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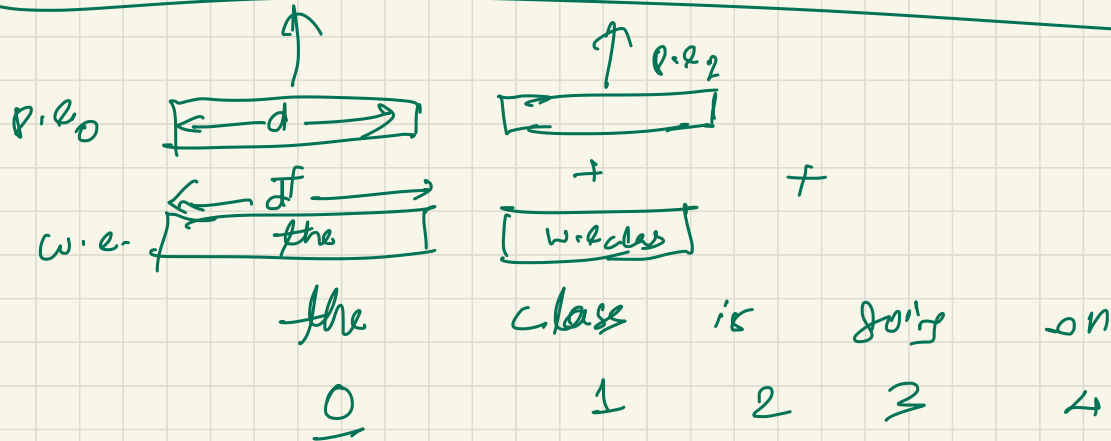
$$\begin{cases} d = 512 \\ d = 512 \end{cases}$$

$2 \times d$  values

$$P(K, \underline{2}) = \sin \left( \frac{K}{10000} 2^{*1/d} \right)$$

pos^n embeddy

Encoder



# Multi-headed Self Attention Block

1) This is our input sentence\*

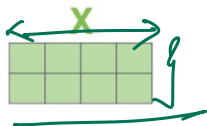
2) We embed each word\*

3) Split into 8 heads. We multiply  $X$  or  $R$  with weight matrices

4) Calculate attention using the resulting  $Q/K/V$  matrices

5) Concatenate the resulting  $Z$  matrices, then multiply with weight matrix  $W^O$  to produce the output of the layer

Thinking Machines



\* In all encoders other than #0, we don't need embedding. We start directly with the output of the encoder right below this one

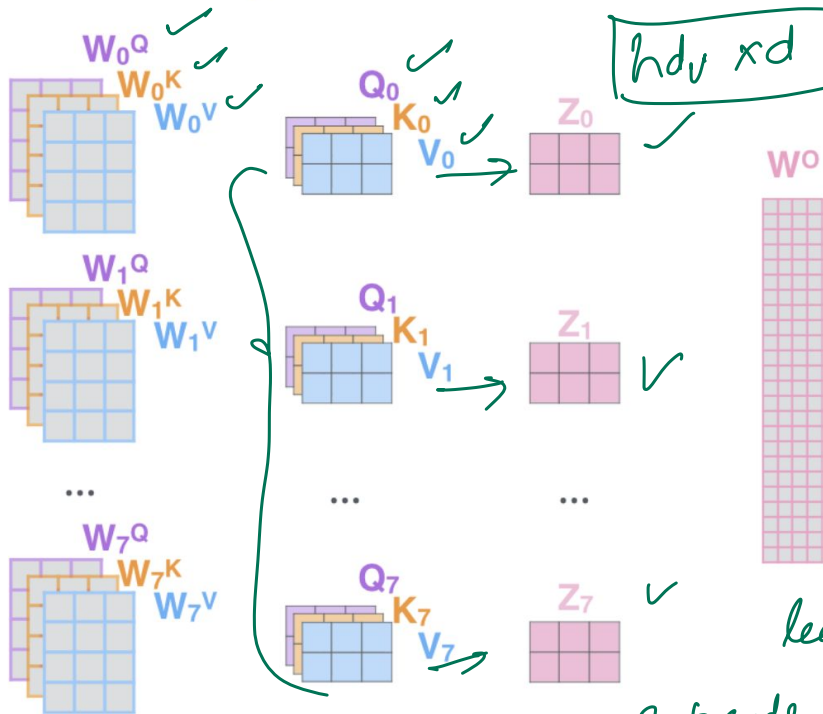


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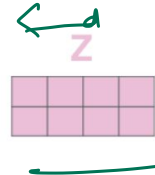
$$4d^2$$

