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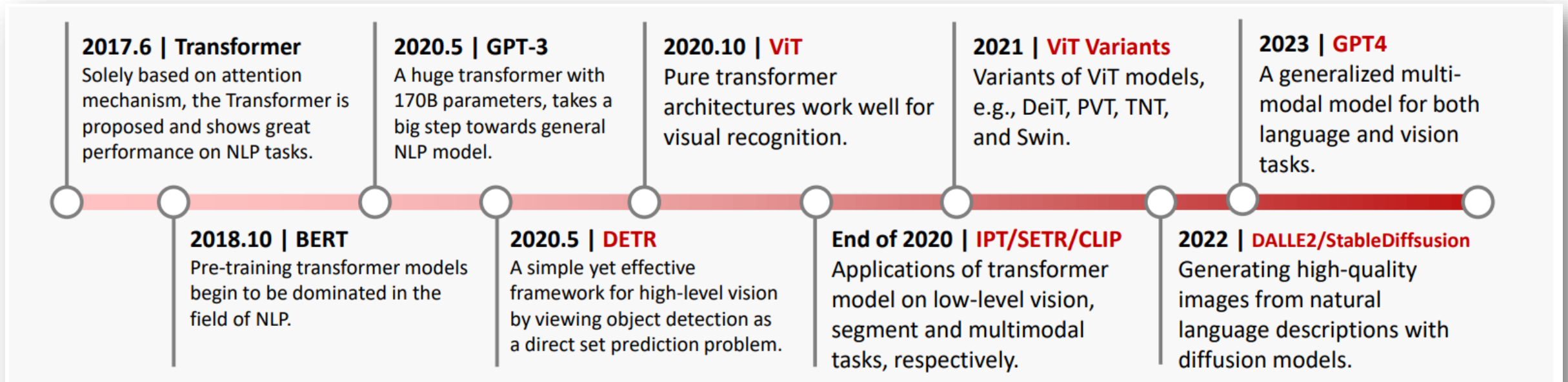


Fig. 1: Key milestones in the development of transformer. The vision transformer models are marked in red.

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## AN IMAGE IS WORTH 16X16 WORDS: TRANSFORMERS FOR IMAGE RECOGNITION AT SCALE

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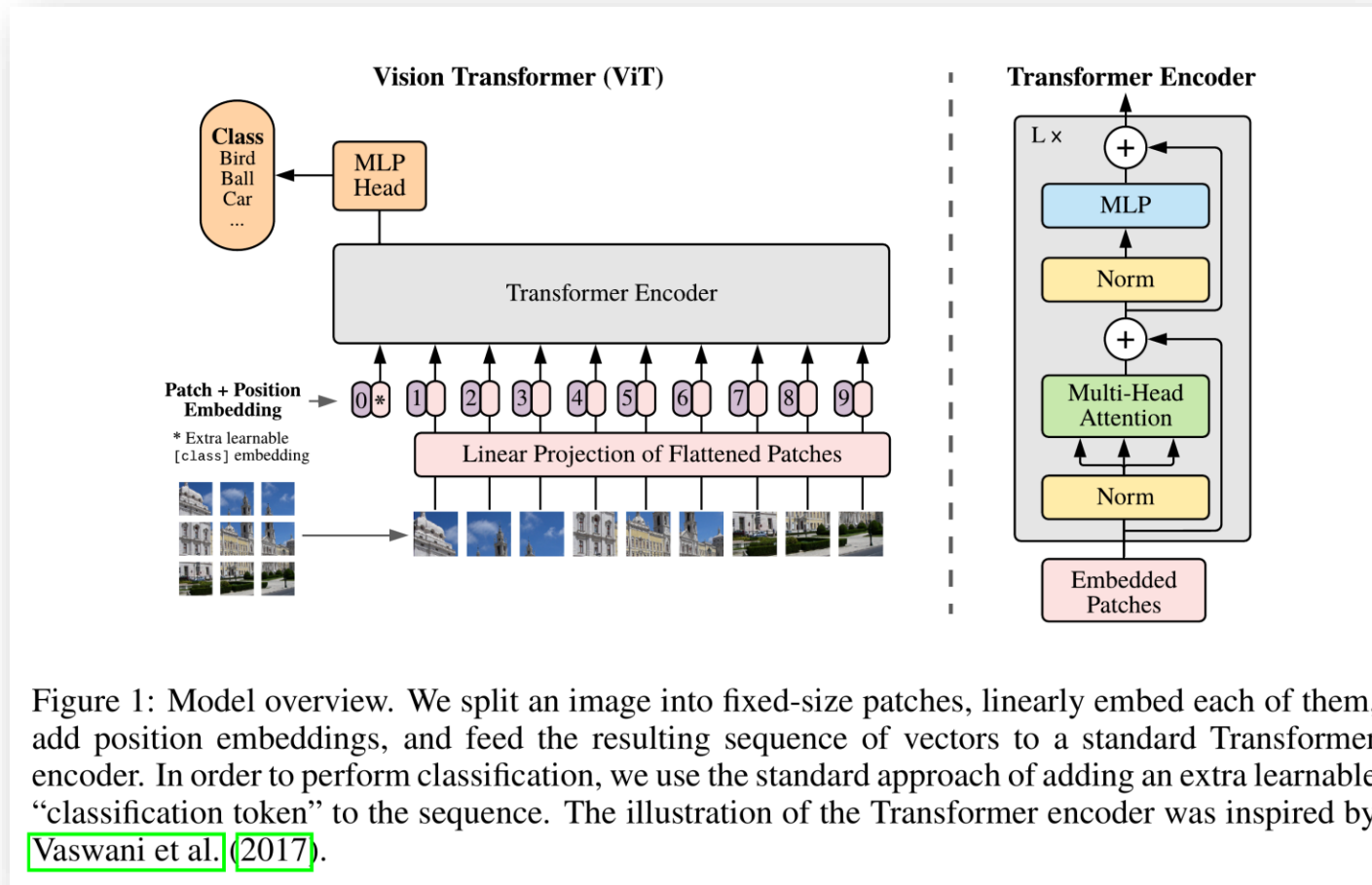
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### ABSTRACT

While the Transformer architecture has become the de-facto standard for natural language processing tasks, its applications to computer vision remain limited. In vision, attention is either applied in conjunction with convolutional networks, or used to replace certain components of convolutional networks while keeping their overall structure in place. We show that this reliance on CNNs is not necessary and a pure transformer applied directly to sequences of image patches can perform very well on image classification tasks. When pre-trained on large amounts of data and transferred to multiple mid-sized or small image recognition benchmarks (ImageNet, CIFAR-100, VTAB, etc.), Vision Transformer (ViT) attains excellent results compared to state-of-the-art convolutional networks while requiring substantially fewer computational resources to train<sup>1</sup>

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# Part 1. High Level Overview



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<http://research.google/blog/transformers-for-image-recognition-at-scale/>

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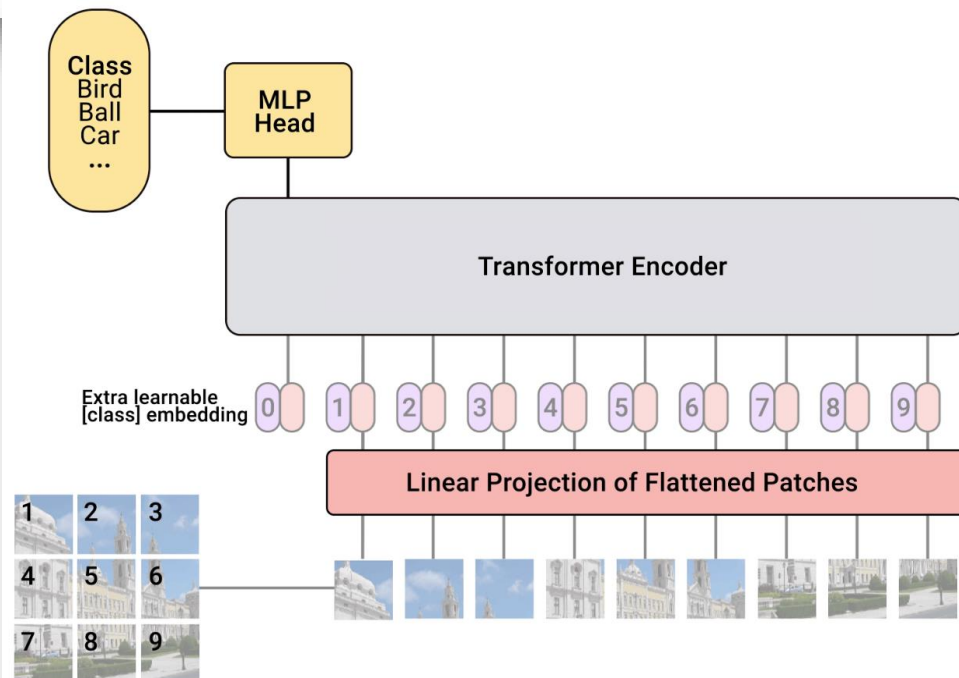
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ViT divides an image into a grid of square patches. Each patch is flattened into a single vector by concatenating the channels of all pixels in a patch and then linearly projecting it to the desired input dimension. Because Transformers are agnostic to the structure of the input elements we add learnable position embeddings to each patch, which allow the model to learn about the structure of the images. *A priori*, ViT does not know about the relative location of patches in the image, or even that the image has a 2D structure — it must learn such relevant information from the training data and encode structural information in the position embeddings.



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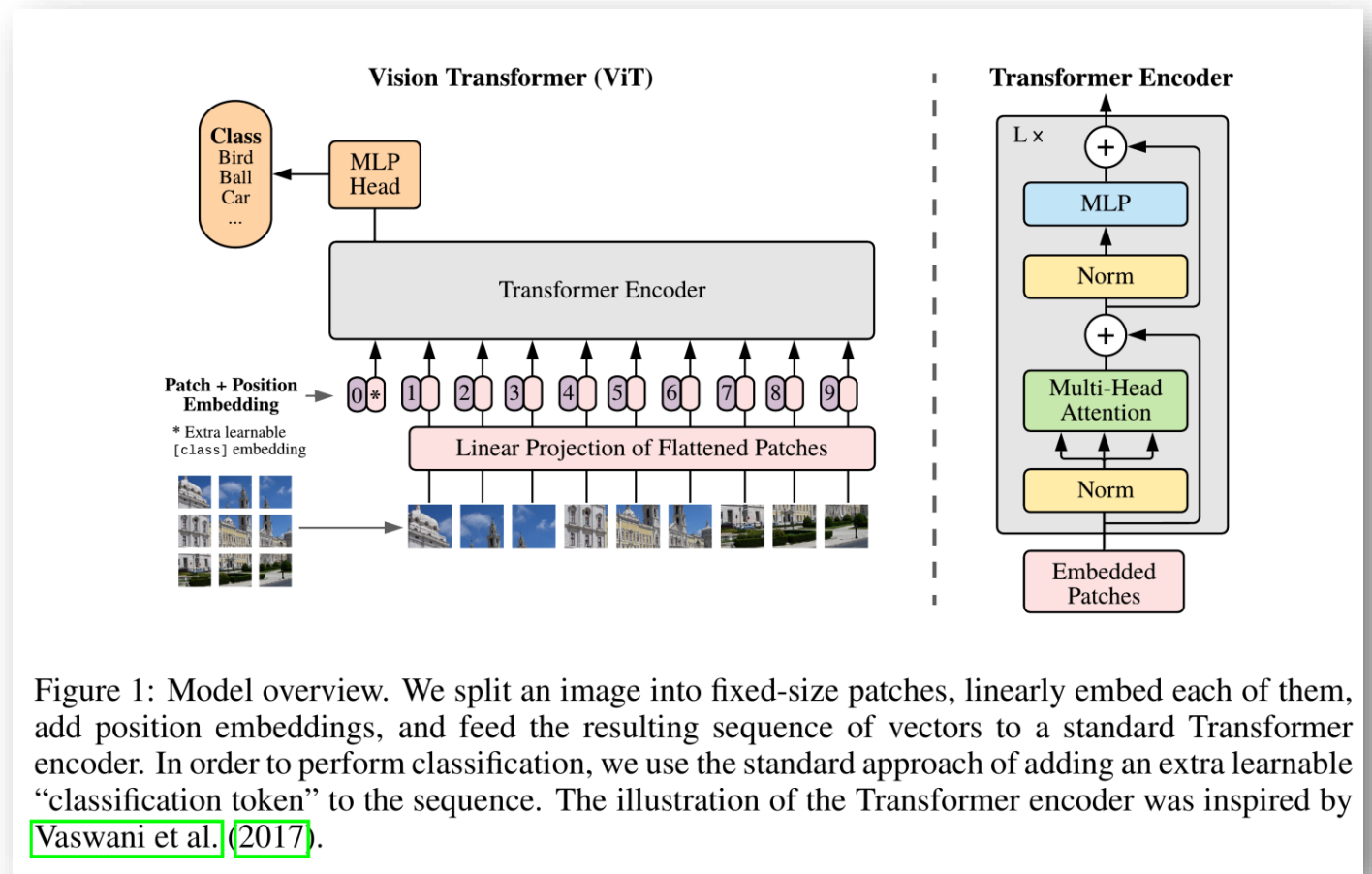


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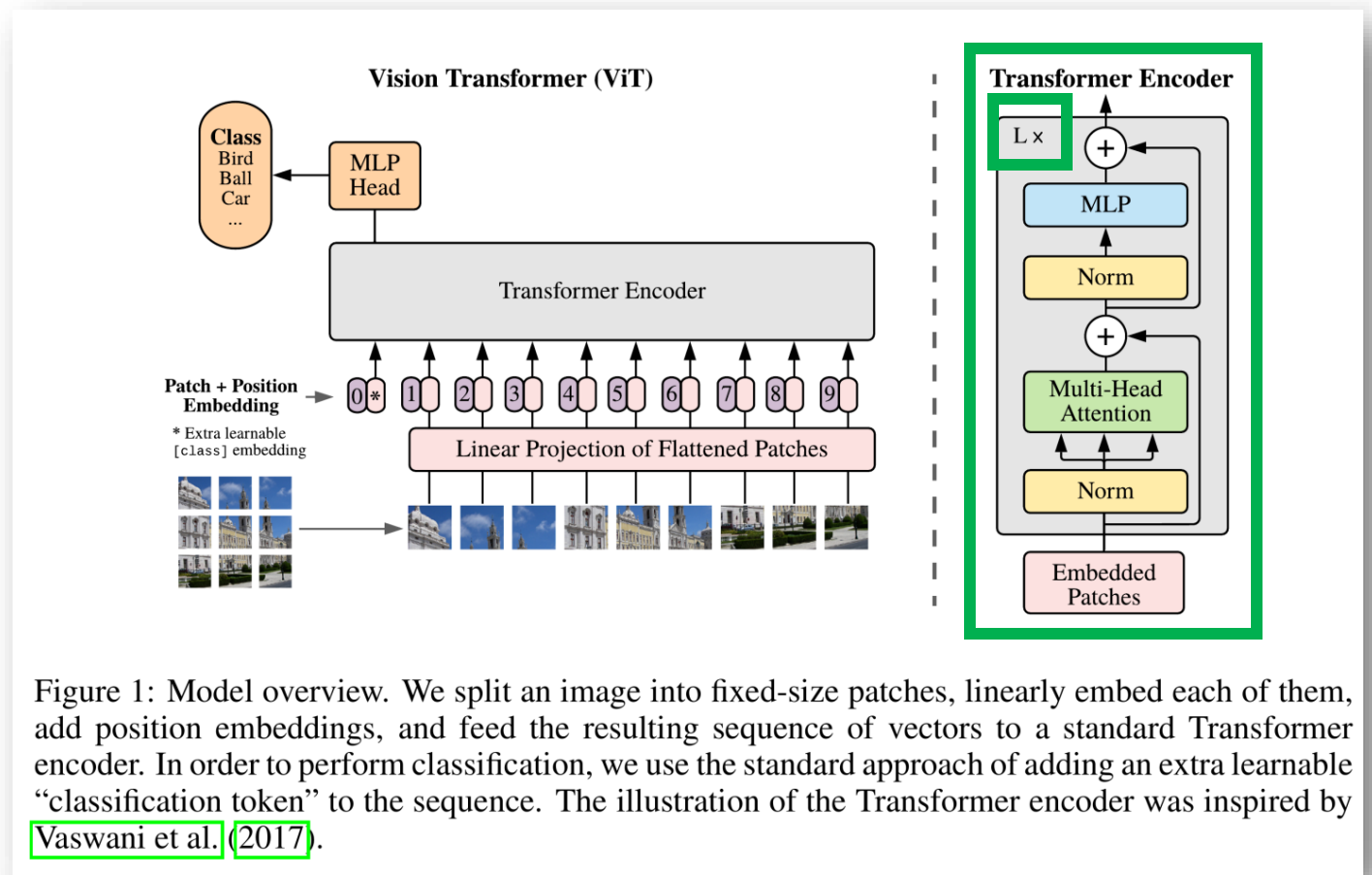
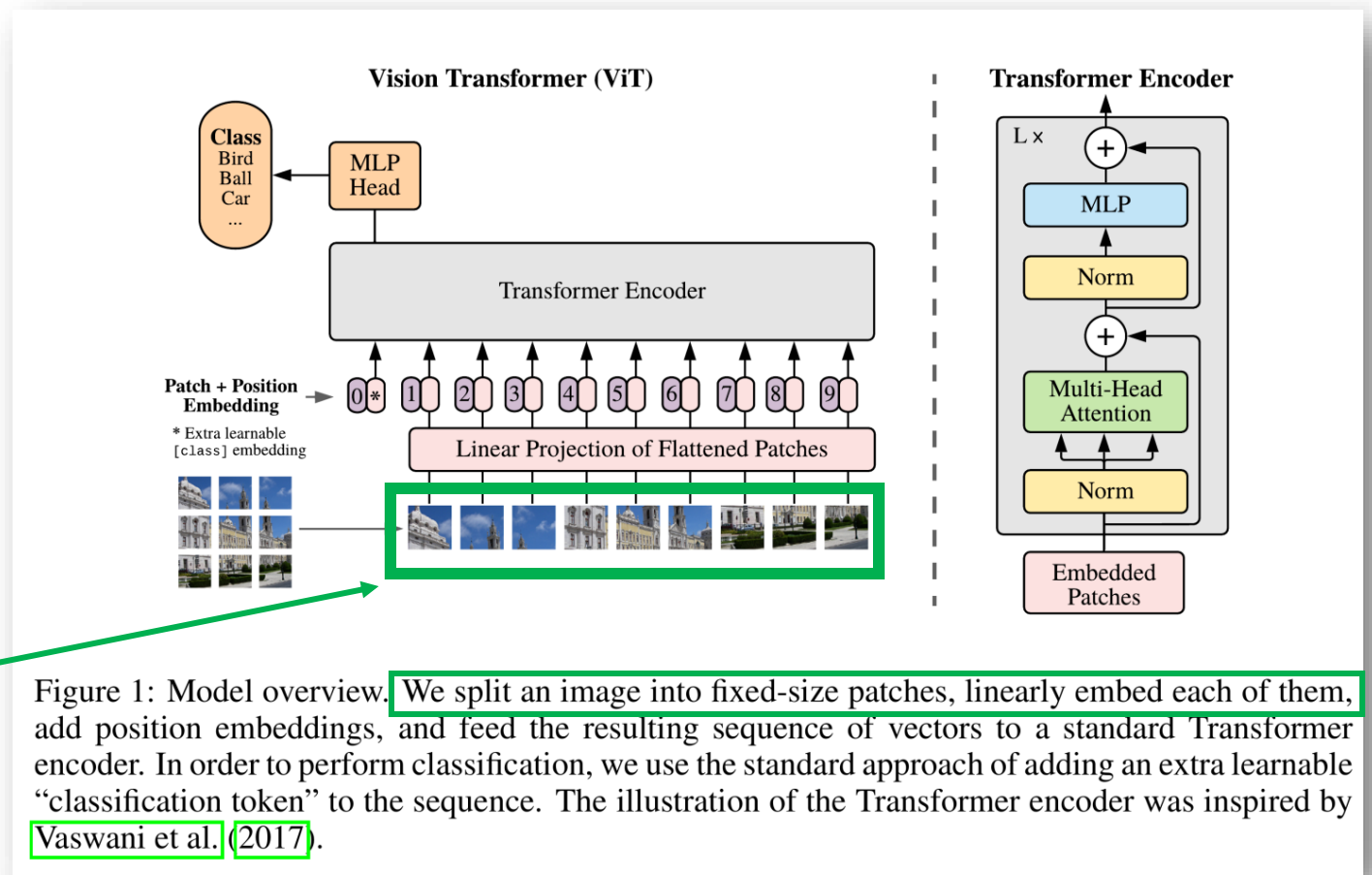


