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- A lot models use it in a range of ways.

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Vaswani, Ashish, et al. "Attention is all you need." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*. 2017.

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Attention: Working Example

the cat danced → die Katze tanzte

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Assume that we have generated the first two words, and now are trying to generate: “tanzte”.

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the cat danced

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The input words are the keys **K** and the values **V**.

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The words generated so far are the queries Q .

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Q: die Katze

```
[  
    [-1.0, -2.5],    # q1: die  
    [ 4.0,  3.0],    # q2: Katze  
]
```

K: the cat danced

```
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```

V: the cat danced

```
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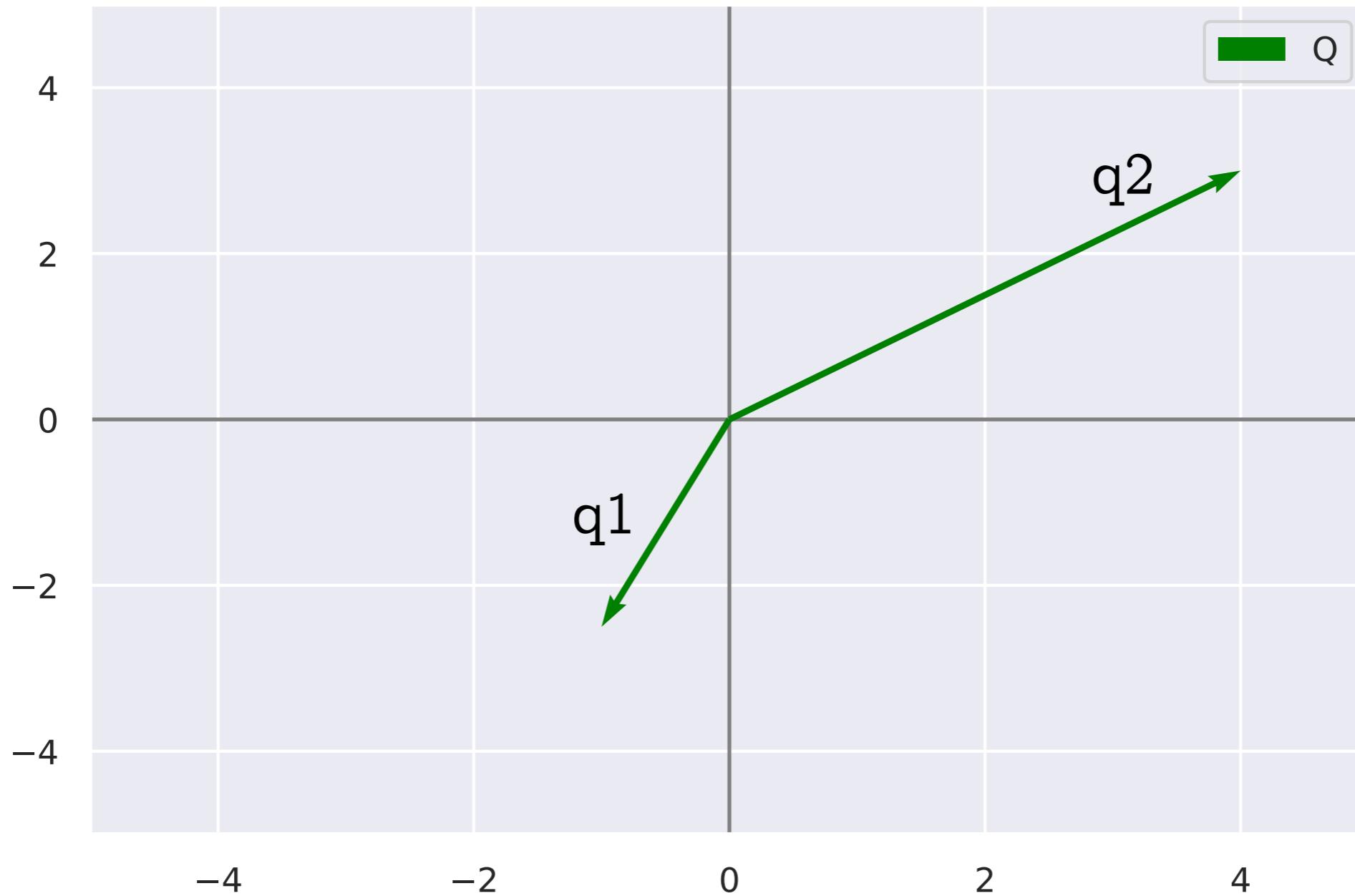
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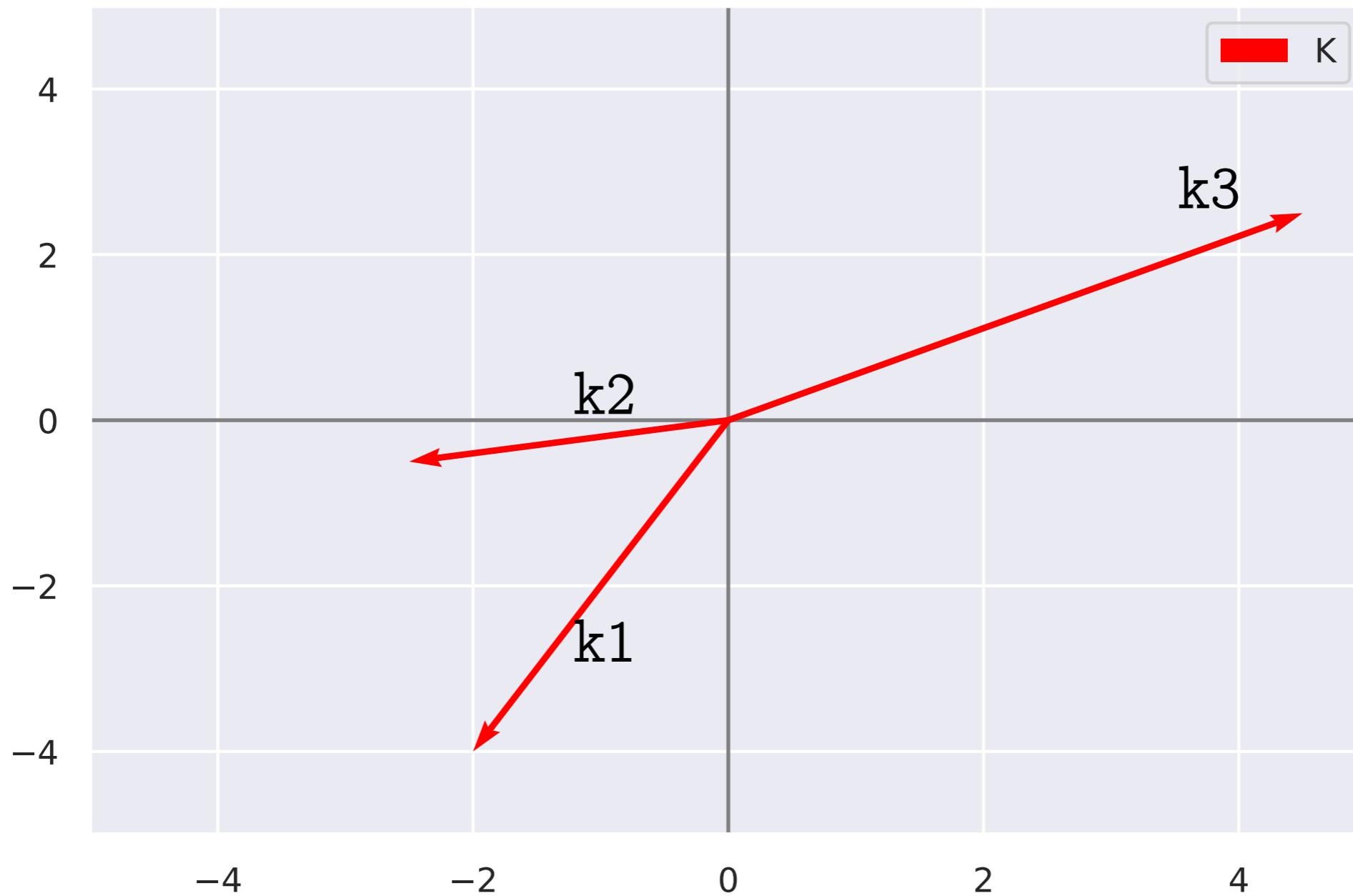
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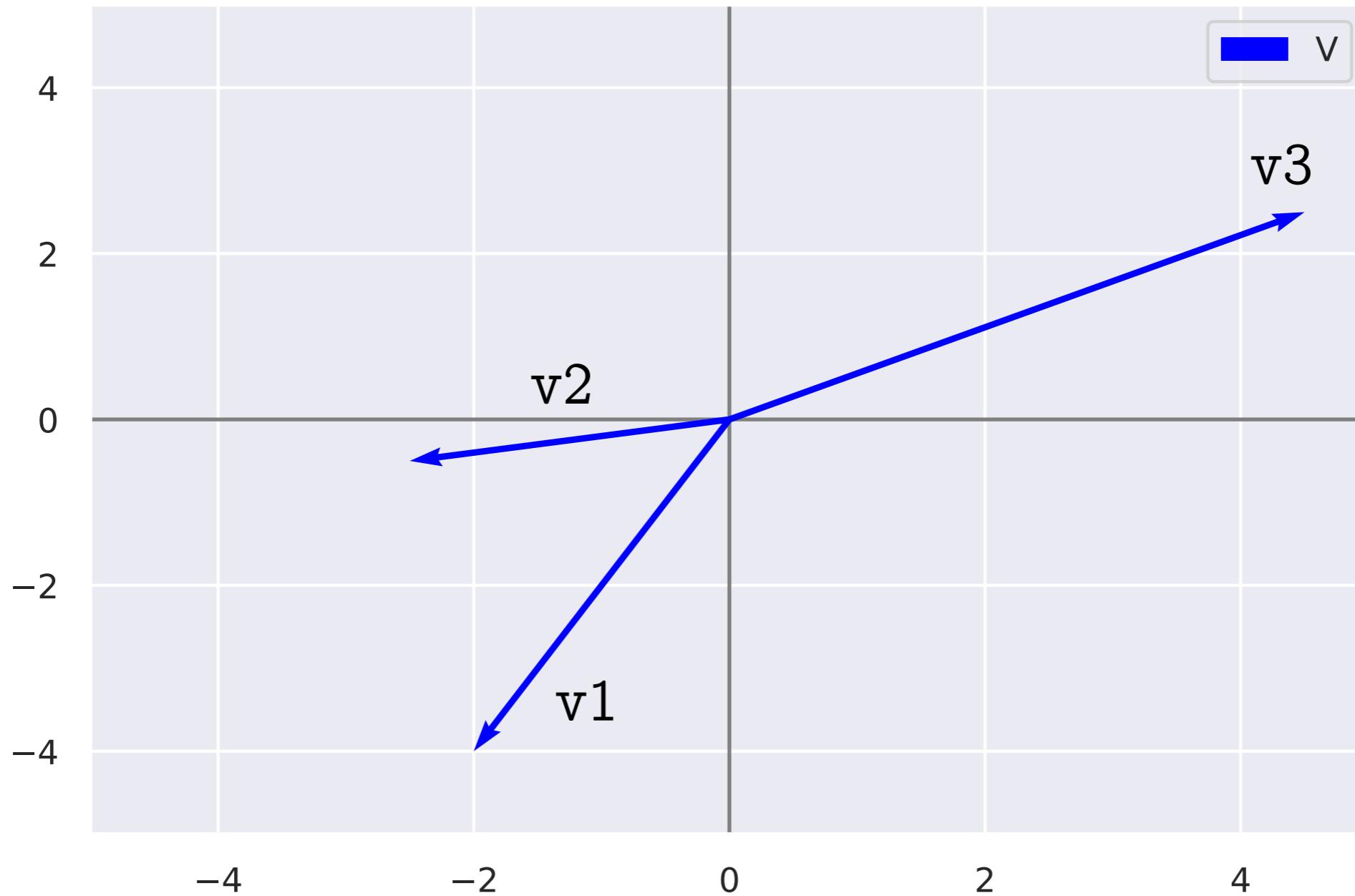
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- They don't have to be the same (although in the transformer models they always are.)
- In fact, the queries, keys, and values can all be the same vectors. This is self-attention.



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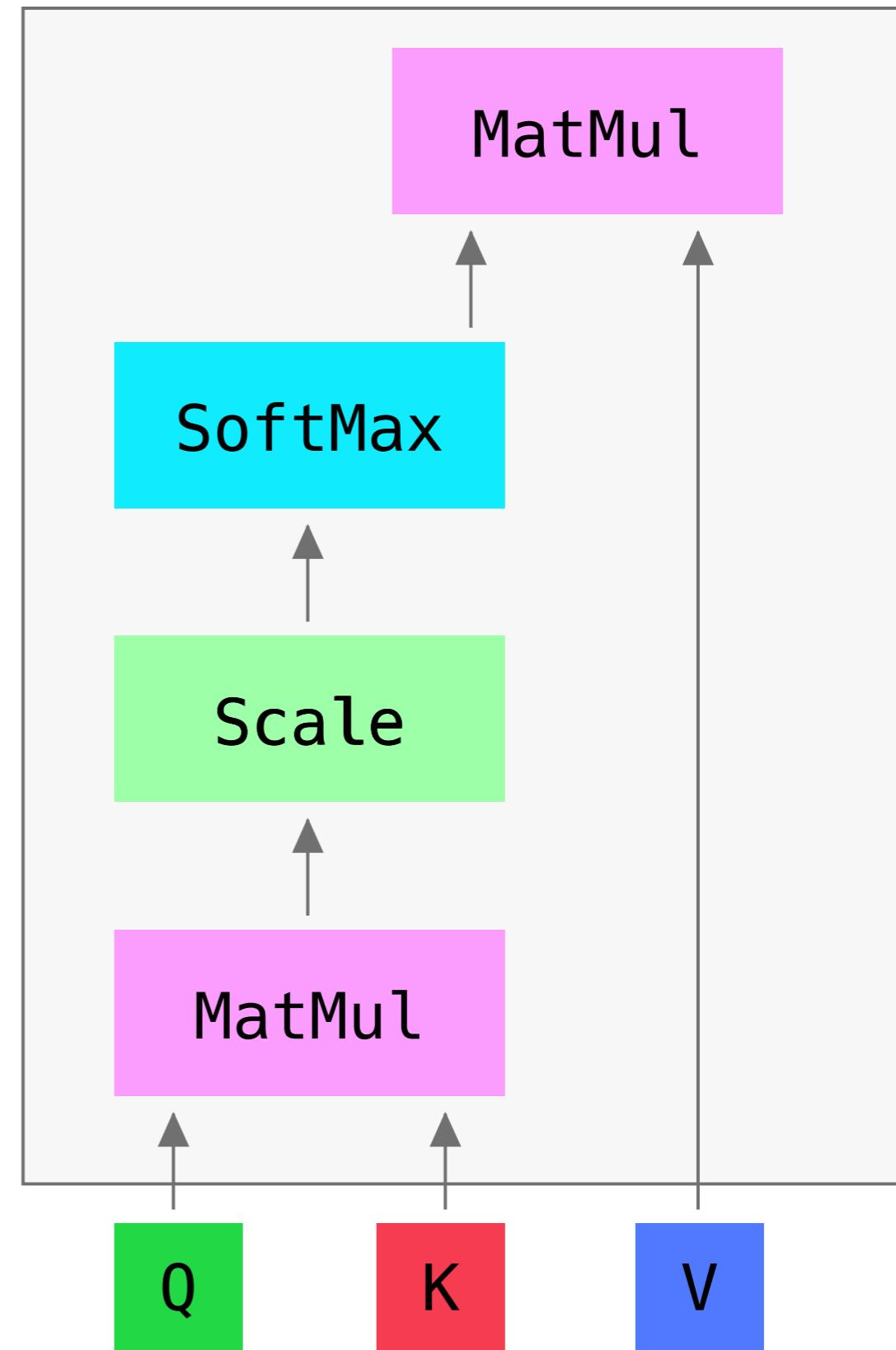
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Scaled Dot-Product
Attention



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```
K.T = [
    [-2, -2.5, 4.5],    # k1: the
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The motivation for scaling the product is that the dot product gets larger as the dimensionality gets larger: the variance of the dot-product of 0-1 random variables is the length of the vector.

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When the values are large, the gradients of the softmax will be small (which can hurt learning).

