
Brouillon 3

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1 Nomenclature

1.1 Dimensions

- b Mini-batch size
- d_e Embedding dimension
- d_s Sequence length
- d_k Query/Keys dimension
- d_v Value dimension
- h Number of heads

We make the hypothesis that $d_k < d_e < d_s$.

1.2 Matrix operations in a self-attention block

In the case of multi head attention, for each head $i = 1, \dots, h$, we have:

- Input $X \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times d_e}$
- $W_{Q_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times \frac{d_k}{h}}$, $Q_i := XW_{Q_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times \frac{d_k}{h}}$
- $W_{K_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times \frac{d_k}{h}}$, $K_i := XW_{K_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times \frac{d_k}{h}}$
- $S_i := \frac{Q_i K_i^\top}{\sqrt{\frac{d_k}{h}}} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times d_s}$
- $A_i := \text{softmax}_{\text{row}}(S)$
- $W_{V_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_e \times \frac{d_v}{h}}$, $V_i := XW_{V_i} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times \frac{d_v}{h}}$
- $H_i := A_i V_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times \frac{d_v}{h}}$, $H = [H_1, \dots, H_h] \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times d_v}$
- $W_O \in \mathbb{R}^{d_v \times d_e}$
- Output $Y := HW_O + X \in \mathbb{R}^{d_s \times d_e}$

For now, we study the case $h = 1$.

🔥 We omit the $\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_k}}$ scaling for the S matrix, it can cause problem with growing, so for growing we will make it a learnable parameter (and initialize it at $\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_{k_{\text{initial}}}}}$?).

2 Problem

Goal:

$$\min_f \mathcal{L}(f).$$

We will study the variations of the loss made by the variations of S , with other parameters fixed. Hence we will study

$$\arg \min_S \mathcal{L}(S)$$

Let $G := \nabla_S \mathcal{L}(S)$.

We have

$$\text{rk}(G) \leq d_s, \quad \text{rk}(S) \leq d_k$$

We have the first order approximation:

$$\mathcal{L}(S + \gamma dS) = \mathcal{L}(S) + \gamma \langle G, dS \rangle + o(\|dS\|)$$

We introduce γ , similar to a step size, and we consider the problem

$$\arg \min_{dS} \langle G, dS \rangle_F \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|dS\| \leq \gamma \wedge \text{rk}(dS) \leq d_k$$

Let $Z = W_Q W_K^\top$, with $\text{rk}(Z) \leq d_k$, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} S &= X W_Q W_K^\top X^\top \\ &= X Z X^\top \end{aligned}$$

and

🔥 To verify

$$\begin{aligned} dS &= X (W_{Q+1} W_{K+1}^\top) X^\top - X W_Q W_K^\top X^\top \\ &= X (Z + dZ) X^\top - X Z X^\top \\ &= X dZ X^\top \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \langle G, dS \rangle_F &= \langle G, X dZ X^\top \rangle_F \\ &= \text{tr}(G X dZ^\top X^\top) \\ &= \langle X^\top G X, dZ \rangle_F \end{aligned}$$

The problem becomes

$$\arg \min_{dZ} \langle X^\top G X, dZ \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|X dZ X^\top\| \leq \gamma \wedge \text{rk}(dZ) \leq d_k$$

🔥 Problem with the norm constraint:

We can either

- Solve the problem $\min_{dZ} \langle X^\top G X, dZ \rangle \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \|X dZ X^\top\| \leq \gamma \wedge \text{rk}(dZ) \leq d_k$, expensive but ok.
 - Try to relax the norm constraint, but that could cause some space warping? and then $dZ = -X^\top G X$ could not be the best direction? (Then search gamma with a line search)
- > Test both to see if the second works?

3 Problem with relaxed norm constraint

Let dZ^0 be the best direction for dZ .

We consider we can get $dZ^0 = -X^\top G X$ from the problem, up to a rank constraint. We will scale with gamma later.

In practice, we could accumulate the dZ^0 :

$$dZ^0 = \mathbb{E}_X[-X^\top G X]$$

Then do a line search, either

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{\text{FR}}^* &= \mathcal{L}(Z + \lambda dZ^0) \\ \lambda_{\text{LR}}^* &= \mathcal{L}((Z + \lambda dZ^0)_{\text{LR}}) \end{aligned}$$

Then get the new weight matrices

$$W_{Q_{+1}}, W_{K_{+1}} = \text{SVD}_{\text{LR}}(Z + \lambda^* dZ^0)$$

3.1 Testing coming from the first order approximation

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(S + \gamma dS) &= \mathcal{L}(S) + \gamma \langle G, dS \rangle + o(\|dS\|) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(S) + \gamma \langle G, X dZ X^\top \rangle + o(\|dS\|) \\ &= \mathcal{L}(S) + \gamma \langle X^\top G X, dZ \rangle + o(\|dS\|)\end{aligned}$$

🔥 No constraint, during the first order approx, allows to put the norm constraint after?
Something like

$$\arg \min_{dZ} \langle X^\top G X, dZ \rangle_F \text{ s.t. } \|dZ\|_F \leq \gamma \wedge \text{rk}(dZ) \leq \text{rk}(X^\top G X)$$

3.2 Idea

$$\begin{aligned}\|dS\|_F &= \|X dZ X\|_F \\ &\leq \|X\|_2^2 \|dZ\|_F\end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$\sigma_{\min}^2(X) \|dZ\|_F \leq \|dS\|_F$$

So if there exist $\sigma_{\min}^2 \geq 0 \iff X$ full rank, then $\|dS\|$ has a positive lower bound.

4 Full problem