Homework 3

Instructions

- This homework focuses on understanding and applying DETR for object detection and attention visualization. It consists of **three questions** designed to assess both theoretical understanding and practical application.
- Please organize your answers and results for the questions below and submit this jupyter notebook as **a .pdf file**.
- **Deadline: 11/14 (Thur) 23:59**

Reference

- End-to-End Object Detection with Transformers (DETR): https://github.com/facebookresearch/detr

Q1. Understanding DETR model

- Fill-in-the-blank exercise to test your understanding of critical parts of the DETR model workflow.

```
from torch import nn
class DETR(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, num_classes, hidden_dim=256, nheads=8,
                 num_encoder_layers=6, num_decoder_layers=6, num_queries=100):
        super().__init__()

        # create ResNet-50 backbone
        self.backbone = resnet50()
        del self.backbone.fc

        # create conversion layer
        self.conv = nn.Conv2d(2048, hidden_dim, 1)

        # create a default PyTorch transformer
        self.transformer = nn.Transformer(
            hidden_dim, nheads, num_encoder_layers, num_decoder_layers)

        # prediction heads, one extra class for predicting non-empty slots
        # note that in baseline DETR linear_bbox layer is 3-layer MLP
        self.linear_class = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, num_classes + 1)
        self.linear_bbox = nn.Linear(hidden_dim, 4)

        # output positional encodings (object queries)
        self.query_pos = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(num_queries, hidden_dim))

        # spatial positional encodings
        # note that in baseline DETR we use sine positional encodings
        self.row_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(50, hidden_dim // 2))
        self.col_embed = nn.Parameter(torch.rand(50, hidden_dim // 2))

    def forward(self, inputs):
        # propagate inputs through ResNet-50 up to avg-pool layer
        x = self.backbone.conv1(inputs)
        x = self.backbone.bn1(x)
        x = self.backbone.relu(x)
        x = self.backbone.maxpool(x)

        x = self.backbone.layer1(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer2(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer3(x)
        x = self.backbone.layer4(x)

        # convert from 2048 to 256 feature planes for the transformer
        h = self.conv(x)

        # construct positional encodings
        H, W = h.shape[-2:]
        pos = torch.cat([
            self.col_embed[:W].unsqueeze(0).repeat(H, 1, 1),
            self.row_embed[:H].unsqueeze(1).repeat(1, W, 1),
        ], dim=-1).flatten(0, 1).unsqueeze(1)

        # propagate through the transformer
        h = self.transformer(pos + 0.1 * h.flatten(2).permute(2, 0, 1),
                             self.query_pos.unsqueeze(1)).transpose(0, 1)


        # finally project transformer outputs to class labels and bounding boxes
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        pred_logits = self.linear_class(h)
        pred_boxes = self.linear_bbox(h)

        return {'pred_logits': pred_logits,
                'pred_boxes': pred_boxes}
```

Q2. Custom Image Detection and Attention Visualization

In this task, you will upload an **image of your choice** (different from the provided sample) and follow the steps below:

