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1 Working with Text

Packages that are being used in this notebook:

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[19]: !pip install tiktoken
     Requirement already satisfied: tiktoken in /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-
     packages (0.6.0)
     Requirement already satisfied: regex>=2022.1.18 in
     /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from tiktoken) (2023.12.25)
     Requirement already satisfied: requests>=2.26.0 in
     /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from tiktoken) (2.31.0)
     Requirement already satisfied: charset-normalizer<4,>=2 in
     /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from requests>=2.26.0->tiktoken)
     (3.3.2)
     Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-
     packages (from requests>=2.26.0->tiktoken) (3.6)
     Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<3,>=1.21.1 in
     /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from requests>=2.26.0->tiktoken)
     (1.26.18)
     Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in
     /opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages (from requests>=2.26.0->tiktoken)
     (2024.2.2)
[20]: from importlib.metadata import version
      import tiktoken
      import torch
      print("torch version:", version("torch"))
      print("tiktoken version:", version("tiktoken"))
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torch version: 2.1.2+cpu tiktoken version: 0.6.0

• This chapter covers data preparation and sampling to get input data "ready" for the LLM

1.1 2.1 Understanding word embeddings

- No code in this section
- There are any forms of embeddings; we focus on text embeddings in this book
- LLMs work embeddings in high-dimensional spaces (i.e., thousands of dimensions)
- Since we can't visualize such high-dimensional spaces (we humans think in 1, 2, or 3 dimensions), the figure below illustrates a 2-dimensional embedding space

1.2 2.2 Tokenizing text

- In this section, we tokenize text, which means breaking text into smaller units, such as individual words and punctuation characters
- Load raw text we want to work with

Total number of characters: 20479

I HAD always thought Jack Gisburn rather a cheap genius--though a good fellow enough--so it was no grea

- The goal is to tokenize and embed this text for an LLM
- Let's develop a simple tokenizer based on some simple sample text that we can then later apply to the text above
- The following regular expression will split on whitespaces

```
[22]: import re

text = "Hello, world. This, is a test.Acvx"

result = re.split(r'(\s)', text)

print(result)
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['Hello,', ' ', 'world.', ' ', 'This,', ' ', 'is', ' ', 'a', ' ', 'test.Acvx']

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[23]: import re
  text="Hello, world. thIS is a shoukhin.Abc"
  text1 = "Hello, world. Is this-- a test?"

r1=re.split(' ',text)
  r2=re.split(r'()\s',text)
  print(r2)
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['Hello,', '', 'world.', '', 'thIS', '', 'is', '', 'a', '', 'shoukhin.Abc']
```

• We don't only want to split on whitespaces but also commas and periods, so let's modify the regular expression to do that as well

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[24]: result = re.split(r'([,.]|\s)', text)
print(result)
```

['Hello', ',', '', 'world', '.', '', 'thIS', '', 'is', '', 'a', '', 'shoukhin', '.', 'Abc']

• As we can see, this creates empty strings, let's remove them

```
[25]: # Strip whitespace from each item and then filter out any empty strings.
result = [item for item in result if item.strip()]
print(result)
```

['Hello', ',', 'world', '.', 'thIS', 'is', 'a', 'shoukhin', '.', 'Abc']

• This looks pretty good, but let's also handle other types of punctuation, such as periods, question marks, and so on

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['Hello', ',', '', ' ', 'world', '.', '', ' ', 'Is', ' ', 'this', '--', '', ' ', 'a', ' test', '?', '']
['Hello', ',', 'world', '.', 'Is', 'this', '--', 'a', 'test', '?']
```

• This is pretty good, and we are now ready to apply this tokenization to the raw text

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[52]: preprocessed = re.split(r'([,.?_!"()\']|--|\s)', raw_text) #verdict dataset_\( \to theke \ raw_text \ data \ nilam \)

preprocessed = [item.strip() for item in preprocessed if item.strip()] #white_\( \to space \ removed \ korlam \)

# print(preprocessed)

print(preprocessed[:30])

print("\n Dataset er length : ", len(preprocessed))
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['I', 'HAD', 'always', 'thought', 'Jack', 'Gisburn', 'rather', 'a', 'cheap', 'genius', '--', 'though', 'a', 'good', 'fellow', 'enough', '--', 'so', 'it', 'was', 'no', 'great', 'surprise', 'to', 'me', 'to', 'hear', 'that', ',', 'in']
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Dataset er length: 4649

