Attention

- Intro:-
  - Helps LLMs understand & generate text by focusing on the relevant parts of input sequences.

- Attention allows the weigh the impor of diff words in a sentence, enabling better content understanding.

- Embeddings Recap:-

- Embedding converts words into numerical vectors in a high-dim space.

- Similar words are mapped to close points in this space.

- "Apple" might map close to "Orange" in the content of fruits but close to "Phone" in a technology content.

- Attention Mechanism Basics:-

- Self-Attention:- Each word in a sentence is compared w/ every other word to compute a relevance score.

- Key Components:-

• Query (Q) :- Represents the word we're focusing on.

• Key (K) :- Represent all words ~~before~~ ~~focusing~~ in the sentence.

• Value (V):- The actual content of the words that are weighted.

• Mathematical Formulation:-

- Dot Product:-

Similarity = Q.K

if vector have unit length, dot product & cosine similarity are equivalent.

-Cosine Similarity:-

$$\frac{Q.K}{\|Q\| \times \|K\|}$$

- Scaled Dot-Product

$$\frac{Q \cdot K}{\sqrt{d_k}}$$

• Used to prevent large dot products when vectors are high-dim.

- Softmax Functions:-

- Converts raw similarity scores into probabilites.

$$\text{Softmax}(x_i) = \frac{e^{x_i}}{\sum_j e^{x_j}}$$

Ensures that scores sum to 1 are positive.

- Attention Score Calculation:-

Steps:-

- Compute similarity scores using dot product or scaled dot product.

- Apply the softmax function to these scores.

- Multiply the result by the value vectors to get the final weighted content vector.

- Multi-Head Attention:-

- Uses multiple sets of Q, K, V matrices to capture different aspects of word

relationship.

- Process:-
  - Each "head" perform attention independently
  - Results are concatenated & linearly transformed to produce the final output.

- Advantages:-
  Allows the model to focus on different parts of the sentence simultaneously.

- Value Matrix (V):-

Role:- Transform the context vector into a form that is optimal for the next word prediction.

Interaction:-

-> Keys & Queries are used to calculate attention weights.

-> Values are transformed using these weights to get the final representation

Summary of the Attention process:

→ Compute Similarities:- Between words using Q & K

→ Softmax Normalization:- Convert similarities into Normalization.

→ Weighted Sum:- Use weights to compute a weighted sum of the value vectors.

→ Output:- The resulting vector is used for further processing (e.g., predicting the next word).

- Application in Transformers:-

Attention is applied multiple times within a Transformer to iteratively refine the understating of content.

Transformer Architecture:-

- Embedding → Positional Encoding → Multi-Head Attention → Feedforward Network.

- Multi-Head attention is required across layers to build a deep understanding of text