- Object Detection using DETR
  - Use the DETR model to detect objects in your uploaded image.
- Attention Visualization in Encoder
  - Visualize the regions of the image where the encoder focuses the most.
- Decoder Query Attention in Decoder
  - Visualize how the decoder's query attends to specific areas corresponding to the detected objects.

```
import math

from PIL import Image
import requests
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'retina'

import ipywidgets as widgets
from IPython.display import display, clear_output

import torch
from torch import nn


from torchvision.models import resnet50
import torchvision.transforms as T
torch.set_grad_enabled(False);

# COCO classes
CLASSES = [
    'N/A', 'person', 'bicycle', 'car', 'motorcycle', 'airplane', 'bus',
    'train', 'truck', 'boat', 'traffic light', 'fire hydrant', 'N/A',
    'stop sign', 'parking meter', 'bench', 'bird', 'cat', 'dog', 'horse',
    'sheep', 'cow', 'elephant', 'bear', 'zebra', 'giraffe', 'N/A', 'backpack',
    'umbrella', 'N/A', 'N/A', 'handbag', 'tie', 'suitcase', 'frisbee', 'skis',
    'snowboard', 'sports ball', 'kite', 'baseball bat', 'baseball glove',
    'skateboard', 'surfboard', 'tennis racket', 'bottle', 'N/A', 'wine glass',
    'cup', 'fork', 'knife', 'spoon', 'bowl', 'banana', 'apple', 'sandwich',
    'orange', 'broccoli', 'carrot', 'hot dog', 'pizza', 'donut', 'cake',
    'chair', 'couch', 'potted plant', 'bed', 'N/A', 'dining table', 'N/A',
    'N/A', 'toilet', 'N/A', 'tv', 'laptop', 'mouse', 'remote', 'keyboard',
    'cell phone', 'microwave', 'oven', 'toaster', 'sink', 'refrigerator', 'N/A',
    'book', 'clock', 'vase', 'scissors', 'teddy bear', 'hair drier',
    'toothbrush'
]

# colors for visualization
COLORS = [[0.000, 0.447, 0.741], [0.850, 0.325, 0.098], [0.929, 0.694, 0.125],
          [0.494, 0.184, 0.556], [0.466, 0.674, 0.188], [0.301, 0.745, 0.933]]
# standard PyTorch mean-std input image normalization
transform = T.Compose([
    T.Resize(800),
    T.ToTensor(),
    T.Normalize([0.485, 0.456, 0.406], [0.229, 0.224, 0.225])
])

# for output bounding box post-processing
def box_cxcywh_to_xyxy(x):
    x_c, y_c, w, h = x.unbind(1)
    b = [(x_c - 0.5 * w), (y_c - 0.5 * h),
         (x_c + 0.5 * w), (y_c + 0.5 * h)]
    return torch.stack(b, dim=1)

def rescale_bboxes(out_bbox, size):
    img_w, img_h = size
    b = box_cxcywh_to_xyxy(out_bbox)
    b = b * torch.tensor([img_w, img_h, img_w, img_h], dtype=torch.float32)
    return b

def plot_results(pil_img, prob, boxes):
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    plt.figure(figsize=(16,10))
    plt.imshow(pil_img)
    ax = plt.gca()
    colors = COLORS * 100
    for p, (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax), c in zip(prob, boxes.tolist(), colors):
        ax.add_patch(plt.Rectangle((xmin, ymin), xmax - xmin, ymax - ymin,
                                   fill=False, color=c, linewidth=3))
        cl = p.argmax()
        text = f'{CLASSES[cl]}: {p[cl]:0.2f}'
        ax.text(xmin, ymin, text, fontsize=15,
                bbox=dict(facecolor='yellow', alpha=0.5))
    plt.axis('off')
    plt.show()
```

In this section, we show-case how to load a model from hub, run it on a custom image, and print the result. Here we load the simplest model (DETR-R50) for fast inference. You can swap it with any other model from the model zoo.

```
model = torch.hub.load('facebookresearch/detr', 'detr_resnet50', pretrained=True)
model.eval();

url = 'https://pic640.weishi.qq.com/1e5c82eb85c84f068818cefa3e1fcover.jpg'
im = Image.open(requests.get(url, stream=True).raw) # put your own image

# mean-std normalize the input image (batch-size: 1)
img = transform(im).unsqueeze(0)

# propagate through the model
outputs = model(img)

# keep only predictions with 0.7+ confidence
probas = outputs['pred_logits'].softmax(-1)[0, :, :-1]
keep = probas.max(-1).values > 0.9

# convert boxes from [0; 1] to image scales
bboxes_scaled = rescale_bboxes(outputs['pred_boxes'][0, keep], im.size)

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bboxes_scaled = rescale_bboxes(outputs['pred_boxes'][0, keep], im.size)

plot_results(im, probas[keep], bboxes_scaled)
```

