

Attention mechanism and Transformers

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Petit sondage



Que vous évoque le mot
“Transformer” ?

QUESTION

Contenu



- Rappels RNNs et Seq2Seq
- Attention mechanism
- Self-Attention
 - Multi-hop
 - Multi-head
- Transformer architecture

A retenir



- Limites des RNNs
- Compréhension du principe d'attention + **self-attention**
- Compréhension globale de l'architecture **Transformer**
- Intuition des très nombreux tricks (*Positional Encoding, Layer Norm, Residual connections...*)

Ressources

Cours:

- Waterloo university: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OyFJWRnt AY>

Talks:

- Arthur Szlam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-HCvbdQ8wA>

Lectures:

- <https://jalammar.github.io/illustrated-transformer/>
- <https://lilianweng.github.io/posts/2018-06-24-attention/>
- <https://lilianweng.github.io/posts/2020-04-07-the-transformer-family/>
- <https://transformersbook.com/>

Rappels sur les RNNs et Seq2Seq

RNNs pour les séquences

Comment gérer les dépendances temporelles ?



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Exemple 2 :

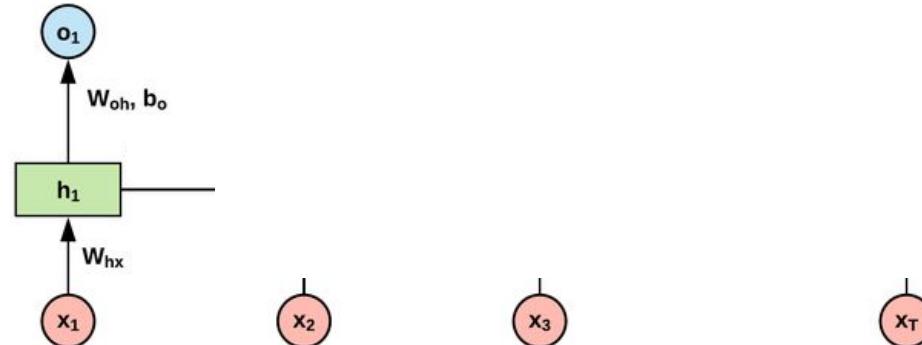
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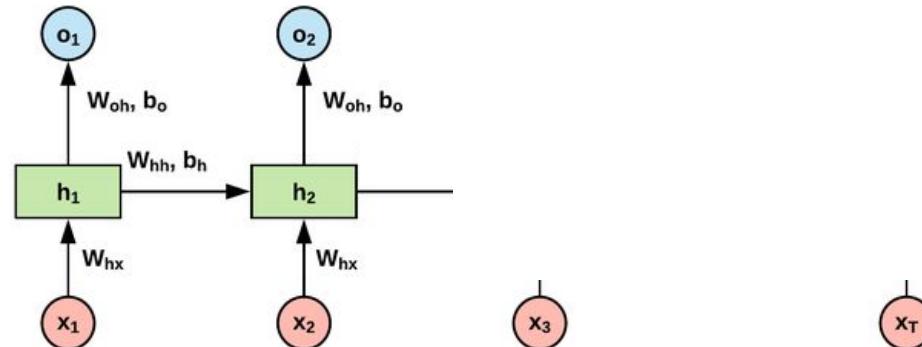


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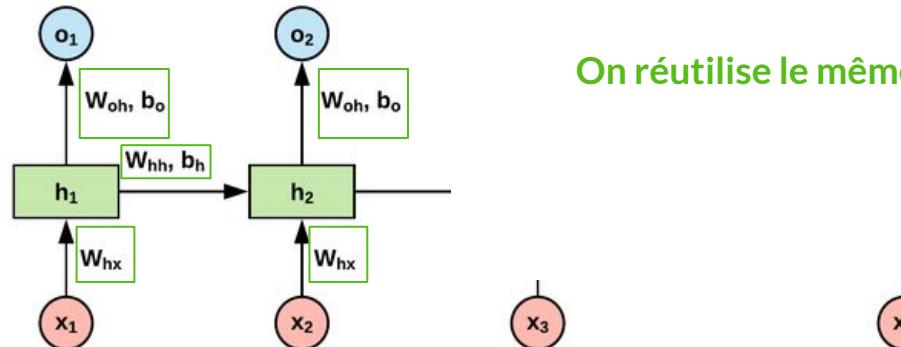


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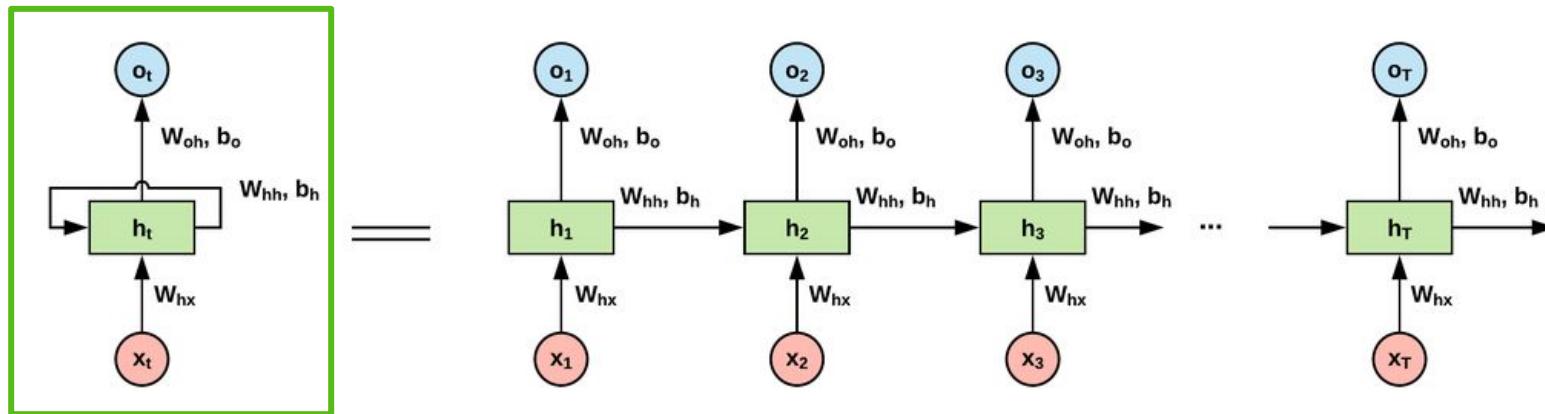
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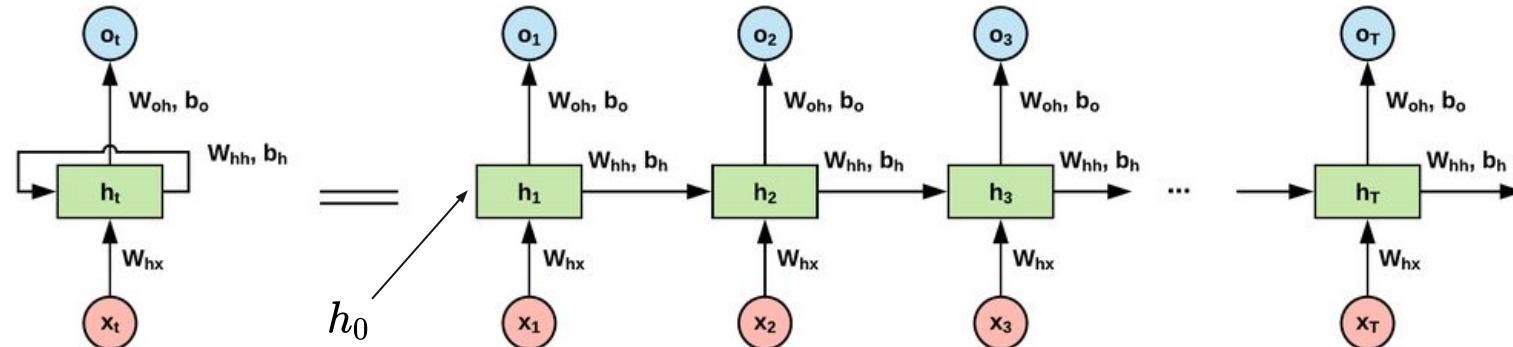
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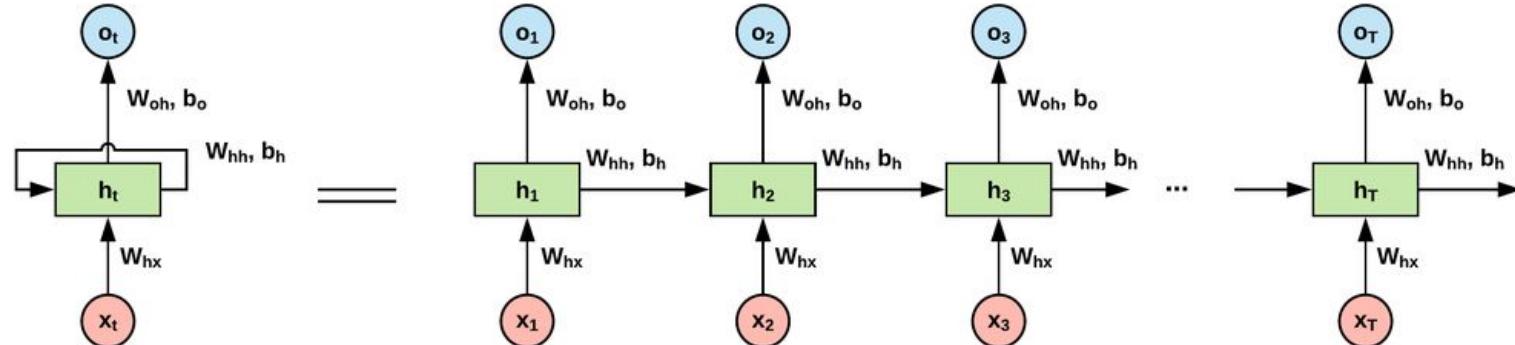


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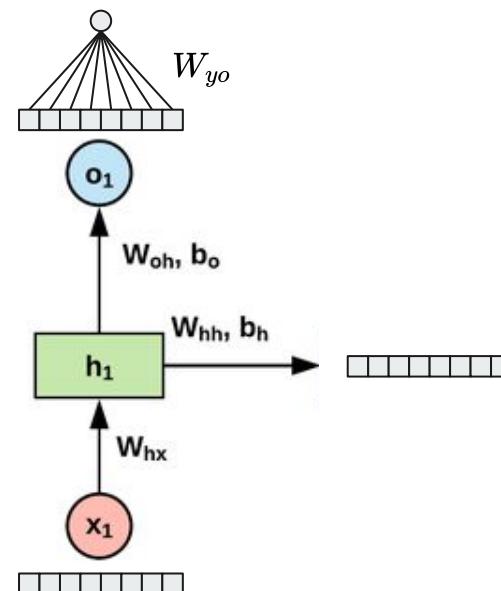
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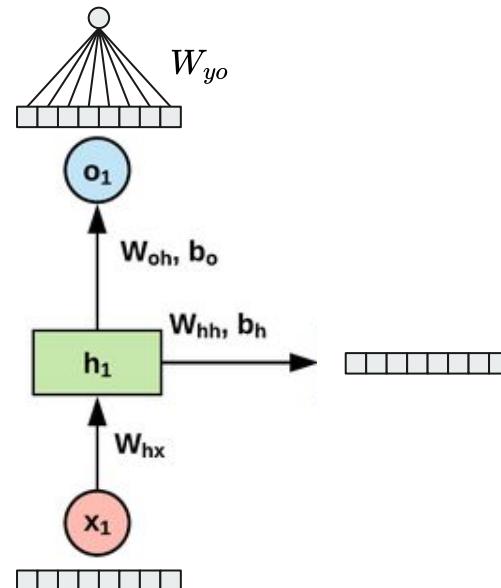
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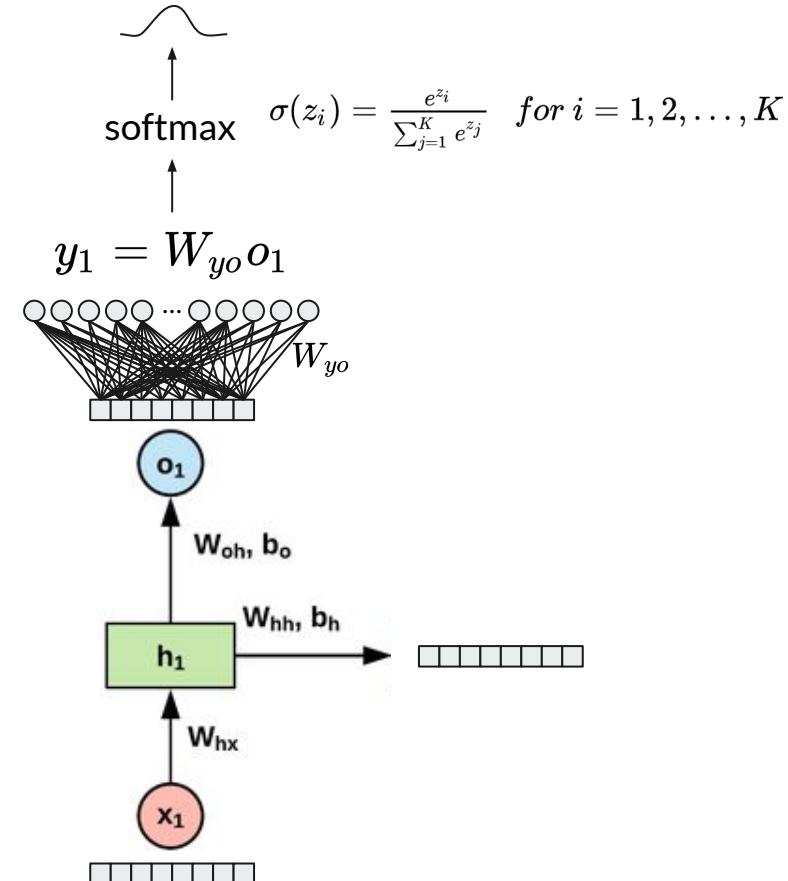
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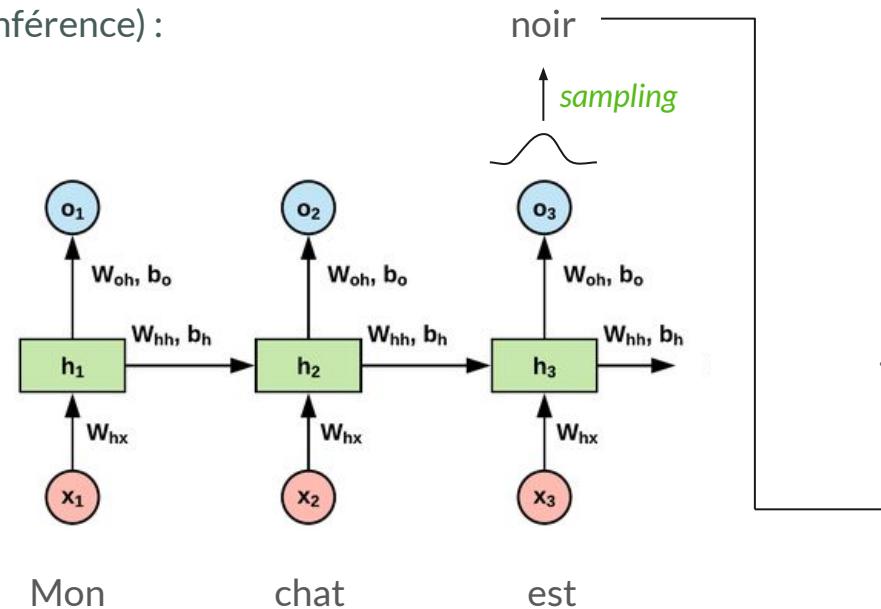
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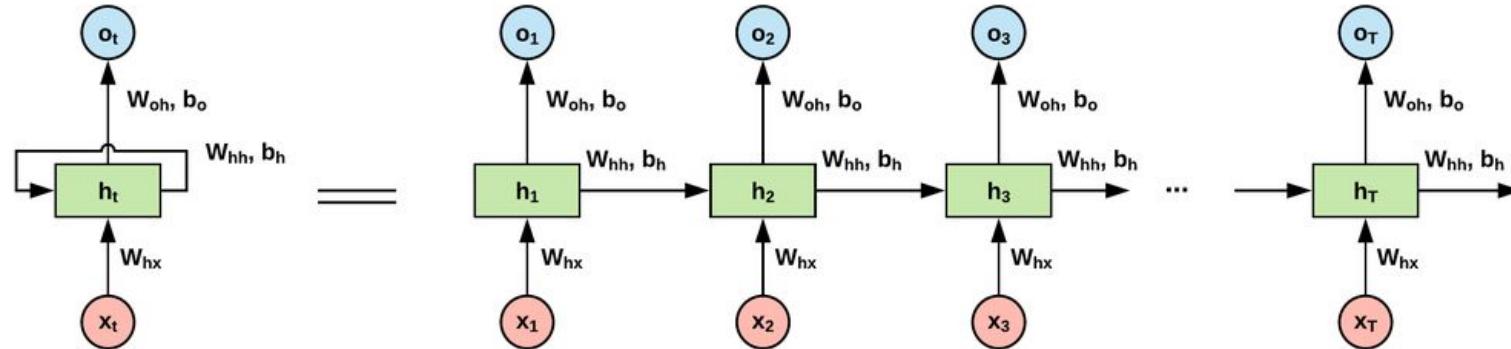


