

CSCE 689-609

Fundamentals of Large Language Models (LLMs)

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The Transformer

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.03762>

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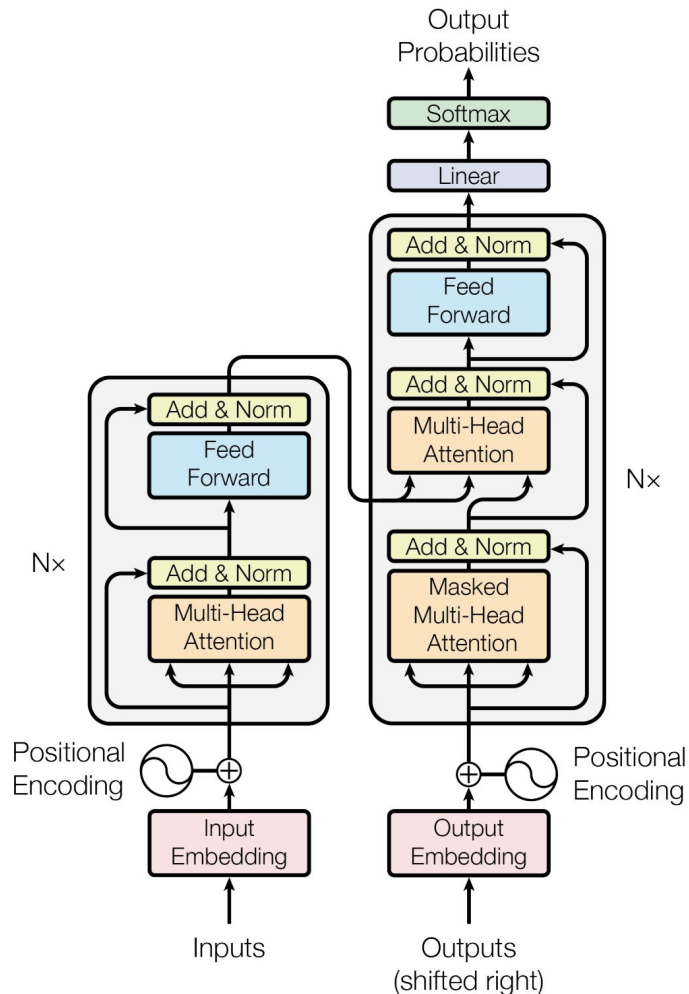


Figure 1: The Transformer - model architecture.

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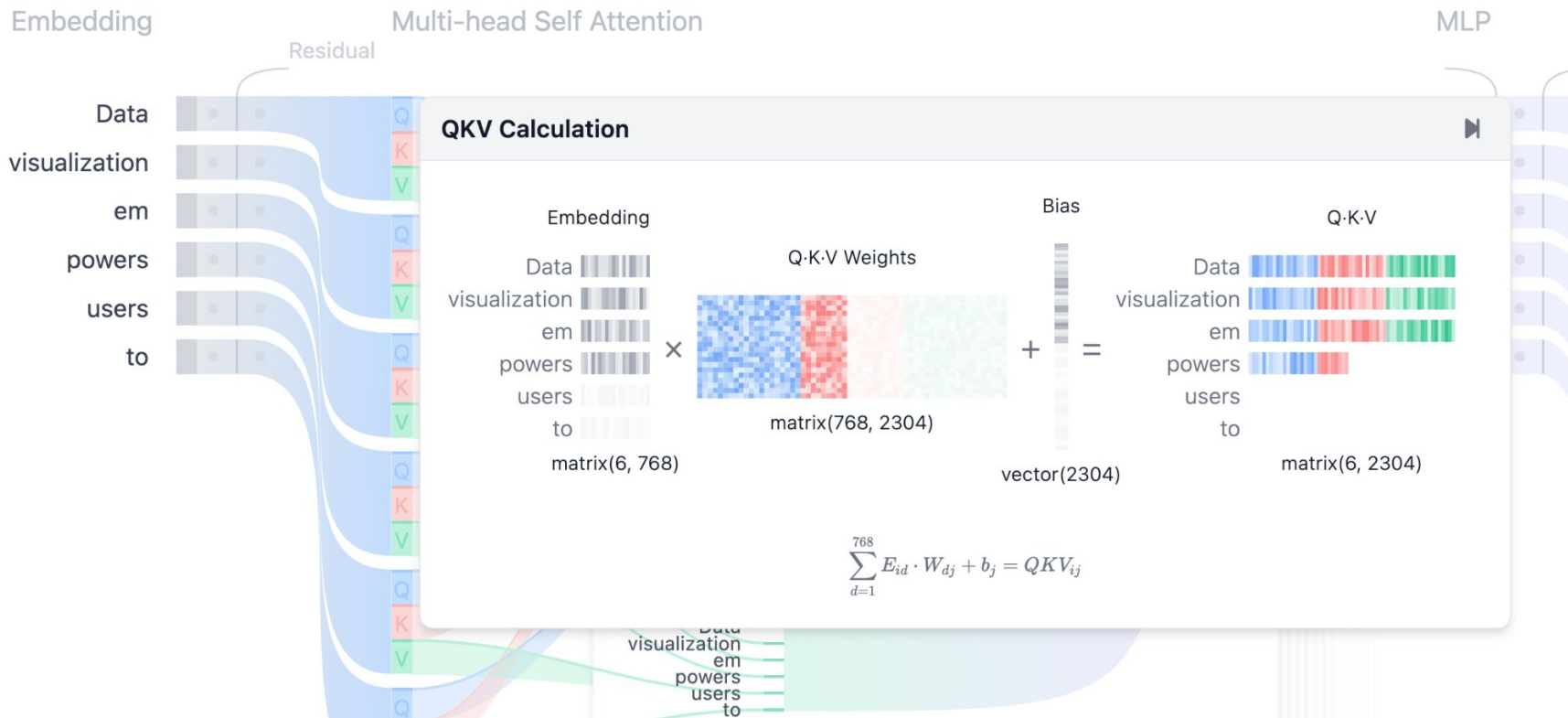
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$$\text{MultiHead}(Q, K, V) = \text{Concat}(\text{head}_1, \dots, \text{head}_h)W^O$$