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Downloading: "https://github.com/facebookresearch/detr/zipball/main" to /root/.cache/torch/hub/main.zip
/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torchvision/models/_utils.py:208: UserWarning: The parameter 'pretrained' is dep
  warnings.warn(
/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torchvision/models/_utils.py:223: UserWarning: Arguments other than a weight enu
  warnings.warn(msg)
Downloading: "https://download.pytorch.org/models/resnet50-0676ba61.pth" to /root/.cache/torch/hub/checkpoints/resnet50-
100%|██████████| 97.8M/97.8M [00:00<00:00, 172MB/s]
Downloading: "https://dl.fbaipublicfiles.com/detr/detr-r50-e632da11.pth" to /root/.cache/torch/hub/checkpoints/detr-r50-
100%|██████████| 159M/159M [00:01<00:00, 125MB/s]
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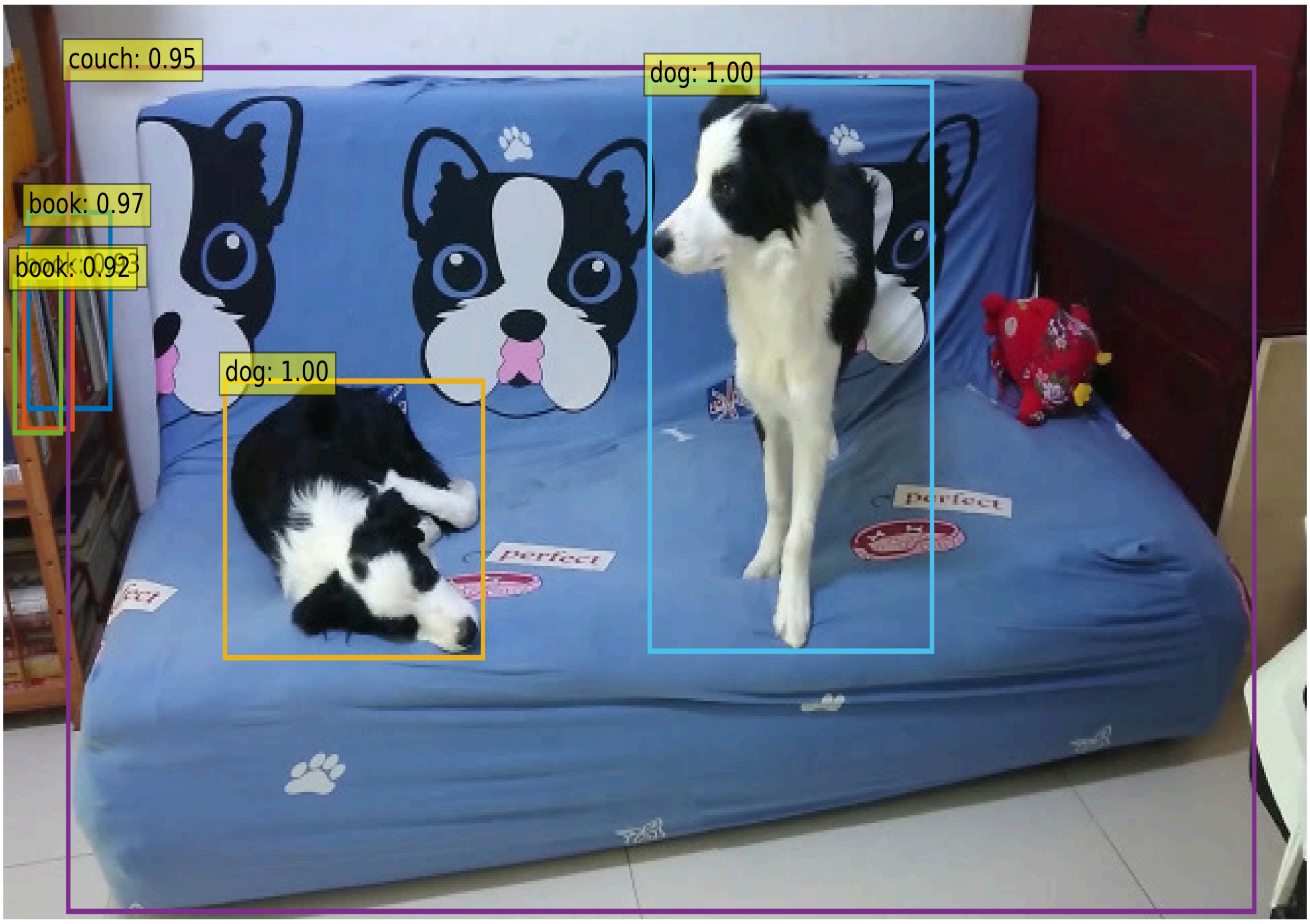