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Exemple de decoding (inférence) :



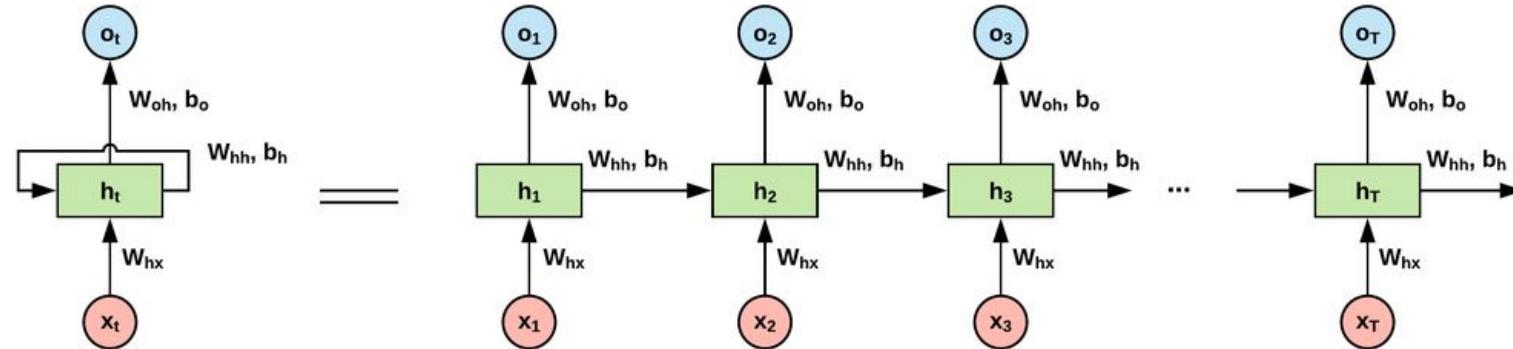
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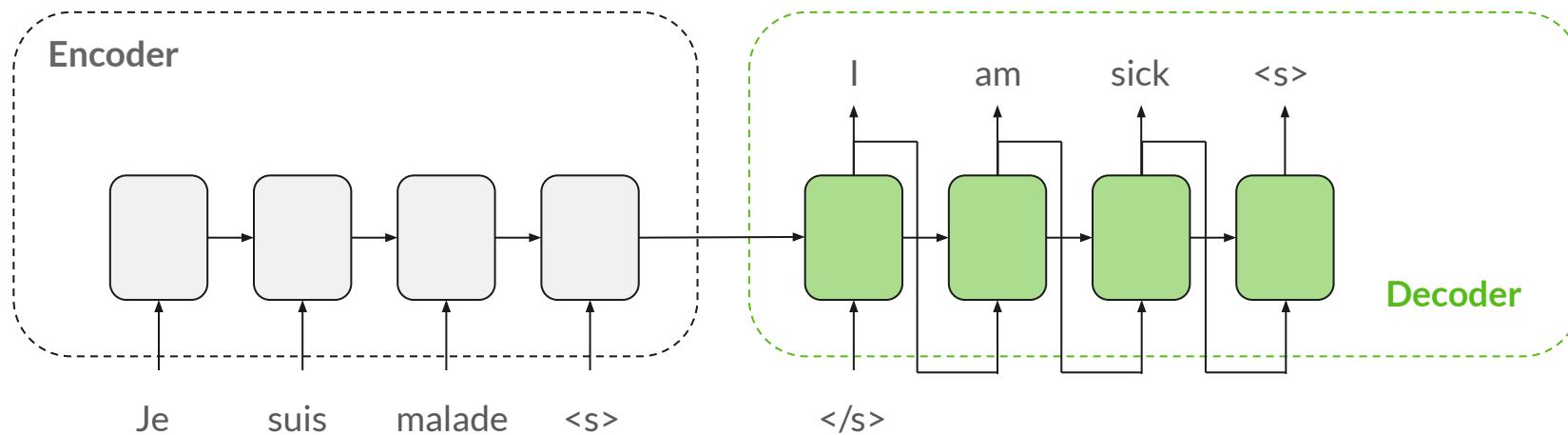


Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) (Hochreiter & Schmidhuber, 1997)

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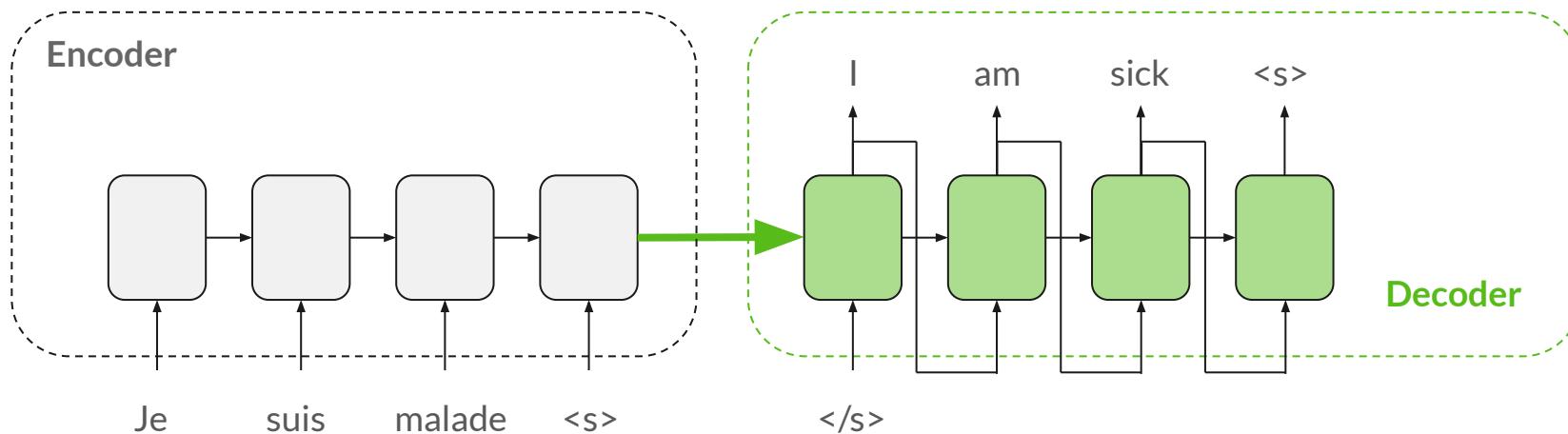


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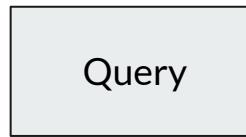
Le dernier hidden state doit représenter toute la séquence d'entrée /!\



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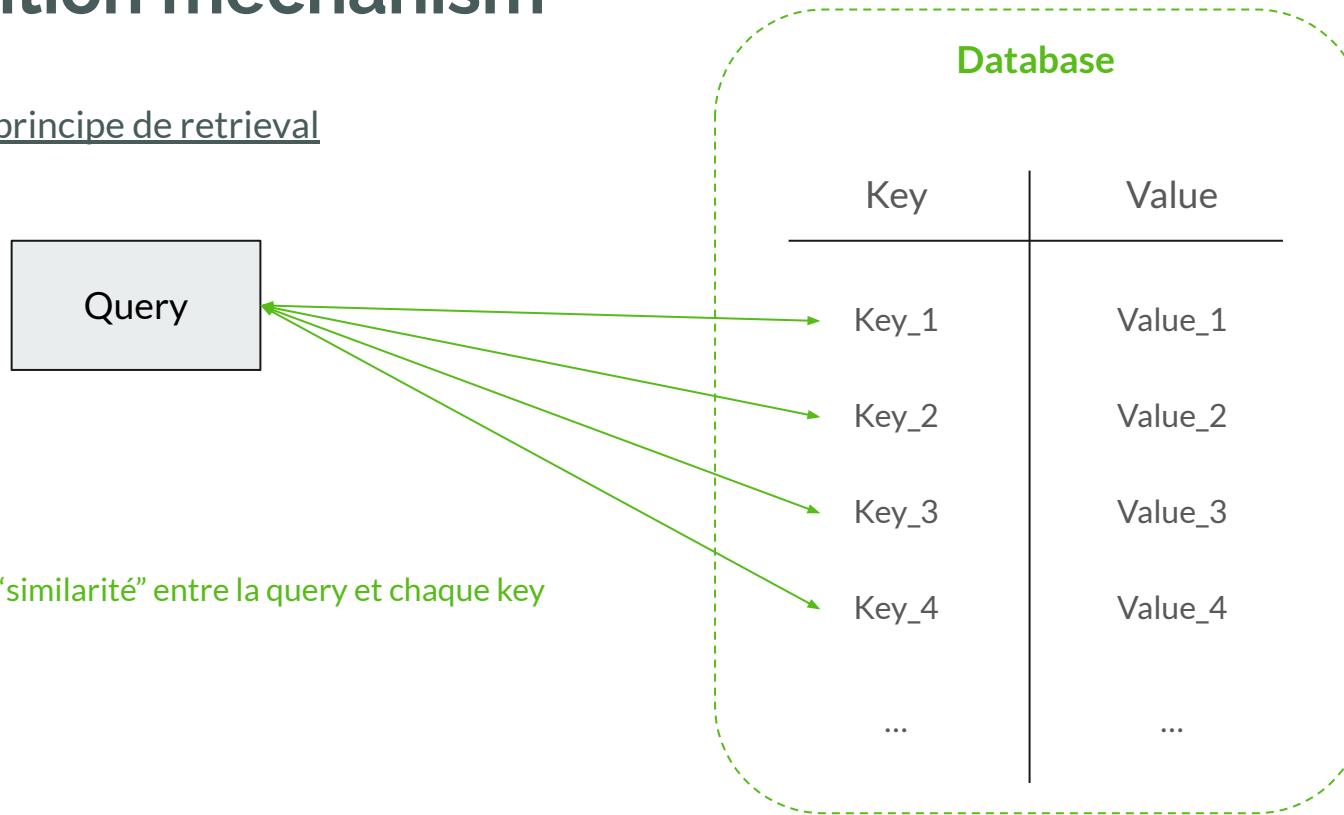


Database

Key	Value
Key_1	Value_1
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Key_3	Value_3
Key_4	Value_4
...	...