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Softmax

$$\frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}}$$

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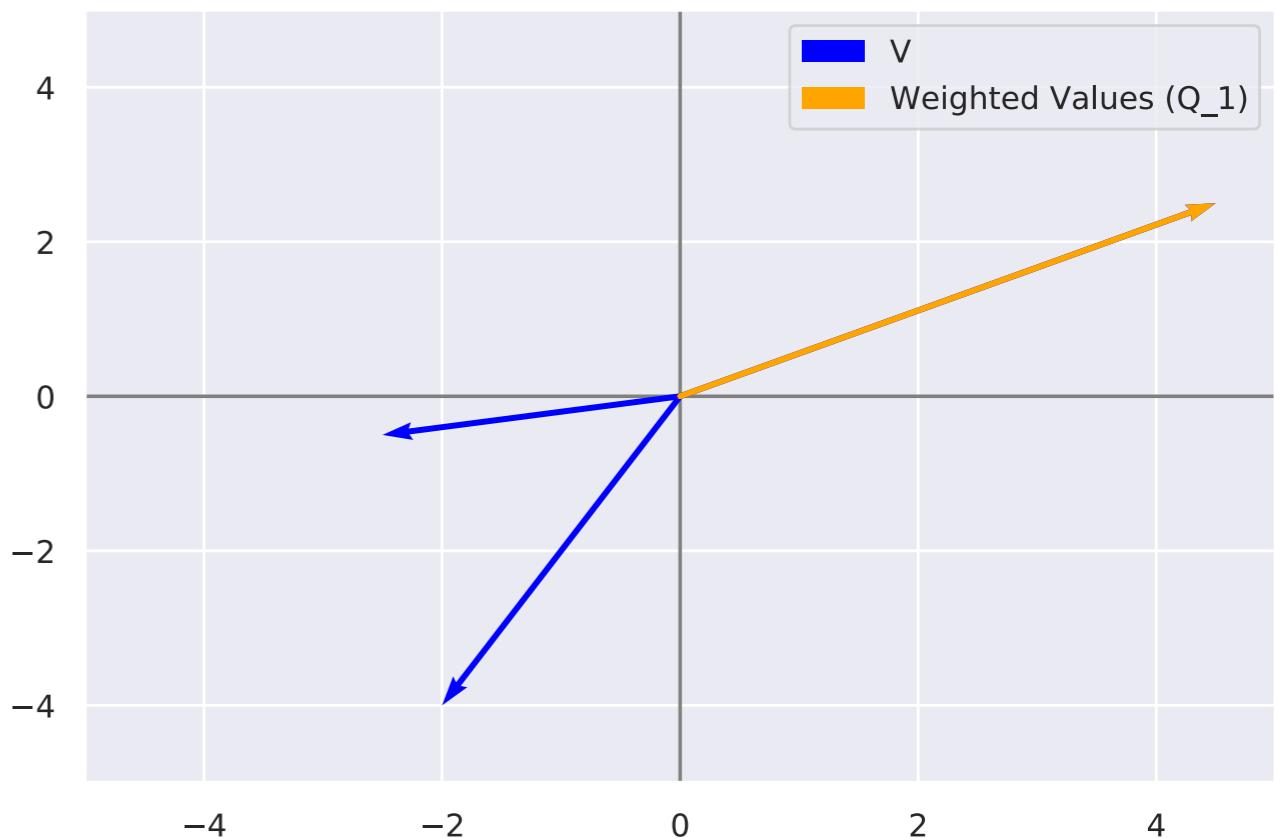
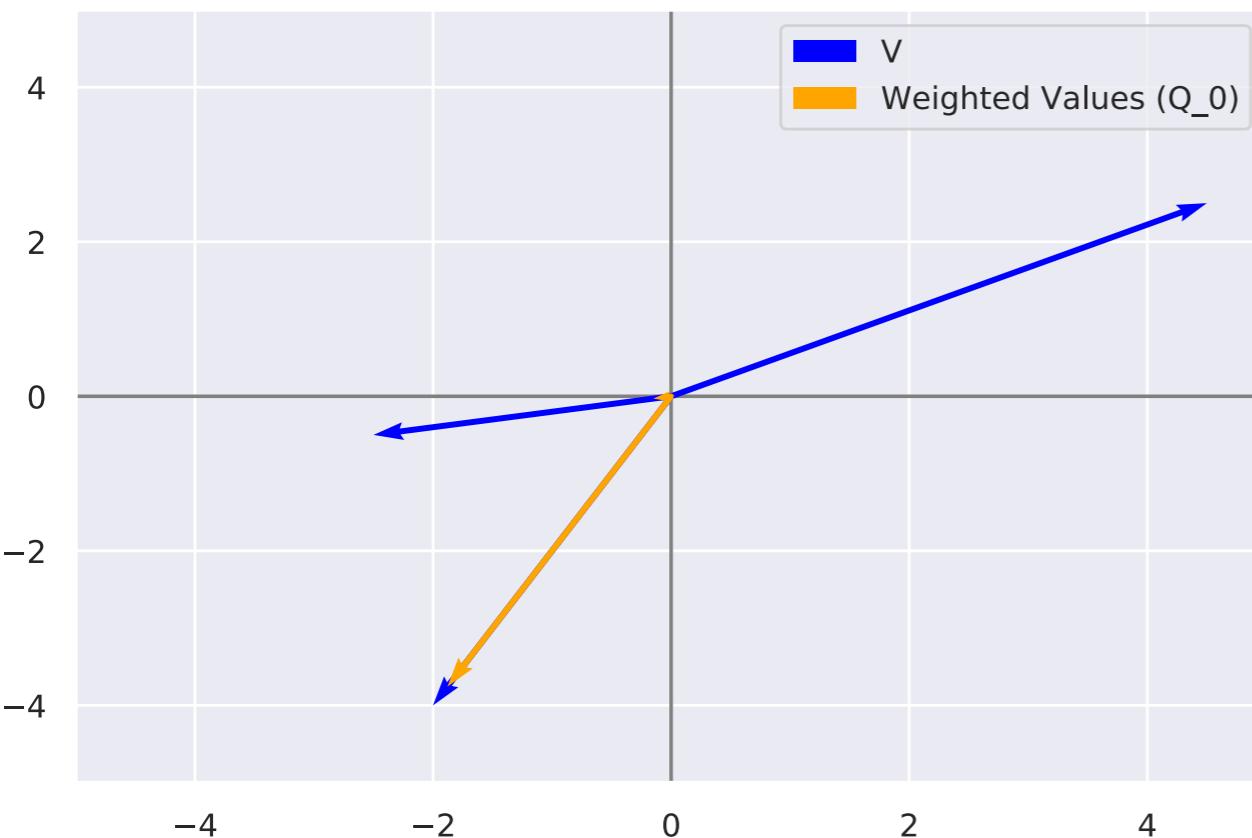
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```

```
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```



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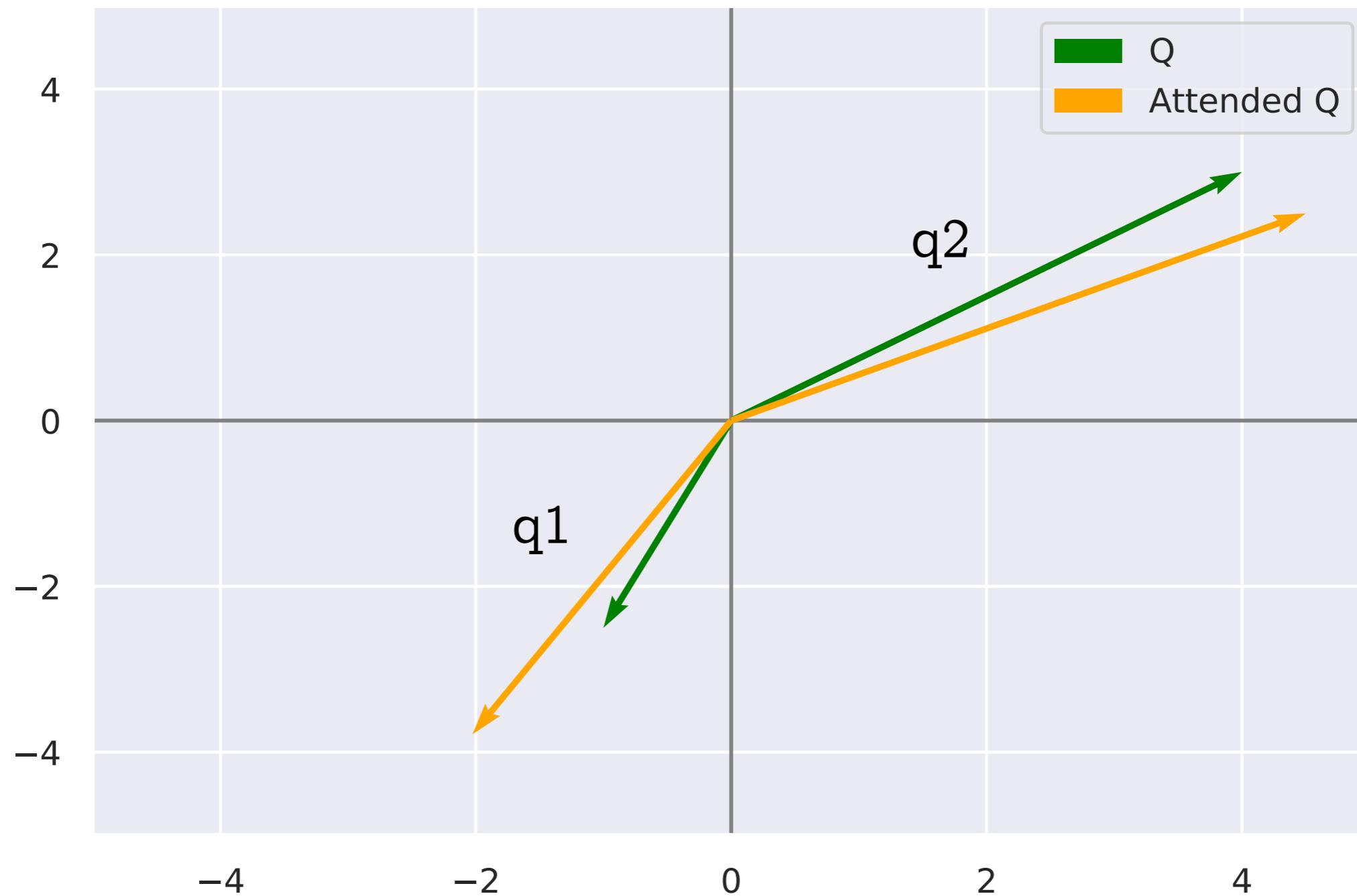
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- Thus, each query is mapped to a linear combination of the values.
- Note: the weight of each value depends on the compatibility between the corresponding key and query.

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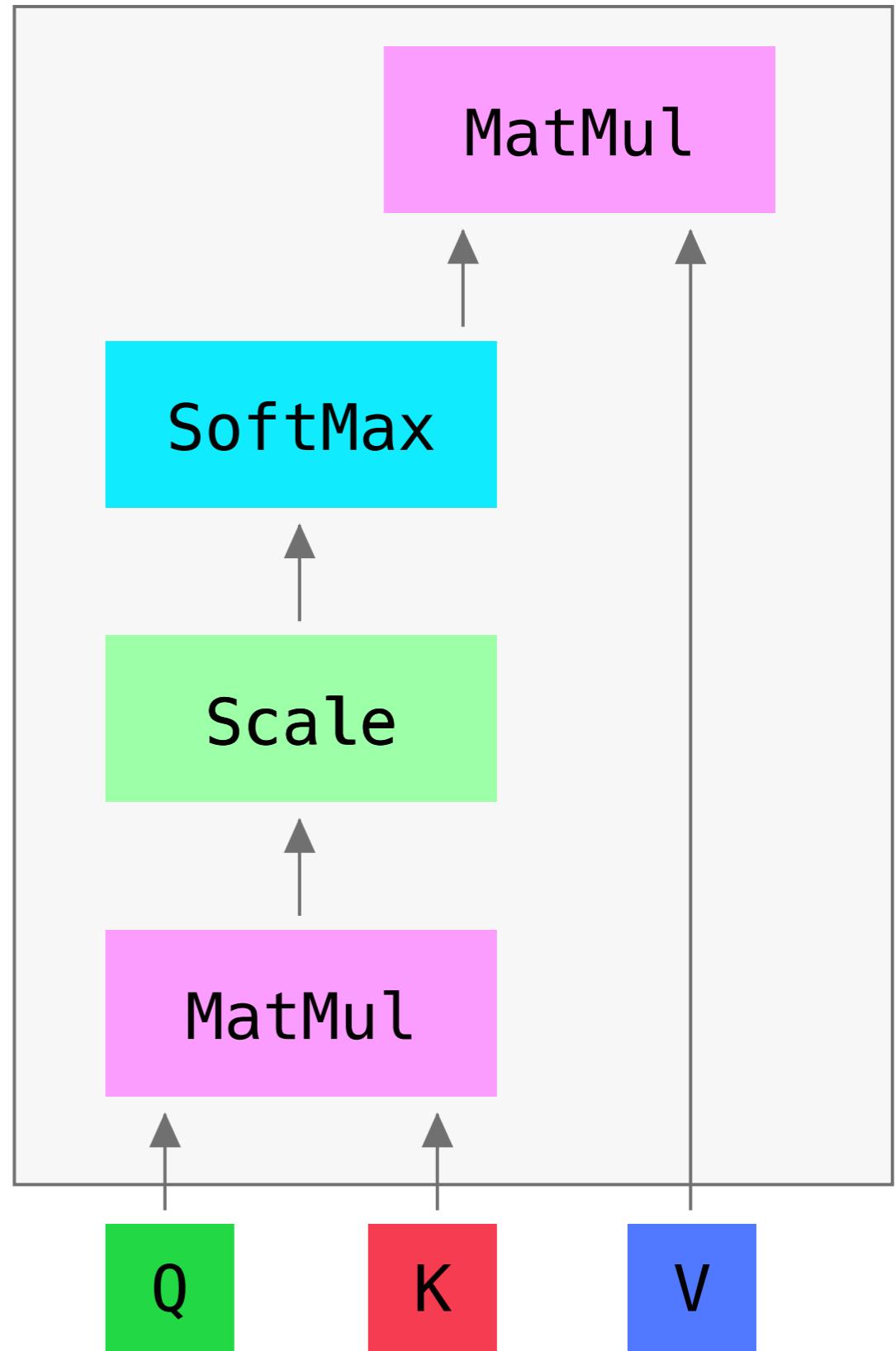
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- Thus, to influence how we attend the vectors, downstream functions have to be updated.

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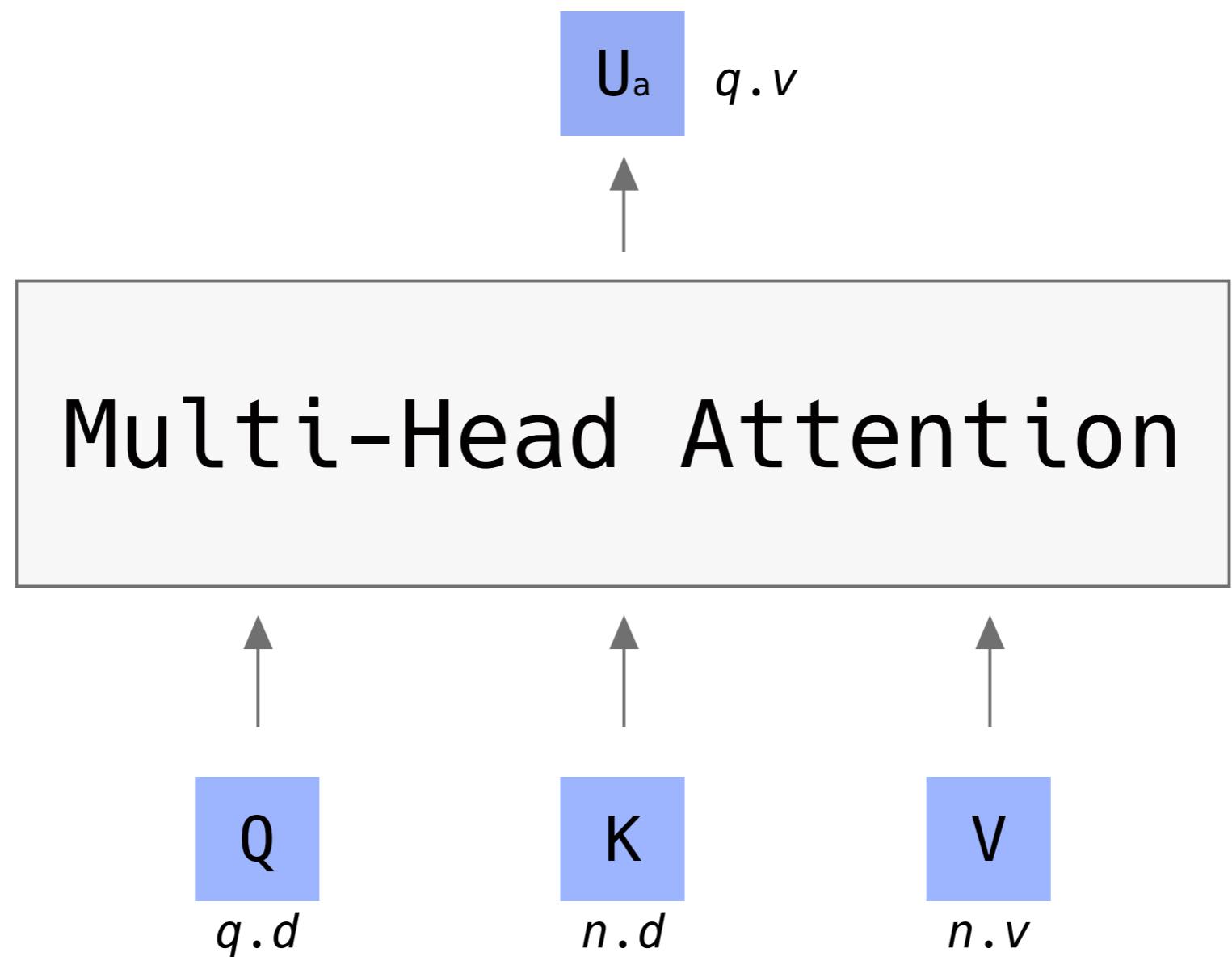
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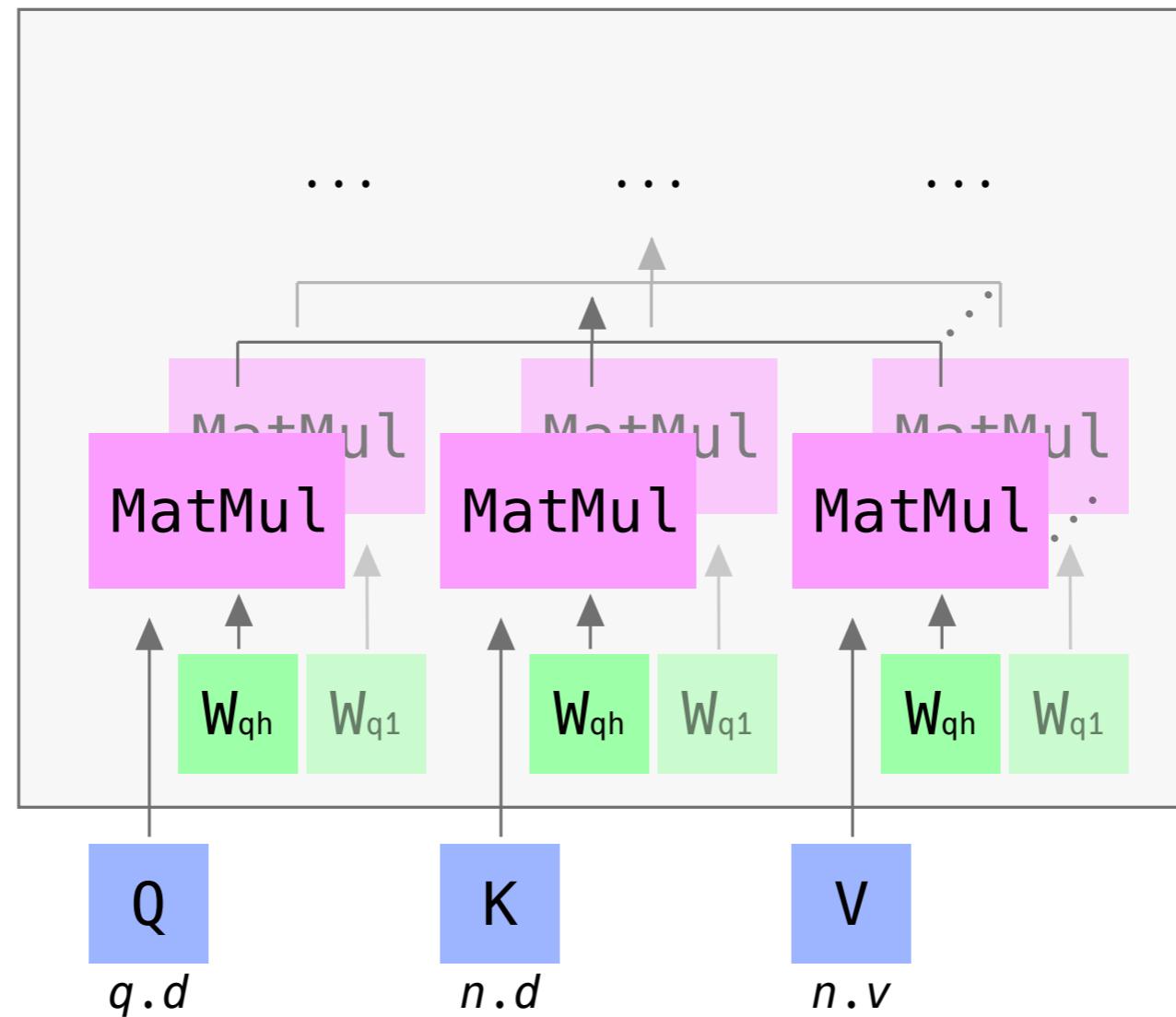
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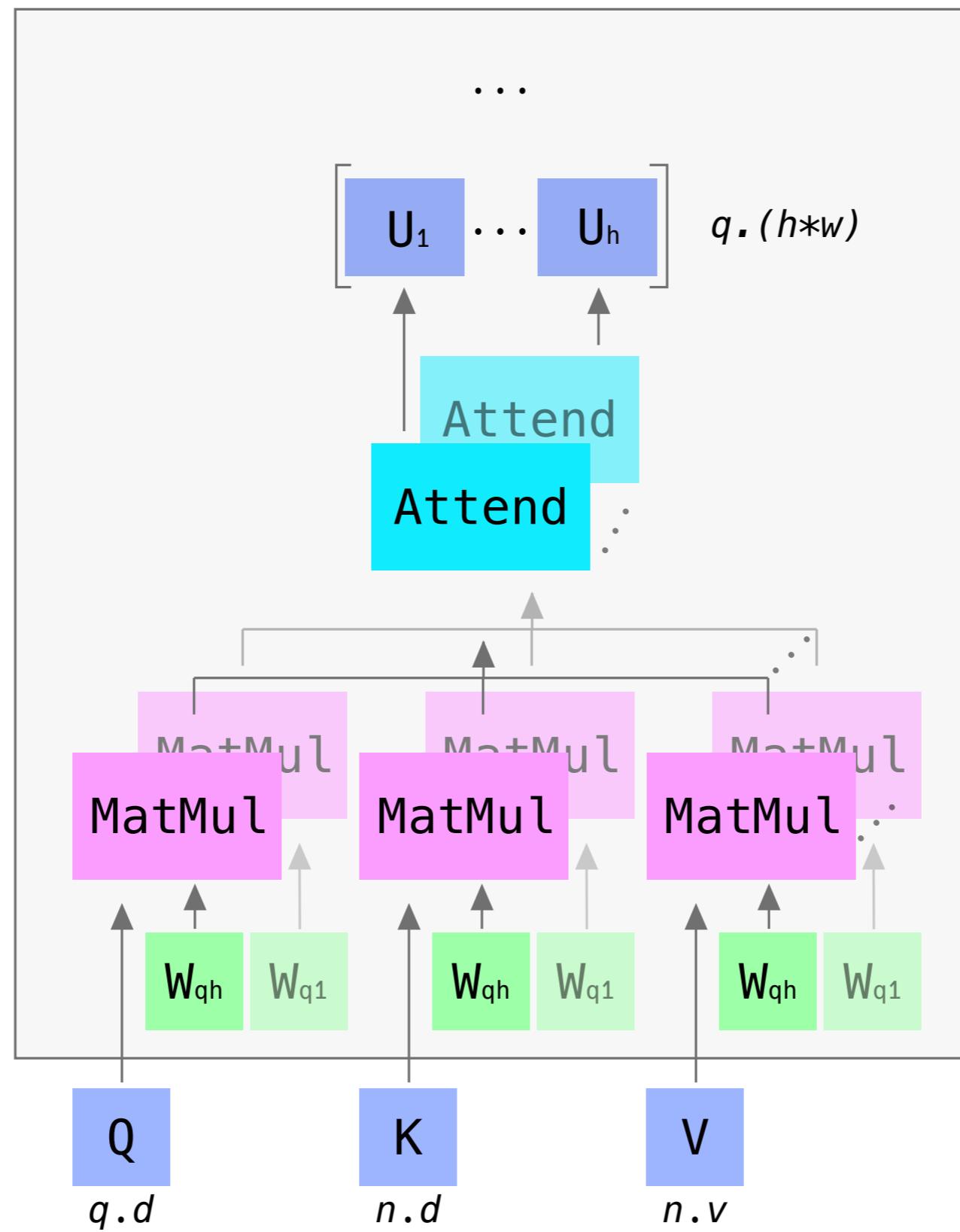
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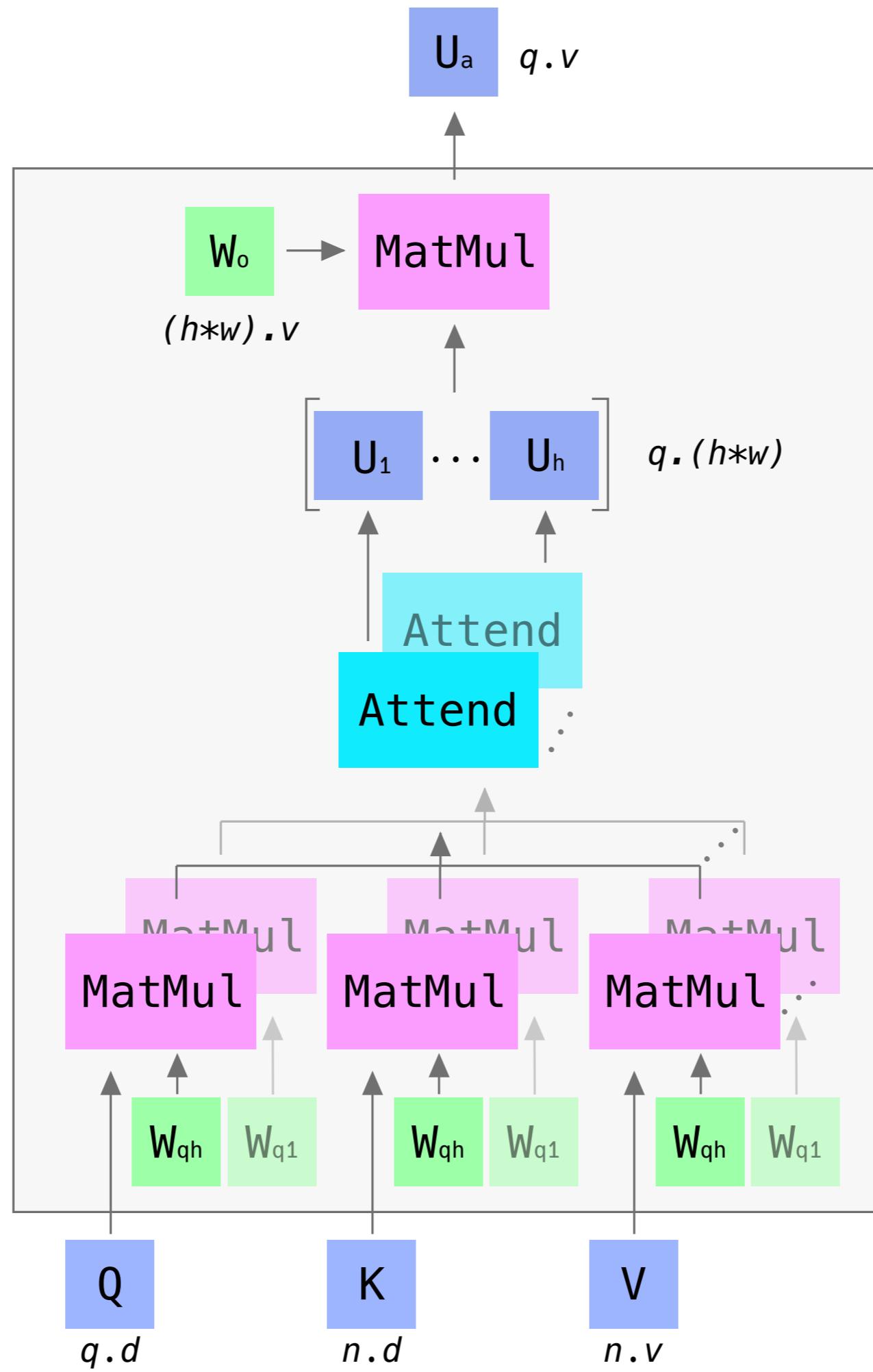
Multi-head Attention Intuition

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- How can we get the model to attend differently based upon the context?









