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Announcements

- Deadline for Project Proposals: 04/03/2020 Friday at 5pm ET
 - This includes creation of a github repository with READ.md file that contains the summary of the project.
 - Late submissions or repositories with empty READ.md file will lose 30 points from their grade for the project.
 - Email me the link to your github repository before deadline
- Deadline for Projects 04/27/2020 Monday at 5pm ET
 - project presentation on 04/30/2020 (40 %)
 - Details on grading: https://github.com/sergulaydore/EE-628-Spring-2020

Overview

- Last lecture we covered
 - Data Preparation for RNNs
 - Implementing RNNs from scratch
- Today, we will cover
 - GRUs and LSTMs
 - Attention Mechanism
 - Transformers
- Source material:
 - Dive into Deep Learning (https://d2l.ai/)
 - https://github.com/sergulaydore/EE-628-Spring-2020

Backpropagation Through Time

- Now we will delve a bit more deeply into the details of backpropagation for sequence models and why (and how) the math works.
- Forward propagation in a recurrent neural network is relatively straightforward.
- Back-propagation through time is actually a specific application of back propagation in recurrent neural networks.

The computation graph

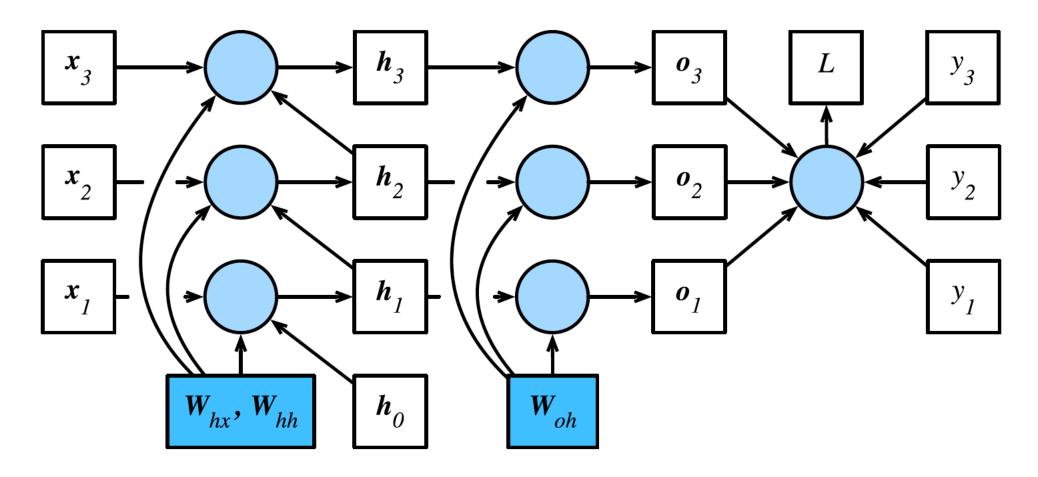


Fig. 10.7.2: Computational dependencies for a recurrent neural network model with three time steps. Boxes represent variables (not shaded) or parameters (shaded) and circles represent operators.

BPTT in detail

• In a simple linear latent variable model, we have:

$$\mathbf{h}_t = \mathbf{W}_{hx}\mathbf{x}_t + \mathbf{W}_{hh}\mathbf{h}_{t-1} \text{ and } \mathbf{o}_t = \mathbf{W}_{oh}\mathbf{h}_t$$

- Given an objective function $L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{W}) = \sum_{t=1}^{T} l(\mathbf{o}_t, y_t)$
- Derivatives wrt \mathbf{W}_{oh} is straightforward:

$$\partial_{\mathbf{W}_{oh}} L = \sum_{t=1}^{I} \operatorname{prod} \left(\partial_{\mathbf{o}_{t}} l(\mathbf{o}_{t}, y_{t}), \mathbf{h}_{t} \right)$$

• The dependency on \mathbf{W}_{hh} and \mathbf{W}_{hx} is a bit tricky

$$\partial_{\mathbf{W}_{hh}} L = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \operatorname{prod}\left(\partial_{\mathbf{o}_{t}} l(\mathbf{o}_{t}, y_{t}), \mathbf{W}_{oh}, \partial_{\mathbf{W}_{hh}} \mathbf{h}_{t}\right)$$

$$\partial_{\mathbf{W}_{hx}} L = \sum_{t=1}^{T} \operatorname{prod} \left(\partial_{\mathbf{o}_{t}} l(\mathbf{o}_{t}, y_{t}), \mathbf{W}_{oh}, \partial_{\mathbf{W}_{hx}} \mathbf{h}_{t} \right)$$

$$\partial_{\mathbf{W}_{hx}} \mathbf{h}_{t} = \sum_{j=1}^{t} \left(\mathbf{W}_{hh}^{\top} \right)^{t-j} \mathbf{x}_{j}.$$

