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(54) INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE, **INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD,** AND GENERATING METHOD OF **LEARNING MODEL**

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(57)ABSTRACT

According to one embodiment, an information processing device includes: an encoder including a first layer and a second layer which are coupled in series; and a decoder. The encoder is configured to: generate, based on first data, a first key and a first value in the first layer, and a second key and a second value in the second layer; and generate, based on second data different from the first data, a first query in the first layer, and a second query in the second layer. The decoder is configured to: generate third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query.





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Number of loops	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	

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Knowledge sources D and D'	Nico Gardener (1908–1989) was a British international bridge player born in <u>Riga</u> Latvia (then part of Imperial Russia).	Nico Gardener (1908–1989) was a British international bridge player born in Latvia (then part of Imperial Russia).	Replace place name t label with other place
Execution/non- execution of data augmentation process	Case of non−execution	Case of execution	





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INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND GENERATING METHOD OF LEARNING MODEL

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2021-048635, filed Mar. 23, 2021, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD

[0002] Embodiments described herein relate generally to an information processing device, an information processing method, and a generating method of a learning model.

BACKGROUND

[0003] As a method of processing information of a natural language or the like, a language model is known. The language model is constructed, for example, by deep learning using a neural network, with a large volume of documents being input in the deep learning. The language model obtained by the deep learning may include knowledge included in the large volume of documents used at the time of training.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0004] FIG. **1** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of an information processing device according to an embodiment.

[0005] FIG. **2** is a block diagram illustrating an example of an outline of a functional configuration of the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0006] FIG. **3** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a configuration of a knowledge source processing function of an encoder according to the embodiment.

[0007] FIG. **4** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a configuration of a knowledge source processing function of an n-th layer of the encoder according to the embodiment.

[0008] FIG. **5** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a configuration of a question processing function of the encoder according to the embodiment.

[0009] FIG. **6** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a configuration of a question processing function of an n-th layer of the encoder according to the embodiment.

[0010] FIG. **7** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of a decoder according to the embodiment.

[0011] FIG. **8** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an n-th layer of the decoder according to the embodiment.

[0012] FIG. **9** is a flowchart illustrating an example of an inference preparation operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0013] FIG. **10** is a flowchart illustrating an example of an inference operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0014] FIG. **11** is a diagram illustrating a determination process in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0015] FIG. **12** is a flowchart illustrating an example of a training operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0016] FIG. **13** is a diagram illustrating an example of training data used by a data augmentation process in the information processing device according to the embodiment. **[0017]** FIG. **14** is a diagram illustrating an example of a computation amount that is needed for the inference operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0018] FIG. **15** is a block diagram illustrating an example of an outline of a functional configuration of an information processing device according to a first modification.

[0019] FIG. **16** is a flowchart illustrating an example of an inference operation in the information processing device according to the first modification.

[0020] FIG. **17** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an n-th layer of a decoder according to a second modification.

[0021] FIG. **18** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an n-th layer of a decoder according to a third modification.

[0022] FIG. **19** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of a decoder according to a fourth modification.

[0023] FIG. **20** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an n-th layer of the decoder according to the fourth modification.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0024] In general, according to one embodiment, an information processing device includes an encoder including a first layer and a second layer which are coupled in series; and a decoder. The encoder is configured to: generate, based on first data, a first key and a first value in the first layer, and a second key and a second value in the second layer; and generate, based on second data different from the first data, a first query in the first layer, and a second query in the second layer. The decoder is configured to: generate third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query.

[0025] Hereinafter, embodiments will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings. In the description, structural elements having substantially identical functions and configurations are denoted by identical reference signs. In addition, the embodiments to be described below exemplarily illustrate technical concepts. Various changes can be made to the embodiments.

1. Embodiments

1.1 Configuration

[0026] To begin with, a configuration of an embodiment will be described.

1.1.1 Information Processing Device

[0027] FIG. **1** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a hardware configuration of an information processing device according to an embodiment. An information processing device **1** is a device which converts information of a natural language or the like to data, and processes the data. The information processing device 1 is, for example, a personal computer or a smartphone. The information processing device 1 includes a control circuit 11, a memory 12, a storage 13, and a user interface 14.

[0028] The control circuit **11** is a circuit which controls an entirety of the information processing device **1**. The control circuit **11** includes a CPU (Central Processing Unit), a ROM (Read Only Memory), and a RAM (Random Access Memory). The control circuit **11** may include a GPU (Graphics Processing Unit). Responding to a request from a user on the outside, the control circuit **11** loads programs, which are stored in the ROM, into the RAM, thereby executing various operations. The various operations include, for example, a training operation based on a knowledge source, and an inference operation of inferring an answer to a question.

[0029] The memory **12** is a main memory of the information processing device **1**. The memory **12** is, for example, a DRAM (Dynamic Random Access Memory). The memory **12** temporarily stores data relating to various operations which the control circuit **11** executes.

[0030] The storage **13** is a storage device of the information processing device **1**. The storage **13** is, for example, an SSD (Solid State Drive) or an HDD (Hard Disk Drive). The SSD may include a NAND flash memory. The storage **13** nonvolatilely stores data relating to various operations which the control circuit **11** executes.

[0031] The user interface 14 is an equipment which manages communications between the user and the control circuit 11. The user interface 14 includes an input equipment and an output equipment. The input equipment includes, for example, a touch panel, a keyboard, an operation button and the like. The output equipment includes, for example, a display or a printer. The user interface 14 inputs to the control circuit 11 requests for execution of various operations from the user via the input equipment. The user interface 14 provides results of execution of various operations to the user via the output equipment.

[0032] FIG. **2** is a block diagram illustrating an example of an outline of a functional configuration of the information processing device according to the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. **2**, the information processing device **1** includes functions as an encoder **15** and a decoder **16**. The encoder **15** and decoder **16** are realized by the control circuit **11** executing operations based on programs with use of the memory **12**. Thereby, the information processing device **1** is configured to output an answer **23** to an input question **22**, based on a knowledge source **21**. In addition, the information processing device **1** is configured to generate a requestion **22**R as an intermediate product. The encoder **15** and decoder **16** are realized by using a neural network including a plurality of layers.

[0033] The knowledge source 21, question 22, re-question 22R and answer 23 correspond to a natural language including one or more sentences. The sentence includes one or more words. The word includes one or more sub-words. The sub-word corresponds to a token. The token is a unit of data at a time of treating the natural language as data.

[0034] The knowledge source 21 includes information for deriving answers 23 from the question 22 and re-question 22R. The knowledge source 21 may also include information which is not necessary for deriving the answers 23 from the question 22 and re-question 22R. The question 22 and re-question 22R are, for example, sentences including masked parts at the ends of the sentences. The masked part

includes one or more sub-words. The answer 23 is a sentence in which the masked part in the question 22 is replaced with one or more tokens which are correct.

[0035] The encoder 15 is a language model which converts an input natural language to a vector corresponding to a context in units of a token. The encoder 15 generates a key 24 and a value 25, based on the knowledge source 21. The encoder 15 correlates, and stores into the storage 13, the generated key 24 and value 25. The key 24 is data for identifying the value 25. The value 25 is data representative of a sub-word included in the knowledge source 21. The key 24 and value 25 are correlated in a one-to-one correspondence.

[0036] In addition, the encoder 15 generates a query 26, based on the question 22 or re-question 22R. The encoder 15 transmits the generated query 26 to the decoder 16. The query 26 is data for searching the key 24.

[0037] The decoder 16 generates a new natural language corresponding to the token, based on the output from the encoder 15. The decoder 16 generates the re-question 22R and answer 23, based on the key 24 and value 25 in the storage 13, and the query 26 from the encoder 15. The decoder 16 transmits the re-question 22R to the encoder 15. The decoder 16 outputs the answer 23.

1.1.2 Encoder

[0038] Next, a configuration of the encoder **15** according to the embodiment will be described. Hereinafter, functional configurations of the encoder **15** will be described, separately, with respect to a case of processing the knowledge source **21** and with respect to a case of processing the question **22** or re-question **22**R.

[0039] (Knowledge Source Processing Function)

[0040] To begin with, the functional configuration of the encoder 15 in the case of processing the knowledge source 21 will be described.

[0041] FIG. 3 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a knowledge source processing functional configuration of the encoder according to the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. 3, the encoder 15 includes a receiving unit 15_s , and an N-number of layers (a first layer $15_1, \ldots$, an n-th layer $15_n, \ldots$, an N-th layer 15_N) (N is an integer of 3 or more, and *n* is an integer which is greater than 1 and less than N). The receiving unit 15_s and the N layers 15_1 to 15_N are connected in series. The key 24 includes a key $24_1, \ldots$, $24_n, \ldots, 24$ N. The value 25 includes values $25_1, \ldots$, $25_n, \ldots$, 25_N .

