## 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 ."  $\longmapsto$  "It is in Potsdam ."

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

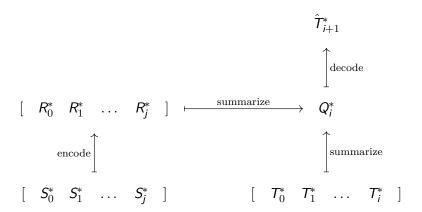
- $\triangleright$  S = the source alphabet
- ightharpoonup T = the target alphabet

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



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

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



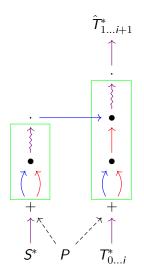
#### soft attention

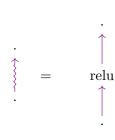
given a query vector and multiple value vectors

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attention: \downarrow • \downarrow \downarrow \dots \downarrow \longmapsto \downarrow
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- compute a weight for each value, according to the query
- normalize the weights with softmax
- ▶ take the weighted sum of the values

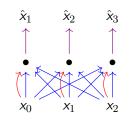
### transformer



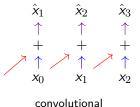


 $\bullet$  = attention

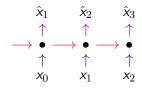
### self-attention<sup>4</sup>



encoder self-attention



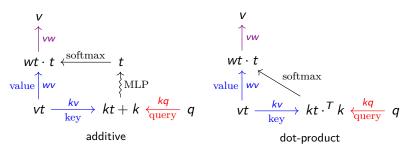
decoder self-attention



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: time, query, key, value, w intermediate

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



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

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

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

#### transformer attention

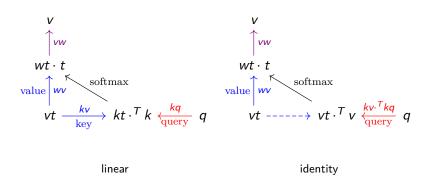
#### scaled dot-product

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

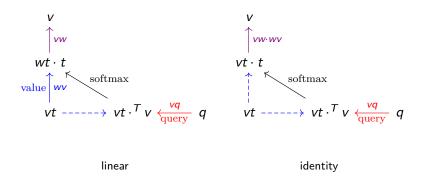
#### multi-head attention

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

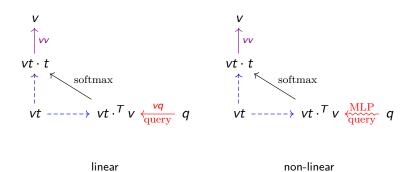
## key transformation



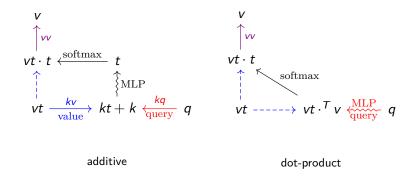
#### value transformation



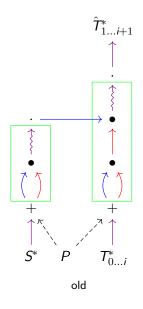
# query transformation

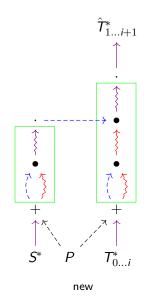


# additive vs dot-product with non-linear query



### transformer





#### 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



<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



<sup>&</sup>lt;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 (  ${\tt NaIO3}$  ) is the sodium salt of iodic acid . Sodium iodate is the sodium salt of iodic acid .



#### introspection: swap

Their first child , Prince George of Cambridge , was born on  $22 \ \mathrm{July} \ 2013$  .

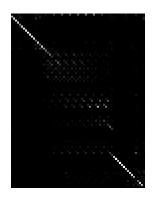
Their first child , Prince George of Cambridge , was born on July 22 , 2013 .



### introspection: confused

For example , 2 + 3 = 3 + 2 = 5 and 2  $\cdot$  3 = 3  $\cdot$  2 = 6 , but 23 = 8 , whereas 32 = 9 .

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## introspection: really confused

 ${\bf 1}$  and -  ${\bf 1}$  divide ( are divisors of ) every integer .

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