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VISION TRANSFORMER

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WHY ???

- Most CV Scientist has little experience with NLP, which is the transformers concept.
- Most CV Scientists understand CNN but it's difficult to understand **Transformers**
- Physical meaning of Transformers is absent.
- Little math experience in Transformers ideas
- Little Implementation experience in Transformers ideas
- Discussion and the update of vision transformers directions

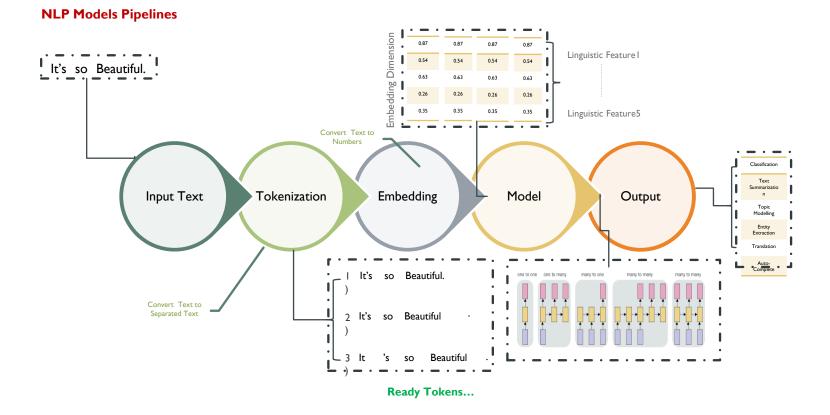


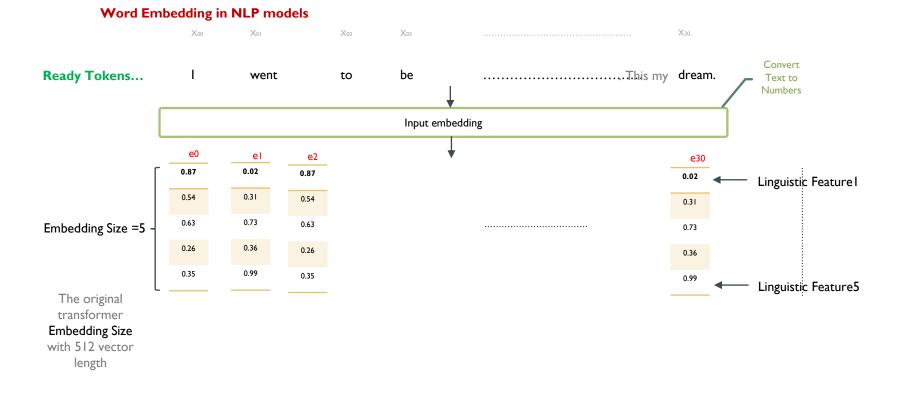
Residual

AGENDA

- Introduction to NLP
- Before Transformers in NLP
- Transformers in NLP
- Before Transformers in CV
- Transformers in CV

INTRODUCTION TO NLP





Simple Concept, with butterfly effect

Why is the position important in linguistics ????



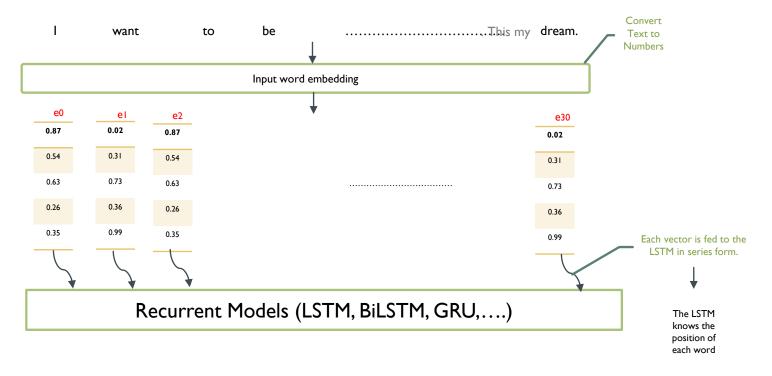
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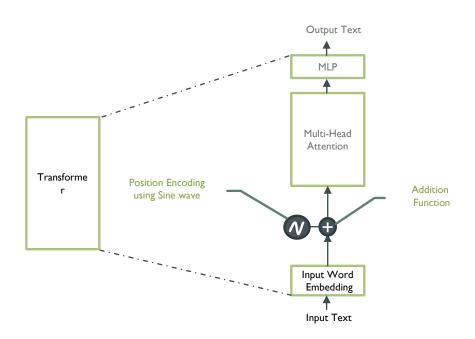


Different positions > different meaning

How was the embedding happening before?



Transformer Architecture



Attention Is All You Need

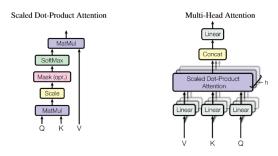
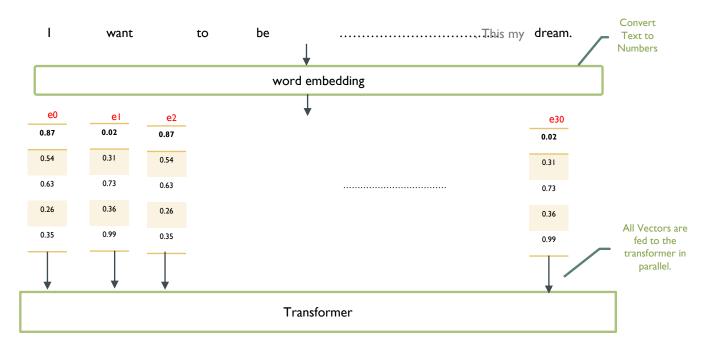
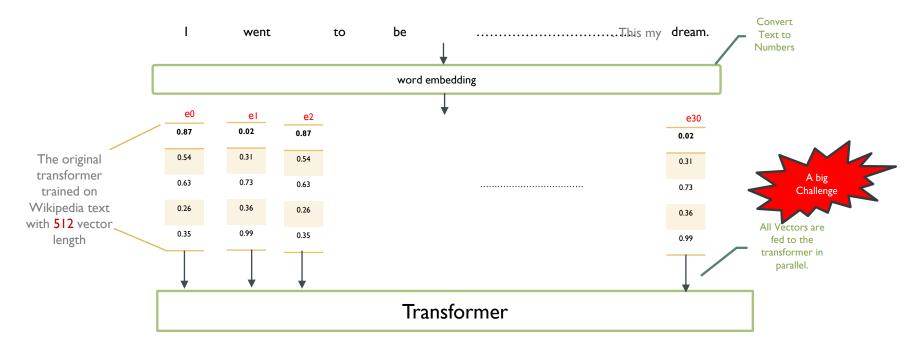


Figure 2: (left) Scaled Dot-Product Attention. (right) Multi-Head Attention consists of several attention layers running in parallel.

