# Reformer: The Efficient Transformer Longformer: The Long Document Transformer

Kitaev, Nikita, Lukasz Kaiser, and Anselm Levskaya. "Reformer: The Efficient Transformer." (ICLR 2020)

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## 문제 정의 (Reformer)

- Many large Transformer models can only realistically be trained in large industrial research laboratories
- Models trained with parallelism cannot even be fine-tuned on a single GPU
  - Memory requirements demand multi-accelerator hardware setup even for single training step
- Do large Transformer models fundamentally require huge resources or are they simply inefficient?
  - (Model) 0.5 Billion Parameter (largest reported Transformer layer) = 2GB of memory
  - (Embedding) 64K tokens with embedding size 1024 and batch size 8 = 0.5B floats = 2GB
  - (Data) Whole Corpus for BERT was 17GB
  - 2GB + 2GB + a(data) = 4+a GB(data)
  - If memory use was only per-layer, could easily fit a large Transformer even on sequences of length 64K on a single accelerator



#### 문제 정의 (Reformer)

- Why can't we even fine-tune these models on single machines?
  - Memory in a model with N layers is N-times larger than single layer model due to the fact activations need to be stored for back-propagation
  - Depth of intermediate feed-forward layers is much larger than the depth of attention activations
  - Attention on sequence of length L is  $O(L^2)$  in both computational and memory complexity

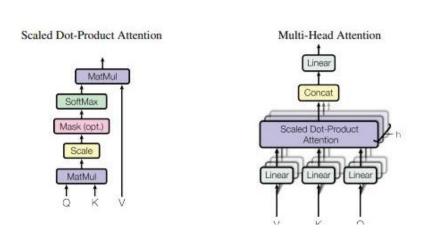
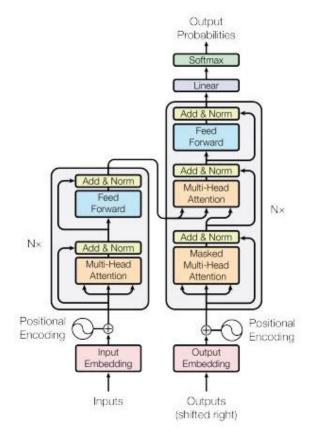


Table 1: Maximum path lengths, per-layer complexity and minimum number of sequential operations for different layer types. n is the sequence length, d is the representation dimension, k is the kernel size of convolutions and r the size of the neighborhood in restricted self-attention.

| Layer Type                  | Complexity per Layer     | Sequential<br>Operations | Maximum Path Length |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Self-Attention              | $O(n^2 \cdot d)$         | O(1)                     | O(1)                |
| Recurrent                   | $O(n \cdot d^2)$         | O(n)                     | O(n)                |
| Convolutional               | $O(k \cdot n \cdot d^2)$ | O(1)                     | $O(log_k(n))$       |
| Self-Attention (restricted) | $O(r \cdot n \cdot d)$   | O(1)                     | O(n/r)              |







#### 문제 정의 (Longformer)

- While powerful, memory and computation requirements of self-attention grow quadratically with sequence length
  - Infeasible (or very expensive) to process long sequences
- Limitation to length is a critical disadvantage to tasks with long documents
  - Classification, Question Answering, Coreference Resolution, Summarization
  - Existing approaches partition or shorten the long context into smaller sequences that fall within the typical 512 token limit of BERT-style pretrained models
  - e.g. Pasunuru, Ramakanth, et al. "Efficiently Summarizing Text and Graph Encodings of Multi-Document Clusters." (NAACL 2021)

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from transformers import BertTokenizerFast

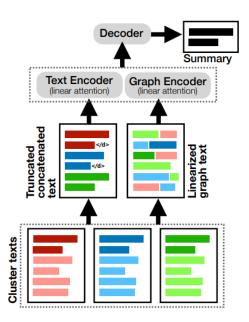
tokenizer = BertTokenizerFast.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

seq1 = 'This is a long uninteresting text'
seq2 = 'What could be a second sequence to the uninteresting text'

print(len(tokenizer.tokenize(seq1)))
print(len(tokenizer.tokenize(seq2)))

print(tokenizer(seq1, seq2))

