## ECE661 Homework 3: RNN and Transformers

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## 1 True/False Question

- 1.1: T. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks use three gates—forget gate, input gate, and output gate—to regulate the flow of information. The forget gate specifically determines how much of the past cell state should be retained or discarded. However, while the input gate and cell update mechanism can also influence the state dynamics, they can can achieve effects in the exact same way.
- **1.2:** T. The time complexity of single-head attention is  $O(n^2d)$ , and in multi-head attention, with h heads, the complexity remains  $O(n^2d)$  due to parallel computation.
- 1.3: T. BPE is an unsupervised subword tokenization algorithm that starts with individual characters and gradually merges the most frequent adjacent character pairs into subwords. Traditional word-level tokenization has a large vocabulary, leading to more memory usage and out-of-vocabulary (OOV) issues when encountering unseen words.
- **1.4:** F. In transformers, positional embeddings are **added** (not multiplied) to token embeddings to encode positional information.
- 1.5: F. In an encoder-decoder transformer, the encoder outputs act as the **Key** and **Value**, while the decoder-generated representation is the **Query** in the second multi-head attention block.
- **1.6:** F. Tokens are the basic units of input and output in a language model. In natural language processing tasks, tokens typically represent words, subwords, or characters.
- 1.7: F. In transformer models, each token undergoes a linear projection to compute the Query (Q), Key (K), and Value (V) matrices using weight matrices of size  $d \times d$ . The complexity for computing Q, K, V is  $O((N+M)d^2)$ , not O((N+M)d).
- **1.8:** T. FlashAttention improves the computational efficiency of multi-head attention by optimizing memory locality and reducing redundant operations.
- 1.9: F. Humans do not directly modify the LLM weights; instead, they provide preference data used to train a reward model. The actual training of the LLM is handled by reinforcement learning algorithms (e.g., PPO), not by direct human involvement. Human feedback is indirectly used to guide the model rather than manually adjusting weights.
- **1.10:** F. KV-Cache is crucial for efficient LLM training and inference, reducing redundant computations by storing past key-value pairs.

# 2 Lab (1): Recurrent Neural Network for Sentiment Analysis

2(a):