Recurrent Models vs. Transformers



Recurrent Models vs. Transformers

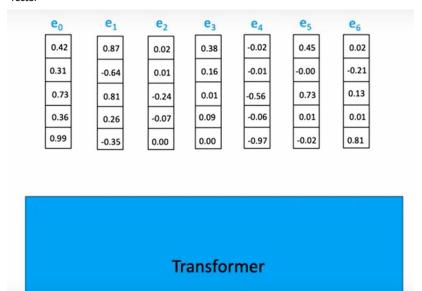


Recurrent Models vs. Transformers

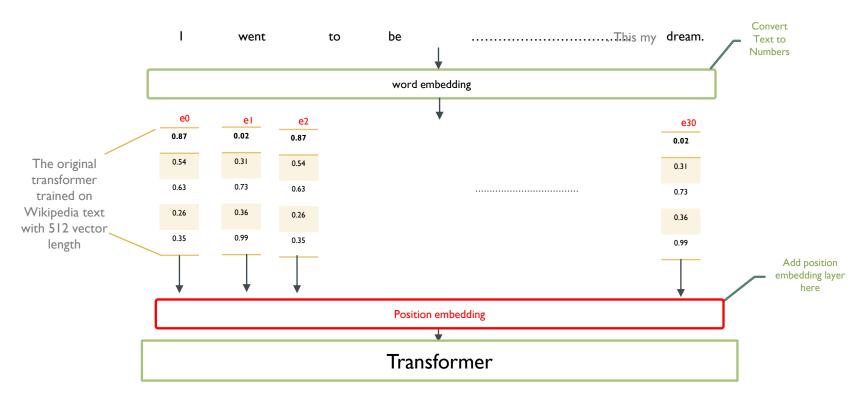
So, Once you fed the input to the LSTM model, the model knew the position of each vector $\,$



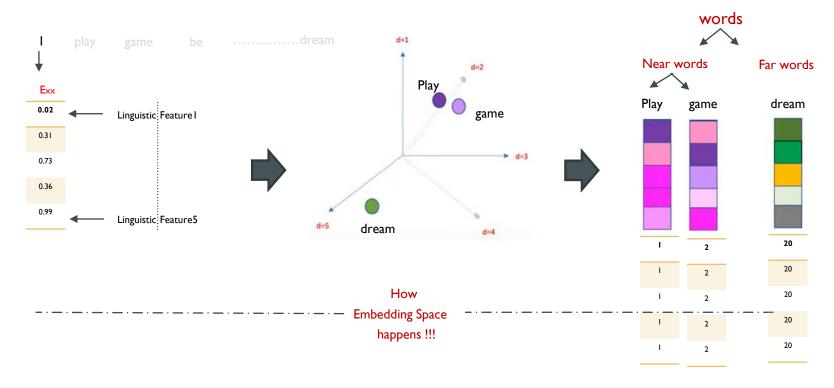
So, Once you fed the input to the Transformer model, the model lack the position of each vector



Recurrent Models vs. Transformers



Inside Position embedding space

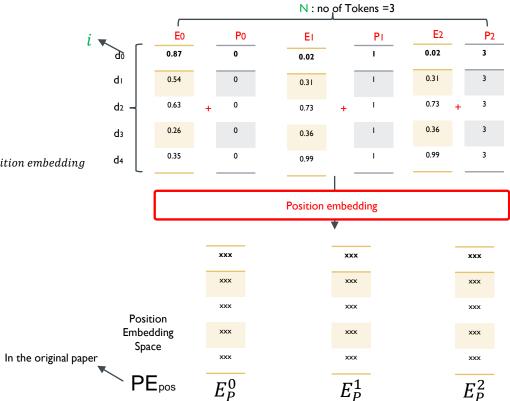


Inside Position embedding space

Terms

• If we have a sentence for 3 tokens

i 0,1,2,3
 refers to
 indices number
 "dimension"
 d the size of position embedding
 = 5

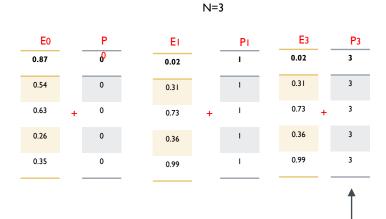


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Inside Position embedding space

First Scenario

If we have a sentence for 3 tokens,
 SOLVE ENCODING BY FIXED INTEGER VALUES

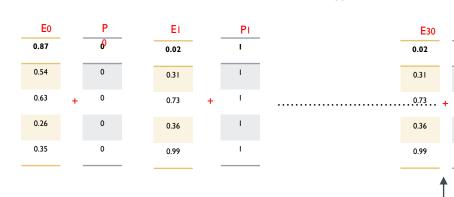


Order 3 is too small to train the language model

Inside Position embedding space

Second Scenario

If we have a sentence for 30 tokens,
 SOLVE ENCODING BY FIXED INTEGER VALUES



N=30

Order 30 is not applicable, as it will distort the original info

P30

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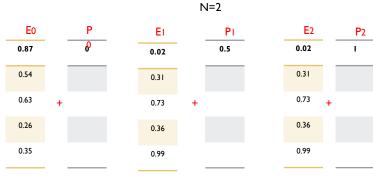
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Inside Position embedding space

Third Scenario

If we have a sentence for 30 tokens,
 SOLVE ENCODING BY FIXED fraction VALUES

$$P_{pos} = i * \frac{1}{N-1}$$



$$P_{0} = i * \frac{1}{N-1}$$

$$= 0 * \frac{1}{3-1}$$

$$= 0 * \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_{1} = i * \frac{1}{N-1}$$

$$P_{2} = i * \frac{1}{N-1}$$

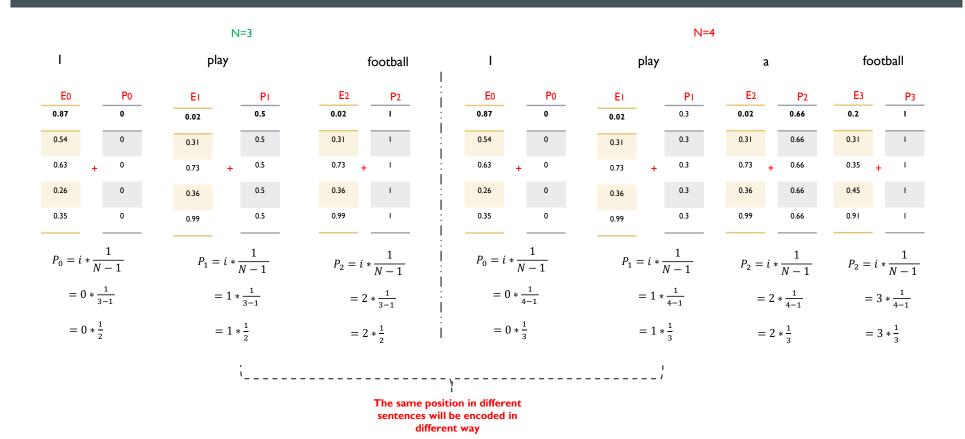
$$= 2 * \frac{1}{3-1}$$

$$= 1 * \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 2 * \frac{1}{2}$$



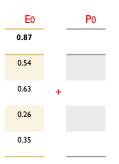
But this encoding will fail to deal with different token sizes in different sentences

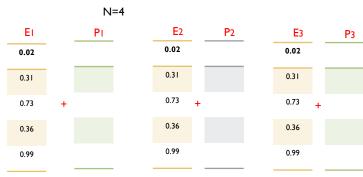


Inside Position embedding space

Last Scenario

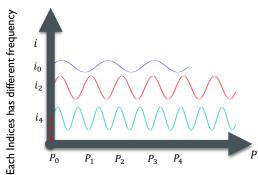
If we have a sentence for N tokens,
 SOLVE ENCODING BY Sine and Cosine VALUES