• Let's calculate the total number of tokens

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[28]: print(len(preprocessed))
```

4649

1.3 2.3 Converting tokens into token IDs

- Next, we convert the text tokens into token IDs that we can process via embedding layers later
- From these tokens, we can now build a vocabulary that consists of all the unique tokens

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[62]: # Preprocessing on raw_text data
      preprocessed = re.split(r'([,.?_!"()\']|--|\s)', raw_text) #verdict dataset⊔
      ⇔theke raw text data nilam
      preprocessed = [item.strip() for item in preprocessed if item.strip()] #white_
       ⇔space removed korlam
      print(preprocessed)
      print(len(preprocessed))
      # print(preprocessed[:30])
      # print("\n Dataset er length : ", len(preprocessed))
      #Takng Only Vique Word
      all_words = sorted(list(set(preprocessed))) #Similar to stopword in NLP
      print(all_words)
      #Vocab_size =len(all_words)
      print(len(all_words))
      #Size reduce hoye 4649 theke 1159 hoye gelo
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['I', 'HAD', 'always', 'thought', 'Jack', 'Gisburn', 'rather', 'a', 'cheap', 'genius', '--', 'though', 'a', 'good', 'fellow', 'enough', '--', 'so', 'it',
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'was', 'no', 'great', 'surprise', 'to', 'me', 'to', 'hear', 'that', ',', 'in', 'the', 'height', 'of', 'his', 'glory', ',', 'he', 'had', 'dropped', 'his', 'painting', ',', 'married', 'a', 'rich', 'widow', ',', 'and', 'established', 'himself', 'in', 'a', 'villa', 'on', 'the', 'Riviera', '.', '(', 'Though', 'I', 'rather', 'thought', 'it', 'would', 'have', 'been', 'Rome', 'or', 'Florence', '.', ')', '"', 'The', 'height', 'of', 'his', 'glory', '"', '--', 'that', 'was', 'what', 'the', 'women', 'called', 'it', '.', 'I', 'can', 'hear', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gideon', 'Thwing', '--', 'his', 'last', 'Chicago', 'sitter', '--', 'deploring', 'his', 'unaccountable', 'abdication', '.', '"', 'Of', 'course', 'it', "'", 's', 'going', 'to', 'send', 'the', 'value', 'of', 'my', 'picture', "'", 'way', 'up;', 'but', 'I', 'don', "'", 't', 'think', 'of', 'that', ',', 'Mr', '.', 'Rickham', '--', 'the', 'loss', 'to', 'Arrt', 'is', 'all', 'I', 'think', 'of', '.', '"', 'The', 'word', ',', 'on', 'Mrs', '.', 'Thwing', "'", 's', 'lips', ',', 'multiplied', 'its', '_', 'rs', '_', 'as', 'though', 'they', 'were', 'reflected', 'in', 'an', 'endless', 'vista', 'of', 'mirrors', '.', 'And', 'it', 'was', 'not', 'only', 'the', 'Mrs', '.', 'Thwings', 'who', 'mourned', '.', 'Had', 'not', 'the', 'exquisite', 'Hermia', 'Croft', ',', 'at', 'the', 'last', 'Grafton', 'Gallery', 'show', ',', 'stopped', 'me', 'before', 'Gisburn', "'", 's', '"', 'Moon-dancers', '"', 'to', 'say', ',', 'with', 'tears', 'in', 'her', 'eyes:', '"', 'We', 'shall', 'not', 'look', 'upon', 'its', 'like', 'again', '"', '?', 'Well', '!', '--', 'even', 'through', 'the', 'prism', 'of', 'Hermia', "'", 's', 'tears', 'I', 'felt', 'able', 'to', 'face', 'the', 'fact', 'with', 'equanimity', '.', 'Poor', 'Jack', 'Gisburn', '!', 'The', 'women', 'had', 'made', 'him', '--', 'it', 'was', 'fitting', 'that', 'they', 'should', 'mourn', 'him', '.', 'Among', 'his', 'own', 'sex', 'fewer', 'regrets', 'were', 'heard', ',', 'and', 'in', 'his', 'own', 'trade', 'hardly', 'a', 'murmur', '.', 'Professional', 'jealousy', '?', 'Perhaps', '.', 'If', 'it', 'were', ',', 'the', 'honour', 'of', 'the', 'craft', 'was', 'vindicated', 'by', 'little', 'Claude', 'Nutley', ',', 'who', ',', 'in', 'all', 'good', 'faith', ',', 'brought', 'out', 'in', 'the', 'Burlington', 'a', 'very', 'handsome', '"', 'obituary', '"', 'on', 'Jack', '--', 'one', 'of', 'those', 'showy', 'articles', 'stocked', 'with', 'random', 'technicalities', 'that', 'I', 'have', 'heard', '(', 'I', 'won', "'", 't', 'say', 'by', 'whom', ')', 'compared', 'to', 'Gisburn', "'", 's', 'painting', '.', 'And', 'so', '--', 'his', 'resolve', 'being', 'apparently', 'irrevocable', '--', 'the', 'discussion', 'gradually', 'died', 'out', ',', 'and', ',', 'as', 'Mrs', '.', 'Thwing', 'had', 'predicted', ',', 'the', 'price', 'of', '"', 'Gisburns', '"', 'went', 'up', '.', 'It', 'was', 'not', 'till', 'three', 'years', 'later', 'that', ',', 'in', 'the', 'course', 'of', 'a', 'few', 'weeks', "'", 'idling', 'on', 'the', 'Riviera', ',', 'it', 'suddenly', 'occurred', 'to', 'me', 'to', 'wonder', 'why', 'Gisburn', 'had', 'given', 'up', 'his', 'painting', '.', 'On', 'reflection', ',', 'it', 'really', 'was', 'a', 'tempting', 'problem', '.', 'To', 'accuse', 'his', 'wife', 'would', 'have', 'been', 'too', 'easy', '--', 'his', 'fair', 'sitters', 'had', 'been', 'denied', 'the', 'solace', 'of', 'saying', 'that', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', 'had', '"', 'dragged', 'him', 'down', '.', '"', 'For', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', '--', 'as', 'such', '--', 'had', 'not', 'existed', 'till', 'nearly', 'a', 'year', 'after', 'Jack', "'", 's', 'resolve', 'had', 'been', 'taken', '.', 'It', 'might', 'be', 'that', 'he', 'had', 'married', 'her', '--', 'since', 'he', 'liked', 'his',

'ease', '--', 'because', 'he', 'didn', "'", 't', 'want', 'to', 'go', 'on', 'painting;', 'but', 'it', 'would', 'have', 'been', 'hard', 'to', 'prove', 'that', 'he', 'had', 'given', 'up', 'his', 'painting', 'because', 'he', 'had', 'married', 'her', '.', 'Of', 'course', ',', 'if', 'she', 'had', 'not', 'dragged', 'him', 'down', ',', 'she', 'had', 'equally', ',', 'as', 'Miss', 'Croft', 'contended', ',', 'failed', 'to', '"', 'lift', 'him', 'up', '"', '--', 'she', 'had', 'not', 'led', 'him', 'back', 'to', 'the', 'easel', '.', 'To', 'put', 'the', 'brush', 'into', 'his', 'hand', 'again', '--', 'what', 'a', 'vocation', 'for', 'a', 'wife', '!', 'But', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', 'appeared', 'to', 'have', 'disdained', 'it', '--', 'and', 'I', 'felt', 'it', 'might', 'be', 'interesting', 'to', 'find', 'out', 'why', '.', 'The', 'desultory', 'life', 'of', 'the', 'Riviera', 'lends', 'itself', 'to', 'such', 'purely', 'academic', 'speculations;', 'and', 'having', ',', 'on', 'my', 'way', 'to', 'Monte', 'Carlo', ',', 'caught', 'a', 'glimpse', 'of', 'Jack', "'", 's', 'balustraded', 'terraces', 'between', 'the', 'pines', ',', 'I', 'had', 'myself', 'borne', 'thither', 'the', 'next', 'day', '.', 'I', 'found', 'the', 'couple', 'at', 'tea', 'beneath', 'their', 'palm-trees;', 'and', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', "'", 's', 'welcome', 'was', 'so', 'genial', 'that', ',', 'in', 'the', 'ensuing', 'weeks', ',', 'I', 'claimed', 'it', 'frequently', '.', 'It', 'was', 'not', 'that', 'my', 'hostess', 'was', '"', 'interesting', '"', ':', 'on', 'that', 'point', 'I', 'could', 'have', 'given', 'Miss', 'Croft', 'the', 'fullest', 'reassurance', '.', 'It', 'was', 'just', 'because', 'she', 'was', '_', 'not', '_', 'interesting', '--', 'if', 'I', 'may', 'be', 'pardoned', 'the', 'bull', '--', 'that', 'I', 'found', 'her', 'so', '.', 'For', 'Jack', ',', 'all', 'his', 'life', ',', 'had', 'been', 'surrounded', 'by', 'interesting', 'women:', 'they', 'had', 'fostered', 'his', 'art', ',', 