Here we visualize attention weights of the last decoder layer. This corresponds to visualizing, for each detected objects, which part of the image the model was looking at to predict this specific bounding box and class.

```
# use lists to store the outputs via up-values
conv_features, enc_attn_weights, dec_attn_weights = [], [], []

hooks = [
    model.backbone[-2].register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: conv_features.append(output)
    ),
    model.transformer.encoder.layers[-1].self_attn.register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: enc_attn_weights.append(output[1])
    ),
    model.transformer.decoder.layers[-1].multihead_attn.register_forward_hook(
        lambda self, input, output: dec_attn_weights.append(output[1])
    ),
]

# propagate through the model
outputs = model(img) # put your own image

for hook in hooks:
    hook.remove()

# don't need the list anymore
conv_features = conv_features[0]
enc_attn_weights = enc_attn_weights[0]
dec_attn_weights = dec_attn_weights[0]


# get the feature map shape
h, w = conv_features['0'].tensors.shape[-2:]
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fig, axs = plt.subplots(ncols=len(bboxes_scaled), nrows=2, figsize=(22, 7))
colors = COLORS * 100
for idx, ax_i, (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax) in zip(keep.nonzero(), axs.T, bboxes_scaled):
    ax = ax_i[0]
    ax.imshow(dec_attn_weights[0, idx].view(h, w))
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(f'query id: {idx.item()}')
    ax = ax_i[1]
    ax.imshow(im)
    ax.add_patch(plt.Rectangle((xmin, ymin), xmax - xmin, ymax - ymin,
                               fill=False, color='blue', linewidth=3))
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(CLASSES[probas[idx].argmax()])
fig.tight_layout()
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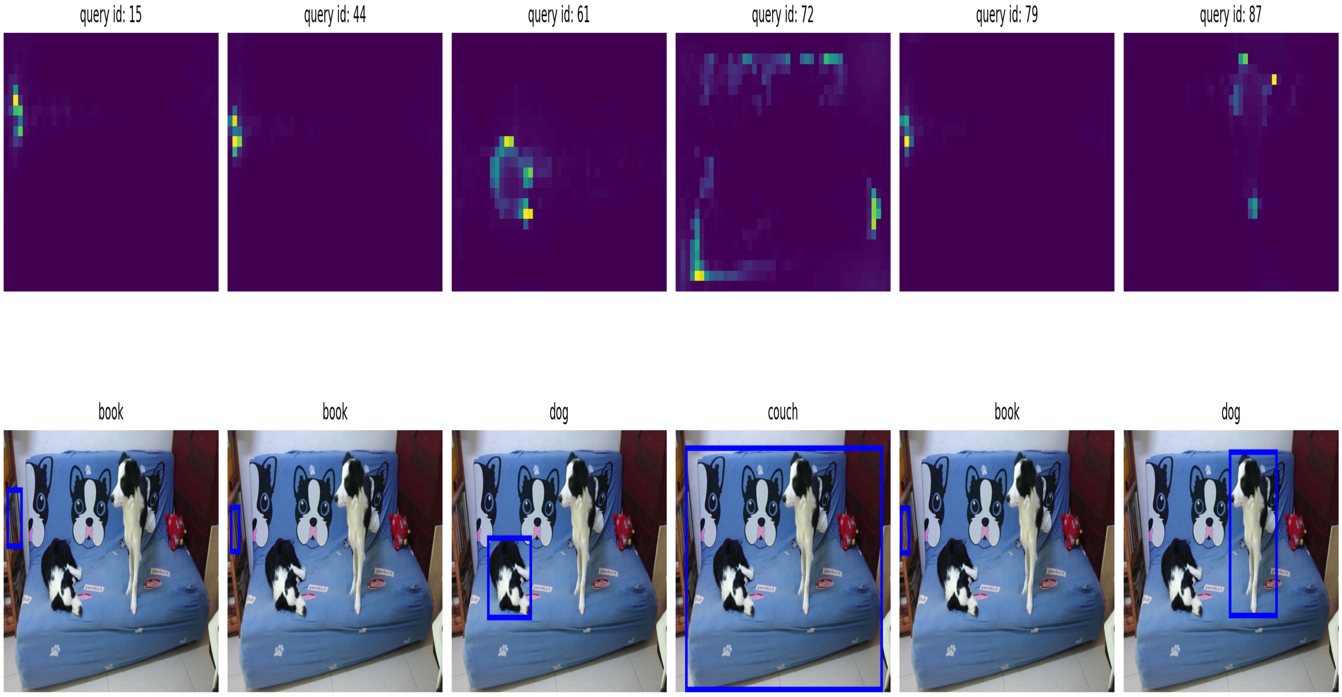


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# output of the CNN
f_map = conv_features['0']
print("Encoder attention:      ", enc_attn_weights[0].shape)
print("Feature map:            ", f_map.tensors.shape)
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Encoder attention:        torch.Size([1125, 1125])
Feature map:              torch.Size([1, 2048, 25, 45])
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# get the HxW shape of the feature maps of the CNN
shape = f_map.tensors.shape[-2:]
# and reshape the self-attention to a more interpretable shape
sattn = enc_attn_weights[0].reshape(shape + shape)
print("Reshaped self-attention:", sattn.shape)
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Reshaped self-attention: torch.Size([25, 45, 25, 45])
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# downsampling factor for the CNN, is 32 for DETR and 16 for DETR DC5
fact = 32

# let's select 4 reference points for visualization
idxs = [(200, 200), (280, 400), (200, 600), (440, 800),]

# here we create the canvas
fig = plt.figure(constrained_layout=True, figsize=(25 * 0.7, 8.5 * 0.7))
# and we add one plot per reference point
gs = fig.add_gridspec(2, 4)
axs = [
    fig.add_subplot(gs[0, 0]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[1, 0]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[0, -1]),
    fig.add_subplot(gs[1, -1]),
]

# for each one of the reference points, let's plot the self-attention
# for that point
for idx_o, ax in zip(idxs, axs):
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    idx = (idx_o[0] // fact, idx_o[1] // fact)
    ax.imshow(sattn[..., idx[0], idx[1]], cmap='cividis', interpolation='nearest')
    ax.axis('off')
    ax.set_title(f'self-attention{idx_o}')

# and now let's add the central image, with the reference points as red circles
fcenter_ax = fig.add_subplot(gs[:, 1:-1])
fcenter_ax.imshow(im)
for (y, x) in idxs:
    scale = im.height / img.shape[-2]
    x = ((x // fact) + 0.5) * fact
    y = ((y // fact) + 0.5) * fact
    fcenter_ax.add_patch(plt.Circle((x * scale, y * scale), fact // 2, color='r'))
    fcenter_ax.axis('off')
```