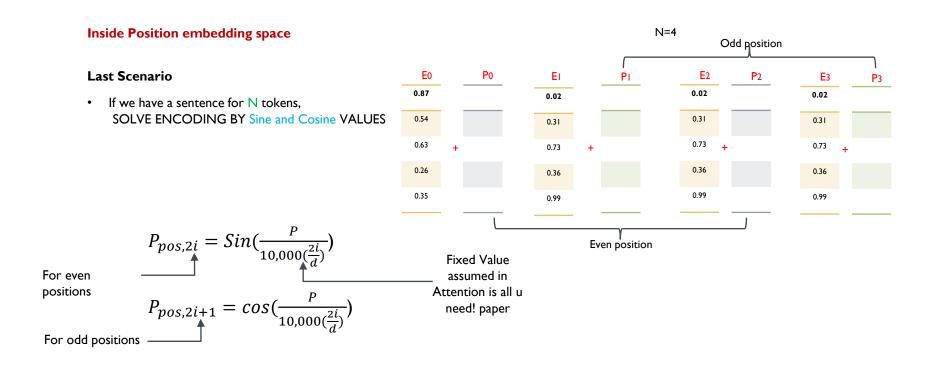


For even positions

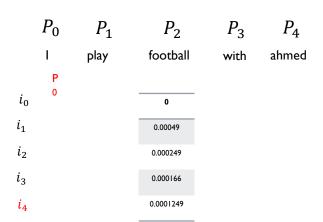
 $P_{pos,2i} = Sin(\frac{P}{10,000(\frac{2i}{d})})$ Fixed Value assumed in Attention is all uneed! paper

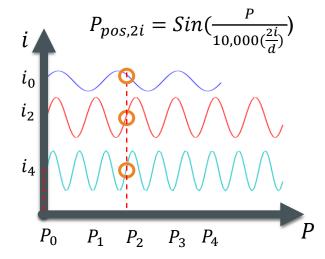


Each word position has different X-axis value



Same position value, different indices



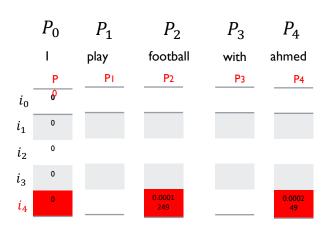


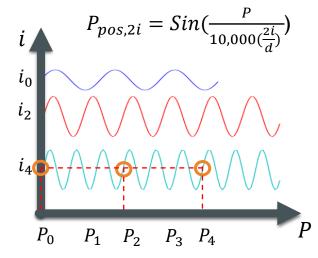
$$P_{2,2*0} = Sin(\frac{P}{10,000(\frac{2i}{d})}) = Sin(\frac{2}{10,000(\frac{2*0}{5})}) = 0$$

$$P_{2,2*1} = Sin(\frac{P}{10,000(\frac{2i}{d})}) = Sin(\frac{2}{10,000(\frac{2*1}{5})}) = 0.00049$$

$$P_{4,2*2} = Sin(\frac{P}{10,000(\frac{2i}{d})}) = Sin(\frac{2}{10,000(\frac{2*2}{5})}) = 0.000249$$

Same indices value, different position



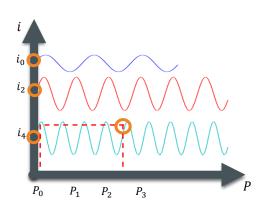


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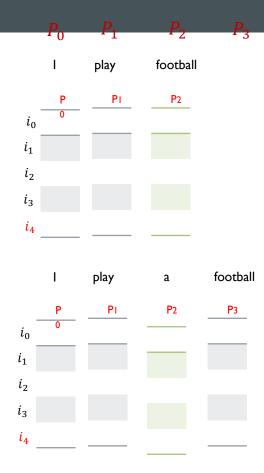
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Different Sentences

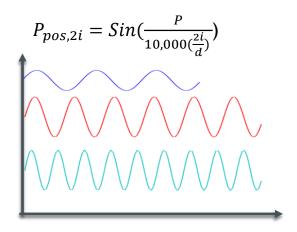


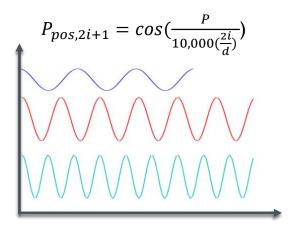
$$P_{pos,2i} = Sin(\frac{P}{10,000(\frac{2i}{d})})$$



The same position in different sentences will be encoded in the same way

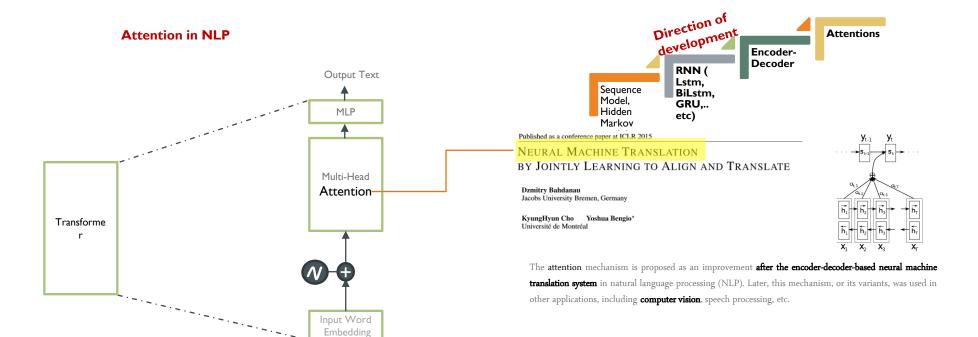
Sine and cosine for positional embedding





Advantages of position encoding using sine and cosine

- I. The sine and cosine functions have values in [-I, I], which keeps the values of the positional encoding matrix in a normalized range.
- 2. As the sinusoid for each position is different; we have a unique way of encoding each position.
- 3. We have a way of measuring or quantifying the similarity between different positions, enabling us to encode relative positions of words.



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Input Text

Attention in NLP

• The Simple Question here how to know the difference between each bank in this sentence?

Answer is the Context of each word





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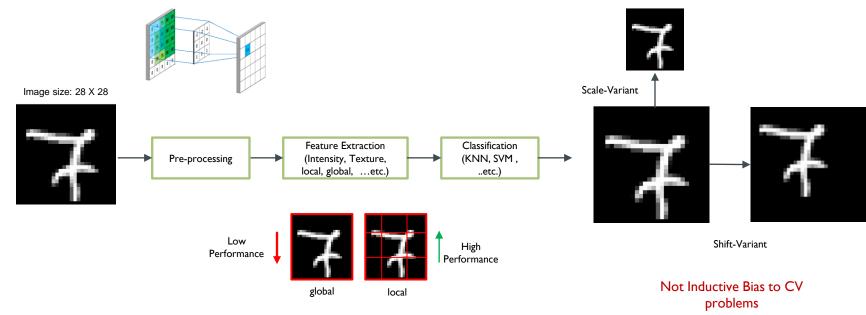
To achieve this numerically in computers, You are talking about self-attention

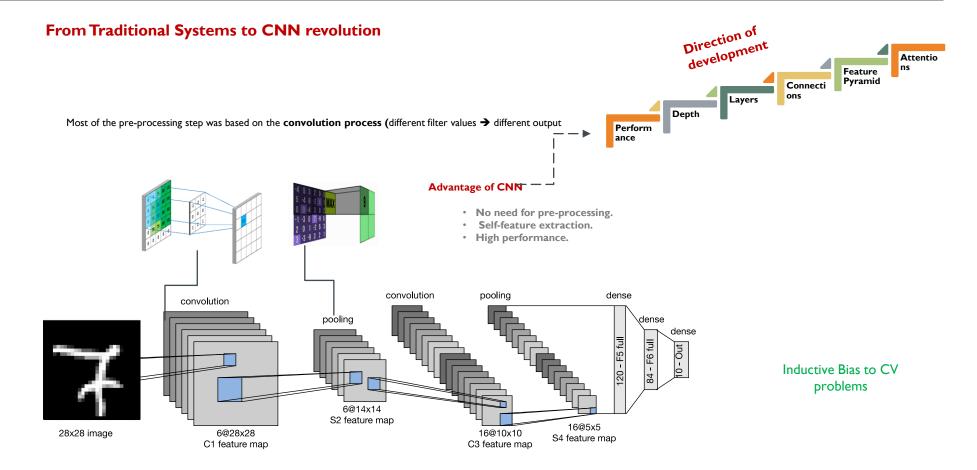
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From Traditional Systems to CNN revolution

