# Introduction to Deep Learning 

## Lecture 19 <br> Transformers and LLMs

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## Part 1

## Transformers



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- Tokenizaton
- Input Embeddings
- Position Encodings
- Residuals
- Query
- Key
- Value
- Add \& Norm
- Encoder
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- Attention
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- Multi Head Attention
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- Output Probabilities / Logits
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Inputs


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Tokenizer


I ate an apple

Generate Input Emebeddings

## Inputs



Generate Input Emebeddings

## Encoder

## WHEREISTHE CONTEXT?



## Encoder



## Encoder



## Encoder

CONTEXTUALLY RICH EMBEDDINGS


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Key

1. Search for info
2. Interacts directly with Queries
3. Distinguishes one object from another
4. Identify which object is the most relevant and by how much

Value

1. Actual details of the object
2. More fine grained

## Attention



Query


Key Value Store


Key


Value

## Attention



Query


Key Value Store


Key


Value

## Attention

Done at the same time !!


Query


Key Value Store


Key


Value

## Attention

## parallelizable!!



Query


Key Value Store


Key


Value

## Attention



Query


Key Value Store

Attention Filter


Key


Value

## Attention



I

$\mathrm{I}_{2}$

ate
$I_{3}$
an

$I_{4}$
apple

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{t+1}=P_{t}+\Delta c \\
& P_{t+1}=e^{P_{t_{\Delta}} c} \\
& P_{t+1}=P_{t}{ }^{t \Delta c}
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$$



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Possible Candidates :

$$
\mathbf{P}\left(\mathrm{t}+\mathrm{t}^{\prime}\right)=\mathrm{M}^{\mathrm{t}^{\prime}} \mathbf{x P} \mathbf{P}(\mathrm{t})
$$



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## M ?

1. Should be a unitary matrix

2. Magnitudes of eigen value should be $\mathbf{1}$-> norm preserving

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## M

1. The matrix can be learnt

2. Produces unique rotated embeddings each time
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## Rotary Positional Embedding

## RoFormer: Enhanced Transformer with Rotary Position Embedding

$$
f_{\{q, k\}}\left(\boldsymbol{x}_{m}, m\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
\cos m \theta & -\sin m \theta \\
\sin m \theta & \cos m \theta
\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{cc}
W_{\{q, k\}}^{(11)} & W_{\{q, k\}}^{(12)} \\
W_{\{q, k\}}^{(21)} & W_{\{q, k\}}^{(22)}
\end{array}\right)\binom{x_{m}^{(1)}}{x_{m}^{(2)}}
$$

Table 2: Comparing RoFormer and BERT by fine tuning on downstream GLEU tasks.


| Model | MRPC | SST-2 | QNLI | STS-B | QQP | MNLI $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{mm})$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BERTDevlin et al. [2019] | 88.9 | 93.5 | 90.5 | 85.8 | 71.2 | $84.6 / 83.4$ |  |
| RoFormer | $\mathbf{8 9 . 5}$ | 90.7 | 88.0 | $\mathbf{8 7 . 0}$ | $\mathbf{8 6 . 4}$ | $80.2 / 79.8$ | REF: Rotary Positional Embeddings $\theta$ |

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Actual Candidates :
sine $(g(t))$
cosine (g(t))


Positional Encoding

## Positional Encoding

Requirements for $g(t)$

- Must have same dimensions as input embeddings
- Must produce overall unique encodings
pos -> idx of the token in input sentence
i $\quad->\mathrm{ith}^{\text {th }}$ dimension out of d

$$
\begin{gathered}
P E_{(p o s, 2 i)}=\sin \left(p o s / 10000^{2 i / d_{\text {model }}}\right) \\
P E_{(p o s, 2 i+1)}=\cos \left(\text { pos } / 10000^{2 i / d_{\text {model }}}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$



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## Positional Encoding:

|  |  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Dim | 1 | 0.000 | 0.841 | 0.909 | 0.141 | -0.757 |
| Dim | 1.000 | 0.540 | -0.416 | -0.990 | -0.654 |  |
| Dim | 1.0 .000 | 0.025 | 0.050 | 0.075 | 0.100 |  |
| Dim | 4 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 0.999 | 0.997 | 0.995 |
| Dim | 5 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.003 |





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## Encoder

## $\alpha_{[i j]} \quad \Sigma$

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was

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coreference resolution?

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## SELF

Query Inputs
$=\quad$ Key Inputs
$=\quad$ Value Inputs

## Self Attention

$$
R^{d_{\text {model }} \times d_{\text {model }}}
$$


$W_{\mathrm{Q}}$

$W_{K}$
$R^{T \times d_{\text {model }}}$


Input Embeddings

$W_{v}$


## Self Attention



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Attention: Z

## Self Attention


coreference resolution

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Sentence boundaries?
coreference resolution

## Self Attention



## Multi-Head Attention



Input Embeddings

## Multi-Head Attention



Inputs


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$R^{d_{\text {model }} \times d_{h}}$


$$
R^{T \times d_{h}}
$$

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Multi Head Attention : Z $\quad d_{h}=\frac{d_{\text {model }}}{h}$

$$
R^{T \times d_{\text {model }}}
$$

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## Add \& Norm



Normalization(Z)

