QLoRa: Efficient Finetuning of Quantized LLMs

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Abstract

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We present QLoRA, an efficient finetuning approach that reduces memory usage enough to finetune a 65B parameter model on a single 48GB GPU while preserving full 16-bit finetuning task performance. QLoRA backpropagates gradients through a frozen, 4-bit quantized pretrained language model into Low Rank Adapters~(LoRA). Our best model family, which we name Guanaco, outperforms all previous openly released models on the Vicuna benchmark, reaching 99.3% of the performance level of ChatGPT while only requiring 24 hours of finetuning on a single GPU. QLoRA introduces a number of innovations to save memory without sacrificing performance: (a) 4-bit NormalFloat (NF4), a new data type that is information theoretically optimal for normally distributed weights (b) double quantization to reduce the average memory footprint by quantizing the quantization constants, and (c) paged optimziers to manage memory spikes. We use QLoRA to finetune more than 1,000 models, providing a detailed analysis of instruction following and chatbot performance across 8 instruction datasets, multiple model types (LLaMA, T5), and model scales that would be infeasible to run with regular finetuning (e.g. 33B and 65B parameter models). Our results show that QLoRA finetuning on a small high-quality dataset leads to state-ofthe-art results, even when using smaller models than the previous SoTA. We provide a detailed analysis of chatbot performance based on both human and GPT-4 evaluations showing that GPT-4 evaluations are a cheap and reasonable alternative to human evaluation. Furthermore, we find that current chatbot benchmarks are not trustworthy to accurately evaluate the performance levels of chatbots. A lemon-picked analysis demonstrates where Guanaco fails compared to ChatGPT. We release all of our models and code, including CUDA kernels for 4-bit training.

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Introduction

- **&** Getting Started
- ***** Applications
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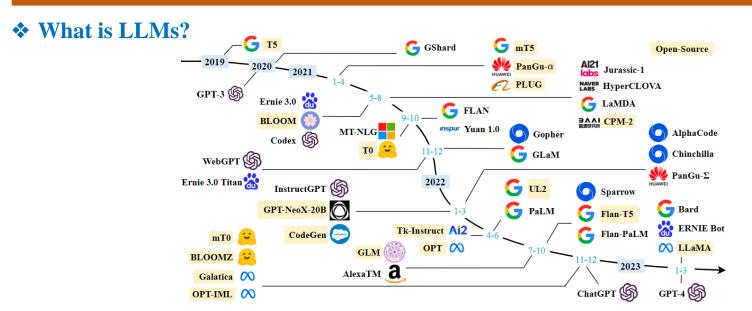


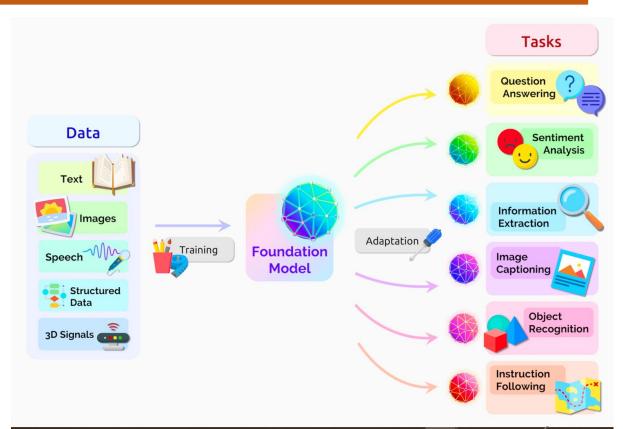
Fig. 1. A timeline of existing large language models (having a size larger than 10B) in recent years. We mark the open-source LLMs in yellow color.

LLMs (Large Language Models): Language models that were trained on a very large corpus of text. This made them capable of performing various NLP tasks with high precision.



What is LLMs?

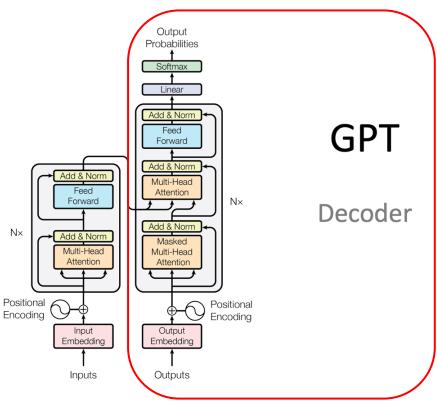
LLMs are often pretrained on a vast majority of data and designed to be adaptable to a wide variety of tasks (Foundation models).