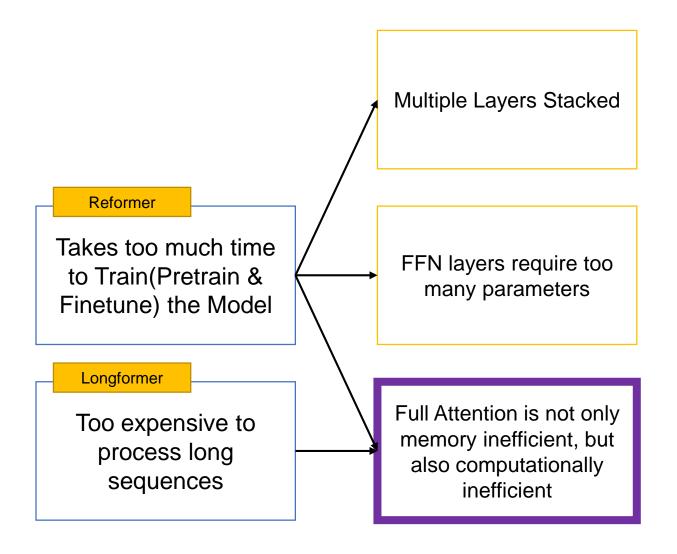
print(tokenizer(seq1, seq2), truncation= True, max_length = 15))
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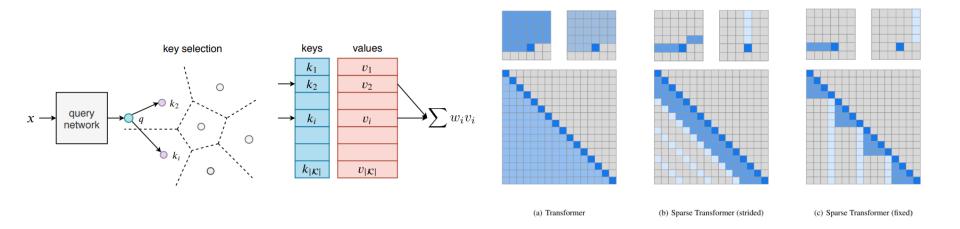






## 관련 연구 (Reformer)

- Methods to reduce the memory and computational requirements of Transformers
  - Child et al. "Generating long sequences with sparse transformers." proposes O(n√n) complexity method using factorized sparse representation of attention with dilated sliding window
  - Lample, Guillaume, et al. "Large memory layers with product keys." (NEURIPS 2019) proposes increasing key space to reduce memory requirements in feed-forward layers
- LSH has not been directly applied to Transformers before Reformer
  - Weston, Jason, Sumit Chopra, and Antoine Bordes. "Memory networks." arXiv preprint arXiv:1410.3916 (2014). uses external memory with neural networks
  - LSH could be used to perform memory lookup; querying memory locations that are useful
  - Previous methods include LSH and random kd-trees only for lookups in external memory







## 관련 연구 (Longformer)

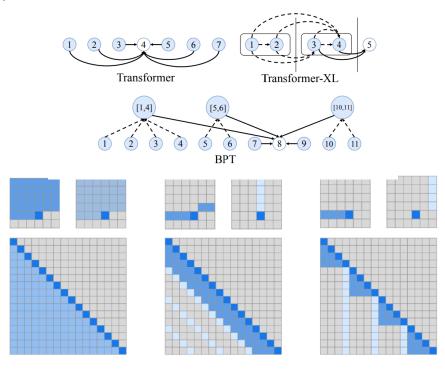
#### Left-to-Right(LR) Approach

- Process document in chunks moving from left-to-right (recursively!)
- While successful in AR Language Modeling, unsuitable for tasks from bidirectional context

#### Sparse Attention Pattern

- Avoids computing the full quadratic attention matrix multiplication
- Child et al. "Generating long sequences with sparse transformers." proposes  $O(n\sqrt{n})$  complexity method using factorized sparse representation of attention with dilated sliding window
- Other sparse attention approaches did not explore the pretrain finetune setting

| Model                 | attention matrix | char-LM | other<br>tasks | pretrain |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|----------|
| Transformer-XL (2019) | ltr              | yes     | no             | no       |
| Adaptive Span (2019)  | ltr              | yes     | no             | no       |
| Compressive (2020)    | ltr              | yes     | no             | no       |
| Reformer (2020)       | sparse           | yes     | no             | no       |
| Sparse (2019)         | sparse           | yes     | no             | no       |
| Routing (2020)        | sparse           | yes     | no             | no       |
| BP-Transformer (2019) |                  | yes     | MT             | no       |
| Blockwise (2019)      | sparse           | no      | QA             | yes      |
| Our Longformer        | sparse           | yes     | multiple       |          |