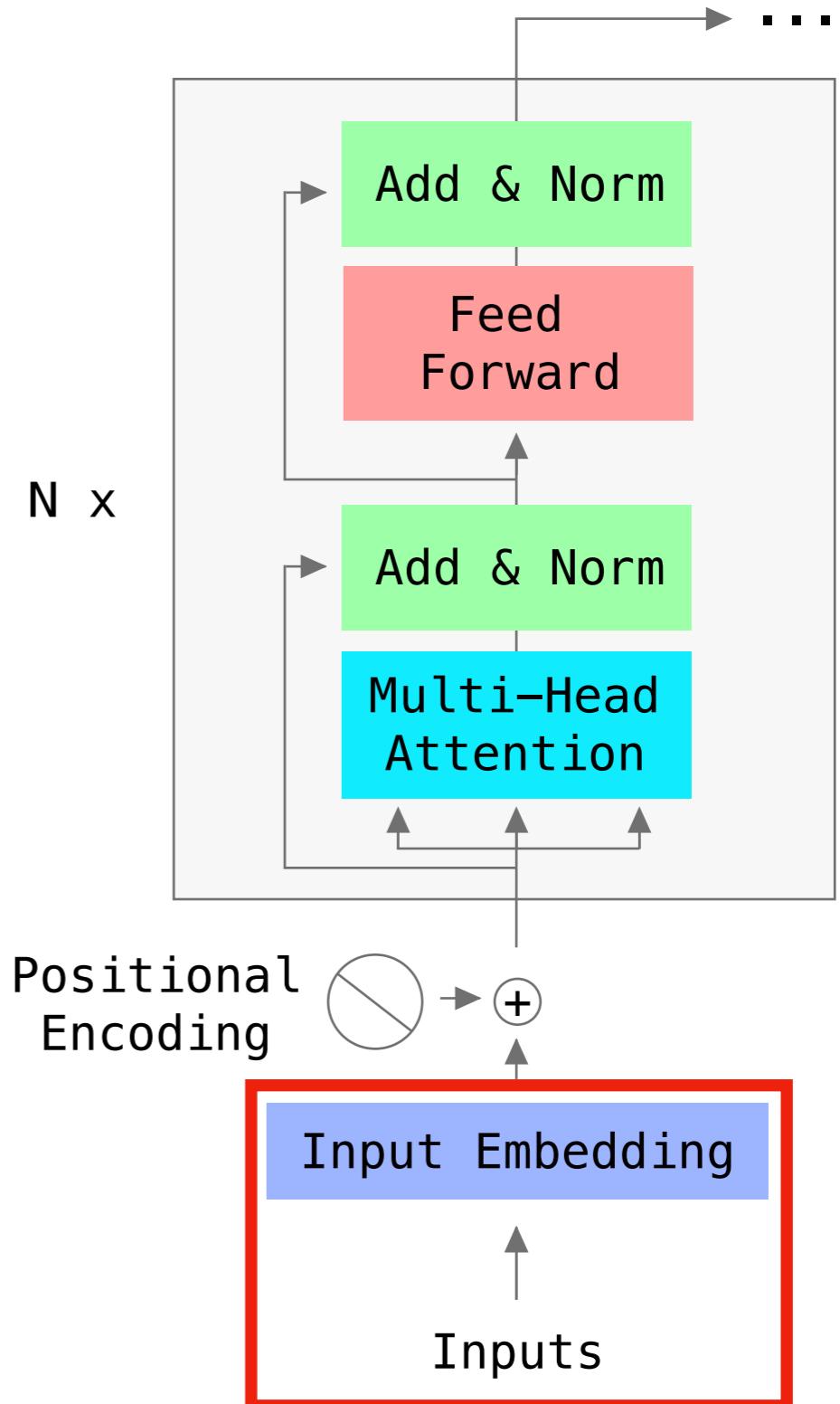
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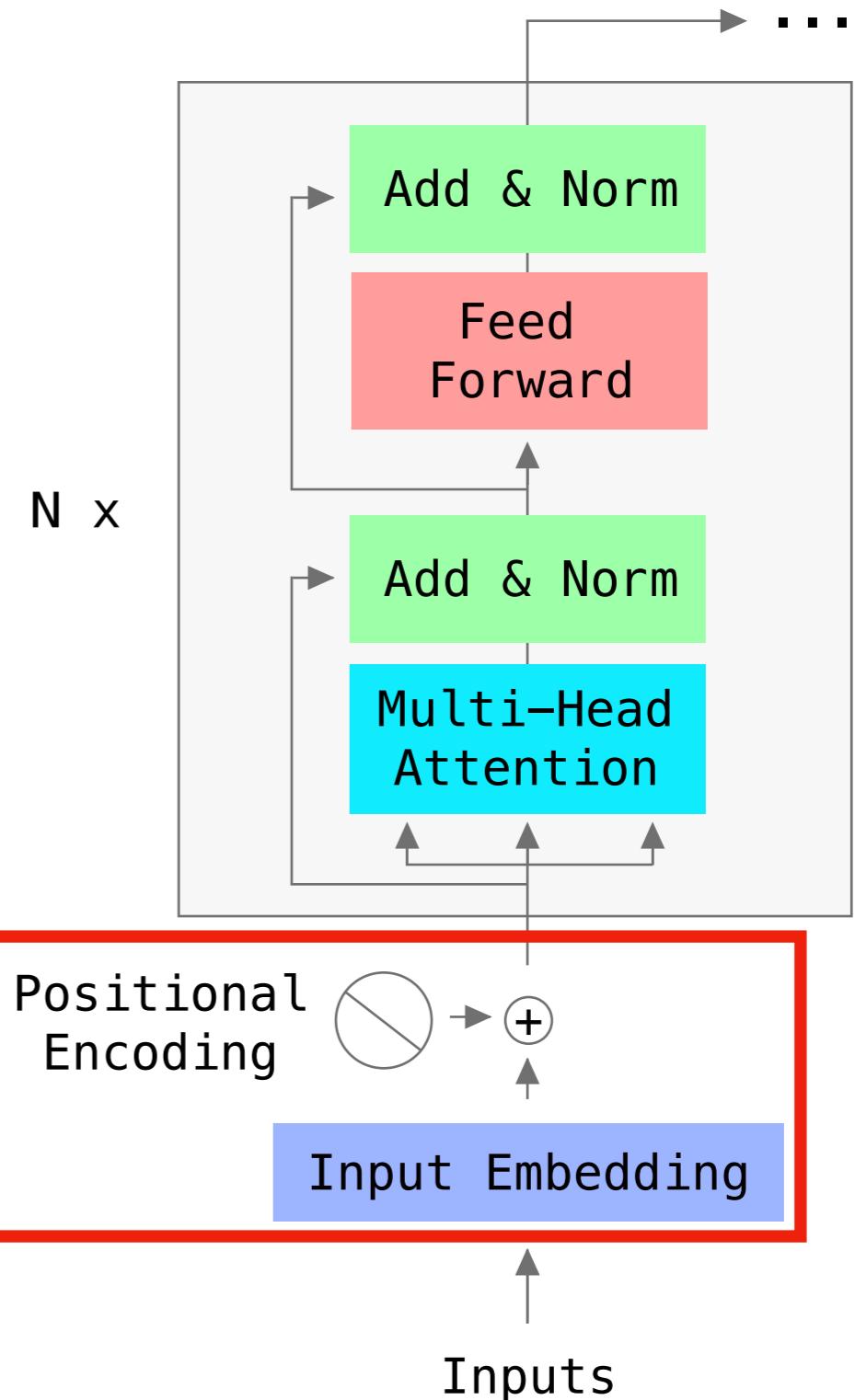
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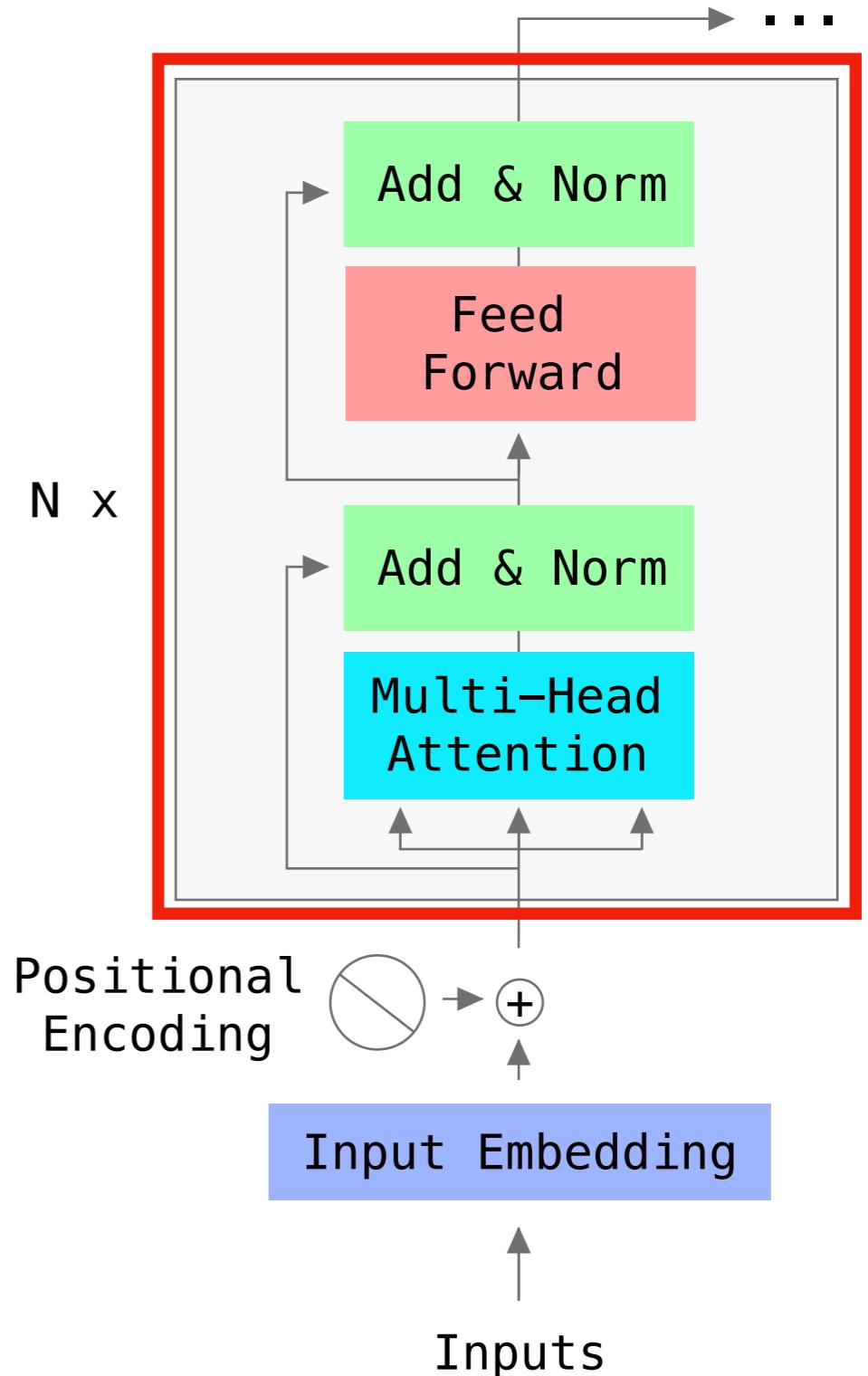
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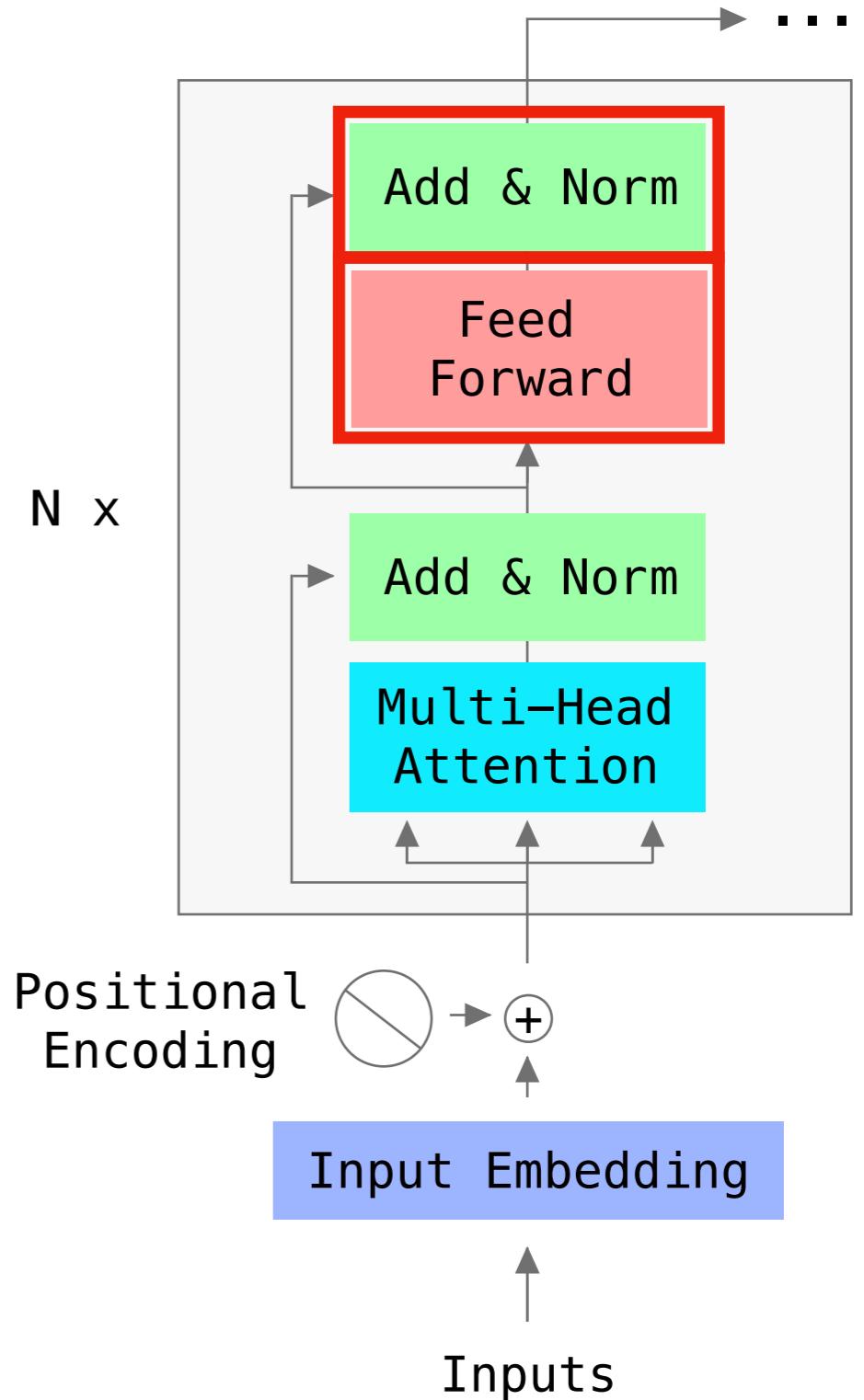
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3. Stacked transformer blocks.



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Transformer Block

You may have noticed: there are two modules in the block we haven't covered.



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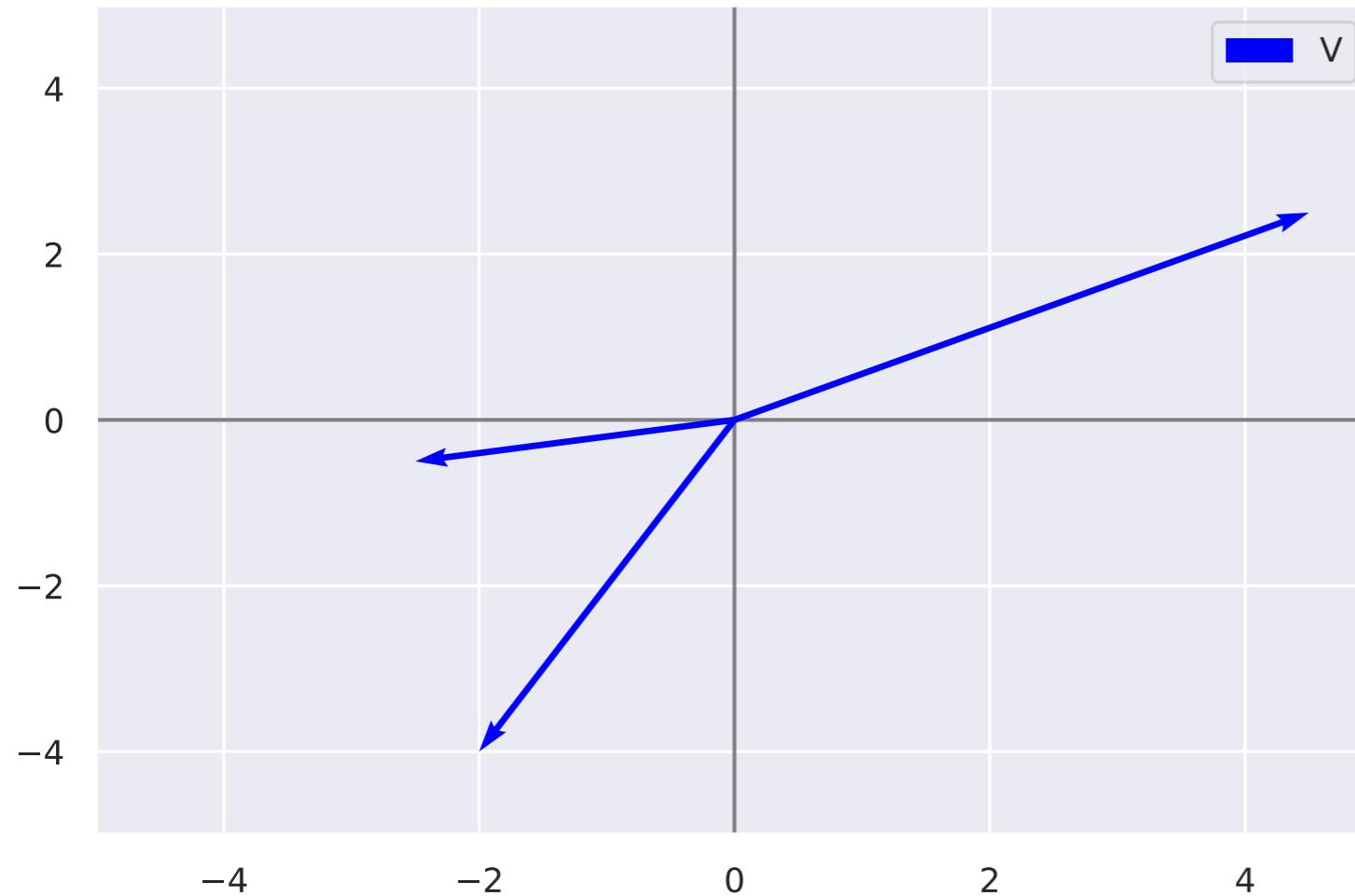
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Positional Encoding

- Positional Encodings are meant to replace the ordering information lost (as all the vectors are operated on in parallel).
- These could directly learned; but the authors opt for a “simpler” approach.

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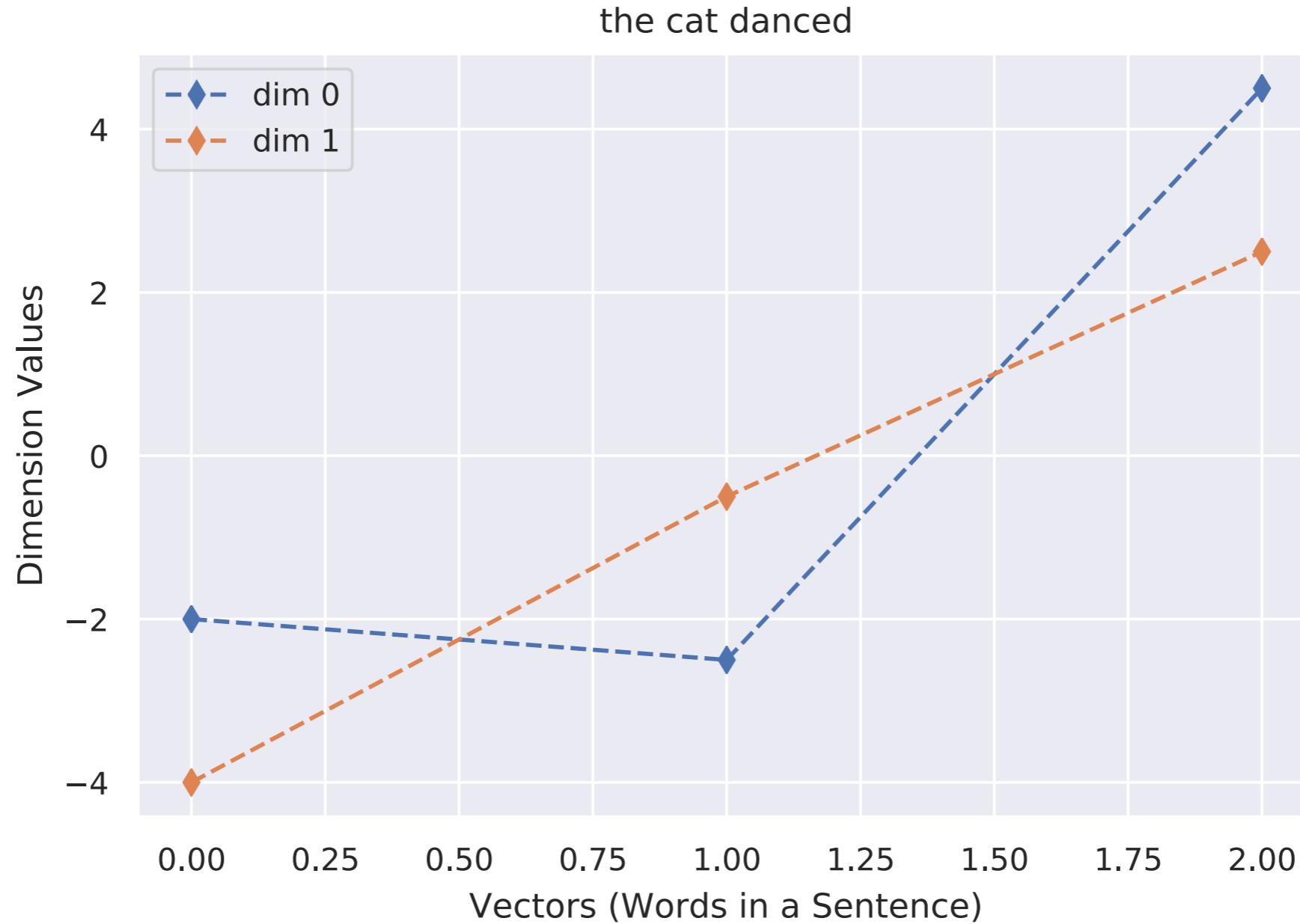
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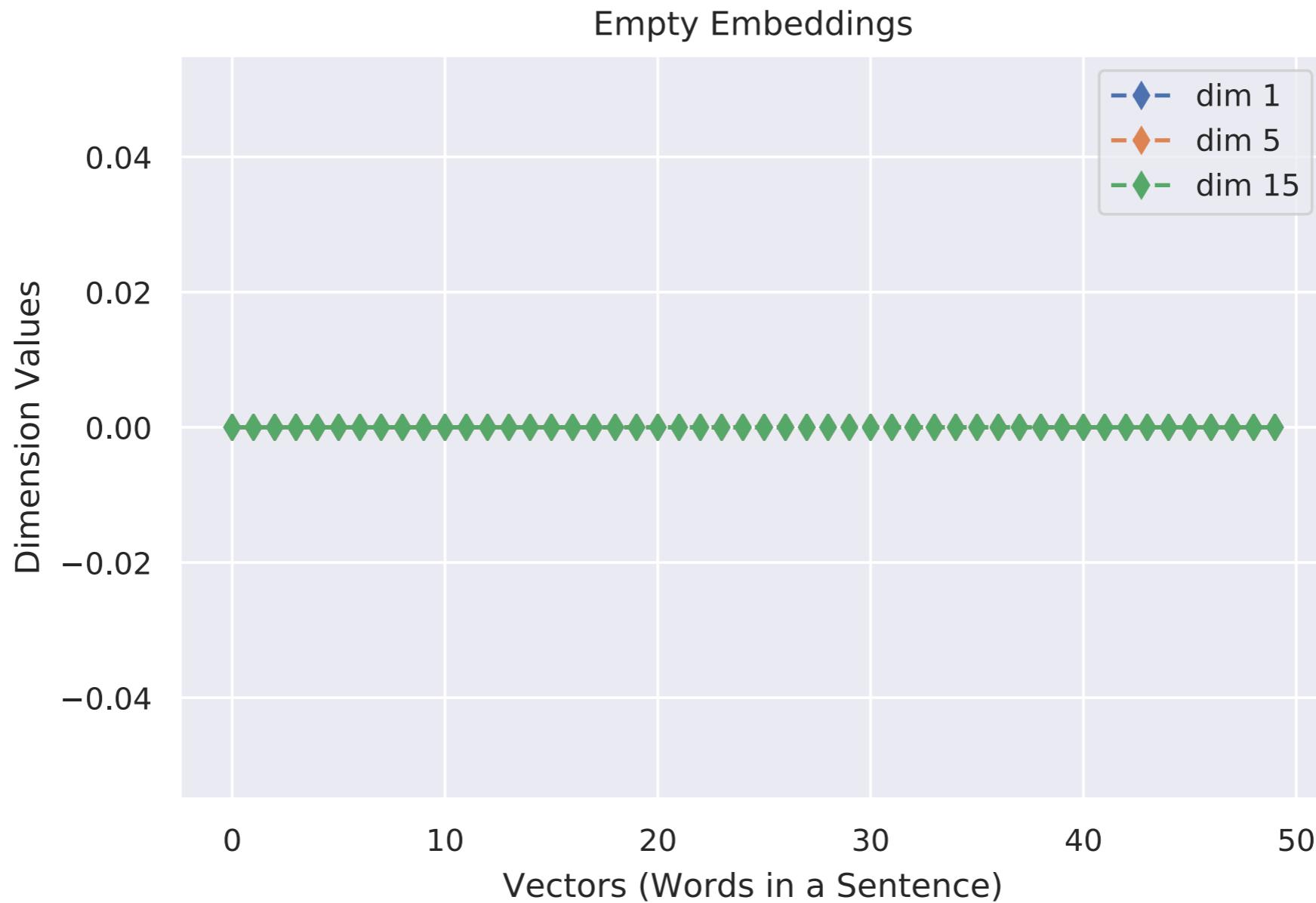
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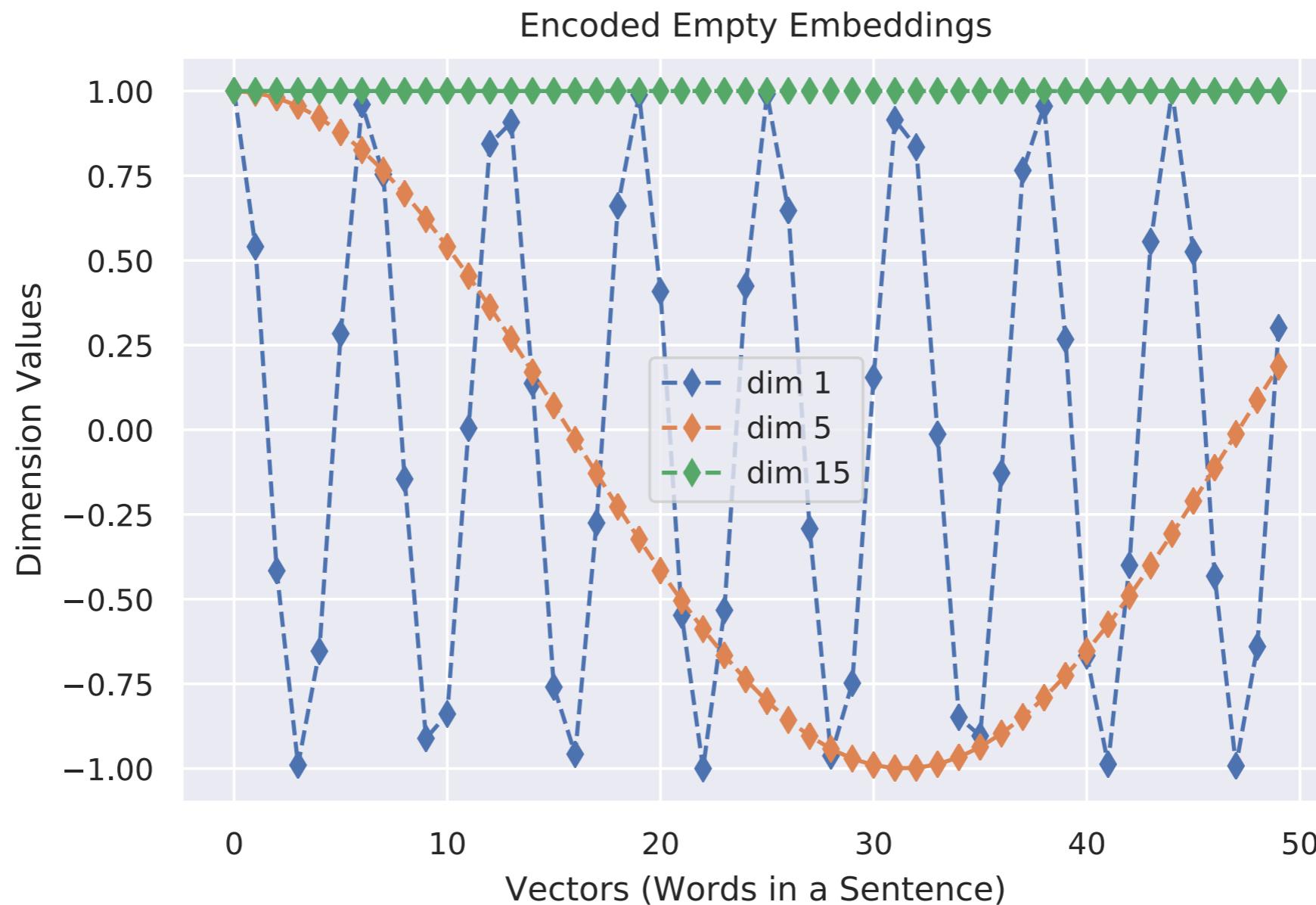
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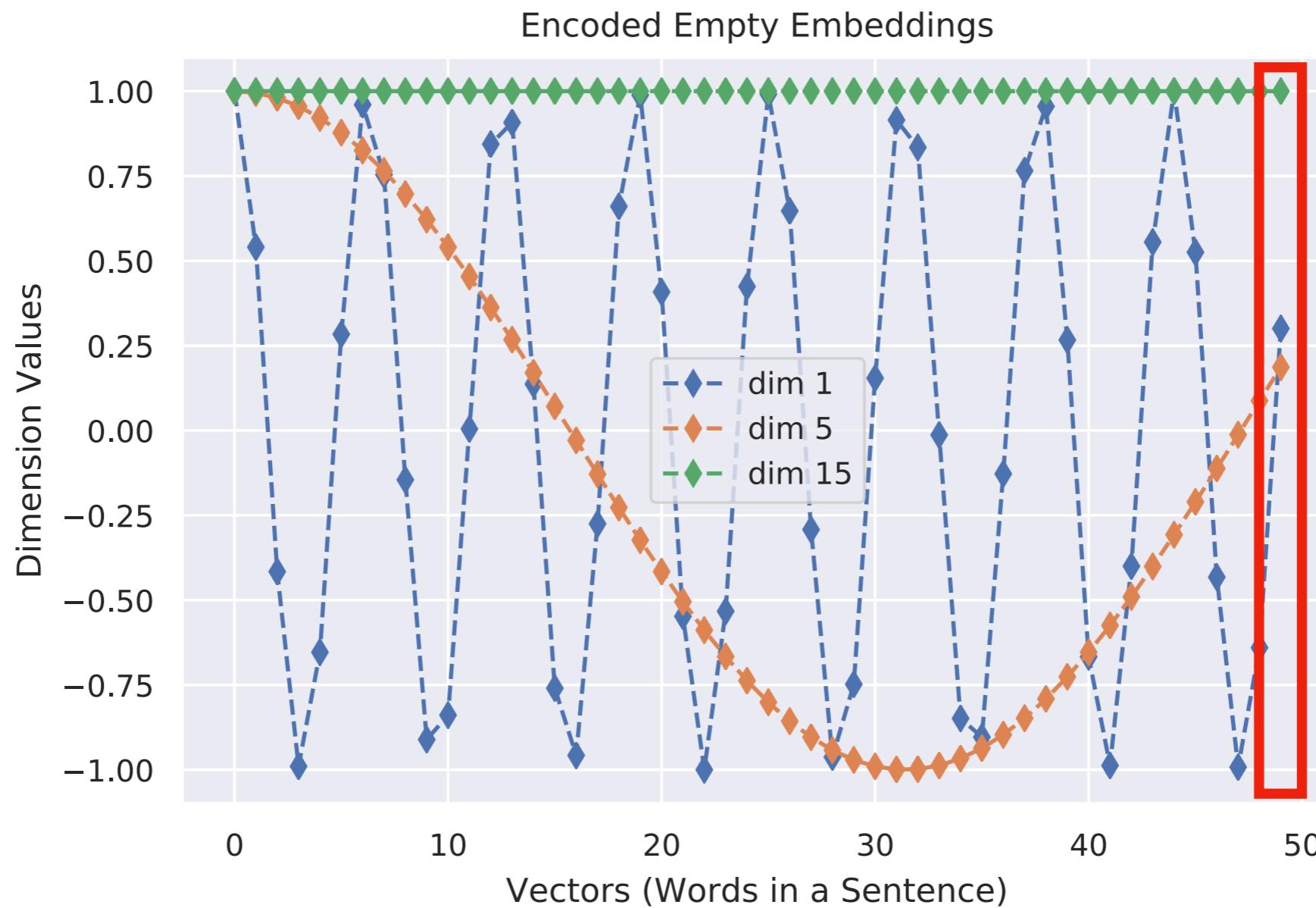
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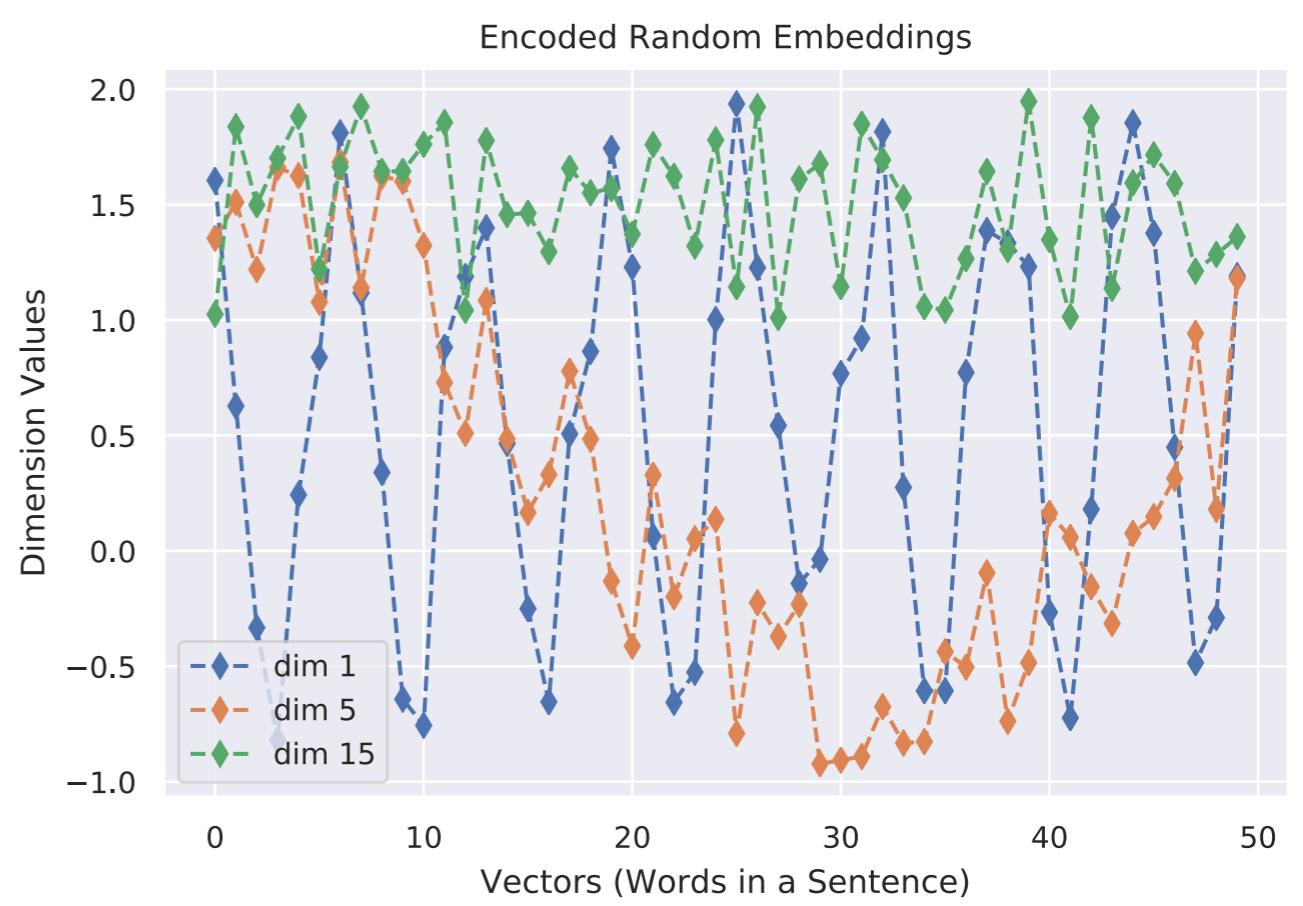
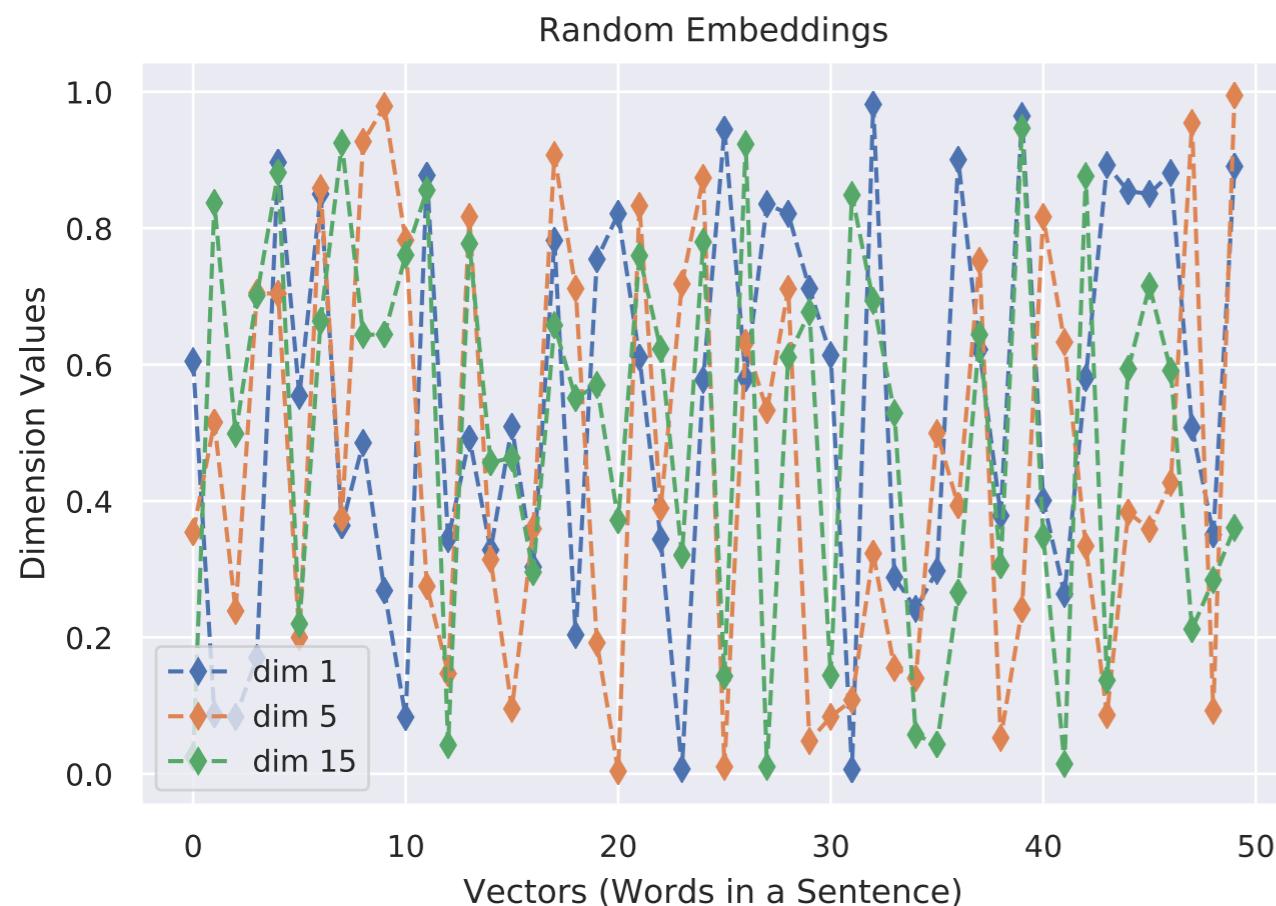
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Add & Norm

