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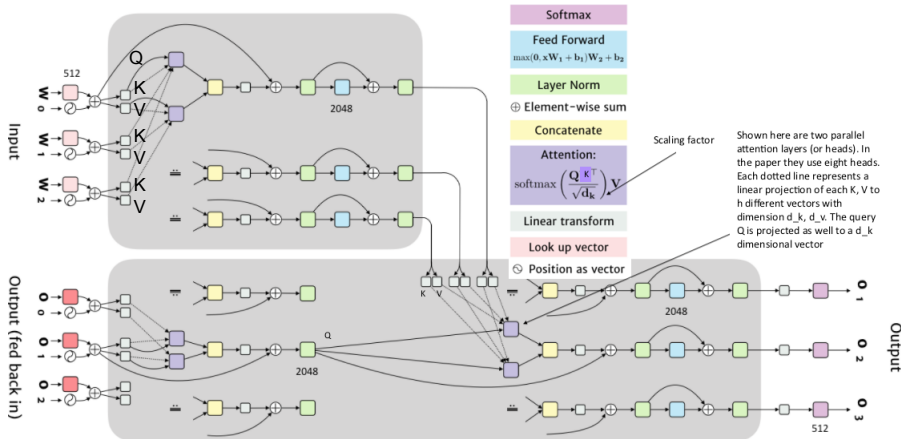
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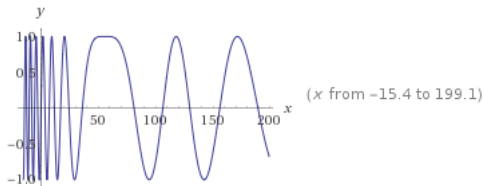
Figure modified from one made by J. Kummerfeld



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- **Positional encoding** which is a vector of the same length as the word representation. Depends only on position in the input.

$$f(pos, dim) = \sin\left(\frac{pos}{10000^{\frac{2dim}{d_w}}}\right)$$



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