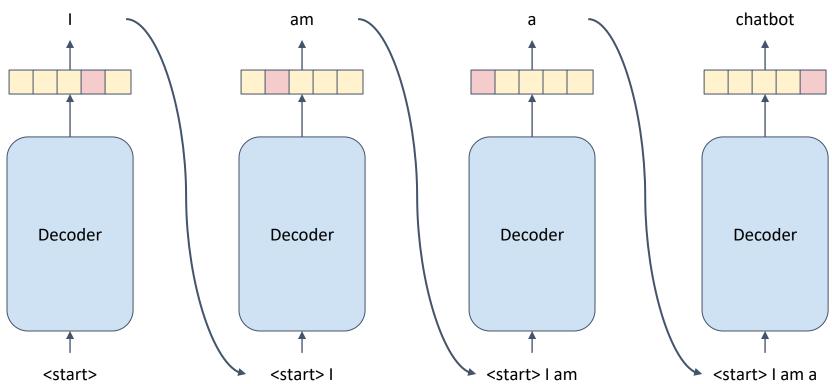


BERT

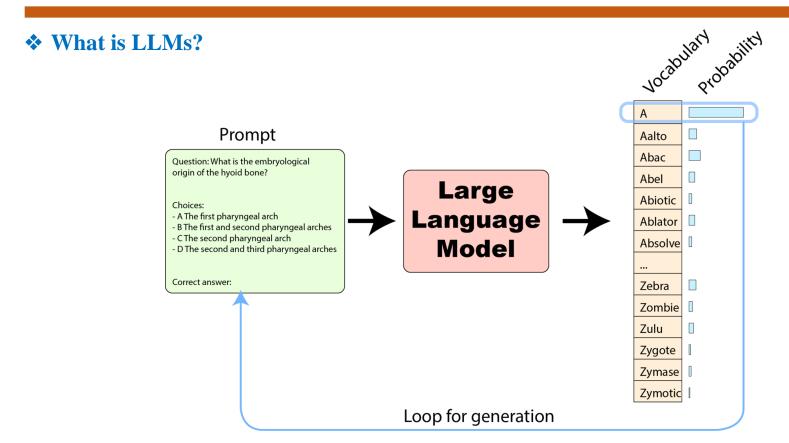
Encoder



❖ What is LLMs?





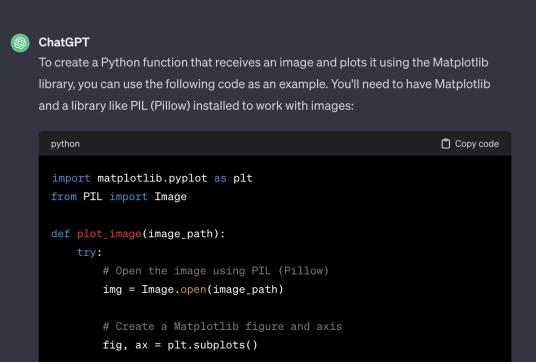


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❖ What is LLMs?

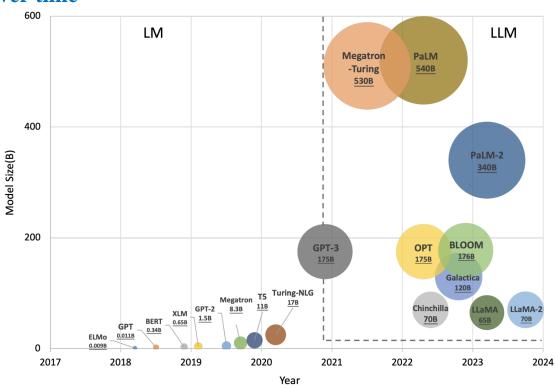
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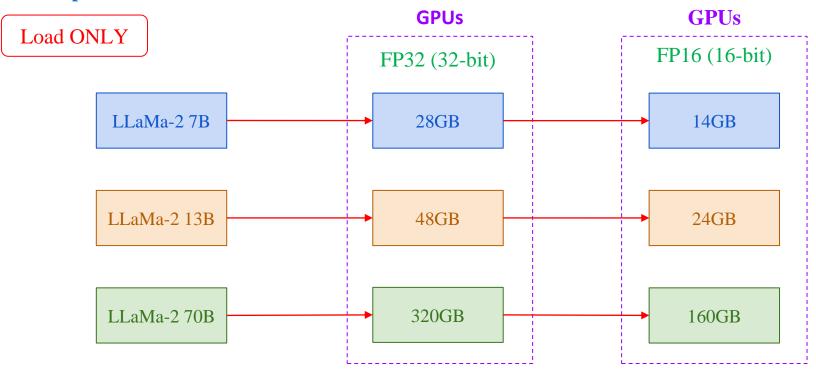


