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Correlation - linear

attention - non-linear

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 $a_1 \dots a_N$ is the attention value of the query q wrt keys k .The value a gives the value by which q_i and k_i are close to each otherGiven:

- a single query $\underline{q} \in \mathbb{R}^d$
 - N key-value pairs $\underline{k}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, \underline{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v} \quad 1 \leq i \leq N$
- Let $\underline{K} = [\underline{k}_1 \dots \underline{k}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times N}, \underline{V} = [\underline{v}_1 \dots \underline{v}_N] \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v \times N}$

Steps

- Calculate similarities $a_i = S(\underline{q}, \underline{k}_i)$ between \underline{q} and \underline{k}_i
- Softmax normalization

$$\alpha_i = \frac{e^{a_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^N e^{a_i}} \geq 0 \quad \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i = 1$$

- Convex combination of \underline{v}_i :

$$\text{attention}(\underline{q}, \underline{K}, \underline{V}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_i \underline{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v}$$

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People mainly used scaled dot product

$$-1 \leq \text{cosine similarity} \leq 1$$

Assuming $s(\underline{q}, \underline{k}_i) = \underline{k}_i^T \underline{q} / \sqrt{d}$,

$$\text{attention}(\underline{q}, \underline{K}, \underline{V}) = \underline{V} \cdot \text{softmax}\left(\underbrace{\underbrace{\underline{K}^T}_{N \times d} \cdot \underbrace{\underline{q}}_{d \times 1}}_{N \times 1}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v}$$

$d_v \times N$ $d_v \times 1$

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$$\underline{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times N}$$

$$\underline{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v \times N}$$

$$\text{softmax}(\underline{Q}, \underline{K}, \underline{V}) = \underline{V} \cdot \text{softmax}\left(\underbrace{\underbrace{\underline{K}^T}_{N \times d} \cdot \underbrace{\underline{Q}}_{d \times M}}_{N \times M}\right)$$

$d_v \times N$ $d_v \times M$

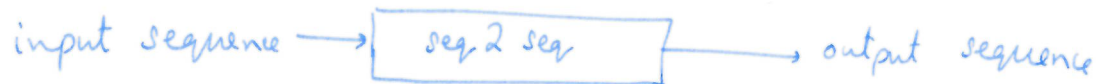
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10.2.2 Transformer in Natural Language Processing (NLP)

NLP : deals with sequence of words

seq 2 seq model: exploit the relationship between different words in an input sequence



- translation
- Speech recognition, speech synthesis

How to calculate with text?

→ word embedding
translate words to numbers

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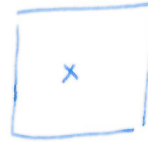
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10.2.3 Transformer in Computer Vision

Apply self-attention to images

At which level?

(a) at input pixel level:



too many pixels \rightarrow not efficient

(b) at input patch level:



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(c) at the feature level



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10.3Networks and modules for image classification

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