

# Networks

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The networks module contains pieces of neural network that combine multiple layers.

## NLP

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### sequence\_conv\_pool

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.sequence_conv_pool(*args, **kwargs)`

Text convolution pooling layers helper.

Text input => Context Projection => FC Layer => Pooling => Output.

**Parameters:**

- **name** (*basestring*) — name of output layer(pooling layer name)
- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — name of input layer
- **context\_len** (*int*) — context projection length. See `context_projection`'s document.
- **hidden\_size** (*int*) — FC Layer size.
- **context\_start** (*int or None*) — context projection length. See `context_projection`'s `context_start`.
- **pool\_type** (*BasePoolingType*.) — pooling layer type. See `pooling_layer`'s document.
- **context\_proj\_layer\_name** (*basestring*) — context projection layer name. None if user don't care.
- **context\_proj\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*.) — context projection parameter attribute. None if user don't care.
- **fc\_layer\_name** (*basestring*) — fc layer name. None if user don't care.
- **fc\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*) — fc layer parameter attribute. None if user don't care.
- **fc\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*) — fc bias parameter attribute. False if no bias, None if user don't care.
- **fc\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — fc layer activation type. None means tanh
- **pool\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*.) — pooling layer bias attr. None if don't care. False if no bias.
- **fc\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — fc layer extra attribute.
- **context\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — context projection layer extra attribute.
- **pool\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — pooling layer extra attribute.

**Returns:** output layer name.

**Return type:** `LayerOutput`

### text\_conv\_pool

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.text_conv_pool(*args, **kwargs)`

Text convolution pooling layers helper.

Text input => Context Projection => FC Layer => Pooling => Output.

**Parameters:**

- **name** (*basestring*) — name of output layer(pooling layer name)
- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — name of input layer
- **context\_len** (*int*) — context projection length. See *context\_projection*'s document.
- **hidden\_size** (*int*) — FC Layer size.
- **context\_start** (*int or None*) — context projection length. See *context\_projection*'s *context\_start*.
- **pool\_type** (*BasePoolingType*.) — pooling layer type. See *pooling\_layer*'s document.
- **context\_proj\_layer\_name** (*basestring*) — context projection layer name. None if user don't care.
- **context\_proj\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*.) — context projection parameter attribute. None if user don't care.
- **fc\_layer\_name** (*basestring*) — fc layer name. None if user don't care.
- **fc\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*) — fc layer parameter attribute. None if user don't care.
- **fc\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*) — fc bias parameter attribute. False if no bias, None if user don't care.
- **fc\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — fc layer activation type. None means tanh
- **pool\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute or None*.) — pooling layer bias attr. None if don't care. False if no bias.
- **fc\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — fc layer extra attribute.
- **context\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — context projection layer extra attribute.
- **pool\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — pooling layer extra attribute.

**Returns:** output layer name.

**Return type:** LayerOutput

## Images

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### img\_conv\_bn\_pool

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.img_conv_bn_pool(*args, **kwargs)`

Convolution, batch normalization, pooling group.

**Parameters:**

- **name** (*basestring*) — group name
- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — layer's input
- **filter\_size** (*int*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document
- **num\_filters** (*int*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document
- **pool\_size** (*int*) — see *img\_pool\_layer*'s document.
- **pool\_type** (*BasePoolingType*) — see *img\_pool\_layer*'s document.
- **act** (*BaseActivation*) — see *batch\_norm\_layer*'s document.
- **groups** (*int*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document
- **conv\_stride** (*int*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document.
- **conv\_padding** (*int*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document.
- **conv\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document.
- **num\_channel** (*int*) — see *img\_conv\_layer*'s document.

- **conv\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — see `img_conv_layer`'s document.
- **shared\_bias** (*bool*) — see `img_conv_layer`'s document.
- **conv\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerOutput*) — see `img_conv_layer`'s document.
- **bn\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*.) — see `batch_norm_layer`'s document.
- **bn\_bias\_attr** — see `batch_norm_layer`'s document.
- **bn\_layer\_attr** — *ParameterAttribute*.
- **pool\_stride** (*int*) — see `img_pool_layer`'s document.
- **pool\_padding** (*int*) — see `img_pool_layer`'s document.
- **pool\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — see `img_pool_layer`'s document.

**Returns:** Layer groups output

**Return type:** LayerOutput

## img\_conv\_group

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.img_conv_group(*args, **kwargs)`

Image Convolution Group, Used for vgg net.

TODO(yuyang18): Complete docs

**Parameters:**

- **conv\_batchnorm\_drop\_rate** —
- **input** —
- **conv\_num\_filter** —
- **pool\_size** —
- **num\_channels** —
- **conv\_padding** —
- **conv\_filter\_size** —
- **conv\_act** —
- **conv\_with\_batchnorm** —
- **pool\_stride** —
- **pool\_type** —

**Returns:**

## simple\_img\_conv\_pool

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.simple_img_conv_pool(*args, **kwargs)`

Simple image convolution and pooling group.