where $\text{head}_i = \text{Attention}(QW_i^Q, KW_i^K, VW_i^V)$

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

Transformer Explainer <https://poloclub.github.io/transformer-explainer/>



Illustrated Transformer

<https://jalammar.github.io/illustrated-transformer/>

1) This is our
input sentence*

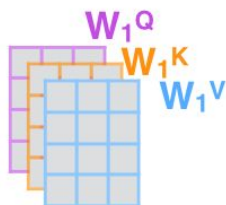
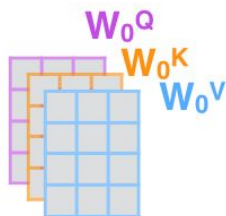
2) We embed
each word*

3) Split into 8 heads.
We multiply X or
 R with weight matrices

4) Calculate attention
using the resulting
 $Q/K/V$ matrices

5) Concatenate the resulting Z matrices,
then multiply with weight matrix W^O to
produce the output of the layer

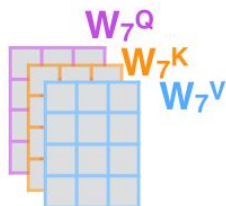
Thinking
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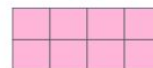
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W^O



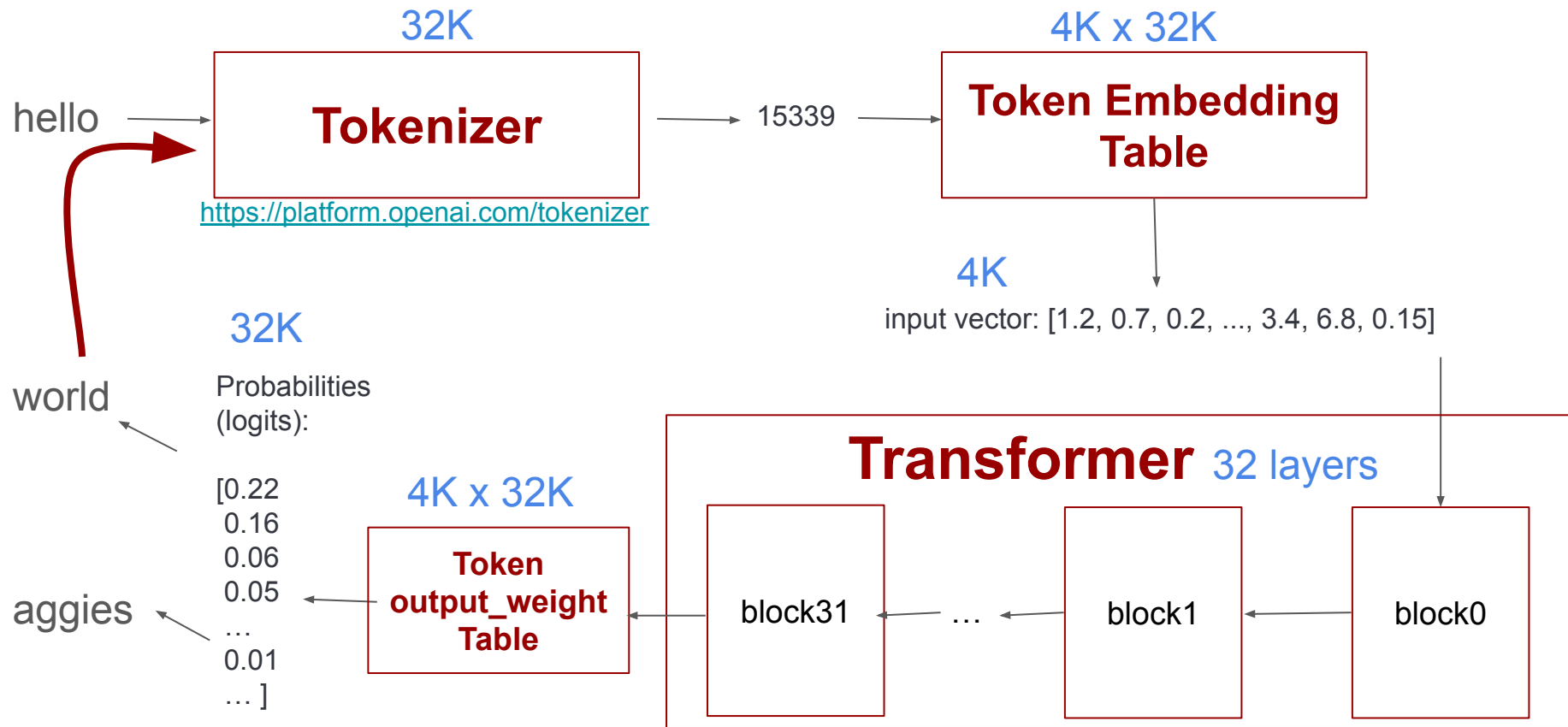
Z



* In all encoders other than #0,
we don't need embedding.
We start directly with the output
of the encoder right below this one



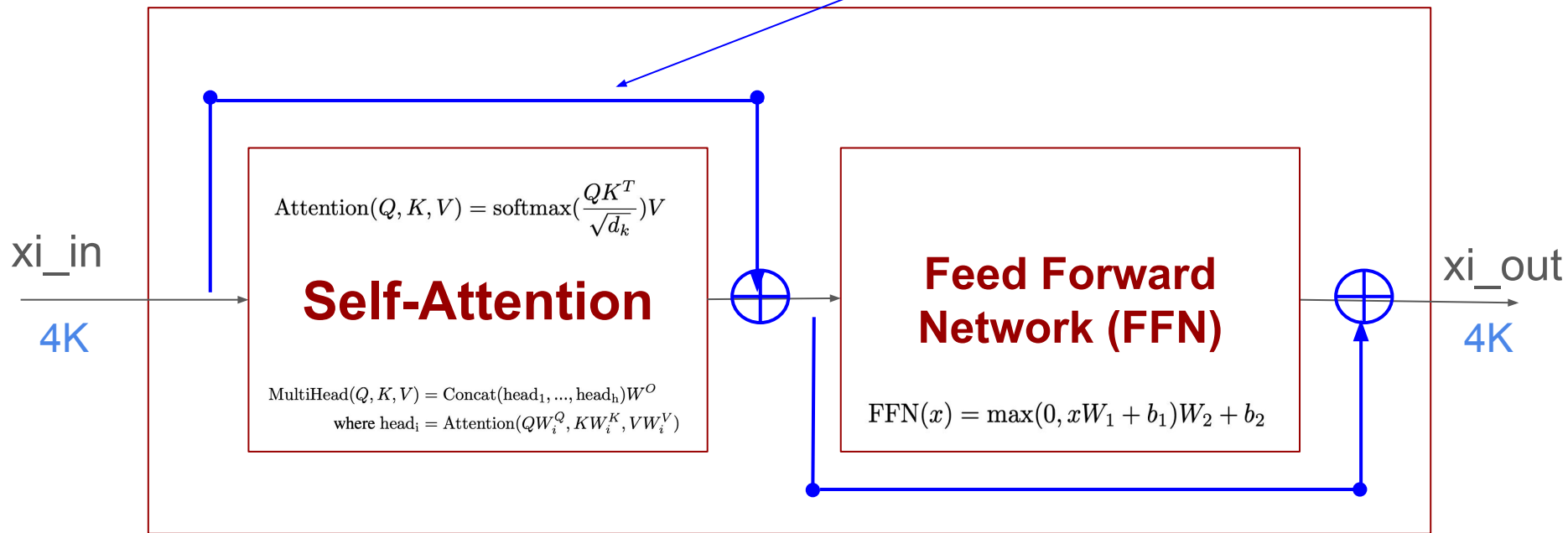
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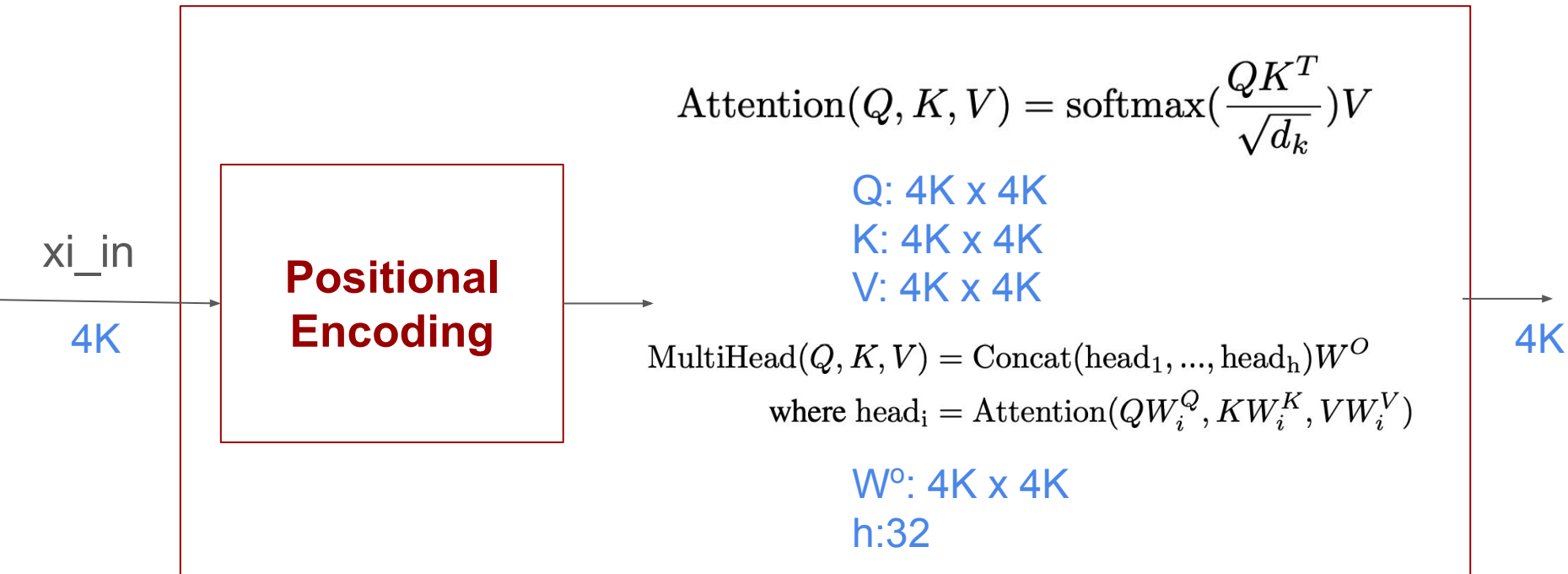
block_i