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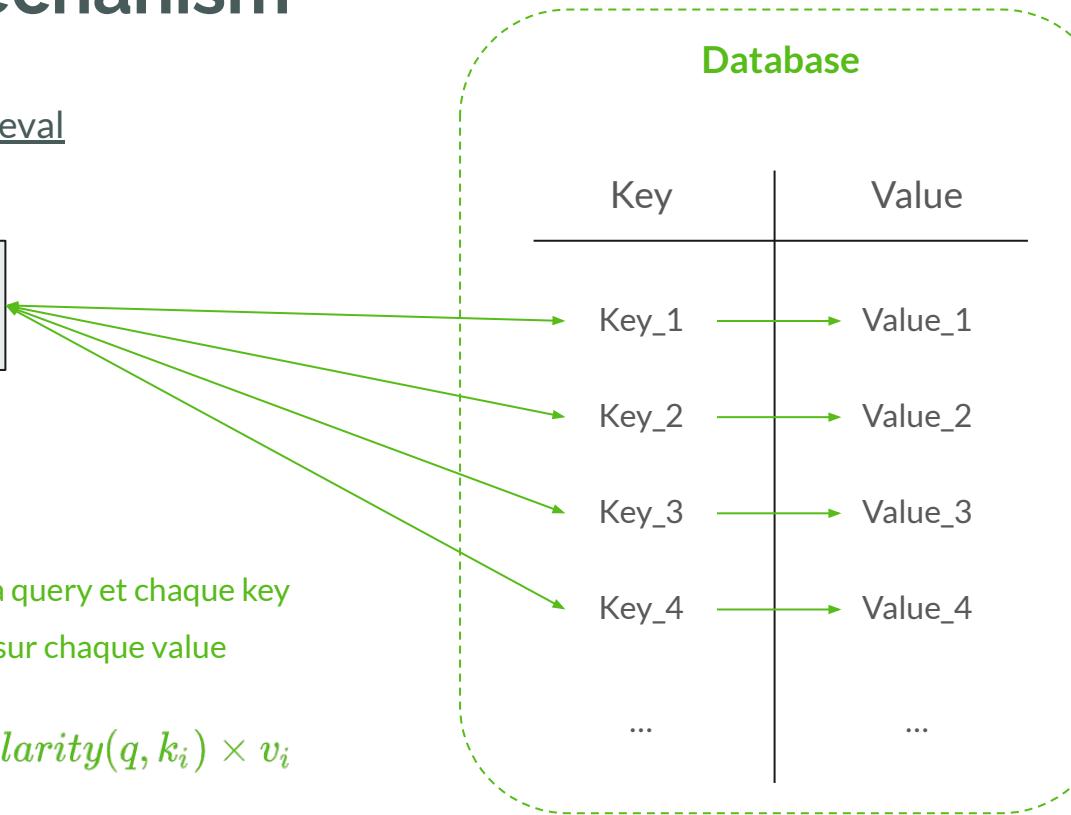
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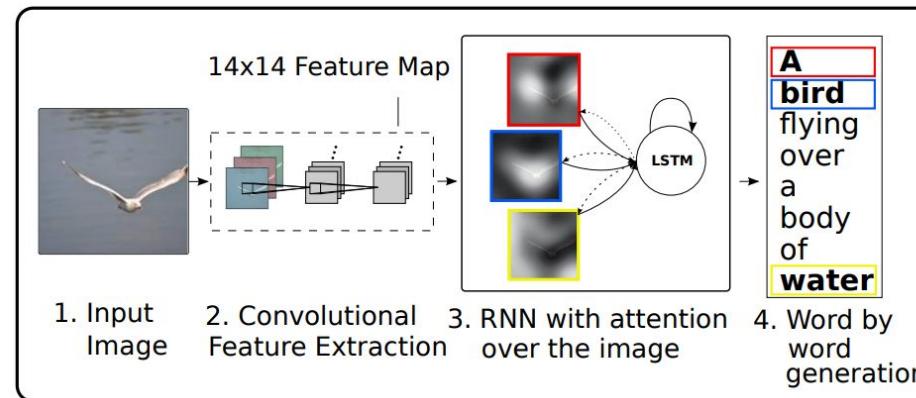


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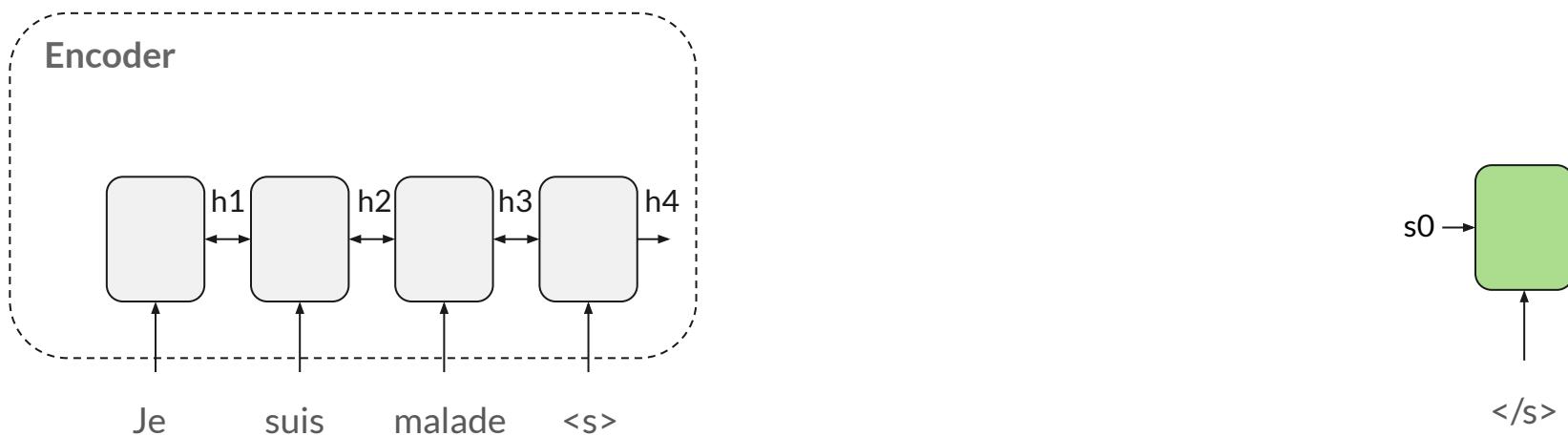
NLP:

- Brown et al., 1993 => Alignment in translation (Hard attention)
- **Bahdanau et al., 2015 => Attention as focusing (SOTA in NMT /!\\)**