Input => conv => pooling

**Parameters:**

- **name** (*basestring*) — group name
- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
- **filter\_size** (*int*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **num\_filters** (*int*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **pool\_size** (*int*) — see `img_pool_layer` for details
- **pool\_type** (*BasePoolingType*) — see `img_pool_layer` for details

- **act** (*BaseActivation*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **groups** (*int*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **conv\_stride** (*int*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **conv\_padding** (*int*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **num\_channel** (*int*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **shared\_bias** (*bool*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **conv\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — see `img_conv_layer` for details
- **pool\_stride** (*int*) — see `img_pool_layer` for details
- **pool\_padding** (*int*) — see `img_pool_layer` for details
- **pool\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — see `img_pool_layer` for details

**Returns:** Layer's output

**Return type:** LayerOutput

## vgg\_16\_network

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```
paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.vgg_16_network(input_image, num_channels,
num_classes=1000)
```

Same model from <https://gist.github.com/ksimonyan/211839e770f7b538e2d8>

**Parameters:**

- **num\_classes** —
- **input\_image** (*LayerOutput*) —
- **num\_channels** (*int*) —

**Returns:**

## Recurrent

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### LSTM

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#### lstmemory\_unit

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```
paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.lstmemory_unit(*args, **kwargs)
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Define calculations that a LSTM unit performs in a single time step. This function itself is not a recurrent layer, so that it can not be directly applied to sequence input. This function is always used in `recurrent_group` (see `layers.py` for more details) to implement attention mechanism.

Please refer to **Generating Sequences With Recurrent Neural Networks** for more details about LSTM. The link goes as follows: .. \_Link: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1308.0850>

$$\begin{aligned}
 i_t &= \sigma(W_{xi}x_t + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + W_{ci}c_{t-1} + b_i) \\
 f_t &= \sigma(W_{xf}x_t + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + W_{cf}c_{t-1} + b_f) \\
 c_t &= f_t c_{t-1} + i_t \tanh(W_{xc}x_t + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c) \\
 o_t &= \sigma(W_{xo}x_t + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + W_{co}c_t + b_o) \\
 h_t &= o_t \tanh(c_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

The example usage is:

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```
lstm_step = lstm_memory_unit(input=[layer1],
                             size=256,
                             act=TanhActivation(),
                             gate_act=SigmoidActivation(),
                             state_act=TanhActivation())
```

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- Parameters:**
- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
  - **name** (*basestring*) — lstm\_memory unit name.
  - **size** (*int*) — lstm\_memory unit size.
  - **param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — Parameter config, None if use default.
  - **act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm final activation type
  - **gate\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm gate activation type
  - **state\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm state activation type.
  - **mixed\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias parameter attribute of mixed layer. False means no bias, None means default bias.
  - **lstm\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias parameter attribute of lstm layer. False means no bias, None means default bias.
  - **mixed\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — mixed layer's extra attribute.
  - **lstm\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — lstm layer's extra attribute.
  - **get\_output\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — get output layer's extra attribute.

**Returns:** lstm\_memory unit name.

**Return type:** LayerOutput

## lstm\_memory\_group

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.lstm_memory_group(*args, **kwargs)`

`lstm_group` is a recurrent layer group version Long Short Term Memory. It does exactly the same calculation as the `lstm_memory` layer (see `lstm_memory` in `layers.py` for the maths) does. A promising benefit is that LSTM memory cell states, or hidden states in every time step are accessible to for the user. This is especially useful in attention model. If you do not need to access to the internal states of the lstm, but merely use its outputs, it is recommended to use the `lstm_memory`, which is relatively faster than `lstm_memory_group`.

NOTE: In PaddlePaddle's implementation, the following input-to-hidden multiplications:  $W_{xi}x_t$ ,  $W_{xf}x_t$ ,  $W_{xc}x_t$ ,  $W_{xo}x_t$  are not done in `lstm_memory_unit` to speed up the calculations. Consequently, an additional `mixed_layer` with `full_matrix_projection` must be included before `lstm_memory_unit` is called.