residual connection



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Self-Attention



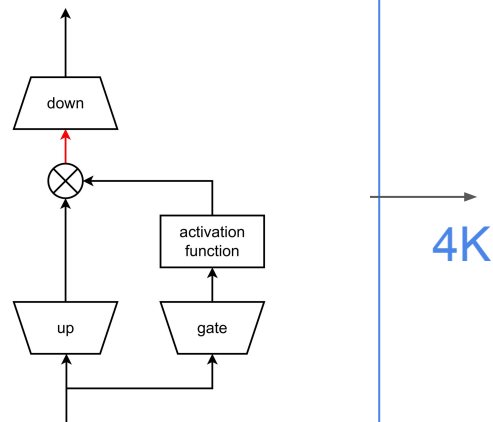
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FFN

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

$$W2(\text{silu}(W1(x)) * W3(x))$$

$W1(\text{ffn_gate}): 4\text{K} \times 11008$
 $W2(\text{ffn_down}): 11008 \times 4\text{K}$
 $W3(\text{ffn_up}): 4\text{K} \times 11008$



Residual Connection

During backpropagation, gradients can become very small (vanishing gradients) or very large (exploding gradients)

- Residual connections mitigate these issues

Layer Normalization (RMSNorm: Root Mean Square)

$$\text{RMSNorm}(x) = \frac{x}{\text{RMS}(x)} \cdot \gamma$$

where RMS is calculated as:

$$\text{RMS}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2}$$

Here, d is the dimensionality of the input, and γ is a learnable scaling parameter.

Question: Size of each component in llama2_7b?

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Total: 25.1G (type f32: 32-bit floating point)

Token embedding: $4K \times 32K \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 0.5 \text{ GB}$

Each block:

K/Q/V: $4K \times 4K \times 4 \text{ bytes} \times 3 = 192 \text{ MB}$

attn_out: $4K \times 4K \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 64 \text{ MB}$

attn_norm: $4K \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 16 \text{ KB}$

ffn_gate: $4K \times 11008 \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 172 \text{ MB}$

ffn_down: $11008 \times 4K \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 172 \text{ MB}$

ffn_up: $4K \times 11008 \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 172 \text{ MB}$

ffn_norm: $4K \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 16 \text{ KB}$