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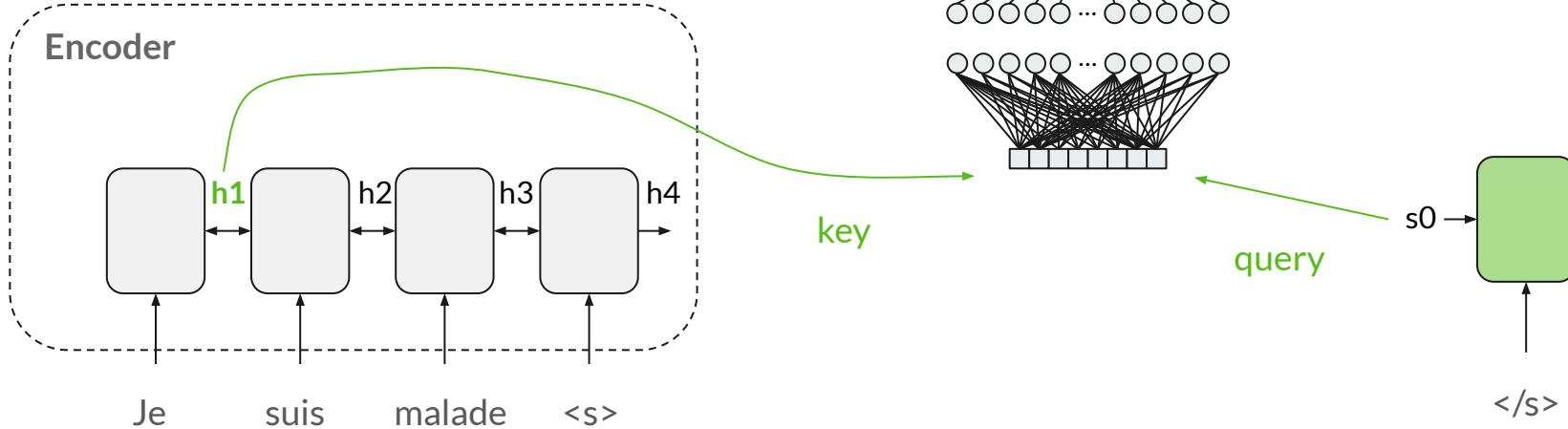
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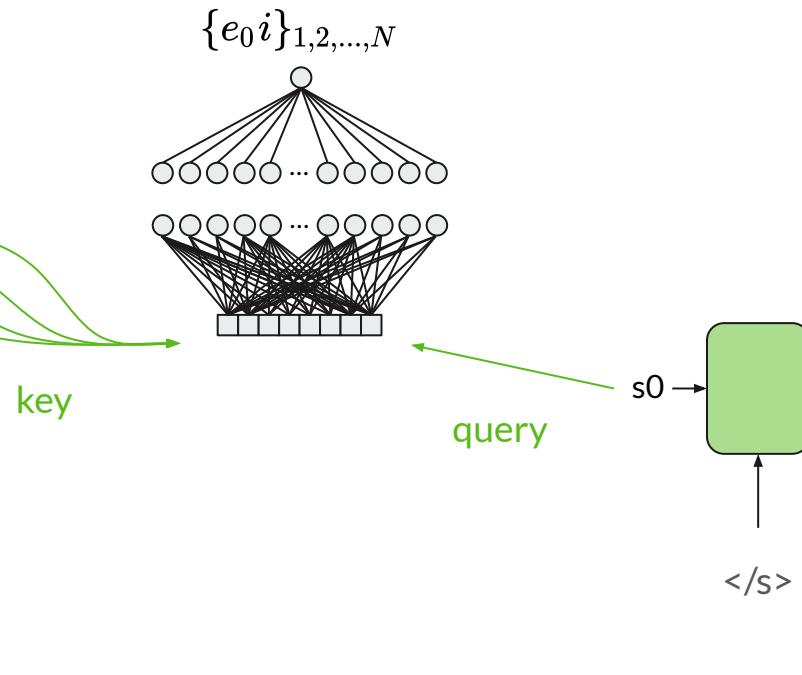
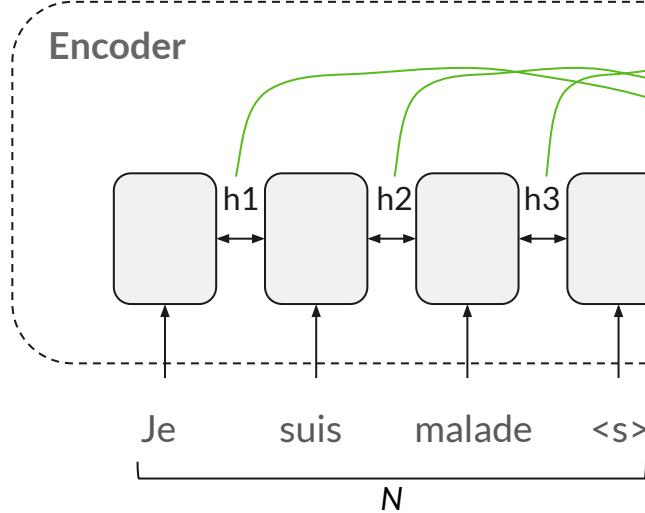
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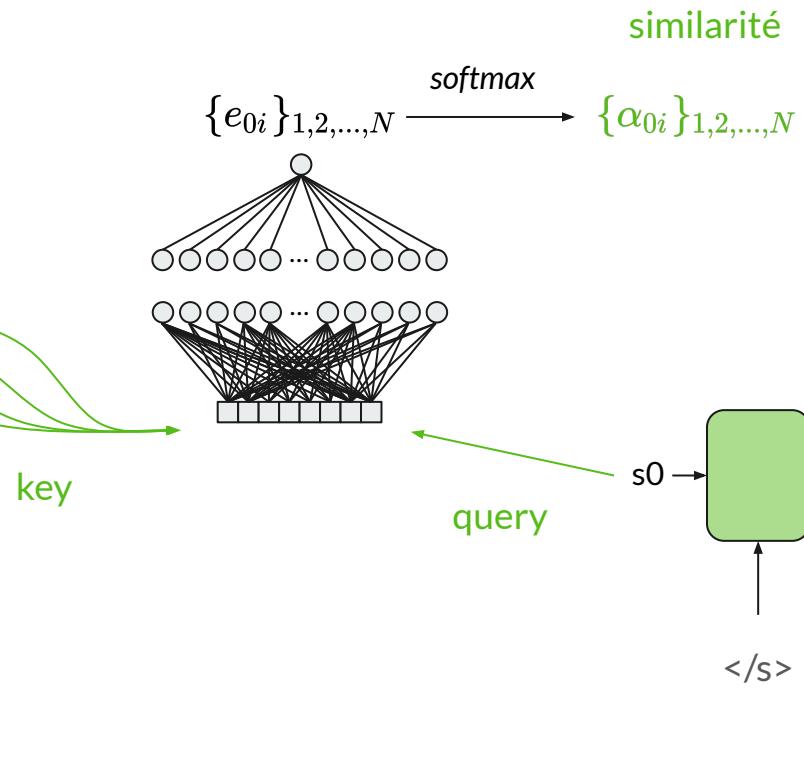
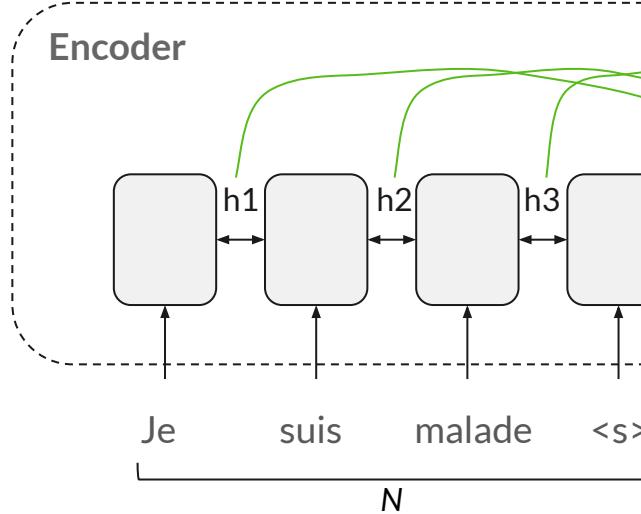
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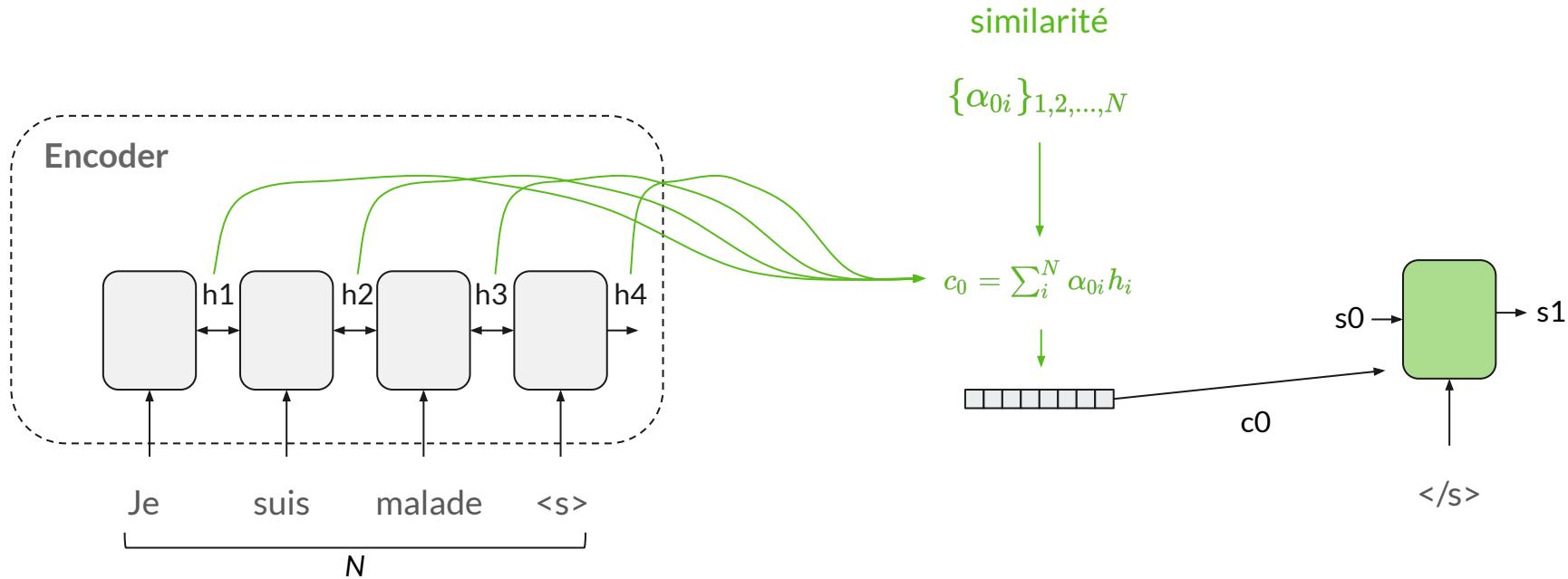
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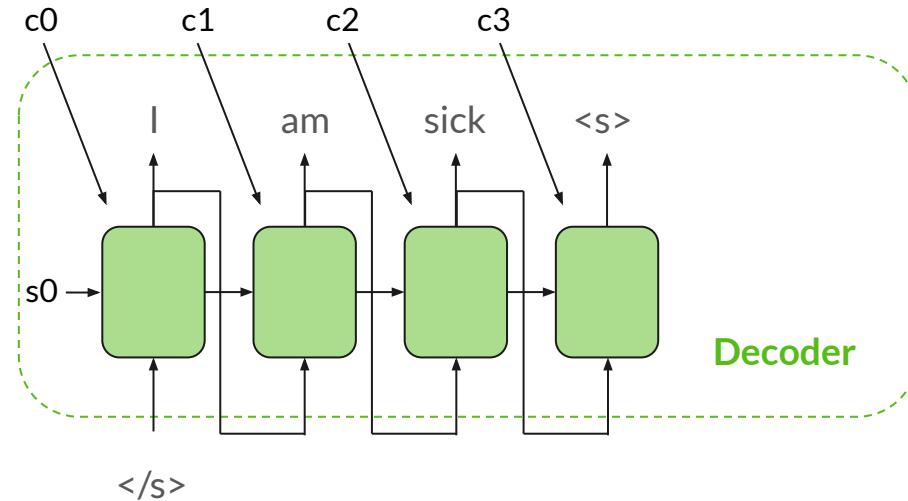
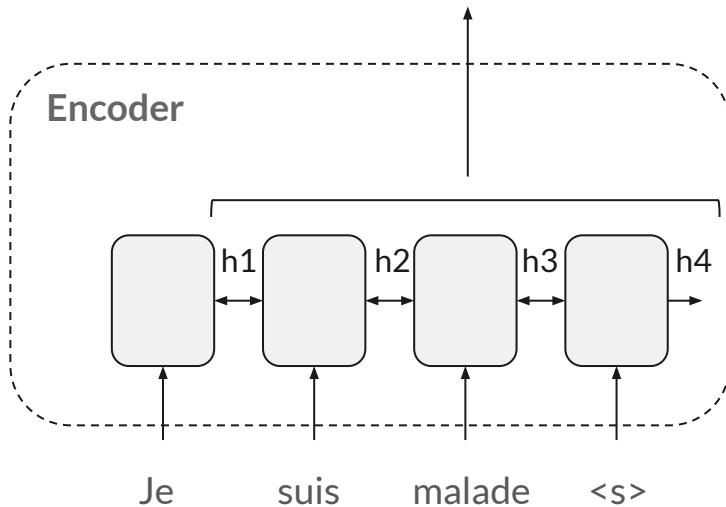
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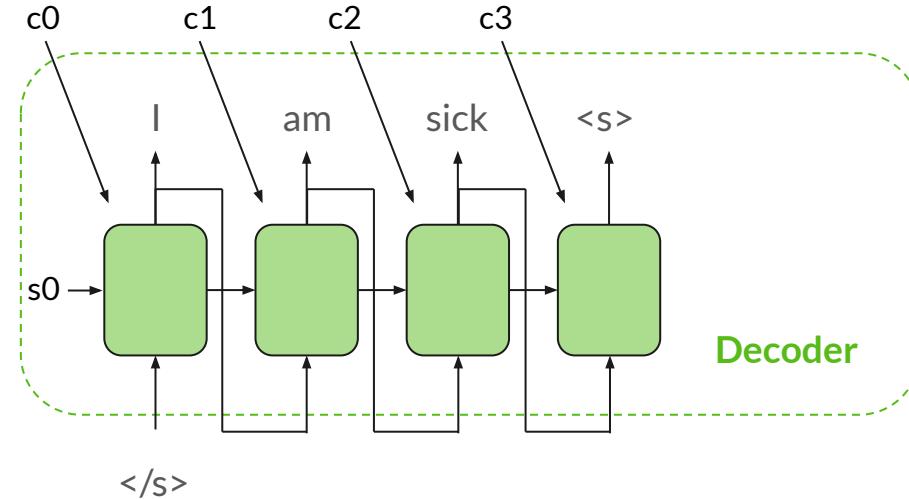
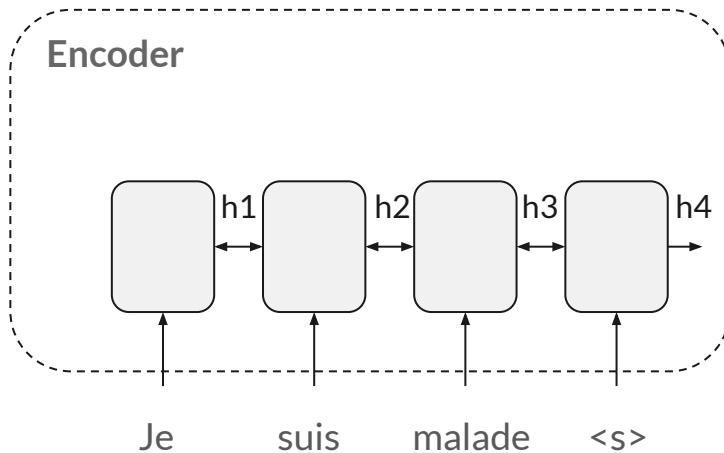
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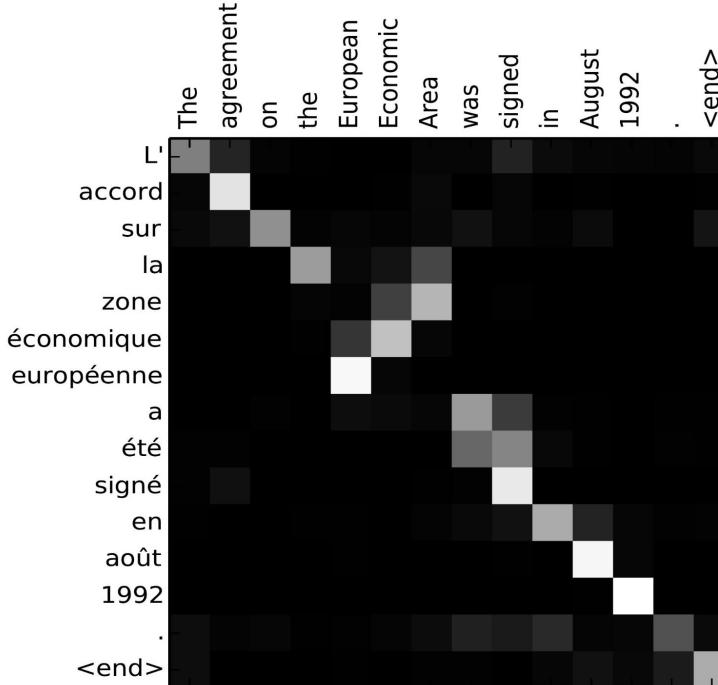
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- Il y a désormais un contexte résumant la phrase d'entrée pour chaque mot du Decoder
- Chaque mot décodé a son propre contexte (query = $s-1$)
- Les hidden states de l'Encoder sont à la fois les clés et valeurs, ceux du Decoder les queries



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L'attention permet à chaque mot décodé de se "concentrer" sur certains mots d'entrée

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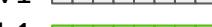
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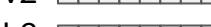
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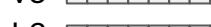
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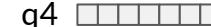
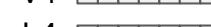
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q2 
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q3 
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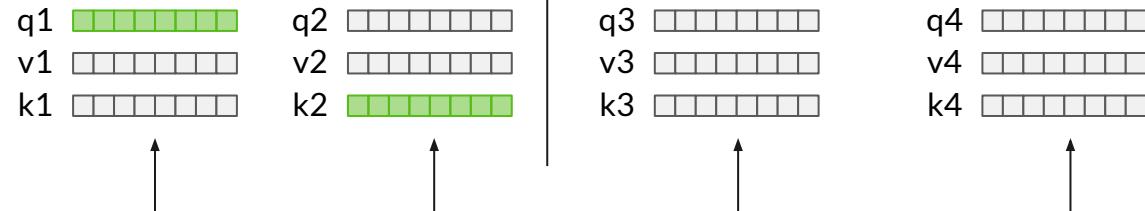
q4 
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q3

