

# One-layer transformer for NTP task

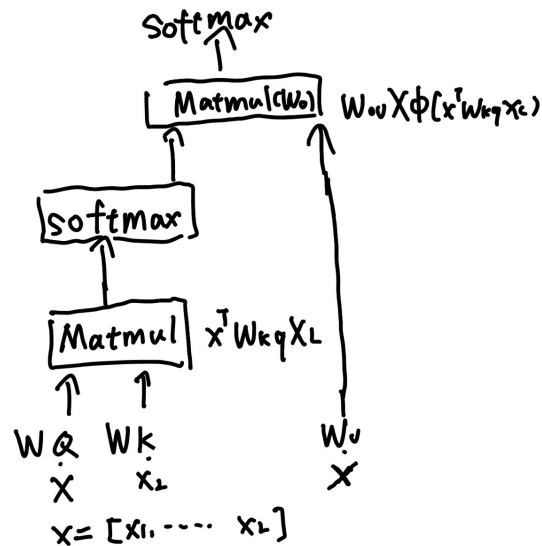
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# Task Set Up

- **Vocabulary set:**  $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathbb{R}^d$   
**Sentence:**  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_L] \in \mathcal{V}^L \subset \mathbb{R}^{d \times L}$ , length  $L < L_{max}$
- **Ground truth model:**  $p_L^* : X \in \mathcal{V}^L \rightarrow x_{L+1} \in \mathcal{V}$
- **training data set:**  
 $\mathcal{D}_0 = \{(X, x_{L+1}) | L < L_{max}, X \in \mathcal{V}^L, x_{L+1} \in \mathcal{V}\}$

# Model Architecture



Output:

$$T_{\theta}(X) := \phi(W_{ov} X \phi(X^T W_{kq} x_L)) \in [0, 1]^{|V|}$$

## $X_q$ partial order

- Motivation: training loss  $\rightarrow 0$
- **"Collocation"**: Consider the one-token in which only the feed forward layer works (with parameter  $W_t$  at time  $t$ ). Then if the loss function  $\rightarrow 0$ , i.e.  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}_0} \log e_\iota(x)^\top \phi(W_t x) = 0$  then  $\iota$  is injective, here  $\iota(x)$  is the index of the next token, indicating the unique next token  $n(x)$  for one-token input. Call  $\{x, n(x)\}_{x \in \mathcal{V}}$  as **collocation**. ( $p_1^* = n$ )
- **"order"**:  $\mathbf{n}^{-1}(x_{L+1}) \in \{x_\ell\}_{\ell \leq L}$ . Denote  $\varphi_\ell \propto \exp(x_\ell^\top W_k q x_L)$  (Weight from the attention layer). Then  $\varphi_\ell > \varphi_{\ell'}$  if  $n(x_\ell) = x_{L+1} \neq n(x_{\ell'})$

## query-dependent partial orders

### Definition

Let  $\mathcal{D}_0^{x^q}$  be the set of all sentences in the training dataset that has the final token  $x^q$ . Then, for any pair of tokens  $x, x' \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $x >_{x^q} x'$  if there exists a sentence  $X = [x_1, \dots, x_L] \in \mathcal{D}_0^{x^q}$  and  $x, x'$  are tokens in  $X$  such that  $n(x) = x_{L+1} \neq n(x')$ , where  $x_{L+1}$  is the next token of  $X$ .

token classification:

optimal/non-optimal/non-comparable/confused token (non-exist by assumption)

**Realizable dataset:** 1) collocation 2) well-defined  $>_{x^q}$  partial order without confused token

# Algorithm Design

**Training**  $W_{OV}$  (by single token prediction)

$$\mathcal{L}_0(W_{ov}) = - \sum_{x \in \mathcal{V}} \log \frac{\exp(e_{In(x)}^\top W_{ov} x)}{\sum_{v \leq |\mathcal{V}|} \exp(e_v^\top W_{ov} x)}$$

$$W_{ov}^{(t+1)} = W_{ov}^{(t)} - \eta_0 \frac{\nabla_{W_{ov}} \mathcal{L}_0(W_{ov}^{(t)})}{\|\nabla_{W_{ov}} \mathcal{L}_0(W_{ov}^{(t)})\|}$$