- Mean 0, Std dev 1
- Stabilizes training
- Regularization effect

Add -> Residuals

- Avoid vanishing gradients
- Train deeper networks



## Feed Forward

Feed Forward

- Non Linearity
- Complex Relationships
- Learn from each other

Feed Forward


Residuals

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Feed Forward


Input
Norm(Z)

## Encoders

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## Machine Translation



## Targets

Targets<br>Ich have einen apfel gegessen



## Targets



## Masked Multi Head Attention



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Decoding step by step (using Teacher Forcing)


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Training


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QK $^{\top}$


Attention Mask: M


Masked Attention

Masked Multi Head Attention : Z'


## Masked Multi Head Attention

Masked Multi Head Attention
$R^{T \times T} \quad R^{T \times d_{h}}$


Masked Attention


Values

Masked Multi Head Attention : Z'


## Encoder Decoder Attention

## Encoder Decoder Attention?

## Add \& Norm



## Encoder Decoder Attention

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## Encoder Decoder Attention

## Encoder Self Attention

1. Queries from Encoder Inputs
2. Keys from Encoder Inputs
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Decoder Masked Self Attention

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## Encoder Decoder Attention

## Encoder

Keys from Encoder Outputs Values from Encoder Outputs

## Decoder

Queries from Decoder Inputs

NOTE: Every decoder block receives the same FINAL encoder output


## Encoder Decoder Attention

$$
\begin{array}{lcc}
R^{T_{d} \times d_{\text {model }}} & Z^{\prime \prime} \\
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& \mathrm{Q}_{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{e}} & R^{T_{e} \times d_{\text {model }}}
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## Linear



## Softmax

Output Probabilities



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## Transformers, mid-2017



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Representation



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## Generation

## 2018 - The Inception of the LLM Era



## BERT - Bidirectional Encoder Representations

- One of the biggest challenges in LM-building used to be the lack of task-specific training data.
- What if we learn an effective representation that can be applied to a variety of downstream tasks?
- Word2vec (2013)
- GloVe (2014)


Output
Probabilities


## BERT - Bidirectional Encoder Representations

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BERT Pre-Training Results:

- BERT-Base - 110M Params
- BERT-Large - 340M Params



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## BERT Fine-Tuning:

- Simply add a task-specific module after the last encoder layer to map it to the desired dimension.
- Classification Tasks:
- Add a feed-forward layer on top of the encoder output for the [CLS] token
- Question Answering Tasks:
- Train two extra vectors to mark the beginning and end of answer from paragraph
- ...



## BERT - Bidirectional Encoder Representations

## BERT Evaluation:

- General Language Understanding Evaluation (GLUE)
- Sentence pair tasks
- Single sentence classification
- Standford Question Answering Dataset (SQuAD)


Output
Probabilities


## BERT - Bidirectional Encoder Representations

## BERT Evaluation:

| System | MNLI- $(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{mm})$ | QQP | QNLI | SST-2 | CoLA | STS-B | MRPC | RTE | Average |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 392 k | 363 k | 108 k | 67 k | 8.5 k | 5.7 k | 3.5 k | 2.5 k | - |
| Pre-OpenAI SOTA | $80.6 / 80.1$ | 66.1 | 82.3 | 93.2 | 35.0 | 81.0 | 86.0 | 61.7 | 74.0 |
| BiLSTM+ELMo+Attn | $76.4 / 76.1$ | 64.8 | 79.8 | 90.4 | 36.0 | 73.3 | 84.9 | 56.8 | 71.0 |
| OpenAI GPT | $82.1 / 81.4$ | 70.3 | 87.4 | 91.3 | 45.4 | 80.0 | 82.3 | 56.0 | 75.1 |
| BERT $_{\text {BASE }}$ | $84.6 / 83.4$ | 71.2 | 90.5 | 93.5 | 52.1 | 85.8 | 88.9 | 66.4 | 79.6 |
| BERT $_{\text {LARGE }}$ | $\mathbf{8 6 . 7 / 8 5 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{7 2 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{9 2 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{9 4 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{6 0 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 6 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 9 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{8 2 . 1}$ |


| System | Dev |  | Test |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | EM | F1 | EM | F1 |
| Leaderboard (Oct 8th, 2018) |  |  |  |  |
| Human | - | - | 82.3 | 91.2 |
| \#1 Ensemble - nlnet | - | - | 86.0 | 91.7 |
| \#2 Ensemble - QANet | - | - | 84.5 | 90.5 |
| \#1 Single - nlnet | - | - | 83.5 | 90.1 |
| \#2 Single - QANet | - | - | 82.5 | 89.3 |
| Published |  |  |  |  |
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- Similarly, BooksCorpus and English Wikipedia


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- More learning signals than MLM

GPT Pre-Training Results:

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Freeform response

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## Looking Back

It is true that language models are just programmed to predict the next token. But that is not as simple as you might think.

In fact, all animals, including us, are just programmed to survive and reproduce, and yet amazingly complex and beautiful stuff comes from it.

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