# <u>TensorFlow Transformer Tutorial</u> (https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer)

The link in the title is to an excellent tutorial on the Transformer

- more in-depth than this notebook
- background

It is recommended especially for those readers without a background in Transformers from the Intro course.

We will take a look at the actual code of a Transformer.

There are many pieces, which we will examine individually.

We will proceed starting with a high level view and descend to a lower level

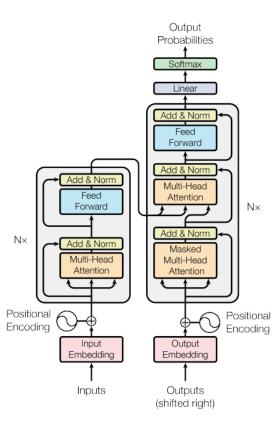
• means reading the code from bottom to top

There are many subtle points which we will highlight with the tag **SUBTLETY** 

One of the key components of a Transformer is the Attention mechanism.

In the code we examine, the base Attention class is via a MultiHeadAttention layer type

- we will study this layer separately
- so as not to distract from the other details of the Transformer architecture



# <u>The Model: Transformer</u> (https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#the\_transformer)

- The Transformer is a Model: a subclass of tf.keras.Model
- The initializer creates
  - An Encoder
  - A Decoder
  - a final\_layer which converts the vector at each position into logits over the distribution of tokens

### The model overrides the call method

- defines what happens when we pass an input to the Transformer
- passes the contextinput to the Encoder
- the Encoder output is passed to the Decoder
- the Decoder output (logits) is passed through a layer to produce a logit (at each position)

```
def call(self, inputs):
    # To use a Keras model with `.fit` you must pass all your inputs in the
    # first argument.
    context, x = inputs

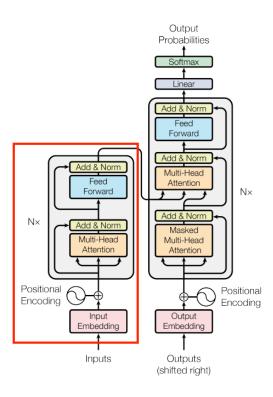
    context = self.encoder(context) # (batch_size, context_len, d_model)

    x = self.decoder(x, context) # (batch_size, target_len, d_model)

# Final linear layer output.
    logits = self.final_layer(x) # (batch_size, target_len, target_vocab_s

try:
    # Drop the keras mask, so it doesn't scale the losses/metrics.
    # b/250038731
    del logits._keras_mask
    except AttributeError:
    pass
```

# <u>The Encoder</u> (<u>https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#the\_encoder\_layer</u>)



# **Confusion warning**

The Encoder is a stack of N "blocks"

• that is what the "Nx" in the diagram refers to

Each block is implemented by the class `EncoderLayer.

The Encoder object is the stack of encoder blocks (EncoderLayer's)

# The Encoder is a Layer: sub-class of tf.keras.layers.Layer)

- The initializer creates the sub-components of the Encoder
  - Positional Embedding
  - A sub-component (enc\_layers) which is an array of blocks whose elements are objects containing
    - Self-Attention
    - Feed-forward network
  - This array (of length num\_layers) is the *stack* of blocks

The call method defines how the layer behaves when presented with input

- calls the Positional Embedding on the Encoder input
- passes the result through each block in the stacked EncoderLayer's
  - Self-Attention followed by Feed Forward

```
def call(self, x):
    # `x` is token-IDs shape: (batch, seq_len)
    x = self.pos_embedding(x)  # Shape `(batch_size, seq_len, d_model)`.

# Add dropout.
    x = self.dropout(x)

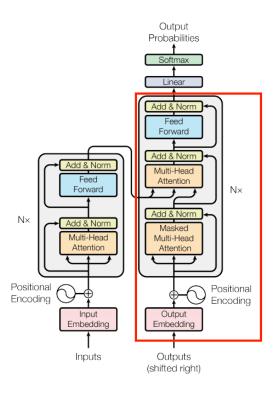
for i in range(self.num_layers):
    x = self.enc_layers[i](x)

return x  # Shape `(batch_size, seq_len, d_model)`.
```

# The EncoderLayer (one block) class has

- an initializer that creates sub-components
- a call method is over-ridden to pass inputs through the sub-components