```
def add-norm( sublayer, x):  
    return LayerNorm(x + sublayer(x))
```

- Sub-layer connection between the input of the layer and the output of the layer.
- This structure has been used in a wide range of networks; its effective at “stabilizing the gradient”, and letting us build deeper networks.

Srivastava, Rupesh Kumar, Klaus Greff, and Jürgen Schmidhuber.
"Highway networks." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1505.00387* (2015).

He, Kaiming, et al. "Deep residual learning for image recognition." *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*. 2016.

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- This is layer normalization across the residual connection between the input and the output of the sublayer (e.g. multi-head attention).
- It's similar to batch-normalization, except that all variables are normalized per layer.

Ba, Jimmy Lei, Jamie Ryan Kiros, and Geoffrey E. Hinton. "Layer normalization." *arXiv preprint arXiv:1607.06450* (2016).

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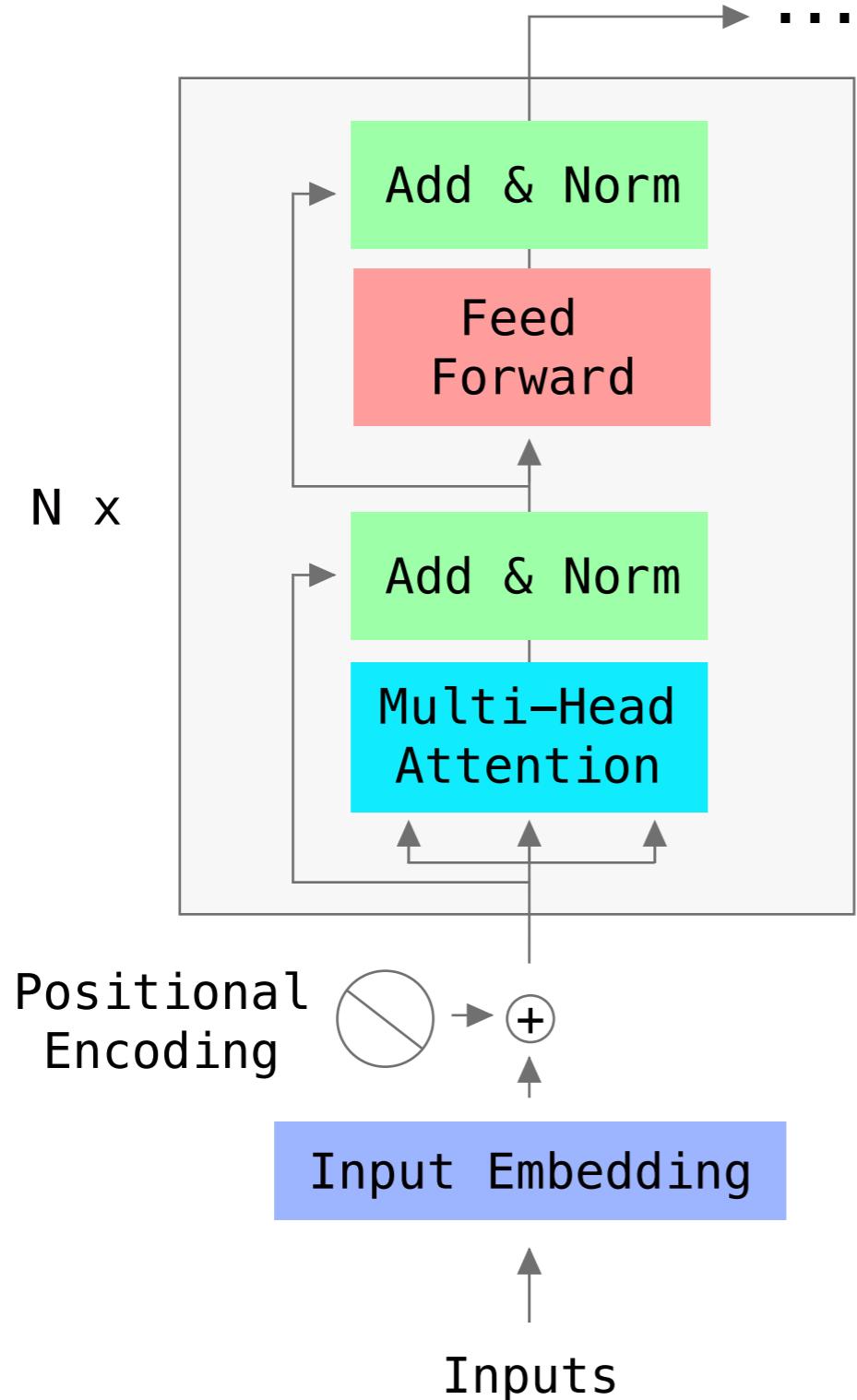
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Position-wise Feed Forward

$$\text{FFN}(x) = \sigma(x \cdot W_1 + b_1) \cdot W_2 + b_2$$

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Transformer Block Recap



1. Attention is used for *Self-Attention*.
2. Transformers don't require the size of inputs to match or be padded.
3. The operations are all *parallel* across the inputs.

