:

§ Concatenate to hidden state

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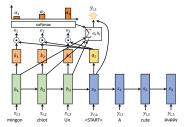
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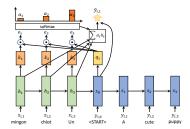
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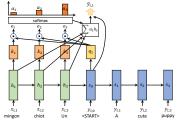


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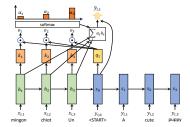
- $\delta v(.)$  is some learned function and known as the 'value'.
- The interpretation is that now you don't just compute 'key', rather you compute a 'key-value' pair of the input hidden states. During decoding, key-query provides the timestep with largest similarity between key and query.
- § The attention (ideally) collects the value of that timestep from the input. In 'softmaxed' version, a weighted combination of the input values are taken.

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# Attention Summary

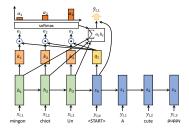
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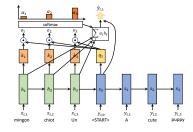
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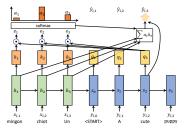


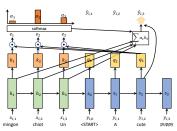
- Why is this good?
- Attention is very powerful, because now all decoder steps are connected to all encoder steps!

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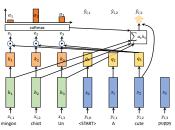
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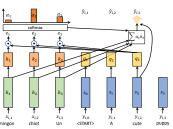


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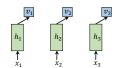
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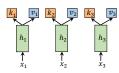




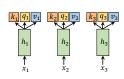
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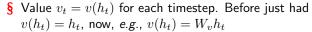


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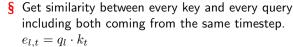


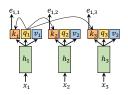
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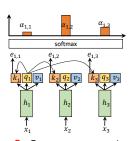


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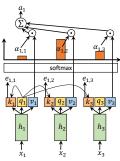
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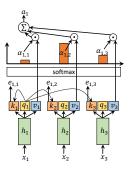
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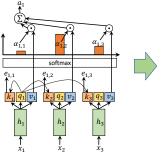
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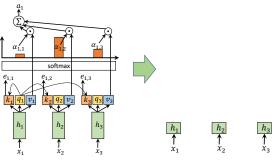


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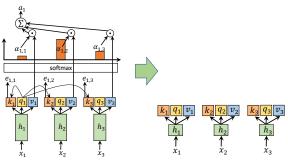
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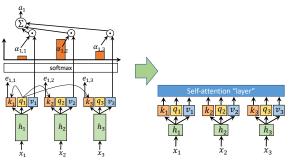
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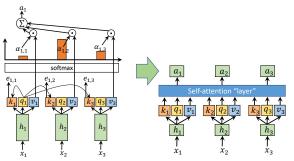
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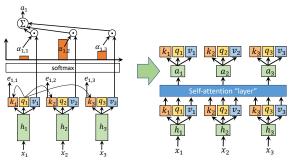
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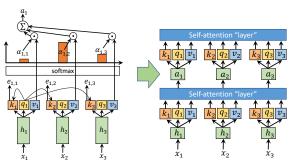
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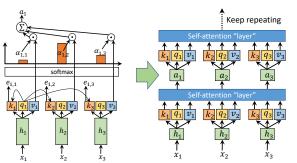
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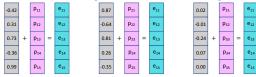


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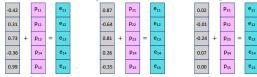
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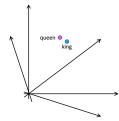
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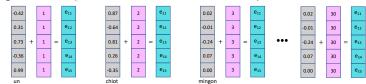
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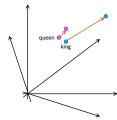
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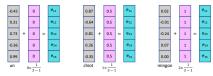


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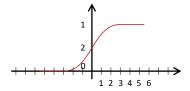


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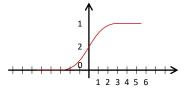


