

# Decision Transformer with ViT State Encoder

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# Overview

- Decision Transformer is a decoder-only transformer architecture that aims to generate actions in an auto-regressive manner.
- Learns from both expert and non-expert data thanks to reward conditioning.
- Empirically proven to be significantly better than vanilla Behavior Cloning methods.

# Goals

- Train baseline DT, ViT-DT and MLP BC models on the dataset.
- Tune CNN, ViT and MLP hyperparameters for optimal performance.
- Run for 3 distinct Atari games: Breakout, Seaquest and Qbert.
- Average the results over multiple runs with different seeds.

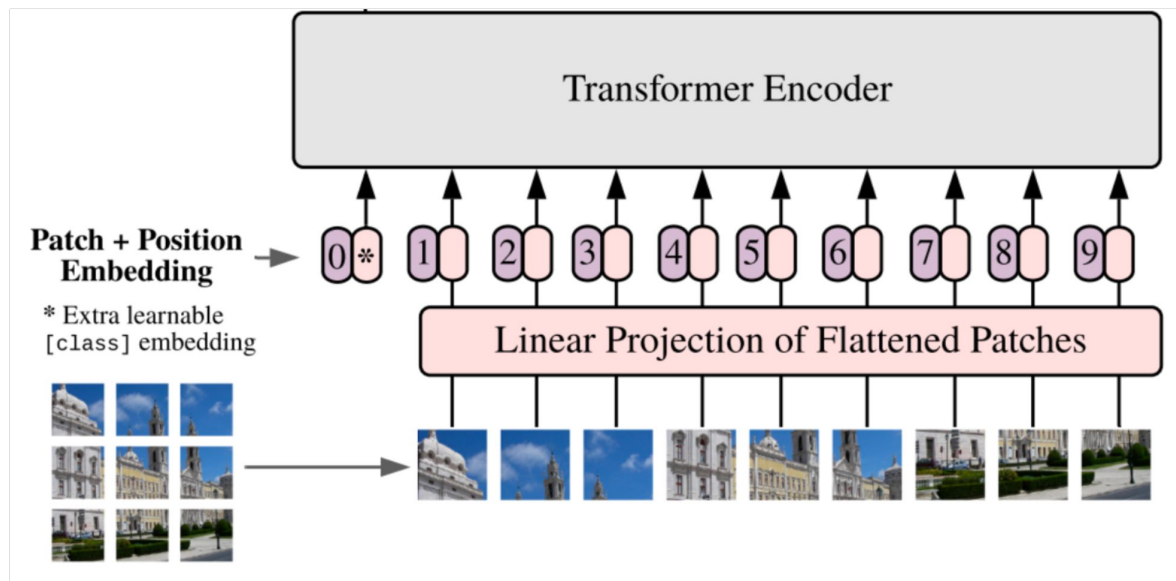
# Dataset and Training

- DT is primarily trained in an offline learning environment.
- The agent is trained entirely on an existing dataset without any interaction with the environment.
- Dataset consists of 200M frames or 50M (state, actions and rewards) experience tuples.

# DT Architecture



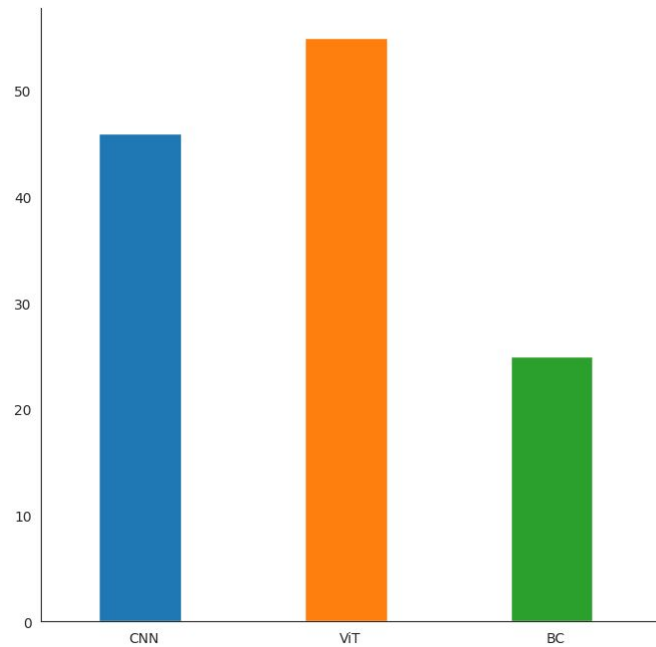
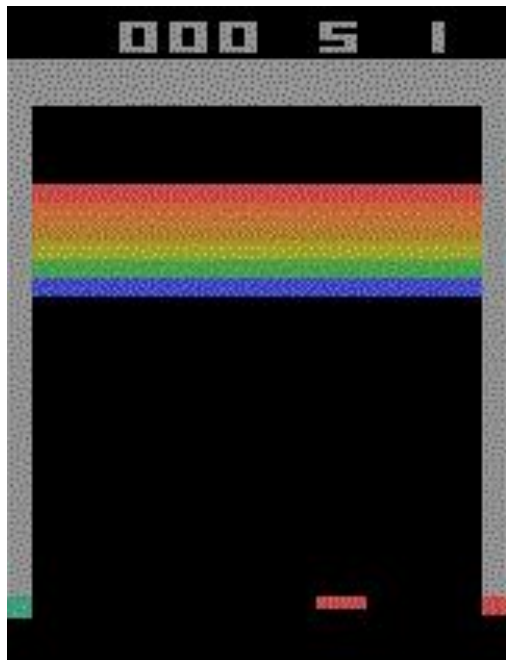
# ViT State Representation