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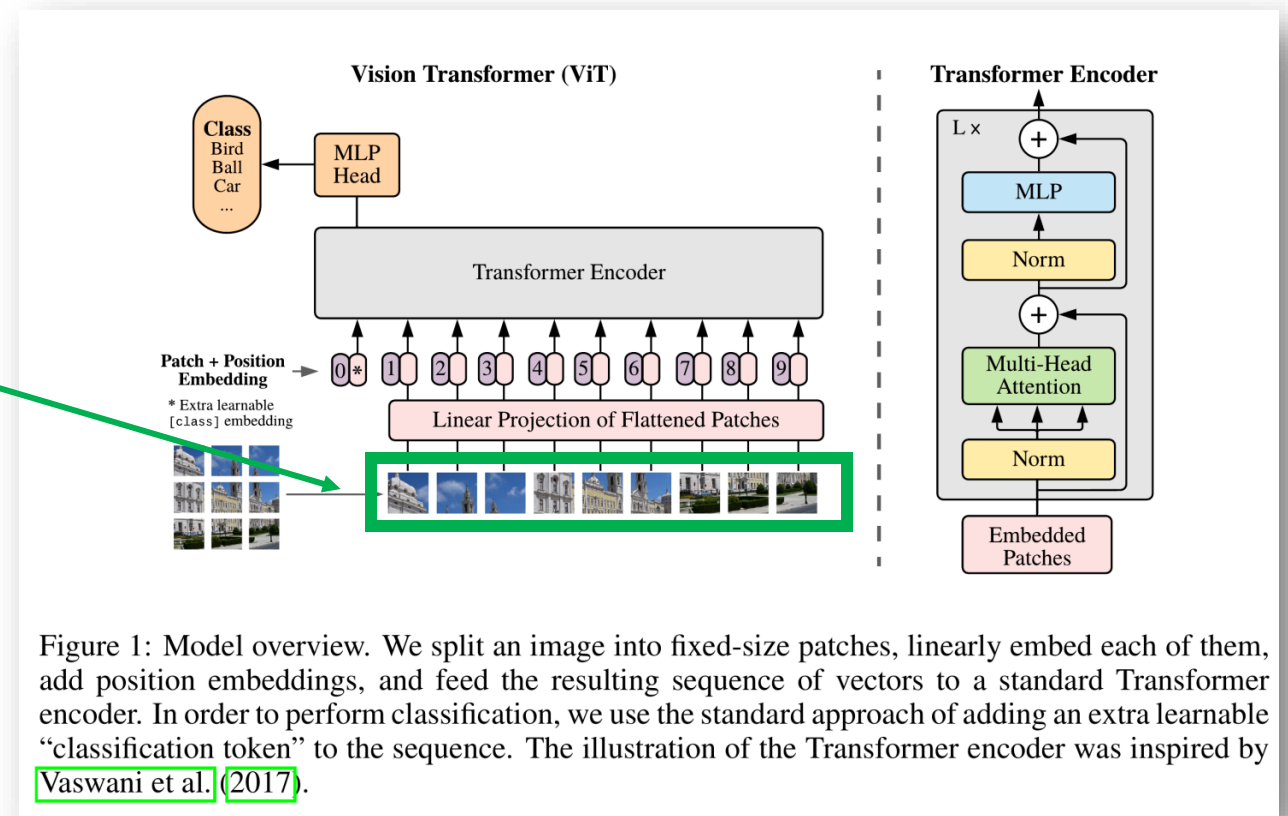
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- In the case of **ViT**, we use **fixed size patches**



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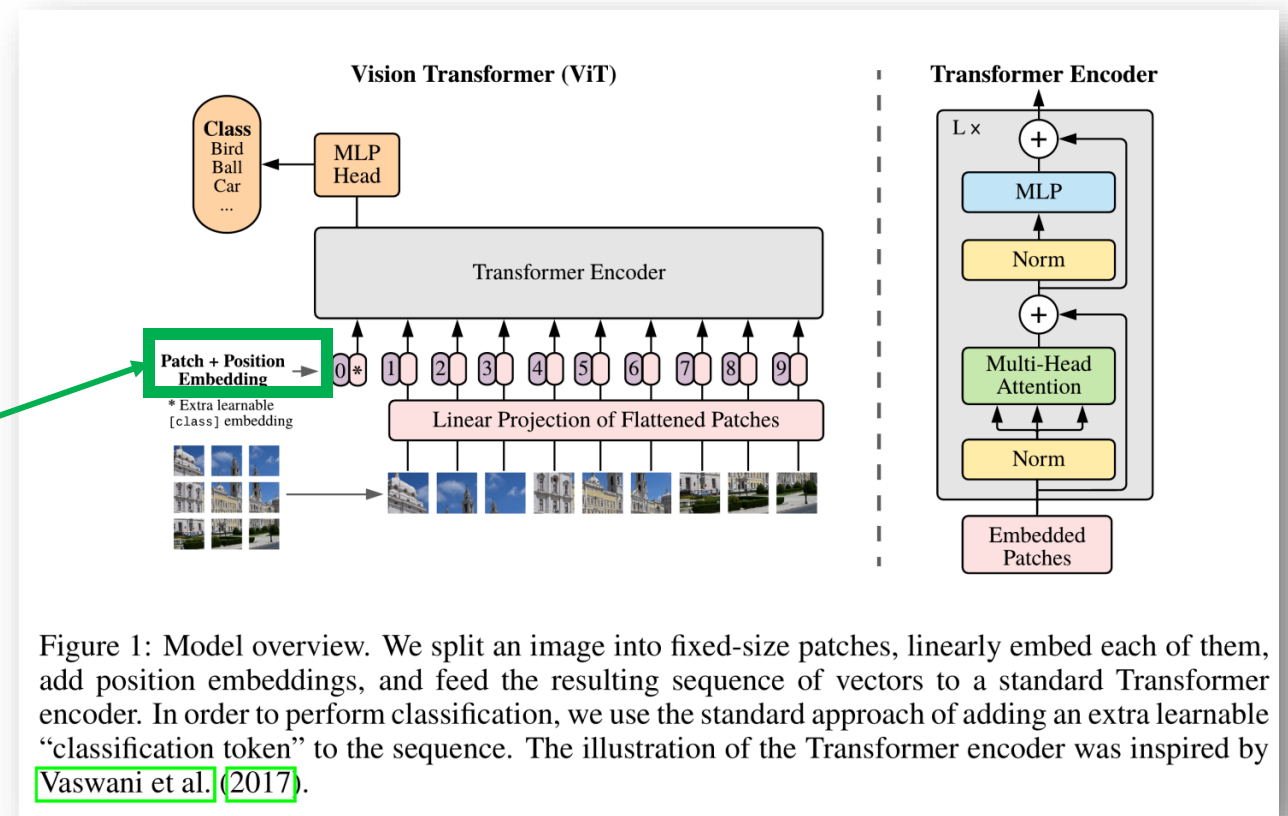




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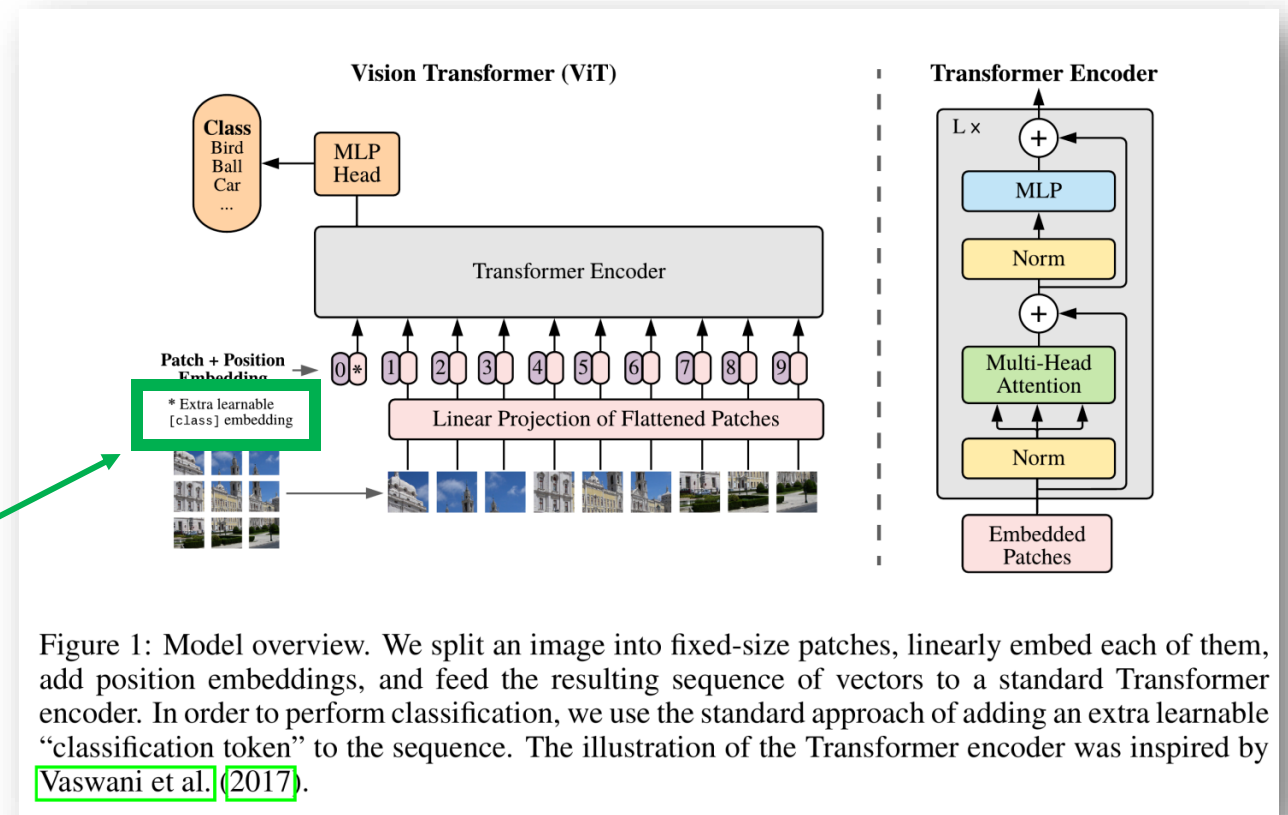
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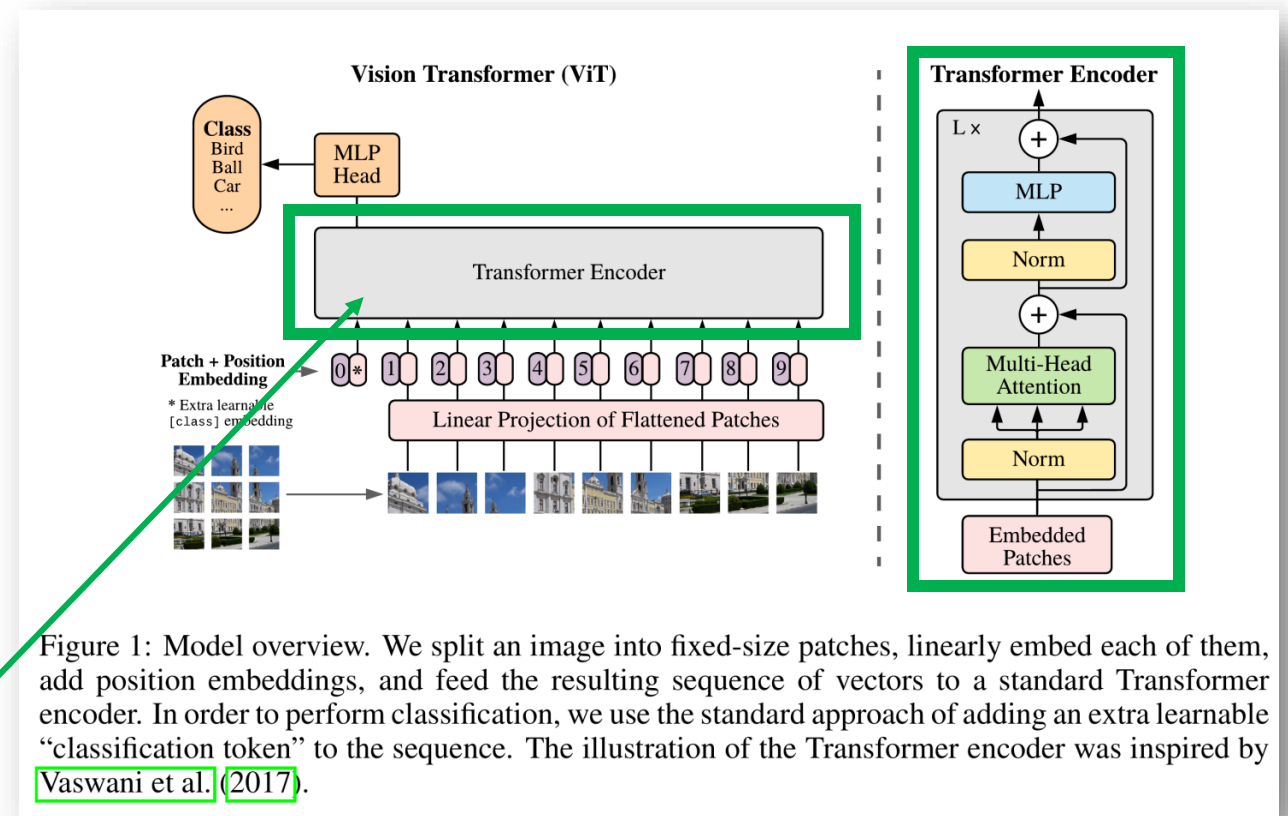
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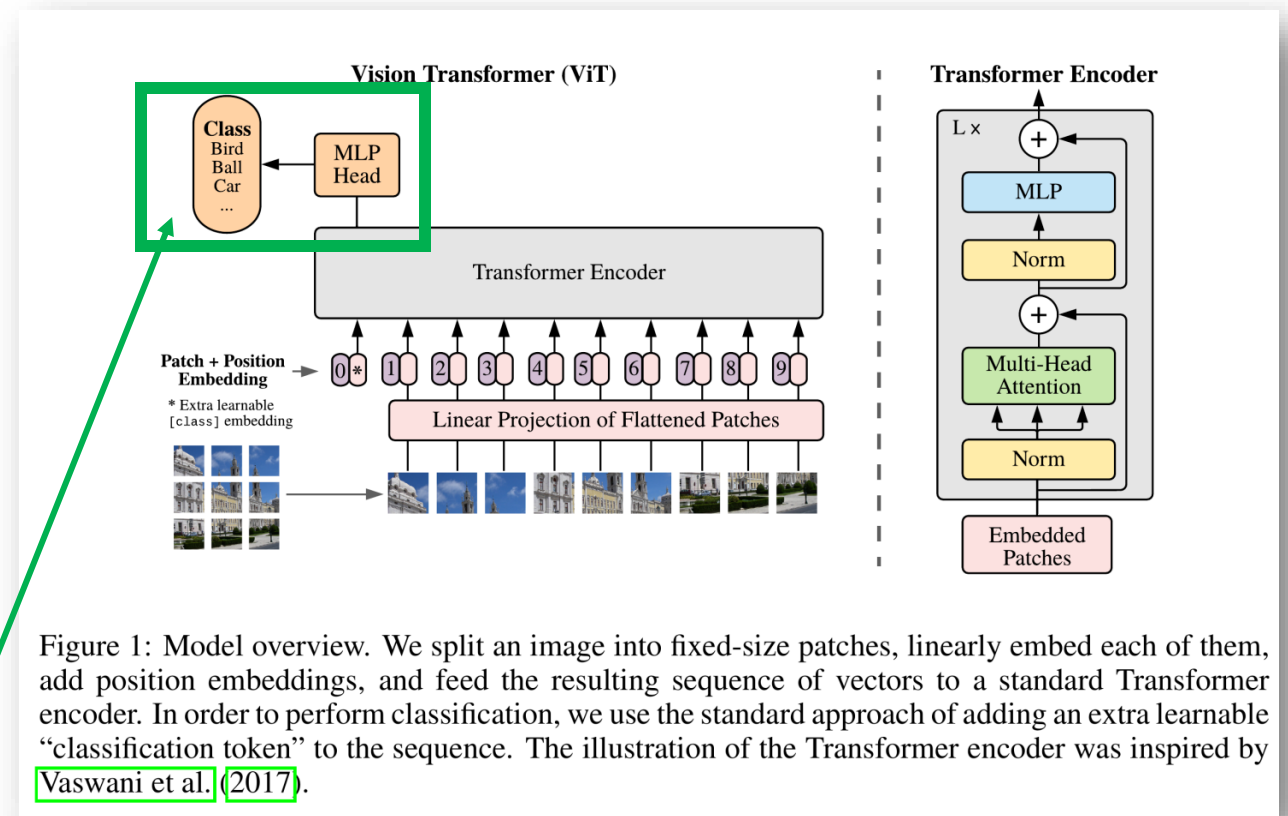
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5. Classification Head - output predictions based on the classification token.