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Problems with these gradients

- It pays to store intermediate results
 - i.e. powers of \mathbf{W}_{hh}
- Even this simple linear example involves potentially very large powers of \mathbf{W}_{hh}^{j} .
 - In it, eigenvalues smaller than 1 vanish for large j and eigenvalues larger than 1 diverge.
 - This is numerically unstable and gives undue importance to potentially irrelevant past detail.
- One way to address this is to truncate the sum at a computationally convenient size.
 - That is why we detached the gradients in the code

Gated Recurrent Units (GRU)

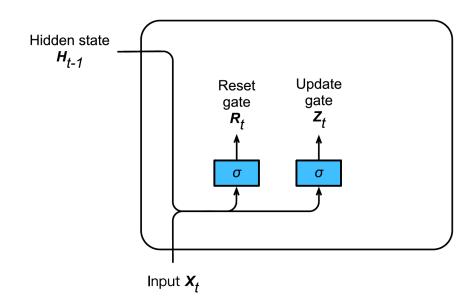
- We found that long products of matrices can lead to vanishing or divergent gradients.
- What such gradient anomalies mean in practice:
 - We might encounter a situation where an early observation is highly significant for predicting all future observations -> memory cell
 - We might encounter situations where some symbols carry no pertinent observation -> skipping such symbols
 - We might encounter situations where there is a logical break between parts of a sequence -> resetting our internal state
- A number of methods have been proposed to address this.
 - One of the earliest is the Long Short Term Memory (LSTM).
- The Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) is a slightly more streamlined variant that often offers comparable performance and is significantly faster to compute.

Gating the Hidden State

- In GRUs, we have dedicated mechanisms for when the hidden state should be updated and also when it should be reset.
- These mechanisms are learned.
 - For instance, if the first symbol is of great importance we will learn not to update the hidden state after the first observation.
 - Likewise, we will learn to skip irrelevant temporary observations.
 - Lastly, we will learn to reset the latent state whenever needed.

Reset Gates and Update Gates

- We engineer them to be vectors with entries in (0, 1) such that we can perform convex combinations.
- For instance, a reset variable would allow us to control how much of the previous state we might still want to remember.
- Likewise, an update variable would allow us to control how much of the new state is just a copy of the old state.



$$\mathbf{R}_{t} = \sigma(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xr} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1}\mathbf{W}_{hr} + \mathbf{b}_{r})$$
$$\mathbf{Z}_{t} = \sigma(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xz} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1}\mathbf{W}_{hz} + \mathbf{b}_{z})$$

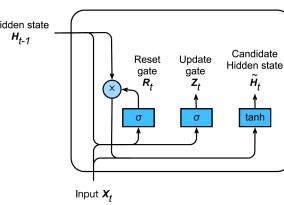
Reset Gate in action

In a conventional RNN we would have an update of the form

$$\mathbf{H}_t = \tanh(\mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{W}_{xh} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1} \mathbf{W}_{hh} + \mathbf{b}_h).$$

- If we want to be able to reduce the influence of the previous states we can multiply \mathbf{H}_{t-1} with \mathbf{R}_t elementwise.
 - Whenever the entries in \mathbf{R}_t are close to 1 we recover a conventional deep RNN.
 - For all entries of \mathbf{R}_t that are close to 0 the hidden state is the result of an MLP with \mathbf{X}_t as input.
- This leads to the following candidate for a new hidden state

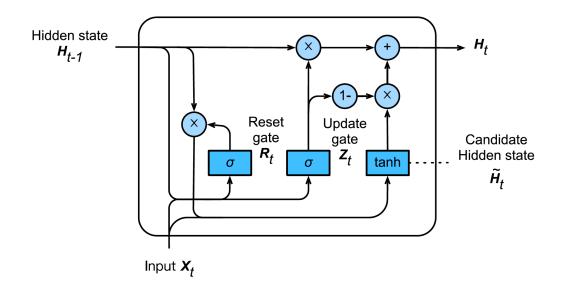
$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_t = \tanh(\mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{W}_{xh} + (\mathbf{R}_t \odot \mathbf{H}_{t-1}) \mathbf{W}_{hh} + \mathbf{b}_h)$$



Update Gate in action

- This determines the extent to which the new state \mathbf{H}_t is just the old state \mathbf{H}_{t-1} and by how much the new candidate state $\widetilde{\mathbf{H}}_t$ is used.
- The gating variable \mathbf{Z}_t can be used for this purpose leads to the final update equation for the GRU

$$\mathbf{H}_t = \mathbf{Z}_t \odot \mathbf{H}_{t-1} + (1 - \mathbf{Z}_t) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_t.$$



In summary

- GRUs have the following two distinguishing features:
 - Reset gates help capture short-term dependencies in time series.
 - Update gates help capture long-term dependencies in time series