# DT Configuration

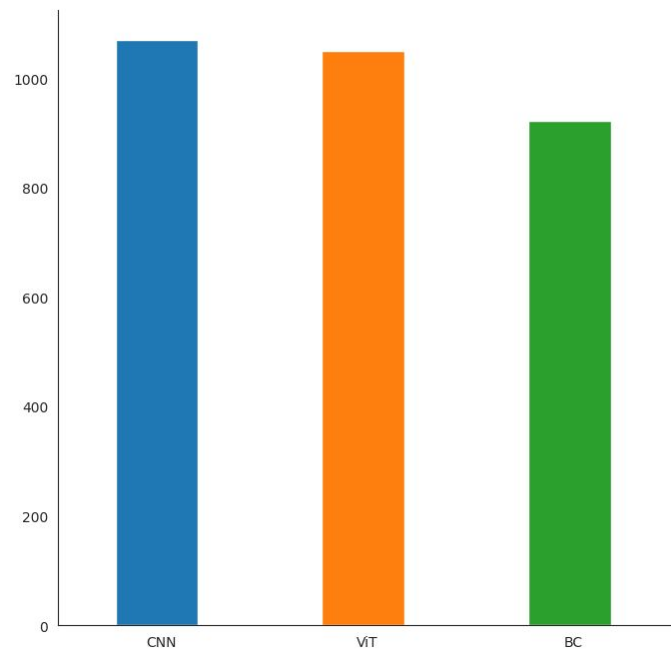
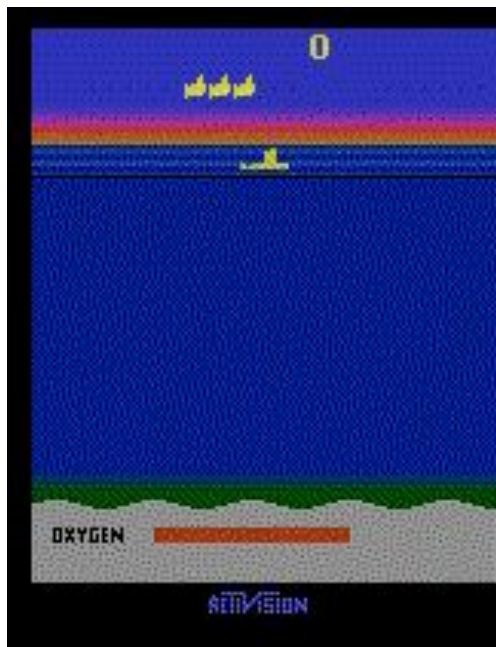
Hyperparameter	Value
Number of layers	6
Number of attention heads	8
Embedding dimension	128
Batch size	128 Breakout, Qbert, Sequest
Context length $K$	30 Breakout, Qbert, Sequest
Return-to-go conditioning	90 Breakout ( $\approx 1 \times$ max in dataset) 2500 Qbert ( $\approx 5 \times$ max in dataset) 1450 Sequest ( $\approx 5 \times$ max in dataset)
Nonlinearity	ReLU, encoder GeLU, otherwise
Encoder channels	32, 64, 64
Encoder filter sizes	$8 \times 8, 4 \times 4, 3 \times 3$
Encoder strides	4, 2, 1
Max epochs	5
Dropout	0.1
Learning rate	$6 * 10^{-4}$
Adam betas	(0.9, 0.95)
Grad norm clip	1.0
Weight decay	0.1
Learning rate decay	Linear warmup and cosine decay (see code for details)
Warmup tokens	512 * 20
Final tokens	$2 * 500000 * K$