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## Part 2. A Bit More Detail

### LayerNorm

```
CLASS torch.nn.LayerNorm(normalized_shape, eps=1e-05, elementwise_affine=True, bias=True, device=None, dtype=None) [SOURCE]
```

Applies Layer Normalization over a mini-batch of inputs.

This layer implements the operation as described in the paper [Layer Normalization](#)

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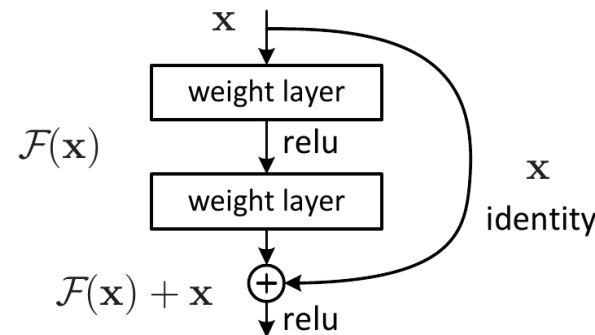
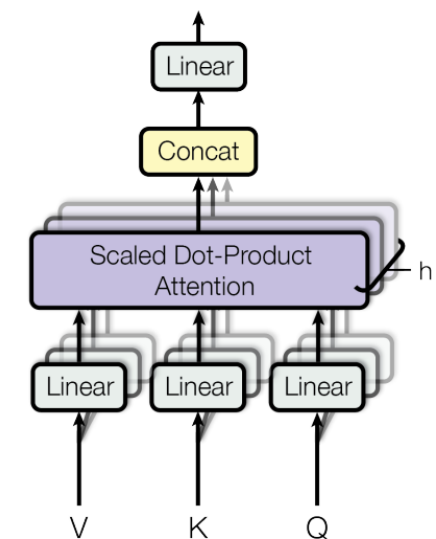


Figure 2. Residual learning: a building block.

### Multi-Head Attention



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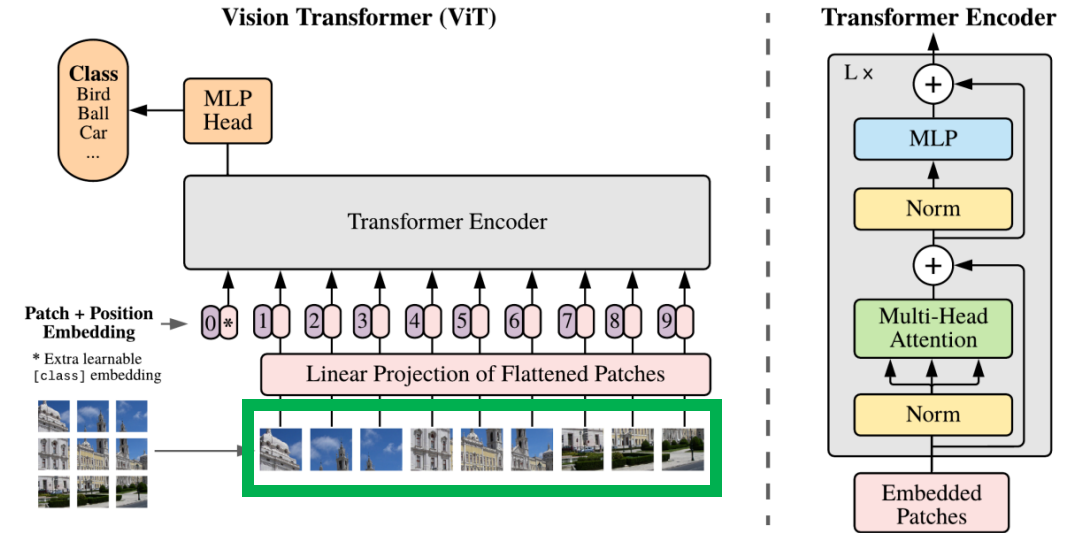


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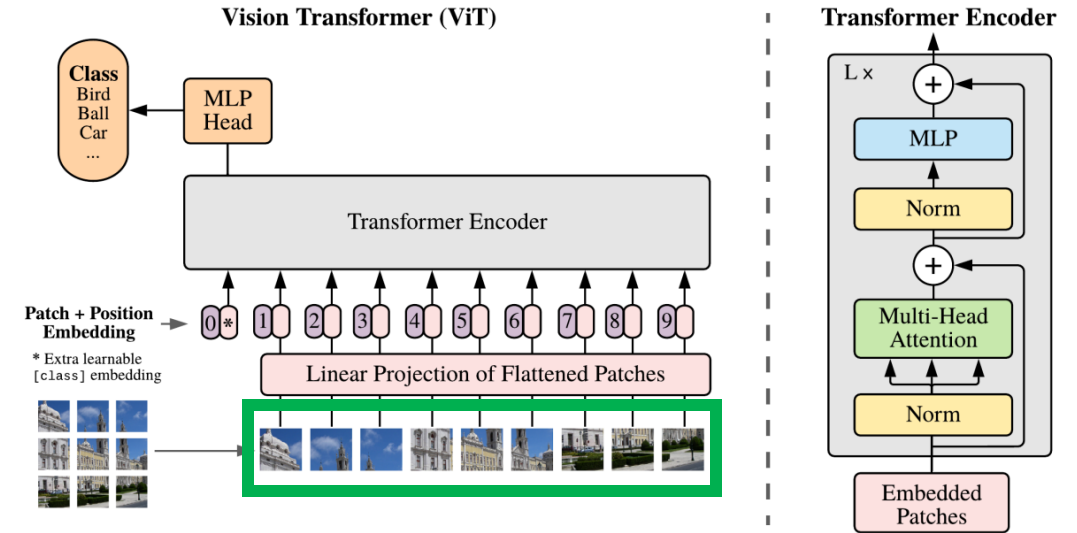