Most of the pre-processing step was based on the **convolution process** (different filter values → different output





Attention in Image → Where to focus in the Image

Attention in Imagehe attention source is simple calculations

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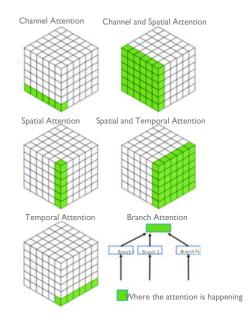
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After CNN The attention source is the features maps Attention in Feature Maps Now, we call this self attention



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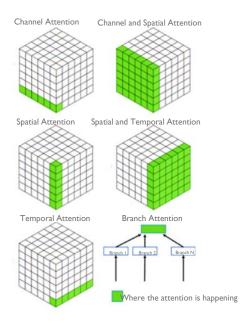
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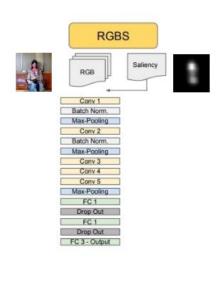
After CNN Attention in Feature Maps



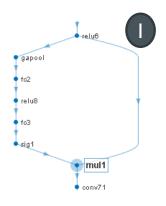
Hybrid Attention

The attention source is from another calculations out of the network

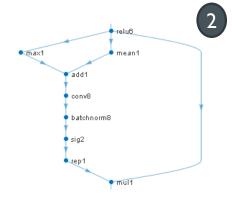
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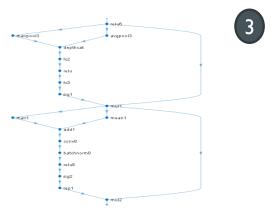
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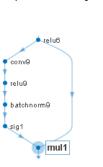
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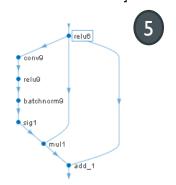
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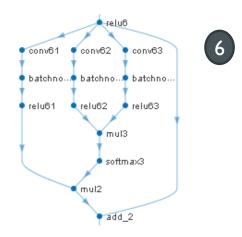
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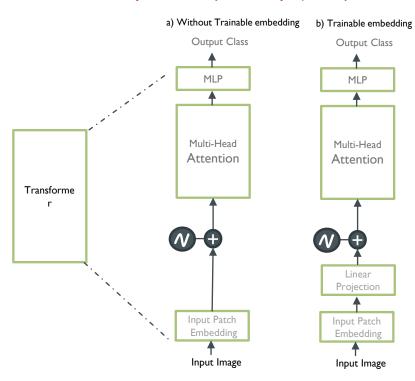
[Simplest:Channel spatial attention with Residual]



[Q,U,V] attention



With non- Trainable parameters (No linear projection) in embedding layer



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AN IMAGE IS WORTH 16x16 WORDS: TRANSFORMERS FOR IMAGE RECOGNITION AT SCALE

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Vision Transformer (VIT)

Transformer Encoder

Lx

MLP

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Norm

Patch - Position

Embedding

Linear Projection of Flattened Patches

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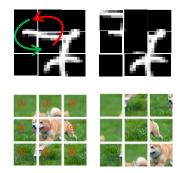
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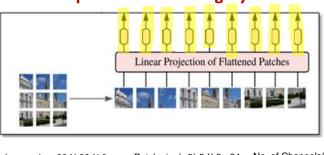
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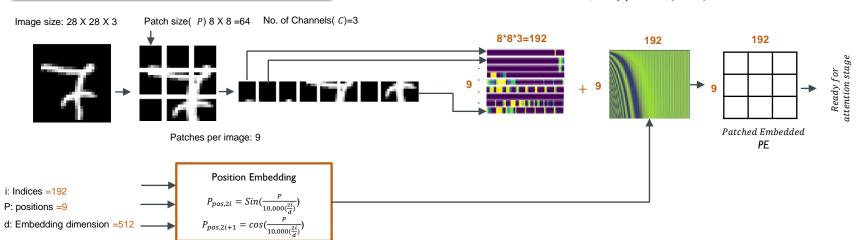
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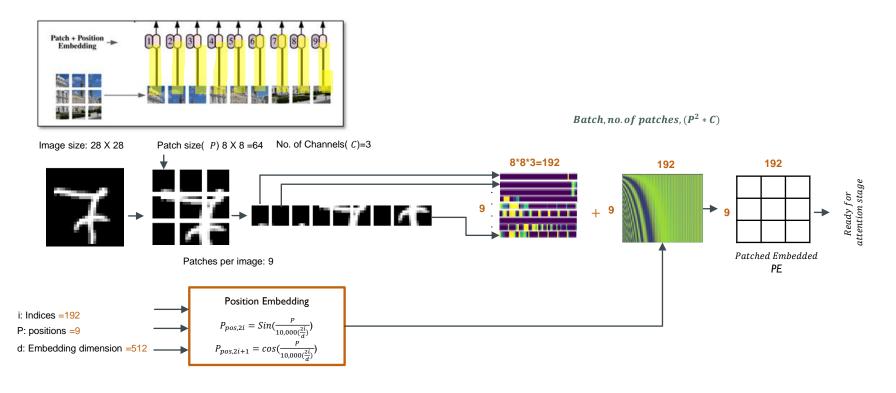
Without position embedding layer



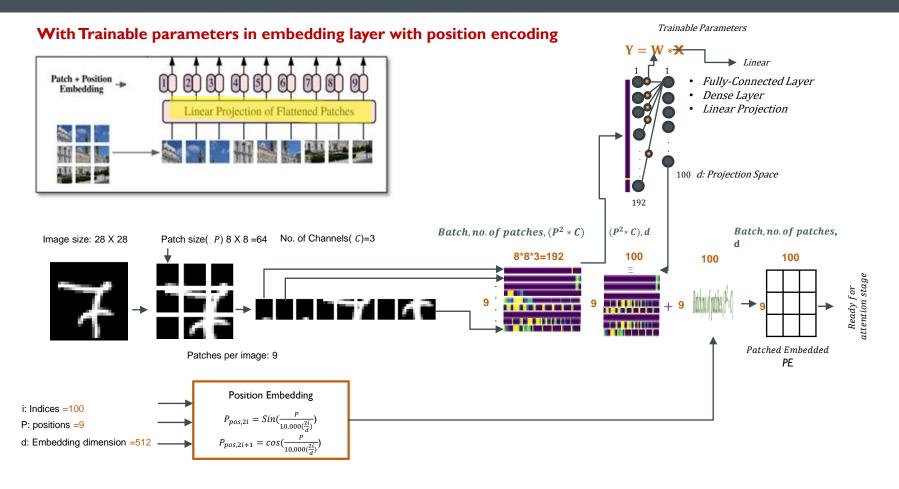
Batch, no. of patches, $(P^2 * C)$

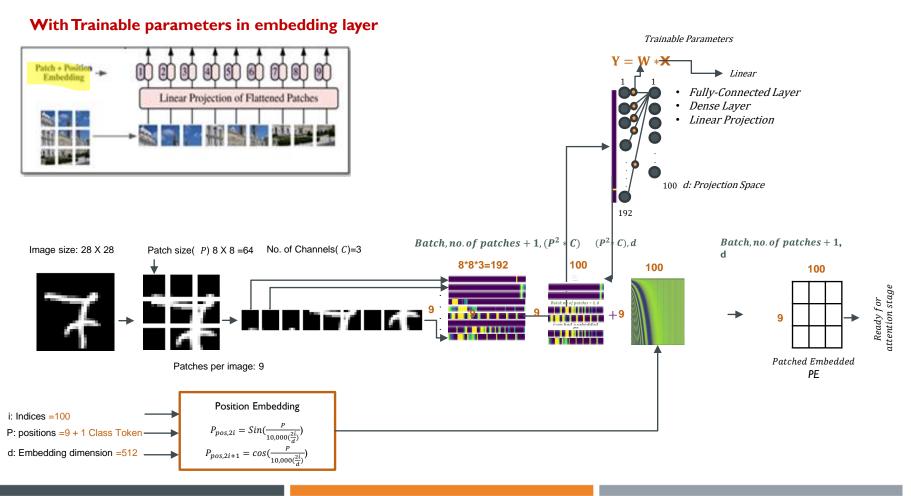


Without Trainable parameters in embedding layer



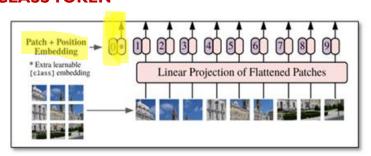
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With Trainable parameters in embedding layer and CLASS TOKEN