# <u>The Decoder</u> (<a href="https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#the\_decoder">https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#the\_decoder</a>)



## **Confusion warning**

The Decoder object is the stack of decoder blocks (which are called DecoderLayer 's)

The Decoder is a Layer: sub-class of tf.keras.layers.Layer)

- The initializer creates the sub-components of the Decoder
  - Positional Embedding
  - A sub-component (confusingly named DecoderLayer) which is an array of blocks whose elements are objects containing
    - Self-Attention
    - Cross-Attention
    - Feed-forward network
  - This array (of length num\_layers) is the stack of blocks

The call method defines how the layer behaves when presented with input

- calls the Positional Embedding on the Decoder input
- passes the result to the stacked DecoderLayer's
  - Causal Self-Attention followed by
  - Cross-Attention followed by Feed Forward

```
def call(self, x, context):
    # `x` is token-IDs shape (batch, target_seq_len)
    x = self.pos_embedding(x) # (batch_size, target_seq_len, d_model)

x = self.dropout(x)

for i in range(self.num_layers):
    x = self.dec_layers[i](x, context)

self.last_attn_scores = self.dec_layers[-1].last_attn_scores

# The shape of x is (batch_size, target_seq_len, d_model).
return x
```

# The DecoderLayer

• initializer creates sub-components

```
class DecoderLayer(tf.keras.layers.Layer):
 def __init__(self,
              d_model,
              num_heads,
              dff,
              dropout_rate=0.1):
   super(DecoderLayer, self).__init__()
   self.causal_self_attention = CausalSelfAttention(
       num_heads=num_heads,
       key_dim=d_model,
       dropout=dropout_rate)
   self.cross_attention = CrossAttention(
       num_heads=num_heads,
       key_dim=d_model,
       dropout=dropout_rate)
   self.ffn = FeedForward(d_model, dff)
```

The call method is over-ridden to pass inputs through the sub-components

```
def call(self, x, context):
    x = self.causal_self_attention(x=x)
    x = self.cross_attention(x=x, context=context)

# Cache the last attention scores for plotting later
    self.last_attn_scores = self.cross_attention.last_attn_scores

x = self.ffn(x)  # Shape `(batch_size, seq_len, d_model)`.
    return x
```

### Let us focus on the two forms of Attention

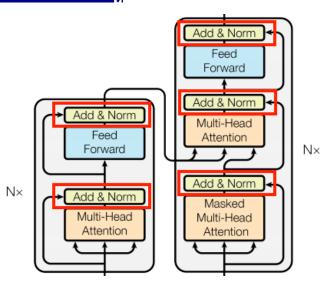
- context is the Encoder output
- x is the Decoder input

The Causal Self-Attention uses query x (at each position) to attend to entire sequence x.

• the attention is causual: for each position, future positions may not be attended to

The Cross-Attention uses query x (at each position) to attend to Encoder output context

# Add and Normalize (https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#add\_a nd\_normalize)



## **Review: Layer Normalization**

- The variance of outputs tends to grow from layer to layer
- Large variance causes gradient updates to become unstable
- <u>Layer Normalization</u>
  (<a href="https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper\_files/paper/2019/file/2f4fe03d77724a72170">https://proceedings.neurips.cc/paper\_files/paper/2019/file/2f4fe03d77724a72170</a>
  Paper.pdf) reduces the variance of the input distribution to unit variance

#### **SUBTLETY**

The output of Attention layers (both Self Attention and Cross Attention) are feed into an Add & Norm block.

In what seems to be a "coding convenience"

- the code creates a common base class BaseAttention
  - for both Self Attention and Cross Attention
  - that is partially responsible for **both** 
    - Attention
    - o Add & Norm

This is much more subtle than "coding convenience"!