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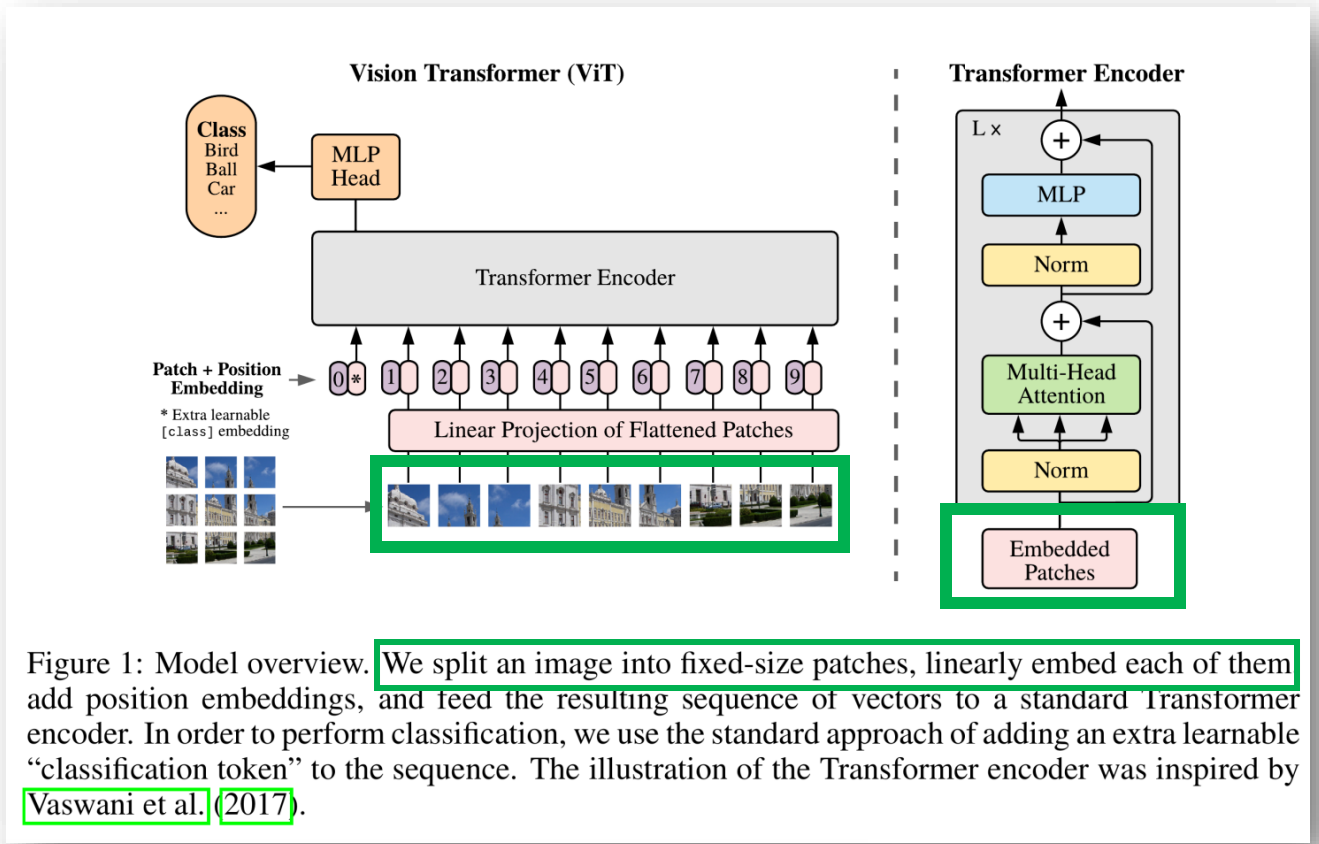
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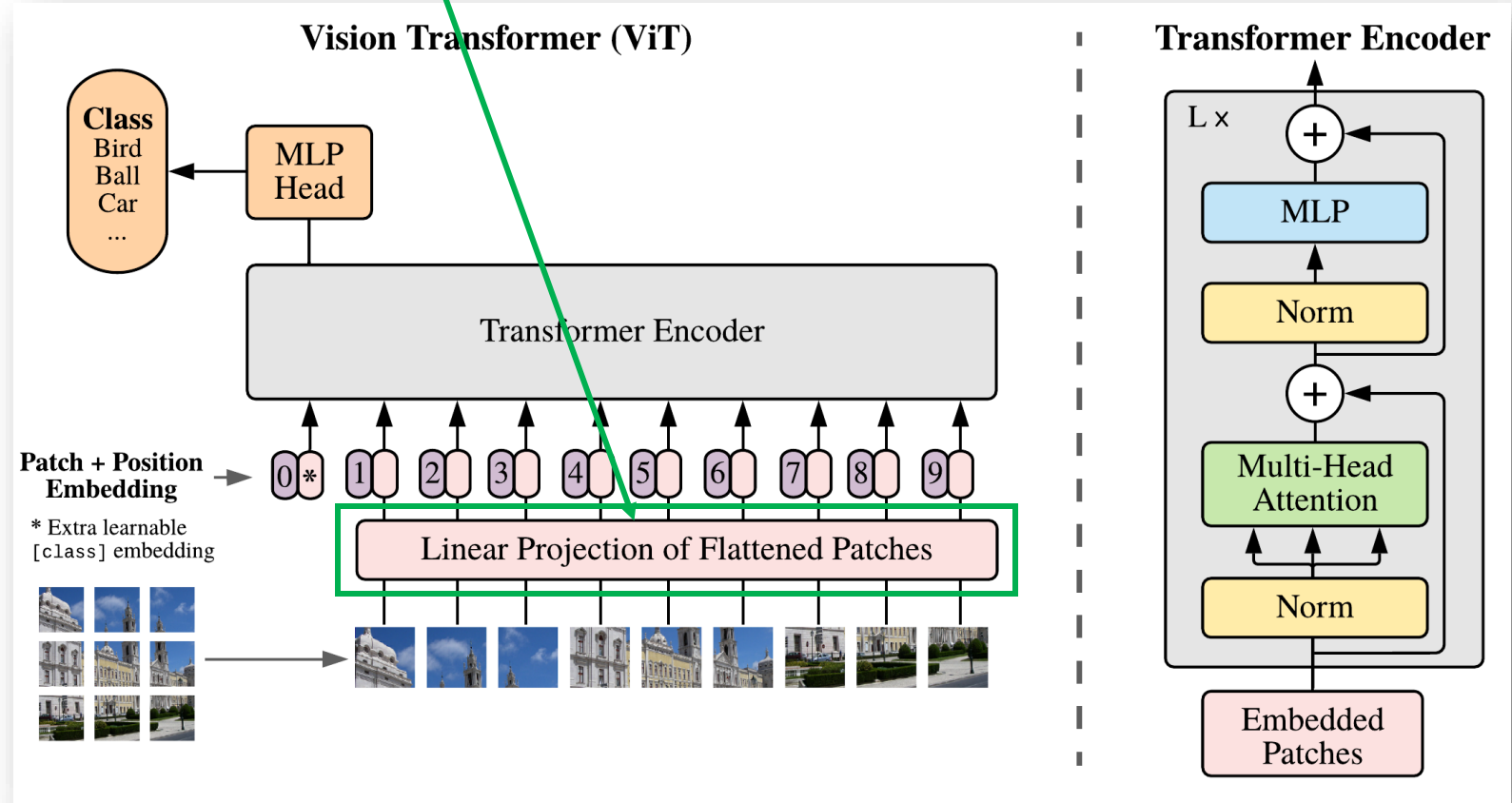
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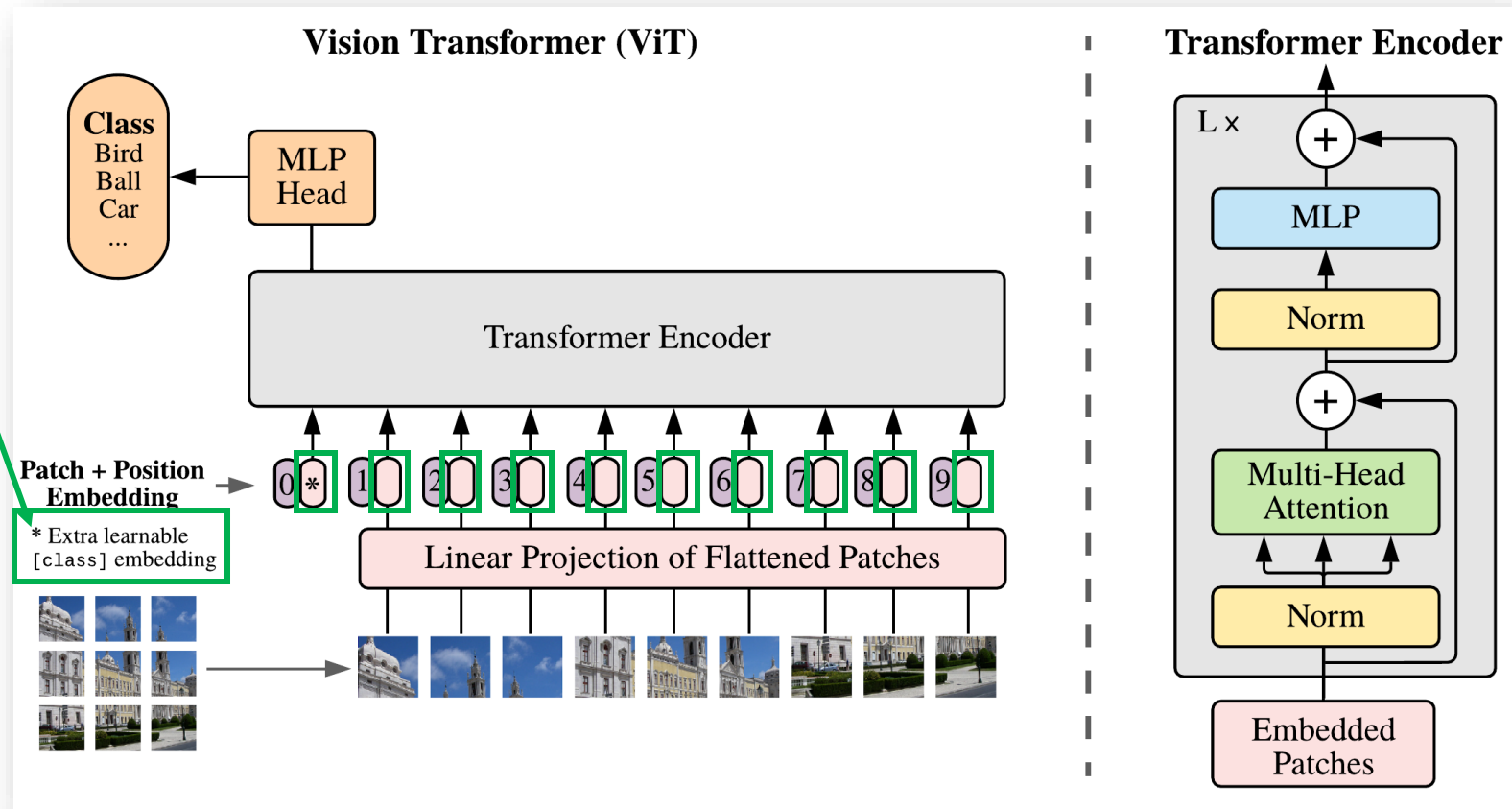
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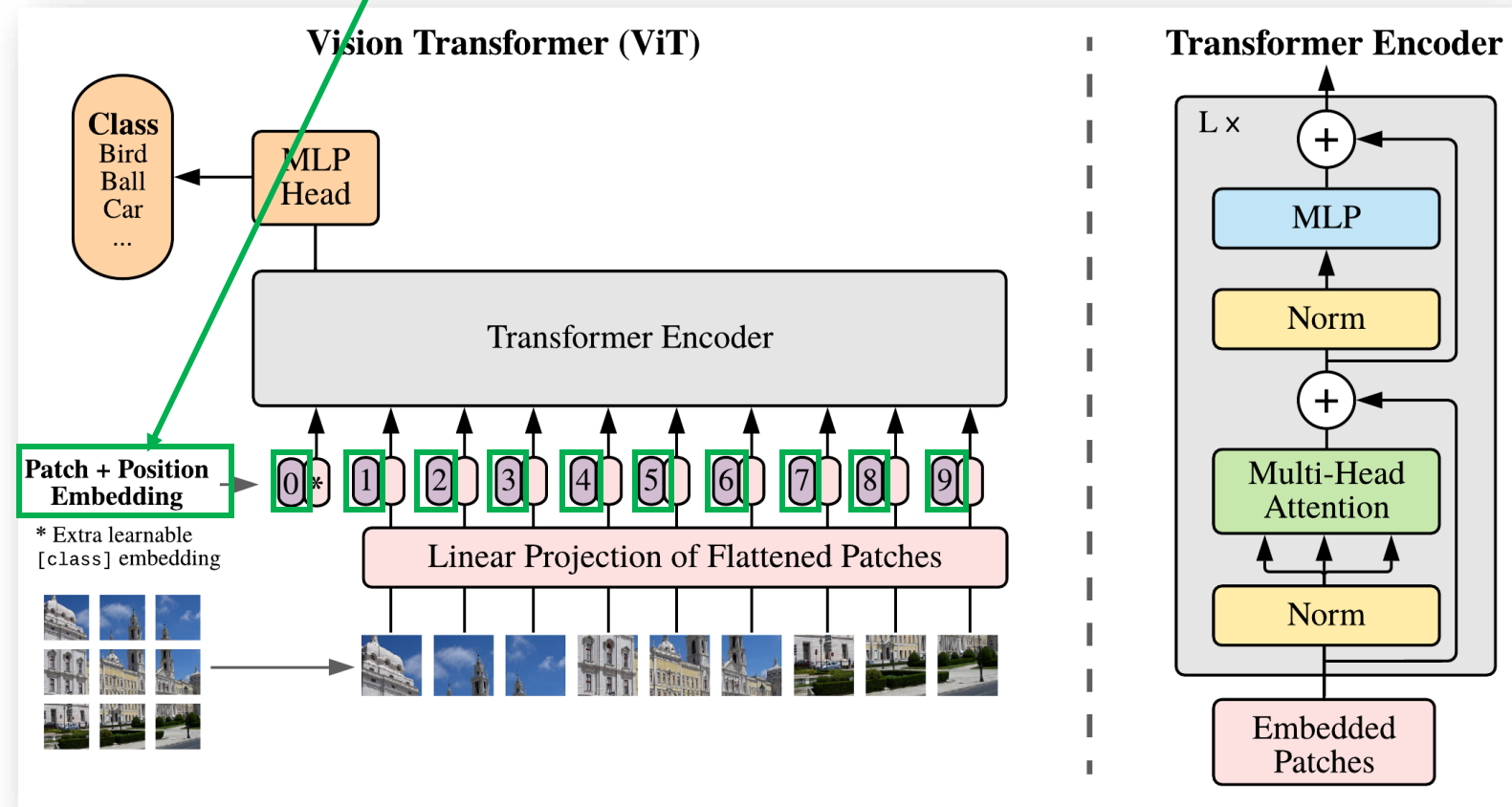
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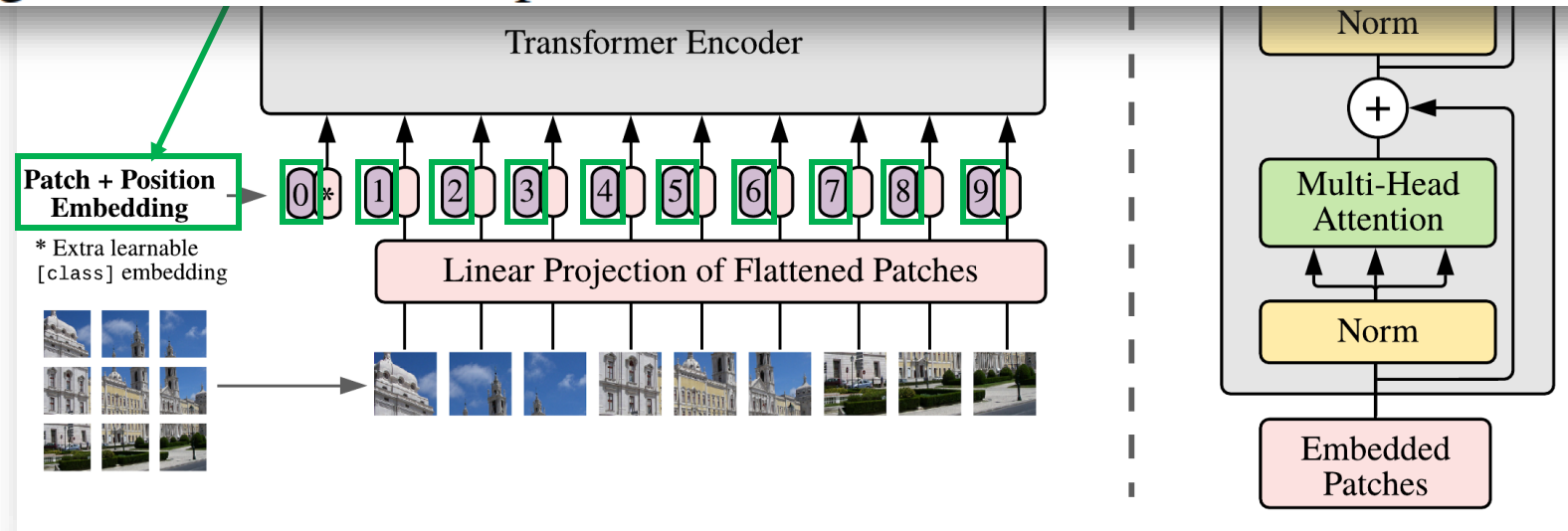
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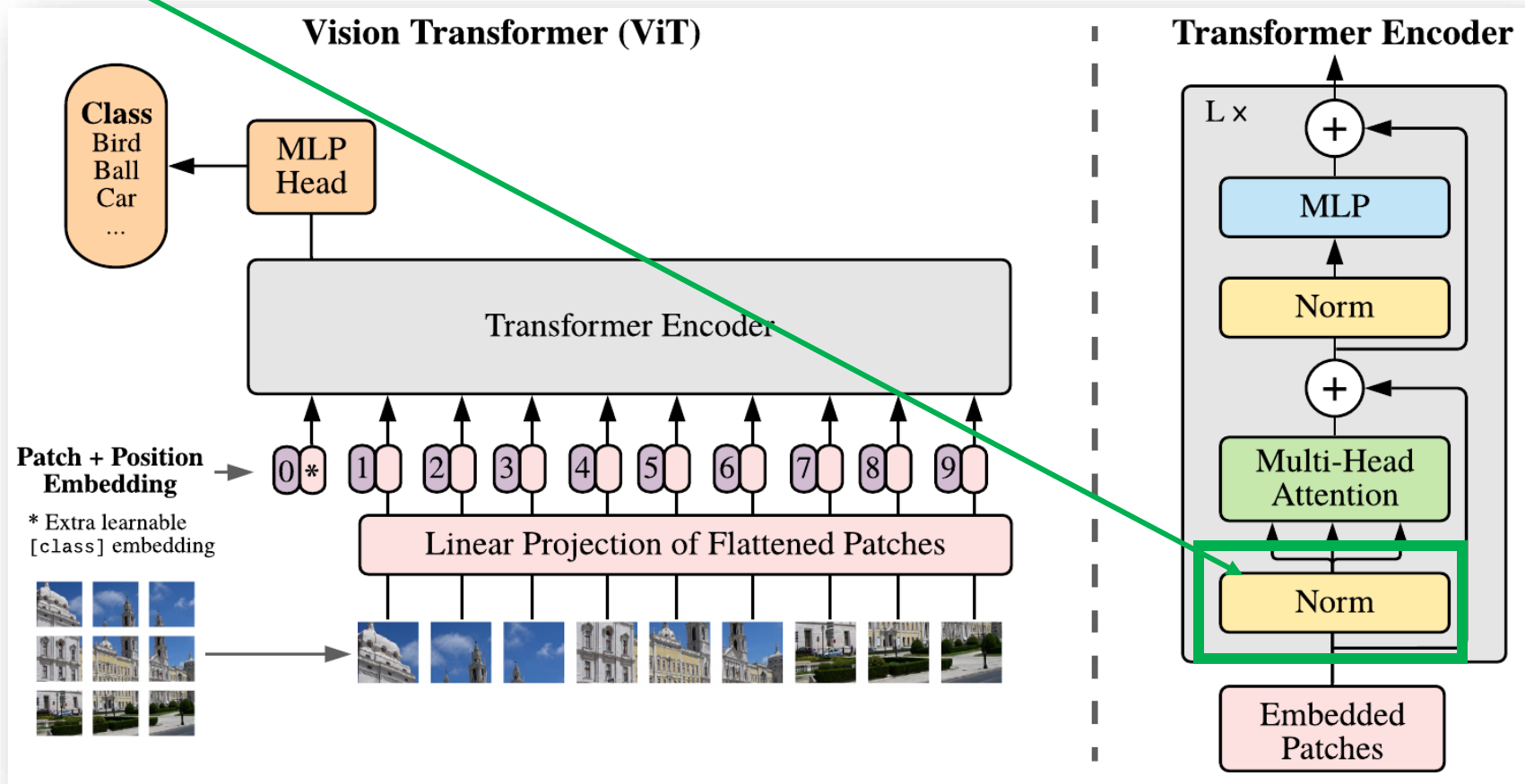
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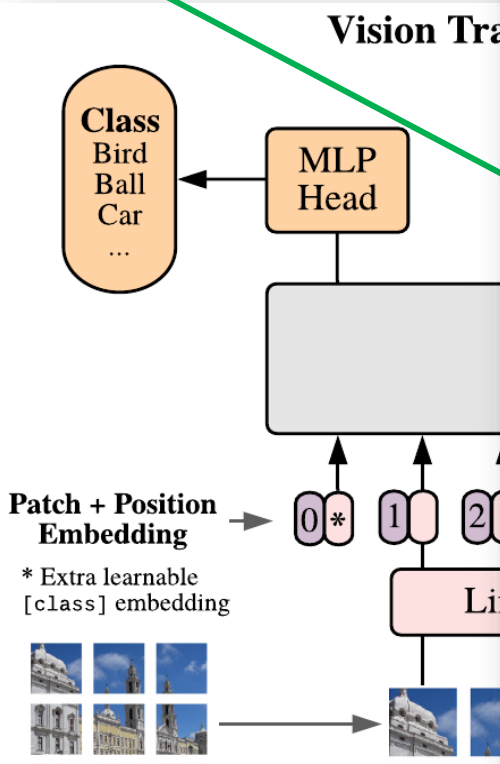
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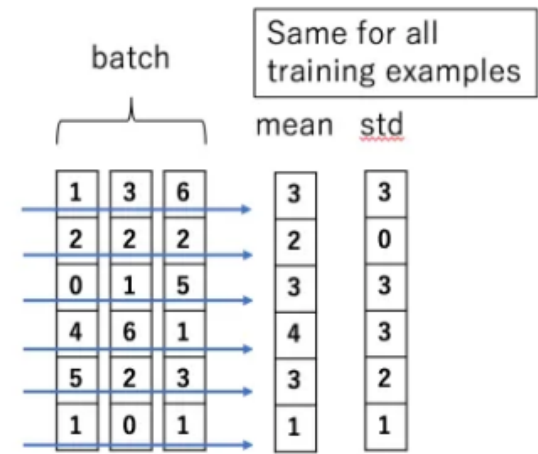


## Difference between Batch Normalization and Layer Normalization

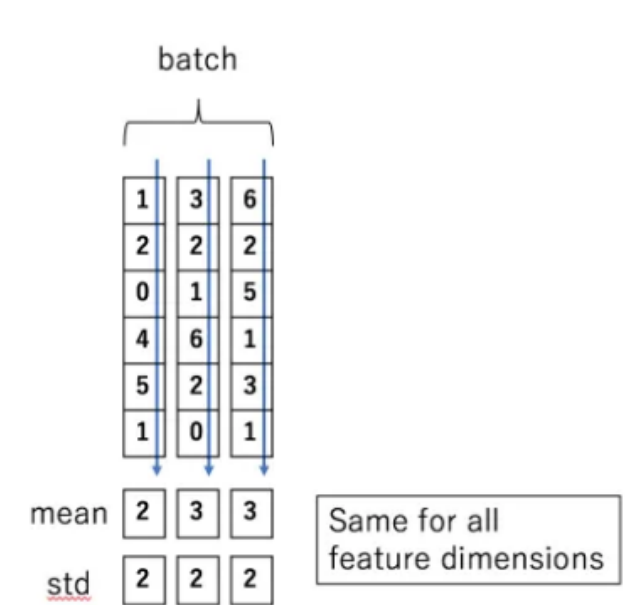
BatchNorm normalizes each feature within a batch of samples, while LayerNorm normalizes all features within each sample.

Let's assume we have a two-dimensional input matrix, where the rows represent the batch and the columns represent the sample features. The target of Batch Normalization is a batch of samples, and the target of Layer Normalization is a single sample, Figure 1 illustrates this concept:

Batch Normalization



Layer Normalization



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# LayerNorm

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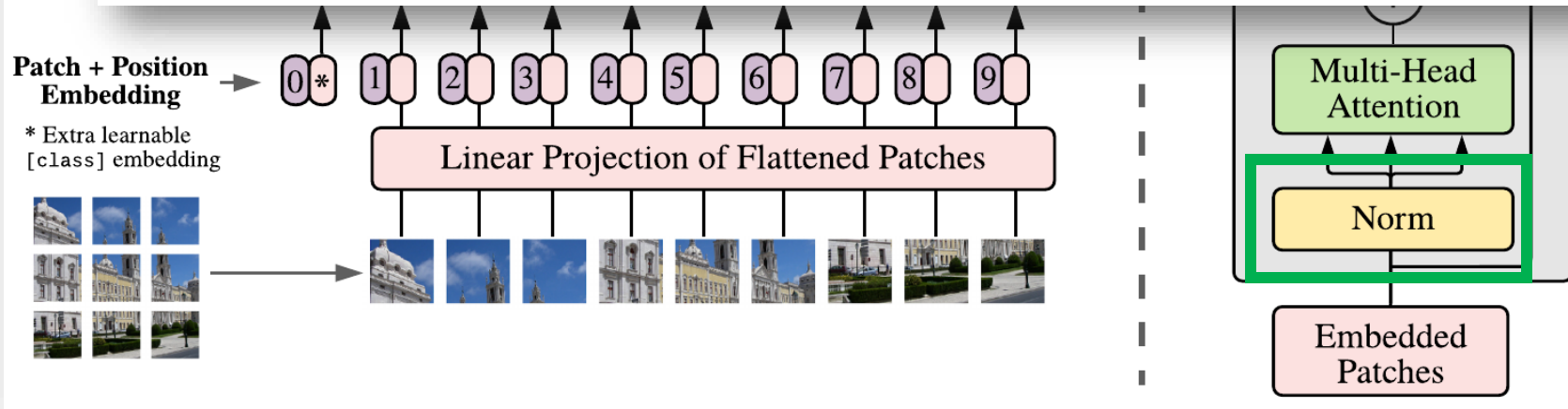
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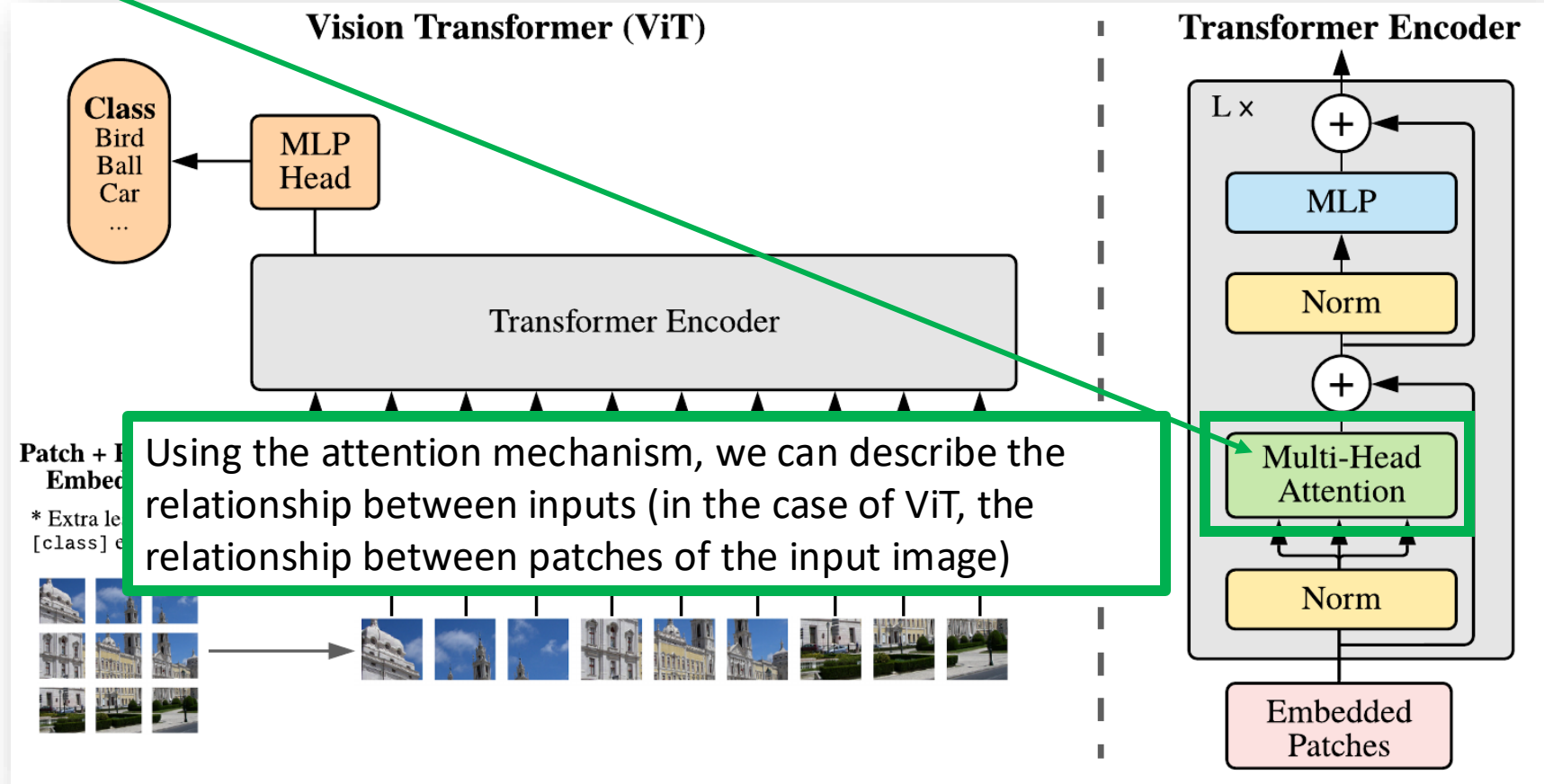
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Self attention was proposed in <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.03762>

Following text was taken from <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2012.12556>

## 2.1 Self-Attention

In the self-attention layer, the input vector is first transformed into three different vectors: the query vector  $\mathbf{q}$ , the key vector  $\mathbf{k}$  and the value vector  $\mathbf{v}$  with dimension  $d_q = d_k = d_v = d_{model} = 512$ . Vectors derived from different inputs are then packed together into three different matrices, namely,  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ . Subsequently, the attention function between different input vectors is calculated as follows (and shown in Figure 3 left):

- **Step 1:** Compute scores between different input vectors with  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{K}^T$ ;
- **Step 2:** Normalize the scores for the stability of gradient with  $\mathbf{S}_n = \mathbf{S} / \sqrt{d_k}$ ;
- **Step 3:** Translate the scores into probabilities with softmax function  $\mathbf{P} = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{S}_n)$ ;
- **Step 4:** Obtain the weighted value matrix with  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{P}$ .

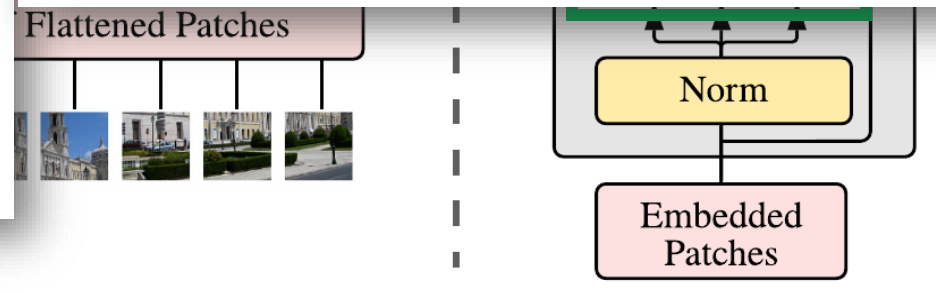
$$\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{(P^2 \cdot C) \times D}, \mathbf{E}_{pos} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N+1) \times D} \quad (1)$$

$$= 1 \dots L \quad (2)$$

The process can be unified into a single function:

$$\text{Attention}(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V}) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{\mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{K}^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right) \cdot \mathbf{V}. \quad (1)$$

The logic behind Eq. 1 is simple. Step 1 computes scores between each pair of different vectors, and these scores determine the degree of attention that we give other words when encoding the word at the current position. Step 2 normalizes the scores to enhance gradient stability for improved training, and step 3 translates the scores into probabilities. Finally, each value vector is multiplied by the sum of the probabilities. Vectors with larger probabilities receive additional focus from the following layers.



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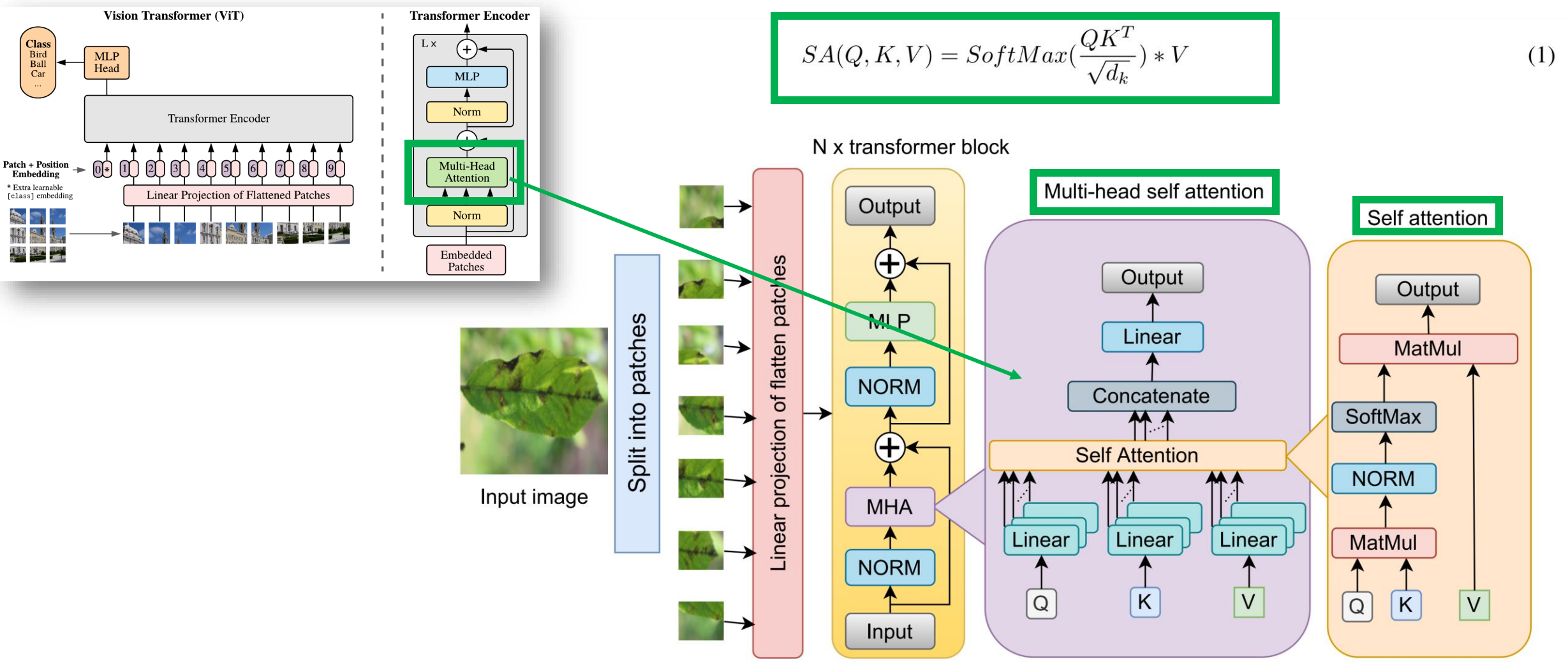


