

18. Transformers: Part 2

Generative Music AI

THE **SOUND** OF AI



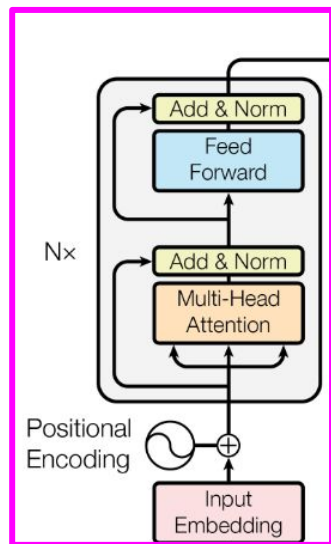
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Overview

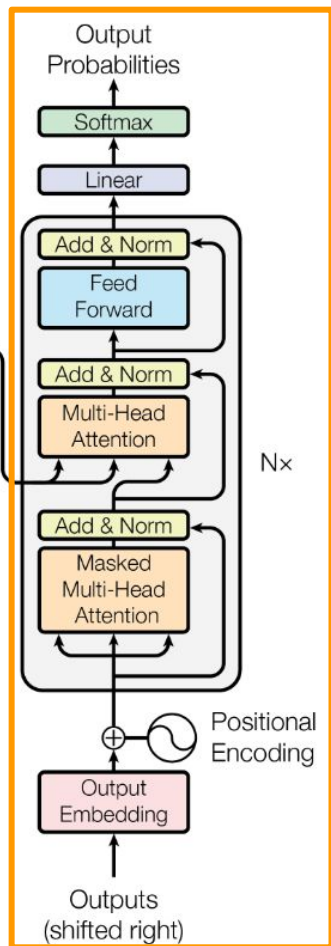
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Encoder



Inputs

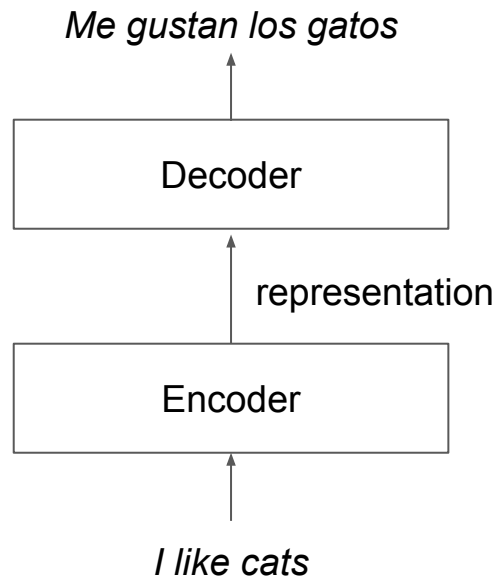
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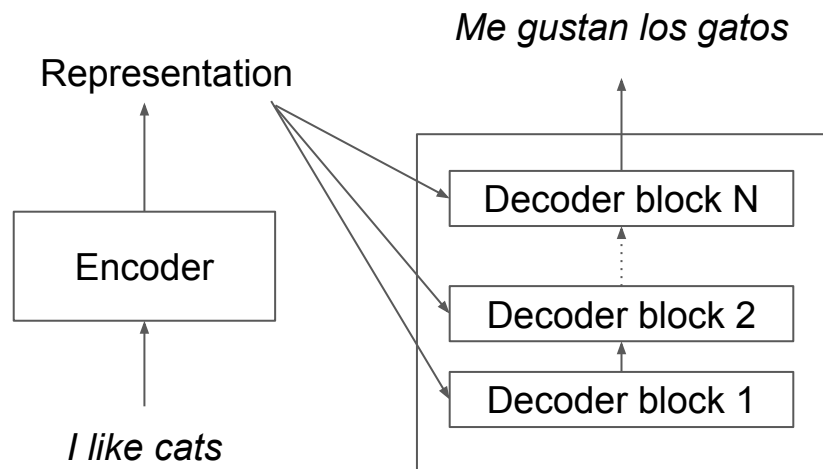
Outputs
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Output
Probabilities

The intuition

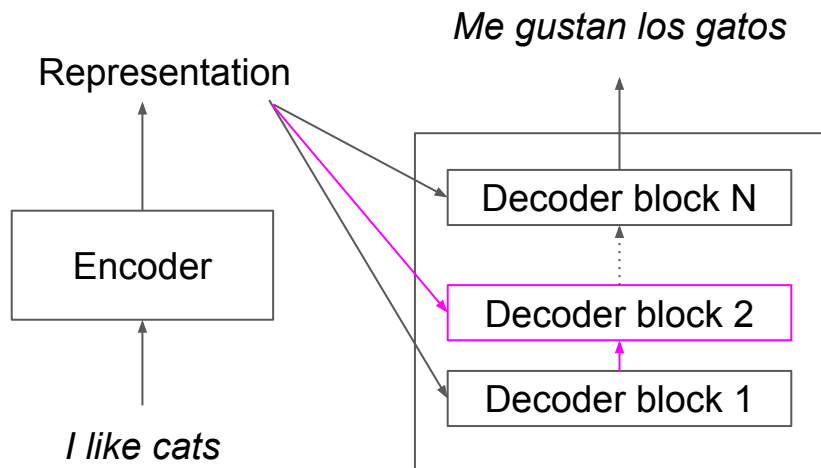


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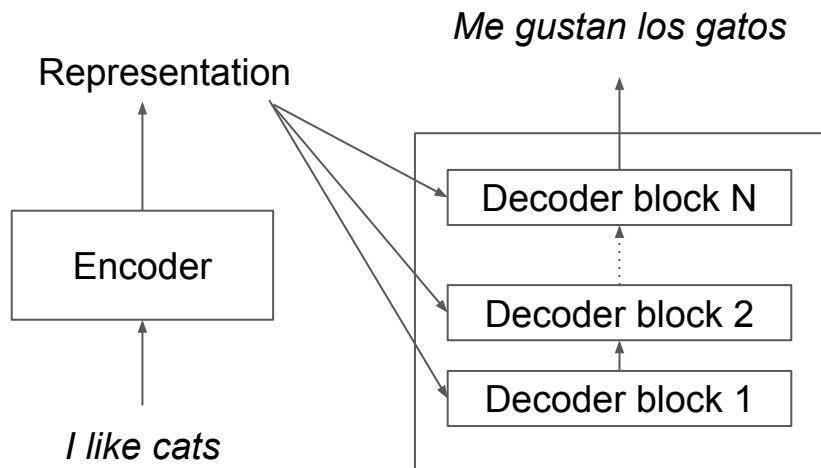
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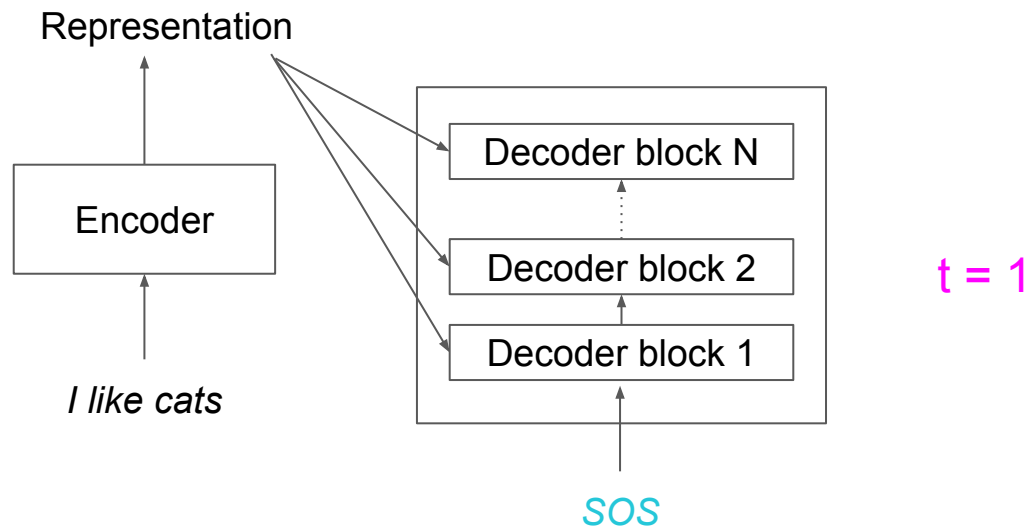
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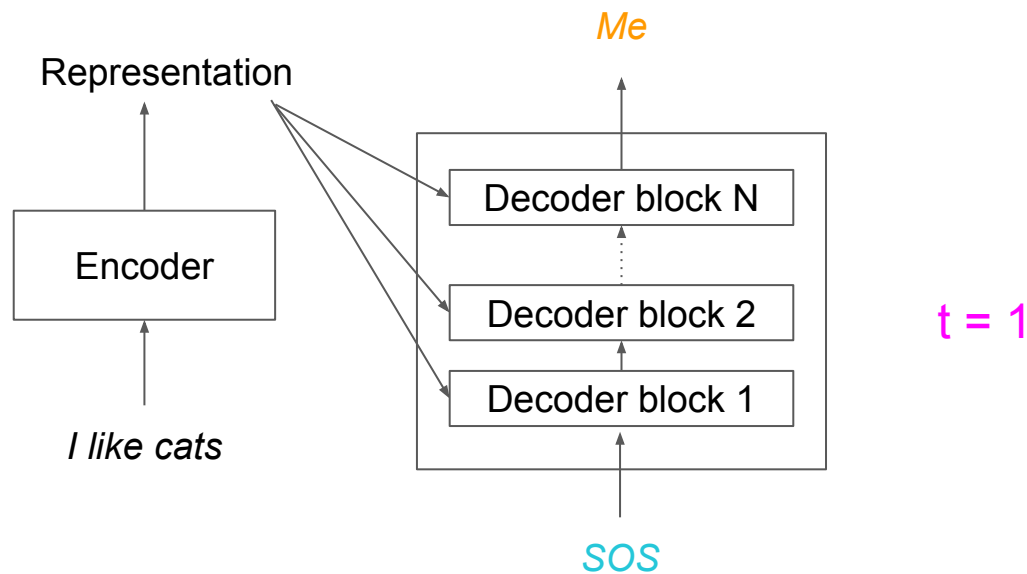


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- Generate output in steps (autoregressive)

