

Token Alignment

- token alignment is the process of matching tokens from one sequence to their corresponding tokens in another sequence, often used in translation, attention, embedding comparisons to know which parts of the inputs relate to which parts of the output

EX: english: i am a student This mapping is 1 → 50 an - 54/5
french: je suis a etudiant token alignment: no direct student & etudiant match

- to eval use Precision, Recall, F1 to see accuracy of token alignment to humans

Multi query attention

Multi query attention is a attention mechanism where all heads share the same key and value vectors but have separate query vectors. Unlike multi-head attention where each head has its own key and value vectors. Compared to multi-head attention it's more memory efficient and computationally efficient since key and values are shared, while still allowing multiple query perspectives.

Pooling (CNN)

- pooling is a dimensionality reduction method in ML used in CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks), it's known as a downsampling operation used to reduce the spatial size (height and width of the 2D dimensions of the featuremap) of feature maps (output of convolution layer showing where certain features like edges or textures appear in the input), this helps decrease computation

Control overfitting and make features more invariant to small shifts

EX:
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 9 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow 2 \times 2 \text{ max pooling with stride of 2}$$

on this 4x4 matrix we divide it into blocks of 2x2 and take the max value from each block. Stride is the num of pixels the filter moves or slides across at each step during convolution or pooling. Stride is 2 so skip every other pixel.

EX Result: The output is smaller (2x2) but keeps the strongest features (max values)
- NOTE: There are other pooling types too like avg pooling, which takes the avg instead of the max (which our max pooling ex did)