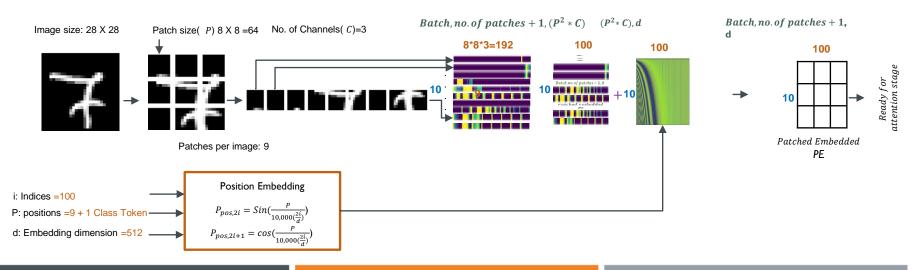
Class Token is a randomly initialized vector embedded at the beginning of your input sequence within the patches token. *It has no relation with classes.*

As an example, if you have 9 patches for an input image with a projection dimension of 100 units. The total input matrix will be (9+1)10*100

Why it was useful?

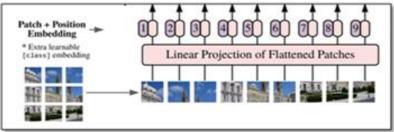
So, at first, it doesn't contain any helpful information on its own. However, the Class Token is able to accumulate information from the other tokens in the sequence the deeper and more layers the Transformer is. When the Vision Transformer finally performs the final classification of the sequence, it uses an MLP head which only looks at data from the last layer's Class Token and no other information. This operation suggests that the Class Token is a placeholder data structure that's used to store information that is extracted from other tokens in the sequence. By allocating an empty token for this procedure, it seems like the Vision Transformer makes it less likely to bias the final output towards or against any single one of the other individual tokens.

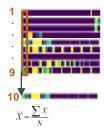
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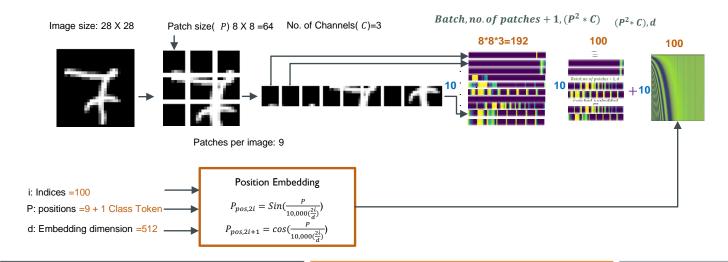


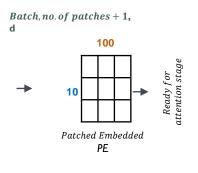
With Trainable parameters in embedding layer and **GAP**

GAP is the global average pooling of all features of all tokens. Assumption that the GAP is computed at first (however, it can be before MLP head)









MODEL SETUP EXPERIMENT

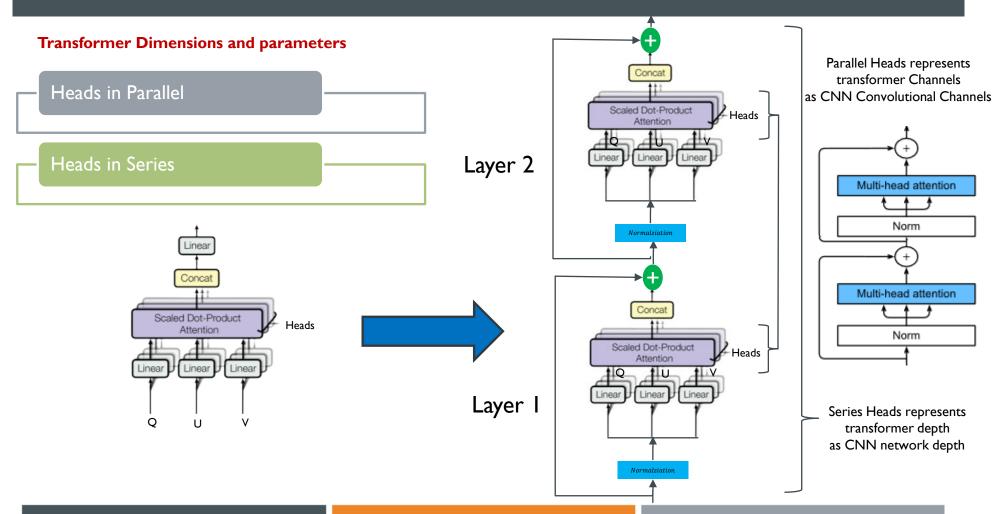
Model Variants. We base ViT configurations on those used for BERT (Devlin et al., 2019), as summarized in Table []. The "Base" and "Large" models are directly adopted from BERT and we add the larger "Huge" model. In what follows we use brief notation to indicate the model size and the input patch size: for instance, ViT-L/16 means the "Large" variant with 16×16 input patch size. Note that the Transformer's sequence length is inversely proportional to the square of the patch size, thus models with smaller patch size are computationally more expensive.

For the baseline CNNs, we use ResNet (He et al., 2016), but replace the Batch Normalization layers (Ioffe & Szegedy, 2015) with Group Normalization (Wu & He, 2018), and used standardized convolutions (Qiao et al., 2019). These modifications improve transfer (Kolesnikov et al., 2020), and we denote the modified model "ResNet (BiT)". For the hybrids, we feed the intermediate feature maps into ViT with patch size of one "pixel". To experiment with different sequence lengths, we either (i) take the output of stage 4 of a regular ResNet50 or (ii) remove stage 4, place the same number of layers in stage 3 (keeping the total number of layers), and take the output of this extended stage 3. Option (ii) results in a 4x longer sequence length, and a more expensive ViT model.

Model	Layers	Hidden size D	MLP size	Heads	Params
ViT-Base	12	768	3072	12	86M
ViT-Large	24	1024	4096	16	307M
ViT-Huge	32	1280	5120	16	632M

Table 1: Details of Vision Transformer model variants.

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POSITION EMBEDDING EXPERIMENT

D.4 Positional Embedding

We ran ablations on different ways of encoding spatial information using positional embedding. We tried the following cases:

- Providing no positional information: Considering the inputs as a bag of patches.
- 1-dimensional positional embedding: Considering the inputs as a sequence of patches in the raster order (default across all other experiments in this paper).
- 2-dimensional positional embedding: Considering the inputs as a grid of patches in two dimensions. In this case, two sets of embeddings are learned, each for one of the axes, X-embedding, and Y-embedding, each with size D/2. Then, based on the coordinate on the path in the input, we concatenate the X and Y embedding to get the final positional embedding for that patch.
- Relative positional embeddings: Considering the relative distance between patches to encode the spatial information as instead of their absolute position. To do so, we use 1dimensional Relative Attention, in which we define the relative distance all possible pairs of patches. Thus, for every given pair (one as query, and the other as key/value in the attention mechanism), we have an offset $p_q - p_k$, where each offset is associated with an embedding. Then, we simply run extra attention, where we use the original query (the content of query), but use relative positional embeddings as keys. We then use the logits from the relative attention as a bias term and add it to the logits of the main attention (content-based attention) before applying the softmax.