Block $\times 32 = 772 \text{ MB} \times 32 = 24.1 \text{ GB}$

Output_weight: $4K \times 32K \times 4 \text{ bytes} = 0.5 \text{ GB}$

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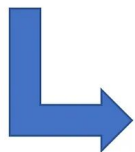
<https://towardsdatascience.com/all-you-need-to-know-about-attention-and-transformers-in-depth-understanding-part-1-552f0b41d021>

Retrieval

Database

| | |
|-------|---------|
| Key 1 | Value 1 |
| Key 2 | Value 2 |
| Key 3 | Value 3 |
| Key 4 | Value 4 |
| Key 5 | Value 5 |

Query



$$attention(q, k, v) = \sum_i similarity(q, k_i) * v_i$$

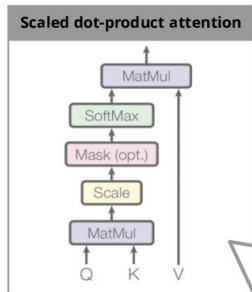
Value 5

Output

1. It measures the similarity between the query and each key
2. This similarity returns a weight for each key
3. Output is the weighted combination of all values

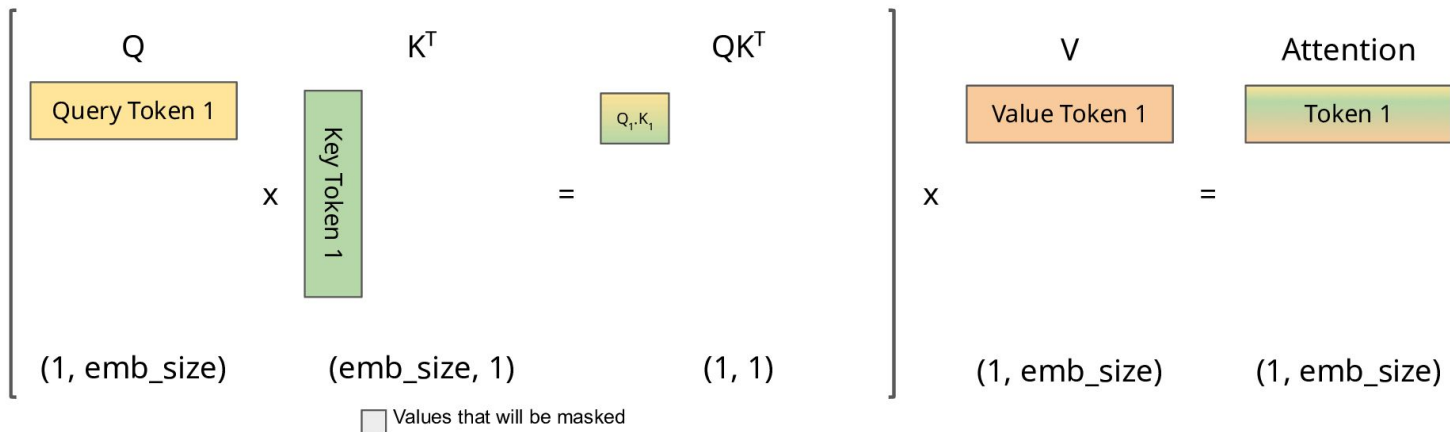
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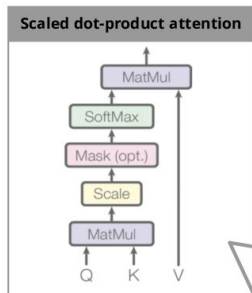
Step 1



Zoom-in! (simplified without Scale and Softmax)