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LLMs size over time



***** Low-precision

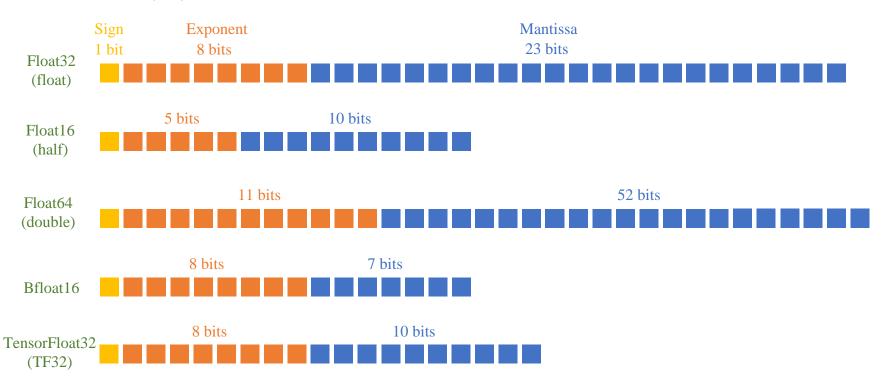


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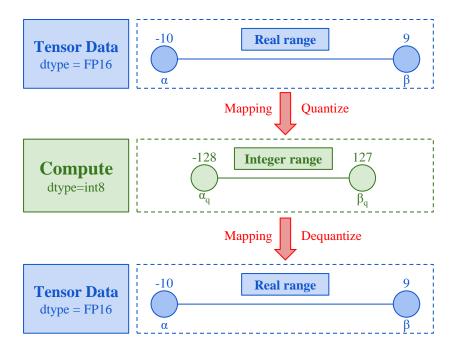
- ***** Quantization
- **❖** LoRA

❖ Float Point (FP)

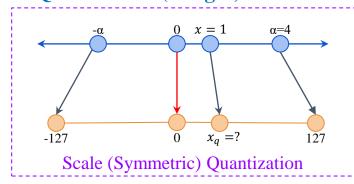


***** What is Quantization?

Quantization refers to techniques for doing both computations and memory accesses with lower precision data, usually int8 compared to floating point implementations. Reduce model Reduce memory Faster inference bandwidth size



❖ Int8 Quantization (Weight)



Quantize

$$x_q = clip(round(s \cdot x))$$

Dequantize

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{5} x_q$$

Scale

$$s = \frac{2^{b-1} - 1}{\alpha}$$

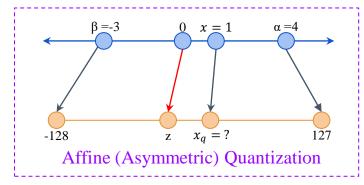
$$s = \frac{2^{8-1} - 1}{4} = 31.75$$

$$x_q = clip(round(31.75 \times 1))$$

= 32

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{31.75} 32 = 1.007874 \dots$$

❖ Int8 Quantization (Weight)



Quantize

$$x_q = clip(round(s \cdot x + z))$$

Dequantize

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{s}(x_q - z)$$

Scale
$$s = \frac{2^{b} - 1}{\alpha - \beta}$$
$$z = -round(\beta \cdot s) - 2^{b-1}$$

$$s = \frac{2^8 - 1}{4 - (-3)} = 36.42$$

$$z = -round(-3 \times 36.42) - 2^{8-1}$$

$$= -19$$

$$x_q = clip(round(36.42 \times 1 - 19)) = 17$$

$$\hat{x} = \frac{1}{36.42}(17 + 19)) = 0.9882 \dots$$

***** Matrix Multiplication Quantization

$$quantize(x, s, z) = s \cdot x + z$$
$$dequantize(x, s, z) = \frac{1}{x}(x_q - z)$$