[0042] Upon receiving the knowledge source 21, the receiving unit 15_s generates data 21_0, based on the knowledge source 21. When the number of tokens of the knowledge source 21 is L_D , the data 21_0 is a multidimensional array in which an L_D number of d-dimensional vectors are arranged (L_D and d are natural numbers). The receiving unit 15_s sends the data 21_0 to the first layer 15_1 of the encoder 15. Note that in the description below, in some cases, a size of the data 21_0 is expressed as [L_D , d].

[0043] The first layer 15_1 generates data 21_1, based on the data 21_0. The data 21_1 has a size of $[L_D, d]$. In addition, the first layer 15_1 generates a key 24_1 and a value 25_1 as intermediate products. Each of the key 24_1 and value 25_1 has a size of $[L_D, d]$. The first layer 15-1 outputs the data 21_1, key 24_1 and value 25_1.

[0044] The *n*-th layer **15**_*n* of the encoder **15** generates data **21**_*n*, based on data **21**_(n-1). Each of the data **21**_(n-1) and data **21**_*n* has a size of $[L_D, d]$. In addition, the *n*-th layer **15**_*n* generates a key **24**_*n* and value **25**_*n* as intermediate products. Each of the key **24**_*n* and value **25**_*n* has a size of $[L_D, d]$. The *n*-th layer **15**-*n* outputs the data **21**_*n*, key **24**_*n* and value **25***n*. The description relating to the *n*-th layer **15**_*n* of the encoder **15** holds true for all (N-2) layers coupled in series between the first layer **15**_**1** and the N-th layer **15**_N of the encoder **15**.

[0045] The N-th layer 15_N generates data 21_N, based on data 21_(N-1). Each of the data 21_(N-1) and data 21_N has a size of $[L_D, d]$. In addition, the N-th layer 15_N generates a key 24_N and value 25_N as intermediate products. Each of the key 24_N and value 25_N has a size of $[L_D, d]$. The N-th layer 15-N outputs the data 21_N, key 24_N and value 25_N.

[0046] By the above configuration, the N layers 15_1 to 15_N in the encoder 15 generate an N-number of pairs 24_1 and 25_1 through 24_N and 25_N of the keys and values, based on the knowledge source 21.

[0047] Note that the N layers 15_1 to 15_N in the encoder 15 have the same configurations. Hereinafter, the configuration of the *n*-th layer 15_n, which represents the N layers 15_1 to 15_N, will be described. A description of the other (N-1) layers 15_1 to 15_(n-1), and 15_(n+1) to 15_N is omitted.

[0048] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a configuration of a knowledge source processing function of the *n*-th layer of the encoder according to the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. 4, the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15 includes a self-attention sub-layer SA_*n* and a neural network sub-layer NL1*n*. The self-attention sub-layer SA_*n* includes a query converter 30_n , a key converter 31_n , a value converter 32_n , a similarity calculator 33_n , a weighted sum calculator 34_n , a residual connection unit 35_n , and a normalization unit 36_n . The neural network sub-layer NL1*n* includes a feed-forward network 37_n , a residual connection unit 39_n .

[0049] The query converter 30_n generates a query q_{Dn} , based on the data $21_{(n-1)}$. The query q_{Dn} has a size of $[L_D, d]$. The query converter 30_n sends the query q_{Dn} to the similarity calculator 33_n .

[0050] The key converter 31_n generates a key k_{Dn} , based on the data $21_{(n-1)}$. The key k_{Dn} has a size of $[L_D, d]$. The key k_{Dn} is equal to the key 24_n . The key converter 31_n sends the key k_{Dn} to the similarity calculator 33_n and the storage 13.

[0051] The value converter **32**_{*n*} generates a value v_{Dn} , based on the data **21**_(n-1). The value v_{Dn} has a size of [L_D, d]. The value v_{Dn} is equal to the value **25**_{*n*}. The value converter **32**_{*n*} sends the value v_{Dn} , to the weighted sum calculator **34**_{*n*} and the storage **13**. The storage **13** correlates and stores the key k_{Dn} and the value v_{Dn} .

[0052] The similarity calculator 33_n executes a similarity operation, based on the query q_{Dn} and key k_{Dn} . The similarity operation is an operation for computing an attention weight. The similarity operation is, for example, a dot-product process. The computed attention weight is sent to the weighted sum calculator 34_n .

[0053] The weighted sum calculator **34**_*n* executes a weighted sum operation, based on the value v_{Dn} and the attention weight. By the weighted sum operation, an element

of the value v_{Dn} , which corresponds to the key k_{Dn} that is similar to the query q_{Dn} , is extracted. An output from the weighted sum calculator **34**_*n* is sent to the residual connection unit **35**_*n*.

[0054] Note that the similarity operation and the weighted sum operation are also called "attention operation". An attention operation in the *n*-th layer 15_n in the case of processing the knowledge source 21 is expressed by an equation (1) below.

$$\operatorname{Attention}(q_{Dn'}k_{Dn'}v_{Dn}) = \operatorname{Softmax}(q_{Dn'}k_{Dn'}^{T}/\sqrt{d}) \cdot v_{Dn}$$
(1)

[0055] The *n*-th layer 15_n generates the query q_{Dn} , key k_{Dn} and value v_{Dn} from the identical knowledge source 21. Thus, in the case of processing the knowledge source 21, the attention operation in the *n*-th layer 15_n is a self-attention which is based on the knowledge source 21 and not based on the question 22.

[0056] The residual connection unit **35**_*n* executes a residual connection by adding the data **21**_(n-1) to the output from the weighted sum calculator **34**_*n*. The residual connection is a process of converting an output (e.g. Attention (q_{Dn}, k_{Dn}, v_{Dn}) from a target structural element to a desired output, based on an input (e.g. data **21**_(n-1)) to the target structural element. The residual connection is executed when the target structural element is configured to output a desired output residual in relation to the input to the target structural element.

[0057] The normalization unit 36_n executes a layer normalization on an output from the residual connection unit 35_n . An output from the normalization unit 36_n becomes an output from the self-attention sub-layer SA_n.

[0058] The feed-forward network 37_n executes a multiply-accumulate operation on the output from the self-attention sub-layer SA_n, by using a weight tensor and a bias term. The weight tensor and bias term are parameters for determining characteristics of the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15. In the present embodiment, it is assumed that the weight tensor and bias term in every feed-forward network in the encoder 15 are fixed values, even when a training operation, an inference preparation operation and an inference operation which will be described below.

[0059] The residual connection unit 38_n executes a residual connection by adding the output from the self-attention sub-layer SA_*n* to an output from the feed-forward network 37 n.

[0060] The normalization unit 39_n executes a layer normalization on an output from the residual connection unit 38_n . An output from the normalization unit 39_n becomes an output from the neural network sub-layer NL1_n. The output of the neural network sub-layer NL1_n is sent as data 21_n to an (n+1)-th layer 15_n (n+1) of the encoder 15.

[0061] By the above, the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15 generates the data 21_n , based on the data $21_{(n-1)}$, and sends the data 21_n to the (n+1)-th layer $15_{(n+1)}$ of the encoder 15.

[0062] (Question Processing Function)

[0063] Next, a functional configuration of the encoder 15 in the case of processing the question 22 and re-question 22R will be described.

[0064] FIG. **5** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a question processing functional configuration of the encoder according to the embodiment. FIG. **5** corresponds to FIG. **3**. As illustrated in FIG. **5**, in the case of processing the question **22** and re-question **22**R, like the case of processing 4

the knowledge source 21, the encoder 15 includes a receiving unit 15_s , and an N-number of layers 15_1 to 15_N . In addition, the query 26 includes queries $26_1, \ldots, 26_n, \ldots$, 26_N .

[0065] Upon receiving the question 22 or re-question 22R, the receiving unit 15_s generates data 22_0 , based on the question 22 or re-question 22R. When the receiving unit 15_s has received the question 22, the receiving unit 15_s converts the question 22 to data 22_0 of a d-dimensional vector form in units of a token. A masked part in the question 22 is converted to one special token <mask>. When the receiving unit 15_s has received the re-question 22R, the receiving unit 15_s has received the re-question 22R, the receiving unit 15_s has received the re-question 22R, the receiving unit 15_s outputs the re-question 22R as data 22_0 .

[0066] When the number of tokens in the question 22 and re-question 22R is L_Q , the data 22_0 is a multidimensional array in which an L_Q number of d-dimensional vectors are arranged (L_Q is a natural number less than L_D). Specifically, the data 22_0 generated based on the question 22 and re-question 22R has a size of [L_Q , d]. The receiving unit 15_s sends the data 22_0 to the first layer 15_1 of the encoder 15.

[0067] The first layer 15_1 generates data 22_1, based on the data 22_0. The data 22_1 has a size of $[L_{Q}, d]$. In addition, the first layer 15_1 generates the query 26_1 as an intermediate product. The query 26_1 has a size of [1, d]. The query 26_1 is a d-dimensional vector corresponding to the special token <mask>. The first layer 15-1 outputs the data 22_1 and query 26_1.

