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Abstract · Simple network architecture · · · Transformer · based solely on attention mechanisms! · Experiments (machine translation):

- superior in quality
- move parallelizable
- require significantly less time to train
- · WMT 2014, best BLEV
- · generalizes well!
 - Constituency parsing

1. Introduction

(Recurrent models)

- typically factor Computation along the symbol position of the input and output sequences.
- Aligning the positions to steps in computation time, they generate a sequence of hidden states ht, as
 - · a function of previous hidden state ht-1
 - · input for position t.

preclude parallelization within training examples, Critical at longer sequence lengths!

(improvements: factorization tricks & conditional computation)

- Attention mechanism
 - : allow modeling of dependencies without regard to their distance in the input or output sentences.

(Transformer

- rely entirely on an attention mechanism to draw global dependencies between input & output
- more parallelization
- SOTA in translation quality
- 12 hrs training with 8 P100 GPUs.

2. Background

- to reduce sequential computation; CNN
 - · Extented Neural GPU
 - · ByteNet
 - ConvS2S

the number of operations required to relate signals

from two arbitrary input or output positions grows in the distance
between positions.

- linearly for Conus25
- logarithmically for ByteNet

* Transformer

- reduced to a constant number of operations,
- reduced effective resolution due to averaging attention—weighted positions
- counteract with Multi-Head Attention
- Serf Attention (= intra attention)
 - : attention mechanism relating different positions of a single sequence in order to compute a representation of the sequence.
- 1st transduction model relying entirely on self-attention
 to Compute representations of its input & output without using
 sequence aligned RNN or convolution.

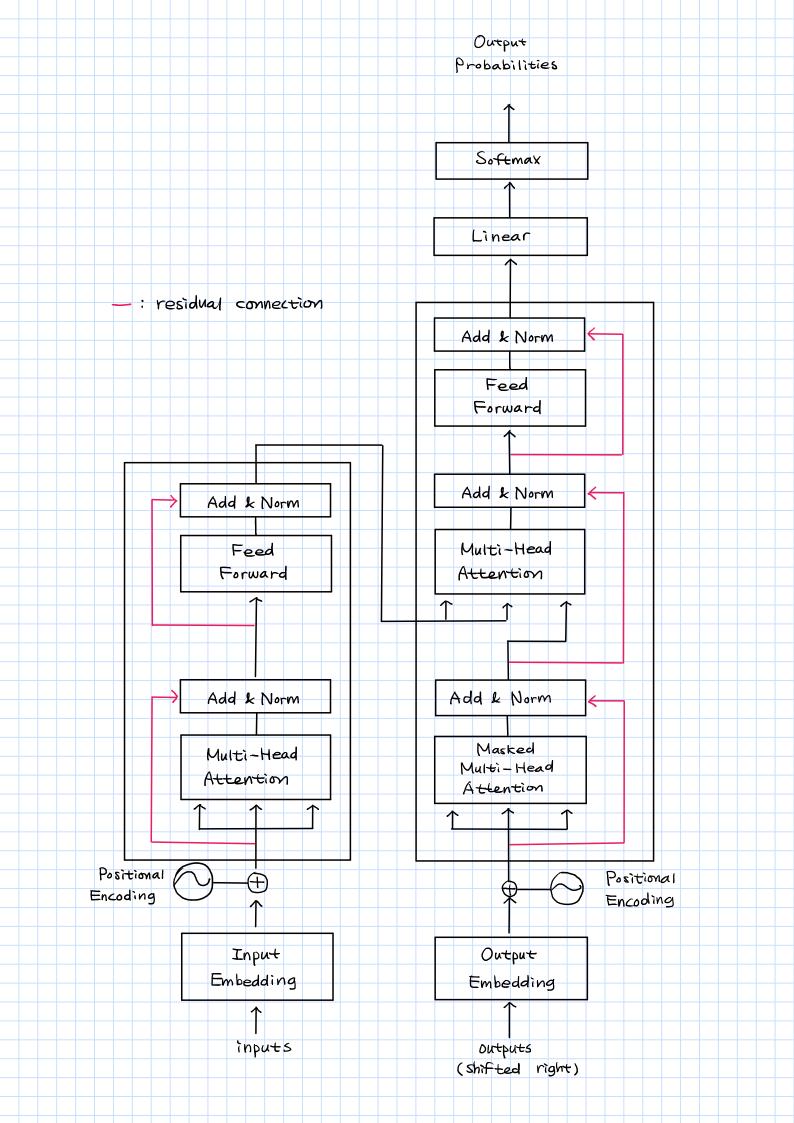
3. Model Architecture

- Encoder decoder structure
- Encoder: maps an input sequence of symbol representations $(X_1, ..., X_n)$ to a sequence of continuous representations $Z = (Z_1, ..., Z_n)$

- Decoder: generates an output sequence (y,,..., ym) of symbols

one element at a time

- auto regressive at each step.
 - (consuming previously generated symbols as additional input when generating the next)
- stacked self-attention
- point-wise, fully connected layers for both encoder & decoder



