

Subsampled Bi-Transformer

for RANS Surrogate modelling

Machine Learning for Physical Simulation Challenge – IRT SystemX

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Models used as surrogates to approximate solutions for physical problems are built upon physical data which is highly interconnected by nature.

How can we use these relationships to our advantage?

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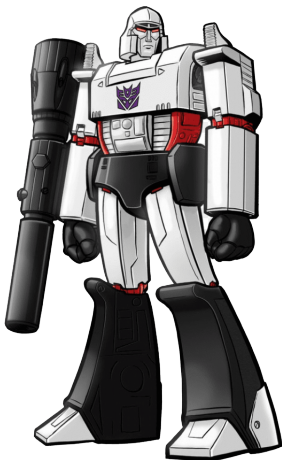
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Our Motivation



Attention Mechanism [Vaswani et al., 2017]

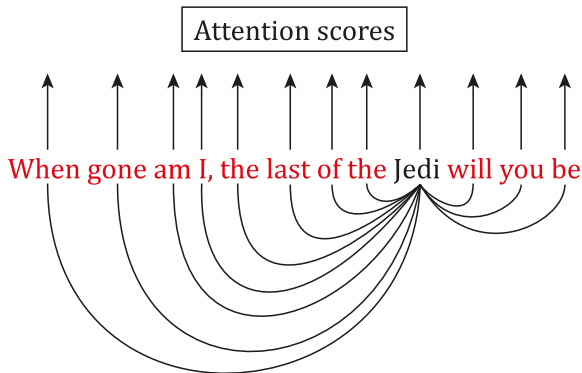


Figure 1: Attention in NLP

Attention Mechanism on Mesh

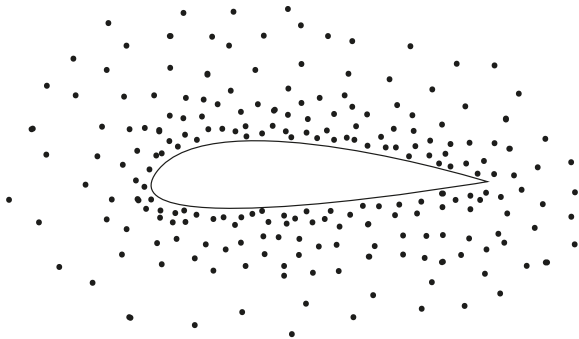


Figure 2: Original mesh

There's just one small problem...

Attention context windows:

- GPT 3.5 turbo context window: 16,385 tokens
- (NEW) GPT 4 turbo context window: 128,000 tokens¹
- BUT 1 simulation = 179,761 points on average

Memory efficient attention:

- Linformer [Wang et al., 2020] : $O(N^2) \rightarrow O(N)$
- Reformer [Kitaev et al., 2020] : $O(N^2) \rightarrow O(N \log N)$

¹<https://platform.openai.com/docs/models/gpt-4-and-gpt-4-turbo>

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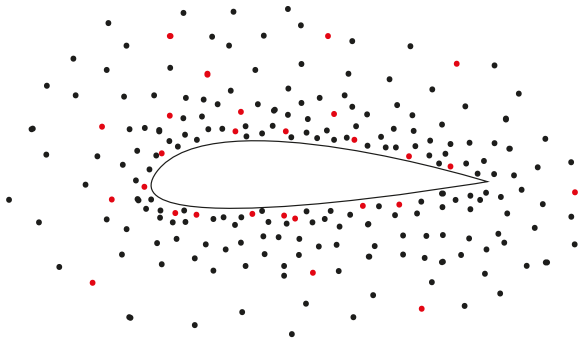


Figure 3: Sampled skeleton

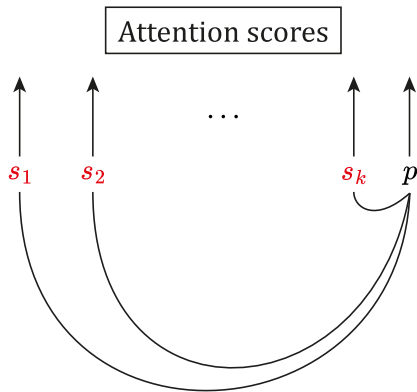


Figure 4: Pointcloud Attention

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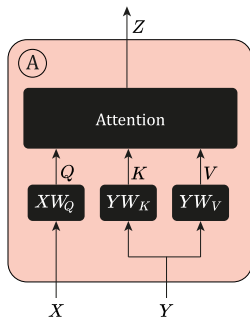


Figure 5: Attention block

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}(QK^T / \sqrt{d_k})V$$

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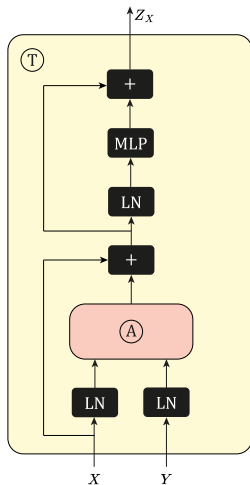


Figure 6: Transformer block

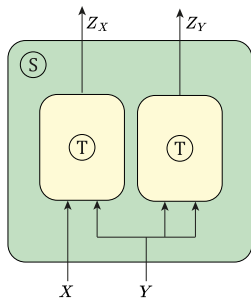


Figure 7: Bi-transformer block

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Architecture:

- 3 layers
- Size of skeleton: $k = 1000$
- Bi-transformer MLP: [32, 64, 64, 64, 32]
- Encoder MLP: [7, 64, 64, 32]
- Decoder MLP: [32, 64, 64, 32, 16, 4]
- Activation functions: ReLU
- Batch-size: 50,000

Benefits:

- Capture global context
- $O(kN)$ attention
- Any batch-size !

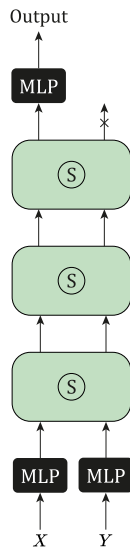


Figure 8: Full architecture

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Results

Global	ML	Physics	OOD
51.25	0.62	0.5	0.38

Table 1: Results



Conclusion & perspectives

In summary:

- Attention captures similarities in the data
- But it is expensive
- Subsample the context for each point

Further conclusions:

- Ensembling method performed poorly
- Use different sampling methods
- Use Physics!
 - Physics informed loss
 - Mixture of models with physical head

Thank you for your **attention!**

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