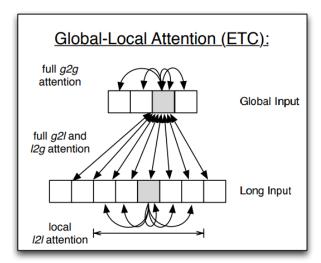
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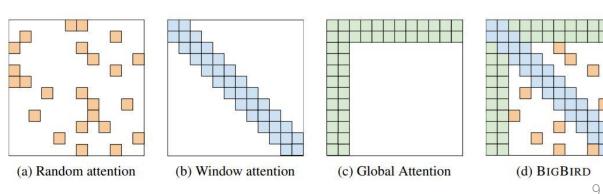
#### Task specific Models for Long Documents

- Qizhe Xie et al., "Unsupervised data augmentation for consistency training" truncates document for classification task
- Mandar Joshi et al., "BERT for coreference resolution: Baselines and analysis" (EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019) chunks document into chunks of length 512, processes each chunk separately, then combines the activations with a task specific model
- QA Tasks uses two stage model where the first stage retrieves relevant documents that are passed onto the second stage for answer extraction
- All of these approaches suffer from information loss

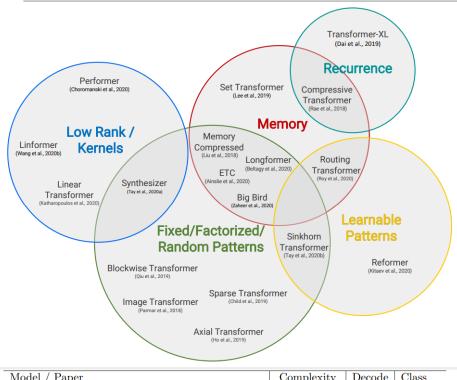
#### Local + Global Attention in Transformers

- Contemporaneous works (published on arXiv after Longformer)
- Ainslie et al. "ETC: Encoding Long and Structured Inputs in Transformers." (EMNLP 2020)
- Zaheer, Manzil, et al. "Big Bird: Transformers for Longer Sequences." (NeurIPS. 2020)

