

# Technical details of explicharr

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# explicharr<sup>3</sup>

- ▶ sentence simplification with
- ▶ character-level
- ▶ transformer<sup>2</sup>

“It is located in Potsdam .”  $\mapsto$  “It is in Potsdam .”

model:  $S^* \rightarrow T^*$  where

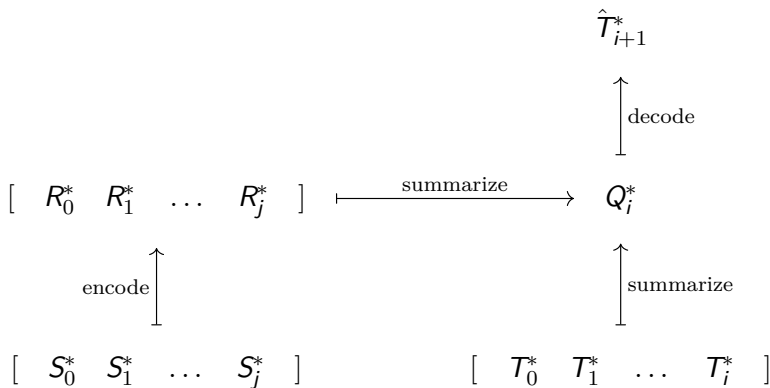
- ▶  $S$  = the source alphabet
- ▶  $T$  = the target alphabet

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<sup>2</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.03762>

<sup>3</sup><https://github.com/srewai/explicharr>

# encoder-decoder, seq-to-seq, autoregressive



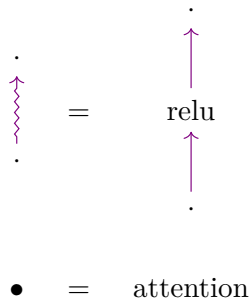
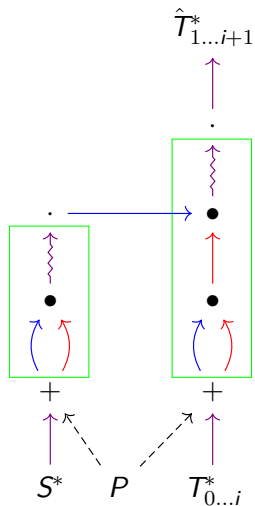
# soft attention

given a **query** vector and multiple **value** vectors

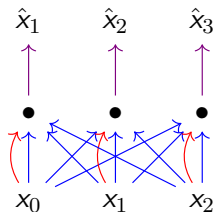
attention:  $\downarrow \bullet \downarrow \downarrow \dots \downarrow \mapsto \downarrow$

- ▶ compute a weight for each value, according to the query
- ▶ normalize the weights with softmax
- ▶ take the weighted sum of the values

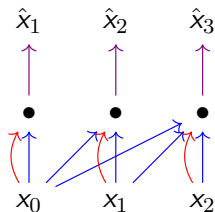
# transformer



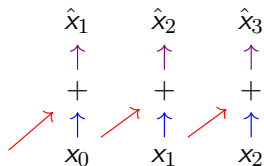
# self-attention<sup>4</sup>



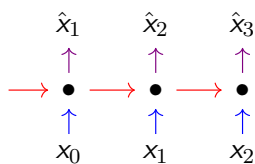
encoder self-attention



decoder self-attention



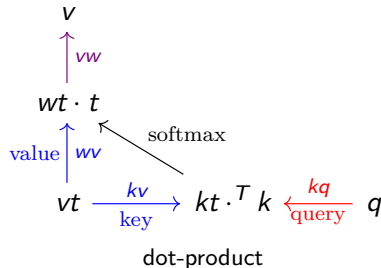
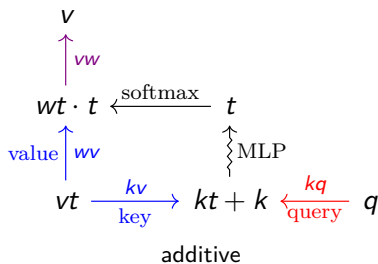
convolutional



recurrent

<sup>4</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.01933>

# attention cells: additive<sup>5</sup> vs dot-product<sup>6</sup>, key-value<sup>7</sup>



dimensions: **t**ime, **q**uery, **k**ey, **v**alue, **w** intermediate

$$A \cdot B = AB$$

$$A \cdot^T B = A^T B$$

<sup>5</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.0473>

<sup>6</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1508.04025>

<sup>7</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.04521>

# transformer attention

## scaled dot-product

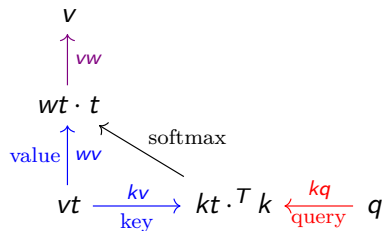
- ▶ divide weights by  $\sqrt{k}$  before applying softmax
- ▶ raise temperature
- ▶ lower variance

## multi-head attention

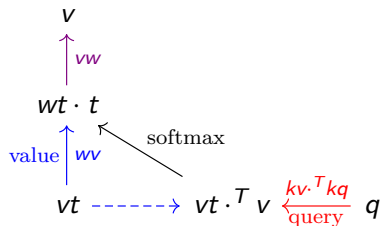
- ▶ split spaces (query, value, key) into disjoint subspaces (subquery, subvalue, subkey)
- ▶ one attention head for each split
- ▶ concatenate the resulting subvectors