The example usage is:

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```
lstm_step = lstmmemory_group(input=[layer1],
                             size=256,
                             act=TanhActivation(),
                             gate_act=SigmoidActivation(),
                             state_act=TanhActivation())
```

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- Parameters:**
- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
  - **name** (*basestring*) — lstmmemory group name.
  - **size** (*int*) — lstmmemory group size.
  - **reverse** (*bool*) — is lstm reversed
  - **param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — Parameter config, None if use default.
  - **act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm final activation type
  - **gate\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm gate activation type
  - **state\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm state activation type.
  - **mixed\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias parameter attribute of mixed layer. False means no bias, None means default bias.
  - **lstm\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias parameter attribute of lstm layer. False means no bias, None means default bias.
  - **mixed\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — mixed layer's extra attribute.
  - **lstm\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — lstm layer's extra attribute.
  - **get\_output\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — get output layer's extra attribute.

**Returns:** the lstmmemory group.

**Return type:** LayerOutput

## simple\_lstm

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.simple_lstm(*args, **kwargs)`

Simple LSTM Cell.

It just combine a mixed layer with fully\_matrix\_projection and a lstmmemory layer. The simple lstm cell was implemented as follow equations.

$$\begin{aligned}
 i_t &= \sigma(W_{xi}x_t + W_{hi}h_{t-1} + W_{ci}c_{t-1} + b_i) \\
 f_t &= \sigma(W_{xf}x_t + W_{hf}h_{t-1} + W_{cf}c_{t-1} + b_f) \\
 c_t &= f_t c_{t-1} + i_t \tanh(W_{xc}x_t + W_{hc}h_{t-1} + b_c) \\
 o_t &= \sigma(W_{xo}x_t + W_{ho}h_{t-1} + W_{co}c_t + b_o) \\
 h_t &= o_t \tanh(c_t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Please refer **Generating Sequences With Recurrent Neural Networks** if you want to know what lstm is. [Link](#) is here.

- Parameters:**
- **name** (*basestring*) — lstm layer name.
  - **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
  - **size** (*int*) — lstm layer size.

- **reverse** (*bool*) — whether to process the input data in a reverse order
- **mat\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — mixed layer's matrix projection parameter attribute.
- **bias\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias parameter attribute. False means no bias, None means default bias.
- **inner\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — lstm cell parameter attribute.
- **act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm final activation type
- **gate\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm gate activation type
- **state\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — lstm state activation type.
- **mixed\_layer\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — mixed layer's extra attribute.
- **lstm\_cell\_attr** (*ExtraLayerAttribute*) — lstm layer's extra attribute.

**Returns:** lstm layer name.

**Return** LayerOutput

**type:**

## bidirectional\_lstm

```
paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.bidirectional_lstm(*args, **kwargs)
```

A `bidirectional_lstm` is a recurrent unit that iterates over the input sequence both in forward and backward orders, and then concatenate two outputs form a final output. However, concatenation of two outputs is not the only way to form the final output, you can also, for example, just add them together.

Please refer to **Neural Machine Translation by Jointly Learning to Align and Translate** for more details about the `bidirectional_lstm`. The link goes as follows: ..\_Link: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1409.0473v3.pdf>

The example usage is:

```
bi_lstm = bidirectional_lstm(input=[input1], size=512)
```

- Parameters:**
- **name** (*basestring*) — bidirectional lstm layer name.
  - **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer.
  - **size** (*int*) — lstm layer size.
  - **return\_seq** (*bool*) — If set False, outputs of the last time step are concatenated and returned. If set True, the entire output sequences that are processed in forward and backward directions are concatenated and returned.

**Returns:** LayerOutput object accroding to the `return_seq`.

**Return** LayerOutput

**type:**

## GRU

### gru\_unit

```
paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.gru_unit(*args, **kwargs)
```



Define calculations that a gated recurrent unit performs in a single time step. This function itself is not a recurrent layer, so that it can not be directly applied to sequence input. This function is almost always used in the `recurrent_group` (see `layers.py` for more details) to implement attention mechanism.

Please see `grumemory` in `layers.py` for the details about the maths.

**Parameters:**

- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
- **name** (*basestring*) — name of the gru group.
- **size** (*int*) — hidden size of the gru.
- **act** (*BaseActivation*) — type of the activation
- **gate\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — type of the gate activation
- **gru\_layer\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — Extra parameter attribute of the gru layer.

**Returns:** the gru output layer.

**Return type:** `LayerOutput`

## gru\_group

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.gru_group(*args, **kwargs)`

`gru_group` is a recurrent layer group version Gated Recurrent Unit. It does exactly the same calculation as the `grumemory` layer does. A promising benefit is that gru hidden states are accessible to for the user. This is especially useful in attention model. If you do not need to access to any internal state, but merely use the outputs of a GRU, it is recommended to use the `grumemory`, which is relatively faster.

Please see `grumemory` in `layers.py` for more detail about the maths.

The example usage is:

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```
gru = gru_group(input=[layer1],
               size=256,
               act=TanhActivation(),
               gate_act=SigmoidActivation())
```

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**Parameters:**

- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
- **name** (*basestring*) — name of the gru group.
- **size** (*int*) — hidden size of the gru.
- **reverse** (*bool*) — whether to process the input data in a reverse order
- **act** (*BaseActivation*) — type of the activation
- **gate\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — type of the gate activation
- **gru\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias. False means no bias, None means default bias.
- **gru\_layer\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — Extra parameter attribute of the gru layer.