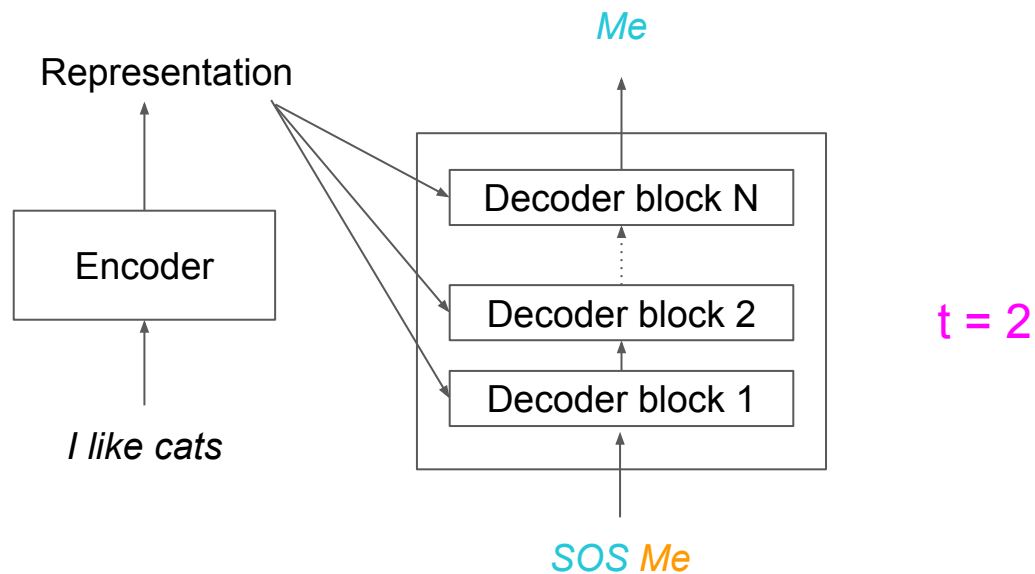
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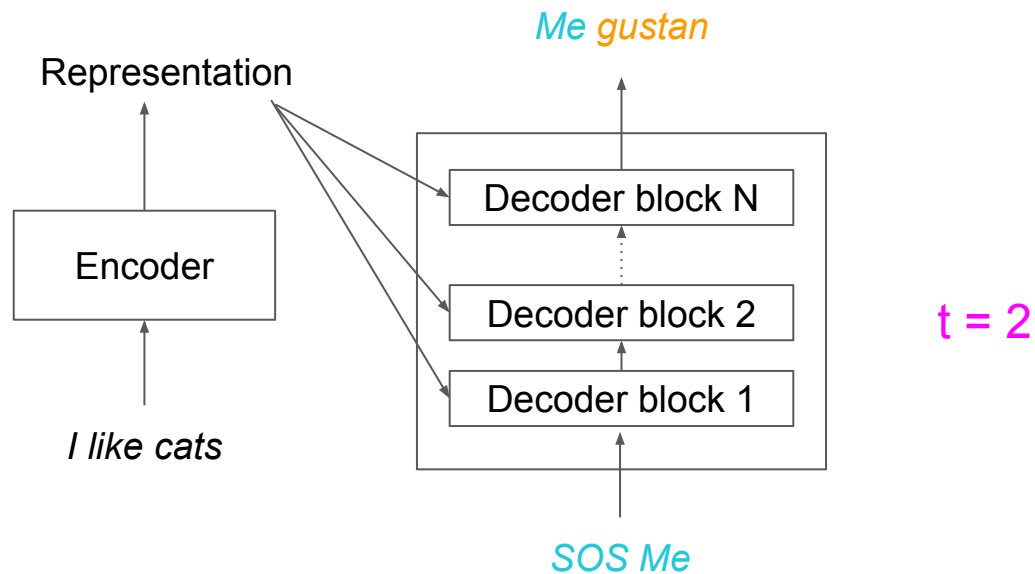
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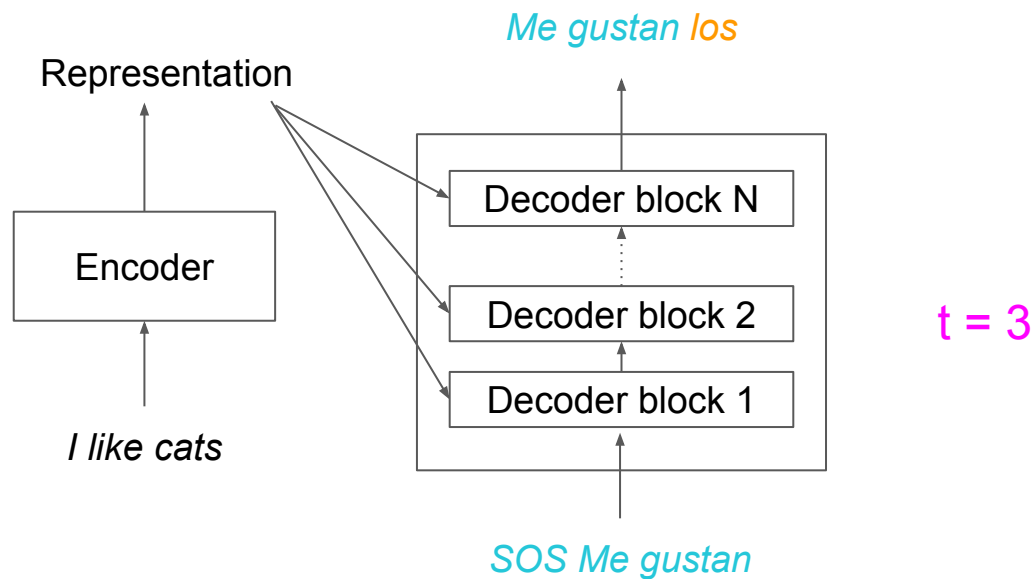
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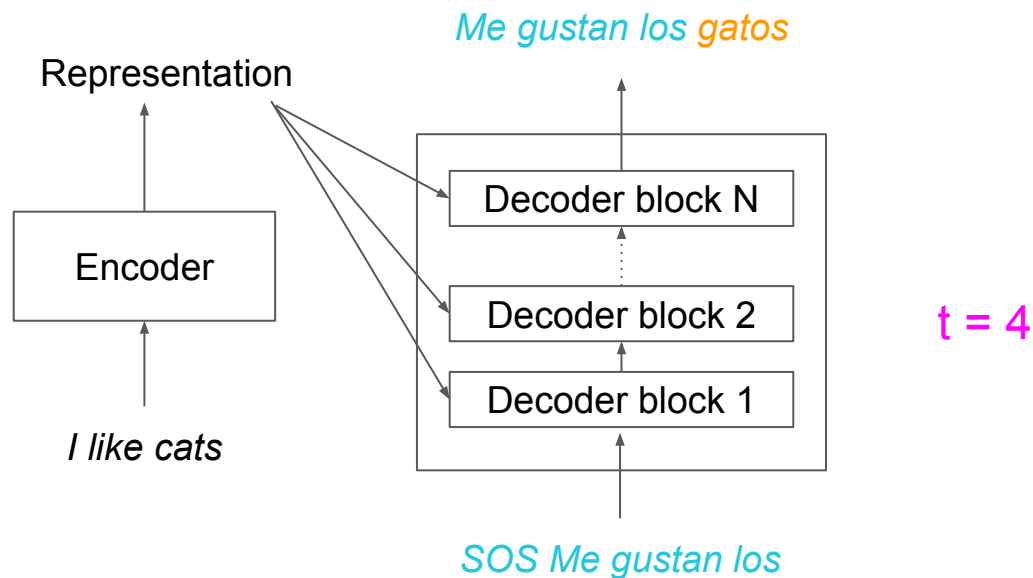
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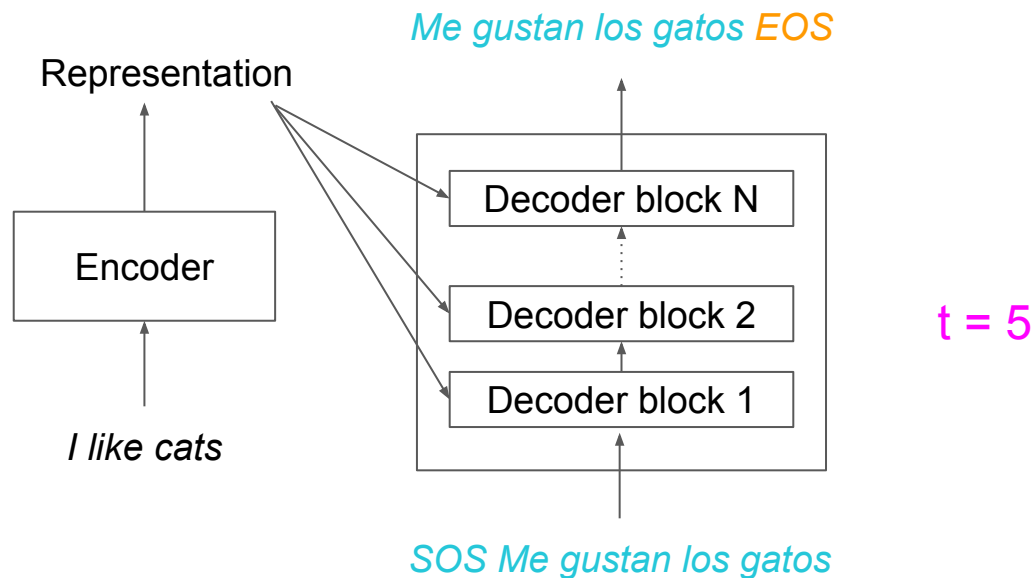
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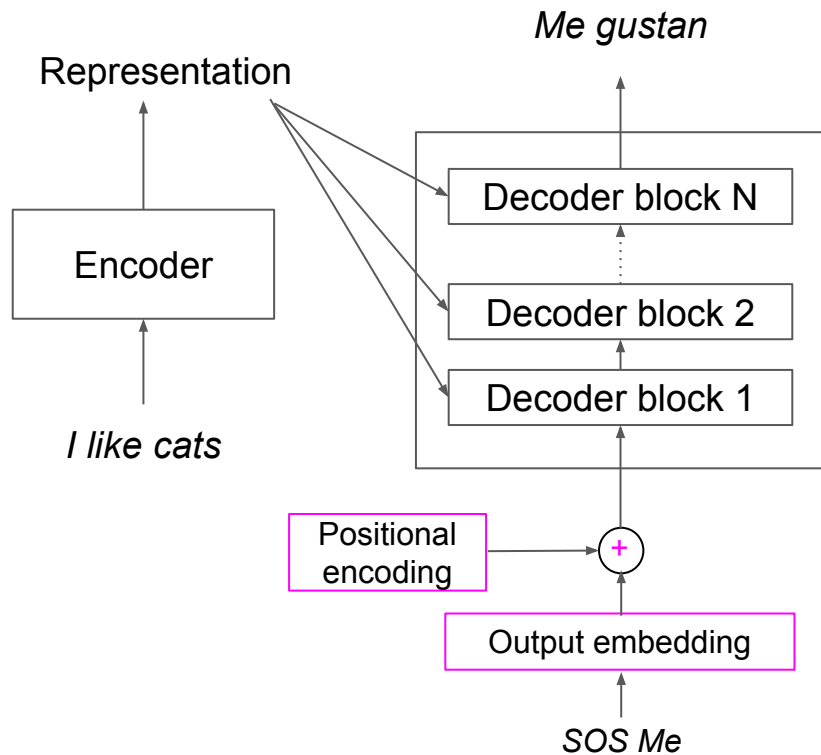
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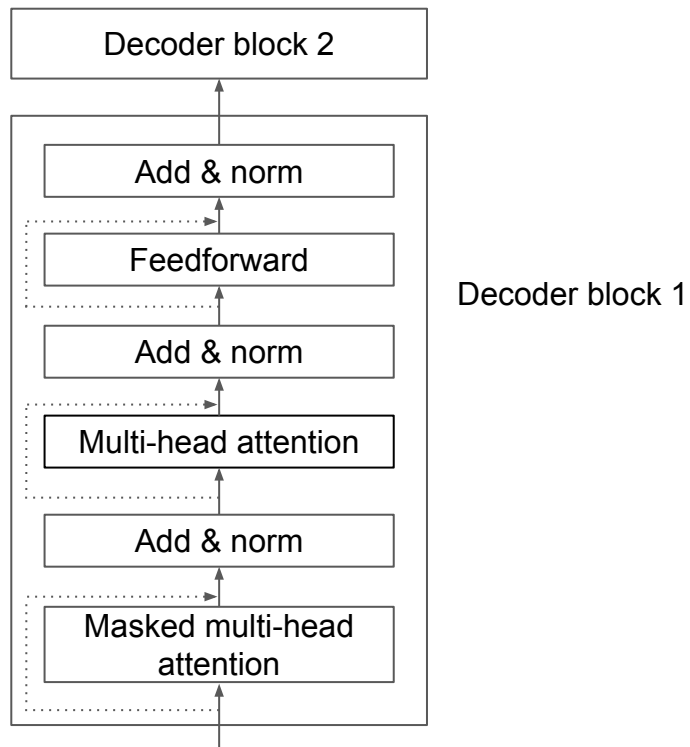
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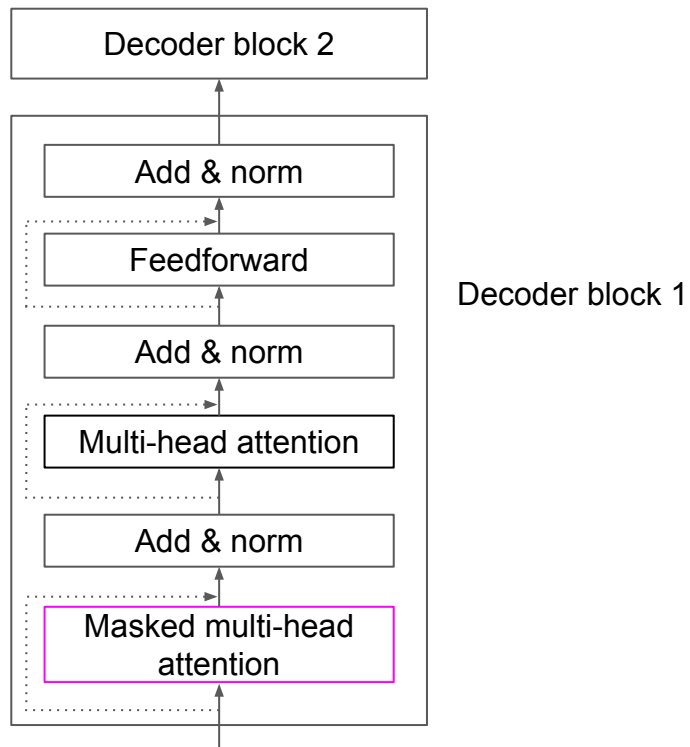
Decoder input