# Algorithm Design

**Training**  $W_{kq}$  Considering cross entropy loss:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = - \sum_n \pi^{(n)} \left( \log \left( \sum_v e_{\text{In}(X^{(n)})}^\top \bar{\mathcal{T}}_\theta(X^{(n)}) \right) - e_{\text{In}(X^{(n)})}^\top \bar{\mathcal{T}}_\theta(X^{(n)}) \right)$$

Where  $X^{(n)}$  denotes the n-th sentence,  $X_{-1}^{(n)}$  is the last token,

$$\pi^{(n)} = \frac{\sum_{(X, x_{L+1}) \in \mathcal{D}_0} \mathbf{1}\{X = X^{(n)}\}}{|\mathcal{D}_0|}, \quad \bar{\mathcal{T}}_\theta(X) = W_{\text{ov}} X \phi(X^\top W_{\text{kq}} X_{-1}^{(n)}).$$

Then the parameter is trained by:

$$W_{\text{kq}}^{(t+1)} = W_{\text{kq}}^{(t)} - \eta \frac{\nabla_{W_{\text{kq}}} \mathcal{L}(\theta^{(t)})}{\|\nabla_{W_{\text{kq}}} \mathcal{L}(\theta^{(t)})\|}, \text{ where } \theta^{(t)} = (W_{\text{ov}}^{(t)}, W_{\text{kq}}^{(t)})$$

# From the perspective of hard margin problem

$W_{ov}$

$$\begin{aligned} W_{ov}^* &= \arg \min \|W\| \\ \text{s.t. } (e_{v^*} - e_v)Wx &\geq 1, \quad \forall v^* = \ln(x), v \neq \ln(x) \end{aligned}$$

$W_{kq}$

$$\begin{aligned} W_{kq}^* &= \arg \min \|W\| \\ \text{s.t. } (x_{\ell_*}^{(n)} - x_{\ell}^{(n)})W X_{-1}^{(n)} &\geq 1, \quad \forall \ell_* \in l^{(n)}, \ell \notin l^{(n)}, \forall n \end{aligned}$$

$l(n)$  is the set of indices of the optimal tokens



# Generalization ability

If the trained transformer takes input  $X$  with query  $x^q$  that consists of a non-comparable and non-optimal tokens, then the prediction made by  $T_{\theta(t)}(X)$  is  $n(x_0)$  with high probability:

## Theorem

With certain assumptions in effect and  $t = \Omega(\log(1/\epsilon))$ . Then there exists a constant  $C_0$  such that

$$(x_* - x_0)^\top W_{\text{kq}}^{(t)} x^q \geq C_0 t, \quad (x_0 - x)^\top W_{\text{kq}}^{(t)} x^q \geq C_0 t, .$$

$$\forall x_* \in \mathcal{O}_{x^q}, x_0 \in \mathcal{M}_{x^q}, x \in \mathcal{N}_{x^q}.$$

# Subject, **V**erb, **O**bject & **P**unctuation mark

V=SVOP, VOP, OPP, PSV Collocation: (S, V), (V, O), (O, P), (P, S).

Partial order under query S.  $S >_S P$ .

Partial order under query V.  $V >_V S$ .

Partial order under query O.  $O >_O S$   $O >_O V$ .

Partial order under query P.  $O >_P P$ .

## Generalization to unseen data

**Example 1** Input:  $SP$  under  $>_P$ ,  $S$  non comparable,  $p$  non-optimal,  
then  $\Phi_s$  is larger prediction:  $n(S)=V$

**Example 2** Input:  $OSP$   $O >_P P$  prediction:  $n(O)=P$