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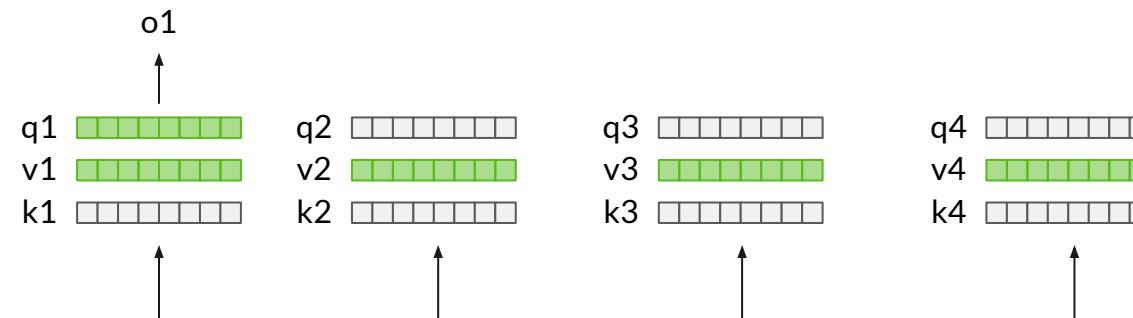
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v1

k1

q2

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k2

q3

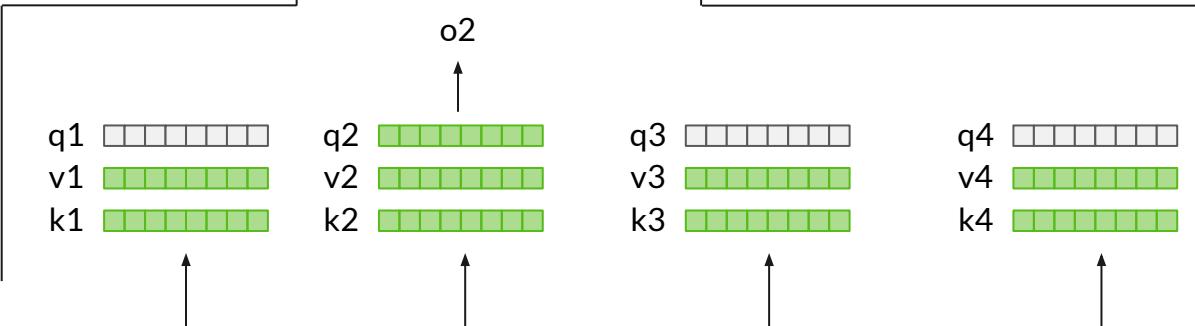
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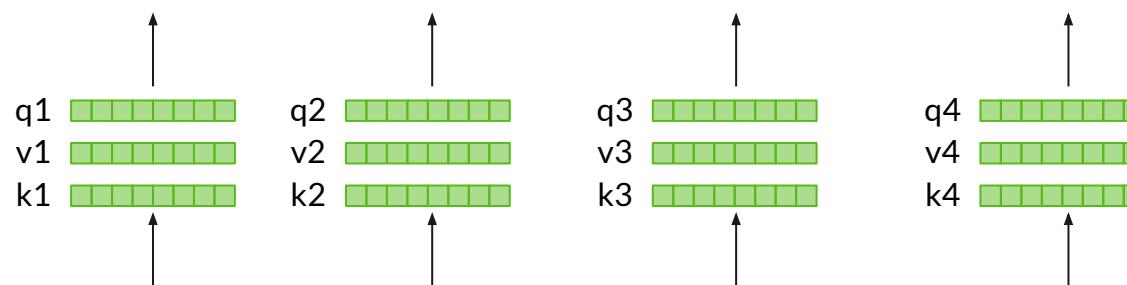
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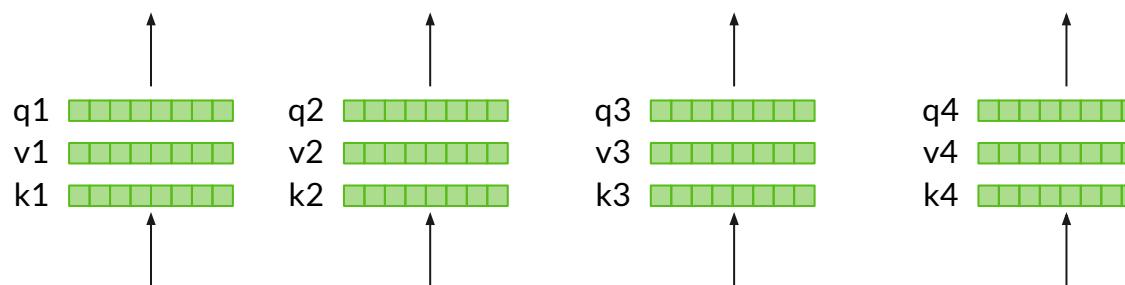
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Scaled Dot-Product Attention

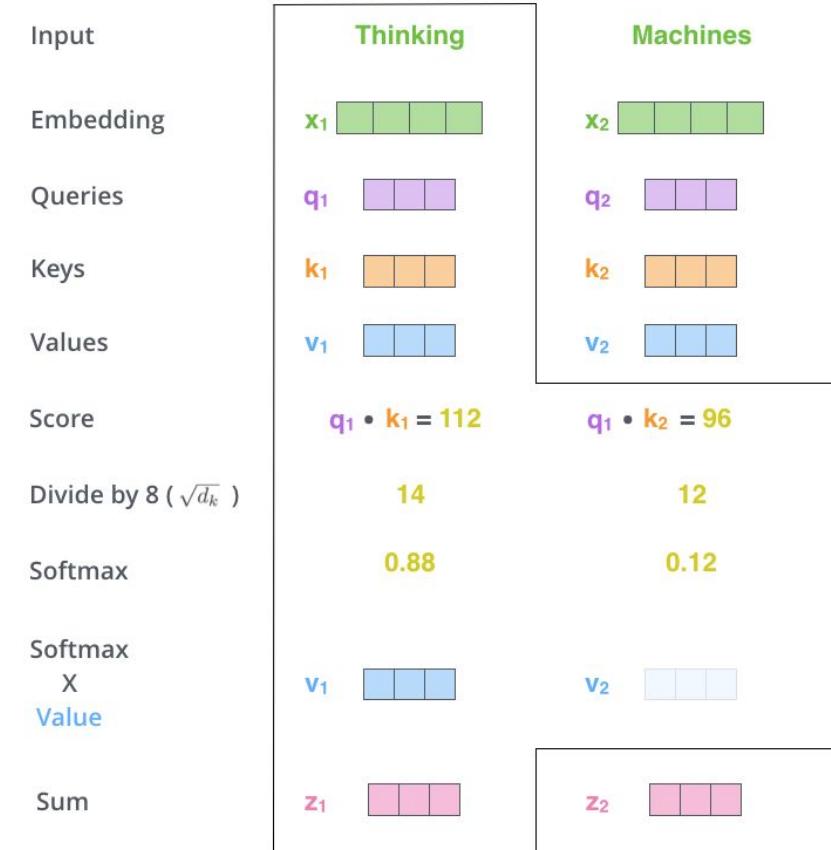
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Transformer architecture

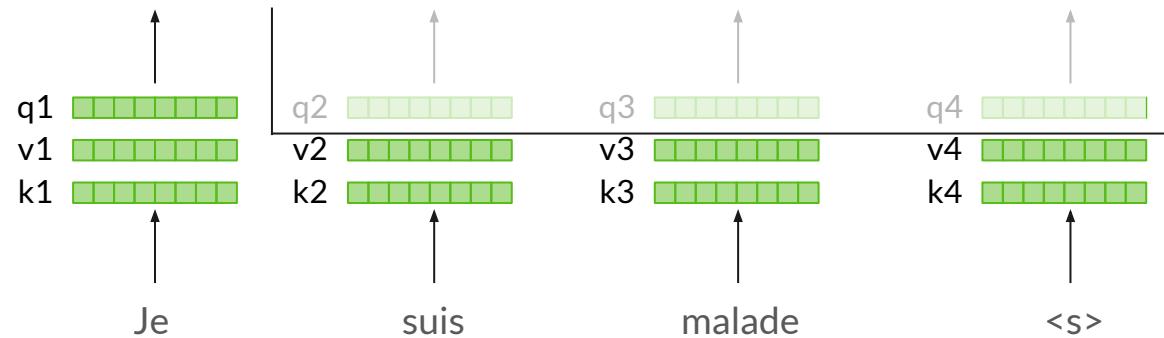
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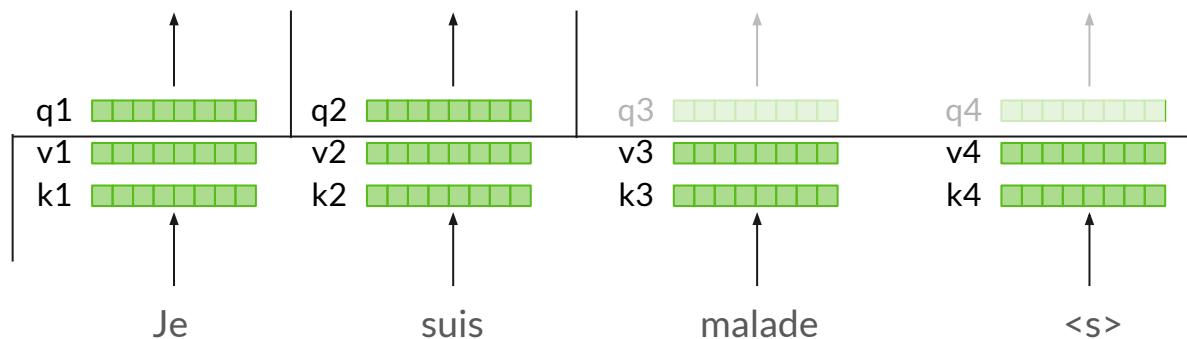
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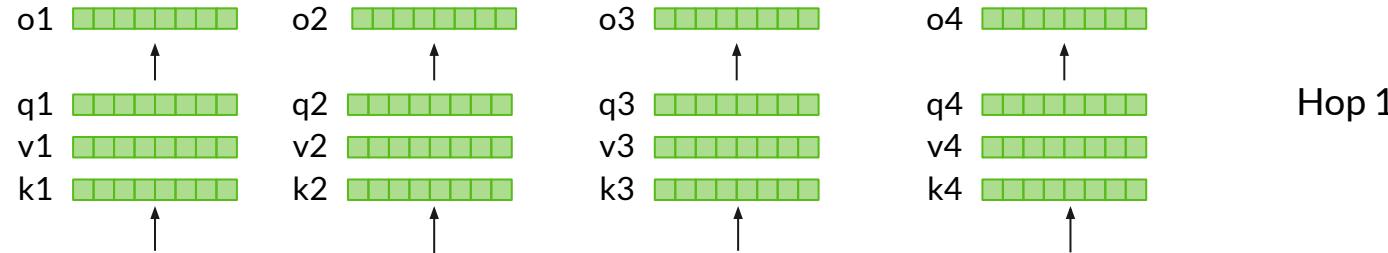
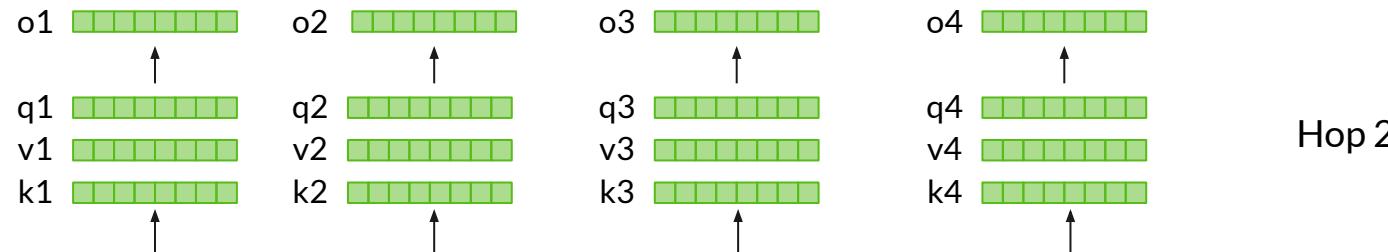
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Plusieurs itérations