Transformers

1. Attention
2. Multi-head Attention
3. Transformer Block
4. Other Modules
5. Models

Transformers

Models

Transformer Encoder-Decoder (T-ED)

Transformer Decoder (T-D)

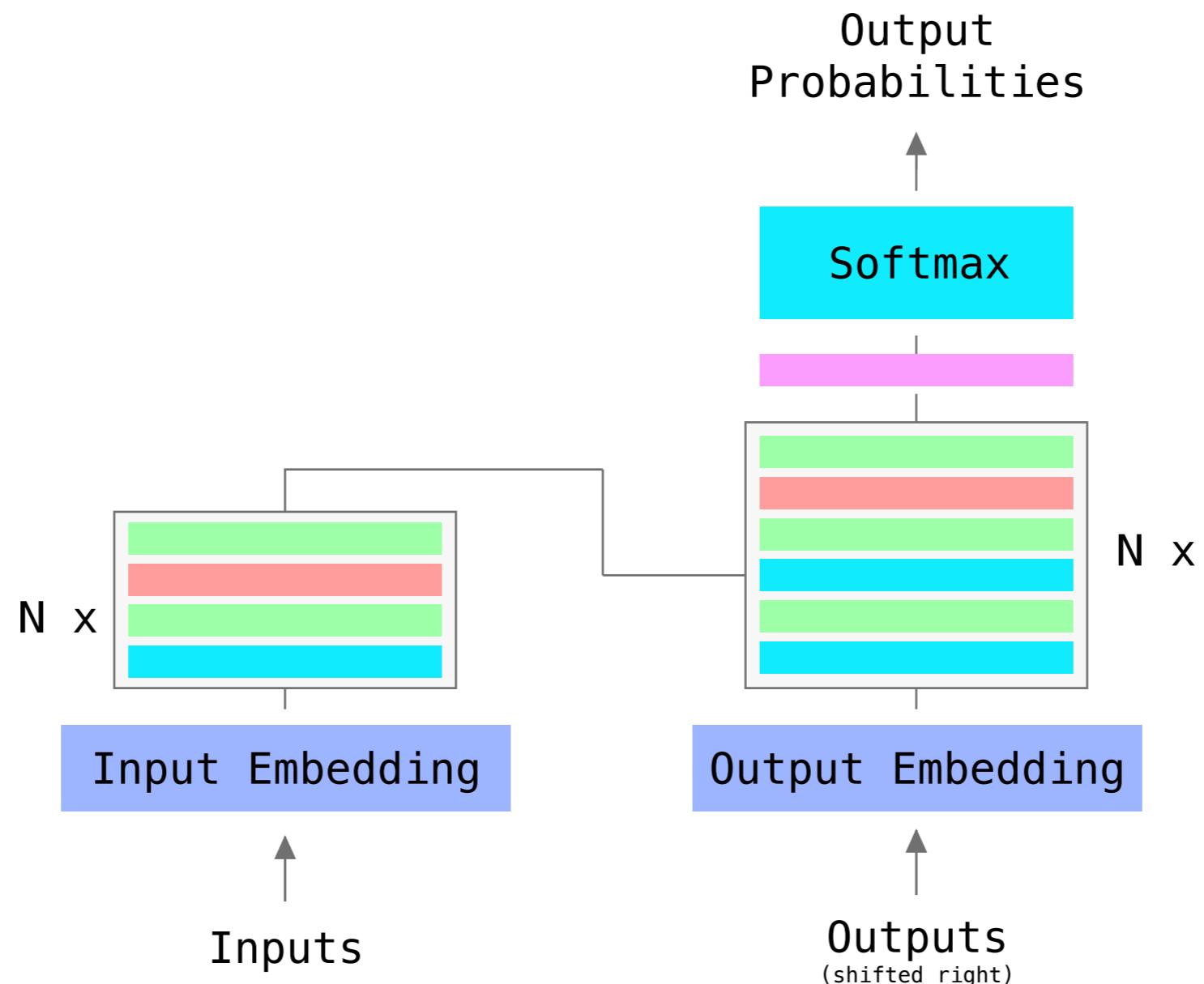
Generative Pre-Training (GPT-1)

Generative Pre-Training (GPT-2)

Bidirectional Transformers (BERT)

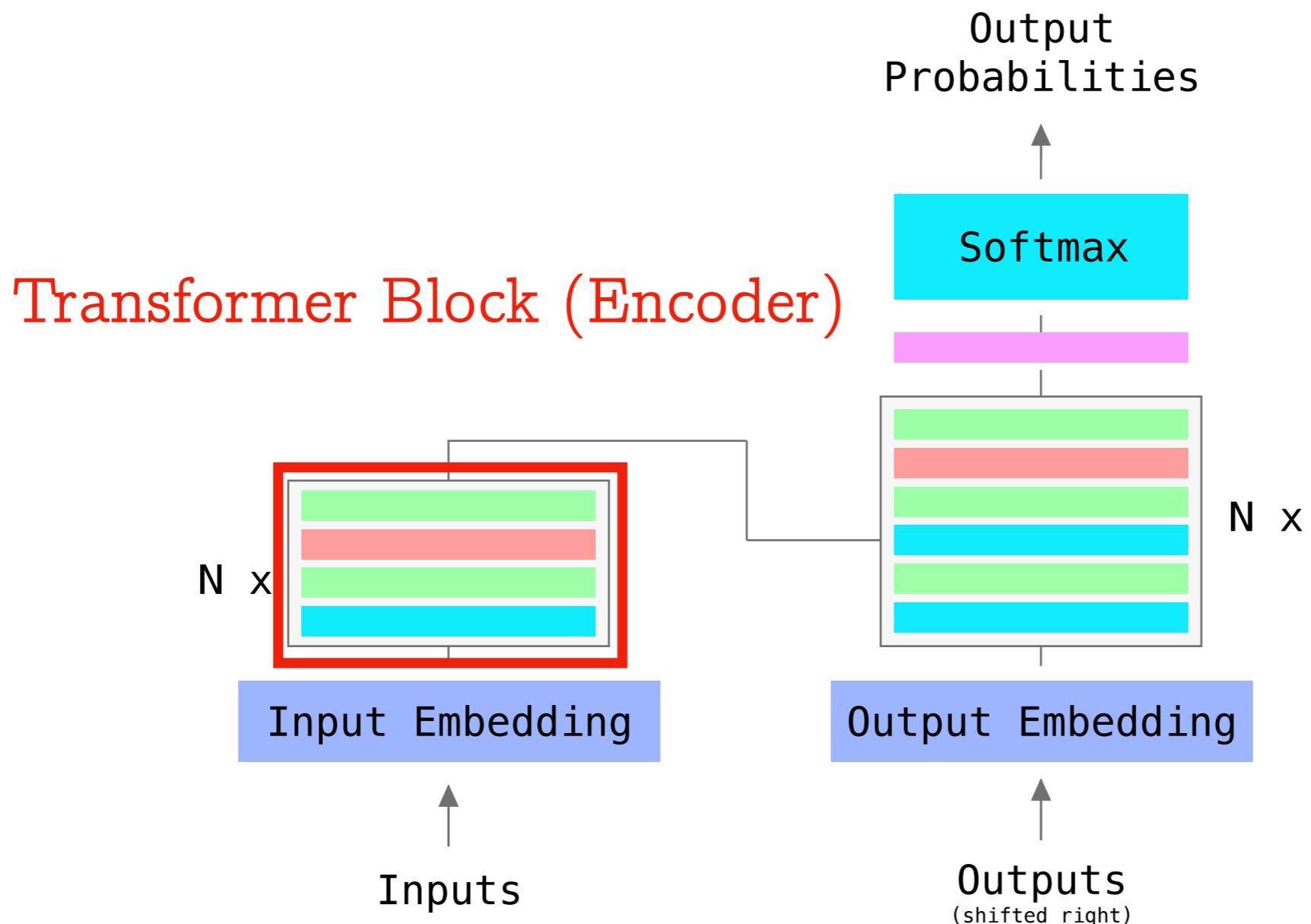
Transformers

T-ED



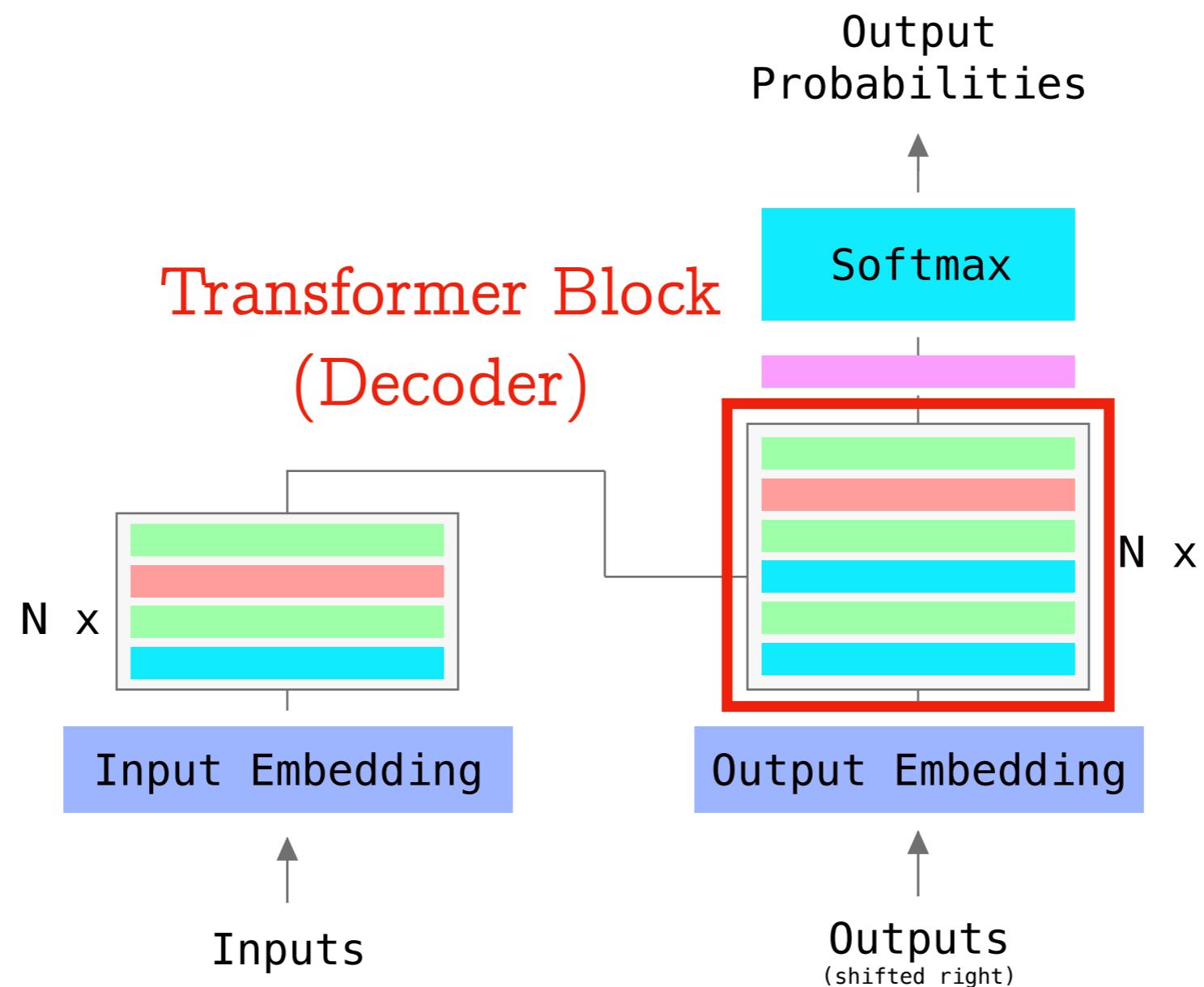
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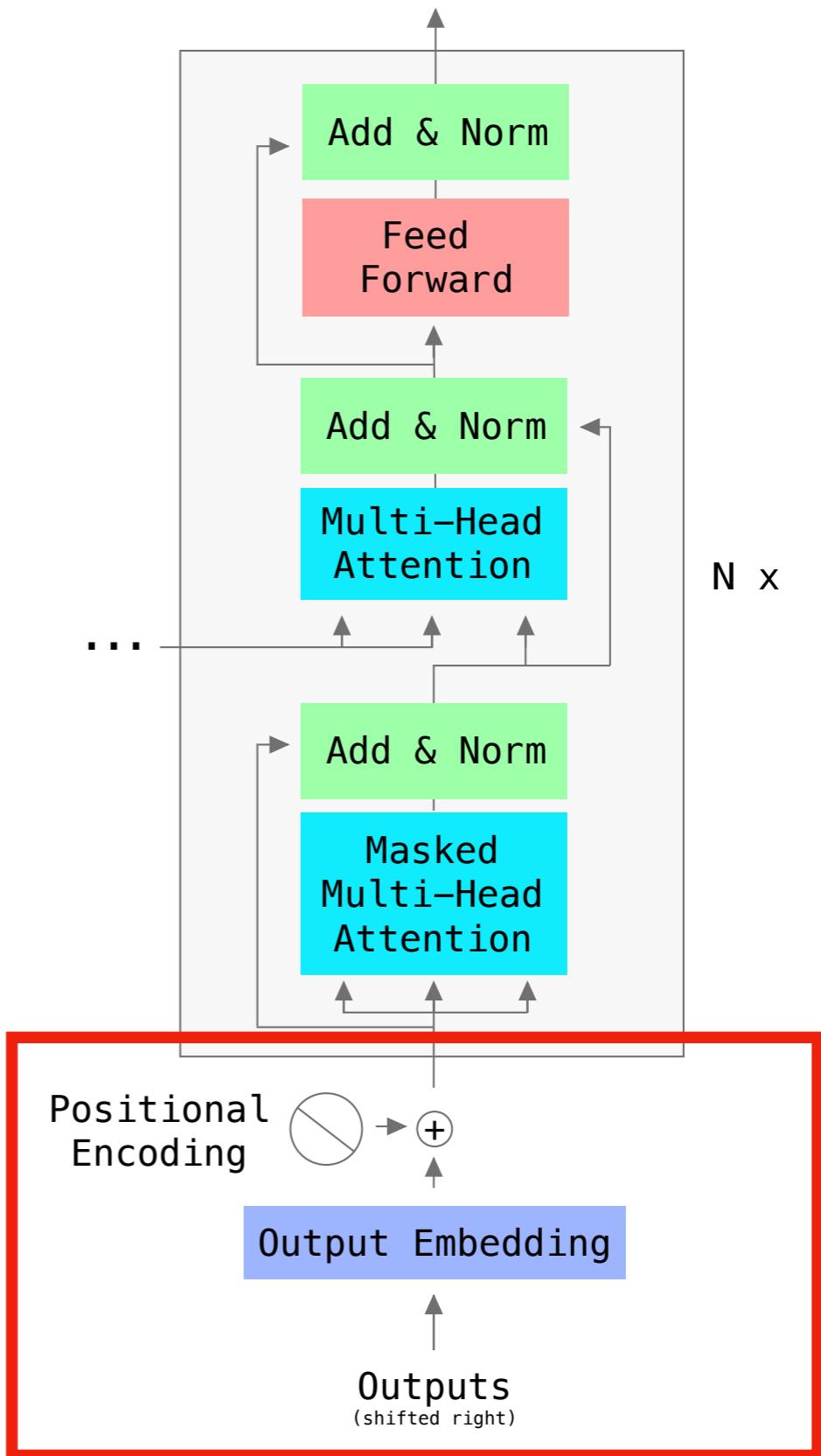
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Transformers

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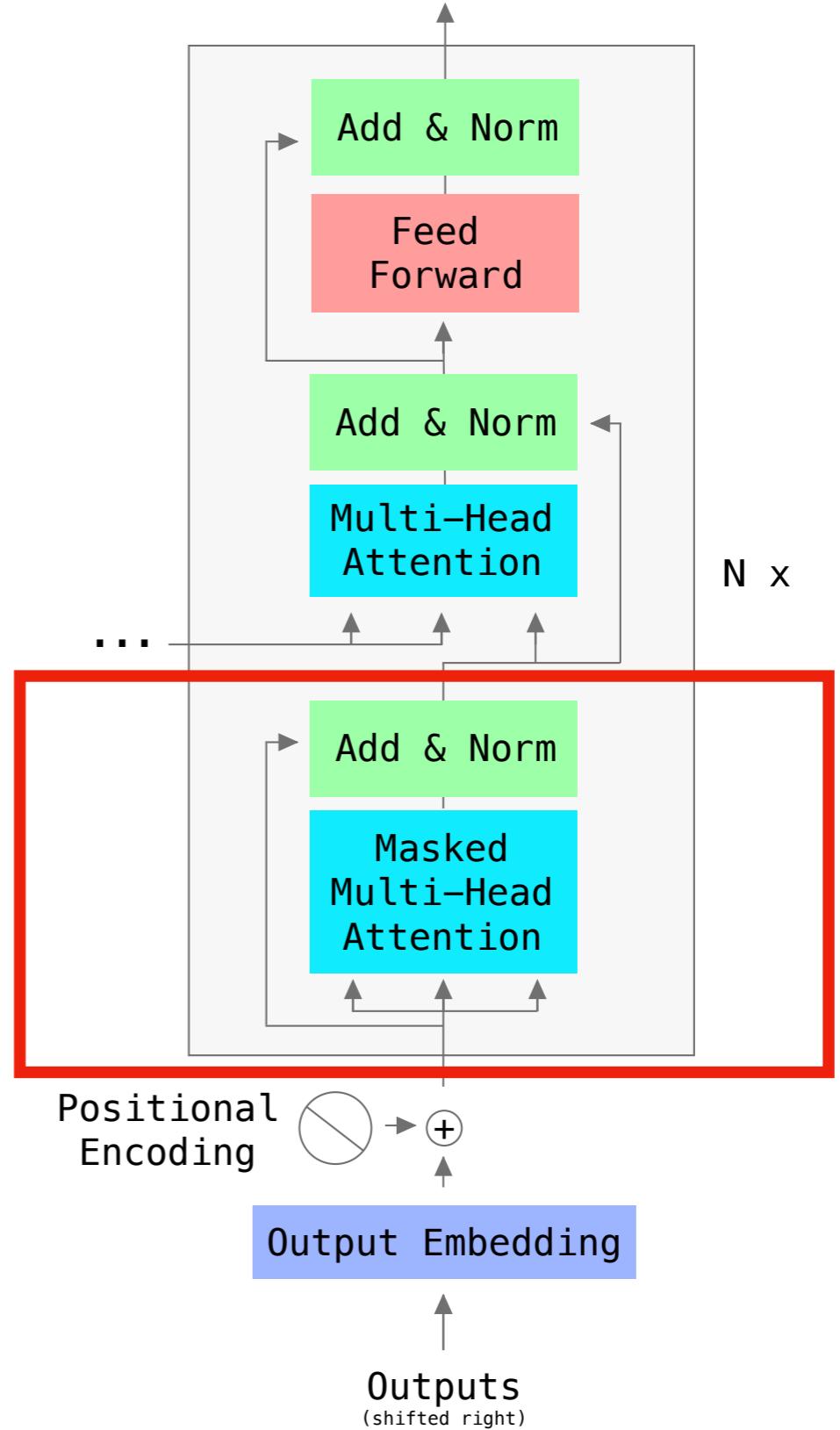
The outputs (so-far) are embedded in the same way.



Transformers

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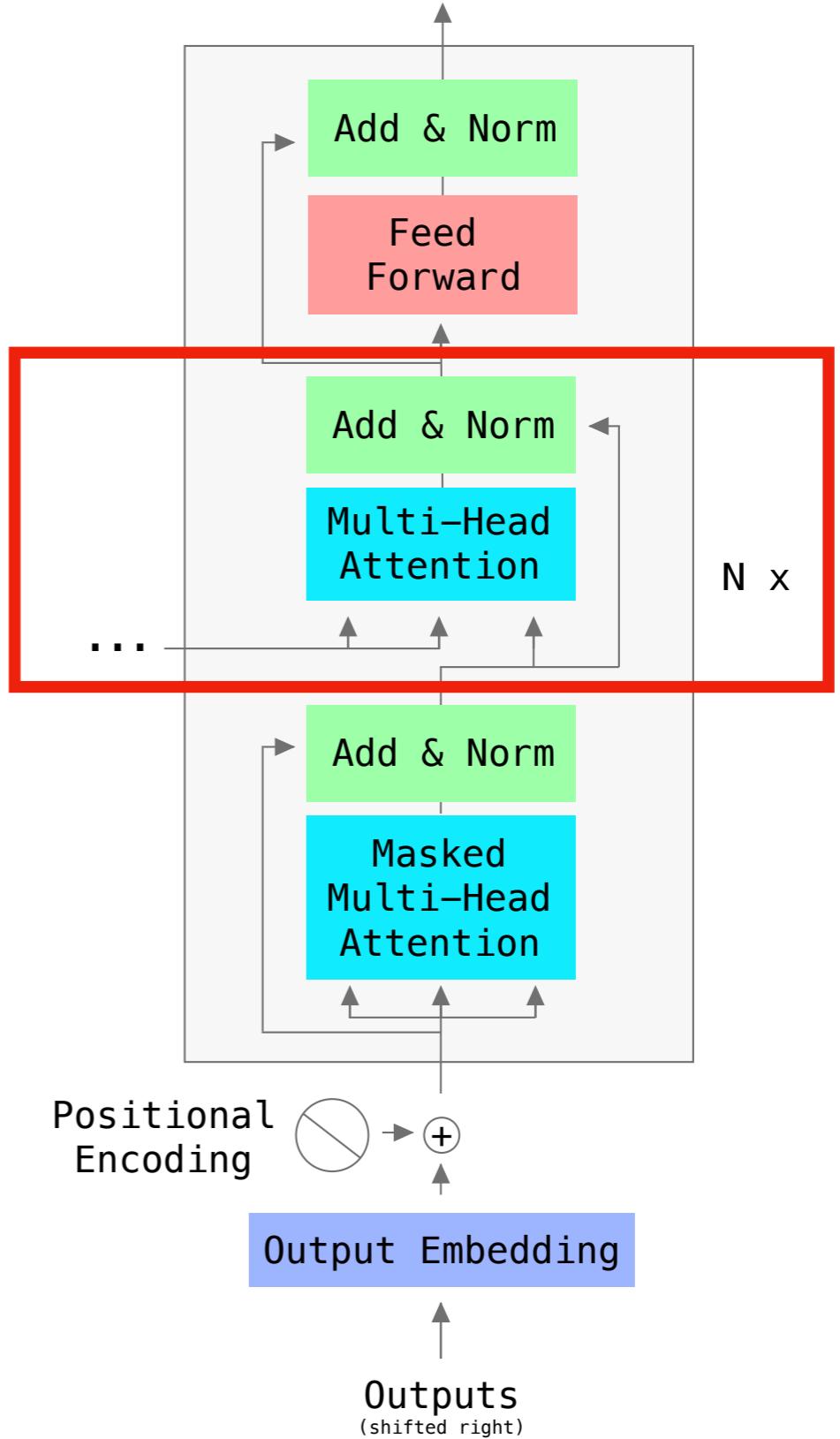
Self-attention starts each decoder block.



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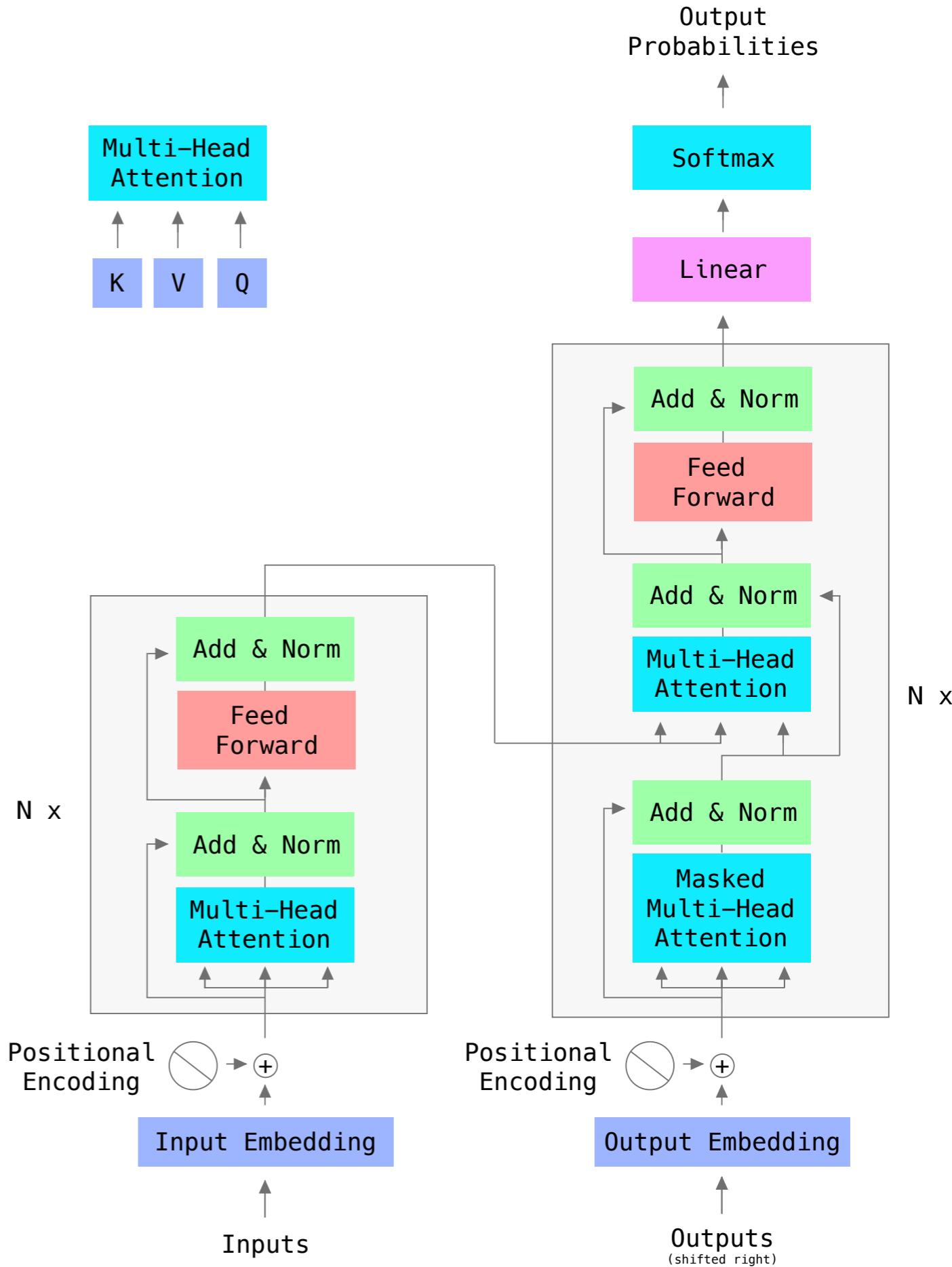
Next, attention between the encoded inputs and the encoded outputs, and the outputs are mapped to the inputs.



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T-ED

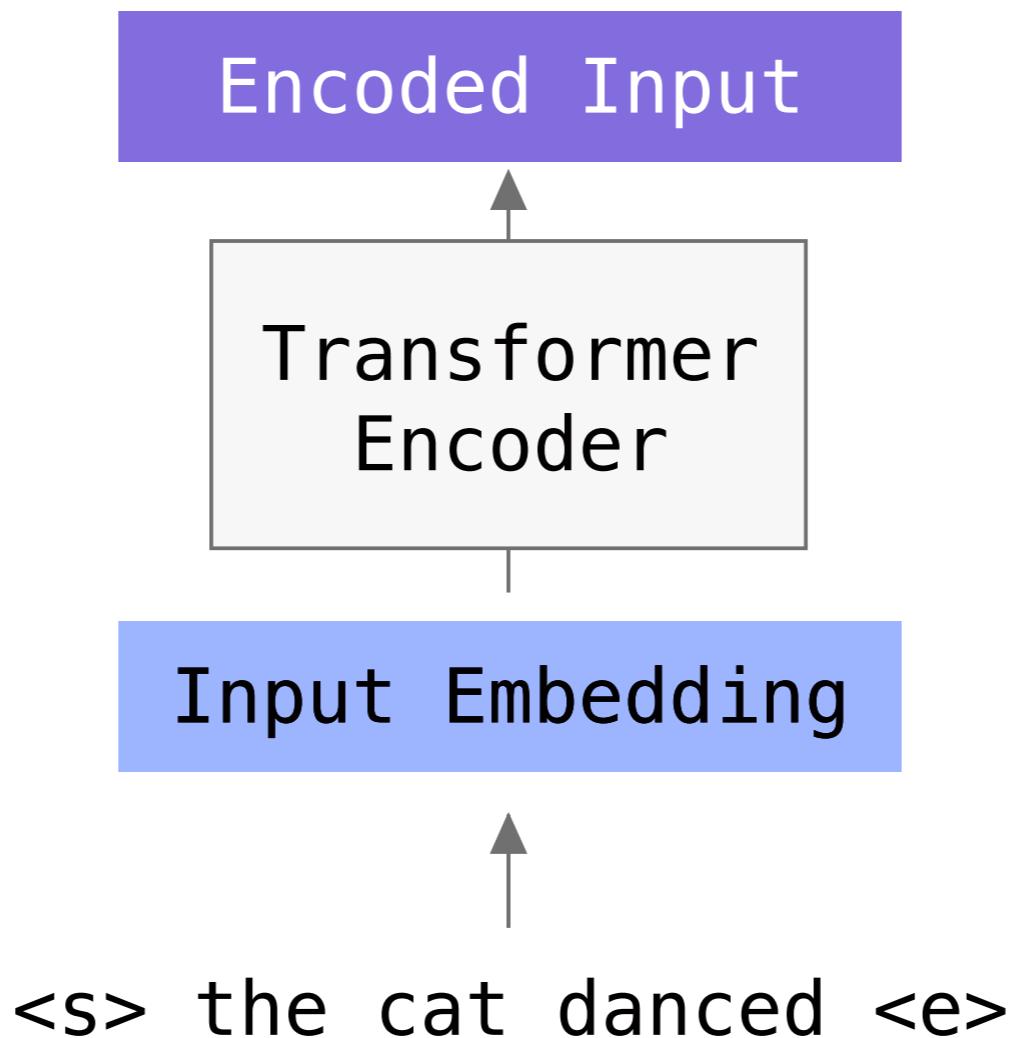
Each output is produced
auto-regressively.



Test / Live

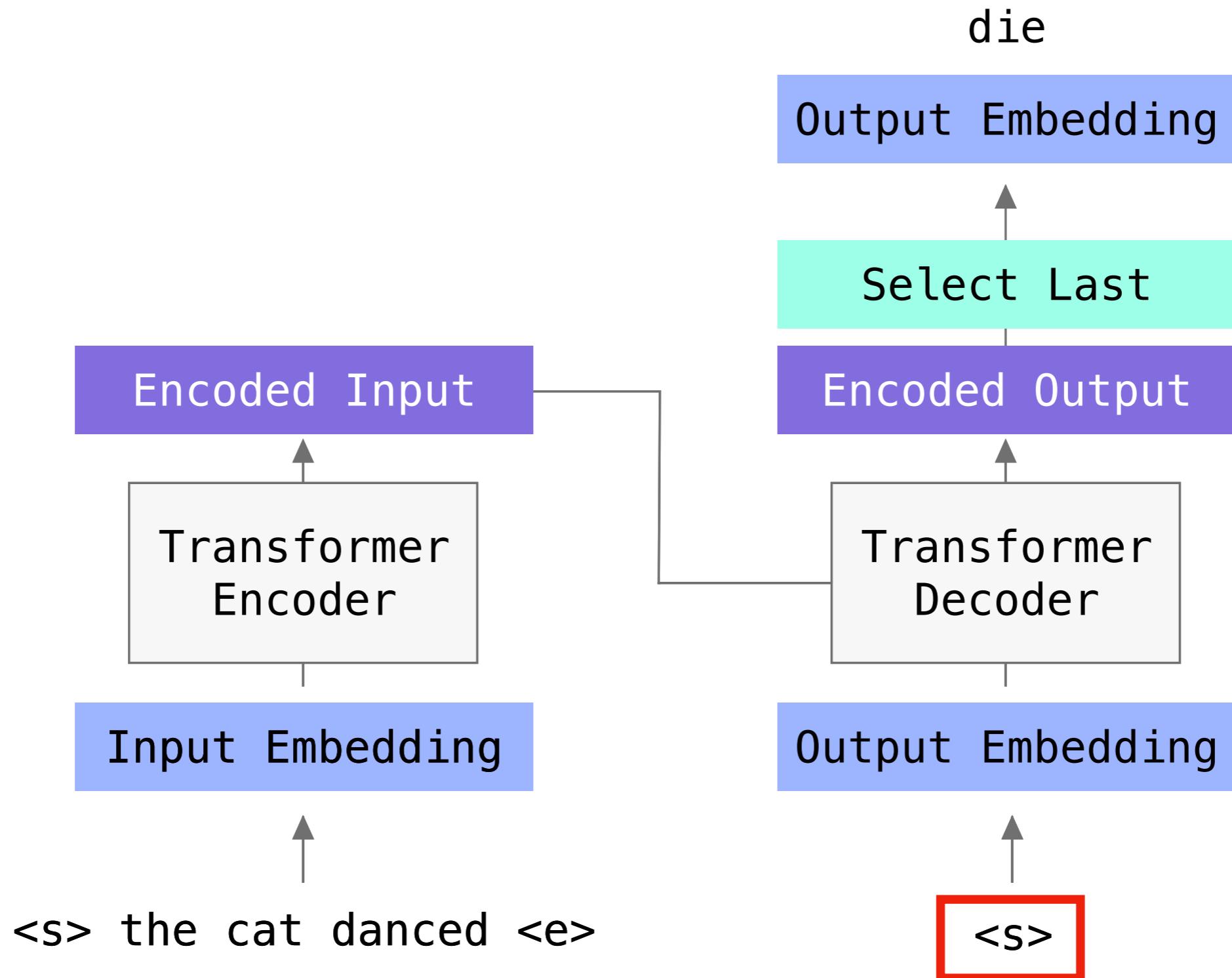
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Generating Outputs (Greedy)



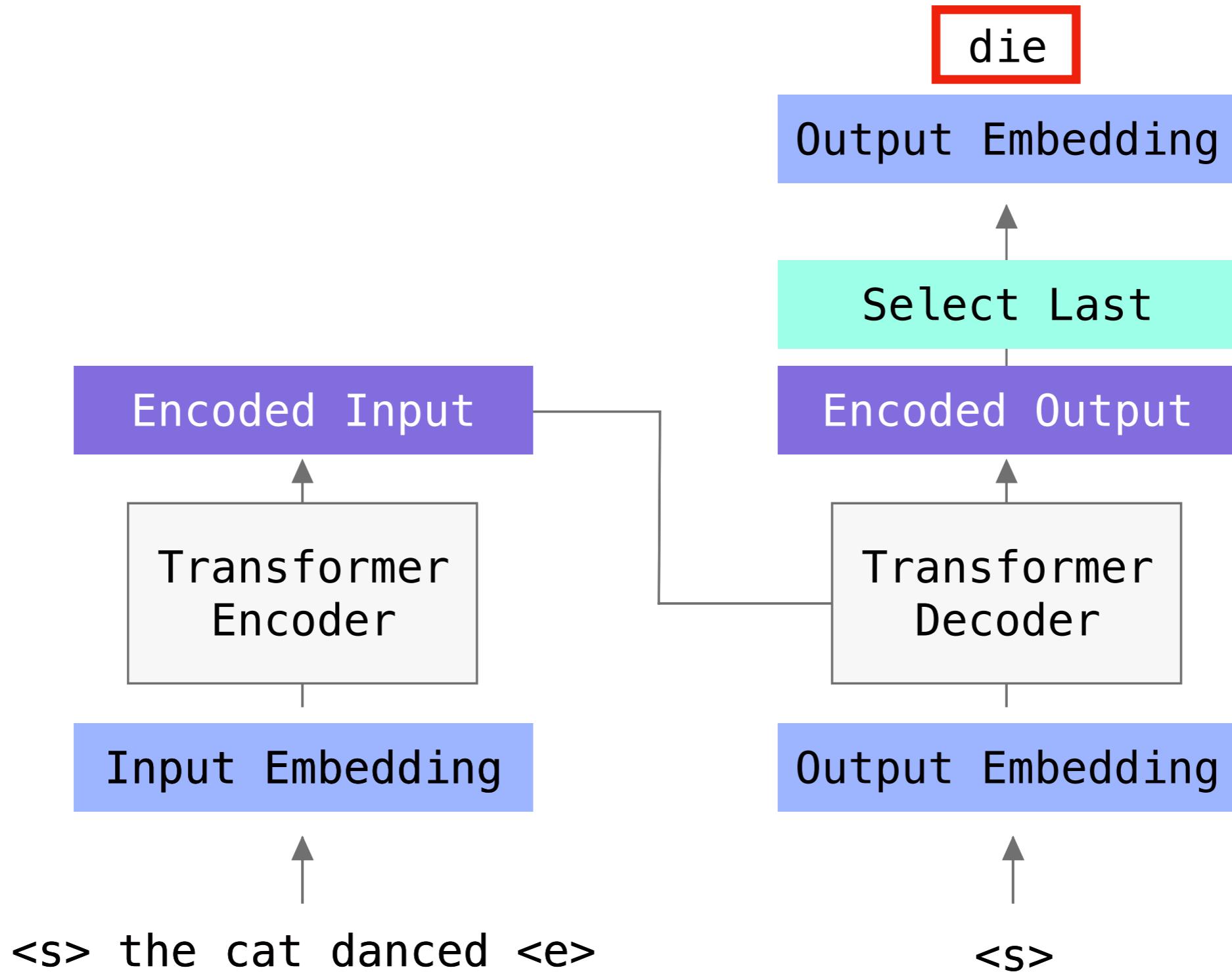