'it', 'had', 'been', 'reared', 'in', 'the', 'hot-house', 'of', 'their', 'adulation', '.', 'And', 'it', 'was', 'therefore', 'instructive', 'to', 'note', 'what', 'effect', 'the', '"', 'deadening', 'atmosphere', 'of', 'mediocrity', '"', '(', 'I', 'quote', 'Miss', 'Croft', ')', 'was', 'having', 'on', 'him', '.', 'I', 'have', 'mentioned', 'that', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', 'was', 'rich;', 'and', 'it', 'was', 'immediately', 'perceptible', 'that', 'her', 'husband', 'was', 'extracting', 'from', 'this', 'circumstance', 'a', 'delicate', 'but', 'substantial', 'satisfaction', '.', 'It', 'is', ',', 'as', 'a', 'rule', ',', 'the', 'people', 'who', 'scorn', 'money', 'who', 'get', 'most', 'out', 'of', 'it;', 'and', 'Jack', "'", 's', 'elegant', 'disdain', 'of', 'his', 'wife', "'", 's', 'big', 'balance', 'enabled', 'him', ',', 'with', 'an', 'appearance', 'of', 'perfect', 'good-breeding', ',', 'to', 'transmute', 'it', 'into', 'objects', 'of', 'art', 'and', 'luxury', '.', 'To', 'the', 'latter', ',', 'I', 'must', 'add', ',', 'he', 'remained', 'relatively', 'indifferent;', 'but', 'he', 'was', 'buying', 'Renaissance', 'bronzes', 'and', 'eighteenth-century', 'pictures', 'with', 'a', 'discrimination', 'that', 'bespoke', 'the', 'amplest', 'resources', '.', '"', 'Money', "'", 's', 'only', 'excuse', 'is', 'to', 'put', 'beauty', 'into', 'circulation', ',', '"', 'was', 'one', 'of', 'the', 'axioms', 'he', 'laid', 'down', 'across', 'the', 'Sevres', 'and', 'silver', 'of', 'an', 'exquisitely', 'appointed', 'luncheon-table', ',', 'when', ',', 'on', 'a', 'later', 'day', ',', 'I', 'had', 'again', 'run', 'over', 'from', 'Monte', 'Carlo;', 'and', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', ',', 'beaming', 'on', 'him', ',', 'added', 'for', 'my',

'enlightenment:', '"', 'Jack', 'is', 'so', 'morbidly', 'sensitive', 'to', 'every', 'form', 'of', 'beauty', '.', '"', 'Poor', 'Jack', '!', 'It', 'had', 'always', 'been', 'his', 'fate', 'to', 'have', 'women', 'say', 'such', 'things', 'of', 'him:', 'the', 'fact', 'should', 'be', 'set', 'down', 'in', 'extenuation', '.', 'What', 'struck', 'me', 'now', 'was', 'that', ',', 'for', 'the', 'first', 'time', ',', 'he', 'resented', 'the', 'tone', '.', 'I', 'had', 'seen', 'him', ',', 'so', 'often', ',', 'basking', 'under', 'similar', 'tributes', '--', 'was', 'it', 'the', 'conjugal', 'note', 'that', 'robbed', 'them', 'of', 'their', 'savour', '?', 'No', '--', 'for', ',', 'oddly', 'enough', ',', 'it', 'became', 'apparent', 'that', 'he', 'was', 'fond', 'of', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', '--', 'fond', 'enough', 'not', 'to', 'see', 'her', 'absurdity', '.', 'It', 'was', 'his', 'own', 'absurdity', 'he', 'seemed', 'to', 'be', 'wincing', 'under', '--', 'his', 'own', 'attitude', 'as', 'an', 'object', 'for', 'garlands', 'and', 'incense', '.', '"', 'My', 'dear', ',', 'since', 'I', "'", 've', 'chucked', 'painting', 'people', 'don', "'", 't', 'say', 'that', 'stuff', 'about', 'me', '--', 'they', 'say', 'it', 'about', 'Victor', 'Grindle', ',', '"', 'was', 'his', 'only', 'protest', ',', 'as', 'he', 'rose', 'from', 'the', 'table', 'and', 'strolled', 'out', 'onto', 'the', 'sunlit', 'terrace', '.', 'I', 'glanced', 'after', 'him', ',', 'struck', 'by', 'his', 'last', 'word', '.', 'Victor', 'Grindle', 'was', ',', 'in', 'fact', ',', 'becoming', 'the', 'man', 'of', 'the', 'moment', '--', 'as', 'Jack', 'himself', ',', 'one', 'might', 'put', 'it', ',', 'had', 'been', 'the', 'man', 'of', 'the', 'hour', '.', 'The', 'younger', 'artist', 'was', 'said', 'to', 'have', 'formed', 'himself', 'at', 'my', 'friend', "'", 's', 'feet', ',', 'and', 'I', 'wondered', 'if', 'a', 'tinge', 'of', 'jealousy', 'underlay', 'the', 'latter', "'", 's', 'mysterious', 'abdication', '.', 'But', 'no', '--', 'for', 'it', 'was', 'not', 'till', 'after', 'that', 'event', 'that', 'the', '_', 'rose', 'Dubarry', '_', 'drawingrooms', 'had', 'begun', 'to', 'display', 'their', '"', 'Grindles', '.', '"', 'I', 'turned', 'to', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', ',', 'who', 'had', 'lingered', 'to', 'give', 'a', 'lump', 'of', 'sugar', 'to', 'her', 'spaniel', 'in', 'the', 'dining-room', '.', '"', 'Why', '_', 'has', '_', 'he', 'chucked', 'painting', '?', '"', 'I', 'asked', 'abruptly', '.', 'She', 'raised', 'her', 'eyebrows', 'with', 'a', 'hint', 'of', 'good-humoured', 'surprise', '.', '"', 'Oh', ',', 'he', 'doesn', "'", 't', '_', 'have', '_', 'to', 'now', ',', 'you', 'know;', 'and', 'I', 'want', 'him', 'to', 'enjoy', 'himself', ',', '"', 'she', 'said', 'quite', 'simply', '.', 'I', 'looked', 'about', 'the', 'spacious', 'whitepanelled', 'room', ',', 'with', 'its', '_', 'famille-verte', '_', 'vases', repeating', 'the', 'tones', 'of', 'the', 'pale', 'damask', 'curtains', ',', 'and', 'its', 'eighteenth-century', 'pastels', 'in', 'delicate', 'faded', 'frames', '.', '"', 'Has', 'he', 'chucked', 'his', 'pictures', 'too', '?', 'I', 'haven', "'", 't', 'seen', 'a', 'single', 'one', 'in', 'the', 'house', '.', '"", 'A', 'slight', 'shade', 'of', 'constraint', 'crossed', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', "'", 's', 'open', 'countenance', '.', '"', 'It', "'", 's', 'his', 'ridiculous', 'modesty', ',', 'you', 'know', '.', 'He', 'says', 'they', "'", 're', 'not', 'fit', 'to', 'have', 'about;', 'he', "'", 's', 'sent', 'them', 'all', 'away', 'except', 'one', '--', 'my', 'portrait', '--', 'and', 'that', 'I', 'have', 'to', 'keep', 'upstairs', '.', '"', 'His', 'ridiculous', 'modesty', '--', 'Jack', "'", 's', 'modesty', 'about', 'his', 'pictures', '?', 'My', 'curiosity', 'was',

'growing', 'like', 'the', 'bean-stalk', '.', 'I', 'said', 'persuasively', 'to', 'my', 'hostess:', '"', 'I', 'must', 'really', 'see', 'your', 'portrait', ',', 'you', 'know', '.', '"', 'She', 'glanced', 'out', 'almost', 'timorously', 'at', 'the', 'terrace', 'where', 'her', 'husband', ',', 'lounging', 'in', 'a', 'hooded', 'chair', ',', 'had', 'lit', 'a', 'cigar', 'and', 'drawn', 'the', 'Russian', 'deerhound', "'", 's', 'head', 'between', 'his', 'knees', '.', '"", 'Well', ',', 'come', 'while', 'he', "'", 's', 'not', 'looking', ',', '"', 'she', 'said', ',', 'with', 'a', 'laugh', 'that', 'tried', 'to', 'hide', 'her', 'nervousness;', 'and', 'I', 'followed', 'her', 'between', 'the', 'marble', 'Emperors', 'of', 'the', 'hall', ',', 'and', 'up', 'the', 'wide', 'stairs', 'with', 'terra-cotta', 'nymphs', 'poised', 'among', 'flowers', 'at', 'each', 'landing', '.', 'In', 'the', 'dimmest', 'corner', 'of', 'her', 'boudoir', ',', 'amid', 'a', 'profusion', 'of', 'delicate', 'and', 'distinguished', 'objects', ',', 'hung', 'one', 'of', 'the', 'familiar', 'oval', 'canvases', ',', 'in', 'the', 'inevitable', 'garlanded', 'frame', '.', 'The', 'mere', 'outline', 'of', 'the', 'frame', 'called', 'up', 'all', 'Gisburn', "'", 's', 'past', '!', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', 'drew', 'back', 'the', 'window-curtains', ',', 'moved', 'aside', 'a', '_', 'jardiniere', '_', 'full', 'of', 'pink', 'azaleas', ',', 'pushed', 'an', 'arm-chair', 'away', ',', 'and', 'said:', '"', 'If', 'you', 'stand', 'here', 'you', 'can', 'just', 'manage', 'to', 'see', 'it', '.', 'I', 'had', 'it', 'over', 'the', 