## The initializer of BaseAttention creates sub-components

- Attention
- Layer Normalization
- Add

```
class BaseAttention(tf.keras.layers.Layer):
    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
        super().__init__()
        self.mha = tf.keras.layers.MultiHeadAttention(**kwargs)
        self.layernorm = tf.keras.layers.LayerNormalization()
        self.add = tf.keras.layers.Add()
```

**but** doesn't actually perform the normalization or addition.

- there is no call method of the base class
- these are left to the child (Attention) classes

The child sub-class (GlobalSelfAttention or CrossAttention)

- uses the components of its parent class
  - self.mha: to implement the attention call
  - 'self.layernorm, self.add: to implement the Add & Norm

### To illustrate, here is the code for the CrossAttention sub-class

- note the arguments to mha
  - query is x; key and value are both context (the Encoder output)

class CrossAttention(BaseAttention):

```
def call(self, x, context):
   attn_output, attn_scores = self.mha(
        query=x,
        key=context,
        value=context,
        return_attention_scores=True)

# Cache the attention scores for plotting later.
   self.last_attn_scores = attn_scores

x = self.add([x, attn_output])
x = self.layernorm(x)

return x
```

# What is the purpose of Add & Norm

The "obvious" purpose is to normalize the Attention outputs

- using atf.keras.layers.LayerNormalizationlayer
- that is the Norm part of Add & Norm

It is easy to miss the role of the Add part.

Mechanically: the Add is uninteresting.

The Add part adds the block's two inputs (i.e, Attention input and Attention output)

- before Normalization
- In both the Self-Attention and Cross Attention children, the call method performs the Add and Norm via statements

```
x = self.add([x, attn_output])
x = self.layernorm(x)
```

• where x is the Attention input and attn\_output is the Attention output.

But what is the **purpose** of adding Attention input and Attention output?

This creates a residual or skip connection

- on the forward pass, the input to Attention can "skip over" the Attention block
- more importantly: on the backward pass: the loss gradient can skip over the Attention block

# <u>Review: Residual connections (RNN\_Residual\_Networks.ipynb#Residual-connections:-a-gradient-highway)</u>

- Gradients can vanish or explode as they traverse an increasing number of layers during back propagation
- A zero gradient causes the Gradient update step to leave weights unchanged
  - the model can't "learn"
- The skip connection prevents gradients from vanishing or exploding by allowing them to by-pass one or more layers in the backward pass

So Add & Norm is much more than "good coding"

• observing that Attention outputs are always fed into common blocks

It is also the mechanism by which the residual connections are implemented.

## **Attention**

The Self Attention (the class is called GlobalSelfAttention ) and Cross Attention blocks are both derived from BaseAttention

• which we explained in the section on "Add and Norm".

The sub-components (including the class MultiHeadAttention that implements Attention) are created by the parent class.

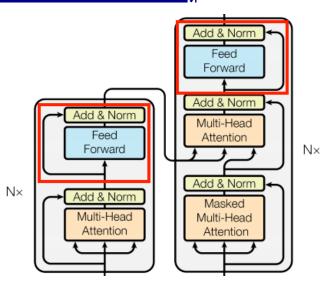
The child classes mainly implement the call method

- that invokes the sub-components in sequence
- and implement the residual connection

We already saw the call for CrossAttention above.

For Self-Attention, the call follows note the arguments to mha

Feed forward (https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#the\_f eed\_forward\_network)



## The purpose of the Feed Forward block

- is to transform the Decoder Cross Attention output at each position into a "prediction"
  - of the next token (that is the Language Model objective

This is also where it is believed that "world knowledge" encountered during training is stored.

## The typical Feed Forward network is two Dense layers

- ullet the first has  $d_{
  m ff}$  units
  - lacktriangledown creating  $d_{
    m ff}$  synthetic features from the  $d_{
    m model}$  features of the Attention output
- ullet the second has  $d_{
  m model}$  units
  - lacktriangledown re-sizing the output to the standard  $d_{
    m model}$  output size of all blocks in a Transformer through two Dense layers.

In the original paper

$$d_{
m ff} = 4*d_{
m model}$$

and this seems to have become a common choice.

#### Here is the code:

```
class FeedForward(tf.keras.layers.Layer):
    def __init__(self, d_model, dff, dropout_rate=0.1):
        super().__init__()
        self.seq = tf.keras.Sequential([
            tf.keras.layers.Dense(dff, activation='relu'),
            tf.keras.layers.Dense(d_model),
            tf.keras.layers.Dropout(dropout_rate)
        ])
        self.add = tf.keras.layers.Add()
        self.layer_norm = tf.keras.layers.LayerNormalization()

def call(self, x):
        x = self.add([x, self.seq(x)])
        x = self.layer_norm(x)
        return x
```

### **SUBTLETY**

The Feed Forward output is passed to an Add & Norm block

- which has **two inputs** 
  - Feed Forward output and Feed Forward input
  - the Feed Forward input is a residual connection
- similar to the residual connection we saw in the "Add and Normalize" section.