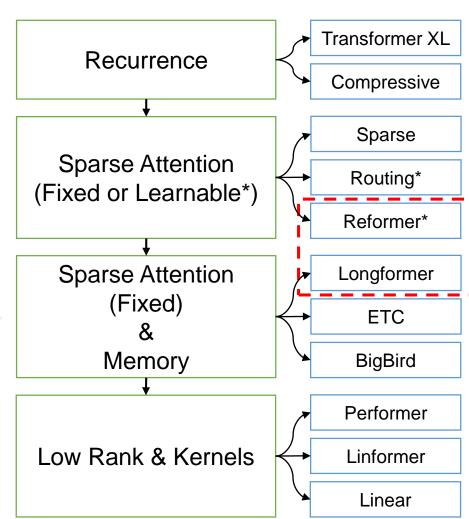




# 관련 연구(총 정리)



| Model / Paper   | Complexity                  | Decode   | Class |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|-------|
| Memory Compressed <sup>†</sup> (Liu et al., 2018)             | $\mathcal{O}(n_c^2)$        | <b>√</b> | FP+M  |
| Image Transformer <sup>†</sup> (Parmar et al., 2018)          | $\mathcal{O}(n.m)$          | ✓        | FP    |
| Set Transformer <sup>†</sup> (Lee et al., 2019)               | $\mathcal{O}(nk)$           | X        | M     |
| Transformer-XL <sup>†</sup> (Dai et al., 2019)                | $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$          | ✓        | RC    |
| Sparse Transformer (Child et al., 2019)                       | $\mathcal{O}(n\sqrt{n})$    | ✓        | FP    |
| Reformer <sup>†</sup> (Kitaev et al., 2020)                   | $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$     | ✓        | LP    |
| Routing Transformer (Roy et al., 2020)                        | $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$     | ✓        | LP    |
| Axial Transformer (Ho et al., 2019)                           | $\mathcal{O}(n\sqrt{n})$    | ✓        | FP    |
| Compressive Transformer <sup>†</sup> (Rae et al., 2020)       | $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$          | ✓        | RC    |
| Sinkhorn Transformer <sup>†</sup> (Tay et al., 2020b)         | $\mathcal{O}(b^2)$          | ✓        | LP    |
| Longformer (Beltagy et al., 2020)                             | $\mathcal{O}(n(k+m))$       | ✓        | FP+M  |
| ETC (Ainslie et al., 2020)                                    | $\mathcal{O}(n_g^2 + nn_g)$ | X        | FP+M  |
| Synthesizer (Tay et al., 2020a)                               | $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$          | ✓        | LR+LP |
| Performer (Choromanski et al., 2020)                          | $\mathcal{O}(n)$            | ✓        | KR    |
| Linformer (Wang et al., 2020b)                                | $\mathcal{O}(n)$            | ×        | LR    |
| Linear Transformers <sup>†</sup> (Katharopoulos et al., 2020) | $\mathcal{O}(n)$            | ✓        | KR    |
| Big Bird (Zaheer et al., 2020)                                | $\mathcal{O}(n)$            | X        | FP+M  |



#### Reversible Layers

- Gomez, Aidan N., et al. "The reversible residual network: Backpropagation without storing activations." Proceedings of the 31st International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems. 2017.
- Enable storing only a copy of activations in the whole model, discarding N (layer) factor
- ALBERT referenced the paper above

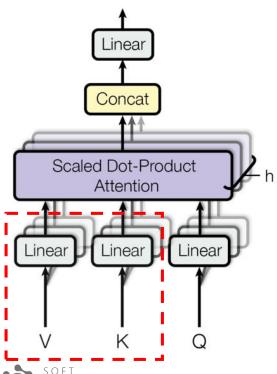
#### Splitting Activations

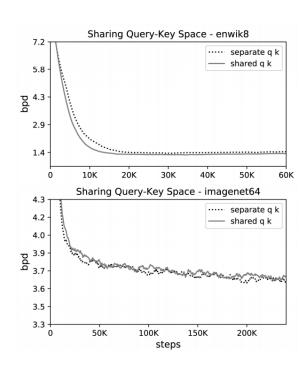
- Processing feed-forward layers in chunks to save memory
- Discards dff (intermediate feed-forward depth) factor
- Approximate attention computation based on locality-sensitive hashing
  - Replaces  $O(L^2)$  factor with  $O(L \log L)$ , therefore allowing to operate on longer sequences
- Locality-sensitive Hashing in Attention is the major change
  - Influences the training dynamics



#### Locality Sensitive Hashing Attention

- Set queries(Q) and keys(K) to be identical by using same linear layer ( $shape = [bs, sl, d_k]$ )
- Sharing *QK* does not affect the performance of Transformer
- Instead of  $QK^T$  itself, we are interested in  $softmax(QK^T)$
- Focus on keys in K that are closest to  $q_i$  (consider small subset of 32 or 64 closest keys)
- Finding nearest neighbors quickly in high-dimensional spaces by Locality-Sensitive Hashing(LSH)



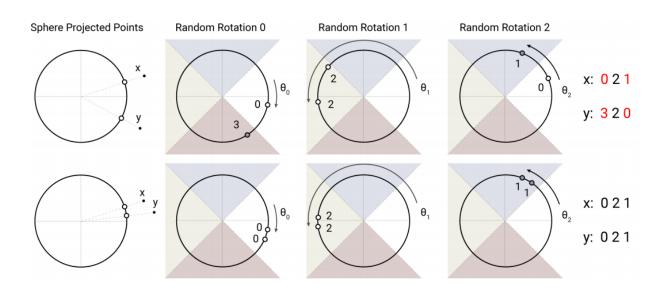






#### Locality Sensitive Hashing Attention

- Andoni, Alexandr, et al. "Practical and optimal LSH for angular distance." Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems-Volume 1. 2015.
- Assign vector x to a hash h(x)
- Nearby vectors get same hash with high probability and distant ones do not
- Achieve by employing random projection
- Fix a random matrix R of size =  $[d_k, \frac{b}{2}]$
- Define h(x) = argmax([xR; -xR])
- Using LSH algorithm, the goal is to put similar vectors into the same bucket