'mantel-piece', ',', 'but', 'he', 'wouldn', "'", 't', 'let', 'it', 'stay', '.', '"', 'Yes', '--', 'I', 'could', 'just', 'manage', 'to', 'see', 'it', '--', 'the', 'first', 'portrait', 'of', 'Jack', "'", 's', 'I', 'had', 'ever', 'had', 'to', 'strain', 'my', 'eyes', 'over', '!', 'Usually', 'they', 'had', 'the', 'place', 'of', 'honour', '--', 'say', 'the', 'central', 'panel', 'in', 'a', 'pale', 'yellow', 'or', '_', 'rose', 'Dubarry', '_', 'drawing-room', ',', 'or', 'a', 'monumental', 'easel', 'placed', 'so', 'that', 'it', 'took', 'the', 'light', 'through', 'curtains', 'of', 'old', 'Venetian', 'point', '.', 'The', 'more', 'modest', 'place', 'became', 'the', 'picture', 'better;', 'yet', ',', 'as', 'my', 'eyes', 'grew', 'accustomed', 'to', 'the', 'half-light', ',', 'all', 'the', 'characteristic', 'qualities', 'came', 'out', '--', 'all', 'the', 'hesitations', 'disguised', 'as', 'audacities', ',', 'the', 'tricks', 'of', 'prestidigitation', 'by', 'which', ',', 'with', 'such', 'consummate', 'skill', ',', 'he', 'managed', 'to', 'divert', 'attention', 'from', 'the', 'real', 'business', 'of', 'the', 'picture', 'to', 'some', 'pretty', 'irrelevance', 'of', 'detail', '.', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', ',', 'presenting', 'a', 'neutral', 'surface', 'to', 'work', 'on', '--', 'forming', ',', 'as', 'it', 'were', ',', 'so', 'inevitably', 'the', 'background', 'of', 'her', 'own', 'picture', '--', 'had', 'lent', 'herself', 'in', 'an', 'unusual', 'degree', 'to', 'the', 'display', 'of', 'this', 'false', 'virtuosity', '.', 'The', 'picture', 'was', 'one', 'of', 'Jack', "'", 's', '"', 'strongest', ',', '"', 'as', 'his', 'admirers', 'would', 'have', 'put', 'it', '--', 'it', 'represented', ',', 'on', 'his', 'part', ',', 'a', 'swelling', 'of', 'muscles', ',', 'a', 'congesting', 'of', 'veins', ',', 'a', 'balancing', ',', 'straddling', 'and', 'straining', ',', 'that', 'reminded', 'one', 'of', 'the', 'circus-clown', "'", 's', 'ironic', 'efforts', 'to', 'lift', 'a', 'feather', '.', 'It', 'met', ',', 'in', 'short', ',', 'at', 'every', 'point', 'the', 'demand', 'of', 'lovely', 'woman', 'to', 'be', 'painted', '"', 'strongly', '"', 'because',

'she', 'was', 'tired', 'of', 'being', 'painted', '"', 'sweetly', '"', '--', 'and', 'yet', 'not', 'to', 'lose', 'an', 'atom', 'of', 'the', 'sweetness', '.', '"', 'It', "'", 's', 'the', 'last', 'he', 'painted', ',', 'you', 'know', ',', '"', 'Mrs', '.', 'Gisburn', 'said', 'with', 'pardonable', 'pride', '.', '"', 'The', 'last', 'but', 'one', ',', '"', 'she', 'corrected', 'herself', '--', '"', 'but', 'the', 'other', 'doesn', "'", 't', 'count', ',', 'because', 'he', 'destroyed', 'it', '.', '"', '"', 'Destroyed', 'it', '?', '"', 'I', 'was', 'about', 'to', 'follow', 'up', 'this', 'clue', 'when', 'I', 'heard', 'a', 'footstep', 'and', 'saw', 'Jack', 'himself', 'on', 'the', 'threshold', '.', 'As', 'he', 'stood', 'there', ',', 'his', 'hands', 'in', 'the', 'pockets', 'of', 'his', 'velveteen', 'coat', ',', 'the', 'thin', 'brown', 'waves', 'of', 'hair', 'pushed', 'back', 'from', 'his', 'white', 'forehead', ',', 'his', 'lean', 'sunburnt', 'cheeks', 'furrowed', 'by', 'a', 'smile', 'that', 'lifted', 'the', 'tips', 'of', 'a', 'self-confident', 'moustache', ',', 'I', 'felt', 'to', 'what', 'a', 'degree', 'he', 'had', 'the', 'same', 'quality', 'as', 'his', 'pictures', '--', 'the', 'quality', 'of', 'looking', 'cleverer', 'than', 'he', 'was', '.', 'His', 'wife', 'glanced', 'at', 'him', 'deprecatingly', ',', 'but', 'his', 'eyes', 'travelled', 'past', 'her', 'to', 'the', 'portrait', '.', '"', 'Mr', '.', 'Rickham', 'wanted', 'to', 'see', 'it', ',', '"', 'she', 'began', ',', 'as', 'if', 'excusing', 'herself', '.', 'He', 'shrugged', 'his', 'shoulders', ',', 'still', 'smiling', '.', '"', 'Oh', ',', 'Rickham', 'found', 'me', 'out', 'long', 'ago', ',', '"', 'he', 'said', 'lightly;', 'then', ',', 'passing', 'his', 'arm', 'through', 'mine:', '"', 'Come', 'and', 'see', 'the', 'rest', 'of', 'the', 'house', '.', '"', 'He', 'showed', 'it', 'to', 'me', 'with', 'a', 'kind', 'of', 'naive', 'suburban', 'pride:', 'the', 'bath-rooms', ',', 'the', 'speaking-tubes', ',', 'the', 'dress-closets', ',', 'the', 'trouserpresses', '--', 'all', 'the', 'complex', 'simplifications', 'of', 'the', 'millionaire', "'", 's', 'domestic', 'economy', '.', 'And', 'whenever', 'my', 'wonder', 'paid', 'the', 'expected', 'tribute', 'he', 'said', ',', 'throwing', 'out', 'his', 'chest', 'a', 'little:', '"', 'Yes', ',', 'I', 'really', 'don', 't', 'see', 'how', 'people', 'manage', 'to', 'live', 'without', 'that', '.', '"', 'Well', '--', 'it', 'was', 'just', 'the', 'end', 'one', 'might', 'have', 'foreseen', 'for', 'him', '.', 'Only', 'he', 'was', ',', 'through', 'it', 'all', 'and', 'in', 'spite', 'of', 'it', 'all', '--', 'as', 'he', 'had', 'been', 'through', ',', 'and', 'in', 'spite', 'of', ',', 'his', 'pictures', '--', 'so', 'handsome', ',', 'so', 'charming', ',', 'so', 'disarming', ',', 'that', 'one', 'longed', 'to', 'cry', 'out:', '"', 'Be', 'dissatisfied', 'with', 'your', 'leisure', '!', '"', 'as', 'once', 'one', 'had', 'longed', 'to', 'say:', '"', 'Be', 'dissatisfied', 'with', 'your', 'work', '!', '"', 'But', ',', 'with', 'the', 'cry', 'on', 'my', 'lips', ',', 'my', 'diagnosis', 'suffered', 'an', 'unexpected', 'check', '.', '"', 'This', 'is', 'my', 'own', 'lair', ',', '"', 'he', 'said', ',', 'leading', 'me', 'into', 'a', 'dark', 'plain', 'room', 'at', 'the', 'end', 'of', 'the', 'florid', 'vista', '.', 'It', 'was', 'square', 'and', 'brown', 'and', 'leathery:', 'no', '"', 'effects', '"', ';', 'no', 'bric-abrac', ',', 'none', 'of', 'the', 'air', 'of', 'posing', 'for', 'reproduction', 'in', 'a', 'picture', 'weekly', '--', 'above', 'all', ',', 'no', 'least', 'sign', 'of', 'ever', 'having', 'been', 'used', 'as', 'a', 'studio', '.', 'The', 'fact', 'brought', 'home', 'to', 'me', 'the', 'absolute', 'finality', 'of',

'Jack', "'", 's', 'break', 'with', 'his', 'old', 'life', '.', '"', 'Don', "'", 't', 'you', 'ever', 'dabble', 'with', 'paint', 'any', 'more', '?', '"', 'I', 'asked', ',', 'still', 'looking', 'about', 'for', 'a', 'trace', 'of', 'such', 'activity', '.', '"', 'Never', ',', '"', 'he', 'said', 'briefly', '.', '"', 'Or', 'water-colour', '--', 'or', 'etching', '?', '"', 'His', 'confident', 'eyes', 'grew', 'dim', ',', 'and', 'his', 'cheeks', 'paled', 'a', 'little', 'under', 'their', 'handsome', 'sunburn', '.', '"', 'Never', 'think', 'of', 'it', ',', 'my', 'dear', 'fellow', '--', 'any', 'more', 'than', 'if', 'I', "'", 'd', 'never', 'touched', 'a', 'brush', '.', '"", 'And', 'his', 'tone', 'told', 'me', 'in', 'a', 'flash', 'that', 'he', 'never', 'thought', 'of', 'anything', 'else', '.', 'I', 'moved', 'away', ',', 'instinctively', 'embarrassed', 'by', 'my', 'unexpected', 'discovery;', 'and', 'as', 'I', 'turned', ',', 'my', 'eye', 'fell', 'on', 'a', 'small', 'picture', 'above', 'the', 'mantel-piece', '--', 'the', 'only', 'object', 'breaking', 'the', 'plain', 'oak', 'panelling', 'of', 'the', 'room', '.', '"', 'Oh', ',', 'by', 'Jove', '!', '"', 'I', 'said', '.', 'It', 'was', 'a', 'sketch', 'of', 'a', 'donkey', '--', 'an', 'old', 'tired', 'donkey', ',', 'standing', 'in', 'the', 'rain', 'under', 'a', 