

ChatGPT

how to create input embeddings for transformer training

Creating input embeddings for transformer training involves several steps, typically starting from raw input data (such as text) and converting it into a numerical format that the transformer model can process. Here's a step-by-step process to create input embeddings:

1. Tokenization

- **Purpose:** Break the input text into smaller units, such as words or subwords, which are then mapped to indices in a vocabulary.
- **Tools:** Tokenizers like **WordPiece**, **BPE (Byte Pair Encoding)**, or **SentencePiece** are often used.

Example:

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```
from transformers import BertTokenizer
tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
input_text = "Transformer models are powerful."
tokenized_input = tokenizer(input_text, padding=True, truncation=True,
return_tensors="pt")
```

2. Embedding Layer

- **Purpose:** Transform tokenized indices into dense vector representations (embeddings).
- **Tools:** Use pretrained models such as BERT, GPT, or your custom embeddings trained using techniques like Word2Vec or GloVe.

Example:

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# Using Hugging Face Transformers to get embeddings
from transformers import BertModel
model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
output = model(**tokenized_input)
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embeddings = output.last_hidden_state # Shape: (batch_size, sequence_length,
hidden_dim)
```

3. Positional Encoding

- **Purpose:** Since transformers do not have a built-in sense of sequence, positional encoding is added to the input embeddings to give the model information about the position of each token in the sequence.
- **How:** This is typically added to the token embeddings before passing them into the model. Common methods include sinusoidal positional encodings or learned positional embeddings.

Example:

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import torch
from torch import nn

class PositionalEncoding(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, d_model, max_len=5000):
        super(PositionalEncoding, self).__init__()
        self.encoding = torch.zeros(max_len, d_model)
        position = torch.arange(0, max_len).unsqueeze(1)
        div_term = torch.exp(torch.arange(0, d_model, 2) * -
(torch.log(torch.tensor(10000.0)) / d_model))
        self.encoding[:, 0::2] = torch.sin(position * div_term)
        self.encoding[:, 1::2] = torch.cos(position * div_term)
        self.encoding = self.encoding.unsqueeze(0).transpose(0, 1)

    def forward(self, x):
        return x + self.encoding[:x.size(0), :]

pos_encoder = PositionalEncoding(d_model=768)
embeddings_with_pos = pos_encoder(embeddings)
```

4. Segment Embedding (Optional)

- **Purpose:** For tasks like question-answering or sentence-pair classification, segment embeddings are used to differentiate between different parts of the input (e.g., question and context).

- **How:** These embeddings are often added to the token embeddings. In models like BERT, segment embeddings are part of the input encoding.

5. Final Input Embeddings

- **Purpose:** Combine token embeddings, positional embeddings, and (optionally) segment embeddings into the final input embeddings.
- **How:** Typically, these embeddings are summed together element-wise, creating the final input representation for the transformer model.

Example (combining all embeddings):

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final_embeddings = embeddings_with_pos + segment_embeddings
```

6. Feed to Transformer

- Once the input embeddings are ready, they can be fed into the transformer model for further training or inference.

Summary

- **Tokenization:** Convert text into tokens.
- **Token Embeddings:** Map tokens to dense vectors using pretrained embeddings.
- **Positional Encoding:** Add positional information to embeddings.
- **Segment Embeddings (Optional):** Add segment identifiers if needed.
- **Combine Embeddings:** Finalize the input embeddings by combining token, positional, and segment embeddings.

This process ensures that the input to the transformer contains rich semantic information and the positional context necessary for the model to understand the sequence.

example values

To give you a clearer understanding, here's an example with real values at each step for creating input embeddings for transformer training:

Example Input:

Text: "Transformers are powerful models."

Let's walk through the steps:

1. Tokenization

Using the **BERT tokenizer** (WordPiece model), the sentence "Transformers are powerful models." will be tokenized into subword tokens. The tokenizer converts the text into tokens and maps each token to an index from the vocabulary.

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from transformers import BertTokenizer

tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

input_text = "Transformers are powerful models."
tokenized_input = tokenizer(input_text, return_tensors="pt")

# Tokenized input example:
tokenized_input = {
    'input_ids': torch.tensor([[101, 10481, 2024, 4918, 6764, 1012, 102]]),
    'attention_mask': torch.tensor([[1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]])
}

# 'input_ids' corresponds to indices in the BERT vocabulary
# Example tokenization:
# 'Transformers' -> 10481
# 'are' -> 2024
# 'powerful' -> 4918
# 'models' -> 6764
# '.' -> 1012
# [101] is the [CLS] token and [102] is the [SEP] token
```

2. Embedding Layer

BERT's embedding layer will map these indices into dense vectors (embeddings). For example, the token "Transformers" (index 10481) will be mapped to a 768-dimensional vector.

Using the pretrained BERT model:

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from transformers import BertModel

model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
output = model(**tokenized_input)

# Extract embeddings for each token
embeddings = output.last_hidden_state

# Example: First token's embedding (for [CLS] token)
cls_embedding = embeddings[0][0] # Shape: (768,)

```

The **embedding vector** for the `[CLS]` token might look like this (values are just an example):

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cls_embedding = [0.143, -0.232, 0.674, ..., -0.233] # A 768-dimensional vector

```

3. Positional Encoding

Since transformers do not have an inherent notion of sequence, positional encodings are added to the embeddings to provide information about the position of each token in the sequence.

Let's assume the positional encoding for the first few positions:

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# Example of positional encoding for the first token:
pos_encoding_cls = [0.0012, -0.0004, 0.004, ..., -0.005] # Same size as embeddings,
i.e., 768-dim

# Add positional encoding to token embeddings
final_embedding_cls = cls_embedding + pos_encoding_cls

```

4. Segment Embedding (Optional)

In tasks like sentence-pair classification (e.g., Question Answering), segment embeddings are used to distinguish between the first and second sentence. For simplicity, we assume that the first sentence (containing only one segment) is assigned a segment ID of 0, and a segment ID of 1 could be used for the second sentence.