# Breakout Results

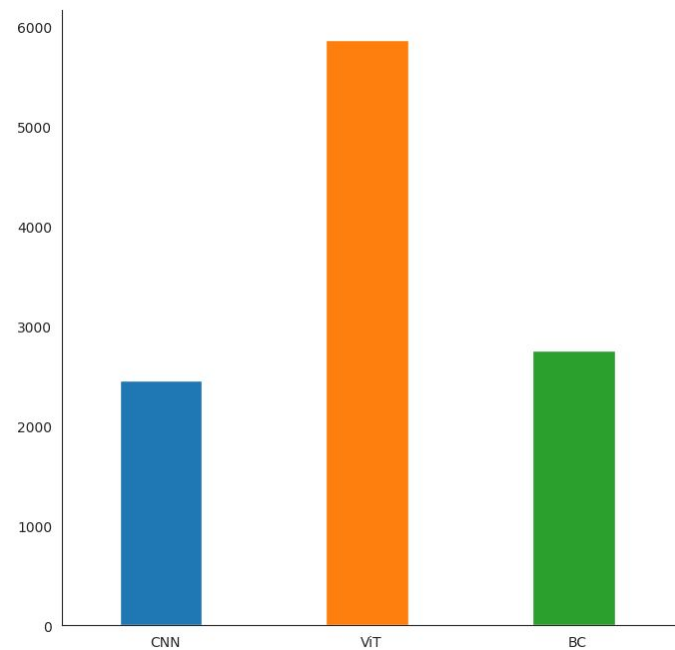
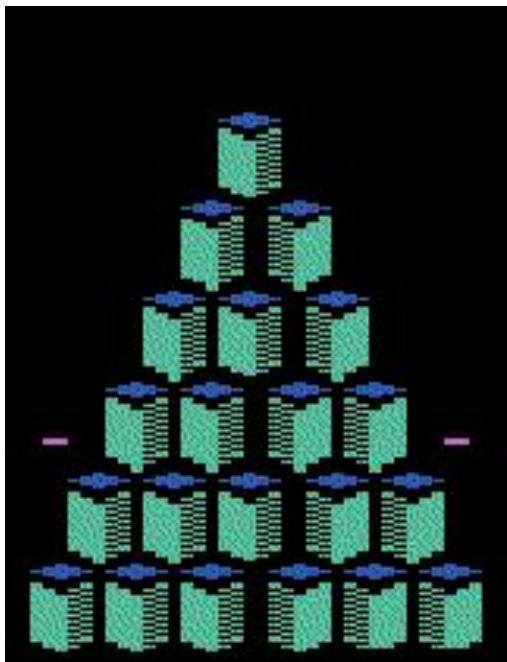




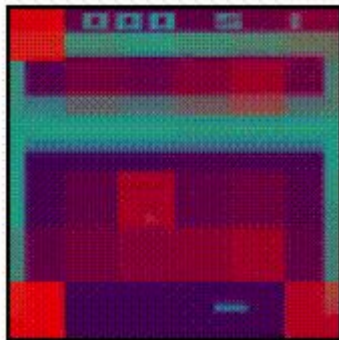
# Seaquest Results



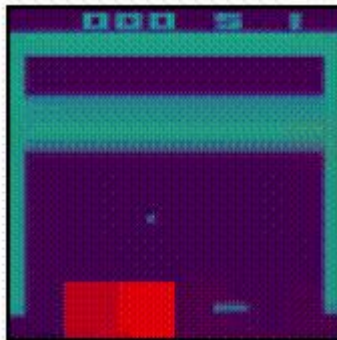
# Qbert Results



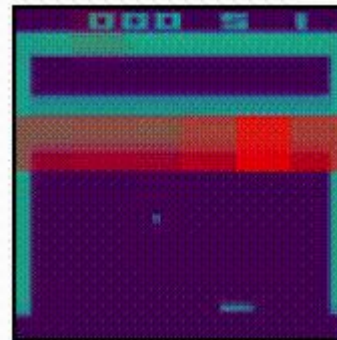
# Breakout Attention Heads



Ball

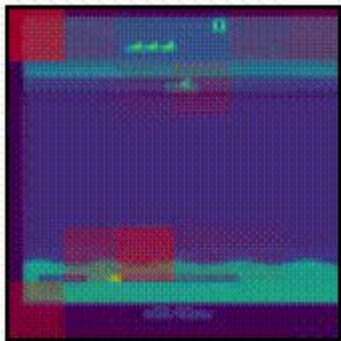


Free Move Space

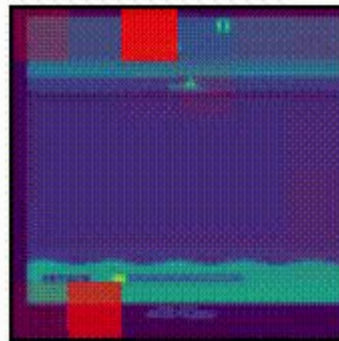


Unbroken Blocks

# Seaquest Attention Heads



Player



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# Further Developments

- Multi-game pre-training of DT shows human-level performance:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.15241>
- Online fine-tuning approach for DT that learns from replay rollouts (with hindsight experience replay): <https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.05607>
- Prompting DTs to allow better generalization capabilities:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.13499>

# Questions?