'wall', '.', '"', 'By', 'Jove', '--', 'a', 'Stroud', '!', '"', 'I', 'cried', '.', 'He', 'was', 'silent;', 'but', 'I', 'felt', 'him', 'close', 'behind', 'me', ',', 'breathing', 'a', 'little', 'quickly', '.', '"', 'What', 'a', 'wonder', '!', 'Made', 'with', 'a', 'dozen', 'lines', '--', 'but', 'on', 'everlasting', 'foundations', '.', 'You', 'lucky', 'chap', ',', 'where', 'did', 'you', 'get', 'it', '?', '"', 'He', 'answered', 'slowly:', '"', 'Mrs', '.', 'Stroud', 'gave', 'it', 'to', 'me', '.', '"', '"', 'Ah', '--', 'I', 'didn', "'", 't', 'know', 'you', 'even', 'knew', 'the', 'Strouds', '.', 'He', 'was', 'such', 'an', 'inflexible', 'hermit', '.', '"', '"', 'I', 'didn', "'", 't', '--', 'till', 'after', '.', '.', '.', '.', 'She', 'sent', 'for', 'me', 'to', 'paint', 'him', 'when', 'he', 'was', 'dead', '.', '"', '"', 'When', 'he', 'was', 'dead', '?', 'You', '?', '"', 'I', 'must', 'have', 'let', 'a', 'little', 'too', 'much', 'amazement', 'escape', 'through', 'my', 'surprise', ',', 'for', 'he', 'answered', 'with', 'a', 'deprecating', 'laugh:', '"', 'Yes', '--', 'she', "'", 's', 'an', 'awful', 'simpleton', ',', 'you', 'know', ',', 'Mrs', '.', 'Stroud', '.', 'Her', 'only', 'idea', 'was', 'to', 'have', 'him', 'done', 'by', 'a', 'fashionable', 'painter', '--', 'ah', ',', 'poor', 'Stroud', '!', 'She', 'thought', 'it', 'the', 'surest', 'way', 'of', 'proclaiming', 'his', 'greatness', '--', 'of', 'forcing', 'it', 'on', 'a', 'purblind', 'public', '.', 'And', 'at', 'the', 'moment', 'I', 'was', '_', 'the', '_', 'fashionable', 'painter', '.', '"', 'Mh', ',', 'poor', 'Stroud', '--', 'as', 'you', 'say', '.', 'Was', '_', 'that', '_', 'his', 'history', '?', '"', '"', 'That', 'was', 'his', 'history', '.', 'She', 'believed', 'in', 'him', ',', 'gloried', 'in', 'him', '--', 'or', 'thought', 'she', 'did', '.', 'But', 'she', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'bear', 'not', 'to', 'have', 'all', 'the', 'drawing-rooms', 'with', 'her', '.', 'She', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'bear', 'the', 'fact', 'that', ',', 'on', 'varnishing', 'days', ',', 'one', 'could', 'always', 'get', 'near', 'enough', 'to', 'see', 'his', 'pictures', '.', 'Poor', 'woman', '!', 'She', "'", 's', 'just', 'a', 'fragment', 'groping', 'for', 'other', 'fragments', '.' 'Stroud', 'is', 'the', 'only', 'whole', 'I', 'ever', 'knew', '.', '"', '"', 'You', 'ever', 'knew', '?', 'But', 'you', 'just', 'said', '--', '"', 'Gisburn', 'had', 'a', 'curious', 'smile', 'in', 'his', 'eyes', '.', '"', 'Oh', ',', 'I',

'knew', 'him', ',', 'and', 'he', 'knew', 'me', '--', 'only', 'it', 'happened', 'after', 'he', 'was', 'dead', '.', '"', 'I', 'dropped', 'my', 'voice', 'instinctively', '.', '"', 'When', 'she', 'sent', 'for', 'you', '?', '"', 'Yes', '--', 'quite', 'insensible', 'to', 'the', 'irony', '.', 'She', 'wanted', 'him', 'vindicated', '--', 'and', 'by', 'me', '!', '"', 'He', 'laughed', 'again', ',', 'and', 'threw', 'back', 'his', 'head', 'to', 'look', 'up', 'at', 'the', 'sketch', 'of', 'the', 'donkey', '.', '"', 'There', 'were', 'days', 'when', 'I', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'look', 'at', 'that', 'thing', '--', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'face', 'it', '.', 'But', 'I', 'forced', 'myself', 'to', 'put', 'it', 'here;', 'and', 'now', 'it', "'", 's', 'cured', 'me', '--', 'cured', 'me', '.', 'That', "'", 's', 'the', 'reason', 'why', 'I', 'don', "'", 't', 'dabble', 'any', 'more', ',', 'my', 'dear', 'Rickham;', 'or', 'rather', 'Stroud', 'himself', 'is', 'the', 'reason', '.', '"', 'For', 'the', 'first', 'time', 'my', 'idle', 'curiosity', 'about', 'my', 'companion', 'turned', 'into', 'a', 'serious', 'desire', 'to', 'understand', 'him', 'better', '.', '"', 'I', 'wish', 'you', "'", 'd', 'tell', 'me', 'how', 'it', 'happened', ',', '"', 'I', 'said', '.', 'He', 'stood', 'looking', 'up', 'at', 'the', 'sketch', ',', 'and', 'twirling', 'between', 'his', 'fingers', 'a', 'cigarette', 'he', 'had', 'forgotten', 'to', 'light', '.', 'Suddenly', 'he', 'turned', 'toward', 'me', '.', '"', 'I', "'", 'd', 'rather', 'like', 'to', 'tell', 'you', '--', 'because', 'I', "'", 've', 'always', 'suspected', 'you', 'of', 'loathing', 'my', 'work', '.', '"', 'I', 'made', 'a', 'deprecating', 'gesture', ',', 'which', 'he', 'negatived', 'with', 'a', 'good-humoured', 'shrug', '.', '"', 'Oh', ',', 'I', 'didn', "'", 't', 'care', 'a', 'straw', 'when', 'I', 'believed', 'in', 'myself', '--', 'and', 'now', 'it', "'", 's', 'an', 'added', 'tie', 'between', 'us', '!', '"', 'He', 'laughed', 'slightly', ',', 'without', 'bitterness', ',', 'and', 'pushed', 'one', 'of', 'the', 'deep', 'arm-chairs', 'forward', '.', '"', 'There:', 'make', 'yourself', 'comfortable', '--', 'and', 'here', 'are', 'the', 'cigars', 'you', 'like', '.', '"', 'He', 'placed', 'them', 'at', 'my', 'elbow', 'and', 'continued', 'to', 'wander', 'up', 'and', 'down', 'the', 'room', ',', 'stopping', 'now', 'and', 'then', 'beneath', 'the', 'picture', '.', '"', 'How', 'it', 'happened', '?', 'I', 'can', 'tell', 'you', 'in', 'five', 'minutes', '--', 'and', 'it', 'didn', "'", 't', 'take', 'much', 'longer', 'to', 'happen', '.', '.', '.', '.', 'I', 'can', 'remember', 'now', 'how', 'surprised', 'and', 'pleased', 'I', 'was', 'when', 'I', 'got', 'Mrs', '.', 'Stroud', "'", 's', 'note', '.', 'Of', 'course', ',', 'deep', 'down', ',', 'I', 'had', 'always', '_', 'felt', '_', 'there', 'was', 'no', 'one', 'like', 'him', '--', 'only', 'I', 'had', 'gone', 'with', 'the', 'stream', ',', 'echoed', 'the', 'usual', 'platitudes', 'about', 'him', ',', 'till', 'I', 'half', 'got', 'to', 'think', 'he', 'was', 'a', 'failure', ',', 'one', 'of', 'the', 'kind', 'that', 'are', 'left', 'behind', '.', 'By', 'Jove', ',', 'and', 'he', '_', 'was', '_', 'left', 'behind', '--', 'because', 'he', 'had', 'come', 'to', 'stay', '!', 'The', 'rest', 'of', 'us', 'had', 'to', 'let', 'ourselves', 'be', 'swept', 'along', 'or', 'go', 'under', ',', 'but', 'he', 'was', 'high', 'above', 'the', 'current', '--', 'on', 'everlasting', 'foundations', ',', 'as', 'you', 'say', '.', '"', 'Well', ',', 'I', 'went', 'off', 'to', 'the', 'house', 'in', 'my', 'most', 'egregious', 'mood', '--', 'rather', 'moved', ',', 'Lord', 'forgive', 'me', ',', 'at', 'the', 'pathos', 'of', 'poor', 'Stroud', "'", 's', 'career', 'of',