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Training dataset

I love cats	Me gustan los gatos
I take a shower	Me ducho
How are you?	Que tal?

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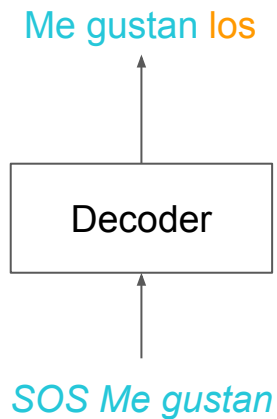
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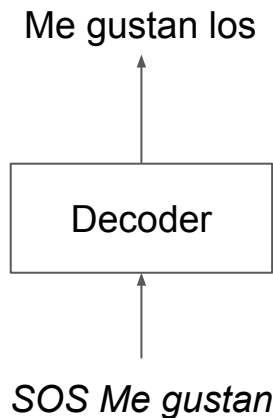
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- Decoder knows about future generated words (information leakage)

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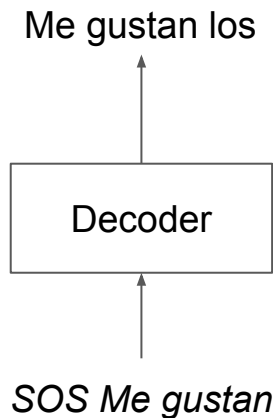
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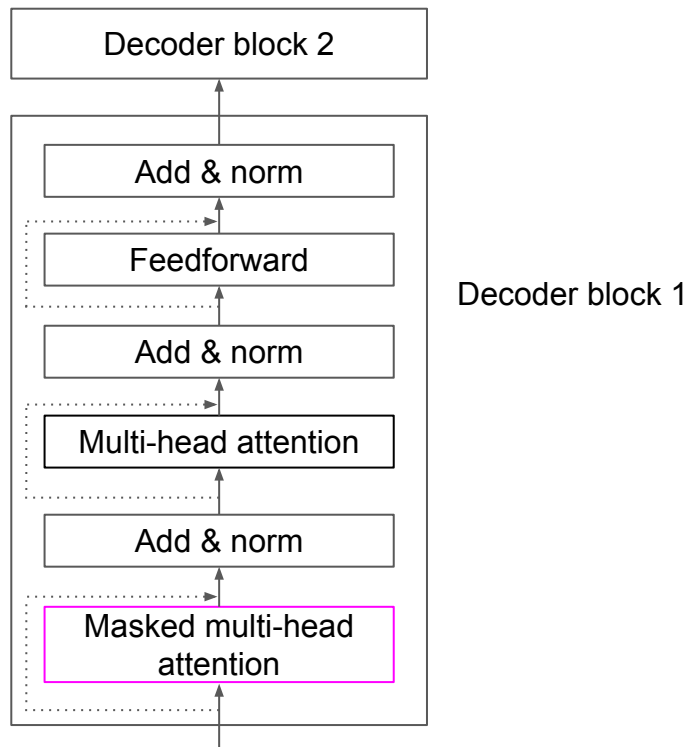
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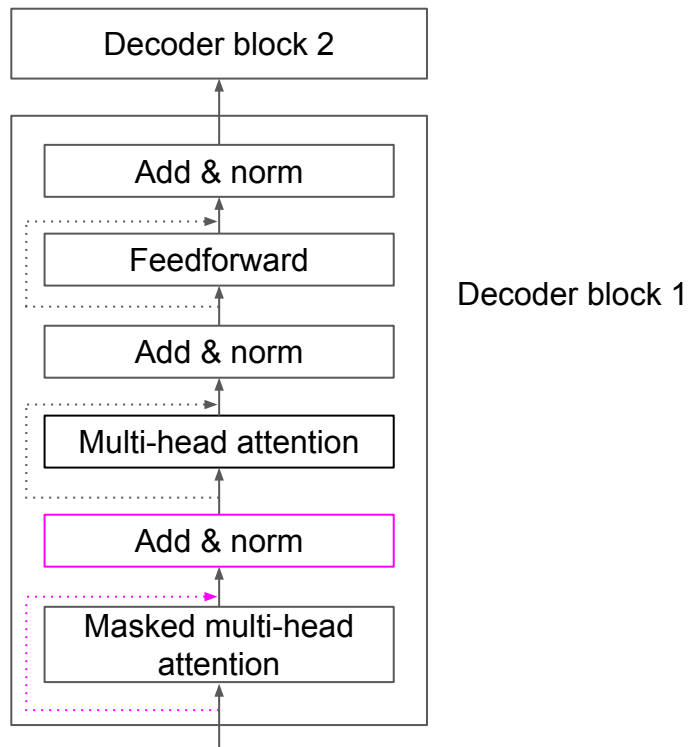
Masked multi-head attention

$$Z = \text{concatenate}(Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, \dots, Z_n)W_0$$