[0068] The *n*-th layer **15**_*n* of the encoder **15** generates data **22**_*n*, based on data **22**_(n-1). Each of the data **22**_(n-1) and the data **22**_*n* has a size of $[L_Q, d]$. In addition, the *n*-th layer **15**_*n* generates the query **26**_*n* as an intermediate product. The query **26**_*n* has a size of [1, d]. The query **26**_*n* is a d-dimensional vector corresponding to the special token <mask>. The *n*-th layer **15**-*n* outputs the data **22**_*n* and query **26**_*n*. The description relating to the *n*-th layer **15**_*n* of the encoder **15** holds true for all (N-2) layers coupled in series between the first layer **15**_1 and the N-th layer **15**_N of the encoder **15**.

[0069] The N-th layer 15_N generates data 22_N, based on data 22_(N-1). Each of the data 22_(N-1) and the data 22N has a size of $[L_Q, d]$. In addition, the N-th layer 15_N generates the query 26_N as an intermediate product. The query 26_N has a size of [1, d]. The query 26_N is a d-dimensional vector corresponding to the special token <mask>. The N-th layer 15-N outputs the data 22_N and query 26_N.

[0070] By the above-described configuration, the N layers 15_1 to 15_N in the encoder 15 generate the N queries 26_1 to 26_N , based on the question 22 and re-question 22R.

[0071] FIG. 6 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a configuration of the question processing function of the *n*-th layer of the encoder according to the embodiment. FIG. 6 corresponds to FIG. 4. In FIG. 6, like FIG. 4, a configuration of the *n*-th layer 15_n, which represents the N layers 15_1 to 15_N, will be described.

[0072] The query converter **30**_{*n*} generates a query q_{Qn} of a size of $[L_Q, d]$, based on the data **22**_(n-1). The query converter **30**_{*n*} sends the query q_{Qn} to the similarity calculator **33**_{*n*}. In addition, the query converter **30**_{*n*} sends a query q_{Mn} (=query **26**_{*n*}) of that part of the query q_{Qn} , which corresponds to the special token <mask>, to the decoder **16**.

[0073] The key converter **31**_*n* generates a key k_{Qn} of a size of [L_Q, d], based on the data **22**_(n-1). The key converter **31**_*n* sends the key k_{Qn} , to the similarity calculator **33**_*n*.

[0074] The value converter **32**_{*n*} generates a value v_{Qn} of a size of $[L_Q, d]$, based on the data **22**_(n-1). The value converter **32**_{*n*} sends the value v_{Qn} to the weighted sum calculator **34**_{*n*}.

[0075] The similarity calculator 33_n executes a similarity operation, based on the query q_{Qn} and key k_{Qn} . An attention weight computed by the similarity operation is sent to the weighted sum calculator 34_n .

[0076] The weighted sum calculator 34_n executes a weighted sum operation, based on the value v_{Qn} and the attention weight received from the similarity calculator 33_n . By the weighted sum operation, an element of the value v_{Qn} , which corresponds to the key k_{Qn} that is similar to the query q_{Qn} , is extracted. An output from the weighted sum calculator 34_n is sent to the residual connection unit 35_n .

[0077] Note that an attention operation in the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15 in the case of processing the question 22 and re-question 22R is expressed by an equation (2) below.

Attention
$$(q_{On}, k_{On}, v_{On})$$
=Softmax $(q_{On}, k_{On}^{T}/\sqrt{d}) v_{On}$ (2)

[0078] The *n*-th layer **15**_*n* generates the query q_{Qn} , key k_{Qn} and value v_{Qn} from the identical question **22** or requestion **22**R. Thus, in the case of processing the question **22** or re-question **22**R, the attention operation in the *n*-th layer **15**_*n* is a self-attention which is based on the question **22** and re-question **22**R and is not based on the knowledge source **21**.

[0079] The residual connection unit 35_n executes a residual connection by adding the output from the weighted sum calculator 34_n to the data $22_{(n-1)}$.

[0080] The normalization unit 36_n executes a layer normalization on an output from the residual connection unit 35_n . An output from the normalization unit 36_n becomes an output from the self-attention sub-layer SA_n.

[0081] The functional configuration of the neural network sub-layer NL1_*n* is the same as in the case of processing the knowledge source **21**. Specifically, the weight tensor and the bias term of the feed-forward network 37_n are the same as in the case of processing the knowledge source **21**.

[0082] By the above, the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15 generates the data 22_n , based on the data $22_{(n-1)}$, and sends the data 22_n to the (n+1)-th layer $15_{(n+1)}$ of the encoder 15.

1.1.3 Decoder

[0083] Next, a configuration of the decoder **16** according the embodiment will be described.

[0084] FIG. 7 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of the decoder according to the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. 7, the decoder 16 includes an N-number of layers (a first layer $16_1, \ldots$, an *n*-th layer $16_n, \ldots$, an N-th layer 16_N , and a determination unit 16_e . The N layers 16_1 to 16_N and the determination unit 16_e are coupled in series.

[0085] The first layer 16_1 of the decoder 16 generates data 23_1 , based on the key 24_1 , value 25_1 and query 26_1 . The data 23_1 has a size of [1, d]. The data 23_1 is a

d-dimensional vector corresponding to one token. The first layer 16_1 sends the generated data 23_1 to the second layer 16_2 of the decoder 16.

[0086] Upon receiving data 23_{n-1} from the (n-1)th layer 16_{n-1} of the decoder 16, the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16 generates data 23_n , based on the data 23_{n-1} , key 24_n , value 25_n and query 26_n . Each of the data 23_{n-1} and the data 23_n has a size of [1, d]. The data 23_n is a d-dimensional vector corresponding to one token. The *n*-th layer 16_n sends the generated data 23_n to an (n+1)-th layer 16_{n+1} of the decoder 16. The description relating to the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16 holds true for all (N-2) layers coupled in series between the first layer 16_1 and the N-th layer 16_N of the decoder 16.

[0087] The N-th layer 16_N generates data 23_N, based on the data 23_(N-1), key 24_N, value 25_N and query 26_N. Each of the data 23_(N-1) and the data 23_N has a size of [1, d]. The data 23_N is a d-dimensional vector corresponding to one token. The N-th layer 16_N sends the generated data 23_N to the determination unit 16_e.

[0088] Based on the data 23_N, the determination unit 16*e* determines whether or not a process for generating the answer 23 is completed. When the determination unit 16_*e* determines that the process for generating the answer 23 is not completed, the determination unit 16_*e* generates the re-question 22R. When the determination unit 16_*e* determines that the process for generating the answer 23 is completed, the determination unit 16_*e* determines that the process for generating the answer 23 is completed, the determination unit 16_*e* generates the answer 23. The determination process of the determination unit 16_*e* will be described later.

[0089] By the above configuration, the N layers 16_1 to 16_N in the decoder 16 generate the data 23_1 to 23_N, based on at least a set including the key 24_1, value 25_1 and query 26-1 through a set including the key 24_N, value 25_N and query 26_N.

[0090] Note that the N layers 16_1 to 16_N in the decoder 16 have the same configuration. Hereinafter, the configuration of the *n*-th layer 16_n, which represents the N layers 16_1 to 16_N, will be described. A description of the other (N-1) layers 16_1 to 16_(n-1), and 16_(n+1) to 16_N is omitted.

[0091] FIG. 8 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of the *n*-th layer of the decoder according to the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. 8, the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16 includes a source-target attention sub-layer STA_*n* and a neural network sub-layer NL2_*n*. The source-target attention sub-layer STA_*n* includes a residual connection unit 40_n , a similarity calculator 41_n , a weighted sum calculator 42_n , a residual connection unit 44_n . The neural network sub-layer NL2_*n* includes a feed-forward network 45_n , a residual connection unit 46_n , and a normalization unit 47_n .

[0092] The residual connection unit 40_n adds data $23_{(n-1)}$, which is an output from the (n-1)-th layer $16_{(n-1)}$ of the decoder 16, to a query q_{Mn} (=query 26_n), and obtains a query q'_{Mn} . The data $23_{(n-1)}$ means a hidden state which is transmitted from the (n-1)-th layer $16_{(n-1)}$. Note that a residual connection unit 40_1 of the first layer 16_1 of the decoder 16 may add none of data to a query q_{M1} (=query 26_1).

[0093] The similarity calculator 41_n executes a similarity operation, based on the query q'_{Mn} and key k_{Dn} (=key 24_n). The similarity operation in the similarity calculator 41_n is

a dot-product process, like the similarity operation in the similarity calculator 33_n . An attention weight computed by the similarity calculator 41_n is sent to the weighted sum calculator 42_n .