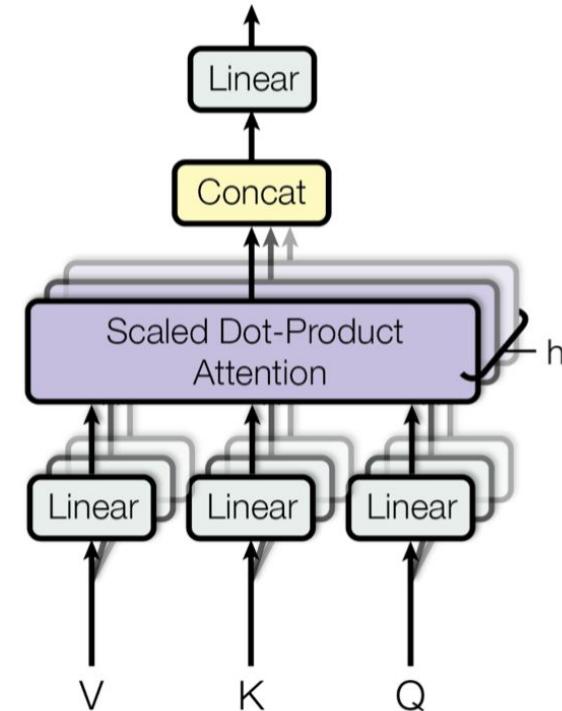


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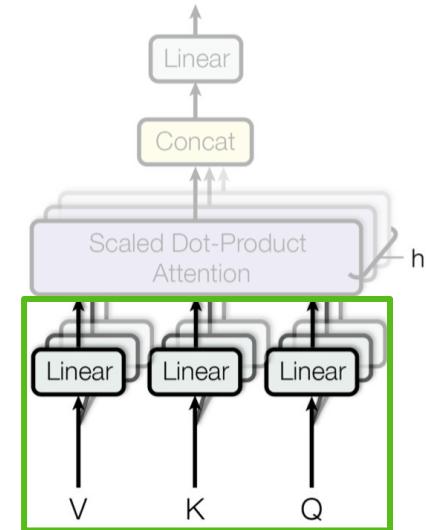
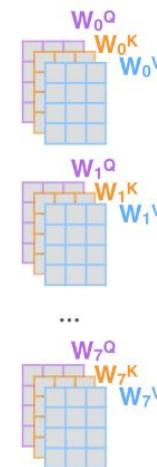
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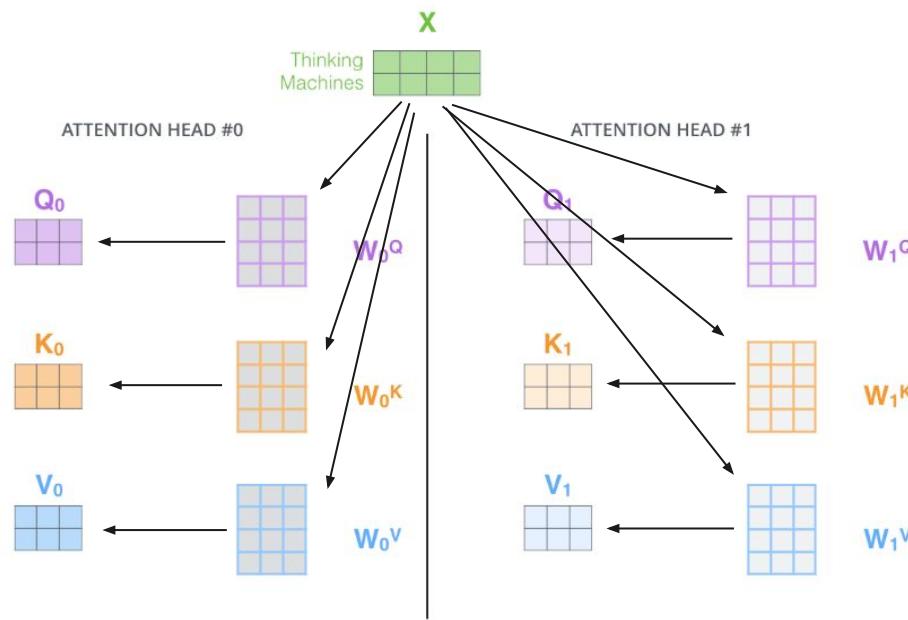
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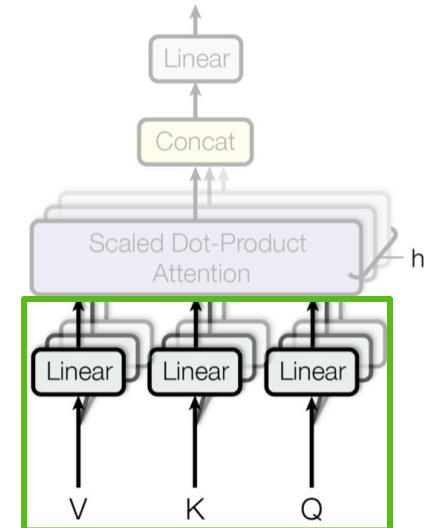
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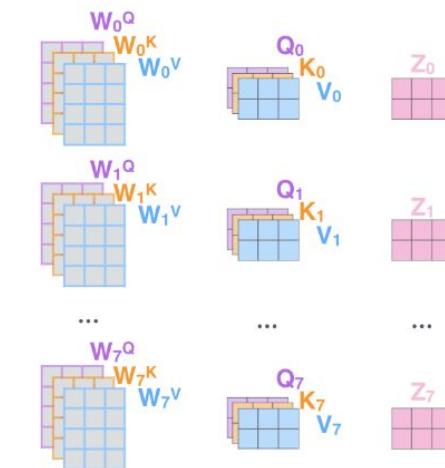
With multi-headed attention, we maintain separate Q/K/V weight matrices for each head resulting in different Q/K/V matrices. As we did before, we multiply X by the $WQ/WK/WV$ matrices to produce Q/K/V matrices.



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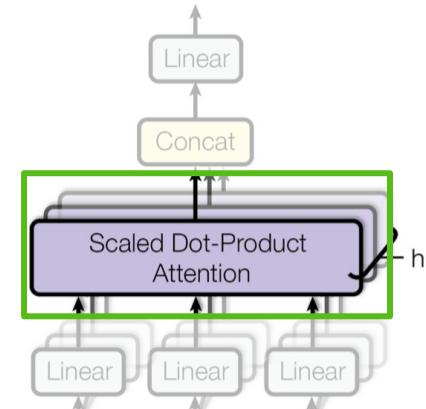
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$$\text{softmax} \left(\frac{\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{K}^T}{\sqrt{d_k}} \right) \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{Z}$$

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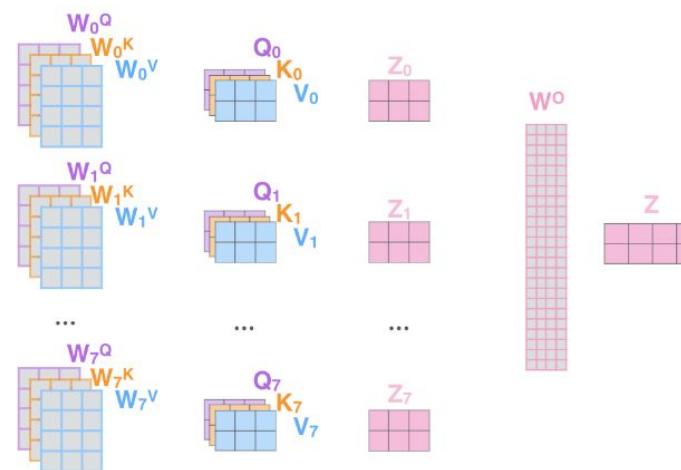
- On concatène les vecteurs produits par chaque tête (= un grand vecteur par entrée / mot)

Thinking Machines

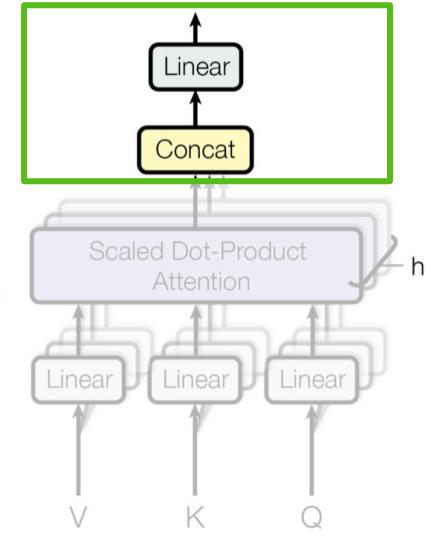
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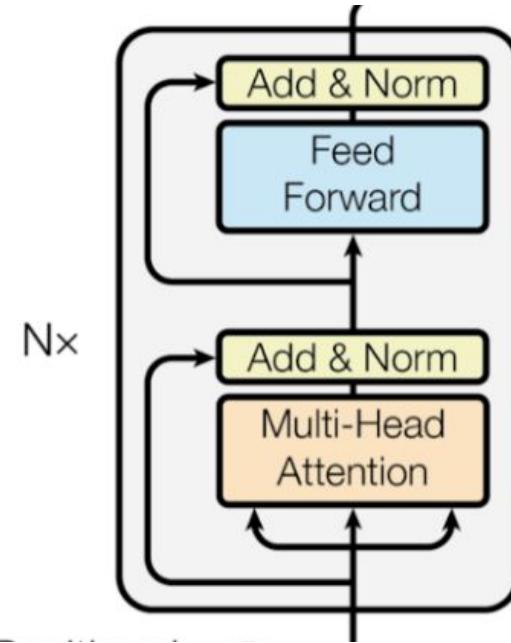
- 3) Split into 8 heads. We multiply X or R with weight matrices
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- 5) Concatenate the resulting Z matrices, then multiply with weight matrix W^O to produce the output of the layer



- On utilise une transformation linéaire pour revenir à la taille de l'embedding



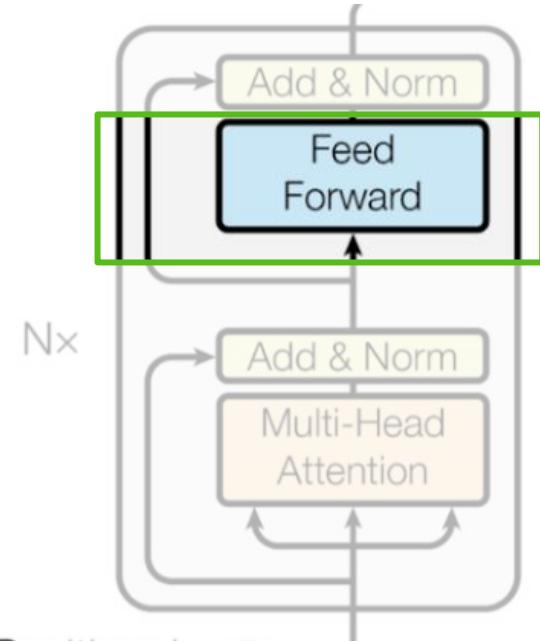
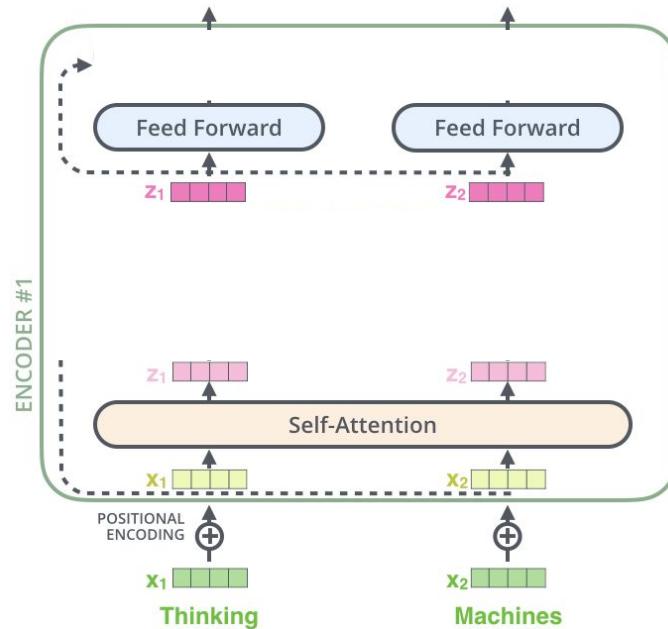
Transformer block



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Feedforward

- Introduction de **non-linéarités** grâce à un feedforward



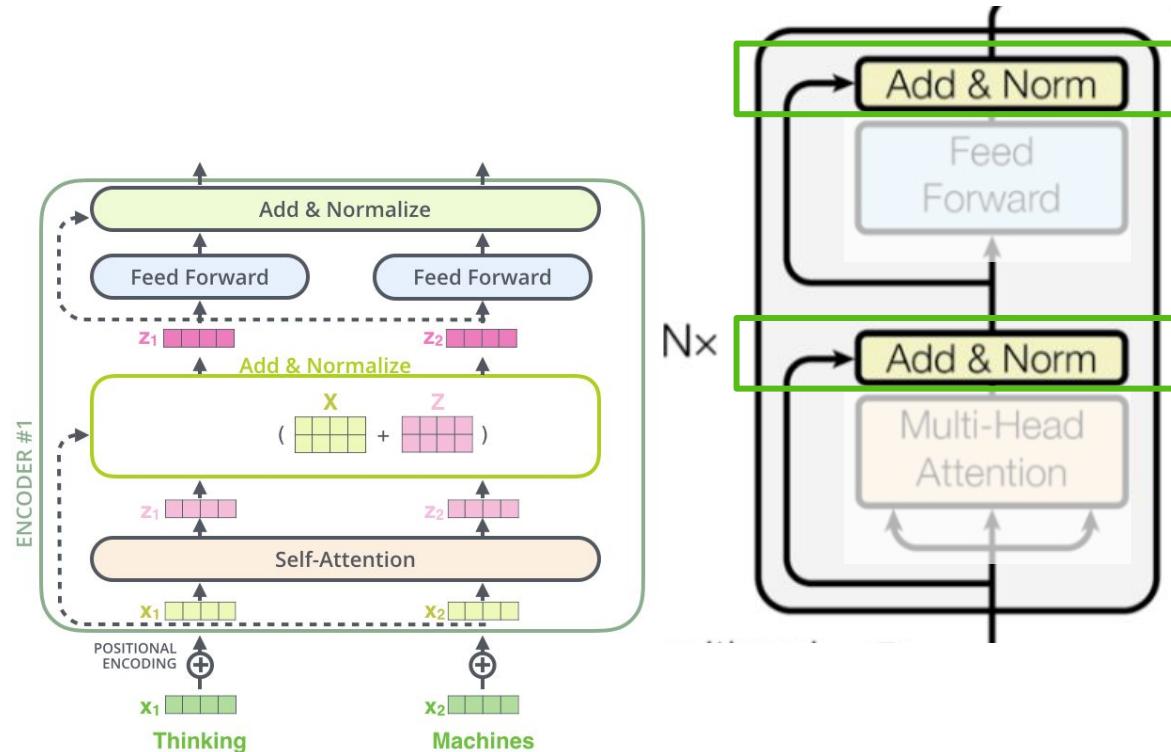
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Residual connections

Intuition => garder de l'information sur l'embedding avant l'attention

En pratique: **juste une somme**

Note: ResNet (He et al., 2015)