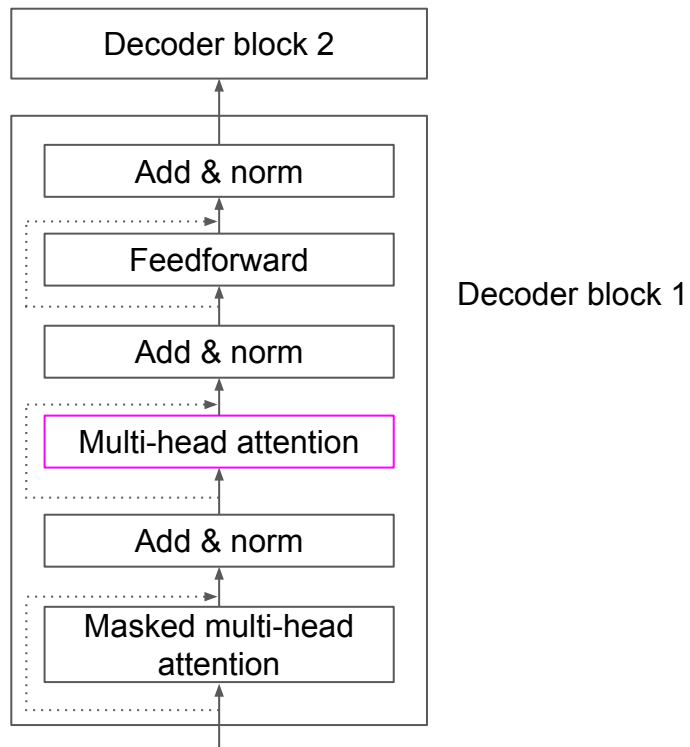
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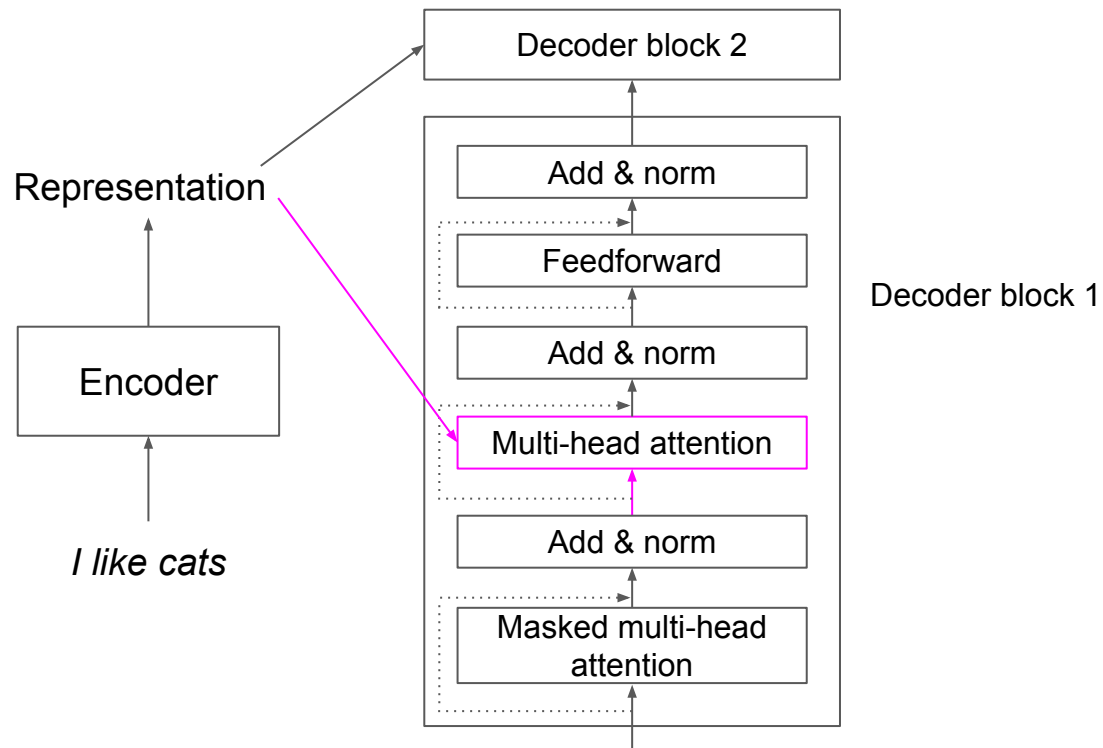
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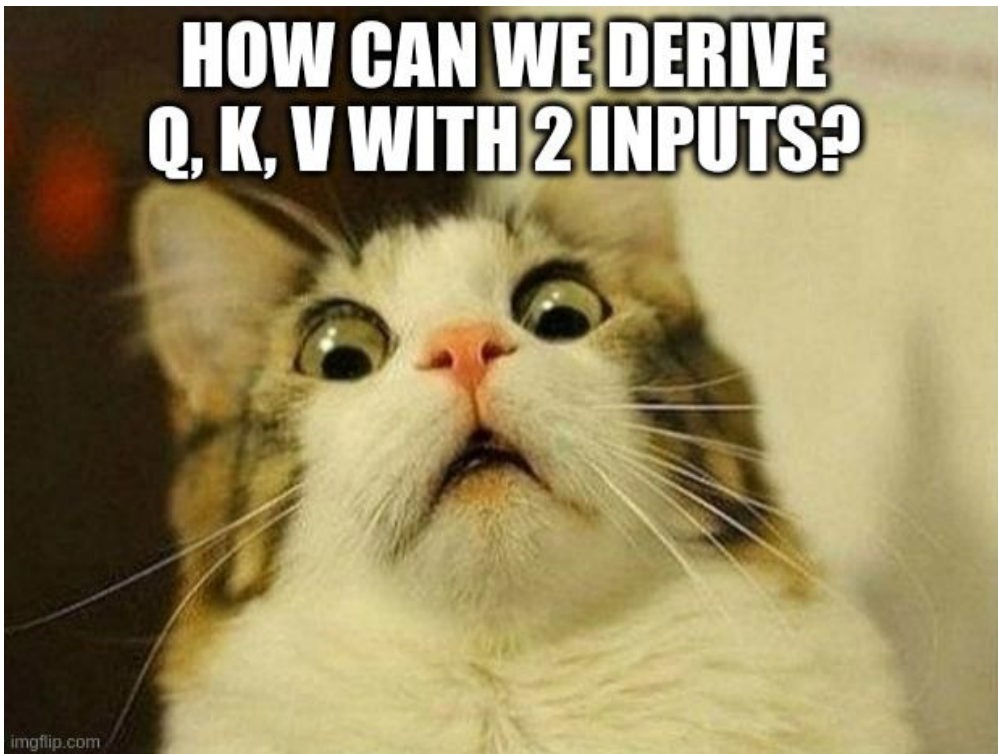
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**HOW CAN WE DERIVE
Q, K, V WITH 2 INPUTS?**



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$$MW_Q = Q$$

$$RW_K = K$$

$$RW_V = V$$

Deriving Q, K, V

- Q holds representation of target sentence
- K, V hold representation of source sentence

BUT WHY?



THIS FEELS SO ARBITRARY

Deriving attention matrix

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gustan I like cats

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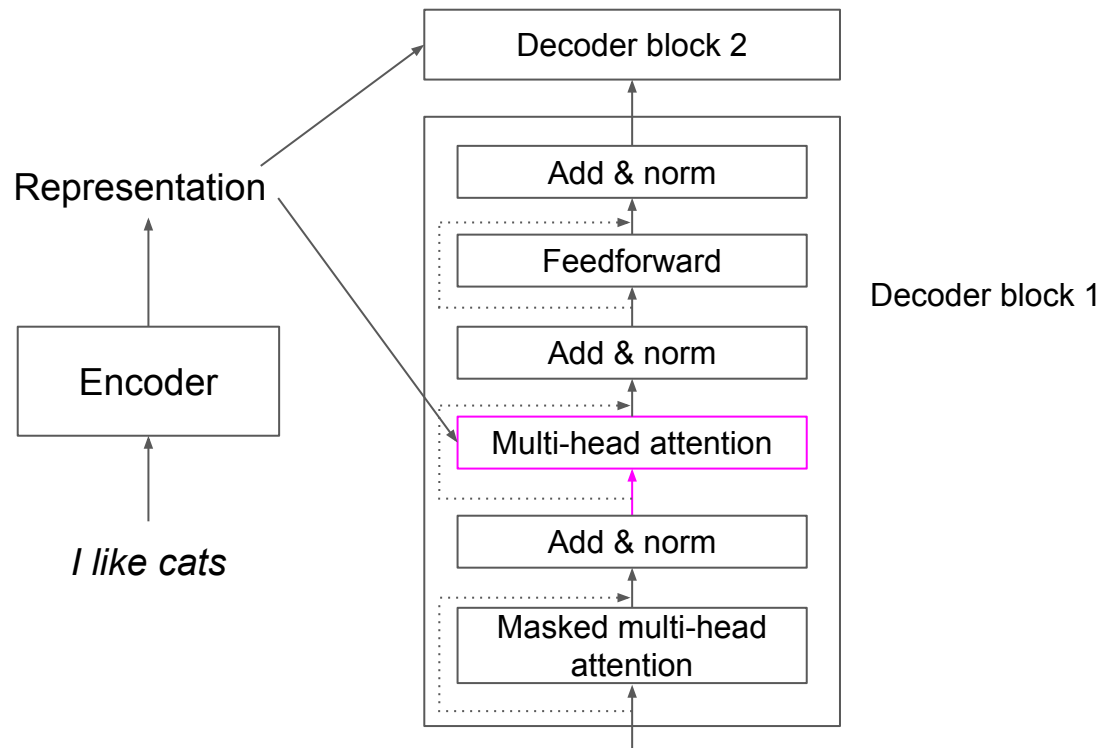
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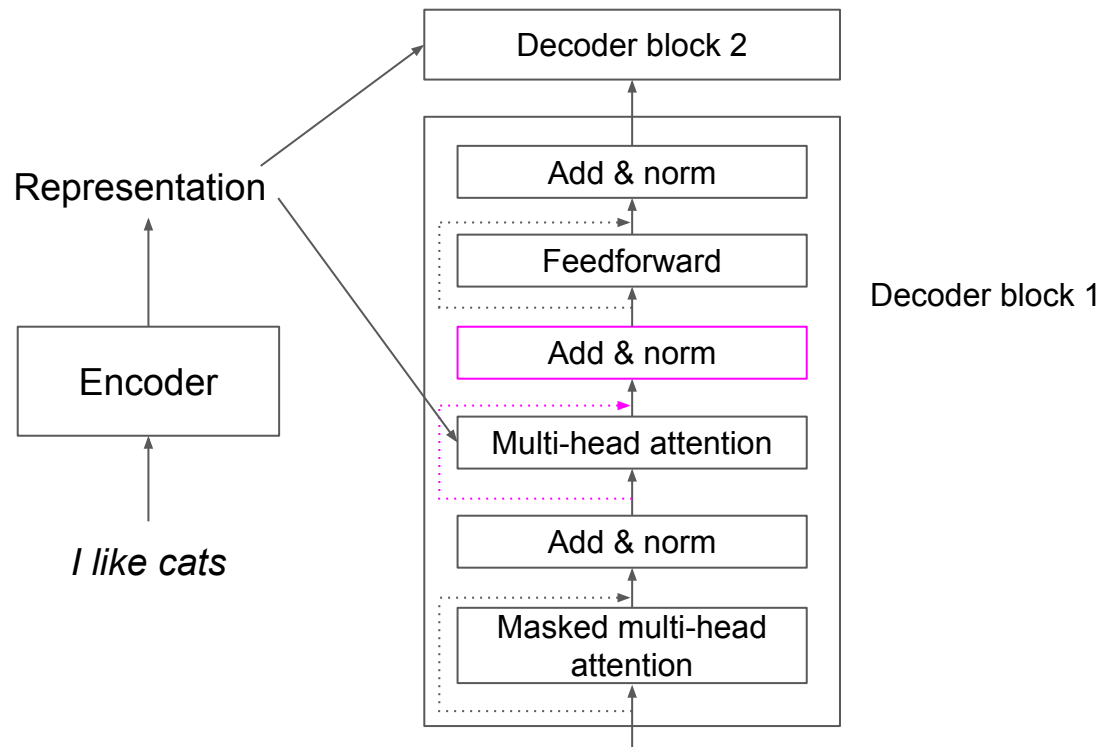
Multi-head attention