$$\left[ \frac{1}{m} \right] \text{ self-attn}$$

$$d = 512$$

$$h = 8$$

$$d_q = 64$$



learnable

8 heads

learnable

# Encoder Block

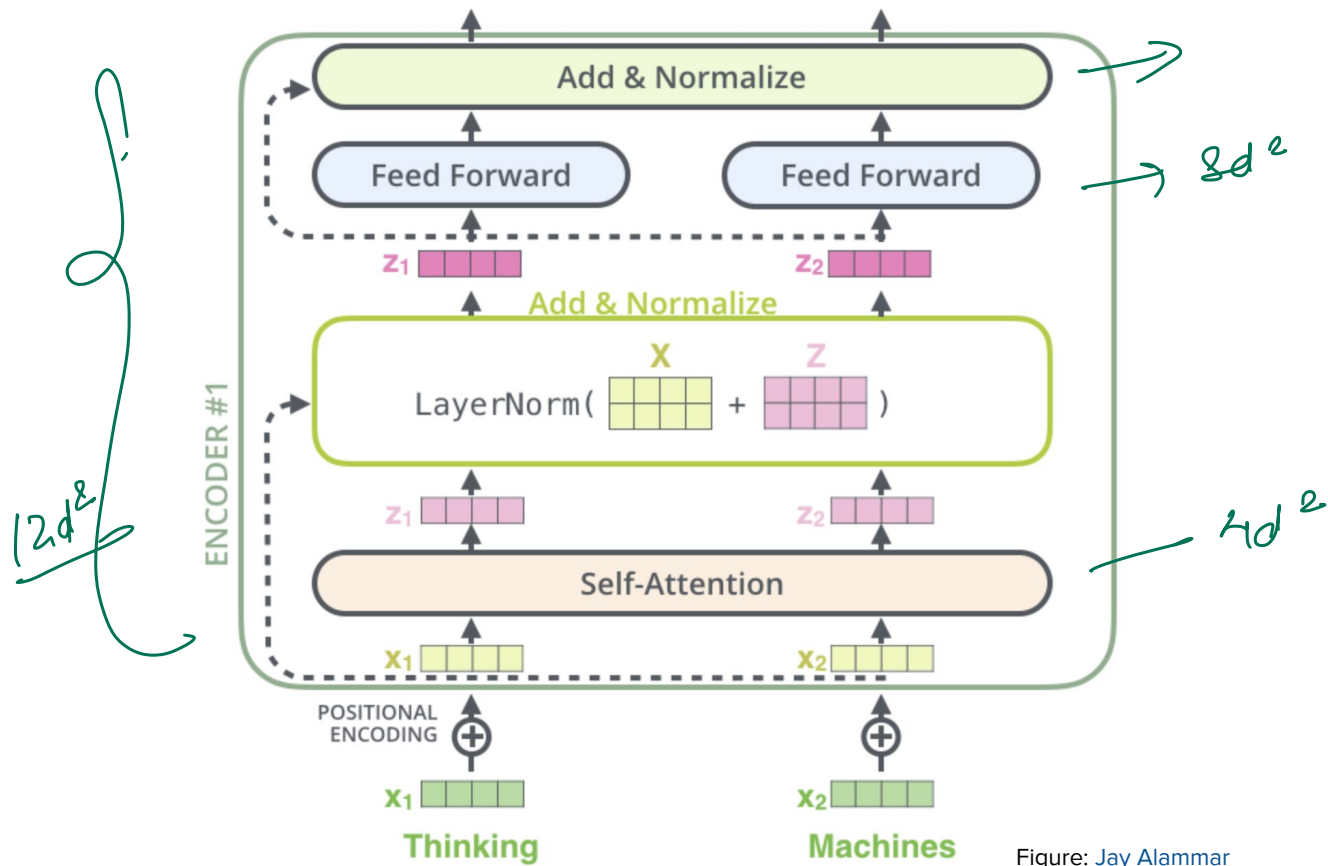


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# Transformer with encoders and decoders