Long Short Term Memory (LSTM)

- It shares many of the properties of the Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU).
- Its design is slightly more complex.
- Arguably it is inspired by logic gates of a computer. To control a memory cell we need a number of gates.
 - One gate is needed to read out the entries from the cell -> output gate
 - A second gate is needed to decide when to read data into the cell -> input gate
 - Lastly, we need a mechanism to reset the contents of the cell -> forget gate

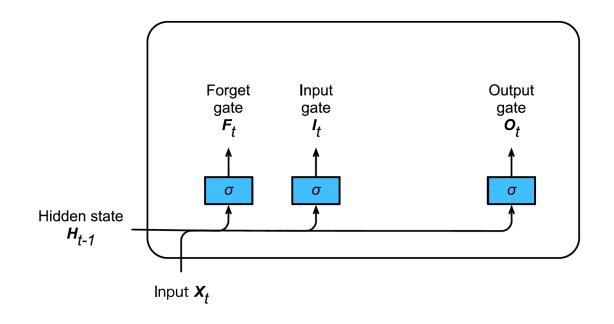
Gated Memory Cells - input gates, forget gates and output gates

- Three gates are introduced in LSTMs: the input gate, the forget gate, and the output gate.
- The gates are defined as follows: the input gate $\mathbf{I}_t \in R^{n \times h}$, the forget gate is $\mathbf{F}_t \in R^{n \times h}$, and the output gate is $\mathbf{O}_t \in R^{n \times h}$.

$$\mathbf{I}_{t} = \sigma(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xi} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1}\mathbf{W}_{hi} + \mathbf{b}_{i}),$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{t} = \sigma(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xf} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1}\mathbf{W}_{hf} + \mathbf{b}_{f}),$$

$$\mathbf{O}_{t} = \sigma(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xo} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1}\mathbf{W}_{ho} + \mathbf{b}_{o}),$$



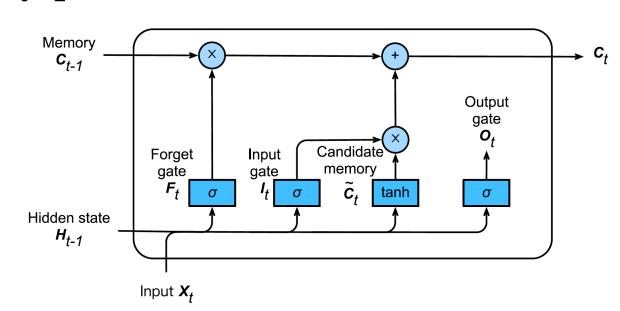
Gated Memory Cells - Memory Cells

Candidate memory cell is defined as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t = \tanh(\mathbf{X}_t \mathbf{W}_{xc} + \mathbf{H}_{t-1} \mathbf{W}_{hc} + \mathbf{b}_c)$$

- In GRUs we had a single mechanism to govern input and forgetting.
- Here we have two parameters, \mathbf{I}_t which governs how much we take new data into account via $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t$ and the forget parameter \mathbf{F}_t which addresses how much we of the old memory cell content \mathbf{C}_{t-1} we retain.

$$\mathbf{C}_t = \mathbf{F}_t \odot \mathbf{C}_{t-1} + \mathbf{I}_t \odot \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_t.$$

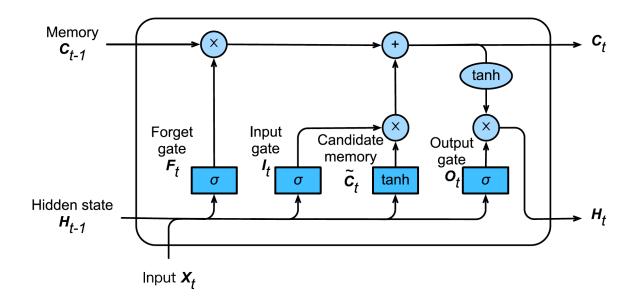


Gated Memory Cells – hidden states

- Lastly we need to define how to compute the hidden state \mathbf{H}_t
- This is where the output gate comes into play.

$$\mathbf{H}_t = \mathbf{O}_t \odot \tanh(\mathbf{C}_t).$$

- Whenever the output gate is 1 we effectively pass all memory information through to the predictor
- whereas for output 0 we retain all information only within the memory cell and perform no further processing.