[0094] The weighted sum calculator 42_n executes a weighted sum operation, based on the value v_{Dn} (=value 25_n) and the attention weight received from the similarity calculator 41_n . By the weighted sum operation, an element of the value V_{Dn} , which corresponds to the key k_{Dn} that is similar to the query q'_{Mn} , is extracted. An output from the weighted sum calculator 42_n is sent to the residual connection unit 43_n .

[0095] Note that the attention operation in the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16 is expressed by the following equation (3).

Attention
$$(q'_{Mn'}k_{Dn'}v_{Dn})$$
=Softmax $(q'_{Mn'}k_{Dn'}T/\sqrt{d})\cdot v_{Dn}$ (3)

[0096] Here, the key k_{Dn} and the value v_{Dn} are generated based on the knowledge source **21**. The query q'_{Mn} is generated based on the question **22** or the re-question **22**R. Thus, the attention operation in the *n*-th layer **16**_*n* is a source-target attention.

[0097] The residual connection unit 43_n executes a residual connection by adding the data $23_{(n-1)}$ to the output from the weighted sum calculator 42_n .

[0098] The normalization unit 44_n executes a layer normalization on an output from the residual connection unit 43_n . An output from the normalization unit 44_n becomes an output from the source-target attention sub-layer STA *n*.

[0099] The feed-forward network 45n executes a multiply-accumulate operation on the output from the sourcetarget attention sub-layer STA_*n*, by using a weight tensor and a bias term. The weight tensor and bias term are parameters for determining a characteristics of the *n*-th layer **16**_*n*. In the present embodiment, it is assumed that the weight tensor and bias term in all feed-forward networks in the decoder **16** are determined by a training operation to be described below. Hereinafter, the parameters of all feedforward networks in the decoder **16** are comprehensively referred to also as "learning model".

[0100] The feed-forward network 45_n includes, for example, one hidden layer. Assuming that the data output from the source-target attention sub-layer STA_*n* is x_n , the weight tensors are W_A and W_B , and the bias terms are b_A and b_B , an output FFN(x_n) from the feed-forward network 45_n is expressed by the following equation (4).

$$FFN(x_n) = gelu(x_n W_A + b_A) W_B + b_B$$
(4)

[0101] The residual connection unit 46_n executes a residual connection by adding the output x_n from the source-target attention sub-layer STA_*n* to the output FFN(x_n) from the feed-forward network 45_n .

[0102] The normalization unit 47_n executes a layer normalization on an output from the residual connection unit 46_n . An output from the normalization unit 47_n becomes an output of the neural network sub-layer NL2*n*. The output of the neural network sub-layer NL2*n* is sent as data 23_n to an (n+1)-th layer $16_{(n+1)}$ of the decoder 16.

[0103] By the above, the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16 generates the data 23_n , based on the data $23_{(n-1)}$, and sends the data 23_n to the (n+1)-th layer $16_{(n+1)}$ of the decoder 16.

1.2 Operations

[0104] The operations of the embodiment will be described.

1.2.1 Inference Preparation Operation

[0105] To begin with, an inference preparation operation in the information processing device **1** according to the embodiment is described.

[0106] The inference preparation operation is an operation for causing the storage **13** to store the key **24** and value **25**. The inference preparation operation is executed before an inference operation.

[0107] FIG. **9** is a flowchart illustrating an example of the inference preparation operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0108] As illustrated in FIG. 9, when the knowledge source 21 is input ("start"), the encoder 15 encodes the knowledge source 21, and generates an N-number of keys 24_1 to 24_N, and an N-number of values 25_1 to 25_N (S101).

[0109] The encoder 15 causes the storage 13 to store the generated N keys 14_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N (S102).

[0110] When the process of S102 is finished, the inference preparation operation ends ("end").

1.2.2 Inference Operation

[0111] Next, an inference operation in the information processing device 1 according to the embodiment will be described.

[0112] FIG. **10** is a flowchart illustrating an example of the inference operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment.

[0113] As illustrated in FIG. 10, when the question 22 is input ("start"), the decoder 16 loads the N keys 24_1 to 24_N and the N values 25_1 to 25_N which are stored in the storage 13 in the inference preparation operation (S111).

[0114] The encoder 15 encodes the question 22, and generates an N-number of queries 26_1 to 26_N (S112). The encoder 15 sends the generated N queries 26_1 to 26N to the decoder 16.

[0115] The decoder 16 generates data 23_N, which corresponds to the question 22, as a result of decoding process using the N keys 24_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N loaded in the process of S111, and the N queries 26_1 to 26_N generated in the process of S112 (S113).

[0116] The determination unit 16_e of the decoder 16 determines, based on the data 23_N, whether the process for generating an answer 23 is finished or not (S114). Specifically, the determination unit 16_e determines whether a token corresponding to the data 23_N is a special token $\langle s \rangle$. The special token $\langle s \rangle$ is a token indicative of the end of a sentence. When the token corresponding to the data 23_N is not the special token $\langle s \rangle$, the determination unit 16_e determines that the process for generating the answer 23 is not finished. When the token corresponding to the data 23_N is the special token $\langle s \rangle$, the determination unit 16_e determines that the process for generating the answer 23 is not finished. When the token corresponding to the data 23_N is the special token $\langle s \rangle$, the determination unit 16_e determines that the process for generating the answer 23 is finished.

[0117] When it is determined that the process for generating the answer 23 is not finished (S114; no), the determination unit 16_e generates a re-question 22R (S115). Specifically, the determination unit 16_e generates a new re-question 22R by inserting a token corresponding to the data 23_N, immediately before a special token <mask> in the question 22 or re-question 22R that was used in the generation of the data 23_N. The determination unit 16_e sends the generated re-question 22R to the receiving unit 15_s of the encoder 15. Thereby, the encoding of the re-question 22R generated in the process of S115 is started. [0118] The encoder 15 encodes the re-question 22R generates an N-number of queries 26_1 to 26_N (S116).

[0119] After the process of S116, the decoder 16 generates data 23_N, which corresponds to the re-question 22R, as a result of decoding process using the N keys 24_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N loaded in the process of S111, and the N queries 26_1 to 26_N generated in the process of S116 (S113). By this operation, the data 23_N is updated until it is determined in the process of S114 that the process for generating the answer 23 is finished.

[0120] When it is determined that the process for generating the answer 23 is finished (S114; yes), the determination unit 16_e generates the answer 23. Thereby, the inference operation is completed ("end").

[0121] FIG. 11 is a diagram illustrating an example of a determination process in the information processing device according to the embodiment. FIG. 11 illustrates a concrete example of loops of the determination process until determining that the process for generating the answer 23 is finished, when "Bernhard Fries was born in <mask>" was input as the question 22. In this case, it is assumed that the answer 23 to be generated is "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidelberg." Here, it is assumed that the word "Heidelberg" is composed of three sub-words (tokens) "He", "idel" and "berg".

[0122] As illustrated in FIG. 11, in a first loop, the decoder 16 generates "He" as a token corresponding to the data 23_N. The determination unit 16_e determines that the decoded result of the decoder 16 is not the special token $\langle s \rangle$. Thus, the inference operation transitions to a second loop.

[0123] In the second loop, the determination unit 16_e generates "Bernhard Fries was born in He<mask>" as a re-question 22R. The encoder 15 encodes "Bernhard Fries was born in He<mask>". In accordance with this, the decoder 16 generates "idel" as a token corresponding to the data 23_N. The determination unit 16_e determines that the decoded result of the decoder 16 is not the special token </s>. Thus, the inference operation transitions to a third loop.

[0124] In the third loop, the determination unit 16_e generates "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidel<mask>" as a re-question 22 R. The encoder 15 encodes "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidel<mask>". In accordance with this, the decoder 16 generates "berg" as a token corresponding to the data 23_N. The determination unit 16_e determines that the decoded result of the decoder 16 is not the special token </s>. Thus, the inference operation transitions to a fourth loop.

[0125] In the fourth loop, the determination unit 16_e generates "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidelberg<mask>" as a re-question 22R. The encoder 15 encodes "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidelberg<mask>". In accordance with this, the decoder 16 generates ".(period)" as a token corresponding to the data 23_N. The determination unit 16_e

determines that the decoded result of the decoder 16 is not the special token </s>. Thus, the inference operation transitions to a fifth loop.

[0126] In the fifth loop, the determination unit 16_e generates "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidelberg.<mask>" as a re-question 22R. The encoder 15 encodes "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidelberg.<mask>". In accordance with this, the decoder 16 generates a special token </s>as a token corresponding to the data 23_N. The determination unit 16_e determines that the decoded result of the decoder 16 is the special token </s>. Thus, the inference operation ends in the fifth loop. As a result, the determination unit 16_e can generate "Bernhard Fries was born in Heidelberg." as the answer 23.

1.2.3 Training Operation

[0127] Next, a training operation in the information processing device **1** according to the embodiment will be described.