The residual connection is implemented in the call via the statements

```
x = self.add([x, self.seq(x)])
x = self.layer_norm(x)
```

#### where

- x is the input to the Feed Forward block
- self.seq(x) is the output of the Feed Forward block
  - the input passed through the two Denselayers, implemented as a Sequential model

<u>Training</u> (https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#training)

## **Teacher forcing**

#### **SUBTLETY**

A Generative task (like the LLM objective) exhibits Autoregressive behavior

ullet the Decoder output  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t-1)}$  at position (t-1) is fed back as *input* for position t.

In the Transformer, the position  $\left(t-1\right)$  output is appended to all previous outputs.

Thus, at inference time: the input for position t is  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{([1:t-1])}$ 

But, this exact behavior is not conducive to training

- Suppose  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t-1)}$  is incorrect and not equal to correct label  $\mathbf{y}_{(t-1)}$  this error cascades into the prediction of all subsequent positions  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{([t:])}$

So, during  $\operatorname{training}$  time: the input for position t is  $\mathbf{y}_{(1:t-1)}$ 

- the correct sequence
- rather than the *predicted* sequence

This is why causal masking is necessary for the Decoder

- Masked Self-Attention
- don't want to look into the future
  - lacksquare i.e., at positions  $t' \geq t$  when the decoder is producing  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t)}$

Feeding the *correct target* (rather than the actual *predicted target*) as the next input at training time

- is called Teacher Forcing
- does *not* occur at inference time
  - predicted target is used

It's very easy to not notice Teacher Forcing when it occurs because it is subtle.

Can you see where it occurs?

It is in the construction of the Training examples

- the input for position t are the features of example t :  $\mathbf{y}_{([1:t-1])}$ 
  - lacksquare not the Autoregressive constructed  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{([t:])}$

During training, each example trains for one "step"

- so we don't see the effect of  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t-1)}$  being fed back to the input for the next step t

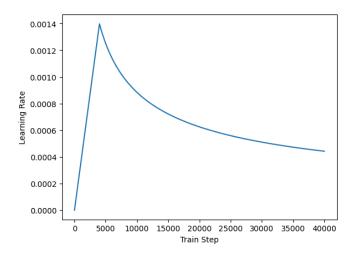
## **Custom Learning Rate Schedule**

A custom learning rate schedule (subclassed from tf.keras.optimizers.schedules.LearningRateSchedule)iscreated

• varies learning rate  $\alpha$  of Gradient update by epoch

aries learning rate 
$$lpha$$
 of Gradient update by epo $\mathbf{W}_{( ext{epoch}+1)} = \mathbf{W}_{( ext{epoch})} - lpha * rac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{( ext{epoch})}}{\partial \mathbf{W}_{( ext{epoch})}}$ 

- lacktriangle a warm-up period where lpha increases
- lacktriangle a post-warm-up period where lpha decays



<u>Loss and metrics</u> (<u>https://www.tensorflow.org/text/tutorials/transformer#set\_up\_the\_loss\_a</u> nd\_metrics)

Since the targets are Categorical values, Cross Entropy is used as a loss.

But: the target is a sequence with padding

- the padding should not figure into the Loss
- so the loss is "masked" whenever the target label is a padding token (0)

Similarly the Accuracy metric is modified so that padding characters don't participate in the calculation.

```
def masked_loss(label, pred):
    mask = label != 0
    loss_object = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(
        from_logits=True, reduction='none')
    loss = loss_object(label, pred)

mask = tf.cast(mask, dtype=loss.dtype)
    loss *= mask

loss = tf.reduce_sum(loss)/tf.reduce_sum(mask)
    return loss

def masked_accuracy(label, pred):
    pred = tf.argmax(pred, axis=2)
    label = tf.cast(label, pred.dtype)
    match = label != 0
```

## Where do all the weights come from?

Ignoring the weights associated with the various embeddings, the weights come from

- Attention
- Feed forward Network

This is for each Transformer block

ullet we will stack  $n_{
m layer}$  such blocks

For Attention, the weights/parameters are in the matrices  $\mathbf{W}_Q, \mathbf{W}_K, \mathbf{W}_V$  and  $\mathbf{W}_O$ 

ullet all of size  $\mathcal{O}\left(d_{\mathrm{model}}^2
ight)$  , total:  $4*\mathcal{O}\left(d_{\mathrm{model}}^2
ight)$ 