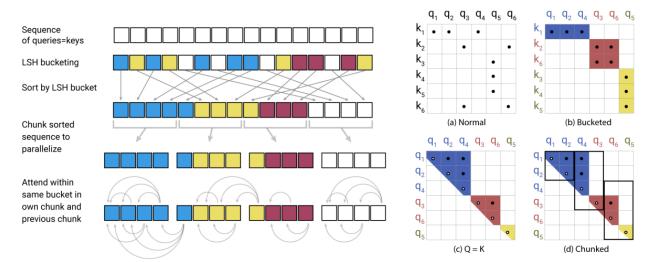






#### Locality Sensitive Hashing Attention

- P<sub>i</sub> is a set that the query at position i attends to
- z is a partition function (i.e. normalizing term in the softmax)
- m is a function where  $m(j, \mathcal{P}_i) = \inf (if \ j \notin \mathcal{P}_i)$  and 0 (otherwise)
- Normal Attention :  $o_i = \sum_{j \in P_i} \exp(q_i \cdot k_j z(i, \mathcal{P}_i)) v_j$  where  $\mathcal{P}_i = \{j : i \geq j\}$
- Normal Attention\*:  $o_i = \sum_{j \in \widetilde{\mathbb{P}_i}} \exp(q_i \cdot k_j m(j, \mathcal{P}_i) z(i, \mathcal{P}_i)) v_j$  where  $\widetilde{\mathcal{P}_i} = \{0, 1, \dots, l\} \supseteq \mathcal{P}_i$
- LSH Attention : same with above, but  $P_i = \{j : h(q_i) = h(k_j)\}$
- $(a \rightarrow b)$  Applying LSH, Queries and Keys have been sorted according to their hash bucket
- $(b \to c)$  To overcome uneven size, ensure  $h(k_j) = h(q_j)$  by setting  $k_j = \frac{q_j}{\|q_j\|}$
- $(c \rightarrow d)$  Follow a batching approach where chunks of m consecutive queries attend to each other





- Locality Sensitive Hashing Attention
  - The average bucket size is  $\frac{l}{n_{buckets}}$  where l is the sequence length
  - There is small probability that similar items nevertheless fall in different buckets
  - Reduce this probability by doing multiple rounds of hashing with distinct hashing function
  - $\mathcal{P}_i = \bigcup_{r=1}^{n_{rounds}} \mathcal{P}_i^{(r)}$  where  $\mathcal{P}_i^{(r)} = \{j : h^{(r)}(q_i) = h^{(r)}(q_j)\}$
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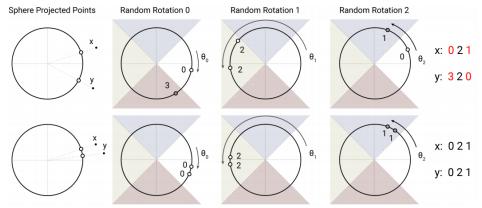


Table 1: Memory and time complexity of attention variants. We write l for length, b for batch size,  $n_h$  for the number of heads,  $n_c$  for the number of LSH chunks,  $n_r$  for the number of hash repetitions.

| Attention Type     | Memory Complexity                       | Time Complexity                         |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Scaled Dot-Product | $\max(bn_h ld_k, bn_h l^2)$             | $\max(bn_h ld_k, bn_h l^2)$             |
| Memory-Efficient   | $\max(bn_h ld_k, bn_h l^2)$             | $\max(bn_h ld_k, bn_h l^2)$             |
| LSH Attention      | $\max(bn_h ld_k, bn_h ln_r (4l/n_c)^2)$ | $\max(bn_h ld_k, bn_h n_r l(4l/n_c)^2)$ |

Table 2: Accuracies on the duplication task of a 1-layer Transformer model with full attention and with locality-sensitive hashing attention using different number of parallel hashes.

| Eval<br>Train  | Full Attention | LSH-8 | LSH-4 | LSH-2 | LSH-1 |
|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Full Attention | 100%           | 94.8% | 92.5% | 76.9% | 52.5% |
| LSH-4          | 0.8%           | 100%  | 99.9% | 99.4% | 91.9% |
| LSH-2          | 0.8%           | 100%  | 99.9% | 98.1% | 86.8% |
| LSH-1          | 0.8%           | 99.9% | 99.6% | 94.8% | 77.9% |