[0128] The training operation is an operation for generating a learning model by determining parameters in the decoder **16**. The training operation is executed before the inference preparation operation and the inference operation. In the training operation, a set including a knowledge source D, a question Q and a label L is used as training data (D, Q, L). A learning model with a high answering ability can be obtained by performing a training operation with respect to a large amount of training data (D, Q, L).

[0129] The label L is a sub-word which is to be answered by the decoder **16**. Specifically, the label L corresponds to one token. The question Q is a sentence in which the token corresponding to the label L is masked by the special token <mask>. In the question Q, the special token <mask> is positioned at the end of the sentence. The knowledge source D includes at least two sentences, namely, a sentence including information for deriving a label L from the question Q, and a sentence including information which is unnecessary for deriving a label L from the question Q.

[0130] Note that, in the description below, a case is described where the training operation is executed by the information processing device 1, but the embodiment is not limited to this. Specifically, it suffices that the training operation is executed on a hardware configuration functioning as the encoder 15 and decoder 16, and may not necessarily be executed on the same hardware configuration as the information processing device 1. When the training operation is executed on a hardware configuration different from the information processing device 1, the configuration corresponding to the control circuit 11 may include a processor (e.g. a TPU: Tensor Processing Unit) which can execute operations at a higher speed than the control circuit 11. When the training operation is executed on a hardware configuration different from the hardware configuration illustrated in FIG. 1, a learning model generated by the training operation is stored, where necessary, into the memory 12 or storage 13 in the information processing device 1.

[0131] (Flowchart)

[0132] FIG. **12** is a flowchart illustrating an example of the training operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment. FIG. **12** illustrates an example of the training operation using one set including training data (D, Q, L).

[0133] As illustrated in FIG. **12**, when the training data (D, Q, L) is input ("start"), the control circuit **11** initializes the number of loops i to, for example, 1 (S**201**). The number of loops i is an integer which is 1 or more, and is a specified value imax or less. The specified value imax is the maximum number of loops which are executed on one set including training data (D, Q, L).

[0134] The control circuit **11** determines whether a data augmentation process is required or not (S**202**). The data augmentation process is a method for increasing the number of training data in a pseudo-manner when the number of training data is small. The control circuit **11** may stochastically determine whether the data augmentation process is to be executed or not. For example, the control circuit **11** may determine that the data augmentation process is to be executed at a probability of 50% in the loops of the specified value imax.

[0135] When it is determined that the data augmentation process is executed (S202; yes), the control circuit 11 executes the data augmentation process (S203). Thereby, in the process of the loop number i, training data (D', Q, L') that is expanded in a pseudo-manner is used in place of the training data (D, Q, L). The details of the data augmentation process will be described later. When it is determined that the data augmentation process is not executed (S202; no), the process of S203 is skipped in the process of the number of loops i.

[0136] The encoder **15** encodes the knowledge source D or D', and generates N keys k_{D1} to k_{DN} , and N values v_{D1} to v_{Dm} (S204).

[0137] The encoder **15** encodes the question Q, and generates N queries q_{M1} to q_{Mn} (S205).

[0138] The decoder **16** generates an answer A, based on the N keys k_{D1} to k_{DN} , N values v_{D1} , to v_{DN} , and N queries q_{M1} to q_{MN} , which are generated in the processes of **S204** and **S205** (S206). The answer A is one token corresponding to the label L. Note that, at the time of the training operation, the determination unit **16**_*e* generates the answer A, without determining whether the process for generating the answer A is finished or not. In short, the determination unit **16**_*e* does not generate the re-question **22**R.

[0139] The control circuit 11 computes a loss function, based on the answer A generated in the process of S206 and the label L (S207). For example, a cross-entropy loss is used for the loss function.

[0140] The control circuit **11** updates parameters of at least one of the feed-forward networks in the decoder **16** (S**208**). For example, back propagation is used for the update of the parameters.

[0141] The control circuit **11** determines whether the number of loops i reaches the specified value imax (S**209**).

[0142] When the number of loops i does not reach the specified value imax (S209; no), the control circuit 11 increments the number of loops i (S210). After incrementing the number of loops i, the control circuit 11 executes the process of S202 to S209 once again. In this manner, until the number of loops i reaches the specified value imax, the parameter update based on the training data (D, Q, L) or (D', Q, L') is repeatedly executed.

[0143] When the number of loops i reaches the specified value imax (S209; yes), the training operation finishes ("end").

[0144] Note that, as described above, in the training operation, the decoder 16 does not generate the re-question 22R.

Thus, the training operation on the assumption of each loop in the inference operation is individually executed. Concretely, for example, in order to generate an answer "Nico Gardener was born in Riga." to a question "Nico Gardener was born in <mask>", the following four training data (1) to (4) are individually prepared. Here, it is assumed that the word "Riga" is composed of two sub-words (tokens), "R" and "iga".

[0145] (1): (Q, L)=("Nico Gardener was born in <mask>", "R")

[0146] (2): (Q, L)=("Nico Gardener was born in R < mask > ", "iga")[0147] (3): (Q, L)=("Nico Gardener was born in

Riga<mask>", ".(period")

[0148] (4): (Q, L)=("Nico Gardener was born in Riga. <mask>", "</s>")

[0149] The training operations using these four training data (1) to (4) do not need to be executed successively. Note that the training data (1) to (4) can use the common knowledge source D.

[0150] Thereby, the state corresponding to each loop in the inference operation can independently be trained. Accordingly, training with high versatility in use, which does not depend on a preceding or subsequent loop, can be performed.

[0151] (Data Augmentation Process)

[0152] Next, a data augmentation process in the information processing device 1 according to the embodiment will be described. FIG. 13 is a diagram illustrating an example of training data used by the data augmentation process in the information processing device according to the embodiment. [0153] In the example of FIG. 13, when the data augmentation process is not executed, "Nico Gardener (1908-1989) was a British international bridge player born in Riga Latvia (then part of Imperial Russia)." is input to the encoder 15 as the knowledge source D. In addition, "Nico Gardener was born in <mask>" is input to the encoder 15 as the question Q. The correct place name to this question is "Riga".

[0154] On the other hand, when the data augmentation process is executed, the same question Q as in a case where the data augmentation process is not executed is input to the encoder 15, and an knowledge source D' different from the knowledge source D is input. The knowledge source D' is generated by replacing the place name ("Riga") of that part of the knowledge source D, which agrees with the correct place name, with other place names ("Heidelberg", "Lyon", "Hawaii", . . .) at random. At this time, the label L is also replaced with a label L' of the place name after replacement ("Heidelberg", "Lyon", "Hawaii", . . .).

[0155] Note that the training operation does not aim at learning facts, but aims at training a method of deriving the label L corresponding to the question Q from the knowledge source D. Thus, by the replacement of the token in the data augmentation process, the knowledge source D' may have an incorrect content that is not the fact. Accordingly, a greater amount of training data can be prepared from a less number of data sets.

1.3. Advantageous Effects of the Present Embodiment

[0156] According to the embodiment, the N layers 15 1 to 15_N of the encoder 15 generate, based on the knowledge source 21, the set including the key 24_1 and value 25_1 through the set including the key 24_N and value 25_N,

respectively. The N layers 15_1 to 15_N generate the queries 26 1 to 26 N, based on the question 22. The decoder 16 generates the data 23_N, based on the keys 24_1 to 24_N, values 25_1 to 25_N, and queries 26_1 to 26_N. Thereby, when generating the answer 23, the decoder 16 can use the information generated by the N layers 15 1 to 15 N of the encoder 15. Thus, the answer accuracy in the inference operation can be improved, compared to a method (e.g. Dual-Encoder method) of using only the output of the last layer of the encoder 15.

[0157] If a supplementary description is given, the values of the key 24, value 25 and query 26 generated by the encoder 15 are different among the N layers 15_1 to 15_N. This indicates that the information included in the key 24, value 25 and query 26 is different among the layers of the generation thereof. Specifically, the keys 24_1 to 24_(N-1), values 25 1 to 25 (N-1) and queries 26 1 to 26 (N-1) may include information which is not included in the key 24 N, value 25_N and query 26_N. Here, the information, which is input from the encoder 15 to the decoder 16, is knowledge which is obtained from the context of the knowledge source 21. Concretely, for example, knowledge includes a relationship between two place names (e.g. such a relationship that two place names are a country name and a capital name of the country). On the other hand, although the decoder 16 can learn a method of generating the answer 23 to the question 22 by the training operation, the above-described knowledge cannot be learned by the decoder 16 as a single unit.

[0158] According to the present embodiment, the decoder 16 executes the inference operation by using the information from the N layers 15_1 to 15_N of the encoder 15. Thereby, the decoder 16 can generate the answer 23, while making maximum use of the knowledge collected from the knowledge source 21 by the encoder 15. Thus, the answer accuracy in the inference operation can be improved.