### For the Feed forward network, there are two Dense layers

- ullet the first mapping attention output of size  $d_{
  m model}$  to size  $d_{
  m ff}$
- ullet the second mapping size  $d_{
  m ff}$  to standard output size  $d_{
  m model}$
- ullet total Feed forward weights are  $2*(d_{\mathrm{model}}*d_{\mathrm{ff}})$

Using the standard

$$d_{
m ff} = 4*d_{
m model}$$

total Feed forward weights per block

$$2*(d_{ ext{model}}*4*d_{ ext{model}}) = 8*\mathcal{O}\left(d_{ ext{model}}^2
ight)$$

### Notice

- that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total weights
- come from *linear* projections
  - the matrices associated with Attention
- rather than non-linearities
  - confined to Feed forward network

Thus the total weights per Transformer block is  $$$12\OrderOf{d_\text{e}}^2}$ 

This gets multiplied by the number  $n_{\mathrm{layer}}$  stacked blocks..

## For GPT-3

- $egin{aligned} \bullet & n_{ ext{layer}} = 96 \ \bullet & d_{ ext{model}} = 12*1024 \end{aligned}$

Total Transformer (non-embedding) weights 
$$96*12*(12*1024)^2=174 \ billion$$

# <u>Second example: Mini-GPT</u> (https://keras.io/examples/generative/text\_generation\_with\_miniature\_gpt/)</u>

We will examine a notebook that builds a miniature version of GPT: <u>tutorial view</u> (<a href="https://keras.io/examples/generative/text generation with miniature gpt/">https://keras.io/examples/generative/text generation with miniature gpt/</a>)

• <u>Colab notebook (https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/text\_generation\_with\_miniature\_gpt.ipy</u>

#### We first see a definition of the constants:

```
vocab_size = 20000 # Only consider the top 20k words
maxlen = 80 # Max sequence size
embed_dim = 256 # Embedding size for each token
num_heads = 2 # Number of attention heads
feed_forward_dim = 256 # Hidden layer size in feed forward network inside tran
sformer
```

## Relating the variable names to our notation

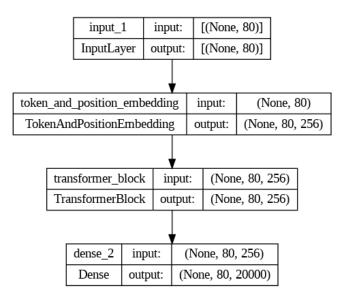
Notation	variable	value
$d_{ m model}$	embed_dim	256
T	max_len	80
$n_{ m heads}$	num_heads	2
	vocab_size	20,000

#### And the Decoder model:

```
def create_model():
    inputs = layers.Input(shape=(maxlen,), dtype=tf.int32)
    embedding_layer = TokenAndPositionEmbedding(maxlen, vocab_size, embed_dim)
    x = embedding_layer(inputs)
    transformer_block = TransformerBlock(embed_dim, num_heads, feed_forward_di

m)
    x = transformer_block(x)
    outputs = layers.Dense(vocab_size)(x)
    model = keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=[outputs, x])
    loss_fn = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from_logits=True)
    model.compile(
        "adam", loss=[loss_fn, None],
    ) # No loss and optimization based on word embeddings from transformer blo
ck
    return model
```

## Here is the plot:



## Examining each layer

- Input
  - lacksquare sequence (length T=80) of integers (index of a character within vocabulary)  $\mathbf{y}_{(1:T)}$
- TokenAndPositionEmbedding
  - lacktriangledown maps sequence (length T=80) of integers (index of character)
  - lacktriangledown into sequence (length T=80) of  $d_{
    m model}=256$  size representations
- TransformerBlock
  - lacksquare maps sequence (length T=80) into sequence of latents  $\mathbf{h}_{(1:T)}$ 
    - o ne latent per position in input

- Dense
  - Classifier layer
  - maps sequence of latents
  - to sequence of probability vectors
    - $\circ \ \ \mathsf{each} \ \mathsf{position} \ \mathsf{is} \ \mathsf{a} \ \mathsf{probability} \ \mathsf{vector} \ \mathsf{of} \ \mathsf{length} \ \mathsf{vocab\_size}$ 
      - = 20000
    - $\circ$  position i: probability that output is element i of vocabulary
    - $\circ$  sum across positions in each vector is 100%

## **Loss function**

The create\_model method also defines the Loss Function

loss\_fn = tf.keras.losses.SparseCategoricalCrossentropy(from\_logits=True)

as Cross Entropy, as is common for a Classifier

Notice that the SparseCategoricalCrossentropy takes a vector (of length vocab\_size) of logits rather than probabilities.