#### Reversible Transformer

- Complexity of attention was reduced from square in length to linear
- But memory use of whole model is still large...
- Dealing with the  $n_l$  and  $d_{ff}$  problem, we can solve the problem
- Apply the RevNet idea to Transformers by combining the attention and feed-forward layers inside revnet block
- $Y_1 = X_1 + Attention(X_2), Y_2 = X_2 + FeedForward(Y_1)$
- Enable storing only a copy of activations in the whole model, discarding N (layer) factor
- Split the Feed-forward layer's computation into c chunks
- $Y_{2} = [Y_{2}^{(1)}; ...; Y_{2}^{(c)}] = [X_{2}^{(1)} + FeedForward(Y_{1}^{(1)}); ...; X_{2}^{(c)} + FeedForward(Y_{1}^{(c)})]$
- Discards dff (intermediate feed-forward depth) factor

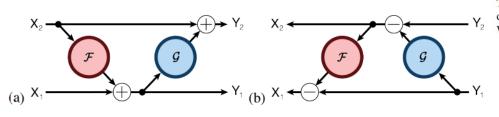


Table 3: Memory and time complexity of Transformer variants. We write  $d_{model}$  and  $d_{ff}$  for model depth and assume  $d_{ff} \geq d_{model}$ ; b stands for batch size, l for length,  $n_l$  for the number of layers. We assume  $n_c = l/32$  so  $4l/n_c = 128$  and we write  $c = 128^2$ .

| Model Type                     | Memory Complexity                | Time Complexity                |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Transformer                    | $\max(bld_{ff}, bn_h l^2)n_l$    | $(bld_{ff} + bn_h l^2)n_l$     |
| Reversible Transformer         | $\max(bld_{ff},bn_hl^2)$         | $(bn_h ld_{ff} + bn_h l^2)n_l$ |
| Chunked Reversible Transformer | $\max(bld_{model}, bn_h l^2)$    | $(bn_h ld_{ff} + bn_h l^2)n_l$ |
| LSH Transformer                | $\max(bld_{ff}, bn_h ln_r c)n_l$ | $(bld_{ff} + bn_h n_r lc)n_l$  |
| Reformer                       | $\max(bld_{model}, bn_h ln_r c)$ | $(bld_{ff} + bn_h n_r lc)n_l$  |





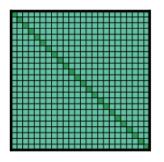
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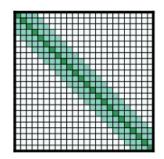
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- End task motivated global attention that encodes inductive bias about the task

#### Sliding Window Attention

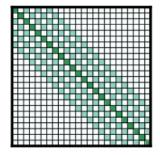
- Employ a fixed-size window attention surrounding each token
- Computation complexity is  $O(n \times w)$  where w is a fixed window size
- Use small window sizes for lower layers and increase window sizes in higher layers
- To increase the receptive field, the sliding window can be dilated
- Applying dilated sliding windows, Computation complexity is  $O(n \times d)$  where d is dilation size
- Setting with different dilation configurations per head improves performance
- Some heads without dilation to focus on local context, others to focus on longer content



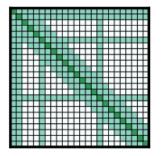
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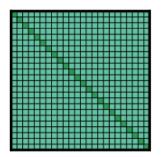
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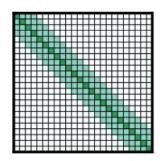
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#### Global Attention

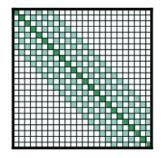
- Add global Attention on few pre-selected input locations
- Since number of such token is small, the combined attention is still O(n)
- Adding global attention is task specific, it is a easy way to add inductive bias to model's attention



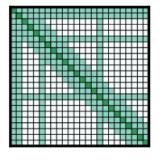
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## 실험 결과 (Reformer)

BLEU score on newstest 2014 for WMT English-German(EnDe)

Table 4: BLEU scores on newstest2014 for WMT English-German (EnDe). We additionally report detokenized BLEU scores as computed by sacreBLEU (Post, 2018).