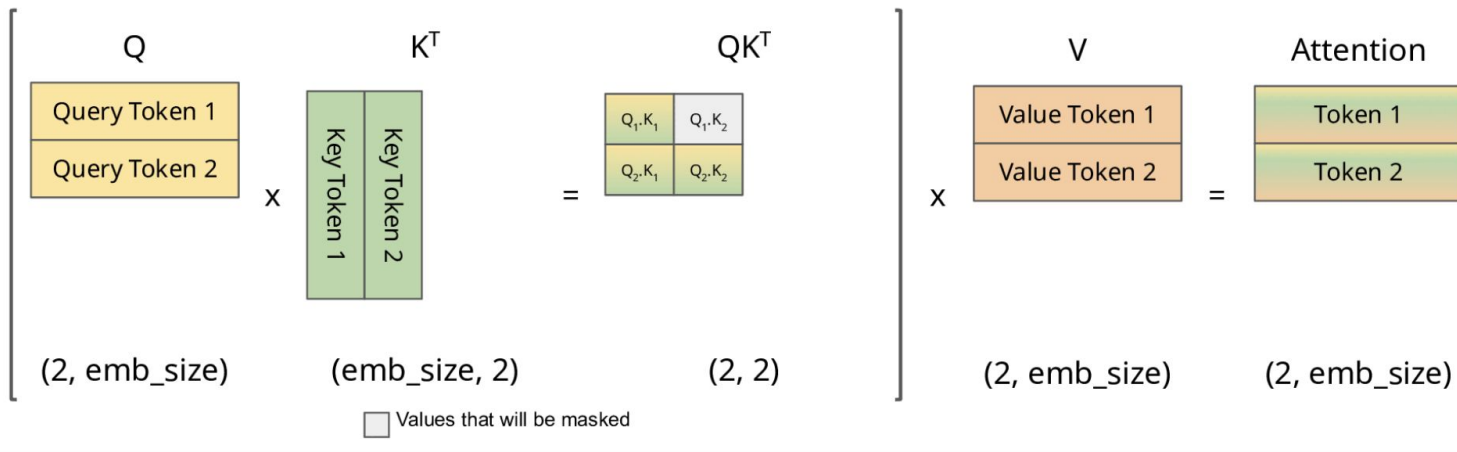
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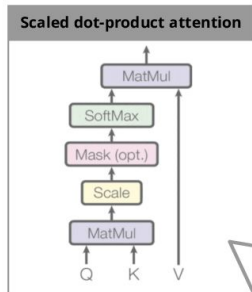
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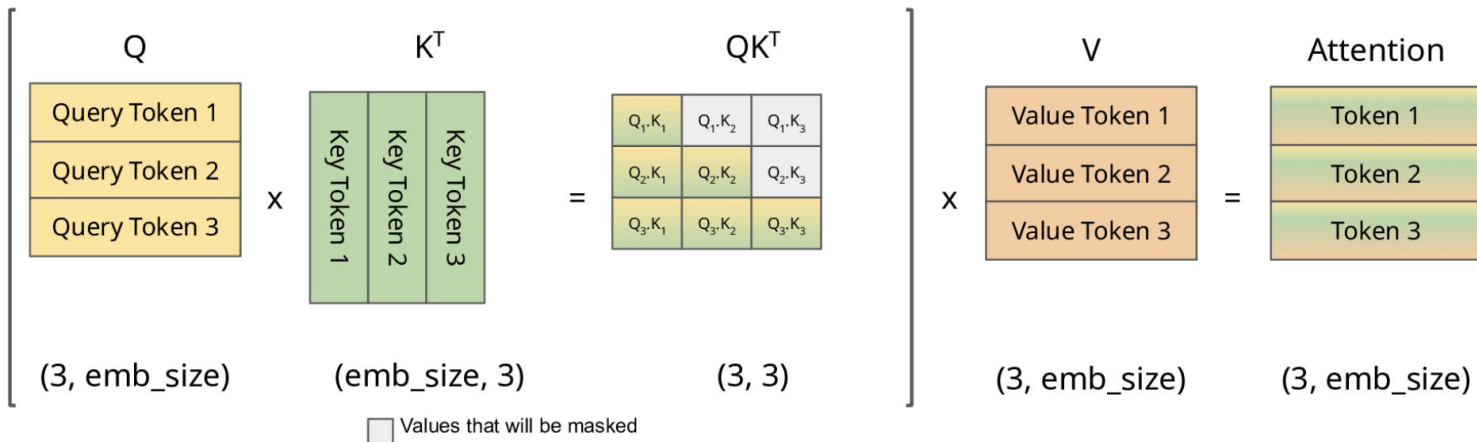
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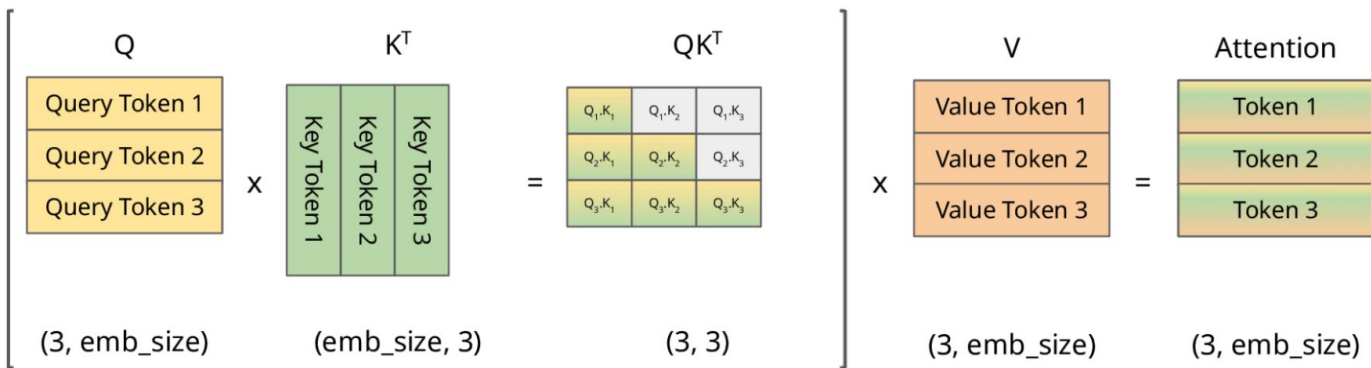
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KV Cache