# key transformation

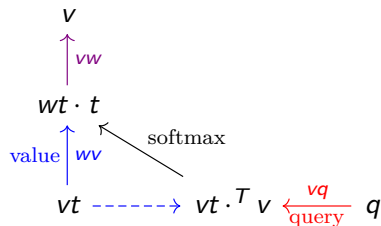


linear

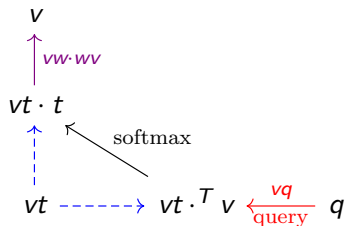


identity

# value transformation

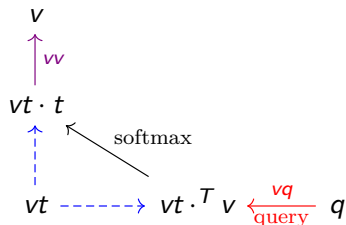


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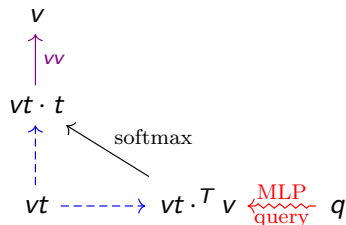


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# query transformation

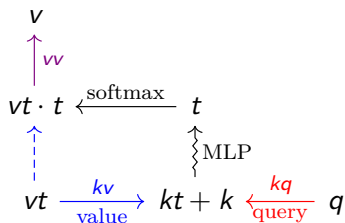


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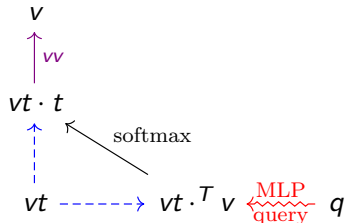


non-linear

# additive $\equiv$ dot-product with non-linear query

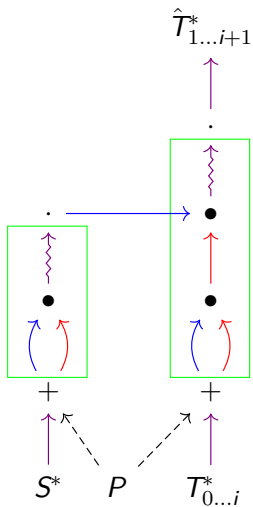


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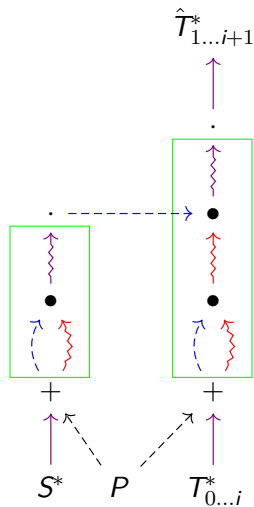


dot-product

# transformer



old



new

# architecture

- ▶ 2 encoder layers, 2 decoder layers
- ▶ 2 input embedding layers, 1 output softmax layer
- ▶ 256 representation dimension, 512 relu in MLPs
- ▶ single-head scaled dot-product attention
- ▶ dropout<sup>8</sup>, residual connection<sup>9</sup>, layer normalization<sup>10</sup> after each attention or MLP sublayer

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<sup>8</sup><http://jmlr.org/papers/v15/srivastava14a.html>

<sup>9</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.03385>

<sup>10</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1607.06450>

# training

- ▶ cross entropy loss with label smoothing<sup>11</sup>
- ▶ teacher forcing
- ▶ batch size 64
- ▶ ~6 minutes per epoch (~223k instances)
- ▶ for 180 epochs

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<sup>11</sup><https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.00567>

# introspection

- ▶ greedy autoregressive decoding
- ▶ attention weight matrix

## self-attention

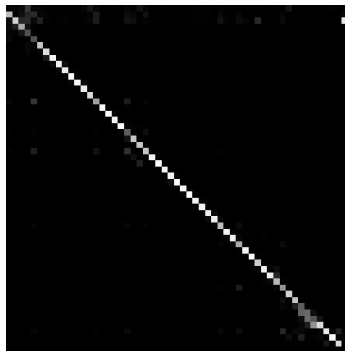
- ▶ always a diagonal line
- ▶ encoder layer 1 and decoder layer 2 slightly fuzzy



## introspection: normal

The enshrined kami is Isonotakeru no mikoto ( 五十猛命? )

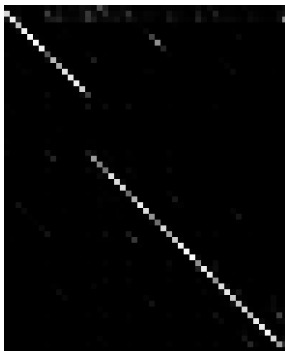
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## introspection: skip

Sodium iodate (  $\text{NaIO}_3$  ) is the sodium salt of iodic acid .

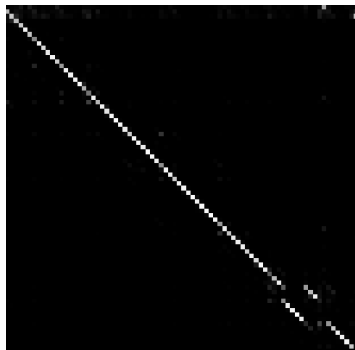
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## introspection: swap

Their first child , Prince George of Cambridge , was born on 22 July 2013 .

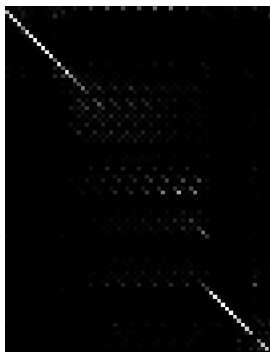
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## introspection: confused

For example ,  $2 + 3 = 3 + 2 = 5$  and  $2 \cdot 3 = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$  , but  $2^3 = 8$  , whereas  $3^2 = 9$  .

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# introspection: really confused

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