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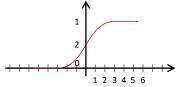


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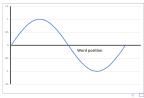


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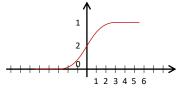
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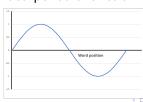


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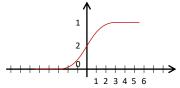


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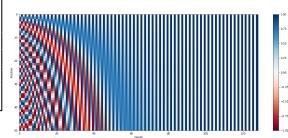
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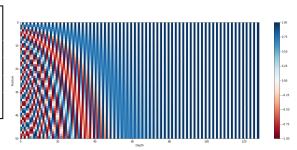
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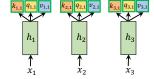
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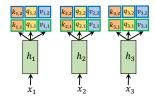


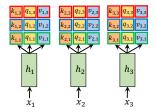
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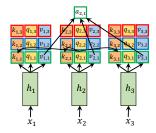
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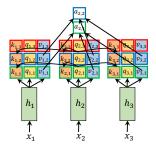
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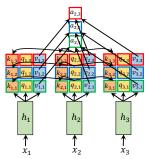


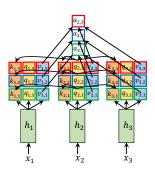






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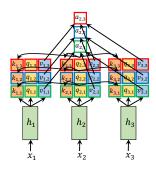




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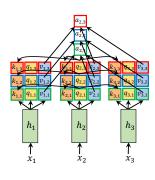


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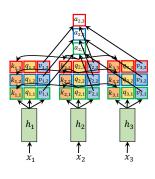
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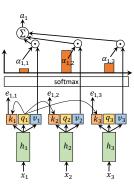
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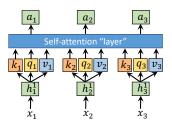
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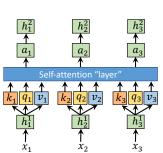


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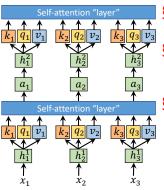


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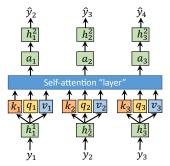


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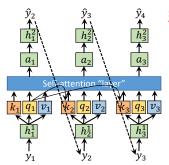
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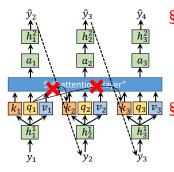
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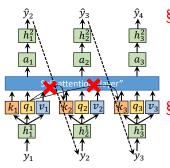
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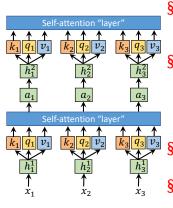
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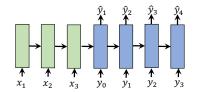
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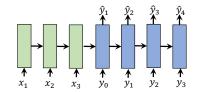
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    - See Vaswani et al. Attention Is All You Need. NeurIPS 2017
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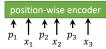
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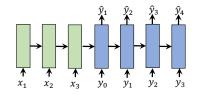


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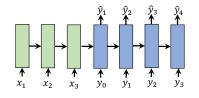


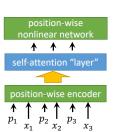


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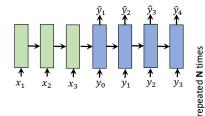


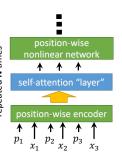
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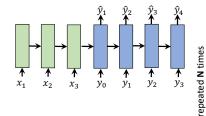


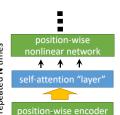
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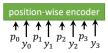




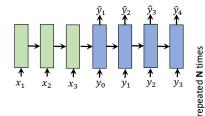
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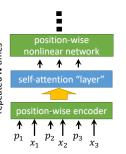






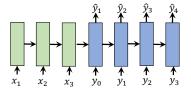
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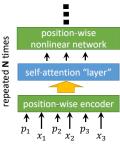