Figure 1: ViT block with multi-head self-attention block and self-attention

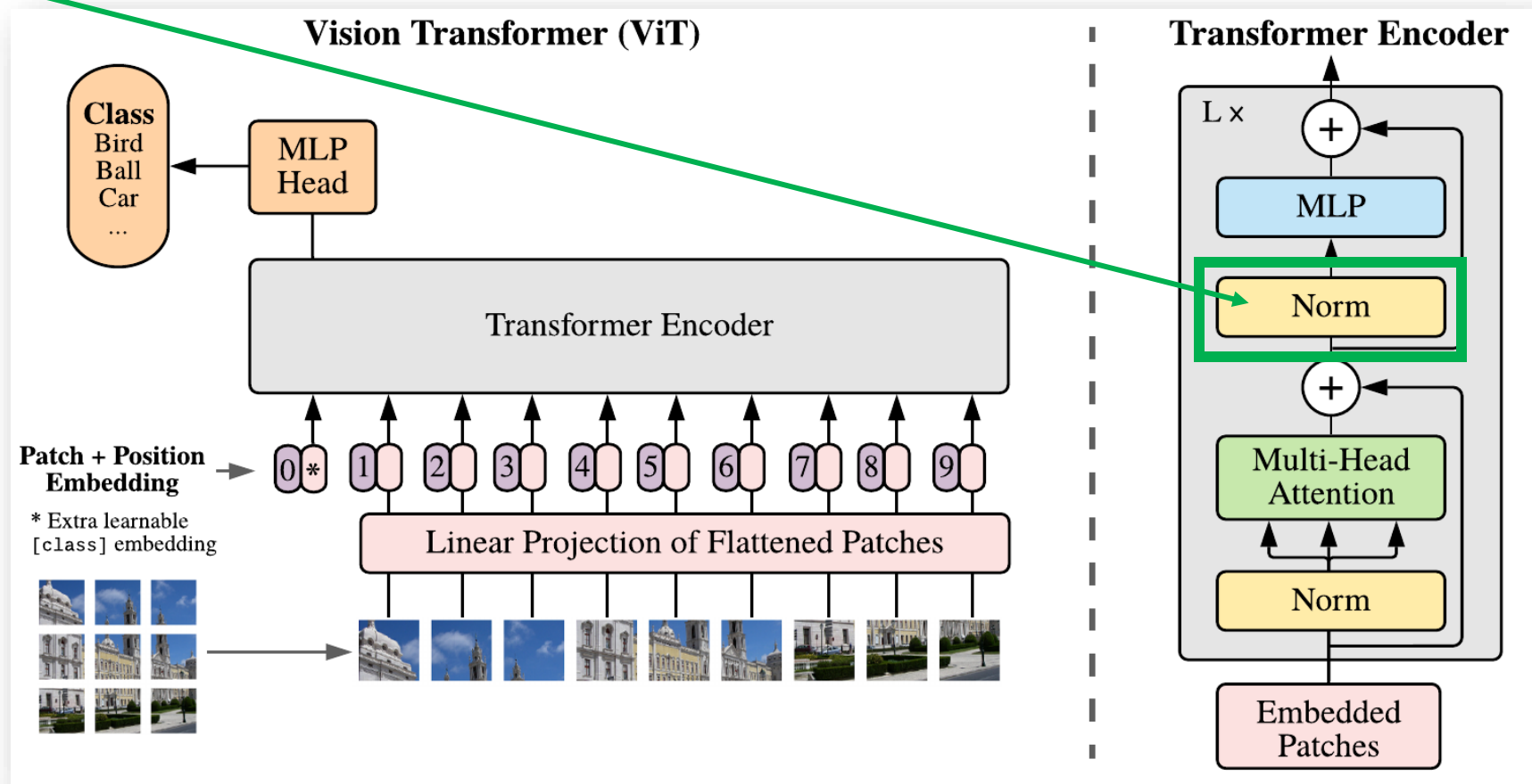
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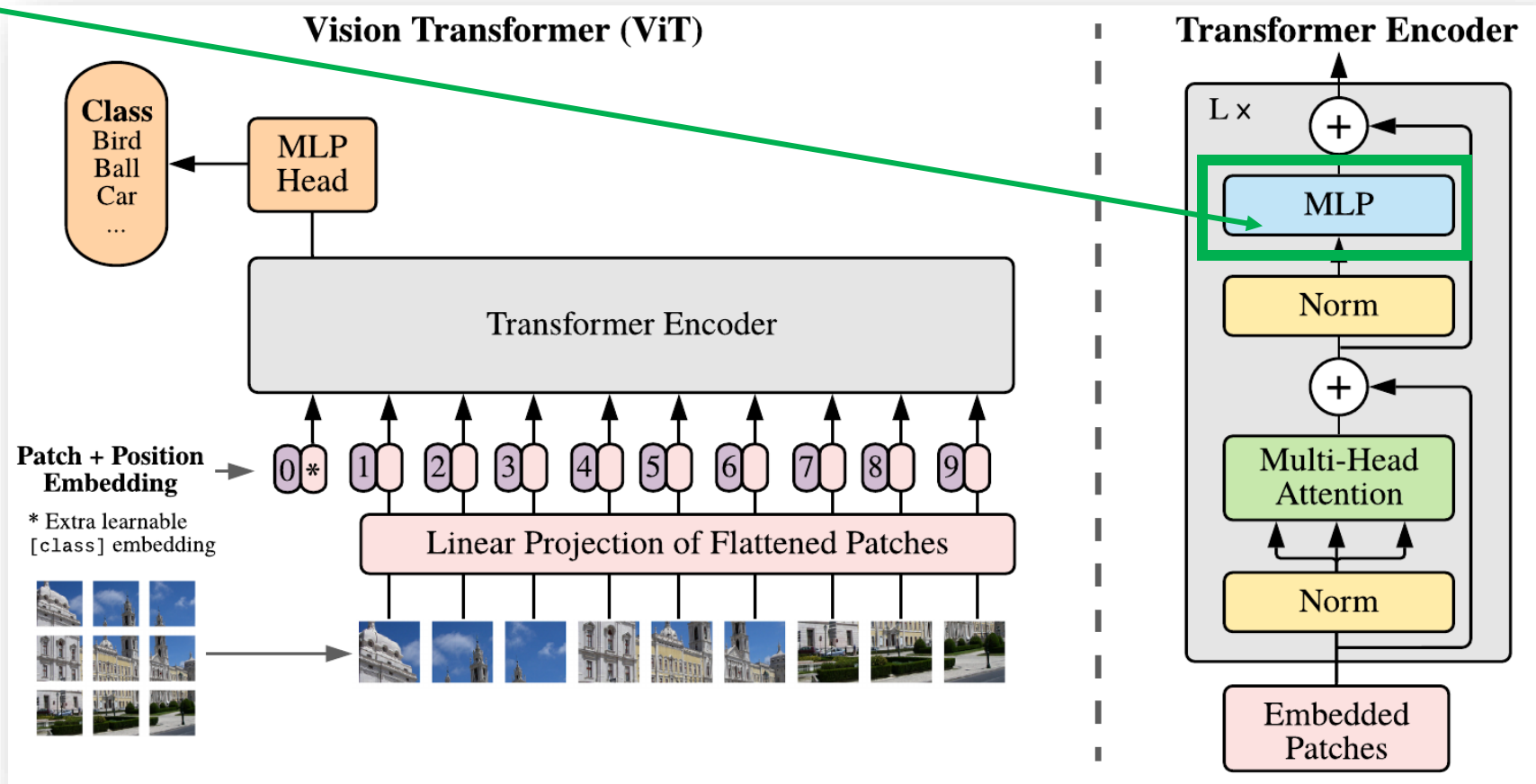
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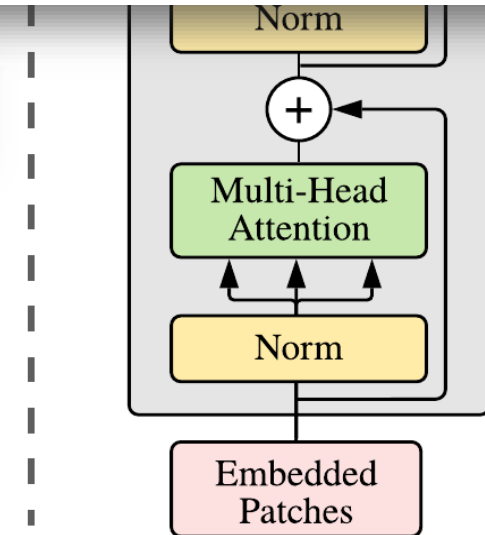
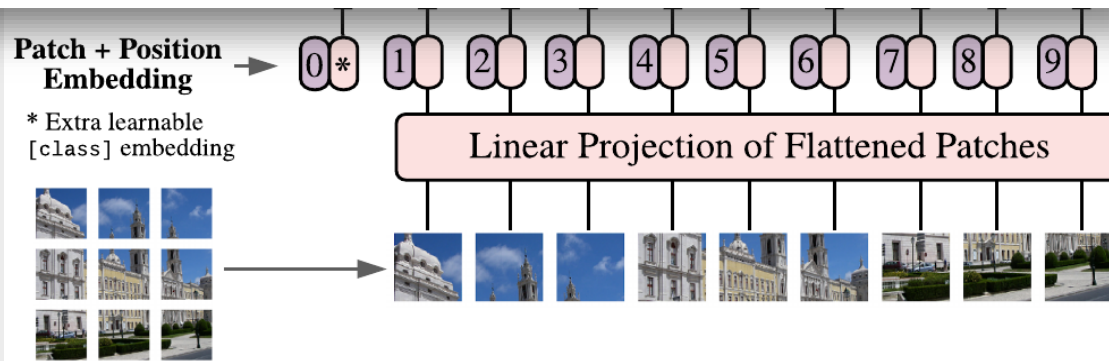
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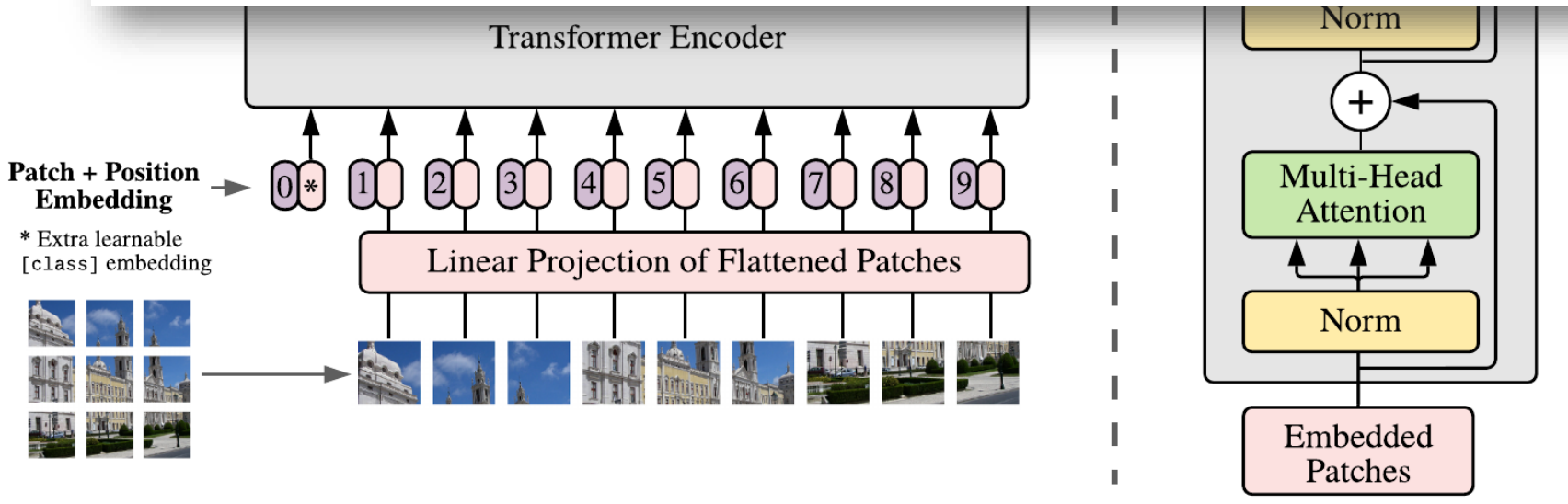
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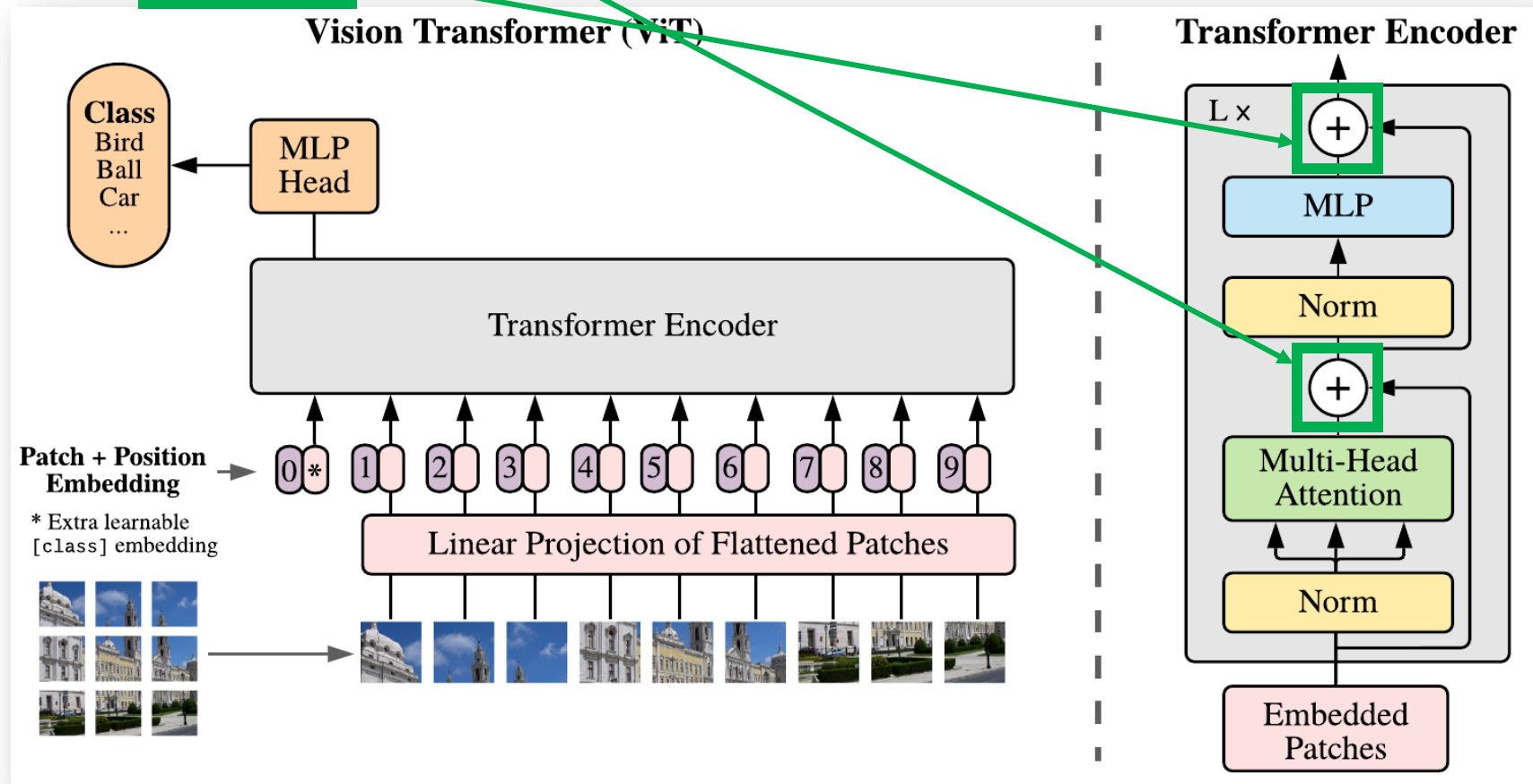
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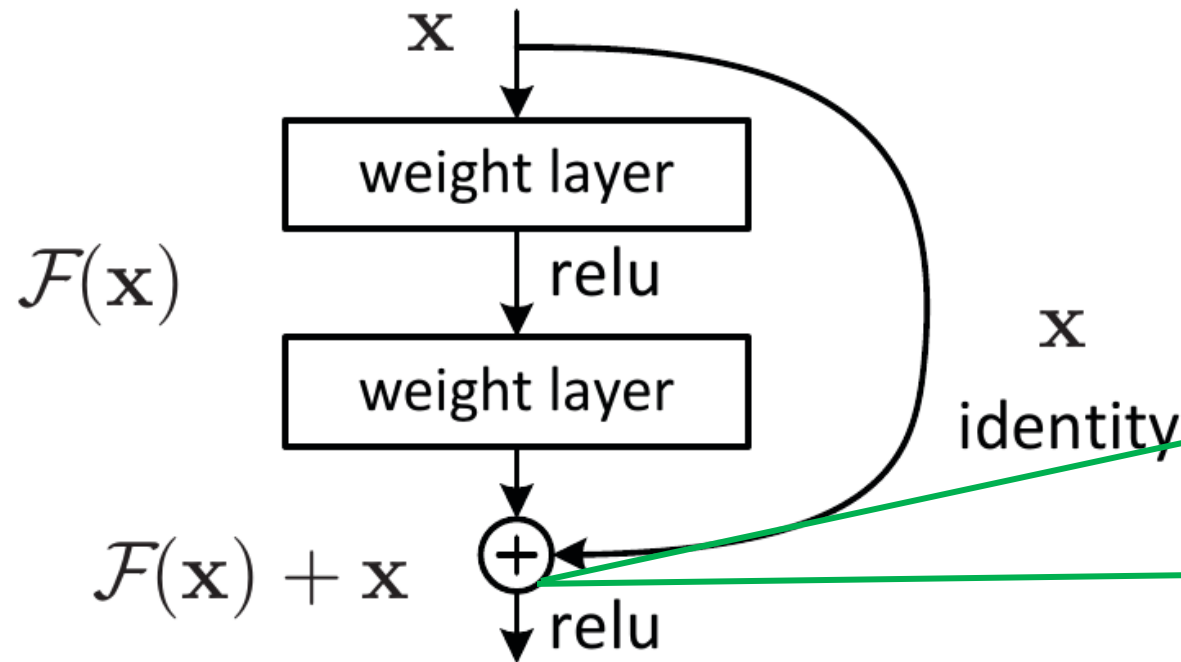
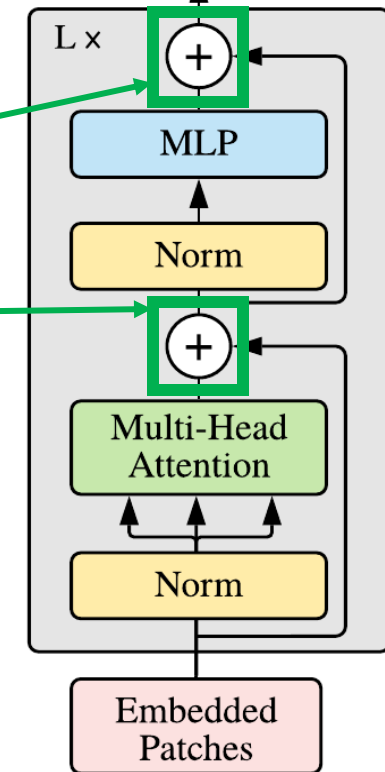


Figure 2. Residual learning: a building block.

Transformer Encoder



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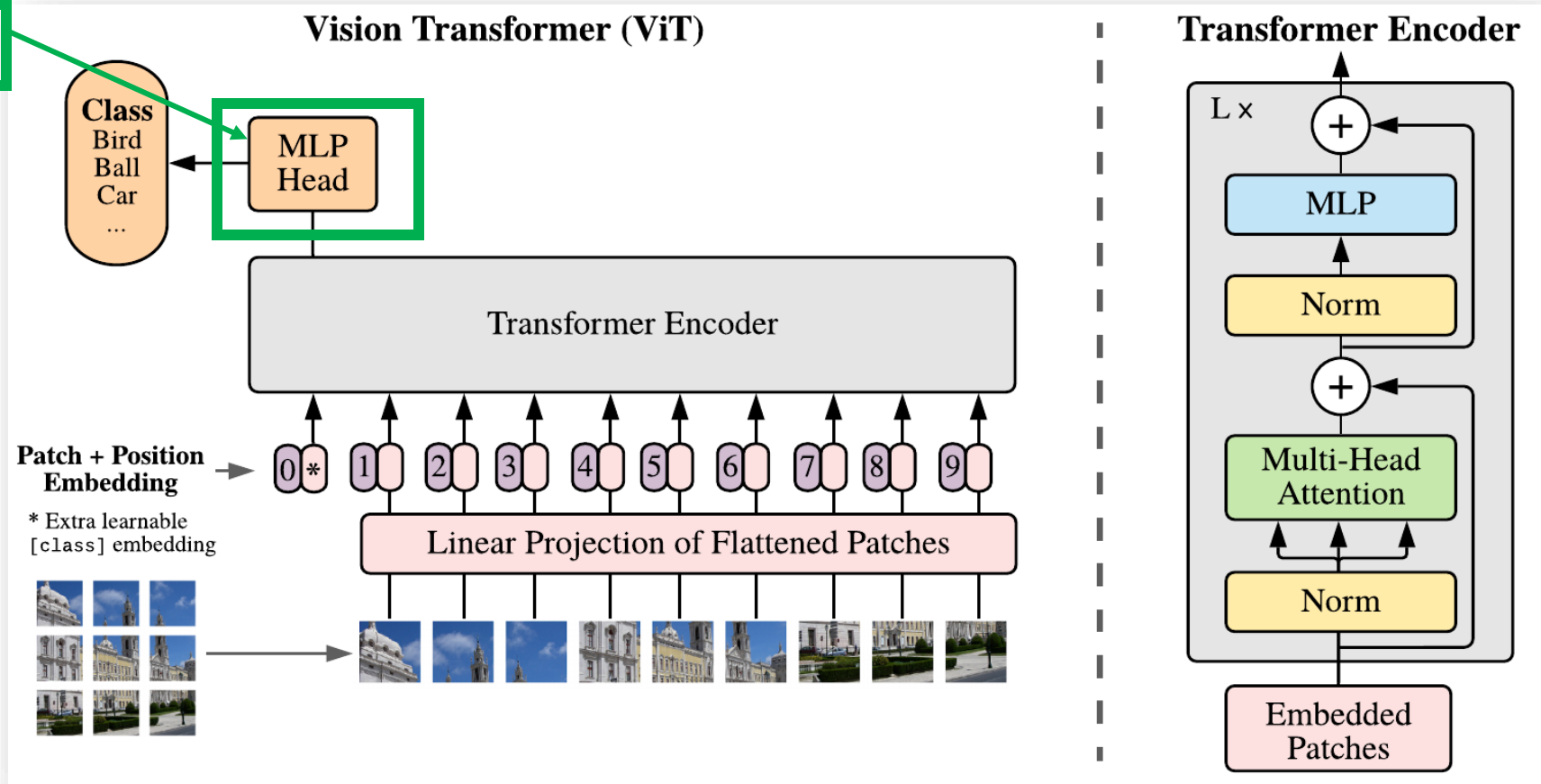
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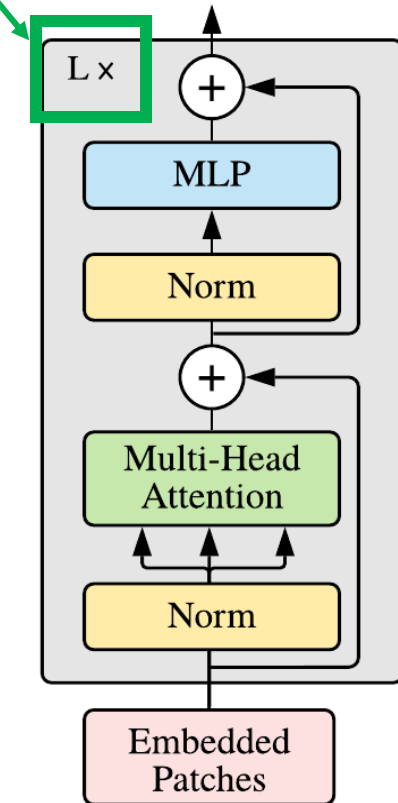
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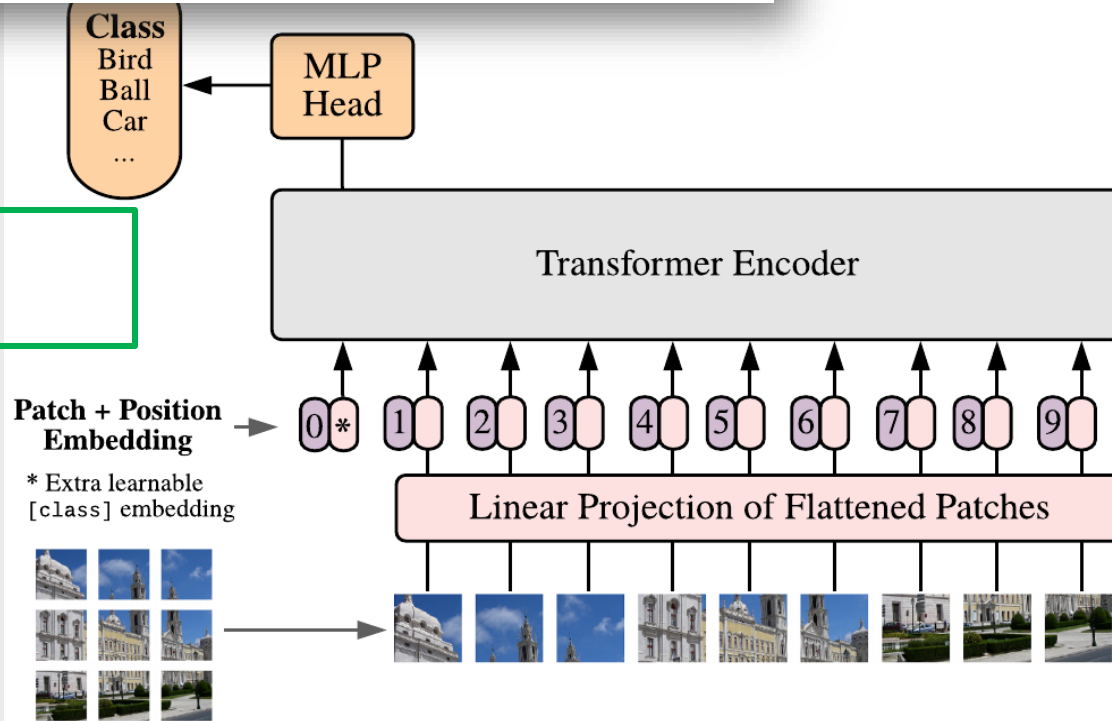
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## Transformer Encoder