|  |             | sacreB.     | LEU       |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Model  | <b>BLEU</b> | $Uncased^3$ | $Cased^4$ |
| Vaswani et al. (2017), base model                            | 27.3        |             |           |
| Vaswani et al. (2017), big                                   | 28.4        |             |           |
| Ott et al. (2018), big                                       | 29.3        |             |           |
| Reversible Transformer (base, 100K steps)                    | 27.6        | 27.4        | 26.9      |
| Reversible Transformer (base, 500K steps, no weight sharing) | 28.0        | 27.9        | 27.4      |
| Reversible Transformer (big, 300K steps, no weight sharing)  | 29.1        | 28.9        | 28.4      |



## 실험 결과 (Longformer)

#### Effect of different window size & Dilation size

| Model                           | Dev BPC     |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Decreasing $w$ (from 512 to 32) | 1.24        |
| Fixed $w$ (= 230)               | 1.23        |
| Increasing $w$ (from 32 to 512) | <b>1.21</b> |
| No Dilation                     | 1.21        |
| Dilation on 2 heads             | <b>1.20</b> |

Table 4: Top: changing window size across layers. Bottom: with/without dilation (@ 150K steps on phase1)

- Big problem is position embeddings
  - Initialize by copying 512 position embeddings from RoBERTa multiple times
  - Continue Pretraining from RoBERTa released checkpoints

| Model                                     | base   | large |
|---|--------|-------|
| RoBERTa (seqlen: 512)                     | 1.846  | 1.496 |
| Longformer (seqlen: 4,096)                | 10.299 | 8.738 |
| + copy position embeddings                | 1.957  | 1.597 |
| + 2K gradient updates                     | 1.753  | 1.414 |
| + 65K gradient updates                    | 1.705  | 1.358 |
| Longformer (train extra pos. embed. only) | 1.850  | 1.504 |





Table 5: MLM BPC for RoBERTa and various pretrained Longformer configurations.