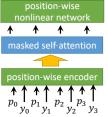




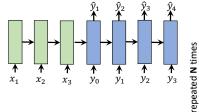
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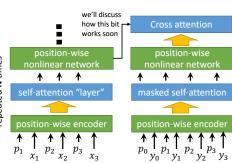




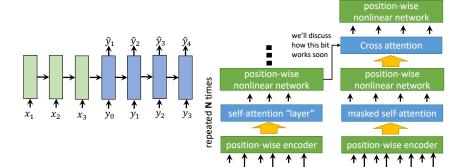


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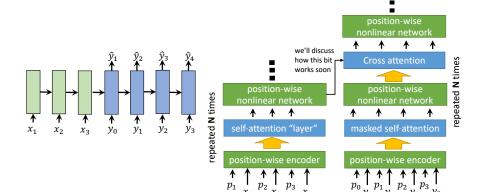




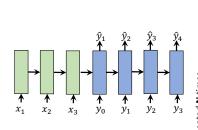
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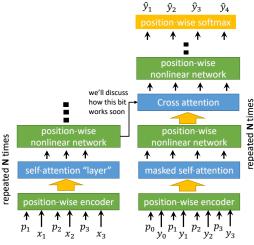


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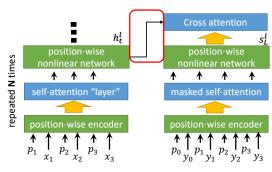


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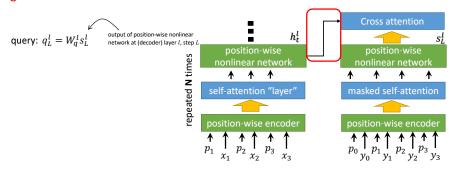




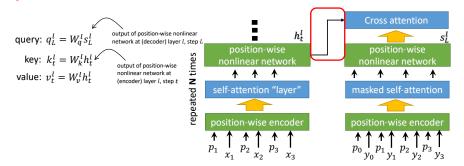
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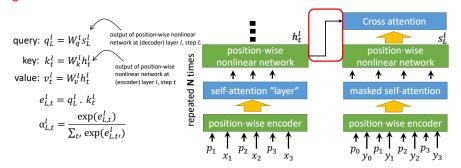
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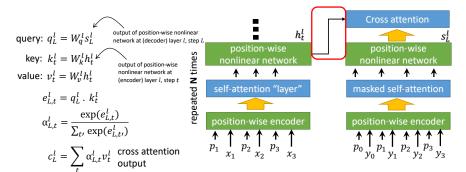
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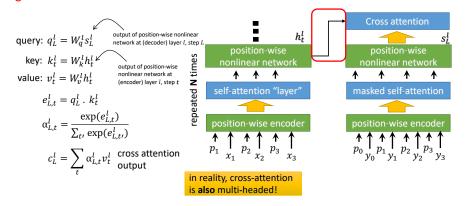
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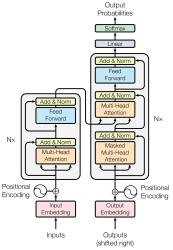
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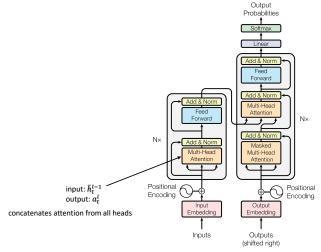
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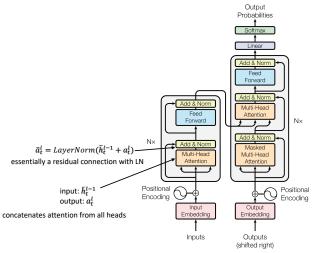