[0159] In addition, the encoder 15 executes, independently, the generation of the key 24 and value 25, and the generation of the query 26. Thereby, when generating the answer 23, the key 24 and value 25 can be loaded from the storage 13. Thus, when generating the answer 23, the computation load necessary for generating the key 24 and value 25 can be omitted. Accordingly, the load necessary for extracting knowledge from the knowledge source 21 can be reduced.

[0160] The above-described advantageous effects will supplementally be described with reference to FIG. 14. FIG. 14 is a diagram illustrating an example of a computation amount that is needed for the inference operation in the information processing device according to the embodiment. In the example illustrated in FIG. 14, "Obama was born in Hawaii. He was a president of USA." is input as the knowledge source 21, and "Obama was born in <mask>" is input as the question 22. In addition, in FIG. 14, the computation amount needed for the inference operation is expressed by the size of the area determined by token sequences arranged in the vertical and horizontal directions on the drawing sheet.

[0161] In the computation amount by the encoder 15 and decoder 16, the computation amount of the source-target attention and self-attention is dominant. In a case of a method (e.g. BERT method) of encoding batchwise the knowledge source and the question in the encoder, the computation amount becomes O((the number of tokens in the knowledge source+_number of tokens in the question)

²). The computation amount becomes O((the number of tokens in the knowledge source+the number of tokens in the question)^2) corresponds to an area S_{load}_comp in FIG. 14. [0162] By contrast, according to the present embodiment, the computation amount of the encoder 15 becomes O(the number of tokens in the knowledge source 21)^{2+O}(the number of tokens in the question $22)^2$. The computation amount O(the number of tokens in the knowledge source 21)² is the computation amount necessary for the process of S101 in FIG. 9, and corresponds to an area S_{load} _101 in FIG. 14. The computation amount O(the number of tokens in the question 22)² is the computation amount necessary for the process of S112 in FIG. 10, and corresponds to an area S_{load} 112 in FIG. 14. Besides, the computation amount of the decoder 16 is O(the number of tokens in the knowledge source 21). The computation amount O(the number of tokens in the knowledge source 21) is the computation amount necessary for the process of S113 in FIG. 10, and corresponds to an area. S_{load} 113 in FIG. 14.

[0163] In this manner, according to the present embodiment, the computation amount can be reduced, compared to the method of encoding batchwise the knowledge source and the question in the encoder. Furthermore, among the processes in the present embodiment, the process relating to the knowledge source 21 can be completed in advance before the inference operation. Thereby, the above-described computation amount O(the number of tokens in the knowledge source 21)² can be omitted at the time of the inference operation. Specifically, the computation amount in the inference operation can be substantially reduced to O(the number of tokens in the question 22)²+O(the number of tokens in the knowledge source 21). Thus, the requirement for the computation performance of the control circuit 11 can be reduced.

2. Modifications and Others

[0164] Note that the above-described embodiment can variously be modified.

2.1 First Modification

[0165] For example, in the above embodiment, a case was described where the knowledge source 21 and the question 22 are encoded by one encoder 15, but the embodiment is not limited to this. For example, the knowledge source 21 and the question 22 may be encoded by different encoders. [0166] FIG. 15 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an information processing device according to a first modification. As illustrated in FIG. 15, an information processing device 1a according to the first modification may include encoders 15-1 and 15-2. [0167] The encoder 15-1 includes the same functional configuration as illustrated in FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 in the embodiment. Specifically, the encoder 15-1 generates the key 24 and value 25, based on the knowledge source 21. The encoder 15-1 causes the storage 13 to store the generated key 24 and value 25. The encoder 15-1 has the configuration of N layers. In other words, the encoder 15-1 generates N keys 24-1 to 24-N, and N values 25-1 to 25-N. The number of dimensions of each of the keys 24-1 to 24-N generated by the encoder 15-1 is d.

[0168] The encoder **15-2** includes the same functional configuration as illustrated in FIG. **5** and FIG. **6** in the embodiment. Specifically, the encoder **15-2** generates the

query 26, based on the question 22 or re-question 22R. The encoder 15-2 sends the generated query 26 to the decoder 16. The encoder 15-2 has the configuration of N layers. In other words, the encoder 15-2 generates N queries 26-1 to 26-N. The number of dimensions of each of the queries 26-1 to 26-N generated by the encoder 15-2 is d.

[0169] In this manner, the encoders **15-1** and **15-2** are configured to generate the keys **24** and queries **26** of the identical number of dimensions d, respectively. On the other hand, the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-1** and the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-2** may be identical or different. When the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-2** are identical, the encoders **15-1** and the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-2** are identical, the encoders **15-1** and **15-2** generate identical keys, queries and values, based on identical inputs. When the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-1** and the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-1** and the parameters set in the feed-forward network in the encoder **15-2** are different, the encoders **15-1** and **15-2** generate mutually different keys, queries and values, based on identical inputs.

[0170] FIG. **16** is a flowchart illustrating an example of an inference operation in the information processing device according to the first modification. FIG. **16** corresponds to FIG. **9** and FIG. **10** in the embodiment.

[0171] As illustrated in FIG. 16, when the question 22 is input ("start"), the encoder 15-1 encodes the knowledge source 21, and generates N keys 24_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N (121). The encoder 15-1 sends the generated N keys 24_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N to the decoder 16.

[0172] The encoder 15-2 encodes the question 22, and generates N queries 26_1 to 26_N (S122). The encoder 15-2 sends the generated N queries 26_1 to 26_N to the decoder 16.

[0173] The processes of S121 and S122 can be executed in parallel.

[0174] The decoder 16 generates data 23_N corresponding to the question 22 as a result of decoding process using the N keys 24_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N generated in the process of S121, and the N queries 26_1 to 26_N generated in the process of S122 (S123).

[0175] The processes of S124 to S126 are the same as the processes of S114 to S116 in FIG. 10. Specifically, after the processes of S124 to S126, the decoder 16 generates data 23_N corresponding to the re-question 22R as a result of decoding process using the N keys 24_1 to 24_N and N values 25_1 to 25_N generated in the process of S121, and the N queries 26_1 to 26_N which are generated by in the process of S126 and are based on the re-question 22R (S123). Thereby, the data 23_N is updated until determining in the process of S124 that the process for generating the answer 23 is finished.

[0176] When it is determined that the process for generating the answer 23 is finished (S124; yes), the determination unit 16_e of the decoder 16 generates the answer 23. Thereby, the inference operation is completed ("end").

[0177] According to the first modification, the key 24 and value 25, and the query 26 are generated by the different encoders 15-1 and 15-2, respectively. Thereby, at the time of the inference operation, the generation of the key 24 and value 25 and the generation of the query 26 can be executed

in parallel. Thus, without the execution of the inference preparation operation, the generation time of the key **24** and value **25** can be shortened.

2.2 Second Modification

[0178] In addition, for example, in the above-described embodiment, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer **16**_*n* of the decoder **16**, the residual connection for the query **26**_*n* that adds the data **23**_(n-1) from the (n-1)-th layer **16**_(n-1) of the decoder **16** to the query **26**_*n* is executed, but the embodiment is not limited to this. In the *n*-th layer **16**_*n* of the decoder **16**, the residual connection for the query **26**_*n* may not be executed.

[0179] FIG. **17** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an *n*-th layer of a decoder according to a second modification. FIG. **17** corresponds to FIG. **8** in the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. **17**, a source-target attention sub-layer STAa_*n* included in an *n*-th layer $16a_n$ of a decoder 16a may not include the residual connection unit 40_n .

[0180] Specifically, the similarity calculator 41_n executes a similarity operation, based on the query q_{Mn} (=query 26_n) and key k_{Dn} (=key 24_n). The attention weight computed by the similarity operation of the similarity calculator 41_n is sent to the weighted sum calculator 42_n . **[0181]** Because the configurations of the weighted sum calculator 42_n , residual connection unit 43_n , normalization unit 44_n , feed-forward network 45_n , residual connection unit 46_n and normalization unit 47_n are the same as those in FIG. 8, a description thereof is omitted.

[0182] By the above configuration, too, when generating the answer 23, the decoder 16a can use the information generated by the N layers 15_1 to 15_N of the encoder 15. Thus, the answer accuracy of the inference operation can be improved, compared to the method of using only the output of the last layer of the encoder 15. Therefore, the same advantageous effects as in the embodiment can be obtained. [0183] Furthermore, in the *n*-th layer $16a_n$, the data $23_(n-1)$ is not added to the query 26_n by the residual connection. Thus, the computation amount in the decoder 16a is reduced. Therefore, the time needed for the inference operation can be shortened.

2.3 Third Modification

[0184] In addition, for example, in the above-described embodiment, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16, the residual connection for the output of the weighted sum calculator 42_n that adds the data $23_{(n-1)}$ from the (n-1)-th layer $16_{(n-1)}$ of the decoder 16 to the output of the weighted sum calculator 42_n is executed, but the embodiment is not limited to this. In the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16, the residual connection for the output of the weighted sum calculator 42_n may not be executed.