Q3. Understanding Attention Mechanisms

In this task, you focus on understanding the attention mechanisms present in the encoder and decoder of DETR.

- Briefly describe the types of attention used in the encoder and decoder, and explain the key differences between them.
- Based on the visualized results from Q2, provide an analysis of the distinct characteristics of each attention mechanism in the encoder and decoder. Feel free to express your insights.

Types of Attention in DETR

1. **Encoder Attention**:
    - **Self-Attention**: In the encoder, the self-attention mechanism allows each input feature (representing different parts of the image) to focus on all other input features. This means that for each part of the image, the model can weigh the relevance of all other parts when creating representations. This is crucial for capturing relationships and context between different regions.
    - **Multi-Head Attention**: DETR employs a multi-head self-attention mechanism, running multiple self-attention processes in parallel. Each head can learn to focus on different aspects of the input, thereby capturing a more comprehensive representation of the input features.
2. **Decoder Attention**:
    - **Cross-Attention**: In the decoder, the attention mechanism includes self-attention (similar to the encoder) and cross-attention. Cross-attention allows the decoder to focus on the representations generated by the encoder. It uses the encoder's output as queries to attend to the keys and values from the encoder output. This enables the decoder to utilize the contextual information from the entire image when predicting each object query.
    - **Masked Self-Attention**: The self-attention in the decoder is masked to prevent attention to future queries, ensuring that predictions are based only on past and current information. This is important for sequence generation tasks.

Key Differences Between Encoder and Decoder Attention

- **Focus**:
  - The attention in the encoder only focuses on the input image, allowing for a global understanding of the relationships between different parts.
  - The attention in the decoder considers both the input features from the encoder (cross-attention) and its own queries, enabling it to generate predictions based on detected features and queries representing potential object detections.
- **Data Flow**:
  - In the encoder, all input features can attend to each other to create a complete representation.
  - In the decoder, queries (representing potential object detections) not only attend to each other but also utilize the information from the encoding, creating more targeted outputs for each object.

Analysis Based on Q2 Visualization Results

- **Encoder Attention Visualization**:
  - The attention maps generated by the encoder typically highlight multiple regions of the image simultaneously. This indicates that the encoder can capture contextual information, allowing it to focus on different parts relevant to the overall scene understanding. For example, in an image containing a person and a bicycle, the encoder might show attention between these two objects, suggesting it understands their interaction.
- **Decoder Attention Visualization**:
  - In contrast, the attention maps from the decoder usually display key areas relevant to specific queries (e.g., object detection). Each query might highlight only the pertinent image regions, reflecting a more targeted approach. For instance, when querying for a bicycle, the attention map might primarily focus on the bicycle itself, with less emphasis on the background. This shows the decoder’s role in making specific predictions based on learned representations from the encoder.

Insights

- The different attention mechanisms in the encoder and decoder enable the DETR model to effectively balance the global context provided by the encoder with the specific tasks of object detection performed by the decoder.
- The encoder leverages the capabilities of self-attention to build rich image representations, which is crucial for understanding complex scenes.
- The cross-attention mechanism in the decoder ensures that predictions are influenced by the context of the entire image, improving accuracy in detecting objects and their bounding boxes.

Conclusion

By understanding the different types of attention mechanisms in the encoder and decoder, along with their unique characteristics, we can better comprehend how DETR effectively handles object detection tasks. This foundational knowledge is essential for leveraging attention-based models in various computer vision applications.