## **TransformerBlock**

Let's examine the <u>TransformerBlock (https://colab.research.google.com/github/kerasteam/kerastea</u>

<u>io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/text\_generation\_with\_miniature\_gpt.ipynb#scr\_b)</u> in more detail

```
class TransformerBlock(layers.Layer):
    def __init__(self, embed_dim, num_heads, ff_dim, rate=0.1):
       super().__init__()
        self.att = layers.MultiHeadAttention(num_heads, embed_dim)
        self.ffn = keras.Sequential(
            [layers.Dense(ff_dim, activation="relu"), layers.Dense(embed_dim),]
        self.layernorm1 = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)
        self.layernorm2 = layers.LayerNormalization(epsilon=1e-6)
        self.dropout1 = layers.Dropout(rate)
        self.dropout2 = layers.Dropout(rate)
    def call(self, inputs):
        input_shape = tf.shape(inputs)
       batch_size = input_shape[0]
        seq_len = input_shape[1]
        causal_mask = causal_attention_mask(batch_size, seq_len, seq_len, tf.bo
ol)
        attention_output = self.att(inputs, inputs, attention_mask=causal_mask)
        attention_output = self.dropout1(attention_output)
```

We can see that the TransformerBlock is implemented as a Layer (layers.Layer)

• so it will translate its input into output via a call method

The class \_\_init\_\_ method defines the components of the Transformer

- stores them in instance variables:
  - Attention: self.att
  - Feed Forward Network FFN: self.ffn
  - Other: Layer Norms, Dropouts

#### The call method does the actual work

- Masked self-attention to  $\mathbf{y}_{(1:T)}$ 
  - Creates casual mask causal\_mask to prevent peeking ahead at notyet-generated output
    - $\circ$  seq\_len is current length t of  $\mathbf{y}_{1:t)}$
  - Attention block self.att applied to causally-masked input

```
attention_output = self.att(inputs, inputs,
attention_mask=causal_mask)
```

- Dropout self.dropout1 and LayerNorm layernorm1 applied to attention output
- Result passed through Feed Forward Network self.ffn

## **TokenAndPositionEmbedding**

Let's examine the <u>TokenAndPositionEmbedding</u> (<a href="https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/text\_generation\_with\_miniature\_gpt.ipynb#scr\_c">https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/text\_generation\_with\_miniature\_gpt.ipynb#scr\_c</a>

```
class TokenAndPositionEmbedding(layers.Layer):
    def __init__(self, maxlen, vocab_size, embed_dim):
        super().__init__()
        self.token_emb = layers.Embedding(input_dim=vocab_size, output_dim=embed_dim)

    self.pos_emb = layers.Embedding(input_dim=maxlen, output_dim=embed_dim)

def call(self, x):
    maxlen = tf.shape(x)[-1]
    positions = tf.range(start=0, limit=maxlen, delta=1)
    positions = self.pos_emb(positions)
    x = self.token_emb(x)
    return x + positions
```

We can see that it too is implemented as a Layer.

The call method

- translates the input sequence
  - each position in the sequence is an integer index within the vocabulary
- into a sequence of pairs
  - first element: token embedding

```
x = self.token_emb(x)
```

second element: position embedding

```
positions = tf.range(start=0, limit=maxlen, delta=1)
positions = self.pos_emb(positions)
```

As explained in a prior module (Transformer PositionalEmbedding.jpynb#Representing-the-combined-token-and-positional-encoding)

- The output is not actually a sequence of pairs
  - it is a sequence of numbers
  - the token and positional emeddings are added not concatenated
    - o concatenation would double the length
    - $\circ~$  all layers in Transformer preserve output length equal input length =  $d_{\rm model}$
- See the module's explanation as to why addition works