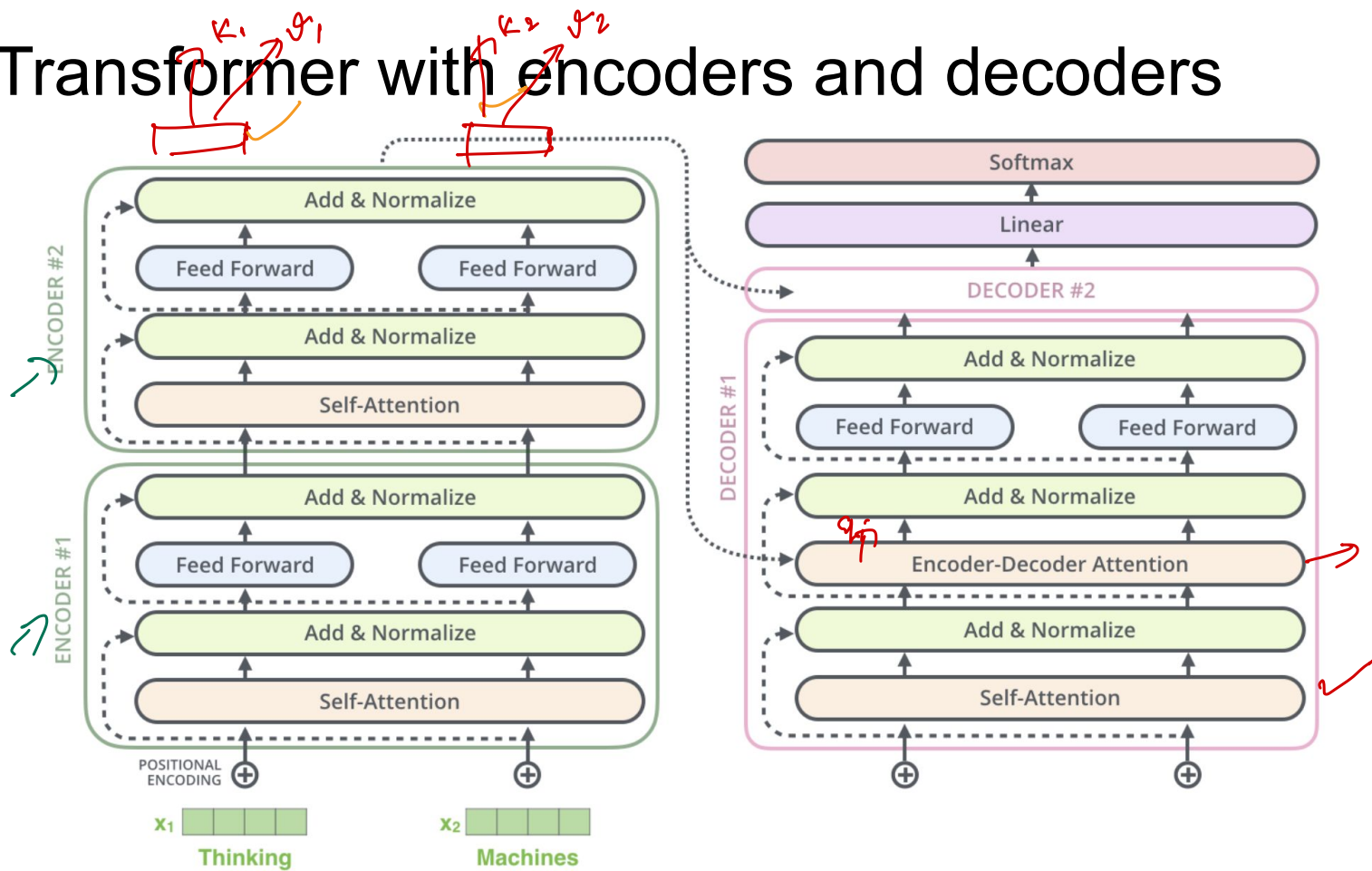
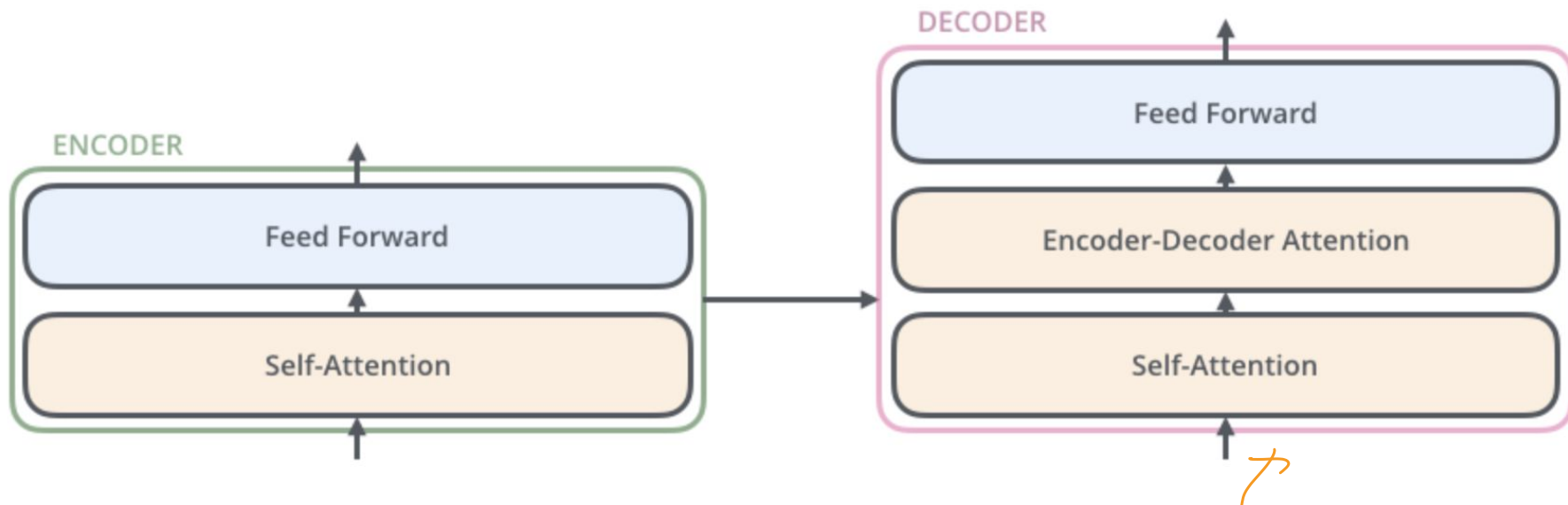


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# How is the decoder different?



# Masked Self-attention

In the **decoder**, the self-attention layer is only allowed to attend to **earlier positions** in the output sequence. Otherwise, we'd be cheating!

This is done by **masking future positions** (setting the dot product score for future positions to **-inf**) before the Softmax step in the self-attention calculation.