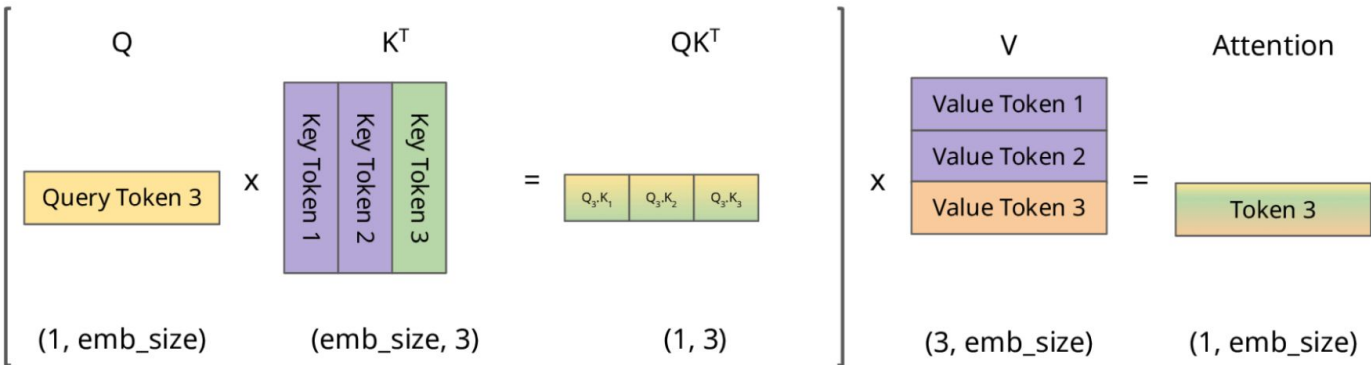
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Step 3

Without
cache



With
cache



Values that will be masked Values that will be taken from cache

Multihead Attention

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where $\text{head}_i = \text{Attention}(QW_i^Q, KW_i^K, VW_i^V)$

Where the projections are parameter matrices $W_i^Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{model}} \times d_k}$, $W_i^K \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{model}} \times d_k}$, $W_i^V \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{model}} \times d_v}$ and $W^O \in \mathbb{R}^{hd_v \times d_{\text{model}}}$.

In this work we employ $h = 8$ parallel attention layers, or heads. For each of these we use $d_k = d_v = d_{\text{model}}/h = 64$. Due to the reduced dimension of each head, the total computational cost is similar to that of single-head attention with full dimensionality.

Multihead Attention (Reduced KV Heads)

Llama 2:

llama.attention.head_count = 32

llama.attention.head_count_kv = 32

Llama 3.1:

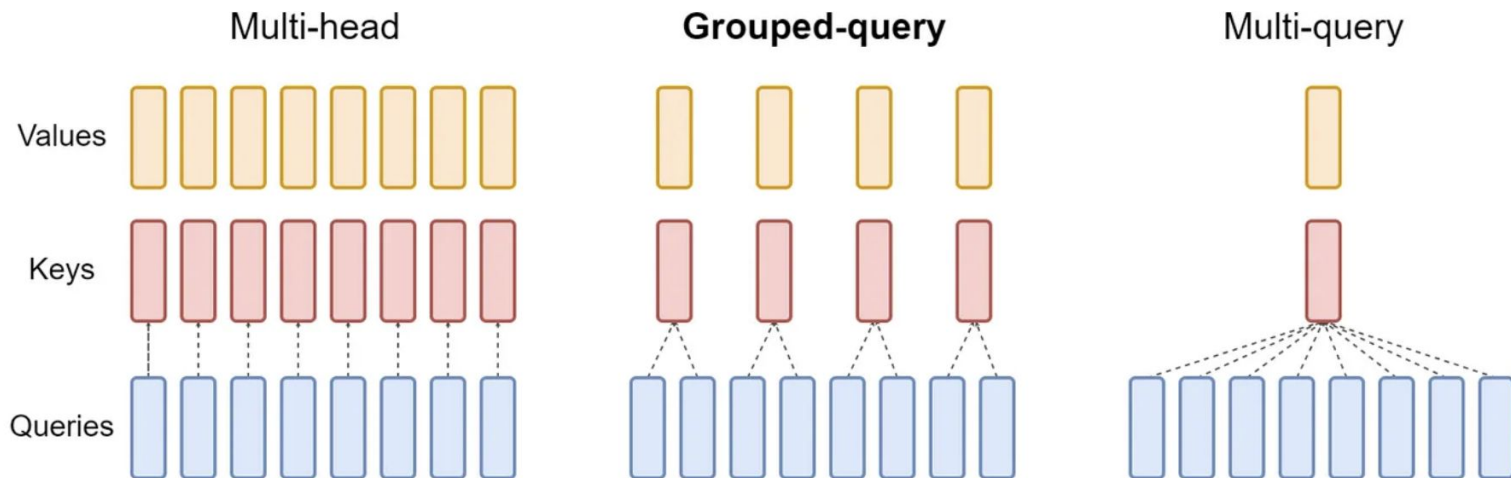
llama.attention.head_count = 32

llama.attention.head_count_kv = 8

grouped query attention (GQA)

