

Numerical Representation.

32-bit stream

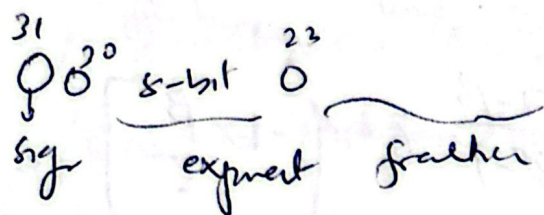
egs 2^{N+1} , by 2's complement.

(eg# 2⁹⁹⁹⁹)

$$512 \times (2^{33}) = 2^{9999}$$

(Note: 512 is labeled 'next value', 2 is labeled 'signified part', and 33 is labeled 'N')

Floating point numbers



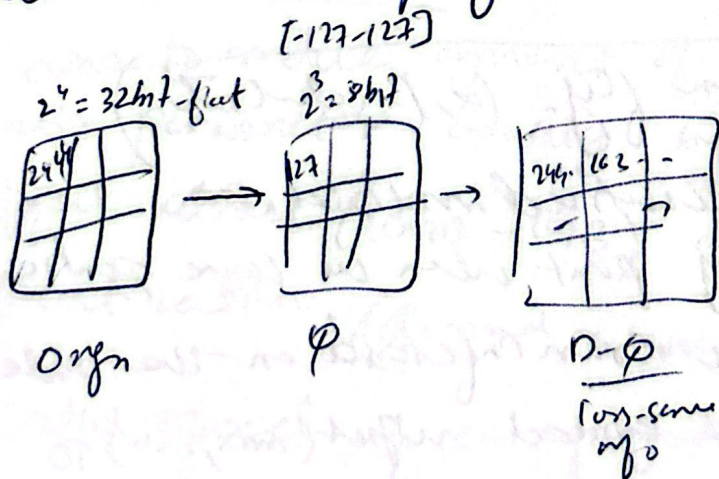
$$850612 = 8 \times 10^1 + 5 \times 10^0 + 6 \times 10^{-1} + 1 \times 10^{-2} + 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

→ modern GPUs have 16-bit floating number, less precision

Quantization details

→ in NN linear layer have two matrices weights & Bias, represented by floating point no, we aim to represent it by integers. $(Y = XW + B)^{int32}$

→ we aim to find reversible mapping of float \rightarrow int such that the performance remain same



Types: Symmetric vs Asymmetric

0 mapped to
0 directly

$[-127, +127]$

8, bit

if input is symmetric

0
↓
different

$[0, 255]$

if input is Asymmetric.

Asymmetric Quantization

$$x_q = \text{clamp}\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x}{s} \right\rfloor + z; 0, 2^{n-1}\right), \quad s = \frac{a - \beta}{2^n - 1} \quad z = \begin{cases} \text{small} \\ \text{round off} \end{cases} \left[-1 \times \frac{\beta}{s}\right]$$

dequantize:

$$x_f = s(x_q - z)$$

Symmetric Quantization

$$x_q = \text{clamp}\left(\left\lfloor \frac{x_q}{s} \right\rfloor; -117, 117\right), \quad s = \frac{\text{abs}(a)}{2^{n-1} - 1}$$

$$x_f = s x_q$$

- input: dynamic quantization on fly. (α, β calculate)
- calibration: y = output of quantized matrices so how can we convert it floating point when we have quantized so, we do it by calibration. (we run inference on the model using few inputs and observe the typical output (max, min) to calculate the scale & the zeros. (Post-training Quantization)

OK, why?

When adapting to specific task, LLMs have "low-intrinsic diversity" and can still learn efficiently despite random projection to a smaller space. That's the hypothesis here.

(We contain many parameters that convey some information as other, we can get rid of them without decreasing performance. This kind of matrix = (rank-deficient)

→ (Rank 2 independent vectors)

→ Quantization.

The issue.

- Most LLMs have billions of parameters, if each parameter is 32 bit then for Llama 2 (7B) = $\frac{7 \times 10^9 \times 32}{8 \times 10^9} = 28GB$ disk is required to store parameters or load in RAM (for inference)
- Just like human, PC are slow in computing floating point nos.

Solution = Quantization.

- it aims to reduce amount of bits required to represent each parameter (usually by converting float to int) about almost (16GB - 19GB) depending on type of quantization. (~~Q~~ and or truncate)
- also speed up computation (int) are fast to work with.

Advantages

- less computation when loading model.
- less inference time due to same data type.
- less energy consumption