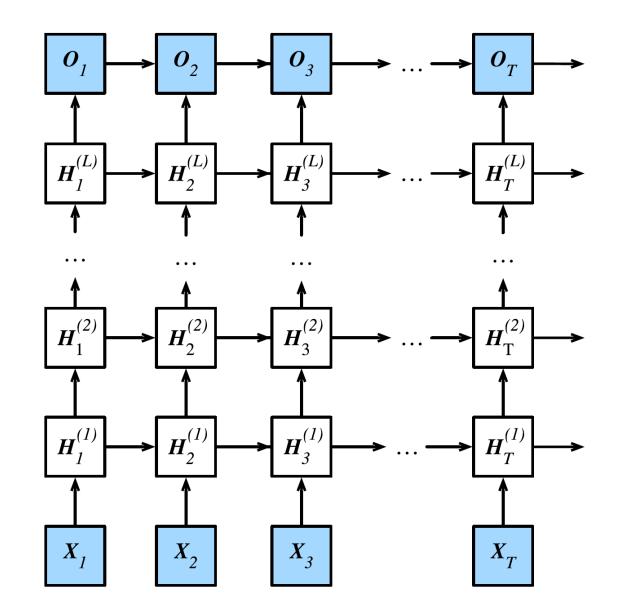
Deep Recurrent Neural Networks

- Consider a deep recurrent neural network with L hidden layers.
- Each hidden state is continuously passed to the next time step of the current layer and the next layer of the current time step.

$$\mathbf{H}_{t}^{(1)} = f_{1}\left(\mathbf{X}_{t}, \mathbf{H}_{t-1}^{(1)}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{H}_{t}^{(l)} = f_{l}\left(\mathbf{H}_{t}^{(l-1)}, \mathbf{H}_{t-1}^{(l)}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{O}_{t} = g\left(\mathbf{H}_{t}^{(L)}\right)$$



Bidirectional Recurrent Neural Networks

- So far we assumed that our goal is to model the next word given what we've seen so far.
- While this is a typical scenario, it is not the only one we might encounter.
- Consider the following three tasks of filling in the blanks in a text:

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    I am _____
    I am _____ very hungry.
    I am _____ very hungry, I could eat half a pig.
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• Clearly the end of the phrase (if available) conveys significant information about which word to pick.

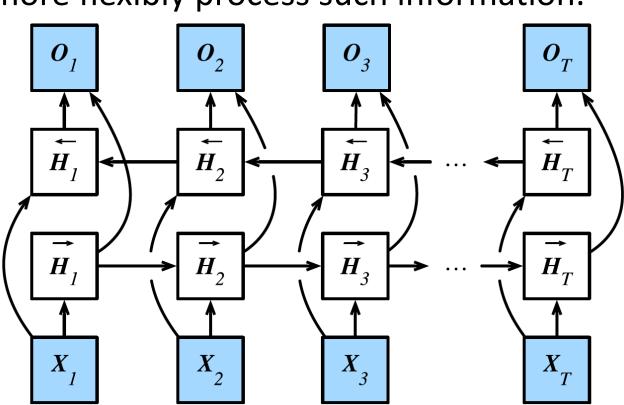
Bidirectional Model

- Instead of running an RNN only in forward mode starting from the first symbol we start another one from the last symbol running back to front.
- Bidirectional recurrent neural networks add a hidden layer that passes information in a backward direction to more flexibly process such information.

$$\overrightarrow{\mathbf{H}}_{t} = \phi(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xh}^{(f)} + \overrightarrow{\mathbf{H}}_{t-1}\mathbf{W}_{hh}^{(f)} + \mathbf{b}_{h}^{(f)}),$$

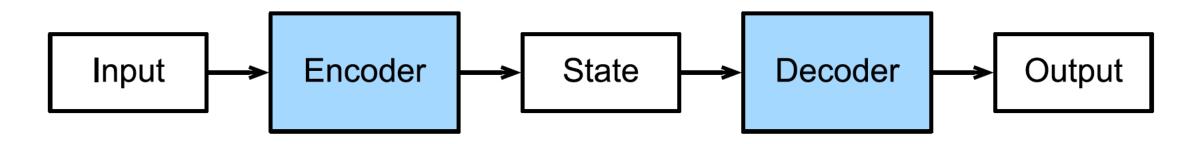
$$\overleftarrow{\mathbf{H}}_{t} = \phi(\mathbf{X}_{t}\mathbf{W}_{xh}^{(b)} + \overleftarrow{\mathbf{H}}_{t+1}\mathbf{W}_{hh}^{(b)} + \mathbf{b}_{h}^{(b)}),$$

$$\mathbf{O}_t = \mathbf{H}_t \mathbf{W}_{hq} + \mathbf{b}_q,$$



Encoder-Decoder architecture

- The encoder-decoder architecture is a neural network design pattern.
- The encoder's role is encoding the inputs into state, which often contains several tensors.
- Then the state is passed into the decoder to generate the outputs.
- In machine translation, the encoder transforms a source sentence, e.g. "Hello world.", into state, e.g. a vector, that captures its semantic information.
- The decoder then uses this state to generate the translated target sentence, e.g. "Bonjour le monde.".