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Paper: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2305.13245>



Difference between MHA, GQA, and MQA (Source — <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2305.13245.pdf>)

Blog: <https://towardsdatascience.com/demystifying-gqa-grouped-query-attention-3fb97b678e4a>

softmax

$$\text{softmax}(x_i) = \frac{\exp(x_i - \max(x))}{\sum_{j=0}^{\text{size}-1} \exp(x_j - \max(x))}$$

Positional Encoding (RoPE: rotary positional encoding)

<https://pub.towardsai.net/the-quest-to-have-endless-conversations-with-llama-and-chatgpt-%EF%B8%8F-81360b9b34b2>

$$\text{RoPE}(x_{2i}, x_{2i+1}, p) = \begin{pmatrix} x_{2i} \cdot \cos(p \cdot \omega_i) - x_{2i+1} \cdot \sin(p \cdot \omega_i) \\ x_{2i} \cdot \sin(p \cdot \omega_i) + x_{2i+1} \cdot \cos(p \cdot \omega_i) \end{pmatrix}$$

The frequency for the i -th dimension is calculated as:

$$\omega_i = \frac{1}{10000^{\frac{2i}{d}}}$$

where d is the dimension of the embedding vector.

Paper: [Extending Context Window of Large Language Models via Positional Interpolation](#)

Let's write one!

<https://github.com/karpathy/llama2.c>

<https://github.com/karpathy/llama2.c/blob/master/run.c#L249-L354>

```
248 // forward all the layers
249 for(unsigned long long l = 0; l < p->n_layers; l++) {
250
251     // attention rmsnorm
252     rmsnorm(s->xb, x, w->rms_att_weight + l*dim, dim);
253
254     // key and value point to the kv cache
255     int loff = l * p->seq_len * kv_dim; // kv cache layer offset for convenience
256     s->k = s->key_cache + loff + pos * kv_dim;
257     s->v = s->value_cache + loff + pos * kv_dim;
258
259     // qkv matmuls for this position
260     matmul(s->q, s->xb, w->wq + l*dim*dim, dim, dim);
261     matmul(s->k, s->xb, w->wk + l*dim*kv_dim, dim, kv_dim);
262     matmul(s->v, s->xb, w->wv + l*dim*kv_dim, dim, kv_dim);
263
264     // RoPE relative positional encoding: complex-valued rotate q and k in each head
265     for (int i = 0; i < dim; i+=2) {
```

Meta's Llama 2 7B model as an example

```
tensor 0 : token_embd.weight q4_K [ 4096, 32000, 1, 1 ]
tensor 1 : blk.0.attn_norm.weight f32 [ 4096, 1, 1, 1 ]
tensor 2 : blk.0.ffn_down.weight q6_K [ 11008, 4096, 1, 1 ]
tensor 3 : blk.0.ffn_gate.weight q4_K [ 4096, 11008, 1, 1 ]
tensor 4 : blk.0.ffn_up.weight q4_K [ 4096, 11008, 1, 1 ]
tensor 5 : blk.0.ffn_norm.weight f32 [ 4096, 1, 1, 1 ]
tensor 6 : blk.0.attn_k.weight q4_K [ 4096, 4096, 1, 1 ]
tensor 7 : blk.0.attn_output.weight q4_K [ 4096, 4096, 1, 1 ]
tensor 8 : blk.0.attn_q.weight q4_K [ 4096, 4096, 1, 1 ]
tensor 9 : blk.0.attn_v.weight q6_K [ 4096, 4096, 1, 1 ]
...
tensor 281 : blk.31.attn_norm.weight f32 [ 4096, 1, 1, 1 ]
tensor 282 : blk.31.ffn_down.weight q6_K [ 11008, 4096, 1, 1 ]
tensor 283 : blk.31.ffn_gate.weight q4_K [ 4096, 11008, 1, 1 ]
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tensor 289 : blk.31.attn_v.weight q6_K [ 4096, 4096, 1, 1 ]
tensor 290 : output_norm.weight f32 [ 4096, 1, 1, 1 ]
```

Question: How many matmuls to generate a token?

Important Notes

- Read:
 - llama2.c: <https://github.com/karpathy/llama2.c>
 - SGLang <https://github.com/sql-project/sqlang>
- Due
 - HW0 (Saturday)
 - Don Knuth: <https://cs.stanford.edu/~knuth/chatGPT20.txt>