'failure', 'being', 'crowned', 'by', 'the', 'glory', 'of', 'my', 'painting', 'him', '!', 'Of', 'course', 'I', 'meant', 'to', 'do', 'the', 'picture', 'for', 'nothing', '--', 'I', 'told', 'Mrs', '.', 'Stroud', 'so', 'when', 'she', 'began', 'to', 'stammer', 'something', 'about', 'her', 'poverty', '.', 'I', 'remember', 'getting', 'off', 'a', 'prodigious', 'phrase', 'about', 'the', 'honour', 'being', '_', 'mine', '_', '--', 'oh', ',', 'I', 'was', 'princely', ',', 'my', 'dear', 'Rickham', '!', 'I', 'was', 'posing', 'to', 'myself', 'like', 'one', 'of', 'my', 'own', 'sitters', '.', '"', 'Then', 'I', 'was', 'taken', 'up', 'and', 'left', 'alone', 'with', 'him', '.', 'I', 'had', 'sent', 'all', 'my', 'traps', 'in', 'advance', ',', 'and', 'I', 'had', 'only', 'to', 'set', 'up', 'the', 'easel', 'and', 'get', 'to', 'work', '.', 'He', 'had', 'been', 'dead', 'only', 'twenty-four', 'hours', ',', 'and', 'he', 'died', 'suddenly', ',', 'of', 'heart', 'disease', ',', 'so', 'that', 'there', 'had', 'been', 'no', 'preliminary', 'work', 'of', 'destruction', '--', 'his', 'face', 'was', 'clear', 'and', 'untouched', '.', 'I', 'had', 'met', 'him', 'once', 'or', 'twice', ',', 'years', 'before', ',', 'and', 'thought', 'him', 'insignificant', 'and', 'dingy', '.', 'Now', 'I', 'saw', 'that', 'he', 'was', 'superb', '.', '"', 'I', 'was', 'glad', 'at', 'first', ',', 'with', 'a', 'merely', 'aesthetic', 'satisfaction:', 'glad', 'to', 'have', 'my', 'hand', 'on', 'such', 'a', "'", 'subject', '.', "'", 'Then', 'his', 'strange', 'life-likeness', 'began', 'to', 'affect', 'me', 'queerly', '--', 'as', 'I', 'blocked', 'the', 'head', 'in', 'I', 'felt', 'as', 'if', 'he', 'were', 'watching', 'me', 'do', 'it', '.', 'The', 'sensation', 'was', 'followed', 'by', 'the', 'thought:', 'if', 'he', '_', 'were', '_', 'watching', 'me', ',', 'what', 'would', 'he', 'say', 'to', 'my', 'way', 'of', 'working', '?', 'My', 'strokes', 'began', 'to', 'go', 'a', 'little', 'wild', '--', 'I', 'felt', 'nervous', 'and', 'uncertain', '.', '"', 'Once', ',', 'when', 'I', 'looked', 'up', ',', 'I', 'seemed', 'to', 'see', 'a', 'smile', 'behind', 'his', 'close', 'grayish', 'beard', '--', 'as', 'if', 'he', 'had', 'the', 'secret', ',', 'and', 'were', 'amusing', 'himself', 'by', 'holding', 'it', 'back', 'from', 'me', '.', 'That', 'exasperated', 'me', 'still', 'more', '.', 'The', 'secret', '?', 'Why', ',', 'I', 'had', 'a', 'secret', 'worth', 'twenty', 'of', 'his', '!', 'I', 'dashed', 'at', 'the', 'canvas', 'furiously', ',', 'and', 'tried', 'some', 'of', 'my', 'bravura', 'tricks', '.', 'But', 'they', 'failed', 'me', ',', 'they', 'crumbled', '.', 'I', 'saw', 'that', 'he', 'wasn', "'", 't', 'watching', 'the', 'showy', 'bits', '--', 'I', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'distract', 'his', 'attention;', 'he', 'just', 'kept', 'his', 'eyes', 'on', 'the', 'hard', 'passages', 'between', '.', 'Those', 'were', 'the', 'ones', 'I', 'had', 'always', 'shirked', ',', 'or', 'covered', 'up', 'with', 'some', 'lying', 'paint', '.', 'And', 'how', 'he', 'saw', 'through', 'my', 'lies', '!', '"', 'I', 'looked', 'up', 'again', ',', 'and', 'caught', 'sight', 'of', 'that', 'sketch', 'of', 'the', 'donkey', 'hanging', 'on', 'the', 'wall', 'near', 'his', 'bed', '.', 'His', 'wife', 'told', 'me', 'afterward', 'it', 'was', 'the', 'last', 'thing', 'he', 'had', 'done', '--', 'just', 'a', 'note', 'taken', 'with', 'a', 'shaking', 'hand', ',', 'when', 'he', 'was', 'down', 'in', 'Devonshire', 'recovering', 'from', 'a', 'previous', 'heart', 'attack', '.', 'Just', 'a', 'note', '!', 'But', 'it', 'tells', 'his', 'whole', 'history', '.', 'There', 'are', 'years', 'of', 'patient', 'scornful', 'persistence', 'in', 'every', 'line', '.', 'A', 'man', 'who', 'had', 'swum',

'with', 'the', 'current', 'could', 'never', 'have', 'learned', 'that', 'mighty', 'up-stream', 'stroke', '.', '.', '.', '"', 'I', 'turned', 'back', 'to', 'my', 'work', ',', 'and', 'went', 'on', 'groping', 'and', 'muddling;', 'then', 'I', 'looked', 'at', 'the', 'donkey', 'again', '.', 'I', 'saw', 'that', ',', 'when', 'Stroud', 'laid', 'in', 'the', 'first', 'stroke', ',', 'he', 'knew', 'just', 'what', 'the', 'end', 'would', 'be', '.', 'He', 'had', 'possessed', 'his', 'subject', ',', 'absorbed', 'it', ',', 'recreated', 'it', '.', 'When', 'had', 'I', 'done', 'that', 'with', 'any', 'of', 'my', 'things', '?', 'They', 'hadn', "'", 't', 'been', 'born', 'of', 'me', '--', 'I', 'had', 'just', 'adopted', 'them', '.', '.', '.', '"', 'Hang', 'it', ',', 'Rickham', ',', 'with', 'that', 'face', 'watching', 'me', 'I', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'do', 'another', 'stroke', '.', 'The', 'plain', 'truth', 'was', ',', 'I', 'didn', "'", 't', 'know', 'where', 'to', 'put', 'it', '--', '_', 'I', 'had', 'never', 'known', '_', '.', 'Only', ',', 'with', 'my', 'sitters', 'and', 'my', 'public', ',', 'a', 'showy', 'splash', 'of', 'colour', 'covered', 'up', 'the', 'fact', '--', 'I', 'just', 'threw', 'paint', 'into', 'their', 'faces', '.', '.', '.', '.', 'Well', ',', 'paint', 'was', 'the', 'one', 'medium', 'those', 'dead', 'eyes', 'could', 'see', 'through', '--', 'see', 'straight', 'to', 'the', 'tottering', 'foundations', 'underneath', '.', 'Don', "'", 't', 'you', 'know', 'how', ',', 'in', 'talking', 'a', 'foreign', 'language', ',', 'even', 'fluently', ',', 'one', 'says', 'half', 'the', 'time', 'not', 'what', 'one', 'wants', 'to', 'but', 'what', 'one', 'can', '?', 'Well', '--', 'that', 'was', 'the', 'way', 'I', 'painted;', 'and', 'as', 'he', 'lay', 'there', 'and', 'watched', 'me', ',', 'the', 'thing', 'they', 'called', 'my', "'", 'technique', "'", 'collapsed', 'like', 'a', 'house', 'of', 'cards', '.', 'He', 'didn', "'", 't', 'sneer', ',', 'you', 'understand', ',', 'poor', 'Stroud', '--', 'he', 'just', 'lay', 'there', 'quietly', 'watching', ',', 'and', 'on', 'his', 'lips', ',', 'through', 'the', 'gray', 'beard', ',', 'I', 'seemed', 'to', 'hear', 'the', 'question:', "'", 'Are', 'you', 'sure', 'you', 'know', 'where', 'you', "'", 're', 'coming', 'out', '?', "'", '"', 'If', 'I', 'could', 'have', 'painted', 'that', 'face', ',', 'with', 'that', 'question', 'on', 'it', ',', 'I', 'should', 'have', 'done', 'a', 'great', 'thing', '.', 'The', 'next', 'greatest', 'thing', 'was', 'to', 'see', 'that', 'I', 'couldn', "'", 't', '--', 'and', 'that', 'grace', 'was', 'given', 'me', '.', 'But', ',', 'oh', ',', 'at', 'that', 'minute', ',', 'Rickham', ',', 'was', 'there', 'anything', 'on', 'earth', 'I', 'wouldn', "'", 't', 'have', 'given', 'to', 'have', 'Stroud', 'alive', 'before', 'me', ',', 'and', 'to', 'hear', 'him', 'say:', "'", 'It', "'", 's', 'not', 'too', 'late', '--', 'I', "'", 'll', 'show', 'you', 'how', "'", '?', '"', 'It', '_', 'was', '_', 'too', 'late', '--', 'it', 'would', 'have', 'been', ',', 'even', 'if', 'he', "'", 'd', 'been', 'alive', '.', 'I', 'packed', 'up', 'my', 'traps', ',', 'and', 'went', 'down', 'and', 'told', 'Mrs', '.', 'Stroud', '.', 'Of', 'course', 'I', 'didn', "'", 't', 'tell', 'her', '_', 'that', '_', '--', 'it', 'would', 'have', 'been', 'Greek', 'to', 'her', '.', 'I', 'simply', 'said', 'I', 'couldn', "'", 't', 'paint', 'him', ',', 'that', 'I', 'was', 'too', 'moved', '.', 'She', 'rather', 'liked', 'the', 'idea', '--', 'she', "'", 's', 'so', 'romantic', '!', 'It', 'was', 'that', 'that', 'made', 'her', 'give', 'me', 'the', 'donkey', '.', 'But', 'she', 'was', 'terribly', 'upset', 'at', 'not', 'getting', 'the', 'portrait', '--', 'she', 'did', 'so', 'want', 'him', "'",

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'done', "'", 'by', 'some', 'one', 'showy', '!', 'At', 'first', 'I', 'was',
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['!', '"', "'", '(', ')', ',', '--', '.', ':', ';', '?', 'A', 'Ah', 'Among',
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'Grindles', 'HAD', 'Had', 'Hang', 'Has', 'He', 'Her', 'Hermia', 'His', 'How',
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'Renaissance', 'Rickham', 'Rickham;', 'Riviera', 'Rome', 'Russian', 'Sevres',
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• Below are the first 50 entries in this vocabulary:

```
[69]: #Showing First 50 unique tokens with their id

for i, item in enumerate(vocab.items()):
    print(item)
    if i >= 50: break
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('!', 0) ('"', 1) ("'", 2) ('(', 3) (')', 4)

(',', 5) ('--', 6)

('.', 7)

(':', 8)

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(';', 9)
('?', 10)
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('Ah', 12)
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('And', 14)
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('HAD', 46)
('Had', 47)
('Hang', 48)
('Has', 49)
('He', 50)
```

- Below, we illustrate the tokenization of a short sample text using a small vocabulary:
- Putting it now all together into a tokenizer class

```
class SimpleTokenizerV1:
    def __init__(self, vocab):
        self.str_to_int = vocab
        self.int_to_str = {i:s for s,i in vocab.items()}

def encode(self, text):
    preprocessed = re.split(r'([,.?_!"()\']|--|\s)', text)
    preprocessed = [item.strip() for item in preprocessed if item.strip()]
    ids = [self.str_to_int[s] for s in preprocessed]
    return ids

def decode(self, ids):
    text = " ".join([self.int_to_str[i] for i in ids])
    # Replace spaces before the specified punctuations
    text = re.sub(r'\s+([,.?!"()\'])', r'\1', text)
    return text
```

- The encode function turns text into token IDs
- The decode function turns token IDs back into text
- We can use the tokenizer to encode (that is, tokenize) texts into integers
- These integers can then be embedded (later) as input of/for the LLM

```
[33]: tokenizer = SimpleTokenizerV1(vocab)

text = """"It's the last he painted, you know," Mrs. Gisburn said with

⇒pardonable pride."""

ids = tokenizer.encode(text)

print(ids)
```

[1, 58, 2, 872, 1013, 615, 541, 763, 5, 1155, 608, 5, 1, 69, 7, 39, 873, 1136, 773, 812, 7]

• We can decode the integers back into text

```
[34]: tokenizer.decode(ids)
```

[34]: '" It\' s the last he painted, you know," Mrs. Gisburn said with pardonable pride.'

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[35]: tokenizer.decode(tokenizer.encode(text))
```

[35]: '" It\' s the last he painted, you know," Mrs. Gisburn said with pardonable pride.'

1.4 2.4 Adding special context tokens

• It's useful to add some "special" tokens for unknown words and to denote the end of a text

- Some tokenizers use special tokens to help the LLM with additional context
- Some of these special tokens are
 - [BOS] (beginning of sequence) marks the beginning of text
 - [EOS] (end of sequence) marks where the text ends (this is usually used to concatenate
 multiple unrelated texts, e.g., two different Wikipedia articles or two different books,
 and so on)
 - [PAD] (padding) if we train LLMs with a batch size greater than 1 (we may include multiple texts with different lengths; with the padding token we pad the shorter texts to the longest length so that all texts have an equal length)
- [UNK] to represent works that are not included in the vocabulary
- Note that GPT-2 does not need any of these tokens mentioned above but only uses an <|endoftext|> token to reduce complexity
- The <|endoftext|> is analogous to the [EOS] token mentioned above
- GPT also uses the <|endoftext|> for padding (since we typically use a mask when training on batched inputs, we would not attend padded tokens anyways, so it does not matter what these tokens are)
- GPT-2 does not use an <UNK> token for out-of-vocabulary words; instead, GPT-2 uses a bytepair encoding (BPE) tokenizer, which breaks down words into subword units which we will discuss in a later section
- We use the <|endoftext|> tokens between two independent sources of text:
- Let's see what happens if we tokenize the following text:

```
[36]: tokenizer = SimpleTokenizerV1(vocab)

text = "Hello, do you like tea. Is this-- a test?"

tokenizer.encode(text)
```

- The above produces an error because the word "Hello" is not contained in the vocabulary
- \bullet To deal with such cases, we can add special tokens like "<|unk|>" to the vocabulary to represent unknown words
- Since we are already extending the vocabulary, let's add another token called "<|endoftext|>" which is used in GPT-2 training to denote the end of a text (and it's also used between concatenated text, like if our training datasets consists of multiple articles, books, etc.)

```
[]: preprocessed = re.split(r'([,.?_!"()\']|--|\s)', raw_text)
preprocessed = [item.strip() for item in preprocessed if item.strip()]

all_tokens = sorted(list(set(preprocessed)))
all_tokens.extend(["<|endoftext|>", "<|unk|>"])

vocab = {token:integer for integer,token in enumerate(all_tokens)}
```

```
[]: len(vocab.items())
```

```
[]: for i, item in enumerate(list(vocab.items())[-5:]):
    print(item)
```