#### Code:

```
X = df['review']
    y = df['sentiment']
    x_{train}, x_{test}, y_{train}, y_{test} = train_{test_{split}}(X, y, test_{size} = 0.2,
       random_state=12)
    x_train, x_valid, y_train, y_valid = train_test_split(x_train, y_train, test_size
       =0.125, random_state = 12)
    print(f'shape of train data is {x_train.shape}')
    print(f'shape of test data is {x_test.shape}')
    print(f'shape of valid data is {x_valid shape}')
    return x_train, x_valid, x_test, y_train, y_valid, y_test
x_train, x_valid, x_test, y_train, y_valid, y_test = load_imdb()
Output:
shape of train data is (35000,)
shape of test data is (10000,)
shape of valid data is (5000,)
2(b):
Code:
def build_vocab(x_train:list, min_freq: int=5, hparams=None) -> dict:
    build a vocabulary based on the training corpus.
    :param x_train: List. The training corpus. Each sample in the list is a string
    :param min_freq: Int. The frequency threshold for selecting words.
    :return: dictionary {word:index}
    \# Add your code here. Your code should assign corpus with a list of words.
    all_words = []
    for sample in x_train:
        sample = sample.lower()
        sample = sample.translate(str.maketrans('', '', string.punctuation))
        words = sample.split()
        all_words.extend(words)
    corpus = Counter(all_words)
    corpus = \{word: freq for word, freq in corpus.items() if word.lower() not in
       stopwords.words('english')}
    corpus_ = [word for word, freq in corpus.items() if freq >= min_freq]
    # creating a dict
    vocab = {w: i+2 for i, w in enumerate(corpus_)}
    vocab [hparams.PAD_TOKEN] = hparams.PAD_INDEX
    vocab [hparams.UNK_TOKEN] = hparams.UNK_INDEX
    return vocab
2(c):
Code:
def tokenize(vocab: dict, example: str) -> list:
    Tokenize the give example string into a list of token indices.
    :param vocab: dict, the vocabulary.
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:param example: a string of text.
    :return: a list of token indices.
    # Your code here.
    example = example.lower()
    example = example.translate(str.maketrans('', '', string.punctuation))
    tokens = example.split()
    unk_index = vocab.get("<UNK>", 1)
    token_indices = [vocab.get(word, unk_index) for word in tokens]
    return token_indices
2(d):
Code:
    def __getitem__(self , idx: int):
        review = self.x[idx]
        label = self.y[idx]
        token_ids = tokenize(self.vocab, review)
        if len(token_ids) > self.max_length:
            token_ids = token_ids [: self.max_length]
        binary_label = 1 if label == "positive" else 0
        return {
            'ids': token_ids,
             'length': len(token\_ids),
            'label': binary_label
        }
2(e):
Code:
    def __init__(
        self,
        vocab_size: int,
        embedding_dim: int,
        hidden_dim: int,
        output_dim: int,
        n_layers: int,
        dropout_rate: float,
        pad_index: int,
        bidirectional: bool = False,
        **kwargs):
        super().__init__()
        self.embedding = nn.Embedding(
            num_embeddings=vocab_size,
            embedding_dim=embedding_dim,
            padding_idx=pad_index
        )
        self.lstm = nn.LSTM(
            input_size=embedding_dim,
            hidden_size=hidden_dim,
            num_layers=n_layers,
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batch_first=True,
            bidirectional=bidirectional,
            dropout=dropout_rate if n_layers > 1 else 0
        )
        lstm_output_dim = hidden_dim * 2 if bidirectional else hidden_dim
        self.fc = nn.Linear(lstm_output_dim, output_dim)
        self.dropout = nn.Dropout(dropout_rate)
        if "weight_init_fn" not in kwargs:
            self.apply(init_weights)
        else:
            self.apply(kwargs["weight_init_fn"])
    def forward (self, ids: torch. Tensor, length: torch. Tensor):
        embedded = self.embedding(ids)
        packed_embedded = nn.utils.rnn.pack_padded_sequence(embedded, length.cpu(),
            batch_first=True, enforce_sorted=False)
        packed_output, (hidden, _) = self.lstm(packed_embedded)
        lstm_output , _ = nn.utils.rnn.pad_packed_sequence(packed_output , batch_first=
           True)
        if self.lstm.bidirectional:
            hidden = torch.cat((hidden[-2], hidden[-1]), dim=1)
        else:
            hidden = hidden[-1]
        dropped = self.dropout(hidden)
        prediction = self.fc(dropped)
        return prediction
2(f):
```

### Dynamics of training loss, validation loss and model prediction of the first test set:

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epoch: 1
train_loss: 0.689, train_acc: 0.541
valid_loss: 0.676, valid_acc: 0.563
train_loss: 0.558, train_acc: 0.716
valid_loss: 0.389, valid_acc: 0.835
epoch: 3
train_loss: 0.314, train_acc: 0.871
valid_loss: 0.363, valid_acc: 0.850
epoch: 4
train_loss: 0.220, train_acc: 0.917
valid_loss: 0.349, valid_acc: 0.873
epoch: 5
train_loss: 0.172, train_acc: 0.940
valid_loss: 0.401, valid_acc: 0.862
test_loss: 0.320, test_acc: 0.873
Actual Sentiment: positive
Predicted Sentiment: positive, Probability: 0.9957
```

### **Output:**

Training loss consistently decreases as training progresse. The validation loss follows the training loss pattern until Epoch 4, but slightly increases at Epoch 5. This suggests a slight overfitting trend, where the model learns training data well but generalizes slightly worse on validation data. The test accuracy (87.3) is close to validation accuracy (86.2), indicating good generalization. The model predicted the correct sentiment with high confidence (99.57). This suggests that the model has learned effective sentiment features. Therefore, it meets my expection.

## 3 Lab (2) Large Language Model for Text Generation

3(a):

#### Code:

```
# your code here: load the model and tokenizer
model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained("gpt2")
tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("gpt2")
tokenizer.pad_token = tokenizer.eos_token
model.config.pad_token_id = model.config.eos_token_id
def generate_text(model, tokenizer, prompt, max_length):
    # your code here: tokenize the prompt
    inputs = tokenizer(prompt, return_tensors="pt", padding=True, truncation=True)
    input_ids = inputs.input_ids
    attention\_mask = inputs.attention\_mask
    # your code here: generate token using the model
    gen_tokens = model.generate(input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask, max_length
       =max_length)
    # your code here: decode the generated tokens
    gen_text = tokenizer.decode(gen_tokens[0], skip_special_tokens=True)
    print(gen_text)
generate_text (model, tokenizer, "GPT-2-is-a-language-model-based-on-transformer-
   developed by OpenAI", 100)
```

#### Output:

GPT-2 is a language model based on transformer developed by OpenAI. It is a simple, fast, and scalable model of the human brain. It is based on the concept of the "brain-as-a-machine".

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3(b):

### Code:

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tokenizer = AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained("gpt2")
tokenizer.pad_token = tokenizer.eos_token
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# your code here: load the dataset
dataset = load_dataset("wikitext", "wikitext-2-raw-v1")
# get 10% of dataset
dataset_train = dataset["train"].select(range(len(dataset["train"]) // 10))
dataset_valid = dataset ["validation"].select (range(len(dataset ["validation"]) // 10))
# your code here: implement function that tokenize the dataset and set labels to be
   the same as input_ids
def tokenize_function(examples):
    tokenized = tokenizer(examples['text'], padding='max_length', truncation=True,
        return_tensors="pt")
    tokenized ["labels"] = tokenized ["input_ids"].clone()
    return tokenized
\# your code here: tokenize the dataset (you may need to remove columns that are not
   needed)
tokenized_datasets_train = dataset_train.map(tokenize_function, batched=True,
   remove_columns=["text"])
tokenized_datasets_valid = dataset_valid.map(tokenize_function, batched=True,
   remove_columns=["text"])
tokenized_datasets_train.set_format("torch")
tokenized_datasets_valid.set_format("torch")
\# your code here: create datacollator for training and validation dataset
data_collator = DataCollatorForLanguageModeling(tokenizer=tokenizer, mlm=False)
train_dataloader = DataLoader(tokenized_datasets_train, shuffle=True, batch_size=4,
   collate_fn=data_collator)
valid_dataloader = DataLoader(tokenized_datasets_valid, batch_size=4, collate_fn=
   data_collator)
# Test the DataLoader
for batch in train_dataloader:
    print(batch['input_ids'].shape)
    print(batch['attention_mask'].shape)
    print(batch['labels'].shape)
print("DataLoader - is - working - correctly!")
3(c):
Code:
def evaluate_perplexity(model, dataloader):
    model. eval()
    model.to(device)
    total_loss = 0
    total_length = 0
    loss_fn = nn.CrossEntropyLoss(reduction='sum')
    with torch.no_grad():
        for batch in dataloader:
            # your code here: get the input_ids, attention_mask, and labels from the
            input_ids = batch ["input_ids"]. to (device)
            attention_mask = batch["attention_mask"].to(device)
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labels = batch['labels'].to(device)
            # your code here: forward pass
            outputs = model(input_ids, attention_mask=attention_mask, labels=labels)
             logits = outputs.logits
            \# Shift so that tokens < n predict n
             shift_logits = logits[..., :-1, :].contiguous()
             shift_labels = labels [..., 1:].contiguous()
            # your code here: calculate the loss
            loss = loss_fn(shift_logits.view(-1, shift_logits.size(-1)), shift_labels
                . view(-1)
             total_loss += loss.item()
             total_length += attention_mask.sum().item()
    # Calculate perplexity
    perplexity = torch.exp(torch.tensor(total_loss / total_length))
    return perplexity.item()
perplexity = evaluate_perplexity(model, valid_dataloader)
print(f"Initial - perplexity: - { perplexity }")
Output:
Initial perplexity: 42.9958610534668
3(d):
Code:
# your code here: report validation and training loss every epoch
    evaluation_strategy='epoch',
    logging_strategy='epoch',
    save_strategy='epoch',
    logging_dir='./logs',
)
# your code here: create a Trainer object
trainer = Trainer(
    model=model,
                                   # Your GPT-2 model
    args=training_args,
                                  # Training arguments
    {\tt train\_dataset=tokenized\_datasets\_train}~,~\#~Training~dataset
    \verb| eval_dataset= \verb| tokenized_datasets\_valid|, \quad \# \ Validation \ \ dataset|
                                  \# GPT-2 tokenizer
    tokenizer=tokenizer,
fine-tuned perplexity: 27.341947555541992
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### Generate some text using the fine-tuned model:

GPT-2 is a language model based on transformers developed by OpenAI , and is based on the same basic principles as the CATAS model . The CATAS model is based on the CATAS model of the interaction between the two nuclei of the CNS . The CATAS model is based on the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the

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3(e):
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### Code:

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from peft import LoraConfig, get_peft_model
peft_config = LoraConfig(
    lora_alpha=16,
    lora_dropout = 0.1,
    r = 64,
    bias="none",
    task_type="CAUSAL_LM",
)
# your code here: load GPT2 model and add the lora adapter
model = AutoModelForCausalLM.from_pretrained('gpt2')
model.config.pad_token_id = model.config.eos_token_id
model_lora = get_peft_model(model, peft_config)
training_args = TrainingArguments(
    output_dir="./gpt2-lora-wikitext-2",
    overwrite_output_dir=True,
    num_train_epochs=3,
    per_device_train_batch_size=8,
    per_device_eval_batch_size=8,
    eval_steps=400,
    save_steps=800,
    warmup_steps=500,
    prediction_loss_only=True,
)
# your code here: set trainer and train the model
trainer = Trainer(
    model=model_lora,
    args=training_args,
    train_dataset=tokenized_datasets_train,
    eval_dataset=tokenized_datasets_valid,
    data_collator=data_collator,
)
trainer.train()
ppl = evaluate_perplexity(model_lora, valid_dataloader)
print(f"Perplexity - after - lora - finetuning : - {ppl}")
Finetuning time of fully finetuning: 14m 30.4s
Finetuning time of LoRA finetuning: 8m 44.8s
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Reason: LoRA finetuning updates fewer parameters instead of the full model, avoids expensive backpropagation for frozen layers and uses efficient low-rank matrix updates.

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Perplexity of pre-trained GPT-2: 42.9958610534668
Perplexity of finetuned GPT-2: 27.341890335083008
Perplexity of LoRA finetuned GPT-2: 30.291595458984375
```