$e^0 = 1$        $e^{-\infty} = 0$

$$Z = \text{softmax} \left( \frac{Q \times K^T}{\sqrt{d_k}} \right) V$$

$+ M$

in general, upper triangle set to  $-\infty$

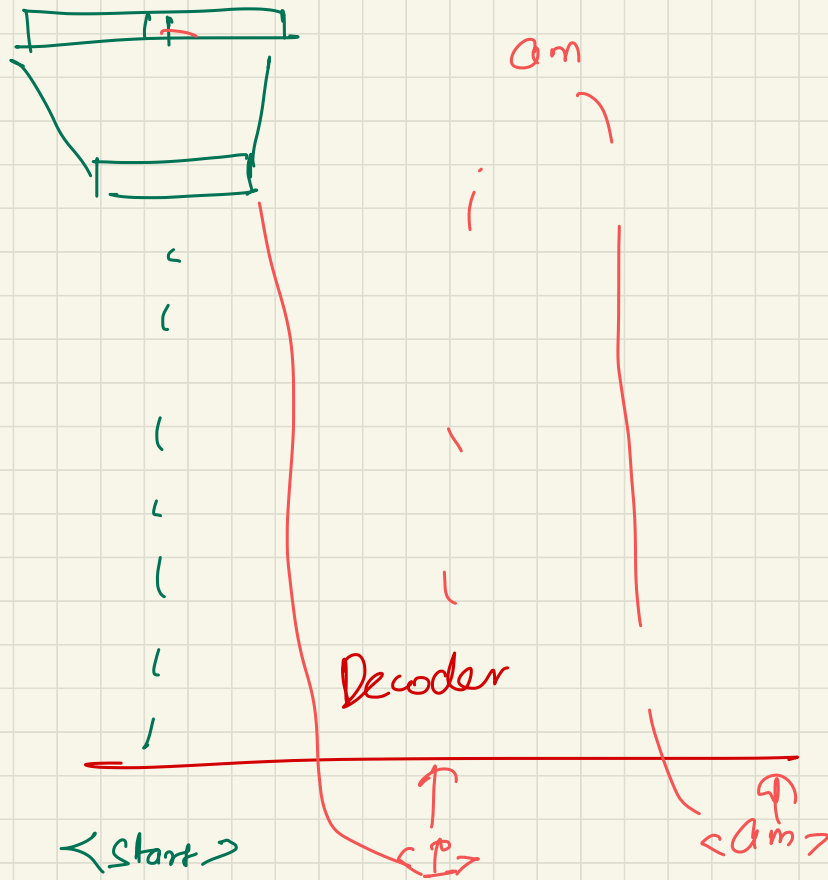
# Masked Self-attention for decoder (to avoid seeing the future tokens)

|          | <u>1</u> | 2         | 3         | 4         | 5         |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <u>1</u> | q1•k1    | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |
|          | q2•k1    | q2•k2     | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |
| N        | q3•k1    | q3•k2     | q3•k3     | $-\infty$ | $-\infty$ |
|          | q4•k1    | q4•k2     | q4•k3     | q4•k4     | $-\infty$ |
|          | q5•k1    | q5•k2     | q5•k3     | q5•k4     | q5•k5     |
|          | <u>N</u> |           |           |           |           |