$$Z = \text{concatenate}(Z_1, Z_2, Z_3, \dots, Z_n)W_0$$

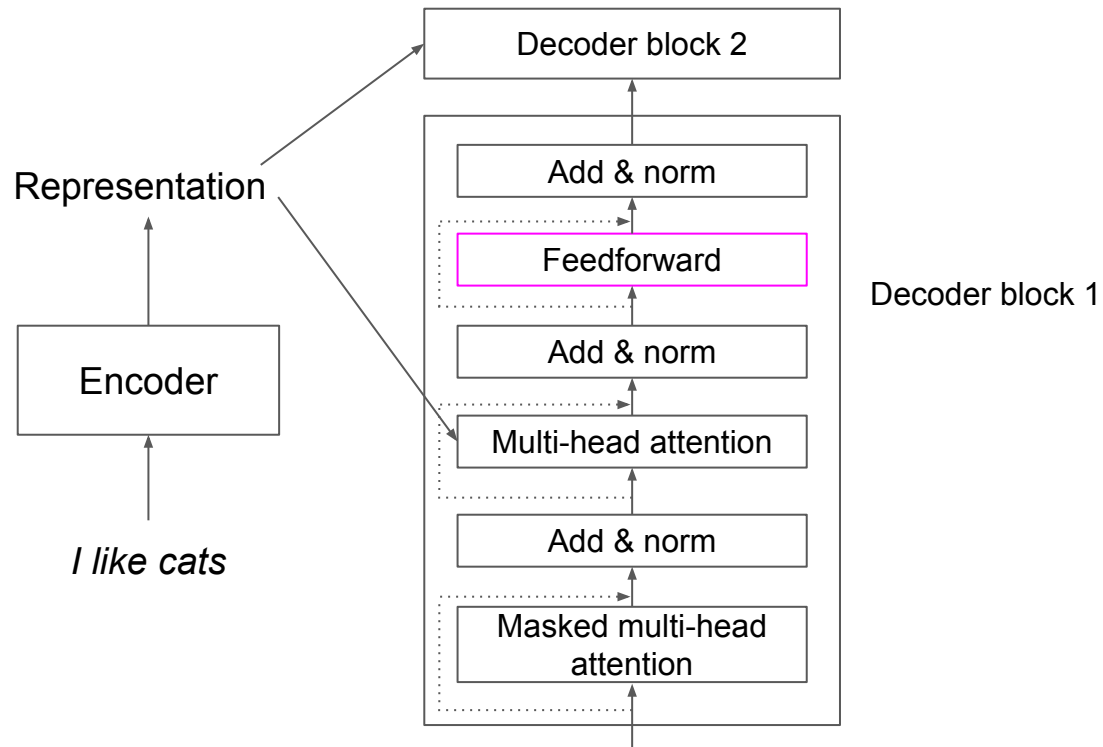
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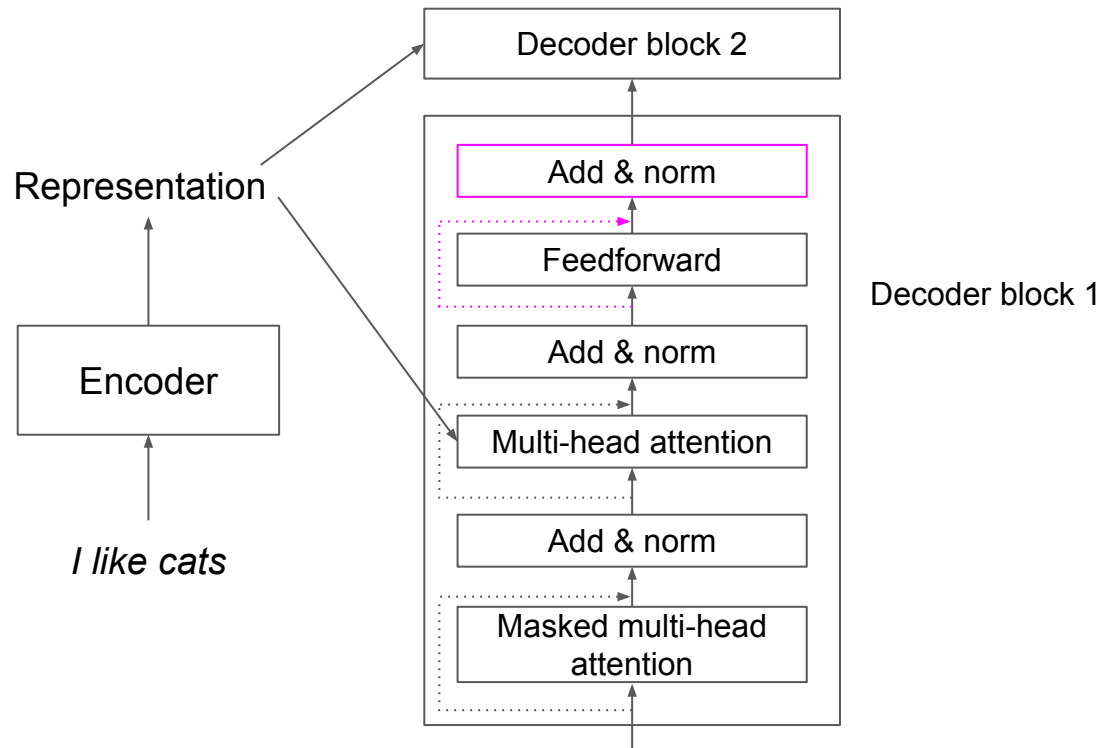
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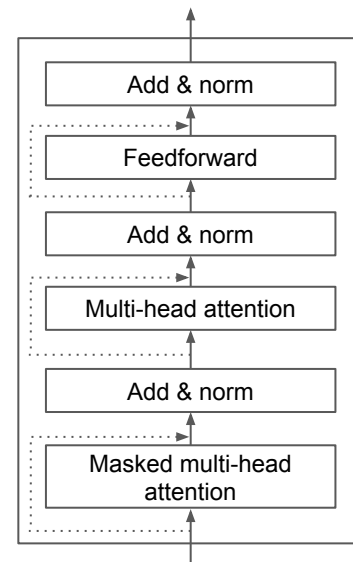
Feedforward layer

- Same as encoder
- 2 fully connected layers
- Process each position data separately
- ReLU activation

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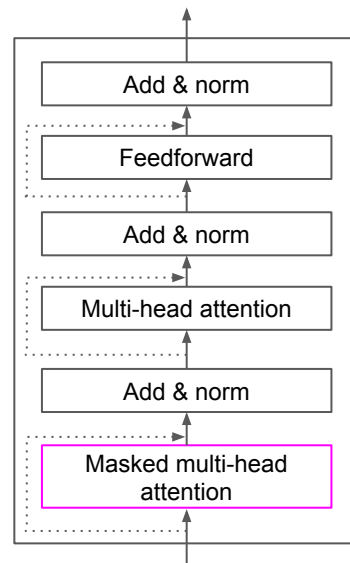


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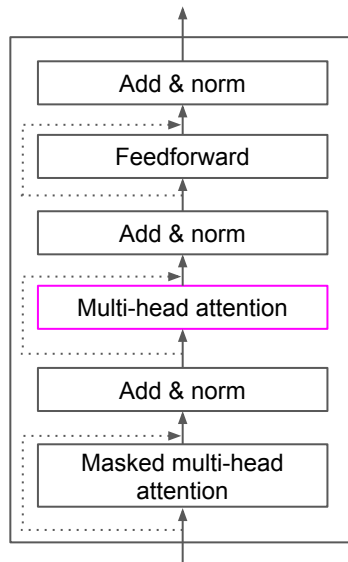
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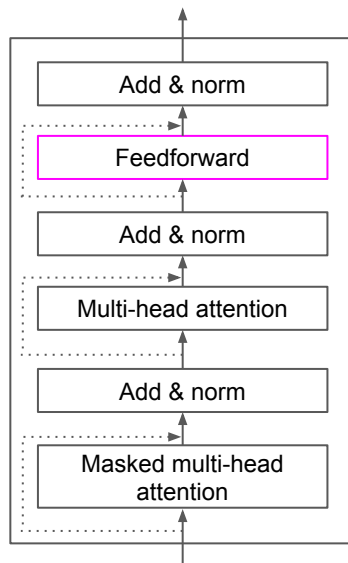
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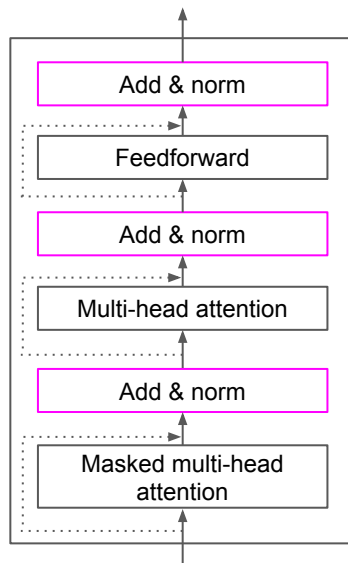
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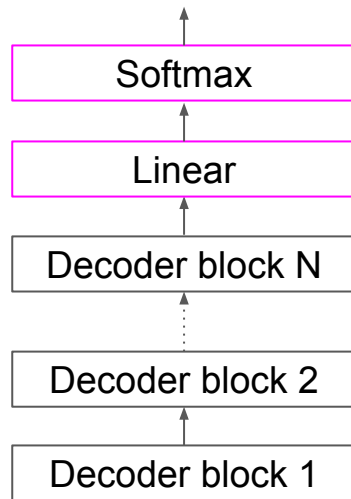