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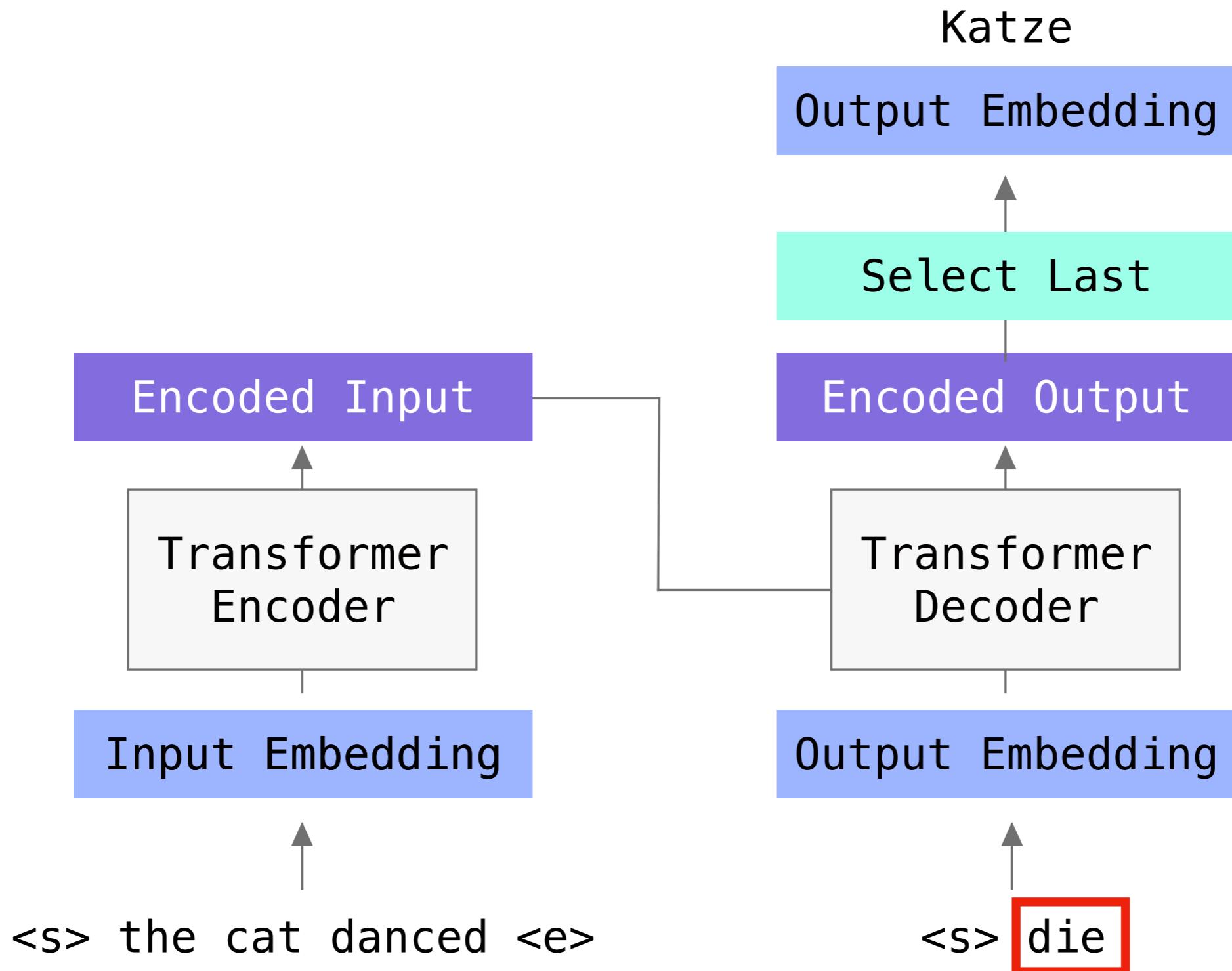
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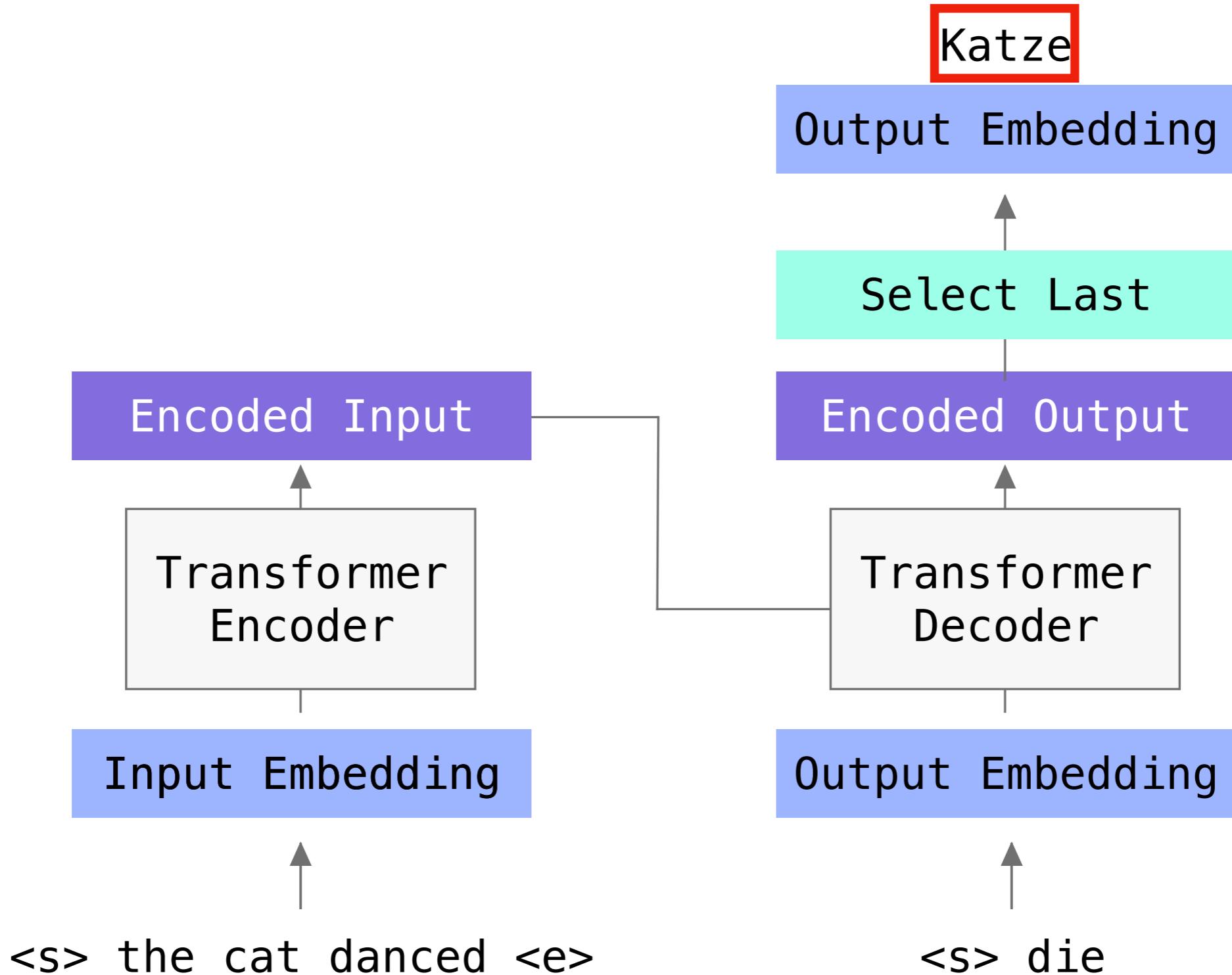
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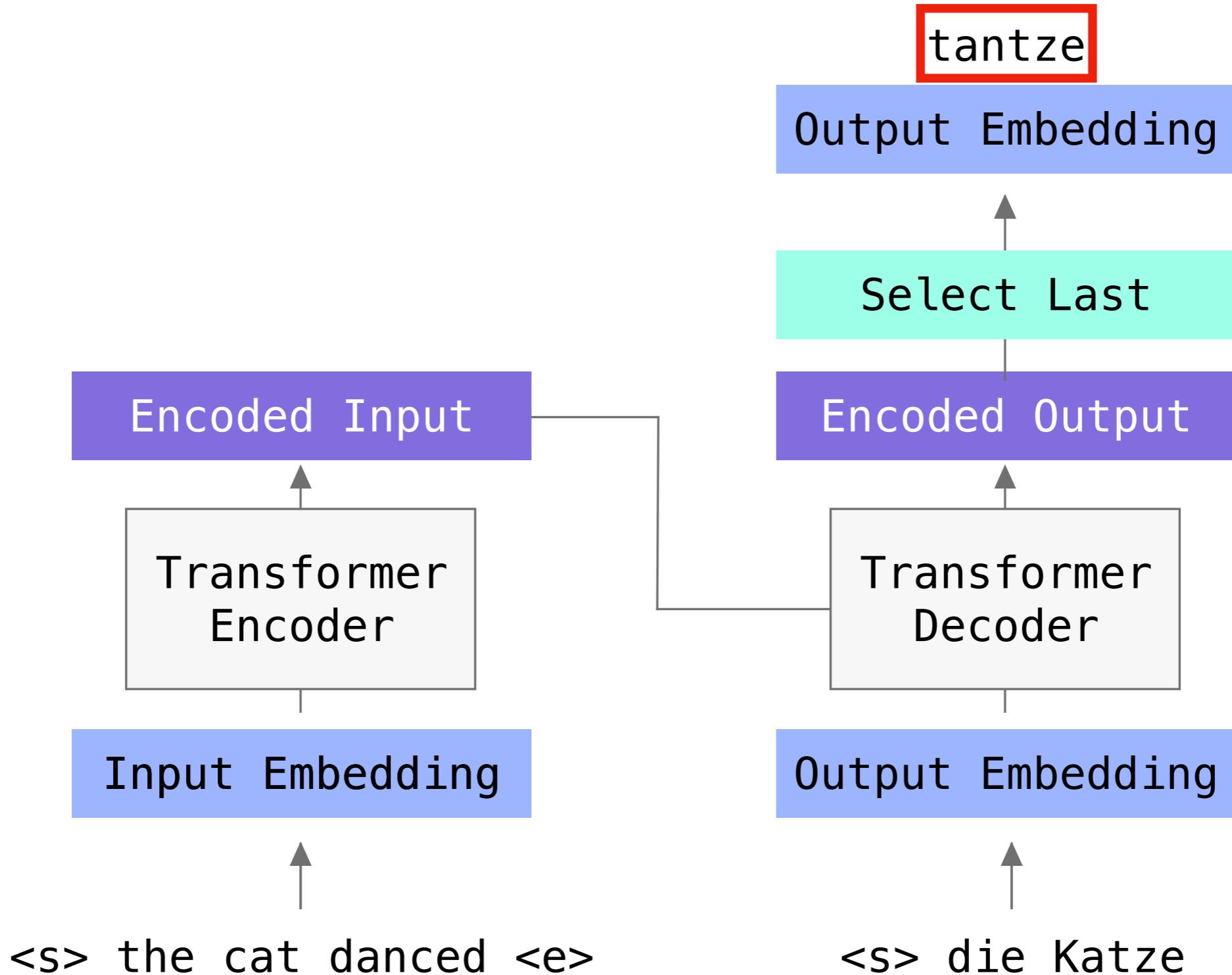
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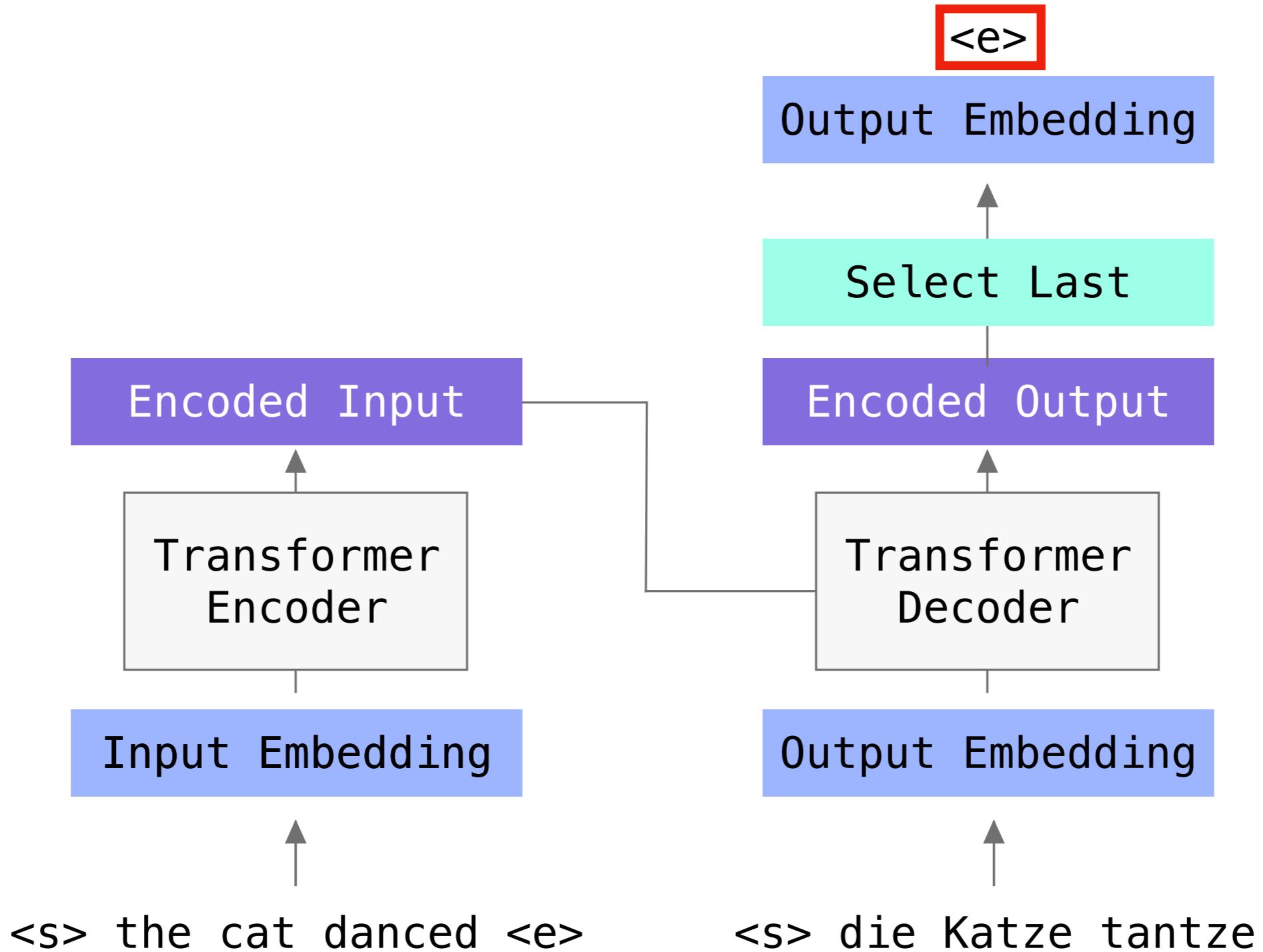
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Generating Outputs (Greedy)



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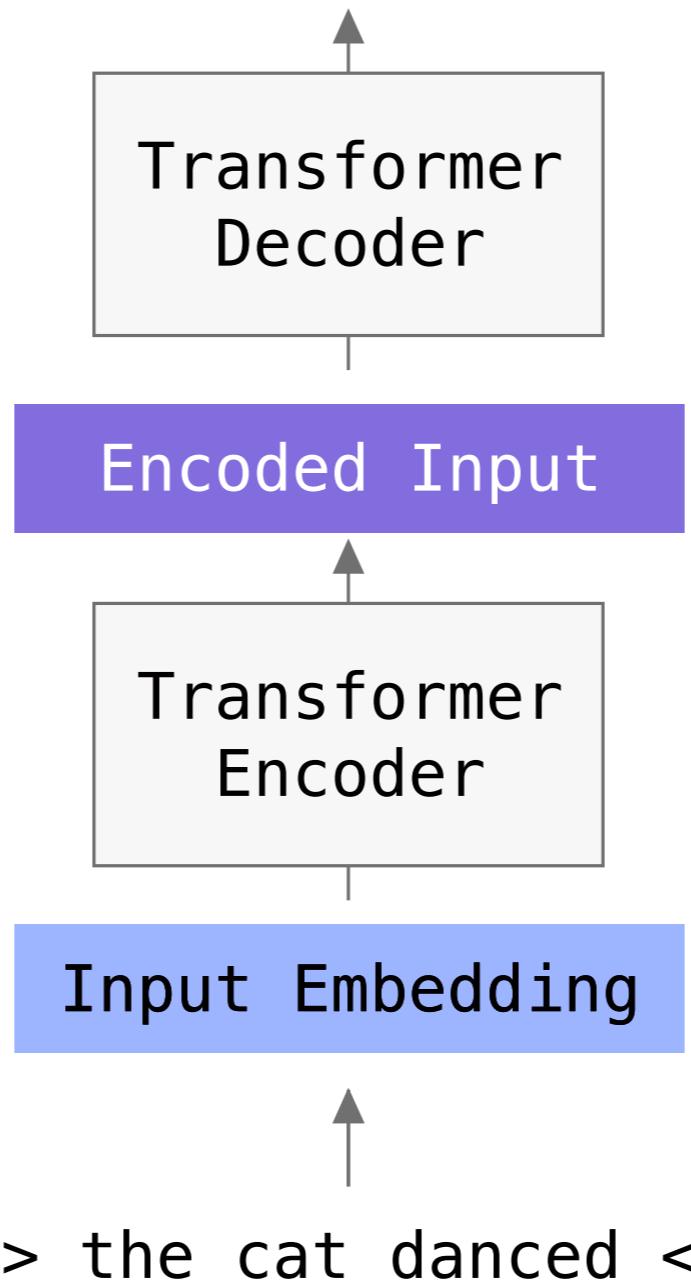
Generating Outputs (Greedy)



Transformers

Generating Outputs (Greedy)

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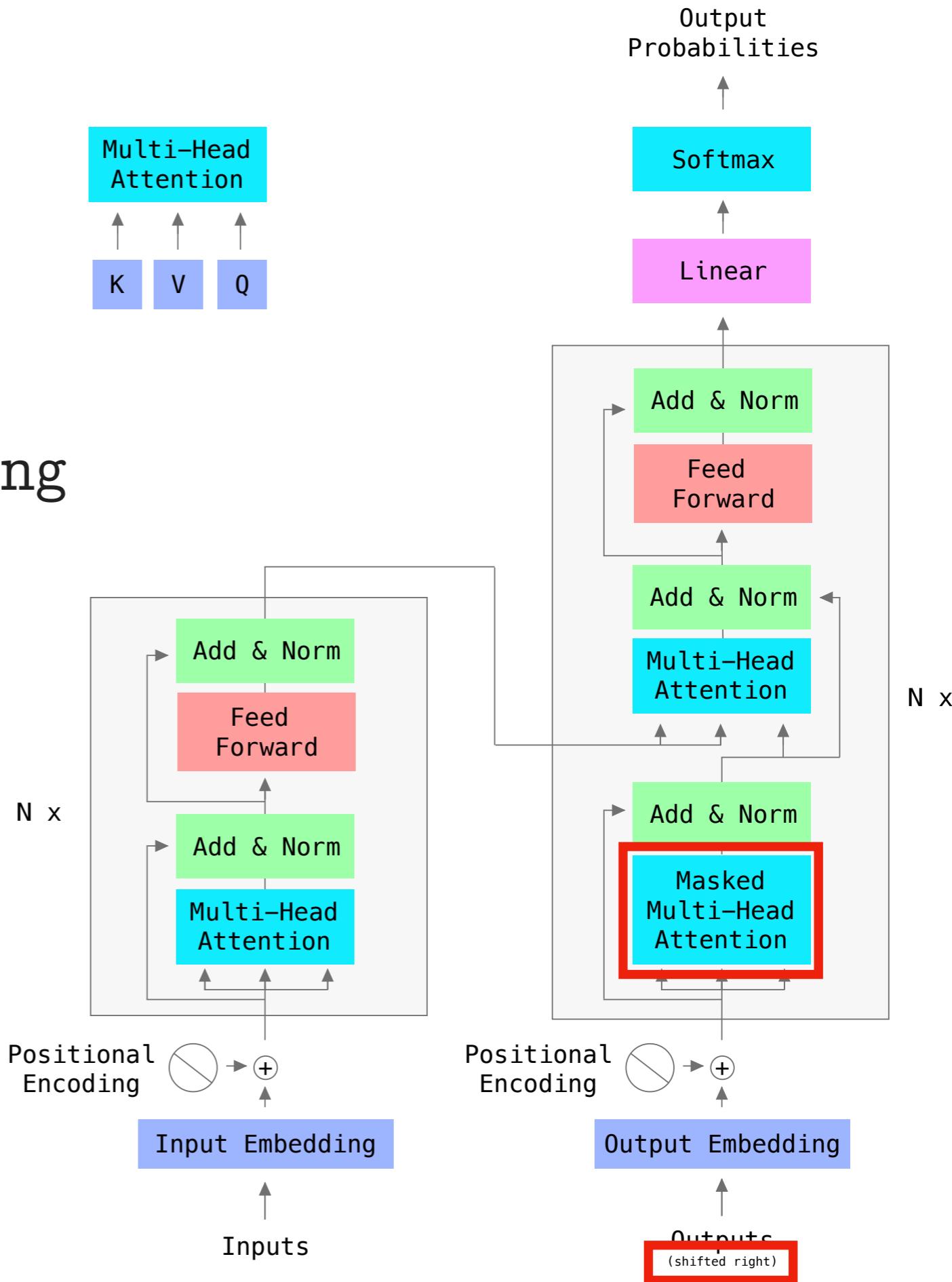


Training

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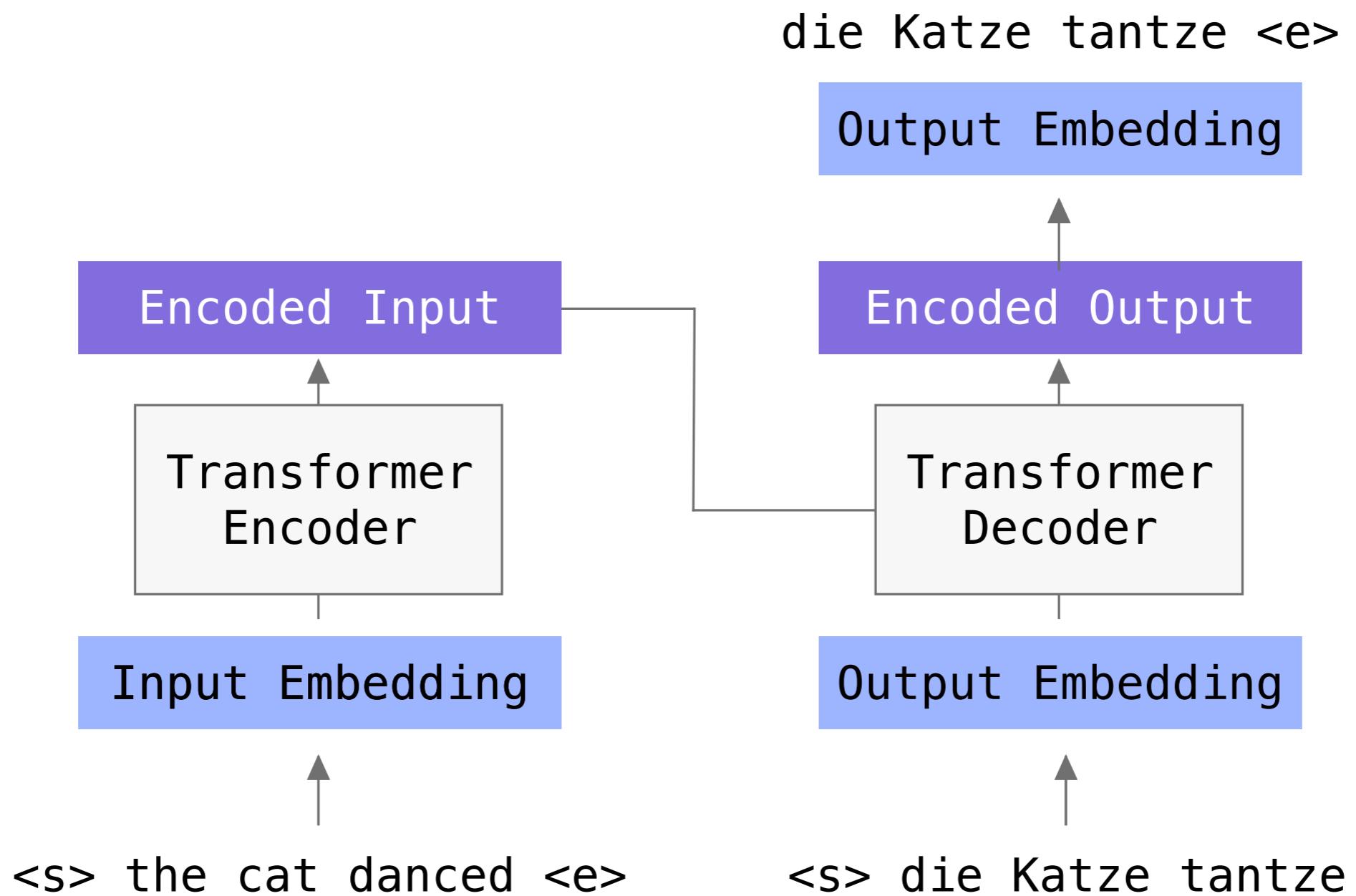
T-ED

Two minor details: masking & shifting.



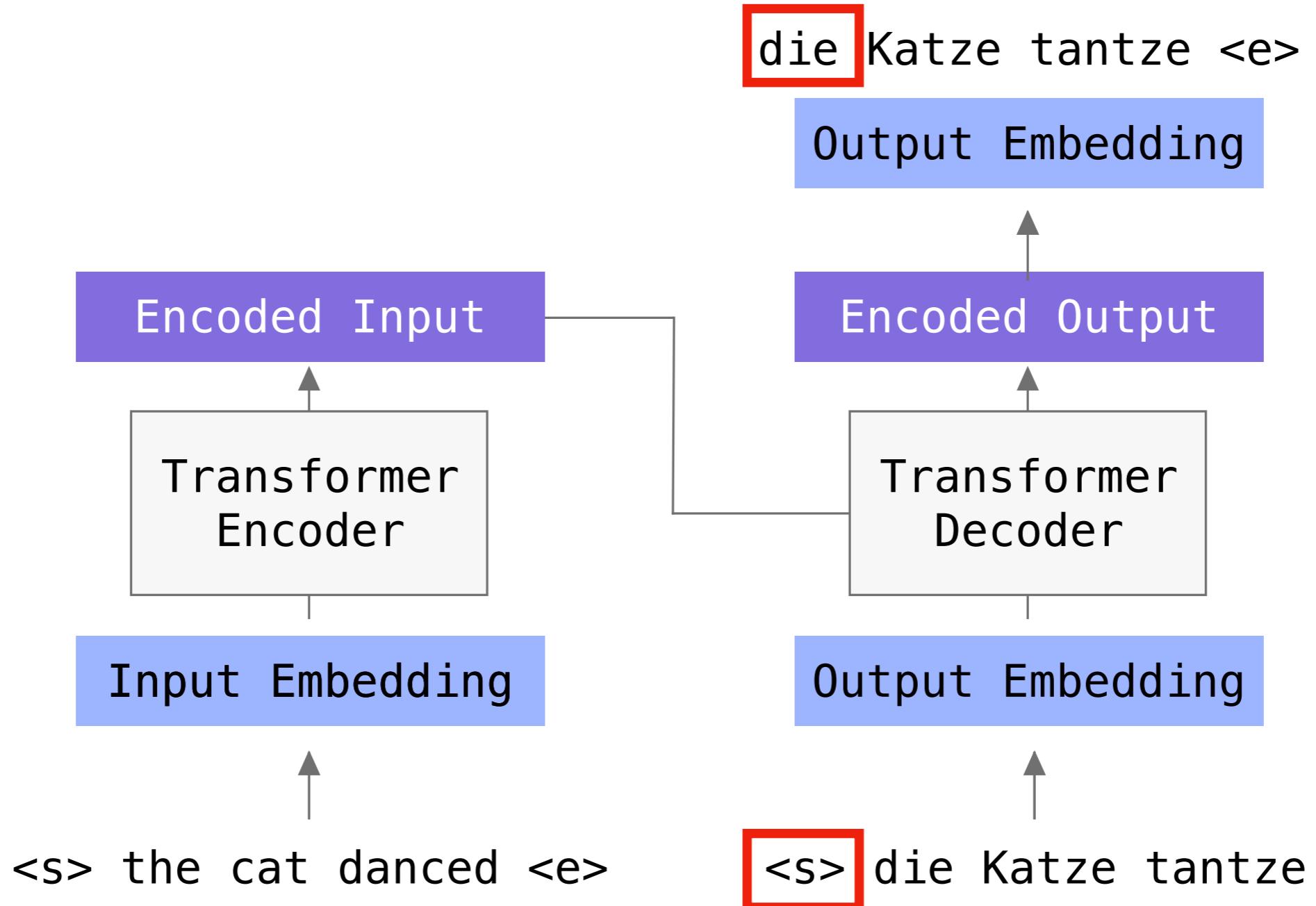
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Masked Training



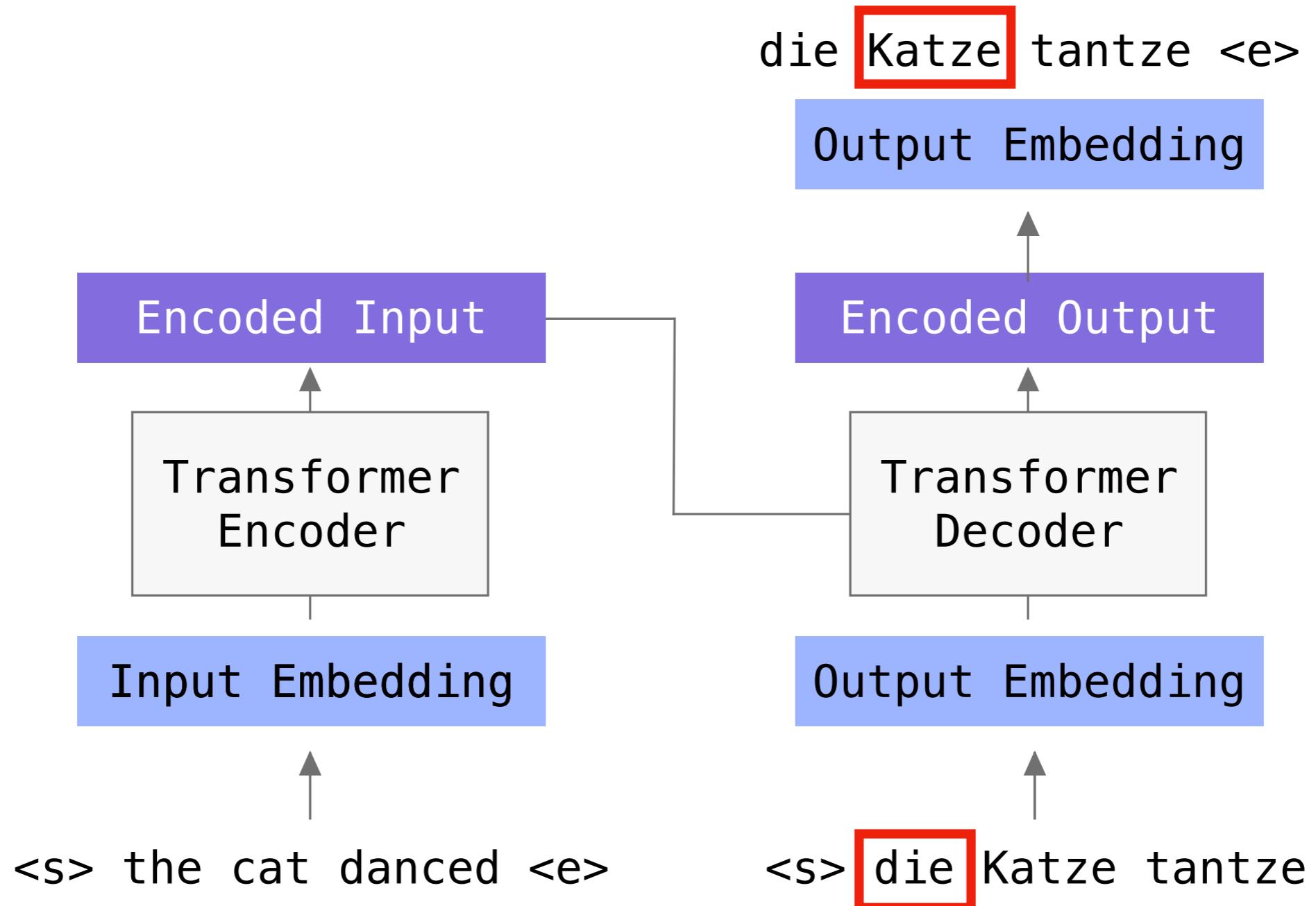
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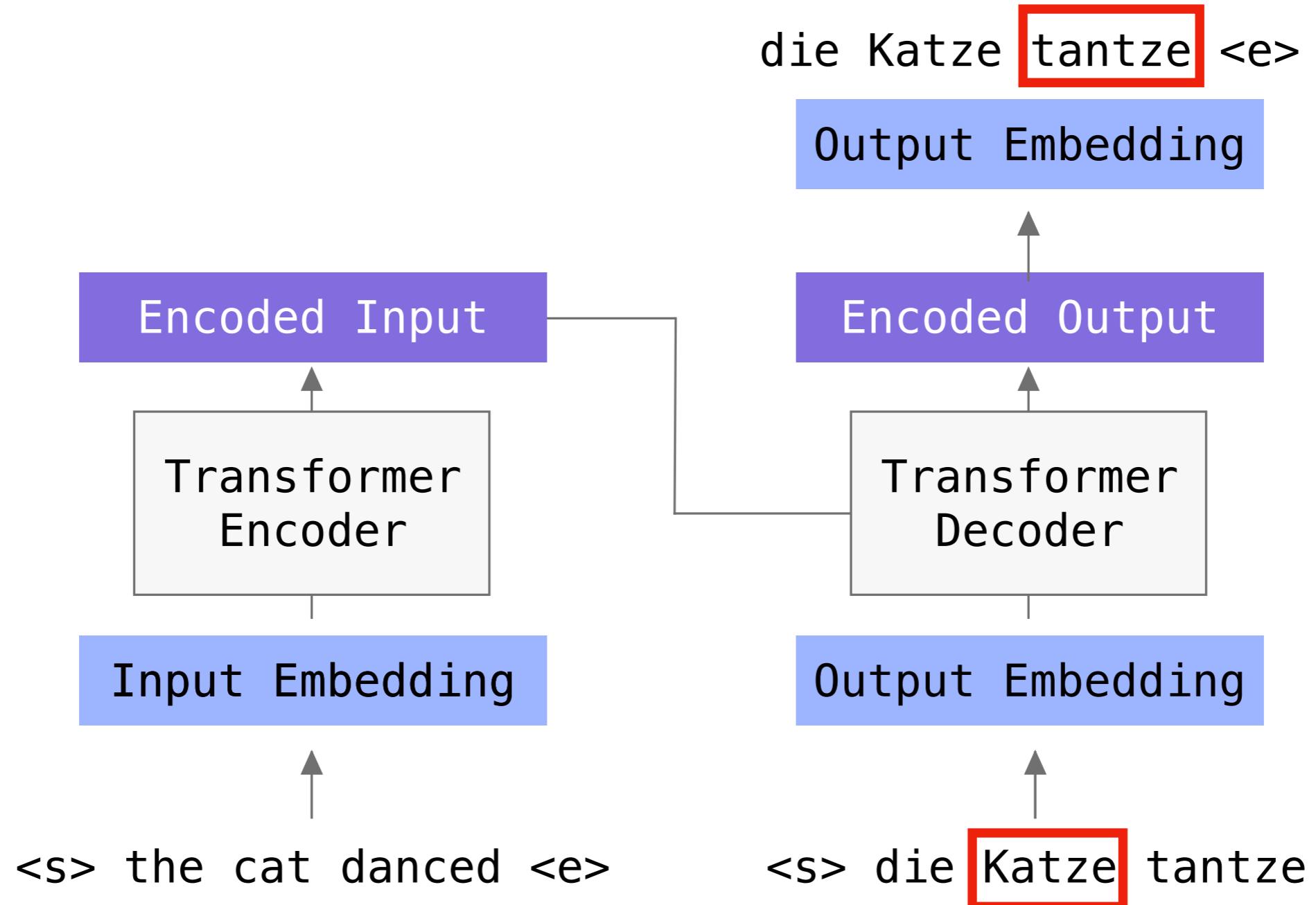
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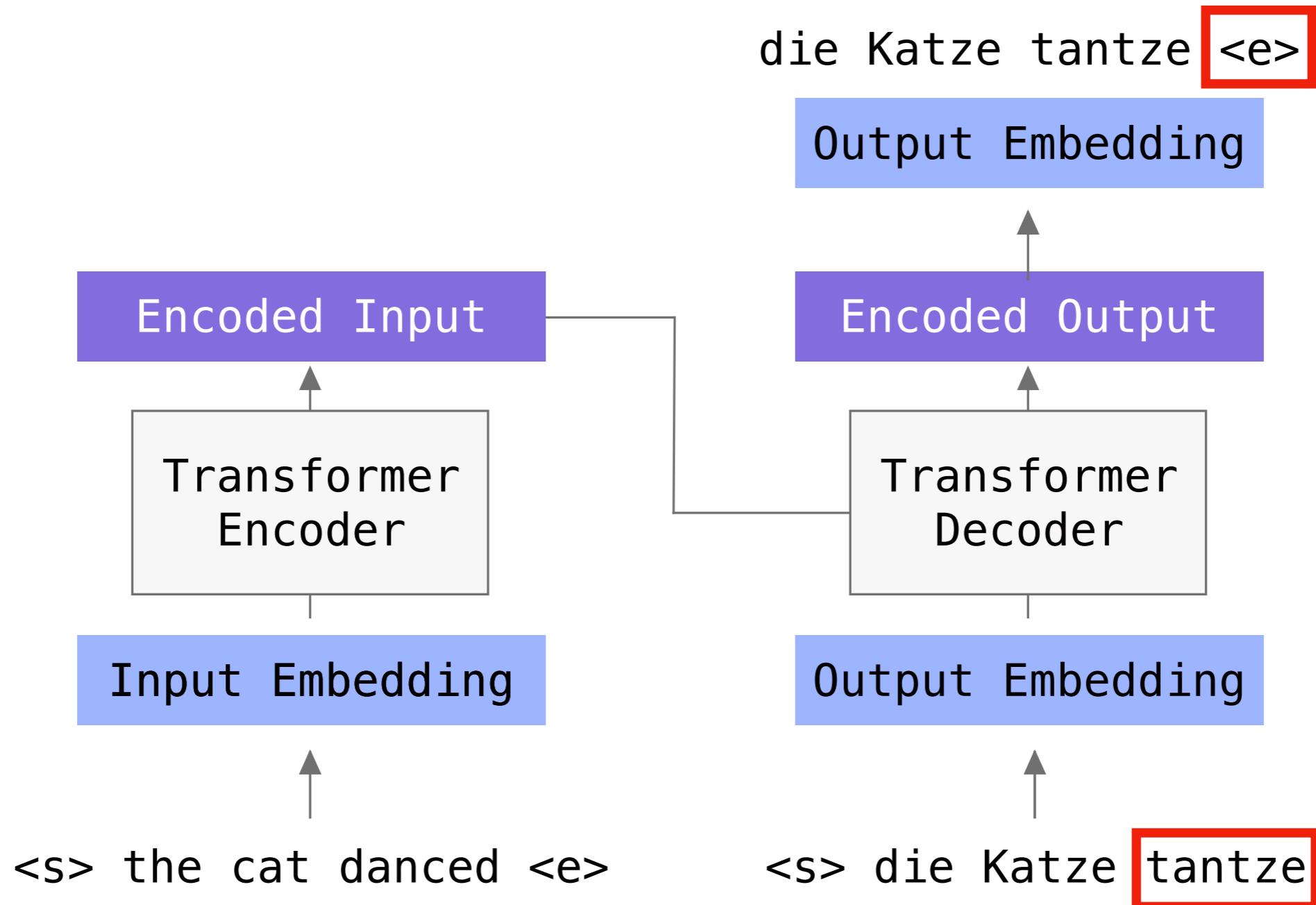
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Masked Training



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Masked Training



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Masked Training

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Transformers

Attention: Working Example