Masking

self-att<sup>n</sup>  
matrix



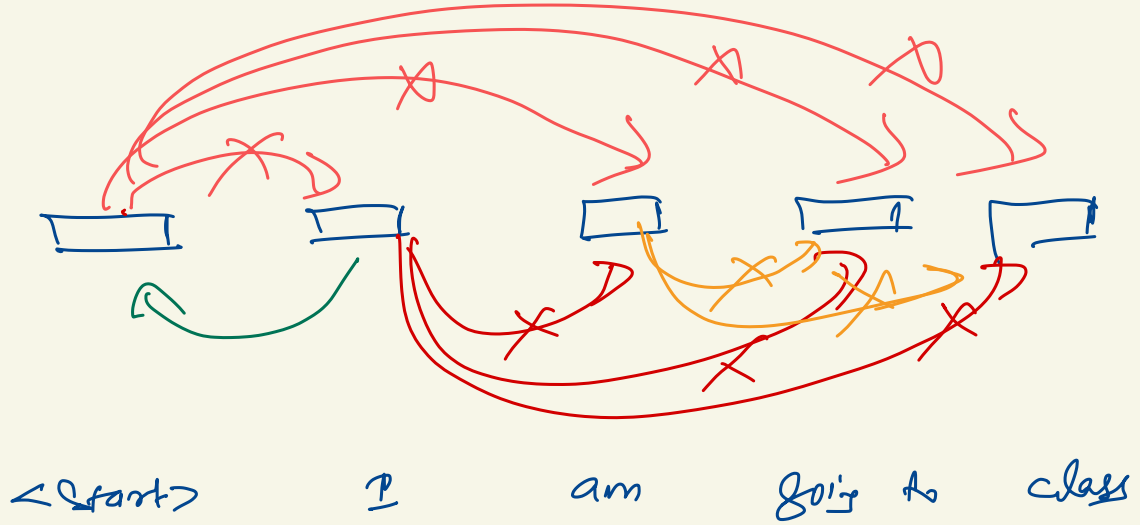


No marking  
at inference  
time

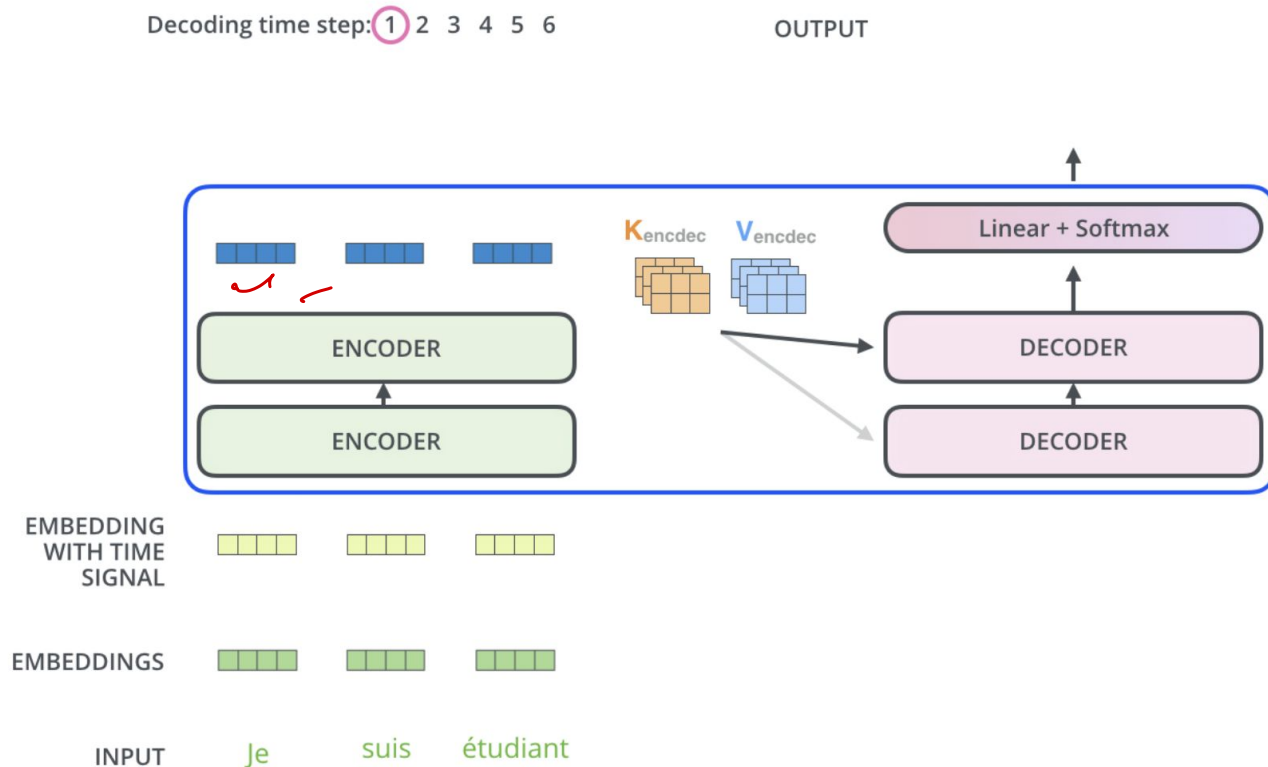
decode ↑ ✓  
[ ]

[ ]    < [ ]

last  
decoder



# Encoder-Decoder Attention



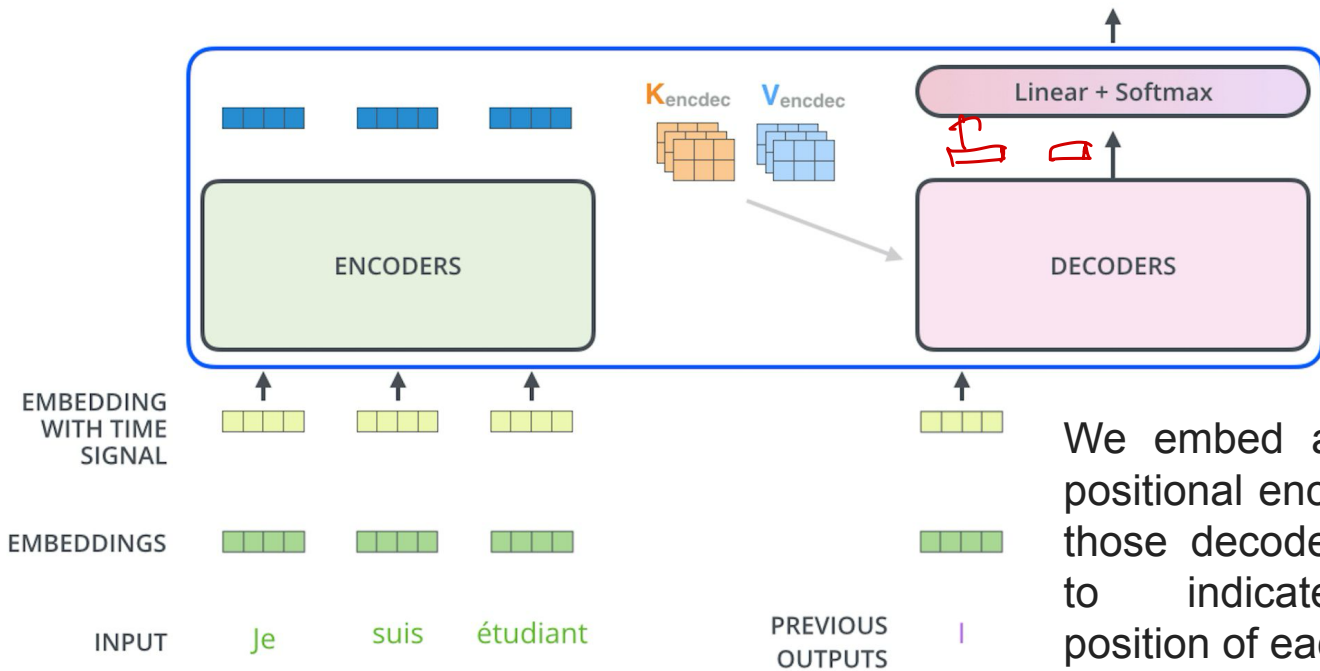
The output of the top encoder is transformed into a set of attention vectors K and V.