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- Add & norm -> streamline learning

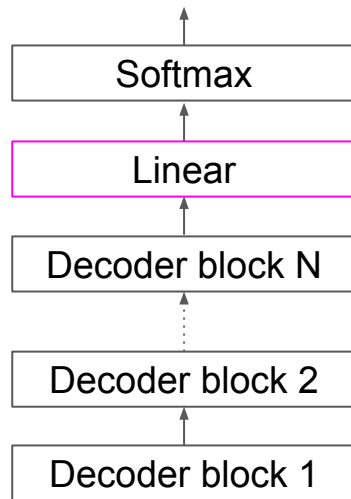


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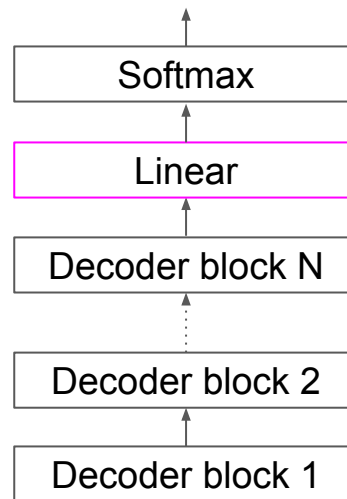
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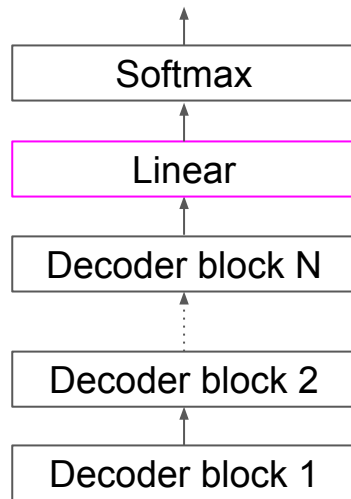
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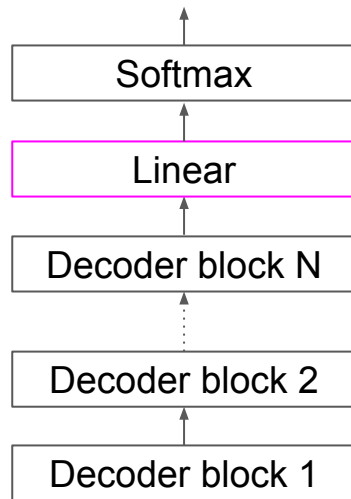


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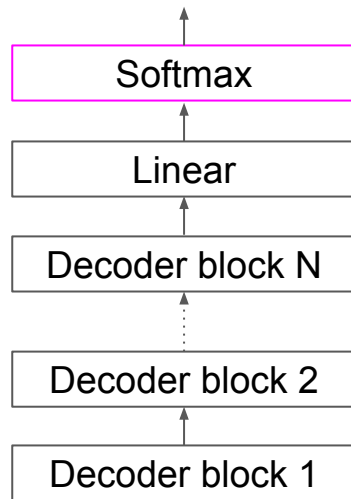
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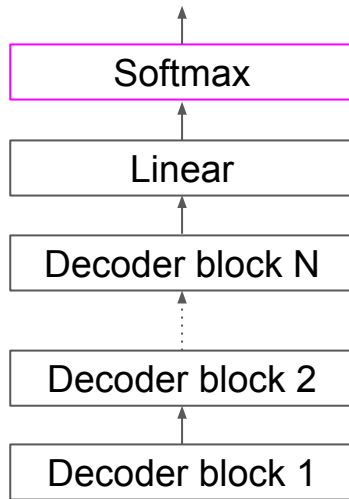
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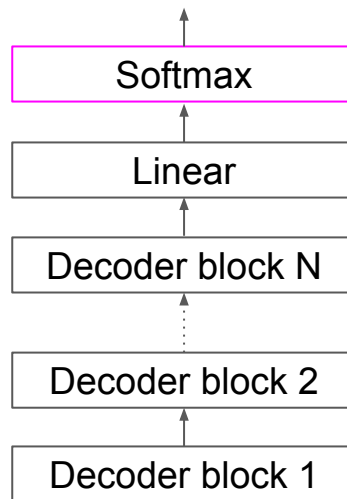
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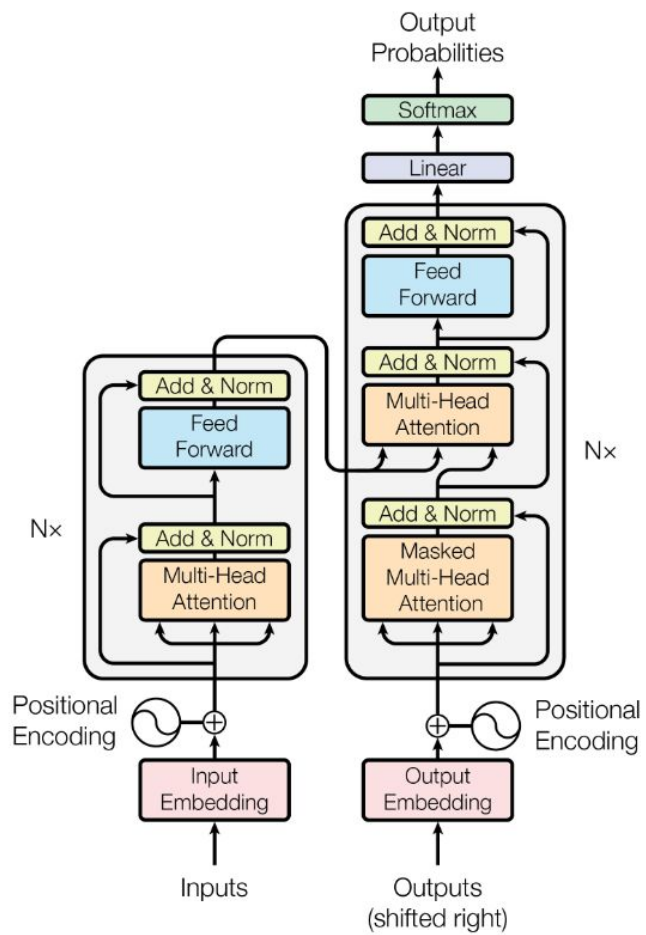
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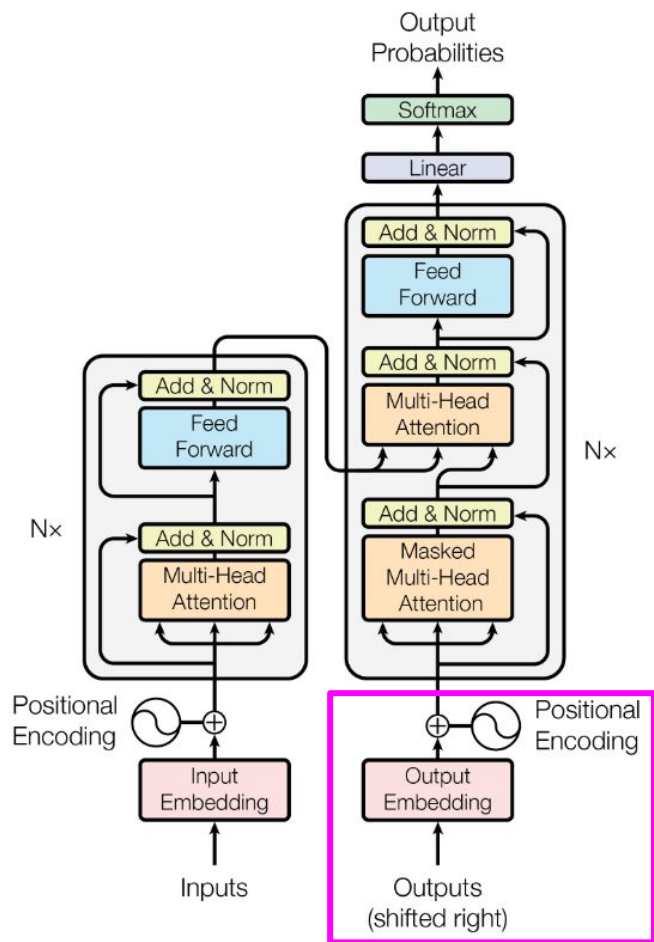