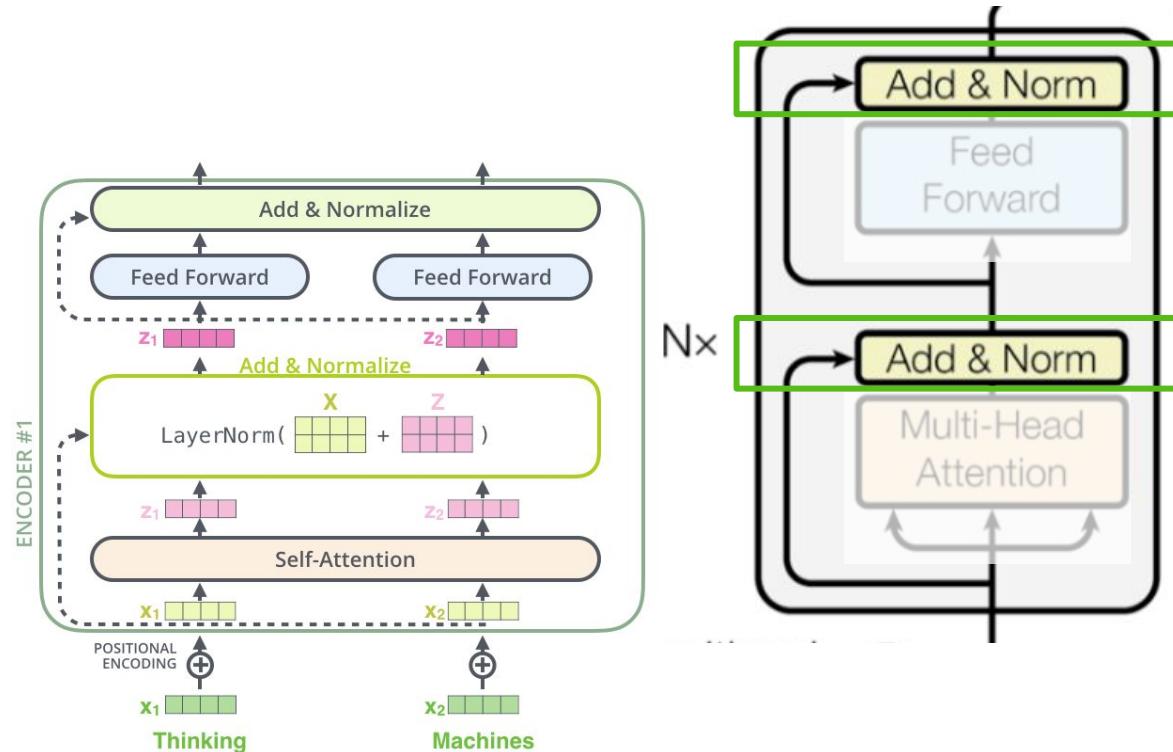
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Layer normalization

Intuition => stabiliser l'apprentissage et éviter l'explosion de gradients

En pratique: **on normalize** (moyenne = 0, variance = 1) chaque vecteur de sortie

Note: fonctionne avec les petits batchs à la différence d'une BatchNorm

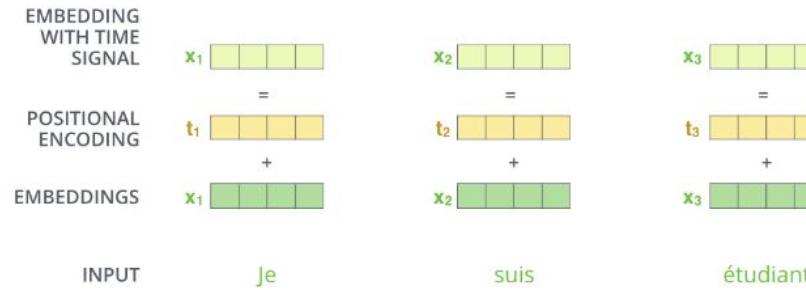


Positional Encoding

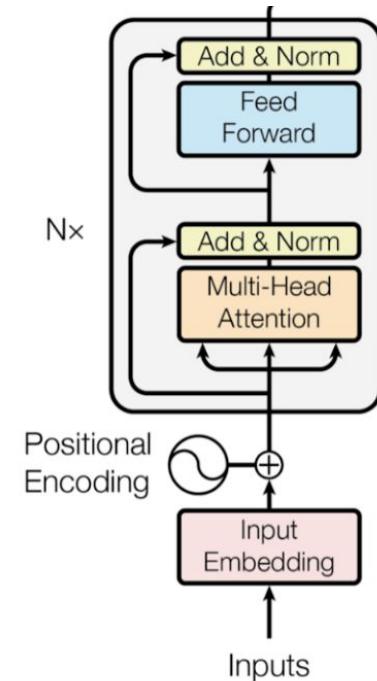
Rappel: La (Self-)Attention opère sur des ensembles != RNNs

=> L'opération n'est pas impactée par l'ordre des mots

Solution: Ajouter une information à l'embedding dépendant de la position



Note: Sinusoidal PE dans le papier d'origine

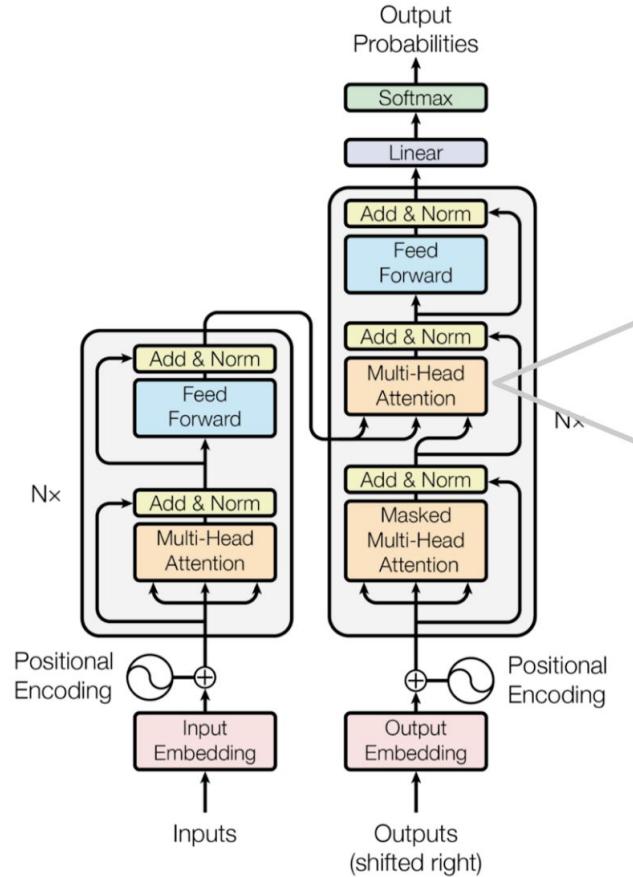


Encoder-Decoder

L'architecture complète !

Encoder: Produire une représentation de l'input (un vecteur / input => concaténés dans une seule matrice de dimension N)

Decoder: Générer à partir de cette représentation



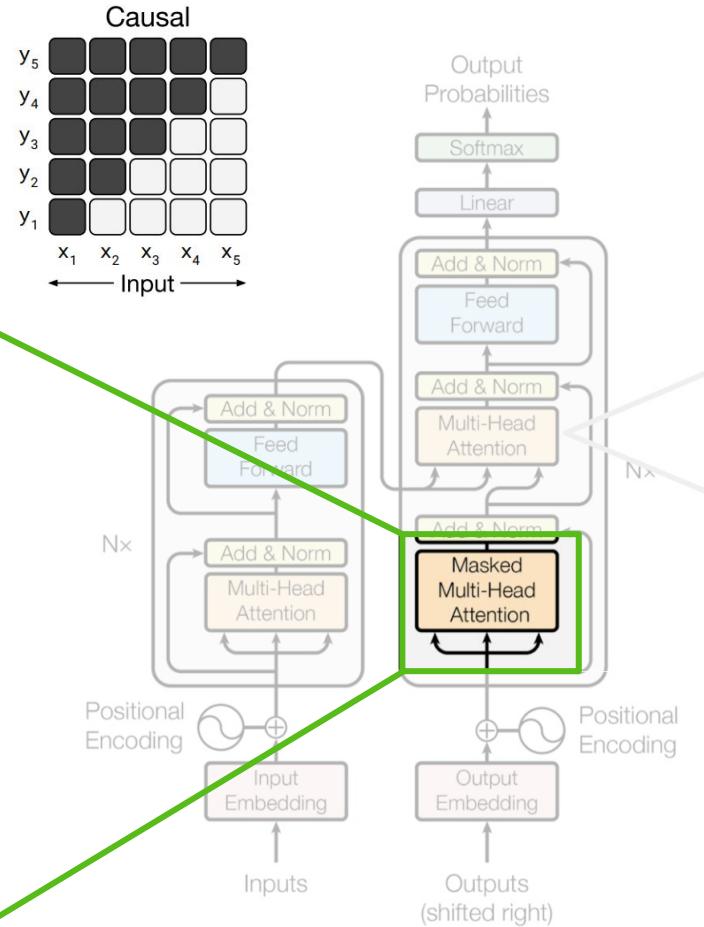
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Causal Masking

- Quand on génère du texte, **on ne connaît pas le mot d'après** (on y a pourtant accès à l'entraînement)
- **Causal Attention:** L'attention ne peut utiliser que les **K, V** d'avant le **Q**
- Solution: Appliquer un **masque** sur la sortie de l'attention avant la softmax

$$a_{ij} = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{q_i k_j^\top}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) \rightarrow a_{ij} = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{q_i k_j^\top + m_j}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)$$

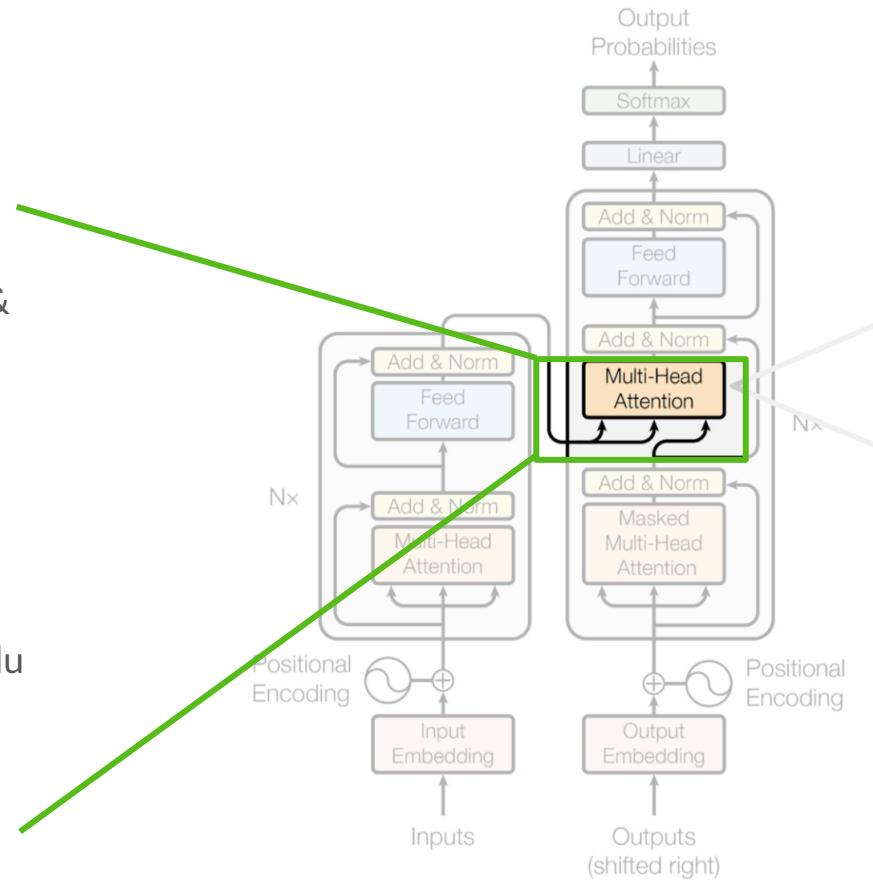
$$m_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{si } j \leq i \\ -\infty & \text{si } j > i \end{cases}$$



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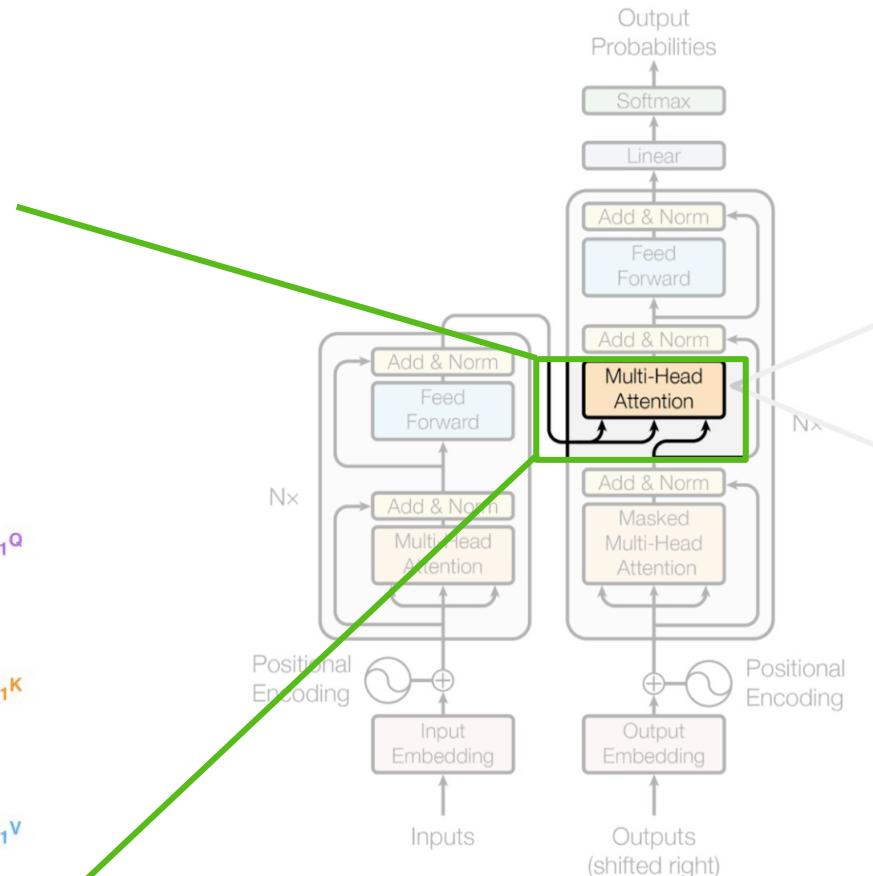
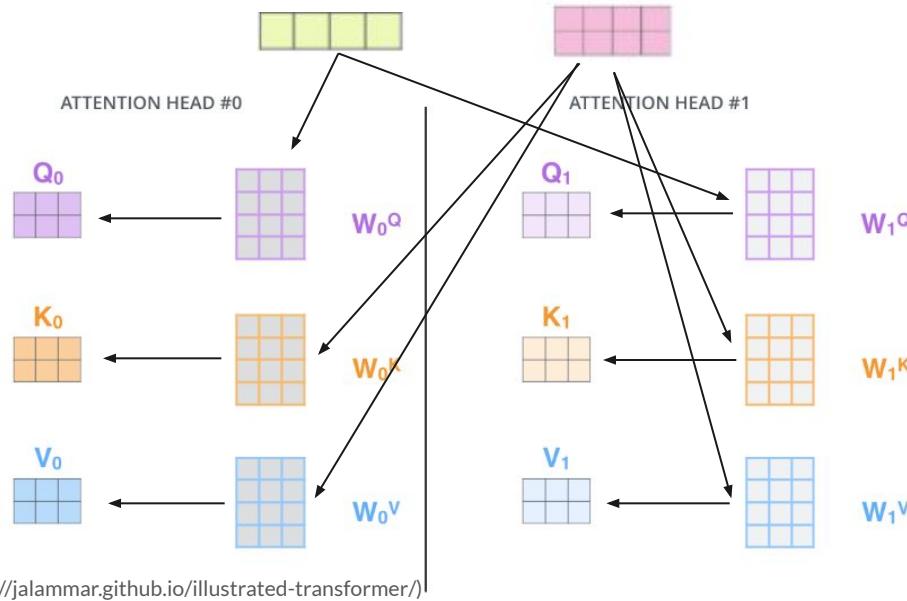
Attention over encoder's outputs