Sequence to Sequence

- The sequence to sequence (seq2seq) model is based on the encoderdecoder architecture to generate a sequence output for a sequence input.
- Both the encoder and the decoder use recurrent neural networks to handle sequence inputs.
- The hidden state of the encoder is used directly to initialize the decoder hidden state to pass information from the encoder to the decoder.

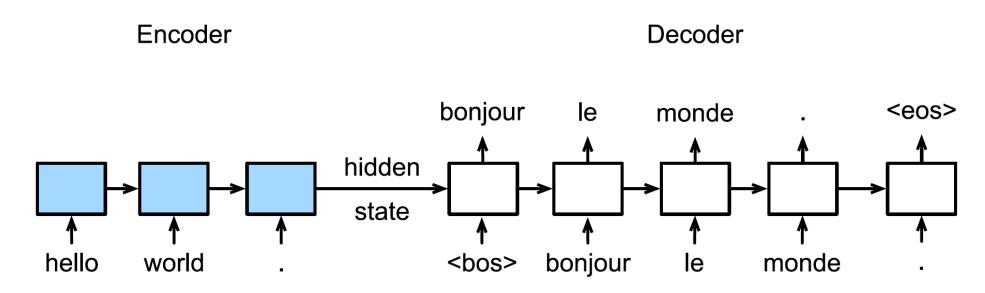


Fig. 10.14.1: The sequence to sequence model architecture.

Seq2SeqEncoder

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# Saved in the d2l package for later use
class Seq2SeqEncoder(d2l.Encoder):
    def __init__(self, vocab_size, embed_size, num_hiddens, num_layers,
                 dropout=0, **kwarqs):
        super(Seg2SegEncoder, self). init (**kwargs)
        self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size, embed_size)
        self.rnn = rnn.LSTM(num hiddens, num layers, dropout=dropout)
   def forward(self, X, *args):
        X = self.embedding(X) # X shape: (batch size, seg len, embed size)
        X = X.swapaxes(0, 1) # RNN needs first axes to be time
        state = self.rnn.begin state(batch size=X.shape[1], ctx=X.context)
        out, state = self.rnn(X, state)
        # The shape of out is (seg len, batch size, num hiddens).
        # state contains the hidden state and the memory cell
        # of the last time step, the shape is (num layers, batch size, num hiddens)
        return out, state
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        self.embedding = nn.Embedding(vocab_size, embed_size)
        self.rnn = rnn.LSTM(num_hiddens, num_layers, dropout=dropout)
        self.dense = nn.Dense(vocab_size, flatten=False)
    def init_state(self, enc_outputs, *args):
        return enc_outputs[1]
    def forward(self, X, state):
        X = self.embedding(X).swapaxes(0, 1)
        out, state = self.rnn(X, state)
        # Make the batch to be the first dimension to simplify loss computation.
        out = self.dense(out).swapaxes(0, 1)
        return out, state
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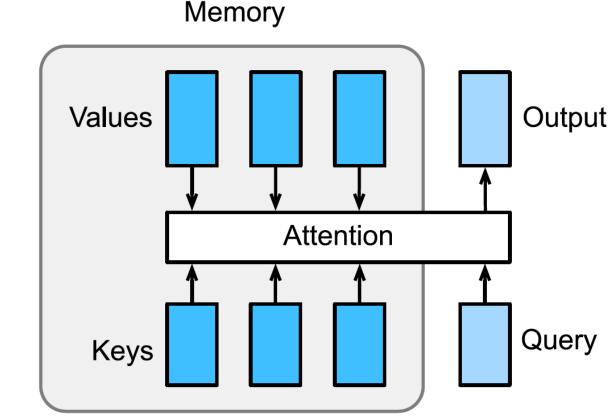
Add dense layer with the hidden size to be the vocabulary size

Seq2SeqDecoder

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((4, 7, 10), 2, (2, 4, 16), (2, 4, 16))
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- So far, we encode the source sequence input information in the recurrent unit state and then pass it to the decoder to generate the target sequence.
- A token in the target sequence may closely relate to some tokens in the source sequence instead of the whole source sequence.
 - For example, when translating "Hello world." to "Bonjour le monde.", "Bonjour" maps to "Hello" and "monde" maps to "world".
- In the seq2seq model, the decoder may implicitly select the corresponding information from the state passed by the decoder.
- The attention mechanism, however, makes this selection explicit.

- Attention is a generalized pooling method with bias alignment over inputs.
- The core component in the attention mechanism is the attention layer.
- An input of the attention layer is called a query.
- For a query, the attention layer returns the output based on its memory, which is a set of key-value pairs.
- Assume a query $\mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_q}$
- The memory contains n key-value pairs $(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{v}_1), \dots, (\mathbf{k}_n, \mathbf{v}_n)$ with $\mathbf{k}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_k}$, $\mathbf{v}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v}$
- The attention layer then returns an output $\mathbf{o} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v}$



• To compute the output, we first assume there is a score function α which measures the similarity between the query and a key. Then we compute all n scores a_1, \ldots, a_n by

$$a_i = \alpha(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}_i).$$

Next we use softmax to obtain the attention weights

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Then the output is the weighted sum of the values.