In addition to different ways of encoding spatial information, we also tried different ways of incorporating this information in our model. For the 1-dimensional and 2-dimensional positional embeddings, we tried three different cases: (1) add positional embeddings to the inputs right after

1-D Pos. Emb. 0.64206 0.63964 Different PE Methods

Pos. Emb. Default/Stem Every Layer Every Layer-Shared No Pos. Emb. 0.61382 N/A N/A 0.64292 2-D Pos. Emb. 0.64001 0.64046 0.64022 Rel. Pos. Emb. 0.64032 N/A

Table 8: Results of the ablation study on positional embeddings with ViT-B/16 model evaluated on ImageNet 5-shot linear.

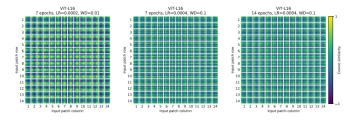


Figure 10: Position embeddings of models trained with different hyperparameters.

the stem of them model and before feeding the inputs to the Transformer encoder (default across all other experiments in this paper); (2) learn and add positional embeddings to the inputs at the beginning of each layer; (3) add a learned positional embeddings to the inputs at the beginning of each layer (shared between layers).

Table summarizes the results from this ablation study on a ViT-B/16 model. As we can see, while there is a large gap between the performances of the model with no positional embedding and models with positional embedding, there is little to no difference between different ways of encoding positional information. We speculate that since our Transformer encoder operates on patch-level inputs, as opposed to pixel-level, the differences in how to encode spatial information is less important. More precisely, in patch-level inputs, the spatial dimensions are much smaller than the original pixel-level inputs, e.g., 14×14 as opposed to 224×224 , and learning to represent the spatial relations in this resolution is equally easy for these different positional encoding strategies. Even so, the specific pattern of position embedding similarity learned by the network depends on the training hyperparameters (Figure 10).

CLASS TOKEN EXPERIMENT

D.3 HEAD TYPE AND CLASS TOKEN

In order to stay as close as possible to the original Transformer model, we made use of an additional [class] token, which is taken as image representation. The output of this token is then transformed into a class prediction via a small multi-layer perceptron (MLP) with tanh as non-linearity in the single hidden layer.

This design is inherited from the Transformer model for text, and we use it throughout the main paper. An initial attempt at using only image-patch embeddings, globally average-pooling (GAP) them, followed by a linear classifier—just like ResNet's final feature map—performed very poorly. However, we found that this is neither due to the extra token, nor to the GAP operation. Instead, the difference in performance is fully explained by the requirement for a different learning-rate, see Figure [9].

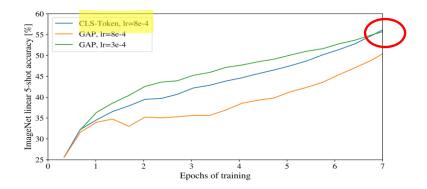
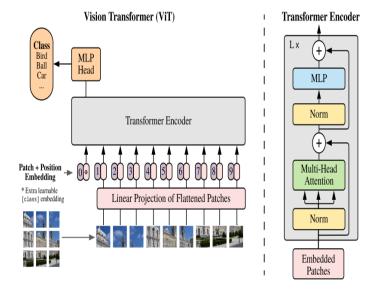


Figure 9: Comparison of class-token and global average pooling classifiers. Both work similarly well, but require different learning-rates.



Transformer Workflow Math Idea



PEpon PEpon PEpon I play football



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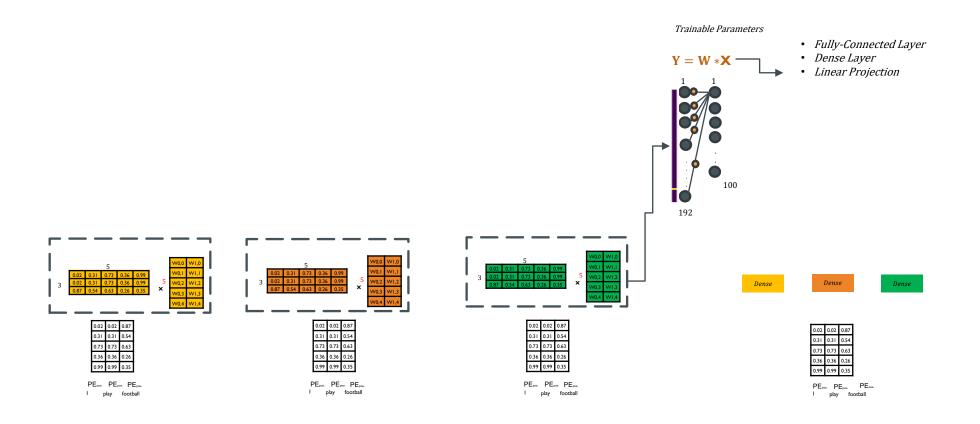