These are to be used by each decoder in its “**encoder-decoder attention**” layer which helps the decoder focus on appropriate places in the input sequence:

# Decoding

Decoding time step: 1 2 3 4 5 6

OUTPUT | am



The output of each step is fed to the bottom decoder in the next time step, and the decoders bubble up their decoding results just like the encoders did.

We embed and add positional encoding to those decoder inputs to indicate the position of each word.

# Converting decoder stack output to words

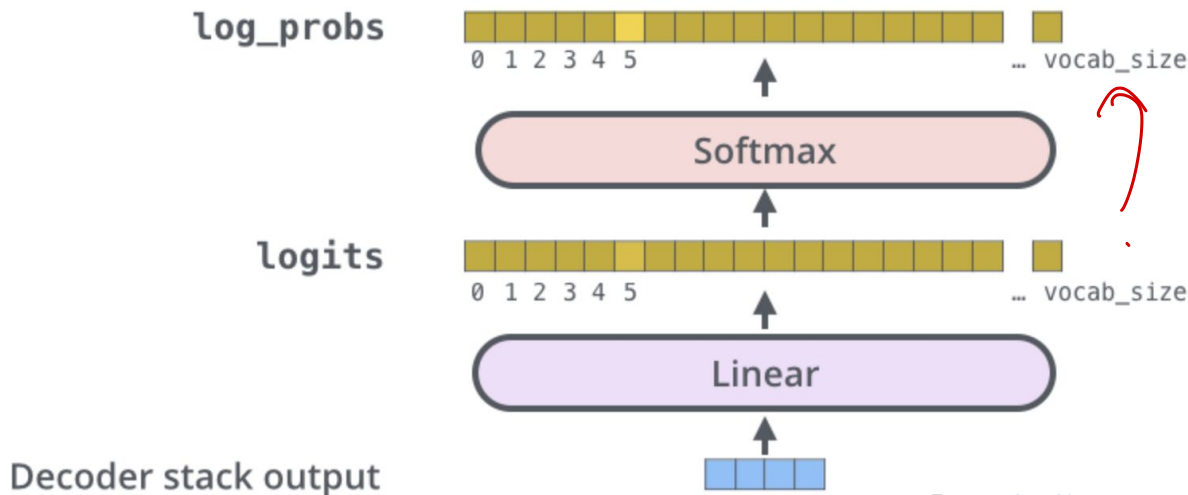
Which word in our vocabulary  
is associated with this index?

Get the index of the cell  
with the highest value  
(**argmax**)

am

5

That's the job of the final  
**Linear layer** which is  
followed by a **Softmax**  
**Layer**.