[0185] FIG. **18** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an *n*-th layer of a decoder according to a third modification. FIG. **18** corresponds to FIG. **8** in the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. **18**, a source-target attention sub-layer STAb_*n* included in an *n*-th layer **16** b_n of a decoder **16**b may not include the residual connection unit **43**_*n*.

[0186] Specifically, the weighted sum calculator 42_n executes a weighted sum operation, based on the value v_{Dn}

(=value 25_n) and the attention weight received from the similarity calculator 41_n . An output from the weighted sum calculator 42_n is sent to the normalization unit 44_n .

[0187] Because the configurations of the residual connection unit 40_n , similarity calculator 41_n , normalization unit 44_n , feed-forward network 45_n , residual connection unit 46_n and normalization unit 47_n are the same as those in FIG. 8, a description thereof is omitted.

[0188] By the above configuration, too, when generating the answer 23, the decoder 16b can use the information generated by the N layers 15_1 to 15_N of the encoder 15. Thus, the answer accuracy of the inference operation can be improved, compared to the method of using only the output of the last layer of the encoder 15. Therefore, the same advantageous effects as in the embodiment can be obtained. [0189] Furthermore, in the *n*-th layer $16b_n$, the data $23_(n-1)$ is not added to the output of the weighted sum calculator 42_n by the residual connection. Thus, the computation amount in the decoder 16b is reduced. Therefore, the time needed for the inference operation can be shortened.

2.4 Fourth Modification

[0190] Besides, for example, in the above-described embodiment, a case was described where the N layers 16_1 to 16_N of the decoder 16 are coupled in series, and configured such that the data output from an immediately preceding layer is used, but the embodiment is not limited to this. The N layers 16_1 to 16_N of the decoder 16 may be configured such that the data output from another layer is not used.

[0191] FIG. 19 is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of a decoder according to a fourth modification. FIG. 19 corresponds to FIG. 7 in the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. 19, a decoder 16c includes an N layers $16c_1$ to $16c_N$ in place of the N layers $16c_1$ to 16_N . In addition, the decoder 16c further includes a feed-forward network 16_f , in addition to the N layers $16c_1$ to $16c_N$ and the determination unit 16_e .

[0192] An *n*-th layer $16c_n$ of the decoder 16c generates data 23_n , based on the key 24_n , value 25_n and query 26_n . The *n*-th layer $16c_n$ sends the generated data 23_n to the feed-forward network 16_f . The description relating to the *n*-th layer $16c_n$ of the decoder 16c holds true for all of the N layers of the decoder 16c.

[0193] The feed-forward network 16_f receives, as inputs, data 23_1 to 23_N which are output from the N layers $16c_1$ to $16c_N$, and executes a multiply-accumulate operation by using a weight tensor and a bias term. The weight tensor and bias term are parameters for determining the characteristics of the decoder 16c. The parameters of the feed-forward network 16_f , as well as all the other N feed-forward networks 45_1 to 45_N in the decoder 16c, are determined by the above-described training operation. An output from the feed-forward network 16_f is sent to the determination unit 16_e . Specifically, the determination unit 16_f as data equal to the data 23_N in the embodiment.

[0194] FIG. **20** is a block diagram illustrating an example of a functional configuration of an *n*-th layer of the decoder **16***c* according to the fourth modification. FIG. **20** corresponds to FIG. **8** relating to the embodiment. As illustrated in FIG. **20**, a source-target attention sub-layer STAc_*n*

included in an *n*-th layer $16c_n$ of the decoder 16c includes neither the residual connection unit 40_n nor the residual connection unit 43_n .

[0195] Specifically, the similarity calculator 41_n executes a similarity operation, based on the query q_{Mn} (=query 26_n) and key k_{Dn} (=key 24_n). The attention weight computed by the similarity operation of the similarity calculator 41_n is sent to the weighted sum calculator 42_n . **[0196]** The weighted sum calculator 42_n executes a weighted sum operation, based on the value v_{Dn} (=value 25_n) and the attention weight received from the similarity calculator 41_n . An output from the weighted sum calculator 42_n is sent to the normalization unit 44_n .

[0197] Since the configurations of the normalization unit 44_n , feed-forward network 45_n , residual connection unit 46_n and normalization unit 47_n are the same as those in FIG. 8, a description thereof is omitted.

[0198] By the above configuration, too, when generating the answer 23, the decoder 16 can use the information generated by the N layers 15_1 to 15N of the encoder 15. Thus, the answer accuracy of the inference operation can be improved, compared to the method of using only the output of the last layer of the encoder 15. Therefore, the same advantageous effects as in the embodiment can be obtained.

2.5 Others

[0199] In the above embodiments, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 4 and FIG. 6, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15, the normalization units 36_n and 39_n are provided on the rear stages of the similarity calculator 33_n and weighted sum calculator 34_n, and the feed-forward network 37_n, respectively, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the normalization units 36_n and 39_n may be provided on the front stages of the similarity calculator 33_n and weighted sum calculator 34_n , and the feed-forward network 37_n , respectively. Similarly, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 8, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer 16 n of the decoder 16, the normalization units 44_n and 47_n are provided on the rear stages of the similarity calculator 41_n and weighted sum calculator 42_n , and the feed-forward network 45_n, respectively, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the normalization units 44 nand 47 n may be provided on the front stages of the similarity calculator 41_n and weighted sum calculator 42_*n*, and the feed-forward network 45_*n*, respectively. [0200] Additionally, in the above embodiments, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 4, a case was described

where, in the *n*-th layer 15 n of the encoder 15, the similarity calculator 33_n and the weighted sum calculator 34_n use batchwise the queries q_{Dn} , keys k_{Dn} and values v_{Dn} of the d dimensions in the attention operation, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the similarity calculator 33_n and the weighted sum calculator 34_n may divide the queries q_{Dn} , keys k_{Dn} and values v_{Dn} of the d dimensions into an h-number of heads, and may use the heads in the attention operation (h is an integer of 2 or more). In this case, with respect to each of the h heads, each of the query q_{Dn} , key k_{Dn} and value v_{Dn} has a size of $[L_D, d/h]$. Similarly, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 8, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer 16 n of the decoder 16, the similarity calculator 41_n and the weighted sum calculator 42_n use batchwise the queries q'_{Dn} , keys k_{Dn} and values v_{Dn} of the d dimensions in the attention operation, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the similarity calculator 41_n and the weighted sum calculator 42_n may divide the queries q'_{Dn} , keys k_{Dn} and values v_{Dn} of the d dimensions into an h-number of heads, and may use the heads in the attention operation. In this case, with respect to each of the h heads, the query q'_{Dn} , key k_{Dn} and value v_{Dn} have sizes of [1, d/h], $[L_D, d/h]$ and $[L_D, d/h]$, respectively. This attention operation is also called "multi-head attention operation". In a form including both the attention operation in the above embodiments and the multi-head attention operation, the number of dimension d in the above equations (1) to (3) is expanded to d/H (H is an integer of 1 or more). [0201] Additionally, in the above embodiments, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 4 and FIG. 6, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer 15_n of the encoder 15, the residual connection units 35_n and 38_n execute the residual connection by the addition process, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the residual connection units 35_n and 38_n may execute the residual connection by a subtraction process, a multiplication process, a concatenation process and a dot-product process. Similarly, for example, as illustrated in FIG. 8, a case was described where, in the *n*-th layer 16_n of the decoder 16, the residual connection units 43_n and 46_n execute the residual connection by the addition process, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the residual connection units 43 n and 46 n may execute the residual connection by a subtraction process, a multiplication process, a concatenation process and a dot-product process.

[0202] Additionally, in the above embodiments, a case was described where the decoder **16** executes the attention operation by reading out all the keys **24** and values **25** stored in the storage **13**, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the decoder **16** may cooperate with the memory **12**, and may search that part (i.e. the part with a size of $[L_D', d]$) of the keys **24** and values **25** of the size $[L_D, d]$, which has the number of tokens L_D' with a high similarity. The decoder **16** may execute the attention operation by reading out the key **24** and value **25** of the size $[L_D', d]$, which are extracted by the search. Thereby, the computation amount of the attention operation by the decoder **16** can further be reduced.

[0203] Additionally, in the above embodiments, a case was described where the encoder **15** and decoder **16** have configurations of three or more layers, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the encoder **15** and decoder **16** may have configurations of two layers.

[0204] Additionally, in the above embodiments, a case was described where the question **22**, in which the end of a sentence is masked, is input to the encoder **15**, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the question **22**, in which the beginning of a sentence or an intermediate part of the sentence is masked, may be input to the encoder **15**.

[0205] Additionally, in the above embodiments, a case was described where the information processing device **1** executes question answering as the inference operation, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For example, the information processing device **1** may execute reading comprehension as the inference operation.