Example segment embedding for the first sentence:

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segment_embedding_cls = [0.12, -0.06, 0.09, ..., -0.08] # 768-dimensional

# Combine the embeddings (token + positional + segment)
final_embedding_cls = cls_embedding + pos_encoding_cls + segment_embedding_cls
```

5. Final Input Embeddings for the Full Sentence

For each token in the sequence, the embeddings are computed in the same way:

- For token "Transformers", its embedding vector will be:

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embedding_transformers = [0.014, -0.345, 0.568, ..., 0.234]
final_embedding_transformers = embedding_transformers + pos_encoding_transformers +
segment_embedding_transformers
```

- For the next token, "are", the same process will happen, with each token having its own unique token embedding, positional encoding, and segment embedding.

6. Output

The final embeddings for the entire sentence would look like this (simplified for illustration):

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final_embeddings = [
    [final_embedding_cls], # CLS token embedding
    [final_embedding_transformers], # Token embedding for "Transformers"
    [final_embedding_are], # Token embedding for "are"
    [final_embedding_powerful], # Token embedding for "powerful"
    [final_embedding_models], # Token embedding for "models"
    [final_embedding_period] # Token embedding for "."
]
```

Summary of Example Values:

- **Tokenization:** Words are broken into tokens like [CLS], "transformers", "are", "powerful", "models", [SEP].

- **Embedding Layer:** Each token is mapped to a dense vector of size 768.
- **Positional Encoding:** A vector added to each token embedding to indicate its position in the sequence.
- **Segment Embedding:** An additional embedding is added to distinguish between different parts of the input (if applicable).

These embeddings (token, positional, and segment) are then passed to the transformer model for training or inference.

what is segment embedding

Segment Embeddings: An Overview

Segment embeddings are a type of embedding used in transformer models, particularly in tasks like **sentence-pair classification** (e.g., question answering, sentence similarity), where the input consists of two separate text segments. These embeddings help the model distinguish between different segments in the input sequence.

Purpose:

Segment embeddings are used to indicate which part of the input belongs to which segment. For example, in the **Question Answering (QA)** task, you typically have two segments:

1. **Segment A:** The question.
2. **Segment B:** The context or passage.

The transformer model needs to understand which tokens belong to which segment to process them correctly.

Example Use Cases:

- **Sentence-pair tasks:** In tasks like **Natural Language Inference (NLI)**, where two sentences are compared to infer relationships (entailment, contradiction, etc.).
- **Question Answering (QA):** The question and context passage are treated as two segments to enable the model to distinguish between them.

How Segment Embeddings Work:

- **Initialization:** Segment embeddings are initialized to a specific value for each segment. For example, all tokens from the first segment (e.g., the question) get one segment

embedding, and all tokens from the second segment (e.g., the context) get another segment embedding.

- **Addition to Token Embeddings:** These segment embeddings are added to the token embeddings and positional encodings before passing them into the transformer. This allows the model to differentiate the segments and process each one accordingly.

How It Works in BERT:

In **BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers)**, segment embeddings are particularly important for tasks like sentence-pair classification. Here's how it works:

- The model has two segments:
 - **Segment A** (the first sentence): All tokens in the first sentence are assigned a segment embedding of 0.
 - **Segment B** (the second sentence): All tokens in the second sentence are assigned a segment embedding of 1.

In BERT, the final input representation for each token is the sum of:

1. **Token embedding:** A dense vector representing the token.
2. **Positional encoding:** A vector encoding the token's position in the sequence.
3. **Segment embedding:** A vector indicating the segment the token belongs to.

Example:

For the input:

Sentence A: "How does the transformer work?"

Sentence B: "Transformers are a type of neural network."

The tokenized form of this might look like:

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[CLS] How does the transformer work? [SEP] Transformers are a type of neural network. [SEP]
```

Segment Embeddings:

- [CLS] → Segment 0 (First sentence)
- "How", "does", "the", "transformer", "work?" → Segment 0

- [SEP] → Segment 0
- "Transformers", "are", "a", "type", "of", "neural", "network." → Segment 1
(Second sentence)
- [SEP] → Segment 1

Segment Embedding Values:

- **Segment 0 embedding:** [0.3, -0.1, 0.6, ...] (a 768-dimensional vector)
- **Segment 1 embedding:** [0.2, 0.4, -0.5, ...] (a 768-dimensional vector)

Final Input Embedding (for each token):

Each token's final embedding is computed by adding:

- **Token embedding** (learned for each word/token)
- **Positional embedding** (indicating the token's position in the sequence)
- **Segment embedding** (indicating whether the token is from Segment A or Segment B)

Summary:

- **Segment embeddings** help the model understand which tokens belong to which segment of input.
- In sentence-pair tasks, tokens from different segments (e.g., two sentences) will receive different segment embeddings.
- These embeddings are added to the token and positional embeddings before being passed into the transformer model.

This mechanism allows transformers like **BERT** to handle tasks that require understanding the relationship between two distinct parts of text.