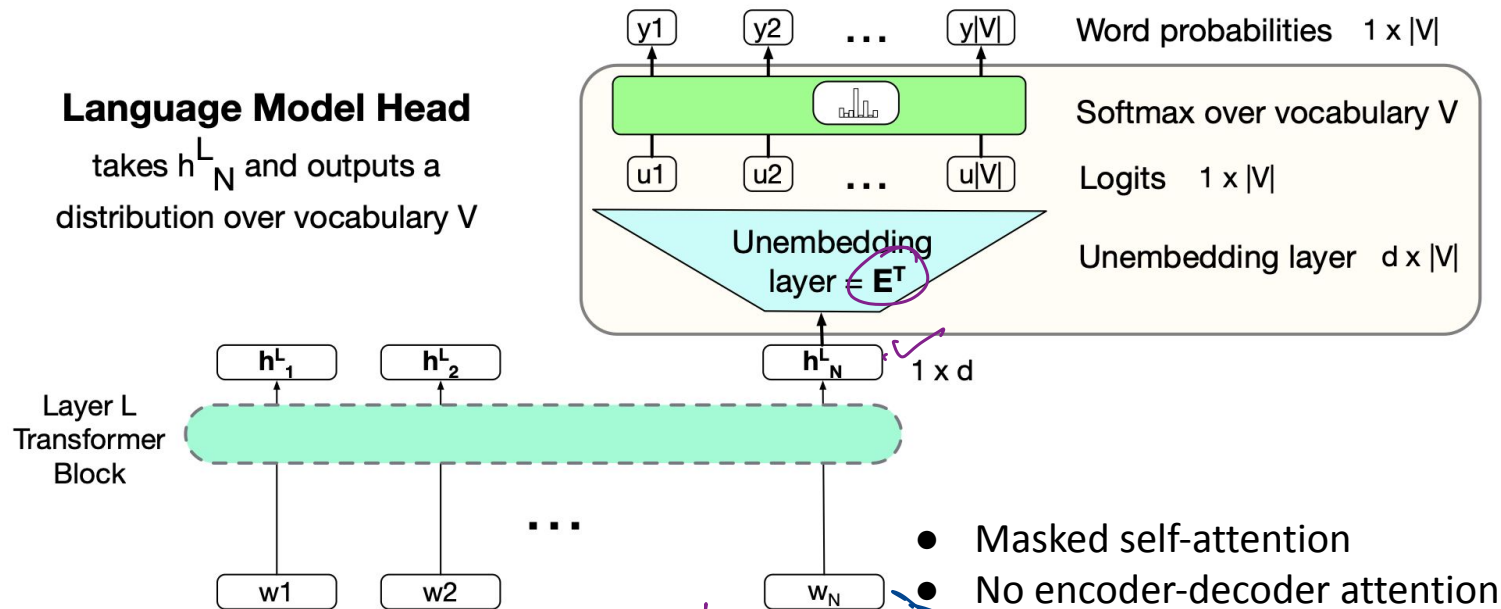


Encoders

Encoder-Decoders

Decoders?

# Transformers as Language models (Decoder)



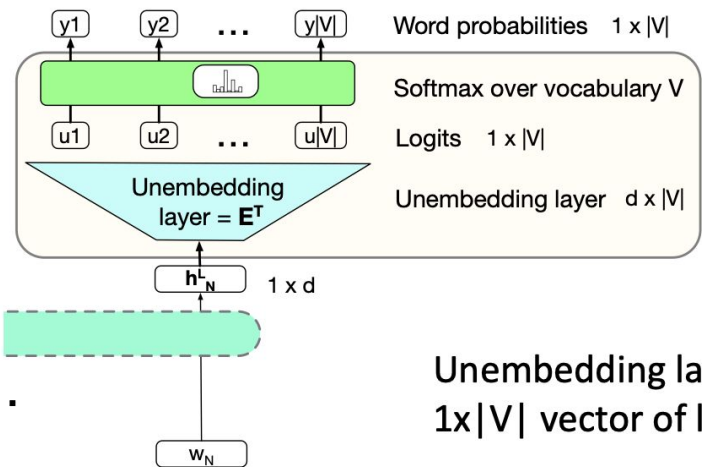
<https://web.stanford.edu/~jurafsky/slp3/>

$V \times d$

$E$  Embedding matrix  
1-hot  
(learnable with the model)

# Transformers as Language models

**Unembedding layer:** linear layer projects from  $h_N^L$  (shape  $[1 \times d]$ ) to logit vector



Why "unembedding"? **Tied to  $E^T$**

**Weight tying**, we use the same weights for two different matrices

Unembedding layer maps from an embedding to a  $1 \times |V|$  vector of logits

# Language modeling head

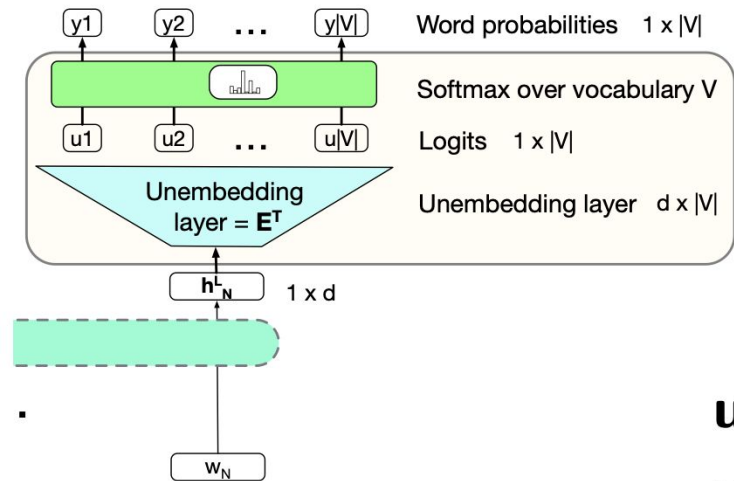
*Random LM*  
↓  
*Transformer LM*

**Logits**, the score vector  $\mathbf{u}$

One score for each of the  $|V|$  possible words in the vocabulary  $V$ .  
Shape  $1 \times |V|$ .