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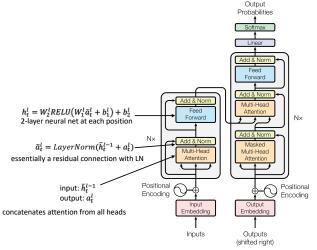
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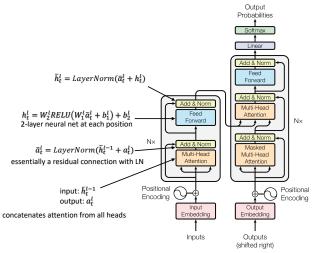
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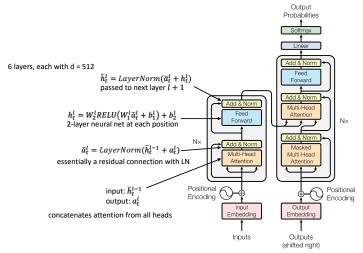
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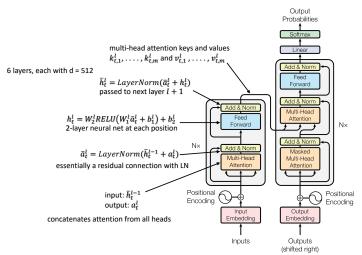
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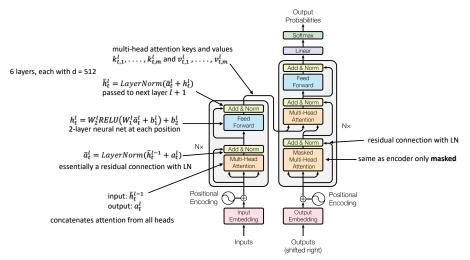
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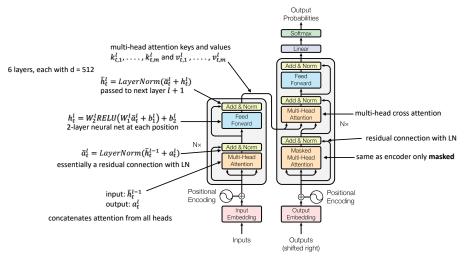


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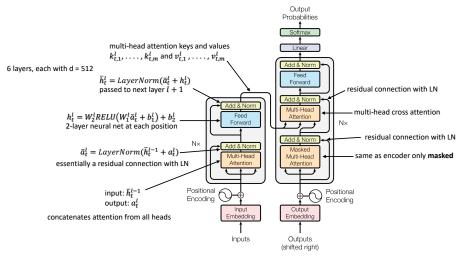


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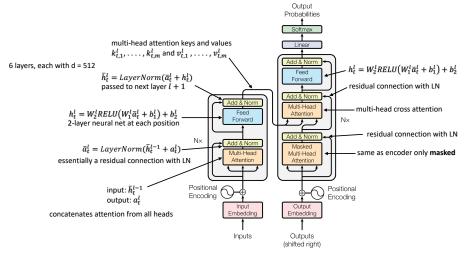
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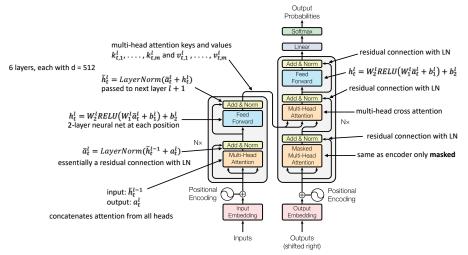
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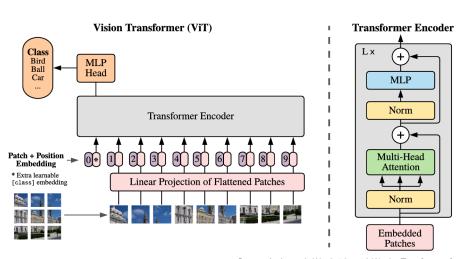
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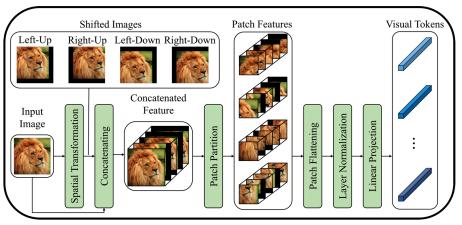


#### Vision Transformer: ViT



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#### ViT for Small-Size Datasets



(a) Shifted Patch Tokenization

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