```
def masked-self-attention(Q, mask):
    # Q : N x D_1
    # mask : N x N
    K = V = Q

    scores = Q . K.T                  # N x N
    scaled = scores / sqrt(D_1) # N x N
    masked = scores.masked_fill(
        mask == 0, -1e9)
    alpha = softmax(masked)      # N x N
    out = alpha . V                # N x d_2
```

```
Q = [[ 1.0000,  1.0000],      mask = [[1,  0,  0,  0],
     [-1.0000, -2.5000],           [1,  1,  0,  0],
     [ 4.0000,  3.0000],           [1,  1,  1,  0],
     [ 2.0000, -3.0000]]]          [1,  1,  1,  1]])
```

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Attention: Working Example

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def masked-self-attention(Q, mask):
    # Q : N x D_1
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    K = V = Q

    scores = Q · K.T          # N x N
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    masked = scores.masked_fill(
        mask == 0, -1e9)
    alpha = softmax(masked)    # N x N
    out = alpha · V           # N x d_2
```

```
scores = tensor([
    [ 2.0000, -3.5000,  7.0000, -1.0000],
    [-3.5000,  7.2500, -11.5000,  5.5000],
    [ 7.0000, -11.5000, 25.0000, -1.0000],
    [-1.0000,  5.5000, -1.0000, 13.0000]])
```