Generated text of pre-trained GPT-2: GPT-2 is a language model based on transformer developed by OpenAI. It is a simple, fast, and scalable model of the human brain. It is based on the concept of the "brain as a machine".

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Generated text of finetuned GPT-2: GPT-2 is a language model based on transformers developed by OpenAI , and is based on the same basic principles as the CATAS model . The CATAS model is based on the CATAS model of the interaction between the two nuclei of the CNS . The CATAS model is based on the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the interaction between the CNS and the CNS + the

Generated text of LoRA finetuned GPT-2: GPT-2 is a language model based on transformers developed by OpenAI , which is based on the concept of a "transformation-based" model of the brain . The model is based on the concept of a "transformation-based" model of the brain , which is based on the concept of a "transformation-based" model of the brain , which is based on the concept of a "transformation-based" model of the brain , which is based

Reason: 1. Fully fine-tuned GPT-2 significantly lowers perplexity (from  $42.99 \rightarrow 27.34$ ). This means the model learns better probability distributions from the fine-tuning dataset. 2. LoRA fine-tuned GPT-2 has almost the same perplexity as fully fine-tuned GPT-2. LoRA does not fully update all model parameters. It only updates small adapter layers, leading to relavively smaller improvements in perplexit compared with fully fine-tuned GPT-2. 3. Fully fine-tuned GPT-2 produces more diverse text but with overuse of "CNS" (potential dataset bias).