number of Transformer Encoder blocks



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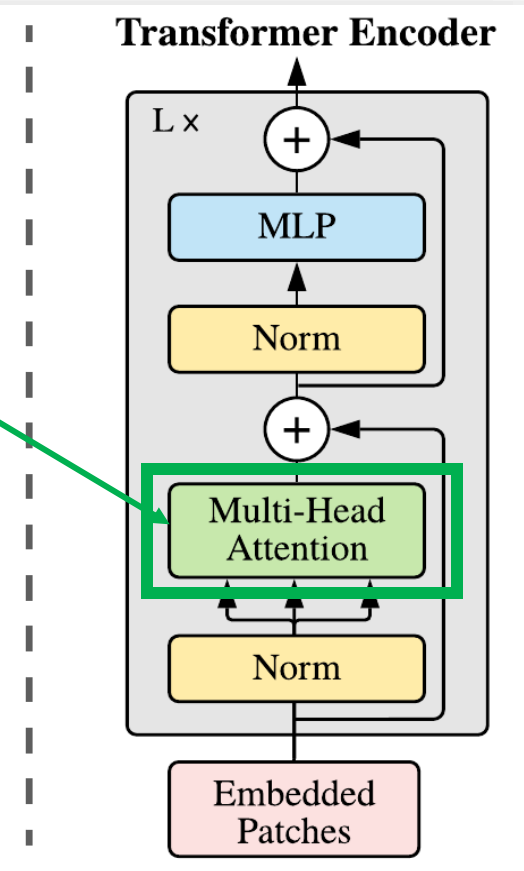
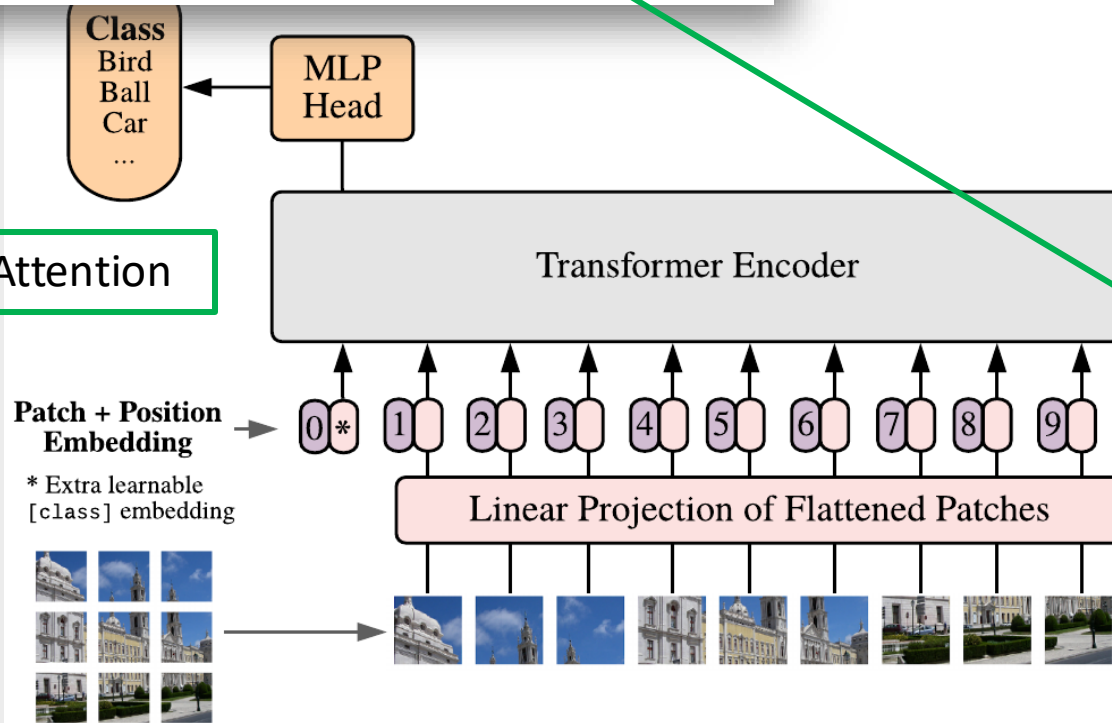
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Number of Multi-Head Attention



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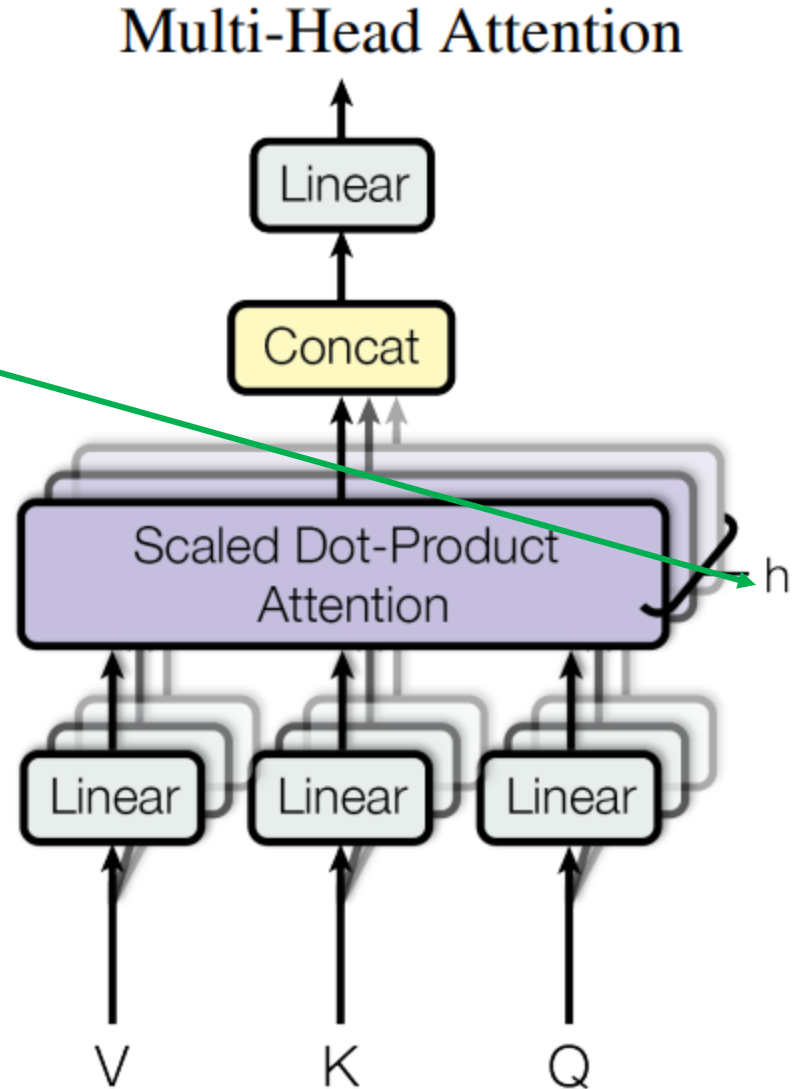
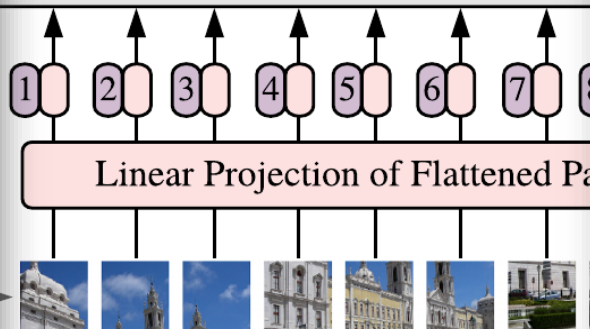
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Number of Multi-Head Attention

Class  
Bird  
Ball  
Car  
...

MLP  
Head

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## A MULTIHEAD SELF-ATTENTION

Standard **qkv** self-attention (SA, Vaswani et al. (2017)) is a popular building block for neural architectures. For each element in an input sequence  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$ , we compute a weighted sum over all values  $\mathbf{v}$  in the sequence. The attention weights  $A_{ij}$  are based on the pairwise similarity between two elements of the sequence and their respective query  $\mathbf{q}^i$  and key  $\mathbf{k}^j$  representations.

$$[\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{v}] = \mathbf{z} \mathbf{U}_{qkv} \quad \mathbf{U}_{qkv} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times 3D_h}, \quad (5)$$

$$A = \text{softmax} \left( \mathbf{q} \mathbf{k}^\top / \sqrt{D_h} \right) \quad A \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}, \quad (6)$$

$$\text{SA}(\mathbf{z}) = A \mathbf{v}. \quad (7)$$

Multihead self-attention (MSA) is an extension of SA in which we run  $k$  self-attention operations, called “heads”, in parallel, and project their concatenated outputs. To keep compute and number of parameters constant when changing  $k$ ,  $D_h$  (Eq. 5) is typically set to  $D/k$ .

$$\text{MSA}(\mathbf{z}) = [\text{SA}_1(z); \text{SA}_2(z); \dots; \text{SA}_k(z)] \mathbf{U}_{msa} \quad \mathbf{U}_{msa} \in \mathbb{R}^{k \cdot D_h \times D} \quad (8)$$

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## VisionTransformer

The VisionTransformer model is based on the [An Image is Worth 16x16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale](#) paper.

### Model builders

The following model builders can be used to instantiate a VisionTransformer model, with or without pre-trained weights. All the model builders internally rely on the `torchvision.models.vision_transformer.VisionTransformer` base class. Please refer to the [source code](#) for more details about this class.

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ImageNet	CIFAR-10	98.13	97.77	97.86	97.94	-
	CIFAR-100	87.13	86.31	86.35	87.07	-
	ImageNet	77.91	73.38	76.53	71.16	-
	ImageNet ReaL	83.57	79.56	82.19	77.83	-
	Oxford Flowers-102	89.49	85.43	89.66	86.36	-
	Oxford-IIIT-Pets	93.81	92.04	93.64	91.35	-
ImageNet-21k	CIFAR-10	98.95	98.79	99.16	99.13	99.27
	CIFAR-100	91.67	91.97	93.44	93.04	93.82
	ImageNet	83.97	81.28	85.15	80.99	85.13
	ImageNet ReaL	88.35	86.63	88.40	85.65	88.70
	Oxford Flowers-102	99.38	99.11	99.61	99.19	99.51
	Oxford-IIIT-Pets	94.43	93.02	94.73	93.09	94.82
JFT-300M	CIFAR-10	99.00	98.61	99.38	99.19	99.50
	CIFAR-100	91.87	90.49	94.04	92.52	94.55
	ImageNet	84.15	80.73	87.12	84.37	88.04
	ImageNet ReaL	88.85	86.27	89.99	88.28	90.33
	Oxford Flowers-102	99.56	99.27	99.56	99.45	99.68
	Oxford-IIIT-Pets	95.80	93.40	97.11	95.83	97.56

Table 5: Top1 accuracy (in %) of Vision Transformer on various datasets when pre-trained on ImageNet, ImageNet-21k or JFT300M. These values correspond to Figure 3 in the main text. Models are fine-tuned at 384 resolution. Note that the ImageNet results are computed without additional techniques (Polyak averaging and 512 resolution images) used to achieve results in Table 2.

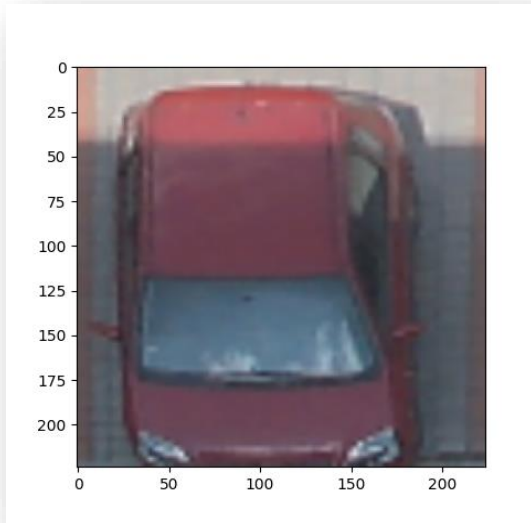
# ViT (Vision Transformer)

## Part 3. Selected Implementation Details



# ViT – Selected Implementation Details – Equation 1.

We can use the `nn.Conv2d` layer to split the input image into patches (blocks) and create the embedding vector (with size = 768, in this example – ViT Base model) for each patch.



```

h = 224
w = 224
c = 3
ps = 16

conv = nn.Conv2d(
    in_channels = 3,
    out_channels = 768,
    kernel_size = (ps, ps),
    stride = ps,
    padding = 0,
    bias = False)

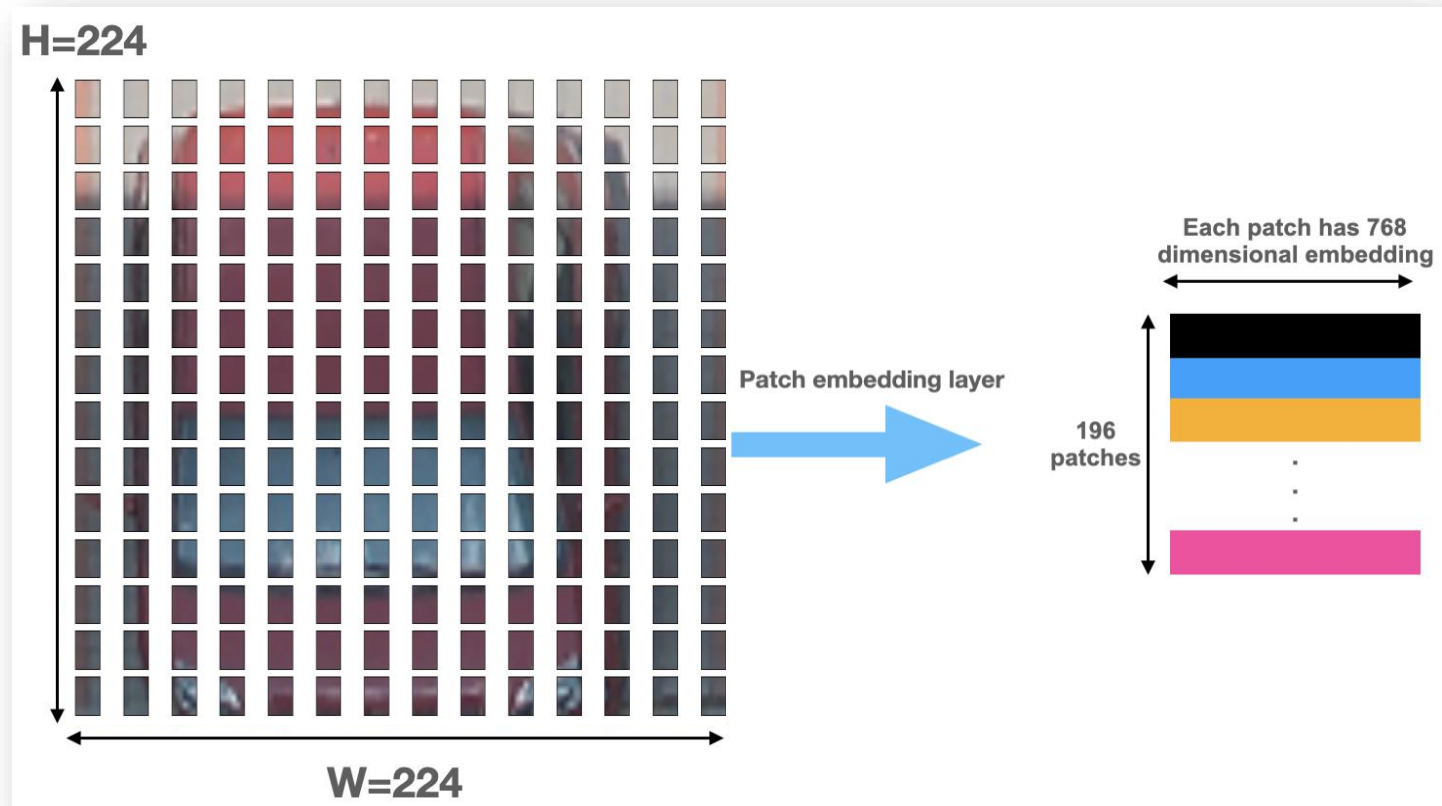
```