- Après un premier block de Self-Attention (+ residual & Layer Norm)
- **Attention sur l'encoding:** K, V viennent des vecteurs encodés par l'encoder, Q vient du Decoder
- **La sortie devient une combinaison des encodings**
- **Le residual** permet de garder aussi la représentation du Decoder



Encoder-Decoder

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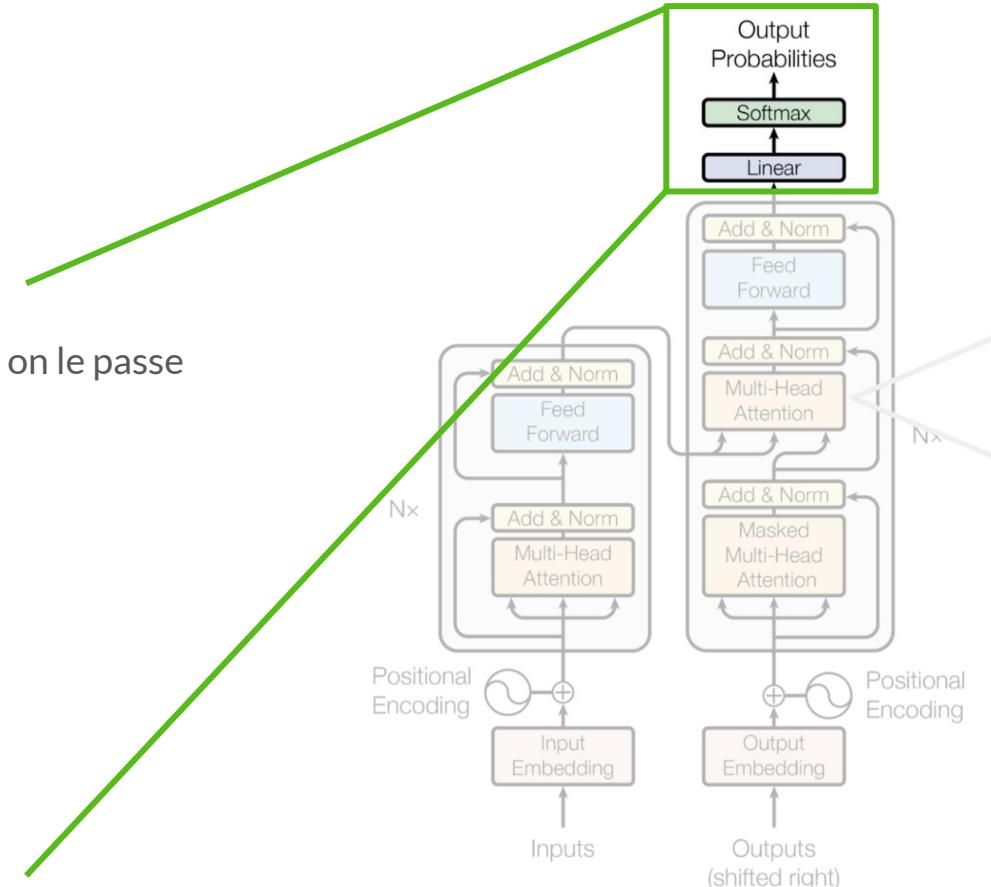
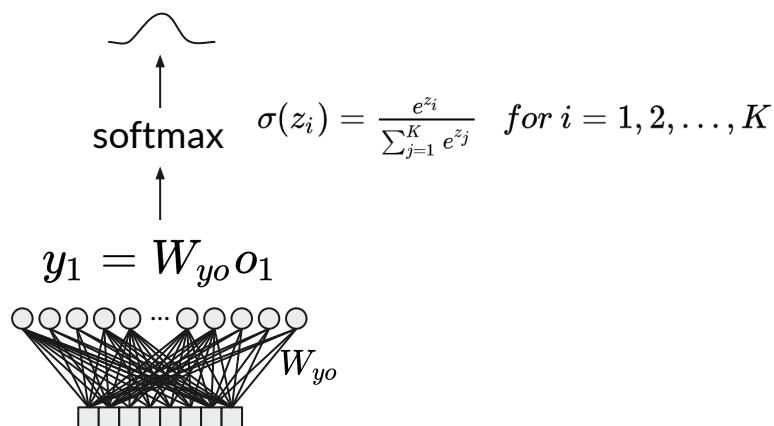


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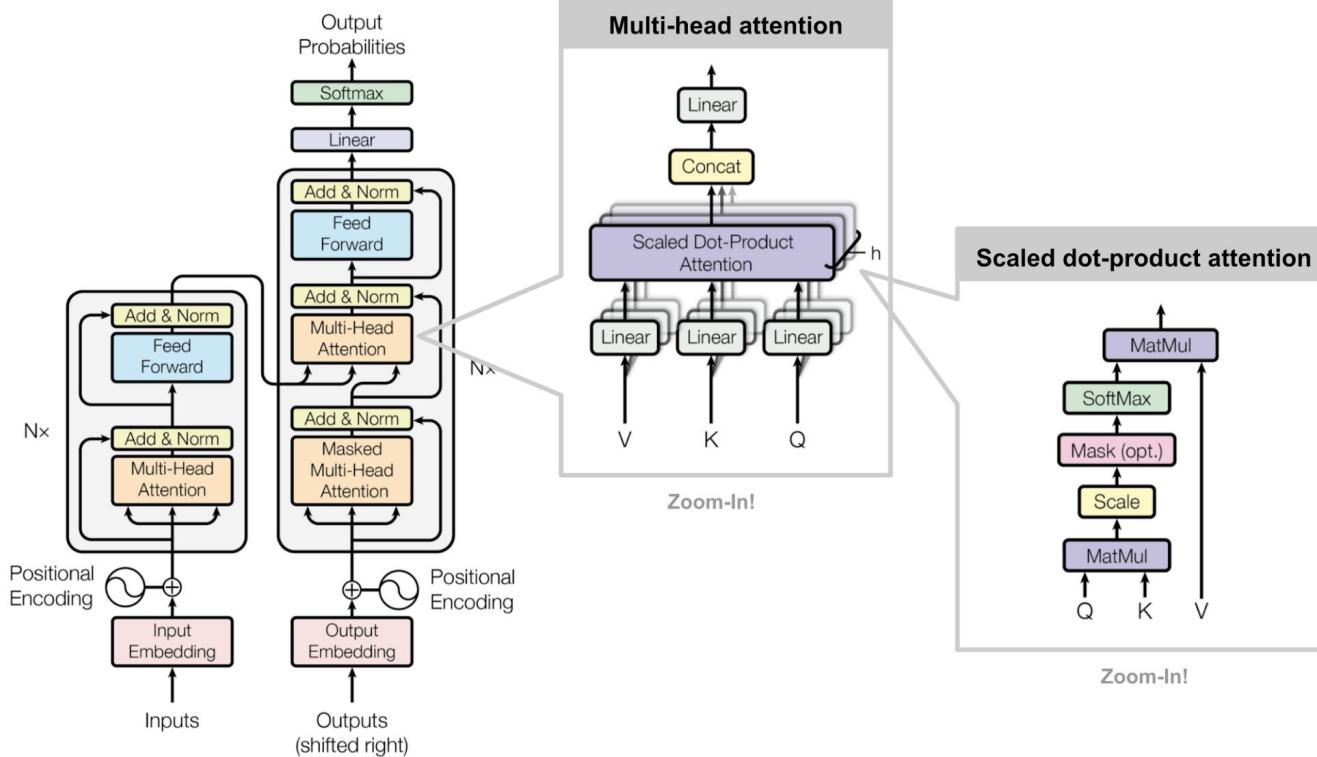
Comme avec les RNNs

=> on prend le vecteur produit par le Decoder et on le passe dans une couche linéaire + softmax



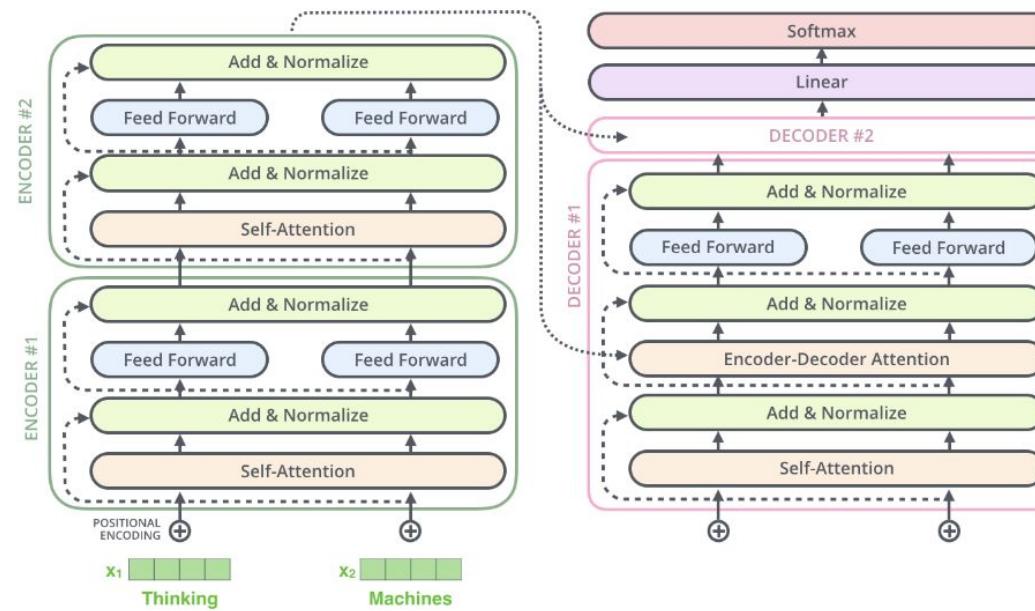
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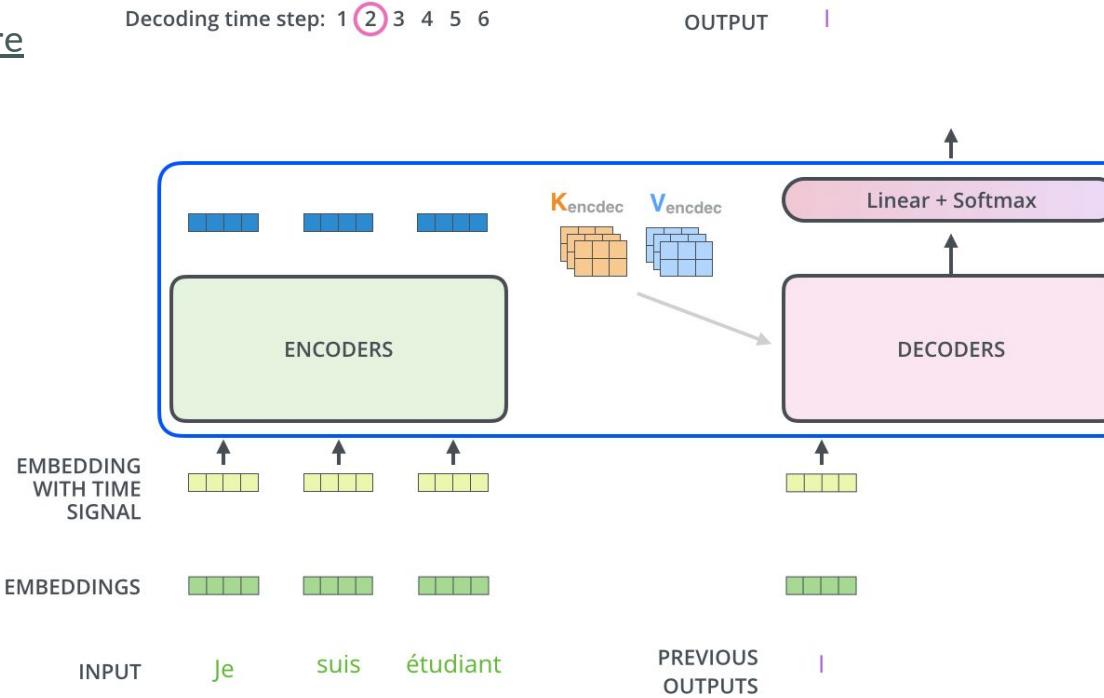
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Transformer for translation

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