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Different choices of the score function lead to different attention layers.

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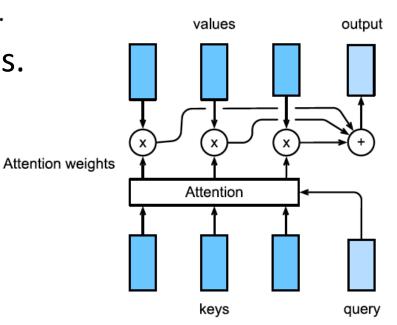
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Dot Product Attention

- The dot product assumes the query has the same dimension as the keys, namely $\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- It computes the score by an inner product between the query and a key, often then divided by \sqrt{d} to make the scores less sensitive to the dimension d.

$$\alpha(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}) = \langle \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k} \rangle / \sqrt{d}.$$

• Assume $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$ contains m queries and $\mathbf{K} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ has all n keys. We can compute all mn scores by

$$\alpha(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{K}^T / \sqrt{d}.$$

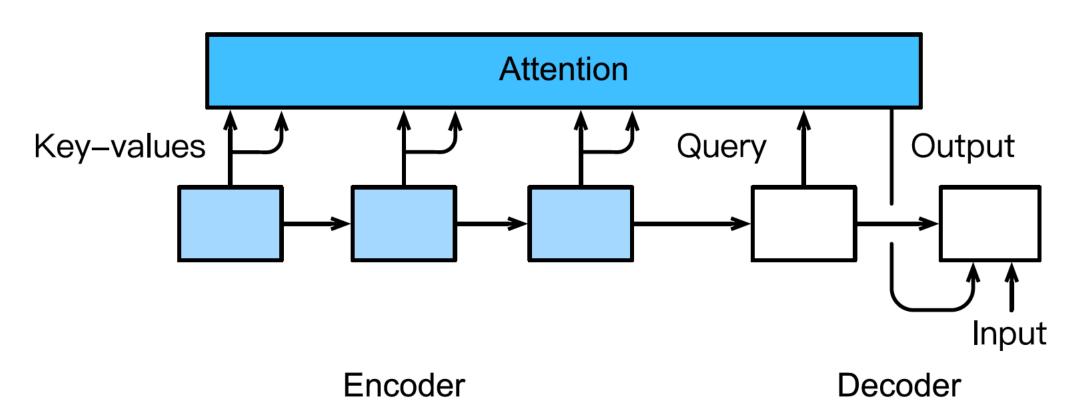
Multilayer Perceptron Attention

- In multilayer perceptron attention, we first project both query and keys into \mathbb{R}^h .
- Given learnable parameters $\mathbf{W}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times d_k}$, $\mathbf{W}_q \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times d_q}$, and $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, the score function is defined by

$$\alpha(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{v}^T \tanh(\mathbf{W}_k \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{W}_q \mathbf{q}).$$

Sequence to Sequence with Attention Mechanism

- Now, we add the attention mechanism to the sequence to sequence model.
- The memory of the attention layer consists of the encoder outputs of each time step.
- During decoding, the decoder output from the previous time step is used as the query, the attention output is then fed into the decoder.



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Sequence to Sequence with Attention Mechanism

Read more on

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Transformer

- So far, we covered CNNs and RNNs. Let's recap pros and cons:
 - CNNs are easy to parallelize at a layer but cannot capture sequential dependency very well.
 - RNNs are able to capture the long-range, variable-length sequential information, but suffer from inability to parallelize within a sequence.
- To combine the advantages from both RNNs and CNNs, Vaswano et al designed a novel architecture using the attention mechanism.