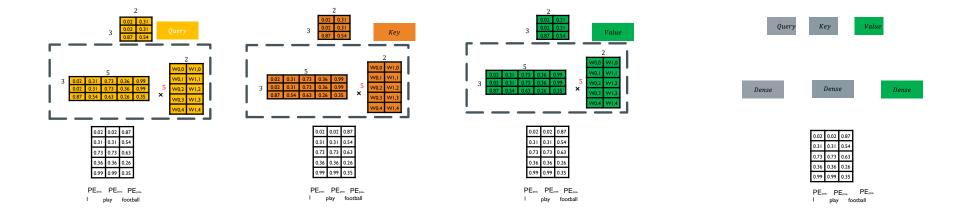
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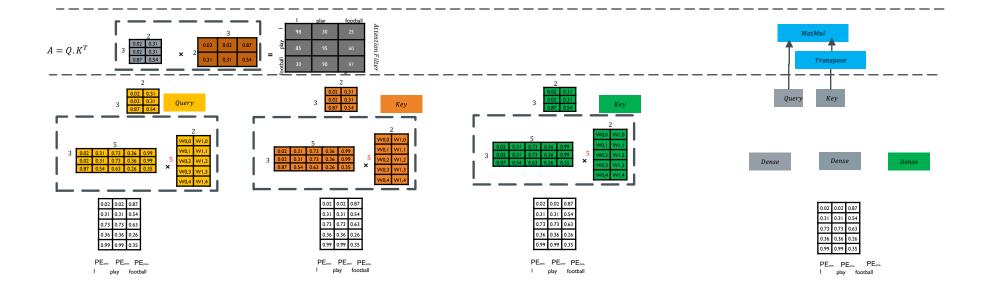
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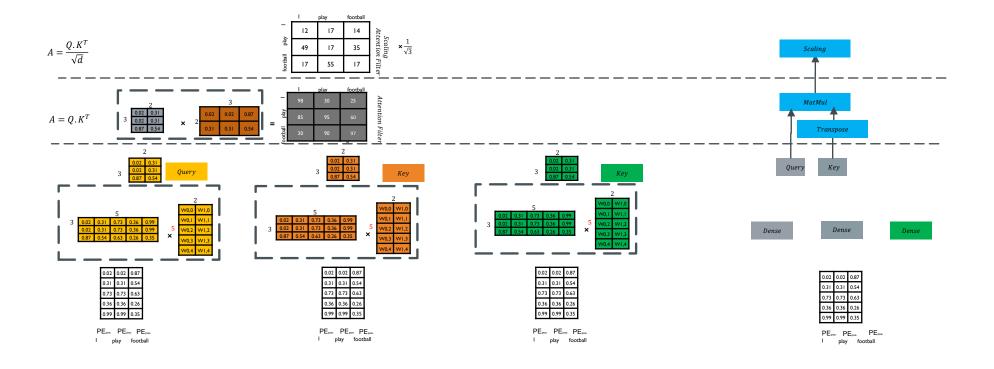
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0.36	0.36	0.26	
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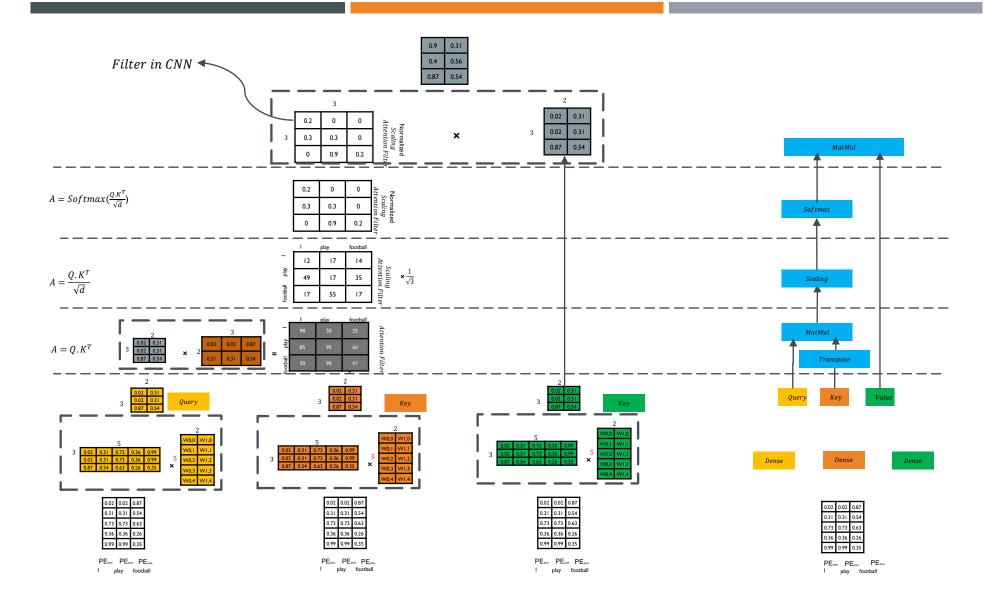






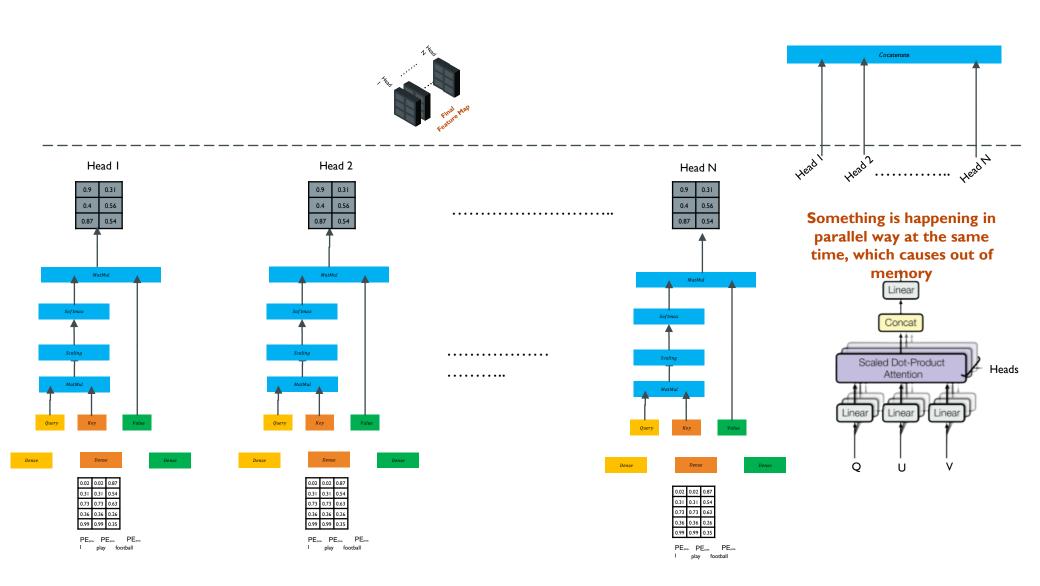


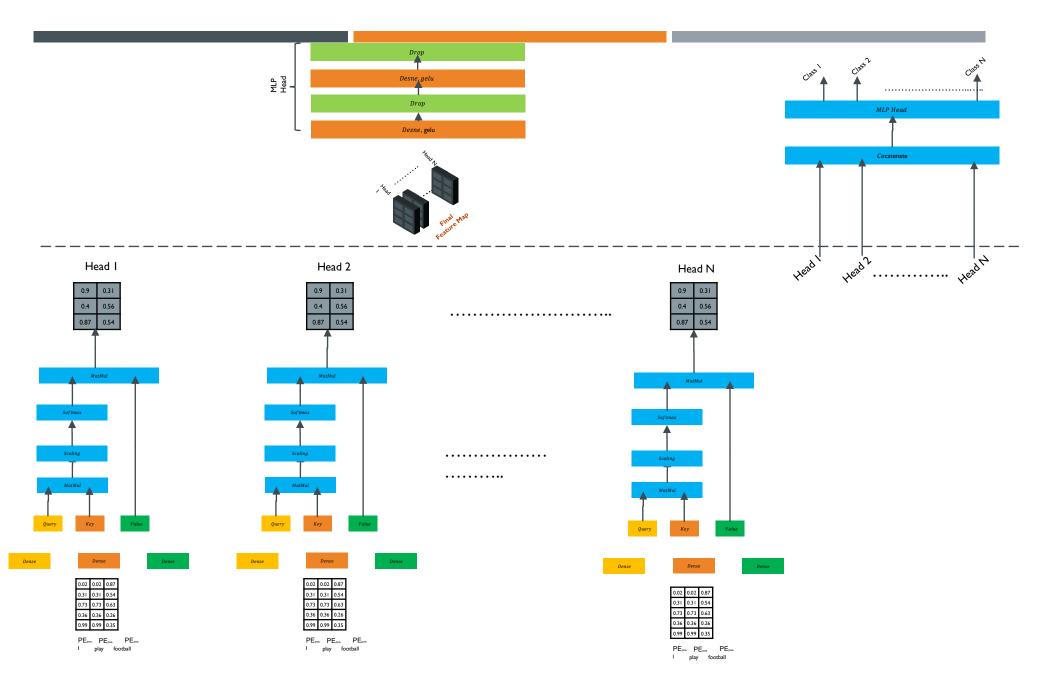




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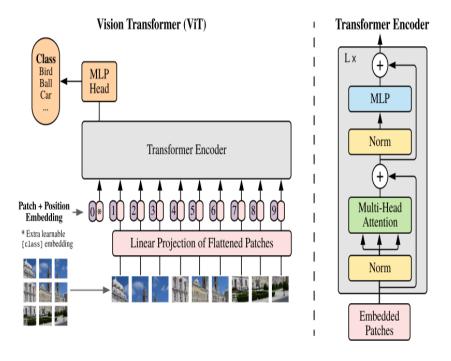
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Disadvantage in Transformer

- Not Inductive Bias to CV problems
- Shift-Scale Variant
- Position Encoding effect which represents the spatial info is weak.
- Model Complexity is High.(16 Heads,
 12:32 Layers)