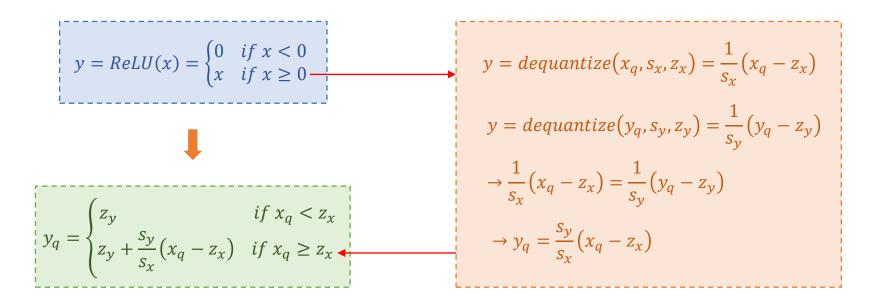
$$Y = XW + b$$

$$Y_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^{p} X_{i,k} W_{k,j} + b_j$$

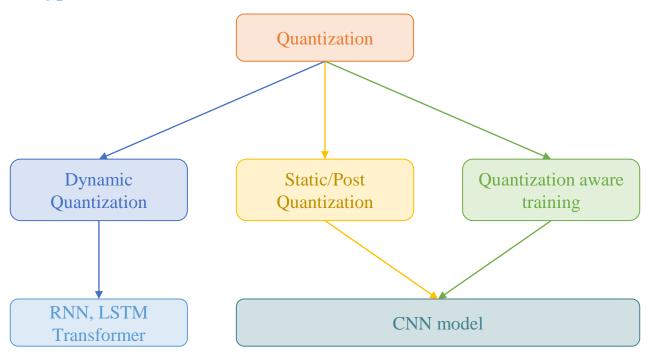


$$\begin{aligned} &Y_{q,i,j} \\ &= z_Y + \frac{s_Y}{s_b} \left(b_{q,j} - z_b \right) \\ &+ \frac{s_Y}{s_X s_W} \left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^p X_{q,i,k} \, W_{q,k,j} \right) - \left(z_W \sum_{k=1}^p X_{q,i,k} \right) - \left(z_X \sum_{k=1}^p W_{q,k,j} \right) + p z_X z_W \right] \end{aligned}$$