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def create_long_model(save_model_to, attention_window, max_pos);
   model = RobertaForMaskedLM.from_pretrained('roberta-base')
   tokenizer = RobertaTokenizerFast.from_pretrained('roberta-base', model_max_length=max_pos)
   config = model.config
   # extend position embeddings
   tokenizer.model_max_length = max_pos
   tokenizer.init_kwargs['model_max_length'] = max_pos
   current_max_pos, embed_size = model.roberta.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.shape
   max_pos += 2 # NOTE: RoBERTa has positions 0,1 reserved, so embedding size is max position + 2
   config.max position embeddings = max pos
   assert max_pos > current_max_pos
   # allocate a larger position embedding matrix
   new_pos embed = model.roberta.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.new_empty(max_pos, embed size)
   # copy position embeddings over and over to initialize the new position embeddings
   k = 2
   step = current_max_pos - 2
   while k < max_pos - 1:
       new pos embed[k:(k + step)] = model.roberta.embeddings.position embeddings.weight[2:]
       k += step
   model.roberta.embeddings.position_embeddings.weight.data = new_pos_embed
   model,roberta.embeddings.position_ids.data = torch.tensor([i for i in range(max_pos)]),reshape(1, max_pos)
   # replace the `modeling_bert.BertSelfAttention` object with `LongformerSelfAttention`
   config.attention_window = [attention_window] + config.num_hidden_layers
   for i, layer in enumerate(model.roberta.encoder.layer):
       longformer self attn = LongformerSelfAttention(config. laver id=i)
       longformer_self_attn.query = layer.attention.self.query
       longformer_self_attn.key = layer.attention.self.key
       longformer_self_attn.value = layer.attention.self.value
       longformer_self_attn.query_global = copy.deepcopy(layer.attention.self.query)
       longformer_self_attn.key_global = copy.deepcopy(layer.attention.self.key)
       longformer_self_attn.value_global = copy.deepcopy(layer.attention.self.value)
       layer.attention.self = longformer_self_attn
   logger.info(f'saving model to {save_model_to}')
   model.save pretrained(save model to)
   tokenizer.save pretrained(save model to)
   return model, tokenizer
```





## 실험 결과(Longformer)

- Applied to Question Answering, Coreference Resolution, Classification
  - (QA) WikiHop, TriviaQA, HotpotQA
  - (Coreference Resolution) OntoNotes
  - (Classification) IMDB, Hyperpartisan

|                 | QA      |          | Coref.   | Cla       | ssification |               |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|---------------|
| Model           | WikiHop | TriviaQA | HotpotQA | OntoNotes | IMDB        | Hyperpartisan |
| RoBERTa-base    | 72.4    | 74.3     | 63.5     | 78.4      | 95.3        | 87.4          |
| Longformer-base | 75.0    | 75.2     | 64.4     | 78.6      | 95.7        | 94.8          |

| Wordpieces         | WH | TQA             | HQA | ON | IMDB | HY           |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|-----|----|------|--------------|
| avg.<br>95th pctl. |    | 6,589<br>17,126 |     |    |      | 705<br>1,975 |

| Model            | WikiHop     | TriviaQA    | HotpotQA         |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Current* SOTA    | 78.3        | 73.3        | <b>74.2</b> 73.2 |
| Longformer-large | <b>81.9</b> | <b>77.3</b> |                  |

Table 6: Average and 95th percentile of context length of datasets in wordpieces. WH: WikiHop, TQA: TriviaQA, HQA: HotpotQA, ON: OntoNotes, HY: Hyperpartisan news

Table 8: Leaderboard results of Longformer-large at time of submission (May 2020). All numbers are F1 scores.

| Model   | ans.                 | supp.                | joint                |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| TAP 2 (ensemble) (Glaß et al., 2019)  | 79.8                 | 86.7                 | 70.7                 |
| SAE (Tu et al., 2019) Quark (dev) (Groeneveld et al., 2020)   | 79.6<br>81.2         | 86.7<br>87.0         | 71.4 72.3            |
| C2F Reader (Shao et al., 2020) Longformer-large   | 81.2                 | 87.6<br>88.3         | 72.8                 |
| ETC-large <sup>†</sup> (Ainslie et al., 2020)<br>GSAN-large <sup>†</sup><br>HGN-large (Fang et al., 2020) | 81.2<br>81.6<br>82.2 | 89.1<br>88.7<br>88.5 | 73.6<br>73.9<br>74.2 |





## 실험 결과(Longformer)

#### Applied to Summarization

- Encoder-Decoder Transformer models have achieved strong result on Summarization
- Longformer-Encoder-Decoder(LED), encoder uses local+global attention pattern
- Initialize LED parameters from BART

|                                   | R-1   | R-2   | R-L   |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Discourse-aware (2018)            | 35.80 | 11.05 | 31.80 |
| Extr-Abst-TLM (2020)              | 41.62 | 14.69 | 38.03 |
| Dancer (2020)                     | 42.70 | 16.54 | 38.44 |
| Pegasus (2020)                    | 44.21 | 16.95 | 38.83 |
| LED-large (seqlen: 4,096) (ours)  | 44.40 | 17.94 | 39.76 |
| BigBird (seqlen: 4,096) (2020)    | 46.63 | 19.02 | 41.77 |
| LED-large (seqlen: 16,384) (ours) | 46.63 | 19.62 | 41.83 |

Table 11: Summarization results of Longformer-Encoder-Decoder (LED) on the arXiv dataset. Metrics from left to right are ROUGE-1, ROUGE-2 and ROUGE-L.

#### 결론

- Instead of approaching to come up with a new variant of pretraining method,
   Reformer and Longformer tried to change the Full-Attention part of Transformers
  - (Reformer) Too much time consuming + Too much memory consuming
  - (Longformer) Too much time consuming
- Both approaches altered the  $O(L^2)$  factor and then increased maximum L
  - (Reformer) Use LSH Algorithm to replace  $O(L^2)$  factor with  $O(L \log L)$
  - (Longformer) Use Sliding Window + Global Attention to replace  $O(L^2)$  factor with O(L)
- Longformer also applied the Pretraining-Finetuning schema to this new variant of Transformers
  - (Longformer) Apply to downstream tasks such as QA, Coreference Resolution, Classification, and Summarization
- Future Works
  - (Reformer) Could be applied to generative tasks; long coherent text, time-series forecasting, music, image and video generation
  - (Longformer) Other pretraining objectives, especially for LED (to get benefit with the ability to handle long sequences) could be explored