Attention Is All You Need

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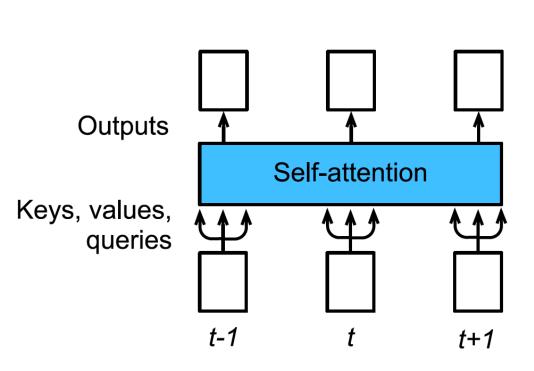
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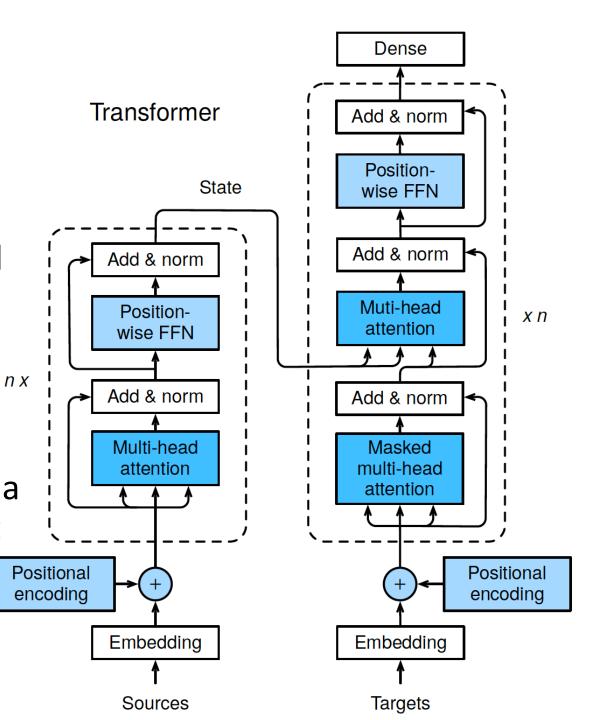
Transformer

- Transformer achieves parallelization by capturing recurrent sequence with attention and at the same time encodes each item's position in the sequence.
- The Transformer model is also based on the encoder-decoder architecture.
- The transformer replaces the recurrent layers in seq2seq with multi-head attention layers.
- Each item in the sequential is copied as the query, the key and the value.
- We call such an attention layer as a selfattention layer.



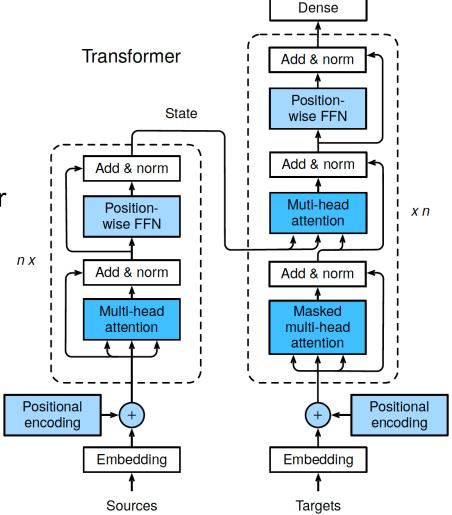
Transformer

- The source sequence embeddings are fed into n repeated blocks.
- The outputs of the last block are then used as attention memory for the decoder.
- The target sequence embeddings are similarly fed into *n* repeated blocks in the decoder.
- The final outputs are obtained by applying a dense layer with vocabulary size to the last block's outputs.



Transformer versus seq2seq with attention

- 1. Transformer Block: A recurrent layer in seq2seq is replaced by a Transformer block. This contains:
 - A multi-head attention layer (in encoder)
 - A network with position-wise feed-forward network layers (in encoder)
 - Another multi-head attention layer is used to take the encoder state in decoder
- 2. Add and norm: The inputs and outputs of both the multi-head attention layer or the position-wise feed forward network are processed by two "add and norm" layer that contains residual structure and a layer normalization layer.
- 3. Position encoding: Since the self-attention layer does not distinguish the item order in a sequence, a positional encoding layer is used to add sequential information into each sequence item.



Self-Attention

- The self-attention is a normal attention model, with its query, its key, outputs and its value being copied exactly the same from each item of the sequential inputs.
- Self-attention outputs same-length sequential output for each input item.
- Compared to a recurrent layer, output items of a self-attention layer can be computed in parallel.

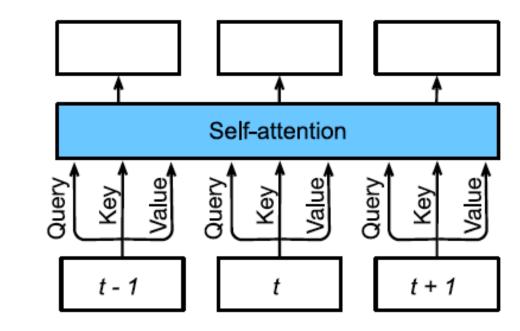
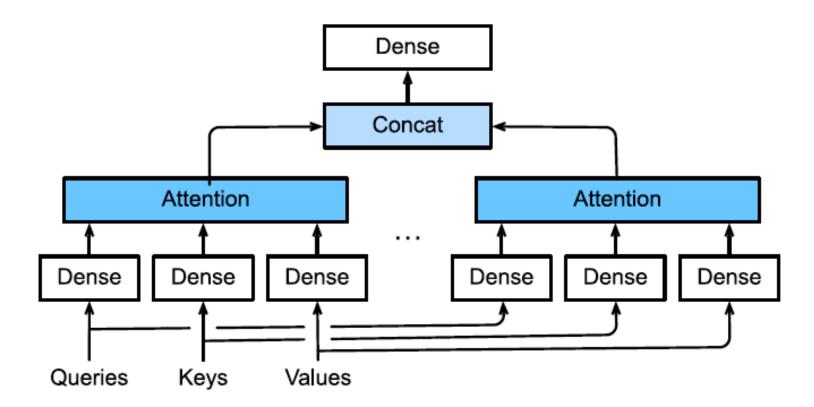


Fig. 10.3.2: Self-attention architecture.