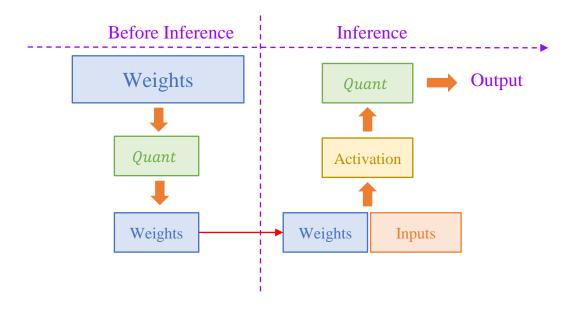
Activation Quantization



***** Quantization types

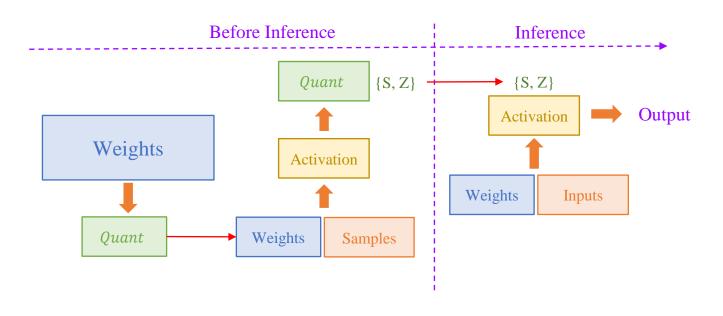


***** Dynamic Quantization

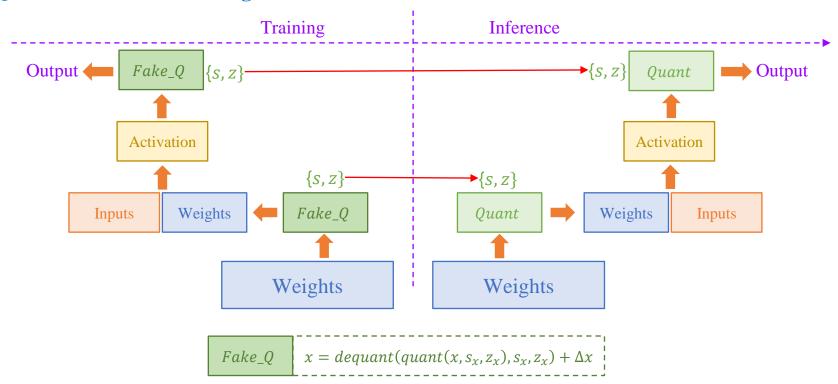


❖ Static/Post Quantization

{S: scale, Z: zero point}



***** Quantization aware training



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Background

***** Quantization Types

Types	Data requirements	Inference speed	Performance degradation	
Dynamic Quantization	No data	Slow	Low	
Static/Post Quantization	Unlabelled representative sample	Fast	High	
Quantization aware training			Low	

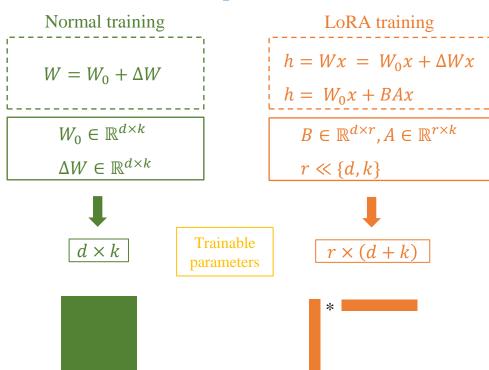


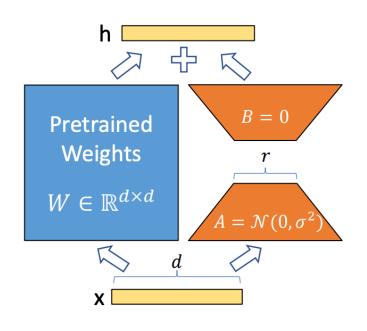
***** Full Fine-tuning Full layers Optimizer fine-tuning N-layers Weights $W_{L_{n-1}}$ Layer Norm $W_{L_{n-2}}$ Feed forward $W_{L_{n-3}}$ Trained Adam Model Layer Norm W_{L_2} Multi-Head Self- W_{L_1} Attention W_{L_0}



Fine-tuning a subset of parameters Frozen some Optimizer N-layers layers Weights $W_{L_{n-1}}$ Layer Norm $W_{L_{n-2}}$ Frozen Feed forward $W_{L_{n-3}}$ **Trained** Adam Model Layer Norm W_{L_2} Frozen Multi-Head Self- W_{L_1} Attention W_{L_0}

