

Deep Learning

16 Transformer Applications

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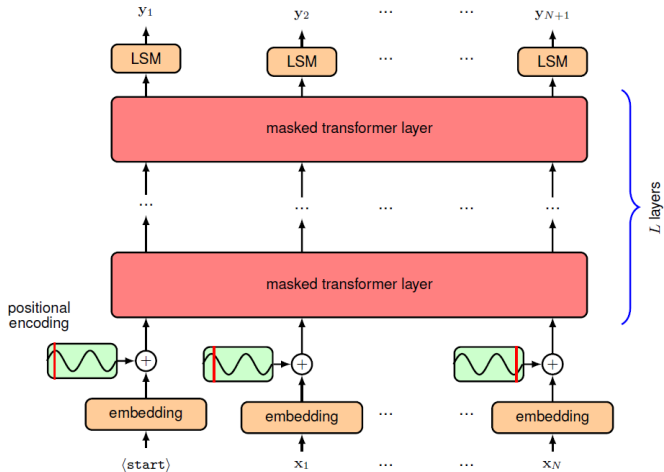
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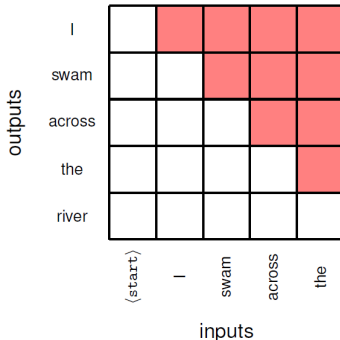
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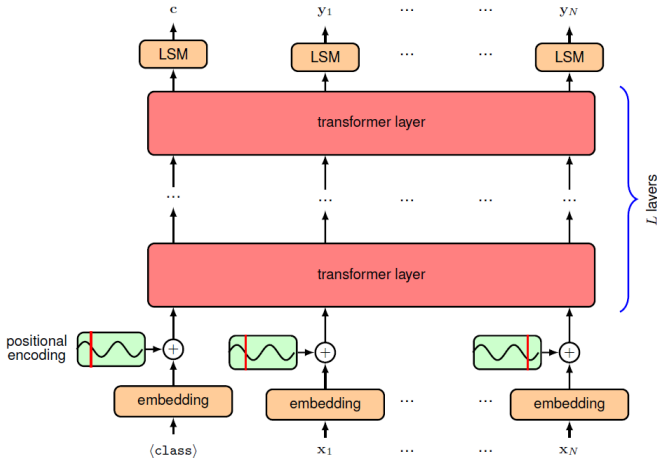
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- ③ Model should predict **is** and **floor** at 3 and 7 nodes respectively

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- ③ A new layer (LSM in the figure) predicts the probability distribution over the dictionary

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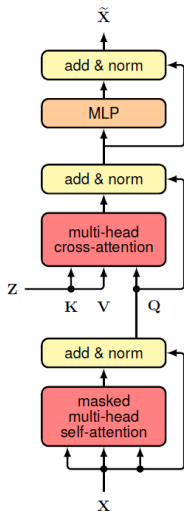
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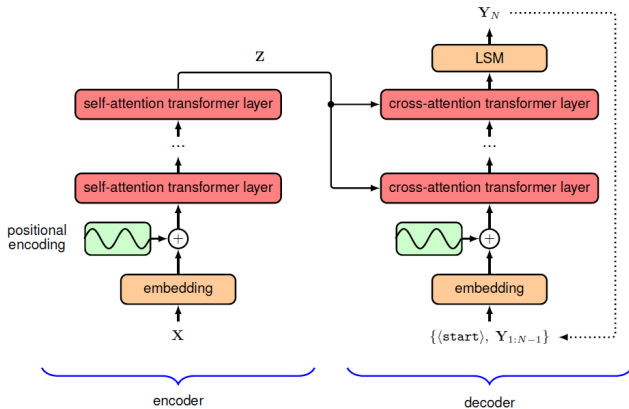
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- ④ Conditioned on the entire input sequence corresponding to the English sentence → 'cross attention'

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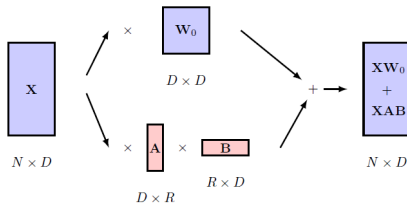
- ① 'Foundation Model' ← A model with broad capabilities that can be subsequently fine-tuned for specific tasks

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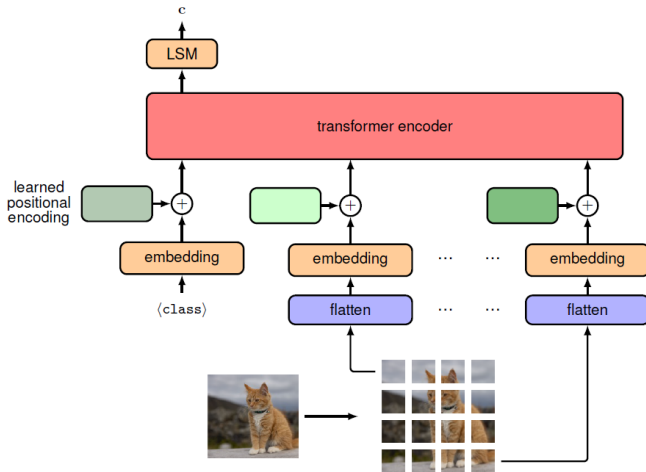
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- ③ Fine-tuning large language models through human evaluation of generated output (e.g., reinforcement learning through human feedback or RLHF)

Transformers - Computer Vision



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