[0206] Additionally, in the above embodiments, a case was described where the information processing device **1** converts a natural language to data in the inference operation, but the embodiments are not limited to this. For

example, the information processing device 1 may convert information such as an image, which is different from a natural language, to data in the inference operation.

[0207] Note that parts or all of the above embodiments may be described as in the following supplementary notes, but are not limited to the following.

[0208] [Item 1] An information processing device including an encoder including a first layer and a second layer coupled in series; and a decoder, the encoder being configured to generate, based on first data, a first key and a first value in the first layer, and a second key and a second value in the second layer; and to generate, based on second data different from the first data, a first query in the first layer, and a second query in the second layer, and the decoder being configured to generate third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query.

[0209] [Item 2] The information processing device of item 1, wherein the decoder includes a first attention layer, a first neural network layer, a second attention layer, and a second neural network layer, the first attention layer is configured to generate fourth data by executing a first attention operation based on the first query, the first key and the first value, the first neural network layer is configured to generate fifth data by executing a first multiply-accumulate operation based on the fourth data by executing a second attention operation based on the second query, the second attention operation based on the second neural network layer is configured to generate the second query, the second key and the second value, and the second neural network layer is configured to generate the third data by executing a second multiply-accumulate operation based on the second neural network layer is configured to generate the third data by executing a second multiply-accumulate operation based on the sixth data.

[0210] [Item 3] The information processing device of item 2, wherein each of the first neural network layer and the second neural network layer is configured to use a feed-forward network.

[0211] [Item 4] The information processing device of item 2, wherein the first attention operation and the second attention operation are source-target attention operations.

[0212] [Item **5**] The information processing device of item **1**, wherein the encoder includes a first encoder and a second encoder, the first encoder includes a third layer and a fourth layer coupled in series, the third layer being the first layer, and the fourth layer being the second layer, the second encoder includes a fifth layer and a sixth layer coupled in series, the fifth layer being the first layer, and the second layer, the second encoder includes a fifth layer and a sixth layer coupled in series, the fifth layer being the first layer, and the sixth layer being the second layer, the first layer, and the sixth layer being the second layer, the first encoder is configured to generate, based on the first data, the first key and the second value in the fourth layer, and the second encoder is configured to generate, based on the second data, the first query in the fifth layer, and the second query in the sixth layer.

[0213] [Item 6] The information processing device of item 5, wherein the first encoder is configured to generate, based on the second data, a third query in the third layer, and a fourth query in the fourth layer, the third query is identical to the first query, and the fourth query is identical to the second query.

[0214] [Item 7] The information processing device of item 5, wherein the first encoder is configured to generate, based on the second data, a third query in the third layer, and a fourth query in the fourth layer, the third query is different from the first query, and the fourth query is different from the second query.

[0215] [Item **8**] An information processing method including generating, based on first data, a first key, a first value, a second key and a second value; generating, based on second data different from the first data, a first query, and a second query; and generating third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query.

[0216] [Item **9**] The information processing method of item **8**, wherein the generating the third data includes generating fourth data by executing a first attention operation based on the first query, the first key and the first value, generating fifth data by executing a first multiply-accumulate operation based on the fourth data, generating sixth data by executing a second attention operation based on the second query, the second key and the second value, and generating the third data by executing a second multiply-accumulate operation based on the sixth data.

[0217] While certain embodiments have been described, these embodiments have been presented by way of example only, and are not intended to limit the scope of the inventions. Indeed, the embodiments described herein may be embodied in a variety of other forms; furthermore, various omissions, substitutions and changes in the form of the embodiments described herein may be made without departing from the spirit of the inventions. The accompanying claims and their equivalents are intended to cover such forms or modifications as would fall within the scope and spirit.

What is claimed is:

- 1. An information processing device comprising:
- an encoder including a first layer and a second layer coupled in series; and

a decoder,

- the encoder being configured to:
- generate, based on first data, a first key and a first value in the first layer, and a second key and a second value in the second layer; and
- generate, based on second data different from the first data, a first query in the first layer, and a second query in the second layer, and

the decoder being configured to:

- generate third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query.
- 2. The information processing device of claim 1, wherein
- the decoder includes a first attention layer, a first neural network layer, a second attention layer, and a second neural network layer,
- the first attention layer is configured to generate fourth data by executing a first attention operation based on the first query, the first key and the first value,
- the first neural network layer is configured to generate fifth data by executing a first multiply-accumulate operation based on the fourth data,
- the second attention layer is configured to generate sixth data by executing a second attention operation based on the second query, the second key and the second value, and
- the second neural network layer is configured to generate the third data by executing a second multiply-accumulate operation based on the sixth data.

- **3**. The information processing device of claim **2**, wherein the second attention layer is configured to generate the sixth data by executing the second attention operation based on a third query based on the fifth data and the second query, the second key, and the second value.
- **4**. The information processing device of claim **3**, wherein the second attention layer is configured to generate the third query by executing a residual connection between the fifth data and the second query.
- 5. The information processing device of claim 2, wherein
- the second neural network layer is configured to generate the third data by executing the second multiply-accumulate operation based on seventh data based on the fifth data and the sixth data.
- 6. The information processing device of claim 5, wherein
- the second attention layer is configured to generate the seventh data by executing a residual connection between the fifth data and the sixth data.

7. The information processing device of claim 2, wherein the decoder further includes a third neural network layer, the third data is independent from the fifth data, and

the third neural network layer is configured to generate eighth data by executing a third multiply-accumulate operation based on the fifth data and the third data.

8. The information processing device of claim 2, wherein

- each of the first neural network layer and the second neural network layer is configured to use a feedforward network.
- 9. The information processing device of claim 2, wherein the first attention operation and the second attention

operation include source-target attention operations. **10**. The information processing device of claim **1**, wherein

the encoder is configured to:

- generate, based on the first data, the first key and the first value by executing a third attention operation in the first layer, and the second key and the second value by executing a fourth attention operation in the second layer, and
- generate, based on the second data, the first query by executing a fifth attention operation in the first layer, and the second query by executing a sixth attention operation in the second layer.

11. The information processing device of claim 10, wherein

the third attention operation, the fourth attention operation, the fifth attention operation and the sixth attention operation include self-attention operations.

12. The information processing device of claim **1**, further comprising:

- a storage configured to correlate and nonvolatilely store the first key and the first value, and to correlate and nonvolatilely store the second key and the second value,
- wherein
- the decoder is configured to load the first key, the first value, the second key and the second value from the storage.

13. The information processing device of claim 1, wherein

the encoder includes a first encoder and a second encoder, the first encoder includes a third layer and a fourth layer coupled in series, the third layer being the first layer, and the fourth layer being the second layer,

- the second encoder includes a fifth layer and a sixth layer coupled in series, the fifth layer being the first layer, and the sixth layer being the second layer,
- the first encoder is configured to generate, based on the first data, the first key and the first value in the third layer, and the second key and the second value in the fourth layer, and
- the second encoder is configured to generate, based on the second data, the first query in the fifth layer, and the second query in the sixth layer.

14. The information processing device of claim 13, wherein

the first key, the second key, the first query and the second query each have an identical number of dimensions.

15. The information processing device of claim 13, wherein

- the first encoder is configured to generate, based on the second data, a third query in the third layer, and a fourth query in the fourth layer,
- the third query is identical to the first query, and

the fourth query is identical to the second query.

16. The information processing device of claim 13, wherein

- the first encoder is configured to generate, based on the second data, a third query in the third layer, and a fourth query in the fourth layer,
- the third query is different from the first query, and
- the fourth query is different from the second query.
- 17. An information processing method comprising:
- generating, based on first data, a first key, a first value, a second key and a second value;
- generating, based on second data different from the first data, a first query, and a second query; and
- generating third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query.

18. The information processing method of claim 17, wherein

the generating the third data includes:

- generating fourth data by executing a first attention operation based on the first query, the first key and the first value;
- generating fifth data by executing a first multiply-accumulate operation based on the fourth data;
- generating sixth data by executing a second attention operation based on the second query, the second key and the second value; and
- generating the third data by executing a second multiplyaccumulate operation based on the sixth data.
- **19**. A generating method of a learning model, comprising: generating, based on first data, a first key, a first value, a
- second key and a second value; generating, based on second data different from the first data, a first query, and a second query;
- generating third data which is included in the first data and is not included in the second data, based on the first key, the first value, the first query, the second key, the second value, and the second query;
- computing a loss function, based on the generated third data;
- updating a parameter, based on the computed loss function; and

- repeating, based on the updated parameter, by a first number of times, the generating the first key, the first value, the second key and the second value, the generating the first query and the second query, the generating the third data, the computing, and the updating. **20**. The generating method of claim **19**, further comprising:
 - generating, in at least one of repetitions of the first number of times, the first key, the first value, the second key and the second value, based on data in which a part of the first data is changed, the part corresponding to the third data.

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