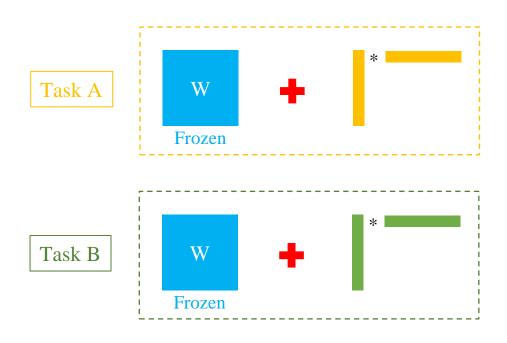
LoRA: Low-rank Adaptation

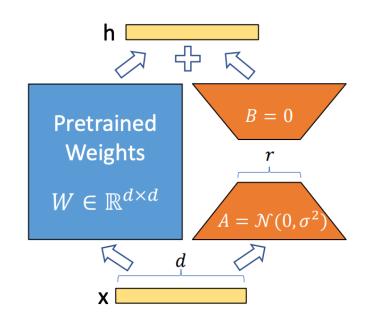






Switch to another task





LoRA: Low-rank Adaptatio of LLMs

$$GPT3\ Config = \begin{cases} layers = 96 \\ d_{model} = 12288 \end{cases}$$

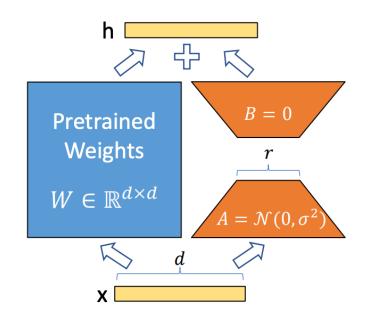
$$params: \sim 175B$$

$$Trainable\ params \ = 2 imes d_{model} imes r imes \widehat{L}_{LoRA}$$

$$r = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow params$$

$$= 2 \times 12288 \times 4 \times (96 \times 4) \sim 37.7M$$



❖ Result of LoRA in GPT-2/3

Model & Method	# Trainable	E2E NLG Challenge				
	Parameters	BLEU	NIST	MET	ROUGE-L	CIDEr
GPT-2 M (FT)*	354.92M	68.2	8.62	46.2	71.0	2.47
GPT-2 M (Adapter ^L)*	0.37M	66.3	8.41	45.0	69.8	2.40
GPT-2 M (Adapter ^L)*	11.09M	68.9	8.71	46.1	71.3	2.47
GPT-2 M (Adapter ^H)	11.09M	$67.3_{\pm .6}$	$8.50_{\pm.07}$	$46.0_{\pm.2}$	$70.7_{\pm.2}$	$2.44_{\pm .01}$
GPT-2 M (FT ^{Top2})*	25.19M	68.1	8.59	46.0	70.8	2.41
GPT-2 M (PreLayer)*	0.35M	69.7	8.81	46.1	71.4	2.49
GPT-2 M (LoRA)	0.35M	$70.4_{\pm.1}$	$\pmb{8.85}_{\pm.02}$	$\textbf{46.8}_{\pm .2}$	$\textbf{71.8}_{\pm.1}$	$\textbf{2.53}_{\pm.02}$
GPT-2 L (FT)*	774.03M	68.5	8.78	46.0	69.9	2.45
GPT-2 L (Adapter ^L)	0.88M	$69.1_{\pm.1}$	$8.68_{\pm.03}$	$46.3_{\pm .0}$	$71.4_{\pm .2}$	$\textbf{2.49}_{\pm.0}$
GPT-2 L (Adapter ^L)	23.00M	$68.9_{\pm .3}$	$8.70_{\pm .04}$	$46.1_{\pm .1}$	$71.3_{\pm .2}$	$2.45_{\pm .02}$
GPT-2 L (PreLayer)*	0.77M	70.3	8.85	46.2	71.7	2.47
GPT-2 L (LoRA)	0.77M	70.4 $_{\pm .1}$	$8.89_{\pm .02}$	$46.8_{\pm .2}$	$\textbf{72.0}_{\pm.2}$	$2.47_{\pm .02}$

Model&Method	# Trainable	WikiSQL	MNLI-m	SAMSum	
1/10delect/10dflod	Parameters	Acc. (%)	Acc. (%)	R1/R2/RL	
GPT-3 (FT)	175,255.8M	73.8	89.5	52.0/28.0/44.5	
GPT-3 (BitFit)	14.2M	71.3	91.0	51.3/27.4/43.5	
GPT-3 (PreEmbed)	3.2M	63.1	88.6	48.3/24.2/40.5	
GPT-3 (PreLayer)	20.2M	70.1	89.5	50.8/27.3/43.5	
GPT-3 (Adapter ^H)	7.1M	71.9	89.8	53.0/28.9/44.8	
GPT-3 (Adapter ^H)	40.1M	73.2	91.5	53.2/29.0/45.1	
GPT-3 (LoRA)	4.7M	73.4	91.7	53.8/29.8/45.9	
GPT-3 (LoRA)	37.7M	74.0	91.6	53.4/29.2/45.1	

"This suggests that the low-rank adaptation matrix potentially **amplifies** the **important features** for <u>specific downstream tasks</u> that were learned but not emphasized in the general pre-training model."



❖ What is the optimal rank (r) for LoRA

	Weight Type	r = 1	r = 2	r = 4	r = 8	r = 64
WikiSQL(±0.5%)	$egin{array}{c} W_q \ W_q, W_v \end{array}$	68.8 73.4	69.6 73.3	70.5 73.7	70.4 73.8	70.0 73.5
	W_q, W_k^q, W_v, W_o	74.1	73.7	74.0	74.0	73.9
	$ W_q $	90.7	90.9	91.1	90.7	90.7
MultiNLI (±0.1%)	$\left \begin{array}{c} W_q, W_v \\ W_q, W_k, W_v, W_o \end{array}\right $	91.3 91.2	91.4 91.7	91.3 91.7	91.6 91.5	91.4 91.4

Directions corresponding to the top singular vector overlap significantly between $A_{r=8}$ and $A_{r=64}$, while others do not. Specifically, ΔW_v (resp. ΔW_q) of $A_{r=8}$ and ΔW_v (resp. ΔW_q) of $A_{r=64}$ share a subspace of dimension 1 with normalized similarity > 0.5, providing an explanation of why r=1 performs quite well in our downstream tasks for GPT-3.