Inputs

Multi-head Attention

- The multi-head attention layer consists of h parallel self-attention layers, each one is called a head.
- The outputs of these h attention heads are concatenated and then processed by a final dense layer.



Position-wise Feed-Forward Networks (FFN)

- Another key component in the Transformer block
- It accepts 3D input with shape batch_size x sequence_length x feature_size
- The position-wise FFN consists of two dense layers that applies to the last dimension.
- Since the same two dense layers are used for each position item in the sequence, we referred to it as positionwise.

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ffn = PositionWiseFFN(4, 8)
ffn.initialize()
ffn(np.ones((2, 3, 4)))[0]
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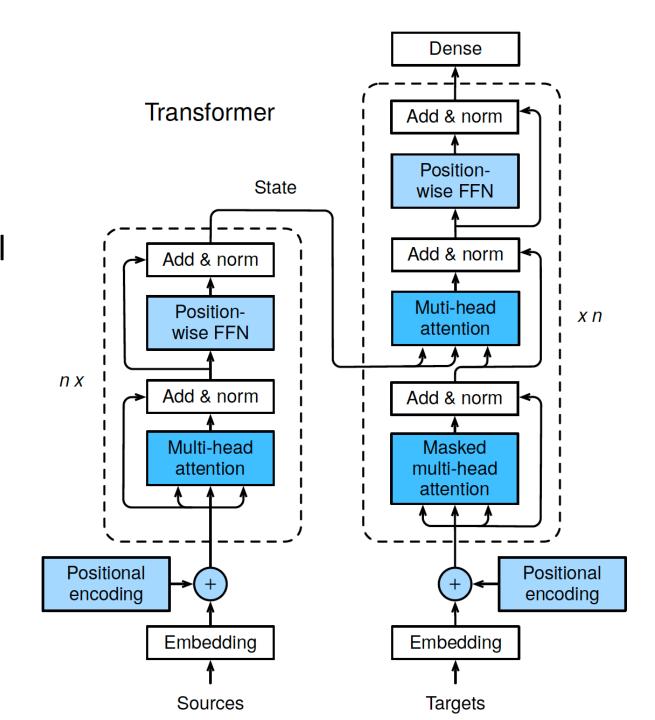
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Add and Norm

- Add and norm within the block connects inputs and outputs of other layers smoothly.
- We add a layer that contains a residual structure and a layer normalization after both the multi-head attention layer and the position-wise FFN network.
- Layer normalization is similar to batch normalization.
- One difference is that the mean and variances for the layer normalization are calculated along the last dimension.



Positional Encoding

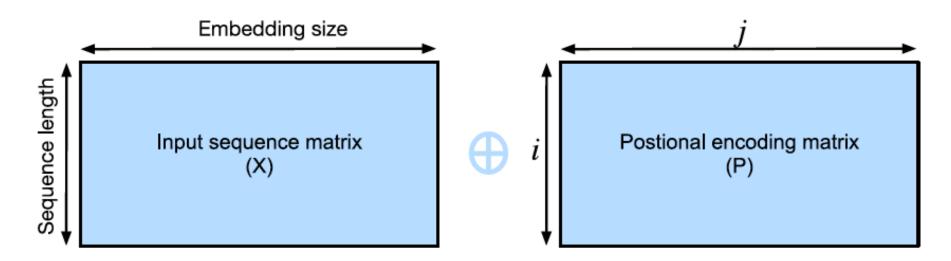
- Both the multi-head layer and position-wise feed-forward layer compute the output of each item in the sequence independently.
- It enables us to parallelize the computation, but it fails to model the sequential information for a given sequence.
- To capture the sequence, the Transformer model uses the positional encoding.
- Assume that $X \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times d}$ is the embedding of a single example
 - *l*: sequence length
 - *d*: embedding size
- The positional encoding layer encodes X's position $P \in R^{l \times d}$ and outputs P + X

Positional Encoding

- The position P is a 2D matrix where
 - Each row refers to the position along the embedding vector dimension
 - Each column refers to the position along the embedding dimension
- *P* is obtained by using the equations below:

$$P_{i,2j} = \sin(i/10000^{2j/d}),$$

$$P_{i,2j+1} = \cos(i/10000^{2j/d}),$$



Positional Encoding