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Linear Regression

CNN

CV

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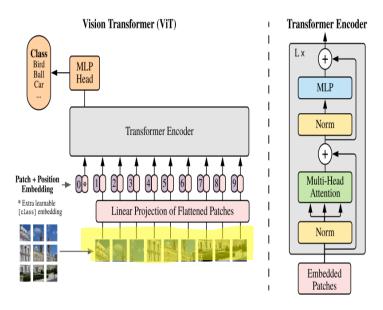
Transformer Workflow Implementation Idea

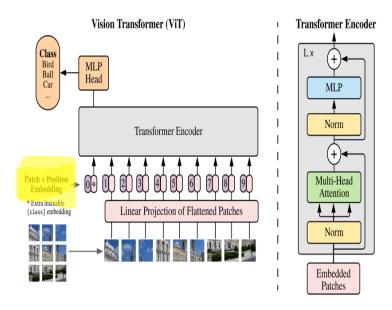


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class Patches(layers.Layer):
    def __init__(self, patch_size):
        super(Patches, self).__init__()
        self.patch_size = patch_size

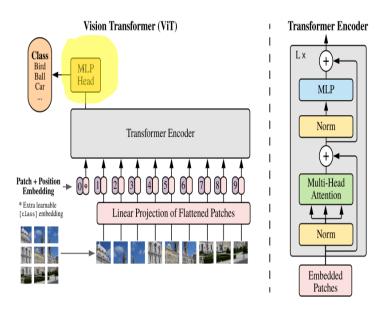
def call(self, images):
    batch_size = tf.shape(images)[0]
    patches = tf.image.extract_patches(
        images=images,
        sizes=[1, self.patch_size, self.patch_size, 1],
        strides=[1, self.patch_size, self.patch_size, 1],
        rates=[1, 1, 1, 1],
        padding="VALID",

)
    patch_dims = patches.shape[-1]
    patches = tf.reshape(patches, [batch_size, 1, patch_dims])
    return patches
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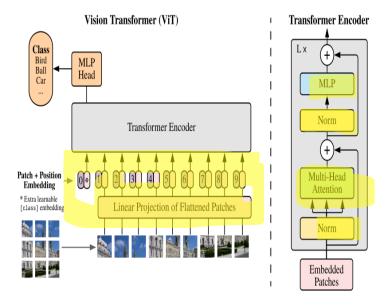




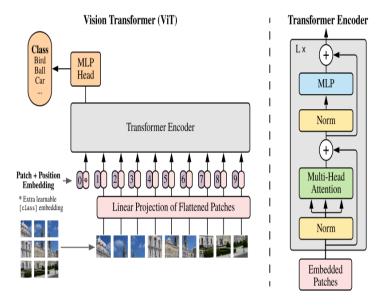
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def mlp(x, hidden_units, dropout_rate):
    for units in hidden_units:
        x = layers.Dense(units, activation=tf.nn.gelu)(x)
        x = layers.Dropout(dropout_rate)(x)
    return x
```



```
def create vit classifier():
    inputs = layers.Input(shape=input shape)
    patches = Patches(patch size)(inputs)
    # Encode patches.
    encoded patches = PatchEncoder(num patches, projection dim) (patche
    # Create multiple layers of the Transformer block.
    for in range(transformer layers):
        # Layer normalization 1.
        x1 = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(encoded patches)
        # Create a multi-head attention layer.
        attention output = layers.MultiHeadAttention(
            num_heads=num_heads, key_dim=projection_dim, dropout=0.1
        (x1, x1)
        # Skip connection 1.
        x2 = layers.Add()([attention output, encoded patches])
        # Layer normalization 2.
        x3 = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)(x2)
        # MLP.
        x3 = mlp(x3, hidden units=transformer units, dropout rate=0.1)
        # Skip connection 2.
        encoded patches = layers.Add()([x3, x2])
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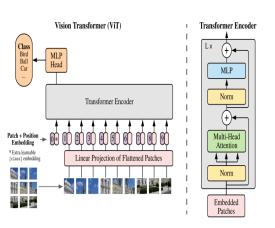


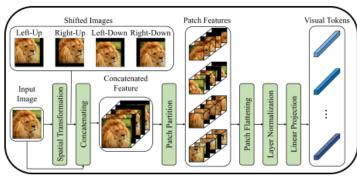
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# Create a [batch_size, projection_dim] tensor.
    representation = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-
6)(encoded_patches)
    representation = layers.Flatten()(representation)
    representation = layers.Dropout(0.5)(representation)
# Add MLP.
    features = mlp(representation, hidden_units=mlp_head_units, dropout_rate=0.5)
# Classify outputs.
logits = layers.Dense(num_classes)(features)
# Create the Keras model.
model = keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=logits)
return model
```



Vision Transformer for Small-Size Datasets







Self Attention (b) Locality Self-Attention

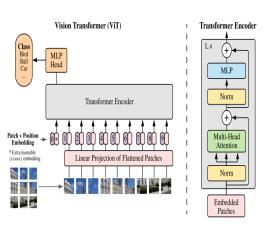
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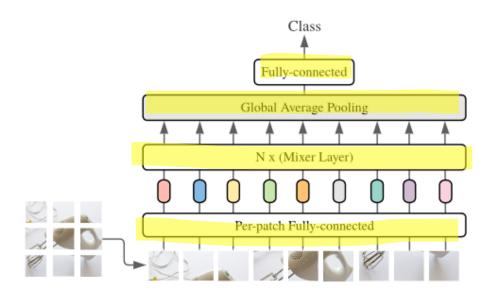
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(a) Shifted Patch Tokenization

MLP Mixer



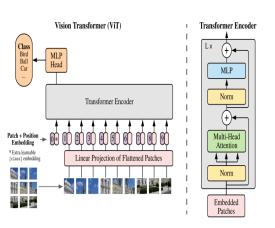




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Convmixer





Residual connection

ConvMixer Layer

Convolution

BatchNorm

Convolution

Noverage Pooling

A part Fully-Connected

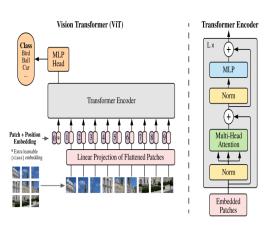
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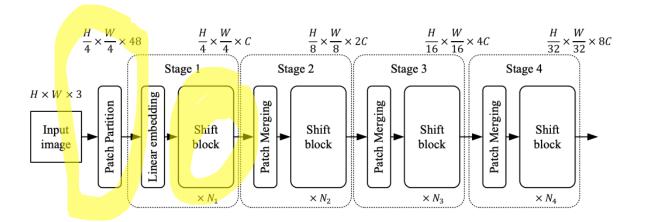
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A Vision Transformer without Attention

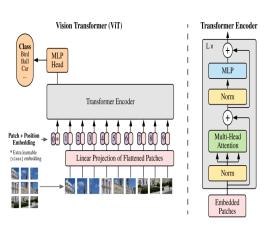


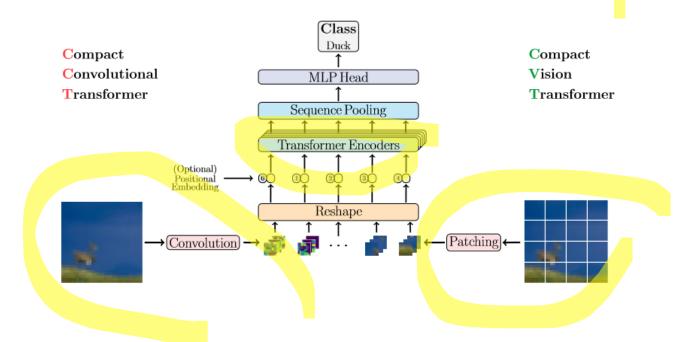




Compact Convolutional Transformers







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STUDY PLAN

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