**Returns:** the gru group.

**Return type:** `LayerOutput`

## simple\_gru

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.simple_gru(*args, **kwargs)`

You maybe see `gru_step_layer`, `grumemory` in `layers.py`, `gru_unit`, `gru_group`, `simple_gru` in `network.py`. The reason why there are so many interfaces is that we have two ways to implement recurrent neural network. One way is to use one complete layer to implement rnn (including simple rnn, gru and lstm) with multiple time steps, such as `recurrent_layer`, `lstmemory`, `grumemory`. But, the multiplication operation  $Wx_t$  is not computed in these layers. See details in their interfaces in `layers.py`. The other implementation is to use an recurrent group which can ensemble a series of layers to compute rnn step by step. This way is flexible for attention mechanism or other complex connections.

- `gru_step_layer`: only compute rnn by one step. It needs an memory as input and can be used in recurrent group.
- `gru_unit`: a wrapper of `gru_step_layer` with memory.
- `gru_group`: a GRU cell implemented by a combination of multiple layers in recurrent group. But  $Wx_t$  is not done in group.
- `gru_memory`: a GRU cell implemented by one layer, which does same calculation with `gru_group` and is faster than `gru_group`.
- `simple_gru`: a complete GRU implementation including  $Wx_t$  and `gru_group`.  $W$  contains  $W_r$ ,  $W_z$  and  $W$ , see formula in `grumemory`.

The computational speed is that, `grumemory` is relatively better than `gru_group`, and `gru_group` is relatively better than `simple_gru`.

The example usage is:

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```
gru = simple_gru(input=[layer1], size=256)
```

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**Parameters:**

- **input** (*LayerOutput*) — input layer name.
- **name** (*basestring*) — name of the gru group.
- **size** (*int*) — hidden size of the gru.
- **reverse** (*bool*) — whether to process the input data in a reverse order
- **act** (*BaseActivation*) — type of the activation
- **gate\_act** (*BaseActivation*) — type of the gate activation
- **gru\_bias\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — bias. False means no bias, None means default bias.
- **gru\_layer\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute/False*) — Extra parameter attribute of the gru layer.

**Returns:** the gru group.

**Return type:** LayerOutput

## simple\_attention

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.simple_attention(*args, **kwargs)`

Calculate and then return a context vector by attention mechanism. Size of the context vector equals to size of the encoded\_sequence.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(s_{i-1}, h_j) &= v_a f(W_a s_{i-1} + U_a h_j) \\
 e_{i,j} &= a(s_{i-1}, h_j) \\
 a_{i,j} &= \frac{\exp(e_{i,j})}{\sum_{k=1}^{T_x} \exp(e_{i,k})} \\
 c_i &= \sum_{j=1}^{T_x} a_{i,j} h_j
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $h_j$  is the  $j$ th element of `encoded_sequence`,  $U_a h_j$  is the  $j$ th element of `encoded_proj`,  $s_{i-1}$  is `decoder_state`,  $f$  is `weight_act`, and is set to `tanh` by default.

Please refer to **Neural Machine Translation by Jointly Learning to Align and Translate** for more details. The link is as follows: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1409.0473>.

The example usage is:

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```
context = simple_attention(encoded_sequence=enc_seq,
                           encoded_proj=enc_proj,
                           decoder_state=decoder_prev, )
```

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**Parameters:**

- **name** (*basestring*) — name of the attention model.
- **softmax\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — parameter attribute of sequence softmax that is used to produce attention weight
- **weight\_act** (*Activation*) — activation of the attention model
- **encoded\_sequence** (*LayerOutput*) — output of the encoder
- **encoded\_proj** (*LayerOutput*) — attention weight is computed by a feed forward neural network which has two inputs : decoder's hidden state of previous time step and encoder's output. `encoded_proj` is output of the feed-forward network for encoder's output. Here we pre-compute it outside `simple_attention` for speed consideration.
- **decoder\_state** (*LayerOutput*) — hidden state of decoder in previous time step
- **transform\_param\_attr** (*ParameterAttribute*) — parameter attribute of the feed-forward network that takes `decoder_state` as inputs to compute attention weight.

**Returns:** a context vector

## Miscs

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### dropout\_layer

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```
paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.dropout_layer(*args, **kwargs)
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@TODO(yuyang18): Add comments.

**Parameters:**

- **name** —
- **input** —
- **dropout\_rate** —

**Returns:**

## outputs

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`paddle.trainer_config_helpers.networks.outputs(layers, *args)`

Declare the outputs of network. If user have not defined the inputs of network, this method will calculate the input order by dfs travel.

**Parameters:** `layers` (*list/tuple/LayerOutput*) — Output layers.

**Returns:**