LORA: low-Rank-Adaption of LLM's

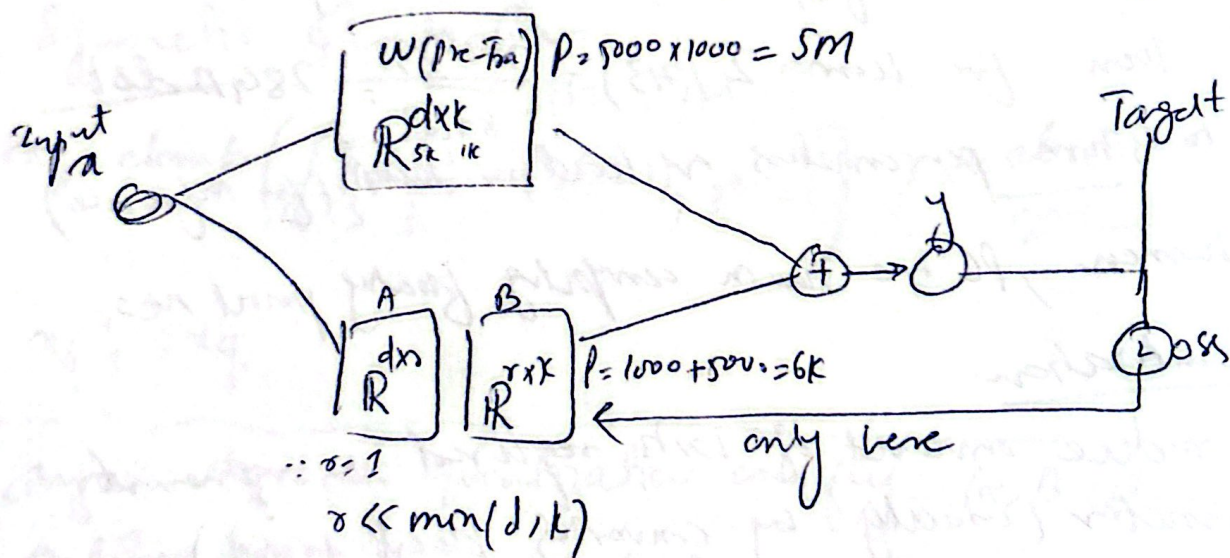
- To finetune LLM (pretrained) on specific task.
- By freezing the dates.

Problems in Full-Finetuning.

- computationally expensive
- storage requirements for checkpoints are expensive.
- If we have multiple finetuned, we have to load all weights

Finetuning.

- we want to produce a matrix that multiply produce same result as W
- (B, A) is lower representation of W , although dimension are same but we loose some information and finetune that are



Benefits.

- Less Parameters to train and store
- less parameter = less storage requirement
- fast Backpropagation.
- faster switching b/w finetuned models

How do we choose α, β ??

Min-Max:

$$a = \max(V)$$

$$b = \min(V)$$

sensitive to outliers

Percentile: set the range to the percentile of the distribution of V , to reduce sensitivity to outliers.

MSEs choose (α, β) such that MSE is min b/w original & quantized
we usually use grid search

Cross-Entropy. when values in tensor are not important but the distribution is. (eg no should change, and other shouldn't also)
so, we choose α, β the way cross entropy b/w V and \hat{V} is min

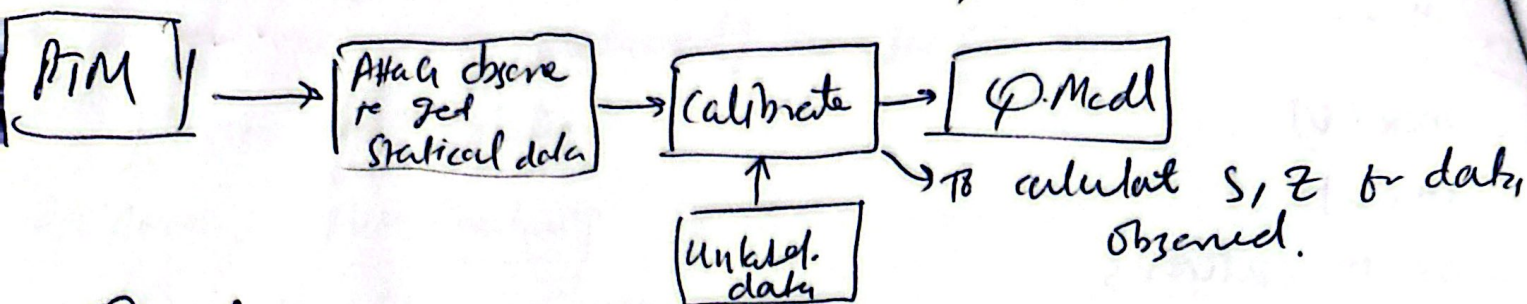
$$\arg \min_{\alpha, \beta} \text{CrossEntropy}((\text{softmax}(V), \text{softmax}(\hat{V})))$$

Quantization Granularity.

For convs,

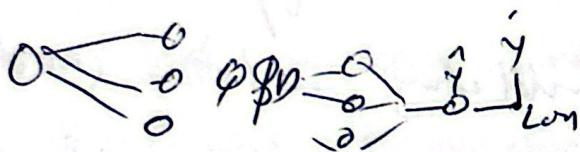
we have many kernels of different size, so we loose some their quantization range if we used same α, β so we do CHANNEL wise quantization, we calculate α, β for each channel.

Post-Training Quantization: (PTQ)



Quantization-Aware Training:

To make model more robust to quantization, we do fake quantization/dequantization b/w layers while training + introduce some error (quantization), so loss fun will more robust to this error



Train from quantized based on observer connected during training

QAT: Gradient. (BP ^{should} also calculate gradient w.r.t quantizer)

→ Gradient of Quantization (operations) are non-differentiable.

→ & Backpropagation Algorithm calculate by approximation of STE (stochastic estimator).

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta = (\text{Gradient} = 1) \text{ b/w } A \& B$$

except z (Gradient = 0)

why it works?? effects?? on loss

The goal of QAT is help model reach local minima which is more wide so that it won't get stuck after min. like the loss doesn't more stab.

next:-

QATP, AWQ