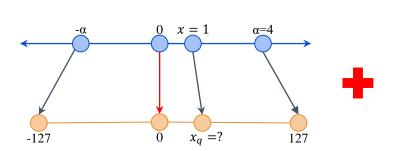
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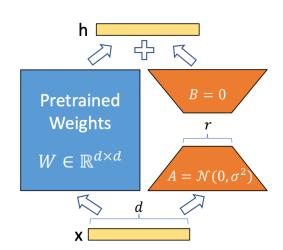
Methods

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- **4-bit Quantization**
- **Double Quantization**

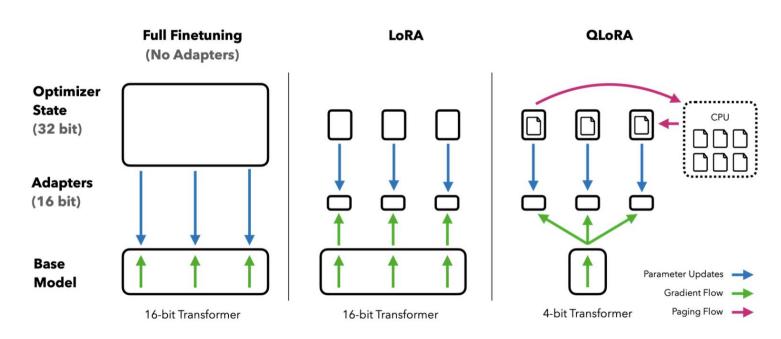
***** Introduction

QLoRA = **Quantization** + **LoRA**





❖ QLoRa

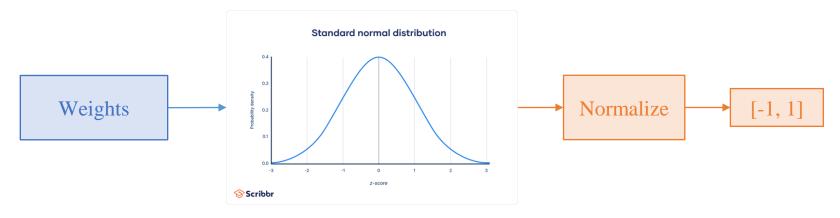


Block-wise k-bit Quantization

$$\mathbf{X}^{\text{Int8}} = \text{round}\left(\frac{127}{\text{absmax}(\mathbf{X}^{\text{FP32}})}\mathbf{X}^{\text{FP32}}\right) = \text{round}(c^{\text{FP32}} \cdot \mathbf{X}^{\text{FP32}})$$

$$ext{dequant}(c^{ ext{FP32}}, \mathbf{X}^{ ext{Int8}}) = rac{\mathbf{X}^{ ext{Int8}}}{c^{ ext{FP32}}} = \mathbf{X}^{ ext{FP32}}$$

4-bit NormalFloat Quantization



$$q_i = \frac{1}{2} \left(Q_X \left(\frac{i}{2^k + 1} \right) + Q_X \left(\frac{i+1}{2^k + 1} \right) \right),$$

Double Quantization (DQ)

$$\mathbf{Y}^{\text{BF}16} = \mathbf{X}^{\text{BF}16} \text{doubleDequant}(c_1^{\text{FP}32}, c_2^{\text{k-bit}}, \mathbf{W}^{\text{NF}4}) + \mathbf{X}^{\text{BF}16} \mathbf{L}_1^{\text{BF}16} \mathbf{L}_2^{\text{BF}16},$$

$$\mathsf{doubleDequant}(c_1^{\mathsf{FP32}}, c_2^{\mathsf{k\text{-}bit}}, \mathbf{W}^{\mathsf{k\text{-}bit}}) = \mathsf{dequant}(\mathsf{dequant}(c_1^{\mathsf{FP32}}, c_2^{\mathsf{k\text{-}bit}}), \mathbf{W}^{\mathsf{4bit}}) = \mathbf{W}^{\mathsf{BF16}},$$