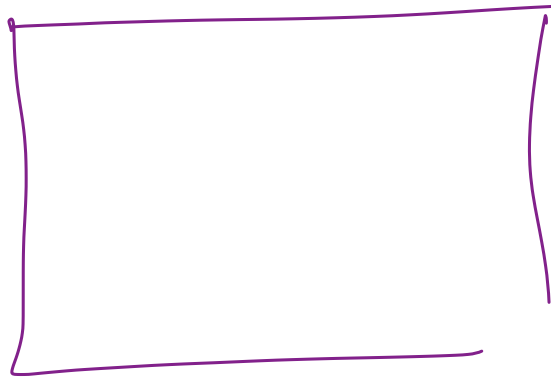
**Softmax** turns the logits into probabilities over vocabulary.  
Shape  $1 \times |V|$ .

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{h}_N^L \mathbf{E}^T$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{u})$$





# Transformers LM

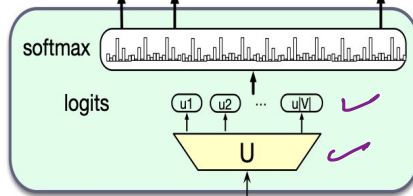


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Token probabilities

$y_1$   $y_2$  ...  $y_V$

Language  
Modeling  
Head



$w_{i+1}$   
Sample token to  
generate at position  $i+1$

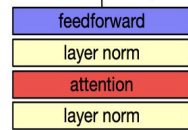
Layer L



$$h_i^{L-1} = x_i^L$$

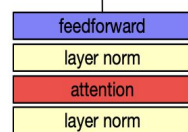
$$\dots h_i^2 = x_i^3$$

Layer 2

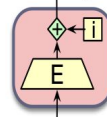


$$h_i^1 = x_i^2$$

Layer 1



Input  
Encoding



pos<sup>n</sup> encoding (Encoder/decoder)

# Number of parameters in encoder-decoder?

6 layers - Encoders  
Decoders

$$d = \underline{512}$$

$$\gamma = 40K$$

$$\# \text{ heads} = 8(h)$$

$$d_k = d_v = \underline{64}$$

$$\text{FFN}_{up} = \underline{2048}$$

Embeds:  $\underline{512 \times 40K}$  (= Unembeds)  $\approx \underline{20m}$  (weight tying)

Encoder:  $\underline{\text{self-att}^n} \rightarrow h \times \left( \underbrace{3 \times d \times \frac{d}{h}}_{w_q, w_k, w_v} \right) + h \times \frac{d}{h} \times d \quad = \underline{4d^2}$

$w_q, w_k, w_v$        $w_o$       +

$\underline{\text{FFN}} \Rightarrow d \times 4d + 4d \times d = \underline{8d^2}$

$$\underline{12 \times 512 \times 512 \times 6}$$

$$3m \times 6 = \underline{18m}$$

$$\underline{12d^2 \times 2} \rightarrow \text{encoders}$$

$$\underline{12d^2}$$

# Number of parameters in encoder-decoder?

Decoders

self-att<sup>n</sup>:  $\underline{4d^2}$

feed-forward:  $\underline{8d^2}$

Encoder-decoder:  $\underline{4d^2}$

$\underline{16d^2}$

assumes a default conf

$$\boxed{h \times d_v = d} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\underline{\text{Up-proj} = 4d} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\underline{16d^2 \times L}$$

$$4m \times 6 = \underline{24m}$$

$$\underline{18m + 24m + 20m} \text{ emb}$$

$$\approx \underline{62m}$$

# Number of parameters in the decoder only Transformer?

Same as encoder

(18m)

+

embeddy / unembeddy

QPT-3 (175B)

$$\boxed{12d^2 \times L}$$

$$d = \underline{12288} \quad L = \underline{\underline{96}}$$

Try this one

# Decoding: Greedy and Beam Search are deterministic!

- Greedy decoding as well as Beam Search decoding will give a “deterministic” output
- Other common decoding algorithms involve “sampling”, and bring in some degree of “randomness”

$x \sim p(x) \rightarrow$  choose  $x$  by sampling from the distribution  $p(x)$

## *Random Sampling*

```
i ← 1  
wi ∼ p(w) ✓  
while wi ≠ EOS  
  i ← i + 1  
  wi ∼ p(wi | w<i)
```

# Quality vs Diversity trade-off

Various sampling methods enable trading off two important factors in generation: *quality* and *diversity*.

## *Quality vs Diversity trade-off* ↗

- Methods that emphasize the most probable words tend to produce more coherent and accurate generations but also tend to be repetitive and boring
- Methods that give bit more weight to the middle probability words tend to be more creative and diverse, but likely to be incoherent and less factual

# Random Sampling with Temperature

## *Intuition from thermodynamics*

A system at a *high temperature* is flexible and can explore various states, while a system at a *low temperature* is likely to explore a subset of lower energy (better) states

## *How is this implemented*

Divide the logits by a temperature parameter  $\tau \in (0, 1]$  before passing it through softmax

Random sampling:  $y = \text{softmax}(u)$  ↗

Random sampling with temperature:  $y = \text{softmax}(u/\tau)$  →

$$\tau = \underline{0.2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad e^3 \quad e^1 \quad e^{-1} \\ u/\tau &= \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad e^{15} \quad e^5 \quad e^{-5} \\ &\quad 0.99 \end{aligned}$$

# Why does this work?