• We also need to adjust the tokenizer accordingly so that it knows when and how to use the new <unk> token

```
text = re.sub(r'\s+([,.?!"()\'])', r'\1', text)
return text
```

Let's try to tokenize text with the modified tokenizer:

```
[]: tokenizer = SimpleTokenizerV2(vocab)

text1 = "Hello, do you like tea?"
text2 = "In the sunlit terraces of the palace."

text = " <|endoftext|> ".join((text1, text2))

print(text)

[]: tokenizer.encode(text)
```

1.5 2.5 BytePair encoding

- GPT-2 used BytePair encoding (BPE) as its tokenizer
- it allows the model to break down words that aren't in its predefined vocabulary into smaller subword units or even individual characters, enabling it to handle out-of-vocabulary words
- For instance, if GPT-2's vocabulary doesn't have the word "unfamiliarword," it might tokenize it as ["unfam", "iliar", "word"] or some other subword breakdown, depending on its trained BPE merges
- The original BPE tokenizer can be found here: https://github.com/openai/gpt-2/blob/master/src/encoder.py
- In this chapter, we are using the BPE tokenizer from OpenAI's open-source tiktoken library, which implements its core algorithms in Rust to improve computational performance
- I created a notebook in the ./bytepair_encoder that compares these two implementations side-by-side (tiktoken was about 5x faster on the sample text)

```
print(integers)

[]: strings = tokenizer.decode(integers)

print(strings)
```

• BPE tokenizers break down unknown words into subwords and individual characters:

1.6 2.6 Data sampling with a sliding window

• We train LLMs to generate one word at a time, so we want to prepare the training data accordingly where the next word in a sequence represents the target to predict:

```
[]: with open("the-verdict.txt", "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    raw_text = f.read()

enc_text = tokenizer.encode(raw_text)
print(len(enc_text))
```

- For each text chunk, we want the inputs and targets
- Since we want the model to predict the next word, the targets are the inputs shifted by one position to the right

```
[]: enc_sample = enc_text[50:]

[]: context_size = 4

    x = enc_sample[:context_size]
    y = enc_sample[1:context_size+1]

print(f"x: {x}")
    print(f"y: {y}")
```

• One by one, the prediction would look like as follows:

```
[]: for i in range(1, context_size+1):
    context = enc_sample[:i]
    desired = enc_sample[i]

    print(context, "---->", desired)
```

```
[]: for i in range(1, context_size+1):
    context = enc_sample[:i]
    desired = enc_sample[i]

    print(tokenizer.decode(context), "---->", tokenizer.decode([desired]))
```

• We will take care of the next-word prediction in a later chapter after we covered the attention mechanism

- For now, we implement a simple data loader that iterates over the input dataset and returns the inputs and targets shifted by one
- Install and import PyTorch (see Appendix A for installation tips)

```
[]: import torch print("PyTorch version:", torch.__version__)
```

- We use a sliding window approach where we slide the window one word at a time (this is also known as stride=1):
- Create dataset and dataloader that extract chunks from the input text dataset

```
[]: from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
     class GPTDatasetV1(Dataset):
         def __init__(self, txt, tokenizer, max_length, stride):
             self.tokenizer = tokenizer
             self.input_ids = []
             self.target_ids = []
             # Tokenize the entire text
             token_ids = tokenizer.encode(txt, allowed_special={'<|endoftext|>'})
             # Use a sliding window to chunk the book into overlapping sequences of \Box
      \rightarrow max_length
             for i in range(0, len(token_ids) - max_length, stride):
                 input_chunk = token_ids[i:i + max_length]
                 target_chunk = token_ids[i + 1: i + max_length + 1]
                 self.input_ids.append(torch.tensor(input_chunk))
                 self.target_ids.append(torch.tensor(target_chunk))
         def __len__(self):
             return len(self.input_ids)
         def __getitem__(self, idx):
             return self.input_ids[idx], self.target_ids[idx]
```

```
dataloader = DataLoader(
    dataset, batch_size=batch_size, shuffle=shuffle, drop_last=drop_last)
return dataloader
```

• Let's test the dataloader with a batch size of 1 for an LLM with a context size of 4:

```
[]: second_batch = next(data_iter)
print(second_batch)
```

- An example using stride equal to the context length (here: 4) as shown below:
- We can also create batched outputs
- Note that we increase the stride here so that we don't have overlaps between the batches, since more overlap could lead to increased overfitting

1.7 2.7 Creating token embeddings

- The data is already almost ready for an LLM
- But lastly let us embed the tokens in a continuous vector representation using an embedding layer
- Usually, these embedding layers are part of the LLM itself and are updated (trained) during model training
- Suppose we have the following four input examples with input ids 5, 1, 3, and 2 (after tokenization):

```
[]: input_ids = torch.tensor([2, 3, 5, 1])
```

• For the sake of simplicity, suppose we have a small vocabulary of only 6 words and we want to create embeddings of size 3:

```
[]: vocab_size = 6
output_dim = 3

torch.manual_seed(123)
embedding_layer = torch.nn.Embedding(vocab_size, output_dim)
```

• This would result in a 6x3 weight matrix:

[]: print(embedding_layer.weight)

- For those who are familiar with one-hot encoding, the embedding layer approach above is essentially just a more efficient way of implementing one-hot encoding followed by matrix multiplication in a fully-connected layer, which is described in the supplementary code in ./embedding_vs_matmul
- Because the embedding layer is just a more efficient implementation that is equivalent to the one-hot encoding and matrix-multiplication approach it can be seen as a neural network layer that can be optimized via backpropagation
- To convert a token with id 3 into a 3-dimensional vector, we do the following:

```
[]: print(embedding_layer(torch.tensor([3])))
```

- Note that the above is the 4th row in the embedding layer weight matrix
- To embed all four input_ids values above, we do

```
[]: print(embedding_layer(input_ids))
```

```
[]: - An embedding layer is essentially a look-up operation:
```

• You may be interested in the bonus content comparing embedding layers with regular linear layers: ../02_bonus_efficient-multihead-attention

1.8 2.8 Encoding word positions

- Embedding layer convert IDs into identical vector representations regardless of where they are located in the input sequence:
- Positional embeddings are combined with the token embedding vector to form the input embeddings for a large language model:
- The BytePair encoder has a vocabulary size of 50,257:
- Suppose we want to encode the input tokens into a 256-dimensional vector representation:

```
[]: vocab_size = 50257
output_dim = 256

token_embedding_layer = torch.nn.Embedding(vocab_size, output_dim)
```

• If we sample data from the dataloader, we embed the tokens in each batch into a 256-dimensional vector

• If we have a batch size of 8 with 4 tokens each, this results in a 8 x 4 x 256 tensor:

```
[]: token_embeddings = token_embedding_layer(inputs) print(token_embeddings.shape)
```

• GPT-2 uses absolute position embeddings, so we just create another embedding layer:

```
[]: block_size = max_length pos_embedding_layer = torch.nn.Embedding(block_size, output_dim)
```

```
[ ]: pos_embeddings = pos_embedding_layer(torch.arange(max_length))
    print(pos_embeddings.shape)
```

• To create the input embeddings used in an LLM, we simply add the token and the positional embeddings:

```
[ ]: input_embeddings = token_embeddings + pos_embeddings
print(input_embeddings.shape)
```

- In the initial phase of the input processing workflow, the input text is segmented into separate tokens
- Following this segmentation, these tokens are transformed into token IDs based on a predefined vocabulary:

2 Summary and takeaways

See the ./dataloader.ipynb code notebook, which is a concise version of the data loader that we implemented in this chapter and will need for training the GPT model in upcoming chapters.

See ./exercise-solutions.ipynb for the exercise solutions.