# **Dense (Feed Forward Network)**

We can see that the Feed Forward Network are two Dense layers

We may have been expecting the final layer of TransformerBlock to be outputting a probability vector (over the Vocabulary)

- a vector of length vocab size
  - position i is probability that output is element i of the Vocabulary
- using a softmax activation
  - to make sure sum (across the vocab\_size elements of the vector) of probabilities is `00%

But we see that the output is

- a singleton (not a vector)
- ullet of size equal to <code>embed\_dim=dmodel</code>

#### That is:

• the Dense component of the TransformerBlock is outputing the embedding of  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(t)}$  rather than a probability vector

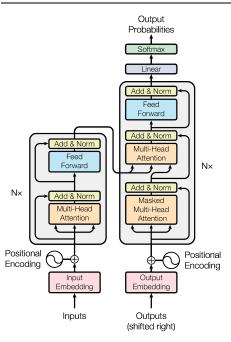
### As we will see

- there is a layer in the Model *after* the TransformerBlock
- that produces the probability vector

## Skip connections

Here is a more detailed view of the Transformer





In particular, please focus on the arrows into the "Add & Norm" layers.

These are skip connections that bypass the Attention layers.

Residual Networks

Where is this reflected in the code?

It is a little subtle and easy to miss.

With the call method of the TransformerBlock please notice the statement

```
out1 = self.layernorm1(inputs + attention_output)
```

• inputs is the input to the Attention layer

attention\_output = self.att(inputs, inputs, attention\_mask=causal\_mask)

### So the addition

```
inputs + attention_output
```

is joining (via addition)

- the output of the Attetnion layer
- the input of the Attention layer

This is the skip connection!

### Similar code appears

```
ffn_output = self.ffn(out1)
ffn_output = self.dropout2(ffn_output)
return self.layernorm2(out1 + ffn_output)
```

### where

- the input to the FFN (i.e., out 1)
- is joined (via addition) to the output of the FFN (i.e., ffn\_output)

```
out1 + ffn_output
```

### Model

By examining the create\_model function, we see that the output of the TransformerBlock

- is fed into a Dense layer
- which outputs a vector of length vocab\_size (the correct length of a probability vector)
- and the output of this Dense layer is the output of the model
  - not the output of the TransformerBlock

```
outputs = layers.Dense(vocab_size)(x)
model = keras.Model(inputs=inputs, outputs=[outputs, x])
```

• Technically: the output vector is of un-normalized logits rather than probabilities

## the logit vector can be turned into a probability vector via a softmax

Thus, the Model outputs a vector of logits.

### We can see how a token is sampled

- by converting the logit vector into a probability vector
- with the sample\_from method of the TextGenerator callback

def sample\_from(self, logits):

```
logits, indices = tf.math.top_k(logits, k=self.k, sorted=True)
indices = np.asarray(indices).astype("int32")
preds = keras.activations.softmax(tf.expand_dims(logits, 0))[0]
preds = np.asarray(preds).astype("float32")
return np.random.choice(indices, p=preds)
```

### Rather than outputting a probability vector

- which would require the user choosing one element from the vector (a word in the vocabulary)
- what is output is the embedding of the chosen word in the vocabulary

Since this output is compared against the correct label (i.e,  $\mathbf{y}_{(t+1)}$  for position t)

• we should also see that the *labels* used are embeddings

# **Training**

A <u>TextGenerator (https://colab.research.google.com/github/keras-team/keras-io/blob/master/examples/generative/ipynb/text\_generation\_with\_miniature\_gpt.ipynb#scr f) call-back is used during training</u>

- at the end every self.print\_every epochs
- a sample of  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{(1:T)}$  will be drawn
- to illustrate what the model output would be up to that point in training

#### The heart of the call-back

```
while num_tokens_generated <= self.max_tokens:
    ...
    y, _ = self.model.predict(x)
    sample_token = self.sample_from(y[0][sample_index])
    ...</pre>
```

- ullet is a loop over positions t
- that extends a fixed input (prefix of text) start\_tokens
- ullet to full length T
- $\bullet\;$  by sampling a token from the output for position t

### This is useful

- to see whether our model is learning as epochs advance
- to confirm the shape and type of the model output is a vector of logits
  - the model output for position t: y, \_ = self.model.predict(x)
  - is passed to sample\_from
  - which samples from the probability distribution derived from the logits (model output)

```
In [2]: print("Done")
```

Done