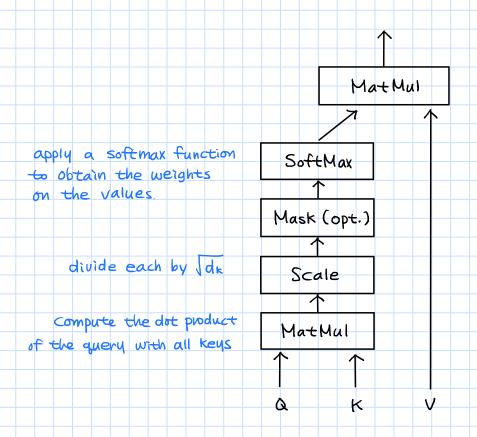
3.1 Encoder & Decoder Stacks - Encoder stack of N=6 identical layers · 1st: multi-head self-attention mechanism 2nd: position-wise fully connected feed-forward network · residual connection around each of the two sub-layers, followed by layer normalization. the output of each sub-layer is LayerNorm (x + Sublayer(x)) function implemented by · d model = 512 the sub-layer itself - Decoder stack of N=6 identical layers · masking: prevent positions from attending to subsequent positions.

- mapping a query & a set of key-value pairs to an output

 (Q, k.V, output are all vectors)
- output: weighted sum of the values
- the weight assigned to each value is computed by

 a compatibility function of the query with the corresponding key.

3.2.1 Scaled Dot-Product Attention

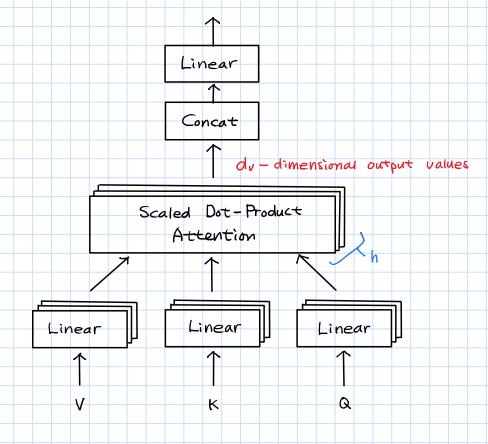


- input: queries, keys of dimension dk, values of dimension dv
- In practice, compute attention function simultaneously, packed together into a matrix Q. K(keys), V(Values)
- Attention $(Q, K, V) = softmax \left(\frac{QK^T}{Jd_K}\right) V$

- 2 most commonly used attention functions:
 - 1 additive attention
 - @ dot-product (multiplicative) attention
 - 1) additive attention
 - Computes Compatibility function using a feed-forward network with a single hidden layer.
 - @ dot-product attention
 - much faster, space-efficient in practice
 - for large values of dk, the dot products grow large in magnitude,
 pushing the softmax function into regions where it has extremely
 small gradients.

scale the dot product by 1

3.2.2 Multi-Head Attention



- linearly project the queries, keys, and values h times
 - with different, learned linear projections to dk, dk, dv dimensions, bespectively.
- allows models to jointly attend to information
 - from different representation subspace at different positions.
- Multi Head (Q, K, V) = Concat (head,, ..., headn) W°

where head: = Attention (QWia, KWik, VWi)

- · Wia E Ramodei X dk
- · Wi ∈ Ramodel x dk
- . Wi ← Rd model X dv
- · W^o ∈ Rhdv X dmodel
- h = 8 parallel attention layers, or heads.
- dk = dv = dmoder / h = 64
- Due to the reduced olimension of each head, the total computational

 cost is similar to that of single-head attention with full dimensionality.

- 3.2.3 Application of Attention in our Model
 - Transformer uses multi-head attention in 3 ways:
 - 1 In encoder -decoder attention layers
 - Queries: come from the previous decoder layer
 - Memory keys & values: come from the output of the encoder.
 - allows every position in the decoder to attend over all positions in the input sequence.
 - 2 Self-attention layers in encoder
 - In a self-attention layer, all of the keys, values, and queries

 come from the output of the previous layer in the encoder.
 - Each position in the encoder can attend to all positions in the previous layer of the encoder.
 - 1 Self attention layers in decoder
 - allow each position in the decoder to attend to all positions in the decoder up to & including that position
 - need to prevent leftward information flow in the decoder to preserve the auto-regressive property.
 - inside of scaled dot product attention by masking out
 all values in the input of the softmax which correspond to
 illegal connections.

- 3.3 Position wise Feed Forward Networks
- Each of the layers in the encoder & decoder
 - contains a fully connected feed-forward network
- Consists of 2 linear transformations with a ReLU activation in between
- $-FFN(x) = max(0,xW_1+b_1)W_2+b_2$
- Linear transformations: same across different positions

use different parameters from layer to layer.

- Dimensionality:
 - · input & output : d moder = 512
 - · inner layer : dff = 2048
- 3.4 Embeddings & Softmax
- Embedding to convert the input tokens & output tokens
 - to vectors of dimension dimodel
- learned linear transformation & Softmax function
 - : to convert the decoder output to predict next-token probabilities.
- Share the same weight matrix between 2 embedding layers &
 - the pre-softmax linear transformation
- In the embedding layers, those weights are multiplied by dimade

3.5 Positional Encoding

PE (pos, 2i) = Sin (pos /
$$10000^{2\lambda/d \text{ model}}$$
)

position dimension

- each dimension of the positional encoding corresponds to a sinusoid.
- The wavelengths form a geometric progress from 2π to $10000 \cdot 2\pi$