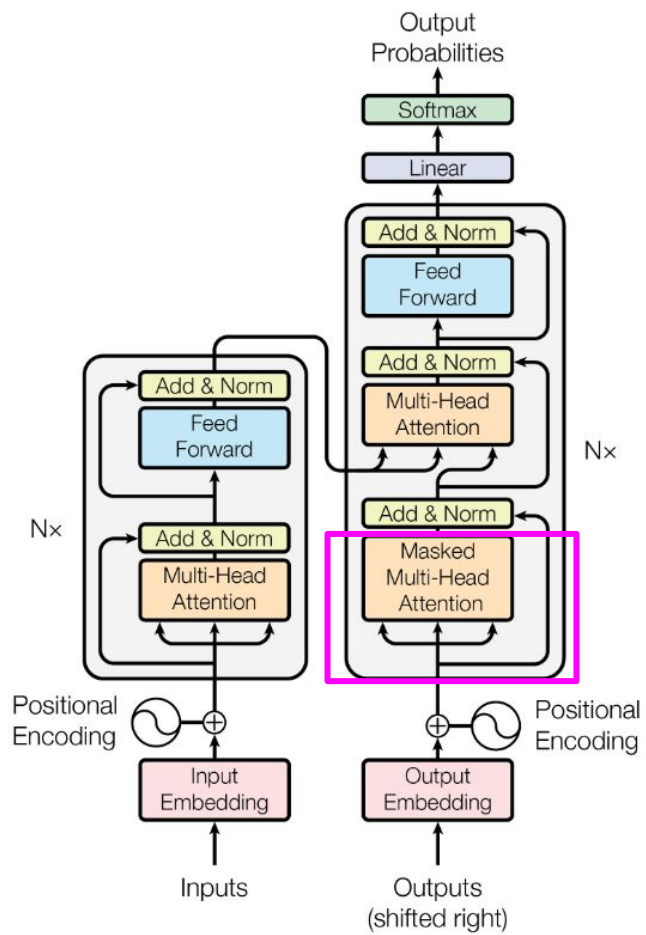
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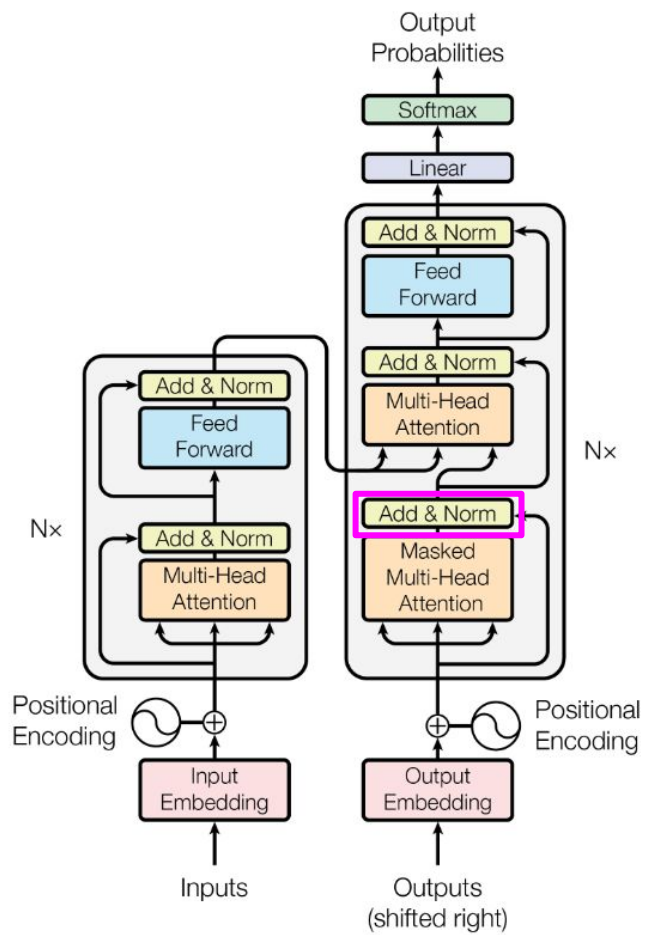
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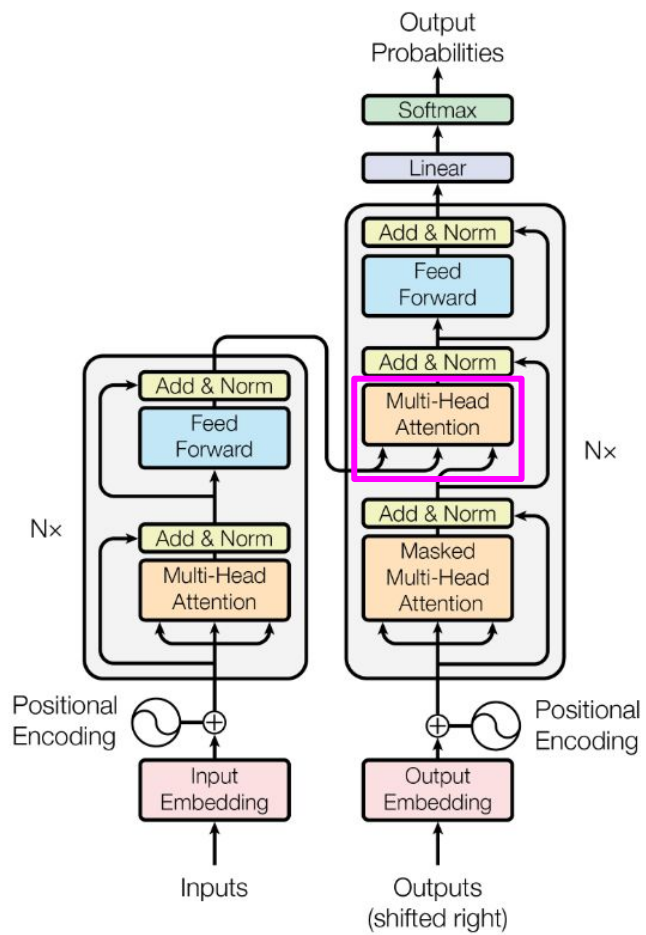