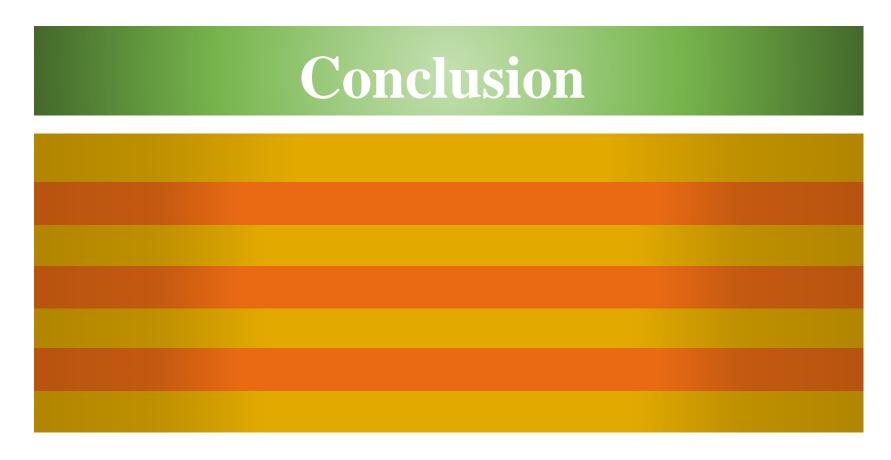


Evaluation

❖ Guanaco with QLoRA

Table 6: Zero-shot Vicuna benchmark scores as a percentage of the score obtained by ChatGPT evaluated by GPT-4. We see that OASST1 models perform close to ChatGPT despite being trained on a very small dataset and having a fraction of the memory requirement of baseline models.

Model / Dataset	Params	Model bits	Memory	ChatGPT vs Sys	Sys vs ChatGPT	Mean	95% C
GPT-4	-	-	-	119.4%	110.1%	114.5%	2.6%
Bard	-	-	-	93.2%	96.4%	94.8%	4.1%
Guanaco	65B	4-bit	41 GB	96.7%	101.9%	99.3%	4.4%
Alpaca	65B	4-bit	41 GB	63.0%	77.9%	70.7%	4.3%
FLAN v2	65B	4-bit	41 GB	37.0%	59.6%	48.4%	4.6%
Guanaco	33B	4-bit	21 GB	96.5%	99.2%	97.8%	4.4%
Open Assistant	33B	16-bit	66 GB	91.2%	98.7%	94.9%	4.5%
Alpaca	33B	4-bit	21 GB	67.2%	79.7%	73.6%	4.2%
FLAN v2	33B	4-bit	21 GB	26.3%	49.7%	38.0%	3.9%
Vicuna	13B	16-bit	26 GB	91.2%	98.7%	94.9%	4.5%
Guanaco	13B	4-bit	10 GB	87.3%	93.4%	90.4%	5.2%
Alpaca	13B	4-bit	10 GB	63.8%	76.7%	69.4%	4.2%
HĤ-RLHF	13B	4-bit	10 GB	55.5%	69.1%	62.5%	4.7%
Unnatural Instr.	13B	4-bit	10 GB	50.6%	69.8%	60.5%	4.2%
Chip2	13B	4-bit	10 GB	49.2%	69.3%	59.5%	4.7%
Longform	13B	4-bit	10 GB	44.9%	62.0%	53.6%	5.2%
Self-Instruct	13B	4-bit	10 GB	38.0%	60.5%	49.1%	4.6%
FLAN v2	13B	4-bit	10 GB	32.4%	61.2%	47.0%	3.6%
Guanaco	7B	4-bit	5 GB	84.1%	89.8%	87.0%	5.4%
Alpaca	7B	4-bit	5 GB	57.3%	71.2%	64.4%	5.0%
FLAN v2	7B	4-bit	5 GB	33.3%	56.1%	44.8%	4.0%



Conclusion

Advantages

- 4-bit finetuning with LoRA replicate 16-bit full finetuning.
- QLoRA + Guanaco archive Stateof-the-art performance AI chatbot.

Limitations

- Can not evaluation with difference bit (such as 3-bit).
- Cannot marger with difference adapter