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```

```
scaled = tensor(
    [[ 0.5000, -0.8750,  1.7500, -0.2500],
     [-0.8750,  1.8125, -2.8750,  1.3750],
     [ 1.7500, -2.8750,  6.2500, -0.2500],
     [-0.2500,  1.3750, -0.2500,  3.2500]])
```

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masked = tensor(
    [[ 0.5000,      -1e9,      -1e9,      -1e9],
     [-0.8750,    1.8125,      -1e9,      -1e9],
     [ 1.7500,   -2.8750,    6.2500,      -1e9],
     [-0.2500,    1.3750,   -0.2500,    3.2500]])
```

Recall: Each index in this NxM matrix represents the *compatibility* between query n and key m .

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```

Thus, as we generate the output for the first query, there is *no* compatibility between it and subsequent queries (and so on).

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```

```
alpha = tensor([
    [1.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000],
    [0.0000, 1.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000],
    [0.0000, 0.0000, 1.0000, 0.0000],
    [0.0000, 0.0006, 0.0000, 0.9994]]))
```

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    alpha = softmax(masked)      # N x N
    out = alpha . V             # N x d_2
```

```
out = [
    [ 1.          1.          ],
    [-0.9999571 -2.499925 ],
    [ 4.          3.          ],
    [ 1.9983424 -2.9997153]]
```

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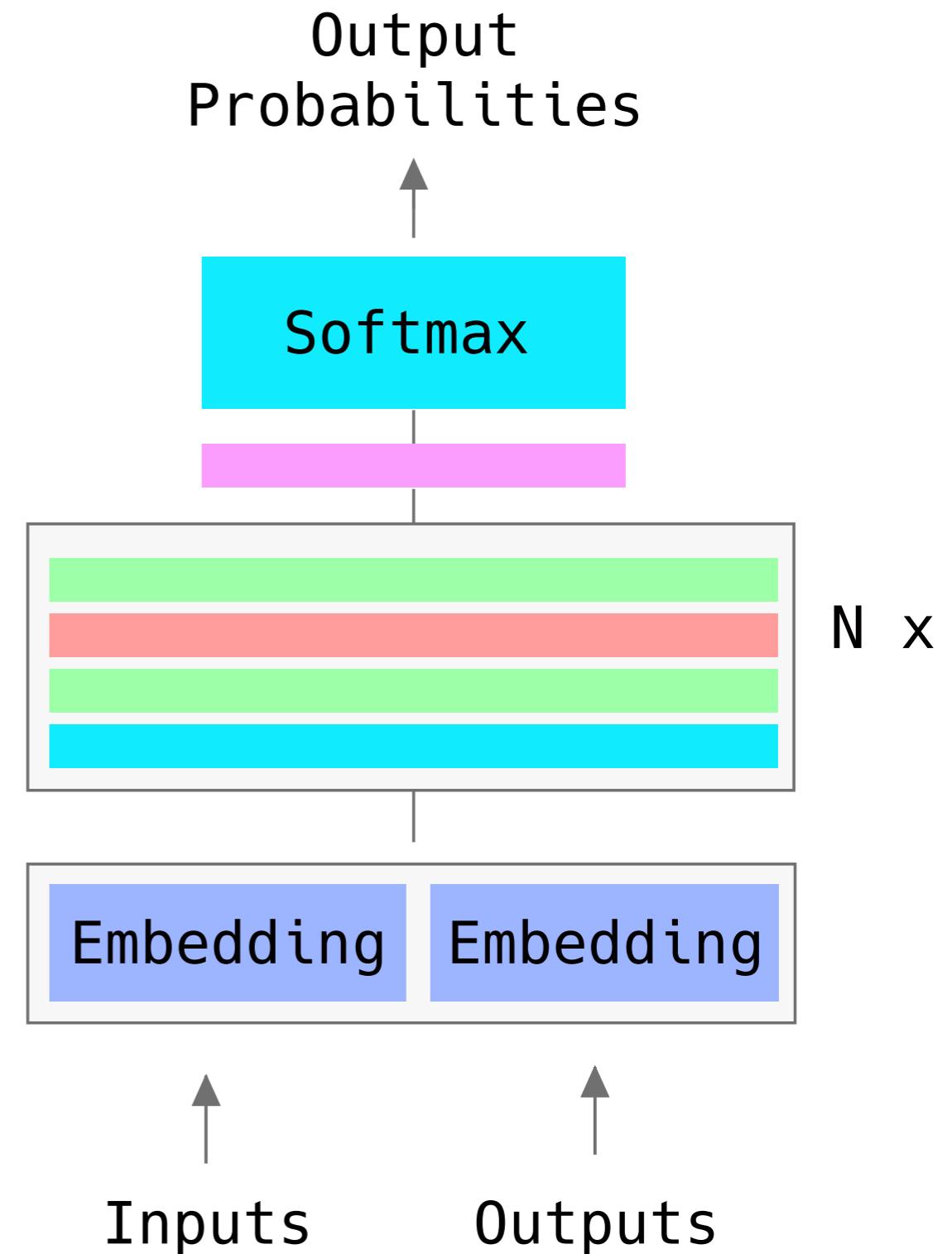
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Transformers

T-D

“We also suspect that for monolingual text-to-text tasks redundant information is re-learned about language in the encoder and decoder.”



Transformers

GPT (1)

- This is the first model that uses a transformer
uses LM as pre-training for future use.
- T-D blocks are used as encoders, and then a
single weight matrix is learned on top for fine-
tuned tasks (at most 3 epochs of training).

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GPT (1)

- They continue to use the LM as an auxiliary loss which speeds up convergence.
- They demonstrate zero-shot capacity on many simple tasks (sentiment analysis).

Radford, Alec, et al. "Improving language understanding by generative pre-training." URL <https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/openai-assets/research-covers/languageunsupervised/language-understanding-paper.pdf> (2018).

<https://blog.openai.com/language-unsupervised/>

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GPT (2)

- There are minor modifications to the transformer block, but it's basically just the T-D.
- Predominately, they only test on LM; they get SOTA on 7/8 datasets with zero-shot evaluation.

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GPT (2)

- They demonstrated some capacity for zero-shot learning in other tasks (including reading comprehension and question answering). Both results were impressive, but not close to SOTA.

Radford, Alec, et al. "Language Models are Unsupervised Multitask Learners" URL https://d4mucfpksywv.cloudfront.net/better-language-models/language_models_are_unsupervised_multitask_learners.pdf. (2019).

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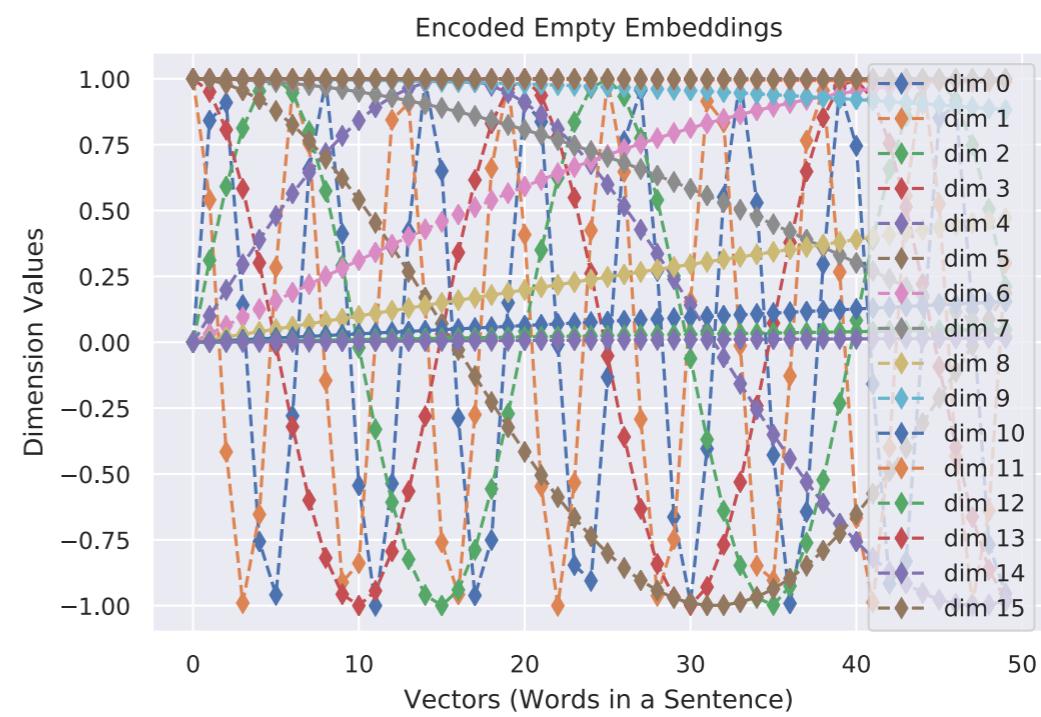
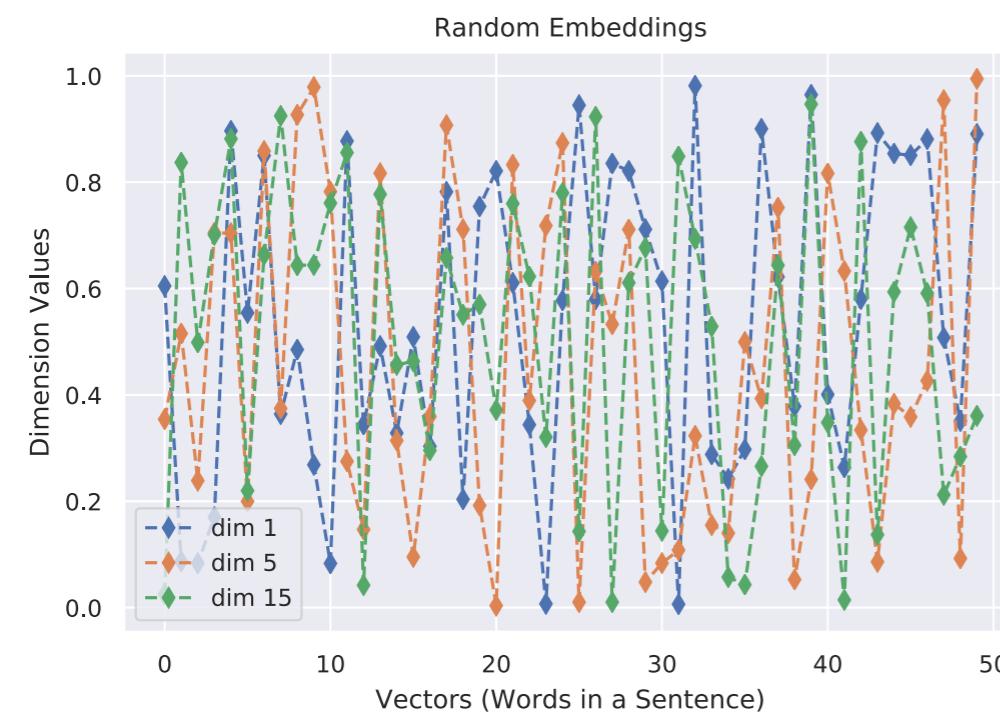
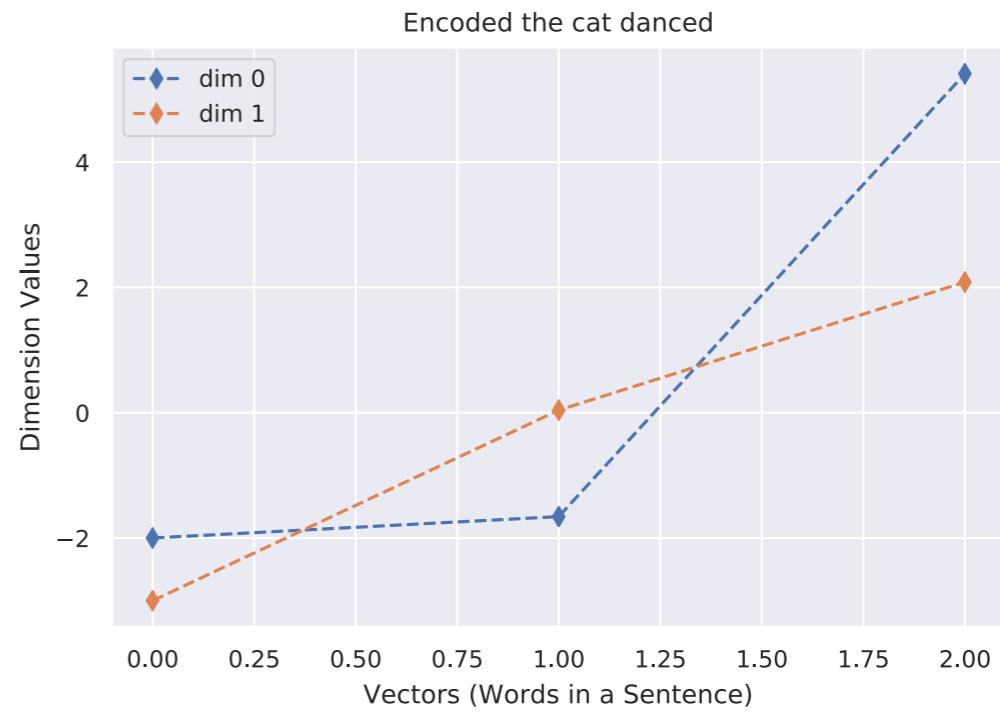
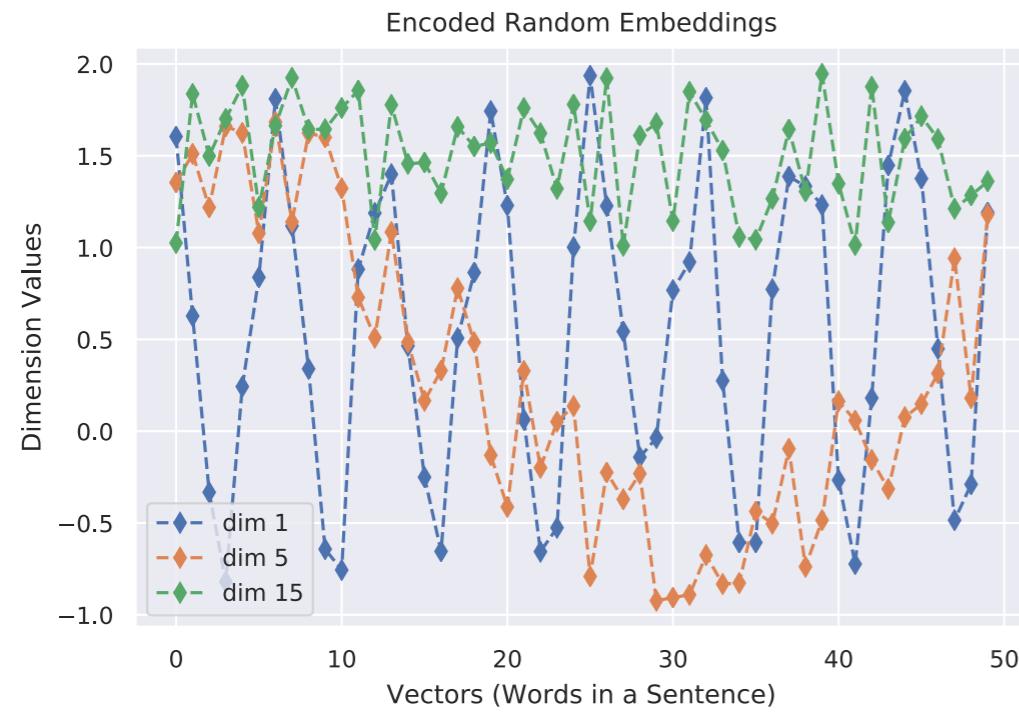
BERT

- Similar to GPT, but it is stacked T-E.
- It used two pre-training tasks.

Transformers

BERT

- The task is like LM, but instead the model has to predict words which were randomly masked.
- Like skip-thought vectors, they train the model to predict if two sentences should follow one another.



Transformers

RNN Comparison

Transformers

Parallel across inputs.

Constant path length from input to output.

Few parameters.

RNNs

Sequential across inputs.

Path length from output symbol to input depends on the length of the sequence, making it difficult to learn long range dependencies.