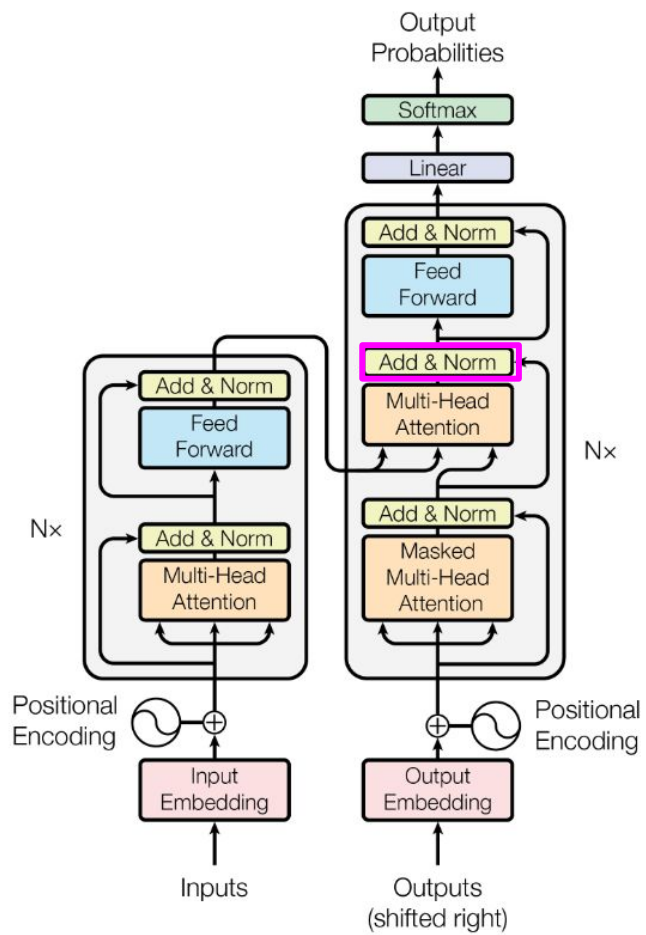


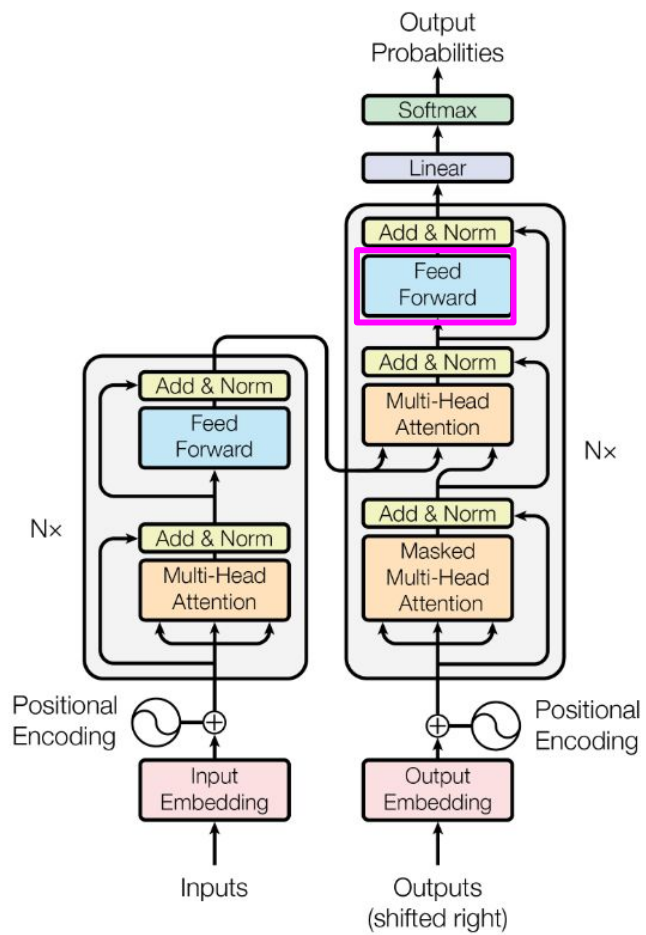


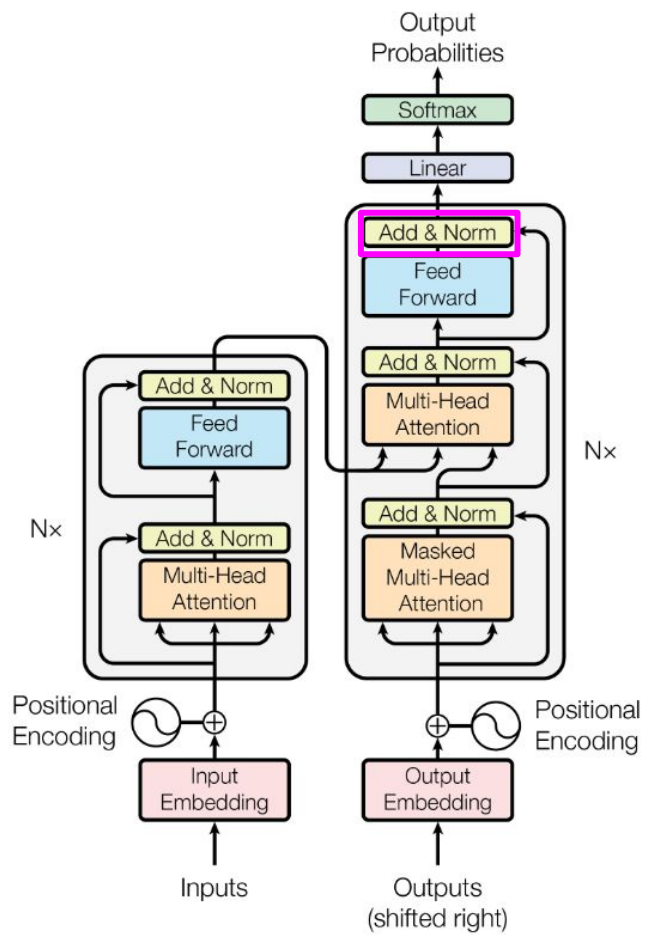


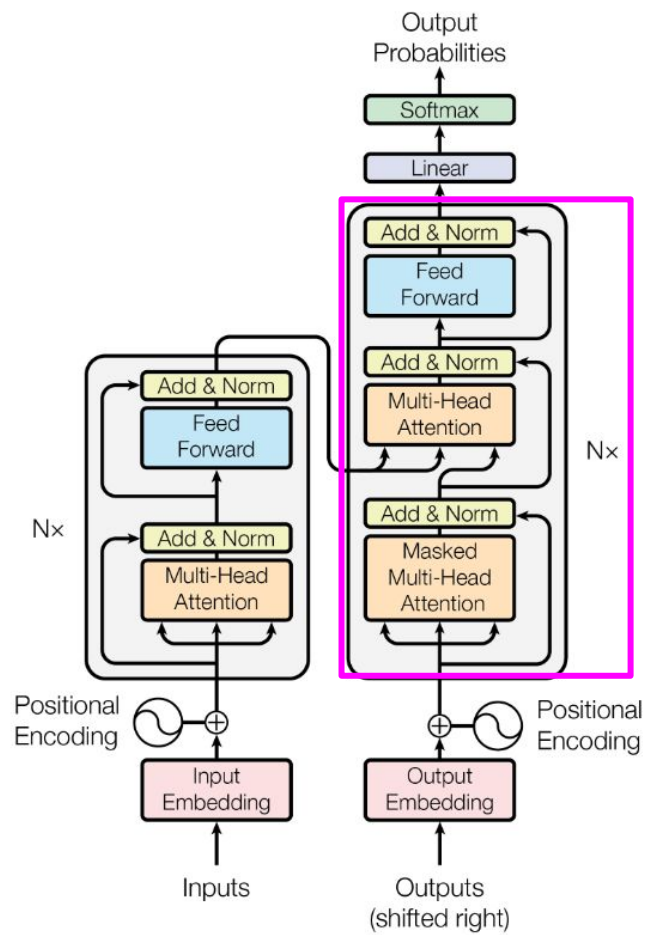


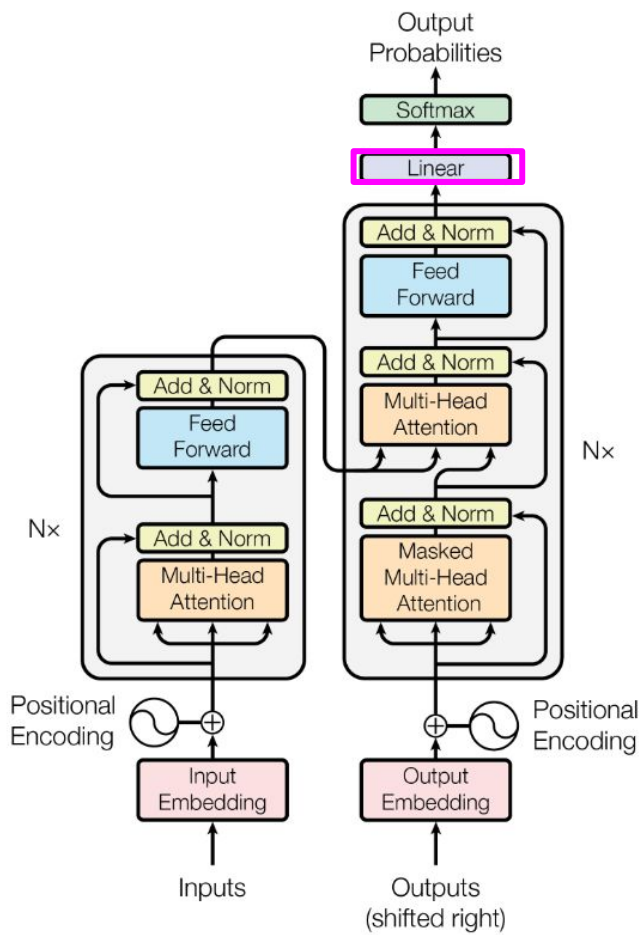


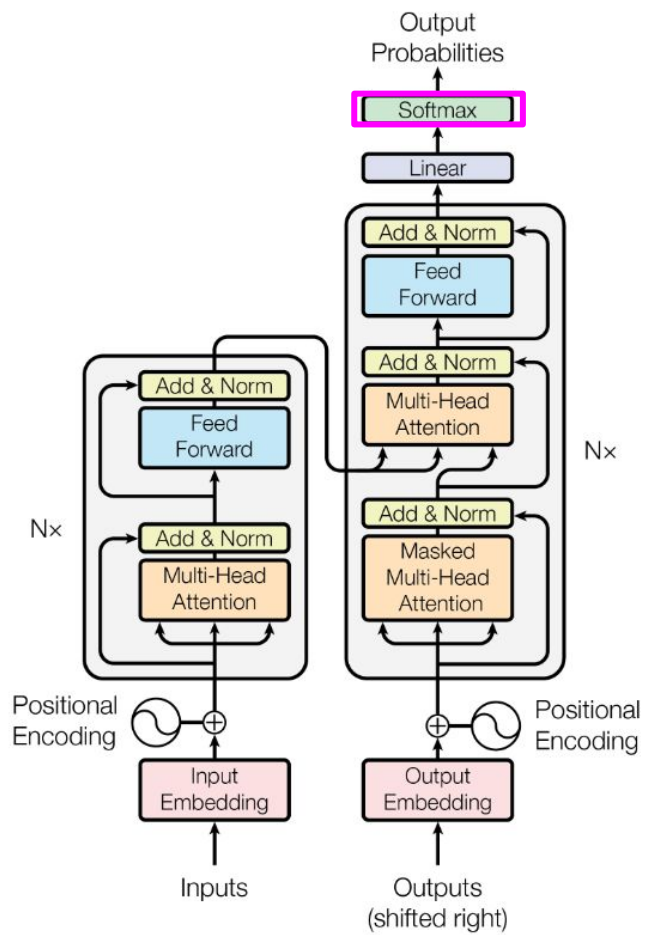


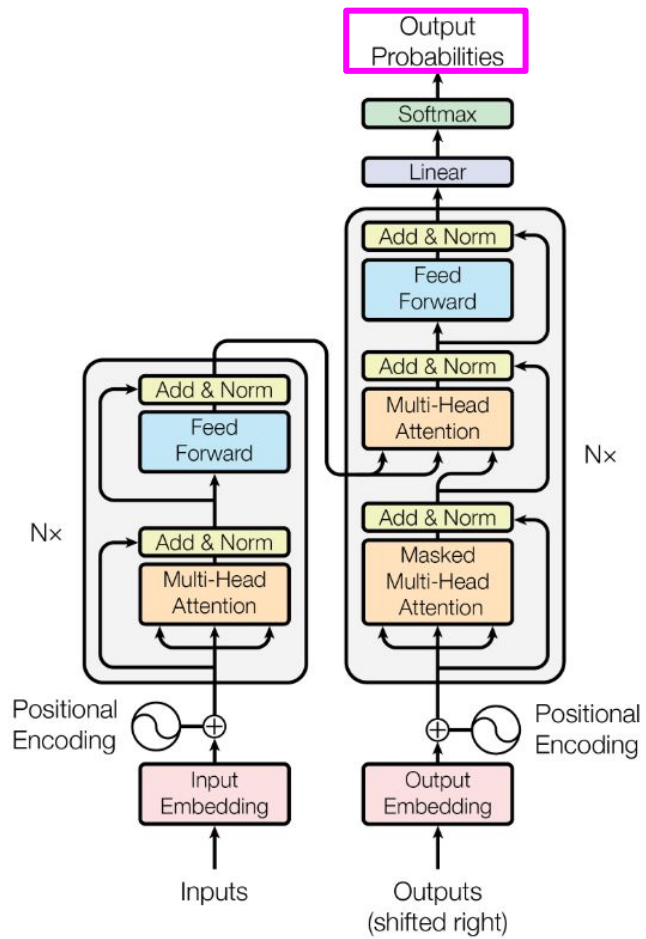












YOU'VE MADE IT



CONGRATS!

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MINIMISE THE LOSS FUNCTION



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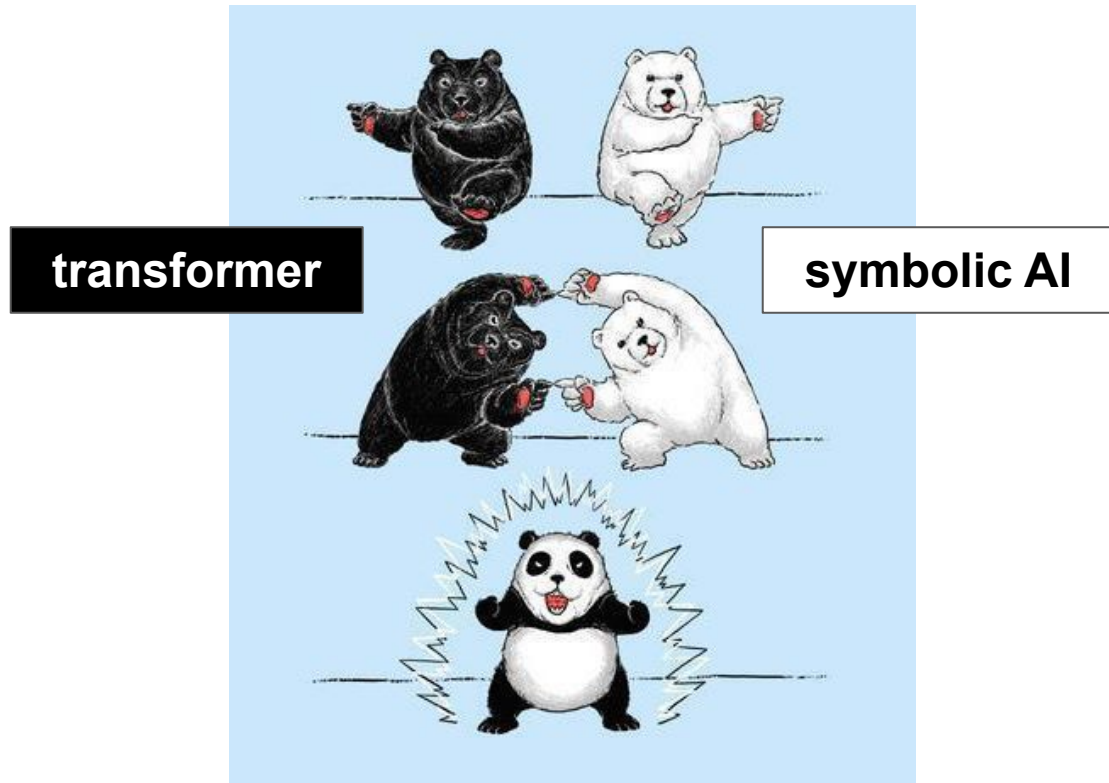


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What's up next?

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