shape of input 224 x 244 x 3 image after `nn.Conv2d`:  
**([768, 14, 14])**

# ViT – Selected Implementation Details – Equation 1.

- 768 feature maps of size 14 x 14 are generated
- we can use flatten on these 14 x 14 feature maps to obtain: ([batch\_size, 768, 196])
- it is necessary to switch dimensions so that the number of patches is in the second place: ([batch\_size, 196, 768])

```
block_permute = nn.Sequential(
    nn.Conv2d(
        in_channels=3,
        out_channels=768,
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        stride=ps,
        padding = 0,
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    nn.Flatten(start_dim=2, end_dim=-1),
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)
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# ViT – Selected Implementation Details – Equation 1.

- `class_token = nn.Parameter(torch.ones(batch_size, 1, 768))`
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- `position_embeddings = nn.Parameter(torch.ones(1, 197, 768))`
- `z_0_with_class_with_pos = z_0_with_class + position_embeddings`

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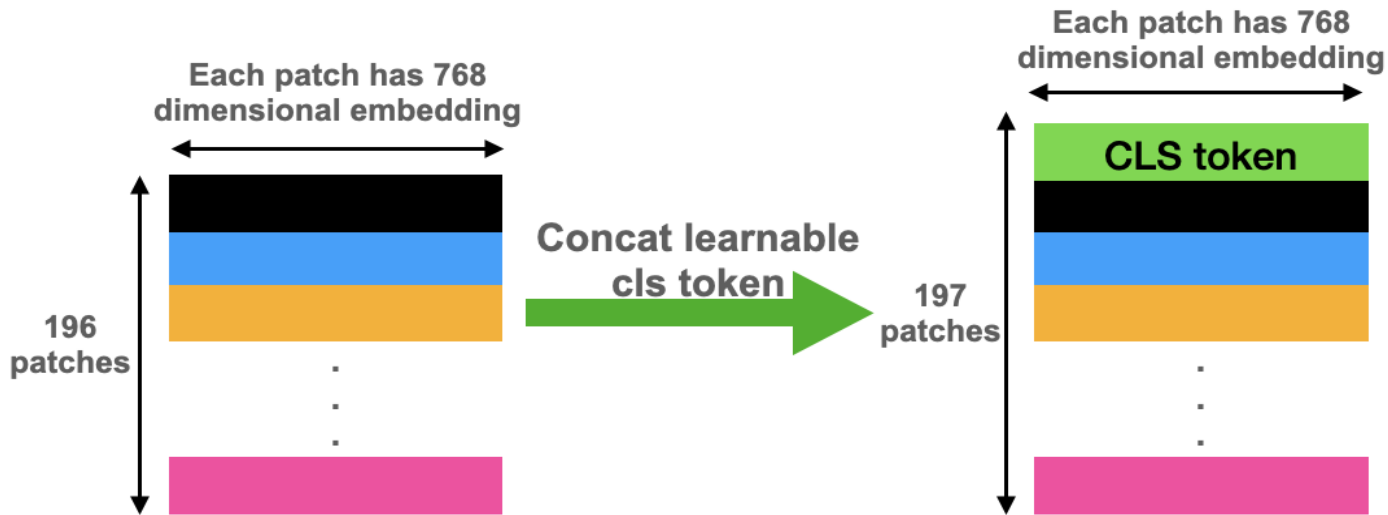
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- `position_embeddings = nn.Parameter(torch.ones(1, 197, 768))`
- `z_0_with_class_with_pos = z_0_with_class + position_embeddings`

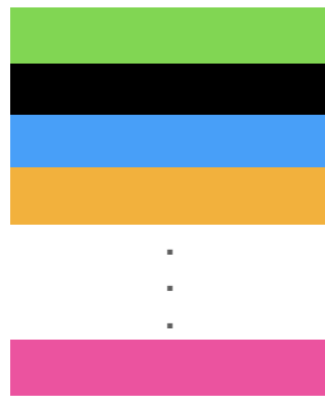
$$\mathbf{z}_0 = [\mathbf{x}_{\text{class}}; \mathbf{x}_p^1 \mathbf{E}; \mathbf{x}_p^2 \mathbf{E}; \dots; \mathbf{x}_p^N \mathbf{E}] + \mathbf{E}_{pos}, \quad \mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{(P^2 \cdot C) \times D}, \mathbf{E}_{pos} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N+1) \times D} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{z}'_\ell = \text{MSA}(\text{LN}(\mathbf{z}_{\ell-1})) + \mathbf{z}_{\ell-1}, \quad \ell = 1 \dots L \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{z}_\ell = \text{MLP}(\text{LN}(\mathbf{z}'_\ell)) + \mathbf{z}'_\ell, \quad \ell = 1 \dots L \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{LN}(\mathbf{z}_L^0) \quad (4)$$

A learnable parameter tensor of size 197x768



Position embedding

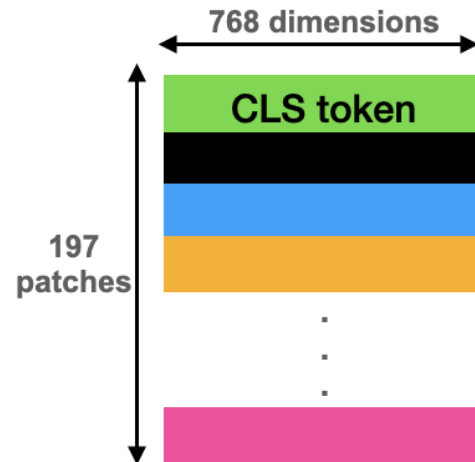
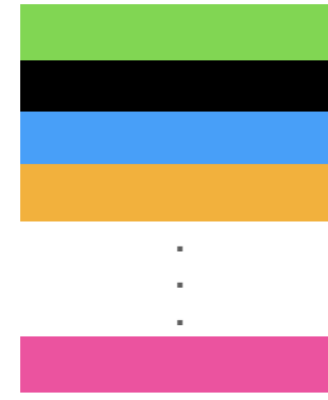


Image patches with classification token

Output of size 197x768



This is input into the vision transformer



# ViT – Selected Implementation Details – Equation 1.

- `class_token = nn.Parameter(torch.ones(batch_size, 1, 768))`
- `z_0_with_class = torch.cat((class_token, block_out_permute), dim=1)`
- `position_embeddings = nn.Parameter(torch.ones(1, 197, 768))`
- `z_0_with_class_with_pos = z_0_with_class + position_embeddings`

$$\mathbf{z}_0 = [\mathbf{x}_{\text{class}}; \mathbf{x}_p^1 \mathbf{E}; \mathbf{x}_p^2 \mathbf{E}; \dots; \mathbf{x}_p^N \mathbf{E}] + \mathbf{E}_{\text{pos}}, \quad \mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{(P^2 \cdot C) \times D}, \mathbf{E}_{\text{pos}} \in \mathbb{R}^{(N+1) \times D} \quad (1)$$

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A learnable parameter tensor of size 197x768

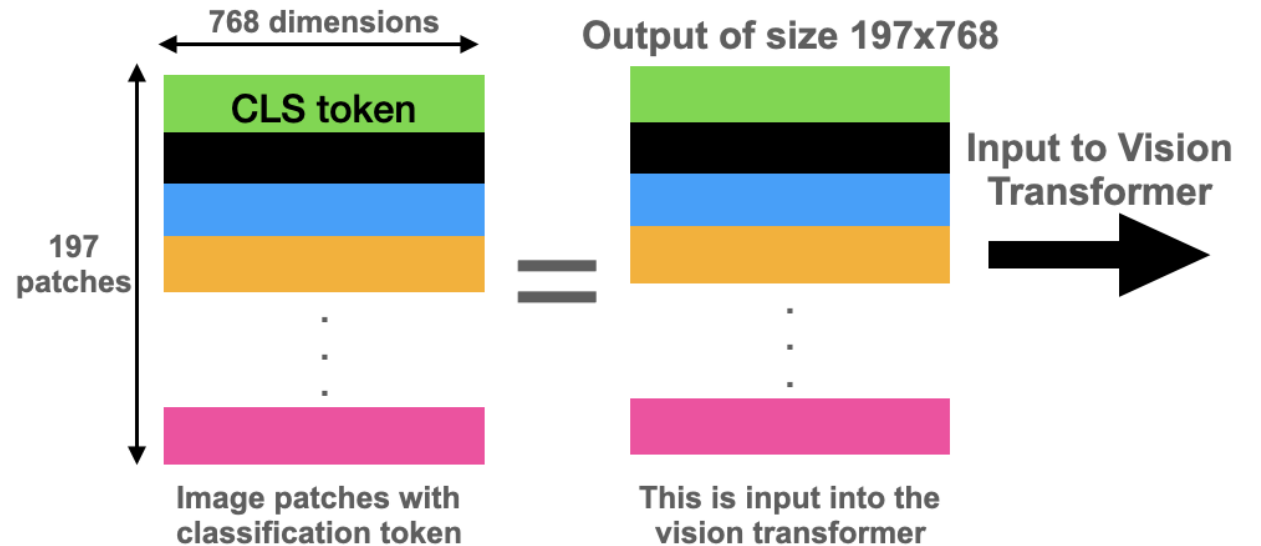


⋮

Position embedding



Element wise addition



# MultiheadAttention

```
CLASS torch.nn.MultiheadAttention(embed_dim, num_heads, dropout=0.0, bias=True,
    add_bias_kv=False, add_zero_attn=False, kdim=None, vdim=None, batch_first=False,
    device=None, dtype=None) [SOURCE]
```

Allows the model to jointly attend to information from different representation subspaces.

Method described in the paper: [Attention Is All You Need](#).

Multi-Head Attention is defined as:

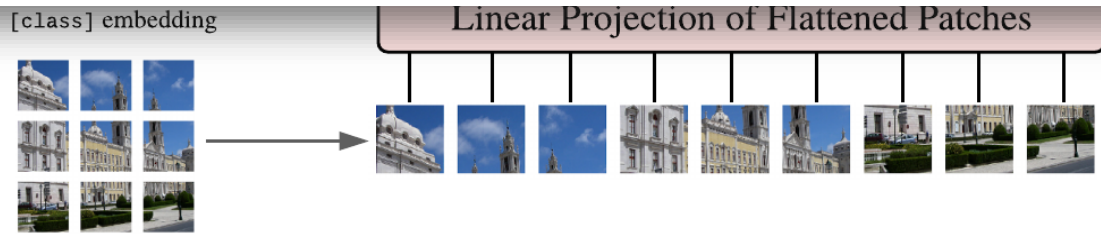
$$\text{MultiHead}(Q, K, V) = \text{Concat}(\text{head}_1, \dots, \text{head}_h)W^O$$

where  $\text{head}_i = \text{Attention}(QW_i^Q, KW_i^K, VW_i^V)$ .

`nn.MultiHeadAttention` will use the optimized implementations of `scaled_dot_product_attention()` when possible.

In addition to support for the new `scaled_dot_product_attention()` function, for speeding up Inference, MHA will use fastpath inference with support for Nested Tensors, iff:

- self attention is being computed (i.e., `query`, `key`, and `value` are the same tensor).



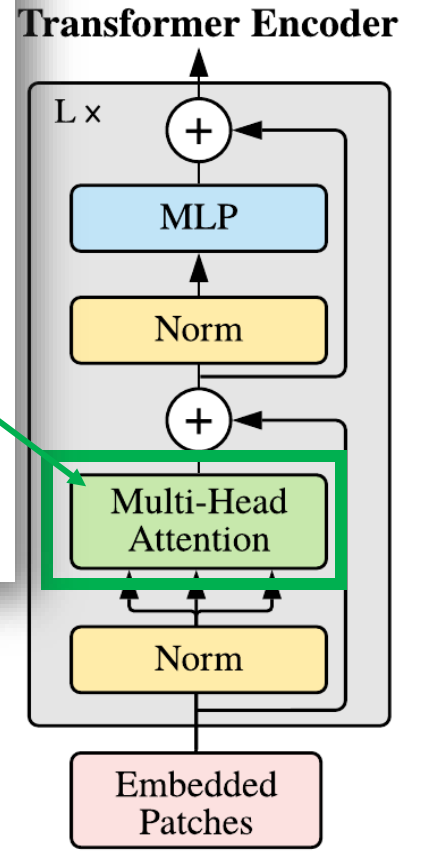
# former)

$$pos \in \mathbb{R}^{(N+1) \times D} \quad (1)$$

$$(2)$$

$$(3)$$

$$(4)$$



# ViT – Selected Implementation Details – Equation 2.

```

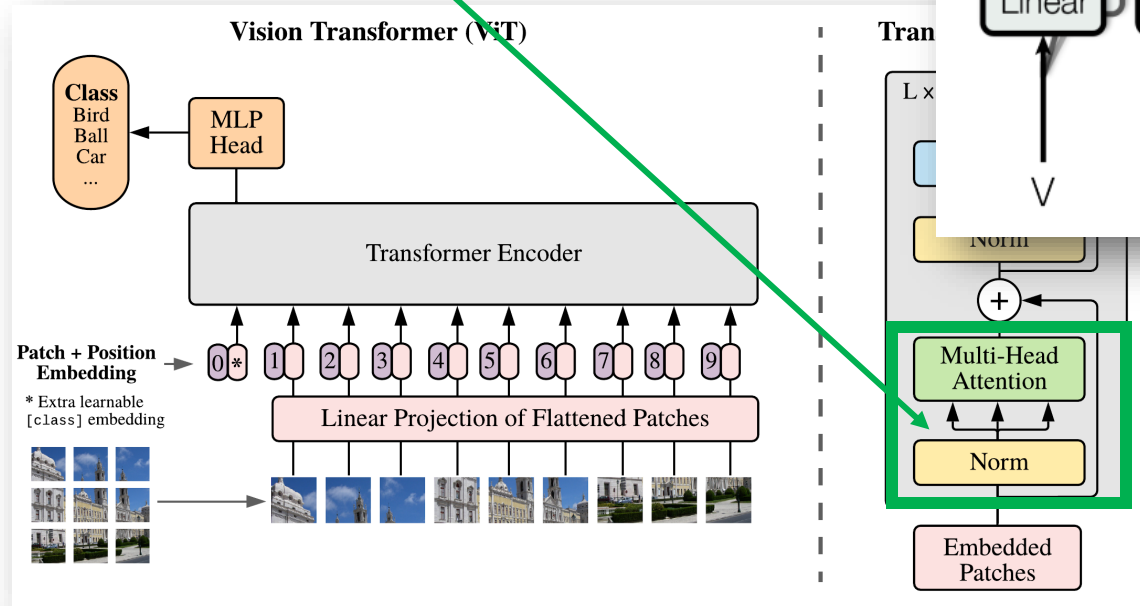
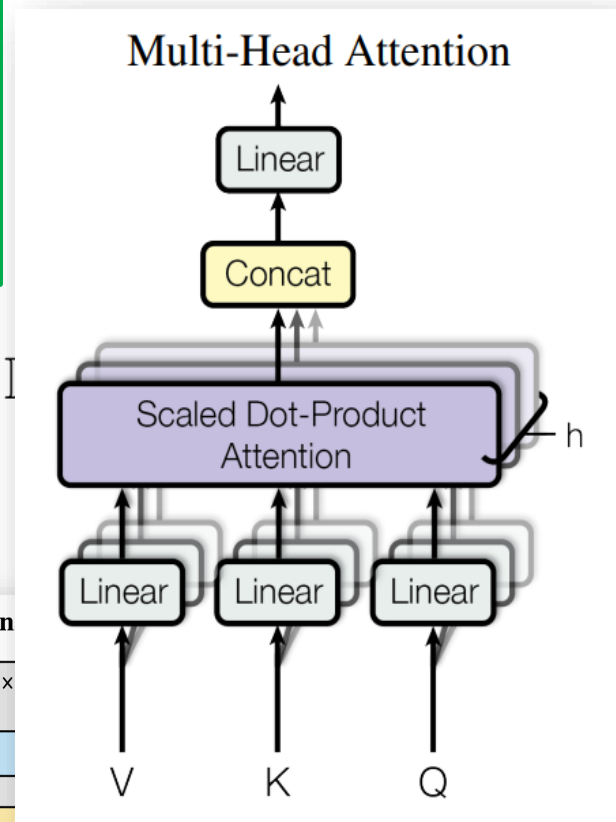
layer_norm = nn.LayerNorm(768)
layer_norm_out = layer_norm(z_0_with_class_with_pos)
multihead_attn = nn.MultiheadAttention(embed_dim = 768, num_heads = 12, batch_first = True)
attn_output, attn_output_weights = multihead_attn(query = layer_norm_out,
                                                    key = layer_norm_out,
                                                    value = layer_norm_out)
    
```

$$\mathbf{z}_0 = [\mathbf{x}_{\text{class}}; \mathbf{x}_p^1 \mathbf{E}; \mathbf{x}_p^2 \mathbf{E}; \dots; \mathbf{x}_p^N \mathbf{E}] + \mathbf{E}_{\text{pos}}, \quad \mathbf{E} \in \mathbb{R}^{(P^2 \cdot C) \times D}, \mathbf{E}_{\text{pos}} \in \mathbb{R}^{P^2 \times D}$$

$$\mathbf{z}'_\ell = \text{MSA}(\text{LN}(\mathbf{z}_{\ell-1})) + \mathbf{z}_{\ell-1}, \quad \ell = 1 \dots L$$

$$\mathbf{z}_\ell = \text{MLP}(\text{LN}(\mathbf{z}'_\ell)) + \mathbf{z}'_\ell, \quad \ell = 1 \dots L$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \text{LN}(\mathbf{z}_L^0)$$



You can continue in a similar way with equations 3 and 4 during the exercise (it is appropriate to organise the ViT blocks into individual classes)

# Where to go from here?

<https://github.com/lucidrains/vit-pytorch>

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## MobileViT

(a) Standard visual transformer (ViT)

(b) MobileViT. Here,  $\text{Conv-}n \times n$  in the MobileViT block represents a standard  $n \times n$  convolution and **MV2** refers to MobileNetV2 block. Blocks that perform down-sampling are marked with  $\downarrow 2$ .

This [paper](#) introduces MobileViT, a light-weight and general purpose vision transformer for mobile devices. MobileViT presents a different perspective for the global processing of information with transformers.

You can use it with the following code (ex. mobilevit\_xs)

```
import torch
from vit_pytorch.mobile_vit import MobileViT

mbvit_xs = MobileViT(
    image_size = (256, 256),
    dims = [96, 120, 144],
    channels = [16, 32, 48, 48, 64, 64, 80, 80, 96, 96, 384],
    num_classes = 1000
)

img = torch.randn(1, 3, 256, 256)

pred = mbvit_xs(img) # (1, 1000)
```