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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Efficient Deep Learning, Model Compression, LLM Fine-Tuning, Interpretability of Generative Language Model

#### **EDUCATION**

## Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea

Mar. 2021 - Present

Artificial Intelligence Hardware & Algorithm lab Ph.D. Student in Electronic Engineering

Advisor: Professor Jungwook Choi

## Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea

Feb. 2021

B.S in Electronic Engineering

Thesis: Improving training method for very low bit weight quantization of Light Deep Learning Model

Advisor: Professor Jungwook Choi

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- [NeurIPS 2023] Minsoo Kim, Sihwa Lee, Jangwhan Lee, Sukjin Hong, Du-Seong Chang, Wonyong Sung and Jungwook Choi "Token-Scaled Logit Distillation for Ternary Weight Generative Language Models", *Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*[Paper]
- [EMNLP 2023 main] Janghwan Lee\*, Minsoo Kim\*, Seungcheol Baek, Seok Joong Hwang, Wonyong Sung and Jungwook Choi "Enhancing Computation Efficiency in Large Language Models through Weight and Activation Quantization", Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (to appear)
- [EACL 2023 main] Minsoo Kim, Kyuhong Shim, Seongmin Park, Wonyong Sung and Jungwook Choi, "Teacher Intervention: Improving Convergence of Quantization Aware Training for Ultra-Low Precision Transformers", The 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics [Paper, Code Poster]
- [EMNLP 2022 main] Minsoo Kim, Sihwa Lee, Sukjin Hong, Du-Seong Chang, and Jungwook Choi, "Understanding and Improving Knowledge Distillation for Quantization-Aware Training of Large Transformer Encoders," Proceedings of the 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing [Paper, Code, Poster]
- [DAC 2022] Joonsang Yu, Junki Park, Seongmin Park, Minsoo Kim, Sihwa Lee, Donghyun Lee, Jungwook Choi, "NN-LUT: neural approximation of non-linear operations for efficient transformer inference," *Proceedings of the 59th ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference*[Paper]
- Hyeonseung Kim, Minsoo Kim, Jungwook Choi, "Improving training method for very low bit weight quantization of Light Deep Learning Model," Autumn Annual Conference of IEIE 2020

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, AI Algorithm & Hardware Lab, Hanyang University Advisor: Professor Jungwook Choi

Mar 2021 - Present Seoul, South Korea

## • Token-Scaled Logit Distillation for Ternary Weight Generative Language Models

- Innovative KD method designed for GLM QAT, providing superior learning from teacher
- Conduct QAT KD experiments on up to 7B-sized GLM, achieving <1 PPL degradation
- Analysis of the impact of KD on GLM, proposing memory-efficient and flexible adjustment KD for GLM

## • Enhancing Efficiency in LLMs via Weight & Activation Quantization

- PTQ method for 4-bit weight and 8-bit activation for LLM (up to 60B)
- Simple scaling and calibration method for optimized PTQ, addressing combined weight and activation effects
- Identify underflow in W4A8; propose hybrid data format and arithmetic unit with 2× HW efficiency

# • Understanding and Improving KD for QAT of Large Transformer Encoders

- In-depth analysis of the mechanism of KD on attention recovery of quantized large Transformer encoders
- Analyze quantization effect on attention behavior of transformer over various language understanding tasks
- Improve accuracy drop in NLU for 2bit weight quantization QAT for large Transformer encoder with <1%

# • Improving Convergence of Quantization Aware Training for Ultra-Low Precision Transformers

- Proactive Teacher Intervention KD method for fast converging 2-bit QAT of Transformer encoders
- Gradual Intervention Mechanism stabilizing the recovery of subsections of quantized Transformer layers
- Achieve higher accuracy in BERT and ViT within up to 12.5x shorter fine-tuning time

### SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD

• Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship South Korea (QIFK2023), Finalist, Qualcomm November 2023

• Integrated PhD Course Scholarship, Full Tuition, Hanyang University Spring 2021 - Spring 2021

• Reseach Scholarship USD 16K, IoT System Semiconductor Research Center Spring 2021 - Spring 2023

• AI Grand Challenge, Korea Ministry of Science and ICT Fall 2020

- First place award in Model Compression Track (YOLOV5s Object Detection model 4x speed up)

### **SKILLS**

- Programming Languages: Python, C, C++
- Teaching Assistant: SOC design (Spring 2021), Introduction to SW Optimization (Fall 2023)
- DL Frameworks: Pytorch, Huggingface
- Cloud Computing Platform: NAVER NSML Machine Learning platform, KT Genie Mars Server Platform
- English: Served in the US Army as a Korean Augmentation to the United States Army(KATUSA) for 21 months (Jul 2017 Apr 2019), Certified Air Traffic Control (ATC) Operator of 8th Army.

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

• Reviewer of EMNLP 2023